Thag 3.9 — Yasoja

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Text

Verses of the Senior Monks 3.9

The Book of the Threes

Chapter One

Yasoja

“With knobbly knees,

thin and veiny,

eating and drinking but little—

this person’s spirit is undaunted.”

“Pestered by flies and mosquitoes

in the wilds, the formidable forest,

one should mindfully endure,

like an elephant at the head of the battle.

A monk alone is like the supreme Divinity;

a pair of monks are like gods;

three are like a village;

and more than that is a rabble.”