Thag 3.15 — Hārita (2nd)

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The Book of the Threes

Chapter One

Hārita (2nd)

Whoever wishes to do afterwards
tasks they should have done before
has lost the causes for happiness,
and afterwards they're tormented by regrets.
You should only say what you would do;
you shouldn't say what you wouldn't do.
The wise will recognize
one who talks without doing.
Oh! Extinguishment is so very blissful,
as taught by the fully awakened Buddha:
sorrowless, stainless, secure,
where suffering all ceases.