Thag 3.16 — Vimala (2nd)

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Verses of the Senior Monks 3.16

The Book of the Threes

Chapter One

Vimala (2nd)

Shunning bad friends,

associate with the supreme individual.

Stick to the advice he gave you,

aspiring to unshakable happiness.

If you’re lost in the middle of a great sea,

and you clamber up on a little log, you’ll sink.

So too, a person who lives well

sinks by relying on a lazy person.

Hence you should avoid such

a lazy person who lacks energy.

Dwell with the noble ones

who are secluded and determined

and always energetic;

the astute who practice absorption.