Thag 4.9 — Candana

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Verses of the Senior Monks 4.9

The Book of the Fours

Chapter One

Candana

Covered over with gold,

surrounded by all her maids,

with my son upon her hip,

my wife came to me.

I saw her coming,

the mother of my son,

adorned with jewelry and all dressed up,

set up like a snare of death.

Then the realization

came upon me—

the danger became clear,

and I was firmly disillusioned.

Then my mind was freed—

behold the clear rightness of the teaching!

I've attained the three knowledges

and fulfilled the Buddha's instructions.