

Legends of the Buddhist Saints

Apadānapāli

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Senāsanadāyaka

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[98. Senāsanadāyaka¹]

I gave a mat made out of leaves
to Siddhattha, the Blessed One,
and served [that Buddha] thoroughly,
[then] scattered flowers [around for him]. (1) [1595]

I enjoyed a very costly
pleasant cave, and palaces [too];
flowers which were most expensive
dropped into my bed at that time. (2) [1596]

On my bed I snuggled on an
ornamented mat of flowers,
and a rain of flowers always
rained down upon my bed [back then]. (3) [1597]

In the ninety-four aeons since
I gave that mat made out of leaves,
I've come to know no bad rebirth:
that's the fruit of a giving a mat. (4) [1598]

There were seven wheel-turning kings
[all] named Ṭhītosanthāraka²
who were born, those lords of people,
[then] in the fifth aeon [ago]. (5) [1599]

The four analytical modes,
and these eight deliverances,
six special knowledges mastered,
[I have] done what the Buddha taught! (6) [1600]

Thus indeed Venerable Senāsanadāyaka³ Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Senāsanadāyaka Thera is finished.

¹“Lodgings-Donor” (lit., “Giver of Bed-and-Chair” [or “Bed and Food”])

²“Mat-Placer”

³reading Senāsanadāyaka with PTS alt and BJTS for Senādāyaka (“Army-Giver,” PTS)