

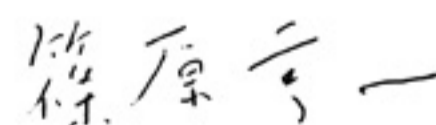
Preface to Chinese version

Spells, Images, and Maṇḍalas

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