Ja 141 — The Story about the Iguana

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Na pāpajanasaṁsevī accantaṁ sukham-edhati,

Godhā kulaṁ kakaṇṭā va kaliṁ pāpeti attānan-ti.

Verse 1 — English

Associating with the wicked doesn’t bring endless happiness, like the chameleons who brought the iguana clan disaster.

Source note 1.1 (English)

In the story there is just one chameleon who brings about the disaster, but in the verse kakaṇṭā is plural.