Ja 161 — The Story about (the Seer) Indasamānagotta

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Text

Verse 1

Have no intimacy with a bad person, the noble know the worth of the ignoble. Eventually he does what is wicked, like the elephant to Indasamāna.

Source note 1.1 (Pali source)

BJT: hi ariyena; [The noble (should) know the worth] of the noble; Ariyonariyena; different sandhi, same meaning as text.

Verse 2

But he of whom you know: He is like I, having virtue and wisdom and learning, with him one should certainly be friendly, happy is the meeting with a good person.