Ja 192 — The Story about Good and Bad Luck

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Itthī siyā rūpavatī, sā ca sīlavatī siyā,

Puriso taṁ na iccheyya, saddahāsi Mahosadhā ti.

Verse 1 — English

Could there be a comely woman, could there be a virtuous woman, a man who doesn’t desire her, do you believe it, Mahosadha?

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Saddahāmi mahārāja, puriso dubbhago siyā,

Sirī ca kāḷakaṇṇī ca na samenti kudācanan-ti.

Verse 2 — English

I do believe it, O great king, should the man be unfortunate, good luck and bad luck do not at any time come into contact.