Ja 215 — The Story about the (Talkative) Turtle

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Avadhī vata attānaṁ kacchapo byāharaṁ giraṁ,

Suggahītasmiṁ kaṭṭhasmiṁ, vācāya sakiyāvadhi.

Verse 1 — English

The turtle by letting out an utterance surely killed himself, while having a good grip on a stick, by speaking he killed himself.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Etam-pi disvā naraviriyaseṭṭha,

Vācaṁ pamuñce kusalaṁ nātivelaṁ,

Passasi bahubhāṇena, kacchapaṁ byasanaṁ gatan-ti.

Verse 2 — English

Having seen this, chief of vigorous men, speak a word that is wholesome and concise. You see, by talking much too much, the turtle came to disaster.

Source note 2.1 (English)

Lit: not excessive.