Ja 227 — The Story about the Muckworm

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Sūro sūrena saṅgamma, vikkantena pahārinā,

Ehi Nāga nivattassu, kiṁ nu bhīto palāyasi?

Passantu Aṅgamagadhā mama tuyhañ-ca vikkaman-ti.

Verse 1 — English

A hero comes across a hero, beating him with heroism, come, O Nāga, turn back again, why do you run away in fear? See, people of Aṅga and Magadha, my heroism and yours.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Na taṁ pādā vadhissāmi, na dantehi, na soṇḍiyā,

Mīḷhena taṁ vadhissāmi, pūti haññatu pūtinā ti.

Verse 2 — English

Not with my feet will I kill you, not with my tusks, not with my trunk, I will kill you with excrement, the rotten will kill the rotten.