Ja 231 — The Story about the Shoes

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Yathā pi kītā purisassupāhanā

Sukhassa atthāya, dukhaṁ udabbahe,

Ghammābhitattā thalasā papīḷitā,

Tasseva pāde purisassa khādare.

Verse 1 — English

Just as when someone, buying men’s shoes for ease and use, so suffering could be removed, oppressed by the scorching heat on the feet, they chafe at the feet of that person.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Evam-eva yo dukkulīno anariyo,

Tumhāka vijjañ-ca sutañ-ca ādiya,

Tam-eva so tattha sutena khādati,

Anariyo vuccati pānadūpamo ti.

Source note 2.1 (Pali source)

Cst: tammāka, which doesn’t make sense.

Verse 2 — English

So he of bad family, ignoble, stealing this science and learning of yours, being consumed by his learning right there, the ignoble one is like a bad shoe.