Ja 235 — The Story about (the Wanderer) Vacchanakha

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Sukhā gharā, Vacchanakha, sahirañña sabhojanā,

Yattha, bhutvā pivitvā ca, sayeyyātha anussuko ti.

Verse 1 — English

Vacchanakha, households are pleasant, having gold and having food, where, after eating and drinking, you can lie down free from desire.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Gharā nānīhamānassa, gharā nābhaṇato ’musā,

Gharā nādinnadaṇḍassa paresaṁ anikubbato,

Evaṁ (chiddaṁ) durabhisambhavaṁ, ko gharaṁ paṭipajjatī ti?

Verse 2 — English

No houses for the one who does not exert himself, no houses without speaking lies, no houses for the one with a stick, who does not defraud others, so being faulty and hard to endure, who would practice in a house?