Ja 239 — The Story about the Green Frog

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Āsīvisam-pi maṁ santaṁ paviṭṭhaṁ kumināmukhaṁ,

Ruccate haritāmātā yaṁ maṁ khādanti macchakā ti.

Verse 1 — English

Though a poisonous snake, when I entered the mouth of the fish trap, the green frog found satisfaction when the little fish did bite me.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Vilumpateva puriso yāvassa upakappati,

Yadā caññe vilumpanti, so vilutto vilumpatī ti.

Verse 2 — English

A man will steal for as long as it is of benefit to him, but when the others steal, the one stealing is the one stolen from.