Ja 241 — The Story about (the Jackal) Sabbadāṭha

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Text

Verse 1

A jackal, stiff with pride, wanting a retinue, became king of all toothed creatures on the great earth.

Verse 2

Even so he who has a retinue of men, is great there like the jackal amongst the toothed-ones.