Ja 253 — The Story about (the Nāga King) Maṇikaṇṭha

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Mamannapānaṁ vipulaṁ uḷāraṁ

Uppajjatīmassa maṇissa hetu,

Taṁ te na dassaṁ atiyācakosi,

Na cāpi te assamam-āgamissaṁ.

Verse 1 — English

For me extensive and rich food and drinks are available because of this jewel, I won’t give it to you, you ask too much, nor will I come back to your hermitage.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Susū yathā sakkharadhotapāṇī,

Tāsesimaṁ selaṁ yācamāno,

Taṁ te na dassaṁ atiyācakosi,

Na cāpi te assamam-āgamissan-ti.

Verse 2 — English

Like a boy with a sharpened sword in hand, you scare me as you beg for this sapphire, I won’t give it to you, you ask too much, nor will I come back to your hermitage.

Source note 2.1 (English)

Susū is m.c. for susu, singular.

Verse 3 — Pali source

3. Na taṁ yāce yassa piyaṁ jigīse,

Desso hoti atiyācanāya,

Nāgo maṇiṁ yācito brāhmaṇena,

Adassanaṁ yeva tad-ajjhagamā ti.

Verse 3 — English

You shouldn’t beg or desire what he holds dear, through excessive begging he is detested, the Nāga, whose jewel the brahmin begged, went away and he was surely not seen.