Ja 254 — The Story about Rice Powder and the Sindh Horse

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Bhutvā tiṇaparighāsaṁ, bhutvā ācāmakuṇḍakaṁ,

Etaṁ te bhojanaṁ āsi, kasmā dāni na bhuñjasī ti?

Verse 1 — English

Having eaten grass as food, and eaten the scum of rice powder, this was your food previously, why do you not eat the same now?

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Yattha posaṁ na jānanti jātiyā vinayena vā,

Bahu tattha, Mahābrahme, api ācāmakuṇḍakaṁ.

Verse 2 — English

Where they do not know about a person’s birth or his discipline, many are there, Mahābrahmā, also the scum of rice powder.

Verse 3 — Pali source

3. Tvañ-ca khomaṁ pajānāsi, yādisāyaṁ hayuttamo,

Jānanto jānam-āgamma, na te bhakkhāmi kuṇḍakan-ti.

Verse 3 — English

But you must know me, I am the supreme horse of whatever kind, knowing and coming to know this, I will not eat your rice powder.