Ja 272 — The Story about the Tiger

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Yena mittena saṁsaggā, yogakkhemo vihiyyati,

Pubbevajjhābhavaṁ tassa rakkhe akkhī va paṇḍito.

Verse 1 — English

Through association with a bad friend, security decreases, the wise one should guard his predominance like he should guard his eyes.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Yena mittena saṁsaggā, yogakkhemo pavaḍḍhati,

Kareyyattasamaṁ vuttiṁ sabbakiccesu paṇḍito ti.

Verse 2 — English

Through association with a good friend, security increases, the wise one should do all his duties in life for one like himself.

Verse 3 — Pali source

3. Etha byagghā nivattavho, paccupetha mahāvanaṁ,

Mā vanaṁ chindi nibyagghaṁ, byagghā māhesu nibbanā ti.

Verse 3 — English

Come, tigers, please turn back, return to the great wood, don’t cut the wood, bereft of tigers, do not let there be tigers without a wood.