Ja 280 — The Story about Spoiling the Basket

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Addhā hi nūna migarājā puṭakammassa kovido,

Tathā hi puṭaṁ dūseti, aññaṁ nūna karissatī ti.

Verse 1 — English

Certainly the king of beasts is skilled in making baskets, therefore he does spoil the basket, he surely will make another.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. “Na me mātā vā pitā vā puṭakammassa kovido,

Kataṁ kataṁ kho dūsema, evaṁ dhammam-idaṁ kulan-ti.”

Verse 2 — English

“Neither my mother or my father are skilled in making baskets, having made baskets we spoil them, such is our clan’s character.”

Verse 3 — Pali source

3. “Yesaṁ vo ediso dhammo, adhammo pana kīdiso?

Mā vo dhammaṁ adhammaṁ vā addasāma kudācanan-ti!”

Source note 3.1 (Pali source)

Same verse as at 271:3, the commentary is brought in from there.

Verse 3 — English

“For whoever such is natural, what would be unnatural? Don’t let me see your natural or unnatural any time!”