Ja 284 — The Story about (Good) Luck

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Yaṁ ussukā saṅgharanti alakkhikā bahuṁ dhanaṁ,

Sippavanto asippā ca lakkhivā tāni bhuñjati.

Verse 1 — English

Whoever zealously gathers a lot of wealth, without fortune, those with skill, those without skill, having good luck, can enjoy that wealth.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Sabbattha katapuññassa aticcañ-ñeva pāṇino,

Uppajjanti bahū bhogā, appanāyatanesu pī ti.

Verse 2 — English

Everywhere to the one who made merit, overcoming beings, a lot of wealth will arise, even without making exertion.

Verse 3 — Pali source

3. Kukkuṭo maṇayo daṇḍo thiyo ca puññalakkhaṇā,

Uppajjanti apāpassa katapuññassa jantuno ti.

Verse 3 — English

A chicken, jewels, a staff, and women are all signs of merit, they arise for the person, without wickedness, who made merit.