Ja 287 — The Story about the Reproach of Gains

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Nānummatto nāpisuṇo nānaṭo nākutūhalo,

Mūḷhesu labhate lābhaṁ, esā te anusāsanī ti.

Verse 1 — English

He who is mad, slanderous, an actor, who creates a commotion, gains are received amongst the fools, this is my instruction to you.

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Dhi-r-atthu taṁ yasalābhaṁ dhanalābhañ-ca brāhmaṇa,

Yā vutti vinipātena adhammacaraṇena vā.

Verse 2 — English

Cursed be those gains of fame and those gains of wealth, O brahmin, whatever livelihood is gained through destruction or wrong living.

Verse 3 — Pali source

3. Api ce pattam-ādāya anagāro paribbaje,

Esā va jīvikā seyyo yā cādhammena esanā ti.

Verse 3 — English

If taking up a bowl and without a home I would wander forth, that life is surely better than seeking out whatever is wrong.