Ja 289 — The Story about Various Desires

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Nānāchandā, mahārāja, ekāgāre vasāmase,

Ahaṁ gāmavaraṁ icche, brāhmaṇī ca gavaṁ sataṁ,

Verse 1 — English

Having various desires, great king, we must live in but one house, I would wish for royal village, brahmini for a hundred cows,

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Putto ca ājaññarathaṁ, kaññā ca maṇikuṇḍalaṁ,

Yā cesā Puṇṇikā jammī udukkhalaṁbhikaṅkhatī ti.

Verse 2 — English

My son for a horse and carriage, daughter for a jewelled earring, while the wretched girl Puṇṇikā expects a mortar and pestle.

Verse 3 — Pali source

3. Brāhmaṇassa {2.429} gāmavaraṁ, brāhmaṇiyā gavaṁ sataṁ,

Puttassa ājaññarathaṁ, kaññāya maṇikuṇḍalaṁ,

Yañ-cetaṁ Puṇṇikaṁ jammiṁ paṭipādethudukkhalan-ti.

Verse 3 — English

To brahmin a royal village, to brahmini a hundred cows, to your son a horse and carriage, to daughter a jewelled earring, and to this wretched girl Puṇṇikā give a mortar and pestle.