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LITERATURE

RAKKAN MEANS 'DESERVING WORSHIP' AND IMPLIES THE CONQUERING OF ALL HUMAN PASSIONS, THE POSSESSION OF
SUPERNATURAL POWERS AND THE EXEMPTION FROM TRANSMIGRATION. THE FIGURE PERHAPS REPRESENTS THE
RAKKAN 'INGADA SONJA'.

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