Ja 208 — The Story about the (Murderous) Crocodile

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Text

Verse 1

Enough with these mangos, with black plums and jack fruits which are across the sea, my fig tree is better.

Verse 2

Great your body, but your wisdom is not the same,

the crocodile tricked me, now go where’er you will.

Source note 2.1 (English)

According to CPD, -ū- is m.c., the word is upikā. PED: It is simply tad-upa-ka, the adj. positive of upa, of which the comparative-superlative is upama, meaning like this, i.e. of this or the same kind. Also spelt tadūpikā (f.) (at Ja.ii.160).