Ja 292 — The Story about (the Crow) Supatta

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Text

Verse 1

In Benares, great king, a king of the crows dwells, named Supatta, surrounded by eighty thousand.

Verse 2

His pregnant wife Suphassā wished to feast upon the king’s own costly food cooked in the king’s kitchen.

Source note 2.1 (Pali source)

The second half of the pādayuga has one syllable too many, with no easy way to correct it.

Verse 3

Amongst these I’m the messenger who was sent, come here to the king, I pay respects to my master, I made a wound upon his nose.