Ja 298 — The Story about the Figs

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Text

Verse 1 — Pali source

1. Udumbarā cime pakkā, nigrodhā ca kapitthanā,

Ehi nikkhama bhuñjassu, kiṁ jighacchāya miyyasī ti?

Verse 1 — English

These figs are ripe, the banyan and the wave-leafed fig, come on, let’s go, you should eat, why die from hunger?

Verse 2 — Pali source

2. Evaṁ so suhito hoti yo vuḍḍham-apacāyati,

Yathāham-ajja suhito dumapakkāni māsito ti.

Verse 2 — English

So he is satisfied who respects the elder, as I’m satisfied today, eating the tree’s fruit.

Verse 3 — Pali source

3. Yaṁ vanejo vanejassa vañceyya kapino kapi,

Daharo kapi saddheyya, na hi jiṇṇo jarākapī ti.

Verse 3 — English

When woodman would deceive woodman, and monkey would deceive monkey, a young monkey might have faith, but not an old one in ageing monkey.