

3. The foremost among those who wield illusion, he assumed a wonderful body and stationed himself in a park of the city. He made Vṛndā see a dream.

4. The gentle lady Vṛndā, the wife of Jalandhara, though of pure rites, had a very bad dream at night on account of Viṣṇu's power of illusion.

5. In the dream as a result of Viṣṇu's power of illusion she saw the naked form of her husband anointed with oil and seated on a buffalo.

6. He was proceeding in the southern direction. His head had been completely shaved. He was wearing black flowers to decorate himself. He was being served by a number of Asuras. He was completely encompassed by darkness.

7. Later, towards the end of the night she had various bad dreams, such as the whole city was submerged in the sea, all of a sudden, along with herself.

8. Then the lady woke up still thinking of the dream she had had. She saw the rising sun with a hole in the middle and fading repeatedly.

9. On realising that it was a bad portent, the terrified lady began to cry. She did not feel happy at all in the spacious terraces and towers of the palace.

10. With two of her friends she then went to the park in the city. Even there she did not find herself at ease.

11. Then she, the dejected gloomy wife of Jalandhara, wandered from forest to forest. She was not conscious of even herself.

12. The wandering lady saw two demons of terrible leonine faces with shining curved fanglike teeth.

13. Terrified much on seeing them, the lady fled from there and saw an ascetic of calm countenance observing silence and accompanied by his disciple.

14. Putting her tender creeperlike hands round his neck due to fright she gasped out—"O sage, save me. I have sought refuge in you."

15. Seeing the agitated lady followed by the demons the sage drove them back with a loud bellowing sound of "Hum".

16. O sage, seeing them routed and terrified by the