

*Lord Viṣṇu said:—*

21. “When I, fond of war, reached the battle ground there was a great tumult. A great battle ensued.

22. There ensued the battle between the gods and the Dānavas both desiring victory. The daityas were defeated by the gods who were proud of their strength.

23. Then I fought with the powerful gods. The gods defeated by me sought refuge in Śiva.

24. In order to help them Śiva came to fight. Proud of strength I fought with him for a long time.

25. My dear wife, we fought continuously for a year. O lovely woman, all the Asuras were destroyed.

26. Brahmā made us come to a peace. At the bidding of Brahmā the powers of authority were re-assigned to the gods.

27. I have returned home. Śiva has returned to Śivaloka. Every one has resumed health and normalcy. The torment has receded.”

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

28. After saying this the lord of the worlds lay down on his bed. Then out of joy Viṣṇu indulged in sexual intercourse.

29. That lady began to suspect on observing a change in her happiness, endearment and attraction and asked him “who are you ?

*Tulasī said:—*

30. Who are you ? Tell me quickly. I have been enjoyed by you deceptively. My modesty has been outraged. Hence I am going to curse you.”

*Sanatkumāra said :—*

31. On hearing the words of Tulasī, Viṣṇu became afraid of the curse. O Brahmin, sportively he re-assumed his own real beautiful form.

32. On seeing the characteristic signs she guessed that it was Viṣṇu. Infuriated by the violation of her chastity she said.