

26. Concealing her love in the heart she served Him with devotion. This is the dream I had, O bright-faced lady and I have told you all.

27. Hence, dear Menā, for some time the result of this has to be watched. Certainly know this to be the proper step for me.

Brahmā said :—

28. O excellent sage, the lord of the mountains having thus explained to Menakā, both of them remained watching its result, pure in mind.

29-30. When a few days passed by, lord Śiva, the goal of saintly men, the cause of protection and enjoyment wandering here and there in his flutter and excitement due to the separation from Satī, came there with pleasure accompanied by a few of his Gaṇas, in order to perform penance. The lord was completely agitated due to Satī's love and separation from her.

31. He performed his penance there. Pārvatī engaged herself in His service continuously accompanied by two of her maids.

32. Although the lord Śiva was hit and wounded by the arrows of Kāma who was sent thither by the gods to enchant Him, He was not swayed at all.

33. Burning Kāma there by His fiery eye, on remembering my words, the lord became angry with me and vanished from the scene.

34. After sometime, Lord Śiva quelled the pride of Pārvatī but he was propitiated by her again performing great penance.

35. Following the conventions of the world, the lord married Pārvatī after being sponsored by Viṣṇu. Then everything auspicious ensued.

36. O dear, thus the story of the lord, the divine story of Śiva, has been narrated in brief. What is it that you wish to hear again ?