

Whoever comes as your assistant—let him be burnt today immediately.

31. An oath on all the devas for your inauspiciousness, if they are to assist your wickedness.

32. Let all the devas depart quickly from this sacrificial altar. Otherwise you all will perish today without an escape.

33. Let all the sages, Nāgas and others leave this sacrifice. Otherwise, you all will perish today, without an escape.

34. O Viṣṇu, come out of this sacrificial platform quickly. Otherwise you will perish today without an escape.

35. O Brahmā, come out of this sacrificial platform quickly. Otherwise you will perish today, by all means.

Brahmā said:—

36-37. After saying this to those who had gathered in the sacrificial hall, the celestial voice that conferred welfare stopped. O dear one, on hearing the astral voice Viṣṇu and other devas were surprised. The sages too were wonder-struck.

CHAPTER THIRTY-TWO

(Vīrabhadra is born and Śiva advises him)

Nārada said :—

1-2. On hearing the ethereal voice what did the unwise Dakṣa do ? What did the others do ? What happened thereafter ? Please narrate. O intelligent one, please tell me what those attendants of Śiva who were defeated by the power of Bhṛgu's mantras did and where they went.

Brahmā said :—

3. On hearing the voice of the Sky, the devas and others were stunned with surprise. They did not say anything. They stood perplexed and dazed.