

8. She fought in diverse ways terrifying both the gods and the Dānavas. She drank the blood of the Dānavas all round.

9. Seizing ten million elephants and an equal number of men with a single hand she playfully thrust them into her mouth.

10. Many thousands of headless bodies danced in the battle field. There was a great tumult that terrified the cowards.

11. Again Kārttikeya became furiously angry and showered volleys of arrows. He struck crores of leaders of the Asuras within a trice.

12. The Dānavas wounded in their bodies by the numerous arrows of Kārttikeya fled in fright. Those who remained were killed.

13. Vṛṣaparvan, Vipracitti, Daṇḍa, and Vikampana fought with Kārttikeya by turns.

14. Mahāmārī also fought. She was never routed. All of them afflicted by Kārttikeya's spear were wounded.

15. O sage, Mahāmārī and Skanda won the battle. Big wardrums were sounded in the heaven. Showers of flowers fell down.

16-17. On seeing the wonderfully terrible fight of Kārttikeya that caused wastage in the rank and file of the Dānavas like natural disasters, as well as the harassment and havoc wrought by Mahāmārī, Śaṅkhacūḍa became furious and himself got ready for the battle.

18-19. He got into his excellent aerial chariot that contained different weapons and missiles, that was set in diamond and that encouraged and emboldened the heroes. Śaṅkhacūḍa drew the string of the bow upto his ear and discharged volleys of arrows from his seat in the middle of the chariot. He was accompanied by many heroes.

20. His volley of arrows was terrifying. It could not be withstood. A terrible darkness spread in the battlefield.

21. The gods Nandiśvara and others fled. Only Kārttikeya stayed behind in the battle field.

22. The king of Dānavas showered mountains, serpents, pythons and trees so terrifyingly that it could not be withstood.