

and the manes called Barhiṣads, lit. seated on grass, were eighty-six thousand.

51. From the drops of sweat that fell from Dakṣa's body, a splendid woman endowed with good qualities was born.

52-53. She was of slender body with symmetrical hips. Her waist was well-shaped; small curly hairs embellished it. She was soft in body with fine teeth. She had a shining golden complexion. In her body, she was perfect. Her face shone like the full moon and full-blown lotus. Her name was Rati. She was capable of captivating even the sages.

54. Excepting Kratu, Vasiṣṭha, Pulastya and Aṅgiras, the six viz. Marīci and others successfully curbed their senses and their activities.

55. O excellent sage, the semen virile of the four—Kratu and others—fell on the ground from which other types of manes were born.

56. They were Somapās, Ājyapās, Kālins and Haviṣmantas. They are all termed Kavyavāhas also. They are their sons.

57. The Somapās are the sons of Kratu, Kālins of Vasiṣṭha, Ājyapās of Pulastya and Haviṣmantas of Aṅgiras.

58. O excellent brahmin, when the manes Agniṣvāttas and others were born, they were assigned the task of Kavyavāhas (taking the oblations and offering) among the manes.

59. Sandhyā who thus became the mother of the Pitr̥s served the same purpose as theirs. Since she has been glanced at kindly by Śiva she became free from defects and devoted herself to virtuous rites.

60. In the meantime after blessing all the brahmins and protecting virtue duly Śiva vanished suddenly.

61. I, the grandfather of the world, snubbed and put to shame by Śiva's words, turned my anger against Kāma with a frowning face and knit eyebrows.

62. O sage, seeing my face and realising my hint, Kāma withdrew his arrows. He was so terribly afraid of Śiva.

63. O sage, then I, the lotus-born, became very furious like the strong blazing fire seeking to consume everything.