

committed against virtue which is sure to bring about his own ruin.

42. He stamped on Indra with his foot after he fell down and seized his thunderbolt with which he hit him with great force.

43. Seeing Indra thus insulted, the powerful lord Viṣṇu lifted his discus and hit Tāraka.

44. Hit by the discus he fell on the ground. Getting up again, the lord of the Asuras hit Viṣṇu with his spear.

45. On being hit by the spear Viṣṇu fell on the ground. There was a great uproar. The gods lamented much.

46-47. Within a moment Viṣṇu got up but by that time Virabhadra came near the demon and dexterously raised his trident. The powerful Virabhadra hit him with all his force.

48. Hit by the trident he fell on the ground. Though he fell down, Tāraka of mighty splendour got up again.

49. The great hero, the leader of the entire host of Asuras hit Virabhadra in his chest with his great spear.

50. Virabhadra, hit by the spear furiously in his chest, fell unconscious on the ground.

51. The gods, the Gaṇas, Gandharvas, Serpents and Rākṣasas lamented frequently with cries of "Alas" "Alas."

52. Within a moment, the powerful Virabhadra, the slayer of enemies, got up lifting his trident aloft, that had the lustre of lightning and was blazing forth.

53. The trident had a halo around, like that of the sun, the moon and the fire. It illuminated the quarters by means of its brilliance; caused terror even in the hearts of the brave. It had a deadly splendour and blazed well.

54. When the powerful Virabhadra was about to hit the Asura with his trident, he was prevented by Kumāra.