

Kumāra the son of Śiva and Pārvatī spoke enlightening them thereby.

*Kumāra said :—*

27. O mountains, O fortunate sirs, do not be vexed, or worried. Even as you stand looking on I will kill this sinner.

28. Consoling the mountains, the gods and the Gaṇas thus, and bowing to Śiva and Pārvatī he took up his brilliant spear.

29. The heroic Kumāra, son of Śiva the great lord, with the spear in his hand shone in his resolve to kill Tāraka.

30. Possessing the brilliance of Śiva, Kumāra with his spear struck Tāraka who had harrassed the worlds.

31. Immediately the Asura Tāraka the ruler of the hosts of Asuras, although very heroic, fell on the ground with all his limbs shattered.

32. The great warrior Tāraka was slain by Kumāra. O sage, even as all were looking on, he passed away.

33. On seeing the powerful Asura fallen dead in the battle, the hero did not go and attack him again.

34. When the powerful Asura was slain, other Asuras were killed by gods and Gaṇas.

35. Some of the Asuras who were afraid joined their palms in reverence. In the battle the limbs of many Asuras were chopped off and severed. Thousands were killed too.

36. Some of the Asuras shrieking "O save O save" with palms joined in reverence sought refuge in Kumāra.

37. Numberless Asuras were killed. Many fled. The fleeing Asuras were beaten and harassed by the gods and the Gaṇas.

38. Thousands of them fled to Pātāla for their life. Those who tried to flee were disappointed and put to distress.

39. O great sage, thus the entire army of the Asuras disappeared. None dared to remain there for fear of the gods and the Gaṇas.

40. When the wicked Asura was killed, the whole universe became freed of thorns, freed from the danger and nuisance of the Asuras. Indra and other gods became happy.