

33. The gusts of wind generated by my deep sighs were of various forms and very violent. They were tremulous and terrible and appeared to have shaking tongues (of flames).

34. They played on different musical instruments, drums etc. of terrible nature and of loud sound.

35. The groups of beings issuing forth from my deep breaths stood in front of me, Brahmā shouting “Kill !—Cut !”

36. While they were shouting “Kill—Cut”, Kāma heard those words and began to speak to me.

37. O Brahminical sage, on seeing the groups of beings Kāma stopped them and on their presence, said.

*Kāma said :—*

38. O Brahmā, O lord of subjects, O initiator of all creations, who are these terrible, awful heroes?

39. O Brahmā what is the work that these will be doing? Tell me. where will they be staying? Please employ them there.

40. O lord of Gods, after employing them in their task and assigning them proper names and places, be pleased to assign me my future course of action.

*Brahmā said :—*

41. O sage, on hearing the words of Kāma, I, the creator of the universe, spoke to him showing him the task of the Gaṇas.

42. Even as they were born they shouted “Māraya” “Kill”, very frequently. Hence let their names be “Māras.”

43. These groups of beings will hinder the activities of all creatures, O Kāma, except Your Worship as they are engaged in various avocations of love.

44. O Kāma, their chief occupation will be to follow you. There is no doubt that they will assist you always.

45. Wherever you go for fulfilling your duty, whenever it be, they will invariably follow you and render assistance.

46. They will create confusion in the minds of those who fall as victims to your weapons. They will hinder wise people in the path of knowledge in all possible ways.

47. O excellent sage, on hearing these words of mine,