

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

(The Victory of Kumāra and the death of  
Bāṇa and Pralamba)

*Brahmā said:—*

1. O sage, in the meantime the mountain Krauñca, harassed by Bāṇa came there and sought refuge in Kumāra.

2. This Bāṇa had been fleeing from the previous battle, unable to bear the brilliance of the lord. He with the army of ten thousand persons, inflicted pain on Krauñca with the tip of his missiles.

3. The mountain Krauñca devoutly bowed at the lotus-like feet of Kumāra and eulogised him with reverence with words full of love.

*Krauñca said:—*

4. O Kumāra, O Skanda, O lord of gods, O slayer of the Asura Tāraka protect me who have sought refuge in you. I am harassed by the Asura Bāṇa.

5. O Mahāsena, O lord, O merciful one, routed and uprooted from the battle with you he came and harassed me.

6. Afflicted by him I have run from him and sought refuge in you. O lord of gods, born amongst the reeds, be merciful.

7. O lord, please slay the Asura Bāṇa. Make me happy. You are the slayer of Asuras and a special saviour of the gods. You are a self-ruler.

*Brahmā said:—*

8. Skanda who was thus eulogised by Krauñca became delighted. He, the saviour of the devotees, took up his matchless spear and remembered Śiva.

9. The son of Śiva hurled the spear aiming at Bāṇa. It gave loud report, blazing forth the quarters and the sky.

10. O sage, reducing the Asuras to ashes along with his army in a trice, the great spear returned to Kumāra.

11. The lord Kumāra told Krauñca, the chief of the