

25. O Brahmā, foremost of those who know the Vedas, tell me the essence of real philosophy whereby I can ever remain happy, pleased in heart and free from aberrations.

26. On hearing that, O sage, I said—"Sāttvika feelings constitute the essence of real philosophy. I shall lovingly create an exquisite lady."

27. After offering her who was named Varāṅgī, to that son of Diti, I went to my abode in great delight. So also Kaśyapa, his father.

28. Thereafter the demon eschewed his diabolical feelings and resorted to sublime thoughts. Since he was free from fiendish feelings he became happy.

29. But no sublime feeling entered in the heart of Varāṅgī. With chastity and faith she served her husband lovingly in diverse ways.

30. Her husband Vajrāṅga of great lordly status was glad very soon on account of her service. He then spoke thus:—

*Vajrāṅga said:—*

31. O beloved, what do you wish? What is it that you cherish in your mind? On hearing that, she bowed to her husband and revealed her desire.

*Varāṅgī said:—*

32. "O my good husband, if you are so pleased grant me a powerful son who will conquer three worlds and cause misery to Viṣṇu."

*Brahmā said:—*

33. On hearing the words of his beloved, he was disagreeably surprised and vexed. He was free from inimical thoughts. With perfect wisdom and Sāttvika feelings in his heart he said:—

34. My beloved wishes enmity with the gods. It does not appeal to me. What shall I do? Where shall I go? How can my vow be preserved from destruction?

35. If my wife's wishes are fulfilled, the three worlds will be much distressed, so too the gods and the sages.

36. If my beloved's desires are not fulfilled, I am sure