

13. By the power of her sacred rites, the child in the womb did not die as she was sleeping at that time, by a stroke of good luck. They were cut into seven pieces and so she had seven sons.

14. These sons became gods by the name of Maruts. They all went to heaven along with Indra and were taken as his own attendants by the king of gods.

15. Diti resorted again to her husband repenting for her action. She made the sage pleased by means of great service.

*Kaśyapa said:—*

16. Be pure and perform penance for ten thousand years of Brahmā. When it is completed you will have a son.

17. O sage, the penance was completed by Diti who performed it with faith. Thereafter from him she conceived and delivered of a son.

18. That son of Diti named Vajrāṅga (of adamantine limbs) was on a par with the gods. Befitting his name, his body was strong and powerful even from his very birth.

19. At the bidding of his mother, he immediately abducted Indra, the lord of gods, the other gods and punished them in various ways.

20. Seeing the distress of Indra and others, Diti became very happy. Indra and other gods became miserable due to their own actions.

21. Always engaged in the welfare of the gods, I went there accompanied by Kaśyapa. Employing gentle and peaceful words I got the gods released.

22. Releasing the gods with respect, Vajrāṅga, a great devotee of Śiva, was delighted in his heart, and he of pure soul, without any aberration, spoke.

*Vajrāṅga said:—*

23. In order to achieve his interest, Indra killed the foetus of my mother. He has now tasted the fruit thereof. Well may he rule over his kingdom.

24. O Brahmā, I did this only at the bidding of my mother. I have no desire for the enjoyments of any one of the worlds.