

60. On seeing him, the heroic men who guarded the harem went and told Bāṇa, son of Bali, everything.

*The gatekeepers said :—*

61. O lord, no one knows how this was done. Indra has entered your harem in secret and forcibly. He has outraged the modesty of your daughter by seizing her himself.

62. O lord of Dānavas, of great arms, see, see him here. Do whatever is proper. We are not at fault.

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

63. O excellent sage, on hearing their words, on hearing of the defilement of his daughter, the lord of Dānavas of great strength, became surprised.

## CHAPTER FIFTYTHREE

*(The dalliance of Ūṣā and Aniruddha)*

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

1. The infuriated Asura Bāṇa went there and saw Aniruddha who was in the fresh years of youth and who seemed to have been born especially for divine sports.

2. The infuriated Bāṇa, very efficient in war, was a bit surprised on seeing him and wondered why he had done like that and therefore said mockingly.

3. "Oh this man is really handsome, bold and daring. Who can this unfortunate deluded person be? His death is imminent.

4. O angry ones, with terrible weapons immediately kill the fellow who has outraged the traditional purity of my family and defiled my dear daughter.

5. O heroic ones, bind the terrible fellow of evil conduct. Put him in a frightful prison for a long time".

6. After saying this, the Asura Bāṇa thought within himself intelligently. "It is not known who this fearless fellow is. Certainly he is a man of terrible exploit". Thinking thus Bāṇa hesitated to act.