

goddess—the Energy of Śiva, Aniruddha got rid of the difficulty, became free from pain and obtained happiness.

53. Securing success by means of Śiva's Energy, Aniruddha the son of Pradyumna gained access to his beloved, the daughter of Bāṇa and rejoiced.

54. In the company of his beloved—the daughter of Bāṇa, he carried on dalliance and was happy drinking the beverages till his eyes became red.

## CHAPTER FIFTYFOUR

*(The fight among Bāṇa, Śiva, Kṛṣṇa and others)*

*Vyāsa said:—*

1. O excellent sage, when Aniruddha the grandson of Kṛṣṇa was abducted by the daughter of Kumbhāṇḍa what did Kṛṣṇa do? Please narrate it to me.

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

2. O excellent sage, on hearing the woeful cries of his women when Aniruddha had gone off suddenly, Kṛṣṇa too became vexed.

3. The four months of the rainy season thus went by when his relatives and Viṣṇu could not see Aniruddha and so they bewailed.

4. On hearing from Nārada about the imprisonment and activities of Aniruddha the Vṛṣṇis, followers of Kṛṣṇa, became dejected.

5. On hearing everything, Kṛṣṇa immediately called Garuḍa and went to the city of Śoṇita eagerly for fighting.

6. Pradyumna, Yuyudhāna, Sāmba, Sāraṇa, Nanda, Upananda, Bhadra and others following Rāma and Kṛṣṇa went there.