

*Rāhu said:—*

22. I am the messenger of the lord of the three worlds, worthy of being served for ever by Daityas and serpents. I have come here to you on being sent by him.

23. The son of the ocean Jalandhara became the lord of all Daityas and now he is the lord of the three worlds. He is the emperor of all.

24. That powerful king of Daityas is like the god of death to the gods. Listen to what he says addressing you the Yogin.

25. O bull-bannered god, listen to the behest of the lord of Daityas who has divine power and who is the master of all excellent things.

26. How can the auspicious daughter of Himavat be a wife unto you who habitually stay in the cremation ground wearing garlands of bones and assuming the form of a naked ascetic.

27. I am the possessor of all excellent things. She is the most excellent of all ladies. She deserves me better than you who live on alms.

28. The three worlds are under my control. I partake of shares in sacrifices. The excellent things of the three worlds are found in my palace.

29. We are the enjoyers of excellent things. You are a mere naked ascetic and a Yogin. Surrender your wife unto me. Subjects shall always keep their king happy.

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

30. When Rāhu spoke thus, a terrific being resonant like the thunder came out from the space between the eyebrows of the trident-bearing deity.

31. He had a leonine mouth with a moving tongue; his eyes shed fiery flames ; his hair stood at its end; his body was dry and rough. He appeared to be the man-lion incarnation of Viṣṇu.

32. He was huge in size. He had long arms. His calves were as stout and huge as the palmyra tree. He was very terrible. He immediately rushed at Rāhu.

33. On seeing him rushing to devour, Rāhu was terrified. He ran out when he was caught by the terrible being.