

The king—Go and attend to everything with despatch. The door-keeper having entered again—Sire, a crow, Maghavar-
na (cloud-colour) by name, who has come from Ceylon, is waiting at the gate with his retinue and wishes to see Your Majesty's feet. The king—A crow again knows everything and has a wide range of observation and is, for this reason, worthy of being retained. Ohakravalka observed—Sire, this may be. But the

P. 72. Of all spiced things salt is known to be the best : for a condiment taken without it tastes like cowdung (is quite insipid).
Moreover,

The store of grains, O king, is the best of all stores ; because a jewel put into the mouth cannot support life.

laid up in the island which is in its centre. For,
lake as such ; only let a stock of provisions be ordered to be As for a fortress, Sire, I have long well marked this large to the fitting up of a fortress. Sarasa replied after bowing—
came the king looked at him and said—Sarasa, quickly attend Let Sarasa be called then. That being done, when Sarasa

bewildered (when set to it), although well versed in science. One should employ a man in that business in which he is skilled. He who has no practical knowledge of a work gets

getting the fortress ready ? Ohakravalka said—
The king—Who should be entrusted with the work of getting the fortress ready ? Ohakravalka said—
sions of a fort.

means of ingress and egress—these seven are the precious possessions of a fort.
Spaciousness, extreme difficulty of access (lit. ruggedness of the ground), a large store of water, grain and fuel and the

deserts.
water and situated in a place surrounded by hills, rivers and with lofty battlements, having machines, and a good supply of One should build a castle with a large trench, furnished

no fortress is helpless like a man fallen overboard.
The territory of what king which is without strongholds is not liable to be conquered by the enemy ? A king who has

is set down* as necessary. - 50.
hundred, and a hundred a hundred thousand : hence a fortress A single Bowman standing on the battlement can fight a
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