

There is a convent of recluses in the city of Champaka. In it dwelt a hermit, Ohadākera by name. He was in the habit of sleeping after having hung on a peg his alms-pot, containing

#### PARA IV.

The crow said—Friend Mantara, do him special honour. For he is the king of mice, Hiranyaka by name, foremost of those whose actions are meritorious and an ocean of mercy. The king of serpents, aided by his twice thousand tongues even, will not be able to sing the praise of his merits. Having said so he described the episode about Chitrāgriva. Mantara having respectfully entertained Hiranyaka said—Good friend, kindly relate the cause of your coming to a dreary wood. Hiranyaka said—I will; may you listen.

Let a boy or an old man or a young man come to the house, respect should be shown to him; a guest is the object of

worship everywhere. - 108 -  
received the mouse with hospitality due to a guest. For, friend of his. Then Mantara, having seen them from a distance, addressed a fitting welcome to Laghupatanaka and the lake with ease conversing on diverse subjects with that Therefore, take me there too. Then the crow arrived at

versed in the Vedas and a river with water (ever flowing).  
things do not exist, viz., a creditor, a physician, a Brahmana  
One should not dwell there, O friend, where these four

shame, politeness, and charitableness.

These are, viz., subsistence, dread (of authority), sense of  
One should not reside in a country where there is a lack of  
no (possibility) of acquiring knowledge of any kind. Also,  
command, respect, has no means of livelihood, no relatives, and  
One should abandon that country in which one cannot

to do by staying here? For,

me with choice dainties. Hiranyaka too said—And what am I  
belongs to some magnanimous soul (only). He will entertain  
duties (or, to discharge one's duties as required by religion)  
for all to do; but to be true to the discharge of one's proper  
"To be wise in giving advice to others is a thing very easy

tortoise, who is my dear friend, acquired a long while ago. For,  
Karpāgaura in the Dandaka forest. There dwells a pious  
asked—'Which is that?' The crow replied: There is a lake called  
The crow said—There is a place well examined. Hiranyaka