

after having been touched by Haris'chandra, he sacrificed the Soma under the recital of the four first verses (of the hymn *yatra grāvā prithubudhna* 1, 28, 1-4), which were accompanied by the formula *Svâhâ*. Then he brought the implements required for making the concluding ceremonies (*avabhṛitha*) of this sacrifice to the spot and performed them under the recital of the two verses, *tvañ no agne Varunasya* (4, 1, 4-5). Then, after this ceremony was over, S'unah's'epa summoned Haris'chandra to the Ahavaniya fire,¹¹ and recited the verse *S'unah chichchhepam niditam* (5, 2, 7).

S'unah's'epa then approached the side of Vis'vâmitra (and sat by him). Ajîgarta, the son of Suyavasa, then said, "O Rishi! return me my son." He answered, "No, for the gods have presented (*devâ arâsata*) him to me." Since that time he was *Devarâta*, Vis'vâmitra's son. From him come the *Kapileyas* and *Babhravas*. Ajîgarta further said, "Come, then, we (thy mother and I myself) will call thee," and added, "Thou art known as the seer from Ajîgarta's family, as a descendant of the Añgirasah. Therefore, O Rishi, do not leave your ancestral home; return to me." S'unah's'epa answered, "What is not found even in the hands of a Shûdra, one has seen in thy hand, the knife (to kill thy son); three hundred cows thou hast preferred to me, O Añgiras!" Ajîgarta then answered, "O my dear son! I repent of the bad deed I have committed; I blot out this stain! one hundred of the cows shall be thine!"

S'unah's'epa answered, "Who once might commit such a sin, may commit the same another time; thou art still not free from the brutality of a Shûdra, for thou hast committed a crime for which no reconcilia-

¹¹ They returned from the place of the Uttarâ Vedi to the Vedi, where the Ishtis are performed.