

viprayogârnavaṭṭirṇau kâncid mudam avâpatuḥ,
anyonyam ca kramât sarvaṃ svaṃ svaṃ vṛittântam ūcatuḥ. 255

tato Haṃsâvaliṃ tām sa grīhītvā, Kamalākaraḥ
vandinā sahitas tena yayau svām Koçalām purīm. 256
tatra 'āmaya-haram tasyāḥ paṇiṃ vidhivad agrahīt,
ânâyite tat-pitari pratīte Meghamâlini. 257

tadā tayā samam yukto viçuddhobhaya-pakshayā
Haṃsâvalyā 'ativimalaḥ çuçubhe Kamalākaraḥ. 258
araṇsta ca tayā sâkam kṛitī phalita-dhairyaḥ,
çâsan mahīm, aviyutaḥ sa Manorathasiddhinā. 259

«evam âpady asaṃtyakta-dhairyaiḥ sarvam avâpyate;
«tadvat sa mâ tanuṃ tyâkshīr! jīvan prâpsyasi tam prabhum.» 260
itthaṃ sa vṛiddha-pathikāḥ kathām âkhyāya, deva, me
nivārya maraṇād mām ca, yathā-kāmaṃ yayau tataḥ. — 261

ity uktvā tatra râtrau sa Caṇḍaketu-grīhe tadā
Mrigâṅkadattam avadat punar Bhīmaparâkramah: — 262

Atha labdhopadeçāḥ saṃs tato 'tavyâs tvad-âptaye
gantum tava 'abhilashitām agām Ujjayinīm aham. 263
tatra yushmân asaṃprâpya, çrântaḥ kasyâçcana striyāḥ
datta-bhojana-mûlyo 'haṃ vâsāya prâviçam grīham. 264
tatra tad-datta-çayanāḥ kṣaṇam supṭaḥ çramād aham,
prabudhya yâvat paçyâmi kautukād nibhṛita-sthitaḥ, 265
tâvat sâ strī grīhītvaiḥ yava-muṣṭiṃ, grīhântare
samantâd avapat tatra mantreṇa sphuritâdharâ. 266
tair yavaḥ tat-kṣaṇam jâtaiḥ phalitaḥ pakvatām gataiḥ
lûnair bhrishṭaiḥ ca piṣṭaiḥ ca saktavo vihītâs tayâ. 267
tân saktûn kânsya-pâtryām sâ nidhāya 'adbhiḥ samukshītân,
pûrvâvasthaṃ grīham kṛitvā snânāya niragād drutam. 268

tatas tām çâkinīm jñâtvā, svairam utthāya satvaram
anyatra saktu-bhâṇḍe tām pâtryāḥ saktûn nyadhām aham; 269
saktu-bhâṇḍât tataç ca 'anyân saktûn uddhṛitya tâvataḥ,
tasyām sthâpitavân asmi pâtryām rakshita-saṃkaraḥ. 270
tato mayy âçrite bhūyāḥ çayanam, strī praviçya sâ
utthâpya mām adât pâtryâs tām saktûn bhojanāya me, 271
svayam ca bubhuje, tasmâd grīhītvā saktu-bhâṇḍataḥ,
tân siddha-saktûn ajñâta-mat-kṛita-vyatyayâ satī. 272
bhuktais taiḥ saktubhiḥ châgī samapadyata sâ tadâ.
tato nītvā mayâ 'amarshâd vikṛitâ çaunikasya sâ. 273

tataḥ çaunika-bhâryâ mām upetya 'avocata krudhâ:
«mat-sakhī vipralabdhâ 'iyam tvayâ; tal lapyase phalam!» 274
iti tat-tarjito gatvā tato guptaṃ vahiḥ puraḥ
çrântaḥ çayitavân asmi mûle nyagrodha-çâkhinaḥ. 275
tathâ-bhûtasya me tatra tayâ çaunika-bhâryayâ
âgatya dushṭa-yoginyâ gale 'badhyata sūtrakam. 276