pranipatya 'upavishtaç ca kritatithyaih priyamvadaih, «kuto yûyam?» iti kshiprat prishtah smas tair maharshibhih. 34 tato munikumarena tena tebhyo niveditah tad-açrama-praveçanto vrittanto 'smad-nibandhanah. 35

atha 'asmân atra Kaṇvậkhyo jĩânî munir abhâshata:
«kim evam vîra-purushâ api klaivyam gatâh stha, bhoḥ? 36
«âpady abhagna-dhairyatvam, sampady anabhimânitâ,
«yad utsâhasya ca 'atyâgas, tad hi sat-purusha-vratam. 37
«mahântaç ca mahânty eva kricchrâny uttîrya dhairyataḥ,
«mahato 'rthân samâsâdya, mahac-çabdam avâpnuyuḥ. 38
«iyam Sundarasenasya tathâ ca çrûyatâm kathâ,
«yathâ Mandâravaty-arthe kleças tena 'anvabhûyata.» 39
ity uktvâ sa munih Kaṇvaḥ, sarveshv atra maharshishu
asmâsu ca 'upaçrinvatsu, kathâm etâm avarṇayat: 40

Asty alamkrita-kauverî-dig-mukho Nishadhâbhidhah deças; tatra 'Alakâ nâma babhûva nagarî purâ, 41 yasyâm sadaiva sarvârtha-samriddhi-sukhito janah, kevalam ratnadîpânâm âsîc çaçvad anirvritih. 42 tasyâm anvartha-nâmâ 'abhûd Mahâseno mahîpatih, Çarajanmâdbhutâtyugra-pratâpa-plushţa-çâtravah. 43 tasya râjño mahâmantrî Guṇapâlita ity abhût çauryâlayo mahî-bhâra-vodhâ, Çesha iva 'aparah. 44 tasmin nyasta-bharasya 'asya sukhinah kshapita-dvishah devyâm Çaçiprabhâkhyâyâm utpede nripateh sutah 45 nâmnâ Sundaraseno, yah çiçur apy açiçur guṇaih çaurya-saundarya-lakshmîbhyâm svayamvara-patir vritah. 46

tasya rājasutasya 'atra çurās tulya-vayo-gunāh ā bālyāt saha samvriddhā babhūvuh pañca mantrinah: 47 Candaprabho, Bhîmabhujas, tathā Vyāghraparākramah, vîro Vikramaçaktiç ca, Dridhabuddhiç ca pañcamah. 48 te ca sarve mahā-sattvā bala-buddhi-samanvitāh kulînāh svāmi-bhaktāç ca ruta-jūā api pakshinām. 49 taih samam sa uvāsa 'atra rājaputrah pitur grihe anurūpām vinā bhāryām, taruņo 'py aparigrahah. 50 «anamrākramaņam çauryam, dhanam nija-bhujārjitam, «bhāryā rūpānurūpā ca purushasya 'iha yujyate; 51 «anyathā tu kim etena rūpenāpi?» 'ity acintayat sa ca Sundaraseno 'sau vîras taih sacivaih saha. 52

ekadâ ca 'anvitaḥ sainyair vayasyais taiç ca pañcabhiḥ niryayau mṛigayâ-hetor nagaryâḥ sa nṛipậtmajaḥ. 53 niryântam ca dadarça 'etam dûra-deçậntarậgatâ kậpi Kâtyâyanî nâma praudhâ pravrâjikâ 'uttamâ. 54 «Arohinîkaç Candro 'yam? kim vậpy Aratikaḥ Smaraḥ?» iti ca 'amânusham vîkshya tad-rûpam sâ vyacintayat. 55