

royal pair did accordingly and were very soon blessed with a son.

दुःशला Sister of Duryodhana married to Jayadratha. (Vc. II.).

दुःशासन One of the hundred sons of Dhritrāshtra. He was bold and chivalrous but wicked. He dragged Draupadi into the assembly by her hair and was trying to strip her of every clothing. Exasperated by this act of indignity, Bhima then and there publicly announced his resolution to drink the blood of Duhsāsana. In course of time a fierce duel took place between the cousins and Bhima fed fat the ancient grudge by killing Duhsāsana and drinking his blood.

दुहुनि A giant slain by Vali. When Sugri'va showed to Rāma the skeleton of this giant to convince him of the strength of Vali, Rāma kicked it slightly and cast it many miles away.

दुर्बोधन The eldest of the Kaurava brothers. His father being the reigning sovereign he did not like that Yudhishthira should be the *Yuvarāja* and persuaded his blind father to send away the Pāṇḍavas to the city of Va'raṇa'vata. There a splendid palace was prepared to secure their destruction, resin and other combustible substances being secreted. The Pāṇḍavas, however, were warned of it and escaped. They then lived at Indraprastha where they celebrated the *Rājāsuyā* sacrifice with great splendour. But their escape and wealth revived the jealousy of Duryodhana and he now continued to persuade Yudhishthira to play with dice. In that game the latter staked everything not excluding his wife and

was forced to go to the forest with his wife and brothers for twelve years and to live hidden for one year. After the expiration of the stated period the hostilities were renewed and the great *Bhā'rati'* war which lasted for eighteen days and ended in the thorough extermination of the Kauravas was fought. On the last day of the war Bhīma fought with Duryodhana in a single combat and put him to death.

दुर्वासस् A celebrated sage, son of Atri by Anasū'yā. He was extremely irascible and very hard to please. His anger is almost proverbial.

दुष्यंत Father of the emperor Bharata. Once upon a time, while hunting in the forest, he happened to see the beautiful S'akuntala', the adopted daughter of Kanva, and, being quite taken with her beauty, at once married her by the *Ga'n-dharva* rite. Leaving her there he went back to his capital. After a time S'akuntala' was delivered of a son and was sent to him with the child. But the king denied all knowledge of having ever seen her. He was, however, upbraided by a heavenly voice and admitted her with the son. The pair reigned happily to a good old age and then, installing Bharata on the throne, retired to the forest.

दुषण A demon slain by Rāma while in exile.

देवकी Cousin of Kansa, wife of Vasudeva and mother of Krishna. See कृष्ण and कंस.

देवयानी She was the only child of S'ukra, the preceptor of the demons. She fell in love with her father's pupil Kacha, but, finding her advances rejected, became vindictive in character. Owing to the curse under