

the son of Ji'mu'taketu. He was well-known for his benevolence and piety. He requested the *kalpataru* to grant riches to all and resigned his kingdom in favour of his kinsmen rather than go to fight with them. Then he retired, with his father, to *Malaya'chala* where by offering himself to *Garuda* in the place of the appointed victim he caused the bird to give up his practice of devouring the serpents. The story is given in the *Katha'saritsa'gara*, and is the basis of the play called *Na'ga'nanda*.

तक्षक Son of *Kadrū*, one of the serpent chiefs. When other serpents were burnt to ashes on the occasion of the serpent sacrifice performed by *Janamejaya* to extirpate the crawling race, he was saved by the interposition of *A'stika*.

ताडका A terrible female fiend, daughter of *Suketu*, and wife of *Sunda*. She was shot down dead by *Rāma* when she set herself to disturb *Vis'vāmitra's* sacrifice, his scruples about taking the life of a female being overcome by the reasoning of the sage.

तारक A powerful demon, son of *Vajrānga* and *Varāngi*. He propitiated *Brahman* (*m.*) and asked as a boon that he should not meet with death from any one but a child seven days old. When he became intolerable by his mischievous pranks, *Kārtikeya* was born and slew the demon on the seventh day of his birth.

तारा I. The wife of *Vāli* and mother of *Angada*. She attempted to dissuade *Vāli* from fighting with *Rāma* and *Sugriva*, but did not succeed. After *Vāli* was killed by *Rāma* she married *Sugriva*. II. Wife of *Brihaspati*, the preceptor of the gods. She was carried off by *Soma* who refused to

give her up. *Brahman* (*m.*) after a fierce contest compelled him to restore her to her husband. III. Wife of king *Haris'chandra* and mother of *Rohidāsa*. (Also named *तारामती*).

तिमिध्वज A demon killed by *Indra* with the assistance of *Das'aratha*. In the fight *Kaikeyi'* saved the king's life while in a swoon and obtained the two boons the fulfilment of which resulted in the exile of *Rāma*.

त्रिजटा A female demon who treated *Si'ta'* with kindness when she was the captive of *Rāvana* and asked other *Rākeṣa* attendants to do the same.

त्रिपुर A demon killed by *S'iva* who also burnt to ashes the three cities (of gold, silver and iron) of which the demon was master and which were built for him by his friend *Mayāsura*.

त्रिचंकु A wise and just king of the Solar race. He had only one fault, *viz.* an overweening love of his person. He requested *Vasishtha* and his hundred sons to perform for him a sacrifice that would enable him to go to heaven in his cherished body. When this absurd proposal was rejected by them he charged the sages with impotency and was, in return for these indignities, degraded by them to be a *chāndāla*. *Vis'vāmitra*, however, celebrated the sacrifice for him in return for his past services. However, when the sacrifice was completed, the gods themselves paid no heed to it. *Vis'vāmitra*, in a rage, caused *Tris'an'ku* to mount up into heaven with his earthly body by the potency of his severe penance. *Tris'an'ku* began to soar, but when his head struck against the celestial azure, *Indra*, looking over, said "fall *Tris'an'ku*"; and the un