

अननेजय The son of Parikshit who was grand-son of Arjuna. His father was slain by a serpent and the son stung by the injury, with a resolve to extirpate the crawling race, performed a serpent sacrifice and burned to ashes all serpents except Takshaka, who was saved by the interposition of A'sti'ka at whose request the sacrifice was closed.

अमरनि The son of Richi'ka was a pious sage who, by the fervour of his devotion, obtained entire possession of the *Vedas*. His wife Renuká once saw the *Gandharva* king, Chitraratha sporting with his queen and felt envious of their felicity. Defiled by unworthy thoughts she returned disquieted to her home. Jamadagni, seeing her fallen from sanctity, was enraged and ordered his sons to cut off her head; and one of them, Paras'urāma, with explicit obedience to his father's command beheaded his mother. The sage was pleased with his dutifulness, and, as a reward for it, restored the beheaded mother to life, and gave up his anger.

अयव्रथ A king of the Sindhu district, brother-in-law of Duryodhana. Once while out on hunting he happened to see Draupadi' in the forest and was so much struck with her beauty that he carried her off forcibly, her husbands being then away. When the Pāndavas returned he was pursued and captured and Draupadi' was released. He was killed by Arjuna in the great war for abetting the death of Abhimanyu.

अरत्कार A great sage who married a sister of the serpent king Vāsuki. Once he was fallen asleep on the lap of his wife when the sun was about to set. Seeing that the

time of offering his evening service to the sun was passing away his wife awakened him. But he got angry with her for her officiousness and left her for ever telling her that she was pregnant and would bring forth a son who would support her and be the saviour of the serpent race. *See* आरुतीक.

अरासंध Son of Brihadratha. He was born in two halves, which were put together by a female fiend named Jarā; (hence his name). When he grew up he became the king of Magadha, and hearing that Krishna had killed his son-in-law, mustered a large army and besieged Mathurā. He was defeated, but he renewed his attacks eighteen times. On the occasion of the *Ra'jasu'ya*-sacrifice performed by Yudhishthira, Krishna, Arjuna and Bhi'ma disguised themselves as Brāhmanas and went to the capital of Jarāsandha, where Bhi'ma challenged him to a single combat; the challenge being accepted, a hard contest ensued in which Jarāsandha was slain.

अहु Son of Suhotra. Once while performing a sacrifice he saw the whole place overflowed by the waters of the Ganges and in his wrath drank up the river. When the gods and sages appeased his indignation he loosed the waters of the river from his ears. (Hence the name जाह्नवी).

जाम्बवत् I. One of the generals in Rāma's army at the siege of Lankā. He was famous for his medical skill. II. A king of bears who got possession of the *Syamantaka* jewel. For this jewel Jambavat was vanquished in fight by Krishna to whom he offered his daughter Jāmbavati along with the jewel. *See* सत्रजित्.

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