

Kṛṣṇa heard of Pauṇḍraka's invasion of Dvārakā in his absence. Had a message from him either to give up the title of Vāsudeva or offer battle. Ugrasena and others laughed at this. Kṛṣṇa went to Kāśī and had the heads of Pauṇḍraka and his ally cut off and their army destroyed. Kṛṣṇa's return to Dvāraka. An *ābhicāra* Agni was sent by Pauṇḍraka's son through the grace of Śiva but was vanquished by Hari's *cakra*. By his *yoga* power Kṛṣṇa appeared at the mansions of each of his 16000 wives, engaged in a normal domestic life. When Nārada entered every house, he saw the same Kṛṣṇa in each; got up early in the morning and meditated on Brahman; gave cows, etc., to the Brāhmaṇas, saw first ghee, then mirror, cows, gods, etc. Heard from a messenger of the difficulties of kings imprisoned by Jarāsandha. Advised by Uddhava to vanquish Jarāsandha with the aid of Bhīma at Yudhiṣṭhira's *Rājasūya*. Kṛṣṇa's route to Hāstināpura where he was received by the Pāṇḍavas. Draupadī welcomed his wives and, these were put up comfortably. Hearing Jarāsandha still unconquered, Kṛṣṇa with Bhīma and Arjuna went to Girivraja in Brāhmaṇas' disguise and asked for meals. They then threw off their disguise and called him to battle in which Bhīma won. After releasing prisoners, Kṛṣṇa enthroned Sahadeva, son of Jarāsandha.³³ The kings thus released after the fall of Jarāsandha were 20800, praised the Lord and requested that they might ever remember Him. Kṛṣṇa asked them to go back to their places and assume charge of governments by ruling righteously. Sahadeva arranged their bath, dress and meals, after which they left for where Yudhiṣṭhira and his family were. Received the first honour in the *Rājasūya* of Yudhiṣṭhira when Śiśupāla protested in a vilifying speech. His head was cut off. Lived in Hāstināpura for some months at the request of Yudhiṣṭhira and others. Attended to *arghya* and *pādyā* for Brāhmaṇas in the *Rājasūya*. Welcomed Nārada who informed him of the necessity of vanquishing Śālva. Left for Dvārakā hearing of its blockade by Śālva

³³lb. X. Chaps. 67-73 ; M. 47, 14 ; Vi. V. 31. 4-28.