

Encouraged by the straight speech of Vṛtra, Indra took up his *Vājra* and cut off his other arm. Vṛtra swallowed him; but Indra, the vanquisher of Bala, got out of his stomach and cut off his head. Indra's regret at the murder of another Brāhmaṇa. The sin of brahmicide, says the legend, took the disguise of a Caṇḍāla woman and ran towards him in a terrific form when he entered the lake Mānasa and lived in the lotus stalks for a thousand years. Invited by Brāhmaṇas, he performed an *Aśvamedha* and got rid of his sins.²⁹

Father of three sons Jayanta and others through Paulomī. Getting to know that his mother Diti was observing a vow to get a child to slay him he offered to do service to her. Once he found her slack in her duty. He entered the womb and cut the child into seven pieces and each of these again into seven. At her request he offered to her to give them the rank of gods, by name *Maruts*,³⁰ who were allowed to share in the *yajñas*. Diti thought of another son Vajrāṅga who bound Indra and placed him before her. Was released on mediation from Brahmā and Kaśyapa.^{30a}

Reported to Kṛṣṇa the wicked deeds of Naraka. Got a gift of *Maṇiparvata* of Naraka from Kṛṣṇa.³¹ Visited by Kṛṣṇa and Satyabhāmā. At the latter's wish, *Pārijāta* was removed without any intimation. Indra, induced by Indrāṇi attacked him with all gods. Kubera, Varuṇa and others were defeated. Indra himself offered resistance. Garuḍa disabled his elephant and Indra retreated. Satyabhāmā made fun of him 'Do not run, Lord of Indrāṇi.' Indra apologised. Kṛṣṇa answered that Indra was not in the wrong as he (Kṛṣṇa) took the offensive. Indra asked pardon and begged that his son Bibhatsu be protected. Kṛṣṇa told him that *Pārijāta* would go back to him when he left the mortal world. Returned to his city with all gods.³²

The God of rain: Sent torrents of showers on Gokula when Kṛṣṇa protected his friends by holding up the hill

4-11. ²⁹ Ib. VIII. 10. 13-33; 11. 10-27; 12. 3-33; 13. 4-21.
³⁰ Ib. VI. 18. 7, 37, 54, 56-77; M. 7. 50-65; 69. 60; 146. 20, 28-44,
 45-55; Br. III. 5. 55-79; IV. 20. 44. ^{30a} M. 146. 45-55. ³¹ Bhā. X. 59.
 1 [1] and 2, 22 [3]; Vi. V. 29. 1-15. ³² Ib. V. 37. 16; Bhā. X. 59. 38-39;