

suggested killing Śrgālavāsudeva, a wicked chieftain of Karavīrapura at the foot of the Gomanta. When they reached the place, Śrgālavāsudeva offered fight, and his head was cut off by Kṛṣṇa. Welcomed by the citizens of Karavīrapura, they spent there four months after sending the spoils of war to Mathurā. Got up the hill Gomanta where Garuḍa met Kṛṣṇa and placing his crown on his head, left. Reached Mathurā with a large army. Finding Yavana besieging the city and Jarāsandha leading the eighteenth expedition,, Kṛṣṇa in consultation with Rāma resolved to build a fortress of 12 yojanas in the sea to place their kith and kin in security. So a city was built according to *Vāstu śāstra* to which Indra sent *Sudharmā* and *Pārijāta*. Varuṇa supplied horses and Kubera the eight *Nidhis*. It became a Yādava settlement. Attacked by (Kāla) Yavana, Kṛṣṇa unarmed fled to the cave where Mucukunda was asleep. Here Yavana was burnt to ashes by Mucukunda's energy. Mucukunda's surprise to see Kṛṣṇa and his prayer for salvation. Kṛṣṇa spoke of his future birth as Brāhmaṇa and final salvation.²⁴

Kṛṣṇa returned to Ugrasena at Mathurā, raised the siege of Yavana troops and went to Dvārakā with his plunder. On the way Jarāsandha's army in *makara vyūha* attacked him but was broken by throwing a huge tree. Returned to Dvārakā with spoils of war left by Yavanas. Jarāsandha's attack again when Rāma and Kṛṣṇa fled to the Gomanta whose topcrest was burnt, while Jarāsandha thought they were dead they reached Dvārakā safe.²⁵ Sent Kṛtavarna to ascertain from Hāstināpura whether Pāṇḍavas had defeated Drupada. Married Rukmiṇi by the *Rākṣasa* form of marriage, defeating Jarāsandha and others of the Caidya party in battle. Received with due honours the Brāhmaṇa messenger from Rukmiṇi and promised to do the needful. With the Brāhmaṇa and Rāma, Kṛṣṇa drove from Anartas to Vidarbhas in a night. Was honoured by Bhīṣmaka and allotted separate residence outside his capital. Ladies of

²⁴ Ib. X. Chap. 53 (v) and 50-51; Vi. V. Chaps. 22-3. ²⁵ Bhā. X. Chap. 52; Vi. V. 24. 1-7.