

of some of Viśvāmitra's sons, who in consequence were cursed by their father. The Rigveda, however, contains merely the statement of Śunaḥśepa's deliverance from peril of death by the divine help, and the Yajurvedas<sup>4</sup> simply say that he was seized by Varuṇa (perhaps with dropsy),<sup>5</sup> but saved himself from Varuṇa's bonds.

<sup>4</sup> Taittirīya Saṃhitā, v. 2, 1, 3; Kāthaka Saṃhitā, xix. 11. The story is not found in Maitrāyaṇī Saṃhitā, iii 2, 1.

<sup>5</sup> Cf. Varuṇa gṛhita.

Cf. Max Müller, *Ancient Sanskrit Literature*, 408 et seq. ; 573 et seq. ; Roth,

*Indische Studien*, I, 457 ; ii. 112 et seq. ; Weber, *Indian Literature*, 47, 48; *Episches im vedischen Ritual*, 10-16; Muir, *Sanskrit Texts*, 1<sup>2</sup>, 355 et seq. ; Macdonell, *Sanskrit Literature*, 207; Ludwig, *Translation of the Rigveda*, 3, 146; Keith, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, 1911, 988, 989.

Śuna-karṇa, 'Dog-ear,' is the name of a king,<sup>1</sup> son of Śibi or of Baṣkiha,<sup>2</sup> who performed a certain rite, the Sarvasvāra, and so died without disease.

<sup>1</sup> Baudhāyana Śrauta Sūtra, xxi. 17; Caland, *Über das rituelle Sūtra des Baudhāyana*, 28.

<sup>2</sup> Pañcaviṃśa Brāhmaṇa, xvii. 12, 6.

Suna-hotra, in the plural, denotes a family of seers in the Rigveda (ii. 18, 6; 4I, 14. 17).

Śunā-sīra, in the dual, occurs in the Rigveda<sup>1</sup> and later<sup>2</sup> as the names of two agricultural deities, the personifications, probably, of 'the share and the plough,' as Roth<sup>3</sup> thinks.

<sup>1</sup> iv. 57, 5. 8.

<sup>2</sup> Av. iii. 17 5; Maitrāyaṇī Saṃhitā, i. 7, 12; Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā, xii. 69. etc.

<sup>3</sup> St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v. For

the native explanations, see Bṛhad-devatā, v. 8 et seq., with Macdonell's notes. Whitney, *Translation of the Atharvaveda*, 116, 117, renders śunam adverbially as 'successfully.'

Śuno-lāṅgūla, 'Dog's tail,' is the name of a brother of Śunaḥ-śepa.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, vii. 15, 7; Sāṅkhāyana Śrauta Sūtra, xv. 20, 1.