

his city for six years: Awarded Hariścandra a golden chariot after his *Puruṣamedha*.¹¹ Robbed Sagara's sacrificial horse and left it near Kapila's hermitage.¹² Performed a sacrifice which was attended by Vasiṣṭha.¹³ Joined the gods in Tārakāmaya war.¹⁴ Asked Gandharvas to take back Urvaśi living with Purūravas.¹⁵ Helped by Rāji, gave back his kingdom. After his death, his sons refused to give back the kingdom, and Indra slew all of them.¹⁶

Cursed by Durvāsa, he lost all fortune. The three worlds became empty. Varuṇa and other gods conferred with Brahmā. Finding no means to restore their fortunes, they repaired to Hari Ajita when Brahmā belauded Hari as *mahāvibhūti*. Hari advised them to secure Bali's alliance.¹⁷ When the Devāsura war broke out, the gods fought with Bali who defeated them. At that time Indra prayed to Hari for help. Encouraged by the latter, the war was renewed and Bali was defeated. At this Jambha offered to fight Indra and disabled his elephant. Mātali supplied a chariot and Jambha's head was cut off. Namuci, Bala and Pāka attacked Indra. The latter two were slain. Namuci proved too much for Indra's *vajra*. A voice from the sky told Indra that Namuci could not be crushed by a wet or dry thing. Then Indra used *phena* (foam) and vanquished him. Bali in the meantime gathered strength and beseiged Indra. Indra sought counsel of Brhaspati who cared for his welfare, and as advised by the latter, he abandoned the city.¹⁸

Got back Heaven from Vāmana-Hari. He took him to his abode.¹⁹ Defeated by Arjuna who got the *sabhā* made by Maya. Arjuna for a short time shared his throne. Defeated by Arjuna at Khāṇḍava. His city visited by Arjuna in the course of a search for the dead children of the Dvārakā Brāhmaṇa.²⁰ Was not able to defeat Nivāta

Vi. IV. 2. 29-32. ¹¹Bhā. VII. 7. 17-20, 23. ¹²Ib. IX. 8. 8 and 10. ¹³Ib. IX. 13. 1 and 2. ¹⁴Ib. IX. 14. 7. ¹⁵Ib. IX. 14. 26. ¹⁶Ib. IX. 17. 13-16; Br. III. 67. 87-105. ¹⁷Bhā. VIII. 5. 16-50; 6. 30-31. ¹⁸Ib. VIII. 10. 24 and 28, 41-53; 11. 1-40; 15. 24-33; M. 22. 60-61; 29. 11; 31. 12. ¹⁹Bhā. VIII. 23. 19 and 24. ²⁰Ib. X.