

defeat of Jarāsandha resulting in the release of imprisoned kings,⁵ was sent in advance by Rāma to the Kurus to inform them of his visit.⁶ Went to see the Pāṇḍavas at Upaplāvya.⁷ Honoured Nanda.⁸ A member of the Yādava *sabhā*. Was stationed to defend the E. gate of Mathurā when it was beseiged by Jarāsandha. Consulted by Kṛṣṇa on the right detachment of the army.⁹ Met Vidura on the Yamunā and was asked about the welfare of his kinsmen. Touched deeply by Vidura's query, Uddhava described how the Lord spent eleven years with Balarāma, Gopas and Gopis, doing miracles and how he persuaded Nanda to perform *gosava*. He narrated the heroic deeds of Kṛṣṇa and the destruction of the wicked. Concluded by saying that he would reside at Badari after the Yādavas as it was the Lord's wish adding that Maitreya had been asked to be the *guru* of Vidura.¹⁰ Narrated to Maitreya the story of Śiva destroying Dakṣa's sacrifice.¹¹

Joined Yadus in defeating Paṇḍraka.¹² Saw Yadus leaving for Prabhāsa, and understanding Kṛṣṇa's mind, requested him to take him also to His eternal abode. Kṛṣṇa warned him of the advent of Kali and asked him to go about always meditating on Hari. In the course of the dialogue Kṛṣṇa related the conversation between a Yadu and a Brāhmaṇa ascetic, laying emphasis on how the Brāhmaṇa learnt lessons from earth, hill, air, sea, archer, pigeon and others and regulated life by cultivating detachment. Listened to the Lord's discourses on various spiritual topics. After being thus well instructed he made Badari his home to spend the evening of his life.¹³

As a lad of five he worshipped Hari without caring even for breakfast.¹⁴ He knew the *yoga* power of Hari.¹⁵ Of superior *bhakti*.

X. 69. 20. ⁵ Ib. X. 69. 27; 70. 15, 45-7; 71. 1-11; 72. 15. ⁶ Ib. X. 68. 16. ⁷ Ib. X. 78. [95 (V) 3]. ⁸ Ib. X. 84. 68. ⁹ Ib. X. [52 (V) 15]; 50. 20 [2]; [50 (V) 8 & 12]; ¹⁰ Ib. III. ch. 1-4 (whole); XII. 12. 8; Vi. V. 37. 31-37. ¹¹ Bhā. IV. 7. 60. ¹² Ib. X. 66. [2]. ¹³ Ib. XI. 6. 40-49; XI. 7. 1-29; 30. 1. ¹⁴ Ib. III. 2. 2. ¹⁵ Ib. II. 7. 45; Br. III. 34. 40.