

with Arjuna for hunting and there met an accomplished lady when Arjuna addressed. Hearing that she was the daughter of the Sun waiting to marry Kṛṣṇa, the latter took her home. In the meantime Kṛṣṇa asked Viśvakarmā to build a city for the Pāṇḍavas. Acting as Arjuna's charioteer, he caused the Khāṇḍava forest to be given over to fire. Returned to Dvārakā and married Kālindī, Sun's daughter. Then he married Mitravindā of Avanti, an aunt's daughter. Received Satyā, daughter of Nagnajit of Ayodhyā by curbing the ferocity of seven bulls, with a large dowry of chariots, elephants and treasure. Jealous kings were driven away by Arjuna. Married another aunt's daughter Bhadrā. Took Lakṣmaṇā, daughter of the Madra king and thousands of maidens from Naraka's harem.²⁸

Indra came one day to Dvārakā and reported to Kṛṣṇa the mischief done to him by Naraka. Entering Prāḡjyotiṣa, Kṛṣṇa pulled down ramparts and walls and cut off Mura's five heads. His seven sons attacked him led by Pāṭha in vain. Naraka also attacked and had his head cut off. Kṛṣṇa entered the city welcomed by its people, saw Maṇiparvata of Indra and the umbrella of Varuṇa and gave them back to them. Earth, mother of Naraka came before Kṛṣṇa and handed over the *kunḍalas* of Aditi, informing him that Naraka was her son by the touch of Hari in Vārāha form. Then he entered the harem of the Asura and sent away 16000 (some 16100) maidens to Dvārakā and then he married, after distributing the spoils of war among his fellow companions.²⁹ Had by his wives 18000 sons.

With Satyabhāmā he visited Indra's abode and after giving the *kunḍalas* to Aditi, he came back with *Pārijāta* against Indra's will, because his queen wanted it. He enjoyed the company of all his wives, taking a separate form for each wife. Indra's attack on Kṛṣṇa with gods like Varuṇa, Vāyu, etc., for taking away *Pārijāta*. Their defeat and Indra's apology. Kṛṣṇa consoled him. Welcomed back in Dvārakā.³⁰

²⁸ Bhā. X. Chap. 58. ²⁹ Bhā. X. Chap. 59; Vi. V. 29. 13-35; 31. 14-20 ³⁰Bhā. X. 59. 22-45; Chap. 65 (v) to 67 (v); Vi. V. Chap. 30; 31. 1-10.