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III

One day Ambarisha began a yaga. It was a great yaga. It lasted many days. All these days the king and the queen prayed to Vishnu. They tried to please him in every way.

Indra heard of this yaga. He was the king of the Devas. He did not like it. He said to himself, "I fear Ambarisha. He is the king of men. He has begun this yaga to become the king of the Devas. I must stop it, or I shall lose my place."

Indra thought for a long time. Then he said to himself, "I shall go to Durvasa. He is a

great rishi. He is my friend. I shall ask him to help me."

The next day, Indra went to Durvasa.

TEST:-Fill up the blank in each of the following by choosing the right word from those given in brackets.

1. The yaga lasted many——.
   (years, months, days)

2. Ambarisha and his wife tried to please ——in every way.
   (Indra, Vishnu, Devas)

3. Indra did not like the——.
   (yaga, Ambarisha, Vishnu)

4. Indra went to——.
   (Vishnu, Ambarisha, Vishnu)

IV

Indra found Durvasa at his asram. Indra said to him, "O Durvasa, I want you to help me."

"How can I help you?" asked the rishi. Indra said, "Ambarisha has begun a great yaga. Please stop it."

Then Durvasa asked Indra, "Why do you want me to stop it?" Indra said, "Ambarisha has begun the yaga to become the king of the Devas. Please stop the yaga, or I shall lose my place."

"All right," said Durvasa, "I will help you. I will stop the yaga."

Then Indra said, "I am very glad. Ambarisha cannot become now the king of the Devas. I shall not lose my place. Thank you very much for your help."

After that Indra left Durvasa's asram.

TEST:–Fill up the blank in each of the following by choosing the right word from those given in brackets.

1. Indra asked——to help him.
   (Devas, Durvasa, Ambarisha)
2. Ambarisha wants to become the king of the——.
   (men, women, Devas)
3. ——was very glad.
   (Ambarisha, Indra, Durvasa)
4. Then——left Durvasa's asram.
   (Vishnu, Ambarisha, Indra)

V

It was the last day of the yaga. The yaga was to end in that afternoon. Before that Ambarisha ended his prayers. He was about to break his fast.

Then Durvasa came there. Ambarisha saw him. He was very glad. He welcomed the great rishi. He said, "Please be my guest to-day." Durvasa thanked the king. He said to the king, "I shall eat with you today and be your guest."

Then Durvasa went to bathe in the river Yamuna. The river was near the yagasala. The king

waited a long time for the rishi. But he did not come back.

It was time for the king to break his fast. So he said, " It is time for me to break may fast. I cannot wait for him longer. But Durvasa is my guest. How can I eat before he eats ? "

Ambarisha did not know what to do. He was very sad. He thought for some time. Then he said, " I shall not eat anything. I shall drink some water and break my fast." The wise men also said, "Yes, you can drink some water and break your fast."

So Ambarisha drank a cup of water and broke his fast.

TEST:–Fill up the blank in each of the following by choosing the right word from those given in brackets.

1. The yaga was to end in the——of that day.
   (morning, night, afternoon)

2. Ambarisha welcomed——.
   (Indra, Durvasa, Visnu)

3. Durvasa went to——in the Yamuna.
   (play, bathe, swim)

4, I cannot eat before my——eats.
   (guest, enemy, wife)

VI

Then Durvasa came back. He knew everything. He was very angry. "What have you done?" he asked the king.

Ambarisha said, "I have drunk a cup of water to break my fast. But I have not eaten anything."

Then Durvasa said in anger, "You have done a very bad thing. I am your guest. But you have taken food without waiting for me. You have wronged me."

Then Durvasa untied his hair. He beat the ground with his hair. At once a demon rose

up. Its eyes were as red as fire. It jumped towards the king.

But Ambarisha shut his eyes. He prayed to Vishnu. He asked the great god to save him.

Then there was a light. It was the Sudarsana Chakra of Vishnu. It was very bright. It shone like the sun. It came flying towards the demon.

Then it turned towards Durvasa. He was in great fear. He said to himself, "It is hot as fire. It will burn me up."

Sudarsana Chakra was now very near Durvasa. He could not stand there. He began to

run. He ran and ran. The Sudarsana Chakra flew after him.

Test:–Fill up the blank in each of the following by choosing the right word from those given in brackets.

1. Durvasa was very——.
   (good, angry, red)

2. Durvasa was the——of Ambarisha.
   (man, god, guest)

3. The——jumped towards Ambarisha.
   (demon, rishi, god)

4. The king——Vishnu to save him.
   (prayed, asked, said)

VII

Then there was a light. It was the Sudarsana Chakra of Vishnu. It was very bright. It shone like the sun. It came flying towards the demon. It killed the demon.

Then it turned towards Durvasa. He was in great fear. He said to himself, "It is hot as fire. It will burn me up."

The Sudarsana Chakra was now very near Durvasa. He could not stand there. He began to run. He ran and ran. The Sudarsana Chakra flew after him.

Durvasa went to Sathyaloka. Brahma lived there. The rishi asked Brahma to save him from the Sudarsana Chakra. "I cannot save you from the Sudarsana Chakra," said Brahma.

So Durvasa went to Kailas. Siva lived on Kailas. It was a beautiful place. The rishi said to Siva, "Save me from the Sudarsana Chakra." "No, I cannot save you from it," said Siva. "Go to Vishnu. He alone can help you."

TEST:–Fill up the blank in each of the following by choosing the right word from those given in brackets.

1 The Sudarsana Chakra was very—.
(light, bright)

2. It killed the—.
(rishi, king, demon)

3. —lived in Sathyaloka.
(Brahma, Vishnu, Siva)

4. Siva said to Durvasa, "— alone can save you."
(Ambarisha, Vishnu, Brahma)

5. — lived on Kailas.
(Brahma, Vishnu, Siva)

VIII

Then Durvasa ran to the shore of Palazhi or Sea of Milk. Visnu lived in Palazhi. Durvasa asked Vishnu to save him from his Sudarsana Chakra. But Vishnu said, "No, I cannot save you from it. Go to Ambarisha. He alone can save you from it."

So Durvasa went back to Ambarisha. All the time the Sudarsana Chakra was behind him. The rishi said, "O! Ambarisha, save me from the Sudarsana Chakra. I have wronged you. But I am sorry for it."

Ambarisha was kind and good. He said to himself, "Durvasa is a great rishi. He has done me wrong, but he is sorry for it. I must save him."

Then Ambarisha prayed to Vishnu. At once the Sudarsana Chakra stopped moving towards Durvasa. Then it flew back to Palazhi.

Durvasa was very glad. He blessed Ambarisha. Then he went back to his asram.

TEST:–Fill up the blank in each of the following by choosing the right word from those given in brackets.

1. —lived in Palazhi.
   (Brahma, Siva, Vishnu)

2. ——alone could save Durvasa from the Sudarsana Chakra.
   (Brahma, Ambarisha, Siva)

3. Then Amharisha prayed to ——
   (Brahma, Vishnu, Siva)

4. Durvasa — Ambarisha.
   (stopped, killed, blessed)

5. The Sudarsana Chakra flew back to—
   (Kailas, Palazhi, Sathyaloka)

DAKSHA

I

Have you heard of Uma? Uma was the daughter of Himavan. Himavan was the King of mountains. So Uma was also called Parvati. It means daughter of the mountain.

Uma was the wife of Siva. Siva was a great god. He loved her very much.

During her first life Uma was the daughter of Daksha. Then her name was Sathi. She was also called Dakshayani.

Sathi too was the wife of Siva. Siva loved her very much.

But Daksha did not like Siva. Daksha and Siva had a quarrel. So Sathi killed herself.

Then Sathi or Dakshayani was born again as Uma or Parvati.

Here is the story of Daksha and his quarrel with Siva.

TEST:- Fill up the blank in each of the following by choosing the right word from those given in brackets.

1. Uma was the daughter uf ——:
   (Siva, Daksha, Himavan)

2. —— wau fhe father of Sathi.
   (Himavan, Daksha, Siva)

3. Daksha —— Siva.
   (did not like, liked, loved)

II

Daksha was the son of Brahma. Brahma was a great god. Daksha was also a god.

Daksha had sixteen daughters. Sathi was his youngest daughter. She was very beautiful. She was kind. She was good. Her parents loved her dearly. Her sisters also loved her very much. Daksha was very proud of his youngest daughter.

Siva married Sathi. He was a great god. He lived on Kailas. Sathi lived with her husband on Kailas. They were very happy.

TEST:–Fill up the blank in each of the following by choosing the right word from those given in brackets.

1. Daksha was the son of——.
   (Siva, Brahma, Vishnu)

2. Dakaha was a——.
   (rishi, demon, god)

3. Sathi was Daksha's youngest——.
   (son, wife, daughter)

4. ——lived on Kailas.
   (Daksha, Siva, Brahma)

III

At that time the great rishies began a yaga. Many of the gods and goddesses came to see the yaga. The devas also came to see it. Their wives, dressed in glittering clothes, came with them.

Brahma was there. He was sitting on a throne. Siva too was there. He sat on a throne next to Brahma. Indra too was there with his wife. He was the King of Devas.

The gods and the devas were sitting in the yagasala. Just then Daksha came there. He was very handsome. He had a

crown on his head. It was very bright. It was made of gold. It had many jewels on it. They were of many colours. All eyes were turned towards Daksha.

TEST:–Fill up the blank in each of the following by choosing the right word from those given in brackets.

1. Then the—began a yaga.
   (Devas, rishies gods)

2. ——was the King of the Devas.
   (Brahma, Siva, Indra)

3. Daksha had a——on his head.
   (crown, throne, gold)

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The devas and the rishies saw Daksha. Then all of them stood up. The gods and goddesses also stood up. But Brahma and Siva did not stand up. They sat on their thrones.

Brahma was Daksha's father. Siva was Daksha's son-in-law. Daksha said to himself, "Siva is my daughter's husband. But he does not stand up and show me respect. He does me a wrong. This is bad."

So Daksha was very angry with Siva. In his anger Daksha cursed Siva. Then he left the

yagasala. The rishies and the devas were in great fear. The other gods and goddesses were also in great fear. They said to themselves, "Anything may happen now. Daksha has cursed Siva and Siva may punish him."

TEST:-Fill up the blank in each of the following by choosing the right word from those given in brackets.

1. Brahma was Daksha's——.
   (son, friend, father)

2. Daksha was very angry with——.
   (Brahma, Siva, Vishnu)

3. Daksha——Siva.
   (cursed, feared, saved)

V

Years went by. Daksha was angry with Siva. He did not like Siva at all. He hated him. Daksha and Siva did not meet each other.

Daksha said to himself, "I shall begin a yaga. But I will not ask Siva to come and see it. He alone will be left out."

Soon Daksha began his yaga. The great rishies were there to see it. Many gods and goddesses went to see it. It was a grand yaga.

Sathi saw the gods and goddesses going to see the yaga. She heard them talking about it.

TEST:- Fill up the blank in each of the following by choosing the right word from those given in brackets.

1. Daksha — Siva.
   (loved, hated, liked)

2. He did not—Siva to come and see the yaga.
   (say, talk, ask)

3. ——saw the gods and the goddesses going to see the yaga.
   (The rishies, Sathi, The Devas)

4. It wa a——yaga.
   (grant, grand)

VI

Sathi said to herself, "My father has begun a great yaga. But he has not asked me and my husband to the yaga. But I want to go and see it. I shall meet there my parents and sisters."

So Sathi went to Siva and said, "Let us go to the yaga."

But Siva said, "No, my dear, we must not go to the yaga. Your father hates me. He has not asked us to the yaga."

Then Sathi said to Siva, "You are unkind. Daksha is my father. I must go to see the yaga. Will you come with me?"

Siva said, "No, Daksha has not asked me. Don't go. He will be angry with you."

But Sathi said to her husband, "My dear, I must go to see the yaga." "Then do what you like," said Siva.

So Sathi went to the yaga. But siva did not go with her. His servants went after her.

TEST:–Fill up the blank in each of the following by choosing the right word from those given in brackets.

1. My father has—a great yaga.
   (begin, begun, began)
2. I want to—and see the yaga.
   (went, go, gone)
3. Your father— me.
   (hates, hate, does not hate)

VII

Sathi and Siva's servants came to the yagasala. Many of the rishies, the devas and the gods were there. Sathi saw there her mother. She saw also her sisters. They also saw her.

They were happy. She was also happy.

Daksha saw sathi. But he did not welcome her. He did not even look at her. So Sathi was very sad. She said to herself, "My father does not like my husband. So he does not like me either. He is angry with him. So he is angry with me too."

In her sorrow, Sathi said, "I do not want to live any longer." Then she burnt herself to death.

TEST:–Fill up the blank in each of the following by choosing the right word from those given in brackets.

1. Sathi—to the yagasala.
   (come, coming, came)

2. Daksha did not—Sathi
   (welcomed, welcome, welcomes)

3. My father does not—my husband.
   (like, likes, liked)

4. I do not—to live longer.
   (wants, wanted, want)

VIII

The servants of Siva went back to Kailas. They told Siva of Sathi's death.

Siva loved Sathi very much. So he was very angry. His eyes were now as red as fire. He untied his hair. He beat the ground with it. At once a tall and strong deva rose out of the earth.

His name was Nandikesa. He had many arms. There was a weapon in each of his many hands. The weapons were very bright. They were also very sharp.

Siva said to Nandikesa, "I want you to go and kill Daksha." "Yes, I will go and kill Daksha," answered the deva. Then Nandikesa went off to Daksha's yagasala.

Soon Nandikesa reached Daksha's yagasala. He saw Daksha. He sprang towards him. Daksha saw Nandikesa. He was in great fear. The devas and the rishies also were in great fear. Nandikesa killed Daksha. Then he went back to Kailas.

TEST:- Fill up the blank in each of the following by choosing the right word from those given in brackets.

1. The servants—Siva of Sathi's death.
   (tells, did not tell, told)

2. Siva—Sathi dearly.
   (loved, did not love, loving)

3. He—the ground with his hair.
   (beaten, beat, did not beat)

4. Nandikesa—many arms
   (had not got, had, have)

5. Nandikesa—Daksha.
   (kill, killing, killed)

FINAL TEST

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Answer each of the questions given below in a sentence or two.

1. Who was Ambarisha ?
2. Why did all men and women love him ?
3. To whom did he always pray ?
4. How did Vishnu think of helping him ?
5. What was the Sudarsana Chakra ?
6. Why did Indra want to stop the yaga begun by Ambarisha ?
7. Whom did Indra send to stop the yaga ?
8. How did Ambarisha make Durvasa angry ?
9. How did Durvasa try to kill Ambarisha ?

10. How did Ambarisha save himself from the demon?

11. Why did Durvasa run from the yagasala?

12. To whem did he go?

13. What did Brahma, Siva and Vishnu say to him?

14. How did Ambarisha save Durvasa from the Sudarsana Chakra?

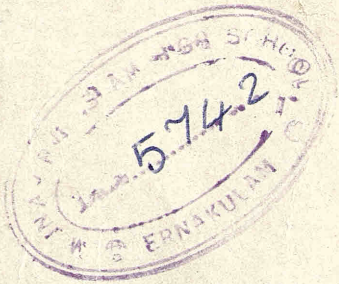
15. What did Durvasa do then?

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DAKSHA

Answer each of the questions given below in a sentence or two.

1. Who was Daksha?
2. Who was Sathi?
3. Who married her?
4. Where did Siva and Sathi live?
5. Who began a yaga then?
6. Who were sitting in the yagasala?
7. Who came to the yagasala?
8. Why was Daksha angry with Siva?
9. What did Daksha do then?
10. Why did Daksha not ask Siva to his yaga?
11. Why did Sathi want to go to the yaga?
12. Why did she kill herself?
13. Why wat Siva angry with Daksha?
14. Who was Nandikesa?
15. Whom did Siva send to kill Daksha?
16. What did Nandikesa do after killing Daksha?



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