

The Story of Nala and Damayanti
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Chapter I

|| atha nalopakhyānam ||

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bṛhadaśva uvāca |

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āsīd rājā nalo nāma vīrasenasuto balī |

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upapanno guṇair iṣṭai rūpavān aśvakovidah ||I-1||

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atiṣṭhan manujendrāṇāṃ mūrdhni devapatir yathā |

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upary upari sarveṣāṃ āditya iva tejasā ||I-2||

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brahmaṇyo vedavic chūro niṣadheṣu mahīpatiḥ |

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akṣapriyaḥ satyavādī mahān akṣauhiṇīpatiḥ ||I-3||

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īpsito varanārīṇām udāraḥ saṃyatendriyaḥ |

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rakṣitā dhanvinām śreṣṭhaḥ sāksād iva manuḥ svayam ||I-4||

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tathaivāsīd vidarbheṣu bhīmo bhīmaparākramaḥ |

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śūraḥ sarvaguṇair yuktaḥ prajākāmaḥ sa cāprajāḥ ||I-5||

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sa prajārthe paraṃ yatnam akarot susamāhitaḥ |

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tam abhyagacchad brahmarṣir damano nāma bhārata ||I-6||

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taṃ sa bhīmaḥ prajākāmas toṣayāmāsa dharmavit |

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mahiṣyā saha rājendra satkāreṇa suvarcasam ||I-7||

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tasmai prasanno damanaḥ sabhāryāya varam dadau |

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kanyāratnaṃ kumārāṃśca trīn udārān mahāyaśāḥ ||I-8||

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damayantīm damaṃ dāntaṃ damanaṃ ca suvarcasam |

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upapannān guṇaiḥ sarvair bhīmān bhīmaparākramān ||I-9||

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damayantī tu rūpeṇa tejasā yaśasā śriyā |

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saubhāgyena ca lokeṣu yaśaḥ prāpa sumadhyamā ||I-10||

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atha tām vayasi prāpte dāsīnām samalaṅkṛtam |

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śataṃ śataṃ sakhīnām ca paryupāsac chacīm iva ||I-11||

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tatra sma rājate bhaimī sarvābharaṇabhūṣitā |

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sakhīmadhye 'navadyāṅgī vidyut saudāminī yathā ||I-12||

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atīva rūpasampannā śrīr ivāyatalocanā |

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na deveṣu na yakṣeṣu tādṛg rūpavatī kva cit ||I-13||

mānuṣeṣv api cānyeṣu dr̥ṣṭapūrvātha vā śrutā |

cittapramāthinī bālā devānām api sundarī ||I-14||

nalaś ca naraśārdūlo lokeṣv āpratimo bhuvī |

kandarpa iva rūpeṇa mūrtimān abhavat svayam ||I-15||

tasyāḥ samīpe tu nalam praśaṣaṃsuḥ kutūhalāt |

naiṣadhasya samīpe tu damayantīm punaḥ punaḥ ||I-16||

tayor adṛṣṭakāmo ’bhūc chṛṇvatoḥ satataṃ guṇān |

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anyonyam prati kaunteya sa vyavardhata hṛcchayaḥ ||I-17||

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aśaknuvan nalaḥ kāmam tadā dhārayitum hṛdā |

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antaḥpurasaṃpāsthe vana āste raho gataḥ ||I-18||

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sa dadarśa tato haṃsāñ jātarūpapaṛiṣṭān |

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vane vicaratāṃ teṣāṃ ekaṃ jagrāha pakṣiṇam ||I-19||

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tato ’ntarikṣago vācam vyājahāra nalam tadā |

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hantavyo 'smi na te rājan kariṣyāmi tava priyam ||I-20||

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damayantīsakāṣe tvāṃ kathayiṣyāmi naiṣadha |

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yathā tvad anyam puruṣam na sā maṃsyati karhi cit ||I-21||

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evam uktas tato haṃsam utsasarja mahīpatiḥ |

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te tu haṃsāḥ samutpatya vidarbhān agamaṃs tataḥ ||I-22||

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vidarbhanagarīm gatvā damayantyās tadāntike |

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nīpetus te garutmantaḥ sā dadarśa ca tān gaṇān ||I-23||

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sā tān adbhutarūpān vai dr̥ṣṭvā sakhigaṇāvṛtā |

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hr̥ṣṭā grahītum khagamāṃs tvaramāṇopacakrame ||I-24||

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atha haṃsā visasṛpuḥ sarvataḥ pramadāvane |

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ekaikaśas tadā kanyās tān haṃsān samupādravan ||I-25||

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damayantī tu yaṃ haṃsaṃ samupādhāvad antike |

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sa mānuṣīm giram kṛtvā damayantīm athābravīt ||I-26||

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damayanti nalo nāma niśadheṣu mahīpatiḥ |

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aśvinoḥ sadṛśo rūpe na samās tasya mānuṣāḥ ||I-27||

tasya vai yadi bhāryā tvaṃ bhavethā varavarṇini |

saphalaṃ te bhavej janma rūpaṃ cedam sumadhyame ||I-28||

vayaṃ hi devagandharvamanuṣoragarākṣasān |

dr̥ṣṭavanto na cāsmābhir dr̥ṣṭapūrvas tathāvidhaḥ ||I-29||

tvaṃ cāpi ratnaṃ nārīṇāṃ nareṣu ca nalo varaḥ |

viśiṣṭāyā viśiṣṭena saṃgamo guṇavān bhavet ||I-30||

evam uktā tu haṃsena damayantī viśāṃ pate |

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abravīt tatra taṃ haṃsaṃ tvam apy evaṃ nale vada ||I-31||

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tathety uktvāṇḍajaḥ kanyāṃ vaidarbhasya viśāṃ pate |

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punarāgamyā niśadhān nale sarvaṃ nyavedayat ||I-32||

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|| iti nalopākhyāne prathamāḥ sargaḥ ||1||

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Chapter II

br̥hadaśva uvāca |

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damayantī tu tacchrutvā vaco haṃsasya bhārata |

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tataḥ prabhṛti na svasthā nalaṃ prati babhūva sā ||II-1||

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tataś cintāparā dīnā vivarṇavadanā kṛśā |

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babhūva damayantī tu niḥśvāsaparamā tadā ||II-2||

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ūrdhvadr̥ṣṭir dhyānaparā babhūvonmattadarśanā |

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pāṇḍuvarṇā kṣaṇenātha hr̥cchayāviṣṭacetanā ||II-3||

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na śayyāsanabhogeṣu ratim vindati karhi cit

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na naktam na divā śete hā heti rudatī punaḥ ||II-4||

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tato vidarbhapataye damayantyāḥ sakhījanāḥ |

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nyavedayat tām asvathām damayantīm nareśvare ||II-5||

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tac chrutvā nṛpatir bhīmo damayantīsakhīgaṇāt |

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cintayāmāsa tat kāryam sumahat svām sutām prati ||II-6||

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sa samīkṣya mahīpālāḥ svām sutām prāptayauvanām |

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apaśyad ātmanā kāryaṃ damayantyāḥ svayaṃvaram ||II-7||

sa saṃnimantrayāmāsa mahīpālān viśāṃ patiḥ |

anubhūyatām ayaṃ vīrāḥ svayaṃvara iti prabho ||II-8||

śrutvā tu pārthivāḥ sarve damayantyāḥ svayaṃvaram |

abhijagmustato bhīmaṃ rājāno bhīmaśāsanāt ||II-9||

hastyaśvarathagoṣeṇa pūrayanto vasuṃdharām |

vicitramālyābharaṇair balair dṛśyaiḥ svalaṃkṛtaiḥ ||II-10||

teṣāṃ bhīmo mahābāhuḥ pārthivānāṃ mahātmanām |

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yathārham akarot pūjāṃ te 'vasaṃs tatra pūjitāḥ ||II-11||

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etasminn eva kāle tu surāṇāṃ ṛṣisattamau |

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aṭamānau mahātmānāv indralokam ito gatau ||II-12||

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nāradaḥ parvataścaiva mahāprājñau mahāvratou |

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devarājasya bhavanaṃ viviśāte supūjitau ||II-13||

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tāv arcayitvā maghavā tataḥ kuśalam avyayam |

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papracchānāmayam cāpi tayoh sarvagatam vibhuḥ ||II-14||

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nārada uvāca |

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āvayoh kuśalam deva sarvatra gatam īśvara |

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loke ca maghavan kṛtsne nṛpāḥ kuśalino vibho ||II-15||

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nāradasya vacaḥ śrutvā papraccha balavṛtrahā |

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dharmajñāḥ pṛthivīpālās tyaktajīvitayodhināḥ ||II-16||

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śastreṇa nidhanaṃ kāle ye gacchanty aparānmukhāḥ |

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.....
ayaṃ loko 'kṣayas teṣāṃ yathaiva mama kāmadhuk ||II-17||

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kva nu te kṣatriyāḥ śūrā na hi paśyāmi tān aham |

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āgacchato mahīpālān dayitān atithīn mama ||II-18||

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evam uktas tu śakreṇa nāradaḥ pratyabhāṣata |

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śṛṇu me bhagavan yena na dṛśyante mahīkṣitaḥ ||II-19||

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vidarbharājño duhitā damayantīti viśrutā |

rūpeṇa samatīkrāntā pṛthivyāṃ sarvayoṣitaḥ ||II-20||

tasyāḥ svayaṃvaraḥ śakra bhavitā nacirād iva |

tatra gacchanti rājāno rājaputrās ca sarvaśaḥ ||II-21||

tāṃ ratnabhūtāṃ lokasya prārthayanto mahīkṣitaḥ |

kāṅkṣanti sma viśeṣeṇa balavṛtraniṣūdāna ||II-22||

etasmin kathyamāne tu lokapālās ca sāgnikāḥ |

ājagmur devarājasya samīpam amarottamāḥ ||II-23||

tatas te śuśruvuḥ sarve nāradasya vaco mahat |

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śrutvaiva cābruvan hr̥ṣṭā gacchāmo vayam apy uta ||II-24||

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tataḥ sarve mahārāja saganāḥ saḥavāhanāḥ |

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vidarbhān abhijagmus te yataḥ sarve mahīkṣitaḥ ||II-25||

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nalo 'pi rājā kaunteya śrutvā rājñāṃ samāgamam |

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abhyagacchad adīnātmā damayantīm anuvrataḥ ||II-26||

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atha devāḥ pathi nalaṃ dadṛśur bhūtale sthitam |

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sākṣād iva sthitaṃ mūrtyā manmathaṃ rūpasamṣpadā ||II-27||

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taṃ dṛṣṭvā lokapālās te bhrājamānaṃ yathā ravim |

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tasthur vigatasamkalpā vismitā rūpasamṣpadā ||II-28||

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tato 'ntarikṣe viṣṭabhya vimānāni divaukasah |

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abruvan naiṣadhaṃ rājann avatīrya nabhastalāt ||II-29||

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bho bho naiṣadha rājendra nala satyavrato bhavān |

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asmākaṃ kuru sāhāyyaṃ dūto bhava narottama ||II-30||

॥ iti nalopākhyāne dviṭīyaḥ sargaḥ ॥2॥

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Chapter III

br̥hadaśva uvāca |

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tebhyaḥ pratijñāya nalaḥ kariṣya iti bhārata |

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athaitān paripapraccha kṛtāñjalir upasthitaḥ ||III-1||

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ke vai bhavantaḥ kaś cāsau yasyāhaṃ dūta īpsitaḥ |

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kiṃ ca tad vo mayā kāryaṃ kathayadhvaṃ yathātatham ||III-2||

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evam ukte naiṣadhena maghavān abhyabhāṣata |

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amarān vai nibodhāsmān damayantyarthaṃ āgatān ||III-3||

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aham indro 'yam agniś ca tathaiṅvāyam apāṃ patih |

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śarīrāntakaro nṛṇāṃ yamo 'yam api pārthiva ||III-4||

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tvam vai samāgatān asmān damayantyai nivedaya |

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lokapālā mahendrādyah samāyānti didṛkṣavaḥ ||III-5||

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prāptum icchanti devas tvāṃ śakro 'gnir varuṇo yamaḥ |

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teṣāṃ anyatamaṃ devaṃ patitve varayasva ha ||III-6||

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evam uktaḥ sa śakreṇa nalaḥ prāñjalir abravīt |

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ekārthaṃ samupetaṃ mām na preṣayitum arhatha ||III-7||

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kathaṃ nu jātaṣaṅkalpaḥ striyam utsahate pumān |

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parārthaṃ īdṛśaṃ vaktuṃ tat kṣamantu maheśvarāḥ ||III-8||

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devā ūcuḥ |

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kariṣya iti saṁśrutya pūrvam asmāsu naiṣadha |

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na kariṣyasi kasmāt tvaṃ vraja naiṣadha māciram ||III-9||

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evam uktaḥ sa devais tair naiṣadhaḥ punar abravīt |

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surakṣitāni veśmāni praveṣṭuṃ katham utsahe ||III-10||

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pravekṣyasīti taṃ śakraḥ punar evābhyabhāṣata |

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jagāma sa tathety uktvā damayantyā niveśanam ||III-11||

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dadarśa tatra vaidarbhīm sakhīgaṇasamāvṛtām |

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dedīpyamānām vapuṣā śriyā ca varavarṇinīm ||III-12||

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atīva sukumārāṅgīm tanumadhyām sulocanām |

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ākṣipantīm iva prabhāṃ śāśinaḥ svena tejasā ||III-13||

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tasya dr̥ṣṭvaiva vavṛdhe kāmas tām cāruhāsinīm |

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satyaṃ cikīrṣamāṇas tu dhārayāmāsa hr̥cchayam ||III-14||

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tatas tā naiṣadhaṃ dr̥ṣṭvā sambhr̥āntāḥ paramāṅganāḥ |

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āsanebhyaḥ samutpetus tejasā tasya dharṣitāḥ ||III-15||

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praśāsaṃsuś ca suprītā nalaṃ tā vismayānvitāḥ |

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na caiman abhyabhāṣanta manobhis tv abhyapūjayan ||III-16||

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aho rūpam aho kāntir aho dhairyaṃ mahātmanah |

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ko 'yaṃ devo 'tha vā yakṣo gandharvo vā bhaviṣyati ||III-17||

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na tās taṃ śaknuvanti sma vyāhartum api kiṃ cana |

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tejasā dharṣitās tasya lajjāvatyo varāṅganāḥ ||III-18||

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athainaṃ smayamānaṃ tu smitapūrvābhibhāṣiṇī |

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damayantī nalaṃ vīram abhyabhāṣata vismitā ||III-19||

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kas tvaṃ sarvānavadyāṅga mama hṛcchayavardhana |

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prāpto 'sy amaravad vīra jñātum icchāmi te 'nagha ||III-20||

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katham āgamanam ceha katham cāsi na lakṣitaḥ |

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surakṣitaḥ hi me veśma rājā caivograśāsanah ||III-21||

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evam uktas tu vaidarbhyā nalas tām pratyuvāca ha |

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nalam mām viddhi kalyāṇi devadūtam ihāgatam ||III-22||

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devas tvām prāptum icchanti śakro 'gnir varuṇo yamaḥ |

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teṣām anyatamaḥ devaḥ paṭiḥ varaya śobhane ||III-23||

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teṣām eva prabhāvena praviṣṭo 'ham alakṣitaḥ |

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praviśantaṃ hi mām kaś cid āpaśyan nāpy avārayat ||III-24||

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etadartham ahaṃ bhadre preṣitaḥ surasattamaiḥ |

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etac chrutvā śubhe buddhiṃ prakuruṣva yathecchasi ||III-25||

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|| iti nalopākhyāne tṛtīyaḥ sargaḥ ||3||

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Chapter IV

br̥hadaśva uvāca |

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sā namaskṛtya devebhyaḥ prahasya nalamabravīt |

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praṇayasva yathāśraddhaṃ rājankiṃ karavāṇi te ||IV-1||

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ahaṃ caiva hi yaccānyanmamāsti vasu kiṃ cana |

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tatsarvaṃ tava viśraddhaṃ kuru praṇayamīśvara ||IV-2||

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haṃsānāṃ vacanaṃ yattu tanmāṃ dahati pārthiva |

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tvatkr̥te hi mayā vīra rājānaḥ saṃnipātītāḥ ||IV-3||

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yadi tvaṃ bhajamānāṃ mām pratyākhyāsyasi mānada |

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viṣamagniṃ jalaṃ rajjumāsthāsyē tava kāraṇāt ||IV-4||

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evamuktastu vaidarbhyā nalastāṃ pratyuvāca ha |

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tiṣṭhatsu lokapāleṣu kathāṃ mānuṣamicchasi ||IV-5||

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yeṣāmahaṃ lokakṛtāmīśvarāṇāṃ mahātmanāṃ |

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na pādarajasā tulyo manaste teṣu vartatām ||IV-6||

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vipriyaṃ hyācaranmartyo devānāṃ mṛtyumṛcchati |

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trāhi māmanavadyāṅgi varayasva surottamān ||IV-7||

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virajāṃsi ca vasāṃsi divyāścitrāḥ srajastathā |

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bhūṣṇāni ca mukhyāni devānprāpya tu bhukṣva vai ||IV-8||

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ya imām pṛthivīm kṛtsnām saṅkṣipyā grasate punaḥ |

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hutāśamīsaṃ devānām kā taṃ na varathetpatim ||IV-9||

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yasya daṇḍbhayātsarve bhūtagrāmāḥ samāgatāḥ |

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dharmamevānurudhyanti kā taṃ na varathetpatim ||IV-10||

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dharmātmānaṃ mahātmānaṃ daityadānavamardanam |

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mahendraṃ sarvadevānāṃ tā taṃ na varayetpatim ||IV-11||

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kriyatāmaśāṅkena manasā yadi manyase |

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varaṇaṃ lokapālānāṃ suhṛdvākyamidam śṛṇu ||IV-12||

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naiśadhenaivamuktā sā damayantī vaco 'bravīt |

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.....
samāplutābhyāṃ netrābhyāṃ śokajenātha vāriṇā ||IV-13||

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devebhyo 'haṃ namaskṛtya sarvebhyaḥ pṛthivīpate |

vṛṇe tvāmeva bhartāraṃ satyametaḍbravīmi te ||IV-14||

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tāmuvāca tato rājā vepamānāṃ kṛtāñjalim |

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dautyenāgatya kalyāṇi kathāṃ svārthamihotsahe ||IV-15||

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kathāṃ hyahaṃ pratiśrutya devatānāṃ viśeṣataḥ |

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parārthe yatnamārabhya kathāṃ svārthamihotsahe ||IV-16||

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eṣa dharmo thadi svāryo mamāpi bhavitā tataḥ |

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evaṃ svarthaṃ kariṣyāmi tathā bhadre vidhīyatām ||IV-17||

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tato bāṣpākulāṃ vācaṃ damayantī śucismitā |

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pratyāharantī śanakairnalaṃ rājānamabravīt ||IV-18||

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upāyo 'yaṃ mayā dṛṣṭo nirapāyo nareśvara |

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yena doṣo na bhavitā tava rājankathaṃ cana ||IV-19||

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tvam caiva hi naraśreṣṭha devāścendrapurogamāḥ |

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āyāntu sahitāḥ sarve mama yatra svayaṃvaraḥ ||IV-20||

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tato 'haṃ lokapālānāṃ saṃnidhau tvāṃ nareśvara |

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varayiṣye naravyāghra naivaṃ doṣo bhaviṣyati ||IV-21||

evamuktastu vaidarbhyā nalo rājā viśāṃ pate |

ājagāma punastatra yatra devāḥ samāgatāḥ ||IV-22||

tamapaśyamstathāyāntaṃ lokapālā maheśvarāḥ |

dṛṣṭvā cainaṃ tato 'pṛcchanvṛttāntaṃ sarvameva tam ||IV-23||

kacciddṛṣṭā tvayā rājandamayantī śucismitā |

kimabravīcca naḥ sarvānvada bhūmipate 'nagha ||IV-24||

nala uvāca |

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bhavadbhirahamādiṣṭo damayantyā niveśanam |

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.....

praviṣṭaḥ sumahākakṣaṃ daṇḍibhiḥ sthavirairvṛtam ||IV-25||

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.....

praviśantaṃ ca mām tatra na kaściddṛṣṭavānnaḥ |

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.....

ṛte tām pāṛthivasutām bhavatāmeva tejasā ||IV-26||

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sakhyaścāsyā mayā dṛṣṭāstābhiścāpyupalakṣitaḥ |

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.....

vismitāścābhavansarvā dṛṣṭvā mām vibudheśvarāḥ ||IV-27||

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.....

varṇyamāneṣu ca mayā bhavatsu rucirānanā |

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.....

māmeva gatasamkalpā vṛṇīte sā surottamāḥ ||IV-28||

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.....

abravīccaiva mām bālā āyāntu sahitāḥ surāḥ |

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tvayā saha naravyāghra mama yatra svayaṃvaraḥ ||IV-29||

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teṣāmahaṃ samnidhau tvām varayīṣyāmi naiṣadha |

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.....

evaṃ tava mahābāho doṣo na bhaviteti ha ||IV-30||

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etāvadeva vibudhā yathāvṛttamudāhṛtam |

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.....

mayā śeṣe pramāṇaṃ tu bhavantastridaśeśvarāḥ ||IV-31||

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|| iti nalopākhyāne caturthaḥ sargaḥ ||4||

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br̥hadaśva uvāca |

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atha kāle śubhe prāpte tithau puṇye kṣaṇe tathā |

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.....

ājuhāva mahīpālānbhīmo rājā svayaṃvare ||V-1||

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.....

tacchrutvā pṛthivīpālāḥ sarve hṛcchayaṇīditāḥ |

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.....

tvaritāḥ samupājagmurdamayantīmabhīpsavaḥ ||V-2||

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.....

kanakastambharuciraṃ toraṇena virājītam |

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.....

viviśuste nṛpā raṅgaṃ mahāsimhā ivācalam ||V-3||

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tatrāsaneṣu vividheṣvāsīnāḥ pṛthivīkṣitaḥ |

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.....

surabhisragdharāḥ sarve pramṛṣṭamaṇikuṇḍalāḥ ||V-4||

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tatra sma pīnā dṛśyante bāhavaḥ pariḥopamāḥ |

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.....

ākāravantaḥ suślakṣṇāḥ pañcaśīrṣā ivoragāḥ ||V-5||

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.....

sukeśāntāni cārūṇi sunāsākṣbhruvāṇi ca |

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.....

mukhāni rājñāṃ śobhante nakṣatrāṇi yathā divi ||V-6||

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.....

damayantī tato raṅgaṃ praviveśa śubhānanā |

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.....

muṣṇantī prabhayā rājñāṃ cakṣūṃṣi ca manāṃsi ca ||V-7||

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.....

tasyā gātreṣu patitā teṣāṃ drṣṭirmahātmanām |

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.....

tatra tatraiva saktābhūna cacāla ca paśyatām ||V-8||

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tataḥ saṃkīrtyamāneṣu rājñāṃ nāmasu bhārata |

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dadarśa bhaimī puruṣānpaṅca tulyākṛtīnatha ||V-9||

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tānsamīkṣya tataḥ sarvānnirviśeṣākṛtīnsthītān |

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.....

saṃdehādatha vaidarbhī nābhyajānānalaṃ nrpaṃ ||V-10||

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yam yam hi dadṛśe teṣāṃ taṃ taṃ mene namaṃ nṛpam |

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sā cintayantī buddhyātha tarkayāmāsa bhāvinī ||V-11||

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[V-12 has only one line]

katham hi devāñjānīyāṃ katham vidyāṃ namaṃ nṛpam ||V-12||

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evaṃ saṃcintayantī sā vaidarbhī bhṛśaduḥkhitā |

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.....

śrutāni devaliṅgāni tarkayāmāsa bhārata ||V-13||

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.....

devānāṃ yāni liṅgāni sthavirebhyaḥ śrutāni me |

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.....

tāniha tiṣṭhatāṃ bhūmāvekasypī na lakṣaye ||V-14||

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sā viniścītya bahudhā vicārya ca punaḥ punaḥ |

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.....

śaraṇaṃ prati devānāṃ prāptakālamamanyata ||V-15||

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vācā ca manasā caiva namaskāraṃ prayujya sā |

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.....

devebhyaḥ prāñjalirbhūtvā vepamānedamabravīt ||V-16||

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.....

haṃsānāṃ vacanaṃ śrutvā yathā me naiṣadho vṛtaḥ |

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patitve tena satyena devāstaṃ pradiśantu me ||V-17||

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vācāsā manasā caiva yathā nābhicarāmyaham |

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tena satyena vibudhāstameva pradiśantu me ||V-18||

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yathā devaiḥ sa me bhartā vihito niṣadhādhipaḥ |

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tena satyena me devāstameva pradiśantu me ||V-19||

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yathedaṃ vratamārabdhaṃ nalasyārādhanē mayā |

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.....

tena satyena me devāstameva pradiśantu me ||V-20||

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svaṃ caiva rūpaṃ kurvantu lokapālāḥ maheśvarāḥ |

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.....

yathāhamabhijānīyāṃ puṇyaślokaṃ narādhipam ||V-21||

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niśamya damayantyāstatkaruṇaṃ paridevitaṃ |

yathoktaṃ cakrire devāḥ sāmartyaṃ liṅgadhāraṇe ||V-22||

sāpaśyadvibudhānsarvānasvedānstabdhalocanān |

hr̥ṣitasragrajuhīnānsthītānaspṛśataḥ kṣitim ||V-23||

chāyādvitīyo mlānasragrajaḥsvedasamanvitaḥ |

bhūmiṣṭho naiśadhaścaiva nimeṣeṇa ca sūcitaḥ ||V-24||

sā samīkṣya tu tāndevānpuṇyaślokaṃ ca bhārata |

naiṣadham varayāmāsa bhaimī dharmeṇa pāṇḍava ||V-25||

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vilajjamānā vastrānte jagrāhāyatalocanā |

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.....

skandhadeśe 'srjattāsyā srajaṃ paramaśobhanām ||V-26||

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varayāmāsa caivainaṃ patitve varavarṇinī |

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.....

tato hā hetī sahasā muktaḥ śabdo narādhipaiḥ ||V-27||

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devairmaharṣibhistatra sādhu sādhviti bhārata |

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vismitairīritaḥ śabdaḥ praśamsadbhirnalaṃ nṛpam ||V-28||

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damayantīm tu kauravya vīrasenasuto nṛpaḥ |

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āśvāsayaḍvarārohāṃ pahr̥ṣṭenāntarātmanā ||V-29||

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yattvaṃ bhajasi kalyāṇi pumāṃsaṃ devasaṃnidhau |

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tasmānmāṃ viddhi bhartāramevaṃ te vacane ratam ||V-30||

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yāvacca me dharīṣyanti prāṇā dehe śucismite |

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.....

tāvattvayi bhaviṣyāmi satyametaḍbravīmi te ||V-31||

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damayantī tathā vāgbhirabhinandya kṛtāñjaliḥ |

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[The second line of stanza 32 is missing. Lanman: “A line, containing the principal verb with Nala as subject, seems lacking”]

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tau parasparataḥ prītau dr̥ṣṭvā tvagnipurogamān |

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tāneva śaraṇaṃ devāñjagmaturmanasā tadā ||V-33||

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.....

vṛte tu naiśadhe bhaimyā lokapālā mahaujaśaḥ |

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.....

pahr̥ṣṭamanasaḥ sarve nalāyāṣṭau varāndaduḥ ||V-34||

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.....

pratyakṣadarśanaṃ yajñe gatiṃ cānuttamāṃ śubhām |

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.....

naiśadhāya dadau śakraḥ prīyamāṇaḥ śacīpatiḥ ||V-35||

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agnirātmabhavam prādādyatra vāñchati naiṣadhaḥ |

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.....

lokānātmaprabhāṃścaiva dadau tasmai hutāśanaḥ ||V-36||

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yamastvannarasam prādāddharme ca paramām sthitim |

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.....

apām patirapām bhāvam yatra vāñchati naiṣadhaḥ ||V-37||

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srajaścottamagandhāḍhyāḥ sarve ca mithunam daduḥ |

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.....

varānevaṃ pradāyāsyā devāste tridivam gatāḥ ||V-38||

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pārthivāścānubhūyāsyā vivāham vismayānvitāḥ |

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.....

damayantyāśca muditāḥ pratijagmuryathāgatam ||V-39||

gateṣu pārthivendreṣu bhīmaḥ prīto mahāmanāḥ |

vivāhaṃ kārayāmāsa damayantyā nalasya ca ||V-40||

uṣya tatra yathākāmaṃ naiṣadho dvipadāṃ varaḥ |

bhīmena samanujñāto jagāma nagaraṃ svakam ||V-41||

atīva mudito rājā bhrājamānoṃ 'śumāniva |

arañjayatprajā vīro dharmeṇa paripālayan ||V-42||

īje cāpyaśvamedhena yayātiriva nāhuṣaḥ |

anyaiśca bahubhirdhīmānkratubhiścāptadakṣiṇaiḥ ||V-43||

punaśca ramaṇīyeṣu vaneṣūpavaneṣu ca |

damayantyā saha nalo vijahārāmaropamaḥ ||V-44||

janayāmāsa ca nalo damayantyām mahāmanāḥ |

indrasenaṃ sutaṃ cāpi indrasenaṃ ca kanyakām ||V-45||

evaṃ sa yajamānaśca viharaṃśca narādhipaḥ |

rarakṣa vasusaṃpūrṇāṃ vasudhāṃ vasudhādhipaḥ ||V-46||

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|| iti nalopākhyāne pañcamaḥ sargaḥ ||5||

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