

austerity on the Gandhamādana 1. 32. 2. C. Myth : Kadrū once asked Vinatā about the colour of the horse Uccaiḥśravas; Vinatā declared it to be white and asked Kadrū to say what she felt about it and then offered to put a wager on it (*tato 'tra vipaṇāvahe*) 1. 18. 3; Kadrū said that the horse had dark hair on its tail; she accepted Vinatā's challenge and specified slavery as a stake (*ehi sārddham mayā divya dāsibhāvāya bhāmini*) 1. 18. 4, 5; 1. 19. 2; 1. 24. 9; Kadrū asked her serpent sons to turn themselves into black hair and enter the horse (i. e. his tail) so that she did not lose the contest; when the serpents did not agree she cursed them that they would be burnt in the snake-sacrifice of Janamejaya 1. 18. 6-8; 1. 49. 5-7; Pitāmaha thought her curse to be too cruel 1. 18. 9; next morning Kadrū and Vinatā went to inspect the colour of Uccaiḥśravas 1. 19. 1-2; on way they crossed the ocean 1. 20. 1; on inspection they found black hair sticking to the tail of the horse; Kadrū, the winner of the bet, made Vinatā her *dāsī* 1. 20. 2; once Kadrū asked Vinatā to carry her to the abode of the *nāgas* inside the ocean (*samudrakuṣṣau*); Kadrū, the mother of serpents (*sarpamātā*), was taken there by Vinatā 1. 21. 3-5; Kadrū praised Śakra to obtain relief for her sons when they, riding on the back of Garuḍa, were tormented by the rays of the sun and had swooned 1. 21. 6; pleased, Śakra showered rain to the delight of the serpents 1. 22. 1. D. Mahāgraha : Kadrū mentioned among afflictions (*grahāḥ, mahāgrahāḥ*) unfavourable to the newly born children until they were sixteen; assumes a subtle form and enters the body of a pregnant woman; she eats up the foetus and the woman delivers a serpent 3. 219. 22, 36, 41 [as told by Skanda, Mothers,

in various forms, afflict young children for the first sixteen years 3. 219. 22].

**Kapila m.** : A mythical king of serpents.

Called high-spirited (*mahātman*); a *nāgatūrtha*, sacred to him, famous in the three worlds 3. 82 28-29.

**Kapota m.** : A mythical bird, living in the world of Suparṇas 5. 99. 13, 1.

Born in the *kula* of Vainateya (Garuḍa), in the *vaṁśa* of Kaśyapa; feeding on serpents; marked with *śrīvatsa*, his deity is Viṣṇu; by action a Kṣatriya, not obtaining Brahminhood because indulging in destroying kinsmen 5. 99. 2-8.

**Kambala m.** : A mythical serpent, living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 9, 1.

Son of Surasā and Kaśyapa 5. 101. 4, 17; description 5. 101. 5-7; name occurs also among the sons of Kadrū listed by Sūta at the request of Śaunaka 1. 31. 10, 2; waits without feeling fatigue on Varuṇa in his *sabhā* 2. 9. 9, 11; always mentioned with serpent Aśvatara (*kambulāśvatarau*); marked with banner (*patākin*) and round spots (*maṇḍalin*), hooded (*phaṇavant*) 2. 9. 10.

**Karavīra m.** : A mythical serpent, living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 14, 1.

Son of Surasā and Kaśyapa 5. 101. 4, 17; description 5. 101. 5-7; name occurs also among the sons of Kadrū, listed by Sūta at the request of Śaunaka 1. 31. 12, 2.

**Karkara m.** : A mythical serpent.

Son of Kadrū, listed among her sons by Sūta at the request of Śaunaka 1. 31. 15, 2.

**Karkoṭaka m.** : A mythical serpent, living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 9, 1.

A. Birth : Son of Surasā and Kaśyapa 5. 101. 4, 17; also mentioned among the sons