

Padma's account, took leave of him without telling him the purpose of his visit; to the perplexed Padma, Dharmāraṇya explained that he was only curious to know what led to the accumulation of merit (*puṇyasamcaya*); now that he knew how one did it, he had decided to observe *uñchavrata*; the purpose of his visit was served (*kṛtārīho 'smi*) and hence he was leaving 12. 352. 1-10.

**Padma<sup>2</sup> m.** : (du.) Two mythical serpents having the same name (*dvau padmau*) living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 13. 1.

Sons of Surasā and Kaśyapa 5. 101. 4, 17; description 5. 101. 5-7; the two also listed by Sūta among the sons of Kadrū (*dvau ca padmāv iti*) 1. 31. 10, 2; one of them waits, without feeling fatigue, on Varuṇa in his *sabhā*; marked with banner (*patākin*) and round spots (*maṇḍalin*), hooded (*phaṇavaṅt*) 2. 9. 8, 10, 11.

**Padmakesara m.** : A mythical bird, living in the world of Suparṇas 5. 99. 11, 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 engaged in destroying his kinsmen 5. 99. 2-8.

**Padmanābha m.** : See Padma<sup>2</sup>.

**Panasa m.** : A monkey-chief.

Described as intelligent and very strong; he came to assist Rāma with fifty seven crores of monkeys 3. 267. 6; fought a duel with the demon Paṭuśa 3. 269. 8; he was eaten up by Kumbhakarṇa 3. 271. 4.

**Parāśara m.** : A mythical serpent.

Born in the *kula* of Dhṛtarāṣṭra, listed by Sūta among those offered in the snake

sacrifice of Janamejaya; described as 'fast as wind' (*vātavega*) and 'having excess of poison' (*viṣolbaṇa*) 1. 52. 17, 13.

**Paribarha 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 engaged in destroying his kinsmen 5. 99. 2-8.

**Palita m.** : A mouse.

**A.** Residence : Lived in a hole, having hundred outlets, at the foot of a banyan tree 12. 136. 21. **B.** Qualities : He was very wise, intelligent, thoughtful, versed in scriptures, knew how things shaped themselves, and the proper time for conciliation and feud (*prājñā* 12. 136. 191; *prajñāvant* 12. 136. 192; *mahāprājñā* 12. 136. 21, 26. 100; *matimant* 12. 136. 87; *buddhisammatā* and *śāstravid* 12. 136. 100; *śāstrārthatattvajñā* 12. 136. 191; *dharmatattvajñu* 12. 136. 181; *paramārthajñu* 12. 136. 128; *arthagati-tattvajñā* and *sandhivigrahakālavid* 12. 136. 47); according to the cat Lomaśa Palita was Uśanas himself in intelligence 12. 136. 127. **C.** Palita-Lomaśa Episode : Once when the cat Lomaśa who lived on the branches of the same banyan tree was caught in the trap (*unmātha*) fixed by a Cāṇḍāla, Palita moved about fearlessly; he got a piece of flesh and as he was eating it after taking it on the top of the trap and smiling mentally (*manasā hasan* 12. 136. 28) at his enemy, trapped below, Palita saw his second enemy, a mongoose by name Harika, approaching the tree and looking up at his prey; Palita at that moment, also saw a third enemy, an owl named Candraka, prowling from his