

dhyāyasva me 'trasthaḥ sukṛtam smaryate yadi) 12. 136. 160-166; the cat made one more attempt to win the confidence of Palita and praised him 12. 136. 177-182; Palita did not relent; he recited two *gāthās* of Uśanas (apparently 12. 136. 185-186) for the benefit of the cat the purport of which was that if one made conciliation (*sandhi*) with a person stronger than himself to face a common enemy he should not repose trust in his partner after the purpose was served and that in all conditions one should protect one's life since wealth and children could be aquired if one remained alive; Palita concluded that the sum and substance of the *nītiśāstras* was that distrust was the best policy (*saṅkṣepo nītiśāstrāṇām aviśvāsaḥ paro mataḥ* 12. 136. 187); Palita finally told the cat that the mouse must protect himself from the cat as the cat must protect himself from the Caṇḍāla; the cat, apparently scared at hearing the word 'Caṇḍāla', ran to his hole and Palita entered another hole; thus the intelligent Palita, all by himself, outwitted his many stronger enemies 12. 136. 182-192.

Pāṭa 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' (*viṣolbana*) 1. 52. 16, 13, 1.

Pāṇḍara m. : A mythical serpent.

Born in the *kula* of Airāvata, listed by Sūta among those offered in the snake sacrifice of Janamejaya 1. 52. 10, 11, 1.

Pāṭa m. : A mythical serpent.

Born in the *kula* of Kauravya, listed by Sūta among those offered in the snake sacrifice of Janamejaya 1. 52. 12, 11, 1.

Pātara m. : A mythical serpent.

Born in the *kula* of Kauravya, listed by Sūta among those offered in the snake sacrifice of Janamejaya 1. 52. 12, 11, 1.

Pārāvata m. : A mythical serpent.

Born in the *kula* of Airāvata, listed by Sūta among those offered in the snake sacrifice of Janamejaya 1. 52. 10, 11, 1.

Pāriyātra m. : A mythical serpent.

Born in the *kula* of Airāvata, listed by Sūta among those offered in the snake sacrifice of Janamejaya 1. 52. 10, 11, 1.

Piṅgala m. : A mythical serpent.

Son of Kadṛū, listed among her sons by Sūta at the request of Śaunaka 1. 31. 9, 2.

Piṅgalaka 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' (*viṣolbana*) 1. 52. 14, 13, 1.

Picchila m. : A mythical serpent.

Born in the *kula* of Vāsuki, listed by Sūta among those offered in the snake sacrifice of Janamejaya; some snakes in this family were dark-red, others white, but all of them dreadful, huge in shape, and having excess of poison (*viṣolbana*) 1. 52. 5, 4.

Piñjaraka m. : A mythical serpent, living in Bhogavati Purī 5. 101. 11, 1.

Son of Surasā and Kaśyapa 5. 101. 4, 17; description 5. 101. 5-7; also listed by Sūta among the sons of Kadṛū 1. 31. 6, 2.

Piṭharaka m. : A mythical serpent.

Son of Kadṛū, listed among her sons by Sūta at the request of Śaunaka 1. 31. 14, 2.

[See Piṭharaka]