

informed Hiranyākṣa of Viṣṇu's residence in Rasātala; spoke of Kardama's greatness and personality to Devahūti who from that time fixed her mind on him; came with and went with Brahmā to see Kapila born of Kardama;¹¹ told Śiva about Sati's self-immolation in Dakṣa's *yajña*;¹² met Dhruva coming out of his father's city and advised him as to the way of worshipping Viṣṇu by initiating him into the secret *mantra*; met Uttānapāda and encouraged the distressed king that the boy would soon return and add glory to his line; praised Dhruva;¹³ learnt from Hari the true knowledge which he imparted to Prahlāda; saw Indra taking Hiranyakaśipu's queen and asked him to set her at liberty which he did; then he placed her under safe custody as she was pregnant until her husband's return; taught to Prahlāda a *mantra* sacred to Hari.¹⁴

Spoke of Jamba's death to Namuci and others. Deputed by Brahmā, Nārada went to Gods requesting them to no more fight the asuras;¹⁵ informed Kamsa of the divinity of Vasudeva, Vṛṣṇis, Nandas, and went with Gods to encourage Devakī;¹⁶ induced Yavana to lay siege to Mathurā;¹⁷ narrated the story of Pradyumna to his parents; informed Māyāvati that the child discovered in the fish was Pradyumna, Kāma reborn, and hence her husband; revealed Pradyumna's identity to the doubters of Dvārakā;¹⁸ sang the praise of Kṛṣṇa when he lifted the Govardhana; informed Kamsa that Rāma and Kṛṣṇa were the sons of Vasudeva who had kept them in secret and prevented Kamsa from starting out to kill Vasudeva; told Kamsa his story of his birth; visited Kṛṣṇa and spoke to him in secret what he was destined to do beginning with the day after when he would kill Kamsa and others and left for his place;¹⁹ informed Kṛṣṇa of imprisonment of Aniruddha by Bāṇa and Śāmba by the Kurus; visited Dvārakā desirous of seeing Kṛṣṇa in the house of each of his numerous wives at the same time and saw that Brahmaṇyadeva who was