

abides by the Vedic Sage strong in Sastras;
guards his *yagna*;
takes out the guts of taunting Thatakai;
sacks the lives of impish demons;
frees the Woman embedded from the cursed
stone-step;

breaks the adamantine Bow thunder-strong;
weds Maithili;

quells the Killer of Kings

a score and more, disarming his *mazhu*

a fiery battle-axe, infallible bow and arrow,

nulls his *askesis* to naught;

and repairs to the auric

towered, gem-laid-mansion-contoured

Ayodhya

and is chosen the crowned-elect

for the lion-throne; pause...