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TALES OF KAMADEV





The birth of rati

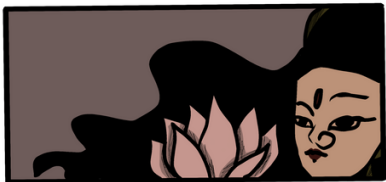
KAMADEV THE GOD OF LOVE WANTED TO
TEST HIS POWERS.

ON A BIG MOUNTAIN HE TESTED HIS
POWERS AND SHOOTED HIS ARROWS OF
LOVE IN ONE DIRECTE AREA.





EVERY DEVA HAS A WIFE OR A
SHAKTHI. ADI SHAKTHI RESEMBLES
THE MIGHT OF A WOMAN.
A DEVA HAS A SHAKTHI WHICH
SOMETIMES ARE ALSO THERE WIFE



KAMDEV HAD NO WIFE NOR SHAKTHI
JUST THEN ADI SHAKTHI TOOK AN AVATAR OF LOVE
NAMED RATI
RATI IS KNOWN AS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN ON
EARTH. HER BEAUTY IS IMPENETRABLE JUST LIKE MOHNI.

GREETINGS, MY
LORD . HOW MAY I
SERVE YOU?



KAMDEV WENT INTO A LONG THOUGHT AND
HE REPLIED WITH A BIG SMILE

BE MY
WIFE, DEVI



DEVI RATI
HAPPILY
AGREED. THEY
GOT MARRIED
ONE DAY AND
LIVED IN HEAVEN.

The birth Kamadev

THE PARENTS OF KAMA, THE ROMANTIC GOD, ARE VISHNU AND LAKSHMI. REVANTA, THE SON OF SURYA, ONCE GRABBED LAKSHMI'S ATTENTION AS HE RODE THROUGH VAIKUNTHA, VISHNU'S HEAVENLY HOME. SHE WAS REMINDED OF THE CELESTIAL HORSE UCHHAISHRAVA, WHICH ALSO APPEARED DURING THE CHURNING OF THE SEA OF MILK, WHEN SHE SAW HIS HORSE.

VISHNU ASKED HIS WIFE WHY SHE SEEMED TO BE STARING AT THE ATTRACTIVE REVANTA, BUT LAKSHMI DID NOT RESPOND. THEN, AN ENVIOUS VISHNU CURSED LAKSHMI, SAYING THAT BECAUSE OF HER FASCINATION WITH A HORSE AND ITS RIDER, SHE WOULD COME TO EARTH AND GIVE BIRTH TO A MARE.



LAKSHMI ARGUED THAT THE CURSE WAS UNFAIR AND PLEADED FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO BE FREED FROM IT. VISHNU APOLOGIZED FOR HIS ERROR AND PROMISED THAT THE CURSE WOULD BE LIFTED WHEN SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A SON. AT THE MEETING OF THE KALINDI AND TAMASA RIVERS, LAKSHMI THEN DESCENDED TO EARTH IN THE FORM OF A MARE AND STARTED THE MOST STRINGENT OF FASTS. WHEN SHIVA AND PARVATI FINALLY HEARD HER PRAYERS, SHE TOLD THEM ABOUT HER SITUATION AND PLEADED WITH SHIVA TO GIVE HER A SON.

INSTEAD, SHIVA ASKED VISHNU TO DESCEND TO EARTH AS A HORSE AND RESCUE LAKSHMI FROM HER DILEMMA BY SENDING A MESSENGER TO HIM. SHIVA MADE A REQUEST, WHICH VISHNU COULD NOT DENY, AND HE COMPLIED. LAKSHMI AND VISHNU ONLY HAD ONE KID, A SON THEY NAMED KAMA OR MADANA, THE GOD OF LOVE. HE WAS BORN TO THEM. LAKSHMI COULD THEN GO BACK TO VAIKUNTHA CURSE-FREE.



Pradyumna

SRI KRISHNA AND RUKMINI'S SON WAS NAMED PRADYUMNA. THE MAHABHARATA, THE SRIMAD BHAGAVAD PURANA, AND NUMEROUS OTHER PURANAS ALL REFERENCE HIS LIFE TALE. HE WAS AN INCARNATION OF KAMA, THE HINDU GOD OF LOVE, ACCORDING TO SRIMAD BHAGAVAD PURANA.

HE WAS A PART-INCARNATION OF SANAT KUMARA, THE SON OF BRAHMA BORN FROM HIS INTELLECT, ACCORDING TO THE MAHABHARATA. PRADYUMNA IS HENCE ONE OF THE GODS REVERED IN THE PANCHARATRA SYSTEM.



RATI, KAMDEV'S WIFE, RECEIVED THE BLESSING THAT HER HUSBAND WOULD BE REINCARNATED AGAIN IN THE TRETA YUGA AND THEY WOULD BOTH BE REUNITED AFTER KAMDEV WAS REDUCED TO ASHES BY SHIVA'S THIRD EYE.

RUKMINI DESIRED A KID DURING THE TRETA YUGA. SRI KRISHNA TRAVELED TO THE HIMALAYAS WITH NARA NARAYANA'S PERMISSION AND PRAYED TO SHIVA FOR A CHILD. SO PRADYUMNA WAS CONCEIVED. SHAMBARA, AN ASURA, WAS WARNED THAT THE SON OF SRI KRISHNA AND RUKMINI WILL SLAY HIM. THE ASURA KIDNAPPED THE SIX-DAY-OLD PRADYUMNA AND FLUNG HIM INTO THE SEA IN AN EFFORT TO THWART THIS PROPHECY. THE KID WAS GULPED DOWN BY A FISH.



LATER, THE FISH WAS CAPTURED AND GIVEN
TO AUSRA SHAMBARA. THE BOY WAS FOUND
BY HIS YOUNG WIFE MAYADEVI, WHO
PERMITTED HIM TO STAY IN THE PALACE

THE SAGE NARADA THEN REVEALED
TO MAYADEVI THAT THE CHILD WAS
KAMDEV AND THAT SHE WAS A
MANIFESTATION OF RATI.

PRADYUMNA FELL IN LOVE WITH
MAYADEVI WHEN HE WAS AN ADULT.

AFTER KILLING SHAMBARA,
PRADYUMNA WED
MAYADEVI, LEFT FOR
DWARKA, WHERE HE LIVED
WITH HIS PARENTS.

JUST BEFORE SRI KRISHNA
LEFT EARTH, PRADYUMNA
AND OTHER YADAVAS
PERISHED.



What ever happened to rati?

Rati who is the wife of kama/Pradyumna who died when krishna left earth. As rati who is a goddess can't die she vanished without a trace in hinduism scriptures. What happened to her is that Kamadev perished as he had finished his role and duty. He went back to heaven with the other deva's when he died. As for rati who was an avatar of goddess shakthi vanished and began her next life as a new goddess. As for now she vanished but in the future she may come again.