CHAPTER SIXTEEN

1. O terrible Lord, we bow in humble reverence to your righteous wrath; we bow in reverence to your arrow as well; we bow in reverence to your both the arms also. (1)

2. O terrible Lord, with that one of your forms, which is auspicious, not dreadful, and is benign in appearance, O lover of mountains, with that most pleasing form, be kind enough to look at us. (1)

3. O lover of mountains, the arrow you hold in your hand to shoot, O protector in the mountains, make that arrow auspicious, so that it may not kill man or other living beings. (1)

4. O Lord of mountains, we salute you with auspicious hymns, so that all our living beings may be free from diseases and be hail and hearty. (1)

5. As the first ordainer and the divine physician, you have instructed us. Destroying all the serpents, may you drive away all the penetrating germs. (1)

6. We wish to avoid the displeasure of the terrible tormenter, who is of coppery hue, a bit red or brownish, and very auspicious, as well as of those thousands of tormenters, who are assembled around him in all the directions. (1)

7. Whose neck is dark and the body is red, who glides fast, whom the cowherds have seen and whom the water-carrying women have also seen, may he (the snake) be kind, when he comes to be seen by us. (1)

8. Our obeisance be to the dark-necked, thousand-eyed and the showerer Lord and I pay my homage to those also, who hold powers under Him. (1)

9. O powerful chief, loosen the string of your bow at both its ends and throw away the arrow, which you hold in your hand. (1)

10. May the bow of the terrible punisher, having braided hair, become stringless; may his quiver hold no arrow with pointed head; may all his shafts disappear and may his cabbard, that holds the sword, be empty. (1)

(11) O terrible punisher, your bow in your hand is the most praiseworthy weapon. With that protect us from all sides, so that it causes no harm to us. (1)

12. O terrible punisher, may your weapon, the bow, remain far away from us all around. And kindly keep the quiver, which you have got, away from us. (1)

13. O terrible punisher having thousands of eyes and hundreds of quivers, loosening the string of your bow and blunting the pointed heads of your arrows, may you become benign and friendly to us. (1)

14. We bow in reverence to your weapon, which is now unstrung and which is the conquerer of enemies. We bow in reverence to both your arms as well as to your bow. (1)

15. O terrible punisher, may you not kill any of us whether grown up or young child, married adult or the embryo in the womb. May you not kill our father, nor our mother. Please do no injury to our own dear bodies. (1)

16. O terrible punisher, may you not cause injury to our son; nor to grand-son, nor to our own life, nor to our cows and nor to our horses. May you not kill our enraged young warriors. Bringing abundant tributes, we always invoke you alone. (1)

17. Our homage be to the army's commander, whose arms are decorated with gold. (1) And to the lord of the regions our homage be. (2) Our homage be to the trees having green hair. (3) To the lord of animals our homage be. (4) Our homage be to him, whose skin is yellow like straw. (5) To the lustrous lord of the highways our homage be. (6) Our homage be to the golden-haired, wearing the sacred thread. (7) To the lord of the strong and stout our homage be. (8)

18. Our homage be to the brown-tanned shooter. (1) To the lord of foodgrains our homage be. (2) Our homage be to the weapon of life. (3) To the lord of moving beings our homage be. (4) Our homage be to the terrible punisher, whose bow is well-stretched. (5) To the lord of the fields our homage be. (6) Our homage be to the charioteer, who does not kill. (7) To the lord of the forests our homage be. (8)

19. Our homage be to the red-skinned mason. (1) To the lord of trees our homage be. (2) Our homage be to the granter of riches, who spreads out this world. (3) To the lord of plants our homage be. (4) Our homage be to the prudent merchant. (5) To the lord of bushes our homage be. (6) Our homage be to the loud roarer. (7) To the foot-soldiers' lord, who makes his enemies weep, our homage be. (8)

20. Our homage to him, who dashes forward with his bow full-stretched. (1) To the protector of harmless animals our homage be. (2) Our homage be to the vanquishing and piercing lord. (3) To the commander of the sharpshooters our homage be. (4) Our homage to the tall sword-wearer. (5) To the lord of theives our homage be. (6) Our homage be to the fast-moving robber, the loafer. (7) To the lord of forests our homage be. (8)

21. Our homage be to him, who cheats and is an arch-deceiver. (1) To the leader of thieves our homage be. (2) Our homage be to him, who wears sword and the quiver. (3) To the leader of robbers our homage be. (4) Our homage be to those, who carry lances and plan homicide. (5) To the leader of snatchers our homage be. (6) Our homage be to those, who wear swords and roam at night. (7) To the lord of plunderers our homage be. (8)

22. Our homage be to him, who wearing a turban roams in the mountains. (1) To the leader of grabbers our homage be. (2) Our homage be to you, who carry arrows; (3) and to those, who carry bows, our homage be. (4) Our homage to you, who bend your bows; (5) and to you, who aim your arrows, our homage be. (6) Our homage to you, who draw the string of your bow; (7) and to those, who shoot arrows, our homage be. (8)

23. Our homage be to you, who hurl missiles; (1) and to you, who pierce, our homage be. (2) Our homage be to you, while you sleep; (3) and to you, when you are awake, our homage be. (4) Our homage be to you, when you lie down; (5) and to you, when you sit, our homage be. (6) Our homage be to you, when you stand; (7) and to you, when you run forward, our homage be. (8)

24. Our homage be to your assemblies; (1) and to you, the presiders of the assemblies, our homage be. (2) Our homage be to your horses; (3) and to you, the masters of the horses, our homage be. (4) Our homage be to your hordes, who pierce from all around; (5) and to your armies, who pierce painfuly, our homage be. (6) Our homage be to your hordes of bandits; (7) and to your hordes, that are slaughterers, our homage be. (8)

25. Our homage be to your units; (1) and to you, the commanders of the units, our homage be. (2) Our homage be to your multiracial legions; (3) and to you the commanders of the multiracial legions, our homage be. (4) Our homage be to your greedy hordes; (5) and to you, the commanders of the greedy hordes, our homage be. (6) Our homage be to your uncouth soldiers; (7) and to you, having all sorts of forms, our homage be. (8)

26. Our homage be to the armies; (1) and to you, the army commanders, our homage be. (2) Our homage be to you, who ride the chariots; (3) and to you, who have no chariots, our homage be. (4) Our homage be to the warriors fighting from the chariots; (5) and to you the drivers of the chariots, our homage be. (6) Our homage be to you, the grown ups; (7) and to you, the young boys, our homage be. (8)

27. Our homage be to you, the carpenters; (1) and to you, the chariot-makers, our homage be. (2) Our homage be to you, the potters; (3) and to you, the blacksmiths, our homage be. (4) Our homage be to you, the fishermen; (5) and to you, the bird-catchers, our homage be. (6) Our homage be to you, the dog-leaders; (7) and to you, the hunters of deer, our homage be. (8)

28. Our homage be to dogs; (1) and to you, the masters of dogs, our homage be. (2) Our homage be to him, from whom all the beings are born; (3) and to the terrible punisher. (4) Our homage be to the killer of sin; (5) and to the lord of animals.(6) Our homage be to the dark-necked; (7) and to the sharp-voiced. (8)

29. Our homage be to one with braided hair; (1) and to the shaven-headed. (2) Our homage be to the thousand- eyed Lord; (3) and to the hundred-bowed Lord. (4) Our homage be to Him, who sleeps on the mountain; (5) and to Him, who resides in all the creatures. (6) Our homage be to the most bountiful; (7) and to the one armed with arrows. (8)

30. Our homage be to the tiny; (1) and to the dwarf. (2) Our homage be to the tall; (3) and to the grown up. (4) Our homage be to the old; (5) and to one having company of the old. (6) Our homage be to the foremost; (7) and to the first. (8)

31. Our homage be to the quick-moving; (1) and to the quick-acting. (2) Our homage be to the swift-going; (3) and to the swift-flowing. (4) Our homage be to the full of waves; (5) and to the flowing down with a roar. (6) Our homage be to the dweller by a river; (7) and to the dweller of an island. (8)

32. Our homage be to the eldest; (1) and to the youngest. (2) Our homage be to the earlier-born; (3) and to the later born. (4) Our homage be to the middle-born; (5) and to the immature-born. (6) Our homage be to the lowest; (7) and to the one in depth below. (8)

33. Our homage be to the Lord, who pervades this world, full of virtues and sins; (1) and to Him, who cures wounds. (2) Our homage be to Him, who controls evil; (3) and to Him, who preserves good. (4) Our homage be to Him, who is pariseworthy; (5) and to Him, who leads all actions to completion. (6) Our homage be to Him, who makes earth fertile; (7) and to Him who lords it over threshing-floor. (8)

34. Our homage be to Him, who pervades the woods; (1) and pervades the valleys. (2) Our homage be to Him, who is the sound; (3) and is the echo. (4) Our homage be to Him, who makes the armies quick-moving; (5) and makes the chariots fast-running. (6) Our homage be to Him, who is chivalry personified; (7) and who rends asunder. (8)

35. Our homage be to the wearer of the helmet; (1) and to the wearer of the cuirass. (2) Our homage be to the wearer of the mail; (3) and to the wearer of the protective armour. (4) Our homage be to the warrior, who is famous; (5) and to him, whose army is much renowned. (6) Our homage be to him, who has drums; (7) and to him, who marches with the beating drums. (8)

36. Our homage be to him, who is bold; (1) and to him, who is prudent. (2) Our homage be to him, who carries a sword; (3) and to him, who carries quivers. (4) Our homage be to him, who has sharp arrows; (5) and to him who has weapons. (6) Our homage be to him, who has good weapons; (7) and to him, who has fine bows. (8)

37. Our homage be to him, who rules over pathways; (1) and rules over highways. (2) Our homage be to him, who rules over wells; (3) and rules over springs. (4) Our homage be to him, who rules over canals; (5) and rules over lakes. (6) Our homage be to him, who rules over rivers; (7) and rules over ponds. (8)

38. Our homage be to him, who rules over wells; (1) and rules over water-holes. (2) Our homage be to him, who rules over cloudy weather; (3) and rules over sunshine. (4) Our homage be to him, who rules over clouds; (5) and rules over lightning. (6) Our homage be to Him, who rules over rain; (7) and rules over draught. (8)

39. Our homage be to Him, who rules over winds; (1) and rules over tornadoes. (2) Our homage be to Him, who rules over buildings; (3) and is the protector of buildings. (4) Our homage be to the blissful Lord; (5) and to terrible punisher. (6) Our homage be to the scarlet-coloured; (7) and to the reddish one (8)

40. Our homage be to the bestower of weal; (1) and to the Lord of animals. (2) Our homage be to the wrathful Lord; (3) and to the Lord terrible. (4) Our homage be to Him, who kills the near ones; (5) and to Him, who kills the distant ones. (6) Our homage be to Him, who is the killer; (7) and to Him the slaughterer. (8) Our homage be to the trees, green with leaves. (9) Our homage be to the Lord, the deliverer. (10)

41. Our homage be to Him, who is joy personified; (1) and to Him, who is bliss personified. (2) Our homage be to Him, who is the granter of joy; (3) and to Him, who is the granter of Bliss. (4) Our homage be to Him, who is benevolent; (5) and to Him, who is exceedingly benevolent. (6)

42. Our homage be to Him, who is on the other side of this world; (1) and to Him, who is on this side of the world. (2) Our homage be to Him, who helps us to swim across; (3) and to Him, who carries across. (4) Our homage be to Him, who rules over the fords; (5) and to Him, who rules over the banks. (6) Our homage be to Him, who pervades the weeds; (7) and to Him who pervades the foam (8)

43. Our homage be to Him, who rules over the sands; (1) and to Him who rules over the flow. (2) Our homage be to Him, who rules over pebbles; (3) and to Him who rules over pools. (4) Our homage be to Him, who rules over shells and conches; (5) and to Him, who rules over sand banks. (6) Our homage be to Him, who rules over barren lands; (7) and to Him, who rules over crowded highways. (8)

44. Our homage be to Him, who is the master of cattle-farms; (1) and to Him, who is the master of cow-stalls. (2) Our homage be to Him, who is the master of beds; (3) and to Him, who is the master of homes. (4) Our homage be to Him, who rules over pools; (5) and to Him, who rules over whirlpools. (6) Our homage be to Him, who rules over wells; (7) and to Him, who rules over abysses. (8)

45. Our homage be to Him, who pervades the dry; (1) and to Him who pervades loose earth. (2) Our homage be to Him, who pervades the dust; (3) and to Him who pervades the pollen-dust. (4) Our homage be to Him, who is in inaccessible places; (5) and to Him, who is in shrub-tracts. (6) Our homage be to Him, who is in earth; (7) and to Him, who is in fertile earth. (8)

46. Our homage be to Him, who is in leaves; (1) and to Him, who is in the falling leaves. (2) Our homage be to Him, who threatens; (3) and to Him, who kills. (4) Our homage be to Him, who tortures from every quarter; (5) and to Him, who tortures much. (6) Our homage be to you, the makers of arrows; (7) and to you, the makers of bows. (8) Our homage be to you, the creators of the world, and the most important of Nature's bounties. (9) Our homage be to the differentiators between virtue and vice. (10) Our homage be to the destroyers of evil. (11) Our homage be to those, who themselves are indestructible. (12)

47. O torturer of wicked, Lord of food, devoid of all sorts of possessions, O Lord with azure and red hue, may you never frighten our people and our animals. May you never cause any injury to them and nothing whatsoever of ours be ever sick. (1)

48. We offer these thoughtful praises to the terrible Lord, immensely strong, wearing braided hair and surrounded by warriors, so that there be happiness for our bipeds and quadrupeds, and all in this village be well-nourished and free from illness. (1)

49. O terrible Lord, with that form of yours, which is pleasing and auspicious, a perpetual remedy, and pleasing remedy for all the ills, may you favour us, so that we may live. (1)

50. May the weapon of the terribe Lord spare us; may the ill-feeling of the wrathful malevolent leave us aside. O showerer of benefits, do not aim your bow towards the sacrificers, who offer oblations, and bless our sons and the grandsons with your grace. (1)

51. O most bountiful, O most gracious, be gracious and friendly to us. Leave your weapon on the distant tree and then, clad in your robes of skin, approach us. Come here carrying your bow (without arrow). (1)

52. O averter of injuries, O free from every blemish, our homage be to you, O glorious Lord. Thousands of weapons, which you have, may kill others and not us. (1)

53. There are thousands and thousands of weapons in your hands. O glorious Lord, being master of those weapons, keep their points turned away from us. (1)

54. There are innumerable, thousands of terrible punishers on this earth. May we get their bows unbent even a thousands leagues away. (1)

55. There are many terrible punishers in this vast mid-space, which is full of water. May we get their bows unbent even a thousand leagues away. (1)

56. There are many terrible punishers with dark necks and sharp voices, inhabiting the sky. May we get their bows unbent even a thousand leagues away. (1)

57. There are many terrible punihsers with dark necks and sharp voices, who stay underground. May we get their bows unbent even a thousand leagues away. (1)

58. There are many straw-coloured, dark-necked, red-hued terrible punishers, who hide themselves on trees. May we get their bows unbent even a thousand leagues away. (1)

59. There are many terrible punishers, either shaven-headed or having braided hair, who are lords of all creatures. May we get their bows unbent even a thousand leagues away. (1)

60. There are some terrible punishers, who are lords of highways and who protect travellers. They supply food and fight throughout their life. May we get their bows unbent even a thousand leagues away. (1)

61. There are many terrible punishers, who, armed with daggers and swords, frequent the fords of river. May we get their bows unbent even a thousand leagues away. (1)

62. There are some terrible punishers, who slash down men, when they are taking food or when they are drinking from their mugs. May we get their bows unbent even a thousand leagues away. (1)

63. The terrible punishers, who are so many and more than even these, occupy all the regions. May we get their bows unbent even a thousand leagues away. (1)

64. Our obeisance be to the terrible punishers, who are in the sky and whose arrows are the rain-waters. For them ten to the east, ten to the south, ten to the west, ten to the north, and ten upwards. Our obeisance be to them. May they protect us. May they give us comfort. We put in their jaws the man, whom we hate and who hates us. (1)

65. Our obeisance be to the terrible punishers, who are in the mid-space and whose arrows are the winds. For them ten to the east, ten to the south, ten to the west, ten to the north and ten upwards. Our obeisance be to them. May they protect us. May they give us comfort. We put in their jaws the man, whom we hate and who hates us. (1)

66. Our obeisance be to the terrible punishers, who are here on the earth and whose arrows are the food. For them ten to the east, ten to the south, ten to the west, ten to the north and ten upwards. Our obeisance be to them. May they protect us. May they give us comfort. We put in their jaws the man, whom we hate and who hates us. (1)