

Non- Virtues of Shoorpanakha in Ramayana



Shoorpanaka was a demon and her non-virtues were that she was ugly ,jealous , lying and had a wicked heart .She was Dushtabuddhi's wife and Ravana's sister. They were all demons.

Shoorpanaka was very ugly and had a gigantic body with a pot belly. Her voice was very harsh and she was cross eyed.

Dushtabuddhi was killed by Ravana because he was not being grateful to him for all the favors he had provided. Dushtabuddhi's scheme was to get more power and destroy Ravana but this scheme from his side led to his death . The death of her husband made Shoorpanakha very angry . So she would often go out of Lanka to visit her relatives near Panchavathi.

Panchavathi was the place where Rama, Sita and Lakshmana were living after moving out from Ayodhya . During one of Shoorpanaka's visits to Panchavathi, she sees Rama. She gets attracted to his looks and wants to marry him. She uses her power of Maya and transforms herself to a beautiful lady. She meets Rama and asks him to marry her. But Rama says that he is married to Sita and he will have only her as his wife. Shoorpanaka gets very angry on hearing this. Rama suggests that she can marry his brother Lakshmana. Shoorpanaka

feels very happy and asks Lakshmana to marry to her. Lakshmana also rejects her and tells her that he cannot marry her. This makes Shoorpanaka get more angry and jealous of Sita, so she tries to attack Sita in her demon's form. Lakshmana cuts off her nose and ears in the fight and sends her back to Lanka.

Shoorpanaka feels very unhappy and narrates the incident to Ravana except she lies to him that she went to bring Sita as she would be perfect to be Ravana's wife and Lakshmana attacks her. Hearing this Ravana remembers Sita's swayamvara and how angry he was when she got married to Rama. He decides to get Sita to Lanka and marry her. Shoorpanaka had succeeded in telling lies to Ravana to bring Sita to Lanka from Rama's house in Panchavathi. This also shows Shoorpanaka had another non-virtue of having heart filled with wickedness.

Shoorpanaka and her non-virtues (Jealous, Lying, wicked heart and Ugliness) caused the Big Battle between Ravana and Rama for Sita.

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