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WE DON'T OWN BUT WE OWN - 1

ABHIMANYU

Abhimanyu was the son of Arjun but reincarnation of son of moon-god(Chandra). When the moon-god was asked to let his son incarnate himself on earth, he made a pact that his son will only remain on earth for 16 years as he could not bear to be separated from him.

KURUKSHETRA WAR

13th Day

The kaurava supremo Dronacharya planned to divert Arjuna and Krishna away to chase a small part of their large army which was sent towards dwaraka. Meanwhile 90% of their remaining army was grouped into the giant discus formation, which caused great loss for the pandavas. If the formation continued till end of that day, the pandavas would have no army by sunset.

The only 2 people on the pandava army who completely knew about how to enter and break this formation were Arjuna and Krishna, who were away. Hence, without option, all other pandava generals turned to Abhimanyu, Arjuna's son.

Abhimanyu's story came to prominence when he entered the powerful Chakravyuha battle formation of the Kaurava army.

Abhimanyu claimed that he could decimate the entire kaurava and pandava army in a fair combat. Abhimanyu was trained in all types of warfare by Lord Krishna and Arjuna themselves, and later by Pradyumna (Sri Krishna's son)

Abhimanyu learnt the art of breaking into the Chakravyuha when he was in Subhadra's womb. It was when Arjuna was narrating the art of breaking into Chakravyuha to Subhadra.

But he did not know how to destroy the formation once he was inside, as Krishna had stopped the conversation and taken away Arjuna.

As soon as Abhimanyu entered the formation, Jayadrathana, the ruler of Sindh blocked the other pandavas, so that Abhimanyu was left alone. Jayadrathana, who had been humiliated by the pandavas 5 years ago, had made severe penance and got a boon from Lord Shiva himself that:

Jayadrathan can completely hold back and counter-power, any army (except Arjuna and Krishna) for ONE SINGLE DAY of war.

Inside the Chakravyuha, the trapped Abhimanyu went on a killing rampage, intending on carrying out the original strategy by himself and killing tens of thousands of Kaurava soldiers. He defeated great warriors like Drona, & Kripa, who did play with full might.

And then, Ashwatthama, Duryodhana, Salya, Dussasana, Bhurisrava and killed many prominent heroes including Duryodhana's son Lakshmana, Salya's son Rukmaratha, Kritavarma's son Matrikavata, Salya's brother, King Brihadbala and many others.[6][better source needed] Karna was the laststanding great warrior who could over-power abhimanyu. But since abhimanyu was just a teenager, karna did not use his full might against him, and was fighting in an equal challenge.

Finally, a strategy was formed and a joint attack on Abhimanyu followed. Karna cut off Abhimanyu's bow and stopped his attack, Kripa killed his two chariot-drivers, and Kritavarma killed his horses; Abhimanyu took up a sword and a shield but these weapons were cut off by Drona and Ashwathama.

Abhimanyu then took up a chariot-wheel and threw it at Drona, but Kripa and Aswatthama saved Drona by cutting the wheel. Abhimanyu continues to fight, picking up discarded weapons as he requires.

In one prominent ending, Abhimanyu defends himself with a chariot-wheel in a final stand, he is killed when numerous warriors simultaneously attack him from all sides.

GHATOTKACHA

Ghatotkacha was born to Hidimbi and the Pandava Bhima. When traveling the countryside with his brothers and mother as a brahmin, having escaped the lakshagraha, Bhima saved Hidimbi from her wicked brother Hidimba.

Soon after Ghatotkacha was born, Bhima had to leave his family, as he still had duties to complete at Hastinapura. Ghatotkacha grew up under the care of Hidimbi. One day he received a pearl which he later gave to his cousin Abhimanyu.

Like his father Ghatotkacha primarily fought with the mace. Lord Krishna gave him a boon that no one in the world would be able to match his sorcery skills (except Krishna himself).

His wife was Ahilawati and his son was Barbarika.

In the Mahābhārata, Ghatotkacha was summoned by Bhima to fight on the Pandava side in the Kurukshetra battle. Invoking his magical powers, he wrought great havoc in the Kaurava army.

14th DAY

In particular, after the death of Jayadratha on the fourteenth day of battle, when the battle continued on past sunset, his powers were at their most effective.

At this point in the battle, the Kaurava leader Duryodhana appealed to Karna, to kill Ghatotkacha as the whole Kaurava army was coming close to annihilation due to Ghatotkacha's attacks.

Karna possessed a divine weapon called the Vasavi Shakti, granted by the god Indra. Only able to use it once, Karna had been saving it for his battle with his rival, Arjuna.

Unable to refuse Duryodhana, Karna discharged the weapon against Ghatotkacha, killing him.

It is said that when Ghatotkacha realised that he was going to die, that he assumed a gigantic size. When the huge body fell, it crushed one akshauhini of the Kaurava army

After his death Krishna was glad Karna no longer had Vasavi Sakthi to use against Arjuna.

12th Day 11 PM

Place: Gurukshetra, war camp of Abhimanyu

Ghatotkacha enters in to the tent

Ghatotkacha: ***Greetings brother, God bless you.***

Abhimanyu: Pranams brother. (***Touching Ghatotkachafeet.***)

Ghatotkacha: ***Dear brother, I am elder to you, but after my father left me in the forest under the care of my mother, I don't know much about the world you know. Throughout my life I was simply chasing the animals and cultivating wild crops.***

I knew only my mother and relatives and I spent my whole life in taking care of our subjects in our jungle. I never bothered about me and my future.

Good that I came to know I have got a brilliant younger brother like you and I am fortunate that my father Bhim called me to Kurukshetra to fight.

12 days are over and I don't know how many days are left. Few questions are daunting me but I am not sure who would clear my doubts. So I came to you.

Abhimanyu: ***Anna, Pranams again. I am too small to answer your questions. Right person is our Uncle Krishna, who would be pleased to preach even in the war field. Why don't you approach him ? Perhaps it would be a relief to my father Arjun too.***

Ghatotkacha: ***No...no.... all the elders are busy with their personal issues and they don't understand our concerns and when I asked them, they responded that I should do what I was told to do and I should not ask any question.***

But you are the future, you are going to be the king and you are supposed to know what is going on here.

Abhimanyu: ***ok Anna, you list out your question and I try, but kindly take this chair and have some fruit juice.***

Ghatotkacha: ***Thanks brother.***

- 1. The Hastinapur belong to all of us and we are the persons to take care of the Hastinapur.***
- 2. The administrator Dhuryodhanan also our Father like.***
- 3. No.1 of the administration Bhishma was only actually ruling till our uncle took charge.***
- 4. He should have interest on us too as our parents are his grand children and we are his grand children.***
- 5. Earlier our grand father Pandu was only ruling.***
- 6. Hasthinapur's Minister Vithur appears to be good man but no use.***
- 7. Our other grand father Dhrutharashtrar is blind and obviously supporting the present administrator, our uncle.***

8. *Hastinapur was going well and it was ruling the world, when we all were together.*
9. *The problem started when the administration wanted to divide Hastinapur and driving the people like our parents out who are having real interest and who built up the Hastinapur to present level.*
10. *Our Uncle Uthistrar went to the extend of gambling, betting all our fixed, movable assets including our mother and ultimately lost.*
11. *Our uncle Shakuni plans to snatch the power from us and drive us out.*
12. *Why they don't understand our entire family pride will get vanished?*
13. *Is it not true that we all will be destroyed along with Hastinapur?*
14. *Why our grand parents who were enjoying the fruits of Hastinapur cannot think that the youths like us also will be lost in the war?*
15. *If our elders did not do their duty properly during the yesteryears, why the youths like you and me to be dragged in to the war and be given the warning of EITHER SURRENDER OR GET KILLED?*
16. *After killing all the youths what they are going to retain for the country?*
17. *Should I not apprehend that our dear Hastinapur will be taken over by these small kings and we all will either die or left in lurch?*
18. *Above all, whether we are responsible for the present state of affairs of Hastinapur and why these punishments are to be thrust on us?*

Abhimanyu: *Anna, these are the questions daunting me too. Certainly we the youths are not responsible for the present plight of Hastinapur. But Hastinapur is ours. I know only this much that WE DON'T OWN THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE HASTINAPUR BUT, WE OWN HASTINAPUR. We shall fight till the Hastinapur is saved and regain the old glories.*

We may be lacking in experience but we have got genuine interest and intention in Hastinapur and we shall save the Hastinapur even at the cost of life.

Anna, you go and sleep, I am there to manage the affairs tomorrow as I know our elders are not there but, I will come out successfully.

Next day was 13th day, Abhimanyu went in to Chakravyuga successfully managed but due to inexperience he could not come out and all the captains of the present ruler joined together and in an unethical war Abhimanyu got killed.

On 14th day Ghatotkacha entered in to war field, and alone successfully managed the situation against all the big stars in the war field.

But killed by Karnan – such a big warrior.

These youths sacrifice did not go waste that they won and regained Hastinapur.

But our youths in Public sector Banks, though they don't own the past mistakes they will own the PSBs and thus will not lose themselves in the current war, but come out successfully and regain the glories of PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS.

(To be continued.....)