**Allusions (selected)**

**Possible sources in the core text for Agastya’s post-victory narrative (see pp.5-7 andch.6)**For details of allusions to the boons gained by Rāvaṇa and his family see the lists on **‘Boons’**

Allusions to the ancestry of Rāvaṇa in the whole of the first 6 books (including the *Bālakāṇḍa*) relate him only through the male line to Pulastya and Viśravas, two seers:

Paulastya 1,19.15

Viśravas 1,19.17

Pulastya, Viśravas: 5,21.4-8

Viśravas, Vaiśravaṇa: 3,64.16 (by Jaṭāyus)

4,57.19 (by Saṃpāti)

**Non-narrated allusions culled from extended passages:**

1) participation in the war between gods and Asuras — struck 1000 times by Viṣṇu’s discus and by the weapons of all the other gods

2) various unspecified acts of violence

3) conquest of Vāsuki at Bhogavatī, carrying off Takṣaka’s wife

4) conquest of Naravāhana at Mt Kailāsa, seizing Puṣpaka *cf*. 7,15

5) destruction of Caitraratha, Nalinī and Nandana woods

6) ability to halt the sun and the moon

7) austerities for 1000 years in great forest, offering heads to Svayambhu, gaining immunity from gods, Dānavas, Gandharvas, Piśācas, birds and snakes, but not man (*cf*. 7,10)

8) seizure of *soma*

**Rāvaṇa’s previous exploits according to 3,30.7-21**  7: fights gods and *asuras cf. 5,18.20, 6,7.9-10 and 7,23.7* scarred by Airāvata *5,8.14* *VRm 6,7+VRm 7: episode wanting*

10: wounded in combat with gods, including by Viṣṇu’s discus  *5,8.14* *7,1—34 wanting*

12: violates wives of others  *7,24.1-16+25.16-18*

disrupts sacrifices *vague/unsupported*

13: defeats Vāsuki and Takṣaka in Bhogavatī, abducts Takṣaka’s wife *cf. 6,7* *Bhogavatī, Vāsuki 7,23.4*

*Takṣaka and wife 7,1-34 wanting*

14: defeats Kubera on Kailāsa, seizes *puṣpaka frequent*

15: destroys heavenly gardens, pond and forest  *7,13.9+19*

16: prevents sun and moon from rising *vague bombast/unsupported*

17: austerities, offers heads *7,10*

18: invulnerable except to men *Viṣṇu participation implied  
 ALLUSIONS: unspecific 3,52.18; 7,14.23*

*ALLUSIONS: detailed 5,49.24-26; 6,48.5-7; 6,82.29;*

*FULL NARRATIVE 7,10.10-20; BRIEF NARRATIVES (Viṣṇu stage) 1,14.12-14; 1,15.4-6*

19: pollutes *soma* sacrifice *unspecific*

20: disrupts sacrifices, murders *brāhmans*, “makes all creatures wail” *unspecific*

**episodes not alluded to in 3,30:**

7,16 lifting of Kailāsa

7,17 attack on Vedavatī, her prophecy

7,18 attack on Marutta

7,19 Anaraṇya’s curse

7,20-22 fight with Yama

7,23 fight with Nivātakavacas, fight with sons of Varuṇa

7,24 killing of Śūrpanakhā’s husband

7,25 feud with Madhu

7,26 rape of Rambhā

7,27-30 fight with Indra

7,31-33 encounter with Arjuna

7,34 attack on Vālin

**Rāvaṇa’s previous exploits according to6,7**

3-4: defeats Kubera on Kailāsa, despite Kubera’s alliance with Maheśvara *allusion to frequent episode particularised at 7,13.21-31+35*

5: seizes *puṣpaka frequent allusions*

6: afraid, Maya seeks alliance by giving daughter as wife  *no mention of fear when marriage offered at 7,12.15-18*

7: defeats Madhu, beloved by Kumbhīnasī *threatens conquest, makes alliance instead on plea of Kumbhīnasī 7,25.20-50 cf. Rāvaṇa has failed in duty to protect Śūrpaṇakhā in previous sarga*

8: defeats Vāsuki, Takṣaka *et al* in Rasātala *Bhogavati in Rasātala, Vāsuki 7,23.4*

*Takṣaka 7,1—34 wanting*

9-10: defeats *dānavas* in year-long battle, gains magic powers  *7,23.7 cf. 3,30.7*

11: defeats sons of Varuṇa  *7,23.3+20-45*

12-13: defeats Yama  *7,20.14—22.43 cf. 6,98.12*

**other incidental references**

3,46.2-9; 52.18; 64.16

4,57.19

5,8.14; 18.20; 21.4-10; 49.24-26

6,34.29; 48.5-7; 82.29-30; 98.12; 99.3-4,38

**minor discrepancies:**

3,30.7 and 5,8.14:   
 Rāvaṇa scarred by Airāvata: *episode wanting at 6,7 and 7,1—34*

3,30.10 and 5,8.14:  
 Rāvaṇa wounded by Viṣṇu’s discus during combat with gods

*episode wanting in 7,1—34*

3,30.13:   
 defeats Vāsuki and Takṣaka in Bhogavatī, abducts Takṣaka’s wife

*6,7.8: defeats Vāsuki, Takṣaka et al in Rasātala*

*7,23.4: Vāsuki at Bhogavatī in Rasātala; Takṣaka and wife wanting*

**allusions to Rāvaṇa’s deceptive boon:**  *cf. T/TB* motif M 305:*‘Ambiguous oracle’*

*full narrative* 7,10.10-20

*brief narratives* (*Viṣṇu stage*)   
 1,14.12-14; 1,15.4-6

*some details* 5,49.24-26  
 6,48.5-7

6,82.29  
*no details* 3,52.18   
*boon not mentioned* 5,8.13-20

5,18.20

**6,82.29-36** (*rākṣasī* widows’ lament): boon excludes men; Śiva predicts birth of Sītā to destroy *rākṣasas*  *either post-Vedavatī,**post-Viṣṇu avatāra at 1,14—15, so very late*

*or inspiration for Vedavatī and Viṣṇu avatāra*

*BUT on 7,17 see also Agastya’s Narrative (rākṣasas) ch.6, p.107*

**7,29.22-40: Indrajit defeats Indra**

elsewhere episode absent; enmity mentioned:  
 6,67.18: Indrajit is ‘Indra’s angry foe*’*  6,78.46: Śakra is delighted by Indrajit’s death

5,21.10 and 6,98.12:   
 allusions to Indra’s defeat by Rāvaṇa himself may refer to an earlier form of the episode, predating Indrajit’s implausible intervention at 7,29.32-36 in which he is shown to take over command from an exhausted Rāvaṇa.

**6,82.34-36 post-Vedavatī episode, exalts Śiva (*i.e.* VERY late)**

defeats Vaiśravaṇa, seizes *puṣpaka*  3,30.14; 46.2-6 *and frequently*

defeats Kubera on Kailāsa, despite his alliance with Maheśvara 6,7.3-5 *allusion to frequent episode particularised at 7,13.21-31+35*

fights gods and *asuras* 3,30.7; 46.7; 5,18.20

defeats *dānavas* in year-long battle, gains magic powers 6,7.9-10  
 scarred by Airāvata 3,30.7; 5,8.14

wounded in combat with gods, including by Viṣṇu’s discus 3,30.10; 5,8.14 *7,1—34 wanting*

defeats sons of Varuṇa 6,7.11  
 defeats Yama 6,7.12-13; 98.12  
 Indrajit defeats Indra 5,21.10; 6,98.12; 6,99.3,38

*see also* *VRm* 1,14.8 *and RU* 272.2-3

sages etc. all flee from Rāvaṇa 6,98.12-13; 99.4

destroys heavenly gardens, pond and forest 3,30.15

afraid, Maya seeks alliance by giving daughter as wife 6,7.6

*no mention of fear when marriage offered 7,12.15-18*

violates wives of others 3,30.12

defeats Vāsuki and Takṣaka in Bhogavatī, abducts Takṣaka’s wife 3,30.13; 6,7.8 *Bhogavatī, Vāsuki 7,23.4*

*Takṣaka and wife VRm 7 wanting*

defeats Madhu, beloved by Kumbhīnasī 6,7.7

*threatens conquest, makes alliance instead on plea of Kumbhīnasī 7,25.20-50 cf. Rāvaṇa has failed in duty to protect Śūrpaṇakhā in previous sarga*

disrupts sacrifices 3,30.12 *vague/unsupported*

prevents sun and moon from rising etc. 3,30.16; 46.8-9 *vague bombast/unsupported*

pollutes *soma* sacrifice 3,30.19 *unspecific*

disrupts sacrifices, murders *brāhmans*, “makes all creatures wail” 3,30.20 *unspecific*

**Rāma’s ordained task**

2,104.4: heavenly seers applaud Bharata’s decision to let Rāma remain in forest to destroy Rāvaṇa

2,108.11: Citrakūṭa ascetics are afraid of Khara and *rākṣasas*, who molest ascetics

**Hanumān:**

parentage, early exploits and boons:  
 4,65.6-28 brief narrative

5,48.14 allusion to boon

6,19.13-16 brief narrative

7,35—36 detailed narrative