

Prologue: *Karnabharam (Bhasa)*

STAGE MANAGER: With these words, my lords and gentlemen, I have to announce to you – But what is that? I thought I heard a noise just as I was to make my announcement. Well, I must see what it is.

VOICE BEHIND THE SCENE: Ho there, take word to this Highness the King of the Angas.

STAGE MANAGER: Good, I understand. A flurried servitor with folded hands bring sword to Karna at Duryodhana's behest that the battle grows tumultuous. *(Exit.)*