

**Ayodhya Kanda:** King Dasharatha became old, so according to the rule, he decided to make his eldest son Rama the crown prince. But Kaikeyee objected at the evil counsel of her maid Manthara. Once Dasharatha promised Kaikeyee two boons. The first boon was Bharata would be the king. Second one, Rama would go to a forest in exile for fourteen years. Manthara asked Kaikeyee to demand the fulfillment of the two boons. After hearing this, Dasharatha was very much upset. Rama came to know about all these, so he went to the forest to keep his father's promise. His wife Sita and his younger brother Lakshmana went with him.

Dasharatha died with grief for Rama. At that time, Kaikeyee's son Bharat returned to Ayodhya from his maternal uncle's house and rebuked his mother. He tried a lot to bring back Rama from the forest. But Rama did not return to Ayodhya. Then Bharata returned to Ayodhya with Rama's shoes and put those on the throne. Then sitting beside the throne, he ruled the Kingdom.

**Aranya Kanda (The Forest Event):** Rama, Lakshmana and Sita were living in the forest. They had less than a year to fulfill the fourteen years of their exile. In the meantime a misfortune came about. At that time, Ravana was the king of Lanka. Lanka was an island middle of the sea. It was very difficult to go to there. Ravana came in disguise from Lanka and robbed Sita.

**Kishkindhya Kanda:** Kishkindhya was the kingdom of the monkeys. After much wandering, Rama and Lakshmana went to Kishkindhya and made friendship with a monkey hero named Shugrib. Bali was the king of Kishkindhya and elder brother of Shugrib. There was no good relation between these two brothers. Rama helped Shugrib and killed Bali. Then, Shugrib became the king. In return, Shugrib sent the monkeys in various directions in search of Sita.

**Sundara Kanda (The Beautiful Event):** Hanuman was a great hero among the monkeys. He went to Lanka and found Sita in Asoka forest there. He disarrayed Lanka. He set fire to the houses of Lanka, for this many demons were died.

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