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## In Praise of Ghatotkach

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An offspring of Bhima 'n' Hidimba  
brave as a lion 'n' strong as an elephant,  
well-skilled in war 'n' weaponry,  
Ghatotkach came out of his hiding  
in the hills surrounded by dark woods  
at the dictates of his mother  
to fight for the just cause of the Pandavas.

He stood suddenly in front of Karna,  
the first son of unwedded Kunti  
thru her union with the greedy Gods  
who had offered him divine weapons  
which were never to miss the mark.  
In the absence of his uncle Arjuna,  
Who could have matched the war-skills of Karna,  
Ghatotkach waged a fierce fight with Karna,  
the great warrior representing the Kauravas.  
So fiercely did Ghatotkach clash with Karna  
that he was left with no option  
but to wield the divine weapons,  
which were to be used merely in emergency.

And when Karna let lose those weapons,  
Ghatotkach fell flat on the ground  
like a huge mountain cleft in twain.

But Ghatotkach had completed his mission.

He had engaged Karna in war  
the whole day, allowing time to the Pandavas  
to contact Arjuna 'n' to recall him at once  
to fight the mighty Karna the next day.

And for this, Ghatotkach has become immortal

In the annals of the Mahabhartar war.

**Not birth, caste or creed, but one's deed**

**Makes one noble 'n' glorious indeed.**

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