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Vatapi, Ilvala and Agastya Muni

#story ■

In the South of Vindhya there lived two Rakshasa brothers named Vatapi and Ilvala. They ate all travellers who pass their cottage using their powers. Ilvala would receive the traveller to rest in his cottage and have food. Vatapi would■



change the form of a goat. Ilvala will kill the goat and serve as food to the guest. After guest complete food, Ilvala will shout, "Vatapi, come out." Immediately Vatapi will open the stomach of the guest and come out Then the brothers will divide between them whatever belongings



their victim was carrying.

One day Agastya Muni, who was traveling to Vindhyas came that way. Ilvala was happy to see him. He invited Maharshi to rest in his cottage and have food, Agasthya readily agreed. Vatapi took form of a goat. Ilvala killed the goat, and served to Agastya



Agastya Muni who knew all their plans ate the food and gently touching his stomach told "Vatapi- jeernapi" (Vatapi digest). Ilvala as usual shouted Vatapi come out, but nothing happened. Agastya told, Vatapi will not come as he is digested.



Ilvala was became angry and rushed to attack Agastya. But Agastya opened his eyes wide and the next moment, Ilvala was reduced to ashes.



Courtesy: Book I am reading

