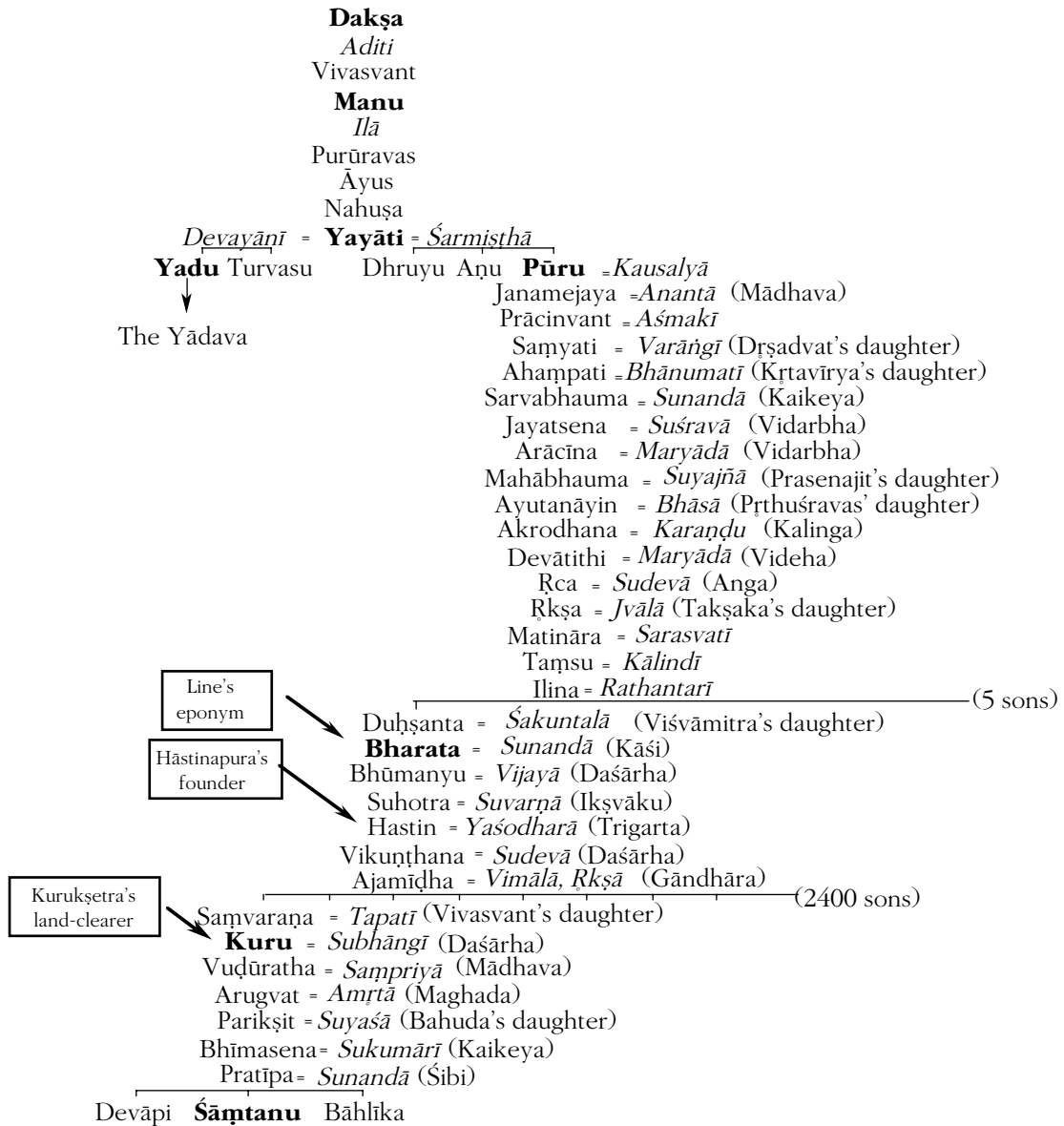


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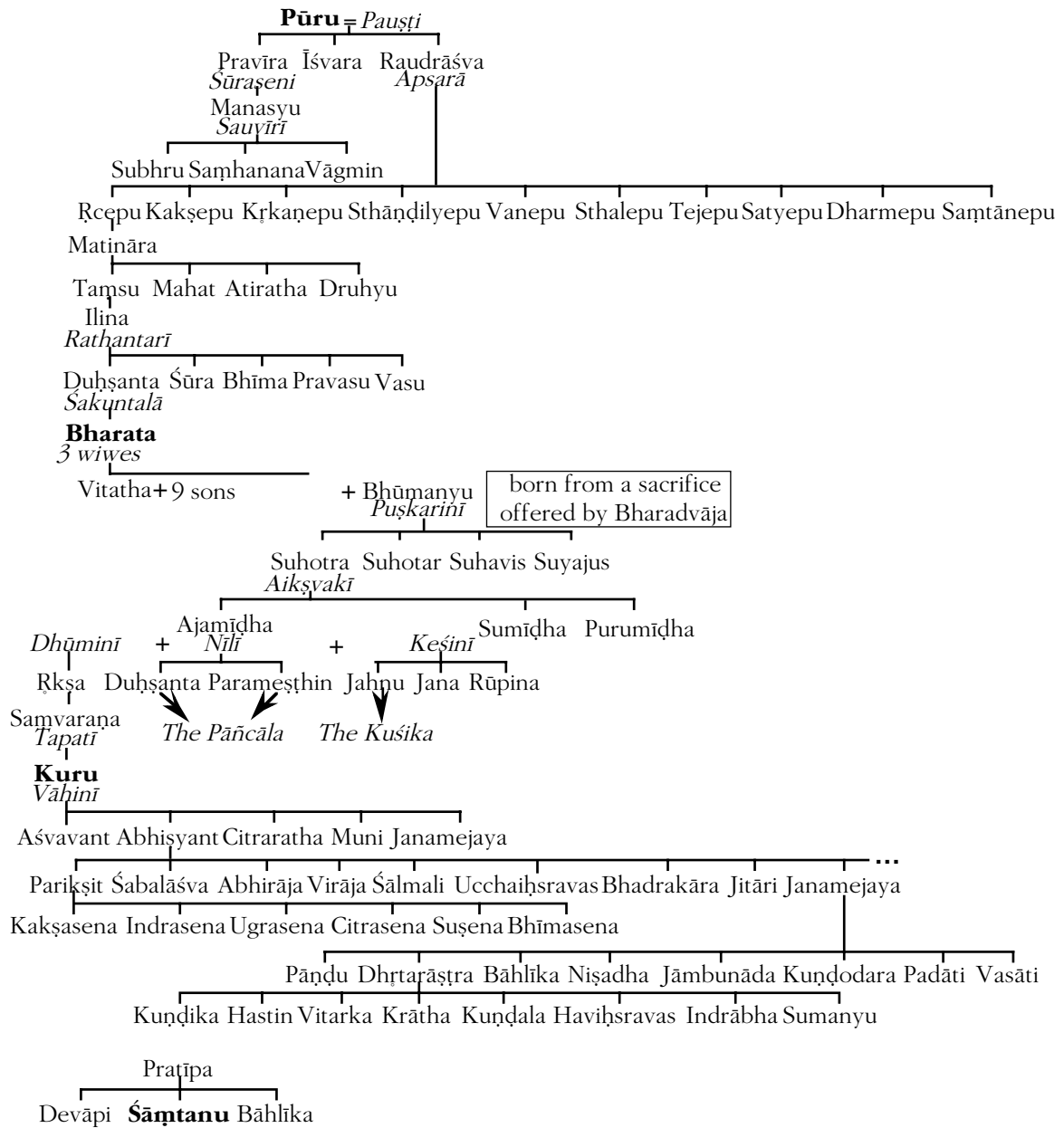
The protagonists of the great Kurukṣetra battle, the Pāṇḍava and the Kaurava, belong to the lunar dynasty. We give hereunder the full genealogy of this line of descent until **Śāmtanu**, the father of Bhīṣma and the grandfather of Dhṛtarāṣṭra and Pāṇḍu, that is 41 generations (cf MBh, I, 90). We put in bold the principal characters.



In this genealogy, the many matrimonial unions between the different peoples are clearly seen.

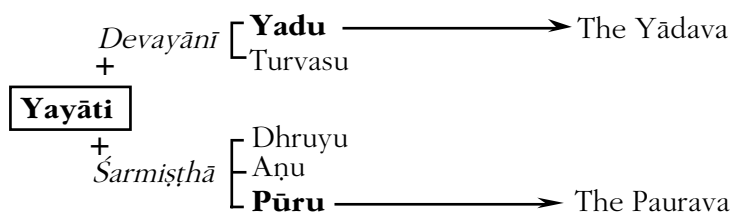
An other genealogy, from Pūru to Śāmtanu, is given in MBh, I, 89. It is more complex and perceptibly different from the first one. Some steps are missing, or not

very clear. There are only 22 generations between Pūru and Śāmtanu, instead of 32 before.



Yayāti has five sons. Yadu will give birth to the Yādava line to which Kṛṣṇa belongs and Pūru, although he is the youngest, will continue the Yāyati line, to which Bharata and Kuru belong. Turvasu, Dhruyu and Aṇu will give birth to lines ruling the indo-gangetic plain boundaries.

Yayāti's line

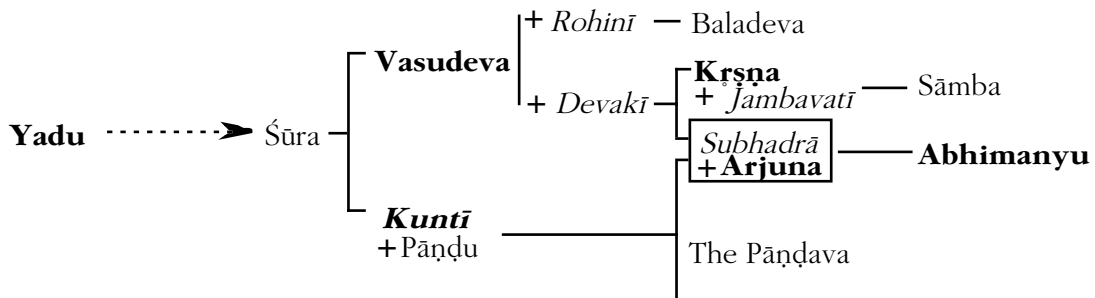


Śarmiṣṭhā is Vṛṣaparvan's daughter, the demons' king, and Devayānī the daughter of Kavya Uśanas, from Bhṛgu line see infra).

Bharata, who gives his name to the epic (Mahābhārata = the great (history of the) Bhārata), will be born of Duṣṣanta (Śakuntalā's episode, I, 62-69).

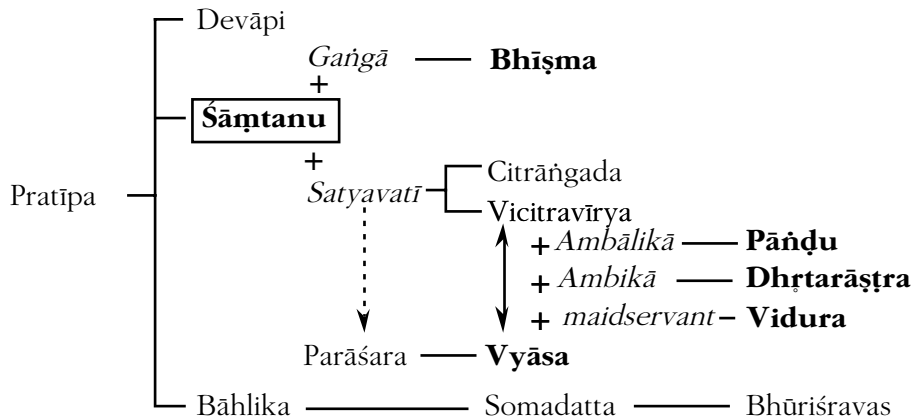
The following tables show the descendants of Śāmtanu and the relations between Vyāsa, Bhīṣma, Pāṇḍu and his sons, the Pāṇḍava, Dhṛtarāṣṭra and his sons, the Kaurava, and lastly Vidura, the principal protagonists of the battle.

**Relations between
Kṛṣṇa and the Pāṇḍava**

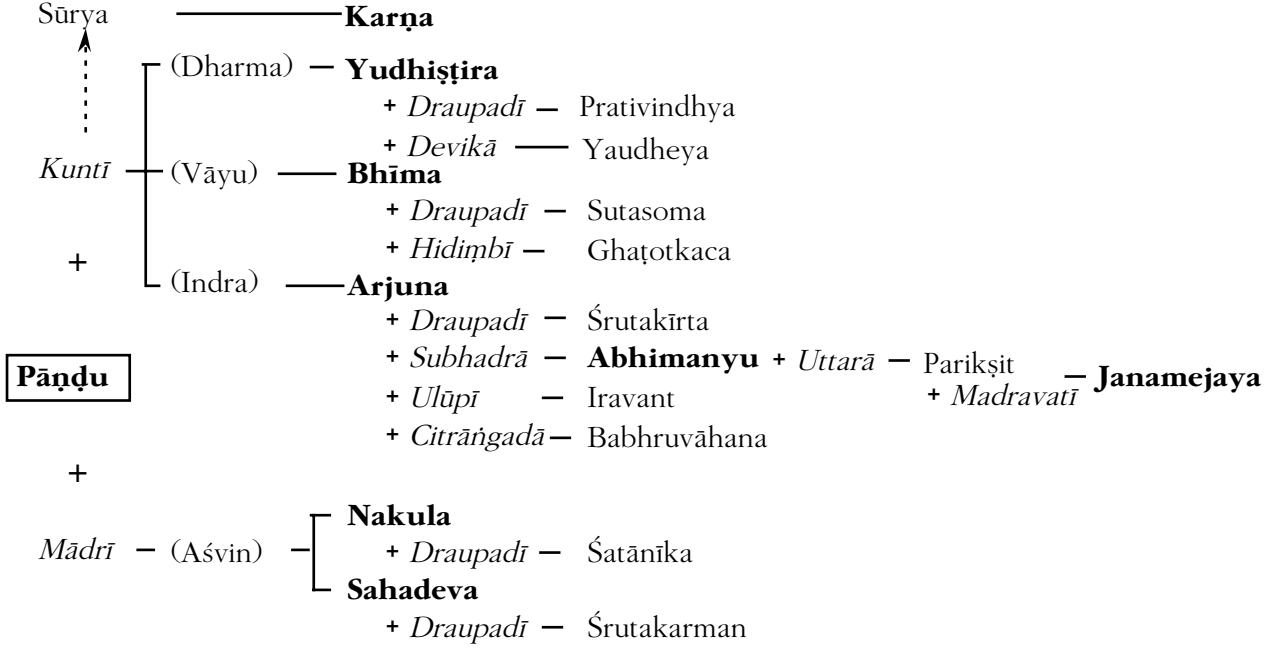


Kṛṣṇa is thus in the same time the brother-in-law and the cousin of Arjuna.

The Pāṇḍava and the Kaurava

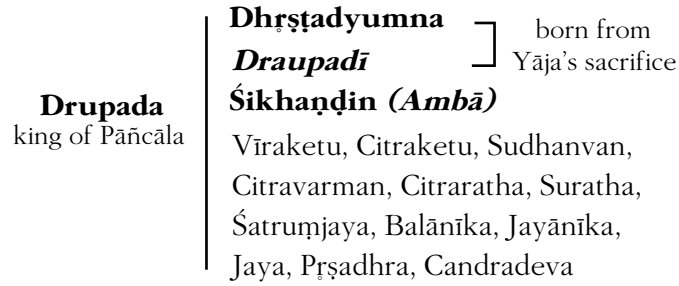


The Pāṇḍava



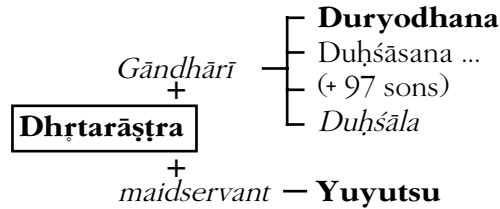
We have now to situate Draupadī:

Draupadī

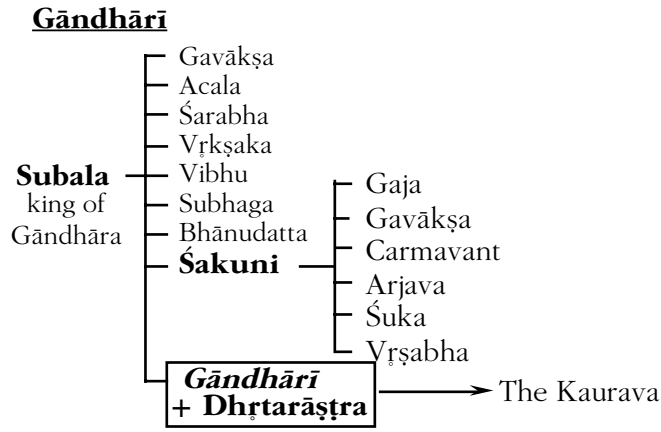


And the Kaurava:

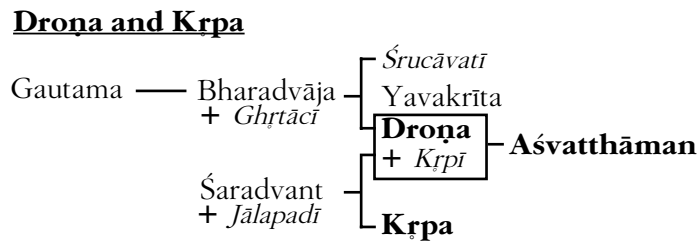
The Kaurava



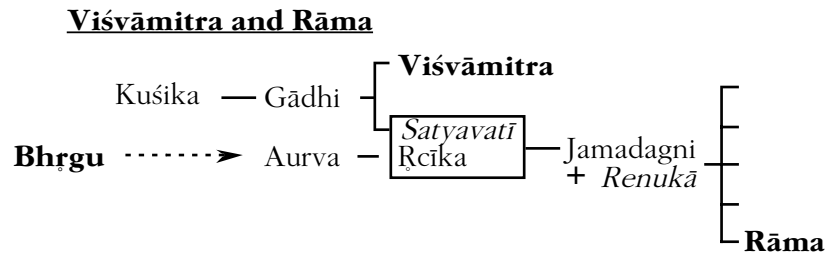
We have already seen the lines of Kuntī, mother of the Pāṇḍava, of Draupadī, wife of the Pāṇḍava and of Subhadṛā, wife of Arjuna. We have now to look for the line of Gāndhārī, wife of Dhṛtarāṣṭra :



The two teachers, Droṇa et Kṛpa, are thus related:



Other characters appear, who play an important role:



Bṛgu's line

