"History speak of all India south of the Jamuna as a vast wilderness inhabited by hostile demons and snakes. Religious hermits of northern race are described as dwelling in leafy bowers in their midst, while heroes and demi-gods wandered about like knights-errant protecting the devotees from their hostile acts."

-(Capt.) J. Forsyth

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