

THE PHRALAK PHRALAM or THE LAO RAMAYANA
EPISODE 6

"The End of Thotsakan (Ravana)"

Characters: Phralak & Phralam commanding the Army of the Apes, Hanuman Chief of Staff of the Army of the Apes, Thotsakan King of the Giants and his army.

Thotsakan, king of the giants, holds the reputation of being immortal and that therefore no one can kill him. The reason is that he has removed his heart and entrusted it to a hermit who lives deep in a thick virgin forest.

Hanuman, who knows this story, makes a long journey to discover the famous cavern that is supposed to hide the case containing the the felon's heart. It is difficult to steal the precious object, but Hanuman, who has more than one trick up his sleeve, is able to do so easily.

During the following battle, Hanuman displays the heart to Thotsakan and breaks it in front of him. Thotsakan fiercely renounces his own dismay and bravely pursues the fight. This sign of courage, however, does not greatly impress Phralam and his army.

The fight continues and Phralam takes up his bow and shoots an arrow into the center of the shattered heart. It does not take more to annihilate the vitality of the demonic king. He crumples from this providential arrow which has not so much as penetrated his body.

So the battle ended. Phra Lam makes his triumphal entry into the Palace of Lanka, where he is happy to finally find his beloved wife Sida. Thus the goal for which he fought so long and so patiently is achieved. Among other awards, distributed to the great servants devoted to his cause, Phra Lam names Phipek "Thao Phik Phi" king of Lanka and gives him his sister Nang Chantha, widow of Thotsakan, as his wife.