

THE PHRALAK PHRALAM or THE LAO RAMAYANA
EPISODE 7

"The Return of the Princess Sida"

Characters: Phralak, Phralam, and Nang Sida; Hanuman, Chief of Staff of the monkey army; and Phiphek "Tiao Phik Phi" (little brother of Thotsakan), the new king of Lanka.

Hanuman reports to Phralam that Princess Sida has been anguished to have been separated from Phralam for so long a time.

Phralam then has Princess Sida told that he has been sad and unhappy too. He orders Phiphek, the new King of the Kingdom of Lanka, to return Princess Sida and her retinue to his kingdom of Chanthabouri Si Sattanak.

The princess, so happy with this announced return, settles herself on the palanquin which awaits her at the bottom of the former palace of Thotsakan; her road would be long, but after all these misfortunes, joy would prevail.

When Phralam finally sees his wife, so long a prisoner of his enemy, the dreadful King Thotsakan, he is suddenly in doubt as to her fidelity.

He loses his temper and covers the princess with reproaches. The others present are troubled and withdraw.