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I. The Dream of Sultan Mangindra Cuaca

Purportedly, there was a wealthy, prosperous, and safe country named Negeri Indra Perjangka. Various kinds of trees and plants grew rapidly in all regions of the country. Large fields extended and provided the farmers with abundant supply of rice. Approaching the harvest time, large extensive fields looked like a golden sea. Various kinds of colourful and fragrant flowers decorated the park of Negeri Indra Perjangka.

The king of Negeri Indra Perjangka was Sultan Mangindra Cuaca. Sultan Mangindra Cuaca was a charismatic king endowed with a magic power. He had a strong armed-force with thousands of cavalry soldiers. Consequently, other rival countries did not dare to attack Negeri Indra Perjangka.

This morning, Sultan Mangindra Cuaca was having a leisure time while enjoying the sunrise with the reddish morning sky. He whiffed the coffee served in front of him. Sultan Mangindra Cuaca enjoyed listening to twitter and chirp of his birds. It seemed that the birds entertained their master in return to his sincere love to them. After feeling satisfied with listening to the twitter of his birds, Sultan Mangindra Cuaca took a walk to the flower garden. He looked at the various kinds of colourful

comforting flowers. Meanwhile, beetles and butterflies were flying around the garden to accompany Sultan Mangindra Cuaca who was very happy. Such was what Sultan Mangindra Cuaca did every morning before he began his daily activity as a king.

The king had a very beautiful wife and two sons. The first son was Indra Laksana and the second one was Indra Mahadewa. Both of them were handsome and intelligent. Sultan Mangindra Cuaca loved his two sons very much. Likewise, both of his sons loved their parents very much. Therefore, they always took the necessary effort to satisfy their parents.

One morning, the king did not have his usual activities. He did not get out of his bed for the usual walk in the garden. He just stayed in the room and gazed away.

Sultan Mangindra Cuaca's wife got anxious when she knew that her husband just stayed in his room. She worried if her husband would fell ill. She hurriedly approached her husband in the room.

“My Dear Husband,” the queen greeted Sultan Mangindra Cuaca. “Why are you just staying in the room? Don't you usually take a walk around the flower garden or sit and drink coffee while enjoying the twitter of your birds? Why are you not doing anything this morning?” the queen inquired.

Sultan Mangindra Cuaca did not reply his queen's greeting. Seeing the king's condition, Sultan Mangindra Cuaca's wife got

more worried. Then the queen asked another question. “Are you sick?”

The king merely shook his head with his eyes still gazing away.

“Then, why are you doing nothing like this?” the queen inquired.

“What are you thinking about?” the queen began to feel anxious.

“Last night I had a nightmare,” said the king.

“What was the nightmare about, My Dear Husband?”

“I dreamt that an old man came to me and said that my people would suffer from an epidemic disease and many people would die,” said the King. Sadly, the king went on describing his dream to his wife. “In the dream, he instructed me to look for a box containing the medicinal ingredients made of a hundred types of rare flowers. The medicinal ingredients were purportedly to be able to cure the people from the epidemic disease.” The king was stupefied thinking about his dream the night before.

“Oh, it was only a dream,” said the queen. “Don’t think it too seriously, my Dear Husband!” said the queen to cheer up the king.

“All right,” Sultan Mangindra Cuaca replied with his weakening voice. “But the dream keeps haunting me as if I have to look for and get the magic harp myself.”

Since then the king lived anxiously. Every day he thought about the dream. Gradually, Sultan Mangindra Cuaca lost his food appetite and suffered from insomnia. The queen got more anxious.

One day, the royal guards reported to the king that a number of residents suddenly fell ill and died.

The news shocked Sultan Mangindra Cuaca. Hearing the news, he associated the incidence to the dream. With such an intense anxiety, Sultan Mangindra Cuaca finally fainted.

“My Dear, My Dear Husband!” called the queen of Sultan Mangindra Cuaca attempting to regain the king’s consciousness. However, her husband did not give any response. He did not move at all. Finally, Sultan Mangindra Cuaca’s wife realized that her husband had fainted. She wept and wailed.

Hearing that the queen wept, the royal maids hurriedly approached the queen’s room. They saw their king fell unconscious. They immediately splashed rose water over the face of Sultan Mangindra Cuaca. However, Sultan Mangindra Cuaca did not regain his consciousness. The queen got more panic and screamed loudly. It was an emotionally moving scream. A number of maids soothed her. A few moments later, the royal officials and counsellors came in to see the king’s condition.

“His Royal Majesty had a strange dream,” said the queen. “His

Royal Majesty dreamt that his people would suffer from an epidemic lethal disease and to prevent that epidemic, the king has to find a box containing the medicinal ingredients,” said the queen going on her story. “Today His Royal Majesty got a report that a number of people suddenly fell ill and died. His Royal Majesty associated the incidence with the dream.”

The bad news spread rapidly to the royal officials. In response, they arranged a meeting. The ministers, commanders, and chief commanders attended the meeting. Besides, the news about the spread of the epidemic disease causing the death of a number of people had made the ministers worried. The meeting attended by the ministers, commanders, and chief commanders finally decided to mobilize the best efforts to regain the consciousness of Sultan Mangindra Cuaca.

“Let’s call the best traditional healers in this kingdom,” said a minister.

“Meanwhile, we’ll deploy the soldiers throughout the country to find the medicinal ingredients indicated in the dream of His Royal Majesty,” said a chief commander.

“Heaven knows that when we find the magic box, we can stop the epidemic disease and His Royal Majesty would feel happy.”

Then, the soldiers were mobilized to the remote areas of the kingdom to seek the magic box containing the medicinal

ingredients indicated in the king's dream. Meanwhile, the kingdom's best traditional healers were called in to heal the people suffering from the epidemic disease. However, a number of the kingdom's traditional healers had failed to heal the illness.

Sultan Mangindra Cuaca only regained his consciousness after seven days and nights' unconsciousness. After he regained his consciousness, Sultan Mangindra Cuaca looked sad. He had lost his desire. The queen and her two children worried to see the condition of the king.

II. Seeking the Magic Box

After recovering from his illness, Sultan Mangindra Cuaca called in all of the ministers to attend a meeting. Although Sultan Mangindra Cuaca was still anxious, he had reclaimed his kingly charismatic look. Therefore, his subordinates always obeyed and implemented what the king had instructed. All ministers, commanders, chief commanders, and his two sons attended the meeting.

The king described what he had experienced. "You must have heard about my condition several days ago. I had a nightmare in which all of my people died due to a particular disease. In my dream, I was instructed to seek the box containing the medicinal ingredients to cure the epidemic. I also had heard that a number of people had died recently," said the king with a weak voice. He

asked his prime minister about the governance progress while he was ill.

“How is my country currently?” asked the king.

“Excuse me, Your Royal Majesty,” said the prime minister. “I’ve investigated the cause of the sudden death of the people. However, until now, we have not been able to identify the cause of death and currently more people have died, Your Royal Majesty.”

Hearing such a sad report, Sultan Mangindra Cuaca got even unhappier. Therefore, the king instructed his chief commander to look for the magic box.

“Then I want you to look for the magic box described in my dream. Probably, the magic box will protect us from this calamity,” said the king.

The chief commander said, “Your Royal Majesty, while you were ill, we had looked for the magic box. Unfortunately, we did not find anything. None of the soldiers found it.”

“Have you explored throughout the country?” asked the king.

“Yes, we have, Your Royal Majesty. We have looked for it throughout the country.”

“All right then. I’ll look for the magic box myself!” the king said.

“I’ll have to find the box in order that my people will recover from the disease and get rid of the epidemic,” he declared.

In response to His Royal Majesty’s plan to look for the magic box himself, all people in the meeting room, in particular his sons, Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa looked at each other as if they did not believe what the king had just said. They were shocked of hearing that their father would look for the magic box himself.

“Dad, I mind if you are going to look for the magic box,” said Indra Laksana. “You are not very healthy now to take a journey. If you don’t mind, let us both look for the box,” said the son firmly. He felt pity with his father’s clinical condition.

Sultan Mangindra Cuaca felt emotionally affected with his sons’ offer to look for the box for him. “My sons, I am happy to hear what you have just said that you would like to help me. However, it is not an easy work. You are too young and have no experience in taking a long journey to look for the magic box.”

“But, Dad,” Indra Laksana interrupted, “We both will look for and find the magic box. We’ll try our best. It will be our first experience, Dad,” insisted the sons.

“Are you sure with what you have decided? Living away from home is far less comfortable than living in the palace, Sons,” replied the king. “So far, you have not gone anywhere. Think

about it carefully!”

“Yes, Dad, we have thought about it carefully. Perhaps, this is our way to dedicate our life to the kingdom,” replied Indra Mahadewa.

Considering his sons’ strong desire to leave, the king gave in. He allowed his two sons to look for the magic box.

“All right then. I allow you to look for the magic box. Take a great care of you and keep praying for the Almighty God’s bless and protection,” said Sultan Mangindra Cuaca with his both eyes glistening with tears.

Everybody in the meeting room was moved with the serious intention of the two sons of Sultan Mangindra Cuaca. They were all astonished with the dedication of the two handsome strong young men to their father.

“One day, one of the two young men will be eligible for ascending the throne to succeed his father,” said one of the commanders.

“Both of them are reliable and charismatic just like their father,” added one of the ministers.

The moments of the departure of Sultan Mangindra Cuaca’s sons had resulted in a strained situation. Actually, their parents did not allow their sons to leave away to look for the magic box.

However, they could not keep them from leaving because the sons insisted to leave. The parents had to let them go and prayed that the Almighty God would bless them with a safety so that they would return safely.

On the determined day, there was an unusual business at the royal palace yard. The two sons of the king would leave the palace and start an exploration to look for the magic box. Sultan Mangindra Cuaca and his wife were wearing the royal dress. The royal officials at the royal palace yard and the people around the palace wanted to see the departure of the two sons of the king for a long journey.

The people gathering around the palace were fascinated with the handsomeness of the king's sons Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa. The crowd wanted to see the nice-look of the king's two crown-princes from a close sight. The two sons of the king smiled at the crowd and occasionally waved them.

Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa rode the best strong and tough horses for the journey. They were prepared to pass through the thick bushes and jungles. For forty days, the horses faithfully delivered the two sons of King Indra Perjangka. Only when the night came did the horses take a rest with the two princes.

The two sons of the king slept on top of either large tree branches or large rocks. Sometimes, they slept on grass.

Meanwhile, in the palace of Negeri Indra Perjangka the queen of Sultan Mangindra Cuaca failed to sleep. Every night—although she was very sleepy—she failed to sleep. Her mind stared away through the room and palace walls. She thought about her two sons' exploration to look for the magic box specified in the king's dream. Her tears constantly dropped in the dark nights. In that condition, she usually hugged her husband sleeping beside her. She released her sorrow out of her heart. Sultan Mangindra Cuaca had constantly soothed her and cheered her up. However, the fear of losing her two beloved sons had consistently haunted the queen's mind.

On the fourteenth day, the exploration of the two sons of the king arrived at the valley of Mount Jabat Turanggas. The mount was very tall. The peak reached the sky with a beautiful garden with various kinds of flowers.

The two brothers halted for a while at the top of Mount Jabat Turanggas. The two brothers were very enchanted by the beauty at Mount Jabat Turanggas. Therefore, they decided to climb up the mount.

Indra Laksana and his younger brother, Indra Mahadewa, were delighted to see the beautiful natural panorama. They were so enchanted by the excellent beauty and thought that were they were dreaming.

“We are not dreaming, aren’t we?” asked Indra Mahadewa to his brother.

“You are kidding!” replied Indra Laksana. “We’re not dreaming. This is real. This is the earthly paradise,” said Indra Laksana.

Suddenly, a pigeon perched in front of them. “Don’t worry!” said the pigeon to the brothers. “You are not lost.”

Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa almost fainted. They did not expect that a bird could talk like a human.

While they were wondering with what they had just experienced, suddenly a parrot came over. “Welcome to the Puspa Nikam Garden,” said the bird greeting the brothers. Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa got even more confused and scared.

They stood still and looked at each other.

“Who are you?” Indra Laksana asked the birds when he had regained his courage. “Hey Birds! Are you humans or genies?”

“Don’t you see? We are real birds,” replied the parrot angrily.

“If you are birds, why can you talk like humans?” Indra Mahadewa interrogated.

“Do you think only humans can talk?” replied the parrot. “We can talk too.” The birds mocked the two young men.

After saying that, the pigeon and the parrot flew away and disappeared, leaving the two young men shocked and scared of what they had just experienced.

Suddenly, while they were still scared, a stiff breeze blew and hit the two crown princes. The stiff breeze shocked the bodies of Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa. They were trembling and scared. Their hands held firmly to each other. A few moments later, the breeze faded. However, along with the decease of the breeze, an old man with long white thick hair and beard appeared. Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa were extremely shocked.

The two brothers looked at the old man. The old man looked friendly and hospitable. He did not look hostile at all.

“Where do you come from Old man?” asked Indra Laksana.

“O ye young men! This is my place. I am King Salam, the guard of Mount Jabat Turanggas. I am the ruler of this area. All creatures here—humans, animals, and plants—are subject to me,” replied the old man.

“Forgive us, Your Royal Majesty King Salam. We apologize for breaking into your area, King Salam. Forgive us if our arrival had disturbed you,” replied Indra Mahadewa.

“That’s all right!” said Raja Salam. “I am happy to see both of you. Where are you from?” asked King Salam.

“We come from Indra Perjanka Kingdom,” replied the brothers together.

King Salam had expected that the two young men were royal family members. He affirmed again. “I know that you must be from the royal family. I know from your face and clothes.”

King Salam smiled at them. Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa responded the smile.

“May I know, why are you going to the peak of this mountain?” asked King Salam. “Don’t hesitate to let me know. Perhaps I can help you.” King Salam said affirmatively.

“Excuse me, Your Royal Majesty,” said Indra Laksana. “I’m sorry to bother you. However, we expect your favour. We hope that with your help, we can find the magic box that we are looking for.”

“Well, Your Royal Majesty,” added Indra Mahadewa. “Currently, our country is suffering from an epidemic. Many people died of unknown aetiology. Then our father had a dream that to drive the epidemic away from our country, we have to look for the magic box containing the medicinal ingredients. Therefore, we come here to find the ingredients, Your Royal Majesty. Our father has mobilized the soldiers to look for the magic box, but they failed to find the magic box. Our father got sad and fell ill. Therefore, we come here to find the magic box. We hope that you King Salam

can help us find the magic box,” Indra Mahadewa explained.

King Salam had an extraordinary magic power. He had a telepathic power. “All right then. I’ll look the box for you,” King Salam said. Then, King Salam took the two princes to a river. When he was already in the river, King Salam closed his eyes to identify the location of the magic box. Then, he showed something appearing in the river. It was the image or shadow of the magic box they were looking for. In the fore view, he saw a beautiful palace. King Salam said, “This is the country where you can find the magic box. The magic box is located at the peak of the highest mountain named Indra Pertiwi.”

“Where can we find Negeri Indra Pertiwi, Your Royal Majesty?” asked Indra Mahadewa curiously.

“It’s very far away! Negeri Indra Pertiwi is very far at the peak of the highest mountain. You will have to climb up the steep slopes and cross the deep valleys. You will have to cross wide and deep rivers with fast-flowing streams.

You will have to pass thick jungles dwelled by wild animals.

“We are not scared, Your Royal Majesty. We’ll look for the magic box to heal our father,” said Indra Laksana firmly.

“All right then. I’ll prepare the logistics for you to go to Negeri Indra Pertiwi,” said King Salam.

Then, King Salam prepared the logistics for Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa to go to Negeri Indra Pertiwi.

III. Indra Mahadewa Became the King of Apes

Time went by so fast. The sun was precisely above the head of Indra Mahadewa and Indra Laksana. They both had been away from Puspa Nikam Garden. They were starved. His stomach growled. The brothers ate up their meals ravenously.

After eating up the meals, they took a rest for a while. They tilted their head on the rocks and stretched their legs. The older brother saw a river with quite clear and clean water.

Indra Laksana took his younger brother, Indra Mahadewa, to take a bath in the river. Then they took a bath in the river. Their bodies felt fresh when they sunk their body in the cool, clear, and clean water. After a while, Indra Laksana got out of the river since he could not bear the cold water. Meanwhile, Indra Mahadewa still enjoyed being in the cold water.

Indra Laksana approached and got on his horse. However, the horse did not respond. It did not move although it was asked to. Indra Laksana got angry. Then he hit the horse very hard.

The horse got surprised and mad so that it jumped and run uncontrollably. Indra Laksana failed to control the horse. The horse turned wild and furiously knocked whatever it found ahead

of it. Indra Laksana lost the control over his horse.

Meanwhile, Indra Mahadewa did not realize that his brother had left him away. He thought his brother was taking a walk around the river. Indra Mahadewa waited for his brother while drying up his clothes that he had just washed. However, after Indra Mahadewa had waited for a long time, he got worried.

He expected his older brother but he never returned. Then he began looking for his brother around the area. However, he did not find his older brother.

Indra Mahadewa got mad and angry because he failed to find his brother. Indra Mahadewa's eyes turned red indicating his intense anger. Then, he took out the magic weapon given by King Salam. The weapon could produce a light to enlighten the dark sky.

The light coming out of Indra Mahadewa's weapon had made the jungle dwellers anxious. The king of apes as the ruler of the jungle was curious with the strange light. The king of apes went out to identify what had happened. When he knew that the light derived from the weapon held by Indra Mahadewa, he was scared. The king of apes immediately grovelled at Indra Mahadewa. The king of apes felt that Indra Mahadewa was a god with a magic power.

The king of apes said, "Your Royal Majesty, I don't know that you are coming here. Your Royal Majesty, from now on, I will

devote the throne of Beranta Jintan country to Your Royal Majesty. Whatever you wish, I'll do it seriously."

Indra Mahadewa was startled hearing to what the king of apes had said. He did not expect that the king of apes could talk like humans. He was silent for a while.

"Your Royal Majesty," said the king of apes. "Kindly accept my request. Lead this country. Be our king and rule us wisely," the king of apes requested.

"All right! I approve your request," replied Indra Mahadewa.

Since then, Indra Mahadewa became the king of Beranta Jintan. He ruled the apes that wandered in the jungle and could talk as humans.

Although he already became the king of Berantan Jintan, Indra Mahadewa was anxious. He kept thinking of his promise to his father to look for the magic box containing the medicinal ingredients. Moreover, he was separated from his brother, Indra Laksana, and he did not know where he was.

Indra Mahadewa collected all of the apes in Berantan Jintan. He told them about his anxiety and worry.

"Listen, my populace!" said Indra Mahadewa. "From now on, I have asked you to look for the magic box and my older brother, Indra Laksana, throughout the country," he announced. "The

attempt will not be easy. Therefore, I am instructing you to do it earnestly. I want you not give up and lose any hope.”

The apes were divided into a number of groups. A war commander led each group of about one thousand apes. The groups of apes were mobilized to all directions. They explored every inch of land earnestly and carefully.

IV. The Reunion

When Indra Mahadewa was inaugurated as the king of apes, Indra Laksana just stranded in the jungle. Indra Laksana was confused. He did not know where he had to go. The jungle was very thick. As long as he gazed, Indra Laksana merely saw green leaves. When he looked down, he just saw the dried falling leaves.

Indra Laksana was extremely sad. He looked at the horse that had made him lost. The horse was eating the grass at the edge of the jungle. Suddenly, his anger with his horse disappeared. He had mercy on seeing the horse. The horse had rendered many services to him. Then he approached the horse that was eating the grass. He caressed the back of the horse.

He was so scared. Since then he had to wander by himself to look for the magic box. He missed his parents and his younger brother, Indra Mahadewa.

“Ah, why should I be scared of being alone?” Indra Laksana

talked to himself. Indra Laksana remembered that King Salam had given him the magic power that would protect him from any threat and danger.

Indra Laksana regained his spirit. He approached his horse. Then he got on its back. He raced on the horseback to the west where the sun would set.

Not long after that, Indra Laksana heard a noise. A group of apes passed exactly in front of him. Indra Laksana was surprised. He wondered where the apes had come from. Suddenly, one of the apes talked to Indra Laksana.

“Hi, Sir! Who are you?” asked the ape.

The ape had made Indra Laksana shocked. He was shocked to know that the ape could talk as human.

“I am a lost explorer,” replied Indra Laksana.

Then the ape went on asking, “Where do you come from and what are you looking for? Only the distinguished person can reach this place. You must have a magic power,” said Indra Laksana.

“I come from Negeri Indra Perjangka. I come here to look for a magic box,” replied Indra Laksana.

The ape remembered that his king, Indra Mahadewa had

instructed him to look for the magic box. Then the ape clarified. “Does the magic box contain medicinal ingredients?”

“Yes, that’s right,” replied Indra Laksana. “Why do you know about the box I am looking for?” asked Indra Laksana curiously.

Then the ape told that their new king named Indra Mahadewa, who was also the younger brother of Indra Laksana who had been lost had instructed them—the ape troops—to look for the magic box.

Indra Laksana was happy to hear that news. He knew that the ape was talking about his younger brother. “Your king is my younger brother,” said Indra Laksana. “We had been separated for a long time since my horse took me far away, and I lost my younger brother.”

“Take me to your king!” Indra Laksana requested.

“All right Sir, as you wish.” Having known that they had met the older brother of their king, the apes saluted Indra Laksana.

The ape took Indra Laksana to meet King Indra Mahadewa. Then the reunion occurred. Indra Mahadewa did not expect that he would see his older brother again. They hugged each other. They release the sorrow of having been separated for a long time.

In the meantime, a number of apes reported that they had identified the existence of the magic box they were looking for.

“Your Royal Majesty King of Apes! We have investigated and identified the location of the magic box, Sir. The box is in the hand of a very beautiful princess. Her name is Indra Pertiwi. Princess Indra Pertiwi is the descendant of a genie who has the control over Indra Pertiwi at the peak of the mount.” The information described by the ape was the same as that described by King Salam.

“Thank you, Apes,” said Indra Laksana. “You have given me very valuable information. We’ll go to the place that you have specified as soon as possible.”

V. Indra Laksana was charmed with Princess Indra Pertiwi

Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa raced on the horseback and left Beranta Jintan towards the peak of the mount described by the apes. They were eager to meet Princess Indra Pertiwi and get the magic box containing the medicinal ingredients.

After climbing up the steep slopes, sheer cliffs, winding and narrow rocky paths, they finally reached the expected place. At that place, everything was beautiful. The palace had steel-coated gate with a golden-yellow door on which the picture of the princess was painted. However, Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa were wondering because the grandiose palace looked quiet and had no sign of living. Only few guards stood near the gate.

Suddenly butterflies flew around them. Unexpectedly, they heard the butterfly greeted them “Welcome!”

Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa were startled and amazed. However, they managed to control their self. They had found a number of animals that could talk as humans. Therefore, they had accustomed with such talking animals.

“Thank you!” Indra Laksana said to the butterfly that flew away from him. Not long after that, a very beautiful princess accompanied by maids appeared.

“Who are you? What have made you come to this palace?” asked the princess.

“We would like to meet Princess Indra Pertiwi!” Indra Mahadewa replied. In the meantime, Indra Laksana was so amazed with the beauty of the girl standing in front of him.

“I am Princess Indra Pertiwi,” the princess replied with her sweet smile at them.

“Thank God, finally we manage to meet Princess,” replied Indra Laksana.

Then, Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa told her why they came to Indra Pertiwi’s country. They looked for the magic box containing the medicinal ingredients of a hundred kinds of rare flowers. Indra Mahadewa said that they really needed the

ingredients. He asked Princess Indra Pertiwi. “Do you have such ingredients? Or can you help us find them?” Indra Mahadewa asked.

Princess Indra Pertiwi was shocked to hear what they had said. She knew that she had the ingredients. However, Princess Indra Pertiwi tried to conceal the existence of the box. She did not want anybody else to have the box. She got the magic box containing the medicinal ingredients from her grandmother. Her grandmother asked her not to open the box unless it was emergently needed.

“I don’t have any,” said the princess. “Perhaps the King and the apes have mistaken me for someone else. “I haven’t seen such stuff,” she continued.

However, Indra Laksana did not believe what he had heard from the princess. He asked further information about the existence of the box. However, it resulted in nothing.

In the meantime, the princess was charmed with the handsome looks of the two young men, Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa. Therefore, she offered help to look for the magic box in order that they could stay longer with her in the palace.

“Gentlemen, I think I can help you find the stuff that you expect. You can stay here while looking for the box,” said the princess.

“All right. We’ll stay here for a few days,” replied Indra Laksana.

Princess Indra Pertiwi provided a neatly arranged room for the two princes. All corners of the room were decorated with aromatic flowers.

Day by day, Indra Laksana got more enchanted by the beauty of Princess Indra Pertiwi. Her soft gaze comforted Indra Laksana’s heart. Indra Laksana could not keep his feeling, and then he disclosed it to his younger brother Indra Mahadewa.

Actually, Indra Mahadewa also shared the same feeling. The beauty of Princess Indra Pertiwi enchanted Indra Mahadewa too.

However, since he knew that his older brother loved her, Indra Mahadewa gave up his love to Princess Indra Pertiwi. He knew that his older brother really wanted Princess Indra Pertiwi.

Indra Laksana and Princess Indra Pertiwi had a much closer relationship. Princess Indra Pertiwi knew that Indra Laksana liked her. They realized that they had loved each other. Princess Indra Pertiwi accepted the love of Indra Laksana.

Princess Indra Pertiwi’s father, Prabu Pertiwi knew the close relationship between his daughter and Indra Lakasana. He was very worried. He called in Indra Laksana to appear before him.

“May you always be healthy and live long,” called Indra Laksana.

“Why are you calling me, Your Royal Majesty?” Indra Laksana

asked.

“I am calling you since I have to ask you about something.”

“What’s that, Your Royal Majesty?”

“Do you really love my daughter?” Prabu Pertiwi interrogated him.

“Yes, Your Royal Majesty, I really love Princess Indra Pertiwi,” replied Indra Laksana replied shrilly.

“Do you really love her? Will you promise me not hurt her?” Prabu Pertiwi confirmed.

“Yes, Your Majesty, I will love her sincerely and will never make her sad.”

“If so, then I’ll test your loyalty,” said His Royal Majesty Prabu Pratiwi.

“What should I do, Your Royal Majesty?”

“I want you to conquer King Tabal Syah who had taken some of my areas. I heard that King Tabal Syah is arrogant and cruel. He is very greedy and the people suffer accordingly. Therefore, I want to punish the cruel king.”

“All right, Your Royal Majesty, I’ll carry out your order.”

Then, Indra Laksana told this matter to Indra Mahadewa. Indra Laksana asked his younger brother, Indra Mahadewa, to support her to fight against King Tabal Syah.

“All right, Brother, I’ll collect the ape troops to attack King Tabal Syah.”

After that, Indra Mahadewa and Indra Laksana prepared everything they needed to attack King Tabal Syah.

VI. The Weddings of Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa

Indra Mahadewa’s troop of apes infiltrated the area of King Tabal Syah. Some of King Tabal Syah’s soldiers were scared with the group of apes attacking them. When he was attacked, King Tabal Syah was not well prepared. At that time, King Tabal Syah was organizing a usual festive party. Consequently, his kingdom was easily conquered. Therefore, the defence could be destroyed easily.

The war involving the soldiers of Indra Mahadewa and King Tabal Syah was still going on. Many more soldiers of King Tabal Syah were killed. The palace of King Tabal Syah was in danger although it had been strictly guarded. Eventually, Indra Mahadewa defeated the enemy. Indra Mahadewa arrested King Tabal Syah and the survivors.

King Tabal Syah had a very beautiful daughter named Princess

Sugandari Cahaya. Princess Sugandari Cahaya was very sad to see her father's condition after being defeated in the war. He appeared before Indra Mahadewa to beg for the release her father.

"Your Royal Majesty, I'm begging you to kindly release my father, begged "Princess Sugandari Cahaya while sobbing to Indra Mahadewa. "Please, My Lord, release my father!" she begged miserably.

Princess Sugandari Cahaya's request made Indra Mahadewa felt pity on her. He felt pity on Princess Sugandari Cahaya. Her beauty faded away when she was sobbing that way. Then, Indra Mahadewa released her father on some conditions.

"All right, I'll release your father on condition that your father returns the seized areas to King Prabu Pertiwi," replied him.

"All right, then I'll tell the condition to my father," replied Princess Sugandari Cahaya.

Then Princess Sugandari Cahaya discussed about the conditions to her father. Finally, they made an agreement.

King Tabal Syah returned the seized areas to Prabu Pertiwi and King Tabal Syah and Princess Sugandari Cahaya were under the power of Prabu Pertiwi.

Negeri Indra Pertiwi was celebrating the triumph over King Tabal Syah. On the other hand, King Tabal Syah and Princess

Sugandari Cahaya were very sad with the misfortune.

In the festive party, King Prabu Pertiwi announced his plan to marry off his daughter to Indra Laksana.

“Ladies and gentlemen, today I am blessing the relationship between my daughter, Princess Indra Pertiwi and Indra Laksana. They will get married soon,” declared King Prabu Pertiwi.

In response to the announcement, the crowds were happy and yelled happily. Princess Indra Pertiwi and Indra Laksana smiled happily.

“Besides,” Prabu Pertiwi continued his announcement, “I’ll also share some of my power to Indra Mahadewa to lead the region previously ruled by King Tabal Syah. From now on, Indra Mahadewa will be ruling the region.”

Indra Mahadewa was honoured with the offer. “I am expressing my gratitude that Your Royal Majesty had trusted me. I’ll keep your trust and I’ll become a good and wise king,” said Indra Mahadewa.

At that time, everybody but King Tabal Syah and Princess Sugandari Cahaya was happy. From a distance, Indra Mahadewa quietly gazed at Princess Sugandari Cahaya. Apparently, he began to be enchanted with the beauty of Princess Sugandari Cahaya. Indra Mahadewa would ask Princess Sugandari Cahaya

to marry him.

He disclosed his intention to King Tabal Syah. Although King Tabal Syah was still resentful, he finally blessed their relationship for the happiness of his daughter.

Finally, Princess Sugandari Cahaya married Indra Mahadewa while Princess Indra Pertiwi married Indra Laksana.

They were celebrating a very festive wedding party. Happily, the people of Indra Pertiwi had a lively party. For seven days and nights, delicious foods and beverages were served. The music amused the guests days and nights.

The two bridal couples looked very happy.

Then, they lived as the newly married couples. Indra Laksana and his wife lived in Indra Pertiwi palace, while Indra Mahadewa and his wife lived in Harman Piras palace previously under the control of his father in law, King Tabal Syah.

VII. The Magic Box Finally Found

Time flew fast. Indra Laksana lived happily with Princess Indra Pertiwi. Amidst the happiness, suddenly Indra Laksana felt inconvenient when he missed his parents living far away. Indra Laksana felt guilty since he had forgotten his initial purpose of exploration. Finally, he disclosed his anxiety to his wife, Princess Indra Pertiwi.

“My dear Wife,” said Indra Laksana. “I remember my parents and my purpose of leaving them. I haven’t heard about them any longer, while I live happily here with you. I don’t know how they are now there,” said Indra Laksana.

“Yes, my dear husband, I really understand how you are feeling.” Princess Indra Pertiwi remembered the stuff wanted by her husband. Because Indra Laksana had become her husband, she thought that he shared the possession of the magic box containing the medicinal ingredients. Not long after that, Princess Indra Pertiwi returned to the room bringing the box needed by her husband.

“This is the box you are looking for, my dear!” Princess Indra Pertiwi said.

Indra Laksana was surprised to see the box. “This box! Why can it be with you, my dear wife?”

“Forgive me, my dear. I’ve been lying to you so far. I have the box you have been looking for. I have to keep it secret since I don’t want it to be seized by an unauthorized person,” Princess Indra Pertiwi bent her head down while making an excuse and apology to her husband.

Although he was somewhat irritated to his wife, Indra Laksana got relieved immediately. He tried to understand what his wife had thought.

“Then why have you let me know about the box now?” Indra Laksana asked.

“Now you are my husband and the box is yours too. I submit this box to you, my dear husband.”

“Thank you, my dear wife. Finally, I find the box needed by my father,” said Indra Laksana. He thanked God. He imagined that his parents would be happy.

After Indra Laksana found the magic box containing the medicinal ingredients, Indra Laksana invited Indra Mahadewa to see their parents. Finally, they returned to Indra Perjangka palace. Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa took their respective wife along with them to be introduced to their parents.

When they arrived at Indra Perjangka palace, they were welcomed happily. The longing had disappeared accordingly.

“Oh, my sons!” the queen yelled. “We miss you very much. I am worried since we have not heard any news about both of you.”

“We are fine, Mom,” replied Indra Laksana.

The mother and the two sons hugged each other to release the longing. Indra Laksana and Indra Mahadewa introduced their respective wife to their parents.

How happy Sultan Mangindra Cuaca and the queen were to see

their sons already had their respective wife. They got happier when they knew that Indra Laksana's wife had the medicinal ingredients they needed.

“Oh...is this the medicinal ingredient?” Sultan Mangindra Cuaca yelled. He had not believed that he already had the expected stuff.

“Right, Your Royal Majesty!” Princess Indra Pertiwi said. “The ingredients will heal all kinds of diseases. The medicine is obtained from the highest peak of Mount Pertiwi in our country. The ingredients comprise of a hundred kinds of flowers collected throughout the country. Just drop the ingredients into the water to be taken by the sick person. In a moment, the person will recover spontaneously,” Princess Indra Pertiwi explained.

Finally, all sick people of Negeri Indra Perjangka were asked to take the ingredients. Therefore, after that, the people in Negeri Indra Perjangka got well completely.

Since then, the two princes lived very happily. Indra Laksana ascended the throne in Indra Perjangka and lived happily with his wife, Princess Indra Pertiwi. Meanwhile, Indra Mahadewa became the wise king of Harman Piras.