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## Foreword

Literature work is not only series of word but it also talks about life, both realistically and idealistically of human. If it is realistic, the literature work usually contains life experiences, good model, and wisdom which have been added various style and imagination along with it. Meanwhile, if it idealistic, the literature work contains moral lecture, good character, advices, philosophical symbols, culture and other things related to human life. The life itself is very diverse, varies, and full of various problems and conflicts faced by humans. The diversity in humans life also affects to the diversity of literature work because the contents are inseparable from civilized and dignified humans life.

The literature works that dealing with life utilizes language as medium of deliverance and imaginative art as its *cultural land*. On the basis of the language medium and imaginative art, literature is multidimensional and multi-interpretative. Using language medium, imaginative art and cultural dimension, literature deliver messages to be reviewed or analyzed from various perspectives. The outcome of that perspective depends greatly on who is reviewing and analyzing with various socio-cultural and knowledge background. There is a time when a literary reviewer reviews from the point of view of metaphor, myth, symbol, power, ideology, economy, politics, and culture can be refuted by other reviewers who see from perspective of sound, referent, or irony. Even so, Heraclitus said, "However opposite they work together and from different directions, the most beautiful harmony emerges".

There are many lessons that we can get from reading literature, one of which is reading folktales that are adapted or reprocessed into children's stories. The results of reading literature always inspire and motivate readers to be creative in

finding something new. Reading literature can trigger further imagination, open enlightenment, and add insights. For this reason, we express our gratitude for the processors for the story. We also express our appreciation and gratitude to the Head of the Coaching Center, Head of the Learning Division, and Head of the Subdivision of Modules and Teaching Materials and staffs for all the efforts and hard works carried out until the realization of this book.

Hopefully this storybook is not only useful as a reading material for students and the community to foster a culture of literacy through the National Literacy Movement program, but also useful as an enrichment of our knowledge of past life that can be utilized in addressing current and future life developments.

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Regards,  
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## **Preface**

The original story of this book is called Baron Sakender. This story comes from Yogyakarta. Yogyakarta is indeed rich in culture, especially folklore in the form of legends, tales, and myths. For this reason, the story titled Baron Sakender should be passed on to the younger generation. This story was later compiled and retold with the title of Adventure of Baron Sakender by Nurweni Saptawuryandri.

Story of the Adventure of Baron Sakender is dedicated to children who are in elementary school (SD). This story tells the character of Baron Sakender. He is described as a person who is humble, kind, and brave. As a boy, he is always polite, humble, helpful, and appreciative of people. The trait, behavior, and characteristic of Baron Sakender deserve to be emulated and imitated.

For this reason, the authors hope that the existence of this story can be useful for reading material for children in elementary school. The authors also hope that this children's storybook can enrich the reading material and increase children's imagination to write stories about Indonesia.

Happy reading.

Nurweni Saptawuryandari

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# THE CHILDHOOD OF BARON SAKENDER

## 1. The Childhood of Baron Sakender

The bright sky and the fresh air had ornamented Bukit Arbi village, turning the nuance into the comfort and freshness. All the birds joyfully tweeted within the trees, which was so nice to be listened to. All the tweets touched everything near the river. There were some ladies who were enjoyable washing clothes. Many children also enjoyed the nuance by playing rope and chasing each other. The wind blew relaxingly and calmed all the people while they were having a chitchat. The sun shined brightly, but suddenly the clouds bit by bit covered the sky. The sky, henceforth, turned to be darkly cloudy. Yet, it did not get all the people there moved. They were still continuing their activities as they had been accustomed to that occurrence, which happened only in a couple of times. Unexpectedly, the thunderbolt loudly exploded and badly shocked all of them.

“Blaam ... Blaam!!!”

“Come on, kids. Let’s go back home soon. The rain is coming and the wind will be so wildly blowing,” said the panic lady after the loud thunderbolt blasted as if there were a bomb in the air.

“Oh my God, I have yet to wash all my clothes,” shouted another one.

“Oh, just let it go. Let’s get back home as soon as possible before it rains cats and dogs,” said another lady with a sense of fear.

Afterward, without any commands, all the ladies were packing all the clothes she had brought to wash, while the children wrapped all their toys. The sky continued to be darker as if it were at night. The wind was riotously blowing, getting some of the trees’ branches fallen to the river. There was a girl child crying out loud for the wind had her head covered with her clothes.

Suddenly, a lady hysterically screamed out loudly when passing across the river. All of them run to head off the river and headed to home soon. They were fearful to not be able to be home if it kept raining cats and dogs. Let alone if the rain flooded the footpaths, they had to be very difficult to pass through them due to slipperiness. Hand in hand, they helped each other and tried to pass across the hard track to their houses.

The dark clouds kept concealing the sky, while the thunderbolt, along with the lightning, continued exploding in the air. The journey they needed to take seemed so far, but everything was alright as they were always together. On the way home, they did not stop praying to God, wishing rain not to fall down before they were home. Eventually, they had been very near to their houses. The children were getting happy. Also, all the ladies felt so. They felt relieved since the rain did not fall down beforehand. Quickly,

they came into the house for the rain had fallen and the thunderbolt got wildest.

The nuance in Bukit Arbi had changed darker than that of before. Nobody was fearful of coming out of the home. Many trees' branches felt down to the ground because of the wind's blowing. The wind was scarily blowing and got the roofs fluttered. Panic, fear, and crowd had fruitfully turned the nuance of Bukit Arbi more tensed. The rain was much heavier, yet the wind was no longer blowing furiously. After 15 minutes, the rain was not falling any longer. People, each by each, begun opening the doors. Some of them came out to see the surroundings, especially those whose roofs were nastily broken because of the wind. They helped each other altogether fixing out the broken roofs.

It was told that there was a Spaniard ship captain living in Bukit Arbi. He was named Baron Kawipatru and lived with his four wives. Their life was so prosperously well off that they could sociably get engaged with their neighbors. They were so philanthropic and caring of others, mainly of those whose houses got terrible problems because of the windy rain. Baron Kawipatru also helped to rebuild the broken houses.

However, he and his four wives were lack of happiness since they had not been gifted children, whereas they had been in a marriage for about 12 years long. They felt sorry for their own life. Days and nights, they kept praying to God for enlightenment and relief,

so that they could get children. Nonetheless, all the prayers they uttered had yet to be granted. They sometimes were feeling hopeless. Besides, they often committed such saintly efforts as fasting, sleeping out of the house without any pillows, and so forth.

Surprisingly, in a night, Baron Kawipatru received a holy enlightenment stating that only if he wanted to get a child, he had to do some requirements. Those requirements were that Baron Kawipatru should go to Mount Rahsamala and meet Begawan Mintuna. Afterward, he would get an advice and suggestion from Begawan Mintuna to get the child he always dreamed of.

In the following day, after waking up from his sleep, Baron told all his wives and colleagues about all the enlightenment he received. All the colleagues were happy to hear that. They prepared all the requirements to go to Mount Rahsamala.

“Gugun, could you please prepare all we need for going to Mount Rahsamala?” asked Baron Kawipatru.

“Yes, Sir. I am finished preparing all we need for going to Mount Rahsamala. Food and clothes have been done packed,” Gugun answered.

After all were ready, Baron Kawipatru said goodbye to all his wives and colleagues. Accompanied by his faithful soldier, Gugun, Baron Kawipatru left his house. The path he needed to

trace was ups and downs. Because of his great willing of having a child, he did everything with pleasure.

The air was so fresh to be inhaled and the birds kept singing from the trees surrounding the path, which calmed the nuance where he was walking on the path to Mount Rahsamala. Time went so fast, and finally, he arrived at the mount.

Right after reaching Mount Rahsamala, Baron Kawipatru was amazed at the exotic view. The fresh air with the shady trees hypnotized his eyes staring at them with the happy smiles. Many beautiful words were pronounced by Baron Kawipatru.

“What an incredible view! So nice and pretty. All the trees are very well set. Is it Begawan Mintuni himself who set this? Is it Begawan Mintuni himself who look after this?” said Baron Kawipatru from the deepest of his heart. “In this holy hermitage in Mount Rahsamala, nobody I see, very quiet and calm. So, it must be Begawan himself who look after this.”

While waiting for Begawan to finish his hermitage, Baron kept an eye on the exotica of Mount Rahsamala. Flowers bloomed colorfully as if it were the first time to see that phenomenon. They smelled very good and conjured the nuance to be more comfortable. Everyone here had to be feeling like home because of enjoying the beauty of the garden around. His joy made him so

ignorant that he was not aware of that Begawan Mintuna approached him.

“Welcome to my hermitage area. I have actually known your intention to be here. What you are dreaming of is actually a piece of cake. But, there is one essential constraint you need to do,” said Begawan Mintuna.

“Whatever it is, I am completely ready as long as I will get what I am dreaming of all this time,” answered Baron Kawipatru optimistically.

“It isn’t that difficult. Just take this mango and give to your wives evenly. If all your wives successfully bear children, one of the children should be given to me. Further, I myself will choose the one,” explained Begawan to Baron Kawipatru.

With a full enthusiasm and strong belief, Baron Kawipatru agreed to the requirement given while he received the mango joyfully. Begawan Mintuna stared at how happy Baron Kawipatru was and said whisperingly, “Do remember what I explained to you. This should be shared evenly with your wives so that your wives will be pregnant and you get what you have dreamed of.”

“I will always keep in mind what you said to me. I hope that nothing is left forgotten when I share this mango to my wives,” Baron Kawipatru answered. Hence, Baron Kawipatru farewelled to Begawan and went back home to Bukit Arbi. He could not stop

whistling and sing while daydreaming of rocking all the dreamt children. “Ah, there must be so crowded. I can listen to my children babbling. Really, it must be wonderful. Thank God for the enlightenment and making my dreams come true,” said Baron in his deepest heart.

Baron arrived at the home and directly told what he learned from Begawan to his wives. Unfortunately, Baron Kawipatru forgot that one of his wives lived separately from him, named Ken Manikhara. She was deported by Baron and his three other wives. She was, in fact, accompanied by her faithful servant. When receiving the news that Baron, with his three wives, was eating the mango from Begawan, the servant of Ken Manikhara directly headed to Baron’s house.

“How cruel Baron is to his wife! He forgets Ken Manikhara and doesn’t give her any of the mango’s parts,” said the servant in her heart. “I’m going to take the seed of the mango his wives have already eaten. Then, I’ll give it to Ken Manikhara.”

With all the remaining pulp and seed of the mango, Ken Manikhara ate it. In fact, she intended to give the seed to her servant. However, instead of throwing away the seed, the servant directly swallowed it intact.

Nine months later, all the people in Bukit Arbi were so jam-packed since the three wives of Baron Kawipatru were rumored

to bear children. Surprisingly, the servant of Ken Manikhara was too. Happiness covered Baron's life as the children were about to come to the world. All the births run well. They bore three sons, and so did Ken Manikhara and her servant.

Ken Manikhara had born the son resembling *kuwuk laut*, while her servant resembling *biji mangga* (mango's seed). However, despite that surprising fact, they looked after them grandmotherly and proudly. That Ken Manikhara hoped that her son was educated and played as normal as that of other children born from Baron's wives could not be brought into reality due to her son's condition, which just allowed him to sleep over a day in his room. However, when at night, there were lots of strange occurrences happening in the house of Ken Manikhara. She and her servant went along to examine what was really happening and who did that.

"Who uses up the dishes on the table and messes up all of this every time I woke up?" answered Ken to her servant. The flowers look so dirty for the rubbishes are everywhere. This happens every day anyway. Please find who did these all," requested Ken to her servant. "I'm also confused why this house looks so messy every day. Whereas, before I go to bed, I always clean all up first," the servant replied. "But, okay, I'm going to observe who did all these to us."

In the evening, Ken and the servant pretended to sleep. After hearing a voice, they both woke up and saw *kuwuk laut* releasing two tough boys holding a sword, while *biji mangga* releasing twin boys not really tough. They came out happily, picked the flowers and played into the pond. After playing, they took a shower and replayed until finally went back to hide again into *kuwuk laut* and *biji mangga*.

Ken and her servant felt so happy to see that their children were tough and handsome in appearance. They looked so relieved. They agreed to reveal who their children actually were so as to make them not to hide again into *kuwuk laut* and *biji mangga*.

In the evening, they pretended to fall asleep again and, right after hearing the crowded sound, they sluggishly woke up and peeped how their children behaved. When the children were in the pond, Ken and her servant soon took *kuwuk laut* and *biji mangga* away. They smacked both up to be broken into parts. Hearing the flashy sound, all the children run away to home. They felt shocked and confused after knowing that *kuwuk laut* and *biji mangga*, where they hid, cracked into pieces. Looking at their children's panic, unswervingly they embraced and welcome them. Grandmotherly, Ken uttered to her children.

“Hi, my children. Don't you know how happy I am to see your face and actions, playing as normal ones do? You grow very well, which makes me relieved and contented,” said Ken Manikhara.

Also, the servant did the same one as what Ken did. They both were happy, expressing an extreme happiness. In fact, Baron *Kawipatru* finally knew that his wife, Ken Manikhara, had born something in the form of *kuwuk laut*, and it had manifested two boys known as Baron Sukmul and Baron Sakender. Meanwhile, from the servant, two boys, hidden in the *biji mangga*, were born, named Baron Suhulman and Baron Sakerder. The birth of the four children was unexpected and not predicted by Baron *Kawipatru*; yet it was known by Begawan Mintuna. Further, Begawan Mintuna felt disappointed. However, after being explained by Baron *Kawipatru*, Begawan Mintuna tried to understand what really happened. Begawan Mintuna accepted all the reasons as he had known already that Ken had been deported and lived in the different house.

Among the children of Baron *Kawipatru*, the toughest-look and handsome one was Baron Sakender. In addition to being tough, Baron Sakender was smarter and more skillful in making use of the sword. For that reason, Begawan Mintuna chose him to be adopted. Baron *Kawipatru* could not reject the request since it had been agreed in the beginning. That was his final choice and unnegotiable. Ken Manikhara felt so difficult to let him go. But, she could not refuse what was dealt.

“Mom, don’t worry about my leave. I’ll give you this ring for the reminder. If the ring turns to be blurred, that means I am sick.

But, if the ring is gone, therefore I am dead,” said Baron Sakender softly.

“My son, it’s so difficult to let you go. But, it’s unstoppable. It’s destined by your father. I suggest you keep your health and be good in talking to others so that you won’t be in danger,” said Ken Manikhara.

Baron Sakender was touched, and tears dropped down from his eyes while listening to what his mother said. All the love and respect for his mom were bigger and overwhelmed, seeming hard to leave her. Nonetheless, Begawan Mintuna had waited for him in front of the house. He kissed his mother’s hand and hugged her with full of affection.



## **2. Going to Spain**

During the journey to Gunung Rahsamala, Begawan Mintuna and Baron Sakender were seized by four thugs. Begawan Mintuna actually wanted to withdraw them, but Baron Sakender kept forcing to battle and fight them. As a consequence, the fight could not be avoided.

“Whoosh .... Blaaaam!!!”

“Bloop ... Bloop!!!”

The fight was happening fiercely for they kicked and swaying the sword each other. The swords had left thugs and Baron Sakender wounds. However, Baron was skillful and fruitful to clean them. Begawan Mintuna felt amazed at Baron’s skill. He directly embraced and kissed Baron’s cheek lovingly. Since tracing the path of the journey, Begawan Mintuna’s face shined happiness. “I make a good decision about choosing Baron Sakender,” said Begawan Mintuna in the deepest of his heart. Baron Sakender arrived in the hermitage of Begawan Mintuna. The views around the hermitage looked so contenting, but so quiet. Nobody was walking or talking to in that area. Some rooms were remained much closed. Day by day, Begawan loved Baron Sakender much more than that of before. Almost all his wealth was given and inherited to Baron Sakender, including the secret rooms.

However, there was one room Baron Sakender is prohibited to open.

“Baron Sakender, I’ll tell you something. The room on the left is prohibited to enter. Don’t use that one. That is holy and just for a hermitage,” said Begawan Mintuna.

“Okay, I’ll do all your orders and be responsible for everything,” answered Baron.

One day, when Begawan Mintuna was walking around in the garden, Baron Sakender was curious about the hermitage room Begawan prohibited him to enter and see. Being so careful, Baron Sakender invited Baron Sakeber to get the room opened. After the door was opened, there was a gigantic fireplace with a pot above of it. Curiously, Baron Sakender opened the second room.

An unpleasant smell came out and there was a stack of human’s bones. However, it could not satisfy Baron Sakender so that he opened the next one. After the door was opened, Baron Sakender was shocked by an old gargantuan giant.

“I’m sorry. Could you please tell me who you actually are? What makes you here?” asked Baron politely.

“Son, I’m here because Begawan Mintuna arrested me. I’m actually the King of Nuswa Tembini, named as Kala Singgunkara. When we were attacked, our kingdom was looted

and occupied. Because Begawan was unable to beat and kill me, I was arrested and prisoned,” said Kala Singgunkara.

“What a cruel man! He is holding a hostage to an old king like you,” said Baron Sakender.

This unexpected encounter of Baron Sakender and Kala Singgunkara helped Baron Sakender out to dig out some details of Begawan Mintuna.

“My Son, the fireplace you found in the first room is for his adopted children to cook. After everything is tender, all the bones will be drained and eaten by the children,” said Kala Singgunkara. “For that reason, you have to be careful when Begawan is near you. Perhaps, you will be the next victim. It’s supposed that he is a cannibal.”

“I am actually doubtful of what you just said, Sir. Could you please show me any proof that he really is?” asked Baron Sakender.

“As a proof, I’ll show you that I’m completely right. I’ll give you water *toya reh tatadarmi*. This can relive the dead after you pour it to the all bones,” said Kala Singgunkara.

Without any doubt, Kala Singgunkara poured the water *toya reh tatadarmi* upon the bones in the room. After all, was poured, he brought Baron Sakender to open up the door. After all the water

was poured, the bones turned to be humankind, who used to be sons of the kings and looked very handsome. Seeing all the truth from Kala Singgunkara, Baron Sakender felt certain of what Kala Singgunkara said and showed to him. Baron Sakender thanked and felt amazed at Kala Singgunkara. He was a bit shy and cautious. All the sons of kings had been revived and thanked Baron Sakender. They said, “Whenever you get a serious problem, we’re there for you to help.”

“If everything about Begawawan Mintuna is true, I suggest that we be cautious of every single thing he does. I hope that this remains so secret that he cannot know any,” said Baron Sakender.

The short encounter with Singgunkara was supposed to help Baron Sakender to improve his knowledge. Kala Singgunkara, furthermore, started to teach him about shape-shifting ability, changing the nature of him to another thing he expected to be. Also, Kala taught Baron the ability of vanishing and other abilities that attempted to empower his strength. Baron Sakender was also told and reminded that if Begawan Mintuna came back from his walking around without any human victim, he had to eat Baron Sakender alive.

“Look after yourself! If Begawan’s face turns to be reddish, that means he cannot get any victim. Therefore, you must be cautious. It might be you who will be victimized,” said Kala Singgunkara.

A few minutes later, Begawan Mintuna came back with his face switching to dark red and loudly called Baron Sakender. Very carefully, Baron Sakender approached Begawan Mintuna. When getting embraced, Baron withdrew him by saying to wash his hands. However, Begawan Mintuna kept waiting for him, and right after that, Baron was pulled over. Been skillful, Baron Sakender directly pulled over his hands and run. They chased each other, which was unstoppable. After approaching the giant fireplace, Baron Sakender pushed over Begawan Mintuna into the fireplace.

“Your game is over, Begawan Mintuna. So many people are victimized just for your greed so there’s nothing left,” said Baron Sakender very loudly.

Begawan Mintuna had been over, nothing heard from him. This occurrence remarked that he was destroyed in the fireplace. Baron Sakender soon ran and directly closed the fireplace. Respectfully, he said to Kala Singgunkara, “Do you want to stay here, or go back to your kingdom? If you prefer the latter, we’ll kindly send you off. But if you choose the former, I’ll keep you company until tomorrow.”

“I’ll stay here and do hermitage here,” said Kala Singgunkara softly.”

His statement had to please Baron's heart as he could keep sharpening what he had already known from Kala Singgunkara.

Day by day, Baron Sakender kept learning such various abilities as using a sword, disappearing, and defending from foe's attack. All the abilities Kala taught could be easily transformed by Baron, which made Kala truly happy.

"My son, make use of your abilities for goodness and peace. Don't even once use that for the matter of attacking others without reasons. If you do because of arrogance, you'll get misery," said Kala Singgunkara calmly.

Baron Sakender, calling Kala Singgunkara as *Kakek* (grandfather), silenced for a while and nodded to agree what Kala just said. He was pleasant after hearing Kala's statement as he had considered him his grandfather.

"*Kakek* Singgunkara, all your teachings, and advice will be so meaningful to me for happiness and peace of the humans in the world," said Baron Sakender respectfully.

After all the teachings were listened carefully by Baron Sakender, they took a rest. When the night was coming, the hermitage area was so quiet that only wind blowing which was heard along with the sound of water flowing in a small stream. Both, Baron Sakender and Kala Singgunkara, were falling asleep.



During his sleeping, Baron was dreaming of meeting with the princess from Spain. He got interested in her beauty and desired to marry her. In the following day, the dream was told to Kala Singgunkara. Smiling, Kala Singgunkara agreed to promise to help him get to know her. The willingness and promise of Kala Singgunkara had powerfully triggered Baron's spirit to get to Spain. With all abilities, he had mastered from Kala Singgunkara and the water *Tirta Kencana*, Baron Sakender, with Baron Sakeber, was going to Spain. In fact, *Tirta Kencana* is a kind of water that had a magical ability to change a thing to be a gold.

In the middle of his journey to Spain, Baron Sakender encountered a helpless snake. With all his magical abilities, he rubbed the snake's skin with the water *Tirta Kencana*. As a consequence, its skin turned to be golden.

"In case of danger and that you need a help, just call me. I'll be happily ready to help," said the snake.

"With my pleasure. I'll unswervingly call you if any," Baron answered.

After the conversation was over, the snake returned to the underground. However, in fact, the snake was following Baron Sakender quietly. In another occasion, Baron Sakender found *Kuda Sembrani* (Horse *Sembrani*), which had wings and confessed that he was the twin of Baron Sakender. Again, this

horse was rubbed by *Tirta Kencana* and directly got his skin golden. To thank, *Kuda Sembrani* offered him the help that Baron had to need Afterward.

“Come on! Get on to my back. I’ll send you to your destination,” said *Kuda Sembrani*.

“No need. I’d rather to walk. If you want to join, just follow in my back,” answered Baron Sakender.

They agreed and continued to go to the main destination. During the journey, Baron Sakender came across *Garuda* bird. As *Kuda Sembrani* did, *Garuda* also offered Baron Sakender a help by inviting him to get on to his back to reach the destination as fast as possible. But, Baron Sakender refused *Garuda*. Baron, moreover, rubbed the wings of *Garuda* with *Tirta Kencana*. Fast, the wings shifted to be golden. Eventually, *Garuda* followed Baron Sakender to Spain.

It was told that in Spain kingdom was in deep depression. It was because the princess, named Sekar Ayu, was confused to find out a husband. Many kings were coming to propose, but none of whom was accepted because of complicated requirement from her father. In fact, however, the princess was still undesirable for marriage.

“My love, I think it’s better for you to marry someone soon, so he can take a lead in this kingdom. Actually, it’s so weird to see a woman being a king. She is just proper to be a princess.”

“Ehm, Dad, you are very something!”

“It’s true, Dear. There will be someone who will take a lead upon us in this kingdom. Besides, it’s completely improper for a woman leading a kingdom. Let me clarify that. I mean women sometimes were lack of skill of decision, but I completely you can.”

“Yes, Dad. I’ll consider it later.”

In the following day, there was a serious crowd for the princess went to somewhere without any permission.

The King commanded his troops to find out his daughter around the country. However, she was left not found in anywhere. Finally, the King held a prize contest to find out his daughter. If the one was a lady, she would be granted a great prize, and if the one was a man, he would be acknowledged as *Prabu Anom*.

The news of the competition had been widely spread out to the kings and the youths around the country who were dreaming of marrying the princess. All the participants were effortful to find out the princess. However, there were not any signs of her

existence found. All the kings and youths, then, remained to find the princess.

Her escape from the kingdom was affected by his dream which said that her husband was a man who was strongly tough, named Baron Sakender. Because of that, she attempted to find out Baron Sakender. In the journey, accompanied by her servant, *Bibi*, the princess kept walking through the path enthusiastically. Tracing the footpath, she explored the jungle full of risks without any feeling of tiredness. Also, they passed through the steep and went along the slope.

During the journey, the birds around were singing joyfully. It showed that Baron Sakender had been nearly in front of them. Surprisingly, the princess saw *Garuda* flying over the sky glowingly. After carefully noticing, it was seen a young man walking accompanied by the horse and another boy. Directly, the princess said to her servant, “It seems that I’ve found my lover in my dream, and he is now in front of us.”

Listening to the princess talking cheerfully, the servant was half-shocked and happy. She told the princess, “If he is the one, let’s soon get to know him.” “Calm down, *Bibi*. Don’t be too hurry! He will think that we are impolite. We need to set our plan so that they will think that our encounter is accidental. By then, we will get to know them,” said the princess.

Slowly walking but sure, they were approaching Baron Sakender. After being right in front of him, Baron Sakender asked her, “Who are you? Where do you want to go, anyway?”

“We are from a kingdom in Spain,” answered *Bibi*. This is Spaniard princess who wants to find out his prospective husband. She was dreaming that the name of the husband was Baron Sakender.” “Ah ... such things have brought grist to my mill. If it’s true that you are a Spaniard princess, so you are the one I am about to find out, my prospective wife.

I am Baron Sakender. It’s completely true that I find out my prospective wife from the kingdom in Spain,” said Baron Sakender cheerfully.

The princess felt so happy after listening to Baron’s statement. The young man she was looking for all this time also searched for her to ask her to marry. Afterward, they agreed to be back to Spain and face the King. Surprisingly, during the journey to the kingdom, they were gridlocked by the troops of the kings who attempted to marry the princess.

“Hey, who are you? Let’s fight and kill me if you can!” said a king piercingly.”

“Ha ... ha ... ha ...”

“Go! Don’t risk yourself to gridlock us,” said Baron Sakender more toughly.

“We want to appear before the King and marry his daughter.”

“Whooop ...”

Suddenly, the sword was swayed to Baron’s bulk. Nonetheless, with all his skillful abilities, Baron Sakender could clean them all unexceptionally.

“Your Majesty, I found the princess near the jungle right in the river. We have been destined to be all together,” said Baron Sakender sanguinely.

The princess looked shy after listening to Baron Sakender.

“Yes, Dad. We unintentionally met each other,” said the princess while perforating Baron Sakender.

In the following day, after Baron was in the kingdom, suddenly there was a sadistic attack from the kingdom of which kings were beaten by Baron Sakender. They wholly encircled the kingdom. All the kings and troops were beaten down by Baron Sakender. The war was so epic. Baron Sakender got on *Kuda Sembrani* bravely. Holding the sword, he swayed it to all his foes. So did *Garuda*, he helped Baron by swaying his wings to attack all the foes. Unstoppably, *Kuda Sembrani* kept hit-crashing all the enemies in front, many of whom were left beaten up. Many of

them were murdered, some of whom run away leaving the war arena. Finally, all of them gave up and declared themselves as prisoners. The king of the Spain kingdom was proud of Baron's bravery and toughness. As he promised, the Spaniard king let him marry his lovely daughter and granted him as *Prabu Anom*.

### **3. The Golden Banana and the Golden *Gelatik***

The death of Begawan Mintuna left a deep sorrow and sadness to all his daughters. They all agreed to take a revenge on the death of their father. Apart from their knowing that taking a revenge was not that good and would remain uselessness, all of them had determined to be in the same goal to murder Baron Sakender. Besides, their uncle thought that it would be difficult to beat Baron Sakender due to his powerful ability.

“Uncle, we don’t care about how strong and powerful he is, we will fight him in our own way,” said the oldest daughter of Begawan Mintuna.

“Listen to me, kids. You must postpone your plan of taking a revenge to Baron Sakender. He must hurt and kill you alive. Don’t risk yourself,” said the uncle.

They did not care what the uncle suggested to them and kept agreeing to do that upon Baron Sakender, the murderer of Begawan Mintuna. All the four daughters set the plans with the youngest daughter doing shape-shifting to be the pretty lady. By the prettiness, she would trick the king of Spain so that the king would command Baron Sakender to search for the golden banana and the golden *gelatik* (Javanese bird). By then, Baron would come to their house to take away the golden banana and the golden *gelatik* that were set aside by three lady giants. When

Baron attempted to take the golden banana and *gelatik*, Baron would be trapped so that he would be murdered by the giants.

“Ratna Sayempraba, be prepared to get to Spain. Change yourself to be the beautiful lady so that you can attract the Spaniard king. Then, it must trap Baron Sakender too,” said the oldest daughter.

“Alright, I’m going to prepare all stuff we need to execute our mission,” answered Retno Sayempraba.

Retno Sayempraba soon prepared all the stuff to go to Spain. Dress and make-up tools were the first stuff to bring up for these were the most important thing to keep Retno Sayempraba beautiful.

In the following day, Retno Sayempraba farewelled to her other elder sisters to head to Spain.

“Sisters, I want to ask for your permission for this mission. Keep praying for my safety and welfare,” said Retno Sayempraba. “Besides, I also ask you to keep the golden banana, *gelatik*, and the gold builder so those couldn’t be taken away by Baron,” Retno Sayempraba added.

“Okay, my love Retno Sayempraba. Three of us will cross our fingers for you so that you will be safe in dealing with the problems you may face in Spain,” answered the oldest sister with

teardrops in her cheeks. “We’ll also keep all the precious stuff inherited by Begawan Mintuna very well.”

All the daughters decided that the tactic was that by telling the Spaniard king that Retno Sayempraba was coming from Prengging country. She left the country as she was deported by her father for she did not want to be destined to the man the father selected.

After all was clear, they cheered and embraced each other. The sadness and misery ornamented their faces. The sound of crying was heard after they released their youngest daughter to leave to Spain. Hence, Retno Sayempraba changed her face to be a beautiful lady.

During the journey to Spain, no obstacle was found by Retno Sayempraba and her servant. Therefore, they were safe until they reached Spain. Retno Sayempraba, with her beauty, attracted people around who stare at her. Arriving at Spain, Retno Sayempraba directly headed to the kingdom. She came with the intention of submitting her willing to the King. Right after the King accepted her, Retno Sayempraba spoke to him politely and softly. The King was amazed at the beauty of Retno Sayempraba.

“Your Majesty, my name is Retno Sayempraba. I came here to submit my will to serve you. For that reason, please accept me. I was deported by my father as I did not want to be destined to his

preferred man,” said Retno Sayempraba. “Once again, let me serve you here,” she said nicely.

After listening Retno Sayempraba begging to him, the Spaniard King told Retno Sayempraba, “I’ll kindly accept you. To be honest, your beauty has attracted me. If you agree, would you mind being my wife?”

Listening to the Spaniard King, Retno Sayempraba was happy and cheerful. Her main goal to be into the kingdom freely was successful.

She had had some planning after officially marrying the king. Calmly, Retno answered the King’s question, “I would say thanks a lot for you want to marry me. My main intention was just to serve you, but in fact, you propose me. It is certain that I’ll accept your request.”

After listening to Retno Sayempraba, the king looked so happy. He thought that she was the gorgeous lady he had ever seen. Her beauty was of perfection. It’s normal that the King wanted to marry her soon.

A couple of days later, the marriage between the King and Retno Sayempraba was held. The event was so jamming. Retno Sayempraba looked so beautiful. They were always together, making the King forget about everything. He did love Retno Sayempraba. All Retno wanted had to be fulfilled by the King.

“Your Majesty, I beg you for the real golden banana, not the artificial one. I do want the golden, Your Majesty,” begged Retno persuasively.

“Where can I find that, Dear? I couldn’t find one for you, for sure. Ask me another. I must give it to you,” answered the King.

“Why don’t you command Baron Sakender to find the one for me?” begged Retno Sayempraba poorly.

Feeling uncertain, the King was so confused, then called Baron Sakender while talking to him, “Baron Sakender, would you mind finding me the real golden banana for my wife. You are not supposed to come back if you cannot find any,” said the King firmly.

Baron Sakender was, for a while, in silence. He did not make any nodding or utter any statement. Afterward, he answered, “I’ll do all your request right now. Therefore, I’m going to go to find the golden banana.

During the journey, Baron Sakender was accompanied by the golden-skinned snake, *Kuda Sembrani*, and *Garuda*. With all the enlightenment of Kala Singgunkara, Baron Sakender came to the ladies’ house, the hermitage area of Begawan Mintuna. Then, Kala Singgunkara said, “Go visit the hermitage area of Begawan Mintuna. There is so much golden banana saved by the daughters of Begawan Mintuna’s. Be cautious, they are so magical. If you

have got the banana, be back soon to the kingdom and hand it out to the King.”

Without any doubt and fear, Baron Sakender stepped ahead to the hermitage area of Begawan Mintuna’s. The disappearing and shape-shifting abilities taught by Kala Singgunkara were brought into practice very well by Baron Sakender. Nothing was so distressing that Baron could reach the hermitage area soon.

Arriving at the hermitage area, Baron Sakender was welcome by the three giants.

“Finally, you come to me Baron Sakender. Your arriving here is what we are waiting for all this time. Your being here had to be because of the King’s command,” said the oldest giant. “I tell you something. The wife of the Spaniard King is our youngest sister. She is actually a giant as me now. She intentionally shape-shifted to be the pretty lady to trick you so the King could ask you everything.”

Baron was so furious for he was shocked after listening to that statement. Loudly, he said, “I’m not afraid of your threat. I’m truly ready to fight you. Your revenge would be easy for me. The golden banana will be mine, then I’ll give it to the King,” said Baron Sakender optimistically.

With the skillful ability and knowledge he mastered, Baron Sakender could trap all the giants. The golden banana the King

wanted to own had been in Baron's hand, and he thought that it was the precious thing the giants should have.

"This must have a magical power from the giants," said Baron Sakender in the deepest heart.

Baron Sakender directly headed to the kingdom to give it to the King. The King felt so happy to receive the golden banana which had been begged by Retno Sayempraba.

"Dear, look! What you want has been here because of Baron Sakender. Really, it was a surprisingly excellent thing for Baron could get the banana very fast," said the King.

Retno Sayemprabu was feeling shocked and amazed since Baron could get the golden banana very fast. The worry started distracting Retno Sayempraba's mind.

"What has happened to my sisters? What had he done to them? I hope they are still alright and my uncle helps them out," said Retno Sayempraba in her heart.

Baron Sakender had known that Retno Sayempraba was the manifestation of the cautious giant.

He thought that the loss of people in the kingdom was because of being eaten by Retno Sayempraba. The Baron's anxiety was proved when in the night, he peeped Retno Sayempraba who came out of her room and roared as the giants in common.

“Hmm ... hmm ... I’m starving to death. I want to prey, someone, to be eaten. Anyway, where is *Bibi* sleeping?” said Retno Sayempraba.

Baron, who peeped her in the back of the door, was listening to that voice and following every single step of Retno Sayempraba.

“My prediction is accurate and obvious. The people suddenly disappeared because Retno Sayempraba ate them,” said Baron from the heart.

“Hm ... I should reveal all the trick of Retno Sayempraba’s. Her magical power, as well as her sisters’, should be wiped out by all the knowledge and abilities from Kala Singgunkara teachings, of course.”

The life in the kingdom turned out to be more complicated because some people had mysteriously disappeared and hard to find out. Baron Sakender had known who actually Retno Sayempraba was, but he kept it secret to his wife. He just warned his wife to be more careful upon Retno Sayempraba.

The King and Retno Sayempraba were ignorant of the kingdom’s life. They were so busy with their own life that on one occasion, the King called upon Baron Sakender.

“Hi, Baron Sakender. As you had been successful to get the golden banana, now please search for the golden *gelatik* for Retno Sayemprana. Soon bring that to me,” said the King.

Baron Sakender smiled to the King. He nodded while answering, “I’m ready for the next order, Your Majesty.

Baron Sakender began his journey and farewelled to his wife beforehand. In his mission, he was accompanied by the snake which walked through the underground, *kuda sembrani*, and *garuda*. During the journey, Baron Sakender kept recalling the message from Kala Singgunkara to keep being cautious because the banana itself was the life expectancy of Retno Sayempraba’s sisters. In addition, the golden *gelatik* was the life expectancy of Retno Sayempraba herself.

Meanwhile, the gold builder was the life expectancy of the entire giants. By taking home the golden banana, *gelatik*, and gold builder, he would be allowed to weaken all the giants.

Arriving at the hermitage area of Begawan Mintuna’s, loudly and toughly he greeted the giants who kept the golden *gelatik*. The sword and abilities Kala Singgunkara had taught were ready to fight for the golden *gelatik* and gold builder.

“Finally, you came again here, Baron Sakender. I’m sure that you aim at taking the golden *gelatik* and gold builder away. Let’s fight, though!” said the oldest giant.

Readily, Baron Sakender withdrew every single attack from the giants. The disappearing ability from Kala Singgunkara got the giants tricked.

“Come to find me, and kill me with your sword.” Only his voice was heard very loudly, while he kept himself disappearing. All the giants were tangled. They kept looking around to find Baron Sakender out. Looking at their panic and confusion, Baron smiled and got ready to take the golden *gelatik*. The sword was swayed, looked flying, in the air, but the giants were avoiding. This was such an opportunity for Baron Sakender to steal out the golden *gelatik*. Fast-lightening, Baron Sakender run away to the room and directly take away the golden *gelatik*. *Garuda* lifted up Baron Sakender to be on his back and quickly send Baron Sakender away to the Spain kingdom.

Baron Sakender, moreover, did not directly give it to the king. He strongly grasped and dropped it down on the ground. In Spain kingdom, Retno Sayempraba was painful because the golden *gelatik* was dropped down by Baron Sakender as it was her life expectancy. So, whenever the golden *gelatik* was hurt, Retno Sayempraba would shout sorely.



“Ouch ... my head feels so painful and my body is in vain,” shouted Retno Sayempraba. “Help me ..., help me ..,” she shouted again.

Listening to her shouts, Baron Sakender purposely gripped the golden *gelatik* stronger and re-dropped it down on the ground. Her shouts turned out to be louder. Nonetheless, when Baron Sakender got the golden *gelatik*'s head into the water, Retno Sayempraba looked refreshed and healthy.

The golden *gelatik* was intentionally handled by Baron Sakender so that Retno Sayempraba could be in vain after everything she did to the kingdom. The King requested Baron Sakender to leave out the golden *gelatik*.

Calmly, Baron answered, “Let the golden *gelatik* be my pet, Your Majesty. I'll keep it safe as always.”

The King still did not know who Retno Sayempraba was actually. The golden *gelatik* obeyed all Baron Sakender intended to say. The King was still taking a pity to his wife who was actually the giant and had sadistically eaten some of the people in the kingdom.

His curiosity kept going on. He kept playing the golden *gelatik* and dropping it down on the ground. At that time, Retno Sayempraba was in vain. After all, Baron Sakender felt happy to see her attitudes and behaviors.

Noticing Baron's habit which often dropped the golden *gelatik* down, Retno Sayempraba was furious and attempted to kill him. But, her aim is never successful. Instead, Baron dropped it down on and on until looking at her feeling pain. Often, Retno Sayempraba was fainted and unconscious. Moreover, Retno Sayempraba changed herself to be the giant and shouted, "Listen! I am actually the giant, the daughter of Begawan Mintuna. I turned out to be a human as I'd like to take a revenge for my father's dad," shout Retno Sayempraba loudly. "Listen! I intend to destroy the Spain kingdom and kill Baron Sakender.

The King and all the people were confused, let alone Retno Sayempraba shouted while running around the kingdom so that the kingdom was so chaotic. Therefore, the King commanded all his troops to fight Retno Sayempraba.

"All my troop! Stop and kill her! Do your best!" said the King furiously.

"Baron Sakender, attack her fast! Show your power to beat her," the King said loudly.

Baron Sakender, along with the troop force, directly responded to the King and got ready to gridlock Retno Sayempraba. She turned out to be the giant and felt not afraid of everything. Suddenly, the troops were weakened by her. Staring at the current situation, Baron Sakender stepped forward to fight with Retno Sayempraba.

Once swaying his sword, Baron succeeded to hurt Retno Sayempraba so that she remained unconscious. Suddenly, Retno Sayempraba looked so weak, powerless, and fell down to the ground. Right after that, she revived and escaped fast-lightening. Witnessing Baron's victory upon Retno Sayempraba, the King felt amazed and happy to Baron Sakender's power.

#### 4. Becoming the King of Spain

After the serious riot, fighting Retno Sayempraba, the nuance in the kingdom looked so quiet. The King most spent most of his time in his room, along with his wife. In the spare time, sometimes the King walked around the garden. The conversation was not about Retno Sayempraba any longer, but the flowers blossoming in the garden of the kingdom. The accident that happened after the coming of Retno Sayempraba got him more ignorant.



“Wicked! What a beautiful flower, my Love! The red roses are awesome!” said the King while smiling.

“You’re right, Your Majesty! Not only the red roses but also the sunflower and jasmine are fragrant. Hmm ... hmm ... truly awesome is the nuance of this garden!” said the wife (his Princess). “A couple of days ago, we were so hectic because of Retno Sayempraba that this garden is now remained neglected.

The King and the Princess were sitting in down in the garden. They looked very happy as they always kept smiling. Afterward, the King said to her, “My Dear, there is something I want to tell you about.”

“Yes, please, Your Majesty,” answered the Princess.

“Anyway, I aim to grant Baron Sakender as the successive king after me. In my opinion, he is the right person and apt to lead the kingdom for all he had done to this kingdom. Besides, he is also powerful and magical,” said the King. “I am of optimism he can do the best.”

“Your Majesty, isn’t that too fast decision? Better you save your plan first. Let’s take a look what will happen after this. I am still worried about that the all giants keep terrorizing us and attempting to kill Baron Sakender,” said the Princess. “Also, I am also concerned about Baron Sakender and his wife.”

“You are right, my Dear. We shouldn’t be too hurry. Let’s see the upcoming condition first. I’m along with you, my Dear,” said the King.

The conversation between the King and Princess about Baron Sakender was not that long. They were talking about the exotica of the flowers and resetting the flowers to get them prettier.

In the night, having dinner with Baron Sakender and his wife, the King, and the Princess revealed their plan to grant Baron as the king of Spain. However, the coronation of the king would be conducted later as they were still worried about the upcoming attack from the giants, the daughters of Begawan Mintuna.

“Baron Sakender, if the condition is back normal and all them don’t try to kill you any longer, I will directly announce you to be the king of Spain, my successor,” said the king loudly.

“Whatever your decision will be, I’ll take it as responsibility,” answered Baron Sakender calmly.

The night went darker, only stars were visible. The full moon shined brightly, which got the nuance of the kingdom crowded. All the troops were enjoying conversation while looking at the beauty of the full moon.

The children were shouting joyfully while playing chasing each other. Some of them were playing rope, hide and seek, and

*congklak* (traditional game). All the tiredness, panic, and anxiety after the occurrence of Retno Sayempraba were gone. The happiness ornamented all the people in that kingdom. The nuance turned out to be happier.

Suddenly, all the happy people were shocked by the exploding sound. The sound was so scary.

“Ha ... ha ... ha..., shalala ..., shalala ..., shalala ... We are coming again to take you away, Baron Sakender. Come on, Baron Sakender. Come and fight us now,” said all the giants altogether.

All the children witnessing and hearing the sound were crying aloud, while the women were feeling worried, but tried to look calm down. Persuading the children to stop crying and come into the kingdom, all of them were walking through slowly. All the troops were left not moving. Their eyes were staring at the giants. The relaxed and unarmed troops were confused about what to do. They had yet to be ready.

The chaos turns out to be serene after Baron Sakender was coming out from the kingdom. Toughly and firmly, Baron Sakender asked, “Hi, the giants! What do you want? You are so annoying to come without any sign.”

“Ha ... ha ... ha ... why should we tell you first? We are intentional to find and kill you,” answered the oldest giant.

“If you want to, come and fight me now,” said Baron Sakender loudly.

“Whoozz ... Whoozz ...” suddenly Baron Sakender flew to the sky.

He threw his sword upon the oldest giant. All the giants were shocked and not ready yet to retort the attack. Baron Sakender suddenly disappeared. All the giants hardly tried to find out Baron Sakender to be tricked. But, they were unsuccessful to fight with Baron Sakender.

Getting on *Garuda*, Baron Sakender threw his magical swords. Hurriedly, all the giants were trying to kill Baron Sakender; yet his magical power was so strong. Eventually, all the giants got over the kingdom and escaped back to the hermitage area.

The King, enjoying his sleeping, woke up as he listened to the crowd of the people celebrating Baron’s victory against the giants.

“What makes you so happy that you shout very loudly in the middle of the night? Please turn down the volume of your voice,” said the King.

“We are so sorry, Your Majesty. We acted improperly and distracted your rest. We just now fought against the giants and tried to get them away. Because of Baron’s magical power, all the

giants run away leaving out the kingdom,” answered one of the troops.

“Then, where is Baron Sakender now?” asked the King.

Baron was not found everywhere.

Meanwhile, he was in the sky with his *garuda*, following the giants back to the Hermitage. Whenever the giants found Baron Sakender, soon he would disappear so that he was not found out by them. Baron Sakender was about to makes sure if they were really back to the hermitage and confessed their loss to him or still wanted to kill him alive.

With the breath almost running out, all of the giants arrived at the hermitage area. They looked so exhausted. Baron Sakender took a look at the sky and smile. He, Afterward, landed on the ground and met with them.

“Hi, the giants! Are you still brave enough to challenge me?” asked Baron Sakender. “If yes, come to fight me one by one.”



All the tired giants were shocked of Baron's coming. It was so unexpected, let alone his coming to the hermitage was so fast. But, they tried to calm down. They were so furious. The oldest giant answered, "On behalf of my sisters, I won't take a revenge to you any longer for my daddy's death. We confess to step away and will follow all your commands. We'll back to the hermitage area."

Baron Sakender did not respond all their statements. He thought that the statement of the oldest giant signed that they would not return. Baron Sakender went over the sky with his *Garuda*.

In the middle of his return, he enjoyed the nuance and the view, which were exotic. It was seen a river, looked light from the distance. The birds were flying, stepping by one branch to other branches. While singing slightly, "Shalala Shalala," Baron Sakender was so happy that he was not aware of being arrived in the kingdom.

There was so quiet. Nobody was left doing any activities. Baron Sakender, finally, canceled his intention to come to the King, "Perhaps, the King was taking a rest, it would be better if I see and tell him tonight. I'll tell him that all the giants had said giving up and submitting their willing to me," said Baron Sakender in the heart.

Baron Sakender was walking through slowly with the happy smile, passing across the door on the right side. By then, he could be closer to his room. Therefore, before entering his room, Baron Sakender, was talking to his wife about his meeting the giants.

His wife was so excited to hear Baron Sakender. By the loss of the giants, there was no more revenge to kill Baron Sakender alive.

“What a life! We are so thankful to Almighty God. They have been aware of their nasty action. Now they know that living in peace is so exciting. My Dear, let’s have them as our family despite their bad action to us,” said the wife.

“Sure, my Love. We need to give them forgiveness. Don’t keep in mind those who had ever been evil to us. We need to believe in that God loves goodness,” answered Baron Sakender.

“Okay, now you shall take a shower. After this, we will have a dinner with dad. You should tell him about the giants,” said the wife.

“Okay, my Love,” answered Baron Sakender happily.

In the dining room, all the maids were preparing for the King’s dinner. The princesses were getting ready to head to the venue. All the people were thankful to Almighty God. Afterward, the King had a chitchat about today’s life. All people listening to

were smiling. The King also allowed the people to talk about what they were doing during a day. When Baron's turn was coming, he talked about the giants.

“Dad, this afternoon, I was following the giants to the hermitage area. I asked them a question if they still had a desire to take a revenge by driving the kingdom chaotic. If yes, they should fight me one by one,” said Baron Sakender. “They answered that they won't take a revenge on me again. They gave up and stepped away.

The King, after listening to Baron's statement, was clapping hands. “Nice! It means that they're not going to violence us. They may be afraid of your magical and strong power, Baron Sakender” said the King. “By then, right in this venue, I repeat my intention to grant you as the king of Spain, to be my successor. I hope everybody here agrees. Maids, please prepare all for the grant.” All the people in the venue agreed so that Baron Sakender could not reject what the king wanted. All was for the welfare of the kingdom since the King had been old enough to lead the people.

Baron Sakender always spent his happiness and togetherness with family. One day, Baron Sakender and Baron Sakeber were challenged to play cards with the giants and the nephews of Begawan Mintuna, named Kala Johar, Dewi Thathaini, and Thathakuthana. To respect, Baron Sakender said yes despite the

fact that he could not play cards. However, Baron Sakender was not aware of that he was tricked by them for he could not play cards, in fact.

“Brother, I cannot play the cards anyway. If you agree, Baron Sakeber, my younger brother, will keep me company,” said Baron Sakender.

“Ha ..., ha ..., ha ..., it doesn't matter. It's okay if you invite him with you. The most important thing is that our togetherness. That means everything to me,” said Kala Johar.

The agreement for playing cards was set. The loser should give what they own such as something precious (gold, jewelry), wife, *garuda*, *kuda sembrani*, kingdom, and his own life. As the true knight, Baron Sakender agreed to the agreement and never broke down the promises.

The game was started. The first loss of Baron Sakender had been predictable as he had not been able to play it well. But, the loss did not discourage him to keep playing. Albeit he lost on and on and gave all to the giants, Baron Sakender continued playing until he sacrificed his life.

“Baron Sakender, are you ready to face your next loss and sacrifice your own life?” said Kala Johar. You'll be dead. And Baron Sakeber will too.”

“As the true knight, I don’t take into account anything. I’ll receive all my destiny with all the responsibility,” said Baron Sakender. Baron Sakeber said, “My brother, please consider and rethink of this. All you sacrificed in this game is a trap to kill you.”

“Don’t be concerned, brother. My decision has been finalized. If they want to do so, let them. I am not afraid of death. I’m sure that God knows what will come next,” said Baron Sakender. Baron Sakeber was silence. All the statements of Baron Sakender were undebatable. They, then, kept playing the game. And predictable, Baron Sakender was lost to the giants. Quick, after the game was over Baron Sakender was eaten alive by Dewi Thathaini. So were the wife and *kuda sembrani* of Baron Sakender by Dewi Thathakuthana. The giant Kala Johar thought that all the Baron Sakender’s family had been dead. He wanted the Spain Kingdom to be his.

“Ha ... ha ... ha ... Poor you, Baron Sakender! Now, all the Spain kingdom is ours. Don’t ever underestimate us. We are smart and tricky. Now we’re the superior,” said Kala Johar loudly.

The shouts were heard from all the giants. All the wealth from the gambling was distributed evenly. All were happy to receive the wealth and continued to play the game again. The game was exciting.

Meanwhile, in Bukit Arbi, the younger brother of Baron Sakender, Baron Sukmul felt something bad upon his feeling. There was something he was concerned about since the ring lost its gem.

Baron Sukmul tried to recall that if the ring had lost the gem, it meant Baron Sakender was dead. This anxiety about Baron Sakender encouraged Baron Sukmul to go to Spain.

All the messages of Kala Singgunkara were executed by Baron Sukmul carefully. By playing cards, Baron Sukmul could trick all the giants and won the wealth back. When Baron Sukmul prosecuted the bet of the gambling, all the giants were furious and screaming out.

By the agreement, if one was lost to the counterpart, he should give all he had to the counterpart. When the game was over, all the giants broke the promise so that there happened a fight between Baron Sukmul and the giants. At that occasion, Baron Sukmul found an opportunity to return Baron Sakender from the giants. Quickly, he released the paralyzed Baron Sakender, Baron's wife, and *kuda sembrani*. All of them were given the water of life from Kala Singgunkara.

“Baron Sakender, I pour you this water. I hope you could revive,” said Baron Sukmul.

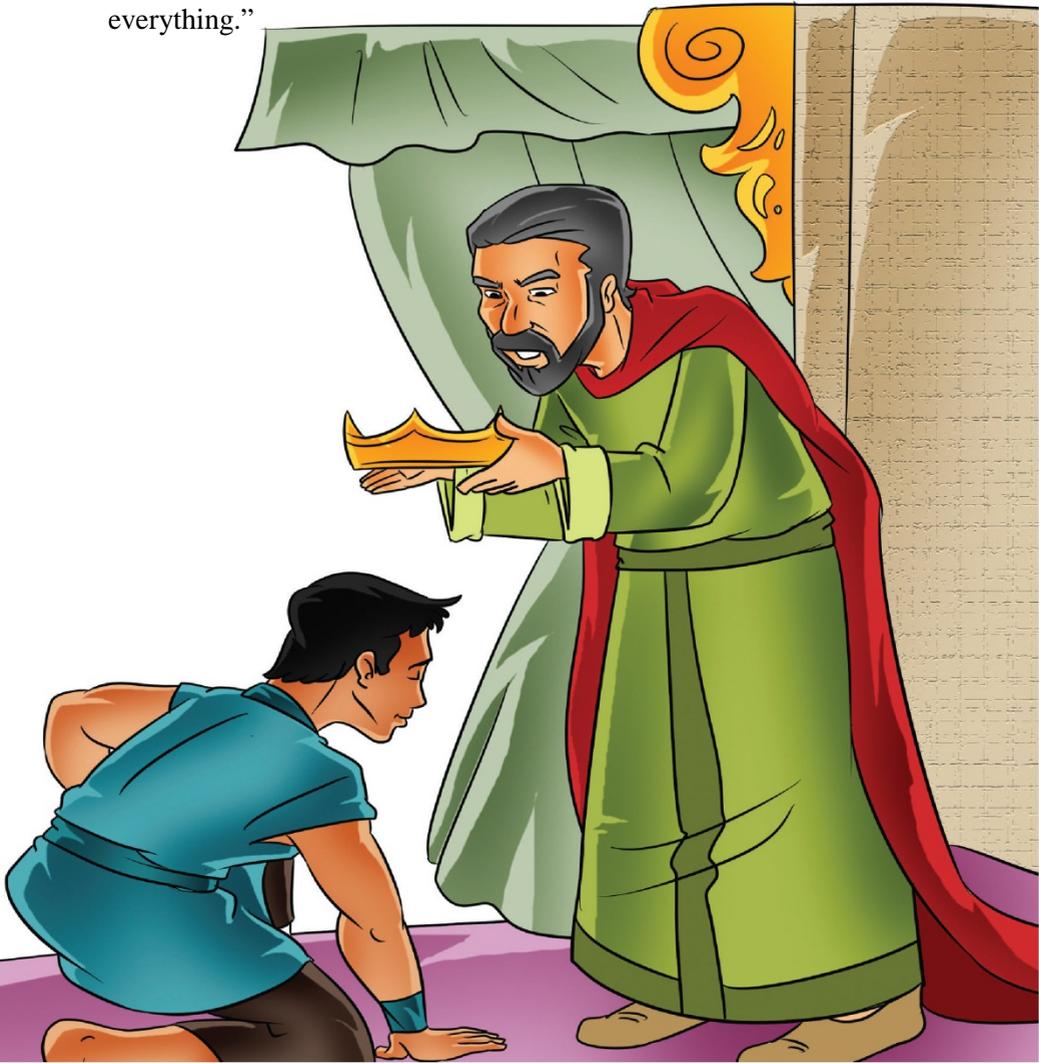
Baron Sukmul soon dropped the water to Baron Sakender, which got Baron Sakender conscious and reopening his eyes. While opening his eyes, Baron Sakender asked, “Where is it? What happens to me?” As the time went by, Baron Sakender directly got conscious well. He also remembered all he had just experienced. Baron Sukmul asked Baron Sakender to be back home to the kingdom. Happiness remained visible on their faces. The journey seemed fast as they were happy. All the tiredness was gone for they could be within their family. Arriving at the kingdom, they were welcome fantastically.

In the kingdom, all the preparation for announcing Baron Sakender as the official king was committed as good as possible. All the troops and maids were so busy to set out the venue and prepare for the food. All was done happily. Various flowers were set beautifully. The menu of the cuisine was all that Baron Sakender liked.

Baron Sakender told his mother and his twin, Baron Sakeber to come join the announcement of his being the king. The mother and family of Baron Sakender were happy. Everyone was getting ready to go to Spain. Baron Sukmul was sent to Bukit Arbi to invite Baron Kawipatru to altogether witness the announcement of his being the king.

When the occurrence was started, Baron Sakender's mother was seated in the front row. Tearing, she could not imagine that his son was the king of Spain after that.

She could not hide her happiness upon Baron Sakender when he kissed her hand and embraced her, while saying, "Mom! Thanks for everything you give to me. I'll keep loving and respect you until I die. I do need your prayer and guidance. You are everything."



The mother could say nothing. She was crying a lot for her happiness and pride upon Baron Sakender. The happiness was continued by having a gathering with all the people in the kingdom. After the Spain kingdom was taken over by Baron Sakender, the nuance went to be so peaceful. He was so wise and fair. All the people were in peace and always helped each other.

Because of his feeling to the mother, Baron Sakender wanted to be closer to his mom and brothers. For that reason, he would like to invite his mom and brothers to stay over in the kingdom.

“Mom! I’m dreaming of having you and all my brothers to get into conversations. I do want you all to live here,” said Baron Sakender politely. “I wish you would receive this request.”

Previously, the mother and brothers refused Baron Sakender’s request as they were worried about that it would become a burden besides his concern about the kingdom. But, after he begged so much to ask them living together, they received the request kindly and happily.

## **5. Returning to Home City**

In the shiny morning, the sky seemed as if it were happy to see Baron Sakender becoming the king. The shine of the sun also remarked a happiness and joy that colored up the nuance of the kingdom.

The fresh weather and wind blowing were giving a peace in the kingdom, to give a much of refreshment. The water splashes from the pond near the kingdom were heard beautifully. Around the garden, flowers were blossoming. The green leaves were dancing to follow the wind blowing as if they were synchronizing the rhyme. Among the gigantic trees, there were mango's trees having a lot of fruits. All the mangos were so tasty to look. It was like it needed just a few of time for the maids to pick them up to consume.

The activities started to be initiated when all the doors and windows were opened so widely that the wind could enter the rooms. While walking around, Baron Sakender was heading to the garden to enjoy the morning air.

“Hm ... what a fresh air in the morning. The sun brightens so light and the sky is so clear. The trees are dancing because of wind,” said the King in the heart. Suddenly, from distance, among the trees was seen a flock of birds flying that stepped by from one tree to other ones. It made the King imagined, “If I could fly, I

would have been flying over to Java. I could reach Spain just by riding the bird, couldn't I?" he said in the deepest heart.

He told everything about his sudden imagination to his wife who came to serve him a drink to enjoy.

"My Love, what do you think if, probably, someday I go to visit Java? Would you mind?" said the King so carefully. "I'm just making a plan. If you mind, I would leave it ignored."

The wife seemed a bit shocked. She was like as if all parts of her body were in pain. All of his statement got her paralyzed and seated on the bench near the King. She thought that the King would leave her for very long time to Java.

"Your Majesty, could you please just take into account your decision? I'm concerned if you leave us out, the kingdom will be back chaotic, and all the people are in danger," uttered the Princess hurriedly. "The kingdom must need your presence and also your cleverness so everything will be alright. All the people are hoping to you. I beg you, please think it carefully."

All the statements touched the King's heart. Baron Sakender did not suppose his wife was concerned about the kingdom and social welfare. All the responsibility he should be in, in fact, could be kept in mind together with his wife.

“Really, I’ve just imagined. If it must happen, so it will not happen today. I must prioritize this kingdom other than anything. I’m happy because of your wisdom upon the kingdom. I follow your suggestion. Better we start to work for the kingdom,” said the King softly.

The Princess was smiling after listening to the King who was so firm and optimistic. They both agreed, along with all the elements in the kingdom, to build the kingdom wealthy and full of justice.

One day, the Spain kingdom was so crowded. The people were in a flock to go to the field. They were hand in hand to clean up the field and gardens around the kingdom. The King Baron Sakender allowed his people to freely come into the kingdom as long as they follow the rules. The crowd was so heavy. The King was having a slight conversation, with laughter and somehow joking. The nuance was so relaxed. All the people were in peace and helped each other.

As the time went by, the condition of the kingdom was more secure and wealthier. The King, eventually, expressed what he really wanted all this time to his wife about moving to Java. His willing was undebatable. The Princess was so wise to receive his willing, but with one requirement, that she had to follow him.

“Your Majesty, I don’t even know when you will come back to the kingdom after visiting Java. For that reason, I’ll be with you.

Please, let me keep you company,” said the Princess. I really want to know how beautiful Java is, besides helping you during your journey there”

“Okay! I don’t mind that you join me going to Java. I hope you will be joyful during the journey,” answered Baron Sakender.

The King and the Princess were back into the kingdom. Both were passing along the small rocky path, going along the flowery garden nicely set in the right and left sides. A few minutes later, they stopped to take a look at the stall with their pets inside, the turtles which were so slow-moving to them.

The time went very slowly to the King. He would like to soon be Java. After he and the troops agreed, he announced his leaving to Java, one week later. It would take a month to go to Java as they were to pass across the lands and seas. So much stuff was prepared to bring.

One day, the sun was shining brightly when the King woke up in the morning. Only the fresh air and nice wind came to say hello to him. He took a deep breath so freely. He felt relieved as if he were successful to escape from any burdens. Everything about his journey to Java was all agreed and prepared. The goal of the journey to Java was that to learn from the King of Mataram, whom he thought that he was so powerful, magical, and wise.

However, he was quite confused because he should, again, leave out his mother he loved so much. Furthermore, the King was thinking that his mother had to be comfortable and well-placed.

Meanwhile, the Princess had been ready to come out of the kingdom to go to the garden. The first thing she would like to do was, together with Baron Sakender, telling the mother about their journey.

They hurriedly approached the mother of Baron Sakender, sitting down in the living room. They shook and kissed her hand, the way they showed their respect.

“Mom, we are sorry to say that we shall leave you here alone,” he said calmly.

“Love, you don’t need to be worried about me here,” she replied while dropping tears. “If you leave out, I’ll be staying over here until you come back home.”

“When will you go, anyway?” she asked softly. “Who will keep you company? I’m concerned that the weather isn’t that fine to you. Wind is blowing so wildly recently. Don’t sail if the weather isn’t that good,” she added.

“I’ll keep all in mind all you suggest me, Mom. Don’t even be worried about us. I’ll be safe and do all by my best. After this, I’ll get prepared. Wish me luck,” said Baron Sakender sadly.

While rubbing the heads of Baron and his wife, the mother smiled proudly after listening to their statement.

On the other location, one of the troops said to the maids of the Princess since it was such a long and tiring journey.

“Now, you can prepare all the King and the Princess and you need to get them neat and easy to bring,” said the troop Deden.

“If so, I’ll do it now then,” answered *Bibi Onah*.

All the preparation had been ready and the time to go had come. The journey started in the morning. All were gathering to say goodbye to the King and the Princess. After saying goodbye, they went to start the journey assisted by some troops.

When leaving, all the people began crying. Their leave would remain them a memory. Both were so caring and protective of the society.

At the beginning of the journey, they walked through the land. During the long journey, they were so careful. There were some cliffs difficult to pass. But, they kept trying to not fall down into them. They started crawling from one tree to another tree. The shady trees made the nuance fresher.

“Hmm ... what a fresh air!” said the Princess.

“You’re right. It is so fresh here.” *Bibi Onah* answered while sitting on the stones.

“I’d like to join you sitting here,” one of the troop said.

“Come join us. Let’s have a rest. It’s so tiring challenge to pass across the cliff,” the Princess answered while joining to sit among them, nearby the river.



“Everybody, let’s have a rest. Tomorrow we’ll begin the journey by ship. Set yourself comfortable until you feel so refreshed,” said the King while approaching the Princess.

All were taking a rest securely.

“Boom ...!!

“Blaam ... Blaam ...!!!

The sound of thunderbolts kept exploding and was so scary. All the people were shocked. Fast, the weather turned out to be so dark. All the leaves were dancing in the wind and extremely scared everybody. The King commanded all the people to save their life into the tent. The rain started dropping. All the troops began readily to get the King and the Princess safe. They kept them both so carefully.

“Oh Almighty God, please save the King and his wife. They are your best creature. They couldn’t be more philanthropic. We all love and respect them both,” said one of the troops in the heart.

*Bibi* Onah also followed them praying to God who always is nearby the King and the Princess.

“Give us ease and save us during the journey to get to Java,” said *Bibi* in her deepest heart.

The night went so darker. Only wind blowing was heard, and the rain got heavier. All were silent while keeping praying to God. The water sounded splashing near the river next to the cliff, quite crowded. Afterward, the King and the Princess was falling asleep. But, the troops, in turn, guarded the tent.

In the day after, the rain was not that heavier. The fresh air covered the nuance and got everyone's body covered by warm clothes. The birds kept singing while flying over the sky. It was heard a horse neighing so loudly.

“Let's get ready. We're going to continue the journey. We will pass through the jungle with so many wildlife inside like tigers and wild boars. We must be cautious,” the King.

“Yap, we better soon leave and continue the journey so we can reach the ship before dusk,” said one of the troops.

Carefully, all the people stepped forward continuing the journey. Suddenly, they heard the sound of a wild boar breathing scarily. One of the troops had been well-knowledgeable with every single thing about the wild boars, including the way they breathed or stepped on the ground. They were quickly hiding behind the big shady tree. All were silent. The wild boar stepped in front of their hiding, but he couldn't smell where they were. After he stepped away, all the people came out of the hiding and whistled happily.

Arriving at the harbor, they got ready and got on the ship heading to Java. The waves were not so gigantic that they could arrive soon, in which the weather was so fine.

The King walked through by horse shaded by the golden *Garuda*. Arriving at Luwak, one of the regions in Mataram, the King was not directly heading to the kingdom for he felt so tired and weak.

“What makes me so weak and so tired? This is the first time I suffer from this,” said the King.

“You’re right. This is the first time I saw the King this way. Let’s try to rub his body with a lard. Hope he could be healthy again,” said the troop.

“Rub all the lard to his body,” said the Princess very enthusiastically.

“Let’s do it soon!”

After getting the lard, the King was back healthy and strong to continue the journey.

“My *Garuda*, send me to the kingdom.”

“Yes, Your Majesty.”

“Help me to get on your back.”

“Roger that, Your Majesty.”

“What happens to my body? Tens of kings were beaten by me. Why does my body mysteriously turn out to be paralyzed?”

The *Garuda* readily helped the King get on his back and was ready to fly him up. However, almost over the sky, the King fell down fainted. After receiving the lard on the entire of his body, not too long time later, Baron Sakender re-woke up and was so excited to face the King of Mataram. Before facing the King, famous for being so magically powerful, Baron Sakender tried to get him alone in a certain place to contemplate first. Afterward, he would shape-shift to another creature.

During his contemplation, he said some spells taught by Kala Singgunkara.

“I hope with this contemplation, I, *Kuda Sembrani*, elephant, and Sakeber could turn out to be other forms of creatures so that we can face the King of Mataram,” said the King in the deepest heart.

The Princess kept the King company and followed him to pray so that what he wished would be true. All staring at him were silent quietly.

With all the spells uttered, Baron Sakender shape-shifted to be an animal with white big bulk. The *Garuda* turned to be a golden perched snake with a spur and golden legs. *Kuda Sembrani* was turned to be a cow with a golden bulk, horns, and palms.

Meanwhile, Sakeber turned out to be a very beautiful buffalo, but with the head of the human which was so light like a cotton.

“Wow! I was changed to a snake.”

“Yap, everyone here shape-shifted,” said *Kuda Sembrani* while staring at *Garuda* smilingly.

Baron Sakender directly came into the kingdom. His heart was beating so hard as if it were a drum before the war. All were staring at Baron Sakender cynically. But, in the middle of walking forward to the kingdom, Baron Sakender said, “I want all of us to get separated. I and the golden snake will face the King. The cow will face *Juru Martani*, and the buffalo face Ki Nitik Wangsadipraja.”

“Alright,” said all of them altogether.

“Okay, let’s start submitting all willingness to the King of Mataram by the way we have just agreed to,” said Baron Sakender while smiling.

All were spreading. Baron Sakender would like to submit a will to the King to get straight on.

“I’ll be walking in the left,” said the cow.

“So, I must be in the right, where Ki Nitik Wangsadipraja is,” said the buffalo.

“So, remember! Keep us secret. Don’t be so careless. We will learn something here,” Said Baron optimistically.

When coming into the kingdom, there was the King of Mataram still on his enjoying eat. Baron was waiting for patiently. A few minutes later, after eating, the King came back to his room for contemplation.

“Whoop ... Whoop ... poor you, Your Majesty. My sword will kill you into parts,” said Ki Bocor who suddenly came and swayed the sword to the King.

“Only with one sway will you be killed over,” he shouted.

The King was in silence but kept being tough while sitting on the bench for contemplation. The King did not refight upon him. Ki Bocor’s sword had hurt and stabbed the King over and over. But, the sword was broken apart into two. It seemed that he did not even know that he was stabbed. He remained sitting down without any movement and continued his contemplation.

Baron Sakender peeped from the back of the door and wondered. Fast-lightening, he, then, directly attacked Ki Bocor.

“Whoosh ... Whoosh!!!”

“Blaaam ... Blaam!!!”

“Booom!” the sound of that Ki Bocor fell down to the ground while crying hurriedly, “Hey, who are you? And why did you attack me in the sudden?”

“Ha ... ha ... ha. You don't need to know who I am. Go before the King catches you red-handed here,” said Baron Sakender loudly.

Ki Bocor had fallen down and laid down on the ground, and would fight with Baron Sakender if possible. But, because of his loud voice, Ki Bocor felt afraid and run away from the King's room.

The King was shocked after listening to the very crowded sound. He stopped contemplating and stare at the big white snake. The King asked, “Who are you? What do you want?”

“I'm just a snake which did not intentionally see someone intending to kill you, Your Majesty. But, the sword was so useless when it was stabbed to you.”

“Who was he? And where did he come from?”

“I don't have any idea, Ma Majesty.”

“So, what do you want here?”

“I'd like to submit my willing to you.”

“Hmm ... listening to your voice and your behavior, you looked so skillful. Okay, if you want to submit your will, you have to be able to keep the order and fight for the evilness. Besides, you need to be well-equipped, and down to earth.”

“I’m ready to do all of those things, Your Majesty.

“Okay, now you can do your responsibility,” said the King firmly.

Baron Sakender, having the shape of a snake, stepped back very carefully. He chose the left-sided door which directly sent him to the large ground in front of the kingdom. Not far from the kingdom, Baron Sakender’s wife was staring at the sky. Around their home, many people were so busy to get to the kingdom.

From distance, the Mataram Kingdom was so gigantic. She was waiting for Baron Sakender and her heart was beating so fast, hoping all Baron’s good intentions were nicely received by the King of Mataram.

“La ... la ... la.” The voice was heard from behind of the door. The voice was from Baron Sakender. He was directly welcome by his wife smilingly.

“He’s just received me to work in the kingdom. I’ll do my best for learning from the King.”

“My Dear, I’m happy to hear that.”

“Yap, darling. I promise to be as good as possible as he commanded me. I hope *Kuda Sembrani* and *Garuda* got the jobs too as we expect.”

Baron Sakender kept whistling while singing. And, loudly he said, “The King of Mataram is famous as the magical, powerful, and kind one. I’ve got to gain as much knowledge as possible. I hope it could be so helpful to my community. Listening to Baron Sakender, who was so enthusiastic, his wife proudly smiled at him. They, then, went to take a rest and promised to submit a willingness to the Mataram Kingdom.

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