

Abduction of Sida or Sida and the Golden Deer

Characters:

Thotsakan, King of Giants (Nyak)
Malit, Thotsakan's younger brother and Nyak
Phralam
Phralak
Sida
Golden Deer (Malit in disguise)
Hermit (Thotsakan in disguise)
Sadayu



Synopsis

Thotsakan expresses his desire to possess Sida to Malik and together they plot to abduct Sida from the forest where she resides with Phralak and Phralam.

On seeing Phralak, Phralam and Sida, Malit changes into a beautiful Golden Deer and prances playfully in front of them. Sida is very attracted to the Golden Deer and entreats Phralam to catch it for her.

Phralam attempts several times to catch the Golden Deer and is led deep into the forest away from Sida and Phralak. His arrow injures the deer and thinking that it will die soon, he follows the injured deer further and further into the forest.

Sida and Phralak hear a cry for help which sounds like Phralam. Sida entreats Phralak to find and rescue Phralam. Before Phralak leaves Sida, he draws a magic circle around her that will protect her from any danger. He instructs her not to step outside of this magic circle.

Seeing Sida alone, Thotsakan changes into a Hermit-teacher who is greatly revered by her. He approaches Sida in this disguise. Unable to break through the magic circle which protects her, he requests her to fetch some water from a nearby stream. Sida falls for this trick and leaves the magic circle.

On her return and unable to control himself any longer, the Hermit reveals his true identity. Thotsakan captures Sida and flies away with her towards his home Lanka.

Sadayu who is flying by hears Sida's fearful cries for help. He swoops down and attacks Thotsakan in order to rescue Sida. After some fierce exchanges, Sadayu finally overcomes Thotsakan and boasts that he is invincible. Only the ring on Sida's finger can defeat him. Thotsakan grabs the ring from Sida's finger and flings it at Sadayu thereby injuring him.

As Sadayu lies injured he laments that due to his mistake he was unable to save Sida. She, in great fear and sadness, is led away by the victorious Thotsakan.

Mount Meru: Sau Samin, House of Phakyin

Characters:

Virahu, a Giant

Phakyin, a sage

Nang Uma, his wife and a renowned beauty

Chithtabout, Phakyin's General

Thotsakan

A harem of 6 Nang Kheos

Synopsis

Virahu makes a pilgrimage to pay his respects to Phakyin who lives on top of Mount Meru. He is overwhelmed by the beauty of Mount Meru and starts to offer his praises, respects and prayers to the four directions. Kapkur (a lizard) misunderstands that the praises and respects and prayers are offered to him. He feels very proud and interrupts just before Virahu can finish his last prayer in the fourth direction.

Virahu is very upset by the arrogance and obvious disrespect of the Kapkur and threatens to kill him. He does this by hurling his magical necklace at the Kapkur but inadvertently Mount Meru is also destroyed. Seeing this Virahu quickly runs away before Phakyin awakens and finds out that he was the culprit who caused the destruction of his home.

Phakyin is woken up by this catastrophe and summons his trusted General, Chithtabout to send out word to all the land that he is willing to give any reward to anyone who succeeds in rebuilding Mount Meru and his home.

Chithtabout sets out on his journey.

Thotsakan hears about this and appears in front of Phakyin to announce his intention and determination to rebuild Mount Meru. Phakyin again reiterates his promise to give any reward to anyone who can succeed in this task.

Thotsakan summons his powers and attempts to rebuild Mount Meru but fails on both attempts. He returns to Phakyin to announce his unsuccessful attempts and Phakyin advises him to summon the power of the gods of North, South, East and West in his next attempt. Thotsakan thanks Phakyin.

After Thotsakan kneels in prayer to the gods of the four directions, he is successful in rebuilding Mount Meru. He returns to Phakyin who asks him to name his reward.

Thotsakan announces that he would like his reward to be Phakyin's wife, Nang Uma. Phakyin offers Thotsakan 4 other beauties instead of Nang Uma but Thotsakan stands firm on his decision. Phakyin has to keep his promise and regretfully orders Nang Uma to follow Thotsakan.

Nang Uma is greatly saddened by this but obeys Phakyin's will and leaves reluctantly with Thotsakan.