

Loro Jonggrang

Once upon a time, there was a kingdom named Prambanan. The people lived peacefully. However, their happy lives was disturbed by Pengging Kingdom. The king, Bandung Bandawasa, wanted to occupy Prambanan. He was a mean King.

The war between Prambanan and Pengging could not be avoided. Prambanan lost the war and led by the new king, Bandung Bandawasa.

Pengging could win the war because Bandung Bandawasa had supernatural power. His soldiers were not only human being but also genies. Those creatures always obeyed Bandung Bandawasa. They always did whatever Bandung Bandawasa asked them to do.

The king of Prambanan had a beautiful daughter. Her name was Loro Jonggrang. Bandung Bandawasa fell in love and wanted to marry her. "if you want to marry me, you have to build a thousand of temples in just one night," said Loro Jonggrang. She hated Bandung Bandawasa because he made the people of Prambanan suffered.

"What? Impossible! You just gave me an excuse for not marrying me!" said Bandung Bandawasa. But he didn't give up. He asked the genies to help him.

Then all those genies worked hard to build the 1000 temples. Meanwhile, Loro Jonggrang heard from the lady-in-waiting that the building of 1000 temples was almost finished. She was so scared; she did not want to marry Bandung Bandawasa. And then she had a great idea. She asked all the ladies-in-waiting to help her.

"Please prepare a lot of straw and mortar. Come on! Hurry up!" said Loro Jonggrang. All those ladies-in-waiting were confused. They did not know why Loro Jonggrang asked them prepare a lot of straw and mortars in the middle of the night.

"Listen, all those genies are building the temples, right? We have to stop them by burning the straw and make some noise by pounding the mortars. The genies will think that sun is going to rise and they will run away. Genies are afraid of sunlight."

It worked! All those genies thought that sun rose. They did not know the light was from the fire that burning the straw. And the noises from pounding the mortars like the start of a new day.

Bandung Bandawasa was angry. He knew Loro Jonggrang just tricked him. "You cannot fool me, Loro Jonggrang. I already have 999 temples. I just need one more temple. Now, I will make you the one-thousanth temple."

With his supernatural power, Bandung Bandawasa made Loro Jonggrang a temple. Until now, the temple is still standing in Prambanan area, Central Java. And the temple is named Loro Jonggrang temple.

Answer the questions below based on the text above!

1. Who disturbed the peaceful live of Prambanan Kingdom?

Answer :

2. Who was the king of Pengging Kingdom?

Answer :

3. How was Bandung Bandawasa?

Answer :

4. Which kingdom won the war between Prambanan and Pengging?

Answer :

5. Who was the daughter of Prambanan's king?

Answer :

6. Why did Loro Jonggrang hate Bandung Bandawasa?
 Answer :

7. What did Loro Jonggrang ask for Bandung Bandawasa's requirement to marry her?
 Answer :

8. Who helped Bandung Bandawasa in making 1000 temples?
 Answer :

9. What did Bandung Bandawasa do when he realized that he had been tricked by Loro Jonggrang?
 Answer :

10. Did Bandung Bandawasa finally marry Loro Jonggrang?
 Answer :

Banyuwangi

Once upon a time, there region in East Java a king named Sindureja. He had a prime minister named Sidapaksa. Sidapaksa had a very beautiful wife

Sidapaksa loved his wife deeply. They lived in complete happiness. However, Sidapaksa's mother didn't like her daughter-in-law. Each day she tried to think a way to separate Sidapaksa from his wife

One day, King Sindureja asked Sidapaksa to search for the bud of a magic flower on mount Ijen. It was a long and dangerous journey. The assignment from the king was so important and urgent. Sidapaksa had to leave his pregnant wife

Not long afterward, a son was born. The baby's birth gave much happiness to the young mother.

However one day, while this young mother was bathing, her evil mother-in-law threw the baby into the river. Knowing that her baby had disappeared, the young mother was very sad. She could neither eat nor sleep. She became very ill

Two years passed and Sidapaksa returned from his journey. He succeeded in doing his duty. Just as he was about to enter his house, her mother told him that his wife had thrown their baby into the river

Sidapaksa believed his mother's story. He was too angry to use his common sense. He drew his Kris and approached his wife who was lying weak on hear bed

“Ah, witched women. Tell me why you threw our new-born child into the river. Tell me!” he said in a rough and angry voice.

“Oh, my dearest husband. I am innocent. I love you, and our baby. I didn't kill our child. If you don't believe me, carry me to the river. I will prove that I didn't do it” replied his wife calmly

Sidapaksa took her wife to the edge of the river. Suddenly, his wife leaped up and threw herself into the river

“Oh my god! How will I know who kill my child?” moaned Sidapaksa

Then he looked down at the water. Suddenly, two pure white flower-buds appeared, one larger and taller than the other. A sweet fragrance came from them.

“Sidapaksa, look here! Beside me is our child. He himself will tell you who drowned him,” the taller one spoke.

“Father, my mother is innocent. Grandmother threw me into the river. Now I'm happy because my beloved mother was come with me,” the smaller one spoke. Then, one two flowers vanished into the water. They left their fragrance behind

Since then, people call the city on its banks of the river Banyuwangi. Banyu means water and wangi means fragrant.

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