



Malin Kundang

Once upon a time, in a small village near the beach in West Sumatra, there lived a woman and her only son named Malin Kundang. They lived a simple life, and Malin was a kind and hardworking boy. Every day, he helped his mother to earn a living.

One day, a large ship came to the shore. Malin saw many sailors and merchants from other islands. He dreamed of becoming and helping his mother have a better life. After thinking for a while, he decided to join one of the ships and sail across the sea. His mother was very sad to let him go, but Malin that he would return one day and make her proud.

Years passed, but Malin never came back. His mother waited and prayed every day for her son's return. One afternoon, a big and beautiful ship arrived at the beach. The villagers were amazed by its size and beauty. They saw a rich man step out of the ship with his wife. The poor woman immediately recognized him as her son, Malin Kundang!

She to hug him and said, "Malin, my son! You have come back!" But Malin Kundang was ashamed of his old and poor mother. He denied her and said, "Go away, old woman! I don't know you." His mother's heart was broken. She cried and to God to punish her ungrateful son.

Suddenly, the sky turned dark and thunder roared. A big wave hit Malin's ship, and lightning struck him. Slowly, Malin Kundang into stone. It is said that the stone can still be seen near the beach, as a reminder to always respect our parents.
