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Critical Reading Literacy B

PURBASARI PURBARARANG

One day in the land of Pasundan, there was a kingdom of Pasir Batang which was led by a king named Prabu Tapa Agung. Prabu Tapa Agung had one son and one daughter named Purbararang and Purbasari.

The last few days, Prabu Tapa Agung looks pensive on his throne. Seeing that the King looked like he was indecisive, the empress approached to ask about the problems that the King was facing and comforted him. Apparently the King was undecided considering who the King would choose to replace him. According to the law, there is something in force in the kingdom, the one who must replace it is his first son, Purbararang.

However, the King was not sure that his first son was worthy to become a king because of his arrogant, and cunning nature. Purbararang also always acts arbitrarily without thinking about the consequences that will occur. Unlike the case with his youngest daughter Purbasari, Purbasari has a good personality. Purbasari is a good and wise daughter. Finally the King decided to choose Purbasari as the successor to his throne.

Hearing this, Purbararang, who did not accept this, was annoyed and went to the King.

"Why did you choose Purbasari as a substitute for you? I should have replaced you, because I am the eldest son and I am also a son. Why did you violate what has become the customary law of this kingdom?" said Purbararang.

"After all, Purbasari is a woman. If she leads this kingdom she won't be able to become a wise leader because women only use their heart and emotions instead of logic."

However, the King did not pay attention to Purbararang, the King remained with his choice to make Purbasari his successor for the good of the Pasir Batang kingdom he had led so far. Annoyed by his father not paying attention to his words, Purbararang went to see a witch to curse Purbasari not to be his father's successor.

A few days later, the kingdom of Pasir Batang was in an uproar. Princess Purbasari was attacked by a strange curse. His whole body felt very itchy and his skin was covered with black spots. The King was surprised to see his daughter's condition and then the King called his royal physician to treat him, but none of the doctors managed to cure him. The people also refused to make Purbasari the successor to the throne because the people were afraid that Purbasari would pass the curse on.

Purbararang didn't want to waste this opportunity, so he instigated his father.

"Dad, look! Purbasari is under a curse. A person who is cursed cannot become a successor to the throne. Our people refuse because they are afraid that Purbasari will

transmit the curse. Dad, we should keep Purbasari away from this palace for the convenience of this kingdom."

Finally the King agreed to Purbararang and sent his daughter to the middle of the forest far from his kingdom. Purbasari also lived in the building that had been provided by the King. Purbararang also continued his father's throne.

During Purbararang's rule, the situation in Pasir Batang became chaotic. The people also began to suffer because Purbararang treated him arbitrarily. Hearing that, Purbasari wanted to go to the kingdom of pasir batang. Although the government guards forbade him to go, Purbasari still insisted on going to the government.

"Do you have the courage to let Purbararang treat you and our people arbitrarily. Let me go to the kingdom to end your suffering."

Finally, the guards let Purbasari go to the government.

Arriving at the government, Purbasari saw Purbararang treating his people arbitrarily. Then Purbasari approached them to help his people.

"Purbararang what are you doing! Is this the nature of a wise and prudent leader? Why do you treat them like this. You are very unworthy to be the leader of this kingdom. A government leader will not do such a bad thing to his people".

Everyone was surprised to see Purbasari in the government environment. The people went to their homes and saw the incident from afar

"Purbasari what are you doing here? You should be in exile because you are a cursed person." said Purbararang.

"Guards! Take this cursed woman away from the realm of the kingdom because she can spread her curse in this kingdom. Let me take care of these useless people"

Purbasari also directly protected his people who were being treated badly by Purbararang

"No. Stop purbararang! You really don't have the heart to treat your own people like this. Where is your conscience and your sense of humanity" said purbasari

"A king should have a good mind and also a conscience. A king must be firm and wise but the king must not forget his humanity and conscience"

Then the people gathered in front of Purbasari.

"Princess Purbararang, help us. We have been suffering a lot all this time. Help us" then all the people did the same.

"Hold on, my people. I will end your suffering. I will meet my father and I will replace the purbararang position to lead this kingdom."

Hearing this, Purbararang laughed

"You want to replace me? Besides, Dad won't make you a leader. Look! You're a cursed person. A cursed person can't be a leader."

"No." Sanggah Purbasari "Of course father will do it because my curse is not contagious. Look at the guards who lived with me in exile. They're fine not catching anything. I also know you cursed me for your jealousy. I will tell father everything that happened, and your position will be removed immediately."

Then Pursusari ran to the kingdom to meet his father protected by his loyal guards. The people also support Pursarisari and protect it from Purararang and his guards.

Arriving there, Pursusari told him everything that had happened in his kingdom and what he had done to his father. Hearing this, Prabu Tapa Agung was surprised and disappointed with Purararang. Then Prabu Tapa Agung immediately ordered his subordinates to take Praburarang away from the kingdom and made Pursarisari the leader of the Pasir Batang Kingdom.