

Lutung Kasarung



source : popmama.com

In a kingdom, there lived a princess named Purbasari. She was the youngest daughter of Prabu Tapa Agung who was the king of the Pasir Batang kingdom. Purbasari has a very kind and helpful nature. In addition to having a good heart, Purbasari also has a beautiful face. However, her eldest sister had the opposite trait. Although beautiful, Purbararang is known to have a rough and cruel nature.

After reigning for a long time, Prabu Tapa Agung intends to abdicate and plans that the work be led by Purbasari because she has a good nature. But Purbararang did not agree that the throne of Pasir Batang Kingdom would be given to Purbasari.

Because Purbararang disagreed with the decision of Prabu Tapa Agung who chose Purbasari to be queen, she and her fiance, Indrajaya went to the witch. The witch then gave a black substance made from plants to Purbararang. The substance is sprayed onto Purbasari's face and entire body. As a result, Purbasari's entire body appeared in terrifying black patches. With these conditions, Purbararang had a reason to expel Purbasari from the palace and stop her from becoming queen. Then Purbararang took the throne of Pasir Batang Kingdom and ordered Uwak Batara who was an advisor to the palace to exile Purbasari into the forest.

While exiled in the forest, Purbasari met a monkey named Lutung Kasarung. Purbasari felt frightened of Lutung Kasarung. But after seeing the kindnesses of Lutung Kasarung, including Lutung making a beautiful garden with a bathing place and some beautiful clothes for Purbasari, she began to accept the presence of Lutung Kasarung and began to befriend him. Then, she immediately took a bath to clean herself. It was at that moment that the curse that stuck to her face and body slowly disappeared. Her former beauty has returned.

After the black patches on the body of Purbasari healed, Purbararang couldn't believe this. Purbararang then invited Indrajaya to see the truth of the news. And how surprised she was to see that Purbasari had returned to her beautiful appearance. Purbararang was also worried because the return of Purbasari would threaten the throne she currently controls. So she looked for a way to get rid of her sister again, even this time she intends to get rid of Purbasari forever.

Purbararang provided a challenge for Purbasari. Unmitigated, the challenge is spoken in front of the people of Pasir Batang Kingdom. "If your fiance's face is more handsome than my fiance's face, the throne of Pasir Batang will be presented to you. But if it is the other way around, then you should let go of your neck beheaded by the royal executioner," Purbararang said.

Purbasari understood she would not be able to win on Purbararang's challenge. Therefore, Purbasari protested and proposed to change the challenge. She challenged Purbararang to fight for intelligence. Purbararang laughed at the challenge given by Purbasari, she was willing to easily accept the challenge. Then, Purbasari gives a logical question to Purbararang, "If it takes 20 minutes to boil an egg, how long does it take for 10 eggs to be cooked?"

Purbararang tried to think of the answer, but she didn't know at all. Then she asked Indrajaya for help to answer the question. Indrajaya gave the answer to Purbararang that it takes 200 minutes to boil all the eggs until cooked. Unfortunately, the answer was wrong. The correct answer is that it only takes 20 minutes because you can boil 10 eggs at the same time. Purbasari was very grateful to Lutung Kasarung. Because she has learned many things from him.

Purbararang still did not want to admit her defeat. She still wants the challenge of who's fiance is the most handsome done by Purbasari. Seeing Purbararang mention her challenge again, Lutung Kasarung offered himself to become Purbasari's husband. Purbararang laughed knowing that Purbasari's fiance was a monkey. Seeing Purbararang laughing, Purbasari explained that the quality of a person is not seen from the beauty and good looks but from the intelligence, heart, and kindness.

Lutung Kasarung then sat cross-legged with his eyes closed. His mouth seemed to mention the magic spells. Suddenly thick smoke enveloped Lutung Kasarung's body. Not in a long time, the thick smoke disappeared, the figure of Lutung Kasarung with his face that was like a kind of monkey now disappeared as the dense smoke went away. And there appeared the figure of prince Guruminda who was handsome and dashing. Prince Guruminda is a prince in Kayangan, the son of Sunan Ambu. He willingly disguised himself as a monkey "Lutung Kasarung" because he wanted to meet women as he wished, namely women whose beauty is equivalent to Sunan Ambu. Prince Guruminda then announced that the real queen of Pasir Batang kingdom is Purbasari. Purbararang had suffered defeat from a challenge she made herself.

Under such conditions, Purbararang could not deny and inevitably admit defeat. However, there was nothing more she could do but hand over the throne of Pasir Batang kingdom to her younger sister Purbasari. Feeling defeated, Purbararang apologized for the crime she had committed. Since Purbasari had a good heart, she forgave her eldest sister's mistake. Since then Purbasari has reigned as Queen.