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Hang Tuah- The Warrior of Malacca Defends the Prime Minister

One day, the Prime Minister of Malacca went to the market. The Prime Minister was accompanied by many palace guards. He wanted to see the people of Malacca carrying out their businesses.

Suddenly, there was a loud scream. "Help, there are mad men! Help, there are mad men!" Everyone at the market started to panic.

Everyone ran away to escape from the mad men. Even the palace guards ran because they were afraid. They were afraid the mad men would kill them.

"Cowards!" shouted the Prime Minister in anger while taking out his *keris*. Now the Prime Minister was surrounded by four mad men.

The four mad men had long knives. "We are going to kill you," said one of the mad men.

Hang Tuah and his four friends Hang Jebat, Hang Lekir, Hang Lekiu and Hang Kasturi were also at the market.

"Look at that!" pointed Hang Jebat towards the direction of the Prime Minister. "The Prime Minister of Malacca is in danger. He will be killed by those four mad men."

"Come quickly! We must help the Prime Minister!" shouted Hang Tuah to his friends. The five of them ran towards the four mad men.

The four mad men attacked the Prime Minister. Suddenly, Hang Tuah and his friends joined in the fight. The mad men were shocked.

Even though Hang Tuah and his four friends were young, they fought with great skill. The Prime Minister was stunned.

"Here, take this!" shouted Hang Tuah while stabbing one of the mad men. The mad man fell to the ground. Hang Tuah's friends also managed to kill the other mad men.

The four mad men were finally defeated by Hang Tuah and his friends. The Prime Minister of Malacca was glad that he was safe.

"The five of you are very brave!" praised the Prime Minister. "Come, I would like to invite you to the palace."

At the palace, the Prime Minister told the Sultan what had happened. The Sultan was very impressed. He praised Hang Tuah and his friends.

"From this day onwards, the five of you can live here in the palace," said the Sultan. "The five of you will be trained to become the warriors of Malacca."

Hang Tuah was known as "The Warrior of Malacca", a great warrior who lived during the Malacca Sultanate, Hang Tuah was a brave, intelligent and skilful warrior who was also a loyal servant to the Sultan of Malacca.

Through this tale, children will be able to get to learn about the heroic exploits of Hang Tuah and his friends against the enemies.

Community from which the hero came from: Malay