

Malin Kundang

Moral of the story: love your mother and never hurt her heart

Long time ago, there was a poor family that consisted of a mother and her only son, Malin Kundang. Malin's father was gone when he was a baby. Malin's mother worked so hard all days in order that they could eat and survive.

Malin was a good and smart boy; but he was little bit naughty. He always helped her mother. He loved her so much. Time went fast, Malin grew up to be a good looking, smart, and strong man. Even though he and her mother had worked so hard, they were still poor. Feeling sad to see his mother still worked in her elderly time, Malin asked for leaving to find a job in a big city.

"Mom, I want to go to a big city to find a job." asked Malin.

"Don't leave me alone, son" said his mother.

"I need to go, Mom. I don't want to see you work hard anymore. I promise I'll come back." said Malin.

With hard feeling, Malin's mother let her son go. The next day Malin went to the big city by a ship. Malin was a good looking, smart, and strong man. Many women fell in love with him, including a daughter of the richest merchant in the city. Malin also fell in love with her too. To marry the girl, Malin worked so hard. He even buried all his past; his origin and even his own mother. In short, they finally married. Malin then became the richest man in the city with many merchant ships, a big beautiful house, and many servants.

Malin was prosperous at the moment, but he forgot his own mother. He forgot his mother who in all her prays wept praying for Malin's safety. He forgot his mother who always waited her son to come back every morning in the harbor. He forgot his mother who loved and missed her son, Malin, so much. Yet, Malin never came back.

One day, Malin's wife wanted to go on vacation in the next island which took 3 days sailing. So Malin prepared his big luxurious ship and everything to sail. However, in the middle of his voyage, storm blockaded his ship. Therefore, the ship needed to board in the closest island, the island where Malin was born.

It was rare occasion, a big luxurious ship boarded in the harbor of the island where all the villagers are fisherman. So, when the ship boarded, every villager near the harbor came to see, including Malin's mother. Malin's mother was shocked and wept happily. She saw Malin in that ship. She saw Malin come back to see his mother. In a hurry, Malin's mother went to meet her beloved son.

"Is that you, Malin? Is that you, my beloved son? I'm your mother, you remember?" asked Malin's mother.

"Son? She said you are her son? Is it true, Malin? Is this poor, old, stink woman your mother? " Malin's wife was shocked.

"No.. No, my dear wife. I don't know this poor woman. I don't know you poor, old, stink woman!" said Malin.

What Malin said really hurt his mother heart. She cried sadly. She didn't believe that her own son did a terrible thing on her, his mother. With anger and disappointment, she prayed to the Almighty God to reply what her son had done to her.

Suddenly, the wind blew hard and the storm rumbled. Malin and his wife returned to the ship. The storm got worse, hit Malin's ship, and destroyed it. Everyone inside died, including Malin's wife. Malin himself was cursed. His body was turned to be a stone eventually.