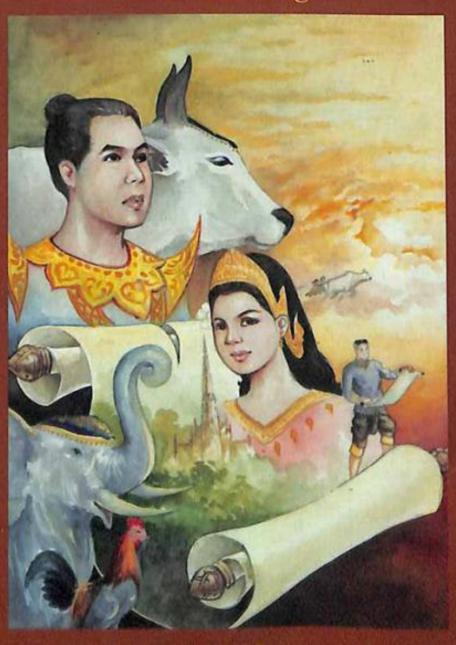
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Preface

The legend of Preah Ko Preah Keo has been passed down from one generation to the next by story telling, and the legend remains an important part of Cambodian culture. If we consider that the cow in our story, Preah Ko, can be linked to Nandi, the sacred cow of Brahmanic religion, we can understand that the legend of Preah Ko Preah Keo stems from an ancient source.

Despite its longevity, the legend of Preah Ko Preah Keo has never been standardized into a definitive written version although some printed editions of the story exist (such as the Kem Ki publication of 1952). In order to publish this version of Preah Ko Preah Keo, Reyum has edited and summarized various oral and written versions to present a short text with many illustrations. Inevitably, our text will have mistakes and will contradict other versions of the legend. Still we hope that this edition will help to teach the legend of Preah Ko Preah Keo to future generations, especially children, and thus to continue the tradition of telling this tale in Cambodia. We have included both a Khmer and an English text in this book. No translation can be a transparent equivalent but we hope that the two texts can make this legend accessible to a larger audience.

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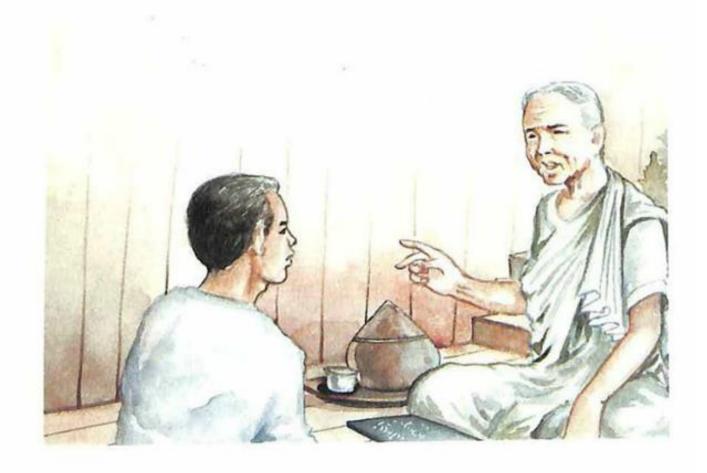
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In the region of Longveak, there was a husband and wife who were farmers. The wife became pregnant. One night she dreamt that she was suddenly wearing three diamond rings and then just as suddenly the rings disappeared. She woke with a start and was both frightened and happy. She told her husband to go and find a fortune teller in order to see what her dream meant.

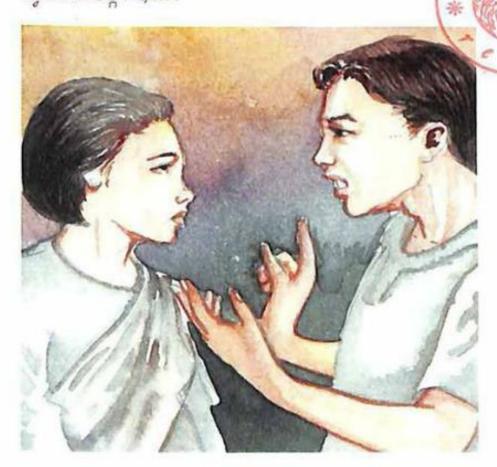


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Meanop, her husband, went to find a fortune teller. The fortune teller considered the content of the dream, consulting his divining board before exclaiming to Meanop: "This is a very good dream! Your wife will give birth to a blessed person! But tell your wife not to eat young green mangoes. If she does, there will be an accident. Remember this and watch her yourself, young man!"

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Meanop returned home and told his wife what the fortune teller had said, forbidding his wife to eat green mangoes. When the last month of her pregnancy came, his wife was overcome with the desire to eat green mangoes. One day she saw a green mango in a tree and asked her husband to climb the tree and pick it for her. But Meanop refused and instead went off to the fields.







ដោយនឹកចង់ស្វាយខ្លីខ្លាំងពេករហូតដល់ទ្រាំលែងបាន ក៏ដើរទៅរកបេះដោយខ្លួនឯង។ នាងខំប្រវេប្រវាឡើង ដើមស្វាយម្នាក់ឯង ពេលទៅដល់លើនាងតោងចំមែក ពុកមួយស្រាប់តែបាក់ធ្លាក់ចុះមកដល់ដី ស្វាប់មួយ ពែកថា ពេលនោះធ្លាយពោះចេញកូនគោមួយ និងកូន ប្រុសមួយពីផ្ទៃរបស់នាង។ គូនគោចេញមកគ្នាមក៏ចេះ ដើរមួយពែច ឯកូនមួយទៀតនៅក្នុងស្រោមនៅឡើយ។

When she couldn't stand her desire any more, Meanop's wife decided to pick a green mango for herself. She grasped the trunk of a mango tree and pulled herself up. When she had climbed high into the tree, she happened to hang from a rotten branch. The branch suddenly broke and she fell to the ground and died instantly. Her stomach broke open and a calf and a baby boy came out of it. The calf could walk immediately but the baby boy lay in his birth sack still.

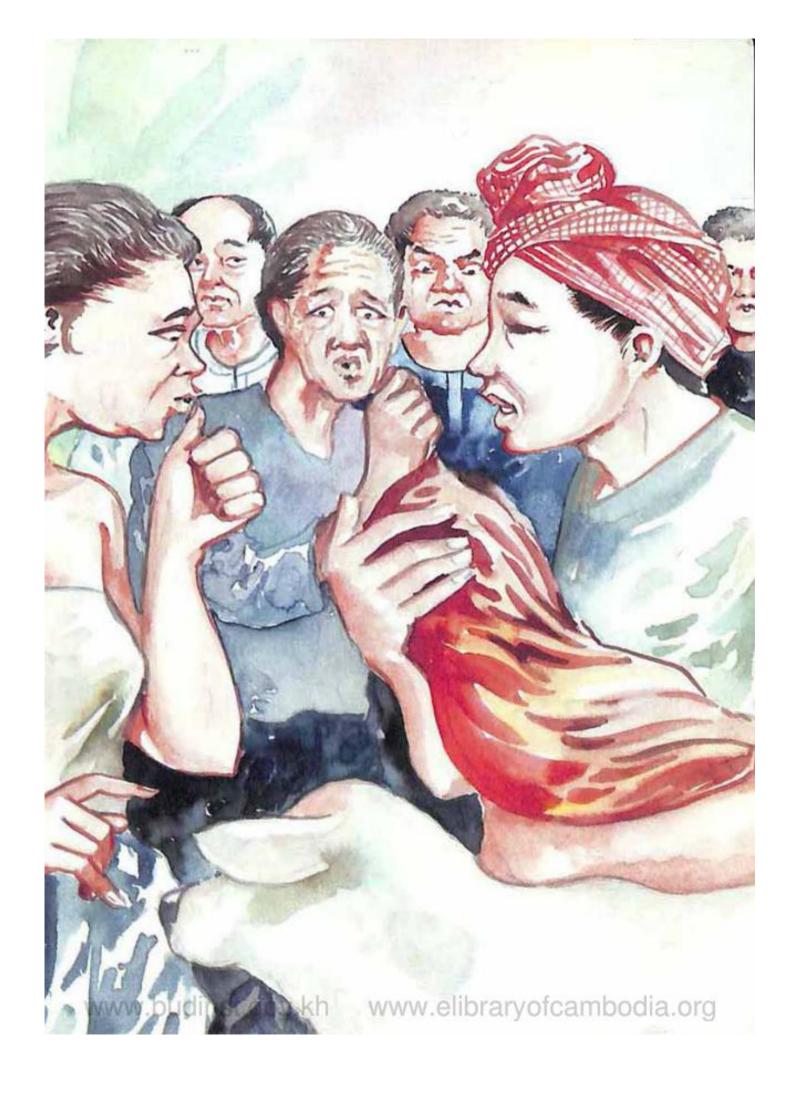




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The next morning, Meanop took the baby in his arms and went to ask for milk from the neighborhood women who were nursing. The women asked, "Whose child is this, that you are walking around begging for his milk?" Meanop answered that the baby was his son. "Where has his mother gone", the women asked, "that she can't nurse him herself?" Meanop replied that his wife had fallen from the mango tree and died. Out of her stomach, he explained, had come a calf and this baby. Hearing this, the neighbors gathered in wonder, crowding around to stare at the baby.

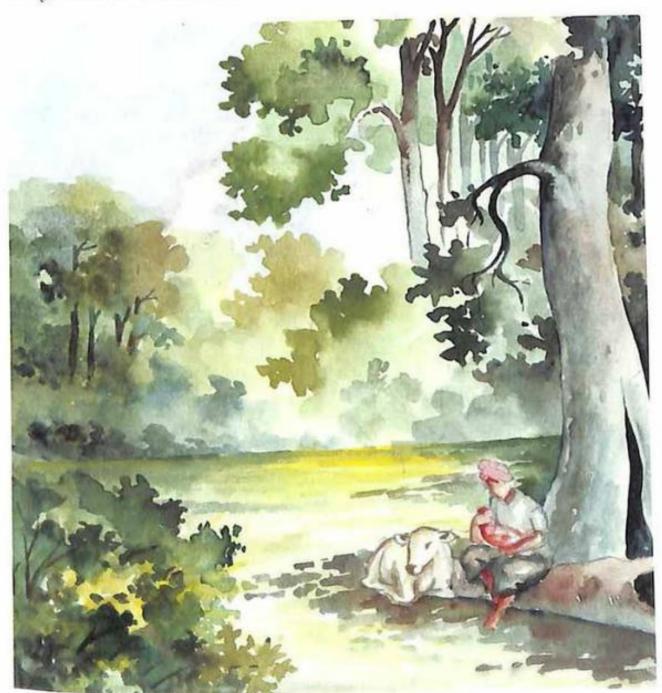


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The villagers were extremely surprised when they saw that a calf really stood beside Meanop and the baby. Learning that the calf had been born from a human mother whose stomach had broken open as she died, they began to think that such an event could bring misfortune to their village. So they beat Meanop, shouting at him and driving him, with the baby and the calf, out of their village.

មាណពនិងគូនទាំងពីររត់ទៅរស់នៅក្នុងព្រៃធ្វាយដាច់ពីតេឯង ដោយមិនហ៊ានសង់ផ្ទះ សម្រាប់ជ្រកកោនអ៊ីឡើយ។ មាណពនាំគូនទៅជ្រក់តែក្រោមដើមឈើធំ១ ហើយដើរ បេះផ្លែឈើបរិភោគជាអាហារ។



Meanop and his two children fled to live in a far away forest. Not daring to build any kind of shelter, they simply lived under a big tree, picking fruit in the forest to feed themselves.

ក្រោយមក ព្រះគោនិងព្រះកែវវាងជំល្មមដឹងក្ដីខ្លះ១ ថ្ងៃមួយពីនោក់បងប្អូនចេញមក វាលមួយបានឃើញពួកក្មេងឃ្វាលគោមួយហ្វូងកំពុងលេងយ៉ាងសប្បាយ។ ព្រះកែវ បានសុំបងចូលទៅលេងជាមួយពួកគេដែរ ដោយបោចវល្អិធ្វើជាឡែចងព្រះគោ ដឹក ចេញទៅ។



A little later, the calf. Preah Ko, and the baby boy. Preah Keo, had already grown up a bit. One day, when the two had gone together to a field, they saw a group of children watching a herd of calves and playing together. The little boy, Preah Keo, asked his older brother. Preah Ko, if he could join the children to play, pulling out a vine for a tope with which to the Preah Ko up like the other calves.

លុះដល់ពេលជាយក្មេងទាំងនោះនាំគ្នាស៊ីជាយ ជុំគ្នា ឯព្រះកែវគ្មានជាយ ក៏ដើរទៅស៊ីគេ៖ – ខ្ញុំស៊ីស៊ីផង!

- ខេរ អញមិនឲ្យទេ។ យី! អានេះមកពីណា បានជាសុំបាយគេស៊ី?

ពេលគេស៊ី ជាយរួច ព្រះកែវឃើញគ្រាប់ជាយ នៅជាប់នឹងស្ដី គចេកក៏ស៊ី គេទៀត តែពួកក្មេង ឥង្វាលជានយកស្ដីកខ្ចប់ជាយនោះទៅញីចោល រួចដេញវាយដេរព្រះកែវចេញទៅ។ ព្រះកែវជាន តែមកប្រាប់ព្រះគោដោយយំឡីកឡូលនឹងពួកគេ ដែលវាយដេរមកលើខ្លួន។ ព្រះគោជាននឹក អាណិតដល់ព្រះកែវជាបួនយ៉ាងខ្លាំង។

When it was time to eat, the young cowherds took out their rice. Preah Keo didn't have anything to eat and asked them to share their rice with him. But the little cowherds jeered at him: "No! We won't give you any! Yi! Where do you come from that you have to ask to eat the rice of others?" When the young cowherds were finished eating, Preah Keo saw that some grains of cooked rice still stuck to the banana leaves which they had used to carry their rice. He asked again if he could eat their leftovers, but the young cowherds simply crumpled up the leaves and threw them away, laughing and beating Preah Keo so that he ran away. Preah Keo came to Preah Ko crying and told him about the boys who had beaten him when he had asked to eat rice with them. Preah Ko felt very sorry for his younger brother.







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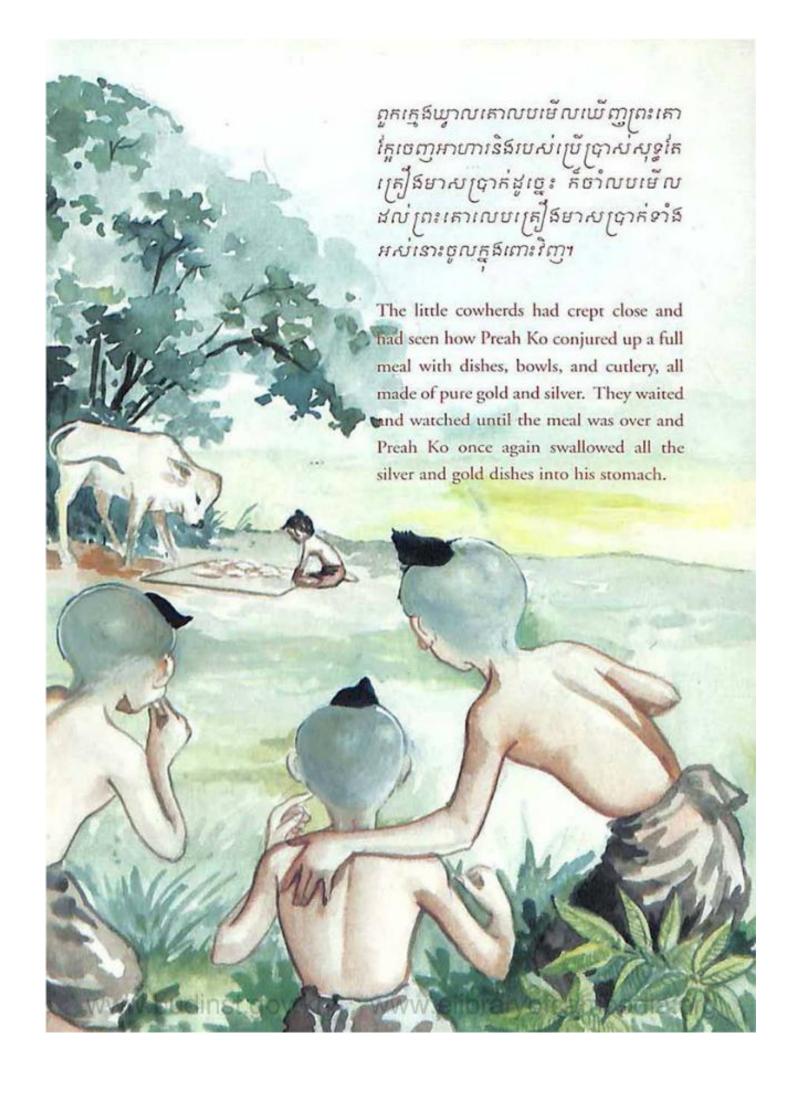
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- ហេតុអ៊ី បានជាបងមិនក្អែអាហារនេះឲ្យ៩ពុកយើងផងរ

- មិនបានទេ! អាហារនេះគឺសម្រាប់តែអូនម្នាក់ឯងប៉ុណ្ណោះ។



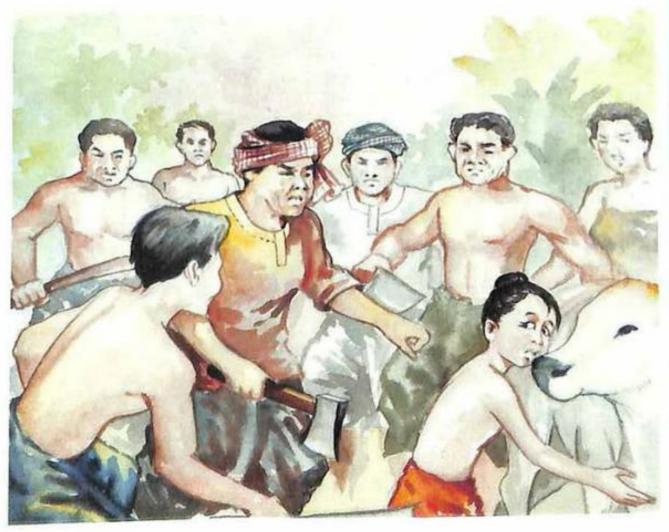
Seeing that his little brother was hungry for rice, and knowing that the other boys had chased him away with sticks, hurting and insulting him, Preah Ko mooed three times and suddenly a full meal - complete with dishes, bowls, and spoons made our of solid silver and gold - appeared out of his mouth. "Why don't you conjure up such a meal for our father?" Preah Koo isked his older brother. Preah Ko replied that he could not since this food was meant only for Preah Koo.





គ្មេងរបាននាំគ្នារត់ទៅប្រាប់៩ពុកម្ដាយ រៀងរខ្លួន ធ្វើឲ្យចាស់រក្នុងភូមិធ្ងល់ពី ហេតុការណ៍នេះ។ អ្នកភូមិបាននាំគ្នា ផ្ដើលចោឡោកាន់កាំបិត ពូថៅ ដំបង ទៅព័ទ្ធចាប់ព្រះគោដើម្បីនឹងវះយកវត្ថុ ទិព្វទាំងអស់នោះ។

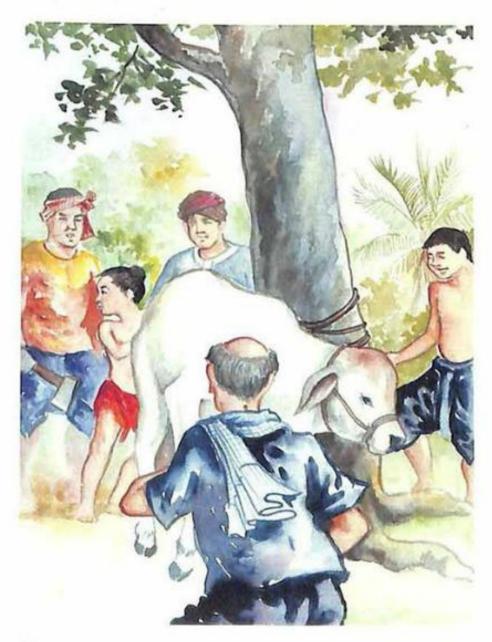
The little boys ran home and told their parents about what they had seen. The villagers marveled at such an event and they gathered together, excited and worried, taking up their knifes, hatchets, and clubs. They decided to try to surround and capture Preah Ko in order to cut open his stomach and take the magical gold and silver objects.



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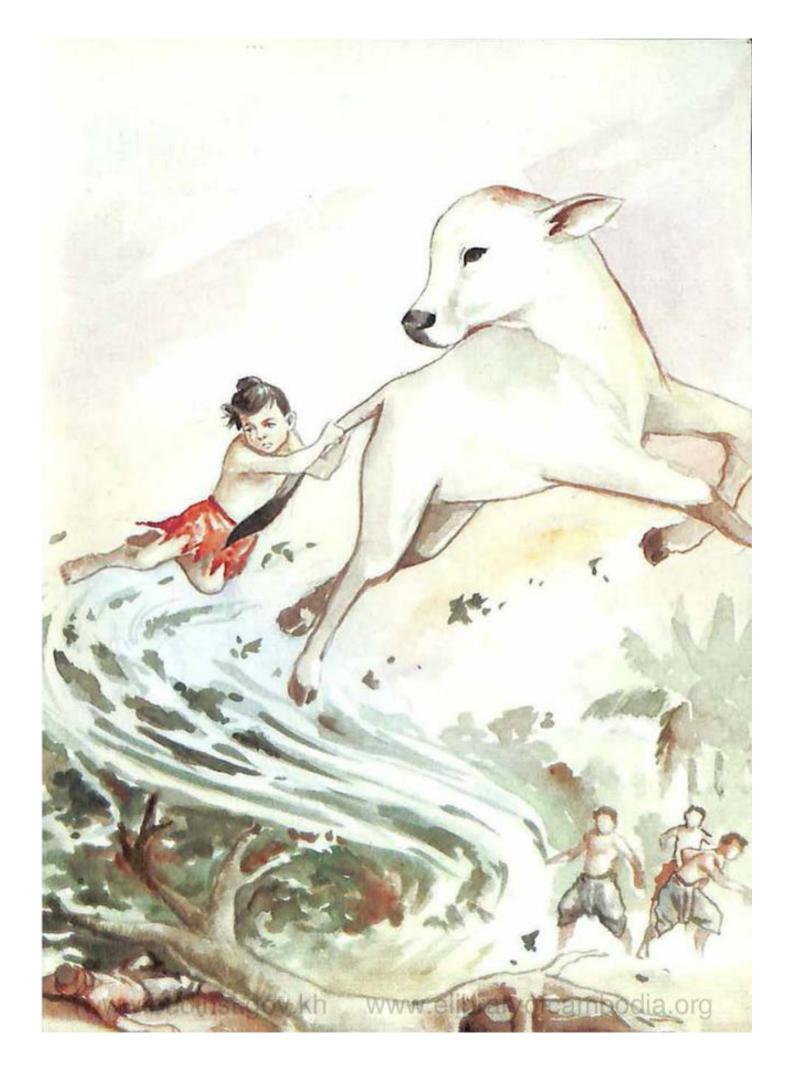
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When they had captured Preah Ko, they fied him to a big tree and many people came to stare at the calf in wonder, wanting the things that were in his stomach. ពេលអ្នកស្រុកចូលបម្រុននឹងធ្វើ បាបព្រះគោ ក្លាមនោះព្រះគោ បានឲ្យប្អូនតោងកន្ទុយឲ្យជាប់ហើយក៏ហោះឡើងសណ្តកដើម កណ្ដោលរលំបាក់លើពួកទាំងអស់នោះ ធ្វើឲ្យអ្នកខ្វះត្រូវបាក់ដៃ បាក់ជើងបែកក្បាលស្ទើរត្រប់រគ្នា ហើយព្រះគោបានស្រែក ប្រាប់ទៅអ្នកស្រុកដែលត្រូវរបួសថាឲ្យយកដើមកណ្ដោលទៅដាំ ជីកនឹងជាវិញហើយ។ ពេលឮដូច្នោះ អ្នកខ្វះក៏បានកាប់យក បូសកណ្ដោលទៅដាំជីកដើម្បីព្យាបាលរបួសខ្លួនស្រាប់តែជាសះ ស្បើយយ៉ាងសក្ដិសិទ្ធិមែន ក៏នាំគ្នាកាប់ចាំងយកដើមកណ្ដោល ទៅដាំជីកជាត្រប់រគ្នា ហើយគេក៏នឹកដល់ព្រះគោដែលមានឫទ្ធិ បារម័ខ្លាំងពូកែលែងហ៊ានបៀតបៀនព្រះគោទៀត។ ព្រះគោបាន ហោះទៅនៅក្នុងព្រៃដ៍ព្រង់ជ្រាច្នាយព័ត្ចមិស្រុកនានា ហើយរស់នៅ តែពីរនាក់បង់ប្អូនក្បែស្រះទីកមួយយ៉ាងល្អ។

While the villagers were preparing to cut him open, Preah Ko told his little brother to hold on tightly to his tail. Preah Ko then flew up, uprooting the tree to which he was tied, causing it to fall on the villagers, breaking their arms and legs and heads. Preah Ko called down to the people telling them to take pieces of wood from the tree and boil them, drinking the juice so that they could be healed. Hearing this, some of the villagers did as Preah Ko had said and they were immediately healed. Then all the villagers cut pieces of the wood, boiled it, drank the juice and were healed. The villagers then understood the power, intelligence and goodness of Preah Ko, and they knew they would never dare to harm him again. Preah Ko flew with Preah Keo to a forest far away from any village or town. There, just the two of them lived near a beautiful pond.



និយាយពី៩ពុករបស់ ព្រះគោព្រះកែវ បាត់កូនមិនឃើញត្រឡប់មកកន្លែង ដើមវិញ ក៏ខំស្រែកហៅជុំវិញទីនោះ មិនឃើញសោះ។ មាណពនឹកកូនឥត ឧបមា បានដើរកេស្ទើរគ្រប់កន្លែងនៅ តែមិនឃើញទៀត មាណពធ្វើដំណើរ ចេញពីទីនេះដើរស្វែងរកកូនដោយក្តី វិលវល់បំផុត។ មិនយូវប៉ុន្មាន៩ពុក របស់ព្រះគោព្រះកែវធ្លាក់ខ្លួនឈើហូត ដល់ដួលស្លាប់ក្នុងព្រៃនោះទៅ។







When his two children did not return to their home under the big tree, Meanop was very worried and although he shouted for them all over the area, he couldn't find them. Meanop missed Preah Ko and Preah Keo terribly and looked for them everywhere, but to no avail. He went farther and farther away from the tree but still he couldn't find his two children. It was not long until Meanop fell ill and collapsed, dying in the forest.

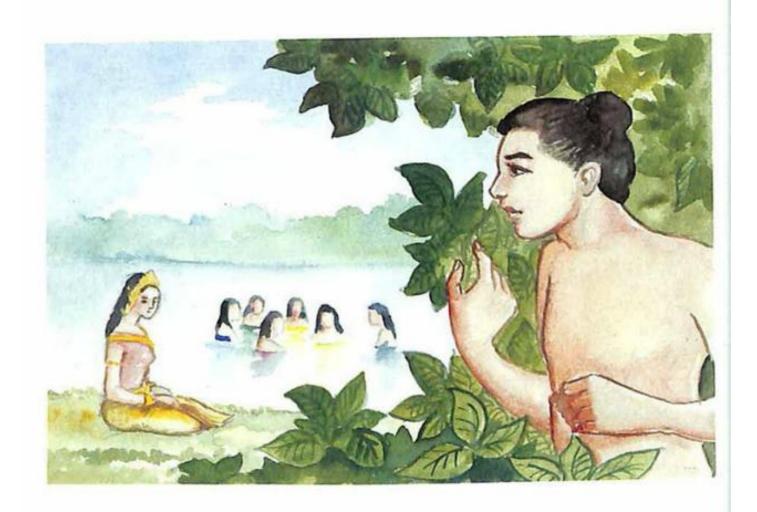
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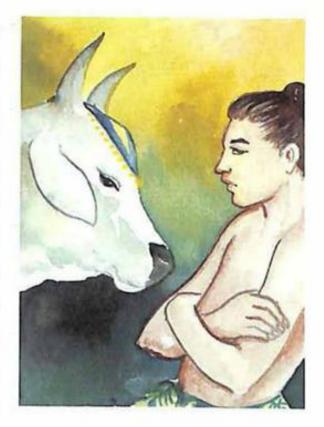
Meanwhile, in the Palace of the Kingdom of Cambodia, there was a King who had five daughters. The youngest of the daughters, Neang Pou, was very beautiful and was the sweetest of the five. One day, the princesses were bored and wanted to go to visit the forest, far away from the Palace. They got permission from their father and then set out.



លុះទៅដល់ស្រះទឹកមួយកណ្ដាលព្រៃក្បែរកន្លែងព្រះគោព្រះកែវស្លាក់នៅ បុត្រីស្ដេច ទាំងអស់ និងពួកហែហមទាំងឡាយនាំគ្នាឈប់សម្រាក និងងួតទឹកលេងសប្បាយក្នុង ស្រះទឹកនោះ។ ព្រះកែវព្ទសូវមាត់មនុស្យអ៊ូអរក៏ចេញមកលបមើលឃើញបុត្រីស្ដេច ទាំងប្រាំអង្គ ព្រះកែវបានចាប់ចិត្តស្រឡាញ់នាងពៅ តែដោយខ្លួនគ្មានសំលៀកបំពាក់ ត្រឹមត្រូវ បានតើមកនិយាយប្រាប់បង។

When they came to the beautiful pond, near where Preah Ko and Preah Keo lived, the princesses and their attendants stopped to rest and bathe happily in the pond. Preah Keo, hearing the sound of people laughing and splashing, crept up and saw the five princesses. Preah Keo instantly fell in love with Neang Pou, but since he was wearing no proper clothes, he ran back to tell his older brother.

ព្រះគេរព្ធប្អូននិយាយប្រាប់ក៏ក្អែសំលៀក
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Preah Ko conjured up a beautiful set of clothes and jewelery and Preah Keo returned to the pond wearing them. When the princesses saw Preah Keo, they were immediately attracted to him and invited him to come and swim, playing a water game in which one must find a coin. Whenever Preah Keo found the coin and thus won, he would pick the youngest daughter as his prize, and whenever Neang Pou found the coin, she would pick Preah Keo as her prize. After a while it was obvious that the two were falling in love. This made the older sisters angry and they prepared to return to the Palace in order to tell their father.



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- នាងពៅទៅណា បានជាមិនឃើញដូច្នេះ?
- ព្រះបិតា! នាងមិនហ៊ានចូលគាល់ព្រះអង្គទេ។
- តើមានរៀងហេតុអ្វីបានជាមិនហ៊ានចូលមក៖
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When they returned to the Palace, the older sisters went to see their father as they normally did after a trip. Not seeing Neang Pou among them, the King asked where their youngest sister was. The older sisters replied that Neang Pou "didn't dare to come and meet the King". "Why doesn't she dare to come?" asked the King-"Father", the older sisters replied, "when we came to a pond in the forest. Neang Pou played with a young male stranger, having no shame and no fear at all".

ស្ដេចស្ដាប់កូនបង់១ទូលដូច្នេះ ក៏ខ្វាល់នឹងនាងពៅដែលហ៊ានធ្វើផ្ដេសផ្ដាសឥតខ្វាច ក្រែងព្រះអង្គ។ ព្រះអង្គបានបញ្ជាឲ្យនិរទេសនាងពៅចេញពីកំងទៅរស់នៅក្នុងព្រៃ។ នាងបានធ្វើដំណើរក្នុងព្រៃដោយសោយតែផ្លែឈើរហូតដល់បានជួបនឹងព្រះកែវ។ ព្រះ គោបានរៀបអភិសេកព្រះកែវនិងនាងពៅ រួចបានក្ដែចេញប្រាសាទយ៉ាងល្អសម្រាប់ ប្អូនរស់នៅទាំងអស់គ្នា។



The King was furious that his youngest daughter had been so careless and disobedient, and he ordered Neang Pou banned from the Palace, sending her to go and live in the forest. Neang Pou wandered in the forest, surviving on fruits, until Preah Keo and Neang Pou and he conjured up a beautiful palace for the three of them to live in.



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លើកក្រោយនេះ ស្ដេចមានការព្រួយព្រះទ័យយ៉ាងខ្លាំង ព្រោះមិនដឹងជាកេមាន់ឯណា មកដល់ឈ្នះមាន់ស្ដេចសៀម។ ព្រះអង្គបានឲ្យពួកសេនាស្វែងកេមាន់ខ្លាំងពូកែត្រប់ កន្លែង។ លុះពួកគេដើរ១ទៅបានជួបនឹងនាងពោ ហើយបាននិយាយតាមដំណើររឿង ^{ព្រមទ}ាំងត្រឡប់មកវិញយកដំណីងនេះទូលថ្វាយដល់ស្ដេច។

Before this second fight, the Khmer King was extremely worried because he didn't know where to find a cock that could defeat the cock of the King of Siam. He sent his men to look everywhere for the strongest and cleverest cock in his Kingdom. During their search, his men eventually met Neang Pou in her Palace. They told her of their dilemma and then brought news of her back to her father, the King.



ពេលនោះស្ដេចនិងបុត្រីទាំងអស់បាន យល់ឃើញថាត្រូវឲ្យនាងពោជាមួយ ព្រះកែវ ដោះស្រាយរឿងនេះ។

The King and his remaining daughters realised that only Neang Pou and Preah Keo could solve the dilemma of the Kingdong OV.kh

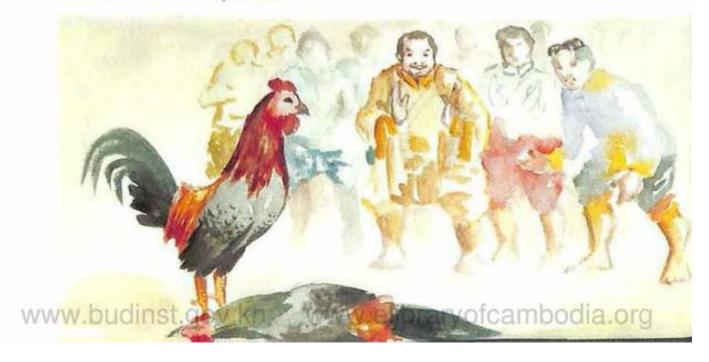


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Preah Keo went to consult Preah Ko, and Preah Ko decided to transform himself into a cock in order to help save the Kingdom. When the Khmer cock fought the cock of the King of Siam for the second time, the Khmer cock - who was really Preah Ko-won. The King of Siam was very angry and wondered a bit as well how such a small Khmer cock could kill his larger bird. Maybe the Khmer had used some kind of strong magic, the King of Siam thought. The King of Siam refused to be defeated however, and he asked for another fight, this time between elephants.

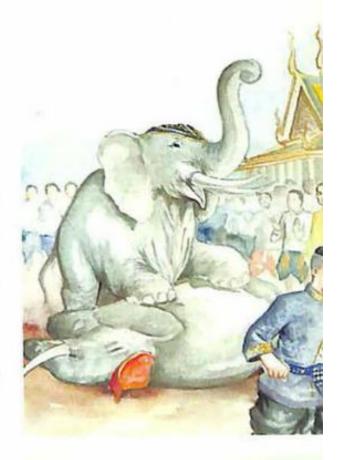






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Preah Ko again changed his form to become an elephant, and thus the Khmer elephant defeated the elephant of the King of Siam. The King of Siam was furious and wanted to know by what magic the Khmer were always winning. He therefore had a mechanical bull made out of metal and yet again invited the Khmer King to a fight, this time between bulls. Preah Ko realised that he could not win this fight and so he told his brother to be alert. If Preah Ko began to flee the fight, Neang Pou should know to hold fast to his tail and thus to fly off with them. When the time to fight came, Preah Ko struggled gallantly against the mechanical bull, charging him three times. Knowing he couldn't win however, Preah Ko turned and ran towards his younger brother.







ព្រះ កែវនាំនាងពេវតោជកន្ទុយបង ហើយព្រះគោហោះវីងចេញទៅធ្វើឲ្យ ផ្ដើលអស់ទាំងខ្មែរទាំងសៀមតាម មើល ហើយស្ដេចសៀមនឹកចង់បាន ព្រះគោយាំងខ្លាំងក៏នាំពលទាហាន ដេញតាមចាប់។ ចំណែកនាងពៅតោង កន្ទុយព្រះគោយូរ១ទៅក៏ធ្លាក់ចុះមកដី



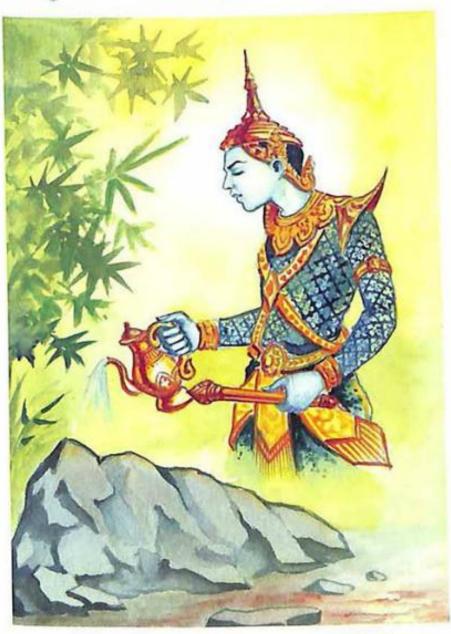
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Preah Keo and Neang Pou held tightly onto Preah Ko's tail and the three of them rose into the air and flew away while the Khmer and the Siamese who had been watching the fight, stared in amazement. Because the King of Siam desperately wanted Preah Ko and his powers for his

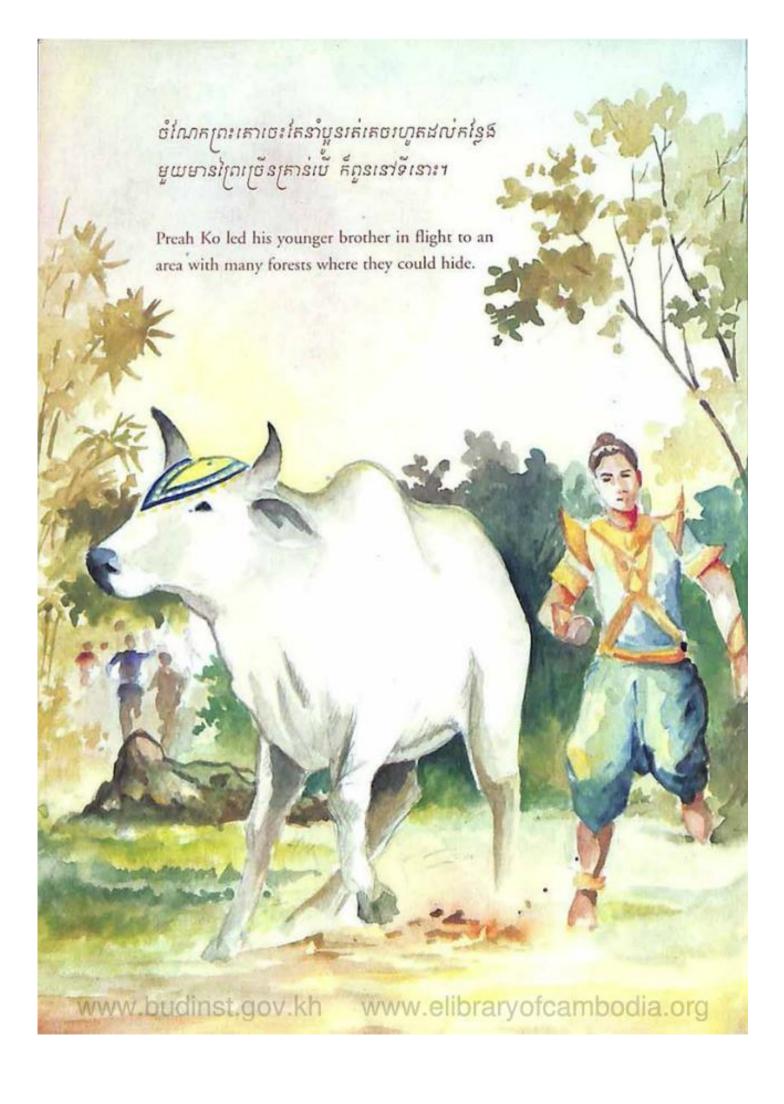


Kingdom, he ordered his soldiers to give chase and catch Preah Ko. Neang Pou held the tail of Preah Ko for a long time but at last she had to let go, falling to earth-Seeing his wife fall. Preah Keo also let go of the tail and fell to her side. Neang Pou begged Preah Keo to continue running since the soldiers of the King of Siam were close behind. Then she died and Preah Keo ran off. Knowing that Neang Pou and Preah Keo had let go of his tail. Preah Ko returned, found his brother, and the two of them flew off again, fleeing from the Siamese.

និយាយពី ព្រះឥន្ទ្រក្ដេក ក្រហាយនៅមិនបានក៏ប្រមើល មើលមកក្រោមឃើញនាងពៅដេកស្វាប់កណ្ដាលព្រៃ ដូច្នេះក៏យកទឹកកន្ទីរមកស្រោចពីលើសពនាងក្លាយជាថ្ម និងនាំព្រលីងទៅគង់នៅមានសូគ៌។



At that time, the god Indra was uneasy in the heavens, and looked down to earth, seeing Neang Pou lying dead in the middle of the forest. Indra took sacred water and sprinkled it on the body of Neang Pou, turning it into a

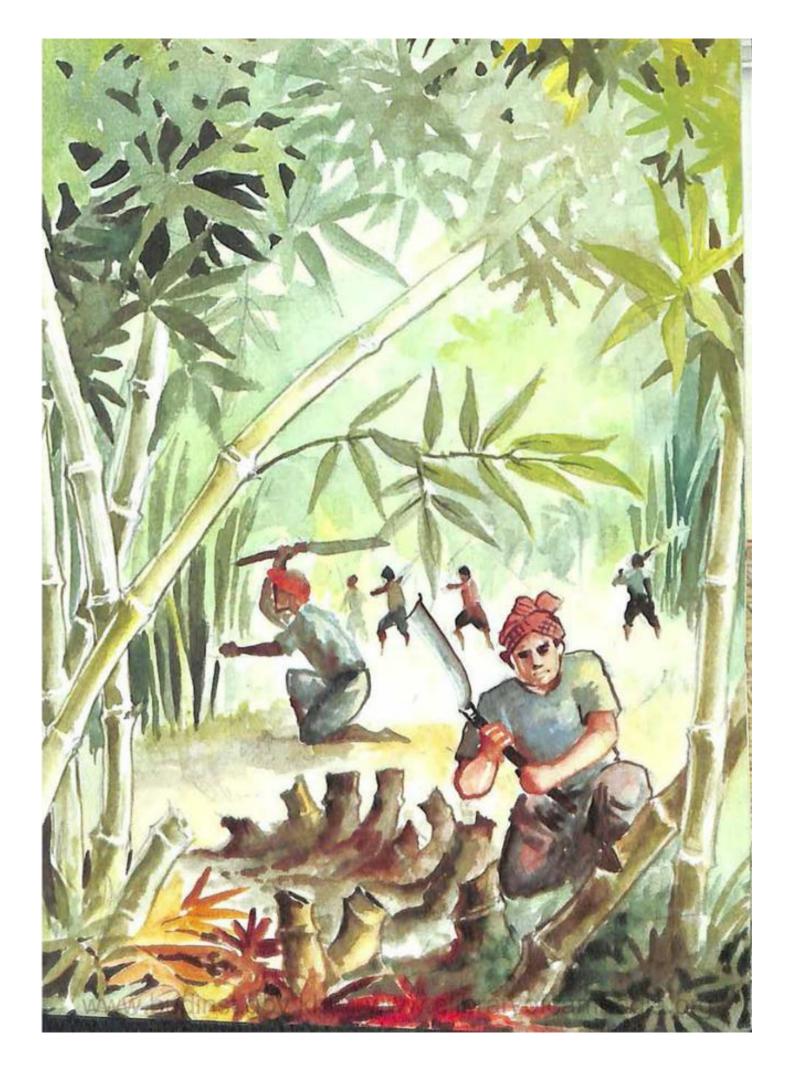


ចាប់ពីព្រះគោទៅនៅត្រង់នោះមកធ្វើឲ្យដើមឈើទាំងឡាយមាន ផ្លែង្កាស្រស់បំព្រង សត្វផងទាំងពួង ក៏ដូចអ្នកភូមិក្បែរនោះបាន សម្បូណ៌សប្បាយថ្លែកពីធម្មតា។ ដំណឹងនេះបានលេចពូទៅដល់ ស្ដេចសៀម គេបានឲ្យហោរាទាយដឹងថា មានព្រះគោទៅនៅ ត្រង់នោះក៏នាំទាហានដេញតាមចាប់បន្ដទៀត។ ដោយចង់បានព្រះ គោទៅនៅក្នុងស្រុករបស់គេខ្លាំងពេក ក៏ចេះតែតាមចាប់គ្រប់ ពេលវេហា។

As soon as Preah Ko lived in that area, all the trees began to bear fresh fruit, charming flowers grew in the fields, and the animals behaved like good neighbors in a village, all living happily together. The news of such a beautiful place eventually reached the King of Siam whose fortune teller told him that Preah Ko was living in those forests. The Siamese King called his soldiers to once again chase and capture Preah Ko since the King badly wanted Preah Ko and his powers for the Kingdom of Siam. The Siamese soldiers tried over and over again to capture Preah Ko.

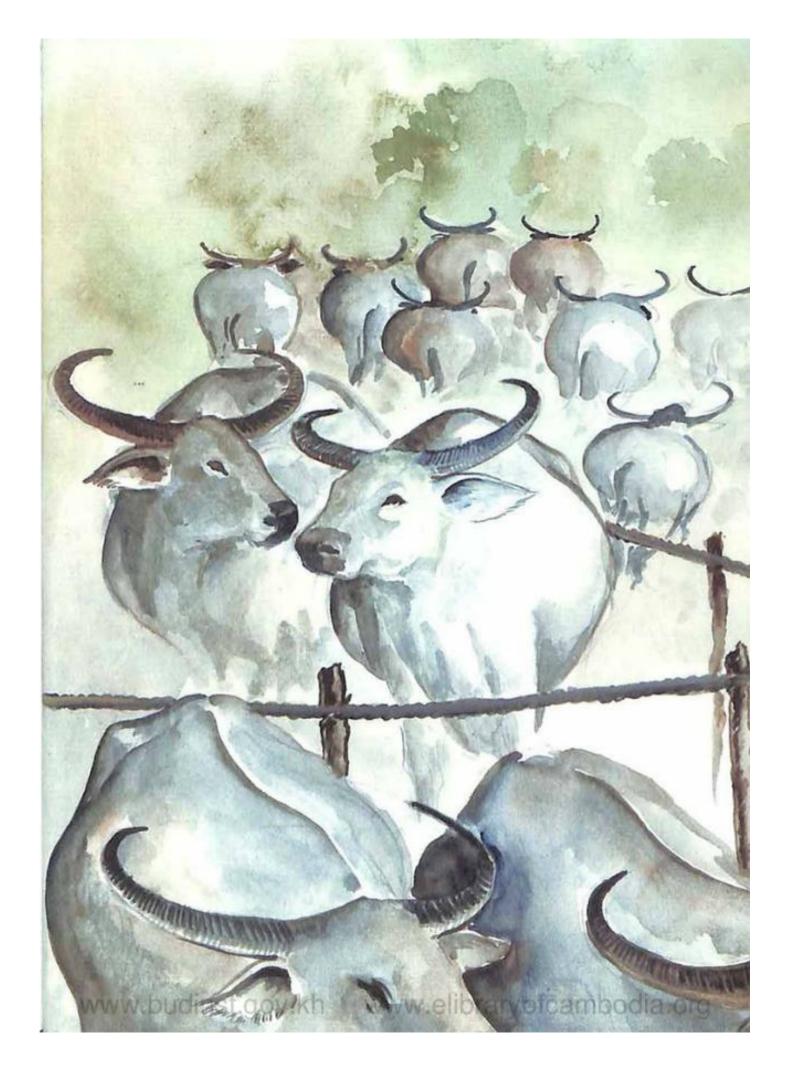
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Preah Ko fled from the forests with his brother, this time hiding in the fortress of Longveak which was surrounded by dense bamboo thickets. The fortune teller of the Siamese King told the King that Preah Ko and Preah Keo were hiding there, so the King raised his troops and came to Longveak. But his troops could not enter the fortress because the stands of bamboo surrounding it were too thick. The Siamese King therefore decided to try a trick. He loaded silver coins into his soldiers' guns and had them fire the coins into the bamboo thickets. Then he ordered his army to withdraw completely from the area. When the young cowherds came to the bamboo and found coins in the thickets, they ran to tell their parents. Their parents then came and began to cut the bamboo in order to collect the coins. Not long thereafter, the thickets of bamboo surrounding the fortress of Longveak were completely gone.



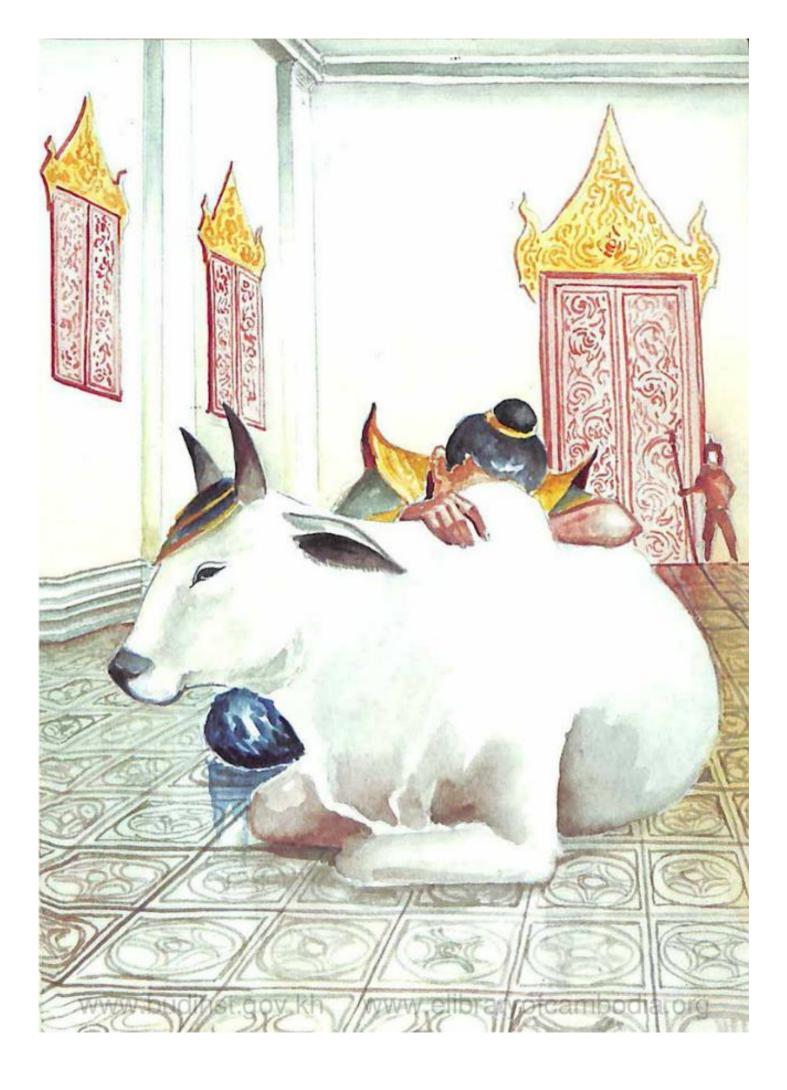
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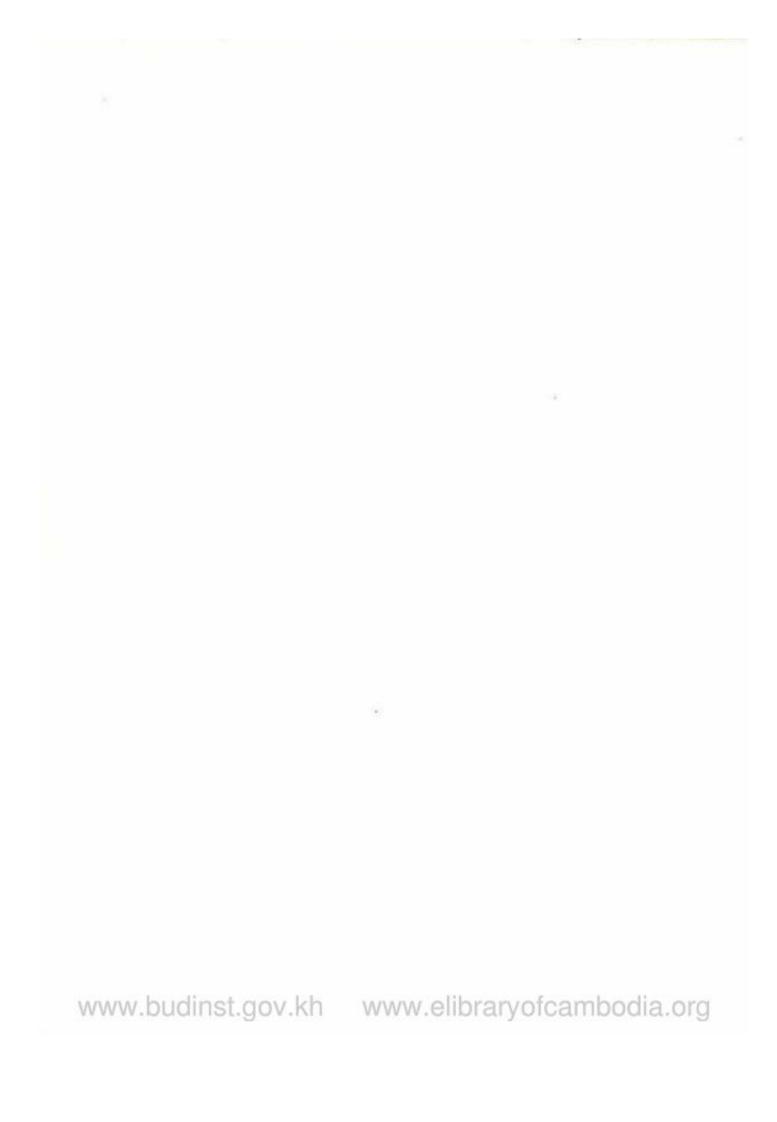
The Siamese then approached with their troops once again. This time, Preah Ko and Preah Keo both changed their forms into those of ordinary water buffalo, joining a water buffalo herd in order to hide from the Siamese. The Siamese King strung a water buffalo skin rope around this herd, thus creating a magic circle. When the Siamese soldiers began to chase and beat the herd within the circle, all the ordinary water buffalo ran under the rope and fled. Only Preah Ko and Preah Keo remained standing inside the roped off circle because they were afraid to lose their power by passing under the rope and through the magical circle. Thus the Siamese were able to catch Preah Ko and Preah Keo, beating them, taunting them, and then taking them to prison in the Kingdom of Siam.



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One night, Preah Ko and Preah Keo managed to escape and returned to Cambodia. The Siamese soldiers once again chased them all over until they finally caught them again. This time, the soldiers did not dare to beat or taunt the two. Instead, they built a beautiful palace in the Kingdom of Siam for Preah Ko and Preah Keo. They surrounded the palace with seven walls and hired good guards since they were always afraid that Preah Ko would try to escape again. The Siamese thought that for as long as Preah Ko stayed in their Kingdom, they would have peace and prosperity. Thus they have kept Preah Ko and Preah Keo in the Kingdom of Siam from that time all the way until the present, and Preah Ko and Preah Keo have never again returned to Cambodia.





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