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Two Balinese dancers emerge from a gate in an elaborate Barong costume.

Many Balinese dramas involve contests between the evil witch Rangda and her foe, Barong, a mythological creature who looks somewhat like a gilded and furry lion. Two men are needed to enliven the four-legged Barong costume. The Barong costume is considered sacred and thus is stored in the village temple.



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