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This mural detail from the Emerald Buddha Temple shows large fish and mermaids moving through cresting ocean waves to carry stones away from Rama's bridge. At right a merman and mermaid couple carry large stones held high over their shoulders and behind their heads. At left a demon creature who seems to be half woman and half sea snake carries another large stone. Large fish, including a giant blue one diving into a wave with a stone in its mouth, swim around the mermaids.

The demon king Ravana instructs his mermaid daughter to oversee the destruction of the stone bridge that Rama's monkey troops were building so that they could cross to Lanka and rescue Sita.



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