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A red-toned modern Balinese painting depicts Hanuman courting Ravana's mermaid daughter. Swooping above moonlit waves and an open-mouthed fish in the sea, Hanuman carries the beautiful mermaid in his outstretched arms. Hanuman's and the mermaid's faces are framed by the glowing full moon as they touch and gaze at one another.

Hanuman is colored white with his fur drawn precisely into the image, while the mermaid's skin is a solid dark brown. The background of the sky and sea are tinted a deep red color. In this artistic portrayal, the mermaid's dark skin contrasts to Hanuman's light fur. Hanuman and the mermaid both wear Hindu Balinese style royal waistcloths, crowns, and ornaments.



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