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Standing gracefully on one foot, Prince Rama shoots an arrow at a group of demons sent by Ravana, as painted on a mural at the Emerald Buddha Temple. The demons, depicted in varied animal-like forms, crowd around their elephant mount. Angry that Sita will not forget her love for Rama, Ravana decides to kill Rama who is still living in exile in the forest. Ravana first sends a team of demons riding a huge elephant to attack Rama. The demons sent by Ravana come in many colors and beastly shapes. Even the demons' elephant rushes towards Rama with a sword held in its trunk. Rama, seen here at left, fights back by shooting an arrow toward the elephant. The demons fall from the elephant and flee in terror.

Rama is successful in his efforts to repel the demon attackers sent by Ravana, but he still doesn't know how to save Sita because he has no army of his own.



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