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In this detail image from an Emerald Buddha Temple mural, Hanuman in royal garb clambers over the head of an elephant outside a white wall of Ravana's palace. The bodies of two fallen demon guards are seen at each side of the frame. After locating Sita and telling her of Rama's imminent arrival and plans for her rescue, Hanuman decides to attack Ravana's palace, guards, and many demon sons.

Two palace guards that Hanuman has fought successfully lie on the ground to the right and the left of the elephant being straddled by Hanuman. The realistically depicted elephant struggles, founders to its knees, and is defecating, apparently from fear induced by Hanuman's assault.



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