

### 3e Prix Ex Aequo

**SIRIMA "Sirima, The Beauty" painting by Sompop Budtarad/ Story written by Marine Crepin**



Sirima was a talented dancer and a natural beauty. She danced everyday until her body became sore. She had an enemy, Cena. Cena was jealous because Sirima was always better than her at everything, especially dancing.

One evening, Cena decided to poison Sirimas's dinner before their show. She wanted to feel more important than Sirima for once.

At their dance show, Cena was awfully eager to see the result of the poison. Suddenly, on stage, while everyone admired Sirima, her skin turned a pale green which frightened the crowd. Her ears grew longer and longer in a matter of seconds. Furthermore, her movements became bizarre. She did not seem human anymore. Cena had an evil grin on her face. However, Sirima had not noticed what had happened as she was lost in her dance.

The crowd was startled by Sirimas's sudden change and mistook her for a witch or worse.

« Une sorcière! C'EST UNE SORCIÈRE! »

« Non, C'EST LE DIABLE! »

« Un monstre! Elle nous tuera! »

« Nous devons la brûler! »

Once Cena had heard that sentence, a look of panic immediately appeared on her face. She had wanted to hurt Sirima but not kill her.

People from the crowd made a fire around Sirima. One moment she was beautifully dancing, the next she was burnt alive.

And Cena would feel forever guilty for what she had done.

