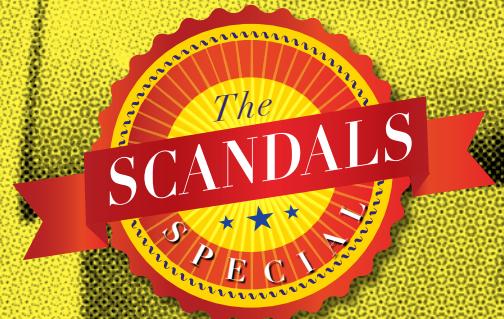


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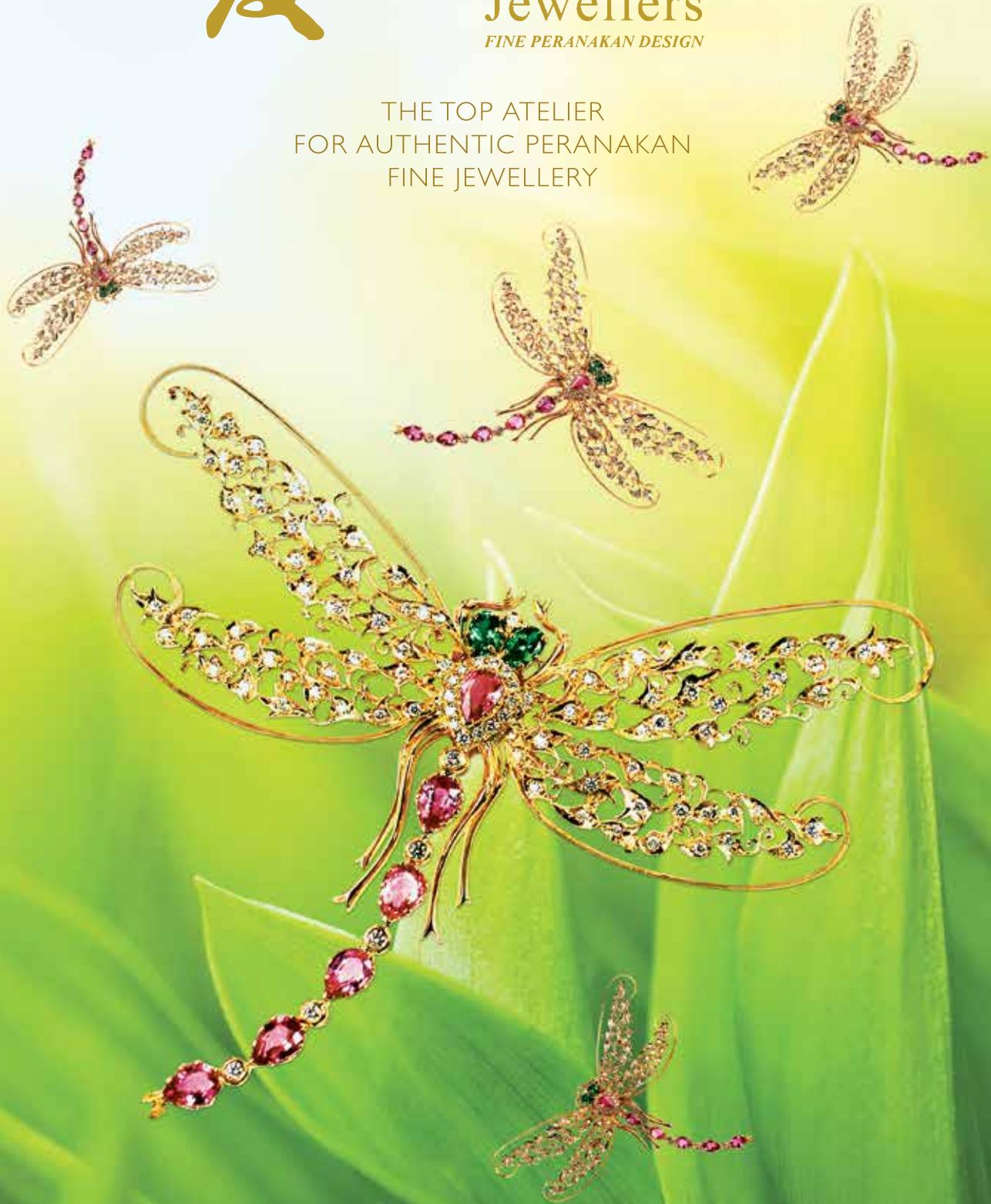
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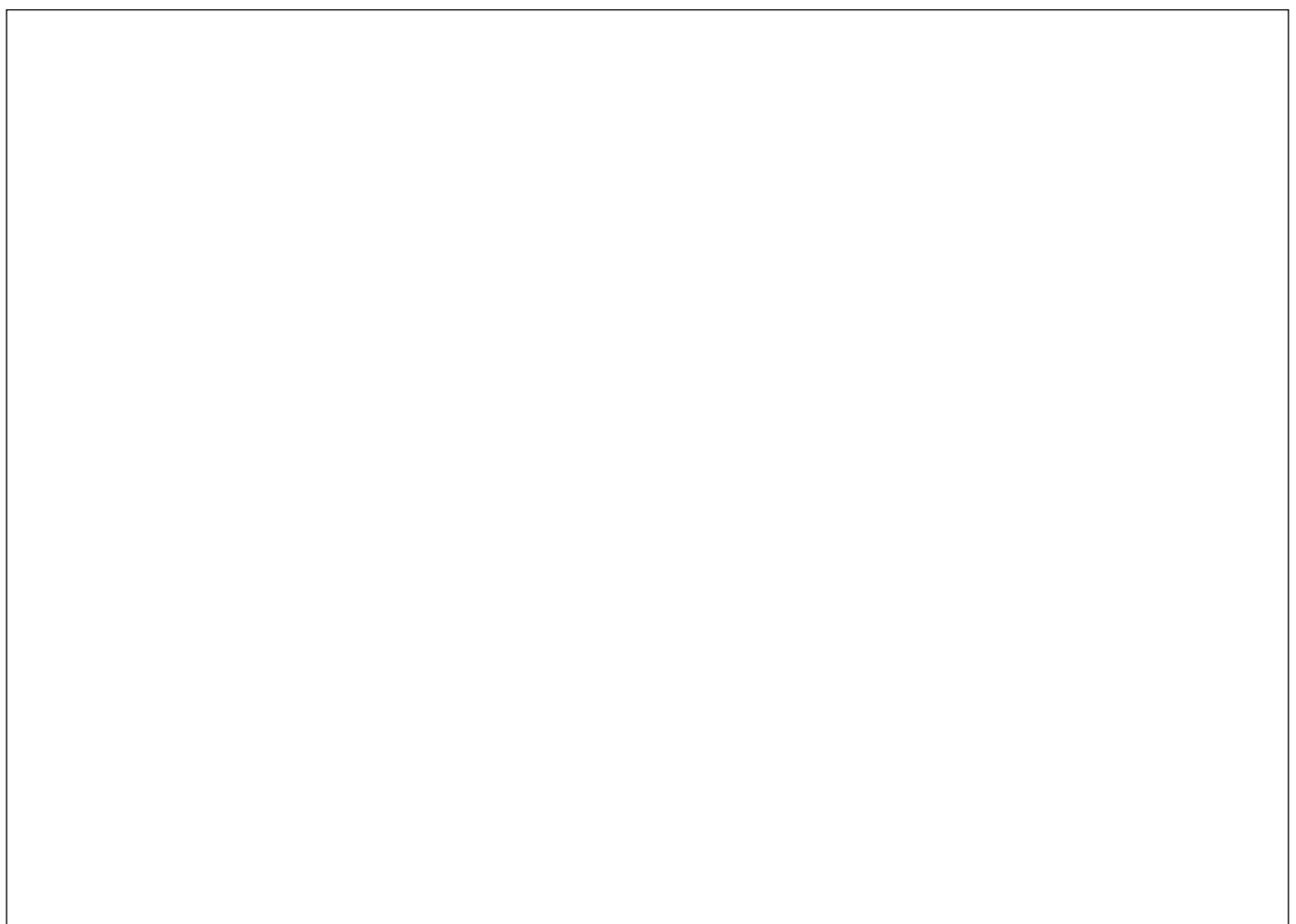
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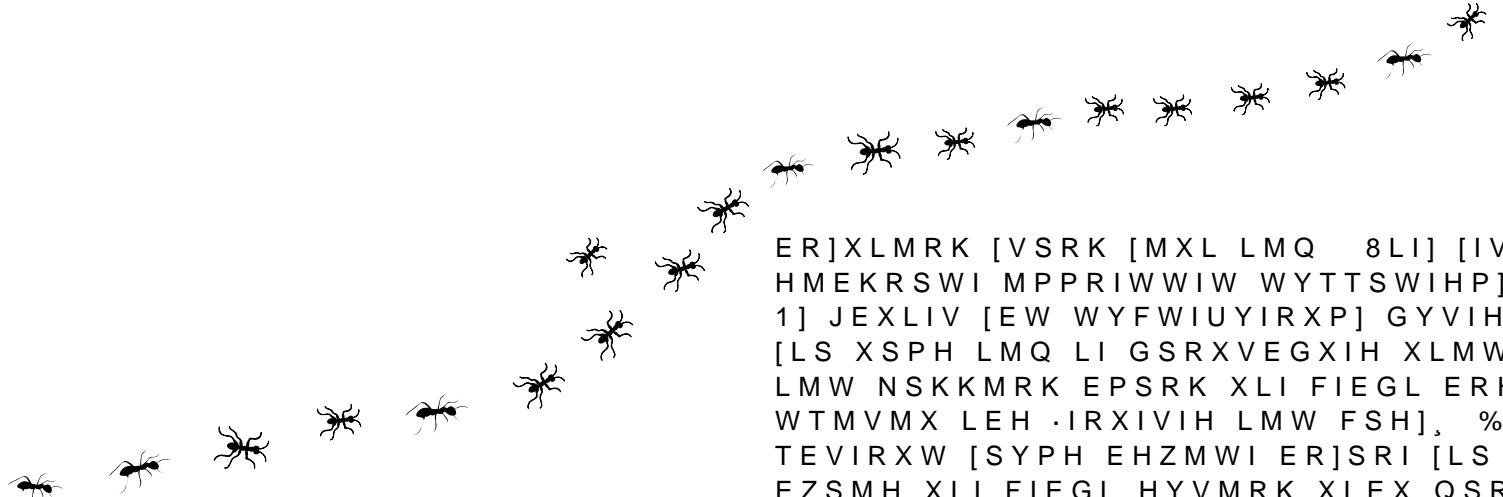
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## PEEING ON ANTS

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pet dog Blackie  
(1970) - whom I  
could have "shared"  
XEMO QEXE with.



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“ IT IS BEST TO  
OBSERVE PANTANGS  
SO LONG AS THEY DO  
NOT CAUSE TOO MUCH  
INCONVENIENCE IN  
OUR DAILY LIVES,

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#### MAKING KUEH BAKOL

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BABA WILLIAM GWEE SHARES SOME UNFORGETTABLE SCANDALS FROM TIMES PAST

# SPICE

## AMONG THE NICE

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# THE NYMPHO NYONYA

Then, there was a rich widow

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THE  
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My uncle was a senior storekeeper in a European company's warehouse. He was in charge of the rubber sheets section where Cantonese ladies were employed, and Uncle soon found himself with a mistress. His wife attempted to end their relationship by ensuring he handed his entire monthly pay packet to her. She would disburse just enough cash to meet his daily needs. In an unbelievable twist, the mistress, despite her low income, took it upon herself to support him financially and the affair remained intact! When this became widely known, the wife was consoled by her allies, saying that Uncle had landed with a mistress who "sudah salah otak" – "was out of her mind."

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It used to be normal for babas to have a mistress. She was usually either a Malay as there would be no language barrier, or a Cantonese sufficiently fluent in Baba patois. My father's friend, Keng Lock (not his real name), was a picture of devotion whenever he visited us with his wife. Nonetheless, he had a Malay mistress, and would spend many nights with her at her Geylang Serai house. Before long, his wife discovered the affair. She marched to the house early one morning and confronted him. When she started screaming, he tried to hush her before his mistress awoke. Clad in his pyjamas, he dragged his wife home, repeatedly muttering along the way, "Lu sua gila, eh?" (Are you mad?) of your mind?" This phrase became the spurned wives' sarcastic jibes among his friends. His affair was brief but he remained incorrigible and continued to stray here and there when he embraced Catholicism and appeared to reform. Doubters, including many of his classmates, claimed it was advancing age rather than piety that changed him!

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# SECRET SELAT

A photo essay by Baba Peter Lee

SELAT WAS A VERY OLD AND APT NAME FOR SINGAPORE. E. THINGS WERE NOT ALWAYS SO SQUEAKY CLEAN. THIS RARE SELECTION OF 19TH-CENTURY PHOTOGRAPHS, AND A VERY REMARKABLE OLD BOOK, EXPOSE THE SECRET AND FORBIDDEN LIFE IN THE LION CITY, IN THE STRAITS AND IN THE REGION.

**A**topless Javanese or mixed race woman, draped in a north-coast batik sarong. Nineteenth-century erotica from Southeast Asia was produced by European photographers in very small quantities for discreet gentlemen clients.

**A** Chinese rake, posing with two courtesans, photographed by August Sachtler in Singapore, 1860s. The photographer assembled models for this image, possibly to reflect a kind of lifestyle he observed. A young Chinese man, representing the kind of typical monied playboy of his time, many of whom were Baba, is seated with two women by his side. The footsie they are playing with each other provides an intriguing subtext. These women are described in other images from the same album as "Swatow girls", Teochew courtesans whom some Peranakans referred to as T M T E G L E M S V T M lass, T M T E being the Chinese lute that such girls had to learn to play in order to entertain their clients. The most striking aspect of their dressing is the outlandish and extravagant coiffure and the tinkling kaleidoscope of fancy hairpins, which contrast greatly with their rather austere clothing.

A mixed race woman in F E N Y T E R N E R K and batik sarong, photographed by G.R. Lambert, in Singapore, possibly in the 1870s. The woman is wearing quite a number of jewels, and her *silk damask baju, fine batik sarong and silk shawl suggest she is a woman of some means.* Her pose is an essay in itself, and one can only speculate about the sources of her income.

A naked Chinese man, photographed in Canton (detail). The French caption describes the man as “Chinois de 22 ans” (a Chinese of 22 years). His hair, which should be shaved at the top and sides in typical Qing dynasty style, has grown out, suggesting that he could be an outlaw or a convict. Seldom can one obtain a glimpse of a man’s *tochang* (pigtail), and despite the clichés about the Chinese, its length is rather extraordinary.

**T**his book provides a rare and fascinating glimpse of private habits a century ago. It is an early 20th century sex manual, written in a school textbook and in English by a Peranakan father to his son in Penang. The advice cannot be more shockingly frank, intimate and blunt.

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# multilingual cussing

BABA TAN KUNING GETS EXPLICIT OVER PERANAKAN EXPLETTIVES

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## GLOSSARY OF GROSSNESS

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**CHEKEK DARAH** = choke on blood = someone who is annoying and always causes trouble

**MUKA PAPAN JAMBAN** = face as thick as a wooden toilet door = XLMGO WOMRRUH

**MUKA SIAL** = ugly face that brings no luck = an unfortunate person

**KEPALA OTAK** = like the brain in your head = nonsense

**OTAK KELEDEK** = brain like sweet potato = HMQ [MXX

**OTAK KAMBING** = goat's brain = stupid

**OTAK UDANG** = shrimp's brain = a silly person

**MULOT BECHOK** = noisy mouth = one who talks too much and always gossips about the affairs of others



**MULOT PANTAT AYAM** = mouth like a chicken's backside = retort to someone who has made inauspicious statements about impending misfortune, serious illness or death. The phrase is crude and vulgar to offset the inauspicious effect.

**MULOT LONGKANG** = mouth like a drain = someone who denigrates others

**MULOT BOCHOR** = leaking mouth = one who cannot keep secrets

**GILA BAYANG** = mad for someone's shadow = an infatuated person

# FIXXIV WEJI XLE

BABA COLIN CHEE TOYS WITH SOME AMULETS AND LUCKY CHARMS  
WORN BY THE BABAS OF TIMES PAST

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Lucky charm

T V E Q T E R K X I V M O I X

This silver charm takes the form of a small dagger with a saw-like blade of about 21cm, whose serrations are apparently made of

shark teeth. The

M O I X may be generally translated to mearto bind the shadows' or to prevent malevolent spirits from causing any harm or possessing people. Such charms

were popular in

East Java among both the Javanese and the Peranakan Chinese. The T V E Q T E R K X I V M O I X was suspended above a baby's cot to ward off evil.

COLLECTION OF MR AND MRS LEE KIP LEE.

This late 19th century O Y O Y E V M Q S tangkal (10.2cm x 9.0cm) from China is made of gilt silver and tiger's claw. Some believed that amulets should be worn when one had to leave the house as the wearer was no longer under the protection of the house's guardian deities.

GIFT OF MR EDMOND CHIN  
TO THE PERANAKAN MUSEUM.

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 Therefore the amulets (tangkal) and talismans S V J I P P S [ W X V M R K W

This late 19th or early 20th century gold amulet X E R K O E P comprises a 5.2 cm x 5.2 cm x 0.3 cm piece is attached to a tiger's claw (O Y O Y arimo), with gold filigree work attached to

*create the form of a fish.*

The 5.2 cm x 5.2 cm x 0.3 cm piece is attached

by chains to a gold brooch decorated with motifs of sea creatures.

These were created using the repoussé technique, where the metal is hammered on the reverse side to create designs in low relief.

*This is a finely engraved tube-like*  
 early 20th century silver tangkal (4.5 x 3.2 cm).  
 Buddhist or Taoist priests wrote prayers on coloured paper strips known as hoo that were folded up and inserted into these tubes worn around the neck.

# E Y W T m a d t a r s R W X M Z I

NYONYA MARIA KHOO-JOSEPH INTRODUCES A SHOWCASE OF BATIK ALTAR CLOTHS

**A**R I\XIRWMZI GSPPFEGXMSR E\N FEXMO EPXEV GPSXLW JSPPS[ XLI  
cloths with motifs and designs ranging from IEVPMIV IQFVSMHIVH GPSXLW [LMGL J  
YVSTIER XS 'LMRIWI EVI RS[ SREHMPWERH]EEWIXSVXIV WITEVEXI TERIP  
4IVEREEROER 1YWIYQ 8LMW WTIGMEPMXLWMSR XASpicioi E ÂET & YX XLI F  
Designs: Batik for Peranakan Altars, features highlights MRGSVTSVEXI EPP XLIWI IPIQIRXW MRX  
JVSQ E VIGIRX HSREXMSR F] 1EXXLII[ ERH %PMGI =ETT & IGEYWI XLI]  
8LI I\LMFMXMSR [EW PEYRGLIH SR The distinct groupings of flower  
bouquets on this mid-20th century  
YRXMP (IGIQFIV cotton Javanese X SO [M that measure from different  
-R & EFE 1EPE] EPXEV GPSXLW EV05.8cm wide, resemble a GYPXYVIW FEXMO  
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GIVIQSRMEP SGGEWMSRW for "bouquet"). The Three Stellar Gods GYPXYVEP MHIRXMX  
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EPXEV GPSXLW MQTSVXIH JVSQ 'LMRE G S O O Y R M X M I W M R E E Z E T X E X M S R X S  
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Peranakan.

Dragons, phoenices, and crabs are traditional Chinese symbols that commonly decorate altar cloths. However, the use of the Roman alphabet – instead of Chinese characters – is unusual in this mid-20th century cotton X S O [ M from Java which measures 106 cm x 103 cm. The letters in the borders might be surnames: "Hoe" (or "Koe") and "Sioe", if read from the centre. The middle line might be "hong" and "leng". In Hokkien, hong is phoenix, leng means dragon – both depicted on this cloth. The creatures are often used as symbols of a bridal couple, which suggests this cloth was used for a wedding.

(Below)  
A contextual display of an embroidered altar cloth hung in front of an altar.

8LI] JIEXYVI E [MHIV VERKI SJ QSYM IW EPB UIWMKDW  
MRGPYHMRK QER] ERMQEPW E ZEVN  
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LEZI 'LMRIWI GLEVEGXIVW SV 6SQER  
XS MHIRXMJ] XLI SGGEWMSR JSV [LN  
FIIR YWIH WYGL EW E [IHMRK SV E  
SJ XLI IEVPMIW FEXMO GPSXLW MR  
XLI GSEX SJ EVQW SJ XLI (YXGL )EW  
XVEHMXMSREP FEXMO ÁPPIV TEXXIV  
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8LI WIGSRH JSGYWIW SR XLI IEVPI  
EPXEV GPSXLW QEHI MR 'LMRE ERH  
JSVIVYRRIVW XS XLI FEXMO SRIW T\

The third and fourth sections are intended to

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GVIEXYVIW GSQQSR SR FEXMO GPS  
the qilin 8LI PEWX WIGXMSR TVSZMHI  
XLI STTSVXYRMX] XS PIEVR QSVI E  
TIVJSVQIH F] 4IVEREOERW ERH LS|  
FEWIH SR XLI SGGEWMSR

# museums

At 136 cm x 103 cm, this mid-20th century Javanese X S O [

more than the Chinese beasts. These naga is a serpent common in much Southeast Asian art. The dragons resemble the mythical Hindu-Buddhist naga

dress, attributes, and varying sizes have no parallels in Chinese art. They may depict a general procession rather than specific figures.

# digital dreams

BABA ARTIST ROBERT TEO PAINTS PERANAKAN CULTURE BY PIXELS

**H**ere is one 4IVEREOER  
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EW MX LIPTW LMQ XS I\TPSVI E WX]PI SJ  
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[MJI FSXL SJ [LSQ EVI R]SR]EW  
\*SV QSWX SJ Q] EVX[SVOW - YWIH XLI  
MRXVMGEXI W]QFSPW ERH QSXMJW SJ XLI Robert Teo at his studio.  
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QIQSVMIW I\TIVMIRGIW ERH JIIPMRKSW ¶YP]

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XLMW I\GMXMRK QIHMYQ WM  
QMH W μ8LI TVSGIWW SJ  
XLI TM\IP XS TEMRX EPPS[W  
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ERH XLI HMKMXEP TIR Q] F  
8LI ÁREP EVX[SVO MW XVE  
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a solo show Peranakan and the Sing

Robert's artworks, titled Assimilation (left) and Hybrid (right). Both were digitally drawn and collaged using multiple layers of publishing software such as photoshop and then printed onto canvas. They each measure 122x152cm.

# a wedding of cultures

CHETTI DAVID BOK EXAMINES THE MULTI-CULTURAL PERANAKAN INDIAN WEDDING

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the Malacca Sultanate, and have  
survived three colonial regimes in  
Malacca: the Portuguese, the Dutch  
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TVEGXMGIW EVI TVIHSQMRERX 8LVSYKL  
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MRZSPZMRK HMWXERX VIPEXMZIW WS QER]  
4IVEREOER - RHMERW MR 1EPEGGE ERH

(Above) The bridegroom wears a turban called the XTPTE which is simply placed on his head. He also wears a shawl called the SPHEWEOSS around his neck that falls almost to the knee. He wears a long-sleeved shirt with a skirt underneath, and a pendant called GSQQYRMX. His HEWGI RHEWYU. The bride's headress is typically Peranakan Indian, distinct from Peranakan Chinese, Malay or Javanese. Her hair is tied into a sanggot (bun). The bride's QEVESOSS is richly embroidered and falls in front of the skirt like an apron. The long skirt that she wears is called QEVXLE WSRKOIX. It is richly embroidered with sequins. Around her neck is a necklace of red beads called QERMO. She also wears a large gold pendant called the TEHEOSQ.

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traditional South  
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## *in memoriam*

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# BABA RAYMOND WONG REMEMBERS NYONYA LIM SWEE KIM

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## BABA LEE YUEN THIEN LOOKS FORWARD TO PRESERVING AND PROMOTING HIS HERITAGE FROM A NEW CLUBHOUSE FOR PERANAKANS OF MALAYSIA

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# XLI XLT PAS annual general meeting

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The AGM was most spirited with good participation from members who showed their voting power.

## heralding the horse

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crowd was treated to three pantons

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