Thai Animations and Folklore

THE POPULAR CONTENT IN THAI ANIMATION

Thai folklore

- Thai folklore is a diverse set of mythology and traditional beliefs held by the Thai people. Most Thai folklore has a regional background for it originated in rural Thailand. With the passing of time, and through the influence of the media, large parts of Thai folklore have become interwoven with the wider popular Thai culture.

List of Thai Animation Movies

- 1979 The Adventure of Sudsakorn by Payut Ngaokrachang, Traditional animation. The only cel-animated feature film ever made in Thailand
- 2006 Khan Kluay directed by Kompin Kemgumnird, Kantana Animation CG animation. An Indian redubbed version Jumbo was released in 2008

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- 2007 The Life of Buddha Kritsaman Wattananarong, Media Standard Co., Ltd. CG animation
- 2008 Nak Natthaphong Ratanachoksirikul, Sahamongkol Film International. CG animation
- 2009 Khan Kluay 2 Taweelap Srivuthivong Kantana Animation CG animation An Indian redubbed version Jumbo 2: The Return of the Big Elephant was released in 2011.

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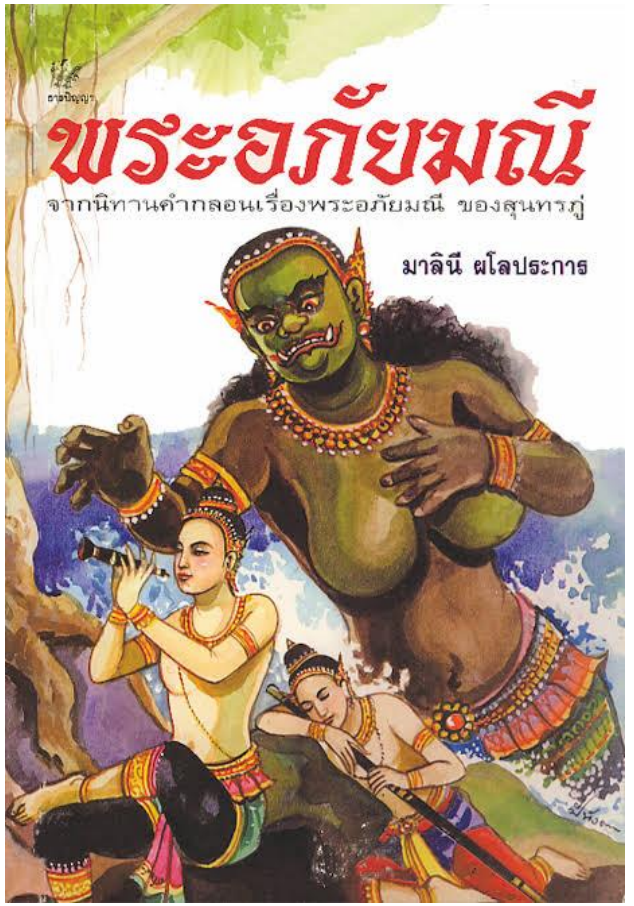
- 2012 Echo Planet Kompin Keamkumned Kantana Animation CG animation
- Yak: The Giant King Prapas Cholsaranont Workpoint Entertainment CG animation
- 2018 The Legend of Muay Thai: 9 Satra

Popular Thai Myths and Legends

- Phra Aphai Mani
  - An epic poem written by the Thai legendary poet, Sunthorn Phu, also known as "the Bard of Rattanakosin". It is considered to be one of Thailand's national epics. It is also one of well-known Thai folklores that has been heavily adapted into films and comics. The main protagonists are Prince Aphai Mani, the mermaid, and the Pisue Samutr; a female yak who can transmute herself into a beautiful girl



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- Sunthorn Phu
  - 26 June 1786 – 1855), is Thailand's best-known royal poet.[1] He wrote during the Rattanakosin period.

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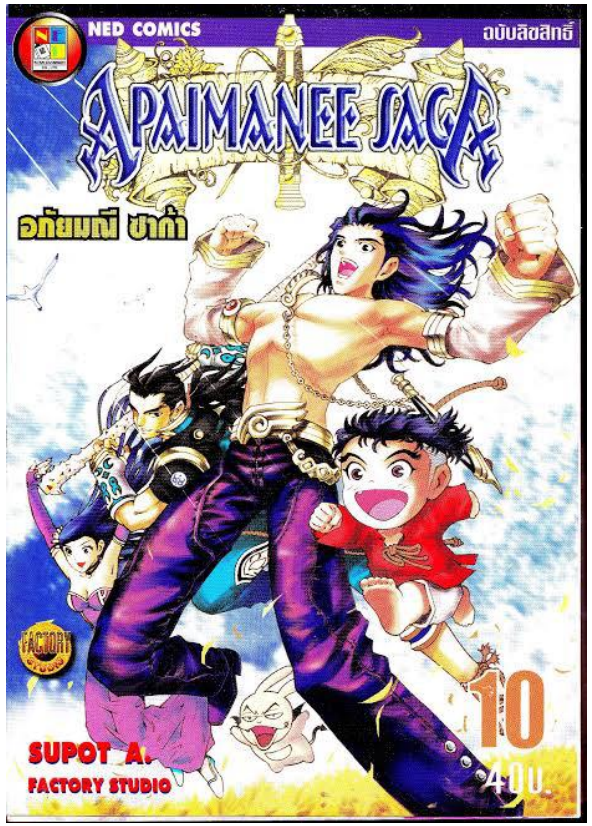
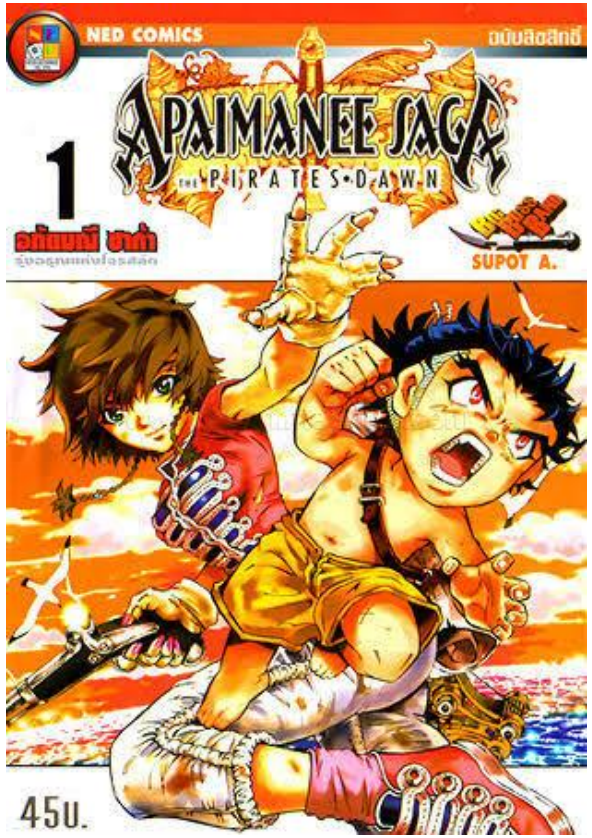
- Aphai Mani Saga
  - Thai comic by NED COMIC





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- Sudsakorn
  - Phra Aphai Mani's son, most popular sub-story.
  - Fantastic Boy adventures to find his father.

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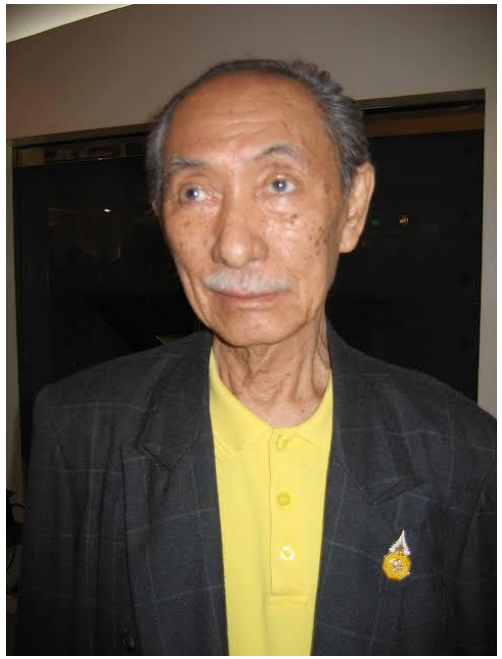
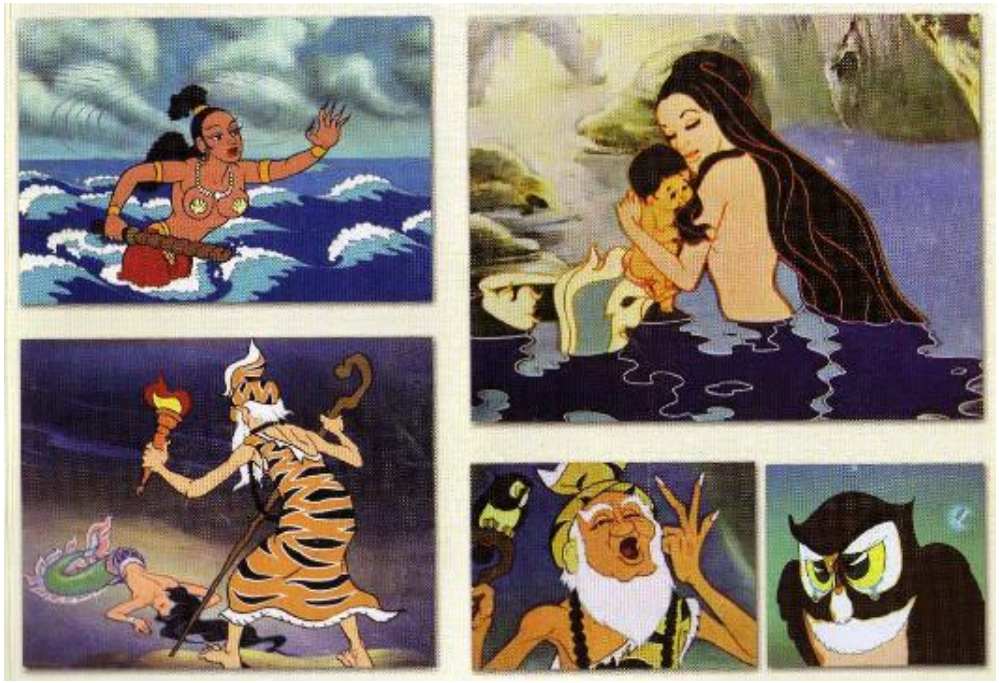
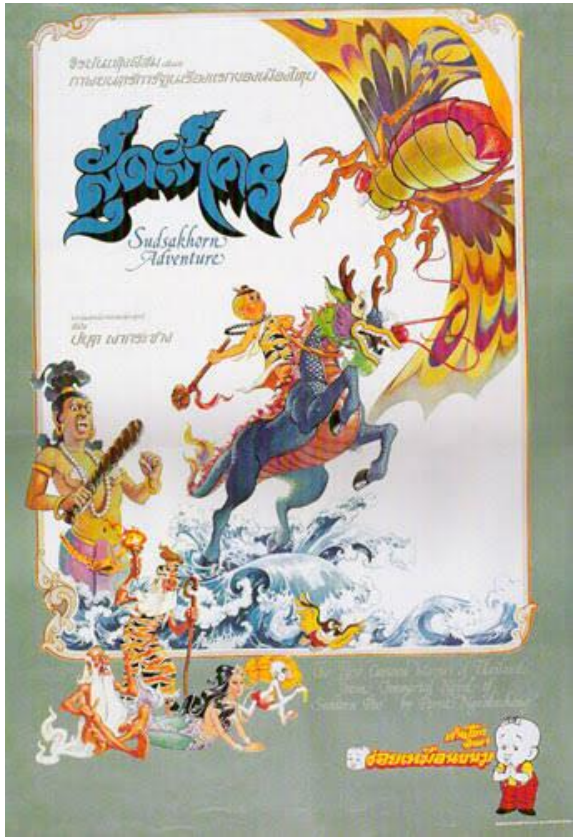
- (1979)The Adventure of Sudsakorn by Payut Ngaokrachang







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- Ja Ting Ja
  - Sudsakorn TV Series 2010 by Sam Siern

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- Naresuan's Elephant Battle
  - Back when Thailand was known as the Kingdom of Ayutthaya, King Naresuan's reign was marked by one of the most legendary battles in Thai history. Atop his elephant, the king called out to the crown prince of Burma Mingya Swa to face him in single combat. He accepted and Naresuan killed his opponent, winning the battle that secured Thailand's later victory in the war. Whilst today elephant riding is hugely frowned upon, it's one of the most enduring stories from this era of the country's history – and one that they're fiercely proud of.

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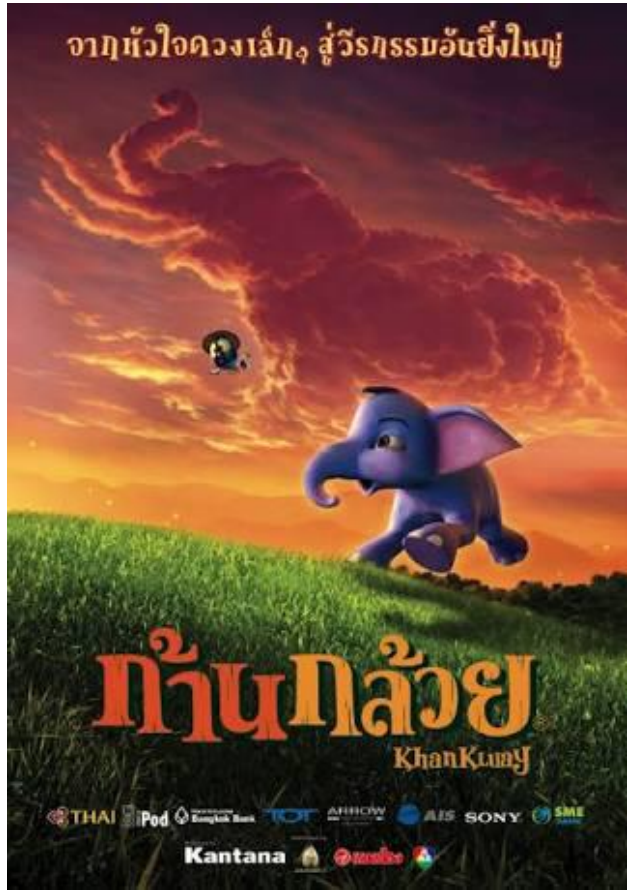

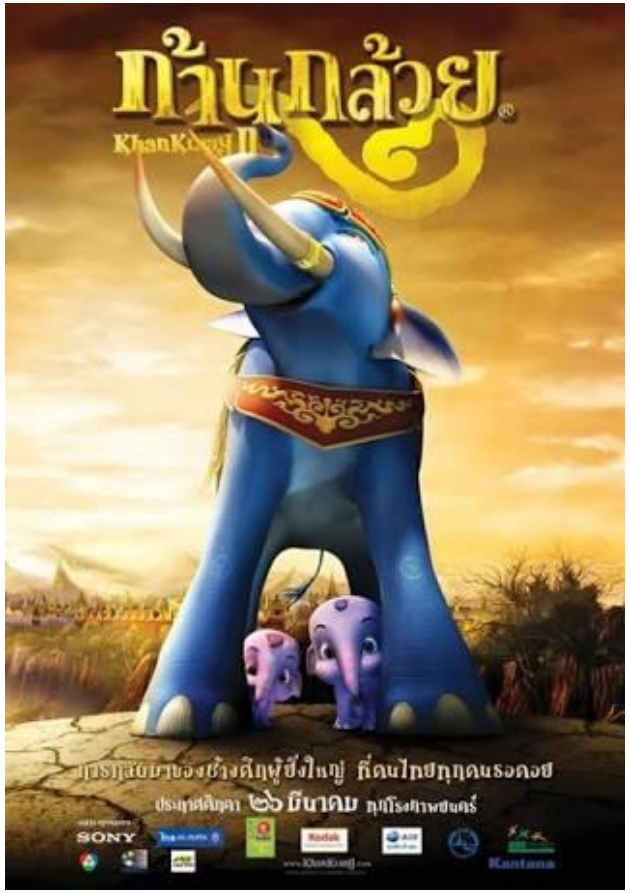

- Khan Kluay & Khan Klay 2 by Kantana Studio

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- Thai Ghost Stories
  - Mae Nak
    - Thailand has its fair share of spooky stories, and perhaps none is more terrifying than that of Mae Nak. Nak was pregnant and very much in love when her husband was conscripted to fight in a war. During his absence, both Nak and her baby died in childbirth.

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- Thai Ghost Stories
  - Mae Nak
    - The husband returned from the war, however, to find both his wife and child waiting for him at home. Villagers were killed by Nak before they could warn the husband, and he later only found out when he saw her stretch out her bony arms to the floor to pick up a lime. He fled, hiding firstly in a plant that ghosts are afraid of, and secondly to the temple, where ghosts can't enter.
    - Mae Nak was eventually exorcised twice; firstly into a jar, and secondly into the waistband of a monk. To this day, it's said that the Thai royal family are the ones in possession of the waistband that contains her spirit.

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- Nak the animation

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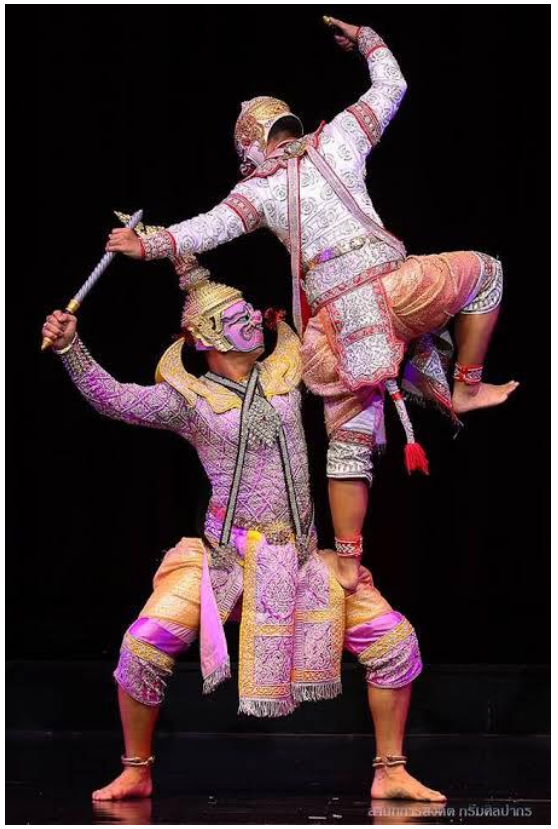
- Ramakien
  - While the main story is identical to that of the Ramayana, many other aspects were transposed into a Thai context, such as the clothes, weapons, topography, and elements of nature, which are described as being Thai in style. Although Thailand is considered a Theravada Buddhist society, the Hindu mythology latent in the Ramakien serves to provide Thai legends with a creation myth, as well as representations of various spirits which complement beliefs derived from Thai animism.



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- Ramakien Character

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- Yak : The Giant King

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- Nai Khanom Tom
  - Revered as the father of Muay Thai, Nai Khanom Tom was a Thai prisoner of war in Burma. The Burmese wanted to compare their martial art with the martial art of Thailand, and so called for the best fighter amongst the Thai prisoners to take part in a bout. Nai Khanom Tom stepped forward, and dispatched of 10 opponents, one after the other with a break. Impressed, the King granted the Siamese prisoner freedom, and Nai Khanom Tom has been revered as a legend ever since.

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- Yantra Tattoo
  - The yantra endows the wearer with supernatural protection, love, health, and wealth. In order to bring luck and provide protection

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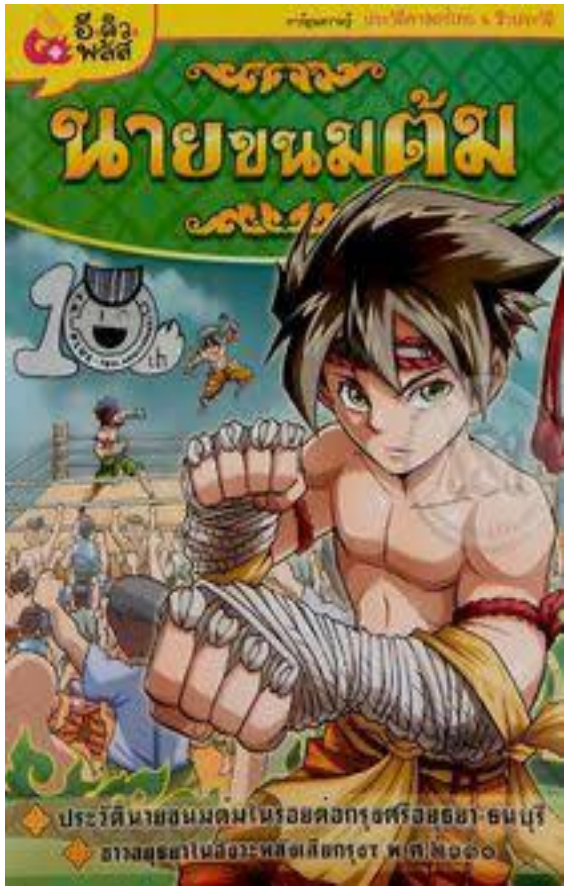
- Nai Khanom Tom in various media



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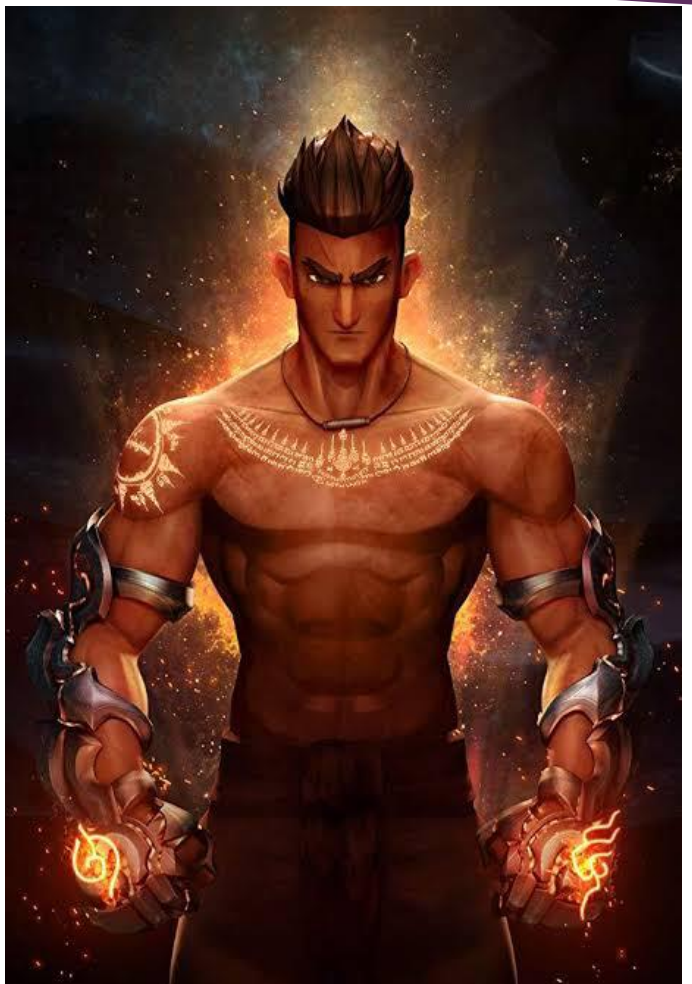

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- The Legend of Muay Thai: 9 Satra Chinese actor Du Jiang dubs the Mandarin version of the movie.