**Scene 1**

**Lights up. The palace gardens. Rama and Sita enter the stage. They walk around, talking and laughing as the narrator speaks. Birds can be heard in the background.**

Narrator 1: Once upon a time, there was a great warrior, Prince Rama, who had a beautiful wife named Sita.

**Rama and Sita stop walking and stand in the middle of the stage.**

Sita: **(looking up to the sky)** What a beautiful day.

Rama: **(looking at Sita)** Nothing compares to your beauty.

Sita: **(smiling)** Come, let’s continue.

**Rama and Sita continue to walk around the stage, talking and laughing as the narrator continues.**

Narrator 1: Rama was the eldest son of the king. He was a good man and popular with the people of the land. He would become king one day, however his stepmother wanted her son to inherit the throne instead.

**Rama’s stepmother enters the stage.**

Rama’s stepmother: **(grumpy)** What are you both so happy about?

Rama: We are enjoying this beautiful morning. Stepmother, how are you today?

Rama’s stepmother: Why do you care, Rama? **(Under her breath as she leaves the stage)** I won’t be happy until that boy is gone.

Rama: I hope I didn’t upset her?

Sita: You are a kind man and would never upset anyone on purpose.

**Rama and Sita leave the stage and lights down.**