

→ Introducing Pontianak: The Vengeful Shade of the Moonlit Grove | A Transmedia Folklore Series →

Who is Pontianak?

In Malay and Indonesian folklore, Pontianak is the spectral form of a woman who died during childbirth — beautiful, tragic, and terrifying. With cascading hair, a ghost-white dress, and a chilling laugh that echoes through the night, she emerges near banana trees, haunting the spaces between life and death.

Her stories hold paradox:

She is grief and fury.

She is desire and dread.

She is the echo of silenced suffering — women wronged, abandoned, or betrayed, returned to reclaim their stories.

- She draws men close with beauty, only to reveal her monstrous truth.
- She appears in the shadows with the scent of frangipani and the cries of a lost child.
- 👺 By day, she rests in banana trees; by night, she rides the wind in search of justice.
- Pontianak is more than a ghost she is a cultural memory encoded in horror, reflecting the fears, taboos, and buried grief of generations.

We have launched an open-source GitHub project to develop transmedia narrative prototype, inviting you to co-create, remix, and reimagine these stories across XR, games, and immersive storytelling.

Project Repository: https://lnkd.in/dYXzEvQQ

Follow us as we trace the chilling footprints of Pontianak across folklore, diaspora, and digital media.

Let's reimagine myth, memory, and the stories that shape our worlds.