

SHAHMARAN

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Once, there was a young woodchopper named Lokman. One day, he saw a well, full of honeycombs in the forest. Unfortunately, the rope suddenly broke and he found himself at the bottom of the well. He screamed. But no one heard him. A few days later, he saw a scorpion entering through a small hole. He enlarged it with his knife.



He got into a cave and he saw a manimal named was Shahmaran. 'Why are you here?' asked Sahmaran. 'I fell down into the well. I am so sorry.' said Lokman. 'Don't fear. You are my guest now and you can live here forever.' said Shahmaran. However, he missed his family after a while. He went to his village just so not to tell anyone where he lived and not to have a bath in hammams.

Years later, the king got ill. A magician said that the only cure for his disease was to eat Shahmaran's flesh and a person with skin like a snake could help. So, the king ordered everyone to wash in the baths. The king saw the scales of Lokman. He had to show the king the well. The king captured Şahmaran. 'Only a part of my body can heal and I will only tell Lokman.' said Shahmaran. So, the king let him to tell Lokman his body's secrets. The king ate from the healing part and healed. Lokman ate the talismanic part and then he gained the ability to talk to herbs. He became a famous herbalist.

GÖKDENİZ ON THE SEA

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It was a foggy winter night. The captain of the fishing boat called 'Gökdeniz' was confused. Because they couldn't catch any fish at that night. Captain received a letter. It said the fish he gave to the caravan were stolen. He didn't know what to do. He had no money.



Suddenly Destiny Goddess burst out of the sea. She said 'You captain, and your crew stole other people's money before. That's the reason you are cursed. The god of wellness Ülgen sent me. I can show you a way out.'



The captain and his crew climbed to Mount Ida as they were told. They found some gold there. Suddenly the god of underground Erlik showed himself. He said 'You can't take my gold!' The captain and his crew tried to fight him. Then Ülgen helped them and they defeated Erlik.

The captain took enough gold to pay his debt and delivered them to people. He was sorry for his earlier behaviours. Finally, the curse broken.