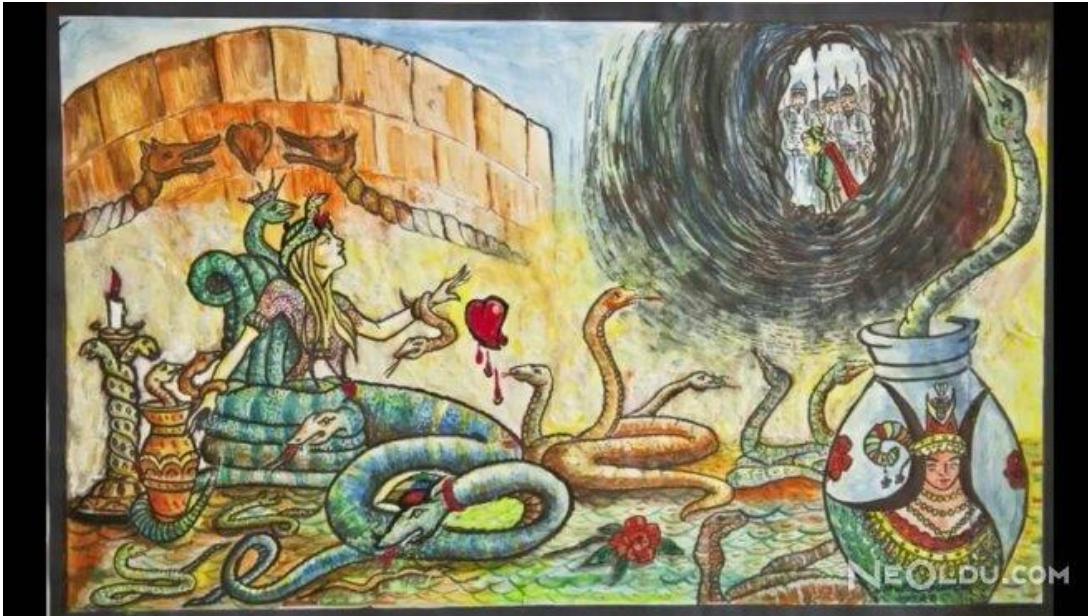




Şahmeran Efsanesi

Vücudunun üst kısmı bir kadın, vücudunun alt kısmıysa yılan şeklinde olan doğu kültürünün masallarında yer bulan mitolojik bir yaratıktır. Bu efsane Akdeniz Bölgesi'nin Tarsus ilinde geçmektedir. Burada yaşayan yılanlara Meran adı verilirdi. Barış içinde yaşayan bu yılanlar akıllı, şefkatliydi ve kraliçelerine Şahmeran denirdi. Onu gören ilk insan Cemşab, odun satan fakir bir ailenin oğluydu. Cem, arkadaşları ile bir mağaradan bal çıkarmak ister ancak arkadaşları daha çok bal alabilmek için Cem'i mağarada bırakırlar. Cem, mağarada ışık sızan bir delik fark edince bıçağı ile bu deliği genişletir ve çok güzel bir bahçe görür. Bu bahçede eşsiz çiçekler, bir havuz ve birçok yılan vardır. Yıllarca burada yaşayan Cem, Şahmeran'ın güvenini kazanır ancak ailesini özler ve Şahmeran yerini kimseye söylememesi şartıyla onun gitmesine izin vereceğini söyler.



Bir söylentiye göre Şahmeran'dan tıp bilimi ile ilgili birçok bilgi edinen Cemşab aslında Lokman Hekim'dir.

ŞAHMERAN

Narrator:

The legend of ŞAHMERAN comes from South Anatolia, TURKEY. It has been told and retold hundreds years.

Şahmeran is a snake from waist down, but from waist upward is a beautiful woman. She is a wisdom.

ELİF: I am *Şahmeran*, the queen of all snakes. I live in the depth of the forest. All snakes are my friends.

I tell incredible stories about health and humanity.

Narrator:

One day, while a villager ,CEM ,is walking around the forest, he finds out a cave walks into the cave. He sees a hole and light. He started to dig with his knife. He reaches a garden ,but full of snakes.

*He gets afraid very much. Suddenly, **Şahmeran** appears.*

ELİF: Not afraid, they are my firends, harmless.

İSMO: I can't believe my eyes. Who are you? A snake or a woman?

ELİF: I am **ŞAHMERAN**, the queen of all snakes. How can you find this garden? It is a secret. If the soldiers discover here and kill me, all snakes attack to people.

İSMO: While walking in the forest, I got lost.

NARRATOR:

The villager stays near Şahmeran for days. In those days, Şahmeran tell him all she knows about illnesses. But one day he misses his home and family very much.

İSMO: I missed my home and mum, want go back.

ELİF: But you know all my secrets and place in the forest. You can't

İsmo: Pity me. I am a human, I can't live in here anymore. I must go.

ELİF: Ohh my dear friend, ok. But you shouldn't tell anyone about me and my friends.

İSMO: O.K I won't ,thank you. I will never forget you and your friends.



NARRATOR:

He comes back home. His mother misses him very much. She is happy to see him again.

GÜLTEN: Ohh my dear son, Where were you?

I couldn't see you for a long time

I missed you and worried about you so much.

İSMO: I m lost in the forest. I couldn't find the way back.And.....

GÜLTEN: And What?What did you do in the forest,how did you sleep and what did you eat?

İSMO: I met someone,she looked after me very well.

GÜLTEN: Who, Who lives in the wild forest?

İSMO: Her name is Şahmeran, she is the queen of the snakes. She is helpful and wise. She knows all medicine and treatments for illnesses, But I promised I won't tell anyone about her place. You shouldn't tell, either.

GÜLTEN: O.K Promise, I won't.

NARRATOR:

Cem is happy being home again. He doesn't mention about ŞAHMERAN anybody. Help people by using medicine and cure he learnt from Şahmeran. But one day, Sultan of the country gets ill. People are worried about him. Cem's mother tells Cem the situation.

GÜLTEN: My dear son, did you hear the Sultan's illness? You can help him with your knowledge from Şahmeran.



NARRATOR:

Cem goes to the Palace and meets the Sultan.

İSMO : *My Sultan we heard your illness and sorry for you.If I examine you ,I can prepare medicine and cure ,and you may recover.*

EYMEN : Poor villager, my treatment is hidden in the forest.There is a creature in the forest, named ŞAHMERAN.

It's half of a woman and the other half is a snake.If we can catch it,and eat a piece of meat from her body,I get recover.

Otherwise I will die.

İSMO: OHH no my Sultan.You should't kill her.She is helpful and wise.If you ask for help, she will say your treatment.

EYMEN : Himm. Do you know its place,If you know and not tell me,my soldiers will kill you and your mum.

İSMO : O.K I will say and beg for her, don't kill her,please.

EYMEN: Well, O.K

NARRATOR:

Cem tells the soldiers the location of Şahmeran's garden. The Soldiers go to the garden and catch Şahmeran. Şahmeran is upset and begs them.

"DON'T KILL ME" ,I can help to the Sultan."

But the assistant of the Sultan is evil ,kills her..And the Sultan eats a piece of meat from her body. But the Sultan doesn't recover.

Since that day , all snakes are afraid of human and attack them. Cem helps ill people during his life .And is called DOCTOR LOKMAN in Anatolia, Turkey.

As you know a snake symbolizes medicine all over the World.

And this story is told from old generations to the new ones.



