

## A BRIDGE TO SELF-REALIZATION

Once upon a time, in the land of nowhere, the world of mortals and immortals was split with a bridge. On one side of the bridge, the Goddess of wisdom Athena and on the other side Dracula, the commander of Romania, Joze a Croatian giant and Vlasta, a Czech heroine lived. All of the mortals wanted to cross the bridge and talk to the wise Athena and have peace, prosperity and happiness. First they had to deal with Deli Dumrul, an arrogant man who challenges everyone, even the almighty Allah. Deli Dumrul was waiting at the entrance to the bridge and demanded for 40 ackhas from everyone who wanted to cross.

### SCENE ONE

**Deli Dumrul:** Hey man! Stop there! Who are you? What do you want?

**Dracula:** How dare you speak to me like that? Do you not know who I am? I am the commander of Romania. Count\_Dracula!

**Deli Dumrul:** I don't care who you are. What is in your hand?

**Dracula:** It is a golden cup which has caused a lot of problems for my country. My people fight and kill each other just to own this golden cup. I want to give it to the gods then my people will live in peace.

**Deli Dumrul:** You may cross the bridge if you give me 40 ackhas.

**Dracula:** Ohh! You fool! I think you have not heard how many people I have killed that have stood against me. Get out of my way!

**Deli Dumrul:** It seems you have not heard me, either. No one on earth can beat me, even the Angel of Death.

**(They fight but Dracula can't beat Deli Dumrul. So, he can't cross the bridge. After a while, a woman approaches)**

**Dumrul:** Who are you woman? What do you want?

**Vlasta:** I'm Vlasta, the leader of women who are dominated by men. In my country there is a war between my women and Ctirad's men. The men brutally attack and kill many women. So, I want to see Athena and ask for strength to stand against the men.

**Deli Dumrul:** (Mocking) Strength? You? What will you do with your strength? Will you kill all the men and cut them into pieces with your "lovely" swords? Ha ha ha...

**(Vlasta draws her sword and shows them to Dumrul)**

**Vlasta:** If you don't get out of my way, I will kill you with this as I did to your fellow men.

**Deli Dumrul:** Come on woman! You think you can beat me?

**(Vlasta and Dumrul fight but Vlasta cannot beat him and cannot pass the bridge. After a while, a giant approaches)**

**Dumrul:** Who are you big monster?

**Joze:** I'm Joze a poor servant, I can do lots of things. I can cut trees and carry wood. People are so bad that they make fun of me and throw mud at me. I then became free but I became bad.

**Dumrul:** What do you want?

**Joze:** I want to see Athena and I'm ready to be her servant for the rest of my life. Because people are greedy and cruel, I can't live in such a corrupt world. I'm stuck. I don't know what to do. I think if I'm Gods' servant, they will be good to me. Because they are gods, they are Almighty, Holy, Merciful and Supreme.

**Dumrul:** If you want to cross the bridge, you must give me 40 ackhas.

**Joze:** I have no money, I have always served people in return for nothing. So, please let me go.

**Dumrul:** No you cannot pass.

**(Joze and Dumrul fight but Joze can't beat him. He cannot pass the bridge like the others.)**

## SCENE TWO

**(Vlasta, Dracula and Jose are waiting by the river now. They are angry and trying to find a way to cross the bridge.)**

**Dracula: (raising the golden cup up in the air)** You will see, you will see. Dumrul I'll put your blood in the cup and drink it. How dare you don't let me pass over the bridge.

**Jose:** Again, again, again **(wandering around angrily)** someone else has beaten me. But I will take my revenge! After Athena gives me my freedom and power, I'll kill you, Dumrul.

**Vlasta: (calmly thinking)** Hey men! You always find a solution by killing and violence. This time stop fighting and think wisely. Come here and sit. Calm down. We must find another solution.

**Dracula:** Yes, Let's kill Dumrul when he sleeps.

**Jose:** Vlasta, you speak to him and I'll attack him from behind.

**Vlasta:** No,no,no, You don't understand me, don't fight. Let us find another way.

**Dracula and Joze: (both thinking)** There must be another way, another way...

**Vlasta:** That's it! Another way to cross. Men, you are really clever. We'll build another bridge.Come on,stand up! **(turning to Joze)** You bring the wood and stones.**(turning to Dracula)** You'll teach us how to build a bridge.

**(They work together and build a bridge. They are tired but happy. They look at the bridge with joy. They cross over the bridge and find themselves in front of the mighty Athena.**

**Dracula:** Your majesty! I'll be glad if you accept this golden cup as a present showing my and my people's respect. There is a big disorder in my country and we need your wise advise.

**Athena:** Think about what you did to come here. You will have the answer. Rulers sometimes must be servants to their people.

**Dracula:** Thank you very much your majesty, but it is a very confusing.

**Athena:** Soon everything will be understood. You must be patient.

**Jose:** Your grace, I served the people enough now I want my freedom.

**Athena:** You already have what you want. Just remember how hard you worked to come here. You carried the stones not for the others but for something you wanted. You did something for yourself, and now you are here.

**Vlasta:** Your grace! I have come here to ask for power. But now I understand what you mean. We are grateful to you...

### **SCENE THREE**

**Athena:** Dumrul, congratulations! You have done just as I wanted you to do.

**Dumrul:** Your majesty, it is my honour to serve you. I'm glad that you are happy. As you wanted I didn't let them to cross the bridge. But I don't understand why?

**Athena:** People always want what they think they do not have. They think they will be happy if they get it. But in fact they already have what they need.**(to the audience)** People, if you know yourself and you realize your potential you can overcome any difficulties. Just listen to your inner voice.

**Dumrul:** Hmmmm.. I understand now. Vlasta couldn't beat me but she managed to organize the people. She realized her ability to organize people, reconcile differences and cooperation.

**Athena:** You're right and the reality may be totally different than perceived.We are all parts of a whole and we need each other to complete the whole.

**Dumrul:** I see your grace, I see.. Everybody thought that I was a bad person but it was a plan. I didn't let them to cross bridge so they had to work together. Ohh...I admire your wisdom..**(kneels down)**

**Athena:** We have peace for now but I'm afraid it will not last forever. **(to the audience)** People, will forget my words and another age of war will come. However, some people will still remember my message, how happy will be the people that remember my message in their hearts.

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