



HAZERFAN AND HIS WINGS

In the 17th century, in İstanbul, there was a man who had a strong feeling for flying. He was nicknamed as Hazerfan 'a man with thousands of sciences'. Inspired by the legend of Icarus and the sketches of Leonardo da Vinci, this young historian and Ottoman scientist made a nine failed attempts at flight from the highest peaks of the city.

One of his friends, Baba Rüstem found Hazerfan in a mess of clothes, feathers and ropes.

Baba Rüstem: What are you doing here in this mess, Hazerfan? You are almost lost in them.

Hazerfan: I will fly Baba Rüstem. This time I will succeed.

Baba Rüstem: Ha ha ha! Are you a bird, my friend? We are human, if God wanted us to fly, he would give us wings instead of arms.

Hazerfan looked out of the window and talked firmly.

Hazerfan: I will fly over that sea, you will see my friend.

And one day, in his room, he was checking the details of the wings he created observing the flight of an eagle. He had spent years studying them, trying to understand how they kept in the air and documenting his studies with thousands of drawings and calculations. He had created a pair of natural wings made of eagle feathers waterproofed with wax and designed as a bird. His wife entered the room and when she saw that he was again trying to attempt a flying session, she got very angry.

Hazerfan's wife: Stop these nonsense flying sessions, honey! It's enough, it's really enough!

Hazerfan moved back with fear.

Hazerfan: Why are you crying dear?

Hazerfan's wife: Because you are here in the room instead of working. We don't even have a bread at home. Do you want to die of hunger?

Hazerfan: Don't be silly! I will be a hero if I can fly. I've calculated everything and I am going to fly tomorrow.

His wife shut the door and went out of the house in anger. While she was walking quickly and talking to herself, she bumped to one of her neighbours.

The neighbour: What's the problem dear, why are you so angry?

The wife: I'm so angry to Hazerfan. He says he is going to try to fly again tomorrow. I'm tired of his attempts. He deals with these silly things instead of working and gaining money for living.

The neighbour: Calm down dear. He will give up at last. Where is he going to fly this time?





Erasmus+



The wife: He says he is going to rise up to the top of Galata Tower and fly across the İstanbul Strait.

The neighbour was shocked and thought that it was impossible. After chatting some more, she left the wife of Hazerfan. That day she told everything about the flight to all the people she met. People talked and talked, and at last the news reached to the palace. The Sultan learned everything and decided to be in front of the Galata Tower to see Hazerfan flying. Actually, he didn't believe that the attempt of flying would be successful, but still wanted to see it.

The next day, Hazerfan woke up very early and checked each part of the wings carefully to be sure everything was ready. He was very excited.

A few hours later, Hazerfan was on the way to Galata Tower. When he reached there, he saw many people waiting to see his flight. He was surprised and proud. He rose up to the top of Galata and looked at the city.

People: Let's do it Hazerfan. Fly like an eagle, fly, fly, fly.

The blood and the heartbeats hit strongly on his temples. He felt a cool wind touching his hair. He wore his wings carefully and had a last look through the sky.

Hazerfan: Help me, my God! Let me do it this time.

And he left himself to the sky. He opened his wings strongly and soared in the sky. Everybody was shocked and happy.

A few hours later, Hazerfan landed in the square of Doğancılar. He was proud and very happy, too. Among his audiences was the Sultan. He gave Hazerfan a bag full of gold as a gift. However, he felt anxious about the reaction of the religious part of the society. He called his advisor.

The Sultan: You should find a mission for Hazerfan away from the city. This heretic attempt can be a threat for our society.

And the advisor sent Hazerfan and his family to Algeria. Although he died in exile, he was the first person to fly and people always remembered him as a hero.



Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union



Erasmus+



<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B5N1cjN2jjdbejB5NlllaQUpxMHc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdvW9SYUzH0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qg2ZQ1mtCI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wm3WuGWGap4>



Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union