The Legend Of Maiden's Tower

Maiden's Tower is one of the historical and very famous structures of Istanbul and many different legends are told about it. The most well-known of these is the legend about the Emperor's/King's Daughter.





 Once upon a time, an emparor who was very fond of his daughter was warned by the palace oracle.

• The oracle said: On the day your daughter turns 18, she will die by being bitten by a snake.





• When the emperor heard this, he got very angry with the oracle, then started to worry about the situation.

 He began to think about what they would do to prevent this prophecy from coming true.



• Finally, he decided to build a tower in the middle of the sea.

 He wanted to protect his beloved daughter from snakes and all evil by hiding her in this tower. As soon as the construction of the Maiden's Tower was completed, the emperor's daughter began to live alone in this tower.

 Only the emparor was visiting her and a woman who is tasked with bringing her fresh food every day.





 One day, when the emperor's daughter opened the basket to eat the food brought for her, she was stung by a snake hidden in the basket and died.

 And that day was the girl's 18th birthday, just as the oracle had said.



 After that unfortunate day, this story was handed down from generation to generation, and the name of the tower was referred to as the

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to keep the memory of the unfortunate girl alive.

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