

The Story of Immortality

Narrator: Once Upon a time, long long ago, there was a rishi called Durvasa, who always had anger on his nose. One day he cursed the devtas that they would lose all their magical powers and that they would suffer in the hands of the demons.

Indra and devtas on one side and rishi durvasa on the other

Durvasa: Oh Indra because you and the other devtas have insulted me, I curse you that you will forget all your magical knowledge and lose your powers. You will be powerless against the demons.

Narrator: Hearing this Indra said

Indra: oh Rishi durvasa, please don't give us such a huge curse, without our powers the demons will take over all 3 realms and humans and animals will suffer endlessly.

Durvasa: Once a curse is given it can't be taken back, the only one who can help you now is Lord Vishnu

Narrator: All the devtas go to Lord Vishnu to ask for his guidance.

Lord Vishnu: Come my children, what happened that all of you have come to visit me?

Lord Agni: Oh Lord Vishnu you know that the holy sage durvasa has given us a terrible curse and made us lose our powers, if we lose them how will we protect everyone?

Vishnu: There is only 1 way to gain those powers back Lord Agni, you must churn the ocean and get all the riches from the bottom of the ocean. back to the surface. Then you will be able to get the nectar of immortality that will give you your powers back. However, you cannot do this yourself, you will need to ask the demons for help as well.

Dev 2: But my Lord if we ask them for help and they steal the nectar from us then what will we do?

Vishnu: leave that to me I will help you when the time comes.

Narrator: learning this the devtas go and ask the demons to help them get the magical riches from the ocean and in return they will get some of it as well.

Indra: O demons, help us churn the ocean and we can share all the riches together,

Demon 1 : okay Indra we will be happy to help as long as we get to choose which ones we want and which ones you get.

Indra: That's fine with us

Narrator: After sealing the deal with the demons, the devtas go to the mountain Mandara and ask for it to be seated in the middle of the ocean to help churn it. Mount Mandara agreed and went and sat in the middle of the ocean.

Dev 1: Oh Indra we have the mountain but what will we use to move such a huge object

Narrator: that's when Lord Vishnu appeared and said

Vishnu: Oh devtas go to Lord Shiva he will help you.

Narrator: the gods go to Lord Shiva and ask him for help

Shiva: I am happy to help you but it is not I that will be coming with you

Indra: the who will come my lord?

Shiva: my snake, Vasuki will be the rope you need however beware that the mouth of Vasuki spills poison so keep the demons on that side.

Dev 2: Thank you my lord.

Narrator: with this the devtas headed to the mountain Mandara with Vasuki. Vasuki then attached himself to the mountain and gave the demons his head and the devtas his tail.

Narrator: They started churning the mountain but all of a sudden the mountain started sinking.

Indra: Oh lord Vishnu please help us.

Narrator: hearing the devtas cry for help, Vishnu appeared and said

Vishnu: my dear children I have heard your cries, to support mount Mandara I will take the avatar of a turtle and put the mountain on my back.

Narrator: Vishnu then went under the mountain and the churning process finally started.

After some time, 14 valuables emerged from the ocean, which were divided by the devtas and the asuras. Kamadhenu, the wish-granting cow was taken by Vishnu and given to the sages.

Uchhaishravas, the 7-headed horse was given to the demons. Airavata, the white elephant, was taken by Indra, the king of devtas. Parijat, the tree with never-fading blossoms was taken by the devtas to Swarga or heaven. Varuni, the creator of wine or alcohol, was taken by the asuras. Then emerged Lakshmi, the Goddess of wealth. She chose to marry Lord Vishnu. Also produced was Chandra – the Moon, which went into Lord Shiva's hair. Finally, Dhanvantari, the divine physician emerged, holding a pot of nectar.

Seeing this the devtas and asuras started fighting lord Vishnu takes the form of Mohini, a beautiful woman who was able to charm any man.

Mohini: stop fighting oh asuras and devtas, give me the nectar and I will distribute to everyone.

Narrator: The devtas got in a line and the asuras on the opposite, Mohini using her illusions made the asuras think that they were getting the nectar when instead she was giving to the devtas.

However, one of the Asuras saw through the illusion and went and sat on the devtas side.

Mohini gave him some nectar and then realised it was rahu the demon so Mohini quickly assumed the form of Vishnu again and cut off rahu's throat before the nectar could reach his body.

With this the devtas were able to gain immortality and defeat the demons.

Thank you.