Story #497 (Not on tape)

Narrator: Unidentified man at makam of Hâzar at Arsuz

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Location: Arsuz, village on Mediterranean near southern end of Bay of İskenderun, Hatay Province; site of one of the most important Hâzar shrines.

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The Bridge That Hâzar Built

When I was serving in the Turkish Brigade in Korea, a Turkish soldier from my village was confronted by four Chinese soldiers who ordered him to lay down his arms or they would kill him. The young man shouted, "Ya Hâzar!" and Hâzar appeared as one hundred soldiers to the eyes of the four Chinese. They were so frightened that the Turk was able to take all four of them prisoner. The Americans rewarded him for his bravery that day, and he sent home 40,000 liras to his village on behalf of Hâzar. A large bridge was built there with this money.