

Story 19: The tale of Osain

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The Story:

“Do not kill the Sacred Deer. A sacred animal is a holy spirit,” pleaded the spirit of the young hunter, but Osain wanted to prove himself by taking the trophy of this magnificent creature’s head as his immortal recognition. The spirit warned Osain: “Do not kill the Sacred Deer, Osain, do not test the powers of this universe to validate your own.”

However, the currents of sorrow knew that the young man’s mind was too arrogant to heed his bodiless mentor, and so the wise words fell on deaf ears. As one might deduce from this brief commentary on the nature of youth and humanity, Osain, despite the warning, hunted the Sacred Deer. However, even the unyielding will of a man was forced to bend under the wrath of something greater and more powerful. As punishment for his ignorance and for offending the divine, he was split in half—left with one eye, one arm, and one leg. Like the true ruler of His domain, God understood that the punishment for the young hunter would not erase the sin cast upon his mortal world through the killing of the Sacred Deer. The divine hope for Osain was that, through the act of losing half of his being, he would come to understand the gravity of his actions and, despite his new physical limitations, learn to judge his actions carefully and value the natural flows of life more than his personal ambitions.

Fortune turned for Osain, as he responded to every divine prayer from his Creator and became a preacher to young men like him—to appreciate the life around them and understand that any power they may possess is always at odds with something greater, something ancient that knows all and wishes well, and that they should place their faith in that sacred existence and honor its watchful gaze.