Two very young Muslim youths from the Ansar, Muaz Ibn Ufra and Muaz Ibn Amr Ibn Jamooh Radhi Allahu Anhuma had taken a vow to kill Abu Jahl. They had strong feelings of dislike for Abu Jahl as he had treated the Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam extremely badly.

Abdur Rahman Ibn Auf Radi Allahu Anhu says: "I was fighting on the day of Badr when I saw two very young boys on my right and left. Suddenly one of them asked: "O my uncle! Show me Abu Jahal. I said "O my brothers son. What have you to do with him? He answered: "I have vowed to Allah that I shall kill him when I see him or I shall be killed by him. The other youngster spoke in a similar manner to me. I pointed him out to them and they attacked him like two hawks and struck him down. They were sons of Ufra."

The Prophet's Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam mind at this stage was preoccupied with the fate of Abu Jahl rather than with that of his other enemies. The Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam asked someone to find him. Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood Radhi Allahu Anhu went out in search and found him in the midst of a pile of corpses. He was still breathing. Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood Radhi Allahu Anhu placed his foot on the dying enemy's neck and said: "O enemy of Allah! See how Allah has humiliated you". He was about to sever his neck when Abu Jahl shouted: "Have you ever seen a noble fellow as I murdered by such a simpleton like you?"

Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood cut off his head and brought it to the Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam. At the sight of the bloodstained face of his enemy the Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam exclaimed: "Surely, this man was the detestable Pharaoh of his nation".

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