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The Daughters of Noah

Since the time of the Blessed Noah there have been three kinds of women in this world. After the Flood, Noah had a daughter who was a very beautiful girl. When she reached a marriageable age, she attracted the attention of men wherever she went

One day a suitor went to the Blessed Noah and asked for the hand of his daughter. After talking with the young man for awhile, Noah agreed to give him his daughter.

But before the time set for the wedding, a second suitor requested the hand of the girl. Noah also promised his daughter to this man. Immediately after that, however, a third suitor asked to have the girl as his bride, and Noah granted his request too.

When the time for the weddings approached, Noah found himself in an impossible situation. He did not know what to do. He thought and thought, but he could not

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arrive at any solution to his problem. Then Allah took mercy upon His prophet and spoke to him. He said, "Noah, lock your daughter, your dog, and your donkey in the same room for awhile and see what will happen."

Following Allah's order, Noah placed his daughter, his dog, and his donkey in a room together and then closed the door. He left them there for thirty minutes. When he opened the door again, he was amazed to discover that there were now three girls in the room, each as lovely as the other two. In fact, he could see no difference among the three, and so he was unable to determine which one was actually his daughter. On the day agreed upon, the three girls were married to the three suitors.

Some time after the girls had gone to live with their husbands, the Blessed Noah decided to visit them. He traveled first to the home of the girl who lived closest to him and was there welcomed by her and her husband. After dinner the Blessed Noah said to his son-in-law, "Son, how is everything? Are you happy living with my daughter?"

"Yes, Father, we are very happy. My wife has only one fault, and that is her constant scolding and quarreling."

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Hearing this, the Blessed Noah thought, "This daughter may well be the one who was originally a dog

Going then to the home of another of his daughters, he was again welcomed as a guest. That evening after dinner he asked his son-in-law, "Son, are you pleased with my daughter?"

"Oh, yes!" the husband replied. "She is an excellent wife except for one trait, and that is her occasional stubbornness."

Judging from that remark, the Blessed Noah concluded, "This daughter must be the one who was transformed from a donkey."

A few days later he arrived at the home of his third daughter, where he was again well received and made to feel comfortable. As he had done at the homes of his other daughters, Noah asked his host, "Son, how are you and my daughter getting along together?"

"Perfectly, Father, perfectly. She is a very good wife. May Allah bless the mother who gave birth to your daughter!"

The Blessed Noah said to himself, "This must be my real daughter!"

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Since that time, all women in this world have been like one or another of Noah's three daughters."