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The Offensive Excuse of Incili Çavuş

One day the padişah asked Incili Çavuş, "I want you to commit such an offense that your excuse for it will be even more serious an offense than the offense itself."

Namık Kemal, Incili Çavuş, the padişah, and his queen were walking together, and climbing upstairs

[The rest of the tape was erased by accident. The tale ends with the same conclusion as "The Offensive Excuse" in Tales Alive in Turkey: "Incili Çavuş goosed the padişah. The padişah looked at Incili Çavuş in surprise and asked, 'What did you do that for?'

"'Excuse me, your majesty,' said Incili Çavuş. 'I thought it was your wife.'

Everyone agreed that this had met the padişah's condition . . ."]