

Story 1851 (1981 Tape)

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Since the time this tale
was taped, İğdir
became the capital city
of new province of that
name.

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Mysterious Disappearance of Yoghurt

One evening a woman in our village made a pot of yoghurt and left it on the kitchen table. She slept soundly all night and did not hear any sounds in the house. When she woke up the next morning, however, she discovered that something had happened to her yoghurt. She became aware of this when she tried to pour the yoghurt into a different container. She was surprised to see that only the creamy skin of the yoghurt remained at the top of the pot. There was nothing beneath that skin. She was confused and somewhat frightened as she wondered how the yoghurt could have disappeared while the skin on top was still unbroken.

It seems that a boy in the household had taken the yoghurt. After inserting a thin wheat straw through the creamy skin while it was still soft, he had sucked all of the yoghurt out of the pot. He left the top of the yoghurt unharmed.