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The Laz<sup>1</sup> Who Eluded Cuckoldry<sup>2</sup>

When Temel<sup>2</sup> realized that he was becoming sexually impotent, he went to a doctor seeking some remedy for his condition. After examining the patient carefully, the doctor said to him, "The only cure for you would be a transplant of testicles." Temel immediately entered the local hospital to have this transplant surgery performed.

After he had recovered from this operation. Temel was pleased with the results. In fact, he became very active sexually among those women of the neighborhood who were available and willing.

When his wife heard about this, she complained: "Temel, why am I not a beneficiary of your renewed sexual activity?"

<sup>1</sup>The Laz people constitute one of the larger ethnic minorities in Turkey. Their exact origins are not definitely known. The largest concentrations of Lazes are in extreme northeastern Turkey along the Black Sea coast. Reputedly stupid, they are made fun of in numerous folk anecdotes about fools. The frequent success of Lazes who move to İstanbul belies the folk image.

<sup>2</sup>Temel (like Hızır and Dursun) is a common name among Laz people especially those who appear in Laz anecdotes.

"But it's the result of my new sex organs! You wouldn't want me to cuckold myself--would you?"