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Incili Çavuş and the Offensive Excuse

Because of his many offenses, Incili Çavuş was one day condemned to death. Just before the hour of the execution, the padişah called him into his presence and said to him, "I shall pardon you on one condition: You will commit another offense and then you will beg to be excused for it, but the excuse must be more offensive than the offense."

"Very well, your majesty," said Incili Çavuş.

The padişah looked at Incili Çavuş in surprise and asked, "What did

"I thought it was  
your wife."

Everyone agreed that this had met the padişah's condition for a pardon, and so Incili Çavuş was released.

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