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f y days.
She asked, "Don't you know that the padishah can behead you for such a thing? What a foolish thing to do!"

"Well, let us leave it to Allah," said the hoca. "When the time comes, we may be able to find a way out of this."

Thirty-eight days passed quickly, and then the thirty-ninth, and finally the fortieth day arrived without any sign of Hizir. As the food had been dwindling away, the hoca had begun to worry more and more. On the fortieth day there came a knock on the door, and when they looked out, they saw that two horses had arrived. Whoever had brought them had tied them nearby and then left. The hoca mounted one of the horses and led the other one, wondering just what he was to do. When he looked around at the second horse again, he saw to his surprise that a boy had mounted it and was riding along with him. They went straight to the palace and the presence of the padishah

"Your majesty," said the hoca, "I have been unable to discover Hizir."

"Call my Grand Vezir," said the padishah. When the Grand Vezir arrived, the padishah asked him, "What punishment would you recommend for this man?"

"He should be chopped up into tiny pieces of the size used to make keskek. Keskek should then be sold to the people, and thus an example would be made of him."

2Keskek—boiled wheat in which minced meat is cooked. The wheat becomes glutinous and forms a kind of thick soup.
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For Hüzir, I am here.

The padishah shouted to the hoca, "Hoca, catch him!"

"Your Majesty, we shall do everything to see that this man is caught!"

"What do you mean by repeating that remark?"

"Everythiing reveals itself, Your Majesty!"

"What should be the punishment for this man?"

"His flesh should be cut into large pieces and hung from hooks," said the second vezir.

"Then the padishah called the second vezir to him and revealed his own orijins," said the boy again.

"This thing should be cut into large pieces and hung from hooks," said the second vezir again.

When the boy heard this remark, he said, "Everything reveals itself, Your Majesty!"
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"I am responsible only for finding him and bringing him here, not for catching him."

The boy, who was indeed Hızır, just disappeared.

[The tape then contains some comments by Huseyin Kılıç Arslan, school teacher at Akça Bay Köy, explaining the tale.]