The Kadi, the Devil and Women

There once was a kadi who lived as a boarder in the home of a man and his wife. The kadi wished to be flirtatious with the woman of the house and to show his affection for her. His quarters were one floor above those of the man and his wife. He watched for an opportunity to talk with the woman, and finally he found a chance, and he told her of his affection for her.

Now, this woman was greatly attached to her husband and could keep no secrets from him, and so she told him of this conversation with the judge. She asked her husband's advice: "What should we do about this?"

"That is no problem," said the husband. He then went to the judge and said, "Kadi (efendi), tomorrow I must depart on a long journey. My wife is very strict about not going out and showing herself in public. Will you take care of her until I return, buying her necessities at the marketplace and sending them home to her? To the extent that we become indebted to you in this way, I shall pay you upon my return."

The judge answered, "I shall be glad to do this for you." The judge had in fact, been looking forward to just such a situation. From his office he sent someone to the women's house to ask her if she needed anything.

"Tell her the kadi sent you to ask if she needed anything," he instructed.

The narrator here used the word superstitions to indicate the women's strict habits of modesty. The meaning, however, is perfectly clear.
The man said to the woman who brought these things to her home, "I do not need anything. Just call him to come and call on me in person.

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The poor man had to sell his hat to buy bread and then, after that, he said, "The wife said, 'Will you forget about borrowing money from the judge?" but I was ashamed.

In order to find a way to settle that, I said, "In order to find a way to settle that, I should go..."
afternoon. In the meantime, the porter went to the **court** and spoke to the clerk. The clerk went to the auction room and when the chest was offered for sale, he began to bid on it. But the owner, knowing who was inside the chest, started raising the bid. When the clerk would raise the price one lira, the owner would raise the bid ten liras. Finally, however, the clerk succeeded in buying the chest at a very high price. Then the chest was carried to a private room and opened, and the clerk brought a clean under garment and a clean suit for the judge.

In the past the judge had heard the husband, his landlord praying as he took his ablutions, "O Allah, save me from the temptations of the devil and of women!" The judge had always laughed at this, not understanding why the man would say such a thing. He used to think to himself, "Are women, those creatures of pleasure, have any evil in them?" But after this incident, the judge came to realize that there was such a thing as female evil.

The ablutions referred to here are, of course, the ritual washing before each namaz service, whether at the mosque or in private.