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The Kinds of Marriageable Women

A man went to Behlül Dane one day and talked with him about getting married. Behlül Dane was in the street at the time riding upon a hobbyhorse made of a reed.

Behlül Dane said to the man, "There are three possibilities among marriageable women. The first possibility you can marry without thinking about at all. The second possibility you must consider at some length. If you choose the third possibility, stay out of my way, for my horse may run over you!"

The first kind of woman Behlül spoke about was a virgin. The second kind was a childless widow. The third kind was a woman with children of her own.