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Hızır Teaches That Everyone Reveals His Origins

There was a padişah who one day had his criers announce, "Whoever can bring Hızır to me will be granted his wish." Who is there who can ever find Hızır? And so nobody responded to the announcement.

There was in that land a poor man with several children. He said to his wife, "Wife, we are almost starving to death anyway, and so I might as well go to the padişah and tell him that I shall bring him Hızır. I shall ask for forty days' time in which to do this, and during that period I shall request enough provisions to last you and the children a lifetime. At the end of the forty days the padişah will have me hanged, but you will be able to lead a comfortable life."

The wife loved her husband dearly, and she pleaded with him not to do this, but she was unable to persuade him to change his mind. He went before the padişah and said, "Our padişah, I am going to bring Hızır to you if you will grant me forty days in which to do this, and if you will provide me and my family subsistence during that time."

The padişah at once ordered his servants in the kitchen to give the man any food that he might request. During those forty days the man took so many supplies from the storeroom that his wife and children would be able to survive on them all their lives. On the fortieth day the padişah sent for the man. When he had been brought, the padişah asked him, "Well, have you found Hızır?"

"No, my padişah. I knew from the beginning that I should not be able to find him, but destitution and necessity made me tell you that I could."

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The boy answered, "My padişah, the father of your first vizier was a butcher.  
 His suggestion to you revealed his origin and disposition. The father of your  
 second vizier was a tanner and upholsterer, and his ancestry showed in his  
 remark. Your third vizier is the son of a vizier, and his words proved it. I  
 have not come to shame this poor man. If you want a good vizier, here is your man  
 [pointing to an imaginary third vizier]. If you want Hızır, here I am." Saying  
 this, he went out the door.

The boy actually was Hızır in disguise. The padişah sent his men after  
 him immediately, but Hızır had already disappeared. Afterwards the padişah had

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the heads of the <sup>Execution</sup> first and second viziers cut off. The third vizier was promoted to the position of grand vizier. The poor man was given gold and other presents, and he went home to live happily ever after that.

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