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Walnuts, Cucumbers, and Pumpkins

Aziz -- Sultan

Camle Köşk -- [Glass Kiosk or Villa]

Sultan Aziz¹ was sleeping at the Camle Köşk.² Very early in the morning a walnut seller was walking down the street with a basket full of walnuts. When he was passing by the Sultan's villa, he shouted, "Fresh walnuts, fresh walnuts."

Sultan Aziz woke up to the seller's cry and he ordered his men, "Stop that fellow out there and bring him to me."

They stopped the man and brought him to the Sultan's presence. The Sultan said, "Hey, fellow, why are you shouting?"

The walnut seller explained to him that the reason for his shouting was such and such.

The Sultan ordered the man, "Pick a walnut from that basket."

The man selected a walnut.

"Now, stick that in your ass!"

"No, I won't."

"Stick it in your ass!"

¹The reference here is probably to Sultan Abdül Aziz (ruled 1861-1876).

²Camle Köşk means literally Glass Villa.

The man resisted, but the Sultan ordered his men to help the walnut seller, and after it was done, he said, "Now, get out!"

As soon as the walnut seller left, the Sultan heard another man shouting, "Cucumbers! Cucumbers!"

The Sultan's men stopped the man who was selling cucumbers and brought him into the villa, just like the walnut seller.

"Hey, fellow. Why are you shouting so early in the morning and disturbing everybody?"

The man replied, "I am selling cucumbers, Your Majesty."

The Sultan ordered, "Pick out one of those big cucumbers from your basket."

The man selected a big cucumber.

"Now, stick it up your ass!"

"Have mercy!"

"Shove it!"

The man had no other choice, so he started inserting the cucumber and also started laughing. The Sultan said, "Hey, fellow! You are in pain. You are sticking that cucumber up your ass but you are also laughing. Tell me, why you are laughing."

The man answered, "Your Majesty, I just have a cucumber. It is really nothing. There is a pumpkin seller coming along behind me, and I am wondering what he is going to do."