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Ramazan Is Here

Once there was a man who bought some provisions for Ramazan.¹ He bought various kinds of food to eat during the nights of Ramazan. He gave these to his wife and told her to put them out when Ramazan came for anyone who came to break the fasting after sunset.

One day a poor man came along crying, "Ramazan is here! For the love of God, give something to Ramazan!" --This beggar's name was Ramazan.

"Come here," called the woman. "Open your bag." When the beggar did as she had directed, she filled his bag with all of the provisions that her husband had brought home to save for Ramazan. Surprised at receiving so much, the poor man thanked her and left.

Later that same day her husband came home and handed her a bundle. "Here are more provisions to put away for the arrival of Ramazan," he said.

¹Ramazan is the holy month of fasting. Faithful Muslims abstain from all food and drink between sunrise and sunset. They usually eat well during the night in order to be able to fast the following day.

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His wife answered, "Oh, Ramazan has come already, and I gave him all of the provisions which you had given me earlier