

Story 1071 (1972 Tape 7) Narrator: Unidentified girl, 10  
or 11 years old

Location: Doğla village,  
Karacabey kaza,  
Bursa Province

Date: February 17, 1972

<sup>ALL</sup>  
<sup>Abduction</sup>  
The Woman (Kidnapped) and Released by (Devils) <sup>ALL</sup>

There was once a man whose wife disappeared. He searched everywhere for her, but he was unable to find her. This man finally went to a hoca<sup>1</sup> and told him about the disappearance of his wife. "I cannot find her anywhere. Can you help me find her?"

After the hoca had studied this problem for a while, he said, "Your wife has apparently been carried off by a devil. Go at night and sit by such-and-such a bridge over the river. Some time before dawn the devils of this area will cross that bridge. When they do, the last devil in line will be lame. Give to that lame devil a letter which I shall now write for you." The hoca then sat down and wrote something on a piece of paper. When it was finished, he gave this piece of paper to the husband.

Taking this paper, the husband went that night and sat down near the bridge. After he had been sitting there for some time, a group of devils began crossing the bridge. The last devil was lame, and it was to this devil that the man handed the paper written by the hoca. The lame devil

<sup>1</sup>A Moslem preacher and teacher, akin to a priest.

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read what was written on this paper and then shouted to his companions, "Stop! Come back here! Which of you has taken this man's wife? Whichever one of you did this should go immediately and return that woman. Be quick about

One of the devils left the group and went somewhere. After that, all of the other devils just disappeared. There was nothing for the man to do but return home again. When he arrived there, he found his wife in the house. He asked her, "What happened to you?"

"Yesterday when I stepped outside our door, a devil grabbed me and took me somewhere. That is all that I can remember. I don't know where it was that I was taken, and I don't know what happened.

Those devils must have been Moslem devils. If they had not been, they would not have paid any attention to the hoca's letter, and they would not have brought the woman back to her husband.