

Story 1769 (1994 Tape 4)

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A young man went with his fiancée to spend an evening at Gençlik Park.¹ His fiancée was very excited about being there, and she wanted to try all of the rides and play all of the games. When they came to a merry-go-round, she wanted to ride that, too, but the young man advised her not to do so. He said, "You are wearing only a shirt and a miniskirt. If you climb up and ride on the merry-go-round, people may see your underwear."

The girl seemed to accept his judgment about this. Later, however, when he returned from getting some ice cream for her, he found her riding on the merry-go-round. He called to her, "Hey, daughter, what did I tell you? Don't you remember what I said? I said it for your sake, not for mine!"

¹Gençlik Park (Youth Park) is a large, carnivallike entertainment park near the center of Ankara. It has a considerable range of facilities, including a pavilion where weddings are sometimes held.

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His fiancée answered, "Don't worry! Before I got on,
I took off my underwear!"