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The Good Host in This World and the Next

Once in the past there were a man and his wife. The husband was much more sociable than his wife. He liked to have guests in his house, and he often invited people to visit him. He felt that he should show hospitality to all of their friends. But his wife did not like to have so much company. She finally said to him, "Don't bring any more visitors to our home!"

They quarreled about this for some time. The man grew sadder and sadder about his lack of company. After a while he grew sick and died. By chance, his wife died soon after the man did

After she died, the wife was, by the will of Allah, fastened to a wall with chains. The man began to invite visitors to their home in the other world, just as he had invited them to his earthly home. His wife said, "Ha! Here you are doing the same thing you did on earth! You have started to bring home your friends in this world too!"

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But every time she said things like this and started a quarrel, Allah chained her even more tightly

But the husband was free to go wherever he wished. After a while he stopped bringing his friends home and went to the places where they lived. He never returned to his own home in the other world again