

Story 1867 (1995 Tape 5)

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### Temel's<sup>1</sup> Planned Trip to the Sun

Temel discovered that nobody had ever visited the sun, and so he decided to become the first human being to go there. He began collecting the necessary supplies and making the necessary preparations for his trip.

When some of his friends saw what he was doing, they asked, "Temel, what is all this about? What is it that you are preparing to do?"

Temel answered, "I intend to visit the sun, and all of these preparations are being made for my trip there."

The friends were not only startled by Temel's answer, but they were also worried about his plan. They said to Temel, "Are you crazy? It is impossible to visit the sun, because it is so very hot. In fact, it is so hot that you could not come within a million kilometers of it."

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<sup>1</sup>In tales about the stereotyped Laz as dummer or fool, the male characters usually have one or another of five or six very common Laz names. Temel is the name used most often, with Dursun in second place. Thus if either of these names occurs in a folktale, the audience knows at once that it is a Laz tale.

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Temel smiled at his friends, "Do you think that I am so stupid that I would attempt to visit the sun during daylight hours? I shall make my trip there at night in the moonlight."