

The Priest's Debauched Wife

In a certain village there was a priest. He also went to other villages to preach. The priest would go, and his wife would slaughter a chicken, roll out a pie, pour out wine from a barrel; she would invite guests, and the whole night she would eat, drink, sing, and dance. She ordered the day laborer to play the *kaval*, and the dancers would jump up to the rafters and sing:

"I have a stupid priest whom I sent for almonds, to gather almonds for me, eat, drink, to gather almonds for me."

Once the day laborer said:

"Hey, Father Priest, I've seen a lot of good from you, so I want to tell you something, but don't get angry."

"Tell me what it's all about, my son, let me see. Why should I get angry?"

"You go off to the other villages to earn a little money, but you should know what goes on here! Your house is debased. Your wife prepares a meal, pours wine, invites guests and the whole evening she eats, drinks and dances the *oro*. They made me play for them."

"What are you saying, son, you're lying to me, my wife isn't like that."

"It's true, Father Priest, it's true. If you don't believe me, let's make a two hundred *groschen* bet. You go hide yourself in the cellar and keep watch through a crack."

"Wait and I'll hide myself to see if this is a lie you're telling me."

They bet two hundred *groschen*. The priest went to his wife saying that he was going to the villages, and he hid himself in the cellar to keep watch. That's just what she was waiting for. This priest's wife ran around in all directions slaughtered a chicken, plucked it, poured wine from the barrel and invited guests. They ate, drank, and then burst into dance. The priest's wife jumped to the rafters and sang:

"I have a stupid priest whom I sent for almonds, to gather almonds for me, eat, drink, to gather almonds for me."

The day laborer blew the *kaval* and sang:

"Listen priest and be patient, pay me the two hundred"

This was a blow to the priest's heart, a blow; he went out, grabbed a stick, and let the blows fall all around. While he was doing that, he sought out his wife, and beat her and beat her.