

Juha and the Thief

جُحَا وَاللَّصُّ

Full text in Arabic

شَعَرَ جُحَا بِلِصٍّ فِي دَارِهِ لَيْلاً، فَقَامَ إِلَى خِرَازَةِ غُرْفَةِ الْبُومِ وَاخْتَبَأَ فِيهَا
وَبَحَثَ اللَّصُّ عَنْ شَيْءٍ يَسْرِقُهُ فَلَمْ يَجِدْ، فَرَأَى الْخِرَازَةَ فَفَتَحَهَا وَإِذَا بِجُحَا فِيهَا
نَخَافَ اللَّصُّ وَلَكِنَّهُ تَشَجَّعَ وَقَالَ: مَاذَا تَفْعَلُ هُنَا يَا شَيْخٌ؟
فَقَالَ جُحَا: مُتَأَسِّفٌ يَا سَيِّدِي، فَإِنِّي أَعْرِفُ أَنَّكَ لَنْ تَجِدَ مَا تَسْرِقُهُ، وَلِهَذَا
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English Translation

Juha felt a thief in his house at night, so he went to the closet of the owl room and hid in it. The thief searched for something to steal but found nothing, then he saw the wardrobe, opened it, and behold, Juha was inside. So the thief became afraid, but he gathered his courage and said: "What are you doing here, old man?" So Juha said: "Sorry, sir, for I know that you won't find anything to steal, and that's why I felt ashamed for you."