

# The Tale of Al-Haddar, عزير The Barber's Second Brother عزير

Al-Haddar, the Barber's second Brother was one day slouching upon the streets of Baghdad when an old woman came up to him saying, "I have an offer to make if you'd like, talk little and ask no questions."

"Oh, do tell" replied Al-Haddar, "fine" said the old lady, "A handsome house, ravishing garden, with a pretty girl to share it all with." "yes yes", replied my brother. Following the old lady they soon reached a beautiful palace, when he had entered a young woman of strikingly beauty surrounded by her slave girls. He was taken to a room fed with sweets and wine, suddenly she began to stroke his cheeks more with violence than affection and ended up slapping him on the neck then all of them became piling on top of him slapping & cuffing till he almost fainted. Then she sent a servant to dye his mustache and shave his beard, not wanting to do this but, willing to win the lovely maidens love he did so.