Ketuvot 12a¹ - The Husband's Assumptions

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When the husband assumes she is a be'ulah

- Version 1 of Rabbah: A braita says: If a woman had a previous marriage, then even with witnesses that nothing happened, her husband cannot later claim he thought she was a betulah.
 - (12a) Main Q: Rabbah: Can we generalize from this braita to say that any time he marries with a chazakah of betulah, and she was a beulah, she still receives 100?
 - A: Rav Ashi: No; this case is different, because he knew she had been married.¹
 - Side Q2: Are we not concerned that it could have been znut after kiddushin?²
 - A: Rav Sheravya: Normally, we would be concerned; here, nothing could have happened.
- Version 2 of Rabbah: Our mishnah said: A betulah who has been married receives 100, no matter how that marriage ended.. And there is no claim of having thought she was a betulah.
 - Main Q1: Rabbah: Can we generalize from this mishnah to say that any time he marries with a chazakah of betulah, and she was a beulah, she still receives 100?
 - A: Rav Ashi: No; this case is different, because he knew she had been married.
 - o Side Q2: Are we not concerned that it could have been znut after kiddushin?
 - A: Rav Sheravya: Normally, we would be concerned; here, nothing could have happened.
- If you have Version 1 (witnesses), you certainly accept that she gets 100 in Version 2
- But if you have Version 2, you might say that in Version 1 she receives nothing; he relied on witnesses.

Mishnah: The practice in Yehudah, which eliminated claims of betulim³

If the chatan ate at his in-laws in Yehudah, he can't claim betulim, since there was yichud.⁴

Gemara: What did they actually do in Yehudah?

- Our mishnah said "If the chatan ate", so not everyone in Yehudah did this!
- Abbaye: We see that there were different practices in Yehudah, as per Rabbi Yehudah's braita:
 - o 1) Originally in Yehudah, unlike Galil, they did yichud before chuppah to encourage familiarity
 - Originally in Yehudah, unlike Galil, they set up two intimates to make sure neither side would pull a trick re blood evidence.
 - o 3) Originally in Yehudah, unlike Galil, the intimates actually slept in the house where the couple were
 - o And if one didn't do "this", one could not claim besulim.
- Q on the braita: What is "And if one didn't do this"?
 - o If it's #1 Then it should be "if one did do this"!
 - o If it's #2-3 Then it should be "if one didn't have watchers"!
- Three answers:
 - Abbaye: It's #1, and it should read "If one did do this"
 - o Rava: It's global, "If one didn't act like Galil in Galil, but instead did Yehudah in Galil"
 - o Rav Ashi: It's #2, and it should read, "if one didn't have watchers"

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¹ What about the witnesses? (Tosafot Ketuvot 12a שאני)

² Rashi reads this as a challenge to the braita; Tosafot reads it as a challenge to Ray Ashi.

³ Why did they do this? (Ritva, Ran, Talmidei Rabbeinu Yonah)

⁴ But didn't Rav Nachman say we aren't worried that the man would prepare everything and then ruin it? (Tosafot 10a אמר)