

**Hassaniya Arabic transcript:**

إمرأة 1: هذي ينقالها الشكوى... وهذي ينقالها الحمارة... وهذي القربة و هذا اللبن ألي فيها... هذو يعدلهم أهل  
الصحراء يديرو فيهم التمر و التشتار...  
إمرأة 2: و هذي تقالد شعبيكم لقديمة معنا عنها؟  
إمرأة 1: حق, هذو تقالدنا... تفضلي, مرحبة. أقبطي اللبن...

**English translation:**

**WOMAN 1:** This is called *eshekwa*<sup>2</sup>... This is called *el-humara* ... and this is *el-girba*<sup>3</sup>, which has milk ... and this one the Saharawi use to store dates and *teshtar*<sup>4</sup>.

**WOMAN 2:** So, this means that all of these are traditional things from your people?

**WOMAN 1:** Yes, these are our traditions... Welcome, welcome! Please have some milk...

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<sup>1</sup> *Ezrig*: A drink made from buttermilk mixed with water. Traditionally, the milk was first shaken in an *eshekwa* in the *humara* and then mixed with water.

<sup>2</sup> *Eshekwa*: A container made from camel leather used for conserving camel, goat, or sheep's milk. It hangs in the *humara*, which is made up of three sticks in a triangular shape. The *eshekwa* is shaken back and forth in the *humara* to produce buttermilk.

<sup>3</sup> *El-Girba*: Similar to *eshekwa* but it is used for water instead of milk. The only difference is the type of plant used when tanning the leather.

<sup>4</sup> *Teshtar*: Dried camel meat.

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