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Ibn 'Abbās (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: Khālid ibn al-Walīd and I went to the apartment of Maymūnah along with the Messenger (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him), and there was presented to him a roasted lizard. As the Messenger stretched his hand towards it, some of the women who had been in the house of Maymūnah said: "Inform the Messenger of Allah about what he intends to eat." The Messenger lifted his hand. I said: "O Messenger of Allah, is it forbidden?" He said: "No. Yet it is not found in the land of my people, and I feel that I have no liking for it." Khālid said: "I then chewed and ate it, while the Messenger was looking."

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari & Muslim]

Huzaylah ibn al-Hārith went to visit her sister Maymūnah bringing with her some gifts, including a roasted lizard. Joining this lunch were Maymūnah's nephews, including Khālid ibn al-Walīd. When the lunch was served and the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) stretched his hand to eat, they told him about the type of food he was going to eat. Thereupon, he lifted his hand. So, Khālid asked whether this food was prohibited, and the Prophet replied in the negative, explaining that it was merely not found in the land of his people; that is why he did not feel like it. Then, Khālid began to chew and eat it while the Prophet was looking.

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