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Abu Mūsa al-Ash'ari (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "There is no marriage except with a guardian."

[Authentic] [Narrated by Abu Dāwūd, At-Tirmidhi, Ibn Mājah, and Ahmad]

The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) points out that a woman's marriage is not valid without a guardian who concludes the marriage contract.

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