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'Ā'ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) reported: The Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) used to ask in his final illness: "Where will I be tomorrow? Where will I be tomorrow?" He was looking forward to 'Ā'ishah's turn [to stay with her]. So, his wives allowed him to stay wherever he wished. He stayed at 'Ā'ishah's house till he died there. 'Ā'ishah added: "He died on the day of my turn in my house, and he was taken unto Allah while his head was between my chest and neck, and his saliva mixed with mine." 'Ā'ishah then said: "'Abdur-Rahmān ibn Abu Bakr came in carrying a tooth-stick that he was cleaning his teeth with. The Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) looked at it, so I said to him: 'O 'Abdur-Rahmān, give me this tooth-stick.' He gave it to me and I cut it, chewed it (its end) and gave it to the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) who cleaned his teeth with it while he was resting against my chest."

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari & Muslim]

'Ā'ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) tells us about the last days in the life of the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him). During his last illness, he used to ask: "Where will I be tomorrow? Where will I be tomorrow?" This question was intended as a gentle, indirect request by the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) to his wives to stay at 'Ā'ishah's house. They understood this and granted him permission to stay with her. He stayed in her house until he died. 'Ā'ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) mentioned that he died on the day of her turn. Allah, the Exalted, took his life when his head was between her chest and neck. She added that his saliva was mixed with hers because of the tooth-stick. The story goes that 'Ā'ishah's brother, 'Abdur-Rahmān ibn Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) entered holding a tooth-stick whilst the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) was in the throes of death. When the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) saw the tooth-stick, he looked at it as if he wanted it. 'Ā'ishah understood the look, took it from her brother, chopped the top off, chewed it to make it palatable, and then handed it to the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him). He took it and used it. After his death, 'Ā'ishah (may Allah be

pleased with her) would always be envied, because the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings upon him) died whilst his head was resting against her chest.

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