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Nasreddin Hoca and the Overcrowded Bed

After Nasreddin Hoca's first wife died, he married again. The woman he married had also been married previously. One night as they lay in bed, Hoca's second wife started to talk about her first husband, telling Hoca what a wonderful man he was. Hoca then started to talk about his first wife, saying that she was the most wonderful woman he had ever known. But this second wife could talk faster than Hoca, and so she was winning the discussion. Hoca finally became so angry that he kicked her out of the bed, and she fell on the floor.

The next day the woman went to a kadı and sued Hoca. When the trial started, she told the court that Hoca had kicked her out of bed.

"Did you really do this, Hoca?" asked the kadı.

"No, I didn't. We were in bed together when a friend of hers came along and got into bed with us. Then a friend of mine came along and got into the bed, too. With four of us in the same bed together, it became very crowded, and she fell out."