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Nasreddin Hoca and the Two-Speed Donkey

As you know, Nasreddin Hoca's donkey was famous. One day Hoca started home to his village leading his donkey. As they went along, the donkey became very tired and hardly moved. The Hoca rubbed some ammonia on the donkey's anus. The donkey leaped ahead, throwing up a cloud of dust and ~~ning~~ so fast that he was soon two or three kilometres ahead of the Hoca. Hoca ran as fast as he could, but he was ble to catch up with the donkey. Finally, he put some ammonia on his own anus, and this time he ran so fast that he passed his donkey and went three kilometres beyond it. The Hoca soon was approaching his village, with the donkey following behind.

One of his neighbors asked, "Hoca, Hoca, what is your hurry?"

Hoca answered, "My donkey, which is following me, will arrive here at the village, but I doubt that I can stop before reaching the next village."