

Story #469

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Behlül Estimates the Price for Occupying a Throne

One day Behlül of Baghdad entered the palace and sat on the throne of Harun Reshid. When the servants saw him there, they tried to persuade him to come down, but he refused to do so. Then they pulled him down, slapping him as they did so.

Right at that moment, Harun Reshid entered the room. Behlül said to him, "I sat on your throne for only five minutes but received two or three slaps for it. You have sat on it for years. Who knows what a beating you will take for it in the next world?"