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At the Lazy Inn in Istanbul

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Once there were two lazy men lying in a stupor at the Lazy Inn at Istanbul.¹ All of the residents of the Lazy Inn were indolent, but perhaps those two lying there were the laziest of all. When a fire broke out at the inn, the other residents shouted, "The place is on fire! Let us get out!" But these two laziest of all lazy men remained lying where they were, quite unperturbed.

After a while the first said to the second, "Oh, your trousers are on fire!"

The second said, "Why do you exert yourself so over such a trivial thing?"

¹~~Listeners recognized at once a legendary hotel in Istanbul known as Tenbel Hane (Lazy Inn). There are undoubtedly other stories about life at this establishment.~~