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Nasreddin Hoca and the Donkey That Answered from the Wrong End

One day Nasreddin Hoca took his donkey and went to the forest to cut some wood for the coming winter. While he was chopping wood, his donkey strayed away and got into a farmer's field. When Nasreddin Hoca discovered this, he was <sup>angry</sup> angry at his donkey. He struck it with a stick and asked it, "Why did you do such a thing?" The donkey broke wind. He continued asking the donkey this question and striking it with the stick, and each time he did so, the donkey broke wind.

As this continued, the Hoca grew exasperated. Finally, he said to his donkey, "I have been beating you for twenty minutes, and instead of replying with your mouth, you keep speaking from the other end!"