

Story 1111

"Oh, yes, he told me about that incident. He won't forget that day."

When the man was going to his office a few days later he again saw his friend. Once more the friend reminded him of the favor he had done. "What would have happened to you if I had not taken you under my umbrella the other day?"

By this time the man was annoyed beyond endurance at these repeated reminders of obligation. Seeing a large public fountain nearby, the man climbed into the fountain basin and stood beneath the spray until he was thoroughly soaked. Coming out of the fountain then, he said to the umbrella owner, "You son of a donkey,¹ the most that would have happened to me would have been to get as wet as I am now."

*Language,
abusive*

¹ To call someone a donkey in Turkey is more insulting than it might be elsewhere. The only slur more offensive is to call one not only a donkey but also the son of a donkey.