Nasreddin Hoca at the Donkey Shop

(This next story is about Nasreddin Hoca. As you may know, Nasreddin was a real person. He lived in Akhisar. Every year at Akhisar they hold a Nasreddin Hoca Festival.

Once a new shop opened in the neighborhood where Nasreddin Hoca lived. It appeared to be a very clean shop, and it had just been freshly repainted. With his pious and saintly face the Hoca went to the shop and said to the two owners, "Welcome, sons! Good luck to you! May everything go well for you!" Noticing then that there was no stock of any kind in the new shop, Nasreddin Hoca asked, "What are you selling?"

Looking at the Hoca with a mocking smile, one of the owners said, "Oh, Hoca, we are selling donkeys."

Nasreddin Hoca is the best-known comic character in Turkish folklore. He is a somewhat universal type found in many different countries, and in some of his roles he appears (with different names) in Aarne-Thompson and other type indexes. Many (perhaps most) Turkish people insist on his historicity, placing him in various times in the past, most frequently in the time of Tamerlane.

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Nasreddin Hoca realized that the owner was making fun of him. He therefore said to the owners, "Oh-h-h, Maşallah! Maşallah! Your business seems to be flourishing, for you have here only two unsold donkeys!"

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