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A Woman Who Regretted Her Violence

A man went to court and filed a complaint against his wife. He told the judge that his wife had struck him on the head very hard with an umbrella.

woman was summoned to the court. The judge asked her, "Is it true that you struck your husband very hard on the head with your umbrella?"

"Yes, Your Honor, it is true."

judge then asked her, "Do you now regret having used such violence?"

"Yes, Your Honor, I am sorry that I did that. It completely destroyed my umbrella, and new umbrellas cost 150 liras apiece."¹

¹This tale clearly originated a number of years before the date it was taped by Jo Ann Conrad. By 1993 the Turkish lira had been so sharply devaluated that its exchange rate was 30,000 to one U.S. dollar. At that point in time 150 liras would be worth only about half a cent.