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A Parrot's Self-Defense

A man once went to a pet shop to buy a parrot. He did not want an ordinary parrot. He wanted a parrot which could speak two languages. He said to the shop owner, "Can you provide me with a parrot that can speak two languages?"

"Yes," said the shop owner. "This one can speak two languages. If you pull its left leg, it will speak Turkish. If you pull its right leg, it will speak English."

The customer hesitated a moment, for he was thinking of something else. "What would happen if I pulled both its legs?" he asked

"Then I'd fall, you fool!" shouted the parrot