



One day Hodja was walking quietly along the street when a troublesome villager came up behind him and slapped him on the back. Then, he excused himself saying, "I'm so sorry, Hodja, I thought you were someone else - a friend of mine," and he laughed.

Angered, Hodja grabbed the man and took him to the court. At the court he asked the judge to fine the man for his offensive behavior.

"But, Hodja," said the judge, "this is really quite minor, why don't you forget it?"

However Hodja insisted, and so the judge fined the man two small coins. The man agreed right away to pay the fine, but he told Hodja to wait a minute while he went home to get the money.

Hodja waited and waited, but the man didn't come back.

Finally, Hodja walked up to the judge and slapped him on the back saying, "There, now when he comes he can pay you the coins."