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How Some Karakaya Men Recovered Their Own Feet

Five or six Karakaya men went to the city for a day. There they all bought new pairs of red boots. As they were walking home, they grew tired and they decided to sit and rest for a while at Çamdüzü.[1] After they had rested for a while, they wanted to continue their trip toward home. They were at first unable to do so, however, for all of their legs looked the same, and no one of them could tell which pair his own.

"You stand up!" said one to the man next to him.

"No, you stand up," the man spoken to responded.

They all began shouting, "You stand up! You stand up! You stand up!" Nobody stood up, and each began fighting with a person sitting beside him.

As this was going on, a stranger came along the road and asked them, "Why are all of you fighting?"

"Because none of us can discover which pair of legs which pair of feet are his own."

"I shall help you discover that," said the stranger. Picking up a heavy stick, he began beating all of the feet

[1]Apparently just a village, too small to be shown on most maps

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with it. As each foot was struck a hard blow, its owner quickly drew it back under him. In just one minute all of them had discovered which of the legs and which of the feet were his. They were then able to continue on home to Karakaya.