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A Turk Survives Faulty Hotel Accommodations

One day a Frenchman went to a certain hotel seeking accommodations. He asked, "Do you have a vacant room?"

"Yes, we have an empty room, but some water drips into it through the ceiling." The Frenchman accepted room.

Soon after that an American arrived at that same hotel and asked the desk clerk, "Do you have any vacant room?"

The clerk answered, "Yes, we do, but there are some nails in it that stick through the floor and the walls. The American decided to take the room anyway.

A while later a Turk arrived at that hotel seeking a room. The clerk said to him, "We do have a room, but it has fleas." The Turk accepted the room.

In the morning when the guests were preparing to leave the hotel, the owner asked the Frenchman, "Were pleased with your room?"

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The Frenchman answered, "No, I was not pleased with it. Water dripping from the ceiling made me wet.

The owner asked the American, "Were you pleased with your room?"

The American answered, "No, it was very unsatisfactory. Nails sticking through the woodwork punctured my body in several places."

Then the owner asked the Turk, "Did you have a good night's sleep in your room? Were you pleased with it?"

"Yes, I was very pleased with it. I slept very well."

Wondering about this, the owner asked, "How did you manage to do that?"

The Turk responded, "Well, I killed one of the fleas that were up there, and all of the rest went to its funeral. As a result, I slept very soundly."