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The Effect of the "Crazy Water" of Karakaya

There was a tax collector who went to Karakaya every year. He often heard accounts of the strange effects of drinking from a certain well there what was called "Crazy Water." On one of his trips to Karakaya he decided to test that water to discover whether or not it really caused people who drank it to behave in an unusual way. He said to his servant, "When we get to Karakaya, I want you to drink some of the 'Crazy Water,' and if it does not seem to bother you, then I shall also drink some

When they reached the village, they went directly to the well of "Crazy Water." As they had planned, the servant dismounted and drank some of that water. The tax collector asked, "How is that water?"

The servant answered, "Why are you eating manure, Effendi? If you want to know about this water, come and drink some for yourself."

After hearing that, the tax collector concluded that there was good reason for calling the water of that well "Crazy Water," and so he decided not to drink any himself.