

Story 1122 (1966 Tape 6)    Narrator: Bozkürt Güvenç, retired military officer, now Secretary of Hacettepe University

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Kayseri Modesty

One day a company commander of the army called Mehmet into his office to reprimand him for something that he had done wrong. While he was talking to Mehmet, the commander asked where in Turkey he came from. Mehmet was from Kayseri, but he named some other place as his home area.

Later the commander discovered that Mehmet actually came from Kayseri. Summoning Mehmet to his office again, the commander asked, "Mehmet, why did you try to hide from me the fact that you are a Kayseri man?"

"Well, sir, it is true that I am from Kayseri, but I did not want to brag about it."