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Nasreddin Hoca's Ready Shoes

One day a group of children decided to play a trick upon Nasreddin Hoca. They decided to steal his shoes. In order to do this, they said to the Hoca, "We know something that you cannot do. We think that you are unable to climb this tree." Of course, they expected that the Hoca would take off his shoes and leave them at the base of the tree. But the Hoca guessed what the children were up to, and he therefore tied his shoes over his shoulder as he was preparing to climb the tree.

Disappointed at this turn of events, the children said, "You won't need your shoes while you are climbing the tree. Leave them at the foot of the tree."

The Hoca answered, "Boys, you can never know that for sure. Perhaps there may be a road behind one of the branches of this great tree!"