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The Incurable Stammerer

One day a man's turban caught on fire, but the man was not aware of this. One of his friends noticed predicament and tried to warn him about it. "Oh, fr-fr-fr-friend, your tur-tur-tur-turban is on f-f-f-fire!"

The first man realized that his turban was on fire before his friend was able to speak all of his words. He threw the turban from his head and then asked his friend angrily, "Why didn't you tell me more quickly that my turban was on fire? It might have burned my head off!"

His friend answered, "I c-c-c-can n-n-n-not change my way of sp-sp-sp-speaking just be-be-be-because tur-tur-tur-turban is on f-f-f-fire."