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The Kurd Who Was All Leg

There was a Kurd by the name of Bedo living in an Avşar village. When this man was returning one day from another village on a cart, a dog started barking and annoying him. Trying to make him go away, one of his [the Kurd's] legs got stuck in the spokes of the cart wheel and was broken.

There was a bone-setter there. He went to him, and he said, "Well, Uncle Bedo, what's the matter?"

"Well, Kurban [term of endearment], I got my leg broken."

"Well, sit here."

To find out which part of the leg was broken, the bone-setter started to squeeze the leg at certain points, and the Kurd yelled, "Oh, it's broken there! Oh, it's broken there! Oh, it's broken there!" Finally, the bone-setter had squeezed all the way to the neck, and the leg hurt all the way.