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The Wolf and the Thorn in the Donkey's Foot

Once there was and once there was not a lame donkey. One day while he was eating grass, he saw a wolf in the distance. But the wolf had also seen the donkey, and he began to rush toward it with great speed.

Knowing that he could not outrun the wolf, the donkey began to consider what he should do. When the wolf got close to him, the donkey said, "I know that you are going to eat me. Before you do that, however, you should remove the thorn from my left back foot so that it will not stick in your throat."

The wolf thought that the donkey was right about this. When the wolf started searching for the thorn, the donkey kicked him with all his might, knocking out all of the wolf's teeth. The wolf ran away saying to himself, "Why did I ever poke my nose into a doctor's business?"