

The Ass and the Mule

A man loaded his ass and his mule for a journey, but after traveling for a while the ass began to weaken, so he asked the stronger mule to carry some of his load. The mule refused, and in due course the ass collapsed and died. The mule was then forced to carry the ass's load, and also the skin of the poor ass. The mule could only just manage the painful load, and realized his failure to help a little at first had caused a much greater suffering to himself.

