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It happened once that as Mullah Nasruddin was walking through his village, a certain neighbor suddenly appeared before him, in a shocked and very agitated condition.

“A disaster, Mullah!” said the man. “I have been robbed!! All my gold has been taken! Come and see!”

Nasruddin followed the man to the garden behind his house. There he saw a large hole in the ground, and beside it a pile of freshly dug earth.

“I hid my gold here,” the man said, “but someone must have been spying through the fence when I did it. The thief came in the night, and now there is nothing left!”

“This is very serious,” said Nasruddin. “What terrible neighbours we have. But wasn’t it inconvenient to have the gold here – buried under the earth?”

The man looked at the Mullah in confusion. “Inconvenient? What do you mean?”

“When you want to spend the gold on something, it would be easier to have it in the house,” Nasruddin explained.

“But I didn’t WANT to spend it,” said the man. “That is why I buried it.”

“Ah,” said the Mullah, stroking his beard with an air of wisdom. “I understand. You buried the gold because you didn’t want to spend it.” Then he bent over and picked up a rock that was lying there. “In that case,” he said, “I suggest you put this in the hole and bury it. It will have the same effect. And,” he added optimistically, “I think our neighbours won’t bother to steal it.”