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A neighbour came to Nasrudin for an interpretation on a point of law.

‘My cow was gored by your bull. Do I get any compensation?’

‘Certainly not. How can a man be held responsible for what an animal does?’

‘Just a moment’, said the crafty villager. ‘I am afraid I got the question back to front. What actually happened was that *my* bull gored *your* cow.’

‘Ah’, said the Mulla, ‘this is more involved. I shall have to look up the book of precedents, for there may be other factors involved which are relevant and which could alter the case.’

Idries Shah, *The Pleasantries of the Incredible Mulla Nasrudin*, Picador.