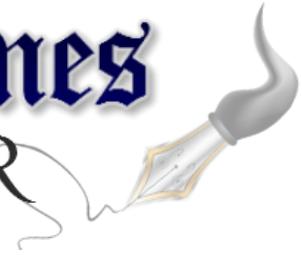




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CHICKEN SOUP

I was traveling over Donner Pass from California. On the way up the hill, I followed a big-rig truck. Suddenly the truck was pulled off to the side of the road, and a big burly man, carrying a big bat, ran to the back of the trailer and started beating on it.

I followed behind him, trying to figure out why every few minutes he would pull off to the side of the road, get out of the truck and beat on the trailer with his bat.

About the third time this happened my curiosity got the better of me. This was a big man carrying an even bigger stick, but I gathered every ounce of courage I had, got out of my car and asked, "Hey, why do keep stopping to beat your trailer."

He said, "Friend, this is a two-ton trailer, and I have three tons of chickens. If I don't keep a third of them flying, I'm never going to make it up this hill."

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This story reminds me of the current state of the country. The politicians have to keep some problems flying until after the 2012 election or they will never get reelected. It really doesn't matter who is elected; we'll all be in the soup together.

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