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â You mean Jackass?â

â Now you are being mean,â â Shall I call you Mr. Wrinkle or worse Pachy?â

â No.â

â Good, then letâ s be civil here, OK.â

â Alright Jack.â

â I was reading on the website Gaddha.org that Christopher Columbus brought few donkeys to  
Americas from Spain in early 1400â s, then the conquistadors used us to travel around to explore the  
land.â

â That was long before we were brought here just to look at us at close.â â It was sad that the  
very first elephant brought to this country was shot for no reason by an angry man in New England in early  
1800â s.â

â Shot to death?â â I will be darn,â Jack licked his nose with long tongue.

â Yeah, a fellow got mad with somebody and he shot a nearby elephant, just like that.â

â I heard of mad elephants that trample and kill people but not the other way around.â

â We the third and fourth generation elephants in American are safe now,â â You know if you  
look different, you attract attention, sometimes too much.â Eddy with his large body and wrinkled skin  
knows that feeling very well.â

â You know how the derogatory word dumbass was unfairly associated with us donkeys,â â we  
are known to be less intelligent than people but not so, we just act dumb to fool the people.â

â Of all the animals many native to this land, we the immigrants were chosen symbols for the main  
political parties in this country,â why asked Eddy loudly, the only way he can communicate.

â Is it not ironic that you and I projected as comical and idiotic were chosen as mascots for political  
parties by the greatest cartoonist Thomas Nast, a German American,â Jack gave a big smile with his teeth  
exposed.

â Really?â

â Yes, he won elections for some presidential candidates too in 1800â s with his wit and wisdom  
using his cartoons,â

â Is it not something,â â a cartoonist selected two animals both alien to this land to ridicule  
political parties that became party symbols,â Eddy tried to scratch his head with is trunk to figure it out.

â I understand that the first President George Washington allowed several donkeys to immigrate from  
Spain and France to upgrade the quality of mules in this country.â

â really.â

â Yeah,â â apparently Washington thought that the mules in this country were not big enough to  
be pack-animals to work in the mines, so he allowed immigration of large donkeys from Spain and France to  
mate with local horses to produce large mules.â

â This country is always looking for talent.â

â What you think about illegal immigration all over the news these days?â

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â Certainly, nobody can enter this country illegally travelling on a mule, like old days, I can guarantee you that,â assured Jack.

â No, not anymore.â

â Say, what you think about upcoming elections?â

â Well, if we were to believe in polls I could be trampled by an elephant come November.â

â I donâ t want my ass kicked by a jackass either.â

â Now, you behave and be civil, you hear me.â

â OK, my donkey friend, sorry Jack.â

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