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## The judgement

So off they went, intent to take their quarrel to the law. And when they came to a place where there was a courthouse, they went before the judge and told their story, each giving their own version. The judge, after listening to their case attentively, ask Stefan: “So you are not content with the share of money that loan suggested, my man?”

“No, your Honor,” said the discontented Stefan. “We had no intention of taking the money of the stranger for the bread we gave him; but since he gave us some, we should have divided it equally. That is my idea on what is just.”

“If it’s a question of justice” said the judge, “then be good enough to return a coin to loan.”

“Well, that astonishes me your Honor,” said the discontented Stefan. “I came here to see justice done, and I find that your Honor, who knows the law, is making me even more puzzled. If the last judgement is to be like that, then Heaven help us!”

“So it seems to you,” the judge said quietly, “but you will see that is not the case. Did you have two loaves?”

“Yes. I had two.”

“Did Stefan had three loaves?”

“Yes. He had three.”

“Just a moment ago you told me that you all ate the same amount; is that right?”

“That is right your Honor”

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“Good. Now let us get it all clear, so we might know how much bread each of you ate: let us say that each loaf was divided into three equal parts, how many pieces did you have, for you, Stefan, had two loaves to begin with?”

“I had six pieces, your Honor”

“And you, loan, who had three loaves to begin with?”

“He had nine pieces, your Honor.”

“Now how many does that make? Nine and six?”

“Fifteen pieces, your Honor”

“How many men ate those fifteen pieces of bread?”

“Three men, your Honor.”

“Now, try to remember how many pieces you had.”

“Six, your Honor.”

“But did you eat six?”

“Five, your Honor.”

“And how many were left over?”

“Only one pice, your Honor.”

“Do you remember how many pieces your companion had?”

“Nine, your Honor.”

“And how many did he eat?”

“Five, the same as I did.”

“And how many had he left?”

“Four, your Honor.”

“Good! Now let us get this straight. You mean that you had only one piece left over, while your companion had four pieces left; now, does one piece for your and four pieces from your friend’s make five pieces together?”

“Exactly five, your Honor.”

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“Is it true that the stranger ate those five pieces and gave you five pennies for them?”

“Yes, that is so, your Honor.”

“So only one coin was due you, for you, Stefan, had only one piece left over, and it was just the same as selling it for one coin. As for your friend, loan ought to have four coins because he had four pieces left over. So now, be so good as to return one coin to your companion. And if you feel that that is unjust then go to God and see if He will make a different judgement.”

Stefan, seeing there was no other solution, gave back a penny to his companion, very reluctantly, thanked the judge and went off blushing.

loan, however, astonished at the verdict, thanked the judge and went off saying:

“If there were judges like that everywhere who do not stand nonsense, then those who are in the wrong would never appeal to the law. And the so-called lawyers, having no longer any means of making a living from their talking, would either do honest work, or else die of hunger. And good people would live in peace!”

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