

Fare & Unfair

and Other Stories



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The Sweeper and the Judge



In ancient Arabia, there lived a poor sweeper called Hassan. One day, as Hassan was at his job, he found a gold coin on the road. The sweeper was very happy. The coin was more than his monthly salary!

Hassan had a daughter, Amina, whom he loved dearly. Without a thought, the poor sweeper decided to spend the gold coin on a gift for her.

“I’ll buy a bottle of the best honey in Arabia for my little Amina,” thought Hassan.

So Hassan bought the jar of honey and left it at home for her. Then he went to do his work. When he got home later, Hassan was horrified at finding the honey full of flies.

“These flies have no business to spoil my honey!” he thought angrily. “I’ll go to the judge and make him punish them!”

So Hassan went to the judge and told him his sad story. “Your Honour,” he pleaded, “please have all the flies in this town arrested and put to death immediately.”