

FAIRNESS

A folktale adapted by Eva Grayzel

The baker shooed the beggar away from his storefront everyday, but he always returned. Frustrated, the baker called the police and had the beggar arrested. The next day, the two of them sat before a judge.

The beggar claimed he could not afford the baked goods but the smell alone gave him so much pleasure. The baker complained that the sweet smells from his hard work should be worth something.

The judge asked the baker, “And what gives you great pleasure during your day at the bakery?”

He answered enthusiastically, “The sound of money!”

The judge handed the beggar a cloth bag with a few coins in it and told him to give the bag a good shake as payment for the good smells.