

Recitation B

The Cookies

A young lady was waiting for her flight in the boarding area at a big airport. She had to wait for many hours, so she decided to buy a book to pass the time. She also bought a bag of cookies. She sat down on a comfortable seat, in the VIP room of the airport, to rest and read in peace.

A man sat down next to the woman, so that the cookies were between them. He opened his magazine and started reading. When the woman took the first cookie, the man also took one. She was angry but said nothing.

She thought: "What a nerve! I should hit him!" And then each time she took a cookie, the man took one too. It made her very angry but she didn't want to cause a scene.

When they got to the last cookie, she thought: "Ah, what will this rude man do now?"

Then, the man took the last cookie, divided it in half, and gave one half to the woman. This was too much. She couldn't sit there any longer.

She quickly put away her book, and angrily went back to the boarding area. When she finally sat down in her seat on the plane, she looked in her purse for her glasses. To her horror, she saw her untouched bag of cookies. It had not been eaten nor opened!

She felt so ashamed. She realized that she had been completely wrong about the man. She had forgotten that she had put her cookies in her purse.

The man shared his cookies with her, without being angry or bitter. It's always easy to see other people's mistakes, but the woman knew she would never judge people so quickly in the future.

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