Clever Use of Words



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A man goes to the market and sees a heap of chilies. He becomes very eager for them, but thinks of getting the chilies without paying money.
He goes home, brings one chili from the kitchen, cuts it into two equal parts, puts one half of the chili back into the heap of chilies in the market, and starts a quarrel with the chili seller.
Gathering people around, he says:

“I swear on my mother, on my father, on my children, and on God this heap of chilies contains half a chili that belongs to me.
You must give me justice.”
The people who come to the panchayat do not find any fault in his words. Because he takes such serious oaths, they do not even suspect that he might be lying.

So, all of them together divide the heap of chilies into two equal parts and give one part to him.
In the end, through clever use of words, he takes away half of the heap of chilies.