I Gave Exactly What I Was Given!

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Once upon a time, there lived a snack merchant in a village. He made his workers work hard, but never gave them enough food to eat or paid them their wages properly. He treated them so poorly that the workers would work for just four days and then run away without even asking for their pay. One day, a clever man joined him for work. His job was to carry the snacks that his master had carefully counted and packed, balance them on his head, walk through the forest to the market, deliver them to a shop, and return home by the same path.

One day, while walking through the forest, he became extremely hungry. He wanted to eat something from the bundle he was carrying, but the master had given him a slip with the exact count of the snacks.

As he searched through the bundle, he found a bag of large Chakkulis, beautifully shaped snacks with six rings each. The moment he saw them, a brilliant idea struck his mind. He carefully removed one outer ring from every Chakkuli, reducing them to five ring Chakkulis. He ate all the removed rings to fill his stomach, drank water from a nearby river, and continued on his way to the market.

When he reached the shop, he delivered the goods in the exact quantity specified on the list. The shopkeeper checked everything, gave him the receipt, and he started his journey back home.

That is why they say, "There is always a mountain standing behind a hill." We should never assume we are the smartest; there are always people cleverer than us!