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Tahip Ağa¹ Avenges Doubt About His Honor

Tahip Ağa was a greengrocer. He owned his own shop
he sold all kinds of fruits and vegetables. Whenever he sold
fruit or vegetables, he liked to sack this produce himself,
but there were some customers who objected to that. They
wanted to select their own items of fruit and vegetables
their own hands. Tahip Ağa was insulted by this behavior
because he felt that those customers did not trust him.

He finally found a way to get even with such customers
He always held the sack into which they were putting the
produce they had selected. Unnoticed by the customer, Tahip
Ağa kept squeezing the bottom of the bag, squashing whatever
fruit or vegetables might be there. Thus he took his vengeance
against such customers for not trusting him.

¹An ağa (English agha) is a rural landowner, sometimes
wealthy, often powerful. The word does not indicate an official
title but describes an economic status. They are often the
principal employers of farm workers, and they are often viewed
by their employees as harsh, driving, and abusive. The term
aga is also used in a complimentary way, as an honorific, for
a distinguished or just older person than the one using the
term. Thus an older brother is called ağa bey by his younger
siblings. Ağa bey may be used as a deferential term to one
older or more prestigious than the speaker. A taxi driver may
refer to his passenger as ağa bey; a salesman speaking to a
male customer may call him ağa bey.