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Chapter 1: Arsène Lupin VS Beppo

It was a pleasant evening in London and Beppo the coachman was on his final shift. He climbed onto the John Phoenix omnibus and rode it down the street until he found his passengers for the night.

He jumped down and scooped two people off the road and threw them into the omnibus.

"Wh-Where shall I be taking you, gentlemen?" said Beppo.

The passengers, Bruce Fairplay and Lay D. Furst, told Beppo to take them to Chief Stronghart's office.

Beppo charged them four pence and set off for their destination. However, before they could get far, the guildmaster ran out onto the street! Beppo forced the omnibus to come to a sudden halt to avoid hitting the little man.

"Oi, Beppo!" shouted the guildmaster. "You better not have stolen money from me passengers!"

"N-No s-sir!" said Beppo.

"You're stammering! Very suspicious!"

The guildmaster charged into the omnibus and confronted the passengers.

"Aight fellas, the fair fares is four pence. Did you pay that, yes or no?"

"Don't remember," said Furst. He checked his pockets. "Ohhhh d-d-d-dear! I had five pence when I left but now i have zero pence!"

"Zero pence? Wait a tick here..." said the guildmaster. "The fair fares is four pence and ye came here with five, but now ye have zero pence... but five minus four is... one. So ye should have one penny. Unless..."

The guildmaster stormed out of the omnibus and grabbed Beppo by the scarf.

"BEPPOOOOO! I'LL TURN YE INTO A SANDWICH FOR THIS, LAD!" shouted guildmaster. "YE STOLE LAY FURST'S PENNY, DIDN'T YE?!"

"N-N-N-N-No sir, how could I have s-stolen something like that, I am not some master thief! Have mercy on me!"

Beppo started shivering from fear. If he was accused of overcharging his passengers, he would get fired for sure. He had to figure out where that fifth penny went.

"M-M-M-M-M-" Beppo struggled to make his point.

"M-What?!"

"M-MAYBE MR. FAIRPLAY STOLE IT SIR!"

The guildmaster scoffed at Beppo's grasping, but he checked Fairplay's pockets anyway.

"WHAT IN THE NAME OF THE SILVER BLAZE IS THIS!" shrieked the guildmaster as he pulled out a small coin.

"Oh, that's my penny, sir," said Furst with a smile. "Wait, how did YOU get it?"

"STREWTH, you got me mate!" shouted Fairplay. But as he recoiled backwards in shock, his hat slid off his head and revealed that he was not Bruce Fairplay, he was Arsène Lupin the whole entire time!

Lupin ran out of the omnibus and jumped on one of the horses and rode it away with the omnibus in tow.

"Beppo!" Lupin called out as he fled. "Some day, I WILL have my revenge on you for exposing me like this!"

Beppo whimpered.

The End!