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The Potato Skins

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"The potato skin is receiving fair treatment at last," said the second potato skin to the first.

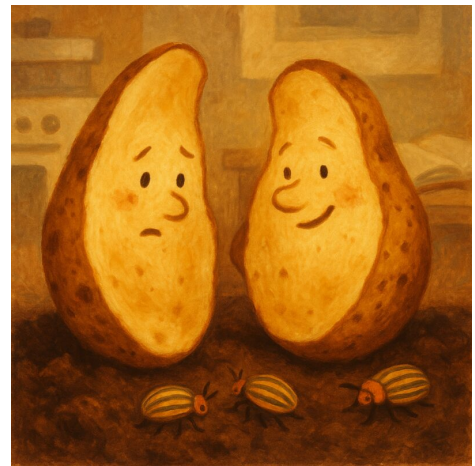
"What is 'fair treatment'?" asked the first.

"Justice," said the second. "Being treated as you actually deserve, rather than as something to be thrown away."

"I see," said the first. "Do go on. And forgive me for interrupting — I don't know much about manners. The ground isn't a great place for manners, and our main visitors were the potato beetles, who aren't especially polished."

"Neither am I," admitted the second, "so we're even. Now then: a professor has been studying us."

"A professor?"



"A real one. He has concluded that we are not only harmless but healthful — that we contain things that are good for people. And for those who don't enjoy the texture of our skins, he suggests we can be ground very fine and cooked with cream."

"Cooked with cream!" said the first potato skin, with great satisfaction. "That sounds extremely nice."

"It does, doesn't it? And to think — a professor. Studying us. One doesn't usually put professors and potato skins in the same sentence."

"No," said the first, "but I'm very glad to be in that particular sentence."

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