

**A young lady was waiting for her flight in the boarding room of a big airport.**



**As she would need to wait many hours, she decided to buy a book to spend her time. She also bought a packet of cookies.**





**She sat down in an armchair, in the VIP room of the airport, to rest and read in peace.**

**Beside the armchair where the packet of cookies lay, a man sat down in the next seat, opened his magazine and started reading.**



**When she took out the  
first cookie, the man  
took one also.**

**She felt irritated but  
said nothing. She just  
thought:**

***“What a nerve! If I was  
in the mood I would  
punch him for daring!”***





**For each cookie she took, the man took one too.**

**This was infuriating her but she didn't want to cause a scene.**

**When only one  
cookie remained,  
she thought:**

***“ah... What this  
abusive man do  
now?”***

**Then, the man,  
taking the last  
cookie, divided it  
into half, giving  
her one half.**





**Ah! That was too much!**


**She was much too angry now!**

**In a huff, she took her book, her things and stormed  
to the boarding place.**



**When she sat down in her seat, inside the plane, she looked into her purse to take her eyeglasses, and, to her surprise, her packet of cookies was there, untouched, unopened!**



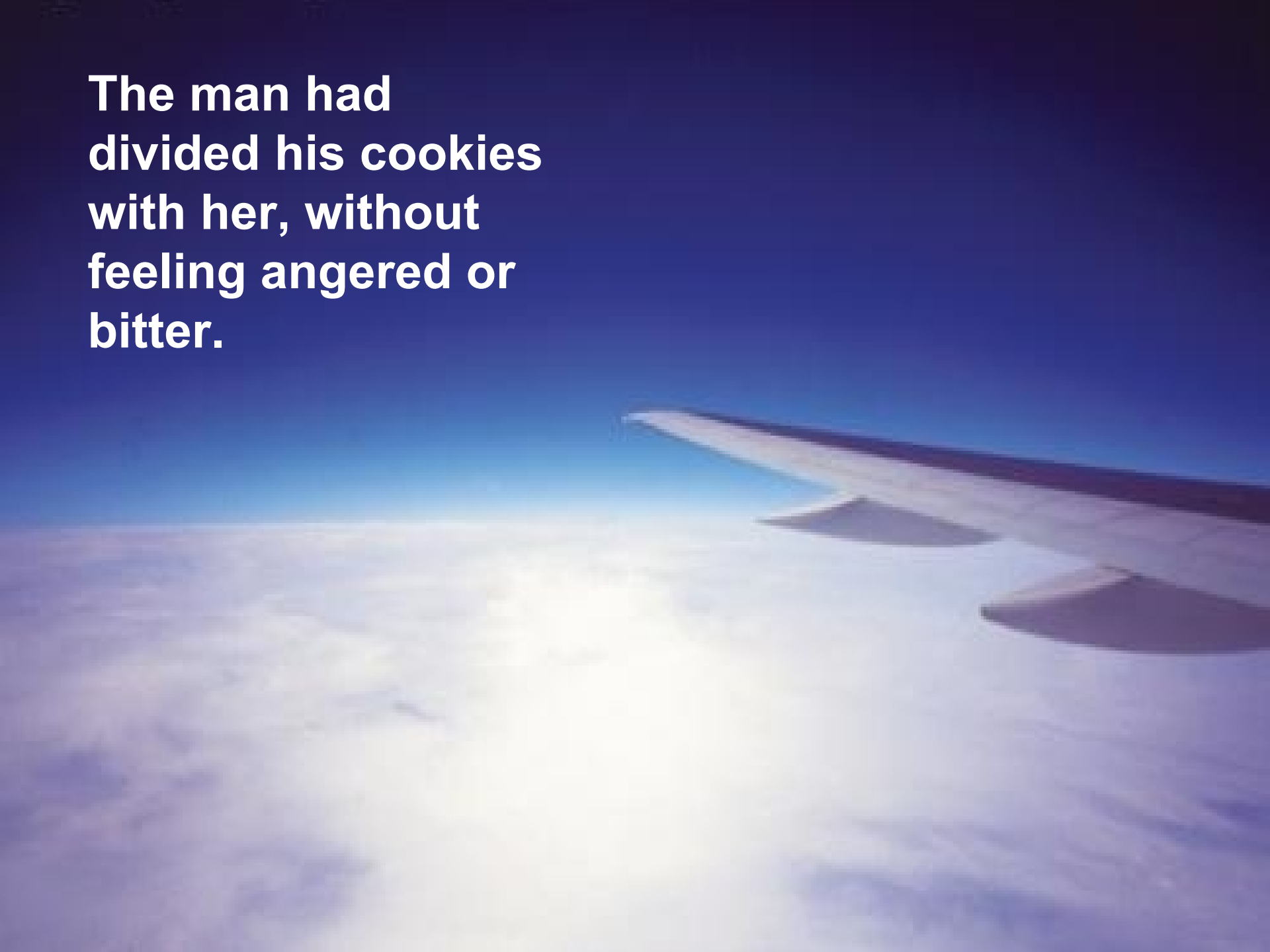


**She felt so  
ashamed!!  
She realized  
that she was  
wrong...**



**She had  
forgotten  
that her  
cookies  
were kept in  
her purse.**

**The man had  
divided his cookies  
with her, without  
feeling angered or  
bitter.**



**...while she had  
been very angry,  
thinking that she  
was dividing her  
cookies with him.**

**And now there  
was no chance to  
explain  
herself...nor to  
apologize.”**



***There are 4 things that you cannot recover.***



***The stone...***

***...after the throw!***





***The word...***

***...after it's said!***

***The occasion...***



***... after the loss!***





***The time...***

***...after it's gone!***