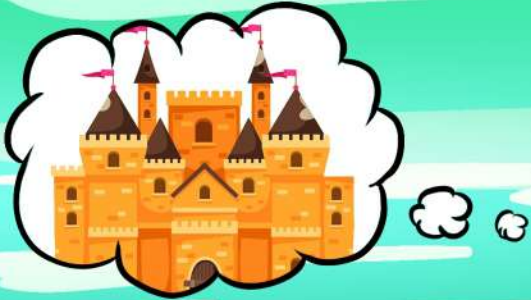


The Three Wishes



Once upon a time, there was a fisherman who used to catch fish from a lovely pond.



One day he caught a pretty goldfish. He was about to put the fish in his basket when it spoke to him,

"Let me go",

it said,

"I shall give you three wishes."



The fisherman let it go and spoke loud and clear,

"I want to live like a king in a palace
and have lots of money."

"Your wish will be granted!"

said the goldfish
and swam away.



The fisherman went home, and to his surprise, he had a huge palace instead of his hut. There were treasure chests full of gold, and he even had servants. This made him feel very happy. He went in to meet his wife and told her about the goldfish that had granted his wish. Strangely his wife was not happy.

"Oh, we may have a palace,"

she grumbled,

"but I don't look like a queen. Go back and ask the goldfish to make me look like a queen."



The fisherman went back to the pond and told the goldfish that his wife wanted to look like a queen. The fish said,

"Be careful what you wish for."

The fisherman did not listen to it and wished that his wife looked like a queen.

"So be it. Now don't come back to me with any more silly wishes!"

said the goldfish.



The fisherman went back to his grand palace. When he reached there, the guard stopped him,

"Do not enter!"

"But my wife is inside,"

the fisherman cried,

"Your wife, you mean that beautiful Queen? Don't lie, you dirty fellow!"

yelled the guard.



The fisherman knew that the goldfish had turned his wife into a queen, and she would not want to be his wife anymore. The fisherman went back to the goldfish and said,

"Oh goldfish, I have been too greedy. Take away everything and give me back my wife."

The goldfish felt sad for the fisherman and granted him the last wish.



The fisherman went back home and met his wife. His hut was there instead of the big palace, and his wife was waiting for him. They did not have much now, but they were happy. They were never greedy again.



We must never
be greedy.

