

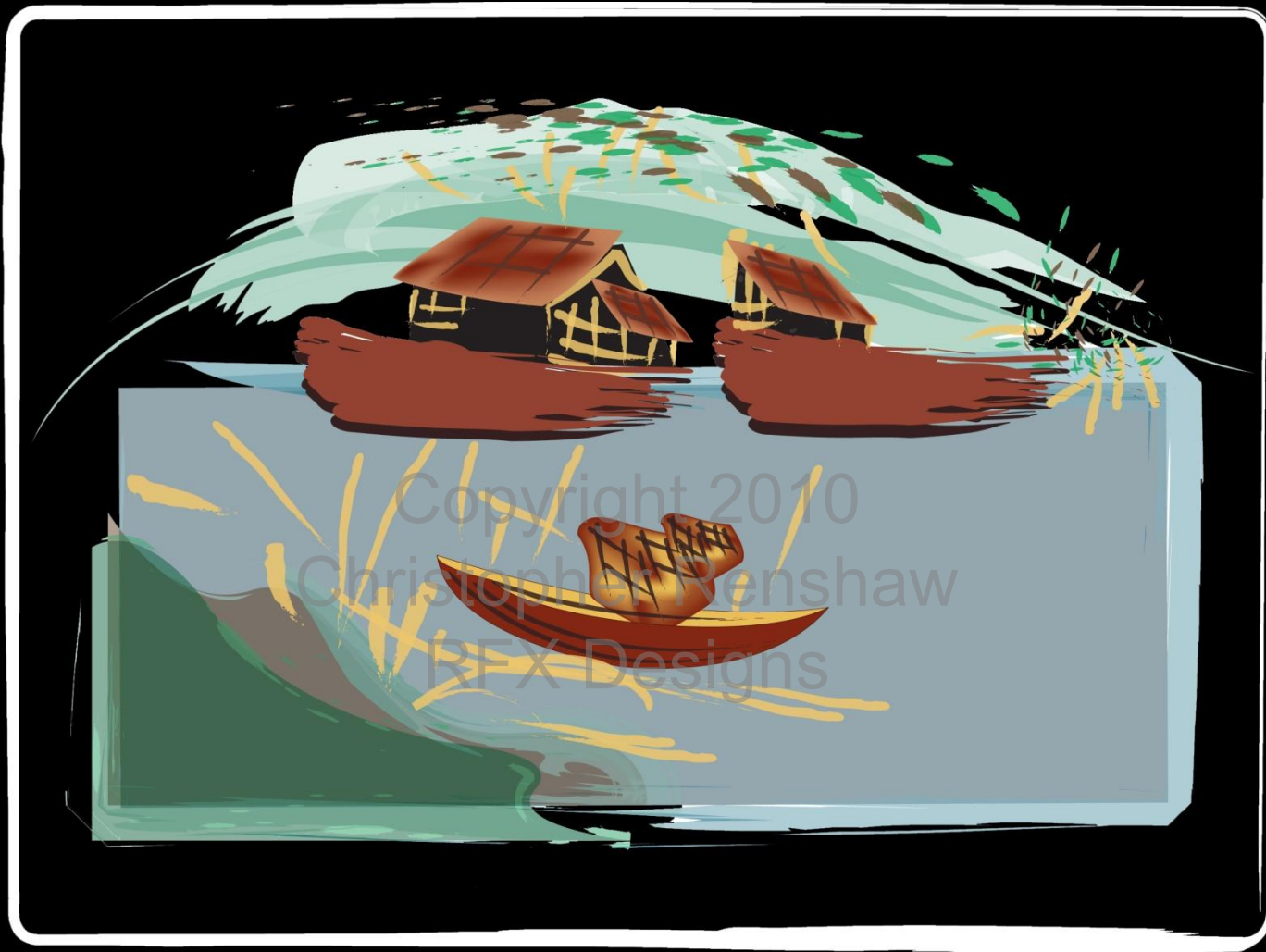
The Wishing Fish

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Once upon a time, in a land far, far away
there was a small, cozy little fishing village.



In that village was a quirky old man
who was always fishing.



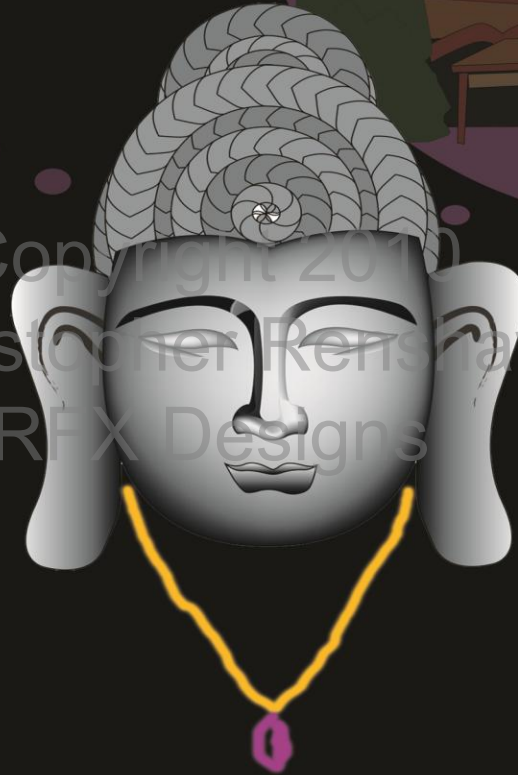
One day the man had to yell at a couple of kids
who were disrupting the fish.



He told the kids that he was trying to find The
Magical Wishing Fish. The Magical Wishing Fish
could grant him three wishes.



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The young boy thought that with the Fish he could
finally get the palace his companion has always
dreamed for.



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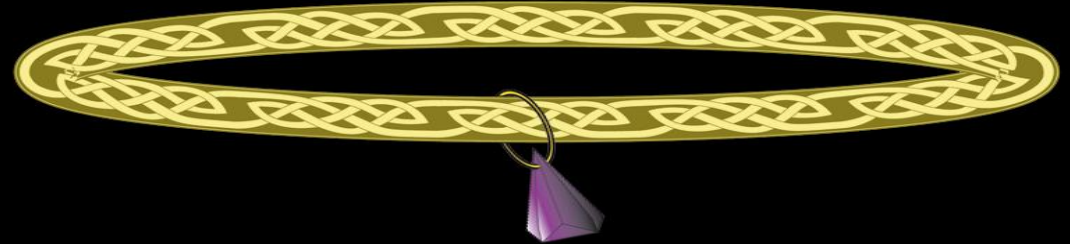
That night he stole the old man's boat and fishing rod,
and set out on catching the fish for himself.



Low and behold, he caught The Magical Wishing Fish. The Fish wiggled and squirmed and told the boy that if he would let him go, he'd grant the young man three wishes.



The young man, giddy from his good fortune,
throws the Fish back into the water.



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The Wishing Fish reappears and tells the young man that he can't get something for nothing. A trade has to be made, and the Fish asks for the young man's necklace.



The young man, only thinking of the riches he would soon receive, throws the Fish his father's family pendant. Then, right before his very eyes, the Fish starts laughing and changing. The Magical Wishing Fish turned into the old man!



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The old man laughs at the boy and tells him that he has lost his father's pendant. He let the glittering thoughts of riches cloud his better judgment and for that, the young man would get nothing.

Moral of the story: Do not expect to ever get something for nothing, and surely never steal a fishy Arab's boat.



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