

All this was very naughty in those two little trout; for the good Genie, as I have said, had been exceedingly kind, and never grudged them anything that was for their good. But instead of thanking him for all his care and kindness, they blamed him in their own minds, for refusing them anything that their foolish fancies were set upon. In short, there was no end to all they wished, and longed, and quarrelled for in their hearts.

At last the Genie was so angry that he determined, by punishing their naughtiness, to make the folly of these two little trout an example to all the foolish fish in the world. And for this purpose he told them that each should be allowed to have whatever they wished for.

Now, the eldest trout was a very proud little