

tell me the meaning of this, and of all the other dangers with which you have surrounded the poor little fish, for then I have sense enough to take care of my own safety; and I am very well able to provide for my own living too, there is no fear of that.

This wish was no sooner spoken than granted, for the Genie opened his understanding, and immediately he knew the meaning of snares, nets, hooks, lines, and all other dangers to which little trouts are subject.

At first he was greatly rejoiced in this his knowledge, and said to himself,—Now, surely I shall be the happiest of all fish, for as I understand, and am warned of every mischief that can come near us, I am sure I love myself too well not to keep out of harm's way.