

The Honest Fisherman

This is Big Bear Joe. He's a fisherman. He goes fishing in the river every day. He catches fish and then he sells them. But Big Bear Joe's very careful. He never catches baby fish. Sometimes, he goes fishing in the sea. But he never catches dolphins. He's got a cheap, old, fishing rod.

One day ...


I've got a big, big fish, but I can't get it out of the water. The water's rising!

Then, Big Bear Joe's fishing rod breaks. The water's getting higher and higher. His fishing rod's at the bottom of the river now. Big Bear Joe is very sad.



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The water is now very high ... and it speaks!



I'm the river fairy!
Why are you sad?


My fishing rod's in the water. I can't fish! I can't make money for my family!

Don't worry.
Is this your fishing rod?

The fishing rod isn't old. It's new. It's isn't cheap. It's very expensive. It's a silver fishing rod!


No, this isn't my fishing rod. I can't take it!

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OK, then. Is this your fishing rod?

This fishing rod is newer and more expensive. It's a gold fishing rod!




No, this isn't my fishing rod. I can't take it!

Finally ...



Is this your fishing rod?



Yes, it is! It's my cheap old fishing rod! Can I have it back, please?

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You're a very honest fisherman, Big Bear Joe! Here's my present to you for your honesty. From now on, you and your family can have anything you wish for. No more fishing! You can stay at home with your family, and the fish can stay in the water!

