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The Fisherman and the Genie

In the ancient city of Baghdad, there lived a poor fisherman named Ahmed. Every day, Ahmed would cast his net into the Tigris River, hoping for a good catch to provide for his family. One fateful day, as he cast his net, he felt an unusually heavy tug. Excitement coursed through him as he pulled the net with all his might.

To his astonishment, instead of fish, Ahmed pulled up a heavy, sealed brass jar. Curiosity getting the better of him, he opened the jar, and to his horror, a thick cloud of smoke billowed out, forming into a menacing genie. The genie glared at Ahmed with fiery eyes, towering over him.

"Prepare to meet your end, foolish mortal!" the genie bellowed. "I have been trapped in that jar for a thousand years, and I shall reward you for releasing me by granting you one wish before I destroy you."

Ahmed, trembling with fear, quickly replied, "I beg your mercy, great genie. Spare my life, and I will use my wish to set you free."

The genie, surprised by Ahmed's selflessness, agreed to the fisherman's request. With a wave of his mighty hand, the genie returned to the jar, allowing Ahmed to seal it once more.

But before Ahmed could make his wish, he thought long and hard about what he wanted. He decided that freeing the genie was the right thing to do. So, he released the genie again, who, true to his word, transformed into a whirlwind of smoke and vanished, leaving behind only the empty jar.

Ahmed returned to his humble life as a fisherman, knowing he had done a good deed and that his actions would be remembered in stories for generations to come.