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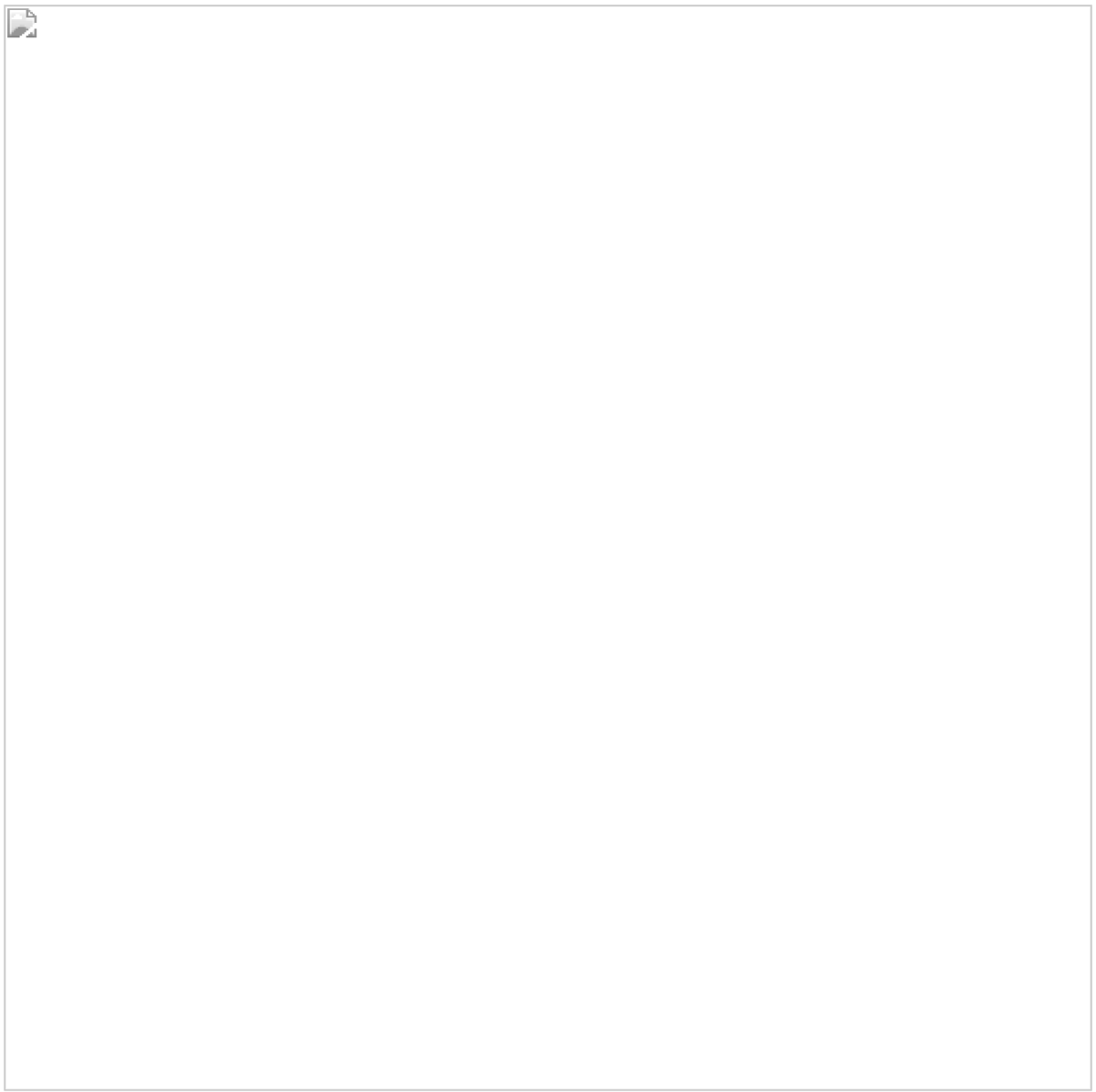
# The Three Fishes

## A Tale from India



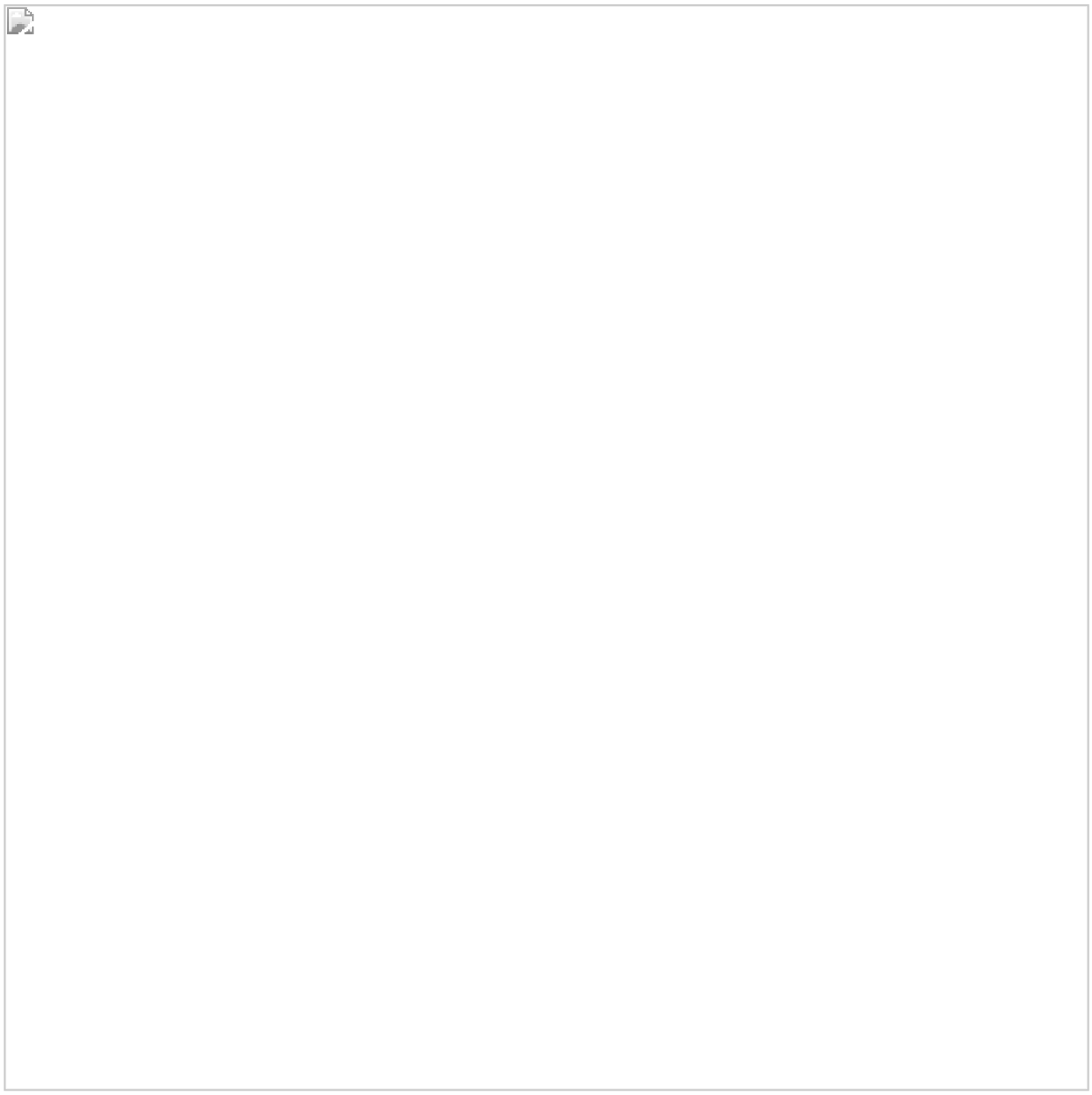
Once upon a time three Fishes lived in a far-away river. They were named Thoughtful, Very-Thoughtful, and Thoughtless.

TALK ABOUT IT

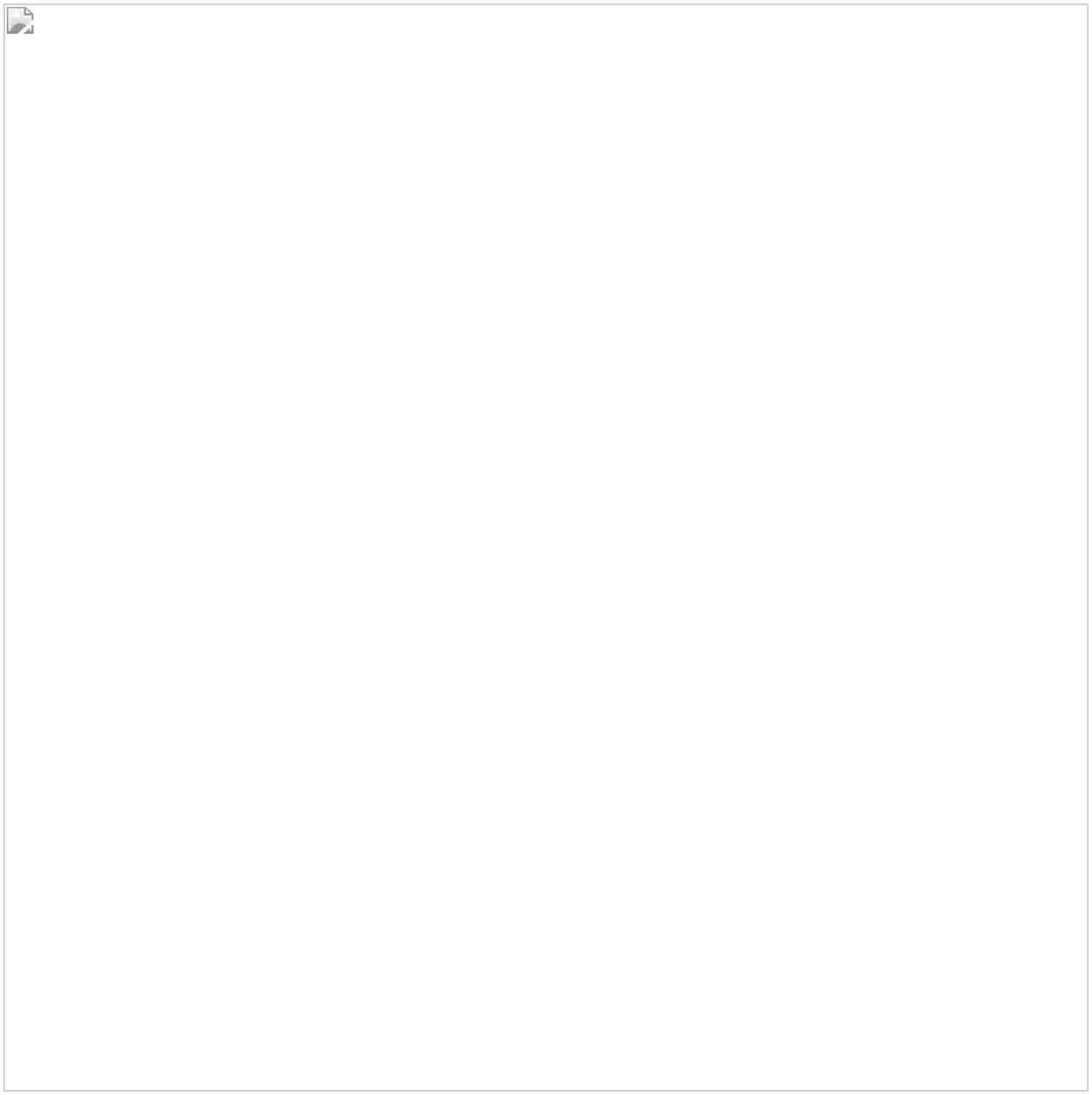
If you were a fish, which of the three names would you pick for yourself?

**This book belongs to _____**

# The Three Fishes · another picture



# Near the Town



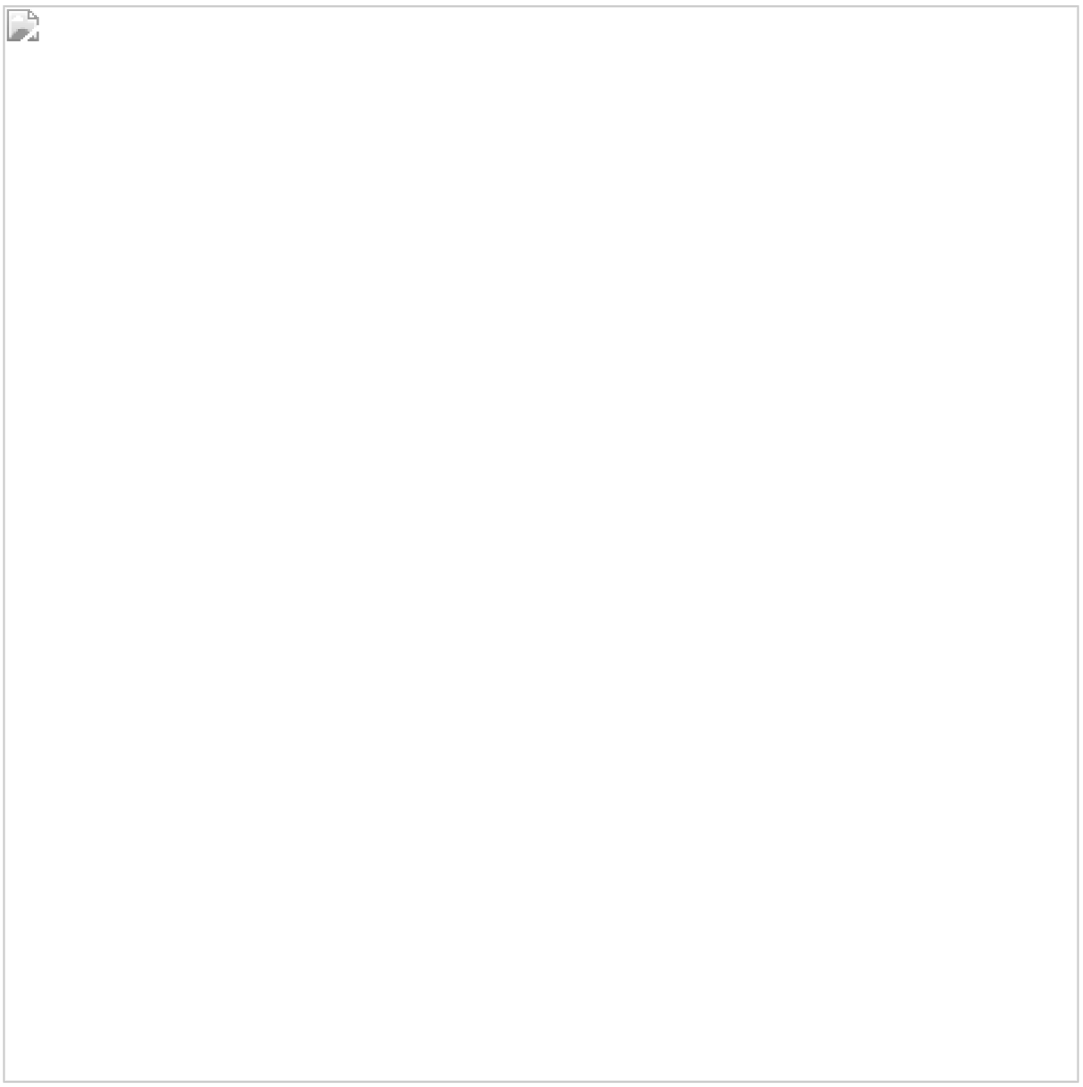
One day they left the wild country where no men lived, and came down the river to live near a town.

Very-Thoughtful said to the other two: “There is danger all about us here. Fishermen come to the river here to catch fish with all sorts of nets and lines. Let us go back again to the wild country where we used to live.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Very-Thoughtful saw a danger the others did not. Has anyone ever warned you about something? What did you do?

Near the Town · another picture

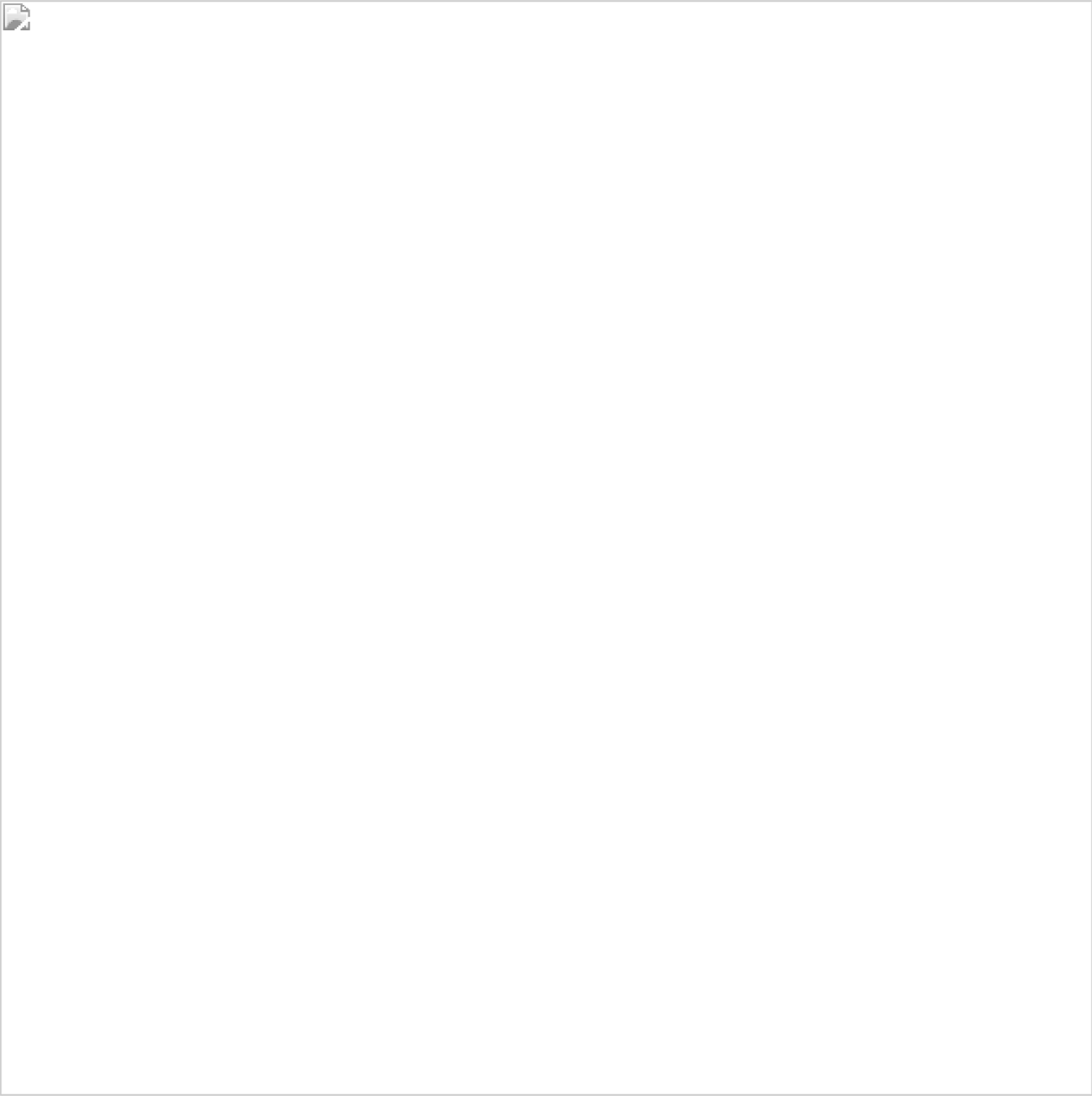


## Think about it

**1. Who warned the other Fishes of danger?**

- ○ Thoughtless
- ○ Very-Thoughtful
- ○ Thoughtful

# Putting It Off

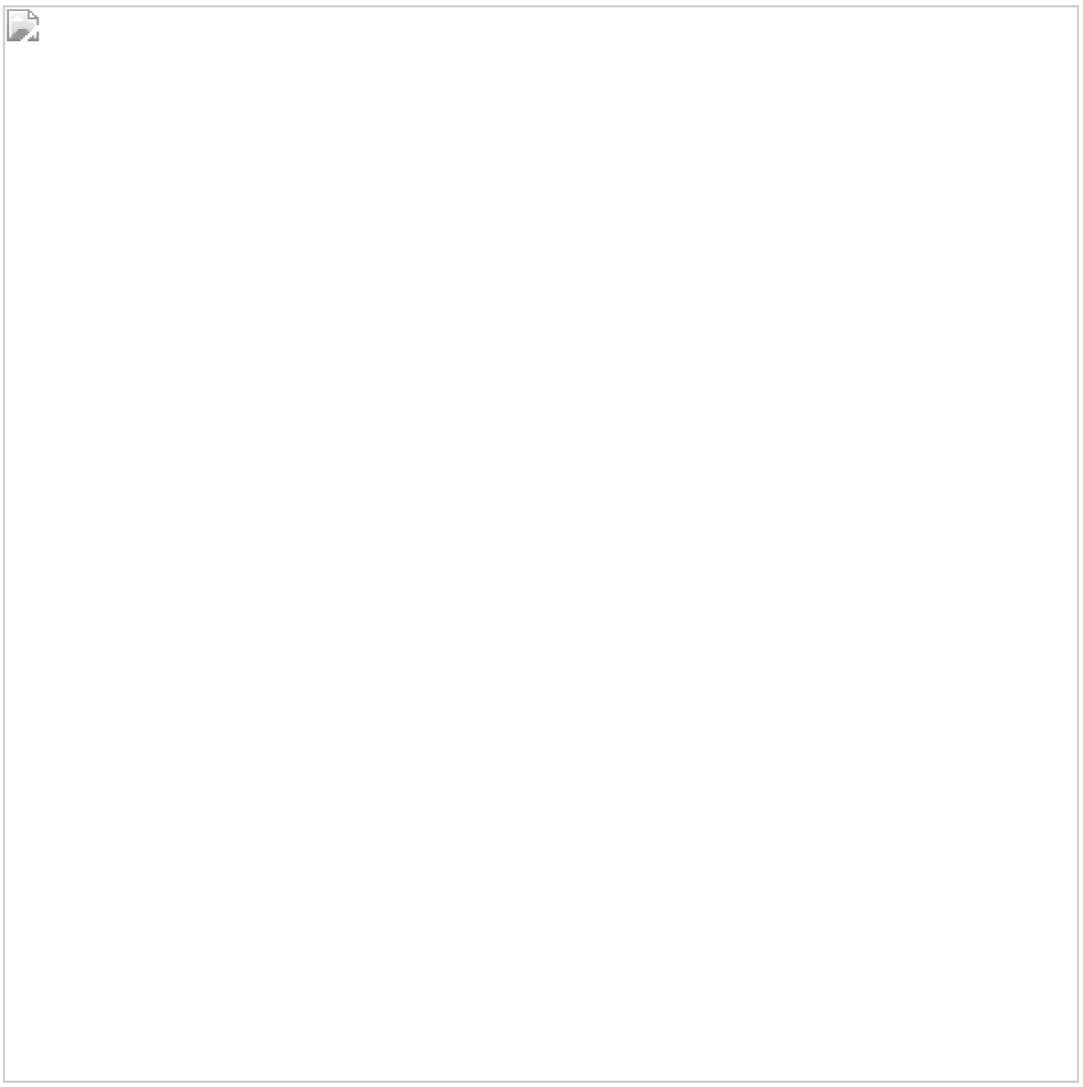


But the other two Fishes were so lazy and so greedy that they kept putting off their going from day to day.

TALK ABOUT IT

Is there something you keep putting off? What is it?

Putting It Off · another picture

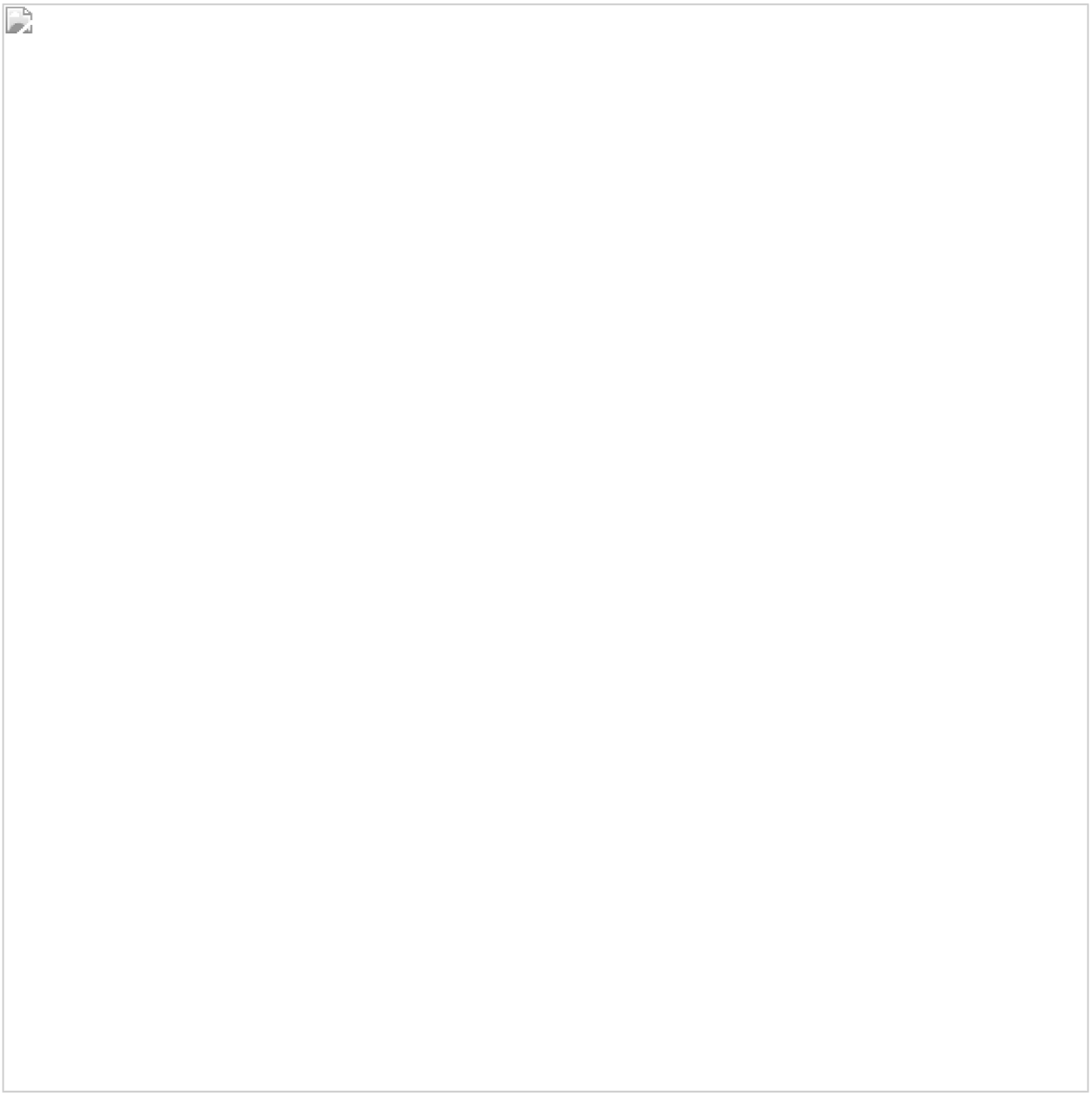


## Think about it

**1. What did the other two Fishes keep doing?**

- ○ Swimming home
- ○ Putting off their going
- ○ Making a net

# The Net

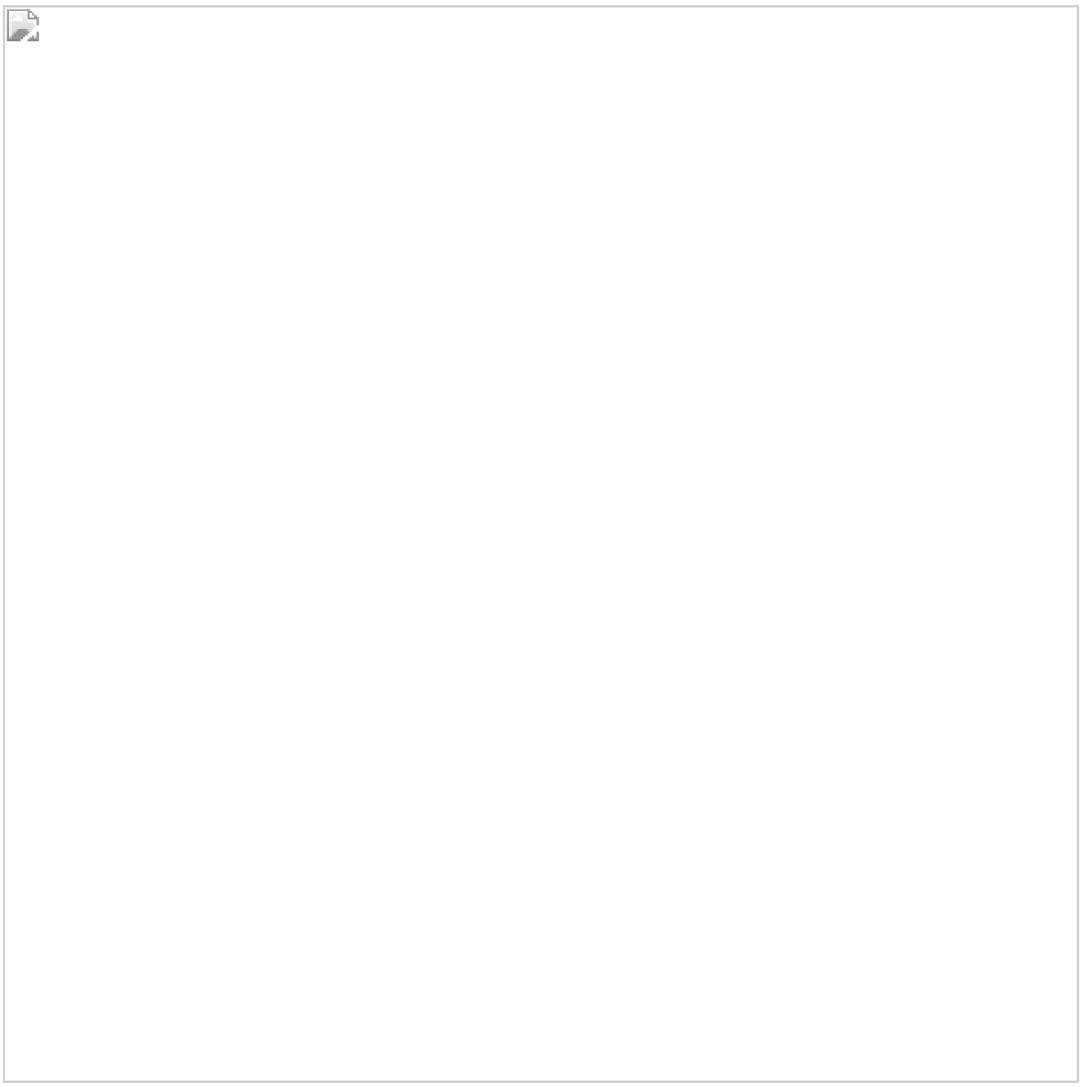


But one day Thoughtful and Thoughtless went swimming on ahead of Very-Thoughtful. They did not see the fisherman's net, and they rushed into it.

Very-Thoughtful saw them rush into the net. “I must save them,” said Very-Thoughtful.

TALK ABOUT IT

Very-Thoughtful did not leave them behind. What would you have done?

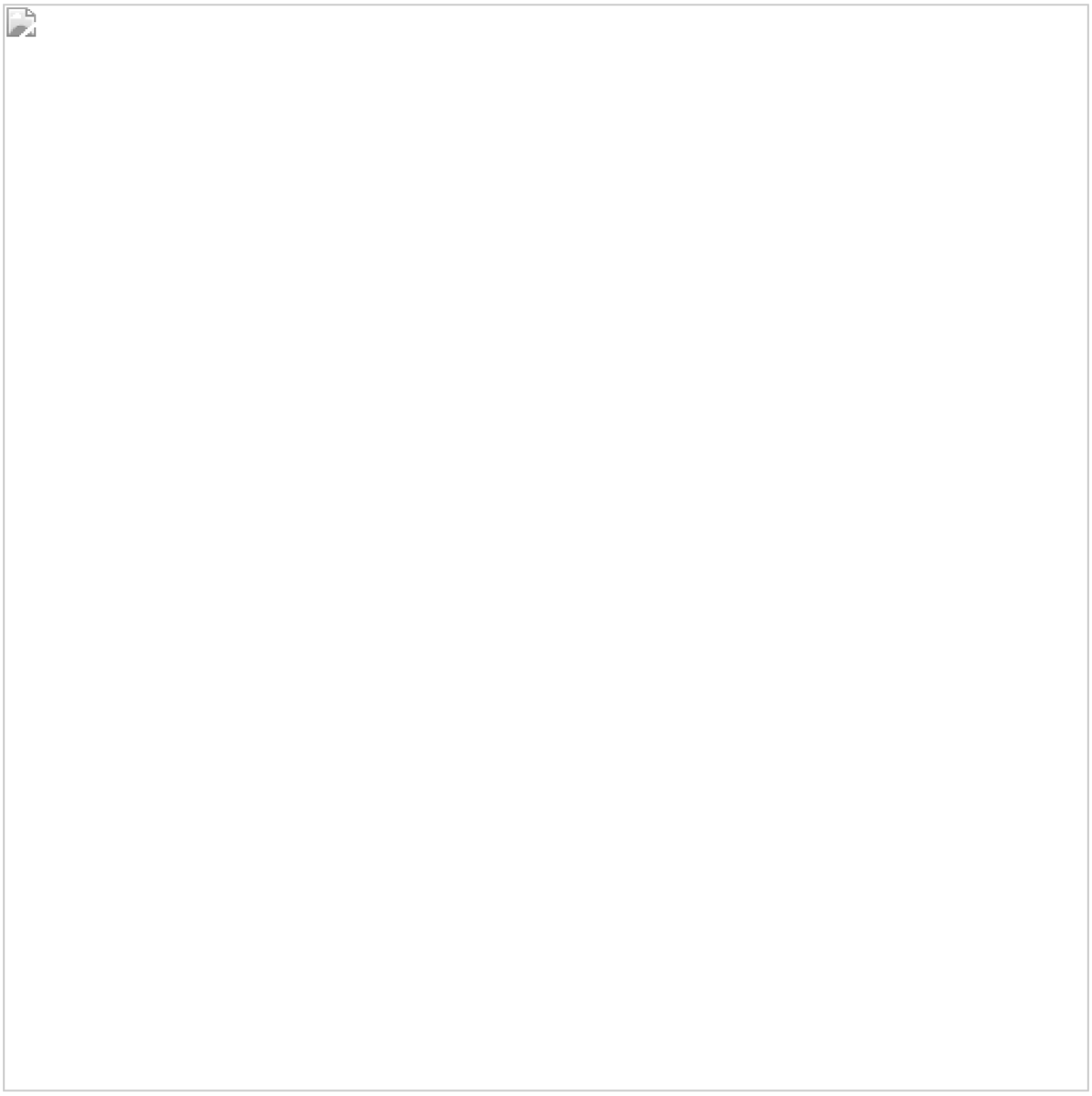


## Think about it

**1. What did Very-Thoughtful say?**

- ○ “I must save them.”
- ○ It is too late
- ○ I told you so

# The Splashing

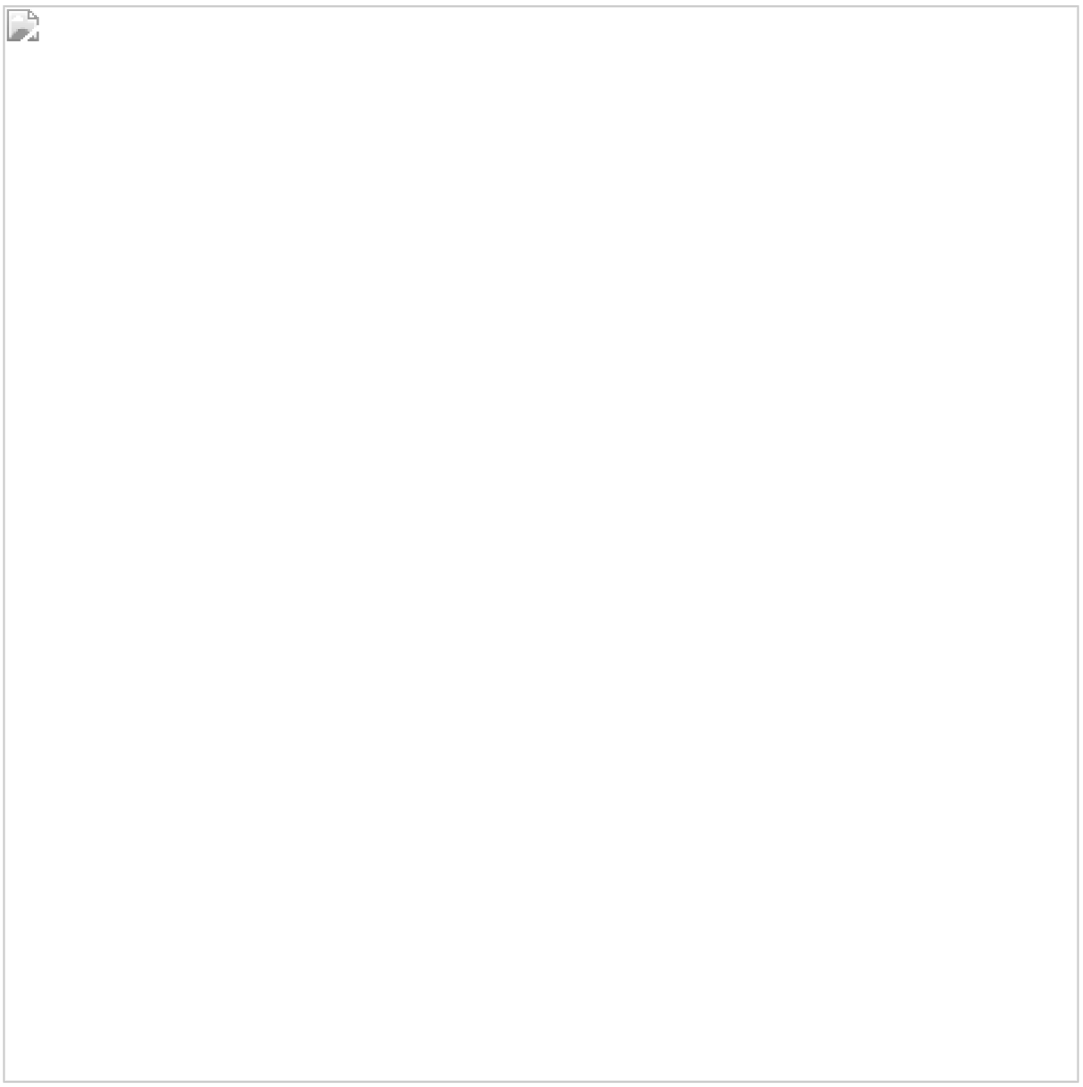


So, swimming around the net, he splashed in the water in front of it, like a Fish that had broken through the net and gone up the river. Then he swam back of the net and splashed about there like a Fish that had broken through and gone down the river.

The fisherman saw the splashing water and thought the Fishes had broken through the net and that one had gone up the river, the other down. So he pulled in the net by one corner. That let the two Fishes out of the net, and away they went to find Very-Thoughtful.

TALK ABOUT IT

Very-Thoughtful tricked the fisherman to save his friends. What do you think about that?

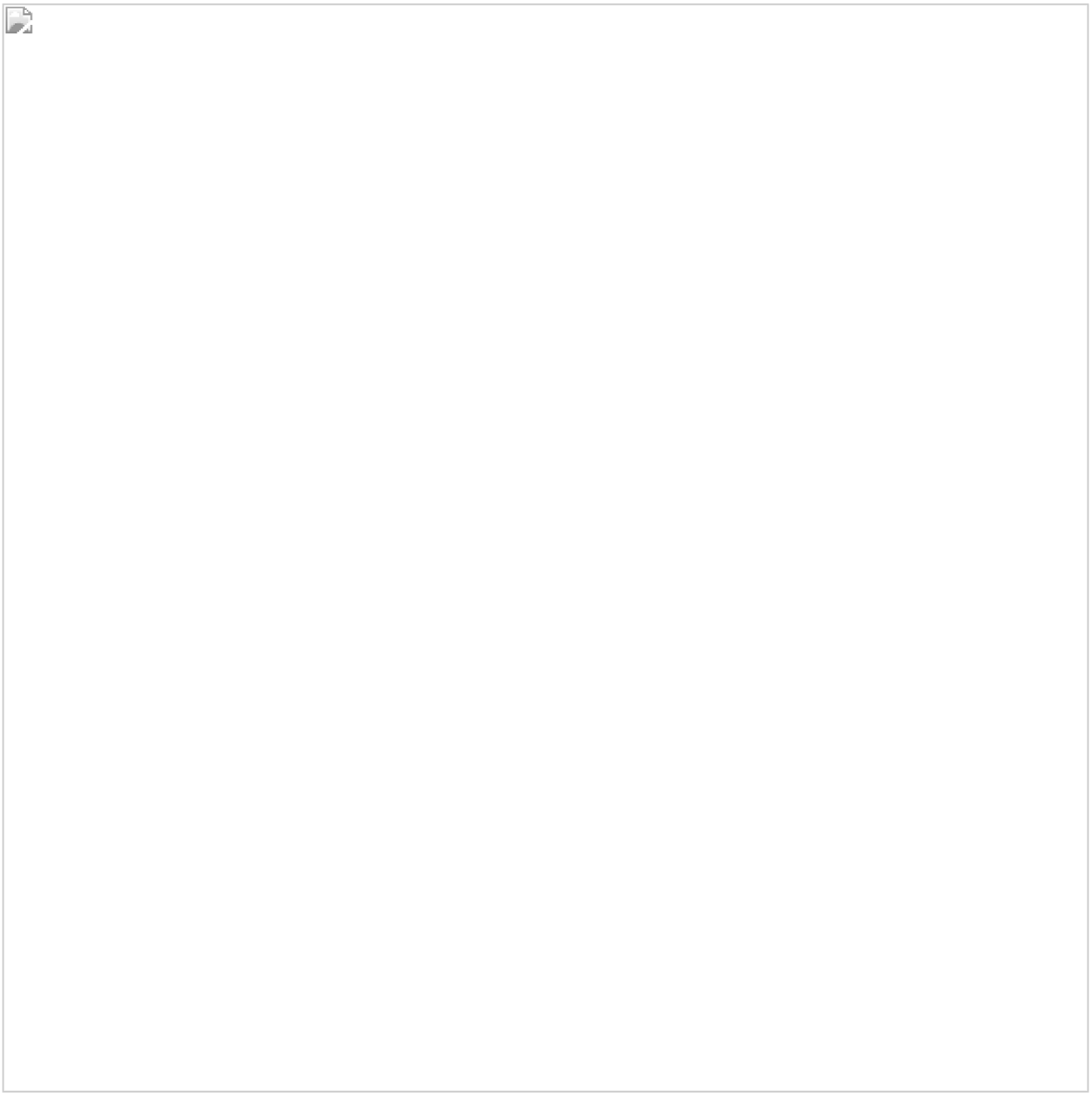


## Think about it

**1. How did the fisherman pull in the net?**

- ○ By both ends
- ○ By one corner
- ○ He left it

# Back to the Wild Country



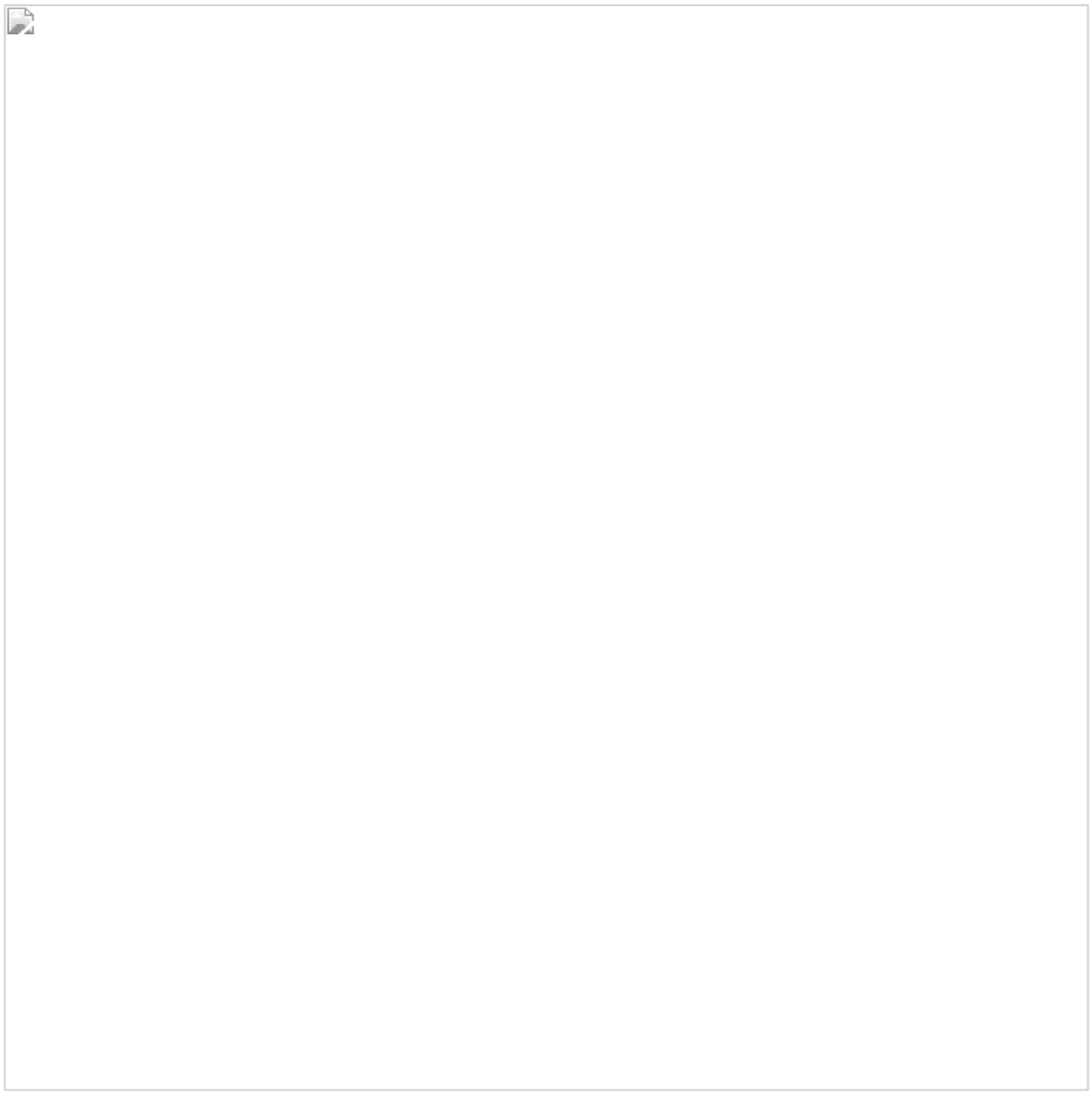
“You saved our lives, Very-Thoughtful,” they said, “and now we are willing to go back to the wild country.”

So back they all went to their old home where they lived safely ever after.

TALK ABOUT IT

What do you think the three Fishes talked about on the way home?

Back to the Wild Country · another picture



*“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”*

**— Yeshua HaMashiach**

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