



#1 *The Rules*



*It happened that an elf and a fairy hid in a tree and secretly watched a woodsman build a cottage next to a pond of water. Just then, the woodsman said out loud, “I wish to have that pond all to myself!” “Oh no,” said the elf, “there are ducks and fish who love that pond.” “Yes,” replied the fairy, “but you know the rules. **Whatever the humans wish, we must make it happen!**”*

Now, the woodsman saw a meadow next to his cottage, and declared fervently, “That meadow should be my yard!” “Oh no,” cried the elf, “a family of elk sleep in that meadow every night!” “I know”, said the fairy, “but remember that the man does not know the rules.” A third time, the woodsman announced that the beautiful fir trees that adorned the meadow ought to bow down to his liking and let more sun in. Once more the elf and the

fairy went to work to make the woodsman's intention a physical reality, knowing full well that many mushrooms and birds would suffer. Carrying sadness and harboring more than a little anger, the elf and the fairy lamented as they labored, finally proclaiming, "Clearly, the man does not truly know the rules ... yet he makes demands as a child stamps his feet."

*THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW THE RULES
CANNOT FOLLOW THEM*