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## He Wished His Wife 'Into the Middle of Next Week'"

$\mathbf{M}^{\text {pr }}$IRAMON was troubled, even though he was half - human, half - immortal, the maker of dreams, for troubled mankind. His wife, Gisele, wholly mortal, had released one of the "bright bees of Toupan" and received her wish "that the silly dream-making power would be taken away." Dazed, bewildered, bereft of half his powers, Miramon displayed his human qualities by releasing the second bee, and instantly having gratified his wish that Gisele "were in the middle of next week.
Gisele vanished. Miramon was sorely perplexed. Only one bee and one wish left, but Koschei, the High-god, smiled placidly, and said, "I made a" things as they are, and I know now it is my safe guard that I made them in two ways.'
Miramon was certain that Gisele would not be happy "in the middle of next week"; equally convinced that he would not be happy if she were restored to him; uncertain that he could be happy without her
His solution of a very human problem, one troubling many married mortals, is an exceptionally clever one.
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