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The Lamb and the Wolf

One day the wolf was slaking his thirst at a stream when he chanced to see a lamb, also drinking, at some distance down the stream.

Outraged, he growled, "You are muddying my drinking water. Now I shall eat you!"

The lamb protested, "But, sir, how can I be muddying your drinking water? I am farther downstream than you are. The water is flowing from your part of the stream to where I am."

"Upstream or downstream, your drinking is muddying my water, and I shall eat you." So saying, the wolf leaped upon the lamb and devoured him.

Thus it is with certain people: once they have made up their minds, not even reason will change them.

to the wolf,