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I don't know what the story is of this single fish, other than it seemed to be quite important to these men at the fish market in old Dhaka. Given that I do not speak Bangla, there was no way of finding out what the context was. This is of course the beauty and the limitation of photography, that it is open to any interpretation we wish an image to contain. So rather than speculate endlessly about the real meaning behind what we are looking at in this picture, I have decided to appropriate for myself it's meaning. It's about notions on the meaning of wealth. How rich is a man with one fish?



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Bangladesh is according to economists, one of the poorest countries in the world. And of course the wages paid in the realm of one dollar a day, for breaking stones, or two dollars a day for pulling a Rickshaw all day long with a huge weight that many times is considerably larger than the individuals themselves, goes a considerable way in confirming that the announced levels of poverty in Bangladesh are no exaggeration.

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