

## The Bird WHo Wanted to Fly

One day a man came across a beautiful love bird and so stunned was he by her beauty that he decided he needed to get to know her better.

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The next day the man brought more food and offered it again to the bird. Once again, the bird cautiously approached and once again, realising there was no threat quickly ate the food and flew away.

Each day the same thing happened and each day the bird moved closer and closer until finally, the bird trusted the man well enough to eat from his hands.

This made the man extremely happy and to celebrate he built a beautiful shiny cage for the bird to live in.

At first the bird was content, because she finally had all the things she could ever want. Good food, a nice house and someone who loved her very, very much.

But then she tried to fly and instead of being able to soar high above the clouds found herself trapped by the bars of the cage.

This made the love bird very sad because even though she had everything she ever wanted in her heart all she really wanted to do was fly.

Noticing the bird's sadness, the man bought her gifts and beautiful things to decorate her cage, but it didn't work because in her heart all the bird really wanted to do was fly.

Concerned the man built an even bigger cage and lavished her with gifts from all over the world but it was no use, because in her heart, all the lovebird really wanted to do was fly.



Desperate to help the man reached out to the love bird. But instead of being appreciated was pecked and snapped at for his troubles.

Hurt and frustrated the man decided to punish the bird by locking her away and ignoring her.

Days went by and as each day passed the bird became more and more ill.

Finally, hoping that the bird had learned its lesson, the man decided to let the bird back in his life again - but it was too late because the bird had died.

Shocked, angry and broken hearted the man wandered the earth furious that the love bird would choose a life of misery and death over being happy with him - and he vowed that he would never, ever love again.

But then one the day man came across another beautiful love bird even more beautiful than the the one before and so stunned was he by her beauty that he just knew that he had to get to know her better.

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But this time with the loss of the first love bird still fresh in his mind the man did the only thing he could do to ensure that he could protect, adore and care for this love bird forever and ever.

He put her in a cage...