

## MARVELLOUS LIFE OF A PARROT □

I am Zale the parrot; nevertheless, the humans call me Swiper the parrot. I am going to tell you a story which happened in my life. I was living in the Amazon, normally like other parrots flying around, playing, eating food, etc. One day, a tragedy happened: lightning hit a tree, causing a fire, the fire destroyed the forest, killing many animals, and some animals escaped the forest. I was one of them; here my journey started. I was flying around the park when I spotted a delicious bun. I flew towards the bun and started eating the bun. Suddenly, I felt a pain in my wing, and then I collapsed.

When I opened my eyes, I was in a cage, and around me, there were animals in cages. I got scared and started screaming Squawk! Squawk!. I heard a voice near me. I turned, and I saw a beautiful parrot. Are you talking to me? I asked. Yes, replied the parrot. I asked her, What do you want ?. She said, "You are in a pet shop, so you can stop screaming". I was ashamed to hear this. After that, I did not say a single word.

**One year later, a man came to the pet shop and walked toward the owner and asked, "Good morning, sir, do you have a parrot?" "Yes, do come this way," said the owner. They walked into a room, which was full of various species of parrots, including Conures, Macaws, Amazon parrots, Cockatoos, Greys, Lovebirds, Cockatiels, Budgerigars, Caiques, Parakeets, Eclectus, Pionus, and Poicephalus. The owner said to the man, "Look around and see if you like any of them" The man started looking around. When he spotted me, he came closer and closer with each step he took. I stepped back. At some point, he stopped and**

**stood near my cage. I was puzzled. Why was he standing there? At that time, I heard a voice, I got scared and looked outside, it was the man. I realised he was trying to speak to me, so I walked toward the door and stood there so I could hear what he was saying. He said, "Hi, do you want to come with me?" I said, "Quawk! It means yes in my language". He called the owner and said, "I will buy this Rose-ringed parakeet. The owner said, "His name is Zale, it is for 25 Rs". The man brought me, and we left the shop, then I fell asleep.**

**When I woke up, I was in a broken building. Moreover, I was standing on a chair, and there was some food and water on the floor. I flew down and started eating and drinking after I finished eating. I went outside to look around. There was only one tree, and there was a swing tied to the tree. I flew and stood on the swing. Suddenly, the swing started moving front and back. At first, I got scared, then I started enjoying it. I do not know how long I was swinging because I heard a deep male voice. I looked towards my right side a**

**A man was standing. He was thin, probably 5 feet, had an oval face, a black beard, curly hair, and he wore black and white clothes. He was saying, How are you? I am Bob. I am your new friend. Furthermore, we will spend some time together, and I responded "Hi!" He smiled at me and walked off. After that day, I was given a task the task was to steal a necklace. He took me to the jewellery shop, and as we entered, I noticed that the shop was as bright as the sun, but the room was as cold as winter. We reached the countertop, and I was checking the jewels, and there were many colours across the countertop, Zale! Zale! I turned towards my left side. It was Bob who was calling me, I said squawk! he replied," I am going to tell you a plan: Tonight I am going to bring you to this shop,**

**and you have to help me steal this necklace”, pointing to an emerald golden fusion necklace. I said, Quawk!. It was dark and windy. Bob came out of the room in a black shirt and black pants. He was holding a small black shirt; moreover, he put the black shirt on me, and we went to the jewellery shop. And we reached the roof of the shop there was a small window. Bob opened the**

**window, he put the rope down and tied the end to the window's handle and climbed down I followed him, Zale can you break that box said Bob pointing to the glass box which contained the emerald golden fusion necklace I flew and stood at the edge of the glass box broke the glass with my beak pick the necklace said bob when I picked the necklace the alarm started ringing we got scared I heard scream “AA!!!!” I picked up the necklace and flew towards him, he took the necklace and put it in his pocket and, he took the hammer and threw it at the window, the window broke and, he took me and kept me in his hand and, jump through the window and ran, we heard the police siren, he got more scared and he started running even faster than before. Finally, we reached the house. He took a deep breath. Bob and I went inside to examine the necklace. We examined the necklace, and it was beautiful. Suddenly Bob started**

**laughing, Ha! Ha!!!! and said laughingly," I can not stop imagining what just happened." I even started to imagine how we got scared and ran from that shop, it was funny, and I started laughing, ha! Ha!!! And flapped my wings. That is enough for today, let's go to sleep. We need to wake up.**

**Tomorrow, early morning," said Bob, he put the mat on the floor and lay on the mat and slept. I flew to the tree cavity, fluffing out my down feathers beneath my outer feathers,**

**turning my head to face backwards and tucking my beak into my back feathers, closing my eyes. Morning arrived, Bob called, Zale! Zale! We have to go to the pawnshop. I woke up and looked at Bob, who was wearing a**

**white shirt and black pants, we have to go, said Bob. I flew and sat on his shoulder. We went to the pawnshop and sold necklaces and got Rs 10,000. And when we came out of the shop, I saw a man begging for money, and I felt Sad and called Bob! he replied, What is it, Zale? I flew towards the person, showing Bob. That I wanted him to help the man, Bob asked, "Do you want me to give him money? I returned to Bob and nodded my head. We went to the man, and he gave Rs 100 to the man, and the man said, "Thank**

**you!". We returned home, and Bob went in and started counting the money. After counting, he came to me and said, We have Rs 9900. I will buy food and come, you take a rest or play something. After 35 minutes, Bob came home with lots of bags in his hands. Bob opened one of the bags, took a big packet of delicious nuts and gave me. In the evening, around 5 pm, he took me to the mobile shop. We entered the shop and walked to the countertop. We reached the countertop and started checking the phone. After some time, he whispered in my ear, "Look there", pointing towards a big grey iPhone. Tonight, we will steal that phone. We went to the shop with the rope and went to the roof, tied the rope to the handle and climbed down. Bob pointed to the iPhone, and I pushed the box, and the box fell. He went to pick up the phone. Suddenly, the lights came on, and we froze for a second. He picked up the phone, and we ran and hid. Behind the countertop was the security guard. He checked the room and left. We came out of the hiding place and, slowly, Bob climbed out of the roof, and I flew behind**

**him. The next day, we went to the mobile shop, and we entered the shop and started walking towards the countertop. When we reached, We asked the man who was standing at the countertop, "Will you take**

this phone for Rs10,000? The man looked at us suspiciously, then looked at the screen, which was on the wall and looked at us again and said, "wait Here, I will come now" We decided to wait, a I looked at the screen, and that time, I noticed our A picture was shown on the screen. I called Bob and pointed at the picture. Bob looked at the screen and dreaded seeing the picture. Before he could move, the police officers surrounded him and blocked the way. I got scared and flew away. Later that day, I learned that when we went to steal, we had forgotten to go in disguise, and that our identity was shown on the screen, and that Bob was in jail, and there was one last thing that I heard was that they were searching for

Swiper the parrot, who was working with Bob and Swiper is me, Zale. The thing that hurt me the most was hearing Bob was in jail. I sat on the swing sadly, waiting for Bob to return

from jail. Days, Weeks and Months passed, but Bob did not return. One day, I decided to fly, so I took off into the sky. I was flying when I saw a female parrot. I flew towards the parrot and started speaking. After a year, we got married. One day, we were searching for food, and I noticed a man who was thin and probably 5 feet tall. He had an oval face, a black

**beard, curly hair, and he wore black and white clothes. I guess it was Bob, and I thought to myself, and called Bob! Bob!. I flew towards him, he turned and noticed me, and he ran towards me, and we both came and hugged each other. I asked, "What are you doing here?". Bob replied, "After coming out of jail, a kind man came and taught me how to be a good person. He also taught me how to start a business and more. After a year, I started my own business. Bob asked, "Who is this?". She is my wife, I said. He went to his**

**shop and took some nuts, and gave the nuts to us. We ate the nuts and flew to our homeland.**

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