

# Eagles & the life

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Today is a very special day in the lives of our young eagles. They are excited and are preparing for their "first official flight", after completing graduation from the prestigious Sky Wings Academy. To make the first official flight, our young eagles have to first march to the top of the tallest mountain in the village, and then take a "flight" to become true eagles.

As birds approached the mountain, some of them started talking about why they should not go for the official flight, and some even thought about leaving, as according to them it will do no harm because they have already got the credentials from the academy. Words like these quickly started spreading within the group and as a result, some birds without even putting a foot on the mountain quit their journey.

Majority of the birds continued with their journey. After covering half of the way, most of the birds became tired. Some birds suggested to take rest and continue their journey tomorrow, as it was getting dark too. A long debate took place, and most of the birds decided to stay while some choose to continue.

It was the evening time, and a butcher was on the way to his home. When he was passing near the mountain, he saw a group of birds. He thought if he sells the meat of these birds, he will get enough money to survive for a few months. Butcher gets filled with joy and started capturing the birds. After capturing the birds, he then left for his home with pride.

It became dark, and only a few of the birds were still moving ahead to reach the top. Meanwhile, the rain started and the large group of birds which stayed on the halfway started discussing how smart they are that they decided to stay. The mountain was inhabited by wolves, and when they heard the sound of birds, they formed a group and attacked the birds. Those birds were so confident that they can't fly, that they didn't even give it a try and became food for the hungry wolves and their families.

Soon that light rain transformed into heavy rain, and it became difficult for the birds on the journey to continue. Birds kept themselves motivated and continued their journey, after some time they reached the top.

Birds got amazed when they saw a golden cage present on the top of the mountain. The cage was filled with food and all the joys a bird can imagine. Among those birds, all of them except one, choose to be in the cage as according to them because of the journey they were too tired to even attempt to fly. For them, it was the safest, and the most logical choice.

That one bird, who didn't choose the cage, jump off the top with the belief that he can fly. When that one bird was falling from the top, it kept on trying to fly. It started raining more heavily, which then caused a heavy flood on the mountain. All those young wolves who had never hunted themselves they died because of the flood because their weak muscles were unable to protect them against the flow of heavily flowing water.

One bird which kept on trying to fly, knowing very well if he fails he will surely die. At the very end moment of the fall, his hard work paid off and he learned to fly. He flew in the sky, higher and higher, and then flew above the clouds and avoided the rain.

The rain stopped after some time and when the sky got clearer, those safely caged birds saw an eagle flying in the sky.