

EAGLES & CHICKENS WITH TWO ENDINGS

(You choose...)

A man found an eagle's egg and put it in a nest of a barnyard hen. The eaglet hatched with the brood of chicks and grew up with them. All his life the eagle did what the barnyard chickens did, thinking he was a barnyard chicken. He scratched the earth for worms and insects. He clucked, cackled, and would thrash his wings and fly a few feet into the air. Years passed and the eagle grew to adulthood. One day he saw a magnificent bird high above him in a cloudless sky. It glided in graceful majesty among the powerful wind currents with scarcely a beat of its strong golden wings.

First Ending

The eagle looked up in awe. "Who's that?" he asked. "That's the eagle, the king of birds," said his friend. "He belongs to the sky. We belong to the earth--we're chickens."

So the eagle lived and died a chicken, for that's what he thought he was.

Second Ending

The eagle looked up in awe and said, "Who's that?" His friend answered, "That's the eagle, the king of birds. He belongs to the sky. We belong to earth--we are chickens." The eagle went through the day thinking of the eagle flying high. The next day the eagle went down to the pond. When he saw his reflection in the water, he noticed that he looked a lot like an eagle. He began to test his wings, flying further and further each day. After a few weeks, he was flying high and gliding just as if he were an eagle. He realized that he was an eagle. He realized that he was an eagle and not a chicken.

With that thought he flew above his past and his environment soaring and circling and gliding with majesty and strength for the rest of his days.