

The Clever Parrot



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Once upon a time in a distant land, there lived a wealthy merchant. This man brought goods from faraway lands to sell in his own country.

This merchant had a brightly colored parrot. He really loved his parrot. The parrot lived in a cage and it spoke to everyone who came and went. But the parrot wasn't happy living in its cage. It was always dreaming of the day when it would be free and reunited with its friends.







One day the merchant decided to go to India. He wanted to bring the scents and spices from that faraway land and to sell them in his own land.

Before he left on the long trip, the merchant asked everyone in his house, one by one, what they wanted from India. He came to the parrot.

"How about you?" the Merchant asked. "What would you like from India?"

"All I want is for you to take my message to the parrots there," the parrot answered.

