

The Eagle and the Fox – An AESPO Fable

An eagle and a fox had lived together as good neighbors for a long time, the eagle at the top of a high tree and the fox in a hole at the foot of it. One day, however, while the fox was away, the eagle, who was looking for something yummy to feed her young ones, swooped down upon the fox's cub and carried it away to her nest.

The fox, when she returned home, screamed at the eagle for breaking their friendship and pleaded with the eagle to return the cub to her den. But the eagle, feeling that her own babies were safe from anything the fox could do, ignored the begging of the cub's mother.

Quickly running to the place where she knew a fire was burning, the fox snatched a branch and hurried back to the tree. The mother eagle, who was just about to tear the cub apart to feed the young eagles, looked down and saw that the fox was going to set fire to the tree and burn it and her nest and the eagles to ashes.

“Hold on, my dear neighbor, fox!” she screamed. “Don't set fire to the tree. Let me bring the cub right down to you and we'll all be happy and safe.”

Moral of the story: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.