

🇬🇧 SSSSB Story 026b: The Clever Crow and the Grateful Parrot [13+ years]



Once upon a time, there was a clever crow who had a special talent: he could imitate human voices. This gift was not ordinary—it came from his past life. Long ago, the crow had been a kind monk who always used his words to guide people toward goodness. Seeing his sincerity, God blessed him in this life with the rare ability to speak like humans, so he could continue inspiring others.

One day, while flying through the sky, the crow noticed a parrot trapped inside a cage. The parrot looked sad and helpless. Feeling compassion, the crow decided to help.

The crow flew down and sat on the roof of the house where the cage was hanging. Then, using his special talent, he called out in the voice of his guru: "Oh, Kancha! Set the parrot free. I have come to give you wise advice. If you do not release the bird, you may spoil your good karma and affect your future success."

The owner of the house was shocked. He looked around but saw no one. Hearing the mysterious voice again, he became frightened and quickly opened the cage. The parrot immediately flew out and soared high into the sky. He was overjoyed to be free. "Thank you, dear crow brother," said the parrot. "You used your special talent to save my life. I will never forget your kindness."

The crow smiled and replied, "Every talent is a gift. The best way to use a gift is to help others."

From that day, the parrot was deeply inspired. He thought, "If the crow used his gift to save me, I too must use my freedom to do good for others."

- He began guiding lost birds back to their flocks.
- He shared food with the hungry birds.
- He even cheered up lonely children of humans by singing sweet tunes outside their windows.

The parrot's life became a chain of kindness, all sparked by the crow's compassion.

Together, the crow and the parrot flew away happily—one with the gift of voice, the other with the gift of inspiration—spreading goodness wherever they went.

Question and Heart-Work: Can you share a time when someone's kindness inspired you to do something good for another person?"