



## THE DRUNK MAN AND THE BURNT EAR

Antony goes to see his friend Peter and finds him completely drunk. But he notices that Peter has a burnt ear, and asks him what happened.

Peter, stumbling around, answers: «*Last night I came back home quite drunk. My girlfriend rang me up, but I was confused, I seized the iron instead than the phone, and put it near my right ear...*».

Antony watches at him more carefully, and exclaims: «*But your left ear is burnt too! So, what happened?*».

And the drunk man: «*My girlfriend rang me up again, and this time I put the iron against my left ear. Damned women!*».

### ► MISTAKES ◀

Accept your mistakes, and admit that the fault of them is only yours!

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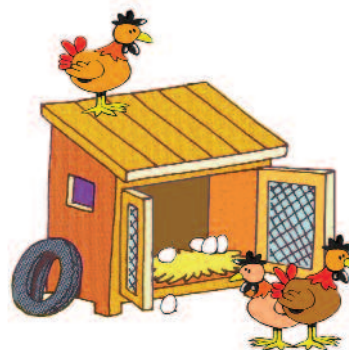


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## THE EAGLE IN THE HEN HOUSE

A farmer found an eagle's egg. He brought it home, and put it among the other eggs his hen was brooding on. So the little eagle hatched with the other chicks and grew up with them.

Although he looked different, he would live exactly like the others: he would scratch about, eat corn... and he would never fly.

One day the little eagle saw a majestic bird flying in the sky, near the clouds, and asked: «*Who's that bird?*».

«*It's an eagle - somebody answered - it's the king of birds. The sky is his home, while our home is the courtyard, because we are chickes*».

So the little eagle went on living like a chicken, and died on a butcher's counter.

### ► IDEALS ◀

Many young waste their life in vices or in many other useless things. You must take your decision: discover your identity as a person, and the high life you're called to live.



## THE WORKING FATHER AND THE LEARNED SON



A countryman lived near a road and earned his living by selling the vegetables he grew in his orchard. He had no radio, no TV, no newspapers, and his business was quite satisfactory.

So he could send his son to the university downtown, and the son got his degree in economics and commerce.

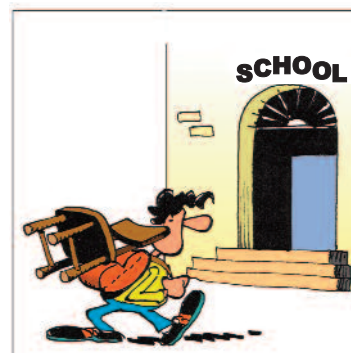
The son came back home with his master's degree, and soon the day after he began to advise: «Dad, your shop is out of fashion, you have no technologies. We must change a lot of things, advertise, ask the bank for a loan, join the national market...».

The father was quite puzzled, nevertheless he followed his son's suggestions... But people wouldn't come in, when seeing such a modern shop. They were afraid they should pay much more than at the old stall on the roadside.

So three months later the father and his son had to close, and now they are both beggars.

### ► EXPERIENCE ◀

Elderly people's abilities mustn't be undervalued. Their experience is a treasure for the young.



## THE HEADMASTER WHO HADN'T GROWN UP

A mother is waking up her son: «Wake up! It's school time!». But the son answers: «I don't want to get up. I don't want to go to school».

«Now why?», his mother asks.

And the son: «For three reasons:

- first, school is boring
- second, my school mates laugh at me
- third, I simply don't feel like going».

Then his mother, in a kind voice: «All right then, I'll give you three good reasons for going to school:

- first, it's one of your duties
- second, you're 40
- third, you're the headmaster».

### ► DUTIES ◀

Your first duty is being able to take your decisions according to your responsibilities.

And then, never accept to go back to your childhood again!