

THE BOY, THE MONK AND THE ROOSTER

A BOY IN A SMALL VILLAGE LOOKED UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS AND SAW A MONASTERY. HE HEARD STORIES OF THE MYSTICAL POWERS OF THE MONKS WHO LIVED THERE. ONE DAY, WHEN HE WAS OLD ENOUGH, HE TOLD HIS MOTHER HE WANTED TO BECOME A MONK AND BEGAN THE LONG JOURNEY THROUGH THE TUMULTUOUS MOUNTAIN PASS.

AFTER MANY MILES, THE BOY ARRIVED AT THE DOOR OF THE MONASTERY AND BANGED ON THE LARGE WOODEN DOOR. THE KNOCKS ECHOED. THE DOOR OPENED AND AN OLD MONK GREETED THE BOY, "MAY I HELP YOU, MY CHILD?"

THE BOY ANSWERED, "YES SIR, I WISH TO BECOME TO BECOME A MONK AND LEARN THE WAYS OF ENLIGHTENMENT." THE MONK SMILED AND GESTURED TO HIM, "OF COURSE! COME INSIDE."

THEY WALKED DOWN A LONG, DIMLY LIT HALLWAY AND CAME TO A DOOR. THE MONK OPENED THE DOOR AND THEY WENT INSIDE A DORMITORY. THE MONK STATED, "THIS SHALL BE YOUR ROOM. YOU HAD A LONG JOURNEY SO BEFORE DINNER: RELAX AND MEDIATE UNTIL I FETCH FOR YOU." THE MONK SMILED, BOWED AND LEFT.



THE BOY LOOKED AROUND AND SAW HIS MEAGER ROOM AND IT HAD A SMALL WINDOW. HE SAT DOWN ON THE MAT THAT WAS ON THE FLOOR AND BEGAN TO MEDITATE. AS HE SAT THERE QUIETLY HE HEARD: **COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO!** THE SOUNDED ECHOED IN THE ROOM AND THE BOY SHOT STRAIGHT UP. HE LOOKED AROUND AND DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING AND BEGAN TO MEDITATE AGAIN....**COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO!** THE BOY JUMPED AGAIN.

HE LOOKED OUTSIDE OF THE WINDOW AND SAW A ROOSTER PERCHED ON THE LEDGE. HE TRIED TO SHOO THE ROOSTER AWAY BUT IT WAS STUBBORN AND JUST OUT OF REACH! WHENEVER THE BOY WOULD SIT BACK DOWN, THE ROOSTER WOULD CROW. THE BOY WAS FURIOUS. ALL AFTERNOON THIS ENSUED....

DINNER TIME CAME AND THE MONK APPEARED. HE NOTICED THE BOY WAS EXTREMELY UPSET. "WHAT IS THE MATTER MY CHILD?"

THE BOY STATED, "SIR, YOU ASKED ME TO MEDITATE AND I COULDN'T."

THE MONK LOOKED PERPLEXED AND ASK, "YOU COULDN'T? I DON'T UNDERSTAND?"

"YES, I COULDN'T! THERE WAS A ROOSTER OUT THERE ON THE LEDGE AND HE WAS CROWING SO LOUDLY, I COULDN'T MEDITATE."

THE MONK LOOKED AT THE WINDOW CURIOUSLY AND THEN LOOKED BACK AT THE BOY. HE HELD A FINGER UP, SMILED AND SAID, "AH, THAT WAS YOUR TEACHER...."

