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Parrott Attitude

A young woman named Jessie received a parrot as a gift many years ago. Over time the parrot developed an extremely bad attitude.

It got to the point that every word out of the bird's mouth was rude and obnoxious. Jessie tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else she could think of to 'clean up' the bird's attitude and by then 'foul language.'

Finally, Jessie was fed up and yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. Jessie lost it and shook the parrot. The parrot became uncontrollable and even more rude. Jessie, in desperation, threw up her hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked, kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute.

Fearing that she'd hurt the parrot, Jessie quickly opened the door to the freezer.

The parrot calmly stepped out onto Jessie's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."

Jessie was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude.

As she was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird spoke-up, very softly, "May I ask what the turkey did?"

Vocabulary:

to receive something as a gift - получить что-то в качестве подарка

extremely - чрезвычайно

attitude - отношение

obnoxious [əb'noʊkʃəs] - оскорбительный

foul language [faʊl] - сквернословие

in desperation - в отчаянии

outstretched arms – вытянутые руки

to offend - оскорблять

remorseful [rɪ'mɔ:sfəl] - полный раскаяния

inappropriate transgressions - крамольные проступки

dramatic change - разительная перемена

turkey ['tʒ:ki] - индейка