

## The Nun's Priest's Tale

- poor widow with 2 daughters
- had perfect rooster, Chanticleer, and 10 hens
- Pertelote is Chanticleer's favorite hen
- Chanticleer has nightmare that a fox tried to kill him and is terrified.
- Pertelote calls him a coward and tells him to man up ("Have you no manly heart to match your beard?")
- Pertelote suggests a laxative & worms to purge his system.
- Chanticleer defends himself by saying dreams usually tell about your future and gives example story about 2 guys who visited a town. The guys had to stay at different places. 1 guy had a dream 2x that he heard the other say he was going to be killed. He awoke and dismissed it. He had a 3<sup>rd</sup> dream where his friend said he was killed and hidden in a cart full of dung at the west gate. When he woke up, it was true. He went to the west gate and found his friend's body in the dung.
- Chanticleer is trying to prove a point to his "wife" Pertelote. He shares a second story with her about 2 men who set sail together. 1 had a dream where a man said, "If you sail tomorrow, you will be drowned." He told the other man this, but he dismissed it. Then, halfway through their journey, their ship went down.
- Chanticleer gave many more examples.
- Fox finally came in the yard, just as Chanticleer dreamed.
- Fox said he meant no harm and just wanted to hear Chanticleer sing just like his daddy.
- When Chanticleer started singing, the fox jumped on him.

- The hens, the widow, & her daughters chased the fox.
- Chanticleer tricked the fox into opening his mouth to turn around and brag.
- Chanticleer escaped to the tree top.
- The fox apologized and asked Chanticleer to come down and sing again.
- Chanticleer didn't buy into the flattery this time.

MORALS: 1.) Never trust a flatterer.

2.) Sometimes, it's better to just keep your mouth shut.