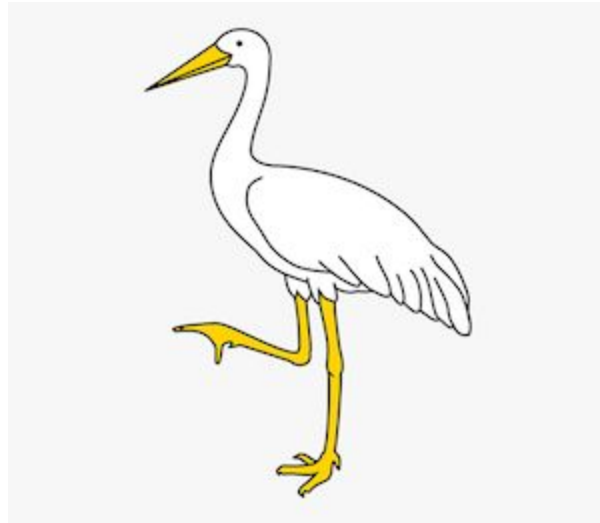


# The Parable of the Farmer and the Stork



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Finding that cranes were destroying his newly sown corn, a farmer one evening set a net in his field to catch the destructive birds.

When he went to examine the net next morning he found a number of cranes and also a stork.

“Release me, I beseech you,” cried the stork, “for I have eaten none of your corn nor have I done you any harm. I am a poor innocent stork, as you may see - a most dutiful bird, I honor my father and mother. I...”

But the farmer cut him short. “All this may be true enough, I dare say, but I have caught you with those who were destroying my crops and you must suffer with the company in which you are found.”

*Lesson: Even if you're not the one doing it, associating with them is also bad*