The Farmer and the Red-Tailed Hawk
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Red, the red-tailed hawk, has tail feathers as bright as fire.
He lives in the tallest tree in the forest near the Sheperston farm. Red catches and eats the rats in the field who love to eat the farmer’s fresh juicy corn.
One day, while Farmer Sheperdon is cutting wood, he accidentally cuts down Red’s tree with him in it!
When the farmer realizes what happened, he runs like the wind and finds Red lying on the ground with a broken leg. The farmer takes Red inside and calls Raptor Rehab, who takes care of Red at their rescue.
While Red is away from the farm, the tremendously hungry rats destroy more of the farmer’s crops than ever!

Chomp! Chomp!
The next spring, Red gets healthier and is released back into the wild. He is so happy to be back that he dashes to a new tree like a flaming rocket.
He returns to the field at the Sheperton farm and gets back to work catching and eating the rats.

Farmer Sheperton is relieved when he sees the familiar bright red tail feathers of the friend he didn’t realize he had.