

Nickel for President

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It was a sunny day in Chile, Mexico. Nickel the hen and her sister Kyoko, were sitting on the front porch of their country style coop. They had started talking about the upcoming election and the current government.

"You know Nickel, the government is terrible," Kyoko said hopelessly. "Us chickens have no rights! I wish there was something we could do about it."

Nickel looked at Kyoko thoughtfully and replied, "Kyoko all we can do is hope that someone better is chosen for the next term."

"Nickel, we can't just sit around being helpless, we need to do something about it!" The disdain in Kyoko's voice was evident, Nickel knew Kyoko was thinking about her past life as a slave at the factory.

"What are you suggesting?" asked Nickel.

"We need a brave, smart and fearless leader who will free the chickens!," "Nickel I think you would be a great candidate to run for president."

Nickel mulled this thought around and came out with a, why not stance? "That's a great idea Kyoko, I think I might do that."

The very next day Nickel walked to the big city of El Paso, her plan was to sign up for president and create her campaign. The people at the office were shocked to see a chicken signing up to run for president. Nickel met all the requirements, so they could not refuse her. Nickel was so excited that she quickly rushed home to tell Kyoko the amazing news.

When she got home and to her surprise, Kyoko had gathered all the chickens in her hometown to help Nickel plan her campaign. The chickens got to work creating pins,

posters, and banners. When they were finished the entire country was covered head to toe in posters, banners, and pins all promoting Nickel for president. It looked like a parcel covered in stamps!

Nickel decided to stop in each town, asking both chickens and people what they were looking for in a good president. The biggest issue among the people and chickens in the country was slavery! The chickens of the country were tired of working all day in the egg factory, and enduring horrible conditions without getting paid a cent. To Nickel great surprise many of the people were tired of the way chickens were being treated too.

Nickel could not sleep that night, she kept thinking about the chickens in the factories forced to work in small cages.

On the day of the election people were flooding into the voting booths like a buffalo stampede, Nickel casted her vote and waited anxiously for the results of the election.

After many hours of waiting, the results were in. More chickens lived in the country of Mexico than people, therefore Nickel won by a landslide! Many of the people were mad that Nickel won. They began to protest that Nickel cheated and insisted that the votes be counted again.

The town people and chickens were all fighting amongst each other. Nickel thought I need to calm everyone down She had an idea, she climbed on a nearby table and yelled "Everyone settle down!."

All of the people and chickens turned to face Nickel. "Stop fighting with each other, I will talk to the people in the office about a recount." This announcement made the mob settle down; all was calm again.

The next day, the numbers from the recount came in, everyone was on the edge of their seats, waiting to hear the results.

Kyoko climbed into the booth and picked up the microphone. She said, "Citizens of Chile, you wanted a recount, we did a recount". "The results state that Nickel will be our president for the next term!"

All of the chickens and their people supporters cheered, they were so happy that Nickle had won!

That night there was a party, in Nickel's honor. The chickens danced and shared a huge vanilla flavored cake. No one could believe that history had been made, a chicken was president and times were changing.

That night when Nickel returned to her country style coop, she sat down at her desk she, pulled out a black pen, and a sheet of paper. Nickel was very motivated; she knew that the most important task at wing was to free the chickens in slavery. Nickel was deep in thought, Kyoko entered the room and said, "Nickel what are you doing?"

To which Nickel replied, "I am working on my bill."

She was up all night long working on her bill. After many mistakes and failed attempts, Nickel was finally ready to go to the Commons to read her bill.

The very next day Nickel got dressed in her best brown sweater, blazoned with a silver nickel on it. Later that day Nickel arrived at the Parliament building, so many people were there. Nickels was super nervous; she could not stop her toes from quivering.

When it was time for Nickel to give her speech, she walked into the front of the room with purpose and began to give her speech. Everyone in the building was mystified at how well Nickel presented her speech. After Nickel's speech everyone stood up and began clapping for Nickel. Everyone could agree that Nickel was the best Candidate for the job!

After her speech, it was time for everyone to vote on whether the bill should be passed. Nickel was so convincing many people voted that the bill should be passed, Nickel was ecstatic!

That night Nickel ran home as fast as she could to tell her sister Kyoko the amazing news! Soon everyone in the town heard about Nickel's success, everyone was buzzing with excitement.

Nickel got a call from CNN, they wanted her to come in for an interview. They wanted her to tell the public about how the slavery laws were going to change the life of those affected. Nickel agreed to meet up with them.

On the day of the interview, Nickel dressed in her best sweater and headed to the studio.

The interviewer asked what new rules would come into place. To which Nickel replied, "All chickens will get paid minimum wage for their work in the factory, and we will get rid of the cages." "Chickens will be allowed to free range from now on! "After all a happier chicken makes for a better tasting egg!"

If you ask anyone who the most famous president is, they will most surely say it is President Nickel, freer of the enslaved.