

## The Nun's Priest's Tale Themes

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### Themes:

- **Dream:** Chauncleer dreams of being attacked by a beast-like creature, which scares him. He believes that dreams can warn of danger. Pertelote, his wife, mocks him and says dreams mean nothing. She thinks bad dreams come from a bad stomach. Chauncleer disagrees and tells stories to show that dreams can be true. In the end, his dream comes true when the fox tries to catch him. The tale shows that dreams might predict actual events.
- **Flattery:** The fox uses compliments to deceive Chauncleer by praising his beautiful singing voice. Chauncleer feels proud, lets his guard down, and allows the fox to capture him. Later, Chauncleer flatters the fox by suggesting he boasts about his catch. Falling into this trick, the fox opens his mouth, and Chauncleer gets a chance to escape. The tale teaches that flattery can be used as a tool to deceive or manipulate others. This is a dangerous power.