

Chapter XXII

The Story Continues Beyond the Book

Thanks to Charlotte and her clever plan, Wilbur's life was spared that first winter. Wilbur watched over Charlotte's egg sac as promised and was there for the birth of all five hundred and fourteen of her children the following spring. At last, life was good again, and Wilbur's future seemed secure.

However, this feeling of security was not to last. By late fall, the ribbon Wilbur had won the previous summer had begun to fade as did all of the excitement surrounding him. There was no more talk of Zuckerman's famous pig. With Charlotte gone, Wilbur's life was once again in jeopardy.

The Zuckermans and the rest of the farmers in the area had a poor harvest that fall and were short on money. In order to provide for their families and save their farms, they needed to sell off much of their livestock. That meant Wilbur might soon be sold for slaughter and become someone's breakfast bacon.

A new plan must be devised to save Wilbur, one that will ensure him a long and happy life, just as Charlotte intended. Who will come to Wilbur's rescue this time? Will others help? What will the plan be?