# **THE LUCKY SEED**

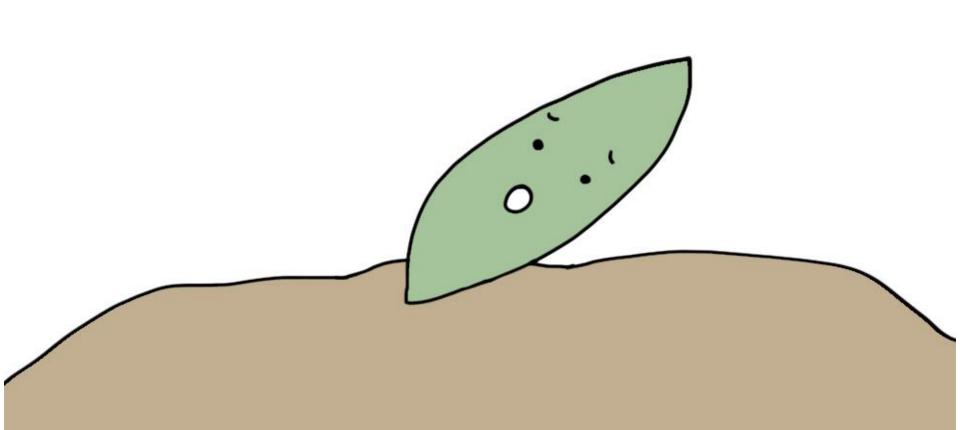
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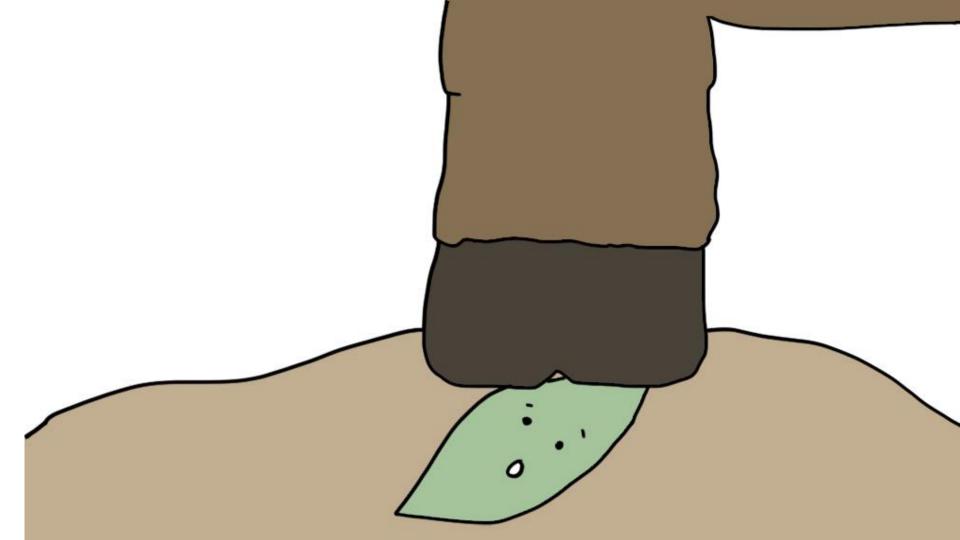
#### A LONG TIME AGO, A FARMER TOOK A BIG BAG OF SEEDS TO SELL AT THE MARKET.



## SUDDENLY, HIS CART'S WHEEL HIT A BIG STONE. BUMP! ONE OF THE SEEDS FELL OUT OF THE BAG AND ONTO THE HOT, DRY GROUND.



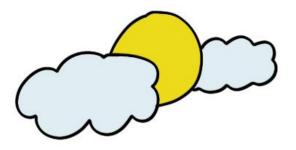
## 'I'M SCARED!' SAID THE SEED. 'I NEED TO BE SAFE UNDER THE SOIL.'

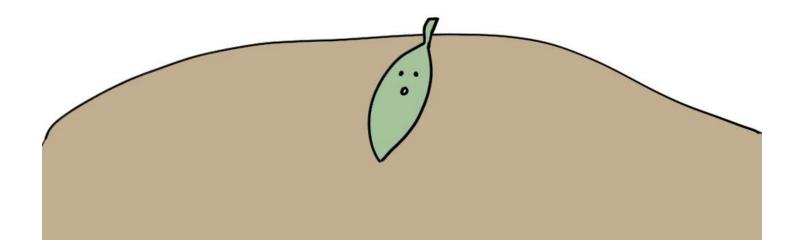


#### JUST THEN, A BUFFALO WALKED ON THE SEED AND PUSHED IT INTO THE GROUND.

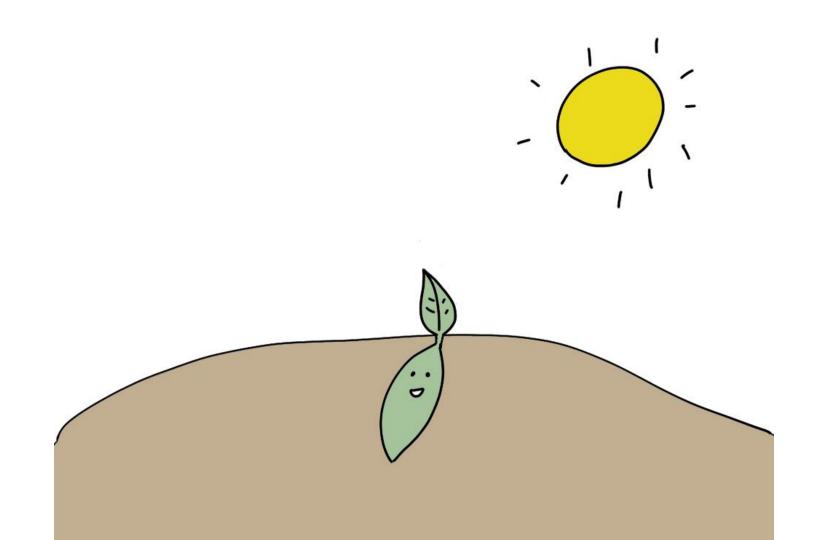


## 'I'M THIRSTY!' SAID THE SEED. 'I NEED SOME WATER TO HELP ME GROW.' JUST THEN, IT STARTED TO RAIN.

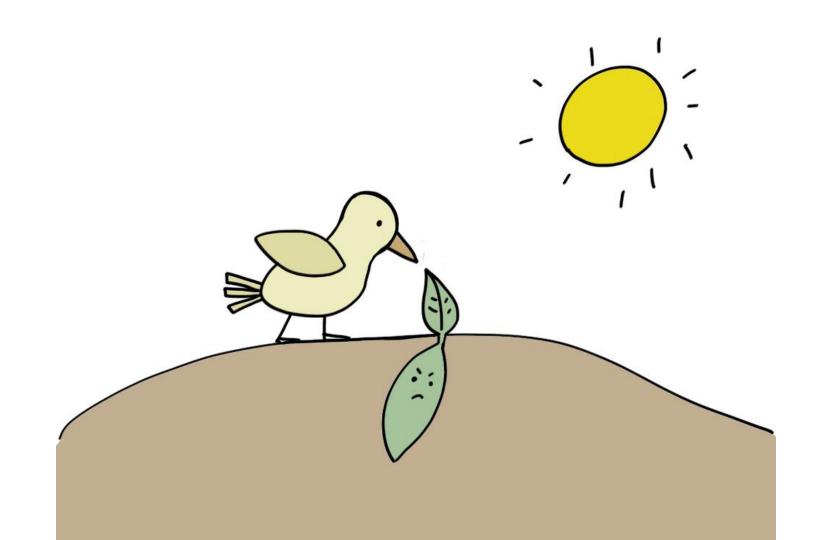




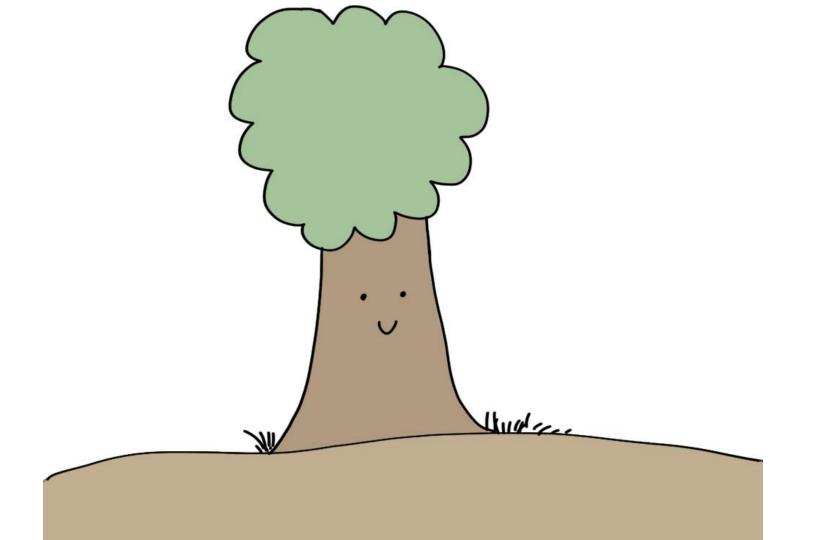
### THE NEXT MORNING THE SEED HAD A LITTLE GREEN SHOOT. ALL DAY IT SAT IN THE SUN AND GREW TALLER AND TALLER.



### THE NEXT DAY IT HAD ITS FIRST LEAF. THIS HELPED IT TO CATCH SUNLIGHT AND GROW.



### THAT EVENING A HUNGRY BIRD TRIED TO EAT IT, BUT THE SEED HAD ROOTS TO HELP IT STAY IN THE GROUND.



## MANY YEARS OF SUNSHINE AND RAIN PASSED. THE SEED BECAME A PLANT AND THEN THE PLANT BECAME A TREE. TODAY IF YOU VISIT THE COUNTRYSIDE YOU CAN SEE THE TREE. IT IS BIG AND STRONG AND NOW MAKES SEEDS OF ITS OWN.