




# An A-maize-ing Story

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I'm Bongie. I'm planting corn seeds for the new season. I must hurry. My parents' seeds have already sprouted.

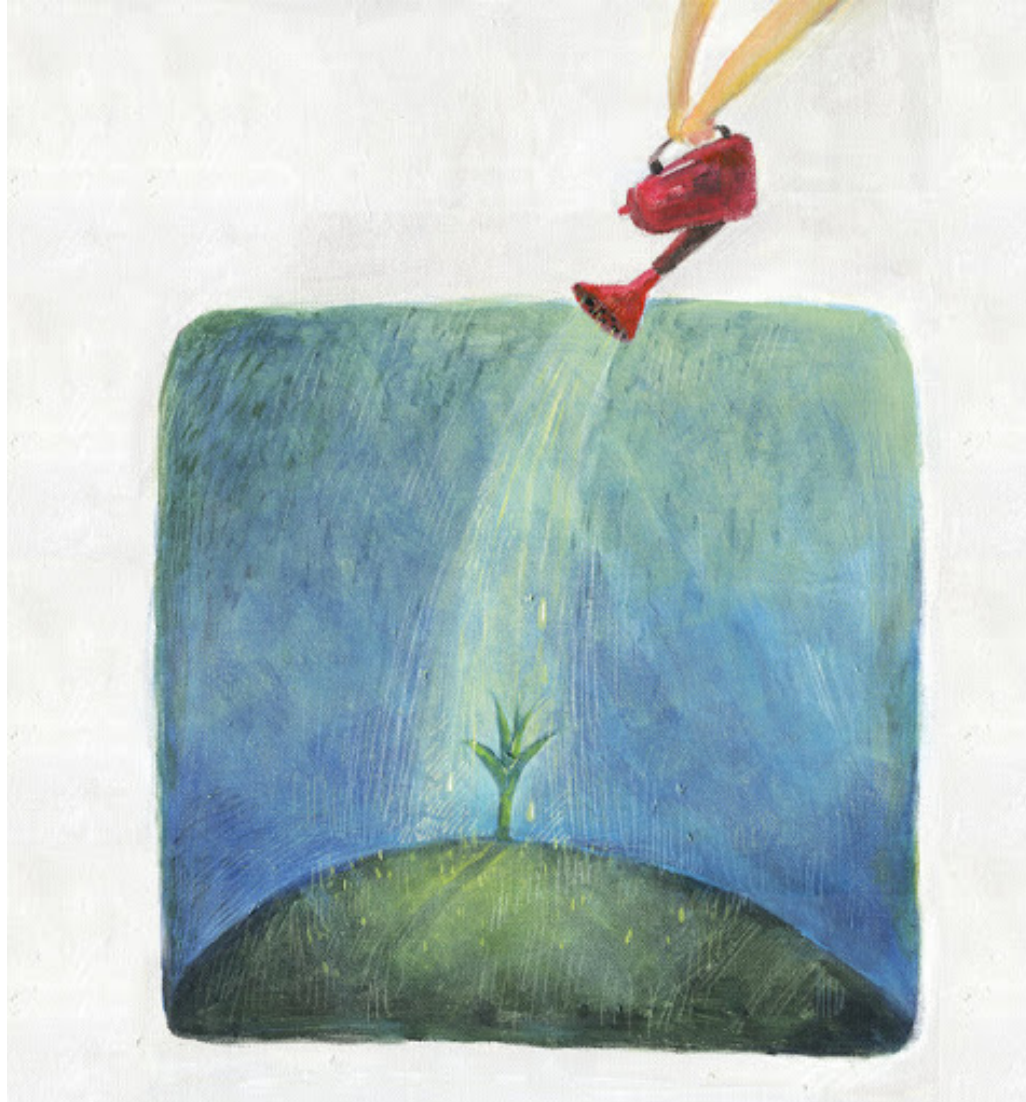


The bird flocks keep flying down to eat the seeds. The cats and I have to chase them away. 'Fly away, you bad birds!' we shout.





A few days later, a single sprout shows up. I name it Green Top. I read books to Green Top so he will grow up quickly.



When Green Top is thirsty, I water him.



The cats and I play hide-and-seek with Green Top.





I bring a new kind of food for Green Top. It is called fertilizer.





Green Top grows every day.





One day, I see the bees  
talking to the other plants.  
They say that corn is on its  
way!



I quickly run to Green Top.  
My parents' plants are  
happy. Why is Green Top so  
sad?

I ask his friends. 'Does anyone know why Green Top is sad?' Snail doesn't.







Caterpillar doesn't.



Only Frog answers. He says ribbit ribbit and then jumps into the water. What does that mean?



Oh! I get it! There's too much water around Green Top. I'll dig a trench, for the water to flow away.





Sometimes finding Green Top is hard. As he grows, he looks just like the others. I'll tie a red ribbon around my corn plant.





Now I can recognize Green  
Top easily!



Two more weeks pass.  
Green Top grows taller.





At last it's harvesting season. Green Top gives me a gift. It's corn!



Our maize harvest makes quite a mountain. I climb up and place Green Top's gift right on top.



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