



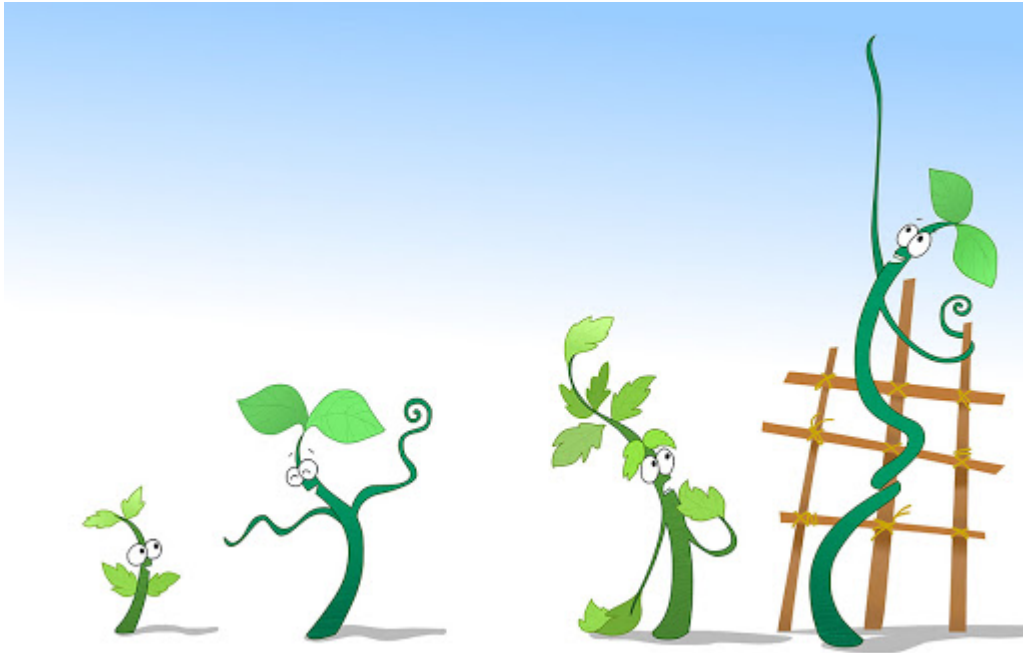
A Good Friend



A tomato seed and a bean seed.

They sprouted, and then...



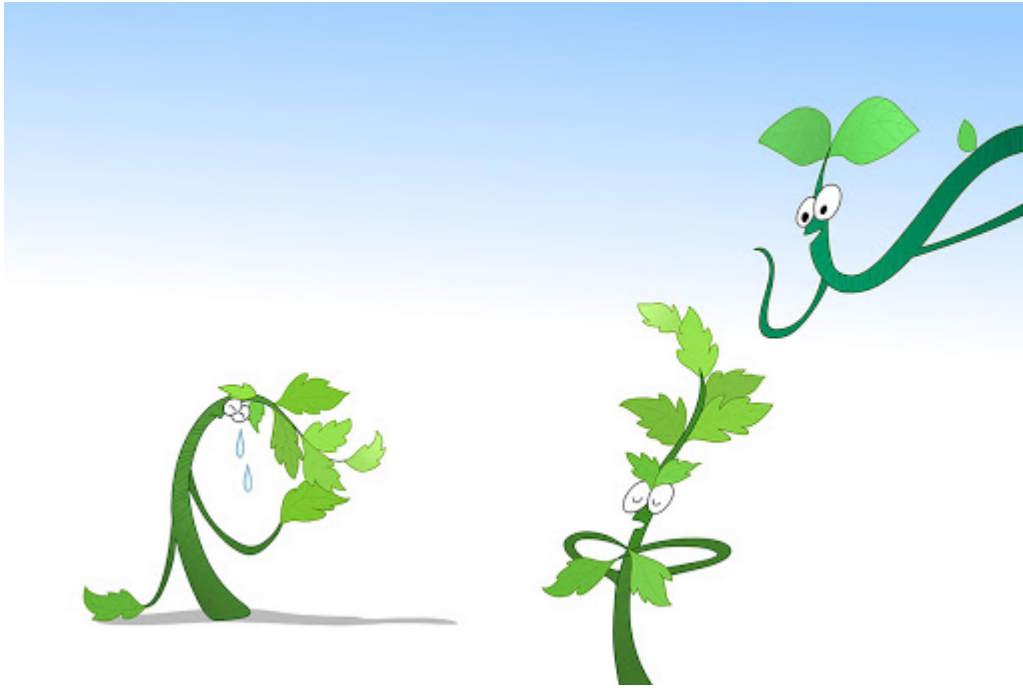


Slowly... they grew.

The bean plant was given a trellis to support its growing stem.



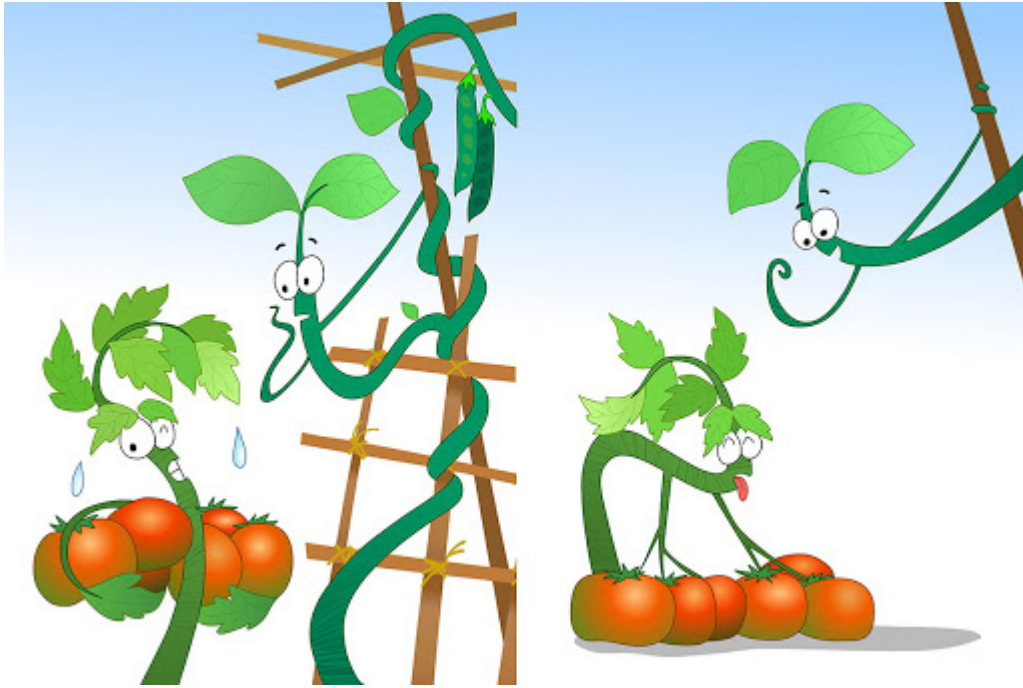
The more the bean plant grew, the taller the trellis was built. The tomato plant was jealous.



The tomato plant felt ignored and unloved. She didn't even want to talk to the bean plant.



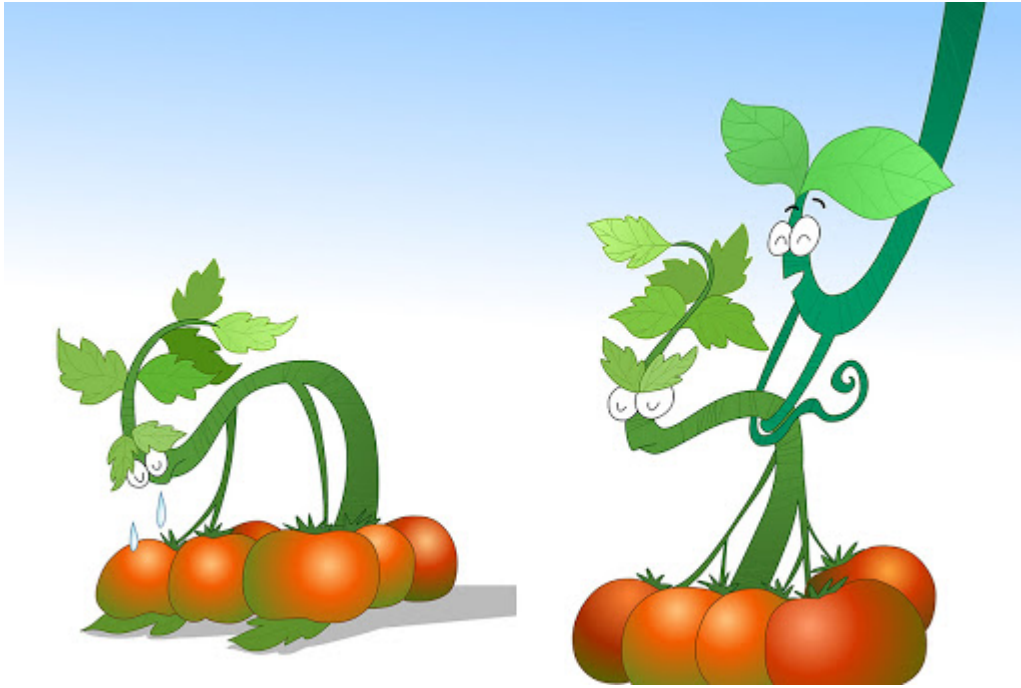
They both blossomed.



The tomato plant grew many heavy tomatoes.

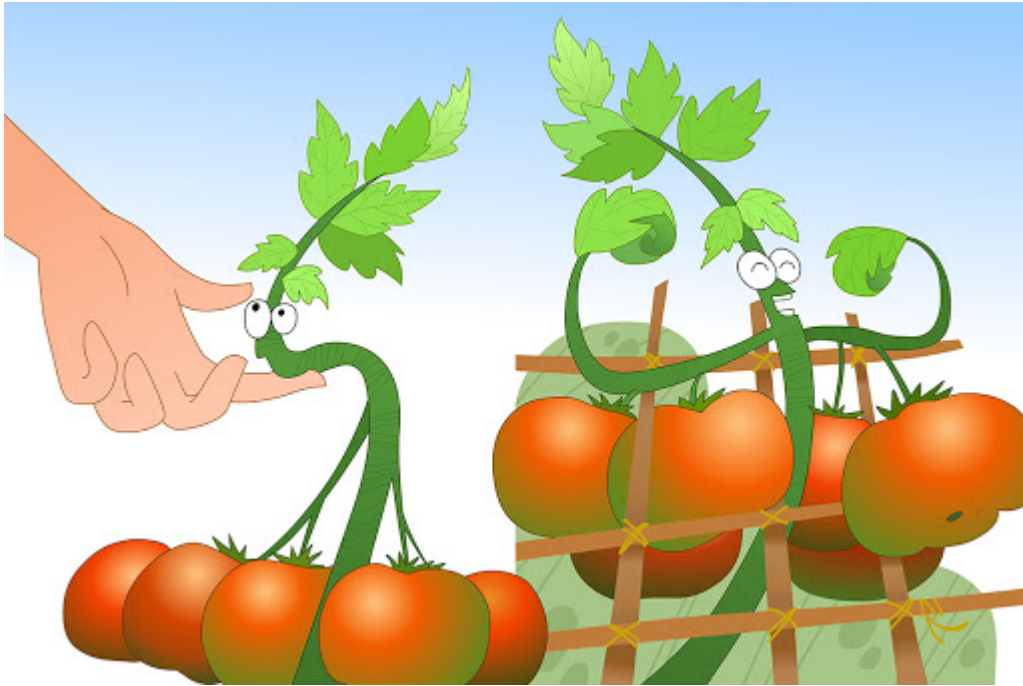
'Maybe you can ask for a trellis too?' the bean plant suggested.

'I am too tired to talk!' the tomato plant replied.



'No one loves me. No one supports me,' the tomato plant cried.

'I will help you,' said the bean plant.



Then, one day, someone noticed that the tomato plant was struggling to hold up its tomatoes.

The tomato plant finally got a trellis to support it!



'Do you believe me now? You are loved and supported too," said the bean plant.



'Yes, thank you my friend.
You have always supported
me,' replied the tomato
plant.



Questions:

1. Why is the tomato plant sad?
2. How does the bean plant encourage the tomato plant?
3. What is needed to be a good friend?
4. What plants do you have at your home?



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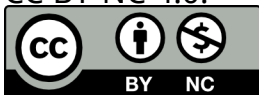
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