Tenacious Tree

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For my friend Kevin. Never give up hope.

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At the crest of a cliff,

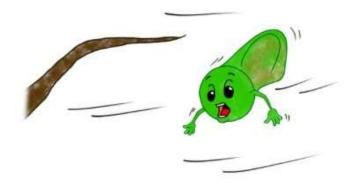
on top of a tree,



# at the limit of a limb,

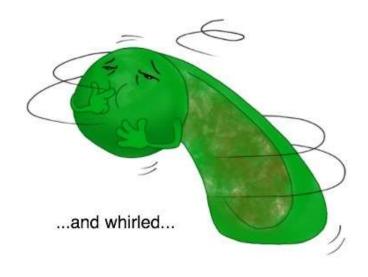




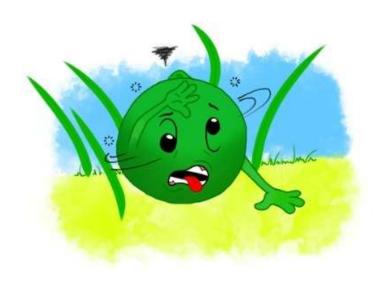


Heavy winds blew and threw Seed far from his tree.





# ...and landed in a clearing.

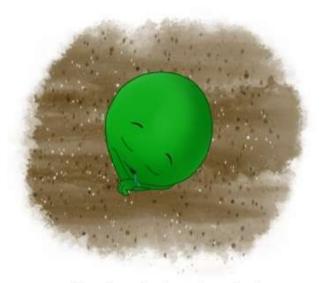




Seed was alone and unknown to others around.

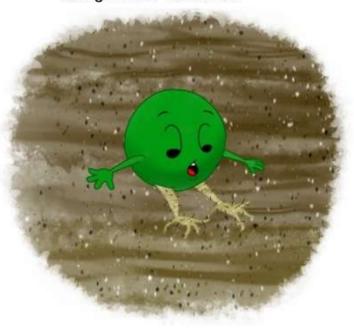


STOMP! The weeds pushed and smooshed him into the dirt.



Seed nested and rested underground all winter.

Next spring his roots jabbed and grabbed the earth.



His stem breached and reached to the sky...



...and he called himself Seedling.



The weeds mobbed and robbed the sunlight.





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