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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 know.



Caterpillar doesn't know.



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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An A-maize-ing Story (English)

While Bongie's family is planting maize in the field, she plants a seed of her own. Bongie takes care of the seed everyday – watering it, making sure it has sunlight, protecting from birds and weeds, and even reading to it. Do you think the seed will grow for Bongie? This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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