

Under the Sand

On a sunny day at the beach, a boy named Kevin was lying on the sand. He soon fell asleep.

Not too long after, he was suddenly awakened by the feeling of sinking into the sand. And he was being engulfed by the sand! As much as he struggled, Kevin found himself going deeper and deeper till he was completely surrounded by the sand. He kept falling and falling, but it felt more like a free fall, till thud! Kevin landed on his butt.



a really
far fall

"Ouch!", a voice exclaimed under him.

"Sorry." Kevin realized he fell on top of another person and quickly got to his feet. As the person he fell on stood up Kevin noticed that the person was not a person at all!

"Why", Kevin asked, "Who are you?"

"Well, I am a hibiscus-unicorn-cockatrice-human. HUCH for short. Who are you? How did you fall from up there?"



"I... I don't know. I was on the beach and the fell into the sand."

"Ohh, you are from Above the Sand. Welcome to Under the Sand."

Kevin was puzzled. "I dont understand. Why am I under sand?"

Huch shrugged. "Because you are in under the sand?"

"Is there a way for the to return to where I was before?"

"Travel to above the sand? I dont know how but i think i know who might."

So Huch flew off and kevin followed after. Kevin walked and walked till there was a huge stone panda before him.



Huch greeted the panda warmly. "Hello old friend."

"Ah Huch, what brings you to visit me?", the panda answered in a deep, musky voice.

“My new friend is from above the sand and wishes to return there.”

“Ohh... Then take this stone and burn it till it becomes a gem. The gem will lead the way to where you wish to go.”

So Huch and Kevin received the gem. They thanked the stone panda and went on their way.



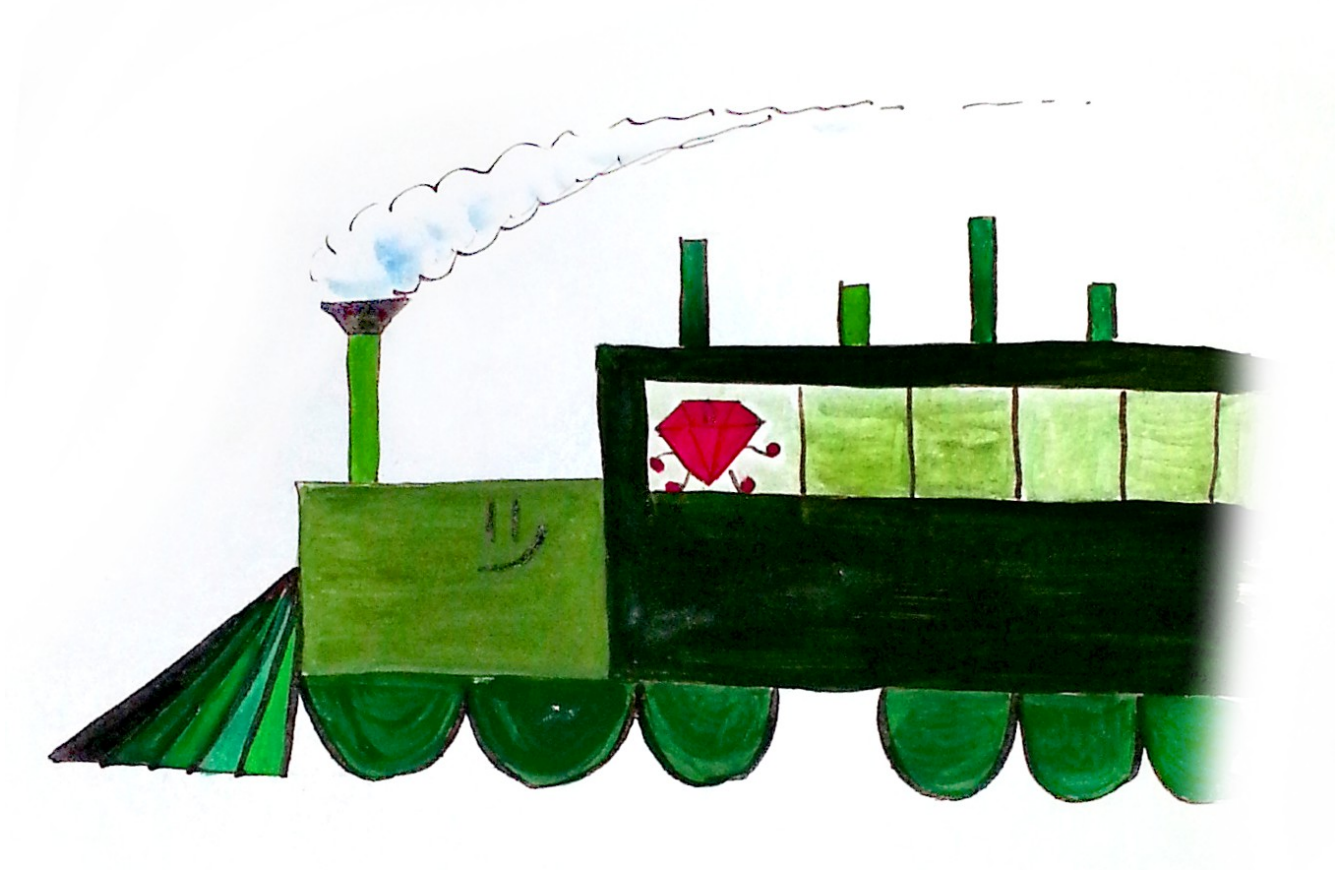
Huch summoned the cockatrice part of him and huffed and huffed and blew a huge flame onto the stone. After a good while, the stone began to shine like a pretty gem.

“Thank you for making me so shiny!”, said the gem. “Tell me what is your wish and I shall guide your way.”

So Kevin explained his situation to the gem.

“Well then you will need to find a train to go to your destination”, said the gem.

So Kevin and Huch went off to the train station. There, Kevin gave the gem to a train and the train started to puff and puff and took off. Kevin and Huch hopped on the ride.



On the train, they met a singing bean. It sang

I am a big kidney bean

Bright red i am

Singing melodies i can

For a singing bean i am

My fellow travellers

What brings thee to ride this train

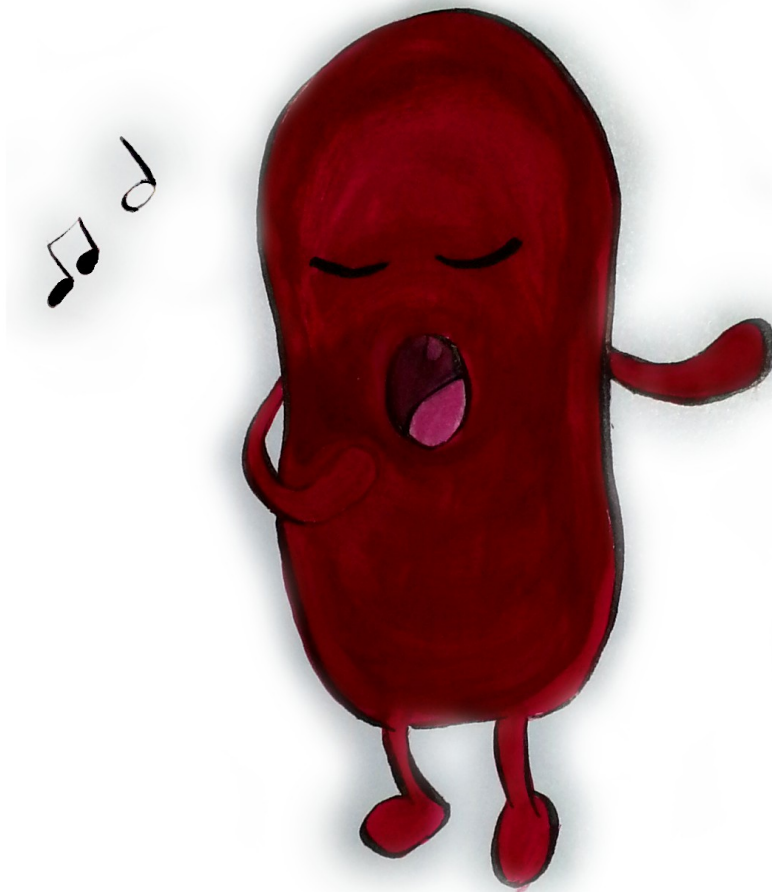
And so Kevin and Huch told the big bean their journey.

Your destination lays

Not far my friends

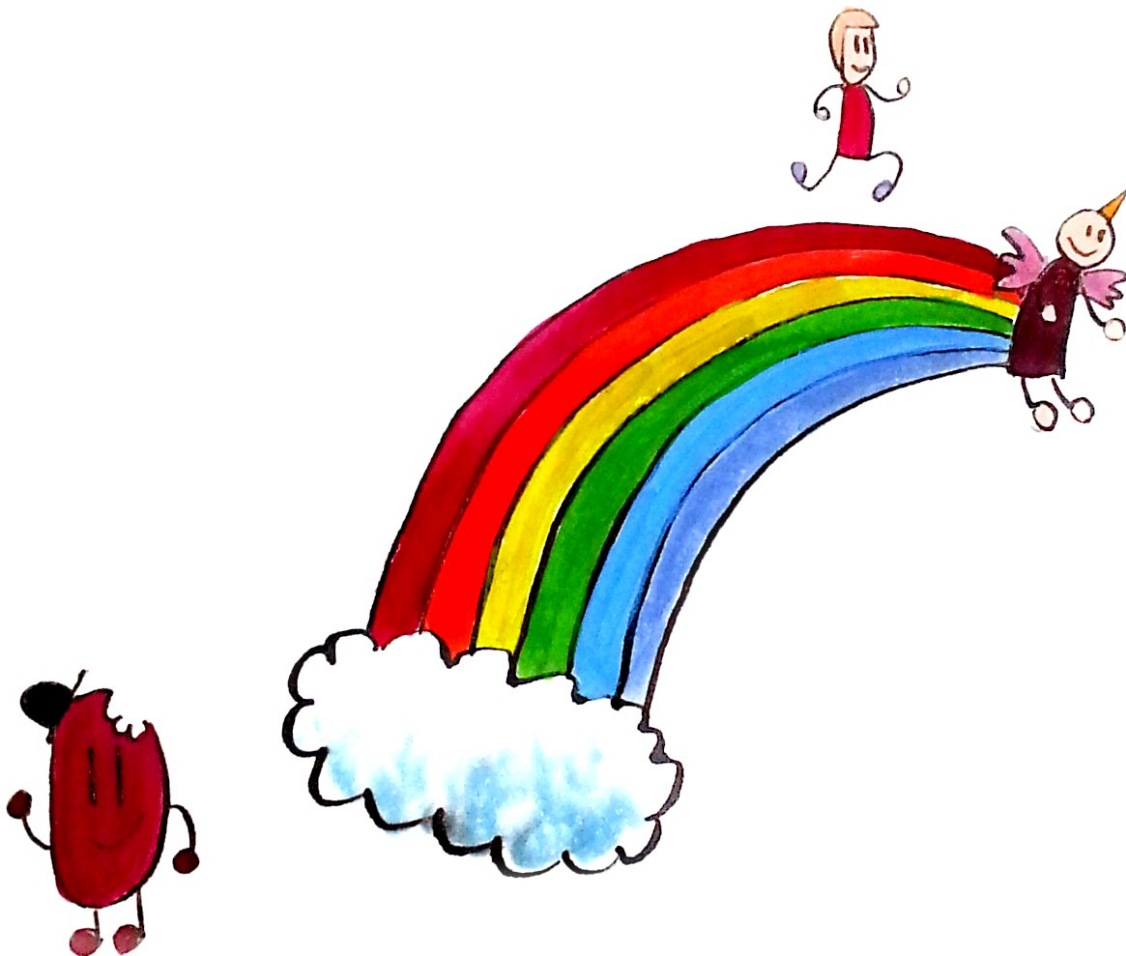
For a rainbow away it is

The place of where your search ends



“Then allow me a bite off your bean”, said the Huch.

With a bit of the bean in his unicorn stomach, Huch farted a rainbow. Kevin and Huch quickly ran on top of the new rainbow to its other end. There they saw a tall golden waterfall and a golden pond beneath it.



"Hello there", a butterfly came out of the golden pond and greeted them. "What brings you to my golden oasis?"

So Kevin told his story to the butterfly.

"Well, I can send you up to above the sand," said the butterfly. "But I will need the nectar from

a hibiscus before I can.”

So the Huch used the hibiscus part of him to grow a hibiscus for the butterfly. And so the butterfly took the sweet hibiscus and flew around above the golden waters. It flew and flew and flew till a golden tornado was made.



The time came for Kevin to return to above the sand. He looked at Huch, sad and unwilling to leave his new friend, he asked Huch, “Would you like to come to above the sand with me?”

Huch thought for a moment and said “Why not?” And they both jumped into the golden tornado which sent them up and up to above the sand.

And thats how Kevin and Huch became friends under the sand.



The end.