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**【The The Buckwheat】蕎麥**

 Once, I went to a distant country. This country has many farms. lt also has fields of buckwheat.

 After a while, I noticed that the tops of the buckwheat were black and burned.

I met a bird and I asked it, "Why is the buckwheat burned? Why aren't any of the other plants burned?"

 The bird nodded its head. "I can tell you why. Last week, I met an old tree. It was a tall, beautiful tree. It looked very wise. I asked it the same question. The tree told me that the buckwheat was burned because lightning hit it.”

 The tree told the bird that the buckwheat was very proud. " I'm as beautiful as the corn and the flowers, " the buckwheat said. " I’m also far more beautiful than an old tree. "In the spring, a storm came. The tree warned the buckwheat: " Lightning is dangerous. What if it hits you? Do you see how the flowers and the corn bend their heads? You should do that, too. "

The buckwheat laughed and said, " You're just a stupid tree. I'm strong and beautiful. Why should I bend my head? "

When the storm showed up, the other plants bent their heads.

However, the buckwheat refused to do that."I will look up at the sky and watch the storm. I don't need to be afraid. " Then, of course, lightning struck the uckwheat and burned it. There was smoke and fire. After the storm, the other plants were safe, but the buckwheat was burned.

"That's the end of the story," the bird told me." But the proud buckwheat never learns its lesson. In the future, it will be burned again and again."