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Once there was a very, very, very huge rock in a barren valley.

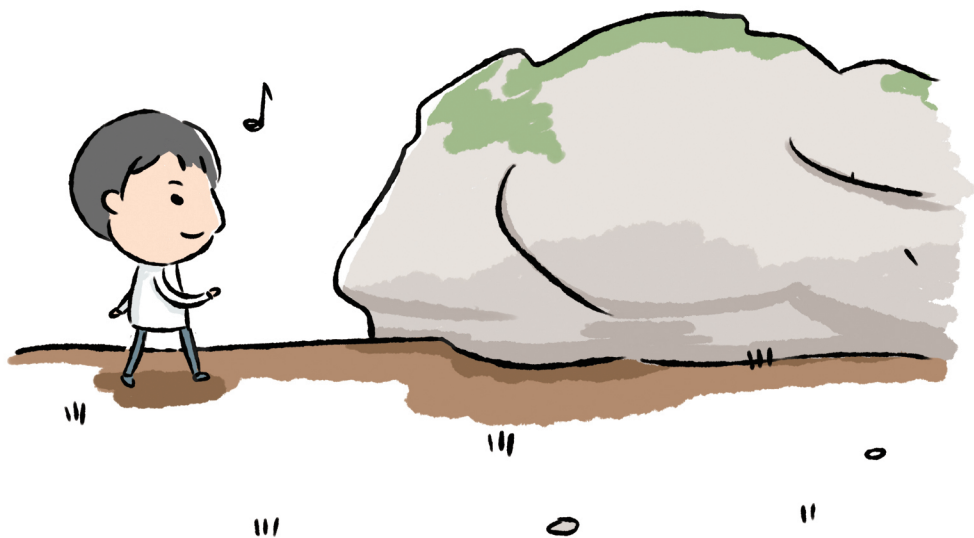
It was stuck in a field.

The owner of the farm did not like this rock. He was always blocked by this huge rock when he plowed the field.

People in the village always sighed when they saw this huge rock. They thought the rock was such an eyesore and wanted to get rid of it.

The huge rock felt sad when it was teased by people.





All of people in the village hated this huge rock, but there was a little boy who extremely loved this huge rock.

He would pass by the field and see the huge rock every time on the way from his home to the church.

One day, the boy thought, "The rock was so big, wide and flat." He therefore climbed on the rock.

He found the view on the rock was completely different from the view on the ground, an amazingly beautiful and attractive scenery. The rock was so natural, spectacular, beautiful and mysterious.







From that day, the boy would climb and stand on the rock for a while before going home.

Every time the boy came to see the rock, the rock felt very happy.

On seeing the rock, he always felt hopes and dreams surging up inside him. "One day I must dig the rock out and take it home!" said the boy.

Another day, the boy went to see the rock again and found it looked more eye-catching than before.

He thought, "Half of the rock was buried under the ground. What will it look like once I diging it out?"

He therefore paid more attention to look into this rock..





“I would always be disturbed by this huge rock while plowing the field. If the rock was small, I could still roll it out. However, it was too big to get it out, so I could only leave it alone.” said the owner.

“One day I must take the rock to my yard!” said the boy.

“You can take it away if you like. Take it away heartily, please!” said the owner.

“Really? Are you going to give it to me?” said the boy excitedly.

“If you can take it away, I will give it to you. However, even though I give it to you, you still cannot take it away. The rock is too big. How are you going to take the huge rock away?” said the owner.

“To take the rock away is my responsibility.” said the boy.

Every time the boy saw the rock, he would imagine digging the rock out and feel happy.







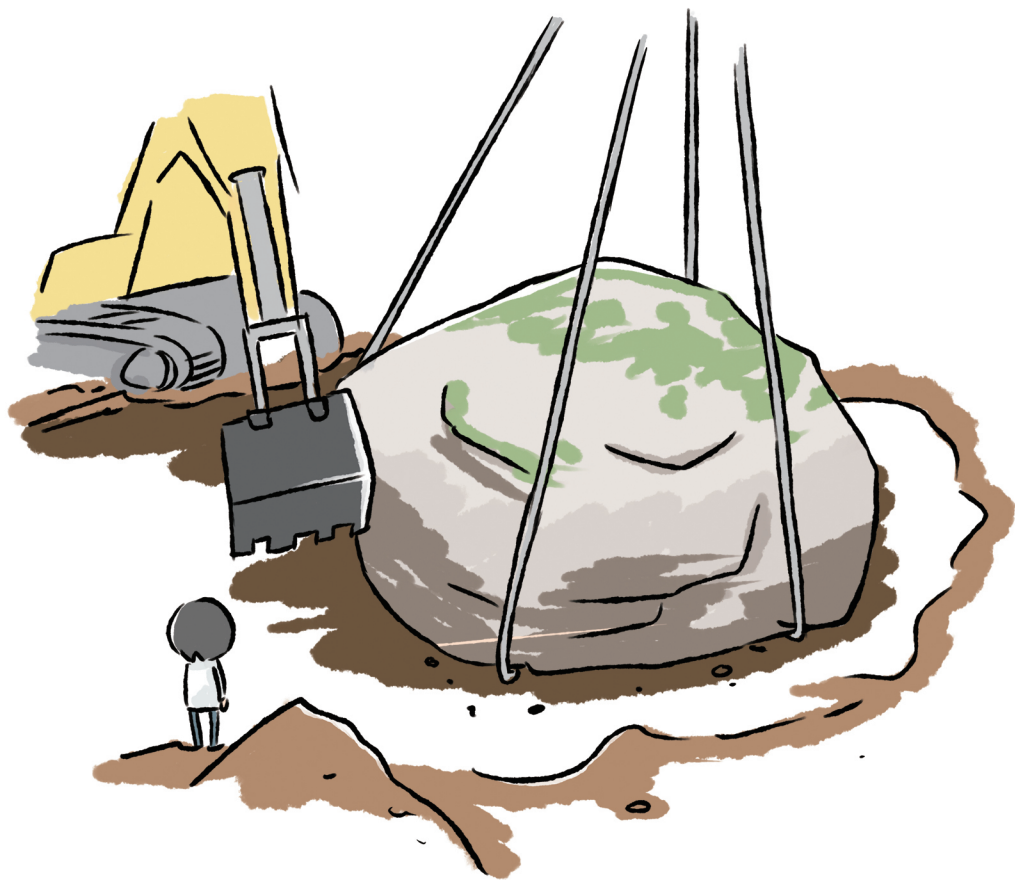


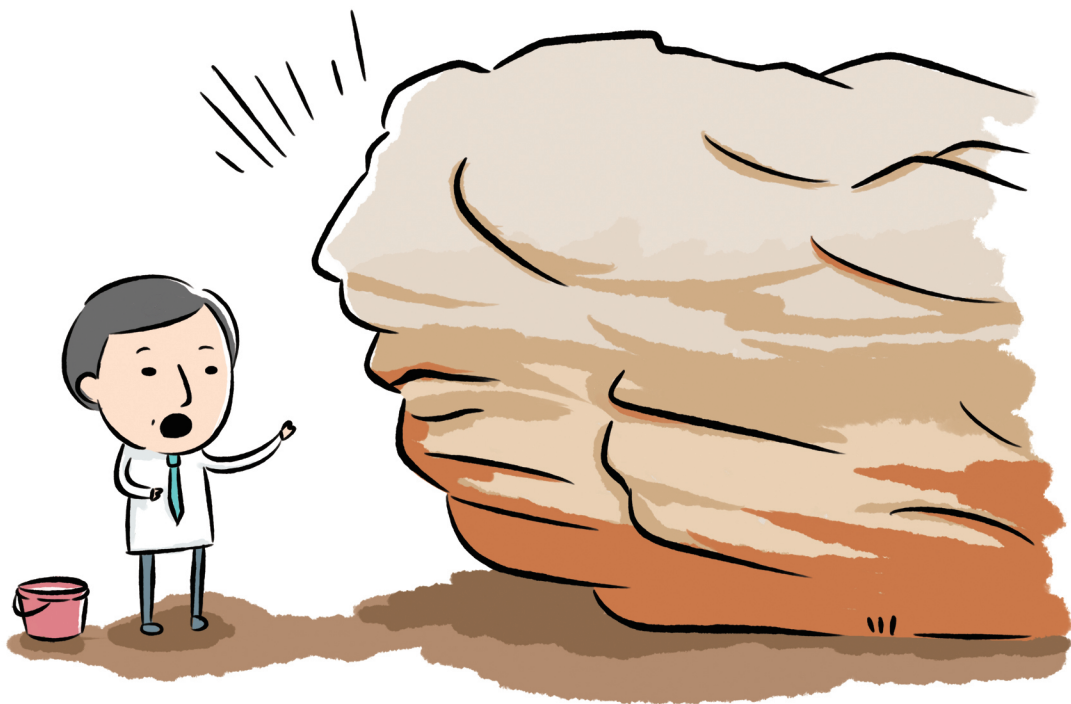
The boy had grown up and become a respectable pastor. He came back to his hometown from the city.

He recalled that he used to make a promise to bring a huge rock back home while little.

He was not able to take it home in the past, but 42 years later he had successfully accumulated the funds and necessary manpower to take it home.

The pastor worked with the other men, using a crane, a heavy duty truck and an excavator to dig the rock out in order to transport to his place.





After some hard work, the rock was finally delivered to the pastor's home.

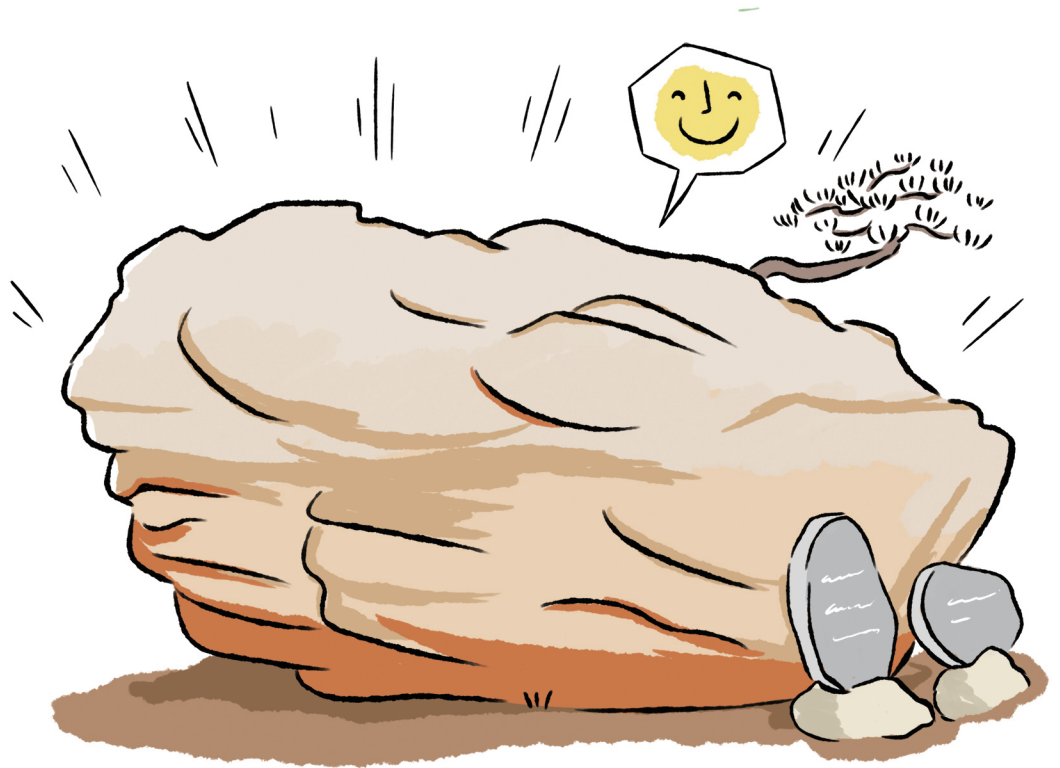
The pastor used water to rinse the soil on the huge rock. He found that there was a big image of human's face on the huge rock.

He was so surprised and thought it's indeed a masterpiece!

The huge rock was established in his great yard by the pastor.

Lots of people around the world came to see this amazing rock due to its spectacular image.

The stone felt really happy and appreciated because the boy 42 years ago kept his promise and saved it from the darkness.





The huge rock and the boy in the story truly exist.

The huge rock represents you.

When your talents are buried in the ground,

when your dreams collapse once again,

when you are trampled by others in life,

when you feel exhausted and want to cry,

whether you expect someone can understand the value of you?

The boy has become a life mentor nowadays,  
teaching people around the world the spirit of Christ  
and helping them understand the meanings of life.

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