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One afternoon, Bunubu found a narrow tunnel  
beneath an old tree root. 'Hello?' he called.



'Hello!' answered his echo. Then it added, 'And  
bring a lantern!'



Bunubu blinked in surprise. Echoes usually repeated words, but this one seemed to have its own ideas.



Bunubu picked up a tiny lantern leaf and stepped into the tunnel. Smooth stones along the walls began to whisper softly.



'Turn left where the pebble giggles,' whispered one stone. 'Duck under the sleepy root,' whispered another.



Whenever Bunubu felt unsure, his echo answered back. 'Keep going,' it called. 'There is something important ahead!'



At the deepest part of the tunnel, Bunubu found a group of tiny beetles stuck behind a fallen pebble door.



The whispering stones told Bunubu where to push, and his echo counted, 'One, two, three, heave!'



The pebble door rolled open, and the beetles cheered. The tunnel filled with happy echoes bouncing from wall to wall.



On the way home, Bunubu called, 'Thank you!' His echo replied, 'Anytime, friend!' From then on, Bunubu knew that even his own voice could help him find courage.



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Vijay is a creative writer, technologist, and storyteller who enjoys turning simple ideas into imaginative stories for young readers. His stories are shaped by his own experiences, observations, family life, and curiosity about how technology can support human creativity.

With the help of AI tools, Vijay explores characters, scenes, visuals, and story worlds in new ways. He uses these tools not as a replacement for imagination, but as a creative partner to help bring playful ideas to life.

His goal is to create fun, warm, and engaging stories that children can enjoy, parents can share, and families can read together.



# The End

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