



Long, long ago, when the Spirit of the Sky ruled over all existence, Earth and Water were simply two worlds apart. Nonetheless, their remoteness had not stopped their growing fascination in each other and they had long since been friends. They dreamed that they would eventually be together as one and forever pleaded with the Spirit of the Sky to grant them this one wish.

Up until now the Spirit of the Sky had been hesitant to allow any of the worlds to join forces. He was afraid that, after the initial celebrations and excitement, greed and the desire of power would lead to disaster. However, after having to listen to Earth and Water's incessant appeals over the years, his judgement was clouded somewhat. He decided to permit the marriage after all.



One day they both awoke to the most blinding light and drawn towards its radiance, Earth and Water found themselves being lead down a tunnel. They knew that this was ultimately their beginning.

And in the beginning there was nothing but dancing and rejoicing. Both were so happy. They created rivers and oceans, bathed in their seas and creeks, marvelled at the mountains and valleys and walked their forests and deserts. The frivolous celebrations lasted years. Earth and Water were finally as one.



Earth so adored the animals and the nature that surrounded her. She genuinely loved everything about her existence and was content being happy with the fact that she could now spend time with her life-long friend: Water.

But if the truth be known, Water was a little jealous of Earth's good nature and graciousness. He was not without charm himself, but it was of a somewhat cooler nature than Earth's radiant allure and so he became increasingly dissatisfied and grew rather resentful of her.

Little by little, he devised a plan to take control and while Earth wasn't looking, he killed her animals, dumping them in his own body, greedily fuelling his world. Even the Spirit of the sky didn't see him rip out trees to build bridges and dig the ground from beneath Earth's feet to construct dams. He was silently exercising his power.



One day Earth looked out over the world and suddenly noticed the lack of resources. Puzzled, she went to Water's edge and demanded to know what was going on. He just laughed at her. He knew she was helpless to combat his attack.

She begged him to stop and tried to make him see reason. Earth knew that in order for them both to survive they needed to live in harmony. But there was no stopping Water now. He had tasted control that was all he wanted.



Setting alight a fire that raged through her very heart, Water knew that Earth would have surrender her body to survive the flames. Luckily for her, the Spirit of the Sky was awakened by the heat and commotion.

Immediately angered by what he saw, he blew gale force winds with all his might, across Earth's baren burning body, forcing her to Water's edge. It was the Spirit's only chance to save Earth.



At the same time and with equal strength, the Spirit reached deep into Water's abyss, plucking out his very soul and throwing it immediately onto Earth's scorching sands.

Obviously, Water's soul could not endure such an intense heat and it boiled away, transforming the red hot sand into bubble like protrusions above her surface. Strangely enough today, these provide a home for some of Earth's smallest creatures.



Earth now remains in secret existence and embarrassed by her naviety, she will never show her face again. But for those who discover and respect her beauty in the surrounding environment, she offers an unconditional bond.

Of course the Spirit of the Sky, still angered at the events, watches very closely over Earth. He maintains the burning embers that Water let rage and it is said that he keeps Earth warm with this fire. All the same, he is prepared to let it ravage again, should anyone dare to try and take control of Earth's nature. This time however it promises to be fatal. It will begin with an alluring warmth but as time goes on will intensify until she can bear it no longer.