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Incredible tree-secrets!

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Interview with an oak tree

Hello, I am Luknė Jurčiukonytė, 5th grade tree supervisor at Vilnius Fabijoniškių Gymnasium. I will present to you my interview with the oak tree.

Me: Hello oak, how are you?

Oak: Hello, well... it's sad to be here alone. And you have friends?

Me: Yes, I have friends, why are you asking?

Oak: I never had any friends. You know, I stand here alone, year after year, and no one talks to me, everyone around me walks, rushes, but no one wants to be my friend.

Me: It's sad, but you're still important. After all, there would be no shade around without you, and you also help clean the air.

Oak: Thanks for reminding me of that. Yes, people may not notice my role, but I try to be helpful, however, sometimes I wish someone would at least stand by and tell me about their day.

Me: You would definitely have friends, and maybe we all just don't always notice your warmth and calmness. I know that if I were here more often, I would definitely chat with you.

Oak: That would be something. Sometimes I feel like some people don't understand how much I can give, but maybe I just don't always need friends, maybe it's not my goal to be a friend, I'm just here, and I hope that my presence means something.

Me: And this is very important, your calmness, your quiet presence, is perhaps the truest friendship that is needed.



TREE REPORTERS

WHAT'S YOUR NAME AND WHAT ARE YOUR MAIN FEATURES?

My name is Ginkgo biloba but I am famous under the name ,,tree of Ginkgo". Im one of the oldest plant species on Earth, so im often called an "alive fossil". I come from China and my species exits for more than 200 million

HOW DO YOU LOOK LIKE?

and my trunk circumference is 108cm. My leaves are characterized by a fan shape and a unique structure of calluses. In spring and summer my leaves are green but in autumn they turn golden yellow which makes them perfect for decorating.

Ginkgo bijoha

DO YOU HAVE MEDICAL PROPERTIES?

My leaves are used in medicine, especially in extract form which improves circulation (especially cerebral), helps with symptoms of dementia and Alzheimer's disease and its used to relieve symptoms of anxiety.

FACTS ABOUT YOUR SPECIES?

Trees of my species even survived the nuclear explosion in Hiroshima, which proves how much resilience we actually have. Ginkgo trees are often called the "tree of youth" because of their positive effects on health and longetivity.



WHERE AND HOW DO YOU GROW?

I'm located in front of the Medical school in Varaždin. I thrive in moderate climates. I am adaptable to different types of soil and I can survive in urban conditions which makes me a popular tree to have in parks and along the city streets. I am resistant to pollution, diseases and even radiation.



Varaždin was declared the European city of trees in 2024.

WHAT SYMBOLS EXIST IN RELATION TO YOU?

Gingko trees have been cultivated in China for thousands of years so we are considered a symbol of longevity and resilience. In Japanese culture, Gingko has a symbolic meaning connected with the past, present and future.

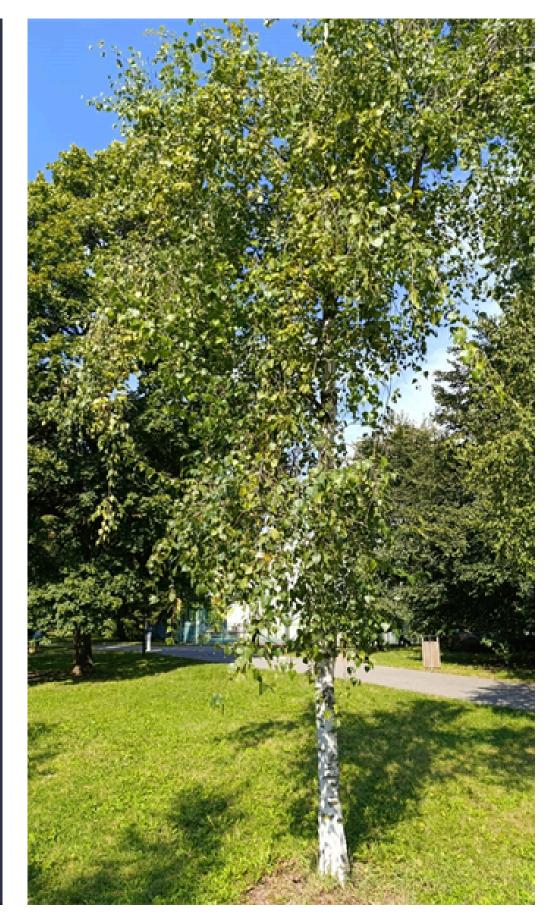




Mr. Confident Tree



The Tree Hi Becca! Becca hi? Who Are you? Becca And your nickname? you're The Tree? The Tree of course I am...and don't be that skeptical Becca wth? Are you kidding? I need to go, bye The Tree no you won't! I want you to chat with me! Becca why do you have a mobile phone? The Tree because I'm the special one



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wow, I'm impressed...And confused

The Tree

don't worry! how was your year going?

Becca

Oh good

Becca

it was nice. me and my friends were working on a project globe and it was great.

The Tree

I know. I am your lovely tree!

Becca

Are you?

The Tree

yeah girl!

Becca

So...nice to meet you? with words?

The Tree

nice to meet you too! your work were really good and I hope I'll be your tree in next year

Becca

of course you'll be!

The Tree

thanks 🚚

Becca

emoji? 🌲 😂



The Tree

So...back to our conversation, we were talk about the project, aren't we?

Becca

yeah



The Tree

So I hope you'll take care on me in 2025. I love to be your experimental tree

Becca

of course! your team work was the best 💪



The Tree

thanks but I know

Becca

you really don't lack confidence, did you know?

The Tree

but confidence is important, when you are VIP like me

Becca

why do you think you're that VIP and special?

The Tree

Oh, Becca really? but you asked me, so I guess I must to explain to you.

The Tree

ok. we (trees) are so VIP, because we help people a lot. we make oxygen and I accumulate carbon dioxide and people use us to get the wood.

The Tree

And all (maybe not all, but the most of people) likes to take a walk in the forest! do you like that?

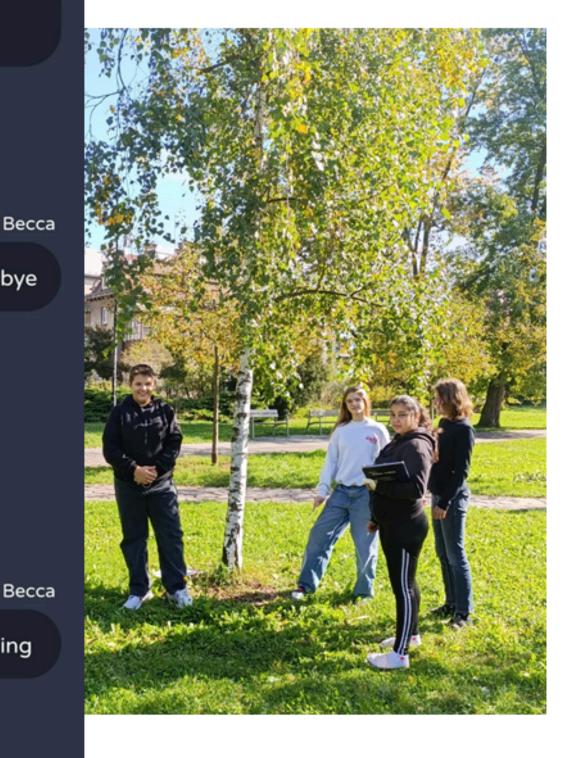
Becca

that's true, you are important for us. And yes, I like to take a walk in the forest, but...not gonna lie...l don't uderstand why do you have the mobile phone!

The Tree

oh dear Becca, it doesn't matter! I think when you'll grow older, you can uderstand things better!





Becca

Becca

Becca

Are you kidding?

Becca

what do you want to say?

The Tree

trees are also home for animals!

Becca

I know, i said I'm not that stupid.

Becca

bye

The Tree

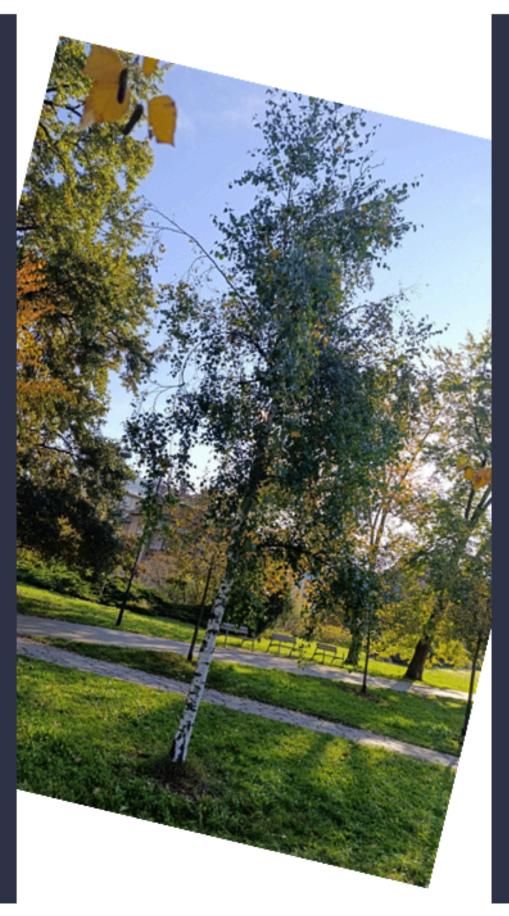
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Becca

what do you want?



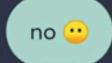
The Tree

ergh...thank you! you are the best group I ever had And please tell it to your friends, they aren't answering the phone...i don't uderstand why...

Becca

thank you...but...you ever had anyone else?

The Tree



The Tree

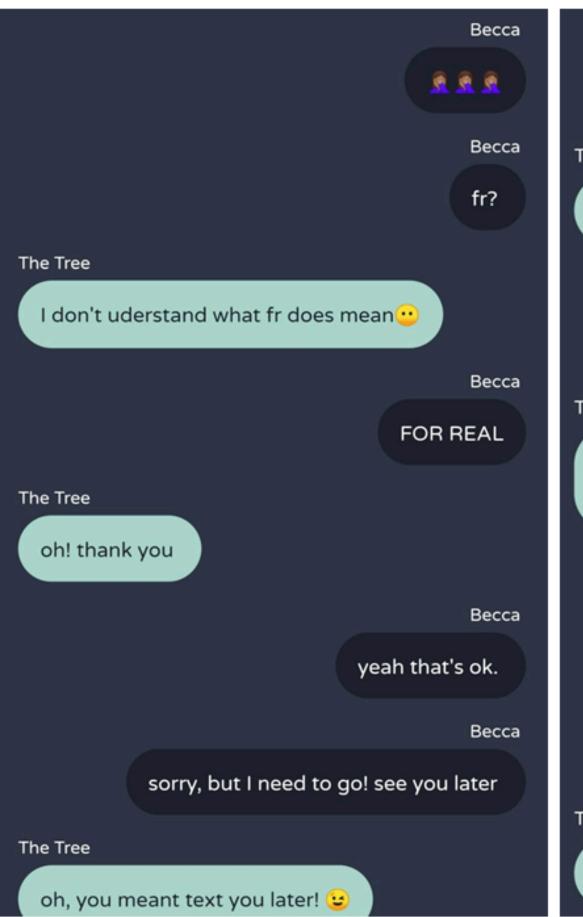
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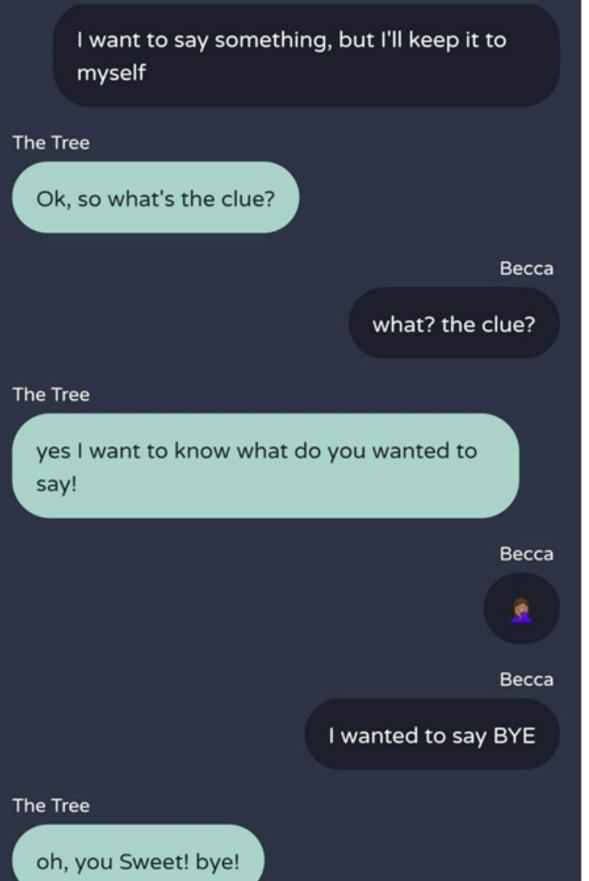
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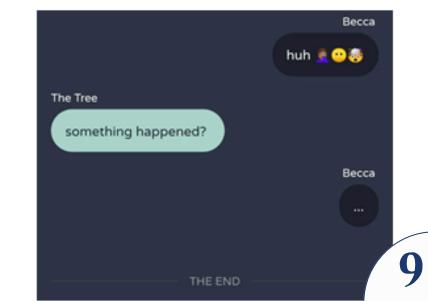
same feelings girl 🤻











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