

#63 The Olive Tree, The Grape Vine and the Dog

"I know that you plants are training us," barked a dog to an olive tree, who had been his friend for oh-so many years. "In silence you grow yourself while also helping the grape vines. We animals and humans need to learn from you." In a rare moment of articulation, the olive tree spoke, "The wisdom of the Source of all nature cannot be put into words. Thus, we do not speak of it. You animals are wise to limit yourselves to sounds. The poor humans cannot live without language, yet it makes living so hard."

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