

The Shyness of Trees

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Hélène, 40 years old, comes to visit her aging mother in the French countryside. But her mother isn't being her usual self. She seems to have formed a strange bond with the plants, insects, and the old oak tree at the end of her garden.



SYNOPSIS

Hélène, 40 years old, comes to visit her aging mother in the French countryside. But when she knocks on the door, no answer.

Hélène enters the house, worried. No sign of her mother. Inside, the house is a mess. There are plants on every shelf, every cupboard, every table, even in the sink !
Hélène finally finds her mother at the far end of the garden. The old woman is in a dream-like trance. She is standing under an old oak tree, her arms raised above her head, gently swinging in the breeze, as if she was mimicking the tree itself.

Hélène is now certain of it, something otherworldly is happening to this place. An unspeakable bond seems to tie her mother to the old oak tree at the end of the garden...

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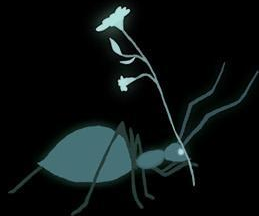
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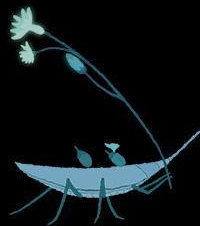
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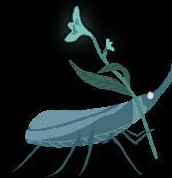
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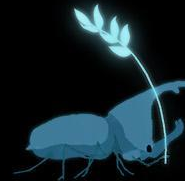
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The background is a 2D animation illustration. It depicts two characters lying on their backs on a light-colored, textured surface, possibly grass or a path. The character on the left is wearing a light blue shirt and has their eyes closed. The character on the right is wearing a red shirt and has their eyes open, looking upwards. They are surrounded by green oak leaves and a dark brown tree trunk in the background. The overall style is soft and painterly.

Technical Details

TITLE	The Shyness of Trees
GENRE	Drama
COUNTRY	France
PRODUCTION YEAR	2024
RUNNING TIME	8 min 56 sec
LANGUAGE	French
SUBTITLES	English, Chinese, Ukrainian
TECHNIQUE	2d Animation
FORMAT	1080p / 5.1 Sound



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