

The Spirit of
the Forest



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THE FOREST SPIRIT

In the beginning, there was nothing. Then on the earth, came blue: the Water. Then on the earth, came yellow: the Sun. And then came the fusion of these two colours: the first green. The wind spread green across the land; and thus the forests were created.

The Forest Spirit watches over, guides and protects all forest life, ruling and governing it like laurel in your garden. He is at one with earthy scents like humus and undergrowth, soil and leaves, mushrooms and lichen. Considering every shade of green sacred, he sows some of the toughest weeds in the most arid soils solely with the goal of returning hope to those places. It is a blue hope, a forget-me-not blue that is said to be the colour of his eyes...

Inspired by his whimsy, the Spirit decorated the forest – the lungs of the planet – with its most bizarre, incredible and hard to categorize plants. And secretly he made some species disappear, to the great consternation of the humans, who put them on endangered lists.

The Spirit was one with the forest, which was as much a part of him as he was a part of it. To ensure humans do not invade the forest and disturb him in his mission to keep nature healthy, he also created some unlikeable creatures. From tiny midges to big bad wolves, not to mention elves, gnomes and Wendigos, these are the kinds of creatures that inspire fear in humans. To camouflage their fear, they tell legends about them – but no tree, plant or creature can hide a man's worst fear: being alone in the forest, face to face with himself.