

Monster Tree

Monster tree stood on a high peak in the woods. Overlooking an attractive valley, surrounded by its friends, it watched the seasons change and people pass, year after year.

Time moved slowly; Monster tree was content.

But ever so slowly, the earth began to crumble.

This happened little by little. It was so gradual that Monster tree barely noticed.

Until the earth fell away in one sudden slide. With it went Monster tree's friends.

This Monster tree did notice. With its roots cruelly exposed and torn from its friends, Monster tree couldn't believe what had happened.

At first it thought it wouldn't survive. It felt so fragile without earth's protective layer and utterly hopeless without the support of its friends. Who or what would it cling to?

Eventually, however, Monster tree learned to stand on its own. Necessity forced it to. Its roots toughened to withstand the cold, and by reaching further and deeper, Monster tree formed nourishing bonds with new trees. They taught each other about their experiences and, as Monster tree healed, it learned to care for itself too.

It could now trust itself to adapt, change and grow as needed.

Today, Monster tree still stands. Its gnarled roots add beauty to this unique and mighty being.