

Dialogue Between a Tree and a Human

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Tree: Well hi there! You're pretty weird looking, why's your trunk that funny pinkish colour instead of brown? And why does it split into two at the bottom!?



Human: I'm a baby! I'm supposed to look like this. I don't have a trunk, and these are my legs. If you ask me, you're the funny looking one. You have green hair!

Tree: These are my leaves, not hair. You're pretty silly. What did you say you were again?

Human: I'm a human baby, but not for long...check it out! I'm growing! It looks like you're growing too... but we're not the same are we? I don't have funny green hair all over me...



Tree: I *am* growing. Thanks for noticing! But no, we are definitely not the same thing. I'm a sapling, or a baby tree. The reason I'm starting to grow is because I'm getting care, water and all the beautiful sunshine I need to get big!

Human: Well, we're kind of the same. I need all those things too. But check me out now! I'm a teenager and – whoa! My body is changing – I'm noticing all these things I've never seen before!

Tree: I guess we really are similar! I've got all these new branches and way more leaves. I'm like, so done with my days as a sapling.





Human: All these exciting things are happening to me. I'm so much taller *and* stronger. I bet I could even lift YOU up! I'm ready to take on the world!

Tree: Psht, come on now. You think you're tall? Look at me! I'm fully grown standing about 20 meters tall; 20 meters of pure handsome if I do say so myself. But I don't think you could lift me up...my trunk is way more thick and I have tons of

leaves. And did I mention acorns? Acorns!

Human: Oh wow! Those acorns are pretty impressive.

Tree: Yeah, I think they're pretty snazzy. Hey did you know that some trees can live up to be 5000 years old?

Human: Wow...5000 years is a really long time. By now it feels as though I'm that old. I'm a senior now. You know that by the time you're 5000 years old you'll probably see things that haven't even been invented yet! Like flying cars! And people with personal jetpacks!



Tree: I am definitely getting older and wiser as the years go by, but I'm not sure how I feel about people flying around. What if they get caught in my branches!

Human: I guess you'll just have to wait and see what happens with that. Gee, we're clearly different...but we have a lot in common when it comes to the way we grow. Isn't that interesting?

Tree: Are you kidding? That's awesome!

