

Tree Keepers Oracle



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Introduction

Long ago, before trees were used for their pulp and fiber to hold our stories in bound form, they were story protectors of a different kind. As legend and druids can tell you, there are places on the planet where the veil between worlds is thin, and the trees were guardians of these sacred spaces. During that age, if one was lucky, one might encounter a door in the trunk of a tree, known as a *duirwaigh*, a portal between worlds where magic bleeds through from one dimension to another.

Magic wasn't considered spellcraft or supernatural. What was called magic was simply the songs, art, dreams and inspirations of one world flowing into another. The trees kept records of these magics, and the Tree Keepers kept sacred watch over the trees.

Over time, the Tree Keepers gained much wisdom. They couldn't



help it. As magic seeped through the trees, it bled onto the ground on which the Tree Keepers stood and took up residency in their souls. Having been imprinted by the flow of stories, they were considered the librarians of the Otherworlds. Each Tree Keeper became a living oracle, embodying the four elements of their own world, plus the fifth element of the duirwaigh.

The duirwaigh, that portal where dreams move across dimensions, is an element akin to love. It is the all-encompassing wisdom that encourages every soul to remember that there are other perspectives beyond the one immediately available on reality's surface. Sometimes a door is more than a door. Sometimes a tree is more than a tree. And sometimes you are more than you know, able to access



the more-ness shimmering on the other side of your circumstances. There is always more: more chances, more grace, more forgiveness, more perspectives, more magic than you have currently glimpsed. The Tree Keepers knew this truth and shared it with seekers lucky enough to encounter them.

I was one such seeker.

Though many of the trees have long since been cut down, their groves destroyed, the Tree Keepers' legacy remains alive in places where rivers run silver with myth and where fairy tales



11 ◦ Keeper of Surrender

During autumn, trees show us how beautiful it is to let go. The cessation of chlorophyll causes the trees to burst into true color as they release their leaves. Surrender isn't defeat. It's the sacred pause that allows us to use all our senses to receive a new vision. Cease all striving. Stop the endless cycles of productivity. Abolish your white-knuckle resiliency. Lay your spine along the Earth's solid ground and feel the support waiting for you there. Align your spine along the length of your favorite tree and feel the solidity of bark, the warmth of sap, and the hum of tree song. There are times when effort only creates futility and extends suffering. This is one of them. Something new wants to communicate with you and is awaiting your presence in this moment.



Sage Advice

Go now with sage in your heart.
Let your very breath
be the smudge stick
that cleanses every dark thought
every shame
every harsh circumstance.

You are sweetgrass and pollen
rosehip and hollyhock
hawthorn and silver birch
oak, ash, willow
a living offering
to she who walks the earth
through you
she who stands
in the center ring
of your labyrinthine soul.



Burn hot.
Breathe deep.
Become the incense
of wild woman
smoke rising from your fingertips
to bless everything you touch.

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12 Keeper of Inclusion

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You deserve every beautiful and lovely thing. You also deserve to know yourself as a beautiful and lovely thing. In order to achieve this awareness, harmonize with the song of your soul. This means you must be willing to take all the pain, suffering, worries, hopes, dreams and joy of your life, and of the moment, and synthesize them with compassion. Reverence. Forgiveness. Don't abandon any part of yourself or your experience. Embrace the tears and laughter. Allow yourself to soften towards all you have judged wrong or bad. Invite all the ugly parts and painful memories into your soul's song. And then sing! Remember, the birds who adorn the trees don't sing because they're talented or gifted. They sing because they have a song.

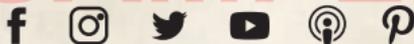


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