

The Orchard That Forgot Spring

GM reference | 120 minutes | Edition 2.0.0

At a glance

Play three parties with different powers: Lena and Anja represent the nursery and control its gate; Daro represents orchard growers and supplies the lifting crew; Moss represents the fair and can reassign its volunteers. The pear spirit witnesses the result but cannot create water. Put three water counters on the allocation card. No party agrees to a vague promise: nursery needs its one-share floor, growers need two shares and a public inspection, and the fair needs either blossom or a named smaller programme. Invite players to make a concrete proposal, then use the matching action. There is no secret persuasion roll. Anja admits the diversion when shown the frost record; blame neither grants nor removes water. After two negotiations, ask each player which duty their character will take.

Truth

Anja diverted irrigation to the nursery during a frost. A pear root then jammed the return sluice. The tree spirit is awake and withholding blossom to conserve water. The sustainable split is one share to the nursery and two to the orchard; emergency buckets preserve saplings but cannot restore the full blossom this week.

120-minute route

10m opening; Inspect the record and hear Anja 20m; Compare full flow with carrying duty 25m; Trade the procession for volunteers 25m; Staff the rota and meet the spirit 30m; 10m closure.

Visit shed - bank - gate - bank - sluice - pear. Five crew turns allow both proposed bargains to be heard before choosing; the recommended bucket branch preserves spare channel water and sacrifices the procession, not the nursery.

People

Moss: Give the village a fair it can honestly support. Offers: Three volunteers and the fair noticeboard; can replace the procession with a ribbon supper. Boundary: Will not advertise full blossom before water runs; volunteers need a dated, bounded duty.

Lena and Anja: Keep frost-damaged saplings supplied and admit the diversion. Offers: Access to the nursery gate, the measured split, and Anja's root brace. Boundary: One of the three channel shares must remain the nursery's; no night-long bucket duty for one person.

Daro: Restore two shares and make future diversions visible. Offers: A cooperative lifting crew and a weekly inspection rota. Boundary: No unrecorded diversion; growers do not provide a crew for an allocation that leaves their roots dry.

Events

Crew work turns at most 1: Daro asks for one final useful job. Repair needs one turn after agreement; a new bucket rota needs two. Make the remaining choice visible.

Closures

Three shares, one spring: Shared flow restored is true
A flower and a carrying song: Bucket rota staffed is true
Blank ribbons kept honestly: Available

Recovery

If a faction declines, repeat its concrete minimum once, then offer the other programme. If the split record is unavailable, well-survey and fair-small establish a complete independent bucket branch. At any point pause postpones the fair with the orchard problem visibly unresolved.