

Libly Story Quest Ch. 1 – Linnaeus Lake

“Wow! That was beautiful,” you say. “I can’t believe there are so many things that live under this lake...”

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You are in the Libly’s territory; they live in Linnaeus Lake, an enormous lake that spans from the Hyudon Mountains in the north all the way to the southern areas of the continent. The Libly are a species of creature that resemble a cross between a human and a frog. As such, they have amphibian-like attributes. For example, they are great swimmers and can hold their breath for a long time while underwater. However, this also means they cannot spend too much time on land, away from the water.

They have opposable thumbs like we do; this allows them to grasp cattail reeds and other grasses to make their homes and oars. They are nomadic, which means that they constantly roam the vast lake that they live in. Gigantic lily pads are the foundation of choice for these nomadic creatures. After generations of cultivation and domestication, these lily pads double both as the Libly’s mode of transportation as well as their home.

This lifestyle is essential because there are great migrations of fish and bugs that occur throughout the year, with the largest of these being around the summer, when the frigid waters in the north warm up. It is during the summer that the Lish, a form of fish, make their way toward the Life Pool.

The Life Pool is a smaller lake that rests in the vast canyon that stretches from the source of the river in the east to the massive waterfall that the Libly call the “Steps.” The Lish travel up the waterfall into the canyon and then swim against the strong currents to the Life Pool, where they begin their spawning rituals.

The Libly follow the fish to the waterfall and wait for them to return from the breeding grounds. Then the feeding frenzy begins; the Libly catch them by the bucket-load as they fall down the Steps and immediately start to clean and cook them.

Aside from bugs and fish, the Libly grow flowers to eat. They grow all kinds of flowers, but some of the most common ones are: Roses, Lilies, Irises, and Hyacinths.

Cirika, the Libly who showed you the spectacles under the surface of the lake earlier in the day, also says, “You know what? Growing your own flowers is great! Not only do they smell and look nice, but they taste good and sometimes attract delicious bugs!”

Cirika is part of a large family; she has two little brothers, Kandein and Yoru, who play-fight all the time, an aunt and older cousin, and both her parents. They all live on her family’s lily pad. She shows you the different sections of the homestead:

“The house and garden take up a large portion of the lily pad’s surface. Apart from that, we have dedicated areas where we can play and lounge around as well as another area that we leave for frogs. Frogs are very important to we Libly. They are special creatures, so it is tradition that a portion of the homestead be allocated for them.”

Cirika then tells you that it’s time for dinner. She’s glad you enjoyed the underwater tour earlier today, but says that tomorrow’s event will be even more exciting. She tells you that since the Lish migration will start soon, the family has decided to head to the Steps in the morning. “They are breathtaking! You’re going to love them!” she exclaims.

Task: There are 15 words hidden in this word search. Circle them with a pencil as you find them.

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YORU
LILY PAD
FROGS
LILIES

LIFE POOL
HYUDON MOUNTAINS
STEPS
AMPHIBIAN
UNDERWATER