

THE LITTLE CAMPHOR TREE

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The little camphor tree is so proud of himself! He's growing taller everyday, taller than the tulips, the sunflowers, even the rhododendrons. He knows he can grow as tall as his roots can reach, and he wants to be the tallest tree in the city! But after a while, his roots touch concrete, water mains, and other trees. How could this happen, where did all the soil go? Have subway tunnels, electric lines, and sewer pipes really imprisoned him like a flower in a flower pot?

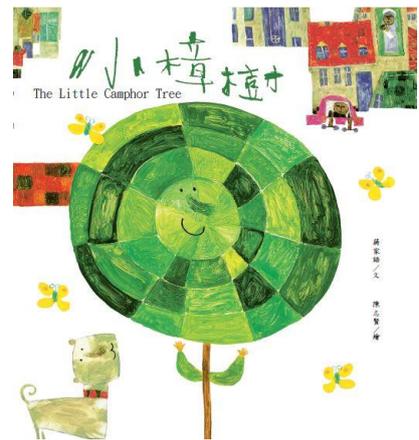
This beautiful, simple story of nature and the city drew widespread attention when it was first published in 1990. Now, after two decades of adaptation, it is again ready to delight new young audiences.

Chiang Chia-Yu 蔣家語 / Author

Chiang Chia-Yu has worked as a reporter, TV presenter, and an editor of children's shows and magazines. Children's titles include *Stars in a Bottle*, *Maya's First Rose*, and *The Third Eye: Collected Reportage for Children*. She also translated several illustrated children's books, such as *Silly Goose Piduni*, *The Prince and His Pigs*, *The Lamb and The Butterfly*, *The Emperor's New Clothes*, and more. She was the recipient of the Golden Tripod Award and the very first United Daily Literary Award.

Chen Chi-Hsien 陳志賢 / Illustrator

Designer and children's book illustrator Chen Chi-Hsien is known for his bold style and capacity to express the intuitive. His first book, *Window Shopping*, won the Hsin-Yi Children's Literature Award. *The Little Camphor Tree*, *A Brand New Day*, and *Standing On Wheels* have all won the Golden Butterfly Award from the Taipei International Book Exhibition and been featured at the Bologna International Illustrator's Exhibition. His illustrations have been archived in the Klingspor Museum in Germany and the Taipei Municipal Art Museum.



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Up he grows, Little Camphor Tree, a little higher with each day.

Little Camphor Tree is so happy to be taller than Tulip now.



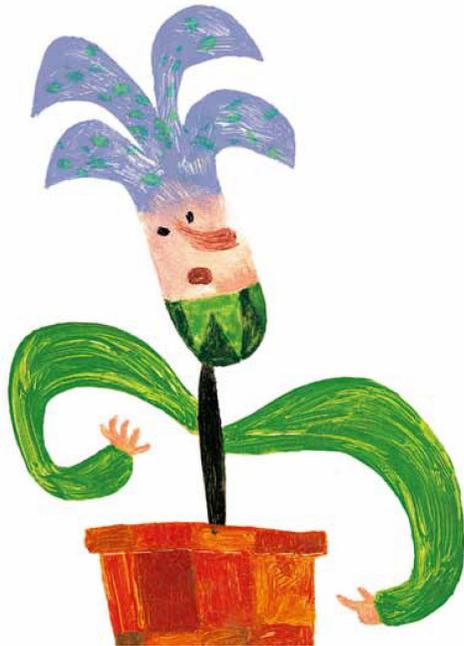


So pleased, Little Camphor Tree, to
have outgrown Sunflower.

Up he grows, Little Camphor Tree,
he's a big tree now.

Little Camphor Tree turns to
Azalea: 'How come you grow
so slow?'

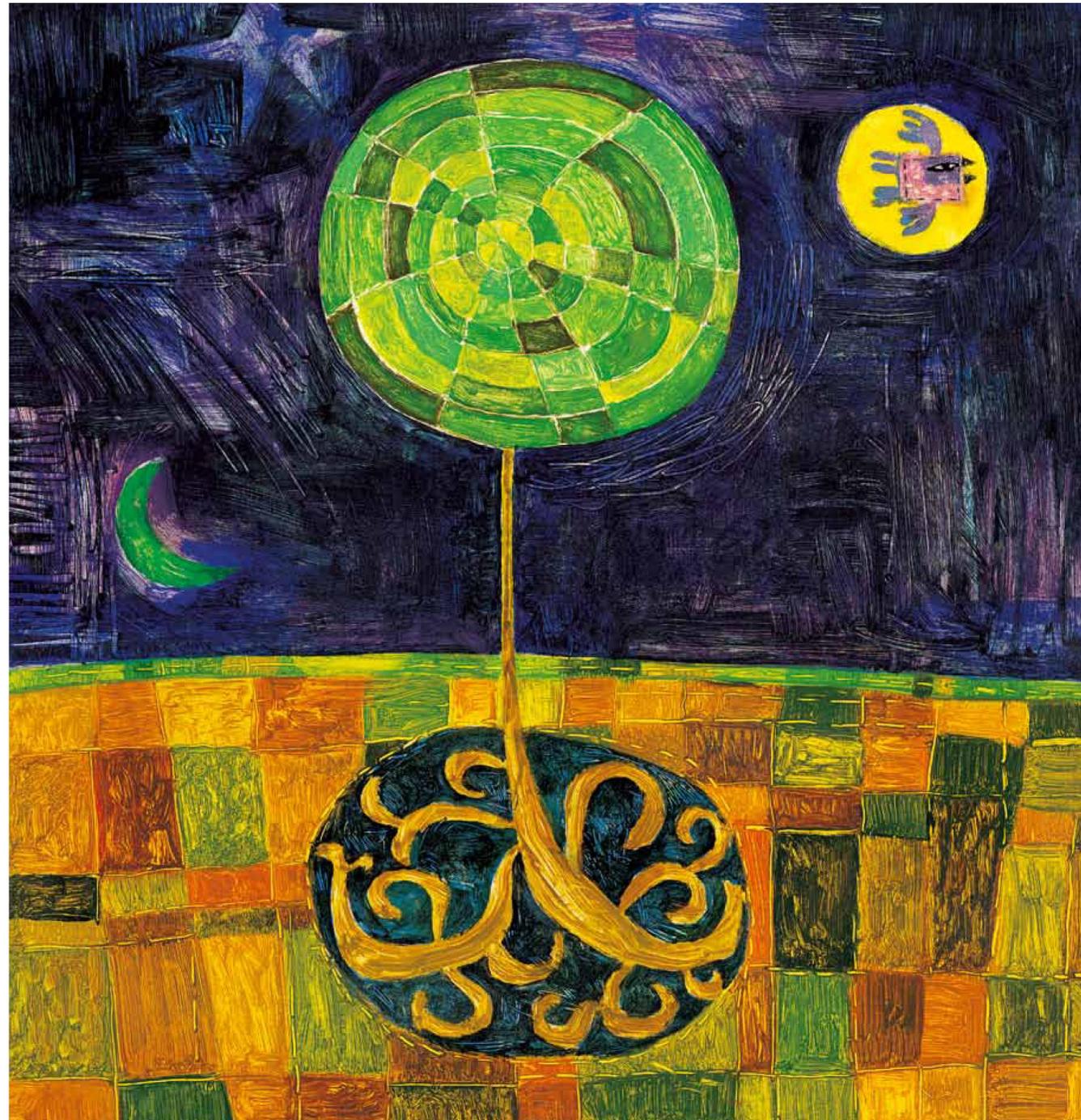
'My pot is too small,' sighs
Azalea, 'I can't get enough to
eat. I don't think I will grow
any more.'





But Little Camphor
Tree keeps growing,
making Azalea jealous.
'How tall do you think
you will get?'

‘Let me tell you a secret,’ says Little Camphor Tree. ‘As long as my roots have space to spread, I won’t stop. My branches will grow as big as my roots.’



But one day, Little Camphor Tree's roots hit a large stone. He reached out in another direction, only to find water pipes. He tried to grow downwards, but a big slab of concrete was blocking his way.

