

## Final Draft

# ZERI 1 How Can I Be the Strongest Tree?

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How can I ever be the strongest tree in this forest?

The more leaves I have, the more energy I get from the sun.

The more leaves I have, the more leaves that will drop onto the ground.

Ants, earthworms and mushrooms can then convert those leaves into new food for me.

The more food, the more fruits I can grow.

The more fruits, the more birds will visit me.

The more birds, the more droppings, the more droppings, the more bacteria in the soil.

Many more soil bacteria will enrich the ground water.

The more food in the water, the more flowers, the more flowers, the more bees.

The more bees, the more pollination, the more seeds, the more seeds, the more we can all multiply!

Everyone is giving me many gifts, made from whatever I did not need.

All contribute to being the strongest. Some are small, some look funny and some I do not know the difference between their head and tail.

If I were to chase the earthworms away, I can never be the strongest.

If you give a lot, what you didn't need anyway, you get a lot and all together, we can be the best.

The strongest tree gives what it does not need and receives back from others what they do not need.

The tree know that everyone helps, no matter how big, or small, beautiful or funny looking!

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## SYSTEM COMPARISION

	Ecosystem	Industrial Agriculture System
What does waste become?		
What is the energy source?"		
What happens to animal habitats?		
Are there toxic chemicals released into the environment?		