うつろい Evanescence

The forest always stands there, motionless, in total stillness.

This is the image I have always had of the forest.

Yet, while continuing to make my way through the folds of trees deep inside the forest, it has dawned upon me that the forest is, in fact, the home of ever so many silent and hushed activities. The repeated cycle of the myriads of organisms cradled in the bosom of Mother Nature, all destined to be born, eventually to fade into evanescence...

I must have unknowingly felt this all along, and this probably explains why I have always been fascinated by the forest.

And now, I find myself more and more intrigued by the scenes of fleeting moments of all living things such as plants and flowers about to wither, and streams of flowing water, or the shadows cast by trees that I happen to find beneath my feet.

Filled with the desire to closely observe each and every living thing or scene coexisting with the forest amidst the vast flow of time, I leave myself to be wrapped in the gentle oscillation of nature, waiting for the perfect moment that will captivate the eyes of my camera lens.

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