A Forest Before Names

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A Different Season in Every Fissure

Cosmic flora growing under unfamiliar atmospheres and gravity. Membranes, fissures and traces of light form a forest before names.

Rei Minase's A Forest Before Names explores a nature beyond terrestrial plant classifications. Roots and stems lose their boundaries as folded membranes and hollow structures stretch across the terrain. Unfamiliar forms of growth precede the familiar word forest.

Beginning with The Interval Before Becoming a Body, these landscapes sink into water, extend sideways and enter the interior of night. Smaller folds continue within deep creases; tiny pores and fibers reveal different times of growth. Yellow-green, amber, teal and dark red overlap as the atmosphere thickens.