

## Jungle Orchid

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a rare genus  
this wild jungle flower,  
difficult to locate  
but worth the effort  
of discovery.

it is found only  
in the undergrowth  
never in the open,  
hidden from all but the  
most persistent  
searchers.

it resists all attempts at cultivation/  
domestication  
this genus only flowers  
in the wild  
it cannot endure  
confinement  
or a managed environment.

its soft speckled petals  
betray its fragility  
yet it thrives  
in hostile forests and  
dark, humid jungles.

a tiny flower  
familiar to the  
creatures of the night  
but lost to the squawking,

noise of day.

if by chance you encounter  
this orchid in bloom  
expose it to the soft  
moon light,  
its natural beauty enhanced;

never remove it from its  
place - it flourishes only  
in locations of its choosing;

there it shares itself  
with those  
that take the trouble  
to discover its fragile allure,  
its secret hidden places.

<http://cleaves.zapto.org/news/story-2016.html>



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Underground Oz Poetry. <http://ozpoetry.lingama.net/news/poem-84.html>