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PLANT TECH CORNER

I remember when a friend told me about his new hobby: bonsais. He told me that it seemed that the art of maintaining a bonsai seemed violent. It dawned on me that our interactions with plants mostly taken for granted. We "own" the plant, we feed it, we do whatever we want with it, right? Think about any time when you trimmed a plant or when you cut a branch because it was aesthetically unbalanced, the plant should be grateful to us, right? Well, this is what I learned:

Resilience. It's very hard to kill a plant. I know in your office you have seen evidence to the contrary, but any plant, even those that look truly dead, still have some life in it, and it amazed me how that "Will", that force, does not let go. It's a lesson about friendship, marriage, second chances.

"If it doesn't kill me, it will make me stronger." When a plant it's not doing well, it's overgrowing its pot, it's over-rooted, or it's so long or tall that it appears old and weak. People love old plants, like an old pet, and in some cases we can rejuvenate them. We trim to make the plant stronger and alive with energy. We discard the fragile and choose a healthy branch (path) for the plant to follow. This is a lesson about new beginnings. After a long time of second-guessing my friend, and my friendship with him, I learned that bonsais can live for more than a hundred years and longer.

Javiar Molea
MPE Plant Tech

What's Your Plant Type?™

As part of your "Plant Therapy," it would be helpful to know which of the multitudes of plant varieties would complement your personality most. There are many personality profile studies and surveying procedures, however, for the sake of simplicity, we have identified four major plant-personality types and wouldn't it be fun to determine which type you are? Which plant type are you? Find out at www.whatsyourplanttype.com

The Spineless Yucca

A member of the lily family, its home is Guatemala and Southeast Mexico. The plant prefers sunshine and can mature to reach 30 feet tall. **Their personalities are "Hot and Spicy"**



Orchid

For centuries, the orchid has been a symbol of love, luxury and beauty. This flowering plant brings joy and is symbolic of love and joy. **Their personalities are "Joyous and Giving"**



Ficus

The Ficus plant is sensitive to changes in environment and needs special care to prevent the leaves from turning yellow. **Their personalities are "Gentle and Sensitive"**



Pothos

The Pothos plants are adaptable and support themselves on trees and other plants. **Their personalities are sometimes apprehensive, but conscientious and dependable.**



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Eastern Shore Tea Co.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

The Corn Plant

Requires very little care and tends to be resistant to many of the pests that other houseplants encounter.



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Plant Therapy