

# Secrets of Sakura Glade

Through a wondrous fortune, the player wakes up in the Forest of Fairie, a magical forest inhabited by mushroom humanoids, the Capfolk. After the discovery of the theft of the Moon Bead, a sacred artifact of the Sakura Glade village, the Player takes on the role of an investigator to find the culprit and return the Moon Bead before the Spring Festival. They collect clues, interrogate the four suspects, and unveil their secrets. On the day of the festival, they must make a choice considering everything they've discovered during their investigations. Will the culprit be found and the Spring Festival saved?

## Game

### Setting

- Fantasy Edo-period village Japan
- Storydriven, detective, cottagecore fantasy genre

### Game Mechanics

- Input name (Text field)
- Input pronouns (Dropdown)
- Next dialogue / fast forward dialogue
- Dialogue decisions
- Location decisions
- Inventory:
  - View Items
  - Present Items
- Settings:
  - Save&Load
  - Credits

## Environment

### The Forest

- Modern day: a well-kept path through the mountains and modern lanterns
- Fantasy world: foot trail, thick forest

### The Village

- Hidden in the forest lies the Sakura Glade
- Edo-period japanese style housing and clothing, a hidden small village, lots of nature
- Decorated for the coming lantern festival
- Populated by Capfolk

## The Sacred Tree

- huge cherry tree at the top of the village, in full bloom
- charms on the stones around it, big Shinto rope around the stem
- little shrine where the artifact is kept

## Items

### The Artifact

The Moon Bead. A perfectly round, smooth orb of an unknown white crystal-like material. Supposedly a tear of the moon god himself, it was passed from generation to generation and is said to fulfill the bearer any wish. Because it is so sacred, it is kept safely inside the Sacred Tree and only used at the Spring Festival where it is held into the shine of the full moon to wish for a blessing of the nature gods for the Village for the coming year.

## Inventory

### Phone

- In-Game description:
  - My phone. It ran out of battery about an hour ago. I really should have brought my powerbank.
  - (after entering the Forest of Fairie) My phone. I wish I could take pictures of this to show to my friends, but it's out of battery.

### Student ID-Card

- In-Game description:
  - The ID-Card from my university.

### Permit

- In-Game description:
  - A permit, handwritten by Amaya, authorizes me to enter the area around the Sacred Tree. Let the investigations begin!

### Black Ooze

- In-Game description:
  - A gooey black slime I found at the Sacred Tree. I wonder where it came from?
  - (after showing it to Amaya) Black slime that must have drooped from Amaya's cap while she was patrolling the Sacred Tree on the night of the incident. Why didn't she notice it fall down?

### Crystal Earring (broken)

- In-Game Description:
  - A beautiful crystal earring I picked up near the Sacred Tree. It seems to have broken and its counterpart is nowhere to be found. How did it get there?

- (after showing it to Fumiko) An earring belonging to Fumiko that I found near the Sacred Tree. It's broken, unfortunately. She claims to have lost it during the day of the incident.

### Medical Notice

- about Nobu's daughter Hina's untreatable sickness "mummy disease" caused by Pseudomonas bacteria
- In-Game Description:
  - A medical record that factually explains a rare and incurable disease. It's addressed to someone called "Hina". It's dated the day before the incident.
  - (after showing it to Nobu) A medical record that factually explains Hina's incurable "mummy disease". The news must have been heartbreaking... He claims to have gone out for a stroll and prayed at the Sacred Tree around 1:30 am.

### Replica of the Moon Bead

- In-Game Description:
  - A glass replica of the Moon Bead. It was found in place of the original at the Sacred Tree. It's smooth and quite heavy, I can only imagine what the original looks like!
  - (updated) A glass replica of the Moon Bead. It was found in place of the original at the Sacred Tree. I believe it was stolen from the temple sometime after midnight while Kohana was bathing.

### The Moon Bead

- In-Game description:
  - The Moon Bead. It's perfectly round and smooth and made from a material I've never seen before. Legend has it it's a tear from the Moon God and can fulfill wishes.

### Crystal Earring

- In-Game description:
  - The undamaged counterpart of Fumiko's crystal earring. She gave it to me to remember her.

## Concept

Intro - The player is introduced into the game and finds themselves in the Forest of Fairie, where Nobu finds them and brings them into the Village

Day 1 - The plot starts with the news of the Moon Bead being stolen. The player starts to investigate. They get to know the characters and the town and learn about the festival.

Day 2 - The player gets passage to the Sacred Tree and interrogates the characters using items and information they gained.

Day 3 - Showdown. The player makes the final decision and the end plays out

# Decision Tree Diagram

<https://github.com/dodocreates/Secrets-of-Sakura-Glade/blob/main/Concept/DecisionTree.pdf>

## Screenplay

### Intro

#### **Forest background - Evening**

You: *(Whew, what a day! Three lectures of Advanced Biology and no breaks... And I've got the presentation coming up soon too... Ugh, I still need a good topic. Guess I'll have to hit the books first when I get home. Yeesh, I can't wait to go to bed!)*

*(Ah... the cool spring air is so refreshing. Feels like I sat in stuffy lecture halls all day! I used to hate having to walk so long through the forest, but on a day like this it's almost a blessing.)*

*(... what's that? There's a faint light coming from the forest. Did someone get lost in the woods again? I should go check it out.)*

*(Hmm... no one to be seen. Just this... tree stump that appears to be glowing?)*

#### **Option 1 - Inspect the stump**

You: *(I've never seen that before! Maybe I can use this in my presentation. Let's take a closer look... .. It seems like little fluorescent mushrooms are growing on this part of the stump. They smell sweet, almost floral... .. what's going on? ... everything's suddenly so blurry... ..)*

#### **Option 2 - Leave**

You: *(No way I'm touching that. Best hurry back to the trail. ... what... everything's suddenly so blurry... .. oh... ..)*

### Forest of Fairie

You: *(Ouch... my head hurts... .. Huh? ... What's that...?)*

???: Hello? ... Hello there? Are you awake?

You: *(Someone is talking to me...)*

#### **Forest of Faerie background - Nobu (thinking)**

*(Where am I?)*

???: (thinking) There we go. I was worried for a moment there. Are you alright?

(surprised) Oh... what's that? My, my... I almost mistook you for a fairy! But you've got no wings...

You: *(Woah... what is that thing??)*

#### **Option 1**

You: You look weird! What are you?

???: (pensive) Ahem... now, that's not a very kind thing to say...

(neutral) I'm a Capfolk. We live here in the Forest of Fairie.

(thinking) It's strange you've never seen one like me before. How did you get here?

### Option 2

You: You're... a talking mushroom?

???: (laughing) Ohohoh!

(smiling) You're a strange one!

(neutral) Never seen a Capfolk before? You're not from the Forest of Fairie then.

(thinking) How did you end up all on the ground here?

You: I... I can't remember clearly... I was just going home... and then... ..

???: (thinking) Oh dear, it seems you're quite confused. You don't look so well either...Are you hurt?

You: N-no I don't think so...

???: (smiling) That's a relief...

(surprised) Oh, I almost forgot!

(smiling) I'm Nobu, it's a pleasure to meet you.

You: I'm... [name]. How did you find me?

Nobu: (smiling) What a pretty-sounding name you've got there!

(neutral) I was just on my way back from collecting firewood when I stumbled upon you laying here. You don't see folks like you around here often. Either way, it's starting to get quite dark in these woods... It'll be hard to see the way once night falls.

(thinking) We're not too far from the village, you can rest up there if you want and we'll figure it out.

(neutral) What do you say, [name]? Can you walk on your own?

### Option 1

You: I can walk on my own, thank you.

Nobu: (laughing) Ohohoh!

(smiling) Young ones are always so full of energy!

(neutral) Well, if you insist. Stay close, Grasshopper.

### Option 2

You: A little help would be nice, actually.

Nobu: (neutral) Of course. Here, take my cane for support. It's not too far, but we can take breaks if you need them.

(smiling) Come along now, Grasshopper!

## Welcome to Sakura Glade

### Sakura Glade background night - Nobu

Nobu: (smiling) ... and here we are! Welcome to Sakura Glade.

(neutral) It's late already, so there's not a lot of people on the street anymore. You should see it tomorrow when it's bustling with folks and everyone's busy with the preparations for the Spring Festival!

(smiling) Ah, that's my favorite time of the year. You visit at the perfect time.

(neutral) Now, I don't mean to hold you up for too long. You must be tired and all of this surely is a lot to take in. There's a wonderful little inn right around the corner, Cherrywood Lodge. I'll bring you there, you can get a nice room and get accustomed to everything, yes?

**Option 1 - Sounds good!**

You: Sounds good!

Nobu: (smiling) Wonderful! Let's go and get you a room and some dinner.

**Option 2 - Actually, I have a few questions...**

You: Actually, I have a few questions... Would you mind?

Nobu: Of course not. Ask ahead!

**Option 1 - Sakura Glade?**

You: Can you tell me more about Sakura Glade?

Nobu: (neutral) Surely, Sprout. You stand here in Sakura Glade, a village that has been around since the gods roamed this earth.

(smiling) I wasn't born here, but it is my home.

(neutral) All who live here are Capfolk. We don't get visitors often, but I am sure everyone will welcome you with open arms. We have little worries here. The big tree you see up top is our Sacred Tree. It's in bloom this time of the year, you're very lucky. It's what gave Sakura Glade its name.

(smiling) Isn't it just majestic? It looks even better in sunlight.

(neutral) We can go there tomorrow if you'd like. There's a shrine devoted to the Moon God, if we ask him in prayers maybe he can help you find your way back home...

**Option 2 - What festival?**

You: What festival were you talking about earlier?

Nobu: (surprised) Oh? You don't know about the Spring Festival?

(thinking) No, apologies. I got ahead of myself.

(neutral) In four days, we celebrate the Spring Festival in favor of our guardian deity, the Moon God. It's held every year on the day the Sacred Tree reaches full bloom. The whole village gets together and starts decorating and preparing for it beginning tomorrow, and on the third day, we celebrate with the Moon Ritual and fireworks.

You: The Moon Ritual?

Nobu: A sacred dance performed by the village priest, before holding the Moon Bead into the full moon's light to wish for yet another plentiful harvest in autumn and a year of good health.

**Option 3 - The Moon Bead? (unlocks after asking about the festival)**

You: What is the Moon Bead you spoke of?

Nobu: The Moon Bead is our most precious possession. It's kept in the shrine of the Moon God at the Sacred Tree. They say it's a tear from the Moon God himself, shed for the plague and illness that haunted this land eons ago, and since protecting the village from harm. Legend has it that it can fulfill any wish the bearer asks for.

**Option 4 - That's all.**

You: That's all, thank you.

Nobu: No problem, Sprout. I'm glad to be of help. Now let's go and get you a room and some dinner.

### **Inn Background - alone**

You: (*... Nobu showed me a little around town and gave me directions to his house in case I needed help. He really is very kind. He even paid for my dinner and room since I don't have this... world's currency! It's crazy. Just a few hours ago I was walking home from Uni, and now I'm laying in bed in an inn of a whole other world. It's nice here, but I should find a way to get back home tomorrow. My friends and family must be worried sick. But, for now, I guess some rest won't hurt. Tomorrow, I'll look for answers...*)

## Day1 Morning

The next day

### **Inn background - alone**

You: (*I slept pretty good, the bed is more comfortable than I expected. But I woke up to a loud commotion outside in the town square. I wonder what's going on out there? I'll go check it out.*)

### **Sakura Glade background day - Villagers**

Villager 1: Have you heard the news already?

Villager 2: Who would do something like that?

Villager 3: I bet it was that little wrench! Acting all innocent won't help her anymore.

Villager 4: How could something like this happen? Right before the festival too!

You: (*People are crowding the streets, everyone seems to be very agitated.*)

Uhm, excuse me? ... What is going on? ... (*No one's paying attention to me!*)

Nobu: [player name]! There you are!

### **Nobu appears**

Nobu: I've been looking for you! I'm glad to see you're okay.

You: (*He seems different today... maybe I'm just imagining things...*) I'm fine, thank you.

But what is going on here? Why is everyone so upset?

Nobu: Oh, it's terrible, Grasshopper-

Villager 3: You! It was you, wasn't it? Admit it!

You: (*They're not talking to me. There's a little girl everyone is surrounding...*)

### **Nobu disappears, Kohana appears**

???: ... n-no it wasn't! I promise...

Villager 1: There she goes, I don't believe a word she's saying!

Villager 4: She shouldn't even be here.

Villager 2: How dare she lie right to our faces?!

You: (*The poor girl looks so helpless... They're not even giving her a chance to speak...!*)

Hey! Calm down everyone! Let her explain!

Villager 2: Who is...?

Villager 4: Psst!

You: (*Finally, they've stopped talking all over each other.*)

I'm sorry, I know I shouldn't interfere since I'm not from here. But I can't just stand by and watch this! Look, there will be a solution to whatever is going on right now, but all this commotion will lead to nothing!

### **Villagers disappear**

You: (*Woah. It seems like they're actually listening to me!*)

???: ...Thank you, Worldleaper.

You: *(Oh, she's talking to me. Her voice is so quiet I almost didn't notice. What did she call me? Worldleaper?)* O-of course! Uhm, my name is [player name]. It's nice to meet you!

???: Hmm... [player name]... ..

You: *(What is it?)*

???: My name is Kohana. The pleasure is mine... is that how you say that? I get confused sometimes...

You: *(Ah...)* Don't worry about it. Now, what is all this about?

Kohana: Ah! Well... it's about the Moon Bead. Did Nobu tell you about it? It's our village's sacred treasure, kept in the shrine at the Sacred Tree. It's been stolen in the night...

You: And everyone thinks it was you?

Kohana: Mh, it seems so...

### **Nobu appears**

Nobu: Sprout, can I talk to you for a moment?

You: Sure.

### **Kohana disappears**

Nobu: That was some real courage you had there! You have an aura, I can't explain it. But I feel it too. And the villagers listened to you as well! They can be so cruel sometimes, jumping to conclusions like that. Kohana isn't very well-liked among them, she's... a little eccentric sometimes. But I've known her since she came here and I don't think she stole the Bead.

You: She definitely doesn't look like someone who'd steal something so important...

Nobu: I'm glad you think so too! Well, Grasshopper, who was it if not her? They won't let her go until they've found the real culprit. And oh, the festival! How will it be held without the Moon Bead? We need the blessing for the coming harvest... The village listens to you, and Kohana seems to enjoy your company as well. It might be a big ask since you just arrived here, but... would you help investigate and find the true culprit?

### **Option 1 - Of course!**

You: Of course!

Nobu: Thank you, Sprout! I knew you would say yes to a new adventure. Well then, I have to be somewhere now. You should talk to Kohana some more. Return the Moon Bead before it's too late for the festival! Good luck, Grasshopper!

### **Option 2 - Do I really have to?**

You: Do I really have to?

Nobu: Oh well... I was hoping you'd be excited by a little adventure. Please, Sprout. You've already managed to get the villagers to stop hunting her down, it would make an old man very happy if you could help Kohana a little more and find out who was behind this.

You: ... fine, I'll do it.

Nobu: Thank you! I know you can do it. Well then, I have to go somewhere now. Please talk to Kohana. Return the Moon Bead before it's too late for the festival! I'm counting on you, Grasshopper!

You: Wait!

### **Nobu disappears**

You: ... *(He left... There was definitely something off about him... and where did he have to hurry to so suddenly? I guess I'll ask him later. I should talk to Kohana and find out why she was suspected in the first place.)*

**Option 1 - Talk to Kohana**

[Day1 Kohana]

**Option 2 - Go to the Sacred Tree**

[Day1 Amaya]

**Option 3 - Search for Nobu**

*if Replica not yet acquired*

You: *(Nobu asked me to talk to Kohana. I should do that before I start looking for him.)*  
else

[Day1 Nobu]

**After all options done**

[Day1 Fumiko]

Day1 Kohana

**Sakura Glade day - Kohana**

You: *(The villagers have dispersed, but Kohana is still here.)* Kohana?

Kohana: ...you've returned, Dreamer...

You: *(Would she stop calling me strange names...?)* ...Yes, Nobu asked me to investigate the theft to clear your name and find the Moon Bead.

Kohana: That's... kind of you.

You: Ahem, well, I'll try my best. So, can you tell me again your name and occupation?

Kohana: Kohana... I'm the village's priestess.

You: Priestess?

Kohana: Mh... I live in the temple near the Sacred Tree.

You: *(She's definitely not the talkative kind...)* How did you hear about the Moon Bead being stolen?

Kohana: I discovered it.

You: You were the first at the scene of the incident?

Kohana: ...yes.

You: *(Well, of course, that doesn't look good for her.)* Why were you at the scene today?

Kohana: Do you know about the Moon Ritual? It's my duty to perform at the festival with the Moon Bead and hold it into the full moon's light for the village's blessing... it is very spiritual... if it is missing, we cannot have the festival... the village will not receive a blessing... I fear for our good fortune! Apologies... I got lost in thought. I take the Bead for cleansing each morning and evening. Such is my duty.

You: So you wanted to take it out of the shrine at the Sacred Tree to cleanse it?

Kohana: Mh.

You: *(Come on, don't make me work every answer out of you...)* And it was missing?

Kohana: Well... not quite.

You: *(What now?)*

Kohana: It had been replaced... with this. A replica. It's used for practicing.

**Acquired: Replica of the Moon Bead**

You: Oh... but then, couldn't it have been replaced days before?

Kohana: No... I cleansed the Bead yesterday evening. It was still there then.

You: I see... *(That narrows it down to this night, but all of this isn't really telling me anything.)* What did you do the night of the incident?

Kohana: ...sleeping...

You: *(Surely, anyone would say that.)* Does anyone else have access to the Bead, other than you?

Kohana: Yes... Onee-sama does... I thank you for your efforts, Dreamer. I'm tired and I have other duties... please excuse me now...

You: Oh, uhm. Of course. Thank you for all the information.

### **Kohana disappears**

*(She left. I need to get better at this. I know more now, but it all still makes her the number one suspect. Maybe I can find out more elsewhere.)*

## Day1 Amaya

### **Sacred Tree background**

You: *(Woah... the Sacred Tree. I see why it's such a holy place. This tree is gigantic! And the cherry blossoms fill the air with a nice sweet scent... I can see a little shrine at its roots, that's probably where the Moon Bead is usually kept. Let me take a closer look...)*

???: You can't go here.

You: What?

### **Amaya appears**

???: A flightless fairy! Are your eyes broken as well? Can't you see this area is restricted at the moment?

You: *(Ouch... she's scary. I admit, I didn't see the little rope around the area.)* Apologies, ma'am. I was fully taken in by the beauty of the tree, I didn't see the barrier at all.

???: Hmm... call me Amaya. Where are you from?

You: Uh, well. Nobu picked me up in the forest, I... I'm not sure how I got there.

Amaya: Interesting... and what leads you here?

You: Nobu asked me to investigate the theft of the Moon Bead. *(Why do I feel like I'm the one being interrogated right now?)*

Amaya: I see. You don't believe it was Kohana?

You: No, ma'am. Well, I can't say for sure yet, but I'd like to believe her.

Amaya: We have something in common then.

You: *(She finally seems more at ease. I thought she was going to stab me with that sword any second.)*

Amaya: What is your name, Cub?

You: I'm [player name]. It's nice to meet you, Amaya. May I take a look around the scene?

Amaya: No. Not for now. I can't have just anyone walking around here. I will issue you a permit after I've seen what you can do.

You: *(Damn... there's no way I'm gonna get past her. Guess I'll just have to be patient and on my best behavior.)* I understand that. Can I ask you a few questions still?

Amaya: A few.

You: What's your job here? Are you the one guarding the Moon Bead?

Amaya: Yes. I am the Warden of the Sacred Tree. At this point in time I'm securing the perimeter and making sure no one messes around with anything until we've confirmed the culprit of the theft...

You: *(Yup, I can see that.)* Were you guarding the Tree last night?

Amaya: I guard the Tree every night. And not once has a single thing happened.

You: Until last night?

Amaya: Yes... we know that already. What is the point of this?

You: Well, I'm just trying to gather information and get a picture of all the locations and people so I can rule out possible suspects and-

Amaya: Very good strategy. I shall look forward to the fruits of your investigations. I must ask you to leave now though. Come back another time when I've finished securing the area.

**Amaya disappears**

You: *(She's impossible to get more information from. I guess I'll have to wait for my permit before I come back here.)*

Day1 Nobu

You: *(After searching for him in the village without any luck I was able to find my way back to his house. Hmm... there's no doorbell... they probably don't have those here.)* Nobu? ... *(No answer. I'll knock- Oh, it's not locked. The doors just slide open. Maybe he's inside and just didn't hear me?)*

**Nobu's house interior, empty**

You: Nobu? ... Nobu! ... *(What a nice little house... But he doesn't seem to be here. I should leave- Oh? What's that? There's a piece of paper lying on the table. ... Ah, come on, just a little look won't hurt.)*

**Acquired: Medical Notice**

You: *(Hmm... who is Hina? This might actually become important. I should ask him about it when I see him again. For now, I better leave.)*

Day1 Fumiko

**Sakura Glade, evening**

You: *(Oh, today went by really quickly. I don't feel like I'm any smarter now though. Well, time to head back to the inn to sleep over it and really start through tomorrow! OH!) bump* *(Someone bumped into me...?)*

**Fumiko appears**

???: Ah! I'm so sorry. I wasn't looking where I was going.

You: *(Wow, she is really pretty!)* No, don't apologize, I was lost in thought. I should've seen you coming. *(I made her drop the lantern she was holding. I'll pick it up.)* Here you go.

???: You're too kind, thank you.

You: No problem at all. Who are you, if I may ask?

???: Oh, of course, Precious! I'm Fumiko, lovely to meet you. And you are?

You: I'm [player name]. You're still out and about rather late...?

Fumiko: Oh, yes. But don't worry. I'll be home in a minute. I just needed some fresh air. And these lanterns won't put themselves up on their own!

You: You're decorating for the Spring Festival?

Fumiko: Indeed I am. I'm in charge of the decorations this year. It's proven a challenge, but I have many helping hands.

You: *(I'm sure she does. Anyone would be happy to just be in her presence.)* You're not worried about the festival?

Fumiko: Worried? Why would I- Oh, you mean because of the Moon Bead. No, I don't have the time to worry about such things. The village will look stunning regardless of whether it

will be found or not. If I wait for it to show up I won't have enough time to decorate everything. And regardless... the decorations can be taken down again...

You: You don't seem too fond of the festival?

Fumiko: Oh no, don't get me wrong, I love the festival. It's wonderful. I... Well, there are a lot of expectations for me this year, so I'm just making sure I do everything perfectly.

You: That sounds... stressful.

Fumiko: Ah, don't worry about it. I love doing the village service. Well then, Precious, I better get going before it gets too late. My parents will worry. I'll see you around!

You: See you!

### **Fumiko disappears**

You: *(Well... that was nice. She seems lovely. Now, I should head back to the inn. It's been a pretty long day and I need all the rest I can get before continuing my investigations tomorrow. The festival is coming closer, I have to hurry up if I want to find the Moon Bead in time!)*

## Day 2

### Day2 Morning

#### **Inn background, empty**

You: *(What a night... I was lying awake thinking about who it could've been forever. I have so much to find out. Ah, and service came by earlier and brought me a letter! Let's see what's inside.)*

#### **Acquired: Permit**

You: *(Well there we go! Now I can finally have a look around the Sacred Tree. Let's backtrack... Kohana is the priestess and has access to the tree at all times. She also holds on to the Replica, so she could've easily swapped them. But she seems really worried about the festival. Why would she steal the Bead if she can just grab it anytime? Nobu was acting strange yesterday and I didn't get to interrogate him at all... And that girl, Fumiko, maybe I should have a chat with her again too. Amaya definitely was at the Tree in the night as the Warden. She could've gotten the Bead while everyone was asleep and removed all traces while pretending to secure the area... But even if she's not the culprit, shouldn't she have seen something? I need to ask her more about what she was doing and what she saw last night... I better head out!)*

### Day2 Sacred Tree

You: *(Ah... it's still just as beautiful as yesterday.)*

#### **Amaya appears**

Amaya: I see you're back, Cub. Have you received my permit?

You: Yes, ma'am.

Amaya: Show it to me.

#### **Open Inventory and present permit**

Amaya: Good. Don't lose it.

You: *(I wasn't intending to...)* Can I ask you another question?

Amaya: Go ahead.

You: You were guarding the tree the night of the incident, yes?

Amaya: Yes. I thought I'd said that before.

You: How come you didn't see anything happening?

Amaya: I was on my post all night, but I don't have eyes in the back of my head, Cub. Whoever stole the Bead must have skillfully evaded my watchful eye. Now go and do your investigations. But don't touch anything!

**Amaya disappears**

You: Yes, ma'am! *(She gets very defensive when I bring that up. I wonder if it's her pride or something else... Well then, before all else... let's have a look around! ... The shrine nests a little satin pillow in its middle. I suppose that's where the Moon Bead is supposed to sit. For such a holy artifact, it's not very well secured. Then again, apparently, no one ever tried to steal it before, so they had no reason to worry about it. Apart from the missing Bead, I can't see anything amiss with the shrine though. The ground before it is tiled, so I won't be finding any footprints either. I'll check the surrounding area. ... Hmm what's that? I see something strangely black on the ground between some roots. Did someone litter? Ew... gross, it's sticky.*

**Acquired: Black Ooze.**

You: *(Well, evidence is evidence. I'll keep it with me. This is the only thing I could find out of place. The rest of the area looks very well-kept and tidy. I guess that's it for my big hopes of finding useful stuff here. Let's head back... Oh! I almost stepped on something! It reflected the sun in my eyes, else I wouldn't have seen it at all. What is this?)*

**Acquired: Crystal Earring (broken).**

You: *(Such a pretty little hanger. Someone definitely lost this here. This should prove insightful. Well, that wraps it up then, nothing left to find here.)*

[Day2 Amaya: first time]

**Option 1 - Sacred Tree (Talk to Amaya)**

[Day2 Amaya]

**Option 2 - Temple (Talk to Kohana)**

[Day2 Kohana]

**Option 3 - Town Square (Talk to Fumiko)**

[Day2 Fumiko]

**Option 4 - Nobu's Home (Talk to Nobu)**

[Day2 Nobu]

**Option 5 - Inn**

*If not every scene visited:*

You: I don't think I should go back to the inn yet, I haven't even talked to everyone...

*If not every item is updated:*

You: I still have questions about the things I found, I shouldn't head back yet.

*Else:*

Do you wish to call it a day and head back to the inn?

**Option 1 - Yes, I've seen everything**

[Day2 Evening]

**Option 2 - Actually, I still wanted to check something**

Day2 Amaya

**Sacred Tree background, Amaya**

*If first time:*

Amaya: I see you're back from your investigation, Cub. I hope it's proven to be insightful. Any new clues?

You: Well, I certainly did find some stuff.

Amaya: You did indeed? If you will show me, we can figure out what it tells us.

[open inventory and present at least one item - dialogue according to items then either go **back** or show more]

*else:*

Amaya: Back from sniffing around, Cub? Did you find anything interesting?

[either choose from inventory or go **back**]

*if [back]:*

You: That's all I have for now.

Amaya: If you find out anything new, you know where to find me.

## Day2 Kohana

*If first time:*

### **Temple background**

You: *(I don't know what I expected, but it was quite a long walk from the village center to here. She lives here all by herself? It must get lonely up here...)*

### **Kohana appears**

Kohana: ...you've come to see me, Dreamer?

You: Well, yes. I have a few more questions I'd like to ask you.

Kohana: Mh.

You: *(I'll take that as a yes...)* You seem very attached to the Spring Festival, but the villagers don't seem to put much faith in you... I've been wondering, why is that?

Kohana: They don't... understand. I'm not from here. I'm... weird, they say. Onee-sama found me. I think she needed me... she raised me like her own.

You: *(Onee-sama... she's said that name before.)* Who is your "Onee-sama"?

Kohana: ... You know her. She guards the Tree.

You: *(Amaya? That's... unexpected)* What do you mean, she needed you?

Kohana: Mh. I shouldn't talk about it... Onee-sama lost her family. Like I lost mine. So the gods brought us each other...

You: *(So she's orphaned and Amaya adopted her... no wonder Amaya's quite protective of her.)* I'm so sorry for you.

Kohana: ...no. I don't remember it. I am happy I can be here now. Even if the village doesn't like me. I have a home.

You: *(That's sweet, but I still feel bad for her. I'll try to do even better with finding the Moon Bead now.)*

Kohana: Do you have anything else to ask me...?

[open inventory and present items or go **back**]

*else:*

### **Temple background - Kohana**

Kohana: Do you have anything new to show me, Dreamer?

[open inventory and present items or go **back**]

*if [back]:*

You: I'll come back when I have more information.

Kohana: ... I'll be here...

## Day2 Nobu

*If first time:*

### **Nobu's home background - Nobu**

You: *(This time, he's home and answered right away when I knocked.)*

Nobu: Sprout! Good to see you. How are you doing?

You: *(He seems better than yesterday.)* I'm doing good, thank you. But I have a lot of questions in my head and I don't think I'm any closer to finding the thief, to be honest.

Nobu: Don't look so down. I'm sure you're doing a great job! Did you come here to ask me something?

You: Yes, actually. I haven't had the chance to ask you questions about the incident at all. I hope you understand.

Nobu: Oh, of course. Go ahead, Grasshopper.

You: Can you state your name and occupation again for me?

Nobu: Surely, I'm Nobu and I'm retired. I used to be an adventurer, wandering the forest, but now I spend most of my days at home or doing whatever I can for the village. Enjoying life, you know?

You: I see. So, what did you do on the day of the incident?

Nobu: Well, I went about my day as usual, then went to gather some firewood for the Irori, which is where I found you. You pretty much know the rest. I dropped you off at the Inn and went home.

You: Alright. I collected some clues about the theft, would you be alright answering some questions about these?

Nobu: Of course, Sprout. I'll try to tell you as much as I can.

[open inventory and present or go **back**]

*else:*

Nobu: There you are again, Grasshopper. Busy as always. Find something new?

[open inventory and present items or go **back**]

*if [back]*

You: That's all the info I needed for now, thank you.

Nobu: Good luck, Sprout! I'll wait here if you need me.

## Day2 Fumiko

*if first time:*

### **Sakura Glade background**

You: *(Hmm... I was hoping to find Fumiko here somewhere, but it's hard to make out anyone in this crowd... Ah, there she is!)*

### **Fumiko appears**

Fumiko: Ah, the wingless fairy from yesterday! What are you doing here, Precious?

You: *(I feel better just by looking at her.)* I was looking for you.

Fumiko: Oh you were? What can I do for you?

You: Well, I'm investigating the theft of the Moon Bead, and I wondered if maybe you've seen something.

Fumiko: Ah, so I've heard. I'm afraid I won't be of much help to you though.

You: *(I'll be the judge of that.)* That's alright, can I ask you some questions either way?

Fumiko: Surely, go ahead.

You: For the record, could you tell me your name and occupation?

Fumiko: My name is Fumiko, I am an aspiring jeweler and designer. My parents own the jewelry shop. And I'm in charge of the decorations, as you know already.

You: Why are you in charge of the decorations this year?

Fumiko: Oh, it's a tradition in my family. You see, my parents are quite noble. It's custom that noble daughters prepare the Spring Festival the year they're coming of age. At the end of the festival, the fairest lady is crowned as Sakura Princess and she must have a dance with an eligible bachelor she chooses. My parents wish for me to find a partner this year. It's quite old-fashioned, but such is tradition.

You: *(So that's what she meant when she said there are high expectations of her...)* What were you doing on the day of the incident?

Fumiko: I was gathering and preparing the lanterns and garlands.

You: And in the night?

Fumiko: What one usually does at night, sleeping.

You: *(Right...)* Did you notice anything during the night?

Fumiko: I'm afraid our walls are quite thick, and I'm a rather heavy sleeper.

You: *(I guess not then.)* I have some things I'd like to ask you about, may I?

Fumiko: Of course. Go ahead, Precious.

[open inventory and present or go **back**]

*else:*

Fumiko: Ah, you're back, Precious. Is there something else you'd like to ask me about?

[open inventory and present items or go **back**]

*if [back]*

You: That's all for now, I might come back later.

Fumiko: Surely. I'll be here in the meantime.

## Day2 Evening

### **Inn background, empty**

You: *(Whew... I'm totally spent. All that investigating and interrogating has my head buzzing. I better hit the pillows. Tomorrow is the big day... Ugh, I'm nervous...)*

## Day2 Fumiko Breakdown *(if >= 15 Points)*

### **Inn background, empty**

You: *(Something woke me up... Is it morning yet? No, it's still dark out. There's a strange noise outside, is that... crying? ... I should check it out.)*

### **Sakura glade night**

You: *(It's coming from the bank of the small river... I see someone crouching there... that kimono seems familiar... Fumiko? What is she doing so late out?)*

### **Fumiko appears**

You: ... Fumiko? What's wrong?

Fumiko: Who is there? Ah. It's you.

You: What are you doing out here?

Fumiko: I just... needed some fresh air. Don't worry about it. It's nothing. I'm fine. You should go back to bed.

You: *(She doesn't look fine at all...)* No it's alright, I'm already here now anyways. You can tell me.

Fumiko: No, I can't... You'll hate me. Everyone will hate me... Oh, what have I done?

You: I won't hate you.

Fumiko: Do you promise?

### **Option 1 - I promise.**

You: I promise. I won't hate you, Fumiko.

Fumiko: ... thank you.

You: So, what's bothering you?

Fumiko: It's... this. Here. Take it. I can't hold on to it anymore.

### **Acquired: Moon Bead.**

You: *(I can't believe my eyes... it's the real Moon Bead...!)* You...!?

Fumiko: Yes. It was me. I know. I'm sorry. I shouldn't have. And I shouldn't have lied to you. I... I just didn't know any better.

You: *(Wow... that's one confession I didn't think I'd hear.)* Why did you steal it?

Fumiko: You'll actually... listen to me?

You: Of course. I promised you, didn't I?

Fumiko: I'm glad. I don't expect to be forgiven. But maybe you can understand me. ... It's ... There's just so much pressure on me, you know? Oh, Fumiko can do this and Fumiko always smiles, she's so beautiful and she's so kind to everyone and such a devoted child. You know my parents want me to be Sakura Princess this year, and I'm trying my best to be the perfect child, I- I really am! But I... I don't want to be Sakura Princess. I don't want to marry some snob my parents selected for me. Heck, I don't even *like* making jewelry!

You: *(It seems like she always had to be the picture perfect child...)*

Fumiko: I want to be able to do what I want. I want to see the forest behind the village walls. I want to have a bakery and not care when my kimono gets full of flour or when I bruise myself or when a bread turns out burnt or crooked. I just want to be able to live my own life. And if the Spring Festival takes place tomorrow, all hope I have left to actually do that? It'll all be gone. So that's why... That's why I was hoping that without the Moon Bead, it won't happen. I didn't want anything bad to happen to Kohana! I thought I could just bring it back after tomorrow and have another year to sort things out with my parents...

You: I see... That's a really important confession, Fumiko. Not just because of the Moon Bead, but because of your entire being...

Fumiko: Well, it doesn't matter anymore. It's over anyways.

You: What do you mean?

Fumiko: My parents said they'll marry me off no matter if the festival takes place or not. So, I don't have a reason to stop it from happening anymore...

You: *(Hmm... it's a complicated situation, but...)* We'll see about that tomorrow when we tell the others.

Fumiko: No, you can't tell them!

You: I won't. You will. You'll make this right, and explain your situation. No one ever knew you felt like that. You deserve to be recognised, Fumiko. And you brought the Moon Bead back after all, so there's no reason not to hear you out. I'm sure they'll all understand. And who knows, maybe together we can convince your parents to let you have your own life too.

Fumiko: You mean it?

You: Of course. Now you should head back home, and I'll go back to bed as well. Alright?

Fumiko: Alright. Thank you, Precious.

[Good Ending]

### **Option 2 - I... can't promise.**

You: I... can't promise before I know what it is. I'm sorry. I'm maybe not going to *hate* you, but, if it is what I think it is, you know you have to face the consequences of your actions.

Fumiko: ... I know. I'm sorry. I guess I shouldn't have hoped that you'd understand. I... I gotta go. I'll be there, tomorrow. Do what you have to do.

**Fumiko disappears**

You: Wait! ... (*I have a bad feeling about this...*)

## Day 3

### Day3 Morning

**Inn background, empty**

You: (*It was hard to find rest last night... Alright then... this is it! I got this.*)

### Day3 Showdown

**Sakura Glade - Amaya, Kohana, Nobu, Fumiko**

You: (*Everyone's gathered... Amaya, Kohana, Nobu, Fumiko.*) Good morning everyone.

Nobu: Good morning, Grasshopper!

Fumiko: Good morning...

Kohana: ...Mh.

Amaya: Well then, Cub. We've put our trust in you. So? Tell us. Who was the real culprit behind the theft of the Moon Bead?

**Option 1 - Amaya**

You: It was Amaya. She stole the Moon Bead. She had access to the tree all night.

Amaya: What?!

Kohana: ...Onee-sama?

Nobu: Our warden? That can't be!

[Bad Ending]

**Option 2 - Kohana**

You: It was, after all, Kohana. She has the replica at all times, and since she's close to Amaya, she convinced her to cover up her theft.

Kohana: That's not true...

Nobu: Sprout? Are you sure?

Amaya: How dare you...!

[Bad Ending]

**Option 3 - Nobu**

You: It was Nobu. He snuck to the Tree at night pretending to pray, but in reality, it was all just a scheme!

Nobu: What are you saying, Sprout?

Amaya: Do you ever think before speaking?

Kohana: ...is that true?

[Bad Ending]

**Option 4 - Fumiko**

[Bittersweet Ending]

# Ending(s)

## Bad Ending

### **Sakura Glade - all**

Fumiko: Stop it!

You: *(Fumiko...?)*

Fumiko: Just stop... [player's pronouns are/is] wrong!

Amaya: How would you know that, Fumiko?

Fumiko: I... I can't sit by and watch while someone innocent has to take the blame for something that I did...

Nobu: Fumiko... what are you implying?

Fumiko: It was me! Okay? It was me... I stole the Moon Bead. And I can prove it. I have it. Here, take it... I don't want it anymore.

### **Acquired: Moon Bead**

You: How?

Fumiko: I stole the replica when Kohana was bathing... I'm sorry, Kohana. I didn't think they'd immediately suspect you.

Kohana: ...Mh.

Fumiko: Then I waited for Amaya to leave for her... break.

Amaya: You were watching me? You knew all this time?

Fumiko: It was the perfect opportunity. But then Nobu came by, and I lost my earring. I couldn't go back to get it anymore. I guess I was meant to fail either way.

You: But why did you...? What do you have to gain from it?

Fumiko: You wouldn't understand... I just, I didn't have any choice. I thought my life would be over if the festival takes place. But it doesn't matter now anyways. It's all been decided. So take me away. Let Kohana go. It's all my fault.

You: Fumiko...

Amaya: Don't bother. You've done enough. We'll take care of the rest.

You: But... I-

Amaya: Leave.

### **Amaya and Fumiko disappear**

Nobu: I'm sorry, Sprout. I'm sure you tried.

You: *I... (In the end, I wasn't able to help at all. I suppose sometimes that's how it goes. At least the real culprit revealed herself...)*

### **Nobu disappears**

Kohana: ... It's alright, Dreamer. We learn from our mistakes. ... Now, it's time... ..

Goodbye, Worldleaper...

### **all fades to black**

You: Wait... no... *(oh... not this again...)*

### **Black Screen**

### **opens eyes, Bedroom background, empty**

You: *(... what happened... Where... I'm back in my room? When did I get here? ... was it all just a dream? ... it's all so hazy... What was I doing again...?)*

**THE END**

## Bittersweet Ending

### **Sakura Glade - all**

You: It was Fumiko. She stole the replica from Kohana while she was taking a bath, snuck to the Tree while Amaya wasn't looking and exchanged the Beads. But she didn't anticipate Nobu coming by for a midnight stroll, so she had to leave hurriedly, which is where she lost her earring!

Amaya: Is that true? Look at me, Fumiko. Is that true?

Fumiko: ...Yes. It's true.

Nobu: \*surprised\*

Kohana: \*surprised\*

Fumiko: I... didn't have another choice. Please. Believe me. I was going to give it back after the festival. Here, you can have it again.

### **Acquired: Moon Bead**

You: *(I was right! It was her!)* But... why?

Fumiko: My parents were going to seal my fate at the Spring Festival, marry me to some random snob and confine me in this picture perfect life forever! I just, couldn't take it anymore. Don't you know what it's like to long to live? All I wanted was one more chance. But. I guess that's all over now. It doesn't matter anymore. I'm sorry Kohana. I didn't mean to cause any harm.

Kohana: It's... alright. You've been hurting...

Nobu: I understand that you were desperate, Fumiko. But stealing our sacred artifact... There must have been another way.

Fumiko: I know. It was... stupid. But I've made my peace. I'm ready for the consequences.

Amaya: You'll be trialed by Sakura Glade law. But, since you've complied so readily, I think we should end this on a good note. We should celebrate that the Moon Bead is back and the Spring Festival can take place. I'll hear your full statement after the festivities are over.

Fumiko: Thank you...

### **Amaya and Fumiko disappear**

Nobu: Great job, Sprout! I knew you would find out the truth behind it all! Now, let's celebrate! You don't want to miss this!

### **Nobu and Kohana disappear**

You: *(Well, that's good news. Kohana has been declared not guilty and the Spring Festival can take place. And, I'll get to attend it as well!)*

### **Festival background, empty**

You: *(Woah... the festival is enormous, for such a small village. There's music and booths and everyone contributed something. The Moon Ritual performed by Kohana was beautiful as well. I'm so glad I got to experience this!)*

Nobu: Grasshopper! You'll miss the fireworks!

You: Coming!

### **Nobu, Kohana, Amaya appear**

Amaya: We wanted to take a moment to thank you, [player name]. Without you, who knows if the festival could have taken place. And thank you for clearing Kohana's name. We won't forget this.

Nobu: You've done the village a great service, Sprout. Us all. Even Fumiko, even though she needs her space right now, I know is grateful to you. Thank you.

Kohana: ... thank you for helping me, Dreamer. You've made me feel... welcomed. It's nice. Now... You can probably feel it too... It's time for you to say goodbye.

You: Wait...

Kohana: Goodbye, Worldleaper!

Nobu: You're already leaving? I hope you get home safely, wherever that is, Sprout!

Amaya: Farewell, Cub.

**starts to fade to black**

You: You guys... Goodbye! (*Ah... my vision is getting blurry. I guess this is it. Here we go again...*)

**opens eyes, Bedroom background, empty**

You: (*... oh... I'm back home... How did I get here? Did I dream all of that? ... I don't remember what happened. But for some reason... I feel... warm. It's nice...*)

## THE END

### Good Ending

**Inn background, empty**

You: (*I fell asleep immediately the second I got back to my bed. Well then. If all goes well now, I can clear Kohana's name **and** help Fumiko out. Let's get going!*)

**Sakura Glade - Amaya, Kohana, Nobu, Fumiko**

You: (*Everyone's gathered... Amaya, Kohana, Nobu, Fumiko.*) Good morning everyone.

Nobu: Good morning, Grasshopper!

Fumiko: Good morning...

Kohana: ...Mh.

Amaya: Well then, Cub. We've put our trust in you. So? Tell us. Who was the real culprit behind the theft of the Moon Bead?

You: Actually, we've got something to tell you.

Nobu: We?

You: Fumiko, would you come to me?

Fumiko: Yes. ... I have something to tell you.

Amaya: What is the meaning of this...?

You: Please listen to her. She entrusted herself to me yesterday. I'm sure you'll all feel the same as me when she's done explaining.

Nobu: I'm listening. Go ahead.

Kohana: Me too.

Amaya: As you were.

Fumiko: Thank you. Well... To put it briefly, it was me. I stole the Moon Bead.

Amaya: What? Where is it?

Nobu/Kohana: \*surprised\*

You: Please, let her finish. I have it. She gave it to me. Here.

[Open inventory, select Moon Bead.]

You: She's telling the truth. Now, please continue, Fumiko.

Fumiko: Y-yes. I know it was wrong of me to do. I lied to a lot of people. I stole the replica from you, Kohana. I'm truly sorry. I didn't expect the reaction of the village to be so extreme. I never wanted to cause you any harm.

Kohana: Mh... it's alright.

Fumiko: Well, I knew when the Tree would be unguarded. I accidentally noticed it one night, but I've never ever told anyone, Amaya. I couldn't dream to. I think you're the best warden the village has ever had.

Amaya: Fumiko...

Fumiko: Now, I know you're probably wondering, why would I steal the Moon Bead. I just didn't know any better, to be honest. Looking back it was stupid of me. I shouldn't have. But I didn't see any other way. You might not know this, but my parents are very strict. I was supposed to be Sakura Princess this year, and they would marry me off to someone I barely know. I... I already told [player name] yesterday. I've been trying my best to fit into the life they've foreseen for me, but I can't. I was hoping... Well I was just hoping that if the festival didn't take place, I could have another chance to forge my own path in life. Pursuing the things that make me happy, instead of following the orders of my family. Actually living, enjoying the outside world, being just a normal commoner. I might have been naïve to believe I could get away with it, but I had to try. I wanted to bring it back after the festival. I never anticipated the impact it would have on everyone else. So, I stand here, not asking for forgiveness, but understanding.

Nobu: We all make mistakes in life. I think we're all happy that you brought the Moon Bead back in time.

Amaya: I never knew... how much pain you were holding in.

Kohana: ...you deserve to be seen as a person. Everyone does.

Fumiko: Thank you everyone... Thank you, Kohana. I see you.

You: Nobody can be perfect. You've piled up all that anger and pain until it burst out. But you've mended your ways. You brought the Bead back.

Fumiko: I still understand if you can't let me go freely, Amaya.

Amaya: I'll see about that. Maybe I'll have you do community services, helping Nobu with gathering food and firewood in the forest. All those things that get your hands dirty.

Fumiko: Thank you...

You: What will you do about your parents?

Fumiko: I'll talk to them again. But this time, I know that I have friends that are on my side.

Nobu: Now, now. Let's cheer, folks! It's time we bring the good news to the people and start the festivities! The Moon Bead was found, the Spring Festival can commence!

### **Nobu disappears**

Amaya: He's right. Let's cheer up. We'll think of a solution later. Come now.

### **Amaya, Fumiko, Kohana disappear**

You: *(That went even better than expected! I'm glad I could convince Fumiko to speak up for herself. Even though the Moon Bead can't actually fulfill wishes, it seems her wish did come true after all. She'll finally be able to have a chance at her own life... And now, I even get to attend the festival! I better get going.)*

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Kohana: ... thank you for helping me, Dreamer. You've made me feel... welcomed. It's nice.  
Nobu: You've done the village a great service, Sprout. Us all. I think Fumiko is waiting for you. She's got a special thanks for you.

**Nobu, Amaya, Kohana disappear - Fumiko appears**

Fumiko: Yes, I wanted to thank you again. You've shown me that there are more people here for me than I thought, and that I have the strength to be my own person. I'll always remember that. So, I wanted to give you something to remember me by as well. Here, take this.

**Acquired: Crystal Earring**

You: Thank you...

**Nobu, Amaya, Kohana appear**

Kohana: Now... You can probably feel it too... It's time for you to say goodbye.

You: Wait...

Kohana: Goodbye, Worldleaper!

Nobu: You're already leaving? I hope you get home safely, wherever that is!

Amaya: Farewell, Cub.

Fumiko: I hope we'll see each other again one day!

**starts to fade to black**

You: You guys... Goodbye! *(Ah... my vision is getting blurry. I guess this is it. Here we go again...)*

**opens eyes, Bedroom background, empty**

You: *(... oh... I'm back home... How did I get here? Did I dream all of that? ... I don't remember what happened. Wait... there's something in my hand. What's that?)*

[close up of crystal earring]

You: *(... so it wasn't just a dream...?)*

**THE END**

# Characters

## Amaya

### Design

**Species:**

- Inky Cap

**Class:**

- Warden

**Appearance:**

- Height: 182cm

**Sprites**

- Neutral, smiling, thinking, upset, surprised, sad

### Narrative Design

**Personality:**

- silent, protective
- cold, harsh
- caring, "mom-type"
- takes her job very seriously
- has a secret drinking problem (Trivia: Inky cap mixed with alcohol is poisonous)

**Background:**

- lost her first child before birth and looks over Kohana now

**Relationships:**

- rescued Kohana, is like an older sister to her
- calls Player "Cub"

**Motive:**

- She has no real motive, except for her being able to get to it easily. Because she seems cold/secretive at first, she becomes a suspect. Through presenting correct evidence she reveals her alibi and is no longer a suspect.

**Role:**

- second suspect because of her free passage around the sacred tree
- keeps Sacred Tree location off limits on the first day

## Kohana

### Design

**Species:**

- Lion's Mane

**Class:**

- Mage / Priestess

**Appearance:**

- Height: 156cm

- Covers most of her face and body with her hair

**Sprites**

- neutral, smiling, sad, surprised, thinking

## Narrative Design

**Personality:**

- shy, soft, sleepy
- innocent, slow, quiet, introverted
- soft melancholic voice
- often speaks poetically or scattered

**Background:**

- was found and rescued by Amaya at toddler age
- doesn't remember her family
- was taken in by the former priests as an apprentice, who passed away last year

**Relationships:**

- is seen as a weird, mysterious foreigner by the villagers
- calls Player "Dreamer"
- basically Amaya's foster sister and calls her "Onee-sama"

**Motive:**

- She could've stolen the artifact since she has free access and was first at the scene

**Role:**

- First suspect, reported the stolen artifact

## Nobu

### Design

**Species:**

- Fly Agaric

**Class:**

- Adventurer, Housefather

**Appearance:**

- Height: 175cm

**Sprites**

- neutral, laughing, smiling, sad, surprised, thinking

## Narrative Design

**Personality:**

- happy-go-lucky, joyful
- soothing, caring
- faithful, respectful

**Background:**

- retired adventurer
- settled in the village to have a family
- single father

**Relationships:**

- is well-liked by all characters and respected elder by the townsfolk
- father of Hina of who he takes care of at home
- calls Player "Grasshopper" and "Sprout"

**Motive:**

- his daughter has incurable "mummy" disease, and using the Moon Bead's wish he could restore her health

**Role:**

- first encounter, leads player into village

## Fumiko

### Design

**Species:**

- Pink Oyster

**Class:**

- Jeweler

**Appearance:**

- Height: 168cm

**Sprites**

- neutral, smiling, surprised, sad, thinking, crying

### Narrative Design

**Personality:**

- loving, dreamy, cheerful
- jealous, temperamental, insecure

**Background:**

- born and raised in the village's most wealthy family
- helps her parents jewelry business and will take it over
- very popular for her looks and devotion, image of the perfect child
- high expectations for her to be the dainty, classy lady and crowned Sakura Princess this year at the Spring Festival, supposed to be married off

**Relationships:**

- popular and liked by villagers
- possessive parents have high expectations
- calls Player "Precious"

**Motive:**

- no motive in the beginning, seems to have a perfect life
- secretly despises high society, would much rather own her own little bakery instead of taking over her parent's business
- wants to be liked and adored for more than her status and looks
- wants to be seen as a person and do what she loves
- stealing the Bead was a desperate act of hoping the festival wouldn't take place, and wishing to be recognized

**Role:**

- culprit, but with the right choices her background is revealed and she redeems herself

# Self-produced content

## Characters

Self-produced concept art

Nobu



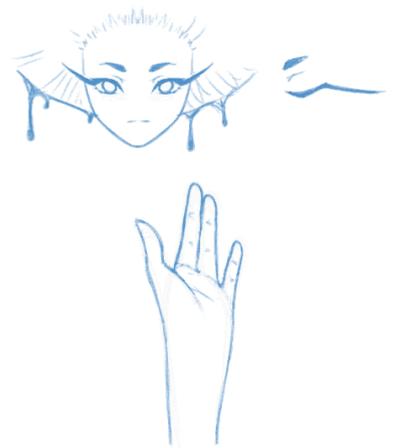
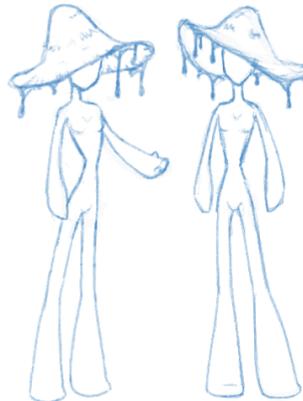
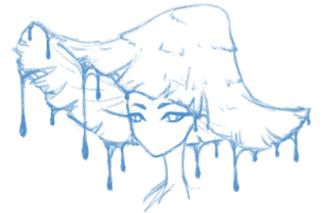
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Amaya



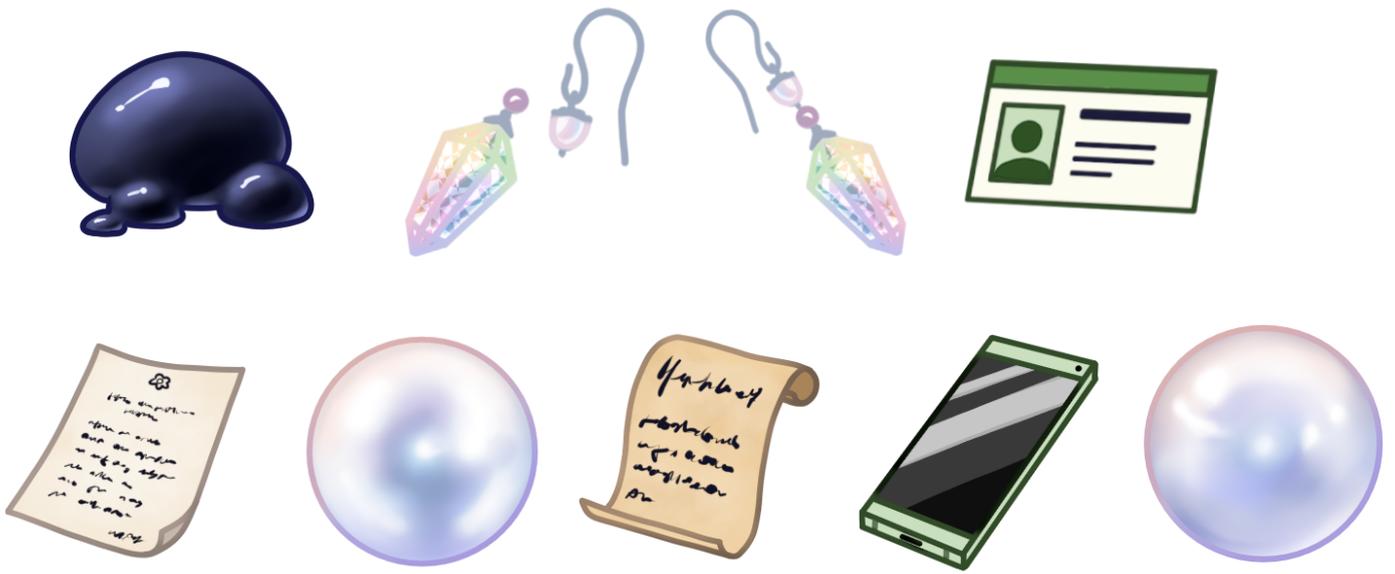
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## Items

Self-produced game sprites



## Backgrounds

Images from Midjourney, edited by myself  
Original:



Edits:

