

The Butterfly

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You'll notice no little animals
scurry at your feet or leap
through the trees unless
you are privileged enough
to encounter the great Phoenix
(but you probably aren't)
that's because this forest
is devoid of any life
(Decide if that
includes you)

You'll question the empty
forest and realize its just vacant
not lifeless knowing the trees are
green and alive
and somehow you are too
then a butterfly will land
on your back, softly and silently,
a stranger you won't
even know is there

She'll guide you to the mango grove