

The Yum-Yum Tree Dilemma

For many years, the peaceable Ube tribe used the wood from yum-yum trees to make canoes and build huts in their village. They also used the fruit from the yum-yum tree in their cooking. Eventually, the Ubes used up all the yum-yums trees around the village. The Ubes would have to go elsewhere to obtain their favorite tree, but where?

The tribe finally heard that there were some yum-yum trees located atop Chimney Cliffs. The only trouble was, the cliffs dropped a sheer 200 feet (60m) to the Deepwet Ocean. Chimney Cliffs and the yum-yum trees that grew there were many days away by canoe. In addition, a vicious headhunting tribe, the Onos, patrolled the stormy waters of the Deepwet Ocean near the Ube village, making travel by sea difficult.

To complicate matters, the Ubes were also surrounded by formidable natural barriers that made travel by land difficult as well. By foot, a round trip across the Hot Pepper Desert would take almost a month. The Raging River was too swift to navigate upstream. And the Snowy Mountains were so high they were impassable.

But even with all the obstacles, the Ubes still felt that they must have yum-yum trees. Using the accompanying map and some problem solving, make a plan that the Ube tribe can use to get more yum-yum trees.

Questions to Consider

- Should the Ubes try to collect wood and harvest fruit from the yum-yums above Chimney Cliffs to take to their village?
- Should the whole Ube tribe consider migrating to the area rich with yum-yum trees?
- Is there a way to return the Ube village to its former state of having plentiful yum-yum trees? If they can restore the yum-yum tree population, how can they avoid a recurrence of the same situation?
- Is war with the Onos a possibility? If so, would victory for the Ubes solve their basic problem? Why? Why not?

Yum-Yum Territory Map

