Herba Periculo

Herba Periculo is Latin and it translates to “The Plant of Danger”. The locals on the island give this plant a nickname, The Curse Bringer. As they believe it brings curses to the island.

 The Herba Periculo is a carnivorous plant that eats the inhabitants of the island known as the Fourlands. This plant, as its name suggests, is highly dangerous. The plant lives in the rainforest and grasslands of the island.

Herba Periculos can live for hundreds of years and the oldest recorded lived up to 1280 years. Their root like arms can grow out to be over 25 meters long (82 feet), the mouth of the beast can have a width of 10 meters (33 feet) and a length of 15 meters (49 feet). The plant’s mouth has leaves that grow around it that contain sulfuric acid, which will essentially burn and melt the flesh and bones of its prey. The Herba’s arms lie on the ground like a snake and wait for an animal to touch them.

When an animal does touch the arms, they will be crushed by the arm, as the arm will wrap around the prey and then drop the prey onto the leaves. After this, the leaves then let out the sulfuric acid so that it makes it easier for the plant to eat its prey.

The Herba Periculo can and will eat any animal that lives on the island including humans. Although this plant is highly dangerous and can eat anything, the plant is becoming extinct as the animals that inhabit the island have adapted and can notice the arms on the ground so now less animals are falling to the trap, which leads to the almost extinction of this interesting but dangerous plant.

Scientist are trying to find a way to keep this plant from extinction but it is impossible to bring it into a lab as it is part of the ground.