Fear and trembling in the Little Uplands: The Giant Himalayan Lily to spawn at last

The flowers (left) and ornamental pods (right) of *Cardiocrinum giganteum*, the Giant Himalayan Lily that will soon emerge in the Little Uplands en masse, the product of a likely seed bombing almost seven years ago.

Lilies of a number of varieties have a curious history in Dregs and surrounds, with cases of mass uprisings of these usually exclusive flowers becoming something of a trend in the region over the past decade. It has only been in the last several years, however, that locals have become accustomed to large numbers of *Cardiocrinum giganteum*, the Giant Himalayan Lily, and, as we enter a new phase in the plant's life cycle, residents of the Little Uplands are particularly anxious to know how it will integrate into our town.

As no record of the human introduction of *Cardiocrinum giganteum* plants in the area has been found, the leading theory is that they first arrived in the fur of Himalayan Tahr. Whatever the story of their initial arrival, lilies can now be found throughout Dregs proper and surrounds. They have particularly flourished in the Little Uplands, where they can be found towering on average 2 metres high on green verges across the suburb. The large numbers of plants in the area have raised suspicions of a deliberate seed bombing some years ago.

A late bloomer, taking up to seven years to flower, the development of flower buds has been noted by residents of the suburb, who have expressed both excitement and trepidation about future developments. While a number of residents are set to welcome the blooms, hosting viewing parties across the suburb, some have expressed caution about the looming arrival of the plant's seed pods, both on account of their fearsome appearance and abundant fertility.

Dying after it flowers, the *Cardiocrinum giganteum* releases thousands of seeds before retiring into ornamental pods, as will soon be visible throughout the region to unknown effect.

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