



The BNIX Secret Garden

A networking tale

Once upon a time, in a small kingdom called Belgium, there was a very special garden.

It was not a garden of roses or tulips.

It was a garden of networks, connections and peering.

And at the heart of this garden lived a rather unusual character.

His name was BNIX.

BNIX was curious.

He wanted to know who was connected to whom, where the traffic was going, and – most importantly – why some

networks still insisted on taking the long way around.

For many years, the garden had a secret gate.

Only a few brave network operators knew how to open it.

But then, one day, something wonderful happened.

More and more networks discovered the gate.

They came from Internet service providers, content networks, cloud platforms, businesses and public organisations.

And they all had the same question:

“Would you like to peer?”

BGPX was delighted.

So it built more paths through the garden.

And then came the Route Servers.

They were rather clever little characters.

They didn't carry the traffic themselves.

Oh no.

They simply stood at the crossroads and said:

“If you’re looking for that network, it’s over there.”

And suddenly, everyone could find everyone else much more easily.

The garden began to flourish.

Traffic started flowing through its paths – sometimes quietly, sometimes at rather impressive speeds.

Gigabits came and went.

Networks exchanged routes.

Peering relationships multiplied.

And BNL realised something very important:

The magic of the garden was not in the flowers.

It was in the connections between them.

Thirty years later, the little garden has grown into a remarkable ecosystem.

New networks continue to arrive.

New connections are made.

New routes are discovered.

And the garden keeps growing.

But there is one secret that BNL has never forgotten:

A network on its own is just a network.

A network that peers becomes part of something bigger.

So tonight, as we enter the BNLX Secret Garden, let's celebrate the people, the networks and the connections that make this ecosystem thrive.

Because behind every route there is a network.

Behind every peering session there is a relationship.

And behind every relationship...

there is usually someone who eventually says:

"So... shall we peer?"

Welcome to the BNLX Secret Garden.

And remember:

The gate is open. The routes are there.

Now... go and make some connections.