

A Green Thumb's Desert Bloom

It was a sunny summer day near B'Haddu and, while most Xeros were taking it easy and relaxing in the shade with a drink, Akira was geared up to spend the entire day outside. With some shovels, dirt, and some seeds, she was planning to do some very long overdue gardening. The middle of summer may not seem to be the best time to grow plants, but since she was in the Kubai Desert, she had decided to try growing some cacti around her cave, since she felt the outside could use some nicer decoration. As she started methodically digging some holes to plant some dirt, Akira had thought about maybe making her place look a little nicer, as she just recently met another Xero and they were really starting to hit it off so far, and she didn't want an eventual meetup to end up just being inside of her semi-cluttered cave. No, she wanted everything to be nice and tidy on the inside and out, which was why she had done some spring cleaning earlier, and was now getting to planting some desert plants for the exterior.

Once all the little little plots of dirt were set up, Akira began to gently plant the seeds into the ground and made sure all the cacti and other succulents were in just the right spots so when they would grow out, they would look beautiful around the cave. It had taken all day to plant all of the seeds, and it was starting to get dark. Akira began to put away all of her gardening tools and got ready to rest after a long day of cleaning and planting. Over the next days and weeks Arika made sure to care for each of the little plants with extreme care and caution, and her efforts were soon rewarded as little cactus sprouts began to emerge.

That night, there was a knock at Akira's door. She wasn't used to people even bothering coming that far to visit so the knock had startled her a bit. "Uhhh yeah? Come in I guess?" she said, a little confused. "Ah sorry I didn't mean to scare you, I just noticed you getting some gardening stuff and I wanted to see how that was coming along" the other Xero said nervously. "Uhhhh its going... great??? Though I don't really see why you came out all the way here." Akira said also a little nervously. "Ah it's just I uhh really liked that show you did, and you were really nice to me that one time I was working, I just really wanted to see you again haha." the other xero said, blushing now. The two of them began to converse some more. "Can't say I can really complain, say what's your name by the by, I'm Akira." "Oh I'm Merlot, it's really nice to get to know you." They both were blushing a little now, and Akira shyly said "Uhm uhh, since you're here do you wanna... help me take care of the garden?" "I would love that, yeah.", Merlot replied. With shovels and watering cans in hand, both of them took to watering the cacti, and two of them had begun to bloom.