

Fatima Comes To Town

(Vern is toiling away in their garden, and thankfully, the fruits of their labor have begun to pay off! Colors other than green and brown have begun to restore their Grandma's garden to its former glory. Vern was pretty in the zone while pulling up weeds, so they hardly noticed the rustling in the grass from afar.)

Vern

***Groans* I told Damaria that I didn't need her help, that I would build more character doing it on my own....*Groans louder* Yeah right! I should have my head examined, when the hell did I become so noble?!**

(Giggles and rustles from behind some bushes caught Vern's attention.)

Vern

***Shouts aggressively* Come out and show yourself! With your hands up!**

(A petite, almost ethereal looking young woman emerged from the bushes slowly. She looked like she was on the verge of tears. Vern immediately felt guilty, but they were still cautious of the stranger.)

Vern

***Apologetic but still cautious* Sorry that I scared you, but what are you doing on my property? I don't recognize you from town either.**

Fatima

***Meek and flustered* I'm so sorry! I shouldn't have been spying on you! That was really rude of me! Please don't hate me!**

Vern

Whoa, calm down, sis. I can't hate you. I don't even know you, but I could if you told me.

Fatima

***Slightly calmer* O-oh yes! U-um, my name is Fatima. I just arrived to town a little while ago.**

Vern

Am I weird for thinking she looked cute when she was spazzing a moment ago? I mean....she almost looks like a life size version of the little fairies that I see sometimes.

Fatima

Flustered U-uh e-excuse me? W-wh-why are you staring at me like that?!

Vern

Crap! Hopefully, I didn't look like some lovesick puppy! ***Embarrassed*** I'm sorry about that! You just look like someone I know! ***Composed*** Anyway, my name is Vern and welcome to Flora Hollow!

Fatima

Calm Oh well, thank you. I'm sorry again for startling. I-it's just that on my way from the bus, I-I couldn't help notice your garden. It's really pretty!

Vern

Bashful Oh jeez, thanks! I still have a lot of work to do, though.

Fatima

I did notice the overgrowth, but as hard you're working I'm sure you make the garden even more beautiful!

Vern

T-th-thanks...*Damn! I hope I'm not blushing.*

Fatima

Bashful I-if y-you don't mind, I could help you. I'm p-pretty good at gardening, too, so I could teach you a thing or two...

Vern

Surprised Oh wow! That'd be nice, thanks!

Fatima

Cheerful Really? Thank you so much! I'm gonna go get settled in town first, but if you chat and....***Bashful*** y-you know garden, um, just let me know.

Vern

Grateful Thanks, I will! And I'm sure you're gonna love it here in Flora Hollow.

Fatima

I'm sure I will! Okay, I'll see you later!

(Fatima and Vern wave goodbye, both of them thankful for such a pleasant encounter. Life in Flora Hollow just got a bit more interesting!)