**FUNNY INSERTS GO BRRRRR**

1. Howdy.
2. Hmm… (thinking)
3. WISTFUL SIGH
4. Er..
5. Nervous laugh (heh-heh…)
6. Mhm?
7. Aw, shucks.
8. Aw nah.
9. Glad to have ya!
10. Good one.
11. Fair 'nough.
12. Getting late…
13. Aw… (when he is sad but filled with love)
14. Yer Right.
15. Thanks, Pardner.

**1.''Cactus''**

//Expression: Neutral//

***Howdy. The name’s Cactus. //Carnegiea gigantea// cactus.***

**2.''Cactus''**

//Expression: Neutral//

***Been a while since we've gotten a new shipment of plants like you.***

**3.''Cactus''**

//Expression: neutral//

***If you've got questions for me 'bout how things work 'round here, by all means feel free to ask.***

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Happy//

Well you're talkin' to a bona-fide Souther Saguaro. Texas born and raised.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Happy//

A good while!

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Normal//

Bit unusual to see among all these flowers and succulents, I know, but I made the choice to move up all the way here.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Neutral//

Sometimes though I sure do miss the feelin' of that warm Texas sun...

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Neutral//

'Specially when you're on the windowsill with all your loved ones... it really warms my spines.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Worried//

Er, Not like them human spines if that's what you're thinkin' of.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Neutral//

More like my spikes 'n all. They're called spines.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Neutral//

...

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Neutral//

I moved here back durin' the summer of last year. Feels like ages ago.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Happy//

But I promise I'm not that old! You can probably tell how old I am just by lookin' at me.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Neutral//

But you can just call me Cactus.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Worried //

Er, well. Maybe it's not as obvious to folks up here.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Worried//

Compared to like. Y'know. Home.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Neutral//

Sorry. I'm not exactly the best at this... small talk thing. You'd probably do better talkin' to the others if you wanna strike up a conversation. Day's still young.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Surprise//

... Really?

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Surprise//

Huh. First time for everything I guess.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Worried //

Yeah.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Neutral//

...

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Worried //

It's not like you're weird or anything though!

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Happy//

I sure do!

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Neutral//

I've got my Ma and Pa in Texas, but the extended family's real spread out.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Happy//

We got Grandmama Old Lady Hardee and her side of the family in a fancy plant nursery in Arizona, Great-Aunt Opuntia in New Mexico, Uncle Fishhook up in Colorado...

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Neutral//

...

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Worried //

…

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Neutral//

Just... never really got the chance to hang out with the other flowers here.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Happy//

Save for Rose and Sunflower, heh! Those two are lovely flora.

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Neutral//

Speakin' of which, have you met them yet? You really should!

**''Cactus''**

//Expression: Happy//

Aw, nah! Don't worry 'bout me, bud. I'll always be round for a conversation or two. Go meet up with the others.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

Looking around, you spot Rose and Cactus near the other succulents. They seem to be practicing something, though by the sounds of it, it's not going great...

\*\*Narrator\*\*

Meanwhile, out of the corner of your vision, you see (and hear) a very, //very// loud commotion. Is- Is that Sunflower and Mushroom?

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Well I hope that gets all figured out.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Anyways, I did wanna ask you somethin'.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Would'ya be interested in me takin' you round the shop and showin' you the ropes?

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

N-Not like a date or anythin' though! Just two sprouts hanging out.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Aw, shucks! Thanks for takin' me up on my offer! I promise I won't disappoint.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

Eh-heh... Fair 'nough.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

How 'bout you pick where to go next, Chrys?

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Sure, sure! I can show you 'round where I live!

**CACTUS**

//Expression:Surprised//

Oh, them blueblood roses with the gold in their petals?

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Surprised//

The moss, eh?

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worries//

...They don't like me much... so I'd rather not.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

So, where to next?

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

Plus, some of 'em are half a brick short of a load, if you get what I'm sayin'.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Follow me!

\*\*Narrator\*\*

You somehow make it across the store to the succulents. God, scooting your pot is hard work.

(Fade to:)

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Well, welcome to my place, glad to have ya!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

It's a nice lil shelf tucked away from the hustle n' bustle of city life.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Go ahead n' make yourself at home.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Oh yes indeed!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

It sure is.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Most of 'em only stay in the store for a week at most, though, unlike me.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

People here seem to love 'em.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Surprised//

Almost as if there's some hip colleges nearby with a taste for trendy plants...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Surprise//

Being out here all by myself makes me realize how big this world really is.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

He-heh, yeah. Lucky me!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Haha! Fair 'nough. Maybe being trendy ain't worth it. And I swear I'm not \*that\* old, Chrys!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

But who knows? Not me!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Though I did leave home early. I'm probably just as old as Sunflower, even if it doesn't seem it.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

Yeah... It's not exactly what I thought it'd be like, sometimes.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

He-heh... If I'm being honest, sometimes it does.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

But it's like what my Ma always said: "Can't Never Should."

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

So if I want something, I just gotta set my mind on it and I'll get it eventually!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

Yeah…

**CACTUS**

//Expression: HAPPY//

But enough 'bout me! Tell me 'bout yourself Chrys!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

It's easy to get homesick here, especially when you're new to city life.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

You happily filled Cactus in on your entire life story up until this point, down to the last detail.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: HAPPY//

Wow, Chrys! Thanks for sharing that!

\*\*Narrator\*\*

You spent 20 minutes recounting the best joke you've ever heard. Cactus listens intently. He laughs. He cries. He has never been this touched in his entire life.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

I was wonderin' though, Chrys.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

This might sound strange, and I apologise...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Surprised//

Do ya ever notice little things in your life that remind you of home?

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

So don't go 'round calling me "mister," or else the newer buds will get the wrong idea.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

Cactus snorts. Somehow, against all odds and the laws of nature itself, he can do that.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

It can get lonely though, being here for so long.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

I do like your sense of humor Chrys! Funnier than a barrel of monkeys!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

Well it's a bit hard to explain...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

It's kinda like... how you pick up habits from others you care about.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

For example, I picked up all my sayin's from my ma and pa, and the fertilizer I use is my Grandmama's recipe!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Or sometimes it's the habits from a different place.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Like wakin' up at 6 in the morning to a rooster's call, even if the bird ain't here anymore.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Does that sorta make sense?

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

I sing songs from Ratatouille since Sunflower showed me that musical, and I've learned (insert thing about rose).

\*\*Narrator\*\*

Cactus shows you around, giving you a pretty detailed tour on daily life here. There's quite a bit of hustle and bustle in the flower shop, though that may be because tomorrow's Valentine's Day.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

Time passes. Near the end of his tour, Cactus turns to face you.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Hmm. Only a few places left...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Surprised//

But I dunno... There's not much I'm a part of here.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

Oh! He-heh... Sorry for talkin' your ear off for something silly like that then.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Glad you get it. Makes feel a bit less like a stranger here.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

It's gettin' late, isn't it...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

But it's not like that stuff hasn't happened here as well either!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Sorry for keepin' ya for so long. You must be exhausted after today.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Here, I'll walk you back home.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

You and Cactus scoot your way back to your place. He gives you a tip of his hat, a winning smile, and says goodnight before leaving.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

Compared to Rose and Sunflower, well... I don't take part in much since I'm not invited to much. None of them fancy hang-outs, plant raves...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

I said what I said.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Surprised//

But I've been in this shop for so long and I barely know anyone unlike back home...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

He-heh. Thanks for that, Chrys.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

Sorry to wear ya' down with that.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

I'll keep thinkin' on it. In the meantime, is there anythin' you'd like to do? We could watch a movie or somethin'.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Boy howdy! Alright then, I'll let you pick the flick.

\*\*Narration\*\*

You ended up watching The Lego Movie. It wasn't your idea of a romance film, but it was a good film nonetheless.

\*\*Narration\*\*

You ended up watching The Lego Movie. It wasn't your idea of a horror film, but it was a good film nonetheless.

\*\*Narration\*\*

You ended up watching Drive (2011). It wasn't your idea of a comedy film, but it was a good film nonetheless. Truly the peak of kino.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

It's late by the time the credits roll onto the screen. While you're yawning, Cactus turns to you.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Sorry for keepin' ya for so long. You must be exhausted after today.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Here, I'll walk you back home.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

You and Cactus scoot your way back to your place. Before you scoot inside, Cactus speaks.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Thanks again for everythin', Chrys!

//tIME FOR THE ENDINGS FUCK

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

Apologies again for everythin' I said earlier. Hopefully it wasn't too offputting.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

I'll keep what ya said in mind and sit on it. In the meantime, let's hit the hay!

\*\*Narrator\*\*

He gives you a tip of his hat, a winning smile, and says goodnight before leaving.

\*\*CHRYS\*\*

So chin up, Cactus. If you can't find a place of your own, make one yourself and go from there.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Sad//

...Chrys...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Surprised//

…

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

But I digress.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

I moved here thinkin' I could make it big in the arboretum here and make my momma proud...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

It feels like I'm better off going back home to Texas. Maybe I wasn't made for the city.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Sad//

You have no right bein' this nice to me.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Blush//

But yer right. I can't keep feelin' sorry for myself like this.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

In fact, yer right about all that talk on carvin' a place out for myself n all that!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

I already have one don't i!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

With Rose, Sunflower...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

...and you.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Thank you for this, Chrys.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

Sorry to throw this all out at ya...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

But thank you for listenin'.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

I think I know what I need to do.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

In the meantime, is there anythin' you'd like to do? We could watch a movie or somethin'.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

We can definitely do that! Hope ya don't mind the dark!

\*\*Narrator\*\*

You both make your way down to the depths of the flower shop, to a corner where the walls meet the tile floor.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

And here we are! Moss central!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

It may not seem like much at first, but it's got charming residents.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Surprised//

I do wonder where that Mushroom fella ran off to...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

He was with Sunflower earlier, right?

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

I reckon he's still gettin' chewed out by Miss Rose, then.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Surprised//

Aw, wait a moment!

\*\*Narrator\*\*

Cactus seems to pick something up off the floor.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Looks he left a lil' note!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

He-heh. He might seem rough 'round the edges, but Mushroom really is a \*fun guy.\*

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Get it?

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

...

**CACTUS**

//Expression://

...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

\*\*Narration\*\*

Cactus seems flustered.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

He-heh... Sorry 'bout that. Not my best joke.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

A-anyway! Accordin' to Sunflower, there's loads to do here if you're interested.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

There's some darn good underground beats here when it comes to music, and the art here is amazing...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Or if yer just too tuckered out, we could always just sit and watch the moss grow!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Surprise//

The moss, huh?

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

I dunno much 'bout the art scene here, but I've heard it's pretty unique!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

The music scene, huh? You'll love it!

\*\*Narrator\*\*

You and Cactus decide to go and vibe with the underground scene, watching a band of moss and fungi alike play a jammin' song. You don't say much to each other, but share in the vibes together.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

So, how ya feelin'?

\*\*Narrator\*\*

The vibes truly are immaculate. After some time passes and you feel all vibed out, Cactus takes you over near the moss to chill.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Thanks for comin' along with me Chrys! I don't usually do these kinds of things, but a slower change of pace is always nice.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

You and Cactus make your way to an art gallery nearby.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

The pieces you see when you get there are pretty eclectic.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

A lot of this seems to be a mix of street art and classical art meshed into one. It's honestly quite interesting, and although you and Cactus don't talk much while you walk through the exhibit, you feel like soaking in the fine arts has brought you two closer.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

A lot of this seems to be a mix of street art and classical art meshed into one. It's honestly quite interesting, and you and Cactus spend a good amount of time in the gallery.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

Afterwards, you and Cactus decide to go sit next to the moss and relax.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

Sprouts and buds up here are always hustlin' and bustlin' from place to place, and it's easy to get so swept up in it all.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Back at home, life was busy in a different way, but there was always time for a smile or a break to talk with others.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

Guess I'm just missin' that Southern hospitality, is all.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

But that ain't a big deal!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Anyways!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

Yeah, I'm all good. Just thinking 'bout something.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

Was it that obvious?

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

It's getting pretty darn late though, and we got a big day tomorrow. We should probably head back.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Interestin' choice, Chrys! We can definitely go there.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

You and Cactus make your way to the piles of moss and find a nice place to just sit.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

A gentle breeze from the AC blows your way and the quiet hum of the fridge nearby fills the air. It's nice.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

So nice, in fact, that you begin to doze off...

\*\*Narrator\*\*

... only to wake up a good while later. You look over at Cactus and see him lost in thought, but when you begin to stretch he snaps out of it.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Surprise//

Sorry fer wakin' you up, Chrys... you looked pretty darn peaceful.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Glad you're awake though. It's getting pretty darn late and we got a big day tomorrow!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

We should go ahead n' head on back for the night.

\*\*CHRYS\*\*

Tomorrow's Valentine's Day, after all.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Surprise//

Did I?

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

Yup. Valentine's Day...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

Well, my ma always said I had an easy face to read!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

...Yeah. I've been feelin' kinda homesick lately.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Here, I'll walk you back to your place.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

You and Cactus scoot your way back to your place. Before you scoot inside, Cactus turns to you to speak.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

***Thanks for lettin' me show you 'round the place, Chrys. Hope you enjoyed it as much as I have!***

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

***Rest up, alright? Hopefully I'll see you tomorrow.***

\*\*Narrator\*\*

He gives you a tip of his hat, a winning smile, and a wave goodbye before leaving.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Sure I got Sunflower and Rose to talk to, and they try to make me feel better 'bout it all...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

...but all the other flora seem wary of me and my spikes, sayin' "it's not appropriate for the flower shop to have me here."

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

I promise, I'm a big softie...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

But to them, I'm just a prickly pear.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

Cactus takes a moment to collect himself.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Sorry 'bout that. I uh. I dunno how to feel 'bout all this. Maybe it is better that I head on back home.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

I haven't really been able to fit in with the other flowers n' sprouts in town...

\*\*CHRYS\*\*

With how big it all is, you're bound to find a place to fit in! Plus, maybe the other plants just need more time to get used to you.

\*\*CHRYS\*\*

Sunflower, Rose... They care about you. It sounds cliche and all, but it doesn't matter what the others say when they're there for you no matter what.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

He-heh... Maybe you're right.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

I've been here for a while already, but maybe things will look up soon!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

I'll sit on it for a 'lil. Give this a bit more thought 'n all.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Thank you for listening, Chrys. I think I'll figure it out.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Surprised//

...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Sad//

...Chrys…

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Sad//

You have no right bein' this nice to me.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Thank you fer that... I'll think about what you've said.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

In fact, I feel a bit silly now.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Goin' back home is still somethin' I'm considering, but thank you for remindin' me that there's also lovely folks here that care 'bout me...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

...like you!

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

It'll still be hard to deal with all the others, but I'll try my best.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

Thank you fer that.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

You and Cactus spend the last moments of the day sitting together and watching the moss grow.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

Time passes.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

It's gettin' pretty darn late, isn't it?

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

We've got a big day tomorrow. Let's go ahead and head back for the night.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

With morning comes love in the air!

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\*\*Narrator\*\*

While the shop prepares for the horde of shoppers buying flowers for their beloved, you decide to go and talk to your potential beloved. That is, that special someone who hopefully feels the same in return.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

You make your way up to where the succulents stay.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

There you spot Cactus, looking his Sunday best. You make your way over to him.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

***Oh, Chrys! Didn't see ya there. Are you ready for today?***

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

***It's gonna be a busy one alright. Hopefully you and both get picked up soon!***

\*\*CHRYS\*\*

Cactus, there's something I want to ask you...

\*\*CHRYS\*\*

I really liked spending time with you yesterday... and I was wondering if you wanted to do that more often. As romantic partners.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral//

...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

...

CACTUS

//Expression: + Flower//

...

**CACTUS**

//Expression: + Flower//

***ME?***

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy + Flower//

***Haha! Of 'course, Chrys! I'd love to go out with you again!***

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral + Flower//

***I can show you some other places 'round these here parts that are of interest.***

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Surprised//

***I've realized... That I'll stay here for a bit longer.***

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Worried //

***Even though I still miss the Texas sun from time to time, I'm willing to give this city another shot.***

**CACTUS**

//Expression: happy//

***Plus, I've got you, Rose, and Sunflower to count on! Y'all have been lifting me up this whole time, so it's high time I stopped mopin' and do the same for y'all!***

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Blush//

***Maybe now I can finally teach Rose some actual Southern sayin's instead of the ones she found...***

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy//

***...But that's a thought for later. Fer now, I'll focus on today!***

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Neutral + Flower//

***... and thank you again for listenin' to my woes and fer puttin' your faith in a cactus like me***.

**CACTUS**

//Expression: Happy + Flower//

***Let's go out again soon!***

\*\*Narrator\*\*

And so, Valentine's Day came to an end.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

By the end of the day neither you nor Cactus were bought, but that was okay.

Y'all had your good friends... a familiar home...

...and a little space in the big city carved out for each other.

[END: Home Is Where the Heart Is]

\*\*Narrator\*\*

While the shop prepares for the horde of shoppers buying flowers for their beloved, you decide to go and talk to your potential beloved. That is, that special someone who hopefully feels the same in return.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

You make your way up to where the succulents stay.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

But instead of seeing Cactus at his usual spot, all you see is a note with your name on it, among others.

**\*\*CACTUS (letter)\*\***

*Dear Chrys, (echoey voice oooooh)*

**\*\*CACTUS (letter)\*\***

*By the time you read this I'll be halfway cross this grand ol' country of ours.*

**\*\*CACTUS (letter)\*\***

*After our talk I spent a lot of time thinkin' and realized... I feel like I just don't belong here compared to back home in Texas. Bein' here just made me bitter at others, even if they were tryin' to help.*

**\*\*CACTUS (letter)\*\***

*So I've decided to move back for the time being. Maybe one day we'll see each other again.*

**\*\*CACTUS (letter)\*\***

*Thank you for everything, and I wish you luck today.*

**\*\*CACTUS (letter)\*\***

*Warm Regards,*

*Cactus*

(fade to black)

\*\*Narrator\*\*

Valentine's Day passes by in a blur.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

You're one of the lucky sprouts to be bought, along with Rose and Sunflower.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

The days fly by at your new home, until one day...

\*\*Narrator\*\*

On a cloudy morning you wake to see the daily mail next to your pot. Something familiar lays on top.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

In your leaves you hold a postcard from Texas. The photo has a variety of cacti smiling back at you.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

And although you no longer have feelings for your first love, something tugs at your heart.

\*\*Narrator\*\*

For a second, the clouds part, letting the sun peek through. You face the bright rays streaking in through the window...

...and just for a moment, you can perfectly picture the warm Texas sun shining down on your face.

[BAD END: Texas-Bound]