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Flower Impact Assignment

My initial idea for my flower impact assignment was to give my Calibrachoa to my girlfriend. I quite often buy her flowers, so this seemed like the logical thing to do with my new flower. So I brought it to her and she was happy to receive them, though a little nervous about the additional responsibility of *watering* the plants (I’ve never given her a potted flower).

Still, she took the flowers gratefully and set them outside on her doorstep. Over the next few days, we managed to remember to water the flowers, and she even received a few compliments on her new porch ornament. But this was not to be the ultimate destiny of these Calibrachoa.

My girlfriend’s neighbor is an old friend of the family’s (my girlfriend is currently living at home with her parents). But in recent years, that friendship has dwindled, for subtle, unknown reasons that can be common with long-time neighbors. Whatever the reasons, the communication of late between the neighbors has only been minimal acknowledgements and small talk when necessary.

But one critical detail is that my girlfriend’s family’s neighbor is an avid gardener. She has flowers and fruit trees and vegetables and herbs. It is a hobby she has had for the entire time my girlfriend’s family has known her.

This fact is relevant because one day shortly after I delivered the Calibrachoa, my girlfriend and I happened to step outside the door at the same time her neighbor was out gardening. We waved, and she waved back, and then she asked us about the new flowers. She said she liked it a lot, and she wondered what our idea was for its permanent location (a plastic flowerpot is somewhat lacking in aesthetic value). My girlfriend honestly stated she had no idea and that tending for flowers was not a usual part of her routine. To this, her neighbor suggested a number of options, as this was her expertise.

Our favorite option was to plant the flowers alongside the front lawn, where it could be seen by passersby, and it would help fill the bare strip of ground between that lawn and the neighbor’s beautiful flowers. We thanked her for her advice, and said we would plant the flowers as soon as we could get ahold of the proper equipment. To this, the neighbor replied that she would be happy to help us plant it! Since we were not busy at that moment and the neighbor was already tending the plants we decided to put the flowers in the ground right then and there. We rolled up our sleeve and pant legs, carried the Calibrachoa over, and kneeled down