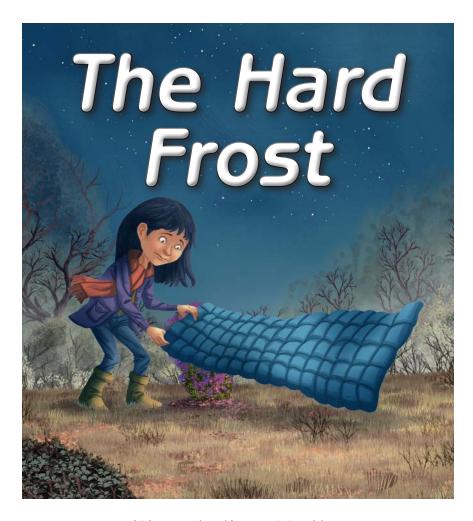


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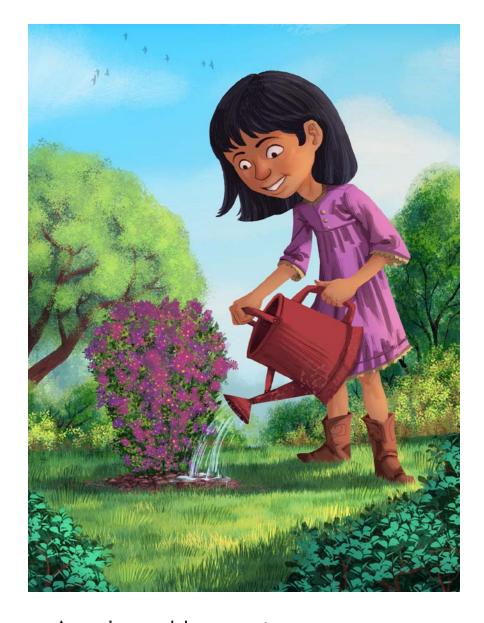


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Focus Question

How does Ava care for her asters?

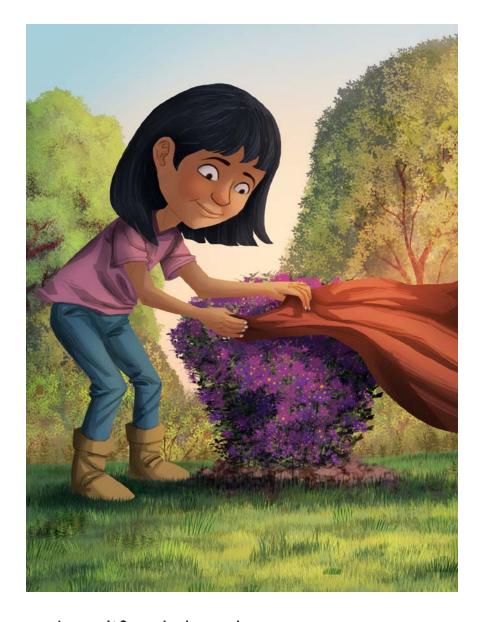


Ava loved her asters.

In August they began to bloom, bright and beautiful.

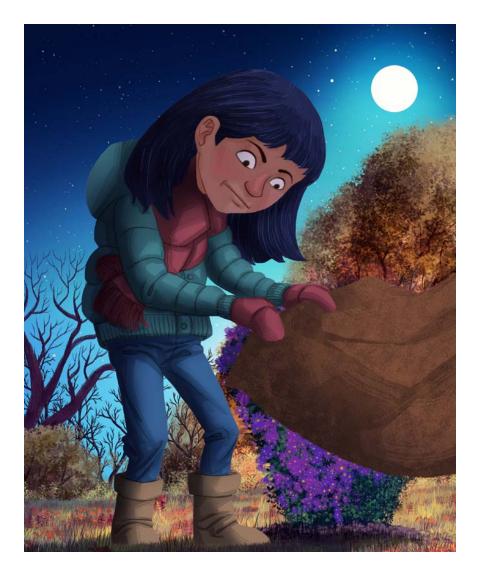


The air turned colder in September.
Some nights, she covered her flowers with a sheet.



Ava lifted the sheet the next morning.

She let her asters see the sun.



The air turned colder in October.

Many nights, she covered her flowers with a towel.



Ava lifted the towel the next morning.

She let her asters see the sun.



The air turned colder in November.

Every night, she covered her flowers with a blanket.



Ava lifted the blanket the next morning.

She let her asters see the sun.



One night, though, a hard frost came.

When Ava lifted the blanket, her asters looked as if they were dead.



Ava waited through the winter. The asters lay under the snow and ice for months.



In the spring, Ava cleared away the dead leaves.
She let her asters see the sun.

Words to Know

asters cleared

blanket frost

bloom towel

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Connections

Writing and Art

What is something you take care of?
Draw a picture and write about how you care for it.

Math

Make a chart of the four seasons.
List the months of the year that are in each season.

