

Reflections on *Seedfolks*

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Analyzing a Quote From Sae Young

"Feel part of the garden, almost like family" [p. 50]

This pull quote is from the end of the chapter on Sae Young. When Sae Young got the funnels to make watering the garden easier. People started using them. She was thinking to herself as she watched people using her funnels. In my words, it is, "I feel part of the garden and I feel like I can make a difference".

This quote is a turning point in Sae Young's life. Before the quote, she was afraid to go out in public for two months after someone stole her money and injured her. Then she started working in the garden, feeling less afraid, and then she bought the funnels. After she realized she felt part of the garden, she was more confident about being around people.

This quote matters because it means people can feel part of the community, even if they're from different cultures and have different personalities. Even in the city, people can feel like family. It also matters because it shows how a small contribution can make someone really happy.



Comparing and Contrasting Sae Young and Ana

Sae Young and Ana are different and similar in many ways, although they both are involved in garden. They are older women living in the city of Cleveland, Ohio. Sae Young was married, but then her husband died. Ana was never married. Because of Ana's heath, she could not plant anything; Sae Young could use her hands well and she planted hot peppers. Ana and Sae Young both assumed that most people were not nice. Ana assumed Kim was burying guns or drugs and Sae Young who was robbed and beaten, would not come out of her apartment for two months, assuming someone would hurt her again. Both of them realized they were wrong. Another thing that makes them different is that they were from different cultures, Sae Young is Korean and Ana is Rumanian. One of their biggest similarities is they both play a big role in the garden.

What I Admire About Ana, the Pateint One

What I admire about Ana is how she didn't call the police when she thought Kim was burying drugs or guns. Instead she chose to get herself involved. If I were her I would have called the police, and not get involved with the law. But if Ana had not gotten involved no one would be planting. If she did call the police they would have found the beans and Ana would be embarrassed. I also Admire how much patience Ana must have to sit and watch the neighborhood all day. I would get very bored looking out a window all day. I admire Ana's patience and how she was willing to get involved.