

# Reflections on *Seedfolks*

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## Analyzing a Quote from Curtis

"As still as a cat, behind that lace curtain, there was her face, staring down at the sign."  
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In this pull quote Curtis is speaking about Lateesha to the reader. Lateesha is his ex girlfriend. She stopped going out with him because he had a great body and other girls kept on checking him out and he couldn't shake them off. Curtis is in the garden tending his tomatoes. The sign says "Lateeshas tomatoes." "Her" is Lateesha. She is in her apartment window.

What does this quote mean? I think Curtis could get Lateesha back. I think this because she was looking out the window at the sign, and up to this point Curtis doesn't know if she has seen his effort. That would be a significant development because that is why he went to the garden in the first place. I think it would be great if he did get her back.

What does it matter? It matters a whole lot. Curtis is giving up his great body, that he has worked out to build for years, for Lateesha. That's a big sacrifice for Curtis, that's his whole life. I know how this feels. When I am invited to something I usually can't because I have something about dance going on. I sacrificed social time for dance just as he sacrificed his body for Lateesha. I really hope he gets her back.

## Comparing and Contrasting Maricela and Curtis

In many ways Maricela and Curtis are very similar and in other ways they are totally different. Maricella is a sixteen year old girl who is pregnant. She said that she was very "hot" before all of this happened. Every boy wanted to date her, but now no one did. Maricella is in the garden because she needs to learn to appreciate life. She is growing radishes and squash.

Curtis is a totally different person but he's also the same in some ways. Curtis has been dumped by his girlfriend, Lateesha, and is participating in the garden to try and get her back. Curtis is just growing tomatoes, Lateesha's favorite. Curtis is definitely gaining friends at the garden. They are encouraging him to get Lateesha back. He also had a great body, but stopped working out to show Lateesha that he would sacrifice anything for her. Maricella and Curtis have their differences, but they also have their similarities.

## Curtis, From "Ceps" to "Tomato"

What admire about Curtis is that he is willing to give up his narcissistic focus on his body for Lateesha, a girl he really cared about. Once he really got into the garden he gave up his nickname "Ceps" for a garden name "Tomato". He is very hopeful that he will get Lateesha back. He is very determined to succeed. He really cared about her and would do anything, at any cost, to get her back.

