

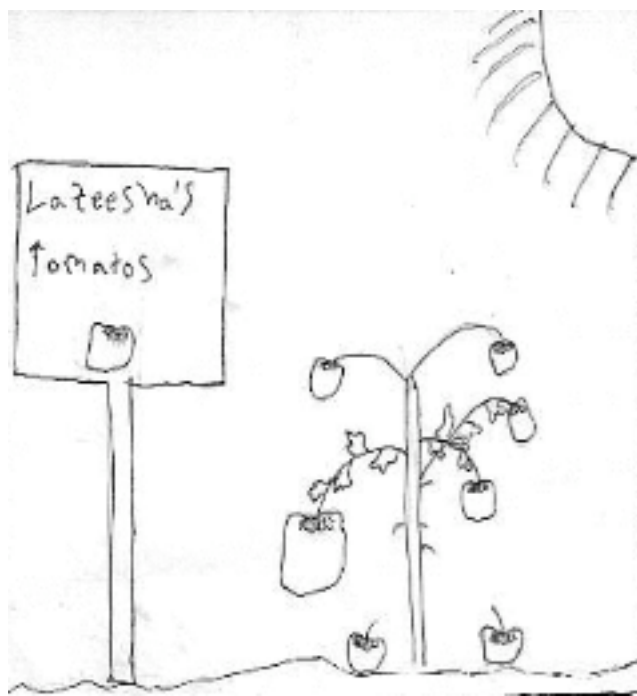
Reflections on *Seedfolks*

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Comparing and Contrasting Gonzalo and Maricela

Both Gonzalo and Maricela are from Central America. Neither of them chose to work in the garden in the first place. They're both teenagers, but Maricela dropped out of high school because she was pregnant. They both have two parents, but Gonzalo has two brothers and a great uncle. Maricela works in the garden because she's in a group for pregnant teens with two other girls and a teacher. She doesn't like working in garden at first, but then there was a power outage and Leona helped her realize that she didn't want her baby to die. Gonzalo didn't really gain anything himself, but he did get to spend quality time with his great uncle. He also learned how to garden.

They both achieved the knowledge of gardening. They are similar and different in different ways. Like their county of origin. They are the same age but ones a girl and ones a boy.



Analyzing a Quote From Maricela

"If you're Mexican the Cubans and the Puerto Ricans hate you because they think you snuck in illegally, and they didn't. If you're a teenager the whole world hates you. If you're a pregnant teenager everybody thinks that you should be burned at the stake. I'm a Mexican pregnant sixteen-year-old, so shoot me and get it over with." (p.66)

She thinks everybody hates her because she's Mexican, pregnant, and a teenager. It says that since she's Mexican, the Cubans and the Puerto Ricans think that you snuck in illegally and they didn't. It also says that she would not mind if somebody shot her, infact she would be pleased.

It means that she is having trouble in life so far. I feel bad for her because nobody likes her anymore. She has a very low self esteem. because ever since she was pregnant nobody invited her to any parties and she lost all her friends and her boyfriend left her and the baby.

Some people in real life have the same problems as Maricela. No body likes her except her parents and she feels lonely. The garden and Leona help Maricela move on in life and see the beauty in her baby and life. I don't think she did anything bad at all and she shouldn't be burned at the stake but her boyfriend should because he just left her.

I Admire Leona, the Persistent One

I admire Leona for being so persistent about getting the garbage out the garden lot. Right when she saw all the junk in the garden, she went home and called twenty different people to see if they owned the city, and then when she found out who could clean it up she went over to them immediately. When she came to the health people who helped take care of the state, she brought a stinky garbage bag with her. It worked they cleaned all the garbage out!