The Garden

Nancy decided one day that she wanted to grow a garden. She lived in an apartment, though, so she was not quite sure how she might do this. Nancy stood at her bedroom window and looked longingly out into the courtyard that was formed by the two L-shaped buildings of the apartment complex. Then suddenly she had an idea.

Nancy went to the superintendent of her building. She asked if the patch of dirt in the center of the courtyard was being used for any purpose. Mr. Hernandez informed Nancy that in the decade since he had begun managing the buildings, nothing had ever been done to that area. With Mr. Hernandez’s assistance, Nancy got permission from the landlord to start a garden. The landlord told her that as long as she took care of whatever she planted, she was free to plant anything she liked.

Nancy arranged a family meeting that night. She gave each of her sisters an assignment. One sister went to the library and borrowed books on growing flowers and vegetables. Another sister e-mailed their grandmother on the Internet, asking her how to grow tomatoes. The third sister accompanied Nancy to a store where they purchased seeds for flowers and vegetables.

A few months later, Nancy and her family were eating tomatoes from the courtyard garden. And a vase of fresh asters looked gorgeous in the center of the table.

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