

Best student reflection

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Plant type: Roselle



Student reflection

This is Rosè. No, she is not a rose plant but a roselle.

When I first got her, she was a mere seed. One of six. I planted her and her siblings (seed...lings) and waited...

And waited... And waited...

10 days later, when I was about to lose hope, she sprouted. When I got home that same day, her seed leaves had unfurled. I watered her daily and boy was she thirsty. I was so proud of her two leaves... until I learned from my friends that their plants had many more leaves.

I didn't know how to help Rose until seeing my disappointment, my grandmother advised me to move her to a sunnier spot.

Grandma was right! Within days, Rosè sprouted new leaves and looked healthier.

Then came our next misadventure. When my grandfather reminded me to loosen the soil to prevent dengue mozzies from breeding, I accidentally hit her stem with my spade. There was deep cut at the bottom of her stem.

There were a few days when we wondered if she would survive but Rosè grew despite the cut.

The scar remains till today to show both of us to never lose hope.

She is now a strong plant and is showing shades of red. I cannot wait to see the first flower and watch it turn into a fruit.

I will keep the first seeds to grow Rosè2.0 but plan on making a drink out of the rest.

I am so happy that while making food for herself, she provides me with oxygen, and she can turn sunlight to food. This is why plants like her are ssssooooooo important to our environment.

I am looking forward to many more years with Rose.