

MODERN EDEN GARDEN: A SHORT STORY

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It's almost dawn, the alarm rings at 4am. Viola gets up with great difficulty from her Strawberry bedspread, started to sing morning Hymns 'Praise Him, Praise Him...' she continues and glorifies God for giving the wonderful day. While praying she hears the Cucoo's cry and enthusiastically felt deeply that the tiny creature even at the early hour praising the Almighty. Viola's prayer lasted nearly thirty minutes. Immediately when her prayer gets over she fell asleep in her Strawberry field. Only her body is resting, but her mind is awake, many natural scenarios, gardens, and greenaries strikes in her mind. Morning she wakes and get ready for college. Viola likes to walk and on her way to college she couldn't missed to watch and identify the little flowering plants. Some floral plants she remembers the botanical name which she studied in her school. Viola admires nature, each day it seems new to her. Her mother Veena notices her tiny actions and encourages her. Viola likes to do agriculture of her own. But her mother doesn't allow her to do agricultural works. Inside her compound wall Veena lets her to grow flowering plant like rose, hibiscus, anthurium, chrysanthemum, jasmine and croton varieties.

Viola doesn't have many friends, but her few friends are best to her. Viola is neither poor nor bright student in class. She herself encourages to do agricultural works. In her college, Viola happened to meet her childhood friend Tanya got married to Roderick who is a mathematics professor. During their conversation, Tanya gives her a suggestion about growing the medicinal plants. Tanya and Viola together bought half acres of land. At free hours they works in the land. Very soon Viola completed her studies and together they goes to agricultural class, they took notes and referred many books. Viola goes to part time work in computer centre. With that money Viola and Tanya started to fertilizes the land. They separated the half acres into fifteen parts. At the borders they planted varieties of plantain fruit. Then each part planted leafy vegetables, cherry tree, pomegranate, pine apple, cucumber, pumpkin, beans, bitter guards, lady's finger, lemon, onion, tomato, chilly varieties, grapes, papaya, brinjal, and coconut. Tanya started to water the plants. Viola plucks the weeds, monthly once or twice she fertilizes the land with natural manure and cow dung. Side by side they planted ayurvedic medicinal plants. Everyone from the village and the neighbours mocks at them. But Viola and Tanya never gives up there will power. Very soon Viola got married to Julian who is an agricultural officer. He joined in their activities. The vegetables are grown and it is sufficient for them. Moreover the vegetables are even more excessive, so they decided to sell the fruits and vegetables freshly.

Turning point to the Modern Eden Garden, when an unknown disease spread in the neighbouring state, scientist tries to find medicines but they failed to achieve. Julian's grandfather

George is ayurvedic doctor, who tells Julian to bring the necessary medicinal plants, except two or three they find all medicinal plants inside the Modern Eden Garden. With the help of his grandfather Julian and few doctors invented a medicine which cures the patients who is affected by this unknown disease. Medicines is too demand in the state. But the herbs are very less. Government paid huge amount for the medicines. With that amount Viola and Tanya bought five acres of land. Immediately they fertilizes the land and started to plant medicinal plants and at the borders they planted neem trees, teak wood, mahogany, eucalyptus, and many other trees. They rejected the hybrid variety in their garden. Very soon they flourished with greeneries, and also birds find the nest in that garden.

In summer people spent more money to buy fruits and juices to cool up their body. By the side of the garden, Viola and Tanya sells fresh vegetables and fruits. Furthermore they sell medicinal plants with average rate. Slowly they become rich and Roderick also started to help his wife and her friends. Government appreciates these members and honored them as “Life Saving Citizens”. Also the country government gives them the doctorate award. These four becomes a role model for many youngsters. Youngsters without job, start fighting with their parents and they themselves started to agriculture in small, small lands. Even young girls came forward to work in the Modern Eden Garden.

Prime minister on a visit to the Modern Eden Garden feels medicinal fragrance and whole heartedly enjoys the nature, and soon after the visit Prime minister passed a new order that not to change agricultural land into industries and other buildings. Even the government provides loans for those who involves in agricultural works. Everyone from their childhood should understand that our country is mainly depends on agriculture. Slowly the entire city turns into Modern Eden Garden. God planted Garden of Eden. “And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food” (Genesis2:9). But in this Modern Eden Garden, youngsters shed their sweat just like blood and nourish the entire garden with fruits, flowers and greens. No one in the village left unemployed and the youngsters lives happily in the Eden city. Viola, Tanya, Julian and Roderick were asked to change the empty land into agricultural land.

The news of Modern Eden Garden is spread all over the world. They become popular and the environmentalist and the green activist invite them for the conference and also they go to various colleges to give lectures to promote the agricultural land. Its look like a great golden age for the farmers. Often the Foreigners visit the garden and they were impressed by the activities of Viola and her colleagues. Birds and the tiny species finds nest inside the garden. Foods from the Modern Eden Garden were so demand. Tourist number is also increased. In that modern era, children of Mr. and Mrs. Julian and Mr. and Mrs. Roderick also whole heartedly involved in their parents activities. Pollution level and global warming has totally changed. The country lives in great peace and joy.