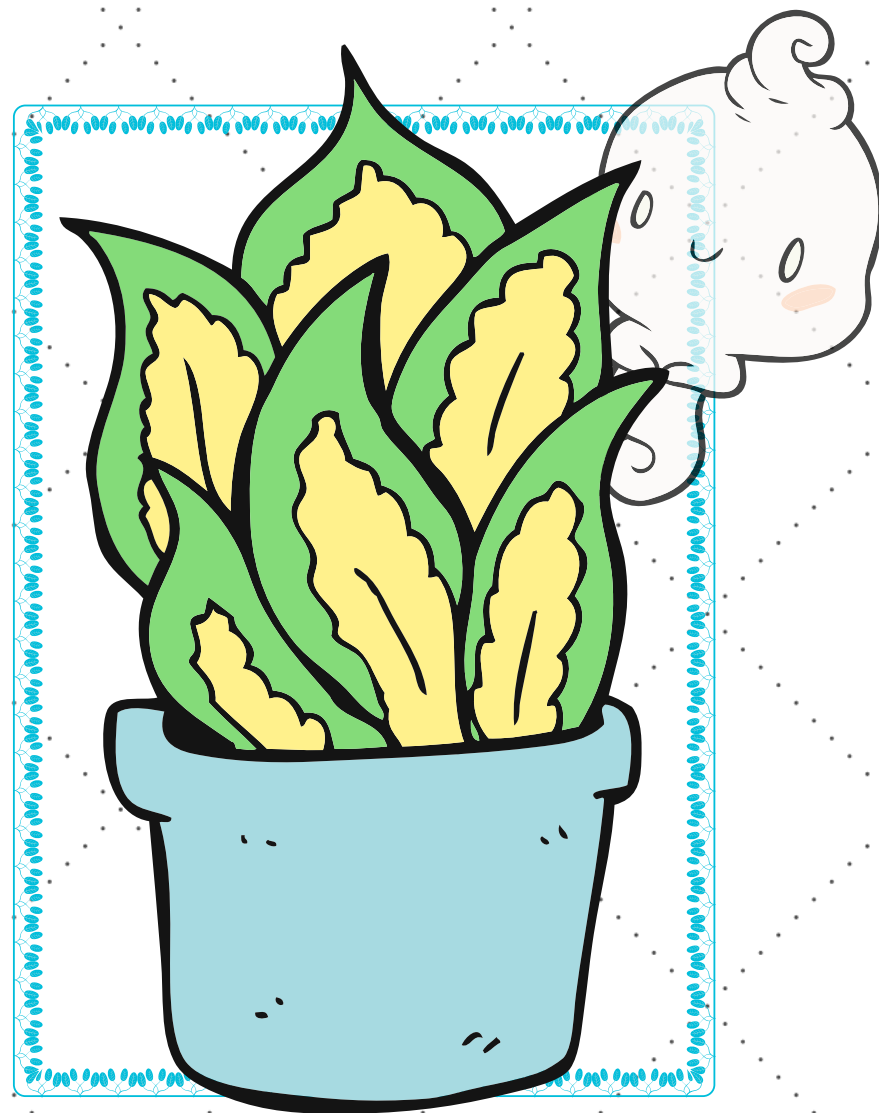


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 - To learn more about the Piscataway peoples, respectfully partner with programs, or purchase art and gifts by Piscataway artist Cryz Proctor go to **piscatawayindians.com**
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HOUSEPLANT HAINTS (AND HOW TO HELP THEM)

A Micro-LARP Years In The Playing*



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*dependent on player



You have a new houseplant. Maybe you brought it home from the hardware store. Maybe a friend gave it to you. Maybe someone left it by their trash and you knew it wasn't finished yet.

How could you have possibly guessed that with your new plant came a friend - a gentle ghost eager to make connection as they dwell in your photosynthetic charge?

Just like the homes they live in, different ghosts need different care. Haints dwelling in houseplants that require more sunlight often enjoying **learning new things**, while low light dwellers largely prefer **being privy to secrets**. The more waterings they take, the more **gossip** they usually enjoy.

As you water and clean your houseplant and new ghostly pal, talk to them. Let them know how your week is going. **Always ask how they're doing.** They may not answer, but it's polite

If your houseplant dies, the resident haint has moved on. Accept the loss of companionship while celebrating their newfound peace. Remember the plant is only a husk left behind, but dispose of it carefully anyway, employing the below ritual. It's polite.

1. Remove the plant or remnants from the planter and place it in the container in which you will be transporting it.

2. Take some of the soil from the planter and sprinkle the soil over the plant.

3. Sprinkle water over the plant and soil.

4. Thank the haint for the time they spent with you, and share one memory you attach to them and their former home. Wish them well on their new journey.

