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daffodil (some)	blackberry	pepper
lily	grape	potato
peony (some)	pear	rhubarb
petunia	strawberry	tomato

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