Alejandro's Gift

companion – friend
refresh – to make like new again
tending – taking care of
cherished – well loved
warily – cautiously
furrows – long, narrow grooves cut in the ground
ample – more than enough, plenty
dwellers – people or animals who live in a place, residents
drudgery – hard, boring, or unpleasant work
patient – able to wait without complaining
shunned – avoided on purpose
screened – hidden from sight

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The Living Desert

saguaro – a kind of tall cactus
environment – the place where animals, plants, or people live
moisture – wetness
tenants – people or animals who live in a place
handy – useful, convenient
burrows – holes that animals dig in the ground to live or hide in
behavior – the way a person or an animal acts
bask – rest in warmth
cope – deal with