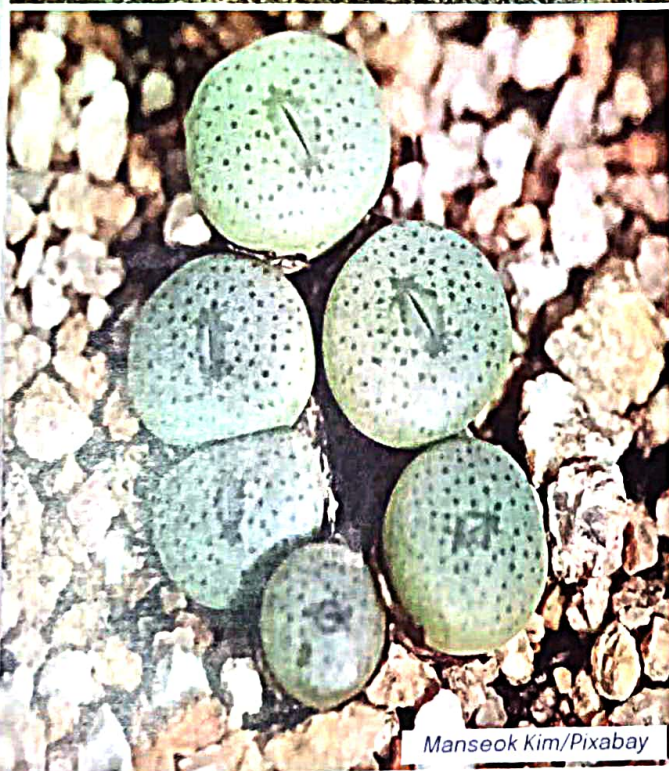


# LITHOPS

Are they Stones?

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**S**URVIVAL strategies in the plant kingdom are diverse and fascinating. Despite their sessile nature, plants have evolved various mechanisms to ensure survival in different environments and protect themselves from predators. One intriguing example of such adaptations is observed in *Lithops*, commonly known as “flowering stones” or “living

stones”. These plants employ a unique survival strategy by resembling small rocks, enabling them to evade herbivores during grazing periods.

*Lithops* are native to Namibia and South Africa, and their uncanny resemblance to sand and stones in shape, size, and colour makes them incredibly difficult to spot, even for