

1. three-armed thomas
about 13 feet tall
three baby arms
no visible damage or bird nests
no surrounding vegetation (buffelgrass
may have been removed by
rangers/park services)

reference photos for these particular specimens were taken on april 5 of 2025, from 4:56pm to 5:01pm. It was around 65°F, with cloudy skies and gusty wind. It rained around 5:45pm.

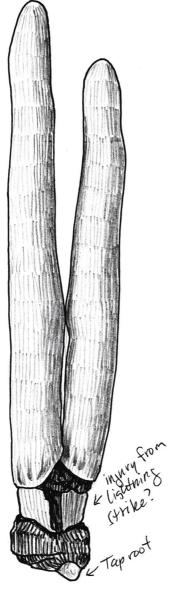
2. little boy

4 feet tall
no arms
surrounded by grasses
has wound of christ on lower half



## 3. aristophanes

12 and 11 feet tall no arms no surrounding vegetation not quite sure what causes this type of growth. looks to be two main spears growing from one trunk rost base. maybe it was damaged when it was very young, so it grew in two parts. maybe it was once a single cactus but it challenged the gods, so they split it down the middle, forcing them to search for their other half indefinitely. if that is the case, it looks like they found each other. good for them!

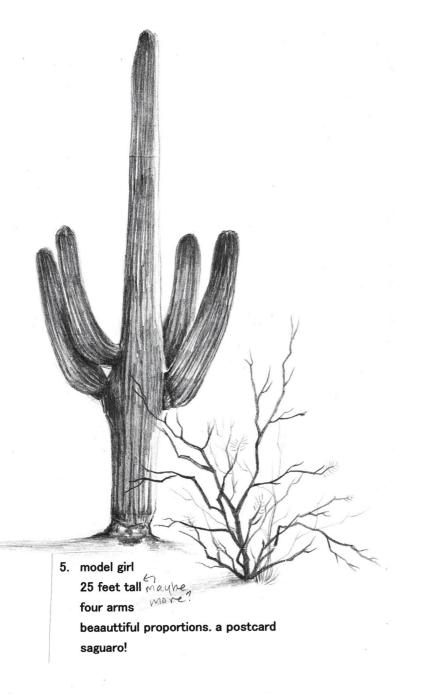


## 4. buddy

12 feet tall one teeny tiny baby arm

flower buds!

this one was just starting to grow flower buds. I took my reference photos in early april. It is mid may now, so this plant is probably in full bloom. a lot of these plants probably are. do you think it's weird or scary to be a cactus that grows so slowly, only to suddenly produce a new part of yourself in just a few weeks. like one day you notice a new mole on your stomach. and the next day it's an entire finger. and within a week you have a hand sprouting out of you, but then it falls off by the next week. I think it would be itchy.



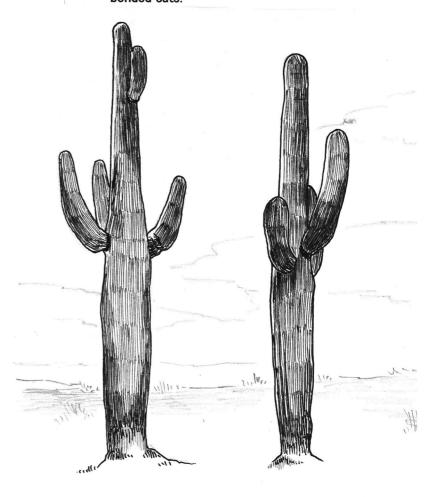
6 and 7. tweedle-dee and tweedle-dee 2

20 and 17 feet tall, respectively.

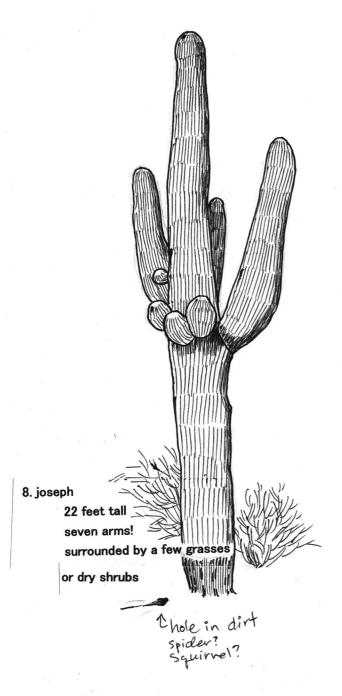
#6 has four arms, one precariously high

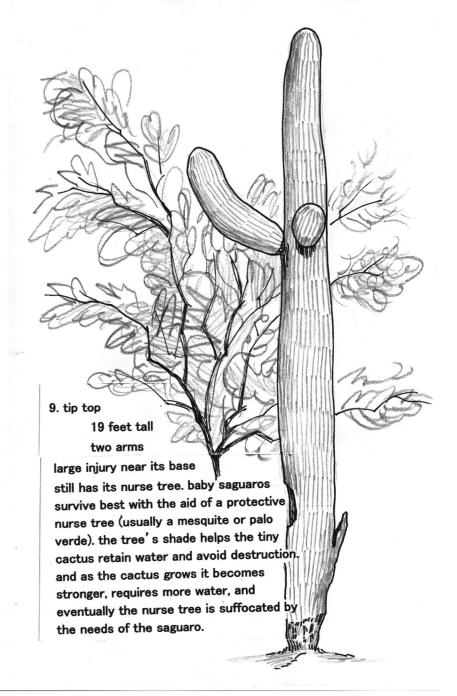
#7 has three arms

these two aren't in a cluster, but I did not
want to separate them. they are like
bonded cats.







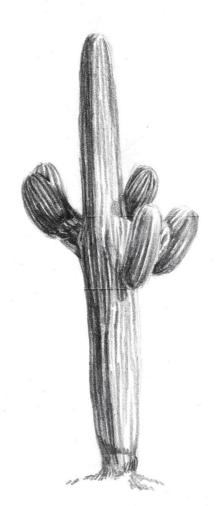


10, 11, 12. A TRIPLE

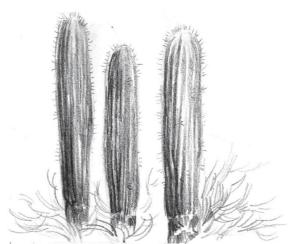
~14 feet tall

one arm each

cluster of three saguaros. the two front—
facing cacti have symmetrical arms
growing from their bases because they are
best friends <3



13. grand champion 23 feet tall six arms looks lonely :(



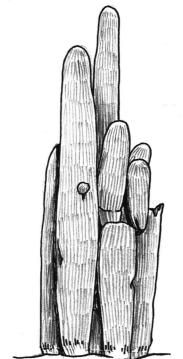
14, 15, 16. three little babes
6 and 5 feet tall
no arms

there was a knight and a lady bright and three little babes had she, she sent them away to a far country to learn their grammerie, they hadn't been gone but a very short time about three months and a day when the lark spread o'er this whole wide world and taken those babes away. it was on a cold, cold christmas night when everything was still she saw her three little babes come running, come running down the hill. she spread them a table of bread and wine that they might drink and eat, she spread them a bed of winding sheet that they might sleep so sweet. "take it off, take it off" cried the eldest one. "take it off, take it off" cried she, "for I shan't stay here in this wicked world when there's a better one for me. cold clods, cold clods inside my bed. cold clods down at my feet. the tears my dear mother shed for me would wet my winding sheet."

17 and 18. long and tall 24 and 30 feet tall three and nine arms, respectively

two cactus that have grown with each other for well over one hundred years, providing shelter and shade to generations of birds, reptiles, and creatures of all sorts. when one falls, does the other notice. a steady weight no longer there to hold you up. you begin to fall into the empty space, filling the shape of its absence. engorged with water that was meant for two, you swiftly make your way to the ground, heavy and unsupported. and when you reach the dirt, a familiar set of arms are waiting for you.

it is free and legal to anthropomorphize plants bow



19, 20, 21, 22, 23. the rolling stones range from 10-17 feet tall five arms between them

24. big deborah

24 feet tall

~ten arms

slightly crested at top

crested saguaros are quite rare, and reasons for their fasciation are mostly unknown (may be any mix of genetic, fungal, bacterial, or environmental causes) only ~2000 crested saguaros have been documented, they are very cool.

