Hide and Go Grow

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Clouds covered the sky in the town of Easton. It did not have a dark shade that indicated rain or thunder. Instead, it had a light gray to an almost white shade that indicated comfort. The townsfolks welcomed this shade, for the summer sun had scorched them for the past two weeks.

Various people walked on the road, some making small talk with each other. Several merchants set up mobile shops, offering trinkets like wristbands that somehow increased the wearer's balance. Kids laughed and played on the streets or parks, playing games like hide and go seek or baseball. Parents watched their kids, ensuring they would not get hurt or stray too far from their eyes.

In short, a peaceful day in town.

At least until a shadow covered the land.

Every person in town, from the youngest to the oldest, paused what they were doing. They stood there, baffled as to what happened. The weather report indicated no incoming storms, with the only environmental report being the volcano chain growing in activity. Even if there was a way, this felt like the sun somehow flickered off into the night. Every eye turned to the sky where the sun should be.

There, they saw a massive being.

This creature towered at a shocking two hundred feet, stunning everyone. The idea of something so huge existing stunned and horrified them. The calmer ones who kept their wits realized something so huge should not be able to walk silently until it was just outside their town. There would be thunderous steps, the ground would shake enough to topple buildings, and any breathing would be heard miles away. They wondered how such an unknown, massive being could walk in silence.

The gargantuan monster stood there, observing the town while ensuring she did not move her four legs too much. Red-brown fur covered much of her body, with a creamy-colored fur for an underbelly. She had orange fur on the top of her head, set between her triangular ears, curled into three locks and ending with bangs. Her six massive orange tails ending with curled tips swayed back and forth.

Her forelegs were white as snow, looking off on her.

The kids, the ones who did not scream their heads off, recognized this being.

"WOAH! It's a Vulpix! A giant Vulpix!"

"A real Pokémon!"

"They are real! I knew my dad was lying that they were fake!"

The colossal Vulpix gave a soft smile to the townsfolk as though attempting to reassure them. Despite being away from the sun, her baby blue eyes glittered like starlight. A lime green bow wrapped around her neck, which made her look cuter despite her massive size. She turned to the kids who shouted her species' name, which made her happy. It seemed that these people had known about Pokémon in some fashion. At least it makes things easier, unlike the last time she played this game.

"Er, hello!" Faith the Vulpix said in perfect English. That stunned everyone within ear reach, which stretched for miles. A fictional Pokémon that somehow existed hundreds of times more massive than their Pokédex entry and spoke their language? Even the kids expected her to only talk 'Vulpix' or any variation of her species' name. "Don't mind me! I'm playing a game with a friend!"

Faith walked around the town carefully yet silently. All the while, her eyes remained focused on the town, searching. She stuck out her tongue and almost touched her nose with it. If she was trying to act cute to look harmless, her size overwhelmed any hope of that.

Panic seeped through Easton. Parents gathered their kids, even those who wanted to watch this massive Vulpix. Merchants locked up their shops and drove as fast as possible away from her. A stream of people headed to the shelters to help survive this crisis despite the Vulpix's lack of action.

Faith sighed. "Sorry. She isn't here. I'll keep searching, then!"

Faith turned away from the town, ensuring she did not step on anything important. She stepped on a few trees in a nearby forest, squishing them underneath her paw. When she stepped off them, the trees somehow sprung up and stood as though it was never flattened. She then traveled down the road, leaving no damage to anything underneath her.

Her training with A-Nine taught her to move without causing harm or leaving paw-prints.

On and on she went, searching for her friend. She stepped in front of towns or cities, scanning everything within. The people panicked, with word spreading that a giant Vulpix traveled within the region. Few noticed that she did not step inside or leave any damage. Once she finished searching, she moved on to the following location.

Who knew that searching for Amber would be so difficult.

Once Faith searched the nearby settlements, she approached the mountains towering over her. She gulped, with them steep even to her, and she already felt a bit worn from searching. She thought of resting for a bit, but instead, she did her best to climb one of the mountains. She at least ensured that nothing split off from the side and rolled on top of someone.

Faith glanced around near the top before pausing for a moment. A lonesome tree stood there, away from other trees at the base. Wind gushed by, brushing against the dry leaves without knocking one off. She felt something turn in her head and stepped around the tree while staring at it. Faith decided to channel her inner David and squinted at the tree.

It shifted near the bottom.

"Ah-ha!" Faith reached with a paw and, despite her massive size, gave that tree a gentle poke. "Found you, Amber!"

The trees morphed, with the branches and leaves fading to nothing. The roots disappeared, replaced by black paws with long red claws. A huge hair-mane formed

behind the 'tree,' colored crimson with black tips and ending with a ponytail near the tip. A teal lay there, forming the ponytail. She spread out her arms, also black with long red claws on her hand-paws. Red rimming surrounded her eyes, with them having purple irises. She wiggled her triangular ears, with her left one having a blue clip-on earring and her right having a red one.

Amber the Zoroark laughed and patted Faith's paw. "What gave me away?"

"Your 'leaves,' despite being dry, refused to fall off, and your 'roots' somehow dug through solid rock." Faith plucked Amber off the mountain and set her on her muzzle. "I thought you were good at illusions."

"I am. That doesn't mean I have to make it impossible." Amber laughed. Her lips also had red rimming near the ends. "This game of hide and seek is a good way to let out steam."

Faith nodded. "That's good. We should head home. The others will be—"

The ground rumbled harshly enough that even Faith felt it despite being two hundred feet tall. Faith blinked several times, wondering what was going on. Amber clung onto Faith's muzzle to remain on when the shaking reached her.

It grew worse, with Faith struggling to remain standing. She turned to the mountain's peak, wondering what was causing the shaking.

A crack came near her paw, with steam and lava seeping through.

Faith widened her eyes, realizing this mountain was a volcano.

"I-I swear I didn't disturb it too much." Faith paused. "Did I?"

"Faith?" Amber got onto her knee. "What's going on?"

The shaking grew worse before Faith could explain. Some of the lava brushed against her paw, and she absorbed them. She grew an extra hundred feet in an instant from that brushing. Amber yelped, surprised by Faith's sudden growth. The ground beneath them moaned like a demon about to burst through.

Faith turned to the peak, narrowed her eyes, and rushed to the top.

"Gth! Faith!" Amber struggled to remain on her knee. "What's going on?!"

Faith climbed rather than answer her friend's question. Every second counted, and a single delay could lead to disaster. Already, she thought of the towns and cities nearby and imagined steam, smoke, and lava smothering every single one of them. Faith soon reached the top, with a reddish-orange glow peeking through the cracks. She knew she could not stop it from erupting at this rate.

So, Faith slammed her paw on top of this enormous volcano.

The volcano's peak caved in, with lava jetting out and impacting Faith's paw. She absorbed the lava, growing massive in a short amount of time. She swelled to a thousand feet, with her tails brushing against boulders like marbles. She kept her paw on top of it, hoping to minimize this disaster by taking the lava into herself.

By the time she reached a mile high, the rest of the volcanoes within the area had erupted.

Faith yelped, spreading her body, all four legs, and even six of her tails to cover and absorb as much as possible. The molten lave flowed out, only to get sucked into Faith's body like a sponge. In time, she covered the entire volcano area with her belly alone. She grunted, feeling the trees bending against her paws, the pools of water splashing against her tails, and the clouds breaking away from her head. She thought of A-Nine's training and focused.

Meanwhile, everyone from the lone farms to the huge cities panicked upon noticing how much Faith grew. The once mere two hundred feet tall Vulpix became many miles tall with no sign of stopping. Her paws, tails, and soon her belly smothered them, but not in a crushing way. Their panic turned into confusion, with Faith feeling more like a heavy blanket despite being the size that could cause an earth-wide quake.

Amber stumbled on Faith's muzzle, startled by how fast and how much Faith grew. Even a single strand of her redbrown fur towered over her like a single rib from Great Protector. She clung to it and climbed, trying not to get lost in a furry forest. Amber gasped, noticing how dark the sky became and the stars peeking through.

Within five minutes, Faith stopped growing.

"Whew." Faith grunted and stood, only to step into the water. She flinched and glanced down, only to widen her eyes. She stepped on an ocean rather than a lake, with even the largest lakes smaller than her paw. Such a touch would cause massive waves, but they remained calm instead. "W-woah!"

Faith stood straight, trying not to step on an ocean while keeping her balance. She found it difficult, with her huger than the continent beneath her. The earth's curves

glowed from the sunlight, visible to her thanks to her humongous heights. She calculated how much she grew and then gulped at the answer.

"O-oh jeez," Fatih said. She lowered her tails against her paws. "I-I'm about a fourth of this planet's size. That's way bigger than the last volcano I absorbed."

"What?!"

Faith blinked and focused on her muzzle. There, Amber sat on one of her fur strands, no more than the size of an atom to her. She had a confused and stunned expression, with her leaning back.

"Yeah. Those mountains were volcanoes and were about to erupt. I-I had to absorb them all." Faith gave a shy smile despite Amber not seeing her lips. The only people who could would be beneath her through a blue haze. "It would've been a disaster otherwise."

Amber pressed her palm against her face but could not hide that amused grin. "Oh, Faith. Always trying to be a hero."

"Yeah." Faith turned around until she noticed the moon. An idea popped into her, and she grinned. "Say. Want to give this planet a good look?"

"Hmm?" Amber lowered her hand-paw and blinked.

Faith leaped from the world rather than waiting for Amber's answer. Despite the force, she left without disturbing a single grain of dirt (other than the volcanoes). The people on the continent, especially the ones underneath them, glanced at the sky in complete bafflement. The 2,000 miles Vulpix left this world only to float toward the moon. Such a thing should be impossible since space should not have a breathable atmosphere.

Faith breathed just as easily as though she never left the planet.

Faith landed on the moon within a few minutes, which was the perfect size for her. She wiggled herself into place, perched in. Her baby blue eyes turned toward the world, giving it a loving gaze. For a moment, she envisioned herself as some kind of goddess. She shook that thought out of her head. She was no goddess; she was a Vulpix who could grow from fire, lava, and even plasma and laser.

"What do you think of the view?" Faith asked.

Amber turned to the world with wide, wonderous eyes. "Is-is this how you macros view the world?" Amber gulped. "It-it's glorious!" She let out a wide grin before turning to Faith. "This is amazing!"

Faith let out a grin, settling her front paws against her cheeks. Her tails swayed side to side in an almost hypnotic fashion. From her viewpoint, she saw no more lava bursting from the volcanoes, with them inert for now. She wondered if the world's people would realize what she had done for them. If not, then that would not bother her.

"Uh, Faith?"

Faith blinked, her thoughts derailed, and she turned to Amber. "Uh, yes?"

"You're going to return to normal size, right?" Amber asked while tilting her head.

Faith thought about it for a few seconds. "I will, but not now. It's not often I'm this huge. So, I want to enjoy the view."

Amber blinked once before laughing. "Alright. I can't blame you." She turned to the world beneath them. "This is a wonderful view."

Faith gave a soft nod and smiled.

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