

It had been a week since Lucas defeated the Elite Four, including the champion Cynthia, and became the new champion. The black-haired pokemon trainer looked at the back of his trainer card where it had the date and time he won Hall of Fame. It took a week and a half to be one of the best trainers in the world; Lucas was pretty amazed himself that he finished adventure quickly than expected. If there was never a Team Galactic for him to confront and stop from taking over the world, then his quest would have been done a lot faster. Lucas put away his trainer card back in his backpack and laid back on his bed as he thought, *'Boy, it sure is boring around here. I wonder what I should do, seeing as I don't have any plans today.'*

Then an idea popped into his head and Lucas got out of bed and said to himself, "Hey, I know, maybe I can go see Dawn!" The last time he saw her was when they were battling Team Galactic and their commander, Mars. Lucas wondered how she had been doing ever since. Now was a good time to visit Dawn in hometown, Sandgem Town. The boy put on his red sneakers and went downstairs into the living room. As he raced to the door, Lucas quickly said to his mom, who was washing dishes, "Bye mom, I'm going to see my friend Dawn!"

Without looking at her son, Lucas's mother replied, "Okay take care and come back soon! Remember, today's your birthday and we're going to have a party at the Seven Stars Restaurant. We'll be going there at 6:00, so be ready when you get back." Today was Lucas' birthday and it was the day that he was going to turn 13 and become a teenager.

Lucas looked at his poketech and saw that the time said 4:45 and he said, "Don't worry, mom, I won't take long. I'm just going over to Sandgem Town and say 'hi' to Dawn." The boy went out the door and left the house.

When he got outside, he saw his friend, Tyson (a.k.a. Pearl, I'm calling him Tyson because I think that name suits him well) running up to Lucas and waving, "Hi Lucas, what's up! Want to go catch some doduos with me? They've been showing up a lot in numbers today and now's the good time to catch them all!"

Lucas shook his head and answered, "Sorry Tyson, I have no time for that. I want to go see what Dawn's been up to lately." Then he offered, "Want to come with me?"

Tyson was glad to go with his best friend/rival and replied, "Hey sure, why not? We can go see your girlfriend together!"

Lucas blushed in embarrassment and denied, "Sh-she's not my girlfriend!"

Tyson grinned mischievously and said, "Right... So you say. Anyway, let's go see her now!" He took out pokeball and threw it in the air. The round red & white capsule opened to summon a Staraptor.

Lucas took his pokeball and threw it as he shouted, "Come on out, Pelipper!" A white & blue pelican-like

pokemon appeared and hovered in the air as it faced its trainer and awaited orders from Lucas. The young boy commanded, "Pelipper, take me to Sandgem Town!"

Tyson said to his Staraptor, "You too, Staraptor!" The trainers got on their own pokemon and flew away to their destination.

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It only took 5 minutes to get to Sandgem Town, since it wasn't really far away from Twinleaf Town. The boys got off of their bird pokemon and put them back in the pokeballs to give them some rest. They went over to Dawn's house and Lucas rang the doorbell. They waited a few seconds before someone opened the door. The girl answering the door was wearing a shimmering light blue dress, pearl necklace, a pearl bracelet on her left hand, and a pretty blue flower hairpin on her black hair. The boys were amazed by her beautiful appearance and stared at her for a few seconds before Tyson said, "Hey Dawn, you look so hot! You and I should go on a date sometime today!"

Lucas was taken by surprise when he saw his best friend flirting with Dawn. He was afraid that he was about to lose the person he had a bit of a crush on, so he knocked Tyson face-flat to the ground and said, "H-hey, you can't go flirting with someone if you don't know she doesn't like you back!"

Dawn giggled at the humorous scene before her before saying 'hi' to the boys, "I see you guys like my new dress. I brought it at Veilstone City's mall. It's a lot prettier than that pink dress mom made for me and it cost 9500 pokedollars to get it. Sounds pretty expensive, doesn't it?"

The boys imagined themselves paying a lot of money to buy something that expensive and going out of the store with their wallets completely empty. Lucas admitted, "Whoa, that's almost the same price you have to pay to get a pokevitamin!"

Tyson nodded, "Yeah, I'd rather buy a cheap tuxedo than spend all my money on some dress that's worth a lot of money!"

Dawn teased, "But then you wouldn't look presentable for Lucas' birthday party at Seven Stars, would you?"

Tyson jumped with great surprise and looked at Lucas, "Wait a minute! Lucas, today's your birthday?!"

Lucas was confused by his friend's forgetfulness and asked, "Yeah, didn't you know? Every August 17 is my birthday. You've been my friend for life, it's not like you could forget about it." Tyson had never once in his life forgotten about Lucas's birthday and now today might be the first time.

Tyson slammed both of his palms on both sides of his head and cried frantically, "Shoot, I forgot to go buy you a present this week! I gotta go get it now!"

Lucas put his hand on Tyson's shoulder and said, "Hey pal, you don't have to get me a present, you just have to come to my party, all right?" The only things that mattered to Lucas more than birthday gifts were his friends and his pokemon. He could care less if someone didn't get him a present.

Tyson shook his head and replied, "No Lucas, I have to get you a present. It's the number one rule of all birthday parties! Now if you'll excuse me, I gotta go right now!" He took out the pokeball containing Staraptor and summoned it out of its sphere-shaped capsule. "Let's go, Staraptor! We got to go to Veilstone City quickly!" he commanded his black & white bird pokemon as he got on its back and took to the clear blue skies. "Faster Staraptor, faster!"

The girl and the other boy watched Tyson and his pokemon fly out of their view, quickly becoming a silhouette before they disappeared. Dawn turned her attention back to Lucas and said, "Wow, he's so intent on getting you a present."