

Amelia brought (or perhaps dragged) Sapphira out to the training field and made her stand at one end. "Alright, Sapphira. I know what you're gonna say - 'I'm just gonna grow outta control like every other time I get hurt' - just forget all that. You keep moping about being weak, and we're gonna change that starting today!"

"R-really? Wh-what do you mean...?," Sapphira stammered. The Mawile had forced her out of her cave for this... *whatever* it was going to be.

"Training, is what I mean." Amelia said. "Before you say anything, a few things we're gonna go over. Firstly, don't worry about growing too much - I'm going to place a ward over the training space so your growth is suppressed and so that I stay at your size if you do grow. Second, I'm going to help you learn to protect yourself in combat. That's the first step."

"Ummm, are you sure?? I'm not really strong, like you..." Sapphira wanted to dig a hole and hide, but she was pretty sure Amelia would have warded against that kind of thing, as well.

Amelia groaned. Clearly, Sapphira was missing the point. "You're missing the point." She told her. "We're out here *to* make you stronger. Say what you want but I won't take no for an answer. You and I both know you need this."

"You're right." Sapphira admitted. "As much as I would love to, I can't just stay in the darkness, huh? Now that you know I live down there," There being in a cavern Amelia discovered underneath her house, "you'd find me every time." There was no getting around this - all Sapphira could hope for was a quick and painless slamming, if this meant what she thought it did.

Amelia giggled. "C'mon, don't be so hopeless like that." She said, patting the Sableye on the shoulder. "Now, get ready." She took a fighting pose and stepped back a few paces. "I want you to come at me with everything you've got."

"Ummm, okay.... Er, when?" Sapphira paused. 'Honestly, you're going to be disappointed...', she thought to herself.

"Now." Amelia said. "Come at me." Saph paused before finally rushing forwards, swinging her arms to attempt to scratch Amelia, who blocked the blow with her arms. "Good start. keep going." She instructed.

Sapphira nodded, before suddenly seeming to fall through the ground, before popping up in front of Amelia with a slap. "H-how's that?!"

"Keep going!" Amelia encouraged, seeming barely phased by the slap. "You're trying to improve, so push yourself as hard as you can." Sapphira only knew one other move, that could be used offensively - Night Shade. She summoned a wave of blackness around Amelia

that dealt a tiny amount of damage to her. Amelia grunted as the attack slammed her on all sides, but other than that she was fine. "Let's not focus on your moves right now." Amelia said to her. "Right now we're just training your strength, alright?"

"Oh, all right..." Saph ran forward, trying to scratch again, attempting a kick as well, once she was close enough.

"Good, that's it!" She exclaimed, encouraging her to go on. She kept pushing Sapphira to go on and on, having the training session go for quite a while, up until Sapphira's stamina was pretty much depleted. It took a while too, and Amelia was impressed. By that time Amelia had to admit all the scratches and blows had left her a bit sore, but that was good! It was a start, anyway. Sapphira, meanwhile, was gasping and panting, visibly trembling. She'd never exerted herself that much before!

"Feeling exhausted?" Amelia asked Sapphira, putting an arm over her shoulder and pulling her to a bench beside the house, failing to realize a fatal flaw in her wards. As soon as she sat down, the Darkness pokemon suddenly erupted up to eight feet tall, falling through the flimsy thing, before falling forwards, still panting. Having gone outside the training field, Sapphira had stepped outside the ward and her growth made itself apparent. Amelia showed surprise upon Sapphira growing nearly six times her size, backing away from the Sableye as she exploded in growth. "Perhaps I should have put the ward on you rather than the arena." Amelia said, chuckling at her mistake. "Wait here, I'm going to get you something." Amelia raced into the house.

'Where would I go like this?!' Saph grumped in her head, as she couldn't really muster the strength to even get up, heavy as she felt now. Even with her muscles the same size to the rest of her, her strength was severely lacking right now.

Amelia returned with some snack bars and two bottles of water. She grew herself and the snacks up to Sapphira's size and pulled the Sableye onto her bum. "Here, eat and drink. It'll help restore your stamina." Amelia said, giving the food and drink to her.

Saph paused, taking the water. "I, err, I don't usually eat this stuff..." she said, apologetically, before simply grabbing a few stones off the ground and munching on them.

"Oh..." Amelia remarked, having completely forgotten that technicality - Sableyes ate minerals, not food. "Alright... well, we'll think of something you can eat that can give you some energy later on. Maybe iron ore?"

"Iron is good... My favorite is sapphire, to be quite honest... and *never* give me amethyst. Pretty color, '*blech*' for flavor..." Saph took some time to recover after the exercise from before, until she was no longer taking giant breaths to go with her giant body. "You like being

big, right??" Sapphira asked curiously. It felt odd for her, the world looking so small... to someone who wasn't much more than one and a half feet tall, this was quite large.

"Well, it is pretty fun being so big." Amelia said. "Makes me feel powerful." She had a thought and giggled. "I also like trashing things knowing the consequences can be reverted... eheh heh..."

"Yeah, like those rocks I ate.... Anyways...." Sapphira stood, finally able to do so once again. "What's next on the agenda?"

Amelia stood up as well. The ward on the training field was quite small. If Sapph grew much more it wouldn't contain her, but at the same time Amelia had the other ward to keep their sizes the same... "Alright, we did offense. Now we practice defense. You need to develop a technique to protect yourself from attacks as best you can. Part of the key is 'reading' what the opponent is doing. You understand me so far?"

"Ummm, no."

Well that made the task a lot harder. "Alright, let's just try dodging and weaving. I'm going to swing at you slowly and you're going to try and dodge my attacks. Try not to run away or retaliate for now, alright?" Amelia reassumed her fighting pose.

"Eeep! Umm, okay..." Sapphira waited for the attack, trying to remind herself to duck and dodge these hits. Amelia started to swing at Sapphira's left side, giving her enough signal for her to realize where she was going to attack. Sapph hesitated - at their sizes, dodging without falling out of the ring was tricky. She tried to dodge but still got pushed out of the ring by the first strike. Amelia was surprised to see her very first move hit Sapphira and took her next blow even slower. This time she swung at Sapphira's head, hoping to see her duck. This time Sapphira ducked as best she could, still getting pushed backwards as her large head was a bit hard to lower. "The arena's t-too small, Amelia!" she complained, sitting back down, now nine feet in height.

Amelia had to agree that the arena was a bit small now, and the ward was proving too small to reduce Sapphira's growth. "Well... it'll be less consistent but I'll put the ward over you instead of the arena." Amelia summoned her magic power and pulled the ward out of the arena, then placed it over Sapphira. Immediately the resistance over the Sableye's growth would wane just a bit, meaning she would grow now if she took hits, albeit less than her true potential.

"Ok, if we must..." Sapphira said, her voice trailing off in uncertainty. "Can we try this somewhere where I don't fall down from lack of space??"

"Alright." Amelia said, taking Sapphira's hand and leading her over to a nearby valley which she knew was somewhat free of trees. What trees were there she went ahead and cleared away. "That should help." She said.

"Ok, whenever you want to continue." Sapphira said. The valley had a lot of space, even if the Sableye's growth hadn't been slowed, it would have held her for a while. Amelia once again resumed her fighting stance. She swung forward to Sapphira's left and then to her right, again allotting her enough time for Sapphira to anticipate the attack and dodge. Now that she had enough room, Sapphira was able to dodge some of the attacks, though Amelia still landed a few here and there, as she really wasn't as agile as she would have liked. Amelia did recognize Sapphira was not as fast as she could have been, but that's what they were there for - to improve her evasiveness.

"You're doing well." Amelia said, disregarding the frequent blows that were landing. "Just keep anticipating and dodging. Look for patterns in the attack style." She decided to go a bit faster with her blows this time, going so far as to include a swinging kick to Sapphira's feet. Sapphira gasped, the kick knocked her feet out from under her and making her come crashing down, dazed and nearly fainting right there! "Oh gosh!" Amelia exclaimed, not realizing that blow alone would nearly have done her in. She pulled Sapphira up and leaned her against the valley's side. "Sorry. Thought you could jump over that." Saph gasped a bit, nodding, even as the ward over her was beginning to show signs of stress. She grew quickly, even under the suppression of the ward. Her growth powers were bursting at the seams! Amelia felt her own ward activating, growing Amelia bigger. She could tell Sapphira's power was threatening to make them both thousands of feet tall.. Concerned, Amelia applied some magical power to Sapphira's ward and helped it stabilize. "Mmm... The ward is having a hard time holding you back." Amelia said. "Still, I don't think we're quite ready to finish training for today."

Sapphira sat up slowly, Amelia's words having flown right over her head. "Mommy, where do baby ghosts come from....?" Saph muttered, completely dazed from the fall. Amelia scowled and snapped her fingers several times, forcing Sapphira awake. The Sableye trembled as she stood back up. She fully realized just how much power the ward was holding back. "If... if that ward fails... run!" she said, rising to her new, thirty five foot height.

Amelia soon caught up to Sapphira's size. "I can tell your power really wants to run rampant." She commented. "We need to think of a way to help you control that - or at least reign it in."

"Yes, we are gonna have to..." Sapphira nodded, before suddenly throwing a kick at Amelia, wanting a bit of payback for that last attack.

Amelia took the blow directly to the chest and fell down. "Urgh... damn." She said. "Not bad. Good speed, at least." She picked herself up and brushed herself off. "Do you want to risk continuing?"

"Honestly? No." Sapphira admitted. "But, we really should." Sapphira readied herself for the next blow.

"That's the spirit." Amelia said. She resumed her fighting pose and threw another blow, this time swinging at Sapphira's head.

Sapphira knew ducking with a giant head didn't work, so this time she leaned backwards. She managed to dodge the hit, though she overbalanced and came back up landing what seemed to be a Zen Headbutt, which would cause Amelia a serious headache.

Amelia yelped in pain upon Sapphira hitting her square in the head. Her head throbbed painfully from the blow, which was quite impressive given the circumstances. Amelia threw another blow at Sapphira, this time much stronger and faster than need be

This time, Saph caught the blow in a critical fashion, getting sent spinning into the air and slamming against the valley edge. The ward was absolutely destroyed from the sheer amount of power that blow offered her. The Sableye that flew away was big, but the Sableye that came *down* was another story, as Amelia suddenly found herself in a strange forest of purple trees. Sapphira's thin layer of fur. The first thing Amelia realized when she regained her focus on the surroundings was that her ward had broken from that blow to Sapphira, who was likely unconscious. Her own ward had failed as well, having been not enough to keep up with Sapphira. Disappointed in herself for her dumb mistake, she started to climb to the highest point she could and see how big Sapphira was.

As Amelia travelled, the fur around her was slowly growing larger, as Sapphira had already reached the point of no return - that point where she just couldn't stop her growth no matter what she tried, made worse by the fact that she was unconscious and completely unaware of her growing size. At the highest peak she could reach at the time, Amelia saw that Sapphira stretched for miles and was growing bigger all the while. The best thing for her to do was to wake her up, failing to realize she was beyond controlling her growth. Amelia quickly sped up her own growing, hoping to catch up with Sapphira.

The Mawile approached what would look like a mountain range of white fibers - Sapphira's shirt. Amelia always found it strange that Sapphira liked to wear clothes. Amelia paused and grumbled to herself. She decided to stop and push her magic to its limit, speeding her growth up to a considerable degree. Very slowly she started to catch up to Sapphira, but by the time she would Amelia was sure Sapphira would be the size of Jupiter. Sadly, Saph's growth suddenly increased! Not a lot, but enough to cause Amelia to begin slowly shrinking back down in comparison. Amelia swiftly realized her growth plan was failing. She would have to resort to waking up Sapphira at her small size. Before too much time was lost, Amelia started racing up Sapphira's growing body to get to her head.

The Mawile climbed over the fibers of Sapphira's shirt as quickly as she could. She wound up losing progress trying to climb over Sapphira's breasts, which were surprisingly large and well defined for a Sableye, but eventually got over them and onto her neck. The massive head stretched several miles high now, as Saph remained inert, floating there unconscious still. Sapphira was more than planet sized at that point. Amelia started climbing around Sapphira's head to her ear. It took her almost ten minutes to get there in total, it not helping that her fur was becoming a jungle.

As Saph continued her resting, it was obvious that her growth wasn't slowing down by any rate. Quite the opposite. Acknowledging this fact, Amelia started shouting in Sapphira's ear, demanding that she wake up. Saph paused her breathing for a moment, but was not disturbed. Angered, Amelia summoned some dark magic of hers and released the most ear-piercing screech, even for her size.

Sapphira grunted a bit, sitting up in space, rubbing her eyes with her sandpaper-like hands to get the dust off of them. "A-Amelia?? Wh-what happened? And where are you??" She couldn't remember anything besides being kicked in the gut...

"I'm in your ear canal!" Amelia exclaimed, having to do so to get Sapphira to hear her. "I broke the ward by accident. Are you hurt?"

"Hmmm? Well, I ache all over, and I am a bit woozy... Is that what fainting feels like???" Sapphira offered Amelia a fingertip to grab hold of.

Amelia climbed onto Sapphira's growing finger so she could be pulled out. "Kind of." Amelia admitted. "I'm sorry. I lost my head and I didn't know what I was doing."

Sapphira looked around at the shrinking planets and understood the situation. She nodded to Amelia and let her power flow to her hand, giving Amelia enough power to grow to palm size. "Sorry for growing like this... I've, uh, never really fainted before..."

"I could tell." Amelia said, feeling Sapphira's power flow into her and allowing her growth to accelerate. "We need a better solution to your growth spurts than holding it back."

"Indeed..." Saph looked around at the shrinking solar system, much of which was gravitating towards her. She grabbed and munched a few asteroids, some of which might have been planets.

Amelia shook her head. "I've heard that many dark mages use artifacts to absorb their excess dark magic. Perhaps something like that would work."

"Oh?? Like what, exactly??" Sapphira suddenly got an idea a sneaky prank in mind, but she needed to get ready for it. The prank would leave her at a disadvantage, so not having Amelia notice until it was too late was important.

"Well, what we could do is..." Amelia began, "maybe make some bracers that you would wear like jewelry that would absorb your magic, and..." She started rambling on about magical processes and other things that Sapphira wasn't interested in. Sapphira nodded occasionally, keeping up an act and preparing her trick before finally jolting Amelia with a ludicrous ammount of energy. All at once growth poured into Amelia, causing her to sprout and grow. Sapphira had given Amelia enough energy to almost instantly reach galactic proportions. Amelia gasped in shock as her body was overloaded with energy, causing her to surge up in size beyond measure. Thousands of stars fizzled out against her massive body upon crashing into her, making for a rather spectacular light show as she grew up to her new size. "Hey!" Amelia exclaimed, suppressing a giggle. The now tiny Sableye laughed as she floated around the massive Deceiver's face.

"Hehe, gotcha!" Sapphira exclaimed gleefully. "After all, if you're the better fighter, I am better at size tricks, hehehe!"

Amelia chuckled. "You certainly are, Sapphy." Amelia commented, picking up the tiny gem pokemon with her finger. Just for fun she wafted a few stars near her into her mouth and swallowed them. Sapphira laughed, running all over the finger, enjoying it, even as she seemed to slowly grow larger to the colossal Mawile. Her growth could not be suppressed. "Other than pouring your power into other Pokemon, can you control your growth at all?" Amelia asked

"Not really...." Saph smirked, pouring more into Amelia, enjoying the feel of the smooth steel skin spreading out under her feet. Amelia felt elated to be growing bigger and bigger, the feeling almost euphoric. "And it feels like I never run out!!" she called up to the nearly goddess sized Mawile

"We could find a solution if we tried." Amelia commented as she leaned down and swallowed some of the shrinking galaxies in front of her whole. "Rawr!" She exclaimed, portraying herself as a fearsome monster.

Saph smiled. "You want more???" Sapphira called up.

"Oh yes, please!" Amelia exclaimed, feeling positively elated at her tremendous size! Sapphira nodded, pouring a good amount more energy into Amelia, causing the Sableye to dwindle to merely a speck on Amelia's finger. Amelia gasped in delight as space slowly shrank away to the god-like Mawile. Sapphira was planning one final stage to this prank. "I can still take ya!!" She called up to the mighty Mawile, jokingly stomping on the massive fingertip, careful not to slip on the smooth ground.

Amelia chuckled maniacally at this show as she grew beyond comprehension, taking up a sizable portion of the universe. Just to show how powerful she was, Amelia started to tear up and consume parts of the universe, everything else but dust to her.

Sapphira, meanwhile, vanished into the shadow world with a cackle to prepare for her finale. Merely a few minutes later, a vast array of purple spires rose around Amelia as something *huge* came up below her... "HAVING FUN, AMELIA??" Sapphira's voice boomed down. Saph had stopped holding *anything* back, to see how quickly she could reach this kind of size. To see her true power, rather.

Amelia turned to see the truly massive Sapphira looming over her, the ghost as big or bigger than everything in the universe. "Nothing held back?" She asked, pleased by this show.

"NOPE!" Saph laughed a bit, pulling her hand closer to her mouth and slowly licked her palm. "Have a nice ride~!" Amelia gasped in panic. She was licked up and tossed into Sapphira's mouth, floating in an ocean of her saliva. Sapphira cackled, as Amelia suddenly began to get smaller to her, until the saliva seemed to have some sort of surface that she could walk on! "Yeah, this size feels great!" she laughed, wondering what Amelia was doing in there now.

Amelia felt the surface tension of the liquid increase until finally it pushed her out of the water. "That much size must be incredible." Amelia said to herself. It would be hard reigning all that in.