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Once upon a time there was a blue spotted rose bug named Rose. Rose was asleep on a multi rose. A multi rose is a multi-colored rose or flower, which makes a comfortable bed. So there she was sleeping on a multi rose.

Rose eventually got up and said, "I'm very hungry for some food."

"Are you really that hungry?" asks a very sneaky multi colored caterpillar.

Rose nodded her head and said, "Can you watch my rose for me?"

"Yes I very much can," replied caterpillar and walked onto the rose.

"Okay then. Good bye," said Rose as she walked off into the forest.

As Rose walks back to her house, she hears the munching of her home being destroyed. She runs back to see the caterpillar walking away, leaving nothing of her house behind but a broken stem.

"How dare you destroy my home!?" Rose screams in frustration that quickly turns into an anger driven desire to eat him.

She stealthily followed him to his home. He lived through the forest and into the desert, past the volcano and to the river. All the while her frustration grew and she almost showed herself in anger. For miles they walked and walked, and walked. She was beginning to get hungry and exhausted.

Five days later, she started talking to herself. She wondered out loud, "I wonder what would happen if I just ate him now."

“Who’s there?” asked the caterpillar with an edgy tone in his voice.

Rose went quiet. After what seemed like an eternity, the caterpillar decided that it was his imagination and started to walk to his home again. About five days later, Rose was just about to give up and go home when they came to a clearing. Rose quickly hid in the nearest bush. She peered around the corner and saw that the caterpillar was gone.

She moved around to another bush and found some berries. Rose was so hungry that she gobbled the berries in no time at all. She was still very hungry. She got angry as she remembered who got her into this mess. All of the sudden, Rose’s stomach churned in pain and she felt weak.

“The berries were poisonous. Where did he go while I was gone?” asked Rose to no one in particular as she struggled to stay awake.

Her whole body collapsed to the ground and she lay unconscious for several hours.

When she woke up, she saw the caterpillar come out of his house and go into his backyard. Rose followed him into his back yard. Rose also had to follow him to where the caterpillar ran around trying to lose all the weight he gained.

“I will eat you!” rose said as she advanced on the caterpillar.

The caterpillar jumped in his skin and shriveled up to the smallest he could be. Rose leaned over him and was about to bare down on him and eat him.

“Hold on! Hold on! Please let me explain! Why do you want to eat me? I did nothing wrong!” said the caterpillar shriveling up even more and now looked like a piece of food stuck to the ground.

“I want to know why you ate my flower when I trusted you to keep watch of it! That was my only one! You lie to me

by saying that you did nothing wrong, but nooo! You did do something wrong! You destroyed my home and my bed! Now I ate some poisonous berries and am extremely sick! ITS ALL YOUR FUALT!” shouted Rose, becoming angry again.

“I ate the flower because I was hungry and needed food! I’m so sorry! Please don’t make me die! Please don’t eat me! I didn’t know that you got sick because of me!” sobbed the caterpillar trying not to run away in fear.

Rose took a few deep breaths to calm herself down and thought to herself, *it’s not his fault. I need to calm down and think clearly. I know that he lied, but I need to see the reason why he lied. I’m so sick I can barely think straight.*

She finally calmed down enough and then said, “I will forgive you. I know that all living things need food. I will not eat you but in return, you must find me another flower of the *same kind*, feed me to health because I did not eat at all, and am starving almost to death. As I said, I am extremely sick,” pauses Rose, **“Lastly I need you to take me back to my *home* because I am very *lost*.”**

“Oh thank you, thank you! I will do all of those things for you! I did not know that you were that famished,” said the caterpillar.

The caterpillar lead her into his house and gave Rose a meal fit for the *QUEEN* of blue spotted rose bugs. Once Rose was full, she demanded that they start their journey to her house. The caterpillar refused to let Rose out because she still had a slight fever.

“You need to rest until all of your fever will go away. That’s that,” said the caterpillar sternly as he led Rose to her room in his house.

Finally, they could begin their journey. They packed all of the things that they would need, especially food. They began their journey after they were done packing. The

caterpillar talked about finding the most beautiful and the most soft multi flower ever. The sun was near setting when caterpillar disappeared into the darkness.

“He lied to me! I knew he would not help me at all so off he went and left me to die!” exclaimed Rose as she stomped around trying to find him. Rose was about to give up when she heard a familiar voice shout, “Rose, Rose rose bug! I found the most beautiful multi flower for you! Come look! I’m not lying!”

Rose decided to follow the voice and found the caterpillar holding a small piece from a petal of a multi flower.

“Wow! Thank you so much! But... where is the whole flower?” Rose asked as the caterpillar thought for a moment.

“Well,” said caterpillar, “I can show you.”

After they got all the supplies onto his back safely again, they continued on their journey. After several hours, they found themselves genuinely lost in a maze of rocks and wild shrubs. They had to stop and think about what to do next.

Rose paced up and down muttering to herself about what to do when they heard an ear defining howl coming from behind them.

“Run! Caterpillar, run! It’s a wild wolfiebeast!” shouted Rose as she lifted all their belongings onto her back, pulled caterpillar up onto his feet, and started running as fast as she could.

They ran for about a mile before daring to turn around and see if they were still being chased by that monster.

“I think it’s done chasing us,” said caterpillar.

Rose looked back and screamed, “It’s still chasing us you fool!”

And with that, they ran as yet again they heard the howl of a wolfiebeast, closer than last time.

Finally, at some time around midnight, the retched beast stopped chasing them. They were so thankful to have a break that they fell asleep. When they woke up, they heard neither a buzz nor a chirp, which was odd, because the forest was full of wildlife and beasts. Still, they walked on into the forest and past the eerie swamp, and to the land of Volcanus.

They turn around to see a hippo like creature walking toward them.

“What shall I do with you two? I’ve already eaten my breakfast, but I might have room for you two,” said the creature.

They looked at each other and ran, with the hippopotamus chasing after them. They ran onto a wide clearing that opened up to the volcanus volcano, the volcano in which the land was named after. They scurried up the mountain side and looked down to see the hippopotamus fall down off the rough side of the mountain and not come back. Hippoatami can’t climb very well and don’t know that until it is too late.

“Thank goodness that they can’t climb. Now we can get down and out of this wretched land.” sighed Rose as she started the descent down.

After the rough way down, they grabbed their stuff, which was lighter after eating all of the food in there, they continued their journey to Rose’s new house. As the night dawned on them again, they climbed up a weeping willow tree and settled down for the night.

***Well, I never knew that this is what she felt like while stalking me in the wilderness and not knowing where she is going.* Thought the caterpillar as he drifted off into an uneasy sleep. When they awoke, they saw that the tree was**

surrounded by about ten wolfiebeasts, growling and licking their lips. They looked and acted quite hungry.

“What are we going to do?” moaned Rose as a wave of nausea over took her.

The wolfiebeasts heard her and started to bark a deathly bark that sent caterpillar jumping off of the tree and into the pack of wolfiebeasts. He ran and kicked and hit the wolfiebeasts with all his might and eventually made it out of the pack circle and climbed another tree. It was a pine tree so he started to chuck pine cones at the wolfiebeasts.

After hours of chucking pine cones, the wolfiebeasts finally left and Rose got down with all of their belongings.

“I thought that you were going to abandon me in this tree!” exclaimed Rose in relief as they continued on their trail.

They were almost to Rose’s new house, but they did not know it. They walked and walked and walked. After what felt like miles and miles, they found a clearing. They saw a beautiful multicolored rose. The caterpillar stayed for a long time with Rose. Eventually, he left and never stole from the rose bug again.

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