



HAVING FUN, ASH?

YOU KNOW ME...



...I LIKE A PERSONAL TOUCH.

TOO MUCH, I THINK.



SURE, MAYBE, BUT HEY, WE GOT THE JOB DONE.

AS ALWAYS, I MIGHT ADD.

THE VILLAGE IS CLEARED?



NEAR ENOUGH.



I GUESS IT'S TIME FOR THE SPEECH, THEN.





THEY CALL US THE SHIELD MAIDENS. IT'S A GOOD ENOUGH NAME.

MY NAME IS SERENA SHIELDS. AND I'M NOT HERE TO STEAL FROM YOU.

I KNOW YOU PROBABLY THINK WE'RE JUST ANOTHER GROUP OF RAIDERS, NO DIFFERENT THAN THE MEN WE KILLED.

I DON'T BLAME YOU.



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BUT WE'RE HERE TO OFFER PROTECTION. **REAL** PROTECTION, NOT PROTECTION FROM US.

AND THIS IS AN OFFER, NOT AN EDICT. IF YOU WANT US TO GO, WE WILL.

BUT IF YOU DON'T, AND YOU CAN SPARE IT, WHAT WE ASK IS THAT YOU GIVE US FOOD AND SUPPLIES, AND WHOEVER WANTS TO JOIN US, IS WELCOME.

THE WORLD IS A TERRIBLE PLACE. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE.



HOW ABOUT WE KEEP THIS PEACEABLE?

IT'D BE A DAMN SHAME TO INTERRUPT HER SPEECH WHEN SHE'S GETTING TO THE GOOD PART.