

Fast Forward Five Years #1

Fast Forward Five Years #five years. Economically, the situation in Dustville is much worse. Many more Dustvillians are out of work. You're no longer mayor, having lost your bid for reelection; the voters were angry that you didn't do enough to improve the economy. It didn't help that someone leaked the news to the Dustville Gazette that you turned down Sando Corporation's proposal. To make matters worse, the Sando Corporation opened a sand-processing plant and mining operation in nearby Bountyville and the economy there is booming. The town just opened a new movie theater and supermarket and most of the formerly unemployed Bountyvillians have now found jobs.

But the situation isn't all bad. You have plenty of time to think about your life and when you do, you feel a deep sense of satisfaction. You know that if you could still hike out to Arch Rock, you'd witness a thriving population of white puffball foxlets. The reports from Save Our Desert have been consistently positive. Due to your decision to minimize human threat, you've helped this unique species survive.

Fast Forward Five Years #2

Fast forward five years. Economically, Dustville is booming. The sand-processing plant and mining operation have brought plenty of jobs to the Dustvillians. Unemployment is at an all-time low. Local businesses can barely keep up with the new customers. You're still mayor, having narrowly won reelection. Why *narrowly*? The locals have been complaining about the quality of life in Dustville. They don't like the traffic, the long lines at the stores, and the constant noise and air pollution from the sand-processing plant. They also have an unusual complaint; for the first time that they can remember, they're getting itchy, painful insect bites all year long. Perplexed, you've contacted Mara Supial, head of Save the Desert, to see if she can explain what's going on. According to Mara, the white puffball foxlets kept the biting insect population in control by eating the insects. Since the foxlet population has disappeared, the insect population has increased dramatically. The loss of the foxlet population has had a bigger impact on the quality of life in Dustville than you could have imagined when you made the decision five years ago to bring the sand-processing plant and mining operation to town.

Fast Forward Five Years #3

Fast Forward Five Years #five years. Economically, the situation in Dustville is significantly better. Less Dustvillians are out of work, since the sand-processing plant has provided plenty of new job opportunities. Local businesses report an increase in sales. You're still mayor, having won your bid for reelection. You do miss your hikes out to Arch Rock but you and many other Dustvillians enjoy watching the white puffball foxlets through the high-power telescopes. In monthly reports from Save Our Desert, you learn that Mara was right; the population has declined slightly, most likely due to the stress of having a less plentiful food source. The pollution from the sand-processing plant has caused a significant decrease in the insect population near Arch Rock. Though, of course, you wish the foxlets weren't experiencing any negative effect from the sand-processing plant, you feel satisfied that your compromise five years ago was a good one. The foxlets are surviving and so is your beloved town.

Fast Forward Five Years #4

Fast Forward Five Years #five years. Economically, the situation in Dustville is a little better. Puffball Preservation Parklet has brought more visitors into town and the local businesses are a bit busier. However, there are still plenty of unemployed Dustvillians since the tourist attraction doesn't provide many job opportunities. You're still mayor, having won your reelection by a decent margin. Some voters were upset that you hadn't brought more economic improvement to Dustville.

Though you miss your hikes out to Arch Rock, the good news is that the monthly reports from Save Our Desert inform you that the foxlet population is thriving. You're pleased to know that your careful planning five years ago helped ensure this.

Fast Forward Five Years #5

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Fast Forward Five Years #6

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Fast Forward Five Years #7

Fast Forward Five Years #five years. Economically, Dustville is failing. Though initially, Puffball Park brought visitors to Dustville, the park has now closed because over the years, the foxlet population continued to decrease until there were no foxlets left to view. At the time, you contacted Mara Supial, wildlife biologist at Save the Desert, to see if she knew what was going on.

Mara explained, "If you'd consulted me earlier, I could have told you Puffball Park wasn't going to work. The foxlets were disturbed by the noise from the motors on the tram, the traffic, and the people tromping around. When foxlets are stressed, they stop hunting insects, their main source of food. Malnourished, they don't reproduce. Puffball Park wiped out the foxlet population."

You wish you'd consulted her before you decided to build the park. You could have avoided the situation you're in now. You're not mayor of Dustville, having lost your bid for reelection. Many residents have moved away, due to the bad economy. And one more thing. With no foxlets to eat them, the insect population has increased dramatically. Living in Dustville now means living with painful, itchy insect bites. If only you'd known...

Fast Forward Five Years #8

Fast Forward Five Years #five years. Economically, the situation in Dustville is much worse. Many more Dustvillians are out of work. You're no longer mayor; you didn't even bother to run for reelection since you knew there was no way you could have won. Your fellow Dustvillians were just too angry that you did nothing to improve the economy. It didn't help that the Sando Corporation opened a sand-processing plant and mining operation in nearby Bountyville and the economy there was and still is booming.

If that wasn't bad enough, the foxlets are gone. On that fateful morning five years ago, the sensitive critters were disrupted by so many people tromping around that they ran away, never to return. Without the foxlets to eat them, the insect population has gotten out of control. Unfortunately, you're now an unemployed, ex-mayor with a lot of painful, itchy bug bites.

Fast Forward Five Years #9

Fast Forward Five Years #five years. Economically, the situation in Dustville is much worse. Many more Dustvillians are out of work. You're no longer mayor, having lost your bid for reelection in large part because Buck and the Citizens for Prosperity in Dustville spread the word that you rejected Sando Corporation's proposal *and* nixed the idea of Puffball Park. Though you and Mara celebrated the opening of Puffball Preservation Parklet, no one else showed up. To make matters worse, the Sando Corporation recently opened a sand-processing plant and mining operation in nearby Bountyville and the economy there is booming. The town just opened a new movie theater and supermarket and most of the formerly unemployed Bountyvillians have now found jobs.

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