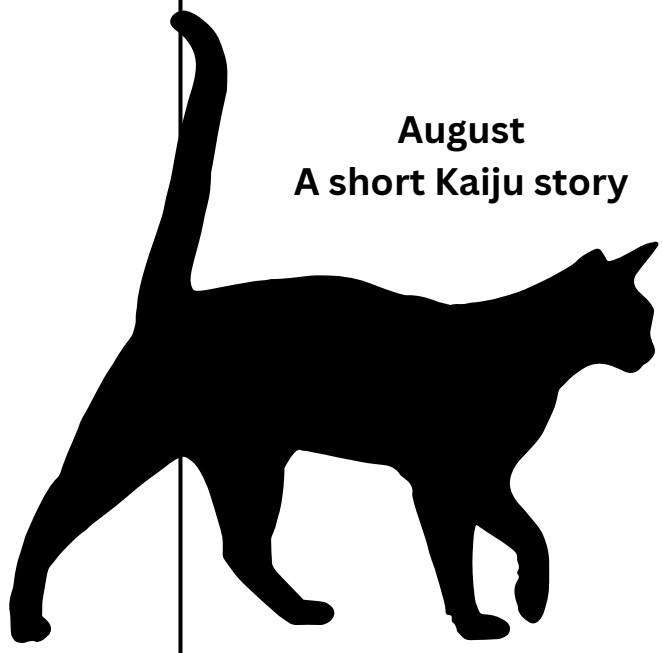


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August
A short Kaiju story

Someone thought that an animal shelter next to the experimental reactor would be a great idea. On a beautiful day in late spring, a mishap came to pass in the latter. The science team used an experimental material in their fusion chamber. The fusion was successfully initiated, but at the height of the energy output the chamber had a crack through which some unknown radiation could escape.

This ray of radiation passed through the wall of the building and through an open door over to the animal shelter. There a little black cat called August lay on a warm stone. The radiation did not harm the animal but changed something on a physiological level. Later that day August had eaten dinner and was now napping on a chair with a nice spot of sun on it. A trembling went through the cat and he started to grow.

There was a patch in one garden that contained a large amount of catnip. Several tenants of the garden are injured or dead. The property damage is immense. August has left a path of destruction and is currently chased by veterinarians with large amounts of acepromazine in helicopters to tranquilize the gigantic black cat.

Outside, there was a small force of police, ambulances, and fire brigade but they could just watch as August went off north into a small wooded area. Of course, he could not hide there, he was just out of reach. August was now over twenty meters tall and about seventy meters long. August took a long drink from the river before crossing it and arriving at some allotment gardens.

August was a bit awkward, as he was almost too big to move between the aisles. He did not let the screaming shoppers stop him from reaching the meat counter and having a feast. After August's hunger was sated he had another growth spurt. He shot up through the thin roof of the shopping mall.

First as big as a dog, then as big as a small cow. The chair gave out as August got bigger and bigger. Soon the room was not able to contain the size of August. The cat was almost as big as a bus and an enormous rumble shook the cat's belly. In search of food, the cat crossed a street resulting in a few totaled cars. With a few pats of his large paws, the facade of the shopping center was opened.