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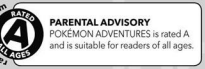
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MAIN CHARACTERS

THE JOURNEY THUS FAR



Masked Man
A mysterious man plotting the revival of Team Rocket. His ultimate plan is yet to be revealed!



Silver
A Trainer captured and held prisoner by the Masked Man years ago. Since his escape, he has sworn vengeance!

Gold
A rough-edged Trainer with a heart of gold. Regained consciousness in the Whirl Islands and met Crys.

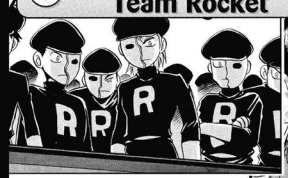


Yellow
A Trainer who came to Johto to investigate the legend of a giant flying Pokémon... and got swallowed by a swirling current!

Sham and Carl
Trained since their youth by the Masked Man, they control what's left of Team Rocket.

Crystal
A capture specialist hired by Prof. Oak to fill out his new Pokédex.

The remnants of Team Rocket



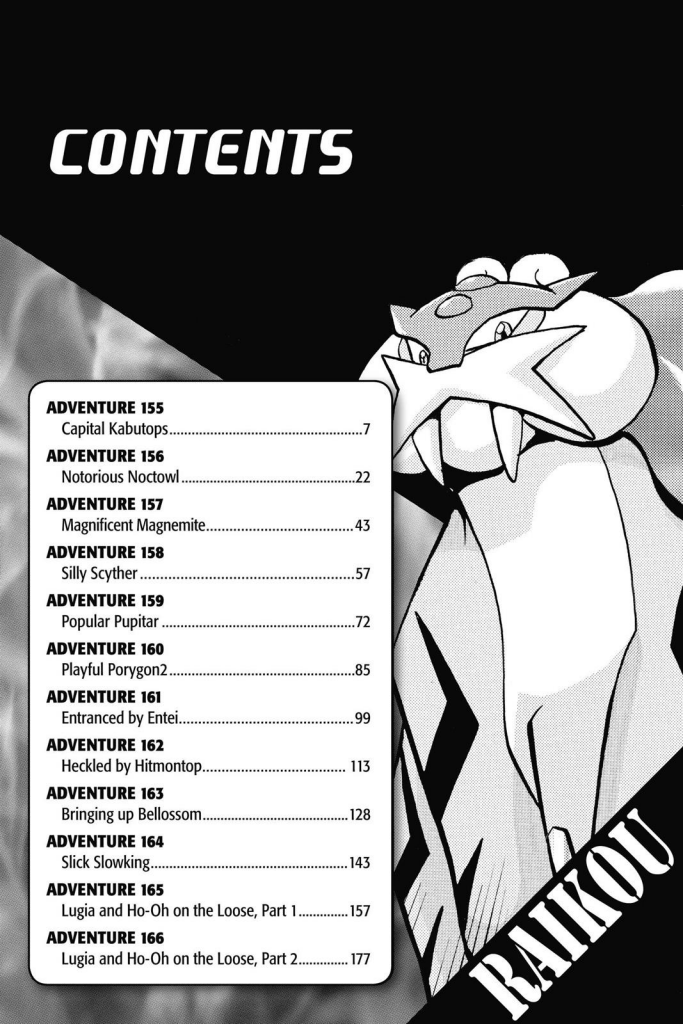
It's the Pokémon League's Gym Leader Exhibition Match! Prof. Oak sent Gold and Crystal to learn the true identity of the Masked Man…unaware that at this very moment he is about to lead Team Rocket in an attack on the Pokémon League Stadium!

Pika & Chuchu (Pikachu)



The Gym Leaders

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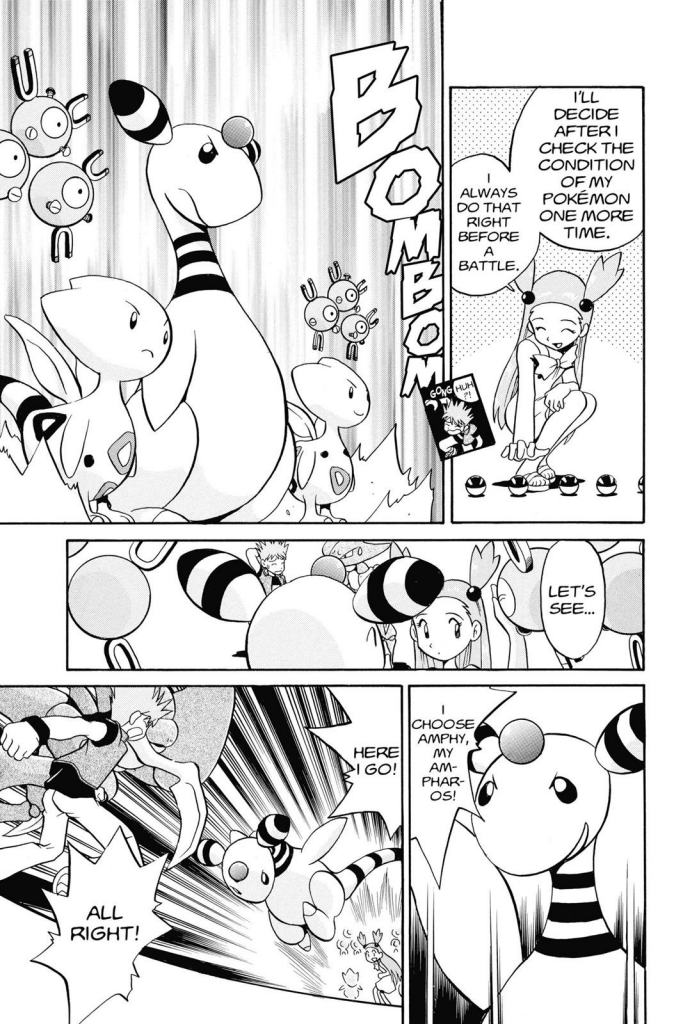
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RAIKOU


FIRST MATCH! BROCK OF PEWTER GYM VS. JASMINE OF OLIVINE GYM!
TK
TM
RAAA
BEGIN!
155 Capital Kabutops
NOW THAT I SEE THEM...
THE LEAGUE PUT US ON DIFFERENT TRAIN CARS AND IN DIFFERENT HOTELS.
THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE SEEN OF THE GYM LEADERS FROM JOHTO.

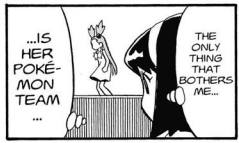

WORTHY REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR GYMS!
...THEY LOOK PRETTY STRONG—NO SURPRISE THERE.
THE FIRST POKÉMON I'LL USE IN THIS MATCH IS...
I'M BROCK OF THE PEWTER GYM!
ALLOW ME TO REINTRODUCE MYSELF!
I RECEIVED A KABUTO AFTER I PROTECTED THE PEWTER MUSEUM FROM AN ATTACK LAST YEAR...
...AND NOW THAT IT'S EVOLVED, IT'S BIGGER, STRONGER AND SHARPER CLAWED!
KABUTOPS!
BOOM
NOW... WHO DO YOU CHOOSE?!


I'LL DECIDE AFTER I CHECK THE CONDITION OF MY POKÉMON ONE MORE TIME.
I ALWAYS DO THAT RIGHT BEFORE A BATTLE.
BOMBOM
GOMA
HUH?!
LET'S SEE...
I CHOOSE AMPHY, MY AM-PHAR-OS!
HERE I GO!
ALL RIGHT!

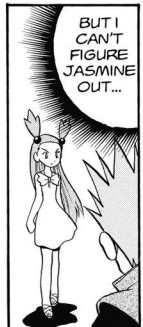

WOM

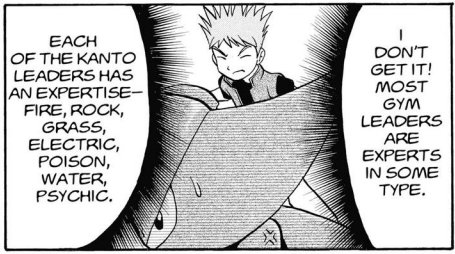

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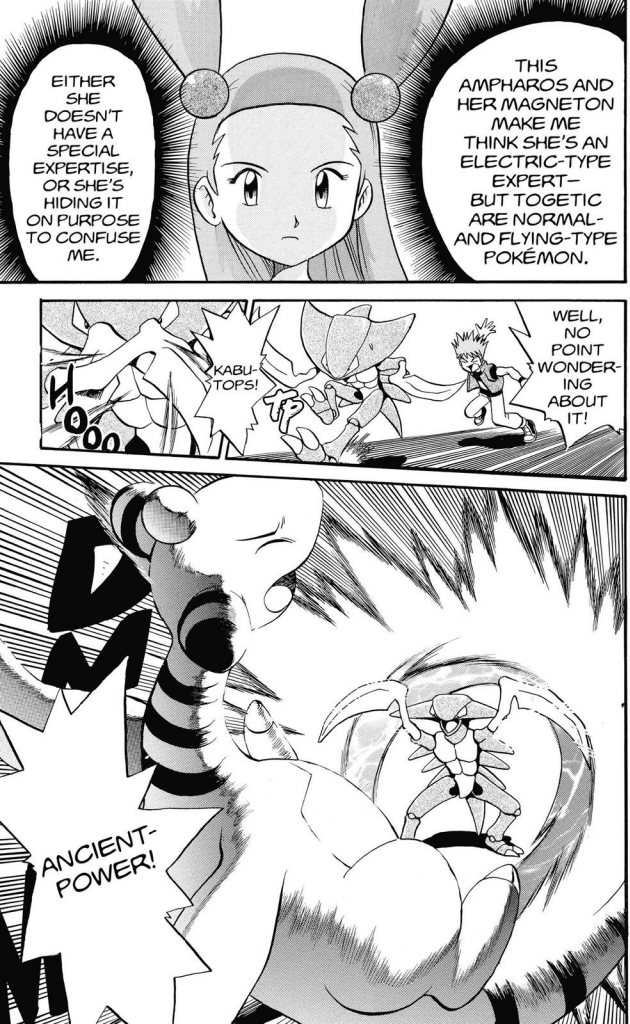

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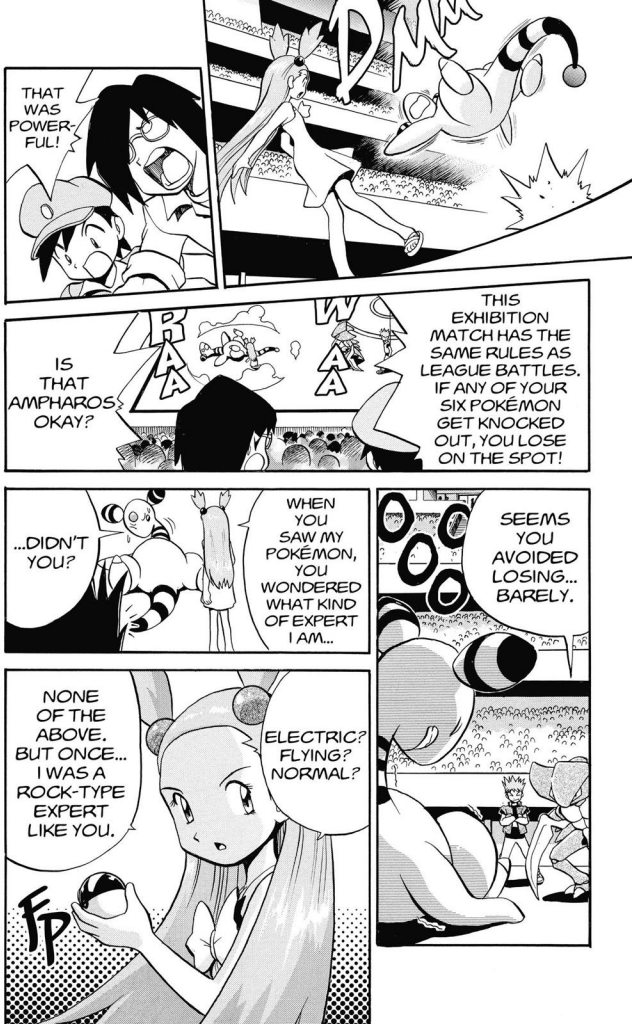

...IS HER POKÉ-MON TEAM ...
THE ONLY THING THAT BOTHERS ME...


YES, HE'LL BE FINE. I KNOW HOW STRONG HE IS.
DO YOU THINK BROCK CAN WIN?

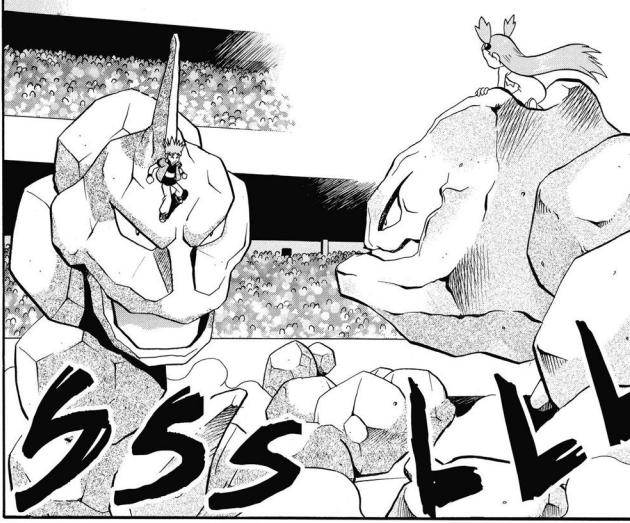

BUT I CAN'T FIGURE JASMINE OUT...


EACH OF THE KANTO LEADERS HAS AN EXPERTISE— FIRE, ROCK, GRASS, ELECTRIC, POISON, WATER, PSYCHIC.
I DON'T GET IT! MOST GYM LEADERS ARE EXPERTS IN SOME TYPE.


THIS AMPHAROS AND HER MAGNETON MAKE ME THINK SHE'S AN ELECTRIC-TYPE EXPERT— BUT TOGETIC ARE NORMAL- AND FLYING-TYPE POKÉMON.
EITHER SHE DOESN'T HAVE A SPECIAL EXPERTISE, OR SHE'S HIDING IT ON PURPOSE TO CONFUSE ME.
WELL, NO POINT WONDER-ING ABOUT IT!
KABU-TOPS!
ANCIENT-POWER!


THAT WAS POWERFUL!
THIS EXHIBITION MATCH HAS THE SAME RULES AS LEAGUE BATTLES. IF ANY OF YOUR SIX POKÉMON GET KNOCKED OUT, YOU LOSE ON THE SPOT!
IS THAT AMPHAROS OKAY?
WHEN YOU SAW MY POKÉMON, YOU WONDERED WHAT KIND OF EXPERT I AM...
...DIDN'T YOU?
SEEMS YOU AVOIDED LOSING... BARELY.
ELECTRIC? FLYING? NORMAL?
NONE OF THE ABOVE. BUT ONCE... I WAS A ROCK-TYPE EXPERT LIKE YOU.


AMPHY WAS IN THE STRONGEST CONDITION OF ALL MY POKÉMON... AND YOU STILL WON!
KUH
SO IT'S TIME TO BRING OUT MY ULTIMATE POKÉMON.
!
AN ONIX ?!
WA
THEN I'LL GO WITH THE SAME!
ONIX!



I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU'RE FINALLY FIGHTING FOR REAL?

SO THAT'S WHAT WAS IN THE UNOPENED POKÉ BALL!

KINDA STRANGE SOME-HOW...

THAT ONIX... LOOKS FUNNY...

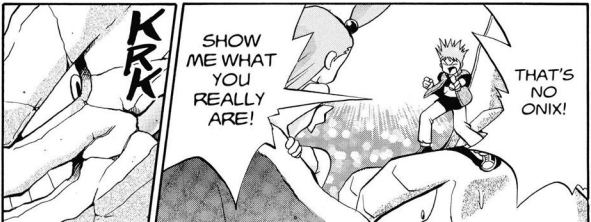
LET'S GO!


BIND!
HOW'S THAT ?!
GGH
GGH
KK
KK
W-WHAT ?!
PKKK
GG
GG


MY ATTACK'S LANDING ON TARGET, BUT... I'M GETTING HURT?!
BORO
BORO
SNEER
NEE
NEE

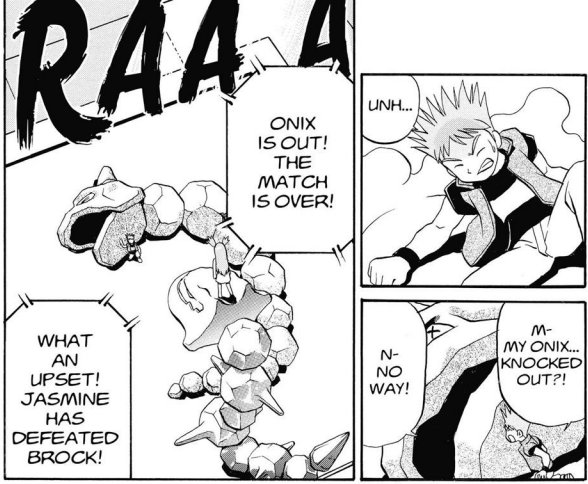

NOW WE KNOW WHY THEY CALL HER THE "STEEL-CLAD DEFENSE GIRL"!
A HARD DEFENSE THAT DAMAGES THE ATTACKER!


THE FACE OF JASMINE'S ONIX IS... FALLING OFF?!
WHAT'S THIS?!
?!
KREK

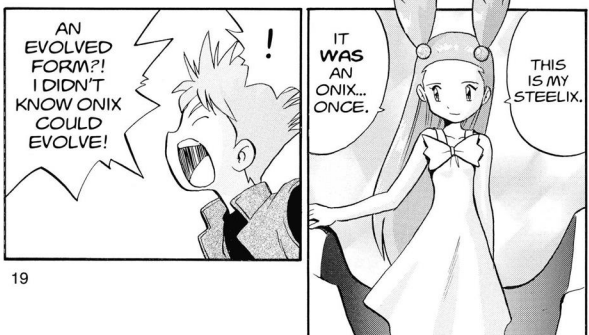

KRK
SHOW ME WHAT YOU REALLY ARE!
THAT'S NO ONIX!


KAKAK
WHAT IS THAT?!
WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S NO ONIX!
BORO
BORO
SOMETHING ELSE WAS WEARING AN ARMOR OF ROCK...
...AND FIGHTING AS AN ONIX!

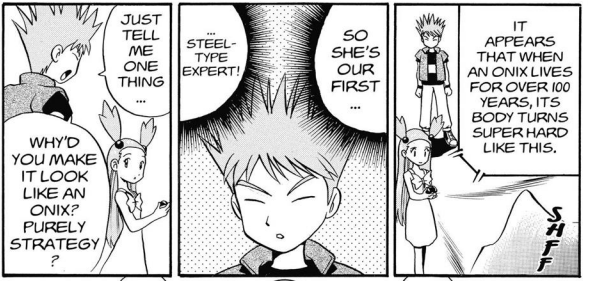

CRUNCH!
WHAT ?!
GOMP
ZMM
WOBBLE

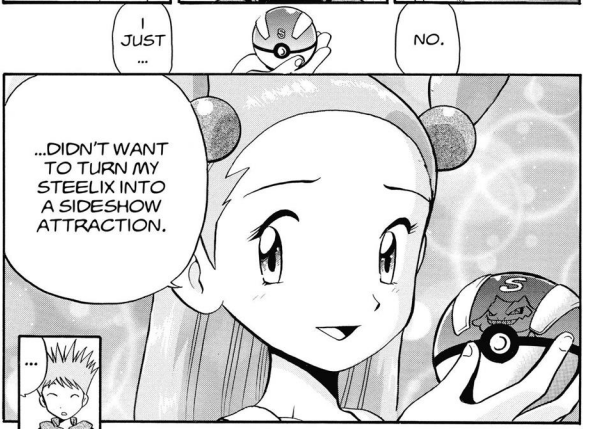

RAAA
ONIX IS OUT! THE MATCH IS OVER!
WHAT AN UPSET! JASMINE HAS DEFEATED BROCK!
UNH...
N-NO WAY!
M-MY ONIX... KNOCKED OUT?!

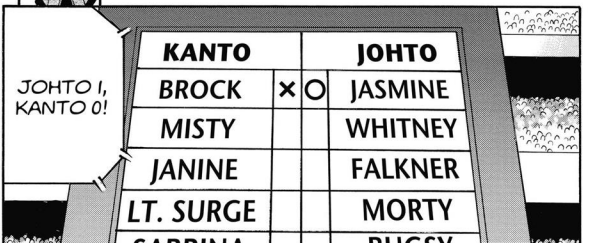

IT LOOKS LIKE AN ONIX, BUT... IT'S MADE OF SOME KIND OF METAL. IF ONIX IS THE "ROCK SNAKE"... THAT MUST BE THE "IRON SNAKE"!
I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT POKÉMON BEFORE ...

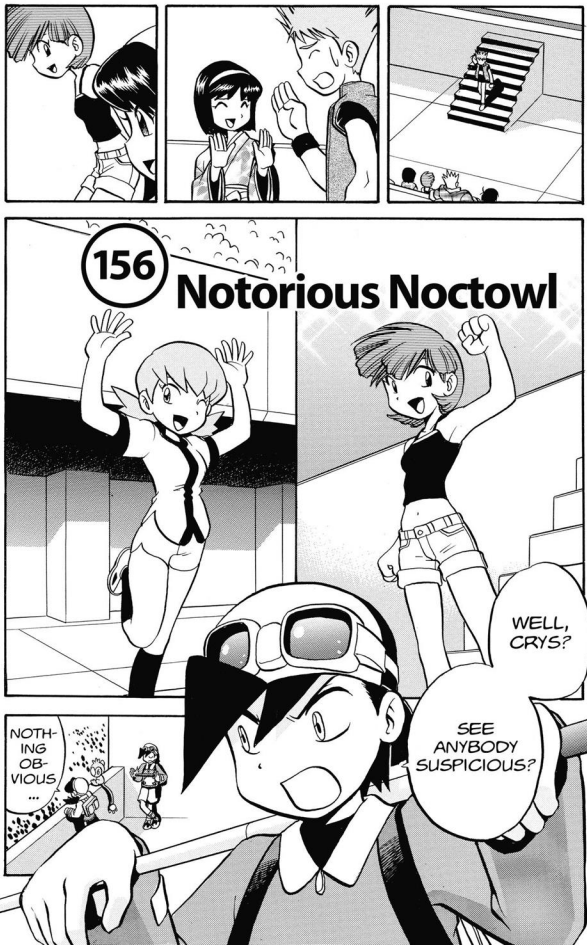

AN EVOLVED FORM?! I DIDN'T KNOW ONIX COULD EVOLVE!
!
IT WAS AN ONIX... ONCE.
THIS IS MY STEELIX.

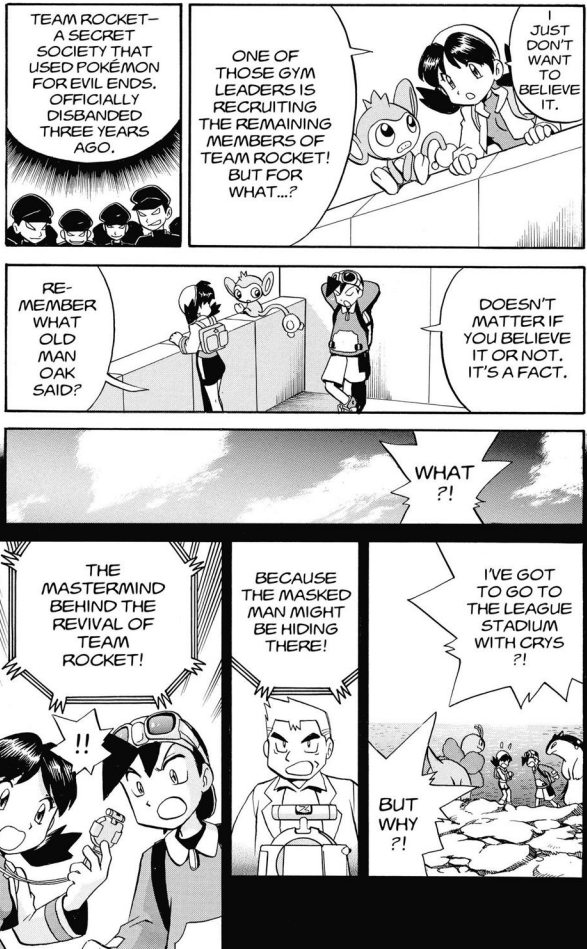

LET'S GO TO OUR POKÉMON EXPERT, PROF. OAK, AND SEE WHAT HE HAS TO SAY.
RABL
RABL
THE AUDIENCE IS STUNNED! IT'S A NEW POKÉMON!
AHEM! YES, MARY...
BLIP
RABL
YES, ITS NAME IS, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, STEELIX.
RABL
THIS POKÉMON HASN'T BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED BY THE POKÉMON SOCIETY.
RABL
RABL
...WE ARE CLASSIFYING IT AS A "STEEL" TYPE AND ARE CURRENTLY GATHERING DATA TO FORMALLY PRESENT TO THE SOCIETY.
AS WITH SKARMORY, MAGNEMITE AND MAGNETON ...
THE TRAINER I SENT TO JOHTO TO COLLECT DATA FOR THE NEW POKÉDEX MANAGED TO CATCH ONE RECENTLY, CONFIRMING ITS EXISTENCE.

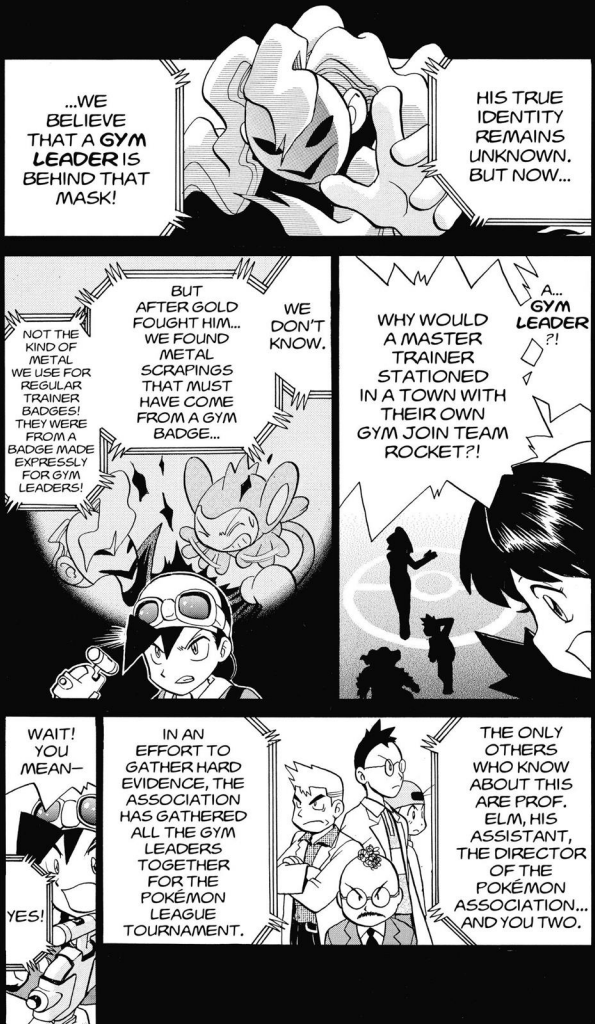

JUST TELL ME ONE THING ...
WHY'D YOU MAKE IT LOOK LIKE AN ONIX? PURELY STRATEGY?
... STEEL-TYPE EXPERT!
SO SHE'S OUR FIRST ...
IT APPEARS THAT WHEN AN ONIX LIVES FOR OVER 100 YEARS, ITS BODY TURNS SUPER HARD LIKE THIS.
SHFF


I JUST ...
NO.
...DIDN'T WANT TO TURN MY STEELIX INTO A SIDESHOW ATTRACTION.
...


JOHTO 1, KANTO 0!
KANTO
JOHTO
BROCK
MISTY
JANINE
LT. SURGE
JASMINE
WHITNEY
FALKNER
MORTY


156
Notorious Noctowl
WELL, CRYS?
SEE ANYBODY SUSPICIOUS?
NOTHING OBVIOUS...


TEAM ROCKET— A SECRET SOCIETY THAT USED POKÉMON FOR EVIL ENDS. OFFICIALLY DISBANDED THREE YEARS AGO.
ONE OF THOSE GYM LEADERS IS RECRUITING THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF TEAM ROCKET! BUT FOR WHAT...?
I JUST DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT.
RE-MEMBER WHAT OLD MAN OAK SAID?
DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU BELIEVE IT OR NOT. IT'S A FACT.
WHAT ?!
I'VE GOT TO GO TO THE LEAGUE STADIUM WITH CRYS ?!
BUT WHY ?!
BECAUSE THE MASKED MAN MIGHT BE HIDING THERE!
THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THE REVIVAL OF TEAM ROCKET!
!!


...WE BELIEVE THAT A GYM LEADER IS BEHIND THAT MASK!
HIS TRUE IDENTITY REMAINS UNKNOWN. BUT NOW...
A... GYM LEADER?!
WHY WOULD A MASTER TRAINER STATIONED IN A TOWN WITH THEIR OWN GYM JOIN TEAM ROCKET?!
WE DON'T KNOW.
BUT AFTER GOLD FOUGHT HIM... WE FOUND METAL SCRAPINGS THAT MUST HAVE COME FROM A GYM BADGE...
NOT THE KIND OF METAL WE USE FOR REGULAR TRAINER BADGES! THEY WERE FROM A BADGE MADE EXPRESSLY FOR GYM LEADERS!
WAIT! YOU MEAN—
YES!
IN AN EFFORT TO GATHER HARD EVIDENCE, THE ASSOCIATION HAS GATHERED ALL THE GYM LEADERS TOGETHER FOR THE POKÉMON LEAGUE TOURNAMENT.
THE ONLY OTHERS WHO KNOW ABOUT THIS ARE PROF. ELM, HIS ASSISTANT, THE DIRECTOR OF THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION... AND YOU TWO.


THAT'S IT!
...TO LEARN THE IDENTITY OF THE MASKED MAN!
TO THE PUBLIC, THIS IS JUST AN ENTERTAINING EXHIBITION MATCH. BUT THE REAL PURPOSE OF THIS EVENT IS...
YOU'VE GOT IT!
SINCE YOU'VE FOUGHT HIM BEFORE, GOLD, I NEED YOUR HELP. GO INTO THE STADIUM AND SEE IF YOU RECOGNIZE HIM.
GRR
NOW THEN ...
I'LL FIND OUT WHO THAT MASKED FREAK IS IF IT KILLS ME!
HE'S A BIT HOTHEADED. YOUR JOB IS TO KEEP HIM IN CHECK!
WHAT ABOUT ME? WHAT CAN I DO?
YOU... KEEP AN EYE ON GOLD!


SHA
LET'S GO! AIBO! EXBO!
AGH! DIDN'T I TELL HIM TO LIE LOW?
OW!
WHOOPS! 'SCUSE ME!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
MILMIL! ROLLOUT!
WRRL
RAPID SPIN!
ZN
ZN
BRRRMMM


DOK
WOBBLE
STARMIE! FLASH!
SQUIRM
GRP
FSH
TP
HYPER BEAM!
ZDOOM


MISTY OF CERULEAN GYM HAS DEFEATED WHITNEY OF GOLDENROD GYM!
MILTANK IS DOWN!
NO! MIL-MIL!
DON'T MAKE FUN OF THEM, GOLD!
THE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT IS AS FLASHY AS ITS REPUTATION. THOSE GYM LEADERS ARE MOVIE STARS!
...POKÉMON LOVERS EVERYWHERE ARE GONNA LOSE A GREAT SHOW!
I'M NOT. I WAS JUST THINKING... IF WE DON'T PULL THIS OFF...
GOLD ...
NOT BY JERKS WHO USE POKÉMON FOR EVIL!
AND I'M NOT GONNA LET THEM BE DISAPPOINTED!


RIGHT NOW WE HAVE A TIE BETWEEN KANTO AND JOHTO AT ONE MATCH EACH!
THE BATTLE OF THE BEST VERSUS THE BEST CAN ONLY GET MORE EXCITING!
THIS MATCH WILL BE BETWEEN TWO "ROOKIES" WHO HAVE JUST RECENTLY BEEN APPOINTED AS GYM LEADERS!
AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE THREE NEW GYM LEADERS OUT OF THE SIXTEEN GATHERED HERE TODAY.
OOP!
NOW... IT'S ON TO THE THIRD MATCH!
FALKNER OF VIOLET GYM VS. JANINE OF FUCHSIA GYM!
FIGHT!
SH
SS
VSH


NOCT-OWL!
GRIMER!
BOING
IN CASE ANYONE'S FORGOTTEN MY INTRODUCTION...
...I'M AN EXPERT AT FLYING-TYPE POKÉMON!


!
Yooo
POP
GRIM-ER'S... SHRINK-ING!
A TECHNIQUE CALLED "MINIMIZE." IT SHRINKS TO AVOID ENEMY ATTACKS.
IT... DISAP-PEAR-ED?!
OON
PEH


SHE MUST BE A POISON-TYPE EXPERT!
THAT WAS SLUDGE BOMB!
PEH
UGH!
IF I GET HIT EVEN ONCE, IT'LL BE ALL OVER!
GRIMER HAS SHRUNK INTO INVISIBILITY WHILE FIRING SLUDGE IN EVERY DIRECTION!
HOW CAN FALKNER FIGHT AGAINST THIS?!
I CAN'T KEEP DODGING FOREVER!
OKAY, THEN ...
GG

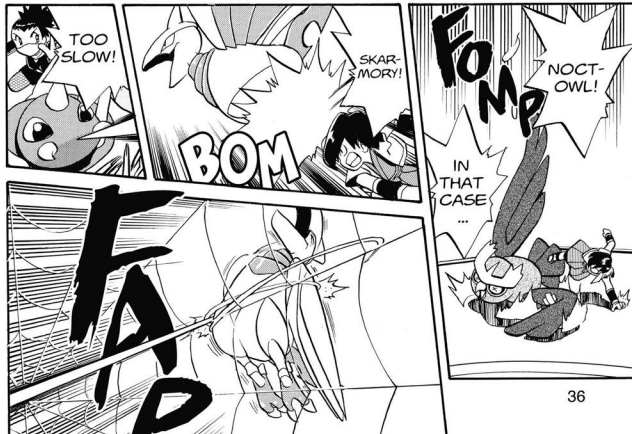

SSS
FSH
NOCT-OWL! FORE-SIGHT!
P
A
VSH
COME BACK!
THERE!
ARIA-DOS!
PFF
VSH


FWAP
...BY TAKING THIS BATTLE UP TO THE SKY, WHERE I CAN FIGHT MY BEST!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU BRING OUT! I'LL MAKE SURE YOU CAN'T KEEP HIDING ON THE GROUND ...
BMM
VNNN
I WON'T LET YOU ATTACK! TRY THIS!
DZZZ
DM


!
W-WAIT!
NOCT-OWL, STOP!
HEH HEH HEH HEH.
IT DETECTED MY ATTACK. THAT'S A SURPRISE.
IF I HAD KEPT CHARGING, I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN TANGLED IN THOSE THREADS!
DID IT MAKE THIS WEB WHILE MY NOCTOWL WAS SWINGING IT AROUND ?!
HOW OBSERVANT! AND THAT'S NOT ALL!
SHA


ZU


THE ONE FROM ITS MOUTH IS RAZOR-SHARP BLADE THREAD!
Ariados
Long Leg Pokémon
Height: 3.9"
Weight: 72.9lbs.
No. 168
It spins string not only from its rear but also from its mouth. It's hard to tell which end is which.
THE WEB FROM ITS SPINNERET IS EXTRA-STICKY GUARD THREAD!


TOO SLOW!
SKAR-MORY!
BOM
FOMP
NOCT-OWL!
IN THAT CASE ...
FP


SH-SHE'S STRONG...
SWITCHING TO SKARMORY WITH ITS HARD BODY WAS SMART... BUT IT'S STILL ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL I WIN!
BLADE THREAD CAN BE WIELDED AS A SHARP-EDGED WEAPON!
GSH
SKAR-MORY!
BUT I CAN'T LOSE!
YOU SUCCEED-ED...
...YOUR FATHER...?
I SUCCEED-ED MY FATHER AS GYM LEADER!
I'VE GOT TO DEFEND HIS HONOR!
GASP!


!
BLI!
OH! THAT'S ...
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE BATTLE! MY POKÉ BALL'S BEEN FLYING AROUND THE STADIUM LIKE A BOOMERANG ...
...AND IT'S MADE FROM ONE OF SKARMORY'S CLEAR FEATHERS!
FOP

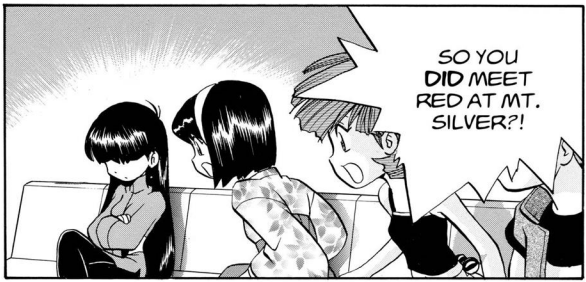

THIS FIGHT IS JUST GETTING STARTED!
!
I TRULY WANT TO SEE YOU AT YOUR BEST, BUT...
... BUT ...
PUSH
THAT WILL HAVE TO WAIT!
SH- SHE'S... WITH- DRAW- ING?!
VSH
BUT THAT DISQUALIFIES HER! JANINE HAS JUST FORFEITED THE MATCH!
AND THE WINNER IS... FALKNER!

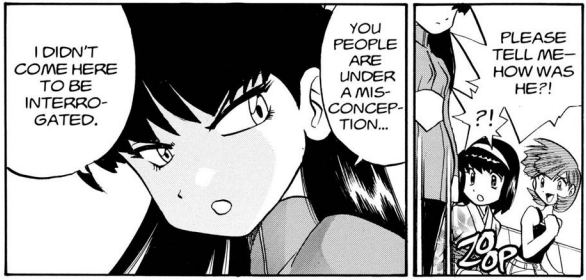

HF
HF
THERE'S NO MISTAKE!
THAT MUST BE... FATHER!
W... WAIT! WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!
?!
PLOP
I'M SORRY, FALKNER.
I EMBARRASSED US BOTH...
IT'S... ALL RIGHT.
YOU SAID YOU RECENTLY SUCCEEDED YOUR FATHER AS A GYM LEADER...?
IT SEEMS THAT ONCE AGAIN I'VE FOUGHT SOMEONE VERY MUCH LIKE MYSELF.
I WONDER... IF THAT IS MY DESTINY ...


AND IF DANGER LURKS IN THE SHADOWS, I HAVE TO ARREST THE SOURCE OF IT!
AFTER ALL, I AM A POLICE OFFICER!
POLICE
I WON'T ASK WHAT YOU SAW IN THE AUDIENCE, BUT...
... THIS ...
...GIVES ME THE FEELING THAT THERE'S SOMETHING... OMINOUS IN THIS STADIUM.
SABRINA AND SURGE... THEY USED TO BE ACCOMPLICES OF TEAM ROCKET, BUT NOW THEY'RE JUST GYM LEADERS AGAIN—AS IF THEIR ENTIRE HISTORY HAS BEEN ERASED.
I TALKED TO THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION ABOUT IT, BUT THEY INSIST THERE'S NO PROOF AND REFUSE TO PURSUE IT ANY FURTHER.
INTERESTING THAT THE TWO OF THEM AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT SO READILY...
SO THAT'S KOGA'S DAUGHTER ...
APPEARS TO BE.


OKAY, I'M NEXT! LET'S GO!
YEAH!
...
SA-BRINA ...
I UNDERSTAND YOU WERE STAYING AT THE SECRET HOT SPRINGS OF MT. SILVER UNTIL RECENTLY.
...
THE PREVIOUS CHAMPION OF THE LEAGUE, OUR FRIEND RED, WAS LAST SEEN HEADING FOR THERE...
I'M ASKING YOU AS THE CAPTAIN OF THE KANTO TEAM... DID YOU MEET RED AT THE SPRINGS?
YES.
I MET HIM. SO WHAT...?

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SO THIS IS THE PLACE!
PHEW.
HF
HF
THE HOT SPRINGS THAT HEAL EVERYTHING!
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Magnificent Magnemite


PHEW. TOO BAD CHARIZARD COULDN'T FLY US IN—THANKS TO THE SPECIAL ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS AROUND THE SPRING...
CLIMBING ALL THE WAY UP HERE, TUSSLING WITH WILD POKÉMON EVERY STEP OF THE WAY... HAS REALLY GOT ME BEAT!
THERE WE GO!
BLOSH
I PROBABLY HAVE TO SOAK MYSELF IN IT COMPLETELY.
ACTUALLY...
FLIP
SSHH
HA HA! YOU WANNA JUMP IN TOO?
HOT! HOT! HOT! HOT!
THESE HOT SPRINGS EMIT FLAMMABLE GASSES— HENCE THE NICKNAME "FIRE SPRINGS."
PLISH
PLISH
!
FIRE-TYPE POKÉMON SHOULD STAY CLEAR OF THEM.
HUH? WHO'S THERE?!


I'VE HAD MR. MIME BLOCK OFF MY AREA OF THE SPRINGS WITH LIGHT SCREEN.
YOU CAN'T COME ANY CLOSER.
OW!
ONE OF THE THREE EX-LEADERS OF TEAM ROCKET!
SA-BRINA!
CALM DOWN. I'M NOT PLOTTING ANYTHING.
WHAT ARE YOU PLOT-TING NOW?!
YOU REMEMBER ME. HOW FLATTERING. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
MUCH LIKE YOUR-SELF.
I'M ONLY HERE FOR MY REHABILI-TATION.


YOU TOO, HUH?
HOW'S YOUR EEVEE DOING?
WELL ...
BOM!
COME OUT, VEE!
EEVEE'S AN ESPEON NOW.
WHICH MEANS... NO MORE TRANSFORMATIONS INTO VAPOREON, JOLTEON OR FLAREON ANYMORE ...
BUT WHATEVER MAKES A POKÉMON HAPPY IS WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT.
...
WELL, THEN ...


I'M OFF. MY INJURIES HAVE FINALLY HEALED...
AHH!
PLUS, ALL THE GYM LEADERS GOT AN EMERGENCY SUMMONS TO THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS.
SUMMONS...? ASSOCIATION...?
IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO GO, YOU'D BETTER HURRY.
SOMETHING BIG IS GOING DOWN AT THE NEXT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT!
WHAT?! WHAT'S GOING DOWN?
AND HOW DO YOU KNOW?!
HOW DO YOU THINK?!
I'M THE PSYCHIC OF SAFFRON—SABRINA! I KNEW THAT YOU'D BE COMING HERE TOO.
KWIN
W-WAIT!

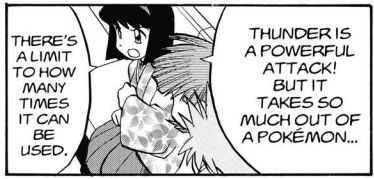

TENG
NO FAIR! I HAVE TO HEAL! I'LL NEVER MAKE IT ON TIME!
PFF
WHAT'S THIS?!
THE SPOON OF DESTINY ...
YOU WANT TO RECUPERATE FASTER? THERE'S A SPRING ABOVE HERE WITH EVEN MORE POWERFUL HEALING EFFECTS. IF YOU'RE UP FOR A RISK... USE THIS SPOON TO GUIDE YOU.


WHY AM I BEING SO NICE TO HIM?
COULD IT BE BECAUSE GIOVANNI LIKED HIM SO MUCH?
HMM ?
SURGE'S BATTLE HAS ALREADY STARTED!

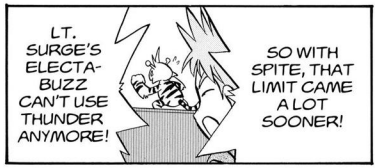

HYAAA-
PSH
THUNDER!
ZOK


GASTLY! SWITCH WITH MISDREAVUS!
BOM
KZZZT
HAHAHA! YOU'RE ON YOUR LAST LEGS, AREN'T YOU?
THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO FINISH YOU OFF!
SSSHHH
WHAT?! WHAT HAPPENED?!


YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE THAT ATTACK A COUPLE MORE TIMES.
BUT HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THAT MY GASTLY DID SOMETHING TO YOUR ELECTABUZZ BEFORE IT SWITCHED?

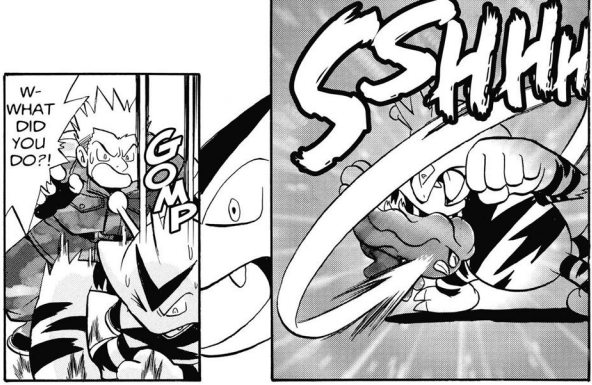

THUNDER IS A POWERFUL ATTACK! BUT IT TAKES SO MUCH OUT OF A POKÉMON...
THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW MANY TIMES IT CAN BE USED.

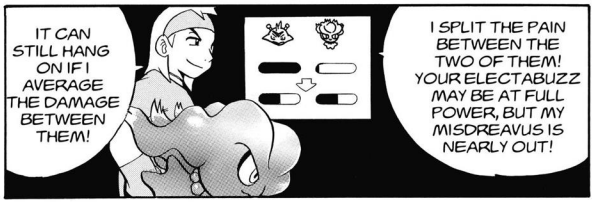

NO WAY ...
SPITE!
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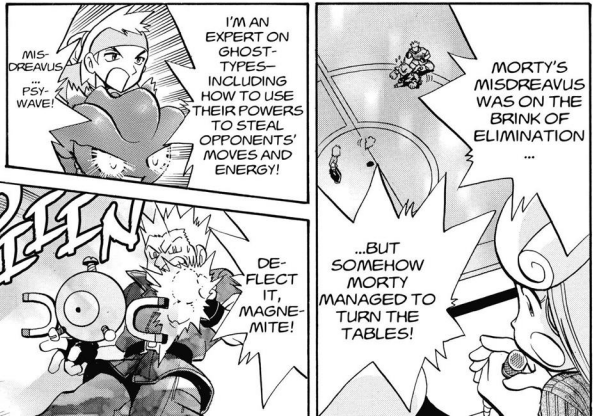

SO WITH SPITE, THAT LIMIT CAME A LOT SOONER!
LT. SURGE'S ELECTA-BUZZ CAN'T USE THUNDER ANYMORE!


... PAIN SPLIT!
TONG


ON TOP OF THAT ...

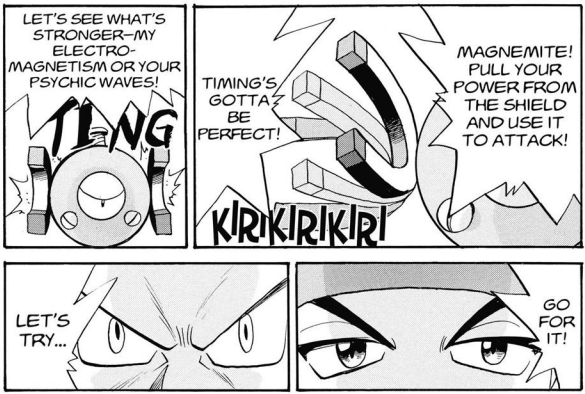

W-WHAT DID YOU DO?!
GOMP
SSHHH


IT CAN STILL HANG ON IF I AVERAGE THE DAMAGE BETWEEN THEM!
I SPLIT THE PAIN BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM! YOUR ELECTABUZZ MAY BE AT FULL POWER, BUT MY MISDREAVUS IS NEARLY OUT!


MIS-DREAVUS... PSY-WAVE!
I'M AN EXPERT ON GHOST-TYPES— INCLUDING HOW TO USE THEIR POWERS TO STEAL OPPONENTS' MOVES AND ENERGY!
MORTY'S MISDREAVUS WAS ON THE BRINK OF ELIMINATION...
...BUT SOMEHOW MORTY MANAGED TO TURN THE TABLES!
PEIN
DE-FLECT IT, MAGNE-MITE!


AGH!
ドオオ
THE BEST I CAN DO IS... AVOID A DIRECT HIT.
GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU, CHUM— YOU'RE A LOT BRAVER THAN YOU LOOK!
YOU TOOK ALL THAT DAMAGE ON PURPOSE TO CONTROL THE TIDE OF BATTLE!
THIS FIGHT MUST REALLY MATTER TO YOU.
THAT GOES FOR YOU AND ME BOTH.
YOU'RE NOT JUST FIGHTING TO WIN AN EXHIBITION MATCH, ARE YOU?

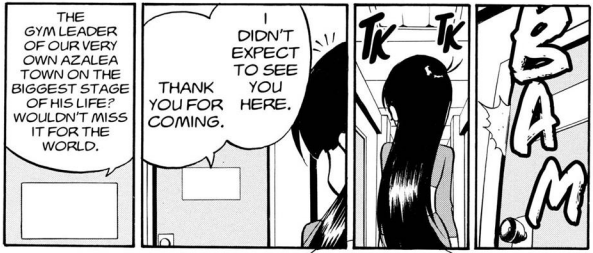

AND I HEAR HE'S SOMEWHERE IN THIS STADIUM RIGHT NOW!
NO. I'M LOOKING FOR SOME-BODY...
I CAN'T LOSE UNTIL I GET A REMATCH WITH HIM...
MY GOAL IS THE RAINBOW POKÉMON— A BEING EVEN CLAIRVOYANT ABILITIES CAN'T LOCATE.
YES. A GOAL THAT KEEPS YOU FROM GIVING UP.
GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO GO ALL OUT!
SO WE'VE BOTH GOT REASONS WHY WE'RE DETER-MINED NOT TO LOSE.
I HAVE TO IMPROVE UNTIL...I'M ABLE TO FIND HO-OH!
HSS

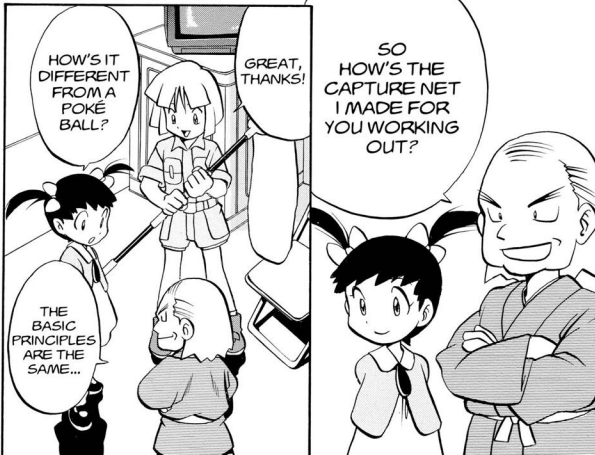

LET'S SEE WHAT'S STRONGER—MY ELECTRO-MAGNETISM OR YOUR PSYCHIC WAVES!
TING
TIMING'S GOTTA BE PERFECT!
KIRIKIRIKIRI
MAGNEMITE! PULL YOUR POWER FROM THE SHIELD AND USE IT TO ATTACK!
LET'S TRY...
GO FOR IT!

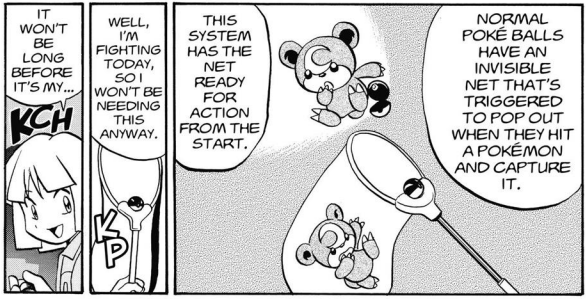

...ZAP CANNON!

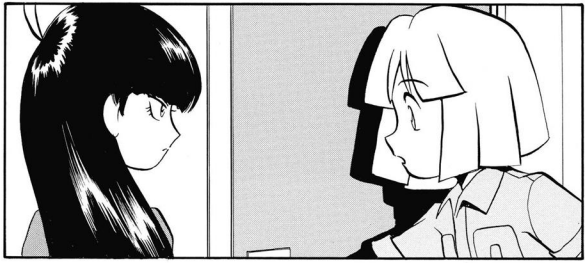
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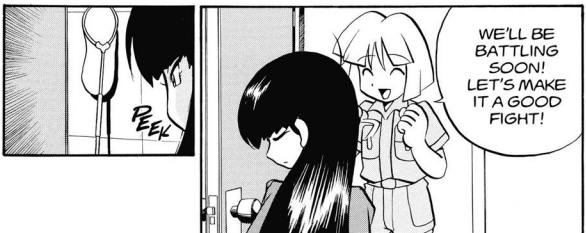





IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE IT'S MY...
KCH
WELL, I'M FIGHTING TODAY, SO I WON'T BE NEEDING THIS ANYWAY.
KP
THIS SYSTEM HAS THE NET READY FOR ACTION FROM THE START.
NORMAL POKÉ BALLS HAVE AN INVISIBLE NET THAT'S TRIGGERED TO POP OUT WHEN THEY HIT A POKÉMON AND CAPTURE IT.




...
OH! YOU'RE ...

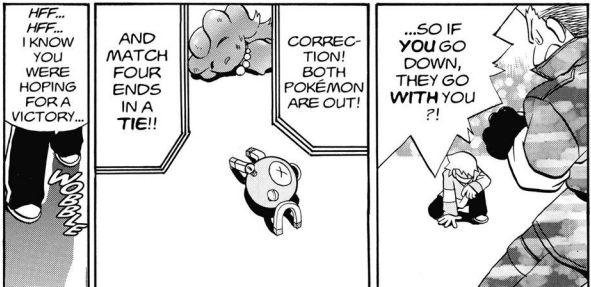

PEEK
WE'LL BE BATTLING SOON! LET'S MAKE IT A GOOD FIGHT!

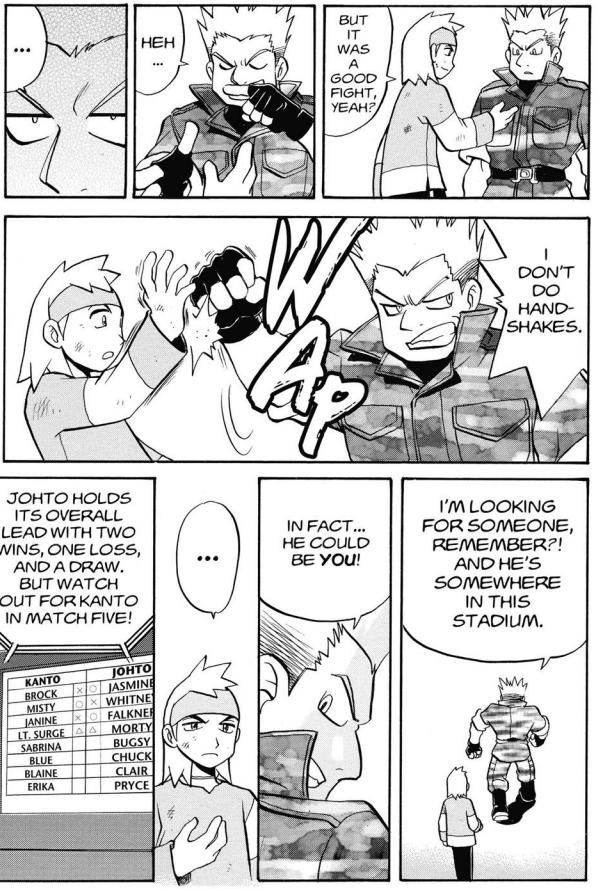

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Silly Scyther
IYAAAA!
THAT'S IT! IT'S OVER!
FOO
MORTY'S MISDREAVUS HAS BEEN KNOCKED OUT! AND THE WINNER OF THE MATCH IS...
?!?!?!


KONG
WHAT ?!
FOOO

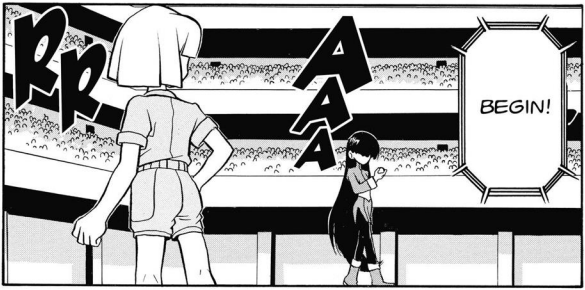

DESTINY BOND.
HFF... HFF... IT WAS THE ONLY THING I COULD DO TO KEEP FROM LOSING...

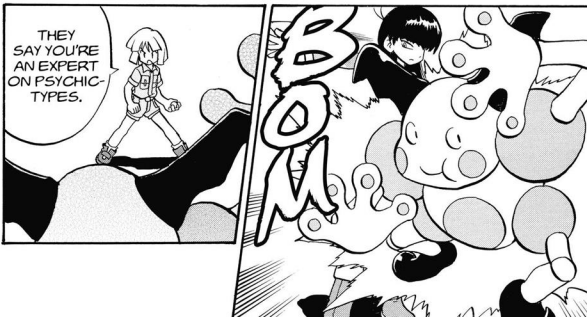

THE TECHNIQUE OF LINKING YOUR OPPONENTS' FATE TO YOUR OWN...
DESTINY BOND!

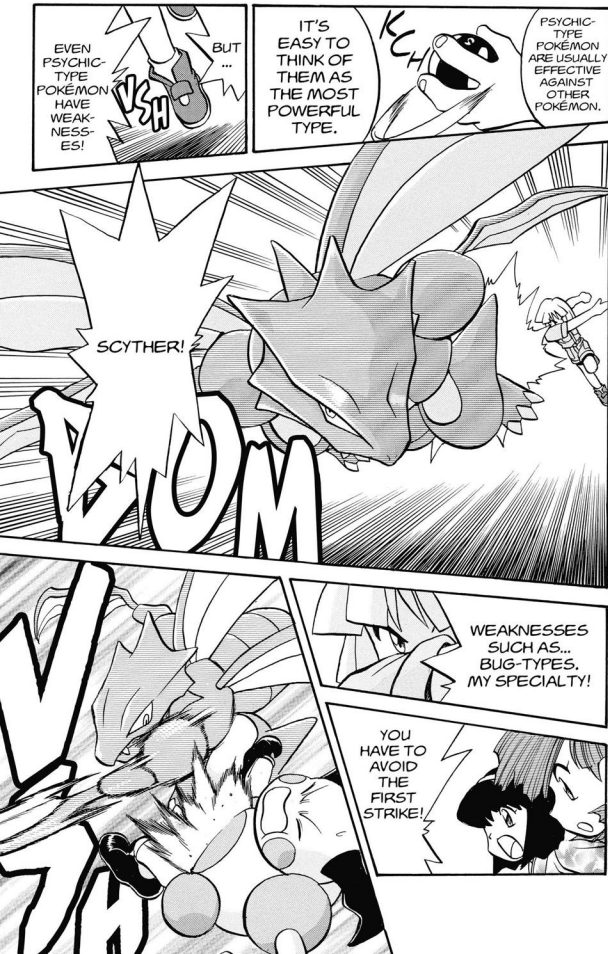

HFF... HFF... I KNOW YOU WERE HOPING FOR A VICTORY...
WOOZY
AND MATCH FOUR ENDS IN A TIE!!
CORRECTION! BOTH POKÉMON ARE OUT!
...SO IF YOU GO DOWN, THEY GO WITH YOU ?!


...
HEH ...
BUT IT WAS A GOOD FIGHT, YEAH?
I DON'T DO HAND-SHAKES.
WAP
I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE, REMEMBER?! AND HE'S SOMEWHERE IN THIS STADIUM.
IN FACT... HE COULD BE YOU!
...
JOHTO HOLDS ITS OVERALL LEAD WITH TWO WINS, ONE LOSS, AND A DRAW. BUT WATCH OUT FOR KANTO IN MATCH FIVE!
KANTO
JOHTO
BROCK × ○ JASMINE
MISTY ○ × WHITNEY
JANINE × ○ FALKNER
LT. SURGE △ △ MORTY
SABRINA BUGSY
BLUE CHUCK
BLAINE CLAIR
ERIKA PRYCE


BUGSY OF AZALEA GYM VS. SABRINA OF SAFFRON GYM!
I'M OFF...
STAY ALERT! YOU CAN'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN FOR AN INSTANT!
HOW WAS IT?

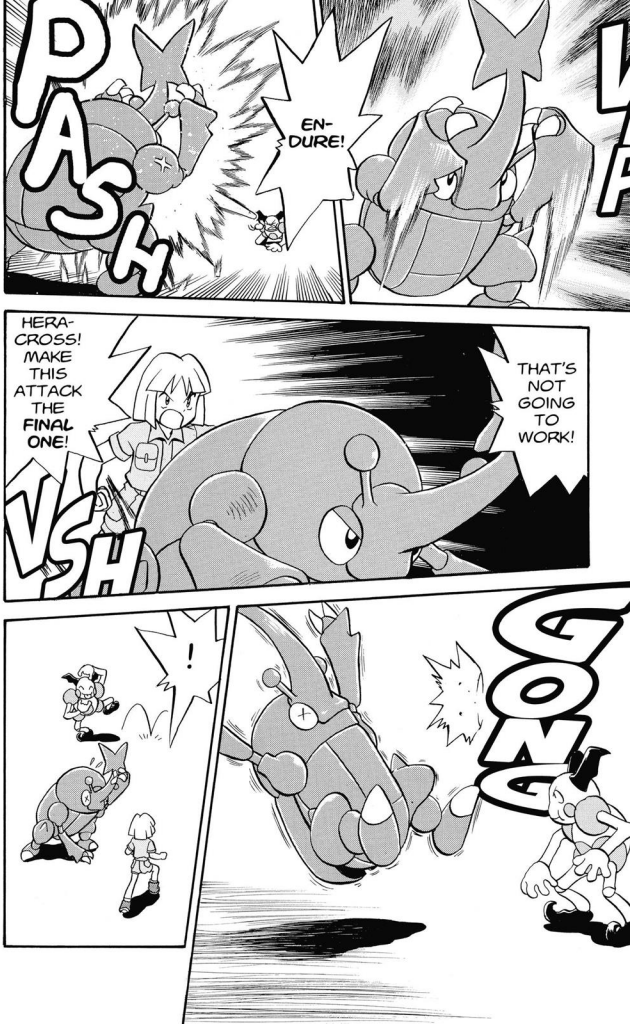

Rr
AAA
BEGIN!

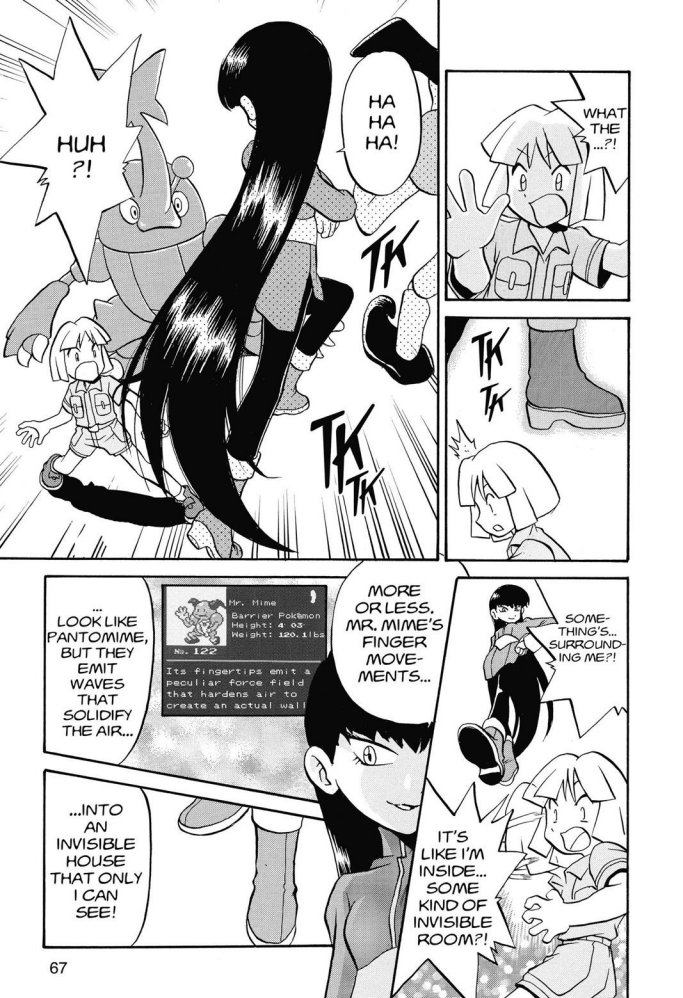

THEY SAY YOU'RE AN EXPERT ON PSYCHIC-TYPES.
BOM

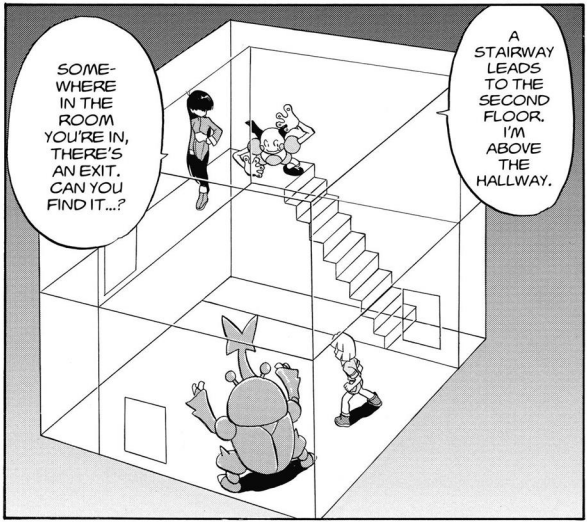

PSYCHIC-TYPE POKÉMON ARE USUALLY EFFECTIVE AGAINST OTHER POKÉMON.
KCH
IT'S EASY TO THINK OF THEM AS THE MOST POWERFUL TYPE.
BUT...
YSH
EVEN PSYCHIC-TYPE POKÉMON HAVE WEAKNESSES!
SCYTHER!
DUM
WEAKNESSES SUCH AS... BUG-TYPES. MY SPECIALTY!
YOU HAVE TO AVOID THE FIRST STRIKE!

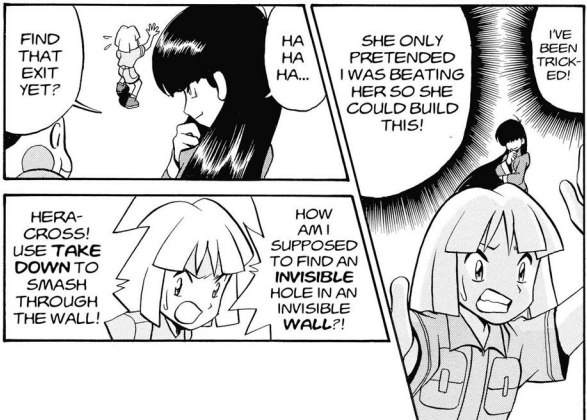

IT'S USING FURY CUT-TER!
ITS STRIKES KEEP GETTING STRONGER!
WA
M
WAK
JK
VIP
HERA-CROSS!
BOOM
PAP
I COM-MEND YOU FOR DODGING IT! BUT YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!

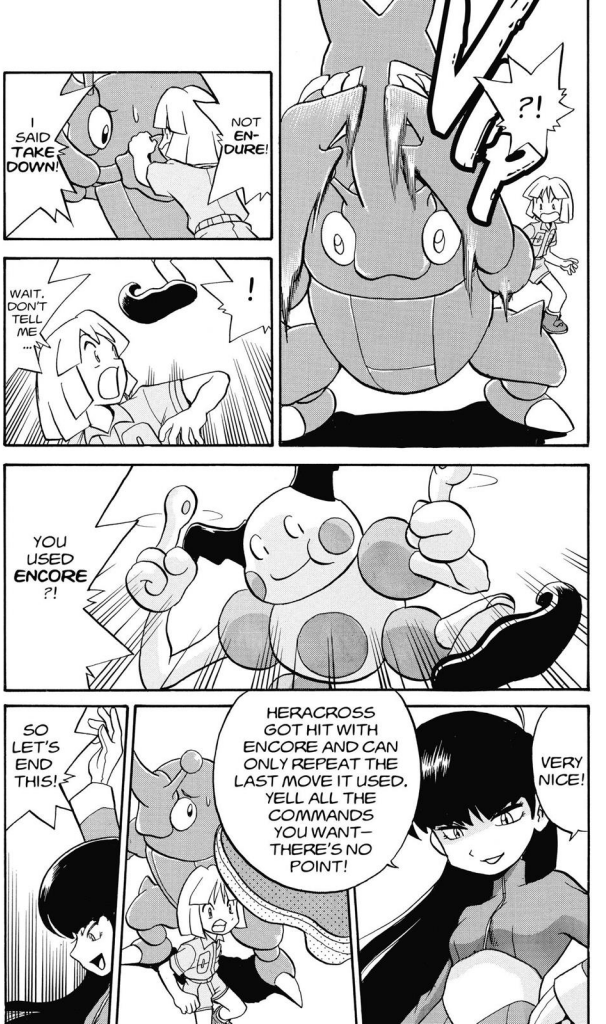

BEP!!!
MEGA-HORN!
FWIP
SABRINA'S BEEN FORCED INTO A CORNER BY BUGSY'S ATTACKS!
IT'S A PSYCHIC-TYPE EXPERT'S NIGHTMARE, BEING UP AGAINST A BUG-TYPE EXPERT!
THE MATCHUPS WERE DECIDED BY LOT, SO... IT'S JUST BAD LUCK.
I'LL BET SHE COULD HAVE DEMONSTRATED A LOT MORE POWER AGAINST A DIFFERENT OPPONENT...
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S ABOUT TO LAUNCH A COUNTER-ATTACK!
MR. MIME! CONFUSION!
BLL


DASH
EN-
DURE!
HERA-
CROSS!
MAKE
THIS
ATTACK
THE
FINAL
ONE!
THAT'S
NOT
GOING
TO
WORK!
VSH
!
GONG

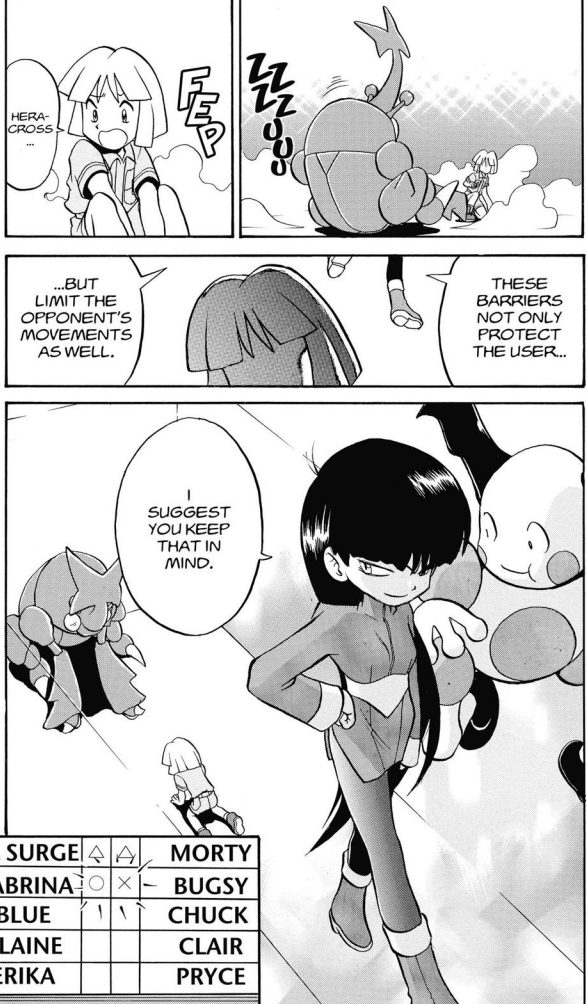

HUH ?!
HA HA HA!
TK
TK TK
WHAT THE ...?!
TK TK
SOME-THING'S... SURROUND-ING ME?!
IT'S LIKE I'M INSIDE... SOME KIND OF INVISIBLE ROOM?!
MORE OR LESS, MR. MIME'S FINGER MOVE-MENTS...
Mr. Mime
Barrier Pokémon
Height: 4'03"
Weight: 120.1lbs
No. 122
Its fingertips emit a peculiar force field that hardens air to create an actual wall
... LOOK LIKE PANTOMIME, BUT THEY EMIT WAVES THAT SOLIDIFY THE AIR...
...INTO AN INVISIBLE HOUSE THAT ONLY I CAN SEE!


A STAIRWAY LEADS TO THE SECOND FLOOR. I'M ABOVE THE HALLWAY.
SOME-WHERE IN THE ROOM YOU'RE IN, THERE'S AN EXIT. CAN YOU FIND IT...?


I'VE BEEN TRICK-ED!
SHE ONLY PRETENDED I WAS BEATING HER SO SHE COULD BUILD THIS!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FIND AN **INVISIBLE** HOLE IN AN INVISIBLE **WALL**?!
HERA-CROSS! USE **TAKE DOWN** TO SMASH THROUGH THE WALL!
HA HA HA...
FIND THAT EXIT YET?

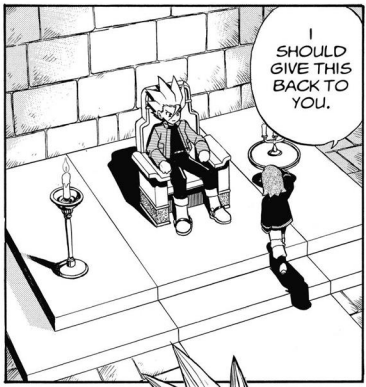

?!
I SAID TAKE DOWN!
NOT EN-DURE!
!
WAIT. DON'T TELL ME...
YOU USED ENCORE ?!
VERY NICE!
HERACROSS GOT HIT WITH ENCORE AND CAN ONLY REPEAT THE LAST MOVE IT USED. YELL ALL THE COMMANDS YOU WANT— THERE'S NO POINT!
SO LET'S END THIS!


BOM
PSY-
BEAM!
KA
KA
KA
KAKAKAKAKA
BONG
PLASH


HERA-CROSS...
FEP
ZZZUUU
...BUT LIMIT THE OPPONENT'S MOVEMENTS AS WELL.
THESE BARRIERS NOT ONLY PROTECT THE USER...
I SUGGEST YOU KEEP THAT IN MIND.
LT. SURGE
SABRINA
BLUE
BLAINE
ERIKA
MORTY
BUGSY
CHUCK
CLAIR
PRYCE


SSSSHHH
159 Popular Pupitar


...BUT ULTIMATELY I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO GET THE BEST USE OUT OF IT.
IT HAS PROVED HELPFUL AT TIMES...


I SHOULD GIVE THIS BACK TO YOU.


ALSO ...
THERE'VE BEEN SOME TWISTS AND TURNS ALONG THE WAY, BUT THINGS ARE MOSTLY PROCEEDING AS PLANNED. GOOD WORK.
PCH


I JUST THOUGHT IT MIGHT COME IN HANDY.
NO PROB-LEM.


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Popular Pupitar
I CAN TELL THAT THIS MISSION HAS MADE YOU A BETTER TRAINER ...
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, SILVER?
YES.
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...
...I'M STRONGER THAN EVER!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
THE ONLY REASON I FOLLOWED YOUR ORDERS FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS ...
...WAS BECAUSE I KNEW IT WOULD BRING ME CLOSER TO THE ENEMY.
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO TELL ME...

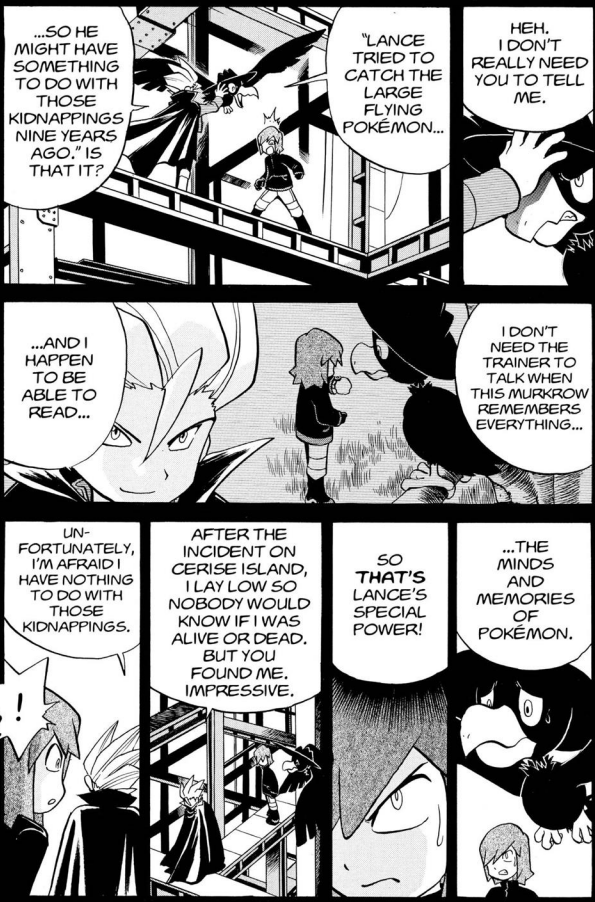

WHAT IS THE MASKED MAN'S PURPOSE?
TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW!
...
HMPH.
ALWAYS THE SAME LOOK IN YOUR EYES...
THE LOOK YOU HAD... WHEN YOU TRIED TO KILL ME.
BATTLE TOWER UNDER CONSTRUCTION
!
WHO'S THERE?


I'VE BEEN SENSING IT EVER SINCE THE BATTLE AT CERISE ISLAND!
IS IT MY IMAGIN-ATION, OR...? NO!
HOOOO
THERE!
SOME-ONE'S WATCHING ME!
GG
GET BACK HERE!
IT'S TOO DARK! I CAN'T SEE!
FWAPE FWAP FWAP


KLAK
MURKROW! PURSUIT!
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME!


...WITH ME?
WHAT DO YOU WANT ...

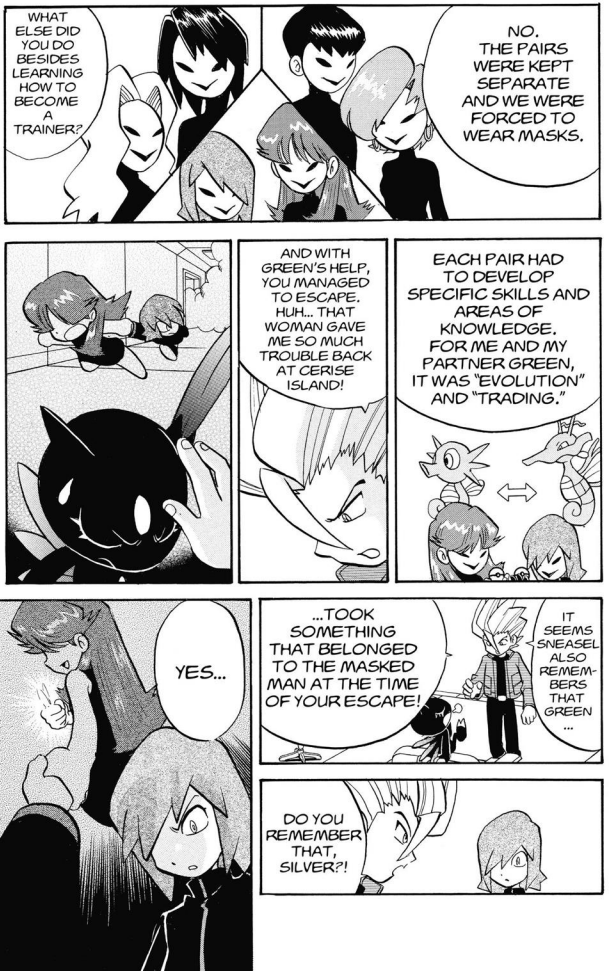

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HEH. I DON'T REALLY NEED YOU TO TELL ME.
"LANCE TRIED TO CATCH THE LARGE FLYING POKÉMON...
...SO HE MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THOSE KIDNAPPINGS NINE YEARS AGO." IS THAT IT?
I DON'T NEED THE TRAINER TO TALK WHEN THIS MURKROW REMEMBERS EVERYTHING...
...AND I HAPPEN TO BE ABLE TO READ...
...THE MINDS AND MEMORIES OF POKÉMON.
SO THAT'S LANCE'S SPECIAL POWER!
AFTER THE INCIDENT ON CERISE ISLAND, I LAY LOW SO NOBODY WOULD KNOW IF I WAS ALIVE OR DEAD. BUT YOU FOUND ME. IMPRESSIVE.
UN-FORTUNATELY, I'M AFRAID I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THOSE KIDNAPPINGS.
!


I WANTED LUGIA TO ASSIST WITH THE ELITE FOUR'S PLAN TO CREATE A UTOPIA...
BUT WHAT DOES THAT MATTER ANYMORE? I HAVE REGRETS ABOUT THAT TOO. BELIEVE WHAT YOU WILL.
...
I CAN TELL BY YOUR EYES THAT YOU'RE TELLING THE TRUTH.
SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED YOU.
HANG ON!
MAYBE IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, BUT... IF YOU CARE ABOUT A POKÉMON, IT DOESN'T HURT TO LET IT SEE THAT YOU DO.
THAT MURKROW OF YOURS IS GETTING DEPRESSED.
WHAT?!
IT'S EASY TO FORGET ...
...THAT YOUR POKÉMON'S STATE OF MIND AFFECTS ITS STRENGTH. I COULD TELL DURING OUR SCUFFLE.
AT YOUR CURRENT LEVEL, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE MUCH.
YOU'LL PROBABLY EVEN LOSE TO THE ONE YOU'RE PURSUING. IF HE'S POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CONTROL THE LEGENDARY GIANT FLYING POKÉMON...


WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO SHARE ...?
SOUNDS LIKE YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE MASKED MAN!
YOU AGREED.
I HAD TO CARRY OUT YOUR ORDERS FOR SIX MONTHS... I BECAME A BETTER TRAINER IN THE PROCESS!
THAT OFFER BROUGHT A PRICE WITH IT!
AND THEN I FOUGHT HIM!
AND YOUR INTELLIGENCE WAS ACCURATE. YOU KNEW ABOUT THE SYNDICATE'S MOVEMENTS AND SENT ME TO THEM...
I DON'T CARE WHY YOU MADE ME DO ANY OF IT! THE ONLY THING I CARE ABOUT IS FIGHTING THE MASKED MAN!
NEXT TIME WE MEET, I'LL WIN!
I LOST, BUT I PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT!


BUT FOR THAT TO HAPPEN ...
FINE.
HP
BUT BEFORE I TELL YOU, I'D LIKE TO CONFIRM A FEW THINGS...
YOU SAID THIS SNEASEL WAS WITH YOU FROM THE TIME YOU WERE KIDNAPPED BY THE MASKED MAN UNTIL YOU ESCAPED.
THERE WERE FIVE...
...WHO TRAINED WITH YOU.
YES. THREE MALE-FEMALE PAIRS.
DID YOU RECOG-NIZE EACH OTHER ?

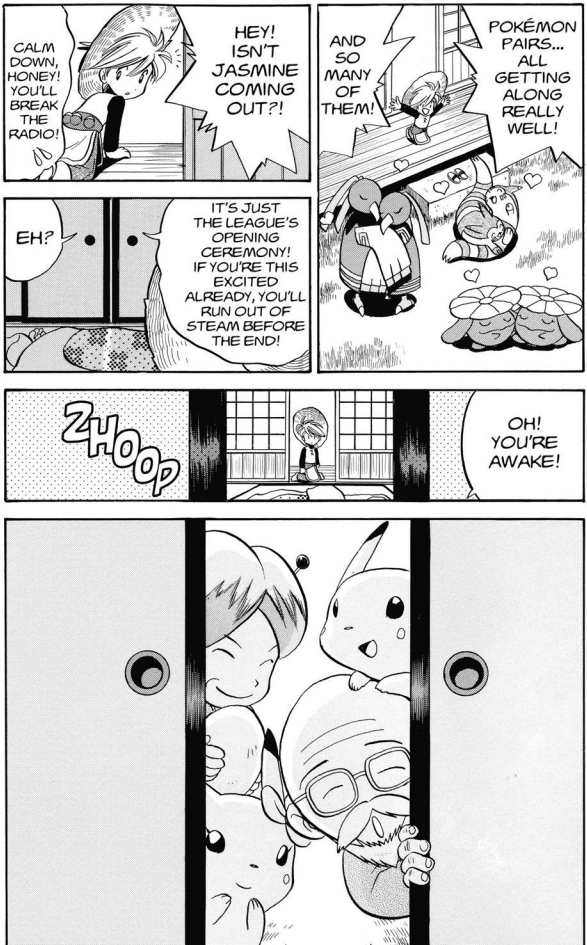

WHAT ELSE DID YOU DO BESIDES LEARNING HOW TO BECOME A TRAINER?
NO. THE PAIRS WERE KEPT SEPARATE AND WE WERE FORCED TO WEAR MASKS.
EACH PAIR HAD TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC SKILLS AND AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE. FOR ME AND MY PARTNER GREEN, IT WAS "EVOLUTION" AND "TRADING."
AND WITH GREEN'S HELP, YOU MANAGED TO ESCAPE. HUH... THAT WOMAN GAVE ME SO MUCH TROUBLE BACK AT CERISE ISLAND!
IT SEEMS SNEASEL ALSO REMEMBERS THAT GREEN ...
...TOOK SOMETHING THAT BELONGED TO THE MASKED MAN AT THE TIME OF YOUR ESCAPE!
YES...
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT, SILVER?!


HA HA!
LET'S TAKE THIS!


YES... YES... IT'S ALL BEGINNING TO MAKE SENSE...
I KNOW WHY THE MASKED MAN IS SO FIXATED ON LUGIA AND HO-OH!
IT'S TIME!
!


THE MASKED MAN...
...IS TRYING TO CONTROL TIME!


HUH?
NGH.
NNNN
H-HEY... WHERE AM I?
OH, THAT'S RIGHT! I WAS OFF THE COAST OF OLIVINE WITH MY FISHERMAN FRIEND...
...AND WE GOT ATTACKED BY A HUGE POKÉMON.
AND WHERE AM...?
SOMEBODY SAVED US?! BUT WHO?!
WHOA!


CALM DOWN, HONEY! YOU'LL BREAK THE RADIO!
HEY! ISN'T JASMINE COMING OUT?!
AND SO MANY OF THEM!
POKÉMON PAIRS... ALL GETTING ALONG REALLY WELL!
EH?
IT'S JUST THE LEAGUE'S OPENING CEREMONY! IF YOU'RE THIS EXCITED ALREADY, YOU'LL RUN OUT OF STEAM BEFORE THE END!
ZHOOP
OH! YOU'RE AWAKE!

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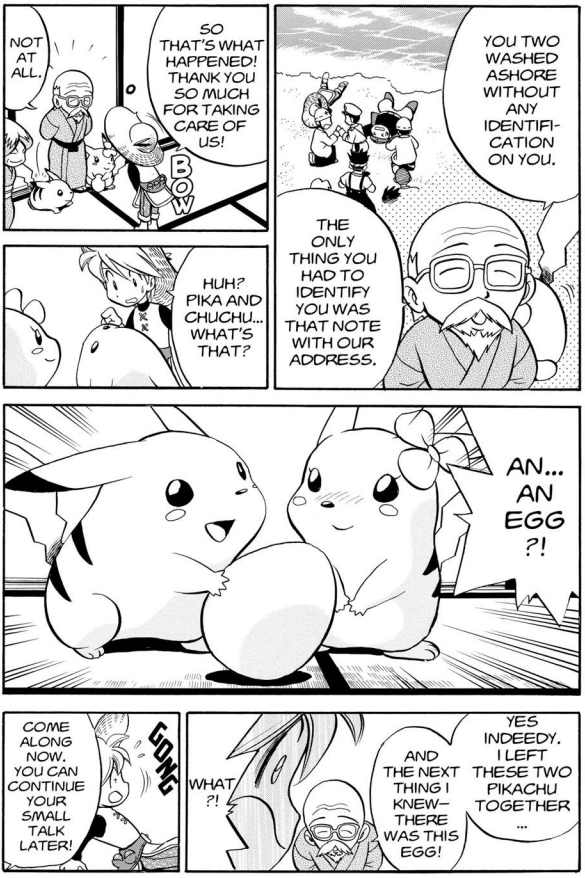


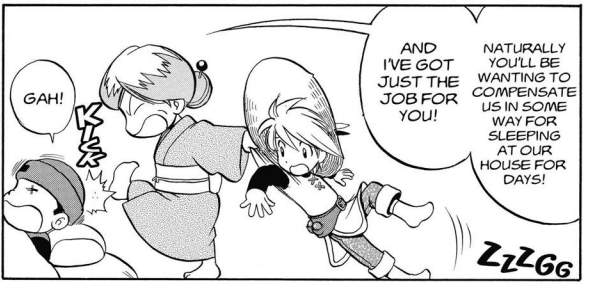


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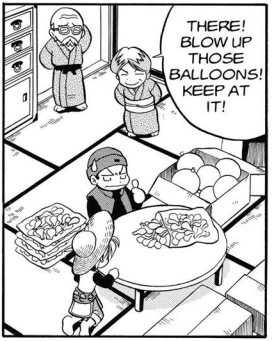



DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
UM... WHERE AM I?
YOU'RE IN THE POKÉMON DAY CARE.
"DAY CARE"?
YOU... RAISE POKÉMON FOR THEIR TRAINERS HERE, RIGHT?
HA HAHA. THAT'S RIGHT.
I'VE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT THIS PLACE...
OH, I KNOW ...!
YOU HAVE AN ADORABLE PIKACHU COUPLE.
IF YOU GET THE CHANCE, I SUGGEST YOU GO HERE...
I MET A GYM LEADER NAMED JASMINE WHO GAVE ME YOUR ADDRESS!
THEN YOU OWE JASMINE A DEBT OF GRATITUDE.


NOT AT ALL.
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING CARE OF US!
BOW
YOU TWO WASHED ASHORE WITHOUT ANY IDENTIFICATION ON YOU.
THE ONLY THING YOU HAD TO IDENTIFY YOU WAS THAT NOTE WITH OUR ADDRESS.
HUH? PIKA AND CHUCHU... WHAT'S THAT?
AN... AN EGG ?!
COME ALONG NOW. YOU CAN CONTINUE YOUR SMALL TALK LATER!
GONG
WHAT ?!
AND THE NEXT THING I KNEW— THERE WAS THIS EGG!
YES INDEEDY. I LEFT THESE TWO PIKACHU TOGETHER ...


GAH!
KKK
AND I'VE GOT JUST THE JOB FOR YOU!
NATURALLY YOU'LL BE WANTING TO COMPENSATE US IN SOME WAY FOR SLEEPING AT OUR HOUSE FOR DAYS!
ZZZGG


JUST A LITTLE SIDE BUSINESS TO PICK UP SOME SPENDING MONEY...
I THOUGHT THIS WAS A POKÉMON DAY CARE ...

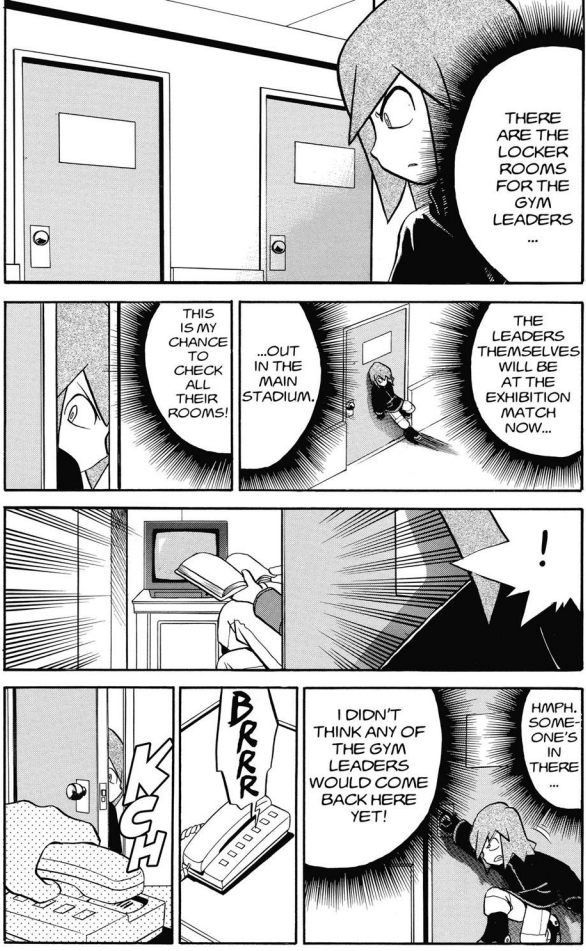

THERE! BLOW UP THOSE BALLOONS! KEEP AT IT!


SLAP
LISTEN, GRAND-MA! WE NEED TO GET—
WHO ARE YOU CALLING GRAND-MA!


TWO MORE VICTIMS ENTRAPPED BY MY WIFE... SIGH...
NEVER!
CALL ME... "PRIN-CESS"!


AH, YES ...
SHEESH!
GET TO WORK!
IS THIS A PICTURE OF YOU FROM WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG?
THE DAYS OF OUR YOUTH...
Pokémon LEAGUE
YOU HERE AS A SPECTATOR? SORRY. EVEN STANDING ROOM ONLY IS FULL UP...
PARTICIPANTS


WHAT ?!
H-HEY!
THE REGI-STRATION FOR PARTICI-PANTS IS OVER!
SHF SHF
BESIDES, YOU WOULD HAVE HAD TO PRE-REGISTER AND COMPETE IN THE PRE-LIMINARIES!
JINGLE
I'M TOLD I CAN BYPASS THE PRELIMINARIES... WITH THESE.
Y-YES, YOU CAN! GO RIGHT IN!
SO SOMEONE ACTUALLY EARNED EVERY SINGLE BADGE!
TRUTH BE TOLD... I STOLE THEM FROM EMPTY GYMS.
ZIP
VSH
ZIP


THERE ARE THE LOCKER ROOMS FOR THE GYM LEADERS ...
THIS IS MY CHANCE TO CHECK ALL THEIR ROOMS!
...OUT IN THE MAIN STADIUM.
THE LEADERS THEMSELVES WILL BE AT THE EXHIBITION MATCH NOW...
!
KCH
BRRR
I DIDN'T THINK ANY OF THE GYM LEADERS WOULD COME BACK HERE YET!
HMPH. SOMEONE'S IN THERE ...


BLUE OF VIRIDIAN GYM! YOUR MATCH IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.
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PLEASE RETURN TO THE MAIN STADIUM.
OKAY.
KCH
RED'S AS STUB-BORN AS EVER...
HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO BORROW MY CHARIZARD, SO HE LEFT HIS GYARADOS BEHIND.
HUH ?!
FSH
IT'S HOT!
WHAT'S THIS...?!
SOME-ONE'S THERE ...


THIS HEAT ISN'T NORMAL. WHAT'S GOING ON?!
!
BAM
WHAT?!
SNEASEL!
FAINT ATTACK!
WAM
RRG!
TDM

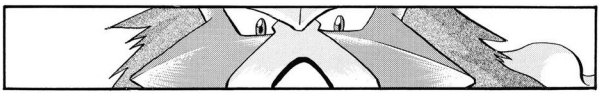

IS HE CAUSING THIS HEAT SOMEHOW?!
SNEASEL! ONE MORE TIME!
IT'S NO USE! MY PORYGON2 USED CONVERSION 2 TO CHANGE...
BIII
...ITS TYPE SO THAT IT WOULD BE MORE POWERFUL AGAINST SNEASEL!
FOR THIS BATTLE, PORYGON2'S TYPE IS DARK! YOUR ATTACKS WON'T ACCOMPLISH MUCH!
I SEE.
THAT'S AN INTERESTING MOVE.
FSH
!
NGH!
BOTH OF US THOUGHT THE OTHER CAUSED THIS UNNATURAL HEAT...


DMMM
THERE'S THE REAL SOURCE!
BUT LOOK!


CHK
THAT'S A POWERFUL FIRE-TYPE POKÉMON!
WHICH MEANS ...
...THE ONLY ONE THAT STANDS A CHANCE IS...
WHERE THE HECK IS BLUE? WHEN THIS MATCH ENDS, HE'S UP NEXT!
TM
TM
I CAME TO CHEER HIM ON BECAUSE GRANDPA'S BUSY AT THE LAB...
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE SENT TO FETCH HIM!
IT'S AWFULLY HOT DOWN HERE, IS THE AIR CONDITIONING BROKEN?
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A RED AND A BLUE GYARA-DOS!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!

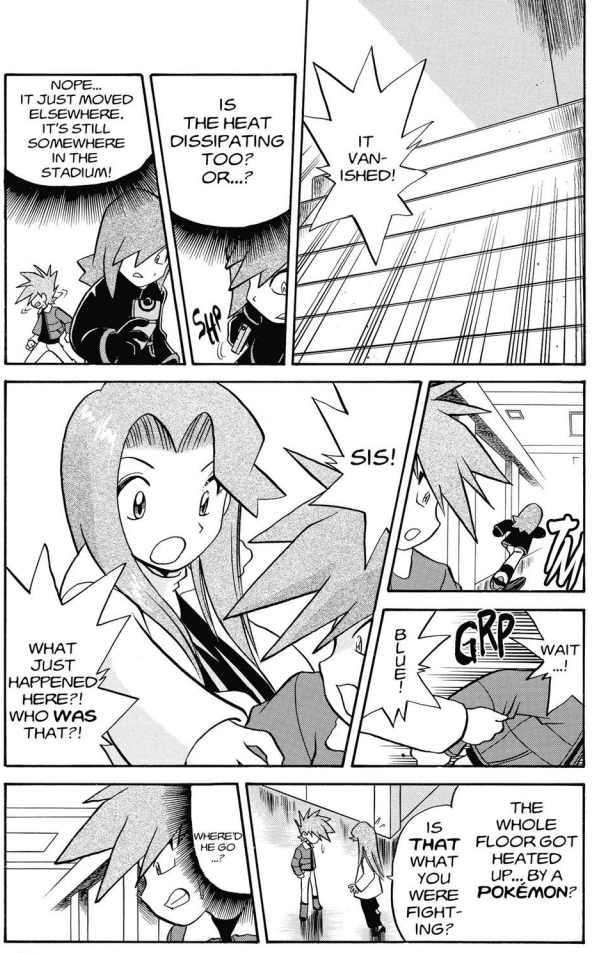


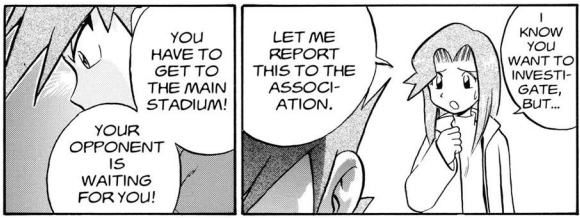


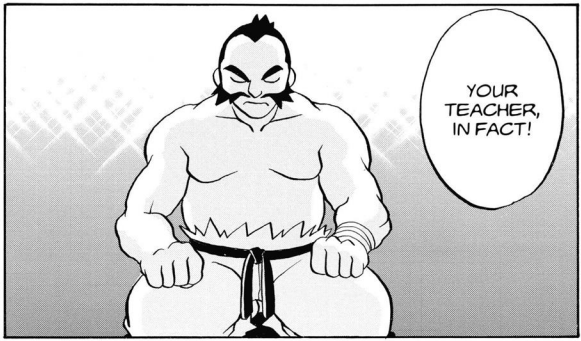


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FWSH
ALL RIGHT!
THIS FIRE... IT'S...
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UGH!

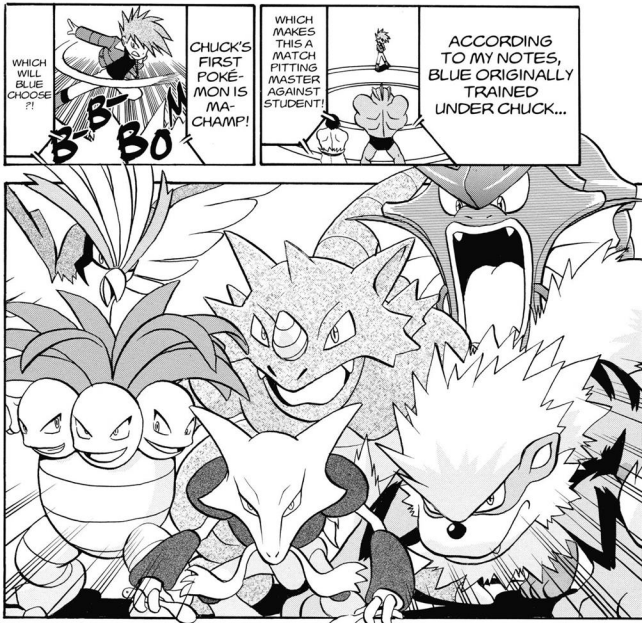

NOPE... IT JUST MOVED ELSEWHERE. IT'S STILL SOMEWHERE IN THE STADIUM!
IS THE HEAT DISSIPATING TOO? OR...?
SHP
IT VAN-ISHED!
SIS!
WHAT JUST HAPPENED HERE?! WHO WAS THAT?!
BLUE!
GRP
WAIT ...!
WHERE'D HE GO ...?
IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE FIGHT-ING?
THE WHOLE FLOOR GOT HEATED UP... BY A POKÉMON?


I KNOW YOU WANT TO INVESTI-GATE, BUT...
LET ME REPORT THIS TO THE ASSOCI-ATION.
YOU HAVE TO GET TO THE MAIN STADIUM!
YOUR OPPONENT IS WAITING FOR YOU!


YOUR TEACHER, IN FACT!


WELL, WE'VE PAGED HIM REPEATEDLY ...
...BUT BLUE STILL HASN'T SHOWED UP, SO—
OH! THERE HE IS!
TMP


KRAK
SORRY I'M LATE. LET'S GET STARTED.
R-RIGHT ...
BEGIN!
AND MATCH SIX IS UNDERWAY!
CHUCK, LEADER OF CIANWOOD GYM, FACES BLUE OF VIRIDIAN!
BOM
GOLD


ACCORDING TO MY NOTES, BLUE ORIGINALLY TRAINED UNDER CHUCK...
WHICH MAKES THIS A MATCH PITTING MASTER AGAINST STUDENT!
CHUCK'S FIRST POKÉMON IS MA-CHAMP!
WHICH WILL BLUE CHOOSE?!
B-B-BO-N


BLUE'S REVEALED EVERYTHING HE'S GOT, AND...
...HIS TEAM IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM HIS TEAM IN THE LAST TOURNAMENT!
AFTER I BECAME GYM LEADER, I TRAINED A WHOLE NEW TEAM TO IMPROVE MY SKILLS!
BUT...
VS!!


I'LL ONLY BE USING RHYDON TODAY!
PSSH!
HORN ATTACK!
HUH ?!
GRAP
CHUCK LET BLUE MAKE THE FIRST MOVE!
THAT'S VITAL THROW— A MOVE WITH A 100% SUCCESS RATE— BUT IT LETS THE OPPONENT ATTACK FIRST!
VITAL THROW!
BEAUTIFULLY PLAYED. INCREDIBLE AS ALWAYS ...


...MIND READ-ER!
KA!
HITMON-LEE...
TP
TP
KICK
ZUD
ALL ITS MOVES ARE BEING ANTICIPATED! HITMONLEE'S MIND READER IS RENDERING RHYDON'S ATTACKS USELESS!
CHUCK IS NOW AT AN ADVAN-TAGE!

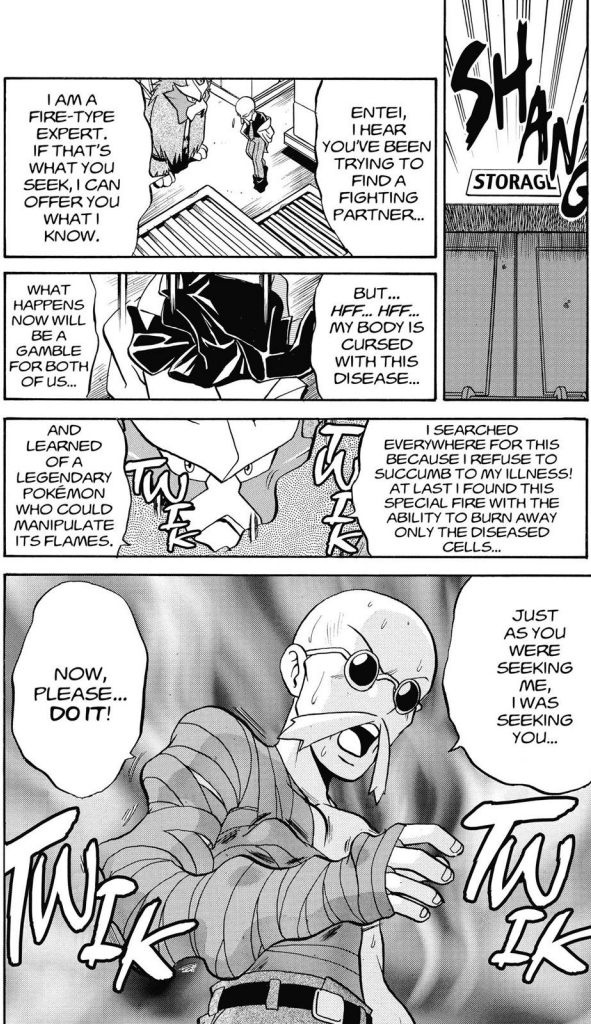

DON'T LET GO, RHYDON!
HOLD ON... AND THEN STOMP!
TUG
NNNG
REVERSAL!
DOOM


NGH...
THIS POWER...!
YOU TOOK ALL MY ATTACKS... AND TURNED THEM INTO YOUR OFFENSIVE MANEUVERS...
YOUR STRATEGY IS AS FIENDISH AS EVER... TEACHER!
ZZZOD
BLUE.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
YOU HAIL FROM PALLET TOWN IN KANTO, RIGHT?
I HEAR HE'S THE GRANDSON OF PROF. OAK. HE MUST KNOW HIS POKÉMON, ALL RIGHT!
DOESN'T MATTER WHOSE GRANDSON I AM!
I'M HERE TO LEARN HOW TO BE A TRAINER BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO BE!
HE'S A FEISTY LITTLE GUY!
DON'T EVER TALK TO ME LIKE—
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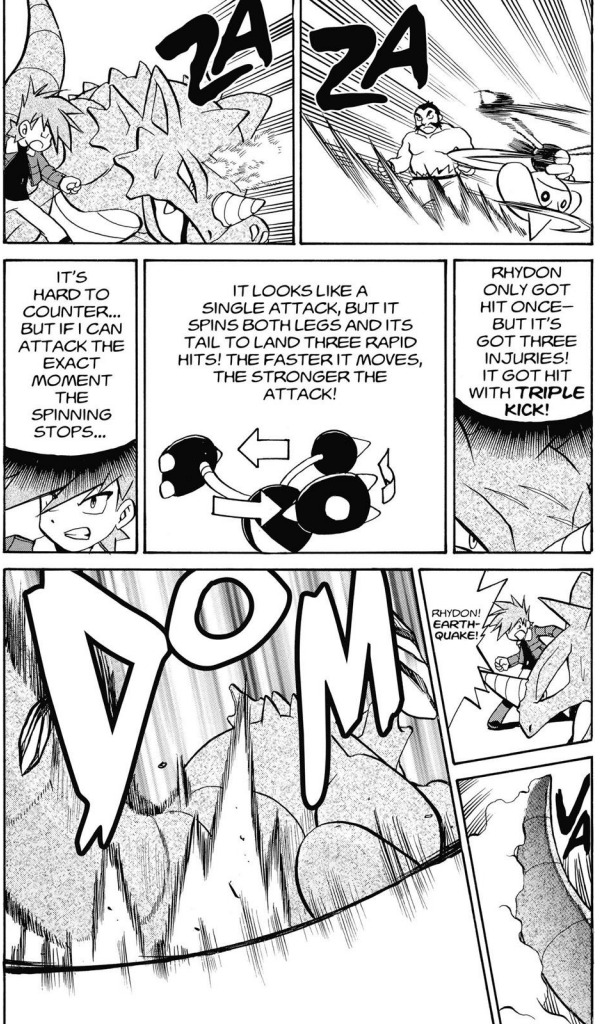

ARGH!
PLASH
POK
POK
YOU NEED TO LEARN TO WATCH YOUR MOUTH BEFORE YOU LEARN TO BE A TRAINER.
ACK!
PLASH
L-LET ME GO! WHY, YOU...!
I'M A 4TH LEVEL JUDO MASTER, 3RD LEVEL IN KENDO, 5TH IN AIKIDO. AND I KNOW HOW TO FIGHT WITH SPEARS AND STAFFS.
PICK WHATEVER WEAPON YOU LIKE.
WELL, I DON'T CARE WHO YOUR GRANDFATHER IS. IT WON'T CHANGE THE WAY I TEACH YOU ONE BIT.
NO MATTER WHAT YOU ACCOMPLISH, PEOPLE SAY IT WAS ALL THANKS TO YOUR GRANDFATHER'S INFLUENCE, RIGHT? YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE YOU'RE SICK OF EVERYONE THINKING THAT.
I SAID I WANT TO BE A POKÉMON TRAINER!


DO YOU WANT ME TO TEACH YOU...?
...OR NOT?
TRAINERS HAVE TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN STRENGTH AND SKILLS TO SYNCHRONIZE WITH THEIR POKÉMON.
THAT WAS THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR TEACHINGS.
AND I PLAN TO FOLLOW THEM IN THIS BATTLE.
THIS ONE'S FOR YOU, TEACH!
HFF...
HFF...
WHERE DID IT GO?
THERE'S ONE THING I'M SURE ABOUT... THAT FIRE...
I FELT THE SAME WAY BACK THEN...
SHOP


TELL ME... MASTER OF THE FLAME OF LIFE!
YOU SAVED US, SO THAT MEANS YOU WANT TO DEFEAT THE MASKED MAN TOO! ISN'T THAT WHY YOU'RE HERE?!
...WHEN THAT "FLAME OF LIFE" SAVED GOLD AND ME FROM THE LAKE OF RAGE!
I'M SORRY, BUT... PLEASE...
LET ENTEI STAY WITH ME JUST A LITTLE LONGER.
WOBBLE
FLAME OF LIFE...
THAT'S AN INTERESTING WAY TO PUT IT.
THAT YOUNG MAN SEEMS TO BE SEARCHING FOR YOU TOO.


I AM A FIRE-TYPE EXPERT. IF THAT'S WHAT YOU SEEK, I CAN OFFER YOU WHAT I KNOW.
ENTEI, I HEAR YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIND A FIGHTING PARTNER...
SHANG
STORAGE
WHAT HAPPENS NOW WILL BE A GAMBLE FOR BOTH OF US...
BUT... HFF... HFF... MY BODY IS CURSED WITH THIS DISEASE...
AND LEARNED OF A LEGENDARY POKÉMON WHO COULD MANIPULATE ITS FLAMES.
TWIK
TWIK
I SEARCHED EVERYWHERE FOR THIS BECAUSE I REFUSE TO SUCCUMB TO MY ILLNESS! AT LAST I FOUND THIS SPECIAL FIRE WITH THE ABILITY TO BURN AWAY ONLY THE DISEASED CELLS...
NOW, PLEASE... DO IT!
JUST AS YOU WERE SEEKING ME, I WAS SEEKING YOU...
TWIK
TWIK


CHUCK SWITCHED OUT HIS POKÉMON!
HIT-MON-TOP!
...HIT-MONTOP AP-PEARED!
RIGHT AFTER BLUE'S RHYDON GOT KNOCKED DOWN...
CWEEEN
NG NG NG
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Heckled by Hitmontop


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ZA
IT'S HARD TO COUNTER... BUT IF I CAN ATTACK THE EXACT MOMENT THE SPINNING STOPS...
IT LOOKS LIKE A SINGLE ATTACK, BUT IT SPINS BOTH LEGS AND ITS TAIL TO LAND THREE RAPID HITS! THE FASTER IT MOVES, THE STRONGER THE ATTACK!
RHYDON ONLY GOT HIT ONCE— BUT IT'S GOT THREE INJURIES! IT GOT HIT WITH TRIPLE KICK!
DOM
RHYDON! EARTH-QUAKE!
VA


NOW HIT-MONTOP ESCAPES INTO THE AIR...
IT SHOOK THE GROUND TO DESTABILIZE ITS OPPONENT'S SPIN! A GREAT STRATEGY BY BLUE!
WOB BLE
DRRMM
!
GLARE
NO! IT ISN'T JUST ESCAPING ...!
Gyu


HIT-MONTOP IS LAUNCH-ING ANOTHER ATTACK!
AND THIS IS A POKÉMON WHO CAN DO A LOT MORE THAN KICK!
SEE THAT HEAD SPIKE ?!
Hitmontop
Handstand Pokémon
Height: 4'07"
Height: 105.8lbs.
No. 237
Spins and kicks simultaneously. Can burrow into the ground by spinning.
WITH A FAST ENOUGH SPIN, THAT SPIKE CAN DIG TUNNELS IN THE GROUND!
AND HERE COMES THE NEXT ATTACK!
GWRRR
...
TMP
WHAT ?!
!
BLUE CLIMBED ON RHYDON'S BACK!
THAT'S RISKY! ONE WRONG MOVE AND HE COULD GET BADLY INJURED...
AND NOW RHYDON'S DRILL IS STARTING TO SPIN!
GWIII

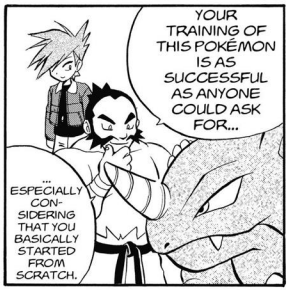

FEEL THE FLOW OF THE AIR!
LISTEN FOR THE SOUNDS!
THE OPPONENT'S BREATH, HEARTBEAT... EVEN DROPS OF SWEAT...
DETECT EVERY MOVE-MENT!
...THEN...
...MY POKÉ-MON CAN FEEL THEM TOO!
WHEN I CAN SENSE ALL OF HIT-MONTOP'S MOVEMENTS ...
UNN
KING
THERE, RHYDON!


!
DRILL VERSUS DRILL?!
RHYDON NOT ONLY CAUGHT HITMONTOP BUT CANCELED OUT ITS OPPONENT'S MOVEMENT WITH A REVERSE DRILL SPIN!
GNG
GNG
KWA
KWA
GO...
...HORN DRILL!
SHHH
SPK


WERE YOU ABLE TO ENVISION ...
...THE PATH HITMONTOP PLANNED TO TAKE?
YES.
TMP
A TRAINER HAS TO HONE HIS OWN SENSES AND BE READY TO DO BATTLE WITH HIS POKÉMON.
YOU TAUGHT ME THAT.
RAAAA
HIT-MONTOP IS KNOCKED OUT!
BLUE WINS!
POW
I DIDN'T EXPECT A REVERSE SPIN LIKE THAT TO....
... NEUTRALIZE US PLUS DEAL SO MUCH DAMAGE.
HA HA HA!
PAP


YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY GOOD, BLUE!
THANK YOU, TEACHER!
NOW I CAN FINALLY FULFILL MY PROMISE...
GYM LEADER CHUCK
BLUE... THE NEXT TIME WE MEET ...
DON'T SAY A WORD. JUST FIGHT ME!
I'LL ANSWER IN KIND!
...WE'LL HAVE NO NEED FOR SMALL TALK.
Y-YES, TEACHER!
YOU'D BETTER MEET MY EXPECTATIONS WHEN THAT TIME COMES— OR ELSE!


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YOUR TRAINING OF THIS POKÉMON IS AS SUCCESSFUL AS ANYONE COULD ASK FOR...
...ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THAT YOU BASICALLY STARTED FROM SCRATCH.


BUT WHY DID YOU LIMIT YOURSELF TO RHYDON?
BECAUSE OF THIS...


AS THE LEADER OF THE VIRIDIAN GYM, I THOUGHT I SHOULD MASTER ALL OF ITS SECRETS.

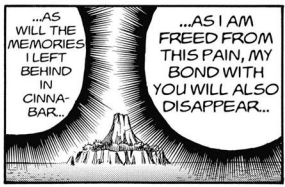

I FOUND THIS HIDDEN DEEP IN THE GYM AFTER I WAS APPOINTED.
THE PREVIOUS GYM LEADER WAS AN EXPERT ON GROUND-TYPES. THAT BOOK CONTAINS ALL OF HIS KNOWLEDGE.


THE ENTIRE STADIUM ...
...IS ENGULFED BY SOME KIND OF EVIL AURA!
YES. YOU SENSE IT TOO?
TEACHER.. DO YOU ...?

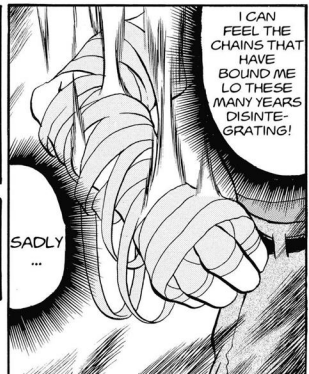

SHOO
AHH!
STORAGE


...I CAN FEEL IT!
IT'S A DRASTIC REMEDY, BUT...


HO


...AS WILL THE MEMORIES I LEFT BEHIND IN CINNA-BAR..
...AS I AM FREED FROM THIS PAIN, MY BOND WITH YOU WILL ALSO DISAPPEAR...


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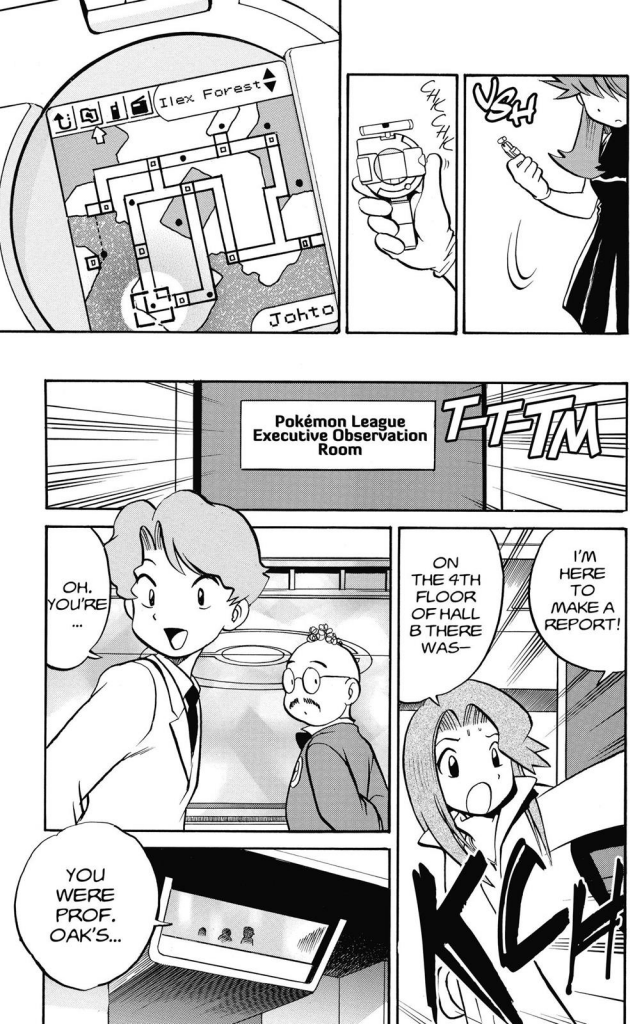

I CAN FEEL THE CHAINS THAT HAVE BOUND ME LO THESE MANY YEARS DISINTE-GRATING!
SADLY ...

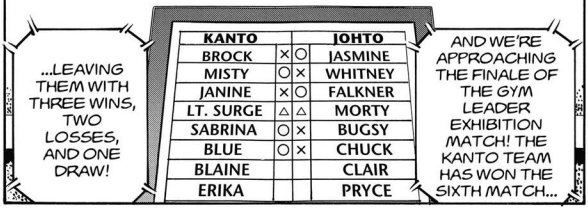

FAREWELL ...
...MY OTHER SELF!
HFF
GRRRR
HFF
FROM NOW ON, YOU ARE FREE TO LIVE YOUR LIFE.
IT'S FOR THE BEST.
...IN YOUR DEBT.
AND I AM FOR-EVER ...
SHOP
THE HOMING SYSTEM ON THAT FIRE-TYPE POKÉMON ...
WHY IS IT GIVING ME AN ERROR MESSAGE ?!
ERROR
PIKA
PIKA

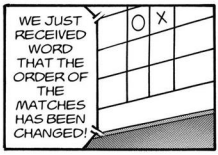

THE BATTLE BETWEEN MASTER AND STUDENT ENDED WITH THE STUDENT THE VICTOR! NOW THAT'S INSPIRING!
MAS-TER ...
... AND STU-DENT ...
THAT'S A BOND I'M NOT SENTI-MENTAL ABOUT. TO ME...
...IT'S PART OF AN UGLY PAST I WANT TO ERASE!
I SEE...
WHO ARE YOU?! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?!
DOES IT MATTER?
I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TELL YOU... BEFORE YOU GET YOURSELF INVOLVED IN THIS MESS.
I CAN TELEPORT YOU OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW. HOW ABOUT IT?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?


THIS... THIS IS...
TELE-PORT!
KWRD
I'M SAYING... WHAT I JUST SAID! ♥
HYOOOO
UH-HUH. BUT DON'T WORRY. I'LL SEND YOU SOMEPLACE SAFE.
KWRZ
WHERE YOU CAN'T GET INTO TROUBLE AGAIN.
ENEMY? THAT'S A LAUGH.
DOO
I'M YOUR ALLY.
DO YOU SERVE THE MASKED MAN?!
A NEW ENEMY, EH?
NO MATTER WHEN, NO MATTER WHERE...
...I'LL ALWAYS BE...
!


GREEN!
...YOUR ONLY ALLY.
GOOD-BYE...
WHY?!
...SILVER.
PSSSSH
...YOU WON'T HAVE TO FIGHT ON YOUR OWN ANYMORE!
BUT...
FWA
I MADE YOU DO ALL THE WORK.
SSSS
SORRY ABOUT EVERY-THING.
NOW IT'S MY TURN!
TG


Ilex Forest
Johto
CHK CHK
VSH
Pokémon League Executive Observation Room
T-T-TM
I'M HERE TO MAKE A REPORT!
ON THE 4TH FLOOR OF HALL B THERE WAS—
KCH
OH. YOU'RE ...
YOU WERE PROF. OAK'S...







163 Bringing up Bellossom




BLAINE, WHAT'S WRONG ...?
FROM THE BEGINNING I WANTED HIM TO BE CAPTAIN OF THE KANTO TEAM.
HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T COME WHEN WE WERE SUMMONED...
BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THAT NOW.
I'VE GOT TO WIN THIS MATCH... FOR KANTO!
GK
I'VE GOT TO KEEP MY FOCUS ON THAT!
BOM
BEGIN!
TP
THIS IS A REAL HONOR.
YES. FOR ME AS WELL.


AN EXCESS OF SELF-EXPRESSION DETRACTS FROM THE INNATE BEAUTY OF THE FLOWER.
THE MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IN FLOWER ARRANGING IS SUBTLETY.
OH— ON FLOWER ARRANGING TOO.
IN ADDITION TO TEACHING AT CERULEAN UNIVERSITY, I ALSO HOLD CLASSES ON THE TEA CEREMONY AND ARCHERY IN MY HOME.
!
?
...IS SUBTLETY.
YES... WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT ...
THEY MUST BE FOUGHT QUIETLY, YET ELEGANTLY.
IT'S THE SAME WITH POKÉMON BATTLES...
WHEN DID SHE DO THAT?!
THAT'S PETAL DANCE!

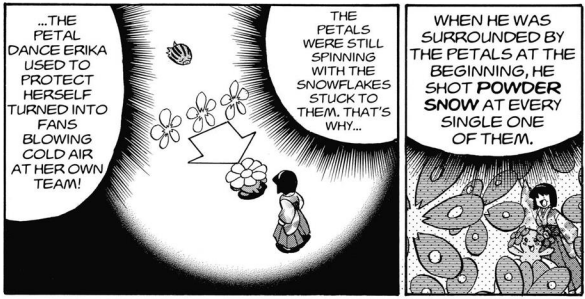

YAAA
NOW... BLOSSOM!
POP
PPPPPPP
PETAL DANCE DOUBLES AS BOTH AN ATTACK AND A WALL TO KEEP THE OPPONENT AWAY!
Swinub
Pig Pokémon
Height: 1'04"
Weight: 14.3lbs
No. 220
Runs after floral fragrances as if nothing else existed.
Area Cry PRINT
SHE'S TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SWINUB'S ATTRACTION TO FLORAL SCENTS TOO!
RAP
IT'S NOT OVER YET!

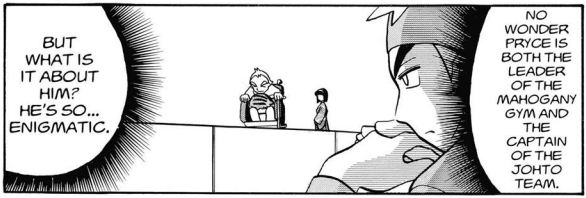

ZZZZZ
TOK
TOK TOK
PO
SKIP-
LOOM!
STUN
SPORE!
PFF
B
B
B
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ONLY A
SINGLE FLAKE
FROM THAT
POWDER SNOW
HIT, BUT THE
DAMAGE IS DONE!
SKW
BIP

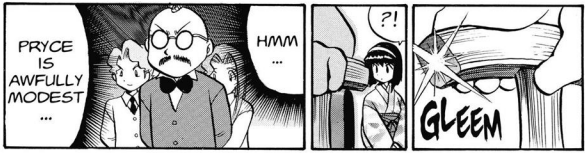

THIS IS BAD, ERIKA! YOU STRENGTHENED YOUR DEFENSES, BUT IT'S STILL A BATTLE BETWEEN GRASS AND ICE!
YOU'RE AT A HUGE DIS-ADVAN-TAGE!
I KNOW!
WHICH IS WHY I CONCEIVED OF A COUNTER-MEASURE!
SYN-THESIS!
PHEW
GGG
FSH
I HAD BELLOSSOM DANCE A LITTLE WHILE AGO TO DRAW IN MORE SUNLIGHT!
Bellossom
Flower Pokémon
Height: 1.4m
Weight: 12.0 lbs
No. 182
Occasionally gather to dance, believed to be a ceremony to call for the sun to shine.
SYNTHESIS, THE HEALING POWER, IS MOST EFFECTIVE AT THIS TIME OF DAY... BECAUSE OF THE SUN!


I'VE TURNED THIS INTO A BATTLE OF ENDURANCE!
I'LL USE PETAL DANCE TO PROTECT MYSELF! IF I'M ATTACKED, I'LL JUST KEEP HEALING!
PSH
PSH
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PK
SHING
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!
SKIP-LOOM!
NO...!

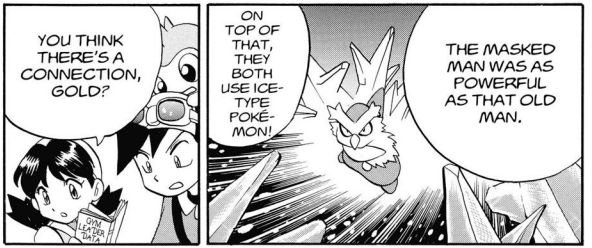

WHEN DID YOU DO THIS?!
WERE THE PETAL DANCE AND SKIPLOOM'S SUNLIGHT-ABSORBING PETALS ALREADY FROZEN?!
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?!
...WAS SO SUBTLE.
...PERHAPS IT WAS BECAUSE MY ATTACK...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT JUST HAPPENED...
...BUT IT APPEARS ERIKA'S SKIPLOOM IS UNABLE TO CONTINUE FIGHTING! AND SO... PRYCE WINS THE MATCH!
VEEN
IF YOU DIDN'T FOLLOW WHAT I JUST DID...
I SAW EVERY-THING AS IT HAP-PENED.
"SUBTLE," HUH?
I DON'T MEAN TO BE CONDE-SCEND-ING.
OH! I'M SORRY.

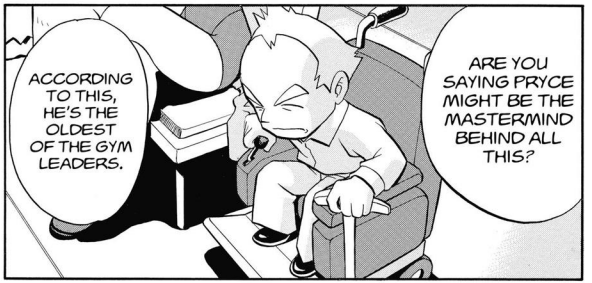

...THE PETAL DANCE ERIKA USED TO PROTECT HERSELF TURNED INTO FANS BLOWING COLD AIR AT HER OWN TEAM!
THE PETALS WERE STILL SPINNING WITH THE SNOWFLAKES STUCK TO THEM. THAT'S WHY...
WHEN HE WAS SURROUNDED BY THE PETALS AT THE BEGINNING, HE SHOT POWDER SNOW AT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM.


BUT WHAT IS IT ABOUT HIM? HE'S SO... ENIGMATIC.
NO WONDER PRYCE IS BOTH THE LEADER OF THE MAHOGANY GYM AND THE CAPTAIN OF THE JOHTO TEAM.


PRYCE IS AWFULLY MODEST ...
HMM ...
?!
GLEEM

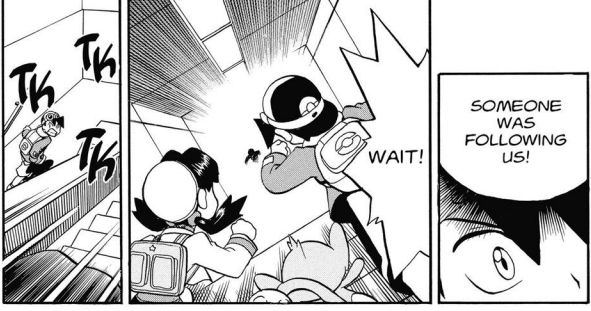

YEAH.
THAT WAS AN AMAZING MATCH!
...I JUST CAN'T SEE PRYCE BEING THE ONE.
IF IT'S TRUE THAT ONE OF THE GYM LEADERS HERE IS SECRETLY TRYING TO REVIVE TEAM ROCKET...

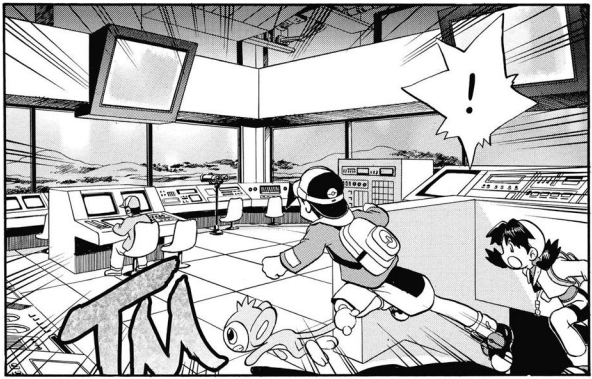

YOU THINK THERE'S A CONNECTION, GOLD?
GYM LEADER DATA
ON TOP OF THAT, THEY BOTH USE ICE-TYPE POKÉMON!
THE MASKED MAN WAS AS POWERFUL AS THAT OLD MAN.

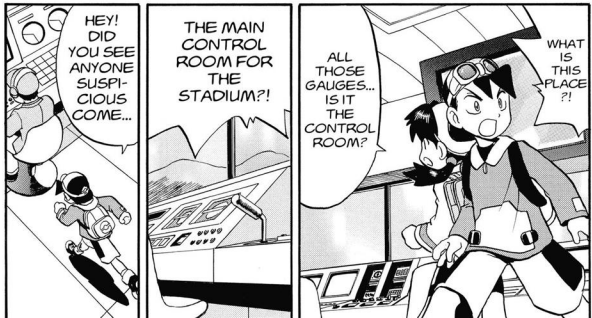

ACCORDING TO THIS, HE'S THE OLDEST OF THE GYM LEADERS.
ARE YOU SAYING PRYCE MIGHT BE THE MASTERMIND BEHIND ALL THIS?


WELL... HE ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO'S POWERFUL HERE...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT TINY OLD MAN COULD BE THE MASKED MAN...


ZIP
?!
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG, AIBO?
STILL... LET'S KEEP OUR EYES ON—


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WAIT!
SOMEONE WAS FOLLOWING US!


!
TM


HEY! DID YOU SEE ANYONE SUSPI-CIOUS COME...
THE MAIN CONTROL ROOM FOR THE STADIUM?!
ALL THOSE GAUGES... IS IT THE CONTROL ROOM?
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?!

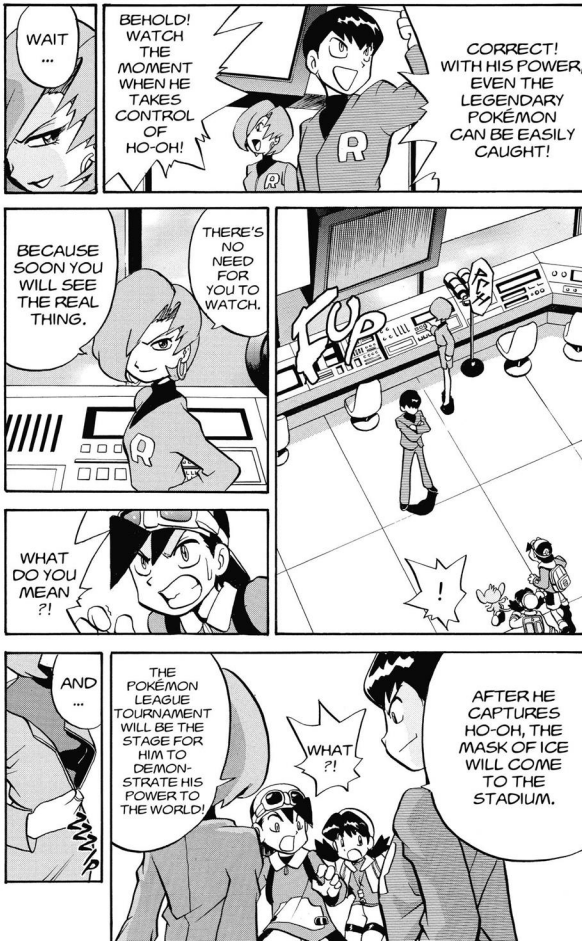

UP
AH!
!
DOMP
UGH
GWAA
NGH...
HEH HEH! THE CONTROL ROOM IS OURS NOW!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, BUT IF YOU'RE SPYING ON OUR BOSS...
...YOU MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP!
R


HUH?! WHO ARE YOU?!
AIDES TO THE MASK OF ICE! SHAM...
AND CARL!
YOU'RE THE ONES WHO LEVELED ECRUTEAK! NOW WHAT ARE YOU SCHEMING ?!
GOLD!
KWIIN
?!
OH, GIVE IT UP. IT'S NO USE SNOOPING AROUND. YOU WON'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING.
HEE HEE
I... I CAN'T MOVE!
W-WHAT ?!
GK K


HA HA!
WHAT?!
OUR COMEBACK WILL BE BROADCAST THROUGHOUT THE WORLD... WHEN WE TAKE OVER THE POKÉMON LEAGUE STADIUM!
THIS PLAN HAS ALREADY REACHED THE POINT OF NO RETURN!
OH, I CAN SEE IT!
OUR LEADER IS ATOP THE TIN TOWER, GAINING AN EPIC NEW POWER!
BFF
?!
TAKE A LOOK!
BIP

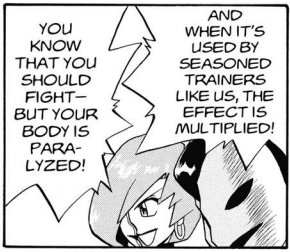

W-WHAT?!
HE'S AT THE TIN TOWER?!
BUT... ALL THE GYM LEADERS ARE AT THE STADIUM RIGHT NOW! WHAT'S GOING ON?!


WHY IS THE MASKED MAN AT THE TIN TOWER ?!
AND THAT THING HE'S FIGHTING ...
164
Slick Slowking
THOSE RAINBOW-COLORED WINGS... IT'S THE LEGENDARY POKÉMON OF ECRUTEAK...
...HO-OH!


WAIT ...
BEHOLD! WATCH THE MOMENT WHEN HE TAKES CONTROL OF HO-OH!
CORRECT! WITH HIS POWER, EVEN THE LEGENDARY POKÉMON CAN BE EASILY CAUGHT!
BECAUSE SOON YOU WILL SEE THE REAL THING.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO WATCH.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?!
!
AND ...
THE POKÉMON LEAGUE TOURNAMENT WILL BE THE STAGE FOR HIM TO DEMON-STRATE HIS POWER TO THE WORLD!
WHAT ?!
AFTER HE CAPTURES HO-OH, THE MASK OF ICE WILL COME TO THE STADIUM.


...NO MATTER HOW SMALL THE OBSTACLE, WE HAVE ORDERS TO ELIMINATE IT, EVEN IF...
FWA
...THAT MEANS UNLEASH-ING...
...OUR FULL POWER!
HE'S GOING TO BRING HO-OH HERE?!
TING
NO WAY AM I GONNA LET THAT HAP—AGH!
HAHAHA! YOU CANNOT SHAKE OFF THE FORCE...
...THAT BINDS YOU.
NNH... IS THIS...
... ROAR ?!

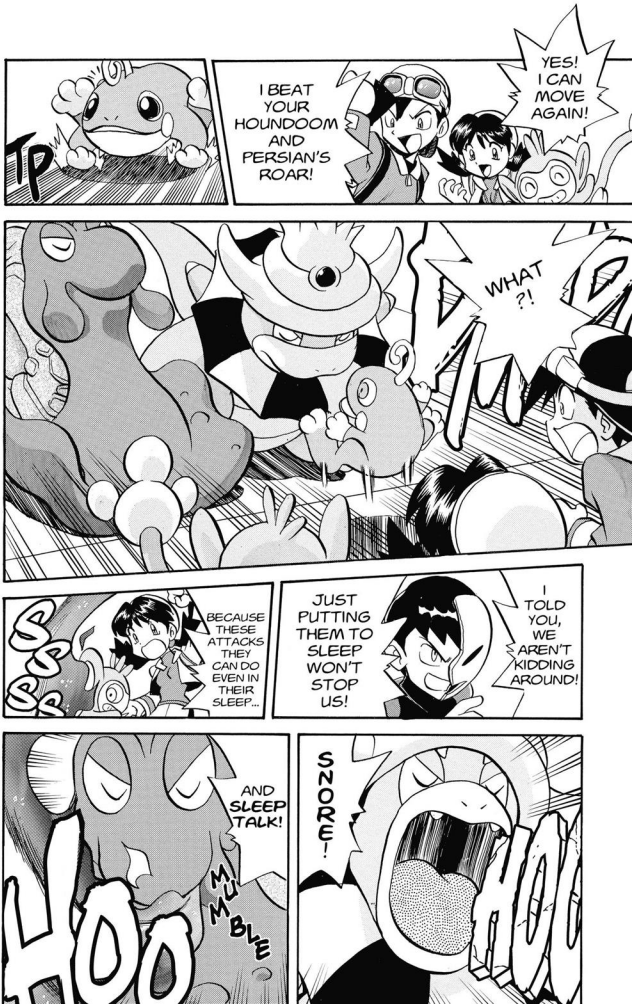

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CORRECT!
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YOU KNOW THAT YOU SHOULD FIGHT— BUT YOUR BODY IS PARA-LYZED!
AND WHEN IT'S USED BY SEASONED TRAINERS LIKE US, THE EFFECT IS MULTIPLIED!

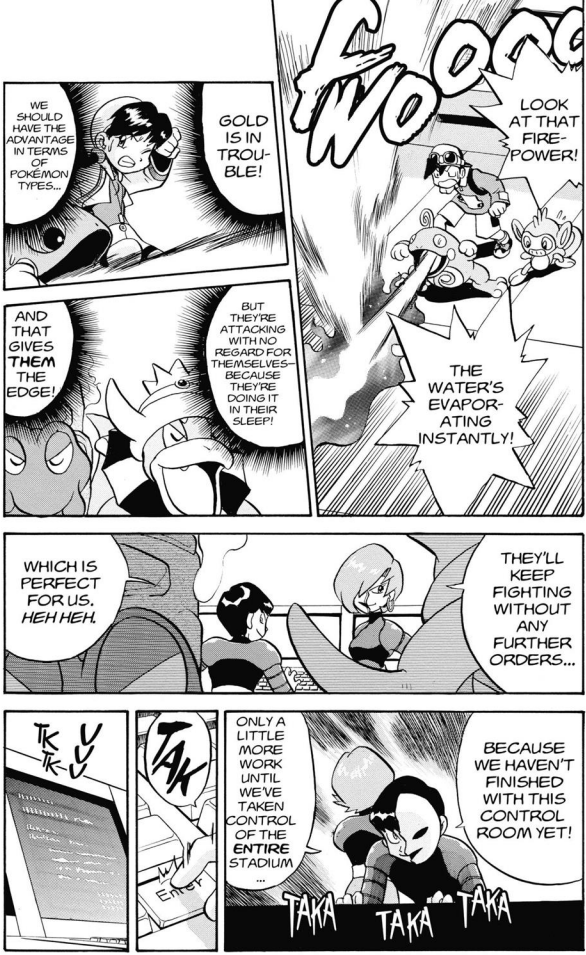

THIS IS ONE OF THE METHODS THE MASK OF ICE TAUGHT US PERSONALLY!


ROAR MAKES ITS OPPONENTS CRINGE AND LOSE THEIR ABILITY TO FIGHT!
ARGH!
NGH ...
THIS ATTACK WAS DESIGNED TO WEAKEN THE MORALE OF THE OPPONENT!


I... I CAN'T MOVE ...
BUT I REFUSE TO LET THEM DEFEAT ME!
KCH
IF IT'S A FIGHT YOU WANT, YOU'LL GET ONE!
POLIBO, GO!
HYPNOSIS!


TP
I BEAT YOUR HOUNDOOM AND PERSIAN'S ROAR!
YES! I CAN MOVE AGAIN!
WHAT ?!
I TOLD YOU, WE AREN'T KIDDING AROUND!
JUST PUTTING THEM TO SLEEP WON'T STOP US!
BECAUSE THESE ATTACKS THEY CAN DO EVEN IN THEIR SLEEP...
SNORE!
HOO
AND SLEEP TALK!
MUMBLE
HOO


URGH! BONEE! BONE RUSH!
BOM
T-T-TAK
TAKE THAT!
SHOOO
FOOM


WOOOO
LOOK AT THAT FIRE-POWER!
THE WATER'S EVAPOR-ATING INSTANTLY!
BUT THEY'RE ATTACKING WITH NO REGARD FOR THEMSELVES- BECAUSE THEY'RE DOING IT IN THEIR SLEEP!
AND THAT GIVES THEM THE EDGE!
GOLD IS IN TROU-BLE!
WE SHOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE IN TERMS OF POKÉMON TYPES...
THEY'LL KEEP FIGHTING WITHOUT ANY FURTHER ORDERS...
WHICH IS PERFECT FOR US. HEH HEH.
BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T FINISHED WITH THIS CONTROL ROOM YET!
ONLY A LITTLE MORE WORK UNTIL WE'VE TAKEN CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE STADIUM ...
TAKA TAKA TAKA
TAK
ENTER
TK-TK-TK-

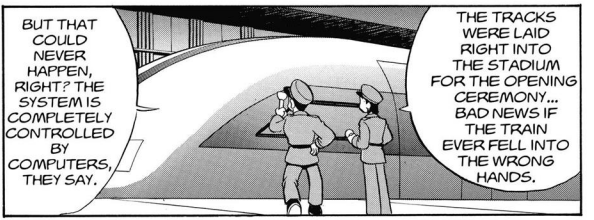

KHHHHH
THERE'S NO END TO THIS! WHAT'LL WE DO?!
ARE YOU OKAY, CRYS?!
I'M... FINE...
BUT WE'RE STUCK ON THE DEFENSIVE NOW...
...AND WILL BE UNTIL SLOWKING AND MAGCARGO TIRE OUT...
UNTIL THEY TIRE OUT...?!
CRYS! GET OUT YOUR PARASECT! AND I'LL BRING OUT MY SUNBO!
O-OKAY...
CHK
CHK


PARA-SEE!
SUNBO!
NOW, LET'S STRIKE TO-GETHER!
I GET IT!
TWO GRASS-TYPES...
POWER-ABSORBING GIGA DRAIN!
HYOOO
TRY THIS ...

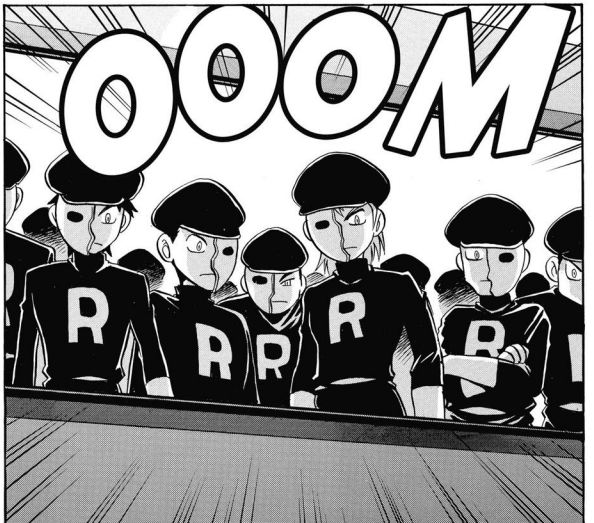

WOR
AHH!
NO! MAG-CARGOZ ...!
WHAT?!
NNNNNN
HYOO
KIIIN KIIIN
THAT'S RIGHT!
HAHA! WE STOLE YOUR ENERGY!
FMP


KWIIN
WE WARNED YOU WE'D USE OUR FULL POWERS...
...
GRIP
WHAT DID YOU DO?!
KIIIN
OUR ONLY GOAL IS TO FULFILL HIS ORDERS.
...AND NOT JUST TO DEFEAT OUR ENEMIES.
NNNN
KIIN
MAGNET TRAIN SAFETY UNLOCKED
OUR DUTY IS NOW COMPLETE!
YES...
AND OUR DUTY...


IMPRESSIVE... BUT DANGEROUS.
SO THIS IS THE MAGNET TRAIN...
RAAA


THE TRACKS WERE LAID RIGHT INTO THE STADIUM FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY... BAD NEWS IF THE TRAIN EVER FELL INTO THE WRONG HANDS.
BUT THAT COULD NEVER HAPPEN, RIGHT? THE SYSTEM IS COMPLETELY CONTROLLED BY COMPUTERS, THEY SAY.


AND ONLY WE GUARDS HAVE ACCESS TO IT...
FSH!
!
THE LIGHT WENT ON?!
HEY! THERE'S SOMEBODY IN THAT CAR!

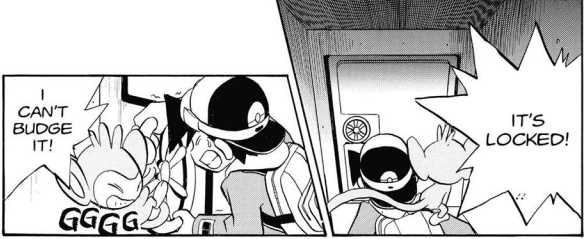

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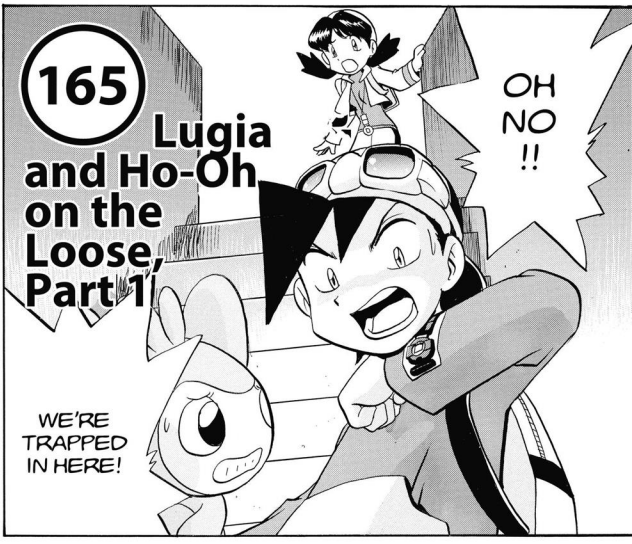

BZZT
CALL HEADQUARTERS! NOW!!
T-TEAM ROCKET ?!
VWOOOO

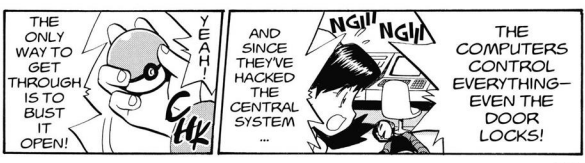

WHAT'S WITH THIS SCREEN ?!
NGIIII

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I CAN'T BUDGE IT!
GGGG
IT'S LOCKED!


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Lugia and Ho-Oh on the Loose, Part 1
OH NO !!
WE'RE TRAPPED IN HERE!

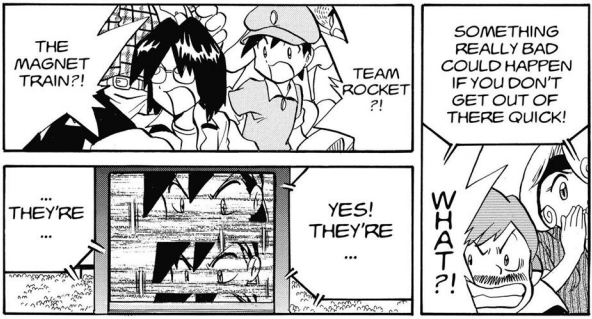

THE ONLY WAY TO GET THROUGH IS TO BUST IT OPEN!
YEAH!
CHK
AND SINCE THEY'VE HACKED THE CENTRAL SYSTEM ...
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THE COMPUTERS CONTROL EVERYTHING— EVEN THE DOOR LOCKS!

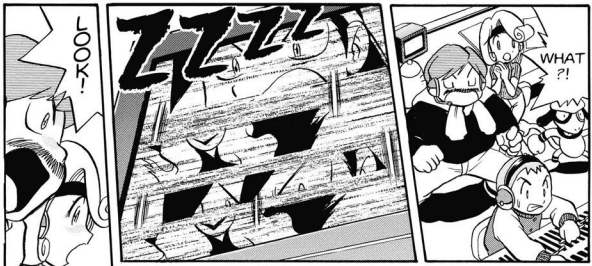

SURE! ARCHY, I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
EXBO! USE YOUR FIRE TO BREAK IT OPEN!
HELP ME, CRYS!
FLAME WHEEL!
WHAT ABOUT THE WIN-DOWS?!
MON-LEE!
IT'S A FIRE-PROOF HATCH!
DARN!

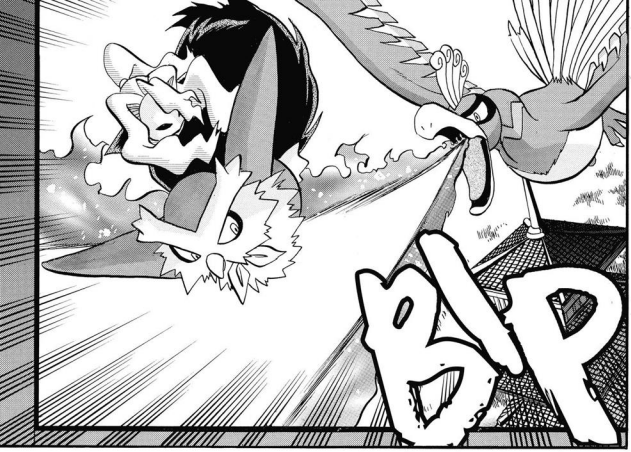

IT'S REINFORCED GLASS!
THAB
MACH PUNCH!
WHAT NOW?!
THIS PLACE IS A LITTLE TOO SECURE!
YEAH! THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME KIND OF COMMUNICATION LINE FROM THIS PLACE TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE...OR THE LEADERS' WAITING ROOMS... OR SOMEPLACE!
WE HAVE TO WARN THE PEOPLE BELOW!
ALL RIGHT!
PRRR
COME ON! CONNECT ME TO SOMEWHERE! ANYWHERE!
BI BI
I'LL GO BACK TO THE HATCH AND THE WINDOWS THEN!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!


AND NEXT UP...
BROADCASTING
ANYBODY OUT THERE ?!
CAN YOU HEAR ME?!
I'M IN THE CONTROL ROOM AT THE TOP OF THE STADIUM!
JUST HEAR ME OUT, OKAY? MY NAME IS GOLD!
W-WHAT?! WHO ARE YOU?!
WHAT ?!
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT... THIS KID'S VIDEO SIGNAL IS GOING STRAIGHT TO THE AURORA VISION IN THE BATTLEFIELD!
AWESOME! I GOT AHOLD OF THE BROAD-CASTING BOOTH!

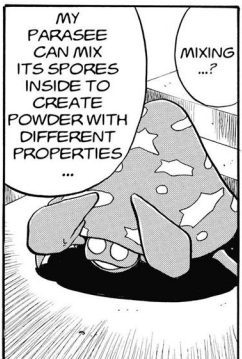

LISTEN! TEAM ROCKET HAS INFILTRATED THE STADIUM!
WE AVOIDED A CATASTROPHE— THANKS TO ME— BUT THEY HACKED INTO THE COMPUTER PROGRAM IN THE CONTROL ROOM! THE MAGNET TRAIN'S FAILSAFE SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED!


SOMETHING REALLY BAD COULD HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T GET OUT OF THERE QUICK!
WHAT?!
TEAM ROCKET?!
THE MAGNET TRAIN?!
YES! THEY'RE ...
... THEY'RE ...


WHAT?!
LOOK!


BIP




MY PARASEE CAN MIX ITS SPORES INSIDE TO CREATE POWDER WITH DIFFERENT PROPERTIES ...
MIXING ...?

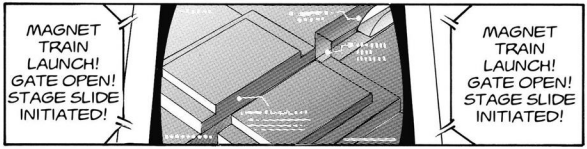

NOW THEY'VE CUT MY INTERNAL COMMUNICATION LINE! I HOPE EVERYONE GOT MY ENTIRE MESSAGE!
HELLO ?! HELLO ?!

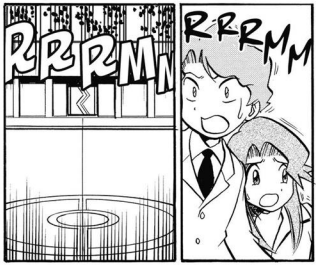

IT TOOK SOME TIME, BUT I JUST FINISHED MIXING!
HOW'S IT GOING OVER THERE, CRYS?!


I DID IT!
GOOD JOB!

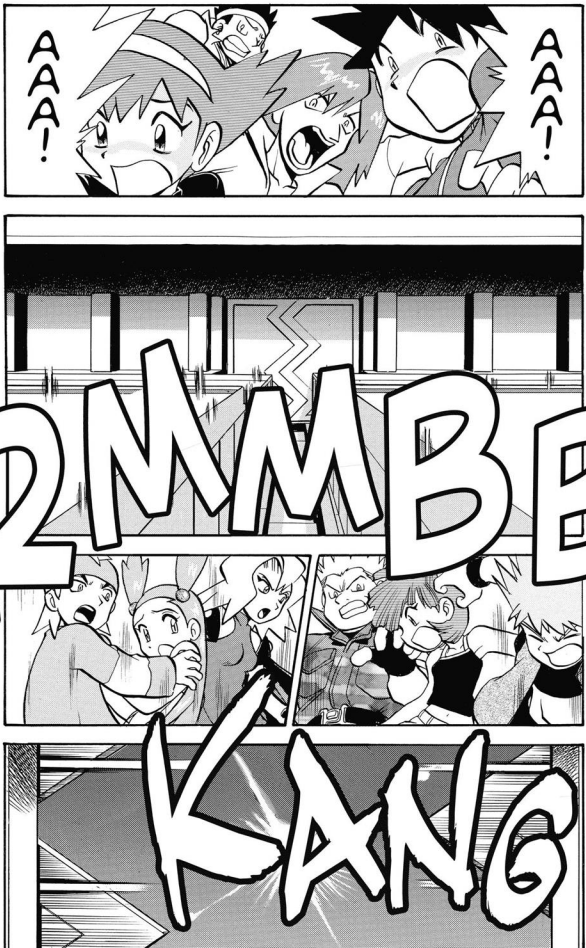

RIGHT NOW WE'RE MAKING A CORROSIVE THAT CAN EAT THROUGH ANY METAL AND...
...LIKE STUN, POISON, HEAL AND SLEEP.

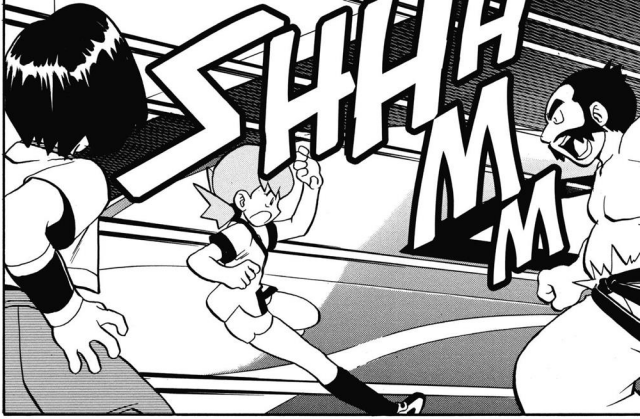

...CAN BE DISPERSED WITH THE MOVE ...
... SLUDGE BOMB!


MAGNET TRAIN LAUNCH! GATE OPEN! STAGE SLIDE INITIATED!
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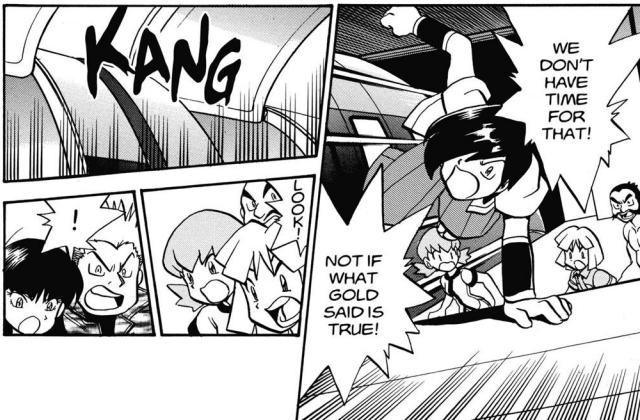

RRRMM


HURRY!


AAA!
AAA!
2MMBB
KANG


SHHHAMM

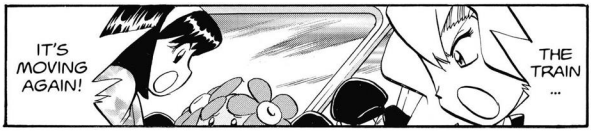

THIS IS ONLY A SYSTEM ERROR. EVEN NOW WE ARE INVESTIGATING THE...
PLEASE REMAIN CALM.
THE MAGNET TRAIN IS INSIDE THE STADIUM!
IT'S JUST LIKE THAT BOY ON THE AURORA VISION SAID...!


KANG
!
LOOK!
NOT IF WHAT GOLD SAID IS TRUE!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT!


TEAM ROCKET !!
R
R
R
R
R
WE CAN'T LET THEM OUT OF THAT TRAIN!
THEY'RE PLANNING TO TAKE OVER THE STADIUM!
BB-BOM
YA
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
DM
MM O OOO MM


DMDMDMA
KAZOW
PSSH
TAKE THAT!
WOK
BASH


KANG
WHAT ?!


THE TRAIN ...
IT'S MOVING AGAIN!


DID THEY JUST ...?!
IT'S LEAVING THE STADIUM!




OUT OF MY WAY!
QUIT PUSH-ING!
YAAA!
WE WEREN'T FAST ENOUGH! LET'S GO, CRYS!
RIGHT!
TIBO!
KA
NATEE!
VVVVVSH
W-WHAT IS THIS?!
VSH

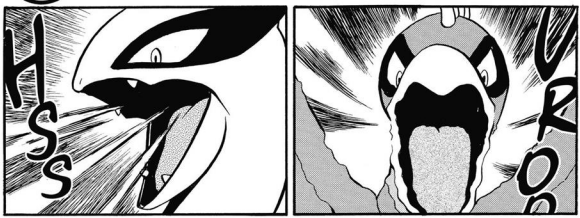

HAK! KOF! TOO MUCH SMOKE!
GOLD!
DJ MARY!
GOLDENROD RADIO
!
SH
DID YOU GET MY MESSAGE ?!
YEAH! BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO DO ANYTHING!
WHAT ?!
THE TRAIN CAME INTO THE STADIUM FULL OF TEAM ROCKET OPERATIVES, JUST LIKE YOU SAID!

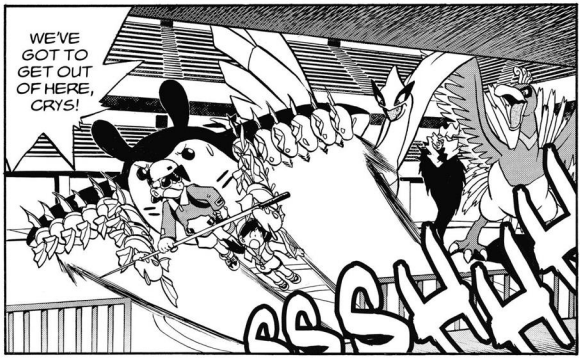

BUT THEN... IT STARTED MOVING AGAIN!
THE GYM LEADERS TRIED TO SAVE THE AUDIENCE BY JUMPING INTO THE TRAIN...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
GOLD! WHAT IF... THIS IS ALL PART OF THEIR PLAN!
I THINK THEY'RE STILL FIGHTING INSIDE IT!
WHAT?!
TO KIDNAP ALL THE GYM LEADERS!
GYM LEADERS ARE SOME OF THE BEST TRAINERS IN THE WORLD! MAYBE THE ENEMY WANTED TO GET RID OF THEM FIRST!
!
HA HA HA!
GOOD THINKING... BUT A LITTLE TOO LATE.
WE THOUGHT THEY HACKED INTO THE TRAIN PROGRAM TO MAKE IT CRASH INTO THE STADIUM... BUT WHAT IF THEIR REAL PURPOSE WAS—


...MY NEW MINIONS!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO...
!
TM
NOW I CAN FINISH OFF THE LAST OF THE PESKY RESISTANCE AT MY LEISURE!
NO. IT'S GOING BETTER THAN PLANNED.
THIS IS GOING EXACTLY ACCORDING TO...
THE SILVER WINGS OF THE SEA!
THE RAINBOW WINGS OF THE SKIES!

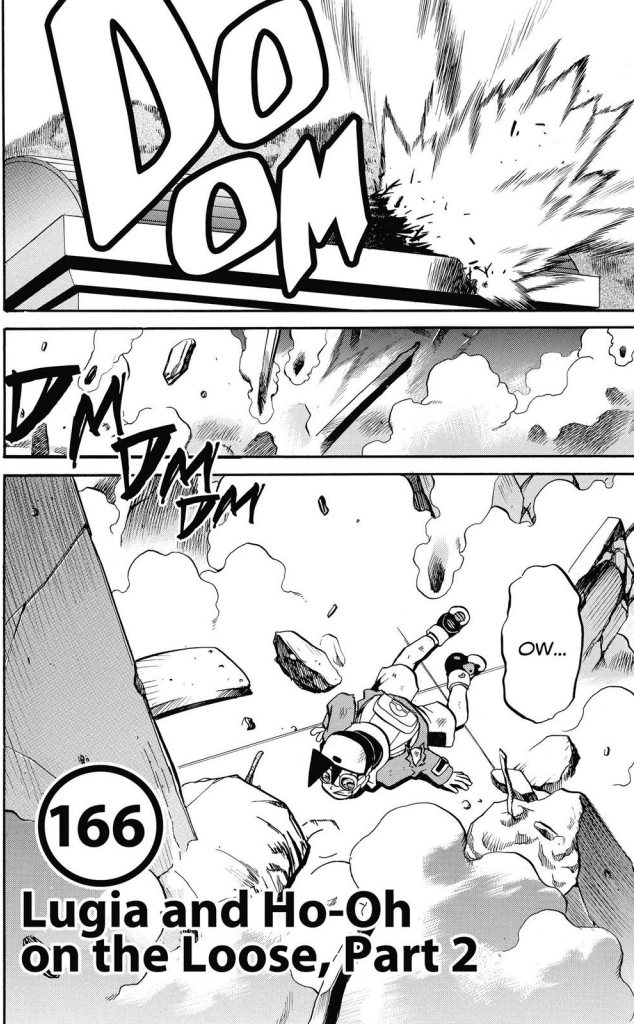

GO FORTH, MY MINIONS!

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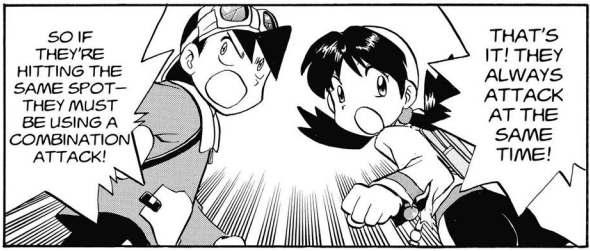
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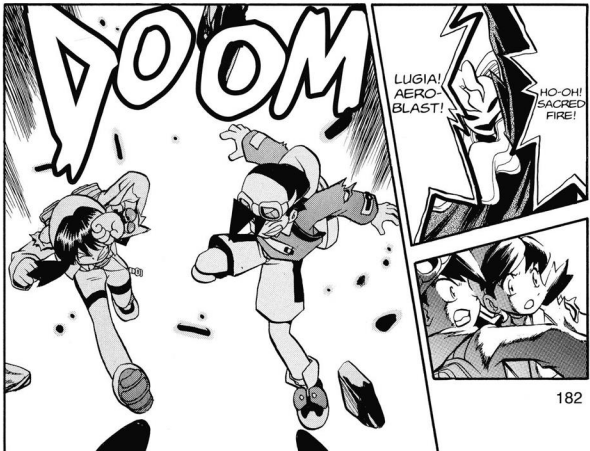

ARE YOU OKAY, CRYS?
HFF... HFF... I'M FINE, GOLD. HOW ABOUT YOU?
UH-OH...
THE SEATS... WALLS... EVEN THE CEILING...!
YAAAH!
DDDD
H-HELP!
PEOPLE ARE TRAPPED IN HERE!
HA HA HA!
HE'S GONNA ATTACK AGAIN! GET OVER HERE!


DOM
OH!
WHAT'S LUGIA DOING HERE?!
HE'S THE ONE WHO STOLE LUGIA FROM UNDER OUR NOSES IN THE WHIRL ISLANDS!
AND NOW HE'S ATTACK-ING THE STADIUM... WITH LUGIA AND HO-OH!
THEY'RE SO POWERFUL!
WE CAN'T HANDLE THIS ON OUR OWN!
BUT THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING WE CAN DO!!
SUDO-BO! MUD-SLAP!
SPLUP
KOOM

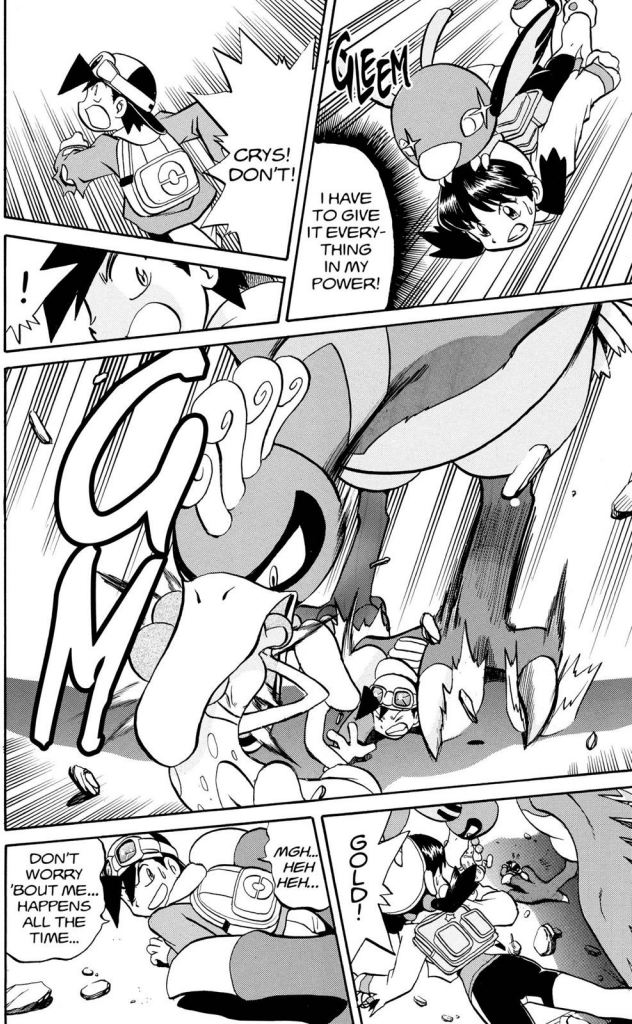

SKMP
SSSS
IT DIDN'T WORK! NOT AT ALL!
ARGH! I COULD CRY!
CRYS! TELL ME SOMETHING...
TELL YOU WHAT?!
TELL ME HOW IN THE WORLD WE CAN POSSIBLY DEFEAT THOSE TWO!
LUGIA AND HO-OH ARE BASICALLY WILD POKÉMON, RIGHT?!
AND YOU'RE A SPECIALIST IN CATCHING WILD POKÉMON! SO... WAT DO WE DO?!
...
OUR ONLY CHANCE ...
...IS TO UNDERSTAND THEIR SPECIAL ATTACKS!
THAT MAKES SENSE!
SO... UH... WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THEM?!

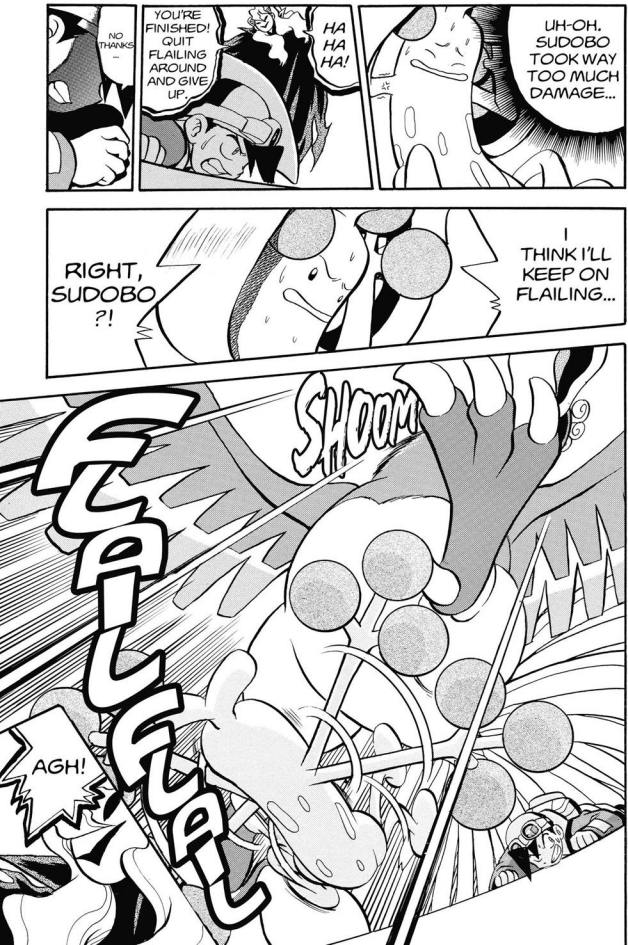

OH!
WHAT?!
LUGIA SHOOTS BLASTS OF AIR...
...AND THEY ALWAYS ATTACK AT THE SAME TIME!
HO-OH SHOOTS BALLS OF FIRE...


SO IF THEY'RE HITTING THE SAME SPOT— THEY MUST BE USING A COMBINATION ATTACK!
THAT'S IT! THEY ALWAYS ATTACK AT THE SAME TIME!


DOOM
LUGIA! AERO-BLAST!
HO-OH! SACRED FIRE!


I SEE IT NOW! LUGIA'S AIR BLASTS FOLLOW HO-OH'S FIRE!
WHEN THE FIRE STRIKES, THE AIR BLAST AMPLIFIES ITS POWER BY FEEDING THE FLAMES!
ALL RIGHT!
THEN OUR PLAN'S A NO-BRAINER!
FIRST, WE'VE GOT TO SEPARATE THEM!
YES! NA-TEE!
HEY! COME OVER HERE!
CRYS! JUST... RUN AROUND!
KEEP IT OCCUPIED TILL EVERYBODY'S EVACUATED!
NO, GOLD!
WRR


GLEEM
I HAVE TO GIVE IT EVERY-THING IN MY POWER!
CRYS! DON'T!
!
GYM
GOLD!
MGH, HEH HEH...
DON'T WORRY 'BOUT ME... HAPPENS ALL THE TIME...


UH-OH. SUDOBO TOOK WAY TOO MUCH DAMAGE...
HA HA HA!
YOU'RE FINISHED! QUIT FLAILING AROUND AND GIVE UP.
NO THANKS.
I THINK I'LL KEEP ON FLAILING...
RIGHT, SUDOBO?!
SHOOM
FLAIL FLAIL
AGH!


THE MORE DAMAGE WE TAKE, THE STRONGER WE FLAIL!
HEH... HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT FLAILING?
YOU'RE LASTING A LOT LONGER THAN I EXPECTED.
LOOKS LIKE I BETTER ...
... FINISH THIS NOW...
...TO PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR MISERY.
SH
DM


DM!


KOK
WAS IT WHEN YOUR NATU'S EYES SHONE ...?!
BUT... YOU DIDN'T SHOW ANY SIGN THAT YOU WERE ABOUT TO ATTACK!
I DID IT!
WHAT ?!
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO WIN THIS AFTER ALL!
HE'S MAD AND HE'S LOSING HIS COOL! I CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT...
HEH. THAT WAS CLOSE... BUT YOU SAVED ME!
NATEE HAS THE ABILITY TO ATTACK SECONDS INTO THE FUTURE!
FUTURE SIGHT!
A few seconds later
Current location
YOU FOOLS ...
MWZZ
MWZZ


...YOU'LL NEVER DISRUPT MY GRAND PLAN!
MWZZ
MWZZ
NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU FIGHT ...
RESIST ALL YOU WANT!
MWZZ
MWZZ
W-WHAT?!
FOR TEN YEARS I'VE PREPARED FOR THIS! TEN LONG YEARS!
NO ONE AND NOTHING WILL STOP ME NOW!
KAKA
!


WHOA!
AH!
GRP
FOUND YOU!


CRYS—LOOK!
HIS MASK CHANGED SHAPE... AND HE'S GROWN... EVEN BIGGER! WHAT IS HE?!
HE WENT OVER TO THE BLEACHERS...
...AND GRABBED SOMEONE!
THAT'S... KURT!
A POKÉ BALL MASTER FROM AZALEA TOWN WHO MAKES SPECIAL POKÉ BALLS OUT OF APRICORNS!
WHAT DOES THE MASKED MAN WANT WITH HIM?!
UM


ARRH!
SSSS
HA HA HA...
WAF
TP


NOW, KURT, YOU WILL WORK FOR ME.
W-WHAT?


YOU MUST MAKE IT...
...WITH YOUR OWN HANDS!


THE POKÉ BALL...
...THAT CAN CAPTURE TIME ITSELF!
TO BE CONTINUED...

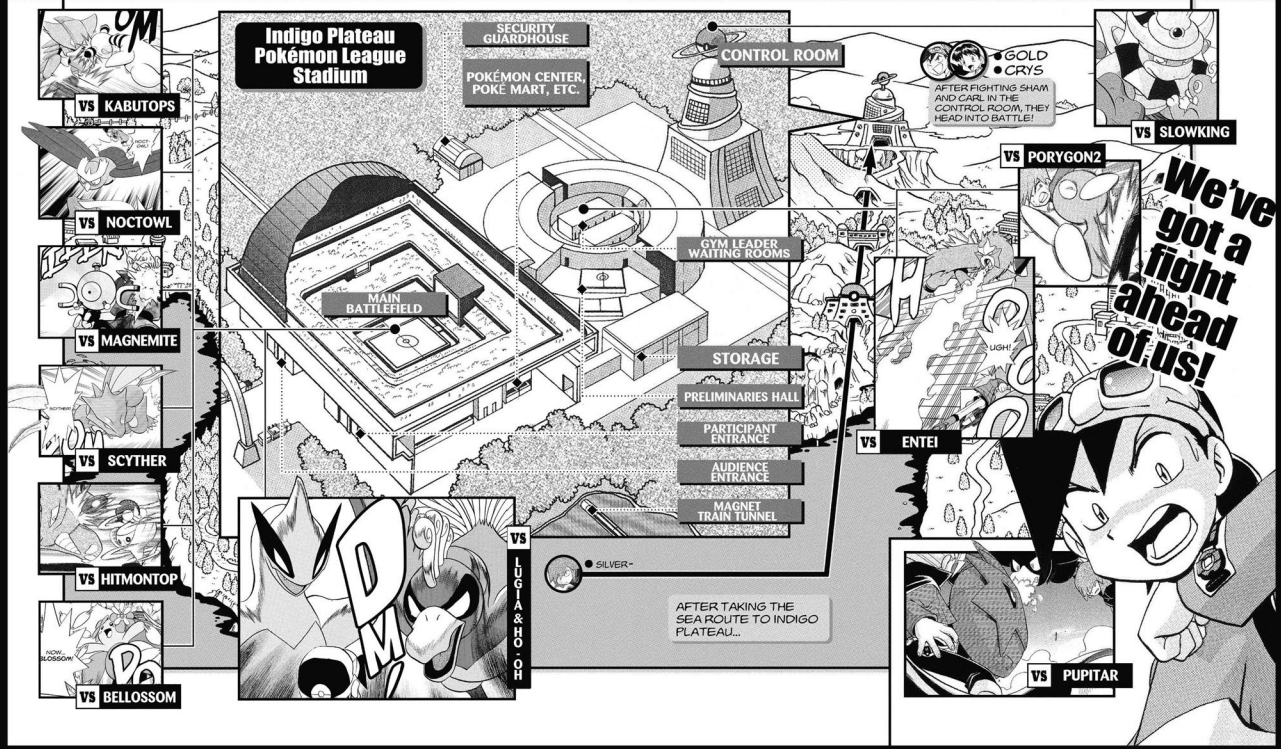

A STRANGE NEW POKÉ BALL!
RIGHT OVER THERE!
I'M READY!
CAPTURE TIME
THE MATERIAL FOR THE CAPTURE NET IS...
A runaway Magnet Train!
AGH!
Gold is on fire!!
story by Hidenori Kusaka
art by Satoshi Yamamoto
NEXT VOLUME:
AS LUGIA AND HO-OH DESTROY THE POKÉMON LEAGUE STADIUM, THE MASKED MAN SCHEMES TO CAPTURE TIME ITSELF! BUT HOW...?!
POKÉMON ADVENTURES VOL.14 !
WE CAN'T WIN! NO MATTER HOW GREAT THE TRAINER THAT PROF. OAK SENT IS!
WAIT! WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE!
WHAT ELSE MYSTERIOUSLY APPEARED ALONG WITH THE THREE LEGENDARY POKÉMON...?
FINAL BATTLE!

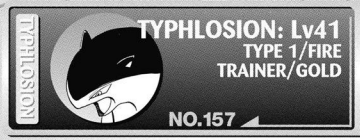
"GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL!!"

ADVENTURE ROUTE MAP 13

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THE BATTLE HAS SHIFTED TO THE POKÉMON LEAGUE STADIUM. HERE IS A DIAGRAM OF THE STADIUM NOTING THE LOCATION OF EACH BATTLE!





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TYPE 1/FIRE
TRAINER/GOLD
NO.157

●EXBO GENDER: ♂

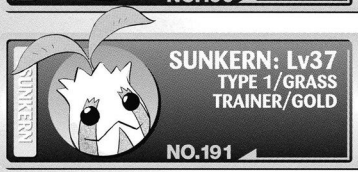
CAME FROM PROF. ELM'S LABORATORY TO LEAD THE TEAM WITH POWERFUL FIRE ATTACKS!



AIPOM: Lv40
TYPE1/NORMAL
TRAINER/GOLD
NO.190

●AIBO GENDER: ♂

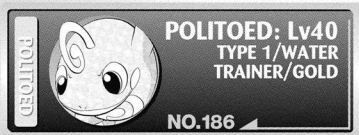
A VERSATILE TAIL, WHICH SAVED GOLD IN THE CONTROL ROOM WHEN HE COULDN'T OPEN HIS POKÉ BALLS!



SUNKERN: Lv37
TYPE 1/GRASS
TRAINER/GOLD
NO.191

●SUNBO GENDER: ♀

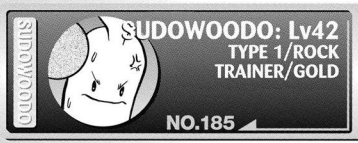
A FORMIDABLE POKÉMON WITH A POKER FACE AND A GIGA DRAIN THAT ABSORBS THE ENEMY'S ENERGY!



POLITOED: Lv40
TYPE 1/WATER
TRAINER/GOLD
NO.186

●POLIBO GENDER: ♂

BECAME A POLITOED AFTER A "LINK TRADE EVOLUTION"...THANKS TO SILVER'S QUICK THINKING!



SUDOWOODO: Lv42
TYPE 1/ROCK
TRAINER/GOLD
NO.185

●SUDOBO GENDER: ♂

LOOKS LIKE A GRASS-TYPE BUT IS ACTUALLY A ROCK-TYPE. FOUGHT BACK THE LEGENDARY HO-OH!



MANTINE: Lv25
TYPE 1/WATER
TYPE 2/FLYING
TRAINER/GOLD
NO.226

●TIBO GENDER: ♂

MOVES IN BOTH WATER AND AIR...WITH TWENTY REMORAID ATTACHED!

GOLD TEAM

POKÉDEX REVEALED!

MAIN CHARACTER: GOLD
BADGES: 0
POKÉDEX: 14

POKÉDEX

154		MEGANIUM
155	⊖	CYNDAQUIL
156	⊖	QUILAVA
▶157	⊖	TYPHLOSION
158		TOTODILE
159		CROCONAW
160		FERALIGATR
016		PIDGEY
017		PIDGEOTTO
018		PIDGEOT

NUMBER SEEN
107
NUMBER CAUGHT
14

He's seen a lot of new Pokémon since he left New Bark Town. (See vol. 8.)

GOLD TEAM AS OF ADVENTURE 166

The six Pokémon that Gold trusts implicitly. This will be his team in the final battle!

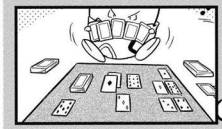
TOGEPI IS AT PROF. OAK'S LAB!

Gold personally hatched this Pokémon, and the Prof. is keeping a close eye on it!

Prof. Oak's Comment

THIS IS A STRANGE ONE...COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FEATURES FROM OTHERS OF ITS KIND...!

● A real mischief maker...



▲MOST TOGEPI ARE SO MILD-MANNERED...

● Tyranitar VS Togepi

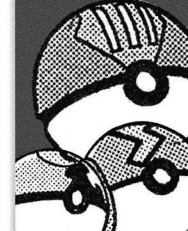


▲WHAT AN UNPRECEDENTED DEFEAT FOR A TYRANITAR!

The Poké Ball!

A Complete Guide in Seven Parts

HOW DO DIFFERENT POKÉ BALLS AFFECT THE CAPTURE AND POSSESSION OF POKÉMON?



Basic Features

01 Portability

Making Pokémon Portable with the Poké Ball

TRAINERS KEEP THEIR POKÉMON IN POKÉ BALLS, WHICH ARE OFTEN STORED IN THEIR POCKETS. THE ESSENCE OF A POKÉ BALL IS PORTABILITY. (SEE CHAPTER 1, ETC.)

◀ TRAINERS STORE THEIR POKÉ BALLS IN A VARIETY OF PLACES.



▲ SOME ACTIONS—SUCH AS ELECTRONIC TRADING AND HEALING THROUGH MACHINES—ARE POSSIBLE ONLY AFTER THE POKÉMON ARE ENCASED IN A POKÉ BALL. (SEE CHAPTER 8, ETC.)

THE NUMBER OF POKÉ BALLS A TRAINER CAN CARRY



ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF POKÉ BALLS IS UP TO THE DISCRETION OF THE TRAINER, THE CONSENSUS IS THAT SIX POKÉ BALLS ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE NUMBER. (SEE CHAPTER 119.)

02 Catching

Tool to Capture Pokémon

USUALLY ▶ A TRAINER MUST WEAKEN A POKÉMON FIRST TO BE ABLE TO CAPTURE IT. (SEE CHAPTER 131.)





◀ SOME POKÉMON MUST BE HIT AT PARTICULAR POINTS TO BE CAPTURED. (SEE CHAPTER 148.)

OBVIOUSLY AN ESSENTIAL FUNCTION OF THE POKÉ BALL IS TO CAPTURE POKÉMON. WHEN A POKÉ BALL IS THROWN AT A WILD POKÉMON AFTER A BATTLE, THE POKÉMON IS PULLED INTO IT.

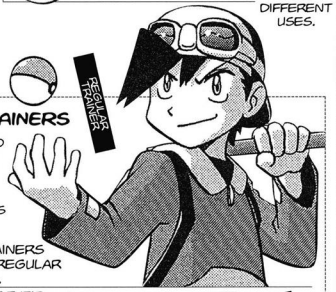
03 Types

Poké Ball Usage

DESIGN	NAME & FUNCTION	APRICORN
	Heavy Ball — EFFECTIVE AGAINST HEAVY POKÉMON	BLACK
	Lure Ball — EFFECTIVE AGAINST POKÉMON HOOKED BY A FISHING ROD	BLUE
	Fast Ball — EFFECTIVE AGAINST POKÉMON WHO ARE QUICK TO FLEE	WHITE
	Moon Ball — EFFECTIVE AGAINST POKÉMON WHO EVOLVE USING THE MOON STONE	YELLOW
	Love Ball — EFFECTIVE IF YOUR POKÉMON IS A DIFFERENT GENDER FROM ITS OPPONENT	PINK
	Level Ball — EFFECTIVE IF YOUR OPPONENT'S LEVEL IS LOWER THAN YOUR OWN POKÉMON'S	RED
	Friend Ball — DEEPENS THE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE CAPTURED POKÉMON	GREEN

DESIGN	NAME & FUNCTION
	Poké Ball — CATCHES WILD POKÉMON
	Great Ball — MORE POWERFUL THAN A POKÉ BALL
	Ultra Ball — MORE POWERFUL THAN A GREAT BALL
	Master Ball — CAN CAPTURE ANY KIND OF POKÉMON
	Safari Ball — FOR USE IN THE SAFARI ZONE
	Park Ball — ONLY FOR THE NATIONAL PARK BUG-CATCHING CONTEST

YOU CAN PURCHASE DIFFERENT KINDS OF POKÉ BALLS MADE BY DIFFERENT PEOPLE FOR DIFFERENT USES.



POKÉ BALL RANKS & TRAINERS

POWERFUL POKÉ BALLS ARE USED TO CAPTURE ESPECIALLY STRONG WILD POKÉMON. BECAUSE POKÉMON ARE USUALLY STORED IN THE SAME POKÉ BALL AFTER CAPTURE, THE RANK OF THE POKÉ BALL GENERALLY MATCHES THE SKILL LEVEL OF THE TRAINER.

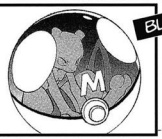
▶ MOST TRAINERS SIMPLY USE REGULAR POKÉ BALLS.



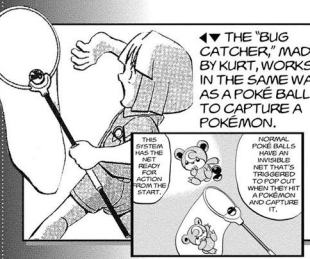
▲ THESE TRAINERS ALL USE GREAT BALLS ISSUED BY THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION.

▼ MATCHING THEIR SKILL LEVEL, SOME USE ULTRA BALLS.





◀ THE CAPTURE OF MEWTWO WAS ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE A MASTER BALL WAS USED.



◀▼ THE "BUG CATCHER," MADE BY KURT, WORKS IN THE SAME WAY AS A POKÉ BALL TO CAPTURE A POKÉMON.

INSIDE THE POKÉ BALL IS AN INVISIBLE NETTING CALLED THE "CAPTURE NET." THIS IS WHAT EJECTS FROM THE POKÉ BALL AND PULLS A POKÉMON INSIDE. ONE GYM LEADER USES A SPECIAL POKÉ BALL WITH ITS CAPTURE NET ON THE OUTSIDE. (SEE CHAPTER 134, 158.)

06 Internal Structure
Capture Net



▲ THE MASK OF ICE WARDED OFF PEOPLE WHO CAME TO THE ILEX FOREST! IS THAT WHERE THE POKÉ BALL WILL BE DEPLOYED?!

THE MAN CALLED THE MASK OF ICE ASKED KURT ABOUT THIS WHEN HE ATTACKED THE POKÉMON LEAGUE STADIUM. BUT WHAT DID HE MEAN? IS THERE A COMPLETELY NEW TYPE OF POKÉ BALL THAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT?! (SEE CHAPTER 166.)

07 Time ...?!
The Poké Ball That Captures Time

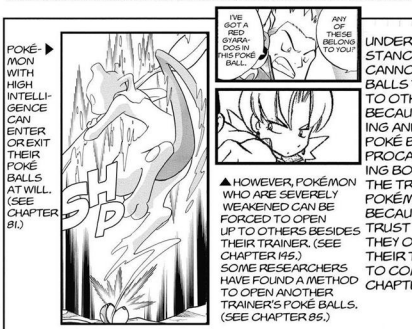


THIS ISN'T A MODIFICATION, BUT THE "BILLIARDS METHOD" CAPITALIZES ON THE SPHERICAL FORM OF THE POKÉ BALL.

SOME ▲ TRAINERS CUSTOMIZE THEIR POKÉ BALLS FOR RANGE, OTHERS FOR PRECISION, TIMING, OR TO MAKE THE POKÉ BALL MOVE IN AN UNPREDICTABLE WAY. THE OPTIONS ARE ENDLESS.

SKILLED TRAINERS OFTEN APPLY THEIR OWN SKILLS WHEN USING THEIR POKÉ BALLS. SOMETIMES, POKÉ BALLS ARE MODIFIED TO MATCH THE SKILLS OF THE TRAINER WHO USES THEM, GIVING THEM AN ADVANTAGE IN BATTLE. (SEE CHAPTER 66, ETC.)

04 Modification
Different Usage Depending on the Trainer



POKÉMON WITH HIGH INTELLIGENCE CAN ENTER OR EXIT THEIR POKÉ BALLS AT WILL. (SEE CHAPTER 81.)

▲ HOWEVER, POKÉMON WHO ARE SEVERELY WEAKENED CAN BE FORCED TO OPEN UP TO OTHERS BESIDES THEIR TRAINER. (SEE CHAPTER 195.) SOME RESEARCHERS HAVE FOUND A METHOD TO OPEN ANOTHER TRAINER'S POKÉ BALLS. (SEE CHAPTER 85.)

UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, TRAINERS CANNOT OPEN POKÉ BALLS THAT BELONG TO OTHERS. THIS IS BECAUSE THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE POKÉ BALL IS A RECIPROCAL ACT REQUIRING BOTH THE WILL OF THE TRAINER AND THE POKÉMON INSIDE. BECAUSE POKÉMON TRUST THEIR TRAINERS, THEY ONLY ANSWER THEIR TRAINER'S CALL TO COME OUT. (SEE CHAPTER 10, ETC.)

05 Opening & Closing
Use of Poké Balls by Other Trainers

OPEN/CLOSE SWITCH

THIS IS THE SWITCH THAT TRIGGERS THE POKÉ BALL TO OPEN OR CLOSE. SOME HAVE EMPLOYED A STRATEGY OF DESTROYING THIS SWITCH TO PREVENT THEIR OPPONENT FROM BRINGING OUT ANOTHER POKÉMON IN BATTLE. (SEE CHAPTER 80, 135, ETC.)



Message from
Hidenori Kusaka



Lugia and Ho-Oh are the two Pokémon who appear on the covers of the *Pokémon HeartGold* and *SoulSilver* games. How powerful would they be if they attacked together? How would the heroes fight back and meet this challenge? That's what inspired me as I created volume 13. English-speaking readers, please enjoy this volume! Gold, Silver and Crys are about to face their destinies!

Message from
Satoshi Yamamoto



The Gym Leader battles are about to start! Not to mention the battle between the Masked Man and the main characters. In volume 13, we head toward the climax of the story by leaps and bounds! This story arc features the greatest Pokémon Trainers of all time. You'll view them in a whole new light after this... Also, prepare yourself for the spectacle of giant Pokémon destroying the battle arena! Did I go too far (LOL)? Perhaps I have, but in my defense... at least I gave it my all! Hope you enjoy the results!