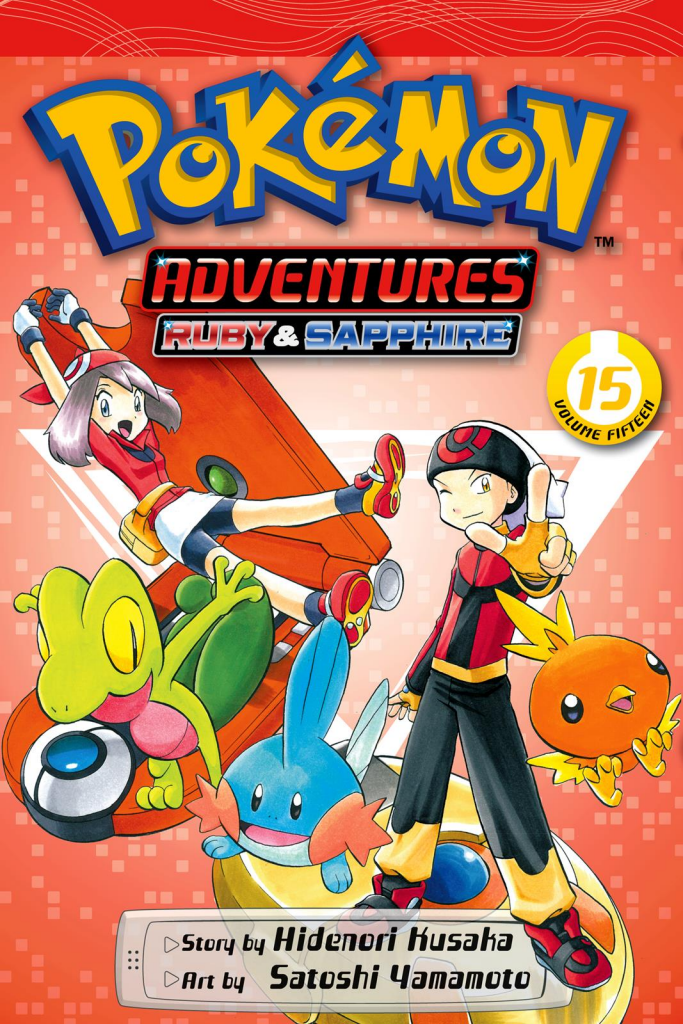
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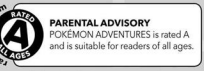
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Gabby's trusty camera operator.



Gabby

A busybody Hoenn TV reporter.



Mother

Ruby's mother, a sweet and gentle homemaker.



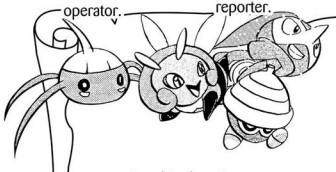
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Ruby's father, the Gym Leader of Petalburg City.

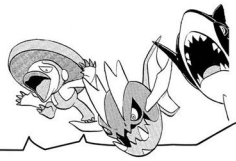


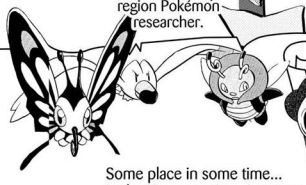
Professor Birch

A Hoenn region Pokémon researcher.



Sapphire lives in a cave. Like Ruby, she has a dream. Hers is to become a Pokémon battle champion by defeating every Gym Leader in Hoenn!





Some place in some time... in the Hoenn region. A young boy named Ruby moves to Hoenn from Johto. His dream? To be a Pokémon Contest champion, winning competitions in which Pokémon are compared in five categories: coolness, beauty, cuteness, smartness and toughness!



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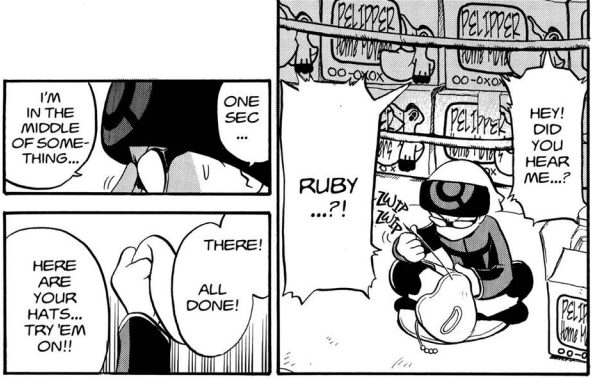


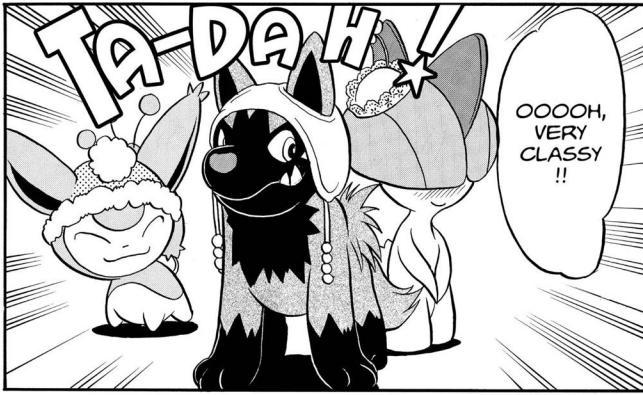
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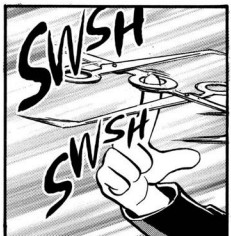

OH
BANG
KRSHK
SMAK
FWAZOOP


INCRED-IBLE!
FOOMP
CAUGHT ON CAMERA FOR OUR LOYAL TV AUDI-ENCE, IT'S...
DID YOU SEE THAT ...?
... PRACTIC-ING HIS IMPRES-SIVE POKÉ-MON BATTLE SKILLS!!
... PETAL-BURG CITY'S NEW GYM LEADER, NORMAN ...
..I'VE HEARD YOUR WIFE AND SON WILL BE MOVING OUT HERE TO JOIN YOU! IS THAT TRUE?
NOW THAT YOU'VE BECOME OUR VERY OWN GYM LEADER...
YES.
DO YOU ALWAYS TRAIN SO STRENU-OUSLY?
YOU MANAGED TO DEFEAT SEVERAL POKÉMON AT ONCE, NORMAN!


YES! THEY SHOULD BE ARRIVING FROM JOHTO TODAY!
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THEM AGAIN...
THAT'S WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL! SO WHAT TYPE OF POKÉMON DO YOU SPECIALIZE IN...?
HA HA! HONEY...
...YOU SURE LOOK HANDSOME ON TV.
VRMMVRMM
AND FINALLY... WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY AGAIN!
I'M SO GLAD!
RUBY ...!
LOOK! YOUR FATHER'S ON TV!
AS USUAL, HE ISN'T PAYING ANY ATTENTION ...
WHY DON'T YOU COME UP FRONT SO WE CAN WATCH IT TOGETHER?
PELIPPER


HEY! DID YOU HEAR ME...?
RUBY ...?!
ZUIP ZUIP
ONE SEC ...
I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF SOME-THING...
THERE!
ALL DONE!
HERE ARE YOUR HATS... TRY 'EM ON!!


TA-DA H!
OOOOH, VERY CLASSY !!


SWSH
SWSH


WAIT A MINUTE ...
I THINK THE FUR ON THIS SIDE IS A LITTLE TOO LONG.


EXQUI-
SITE!!
PER-
FECT!!
WON-
DERFUL!
EXCEL-
LENT!!
CHK
CHK
CHK
CHK
CHK
CHK


KCHUNK


HEY,
RUBY!
THE
TRUCK'S
STUCK
IN THE
MUD.
KNK
KNK
COME
OUT
AND
HELP!!
OH
MY,
OH
MY...
WHOA!
NO.
SMASH


WHAT ...?!
Sigh... your fur...
BRSH BRSH
OUR TRUCK STUCK IN MUD, RIGHT? IF I COME OUTSIDE...
...MY POKÉMON WILL GET FILTHY.
PAT PAT
BESIDES ...
...THE TRUCK'S ALREADY FREE OF THE MUD...
FLOAT
HEY !!
... THANKS TO RARA ...
...AND RARA'S CONFUSION ABILITY.
SQUEEEK
HMMM ...
SO THIS IS THE HOENN REGION ...

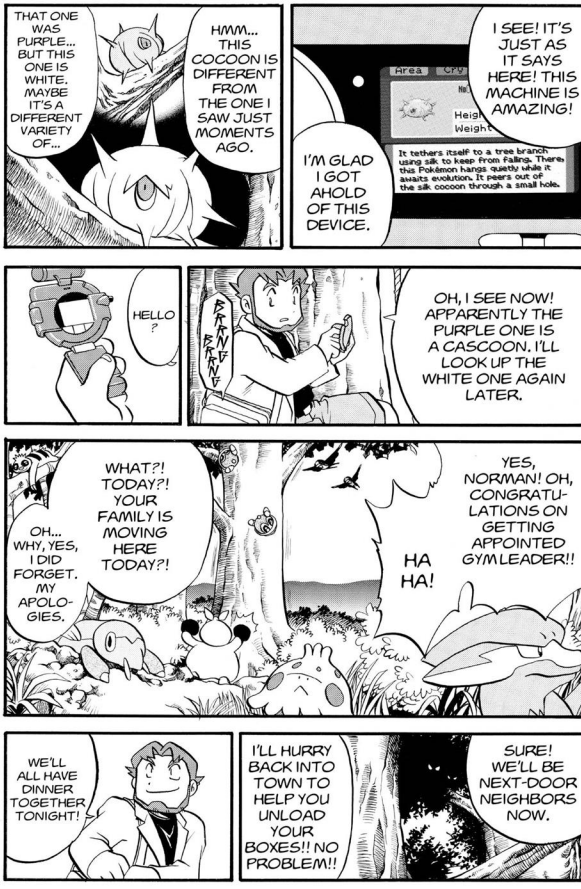

KERTHUD
IT'S NICE!
THE PERFECT BACKDROP FOR MY POKÉMON.
THAT'S RIGHT! MY TEAM'S ALWAYS GOTTA BE...
... SMART. TOUGH. CUTE. COOL.
AND OF COURSE...
... BEAUTIFUL!

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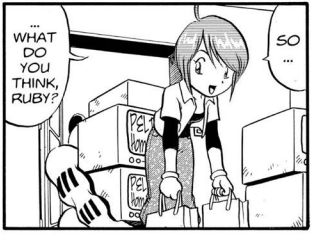
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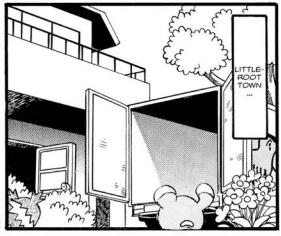


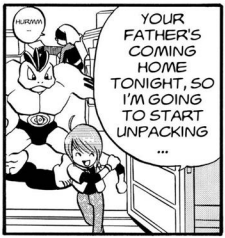

THAT ONE WAS PURPLE... BUT THIS ONE IS WHITE. MAYBE IT'S A DIFFERENT VARIETY OF...
HMM... THIS COCOON IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE I SAW JUST MOMENTS AGO.
I SEE! IT'S JUST AS IT SAYS HERE! THIS MACHINE IS AMAZING!
Area
Cry
It tethers itself to a tree branch using silk to keep from falling. There, this Pokémon hangs quietly while it awaits evolution. It peers out of the silk cocoon through a small hole.
I'M GLAD I GOT AHOLD OF THIS DEVICE.
HELLO?
FANNY FANNY
OH, I SEE NOW! APPARENTLY THE PURPLE ONE IS A CASCOON. I'LL LOOK UP THE WHITE ONE AGAIN LATER.
WHAT?! TODAY?! YOUR FAMILY IS MOVING HERE TODAY?!
OH... WHY, YES, I DID FORGET. MY APOLO-GIES.
YES, NORMAN! OH, CONGRATU-LATIONS ON GETTING APPOINTED GYM LEADER!!
HA HA!
WE'LL ALL HAVE DINNER TOGETHER TONIGHT!
I'LL HURRY BACK INTO TOWN TO HELP YOU UNLOAD YOUR BOXES!! NO PROBLEM!!
SURE! WE'LL BE NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBORS NOW.

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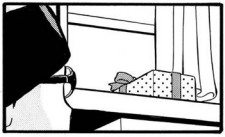







HURWH
YOUR FATHER'S COMING HOME TONIGHT, SO I'M GOING TO START UNPACKING ...


NICE, ISN'T IT? THIS WILL BE YOUR NEW ROOM.

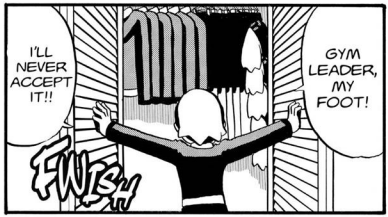



HUMPH!
TOSS




Happy Birthday
From Dad


HE'LL PAY EVEN LESS ATTEN-TION TO HIS FAMILY


I'LL NEVER ACCEPT IT!!
GYM LEADER, MY FOOT!
FWISH


I KNOW WE JUST MOVED HERE...
...BUT WE'RE LEAVING—TODAY!!
Runaway Plan
OKAY, LET'S GO OVER THE PLAN AGAIN...
RARA ...
NANA ...
KIKI ...
ALL OF YOU HAVE WON A BUNCH OF POKÉMON CONTESTS WHERE BEAUTY AND CUTENESS COUNTED.
MY GORGEOUS POKÉMON...
BUT I'VE HEARD THERE ARE EVEN TOUGHER POKÉMON CONTESTS IN THE HOENN REGION!
AND I WANT TO WIN THEM ALL—EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM!
THE ONLY THING STANDING IN MY WAY...
...IS THAT BATTLE-CRAZED FATHER OF MINE!!


HE'LL NEVER LET ME PURSUE MY DREAM.
HE'S BOUND AND DETERMINED TO DRAG ME INTO HIS WORLD OF POKÉMON BATTLES AND TRAINING.
BUT I WON'T LET HIM!!
HMMM
I'LL SHOW HIM...
I'LL WIN ALL THOSE POKÉMON CONTESTS MY WAY!
AND I'LL THROW MY VICTORIES IN HIS BATTLE-OBSESSED FACE!
HEH HEH HEH...
SORRY, MOM...
SNAG
...
SH
FF


I HAVE TO HURRY UP AND FIND A PLACE FOR US TO SPEND THE NIGHT...
... BEFORE THEY CALL THE POLICE AND START LOOKING FOR ME.
DRUNK
HUH?
AMAZ-ING!
WHAT IS THAT?
HELP ME!
KICK
KICK
KERAK
AAAARGH!!
WUMP


ARE YOU OKAY...?
I'M BEING ATTACKED BY POKÉMON! I SEEM TO HAVE ENTERED THEIR TERRITORY WHILST DOING MY RESEARCH.
I'M SO SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, BUT... ARE YOU BY ANY CHANCE A POKÉMON TRAINER?! AND IF SO, WOULD YOU MIND ASSISTING ME?
YES, I AM. BUT I WOULD MIND. AND I WON'T.
HUH?! WHY NOT?!
IF I FIGHT IN A MUDDY SWAMP LIKE THIS MY POKÉMON WILL GET ALL DIRTY!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
AHHH !!
THEY'RE HERE !!


BREATHAKING!!
HUH?!
AAH!
THOSE POKÉMON ARE EXTREMELY ANGRY...
HOW WILL HE HANDLE IT...?
I'VE NEVER SEEN POKÉMON LIKE THIS BEFORE! THEIR FUR IS SO, SO... SILKY!
GLOW
GLOW
THEY'RE STUNNING!
LOOK OUT!!
SNAP
YOU'RE DAZZLING... I'M SURE YOU'D WIN...
HAVE YOU TWO EVER CONSIDERED... ENTERING A POKÉMON CONTEST?
GRRRWL


POKÉMON CONTESTS ARE FABULOUS FUN.
AW, COME ON. DON'T BE THAT WAY.
OOPS.
SLASH!!
EXCUSE ME... WHAT ARE THESE POKÉMON CALLED?
...ENA?
MIGHTY...
POOCHY ...ENA?
THIS THING CHECKS A POKÉMON'S DATA FOR YOU...?
Area
Cry
Size
Cancel
Mightyena
Bite Pokémon
Height: 3'03"
Weight: 81.6 lbs
Mightyena gives obvious signals when it is preparing to attack. It starts to growl deeply and then flattens its body. This Pokémon will bite savagely with its sharply pointed fangs.
WOW!
THAT'S MAGNIFICENT!!
ARE YOU EVOLVED POKÉMON?!


RSTL
LET'S PRACTICE SO YOU CAN IMPRESS THE JUDGES!
WHAT ARE YOU–?
I SEE YOU TAKING TOP HONORS IN THE COOL AND BEAUTY CATEGORIES ALREADY!
LOOK, NANA!! YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK JUST LIKE THEM WHEN YOU EVOLVE!!
ALWAYS COOL... EVEN AS THE WORLD RUSHES BY...
...ABLE TO RUN AWAY AND RACE THE WIND...
HUH?
STRUT
STRUT
BEHOLD!!
BOOM
...THE MAGNIFICENT, THE INCOMPARABLE POOCHYENA–NANA!!
TIP
OKAY NOW, NANA...
IN A POKÉMON CONTEST, IT'S IMPORTANT HOW YOU CALL OUT YOUR POKÉMON FROM THEIR POKÉ BALLS. EVEN YOUR INTRODUCTION HAS TO APPEAL TO THE JUDGES.


STARE
LEER !!
OOOH, WHAT AN ELE-GANT MOVE!
TIP
BUT... IT HAD ABSO-LUTELY NO EFFECT ON THEM.
GRR
GROWL
WELL, THAT DIDN'T WORK...
OF COURSE NOT!! YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITH YOUR POKÉMON IF ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS ITS LOOKS!!
GRAB


I HOPE MY NANA GROWS UP TO BE JUST LIKE THEM.
THOSE MIGHTYENA RUN SO GRACEFULLY TOO...
POKÉMON CONTESTS, OF COURSE!
WHAT ARE YOU TRAINING YOUR POKÉMON FOR ANYWAY?!
BUT ...
HUH?
WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT LATER!
OH, I PICKED UP YOUR BAG FOR YOU, BY THE WAY.
WHOOOOA!
HUH ?
THOSE SHOES !!
WHAT THE—?

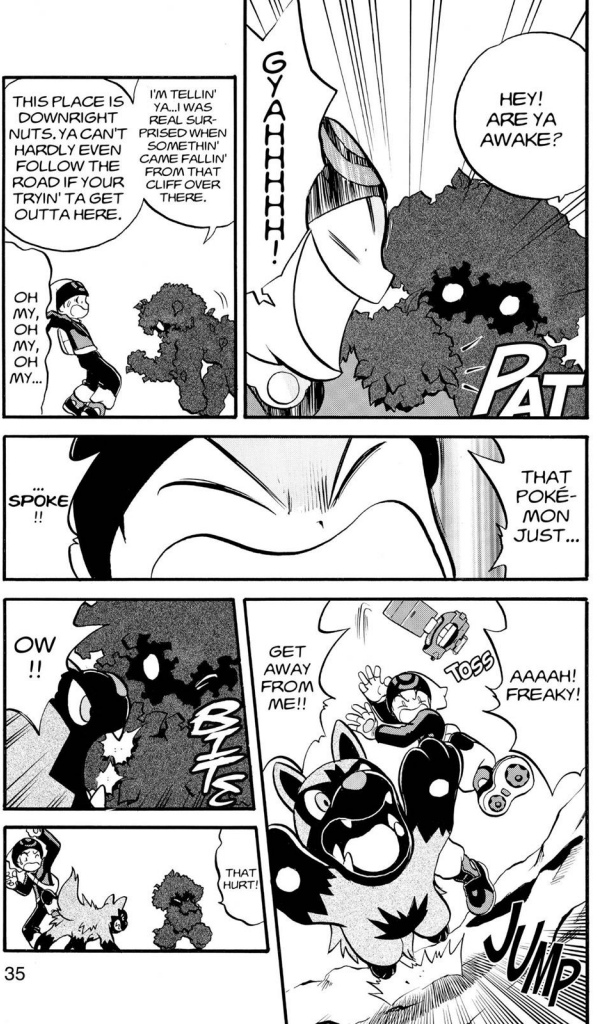

WHOA!
FWIP
FWIP FWIP
WHAT ABOUT MY SHOES?!
AAAAH!!
AAAH!
WHOOAAA!!
BOING
OH NO!!

AAAAAARGH!
RSTL
RSTL
RSTL
GLARE
JUMP
RSTL
RSTL
SWISH
GRAB


UNHH ...
A POKÉ-MON... ... SAVED ME...?
WUMP
HUH?
LCK
LCK
NANA ...
WHERE ARE WE ...?
IT'S COMING FROM THAT MAN'S BAG...
GUESS I'LL ANSWER IT.
CLICK
CLANG
THAT'S THE POKÉMON WHO SAVED US...


HELLO?
YOU! IS THAT YOU...?! THAT POKÉMON CONTEST-CRAZED BOY I JUST MET?!
YEP.
SO YOU'RE ALL RIGHT?! THAT'S GREAT!
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY I INVOLVED YOU IN THIS!! YOU'RE NOT HURT, ARE YOU?!
I'M FINE. BUT I'M NOT SURE WHERE I AM... LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF CAVE.
OH?! HOW'D YOU GET THERE?!
A GREEN POKÉMON HELPED ME. IT CARRIED ME HERE.
OH MY, WHAT A SURPRISE! I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A WILD POKÉMON BEHAVING LIKE THAT BEFORE!!
OH, BY THE WAY...
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF— THE NAME IS BIRCH.
I'M A PROFESSOR. I STUDY POKÉMON. I WAS DOING FIELDWORK TODAY, YOU SEE, WHEN...


IS YOUR NAME BY ANY CHANCE... RUBY?
OH, IF I MAY ASK...?
DON'T WORRY 'BOUT ME. I'M NOT HURT.
...SOMEONE BEGGED ME TO PROCURE A PAIR FOR HIS SON'S BIRTHDAY. SO I DID.
THEY HAVEN'T BEEN RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC YET, BUT...
RUNNING SHOES WITH AN ACCELERATION FEATURE, CREATED BY THE DEVON CORPORATION.
THOSE SHOES YOU'RE WEARING...
HOW DID YOU KNOW ?!
PHEW. GOOD ...
I GUESS HE DOESN'T KNOW I RAN AWAY ...
YOU JUST ARRIVED TODAY, DIDN'T YOU? WHAT WERE YOU DOING OUT THERE IN THE WILDERNESS ALL BY YOURSELF?
WELL THAT'S JUST FABULOUS... A FRIEND OF MY DAD'S...
YEAH? THAT'S... NEAT. WHAT A COINCIDENCE.
HIS NAME WAS NORMAN... YOUR FATHER, RIGHT? I KNEW YOU WHEN YOU WERE QUITE SMALL.


HEY! ARE YA AWAKE?
GYAHHHHH!
PAT
I'M TELLIN' YA...I WAS REAL SURPRISED WHEN SOMETHIN' CAME FALLIN' FROM THAT CLIFF OVER THERE.
THIS PLACE IS DOWNRIGHT NUTS. YA CAN'T HARDLY EVEN FOLLOW THE ROAD IF YOUR TRYIN' TA GET OUTTA HERE.
OH MY, OH MY, OH MY...
THAT POKÉMON JUST...
...SPOKE!!
GET AWAY FROM ME!!
Toss
AAAAH! FREAKY!
OW!!
BITE
THAT HURT!
JUMP

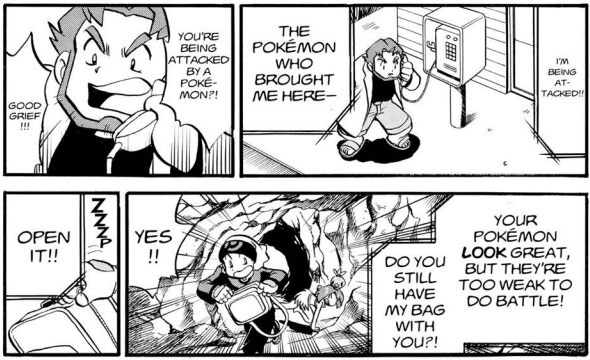
FUP
I WAS JUST TRYIN' TO HELP YA!
GWRR
WHAT'D YA GO AND DO THAT FOR, HUH?!
ACK!

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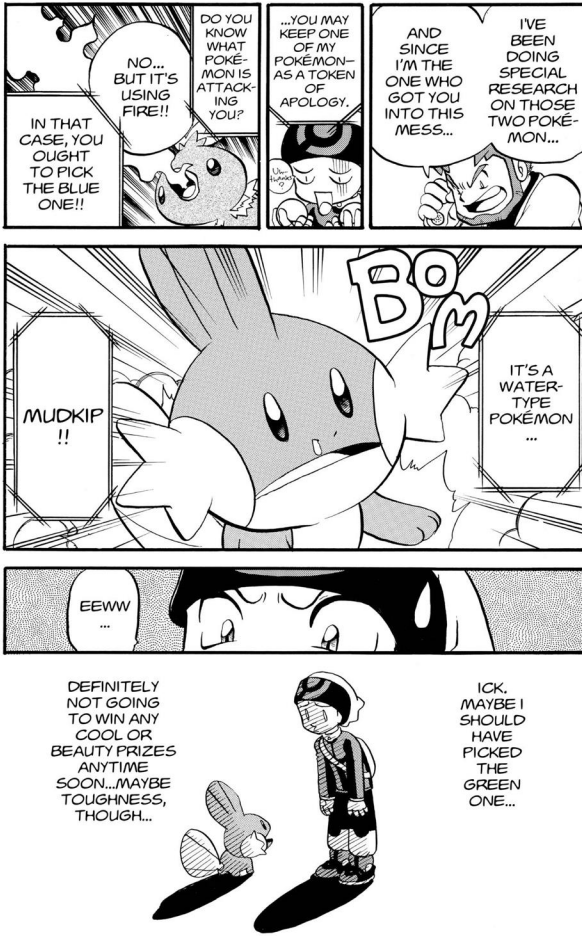
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I'VE BEEN DOING SPECIAL RESEARCH ON THOSE TWO POKÉMON...
AND SINCE I'M THE ONE WHO GOT YOU INTO THIS MESS...
...YOU MAY KEEP ONE OF MY POKÉMON— AS A TOKEN OF APOLOGY.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT POKÉMON IS ATTACKING YOU?
NO... BUT IT'S USING FIRE!!
IN THAT CASE, YOU OUGHT TO PICK THE BLUE ONE!!
BOM
IT'S A WATER-TYPE POKÉMON ...
MUDKIP !!
EEWW ...
ICK. MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE PICKED THE GREEN ONE...
DEFINITELY NOT GOING TO WIN ANY COOL OR BEAUTY PRIZES ANYTIME SOON...MAYBE TOUGHNESS, THOUGH...


HISSSS!!
WHAT'S WITH THE CHIT-CHAT?! HURRY UP AND DEFEND YOUR-SELF!!!
BUT IF MY POKÉMON FIGHT IN A DUSTY CAVE LIKE THIS THEY'LL GET DIRTY...
FOOSH
NOT THAT AGAIN...
GRR
WHOA!
OW!
HEY! HOLD STILL AND QUIT DODGIN' MY ATTACKS!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STARTED THIS, YA KNOW!
PUSSSH


AND NOW THAT I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION...
I SAVED YA! SO WHY D'YOU WANT TO GO AND ATTACK ME...?
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?!
"WHAT HAVE YOU" ...?
UH...RUBY? IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE THERE WITH YOU?!
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU!!!
IT WASN'T A POKÉMON WHO SAVED ME AFTER ALL!!
IT WAS A GIRL.
HUF
PANT
SOME KIND OF...WILD BEAST GIRL... WHO I CAN BARELY UNDERSTAND!!
GIRL...
WILD BEAST ...?
HUF
PANT
OH DEAR ...
PLOP


WHAT...?!
HER NAME IS SAPPHIRE.
SHE ASSISTS ME WITH MY FIELDWORK.
THAT GIRL IS MY DAUGHTER.
LOST HIM...
HELLO! HELLOOOO...?
ANYWAY... HAND OFF MY POKÉGEAR TO HER AND LET ME TALK TO-KLK!!
No service.
I HAVE HIS BAG... AND HIS POKÉGEAR. AND HE GAVE ME THIS POKÉMON TOO!
THIS IS ALL A BIG MISUNDERSTANDING. I'VE MET YOUR FATHER.
...AND TALK ABOUT IT LATER!
I'LL JUST HAFTA TRUST THAT YA KNOW MY POP...
SLNK
SLNK!
UH... ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?


W-WHAT'S THAT?!
SE-VIPER-THE FANG SNAKE POKÉ-MON!!
SSSSS
Area
Cry
Size
Cancel
№ 124 Seviper
Fang Snake Pokémon
Height: 8'10"
Weight: 115.7 lbs
Seviper's swordlike tail serves two purposes...it slashes foes and douses them with secreted poison. This Pokémon will not give up its long-running blood feud with Zangoose.
IT'S CALLED A POKÉ-DEX!!
YOU HAVE ONE OF THOSE THINGA-MAJIG-GIES TOO?
CREEP
CREEP
CREEP
SLITH
THE

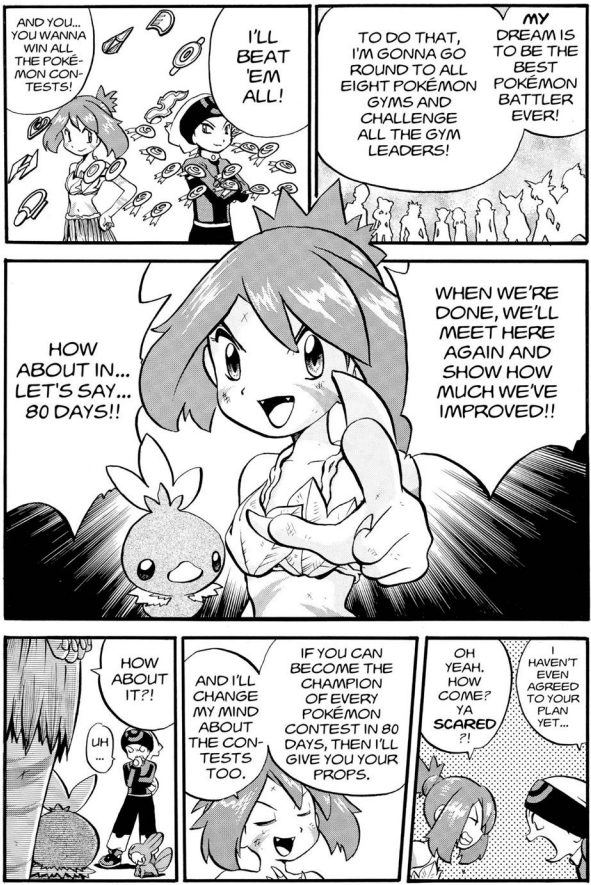

CRASH
I'M HELPIN' MY POP PERFORM A DISTRIBUTIONAL SURVEY OF THE POKÉMON AROUND HERE.
THIS CAVE IS MY SECRET BASE. I USE IT TO KEEP AN EYE ON 'EM.
SWOOSH
GR
AB
AGH !!
WHAT-CHA DOIN?! GIMME A HAND HERE, WILL YA?!
THIS IS ONE POWERFUL POKÉMON! IF YA DON'T DO SOMETHIN' FAST, YOU'RE GONNA GET HURT!!
WOOP
SWISH SWISH


BOM
BOM
BOM
NO WAY!


POKÉ-MON CON-TEST ...?
IF I LET MY POKÉMON FIGHT TOO MANY BATTLES, THEY'LL GET ALL MUSCULAR AND LOSE THEIR CUTE-NESS!
MY DREAM IS TO BECOME THE CHAMPION OF EVERY POKÉMON CONTEST!!


"SILLY" ONES?! THEY'RE NOT SILLY!!
YOU MEAN... THE SILLY ONES WHERE THEY ONLY CARE ABOUT THE POKÉMON'S LOOKS?
RIGHT... WHAT-EVER !!
EMBER !!
FLOSH
CHIC !!
FWIP

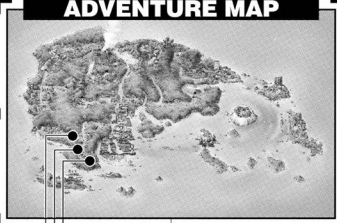

HUF, HUF... I DON'T LIKE POKÉMON THAT CAN'T FIGHT.
AND I DON'T LIKE FANCYIN' 'EM ALL UP NEITHER.
GRR
THINGS LOOK BEST WHEN YOU LEAVE 'EM ALONE— LIKE NATURE INTENDED!!
KER-
THUD
IS THAT WHY YOU LOOK LIKE THAT ...?
AT LEAST WEAR NORMAL CLOTHES !!
POKÉMON WON'T GET CLOSE TO YA WHEN YOU'RE WEARIN' SYNTHETIC THINGS!!
UGH! AND YOU STINK! THAT'S UNSANITARY!!
OH REALLY, MISTER "I'VE DYED MY HAIR WHITE AS SNOW"? YOU CALL YOURSELF NORMAL WITH THAT HAIRSTYLE?!
FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THIS IS A HAT!!!
GRRRRRR.
URRRR.
HOWS ABOUT WE HAVE OURSELVES A LITTLE BET?
I KNOW!
HMM ...
LOOKS LIKE !!
HMPH
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL NEVER AGREE ON ANYTHING...


AND YOU... YOU WANNA WIN ALL THE POKÉMON CONTESTS!
I'LL BEAT 'EM ALL!
MY DREAM IS TO BE THE BEST POKÉMON BATTLER EVER!
TO DO THAT, I'M GONNA GO ROUND TO ALL EIGHT POKÉMON GYMS AND CHALLENGE ALL THE GYM LEADERS!
HOW ABOUT IN... LET'S SAY... 80 DAYS!!
WHEN WE'RE DONE, WE'LL MEET HERE AGAIN AND SHOW HOW MUCH WE'VE IMPROVED!!
HOW ABOUT IT?!
UH...
AND I'LL CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT THE CONTESTS TOO.
IF YOU CAN BECOME THE CHAMPION OF EVERY POKÉMON CONTEST IN 80 DAYS, THEN I'LL GIVE YOU YOUR PROPS.
OH YEAH. HOW COME? YA SCARED?!
I HAVEN'T EVEN AGREED TO YOUR PLAN YET...


FINE.
YOU'RE ON!
CLAW MARKS!!
GOOD. IT'S...
...A DEAL!
HEY... HEY!
WHAT'S WRONG?
...WHEN SHE CAUGHT ME AS I WAS FALLING OFF THE CLIFF...
OH, I SEE NOW... SHE MUST HAVE PROTECTED ME FROM THAT MIGHTYENA'S ATTACK...
ID KIT
MAKEUP KIT
SEWING KIT


OKAY... HER WOUND SHOULD HEAL UP NICELY NOW.
YOU KNOW ...
...WHETHER I HAVE THE POKÉMON BATTLE...
...AND WHETHER I WANT TO USE THAT POWER...
BOW!
KER-ASH
...ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS...
C'MON, LET'S GO!!
ONLY 80 DAYS LEFT...!

ADVENTURE MAP



SAPPHIRE





RUBY



CHIC
Torchic♀
Lv14

Littleroot Town

Route 101

Oldale Town



NANA
Poochyena♀



KIKI
Skitty♀



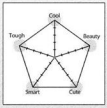
RARA
Ralts♀



MUMU
Mudkip♂

SAPPHIRE

RUBY



Stone Badge	Knuckle Badge	Dynamo Badge	Heat Badge
Balance Badge	Feather Badge	Mind Badge	Rain Badge

	Cool	Beauty	Cute	Smart	Tough
Normal					
Super					
Hyper					
Master					

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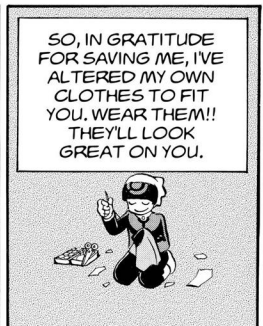






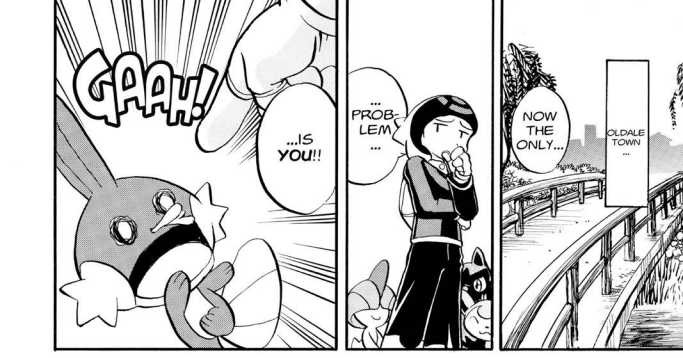




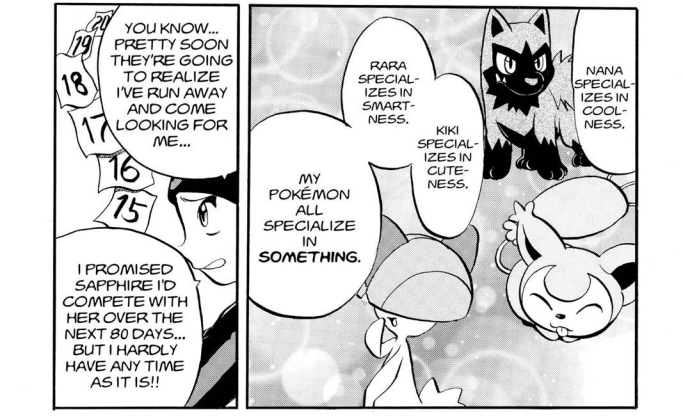


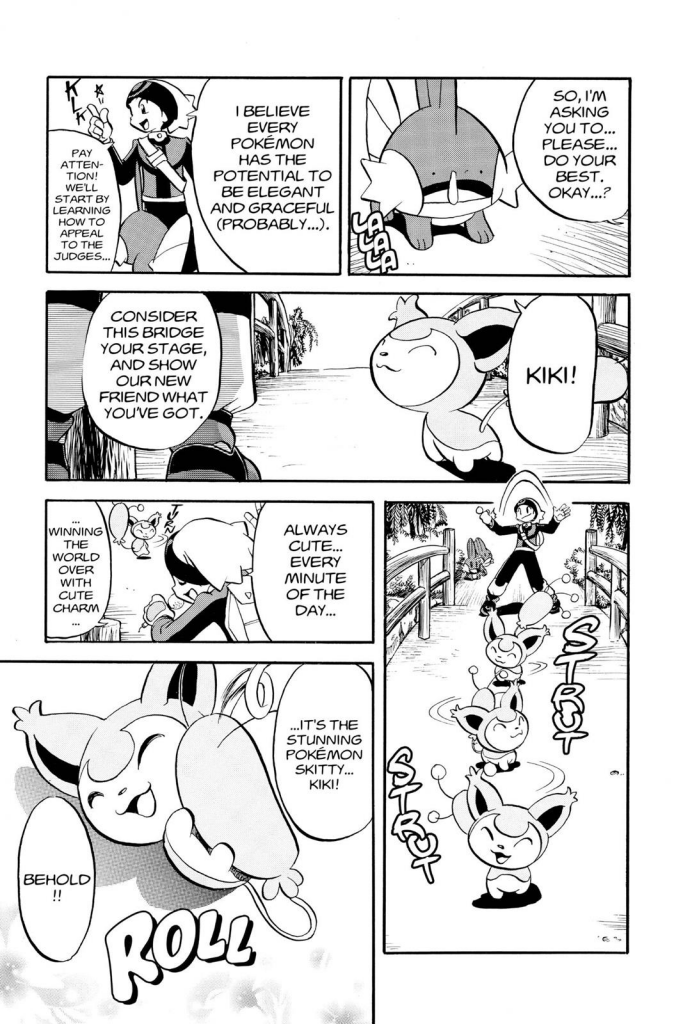



DOES THIS MEAN HE CHECKED MY MEASUREMENTS WHILE I WAS SLEEPIN'...?!
MY FASHION SENSE IS NONE OF HIS BUSINESS!
WHAT KINDA FANCY DUDS ARE THESE?!
HEY... WAITA-MIN-NIT.
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Distracting Dustox
AHHH...
IT ALWAYS FEELS SO GOOD TO HAVE DONE SOMETHING NICE FOR SOMEONE!!


GAAH!
...IS YOU!!
...PROB-LEM...
NOW THE ONLY...
OLDALE TOWN...


Whoa!
BUT WHICH CATEGORY SHOULD I ENTER YOU IN...?
WELL, I'M STILL GLAD PROFESSOR BIRCH GAVE YOU TO ME. IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD THING TO HAVE A VARIETY OF POKÉMON TO CHOOSE FROM.

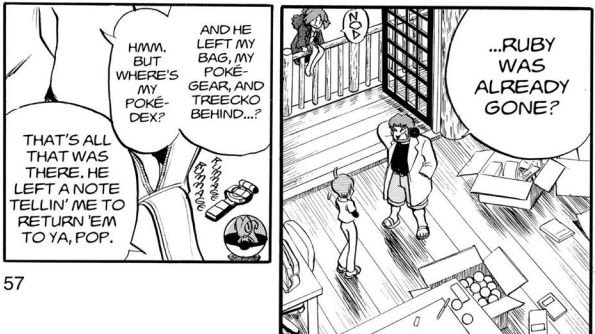

YOU KNOW... PRETTY SOON THEY'RE GOING TO REALIZE I'VE RUN AWAY AND COME LOOKING FOR ME...
I PROMISED SAPPHIRE I'D COMPETE WITH HER OVER THE NEXT 80 DAYS... BUT I HARDLY HAVE ANY TIME AS IT IS!!
MY POKÉMON ALL SPECIALIZE IN SOMETHING.
RARA SPECIAL-IZES IN SMART-NESS.
KIKI SPECIAL-IZES IN CUTE-NESS.
NANA SPECIAL-IZES IN COOL-NESS.

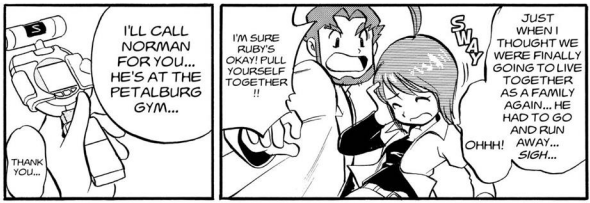

PAY ATTENTION! WE'LL START BY LEARNING HOW TO APPEAL TO THE JUDGES...
I BELIEVE EVERY POKÉMON HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE ELEGANT AND GRACEFUL (PROBABLY...).
LA LA LA
SO, I'M ASKING YOU TO... PLEASE... DO YOUR BEST. OKAY...?
CONSIDER THIS BRIDGE YOUR STAGE, AND SHOW OUR NEW FRIEND WHAT YOU'VE GOT.
KIKI!
... WINNING THE WORLD OVER WITH CUTE CHARM ...
ALWAYS CUTE... EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY...
STRUT
STRUT
BEHOLD !!
ROLL
...IT'S THE STUNNING POKÉMON SKITTY... KIKI!

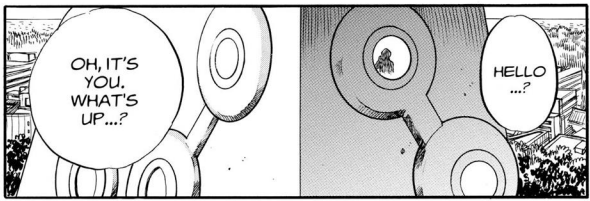

LET'S START WITH THE WALK...
GOT THAT ...? NOW YOU TRY.
NOPE. HOW ABOUT SMARTLY THEN?
HMM... THAT DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT. TRY WALKING COOLLY!
WALK CUTELY.
LIKE THIS! WALK LIGHTLY AND SOFTLY LIKE... LIKE LEAVES FLUTTERING IN THE BREEZE!
HMM... YOU'RE JUST NOT GETTING IT!
IT'S HARD TO PULL OFF...!
WHAT'S UP WITH THIS LEAF?!
HERE— USE THIS LEAF AS AN EXAMPLE.
THAT LOOKS EVEN WORSE.
SWAYED


FAP FAP FAP
WHOA!


LITTLE-ROOT TOWN...
I SEE...
AND WHEN YOU AWOKE...


...RUBY WAS ALREADY GONE?
NO
AND HE LEFT MY BAG, MY POKÉGEAR, AND TREECKO BEHIND...?
HMM. BUT WHERE'S MY POKÉDEX?
THAT'S ALL THAT WAS THERE. HE LEFT A NOTE TELLIN' ME TO RETURN 'EM TO YA, POP.


I'LL CALL NORMAN FOR YOU... HE'S AT THE PETALBURG GYM...
THANK YOU...
I'M SURE RUBY'S OKAY! PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER !!
SWAY
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT WE WERE FINALLY GOING TO LIVE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY AGAIN... HE HAD TO GO AND RUN AWAY...
OHHH!
SIGH...


HELLO ...?
OH, IT'S YOU. WHAT'S UP...?


HEY, NORMAN! IT'S ME, BIRCH! I'LL CONTACT THE POLICE AND—
THERE'S NO NEED TO CALL THE POLICE!


I CAN'T FIND RUBY. FROM WHAT PROFESSOR BIRCH AND HIS DAUGHTER TELL ME, IT SEEMS... HE'S RUN AWAY FROM HOME...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!
LET ME TALK TO HIM!


I'LL FIND HIM MYSELF!
KRUSH


THAT LITTLE...
HE MUST HAVE CRUSHED THE PHONE. HE DOES THAT A LOT.
NOR-MAN! NOR-MAN?!!
Ohh-kay...
KTK
HUH?
FRRRRRR
WOW! I THOUGHT I WAS TUGGING ON A LEAF, BUT IT WAS ACTUALLY A POKÉMON'S WING!
AND ITS OWNER IS MAD!
OH.
I PUT THIS IN MY POCKET AND FORGOT TO GIVE IT BACK!
RARA! KIKI! NANA!
VEITHUMP
THIS GIZMO IS IDENTIFY-ING THE POKÉMON ...
RTTLRTTLRTTLRTTLRTTLRTTL


THIS ONE DIDN'T GET HIT BY THE DUST BECAUSE IT'S SO SLOW!
TUMPH
TUMPH
THEY'RE BADLY POISONED. THAT DUST IS STRONG ENOUGH TO KNOCK OUT A PRO WRESTLER!
WHAT ?!
COME BACK!! RARA! KIKI! NANA!
CATCH
HANG IN THERE !!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
BUT THAT POKÉMON WITH THE WINGS IS FAST! WHERE'D IT GO?!
SWISH
FWSSS
AH !!
SWISH

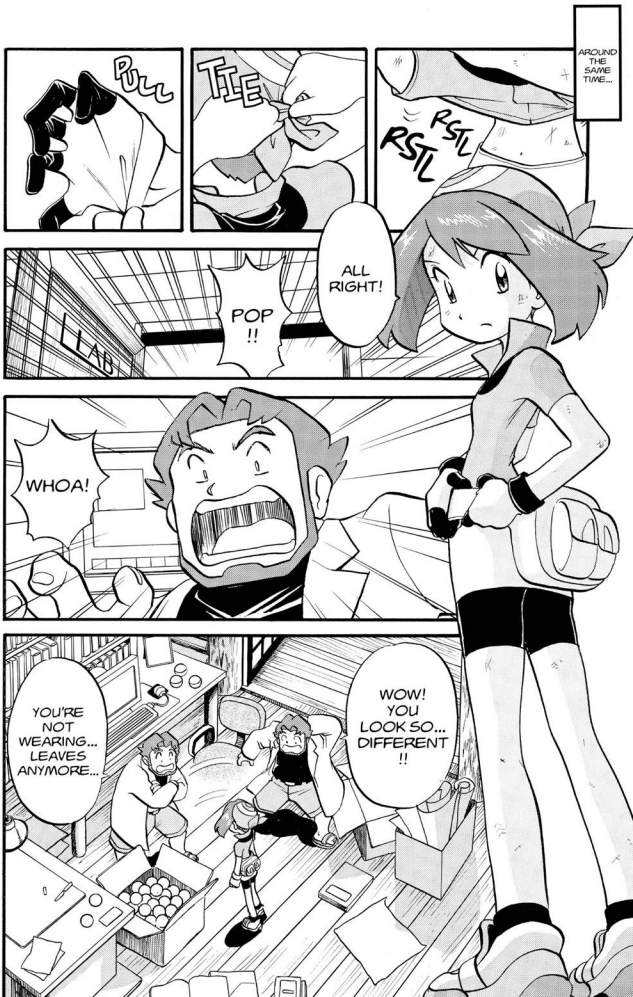

ZOOM
SWISH
I'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO DEFEAT IT WHILE IT'S STILL LOOKING FOR ME...!
HOW DID IT KNOW WHERE I WAS HIDING?!
SMASH
WHOA!!
AH!
Area
Cry
Size
Cancel
№018 Dustox
Poison Moth Pokémon
Height: 3'11"
Weight: 69.7 lbs
When Dustox flaps its wings, a fine dust is scattered all over. This dust is actually a powerful poison that will even make a pro wrestler sick. This Pokémon searches for food using its antennae like radar.
ITS... ANTENNAE?!
IF I CAN JUST FIGURE OUT HOW TO JAM ITS TRACKING ABILITY...
SWISH
SWISH
BUT HOW?! WHAT DO I DO?!
SWISH


WOM
WOM WOM
FOOSH
THUNK
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP


I GUESS IT'S LUCKY I FORGOT TO RETURN THIS TO PROFESSOR BIRCH...
AT LEAST NOW I DON'T HAVE TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT WHENEVER I BUMP INTO A MYSTERIOUS POKÉMON I'VE NEVER MET BEFORE.
THAT WAS CLOSE...
THE HOENN REGION IS A LOT WILDER THAN I THOUGHT.
I'LL GIVE IT BACK TO HIS DAUGHTER WHEN I MEET HER— IN 80 DAYS.
THAT'S ONLY TWO AND A HALF MONTHS FROM NOW. I'M SURE HER DAD WILL UNDERSTAND.
NOW WHERE WAS I...?
WAG WAG
SO HOW'D YOU TRACK THE MOVEMENTS OF SUCH A SWIFT OPPONENT?
TMP


I SEE!!
Area
Cry
Size
Cancel
№007 Mudkip
Mud Fish Pokémon
Height: 1'04"
Weight: 16.8 lbs
The fin on Mudkip's head acts as highly sensitive radar. Using this fin to sense movements of water and air, this Pokémon can determine what is taking place around it without using its eyes.
YOU TRACKED IT USING YOUR FIN...YOUR RADAR.
AND YOUR RADAR IS SUPER SENSI-TIVE!
SNIF
DAY-DREAMING AGAIN, HUH?
SIGH... YOU ANSWER TO "MUMU" NOW!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO...
...MUMU!
HOP
MUUU
YOU'RE RELAXED-BUT ALSO PRETTY SHARP. I DON'T KNOW WHAT CATEGORY TO PLACE YOU IN YET...
...BUT I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU WIN SOME CON-TESTS!


TOGETHER, WE'LL MAKE A GREAT TEAM!
UMM... OKAY, NOW...
HOENN MAP
RS
...I NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHERE TO GET A CONTEST PASS...
...SO I CAN ENTER THE HOENN REGION POKÉMON CONTESTS!
ALL RIGHT! FOUND IT!
WOOSH
WOOSH
LET'S HEAD FOR THE NEXT TOWN!!

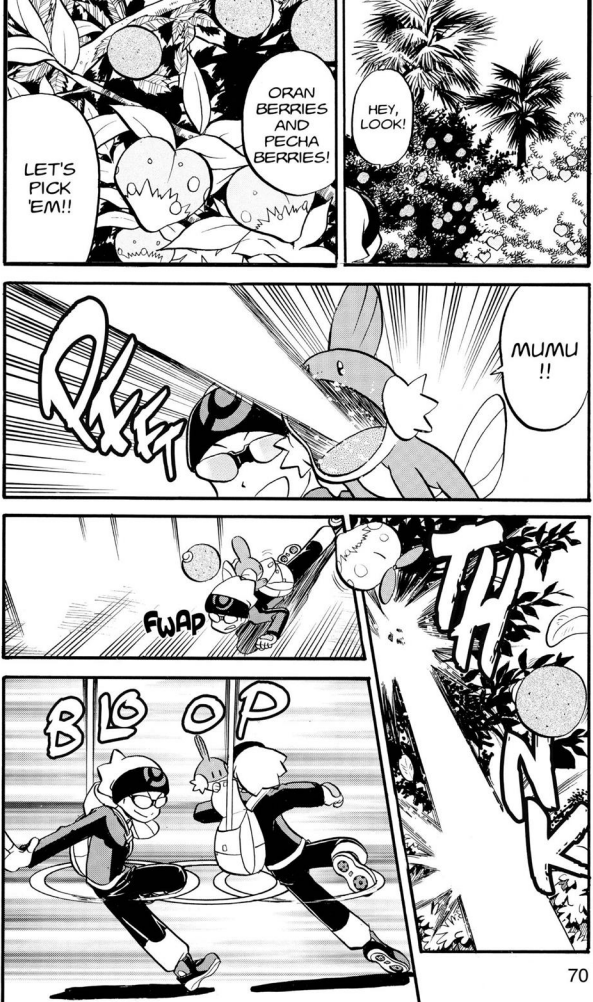

AROUND THE SAME TIME...
RSTL
RSTL
TIE
PULL
ALL RIGHT!
POP !!
LAB
WHOA!
WOW! YOU LOOK SO... DIFFERENT !!
YOU'RE NOT WEARING... LEAVES ANYMORE...


OHH, I GET IT! YOU'RE FINALLY ON YOUR WAY, AREN'T YOU?!
NOD
OFF TO CHALLENGE ALL THE HOENN GYM LEADERS.
THAT'S ALWAYS BEEN YOUR DREAM!
ALL RIGHT THEN!! OFF YOU GO!! AND GOOD LUCK!!
PAT
THANKS !!
C'MON, CHIC!!
AND... POP ?!
YOU TOO, RONO !!
FWAP FWAP FWAP
I'LL DO MY BEST !!
BOING
FWAP FWAP


GRAB
YEEAAAH!!
GO GET 'EM ...
...SAPPHIRE!!
SWINGING
FWOOSH
79 DAYS LEFT TILL THE DEADLINE...!



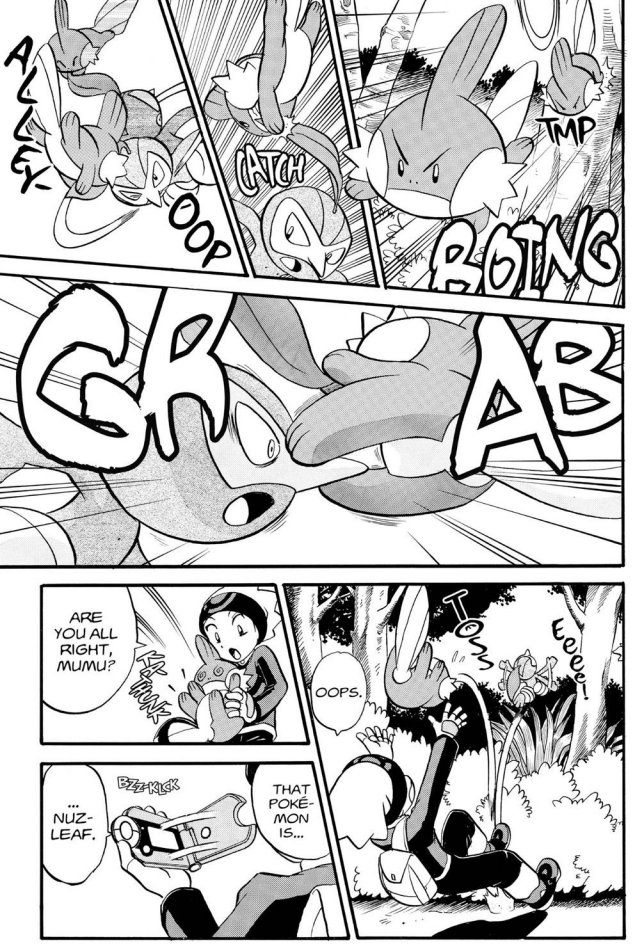
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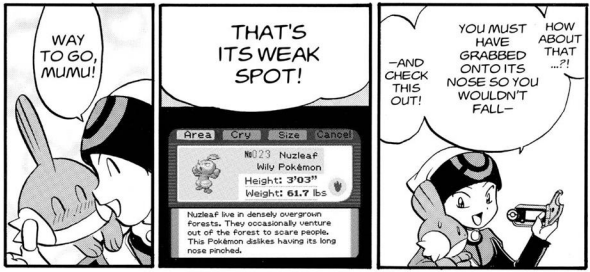

HEY, LOOK!
ORAN BERRIES AND PECHA BERRIES!
LET'S PICK 'EM!!
MUMU !!
FWAP
BLOOP

Chapter 185: Nixing Nuzleaf




BOING
WHOA !!
KR CKL
SPLASH
FER SPOOSH
SWISH


ALLEY-OOP
CATCH
TMP
BOING
GR
AB
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MUMU?
FRANK
OOPS.
TOM
Eeee!
THAT POKÉMON IS...
BZZT-KLICK
... NUZLEAF.


WAY TO GO, MUMU!
THAT'S ITS WEAK SPOT!
Area
Cry
Size
Cancel
№023 Nuzleaf
Wily Pokémon
Height: 3'03"
Weight: 61.7 lbs
Nuzleaf live in densely overgrown forests. They occasionally venture out of the forest to scare people. This Pokémon dislikes having its long nose pinched.
–AND CHECK THIS OUT!
YOU MUST HAVE GRABBED ONTO ITS NOSE SO YOU WOULDN'T FALL–
HOW ABOUT THAT ...?!

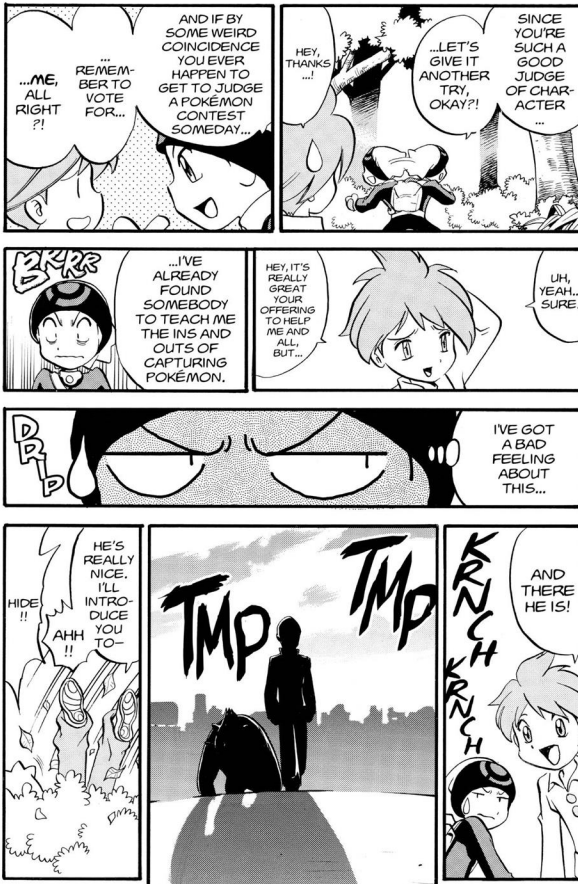

...WILD POKÉMON CAME JUMPING OUT LIKE THAT?
RSTL
BUT HOW COME ALL THOSE...


I MESSED UP... AGAIN.
WHAT'S WRONG?! DID THOSE POKÉMON DO THIS TO YOU?!


HUF HUF... WELL, YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF...
I HEARD THERE'S LOTS OF THEM AROUND HERE, SO I'VE BEEN TRYING...OVER AND OVER AGAIN...BUT...
ALL I WANT IS TO CAPTURE A WILD POKÉMON...

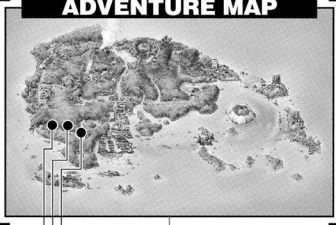

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OWW ...


HUG
WELL, YOU'VE GOT A GOOD EYE FOR POKÉMON, AT LEAST!!
FRIENDS FOR-EVER!!
HUH ...?
YOU'VE GOT A REALLY TOUGH POKÉMON THERE. I'M SO-O-O JEALOUS!
ANYWAY, THANK YOU. YOU MUST HAVE SCARED THEM OFF BECAUSE YOU'RE SO TOUGH.
WHAT'D YOU JUST SAY...? THAT MY POKÉMON IS... TOUGH?!
TING
AND YOU'RE RIGHT. POKÉMON SHOULD BE...
...TOUGH...
...COOL...
...CUTE...
...SMART...
...AND BEAUTI-FUL.
I'M RUBY!! THIS POKÉMON IS MUMU, MY MUDKIP!!
WE'RE ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER!! OUR DREAM IS TO BECOME A POKÉMON CONTEST CHAMPION!


AND IF BY SOME WEIRD COINCIDENCE YOU EVER HAPPEN TO GET TO JUDGE A POKÉMON CONTEST SOMEDAY...
... REMEMBER TO VOTE FOR...
...ME, ALL RIGHT?!
SINCE YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD JUDGE OF CHARACTER...
...LET'S GIVE IT ANOTHER TRY, OKAY?!
HEY, THANKS...!
UH, YEAH... SURE.
HEY, IT'S REALLY GREAT YOUR OFFERING TO HELP ME AND ALL, BUT...
BKRR
...I'VE ALREADY FOUND SOMEBODY TO TEACH ME THE INS AND OUTS OF CAPTURING POKÉMON.
DRIP
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
AND THERE HE IS!
KRNCH
KRNCH
TMP
TMP
HE'S REALLY NICE. I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO—
AHH!!
HIDE!!
DIMM


WALLY? WALLY ...?!
WHY ARE WE HIDING?
YOU KNOW HIM?
YEAH. REAL WELL.
THAT'S NORMAN ...
...THE GYM LEADER OF PETAL-BURG CITY!
OR, AS THEY CALL HIM, "A MAN IN PURSUIT OF POWER"!
ALSO...
...HE'S MY DAD.

ADVENTURE MAP



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Torchic ♀
Lv14



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Aron ♂
Lv28



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Poochyena ♀



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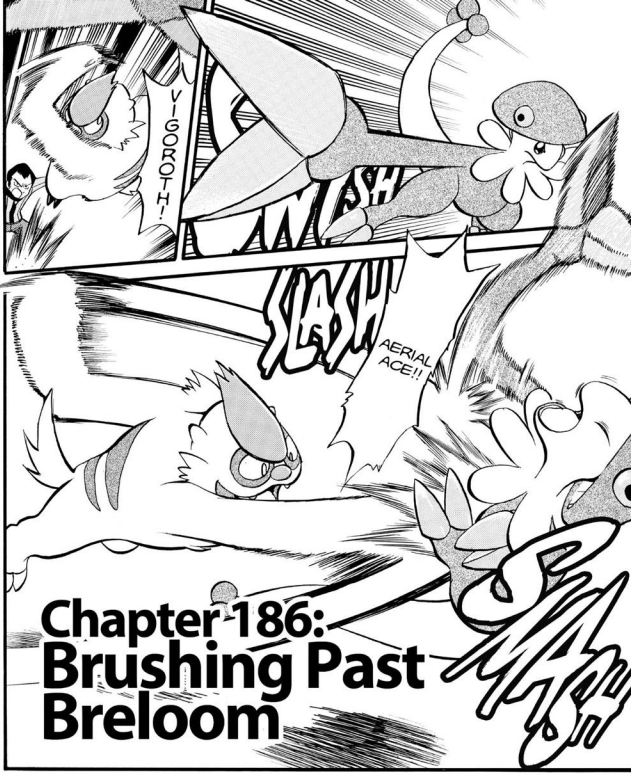
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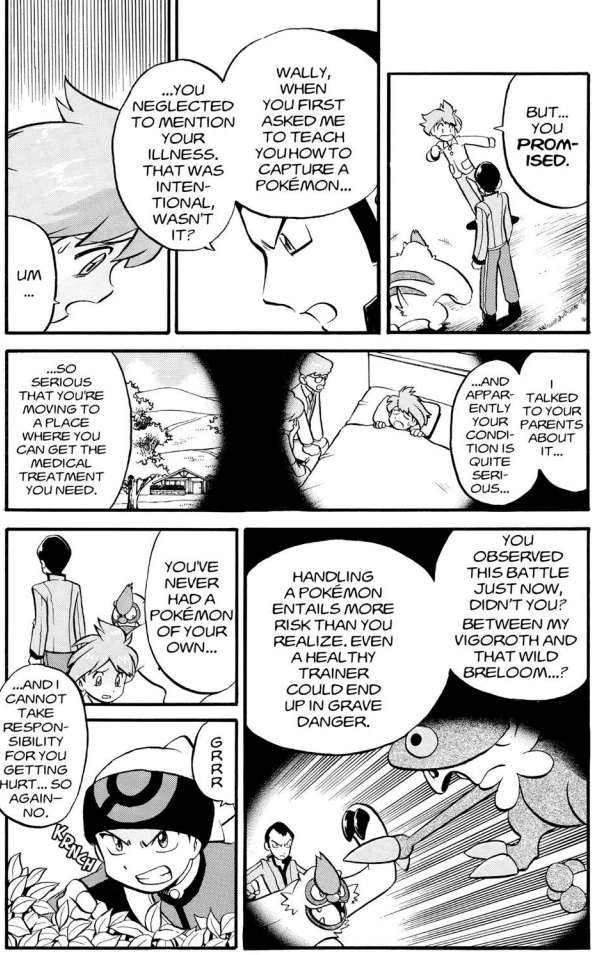


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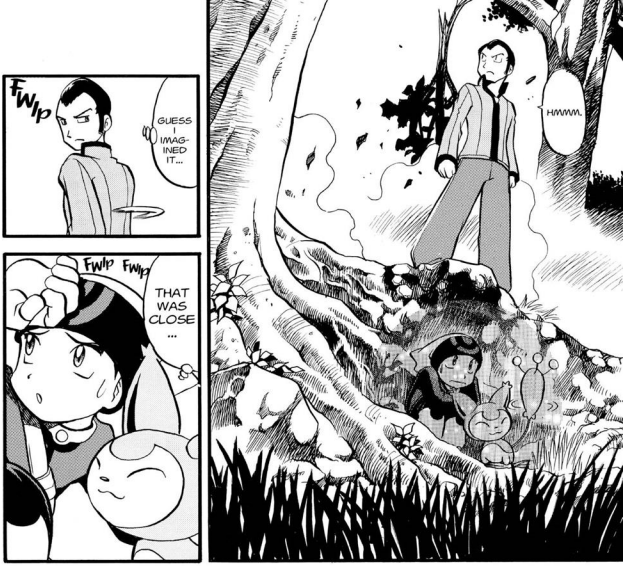

VIGOROTH!
SLASH
SLASH
AERIAL ACE!!
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Brushing Past Breloom

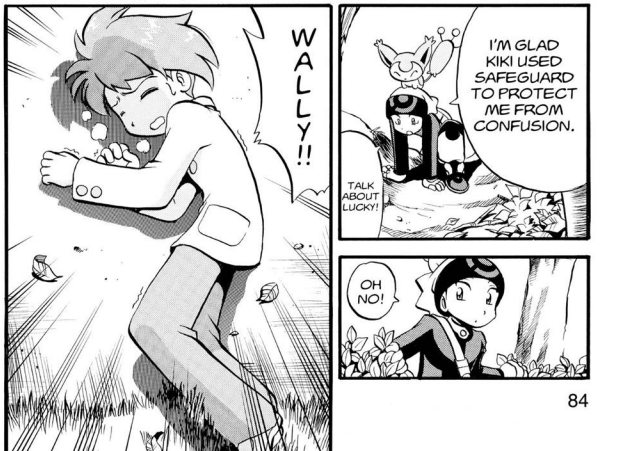

A POKÉMON CHARACTERIZED BY SWIFT MOVEMENT AND PUNCHES THAT STRETCH OUT A LONG WAY.
HURMM... A BRELOOM.
FLOOP

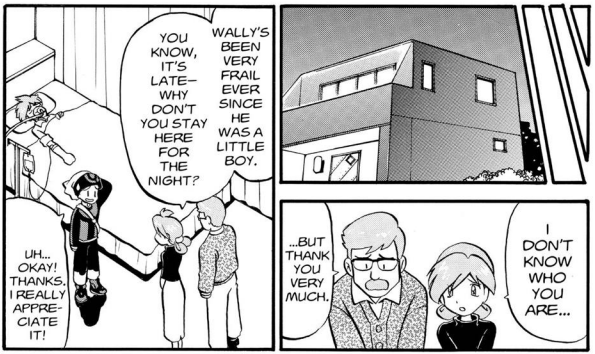

ALL RIGHT THEN... I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE HIDING... BUT YOU CAN COME OUT NOW.
AERIAL ACE NEVER MISSES— AND NEVER FAILS!
TADA
BUT IT'S NO MATCH FOR MY VIGOROTH!
YES SIR!
RSTL
WALLY.
IN FACT, YOU HAD BETTER— ANOTHER WILD POKÉMON MIGHT HAPPEN ALONG AT ANY MOMENT...
...
I'M SORRY, MR. NORMAN. I WASN'T FEELING WELL AND...
WILL YOU TEACH ME HOW TO CAPTURE A POKÉMON NOW?
BUT THANKS SO MUCH FOR COMING HERE TODAY.
NO.
WHAT ...?

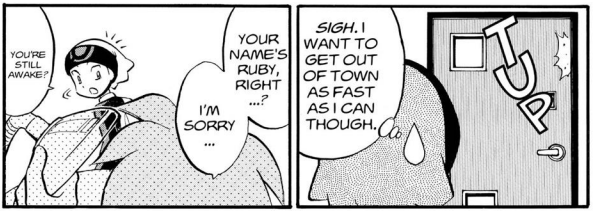

WALLY, WHEN YOU FIRST ASKED ME TO TEACH YOU HOW TO CAPTURE A POKÉMON...
...YOU NEGLECTED TO MENTION YOUR ILLNESS. THAT WAS INTENTIONAL, WASN'T IT?
UM...
BUT... YOU PROMISED.
I TALKED TO YOUR PARENTS ABOUT IT...
...AND APPARENTLY YOUR CONDITION IS QUITE SERIOUS...
...SO SERIOUS THAT YOU'RE MOVING TO A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN GET THE MEDICAL TREATMENT YOU NEED.
YOU OBSERVED THIS BATTLE JUST NOW, DIDN'T YOU? BETWEEN MY VIGOROTH AND THAT WILD BRELOOM...?
HANDLING A POKÉMON ENTAILS MORE RISK THAN YOU REALIZE. EVEN A HEALTHY TRAINER COULD END UP IN GRAVE DANGER.
YOU'VE NEVER HAD A POKÉMON OF YOUR OWN...
...AND I CANNOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOU GETTING HURT... SO AGAIN— NO.
GRRR
KRAH!

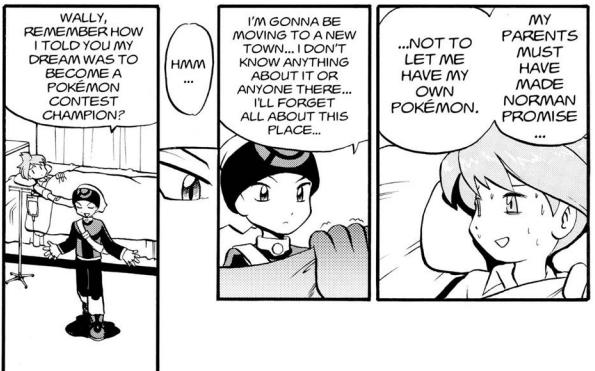

I FEEL ANOTHER PRESENCE NEARBY...
STRANGE ...
TM?
OH NO!
SLAKING!!
BOM
BOOM
KRASH
I KNOW YOU'RE HIDING OUT THERE!
COME OUT, WHO-EVER YOU ARE!
YOU MUST BE WAN-DERING AROUND CON-FUSED...
... THANKS TO SLAKING'S SWAG-GER!
KRNCH


HMMM.
FWIP
GUESS I IMAG-INED IT...
FWIP FWIP
THAT WAS CLOSE ...


I'M GLAD KIKI USED SAFEGUARD TO PROTECT ME FROM CONFUSION.
TALK ABOUT LUCKY!
OH NO!
WALLY!!


WALLY'S BEEN VERY FRAIL EVER SINCE HE WAS A LITTLE BOY.
YOU KNOW, IT'S LATE— WHY DON'T YOU STAY HERE FOR THE NIGHT?
UH... OKAY! THANKS. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT!
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE...
...BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

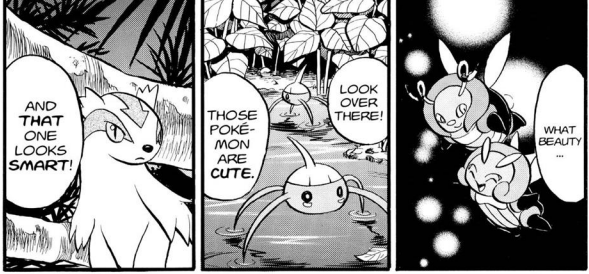

SIGH. I WANT TO GET OUT OF TOWN AS FAST AS I CAN THOUGH.
UP
YOUR NAME'S RUBY, RIGHT...?
I'M SORRY...
YOU'RE STILL AWAKE?


MY PARENTS MUST HAVE MADE NORMAN PROMISE...
...NOT TO LET ME HAVE MY OWN POKÉMON.
I'M GONNA BE MOVING TO A NEW TOWN... I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT OR ANYONE THERE... I'LL FORGET ALL ABOUT THIS PLACE...
HMM...
WALLY, REMEMBER HOW I TOLD YOU MY DREAM WAS TO BECOME A POKÉMON CONTEST CHAMPION?


WELL, MY FATHER IS ALWAYS TELLING ME, "GIVE UP SILLY DREAMS LIKE THAT AND WORK ON BECOMING A POKEMON BATTLE MASTER–LIKE ME!"!
THAT'S HOW COME I RAN AWAY!
I SEE...
PAR-ENTS WORRY...
...WHEN THEIR KIDS WANT TO TRY SOME-THING NEW!
I KNOW...! LET'S GO TO THE PLACE WE WERE TODAY, WALLY!!
LET'S GO AND SHOW THE GROWN-UPS WHAT YOU CAN DO!!
THIS IS MY RALTS, RARA! BUT TONIGHT... MY POKÉMON IS YOUR POKÉMON!!
THANK YOU!!
JUST DON'T GET IT DIRTY...



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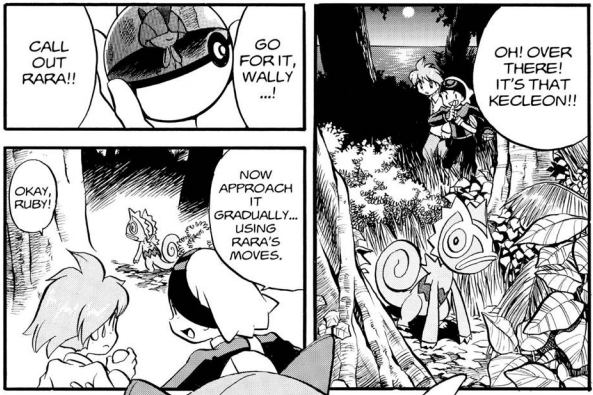



SLAP
THAT'S WEIRD. IS IT A POKÉMON...?
MM?
SOMETHING INVISIBLE ATTACKED IT!!
STAND BACK, WALLY!!
ZOOM
STOP, MUMU!!
DON'T GO AFTER IT!!
DIGDIG
BLORP
HEY!


THAT'S...
THWAD
... KECLEON, THE COLOR SWAP POKÉMON !!
I GET IT! THAT INVISIBLE ATTACK WAS ITS TONGUE!!
WOOP
FLUP
RSTL
KABWAM
WALLY!
WAIT !!


I... WANT... THAT ONE.
BUT, RUBY...
HUH?!
PANT PANT...
THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH. THERE ARE TONS OF OTHER POKÉMON TO CHOOSE FROM.
I DON'T WANT TO COMPETE.
SHAKE SHAKE
YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO COMPETE IN CONTESTS WITH A POKÉMON LIKE THAT!!
THAT POKÉMON? ARE YOU SURE, WALLY?!
OH!
RSTL
WELL... IF YOU SAY SO. I WON'T STAND IN YOUR WAY.
I THINK HAVING A POKÉMON WHO CAN DISAP-PEAR WILL BE REALLY COOL!
WOW!


WHAT A VIEW! I DIDN'T KNOW THIS SIDE OF PETALBURG WAS ON THE SEA-SHORE!!
UH-HUH. THAT'S SEA ROUTE 105. BUT THERE ARE BIG TSUNAMIS EVERY NOW AND THEN...SO NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE COME HERE.

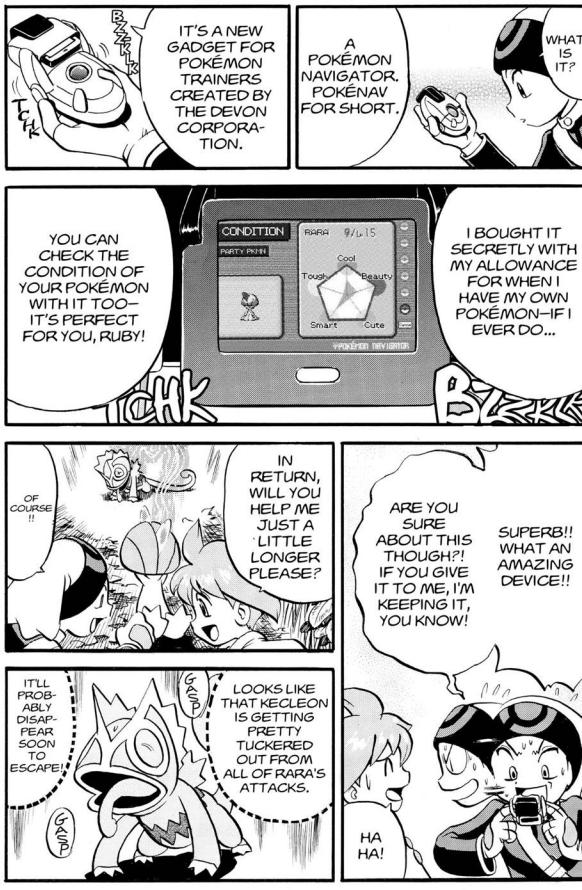

OH! OVER THERE! IT'S THAT KECLEON!!
GO FOR IT, WALLY ...!
CALL OUT RARA!!
NOW APPROACH IT GRADUALLY... USING RARA'S MOVES.
OKAY, RUBY!


GO, RARA !!
BO


ZIM
ZIM ZIM ZIM ZIM
GOOD JOB, WALLY!
THAT'S CONFUSION— ONE OF RARA'S BEST MOVES!!
DON'T RETREAT! AND HAVE RARA KEEP USING THAT MOVE!!
WILL DO!
THAT'S IT, WALLY!!
NOW...! THROW THE POKÉ BALL!!
HII-YAH !!
THROW
SNAG


OKAY!
BUT DON'T GIVE UP! TRY AGAIN!!
PFFT
POP
OHH...
WELL, THAT'S ANNOYING—AND UNATTRACTIVE..
ARE YOU OKAY, WALLY?
PANT PANT PANT...
BUNK
TCH
I STILL CAN'T CATCH A POKÉMON... BUT I DON'T FEEL ALL FRUSTRATED THIS TIME.
PANT PANT... THAT'S WEIRD...
ACTUALLY... I'M HAVING FUN!


WANWANWAM
SEE HOW THEY'RE GLOWING?
RALTS IS THE FEELING POKÉMON. THEY CAN SENSE PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS WITH THEIR HORNS.
Area
Cry
Size
Cancel
№299 Ralts
Feeling Pokémon
Height: 1'04"
Weight: 14.6 lbs
Ralts senses the emotions of people using the horns on its head. This Pokémon rarely appears before people. But when it does it draws closer if it senses that the person has a positive disposition.
OH, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT...
MUST BE BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE, RUBY.
HEY, TAKE A LOOK AT RARA'S HORNS...
BUT I CAN SEE YOU'RE ENJOYING THE CHALLENGE!
...I'D LIKE YOU TO HAVE THIS.
THANKS FOR THE HELP, RUBY.
NEAT!
RARA MUST HAVE PICKED UP ON YOUR POSITIVE VIBES JUST NOW.
HERE. TO SHOW MY APPRE-CIATION ...
OH!
PSTL


BZZRLK
TCHK
IT'S A NEW GADGET FOR POKÉMON TRAINERS CREATED BY THE DEVON CORPORATION.
A POKÉMON NAVIGATOR. POKÉNAV FOR SHORT.
WHAT IS IT?
YOU CAN CHECK THE CONDITION OF YOUR POKÉMON WITH IT TOO— IT'S PERFECT FOR YOU, RUBY!
CONDITION
PARTY PKMN
RARA 9/0/15
Cool
Tough
Beauty
Smart
Cute
POKÉMON NAVIGATOR
I BOUGHT IT SECRETLY WITH MY ALLOWANCE FOR WHEN I HAVE MY OWN POKÉMON—IF I EVER DO...
TCHK
BZZRLK
OF COURSE!!
IN RETURN, WILL YOU HELP ME JUST A LITTLE LONGER PLEASE?
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS THOUGH?! IF YOU GIVE IT TO ME, I'M KEEPING IT, YOU KNOW!
SUPERB!! WHAT AN AMAZING DEVICE!!
HA HA!
IT'LL PROBABLY DISAPPEAR SOON TO ESCAPE!
GASP
GASP
LOOKS LIKE THAT KECLEON IS GETTING PRETTY TUCKERED OUT FROM ALL OF RARA'S ATTACKS.


FADE
YOU'RE RIGHT!!
JUST KEEP AN EYE ON THAT ZIGZAG SHAPE !!
BUT WE DO!
ALL RIGHT, IT THINKS WE HAVE NO IDEA WHERE IT IS NOW...
OKAY ...
HUH?
HUH?
PRETEND YOU'VE LOST SIGHT OF IT.
WE KNOW IT CAN'T CHANGE THE COLOR OF THAT ZIGZAG!!
Area
Cry
Details
QUIT
№185 Kecleon
Color Swap Pokémon
Height: 3'03"
Weight: 48.5 lbs
Kecleon is capable of changing its body colors at will to blend in with its surroundings. There is one exception... this Pokémon can't change the zigzag pattern on its belly.
IT'LL BE VISIBLE EVEN IF IT CHANGES COLOR TO BLEND IN WITH ITS SURROUNDINGS!
SWISH
AND THROW...
...THE POKÉ BALL AT IT!!
FWAP
RUN, WALLY!!

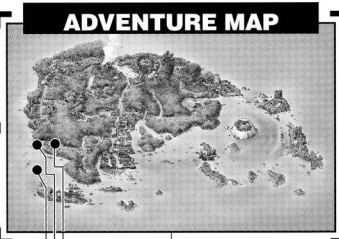

CLUNK
DINK
DINK
DINK
DINK
SWAY
SWAY
I DID IT!
PANT
PANT
I FINALLY DID IT...
FOR THE FIRST TIME...
...I'VE CAUGHT A POKÉMON!!
MAGNIFICENT JOB, WALLY!!
YEAH!
NOW I DON'T MIND MOVING TO VERDANTURF TOWN. I HAVE NO REGRETS.
SHAAAA


RMBL
BY THE WAY... DO YOU HEAR SOME-THING STRANGE?
YES! I DO!
RMBLRMBL
OH! YOU'RE MOVING TO VERDANTURF TOWN?!
PANT, PANT... IT'S KIND OF HARD TO BREATHE AFTER ALL THAT EXER-TION...
HEY NOW! DON'T GO COLLAPSING ON ME AGAIN!
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T.
SHATTER
SMASH
MIGHT BE AN EARTH-QUAKE. WE'VE HAD A LOT OF THEM LATELY.
WELL, WE'D BETTER HURRY UP AND GET BACK TO TOWN THEN!
RMBL
KRACK
KRACK
KR
AHH!


HWOOSH
RARA!! TAKE CARE OF...
RUBY !!
... WALLY !!
SPLASH
URGH !!
RUBY ?!!
RUBY !!
KER-SPLASH


OWW.
OWW.
SCREECH
VERDANTURF TOWN
I HAVE TO GO HELP RUBY! I'LL TELL THE GROWN-UPS AND...
WOW!
GRAB
!!
DID YOU... CARRY ME... HOME...?
RARA...
WHY ARE YOU STOP-PING ME?!
RUBY COULD BE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA BY NOW!!
SHAKE
SHAKE
WOMWOMWOM
...RUBY IS...
...ALIVE?!
...ARE YOU SAYING...
YOU MEAN...
YOUR HORN, IT'S... GLOW-ING?!
77 DAYS LEFT UNTIL THE DEADLINE!

ADVENTURE MAP



SAPPHIRE





RUBY



CHIC
Torchic ♀
Lv15



RONO
Aron ♂
Lv29



NANA
Poochyena ♀



KIKI
Skitty ♀



MUMU
Mudkip ♂

Oldale Town

Route 102

Petalburg City

Route 104

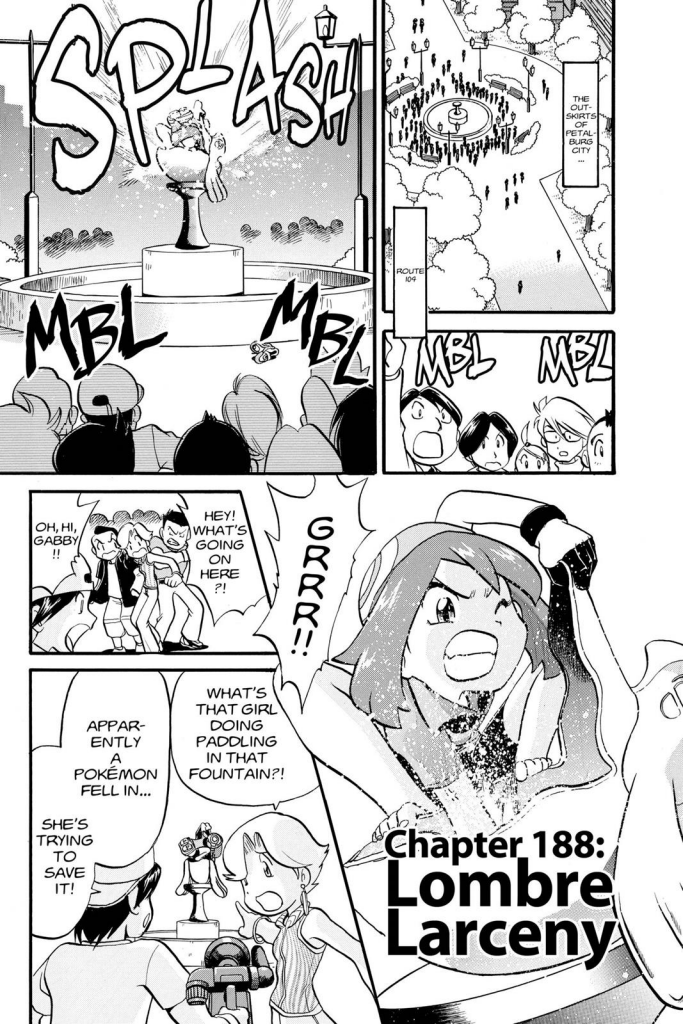
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SAPPHIRE

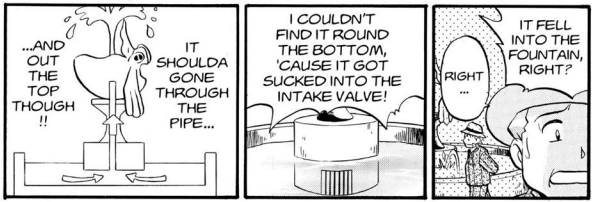
RUBY

Stone Badge	Knuckle Badge	Dynamo Badge	Heat Badge
Balance Badge	Feather Badge	Mind Badge	Rain Badge

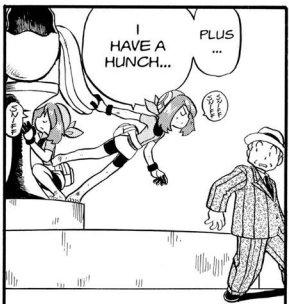
	Cool	Beauty	Cute	Smart	Tough
Normal					
Super					
Hyper					
Master					


SPLASH
MBL
MBL
THE OUTSKIRTS OF PETALBURG CITY...
ROUTE 104
MBL
MBL
GRRR!!
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
OH, HI, GABBY!!
WHAT'S THAT GIRL DOING PADDLING IN THAT FOUNTAIN?!
APPARENTLY A POKÉMON FELL IN...
SHE'S TRYING TO SAVE IT!
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Lombre Larceny


DON'T GIVE UP! I'M SURE YOUR POKÉ-MON'S IN HERE SOME-WHERE!
THAT'S ENOUGH, YOUNG LADY...
NOT EXACTLY ...
HER POKÉ-MON?

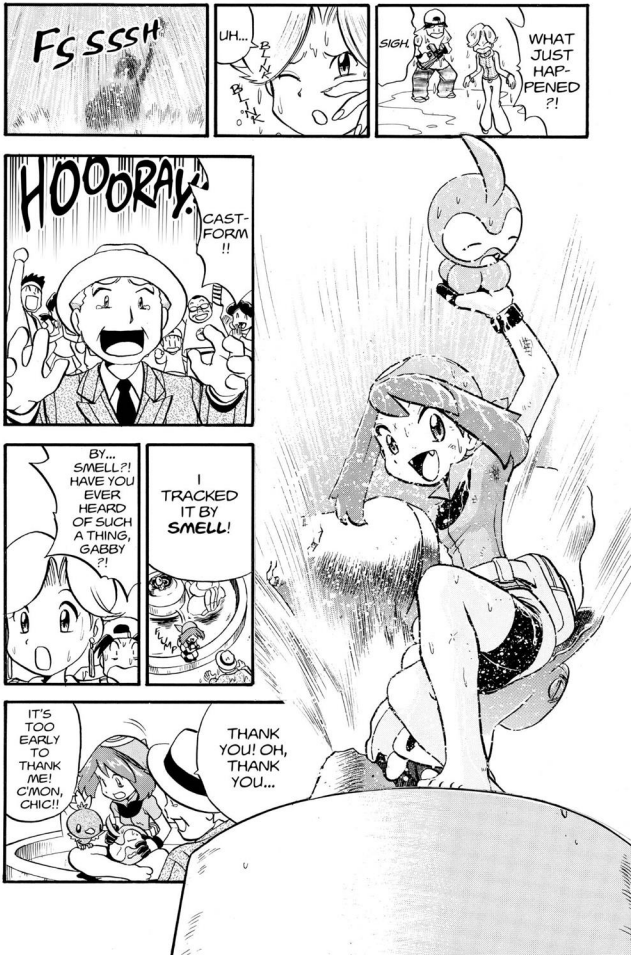

...AND OUT THE TOP THOUGH !!
IT SHOULDA GONE THROUGH THE PIPE...
I COULDN'T FIND IT ROUND THE BOTTOM, 'CAUSE IT GOT SUCKED INTO THE INTAKE VALVE!
RIGHT ...
IT FELL INTO THE FOUNTAIN, RIGHT?


IT'S GONNA BE TOO LATE IF YA WAIT FOR THEM.
HAVE THE PEOPLE FROM THE WATER-WORKS DEPART-MENT ARRIVED YET?!
TMP


I HAVE A HUNCH...
PLUS ...
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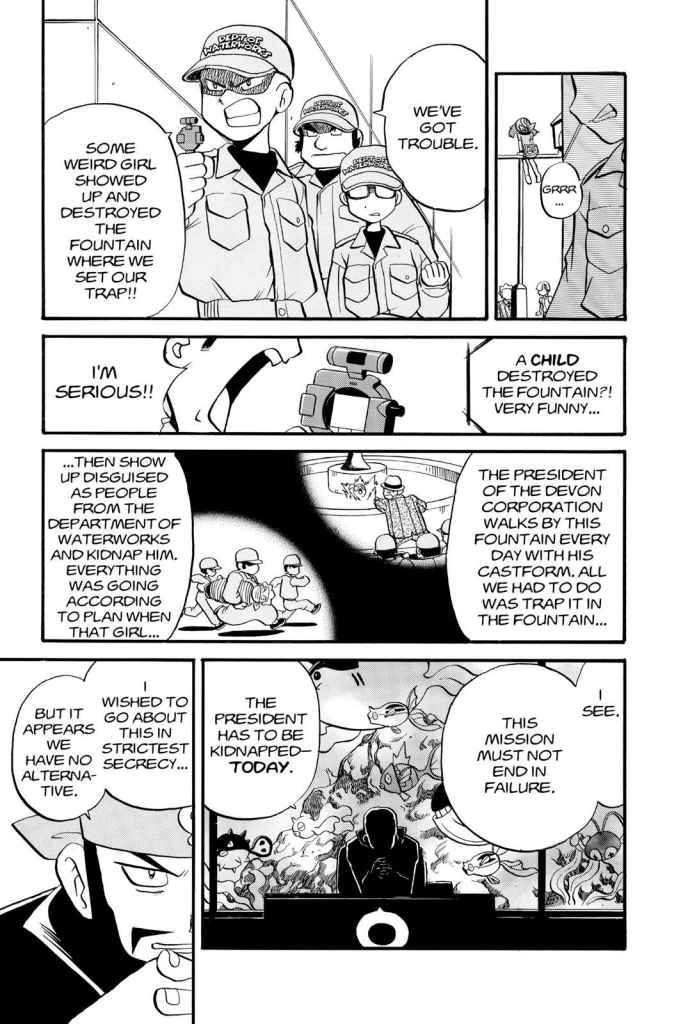

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, MISTER!!
BUT... YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS...


MNCH
MNCH
HOP
... WHERE IT IS!!
RONO !!
IT'S EATING THE FOUNTAIN?! HEY! THAT POKÉMON IS EATING THAT METAL PILLAR!
KRNCH
KRNCH
HEY!
SP
LASH
AH!
WHOA !!
OKAY... GO!
GRAB
COME ON!!!

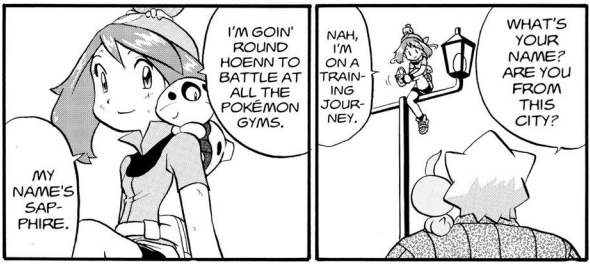

FSSSSH
UH...
SIGH.
WHAT JUST HAP-PENED ?!
HOOORAY!
CAST-FORM !!
I TRACKED IT BY SMELL!
BY... SMELL?! HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING, GABBY ?!
THANK YOU! OH, THANK YOU...
IT'S TOO EARLY TO THANK ME! C'MON, CHIC!!


PUFF
WE GOTTA WARM IT UP!
BIG EATER THAT ONE, HUH?
BZZRK
MNCH MNCH
IS IT ALL RIGHT FOR YOUR POKÉMON TO EAT IRON?
Area
Cry
Size
Cancel
№070 Aron
Iron Armor Pokémon
Height: 1'03"
Weight: 132.3 lbs
This Pokémon has a body of steel. To make its body, Aron feeds on iron ore that it digs from mountains. Occasionally, it causes major trouble by eating bridges and rails.
SEE...? NOTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT !!
IRON'S THE BEST THING TO FEED AN ARON!
THAT'S RIGHT ...!!
THAT MAN IS THE PRESI-DENT OF DEVON CORPO-RATION!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? SHOW SOME RESPECT !!
WELL, THAT'S A RELIEF.


WHAT-CHA-WANT?
HEY, UM, MISS...? WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SPEAK WITH ME FOR A MOMENT?
GO AND ASK HER IF SHE'LL TALK TO US!
UH... OKAY!
"GIRL SAVES DISTRESSED PRESIDENT!" THAT IS BIG NEWS!! LET'S GO AND INTERVIEW HER!
WOW, I'M REALLY IN THE BIG CITY NOW, HUH? AND IT'S SO NOISY... BUT...
YOU A TV GUY?
HEY...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
BOINK
I AIN'T A BIG FAN OF TV.
THE MESH OVER THE INTAKE HOLE HAS BEEN CUT! SO THAT'S HOW COME THE PRESIDENT'S POKÉMON GOT SUCKED INTO IT!!
WHAT'S THIS...?


SOME WEIRD GIRL SHOWED UP AND DESTROYED THE FOUNTAIN WHERE WE SET OUR TRAP!!
WE'VE GOT TROUBLE.
GRRR...
I'M SERIOUS!!
A CHILD DESTROYED THE FOUNTAIN?! VERY FUNNY...
...THEN SHOW UP DISGUISED AS PEOPLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS AND KIDNAP HIM. EVERYTHING WAS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN WHEN THAT GIRL...
THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEVON CORPORATION WALKS BY THIS FOUNTAIN EVERY DAY WITH HIS CASTFORM. ALL WE HAD TO DO WAS TRAP IT IN THE FOUNTAIN...
I WISHED TO GO ABOUT THIS IN STRICTEST SECRECY...
BUT IT APPEARS WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE.
THE PRESIDENT HAS TO BE KIDNAPPED— TODAY.
I SEE.
THIS MISSION MUST NOT END IN FAILURE.

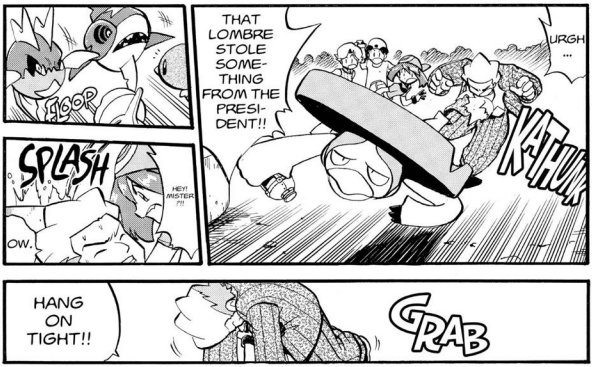

YES SIR!!
USE EVERY MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL AND AS MUCH FORCE AS NECESSARY!!
THUMP


I'M GOIN' ROUND HOENN TO BATTLE AT ALL THE POKÉMON GYMS.
MY NAME'S SAP-PHIRE.
NAH, I'M ON A TRAIN-ING JOUR-NEY.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME? ARE YOU FROM THIS CITY?


SOME-THING WRONG?
FUMP
MY NAME IS STONE.
I SEE.
MY COMPANY IS LOCATED IN THE NEXT TOWN OVER. WOULD YOU CARE TO TRAVEL WITH ME?
AT ANY RATE, I WISH TO OFFER YOU MY DEEREST GRATI-TUDE.


GLARE
INSIDE THE INTAKE HOLE!!
THERE'S SOME-THIN' STILL IN THERE!!
KER SPLASH


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CHIC !!
RONO !!
BASH
SMASH
GR
AB
WHOA !!
RIP RIP RIP
BUNK
BOING



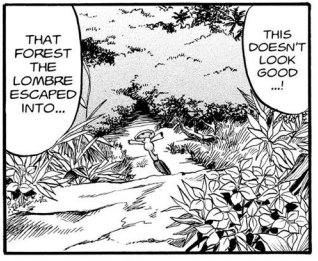
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TY! THIS MUST HAVE ALL BEEN PLANNED!!
HUH?! WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?!
FWOOOSSH
ONE: THE GRILL OVER THE INTAKE HOLE WAS CUT!
TWO: IT WAS THE PRESIDENT'S CASTFORM THAT GOT TRAPPED IN IT.
AND THREE: AFTER IT GOT FREED—WHICH I DON'T THINK IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE—THOSE OTHER POKÉMON JUMPED OUT.
SHE'S RIGHT!
THOSE OTHER POKÉMON WERE TAKIN' ORDERS FROM SOMEONE!
HOW CAN YOU TELL?
MARKS.
ALL THREE OF 'EM...
...HAD A MARK LIKE THIS ON THEIR BODY!


THE PETALBURG WOODS...
...IS LIKE A MAZE.


YOUR EYESIGHT MUST BE AMAZING!
YOU NOTICED MARKS ON THEM? BUT THEY WERE MOVING SO FAST!


THAT FOREST THE LOMBRE ESCAPED INTO...
THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD...!


QUIET.
I HEAR PEOPLE WHISPERIN'.


"WE'RE AS GOOD AS DONE ONCE WE GET 'EM OFF OUR TAIL IN THE PETALBURG WOODS."
WHAT? WHERE?
SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT.


YOUR NAME'S SAPPHIRE, RIGHT?
IT'S DANGEROUS TO WALK AROUND HERE—ESPECIALLY CARRYING AN INJURED PERSON ON YOUR BACK!
SHH!!


RSTL
RSTL
RSTL


I'M MUCH BETTER OFF IN THE FOREST THAN THE CITY!!
I'VE BEEN BROUGHT UP IN THE WILD!
SILLY PEOPLE. MY POP'S A PROFESSOR WHO DOES HIS RESEARCH IN THE MOUNTAINS, FORESTS AND SEA.
OVER THERE!!
CHIC !!
HEY!
AND I SEE PEOPLE TOO!!
THERE'S AN OPENING IN THAT BUSH...
FWOOSH


THAT'S QUITE A SECRET POWER MOVE YOU HAVE THERE...
YOU'RE TOO LATE...
I JUST WANNA KNOW WHY YOU'RE USIN' YOUR POKÉMON TO STEAL STUFF FROM FOLKS!
LOOK, PAL, I DON'T WANNA LISTEN TO YER GABBIN'...
BUT YOU REALLY SURPRISED ME AT THE FOUNTAIN BACK THERE!
UH... WHERE'D THE LOMBRE GO?
AH !!
GRAGH
SPLASH
PAH!


CATCH
STOP THEM!! CHIC!! RONO !!
MY MY... LOOKS LIKE YOUR TORCHIC AND ARON ARE MORE TIRED THAN THEY APPEARED AT FIRST GLANCE.
REMEMBER WHEN THEY SMASHED INTO OUR SHARPEDO AND CARVANHA?
THOSE TWO HAVE THE ROUGH SKIN ABILITY. THE SLIGHTEST CONTACT CAN DAMAGE YOUR POKÉMON.
AND JUST TO MAKE CERTAIN YOU DON'T FOLLOW US...
RUP RUP RUP RUP
LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE THIS FINAL EVOLUTION!


RUP
RUP
THE WATER STONE WILL EVOLVE LOMBRE INTO...
...LUDI-COLO !!
RUP
PUSH
HEY! THE TV PEOPLE!
CHIC!! RONO!!
WE'RE DOING FINE!!
AMBER ?
SHELLY ?
AH! OUR LEADER-ARCHIE!!
HOW ARE THINGS GOING, MATT?
RATATATA


WE'VE MANAGED TO SECURE...
...THE KEY COMPONENT OF SUBMARINE EXPLORER I...
...LOCATED IN STERN'S SHIPYARD IN SLATEPORT CITY....
...JUST AS ORDERED, SIR!!


VERY GOOD.
AND NOW ...
...ALL THAT'S LEFT...


...IS TO ELIMI-NATE THE WIT-NESSES !!
AT THIS RATE ...
...WE'RE ALL GONNA LOSE!!
POP


NOW, CHIC !!!
SHNG
F
IP
WOMWOM
IS IT TRYIN' TO TELL ME SOME-THIN'...?
THE CASTFORM CHANGED SHAPE!!
I GOT IT!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
FFFOOO
UURR

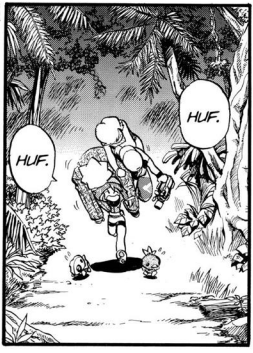

KA-FOOM


THEY'RE GONE!

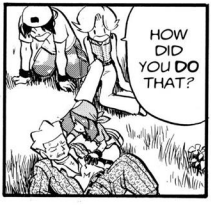

HMM ...


HUF
HUF


IT'S THE ENTRANCE TO RUST-BORO CITY... WE'VE MADE IT THROUGH THE FOREST!
FMP


HUF.
HUF.


I DIDN'T... CAST-FORM DID.


HOW DID YOU DO THAT?

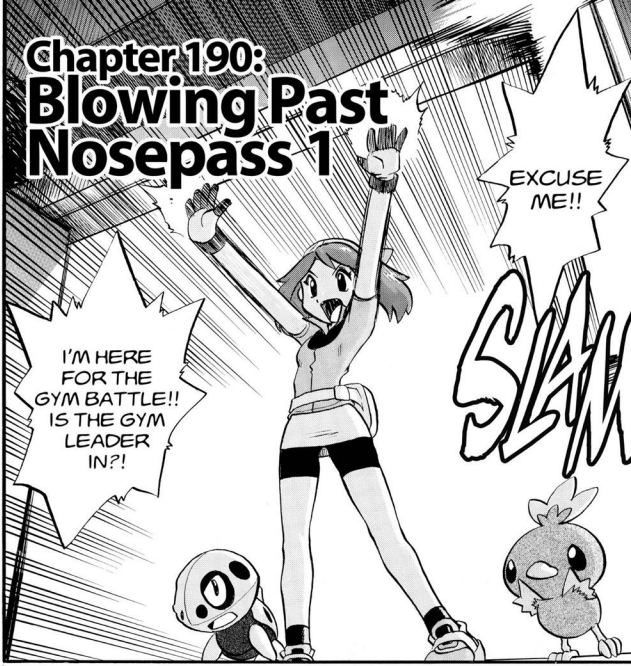

BRIGHT SUNLIGHT INCREASES POWER OF A FIRE-TYPE MOVE!
I OWE YA ONE, CAST-FORM.
CASTFORM IS A POKÉMON THAT CAN CHANGE ITS SHAPE BY DETECTIN' CHANGES IN THE WEATHER.
IT TOLD ME, "THE WEATH-ER'S GONNA CHANGE SOON AND A STRONG RAY OF LIGHT IS GONNA SHOOT DOWN FROM THE SKY."
Area
Cry
Size
Critics
No.012 Castform
Weather Pokémon
Height: 1'00"
Weight: 1.8 lbs
Castform's appearance changes with the weather. This Pokémon gained the ability to use the last power of nature to protect its tiny body.
MR. STONE...
OH! SORRY.
OW... OW...
HA HA.
IT MUST HAVE WANTED TO HELP THE PERSON WHO SAVED ITS LIFE.
I SEE.
SORRY... I COULDN'T GET IT BACK FOR YA...
HUF HUF... WHAT ABOUT THE COM-PONENT...? OF THE SUBMA-RINE...?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
AND, SAP-PHIRE ...
YES. THANK YOU.
WE'RE FROM HOENN TV. WE'LL CONTACT THE POLICE AND INFORM THE DEVON CORPORA-TION HQ ABOUT THIS.

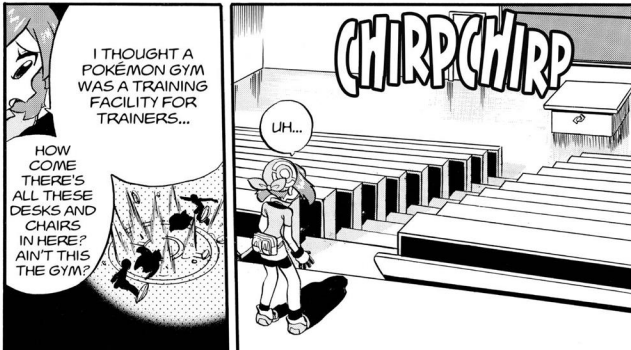

COULD YOU DO ME ONE MORE FAVOR...?
SSHH
SSHH
YOU'RE PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO ALL THE POKÉMON GYMS IN HOENN, AREN'T YOU?
COULD YOU DO SOME-THING FOR ME ON YOUR WAY...?
WHEN YOU PASS THROUGH A TOWN NAMED DEW-FORD...
...LOOK FOR A MAN NAMED STEVEN. WHEN YOU FIND HIM, PLEASE HAND HIM THIS LETTER.
AND TELL HIM WHAT TRANS-PIRED HERE TODAY.
DEVON CO
I TRUST YOU. PLEASE... STEVEN IS MY... MY... OWW...
MR. STONE !!
NO PROB-LEM.
I'LL DELIVER THE LETTER FOR YA!

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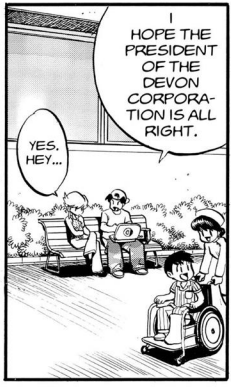



MARCH
MARCH
HUH ?!
RING
RING
RING
WHAT THE...?
MARCH
MARCH
THEY'RE ALL STARTIN' TO... STUDY!
WHAT IS THIS PLACE ?!
FWIP
RUSTBORO GYM
HMM...
SAYS HERE IT'S THE RUSTBORO GYM. IT'S RIGHT WHERE THE MAP THAT WAS DRAWN UP FOR ME SAYS IT IS.
MAYBE THE GYM LEADER TOOK OFF SO THEY CLOSED UP SHOP...?
NO!
SKWEEK

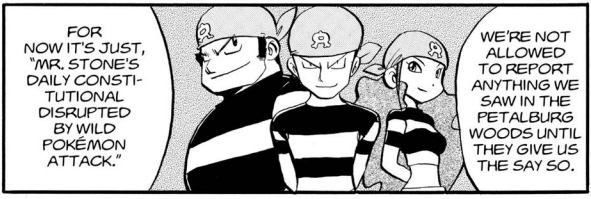

RUSTBORO HOSPITAL


I'M RIGHT HERE.

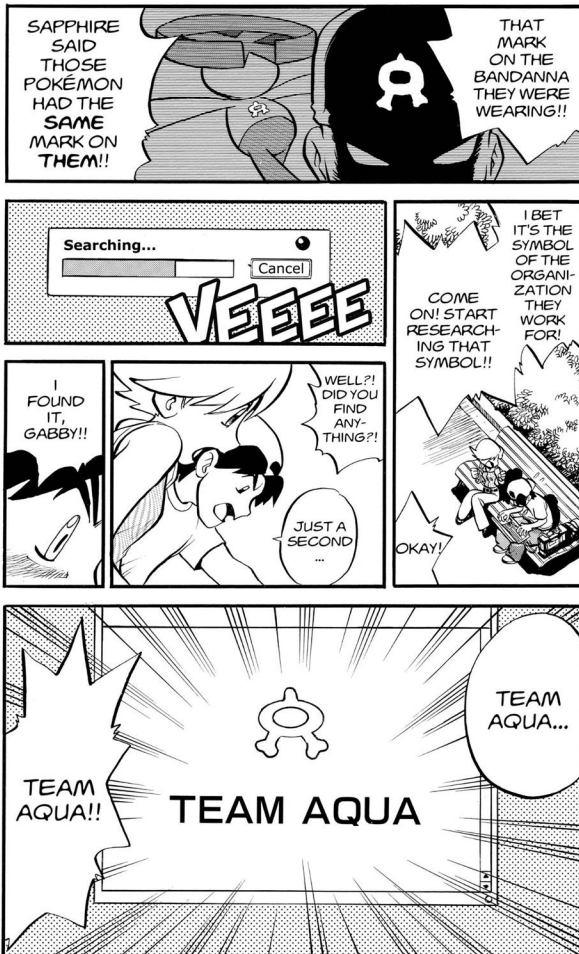

YOU KNOW, THIS STORY ...
...MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE A LOT BIGGER THAN WE THINK.

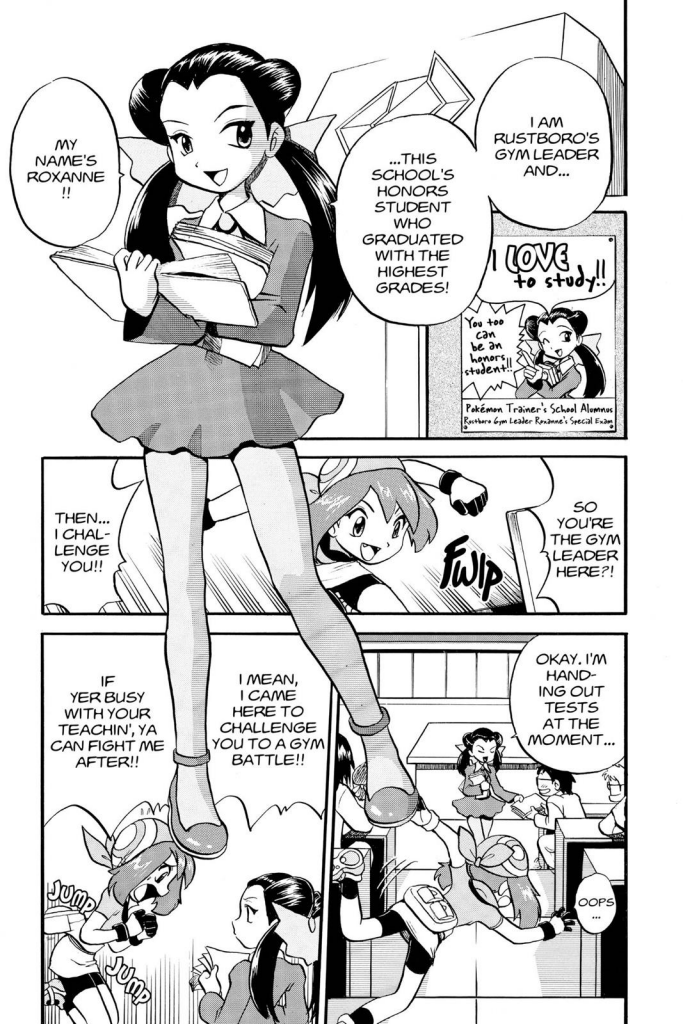

I HOPE THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEVON CORPORATION IS ALL RIGHT.
YES. HEY...


WHAT? WHY D'YOU SAY THAT?
THERE'S BEEN A PRESS BLACK-OUT.


WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO REPORT ANYTHING WE SAW IN THE PETALBURG WOODS UNTIL THEY GIVE US THE SAY SO.
FOR NOW IT'S JUST, "MR. STONE'S DAILY CONSTITUTIONAL DISRUPTED BY WILD POKÉMON ATTACK."

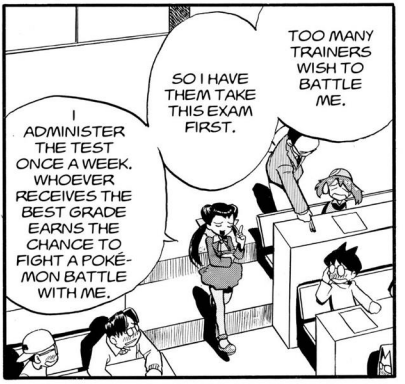

IF WE REPORTED THIS ON THE NEWS, THAT STEVEN FELLOW THE LETTER'S ADDRESSED TO WOULD GET IT FASTER.
IF ONLY WE KNEW WHAT WAS IN THAT LETTER MR. STONE GAVE SAPPHIRE...
I thought I had my first big scoop!
HUH?! YOU MEAN...ALL THIS FOOTAGE I TOOK WAS FOR NOTHING?!
EXACTLY!! WHICH MEANS... HE KNEW IN ADVANCE THAT NO ONE WOULD BE PERMITTED TO REPORT IT ON THE NEWS!!
GOOD POINT! BUT MR. STONE HANDED THE LETTER TO SAPPHIRE AND TOLD HER TO TELL STEVEN WHAT HAPPENED TODAY!
WHY DIDN'T HE JUST CALL ON THE PHONE OR SEND AN E-MAIL?!
OR ASK A DEVON CORPORATION EMPLOYEE TO DELIVER IT?!
WHAT'S IN THAT LETTER ANYWAY?
WHY A LETTER? AND WHY SAPPHIRE?
AND THAT'S NOT ALL! THE DEVON CORPORATION IS THE BIGGEST COMPANY IN THE HOENN REGION!
WE GOT A GLIMPSE OF THE KIDNAPPERS...
LET'S START THERE!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, TY?! THIS IS WHAT INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM IS ALL ABOUT!!
SLAP
GABBY, LET'S STAY OUT OF THIS...
I'M GETTING COLD FEET...


SAPPHIRE SAID THOSE POKÉMON HAD THE SAME MARK ON THEM!!
THAT MARK ON THE BANDANNA THEY WERE WEARING!!
Searching...
Cancel
VEEEE
I BET IT'S THE SYMBOL OF THE ORGANI-ZATION THEY WORK FOR!
COME ON! START RESEARCH-ING THAT SYMBOL!!
OKAY!
I FOUND IT, GABBY!!
WELL?! DID YOU FIND ANY-THING?!
JUST A SECOND ...
TEAM AQUA...
TEAM AQUA!!
TEAM AQUA


MY NAME'S ROXANNE !!
...THIS SCHOOL'S HONORS STUDENT WHO GRADUATED WITH THE HIGHEST GRADES!
I AM RUSTBORO'S GYM LEADER AND...
I LOVE to study!!
You too can be an honors student!!
Pokémon Trainer's School Alumnus
Rustboro Gym Leader Roxanne's Special Exam
SO YOU'RE THE GYM LEADER HERE?!
FWIP
THEN... I CHAL-LENGE YOU!!
OKAY. I'M HAND-ING OUT TESTS AT THE MOMENT...
I MEAN, I CAME HERE TO CHALLENGE YOU TO A GYM BATTLE!!
IF YER BUSY WITH YOUR TEACHIN', YA CAN FIGHT ME AFTER!!
OOPS ...
JUMP
JUMP


OWW !!
THUMP
HEY! WHAD-D'YA THINK YOU'RE DOIN' ?!
DRAG
HEL-LO?! WHEN AND WHERE CAN I HAVE MY GYM BATTLE?
YANK!
QUES-TIONS ...
...ARE ONLY TO BE ASKED ONCE YOU ARE SEATED AND BY RAISING YOUR HAND.
HUH ?
IF YOU WISH TO TAKE PART IN A GYM BATTLE, YOU CAME TO THE RIGHT PLACE.
WHAT ?!!
THIS EXAM IS THE VERY GYM BATTLE YOU'RE ASKING FOR!!













"WHEN A POKÉMON IS... IT LOSES ITS..." I'M NOT SO GOOD WITH... VOCABULARY...

HMM... WHAT DOES THIS WORD SAY ...?

Preliminary Exam

Name

1. When a Pokémon is poisoned, it loses its stamina and the poison remains after a battle. Your Pokémon has been poisoned and is losing its stamina as you walk. You have no Antidote and the Pokémon Center is too far away. Fortunately, you have several berries on you. Which berry should you use?

A) Pecha Berry B) Sitrus Berry C) Pinap Ber

2. Which of the following decreases when a Pokémon is paralyzed?

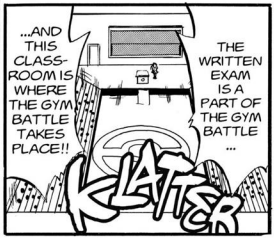
A) Speed B) Special Attack C) Special Defens

3.


HEY! I HAVE A QUESTION!
QUIET !!
HOW D'YOU READ THIS?
"WHEN A POKÉMON IS POISONED ..."
WHAT ABOUT THIS?
"IT LOSES ITS STAMINA ..."
CAN'T YOU EVEN READ SIMPLE WORDS LIKE THAT?
WHAAR
WHAAR
WHAAR
WHAAR
WHAAR
RING
RING
RING
I WILL ANNOUNCE YOUR GRADES VERY SHORTLY.
AS FOR YOU...
FEEL FREE TO RETURN ONCE YOU'VE INCREASED YOUR VOCABULARY.
HA HA HA
BAMPH
WE'VE FINISHED GRADING YOUR TESTS!!
AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THIS EXAM...
100
... SOMEONE HAS RECEIVED A PERFECT SCORE!!
WELL NOW!

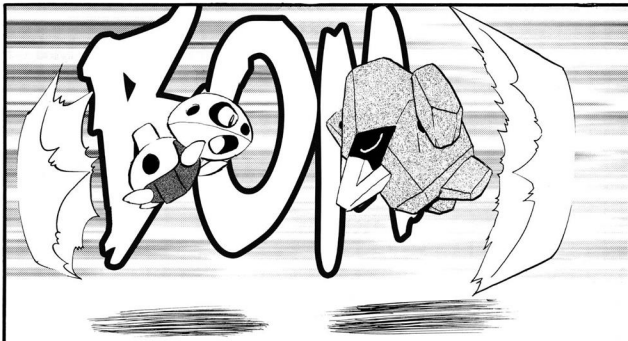

THIS FINE STUDENT WITH THE HIGHEST HONORS IS...
UMM
MMBLMMBL
SA... PPHIRE BIR... CH.
BIRCH?
Sapphire Birch
OH MY!
ARE YOU PROFES-SOR BIRCH'S ...?!
YOU KNOW MY POP?
YA SEE? I KNEW EVERYTHIN' ON YER TEST— I JUST COULDN'T READ THE WORDS.
YES... THE STUDENT WITH THE BEST GRADE...
...ON THE EXAM IS... SAP-PHIRE ...
KLK
WOOP
AND NOW YOU HAVE THE RIGHT...
TCK
...TO CHAL-LENGE ME!!
WHOA!
MBLRMBLR MBL


THIS WILL BE A ONE-ON-ONE BATTLE, AND EACH TRAINER MAY USE TWO POKÉMON !!
NOW THEN!! PLEASE STAND ON THE CHALLENGER'S SIDE!!


...AND THIS CLASSROOM IS WHERE THE GYM BATTLE TAKES PLACE!!
THE WRITTEN EXAM IS A PART OF THE GYM BATTLE ...
KLATTER


TMP
NOW I CAN FIGHT YOU WITH EVERYTHING I GOT!!


GRRRR
BEGIN !!
GRAB
THE SECOND TEST IS THE PRACTICUM—THE PRACTICAL EXAM.


KO!


I DON'T KNOW WHAT TYPE OF POKÉMON YOU'RE USIN', BUT YA SURE ARE STRONG!!
TMP
KLNK
KLNK
METAL CLAW !!
HARDEN !!
KLANK
COME BACK, RONO !!
CATCH
I BETTER CHANGE TO CHIC NOW!
HA HA HA HA!
UMM ...
FSSS
HOLD ON A SEC...
POINT
YOU CAN'T RETURN YOUR ARON TO ITS POKÉ BALL NOW!!


MEAN-WHILE, ON SEA ROUTE 105...
SQU
AWK
RMBL
RMBL
RMBL
WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND, PEEKO?
A... PERSON?!
HOW ODD.
WHAT'S HE DOING FLOATING IN THE SEA?
AH WELL...
WASSH
I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO HELP HIM! SEAMAN'S CODE AND ALL THAT...
SPLASH
76 DAYS LEFT UNTIL THE DEADLINE!
TO BE CONTINUED...!

Message from
Hidenori Kusaka



The Hoenn Region is a land of natural wonders! And Ruby and Sapphire are about to spend eighty days in this gigantic area! This volume marks the start of their adventure. And for the first time ever, the two main characters are a boy and a girl. This is complicated and requires me to put a lot of creativity into the story arc. See them compete, grow and maybe fall in love... Enjoy!

Message from
Satoshi Yamamoto

The long Gold, Silver and Crystal story arc has come to a climactic end, and now the Ruby and Sapphire episodes begin! Also, I updated my image to a Swalot! From the very first moment I saw it, I thought its looks, Abilities and even type were just like me—so it's my favorite Pokémon.