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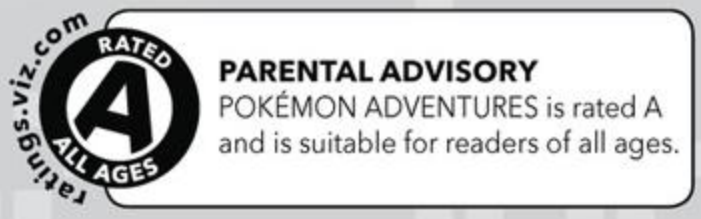
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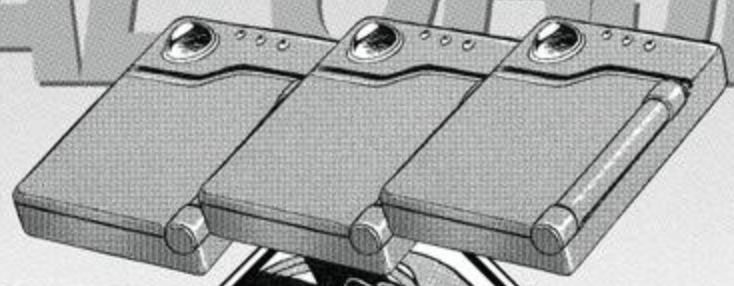
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SPECIAL OBJECT





Yellow

Red



Green



Blue

Kanto region

The Pokédex holders and their stories

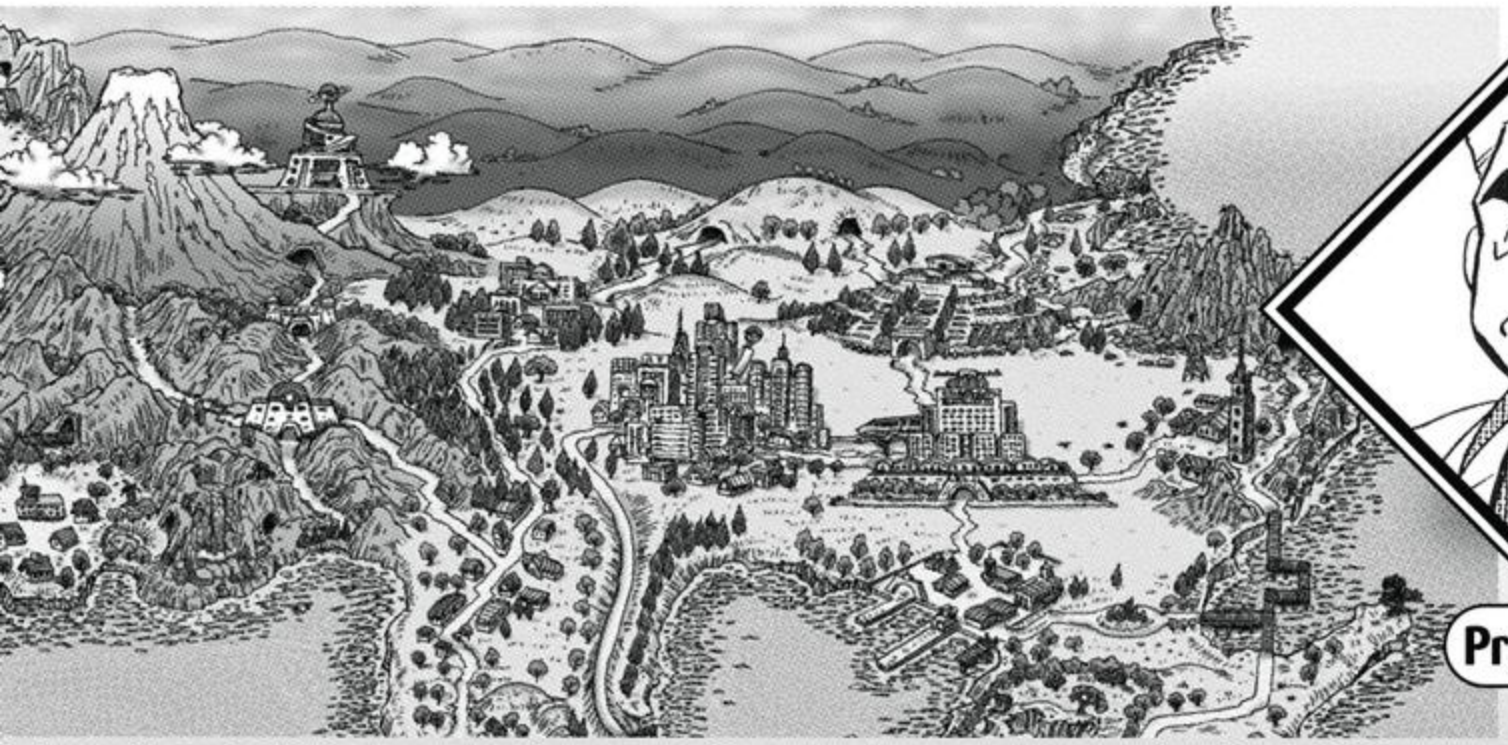
1st Chapter

Red, a young boy from Pallet Town, receives a Pokédex from Professor Oak and heads out on a Pokémon training journey. Along the way, he meets two other Trainers, Blue, who becomes his rival, and Green. Red fights evil Team Rocket with his new friends and then becomes Champion of the Pokémon League.

2nd Chapter

Two years later, Red suddenly disappears and Yellow, a mysterious new Trainer, appears at Professor Oak's laboratory in search of him.





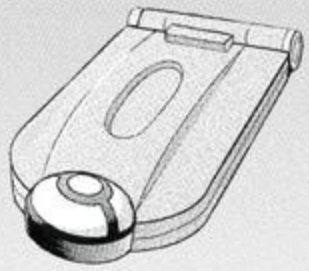


Professor Oak

POKÉMON

Hoenn region

Johto region





Gold

Crystal

Silver



4th Chapter

Pokémon Trainer Ruby has a passion for Pokémon Contests. He runs away from home right after his family moves to Littleroot Town. He meets a wild girl named Sapphire and they pledge to compete with each other in an 80-day challenge to...

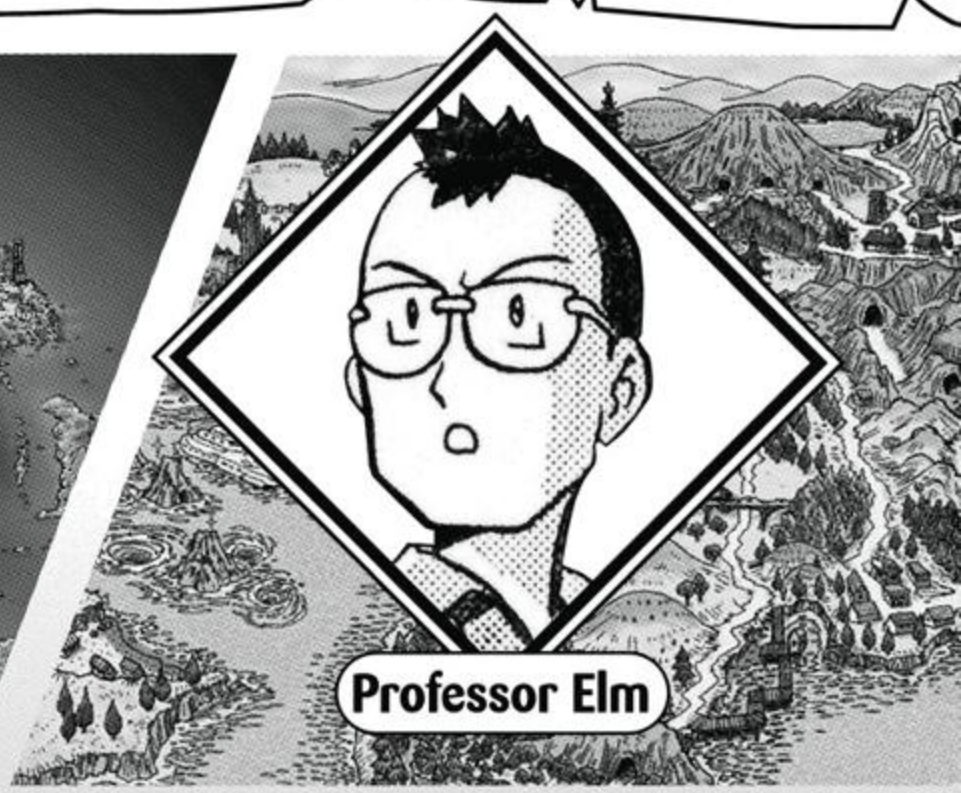
A year later, Gold, a boy living in New Bark Town in a house full of Pokémon, sets out on a journey in pursuit of Silver, a Trainer who stole a Totodile from Professor Elm's laboratory. The two don't get along at first, but eventually they become partners fighting side by side. During their journey, they meet Crystal, the trainer who Professor Elm entrusts with the completion of his Pokédex. Together, the trio succeed to shatter the evil scheme of the Mask of Ice, a villain who leads what remains of Team Rocket.

3rd Chapter

Standing in Yellow's way is the Kanto Elite Four, led by Lance. In a major battle at Cerise Island, Yellow manages to stymie the group's evil ambitions.



Professor Birch

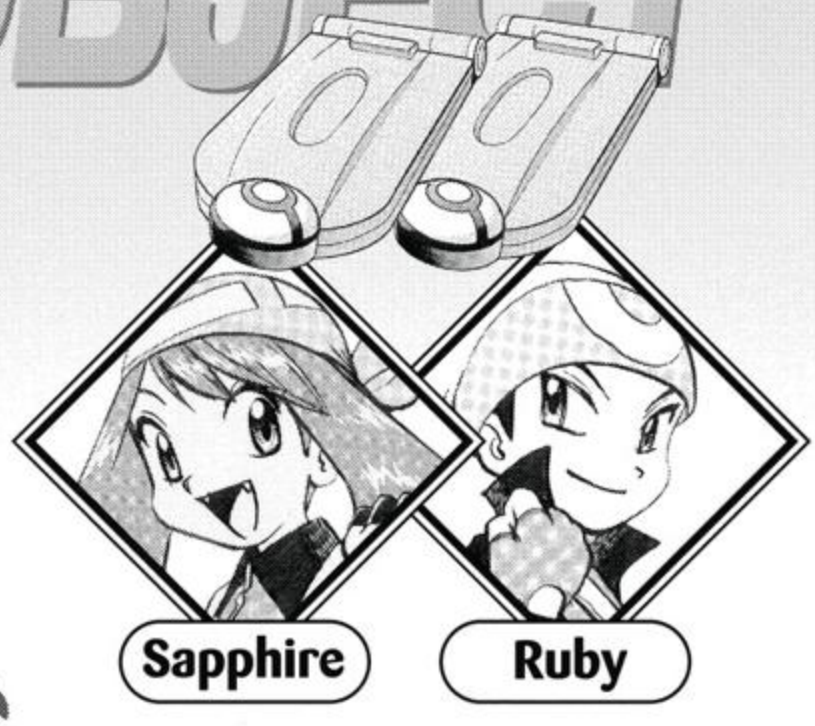


Professor Elm

SPECIAL OBJECT

Kanto region







5th Chapter

Six months later, a new adventure unfolds for Red and his friends on the Sevii Islands. After a deadly battle, Red manages to defeat Deoxys, who has fallen into the hands of Giovanni. Silver, in search of his true identity, is faced with the shocking truth that Giovanni is his father. Red and his friends manage to safely land the Team Rocket airship, which was flying out of control thanks to Carr, one of the Three Beasts, who betrayed Team Rocket. But then another of the Three Beasts, Sird, appears, and in a mysterious flash of light the five Pokédex holders—Red, Blue, Green, Yellow and Silver—are petrified. Literally!

...win every Pokémon Contest and every Pokémon Gym Battle, respectively. Meanwhile, in the Hoenn region, Team Aqua and Team Magma set their evil plot in motion. As a result, Legendary Pokémon Groudon and Kyogre are awakened and inflict catastrophic climate changes on Hoenn. In the end, thanks to Ruby and Sapphire's heroic efforts, the two legendary Pokémon go back into hibernation.





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The Sixth Chapter

RM BL

I'VE BEEN LOOK-ING FOR YOU!

RM BL

RM BL

TMP

TMP

RM BL

ALL THREE OF YOU ARE HERE, HUH?

♦303♦

Never Spritz a Knotty Sudowoodo

SCHLOOP

TOSS

YEAH!

THESE THREE POKÉMON USED UP ALL THEIR STRENGTH DURING THE KYOGRE-GROUDON CRISIS. THEY'VE BEEN WANDERING AROUND EVER SINCE.

OH, REALLY? WAS THE STONE PLATE HELP-FUL?

HELLO? IT'S ME.

I GOT 'EM!

KLTTR

KLTTR

...BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE THEM WITHOUT IT!

IT WAS. TO BE HONEST, I WASN'T SURE WHAT I WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE OF THIS GLUED-TOGETHER PLATE...

AND... I CAN USE THESE THREE, RIGHT?

YEAH, GO AHEAD.

HEH! I'M JUST TENA-CIOUS!

ONLY A SNEAKY GUY LIKE YOU COULD MANAGE TO GATHER ALL THOSE SHATTERED FRAGMENTS TO RECREATE THIS STONE PLATE.

ANABEL CAPTURED RAIKOU IN THE JOHTO REGION.

SHE'S PLANNING TO USE RAIKOU AT HER PLACE TOO.

SEE YA!

BIP!

PHEW. WE'VE ADDED SIX MORE FACILITIES SINCE WE BUILT THE BATTLE TOWER! MY DREAM OF A DAZZLING BATTLE FRONTIER...

..IS AL-MOST COM-PLETE!

RING RING

ANOTHER CALL...

HOWDY, SCOTT SPEAK-ING! WHO'S THIS?

PRO-FES-SOR OAK FROM KANTO ...

...SAMUEL OAK.

AND TWO MONTHS LATER...

WHEEE!

WHOOSH

THANKS FOR THE RIDE!

BYE!

SWISH

303

IT'S THE NEWEST POKÉMON BATTLE TREND, IN WHICH CHALLENGERS MUST FACE A VARIETY OF GAMES AT SEVEN FACILITIES!

KABAM

KRKKL

POOM

KRKKL

OOOH, THE DAY HAS FINALLY COME!

IT'S MEDIA WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT ON...THE BATTLE FRONTIER!

I HOPE I RUN INTO A CHALLENGER SO I CAN GET IN AN INTERVIEW BEFORE THE BATTLES BEGIN—

I'VE GOT SOME TIME TO KILL... GUESS I'LL TAKE A LOOK-SEE AROUND THE PLACE. IT'S HUGE...

GLUBB GLUBB

...THIS AFTERNOON AT 1:00 P.M.!

THE OPENING CEREMONY, INCLUDING AN EXCLUSIVE PRESS INTERVIEW WITH THE OWNER, SCOTT, BEGINS...

BATTLE FRONTIER

KAFUMP

SPLASH

IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO JUST TOSS IT. I'LL USE IT TO WATER THIS TREE...

Fresh Water

OOF. I SHOULDN'T HAVE BOUGHT SUCH A LARGE BOTTLE. I CAN'T FINISH IT.

ENTRY NAME
EMERALD
042-9187-6342-00135

IT BELONGS TO SOMEONE NAMED ...

... EMERALD.

...A FRONTIER PASS!

OH! THIS IS...

I WONDER WHERE IT CAME FROM...

HUH ?!

WHOA!

KRASH

UH... NO PROB-LEM ...

THANKS FOR PICKING IT UP FOR ME!

THAT'S MY FRONTIER PASS!

PLUMP

SNAP

AAARGH! THE HEELS KEEP COMING OFF!

I NEED A BETTER SHOE SHOP!

SUPER-HIGH PLAT-FORM SHOES ...?!

OINK

SURE!

THE NAME'S EMERALD, RIGHT? I'M HERE TO INTERVIEW THE CHALLENGERS. MAY I ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS?

WHAT A WEIRD GET-UP... BUT NEVER MIND THAT! I'VE FOUND A CHALLENGER TO INTERVIEW!

HUH?

RSTL RSTL

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT POKÉMON?

RSTL RSTL

GREAT! MY FIRST QUESTION IS...

THAT TREE I POURED WATER ON...IT WAS A POKÉ-MON?!

BUT WHY IS IT SO ANGRY?!

AAAH!

GRAB

EMER-ALD! YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!

YANK

B-BULLETS ?

HMM... I HOPE I HAVE SOME BULLETS LEFT.

SHFFL

SHFFL

SURE!

CAN'T.

CALL YOUR POKÉMON OUT AND DO BATTLE!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BULLETS ?!

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY... **WHAT**?!

...I DON'T HAVE ANY POKÉMON WITH ME.

'CAUSE ...

GRIN

...“WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT POKÉ-MON?”

SO I CAN’T ANSWER YOUR QUESTION ...

THAT’S RIGHT!

WFF

WFF

YOU DON’T HAVE A **SINGLE** POKÉMON WITH YOU?!

YOU’VE COME TO THE BATTLE FRONTIER BECAUSE YOU LOVE POKÉMON, HAVEN’T YOU? HECK, **EVERYONE** LOVES POKÉMON!

BUT YOU MUST BE A POKÉMON **TRAINER**, RIGHT?!

YOU DON’T GET IT, DO YOU?

SHNK

SHING

A GUN?!

I DON'T LIKE POKÉMON.

I LIKE POKÉMON **BATTLES.**

KWAFOOMP

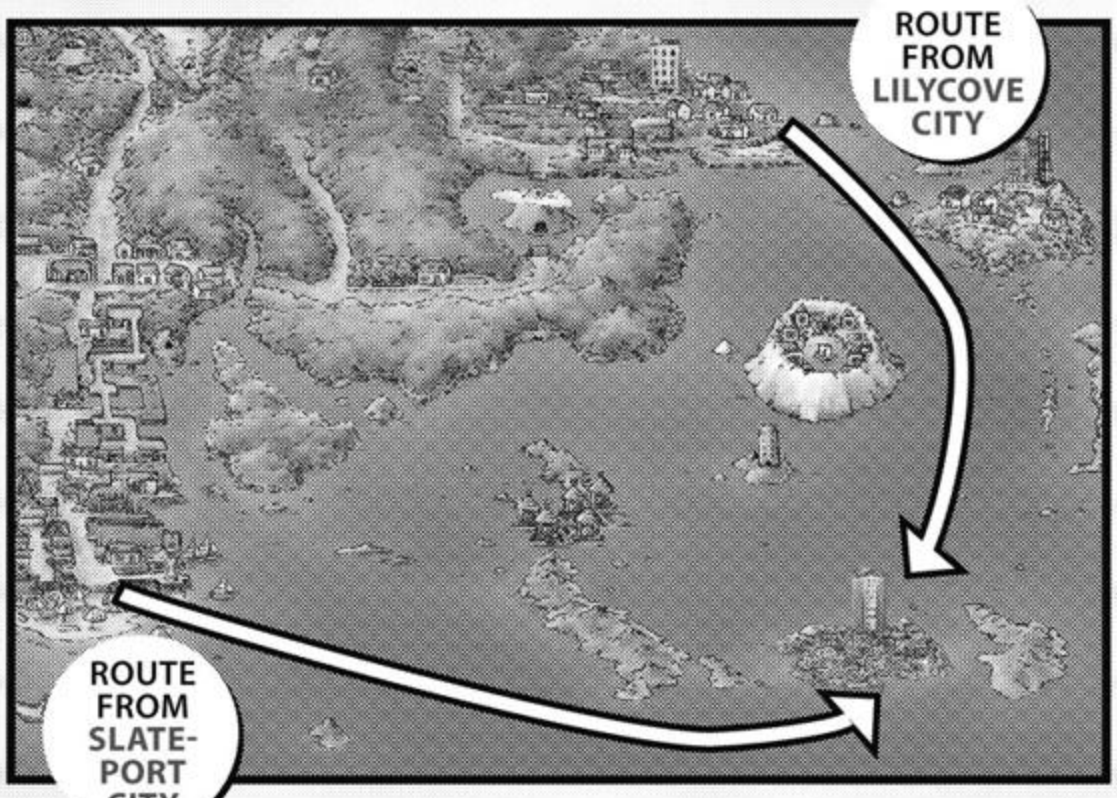
TO THE PRESS...

Thank you so much for attending this press conference at the Battle Frontier today. I've spent a fortune creating this facility to offer Trainers the opportunity to participate in cutting-edge Pokémon Battles. We offer a variety of styles of battle at our facilities. Enjoy!



PRE-OPENING EVENT FOR THE PRESS

The pre-opening Media Week starts tomorrow. The Battle Frontier will officially open to the public the following week.



LOCATION/ TRANSPORTATION

The Battle Frontier is located on an island in the Hoenn region, in between Pacifidlog Town and Ever Grande City. Enjoy a pleasant cruise there via ferry departing from Slateport City or Lilycove City.

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Swanky Showdown with Swalot



I LIKE POKÉMON BATTLES!

I DON'T LIKE POKÉMON!

HA HA HA... NO I DIDN'T!

I'M DONE FOR... EVERYTHING'S GOING DARK...

YOU SHOT ME ...

KWAFOOMP

WHOA!

LOOK DOWN. AT YOUR FEET.

GRIN

THIS ISN'T A GUN!

SHIN

OKAY...

WHAT'S THAT?!

AAAHHH

YOU ASKED ME FOR HELP!

SO I HELPED YOU!

...THAT VIOLENT POKÉMON INSTANTLY CALMED DOWN.

TAKE IT EASY... EASY...

PAT

PAT

...ON THE GROUND AND...

EMER-ALD "SHOT" A WEIRD PAT-TERN ...

KLUMP

ACK

DID YOU POUR WATER ON THIS SUDOWOODO... THINKING IT WAS A TREE OR SOMETHING?

HEY! I THINK THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!

AREA | CRY | SIZE | QUIT

№185 SUDOWOODO
Imitation Pokémon
Height: 3'11"
Weight: 83.8 lbs.

It mimics a tree to avoid being attacked by enemies. But since its forelegs remain green throughout the year, it is easily identified as a fake in the winter.

SUDO-WOODO...

...DOESN'T LIKE WATER.

SEE ...?

RSTL

AAAAGGH! I TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT THE BATTLE FRONTIER!

AND JUST BECAUSE I'M A KID, THAT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T MAKE IT THROUGH THE BATTLE FRONTIER...

JUST GOES TO SHOW, YOU SHOULDN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER!

OH...

BYE!

UH, Y-YEAH. AND THANKS!

KKKKK

I HAVE TO HURRY UP AND GET TO THE REGIS-TRATION DESK TO SIGN IN!

WAIT, EMERALD! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THIS SUDO-WOODO?!

DASH

YOU'RE FREE TO RETURN TO THE WILD, SUDO-WOODO!

LET IT GO, OF COURSE!

HUH ?!

NOD

WHAT WAS **THAT** ALL ABOUT?

WOW ...

RSTL RSTL

HE MANAGED TO CALM THAT SUDOWOODO DOWN QUICKLY THOUGH. HE APPEARS TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT POKÉMON.

HE DOESN'T LIKE POKÉMON, BUT...HE LIKES POKÉMON BATTLES?!

EMER-ALD IS CER-TAINLY ...

...A STRANGE BOY...

AND... HE ALLOWED SUDOWOODO TO RETURN TO THE WILD. HE DIDN'T EVEN CONSIDER CAPTURING IT.

SEEMS HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH WHEN HE SAID HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY POKÉMON.

KRMBL

HMM... THEY'VE GOT SOME SORT OF STRINGS AT-TACHED TO THEM.

THESE ARE FAR TOO FRAGILE TO HURT ANYONE.

THOSE "BULLETS" HE SHOT INTO THE GROUND...NOW THAT I TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THEM, I SEE THEY'RE JUST LUMPS OF MUD.

...CALMING PELLET.

THEY MUST BE SOME SORT OF...

OH NO!

AND NOW FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE BATTLE FRONTIER...

AND MR. SCOTT'S PRESS CONFER-ENCE IS ABOUT TO START!

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS...

I FORGOT TO FIND SUBJECTS TO INTER-VIEW!

GREETINGS, MEMBERS OF THE PRESS! THE OPENING CEREMONY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN...

AND WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT TWO FRONTIER BRAINS OF THE BATTLE FRONTIER!

LUCY...

...AND SPENS-ER.

FOR OUR BATTLE DEMONSTRATION...

...THEY WILL FIGHT POKÉMON...

...CHOSEN AT RANDOM BY OUR COMPUTER!

COM

COM

FLOOP FLOP

OOOOH

KLKK KLKK KLKK KLKK

BOM

LV.85 LV.8

COM COM

ELEC-TRODE AND SWALOT!

UH-OH...

WELL, LUCY'S POKÉMON IS A SEVIPER AND SPENSER'S POKÉMON IS A CROBAT.

THEY'RE BOTH POISON-TYPE POKÉMON.

POISON

INEFFECTIVE

THE ELEC-TRODE MIGHT BE EASY TO DEFEAT, BUT YOU CAN'T HURT A SWALOT WITH POISON.

SWFF SWFF

HOW WILL THEY WIN?!

WHY ARE YOU SO WORRIED ...?

HAVE FAITH IN SPENSER'S SPIRIT AND LUCY'S LUCK...

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO PUT ON A LOUSY SHOW IN FRONT OF THE PRESS!

RELAX, NOLAND.

...

HEY, ANABEL!

HE'S PROBABLY PUTTING ON MAKEUP OR SOMETHING.

BY THE WAY, WHERE HAS TUCKER GONE?

I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AROUND.

VERY WELL... IF YOU SAY SO, ANABEL... ALL RIGHT, I'LL KEEP MY DOUBTS TO MYSELF.

YEAH!

LET'S START WITH THE EASIER FOE, SHALL WE?!

AND NOW... LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!

DADUNK

SMASH

CROBAT, POISON FANG!

SEVIPER, POISON TAIL!

POISON FANG DEALS A LOT OF DAMAGE TO A POKÉMON WHEN IT STRIKES, AND THE DAMAGE FROM THE POISON GRADUALLY INCREASES OVER TIME. ELECTRODE IS DONE FOR.

THAT'S RIGHT ...

THEY DECIDED TO BEGIN BY FINISHING OFF THE POKÉMON THEY COULD DEFEAT MOST EASILY.

DADUNK


...IT USED YAWN!
AND ...
SWALOT MOVED IN FRONT OF ELECTRODE TO PROTECT IT!
SWALOT HAS TAKEN THIS OPPOR-TUNITY TO— LOOK OUT!
ZZZZ
PIKE QUEEN LUCY'S SEVIPER HAS FALLEN ASLEEP!
HSSS
HEH ...
WOO O SH
HAS THE SEVIPER BEEN DEFEATED ?!
AIYEEE! HYPER BEAM!

...TO WIN A POKÉMON BATTLE.

SOME-TIMES YOU NEED LUCK...

FEEL

!

SWALOT DIDN'T REALLY ATTACK SEVIPER AFTER ALL..

WHAT THE ...?!

SWAY

SWAY

IT WOKE UP ALREADY.

NOPE. MY SEVIPER'S ABILITY IS SHED SKIN...

!

KRAK

KRAK

OOOH

NOT AT ALL.

DID I OVER-DO IT?

IT'S AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF THE BATTLE FRONTIER TO TAKE PITY ON YOUR OPPONENT AND FIGHT A LUKEWARM BATTLE.

A DECISIVE BLOW WITH DIG, A SUPER EFFEC-TIVE MOVE AGAINST SWALOT!

FRONTIER BRAINS LUCY AND SPENSER HAVE WON THEIR BATTLE!

FWUMP

...AM I?

WHERE ...

HEY, YOU!

WSSSPPF

OR THIS WAY?

HUH?

THAT WAY?

IS IT THIS WAY?

I NEED TO REGISTER AT THE FRONT DESK, BUT I CAN'T FIND IT!

HUH?! WHO ARE YOU?!

WHICH WAY DO I GO TO GET TO THE REGIS-TRATION DESK?!

GRAB

GIMME A RIDE!

GET OFF!

GIMME A RIDE!

GET OFF!

OH, YOU MUST BE ONE OF THE STAFF! PERFECT! GIMME A LIFT TO THE FRONT DESK, WILL YOU?

ARE YOU KIDDING?! GET OFF!

THIS CORRIDOR IS OFF-LIMITS TO OUT-SIDERS! HOW'D YOU GET IN HERE?!

I'M SCOTT, THE OWNER OF THIS BATTLE ARENA!

DID YOU ENJOY THE THRILLING BATTLE DEMONSTRATION?! I APOLOGIZE FOR KEEPING YOU WAITING...

AND THOSE SEVEN ARENAS ARE...

IT'S A POKÉMON TRAINER'S DREAM, A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN ENJOY SEVEN DIFFERENT TYPES OF BATTLES!

THE BATTLE FRONTIER IS ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF POKÉMON BATTLES!

THE BATTLE DOME, WHICH TESTS YOUR TACTICS!

THE BATTLE PALACE, WHICH TESTS YOUR SPIRIT!

THE BATTLE ARENA, WHICH TESTS YOUR GUTS!

THE BATTLE TOWER, WHICH TESTS YOUR ABILITY!

THE BATTLE PYRAMID, WHICH TESTS YOUR COURAGE!

THE BATTLE PIKE, WHICH TESTS YOUR LUCK!

THE BATTLE FACTORY, WHICH TESTS YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

YOU'VE ALREADY MET TWO OF THEM DURING THE BATTLE DEMONSTRATION...

RMBL RMBL

NOW ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE TRAINERS WHO AWAIT CHALLENGERS AT THE END OF EACH ARENA...

THERE ARE SEVEN FRONTIER BRAINS IN ALL!!

HE'S NOT HERE YET.

WHERE'S TUCKER?

THAT DUMMY!

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PRESS CONFER-ENCE!

I'LL INTRODUCE THEM TO YOU ONE AT A TIME! FIRST...

OH?

FWRR

HURRY UP AND GET OUT HERE.

AH, TUCKER. YOU MADE IT. ABOUT TIME.

PLOP

FSSSPT

FINALLY!


SHNK!
ME?
WHO... ARE YOU?!
HUH?!
OW...


POP
I'M EMERALD.
I'M HERE TO CHAL-LENGE THE BATTLE FRONTIER!
MY NAME'S EMERALD!
POKÉMON BATTLES' NUMBER-ONE FAN, EMERALD!

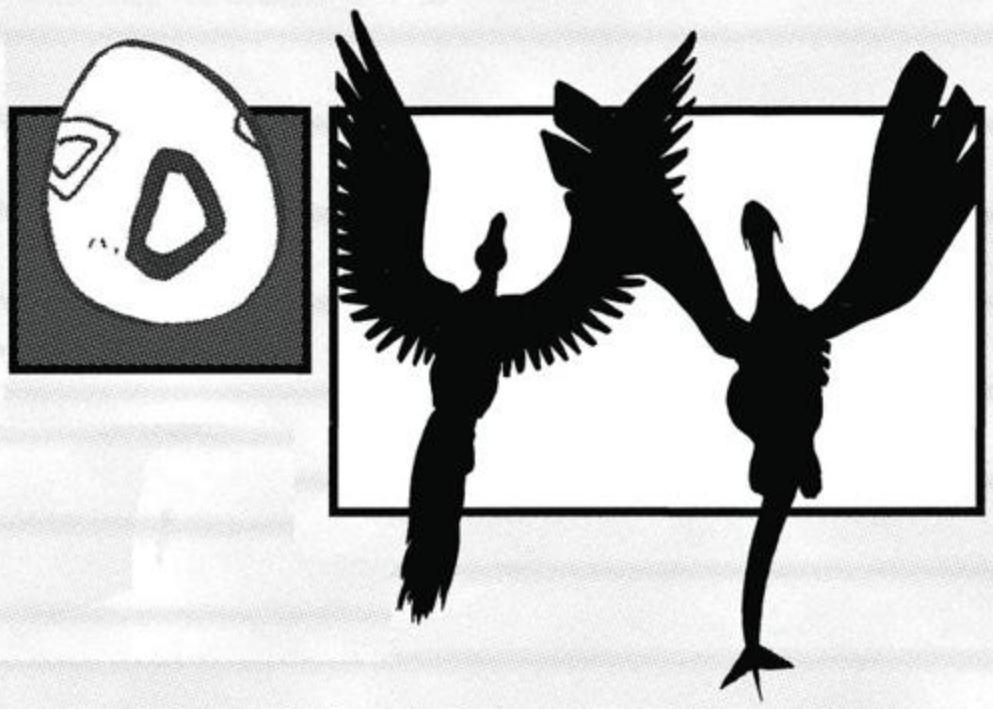

NO. WE'RE HAVING A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THIS HALL, AND I'M SCOTT, THE OWNER OF THE BATTLE FRONTIER!
AND WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH TUCKER?!
NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M EMER
IS THIS THE FRONT DESK? ARE YOU IN CHARGE OF REG-ISTERING TRAINERS?


MMMMMMM

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS...

Thank you so much for coming to my Battle Frontier today. Allow me to take this opportunity to explain the rules for Pokémon Battles here...



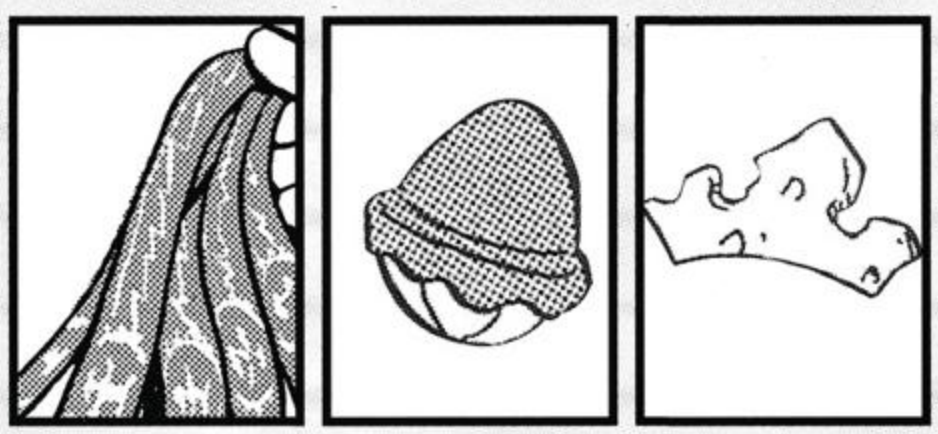


LIMITED POKÉMON USAGE

You may not enter two of the same Pokémon into a battle.
*Prior permission must be obtained to participate with an Egg or Legendary Pokémon.
*Your challenge might not be accepted.
*On the other hand, there is a possibility that our Frontier Brains will use **your** Pokémon in battle.

ITEM USAGE

Apart from certain exceptions, Trainers are not allowed to use items during challenges. But Pokémon may hold an item before battle.

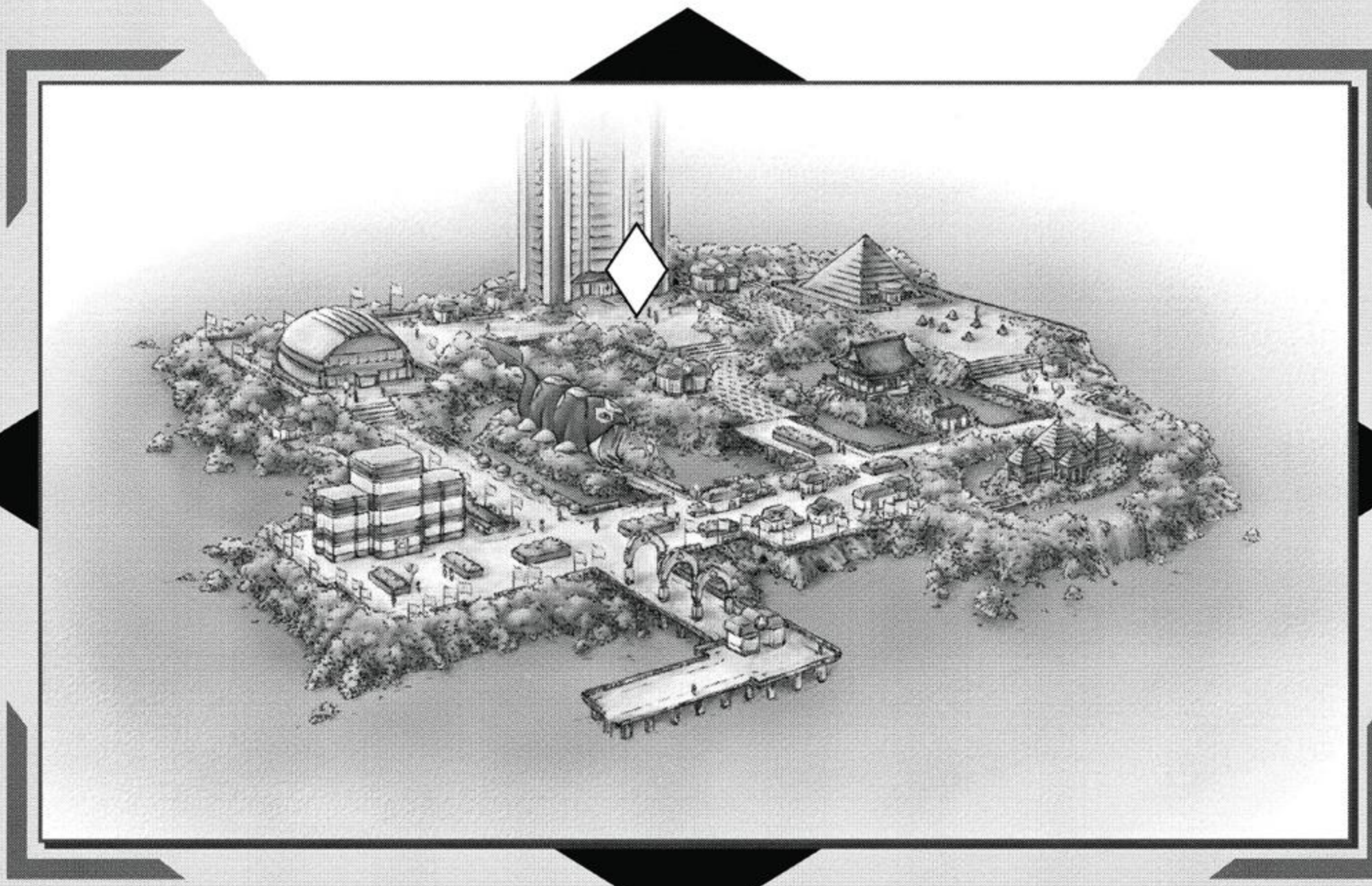


NUMBER OF MOVES PERMITTED

Each Pokémon is only allowed four moves during a battle. These moves must be registered before the battle. No other moves are permitted.

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Interesting Interactions Involving Illumise



THE BATTLE TOWER ...

HMPH

WHAT A RASCAL!

INCREDIBLE! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SNUCK INTO THIS PLACE THROUGH THE ENTRANCE FOR THE FRONTIER BRAINS!

AIIYEE! YOU LITTLE BRAT!

RST

I FINALLY FOUND TUCKER!

PHEW.

ZIP

NOW THEN, WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH YOU?!

THE OPENING CEREMONY GOT CUT SHORT DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF AN INTRUDER, AND I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO INTERVIEW ANYONE.

SIGH... WHY AM I ALWAYS GETTING DRAGGED INTO THINGS?!

PEEK

...WHO THE INTRUDER WAS.

I'D LIKE TO AT LEAST FIND OUT...

FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!

EMERALD ?!

...THE BATTLE FRONTIER FACILITIES!

LOOK! I CAME TO CHALLENGE ...

AND I GOT ME AN OFFICIAL FRONTIER PASS! SEE?!

SPROING

JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT A FRONTIER PASS DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN DO AS YOU LIKE.

GRAB

WE **HEARD** YOU, LOUD-MOUTH.

LEMME CHAL-LENGE THE BATTLE FRON-TIER!!

SO LEMME FIGHT! LEMME FIGHT!

WHOA!

SPR

ONG

THAT'S **MY** PASS! WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR?! GIVE IT BACK!

LUNGE

QUICK ATTACK!

BUT HE'S BECOME A MEDIA SENSA-TION!

HUH?

I'LL SAY. ARE YOU AWARE THAT YOU JUST RUINED THE OPENING CEREMONY AND PRESS CONFERENCE?

HE CER-TAINLY IS FULL OF SURPRIS-ES...

THIS JUST IN— THE BATTLE FRONTIER, A NEW POKÉ-MON BATTLE FACILITY, WAS OPENED TO THE PRESS TODAY.

AND NOW FOR THE 6 O'CLOCK NEWS...

I'M HERE TO CHAL-LENGE THE BATTLE FRONTIER!

I'M EMERALD! POKÉMON BATTLE FAN, EMERALD!

THE OPENING CERE-MONY INCLUDED ...

...A BATTLE DEMON-STRATION BY TWO FRONTIER BRAINS.

IN A DRAMATIC TWIST, A YOUNG POKÉMON TRAINER PARTICIPATED IN THE OPENING CEREMONY.

ME TOO!

I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR HOW THAT BOY DOES AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER!

Hey, I look great on TV!

THEY SEEM TO HAVE MADE A MISTAKE ...

HE ANNOUNCED HIS CHALLENGE IN SUCH A PUBLIC, GRAND GESTURE...

THE PRESS WILL MAKE A FUSS IF WE DON'T ALLOW HIM TO TAKE PART.

I SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULDN'T REVOKE HIS FRONTIER PASS TO PREVENT THIS BOOR FROM PARTICIPATING.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO, MR. SCOTT? MANNERS AND PROTOCOL ARE VERY IMPORTANT FOR A TRAINER CHALLENGING THE BATTLE FRONTIER.

HOWEVER ...

LET HIM CHALLENGE THE BATTLE FRONTIER.

HE SEEMS UP FOR IT...

WHY NOT LET HIM BATTLE?

TRUE ...

IT'LL DRAW A LOT OF ATTENTION TO HELP PROMOTE THE BATTLE FRONTIER!

WE MIGHT AS WELL PRETEND THE WHOLE THING REALLY WAS A PUBLICITY STUNT FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY— LIKE THE PRESS THOUGHT.

YOU SHOUTED OUT YOUR CHALLENGE AT THE TOP OF YOUR LUNGS! NOW YOU HAD BETTER BE GOOD ENOUGH TO DEFEAT...

SO, THAT'S YOUR TIME LIMIT. YOU'VE GOT SEVEN DAYS.

LUCKILY, THE OFFICIAL OPENING TO THE PUBLIC WON'T BE FOR A WEEK'S TIME.

...ALL SEVEN OF US!

HM...

...AND WE'LL CRUSH YOU IN FRONT OF EVERY-ONE...

... LITTLE BOY!

WE'LL ALLOW THE PRESS TO BROAD-CAST YOUR BATTLES...

I WARN YOU...

HEH ...

WE'RE PRETTY TOUGH!

...

WHAT DO YOU SAY, MR. SCOTT ...?

GREAT ...

...IDEA!

YANK

GREAT! IN THAT CASE...

I'LL ALERT THE MEDIA RIGHT AWAY!

ZOOM

NO. I'LL DEAL WITH HIM FIRST, TUCKER.

GRAB

AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE YOU'VE CAUSED TODAY, YOU NEED TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON!

HEH HEH HEH...

YOU'RE UP AGAINST ME, TUCKER, FIRST!

...I DETEST IGNORANCE. AND HE DOESN'T APPEAR TO HAVE A SPECK OF KNOWLEDGE INSIDE THAT BIG HEAD OF HIS!

I WON'T ALLOW HIM TO RIDICULE THE BATTLE FRONTIER AND MAKE A FOOL OUT OF US FRONTIER BRAINS.

DRAG

BE-SIDES ...

WHOA!

TOSS

OH WOW...!

SNEAK

SNEAK

PREPARE TO BATTLE FACTORY HEAD NOLAND!

I AM THE FACTORY HEAD! MY NAME IS NOLAND!

HEY, EMER-ALD!

JUMP

GRRRR ...

TRMBL

TRMBL

10

PHEW! HE'S ALL RIGHT ...

THAT'S WHAT'S BOTHER-ING HIM?

TINK

THAT STUPID COBBLER! THESE SHOES FALL APART SO EASILY!

TINK

IT IS **NOT** OKAY! WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE **FRONTIER BRAINS**— THE STRONGEST POKÉMON TRAINERS HERE!

EMERALD! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?!

THE FRONTIER BRAINS ARE SERIOUS! YOU MADE FUN OF THEM, AND NOW THEY'RE MAD!

IT'S OKAY. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

ROLL

OW ...

THEY'RE ALL PRE-PARED TO FIGHT YOU WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT...

WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME ...?!

WELL, I'D HAVE TO FACE THEM SOONER OR LATER ANYWAY TO TEST MY SKILLS AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER, RIGHT?

RELAX. I'LL BE FINE.

STRETCH

WHOA!

POP

...

GOOD NIGHT.

YOU JUST WAIT AND SEE.

THE BATTLE FAC-TORY...

WHAT A CLEVER WAY TO PRESENT THIS NEW BATTLE-GROUND!

PERFECT. THIS WILL HELP US LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RULES OF BATTLE IN EACH OF THE FACILITIES.

MURMUR

THE BOY WHO APPEARED DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE FACING THE FRONTIER BRAINS TODAY!

VRMM

THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE SO EARLY IN THE MORNING. MY NAME IS NOLAND, AND I AM IN CHARGE OF THIS ARENA.

MY TRAINER CLASS IS FACTORY HEAD. YOU MAY ADDRESS ME AS FACTORY HEAD NOLAND.

TNK TNK

THE FIRST LOCATION IS THE BATTLE FACTORY. I WONDER WHAT KIND OF BATTLE THEY FIGHT IN...

SSHH! IT'S TIME.

SINGLE BATTLE OR DOUBLE BATTLE?

SIN-GLE!

FWIP FWIP

FIFTY!

AND THE LEVEL?

EMER-ALD!

...CHOOSE YOUR RENTAL POKÉMON.

RMMRMMRMM

NOW YOU MAY...

YOU MAY CHOOSE THREE POKÉMON TO USE IN BATTLE.

THAT'S RIGHT. YOU DON'T USE YOUR OWN POKÉMON ...

...WHEN YOU CHAL-LENGE THIS FACILITY.

RENTAL POKÉ-MON?!

HMM ...

SO I'LL CHOOSE THREE RENTAL POKÉ-MON TO FIGHT WITH AS WELL.

I DON'T HAVE A FIXED TEAM OF POKÉMON EITHER.

THE ITEMS THEY'RE HOLD-ING...

I NEED TO CHECK THEIR MOVES, THEIR ATTACK AND DEFENSE STYLES...

2

Rhyhorn ♂
Item
Leftovers

3

Ludicolo ♂
Item
Scope Lens

1

Skarmory ♂
Item
Quick Claw

OKAY! I CHOOSE THESE THREE!

TING

BATTLE ...

RAAAH

LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!

YOOP

...START!

FIRST, I NEED TO DETERMINE IF A CHALLENGER IS WORTHY OF ME.

RIGHT NOW, HE'S FIGHTING A VIRTUAL TRAINER CREATED BY THE COMPUTER. MY POKÉMON WILL TAKE ORDERS FROM THAT VIRTUAL TRAINER DURING THIS BATTLE.

HA!

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU'D GET TO FIGHT ME RIGHT AWAY?

WHAT?! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FIGHT HIM, NOLAND?!

SEVEN BATTLES MAKE UP ONE SET IN THIS FACILITY.

HE WILL FACE ME IN THE SEVENTH BATTLE OF THE SIXTH SET.

BUT OF COURSE ...

...THE CHAL-LENGE WILL END THE MOMENT HE'S DE-FEATED!

RUMBLE RUMBLE

1 2 3 1 2 3

I WAS THINKING ABOUT USING A FLYING-TYPE MOVE TO DEFEAT IT QUICKLY!

SHOOT! MY POKÉMON GOT HIT WITH CONFUSION!

FLATTER!

OOPS

OH WELL! CHANGE OF PLANS!

SMASH

ROCK SLIDE!

PHEW.

WHOOP

THE POKÉMON HAVE FAINTED... ALL THREE OF THEM ARE DOWN! THE BATTLE IS OVER!

YOU HAVE TO WIN FORTY-ONE BATTLES IN A ROW BEFORE YOU CAN EVEN FACE THE FRONTIER BRAIN!

SHDDR

S-SEVEN OF THESE MAKE UP ONE BATTLE SET. AND EMERALD CAN ONLY FIGHT NOLAND AT THE END OF THE SIXTH SET. THAT MEANS...

RMMRMM

OF COURSE.

CATCH

I'M ALLOWED TO HEAL MY POKÉMON AFTER EACH BATTLE, RIGHT?

THAT'S RIGHT. AND WHAT MAKES THIS EVEN HARDER IS THAT...

YOU WOULD PROBABLY HAVE SELF-DESTRUCTED THANKS TO CONFUSION IF YOU'D GOTTEN HUNG UP ON DEFEATING ILLUMISE USING SKARMORY'S FLYING-TYPE MOVE.

THAT WAS A GOOD DECISION.

NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND HOW DIFFICULT THIS BATTLE-GROUND IS?

THAT'S WHY, AT THE BATTLE FACTORY, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF POKÉMON, THEIR TYPES, MOVES AND ABILITIES!

YOU HAVE TO USE RENTAL POKÉMON YOU JUST MET FOR THE FIRST TIME.

...YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO USE YOUR OWN POKÉMON.

KNOWL-EDGE RULES!

AND THE OTHER IMPORTANT FEATURE OF THE BATTLES HERE IS...

... TRAD-ING.

...AND TRADE IT FOR ONE OF THE THREE POKÉMON YOU JUST FOUGHT.

YOU CAN LET GO OF ONE OF THE POKÉ-MON IN YOUR GROUP...

...YOU HAVE THE OPTION TO TRADE YOUR POKÉ-MON.

CHAL-LENGER ...

AND I WANT ILLUMISE IN EXCHANGE.

OKAY... I'LL LET GO OF SKARMORY THEN.

BLIP

2

3

TO CONTINUE FIGHTING, YOU NEED TO KEEP CHANGING UP THE POKÉMON ON YOUR TEAM—AND THAT'S THE **BATTLE FACTORY**!

YOU USE RENTAL POKÉMON TO FIGHT, AND YOU HAD BETTER PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR OPPONENT'S POKÉMON AS WELL. BECAUSE YOUR OPPONENT MIGHT HAVE A POKÉMON YOU WANT THAT YOU CAN ADD TO YOUR GROUP LATER BY TRADING.

BLOOP

SECOND BATTLE... BEGIN!

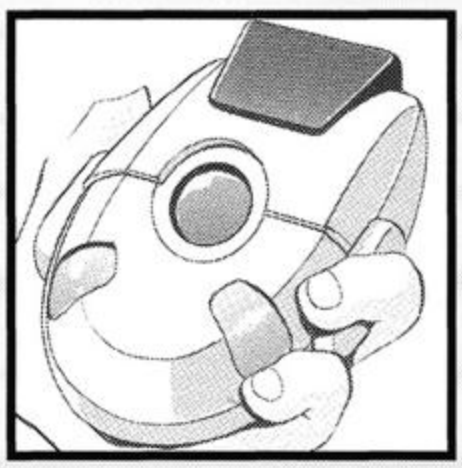
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FOR CONVENIENCE, WE USE NUMBERS TO REPRESENT A POKÉMON'S STRENGTH.

To ensure a fair battle, we represent the strengths of our Pokémon with numbers we call "levels." Challengers may use their PokéNav to check the level of their Pokémon before a battle.

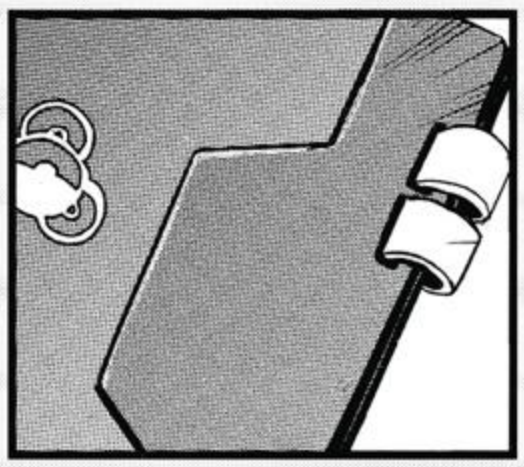


CHALLENGERS MAY CHOOSE BETWEEN LEVEL 50 AND OPEN LEVEL.

You may choose between two courses. In the "Level 50" course, the highest level for your Pokémon is 50. But the "Open Level" course has no Pokémon level limits.

FUNCTIONS OF THE FRONTIER PASS

A Frontier Pass is handed out to challengers. This pass has many features, such as a map to check where each facility is located. Battle records are also recorded on the Frontier Pass. You may record any battle you wish and replay it later.



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Pinsir Me, I Must Be Dreaming



1 2 3

TRADING POKÉMON CHINCHOU ↕ FOR TOGETIC!

YEAH!

BATTLE 1, THIRD SET (15 BATTLES IN A ROW), WIN!

1 2 3

TRADING POKÉMON FARFETCH'D ↕ FOR DELCATTY!

OOH!

THIRD SET (16 BATTLES IN A ROW), WIN!

1 2 3

EMERALD

TRADING POKÉMON SLAKING ↕ FOR FARFETCH'D!

YAWN!

BATTLE 3, THIRD SET (17 BATTLES IN A ROW), WIN!

KNOWLEDGE

PHEW! THAT'S 17 WINS IN A ROW!

WHOOSH WHOOSH

YEAH, YEAH, YEAH!

THAT MAKES THE NEXT BATTLE THE FOURTH BATTLE OF THE THIRD SET AND... THE 18TH BATTLE!

1

2

3

...IN HIS FORTY-SECOND BATTLE!

WHICH MEANS HE HAS TO WIN 24 MORE BATTLES!

THE BATTLE FACTORY IS REALLY SOME-THING!

THIS PLACE IS UN-BELIEV-ABLE!

...HE'LL BE FACING FACTORY HEAD NOLAND...

EMERALD STILL SEEMS ENTHU-SIASTIC, BUT...

THE PRESS WHO CAME FOR INTER-VIEWS ARE STARTING TO GET BORED...

IT TAKES HIM ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES PER BATTLE. HE'S ALREADY BEEN FIGHTING FOR FOUR AND A HALF HOURS, BUT HE'S NOT EVEN HALFWAY THROUGH!

RIGHT.

HERO

SLAKING, SLACK OFF!

ROLL

LET'S HEAL THE DAM-AGE!

OWW... THAT WAS A PRETTY PAINFUL ATTACK.

AND ONCE YOUR DAMAGE IS HEALED ...

...FEINT ATTACK!

KRUSH

...AND SWAP IT WITH THE LINOONE ON MY OPPONENT'S TEAM!

I'LL LET GO OF SLAKING...

OKAY, I'M GONNA TRADE AGAIN!

GOOD! HE GOT THE MES-SAGE!

PHEW

OH, SHOOT!

1

2

10

WHAT?! YOU'RE GOING TO LET GO OF THAT POWERFUL SLAKING?! DON'T DO IT, EMERALD!

AND A CHANCE TO TAKE A REGULAR BREAK... NICE VIEW!

'SCUSE ME— BATH-ROOM BREAK!

MIS-TAKES ?!

I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU... YOU'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR SO LONG, YOU'RE STARTING TO MAKE MISTAKES!

Huh?

DON'T JUMP !!

YOUR BAT-TLE ISN'T GOING **THAT** BADLY!

YEAH? AND...?

I'M NO EXPERT TRAINER, BUT I AM A JOURNAL-IST. I OBSERVE AND ANALYZE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

TOILET

I'VE WATCHED A LOT OF BATTLES IN MY TIME...

THAT'S RIGHT!

SO...YOU THINK I'M MAKING MISTAKES IN MY BATTLES... THAT I'M CHOOSING THE WRONG POKÉMON MAYBE?

PLUS, IT'S A NORMAL-TYPE POKÉMON WHO DOESN'T HAVE MANY WEAKNESSES. **BUT...**

SURE, THAT SLAKING WAS STRONG ...

OH, THAT? YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, DO YOU?

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TRADED THAT POWERFUL SLAKING AWAY!

YOU NEED TO CONSIDER THE ORDER AND ROLE.

THAT'S RIGHT. I DIDN'T WANT SLAKING UP FRONT.

TA-DAH

... "ORDER AND ROLE"?

FOR THAT ROLE, I USUALLY CHOOSE A POKÉMON WHO CAN USE A LOT OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF MOVES— OR ONE WHO CAN WITHSTAND OPPONENTS WHO USE SPECIAL MOVES.

THE SECOND POKÉMON ON A TEAM IS THE **LEAD FIGHTER.**

I WANT A SWIFT POKÉMON FOR THAT, SO I CAN ATTACK RAPID-FIRE WHILE I'VE GOT THE CHANCE.

THE FIRST POKÉMON HAS THE ROLE OF **VANGUARD.**

SO NO MATTER HOW STRONG A POKÉMON IS, I LET IT GO IF IT DOESN'T FIT ITS ROLE.

YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE POKÉMON IN YOUR GROUP, RIGHT?

OUCH.

IN OTHER WORDS... **BALANCE** IS THE KEY!

C'mon, let's go!

THE THIRD POKÉMON IS THE **REAR GUARD.** IT'S A RESERVE PLAYER, SO I LOOK FOR A POKÉMON WITH GOOD DEFENSES.

YOUR TEAM IS A LOT MORE STABLE IF YOU CHOOSE A POKÉMON FOR THAT ROLE WHO'S ABLE TO RESIST PHYSICAL MOVES...

EMERALD SEEMS HAPPY-GO-LUCKY, BUT HE'S ACTUALLY EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT POKÉMON!

HE'S SCHOOLING ME JUST LIKE HE DID WHEN I WAS ATTACKED BY THAT SUDOWOODO!

ZIP

OKAY, 23 MORE BATTLES TO GO!

LET'S RIP THROUGH THEM!

SMASH

LINOONE, FRUSTRATION!

BATTLE 3, 5TH SET (31 BATTLES IN A ROW)!

BATTLE 6 (34 BATTLES IN A ROW)!

BATTLE 5 (33 BATTLES IN A ROW)!

BATTLE 4 (32 BATTLES IN A ROW)!

AND ALSO... FRUSTRATION IS A MOVE THAT DEALS MORE DAMAGE THE LOWER THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE POKÉMON AND TRAINER...MAKING IT THE **PERFECT** MOVE TO USE WITH A RENTAL POKÉMON!

LINOONE IS A NORMAL-TYPE POKÉMON WHO ENHANCES THE POWER OF THAT MOVE...

FRUSTRATION IS A NORMAL-TYPE MOVE.

THAT LINOONE IS DOING VERY WELL!

HE'S RIGHT!

HEH. THIS CHAL-LENGER ...

...IS A LOT SAVVIER THAN I THOUGHT.

BUT LET'S SEE IF HE CAN KEEP UP THE PACE...

WHAT IS IT?

AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE ITEM THAT POKÉMON IS USING.

IT BOOSTS THE POWER OF THE POKÉMON... BUT YOU CAN ONLY USE ONE MOVE UNTIL IT'S PLACED BACK INTO ITS POKÉ BALL!

CHOICE BAND.

FWIP

FWIP

HEY, NOLAND!

Hwa?

I BET HE WAS BAWLING AFTER BEING SO SOUNDLY DEFEAT-ED!

TEE-HEE

I BET THAT KID LOST SOME-WHERE AROUND THE SECOND SET!

HE'S WINNING?! WITH ONLY A FEW MORE BATTLES TO GO UNTIL HE FACES NOLAND?!

WHAT THE ...?!

KNOWLEDGE

6 SET 4 BATTLE

TOTAL 38 WIN

MY... WATCH ?!

VRUUP

HOW DO I KNOW? TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR WATCH.

KRASH

HE WANTS ME TO CHECK THE TIME?

TIE

I ADMIT I WASN'T EXPECTING THIS, BUT I'M NOT WORRIED.

I WON'T WATCH HIS BATTLES AND TRADES AFTER THIS.

BUT I'LL STILL WIN!

EMERALD IS TAKING A LOT LONGER THAN BEFORE TO BEAT HIS CURRENT OPPO-NENT.

OH... I SEE!

TIK

TIK

TIK

TIK

EMERALD IS STARTING TO TIRE FROM FIGHTING ALL THESE LENGTHIER BATTLES!

MNCH MNCH

THE OPPOSING POKÉMON HAVE ITEMS LIKE LEFTOVERS OR USE MOVES THAT HEAL DAMAGE...

BLIP 41

BLIP TOTAL 40 WIN

BLIP 6 SET 5 BATTLE

TOTAL 39 WIN

YOU'RE NEXT, AREN'T YOU?!

HFF

HFF

HFF

HFF

10

THAT'S 41 WINS...!

NO RISK ...

No Risk, No Reward

CHNK CHNK

CHNK

WHO DID EMERALD CHOOSE ?!

WOM SWISH

HEAL DAMAGE AND MY LAST POKÉ-MON TRADE...

JUMP

KKK

No Risk, No Reward

...NO REWARD ...?

WHAT'S THAT MEAN?!

FFP

NOW YOU MAY FACE ME WITH ALL THE EXPERIENCE YOU'VE GAINED THROUGH YOUR PREVIOUS 41 BATTLES.

I'LL USE RENTAL POKÉMON JUST LIKE YOU.

BATTLE 7, 6TH SET, 42ND BATTLE!

BOM

BEGIN!

NOLAND IS USING A MAWILE, AND EMERALD IS STILL USING THE LINOONE HE TRADED FOR QUITE A WHILE AGO.

THEIR **FIRST** POKÉ-MON!

I DON'T CARE IF YOU ATTACK FIRST BECAUSE...

I'LL ATTACK FIRST!

GO, LINO-ONE!

WZZZ

...I WANT TO USE **THIS** MOVE...!

FWAP

FOCUS PUNCH !!

THIS MEANS THAT NOLAND IS WILLING TO TAKE BIG RISKS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE VICTORY IN BATTLE!

No Risk, No

NOW I GET IT...!

IT'S AN EXTREMELY POWERFUL BUT RISKY MOVE. THE OPPONENT GETS TO MOVE FIRST, BUT IF YOUR POKÉMON IS ATTACKED BEFORE IT USES THE MOVE, THE MOVE IS CANCELED OUT!

FOCUS PUNCH!

BOOM

SWITCH OUT!

PINSIR!

THAT LINOONE LOOKS LIKE IT'S ABOUT TO FAINT...

BUT I CAN'T ALLOW IT TO USE FRUSTRATION BEFORE IT FAINTS.

I'LL USE IRON DEFENSE TO BE DOUBLE SURE!

KRN KRN KRN

KRN KRN KRN

MAWILE, FLAME-THROWER! HEH... MAWILE HAS A POWERFUL ADVAN-TAGE AGAINST BUG-TYPES!

URP

THAT LOOKS LIKE A VERY STRONG POKÉ-MON.

BUT THE MAWILE ON MY TEAM HAS A WELL-BALANCED VARIETY OF MOVES.

IS THAT ...?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I SAID FLAMETHROWER, NOT IRON DEFENSE!

COULD IT BE ...?!

AN ITEM THAT FORCES A POKÉMON TO ONLY USE ONE MOVE. WHY IS MY MAWILE HOLDING THAT...?

IT IS!

CHOICE BAND

LUM BERRY

THAT'S RIGHT. I USED TRICK TO SWITCH THE ITEMS THE POKÉ-MON WERE HOLDING.

MY LINOONE USED IT RIGHT BEFORE I SWITCHED IT WITH PINSIR. THEN I SWAPPED THE CHOICE BAND WITH MAWILE'S LUM BERRY.

A CHOICE BAND?!

SLAM

YOUR MAWILE CAN'T USE ANY ATTACK MOVES ANYMORE!

GRAB

SKWEEK

●FAINTED●

Mawile ♂	Steel
Ability: Intimidate	
●Focus Punch	●Flamethrower
●Crunch	●Iron Defense
Held Item: Choice Band	

YOUR MAWILE WAS PRETTY TOUGH BECAUSE IT USED IRON DEFENSE...

...BUT I BOOSTED PINSIR'S ATTACK WITH SWORD DANCE!

...

HEH.

I LIKE THAT WELL-DESERVED LOOK OF TRIUMPH ON YOUR FACE!

MUCH BETTER THAN YOUR ARROGANT EXPRESSION AT THE OPENING CEREMONY YESTERDAY.

How 'bout this?

Would you take this battle seriously already?!

STRETCH

GOOD!

TOSS

KEEP AMUSING ME!

ROCK SLIDE !!

BOMB

KRNCH

FAINTED

Pinsir ♀	Bug
Ability: Hyper Cutter	
•Endure	•Flail
•Sword Dance	•Guillotine
Held Item: Lum Berry	

HE KNOCKED PINSIR OUT BY ATTACKING ITS WEAKNESS!

A ROCK-TYPE MOVE AGAINST PINSIR!

LINOONE AGAIN!

DIG!

FLASH

AT THIS POINT, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO LOSE!

YOUR LINOONE CAN BARELY STAND AFTER ITS FIGHT WITH MAWILE ...

IT'S POINTLESS TO GO ON!

IT WAS A POWERFUL POKÉMON WITH GOOD MOVES, TO BE SURE...

BUT...

HA! YOU MUST HAVE THOUGHT YOU'D WON THIS BATTLE AFTER YOU CALLED OUT PINSIR.

●FAINTED●

Linoone ♂	Normal
Ability: Pickup	
●Trick	●Frustration
●Dig	●Thunder Wave
m Berry	

EMERALD ONLY HAS ONE MORE POKÉMON LEFT...!

DOUBLE-EDGE!

ENUMP

RSTL

THAT'S WHAT MAKES POKÉMON BATTLES SO EXCITING!

...EVEN A POWERFUL POKÉMON LIKE THAT CAN BE QUICKLY DEFEATED DURING THE COURSE OF BATTLE.

...AN HONOR BESTOWED UPON THOSE WHO BEAT FACTORY HEAD NOLAND AT THE BATTLE FACTORY IN THE TEST OF KNOWLEDGE!

THIS IS THE KNOWL-EDGE SYMBOL...

...BUT I WILL OFFICIALLY GIVE THIS TO YOU IF YOU MANAGE TO DEFEAT ME.

THIS BATTLE IS ONLY A DEMON-STRATION ...

HOW WILL YOU FACE ME WITH THE THIRD POKÉ-MON YOU TRADED FOR AT THE VERY END...?!

BOOM

NOW SHOW ME WHAT YOU KNOW!

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS...

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IN CASE OF A DOUBLE KNOCKOUT

The result is a tie and a rematch will be arranged if the battle is between two regular Trainers. If the battle was against a Frontier Brain, the Brain is the winner.

BATTLE POINTS

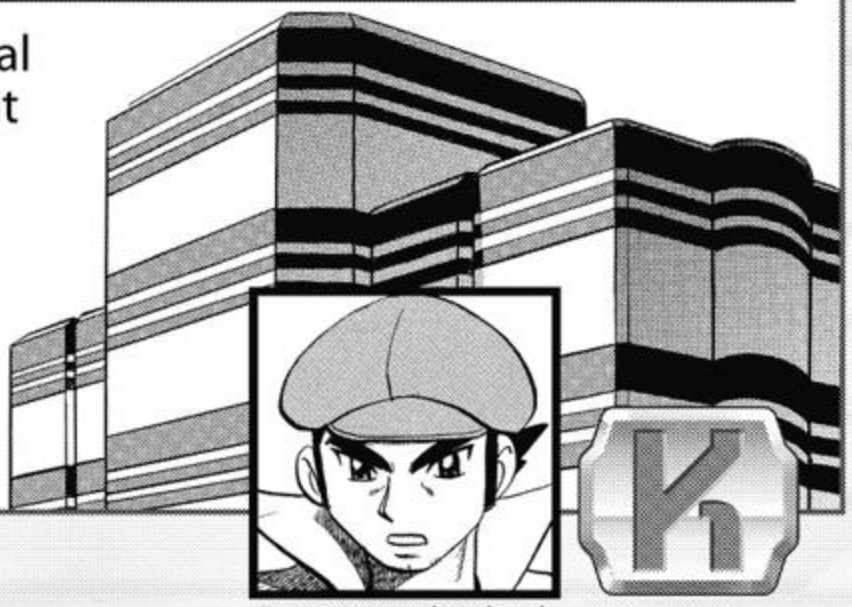
The accumulation of Battle Points corresponds with your results at each facility. Collected Battle Points may be exchanged for items at the Battle Point Exchange Service Corner.

FACILITY RULES

BATTLE FACTORY

Battle-type	Number of Pokémon	Type of Symbol	Wins needed to attain the Symbol
Single	3 Pokémon	Knowledge	7 Battles × 6 Sets = 42 Consecutive Wins
Double	3 Pokémon		

Battle Factory battles are fought using rental Pokémon. The challenger chooses three out of six randomly selected Pokémon. If the challenger wins, they have the option of exchanging one of their Pokémon for one of their opponent's Pokémon. The newly acquired Pokémon takes the same position in the group as the one that was traded away.

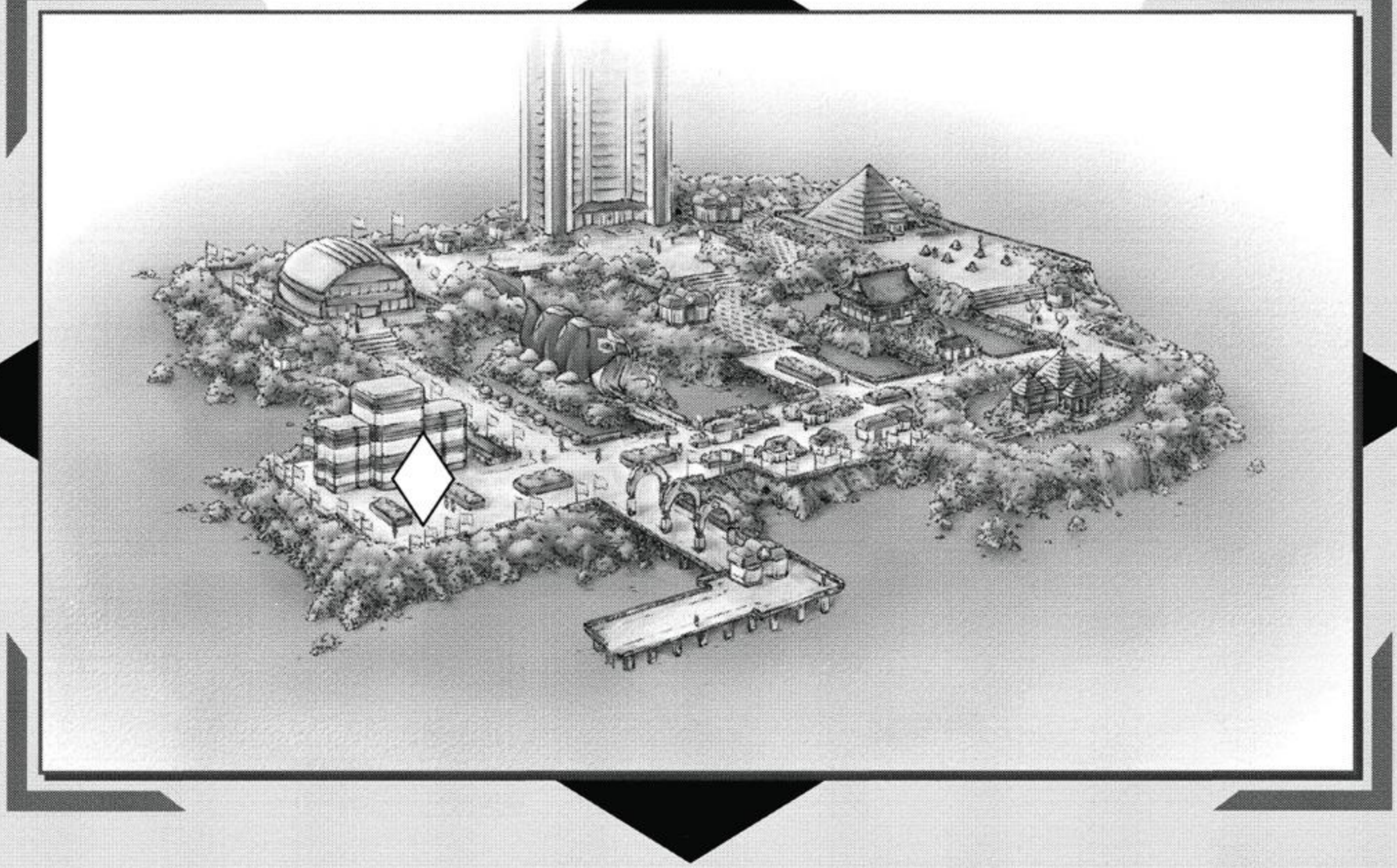


Factory Head Noland

Knowledge Symbol

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Gotcha Where I Wantcha, Glalie



THE LAST POKÉMON EMERALD TRADED...

...IS SCEP-TILE!

LEAF ...

OKAY! LET'S DO IT!

GOLEM!

ROCK SLIDE!

NOT SO FAST!

SMASH

PFF

WHAT HAP-PENED TO EMER-ALD ?!

UMM ...

DID NOLAND DEFEAT THAT KID WITH THAT ATTACK ?!

KOF KOF!

I CAN'T SEE A THING!

PFFF

K1

...

WHAT'S THIS...?!

HEY! CALM DOWN!

...BY HIS OWN POKÉ-MON?!

WHY IS HE BEING ATTACKED...

IT'S NO USE! THE DUST IS TOO THICK! HE CAN'T SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

NO-LAND?! WHERE...?

THAT'S...

HMPH! I'VE GOT NO CHOICE THEN...

...WHAT HE USED TO CALM DOWN SUDO-WOODO...!

KLAK

OH...

KWAFOOMP

SRRRING

KLKK
KLKK
KLKK

WHAT THE—?! WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?!

HEY!

CHING

HMMM

NOW!

THE DUST HAS SET-TLED!

HUH ?!

CLAKE

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, BUT YOU CAN'T DEFEAT THE FACTORY HEAD USING PARLOR TRICKS!

I KNOW!

THAT SINISTER LOOK HAS DISAP-PEARED FROM SCEP-TILE'S EYES!

...

SLA

SH

LEAF BLADE!

BOM

HMM!

HE DID IT!

●FAINTED●

Golem ♂	Rock/Ground
Ability: Rock Head ●Rock Slide ●Earthquake ●Double-Edge ●Explosion	
Held Item: Hard Stone	

KA FWUMP

AHHH!

NOLAND'S THIRD POKÉMON IS GLALIE!

GLALIE IS A GRASS-TYPE POKÉMON'S GREATEST ENEMY— AN ICE-TYPE POKÉMON!

YEAH!

OMG!

CRUNCH!

FSSSS

AND THE CHILL FROM GLALIE...

KRK

KRK

KRK

...IS FREEZ-ING SCEP-TILE'S BODY!

BUT LET'S SEE HOW LONG THAT'LL LAST... AHAHA HA...

IT USED LEFTOVERS TO HEAL ITSELF...

MUNCH MUNCH

EVEN AN AMATEUR LIKE ME CAN TELL THAT NOLAND WON'T STOP AT THAT.

THE OTHER FRONTEIR BRAINS ARE RIGHT.

IT'S A POWER-FUL MOVE THAT CAN KNOCK OUT ITS OPPO-NENT WITH A SINGLE HIT!

...SHEER COLD!

THE MOVE WHICH NOLAND'S GLALIE COULD USE TO DEFEAT EMERALD IS...

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW, EMERALD ?!

JU

MP

LOOK-
OUT!

FA-HOOM

ICE
BEAM
?!

FA-HOOM

BAM

JUST AS I SUSPECTED!

HUU

NOLAND DIDN'T USE SHEER COLD RIGHT AWAY! HE'S ATTACKING WITH ICE BEAM FIRST!

THE LIKELIHOOD OF DODGING AN ATTACK DECREASES IF IT'S USED OVER AND OVER.

ZING

BUT DETECT HAS ITS WEAKNESS TOO!

HUU

I'D HAVE FAILED IF I'D STAKED EVERYTHING ON SHEER COLD.

YOU'RE DODGING MY ATTACKS USING DETECT!

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK TODAY!

FOOOP

THIS SHOULD BE ABOUT THE RIGHT TIME...

KO

SHEER COLD!

SKRITCH

BOINK

BOINK

UMPH

IT'S... OVER...

NOPE. THIS BATTLE ISN'T OVER YET.

RMMPPH

YOU THINK SO...?

THE BATTLE IS OVER!

OR DID YOU SOME-HOW DODGE IT?!

IT... STOOD UP?!

BUT IT RECEIVED A DIRECT HIT FROM THAT ATTACK!

STMMMP

WHAT'S THE MATTER, GLALIE ?!

STGGR

!

I PLANTED THE SEED WHEN IT WAS BITING MY SCEPTILE.

IT FINALLY STARTED TO TAKE EFFECT.

THIS IS...

YOUR GLALIE WAS SLOWLY LOSING ITS STRENGTH AS WELL.

OKAY ...

...LEECH SEED!

100

IRON TAIL!!

NOW LET'S FINISH THIS!!

FWUMP

BLIP

6 SET 7 BATTLE

TOTAL 42 WIN

IMPOS-SIBLE.

NO.

NO WAY.

WHAT ?

GLALIE HAS FAINTED !!

AND EMER-ALD HAS WON!!

●FAINTED●

Glalie ♂	Ice
Ability: Inner Focus	
●Crunch	●Sheer Cold
●Ice Beam	●Rest
Held Item: Chesto Berry	

HE WON !!

WELL DONE...

UH ...

...THE GOLD KNOWL-EDGE SYMBOL ...

FIRST LET ME GIVE YOU THIS FOR WINNING AT THE BATTLE FACTORY....

WAIT!

PHEW. THAT WAS FUN. SEE YA AROUND!

HEY, THANKS!

...AS TESTIMONY TO THE KNOWLEDGE YOU'VE ACQUIRED AND STORED INSIDE YOU.

NOW WE CAN INTERVIEW THEM AND CALL IT A DAY.

FINALLY! IT'S OVER!

MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE HAD GOLEM USE EXPLOSION A LOT EARLIER?

I THOUGHT I CHOSE A PRETTY SOLID GROUP. WHERE DID I GO WRONG...?

MUMBL

OH, I SEE!

GLALIE'S CHESTO BERRY WAS MEANT TO BE USED TOGETHER WITH REST, SO.....

SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE HAD AT LEAST ONE POKÉMON WITH LEFT-OVERS OR SHELL BELL?

... POKÉ-MON ORDER ...

... ITEMS ...

...THE MOVES ...

NO ...

BUT ...

NAH... I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE MADE BETTER USE OF YOUR ITEMS...?

Um... Excuse us... Could you please grant us an interview now...?

WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR 42 BATTLES, YOU KNOW! MORE THAN FIFTEEN HOURS!

WILL YOU GUYS CUT IT OUT ALREADY ?!

WOW, CONGRAT-ULATIONS!

GEE, THANKS!

WHAT SECRET?

BY THE WAY, EMERALD... ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME YOU TOLD ME YOUR SECRET?

...BUT I CAUGHT YOU ON CAMERA. YOU DID SOMETHING TO THAT SCEPTILE TO CALM IT DOWN!

THE ARENA WAS COVERED IN DUST SO NOLAND AND THE OTHER FRONTIER BRAINS COULDN'T SEE...

THAT SCEPTILE YOU USED AT THE END.

HEY!

YOU CAN'T TAKE THOSE POKÉ-MON WITH YOU!

FOR START-ERS, ABOUT THIS GUY...

STR TCH

I'LL TELL YOU EVERY-THING!

SURE!

WHY WOULD A RENTAL POKÉMON BE SO VIOLENT TO BEGIN WITH...?

...BUT YOU WEREN'T PAYING ATTENTION TO WHAT WAS GOING ON **BEFORE** IT ATTACKED ME, WERE YOU?

YOU WERE BRAGGING ABOUT HOW YOU TOOK THAT PHOTO...

CHECK **WHAT** OUT?!

'CAUSE I NEED TO CHECK IT OUT.

HOW SO ?!

DON'T WORRY, IT'S OKAY.

...IS BECAUSE SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE USED THE MOVE POISON STING ON IT!

THE REASON THIS SCEPTILE ATTACKED ME...

CURIOUSER AND CURIOUSER ...

LATIAS! LATIOS!

HERE!

HOLD ON, EM'!

OKAY.

TUCKER AND BRANDON ARE IN A HUFF BECAUSE NOLAND WAS DEFEATED!

THIS IS BAD, LUCY!

FINE. TELL THEM I'LL FACE THE BOY NEXT.

WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?

I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU AT THE BATTLE PIKE...

...LITTLE BOY!

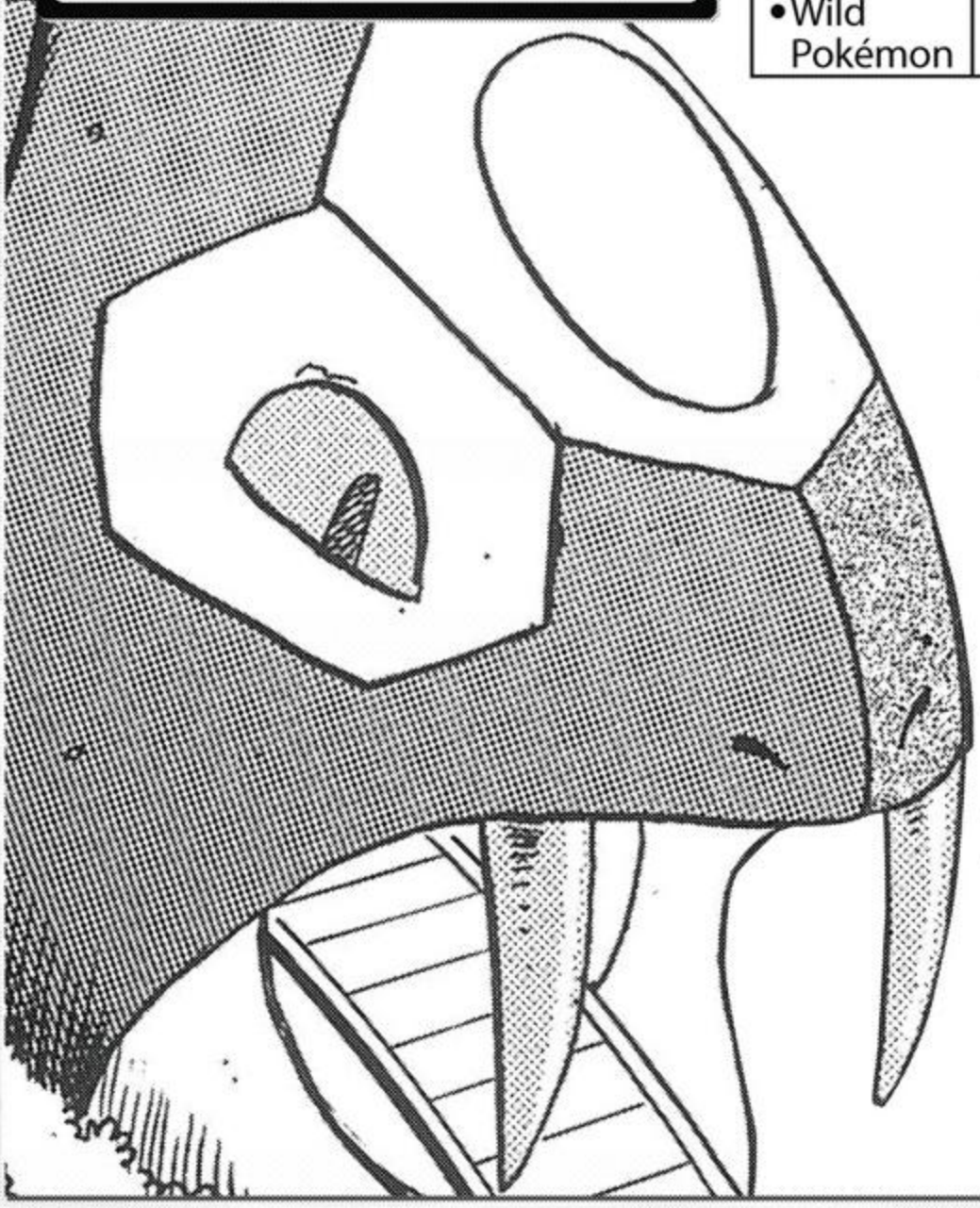
DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS...

Thank you for visiting the Battle Frontier today. Permit me to continue explaining the rules of this facility...



FACILITY RULES

BATTLE PIKE



Battle-type	Number of Pokémon	Type of Symbol	Wins needed to attain the Symbol
•Single •Double •Wild Pokémon	3 Pokémon	Luck	14 Rooms × 10 Sets = 140 Rooms

At this facility, you choose between three routes to travel until you reach the room at the very end. Eight possible events will occur inside each room. What you will encounter is determined at random.

A healing event, which heals the challenger's Pokémon, is included among the eight events.

There is also a Double Battle Event, but this will not occur if the challenger does not have two or more Pokémon capable of fighting.



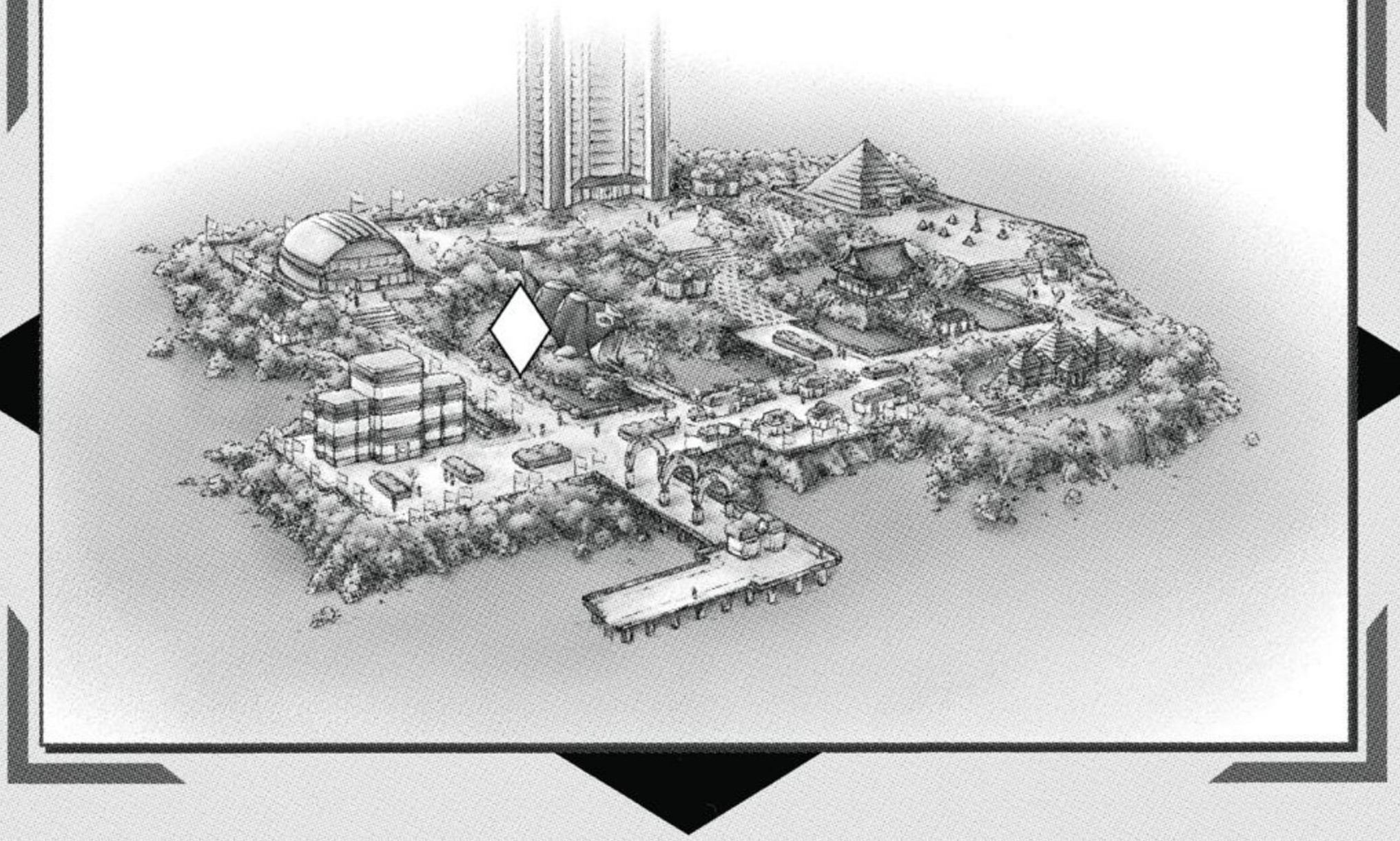
Pike Queen Lucy



Luck Symbol

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As Luck Would Have It, Kirlia



CAN YOU GET SCEPTILE OUT OF THE POKÉ BALL?

SURE!

BOOM

OKAY.

TMP

USE THE POKÉNAV TO DETER-MINE SCEPTILE'S LEVEL.

WE'RE COMING, EM'!

FLAP

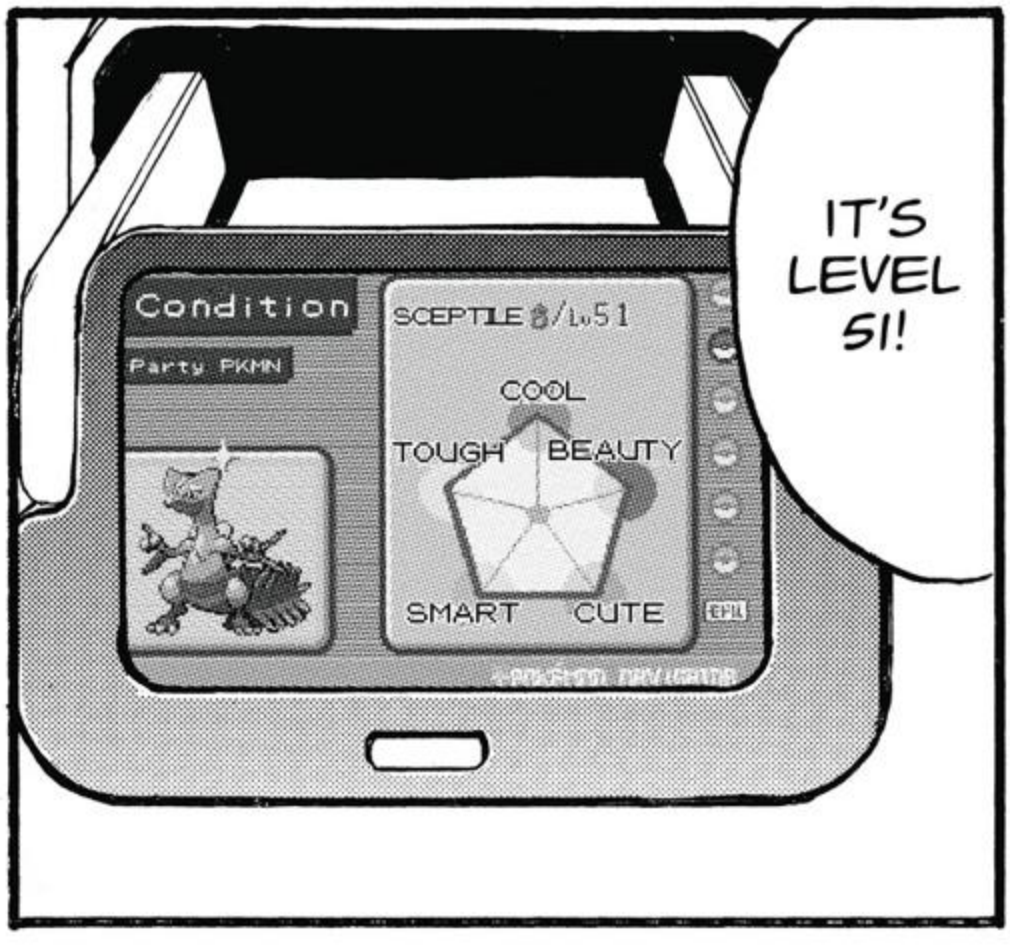
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FLAP

I'VE NEVER SEEN THESE POKÉMON BEFORE. AND...

RSSSD RSSSD RSSSD RSSSD

...THEY'RE "**TALKING**" TELEPATHI-CALLY TO EMERALD?!



IT'S LEVEL 51!

I CAN'T HEAR THEM, BUT FROM THE EXPRESSION ON THEIR FACES, IT CERTAINLY LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HAVING A CON-VERSATION.

I DID IT, LATIAS, LATIOS!

THINK ABOUT IT... REMEMBER WHEN I GOT ATTACKED WITH SHEER COLD...?

BUT IT'S TRUE. IT'S 51. THERE'S NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT.

THERE CAN'T BE A POKÉMON WITH A DIFFERENT LEVEL!

LEVEL 51?! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOU CHOSE THE LEVEL 50 COURSE AT THE BATTLE FACTORY. THAT MEANS ALL THE RENTAL POKÉMON SHOULD BE LEVEL 50.

OOH

SHEER COLD!

...SHEER COLD!

NOPE. THIS BATTLE ISN'T OVER YET.

RUMBD

IT... STOOD UP?! BUT IT RECEIVED A DIRECT HIT FROM THAT ATTACK!

OR DID YOU SOME-HOW DODGE IT?!

YES... NOW I SEE...

BINGO!

BECAUSE ITS LEVEL WAS HIGHER!

HMM...

SEE? NOW DO YOU BELIEVE THAT IT'S LEVEL 51?

SHEER COLD IS AN ATTACK THAT FAILS IF YOUR OPPONENT'S LEVEL IS HIGHER THAN YOURS.

SCEPTILE DIDN'T REPEL OR WITHSTAND THE ATTACK...

...YET IT WASN'T DEFEAT-ED.

EVEN IF NOLAND DELIBERATELY INCLUDED A HIGHER LEVEL POKÉMON IN THIS BATTLE, IT WOULDN'T MAKE SENSE FOR HIM TO LET EMERALD USE IT, SO... WHAT DOES THIS ALL ADD UP TO?!

OH. BUT NOLAND DIDN'T NOTICE ITS HIGHER LEVEL EITHER.

NOPE.

SO...YOU CHOSE SCEPTILE BECAUSE YOU KNEW IT WAS STRONGER THAN THE OTHERS?

THIS SCEPTILE WAS NEVER A RENTAL POKÉMON TO BEGIN WITH.

THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER.

IT WASN'T MEANT TO BE IN THE BATTLE FACTORY. NOLAND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. SOMEBODY SNUCK IT IN.

THAT'S WHY I TOOK IT AWAY WITH ME.

GASP

IT'S NOT A RENTAL POKÉMON?!

KRNCH

EM'! SOME-ONE'S COMING THIS WAY!

!

DOME ACE TUCKER!

PYRAMID KING BRAN-DON!

NICE MIST BALL, LATIAS!

WHAT'S THIS? SOME SORT OF MIST SURROUNDING THOSE THREE... I CAN'T SEE THEM!

FSSS

HUH ?

DON'T WORRY... LOOK!

OH NO! THIS ISN'T GOOD! IF THEY FIND OUT YOU TOOK THE SCEPTILE FROM THE BATTLE FACTORY...

AHHH! IT FELL OFF AGAIN!

SNAP

FOUND YOU AT LAST, YOU LITTLE RUNT!

DON'T CALL ME A RUNT!

SEE? YOU ARE A RUNT!

STOP IT, TUCKER. DON'T BE SO CHILDISH.

THAT INCOMPETENT COBBLER...

THANKS!

EMERALD, IS IT? I'M IMPRESSED BY HOW WELL YOU CONTROLLED YOUR POKÉMON DURING YOUR BATTLE AGAINST NOLAND.

I'M SLEEPY. COULD YOU JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR?

Ow.

WHAT'S YOUR POINT ...?

GRRR

RIGHT. DON'T THINK THAT.

BUT DON'T THINK YOU CAN GET THROUGH **EVERY** FACILITY LIKE THAT.

WE'RE HERE TO ASK WHICH ONE OF US YOU PLAN TO CHALLENGE TOMORROW!

MY BATTLE DOME?!

OR MY BATTLE PYRAMID ?!

HMM... I'M GOING TO BE CHALLENGING ALL THE FACILITIES IN THE END, SO I DON'T CARE WHICH ONE I DO NEXT.

BUT I HAVEN'T CONSIDERED CHALLENG-ING EITHER OF YOU YET BECAUSE...

KA-BOOM

...I DON'T LIKE...

...YOU GUYS!!

COME BACK HERE!

SEE YA!

AAARGH!

RSTL

KRNCH

HE'S OVER THERE!

RSTL

WHERE'D HE GO?!

RSTL

RSTL

HE ES-CAPED INTO THE FOREST!

ZOOP

DON'T MOVE!

SNAG

GOTCHA!

WILL YOU STOP IT?!


SWISH
AAAAAAARGH!
ZIP
ZIP
SPIN
SPIN
SPIN
HFF
HFF
TA-DAH
HFF
HFF

WAKE UP!

NNN...

HEY! DON'T GO TO SLEEP! UNTIE US!

OH WELL... IT'S LATE ANYWAY AND I'M TIRED. GUESS I'LL JUST SLEEP HERE LIKE THIS. YAWN...

DO SOME-THING!

HEY! WE'RE BOUND TO SOME-THING! WE CAN'T MOVE!

MAKE UP YOUR MIND! YOU JUST TOLD ME NOT TO MOVE!

I HOPE TUCKER AND BRANDON HAVEN'T CAUGHT HIM...

EMERALD WENT OFF SOMEWHERE AFTER THAT, BUT WHERE...?

HUH ?

WHAT AM I SUP-POSED TO DO WITH THIS SCEP-TILE?

THOSE TWO POKÉMON CALLED LATIOS AND LATIAS FLEW BACK UP INTO THE SKY...

UM...

ZZZZ...

POISON TAIL!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

SLASH

TUCKER... BRANDON ...

TALK ABOUT PITIFUL.

WHOA!

KAFUMP

OOF!

SIGH ...

... PRETTY LUCKY ... ... DON'T YOU THINK?

... THEN HE'S...

IF THIS BOY ESCAPED INTO THE BATTLE FRONTIER AND CAME TO THE BATTLE PIKE BY PURE COINCI-DENCE...

SURE!

WHAT DO YOU SAY? WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHALLENGE THE BATTLE PIKE AND TEST YOUR LUCK TODAY? HMM?

...THE PIKE QUEEN.

ALLOW ME TO IN-TRODUCE MYSELF AGAIN.

I'M LUCY...

THERE ARE SMALLER ROOMS BEHIND THOSE THREE DOORS...

...WHERE YOU'LL EXPERIENCE EIGHT KINDS OF EVENTS SUCH AS BATTLES AND HEALING FOR YOUR POKÉMON.

THE KIND OF EVENT YOU FACE IS TOTALLY UP TO LUCK— RANDOM CHANCE, IN OTHER WORDS.

YOU MUST CHOOSE ONE OF THE DOORS IN THE LARGE ROOM TO GO THROUGH. EVENTUALLY YOU'LL REACH THE ROOM AT THE VERY END.

THE BATTLE PIKE IS A FACILITY THAT'S ALL ABOUT LUCK.

THE CHAL-LENGER ENTERS THE FACILITY WITH THREE POKÉMON.

..IF YOU MAKE IT TO THE END OF THE 10TH SET... AFTER GETTING THROUGH THE 139TH ROOM!

YOU'RE ONLY ALLOWED TO FACE ME...

LARGE ROOM 10

SMALL ROOM

LARGE ROOM 9

SMALL ROOM

LARGE RO

THERE ARE SEVEN LARGE ROOMS AND SEVEN SMALL ROOMS. FOURTEEN ROOMS IN ALL MAKE UP A SET.

...JUST LIKE IN NOLAND'S BATTLE FACILITY.

AND NO MATTER HOW FAR YOU GET, YOU'LL HAVE TO START FROM SCRATCH AGAIN IF ALL YOUR POKÉMON ARE DEFEATED...

OKAY! JUST HOLD ON A MINUTE! I'LL BE READY SOON!

HELLO, EMER-ALD.

I'LL ACCEPT YOUR CHAL-LENGE ANY TIME!

TELL ME WHEN YOU'RE READY!

LOOKS LIKE THE PRESS HAVE ARRIVED...

DC3DC3

DC3DC3

THE BATTLE PIKE DOESN'T HAVE RENTAL POKÉMON LIKE THE BATTLE FACTORY. YOU HAVE TO USE YOUR OWN POKÉMON!

FWIP FWIP

YOU MEAN "READY" AS IN... YOU'RE GOING TO PREPARE THREE POKÉMON? HOW ARE YOU GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THAT?

BUT I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY POKÉMON OF YOUR OWN!

DIFFER-ENT ...

SO YOU'RE GOING TO USE SCEP-TILE AND THOSE POKÉ-MON FROM YESTERDAY, LATIAS AND LATIOS?

I KNOW!

NAH... I'M THINKING ABOUT USING DIFFERENT POKÉMON.

BUT ...

I DON'T.

...AND SHE TOLD ME I CAN USE WHICHEVER ONES I WANT WHENEVER I WANT!

...THE PERSON WHO SENT ME TO THE BATTLE FRONTIER HAS **EVERY** POKÉMON...

THE PERSON... WHO SENT YOU TO... THE BATTLE FRONTIER ?!

KLKK

PC SER-VICE ... START! ...

KLKK KLKK KLKK KLKK

THAT'S RIGHT.

WELL, THEN ...

P.C.

POKÉMON RESEARCH CENTER
3RD HOENN BRANCH LAB

KLKK

OH, IT'S EMER-ALD!

UH-HUH... UH-HUH...

OKAY!

RING RING RING

I'M SENDING THE THREE POKÉMON YOU ASKED FOR...

I'M READY!

ZZZZP

LEVEL 50!

WHICH LEVEL ARE YOU GOING TO PLAY?

YOU WERE FASTER THAN I THOUGHT. HEH...

PICK ONE OF THESE THREE DOORS AND OPEN IT!

OKAY. NOW MAKE YOUR FIRST CHOICE...

THIS ONE!

ZZZP

...RIGHT **NOW**!

A DOUBLE BATTLE AGAINST VIRTUAL TRAINERS!

LOOK OUT, EMER-ALD!

FWEEEE

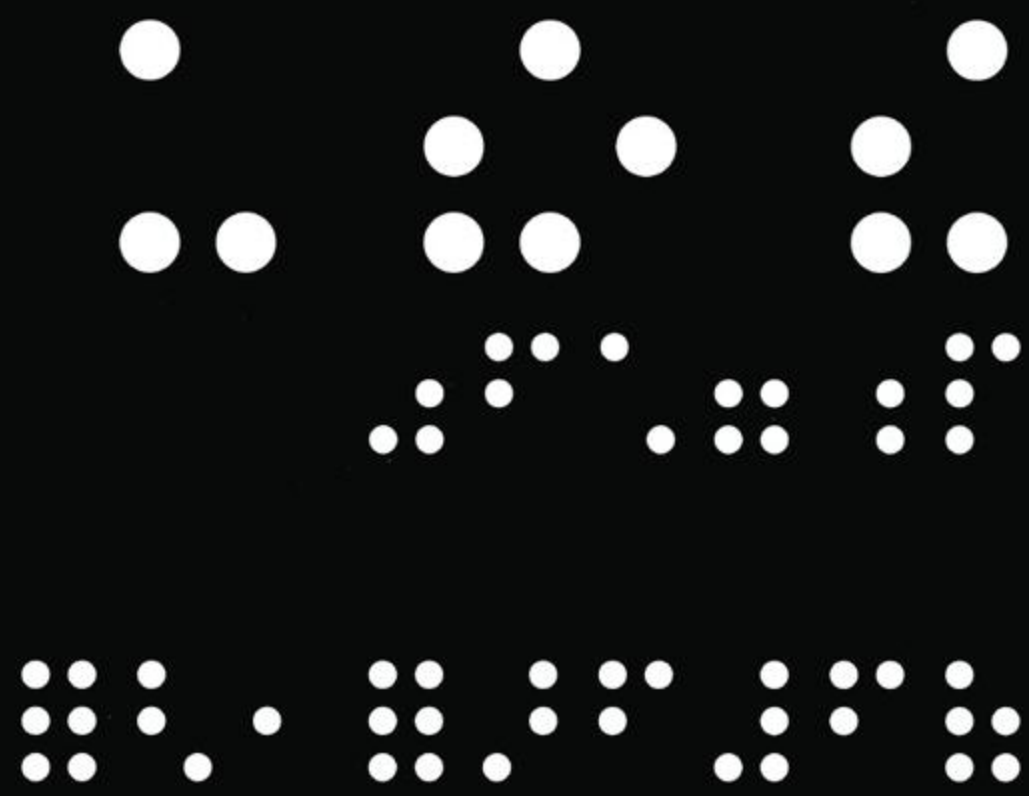
NO

OH

WHAT?

THAT ATTACK WILL INFLICT A STATUS CONDITION ON YOUR POKÉMON!

TO BE CONTINUED...



EMERALD



HIS CLOTHES, HAIRDO, PLATFORM SHOES... WHAT A— *ERR*— UNIQUE LOOK HE HAS. ACTUALLY, IT STRUCK ME AS KIND OF **WEIRD** THE FIRST TIME I SAW HIM. HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE HIDING ANYTHING, AND HE'LL ANSWER ANYTHING I ASK HIM... BUT HIS MYSTIQUE ONLY CONTINUES TO GROW... I'LL KEEP AFTER HIM UNTIL I GET THE FULL SCOOP!

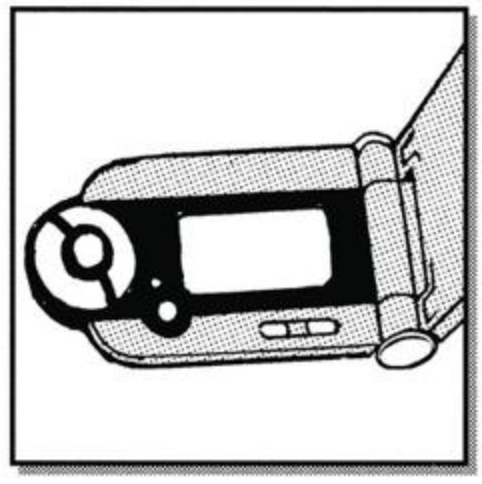
- Birthplace: Unknown (Somewhere in the Hoenn region)
- Birthday: May 31
- Blood-type: AB (RH Negative)
- Age: 11 Years Old (As of Adventure 308)
- Hobby: Pokémon Battle
- Pokémon Owned: None!

THIS IS ALL THE DATA I'VE GATHERED ON HIM SO FAR.



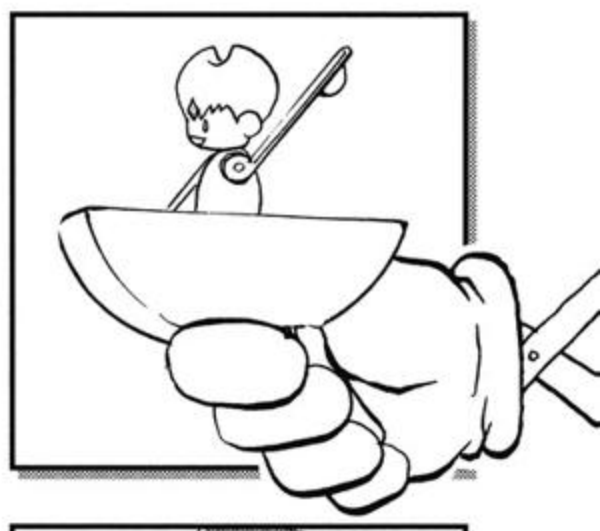
■POKÉDEX■

HE CHECKS POKÉMON DATA WITH THIS DEVICE. I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE AND I DON'T KNOW WHO CREATED IT OR WHERE IT WAS MADE.



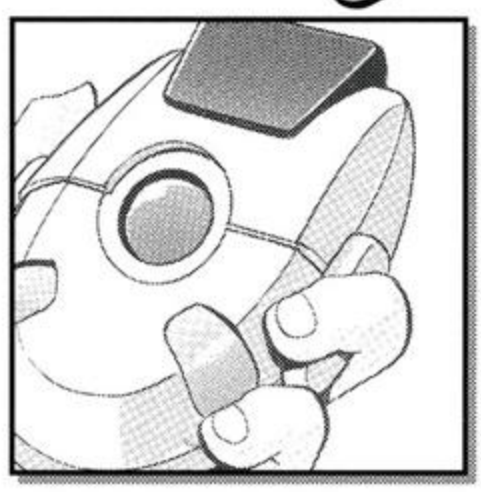
■E SHOOTER■

HE SHOOTS CALMING PELLETS OUT OF THIS DEVICE. THE POKÉMON TARGETED BY THE PELLETS CALMS DOWN RIGHT AWAY. BUT WHY?



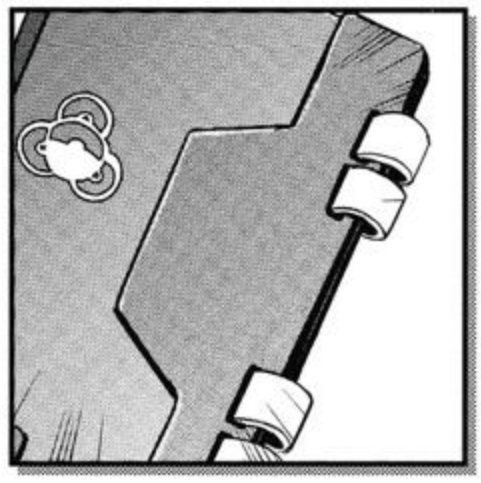
■POKÉNAV■

A MUST-HAVE TOOL FOR ALL HOENN TRAINERS. THE TRAINERS PARTICIPATING IN THE BATTLE FRONTIER USE IT TO CHECK THEIR POKÉMON'S CONDITION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.



■FRONTIER PASS■

THIS CERTIFIES YOU AS A BATTLE FRONTIER CHALLENGER. EMERALD HAS ONE AND STORES THE SYMBOLS (THE BATTLE FRONTIER EQUIVALENT OF GYM BADGES) THAT HE WINS INSIDE IT.



■MECHANICAL HANDS■

MECHANICAL ARMS THAT STRETCH OUT FROM HIS SLEEVES. I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK UP HIS SLEEVES. WHERE ARE HIS REAL ARMS?



SO THIS IS...

...JIRACHI!

THE WISH POKÉMON WHO ONLY AWAKENS EVERY THOUSAND YEARS FOR SEVEN DAYS

JIRACHI IS THE MYTHICAL POKÉMON WHO CAN MAKE...

...ANY WISH COME TRUE!

THE MAN INSIDE THE ARMOR IS NAMED...

...GUILE HIDEOUT.

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MEANWHILE, A LUXURY LINER IS HEADED FOR THE BATTLE FRONTIER...

S.S. TIDAL

THE STAR THAT WILL MAKE MY WISH COME TRUE. COME TO ME!

HONORARY CAPTAIN, MR. BRINEY! WHAT ARE THESE?

STATUES. THERE ARE FIVE OF THEM.

WE'RE GONNA MOVE 'EM IN TO THE BATTLE TOWER AFTER THE WEDDING TOMORROW....

COME TO GUILE!

Pokémon ADVENTURES EMERALD

ONE MAN STANDS IN THE WAY OF EMERALD AND THE FRONTIER BRAINS ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE JIRACHI...



Message from
Hidenori Kusaka

I've received the answers to a survey I placed in vol. 23.* This survey was designed so I could get to know more about you, our readers. I asked how old you are and how many volumes of the Pokémon Adventures series you own. I like to analyze things, so I really enjoyed crunching the data from the survey—such as the range of readers' ages, who reads the series in serialized form in magazines as opposed to who reads it after it's compiled into graphic novels, etc. I'm working hard to use this data to improve the comic. I'd like to thank everyone who helped out by taking the survey!

*In the original Japanese edition.

Message from
Satoshi Yamamoto

The main concept behind the new battleground called the Battle Frontier is to show how fun and complex a Pokémon Battle can be. How will Emerald defeat the Frontier Brains, who fight using a variety of strategies, unlike Gym Leaders, who mostly strategize along the lines of the Pokémon's type?