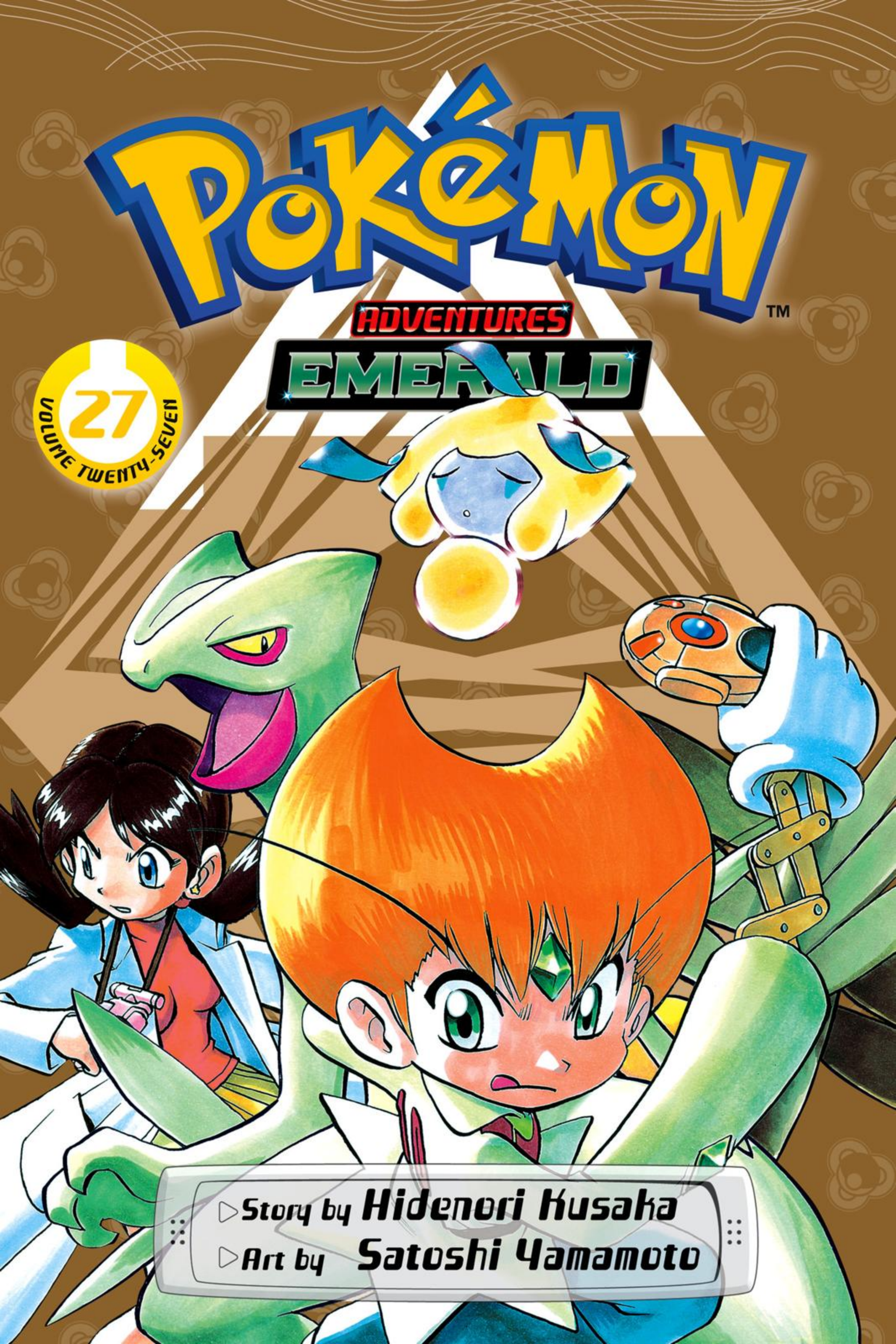
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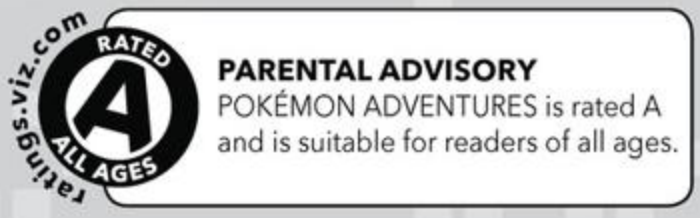
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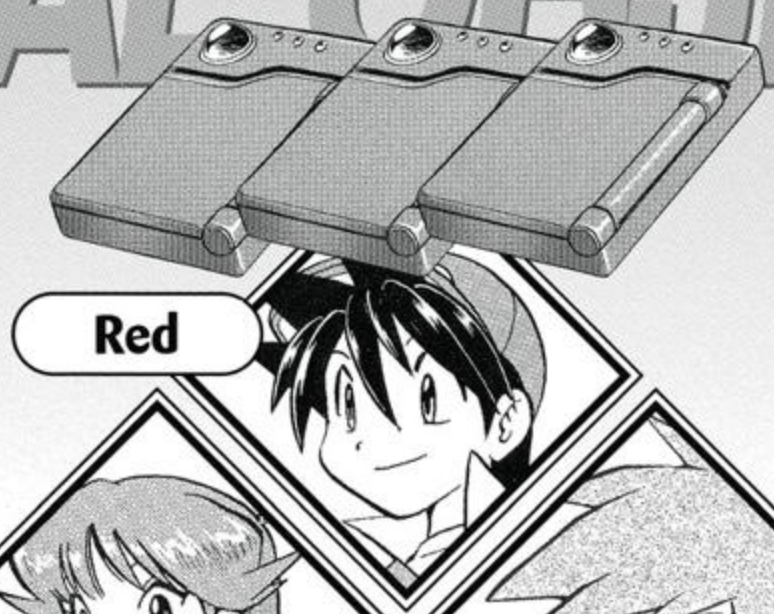
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The Pokédex holders and their stories

Kanto region





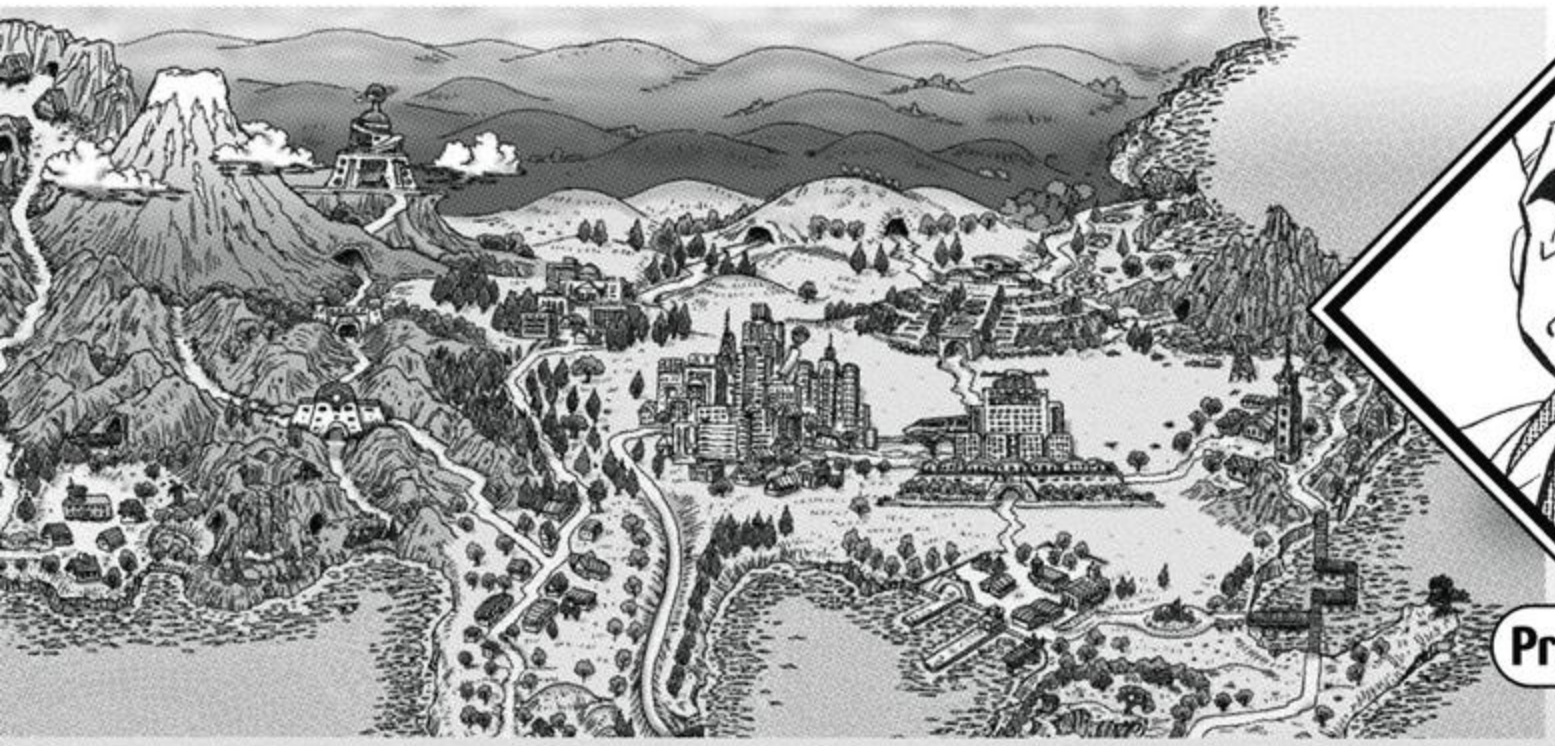
1st Chapter

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.







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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...

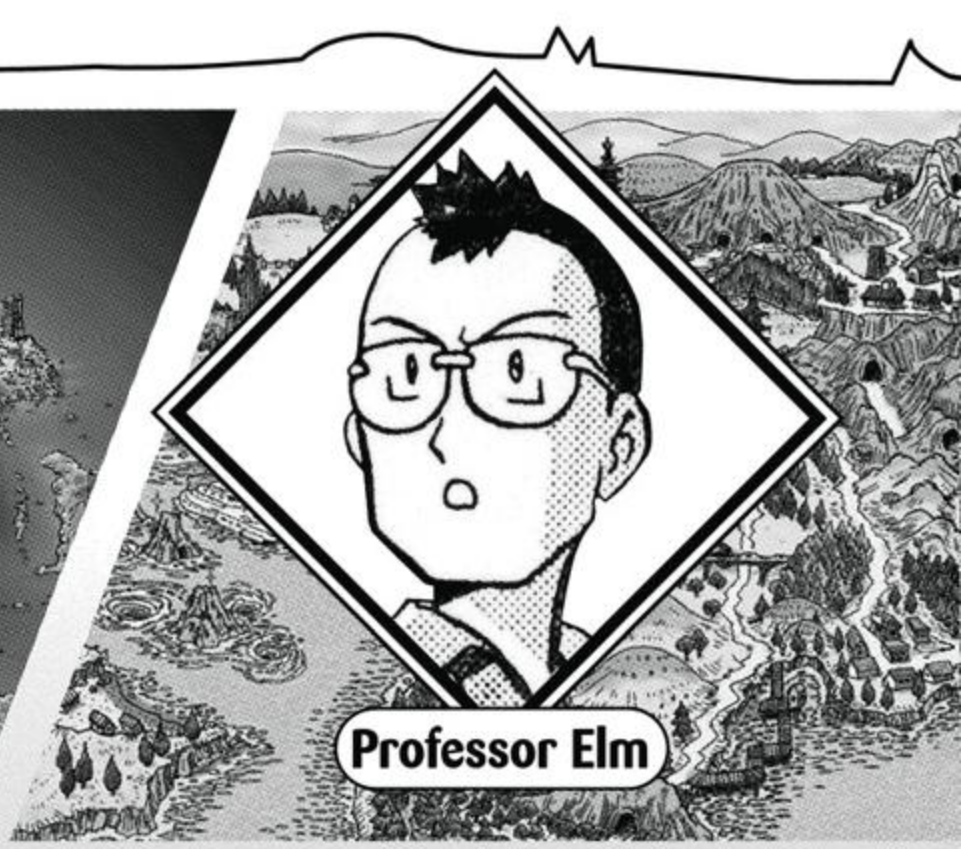
A year later, Gold, a boy living in New Bark Town in a house full of Pokémon, sets out on a journey in pursuit of Silver, a Trainer who stole a Totodile from Professor Elm's laboratory. The two don't get along at first, but eventually they become partners fighting side by side. During their journey, 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

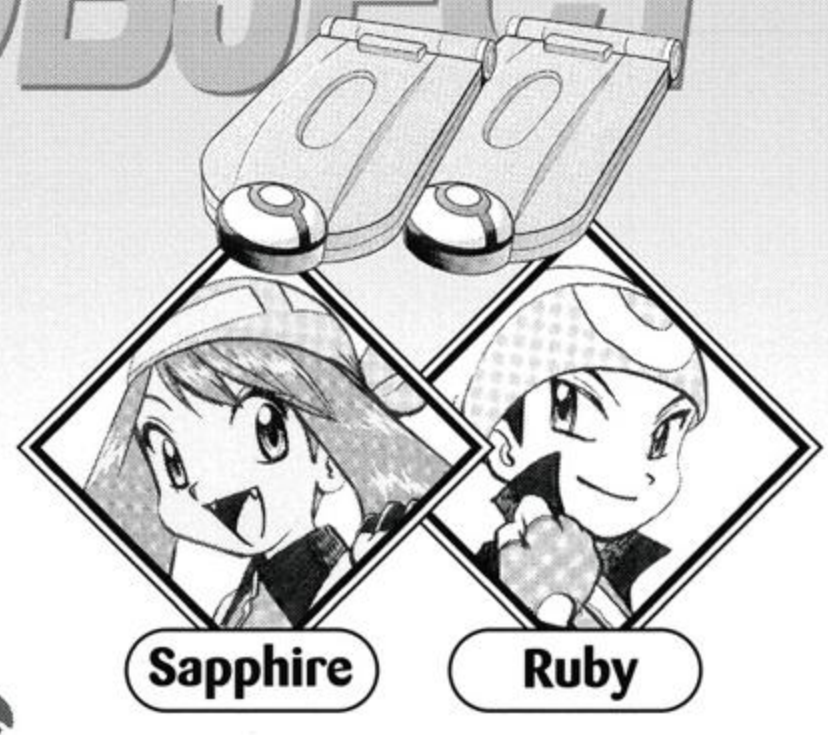


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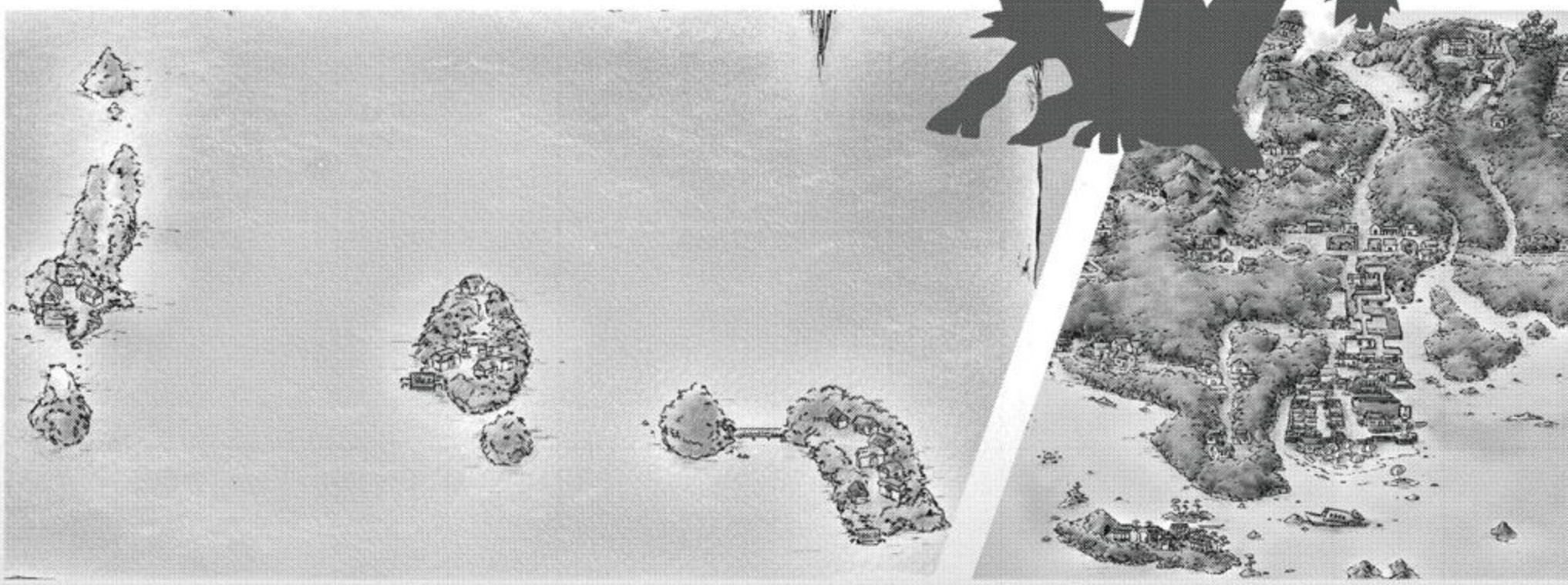


5th Chapter

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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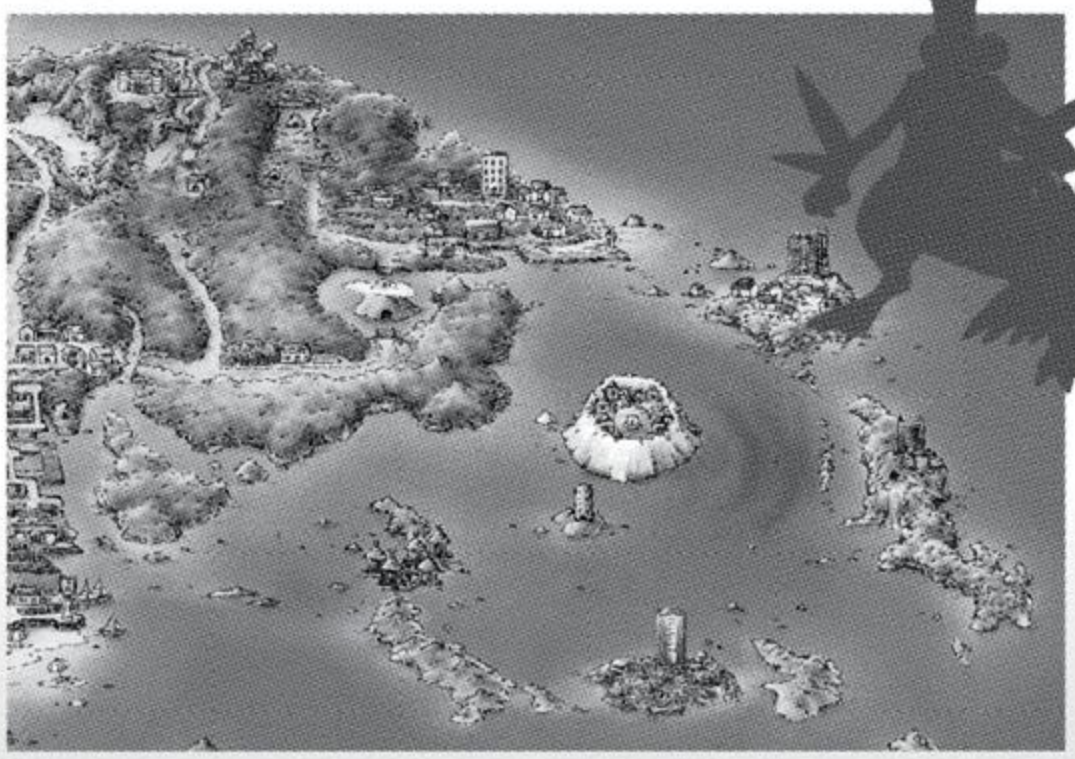
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Hoenn region

6th Chapter

A few months later, construction is completed on a thrilling new Pokémon Battle facility, the Battle Frontier, located in the Hoenn region. A young Trainer named Emerald crashes the press opening for the media to challenge the facility's Frontier Brains. Now he has just seven days to defeat them all! Thus far, Emerald has won his battle against Factory Head Noland and has moved on to face Pike Queen Lucy... But it seems that Emerald is simultaneously on some sort of top-secret mission! What could it be...?



309

Moving Past Milotic

THAT ATTACK WILL INFLICT A STATUS CONDITION ON YOUR POKÉMON!

YOUR OPPONENT IS KIRLIA AND DUSCLOPS.

LOOK OUT, EMERALD!

THE BATTLE PIKE FACILITY TESTS YOUR LUCK.

THE FIRST ROOM IS A BATTLE AGAINST VIRTUAL TRAINERS.

THEN I'LL USE...

THEY'RE USING TWO POKÉMON, SO I HAVE TO FACE THEM WITH TWO POKÉMON—IT'S A DOUBLE BATTLE!

AND STARMIE!

...RAPIDASH!

BOM

KRAK

AND STARMIE HAS FALLEN ASLEEP THANKS TO KIRLIA!

I KNEW IT! RAPIDASH GOT FROZEN BY DUSCLOPS' MOVE!

THIS PLACE TESTS THE CHALLENGERS' LUCK... AND IF **THIS** IS THE RESULT OF FACING THE FIRST ROOM...THEN EMERALD MUST BE SUPER **UN**LUCKY!

THE BATTLE HAS JUST BEGUN AND ALREADY HE CAN'T FIGHT ANYMORE!

PARALYSIS, POISON, SLEEP, FREEZE, BURN! MY POKÉMON CAN TAKE ON ANYTHING!

BRING IT ON!

IT BROKE OUT OF FREEZE WITH ITS OWN MOVE!

!!

FLAME WHEEL!

SHATTER

FLOOP

AND STARMIE ATE A LUM BERRY TO WAKE UP!

ASH'S

DOUBLE-EDGE AND...

... THUNDER-BOLT!

HE DID IT!

HE ANTICIPATED THE STATUS CONDITIONS AND FIGURED OUT HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM BEFORE-HAND!

WELL DONE, EMER-ALD.

OKAY, NEXT!

IF EMERALD CAN'T HEAL HIS POKÉMON THEN THEIR STATUS CONDI-TIONS WILL CARRY OVER TO THE NEXT BATTLE, SO IT'S BEST TO HEAL THEM **BEFORE** MOVING ON TO THE NEXT ROOM.

AND STARMIE'S ABILITY IS NATURAL CURE...IT HEALS ANY STATUS CONDITION WHEN IT'S TAKEN OUT OF BATTLE!

...AND THE MOVE FLAME WHEEL.

THE LUM BERRY ...

EMERALD CAN CHOOSE THE PERFECT POKÉMON FOR THIS FACILITY...

BUT ...

HE KNOWS HIS STUFF, DOESN'T HE? HA HA...

EMERALD SAID THE PERSON WHO SENT HIM TO THE BATTLE FRONTIER HAS **EVERY** POKÉMON...AND TOLD HIM HE CAN USE WHICHEVER ONES HE WANTS...

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

A DIF-FERE-NT ONE!

AND SHE TOLD ME I CAN USE WHICH-EVER ONES I WANT WHER-EVER I WANT!

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

WHO IS THIS MYSTERIOUS PERSON HE SPOKE OF?!

AH HA!

ANOTHER VIRTUAL TRAINER ?!

EENIE, MEENIE, MINIE... MOE!

THREE ...

THIS ONE!

NOW I HAVE TO PICK ONE OF THREE DOORS.

PHEW. IT'S BEEN SO HOT LATELY. I'VE BEEN DRINKING SO MUCH WATER.

...

BYE!

LIKE I SAID, IT'S "LUCK"— RANDOM.

THAT'S RIGHT.

THAT MAN JUST... WALKED RIGHT BY EMERALD? WHAT KIND OF A ROOM IS THAT?!

A BATTLE AGAINST A WILD POKÉMON.

ETC., ETC.!

A BATTLE AGAINST POKÉ-MON WHO INFLICT STATUS CONDI-TIONS.

HEAL-ING.

SMALL TALK.

SINGLE BATTLE.

THE VARIOUS EVENTS AWAITING THE CHALLENGER IN THE SMALL ROOMS ARE...

DOUBLE BATTLE.

...YOU'LL BE ABLE TO REACH ME WITHOUT HAVING TO FIGHT AT ALL.

IF YOU'RE LUCKY AND KEEP CHOOSING THE HEALING AND SMALL-TALK ROOMS...

BEFORE THEY BEGIN, TRAINERS MUST HAND IN THEIR POKÉNAV AND BAGS SO THEY CAN'T HAND POTIONS TO THEIR POKÉMON MID-BATTLE TO HEAL THEM.

THAT'S RIGHT.

YOU CATCH ON QUICK, REPORTER BOY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF HE KEEPS RUNNING INTO BATTLES... HE'LL FAIL BEFORE HE EVEN REACHES YOU!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO REACH THE 140TH ROOM WHERE YOU'RE WAITING UNDER SUCH DIFFICULT CONDITIONS!

POKE

IT'S **POS-SIBLE** ...

IF YOU'RE LUCKY, THAT IS.

LUCKY...?! ARE YOU SAYING THE TRAINER'S SKILLS DON'T COUNT HERE?!

WHO KNOWS? WHY DON'T YOU SEE FOR YOUR-SELF...

...BY OBSERVING YOUR FRIEND'S BATTLE...?

HE'S FACING A WILD POKÉMON IN THIS ROOM... HE'S UP AGAINST MILOTIC!

ROOM NUMBER ...

RMBL

RMB

10

ROOM 042

...42.

...WITH SEVEN SMALL ROOMS IN EACH ROUND... THAT MEANS HE'S CURRENTLY IN THE LAST ROOM OF HIS THIRD ROUND!

14 7 13 6 12 2 4 3 1 2 1

SO HE'S BEEN IN 21 SMALL ROOMS SO FAR...

THAT'S COUNTING THE LARGE ROOMS WITHOUT EVENTS... UM...

OKAY! IN THAT CASE...

HANG IN THERE, EMERALD! YOU'LL BE DONE WITH YOUR THIRD ROUND ONCE YOU GET THROUGH THIS ROOM!

HMM ...

DASH

I'M GONNA RUN!! SEE YA!!

HUH ?!

HIYA!

HEY, EMER-ALD!

FWIP FWIP

42ND ROOM CLEAR! THIRD ROUND COM-PLETE!

ROOM 042 CLEAR

MY ONLY CHANCE TO TALK TO HIM IS BETWEEN ROUNDS. I'LL HAVE TO ASK HIM IN PERSON.

HE RAN AWAY BUT STILL CLEARED THE ROUND? HOW?!

OH. I SEE....

WE CAN RUN AWAY FROM WILD POKÉMON IF WE'RE FASTER THAN THEM, RIGHT?

THAT'S BECAUSE IT WAS A WILD POKÉ-MON.

RIGHT ...

BUT YOU RAN AWAY FROM THE BATTLE IN THE 42ND...

NICE WORK WITH YOUR THIRD ROUND.

ACTUALLY, THEY GIVE YOU HINTS.

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN ***CHOOSE*** THE ROOMS WITH THE BATTLES YOU CAN AVOID...

HINTS ?

SO AVOIDING UNNECESSARY BATTLES IS AN IMPORTANT TACTIC AT THE BATTLE PIKE.

AFTER ALL, I CAN'T HEAL MY POKÉMON UNLESS I GET LUCKY AND ENTER A SMALL ROOM THAT LETS ME HEAL THEM.

AND SHE MAKES COMMENTS WHEN YOU CHOOSE A DOOR TO A SMALL ROOM. SHE GIVES YOU HINTS.

THERE'S A MAID STANDING INSIDE EVERY LARGE ROOM.

OKAY!

HA HA HA! TIME FOR ROUND FOUR, YOUNG MAN!

AIYEE!

WHAT KIND OF HINTS...?

BRRR

TAP

PLEASE CHOOSE WHICH SMALL ROOM TO MOVE ON TO FROM THESE THREE DOORS.

FUUU

WELCOME TO ROUND FOUR. THIS IS THE FIRST LARGE ROOM. YOUR 43RD ROOM IN ALL.

HAVING TROUBLE CHOOSING?

YEAH.

...

OH! THAT MAID JUST TOLD HIM SOMETHING!

I SEEM TO HAVE HEARD SOMETHING FROM THE ROOM TO THE RIGHT. IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN WHISPER-ING...

I SEE ...

...A DOUBLE BATTLE!

WHIS-PERING ... IF POKÉMON ARE WHISPERING TO EACH OTHER THEN IT MUST BE...

BINGO!

FOR SOME ODD REASON, I FEEL A WAVE OF NOSTALGIA COMING FROM IT.

THERE IS A DISTINCT AROMA OF POKÉMON WAFTING AROUND THAT ROOM.

IS IT...A TRAINER? I SENSE THE PRESENCE OF PEOPLE.

THIS ROOM!

NOT THIS ROOM.

I'LL ENTER THIS ROOM!

?!

AND HE'S STRATEGI-CALLY CHOOSING WHICH ROOM TO ENTER AND WHICH ROOM **NOT** TO ENTER.

HA HA HA! IMPRESSIVE. HE'S SUCCESSFULLY PREDICTING THE TYPE OF ROOM FROM THE CLUES PROVIDED BY THE MAIDS...

THIS IS WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT, REPORTER BOY.

...BUT REALLY ...

I SAID THIS FACILITY TESTS YOUR LUCK...

BUT YOU CAN DECIDE WHICH DOOR TO OPEN.

YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE EVENTS AWAITING YOU.

...IT TESTS YOUR ABILITY TO...

... INFLUENCE YOUR LUCK.

HM?

WELL THEN ...

SHEE!

WHAT ?!

LOOKS LIKE I NEED TO PREPARE AS WELL.

HOW MANY ROOMS HAS EMERALD CLEARED SO FAR?!

!

ROOM

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE CHOOSING WHICH OF THE THREE DOORS TO ENTER?

YEAH ...

10

BLKMRL

...I SENSE A DREAD-FUL PRES-ENCE...

FROM EVERY PATH...

...THE LARGE ROOM YOU'RE IN NOW IS THE 139TH ROOM... WHICH MAKES THE NEXT ROOM THE LAST ROOM OF YOUR TENTH ROUND...

THAT'S RIGHT, EMER-ALD. AFTER ALL...

EVERY PATH... THAT MUST MEAN IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH DOOR I CHOOSE!

HFF

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD THAT!

FSSSS

TA TA

I DIDN'T REALIZE I'D GOTTEN THIS FAR ALREADY! THAT'S GREAT!

LET'S GET THIS DONE AND WIN ALREADY!

BOM

GO, BLIS-SEY!

OH YEAH!

YOU'RE UP AGAINST THE FRONTIER BRAIN OF THE BATTLE PIKE...

...PIKE QUEEN LUCY!

SEISMIC TOSS!!

HEY, NOLAND!

AT THE BATTLE FACTORY...

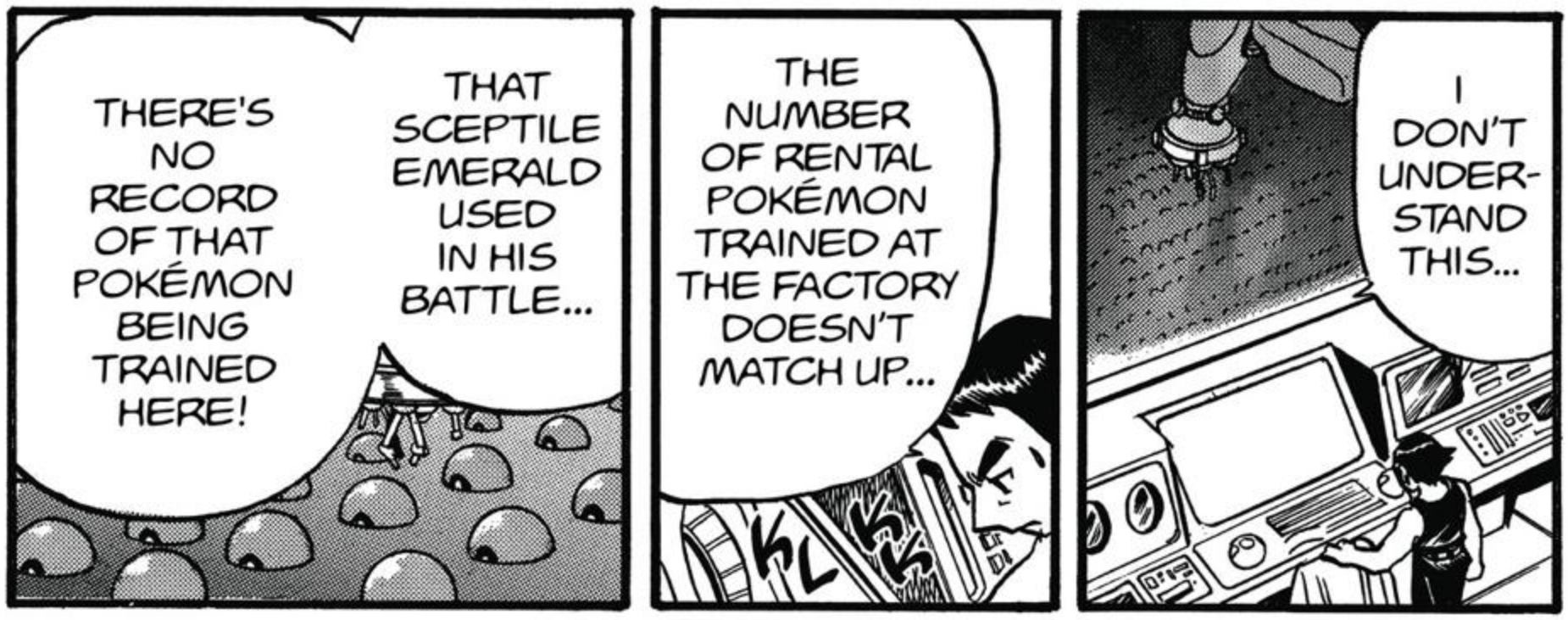
I'M BUSY WITH SOME-THING RIGHT NOW.

SORRY.

I'M GOING TO PASS.

LET'S GO WATCH HER BEAT HIM SOUNDLY!

LUCY HAS BEGUN FIGHTING THAT BRAT!


THERE'S NO RECORD OF THAT POKÉMON BEING TRAINED HERE!
THAT SCEPTILE EMERALD USED IN HIS BATTLE...
THE NUMBER OF RENTAL POKÉMON TRAINED AT THE FACTORY DOESN'T MATCH UP...
I DON'T UNDER-STAND THIS...
... SOME-ONE SNEAK INTO THE FACILITY AND...
DID ...
HOW IS THAT POS-SIBLE?
!!
HOA

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS...

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

OWNER: SCOTT

FACILITY RULES

BATTLE PIKE 2

There are eight encounters you may experience inside the small rooms in the Battle Pike. I will describe them here.

■ SMALL ROOM ENCOUNTERS (8 TYPES) ■

① Single Battle Room
A single battle against a Trainer with three Pokémon.

② Double Battle Room
A Double Battle against two Trainers who each have one Pokémon.

③ Tough Opponent Room
A Single Battle against a skilled Trainer with three Pokémon. If you win, your Pokémon will be fully healed.

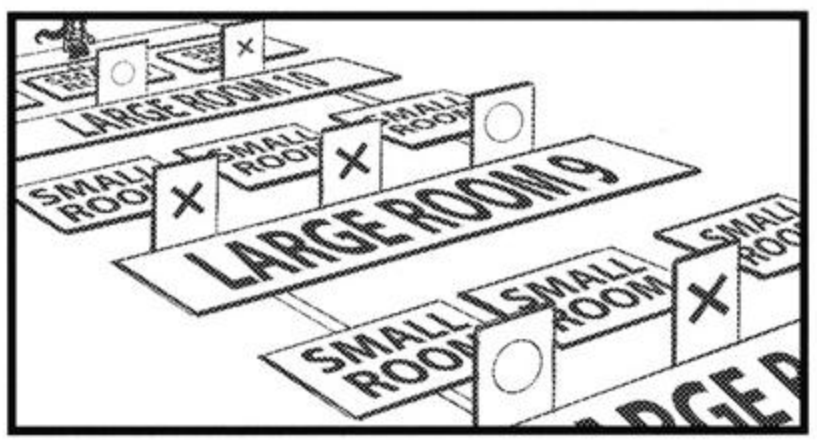
④ Wild Pokémon Room
You will face wild Pokémon like Seviper, Milotic and Dusclops who have moves that inflict status conditions.

⑤ Status Condition Room
Kirlia or Dusclops will attack your Pokémon with Poison, Paralysis, Sleep, Burn or Freeze.

⑥ Small Talk Room
A Trainer inside this room will make random small talk about topics unrelated to Pokémon Battles. You may ignore the small talk and move on.

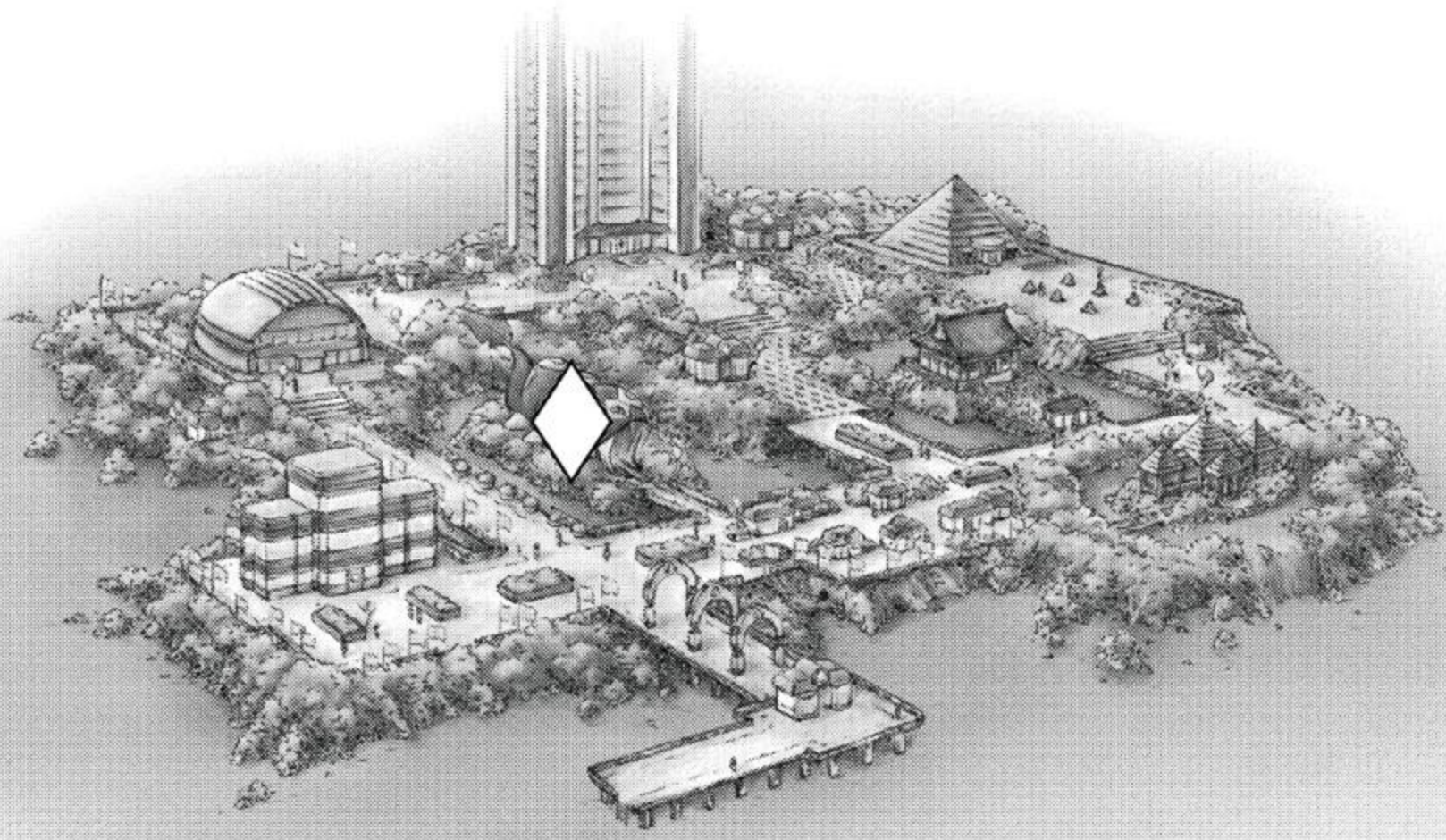
⑦ Healing Room (1 to 2 Pokémon)
Someone from our facility will randomly heal one or two of your Pokémon.

⑧ Healing Room (All Pokémon)
Our facility staff will heal all three of your Pokémon.



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Just My Luck... Shuckle



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SH

UGH...

NOLAND ...

THE FRONTIER BRAIN WHO MANAGES THE RENTAL POKÉMON ...

HELP ME OUT!

MAKE MY WISH COME TRUE!

I NEED THAT POKÉ-MON... I MUST HAVE IT!

WU MP

YOU'RE AWAKE ...

KLCK

enter

BUT WHERE **ARE** YOU...?!

JIRACHI!

THE WISH POKÉMON...

...WHO ONLY AWAKENS FOR ONE WEEK EVERY THOUSAND YEARS!

BATTLE PIKE

HE DID IT!

SEIS-MIC TOSS!

THE VENOM SEEPING OUT OF SEVIPER'S FANG...!

DRIP

DRIP

!

GRIN

BLISSEY!

BUBBLE

HA HA HA... THAT WAS POISON FANG.

YOUR BLISSEY ISN'T JUST POI-SONED...

UH-UH...

IT'S BADLY POI-SONED.

BUT WHEN A POKÉMON IS BADLY POISONED, THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGE IT RECEIVES FROM THE POISON INCREASES OVER TIME.

POISONED

BADLY POISONED

WHEN A POKÉMON IS POISONED, IT LOSES STRENGTH THROUGHOUT ITS BATTLE.

WHY ISN'T HE DOING ANYTHING TO HEAL BLISSEY?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, EMERALD?!

HFF

HFF

HFF

...

I WOULD, BUT...

AREN'T YOU GOING TO GIVE IT A BERRY?

HEH HEH.

I WANT TO GIVE IT A PECHA BERRY...BUT I USED THE LAST ONE IN THE ROOM BEFORE THIS.

WELL... I'M ALL OUT OF BERRIES, ACTUALLY.

...AND HE'S BEEN AT IT FOR EIGHT HOURS!

THIS IS THE BATTLE PIKE. YOU CAN'T HEAL YOUR POKÉMON YOURSELF AS YOU GO ALONG...

THAT'S NO SURPRISE!

!

GETTING ALL THOSE STATUS CONDITIONS ON THE WAY HERE COST HIM A LOT OF BERRIES.

...everyone watching is bored stiff.

Zzz

EVEN THOUGH HE'S FINALLY MADE IT TO THE LAST BATTLE...

...HE RAN OUT AT THE VERY LAST MINUTE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE ...

NO PROBLEM! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS BEAT HER BEFORE BLISSEY COLLAPSES!

SMAK

KRASH

ROM

I'LL CHANGE MY POKÉ-MON TOO!

STARMIE!

SHLOOP

SHUCKLE'S GREATEST WEAPON IS ITS EXTREMELY TOUGH DEFENSE!

IT CAN WITHSTAND ANY ATTACK, NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL!

SHE CHANGED HER POKÉMON TO SHUCKLE!

THIS IS HIS CHANCE TO BEAT SHUCKLE WITH A SUPER EFFECTIVE MOVE!

GOOD! A WATER-TYPE POKÉMON HAS AN ADVANTAGE OVER SHUCKLE, A ROCK-TYPE POKÉMON!

GRRR ...

SPLASH

IT'S USING PRO-TECT!

SPLASH

SPLASH

I'LL JUST KEEP PUSHING ON!

WHAT ...? HUH ?!

SHE ISN'T A FRONTIER BRAIN AND THE PIKE QUEEN FOR NOTHING!

SHE WON'T LET EMERALD BEAT HER THAT EASILY!

STGGR

THAT SHUCKLE CAN USE TOXIC?!

HIS STARMIE IS POI-SONED TOO?

STGGR

SURF!

SPLASH

FS SH FF HH HH

●FAINTED●

Shuckle ♀	Bug/Rock
Ability: Sturdy	
●Toxic	●Sandstorm
●Protect	●Rock Slide
Held Item: Hard Stone	

AND YOU USED UP YOUR LUM BERRIES EARLIER.

YOU HAVE NO WAY TO HEAL IT...

BUT YOUR STARMIE IS STILL POI-SONED!

CATCH

HA HA HA! YOU'VE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO DEFEAT SHUCKLE.

A SINGLE BERRY CAN CHANGE THE COURSE OF BATTLE HERE AT THE BATTLE PIKE. IN OTHER WORDS...

THE OUTCOME WOULD BE VERY DIFFERENT IF YOU HAD ANOTHER LUM AND PECHA BERRY WITH YOU.

...EMER-ALD!

...YOU'VE RUN OUT OF LUCK...

BLISSEY HAS THE SAME ABILITY, SO IT'S ALREADY BEEN CURED.

PHEW.

IF YOU PLACE STARMIE BACK IN THE POKÉ BALL, IT'LL HEAL FROM POISON BECAUSE ITS ABILITY IS NATURAL CURE.

HFF

HFF

WELL? DON'T BE SO STUBBORN. GO AHEAD AND SWITCH YOUR POKÉMON.

RAPIDASH IS THE ONLY UNHARMED POKÉMON ON EMERALD'S TEAM RIGHT NOW.

LUCY'S TRYING TO PROVOKE HIM.

...

YOU CAN USE YOUR STARMIE OR YOU CAN SWITCH TO ANOTHER POKÉMON SO IT CAN HEAL. I'M SURE YOU CAN TELL WHICH IS THE BETTER STRATEGY...

...OR BREAK IT?

WILL EMERALD MAKE IT...

...IT'S OBVIOUS THAT LUCY IS GOING TO QUICKLY COUNTER-ATTACK AGAINST HIS RAPIDASH WITH HER MILOTIC!

AND SINCE THEY BOTH KNOW WHAT POKÉMON THE OTHER ONE HAS...

I'LL...

...KEEP GOING WITH STARMIE!

FLOOR

PSYCHIC!

MIR-ROR COAT!

WHZZZ

SM

ASH

YOU'RE A STUBBORN ONE.

BOOM

THMP

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALMOST DONE! FINISH IT OFF, MILOTIC!

IT DOUBLED... AND REPELLED THE SPECIAL ATTACK!

WHIP

ONE LAST MOVE...!!

ONE MORE ...!

FLA

PA

CK

THUNDER-BOLT!!

FWUMP

FWUMP

●FAINTED ●

Milotic ♀	Water
Ability: Marvel Scale	
●Ice Beam	●Mirror Coat
●Recover	●Surf
Held Item: Leftovers	

●FAINTED ●

Starmie	Water/Psychic
Ability: Natural Cure	
●Psychic	●Thunderbolt
●Ice Beam	●Surf
Held Item: None	

WHAT A CLEVER WAY TO DEFEAT MY MILOTIC!

YOU TAUGHT YOUR STARMIE HOW TO USE THUNDERBOLT AS A TRUMP CARD...?

EMER-ALD STILL HAS BLISSEY ...

...AND RAPI-DASH!

LUCY ONLY HAS ONE MORE POKÉ-MON LEFT!

BUT NOW THAT HE'S OUT OF BERRIES, WHAT WILL HE DO WHEN HIS RAPIDASH GETS BADLY POISONED BY SEVIPER?!

HE CAN ESCAPE FROM BEING FROZEN BY USING FLAME WHEEL...

BUT HAS EMERALD PREPARED RAPIDASH WITH A COUNTER-MEASURE FOR POISON MOVES?!

SHEL

SHEL

AHH! THEY'RE DOING IT!

I KNEW IT! RAPIDASH HAS ALREADY BEEN POISONED!

BUBBLE BUBBLE BUBBLE BUBBLE BUBBLE

I BET THAT BRAT IS...

... COVERED IN POISON ...

...AND TEARS...

HUH?

HER OPPONENT IS BADLY POISONED... BUT SHE'S IN A PRETTY TOUGH SPOT RIGHT NOW!

LUCY ONLY HAS HER SEVIPER LEFT?!

SHOW THAT BRAT WHAT YOU'VE GOT— THE POWER OF A FRONTIER BRAIN!

YOU CAN DO IT, LUCY!

GIGA DRAIN!!

FWUMP

GLUP

GLUP

GLUP

...AND FAINTED!

IT WAS ALREADY COMPRO-MISED FROM THE POISON AND THEN IT GOT HIT BY GIGA DRAIN...

BOOM

BLISSEY!

SEISMIC TOSS!

BRING IT ON!

CRUNCH!

LET'S SEE WHO THE MORE POWER-FUL POKÉ-MON IS!

JINGL

JINGL

JINGL

JINGL

THEY'RE TIED ...

WHAT AN AMAZ-ING BATTLE!

NO, I THINK LUCY IS DOING SLIGHTLY BETTER ...

...IT'S ALMOST DONE FOR!

MY BLISSEY IS BOLD NATURED AND IT HAS A STRONG DEFENSE, BUT...

FWUMP

LUCY WON !!

WAIT!

YOU DID IT, LUCY!

HUH ?

THAT SOUND ...

SOME-THING... IS WRONG ...

BUT ...

THAT'S... OVERHEAT ?!

KRRCKL

KRRCKL

SEVI-PER IS ON FIRE!

...STILL STAND-ING!

...RAPI-DASH IS...

●FAINTED●

Seviper ♀	Poison
Ability: Shed Skin	
●Swagger	●Crunch
●Giga Drain	●Poison Fang
Held Item: Quick Claw	

KATHUNK

SSSSS

EMERALD WON!

RSTL

SEVIPER HAS FAINTED ...!

...AND SOFT-BOILED!

JINGL JINGL

HEAL BELL...

!

BUT HOW ...?!

GRIN

YOUR BLISSEY WAS JUST PRETENDING TO FIGHT DURING THE LAST BATTLE.

AM I RIGHT?

AND SOFT-BOILED IS A MOVE THAT SHARES THE USER'S STRENGTH WITH ANOTHER POKÉMON.

HEAL BELL IS A MOVE THAT HEALS THE STATUS CONDI-TIONS OF ALL YOUR POKÉMON.

...BUT IT WAS USING THE REST OF ITS ENERGY AND ITS OTHER MOVES TO HEAL YOUR OTHER POKÉMON.

Ow!

PINCH!

You got me there, you cheeky boy.

Rapidash ♂	Blissey ♀
Fire	Normal
Ability: Run Away ●Flame Wheel ●Double-Edge ●Overheat ●Solar Beam	Ability: Natural Cure ●Seismic Toss ●Soft-Boiled ●Rest ●Heal Bell
Held Item: None	Held Item: None

I HAD MY SUSPICIONS. YOUR BLISSEY KEPT ATTACKING WITH SEISMIC TOSS...

...AS WELL AS SKILLED.

...BECAUSE YOU'RE LUCKY...

BUT YOU MADE IT THIS FAR WITHOUT MY KNOWING YOUR STRATEGY...

YOU HAVE TO PLACE IT IN YOUR FRONTIER PASS!

WHOA!

But I don't want it.

THANKS!

HERE YOU GO.

THIS IS THE GOLD LUCK SYMBOL. IT SHOWS THAT YOU MADE IT THROUGH THE BATTLE PIKE.

...CLEARED!

SNAP

THE SECOND DAY OF YOUR SEVEN-DAY CHALLENGE ...

ALL RIGHT...I'M OFF TO THE **BATTLE PYRAMID** TOMORROW. SEE YA!

OH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK ALL THE WAY BACK. YOU CAN EXIT THROUGH THIS DOOR.

DON'T YOU "HEY, YOU" ME! MY NAME IS BRANDON! GRRRRR...

HEY, YOU! I'M IN THE GROOVE, SO I'M GONNA GO TO YOUR FACILITY TOMORROW!

THAT'S OKAY. I'D LIKE TO TAKE A LITTLE WALK AND RELAX.

?

SHFF

THIS MAID? IS THIS THE BEST TIME TO FLIRT?

YOU COULD TELL? ACTUALLY, I WANTED TO TALK TO HER.

YOU HAVE SOME-THING ON YOUR MIND, DON'T YOU?!

SHFF

FWPFWP

EMERALD. EMERALD! YOU'RE NOT REALLY GOING TO RELAX, ARE YOU?!

HOW'D IT GO?

?

?

?

IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT THEY MIGHT GO A LITTLE CRAZY.

IN ROOM 18, 56, AND 134.

QUITE A LOT OF ROOMS WITH WILD POKÉMON. BUT DID YOU NOTICE ANY STRANGE ONES LIKE THAT SCEPTILE?

HUH ?

WHAT ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT ?!

... WITH **THIS**!

LET'S GO CALM THEM DOWN ...

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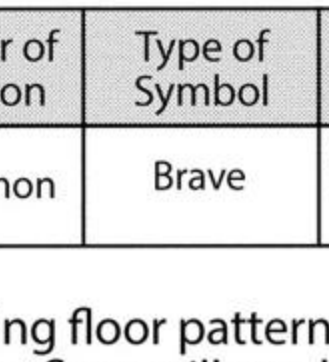
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BATTLE PYRAMID

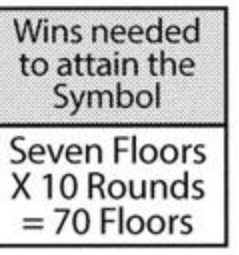
Battle-type	Number of Pokémon	Type of Symbol	Wins needed to attain the Symbol
•Single •Double •Wild	3 Pokémon	Brave	Seven Floors X 10 Rounds = 70 Floors

The Trainer must go through a pyramid with changing floor patterns and climb to the top. It is dark inside the pyramid, but the floor will gradually light up as you win battles against wild Pokémon and Trainers. There are also Trainers inside who will provide hints to aid challengers in finding their goal.

There is a warp tile on each floor of the pyramid which transports the challenger up to the next floor. The challenger must climb up seven floors and reach the top floor of a level to complete one round.



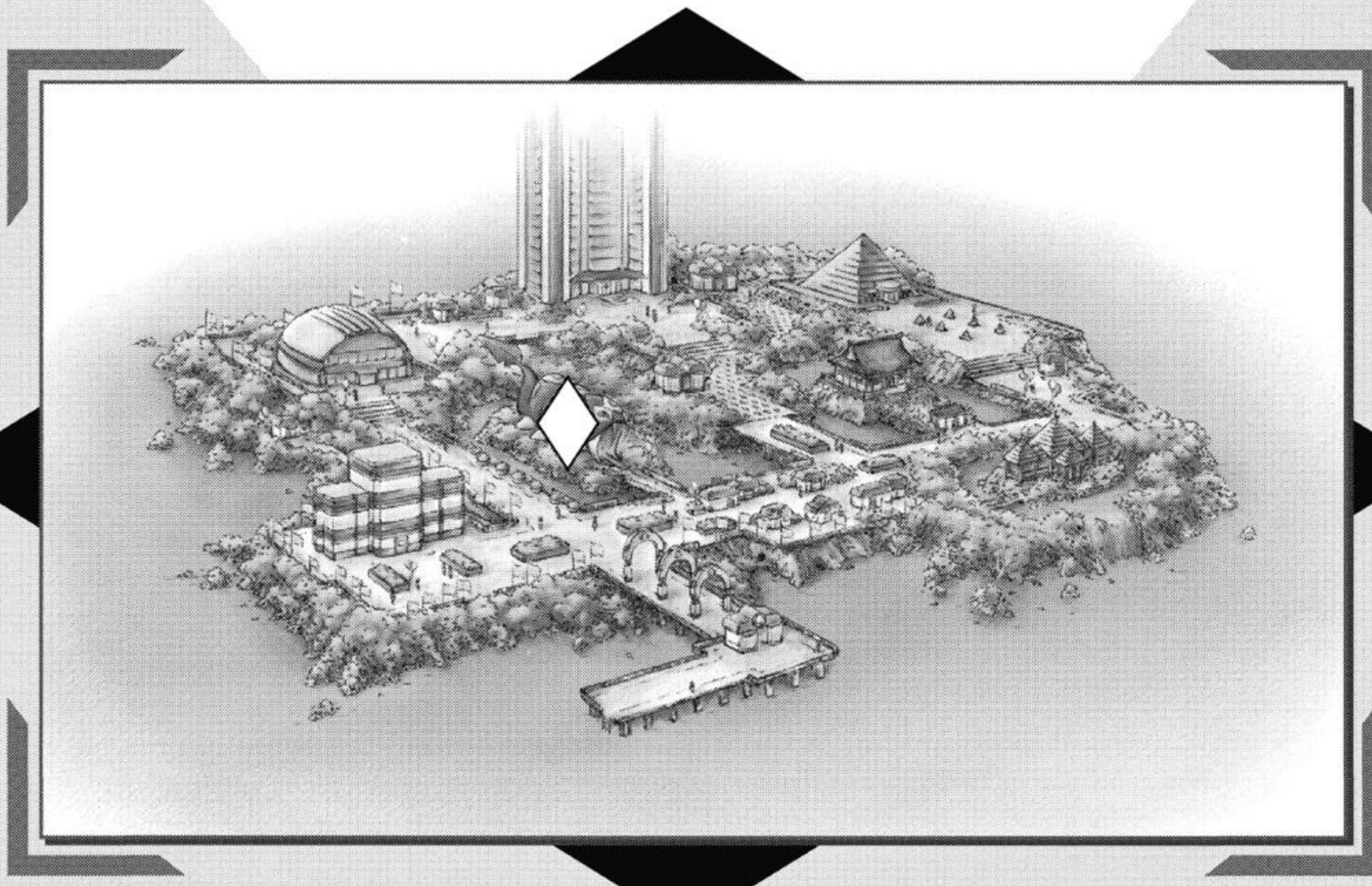
Pyramid King Brandon



Brave Symbol

A Dust-Up with Dusclops





WUF

THE MAID ...

...TURNED INTO A POKÉ-MON?!

OH NO.

IT CAN TAKE ON HUMAN FORM?!

WHAT?

SHUR

LATIAS IS TALKING TO YOU THROUGH TELEPATHY.

I HEAR A VOICE INSIDE MY HEAD!

HELLO.

...SO I CAN SECRETLY SUPPORT EM.

WUF

THIS IS JUST A HOLO-GRAM I USE...

THAT'S WHY I'VE DECIDED TO TALK TO YOU.

I THINK I CAN TRUST YOU. AND YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP US...

SHE

THE ROOM WITH THE STRANGE POKÉ-MON.

ROOM 134... IS THIS IT?

134

JUST WAIT AND SEE.

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, EMERALD ...?!

A WILD DUS-CLOPS!

GRAAA

...MT. PYRE, I THINK!

BORN AND RAISED AT...

RAGE

?!

THEN I'LL USE...

...THIS MUD!

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CHAPTER

...HE CAN FIGURE OUT WHERE A POKÉMON IS FROM JUST BY OBSERV-ING IT.

THAT'S WHY ...

EM HAS TRAVELED TO A LOT OF PLACES AROUND THE WORLD AND MET ALL KINDS OF POKÉ-MON.

THE MUD... FROM THE PLACE THEY GREW UP?!

THESE PELLETS ARE JUST MUD FROM THEIR HOMELAND.

FFT FFT FFT FFT

HMMMM

GRRAR

IT WAS SO AGITATED, AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN IT CALMED DOWN!

33330

IT HAPPENED AGAIN! JUST LIKE WITH SUDO-WOODO AND SCEPTILE...!

MUD ...

THAT MUST HAVE BEEN WHAT HE SHOT AT SUDO-WOODO...!

YEP. MUD FROM MT. PYRE.

SO THIS IS THE MUD FROM THE LAND WHERE DUSCLOPS WAS BORN AND GREW UP?!

EM CALLS THAT SURROUNDING AREA A "FIELD."

A SPECIAL STRING IS CONNECTED TO THE MUD, CREATING AN AREA THAT SURROUNDS THE POKÉMON.

THE SCENT OF THEIR HOMELAND CALMS VIOLENT POKÉMON DOWN, YOU SEE.

AMAZING! THERE'S THE HOENN REGION OF COURSE ...

I'VE GOT MUD FROM KANTO AND JOHTO INSIDE THESE HIGH-COMPRESSION CARTRIDGES TOO!

YEP. WANNA SEE?

SO YOU'RE CARRYING AROUND MUD FROM ALL THE PLACES YOU'VE VISITED?!

RSTL

KLACK

NEXT IS ROOM 88! AND THEN...

OKAY, LET'S KEEP GOING! THERE ARE STILL TONS OF POKÉMON THAT MIGHT BE ABOUT TO GO BERSERK!

ROOM 18!

ROOM 56!

ROOM 62!

WAIT, EMER-ALD!

PHEW! DONE. FINALLY. THANKS, LATIAS!

...YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME THE MOST IMPOR-TANT PART!

I UNDERSTAND NOW HOW YOU'VE BEEN CALMING THOSE POKÉMON DOWN, BUT...

YOU SAID SOMEONE IS BEHIND ALL THIS. WHO?!

WHY WERE THERE VIOLENT POKÉMON IN THE BATTLE FACTORY AND THE BATTLE PIKE IN THE FIRST PLACE?!

BATTLE FACTORY

PERFECT.

THNK

PERFECT INDEED.

I ONLY HAVE SEVEN DAYS TO CAPTURE JIRACHI...

...AND I'VE WASTED TWO ALREADY.

M'UR MUR

I CAN'T MOVE AROUND THE BATTLE FRONTIER WITH ALL THOSE PEOPLE HERE!

A DEMON-STRATION BATTLE FOR THE PRESS...

BUT...

...I STILL NEED TO HURRY.

KLANG

SOMEONE IS INTERFERING...

I WAS HOPING TO GET THE POKÉMON TO GO ON A RAMPAGE AT ALL THE FACILITIES, FORCING THE STAFF TO CANCEL THE EVENT AND EVACUATE EVERYONE.

BUT THINGS AREN'T GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN.

...SOMEONE IS SABOTAGING ME.

HEH HEH HEH. SURSKIT...

I TOO... HAA HAA... CAN OUTFOX AN OPPO-NENT.

HEH HEH... AHAHA HAHA... WELL, FINE.

WHO IS BEHIND THESE INCIDENTS ?!

Umm... I think I'll sleep here tonight.

COME ON! TELL ME, EMERALD!

AND WHY ARE LATIAS AND LATIOS HELPING YOU?!

DID SOMEONE PUT YOU UP TO THIS?!

WHY ARE YOU THE ONE TRYING TO STOP THEM?!

WHAT DO THEY WANT ?!

YONK

WHOA!

THE ANSWER TO YOUR FIRST QUESTION IS—

OKAY...

AHHH! IS THE CULPRIT ATTACK-ING US?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! LET ME DOWN!

I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT. I'VE FIGURED OUT WHERE I'M GOING TO SLEEP TONIGHT, SO I HAVE TIME TO GAB NOW.

GRRR...

HEY! WHO'RE YOU CALLIN' A CULPRIT?!

OWW...

AND... MEMBERS OF THE PRESS. WHICH INCLUDES ME...

BRAN-DON!

A WARN-ING ?!

LIGHT IT UP!!

THAT'S A JOKE. BUT...

...I'M HERE TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE WARNING.

I AM IMPA-TIENT.

WHY DO YOU KEEP VISITING US AT NIGHT?! THE CHAL-LENGE IS TOMOR-ROW, ISN'T IT?!

SHI

THIS IS MY BATTLE PYRAMID!

THE BATTLE FACILITY THAT WILL TEST YOUR BRAVERY!

THIS IS...!

GET A LOAD OF THAT!

HOW LONG DID IT TAKE YOU TO CLEAR...

...THE BATTLE FACTORY AND THE BATTLE PIKE?

ALL RIGHT. SO...?

BRAV-ERY ...?

KICK KICK

JUST LIS-TEN!

UM...

ABOUT 15 HOURS FOR THE FACTORY AND 9 HOURS FOR THE PIKE—I THINK.

?

GET IN THERE!

TOSS

WHOA!

SOUNDS RIGHT TO ME. NOW...

RMBL RMBL

?!

THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE INSIDE THE PYRAMID?!

IT'S PITCH BLACK IN HERE!

THK

OW!

COME BACK HERE NOW.

OKAY.

NICE WORK.

PHEW! I FINALLY FOUND THE WAY OUT.

HUH?! A DEAD-END!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE!

AHHH!

TOSS

ONE MORE TIME.

WHA—?

THIS WAY...?

NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND?! MY FACILITY, THE BATTLE PYRAMID, IS A DARK MAZE!

AND THE FLOOR PLAN CHANGES EVERY TIME YOU ENTER IT!

I JUST NEED TO GO STRAIGHT DOWN HERE AND...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, BUT I REMEMBER THE WAY OUT, YOU KNOW.

BAMP

HAR HAR HAR!

WHAT?! BUT I'M POSI-TIVE I CAME DOWN THIS WAY THE LAST TIME!

...IT WILL TAKE YOU MORE THAN 24 HOURS NO MATTER HOW QUICKLY YOU GET THROUGH THE MAZE.

THAT'S WHAT I CAME HERE TO TELL YOU.

IN ORDER TO FIGHT ME, THE FRONTIER BRAIN OF THE BATTLE PYRAMID...

EVERY TIME?!

BUT ...

YOU MANAGED TO CLEAR THE FACTORY AND PIKE IN JUST HALF A DAY.

THE CHALLENGER ENTERS WITH THREE POKÉMON.

THEY MOVE THROUGH THE MAZE TO FIND THE EXIT AND CLIMB UP TO THE NEXT FLOOR.

MORE THAN 24 HOURS?! IS THAT WHY HE OUGHT TO START HIS CHALLENGE NOW?!

PRECISELY. BESIDES, IT'S PITCH BLACK INSIDE, SO IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU CHALLENGE THIS FACILITY IN THE DAYTIME OR NIGHTTIME.

YOU MAY SWITCH YOUR POKÉMON AFTER EVERY ROUND.

SO, BASICALLY, YOU HAVE TO CLIMB UP SEVENTY FLOORS...

SEVEN STORIES IS CONSIDERED ONE ROUND.

HA HA HA! AND THIS IS NO ORDINARY MAZE, OF COURSE.

YOU WILL HAVE TO BATTLE VIRTUAL TRAINERS AND WILD POKÉMON IN THE DARK.

YOU WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO FACE ME AT THE END OF YOUR TENTH ROUND.

THE CHAL-LENGER IS FREE TO USE THOSE ITEMS.

...YOU WILL FIND ALL SORTS OF USEFUL ITEMS INSIDE THE PYRAMID.

AND IF YOUR POKÉMON ARE INJURED IN BATTLE, THERE ARE NO PLACES TO HEAL THEM. HOWEVER...

TRAINERS MUST HAND OVER THEIR BAGS AND TOOLS BEFORE-HAND.

IT'S TOUGHER THAN THE FACTORY AND EVEN THE BATTLE PIKE!

WHAT A TOUGH CHAL-LENGE!

YOUR BRAVERY IS BEING TESTED AS WE SPEAK!

WHAT DO YOU SAY? DO YOU STILL DARE TO CHALLENGE THE BATTLE PYRAMID AFTER LEARNING THE RULES?

OF COURSE I'LL DO IT!

AND I'LL START MY CHALLENGE RIGHT AWAY!!

RUNNING AWAY ISN'T AN OPTION FOR ME!

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS! THIS TRAINER, EMERALD, IS WILLING TO TAKE ON MY CHALLENGE! I KNOW IT'S LATE, BUT THE CHALLENGE WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY! YOU ARE ALL FREE TO CONDUCT YOUR INTERVIEWS!

WOO HOO!

KLCK KLCK KLCK

WELL SAID! GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT...

...AND TRY TO GET THROUGH THIS BATTLE PYRAMID ADVEN-TURE!!

IN WHAT WAY?

WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT, EMERALD?

FIRST, I NEED TO DECIDE WHAT POKÉMON TO TAKE WITH ME...

WELL... IT'LL WORK OUT SOME-HOW.

JUDGING FROM WHAT I'VE LEARNED SO FAR...

TAP TAP TAP

UM... I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT KIND OF POKÉMON TO EXPECT INSIDE THE BATTLE PYRAMID...

AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO CHALLENGE THE BATTLE PYRAMID, WHICH TAKES MORE THAN 24 HOURS TO CLEAR?!

YOU JUST FINISHED THE BATTLE PIKE A FEW HOURS AGO. YOU HAVEN'T HAD ANY REST.

IN EVERY WAY!

P.C

I'LL TAKE THESE POKÉ-MON!

OKAY! I'M DONE!

BOOM

...JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT TO EXPECT!

LET ME SHOW YOU THE POKÉMON **I'LL** BE USING...

TOSS TOSS TOSS

HA HA HA! SO THOSE ARE YOUR POKÉMON FOR THE FIRST ROUND, EH?

!!

I'LL BE...

...WAITING FOR YOU!

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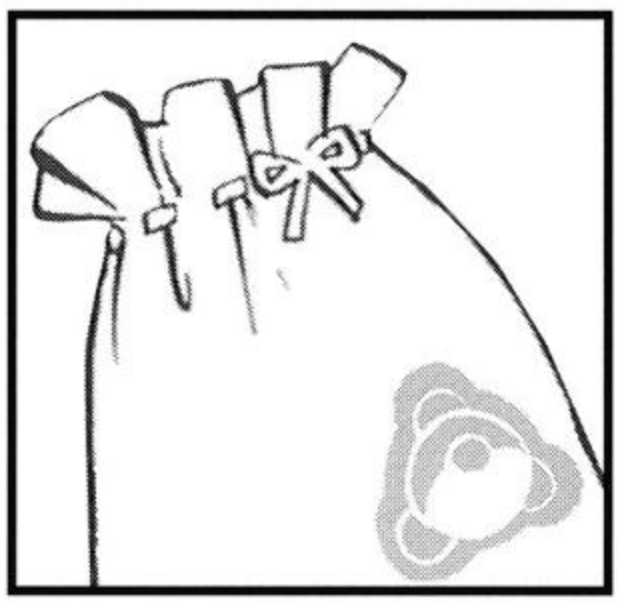
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OWNER: SCOTT

FACILITY RULES

BATTLE PYRAMID 2

The Battle Pyramid is the only facility where the Trainer is allowed to use items. This bulletin explains how the items may be used.



■ ITEMS WHICH CAN BE FOUND INSIDE THE FACILITY ■

The challenger will be provided with a Battle Bag to stock items they find inside the pyramid. The Bag already contains a Hyper Potion and Ether. The challenger may keep the items they find inside the pyramid once they reach the next floor for use in their next round. But if the challenger loses a round, the Bag will be reset to its original state.

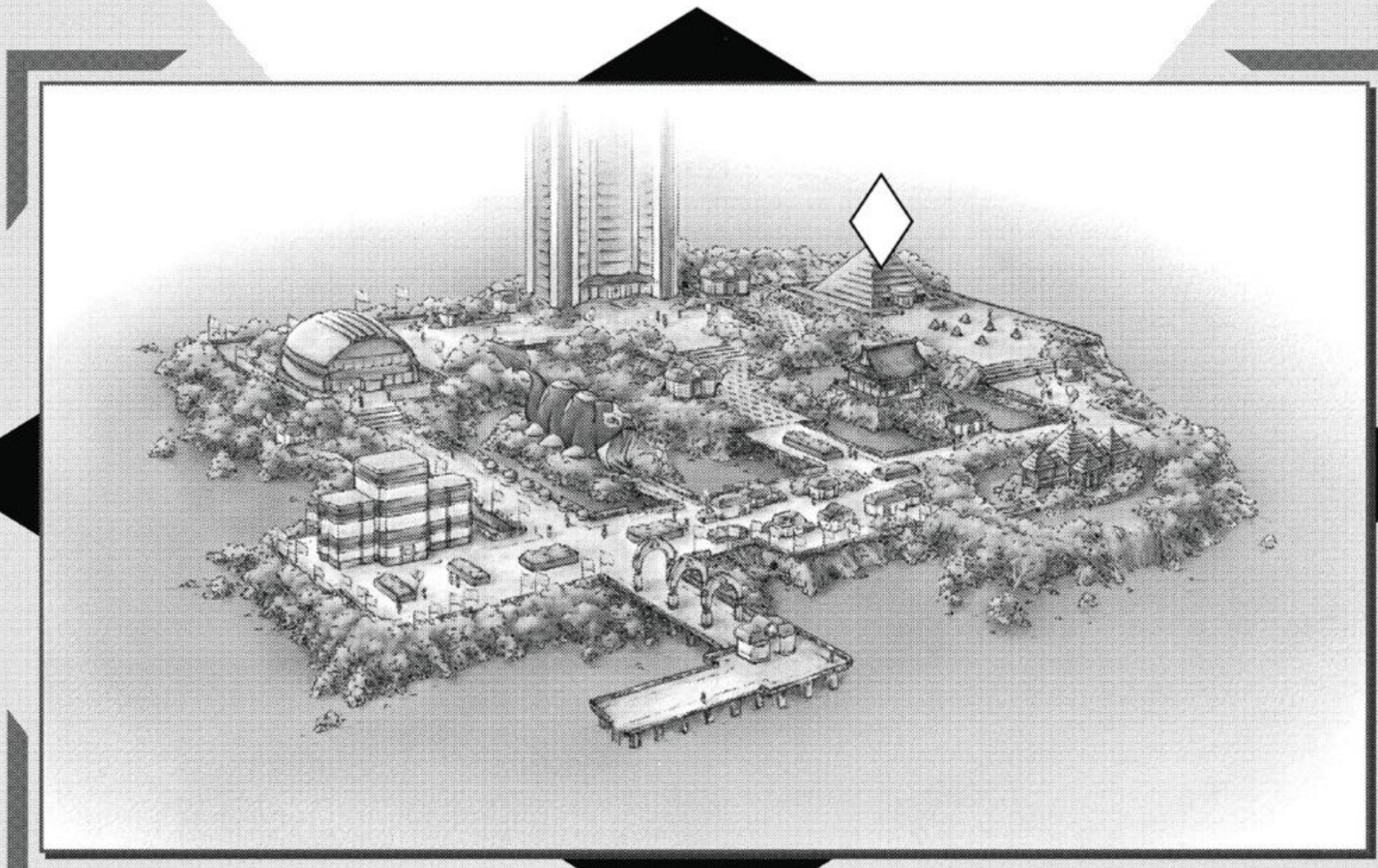
■ POKÉMON WHO APPEAR DURING THE VARIOUS ROUNDS ■

The challenger will be met by many Pokémon with paralyzing moves during the first round, poisoning moves in the second, burning moves in the third, and so on. In other words, the types of Pokémon that appear will vary depending on the round.

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Chipping Away at Regirock





THE THIRD DAY AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER... IN THE DARK MAZES OF THE BATTLE PYRAMID...

EMERALD BEGAN HIS CHALLENGE LATE AT NIGHT ON THE PREVIOUS DAY, AND NOW THE SUN IS STARTING TO RISE...

YOU'LL BE DONE WITH YOUR 3RD ROUND ONCE YOU GET THROUGH THIS 7TH FLOOR! GOOD LUCK, EMERALD!

PIECE OF CAKE! HUH? A WILD POKÉ-MON ...?!

HOUN-DOOM!

GO GET IT, PHANPY!

EARTH-QUAKE!

KWA-

TTMP

FWIP FWIP FWIP

AH! I FOUND THE EXIT!

FWUMP

THIRD ROUND CLEARED!

YOU RUSH DOWN THE STAIRS ON THE OUTSIDE BACK TO THE FIRST FLOOR TO BEGIN YOUR NEXT ROUND. AND YOU HAVE TO DO THAT TEN TIMES BEFORE YOU GET THE CHANCE TO FACE BRANDON!

ONE ROUND CONSISTS OF CLIMB-ING UP THE SEVEN-STORY PYRAMID.

YOU DID IT, EMER-ALD!

YOU HAVE TO FIND THE EXIT EACH TIME TO MOVE UP THE STORIES OF THE PYRAMID.

PLUS ...

IT'S A PITCH-BLACK MAZE INSIDE THE PYRAMID— FILLED WITH VIRTUAL TRAINERS AND WILD POKÉMON!

ALL RIGHT... NOW WHERE'S THE EXIT THIS TIME...?

AAHH

THE MAZE **CHANGES** EVERY TIME YOU ENTER THE PYRAMID! WHAT A TOUGH BATTLEGROUND!

WO

SHED-INJA!

MISD-REA-VUS!

ANOTHER WILD POKÉ-MON!

SHADOW BALL!

OF

SMASH

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!

!!

...THE PERFECT FACILITY TO TEST A TRAINER'S BRAVERY.

THIS TRULY IS...

THAT'S **MY** LINE. ALL THOSE SUDDEN ATTACKS IN THE DARK...!

PHEW! THAT WAS A SUR-PRISE.

THE SAME GOES FOR MY BATTLE PYRAMID!

BRAN-DON!

THERE'S A THEORY THAT PYRAMIDS WERE ORIGINALLY BUILT AS MEMORI-ALS FOR ANCIENT KINGS.

THAT'S WHY PYRAMIDS ARE PACKED WITH TRAPS TO WARD OFF INTRUDERS.

SO THEY WERE ALWAYS IN DANGER OF BEING RAIDED BY THIEVES IN SEARCH OF TREASURE.

...TO ASK THEM, "HOW BRAVE ARE YOU?"

AND ALL KINDS OF GUARDIANS AWAIT THE CHALLENGER ...

GULP

WOOP

THOSE WHO ARE BRAVE ENOUGH TO CONTINUE ON WILL BE REWARDED!

BUT ...

...SO IT'S BECOMING EASIER TO WALK THROUGH THE MAZE.

THE FLOOR WAS PITCH BLACK AT FIRST, BUT IT'S BEEN GETTING GRADUALLY BRIGHTER AROUND ME AS I DEFEAT THE WILD POKÉMON AND VIRTUAL TRAINERS...

IT'S GETTING SLIGHTLY BRIGHTER AROUND ME...

MUST BE BECAUSE I DEFEATED THAT MISDREAVUS JUST NOW!

...BUT HE'S BEING EXTREMELY FAIR ABOUT THIS CHAL-LENGE.

HE'S ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES AND EMERALD MADE A FOOL OUT OF HIM...

BRANDON, THE PYRAMID KING...

AND ...

IT'S ALSO EVIDENT IN HOW HE REVEALED HIS POKÉMON IN THE BEGINNING.

!!

...HOW HE GOT TO BE A FRONTIER BRAIN!

I CAN SEE...

AND REGICE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE HAS ALL THREE OF THOSE FORMIDABLE POKÉMON! EVEN IF EMERALD MANAGES TO REACH THE TOP OF THE PYRAMID AFTER TEN ROUNDS, HOW CAN HE POSSIBLY DEFEAT THEM?!

REGI-STEEL!

...HIS POKÉMON ARE LEGEND-ARY POKÉMON OF THE HOENN REGION...

...REGI-ROCK!

LET'S MAKE A RUN FOR IT, ALAKA-ZAM!

TELE-PORT!

SHFF SHFF

AHH!

SHFF SHFF

AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S IN BIG TROUBLE ALREADY!

TNK

TNK

WSSH

WSSH

HFF HFF HFF

BUT I'VE RUN OUT OF POWER TO USE THAT MOVE!

Shadow Ball
PP: 0

WELL, I WAS **GOING** TO DEFEAT IT WITH SHADOW BALL...

I KNOW, I KNOW... YOU'RE GONNA ASK ME WHY I RAN AWAY WHEN DEFEATING THAT POKÉMON WOULD HAVE MADE THE ROOM GET BRIGHTER, RIGHT?

EMER-ALD!

I THINK MISDREA-VUS USED GRUDGE ON ME WHEN I FIRST ENCOUN-TERED IT.

IT LOOKS LIKE IN THE FOURTH ROUND MY POKÉMON WON'T BE ABLE TO USE THEIR MOVES.

...AND BURN ON THE THIRD.

POISON ON THE SECOND ROUND...

A LOT OF THE POKÉ-MON DURING THE FIRST ROUND USED MOVES THAT PARALYZED MY POKÉMON.

PHANPY!

IT'S NOT AS BAD AS YOU THINK.

HOW TOUGH **IS** THIS FACILITY ?!

NOT ONLY DOES THE FLOOR STRUCTURE IN THE PYRAMID CHANGE, BUT THE TYPE OF MOVES THE PYRAMID'S POKÉMON USE CHANGE TOO?!

GREAT! YOU FOUND AN ETHER! PERFECT TIMING!

"...YOU WILL FIND ALL SORTS OF ITEMS INSIDE THE PYRAMID. THE CHALLENGER IS FREE TO USE THOSE ITEMS."

Ooh! You found a Potion and a Berry too.

YEAH! REMEMBER WHAT BRANDON SAID BEFORE THE CHALLENGE?

PHANPY FOUND IT?!

CHECK OUT THIS BATTLE BAG!

C'MON, PHANPY! I WANT YOU TO FILL THIS BAG UP!

BUT IN THE PYRAMID, YOU CAN USE AS MANY ITEMS AS YOU WANT—AS LONG AS YOU FIND THEM HERE.

I SEE! IN THE FACTORY AND THE PIKE YOUR POKÉMON WERE ONLY ALLOWED TO CARRY **ONE** ITEM.

AND **LOOK**!

RIGHT! THAT'S WHY I'VE ASKED PHANPY TO PICK UP EVERY ITEM IT FINDS.

PICK UP ALL THE ITEMS!

OOH! THERE'S SOMETHING OVER THERE TOO! LET'S GO GET IT!

ALAKAZAM'S TELEPORT CAN BE USED TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY RETREAT.

AND HE MUST HAVE INCLUDED SHEDINJA TO CUT DOWN ON THE USE OF ITEMS.

SHEDINJA ONLY HAS 1 HIT POINT FROM THE START, SO HE DOESN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HEALING IT.

SO **THAT'S** WHY HE CHOSE THOSE POKÉ-MON.

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, PHANPY'S ABILITY IS PICKUP. IT'S THE PERFECT ABILITY TO COLLECT ITEMS IN THIS MAZE.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT...

HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT THROUGH THIS DEMANDING BATTLE PYRAMID AFTER ALL!

EMERALD NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME!

HE'S ABLE TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX AND CHOOSE THE BEST POKÉMON FOR ANY FACILITY AND SITUATION!

YOU'RE ONE OF THE FRONTIER BRAINS, AREN'T YOU...?

SPEN-SER! THAT'S IT!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?! WHY WOULD EMERALD HAVE TO GIVE UP?!

GETTING THROUGH THIS FACILITY IS ONE THING, BUT...

...HE MIGHT HAVE TO GIVE UP HIS CHAL-LENGE AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER ENTIRELY.

HIS CHALLENGE IS A PUBLICITY STUNT FOR THE PRESS...

...BUT WE'RE CURRENTLY FACING A BIG PROBLEM. THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

I KNOW YOU'RE CHEERING ON YOUR FRIEND, BUT...COULD YOU COME WITH ME FOR A SEC?

THE BATTLE TOWER

GRRRR!

HOW DARE THEY ATTACK NOLAND LIKE THIS?!

WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE? SOMEONE ATTACKED HIM. HE HASN'T REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS YET. AND TO TOP IT OFF...

NOLAND! WHAT HAPPENED ?!

GASP ...

HOW IS HE...?

WELCOME BACK, SPENSER. NOTHING'S CHANGED...

WE SHOULDN'T TELL HIM UNTIL THE CHALLENGE IS OVER.

YESTERDAY. WE ONLY FOUND OUT THIS MORNING. BRANDON DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT IT YET.

WHEN?!

WHAT?!

...ALL THE RENTAL POKÉMON FROM NOLAND'S BATTLE FACTORY HAVE BEEN **STOLEN**!

AND **WHY** ...?!

BUT WHO COULD HAVE DONE THIS...?!

WAIT... ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT THE ATTACKER IS... **EMERALD**?!

WHAT?! DON'T LOOK AT **ME**!

ARE YOU JOKING?!

THAT'S RIGHT! WHO ELSE COULD IT BE?!

SHFL

HUH?

OH, COME ON!

YES, BUT... THERE'S NO OTHER SUSPECT! HE'S THE ONLY OTHER PERSON IN THE BATTLE FRONTIER WHO'S BEEN CARRYING AROUND HIS OWN POKÉMON!

...HE WAS AT THE BATTLE PIKE ALL DAY YESTER-DAY!

YOU ALL KNOW ...

WILL YOU ALL BE QUIET ?!

RAZZLE

HOW DARE YOU TALK BACK TO THE DOME ACE LIKE THAT! NOW HURRY UP AND TELL US WHAT YOUR FRIEND IS UP TO!

LOOK WHO'S TALK-ING!

SHUT UP! QUIT MAKING A RUCKUS IN FRONT OF THE PATIENT!

TRAZZLE

!!

WE'LL KEEP GOING WITH THE CHALLENGE PUBLICITY STUNT FOR THE PRESS.

ONE ...!

I'VE RECEIVED ORDERS FROM MR. SCOTT. WHATEVER YOUR FEELINGS ARE ON THE MATTER, WE'RE TO FOLLOW HIS INSTRUCTIONS.

AND WHOEVER'S BEHIND THIS COULD TAKE THAT OPPOR-TUNITY TO LAUNCH ANOTHER ATTACK.

BECAUSE ... ...IF WE WERE TO CANCEL IT, WE'D HAVE TO EXPLAIN WHY. THAT WOULD CREATE A PANIC.

ALL THE FRONTIER BRAINS ARE TO FOCUS THEIR EFFORTS ON CAPTURING THE CRIMINAL BEHIND THIS—

TWO ...!

—BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY!— BEFORE THE OFFICIAL OPENING DAY TO THE PUBLIC.

THAT IS ALL!

SCRAM!

FLUMP

LISTEN UP! I STILL HAVE MY SUSPICIONS ABOUT THAT EMERALD BRAT. HE'S GONNA BE SORRY WHEN HE COMES TO THE BATTLE DOME! TELL HIM THAT!

I JUST GOT A CALL... THE BOY'S CLEARED THE 7TH FLOOR OF HIS 10TH ROUND.

Tee hee.

WHOA! LUCY!

YOU WANT TO KNOW?

WFF

OWW... I WONDER HOW EMERALD'S CHALLENGE IS GOING NOW.

THAT MEANS HE'S FINALLY...

HIYA...

YEAH! I PICKED THEM ALL UP USING PHANPY'S PICKUP ABILITY!

I'M IMPRESSED. YOU'VE COLLECTED A LOT OF ITEMS.

...YOUNG ADVEN-TURER! WELCOME TO...

...THE APEX OF MY BATTLE PYRAMID.

WOW ...

I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO KEEP HEALING MY POKÉMON TO GET THROUGH THIS BATTLE!

AFTER ALL, YOU'RE USING THE LEGENDARY POKÉMON REGIROCK, REGISTEEL AND REGICE.

YEAH, YOU'RE REALLY AWE INSPIR-ING...

HA HA HA... I SEE! I GUESS YOU'VE GOT A HEALTHY RESPECT FOR ME, THE PYRAMID KING, EH?!

BUT I'M STILL GONNA WIN THIS BATTLE!

TENTH ROUND, TOP FLOOR! LET THE BATTLE FOR THE BRAVE SYMBOL...

...BEGIN!

LET'S GO, REGI-ROCK!

SUPER-POWER!

KA-KA-KA-KA

TOS

HA HA HA! YOUR STARTING TEAM WAS PHANPY, ALAKAZAM AND SHEDINJA...

THAT SCEP-TILE IS...!

LET'S SEE WHO YOU CHOSE FOR YOUR LAST ROUND.

HUH?!

PLANT YOUR SEEDS INTO IT, SCEP-TILE!

LEECH SEED!

GOOD!

NOW WE CAN SLOWLY ABSORB REGIROCK'S STRENGTH AND USE IT TO HEAL SO WE CAN KEEP ON FIGHTING!

SWIPP

SWIP

KRIK

KRRK

BEHOLD THE POWER OF THIS ANCIENT POKÉ-MON!

YANK

YOU CAN'T STOP ME WITH YOUR LITTLE TRICKS! I JUST NEED TO—

KA-

EXPLO-SION!!

-BOOM

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FACILITY RULES

BATTLE ARENA 1

Battle-type	Number of Pokémon	Type of Symbol	Wins needed to attain the Symbol
•Single	3 Pokémon	Guts	Seven battles × 8 Rounds = 56 Consecutive Wins

The challenger is not allowed to change the order of their Pokémon at the Battle Arena and must fight a 3-on-3 Knockout Battle. If the battle is not over in three rounds, the trainers are rated on three scales: Mind, Skill and Body. The rating system is on a scale of three. You receive 2 points for a ○, 1 point for a △, and 0 points for an ×. The Pokémon who receives the highest score wins the battle.



Guts Symbol

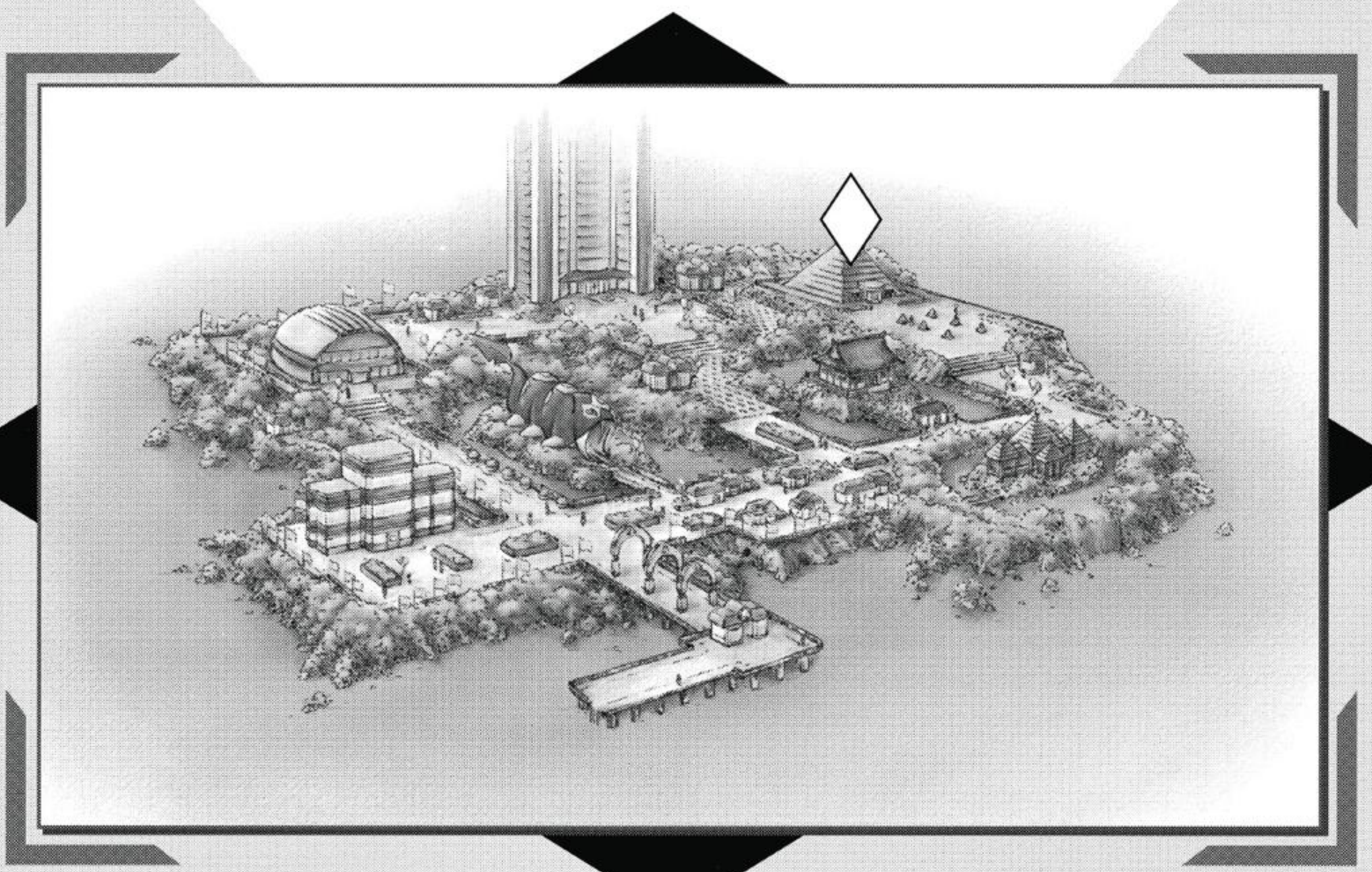


Arena Tycoon Greta



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You Need to Chill Out, Regice



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KWAFOOM

KRMBLKRMBL

TANK

HA HA HA! SEE?

WELL DONE, REGI-ROCK!

ZLOOP

SCEP-TILE!

THE SAME GOES FOR REGI-STEEL AND REGICE!

RIGHT... BUT THIS IS A SERIOUS BATTLE. I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU!

THAT'S SUCH A CHEAP MOVE!

EXPLOSION INFLICTS DEVASTATING DAMAGE ON YOUR OPPONENT IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR POKÉMON FAINTING!

...TO FACE US!

LET'S SEE IF YOU'RE BRAVE ENOUGH...

TING

WIOAAA!

SMASH

SO YOUR SECOND POKÉMON IS REGI-STEEL!

SCEPTILE, CUBONE, HITMON-CHAN.

THOSE ARE THE THREE POKÉMON YOU CHOSE FOR YOUR FINAL TEAM, HUH?

LET ME JUST GET SCEPTILE OUT OF THE WAY...

...AND THEN ...

BO

BOM

ZOOM

...IT'S PAY-BACK TIME!

SMAK

BAD DABADDA

BAFF

BAFF

LET'S KEEP ATTACKING AND TURN THIS BATTLE AROUND!

I MAY HAVE LOST MY SCEPTILE, BUT WE'RE STILL TIED WITH TWO POKÉMON!

DA
THUNK

YEAH
!!!

HFF
HFF
HFF

TNK
?!

WHAT'S
WRONG
?!

SKY
UPPER-
CUT!

TOXIC!

REGISTEEL MUST HAVE USED IT DURING ITS RUSH ATTACK AT THE BEGINNING!

SIZZL

SIZZL

AHHH!

ARGH! I PICKED UP SO MUCH STUFF THAT I CAN'T FIND THE ONE ITEM I NEED!

ACK! ANTIDOTE, ANTIDOTE! PECHA BERRY, PECHA BERRY!

DOES YOUR CUBONE ...

...HAVE THE STRENGTH TO FACE MY REGICE?

...BUT IT'S A ONE-ON-ONE TIE AGAIN.

YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD AN ADVANTAGE OVER ME AFTER DEFEATING REGISTEEL ...

KRAK

IT'LL ONLY TAKE ME A MINUTE TO BEAT YOU!

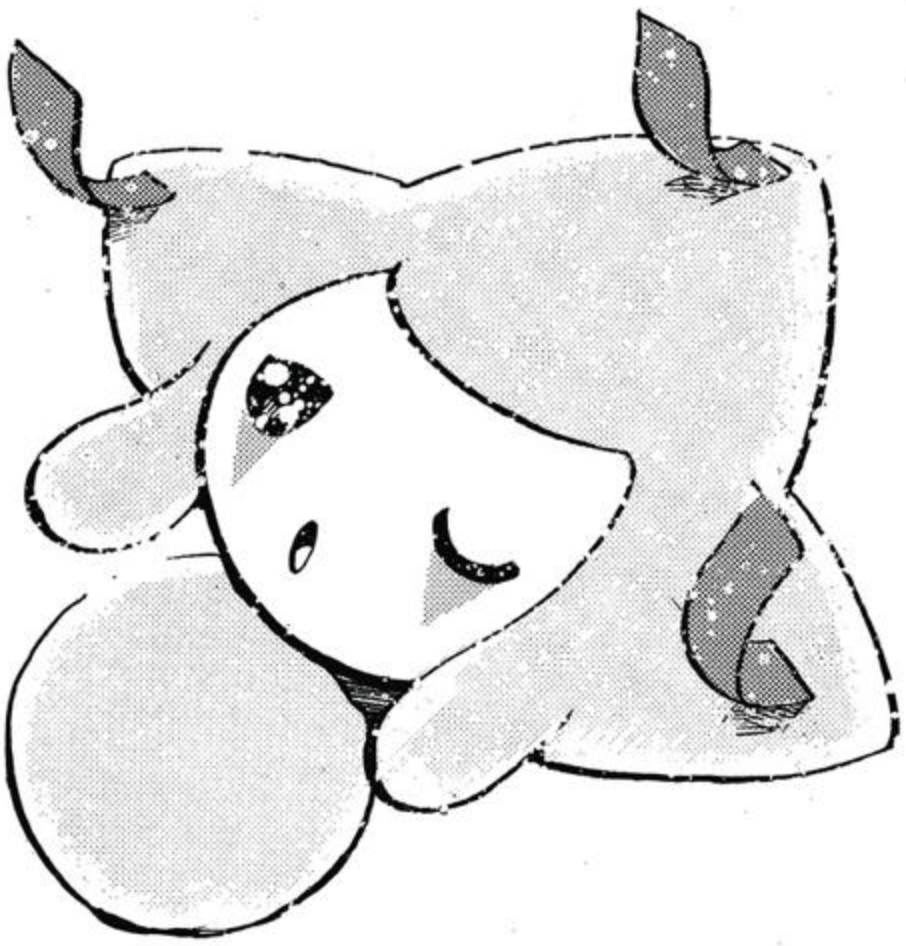
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WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'RE ALREADY IN TROUBLE!

WHAT IS THAT?!

HUH ?

?



IT'LL BE OVER ALREADY IF I DON'T GET THERE QUICKLY!

LUCY SAID EMERALD'S BATTLE AGAINST BRANDON HAS ALREADY BEGUN...!

HFF, HFF... I HAVE TO HURRY!

HUH ?

IF YOU DON'T HURRY, THE BATTLE WILL BE OVER, AND...

EXCUSE ME!

ARE YOU HERE TO DO AN INTERVIEW TOO?

BUMP

ISN'T THERE A SHORTCUT OR SOME-THING?!

OH!

ARGH! THE TOWER AND THE PYRAMID ARE SO FAR APART...!

OH, IT'S **YOU**! DISGUISED AS A REPORTER SO PEOPLE DON'T GET SUSPI-CIOUS!

WAIT.

C'MON, LET'S HURRY!

WE DON'T NEED TO GO ANYWHERE IF WE JUST WANT TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE BATTLE PYRAMID.

PRE

WHOA!

ZOOOM

DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY IN THE AIR. WE'RE STILL IN FRONT OF THE BATTLE TOWER. THIS IS JUST AN IMAGE OF WHAT LATIOS IS WATCHING.

LATIOS IS FLYING AROUND THE PYRAMID TO MONITOR WHAT'S GOING ON.

AIIEE! THE PYRAMID IS RIGHT BELOW US!

AM I FLYING ?!

ACK! HE'S IN TROU-BLE!

HOW IS EMER-ALD DOING ...?

SO THAT'S THE BATTLE PYRAMID THERE...?

THE RENTAL POKÉMON EMERALD TOOK FROM THE BATTLE FACTORY!

AND THE POKÉMON IN THE CORNER THERE IS...
...
SCEPTILE!

ALL THE RENTAL POKÉMON NOLAND WAS IN CHARGE OF AT THE BATTLE FACTORY HAVE BEEN **STOLEN.**

HUH...? WAIT A MINUTE ...

HE'S USING A LEVEL 50 SCEPTILE, SO THAT MUST MEAN HE'S CHALLENGING THE BATTLE PYRAMID ON THE OPEN LEVEL COURSE...

EMERALD IS USING A POKÉMON FROM THE BATTLE FACTORY.

EMER-ALD STOLE THAT POKÉ-MON!

SO EMERALD MUST BE THE PERSON WHO ATTACKED NOLAND! Q.E.D.!

Oh no! This looks bad! If they find out...

CALM DOWN! THERE'S SOMETHING MORE URGENT WE HAVE TO ATTEND TO AT THE MOMENT!

I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING! THEY'RE SURE TO PIN THE CRIME ON EMERALD NOW!

LOOK!

WOOF

WHAT ...?

BLIP

WHAT WAS THAT FLASH OF LIGHT JUST NOW?

IT'S GONE!

THE WISH POKÉMON ...

AND JUST WHEN I FINALLY FOUND IT...

HUH? IT... DISAP-PEARED!

WILL YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THE BATTLE?!

HELLO-O-O!

OOPS! MY BAD, MY BAD.

IT'S ALREADY BEEN A MINUTE, AND WE'RE STILL FIGHTING!

WHAT ABOUT ALL THAT BIG TALK ABOUT IT ONLY TAKING A MINUTE TO BEAT ME?

THUNK

KURSAT

FACE REALITY! TAKE A GOOD LONG LOOK!

HEH! NOT REALLY...

SCEPTILE, HITMONCHAN AND YOUR CUBONE TOO—THEY'VE ALL BEEN DEFEATED!

HA HA HA!

FWUMP

RM BL RM BL

THIS IS WHERE YOUR CHALLENGE ENDS!

WHA ...?!

!!

MY REGICE WAS DEFEATED?! BUT WHY?! HOW?!

YOUR SCEPTILE... THE ONE I DEFEATED ...

...AT THE VERY BEGIN-NING?!

I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING UNUSUAL.

I JUST USED THIS.

HOW DID YOU REVIVE IT? TELL ME!

BUT ...

YOU BEAT MY REGICE WITH IRON TAIL?!

I SEARCHED ALL OVER THE PYRAMID AND COLLECTED 99 OF THEM!

SMART, HUH?

SHZK

I WAS FACING THREE LEGENDARY POKÉMON, SO I HAD TO BE PREPARED FOR MY POKÉMON TO FAINT.

R-REVIVE?

YEAH. THE NATURAL THING TO USE IF A POKÉMON FAINTS, RIGHT?

I'M LUCKY THAT LIGHT APPEARED OUT OF THE BLUE AND YOU LOST YOUR FOCUS.

ALL I HAD TO DO WAS SECRETLY USE THEM WHILE YOUR ATTENTION WAS ON THAT LIGHT UP IN THE SKY.

I SEE... I SHOULD HAVE SUSPECTED SOMETHING WHEN YOU DIDN'T PLACE YOUR SCEPTILE BACK IN ITS POKÉ BALL...

HA HA HA HA!

YOU'RE ONE SMART KID! YOU TAKE RISKS AND YOU'VE GOT GUTS!

...THAT WAY, I'D AT LEAST BE ABLE TO TIE YOU.

YEP! I WAS HOPING YOU'D USE EXPLOSION AGAINST ME...

WAS THIS YOUR PLAN FROM THE START? TO GET SCEPTILE TO FAINT AND THEN SECRETLY REVIVE IT?

AND I'LL HAND OVER THE BRAVE SYMBOL AS PROOF OF THAT!

I ACCEPT YOU AS A BRAVE CHALLENGER!

FWAP FWAP

WHOO-HOO! YAYYYY! CONGRAT-ULATIONS, EMERALD!

OH, THAT'S BE-CAUSE ...

THE THIRD DAY OF MY SEVEN-DAY CHALLENGE— CLEARED!

THANK YOU ...

BY THE WAY ...

SNAP

THIS SCEPTILE YOU USED IN OUR BATTLE... SEEMS LIKE I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE SOME-WHERE...

STOP RIGHT THERE.

YOU MUSTN'T ANSWER HIS QUESTION!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

DASH

ENOUGH ABOUT ME! SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR CONVERSATION, BRANDON, BUT I HAVE SOMETHING URGENT TO DISCUSS WITH EMERALD... WOULD YOU EXCUSE US?

OH, HI. WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?

Okay...

YOU MIGHT HAVE FOOLED BRANDON, BUT I'M GOING TO ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION... WHERE DID YOU GET THAT SCEPTILE?

HEY! HOLD ON A MINUTE!

THAT SETTLES IT! I'M HANDING YOU OVER TO THE POLICE FOR STEALING ALL THOSE RENTAL POKÉMON!

AT THE BATTLE FACTORY!

PLEASE, EMERALD! TAKE THE HINT AND DON'T TELL THEM THE TRUTH.

CHALLENGER EMERALD, WHERE DID YOU GET THAT SCEPTILE?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON...

FWPFWP

...BUT I DON'T THINK THAT SCEPTILE IS A RENTAL POKÉ-MON!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, BRAN-DON?

I JUST FOUGHT IT, AND THAT'S THE IMPRES-SION I GET.

THAT SCEPTILE AND EMERALD CAME UP WITH A CLEVERLY CALCULATED PLAN FROM THE START... A PLAN IN WHICH SCEPTILE HAD TO BE PREPARED TO **FAINT**. AND THEY IMPLEMENTED IT PERFECTLY!

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A RENTAL POKÉMON DOING A THING LIKE THAT?!

EMER-ALD ...

...

BRANDON IS STANDING UP FOR EMERALD!

CLEARLY THAT SCEPTILE **COMPLETELY** TRUSTED EMERALD.

IF YOU WISH TO PROVE YOUR INNOCENCE...

...YOU HAD BETTER TELL ME EVERY-THING YOU KNOW.

SOMEONE IS UP TO NO GOOD HERE AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER.

K-LK

OH, I KNOW!

BUT WHERE SHOULD I START...? HM...

SURE, I'LL TALK.

THE MYTHICAL POKÉMON JIRACHI!

IT WAS FLOATING ABOVE THIS PYRAMID UNTIL JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO...

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS FIRST!

REA

CRY

SIZE

No201 JIRACHI

Wish Pokémon

Height: 1'00"

Weight: 2.4lbs.

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FACILITY RULES

BATTLE ARENA 2

A Pokémon who loses during the rating stage will be removed from battle even if it can still fight. The challenger must then switch out their Pokémon. If the rating scores are tied, both sides must switch out their Pokémon. If the battle between the last Pokémon on each side ends in a draw, the challenger loses.

■ THE RATING SYSTEM ■

MIND ➡Judged by the number of attacks

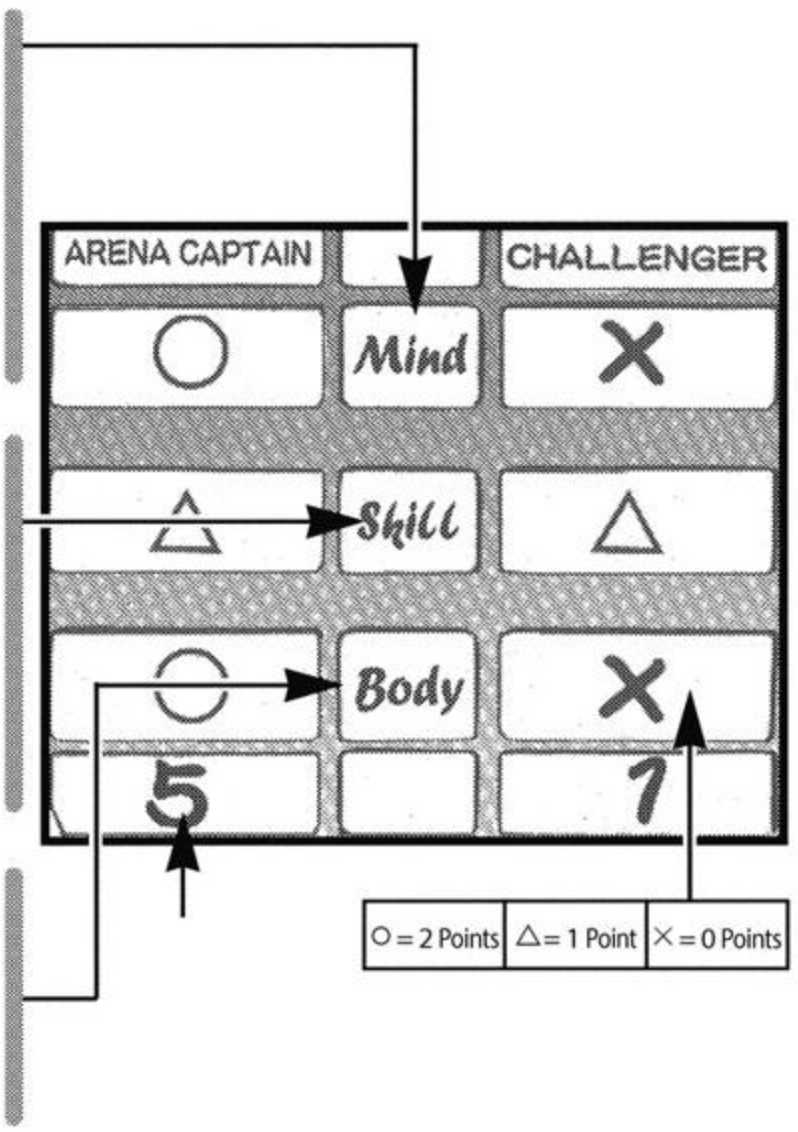
You receive a high rating for attacking your opponent multiple times and a low rating for using defensive moves like Protect. The attacks are counted even if you are in a debilitated state such as paralysis and fail to attack properly.

SKILL ➡Judged by the effectiveness of the move

You receive a high rating for using moves that are Super Effective, but a low rating for attacks that are Not Very Effective or Not Effective. The rating stands even if your opponent blocks the attack with moves like Protect.

BODY ➡Judged by the damage you receive

You receive a rating based on how much strength your Pokémon has left at the end of the battle compared to the beginning.



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A Sketchy Smattering of Smeargle





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OKAY...

HUFF

PHEW.

KLACK KLACK

FLKKRKK

YEEAH!

BONG

WOLF OFF

GRAB

HURRY UP, YOU GUYS!

FOLLOW ME!

SPLASH

SPLASH

KOFF

I AM CURRENTLY OUT AT SEA...

FFFTT

UH-OH.

AAAAAAH! WATER-FALL!

SPLOOSH

SPLISH SPLISH

...WHO KNOWS WHERE ...

...WITH THE FRONTIER BRAINS AND EMERALD LEADING US...

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!

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THE MYTHICAL POKÉ-MON...

...JIRACHI?!

WHAT?!

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THAT POKÉ-MON!

YOU'RE LYING AGAIN!

Eeek!

WAIT!

I'VE HEARD OF IT BEFORE...

JIRACHI, HUH...?

JIRACHI IS A WISH POKÉMON...

IT'S SAID THAT JIRACHI WILL GRANT ANY WISH TO WHOEVER CAPTURES IT!

YES. IT'S AN EXTREMELY RARE POKÉMON WHO ONLY AWAKENS EVERY THOUSAND YEARS.

YOU KNOW OF IT, ANABEL?!

THAT'S THE ONE!

I DID SEE SOMETHING WEIRD SHINING ABOVE THE PYRAMID JUST NOW, BUT...

Sorry, Anabel. Sorry, Spenser.

QUIET, TUCKER! THIS IS ANABEL YOU'RE TALKING TO!

SMAK

ANY WISH?! THAT'S GOT TO BE JUST A LEGEND ...

YOU **STILL** DON'T TRUST ME?!

BUT IF EMERALD IS TELLING THE TRUTH, THEN THIS POKÉMON IS **REAL.**

RIGHT. IT'S ONLY APPEARED IN LEGENDS. NO ONE DREAMED IT ACTUALLY EXISTED!

...EVEN IF THERE WERE EYE WITNESSES TO VERIFY ITS POWER...THEY WOULDN'T BE ALIVE TODAY IF IT ONLY WAKES UP ONCE EVERY THOUSAND YEARS!

AFTER ALL, THAT DEVICE HAS JIRACHI'S DATA IN IT!

NO, I TRUST YOU...

THE POKÉDEX AUTO-MATICALLY RECORDS THE DATA OF ANY POKÉMON YOU MEET OR CAPTURE...

...DOESN'T IT?

YOUR POKÉDEX, I MEAN...

...TO LOCATE THE WHERE-ABOUTS AND TERRITORY OF A POKÉMON YOU'VE MET.

PLUS, THE POKÉDEX HAS A TRACKING FUNCTION ...

THAT'S RIGHT.

...

WELL, IT **LOOKED** LIKE IT DISAPPEARED... BUT ACTUALLY, IT JUST FELL. LIKE A SHOOTING STAR...

BUT THE TRACKING FUNCTION DOESN'T WORK ON MYTHICAL POKÉMON LIKE JIRACHI.

IT MAKES THINGS A LOT EASIER IF YOU'RE DEALING WITH AN ORDINARY POKÉMON ...

SO HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FIND IT THEN?

...IN THAT ...

... DIREC-TION.

I HAVE TO CAPTURE IT BEFORE IT DISAPPEARS AGAIN!

CATCH YOU LATER!

DASH

CHOMP

OWW!

HOLD IT, HOLD IT, HOLD IT, HOLD IT, HOLD IT!

I DIDN'T SAY THAT, DID I?

YOU MEAN THE REAL REASON YOU'RE HERE IS TO CAPTURE JIRACHI? NOT TO BATTLE AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER?!

THEN WHAT?!

BUT CAPTURING JIRACHI IS...MY **MISSION.**

CHALLENGING THE BATTLE FRONTIER IS SOMETHING I ENJOY—AS A HOBBY.

?!

TO... COIN-CIDE?

THEY JUST HAPPENED TO COINCIDE.

YEAH.

YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT HOW JIRACHI WAKES UP ONCE EVERY THOUSAND YEARS...

...BUT TO BE EXACT, JIRACHI WAKES UP ONCE EVERY THOUSAND YEARS...

...FOR **SEVEN DAYS!**

ARGH! THAT'S ENOUGH! WE'RE SEARCHING FOR NOLAND'S ATTACKER NOW! THIS MYTHICAL WHATCHAMACAL-LIT POKÉMON HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT!

WHAT?! YOU MEAN ...

THAT'S RIGHT!

JIRACHI'S SEVEN DAYS AND THE SEVEN DAYS OF THE BATTLE FRONTIER OPENING CEREMONY **OVERLAP.**

I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DO BOTH OF THEM AT ONCE, RIGHT?

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2
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..THEN IT WOULDN'T BE SURPRISING AT ALL THAT SOME INTRUDER ENTERED THE BATTLE FRONTIER IN HOPES OF CAPTURING IT!

WHAT DOES ?

YOU'RE WRONG, TUCKER. IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE NOW.

IF THAT POKÉMON AWOKE AND WAS FLYING AROUND THE BATTLE FRONTIER DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY ...

A LEGENDARY POKÉMON WHO MAKES ANY WISH COME TRUE.

DON'T BE SO FRESH!

SLAP

UH-HUH! RIGHT! EXACTLY! YOU'RE SMARTER THAN YOU LOOK!

HOW ABOUT IF YOU MONITOR ME CONTINUALLY FROM NOW ON?

HOW CAN I GET YOU TO BELIEVE ME?

YOU STILL HAVEN'T PROVEN THAT **YOU'RE** NOT THAT INTRUDER, EMERALD!

...ALL THE FRONTIER BRAINS—EXCEPT NOLAND, OF COURSE—ACCOMPANY EMERALD ON HIS SEARCH FOR JIRACHI.

...THE DAY AFTER THE CHAL-LENGE AT THE PYRAMID ...

SPLISH

AND SO...

I BET JIRACHI'S IN THERE!

LATIAS, LATIOS—STOP!

AH!

SHOULD BE SOME-WHERE 'ROUND HERE...

HMM ...

WHAT'S THIS ...?

UNBELIEV-ABLE. WE HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS BOY!

HE HAS TOTAL CONTROL OVER LATIOS AND LATIAS...

ARTISAN CAVE.

I DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO WASTE.

HEY! YOU'RE GOING IN?!

!

OOPS!

I HAD NO IDEA THERE WAS A PLACE LIKE THIS IN THE BATTLE FRONTIER.

WHAT?!

...ONE OF THEIR FACILI-TIES AFTER THIS.

I'M THINKING ABOUT CHALLENG-ING...

AFTER ALL...

RSTL

RSTL

I DON'T KNOW... BUT ONE THING I **DO** KNOW IS THAT THE ARTISAN CAVE IS NO EASY PLACE TO GET THROUGH!

THE MYTHICAL POKÉMON... IT WON'T BE THAT EASY TO CATCH, WILL IT?

...THE CAVE HAS A REPUTATION...

SLOSH

BOING

OOPS!

FWIP

ACK! HERE THEY COME!

...AS THE LAIR OF A PACK OF SMEARGLE WHO ATTACK ANY AND ALL INTRUDERS!

WHY DOESN'T EMERALD USE HIS GADGET?!

?!

...THAT CALMS POKÉ-MON DOWN...

THAT MUD-SHOOTING DEVICE...

ZIP

ZIP

ZIP

ZIP

I'M NOT GONNA FIGHT THEM!

I JUST WANT TO GET THROUGH ...

...THIS CAVE IN ONE PIECE, THAT'S ALL!

OOPS!

I DON'T LIKE POKÉMON.

I LIKE POKÉMON BATTLES.

...

BUT HE DIDN'T MEAN HE LIKES **EVERY** TYPE OF POKÉMON BATTLE.

HE SAID HE LIKES POKÉ-MON BATTLES BUT NOT POKÉ-MON.

... WHAT HE MEANT BY THAT.

I THINK I'M FINALLY BEGIN-NING TO UNDER-STAND ...

AND THE POKÉMON USED BY THE FRONTIER BRAINS...

THE POKÉMON USED BY THE VIRTUAL TRAINERS ...

THE POKÉMON WHO APPEAR IN THESE BATTLE FACILITIES ...

HE ONLY LIKES POKÉMON BATTLES WHICH ARE A **SPORT**!

EMERALD LIKES TO FIGHT WITHIN A DESIGNATED SET OF RULES.

THE WILD SMEARGLE ARE ATTACKING US, BUT THEY'RE DOING IT OUT OF INSTINCT, NOT BECAUSE THEY'RE BEING CONTROLLED BY SOMEONE ELSE.

THAT'S WHY HE ISN'T USING IT NOW.

OR WHEN THE RULES HAVE BEEN BROKEN AND THE POKÉMON BATTLE CAN'T CONTINUE.

I GET IT... THE ONLY TIME HE RESORTS TO USING THAT GADGET IS WHEN A POKÉMON HAS TURNED VIOLENT.

I WON'T FIGHT YOU NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU ATTACK ME!

ZIP

OH!

WHOA!

BOING

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN FIELD BATTLES...

...AGAINST WILD POKÉMON!

BUT I WANT A PICTURE OF EMERALD CAPTURING THE MYTHICAL POKÉMON FOR THE NEWSPAPER, SO I HAVE TO CATCH UP WITH HIM SOMEHOW!

...THAT THE FRONTIER BRAINS HAVE LOST HIM.

HE'S MOVED SO FAR INTO THE CAVE ALREADY ...

KRNCH

WELL ...

IT'S ALL OR NOTHING THEN! I'LL SIDLE ALONG THIS CAVE WALL UNTIL...

HUH ?

SMADAK

AHH!

FLOP

THE SUDO-WOODO I ACCI-DENTALLY POURED WATER ON...?

AND THE DUSCLOPS EMERALD MET IN ROOM 134 AT THE BATTLE PIKE...?

!!

THESE TWO?!

BUT I THOUGHT EMERALD RELEASED YOU BOTH BACK INTO THE WILD!

ARE YOU HERE ...

NOD

...BECAUSE YOU FEEL INDEBTED TO HIM?

I FOUND ...

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG? AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE KEEP-ING AN EYE ON ME?

HF

HF

KATHOMP

...JIRACHI!

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FWAAF

FWAP

FWP

SO **THAT'S** THE WISH POKÉMON... JIRACHI!

IT'S SHINING SO BRIGHTLY!

ROLL ROLL

SHFF

STOMP

OKAY... WILL DO!

WHICH ONE SHOULD I USE...

...CRYSTAL?

WHO IS HE TALK-ING TO?!

PRE-MIER BALL! LUXURY BALL! TIMER BALL! REPEAT BALL! NEST BALL! DIVE BALL! NET BALL!

WEE

SWISH

HERE GOES!

OKAY!

TAKING

I'VE DECIDED WHICH BALL TO USE!

TAKING

WHAT'S THAT SOUND ?!

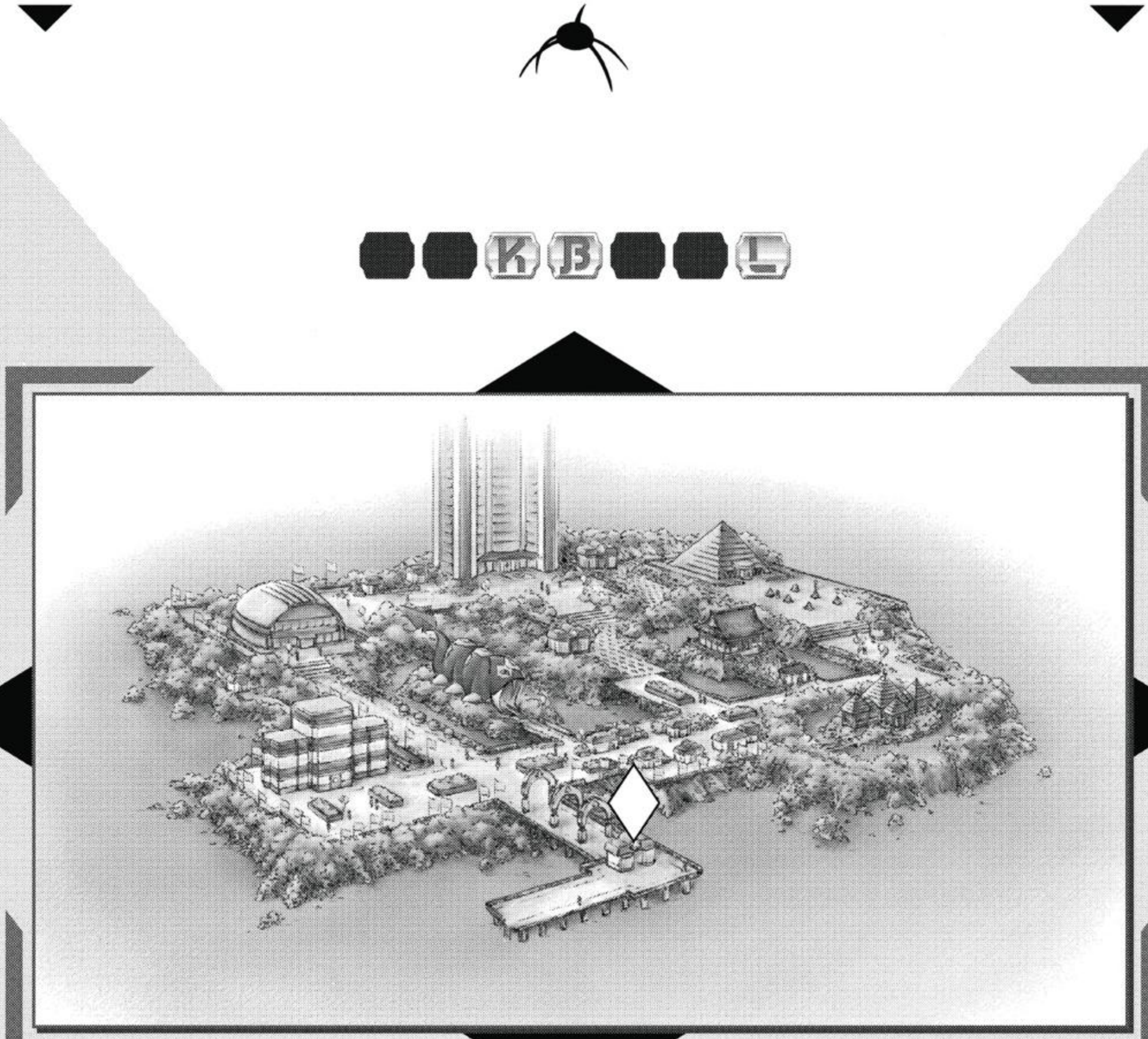
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Skirting Around Surskit



SO THIS IS...

...JIRACHI!

AH...

TA KLANG

FINALLY ...

...FOUND YOU!

TA KLANG

TA KLANG

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

GUILE?!

EMERALD! WHO THE HECK IS THAT GUY?! DO YOU KNOW HIM?!

UH-HUH. I KNOW HIM.

HE'S THE BAD GUY WHO'S AFTER JIRACHI.

BUT I WON'T LET HIM CATCH IT! BECAUSE IF HE CAPTURES JIRACHI...

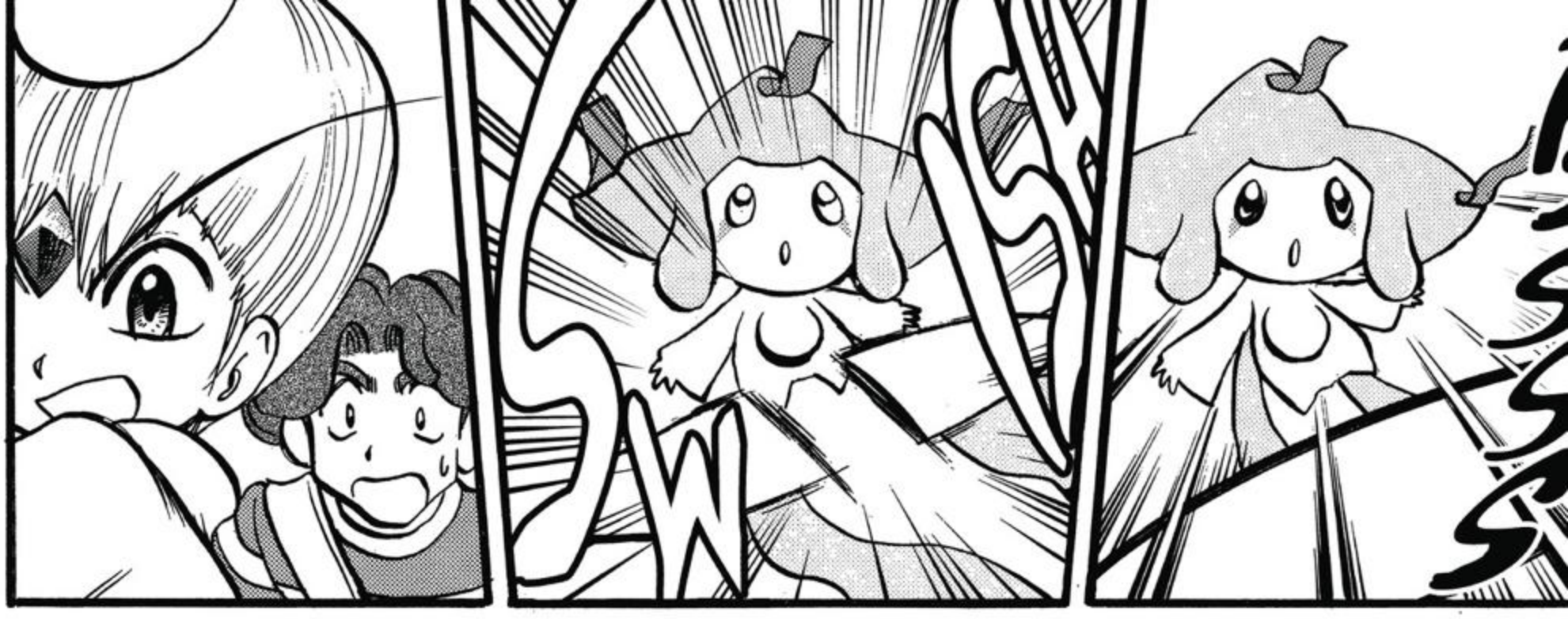
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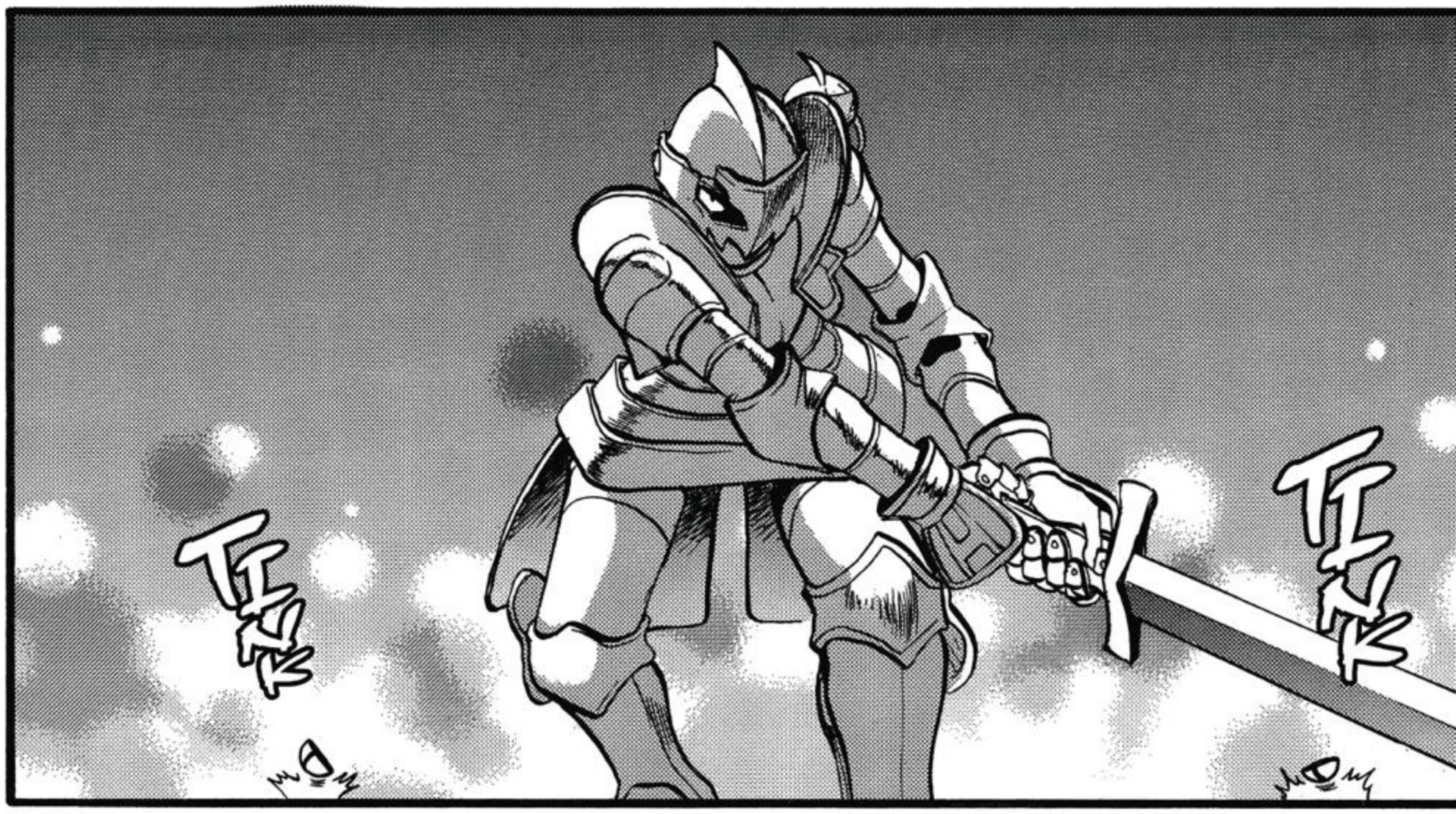
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...I'LL LOSE MY...

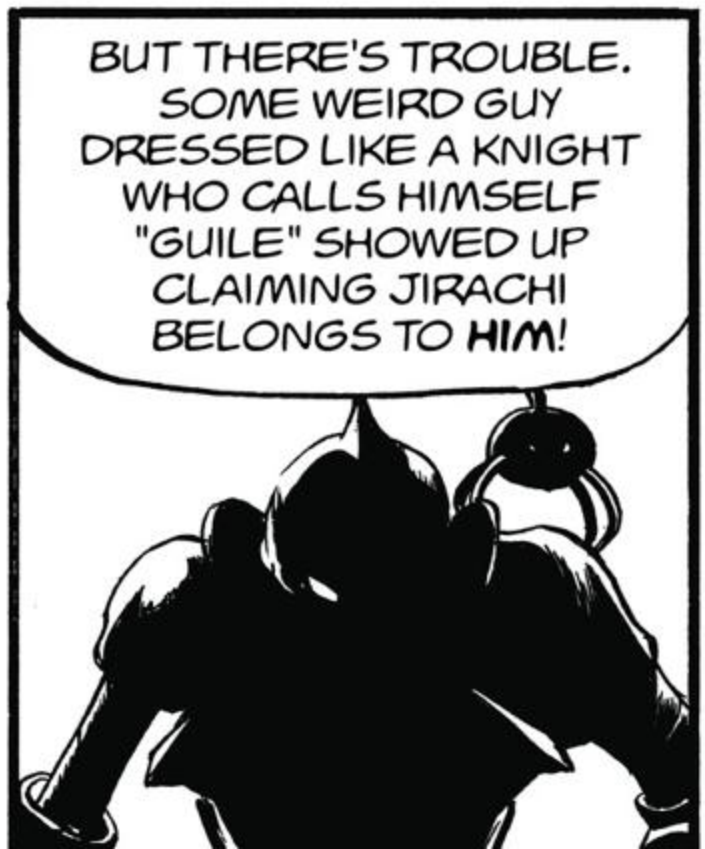
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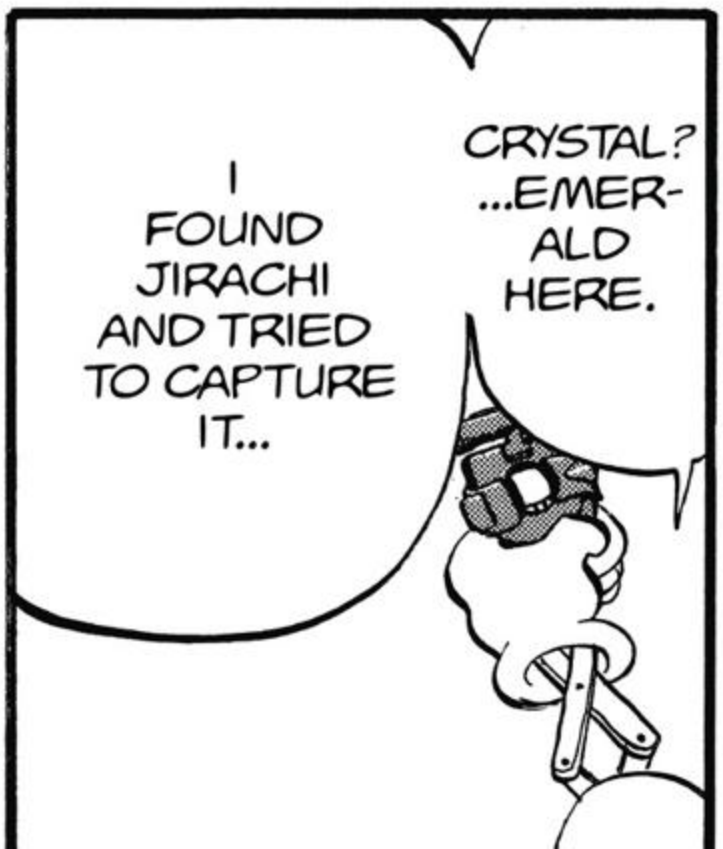
...JOB!




TINK
TINK


...IS MINE.
JIRACHI ...


BUT THERE'S TROUBLE. SOME WEIRD GUY DRESSED LIKE A KNIGHT WHO CALLS HIMSELF "GUILE" SHOWED UP CLAIMING JIRACHI BELONGS TO **HIM**!


I FOUND JIRACHI AND TRIED TO CAPTURE IT...
CRYSTAL? ...EMER-ALD HERE.


UH-OH ...

LISTEN TO ME THOUGH...

YOU MUSTN'T FIGHT HIM!

HE SLICED MY TIMER BALL IN TWO!

THAT'S NO SURPRISE. I WAS EXPECTING THAT.

YOU SHOULD EXPECT TO MEET OTHER TRAINERS WHO ARE OUT TO CAPTURE A POKÉMON BEFORE YOU!

CALM DOWN, EMERALD! REMEMBER... YOU'RE A POKÉDEX HOLDER!

KREEP

YOU HAVE TO FOCUS ON CAPTURING JIRACHI!

...IS MINE!

JIRACHI ...

WHF

GRAB

I DON'T FIGHT. I ONLY BATTLE.

I KNOW, CRYSTAL.

JIRA-CHI! JIRA-CHI!

I'M GOING AFTER JIRACHI NOW!

ZING

FLOP

TNKTNK

TNKTNK

NOT SO FAST!

KRE

EK

BOOM

THIS IS...

ROLL ROLL

WAIT, EMERALD! I SENT YOU MONCHAN AND BONEE FOR THE BATTLE PYRAMID... DO YOU STILL HAVE THEM WITH YOU?!

LOOK AT YOUR POKÉDEX ...

THEY CAN BE USEFUL WHEN CAPTURING A POKÉMON AS WELL.

I CAN SEE WHY THEY'RE ON YOUR TEAM, CRYSTAL!

THEY'RE REALLY POWERFUL!

USE THOSE TWO FIRST TO STOP JIRACHI!

MONCHAN CAN ATTACK USING MACH PUNCH AND BONEE CAN USE FALSE SWIPE!

ARE YOU KID-DING ME?!

HEY, DON'T PULL!

OKAY ...

YANK

WHERE'S YOUR FIGHTING SPIRIT?!

WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT NOT FIGHTING AND FOCUSING ON CAPTURING THAT POKÉMON?!

THAT GUY ...

...GUILE IS THE ONE WHO ATTACKED NOLAND!

AND THOSE ARE THE RENTAL POKÉMON NOLAND WAS TAKING CARE OF!

THIS IS THE POKÉ BALL THAT ARMORED MAN WAS USING! IT HAS THE BATTLE FACTORY LOGO ON IT!

LOOK!

BATTLE FACTORY

RENTAL

...THAN THIS MYTHICAL POKÉMON TO **US**!

THAT IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT ...

NOLAND STILL HASN'T REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS! AND THE PERSON WHO HURT HIM IS STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF US!

WE ALL WORKED SO HARD TOGETHER TO CREATE A SUCCESSFUL BATTLE FRONTIER!

...

I'M GOING TO DEFEAT GUILE AND AVENGE NOLAND!

JUMP

GRRR... SO **I'M** GOING TO FIGHT HIM!

THAT'S RIGHT!

YEAH!

...TEAR THAT CREEPY ARMOR OFF OF YOU! LET'S SEE IF YOU'RE LUCKY ENOUGH TO ESCAPE OUR WRATH!

...AND WITH A RIGHTEOUS SPIRIT WE SHALL...

WE ARE THE BRAVE TRAINERS OF THE BATTLE FRONTIER...

BEHOLD THE TACTICS OF THE FRONTIER BRAIN!

SWISH

CROBAT, AIR CUTTER!

SALAM-ENCE, FIRE BLAST!!

WARP

SEVIPER, SLUDGE BOMB!

REGICE, BLIZ-ZARD!!

THOOK

RUMMM

DA-DOOM

RMBLRMBL

TING

RF

WHAM

ZIP

FWUMP

THUD

KRASH

GUYS!

AND HE GATHERED ALL THE ENERGY OF THAT ATTACK AND REFLECTED IT BACK AT THEM!

ALL OF THEM ATTACKING AT ONCE DIDN'T LEAVE SO MUCH AS A SCRATCH ON IT!

FLOP

THAT ARMOR ...

GO!

TM+KM

SHINK

UMBREON!

DOUBLE TEAM!

TM

JUST FOCUS ON JIRACHI...? REALLY?

THINGS ARE START-ING TO GET A BIT OUT OF HAND HERE!

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, CRYS-TAL?

SMASH

YOUR MISSION IS TO CAPTURE JIRACHI!

LET ME REMIND YOU...

YES.

...CALM.

WHOEVER IS GIVING YOU THESE ORDERS IS VERY PROFES-SIONAL.

OVER AND OUT.

KK

IM-PRES-SIVE-LY ...

...THE ENEMY WILL BE MORE LIKELY TO WIN AND CAPTURE JIRACHI.

IF WE ALLOW OUR EMOTIONS TO TAKE HOLD OF US AND LOSE OUR FOCUS...

WE FRONTIER BRAINS HAVE A LOT TO LEARN!

IN TERMS OF CONTROLLING OUR EMOTIONS... HEH...

...WHO CAN MAKE ANY WISH COME TRUE.

IT'S MORE THAN OBVIOUS WHAT THE OUTCOME WOULD BE IF A CRIMINAL LIKE THAT GOT HIS HANDS ON THE POKÉMON...

KORESH

...FACE THAT ARMORED MAN!

LET'S DIVIDE UP OUR ROLES.

YOU GO AFTER JIRACHI WHILE I...

BO

HOW'S THAT SOUND ?

PER-FECT!

STOP!

HA HA HA HA.

LET'S GO!

JUMP

GUILE, WAS IT?!

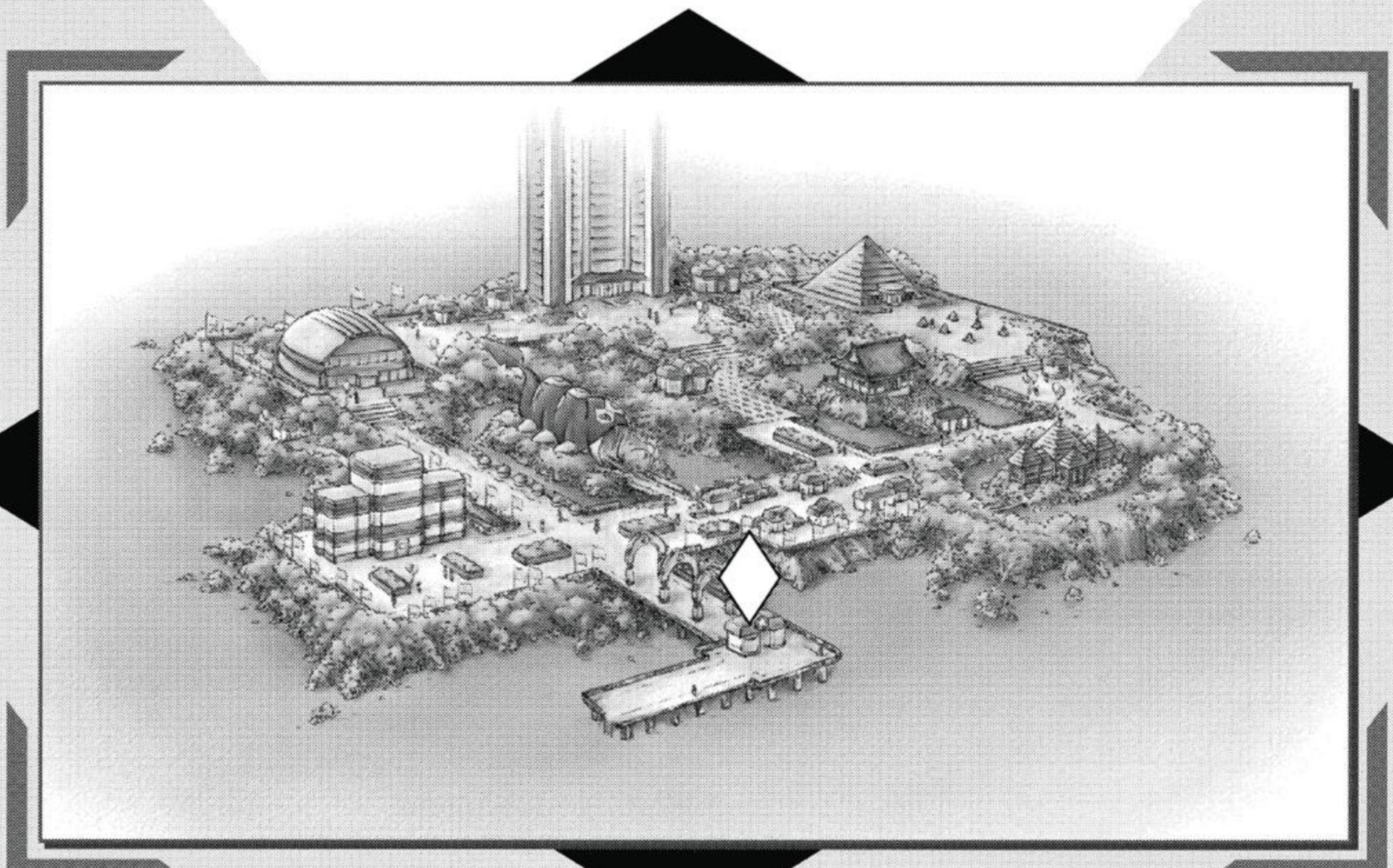
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...THE HEAD OF THE FRONTIER BRAINS! AND I AM GOING TO STOP YOU!

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...TO STOP GUILE!

ANABEL IS TRYING ...

THUNDER SHOCK!

FLASH

KRCKL KRCKL

FZZT

THUNDER SHOCK!

THAT'S THE WEAKEST ELECTRIC-TYPE MOVE!

BUT IT CAN BE EASILY CONTROLLED BECAUSE IT'S NOT THAT POWERFUL...

SO I CAN USE IT TO...

SPLISH

ZZZZT

...CREATE AN ELECTRICAL CAGE TO STOP YOU FROM MOVING!

KRCKLZZZK

DON'T MOVE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE ELEC-TRIFIED!

SPLASH

AND NOW...

PFF

FFF

A LOT OF MOVES THAT MAKE USE OF THE WEATHER CAN'T BE DEPLOYED UNLESS THE CONDITIONS ARE JUST RIGHT. MOST POKÉMON CAN'T USE THUNDER UNLESS THERE'S A RAIN CLOUD IN THE SKY.

BUT **THIS** POKÉ-MON IS DIFFER-ENT!

IS THAT A...**RAIN CLOUD**?!

EXACTLY!

IT SUPPLIES ITS **OWN** RAIN CLOUD!

...MAKES NO DIFFER-ENCE!

WHETHER I'M OUT-SIDE OR IN A CAVE...

HAHA!

WOW! SHE'S BROUGHT GUILE TO A COMPLETE HALT. HOW IS IT THAT HER MOVES ARE SO POWERFUL?!

IT'S THE THUNDER POKÉMON, RAIKOU...

...A LEGENDARY POKÉMON I FOUND IN THE JOHTO REGION.

YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH IT?

SPLASH

WHAT A POWERFUL ATTACK!

WHAT **IS** THAT POKÉMON?!

I HAVE TALENT!

NO REASON. POWERFUL PEOPLE ARE JUST THAT— POWERFUL.

BOOM

OKAY! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO GET...

NOW, EMERALD!

...JIRACHI!

STOP JIRACHI WITHOUT HARMING IT!

SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT THAT MAKES YOU CAPTURE SPECIAL-ISTS!

THOSE ARE THE POKÉMON EMERALD USED AT THE BATTLE PYRAMID!

HITMON-CHAN AND CUBONE!

MACH PUNCH!

WHFFSWFF

THAT'S ...!

IT LOOKS LIKE A BONE! WHAT'S IT GOING TO DO WITH THAT...?

WHACK

WHOA!

FLIP

RIGHT! NOW I JUST HAVE TO PLACE JIRACHI IN THE POKÉ BALL!

YOUR POKÉMON STOPPED JIRACHI WITHOUT HARMING IT, JUST LIKE YOU TOLD THEM TO! AND NOW...

YOU DID IT!

URP

URP

I FIGURED IT WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME. THAT'S WHY I CHOSE A TIMER BALL FOR THE JOB.

KLTTR KLTTR KLK

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HARDER TO CAPTURE BECAUSE IT'S A MYTHICAL POKÉMON!

KICK

...I'LL GO WITH A LUXURY BALL!

ROLL ROLL

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT BALL I USE!

I WANT IT TO BE FRIENDLY TOWARDS ME AFTER I CATCH IT THOUGH, SO...

THE BEST PLACE TO AIM IS WHERE THE POKÉMON'S POWER GATHERS.

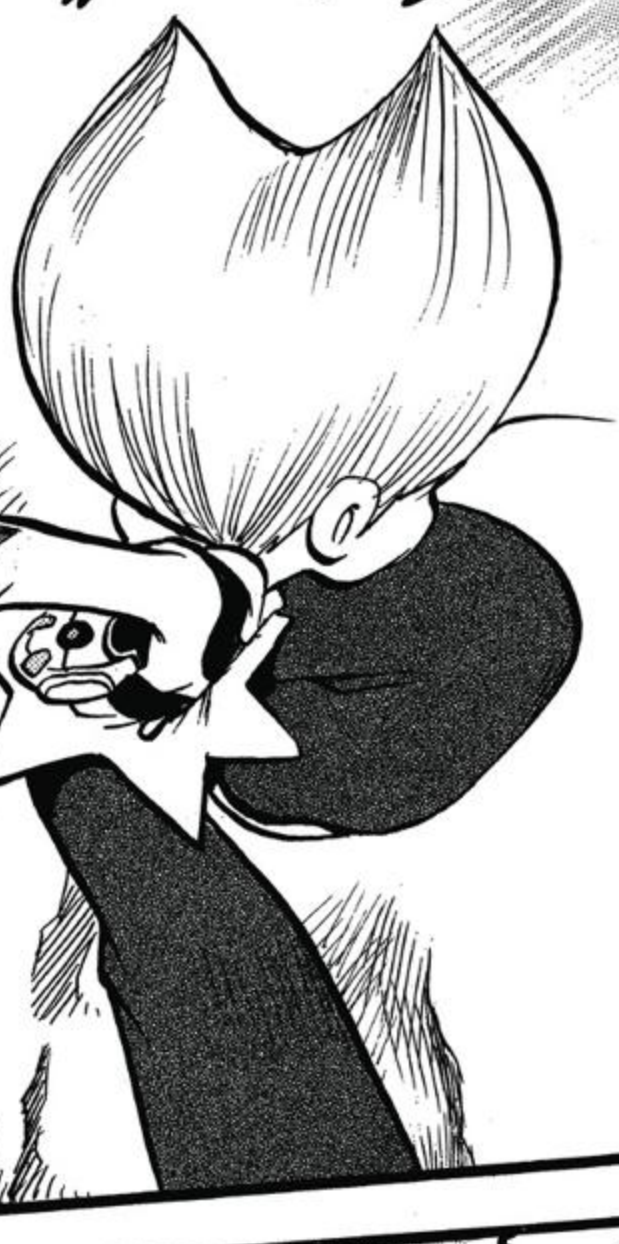
...IT LOOKS LIKE THAT'S THE LINE ON ITS STOMACH!

AND FOR JIRACHI...

SHIT

ING





FLOOP

HE DID IT!

SPLISH

BOOO

...WAIT JUST A LITTLE LONGER, PLEASE!

I'M ASKING YOU TO...

BACK AT THE BATTLE ARENA ...

...SO I GATHERED EVERYONE IN FRONT OF THE BATTLE ARENA!

GRETA TOLD ME SHE WANTED TO BE NEXT AFTER THE BATTLE AGAINST BRANDON...

OOP

COME ON!! WHEN ARE YOU COMING BACK?!

THE PRESS WANTS TO SEE THE FRONTIER BRAINS AND THE CHAL-LENGER!

OH, WELL. I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED...

...

...AND THE VILLAIN WHO'S AFTER **IT**!

AFTER ALL, THEY ARE UP AGAINST THE MYTHICAL POKÉMON JIRACHI...

ANABEL HAS STOPPED GUILE!

WHAT A RELIEF! WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM ABUSING JIRACHI'S POWER TO MAKE SOME EVIL WISH COME TRUE ANYMORE!

KRRR

RUMBL

YOU DID IT, EMERALD!

WHAT'S WRONG, EMERALD?

?

...

WHAT'S GOING ON...?

STRANGE ...

THERE'S NO OTHER EXPLANATION!

YOU MEAN ...?

BUT THE BALL ISN'T CLOSING...

JIRACHI HAS BEEN SUCKED INTO THE BALL...

GUILE'S SURSKIT IS USING PSYBEAM TO KEEP THE BALL FROM CLOSING!

PSYBEAM!

KRK'

KRAK

SHIIR

NG

HYUURRGH!

I HAVE HAD ENOUGH...

...OF YOUR INTER-FER-ENCE!

YOU!

RAI-KOU!

URK

GLOOP

WHAT ...?!

HOW DID ALL THIS WATER GET HERE?!

WHAT'S THIS?! IT'S STICKY! I CAN'T MOVE!

10

KA

SURSKIT'S SUGARY SYRUP IS MIXED INTO IT. THAT'S WHY IT'S SO STICKY!

IT'S FROM THAT SURSKIT!

PERISH!

BEAT IT!

DISAP-PEAR!

YOU PITIFUL FOOLS!

THIS IS WHERE YOU MEET YOUR END!

KA-AK

RMBL

DUSCLOPS!

SCEPTILE!

SCEPTILE!

...ARE PRO-TECTING HIM!

THE THREE POKÉMON WHO EMERALD HELPED EARLIER...

SWISH

JIRA-CHI!

GLARE


GRRRR
HOW MADDENING...!
GAH ...!
I WAS SO CLOSE!
JIRACHI DISAPPEARED!
FAREWELL, FOOLS! THE NEXT TIME WE MEET...
AND NOW I KNOW YOU LOT ARE NO MATCH FOR ME.
I STILL HAVE FOUR DAYS...
FINE.
...I, GUILE HIDEOUT, WILL BE THE RULER OF THE WORLD!
OOMF

...
THERE'S SOME-THING I HAVE TO ASK YOU.

"HOW-EVER" WHAT?

BEFORE THAT...

APOLOGIES FOR OUR LATE ARRIVAL. WE'LL BE HAPPY TO HELP OUT WITH INTERVIEWS ABOUT THE BATTLE ARENA. HOWEVER...

THE FRONTIER BRAINS HAVE RETURN-ED!

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, EVERY-ONE...

...MR. SCOTT?

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT JIRACHI? AND GUILE, THE MAN IN THE SUIT OF ARMOR...

DID YOU KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON FROM THE VERY BEGIN-NING?

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS...

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

OWNER: SCOTT

FACILITY RULES

BATTLE DOME

Battle-type	Number of Pokémon	Type of Symbol	Wins needed to attain the Symbol
•Single •Double	3 Pokémon	Tactics	Championships × 10 Rounds = 40 Consecutive Wins

At the Battle Dome, the challenger participates in a tournament between 16 Trainers. The Trainers must choose two of three Pokémon. Before the battle, the challenger receives an opportunity to view their opponent's data using a Battle Card with the following information...

① The Trainer's Pokémon
② The Trainer's rank amongst the tournament participants
③ The type of battle style the Trainer excels in
④ The emphasized status of the Pokémon

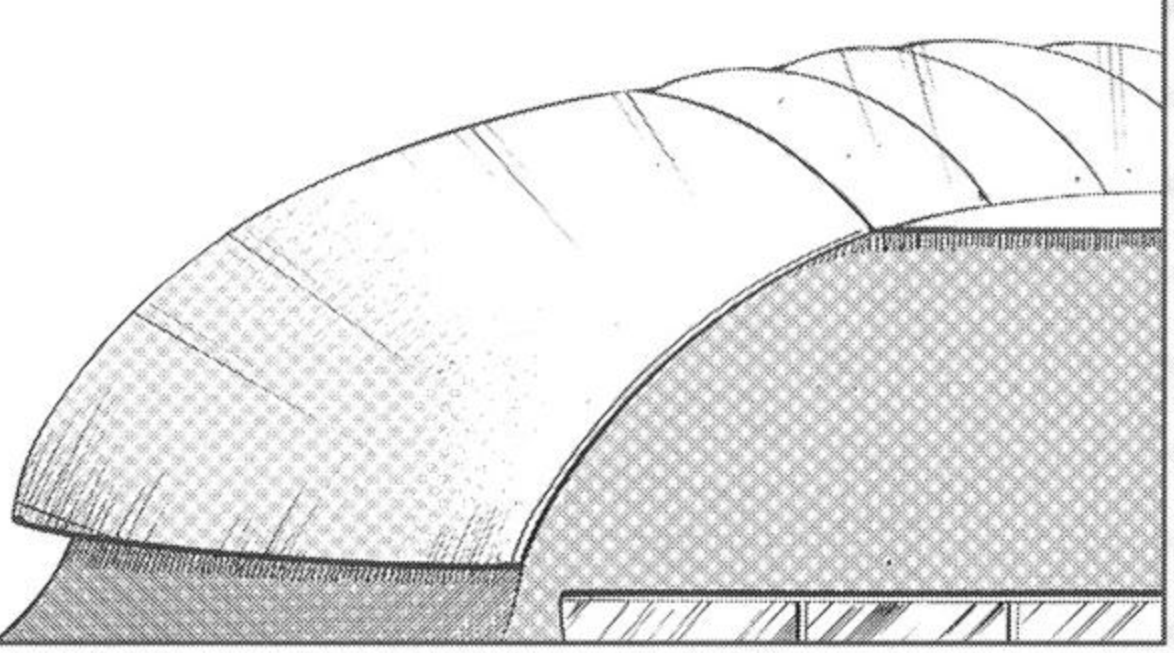
One must win four battles in a row in each round from the first to the last round to become the champion.



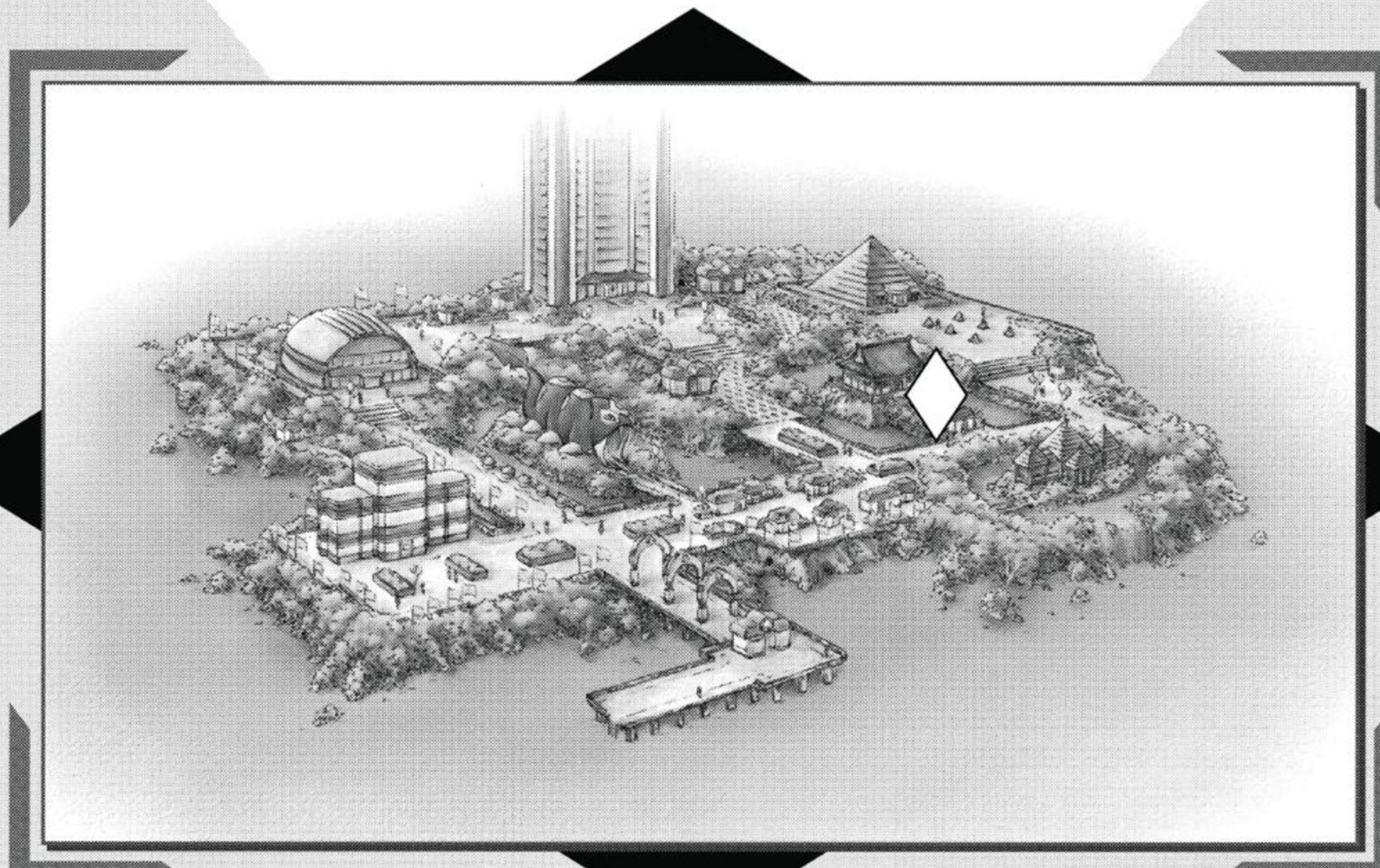
Dome Ace Tucker



Tactics Symbol



Sneaky Like Shedinja



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KAPOOF

WHAT?!

WHOA!

ANABEL, THE LEADER OF THE FRONTIER BRAINS, SEEMS TO BE EMBROILED IN SOME SORT OF SERIOUS CONVERSATION WITH MR. SCOTT.

HEY, THE FRONTIER BRAINS HAVE RETURNED! WHY HAVEN'T THEY SHOWN US AROUND THE FACILITY YET?!

SOME-THING MUST HAVE HAP-PENED!

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE JUST BEEN THROUGH A FIERCE BATTLE!

AND THE FRONTIER BRAINS ARE ALL ROUGHED UP!

MUR MUR

Uh-oh...

MUR MUR

...SO AS NOT TO COMPROMISE OUR REPUTATION AS FRONTIER BRAINS.

WE WERE SIMPLY HONING OUR POKÉMON BATTLE SKILLS TOGETHER ...

KRUKKR

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! THERE'S NOTHING TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT!

PLEASE EXCUSE OUR APPEARANCE!

WE GOT CAUGHT UP IN OUR TRAINING AND LOST TRACK OF THE TIME, SO WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO FRESHEN UP YET.

PLEASE ENTER THE BATTLE ARENA ...

THAT'S RIGHT!

BUT WE PROMISE YOU'LL BE SATISFIED WITH WHAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM OUR TRAINING TODAY!

AND NOW, GRETA WILL DEMONSTRATE HER SKILLS FOR YOU AS PLANNED!

OUR CHALLENGER TODAY IS... EMERALD!

SLAM

THE BATTLE IN THE BATTLE ARENA IS HELD IN THE STYLE OF A TOURNA-MENT!

AND I AM ARENA TYCOON GRETA!

BUT ANABEL AND MR. SCOTT ARE...

TUCKER AND GRETA HAVE MANAGED TO DISTRACT THE PRESS...

HFF

HFF

...BUT PRE-TENDED NOT TO?

HEH... YOU THINK I KNEW ALL ALONG...

TELL US!

WELL ...?

...YOU'RE ABSO-LUTELY... **RIGHT**!

WELL...

SO I WAS RIGHT! BUT WHY WOULD YOU HIDE THIS VITAL INFORMATION FROM US?!

...IT WOULD BE THE LOOK YOU GAVE US WHEN WE TOLD YOU WE WERE GOING TO ARTISAN CAVE WITH EMERALD— AND WHEN WE RETURNED ALL BRUISED AND BATTERED.

BUT IF I HAD TO GIVE YOU A REASON ...

you mean... **this** look?

I JUST HAD A HUNCH. NO REASON REALLY.

WHAT TIPPED YOU OFF, ANABEL?!

Hm? ...?

BECAUSE I WANTED YOU FRONTIER BRAINS TO GROW **STRONGER.**

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

...WITH THIS REPORT...

TOP SECRET

R

IT ALL BEGAN ...

STRONGER?!

ACCORDING TO THIS RECORD, **THIS** IS THE LOCATION WHERE JIRACHI WAS PREDICTED TO AWAKEN NEXT.

A DETAILED RECORD OF JIRACHI'S ACTIVITIES FROM THE MOMENT OF ITS AWAKENING TO THE MOMENT WHEN IT FELL ASLEEP AGAIN.

A COLLECTION OF STORIES FROM WITNESSES OF JIRACHI'S AWAKENING A THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

THAT'S RIGHT— STRONGER!

A POKÉMON RESEARCHER ANALYZED WHAT WAS WRITTEN HERE AND CALCULATED THE EXACT DATE WHEN JIRACHI WOULD WAKE UP AGAIN.

THAT'S RIGHT.

A DOCUMENT FROM A THOUSAND YEARS AGO?!

...PRO-FESSOR OAK.

I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD OF HIM... HE'S A WORLD FAMOUS AUTHORITY IN POKÉMON RESEARCH NAMED...

POINT 9214 IN THE HOENN REGION...THE LOCATION WHERE YOU ARE BUILDING YOUR BATTLE FRONTIER...

YOU MUST BE SCOTT.

IT WAS PROFESSOR OAK HIMSELF WHO ALERTED ME TO THIS SITUATION...

...IS THE VERY SPOT WHERE THE MYTHICAL POKÉMON JIRACHI WILL REAWAKEN!

A WOMAN NAMED ULTIMA OBTAINED IT FOR ME THROUGH SPECIAL MEANS...

KOFF

I HAVE AN ANCIENT MANUSCRIPT ABOUT JIRACHI...

THE MYTHICAL POKÉMON JIRACHI... YOU MEAN... THE WISH POKÉMON?!

AH! YOU KNOW OF IT!

...

IT'S GOING TO AWAKEN RIGHT HERE...?

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH JIRACHI?

PROFES-SOR OAK...

THERE IS A WISH... I HAVE TO MAKE COME TRUE.

AN IMPOSSIBLE WISH THAT CANNOT HAPPEN WITHOUT THE HELP OF JIRACHI!

I MUST CAPTURE IT!

THERE'S ONE PROBLEM THOUGH ...

PHEW

THANK YOU!

THE BATTLE FRONTIER IS OPEN TO EVERYONE.

YOU'RE FREE TO COME HERE AND CATCH IT.

WHRR

...AND THE DISC CONTAINING THE DECIPHERED CONTENTS OF THE MANUSCRIPT WAS STOLEN.

LAST NIGHT, MY LAB WAS RAIDED...

WHAT ?!

MY POKÉMON TRIED TO PROTECT IT AND WERE BADLY INJURED IN THE PROCESS.

SOMEONE ELSE SEEMS TO BE AFTER JIRACHI AS WELL!

LUCKILY, THE DISC ONLY INCLUDED THE PARTS I WAS ABLE TO TRANSLATE SO FAR...

Jirachi Report

TOP SECRET

MUCH OF THE REPORT IS WRITTEN IN AN ANCIENT ALPHABET, SO I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DECIPHER IT ALL YET.

...DURING THE SEVEN DAYS JIRACHI IS AWAKE.

RMBL RMBL

KLTTR

SO THIS THIEF IS BOUND TO APPEAR AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER AS WELL IN HOPES OF CAPTURING JIRACHI...

UNFORTUNATELY, IT WAS ENOUGH FOR THE INTRUDER TO LEARN THE LOCATION AND TIME OF JIRACHI'S AWAKENING.

...ARE EXACTLY THE SAME DATES THAT I HAD ALREADY SET FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE PRESS.

THE DATES PROFESSOR OAK CALCULATED...

COR-RECT.

SO **THAT'S** WHO THAT ARMORED MAN WAS...

NO!

I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD PUSH BACK THE OPENING OF THE BATTLE FRONTIER...

PROFESSOR OAK WAS WORRIED THAT THE PRESS WOULD BE IN DANGER...

I WILL HOLD THE CEREMONY AND OPEN THE FACILITY AS PLANNED!

KLANK

KLANK

KLT TR

RMBL

THE BATTLE FRONTIER IS MY DREAM!

WORKING TO-GETHER, I'M SURE THEY'LL BE ABLE TO DRIVE OFF ANY ENEMY.

...I EMPLOY SEVEN SKILLED TRAINERS CALLED FRONTIER BRAINS.

EVEN IF SOMEONE DOES ATTACK US IN AN ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE JIRACHI...

I ENTRUST YOU AND YOUR FRONTIER BRAINS WITH THE BATTLE AGAINST THE INTRUDER.

ALL RIGHT THEN.

...

...TO THE BATTLE FRONTIER TO CAPTURE JIRACHI. ANY OBJEC-TIONS?

NO, THAT'S FINE.

AND I WILL CHOOSE A POKÉDEX HOLDER AND SEND HIM...

SO-O-O...

...

AND THAT POKÉDEX HOLDER IS... EMERALD!

YOU THINK SO...?

AND NOLAND WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ATTACKED!

WE WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER PRE-PARED IF WE'D KNOWN.

...WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US ALL THIS BEFORE?!

WELL...

UH...

AND EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW, YOU WOULD HAVE WON IF YOU WERE **STRONG.** AREN'T THOSE THE PRINCIPLES OF BATTLE?

EVEN IF YOU HAD KNOWN, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN DEFEATED IF YOU WERE **WEAK.**

WOULD TELLING YOU EARLIER HAVE ENABLED YOU TO DEFEAT THIS INTRUDER?

LET ME ASK YOU SOME-THING...

SHE HAS DECIDED TO FACE HIM AFTER BEING IMPRESSED BY HIS SKILLS AS A TRAINER IN ARTISAN CAVE!

SHFF

GRETA HAS ALREADY BEGUN FIGHTING EMERALD.

SCEPTILE! LEAF BLADE!!

YEARGH!

GR

ABB

KLONK

FAF FAF FAFF

BOING

KOOM

WAK

HE'S AS POWERFUL AS GRETA.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE SEEMS TO HAVE THE UPPER-HAND AT THE MOMENT.

EMERALD IS AS STRONG AS EVER. YOU CAN TELL HE'S SERIOUS ABOUT HIS BATTLES.

SMASH

YOUR BATTLES AGAINST HIM WEREN'T SURPRISE ATTACKS. YOU ALL KNEW ABOUT HIM BEFOREHAND.

EMERALD IS OUR FIRST CHALLENGER, BUT HE MADE IT PAST THE BATTLE FACTORY, PIKE AND PYRAMID!

BUT... THINGS MIGHT HAVE TURNED OUT DIFFERENTLY IF HE WERE STRONGER.

IT WOULD BE A LIE TO SAY THAT I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT NOLAND.

I CAN'T COMPLAIN, MR. SCOTT.

RIGHT ...

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, BRANDON? LUCY?

ONCE AND FOR ALL!

DEFEAT HIM!

WHAT WILL YOU DO IF YOU MUST FACE HIM AGAIN?

INCLUDING TOMOR-ROW, OUR ENEMY ONLY HAS THREE DAYS LEFT.

TO BECOME MORE POWER-FUL!

EMERALD WILL CHALLENGE YOU AT THE BATTLE DOME, PALACE AND TOWER—AND THOSE WILL ALL BE OPPORTUNI-TIES FOR YOU TO TRAIN!

EXACTLY! BUT IN ORDER TO DO THAT, YOU MUST BE **STRONGER**!

BUT MR. SCOTT IS RIGHT...

HEH... IT LOOKS LIKE **WE'RE** THE CHALLENGERS **NOW**!

YEAH !!

...SO WE'LL BE PREPARED TO FACE THEM WITH OUR HEADS HELD HIGH!

MANY CHALLENGERS ARE GOING TO COME THROUGH HERE ONCE THE BATTLE FRONTIER IS OFFICIALLY OPEN. LET'S OVERCOME **THIS** CHALLENGE...


PUT EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT INTO THIS BATTLE TO HONE YOUR SKILLS!
GO, GRETA!
I KNOW ...
YEAH!
HFF
HFF
URK
LET'S FINISH THIS, HERA-CROSS!
URRRKK
URKK

KR NCH

MEGA-HORN!!

SHE WON ?!

GRETA DID IT!

SIGGH

NO! EMERALD'S SCEPTILE IS STILL STANDING!

BUT NEITHER OF THEIR POKÉMON HAVE BEEN KNOCKED OUT.

BOTH SIDES HAVE TAKEN THREE TURNS TO ATTACK AND DEFEND!

AND THE RESULT IS...

THE TRAINERS WILL BE RATED FOR THEIR MIND, SKILL AND BODY!

RATED? IS THAT HOW THEY DETERMINE THE WINNER AT THE BATTLE ARENA?

THEREFORE, THE POKÉMON'S PERFORMANCE WILL BE RATED!

VRRM

ARENA TYCOON GRETA'S HERACROSS WINS!

WAVE WAVE

Arena Tycoon		CHALLENGER
○	Mind	×
△	Skill	△
○	Body	×
5		1

THE JUDGMENT IS 5 TO 1!

HFF HFF

YOU JUST BATTLED GUILE A MOMENT AGO...

SO DID GRETA.

YES, THAT'S TRUE. BUT...

EH ...?

YEAH!

YOU DID IT, GRETA!

SURE.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, EMERALD?!

THE BATTLE WILL RESUME AFTER A FIVE-MINUTE INTERVAL.

YEAH. FOR SOME REASON, THEY LIKE ME.

DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.

NUZZ

NUNN

EMERALD, YOU'RE TAKING ON THIS CHALLENGE WITH THOSE THREE?

Arena Tycoon | CHALLEN

Mind

Skill

Body

YOUR BREAK IS OVER!

THEY REALLY ARE FOND OF EMERALD, AREN'T THEY...?

RESTART-ING ARENA BATTLE!

WOOF

...BEGAN WITH EMERALD'S SCEPTILE BEING DEFEATED IN THE FIRST ROUND. THE WINNER OF THE FIRST ROUND, HERACROSS, HAS NOW BEGUN ITS **SECOND** ROUND AGAINST DUSCLOPS.

THE BATTLE BETWEEN EMERALD AND ARENA TYCOON GRETA...

...IS A 3-ON-3 KNOCKOUT BATTLE!

THE BATTLE HERE AT THE BATTLE ARENA...

KLEMM

DUSCLOPS, PSYCHIC!!

AND THAT'S NOT ALL!

A SUPER EFFECTIVE MOVE! YOU CAN EXPECT A GOOD SKILL RATING FOR THAT ONE!

YES! YOU ATTACKED ITS WEAK-NESS!

ON THE OTHER HAND, HERACROSS EXCELS IN FIGHTING-TYPE MOVES...

..WHICH HAS NO EFFECT ON DUSCLOPS BECAUSE IT'S A GHOST-TYPE POKÉMON!

IT'S AN ATTACK MOVE, SO I'LL GET A HIGH SCORE FOR MIND! AND I SHOULD ALSO GET A HIGH SCORE FOR BODY, SINCE I INFLICTED A LOT OF DAMAGE!

FWEEE

THE POKÉMON ARE JUDGED FOR THEIR MIND, SKILL AND BODY.

challenger

Skill

Body

OH, THAT'S RIGHT! BECAUSE ANY BATTLE THAT DOESN'T END WITHIN THREE TURNS GETS RATED.

THEY'RE GOING TO BE RATED AGAIN ?!

RULE BOOK

EACH SIDE HAS HAD THREE TURNS TO ATTACK AND DEFEND!

AND BODY IS JUDGED BY CONVERTING YOUR POKÉMON'S STAMINA TO A NUMERICAL SCORE AND COMPARING ITS STAMINA AT THE **BEGINNING** OF THE BATTLE WITH ITS STAMINA AT THE END.

BODY

SKILL IS JUDGED, BY HOW EFFECTIVE THE MOVES YOU CHOOSE ARE.

SKILL

MIND IS JUDGED BY HOW MUCH YOU ATTACKED. IF YOU DEFEND **TOO** MUCH, YOU'RE DOWN-GRADED FOR NOT SEEMING SERIOUS ABOUT THE BATTLE.

MIND

...BUT EVEN IF YOUR POKÉMON IS UP AGAINST A DISADVANTAGEOUS TYPE, YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING THANKS TO THE RATING STAGE. I WONDER HOW THE SECOND ROUND WILL TURN OUT?

Arena Tycoon | challenger
Mind
Skill
Body

YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE POKÉMON YOU PICKED AT THE BEGINNING...

CHALLENGER EMERALD'S DUSCLOPS WINS!

2

4

THE JUDGMENT IS 4 TO 2!

WAVE

COME OUT, UMBREON!

YAY! EMERALD'S DUSCLOPS REMAINS IN THE BATTLE!

GRETA'S SECOND POKÉ-MON IS...

BOM

UMBREON IS A DARK-TYPE POKÉMON, SO IN THIS ROUND DUSCLOPS IS AT A DISAD-VANTAGE!

...THE POKÉMON TYPE DISADVAN-TAGE HAS CHANGED!

BUT NOW ...

IT'S HER FAVORITE POKÉMON.

ATTACK BACK, DUS-CLOPS!

TRIP

SMASH

FEINT ATTACK !!

KRCKL KRCKL

WILL-O-WISP!

WOOMUNGON

CONFUSE RAY!

THE JUDGMENT IS 5 TO 1! ARENA TYCOON GRETA'S UMBREON WINS!

FWUMP

HA HA! LOOKS LIKE THE RESULT IS GOING TO BE OBVIOUS. THERE WON'T NEED TO BE A RATING STAGE.

SMAK SMAK

WFF WFF

DUSCLOPS IS ALREADY AT A DISADVANTAGE, AND NOW IT'S CONFUSED AS WELL!

GRETA'S UMBREON WON, SO EMERALD IS MOVING ON TO HIS THIRD POKÉMON!

THREE TURNS IS REALLY QUICK!

UMBREON?!

SIZZLE

IT'S SLOWLY HEALING ITSELF WITH THE LEFTOVERS I HANDED IT, BUT...

IT MUST HAVE GOTTEN BURNED FROM THAT WILL-O-WISP ATTACK!

MNCH MNCH

SUDOWOODO!

BOOM

ALL RIGHT! LET'S FINISH THIS BATTLE NOW!

DID YOU THINK I'D LET YOU KEEP THE UPPER-HAND?

KICK

LOW KICK !!

WEAK?

OKAY, THEY EACH HAVE ONE POKÉMON LEFT... AND GRETA'S THIRD POKÉMON IS...

CHAL-LENGER EMER-ALD'S SUDO-WOODO WINS!

THE JUDG-MENT IS 2 TO 5!

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, YOU'RE SADLY MISTAKEN.

... SHED-INJA ?!

...MY SUDO-WOODO HAS ONE OF THOSE MOVES!

I KNOW! BUT...

SHEDINJA'S ABILITY IS WONDER GUARD, SO THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF MOVES YOU CAN ATTACK IT WITH!

SHE CHOSE ENDURE! BUT SHE'LL LOSE POINTS ON THE MIND RATING FOR USING DEFENSE MOVES...

SM ASH

KRASH

ROCK SLIDE !!

THAT'S RIGHT! I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE WITH A LOW RATING!

THIS IS GOING TO BE A ONE-ON-ONE FULL-ON BATTLE!

SLA

SOLAR BEAM!!

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WHOA ...!

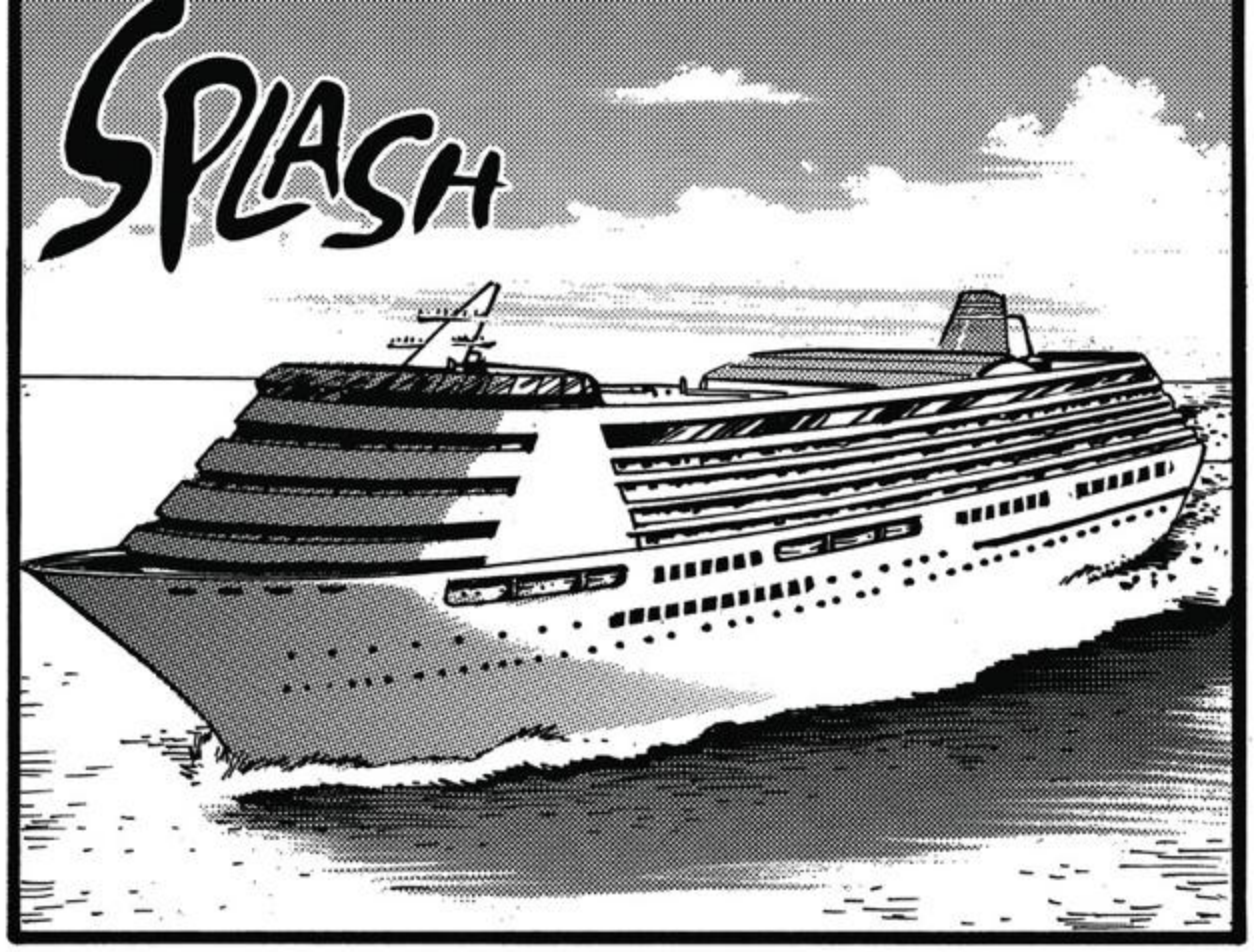
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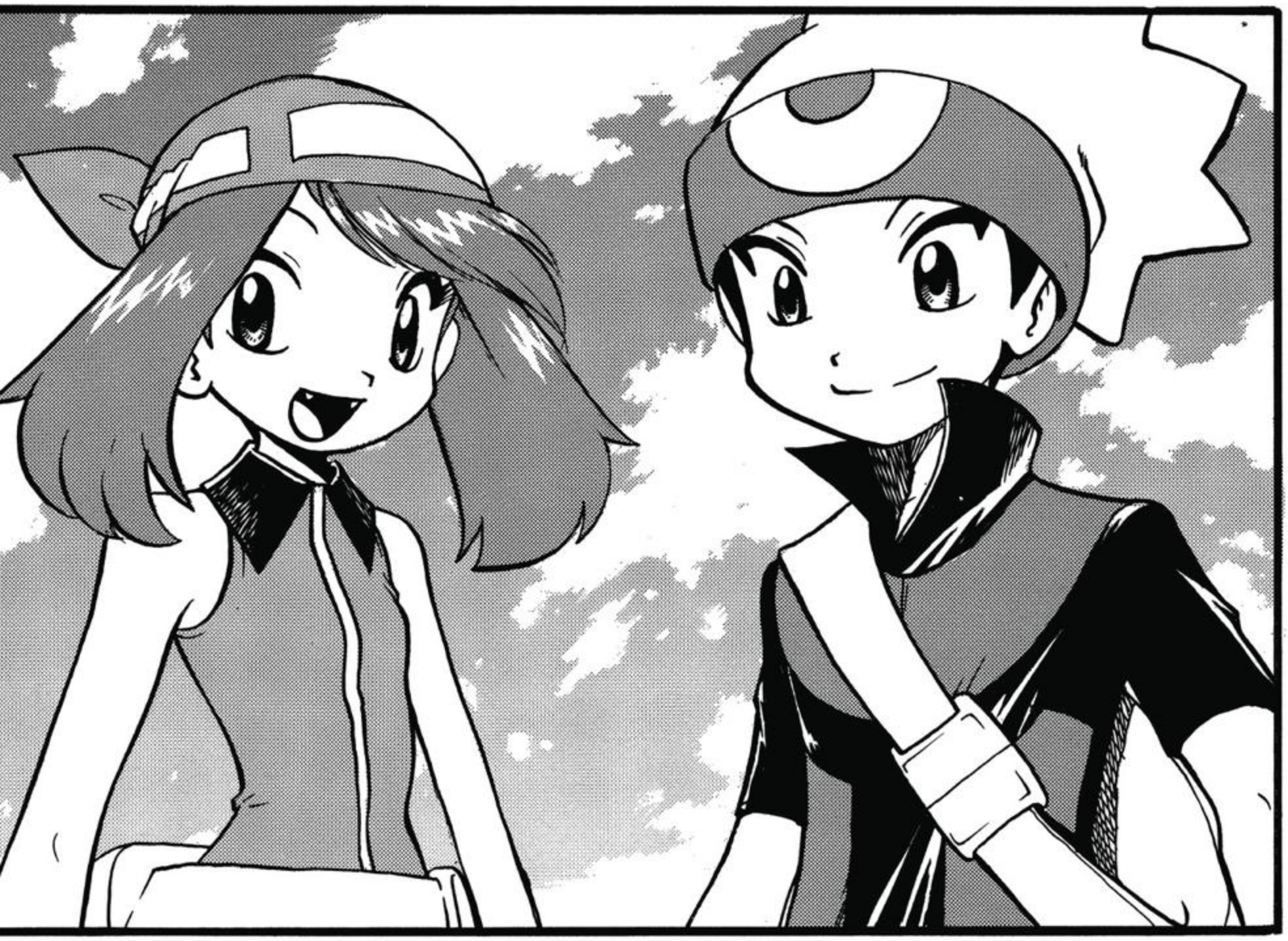
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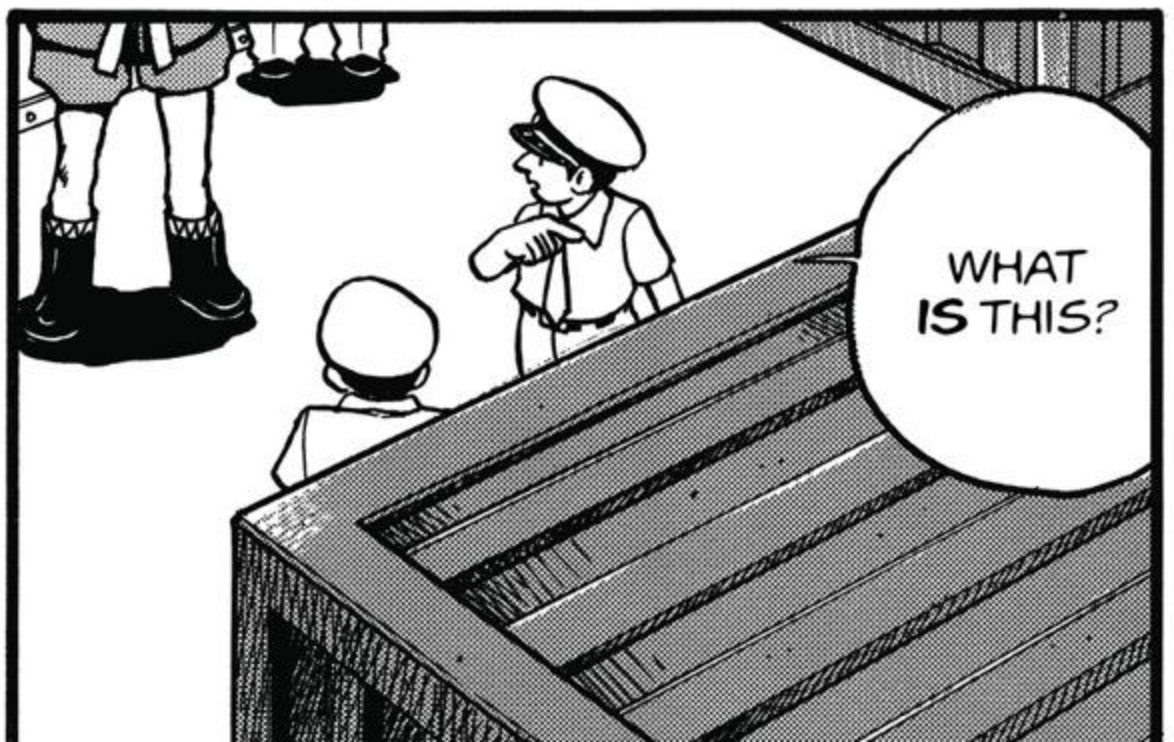
...THAT PROFESSOR OAK WANTS TO MAKE SO BADLY?!

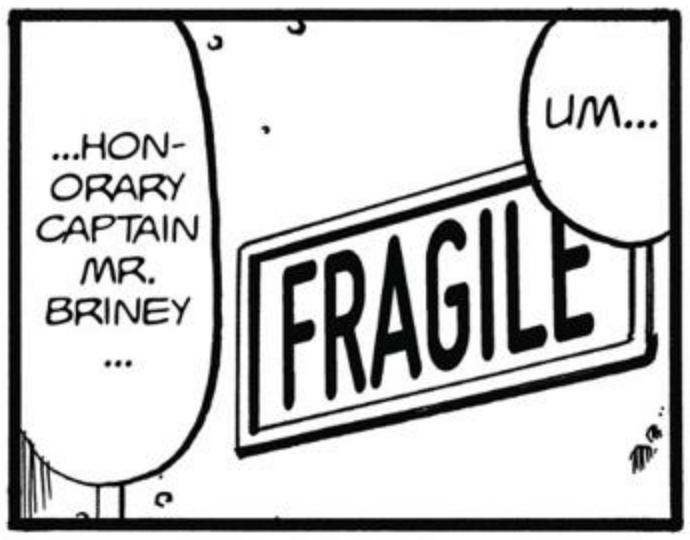
WHAT IS THIS WISH ...




SPLASH




WHAT IS THIS?


...HON-ORARY CAPTAIN MR. BRINEY ...
UM...
FRAGILE

BE CAREFUL! DON'T PUT A SINGLE SCRATCH ON 'EM! THAT'S HOW WE PROFESSIONALS DO IT!

Your uniform...

YES-SIR!

STATUES? WHAT FOR?

DUNNO. I WAS JUST ASKED TO DELIVER THEM. SEAFARING MEN DON'T SNOOP AROUND, YOU KNOW.

WE'RE GONNA TAKE THEM ONSHORE TOMORROW AFTER THE ONBOARD WEDDING...TO THE BATTLE TOWER IN THE BATTLE FRONTIER.

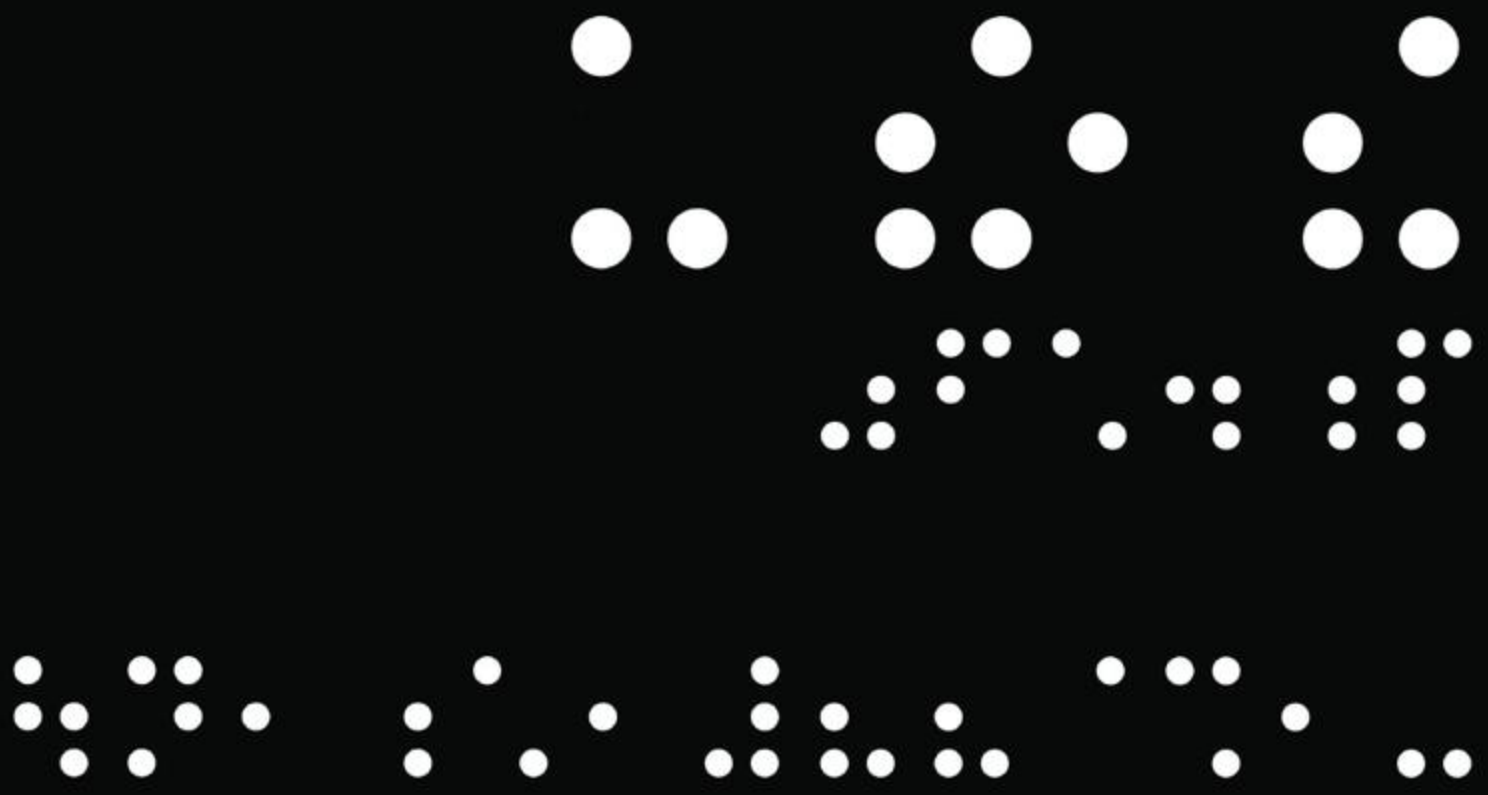
STATUES. THERE'S FIVE OF THEM.

Captain, you have to wear your uniform!

SKRTCH SKRTCH

PHEW...

TO BE CONTINUED...



"IF THAT'S YOUR WISH, THEN...

LET ME SHOW YOU WHO I AM!"

MEANWHILE, SPENSER MAKES A SUSPICIOUS MOVE...

THINGS TAKE A SHARP TURN AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE FABULOUS DUO RUBY AND SAPPHIRE!

SHEW

THAT'S IT!

BRAN-DON!

KRUM

JIRACHI HAS A THIRD EYE!

UH-HUH ...

THE MEMORY LIGHTER ...!

RUBY, DO YA STILL SUSPECT THAT FRONTIER BRAIN SPENSER?

JIRACHI FALLS INTO THE CLUTCHES OF THE ARMORED MAN!

...IS MINE.

JIRA-CHI ...

...HAS ALREADY BEEN THROWN!

BUT THE BALL ...

NOOO

TO THE BATTLE TOWER!

WE HAVE TO HURRY!

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Message from
Hidenori Kusaka

This volume of *Pokémon Adventures* was originally published ten years after the first volume of the series came out in Japan! I've always had a passion for working on this series, and I've hardly ever thought back on it over the passing years, but...this realization really affected me. Fans seemed to have an even stronger desire to celebrate, and I received many letters saying "Congratulations on your tenth anniversary!" I was and continue to be so grateful...

Message from
Satoshi Yamamoto

The challenges of the Battle Pike and the Battle Pyramid, the slightly klutzy but skilled Frontier Brains, a mysterious stranger, Emerald's secret mission, the Pokémon Latias's support of Emerald... Vol. 27 is filled with all sorts of great adventures. I love all the adventures in this volume, and I've been reading them over and over again myself. I hope you enjoy them too!