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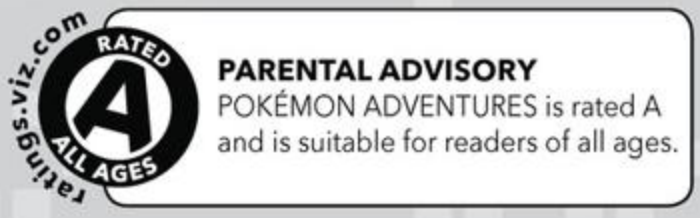
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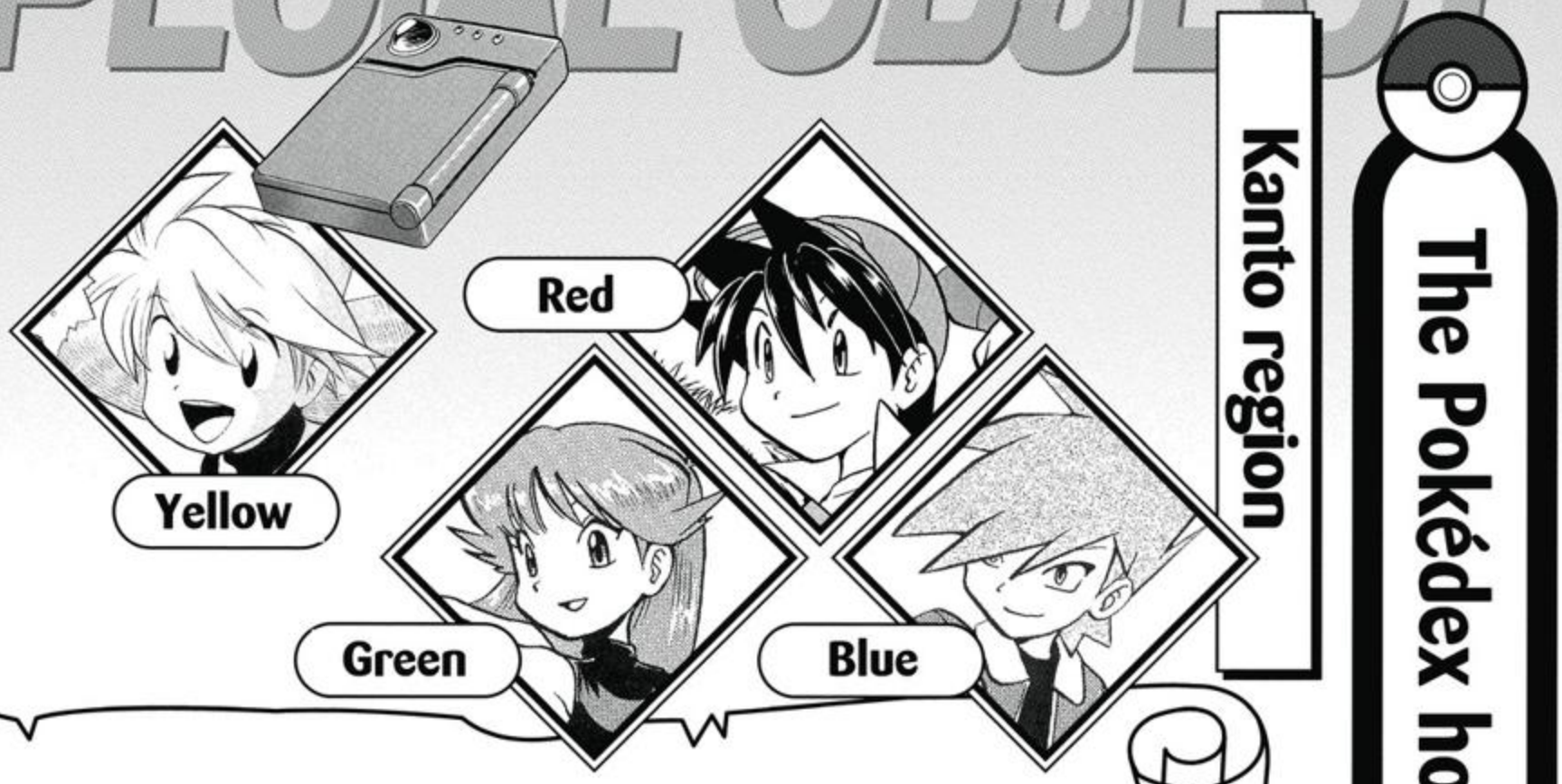
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SPECIAL OBJECT

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.







POKÉMON

Hoenn region



Johto region

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...

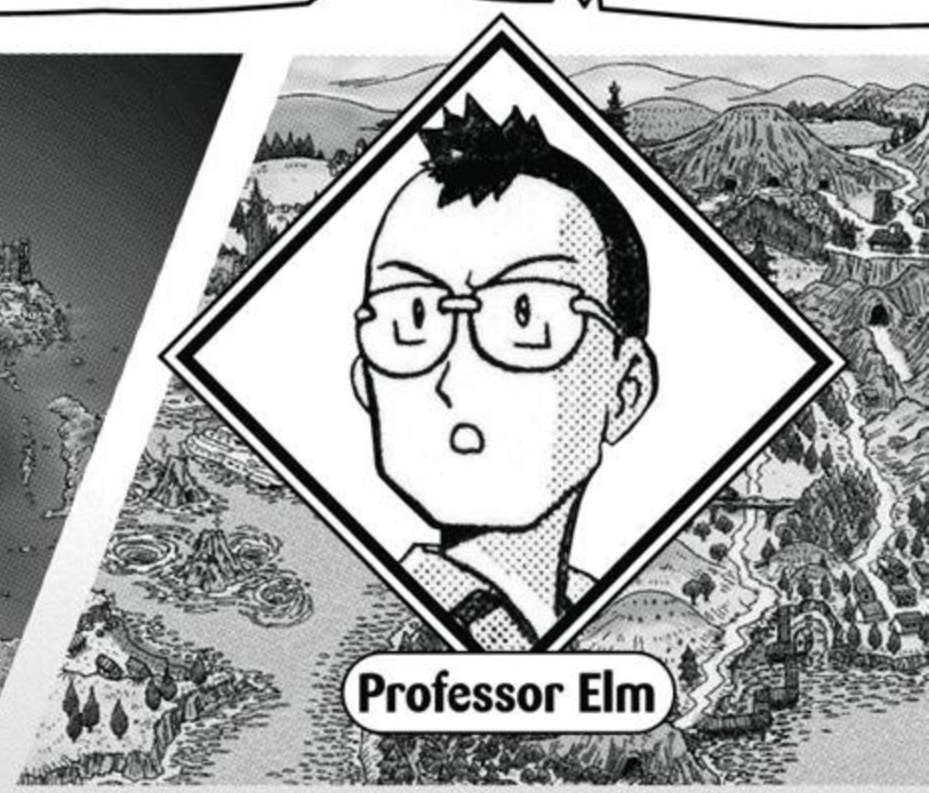


A year later, Gold, a boy living in New Bark Town in a house full of Pokémon, sets out on a journey in pursuit of Silver, a Trainer who stole a Totodile from Professor Elm's laboratory. The two don't get along at first, but eventually they become partners fighting side by side. During their journey,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

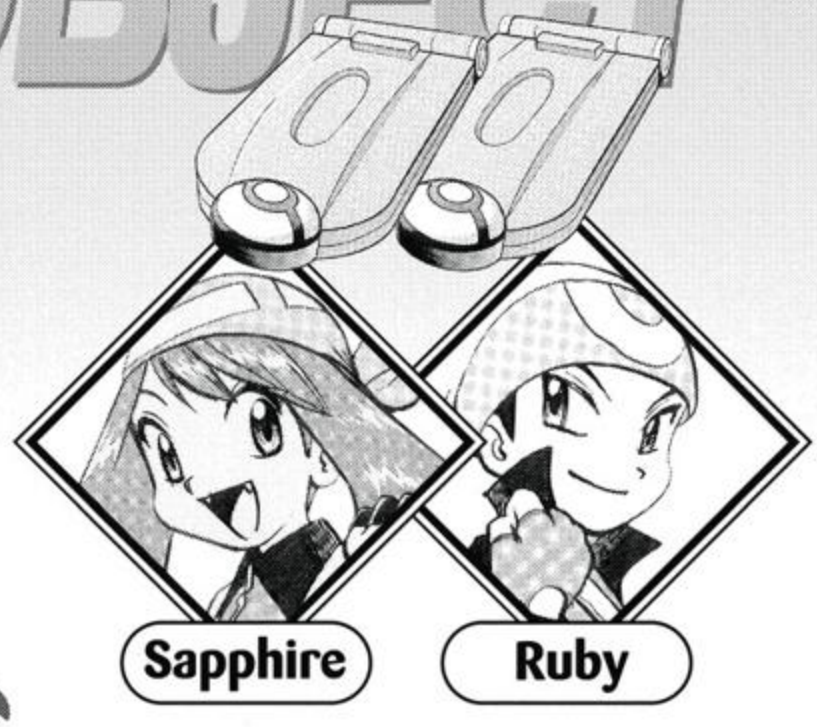




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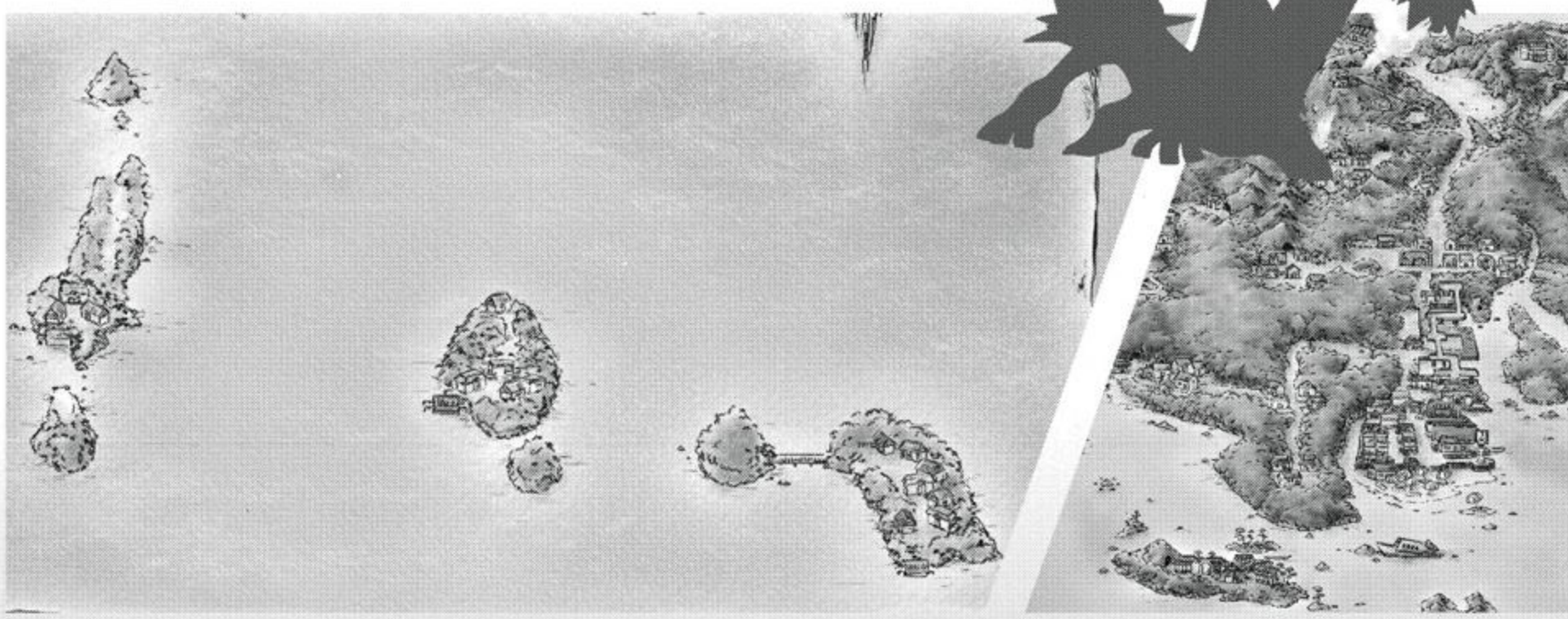


...win every Pokémon Contest and every Pokémon Gym Battle, respectively. Meanwhile, in the Hoenn region, Team Aqua and Team Magma set their evil plot in motion. As a result, Legendary Pokémon Groudon and Kyogre are awakened and inflict catastrophic climate changes on Hoenn. In the end, thanks to Ruby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

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!





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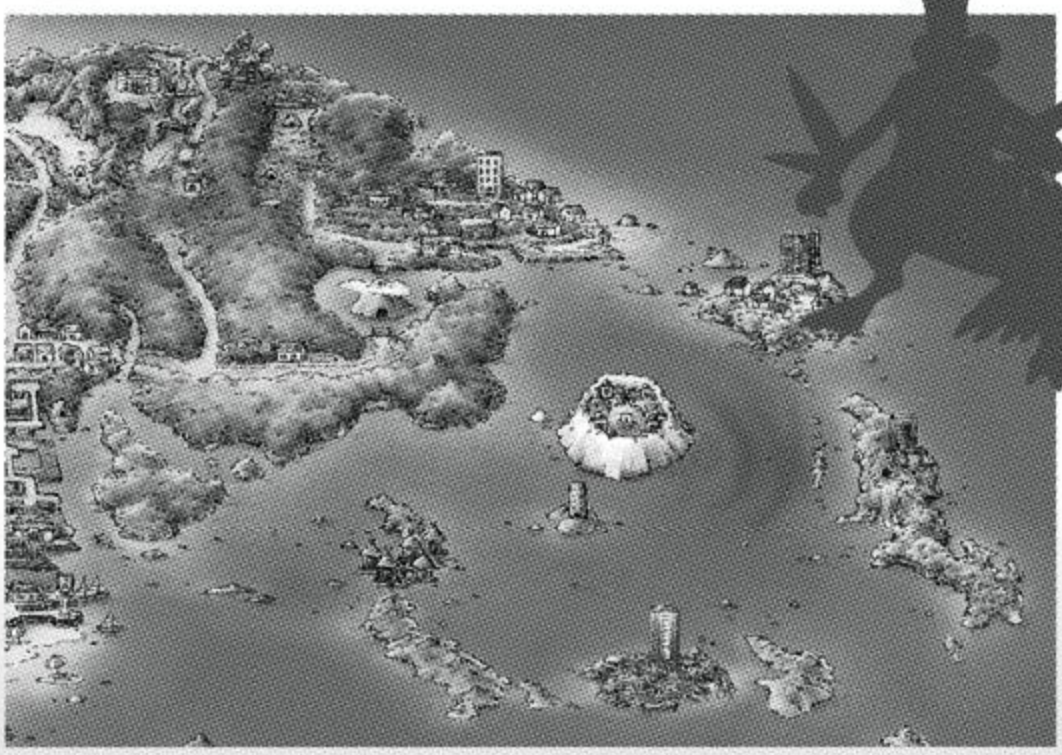


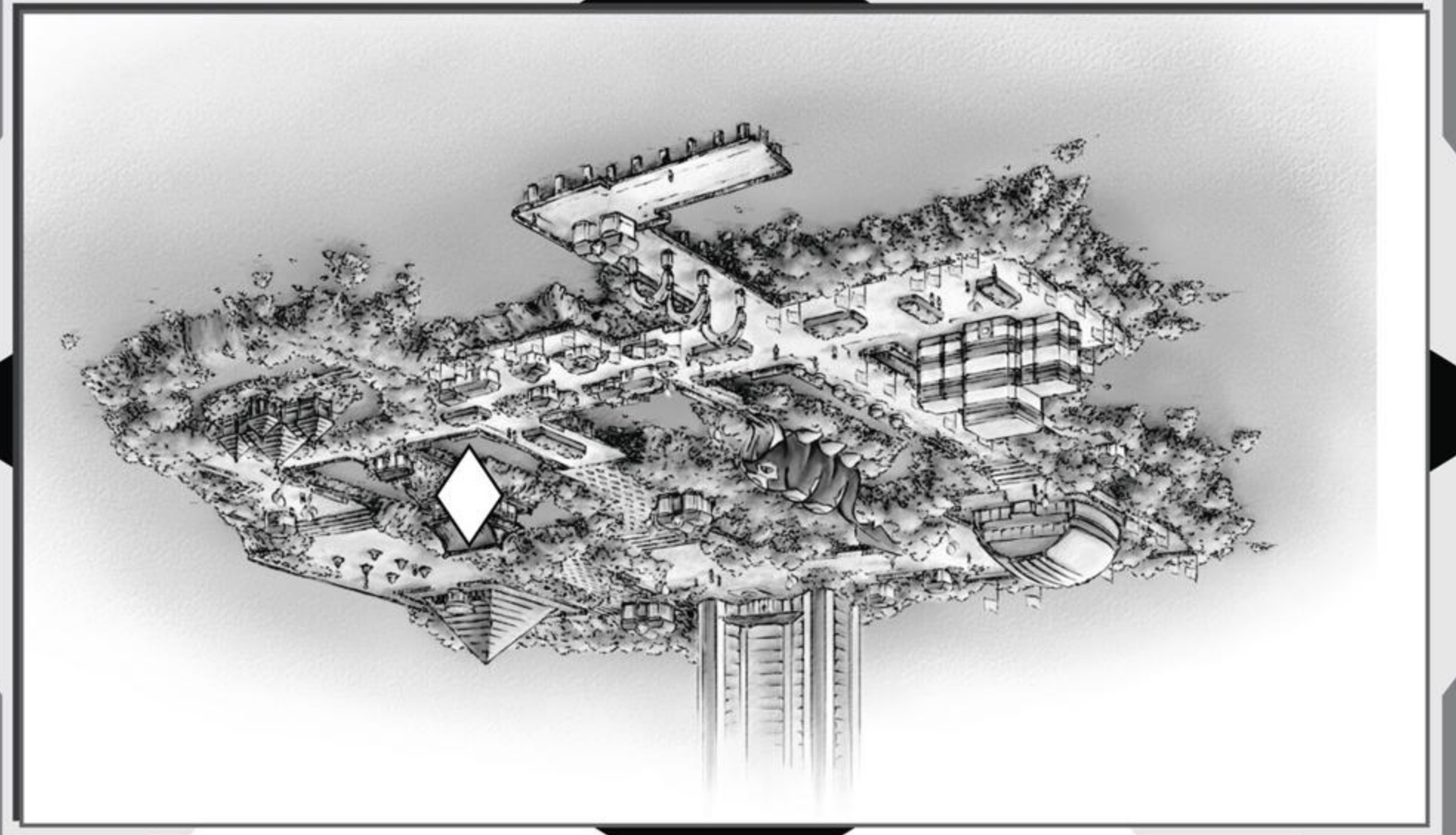
Hoenn region

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 battles against Factory Head Noland, Lucy and Brandon. His other mission is to capture and protect Jirachi, the Wish Pokémon, who awakens every thousand years for seven days and can grant any wish. Now the battle to prevent mysterious armor-clad Guile from getting his hands on Jirachi first continues...!





Sneaky Like Shedinja

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RIGHT! I AM NOT GOING TO LOSE THIS THROUGH THE RANKING SYSTEM!

K-RASH

THIS WILL BE A ONE-ON-ONE FULL-ON BATTLE!

WZZZZZ

SLAM

SQUARBEAR!!

WBBL WBBL

...

I... LOST...

WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT?!

LOOK, EMER-ALD!

SUDO-WOO-DO...!

SUDO-WOODO IS STILL STAND-ING!

URRD

SCEPTILE AND DUSCLOPS BOTH FOUGHT FOR YOU BEFORE TOO! THEY PROTECTED YOU WITH EVERYTHING THEY HAD!

KEEP FIGHTING FOR THREE TURNS AND YOUR BATTLE WILL BE RATED! YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING!

SUDOWOODO IS WORKING REALLY HARD FOR YOU! HOW CAN YOU GIVE UP SO EASILY?!

H-HANG ...

...

IF YOU DON'T TRUST **THEM**, WHO **CAN** YOU TRUST?!

...IN THERE ...

...SUDO-WOODO !!

GRIN

MUMUR

MUMUR

BODY! EMERALD IS ×! GRETA IS ○!

SKILL! EMERALD IS ○! GRETA IS ×!

THE RESULT IS...

GULP

MIND ...

IT'S STILL STANDING ...!

THREE TURNS FINISHED AND HIS SUDOWOODO IS STILL STANDING!

WHAT'S THE JUDG-MENT ?!

WHO

	Skill	
○	Body	×
2		

THE JUDG-MENT IS 4 TO 2!

EMERALD WINS!

EMER-ALD IS ○! GRETA IS ×!

...THE GUTS SYMBOL!

...PROOF OF WINNING THE BATTLE ARENA...

GREAT WORK, EMERALD. I WANT YOU TO ACCEPT THIS...

I...WON? REALLY ...?

...YOU'VE PROVEN ME WRONG.

I'M SORRY FOR WHAT I SAID BACK AT ARTISAN CAVE...

AND SO DID YOUR SUDO-WOODO!

IT WAS GREAT! YOU SHOWED GUTS AS YOU FOUGHT THAT BATTLE!

OH... THANKS.

WHAT? HEY...!

OKAY, THANKS. AND GOOD-NIGHT!

OUTSIDE. WHY?

GOOD-NIGHT...? WAIT... WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN SLEEPING ALL THIS TIME?

ZZZ ZZ ooo

HEY, HEY, HEY!

YOU'LL NEVER GET A GOOD NIGHT'S REST THAT WAY. YOU CAN STAY AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER HOTEL.

REALLY? OKAY.

I SEE YOU'VE TAKEN A LIKING TO HIM WHILE I WAS GONE.

ZZZ...

OH, BROTHER ...

SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED...

IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU UP AND ABOUT!

NOD

WE TRIED TO AVENGE YOU, NOLAND... I'M SORRY...

I'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT IT... YOU FOUGHT AGAINST THE MAN WHO ATTACKED ME, RIGHT?

NOLAND-!

HELP US...?

IT'S OKAY. I'VE BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HELP YOU IN A REMATCH.

WE WERE... CRUSHED.

YOU'RE AWAKE, BUT WHERE ARE YOU...

WHERE ...?

THE DAY I WAS ATTACKED ...

SKRTCH

...JIRACHI?

THE WISH POKÉMON ...

...WHO ONLY AWAKENS FOR ONE WEEK OUT OF EVERY THOUSAND YEARS.

I ANALYZED IT. JUDGING BY WHAT I FOUND...

SOME METAL DUST FROM HIS SWORD GOT UNDER MY NAILS, SO...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT!

...THE SWORD WAS PROBABLY A UNIQUE FORCE-FIELD ITEM...

...WITH CHAR-ACTER-ISTICS OF BOTH REFLECT AND LIGHT SCREEN.

...IT LOOKED LIKE HIS ARMOR REFLECT-ED OUR ATTACKS.

WHEN BRANDON, SPENSER, TUCKER AND LUCY'S ATTACKS WERE REPELLED ...

I DIDN'T KNOW FOR SURE, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT.

...THAT DID IT.

BUT IT WAS ACTUALLY HIS **SWORD**...

IF YOU FIGURED OUT ALL THAT FROM MY GETTING ATTACKED, I GUESS IT WAS WORTH IT!

HEH ...

MR. SCOTT, MAY I TAKE A LOOK AT PROFESSOR OAK'S ANALYSIS OF JIRACHI?

YOU MEAN... THIS?

...STILL ALLOWS HIM AND HIS SURSKIT TO ATTACK FROM INSIDE THE FORCE FIELD.

SWINGING IT MAKES A VOID FIELD AROUND HIM...WHICH PROTECTS HIM FROM ATTACKS, BUT...

THAT WOULD MAKE SENSE IF THE SWORD WAS THE SOURCE OF THE FORCE FIELD.

TAKE A LOOK, NOLAND.

SURE THING.

TOP SECRET

BUT THIS COULD GIVE ME A CLUE AS TO WHERE IN THE BATTLE FRONTIER JIRACHI WILL APPEAR NEXT.

I DON'T MEAN TO SOUND ARROGANT BY ASKING FOR A CHANCE TO REANALYZE A REPORT GENERATED BY THE GREATEST AUTHORITY ON POKÉMON...

WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET THE JUMP ON GUILE...

I SEE. THAT WOULD CERTAINLY BE HELPFUL...!

...

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAIN WITH ME, SPENSER?

SPENSER AND I—OH, AND ANABEL—ARE THE ONLY BRAINS LEFT FOR THE PRESS DEMONSTRATION BATTLE.

THIS IS GREAT!

YEAH!

NOT NOW. I'M TIRED.

NO.

I'LL GO REST IN THE BATTLE PALACE.

I'LL SEE ALL OF YOU LATER.

BATTLE PALACE

ZIP

THE ARMOR-CLAD MAN...

GUILE HIDEOUT ...

HM...

C'MON, FOLLOW ME!

BATTLE FRON-TIER HOTEL

HURRY UP. HE CAN'T BE **THAT** HEAVY...

HERE WE ARE!

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HE DIDN'T WAKE UP AT ALL...

ZLIP

ZLIP

HE MUST BE DEAD TIRED. HE'S BEEN GOING WITHOUT A BREAK FROM THE FIRST DAY HE GOT HERE. AND HE HAD TO FIGHT GUILE AS WELL!

HERE. EVERY ROOM HAS ITS OWN POKÉMON HEALER.

WHERE ARE HIS POKÉ-MON?

HE'S WEARING MECHANICAL HANDS, PLATFORM SHOES, AND OTHER GIZMOS, ISN'T HE...? HOW IS HE GOING TO GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP WITH ALL THOSE GADGETS ON HIM?!

HOW BIG ARE THESE THINGS ...?!

WE SHOULD AT LEAST TAKE HIS SHOES OFF...

COME ON, HOLD HIM! WHOOPS ...

UM, GRETA ...?

YEESH... WHAT A PAIN... ALL RIGHT, LET'S CHANGE HIM INTO PAJAMAS NOW.

THEY DO...

OH MY. ALL THOSE ACCESSORIES MUST WEIGH A TON.

WHAT'S THI...?!

SSSSH, GRETA!

WHAT? BUT I...

IT'S OKAY.

LET'S JUST PRETEND THIS DIDN'T HAPPEN. THANKS FOR THE HELP, GRETA.

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ANY-WAY ...

SKRTCH SKRTCH SKRTCH

HE'S A LOT SMALLER THAN I THOUGHT...

I BET HE'D BE MAD IF HE KNEW THAT WE SAW HOW SHORT HE IS.

HE SEEMS AWFULLY SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT HIS HEIGHT.

DON'T 'OU DARE :ALL ME A 'I'UNT!

'UST 'AUSE 'A KID

CA' TELL B THEIR LOOKS'

'HAT 'BBLER ...

PHEW, THAT WAS CLOSE.

BOM

HUH ?

BTL

BTL

WELL THEN, I HAD BETTER RETURN TO MY ROOM TO CATCH SOME SHUT-EYE MYSELF...

THE POKÉMON HAVE HEALED ALREADY.

?

THEY SEEM WORRIED ABOUT EMERALD ...

PLISH

KLAD

IT'S LIKE A NURSE-MAID.

THAT SUDO-WOODO REALLY CARES ABOUT HIM!

IT'S HELPING EMERALD DRINK IT!

AH, FRESHLY SQUEEZED MAGOST BERRY JUICE!

GULP GULP

OH! NOW SCEPTILE IS...!

SLASH

A LUXURIOUS-LOOKING PLATE OF BERRIES, CUT UP WITH LEAF BLADE!

WHOA!

KRCKL KRACK

THIS IS EXCITING! IT'S A BATTLE FOR EMERALD BETWEEN THE POKÉMON!

WZZZLZPP

CHOP CHOP CHOP

A BERRY JUICE FLOAT!

OOH! GRILLED BERRIES!

WOW! BERRY PAR-FAIT!

A BERRY MEAL!

WHAT IS IT **DOING** ?!

SHVR SHVR

DUSCLOPS WANTSTOTAKE PART IN THE COOKING CONTEST TOO!

AMAZING! WHO KNEW POKÉMON COULD COOK?!

POOP

HMM ?!

RMBLRMBL

A BLACK HOLE!

IT'S SUCKING IN ALL THE FOOD!

WHAT A WASTE!

PPP

DOES IT WANT TO HAVE EMER-ALD ALL TO ITSELF ?!

AAAAH! AND EMER-ALD TOO...!

YANK

HRM ...?

HUH?

PULL

PU LL

PU LL

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! LET GO!

WHOAAA! OW OW OUCH!

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WHEN STUFF LIKE THIS HAPPENS ...?

I'VE NEVER HAD MY OWN POKÉMON, SO I DON'T REALLY GET THIS...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

SNIFFL

HFF... HFF... UN-BELIEV-ABLE...

I NEVER THOUGHT A THING LIKE THAT COULD DECIDE A BATTLE.

A THING LIKE... WHAT?

THE SAME GOES FOR THE BATTLE TODAY TOO...

DUNNO. I'M NOT A TRAINER.

WHEN THEY FIGHT OVER ME...

THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I EVER CHEERED ON A POKÉMON DURING BATTLE...

HANG IN THERE, SUDO-WOODO !!

...I WON.

BUT ...

I ALWAYS THOUGHT A POKÉMON BATTLE JUST DEPENDED ON THE POKÉMON'S STRENGTH AND THE TRAINER'S TECHNIQUE...

WHETHER OR NOT IT'S PSYCHED UP FOR THE CHALLENGE OR NOT SHOULDN'T CHANGE THE COURSE OF BATTLE.

THIS IS ALL NEW TO ME! I DON'T GET IT!

AT THE BATTLE FACTORY ...

...IS FASCI-NATING.

THIS REPORT ANALYZED BY PROFESSOR OAK...

Top Secret

LEGEND HAS IT THAT THE PERSON WHO CAPTURES JIRACHI CAN MAKE ANY WISH COME TRUE.

THE LAST TIME JIRACHI WOKE UP WAS A THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

Here's your coffee.

HEY! HOW'S IT GOIN', NOLAND ?!

OH, THANKS.

POWER ...

WEALTH ...

LEMME SEE...

WHAT KIND OF A WISH DO YOU THINK IT WAS?

I GUESS THERE'S BEAUTY TOO...

WELL, IF JIRACHI WOKE UP... IT PROBABLY GRANTED SOMEONE'S WISH.

I WONDER IF JIRACHI GRANTED SOMEONE'S WISH BACK THEN. WHAT DO YOU THINK, BRANDON?

...

ETERNAL YOUTH, IMMORTALITY...

ETERNAL LIFE WOULD BE A GOOD ONE AS WELL...

TNK TNK TNK

REALLY?!

YEAH.

BRANDON, LOOK AT THIS PART... I'M HAVING TROUBLE DECIPHERING IT, BUT I THINK IT'S AN ENTRY BY THE PERSON WHO HAD THEIR WISH GRANTED A THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS ...?

HUH?

BRAN-DON ...

WOW! BUT IF THIS PERSON HAD THEIR WISH GRANTED, THAT MEANS... HOW CAN I PUT IT? IT MEANS THEY WON JIRACHI OVER, RIGHT?

THAT'S QUITE A FEAT!

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE WORTHY OF JIRACHI'S APPROVAL?

HM ...

"THE THIRD" ...

I'VE MANAGED TO DECI-PHER ANOTHER WORD.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE EYES!

"AWAKENING.... EYE OPENING... LOOKING INTO THE EYE...EYE CONTACT"...

THERE ARE SEVERAL WORDS I CAN READ HERE...

..."EYE"!

EYE?

THAT'S IT!

BRAN-DON!

THAT'S HOW TO WIN JIRACHI'S FAVOR AND GET YOUR WISH GRANTED!

AND YOU NEED TO LOOK INTO JIRACHI'S THIRD EYE AFTER IT AWAKENS. YOU ESTABLISH AN EMOTIONAL BOND WITH IT THROUGH EYE CONTACT!

JIRACHI HAS A THIRD EYE...





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 2

■ DETAILS OF THE BATTLE CARD ■

The challenger may learn about their opponents at the Battle Dome by reviewing their opponents' battle card.



① Pokémon
The Trainer's three Pokémon.

② The Trainer's rank.
The Trainer's rank compared to the rank of the opponent. Represents the Trainer's rank in relation to the stats of the opponent's Pokémon.

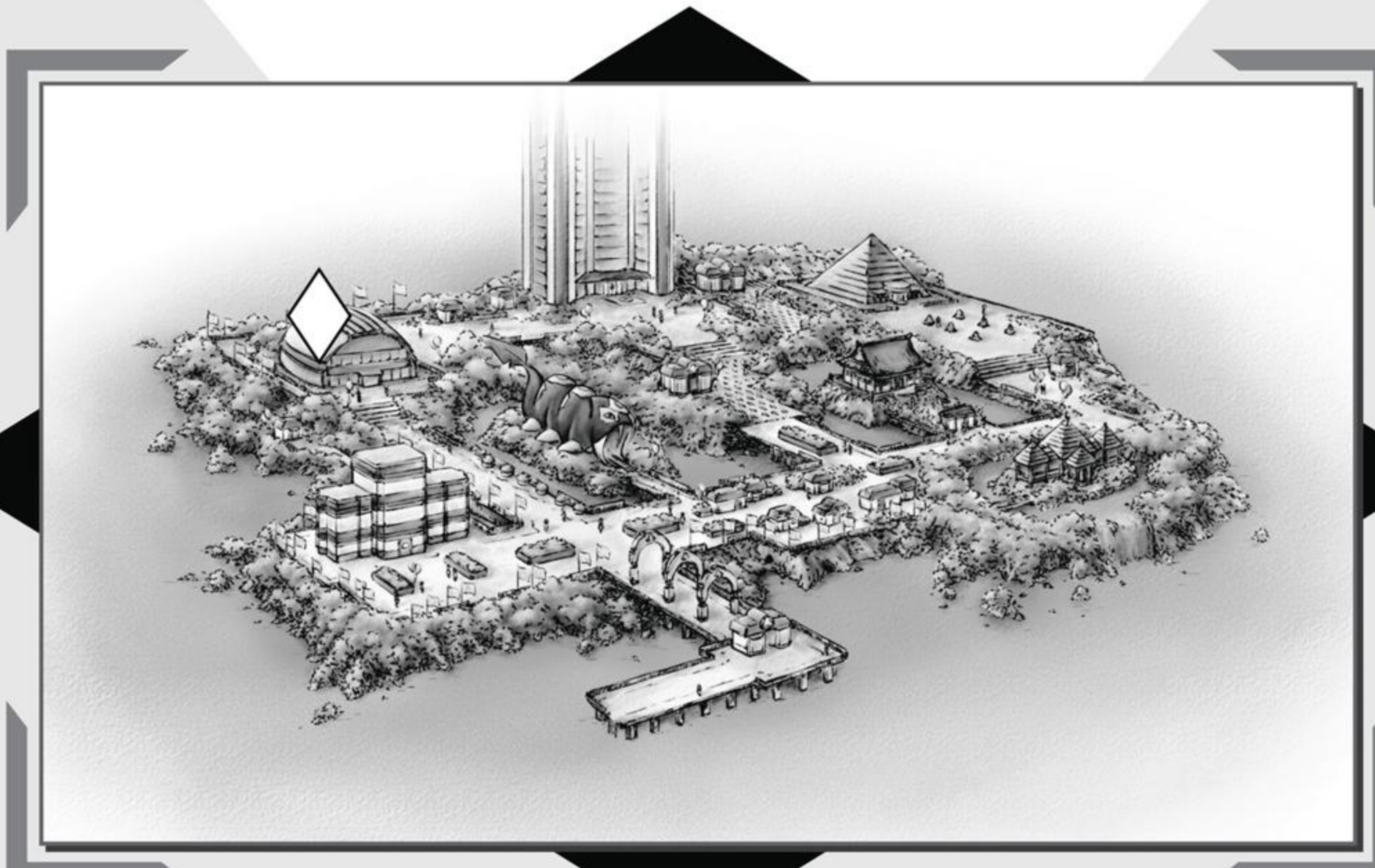
③ Battle-style
The type of battle-style this Trainer excels in. (The sentence here will differ depending on the type of Pokémon Moves.)

④ Which stat the Trainer emphasizes.
The stats of the Pokémon. You may also learn how the Nature of the Pokémon affects the stats.

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Verily Vanquishing Vileplume





I GOT A CALL FROM EMERALD!

POKÉMON RESEARCH CENTER
THIRD HOENN BRANCH LAB

HE'S MANAGED TO EARN THE KNOWLEDGE, LUCK, BRAVE AND GUTS SYMBOLS!

HE SAYS HE'S GOING TO CHALLENGE THE BATTLE DOME TODAY.

HM, I SEE ...

THREE FACILITIES LEFT...

BUT THAT ALSO MEANS THERE ARE ONLY THREE DAYS LEFT TO CAPTURE JIRACHI...

...INCLUDING TODAY.

FFFP

FOR STARTERS, HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT GUILE...

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS INTEL.

AND THIS TOO...

...AND I'LL NEED YOUR HELP AS WELL, PROFES-SOR.

I'M AFRAID THERE'S MORE ...

REALLY?!

OH, I HEARD HE CHEERED ON HIS POKÉMON DURING HIS LAST BATTLE!

WE HAVE TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO HELP EMERALD.

THIS EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN GOOD FOR HIM!

HE'S CLEARLY CHANGING ...

HE SEEMED PUZZLED BY HIS BEHAVIOR TOO.

EMERALD?! HMM...

YOU'RE ...

AND THE BIGGER THE CHALLENGE... THE BIGGER THE GROWTH.

NO SURPRISE THERE. CHALLENGES HELP A PERSON GROW.

...PROFESSOR BIRCH!

...
THERE'S ANOTHER REASON AS WELL...

AND...

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST TO CONSULT A LOCAL EXPERT ABOUT THE HOENN REGION.

HELLO. IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET YOU.

AHH! I SLEPT WELL! AND I FEEL GREAT!

YAHOO! I'M GONNA POWER THROUGH THE BATTLE DOME TODAY!

FABOOM

WEL-
COME
...

WHOA!

YAAH!

TEMP

...TO THE
FIFTH
DEMON-
STRATION
DAY AT...

...THE
BATTLE
DOME!

HEH
HEH
...

10

I'M GLAD TO GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO FACE YOU TODAY, EMERALD!

I WANT TO LET BYGONES BE BYGONES.

How are you all doing?

OH! HE'S SUSPENDED FROM A SALAM-ENCE!

TNK

UM... BUT FIRST ...

HE'S STILL ANNOY-ING...

JUST HURRY UP AND TELL ME THE RULES OF THIS PLACE.

YEAH, YEAH...

WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT SINCE THAT FIRST DAY...

...BE-HOLD!

BOOM

WHAT IS THAT THING?

S.S. TIDAL

THE SHIP THAT CONNECTS THE BATTLE FRONTIER WITH HOENN—THE S.S. TIDAL!

HM... NEVER HEARD OF IT.

LATIAS AND LATIOS FLEW ME HERE, SO...

A BUNCH OF PEOPLE JUST GOT OFF THAT SHIP.

WHO'S THAT GUY?

AHA HAHA! I AM THE DOME ACE!

AND I WANT A **HUGE** AUDIENCE FOR OUR BATTLE!

WE'VE INVITED OTHER TRAINERS TO TAKE PART IN THE BATTLE DOME!

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL! LOOK CLOSER!

TRAINERS WHO WANT TO CHAL-LENGE THEIR SKILLS AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER, JUST LIKE YOU.

RIGHT!

OTHER TRAINERS ?!

EARLIER, YOU WERE FIGHTING AGAINST A COM-PUTER.

UNTIL NOW, THE TRAINERS YOU'VE FACED IN THE PREVIOUS FACILITIES WERE ALL VIRTUAL REALITY.

Aaah!

BECAUSE... TUCKER'S FACILITY, THE BATTLE DOME...

...IS A TOUR-NAMENT-BASED BATTLE-GROUND.

IF WE DID THAT IN A TOURNAMENT BATTLE, THE SPECTATORS WOULD HAVE TO WATCH AN ENDLESS POKÉMON BATTLE BETWEEN COMPUTERS.

BUT THAT WAS ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE THOSE WERE STRAIGHT-FORWARD ONE-ON-ONE BATTLES.

HIYA!

BUT ...

I SEE.

MR. SCOTT THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE A BORE, SO HE DECIDED TO ALLOW OTHER TRAINERS TO TAKE PART IN THE BATTLE DOME.

...OBVIOUSLY, SOME OF US WERE OPPOSED TO THE IDEA OF OPENING THE FRONTIER TO THE PUBLIC AT A DANGEROUS TIME LIKE THIS.

...BECAUSE OF THE JIRACHI AND GUILE SITUATION...

COMPUTER OR REAL TRAINER... I JUST HAVE TO KEEP WINNING.

FINE BY ME.

HEH HEH... I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT!

THE FRONTIER BRAINS WILL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECT-ING THE GUESTS WE INVITED TO THE BATTLE FRONTIER!

BUT I MADE THE FINAL CALL.

C'MON, HURRY UP! LET'S GO!

Again?

THANKS. AND I'M COUNT-ING ON YOU...

RELAX AND ENJOY YOUR BATTLE.

LUCY AND GRETA WILL BE GUIDING THE SPEC-TATORS TO THE DOME SOON.

OF COURSE I WON'T!

DON'T LOSE BEFORE YOU REACH ME!

10

AT THE END OF THE FIFTH ROUND YOU WILL FACE ME!

A TOURNAMENT STARTS WITH SIXTEEN TRAINERS AND YOU MUST WIN THAT TOURNAMENT TO COMPLETE A ROUND.

FW

IP

I'LL HAVE TO FIGHT— AND WIN— SIXTEEN BATTLES!

THAT MEANS ...

FWIP

RAA

WHOA ...!

WOO

TALK ABOUT A PACKED DOME!

THERE ARE SO MANY SPECTA-TORS!

HE'S IN THE HOTEL ROOM SORTING OUT THE PHOTOS HE'S TAKEN.

BY THE WAY, WHERE'S THAT REPORTER WHO'S ALWAYS WITH YOU?!

ACK

WHAT ...?!

ARE YOU TELLING ME HE WON'T BE HERE TO RECORD AND REPORT ABOUT MY BATTLE ?!

I AM DOME ACE TUCKER!

HEH HEH... WELCOME, EVERYBODY!

GRRR! HE'LL BE SORRY HE MISSED IT!

FWOSH

WELL, I GUESS I SHOULD GO WAIT FOR THE OTHER TRAINERS.

GLARE

...

OH! THEY'RE ALREADY HERE!

FUMP

'SCUSE ME!

I NEED TO SORT THEM ...

I'VE TAKEN SO MANY PICTURES...

PHEW.

AND HERE ...

HRM ...

AND HERE TOO ...

I DIDN'T NOTICE IT WHEN I TOOK IT, BUT LOOK AT SCEPTILE...

IT'S STARING AT EMER-ALD!

BAN-
DAGE!
BAN-
DAGE!

I'M
BLEED-
ING!

SLASH

OW!

SHFFL
SHFFL

I NEVER
REALIZED
SCEPTILE
CARED
SO MUCH
ABOUT
EMERALD
...

...COULD YOU
PLEASE BRING
ME SOME
ANTISEPTIC
AND A
BANDAGE?!

EXCUSE ME, IS
THIS THE FRONT
DESK? ...I'VE CUT
MY FINGER.

WHAT?!
A NURSE?
I JUST
NEED A
BANDAGE!

CHAK

NNOK
NOK

THAT
WAS
FAST.
COME
IN!

OKAY, SHOW ME YOUR FINGER...

YES! TAKE A LOOK AT HOW CLOSELY SCEPTILE IS WATCH-ING HIM!

OH, ARE THOSE PHOTOS OF EM?

UH-HUH. EM ASKED ME TO FIND THE ARMORED MAN.

OH, IT'S YOU...IN DISGUISE AGAIN.

YES. THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO ME.

THE POKÉ-DEX?! NOT EMER-ALD?

SCEPTILE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT EM, BUT IT REALLY WANTS HIS POKÉDEX.

ACTUALLY...IT'S STARING AT EM'S POKÉDEX.

WHAT ?

BUT...

...WHY? WHY THE POKÉDEX?

BATTLE TOURNAMENT

VALERIE
DUSTY
CYNDY
JAMES
LAO
WALTER
ROSE
EMERALD
GWYN

BATTLE DOME. ROUND 1...!

NINJA BOY LAO VS. GENTLE-MAN WALTER!

DIZZY PUNCH!

RAZOR LEAF!

MEMENTO!

BATTLE GIRL CYNDY VS. BUG CATCHER JAMES!

ARM THRUST!

SHADOW BALL!

HEX MANIAC VALERIE VS. RUIN MANIAC DUSTY!

ROCK BLAST!

...
AROMA LADY
...
...
ROSE.

AND HIS FIRST OPPO-NENT IS...

EMERALD IS THE TENTH CHAL-LENGER.

SMASH

WILL THE TRAINERS PLEASE STEP FORWARD ?!

WOO HOO

FIFTH BATTLE!

OKAY!

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BATTLE DOME 3

■ ABOUT THE TRAINER RANK ■

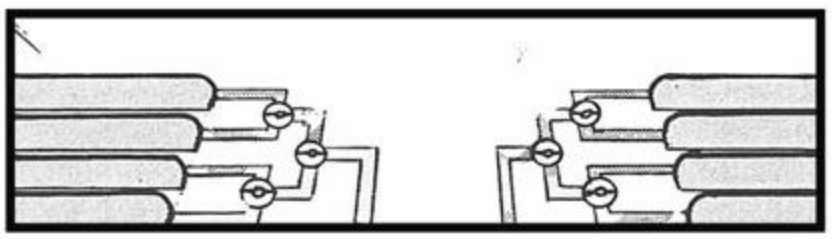
Trainer Rank: The first line on the Trainer card describes the rank of the opposing Trainer.

➡ Please refer to the chart on the right during the tournament.

⬆ High Ranking	- The best candidate to be the champ
	- A sure-finalist team
	- A likely top-three finisher
	- A team with top-class potential
	- A candidate to finish first
	- The dark horse team this tournament
	- A better-than-average team
	- This tournament's average team
	- A team with average potential
	- A weaker-than-average team
	- A team looking for its first win
	- One win will make this team proud
	- Overall, a weak team
	- A team with very low potential
Low Ranking ⬇	- A team unlikely to win the tournament
	- The team most unlikely to win

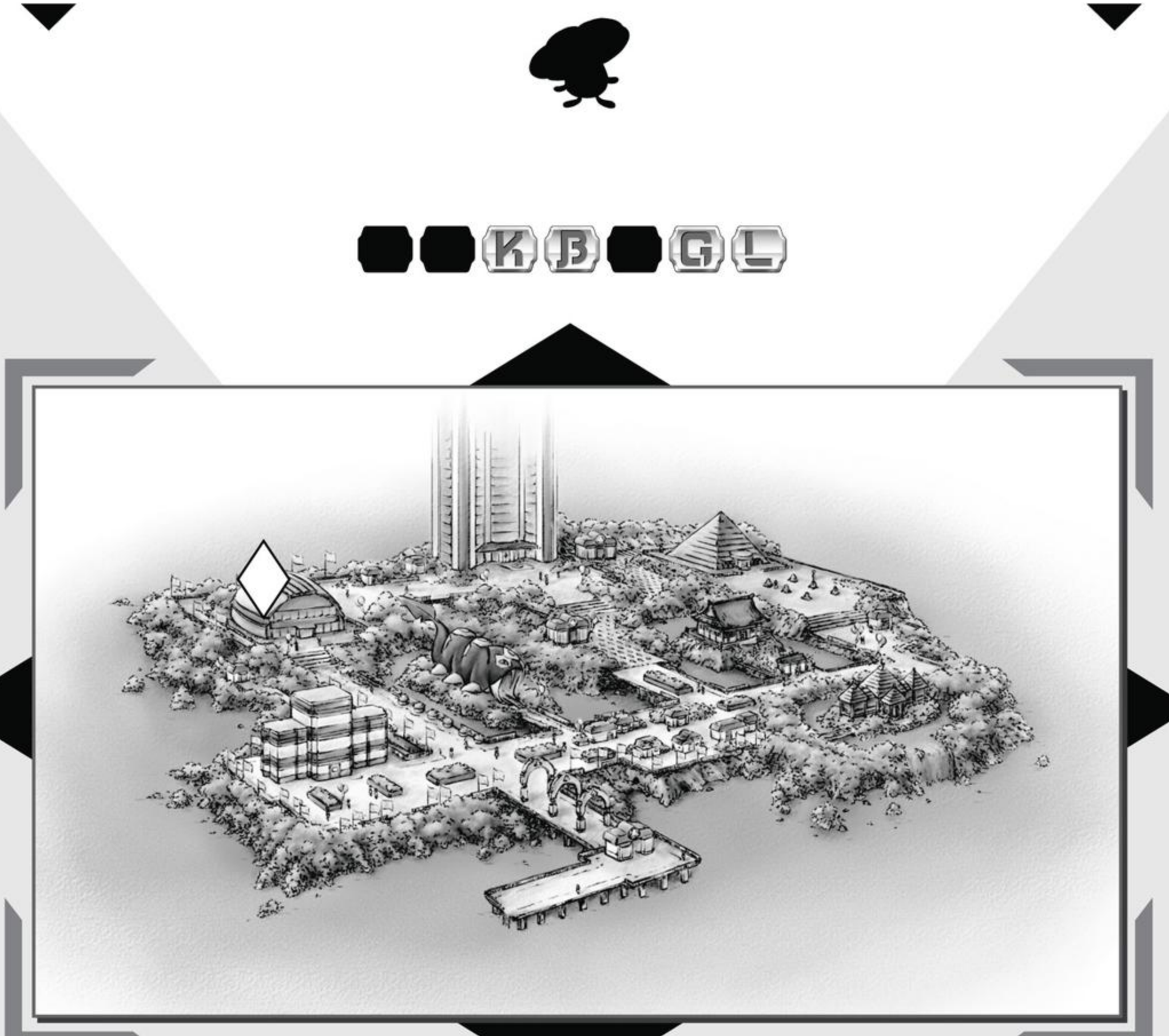
■ DOUBLE KNOCKOUT ■

In the Battle Dome, if both Trainers are knocked out, the Trainer who is ranked highest wins the battle.



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Verily Vanquishing Vileplume
II



SLU

GIGA DRAIN !!

GO, VILE-PLUME!

GK

GET CLOSER TO IT, DUS-CLOPS!

BADOOF

KRCK

FIRE PUNCH !!

VILEPLUME HAS BEEN KNOCKED OUT! EMERALD WINS!

ROSE

EMERALD

ROUND 1, FIRST MATCH, FIFTH BATTLE!

THEY CAME IN HANDY QUICK-LY!

THIS MORNING. I USED THE BATTLE POINTS I COLLECTED AT THE PREVIOUS FOUR FACILITIES.

I WAS REALLY SURPRISED TO SEE YOUR DUSCLOPS USE FIRE PUNCH. WHEN DID IT LEARN THAT MOVE?

PEACE!

YOU MADE IT INTO THE TOP EIGHT LIKE IT WAS NOTHING! IMPRES-SIVE!

ALSO, AT THE BATTLE DOME, YOU GET TO CHECK YOUR OPPONENT'S BATTLE CARDS BEFORE YOU FACE THEM—THAT HELPED A LOT.

THE KEY TO WINNING THE BATTLES HERE DEPENDS ON WHAT TACTICS YOU CHOOSE BASED ON THE INFORMATION YOU'RE GIVEN.

RIGHT. THE THEME OF THE BATTLE DOME IS **TACTICS.**

HEY, MY OPPONENT WAS THE DARK HORSE TEAM OF THIS TOUR-NAMENT!

WHICH OF THESE TWO POKÉMON IS HE LIKELY TO USE...?

A TEAM WITH TOP-CLASS POTENTIAL... POKÉMON RANGER, MASAHARU.

A team with top-class pote
Prefers tactics that rely on luck.
Places an emphasis on attacks.

AND MY NEXT OPPO-NENT IS...

GOT IT. OH, LOOKS LIKE MY SECOND OPPONENT HAS BEEN DECIDED!

BLIP

...SHOULD I USE?

FWIP

AND WHICH TWO...

GO!

FWIP

DO YOU TAKE THIS WOMAN TO BE YOUR WIFE...

...TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?

S.S. TIDAL

I DO!

OH, THIS IS SO ROMANTIC! A CRUISE SHIP WEDDIN'!

AND LOOK HOW GOOD LOOKIN' THE...UH... **BRIDE** IS! AREN'TCHA GLAD TA BE HERE?

I AM.

AND NOW THE RINGS...

I WANTED TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION.

THOSE TWO WORKED HARD TO EVACUATE THE CIVILIANS AT NEW MAUVILLE DURING THE INCIDENT WITH KYOGRE AND GROUDON.

RELA-TION-SHIPS CAN BE DIFFICULT ...

HA HA HA... I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT.

BET YER THINKIN' 'BOUT YER OWN WEDDIN', AREN'TCHA?

YES... BUT... HAVING SOMEONE FAR MORE SKILLED THAN ME AROUND ALL THE TIME...

BUT WALLACE GAVE UP BEIN' THE CHAMPION TA BE A GYM LEADER LIKE YOU!

DAT'S ROMANTIC!

WHAT ABOUT YOU THEN, HRRM...?

GULP

ALL RIGHT, THAT'S ENOUGH TEASING FOR ONE DAY!

BUT YOU'VE **THOUGHT** ABOUT TYIN' THE KNOT, HAVEN'T YA? AND YA FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM, RIGHT? HOW COME?

I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE HE'S JUDGING ME AND ALL MY DECISIONS, YOU KNOW...?

WE'RE HOPELESS TOGETHER ...!

WE'RE...

EVERYTHIN'!

HOPE-LESS...? WHAT'S WRONG?

...THE BATTLE WITH KYOGRE AND GROUDON...

TO BE HONEST, I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER FIGHTING...

HEY!

YOU'RE STILL YOUNG. YOU HAVE A LONG FUTURE AHEAD OF YOU. YOU'VE GOT TIME.

CAN YA BELIEVE IT?! HE SAYS HE FORGOT! EVERYTHIN'!! SAYS IT WAS 'CAUSE WE PASSED THROUGH THE FLOW OF TIME WHEN LEAVIN' MIRAGE ISLAND OR SUMFIN' LIKE THAT...

COME NOW...

DAT'S RIGHT!

ARE YOU SAYING IT WAS MEAN-INGFUL?

WHAT MAKES YA THINK OUR TALK WAS MEANIN'-LESS?!

SMALL TALK ABOUT MEANING-LESS THINGS IS CALLED CHATTER.

OKAY, THEN... WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I DON'T HAFTA PROVE NOTHIN' TO YA!

WE AIN'T CHAT-TERIN'!

WHAT ARE YOU TWO CHAT-TERING ABOUT?

...YOU TWO HAVE A MISSION TO ACCOM-PLISH, DON'T YOU?

NOW, NOW... CALM DOWN. WINONA AND I ARE GOING TO THE BANQUET AFTER THIS, BUT...

YES, MASTER! WE'RE GOING TO ENTER THE BATTLE DOME TOURNAMENT AS ORDINARY TRAINERS!

THAT'S RIGHT!

AND WE'LL GET TO MEET...

...AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER!

...THE THIRD POKÉDEX HOLDER...

THANKS TO YOU, PROFESSOR BIRCH, WE WERE ABLE TO SEND IN TWO SKILLED TRAINERS TO SUPPORT HIM.

POKÉMO
RESEARCH C
THIRD HOENN BR

THEY SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER BY NOW.

RIGHT.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME...

OH, I DON'T DESERVE ANY OF THE CREDIT ...

...THAT MANY OF THE POKÉDEX HOLDERS HAVE THE SAME FATE.

?

EVERYTHING WOULD BE PERFECT IF I ONLY STILL HAD THAT TREECKO...

I GAVE THE FIRST POKÉDEX TO MY DAUGHTER WITH TORCHIC...

MUDKIP AND THE SECOND POKÉDEX ENDED UP WITH NORMAN'S SON...

OH, I'M JUST REMINISC-ING ABOUT ONE OF THE THREE POKÉMON I USED TO HAVE...

ORIGINALLY, I HAD GRASS-, FIRE- AND WATER-TYPE POKÉMON AS MY RESEARCH SUBJECTS.

AND THREE OF YOUR POKÉDEXES, PROFESSOR OAK.

RIGHT. A BOY NAMED EMERALD. THE ONE YOU SUGGESTED.

AND THE THIRD PERSON WAS CHOSEN...

BUT...

WHOA!

...SO IT WOULD EVOLVE ALONG WITH TORCHIC AND MUDKIP...

I WANTED TO GIVE HIM THE TREECKO...

...AND THE POKÉDEX WAS RETURNED TO ME SOON AFTER.

LUCKILY, THE BAG WAS DISCOV-ERED...

I LOST MY BAG WITH TREECKO AND THE POKÉDEX IN THE STORM THAT HIT HOENN!

TREECKO HAS BEEN MISSING EVER SINCE... IT HAD ALREADY EVOLVED INTO A GROVYLE WHEN IT WAS LOST.

I TOLD EMERALD WHAT HAPPENED, BUT...

Dear Professor Birch
I found this Pokédex
and feel it should be
to its rightful owner
so I th

But I lost the Treecko!
We were blown away
by the blast when
Rayquaza woke up an

I DON'T KEEP ANY POKÉMON OF MY OWN ANYWAY!

OH, THAT'S OKAY!

RIGHT...

IF IT HAS RETURNED TO THE WILD THAT'S FINE, BUT...

REGARDLESS OF EMERALD'S ATTITUDE...I HOPE THE TREECKO— I MEAN, THE GROVYLE—IS DOING WELL.

I SEE...

SHOVESH OVESHOVE

WUFF

COUNTER!

YEAH!

THUNK

ROUND 4, FINAL!

URSARING HAS BEEN KNOCKED OUT! THAT MAKES EMERALD THE WINNER!

PHEW! I NEED SOME REST!

WE'LL TAKE A FIFTEEN-MINUTE BREAK NOW.

THE S.S. TIDAL IS LEAVING SOON?

Me too.

WELL THEN ...

BLIP

OKAY! TAKE CARE, MR. BRINEY... I MEAN, HONORARY CAPTAIN MR. BRINEY! PLEASE SAY "HI" TO OUR MASTER TRAINERS FOR US!

CATCH YOU LATER, KID! I'LL BE BACK IN THREE DAYS.

NOPE.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE?

BY THE WAY... HOW ARE WE SUP-POSED TO FIND THIS GUY?

...THEY'LL START HUMMIN'.

WHEN THEY'RE CLOSE ENOUGH TO EACH OTHER...

...THE POKÉ-DEXES MAKE A SPECIAL RESO-NATING SOUND.

BUT MY DAD SAID...

HMMM

LIKE THIS?

OH!

HMMM

IT'S COMIN' FROM OVER HERE...

THIS MEANS HE'S HERE INSIDE THE DOME, RIGHT?

HMMM

A RAIN-BOW!

HOW PRETTY.

MMM

YEAH!

WHAT? HE AIN'T INSIDE THE DOME!

MM

WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

I SHOULDN'T DRINK TOO MUCH SODA! IT'S BAD FOR GROWING BONES! HOPE THERE ISN'T ANOTHER SUDOWOODO DOWN THERE ...

DRIBBLE

IT'S COMING FROM OVER HERE!

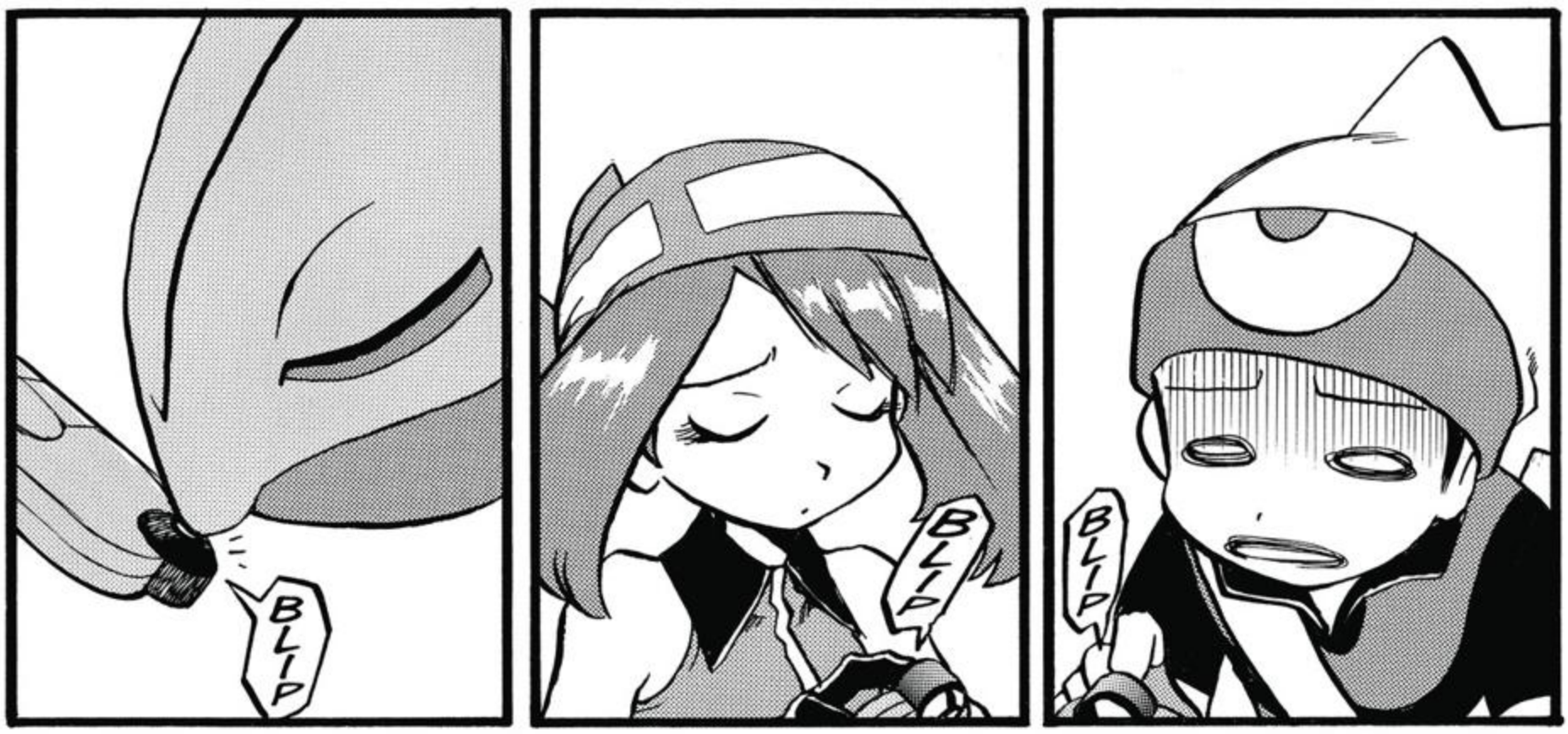
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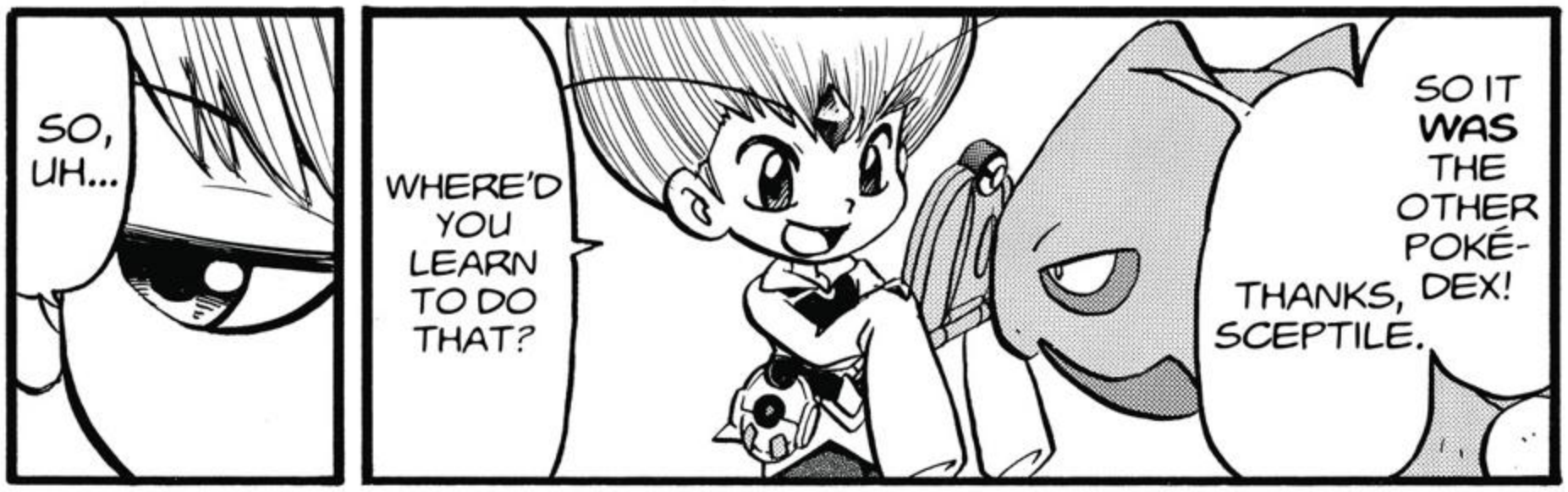
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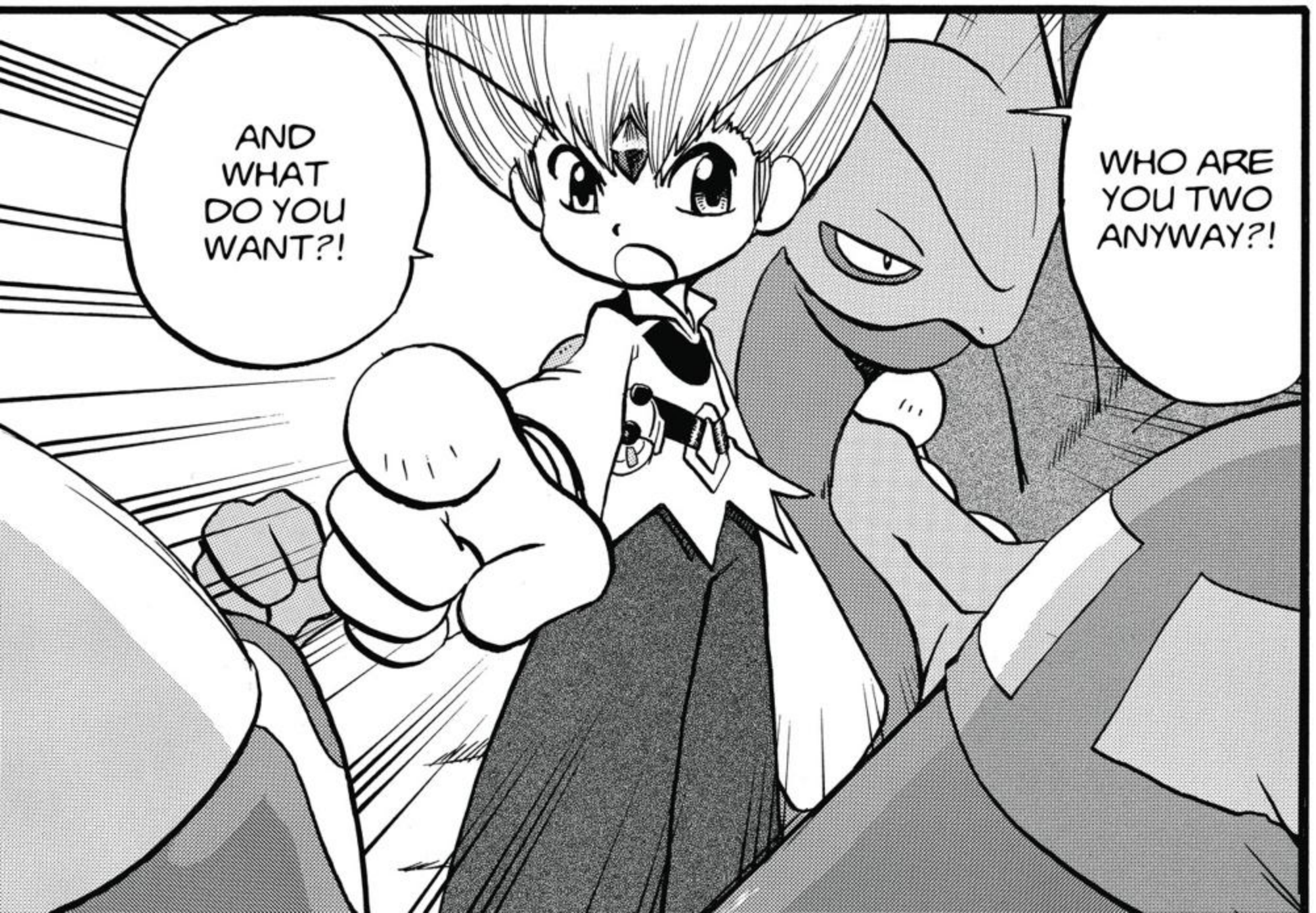
WATCH OUT!

YIKES!

HMMMM


BLIP
BLIP
BLIP


SO, UH...
WHERE'D YOU LEARN TO DO THAT?
SO IT WAS THE OTHER POKÉ-DEX!
THANKS, SCEPTILE.


AND WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
WHO ARE YOU TWO ANYWAY?!

PULL YERSELF TOGETH-ER! THIS AIN'T NO TIME TO CRY OVER SPILLED SODA!

HEY, ARE YOU SURE IT DIDN'T GET ON ME? MY BACK ISN'T WET, IS IT? LOOK CAREFULLY.

YOU'RE THE THIRD POKÉDEX HOLDER OF THE HOENN REGION.

WE'RE HERE TO MEET **YOU**, EMER-ALD.

WHO ARE YOU GUYS AND WHAT DO YOU WANT?

UH... LET ME ASK YOU AGAIN ...

AND I'M SAP-PHIRE!

I'M RUBY!

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BATTLE PALACE 1

Battle-type	Number of Pokémon	Type of Symbol	Wins needed to attain the Symbol
•Single •Double	3 Pokémon	Spirits	7 Wins × 6 Rounds = 42 Consecutive Wins

At the Battle Palace, battles are fought according to a unique rule: The Trainer is not allowed to give orders to their Pokémon. Pokémon must choose what move to use themselves. So, basically, the Trainer just observes the battle as it unfolds. Since Trainers cannot give orders to their Pokémon, the battles are not as complex as those at other facilities. The Battle Palace is a facility where the Trainers may enjoy a battle centered around the natural instincts of the Pokémon.

Spirits Symbol

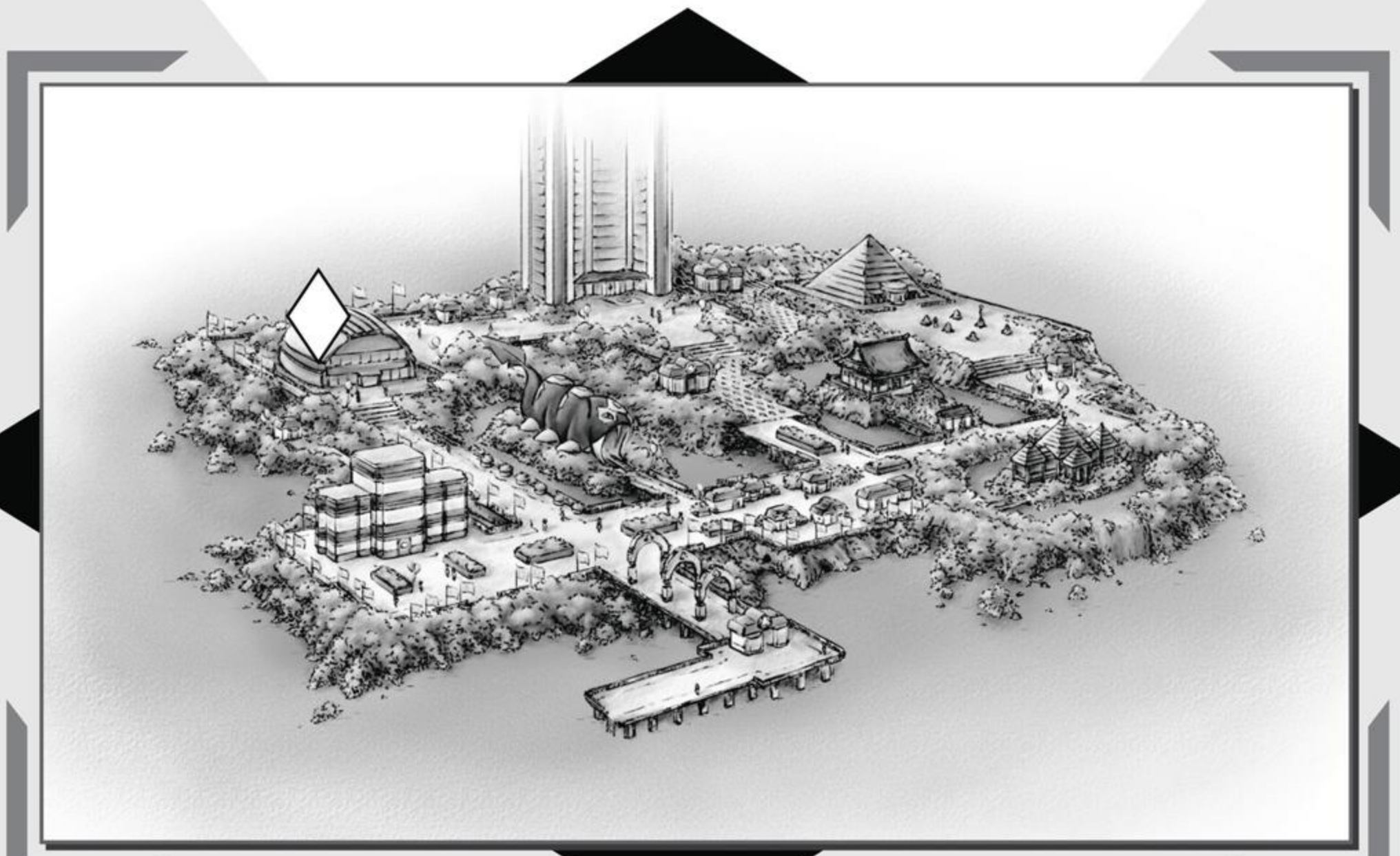


Palace Maven Spenser



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Cunning Kirlia



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RUBY...

...AND SAP-PHIRE?

LIKE YOU, WE'RE POKÉDEX HOLDERS— FROM THE HOENN REGION.

WE'RE YER PALS! WE CAME TO HELP YA ON YER MISSION WITH JIRACHI!

GRRR

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PALS? HELP?

WHO SENT YOU HERE? CRYSTAL? PROFESSOR OAK?

NOPE.

WE WERE SENT BY PROFES-SOR BIRCH.

OH, THAT GUY.

AT ANY RATE, I'VE ONLY GOT ONE THING TO SAY TO YOU TWO...

SNORT

I DON'T NEED ANY HELP!!

PROTECTING JIRACHI IS **MY** JOB!!

HEY! EMER-ALD, WAIT!

OKAY, THAT'S ALL.

OWWW... THAT WAS A PRETTY POWERFUL IRON TAIL MOVE.

COME ON! WE GOTTA GO AFTER HIM!

AAK

YER FINE! QUIT BEIN' SO PRISSY!

JUST BECAUSE **YOU** LIKE TO ROLL IN DIRT...!

NOT ALWAYS!

WELL, I **NEVER** DO!

WHAT'S WRONG?

HMM ...

WE'LL BE ENTER-ING IT TOO, SO THERE'S NO HURRY...

DON'T WORRY. HE'S STILL IN THE TOURNA-MENT, ISN'T HE?

MY CLOTHES ARE ALL STICKY. I WANT TO CHANGE.

AND PROFES-SOR BIRCH'S DAUGHTER, SAPPHIRE.

RUBY, SON OF NORMAN, THE GYM LEADER OF PETALBURG CITY...

...THEY'D COME HERE.

I KNEW...

YEAH! THE SPECTATORS ARE MUCH MORE EN-THUSIASTIC!

IT'S SO MUCH BETTER TO WATCH ACTUAL TRAINERS COMPETE AGAINST EACH OTHER INSTEAD OF VIRTUAL TRAINERS.

WOOT

YAY

AH

IF HE KEEPS WINNING, HE'LL FACE THAT EMERALD KID IN THE FINALS!

AND THE FRONTIER BRAIN OF THE DOME, TUCKER, IS PARTICIPAT-ING IN THIS ROUND.

YOU CAN'T BE TOO SURE THAT'LL HAPPEN YET.

EMERALD IS MAKING HIS WAY THROUGH HIS FIFTH FACILITY IN AN ATTEMPT TO WIN THE TACTICS SYMBOL! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HIS FINAL BATTLE!

CHECK OUT **THOSE** TWO!

KRASH

TUCKER AND EMERALD AREN'T THE ONLY TRAINERS WHO ARE WINNING BATTLES EASILY.

WHOA

THE TOURNA-MENT AT THE BATTLE DOME!

SOME WIN! SOME LOSE! THE RESULTS CAN BE INSTANTA-NEOUS.

KLOP

MUMU, MUD SHOT!

CHIC, BLAZE KICK!

KRICK

THOSE TRAINERS FROM HOENN ENTERED THE TOURNA-MENT TOO.

RUBY AND SAPPHIRE, HUH?

THEY'VE BEEN WINNING EVERY BATTLE WITH JUST ONE MOVE...

...AND THEY'RE QUICKLY MOVING UP THE TOURNA-MENT CHART!

RUBY

SAPPHI

YA

THE TOP FOUR TRAINERS OF THIS ROUND HAVE BEEN DECIDED!

ス

...IN-CLUDING DOME ACE TUCKER!

THESE ARE THE FOUR TRAIN-ERS...

AN INTER-ESTING COUPLE OF MATCH-UPS...

TUCKER VS. SAP-PHIRE. EMER-ALD VS. RUBY.

AH-HA!

WHO

HO

THEN HOW ABOUT **THIS** ...?

IF YOU LOSE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FACE EMERALD IN THE FINALS FOR THE TACTICS SYMBOL.

FLICK

HOW'S IT GOING, TUCKER?

GREAT, MR. SCOTT!

AL-THOUGH ...

CATCH

WHETHER I WIN OR LOSE IN THE SEMI-FINAL, THE TRAINER WHO WINS THE TOURNAMENT WILL RECEIVE THE TACTICS SYMBOL.

...I WON'T LOSE!

...AND KEEPING THE TACTICS SYMBOL.

KLNCH

TO ME, THIS TOURNAMENT ISN'T ABOUT BEATING CHALLENGERS...

I AM.

YOU SOUND VERY CONFIDENT.

...THAT THE FRONTIER BRAINS ARE NOT TO BE TRIFLED WITH! AND THAT HE'LL NEVER ESCAPE OUR WRATH!

I'M DETERMINED TO FACE THAT ARMOR-CLAD MAN AGAIN! AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT, I MUST GROW STRONGER!

HE MIGHT BE CLOSE BY, WATCHING THIS TOURNAMENT. AND THAT WILL SHOW HIM...

RAAA

SEMI-FINAL, FIRST BATTLE!

GRIN

EMERALD VS. RUBY!

HUH ?

HIS POKÉ-MON ARE...

BLIP

I SHOULD CHECK THE CARD TO LEARN ABOUT MY OPPONENT.

UMM, I'LL SET THE VIDEO CAMERA HERE, AND...

RARA, LEAN YOUR HEAD TO THE SIDE A BIT MORE.

FEEFEE, LOOK DOWN AT ME FOR A MOMENT.

HOLD YOUR HEAD UP HIGH, MUMU.

ZIP

ZIP

ZIP

HEY, COULD YOU TAKE CARE OF THE LIGHTING FOR ME?

TOSS

I HAVE TO KEEP A RECORD OF MY POKÉMON'S ACHIEVEMENTS. I'M ALREADY ON MY HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH PHOTO ALBUM, YOU KNOW.

HEY, HEY, HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!

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BATTLE START!

THESE THREE ARE THE POKÉ-MON I'M GOING TO USE.

OH, AND EMERALD... YOU DON'T NEED TO BOTHER WITH MY CARD.

KIRLIA! A PSYCHIC-TYPE POKÉ-MON!

SO OBVI-OUSLY I'LL USE...

LET'S GO, RARA.

DUSCLOPS!

I KNEW IT WOULD ATTACK FIRST! IT'S USING HYPNOSIS! HANG IN THERE, DUSCLOPS! DON'T FALL ASLEEP!

SQUEECH

WWW

GOOD! YOU BEAT IT...!

PSYCHIC TYPES ARE WEAK AGAINST GHOST-TYPE MOVES, SO KEEP ATTACKING!

SHADOW BALL!!

DRK

DRK

ROOAR

LET'S USE A DIFFER-ENT MOVE THEN...

HUH?! THE KIRLIA IS STILL STANDING! IT'S TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT!

FIRE PUNCH !!

BUT THAT WON'T ENSURE YOU A VICTORY.

THAT'S RIGHT.

I DID IT! IT GOT HIT WITH BURN!

SIZZ

TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR POKÉMON.

STGGR

WHAT THE–?!

AND KIRLIA DIDN'T JUST WITHSTAND ALL THE SHADOW BALLS...

...WHICH INFLICTS THE SAME STATUS CONDITION UPON THE OPPONENT WHEN THE POKÉMON HAS BEEN PARALYZED OR BURNT.

MY DUSCLOPS GOT HIT WITH BURN TOO...?!

KIRLIA'S ABILITY MUST BE SYNCHRO-NIZE...

SIZZL

SIZZL

WHAT?!

THE SHADOW BALL MOVE WAS IMPRISONED FROM THE START!

FWUMP

FWUMP

THAT MEANS ALL THOSE ATTACKS WERE MEANING-LESS!

WOOO

A DOUBLE KNOCKOUT!

KAAA

GRIN

HMM... YOU **ARE** STRONG, AREN'T YOU...?

FEE-
FEE!

BOM

I DON'T CARE ...!

WHAT...? DOES HE HAVE A CONTINGENCY PLAN? OR IS HE JUST CONFIDENT THAT THE TYPE DISADVANTAGE WON'T AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE?

FEEFEE IS A WATER-TYPE POKÉMON, SO I'M BETTING YOU'LL USE YOUR SCEPTILE, WHICH HAS AN ADVANTAGE OVER IT. AM I RIGHT OR AM I RIGHT?

HOLD IT!!

KRNr

LET'S GIVE HIM WHAT HE WANTS, SCEP-TILE!

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE LIGHTING! YOU'RE CREATING A SHADOW ON FEEFEE'S FACE!

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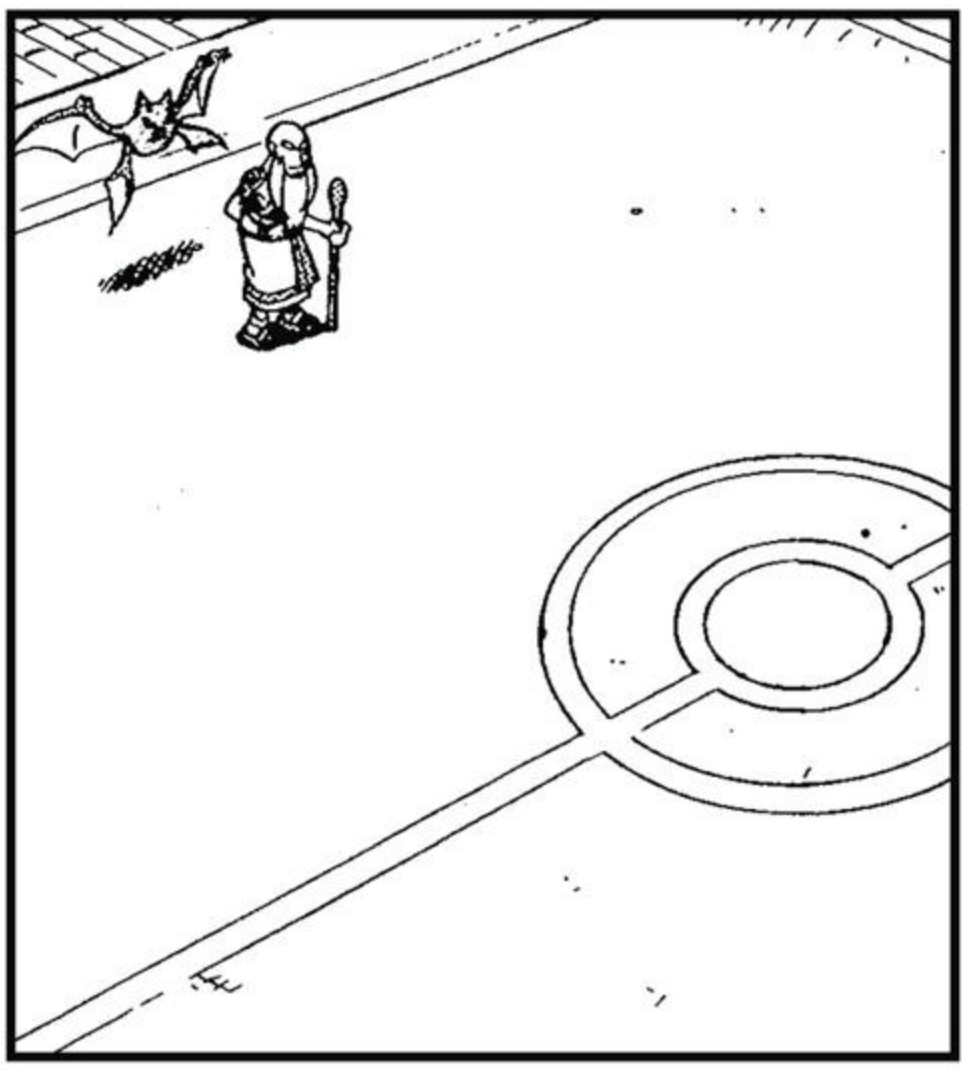
BATTLE PALACE 2

■ TRAINER EXPERIENCE AT THE BATTLE PALACE ■

At the Battle Palace, Trainers must permit their Pokémon to fight as they wish. However, the Trainers are allowed to make the following moves.

① Watch
After entering the battle area, the Trainer places their Poké Balls with their Pokémon inside in the battle area and moves over to the spectator circle. After that, the Trainers are not allowed to give any orders, but they may watch the battle all the way through.

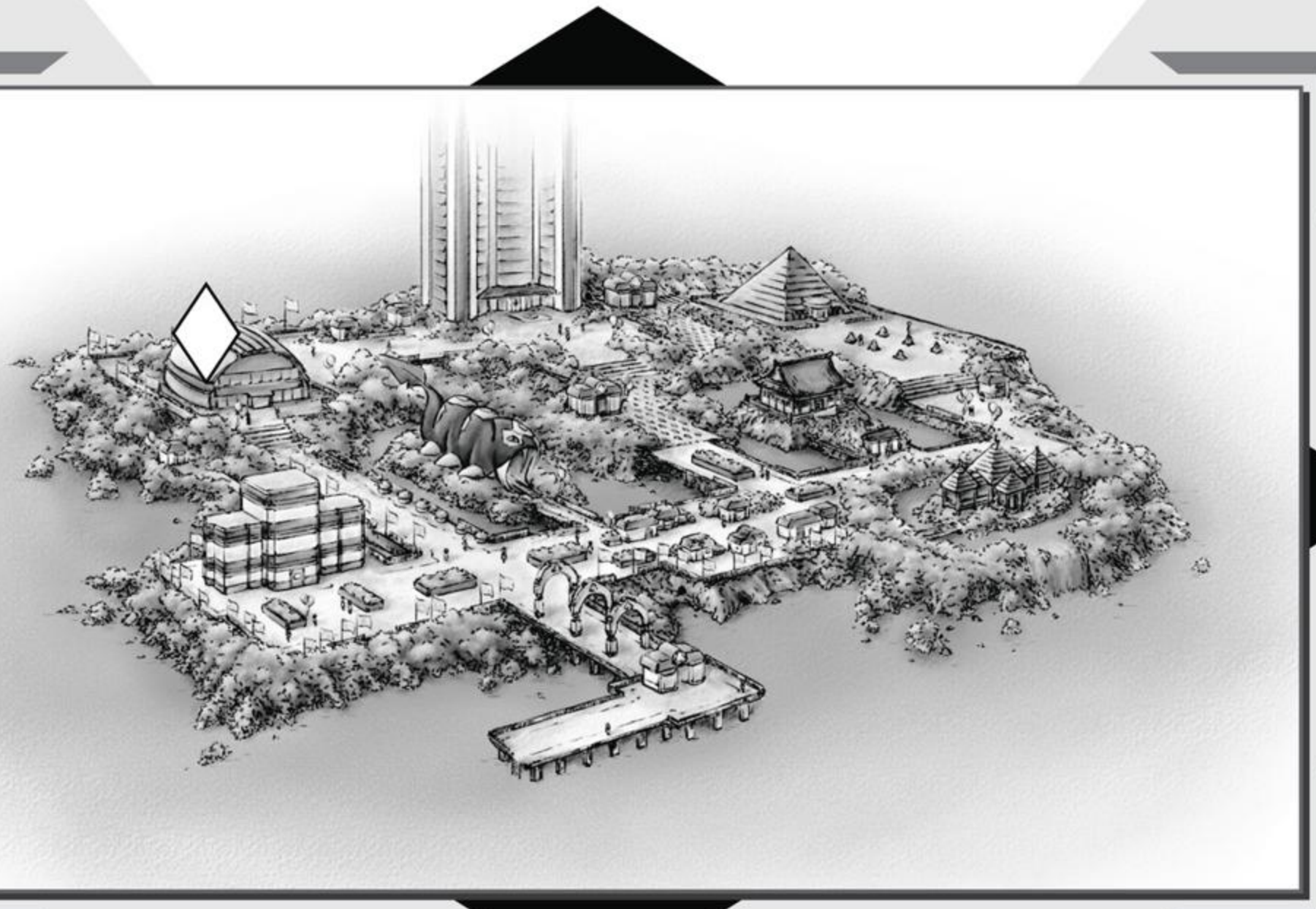
② Switch
Trainers are not allowed to give orders to their Pokémon, but they may switch out their Pokémon during battle. If a Trainer wishes to switch their Pokémon due to a type disadvantage or status condition, they may request a change through the microphone located in their spectator's seat.



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Susceptible to Sceptile





SMASH

IN THE FIRST BATTLE OF THE SEMI-FINALS, A FIERCE FIGHT IS RAGING BETWEEN RUBY AND EMERALD!

THE BATTLE DOME TOURNAMENT FOR THE TACTICS SYMBOL IS IN FULL SWING!

IT'S TIME FOR US TO BEGIN **OUR** BATTLE IN THE SECOND STADIUM!

AMAZIN'!

SHOULD YOU BE WASTING TIME WATCHING HIM...?

HEE

DAT'S THE SPIRIT!

HE'S PUTTIN' EVERY-THIN' INTO THIS BATTLE!

THE SECOND SEMI-FINAL BETWEEN SAPPHIRE AND FRONTIER BRAIN TUCKER IS ABOUT TO BEGIN AS WELL!

I'M SURE MY STRATEGY ISN'T WRONG, BUT...

I PARALYZED IT WITH BODY SLAM AND I'VE ATTACKED IT OVER AND OVER WITH LEAF BLADE, SO...

SCEP-TILE, FOCUS PUNCH!

OKAY! I'LL CHANGE TO PHYSICAL ATTACKS TO CHANGE THE FLOW OF BATTLE...!

THAT MILOTIC IS MUCH TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT!

I STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DELIVER A DECISIVE BLOW!

ENJOY BOTH BATTLES!

IT DIDN'T HAVE THE EFFECT ...

...I EXPECTED IT TO.

ITS BODY IS COVERED WITH MARVEL SCALES ...

KRR

SH

IT WAS A TOUGH POKÉMON WHEN IT WAS A FEEBAS, BUT IT GOT EVEN TOUGHER AFTER IT EVOLVED...

THAT'S THE ABILITY OF MY MILOTIC, FEEFEE.

HM... SO YOU'RE CONCEN-TRATING ON DEFENSE, HUH?

AN ABILITY WHICH RAISES THE POKÉMON'S DEFENSE WHEN IT'S SUFFERING FROM A STATUS CONDITION!

FOUND IT!

BLIP

GRRR...

HM...

EMERALD SEEMS TO BE IN A HURRY TO WIN.

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE TO CHANGE **MY** STRATEGY.

KEEP ATTACKING, SCEPTILE!

THE TRAINER CHOOSES TWO OF THEIR THREE POKÉMON FOR THIS BATTLE.

THEY'VE EACH LOST A POKÉ-MON ALREADY...

...SO THE TRAINER WHO DEFEATS THE OPPOSING POKÉMON WILL MAKE IT INTO THE FINALS!

HMPH.

SLA

SH

SL

HA!

ASH

YEAH, I DO. I HAVE FAITH IN FEEFEE!

I GUESS YOU TRUST YOUR POKÉMON'S DEFENSE!

YOU SEEM PRETTY CONFI-DENT!

...IT ISN'T AS BAD AS YOU THINK.

REALLY? IT MIGHT SOUND SILLY TO PUT IT INTO WORDS, BUT...

I HATE THAT!

THERE IT IS AGAIN! THAT DORKY "I-BELIEVE-IN-MY-POKÉMON" ATTITUDE!

URRGH!

STOP THAT.

BESIDES, I HAVE A SPECIAL RELATION-SHIP WITH FEEFEE.

BECAUSE WE GOT SEPARATED ONCE AND I THOUGHT... I THOUGHT... I'D NEVER SEE FEEFEE AGAIN! BUT NOW WE'RE BACK TOGETHER.

ARGH! STOP IT! YOU'RE KILLING ME WITH ALL THAT MUSHY STUFF!

IF YOU'RE MEANT TO BE TOGETHER, YOU WILL BE... EVEN IF YOU'RE SEPARATED.

SO FEEFEE MEANS A LOT TO ME!

WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

?

...YOU TWO ARE BOUND TOGETHER BY FATE.

HUH ?!

YOU ACT LIKE YOU DON'T CARE, BUT YOU AND YOUR SCEPTILE ARE QUITE A PAIR, YOU KNOW.

... LIKE ...

LOOKS ...

STOP IT! YOU'RE MESSING WITH ME, AREN'T YOU?! BUT I WON'T FALL FOR THAT!

GET RIGHT UP CLOSE TO IT...

...AND USE LEAF BLADE FROM THAT POSI-TION!!

NOT A BAD PLAN.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT'S THE BEST PLAN.

IRRACK

BUT ONLY IF...

...SCEPTILE MANAGES TO DELIVER THE BLOW BEFORE...

... MILOTIC USES BLIZ-ZARD.

...

SCEPTILE!

KRCK

KRCK

KRCK

KRCK

KRCK

KRCK

YNK

KRCK

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY TO GET OUT OF THAT STATE.

WOOD

BUT SCEP-TILE IS ALREADY FROZEN.

HMPH ...

KR'

CK

...EVEN IF YOU'RE SEPARATED.

IF YOU'RE MEANT TO BE TOGETHER, YOU WILL BE...

THE TRAINER WHO'S REGISTERED AS THE THIRD POKÉDEX HOLDER.

THIS FELLOW'S NAME...

SIGH... WHAT A DAY, HUH, TREECKO?

TODAY IS THE DAY I AM TO MEET...

...THE POKÉMON TRAINER I'D PLANNED TO ENTRUST YOU TO.

BUT...HE'S GOING TO BE YOUR PARTNER, TREECKO.

PROFESSOR OAK SAID HE'S RATHER PECULIAR...

PLIP

...IS EMERALD.

NOD

TRY YOUR BEST TO GET ALONG WITH HIM, ALL RIGHT?

FOOMP

LEAF BLADE!


I'LL USE IT TO DRIVE OUT THOSE PESKY REPORTERS FROM THE BATTLE FRONTIER.
NOT A BAD-LOOKING POKÉMON ...

I'LL SLIP THIS IN AMONG THE RENTAL POKÉMON ...

THAT OUGHT TO CREATE A RUCKUS!

KWAFO

M

SAROING

H33H

THIS SCEPTILE WAS NEVER A RENTAL POKÉMON TO BEGIN WITH.

THAT'S WHY...

...I HELPED IT.

TING

SWUSH

SWASLASH

SCEPTILE WINS! TRAINER EMERALD HAS MADE IT INTO THE FINALS!!

MILOTIC HAS BEEN KNOCKED OUT!!

IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT ...!

WOW... IT BROKE OUT OF ITS FROZEN STATE BY ITSELF AND ATTACKED MILOTIC WITH A REALLY POWERFUL LEAF BLADE...!

I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN REUNITED WITH ITS RIGHTFUL TRAINER!

THAT SCEPTILE IS THE TREECKO YOU WERE ORIGINALLY MEANT TO HAVE!

BETTER THAN THE GREEN ONE...

BETTER THAN THE GREEN ONE...

UH...IT DOESN'T LOOK VERY BRIGHT... BETTER THAN THE GREEN ONE, BUT...

TRMBL TRMBL

IT MUST HAVE LOST ITS MEMORY DUE TO SOME KIND OF SHOCK. BUT IT SEEMS BETTER NOW... REMEMBER ME? WE MET AT THE SECRET BASE WHEN YOU WERE STILL A TREECKO.

WELL, THAT WAS EYE OPENIN'. THAT FRONTIER BRAIN SURE IS STRONG!

!

SHEEN SHEEN

HEY, WHAT GIVES?!

THWACK

THIS MEANS ...

KLANG

THE FINAL BATTLE, DOME ACE TUCKER VS. EMERALD, WILL BEGIN AFTER A FIVE-MINUTE BREAK!

KLANG

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FACILITY RULES

BATTLE PALACE 3

■ MOVE CATEGORY ■

All the moves are uniquely categorized at the Battle Palace. These are the three categories.

ATTACK Moves like Iron Tail and Ice Beam that attack and damage an opponent.

DEFENSE Moves like Rest and Swords Dance which boost the Pokémon's stats or heal damage and status conditions.

SUPPORT Moves like Toxic and Charm which lower the opponent's stats or give them status conditions.



The types of moves used by the Pokémon will depend on their Nature. You can receive help from an avid fan (west of the Battle Palace) who will teach you what kind of moves your Pokémon are inclined to choose when left to their own devices.

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A Cheeky Charizard Change-Up





SPECTATORS WHO WISH TO WATCH THE BATTLE AT THE BATTLE DOME...

...LINE UP OVER HERE.

FWEEEE

SHFL

SHFL

SHFL

THE GATES WILL OPEN SHORTLY! PLEASE BE PATIENT!

I'M THE PIKE QUEEN. SO WHY...

I'M THE ARENA TYCOON. SO WHY...

WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW OR WHERE GUILE WILL LAUNCH HIS ATTACK, SO IT'S OUR JOB AS FRONTIER BRAINS TO PROTECT OUR GUESTS.

THIS WAS ANA-BEL'S IDEA.

NOW NOW, YOU TWO...

...ARE WE ACTING AS USHERS ?!

...I WASN'T EXPECT-ING SO **MANY** GUESTS!

RMMBL

YEAH, I KNOW, BUT...

TAKE A LOOK INSIDE THE BATTLE DOME.

WELL, THIS JUST GOES TO SHOW HOW MUCH EVERYONE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE BATTLE FRONTIER.

THAT MAKES IT WORTH ALL THE HARD WORK WE'VE PUT INTO THIS PLACE...

THEY'RE REALLY ENJOY-ING THEM-SELVES ...

I'VE HEARD EACH FACILITY AND FRONTIER BRAIN IS UNIQUE!

TUCKER'S SEMI-FINAL MATCH WAS AMAZING!

TUCKER WAS SO COOL. HE EVEN **FLEW**!

THE OFFICIAL OPENING IS NEXT WEEK, RIGHT? I CAN'T WAIT!

I'M GOING TO TEST MY SKILLS HERE TOO!

OKAY, THE SPECTATORS ARE INSIDE THE STADIUM... SO LET'S GO AND CHEER ON TUCKER!

RIGHT!

UH-HUH. AND THAT'S WHY WE WANT THE OPENING DAY OF THE BATTLE FRONTIER TO GO OFF WITHOUT A HITCH.

THAT WISH POKÉ-MON...

YEP.

FIND OUT ANY-THING USEFUL ?!

OH! WE MANAGED TO DO SOME RESEARCH WHILE YOU WERE USHERING.

I'VE FIGURED OUT A WAY TO FIND IT BEFORE GUILE DOES!!

... JIRACHI ...

THE FINAL BATTLE BETWEEN FRONTIER BRAIN TUCKER AND THE CHALLENGER EMERALD WILL NOW BEGIN!

YEAH! DOME ACE TUCKER'S POKÉMON ARE CHARIZARD, METAGROSSAND SALAMENCE. THE POKÉMON HE'S LIKELY TO USE FIRST IS...

LET'S FIGURE OUT WHAT POKÉMON THE OPPONENT WILL USE!

YOU'LL GET DA TACTICS SYMBOL IF YA WIN THIS BATTLE!

YOU CAN DO IT, EMERALD!

VICTORY

SALAMENCE, FOR SURE!

"REMEMBER... WHAT"?! ARE YA PLAYIN' WITH ME?!

REMEMBER... WHAT?

"WE BOTH"?! ARE YA SAYIN' YA ACTUALLY REMEMBER?!

HUH?

I STILL GET SHIVERS THINKIN' ABOUT IT! I GOT BEAT BY THAT POKÉMON IN THE SEMI-FINALS. I NEVER LIKED IT MUCH BEFORE, BUT SINCE THEN...

SALAMENCE, HUH?

RIGHT. WE BOTH HAVE BAD MEMORIES OF THAT POKÉMON.

SHIVER

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

QUIT FLIRTING!!

LOOK!

RIGHT, BUT... WE DON'T REALLY HAVE A CHOICE ...

I NEVER ASKED FOR YOUR HELP!

WHY ARE YOU TWO CHEERING FOR ME, ANYWAY?!

YOUR SCEPTILE SEEMS ESPECIALLY HAPPY, EMERALD.

THOSE THREE HAVE BEEN INSEPARABLE SINCE THEY RECOGNIZED EACH OTHER FROM THE BIRCH RESEARCH LABORATORY.

?

JUDGE ?!

YER A LUCKY TRAINER TO HAVE SUCH A CUTE AND LOVIN' POKÉMON. YER GONNA HAVE SCEPTILE FIGHT IN THE FINALS, RIGHT? IN THAT CASE...

I WANT YOU TO THROW THOSE TWO OUT! AND...

TIME, TIME, TIME !!

...I WANT TO CHANGE THE POKÉMON I'M USING IN THIS BATTLE!

I CHOSE THE WRONG POKÉ-MON!

THAT'SOKAY, LET HIM CHANGE HIS POKÉMON. I DON'T MIND.

I CAN'T ALLOW THAT! YOU CAN'T CHANGE YOUR POKÉMON NOW!

HEY, EMER-ALD! ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

BLIP

BLIP

UM... THIS ONE AND THIS ONE AND THIS ONE...

UM, I NEED TO ACCESS CRYSTAL'S COMPUTER AND ASK HER TO SEND ME DIFFERENT POKÉMON ...!

GRAB

BUT ...

GET OUT!

THANKS! MIGHTY COOL OF YOU. HOLD ON A MINUTE ...

ZSCHUP

TMP

K

LT

TR

...

GET OUT !!

TOSS

I CAN'T TAKE ON A CHALLENGE WITH A TEAM THAT DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING!

DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT. THIS IS A COMPETITIVE SPORT. I'M IN IT TO WIN.

SO WHAT IF EVERYONE'S TELLING ME THAT FEELINGS AND BONDS ARE IMPORTANT ...?

...I'D BE DISRESPECT-ING MY POKÉMON...

IF I DID THAT...

SHE DIDN'T ANSWER MY CALL... BUT SHE SENT ME THREE POKÉ BALLS... IS SOMETHING WRONG?

PLOP PLOP PLOP

HELLO? HELLO ...?!

WHAT'S TAKING CRYSTAL SO LONG?!

BATTLE START!

BOW

THIS ALAKAZAM SURVIVED THE BATTLE PYRAMID UNTIL THE NINTH ROUND!

AND TO TOP IT OFF, IT CAN NOW USE...

...THUNDER-PUNCH!

THUNDER, FIRE, ICE! OF THE THREE PUNCH MOVES...

...I CHOSE THE MOVE WHICH HAS AN ADVANTAGE AGAINST FLYING-TYPE POKÉMON!

KRCKL

KRCKL

PRETTY POWER-FUL, HUH?!

IRA BL

EARTHQUAKE?!

IT WITH-STOOD THE ATTACK AND ATTACKED BACK!

SHOOT!

IF CHARI-ZARD WITH-STOOD THAT ATTACK ...

...SO CAN ALA-KA-ZAM!

IT JUST NEEDS ONE MORE CHANCE ...

...TO USE THUNDER-PUNCH...

ALAKAZAM!

PWUMP

NEXT!

ONCE THEIR FIRST POKÉMON HAS BEEN DEFEATED, THE BATTLE CAN END VERY SWIFTLY.

AT THE BATTLE DOME, THE TRAINERS MUST CHOOSE TWO OF THEIR THREE POKÉMON.

BOW

METAGROSS!!

AKRNK

DID HE CALL OUT THE WRONG POKÉMON?!

EMERALD IS AT A DISADVANTAGE AGAIN...!

ROCK TOMB !!

KRNK

KRNK

IF THAT HELPS IT ATTACK FIRST...

METAGROSS IS HOLDING A QUICK CLAW!

OVERHEAT!!

THAT SHOULD DO THE TRICK...

!!

HFF

HFF

NO... WAY!

NOW IT'S MY TURN!

FOOF

PROTECT!

PROTECT!

PROTECT!

WHOO-HOO

PLOP

MAYBE EMERALD DOESN'T PLAYWELL WITH OTHERS ...

HE THREW US OUT!

YEAH.

OUR PLAN TO ENTER THE BATTLE DOME TOURNAMENT TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH HIM...

...WAS A FAILURE.

WELL, FOR ONE THING ...

NOW WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO?

HUH ?

OKAY.

OH WELL. WE HAVE TWO DAYS LEFT. LET'S SCOUT THIS PLACE OUT SO WE'RE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING.

ISN'T THAT SPENSER, THE BATTLE PALACE'S FRONTIER BRAIN?

HM... THAT MUST BE THE BATTLE PALACE. IT'S THE FACILITY EMERALD'S GOING TO TOMORROW.

WHAT'S THAT ...?

SOME-ONE'S STANDIN' THERE!

?

GLARE

DON'T KNOW. MAYBE HE HAD CHORES TO DO?

WHSPR

WHSPR

EVERY-ONE'S AT THE DOME. WHAT'S HE DOIN' HERE?

FWIP

FWIP

NEXT

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FACILITY RULES

BATTLE TOWER 1

Battle-type	Number of Pokémon	Type of Symbol	Wins needed to attain the Symbol
•Single •Double •Multi	3 Pokémon	Ability	7 Wins × 10 Rounds = 70 Consecutive Wins

The symbol of the Battle Frontier, the large building to the north, is the Battle Tower. This facility existed before the other six facilities were built, so I'm sure you know all about it already. It's a facility for classic Pokémon Battles, so there are no new rules or gimmicks as there are in the other six facilities. Here, the challengers may enjoy a simple battle showing off the Pokémon's and Trainer's skills.



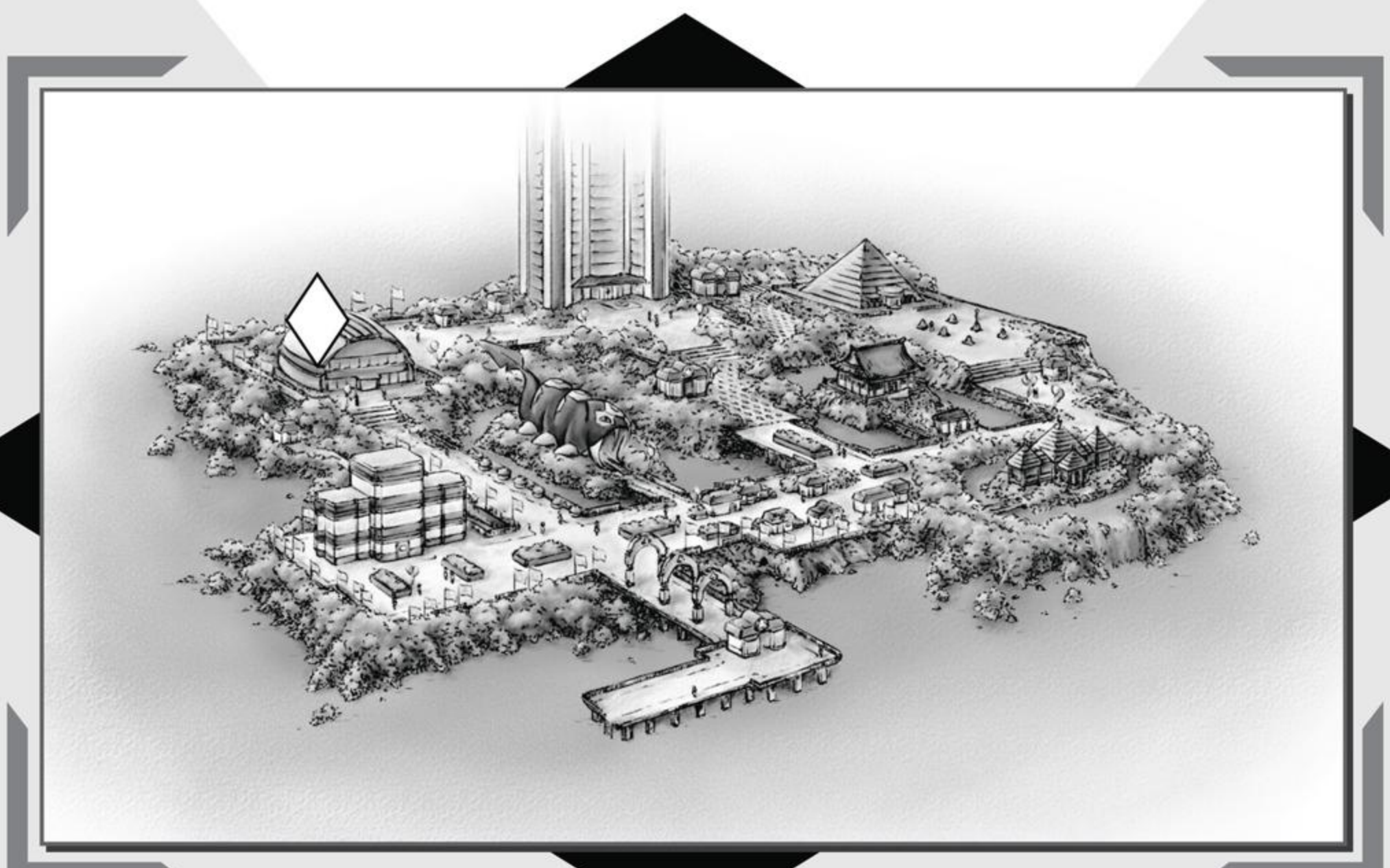
Salon Maiden
Anabel



Ability Symbol

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A Cheeky Charizard Change-Up
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WHAT
ARE YA
DOIN'...?!

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FROM
...
...
YOUR
EYES
...

I CAN
TELL...

HEY,
GET
AWAY
FROM
HER!

GRAB

WEATH-
ER
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...

PDNK

PNUMP

YOU'VE TOUCHED IT, HAVEN'T YOU...?

SAP-PHIRE, ISN'T IT?

THE ORB. THE ORB WITH THE POWER TO CONTROL AND CALM LEGENDARY ANCIENT POKÉMON...

...THE **BLUE** ORB!

...JUST BY MY EYES?!

YOU CAN TELL ALL THAT...

...

WOOOSH

WOOO

WOW, TUCKER'S REALLY FIRED UP!

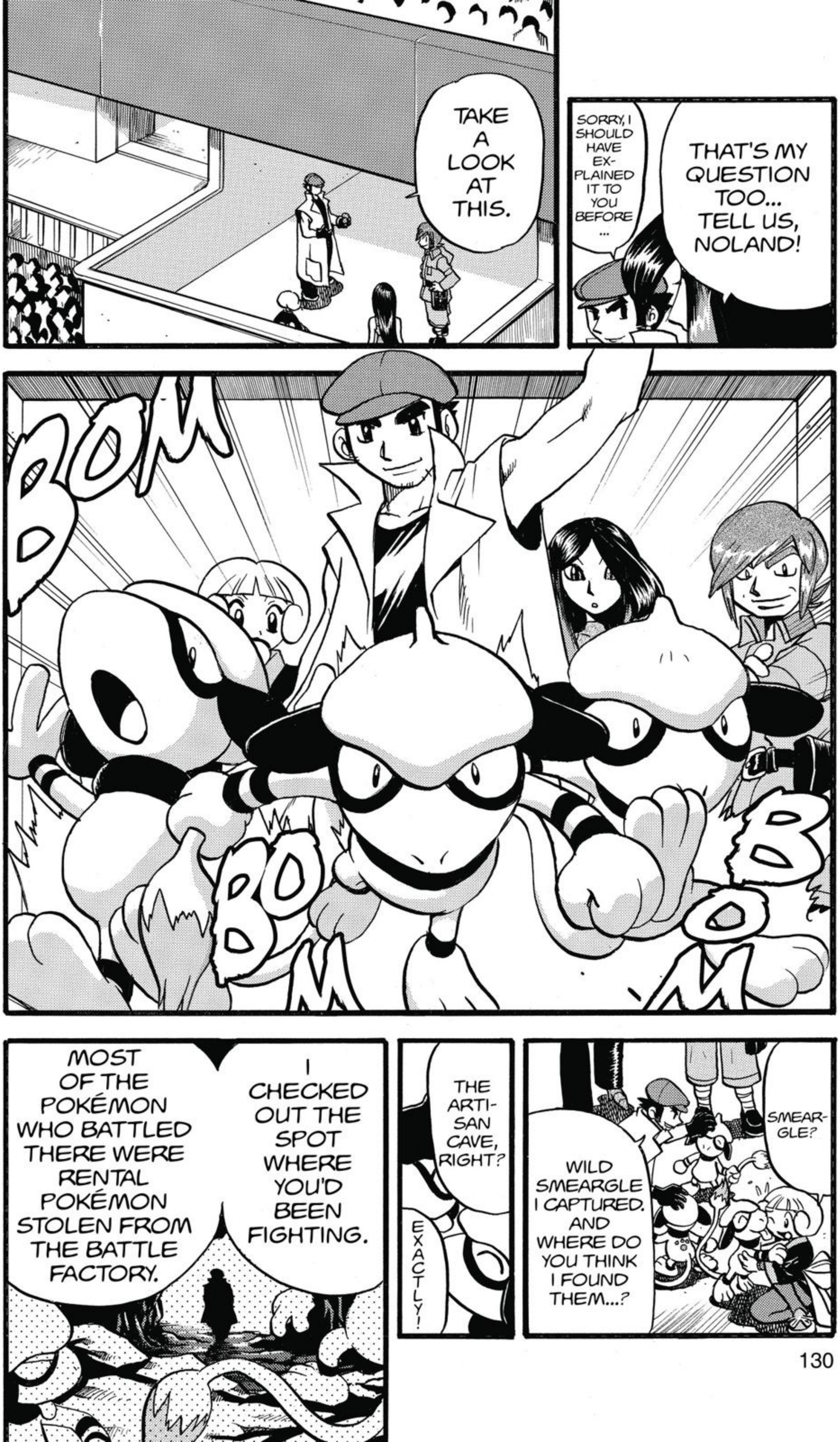
HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO FIND JIRACHI BEFORE GUILE DOES?

HEY, NOLAND! I GET THAT YOU WANT TO CONCEN-TRATE ON YOUR BATTLE, BUT...I HAVE TO KNOW...

JMP

I NEED TO SPEAK WITH MR. SCOTT ABOUT SOME-THING...

CATCH YOU LATER!


TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
THAT'S MY QUESTION TOO... TELL US, NOLAND!
SORRY, I SHOULD HAVE EX-PLAINED IT TO YOU BEFORE ...
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
I CHECKED OUT THE SPOT WHERE YOU'D BEEN FIGHTING.
MOST OF THE POKÉMON WHO BATTLED THERE WERE RENTAL POKÉMON STOLEN FROM THE BATTLE FACTORY.
THE ARTI-SAN CAVE, RIGHT?
EXACTLY!
SMEAR-GLE?
WILD SMEARGLE I CAPTURED. AND WHERE DO YOU THINK I FOUND THEM...?

THERE WERE SEVERAL DOZEN SMEARGLE IN THE CAVE, SO I FIGURED THERE WAS A GOOD CHANCE **SOME** OF THEM SKETCHED JIRACHI'S MOVE.

AND LUCKY FOR US, SMEARGLE HAVE A MOVE CALLED **SKETCH**! A MOVE THAT PERFECTLY COPIES ANY MOVE THEY'VE SEEN!

BUT THESE SMEARGLE WERE JUST INNOCENT BYSTANDERS. THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH GUILE.

EXACTLY. HERE, ALLOW ME TO DEMON-STRATE.

SO... THESE SMEARGLE... CAN SHOW US WHAT JIRACHI'S MOVE IS LIKE?

...I FOUND THESE THREE HAD SKETCHED JIRACHI'S MOVE!

SO I CHECKED EVERY ONE, AND...

SMEAR-GLE, WISH!

SHING

...WILL REPORT TO US AS SOON AS THEY DETECT A LIGHT LIKE THAT.

THE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN THE BATTLE FRONTIER ...

SUCH A BEAUTIFUL, ELEGANT MOVE... I'VE NEVER MET JIRACHI, BUT IF IT USES THIS MOVE, WE SHOULD SEE A FLASH OF LIGHT LIKE THE ONE WE JUST SAW.

OKAY!

LET'S START SEARCHING!

FLY!

WOOT

BOTH OF HIS POKÉMON ARE DOWN! WHICH MEANS...

EMERALD'S METAGROSS HAS BEEN KNOCKED OUT!

I... LOST ...

...IS THE WINNER!

... FRON-TIER BRAIN, DOME ACE TUCKER ...

NOW, LET'S SHAKE HANDS TO HONOR EACH OTHER.

BUT IN TERMS OF TACTICS, YOU MIGHT WANT TO REMEMBER THAT USING PROTECT CONSECUTIVELY LOWERS THE CHANCES OF A POKÉMON SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING ITSELF.

HWWOOO

NICE BATTLE, EMERALD.

SHIF

AND IF YOU'D LIKE TO TRY AGAIN DURING THE SEVEN-DAY PRESS DEMONSTRATION...

...OF HIS FIRST DEFEAT.

I GUESS HE CAN'T DEAL WITH THE ANGER AND FRUSTRATION ...

THAT'S OKAY. I SHOULD MEET UP WITH THE OTHERS ANYWAY, AND...

ZZZ

SPLASH!

BOM

WE'VE DISCOVERED THAT RAY OF LIGHT WE WERE WATCHING FOR!

BEEP

WHAT IS THAT? I DON'T THINK IT'S MEANT TO BE PART OF THE PRESS OPENING...

WOOSH

AAH!

WHERE?!

THE LOCATION IS...THE ROOFTOP OF THE BATTLE DOME!

DOES IT HAVE ANYTHIN' TO DO WITH WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT THE FRONTIER RIGHT NOW?

YEAH, I TOUCHED THE BLUE ORB... BUT WHAT DOES THAT HAVE T' DO WITH YOU, MR. FRONTIER BRAIN?

WHAT ABOUT IT...?!

...

...IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT I...

...MEET SOMEONE WHO HAS SHARED MY EXPERI-ENCE...

NO. FORGIVE ME... I GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY.

TAP TAP

IT'S JUST THAT ...

HEH ...

COME ON, SAP-PHIRE, LET'S GO...!

HOW NICE FOR YOU!

OH, IS THAT SO?

SAP-PHIRE, THAT'S ENOUGH!

SURE THING. I HAD A FEELIN' YOU WERE UP TO SOME-THIN'.

THANKS FOR KEEPING HIM TALKING.

KRNCH

I'M POSITIVE HE'S HIDING SOME-THING.

I RECORDED WHAT HE SAID USING THE FLAMES OF MEMORY.

...WHAT IT IS...

LET'S FIGURE OUT...

I WAS, BUT THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE OF PLANS...

KLYCH

?

WHY? I ASSUMED YOU WERE COMING TOMORROW.

I'M HERE TO CHALLENGE MY SKILLS AT THE BATTLE PALACE!

THOSE RED AND BLUE KIDS JUST LEFT... AND NOW A GREEN BOY IS HERE. WHAT A BUSY DAY.

FOL-LOW ME.

VERY WELL ...

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN SQUEEZE EVERY-THING INTO MY SCHED-ULE.

I HAVE TO FINISH OFF THE PALACE THIS AFTERNOON, THE TOWER TOMORROW AND THEN I'LL TRY THE BATTLE DOME AGAIN.

RM BL RM BL

LET'S BATTLE.

THERE ARE NO REPORTERS OR SPECTATORS HERE, BUT THAT'S A SUITABLE ENVIRON-MENT FOR ME, PALACE MAVEN SPENSER.

THINK!!

SH ING

...HAS ALREADY BEEN THROWN!

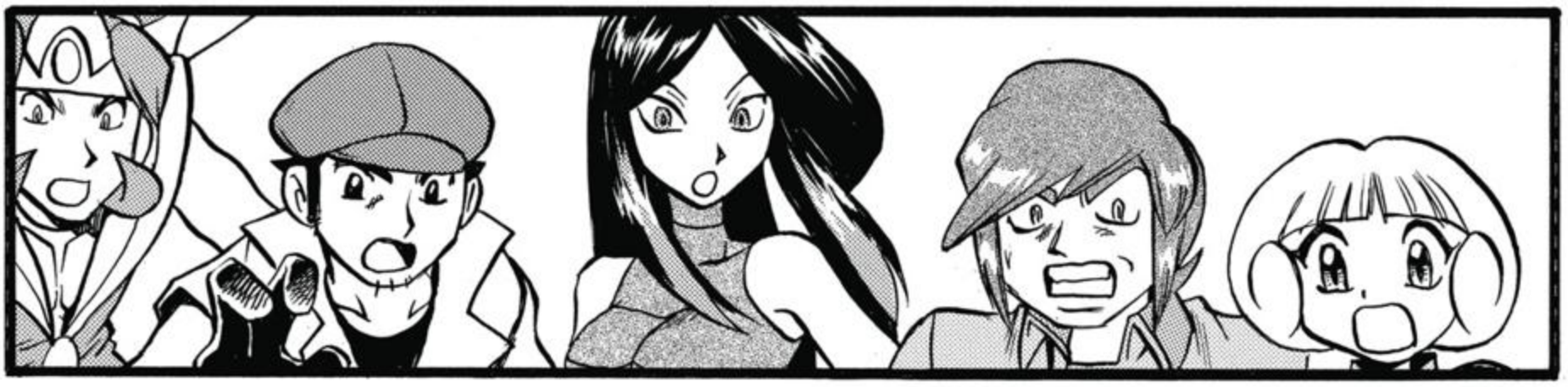
AND A POKÉ BALL...

GUILE IS HERE TOO ...!

IT'S JIRA-CHI!

SHLP

KLTR







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FACILITY RULES

BATTLE TOWER 2

■ THE TYPES OF BATTLE AT THE BATTLE TOWER ■

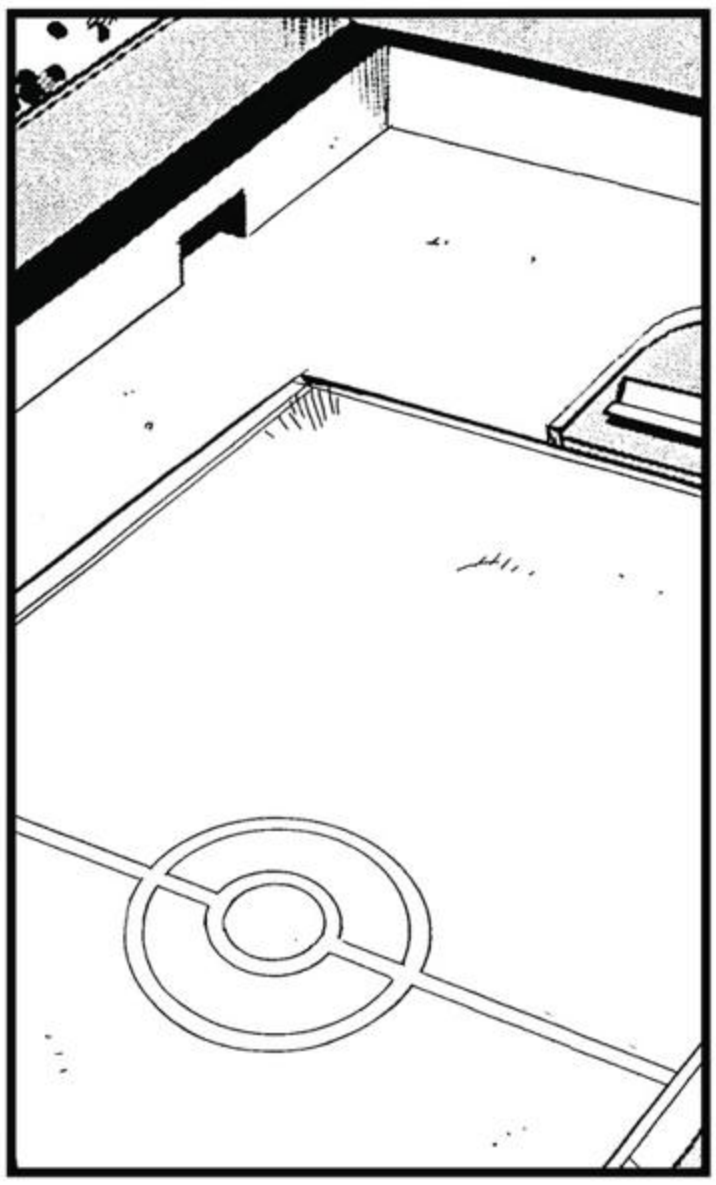
Apart from the three battle styles above, multiplayer battles will also be available after the official opening of the Battle Frontier. These will be Double Battles fought between Battle Towers from other regions.

① Single Battle
A one-on-one battle using three Pokémon. This is the only battle style Frontier Brain Anabel will take part in.

② Double Battle
A two-on-two battle using four Pokémon.

③ Multi Battle
A two-on-two battle using four Pokémon.

A two-on-two tag battle fought by teaming up with another contestant, such as a Pokémon Breeder, Kindler, Lass and others. The battle is fought by four Pokémon, two from the challenger and two from the tag partner.



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Standing in the Way with Starmie



...IS MINE.

JIRACHI ...

...JIRA-CHI!

...CAP-TURED ...

NO! GUILE ...

VERY FUNNY!

EH? I SEE SOMEONE WHO WASN'T AT THE BATTLE THE OTHER DAY...

BWAHAHAHA! HOW BITTER YOU ARE! I'D FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT THAT!

WHAT?!

IT'S HIGH TIME I GET BACK AT YOU FOR THAT SURPRISE ATTACK ON ME AND THE THEFT OF THE RENTAL POKÉMON!

HOW DARE YOU INSULT MY FRIEND!

THOSE RENTAL POKÉ-MON MADE EVERY-THING SO MUCH EASIER.

BUT I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU...

KA-DACK

NOW I SEE HOW YOU MANAGED TO FIND ME SO FAST.

THEY'RE THE ONES WHO LIVE IN THE ARTISAN CAVE!

HMM... THOSE SMEAR-GLE...

SHIFF

BRANDON!

AND YOU USED THE RAY OF LIGHT THAT SHINES WHEN THE MOVE IS USED TO FIND US!

THOSE SMEARGLE MUST HAVE SKETCHED WISH FROM JIRACHI!

NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO NOW...

FFFD

I HAVE ALREADY CAPTURED JIRACHI.

RM BL RM BL

BUT ...

VERY CLEVER.

...YOU'RE TOO LATE.

WHAMP

SSSSS

URRGH ...!

WHAT'S THAT?!

THE FRONTIER BRAINS HAVE DISAPPEARED AND NO ONE'S TOLD US ANYTHING...

WHAT'S THAT SOUND ...?

GUR GUR

ONCE JIRACHI HAS MADE MY WISH COME TRUE...

I HAVE NO REASON TO BE SUBTLE NOW...

HMM ...

OH NO! THE PRESS AND SPECTATORS HAVE COME OUT...!

GUR GUR GUR

...THE BATTLE FRONTIER SHALL SINK...

...TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS MAGNIFI-CENT SEA!

BOM BOM BOM BOM

HERE. I'LL HAPPILY RETURN THEM TO YOU.

I DON'T NEED THE RENTAL POKÉMON ANYMORE EITHER.

SHINK

NOW COME, JIRACHI... LET'S GO TO THE PERFECT SPOT TO MAKE MY WISH.

HA HA HA HA HA! EVEN IF YOU SAVE THEM NOW, THEY'LL ALL END UP AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA BEFORE TOO LONG!

NO! THE SPECTATORS ARE IN DANGER!

WOOSH

THUNK

NOLAND! ISN'T THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO?!

THE ENEMY HAS JIRACHI!

STARS BELONG IN THE SKY WHERE THEY CAN SHINE BRIGHTLY AT NIGHT.

AND THE CLOSEST PLACE TO THE SKY AROUND HERE IS IN THE BATTLE FRONTIER...

WAIT, BRANDON! WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE!

WE'VE DECIPHERED THE LAST PAGE IN THE JIRACHI FILE!

AND IF HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE THIRD EYE, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE HIS WISH COME TRUE.

PLUS HE MADE A BIG SPEECH ABOUT HOW HE WON, BUT HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE THIRD EYE.

GUILE SAID HE'S GOING TO THE CLOSEST PLACE TO THE SKY IN THE BATTLE FRONTIER... THAT MUST BE THE TOP FLOOR OF THE BATTLE TOWER.

THAT ENTRY ABOUT THE THIRD EYE?!

WILL DO!

WE'LL PROTECT THE SPECTA-TORS!

UPDATE ANABEL AND SPENSER, NOLAND!

RRING

NGRING

RRING

SHOULDN'T YOU ANSWER THAT?

RRING RRING

NO ONE MAY INTERFERE WITH OUR BATTLE ONCE THE DOORS OF THE PALACE HAVE CLOSED.

RRING RRING

NO.

BUT I DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO GO THROUGH ALL THAT RIGMAROLE FIRST ANYMORE ...

AND IT'S ONLY AT THE END OF THE SIXTH ROUND, THE 42ND BATTLE, THAT THE CHALLENGER MAY FACE ME IN HOPES OF EARNING THE SYMBOL.

UNDER NORMAL CIR-CUMSTANCES, THE CHALLENGER MUST DEFEAT SEVEN VIRTUAL TRAINERS IN A ROW TO COMPLETE A ROUND.

HERE, THE CHALLENGERS MUST USE...

...THE THREE POKÉMON THEY TRUST THE MOST.

THE BATTLE PALACE TESTS A TRAINER'S SPIRIT.

I'LL ASK CRYSTAL TO SEND ME THE POKÉMON I NEED DEPENDING ON THE RULES, SO HURRY UP AND TELL ME.

COOL! WHAT ARE YOUR RULES?

YOU CHOOSE YOUR POKÉMON ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF BATTLE? THAT'S ODD.

HOW SO?

TRAINERS DON'T GIVE ORDERS TO THEIR POKÉMON DURING THIS BATTLE. THEY MERELY OBSERVE AND TRUST THEIR POKÉMON'S STRATEGY.

EXACTLY.

THE THREE POKÉMON I... TRUST THE MOST?!

A TEST OF... SPIRIT?

IT'S UP TO THEM, OF COURSE.

RSTL

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A BATTLE LIKE THAT. HOW DO I GET THE POKÉMON TO USE THE RIGHT MOVES AND TIMING?!

...WILL ENTRUST THIS BATTLE TO THESE THREE...

I MYSELF ...

BOOM

BOOM

URK

...

...POKÉMON YOU TRUST THAT YOU'VE USED NUMEROUS TIMES AT THE FRONTIER...

I'M SURE YOU TOO HAVE ...

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FAITH IN THESE THREE POKÉMON, DO YOU?

I CAN'T TAKE ON A CHALLENGE WITH A TEAM THAT DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING.

I WATCHED THE BATTLE AT THE DOME ON THE SCREEN.

HMM... BUT I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THOSE THREE...

UNBELIEVABLE! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO HAVE A BATTLE WITH ALL THESE DIS-TRACTIONS?

RRING RRING RRING

THAT'S WHY YOU DECIDED TO USE THREE OTHER POKÉMON...AND GOT DEFEATED BY TUCKER.

OH ...

HELLO ?!

I SEE ...

HE'S CAPTURED JIRACHI AND IS HEADING FOR THE TOP FLOOR OF THE BATTLE TOWER.

THAT ARMOR-CLAD MAN, GUILE HIDEOUT, HAS SHOWN UP AGAIN!

IT'S THE OTHER FRONTIER BRAINS ...

KNK

WHAT'S THE MATTER ?!

... WHAT ?!

WH...

?!

TONK

YOU WISH TO CANCEL IT?

NO NEED.

COME TO THINK OF IT... PROTECTING JIRACHI IS **YOUR** MISSION, ISN'T IT?

YES... I HAVE TO **DO** SOMETHING! I HAVE TO GO TO THE BATTLE TOWER! UM... SO ABOUT THIS BATTLE...

LET YOUR POKÉMON TAKE CHARGE OF THIS BATTLE WHILE YOU HEAD DOWN TO THE BATTLE TOWER TO RETRIEVE JIRACHI.

NOTHING HAS CHANGED.

AS I SAID, THE TRAINER JUST OBSERVES THEIR POKÉMON DURING THIS BATTLE. YOUR ONLY ROLE IS TO CHOOSE THE POKÉMON WHO WILL TAKE PART.

THAT IS...AS LONG AS YOU HAVE THE **SPIRIT** TO TRUST YOUR POKÉMON.

...

SUDOWOODO!

SUDO-WOODO !!

GROVYLE!

SCEPTILE!

...! THERE...

AN FRESH SQUEEZ MAGOS BERRY JUICE!

IT'S LPING MERALD DRINK IT!

...ON ALL THOSE BATTLES ...

...

ISN'T THIS ...

I HAVE A HUNCH YOU WANT ME TO LEAVE MY POKÉMON HERE FOR SOME REASON...

YOU KNOW WHAT I'M LIKE, DON'T YOU? THAT'S WHY YOU'RE MAKING UP THIS STORY ABOUT USING THE POKÉMON I TRUST MOST, ISN'T IT?

...A BIT TOO CONVE-NIENT?

...IT MIGHT JUST BE A COINCI-DENCE.

WHO KNOWS? EVEN THOUGH IT SOUNDS TOO CONVE-NIENT...

BOOM BOOM BOOM

ALL RIGHT. I'VE MADE UP MY MIND.

BUT THAT'S FOR YOU TO DECIDE.

...

RIGHT ...

DUS-CLOPS!

SUDO-WOODO!

SCEP-TILE!

CATCH UP WITH ME AFTER YOU'VE WON THE BATTLE AND THE SPIRITS SYMBOL!

WHILE I RESCUE JIRACHI FROM GUILE AT THE BATTLE TOWER.

YOU HANDLE THE BATTLE HERE AT THE BATTLE PALACE.

...I BELIEVE IN YOU!

AND, HEY...

DASH

YEAH!

HEAR THAT, SAP-PHIRE?

TMP

TMP

WE HAVE TO GET TO THE BATTLE TOWER ASAP!

HURRY !!

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS...

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



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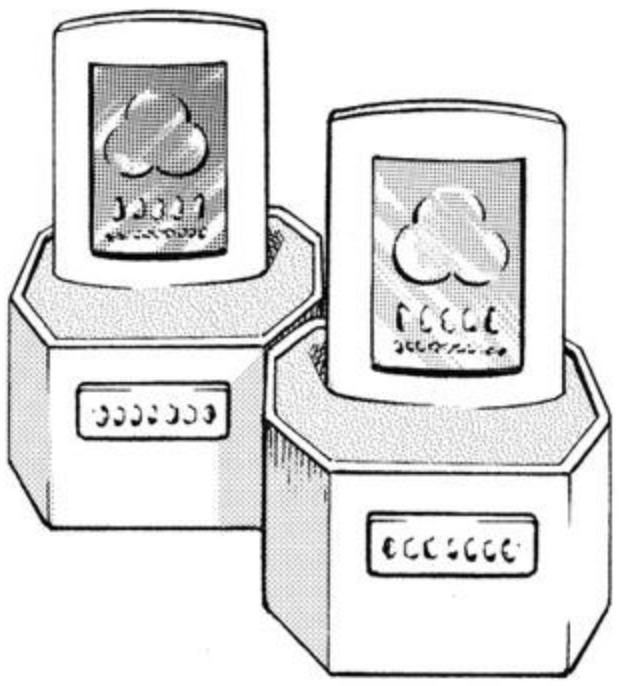
BATTLE TOWER 3

■ THE BATTLE SALON ■

The Battle Salon is provided for Trainers who want to team up with a tag partner for Multi battles. You can find a compatible partner here to fight on your side.

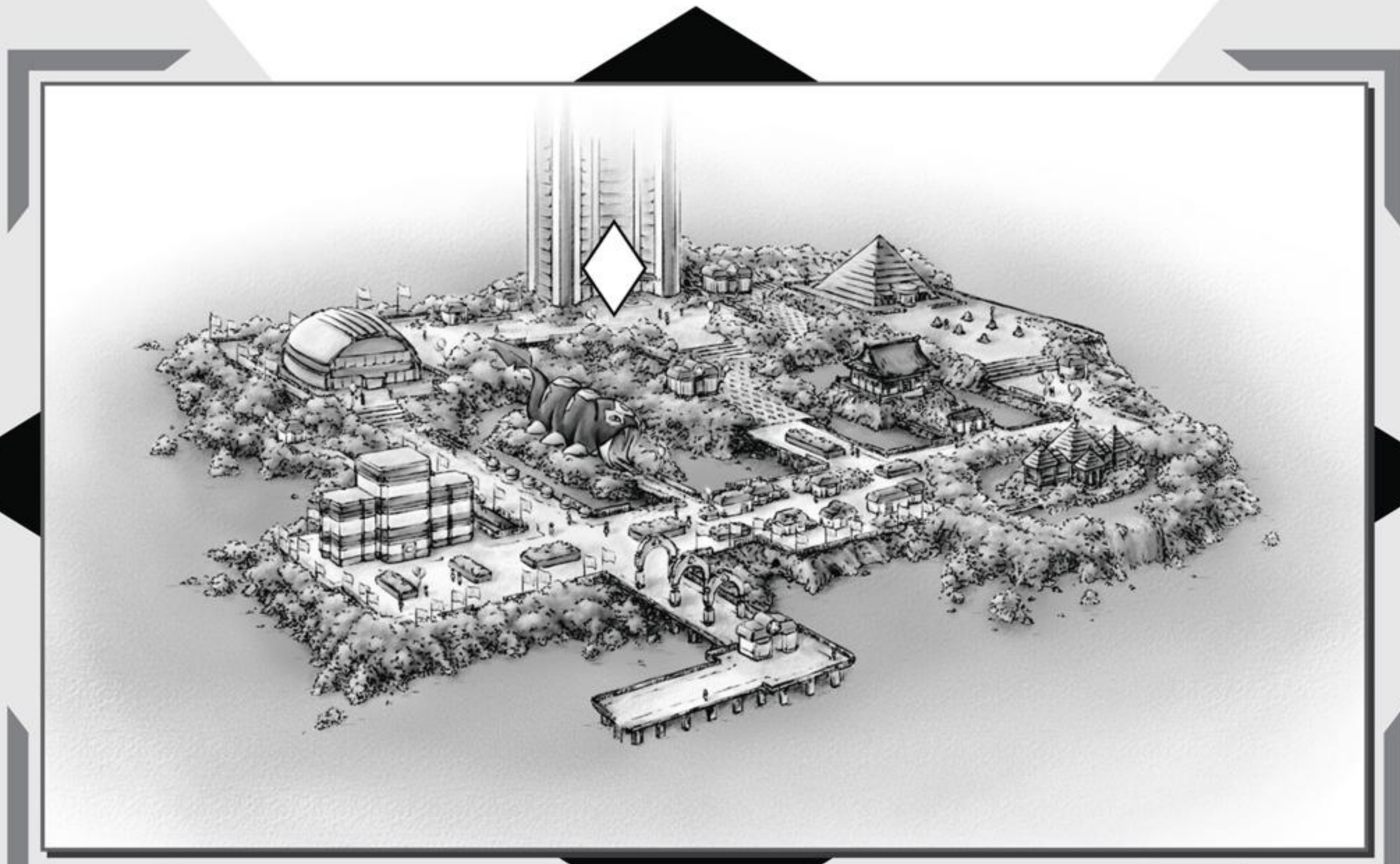
■ WINNING THE SHIELDS ■

As with the other six facilities, the challenger receives a Symbol for defeating the Battle Tower Frontier Brain. At the Battle Tower, I, Scott, will personally award Trainers with a Silver Shield after fifty consecutive wins in Single battle and a Gold Shield after a hundred.



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Lemme at 'Em, Lapras!



AAH

OUR JOB IS TO PROTECT THE SPECTATORS FROM THE RENTAL POKÉMON GUILE RELEASED!

I HAD HIM GO TO CONTACT ANABEL AND SPENSER!

WHERE'S NOLAND?

HE HEADED FOR THE BATTLE TOWER WITH JIRACHI!

BRANDON! WHERE'S GUILE...?!

BATTLE PALACE

WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

AHH

AAHH

WE BETTER GO TOO!

WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?!

AAH

AAA

AH

HUH ?!

HANG ON TIGHT!

WOM NOM

AIEE!

FSSO

WHY ISN'T ANABEL PICKING UP?!

STRANGE ...

HAS SOME-THING HAP-PENED TO HER ?!

WHAT'S GOING ON?! ANABEL !!

BUT ANA-BEL ...

I MANAGED TO TELL SPENSER WHAT HAP-PENED.

NO-LAND! HEY!

... EMER-ALD.

WE HAVE TO PUT A STOP TO THIS BEFORE NIGHT FALLS!

I'LL HAVE TO GO TO THE BATTLE TOWER MYSELF TO FIND OUT...

OH, THAT'S ...

WE'VE COME HERE TO PROTECT JIRACHI, LIKE EMERALD.

I'M RUBY. AND THIS IS SAP-PHIRE.

UM... WHO ARE YOU?

THE ENEMY CAPTURED JIRACHI AND HEADED FOR THE TOP FLOOR OF THE BATTLE TOWER, RIGHT?!

WE'RE THE HOENN POKÉDEX TRIO!

DON'T COUNT ME IN YOUR TRIO!!

ALL THREE OF US ARE POKÉDEX HOLDERS.

IF YA BEAT ALL THE FACILITIES AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER ...

RUBY'S WON EVERY POKÉMON CONTEST AND I'VE BEATEN EVERY GYM IN HOENN.

CHAMPION...?

UH-HUH.

WELL... IF YOU DON'T LIKE "POKÉDEX" TRIO, WE COULD GO WITH "**CHAMPION**" TRIO.

I DON'T NEED YOU GUYS...!

RSTL RSTL

I DON'T CARE !!

...THEN WE'LL BE A TRIO OF CHAMPI-ONS!

UNGE

...THE RENTAL POKÉMON GUILE RELEASED ALL OVER THE BATTLE FRONTIER! I HAD NO IDEA THEY'D MADE IT THIS FAR...!

WHOA! THOSE ARE ...

FLOOD

"BOR-ROW" ...?

THIS IS AN EMERGENCY! CAN I BORROW A COUPLE OF YOUR RENTAL POKÉMON, NOLAND?

...LEFT THEM ALL AT THE PALACE.

I...

HUH ?

EMERALD, WHERE ARE YOUR POKÉMON ?!

THE SAME WAY MY SCEPTILE WAS BEING CON-TROLLED.

THAT'S RIGHT. THESE POKÉMON ARE BEING CONTROLLED BY GUILE, AREN'T THEY?

KA-LACK

NOW LET'S SEE...

...THE ANGRI-EST ARE...

... SEEM ...

... WHO ...

THE ONES ...

FWIP FWIP FWIP

TITING

OVER HERE!

...SNORLAX, MR. MIME, MANTINE, AND MAWILE!

WHAT ?!

SLAM

ZOOM

EMERALD! SO **THAT'S** YOUR SPECIAL ABILITY...! YOU CAN INSTANTA-NEOUSLY CALM POKÉMON...

HFF

KA

HFF

KA

HFF

NG

OKAY... I'LL GLADLY LEND YOU MY POKÉMON THEN. TAKE...

MAWILE, YOU COME WITH ME. WE'LL TAKE THE ELEVATOR TO THE TOP FLOOR.

...AND MR. MIME WITH YOU.

...MAN-TINE...

...SNOR-LAX...

THOSE TROUBLE-MAKERS ...

THEY'RE HERE!

AND... ARRGH ...

KKNCH

...HAVE CAUGHT UP WITH ME ALREADY...

WHY WON'T YOU MAKE MY WISH COME TRUE?!

!

SHK

IS THERE... SOME SPECIAL TRICK TO THIS THAT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT?!

HMPH! IT WON'T OBEY MY ORDERS!

...I NEED TO BUY SOME TIME!

GRR... FINE. I'LL FIGURE IT OUT... BUT UNTIL THEN...

ZIP

KLCK

SMAK

IT'S NO GOOD! THE ELEVATOR WON'T MOVE!

LET'S TAKE THE STAIRS! FOLLOW ME!

THESE ARE THE LIGHTS FOR A BATTLE!

HUH ?!

VRRMMM

WHY ARE THEY ...?!

THE LIGHTS TURN ON WHEN THE BATTLE TOWER WELCOMES A CHAL-LENGER!

BOMM

THAT'S ...!

HEY ...

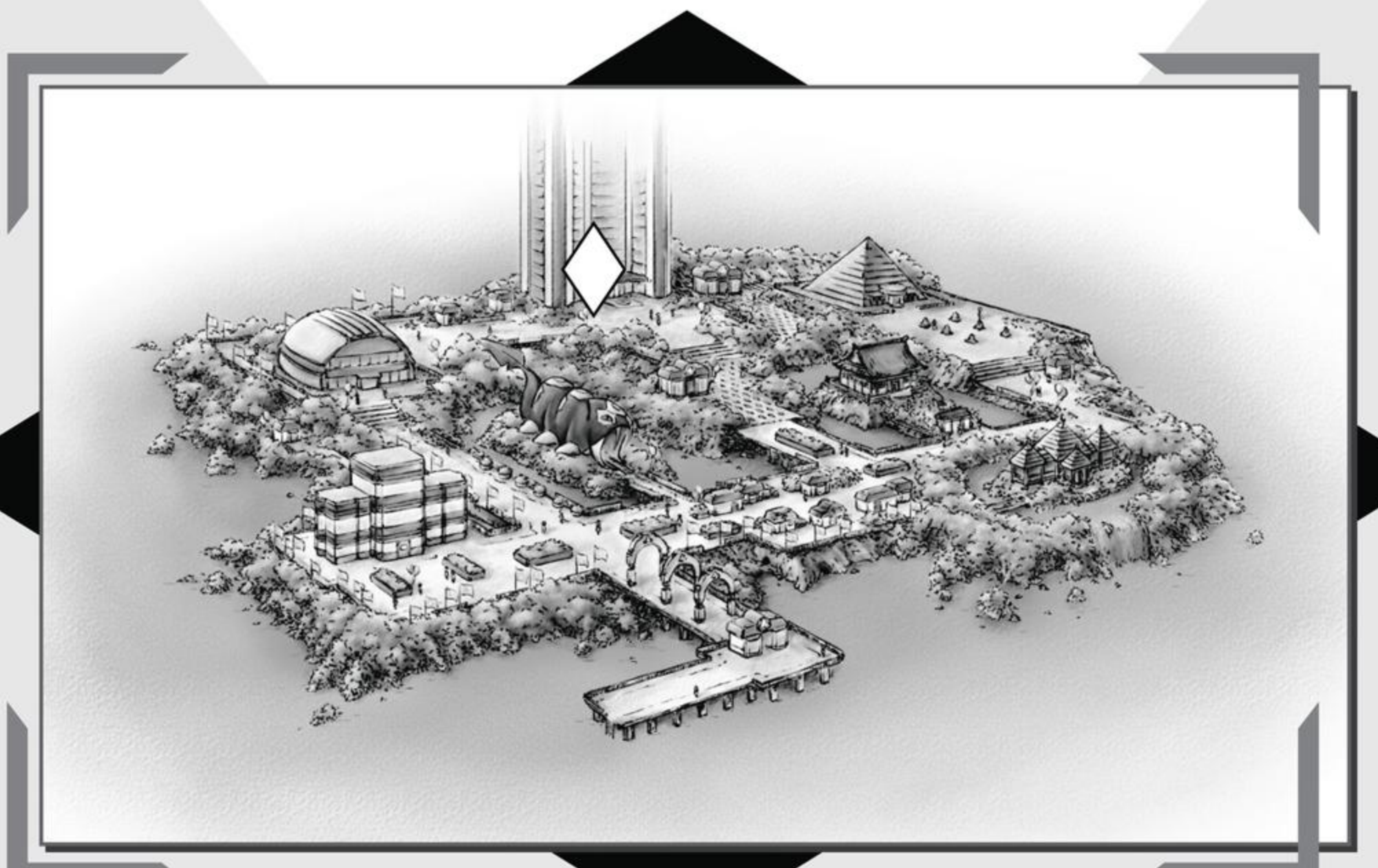
VIRTUAL TRAINER ANDRENTAL POKÉMON!

RM BL RM BL

ANA...
BEL?

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Facing Gulpin Is Hard to Swallow



RM BL RM BZ

ANA-
BEL,
WAIT!

ANABEL!

SMACK

BUT WE HAFTA DEFEAT THE VIRTUAL TRAINER AND RENTAL POKÉMON TO GET TO THE STAIRS!

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!

WHAT IS ANABEL DOING HERE?! AND SHE SEEMS SO...OUT OF IT...

BOP

!

THIS FLOOR TOO!

OKAY!

BOLT

CLIMB TO THE TOP WHILE DEFEATING VIRTUAL TRAINERS ON EVERY FLOOR!

AND AT THE END, FACE ANABEL, THE FRONTIER BRAIN!

IT IS THE BATTLE TOWER!

IS THIS...

THE BATTLE TOWER CHAL-LENGE ?!

TALK TO ME, ANABEL!

COULD IT BE THAT ...?

BUT ONLY ANABEL AND MR. SCOTT CAN START IT UP!

EXACTLY !!

BWAHA HAHA!

GUILE!

ARE YOU KID-DING ?!

...JUST AS THE RULES SAY!

YES. AS YOU HAVE SURMISED, I HAVE TAKEN OVER THE BATTLE TOWER. YOU WILL BE FORCED TO GO THROUGH TEN ROUNDS TO DEFEAT SEVEN VIRTUAL TRAINERS IN A ROW...

HAHAHA! REMEMBER THE LAST TIME YOU SAW HER?

WH-WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ANABEL...?!

I HAD MY HANDS FULL WITH THE PRESS AND SPECTATORS!

WHAT...? WHERE WAS I DURING THE DOME BATTLE ...?

HELLO? MR. SCOTT ?!

JMP

I NEED TO SPEAK WITH MR. SCOTT ABOUT SOME-THING...

CATCH YOU LATER!

ANABEL? HAVEN'T SEEN HER ALL DAY... AIIEEE!

AND AT THE MOMENT I'M BEING CHASED BY RENTAL POKÉMON ...

...WAS JUST AN ILLUSION CREATED BY A PSYCHIC-TYPE POKÉMON!

THE SCOTT YOU SAW BACK THEN...

HA HA HA... NOW DO YOU GET IT?

KKK

MWAHA HAHA! THIS IS PERFECT!

I DON'T HAVE MINIONS, BUT AS LONG AS I'M INSIDE THE BATTLE TOWER I CAN COMMAND THE VIRTUAL TRAINERS AND RENTAL POKÉMON ...

WHAT A DIRTY TRICK!

...TO DO WITH AS I PLEASE!

GRIT

THAT MEANS I HAVE AN INFINITE ARMY...

...NEVER FORGIVE YOU.

I'LL...

...NEVER FORGIVE YOU!!

I WILL...

KLKK

THAT IS, IF YOU CAN CLEAR SEVENTY BATTLES IN A ROW...

IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY TO ME...SAVE IT FOR THE TOP FLOOR.

...WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT OUR WAY UP!

LOOKS LIKE ...

FSSSP

EMER-ALD!

ONE OF US WILL HAVE TO BATTLE WHILE THE REST RUSH UP TO THE NEXT FLOOR! AS SOON AS YOU WIN, CATCH UP WITH THOSE FIGHTING ON THE FLOOR ABOVE AND SO ON!

IT'S DANGEROUS FOR US TO SEPARATE, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO FIGHT ALL THESE BATTLES TOGETHER!

GO-OIK-

20F

11F

8F

62F

45F

SO THIS ...

...IS THE SKILL OF THE POKÉDEX HOLD-ERS!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'RE JUST KIDS!

EMERALD IS REALLY GOOD, AND THOSE TWO ARE AMAZING TOO...

HOLD ON, ANABEL! WE'RE COMING!

I HAVE TO KEEP GOING MYSELF!

69F

68F

67F

HUH? WE'RE THE ONLY TWO WHO MADE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP? WHERE'S EMERALD AND NOLAND?

DON'T KNOW. MAYBE WE GOT AHEAD OF THEM. OR MAYBE **THEY** GOT AHEAD OF **US**...

PHEW! FINALLY, THE 70TH FLOOR!

70!

UM ...

IT AIN'T...A BATTLE-GROUND, IS IT?

WHAT'S WITH THIS ROOM?

THIS IS A **REFER-ENCE** ROOM!

OH, I GET IT!

BOOKS, DOCU-MENTS, MANU-SCRIPTS ...

A MODEL SHIP ...

HMM... MAPS OF THE REGION ...

"I DECIDED TO CREATE A TOP-OF-THE-LINE FACILITY FOR POKÉMON BATTLES...

UMM... "... FOR POKÉ-MON BATTLES AND... THIS AND THAT... BUT ..."

THE BATTLE FRONTIER: FROM START TO FINISH

"THE BATTLE FRONTIER: FROM START TO FINISH." THE OWNER, MR. SCOTT, HAS WRITTEN ABOUT THIS FACILITY.

I REMEMBER DAD TELLING ME ABOUT THIS...

MR. SCOTT WAS SEARCHING FOR SKILLED TRAINERS TO BE FRONTIER BRAINS IN VARIOUS REGIONS.

HE ASKED DAD FOR INFORMATION ABOUT TRAINERS.

"...BUT WHAT I'M TRULY BUILDING IS NOT BATTLE FACILITIES BUT PEOPLE.

"TO CREATE THE BATTLE FRONTIER, I CAREFULLY CHOSE THE PERSONNEL TO BE THE BRAINS BEHIND EACH FACILITY."

...THESE SEVEN GOT PICKED?

BATTLE FRONTIER CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

YEAR MONTH

AN' THAT'S HOW...

OH, LOOK!

HM ...

SO MR. SCOTT MUST HAVE RESEARCHED A LOT OF SKILLED TRAINERS BEFORE HE CHOSE THESE SEVEN FRONTIER BRAINS.

THAT WOULD BE EM-BARRA-SIN'!

ARE WE GONNA BE IN THIS BOOK SOMEDAY TOO?

HERE'S A SECTION ON POKÉDEX HOLDERS!

THEY EVEN HAVE STATUES OF THEM...

IN OTHER WORDS... OUR PREDE-CESSORS, HUH?

DASH

TA-DAH

FWIP

IT'S COMING FROM THE ROOM NEXT DOOR!

WSWXQJO-!

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HE IS, BUT...

AND HE'S ALREADY FIGHTING ANABEL, THE LEADER OF THE FRONTIER BRAINS!

I **KNEW** IT! HE GOT HERE BEFORE US!

THIS IS A BATTLE BETWEEN ANABEL AND ME! YOU STAY OUT OF IT!

DON'T!

RUBY! WE'VE GOTTA HELP HIM!

...THEY CAN BARELY STAND! THEY'RE EASY TARGETS!

ANABEL ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO PLAYS MEAN, SAPPHIRE.

THAT WASN'T NICE! ANABEL PLAYS MEAN!

AAARGH!

...WHO'S CON-TROLLING ANABEL.

I KNOW!

THE ONE WHO'S TRULY MEAN IS... THE MAN IN THE SUIT OF ARMOR...

WHO IS THAT AWFUL MAN WEARIN' THE ARMOR...?

WHO **IS** HE?!

YES ...

RUBY, DO YA STILL SUSPECT FRONTIER BRAIN SPENSER?

THE FLAME OF MEMORY ...!

FLICK

...

IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT I...

...MEET SOMEONE WHO HAS SHARED MY EXPERI-ENCE.

YOU TOUCHED THE BLUE ORB AND HE SAID SOMETHING TO YOU ABOUT SHARING THAT EXPERIENCE...SO HE'S TOUCHED IT TOO.

BUT HOW'S THAT PROVE HE'S A BAD GUY?

I DUNNO. I THINK ...

EMERALD!

KRAK

STAND UP...

COME ... ON...

ARGH ...

STAND UP, EM!

WOOOB

YOU HAVE NOT BEEN DEFEATED YET.

LATIOS ...

I WAS ASKED TO DELIVER THESE.

WOOOB

TAKE THEM.

YES. THE BATTLE PALACE BATTLE HAS FINISHED. AND I HAVE ONE MORE THING FOR YOU...

THIS MEANS ...?!

...THE SPIR-ITS SYM-BOL.

SCEPTILE!

DUSCLOPS!

SUDOWOODO!

...WON A FINE VICTORY AT THE PALACE.

THE THREE POKÉMON YOU ENTRUSTED WITH THE BATTLE...

BOM

OH YEAH!

YOU CAN STILL FIGHT WITH THESE THREE, CAN'T YOU?

ANABEL?!

PWUMP

STGGT

I CAN... STILL FIGHT! COME ON...!

KLANG

PITIFUL.

SHE COULD NO LONGER BEAR THE STRAIN OF BEING CONTROLLED... NOW SHE'S USELESS TO ME.

GUILE!

IT APPEARS ...

IS IT REALLY SPEN-SER ...?

THE MAN INSIDE THE ARMOR ...

STEP

LET ME REVEAL THE TRUTH TO YOU.

...THE ONE YOU SUSPECT IS INNOCENT.

...AN IMAGE OF WHAT LATIAS IS SEEING.

LATIAS IS AT THE BATTLE PALACE NOW. I WILL SHOW YOU...

... SPEN-SER!

THAT'S ...!

I DON'T REMEMBER THE INCIDENT WELL, SO I'VE KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT, BUT...

...IT APPEARS I HAD BETTER TELL YOU WHAT I DO KNOW.

WOM WOM WOM

...I VISITED MY TWO FRIENDS AT MT. PYRE...

A LONG TIME AGO...

...THE BLUE ORB!

...UNABLE TO RESIST THE ALLURE OF THE ORBS, THEIR BEAUTY...I TOUCHED...

BUT WHILE THEIR TWO GUARDIANS WERE OUT OF THE ROOM...

THE BLUE AND RED ORBS WERE NOT TO BE TOUCHED BY ANYONE.

AND THEN...!

...I GOT NO REST.

BUT AFTER THAT NIGHT...

IT WAS AS IF A DIABOLICAL FORCE RAN THROUGH MY FINGER-TIPS UP MY ARM AND INTO MY SHOULDER!

AND MY EYES BEGAN TO...DIMLY GLOW...

IF I ATTEMPTED TO SLEEP, A HUGE TERRIFYING WATER-TYPE POKÉMON WOULD APPEAR IN MY DREAMS.

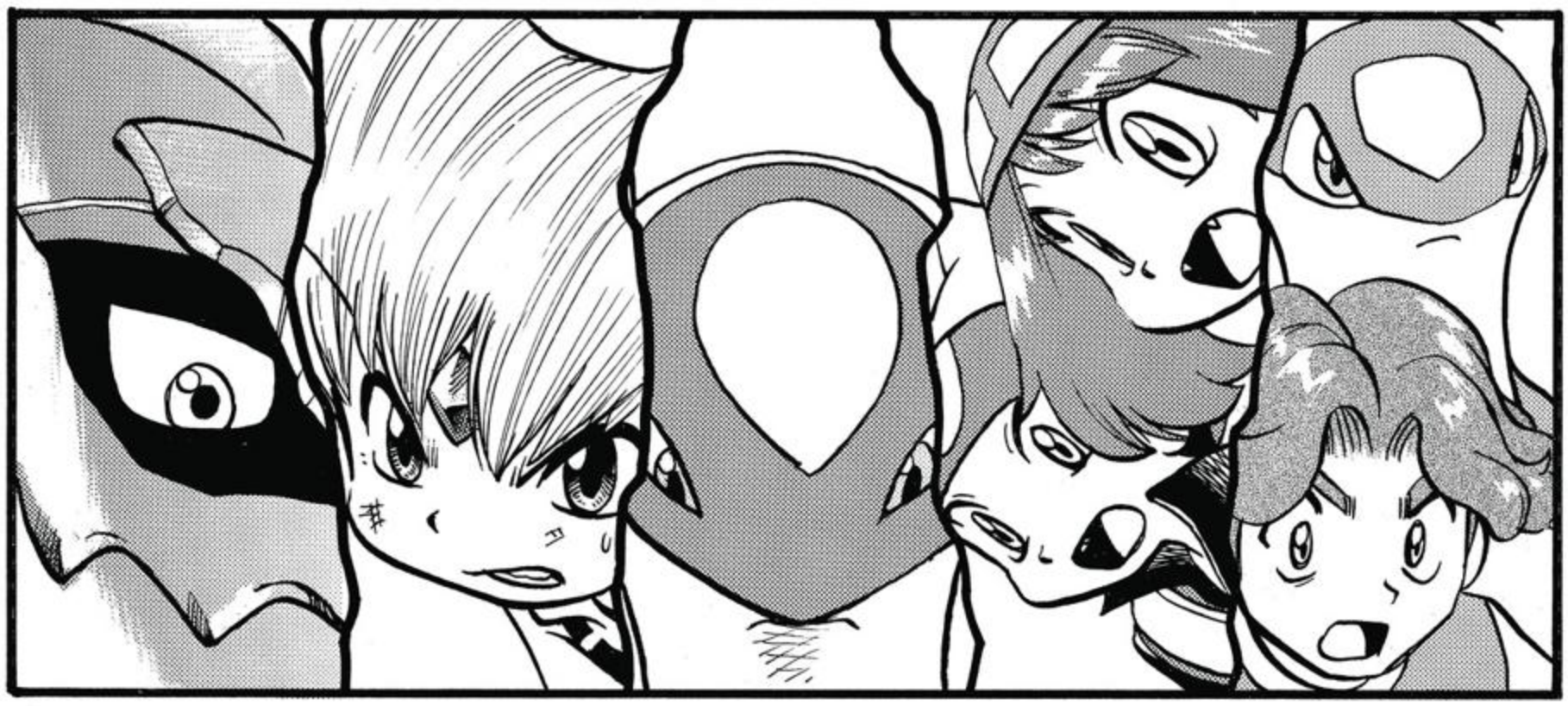
LATER, I FOUND OUT IT WAS...

THAT'S RIGHT ...

A HUGE... WATER-TYPE POKÉ-MON?

...A LEGENDARY POKÉMON OF THE HOENN REGION...

...KYOGRE.



I WAS ASHAMED OF THE WEAKNESS OF MY SPIRIT. THAT'S WHY, SINCE THEN, I'VE TRAINED HARD TO BECOME THE FRONTIER BRAIN WHO TESTS THE SPIRITS OF OTHER TRAINERS.

I WAS FILLED WITH REGRET. I WAS AFFLICTED THUS BECAUSE I HAD TOUCHED THE FORBIDDEN ORB.

THAT GIRL I MET JUST NOW... AND ONE OTHER PERSON ...

I CAN RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO HAVE TOUCHED THE ORB FROM THE GLOW IN THEIR EYES.

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ONLY FOR A BRIEF MOMENT, I CROSSED THE LINE INTO THE DARK SIDE.

I SAW THAT SAME DIM GLOW IN THE DEPTHS OF HIS EYES!

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. I WAS UNCERTAIN WHEN I SAW HIM AT THE ARTISAN CAVE, BUT NOW I KNOW FOR SURE.

SPENSER! YOU MEAN...?

YOU TOO HAVE TOUCHED THE BLUE ORB, HAVEN'T YOU? AND YOU'VE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY ITS MALEVOLENT POWER!

GUILE HIDEOUT...

WELL DONE, FRON-TIER BRAIN.

HMPH.

AND **THIS**...

GYEH HEH HEH HEH HEH...

IF YOU LIKE, I'LL DEMON-STRATE...

I BECAME ONE WITH THE ORB AND IT CONFERRED INCREDIBLE POWER UPON ME. GYEH HEH HEH HEH... THE FEELING WAS... INCOMPARABLE!

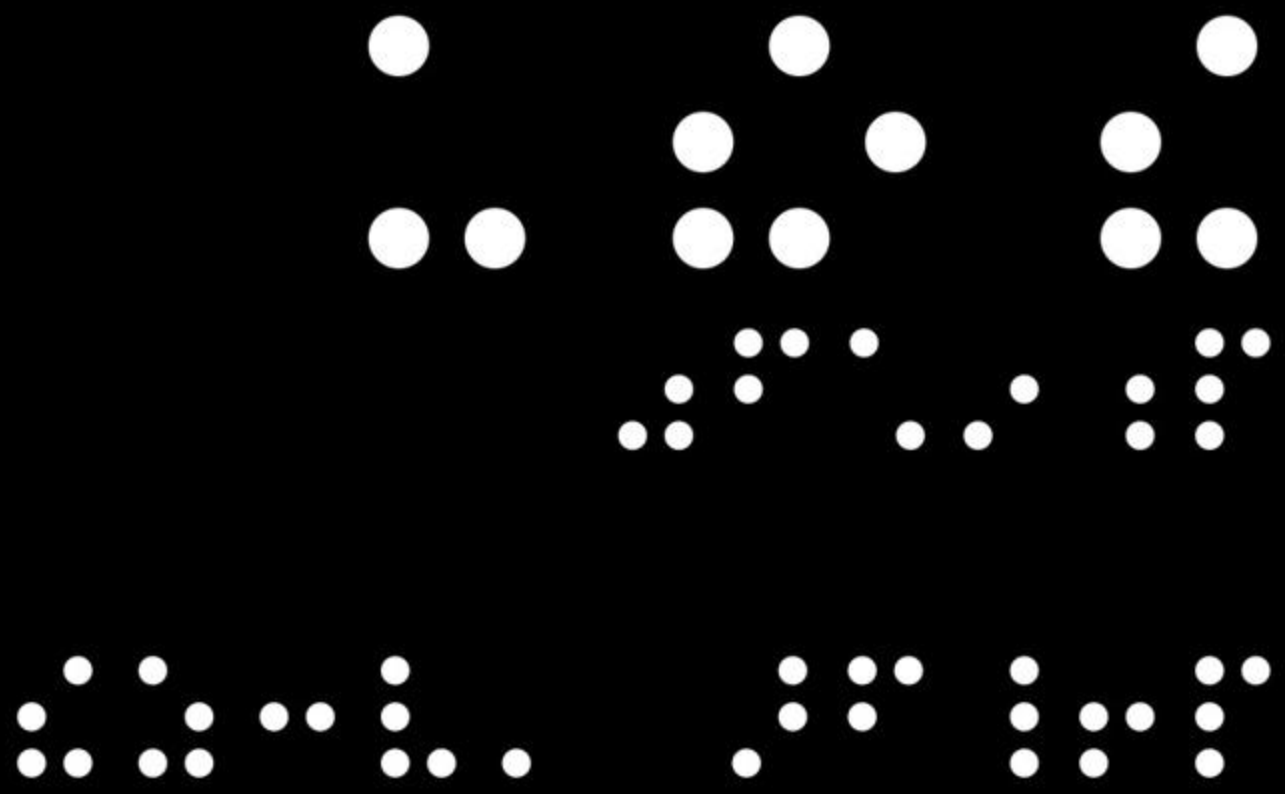
GYEH HEH HEH...

EXACTLY... I ABSORBED THE BLUE ORB ENTIRELY INTO MY BODY.

KLAK

...IS WHO I AM!

TO BE CONTINUED...



WOOP

...FOR JIRACHI TO SUMMON A POKÉMON TO SUB-MERGE THE WHOLE WORLD!

THAT'S RIGHT! I WISHED ...

GUILE'S IDENTITY HAS FINALLY BEEN REVEALED! JIRACHI'S THIRD EYE OPENS! AND GUILE'S WISH COMES TRUE AND HE...

...SUMMONS A LEGENDARY POKÉMON!!

YANK

LET'S MAKE A DEAL!

SAP LP

ANA-BEL!

EVERYONE IS OVERCOME WITH FEAR!

HE'S BACK!!

BEEDO BEEDO

...ALL RIGHT?! THEN FOLLOW ME!

ARE YOU GUYS ...

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FINALLY! ALL TEN ARE GATHERED...



Message from
Hidenori Kusaka

The year 2007 has almost come to an end. I can hear the footsteps of 2008 coming around the corner.* I've also been hearing about new Pokémon projects, and I'm looking forward to them. Some of those projects might be connected to the *Pokémon Adventures: Diamond and Pearl* story arc that I'm currently working on... I often receive questions like, "Isn't it hard to have to suddenly change the entire direction of the story because of the new games and plots?" Don't worry about me! I believe manga is like a living creature—I'm just weird that way. And so I enjoy how it morphs into new things! *(laugh)*

*This volume was originally published in Japan at the end of 2007.

Message from
Satoshi Yamamoto

Ruby and Sapphire have finally joined Emerald! Emerald has been pushing the Frontier Brains around so much that it's fun to see someone boss him around for a change. Meanwhile, Emerald's battle against Guile and the race to capture Jirachi intensifies! Who is Guile anyway...?! Brace yourself for the heart-pounding excitement of this part of the Emerald story arc!