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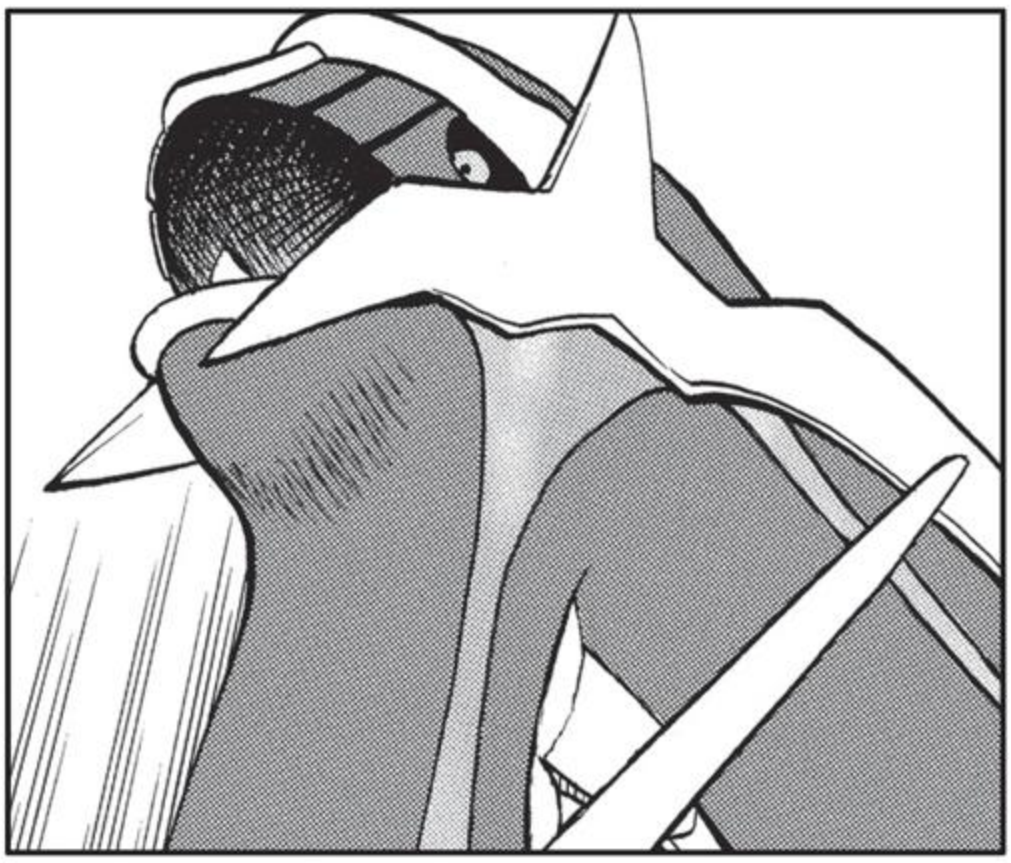
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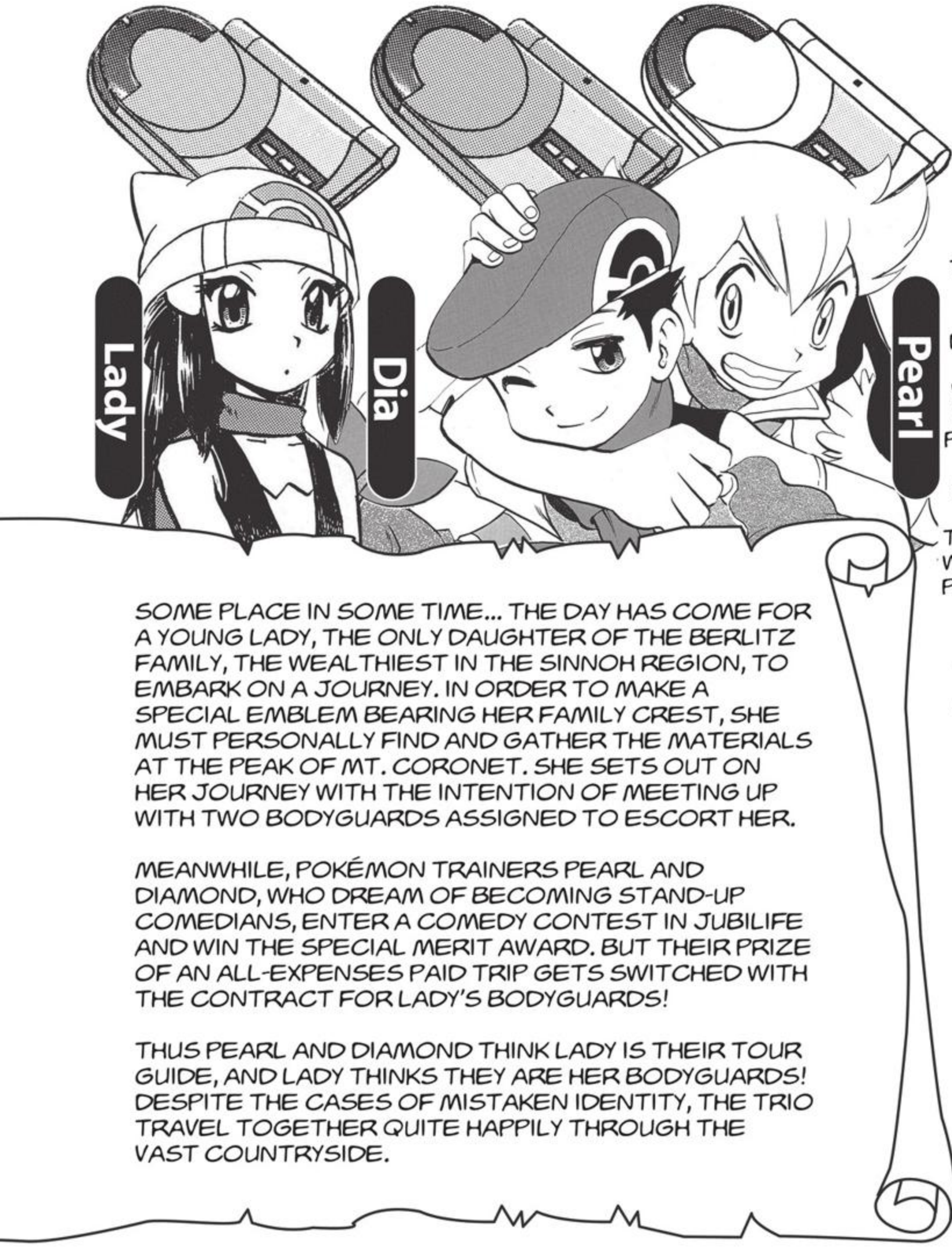




Story

Hidenori Kusaka

Our Story So Far...



A STORY ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE ENTRUSTED WITH POKÉDEXES BY THE WORLD'S LEADING POKÉMON RESEARCHERS. TOGETHER WITH THEIR POKÉMON, THEY TRAVEL, BATTLE, AND EVOLVE!

SOME PLACE IN SOME TIME... THE DAY HAS COME FOR A YOUNG LADY, THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF THE BERLITZ FAMILY, THE WEALTHIEST IN THE SINNOH REGION, TO EMBARK ON A JOURNEY. IN ORDER TO MAKE A SPECIAL EMBLEM BEARING HER FAMILY CREST, SHE MUST PERSONALLY FIND AND GATHER THE MATERIALS AT THE PEAK OF MT. CORONET. SHE SETS OUT ON HER JOURNEY WITH THE INTENTION OF MEETING UP WITH TWO BODYGUARDS ASSIGNED TO ESCORT HER.

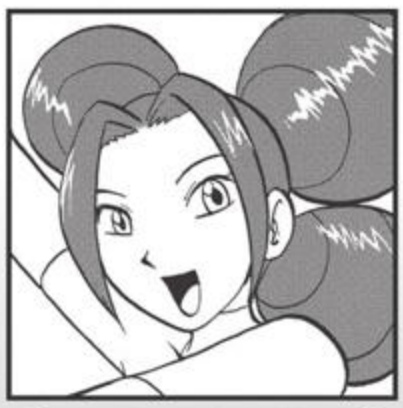
MEANWHILE, POKÉMON TRAINERS PEARL AND DIAMOND, WHO DREAM OF BECOMING STAND-UP COMEDIANS, ENTER A COMEDY CONTEST IN JUBILIFE AND WIN THE SPECIAL MERIT AWARD. BUT THEIR PRIZE OF AN ALL-EXPENSES PAID TRIP GETS SWITCHED WITH THE CONTRACT FOR LADY'S BODYGUARDS!

THUS PEARL AND DIAMOND THINK LADY IS THEIR TOUR GUIDE, AND LADY THINKS THEY ARE HER BODYGUARDS! DESPITE THE CASES OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY, THE TRIO TRAVEL TOGETHER QUITE HAPPILY THROUGH THE VAST COUNTRYSIDE.



Maylene

VEILSTONE CITY'S GYM LEADER, WHO SPECIALIZES IN FIGHTING-TYPE POKÉMON.



Fantina

HEARTHOME CITY'S GYM LEADER, KNOWN AS THE ALLURING SOULFUL DANCER



Gardenia

ETERNA CITY'S GYM LEADER, WHO SPECIALIZES IN GRASS-TYPES.



Professor Rowan

A LEADING RESEARCHER OF POKÉMON EVOLUTION. HE CAN BE QUITE INTIMIDATING!



Saturn

HE IS IN CHARGE OF THE BOMB AND RARELY STEPS ONTO THE BATTLEFIELD HIMSELF.



Mars

A TEAM GALACTIC LEADER. HER PERSONALITY IS HARD TO PIN DOWN.



Volkner

SUNYSHORE CITY'S GYM LEADER. A LONER WHO SPECIALIZES IN ELECTRIC-TYPE POKÉMON.



Candice

SNOWPOINT CITY'S GYM LEADER. A POWERFUL GYM LEADER WHO SPECIALIZES IN ICE-TYPE POKÉMON!

THE TWO BODYGUARDS TASKED WITH ESCORTING LADY SET OUT TO CATCH UP WITH DIA, PEARL AND LADY. BUT THEY LOSE THEIR TRAIL WHEN THEY GET MIXED UP IN THE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES OF MYSTERIOUS TEAM GALACTIC, WHO ARE BUSILY CREATING TROUBLE IN THE SINNOH REGION. DIA AND PEARL FINALLY REVEAL TO LADY THAT THEY ARE NOT HER REAL BODYGUARDS, AND ALTHOUGH IT SHAKES HER UP FOR A MOMENT, LADY RESOLVES TO STICK WITH HER FRIENDS AND TRUST THEM AGAIN.

WHEN CYRUS PERFORMS HIS RITUAL AT SPEAR PILLAR, THE TWO POKÉMON OF THE SINNOH LEGEND, DIALGA AND PALKIA, APPEAR! USING THE POWER OF THE "RED CHAIN," CYRUS ORDERS THE TWO POKÉMON TO BEGIN AN EPIC BATTLE! THIS BATTLE CAUSES TIME AND SPACE TO BE DISTORTED. THE MOMENT FOR A FINAL BATTLE TO SAVE THE WORLD HAS ARRIVED, BUT THE GYM LEADERS HAVE ALL BEEN DEFEATED! WILL PEARL, DIA AND PLATINUM BE ABLE TO STOP THIS CATASTROPHE...?!



Cyrus

TEAM GALACTIC'S BOSS. AN OVERBEARING, INTENSE MAN.



?

AN EERIE SCIENTIST IN CHARGE OF THE RESEARCH AT TEAM GALACTIC.



Sird

A MYSTERIOUS BEING WHO APPEARS OUT OF NOWHERE. SHE SEEMS TO BE A MEMBER OF TEAM GALACTIC... BUT IS SHE REALLY?!



Jupiter

A BATTLE-LOVING TEAM GALACTIC LEADER WHO DEPLOYS POWERFUL ATTACKS.

Dia's Pokémon

Kit (Lickilicky,♂)

BOLD. SCATTERS THINGS OFTEN.

Moo (Mamoswine,♂)

ROBUST. PROUD OF ITS POWER.

Lax (Munchlax, ♂)

IMPISH. LOVES TO EAT.

Don (Bastiodon,♂)

CAREFUL. SOMEWHAT STUBBORN.

Tru (Torterra, ♂)

RELAXED. GOOD PERSEVERANCE.

Pearl's Pokémon

Chatler (Chatot, ♂)

HASTY. SOMEWHAT OF A CLOWN.

Zeller (Buizel,♂)

STUBBORN. LIKES TO FIGHT.

Chimler (Infernape, ♂)

NAUGHTY. LIKES TO RUN.

Digler (Diglett,♂)

BASHFUL. QUICK TO RUN AWAY.

Tauler (Tauros, ♂)

CHEERFUL AND ROBUST.

Rayler (Luxray,♂)

BRAVE. THOROUGHLY CUNNING.

Lady's Pokémon

Rapidash (Rapidash, ♂)

Empoleon (Empoleon, ♀)

SERIOUS. A LITTLE QUICK TEMPERED.

Lopunny (Lopunny, ♀)

MILD. ALERT TO SOUNDS.

MODEST. OFTEN LOST IN THOUGHT.

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Double Trouble with Dialga and Palkia III



THUMP

GO, MOO !!

THUMP

THUMP

...BUT I CAN ALREADY FEEL AN INTENSE CHILL ALL THE WAY FROM HERE!!

HE ONLY JUST POPPED OUT OF THE POKÉ BALL...

..A MAMO-SWINE !!

SO THAT'S DIA'S NEW POKÉ-MON ...

KA-THUMP

SCRAM

THE ATTACK WORKED!! MAMO-SWINE'S TUSK MUST BE MADE OF ICE!!

AND THOSE TWO LOOK TO BE DRAGON-TYPE POKÉMON !!

ICE-TYPE AGAINST DRAGON-TYPE! THAT'S AN EFFECTIVE ATTACK, DIA!!

DO IT AGAIN, MOO !!

WOOSH

TING

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

SHINK

THAT ATTACK JUST RIPPED THROUGH... THE SPACE...DIA AND MOO WERE IN!!

KH FWUMP

HUH ?

WHAT HAP-PENED ?!

BOM
TAULER!!
DIGLER!!
BOM
ZELLER!
BOM
WE'VE GOT TO JOIN IN THE BATTLE OUR-SELVES!
BUT I GUESS WE'D BETTER NOT CELEBRATE TOO EARLY JUST BECAUSE WE STRUCK OUR TARGET...
WOW... AN ATTACK THAT TEARS THROUGH SPACE!!
USE THE COMBO ATTACK WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON!!
SHINK
TILT
BUMP
DIG
DIG
DIG
DIG

CRASH

FOO

SH

FWSH FWSH FWSH

KA

THUD

NOW'S OUR CHANCE, MOO!!

GWUSSH

KICK

KICK

TING

SHHOOO

WAY TO GO!!

ROOAR

KN
USHI
O

IT REVERSED THE FLOW OF TIME WITH ITS ATTACK!!

GID GID

GIDGID

FWASSH

KER-SCRAPE

AAAH!!

...
THEY'RE THE ONES CREATING THE DISTORTION IN TIME AND SPACE.

AND LIKE CYNTHIA SAID...

THEY'RE NOT CALLED LEGENDARY POKÉMON FOR NOTHING!

THEY'RE STRONG!! ALMOST TOO STRONG!!

...
CATASTROPHE.

SO BY STOPPING **THESE** TWO, WE CAN SAVE THE SINNOH REGION FROM...

OR CAPTURE THEM...?

WILL WE DEFEAT THEM...?

EITHER WAY, WE'VE GOT TO DO IT ON OUR OWN!!

FWIP FWIP

DIA-MOND !!

PEARL !!

DIALGA AND PALKIA ARE A DUO OF TIME AND SPACE...

SO IT'S DUO AGAINST DUO!!

FU

STRETCH

FWAP

WHUP

FLASH

SHO NK SH ONK SHONK

TH A DU NK

KE RSM AK

KRM BL KRMB

OH MY ...

I MUST DO MY BEST AS WELL ...

I'M NOT GOING TO LET THOSE TWO FIGHT ALONE!!

IT'S...

...GYM LEADERS!!

...THE...

THEN...

DID THOSE TWO POKÉMON DO THIS?

THEY'RE WOUNDED!

I ASSUME SO.

...PEARL AND DIAMOND MIGHT GET HURT TOO!!

YOU'RE FINALLY HERE... WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?

I WANTED TO SHOW UP ALL COOL AND COL-LECTED ...

BUT I'VE ENDED UP LIKE THIS— IN TATTERS.

CAN-DICE !!

PLA... TINUM ?

...THIS FROSLASS SO WE COULD FIGHT TOGETHER.

I WAS THINKING OF GIVING YOU...

HER TEAM SHOULD BE A LITTLE BETTER OFF WITH THAT.

VOLKNER WANTED YOU TO HAVE IT...

I'LL ... ENTRUST THIS CHERRIM TO YOU.

I DON'T HAVE MUCH OF ANYTHING TO GIVE YOU...

BUT... TAKE THIS.

I PROMISE TO REPAY YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROS-ITY!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

YOU SURE ARE GOOD AT MAKING FRIENDS, YOU KNOW...

LOOK OUT!!

THE POKÉ BALLS !!

SMASH

FWUSSS

WAIT!! YOU CAN'T GO INTO BATTLE WITHOUT A PLAN!!

HOW COULD YOU?! HOW DARE YOU TREAT GYM LEADERS LIKE THAT?!

BUT...

AAAH !!

BO OM

HUH ?

KLATTR

SPACIAL REND...

ROAR OF TIME...

THIS IS AN ANCIENT SCROLL, ISN'T IT?

AND THESE ARE... ANCIENT WORDS.

I'M HOPING THIS WRITING WILL TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT DIALGA AND PALKIA...

THIS HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN FOR GENERA-TIONS IN MY HOMETOWN. MY GRAND-MOTHER GAVE IT TO ME.

YES, I CAN.

CAN YOU READ THIS, PLATINUM?!

IF I CONNECT THIS WITH WHAT WAS WRITTEN IN THAT DOCU-MENT...

COME TO THINK OF IT, CYRUS DID SAY...

YOU KNOW ...

I HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO DISCERN ITS MEANING !!

YES !!

BUT... YOU'VE REALLY SUR-PRISED ME.

CYRUS MUST HAVE READ THIS SOMEHOW TOO.

YEAH ...

DECIPHERING THIS DOCUMENT MIGHT HELP US FIND A WAY TO STOP THOSE TWO POKÉMON!

CYN-THIA ...

...IS CYRUS.

THE ONE WHO CALLED THEM ...

THOSE TWO POKÉMON WERE SUMMONED HERE BY THE RED CHAIN TO FIGHT EACH OTHER...

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE STILL GOT A CHANCE! BUT... THERE'S ANOTHER QUESTION THAT REMAINS UNANSWERED...

BUT HE'S NOWHERE TO BE SEEN!

WHERE IS HE...?!

ADVENTURE MAP

DIAMOND

Spear Pillar



TRU Torterra ♂	KIT Lickilicky ♂
LAX Munchlax ♂	MOO Mamoswine ♂
DON Shieldon ♂	—— ——

PEARL

Spear Pillar



CHIMLER Infernape ♂	ZELLER Buizel ♂
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Double Trouble with Dialga and Palkia IV

THESE MUST BE THE MOVES PEARL AND DIAMOND WERE ATTACKED WITH!!

ROAR OF TIME ...

SPACIAL REND...

AND DIALGA USED ROAR OF TIME TO REVERSE THE FLOW OF TIME.

BOOOAR

PALKIA USED SPACIAL REND TO TEAR AWAY SPACE.

DID YOU SEE THAT, DIA?

LADY AND CYNTHIA ARE READING SOME KIND OF SCROLL.

EYEP!

I'M SURE LADY WILL FIND IT!!

I **KNOW** THEY WILL!

MAYBE THEY'LL FIND A SOLUTION TO ALL THIS. IN FACT...

OR IS IT THAT ...

DOES THAT MEAN THEY DON'T WANT TO FIGHT EACH OTHER ANY-MORE?

THOSE TWO FOCUSED THEIR ATTENTION ON US THE MOMENT WE GOT HERE...

AND DOES THAT MEAN THAT... CYRUS IS GONE?!

COULD IT BE THAT THE ONE WHO WAS COMMAND-ING THEM TO BATTLE IS NO LONGER HERE?

...THEY NO LONGER HAVE A **REASON** TO FIGHT?

Such fools ...

WHERE IS HE?!

CYRUS'S VOICE!!

WHAT?!

It will engulf everything.

RMBL RMBL RMBL

...spread and engulf...

...all that is incomplete.

The new core will engulf everything.

It will...

KRA

SHI

EVERY-
THING
!!

I'M
FINE.

ARE
YOU
OKAY
?!

I
WANT YOU
TO KEEP
WORKING ON
DECIPHER-
ING THAT
SCROLL,
LADY.

PEARL!!
DIA-
MOND
!!

THUMP

DIA ...?

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, DIA?

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT— THAT WAS CYRUS!

BLAMBERM

THE CREATION OF A NEW UNIVERSE CAN NO LONGER BE HALTED.

THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO GIVE THEM ORDERS ANY-MORE...

THE DISTORTION IS GETTING WORSE.

BOOM KRASH

SMASH

YOU WERE ...

YOU WERE A LOT STRONGER THAN THE GYM LEADERS DURING THAT POKÉMON BATTLE, JUPITER.

HMM ...

HEH HEH HEH HEH...

SO YOU SHOULDN'T BE EMBARRASSED ABOUT LOSING. AS A MATTER OF FACT, YOU SHOULD BE PROUD.

BUT THEY WERE DIS-ORIENTED WHEREAS YOU REMAINED CALM.

...MORE AFFECTED BY THE DISTOR-TION THAN THEY WERE.

WHO IS THIS WOMAN ANYWAY, JUPI-TER?

AS IF THAT'S GOING TO COMFORT HER...

I'M ONE OF YOUR COMRADES. I JOINED TEAM ROCKET FOR A REASON.

...TEAM **GALACTIC** MEMBER SIRD.

TEAM ROCKET MEMBER SIRD, ONE OF THE THREE BEASTS.

ACTU-ALLY...

STARYU. CLEFFA. SOLROCK. STARMIE. LUNA-TONE. CLE-FAIRY.

WE WERE CAPTURING POKÉMON WHO HAD A CONNECTION TO THE STARS AND THE COSMOS.

THAT'S RIGHT ...

YOU TWO KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU?

COMMANDER CYRUS'S PLAN TO CREATE A NEW UNIVERSE WAS ALREADY SET IN MOTION YEARS AGO.

I DISCOVERED A POKÉMON WHO REPRESENTS THE POWER OF THE UNIVERSE ITSELF. ITS NAME IS...

...BUT THERE IS **ONE** POKÉMON WHOSE POWER EXCEEDS THEM ALL...

THERE ARE MANY POKÉMON CONNECTED TO THE STARS AND THE COSMOS...

...DEOXYS!

I PRETENDED TO PAY ALLEGIANCE TO GIOVANNI.

BUT MY SOLE MOTIVE WAS TO PRESENT DEOXYS TO COMMANDER CYRUS.

AS SOON AS I FOUND OUT ABOUT IT, I JOINED TEAM ROCKET— AS A SPY.

GIOVANNI, THE LEADER OF TEAM ROCKET, WAS TRYING TO CAPTURE DEOXYS.

YES ...

BUT YOU WERE STOPPED JUST WHEN YOU WERE ABOUT TO GET YOUR HANDS ON DEOXYS!

ISN'T THAT RIGHT ?!

AT TIMES, I LEND A HELPING HAND TO THOSE I BELIEVE ARE JUST TOO GOOD TO FADE AWAY... HEH HEH HEH HEH...

I AM SIRD OF TEAM GALACTIC ...

I LEARNED QUITE A BIT WHILE INSIDE TEAM ROCKET...

BECAUSE OF THOSE BLASTED ...

...KIDS WITH POKÉ-DEXES!

MY LEFT LEG WAS STRUCK BY A SPECIAL ICE ATTACK DURING THAT BATTLE.

TCH... I CAN'T MOVE.

I'LL HAVE TO CALL MY COMRADES IN SINNOH FOR HELP.

HEH HEH HEH... BUT I'VE MADE SOME INTERESTING DISCOVERIES ALONG THE WAY.

THE PETRIFAC-TION OF HUMANS ...

THAT DISCOVERY ALONE MAKES UP FOR THE INJURIES I'VE INCURRED.

THE MOMENT I TRIED TO CAPTURE DEOXYS WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE...

...CLASHED WITH AN ATTACK FROM MY POKÉMON!

AN UNEXPECTED EFFECT WAS CREATED WHEN MEWTWO'S ATTACK...

THIS IS NOT THE MISSION I WAS GIVEN... BUT I KNOW ITS IMPORTANCE WILL SOON BECOME APPARENT.

I'LL GO AFTER DEOXYS, ENTITY TWO, AS WELL AS INVESTIGATE THE MECHANISM OF THIS PETRIFACTION.

I'LL HAVE **YOU** STAND IN FOR ME.

I NEED SOME-ONE TO TAKE MY PLACE WHILE I'M GONE.

I WON'T BE ABLE TO RETURN TO SINNOH FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

AND SO, WHEN THE GRUNTS CAME TO RESCUE ME...

BUT I PURPOSELY FREED ONE OF THEM FROM THAT MODE AND INSTILLED MY OWN CONSCIOUSNESS IN HIM.

THE TEAM GALACTIC GRUNTS ARE CONTROLLED BY A GROUP CONSCIOUSNESS. THEY MOVE TOGETHER AS ONE IN PERFECT SYNCHRONICITY.

I FOUND HIM BURIED UNDER THE RUBBLE OF THE VEILSTONE CITY BUILDING AND BROUGHT HIM WITH ME.

THIS IS THAT GRUNT.

HE WILL MOVE, THINK AND BEHAVE EXACTLY AS I WOULD.

IN SOME WAYS, THIS FELLOW IS MY ALTER EGO.

WELL ...

AND WHAT HAP-PENED TO DEOXYS?

I WAS ATTACKED BY MEWTWO WHILE GOING AFTER DEOXYS.

RIDICU-LOUS.

...SO IT WAS **HIM**, HUH?!

I HAD HEARD THERE WAS A GRUNT WHO SUCKED UP TO COM-MANDER CYRUS ALL THE TIME...

HEH HEH HEH HEH ...

YOUR WORK IS OVER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SER-VICE.

TO BE HONEST, IT WAS A NARROW ESCAPE TO RETURN HERE.

MEWTWO HAD BECOME FRIENDS WITH THOSE POKÉMON TRAINERS. IT MUST HAVE WANTED TO FREE THEM FROM THEIR PETRIFAC-TION.

SO THAT'S HOW THIS ALL FITS TOGETHER ...

BUT RECEIVING THEM IS QUITE A BONUS!

I NEVER EXPECTED HIM TO GET SO OBSESSED WITH THOSE POKÉDEXES...

RILEY FROM IRON ISLAND!

WHO ARE YOU?!

LUCARIO, CLOSE COMBAT !!

BOOM

FSSSSHH

...THAT WASN'T HIS.

THE DISTINCT PRESENCE OF AN EVIL AURA ...

...I SENSED... SOMEONE ELSE.

...WHEN I TRIED TO FIND OUT WHO SENT THIS SPY CAMERA ...

BUT ...

THAT'S THE GUY WHO WAS SPYING ON DIA, ISN'T IT?

AURA SPHERE !!

WHISH WHISH WHISH

FFT FFT FFT FFT FFT

...IT WAS YOURS!!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM.

ALL THAT IS INCOMPLETE WILL BE SUCKED INTO IT.

ZUKK

YOU CAN'T STOP IT ANYMORE!

IT WILL SPREAD AND ENGULF ALL EXISTENCE.

THE CORE WILL SWALLOW EVERY-THING.

THE DISTORTION OF TIME AND SPACE WILL SPREAD EVER FASTER AND THIS INCOMPLETE WORLD WILL COME TO...

...AN END.

THAT WHICH IS FAR AWAY WILL COME CLOSE. THE PAST WILL BECOME THE PRESENT.

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DIAMOND

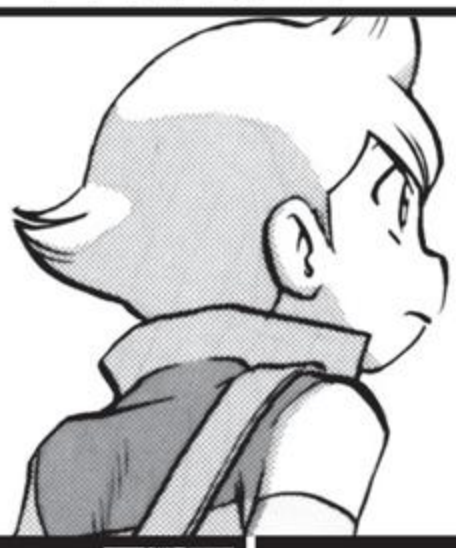
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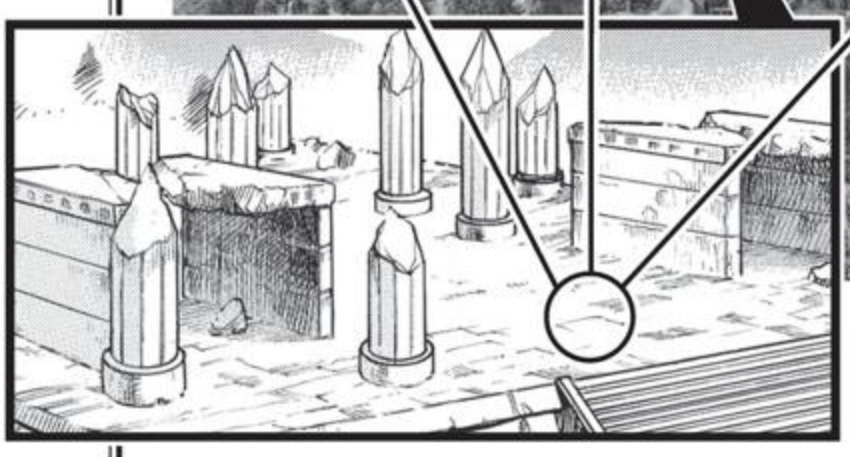
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Double Trouble with Dialga and Palkia V





HUH? WHAT?

IMPOS-SIBLE !!

FLOWER SHO

WHAT ?!

IT'S **REAL** !!

...JUST LIKE CYRUS SAID...IT'S **SPREAD-ING**!!

THE DISTOR-TION IN SPACE AND TIME...

NOPE. I GUESS THEY DON'T KNOW ANY-THING AFTER ALL.

NO LUCK ...?

INTERVIEW ROOM

WE JUST FOLLOWED ORDERS TO CLOSE OFF LAKE VALOR AND KEEP OUT INTRUDERS.

WE DON'T! REALLY, WE DON'T!

WHERE DID THE TEAM GALACTIC GRUNTS AT THE GALACTIC VEILSTONE BUILDING DISAPPEAR TO?! YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU?!

COME ON— SPILL IT!

SINNOH POLICE STATION

KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS FOR ME!

I'LL LEAVE THIS POKÉ-MON HERE.

POINK

FWP

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

AND YOU CAME OUT ALL THIS WAY FROM THE INTERNA-TIONAL POLICE HEADQUAR—

HM ...

WHO'S THAT ...?

APPARENTLY THERE'S SOMETHING HE WANTS TO ASK THEM... SO HE'S BEEN WAITING UNTIL WE WERE DONE INTER-VIEWING THEM.

AHHHHHH...

THE CONCERNED CITIZEN WHO CAPTURED THOSE TWO AND BROUGHT THEM IN FOR QUESTIONING.

I WISH THEY'D HURRY UP AND FINISH!

I CAN'T WAIT TO RECORD THE FOOTPRINTS OF THEIR KRICKETUNE AND DRAPION!

OH...

WHERE AM I...?

THE SAME THING HAS BEEN HAPPENING TO EVERYONE THROUGHOUT THE SINNOH REGION.

SNIPPETS OF TIME REPEATING OVER AND OVER...

BEBE

HERE ONE SECOND... **THERE** THE NEXT...

...AS THE SPACE-TIME ANOMALY CONTINUES TO GROW AND THREATEN EVERYDAY EXISTENCE!

PEOPLE THROWN INTO CHAOS, PARALYZED WITH FEAR...

TERRI-
FIED?

HA
HA HA...
SCARED?

IF YOU HAVE THE **KNOWL-EDGE** TO INCREASE YOUR WILL-POWER...

EMOTIONS SUCH AS FEAR CAN BE CON-TROLLED THROUGH **WILL-POWER.**

...BE-CAUSE YOUR **HEART** IS **INCOM-PLETE.**

YOU ARE ONLY EXPERI-ENCING FEAR...

...PER-FECTION WILL BE ACHIEVED.

WHEN THE THREE SUPPORT AND REGULATE EACH OTHER...

EMOTION, WILL-POWER, KNOWL-EDGE...

... DETERIO-RATING INTO A STATE OF INCOM-PLETENESS BEYOND THE POINT OF REPAIR!!

ALWAYS LACKING AT LEAST ONE OF THE THREE, IT HAS SPIRALED OUT OF CONTROL ...

BUT LOOK AT THIS WORLD!!

THE **CREATION OF A NEW UNIVERSE** WILL BRING ABOUT A **PERFECT WORLD!!**

THERE IS NO OPTION NOW BUT TO **START FROM SCRATCH!!**

UNI

SPACE AND TIME.

UNIVERSE

TIME AND SPACE.

...THAT WILL BECOME THE SEED OF A NEW UNIVERSE!

...A **CORE** WILL BE CREATED...

BY COMBINING DIALGA'S POWER OVER TIME AND PALKIA'S POWER OVER SPACE...

RMBL
RMBL
RMBL
RMBL
FLOAT
EVERY-THING INCOM-PLETE WILL BE ERADI-CATED!
HA HA HA HA HA!
AND THUS BEGINS A PERFECT NEW WORLD!!

CRASHER WAKE !!

GRAB

YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KID-DING ME!!

YOU HAVE TO STOP THEM !!

BOM

BOOING

GRAB

RUSH

DRIF-
BLIM,
HELP
ME!!

BOM

YOU
HAVE
TO
FIGHT
IT!!

FAN-
TINA,
WAKE
UP...!!

DRG
DRG
DRG
DRG

IT'S...
NO
USE
...

PSS
S
S
HH

NO!!

I'M GOING TO CLOSE THAT HOLE!!

HANG IN THERE, EVERY-BODY!!

BLIZ-ZARD !!

MOO !!

SSS

HI

A POINTLESS EFFORT. DID YOU SERIOUSLY THINK ATTACKING IT WOULD DO ANY GOOD?

WELL THEN...

...I'LL JUMP INTO THE HOLE MYSELF!

C'MON, MOO! LET'S GO!!

KTH

JD

KTH

UD

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN CLOSE THIS HOLE FROM THE **INSIDE**!!

PSSHH

JUMP

NO-
O-
O-
O!!

DIA-
A-
A-
!!

BOMB

ZIP

RTTL

RTTL

SHUUU

WE...
STOPPED
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HUH
?



BUT ...

BUT THAT POKÉMON CLEARLY JUMPED OUT OF YOUR BAG!

UH... PLATI-NUM? WHAT'S GOING ON?

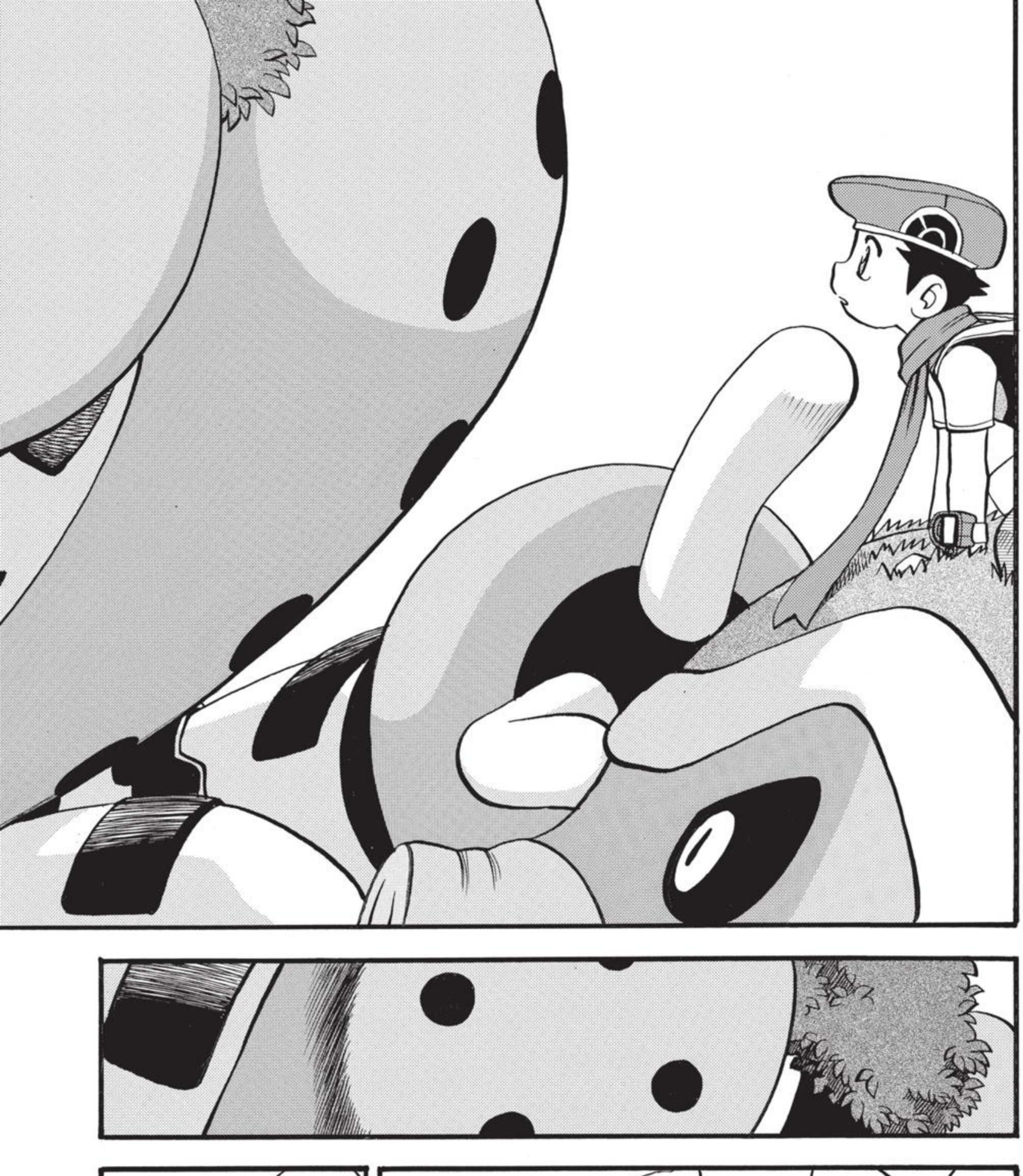
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IT WAS... THAT POKÉ BALL WAS INSIDE MY BAG...

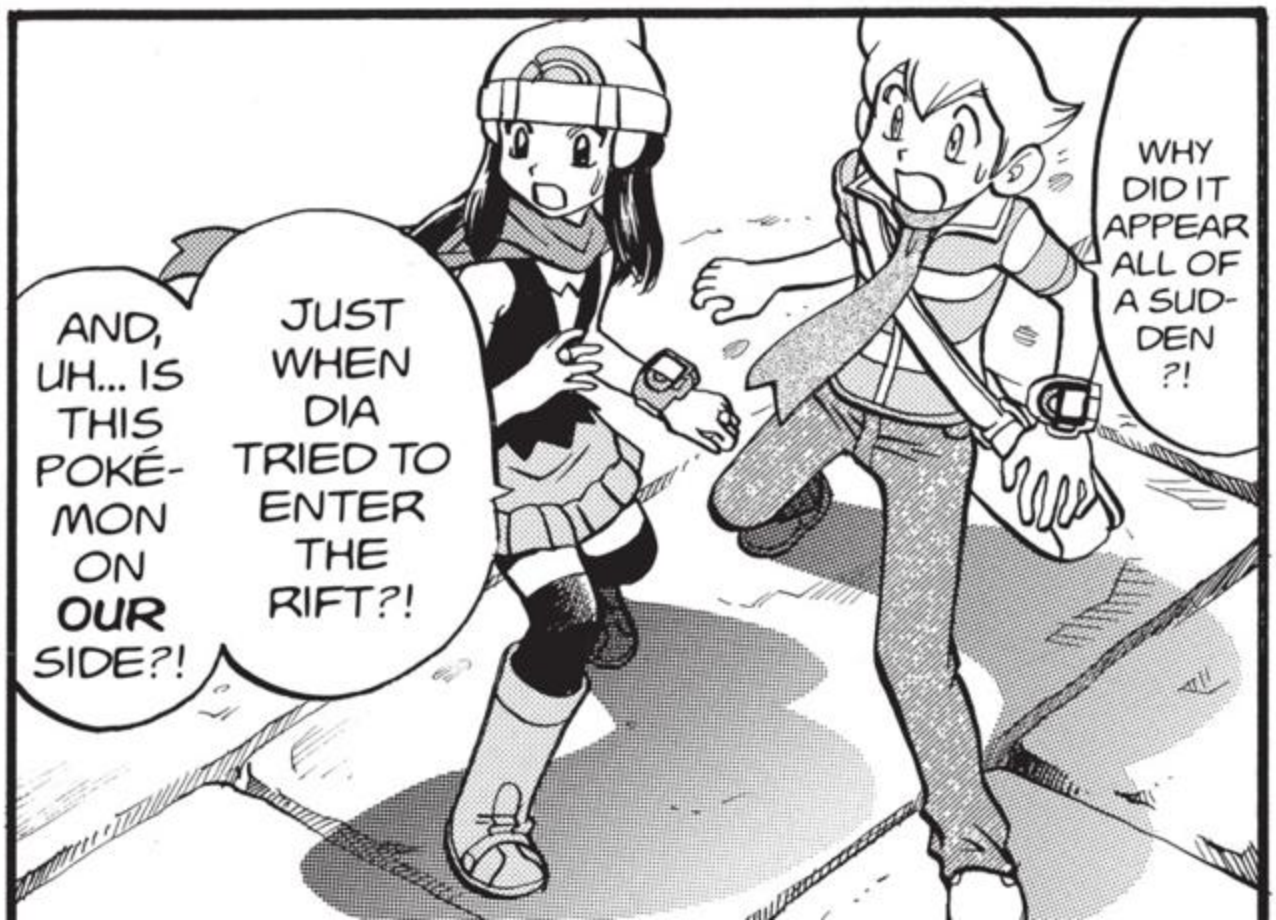
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...THAT POKÉ BALL...

TINK




OH YES! IT'S DEFI-NITELY ON YOUR SIDE.


AND, UH... IS THIS POKÉ-MON ON OUR SIDE?!
JUST WHEN DIA TRIED TO ENTER THE RIFT?!
WHY DID IT APPEAR ALL OF A SUD-DEN ?!

THE FOOTPRINT SAYS... "I'VE BEEN WAITING TO RECEIVE MY ORDERS.

TUNK

I CAN CLEARLY DISCERN THAT FROM ITS FOOT-PRINT.

"I WILL...

"...FIGHT FOR SINNOH.

"I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL."

RSTL

GOT IT!

YOU SEE ...?

DR. FOOT-STEP!!

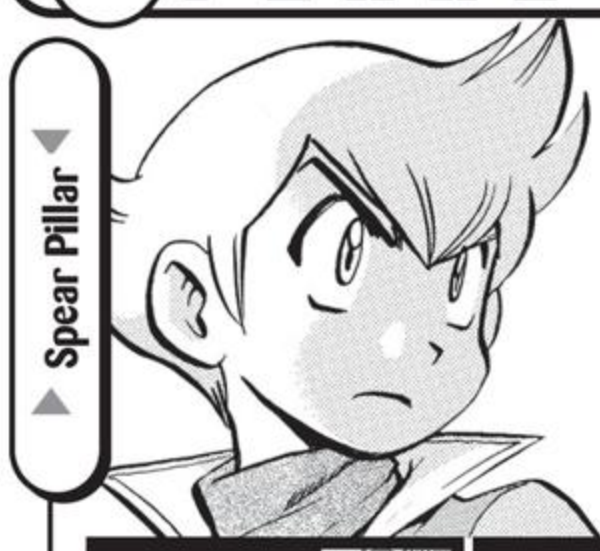
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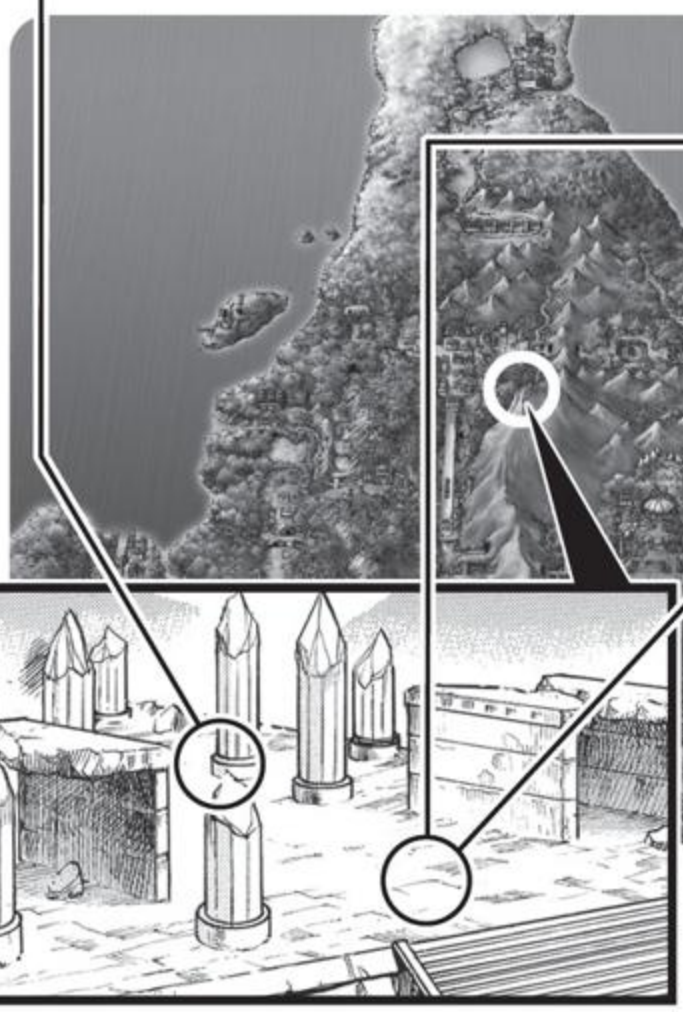


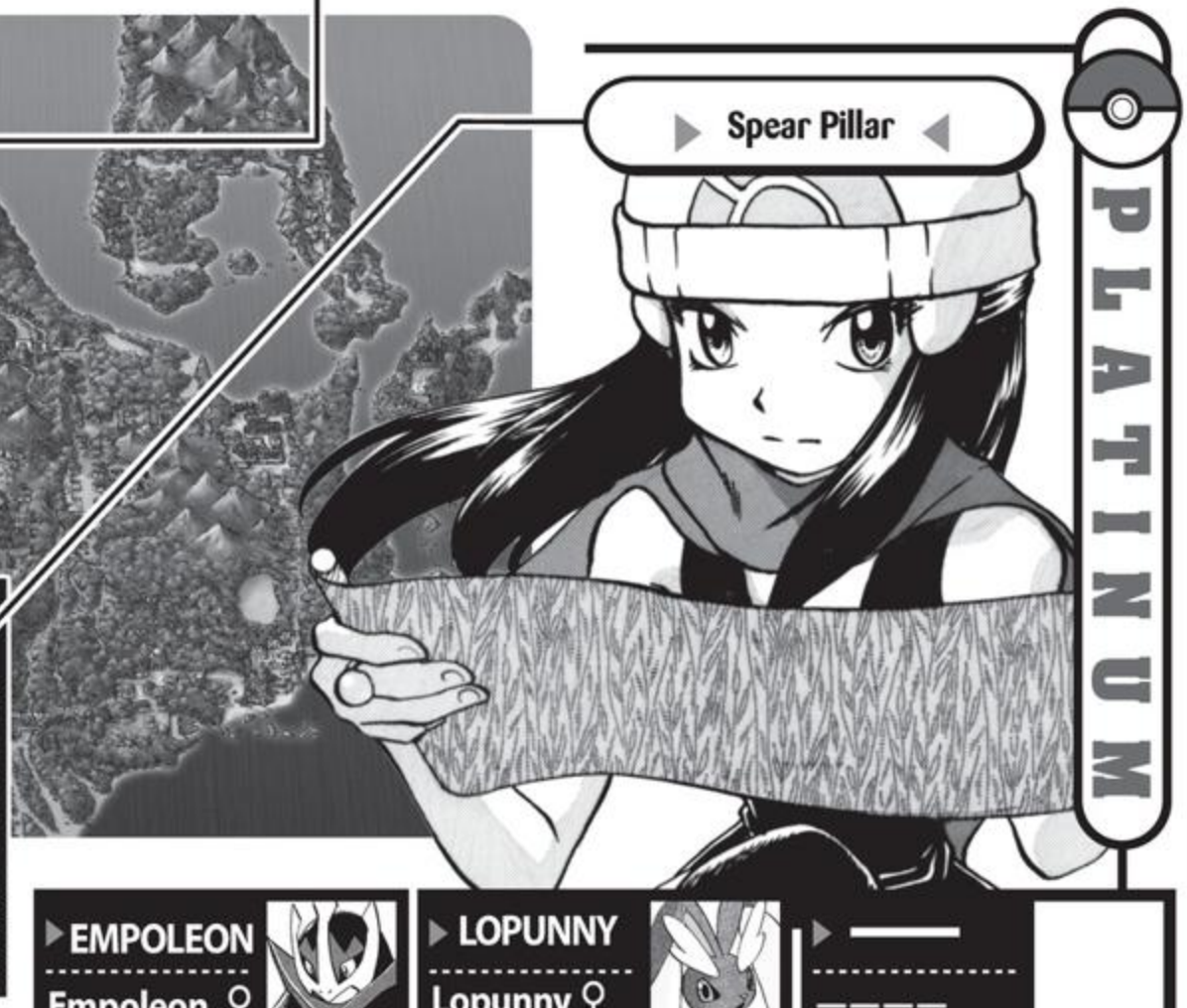
TRU Torterra ♂	KIT Lickilicky ♂
LAX Munchlax ♂	MOO Mamoswine ♂
DON Shieldon ♂	? ————

PEARL



CHIMLER Infernape ♂	ZELLER Buizel ♂
CHATLER Chatot ♂	TAULER Tauros ♂
RAYLER Luxray ♂	DIGLER Diglett ♂





EMPOLEON Empoleon ♀	LOPUNNY Lopunny ♀
RAPIDASH Rapidash ♂	

Oreburgh VS Roark Coal Badge	Eterna VS Gardenia Forest Badge	Veilstone VS Maylene Cobble Badge	Pastoria VS Wake Fen Badge	Hearthome VS Fantina Relic Badge	Canalave VS Byron Mine Badge	Snowpoint City VS Candice Icicle Badge	Sunyshore City VS Volker Beacon Badge
							



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Double Trouble with Dialga and Palkia VI

AT ANY RATE, DR. FOOTSTEP'S READINGS OF FOOTPRINTS ARE ACCURATE. THAT HUGE POKÉMON IS DEFINITELY ON OUR SIDE!

UM... NOT IF THE FOOT **CRUSHES** YOU **FIRST**!

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE ABLE TO GATHER AN AMAZING FOOTPRINT AT THIS LOCATION!

DR. FOOT-STEP!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

I DON'T RIGHTLY KNOW... I STEPPED OUT OF THE POLICE STATION...AND WOUND UP **HERE**!

REGI-GIGAS !!

YES!

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, LADY...?

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SM

AS

IT CAPTURED **BOTH** OF THEM!! **TWO** LEGENDARY POKÉMON **AT ONCE**!!

IF WE CAN STOP DIALGA AND PALKIA FROM FIGHTING AND CLOSE THAT HOLE...

THAT "CORE" THINGIE WILL QUIT SPREAD-ING!!

SMAK

WOW! AMAZ-ING!!

OW ...

DIA !!

KATHUNK

WHY MUST YOU ALWAYS GET IN MY WAY?

...WHAT A GRAND THING IT IS THAT I HOPE TO ACHIEVE?

DON'T YOU COMPRE-HEND ...

...THE IMPOR-TANCE OF **PERFEC-TION**? OF MAKING THIS WORLD **COM-PLETE**?

DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND ...

YOU'VE NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF TIME AND SPACE BEFORE!!

NO. IT'S BEYOND THE LIKES OF YOU.

I...DO UNDER-STAND.

UH ...

COM-PARED TO ME, PEARL IS FAST.

I'M SLOW.

EVEN THE SAME HOUR CAN FEEL LONG TO PEARL AND SHORT TO ME.

EVEN WHEN WE DO THE SAME THING, PEARL DOES THEM QUICKLY AND I TAKE MY TIME.

I... CAN'T USE BIG WORDS TO DESCRIBE IT, BUT...

...I GET IT.

AND I'VE BEEN TRAVELING WITH PEARL AND LADY...

...SO THE PLACES WE WENT TO, THE PEOPLE WE MET, THE POKÉMON WE SAW—THEY WERE ALL NEW TO US. THAT'S HOW I DISCOVERED HOW BIG THIS WORLD IS.

WE'D ONLY HEARD ABOUT PLACES AND TOWNS IN THIS AREA...

BUT... IT'S STILL THE SAME HOUR.

THAT'S HOW I'VE EXPERIENCED "TIME."

...HOW I'VE EXPERIENCED "SPACE."

THAT'S ...

...I MUST WIPE CLEAN THIS IMPERFECT WORLD!

AS I THOUGHT ...

APPAR-ENTLY ASKING YOU WAS A COMPLETE WASTE OF BREATH...

YOU AND YOUR SILLY NOTIONS... AND YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO STAND IN MY WAY!

...DO YOU GET TO DECIDE THAT?

WHY ...

WHY ?

THAT DOESN'T GO JUST FOR ME EITHER.

THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE AND POKÉMON WHO CHERISH THIS WORLD, THIS TIME AND SPACE...

...AND THAT'S WHY THEY'RE ALL GATH-ERED HERE TODAY.

THAT TIME AND SPACE IS MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN ANYTHING!

...THE SPACE I TRAVELED THROUGH WITH THEM...

THE TIME I SPENT WITH PEARL AND LADY...

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT...

...TO TAKE AWAY THE THINGS THAT ARE PRECIOUS TO OTHERS FOR YOUR OWN SELFISH REASONS!!

WHAT ...?!

HOW ...?!

PALKIA!!

DIALGA!!

IMPOS-SIBLE !!

AND THAT HUGE POKÉMON ISN'T STOPPING THEM...

THEY'RE STILL UNDER MY CONTROL ...

WHY HAVE THEY STOPPED FIGHTING?!

HAVE THOSE LEGENDARY POKÉMON... SO IMMENSELY POWERFUL...BEEN TAKEN IN BY... THIS BOY?!

COULD IT BE...? DID THEY STOP BATTLING... BECAUSE THEY'RE **LISTENING** TO **HIM**?!

JINGL JINGL

AAAAARGH !!

I COM-MAND YOU TO RESUME YOUR BATTLE !!

DON'T STOP FIGHT-ING!!

DIA-LGA!!

PAKIA!!

FT CHS

THE RED CHAIN !!

LOOK !!

KRASH

FORCING ME TO CREATE THIS CHAIN **ARTIFI-CIALLY**!!

BECAUSE OF **YOU**, AZELF, UXIE AND MESPRIT ESCAPED BEFORE WE COULD CREATE THE SECOND RED CHAIN!

DIA-MOND !!

DIA !!

OWW ...

BUT IT WAS INCOMPLETE! THE GYM LEADERS MANAGED TO TEAR IT APART!!

ALL BECAUSE IT WAS IMPER-FECT!!

SMAKK

HEAR-
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WHAT
YOU
SAID...

...
MAKES
ME
VERY
HAPPY.

I
CAN'T
BELIEVE
YOU.

YOU'VE
CER-
TAINLY
GOT
GUTS.

I'M
SO
GLAD
I GOT
TO...

...
TRAVEL
WITH
YOU
TOO!

BUT...

...EVEN WORSE!

...IT SEEMS LIKE I'VE...

...MADE THE BATTLE BETWEEN DIALGA AND PALKIA...

AND THAT OTHER POKÉMON— IT'S BEEN INJURED.

...THESE TWO ARE **PERFECT COUNTER-PARTS!**

ACCORD-ING TO THE TEXT...

YES! I MANAGED TO READ IT ALL!!

OH... LADY!

HAVE YOU DECI-PHERED THE SCROLL YET?!

...SPACIAL REND, PALKIA'S GREATEST MOVE, WHICH HAS THE POWER TO TEAR AWAY SPACE...

THE ROAR OF TIME, DIALGA'S GREATEST MOVE, WHICH HAS THE POWER TO BLAST AWAY TIME, AND...

THE LUSTROUS ORB AND THE ADAMANT ORB...

TIME AND SPACE ...

...BUT ...

THERE ARE **TWO** OF **THEM** ...

SO ...

THEY'RE BOTH EQUALLY BALANCED AGAINST EACH OTHER.

SOONER OR LATER, THE MOMENT WILL COME WHEN THE CLASH BETWEEN THESE TWO POWERS BECOMES IMBAL-ANCED.

CYRUS CAN'T CON-TROL BOTH OF THEM WITH A **SINGLE** CHAIN.

...ONLY **ONE** RED CHAIN...

NOD

AND THAT'S OUR OPPORTU-NITY...

...EVERY-THING WE'VE GOT!!

WE HAVE TO ATTACK WITH...

DROP

KRASH

SMASH

THUD

PA-I-PA-I-PA-I-!!

ARRGH!!

WHAT ?!

NOW !!

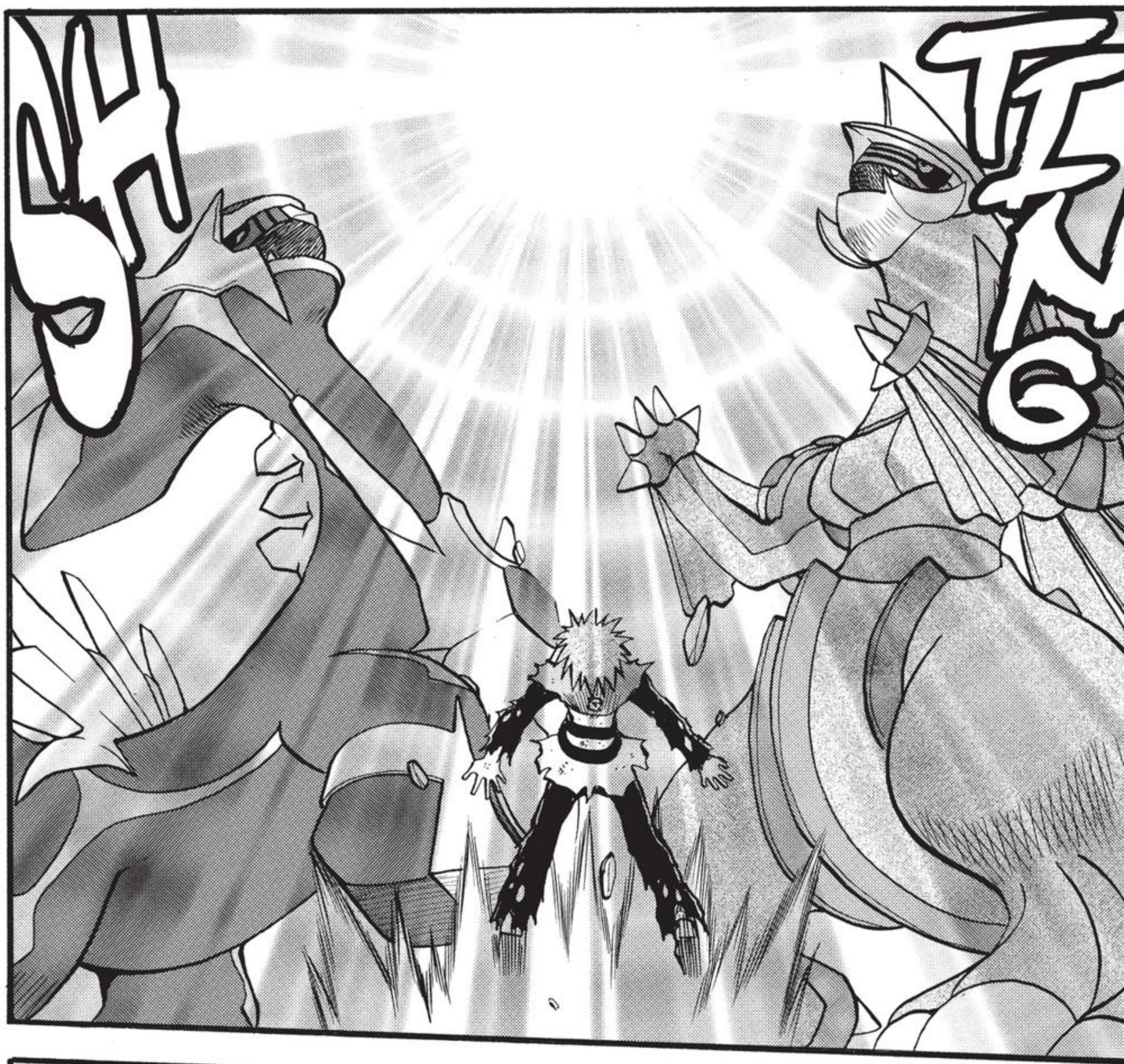
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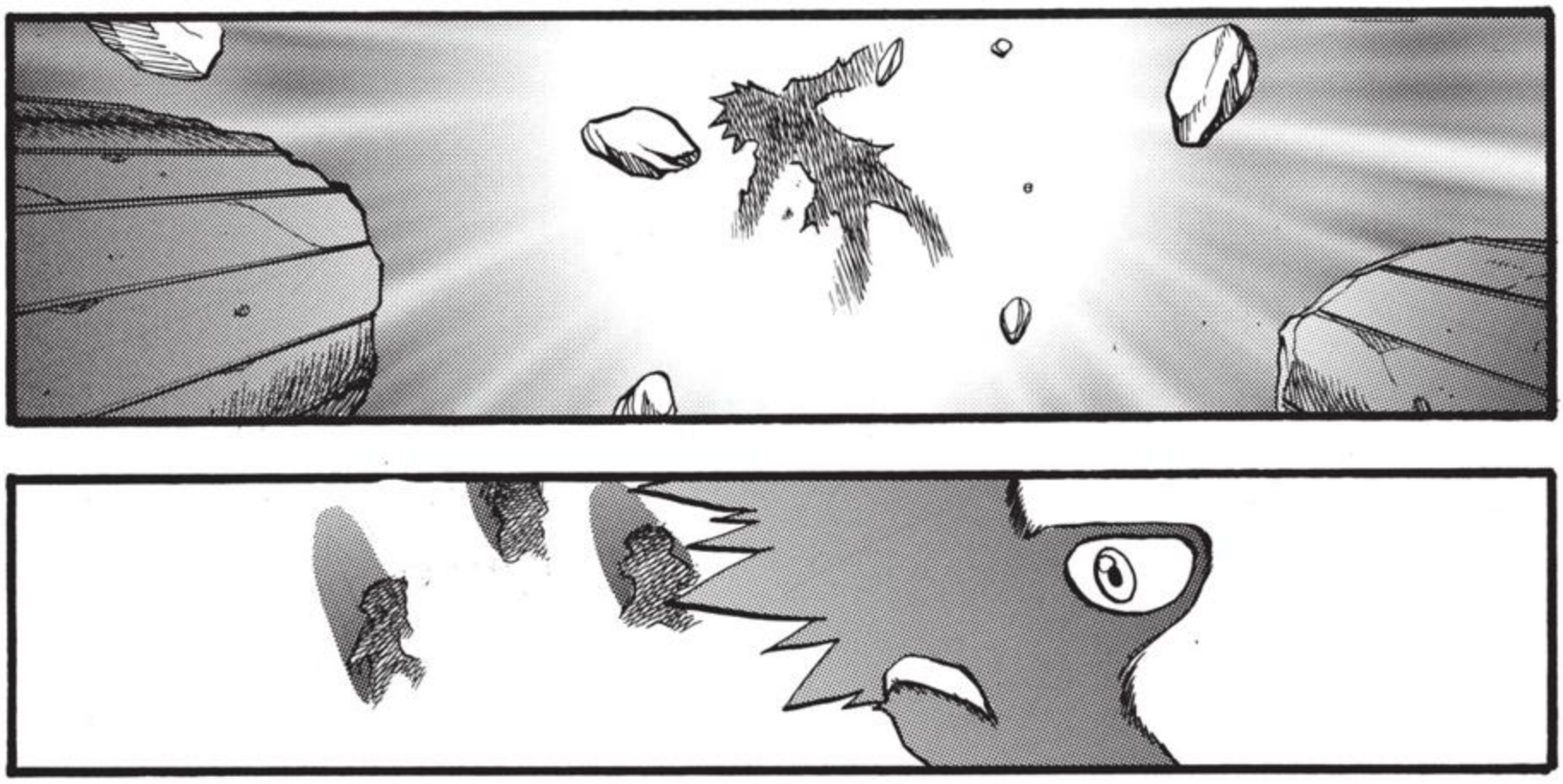
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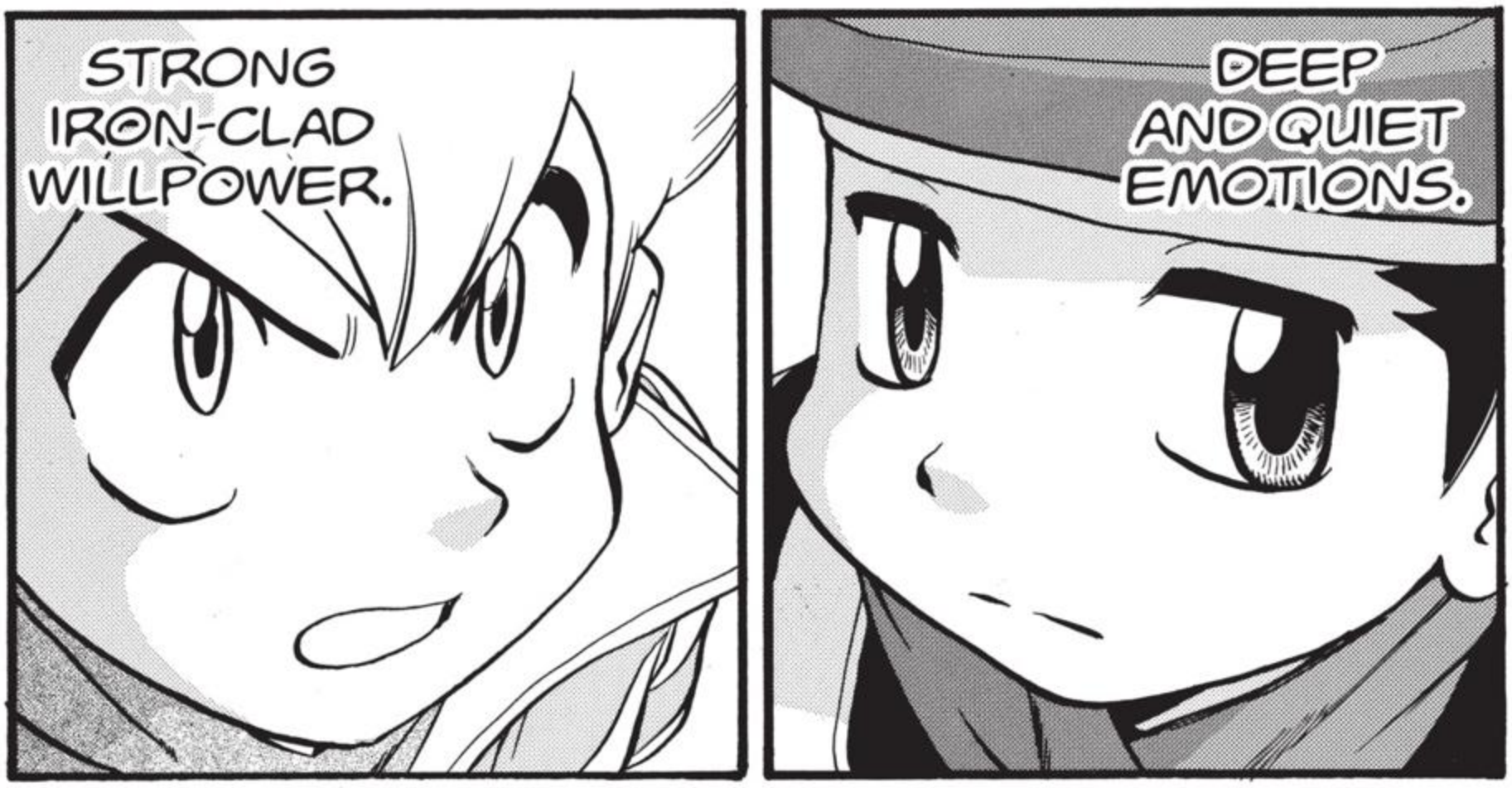
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STRONG IRON-CLAD WILLPOWER.
DEEP AND QUIET EMOTIONS.


...WHEN YOU ADD TO THAT KNOWLEDGE...
AND...

...
THEY WERE ABLE TO STOP ME.

THEY JOINED HANDS AND SUPPORTED EACH OTHER. THAT'S WHY...

EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE INCOM-PLETE ...

I SEE ...

THAT'S WHY...

...BUT INJURED— PHYSICALLY AND MEN-TALLY.

HE'S ALIVE ...

AND THE DISTORTION IS GONE TOO!

THE HOLE IS FADING AWAY!

WHAT ABOUT CYRUS ?

HEY ...

I GUESS WE CAN'T EXACTLY CALL THIS A HAPPY ENDING, BUT...

...DIALGA AND PALKIA HAVE CALMED DOWN!

THEIR EVIL ORGANI-ZATION IS BOUND TO FALL APART NOW...

AND BEST OF ALL ...

THAT MEANS TEAM GALAC-TIC'S PLOT IS FINISHED TOO!

...SAVED THE WORLD!

...WE HAVE ...

BUMP

THE PEAK OF MT. CORONET
OH! ...
REMEMBER WHERE WE ARE, LADY?
WHAT? WHY ...?
AND NOW... TAKE A LOOK AROUND YOU, LADY...
I TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT IT!!
THAT'S RIGHT!! THE BLOSSOM BEARING MY FAMILY CREST!!
I'VE DONE IT!!
SOMETHING ABOUT **THIS** SIZE AND **THIS** SHAPE ...
I'LL HELP YOU!! WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?
HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
THIS ONE'S REALLY PRETTY!

BUT THERE'S STILL ONE THING LEFT UNFIN-ISHED...

YES!

YOU'VE ACCOM-PLISHED WHAT YOU SET OUT TO DO!

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT PAKA AND UJI, AREN'T YOU?!

YES.

IF I CAN JUST FIND THEM... I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP THEM TOO!

EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE FAR FROM HERE...

HEY!

EVEN THOUGH I'VE NEVER EVEN MET THEM...

I **HAVE** TO FIND THEM!! NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!

I WANT TO FIND THEM!

LIKE YOU TWO, THEY GAVE THEIR ALL TO PROTECT ME...

FOR NOW, WE'D BETTER TAKE HIM TO A HOSPITAL WITH THE OTHER INJURED GYM LEADERS.

BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE'LL BE ABLE TO ASK CYRUS **ANYTHING** FOR A WHILE YET...

THE QUICKEST WAY TO FIND THEM WOULD BE TO ASK TEAM GALACTIC WHERE THEY WENT...

PAKA AND UJI GOT SUCKED INTO SOME KIND OF WEIRD VOID CREATED BY TEAM GALACTIC'S MACHINE...

THUNK

THUNK

I WANT IT, I WANT IT!

ANOTHER ONE OF SINNOH'S LEGEND-ARY POKÉMON.

REGI-GIGAS ...

I HAVE TO MEASURE THE NUMBER OF UNITS BEFORE IT DISAP-PEARS.

I MUSTN'T FORGET WHAT I CAME HERE FOR!

NO ...

NO, NO, NO!

IF ONLY I WERE A LITTLE CLOSER ...

SHOULD I STILL GIVE IT A TRY?

WHAT SIMPLE-TONS.

DO THEY SERIOUSLY BELIEVE THAT'S A SEED THAT WILL TURN INTO A NEW UNIVERSE?

I'M SO GLAD THEY'RE ALL MISTAKEN ABOUT THAT THING...

WHAT DID YOU SAY? DATA FOR **WHAT** ...?

ASH

SHINE!

OOPS! SHOOT... I WON'T BE ABLE TO GATHER THAT DATA AFTER ALL... I'VE GOT TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT!

WHAT ?!

PEARL! THERE'S SOME-BODY OVER THERE!

AS A SCIENTIST, THAT'S A STATEMENT I CAN'T OVERLOOK!

HAND OVER THAT DEVICE— **NOW**!

AGH! STOP IT!

YOU'RE NOT GOING ANY-WHERE !!

CATCH

FATHER !! HOW DID YOU GET HERE FROM UNDER-GROUND ...?

BYRON !!

PROFES-SOR ROWAN !!

RMBL

WZZZ

YOU HAVE TO HANDLE IT WITH CARE! THE RADIO WAVES USED TO MEASURE THAT HOLE WILL SYN-CHRONIZE AND—!!

ZOOP

FSSSHHH

WHAT'S THAT ?!

GRAB

GRAB

GRAB

FFFP

DIALGA! PALKIA!

CYRUS TOO!!

THEY GOT SUCKED INSIDE!

PP

FF

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TING

SLTHRSLTHR

YOUNG LADY...

WAS THAT A POKÉMON INSIDE THAT HOLE?! ANSWER ME!!

SEE? WHAT DID I TELL YOU? HEE HEE HEE!!

...ABOUT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD?

DO YOU KNOW...

...THEN YOU'D BETTER LEARN FAST.

IF YOU DON'T...

REMEMBER THAT!

MY NAME IS CHARON.

,,,

WHERE DID HE GO?!

KOF KOF!!

BAM MF

GOOD-BYE!!

BOOING

I WONDER WHAT IT IS...?

TOO BAD... YOU JUST MISSED HIM.

FFFF-EEEE

SMUK

WHOA!!

WHAT? YOU GOT THAT FROM HIM?

BLEH

I'M AT THE SPRING PATH THAT LEADS TO THE SENDOFF SPRING.

FLINT ?

IT'S ME, VOLK-NER.

HOW DOES IT MAKE YOU FEEL?

AHA HA HA!! AND...?

THERE'S AN EERIE LOOKING HOLE IN THE SKY IN FRONT OF ME.

HM ...

AND WHY IS THAT ?

YEAH! REALLY EXCITED.

EX-CITED ?

IT'S BECAUSE I **SENSE** THE **PRES-ENCE** OF A **POWER-FUL BEING** INSIDE IT!

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

SURE.

CAN YOU JOIN ME?

WONDERFUL. LET'S INVESTIGATE THAT HOLE **TOGETHER.**

WHERE ARE YOU?

ME? I'M AT...

HURRY UP THOUGH.

...THE BATTLE ZONE!

...TO WHERE THEY BELONG...

EVERYBODY IS HEADING BACK...

WE'RE SETTING SAIL... FINALLY!

TWO WEEKS LATER ...

THAT TOO, BUT... HOW CAN I EXPLAIN...? IT'S A TRADITION... IT'S CEREMONIAL...

IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO SEE YOUR FAMILY AGAIN AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME?

AND YOU'RE WEARING YOUR EMBLEM TOO.

TOO LONG FOR ME TO RE-CALL.

HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN, PROFES-SOR?

TO YOUR DAUGH-TER AS WELL?

YES. SHE HAS ONE TOO. SHE'S TWELVE, SO IT WAS A LITTLE EARLY FOR HER...BUT SHE WENT ON HER QUEST TO THE MOUNTAIN AS WELL.

I NEVER DREAMED SHE'D GET CAUGHT UP IN SUCH CATACLYSMIC EVENTS ON HER JOURNEY!

I MADE MY CREST FROM VEGETATION I FOUND ON THE TOP OF MT. CORONET WHEN I WAS YOUNG.

IT'S A FAMILY TRADITION THAT HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN FOR GENERA-TIONS.

YES, HELLO?

SPEAKING OF...

IT'S MY DAUGHTER!

BZZZ BZZZ

UH-HUH.

DID YOU SEE THE E-MAIL I SENT YOU?

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THINGS THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO YOU...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER!

OH, HOLD ON A SEC!

THAT'S RIGHT...

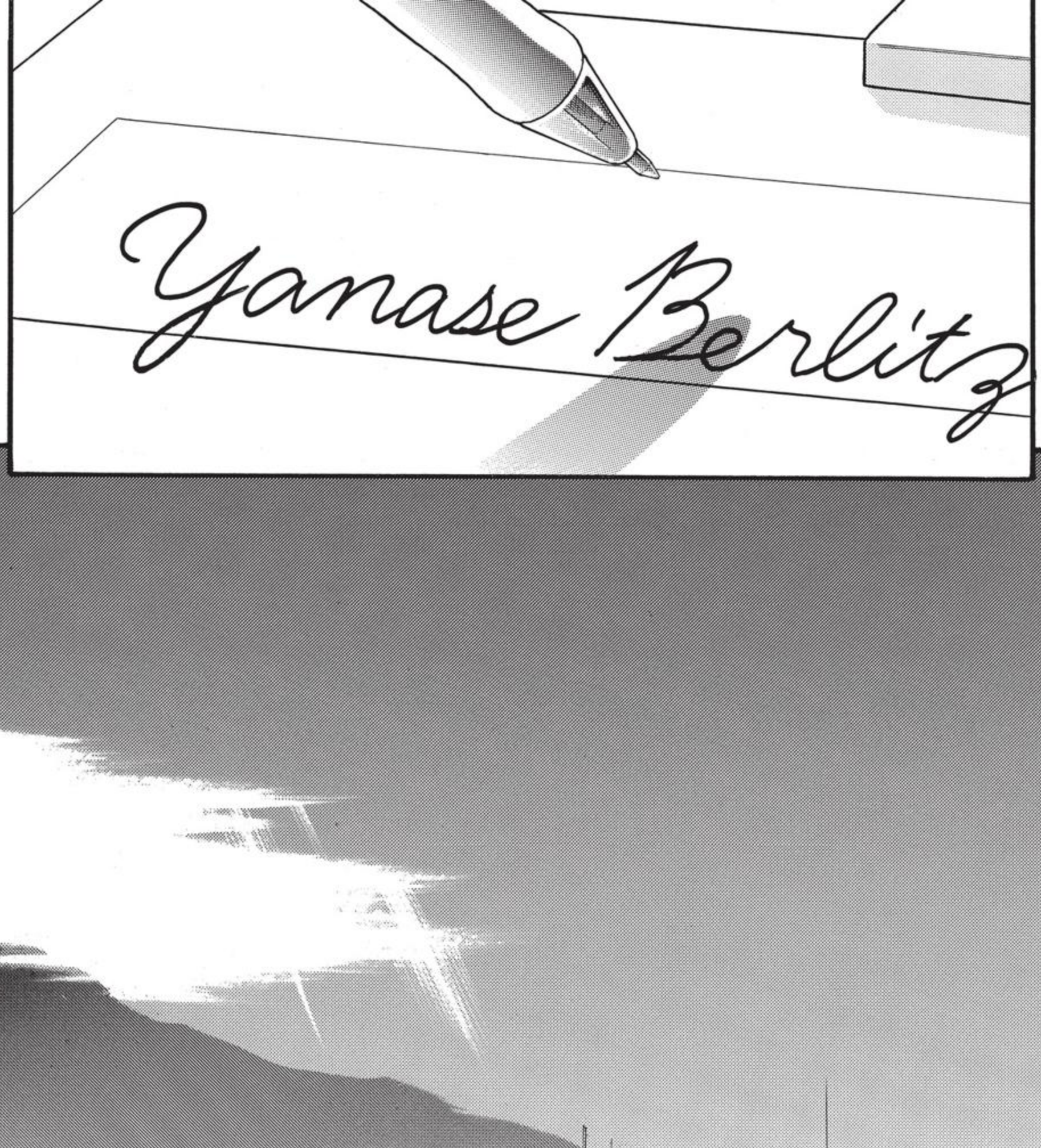
I CALLED THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE TO ASSIST YOU. YOU'LL HAVE TO MEET THEM OVER THERE...

ANYWAY, THIS LOCATION YOUR ORIGINAL BODYGUARDS WERE SUCKED INTO IS PROBABLY...

UH-HUH... THAT'S RIGHT...

BASED ON WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME, THAT'S THE ONLY POSSIBILITY I CAN THINK OF.

WOULD YOU PLEASE SIGN THIS PASSENGER LIST, MA'AM?


Yanase Berlitz



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THE BATTLE ZONE...

LOCATED OUTSIDE THE SINNOH REGION, THE BATTLE ZONE CONSISTS OF...

NOW WITHIN THESE THREE AREAS...

AND THE RESORT AREA.

THE SURVIVAL AREA.

バク

THE FIGHT AREA.

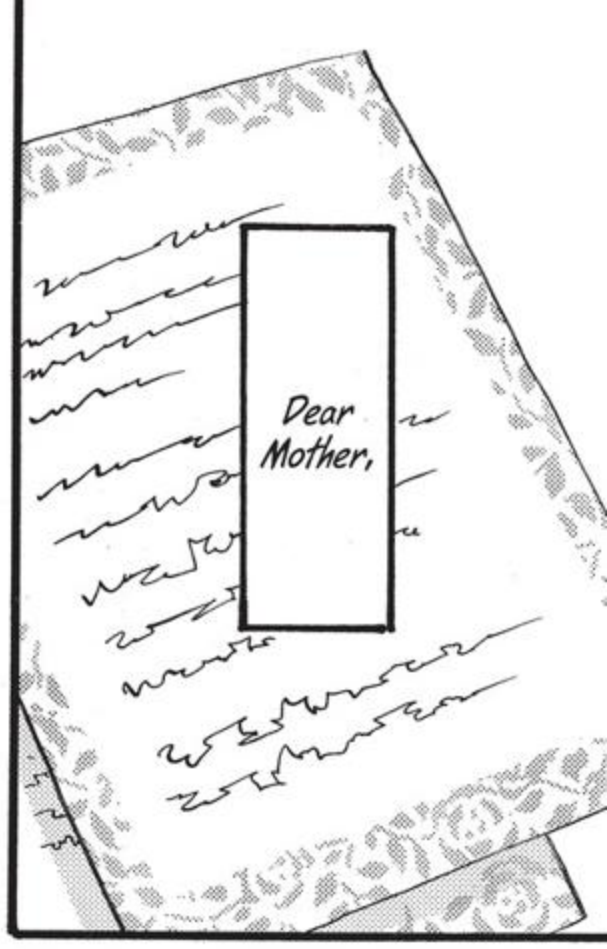
IT ALL BEGINS IN A BEAUTIFUL RESORT VILLA...

...A NEW STORY IS ABOUT TO UNFOLD.

My dear friends Diamond and Pearl have set out on a journey...

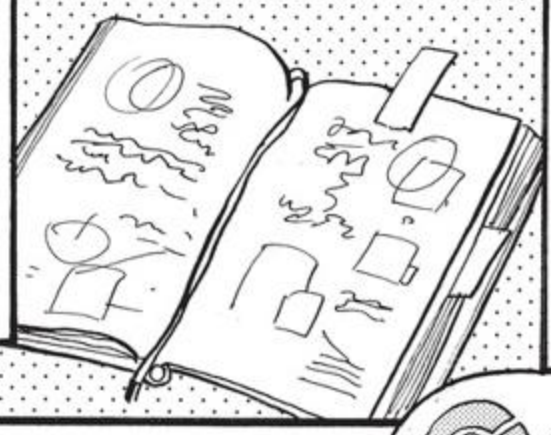


Thank you very much for all the advice. I'm writing to update you on my recent activities.



...who appears to have been working for Team Galactic before his disappearance.

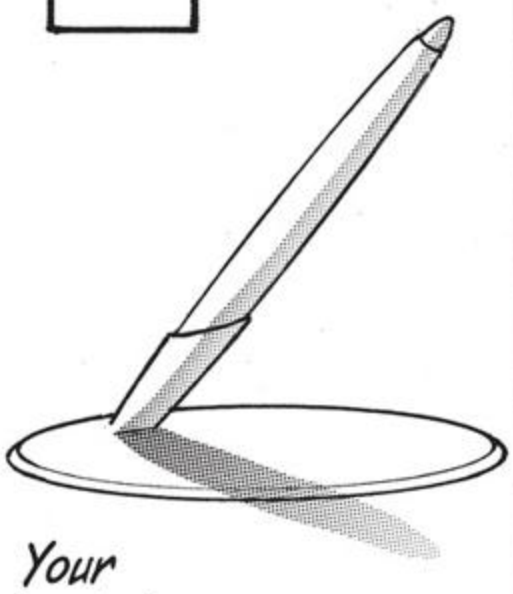
...in the journal of a mysterious man named Charon...



...to investigate several legendary Pokémon they read about....

Wish me well on my journey. At the moment, I'm hoping my meeting with an officer of the International Police goes smoothly.

I'll write again soon,



Your devoted daughter, Platinum

I'm alone and I feel lonely. But I must face my fears.

There's something I have to take care of as well.

Today, I set foot in an area called the Battle Zone for the very first time.



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Adventure 80
Leaping Past Lopunny



YES, IT'S FINE.

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO LET GO OF SUCH A BEAUTIFUL VILLA?

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

ALL RIGHT THEN. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

Seven Stone SKRTCH SKRTCH

GO AHEAD AND DO THE HONORS.

THEY DON'T NEED A STONE COLLECTOR IN THIS REGION ANYMORE.

BUT I'VE GATH-ERED ALL THE STONES I CAME FOR.

I HEARD YOU CAME TO THE SINNOH REGION IN SEARCH OF RARE STONES.

YES. AND I BUILT THIS VILLA AS MY BASE OF OPERA-TIONS.

YES, I'M DEPARTING FOR THE HOENN REGION IN JUST A MOMENT...

HELLO...? FATHER ...?

SAFE TRAV-ELS !!

THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF THE REST OF THE PAPER-WORK.

BOM

SUPER SUPER **SUPER** WEALTHY !!

WHOA! THIS ONE'S WEALTHY TOO!!

LET'S SEE WHO THE NEW OWNER IS...

OH WELL.

THEY CUSTOM BUILD A HUGE VILLA LIKE THIS AND THEN SELL IT OFF LIKE IT'S NOTHING TO THEM.

WOW... RICH PEOPLE! HA!

THE BATTLE-GROUND...

BATTLEGROUND
Members Only

MEANWHILE, IN THE SURVIVAL AREA...

NO WAY AM I GONNA LOSE ...

ARCA-NINE, **FLARE BLITZ.**

YEAH! LET'S POKÉMON BATTLE!! HA HA HA...

CLAYDOL, **CALM MIND** !!

MY POKÉMON IS FULL OF LIFE, YOU KNOW.

BLISSEY, **HYPER BEAM.**

ALL RIGHT! LET'S HAVE OUR-SELVES A BATTLE !!

ALAKAZAM, **PSYCHIC** !!

THUMP

DO NK SM AK

KRA SH

THE BATTLE-GROUND.

THIS IS WHERE SKILLED POKÉMON TRAINERS GO TO TAKE PART IN **ADVANCED** POKÉMON BATTLES.

BATTLEGROUND
Members Only

LOOK AT THEM GO!

HM ...

...I'LL MEET TRAINERS WITH VALUABLE INFORMATION HERE.

SHUKA

MAYBE ...

EXCELLENT SCOPE!!

INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT NO. 1!!!

TIME TO START MY INVESTI-GATION!!

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OOPS!

SQUEEK

SQUEEKSQUEEK

ZOOM UP!!

PLUNK

SET UP !!

INTER-NATIONAL POLICE EQUIP-MENT NO. 2! INVISIBLE CLOTH!!

GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO... INFIL-TRATE!!

SEEMS LIKE THIS ALWAYS HAPPENS WHENEVER I TRY TO SAVE A FEW BUCKS...

HM... PERHAPS SHOPPING IN THE DISCOUNT SECTION WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA AFTER ALL...

SHFL SHFL

SLIPPED RIGHT BY EVERY-ONE!

HA HA HA... I'VE MANAGED TO INFILTRATE THE BATTLEGROUND— WHICH IS ONLY OPEN TO MEMBERS.

MY BIG BROTHER IS ONE OF THE ELITE FOUR, YOU KNOW!! DON'T MAKE ME GO AND CALL HIM!

HEY, YOU! YOU LOOK SUSPI-CIOUS!

AH!!

WHO'S HIDING UNDER THERE ?!

RUSH

HMPH ...

HOLD ON A MINUTE !!

FWIP FWIP

HE NOTICED THAT I WAS OUT OF THE ORDINARY! HOW PERCEPTIVE!!

FWIP FWIP FWIP

HE!

FSSH

AH!

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BE SHREWDER FOR ME TO HEAD THERE POST HASTE!

I WAS HOPING TO GATHER SOME INFORMATION HERE BEFORE ATTENDING MY MEETING...

THIS WILL BE THE PERFECT PLACE FOR A HOME BASE RIGHT BY THE BATTLE ZONE.

WHAT A WON-DERFUL VILLA!

EXCUSE ME...

AND THAT COM-PLETES OUR TRANSAC-TION!

OF COURSE.

PLEASE SIGN THIS... AND THIS...

platinum

DOES THAT MEAN ...?!

I WAS TOLD MY CONTACT WOULD MOVE INTO THIS VILLA TODAY...

IS THAT THE PERSON I'M SUP-POSED TO MEET?

BUT BEFORE I TRY THAT...

LUCKILY WE AGREED UPON A CODE TO IDENTIFY EACH OTHER.

EQUIP-MENT NO. 3! VARIABLE ROPE!!

TOSS

...I'LL CHECK OUT HER BATTLE SKILLS!

...THIS GIRL IS MY CONTACT ?!

ZOOP

KLATER

TING

KA

FOCUS BLAST!!

LOPUNNY!!

CHUNK

ODD.

SPLEN-DID!

HM.

A... ROCK ?

I THOUGHT FOR SURE I SENSED SOME-BODY'S PRES-ENCE...

VERY ODD.

KE-RAK

"...MOVE MOUNTAINS."

AH!!

"FAITH CAN ...

HUH ?

WHAT ?

YOU'RE AS SKILLED AS THEY SAY.

EQUIP-MENT NO. 4! PRO-TECTION ROCK!

THE SECRET...

...CODE!

PRE-CISELY.

MY CONTACT FROM THE INTERNA-TIONAL POLICE?

SO YOU'RE THE PERSON I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET?

NO.

OR... MAYBE IN REALITY YOU'RE A COMEDIAN?

NO.

OR...ARE YOU JUST ABOUT TO GO ON A TOUR OF SANDGEM PARK OR SOMETHING?

AS REAL AS EVER!

THE **REAL** PER-SON?

YES.

A HUGE SUCCESS, RIGHT, RAPIDASH, EMPOLEON, LOPUNNY?

I DID IT! THIS MEETING IS A SUCCESS! I MANAGED TO MEET THE PERSON I WAS SUPPOSED TO!!

NOT TO WORRY! I AM AN INTERNATIONAL POLICE OFFICER. THE GENUINE ARTICLE.

AT TIMES, I'LL BE ON TOP OF AN AERIAL TRAMWAY.

AT TIMES, I'LL BE BEHIND A TOWER.

AT TIMES, I'LL BE ON A SHIP.

...MY COMRADES ARE ALL OVER THE GLOBE...

AT THIS VERY MOMENT ...

WE LITERALLY TRAVEL ALL AROUND THE WORLD TO DO OUR JOB!!

...SEARCHING FOR EVIL-DOERS!!

"LOOKER."

SO... WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

YOUR GIVEN NAME? YOUR CODE NAME?

SOME-THING TO CALL YOU BY...?

VERY WELL.

THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY CALLS ME.

I'M A DEDI-CATED POKÉ-MON TRAINER OF THE SINNOH REGION.

PROFESSOR ROWAN AND MY FATHER WERE MY TEACHERS.

AND I AM PLATINUM BERLITZ.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO BE PARTNERS!

...IS **SOMEONE** WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVILDOERS I'M PURSUING.

FAMOUS TRAINERS TOO. I'M POSITIVE THAT **SOME-WHERE** AMONGST THEM...

NOT TO MEN-TION ...

ALL MANNER OF SKILLED POKÉMON TRAINERS GATHER HERE AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER INSIDE THE BATTLE ZONE.

...SOME-ONE WITH INFORMA-TION ...

...ABOUT THE DIS-TORTION WORLD...

...THAT **YOU** ARE SEEKING!!

BATTLE FRONTIER RULE BOOK

THE BATTLE FRONTIER HAS FIVE DIFFERENT FACILITIES WHERE YOU CAN TAKE PART IN A VARIETY OF POKÉMON BATTLES. OF COURSE, THESE BATTLES ARE GOVERNED BY STRICT RULES (BELOW), SO WE REQUEST THAT CHALLENGERS READ THROUGH THEM CAREFULLY.

Basic Rule ①

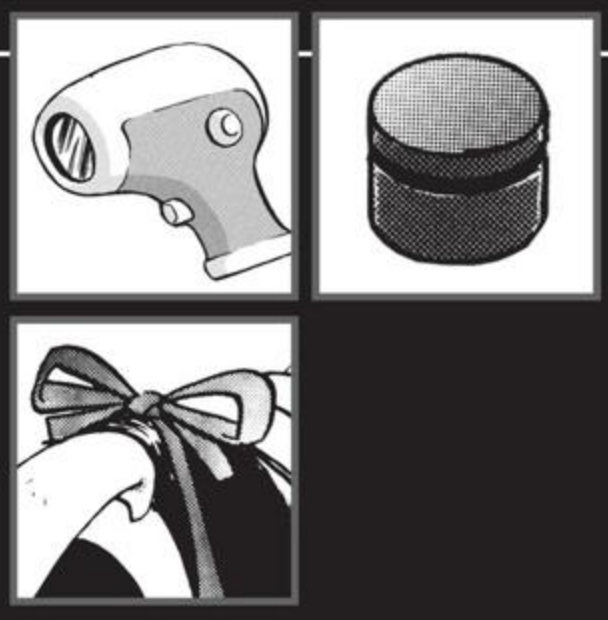
Limits on Pokémon Usage



WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A LIMIT AS TO WHAT KIND OF POKÉMON YOU MAY USE WHEN PARTICIPATING IN A BATTLE AT EACH OF THE FACILITIES. THE USE OF LEGENDARY POKÉMON MUST BE PRE-APPROVED. POKÉMON EGGS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE.

Basic Rule ②

Bringing Items and Use of Items



YOU ARE ALLOWED TO BRING ITEMS INTO BATTLE HALL. YOU MAY ALSO BRING ITEMS INTO BATTLE TOWER, BUT YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING MORE THAN ONE POKÉMON WITH THE SAME ITEM. IN BATTLE FACTORY, BATTLE ARCADE AND BATTLE CASTLE, YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING IN YOUR OWN ITEMS. HOWEVER, IN BATTLE FACTORY, YOU MAY USE AN ITEM IF THE RENTAL POKÉMON IS HOLDING ONE. FOR BATTLE ARCADE, YOU MAY USE AN ITEM IF THE ROULETTE MACHINE LANDS ON AN ITEM BOX. FOR BATTLE CASTLE, YOU MAY USE AN ITEM ONCE YOU BUY AN ITEM USING CASTLE POINTS.

Basic Rule ③

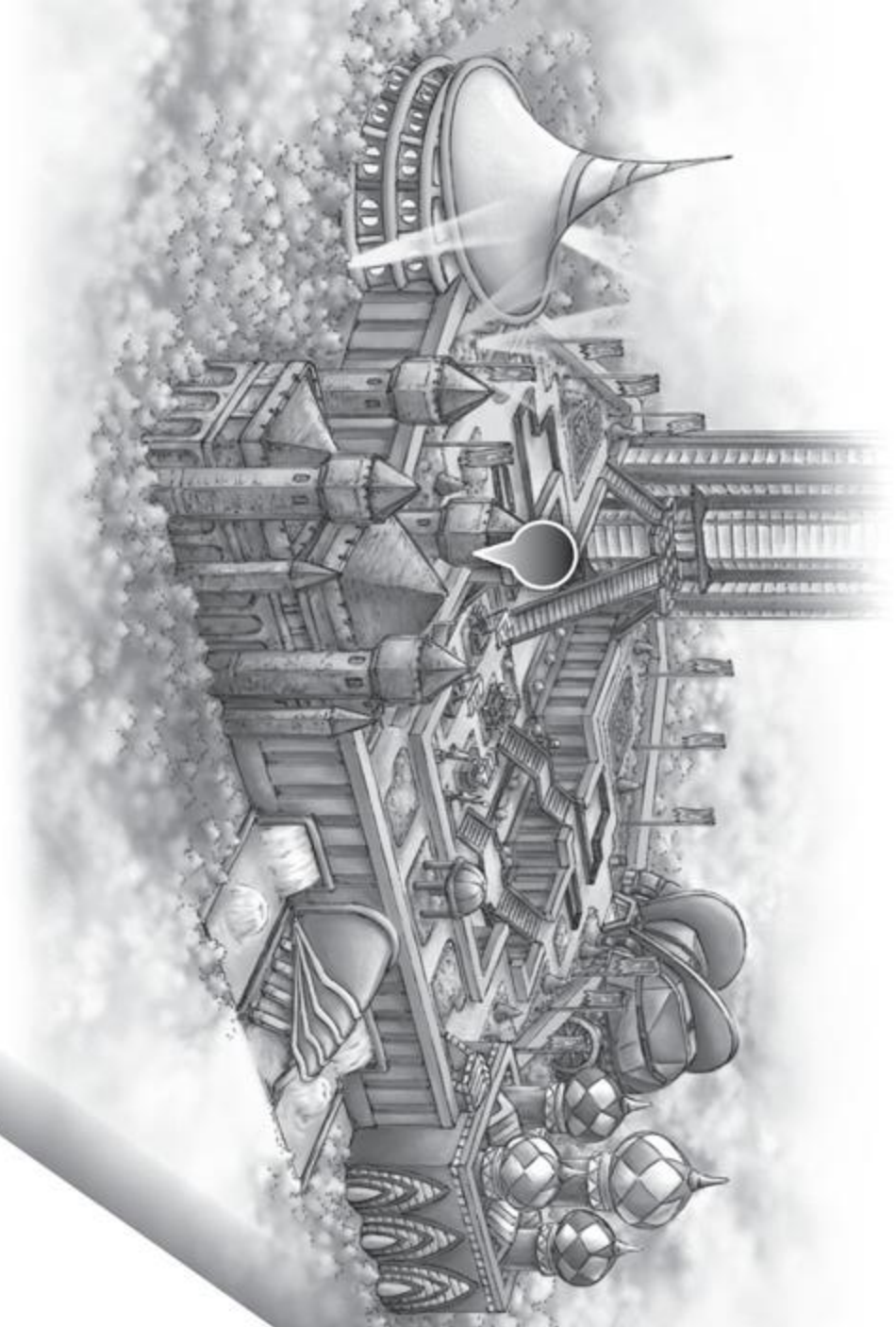
Allowable Moves

EACH POKÉMON WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO USE FOUR MOVES. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE ANY OTHER MOVE APART FROM THE FOUR WHICH YOU HAVE REGISTERED IN ADVANCE.

Adventure 81

Deprogramming Porygon-Z





POKÉMON ADVENTURES

GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY.

AS ALWAYS, I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE MANY POKÉMON TRAINERS HERE TODAY TO CHALLENGE YOU. SO PULL UP YOUR SOCKS AND PREPARE TO FACE THEM!

AFTER ALL, WE ARE...

...THE **FRONTIER BRAIN!**

THAT'S IT FOR THIS MORNING'S MEETING.

YOU MAY HEAD BACK TO YOUR FACILITIES NOW.

DAHLIA, TO BATTLE ARCADE!

THOR-TON...

...TO BATTLE FAC-TORY!

AND ARGENTA, HEAD OVER TO BATTLE HALL!

SO, YOU'RE HERE ...!

SWSH

BONEMERANG!

SWSH

SWSH

CHUK

RILEY!

SNAG

THIS BATTLE FRONTIER IS AS GOOD AS THE ONES I'VE SEEN IN OTHER REGIONS.

THANKS.

IT'S BEEN A MONTH SINCE THIS PLACE OPENED.

AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE A HUGE SUC-CESS.

FROM WHAT I HEAR, YOU'VE HAD A PRETTY ROUGH TIME LATELY ...

YOU WERE THERE, WEREN'T YOU? AT THE SCENE OF...THE INCIDENT...

HEY!

STOP!!

LATER

AND THREE OTHERS...

WELL, I'M CONVINCED THEY WENT SOMEWHERE TO REGROUP.

...DISAP-PEARED.

BUT...THE PERSON I FOUGHT...

I WAS WONDERING IF THERE WAS A WAY TO FIX THIS MACHINE SO IT COULD FLY AGAIN...

I SEE ...

IN OTHER WORDS... I'VE RUN OUT OF LEADS.

I CAN HARDLY SENSE AN AURA FROM THIS MACHINE ANYMORE.

I KNOW OF A GUY WHO COULD DO IT!

HM ...

GREAT !!

MR. PALMER, THE GATE'S READY!

YOU DO?!

SOMEONE WHO'S REALLY GOOD AT INVENTING AND FIXING GADGETS.

HOLD ON A SEC.

RMBL RMBL

OPEN THE GATE!!

O O H...

MUMBL

MUMBLE

MU

HELLO.

LET'S GO TO THE TOWER— THE BATTLE TOWER !!

OH NO! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO WIN THERE!

HM... I DID PRETTY WELL AT THE FACTORY YESTERDAY, SO...

WHICH CHAL-LENGE ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE ON TODAY?!

I WILL BE YOUR GUIDE.

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME AT THE BATTLE FRON-TIER?

THANK YOU...

BUT I'M FINE. I'VE STUDIED ALL THE RULES IN ADVANCE.

FACTORY? ARCADE? CASTLE? HALL? TOWER?

WHICH FACILITY ARE YOU CONSID-ERING?

I CAN EXPLAIN THE RULES OF EACH LOCATION TO YOU IF YOU WISH.

HM!

YES.

ALL OF THEM ?!

THERE ARE FIVE FACILITIES AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER. THE TRAINER'S GOAL IS TO OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES AT EACH FACILITY.

YOU HAVE TO BATTLE WITH RENTED POKÉMON.

AT THE BATTLE FACTORY, YOU CAN'T USE YOUR OWN POKÉMON...

...AND WHATEVER THE WHEEL LANDS ON DETERMINES THE PLACE, SITUATION, AND STATUS AILMENTS OF YOUR BATTLE.

IN THE BATTLE ARCADE, YOU SPIN A ROULETTE WHEEL BEFORE THE BATTLE...

...AND GATHERING INFORMATION ON THE OPPONENT'S POKÉMON.

AT BATTLE CASTLE, THE CHALLENGER MOVES THROUGH THE CASTLE BY BORROWING ITEMS AND BERRIES...

AND AT BATTLE HALL, WE SPECIFY WHICH TYPE OF POKÉMON WE WANT TO FACE FOR A ONE-ON-ONE POKÉMON BATTLE.

BATTLE FRONTIER RULES

I WAS BRIEFED THAT YOU WERE A FINE LADY FROM A SCHOLARLY FAMILY, BUT...YOUR KNOWLEDGE IS TRULY AMAZING!

I'M IMPRES-SED!

HM!

I DON'T THINK I NEED TO EXPLAIN THE RULES OF BATTLE TOWER.

IT'S JUST A STRAIGHT-FORWARD POKÉMON BATTLE.

THE CHALLENGERS CONTINUE BATTLING TO MOVE UP THE LADDER.

THIS IS THE MOST FAMOUS OF THE BATTLE FACILITIES— AND THERE'S ONE JUST LIKE IT IN JOHTO AND HOENN AS WELL.

WE DON'T NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE! NOW GO, GO!

BUT KNOWL-EDGE IS ONLY SUPERFI-CIAL.

Shoo! Shoo!

YOU CAN'T ACQUIRE TRUE UNDERSTANDING WITHOUT PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

THAT'S WHY I MUST BATTLE...

...IN ALL THESE VENUES!

NOT ME, MY LADY!!

YOU'RE SENSIBLE— **AND** REFINED. A TRUE LADY!!

ATTA-GIRL !!

OH, NOW YOU'RE JUST FLATTER-ING ME...

YES?

YOU ADDRESSED ME?

HUH ?

I WAS SPEAKING TO LADY PLATINUM OVER THERE, NOT YOU.

NO ...

SWISH

WOOSH

WHAT'S GOING ON ...?!

WHOA!! I GUESS THIS IS WHAT YOU'D CALL A "BOLT OUT OF THE BLUE"!

SNIKT

WHAT THE ...?

HEY!

SNIKT

CUT IT OUT!

SNAK

IT'S PSYCHO CUT!!

BUT HIS ATTACK DIDN'T EVEN HIT ME!!

DRUP

WHAT GIVES ?!

LOOKS LIKE GAL-LADE ...

MATERIALIZED BLADES CREATED BY GALLADE'S MIND CAME FLYING AT YOU!

DRUP

DRUP

...IS TRYING TO PROTECT THAT WOMAN.

HMPH.

YOU HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TOO, LOOKER!

MY APOLOGIES. WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF HARMING YOUR TRAINER.

YOU MUST HAVE UPSET GALLADE WHEN YOU PUSHED HER, LOOKER. YOU WERE QUITE RUDE...

WSSH

I'M... SORRY ...

THAT'S BATTLE CASTLE, ONE OF THE BATTLE FACILITIES !!

SHE WENT RIGHT IN WITHOUT WAITING HER TURN IN LINE!!

WHOA !!

I BET SHE'S THE FRONTIER BRAIN—THE STRONGEST TRAINER AT BATTLE CASTLE!

THAT GALLADE SHE'S GOT WITH HER MUST BE EXTREMELY POWERFUL...!

ALL RIGHT THEN! LET'S BEGIN OUR INVESTIGATION BY TAKING ON THE CHALLENGE OF BATTLE CASTLE!

AGREED!

BUT FIRST... YOU NEED TO GET SOME NEW CLOTHES, LOOKER!

SHE DOES LOOK KIND OF MYSTE-RIOUS ...

MAYBE SHE KNOWS SOME-THING THAT WOULD HELP US.

HMPH.

BUT ACTUALLY ...

YES. A LOT OF TRAINERS ARE HERE TO PARTICIPATE.

THIS SURE IS A LONG LINE.

...THE LINE IS MOVING PRETTY FAST.

NEXT CHALLENGER, PLEASE!

TWENTY-FIRST?!

YES. AND WE'RE ONLY PERMITTED TO FACE THE FRONTIER BRAIN IN THE TWENTY-FIRST BATTLE.

MUST BE A TOUGH BATTLE-GROUND.

SZZLLL

SZZLLL

PROBABLY BECAUSE MOST OF THE CHALLENGERS LEAVE AFTER GETTING DEFEATED IN THEIR FIRST OR SECOND BATTLE.

YOU MUST BE MISS PLATINUM BERLITZ.

THAT'S RIGHT.

WELL THEN, LET'S BEGIN THE FIRST BATTLE— A SINGLE BATTLE USING THREE POKÉMON.

GO !!

BOM

LADY CAITLIN IS IN A BAD MOOD TODAY...

...BUT THIS WILL SOOTHE HER.

HER BATTLE SKILLS ARE PRETTY IMPRES-SIVE.

...AND THE CHAL-LENGER WINS!!

SO HER NAME IS CAITLIN!

THE FRON-TIER BRAIN!

ARE YOU HER VALET OR SOME-THING?

AHA !!

...THE FACILITATOR AND JUDGE HERE. PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.

MY APOLOGIES FOR NOT INTRODUCING MYSELF BEFORE. I AM DARACH ...

DO I NEED TO PAY FOR THEM?

IN THIS ARENA, I CAN BORROW ITEMS FOR MY POKÉMON, CAN'T I?

OH, NOW I REMEMBER!

IF ONLY I HAD A BERRY WITH ME...

MY POKÉMON ARE GETTING FATIGUED ALREADY AFTER JUST ONE BATTLE...

HUF

HUF

HUF

YES.

WHATEVER YOU DO HERE, YOU'LL NEED CASTLE POINTS FOR.

HOLD ON...

MY WALLET. MY **WALLET** ...!

CASTLE POINTS ?

YOU DON'T RENT ITEMS WITH MONEY HERE. YOU EXCHANGE CASTLE POINTS FOR THEM INSIDE BATTLE CASTLE.

ONE CP* TO GATHER INFORMATION ON YOUR OPPONENT.

TWO CP TO BORROW BERRIES AND ITEMS.

*CASTLE POINT(S)

TEN CP TO HEAL YOUR POKÉMON.

YOU MUST MANAGE YOUR CP WISELY TO MOVE AHEAD IN BATTLE CASTLE.

M-MAN...

...AGE?

NUTS !!

HOW CAN A MILLIONAIRE WHO BUYS RESORT VILLAS WITH A SINGLE SIGNATURE MANAGE THEIR FINANCES?!

I'VE GOT A FEELING WE'RE ALREADY IN BIG TROUBLE !!

Adventure 82

Getting the Drop on Gallade I



POKÉMON ADVENTURES

SMACK

LOPUNNY, DIZZY PUNCH!!

DARACH... REWARD HER WITH CASTLE POINTS.

YES, MILADY!

SET 2 BATTLE 6
TOTAL 13

AND THE CHAL-LENGER, PLATINUM, WINS THE SIXTH BATTLE OF THE SECOND SET!

26CP

BLIP BLIP

Add 26 CP

4 5 7 8 9 0

MISS PLATINUM, AT LADY CAITLIN'S BEHEST, I WOULD LIKE TO AWARD YOU CASTLE POINTS.

PLATINUM BERLITZ IS BATTLING INSIDE ONE OF ITS VENUES— THE BATTLE CASTLE!

THE BATTLE FRONTIER INSIDE THE BATTLE ZONE...

YOU WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT POINTS...

AND EVERY TIME YOU WIN A BATTLE, YOU RECEIVE MORE CPS.

YOU RECEIVE 10 CP AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CHALLENGE.

...TO HEAL YOUR POKÉMON AND BORROW ITEMS.

...THAT YOU CAN USE...

AND ARE YOU GOING TO USE THEM **WISELY**, MISS PLATINUM?

SO... HOW ARE YOU GOING TO USE YOUR CP?!

SHE RECEIVED 26CP, SO NOW PLATINUM HAS 85CP IN ALL!

Platinum
Total: 85 CP

SO MAYBE IT'S BEST FOR ME TO USE THEM TO BORROW BERRIES AND ITEMS ...?

BUT IF I USE **TOO MANY** FOR THAT, I MIGHT NOT HAVE ENOUGH POINTS LEFT TO GATHER INFORMATION ON MY OPPONENTS...

I THINK MAYBE I OUGHT TO USE THE POINTS TO HEAL MY POKÉMON...

UMM... UHH...

I CAN'T DECIDE WHAT TO USE THEM FOR! SO I GUESS... I'LL JUST SAVE THEM!!

USE THEM?! OR **SAVE** THEM?!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, MISS PLATINUM? ARE YOU GOING TO USE YOUR CP? OR SAVE THEM?

HMM!!

HEH HEH ...

SHSSH

THEN PLEASE MOVE ON TO YOUR NEXT BATTLE.

HER **MANAGE-MENT** SKILLS MUST BE AS GOOD AS HER BATTLE SKILLS.

BUT ONE CANNOT CONQUER THIS CASTLE WITH BATTLE SKILLS **ALONE.**

ADMITTEDLY, HER BATTLE SKILLS ARE NOTE-WORTHY.

ALL FINE POWERFUL POKÉMON!

HER POKÉMON ARE EMPOLEON, RAPIDASH AND LOPUNNY...

HE NOTICED !!

HE ...

!!

BUT IT SEEMS ...THIS YOUNG LADY HAS NO MANAGEMENT SKILLS **WHAT-SOEVER.** I'LL REPORT TO LADY CAITLIN ABOUT THIS AT ONCE.

BOM

EMPOLEON!!

I... I MISSED !!

AQUA JET!!

WOOSH

RSH RSH RSH

RAPID DASH!!

CHANGE !!

SLASH

CRUSH CLAW !!

BOM

WOOF

COME HERE FOR A SEC!

AND THE CHAL-LENGER, PLATI-NUM, WINS THE SEVENTH BATTLE OF THE SECOND SET!!

PHEW.

NURRRRRGH!

...IS USING YOUR CP JUDI-CIOUSLY.

...THE KEY TO VICTORY AT BATTLE CASTLE ...

FROM THE LOOK OF THINGS...

LISTEN UP, PLATINUM!

DO YOU KNOW **WHY**?

EMPO-LEON'S AQUA JET **MISSED** IN THE LAST BATTLE, REMEM-BER?

EEK!

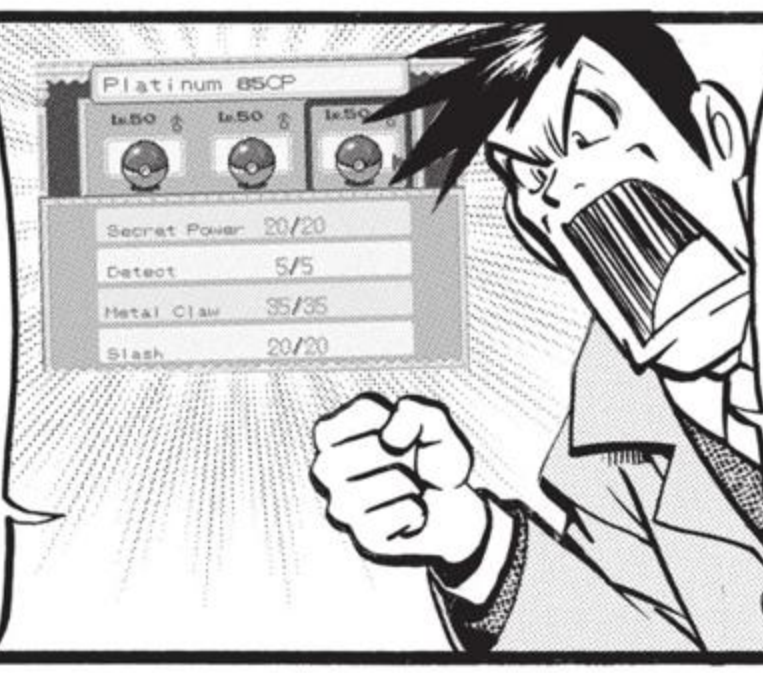
THUNK

THAT POKÉMON KNEW IN ADVANCE WHAT MOVE YOU WERE GOING TO USE!!

BECAUSE THE OPPOSING POKÉMON USED **DETECT**!!

UH-HUH.

YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE PANICKED LIKE THAT, RIGHT?!



BUT IF YOU HAD SPENT YOUR CP BEFORE-HAND TO GATHER INFOR-MATION ON YOUR OPPO-NENT...

I'VE NEVER HAD TO DIVVY UP A **LIMITED AMOUNT OF RESOURCES** BEFORE...

BUT...I DON'T KNOW HOW TO CHOOSE **HOW MUCH** CP TO USE AND FOR **WHAT**!

I'M TRYING ...

COME ON, PLATINUM! **USE** YOUR CP. YOU HAVE TO MANAGE YOUR CP WISELY, BUT THAT INCLUDES SPENDING THEM!

TWO CP EACH TO BORROW A CHERI BERRY, CHESTO BERRY, OR PECHA BERRY!!

EIGHT CP TO HEAL THE POWER POINT OF A MOVE!!

TEN CP PER POKÉMON TO HEAL THEM!

I READ EVERY INCH OF THE RULEBOOK WHILE YOU WERE HAVING YOUR POKÉMON BATTLES!!

QUIET !!

TWO CP TO CHECK THE STATS AND ABILITY OF THE OPPO-NENT'S POKÉ-MON!!

ONE CP TO LOOK INSIDE THE POKÉ BALL OF YOUR OPPONENT !!

FAP

LET'S REVIEW IT ONE MORE TIME, SHALL WE?!

HUH ?

LOOKER ...

WHAT'S WRONG ...?

TCH!

WHAT ?!

I ADMIT THAT I'M BAD AT MANAGING RESOURCES... BUT...

COULD YOU TEACH ME IN A GENTLER MANNER?

... ANYONE ELSE WHO HAS ASSISTED ME IN THE PAST.

NO ONE HAS EVER SPOKEN SO HARSHLY TO ME BEFORE. NOT MY BUTLER SEBASTIAN OR...

SNORT

INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT NO. 5! GALACTICA JET!!

BUT THINK ABOUT WHAT I SAID!

OH, OKAY. I'M SORRY. I GUESS I WASN'T CONSIDERING YOUR FEELINGS... I'LL GIVE YOU SOME SPACE.

WZZZZZ

KOFF KOFF

WHOA !!

EYOOP

BAM

POP

WHOA ...

SNRT

BSS

POP

BSS

WHOA ...

PTT

PTT

BSS

I'VE NEVER BEEN GOOD AT TALKING TO PEOPLE! I DON'T KNOW HOW! I ALWAYS FORGET TO CONSIDER THEIR **FEELINGS**!

SHE'S YOUNG ENOUGH TO BE MY DAUGHTER. I SHOULDN'T HAVE SPOKEN TO HER SO RUDELY.

THAT WAS THOUGHT-LESS OF ME...

SIGH ...

I KNOW I HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE BOTH STRONG AND SENSITIVE!

OMMM

OMMM

CALM DOWN, CALM DOWN...

I CAN'T JUST SHOUT MY IDEAS AT OTHERS!

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR!! AND WE MUST **WORK TOGETHER** TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS!!

AND LADY PLATINUM IS SEEK-ING INFOR-MATION ABOUT THE DISTORTION WORLD.

WHAT DID I COME TO THE BATTLE ZONE FOR ANYWAY? AS AN INTERNATIONAL POLICE OFFICER, MY TASK IS TO LEARN ABOUT THE MOVEMENTS OF THAT EVIL ORGANIZATION TEAM GALACTIC!

HUH ??

IT'S EASY TO GET LOST IN SUCH A BIG PLACE...

WHERE IS THE ROOM THEY'RE HAVING THEIR POKÉMON BATTLE IN?

AND IN ORDER TO GET **CLOSE** TO SKILLED TRAINERS TO QUESTION THEM, WE MUST KEEP WINNING !!

A SKILLED TRAINER IS BOUND TO HAVE INFOR-MATION ABOUT THESE THINGS ...

HM...

IT MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE AN APPROPRIATE MATCH AFTER ALL.

We don't know anything about managing resources...

THAT MEANS THIS BATTLE WILL BE **LADY VERSUS LADY**!

PLATINUM IS A LADY TOO.

THE LORD OF THIS CASTLE, ITS FRONTIER BRAIN, CAITLIN... IS A LADY.

PORTRAITS OF ALL THE CHÂTELAINE AND CHÂTELAINE ANCESTORS ...

WHERE IS SHE?! WHERE IS SHE FIGHTING NOW?!

I'D BETTER OBSERVE LADY PLATI-NUM'S BATTLE CLOSELY !!

THIS IS NO TIME TO THINK NEGA-TIVE!!

HMPH !!

WHOA !!

ARE YOU IN NEED OF GUIDANCE?

WHAT ?!!

THE CHALLENGER, PLATINUM, IS BEFORE THIS VENUE'S FRONTIER BRAIN ALREADY.

SET 3 BATTLE 7

AND SINCE EACH SET CONSISTS OF SEVEN BATTLES ...

SHE FACES THE FRONTIER BRAIN ON THE TWENTY-FIRST BATTLE...

HUH ...?

WAIT ...

...CAITLIN IS ON THE BATTLE-FIELD!

THIS IS THE BATTLE AGAINST THE FRONTIER BRAIN!! THAT MEANS...

WHY NOT ?!

AND IF NOT **HER**... **WHO** IS THE FRONTIER BRAIN THAT LADY PLATINUM IS FACING?!

SHE ISN'T STANDING ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.

YOUR TWENTY-FIRST BATTLE ...

TOP

SHALL WE BEGIN ...?

...IN THE BATTLE CASTLE!

I, DARACH...

...AM YOUR OPPONENT!!

THE FRONTIER BRAIN ISN'T THE CHÂTELAINE AT ALL—IT'S HER VALET?!

WHAT?!

LADY CAITLIN IS IN CHARGE, BUT I AM THE FRONTIER BRAIN—THE CASTLE VALET.

CORRECT.

LET'S BEGIN !!

HA HA!!

BOM

BATTLE START !!

JUMP

GRAB

PSYCHO CUT!!

NGH NGH

GALLADE!!

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD STOP THIS ATTACK WITH THAT...?

THAT'S RIGHT, EMPO-LEON!

SLASH

GALLADE'S BLADE IS EXPANDABLE!! IT CAN STRETCH OUT **FOREVER**!!

FLOMP

NOOP

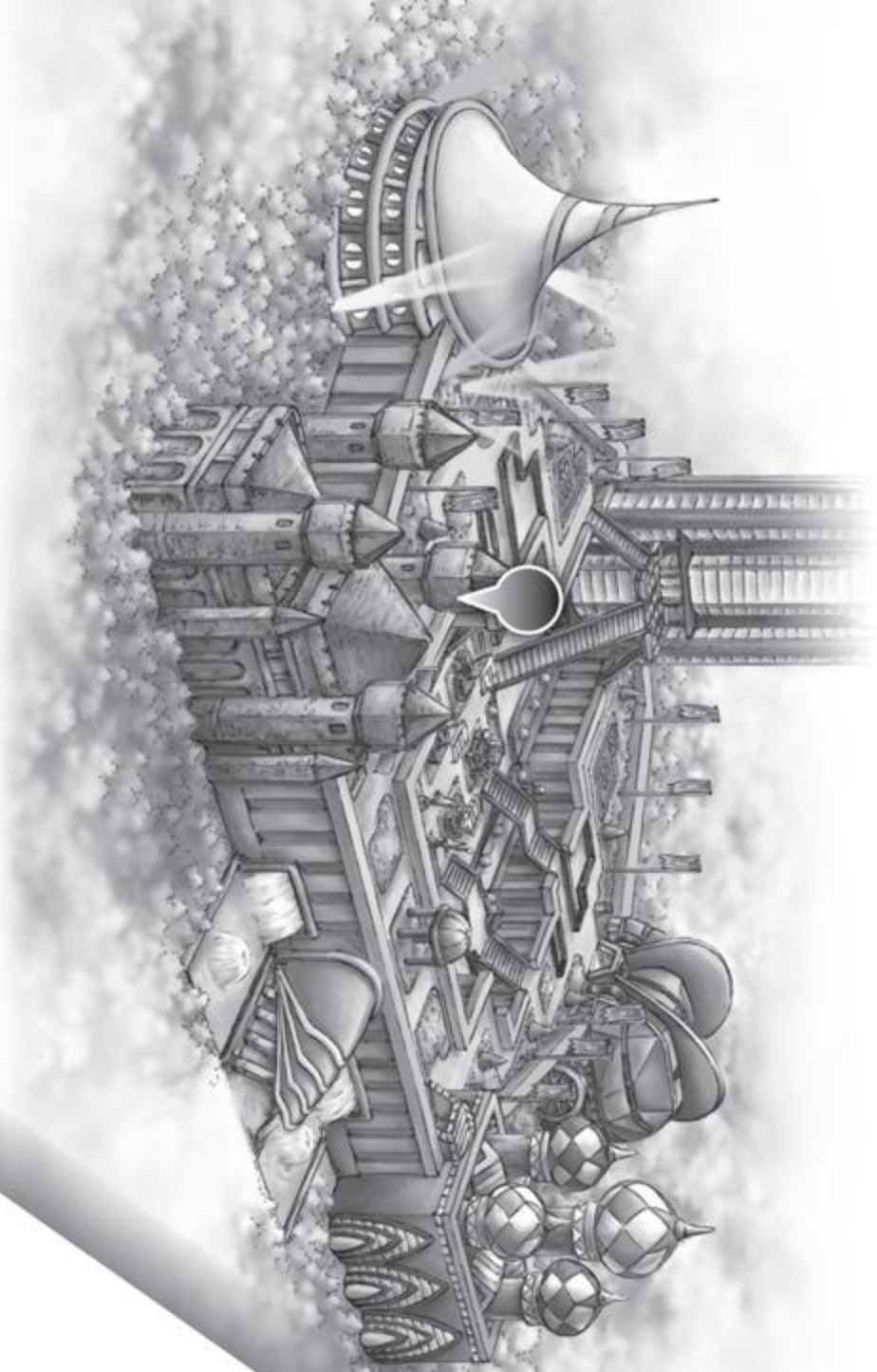
WATCH ME, LADY CAITLIN!!

I SHALL WIN THIS BATTLE, WHAT-EVER IT TAKES!!

I CAN'T LOSE IN FRONT OF MILADY!!

Adventure 83

Getting the Drop on Gallade II



POKÉMON ADVENTURES

FLY-
MP

EMPO-
LEON
!!

BUT THE BLADES ON GALLADE'S ELBOWS WERE EXPAND-ABLE!!

OOH! I THOUGHT YOU MANAGED TO MOVE BEHIND GALLADE...

KEEP ATTACKING GALLADE!!

I'M NOT AS EASY TO BEAT AS YOU THINK!!

HA HA HA HA!

RAPI-DASH
!!

CHANGE PLACES FOR A MOMENT
!!

BOM

FEINT!!

SWISH

PROTECT!!

NEIGH

Platinum's Pokémon

Empoleon (Empoleon, ♀)	Rapidash (Rapidash, ♂)	Lopunny (Lopunny, ♀)
Serious. A little quick tempered. Eats anything.	Modest. Often lost in thought. Favorite flavor is bitter.	Mild. Alert to sounds. Favorite flavor is bitter.
•Type: Water / Steel •Ability: Torrent	•Type: Fire •Ability: Flash Fire	•Type: Normal •Ability: Cute Charm

KA-THUD

SNIK

SNIK

UNABLE TO BATTLE.

THAT'S ONE DOWN... AND I SUPPOSE I'LL ONLY NEED ANOTHER MINUTE AND A HALF OR SO TO KNOCK OUT YOUR OTHER POKÉMON.

PROTECT AND DETECT HAS NO EFFECT UPON FEINT.

YOU MUST HAVE USED PROTECT SO YOUR RAPIDASH WOULDN'T RECEIVE ANY POWERFUL ATTACKS... BUT TOO BAD FOR YOU!

I CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

Point

...AND NOT THE CHÂTELAINE?!

WHY IS THE VALET THE FRON-TIER BRAIN ...

I STILL DON'T GET IT!!

BUT...

DEFINITELY A FRONTIER BRAIN!!

HE'S STRONG !!

NOW THEN ...

TIME FOR ME TO CALL OUT MY SECOND AND THIRD POKÉMON.

SHOULD I USE STARAPTOR OR HOUN-DOOM...? HM...

AHA HAHA HA!

THAT'S WHY I STAND IN FOR HER IN BATTLE.

BUT FOR CERTAIN REASONS, SHE ISN'T ALLOWED TO FIGHT.

MY MIS-TRESS, LADY CAITLIN, HAS INCRED-IBLE POKÉ-MON BATTLE SKILLS.

BOW

LOPUNNY !!

HOUN-DOOM !!

HEH HEH...

BOOM

TUK TUK TUK TUK TUK

FOOM

FOCUS BLAST !!

I HAD BETTER ATTACK ITS WEAK POINT!!

NICE MOVE. FOCUS BLAST IS A FIGHTING-TYPE MOVE, WHICH IS A DARK-TYPE POKÉMON'S WEAKNESS.

TINK

BUT ...

GASP

TIME TO RETALIATE, HOUN-DOOM!!

FIRE FANG !!

GASP

EXACTLY!

AN ITEM WHICH PROTECTS A POKÉ-MON FROM FAINTING WHEN HIT BY A KNOCK-OUT MOVE!!

A FOCUS SASH!!

KRABOOM

YOU'VE SWITCHED TO EMPO-LEON AGAIN.

UNABLE TO BAT-TLE.

EXCELLENT!!

HYDRO PUMP !!

...EMPO-LEON'S ICE MOVES HAVE AN ADVANTAGE OVER IT!!

DARACH'S THIRD POKÉ-MON!!

BUT...

BLIZZARD!!

FROSH

WEEF WEEF WEEF

BOOM

STARAPTOR!!

ALL RIGHT, BUT ...

...IT CAN HEAL ITSELF WITH ROOST !!

EVEN IF YOU MANAGE TO GRAZE IT...

IT'S DOUBLE TEAM! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO HIT ME **THAT** EASILY!!

AND TRY AGAIN !!

SNK

AND I'LL TRY!!

...I'LL GIVE IT A TRY!!

SNK

SNK

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU REALLY WANT TO...

YOU MANAGED TO HOLD OUT!! ONE MORE TO GO!!

UNABLE TO BATTLE.

BOY

HAR HAR !!

BOY

...DRAG MY LAST POKÉ-MON OUT INTO THE FRAY!!

AND MY GAL-LADE IS PRETTY MUCH UNDAM-AGED !!

SHE HAS TWO LEFT, YES, BUT THEY'RE BOTH OUT OF BREATH AND WEAK!!

YOU OUT-NUMBER HIM!!

KLNK KLNK

THAT'S **HIS** LAST POKÉMON, BUT YOU STILL HAVE TWO LEFT!!

RELAX, PLATI-NUM !!

NIGHT SLASH !!

ASH

NUMBERS ARE OF NO IMPOR-TANCE HERE!!

HE'S ... STRONG !!

BAM!

BAM!

...GET WHAT WE CAME HERE FOR!!

YOU **HAVE** TO WIN. IT'S THE ONLY WAY FOR US TO...

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF YOU WIN, WE GET TO TALK WITH THE FRON-TIER BRAIN!

AND THAT MEANS WE'LL LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER INFORMATION FROM DARACH AND CAITLIN!!

IF YOU GIVE UP OR LOSE, WE'LL GET THROWN OUT OF HERE!!

YOU MUSTN'T GIVE UP, PLATI-NUM!!

HUF.

HUF.

HMM ?

PLINK...

UGGH

FSSH

GASP!

FSSH

GASP!

FSSH

YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH TO PUNCH ANY-MORE!!

HA HA HA HA HA !!

KERFLUMP

BOOM

PAN!!

PAN!!

SLASH

GALLADE... FINISH EMPOLEON OFF!!

THE END RESULT IS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION !!

THE ONLY ONE LEFT IS YOUR GOOD-AS-FINISHED EMPOLEON !!

STAB

SHL

SHL

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE, EMPO-LEON !!

HEY !!

WHAT ?!

OH!

DRILL PECK !!

ZIZIBIZI

AAAAARGH!!

CHAL-LENGER WINS.

UNABLE TO BATTLE.

WELL DONE, PLATI-NUM!!

I WON!

UM... SO WHAT EX-ACTLY HAP-PENED AT THE END THERE?

SLUMP

LOPUN-NY'S ABILITY IS...

...CUTE CHARM, RIGHT?

I GUESS THERE'S NO WAY THAT COULD BE HELPED...

...BUT IT WAS ENTIRELY DARACH'S MISTAKE TO LEAVE AN OPENING FOR LOPUNNY TO ATTACK WITH DIZZY PUNCH, WHICH CAUSES CONFUSE.

IN OTHER WORDS, GALLADE HAD FEELINGS THAT MADE IT HARD FOR IT TO ATTACK LOPUNNY.

GALLADE ATTACKED LOPUNNY WITH NIGHT SLASH— WHICH IS A DIRECT ATTACK— SO THE MOMENT IT TOUCHED LOPUNNY'S BODY IT GOT INFATUATED.

OH MY !!

I FOLLOWED YOUR ADVICE AND USED MY CP TO GATHER ALL THE INFORMATION I COULD!

AND IT WAS ALL THANKS TO YOU, LOOKER!

THAT'S WHY GALLADE ATTACKED ITSELF!!

CON-FUSE! OF COURSE!

MANAG-ING RE-SOURCES IS FUN!!

I'M SLOWLY FIGURING OUT HOW TO MANAGE MY CP... ONCE I DECIDED TO BORROW ITEMS AND SET A GOAL IT GOT EASIER.

270CP !!

I BOR-ROWED AN ITEM TOO.

FOCUS SASH— EVEN THOUGH I HAD TO USE MORE THAN 270CP FOR IT!

IF YOU KNOW THE ENEMY AND KNOW YOUR-SELF, YOU NEED NOT FEAR A HUNDRED BATTLES !!

AND NOW TO REC-OGNIZE YOUR GREAT SKILL WE PRESENT YOU WITH...

I'M SO ASHAMED.

YOU LOST BECAUSE YOU UNDERESTIMATED YOUR OPPONENT. YOU ASSUMED SHE WOULDN'T LEARN HOW TO MANAGE HER CP. LET THIS BE A LESSON TO YOU.

HMPH.

I LOST... AND IN FRONT OF LADY CAITLIN TOO...

I AM DEFEATED.

...A COMMEM-ORATIVE PRINT.

ALL THE TRAINERS WHO DEFEAT THE FRONTIER BRAIN COLLECT THEM.

AS PROOF OF YOUR VICTORIES AT EACH OF THE BATTLE FRONTIER FACILITIES.

THAT'S RIGHT.

A... COMMEM-ORATIVE PRINT?

INTERNA-
TIONAL
POLICE
EQUIPMENT
NO. 6!!

VS
RECORDER!!

OH!! I'VE
GOT A
SOLU-
TION
READY
RIGHT
HERE!!

THANK YOU
VERY MUCH!
BUT...WHERE
SHOULD I
KEEP IT?

OH. I GUESS
SAYING THAT
HAS GOTTEN
TO BE A HABIT
EVERY TIME I
PULL SOME-
THING OUT OF
MY POCKET...

Ah-
hem...

ER...
EVERY
CHALLENGER
WHO TAKES PART
IN THE BATTLE
FRONTIER GETS
ONE OF THOSE...

...
RIGHT
HERE.

OKAY.
STICK
THAT...

I
HAVE
TWO
QUES-
TIONS
FOR
YOU.

FIRST,
WHAT
DO YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
THE DIS-
TORTION
WORLD?

SEC-
OND
...

YES. FULL
DISCLOSURE,
I'M AN
INVESTIGA-
TOR FOR
THE INTER-
NATIONAL
POLICE.

INFOR-
MATION
...?

ASK FOR
THE
INFORMA-
TION WE
SEEK.

YOU'RE
THE
WINNER,
SO
THERE'S
NO NEED
TO HOLD
BACK!

AND
NOW,
PLATI-
NUM...THE
MOMENT
WE'VE
BEEN
WAITING
FOR!

OH,
YES!

I THINK IT WAS... NEAR STARK MOUN-TAIN...

YES. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS OF SIGHTINGS OF THESE PEOPLE AROUND HERE RECENTLY.

YOU DO ?!

HM... I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE DISTORTION WORLD. BUT I **DO** KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS GROUP...

WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT TEAM GALAC-TIC?

WE KNOW THEY'RE BAD PEOPLE AND THEY MIGHT BE HIDING OUT HERE AT THE BATTLE ZONE.

WE'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE!

STEP

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!

IF IT'S INTEL ON THAT MOUNTAIN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...

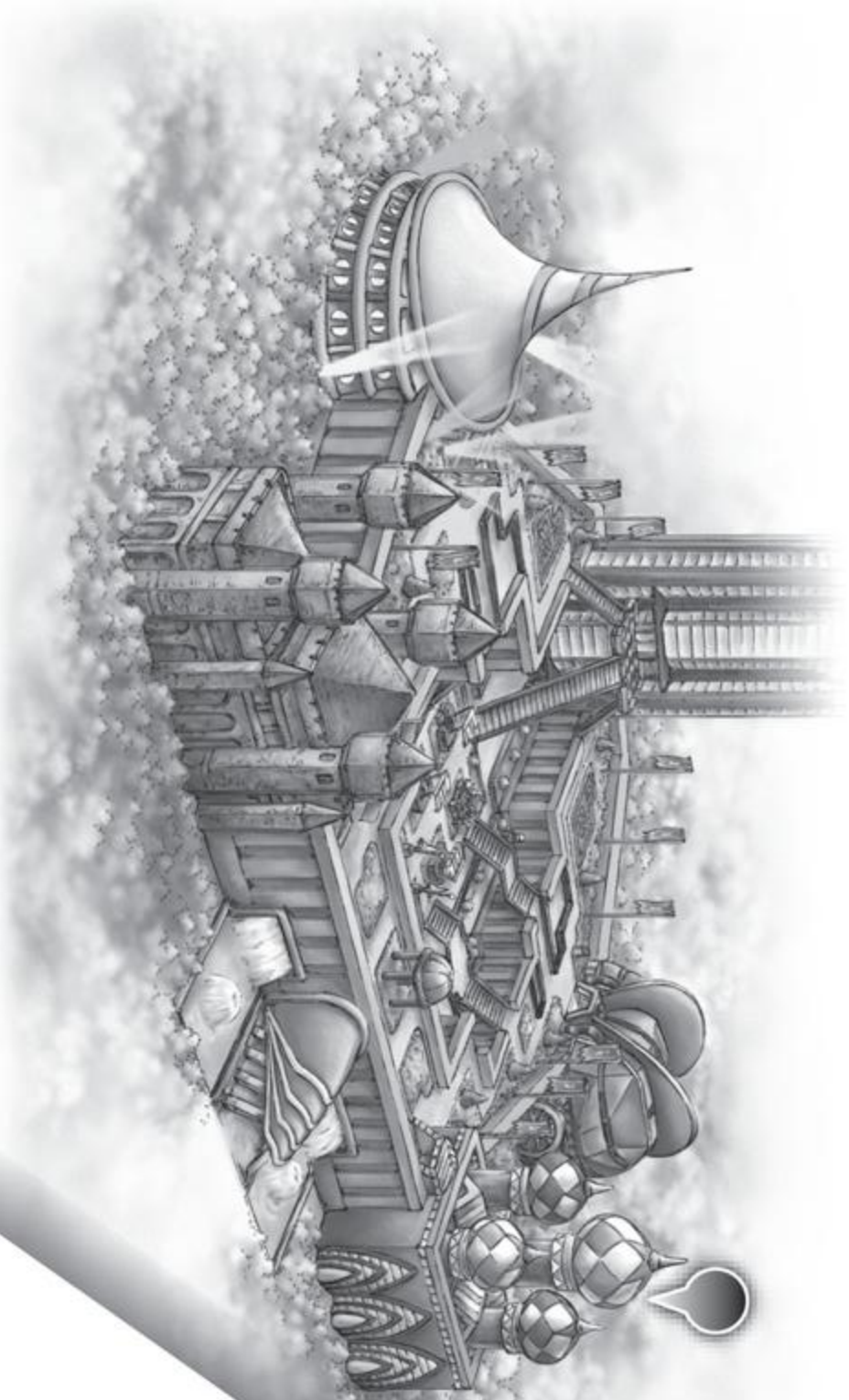
...I'VE GOT PLENTY FOR YOU!!

AHA HA HA!

Adventure 84

Clobbering Claydol





POKÉMON ADVENTURES™

JUMP

PLUNK

IF IT'S...

STARK MOUNTAIN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...

...THEN YOU'RE ...

...TALKING ABOUT **HEATRAN**, AREN'T YOU?

I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT!

HEH HEH ...

THE NAME'S BUCK!

WELL?

AND WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

STARK MOUN-TAIN ...? HEATRAN ...? WHA...?

HM...

HUH ?

DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?! DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ALREADY!

LOOKER, DO YOU KNOW THIS YOUNG MAN?

OH YEAH!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

HMM, JUST ONE!

HOW MANY COMMEMO-RATIVE PRINTS HAVE YOU GOT?

YOU BEAT THE FRONTIER BRAIN JUST NOW, DIDN'T YOU?

GRAB

THE GUY FROM THE BATTLE-GROUND ?!

AGH!!

OH ...?

PLATINUM BERLITZ.

MY NAME IS PLATINUM ...

EXCUSE ME...

UM...

YOU HAND THAT BACK THIS MINUTE! I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ANYTHING!!

GRAB

AND WHEN I QUES-TIONED HIM, HE RAN OFF.

YESTERDAY, HE SNUCK INTO THE BATTLE-GROUND— WHICH I'M IN CHARGE OF!

HEY!

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS, DARACH? I CAME TO TALK TO THIS MAN!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, BUCK?

HEY! LET GO OF ME!

SO I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF.

AND THEN I OVERHEARD YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT STARK MOUNTAIN.

HM...

I SPENT THE WHOLE DAY LOOKING FOR HIM— AND NOW I'VE FINALLY FOUND HIM!

...THEY MUST BE AFTER SOMETHING BIG INSIDE THE MOUNTAIN.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE PEOPLE, BUCK? THE ONES SEEN HANGING AROUND STARK MOUNTAIN?

YEAH. I'VE DONE SOME RESEARCH ON THEM MYSELF.

THEY'RE A REALLY BIG GROUP. AND THEY'RE CRAWLING ALL OVER THAT MOUNTAIN!

WHICH MEANS ...

STARK MOUNTAIN IS A VOLCANO.

IT'S RIDDLED WITH MAZE-LIKE CAVES.

INSIDE... THE MOUN-TAIN?

TO PUT IT SIMPLY— IT'S A CAVE.

I'M THINKING THOSE PEOPLE ARE AFTER THE POKÉMON HEATRAN!

AND IT'S SAID THAT THE LORD OF STARK MOUNTAIN LIVES IN THE BOTTOMMOST CAVE.

ACCORDING TO LEGEND, HEATRAN'S MAGMA STORM TRAPS ITS ENEMY INSIDE A FIRESTORM!

IT'S A SUPER POWERFUL POKÉMON— THE LAVA DOME POKÉMON.

NO WAY!

I'LL TAKE OVER FROM HERE. NOW GUIDE ME TO STARK MOUNTAIN, PRONTO!

THANK YOU FOR THIS VALUABLE INFORMATION.

I GET IT.

I SEE.

WHAT ?!

I'LL TAKE THAT PHOTO, THANK YOU!!

GRAB

...I DON'T WANT YOU SNOOPIN' AROUND MY TERRITORY!!

... BUT ...

I DON'T MIND GIVING YOU INFO OR TELLING YOU ABOUT IT...

...TAKE CARE OF THESE GUYS MYSELF!!

I'M GONNA ...

SEE YA!

I'M AN INTERNA-TIONAL POLICE OFFICER !!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?!

I DON'T LIKE COPS. THEY'RE SO FULL OF THEM-SELVES!

ALL THE MORE REASON FOR ME TO HANDLE THIS.

DOINK

KRASH

TELEPORT!!

BAM

POP

...GONNA LET **SOMEONE ELSE** GET THEIR HANDS ON IT!

NO WAY AM I...

I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF CAPTURING HEATRAN...

HEH HEH ...

TAP

FWIP FWIP FWIP

HMM...

YES, WELL...

IT WAS SUCH A TRIUMPH FOR YOU TO EMERGE VICTORIOUS FROM BATTLE CASTLE!

AND NOW BUCK HAS KIND OF RAINED ON YOUR PARADE...

MAYBE THERE'S A LINK, SOME SORT OF CONNECTION, BETWEEN ALL THOSE SKILLED TRAINERS...

THE GYM LEADERS...

THE FRONTIER BRAINS...

A LITTLE BROTHER... OF THE ELITE FOUR...

IT SEEMED LIKE HE KNEW DARACH, DIDN'T IT...?

HMPH. WHAT A BRAT!

...HE TOLD ME HE WAS THE YOUNGER SIBLING OF ONE OF THE ELITE FOUR.

COME TO THINK OF IT, THE FIRST DAY I MET HIM...

MY BIG BROTHER IS ONE OF THE ELITE FOUR, YOU KNOW!! DON'T MAKE ME GO AND CALL HIM!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW, LOOKER?

...AS A COOR-DINATED TEAM... WITH THEIR COOR-DINATED HIP HAIR-STYLES AND UNI-FORMS ...

ESPECIALLY IF THEY'RE MAKING THEIR MOVE...

WE HAVE TO KEEP OUR FOCUS ON THE ENEMY!!

UH... YES.

I MANAGED TO GET SOME INTEL ABOUT TEAM GALACTIC.

BUT UNFOR-TUNATE-LY...

THAT'S A DIFFICULT QUES-TION, PLATINUM ...

ABOUT TEAM GALACTIC, I MEAN.

THEN WE'D BETTER CONCENTRATE ON THAT FOR THE TIME BEING...

FWMP

YES!

DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE TAKING ON THE BATTLE CHALLENGES SO AS TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION FROM OTHER FRONTIER BRAINS?

WE DIDN'T GET ANY INTEL ABOUT THE DISTORTION WORLD.

AND IT WOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS FOR ME TO COME FACE TO FACE WITH TEAM GALACTIC ALL BY MYSELF.

BUT I'M WORRIED I'LL END UP IN A FIGHT WITH THAT BRAT...

IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM FOR ME TO GET THERE.

I GOT AHOLD OF A MAP SO I KNOW WHERE STARK MOUNTAIN IS.

YOU'D BETTER GET SOME REST TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW!

GOOD NIGHT!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.

I'LL SHOW YOU TO THE GUEST-ROOM...

FEET

WELL, FOR NOW, LET'S CALL IT A DAY...

NOW THEN, TIME TO WRITE MY REPORT...

INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT NO. 7!!

HYPER COMPACT ONE-TOUCH TENT!!

POP

PLATI-NUM!! HEY, PLATI-NUM!!

OH NO!! I OVER-SLEPT!! THE SUN IS HIGH ALREADY!!

HM?

CHRP

CHRP

SHE MUST HAVE LEFT ALREADY!! WHY DIDN'T SHE WAKE ME UP?!

WOOSH

HM...

THEN ...

IS SHE STILL ASLEEP? NO...

A-JET

WHOOSH

POP

WHOA !!

KWOOMP

FOUND HER!!

HUH ?!

VOOP

AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES!

AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES!

CRASH

THE WHEEL IS SPINNING!!

AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES!

BATTLE ARCADE!

AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES!

I HEARD THIS DELIGHTFUL SONG WHEN I WOKE UP, SO I...

I'M SORRY, LOOKER!

AH !!

PLATI-NUM ?

AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES!

HM ...

AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES!

YOU LIKE PLAYING ROULETTE AND WHAT-NOT?

YES, I DO.

AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES!

SONG...? YOU MEAN... THAT CARNIVAL BARKER'S CHANT?

WHY, YES ...

...THE SECOND CHALLENGE YOU'RE GOING FOR IS...

WELL, FROM THE LOOK OF THINGS...

...THIS ONE...

...THE BATTLE ARCADE !!

THIS SURE IS DIFFERENT FROM THE BATTLE CASTLE! WE HAD TO WAIT IN LINE FOR **AGES** THERE.

WE GOT IN? JUST LIKE THAT? WITHOUT WAITING?

STEP RIGHT UP, STEP RIGHT UP! IF YOU'RE A CHALLENGER, PLEASE GO RIGHT INSIDE!!

WRONG.

WHOA !!

THAT MUST MEAN THIS CHALLENGE IS **VERY UNPOPU-LAR.**

THEY EVEN NEED A BARKER TO LURE IN CHALLENGERS...

...THIS CHAL-LENGE IS VERY DIFFI-CULT.

IT IS BECAUSE ...

THE REASON THERE AREN'T ANY CHALLENGERS HERE IS NOT BECAUSE THIS FACILITY IS UNPOPULAR.

YOU AGAIN!

...IS VERY, VERY, VERY DIFFICULT.

DEFEATING THE ARCADE STAR...

C'MON, LET'S GO!!

HUFHUF

THE MOUN-TAIN SUR-FACE HERE IS ROUGH.

BUT I CAN'T GET TO STARK MOUNTAIN IF I DON'T CROSS THIS TERRAIN SOME-HOW...

GASP.

ROUTE 227

HUF.

HUF.

CONTINUE TO FOLLOW HIS MOVEMENTS.

VERY WELL ...

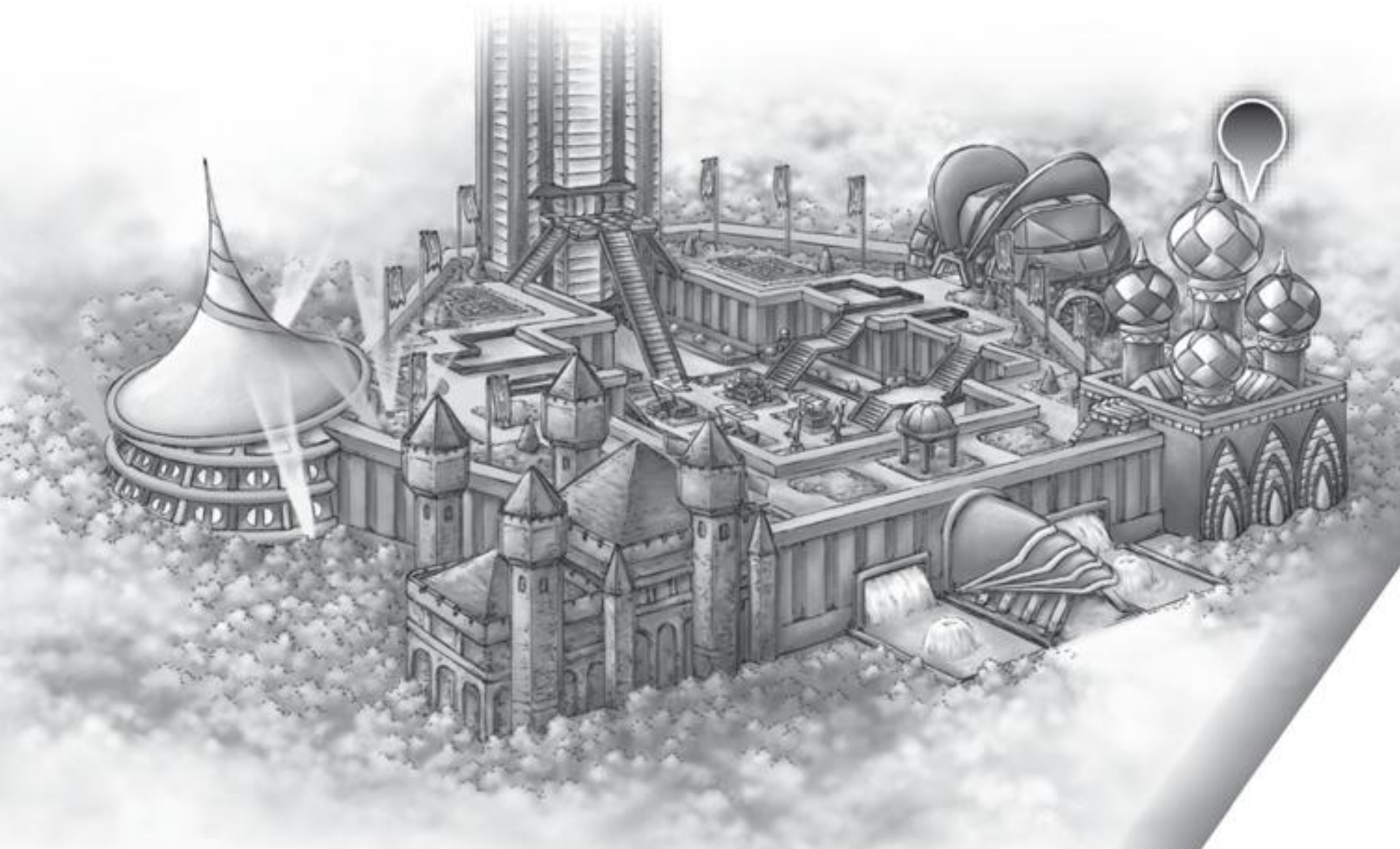
A CHILD HAS BEEN STICKING HIS NOSE INTO OUR BUSINESS... AND HE'S HEADING HERE **NOW**?

HM... HM... I SEE...

THUD

RMBL-RMBL

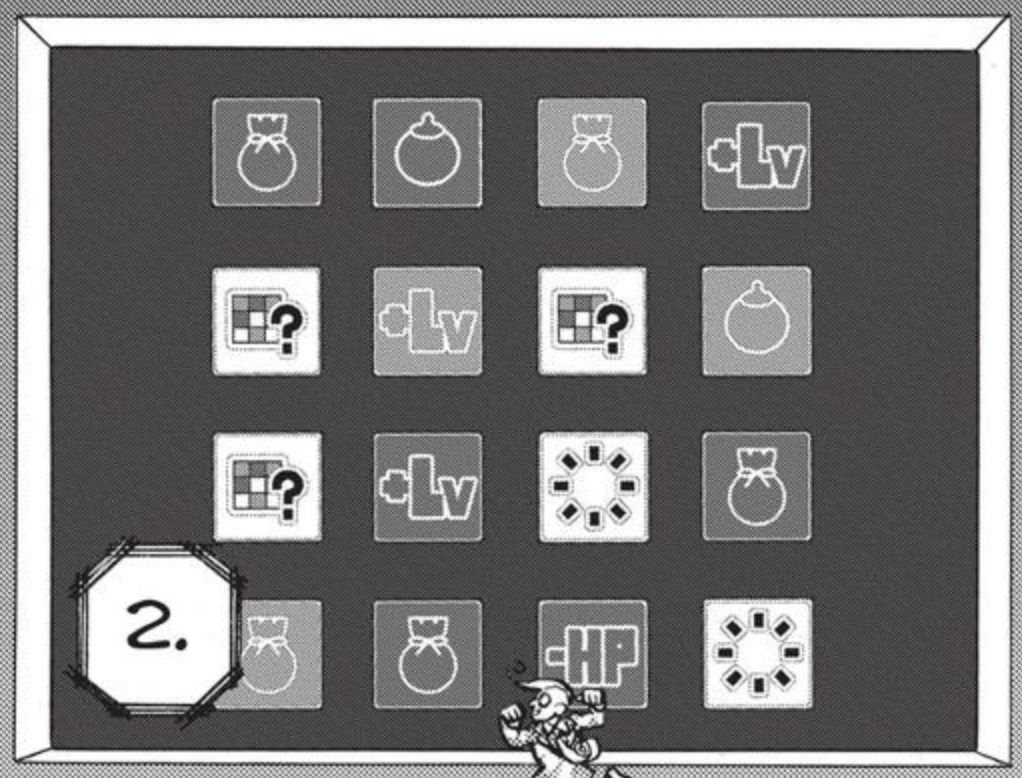
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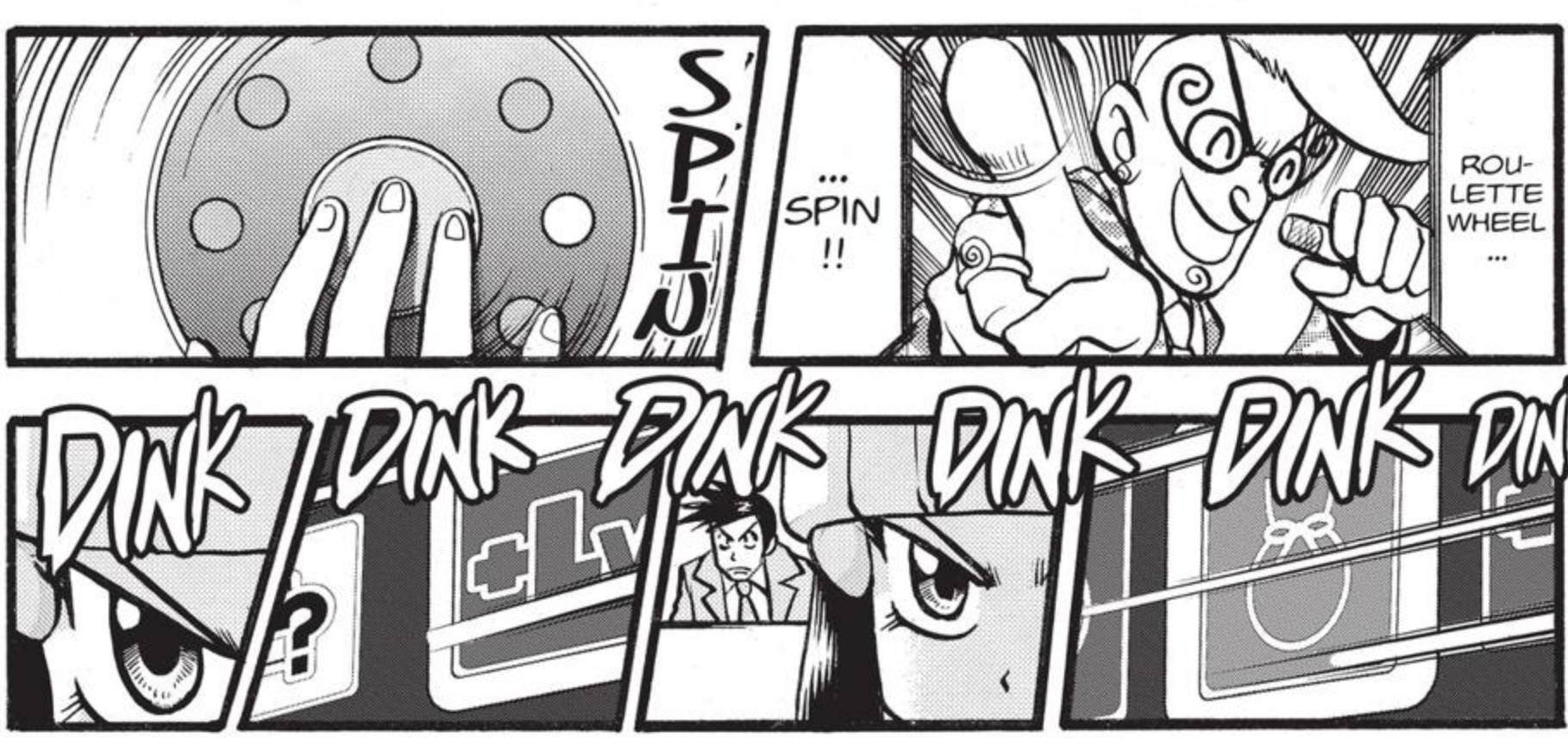


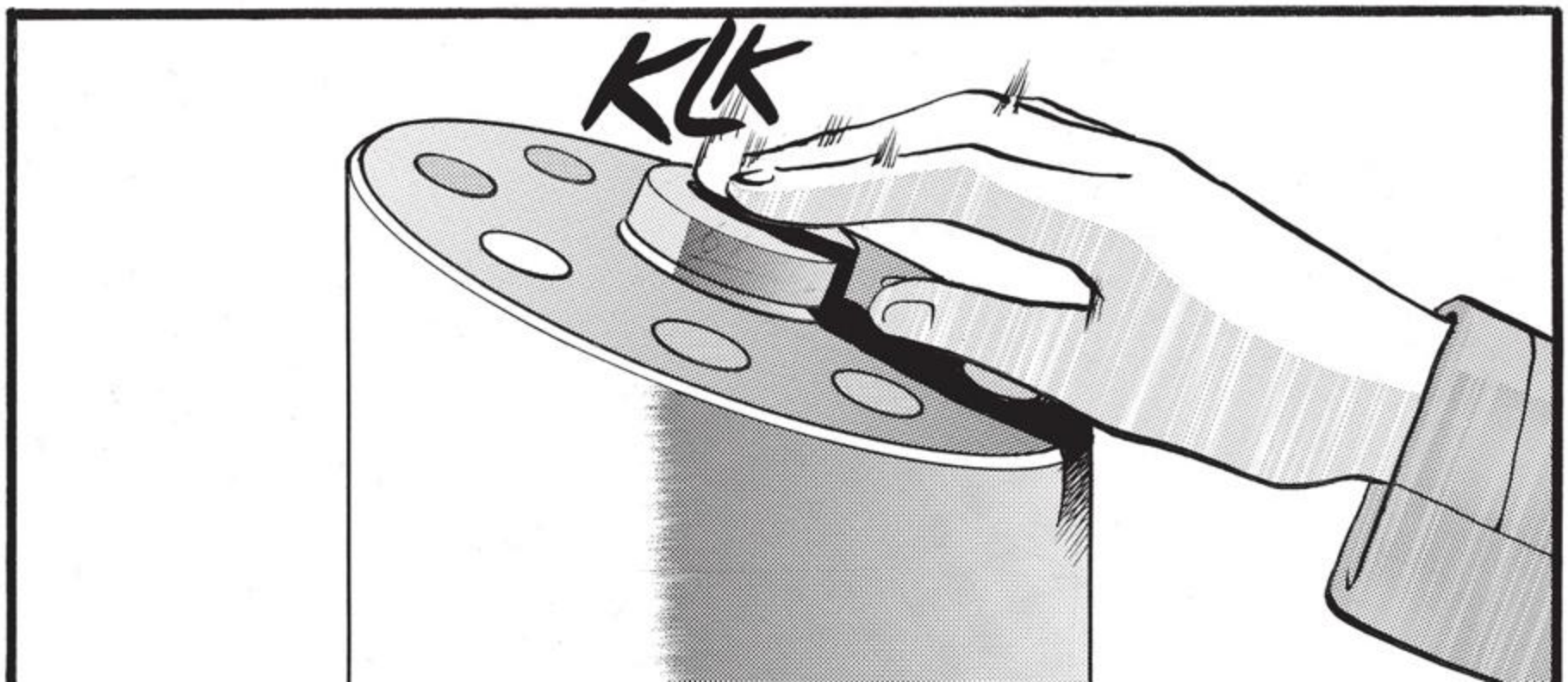

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SPIN
...
SPIN
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ROU-
LETTE
WHEEL
...
DINK
DINK
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Lv


KLK

THERE IT GOES!! THE EVENT FOR THIS BATTLE IS...

BOOMP

BLACK PANEL. BERRY MARK.

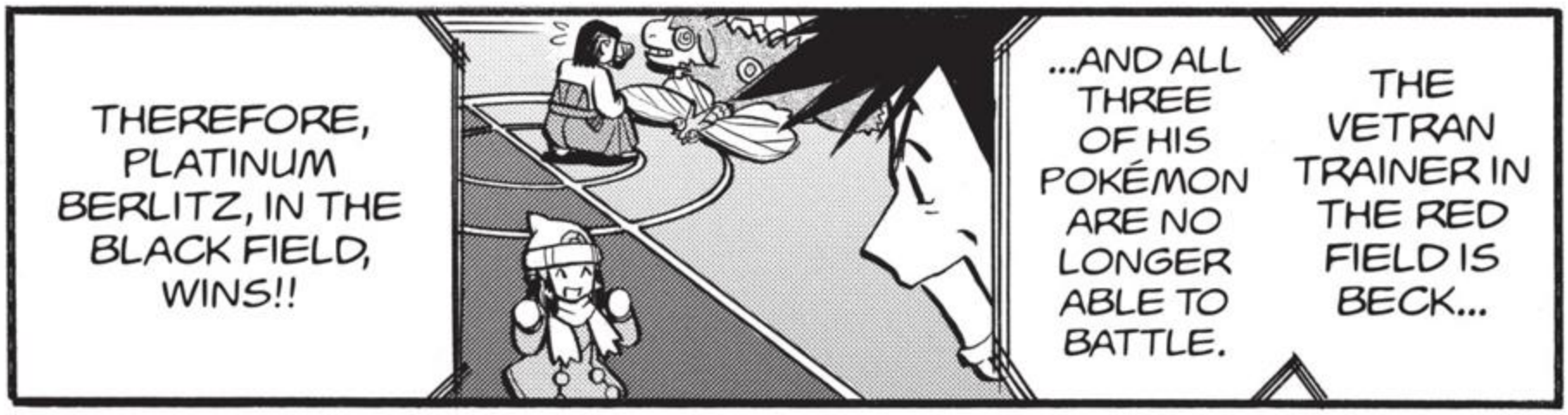
...WILL RECEIVE A SITRUS BERRY BEFORE THE BATTLE BEGINS!!

...THE BLACK FIELD!! AND PLATINUM'S POKÉMON ...

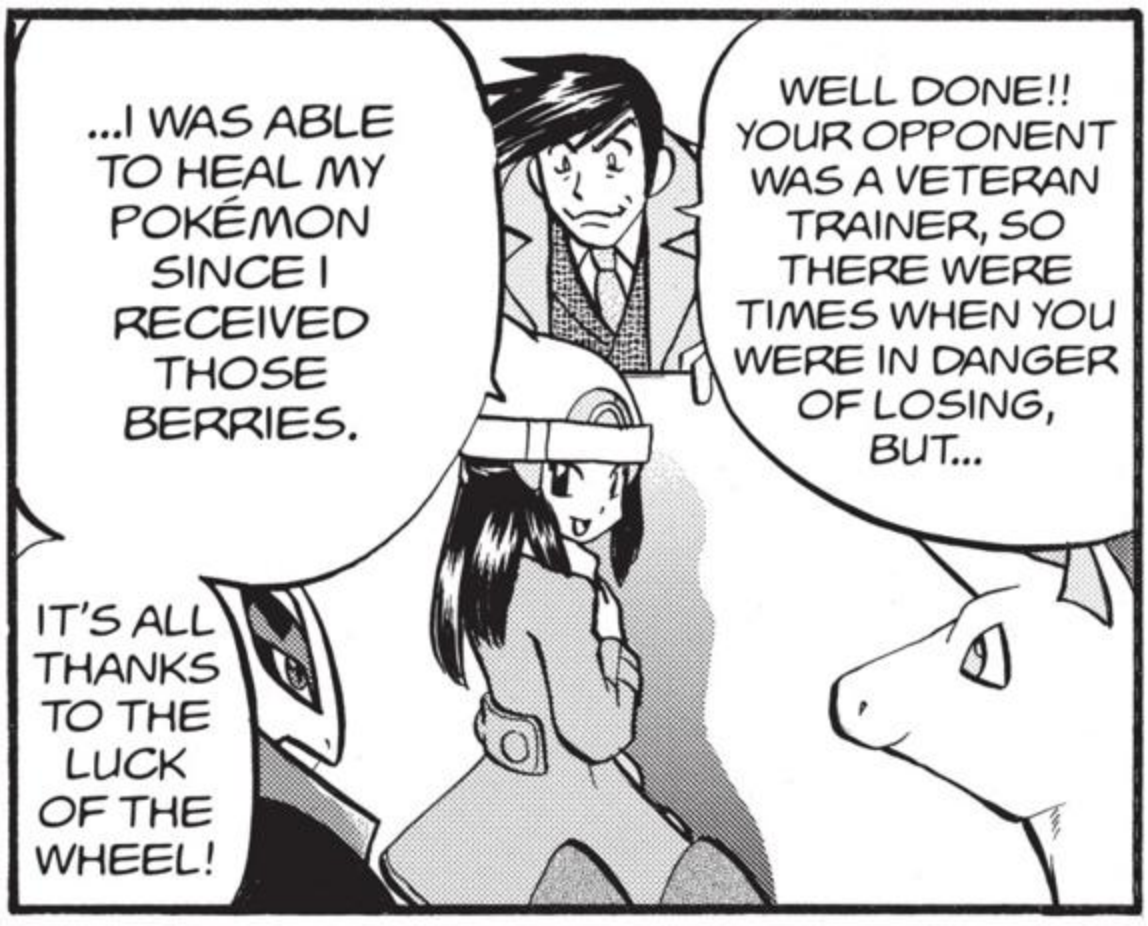
FLOOP

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THEREFORE, PLATINUM BERLITZ, IN THE BLACK FIELD, WINS!!
...AND ALL THREE OF HIS POKÉMON ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO BATTLE.
THE VETRAN TRAINER IN THE RED FIELD IS BECK...


THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES!! NEXT CHALLENGER, COME OUT!!
LEONARDO, THE POKÉMON BREEDER !!


...I WAS ABLE TO HEAL MY POKÉMON SINCE I RECEIVED THOSE BERRIES.
IT'S ALL THANKS TO THE LUCK OF THE WHEEL!
WELL DONE!! YOUR OPPONENT WAS A VETERAN TRAINER, SO THERE WERE TIMES WHEN YOU WERE IN DANGER OF LOSING, BUT...


I'LL CON-TINUE!!
ARE YOU GOING TO CON-TINUE? OR QUIT?

PUSH

AND... STOP.

DINK DINK DINK DINK

SPIN

ROU-LETTE WHEEL ... SPIN!!

THE PANEL HAS A SUNNY MARK.

THE BATTLE WILL TAKE PLACE IN SUNNY WEATHER!!

GROAR

PLATI-NUM'S SECOND CHAL-LENGE IN THE BATTLE FRON-TIER...

...IS THE BATTLE ARCADE.

THERE ARE VARIOUS TYPES OF EVENTS.

A SPIN OF THE WHEEL DETERMINES THE LOCATION OF THE BATTLE AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

OR THE POKÉ-MON GET BERRIES ...

POKÉMON RECEIVE BERRIES

... POI-SON OR PARA-LYZE ...

AND STATUS AIL-MENTS LIKE...

POISONS OR PARALYZES THE POKÉMON

FOR EXAMPLE, A WEATHER PANEL ...

BATTLE IN RAINY WEATHER

PLATINUM BERLITZ WINS!!

YAY !!

FIRE BLAST !!

...SURPRISING THING OF ALL IS...

THE MOST ...

ROULETTE WHEEL... SPIN!!

BUT WHAT'S ASTONISHING ISN'T THE **NUMBER** OF BATTLES SHE'S WON!

THAT'S FOURTEEN WINS IN A ROW!!

N6

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DI UK

...GETS THAT VERY PANEL TO POP UP!!

PUSH

SHE ASSESSES WHICH PANEL IS TO HER ADVANTAGE AND WHICH PANEL IS TO HER OPPONENT'S DISADVANTAGE, PRESSES THE BUTTON, AND...

...TO STOP THE WHEEL AT THE PRECISE SPOT SHE WANTS!!

IT SEEMS SHE'S ABLE TO FIGURE OUT THE TIMING...

...HER ABILITY TO PLAY THAT ROULETTE WHEEL!!

CHHH CHH

BOMP BOMP

8

THIS BATTLE WILL TAKE PLACE IN A HAIL-STORM !!

CHHH CHHH

AT THIS RATE ...!!

AS LONG AS SHE CONTINUES TO WIN, SHE GETS TO DECIDE WHEN TO STOP THE ROULETTE.

NO WONDER SHE GOT LURED IN TO THIS CHAL-LENGE SO QUICKLY BY THIS BARKER.

CHHH CHH

INTERNA

SHE TOLD ME SHE ENJOYED THIS TYPE OF THING...

OOH!! SEVEN-TEEN WINS IN A ROW!!

HEY! IS IT TRUE THAT WE'VE GOT AN AMAZINGLY TALENTED CHALLENGER TODAY?!

LIFE IS LIKE A SPINNING ROULETTE WHEEL.

TIP TIP

QUE SERA, SERA.

OOOH!! ARCADE STAR...

... DAHLIA !!

SHE'S ALMOST THERE!

I WILL ACCEPT AND FACE THE CHALLENGER FOR...

...THE TWENTY-FIRST BATTLE!

...THE FRONTIER BRAIN OF THIS VENUE!!

SHE MUST BE...

...IS VERY, VERY, VERY DIFFI-CULT !!

TRYING TO BEAT THE ARCADE STAR...

...THERE'S A GOOD POSSIBILITY SHE MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING OF USE TO ME...

...ABOUT THE DIS-TORTION WORLD!

WHICH MEANS ...

SHE IS A FORMI-DABLE OPPO-NENT.

LOP-UNNY ?!

EMPO-LEON ?!

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, RAPI-DASH ?!

SO WE **HAVE** TO WIN THIS BATTLE— NO MATTER WHAT!

THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY WE'LL GET TO TALK WITH HER IS WHEN I WIN AND RECEIVE THE COMMEMO-RATIVE PRINT!

THE ENTRANCE TO THE TUNNEL THAT LEADS INTO THE CAVES OF STARK MOUNTAIN!

RMBL RMBL RMBL

HERE WE ARE...

...SO I'D BETTER CALL HIM NOW!

I MIGHT NOT GET CELL PHONE RECEPTION INSIDE THE CAVE...

...BUT I'VE NEVER COME **THIS** FAR.

I'VE PLAYED HERE SINCE I WAS A KID...

RING RING

BINGO !!

FROM THE SOUND OF THINGS, YOU'RE AT THE MOUNTAIN, AREN'T YOU?

FLINT SPEAKING.

I FOUND OUT THERE'S SOME KIND OF TREASURE INSIDE IT—JUST THE KIND OF THING THOSE BAD GUYS WOULD BE AFTER.

YOU'VE BEEN TALKING SO MUCH ABOUT IT, I DECIDED TO INVES-TIGATE THAT MOUNTAIN MYSELF.

TREA-SURE ?!

HEY, BUCK! I WAS JUST THINKING OF CALLING YOU!

IT'S ME— BUCK !!

HELLO? HELLO-O-O-?

HUH ?

RMBL

THOSE GUYS IN THE FANCY UNIFORMS YOU SAW ARE...

APPARENTLY, IT'S A STONE THAT CONTAINS INCREDIBLE POWER. IT'S LOCATED IN THE INNER-MOST AREA OF THE VOLCANO.

KLK

...THE MAGMA STONE.

THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S CALLED ...

WELL ...

I WAS SURE THOSE BAD GUYS WERE AFTER HEATRAN ...

BUT MAYBE THEY'RE AFTER THAT TREA-SURE INSTEAD!

MAYBE I WAS WRONG...

HMM, A TREA-SURE...

I GUESS I'M OUT OF RANGE? THE CON-NECTION BROKE...

...ASK THEM **IN PERSON.**

...THE QUICKEST WAY TO FIND OUT IS TO JUST...

CLAYDOL, **SAND-STORM** !!

WOOOSH

YOU WANNA PIECE OF ME ?! HUH ?!

COME OUT!

I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOW-ING ME!!

HM ...

BOOM

SMACK

AND WHY ARE YOU TAILING ME?!

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS AFTER ?!

NOW TELL ME!!

... SAY SOME-THING ?!

WHY WON'T YOU ...

SMACK

HUF

HUF

I'M GET-TING NO-WHERE FAST.

TCH!

...WE NEED TO GET TO IT AND PROTECT IT BEFORE THEY CAN GET THEIR GRUBBY PAWS ON IT!

IF THEY'RE AFTER THIS MAGMA STONE...

CLAYDOL, WE'RE GONNA KEEP GOING NONSTOP UNTIL WE GET THAT TREASURE!

GO !!

FWIP

...TO FIND THE WAY THERE !!

USE YOUR POWER ...

WHAT'S THE MAT-TER ...?

HA! I'VE LOST THEM!

THE MAGMA STONE!

LOOK, WE'VE FOUND IT!

TO BE CONTINUED...



Message from
Hidenori Kusaka



My current goal is to climb the stairs to the editorial floor whenever I drop by the offices of Shogakukan, our publisher. The editorial office is on the seventh floor, so I'm pretty much out of breath by the time I get there. It's a good thing it's on the seventh floor, since I probably wouldn't even attempt the climb if it was on the eighth. The number is just right. In fact, it's perfect! The other editorial office is on the sixth floor, which is a little easier...!

Message from
Satoshi Yamamoto

When we began the Diamond and Pearl/Platinum story arc, we decided not to give the main characters any superhuman qualities. Now the story is coming to an end. However, Platinum is super wealthy and Pearl has a special ability to predict a Pokémon's next move. It's always been a challenge for me to draw Dia as a main character since he's so...normal. I had a lot of difficulty with his facial expressions, his movements and even just drawing his lines. And now he's become my favorite character.