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SOME PLACE IN SOME TIME... A YOUNG TRAINER NAMED BLACK, WHO DREAMS OF WINNING THE POKÉMON LEAGUE, RECEIVES A POKÉDEX FROM PROFESSOR JUNIPER AND SETS OFF TO COLLECT THE EIGHT GYM BADGES HE NEEDS TO ENTER NEXT YEAR'S POKÉMON LEAGUE.
ON THE WAY, BLACK MEETS WHITE, THE OWNER OF A POKÉMON TALENT AGENCY, AND THE TWO TRAVEL TOGETHER.
MEANWHILE, A MYSTERIOUS ORGANIZATION NAMED TEAM PLASMA, WHOSE KING IS A YOUNG MAN NAMED N, URGES PEOPLE TO GIVE UP THEIR POKÉMON AND RETURN THEM TO THE WILD. WHAT IS THEIR ULTERIOR MOTIVE? THEN TEAM PLASMA STEALS A MYSTERIOUS DARK STONE FROM THE NACRENE MUSEUM AND KIDNAPS MOST OF THE GYM LEADERS! BLACK VOWS TO RESCUE THEM AND BEGINS TRAINING HARD WITH BRYCEN...
IN THE MEANTIME, BLACK HAS EARNED HIS SEVENTH GYM BADGE AND IS READY TO PURSUE HIS EIGHTH...BUT THE POKÉMON LEAGUE OPENING HAS BEEN PUSHED UP AND NOW IT'S TOO LATE FOR HIM TO ENTER! THEN, WHEN HE WITNESSES A FIERCE BATTLE BETWEEN N AND GYM LEADER ALDER, BLACK DECIDES TO TAKE ON N HIMSELF...BUT THEN BLACK'S POKÉMON MUSHA ABANDONS HIM!
IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS UNCERTAINTY AND CHAOS, THE CURTAIN RISES ON THE BEGINNING OF THE POKÉMON LEAGUE...

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



WHITE

THE PRESIDENT OF BW AGENCY. HER DREAM IS TO DEVELOP THE CAREERS OF POKÉMON STARS. SHE TAKES HER WORK VERY SERIOUSLY AND WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO SUPPORT HER POKÉMON ACTORS.



DRAYDEN

THE MAYOR AND GYM LEADER OF OPELUCID CITY. SPECIALIZES IN DRAGON-TYPE POKÉMON.



BRYCEN

THE QUIET, CALM GYM LEADER OF ICIRRUS CITY.

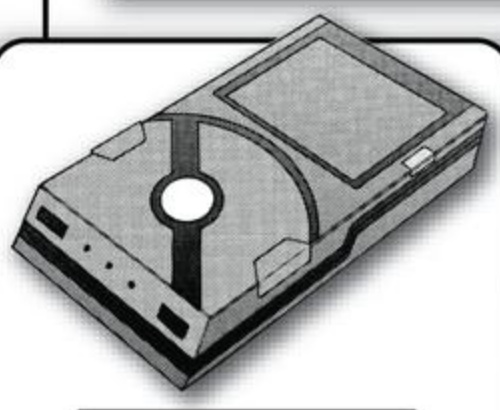
POKÉMON ADVENTURES

The Tenth Chapter 10 BLACK

PLACE: UNOVA REGION

A HUGE AREA FULL OF MODERN CITIES, MANY OF WHICH ARE CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER BY BRIDGES. RISING FROM THE CENTER OF THE REGION ARE THE SKYSCRAPERS OF CASTELIA CITY, UNOVA'S URBAN CENTER.





BLACK

A TRAINER WHOSE DREAM IS TO WIN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE. A PASSIONATE YOUNG MAN WHO, ONCE HE SETS OUT TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING, CAN'T BE STOPPED. HE ALSO DOES HIS RESEARCH AND PLANS AHEAD. HE HAS SPECIAL DEDUCTIVE SKILLS THAT HELP HIM ANALYZE INFORMATION TO SOLVE MYSTERIES.



N

THE KING OF TEAM PLASMA. HE HAS AWAKENED THE LEGENDARY POKÉMON ZEKROM...



PROFESSOR AUREA JUNIPER

A POKÉMON PROFESSOR WHO LIVES IN NUVEMA TOWN. SHE IS THE ONE WHO ENTRUSTED THE POKÉDEX TO BLACK AND HIS FRIENDS.



PROFESSOR CEDRIC JUNIPER

A RENOWNED UNOVA REGION POKÉMON RESEARCHER AND THE FATHER OF PROFESSOR AUREA JUNIPER. CEDRIC JOINED IN THE BATTLE AGAINST N USING SAMUROTT.



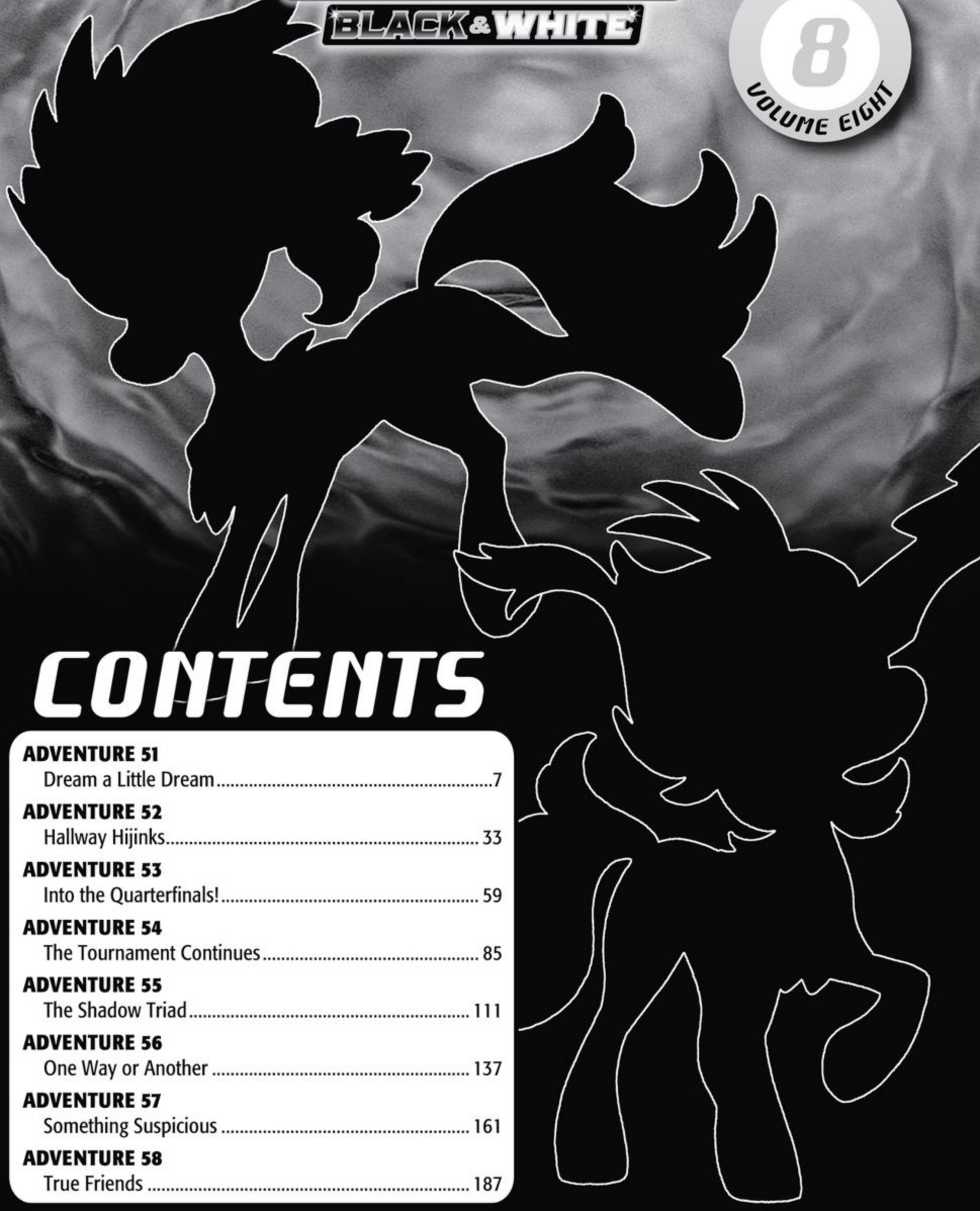
IRIS

A LIVELY GIRL WHO IS STUDYING UNDER DRAYDEN TO BECOME A DRAGON-TYPE POKÉMON TRAINER.

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GOTHITELLE

Adventure 51
Dream a Little Dream


kra
POKÉMON
pop
pop
"THE EXPLODING FIREWORKS ANNOUNCE THE BEGINNING OF THE FEAST.
murmur
murmur
mur mur
"...BUT EACH OF THEM IS FILLED WITH A BURNING AMBITION."
"THE PEOPLE GATHERING FOR THE EVENT LOOK LIKE GRAINS OF SAND FROM ABOVE..."

"IT'S AN ARENA OF DREAMS.

"AND THAT'S WHAT THIS DAY IN UNOVA HAS BEEN LIKE IN THIS REPORTER'S EXPERIENCE..."

WHAT DO YOU THINK, GRIMS-LEY?

NOT BAD AT ALL.

HMPH.

THE FIRST THING YOU HAVE TO DO IS COMPLETE THE STORY.

BUT, SHAUNTAL... WE CAN'T MAKE OUR FINAL JUDGMENT UNTIL WE READ THE LAST LINE.

THAT'S WHAT I THINK! THE BEGINNING IS SO IMPORTANT!

AND THAT GOES FOR ***HIM*** TOO.

...HE DISAPPEARED AFTER THAT... SO THE POKÉMON LEAGUE IS BEING HELD WITHOUT ITS CHAMPION!

WZZZZZ

AND...

I HEARD ALDER WAS DEFEATED IN AN OUTDOOR BATTLE AGAINST THE KING OF TEAM PLASMA.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT...

THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED SOONER OR LATER ANYWAY.

BUT... I'M WORRIED ABOUT HOW THE DEFEAT OF THE CHAMPION IS AFFECTING THE PEOPLE OF UNOVA.

HE TOLD US HE WANTED THE FREEDOM TO ROAM THE WORLD ON HIS OWN... THAT THE ELITE FOUR COULD HANDLE THE POKÉMON LEAGUE IN HIS PLACE.

...HAS DECREASED SIGNIFI-CANTLY FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.

THE NUMBER OF SPEC-TATORS...

I AGREE.

CAITLIN!

THERE'S BEEN A HUGE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE RELEASED THEIR POKÉMON INTO THE WILD IN THE PAST WEEK. AND THOSE PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO WATCH THE POKÉMON LEAGUE.

Alder Defeated!

TEAM PLASMA IS TRYING TO PERSUADE EVERYONE TO THEIR WAY OF THINKING...

WITH FLYERS AND LECTURES...

WE OF THE ELITE FOUR HAVE ONLY ONE JOB TO DO!

REGARDLESS...

EVEN THOUGH THE DATE OF THE POKÉMON LEAGUE HAS BEEN MOVED UP... AND TEAM PLASMA'S MOVEMENT IS GAINING MOMENTUM...

OVERWHELM THEM WITH OUR SKILLS.

FACE THE CHALLENGERS IN A POKÉMON BATTLE...

AND THAT IS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE AS ALWAYS...

ELITE FOUR MEMBER
CAITLIN
TYPE EXPERTISE: PSYCHIC
JOB: ?

ELITE FOUR MEMBER
GRIMSLEY
TYPE EXPERTISE: DARK
JOB: GAMBLER

ELITE FOUR MEMBER
SHAUNTAL
TYPE EXPERTISE: GHOST
JOB: NOVELIST

IS THAT REALLY WHAT YOU WANT?!

I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THE SAME UNDER NORMAL CIRCUM-STANCES...

BUT TEAM PLASMA HAS INVOLVED THEMSELVES IN OUR BUSINESS!

ELITE FOUR MEMBER
MARSHAL
TYPE EXPERTISE: FIGHTING
JOB: MARTIAL ARTIST

AND I WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY...

...THE ELITE FOUR'S POSITION ONCE AND FOR ALL!

OBVIOUSLY, I OPPOSE TEAM PLASMA!

AND WE WILL FIND OUT WHERE THEY'RE HIDING AND BRING AN END TO THEIR SCHEMES NO MATTER WHAT!

MYSELF, I HAVE NO INTEREST IN FEUDS LIKE THIS.

THEY HAVE THE FREEDOM TO EXPRESS THEIR BELIEFS.

AND I'LL ONLY DEAL WITH TROUBLE THAT COMES TO ME.

THAT'S MY STYLE. AND AT THE MOMENT, NO ONE IS HARMING ME PERSONALLY.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT SUBJECT FOR A NOVEL!

Ooh!

A DECISIVE BATTLE BETWEEN TEAM PLASMA AND THE ELITE FOUR!

kikk kikk

WHAT ABOUT YOU, SHAUNTAL?!

HOW CAN OUR ATTITUDES BE SO DIFFERENT? DON'T YOU SEE THE DANGER BEFORE US...?

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

I WON'T ASK FOR YOUR HELP.

I UNDER-STAND.

I WAS DEFEATED, SO I WON'T BE NEEDED AT THE POKÉMON LEAGUE. THE REST OF YOU CAN DEAL WITH THE TOURNAMENT.

ESPECI-ALLY SINCE MY MASTER, ALDER, IS INVOLVED ...

WAIT...

YOU MEAN THE CAPTURED GYM LEADERS? BUT WHAT CAN WE DO...?

WE HAVE TO DO SOME-THING ABOUT THAT...

THEY'VE TAKEN HOSTAGES.

...BUT THERE IS ONE THING I CAN'T IGNORE!

I SAID THAT TEAM PLASMA IS FREE TO EXPRESS THEIR BELIEFS...

ドスドス

...POKÉ-MON!

A PSYCHIC-TYPE...

WE'LL DRAW LOTS TOMORROW MORNING TO SEE WHICH OF THEM GOES FIRST IN THE TOURNAMENT!

THE THIRTY-ONE TRAINERS HERE ARE THE CONTESTANTS IN THIS YEAR'S POKÉMON LEAGUE.

AND NOW, BACK TO THE STUDIO ...

...

bip

THOSE WERE THE WORDS OF WELCOME FROM MAYOR DRAYDEN IN FRONT OF THE BADGE CHECKING GATE!

klap klapk ki

I WISH YOU GOOD LUCK!

ON THE OTHER HAND, THIS GUY IS...

THAT'S RIGHT. MAYOR DRAYDEN SEEMS ALL FIRED UP.

IT'S FINALLY BEGUN.

...JUST ABANDONED HIM AT THE DROP OF A HAT...

THAT'S NO SURPRISE. THE POKÉMON HE'S BEEN WITH SINCE CHILDHOOD...

HOW'S HE DOING?

HE HASN'T WOKEN UP YET.

SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED BEFORE ON ROUTE 4.

MUSHA...!

MUSHA...

M...

BUT THIS TIME... SEEMS DIFFERENT SOMEHOW...

FWUMP

MUSHA!!

MUSHA!

WERE YOU ONLY INTERESTED IN EATING THE DREAM IN MY HEAD?

IS IT TRUE ?!

MUSHA !!!

WASN'T OUR FRIENDSHIP MORE THAN THAT?!

...NOW THAT I DON'T TASTE GOOD?

DID YOU LEAVE ME BECAUSE I'M WORTHLESS TO YOU...

WAS I NOTHING BUT A TASTY SNACK TO YOU?!

WAS THAT THE ONLY REASON YOU STUCK WITH ME?!

I THOUGHT THERE WAS A BOND BETWEEN US!!

DON'T WE UNDER-STAND EACH OTHER?!

...ABOUT THE POKÉMON AT YOUR FATHER'S LABORATORY...

I WAS SUR-PRISED TO HEAR...

...AFTER TEAM PLASMA'S ATTACK.

...AND HOW THE THREE OF THEM GOT SEPARATED...

...ON A RAINY DAY AROUND A YEAR AGO...

I MET GIGI FOR THE FIRST TIME...

YOU SAID IT HAP-PENED A YEAR AGO?

...THAT YOUR TEPIG WAS ONE OF THE THREE POKÉMON FROM MY LAB...

I COULD TELL THE MOMENT I SAW GIGI...

YOUR SUSPICION IS PROBABLY CORRECT.

MAYBE ...

I GUESS IT WAS FATE.

NO...

...SO THAT'S QUITE PROBABLE.

YOU BECAME A POKÉDEX HOLDER AFTER QUITE A FEW EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS...

I MET ZORUA IN THE FORM OF A CHILD AT CASTELIA CITY... AND THEN AGAIN AT DRIFTVEIL DRAWBRIDGE...

BLACK!

Maybe Fennel's lab was also under surveillance...

N SAID ZORUA TRANSFORMED INTO A CHILD TO SPY ON MY LAB... I WONDER IF THAT'S TRUE?

Stop it!

Bik.

EEEK!

IT'S TRUE!

COME TO THINK OF IT, MAYBE ZORUA WAS BEHIND THE MALFUNCTION AT NIMBASA GYM'S ROLLERCOASTER TOO!

ELESA, I CAN'T UNLOCK THE SAFETY HARNESS !!

ZORUA'S MISCHIEF CAUSED ME A LOT OF TROUBLE AT THE DRAW-BRIDGE...

SO...

...

BACK TO NUVEMA TOWN.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, BLACK?

WHAT?!

I WENT THROUGH THE SAME THING WITH HIM, SO I KNOW HOW HE CAN GET UNDER YOUR SKIN!

DON'T LET N'S WORDS DECEIVE YOU!

WHY?! YOU'VE COME SO FAR!

MY DREAM ...

BELIEVE IN YOUR DREAM! BELIEVE IN WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING UP TILL NOW!

AND BEFORE THAT I DREAMED I WAS BEING TRICKED BY A FAKE BRYCEN... AND THE LIGHT STONE GOT STOLEN...

BEFORE THAT, I DREAMED I WAS ATTACKED BY TORNADUS, THUNDURUS AND LANDORUS.

AND I WAS DESPERATELY CALLING MUSHA TO COME BACK. THAT'S THE KIND OF DREAM I HAVE NOW... A NIGHT-MARE!

I WAS STANDING ON A GRASSY FIELD... A STRANGE SPIRAL TREE WAS THERE...

I JUST SAW... A DREAM.

THE ONLY DREAM I EVER SAW BEFORE I WENT ON THIS JOURNEY WAS TO WIN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!

...

BUT THEN TEAM PLASMA CAME INTO THE PICTURE... A STRANGE STONE... A LEGENDARY POKÉMON...

...JUST A REGULAR KID... WITH THE SIMPLE GOAL OF WINNING THE POKÉMON LEAGUE...

I WAS...

AND TO BE HONEST... I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON.

BEFORE I KNEW IT, I GOT DRAGGED INTO SOMETHING WAY OVER MY HEAD!

BLACK...

SO I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO GO HOME.

I ONLY MANAGED TO COLLECT SEVEN BADGES ANYWAY...

...DOESN'T EXIST INSIDE MY HEAD ANYMORE. THAT'S THE TRUTH—JUST LIKE N SAID.

THE PURE DREAM THAT MUSHA LIKES TO EAT...

Pokémon League Opening Ceremo

LIVE

...THE OPENING CERE-MONY WAS TODAY...

Pokémon Leag Opening Ceremony

AND...

...ARE ENTERING THE BADGE CHECK GATES...

THE CONTES-TANTS...

SKWEEK

I WAS HOPING TO BE THERE TOO...

I WAS HOPING TO GO THROUGH THOSE GATES TOO...

Pokémon League Opening Ceremony

LIVE

YOU GUYS...

...

...PROMISED TO WIN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE WITH YOU AS WELL.

I...

IT'S NOT JUST MUSHA...

I...

I...

BUT...



TULA...
COSTA...
BRAV...
BO...
LET'S GO!!
flap flap flap

WHAT IS IT...

...BLACK?

krnch

IT SAYS THE CONTESTANT HAS TO GATHER EIGHT BADGES TO ENTER THE TOURNAMENT.

I'VE READ THE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POKÉMON LEAGUE OVER AND OVER, SO I KNOW THEM BY HEART.

I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU. ABOUT THE GYM BADGES.

YOU'RE QUIB-BLING.

WHICH MEANS THE TOURNAMENT HASN'T EXACTLY STARTED YET...

THAT WAS ONLY THE OPENING CEREMONY. THE TOURNAMENT ISN'T UNTIL TOMORROW.

YES. AND IT'S ALREADY STARTED.

RIGHT, BUT ...

tmp...

I KNOW I'M QUIBBLING, DRAYDEN!

BUT I WANT TO CHALLENGE YOU...

...TO WIN YOUR BADGE...

...RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW !!

HMM...

HAVE YOU DISCOV-ERED THE WHERE-ABOUTS OF THE KIDNAPPED GYM LEADERS ?!

WHAT ?!

AND WE CAN TALK TO THEM NOW!

HM... LIKE AN ANTENNA, GOTHITELLE MANAGED TO PICK UP A SIGNAL FROM THE MINDS OF THE GYM LEADERS...

YES!

NO. WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THEY ARE YET. USING GOTHITELLE'S PSYCHIC POWER, WE MANAGED TO FIGURE OUT THAT THEY'RE SOMEWHERE IN THE UNOVA REGION.

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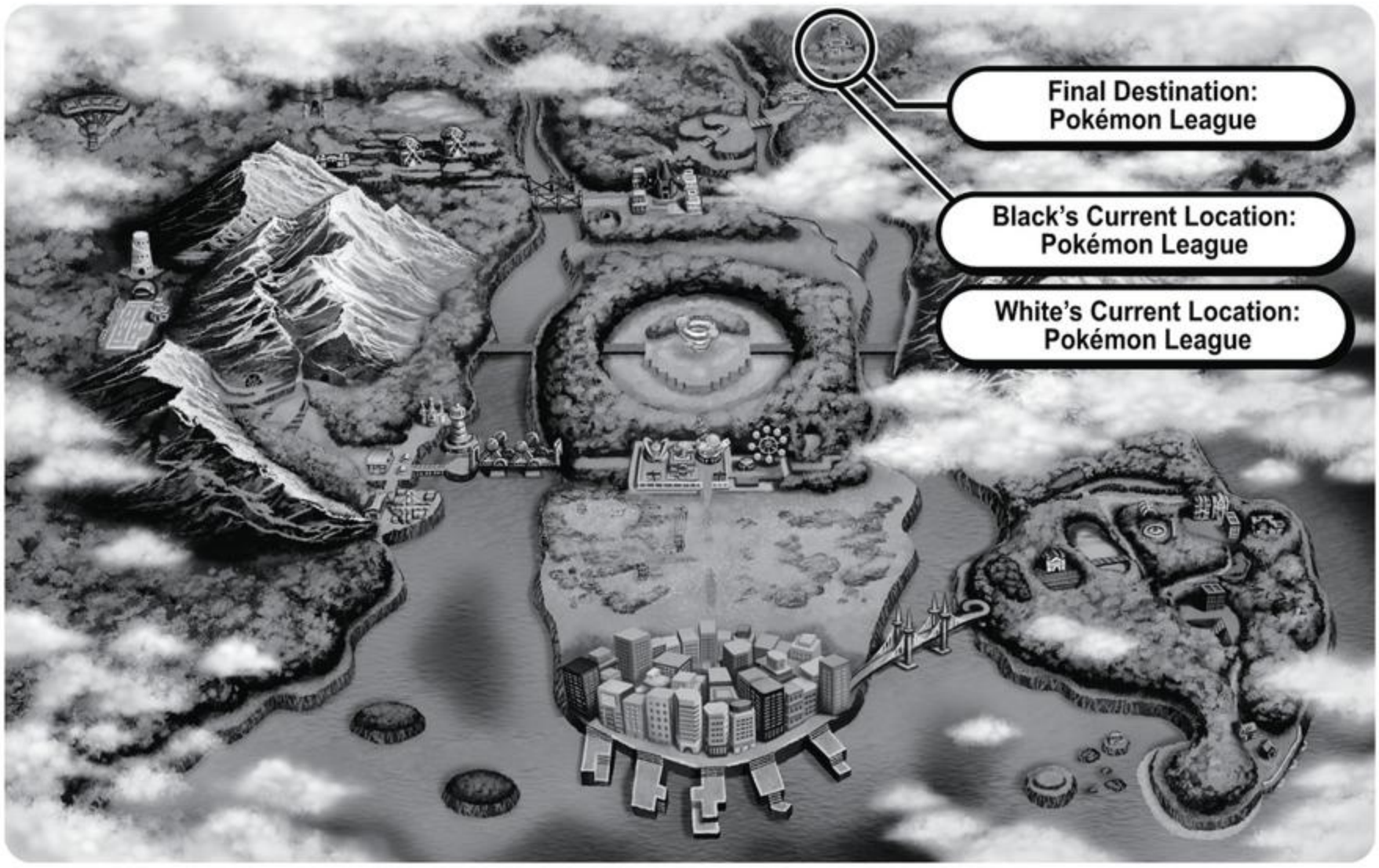
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...EL...

...US.

ADVENTURE MAP





Mega Fire Pig Pokémon **Bo**

Emboar ♂ Fire Fighting

Lv.46 Ability: Blaze



Valiant Pokémon **Brav**

Braviary ♂ Normal Flying

Lv.56 Ability: Sheer Force



EleSpider Pokémon **Tula**

Galvantula ♂ Bug Electric

Lv.56 Ability: Unnerve

Prototurtle Pokémon **Costa**

Tirtouga ♂ Water Rock

Lv.40 Ability: Solid Rock





Grass Snake Pokémon **Amanda**

Servine ♀ Grass

Lv.37 Ability: Overgrow



Season Pokémon **Darlene**

Deerling ♀ Normal Grass

Lv.31 Ability: Chlorophyll



Trap Pokémon **Dorothy**

Stunfisk ♀ Ground Electric

Lv.34 Ability: Limber





Caring Pokémon **Nancy**

Alomomola ♀ Water

Lv.35 Ability: Healer



Diapered Pokémon **Barbara**

Vullaby ♀ Dark Flying

Lv.39 Ability: Big Pecks



Cell Pokémon **Solly**

Solosis ♂ Psychic

Lv.29 Ability: Magic Guard



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DRUDDIGON



Adventure 52
Hallway Hijinks


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WS
f-sh
rstl|rstl
kadank

thud

swish

grab

OH MY, OH MY...

OH, UH...

KIMI, HOW LONG DO I HAVE?

MAYOR DRAYDEN HAD TO START A BATTLE IN A CORRIDOR NOW, OF ALL TIMES?!

...SO THE OPENING CERE-MONY WILL BE OVER IN ABOUT... FIFTEEN MINUTES.

THE RIPPLE WAVE DANCERS SHOW JUST STARTED ...

SO, THAT'S ALL THE TIME I HAVE TO BATTLE YOU.

AS THE HOST, I HAVE TO MAKE ANOTHER SPEECH AT THE END OF THE OPENING CEREMONIES.

YOU HEARD HER, BLACK.

I CAN'T LOSE!

DRAYDEN HAS MADE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR ME BY ACCEPTING MY CHALLENGE TO WIN MY EIGHTH BADGE.

I KNOW !!

I KNOW !

DRA-GON RAGE !

rrrr ggg aaa rrr

BUT...!

TAIL-WIND!

WOOosh

AH...

krash

I ASKED FOR A ONE-ON-ONE BATTLE AGAINST HIM SO IT WOULD GO QUICKLY...

I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME... AND EVEN THOUGH THIS CORRIDOR IS ONLY FOR AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL, SOMEONE MIGHT PASS BY AT ANY MOMENT...

THE BEST YOU CAN DO IS HOLD OUT INDEFI-NITELY.

YOU WERE ALL RILED UP WHEN YOU CAME TO CHALLENGE ME... BUT YOU'RE NOT PREPARED.

HMPH ...

BRAV CAN'T KEEP UP WITH DRUDDIGON'S SPEED.

BUT IT'S ALREADY BEEN THIRTY MINUTES, AND I'VE GOTTEN NOWHERE!

DO YOU SERIOUSLY THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT ME LIKE THIS?

YOUR ORDERS TO YOUR POKÉMON ARE TOO SLOW. YOU'RE UNSURE OF YOURSELF.

BECAUSE...

...MY LONGEST PARTNER JUST LEFT ME.

YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M NOT AT MY BEST AT THE MOMENT. NOT AT ALL.

HEH... I GUESS THERE'S NO HIDING THE TRUTH FROM YOU.

THAT WAS THE ***TRUTH.***

I THOUGHT OUR HEARTS WERE ONE...BUT IT TURNS OUT THERE WAS NO BOND BETWEEN US AT ALL.

...

...I CAN'T HELP HAVING DOUBTS ABOUT BRAV, TOO. I'VE KNOWN BRAV AS LONG AS MUSHA...

AND WHEN I FACE THE TRUTH...

IS THIS ALL BECAUSE I ASKED YOU TO BECOME THE TRUTH OF UNOVA?

ALL YOUR TALK ABOUT "TRUTH THIS" AND "TRUTH THAT."

I'VE FOUND OUT A TRUTH I NEVER WANTED TO KNOW...

I CAN'T HELP IT, CAN I?

BUT I STILL...

THAT'S MY TRUTH TOO!

...CAN'T GIVE UP MY DREAM OF ENTERING THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!

YOU AREN'T READY.

THAT'S TRUE.

MAYBE I'M NOT READY THOUGH...

SO... I HELD ON TO THAT LAST SPECK OF HOPE INSIDE ME... AND CAME HERE.

FINISH HIM OFF, DRUDDIGON.

IT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION.

SMASH

ROCK CLIMB !!

BUT THE SKIN ON ITS HEAD IS ESPECIALLY TOUGH.

DRUDDIGON IS A DRAGON-TYPE POKÉMON, SO IT HAS A TOUGH BODY TO BEGIN WITH.

knk knk

BRAV!

fwump

Kof!

...THANKS TO THAT TOUGH SKIN.

IT CAN RUN THROUGH NARROW TUNNELS CREATED BY EXCADRILL...

THAT WAS WHY I CHOSE TO FACE YOU HERE.

AND NARROW CORRIDORS ARE LIKE TUNNELS. THIS IS THE IDEAL ENVIRONMENT FOR IT TO BATTLE IN!

BUT I GUESS THERE WAS NO NEED FOR SUCH CLEVER TACTICS AGAINST YOU AFTER ALL.

NO POKÉMON CAN BEAT DRUDDIGON'S FOOTWORK IN THIS HALLWAY.

...BUT... I'M NO MATCH FOR DRAYDEN IN THIS STATE...

I'M SORRY. YOU HELPED ME GATHER MY COURAGE TO COME DOWN HERE...

I CAME HERE. I DIDN'T GIVE UP.

BUT THAT'S OKAY, ISN'T IT?

BECAUSE I DID ***EVERY-THING I COULD.***

BUT I'M STILL SATIS-FIED.

I DIDN'T BEAT DRAYDEN. I DIDN'T ENTER THE POKÉMON LEAGUE.

THAT'S NOTHING BUT A WASTE OF ALL THE EFFORT YOU PUT IN!

YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT INTO THE POKÉMON LEAGUE... AND YOU'RE SATISFIED?!

SLAM

CLAY?!

WHAM

I THOUGHT I LOCKED THE DOOR...

JUST HURRY UP AND CLOSE IT!

CAITLIN? OF THE ELITE FOUR?!

I NEED TO TALK TO THAT BOY OVER THERE.

HHH

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

TO BLACK.

grab

YOU NEED TO TALK TO... ME?!

WOW

WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK OF RESIGNATION, KID?

LENORA... AND HAWES TOO!!

ELESA!

SKYLA!

BURGH!

CLAY!

WHAT?

UNFORTU-NATELY, THEY DON'T KNOW.

I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU! WHERE ARE YOU BEING HELD?!

I'M USING GOTHITELLE'S PSYCHIC POWER TO CONTACT THE CAPTURED GYM LEADERS BY CATCHING THEIR MIND WAVES.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THEY DON'T HAVE A CLUE AS TO THEIR WHERE-ABOUTS, BUT...

IT'S PITCH BLACK AND SILENT AS A TOMB HERE.

FOR SOME REASON, WE DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORY OF OUR JOURNEY TO THIS PLACE.

...IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT THEY TALK TO YOU, BLACK!

...THE GYM LEADERS SAID...

...YOUR MUNNA LEAVING YOU...

WE HEARD ABOUT ...

...IN ALL THIS HARDSHIP AND PAIN.

SORRY. WE'RE THE ONES WHO GOT YOU IN-VOLVED...

THAT'S RIGHT, BLACK.

...EVEN IF N HADN'T SHOVED THE TRUTH INTO MY FACE.

I HAD TO FACE THIS EVENTUALLY...

NO! THIS IS MY PROBLEM, CLAY!

I WAS FORCING MY AGENDA ON THEM AND KIDDING MYSELF THAT WE UNDERSTOOD EACH OTHER...

I WASN'T LISTENING TO THE VOICES OF MY POKÉMON.

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT?

I SAW THAT HARDHEADED TIRTOUGA OPEN UP TO YOU DURING THAT GYM BATTLE WITH MY VERY EYES, YOU KNOW.

AND HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN YOUR BATTLE AGAINST ME? HOW YOUR POKÉMON EVOLVED AND WON? YOU BELIEVED IN YOUR TEPIG AND TOOK A CHANCE ON IT!

THE REASON YOU WERE ABLE TO BEAT ME WAS BECAUSE YOU OPENED UP TO YOUR POKÉMON AND THEY UNDERSTOOD HOW YOU FELT.

WINNING THE POKÉMON LEAGUE WAS A DREAM FOR YOUR POKÉMON, TOO.

YOU TOLD ME, "WINNING THE POKÉMON LEAGUE IS A DREAM AND A GOAL WE'LL NEVER LET GO OF" WHEN YOU BATTLED ME.

THERE'S... SOMETHING YOU SAID THAT I'LL NEVER FORGET...

...

THEY'RE DIFFER-ENT...

COACHES HAVE THEIR DUTY. AND ATHLETES HAVE THEIR DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES AND STRENGTHS.

...BUT THEY HAVE A COMMON GOAL— WINNING!

...THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A POKÉMON TRAINER AND THEIR POKÉMON IS LIKE THE ONE BETWEEN A SPORTS COACH AND THEIR ATHLETES.

YOUR POKÉMON WILL STAY WITH YOU AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE TO BE THAT GOOD COACH.

AN ATHLETE WILL ALWAYS WANT TO PLAY FOR A SKILLFUL COACH.

THE ANSWER IS ALREADY IN FRONT OF YOU.

YOU MANAGED TO COME THIS FAR PRECISELY BECAUSE YOU ***HAVE*** BEEN LISTENING TO THE VOICES OF YOUR POKÉMON.

...AIR SLASH!

BRAV...


dodge
swish
SUCH A SIMPLE ATTACK ...
I CAN DODGE IT WITH MY EYES CLOSED.
IT WASN'T MEANT TO STRIKE YOUR DRUDDI-GON.
WHAT ...?
krash
WOOOSH

NOW, BRAV!!

Sh Vvr

SM

aX

...BUT WHEN IT DID IT RECEIVED A ***DIRECT HIT***!

THE DRUDDI-GON DIDN'T RECEIVE SO MUCH AS A SCRATCH UNTIL NOW...

ZIOOP

•127 Druddigon
Cave Pokémon
DRAGON
HT 5'03"
WT 306.4 lbs.
It warms its body by absorbing sunlight with its wings. When its body temperature falls, it can no longer move.
INFO
AREA
CRY
FORMS

...SO ITS BODY TEM-PERA-TURE FELL.

THE COLD AIR FROM OUTSIDE CAME BLOWING IN...

LOOKS LIKE BLACK IS THE WINNER!

MY BRAV IS WEAK AGAINST COLD TOO, SO IT WAS A RISKY PLAN, BUT...

...

WOOT

Yank

COME ...

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MEET OUR THIRTY-***SECOND*** CONTESTANT—BLACK!

WE HAVE ANOTHER TRAINER WHO HAS JUST MET THE REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!

LIVE

WHAT ?!

THAT CON-CLUDES TODAY'S OPEN-ING CERE-MONY!

THE POKÉMON LEAGUE BATTLES WILL OFFICIALLY BEGIN TOMORROW WITH THESE THIRTY-TWO CONTESTANTS! I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST OF LUCK!

NOW I CAN ENTER...

HEH HEH... THE EIGHTH BADGE.

...THE POKÉ-MON LEAGUE!!

I MADE IT INTO...

...THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

THE TOURNAMENT BEGINS...

...AND ON THE SLOPES OF THE MOUNTAIN.

FIERCE BATTLES ARE FOUGHT IN THE CAVES...

...AT THE VERY BOTTOM OF VICTORY ROAD.

...THE THIRTY-TWO CONTESTANTS DROP OUT ONE BY ONE...

AS THEY CLIMB THEIR WAY UP TO THE TOP...

...DECREASE TO SIXTEEN CONTESTANTS...

THE THIRTY-TWO CONTESTANTS...

...DECREASE TO EIGHT.

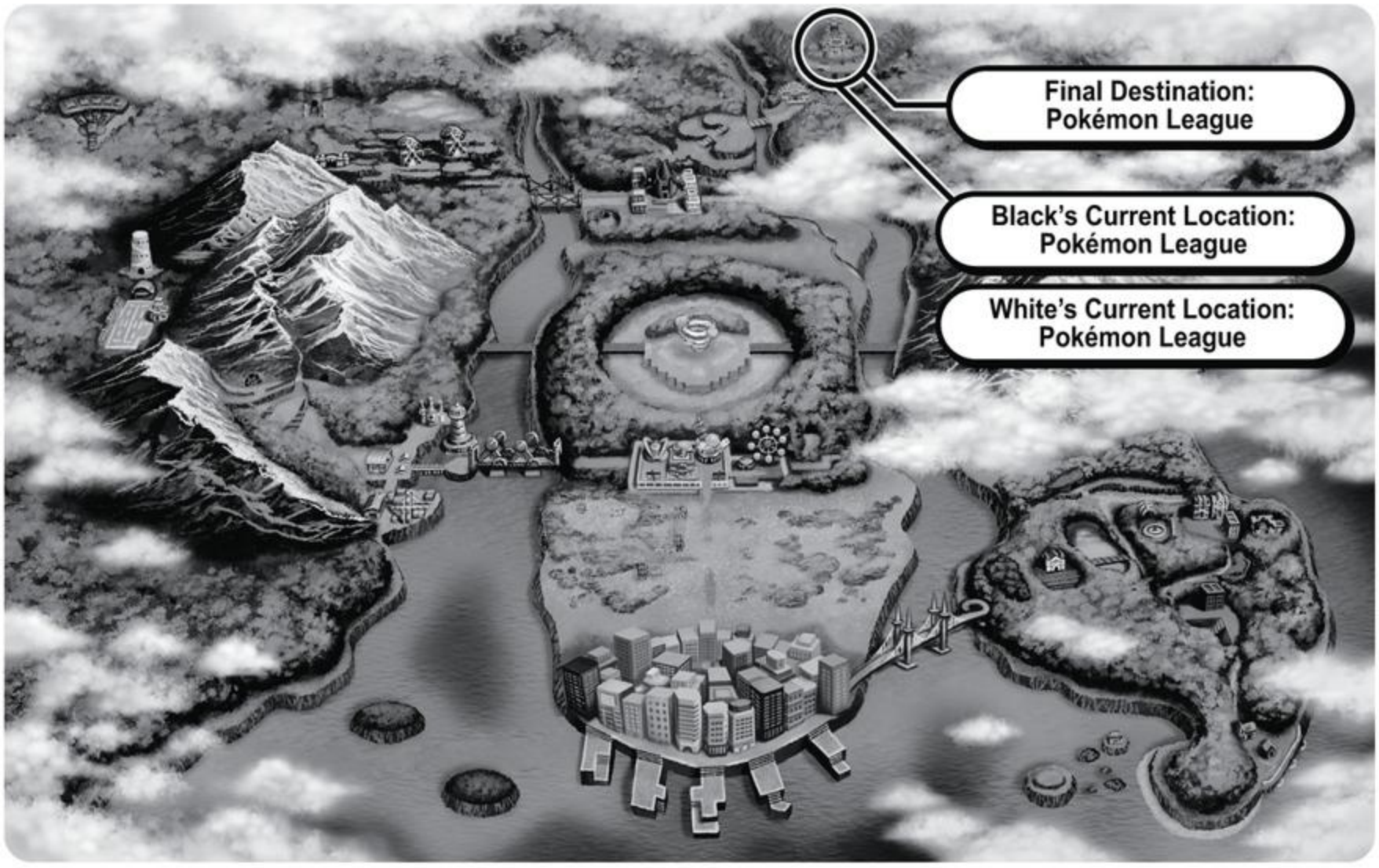
AND THE SIXTEEN...

AND THESE ARE THE EIGHT FINAL CONTESTANTS!!

...DOWN TO OUR TOP EIGHT!!

FINALLY WE'VE WIN-NOWED IT...

ADVENTURE MAP





Mega Fire Pig Pokémon **Bo**
Emboar ♂ Fire Fighting
Lv.47 Ability: Blaze



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ADVENTURES

BLACK & WHITE



CROAGUNK

Adventure 53
Into the Quarterfinals!

SADLY...

BUT WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE GYM LEADERS, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE PULLED YOURSELF TOGETHER!

FOR A MOMENT THERE, I THOUGHT YOU'D GIVEN UP BECAUSE OF ALL THE CHALLENGES YOU HAD TO FACE RECENTLY.

SO YOU'VE MADE IT INTO THE TOP EIGHT, BLACK.

...WE WERE UNABLE TO PIN-POINT THEIR LOCATION.

...EVEN THOUGH WE WERE ABLE TO CONTACT OUR CAPTURED FRIENDS...

THAT COULD BE A CLUE...

IT'S PITCH BLACK AND SILENT AS A TOMB HERE.

FOR SOME REASON, WE DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORY OF OUR JOURNEY TO THIS PLACE.

BUT...

...MADE TO FORGET?

...THEY SAY THEY'VE LOST THEIR MEMORIES OF THEIR JOURNEY THERE... WERE THEY SOMEHOW...

ON THE OTHER HAND ...

THEY'RE DESCRIB-ING A SOUND-PROOFED PLACE WITH NO LIGHT...

A PITCH-DARK SILENT PLACE ...

HM...

REGARD-LESS, LET'S GO!

rah

rah

YOU KNOW, I'D ALREADY FINISHED COLLECTING MY EIGHT BADGES BEFORE I MET YOU AT THE TUBELINE BRIDGE!

WOW!

AND WHAT'S EVEN MORE SURPRISING IS SEEING *HIM* HERE!

TEE HEE!

IRIS! WHAT A SURPRISE! I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE COMPETING IN THIS TOO!

YEAH, SINCE WE WERE LITTLE KIDS.

THAT'S CHEREN.

A FRIEND OF YOURS?

HE MIGHT HAVE MENTIONED IT TO ME... HMPH.

I DIDN'T KNOW HE'D KEPT ON COLLECTING BADGES AFTER STRIATON GYM.

ALL PARTICI-PANTS MUST ENTER THEIR CAPSULES NOW!

HEY, CHEREN!

ALL RIGHT, PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR POSI-TIONS!

SHOVE

YOU MAY USE THE MACHINE INSIDE YOUR CAPSULE TO HEAL YOUR POKÉMON!

IN ORDER TO KEEP THE BATTLES FAIR, YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE YOUR CAPSULE UNTIL IT'S YOUR TURN!

pffssssst

AND THE UPCOMING BATTLES ARE AS FOLLOWS...

IT'S THE QUARTER-FINALS OF THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!

IRIS VS. GRAY!

GRAY VS. IRIS

LEO VS. CHEREN!

CHEREN VS. LEO

MARLON VS. HOOD MAN!

HOOD MAN VS. MARLON

LOU KARR VS. BLACK!

BLACK VS. LOU KARR

...THE ELITE FOUR!

AND NOW, BEFORE WE START, MEET...

AND ...

...MAR-SHAL!

CAIT-LIN!

SHAUN-TAL!

GRIM-SLEY!

WOOOOOOT

SO IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY...THAT HE WAS DEFEATED BY THE KING OF TEAM PLASMA.

THE CHAMPION ISN'T HERE!

SILENCE, PLEASE!

murmur murmur

murmur murmur

UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THE CHALLENGER WOULD INDEED HAVE HAD TO FACE FIVE TRAINERS, INCLUDING ALDER.

THAT THE CHALLENGER MUST DEFEAT THE ELITE FOUR ***AND*** THE CHAMPION!

I KNOW WHAT YOU WERE ALL EX-PECTING ME TO SAY...

murmur

murmur

THERE-FORE...

BUT ALDER IS NOT PRESENT... FOR REASONS I CANNOT GO INTO.

AND IF THIS CHALLENGER SUCCEEDS IN DEFEATING ALL FOUR OF THEM IN A ROW, HE OR SHE WILL RISE UP TO BECOME THE NUMBER ONE TRAINER IN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!

ONLY ONE CHALLENGER, THE ONE WHO WINS THIS TOURNAMENT, WILL EARN THE RIGHT TO FACE THE ELITE FOUR!

...WILL BECOME THE NEW CHAMPION!

THE ONE WHO DEFEATS THE ELITE FOUR...

yay yyy

gulp

I HOPE TO RESCUE THEM BEFORE TEAM PLASMA LAUNCHES AN ATTACK ON THIS TOURNAMENT.

GOOD.

BRYCEN HAD AN IDEA. HE'S IN SEARCH OF THE GYM LEADERS AS WE SPEAK.

CAITLIN, ANY NEWS OF THE KIDNAPPED GYM LEADERS?

THE COMPUTER RANDOMLY CHOOSES THE ORDER OF BATTLE!

AND NOW... *LET THE QUARTER-FINALS BEGIN!*

PS SS SS

...WILL BE...

thrmmm

AND, THE FIRST BAT-TLE...

...POKÉMON TRAINER BLACK!

...POKÉMON TRAINER LOU KARR... VS....

...IF EVEN ***ONE*** OF YOUR POKÉMON LOSES, IT'S AN INSTANT DEFEAT FOR YOU!

IN OTHER WORDS...

BUT YOU MUST EXCHANGE YOUR POKÉMON ***BEFORE*** THEY FAINT.

THIS IS A ONE-ON-ONE BATTLE USING THREE POKÉMON!

BOOM

BOOM

HUH?!

I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT POKÉMON BEFORE!

WHAT ***IS*** THAT ?!

AND THIS TRAINER NAMED LOU KARR...

I HEAR MURMURING FROM THE SPECTATORS! THIS POKÉMON IS UNFAMILIAR TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE UNOVA REGION!

ALL WE KNOW ABOUT HIM IS THAT HE'S FROM A DISTANT REGION!

...IS A MYSTE-RIOUS FIGURE.

slnk

MY POKÉDEX DOESN'T EVEN RESPOND TO IT!

slnk

...ARE EAGERLY AWAITING THIS FIRST BATTLE AS WELL!

I'M SURE THE OTHER CHALLENG-ERS...

...

Ja

b

IT'S A FIGHT-ING-TYPE MOVE!

THAT MOVE ...

drip

TULA!

I DON'T KNOW ONE THING ABOUT THIS TRAINER OR THE POKÉMON HE BROUGHT TO THIS TOURNAMENT! ON TOP OF THAT, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT MY OPPONENT'S POKÉMON ***TYPE*** IS!

I'VE THOROUGHLY PREPARED FOR ALL MY BATTLES IN THE PAST, BUT...

IT'S LIKELY IT'S GOING TO STRIKE ME WITH PHYSICAL CLOSE-COMBAT ATTACKS. I'LL HAVE TULA GUARD ITSELF USING ITS WEB AND...

THAT MOVE IT USED JUST NOW...ITS POSTURE AND MOVE-MENTS...

ELEC-TRO-WEB!

I'LL JUST HAVE TO FIGURE IT OUT WHILE I'M FIGHTING IT!

fss

Sp

...SIGNAL BEAM!

phweeeff

ting ting ting ting

BUT...

AT THIS RATE, HE MIGHT FIND AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO DEFEAT THAT POKÉMON...

HE'S GATHERING DATA WHILE FACING HIS OPPONENT!

BLACK'S SKILLS ARE IMPRESSIVE...

I GUESS BUG-TYPE MOVES AREN'T A GOOD STRATEGY.

IT'S A DIRECT HIT! ...BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM VERY EFFECTIVE.

BE CAREFUL!

YOU LOSE THE MOMENT EVEN ONE OF YOUR POKÉMON FAINTS, YOU KNOW...

...HE COULD ALSO BE DEFEATED LONG BEFORE THAT.

PFF PFF PFF PFF

boing

tnk

tnk

tnk

tnk

YANK

AND POI-SONED TOO!

TULA'S BEEN PINNED TO THE GROUND!

THAT POKÉMON WASN'T JUST ABOUT FIGHTING-TYPE MOVES.

VACUUM WAVE!

WOOO

OOUF

TULA IS...

...A SIT-TING...

TULA CAN'T MOVE!

THE NET BLACK USED TO PROTECT TULA HAS BEEN PULLED OFF!

...TARGET!

KRAK

KRAK

KRAK

IT'S STARTING TO SLOW DOWN!

THE POISON IS SPREADING THROUGH TULA'S BODY.

hff

hff

IF ONLY MY PSYCHIC-TYPE POKÉMON, MUSHA, WERE HERE TO HELP ME FIGURE THIS OUT...

PLUS, IT'S BOTH A POISON TYPE AND A FIGHTING TYPE!

A POKÉMON I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE...

grr

TULA PROBABLY ONLY HAS ENOUGH STRENGTH LEFT TO ATTACK ONE MORE TIME...

WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

I'VE MADE IT TO THE TOP EIGHT. I'M ONLY A STEP AWAY FROM FULFILLING MY DREAM. I HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO TURN THIS BATTLE AROUND.

smak

smak

I HAVE TO SNAP OUT OF THIS!

THAT'S IT!

TULA!

YANK

PFFFST

HUH ?!

WHAT ?!

PWU

FF

fwump

tug

ZZZZZOOrrr

AIYEEE!

krrkkkk!

HUH?

stggr

HMM ?

OH?

sizzl

sizzl

CROAGUNK HAS BEEN DEFEATED!

fssss

HIS GALVANTULA WAS ON THE VERGE OF LOSING, BUT IT MANAGED TO DEFEAT THIS FORMIDABLE OPPONENT AT THE VERY LAST MOMENT!

WE DID IT, TULA.

HEH...

THE WINNER IS BLACK! WHAT A COMEBACK!

...UNBELIEV-ABLE DISGUISE SET!

INTER-NATIONAL POLICE EQUIP-MENT NO. 13...

AND THE LOSER IS **LOU KARR**... EH?

HE'S VANI-SHED!

...WITHOUT ANYONE DISCOVERING THAT I'M AN INTERNA-TIONAL POLICE OFFICER FROM THE DISTANT SINNOH REGION.

HA HA HA... I MANAGED TO SNEAK INTO THE POKÉMON TOURNAMENT...

YES...

HMM... WELL, I'LL BE EXTRA-CAUTIOUS NEXT TIME THEN...

WHAT?! YOU COULD TELL IT WAS ME? IT WAS **OBVIOUS**?

YOU SAW THE TV BROAD-CAST?

OH...?

YES... YES... I HAVE SUCCESS-FULLY INFILTRATED THE TOUR-NAMENT GROUNDS.

EH? IT'S FROM THE INTER-NATIONAL POLICE HEAD-QUAR-TERS.

Hum dee hum hum dee hum...

LOOKER, OVER AND OUT!

I WILL CONTINUE MY INVESTI-GATION.

YES...

I THINK IT'S SAFE TO ASSUME IT'S WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR.

I'VE FOUND SOMEONE WHO— LIKE ME—IS CONCEALING THEIR TRUE IDENTITY...

EXCEL-
LENT
SCOPE!

INTERNATIONAL
POLICE
EQUIPMENT
NO. 1!

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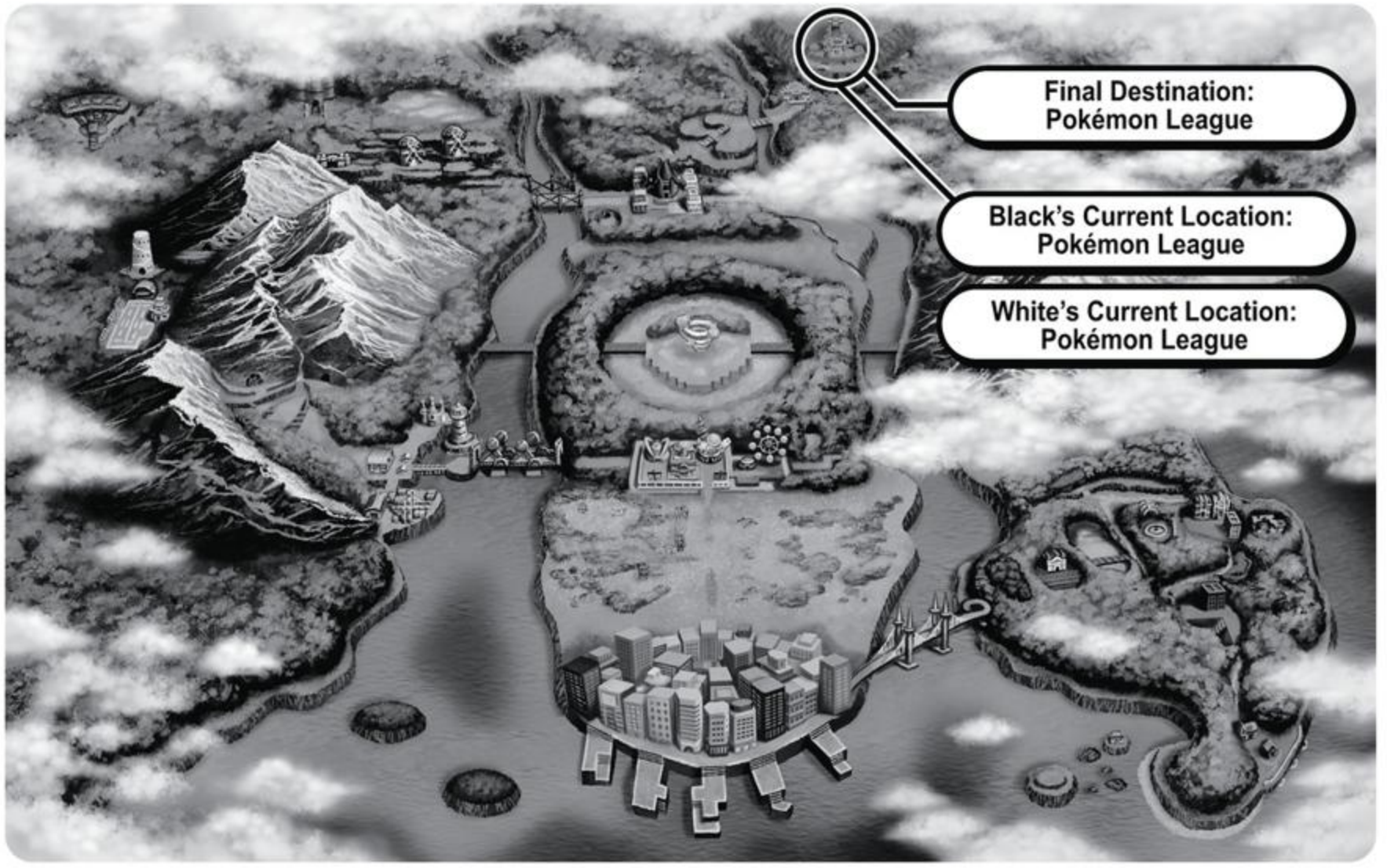
SUS-
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ING.

YOU
WON'T
ESCAPE
ME, SEVEN
SAGES!

MY POLICE
INSTINCTS TELL
ME ***HE*** IS THE
MOST
SUSPICIOUS
ONE OF ALL!

...GRAY.

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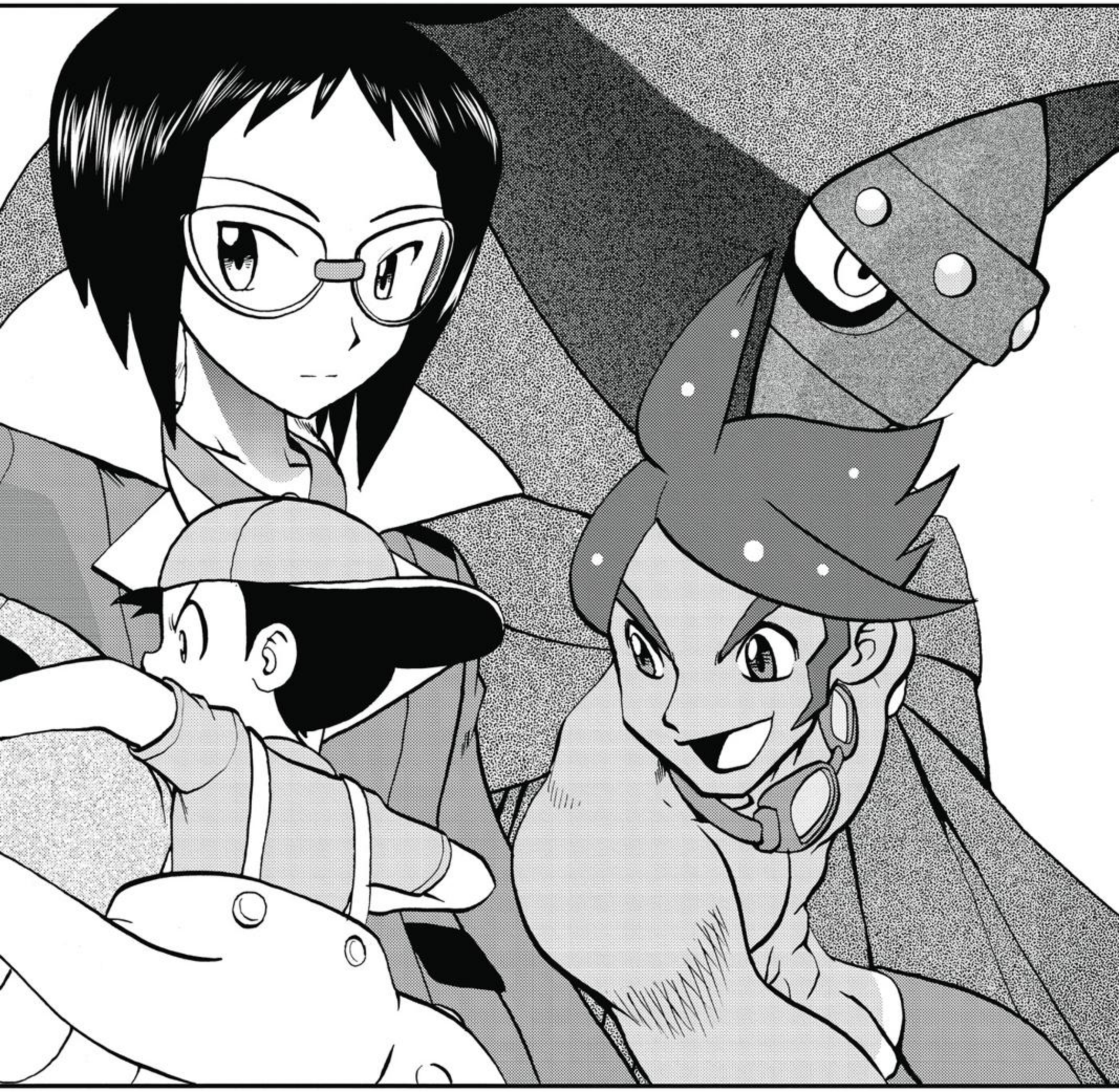
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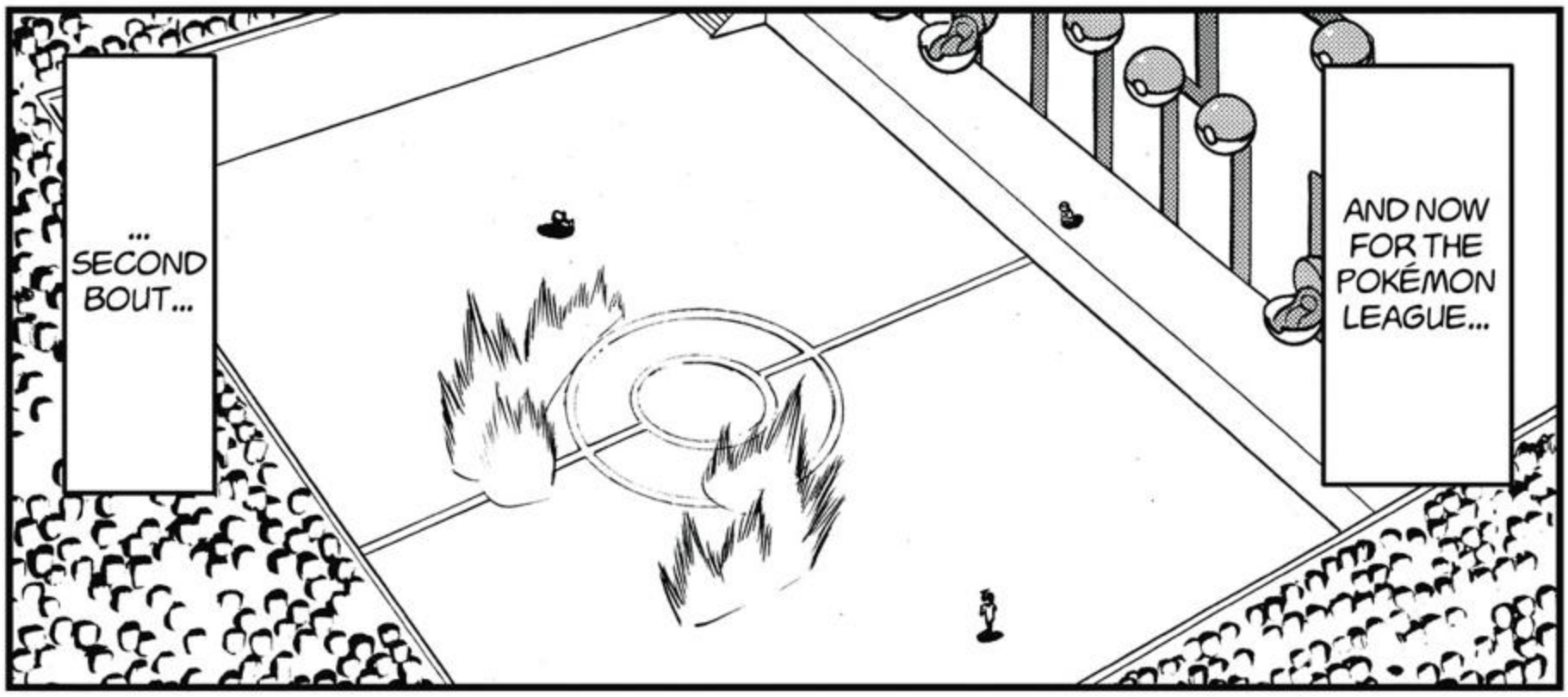
ADVENTURES

BLACK & WHITE

DEINO

Adventure 54
The Tournament Continues




...
SECOND
BOUT...
AND NOW
FOR THE
POKÉMON
LEAGUE...

LEO!

DEINO!

WATCH OUT FOR ALL THOSE FEATHERS AROUND YOU!

FEA-THER-DANCE!

...UNFE-ZANT.

CHER-EN VS....

POOF

stk
stk
stk
stk
stk
BITE!
stggr
stggr
...DIDN'T AVOID THE FEATHERS LIKE HIS TRAINER TOLD HIM TO! HE'S COVERED IN THEM!
AAAH! LEO'S DEINO...
AND ITS STRIKE HAS NO EFFECT ON UNFEZANT SINCE ITS ATTACK POWER HAS BEEN REDUCED...
IT'S SLOWING DOWN BECAUSE OF ALL THE FEATHERS ON ITS BODY...
zip

SKY ATTACK!

THE WINNER IS... CHEREN! HE'S MADE IT INTO THE TOP FOUR!

...HE DID IT! DEINO HAS FAINTED!

AND ...

PWUMP

HE DID IT!

YOU'RE REALLY POWER-FUL.

SIGH...

SO THE THOUGHT OF USING POWER HERB TO SPEED UP SKY ATTACK NEVER CAME TO MIND. OH WELL.

I MANAGED TO WORK MY WAY UP THE LADDER USING DESPERATE TACTICS LIKE TACKLE, BITE AND WHATNOT...

DEINO CAN'T SEE, SO IT HAS A LOT OF TROUBLE FIGHTING IN CONDITIONS LIKE THAT.

YOU MIGHT KNOW THIS ALREADY, BUT...

HUH...?

WE'VE GOTTA WORK HARDER TO...

BUT CHEREN TOTALLY IGNORED HIS OPPONENT AFTER-WARDS.

IT WAS A GOOD BATTLE AND THE LOSER WAS A GOOD SPORT.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH CHEREN?

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM TODAY?

CHEREN IS ALWAYS SO POLITE AND NICE...

fsssstp

GOOD WORK.

yoink...

THE COLDNESS OF YOUR HEART IS ADMIRABLE, CHEREN.

HA HA HA! VERY IMPRES-SIVE.

zloop

OHHH...
COLD...
SO COLD...
BRRR...
BRRR...

THAT
IS THE
ESSENCE
OF LIFE.

COOLNESS,
COLDNESS...

SO COLD.
SO COLD.

HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH...

HM...

SO
COLD.
SO
COLD.

HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH...

AND EVEN THOUGH HE'S SHIVERING, HE SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING IT! HOW DISCON-CERTING.

IT'S ODD... HE'S WEARING WARM FLEECE CLOTHING... NEVERTHELESS, HE APPEARS TO BE COLD.

NOW THAT GUY LOOKS SUSPI-CIOUS.

GRAY... THAT'S A COLOR, ISN'T IT?

Gray

HE'S REGISTERED IN THE TOURNA-MENT AS "GRAY."

THE CONTES-TANTS ARE...

W O O O t

AH!

AND NOW FOR THE THIRD BATTLE!

HM... EVEN HIS ***NAME*** SOUNDS SUSPI-CIOUS!

GRAY... A BLEND OF BLACK AND WHITE...

Manual

...A FELLOW WHO MAKES AN EVEN BIGGER SPLASH THAN THE SEA ITSELF— MARLON!

...HOOD MAN VS....

LET'S START!

SHOOT!

YOU LOOK TOUGH.

toss

BATTLE START!

foom

BOM BOM

I'VE SPENT MORE TIME IN THE WATER WITH POKÉMON THAN ON LAND.

I GREW UP IN THE SEA.

FW SS SSP

JEL- LICENT, SCALD!

I CAME TO THE POKÉMON LEAGUE TO TEST THE SKILLS I ACQUIRED FROM ALL THOSE BATTLES.

AND I'VE FACED MANY POKÉMON IN THE ROARING WAVES.

YOUR POKÉ-MON GOT BURNED!

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?!

SIZZL

HM...

...AND...

NOW USE CALM MIND...

WZZZZZZZ

IT CAN RESTORE ITSELF FROM THE DAMAGE IT RECEIVED WITH RECOVER.

Shing

THAT'S OKAY.

...ENERGY BALL!

KAPOW

YOU SWEPT ME AWAY!

YOU DON'T JUST *LOOK* STRONG, YOU'RE STRONG FOR REAL.

YOU'VE GOT THIS TRAINER THING *DOWN.*

IT'S A DIRECT HIT!

OH MY!

YOU GOT ME!

I THOUGHT THAT WAS AN ORDINARY PSYCHIC-TYPE POKÉMON, BUT IT USES GRASS-TYPE MOVES TOO, HUH?

BUT...

WOW! WHAT AN EXCITING BATTLE!

grab

TIME TO STRIKE BACK!

bl.ink

...MY JELLICENT CAN USE RECOVER AS WELL!

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U
EE
Z

MY JELLICENT'S ABILITY IS CURSED BODY.

YOU CAN'T USE YOUR FAVORITE ENERGY BALL ANYMORE.

blink

LET'S SEE WHO THE TOUGHER AND STRONGER POKÉMON IS ***NOW***!

sway sway

HUH ...?

THUD




THE BATTLE IS OVER!
SHADOW BALL!


rr a ar r
BEHEEYEM WINS!
MARLON'S JELLICENT HAS FAINTED!

YOU'RE RAISING SOME WICKED-STRONG POKÉMON!

YOU TOTALLY ROCKED THAT!

THE THIRD PERSON TO MAKE IT INTO THE SEMI-FINALS IS... HOOD MAN!

NO NEED TO THANK ME.

THAT WAS A GREAT BATTLE! THANKS!

BY ENTERING THE POKÉMON LEAGUE, I GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE THE SKILLS OF POWERFUL TRAINERS UP CLOSE.

I BENEFITED FROM OUR MATCH AS WELL.

THEY ARE DEEPLY CONNECTED TO MY FIELD OF RESEARCH, MAKING THESE BATTLES EXTREMELY FRUITFUL FOR ME.

SKILLED POKÉMON TRAINERS ARE A SIGHT TO BEHOLD.

ZIP

AND NOW, FOR THE LAST BATTLE OF THE QUARTER-FINALS!

THIS SKILLFUL GIRL IS FAVORED TO WIN THIS TOURNA-MENT!

IRIS, THE GIRL WHO KNOWS THE HEARTS OF DRAGONS!

ta-tmp

SIGH... WE'VE ALL GOT A BUNCH OF POKÉMON WITH US...

...BUT OUR MATCHES ARE BASICALLY ENDING UP AS ONE-ON-ONE BATTLES BECAUSE OF THAT RULE THAT YOU LOSE THE SECOND EVEN ONE OF YOUR POKÉMON FAINTS.

BUT...

...I'M NOT GOING TO LET ANYONE BEAT ***ME*** WITH JUST ONE STRIKE!

stop

GRAY!

IT'S YOUR TURN, IRIS! GOOD LUCK!

AND HER OPPO-NENT IS...

UH...

...HELLO.

GULP

BATTLE START!

BOM

I KNOW ALL ABOUT DRAGON-TYPE POKÉMON, FROM NOSE TO TAIL!

...BUT...

CRYOGONAL, AN ICE-TYPE POKÉMON! MY FRAXURE IS AT A DISADVANTAGE BECAUSE IT'S A DRAGON TYPE...

AND I AM GOING TO FACE BLACK NOW THAT HE'S MADE IT INTO...

...THE TOP FOUR!

I AM GOING TO WIN THIS BATTLE!

KLANG

...HER FRAXURE HAS BEEN EFFORT-LESSLY CAPTURED BY CRYO-GONAL'S CHAIN!

IRIS IS GIVING GRAY SOME STRONG RESIST-ANCE, BUT...

rtt rtt

KR CH

wiff

krck krck

krck

AM I RIGHT?

...NOW THAT YOU'RE EXPERIENCING IT FOR YOURSELF, YOU'RE REALIZING THAT THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR A DRAGON-TYPE POKÉMON.

I WATCHED BLACK TRAINING AT THE TUBELINE BRIDGE, SO I THOUGHT I WAS PREPARED, BUT...

WE CAN'T LOSE THIS ROUND!

YOU CAN DO IT, FRAXURE!

THIS MATCH LOOKS VERY ONE-SIDED!

FRAXURE IS CURLING UP INTO ITSELF FROM THE FREEZING CHILL EMANATING FROM THAT CHAIN!

I CAN SEE IT CLEARLY FROM WHERE I'M STANDING!

WILL THIS BATTLE BE AS SHORT AS THE OTHERS BEFORE IT?!

...THERE'S A *REASON* WE HAVE TO KEEP WINNING!

YOU HAVE TO RE-MEM-BER...

YOU ARE SO ANNOY-ING!

HOW IRRITA-TING!

AAAARGH...

YOU HAVEN'T NO-TICED, HAVE YOU?

"PAS-SION ALONE" ...?

I CAN TELL YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT WINNING, BUT... IT'S ABSURD FOR YOU TO IMAGINE THAT PASSION ALONE WILL WIN THIS BATTLE.

HUH?

Squeeeeek

shnk

squeek

squeeksqueek

...BUT IN ACTUALITY, IT WAS CONCEALING ITS EFFORTS TO CUT THROUGH THE CHAIN!

WHAT?! IT APPEARED THAT FRAXURE WAS CURLING UP DUE TO THE CHILL...

...SO THEY'RE EXTRA-SHARP!

WE HONED ITS TUSKS REALLY WELL TODAY...

RTLK!!

TO

SMASH

SMASH

LET'S USE THE RUBBLE IN THE AIR TOO!

ROCK TOMB!

KA THUNK

TOO SLOW! ROCK SMASH!

ICE...

SO I CAME PREPARED WITH COUNTER-MEASURES.

THAT INCLUDES THEIR ***WEAK-NESSES*** AS WELL AS THEIR STRENGTHS...

AND I MEAN ***EVERY-THING.***

I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I? I KNOW EVERY-THING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT DRAGON-TYPE POKÉMON.

YEAH!

SHE TURNED THE BATTLE AROUND! IRIS IS THE WINNER!

GRMPH!

SEE YA AROUND!

...WHAT IT TAKES TO BEGIN WITH!

THAT MEANS HE NEVER HAD...

HE LOST.

...IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THEIR MEMORIES HAVE BEEN SOMEHOW ***OVERWRITTEN*** RATHER THAN ***RE-MOVED***?

THIS IS JUST CRAZY CONJEC-TURE, BUT...

THAT SOUNDS ODD TO ME.

THE GYM LEADERS COULDN'T REMEMBER HOW THEY GOT TO THE PLACE WHERE THEY'RE BEING HELD AGAINST THEIR WILL.

BEHEEYEM, THE CEREBRAL POKÉMON!

...WHO HAS THE POWER TO DO SUCH A THING.

THERE IS A POKÉ-MON...

I THINK NOT.

Information

#606 Beheeyem
Cerebral Pokémon

HT 3'03"
WT 76.1 lbs.

It uses psychic power to control an opponent's brain and tamper with its memories.

INFO AREA CRY FORMS

MERE COINCI-DENCE? OVERACTIVE IMAGI-NATION?

AND THERE HAPPENS TO BE A MYSTERIOUS TRAINER AMONG THE POKÉMON LEAGUE CONTESTANTS WHO USES A BEHEEYEM...

klck!

WILL YOU HELP ME...

•606 Beheeyem
Cerebral Pokémon

PSYCHIC

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INFO AREA CRY FORMS

IT'S WORTH INVESTI-GATING.

OF COURSE!

...INVESTI-GATE FURTHER, WHITE?

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ADVENTURES

BLACK & WHITE

KELDEO



Adventure 55
The Shadow Triad

MEAN-WHILE ...

THE FIERCE BATTLES AT THE POKÉMON LEAGUE CONTINUE!

IN A PLACE NAMED PLEDGE GROVE...

IN FLOCCESY TOWN, LOCATED ON THE WEST COAST OF UNOVA...

...ARRIVE!

...BE-FORE THE THREE OF THEM...

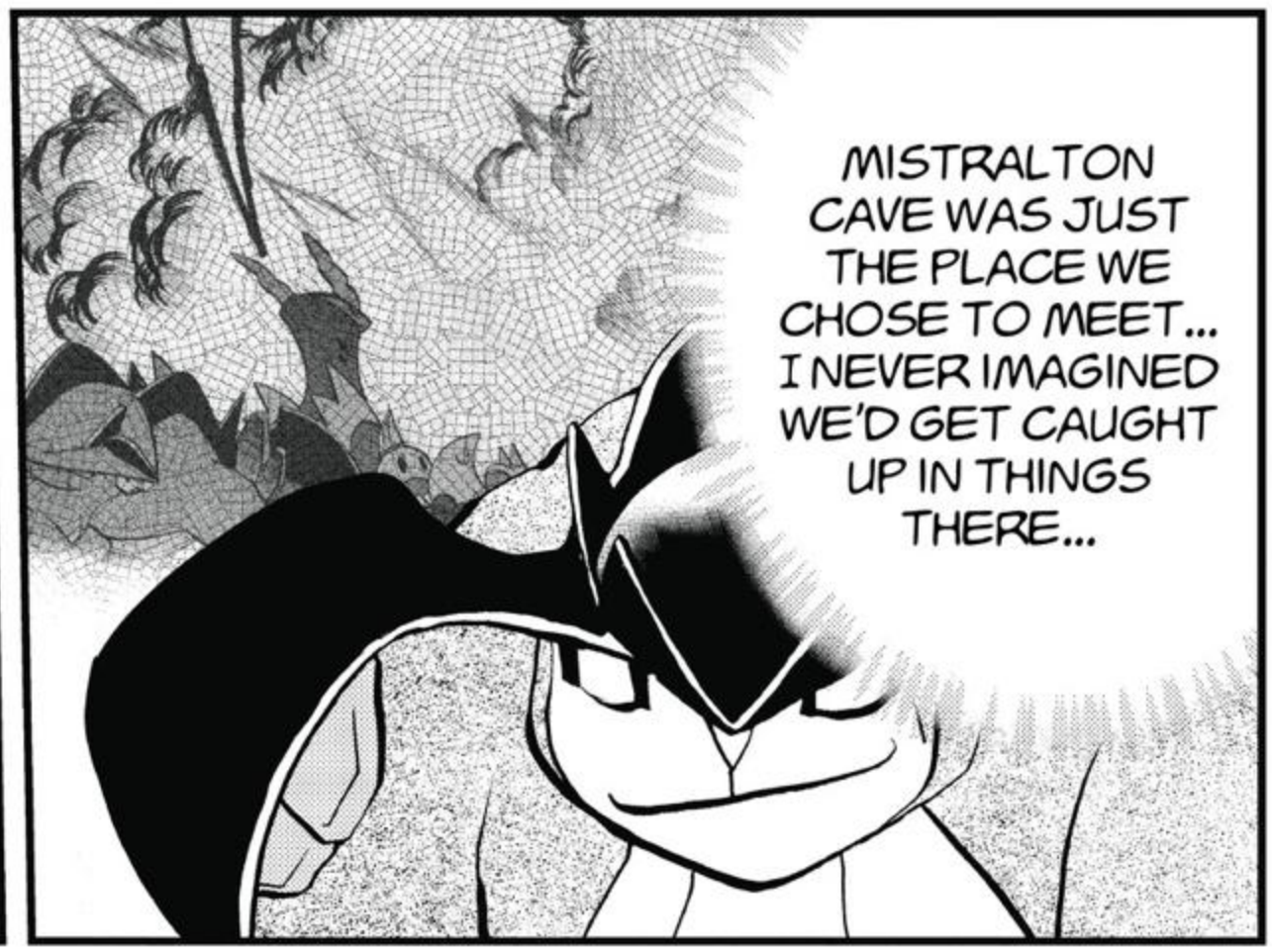
I BETTER GET IN SOME MORE PRACTICE TO PERFECT THE MOVE...

MY TEST IS COMING UP!


Stmp
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Stmp


YES.
WE HAVE TO HURRY! THE LITTLE ONE IS WAITING FOR US!


ABOUT THAT...


MISTRALTON CAVE WAS JUST THE PLACE WE CHOSE TO MEET... I NEVER IMAGINED WE'D GET CAUGHT UP IN THINGS THERE...

WHAT DO I THINK, VIRIZION? I THINK HE'S GOT COURAGE.

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THAT PERSON, TERRAKION...?

AND HE TRIED TO RESCUE HEATMOR AND PATRAT FROM US, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS FRIGHTENED.

HE STAYED INSIDE THAT BLAZING CAVE ALL BY HIMSELF. HIS CARRACOSTA STAYED BEHIND WITH HIM TOO.

...SEEM TO HAVE THE CLOSEST RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR POKÉMON.

OUT OF ALL OF THEM, THE ONES CALLED GYM LEADERS...

ME TOO...

I'M START-ING TO HAVE SOME FAITH IN PEOPLE AGAIN...

...WE'VE SEEN ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE.

WE'VE BEEN TRAVELING THROUGH THIS REGION EVER SINCE WE AWAK-ENED, AND...

...IT'S ALL THE MORE REASON ***NOT*** TO!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, COBAL-ION?

VIRIZION... TERRAK-ION...

WHAT YOU TWO ARE SAYING SEEMS TRUE. HOWEVER...

...THAT'S NO REASON FOR US TO HELP PEOPLE.

AS A MAT-TER OF FACT...

...WHAT HAPPENED IN ANCIENT TIMES, HAVE YOU...?

YOU HAVEN'T FORGOT-TEN...

...OUT OF GREED.

BECAUSE HUMANS FIGHT AGAINST EACH OTHER...

WHY DO WARS OC-CUR?

THEY USE AND SACRIFICE THEIR POKÉMON.

ONCE A WAR BEGINS, EVEN GOOD PEOPLE CHANGE.

slash

krack!

JUMP

...BUT I'M SURE WE CAN FIND SOME USE FOR THEM IN TEAM PLASMA.

THEIR NAMES WEREN'T ON THE LIST OF POKÉMON GHETSIS TOLD US TO CAPTURE...

IN MY WILDEST DREAMS I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BUMP INTO THE THREE LEGENDARY POKÉMON WITH THE POWER TO WIELD THE SACRED SWORD HERE!

AND GRASS-LAND POKÉ-MON, VIRIZ-ION.

IRON WILL POKÉMON, COBALION.

CAVERN POKÉ-MON, TER-RAKION.

PEOPLE JUST WANT TO USE US FOR OUR POWERS!

YOU HEARD THEM JUST NOW!

CAPTURE THEM!

...AFTER RECEIVING A BLOW FROM OUR SWORD!

I DOUBT YOU'LL STILL BE STAND-ING...

LET'S SEE YOU TRY...

METAL BURST!

YOU TWO STAY OUT OF THIS!

shing

THEY DISAP-PEARED ...

FORGET ABOUT THEM. WE HAVE TO GET BACK TO WHERE WE STARTED.

...

"I'M SURE WE CAN FIND SOME USE FOR THEM"... THOSE ARE THE KIND OF PEOPLE WHO SEE US MERELY AS TOOLS FOR THEM TO USE.

PEOPLE'S FEELINGS APPEAR IN THEIR WORDS.

WE COULD HAVE USED THE SWORD AND GOTTEN RID OF THEM EASILY!

WHY DID YOU STOP US?

THAT WOULD ONLY TAINT OUR SWORD.

THEY AREN'T WORTH FIGHTING.

LET'S GO!

WE HAVE MORE IMPORTANT TASKS AT HAND RIGHT NOW.

OH.

krnch

krnch

YOU'RE...

...LATE.

...KEL-DEO...

AS OUR YOUNG APPREN-TICE...

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAIT-ING.

HAVE YOU BEEN PRACTICING EVERYTHING WE'VE TAUGHT YOU UP TILL NOW?

YES.

THIS WILL BE YOUR FINAL TEST.

...YOU MUST MASTER THE USE OF THIS SWORD MOVE TO JOIN US.

hmmm...

...A CLEAR HEAD...

...AND WITH...

...IN MY MIND.

GATHER ALL THE STRENGTH...

STAND FIRMLY ON THE GROUND.

JUST A LITTLE MORE...!

OOH!

Shing

WZZZZZZ

I DID IT!

NOW I CAN JOIN YOUR TEAM!

fWump

WFFF

OH?

PFFF

BUT YOU'VE GOTTEN THIS FAR. YOU ONLY HAVE A LITTLE WAY TO GO NOW. WE'LL HELP YOU WITH THE FINISHING TOUCHES.

pat

YOU LOST FOCUS, DIDN'T YOU?

HA HA HA...

AND YOU WILL LEARN FROM OUR LEADER, COBALION, TO CULTIVATE AN IRON WILL AND DEVELOP THE STRENGTH TO REPEL YOUR OPPONENT.

VIRIZION WILL TEACH YOU ABOUT SPEED AND THE SHARPNESS OF YOUR BLADE.

YES. YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT POWER AND CHARGING A TARGET FROM TERRAKION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

"WE HAVE TO GET BACK TO WHERE WE STARTED."

LET'S GO OVER YOUR BASIC SKILLS FIRST.

WELL SAID! STRENGTH ISN'T EVERY-THING—YOU MUST HAVE MANNERS TOO.

rmbl rmbl rmbl

PATHETIC HUMANS! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOW?!

rOOaaaaaaarrrrrrr

P2 LAB.

FWOOSH

THIS IS AMAZ-ING!

SSSSS

THE POKÉMON LEAGUE HAS BEGUN TOO.

DRAYDEN, THE MAYOR OF OPELUCID CITY...

...WILL BE UNPREC-EDENTED.

ONCE WE COMPLETE THIS, THE POWER OF TEAM PLASMA...

YOU JUST WAIT AND SEE!

HEH HEH.

I BET HE'S HOPING TO USE THE POKÉMON LEAGUE AS BAIT TO LURE TEAM PLASMA OUT.

...BUT WITH A FORCE THAT WILL ***CRUSH*** YOU.

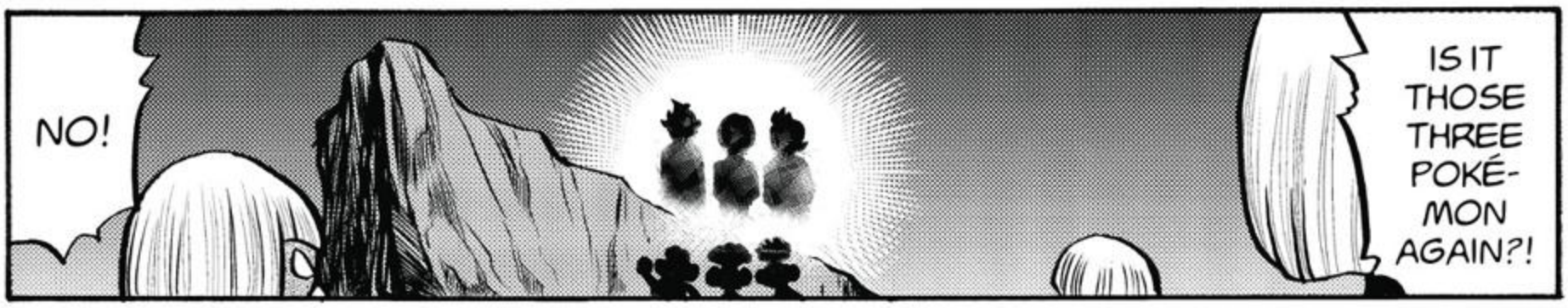
WE'LL RAID THE POKÉMON LEAGUE JUST AS YOU EXPECT...

...

...THREE PRES-ENCES.

I SENSE ...


swoop
AH!
toss
thunk


NO!
IS IT THOSE THREE POKÉ-MON AGAIN?!

CHILI.

CRESS.

CILAN.

I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD OF US!

WE'RE THE TRIPLET GYM LEADERS WHO PROTECT STRIATON CITY GYM!

PAN-POUR!

PANSAGE!

GRRR... HOW DARE THEY MOCK US! GO GET 'EM, PAN-SEAR!

OOPS.

NOPE... NOT A WORD.

fwump

fWOOSH

SPLOOSH

BOM

BUT YOU WEREN'T THERE.

...WE SAW THEM GATHER AT THE NACRENE MUSEUM.

SPEAKING OF GYM LEADERS ...

AFTER ALL, YOU THREE HAVE TO GANG UP TOGETHER TO PROTECT A SINGLE GYM!

HEH HEH HEH.

YOU'RE PROBABLY TOO WEAK TO BE OF ANY USE TO US.

HEH HEH HEH HEH!

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Slash

I DID IT!

YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSONS WELL.

INDEED YOU DID, KELDEO.

YOU'VE MASTERED THE USE OF YOUR SWORD.

WELL DONE, KELDEO!

WE MUST FOLLOW THOSE THREE PEOPLE.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

NOW, LET US DE-PART.

I HAVEN'T CHANGED MY MIND ABOUT THAT.

BUT I THOUGHT YOU SAID THEY WEREN'T WORTH FIGHTING!

...AND ENDANGER THE LIVES OF POKÉMON.

BUT IT'S PEOPLE LIKE THAT WHO FORGET THEIR PLACE...

WHAT ABOUT ME...?

...TO OBSERVE FOR YOURSELF HOW FOOLISH PEOPLE CAN BE!

THIS WILL BE A GOOD OPPOR-TUNITY ...

YOU'VE MASTERED THE SACRED SWORD, SO YOU MAY ACCOMPANY US, KELDEO.

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ADVENTURES

BLACK & WHITE

FRAXURE



Adventure 56
One Way or Another

...THE STRONGEST TRAINER.

THE POKÉMON LEAGUE STADIUM, IN THE UNOVA REGION... A TOURNAMENT IS BEING HELD TO DETERMINE...

BUT THE TRAINER LOSES THE MOMENT EVEN ***ONE*** OF THEIR POKÉMON IS DEFEATED.

krnch

IT'S A SINGLE BATTLE USING THREE POKÉMON.

...IRIS!

BLACK VS....

FOR ME TOO!

THIS SURE IS A SUR-PRISE!

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D FACE ***YOU*** IN THIS TOURNAMENT.

BUT DON'T THINK I'M GONNA GO EASY ON YOU IN THIS BATTLE!

LET'S START!

BOM

BOM

WOOSH

AND IRIS IS USING HER FRAX-URE!

BLACK HAS CALLED OUT HIS BRAVI-ARY!

KW
THUNK

SWISH

YOU'RE AT A DISAD-VANTAGE IN CLOSE COMBAT. MOVE BACK!

IRON TAIL! A DIRECT HIT!

BUT WE'RE PREPARED FOR ATTACKS LIKE THAT!

A FLYING-TYPE POKÉMON IS LIKELY TO USE AIR SLASH OR WHIRLWIND AFTER FLYING UP INTO THE AIR...

ACK ...

GUARD

KNOWING BLACK, HE'LL PROBABLY GET IMPATIENT AND GO FOR ANOTHER CLOSE-COMBAT ATTACK AGAIN...

SHE'S FAMILIAR WITH ALL MY MOVES!

GRRR...

IN THAT CASE, BRAV...

...CHARGE!

ZOOM

droop

fold

WZZ

BRAVE BIRD!

THUD

THIS!

WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING...?

YOU BLOCKED MY ATTACK, BUT YOU WON'T GET OUT OF THIS WITHOUT TAKING ANY DAMAGE!

NEVER-THELESS, FRAXURE MANAGED TO BLOCK IT!

BLACK'S BRAVIARY LOOKED AS IF IT WERE GOING TO ATTACK FROM ABOVE—BUT INSTEAD IT DROPPED DOWN TO STRIKE FROM A LOW ALTITUDE!

WOW ...!

WOM WOM WOM

WOM

MY FRAXURE HAS FOUGHT MANY SKILLED TRAINERS SINCE THE POKÉMON LEAGUE STARTED.

IT'S GAINED A LOT OF EXPERIENCE. I HAD A HUNCH IT WAS ABOUT TO EVOLVE.

IRIS'S FRAXURE HAS EVOLVED INTO A HAXORUS!

AHHH!

SO I TOOK A RISK, HOPING IT WOULD EVOLVE DURING THIS BATTLE!

COME BACK, BRAV!

SHOOT!

ZUUUUK

BLACK'S BRAVIARY HAS RECEIVED DAMAGE FROM USING BRAVE BIRD... IT WOULD BE TOO RISKY TO ALLOW THE HAXORUS TO KEEP AHOLD OF ITS NECK! BLACK MADE A SNAP JUDGMENT TO RETURN HIS BRAVIARY TO ITS POKÉ BALL!

Catch

THEY'RE FIGHTING UNDER A SPECIAL RULE IN WHICH TRAINERS LOSE THE MOMENT ONE OF THEIR POKÉMON IS DEFEATED!

BOM

RIGHT! YOU CAN'T PUSH YOUR POKÉMON TOO FAR UNDER THESE RULES, CAN YOU...? SAME GOES FOR ME.

ZIOOP

Catch

I DON'T REALLY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOU, DO I?

HMM ...

...ENTER THE POKÉMON LEAGUE ANYWAY?

IRIS... WHY DID YOU...

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY PUSHING YOURS TO ME!

CAN'T PUSH OUR POKÉ-MON ...?!

BOM

...IS TO MAKE MY...

THE REASON I ENTERED THE POKÉMON LEAGUE...

WELL...

OH! ALLUVA SUDDEN YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ME?

...GRAND-PAS PROUD!

grab

YOU MEAN... DRAYDEN AND ALDER?

GRANDPAS ...?

I WAS TRAINING TO BECOME A DRAGON-TYPE POKÉMON EXPERT IN MY HOMETOWN OF BLACKTHORN AND THE VILLAGE OF DRAGONS.

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE...?

HMM HMM HMMPH HMMPH...

DON'T BE LIKE THAT. HE'S TRAVELED VERY FAR TO MEET YOU, YOU KNOW.

...SO SAYS THE ELDER.

SO THIS IS THE GIRL, EH?

MY DEAR IRIS... I'VE INVITED SOMEONE TO TRAIN YOU...

...SO SAYS THE ELDER.

TRAIN ME? NOBODY'S GOT ANYTHING TO TEACH ME!

AND, WELL... AT THE TIME I WAS PRETTY HYPER AND OUT OF CONTROL. SO THE ELDER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR ME TO...

SHE HAS A NICE SPARK IN HER EYES.

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE BUT I'M SENDING YOU BACK WHERE YOU BELONG!

BO

WITH SOME RIGOROUS TRAINING, I'M SURE SHE'LL–

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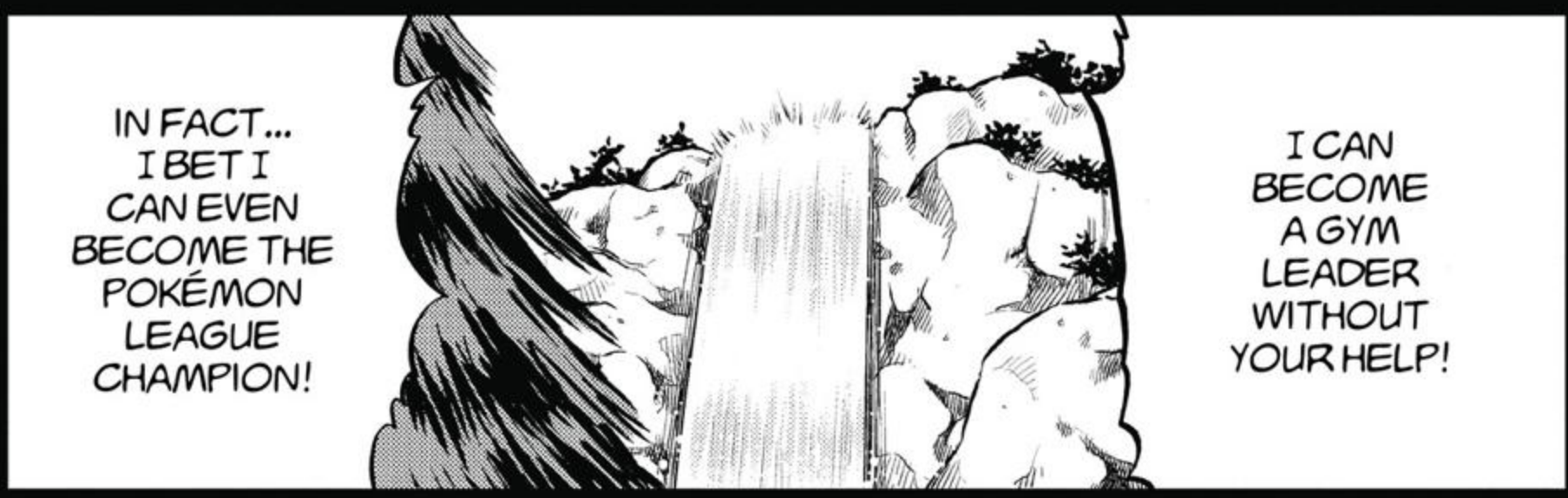
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Hff!
Hff!


GYM LEADER?! ARE YOU KIDDING?!
DRAYDEN WOULD LIKE HER TO SUCCEED HIM AS THE GYM LEADER OF OPELUCID CITY SOME-DAY TOO...
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IRIS? IF YOU THINK SHE HAS POTENTIAL, I'D LIKE TO ENTRUST HER TO YOU...
...SO SAYS THE...
HMM, HMM, HMM-PH...
APOLOGIES FOR THE BELATED INTRODUCTION... THIS IS DRAYDEN, THE GYM LEADER OF OPELUCID CITY IN THE UNOVA REGION. HE SPECIALIZES IN DRAGON-TYPE POKÉMON.
DON'T YOU IGNORE ME!
HEY...!


IN FACT... I BET I CAN EVEN BECOME THE POKÉMON LEAGUE CHAMPION!
I CAN BECOME A GYM LEADER WITHOUT YOUR HELP!

...THEN THERE'S SOME-ONE YOU SHOULD MEET...

IF IT'S YOUR DREAM TO BECOME THE CHAM-PION...

HEY! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?!

I JUST BLURTED THAT OUT ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT, AND I ONLY SAID IT TO GET ON HIS NERVES. NORMALLY, NO GROWNUP WOULD TAKE WHAT A LITTLE KID SAYS SERIOUSLY; BUT...

IF IT ISN'T OLD DRAYDEN!

HELLO!

PFFT. I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOU, PAL.

AND YOU'VE COME TO DEFEAT ME, HAVE YOU?

IS THAT SO?!

SHE HOPES TO BECOME THE CHAMPION ONE DAY.

MEET IRIS.

THEN WHAT'M I S'POSED TO CALL HIM?!

FOR STARTERS, YOU SHOULDN'T ADDRESS OTHER PEOPLE AS "PAL"...

HEY!

POKE

THEN YOU OUGHT TO CALL ***ME*** GRANDPA TOO.

HM...

YOU MAY CALL ME... GRANDPA.

AND I'LL BE GRANDPA ***DRAYDEN.***

AH, RIGHT... WELL THEN, YOU MAY CALL ME... GRANDPA ***ALDER***!

UH... WON'T IT BE CONFUSING IF I CALL YOU ***BOTH*** GRANDPA?!

THEY WERE THE FIRST GROWN-UPS...

... I EVER RESPECTED... AND LOVED.

THEY TOOK ME SERIOUSLY! THEY DIDN'T MAKE FUN OF ME JUST BECAUSE I WAS A LITTLE KID!

THAT REALLY SURPRISED ME.

NOW I GET IT, IRIS...

HE HURT HIM AND TRAMPLED ON HIS REPUTA-TION!

BUT THEN TEAM PLASMA'S N CAME ALONG AND... N DIDN'T JUST DEFEAT GRANDPA!

...SO YOU CAN FIGHT AND DEFEAT N!

YOU WANT TO WIN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE AND BECOME THE CHAMPION...

THAT'S WHY I'M NOT GONNA LOSE!

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE HIM FOR WHAT HE DID!

I'M SO MAD AT HIM!

EVEN IF MY OPPONENT IS ***YOU***, BLACK!

COSTA! I'M COUNTING ON YOU!

BOOM

TULA IS GETTING BEATEN BADLY!

I CAN SEE YOU MEAN BUSI-NESS.

COME BACK!

zloop

SWING

STOMP

BULL-DOZE!

BUT EVEN IF I CAN'T ATTACK YOU DIRECT-LY...

YOU'RE TRYING TO USE ITS LONG ARMS TO KEEP MY POKÉ-MON AWAY, AREN'T YOU?

THAT REALLY HURT! IT'S A SUPER EFFECTIVE MOVE AGAINST COSTA!

KRUNCH

KR UNCH

...WHICH HELPS REDUCE THE DAMAGE IT RECEIVES.

FORTUNATELY, COSTA'S ABILITY IS SOLID ROCK...

SOLID ROCK? THEN...

...I'LL CALL OUT MY HAXORUS AGAIN... BECAUSE ITS ABILITY IS MOLD BREAKER!

HWOOSH

SHANG

BUT...!

•118 Haxorus
Axe Jaw Pokémon
DRAGON
HT: 5' 11"
WT: 232.6 lbs.
Their sturdy tusks will stay sharp even if used to cut steel beams. These Pokémon are covered in hard armor.

TUSKS THAT STAY SHARP EVEN AFTER CUTTING THROUGH STEEL BEAMS, HUH...?

MY COSTA CAN CHEW UP STEEL BEAMS TOO, YOU KNOW!

•071 Carracosta
Prototurtle Pokémon
WATER ROCK
HT: 3' 11"
WT: 178.6 lbs.
Incredible jaw strength enables them to chew up steel beams and rocks along with their prey.

I WANT TO WIN! I CAME ALL THIS WAY TO DO THAT!

I HAVE TO TELL YOU, THOUGH... I DON'T WANT TO LOSE THIS BATTLE EITHER.

HEH... WE'RE TWO OF A KIND, AREN'T WE? WE TRAINERS AND OUR POKÉMON MATCH!

...NO ONE WILL CRUSH MY DREAM!

AND WHEN IT COMES TO WINNING THE POKÉMON LEAGUE...

AH!

GOTCHA!

COSTA...

Munch

ICE BEAM!

FWING


fwump
hff
hff
hff
HAXORUS HAS FAINTED!
BLACK IS THE WINNER!
IRIS HAS BEEN DEFEATED!

I LOST.

I'M SORRY, GRANDPA ALDER...

HAVEN'T YOU FORGOTTEN SOMETHING, IRIS?

WE BOTH WANT TO BE CHAMPIONS...

I TOLD YOU, WE'RE TWO OF A KIND, DIDN'T I?

...TO DE-FEAT N.

AND THE SAME GOES FOR OUR WISH...

AND NOW THAT N HAS RISEN ***ABOVE*** THE CHAMPION, MY NEXT DREAM IS TO BEAT ***HIM***!

MY DREAM WAS TO BEAT THE CHAMPION.

...I'LL MAKE SURE YOUR DREAM COMES TRUE TOO!

IRIS...

...GONNA DEFEAT N FOR THE BOTH OF US!

I'M...

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BEHEEYEM



Adventure 57
Something Suspicious

WOOHOO

...WILL BE COMPETING AGAINST BLACK TO RISE TO THE ***TOP*** OF THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!

THE WINNER OF THE NEXT BATTLE— HOOD MAN OR CHEREN...

BLACK DEFEATED IRIS! HE'S MADE IT INTO THE FINALS!

YAYYY

WOW!

MAYOR DRAYDEN SAID I COULD USE THE ROOM FOR WHATEVER I WANT...

AH! THIS IS THE V.I.P. ROOM, ISN'T IT? YOU'VE ASSEMBLED YOUR OWN LAB IN HERE!

ROGER THAT!

AMANITA! DON'T LOSE YOUR CONCENTRATION!

THAT'S RIGHT!

MY HOPE OF COMPLETING MY RESEARCH ON DREAMS IS FINALLY WITHIN REACH. THERE'S NO CHANCE I'D LET GO OF SUCH A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!

Hmph!

She's got quite a talent for research and lab management.

IT'S FINE. BIANCA IS WORKING AS MY ASSISTANT NOW. SHE'S KEEPING THE PLACE RUNNING WHILE I'M GONE.

WHAT ABOUT YOU? SHOULDN'T YOU BE BACK AT ***YOUR*** LAB?

IM-PRES-SIVE...

AND WHITE IS BUSY INVESTIGATING CLUES FOR BRYCEN.

MY FATHER IS KEEPING AN EYE ON THE POKÉMON LEAGUE TO TRACK THE MOVEMENTS OF TEAM PLASMA.

I'M GLAD SHE GOT TO BE A POKÉDEX HOLDER IN THE END.

SHE'S BEEN THROUGH SOME HARDSHIPS LATELY...

BUT SHE HONED HER BATTLE SKILLS ON THE BATTLE SUBWAY. SHE EVEN MET A LEGENDARY POKÉMON!

THAT'S RIGHT.

ISN'T SHE THE PRESIDENT OF A POKÉMON TALENT AGENCY?

gulp

I'M COUNT-ING ON YOU...

...WHITE!

BUT WE'RE FREE TO TALK TO THE COMPETI-TORS WHO HAVE ***ALREADY BEEN DE-FEATED***!

THE POKÉMON LEAGUE CONTESTANTS HAVE TO STAY INSIDE THEIR CAPSULES. THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TRAINERS.

THERE HE IS!

...HOOD MAN.

...HE FOUGHT OUR PRIME SUSPECT...

I HAVE TO TALK TO MARLON... AFTER ALL...

HELP ME DRAW HIM HIM INTO CONVER-SATION!

BOM

PLEASE, DOROTHY! NANCY!

BOM

blink

kling

HUH?

OH?

EH?

NEVER MIND ALL THAT...

YES! ALOMOMOLA'S MEMBRANE HAS THE POWER TO HEAL WOUNDS. I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE OF USE TO YOU.

ARE THESE YOUR POKÉMON?

I'M GLAD YOUR POKÉMON HAS RECOVERED! MY POKÉMON WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT IT...

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

THERE'S NO NEED TO SWEET TALK ME.

Ooh, you are so-o-o cute!

smooch

BUT YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE SOMEONE WHO USES HER CHARM FOR EVIL. HA, HA...

YOU BROUGHT OVER ALL MY FAVORITE POKÉMON TYPES IN HOPES I'D OPEN UP TO YOU...

OF COURSE!

YOU SAW THROUGH ME?

HA HA...

THAT'S THE REAL REASON I AP-PROACHED YOU.

YOU FOUGHT HIM AT THE POKÉMON LEAGUE. DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY ABOUT HIM...?

I'M INVESTI-GATING HOOD MAN.

MY NAME IS WHITE.

EH? I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE INVESTIGAT-ING THESE SUSPICIOUS TRAINERS?!

HM... SOME-THING THAT MIGHT HAVE OC-CURRED WHILE WE WERE FIGHT-ING...

THAT SAID... I DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT HIM.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

OKAY, I'LL TELL YOU EVERY-THING I KNOW.

I LIKE THAT! THERE'S NOTHING TO BE GAINED FROM BEATING AROUND THE BUSH!

YOU'RE BEING HONEST WITH ME NOW, AREN'T YOU?

bow

...ENTERED THE POKÉMON LEAGUE WITHOUT GATHERING THE EIGHT BADGES REQUIRED.

OH, THERE IS ***ONE*** THING. HE PROBABLY...

AND THAT GOES FOR THE POKÉMON WHO LIVE IN THEM AS WELL.

EVERY SEA AND RIVER HAS A DISTINCTIVE SCENT.

AND YOUR STUNFISK LIVED SOMEWHERE NEAR ICIRRUS... AM I CORRECT?

YOUR ALOMOMOLA USED TO LIVE IN THE WATER NEAR ROUTE 4...

I CAN DETECT THOSE AROMAS.

!!

WHAT?!

A TRAINER WHO'S COLLECTED ALL EIGHT BADGES HAS TO WALK PAST THAT RIVER.

...RIGHT AFTER WE WALKED THROUGH THE GATE FOR THE TRIO BADGE.

THERE WAS A RIVER NEAR THE BADGE-CHECK GATES...

YES! THAT'S RIGHT!

BUT I COULDN'T DETECT ANYTHING ON HOOD MAN...

ALL THE OTHER TRAINERS CARRIED A SLIGHT SCENT OF THE RIVER'S WATER.

grab

WE HAVE TO TELL SOME-ONE...!

THAT MEANS HE CHEATED! HE MADE IT INTO THE TOP FOUR WITHOUT EARNING THE RIGHT TO TAKE PART IN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!

ON THE OTHER HAND...THE SKILLS HE DEMONSTRATED IN OUR POKÉMON BATTLE WERE IMPRESSIVE.

IT'S A SMALL DETAIL... AND THERE MIGHT BE SOME OTHER REASON THAT I CAN'T SMELL THAT RIVER WATER ON HIM.

...

THAT'S WHY I CAN GO BACK TO HUMILAU CITY WITH MY HEAD HELD HIGH.

HE FOUGHT ME FAIR AND SQUARE— AND I LOST.

HE DIDN'T USE ANY CHEAP TRICKS.

THE GUY I FIND SUSPICIOUS...

...IS *THAT* ONE.

CHEREN VS. HOOD MAN!

SECOND GAME OF THE SEMI-FINALS!

BOM

BEGIN BATTLING!

BOM

BOM

trmp trmp trmp trmp trmp trmp

PROFESSOR JUNIPER!

KRR

IT'S STARTED, HUH?

CH

SMASH

KRASH

YES.

THE WINNER OF THIS BATTLE WILL FACE BLACK IN HOPES OF WINNING THE POKÉMON LEAGUE.

ABOUT WHAT MARLON TOLD ME...?

WHAT DO YOU THINK, SOLLY?

I WONDER HOW BLACK FEELS ABOUT FACING HIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND CHEREN IN THE FINALS...?

THAT'S MY IMPRESSION, ANYWAY.

SOMETHING'S GOT A GRIP ON HIS HEART.

THE GUY I FIND SUSPICIOUS... IS *THAT* ONE.

WHAT DID HE MEAN BY THAT...?

BUT ...

THAT'S THE POKÉMON CHEREN BEGAN HIS JOURNEY WITH!

GO, SNIVY!

BOM

COME BACK, BOLDORE!

Snag

IS STILL A SNIVY ?!

...SNIVY!

HIS SNIVY WAS ALREADY PRETTY WELL TRAINED BACK THEN... IT SHOULD HAVE EVOLVED INTO A SERVINE AND A SERPERIOR BY NOW.

THE LAST TIME I SAW CHEREN WAS AT THE BATTLE IN THE COLD STORAGE.

...AND FULL OF SPIRIT. SO HE SHOULD USE IT IN THIS NEXT BOUT.

I CAN SEE THAT IT'S RARING TO GO...

DIDN'T HE KEEP TRAINING IT AFTER THAT?

WIN, WIN, CHEREN!

GO, GO, CHEREN!

EEK!

OH... UM... AH...

WHY ARE YOU CHEERING FOR CHEREN?

HUH...?

YOU'RE LEO, RIGHT?

I'M CHEERING CHEREN ON...

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TALK TO GIRLS!

I don't know where to look!

SO SORRY! I... I...

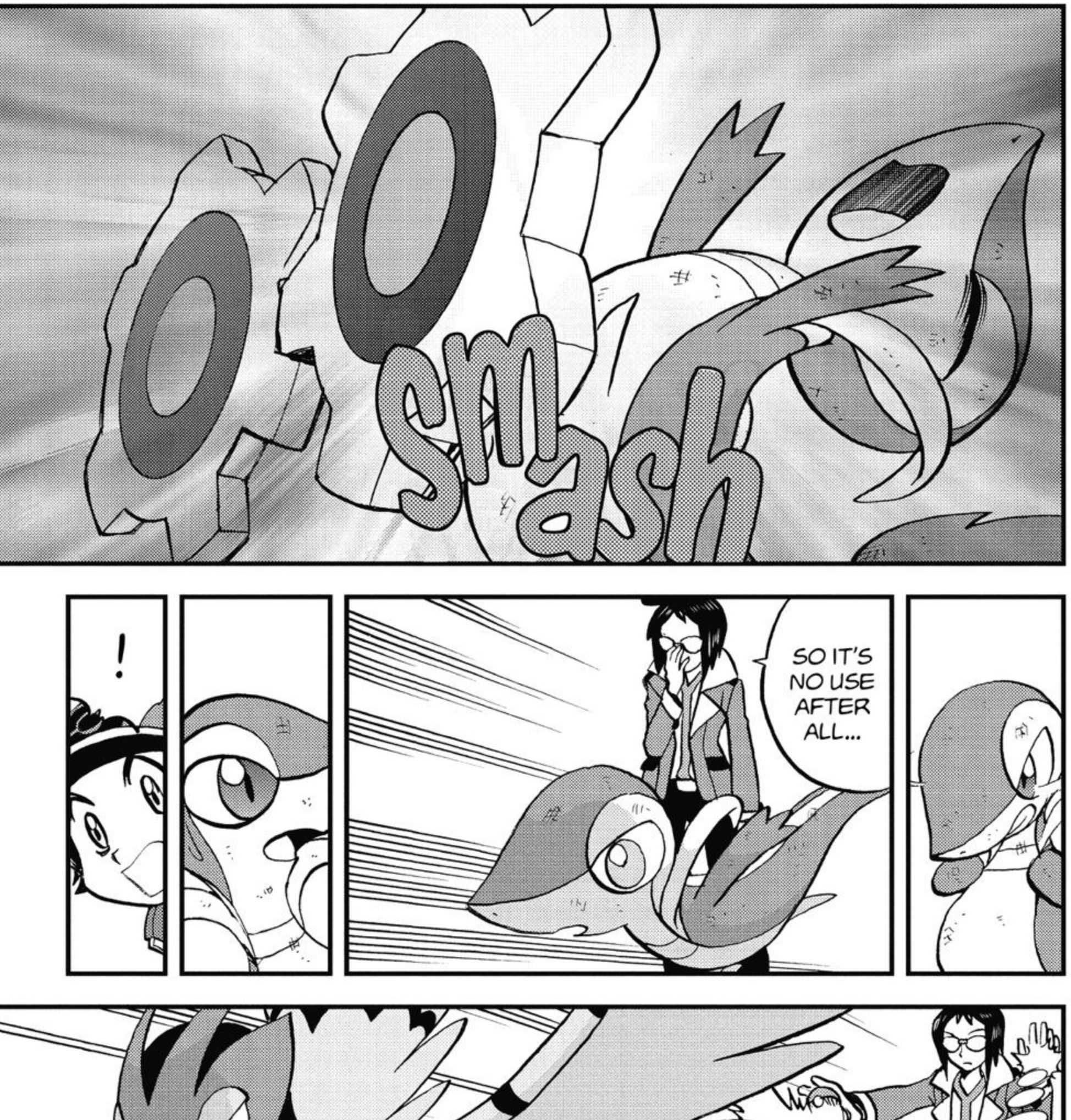
I'M SORRY!

fwip fwip

...SO I WANT HIM TO WIN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE IN MY PLACE.

HE BEAT ME...

...BECAUSE I WANT HIM TO WIN, OF COURSE.


smash
!
SO IT'S NO USE AFTER ALL...
BOM
ZUKKKK

CALM MIND AND...

Shing

rush

I'LL SWITCH POKÉMON TOO.

BOM

...ENERGY BALL!

flap

NO!

HE'S GOING TO USE THE SAME SKY ATTACK HE USED TO DEFEAT ME?!

WHOOSH

THUNK

WHIP

U-TURN!

SWOOP

...HAS FAINTED!

BEHEEYEM...

AND SO IT'S CHEREN WHO WILL CONTINUE ON TO COMPETE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE POKÉMON LEAGUE...

...AGAINST BLACK, WHO ALREADY MADE IT INTO THE FINALS!

CHEREN IS THE WINNER!

WE'D BETTER GO AND GET READY...

...ONE OF THOSE TWO?

SO WE'LL BE FACING...

...TO FIGHT...

...THE CHAL-LENGER!

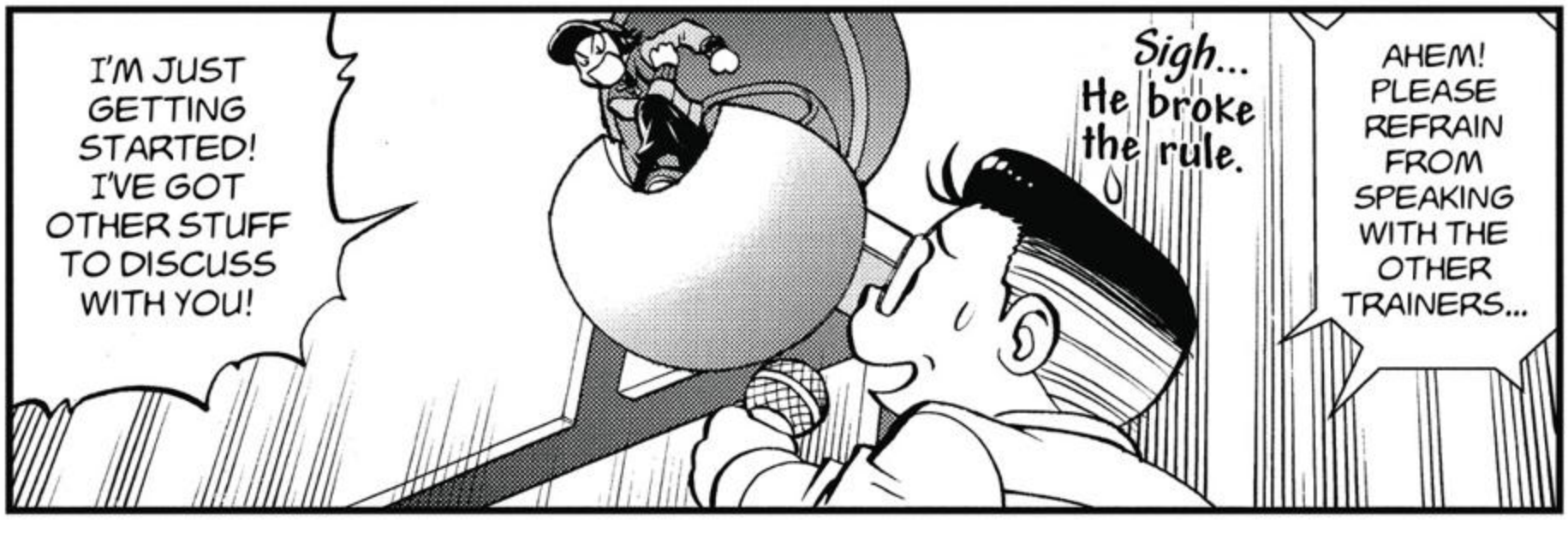
I'VE BEEN CHEERING YOU ON ALL THIS TIME!

YOU DID IT!

HUR-RAY!


KRAK
HEY!


CHEREN!
WHAT KIND OF ATTITUDE IS THAT? HOW CAN YOU TREAT SOMEONE WHO'S SUPPORTING YOU LIKE THAT?


I'M JUST GETTING STARTED! I'VE GOT OTHER STUFF TO DISCUSS WITH YOU!
Sigh... He broke the rule.
AHEM! PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SPEAKING WITH THE OTHER TRAINERS...

AND HOW COME YOU HAVEN'T EVOLVED YOUR SNIVY YET?!

I COULD SEE THAT SNIVY STILL WANTED TO FIGHT... IT LOOKED FRUSTRATED! ITS FIGHTING SPIRIT WAS STILL BURNING INSIDE!

IT'S NOT ABOUT WHETHER YOU'VE GOT THE ADVAN-TAGE OR NOT...IT'S ABOUT HOW YOUR POKÉMON FEELS!

IN THAT BATTLE JUST NOW... YOU SHOULD HAVE KEPT USING SNIVY IN THE MIDDLE OF IT!

NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS.

...

BLACK ...

CHEREN! YOU...!

tmp

WHAT ?!

jump

WH...!

I TOOK IT OUT OF THE BATTLE BECAUSE IT WAS WEAK.

THE REASON I DIDN'T TRAIN SNIVY IS THAT I SAW NO POTENTIAL IN THAT POKÉMON.

THE SAME GOES FOR SNIVY.

...MAKE YOU STRONGER.

IT DOESN'T...

CHEER-ING AND ROOT-ING FOR SOMEONE IS STUPID.

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, CHEREN?

WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I JUST FIGURED OUT WHAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR ALL THIS TIME.

shake

NOTHING.

WOM WOM WOM

AND THAT'S...

shake

shake

I'VE ALWAYS PUSHED ASIDE MY NEEDS TO TAKE CARE OF OTHER PEOPLE. NOW I'VE FINALLY FIGURED OUT WHAT **I** WANT.

...POWER!

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M

CHEREN!

BOM

krash

I'M GOING TO FIGHT HIM RIGHT NOW!

NO!

THE FINAL ISN'T UNTIL HALF AN HOUR FROM NOW!

WOULD YOU TWO CUT IT OUT?!

...MY BEST BUDDY... HAS LOST HIMSELF! I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT RIGHT NOW!

MY CHILD-HOOD FRIEND...

...I HAVE TO TURN HIM BACK INTO THE PERSON HE USED TO BE!

SOME-HOW...

...FIGHT CHEREN NOW!

LET ME...

WHAT'S THAT?

HUH?

...WILL BE VICTORIOUS AND CHALLENGE THE ELITE FOUR?

WHICH OF THESE TWO CON-TES-TANTS ...

WHICH OF THEM DO YOU THINK IT WILL BE, GRIMS-LEY?

...NEITHER OF THEM WILL GET THE CHANCE TO CHALLENGE THE ELITE FOUR.

YOU THINK EITHER BLACK OR CHEREN IS GOING TO CHALLENGE US... BUT I SAY...

CARE TO MAKE A BET?

HEY, MARSHAL!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

AS A MATTER OF FACT... THE WHOLE POKÉMON LEAGUE STADIUM MIGHT BE ABOUT TO COLLAPSE!

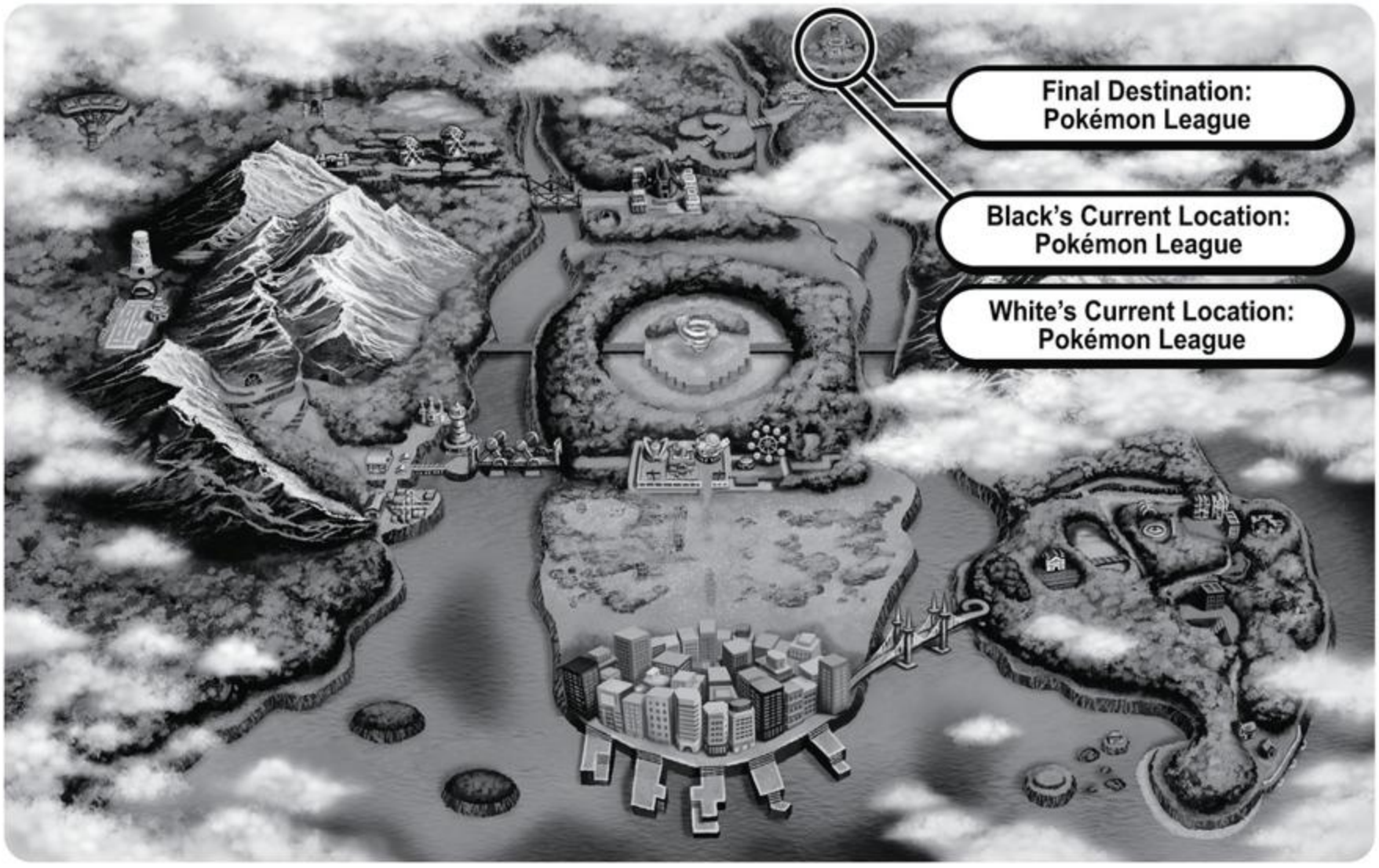
rum rum rum rum

...THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH!

A TREMOR... THAT SEEMS TO BE RISING UP FROM...

DON'T YOU HEAR IT...?

ADVENTURE MAP





Mega Fire Pig Pokémon **Bo**
Emboar ♂ Fire Fighting
Lv.49 Ability: Blaze



Valiant Pokémon **Brav**
Braviary ♂ Normal Flying
Lv.59 Ability: Sheer Force



EleSpider Pokémon **Tula**
Galvantula ♂ Bug Electric
Lv.59 Ability: Unnerve





Grass Snake Pokémon **Amanda**
Servine ♀ Grass
Lv.40 Ability: Overgrow



Season Pokémon **Darlene**
Deerling ♀ Normal Grass
Lv.31 Ability: Chlorophyll



Trap Pokémon **Dorothy**
Stunfisk ♀ Ground Electric
Lv.34 Ability: Limber



Prototurtle Pokémon **Costa**
Tirtouga ♂ Water Rock
Lv.43 Ability: Solid Rock





Caring Pokémon **Nancy**
Alomomola ♀ Water
Lv.35 Ability: Healer



Diapered Pokémon **Barbara**
Vullaby ♀ Dark Flying
Lv.39 Ability: Big Pecks



Cell Pokémon **Solly**
Solosis ♂ Psychic
Lv.29 Ability: Magic Guard



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UNFEZANT

Adventure 58
True Friends

ker unk

THE FINAL IS IN THIRTY MINUTES! IF YOU DON'T STOP FIGHTING NOW, I'LL... UM... ER...

BLACK! CHEREN! PLEASE STOP FIGHTING *THIS MINUTE*!

ker unk

WHY WAIT? IF THEY DON'T MIND STARTING NOW, I—

THEY'VE ALREADY MADE IT TO THE FINALS.

MAYOR ...?!

LET THEM FIGHT.

I HEREBY PROCLAIM THIS TO BE THE *OFFICIAL FINAL BATTLE OF THE POKÉMON LEAGUE*!

VERY WELL THEN...

I DON'T MIND!

ME NEI-THER!

NO.

I'LL SHOW YOU.

...WHAT TRUE POWER IS!

CHEREN! I'LL SHOW YOU...

TO RESEARCH YOUR OPPONENTS... TO OBSERVE THEIR KNOWLEDGE, JUDGMENT AND ORDERS IN BATTLE...

TO KNOW THE ATTACK, DEFENSE, SPEED AND OTHER ASPECTS OF YOUR POKÉMON...

BO, WHAT'S WRONG ?!

?!

NO.

SLUMP

THAT IS POWER.

NO WONDER HE MANAGED TO MAKE HIS WAY INTO THE FINALS. HIS TECHNIQUE IS EXCELLENT!

WHAT ?

BULLDOZE! IRIS USED THAT AGAINST ME IN THE QUARTER-FINALS!

!

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WHAT HAPPENED?! BLACK'S EMBOAR HAD THE ADVANTAGE AGAINST CHEREN'S GIGALITH WITH ITS FIGHTING-TYPE MOVES...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE EMBOAR IS THE ONE RECEIVING ALL THE DAMAGE!

...CHEREN IS ABLE TO TAUNT BLACK INTO ATTACKING HIM, ENABLING HIM TO COUNTER-ATTACK IN SECRET.

AND UNLIKE IRIS...

...EVERY TIME EMBOAR ATTACKED WITH HAMMER ARM AND BRICK BREAK!

GIGALITH STOMPED THE GROUND WITH ITS FEET...

I HAD NO IDEA HE WAS SO GOOD.

IS THIS REALLY THE CHEREN I KNOW?

...TO ACHIEVE ***TRUE POWER.***

THAT'S ALL THAT MAT-TERS...

STATS AND TECH-NIQUE.

NOW DO YOU GET IT, BLACK?

HE'S EVEN BREAKING HIS BOND WITH HIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND...!

WONDERFUL! ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL!

IS THAT WHAT YOU MEAN?

SO THE COLDNESS OF HIS HEART WILL DRAW OUT THE STRENGTH OF HIS POKÉ-MON...

WONDERFUL... JUST WONDERFUL!

BRRR! TALK ABOUT COLD!

OH, THAT'S...

WHAT IS IT, SOLLY?

LET'S GO, SOLLY!

fwipfwip

ARE THEY CONNECTED IN SOME WAY?

WHAT ARE THEY DOING TOGETH-ER?

...HOOD MAN AND GRAY!

...FOR NOW ANYWAY.

I WON'T SAY YOU'RE COMPLETELY WRONG, BUT... THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT...

I THINK CHEREN'S BATTLE MORE THAN PROVES ME RIGHT.

CAN'T YOU ACCEPT MY THEORY?

AND THEY ALL HAVE DIFFERENT WAYS OF DRAWING OUT THEIR POKÉMON'S STRENGTH.

BY SNEAKING INTO THIS TOURNAMENT, I MANAGED TO MEET MANY SKILLED TRAINERS.

ANOTHER SEEKS TO MASTER A COMPRE-HENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF A SINGLE POKÉMON TYPE.

ONE TRAINER BELIEVES ONENESS WITH NATURE IS THE WAY TO GO ABOUT IT.


PROV-
ING...
BY
USING...
CHEREN
?
...WHICH
YOU ARE
PROVING
BY USING
CHEREN.
OF COURSE,
I INCLUDE
YOUR
CONCEPT OF
COLDNESS...
URGH!
WHAT
ARE
YOU...?!
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EAVES-
DROPPING
IS NOT AN
ADMIRABLE
BEHAVIOR,
YOUNG LADY.
YOU TOO,
SOLOSIS.
I'D PREFER
THAT YOU
REMAIN
QUIET UNTIL
THIS BATTLE IS
CONCLUDED.
I HAVE TO
ALERT BLACK
SOMEHOW!
SO THEY
ARE BAD
GUYS AFTER
ALL...

POWER GEM...

OOP

IT HASN'T FAINTED YET!

EM-BOAR IS STILL AWAKE!

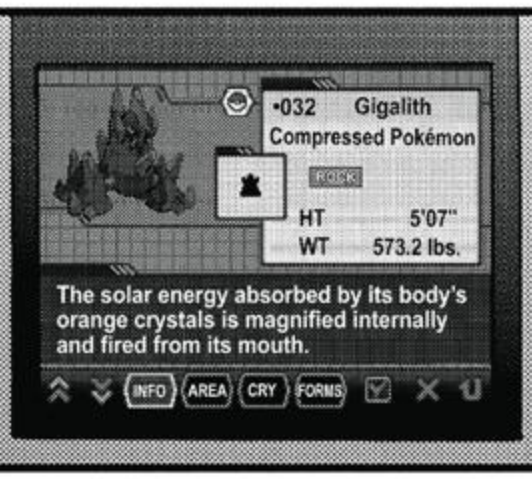
NO...!

IS THE BATTLE OVER?!

WHMP

EMBOAR HAS FALLEN!

IT'S AN ATTACK THAT GIGALITH SHOOTS OUT OF ITS MOUTH BY MAGNIFYING THE SOLAR ENERGY IT ABSORBS WITH ITS ORANGE CRYSTALS.



THAT WAS POWER GEM...

YOU'RE STRONG...!

BUT I'M NOT GOING DOWN JUST YET...

YOU WERE ENTRUSTED WITH ONE OF THESE TOO!

"SILLY THING"?!

YOU STILL KEEP THAT SILLY THING ON YOU, HUH?

THE POKÉDEX...

...FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE AWFUL DEVICES.

PEOPLE LOCK POKÉMON IN POKÉ BALLS...

...POKÉDEXES SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN INVENTED.

NO... AS A MATTER OF FACT...

I DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE.

Grab

...SAKE OF...

LOCK UP POKÉMON IN POKÉ BALLS...

WHERE HAVE I HEARD *THAT* BEFORE ...?

...IMPRISON OUR POKÉMON FRIENDS ...?!

MACHINE YOU...

THAT MEANS ...

TEAM PLAS-MA!

I SEE THAT YOU HAVE BECOME A MEMBER OF TEAM PLASMA IN BOTH HEART AND SOUL.

Yoink

WELL SAID, CHEREN.

grab

CROAGUNK, TIME TO MAKE AN ARREST! INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT NO. 10...

IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT !

WHO'S THERE?! ICE BEAM!

FFrrpt

boing

WHAT ...?!

HUH ?!

KRAOOM

AND THEY DID SOMETHING TO CHEREN!

THESE MEN ARE FROM TEAM PLASMA !

SHA

BLACK!

BLACK!

BOSS!

!

POOF

TELE-PORT ...

BE CARE-FUL!

AND GRAY AND HIS CRYON-GONAL HAVE BEEN CAPTURED.

THE SPEC-TA-TORS ARE FINE.

ARE ANY OF THE SPECTA-TORS INJURED?

Eee e!

WHAT'S GOING ON, KIMI?

Ai ie e!

ek!

THE CRIMINAL WHO CAUSED THIS RUCKUS HAS ALREADY BEEN DETAINED! PLEASE RELAX AND REMAIN IN YOUR SEATS!

PLEASE, EVERYONE...! CALM DOWN!

BUT I'LL HAVE TO PUT THIS FINAL BATTLE ON HOLD UNTIL HER SAFETY HAS BEEN CON-FIRMED—UNDER-STOOD?

OF COURSE. AND... THANKS.

I DON'T ACCEPT THAT.

I KNOW. I'VE CLOSED ALL THE GATES SO HE CAN'T ESCAPE.

DRAYDEN! MY BOSS—WHITE...! SHE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED BY HOOD MAN! TURNS OUT HE WAS A MEMBER OF TEAM PLASMA TOO!

THE BATTLE WILL GO ON...

...NO MAT-TER WHAT!

BOM

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BLACK!

OH NO...!

SHATTR

NOW BRING YOUR EMBOAR OUT AGAIN.

NO ONE WILL INTERFERE WITH OUR BATTLE HERE.

I'LL WAKE YOU FROM THEIR SPELL BY KNOCKING SOME SENSE INTO YOU.

Hff. Hff. Hff.

BOM

WHICH ACTUALLY MAKES THIS SIMPLER...

CHEREN... YOU'VE BEEN BRAINWASHED BY TEAM PLASMA!

I *CHOSE* THIS.

BOM

I'M NOT BRAINWASHED.

...STAYED BEHIND. BECAUSE THERE WAS SOMETHING I COULDN'T GET OUT OF MY HEAD...

BUT I...

YOU HAPPILY TROTTED OFF TO YOUR GYM BATTLE AFTER DEFEATING TEAM PLASMA.

REMEMBER THAT DAY WHEN WE FOUGHT TOGETHER AT THE COLD STORAGE AT DRIFTVEIL CITY...?

AND I'D HEARD THEIR SPEECHES ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION BEFORE ARRIVING IN DRIFTVEIL CITY.

BIANCA AND PROFESSOR JUNIPER HAD TOLD ME ABOUT TEAM PLASMA.

WE CANNOT AFFORD TO...

THE POKÉMON WE'VE GATHERED ARE FRIENDS OF OUR KING...

WHO IS THIS KING?

WHAT IS TEAM PLASMA? WHAT WERE THEY TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH AT THE COLD STORAGE?

I ALSO SAW A LOT OF PEOPLE LIBERATE THEIR POKÉMON IN FRONT OF ME. I WONDERED...

...IN HOPES OF LEARNING MORE ABOUT THEM.

I RETURNED TO THE COLD STORAGE...

HOW DID YOU KNOW ...?

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

I KNEW YOU WOULD COME BACK.

SO YOU HAVE RETURNED.

YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT THE REASONS BEHIND OUR ACTIONS.

BUT YOU... YOU ARE DIFFER-ENT.

YOUR FRIEND MERELY SHOUTED AT US. HE MADE UP HIS MIND ABOUT US FROM THE START...

BECAUSE YOU HAVE AN INQUISITIVE MIND.

LET ME TEACH YOU ABOUT TEAM PLASMA...

YOU WANT TO LEARN THE TRUTH WITH UNCLOUDED EYES. THAT'S WONDERFUL!

ARE YOU NUTS? YOU BECAME A FOLLOWER OF TEAM PLASMA WITHOUT QUESTIONING THEIR ULTERIOR MOTIVES IN ANY WAY?

YOU NEVER WORRIED ABOUT THE TROUBLE YOU CAUSED FOR THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU ALONG THE WAY.

SINCE YOU WERE VERY YOUNG, YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD A CLEAR VISION FOR YOUR FUTURE.

I'M NOT NUTS. I JUST LACKED FOCUS.

... I SAW IT.

THEN...

I WANTED SOMETHING THAT WOULD MAKE ME FEEL... ALIVE.

I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT. NOT REALLY.

I'LL SAY IT TO YOUR FACE NOW, BLACK...

... I WANTED TO GET AHOLD OF SUCH POWER.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...

INCRED-IBLE POWER...

POWER...

YOUR MUNNA ABANDONING YOU PROVES IT.

YOU'RE ***WEAK.***

BUT I WAS GRATEFUL FOR THAT.

YOU WERE ALWAYS CRITICIZING ME FOR SOMETHING.

YOU'VE BEEN SCOLDING ME EVER SINCE WE WERE KIDS.

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT NOT BEING BRAINWASHED BY THEM...

YEAH, MAYBE...

HEY, CHEREN ...

...I'VE GOT NO INTEREST IN WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME NOW.

BUT...

I WOULDN'T BE HERE IF YOU HADN'T LECTURED ME.

I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN STUCK AT STRIATON CITY GYM IF YOU HADN'T BEEN AROUND.

IF THE POWER YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT TRULY COMES FROM THIS THING YOU CALL THE TRUTH, LET'S SEE YOU DEFEAT ME WITH IT.

PROVE IT...

IF YOU'RE OUT OF ENERGY, HURRY UP AND ABSORB SOME MORE FROM THE SUN!

?!

WHY WON'T YOU SHOOT ?!

GIGALITH! FINISH EMBOAR OFF WITH YOUR POWER GEM!

SHUT UP!

HEY, THAT'S ...

THAT PINK STUFF IS COVERING THE SUN! GIGALITH CAN'T ABSORB ANY SOLAR ENERGY!

IT'S NOT A CLOUD ... IS IT... SMOKE ?!

WHAT'S WITH THIS PINK CLOUD ?!

DREAM MIST!

IT LOOKS JUST LIKE THAT THING YOU WERE ANALYZING...

YOU COME OUT TOO, BRAV!

BOM

UNFE-ZANT !

COME BACK, GIGA-LITH!

BOM

SKY ATTACK!


KICK

...HEAV-ENS!

THE UN-FEZANT HAS FAINTED!

...MY...

OH...

BOTH OF THEM...

THEY'RE ASLEEP!

I DO. THAT'S **US**... NINE YEARS AGO. HOW WEIRD... WE'RE BOTH IN THE SAME DREAM.

CHEREN, DO YOU SEE WHAT I'M SEEING? WE'RE INSIDE A DREAM.

HA HA...

My dream is to win the Pokémon League!

AND MY...

...DREAM IS...

Heh heh.

Oh!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FORGOT WHAT YOU WROTE!

HMPH...

...THAT DREAM TOO, DIDN'T YOU?

YOU JUST SAW...

YOU'LL ALWAYS BE MY FRIEND.

And my dream is to support Black's dream to win the Pokémon League.

My dream is to win the League!

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU, AND EVEN IF YOU NEVER GO BACK TO BEING THE CHEREN I USED TO KNOW...

KLING

...AND IT WILL NEVER CHANGE.

THAT'S THE TRUTH...

WEL-COME BACK...

...MUSHA.

TEAM PLASMA ...

...REALLY MAD!

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YOU'VE MADE ME...

WOM WOM WOM

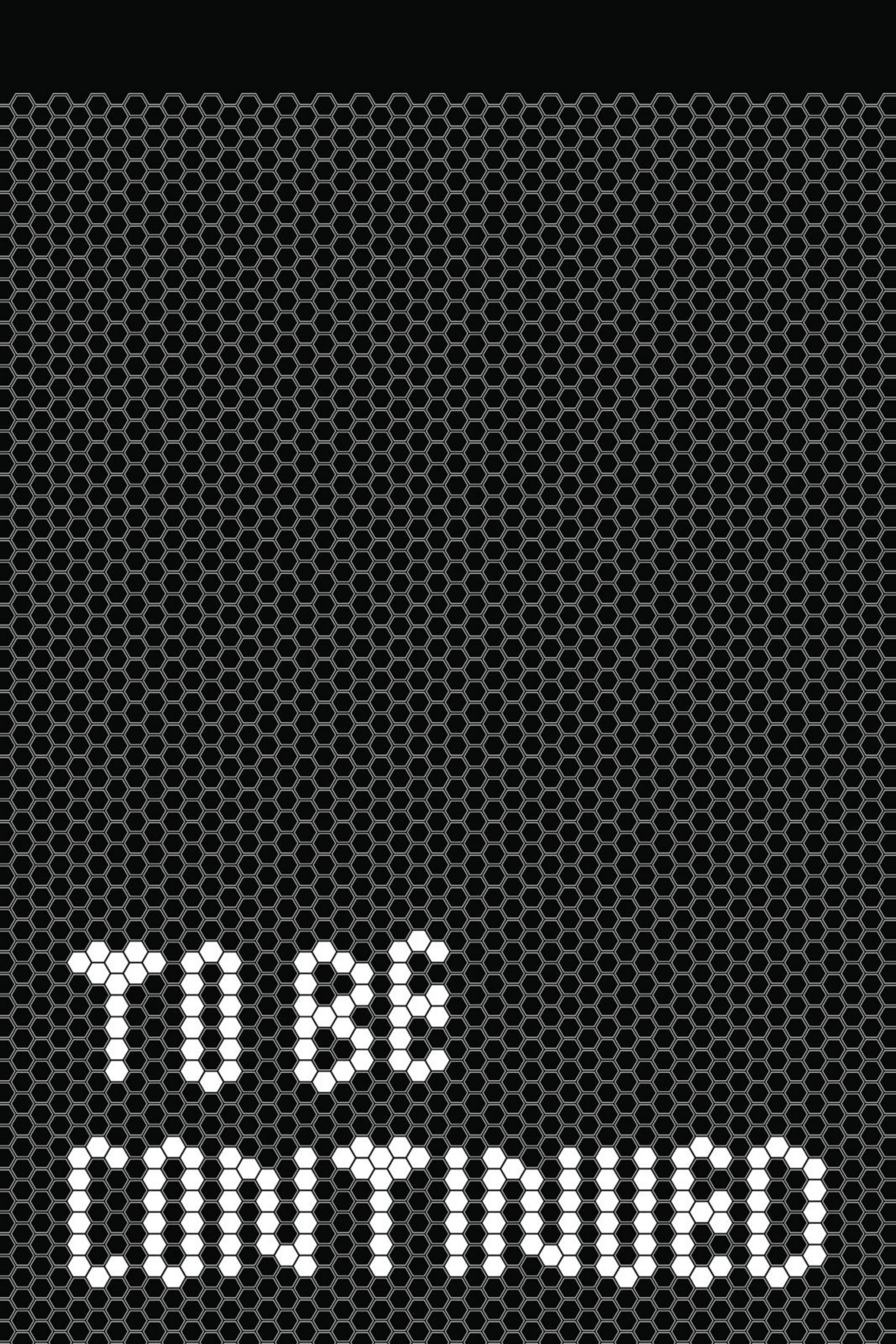
HOW DARE YOU USE MY FRIEND AND KIDNAP MY BOSS!

COME OUT...

...TEAM PLASMA!

AAH!

THE LIGHT STONE HAS TURNED INTO RESHI-RAM!



Coming Next Volume!

What Is Ideal?

smak

What Is Truth?

foosh

The battle of the founding of Unova comes to an end!!

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Team Plasma's Seven Sages

The final battle begins!

Where are they and what are they up to...?

TEAM PLASMA HAS EAGERLY BEEN WAITING FOR THE POKÉMON LEAGUE TO COMMENCE. AND NOW THAT RESHIRAM HAS BEEN AWOKEN BY BLACK, THEY ARE ALL BOUND TO CLASH. BUT ONLY ONE OF THE SEVEN SAGES HAS APPEARED SO FAR. WHAT OF THE OTHER SIX? LET'S GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS MYSTERY BY ANALYZING WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR...



BRONIUS

○ CASTELIA/THE CASE OF THE DISAPPEARING POKÉMON

BIANCA'S POKÉMON WAS ONE OF THE ONES THAT DISAPPEARED. IT WAS BRONIUS WHO CAME UP WITH THE AUDACIOUS IDEA OF LOCATING TEAM PLASMA'S HIDEOUT RIGHT IN FRONT OF A POKÉMON GYM. (ADVENTURE 19)

⬆ THANKS TO BLACK, ALL THE MISSING POKÉMON WERE RESCUED.



◆ BRONIUS'S GRUNTS ◆



GORM

○ NACRENE/THEFT OF THE DRAGON POKÉMON FOSSIL

GORM WAS THE SAGE BEHIND THE STEALTHY THEFT OF A COMPLETE FOSSIL SKELETON ON DISPLAY AT THE NACRENE MUSEUM.



⬆ IT COMES AS QUITE A SHOCK TO HEAR THAT HE HAS "PLEDGED ALLEGIANCE" TO A "KING"!



◆ GORM'S GRUNTS ◆

GHETSIS

GHETSIS IS THE LEADER OF THE SEVEN SAGES, AND THE SPOKESPERSON FOR TEAM PLASMA. HIS POWERS OF PERSUASION ARE IMPRESSIVE. HE'S ABLE TO WORM HIS WAY INTO PEOPLE'S MINDS...



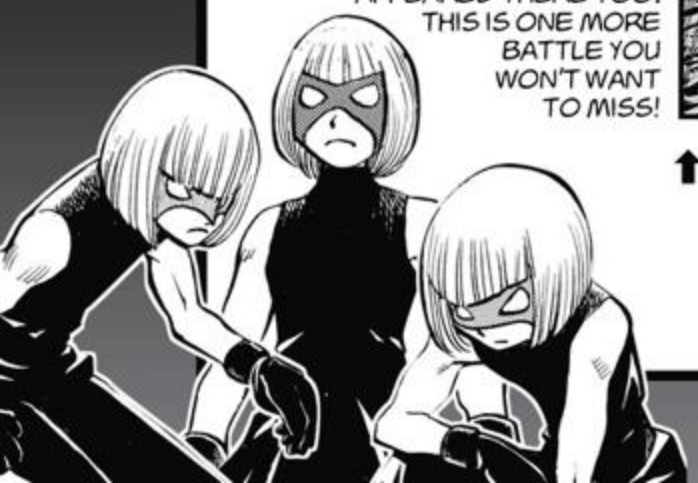
⬆ COULD GHETSIS BE THE ONE WHO TAUGHT N THAT THE POKÉMON LEAGUE AND RESEARCH LABORATORIES WERE TO BLAME FOR HIS TROUBLES?

◆ GHETSIS'S GRUNTS ◆ SHADOW TRIAD

GHETSIS'S RIGHT-HAND OPERATIVES, THE SHADOW TRIAD, ARE CURRENTLY FIGHTING THE STRIATON TRIPLETS AT THE P2 LABORATORY. COBALION AND THE OTHERS HAVE APPEARED THERE TOO. THIS IS ONE MORE BATTLE YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!



⬆ THE POKÉMON SWORDS OF JUSTICE ARE CONVINCED THAT PEOPLE WILL NEVER STOP FIGHTING EACH OTHER. WILL THEY WATCH OVER THE FINAL BATTLE WITH TEAM PLASMA?





◆ Relationship with N ◆

N REFERS TO GHETSIS AS "FATHER." (ADVENTURE 49) ARE THEY LITERALLY FATHER AND SON?!

ZINZOLIN



⬇ HE GETS COLD EASILY AND IS VERY WARMLY DRESSED. HE SEEMS TO ENJOY BEING COLD THOUGH... WHICH IS ODD.

GRAY



○ COLD STORAGE

AN EERIE RUMBLE IS HEARD FROM BENEATH THE POKÉMON LEAGUE STADIUM. THE FACE HIDDEN BENEATH THE MASK IS FINALLY REVEALED. IT TURNS OUT THAT THE MAN WHO MADE IT INTO THE TOP EIGHT FINALISTS UNDER THE NAME OF GRAY IS ACTUALLY ZINZOLIN. HE IS THE ONLY SAGE WE'VE SEEN FIGHTING IN THE FRONTLINES SO FAR. WHY DID HE APPEAR AT THE POKÉMON LEAGUE IN DISGUISE?

○ POKÉMON LEAGUE/INFILTRATION OF THE FINALS





⬆ AS LOOKER POINTED OUT, ZINZOLIN'S ALIAS, "GRAY," MEANS A BLEND OF BLACK AND WHITE.

◆ ZINZOLIN'S GRUNTS ◆



⬆ ZINZOLIN TRIES TO PROVOKE BLACK BY MANIPULATING AND USING HIS FRIEND CHEREN. ZINZOLIN WAS GATHERING POKÉMON BACK AT THE COLD STORAGE. WHAT'S BEHIND HIS OBSESSION WITH COLD TEMPERATURES?

ROOD



UNLIKE THE OTHER SAGES, ROOD DOESN'T PERSONALLY LEAD HIS TROOPS. HIS TROOPS WERE SENT TO A SOLITARY ISLAND WHERE THEY ALMOST—BUT NOT QUITE—CAPTURED THE VICTORY POKÉMON. (ADVENTURE 20)

○ LIBERTY GARDEN/INVESTIGATION OF VICTINI





⬆ ROOD IS A MILD-MANNERED SAGE WHO APPARENTLY ONLY ORDERED HIS MEN TO PROTECT VICTINI.

◆ ROOD'S GRUNTS ◆

GIALLO



A LEGENDARY BATTLE BETWEEN WIND AND THUNDER TAKES PLACE. A THIRD ENTITY, LAND, JOINS THE BATTLE, BUT IN THE END GIALLO SUCCEEDS IN CAPTURING ALL THREE POKÉMON. (ADVENTURE 30)

○ NEAR ANVILLE TOWN/CAPTURING TORNADUS, THUNDURUS AND LANDORUS





⬆ TEAM PLASMA GETS AHOLD OF UNPARALLELED POWER.

◆ GIALLO'S GRUNTS ◆

RYOKU



THE GRUNT WHO SNEAKED INTO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE WAS ONE OF RYOKU'S OPERATIVES. TEAM PLASMA HAS INFILTRATED EVERY LOCATION IMAGINABLE. (ADVENTURE 22)

○ DESERT RESORT & RELIC CASTLE/SEARCH FOR VOLCARONA



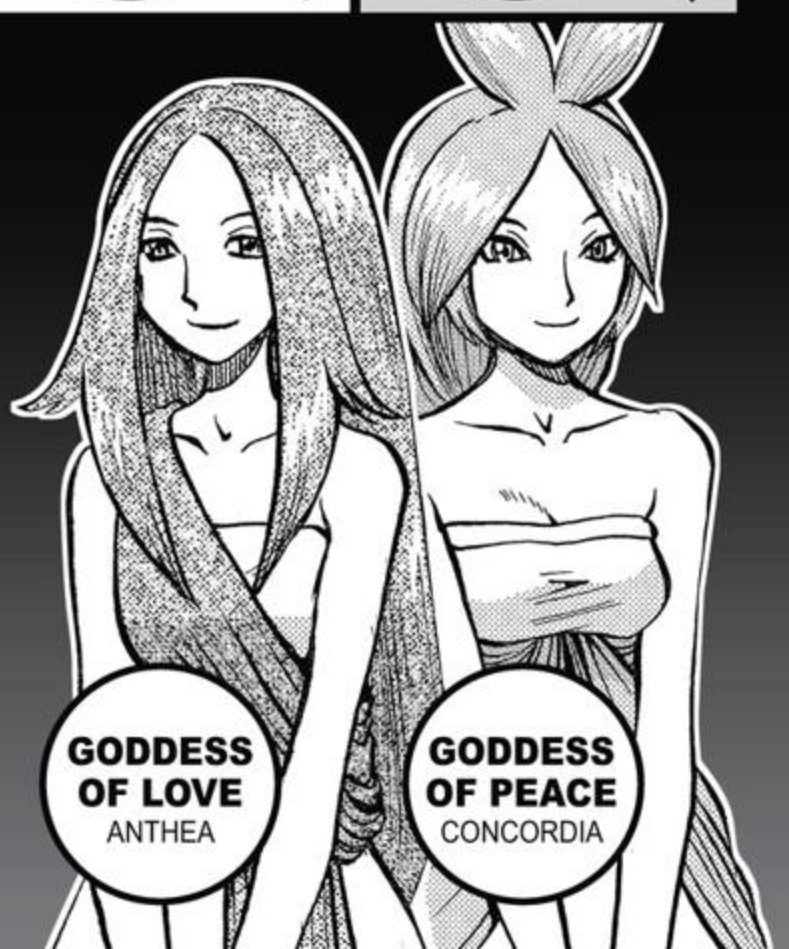
⬆ RYOKU IS A FANATICAL FOLLOWER OF GHETSIS. HE STRIVES TO STRENGTHEN TEAM PLASMA'S FORCES.



◆ RYOKU'S GRUNTS ◆

◆ GOD-DESSES ◆

THESE TWO WOMEN ARE WITH N WHEN HE TRIES TO APPROACH ZEKROM, AS WELL AS AT HIS CORONATION. THEY ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE SAGES, GRUNTS AND SHADOW TRIAD.





Message from
Hidenori Kusaka

I moved to the Shinjuku Ward of Tokyo when I was in elementary school. I've lived in that area ever since. Every now and then, I think about the people I knew before I moved. I remember the friends I met in kindergarten and wonder what they're up to now. Pearl's image of Dia... Cheren and Bianca's image of Black... I'm sure they have a very special relationship. I'm envious because I don't have anyone like that in my life: a childhood friend. What a sweet relationship that must be.

Message from
Satoshi Yamamoto

The last time I drew the Pokémon League was in the *Pokémon HeartGold*, *SoulSilver* and *Crystal* story arc. That was 37 volumes ago! But that was an exhibition match, so the last real Pokémon League appeared in volume 3, which was 47 volumes ago. To top it off, this is the *Pokémon Adventures* series, so this will be no ordinary battle between skilled trainers... No way will I allow it to be an ordinary battle! So prepare for battles full of passion and sinister strategies!



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