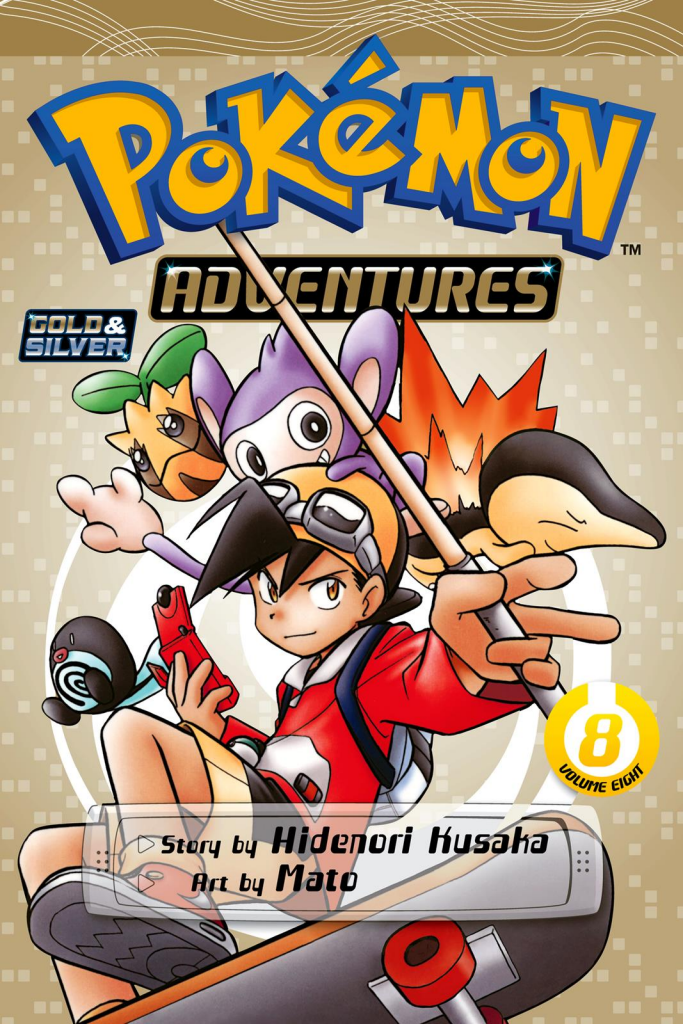

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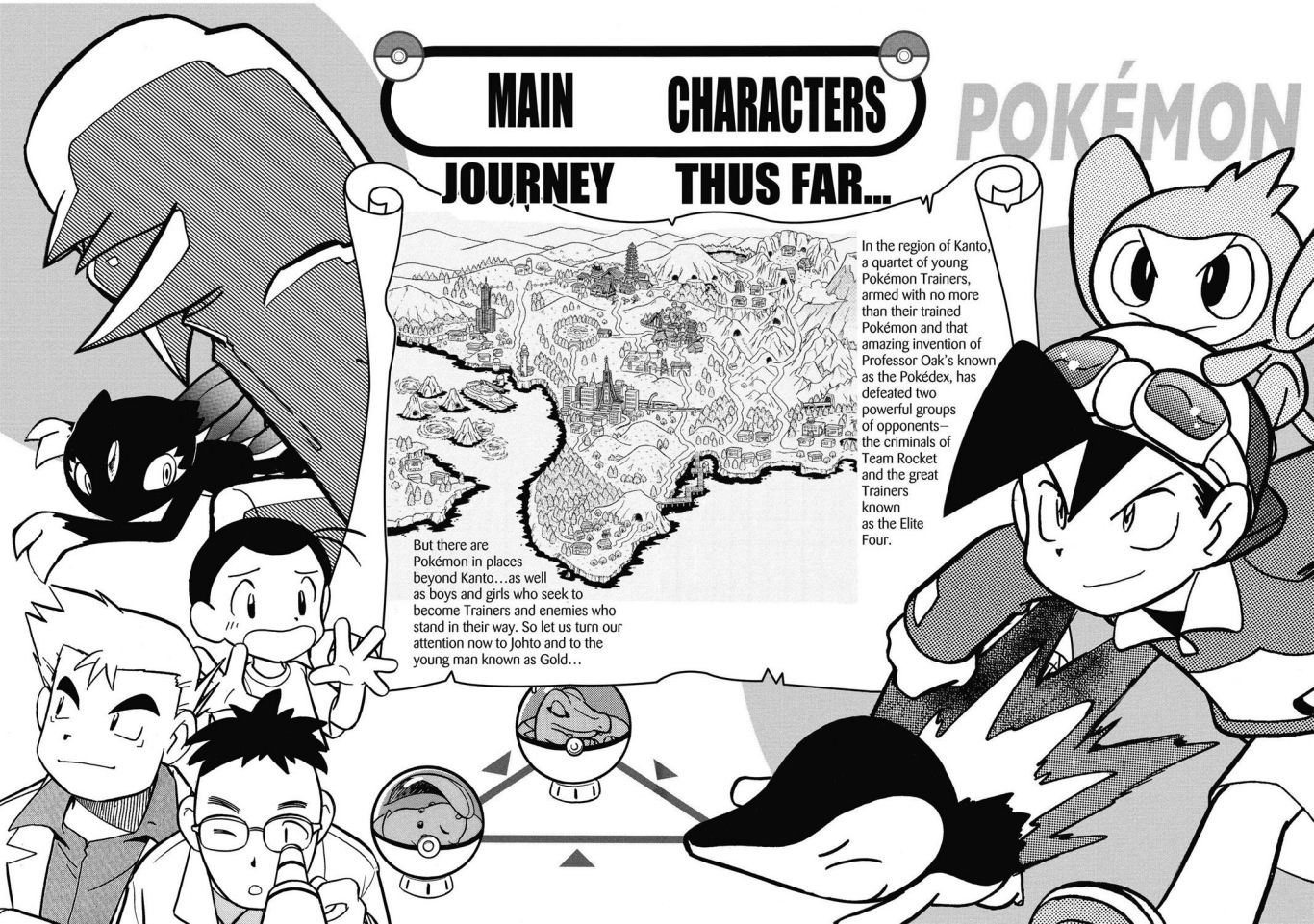
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MAIN CHARACTERS
POKÉMON
JOURNEY THUS FAR...
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But there are Pokémon in places beyond Kanto…as well as boys and girls who seek to become Trainers and enemies who stand in their way. So let us turn our attention now to Johto and to the young man known as Gold…

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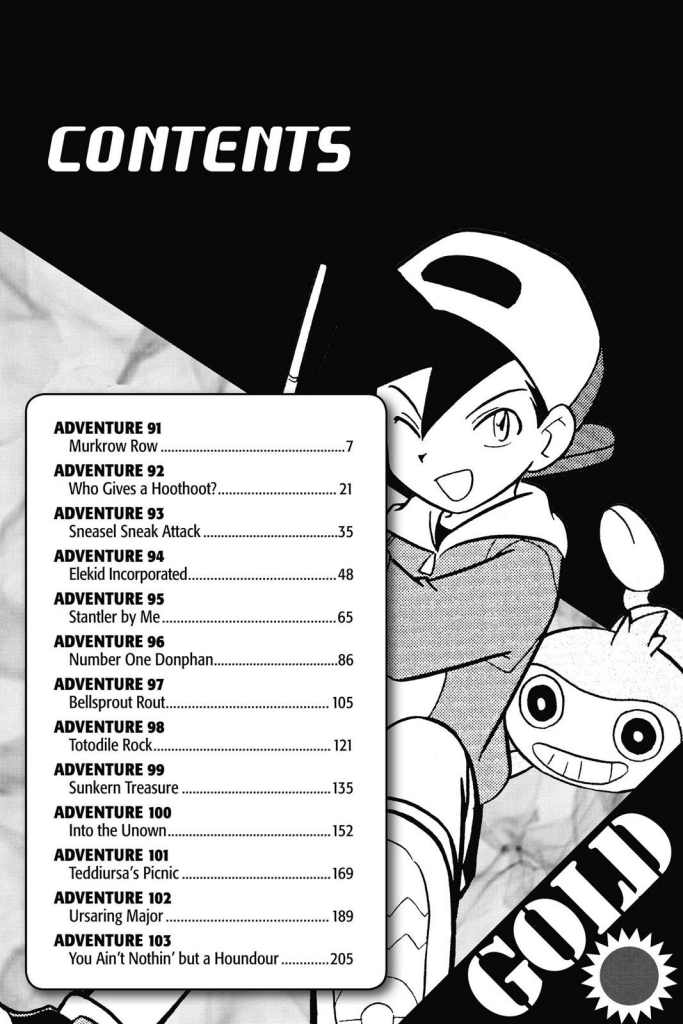
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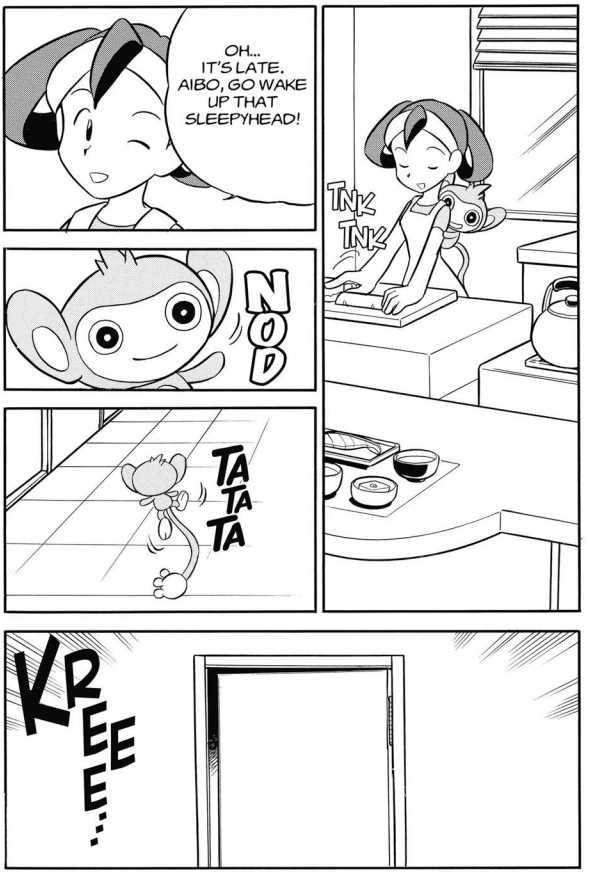
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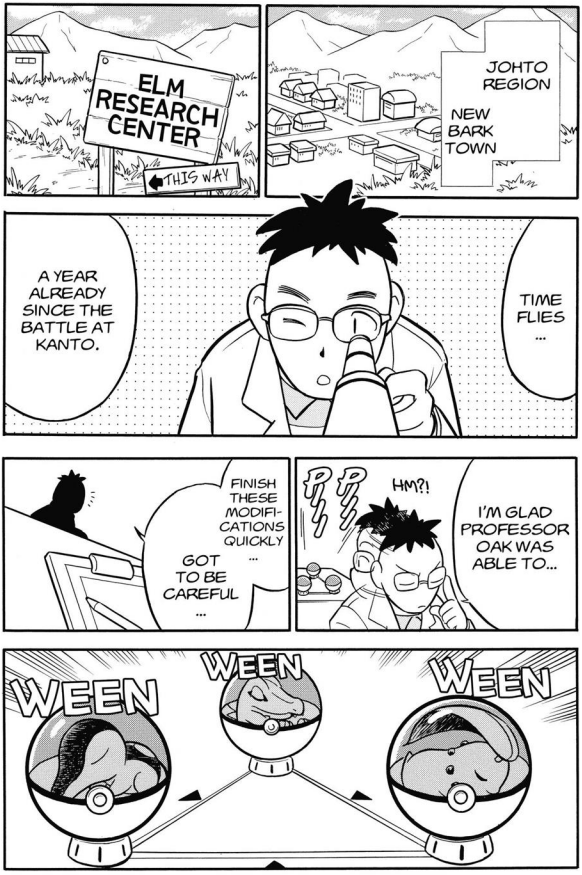


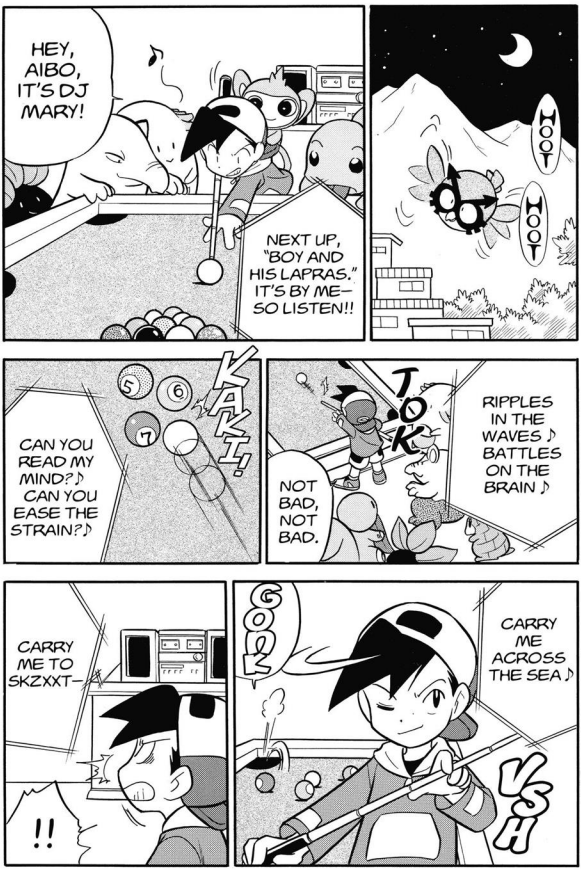

OH... IT'S LATE. AIBO, GO WAKE UP THAT SLEEPYHEAD!
TNK TNK
NOD
TA TA TA
KREEE...

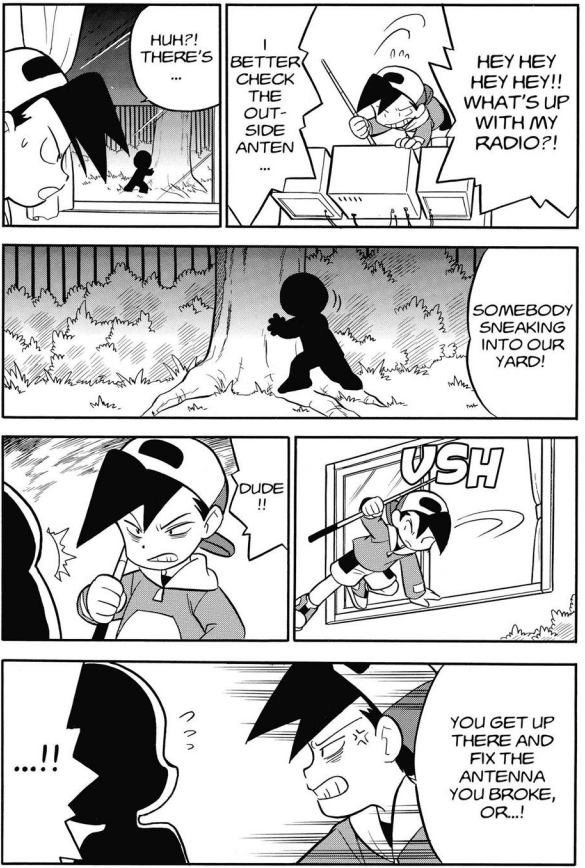


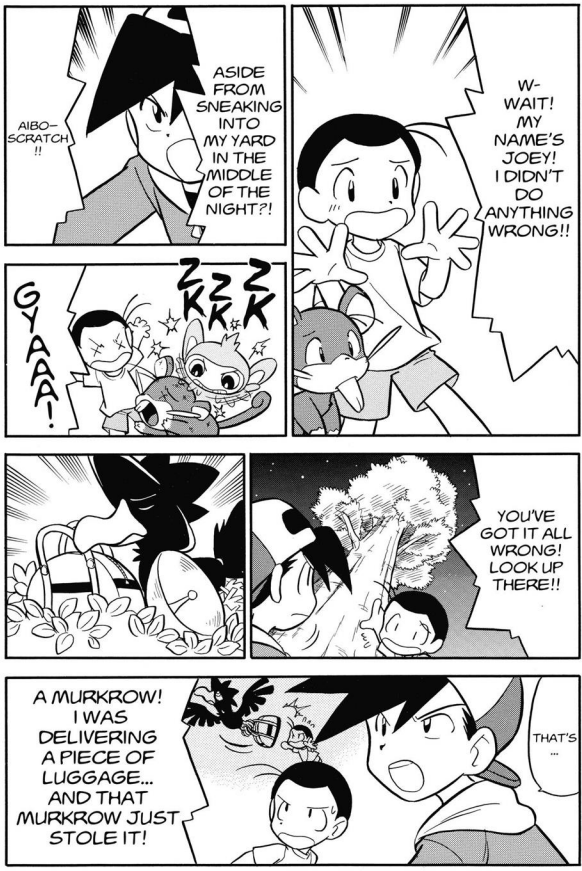
91 Murkrow Row


HUH...? OH! THANKS FOR WAKING ME UP! NOW...
POP
SLURP
HA!! THAT TICKLES!! THANKS A LOT!!
MORN-ING, MOM.
GLEEM
YOU WASHED YOUR FACE, I SEE.
NOM NOM NOM
I SURE DID.
YOUR HAIR EXPLOD-ED AGAIN.
I LIKE IT THIS WAY!
TNK
OKAY!
LET'S GO!!
ZSH


ELM RESEARCH CENTER
THIS WAY
JOHTO REGION
NEW BARK TOWN
A YEAR ALREADY SINCE THE BATTLE AT KANTO.
TIME FLIES ...
FINISH THESE MODIFI-CATIONS QUICKLY ...
GOT TO BE CAREFUL ...
HM?!
I'M GLAD PROFESSOR OAK WAS ABLE TO...
WEEN
WEEN
WEEN


HEY, AIBO, IT'S DJ MARY!
NEXT UP, "BOY AND HIS LAPRAS." IT'S BY ME— SO LISTEN!!
HOOT
HOOT
CAN YOU READ MY MIND?♪ CAN YOU EASE THE STRAIN?♪
KAKI!
NOT BAD, NOT BAD.
TOK
RIPPLES IN THE WAVES♪ BATTLES ON THE BRAIN♪
CARRY ME TO SKZXXT—
!!
GOLF
CARRY ME ACROSS THE SEA♪
WSH


HUH?! THERE'S ...
I BETTER CHECK THE OUT-SIDE ANTEN ...
HEY HEY HEY HEY!! WHAT'S UP WITH MY RADIO?!
SOMEBODY SNEAKING INTO OUR YARD!
DUDE !!
VSH
YOU GET UP THERE AND FIX THE ANTENNA YOU BROKE, OR...!
...!!

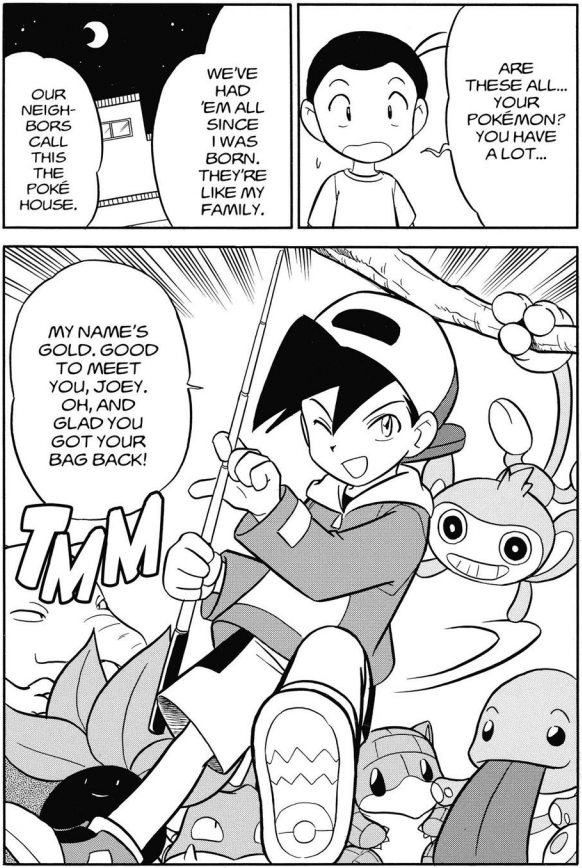

W-WAIT! MY NAME'S JOEY! I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!!
ASIDE FROM SNEAKING INTO MY YARD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?!
AIBO-SCRATCH !!
ZZKZZK
GYAAA!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG! LOOK UP THERE!!
THAT'S ...
A MURKROW! I WAS DELIVERING A PIECE OF LUGGAGE... AND THAT MURKROW JUST STOLE IT!

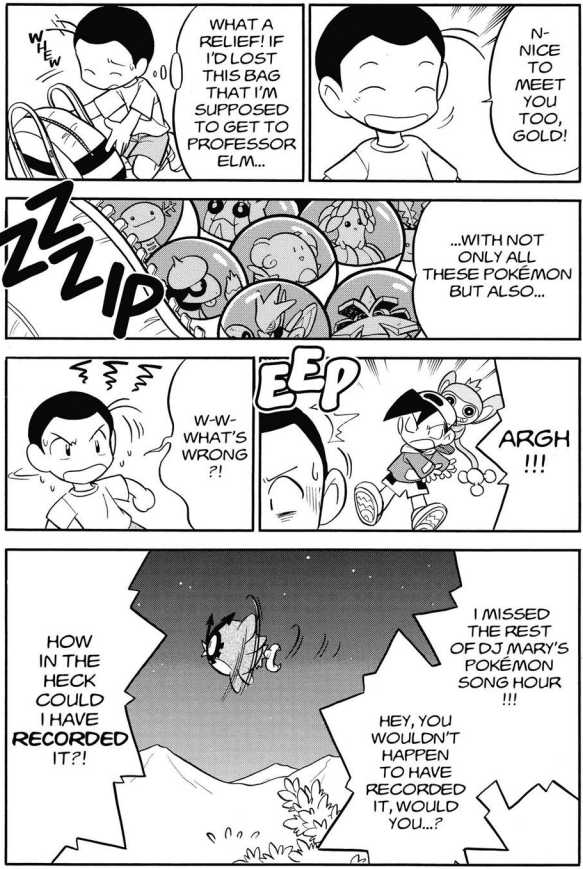

WOMP
HEH!
OH, YEAH. THIS HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.
WHEW! THEN YOU BELIEVE ME?!
IT MUST'VE TAKEN MY ANTENNA TOO.
HUH?! UH... I DUNNO... KINDA HEAVY?
NOT LIKE I CAN'T CLIMB UP THERE... BUT IT'S KIND OF A PAIN. HOW HEAVY'S YOUR BAG?
TOK
WSH
IN THAT CASE, WE'LL GO THIS ROUTE.
VIIIIN

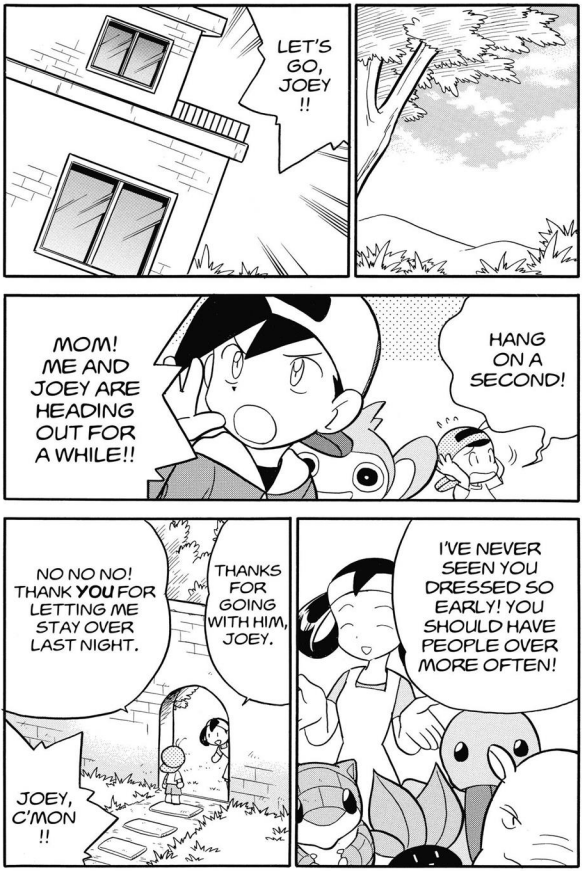

BUT WHAT'S THE POINT ?!
THAT... WAS AN AWE-SOME SHOT...
WAP
BOM
Might as well...
NOW GET MY ANTENNA! AND YOU MIGHT AS WELL GET THIS GUY'S BAG TOO.


FWAAA
HURRY !!
?!
TNG
WHOOP!
HE CAUGHT THE MURKROW, BUT NOW...
HE'S FALLING !!
BOM
ISH


I CAN'T WATCH !!
PONG
ZOOM
AIBO'S AN AIPOM. ITS TAIL IS HANDIER THAN ITS HANDS... SO TO SPEAK!
C'MON, GUYS! DON'T WORRY! I'M FINE! C'MON!!

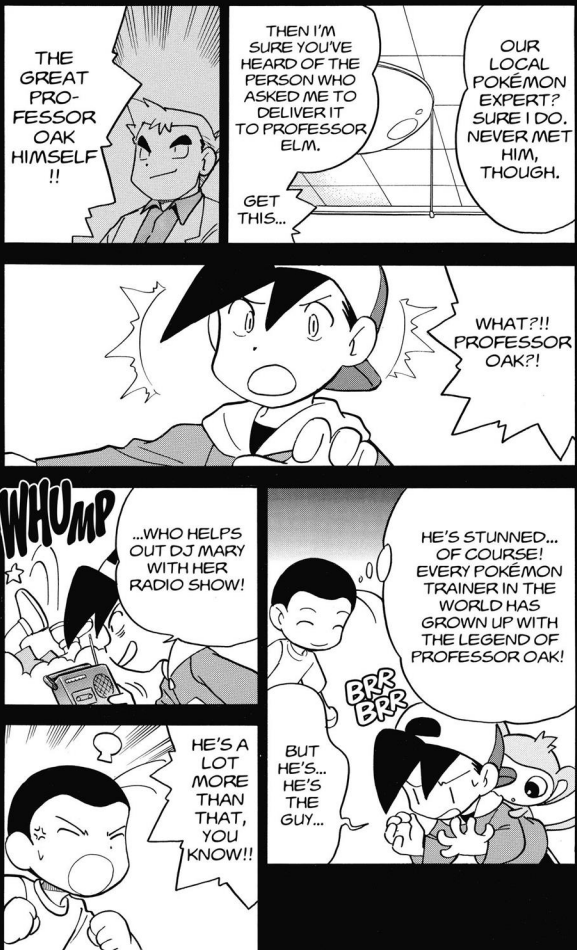

OUR NEIGHBORS CALL THIS THE POKÉ HOUSE.
WE'VE HAD 'EM ALL SINCE I WAS BORN. THEY'RE LIKE MY FAMILY.
ARE THESE ALL... YOUR POKÉMON? YOU HAVE A LOT...
MY NAME'S GOLD. GOOD TO MEET YOU, JOEY. OH, AND GLAD YOU GOT YOUR BAG BACK!
TM

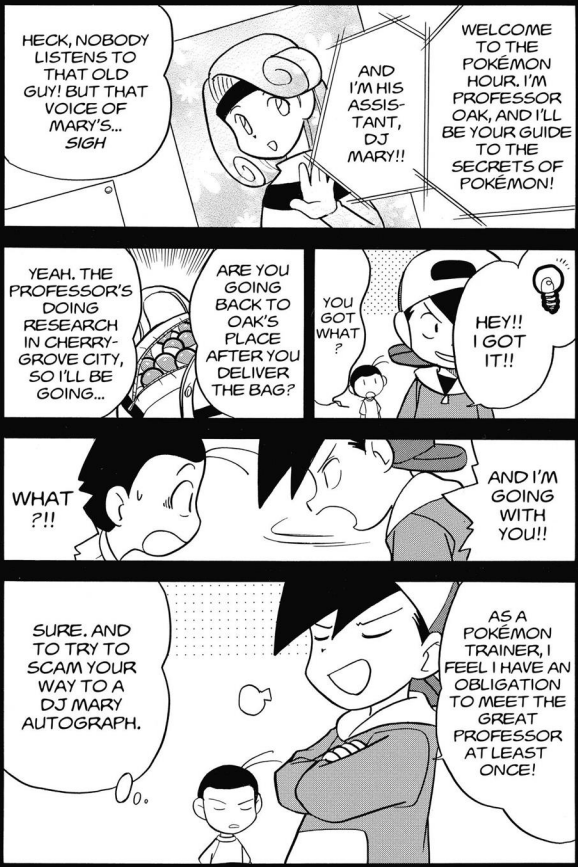

WHEW
WHAT A RELIEF! IF I'D LOST THIS BAG THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO GET TO PROFESSOR ELM...
N-NICE TO MEET YOU TOO, GOLD!
ZZZIP
...WITH NOT ONLY ALL THESE POKÉMON BUT ALSO...
W-W-WHAT'S WRONG?!
EEP
ARGH!!!
HOW IN THE HECK COULD I HAVE RECORDED IT?!
I MISSED THE REST OF DJ MARY'S POKÉMON SONG HOUR!!!
HEY, YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO HAVE RECORDED IT, WOULD YOU...?


LET'S GO, JOEY !!
MOM! ME AND JOEY ARE HEADING OUT FOR A WHILE!!
HANG ON A SECOND!
NO NO NO! THANK **YOU** FOR LETTING ME STAY OVER LAST NIGHT.
THANKS FOR GOING WITH HIM, JOEY.
JOEY, C'MON !!
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU DRESSED SO EARLY! YOU SHOULD HAVE PEOPLE OVER MORE OFTEN!

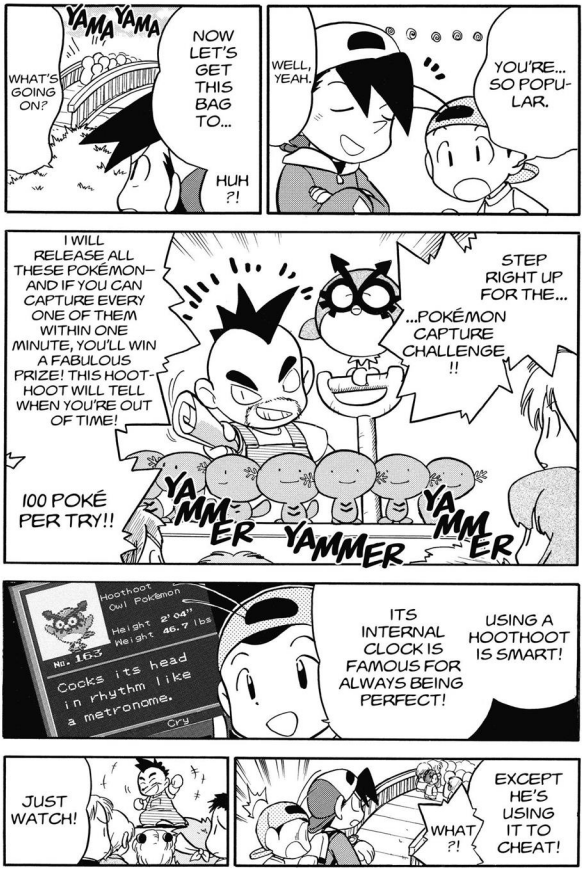
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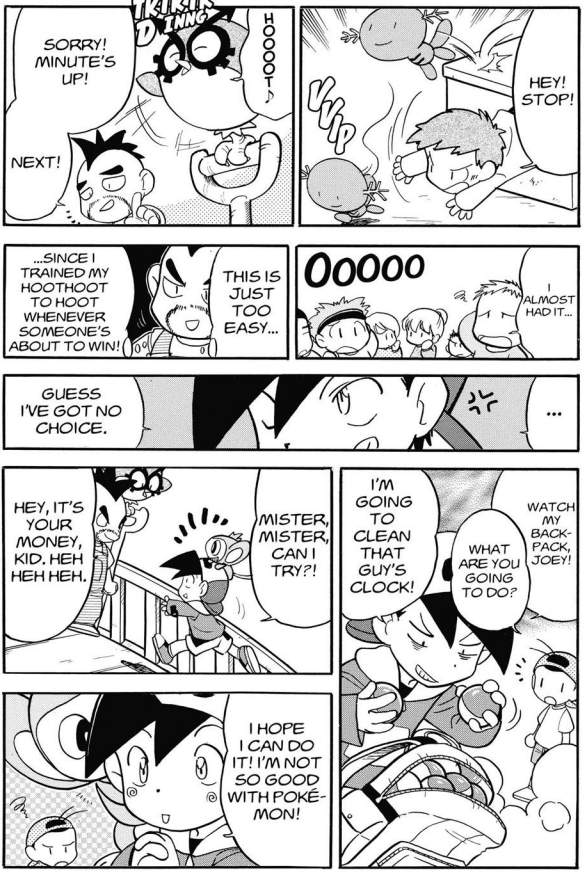



THE GREAT PRO-FESSOR OAK HIMSELF !!
THEN I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD OF THE PERSON WHO ASKED ME TO DELIVER IT TO PROFESSOR ELM.
GET THIS...
OUR LOCAL POKÉMON EXPERT? SURE I DO. NEVER MET HIM, THOUGH.
WHAT?!! PROFESSOR OAK?!
WHUMP
...WHO HELPS OUT DJ MARY WITH HER RADIO SHOW!
HE'S STUNNED... OF COURSE! EVERY POKÉMON TRAINER IN THE WORLD HAS GROWN UP WITH THE LEGEND OF PROFESSOR OAK!
BRR BRR
BUT HE'S... HE'S THE GUY...
HE'S A LOT MORE THAN THAT, YOU KNOW!!


WELCOME TO THE POKÉMON HOUR. I'M PROFESSOR OAK, AND I'LL BE YOUR GUIDE TO THE SECRETS OF POKÉMON!
AND I'M HIS ASSIS-TANT, DJ MARY!!
HECK, NOBODY LISTENS TO THAT OLD GUY! BUT THAT VOICE OF MARY'S... SIGH
HEY!! I GOT IT!!
YOU GOT WHAT ?
ARE YOU GOING BACK TO OAK'S PLACE AFTER YOU DELIVER THE BAG?
YEAH. THE PROFESSOR'S DOING RESEARCH IN CHERRY-GROVE CITY, SO I'LL BE GOING...
AND I'M GOING WITH YOU!!
WHAT ?!!
AS A POKÉMON TRAINER, I FEEL I HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO MEET THE GREAT PROFESSOR AT LEAST ONCE!
SURE. AND TO TRY TO SCAM YOUR WAY TO A DJ MARY AUTOGRAPH.

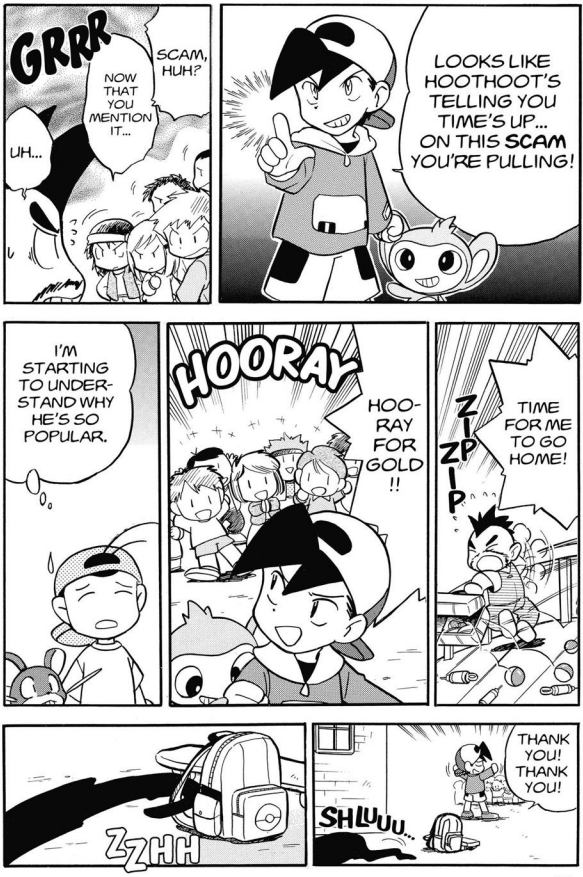

IS HE FOR REAL?
C'MON, MAN! WHAT'S UP?
TM TM TM TM
DOWN-TOWN NEW BARK TOWN
YO!
OH!
HEY !!
HEY!
HOWDY!
MORN-ING, GOLD!
IT'S GOLD, FROM THE POKÉ HOUSE!
HOW YOU BEEN ?!
LONG TIME NO SEE, POKÉ BOY!!

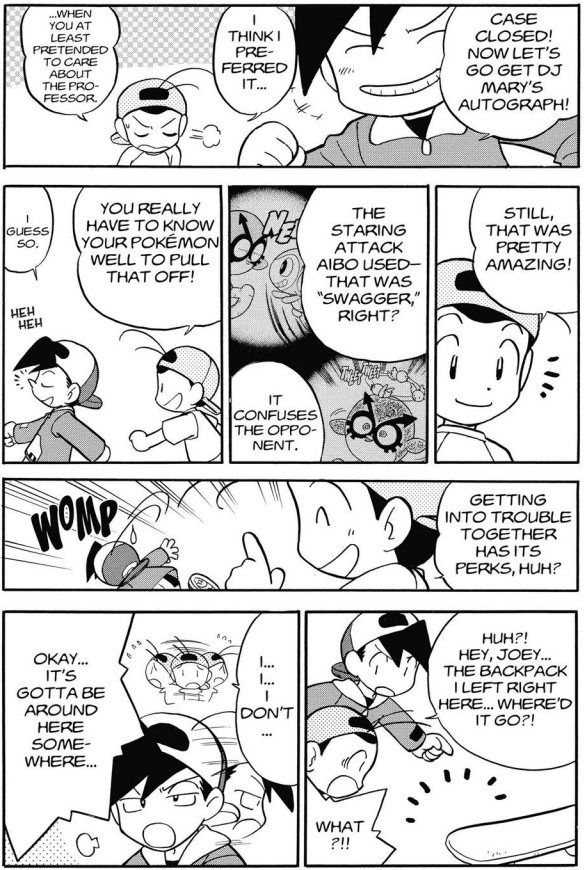

YAMA YAMA
WHAT'S GOING ON?
NOW LET'S GET THIS BAG TO...
HUH?!
WELL, YEAH.
YOU'RE... SO POPU-LAR.
I WILL RELEASE ALL THESE POKÉMON— AND IF YOU CAN CAPTURE EVERY ONE OF THEM WITHIN ONE MINUTE, YOU'LL WIN A FABULOUS PRIZE! THIS HOOT-HOOT WILL TELL WHEN YOU'RE OUT OF TIME!
STEP RIGHT UP FOR THE...
...POKÉMON CAPTURE CHALLENGE!!
100 POKÉ PER TRY!!
YAMMER
YAMMER
YAMMER
Hoothoot Owl Pokémon
No. 163
Height 2'04"
Weight 46.7 lbs
Cocks its head in rhythm like a metronome.
Cry
ITS INTERNAL CLOCK IS FAMOUS FOR ALWAYS BEING PERFECT!
USING A HOOTHOOT IS SMART!
JUST WATCH!
WHAT?!
EXCEPT HE'S USING IT TO CHEAT!

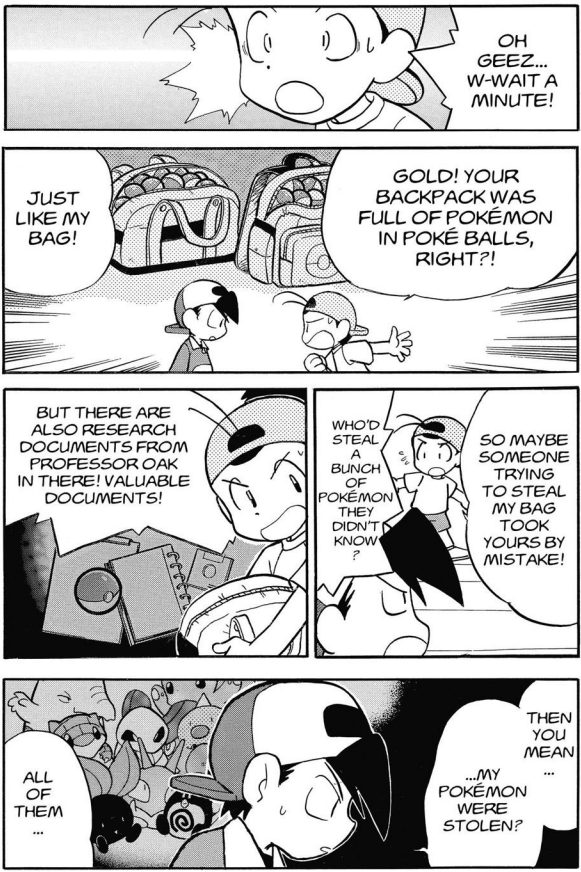

TKTKTK DING
SORRY! MINUTE'S UP!
HOOOOT♪
NEXT!
HEY! STOP!
...SINCE I TRAINED MY HOOTHOOT TO HOOT WHENEVER SOMEONE'S ABOUT TO WIN!
THIS IS JUST TOO EASY...
OOOOO
I ALMOST HAD IT...
GUESS I'VE GOT NO CHOICE.
...
HEY, IT'S YOUR MONEY, KID. HEH HEH HEH.
MISTER, MISTER, CAN I TRY?!
I'M GOING TO CLEAN THAT GUY'S CLOCK!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
WATCH MY BACK-PACK, JOEY!
I HOPE I CAN DO IT! I'M NOT SO GOOD WITH POKÉ-MON!


EEE..
NEEE
NOD
OKAY, AIBO...
WOK
VSH
START !!
FWAP
GET 'EM—!!
COME ON, GOLD!!

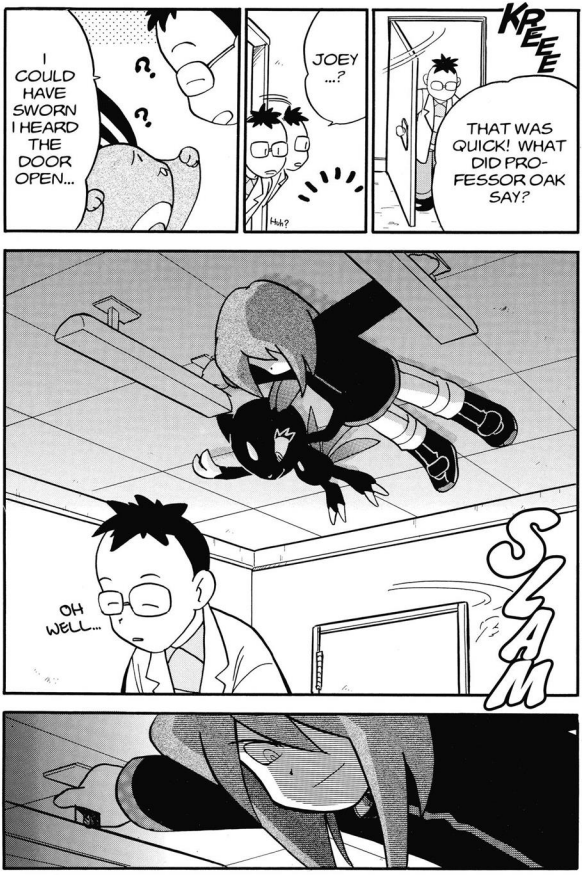

THIS KID'S PRETTY GOOD...
HMM ...
BON
BON
TIME FOR A LITTLE PREMATURE HOOTING!
OKAY, HOOT-HOOT!
H-HEY!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING ?!!
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
TWEET TWEET
DUHH
UHH
?!
HEH

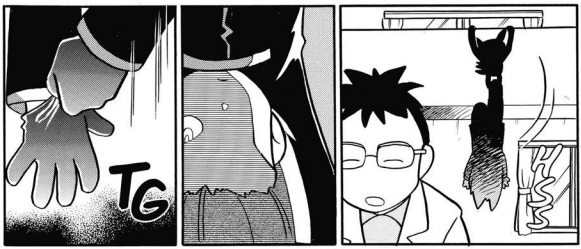

GRRR
SCAM, HUH?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
UH...
LOOKS LIKE HOOTHOOT'S TELLING YOU TIME'S UP... ON THIS SCAM YOU'RE PULLING!
I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND WHY HE'S SO POPULAR.
HOORAY
HOO-RAY FOR GOLD !!
ZIP ZIP
TIME FOR ME TO GO HOME!
ZZHH
SHLUUU...
THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

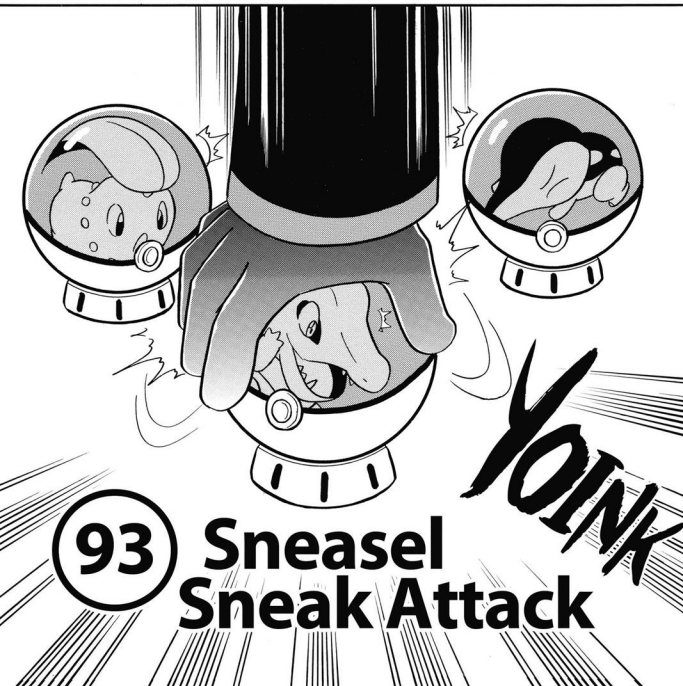

...WHEN YOU AT LEAST PRETENDED TO CARE ABOUT THE PROFESSOR.
I THINK I PREFERRED IT...
CASE CLOSED! NOW LET'S GO GET DJ MARY'S AUTOGRAPH!
I GUESS SO.
YOU REALLY HAVE TO KNOW YOUR POKÉMON WELL TO PULL THAT OFF!
HEH HEH
THE STARING ATTACK AIBO USED— THAT WAS "SWAGGER," RIGHT?
IT CONFUSES THE OPPONENT.
STILL, THAT WAS PRETTY AMAZING!
WOMP
GETTING INTO TROUBLE TOGETHER HAS ITS PERKS, HUH?
OKAY... IT'S GOTTA BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE...
I... I... I DON'T ...
HUH?! HEY, JOEY... THE BACKPACK I LEFT RIGHT HERE... WHERE'D IT GO?!
WHAT ?!!


OH GEEZ... W-WAIT A MINUTE!
GOLD! YOUR BACKPACK WAS FULL OF POKÉMON IN POKÉ BALLS, RIGHT?!
JUST LIKE MY BAG!
SO MAYBE SOMEONE TRYING TO STEAL MY BAG TOOK YOURS BY MISTAKE!
WHO'D STEAL A BUNCH OF POKÉMON THEY DIDN'T KNOW?
BUT THERE ARE ALSO RESEARCH DOCUMENTS FROM PROFESSOR OAK IN THERE! VALUABLE DOCUMENTS!
THEN YOU MEAN ...
...MY POKÉMON WERE STOLEN?
ALL OF THEM ...


AND WHEN THE CROOK CATCHES ON TO HIS MISTAKE, WHERE DOES HE GO THEN?
TAK
TO PROFESSOR ELM'S PLACE!
WSH
...
GOLD ...?
I WON'T REST UNTIL I'VE BROUGHT THEM ALL BACK.
CHK
THOSE POKÉMON HAVE BEEN MY FRIENDS SINCE I WAS BORN.
ZSH
I'M COMING, GANG!
SLAM
JOEY, IS THAT YOU?!
?!
NEW BARK TOWN
EASTERN OUTSKIRTS

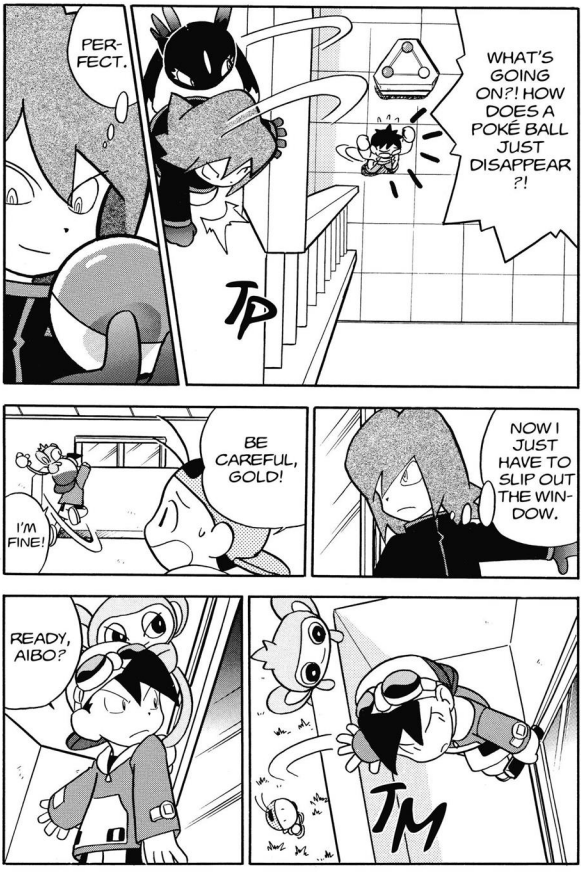

I COULD HAVE SWORN I HEARD THE DOOR OPEN...
?
?
JOEY ...?
Huh?
KREEE
THAT WAS QUICK! WHAT DID PROFESSOR OAK SAY?
OH WELL...
SLAM

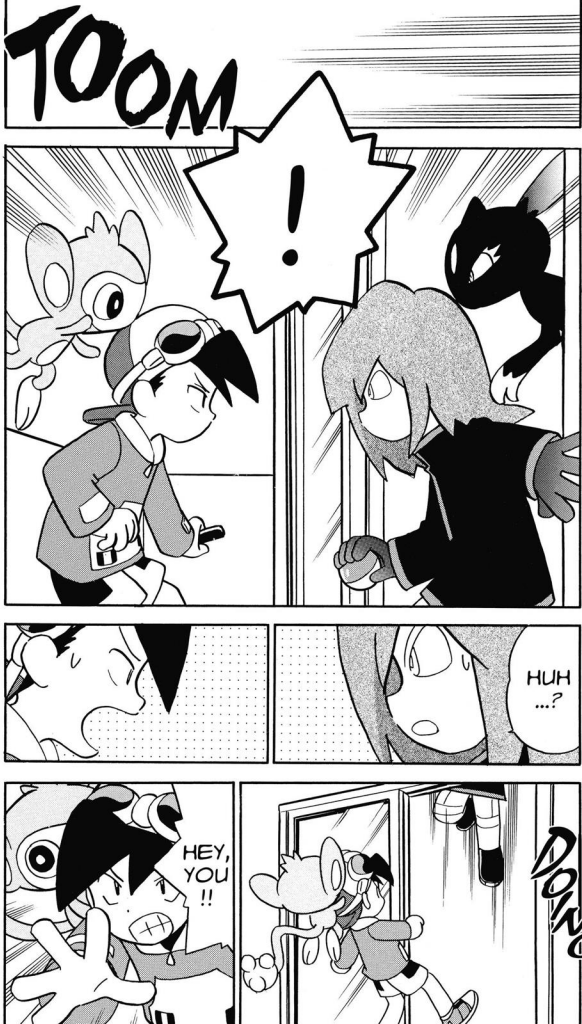




93 Sneasel Sneak Attack


T-TOTODILE'S POKÉ BALL... IT'S GONE?!
WHAT?!
WSSH
SO THIS IS WHERE ELM DOES HIS STUFF, HUH?
HF HF
YEAH! WE'VE GOT TO HURRY AND TELL HIM ABOUT YOUR STOLEN...
HANG ON, JOEY.
THE THIEF MUST KNOW WE'RE COMING. WOULDN'T BE HARD TO SET UP A TRAP.
WE'RE GOING IN THE SECOND FLOOR WIN-DOW.


PER-
FECT.
WHAT'S GOING ON?! HOW DOES A POKÉ BALL JUST DISAPPEAR ?!
TP
BE CAREFUL, GOLD!
I'M FINE!
NOW I JUST HAVE TO SLIP OUT THE WIN-DOW.
READY, AIBO?
TM

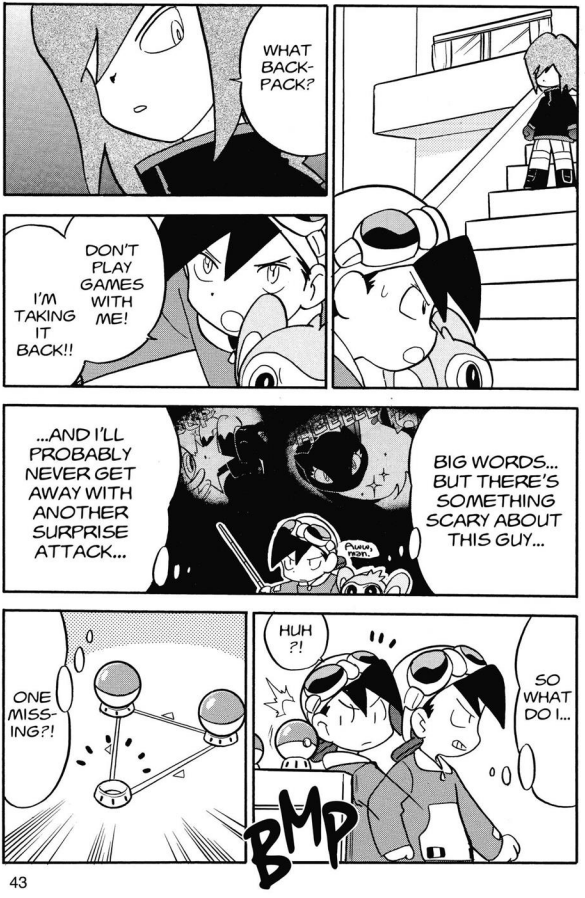

TOOM
!
HUH ...?
HEY, YOU !!
DONG


DID NOT !!
YOU STOLE MY TOTO-DILE!!
WHO ...?
WATCH OUT!
YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE—
TP
SHEEEEEE
ICY WIND.

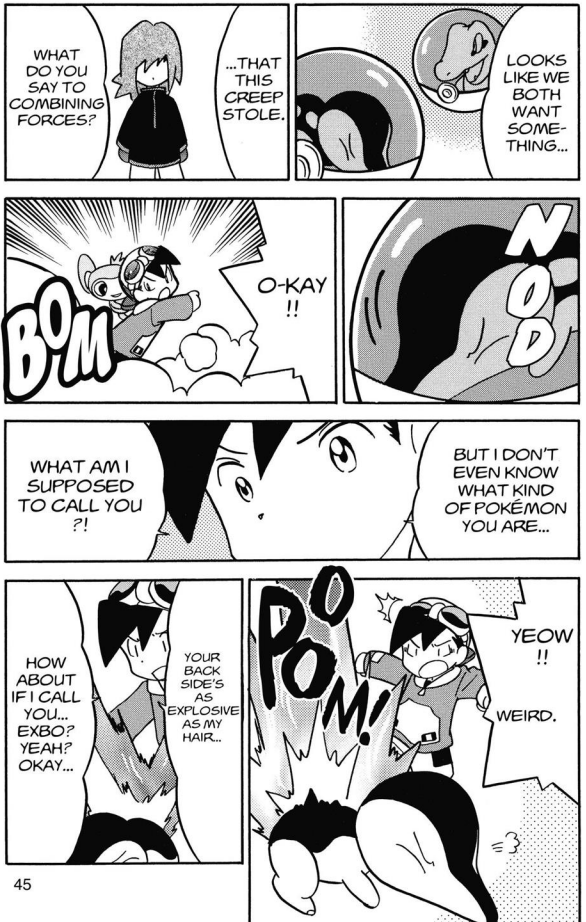

NO NO NO NO NO–
SHLOO
SH SH SH SH SH SH
WHA ?!
TING!
PROFESSOR ELM!! ARE YOU OKAY ?!!
DUHHH
GONK
JOEY !!
OOPH
WHAM
SHLOO
BAM
GOLD, WHERE ARE YOU?!!


AIBO! SCRATCH !!
LET'S GET 'EM!!
BUP
SNEASEL, PROTECT!
TA
PAP
BON
FFFT

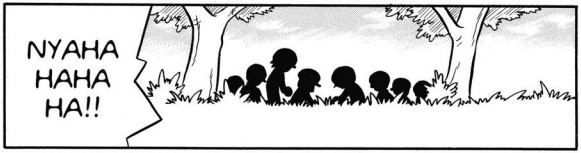

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SHHH
TA
K
IF WE CAN'T TAKE 'EM FROM THE FRONT–
WHAP
–COME FROM BEHIND !!
BOM
GIVE ME MY BACK-PACK!!


WHAT BACK-PACK?
DON'T PLAY GAMES WITH ME!
I'M TAKING IT BACK!!
BIG WORDS... BUT THERE'S SOMETHING SCARY ABOUT THIS GUY...
...AND I'LL PROBABLY NEVER GET AWAY WITH ANOTHER SURPRISE ATTACK...
Pumpman
SO WHAT DO I...
HUH ?!
ONE MISS-ING?!
BMP

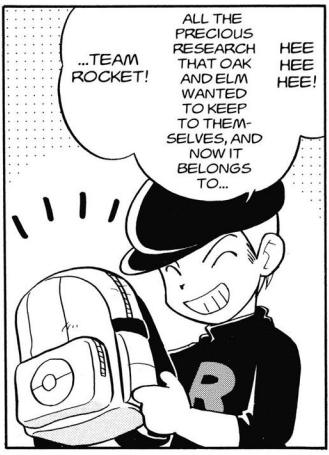

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SO YOU DON'T JUST SNATCH BACKPACKS.
YOU'RE A KIDNAPPER TOO, EH?
KATAKA
TAKATAKA
IT'S ANGRY ...
...OF COURSE!
I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS TAKEN.

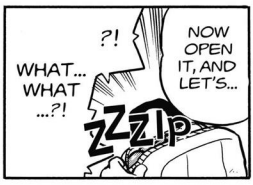

LOOKS LIKE WE BOTH WANT SOME-THING...
...THAT THIS CREEP STOLE.
WHAT DO YOU SAY TO COMBINING FORCES?
NOD
O-KAY !!
BOM
BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT KIND OF POKÉMON YOU ARE...
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO CALL YOU ?!
YEOW !!
POM!
WEIRD.
YOUR BACK SIDE'S AS EXPLOSIVE AS MY HAIR..
HOW ABOUT IF I CALL YOU... EXBO? YEAH? OKAY...

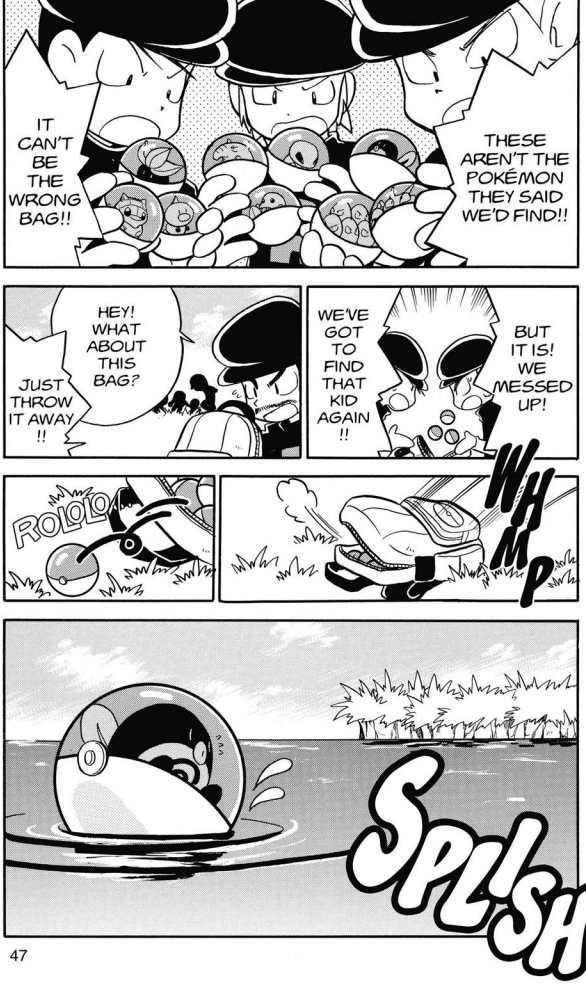

...
SHHH
LET'S DO THIS, EXBO!!

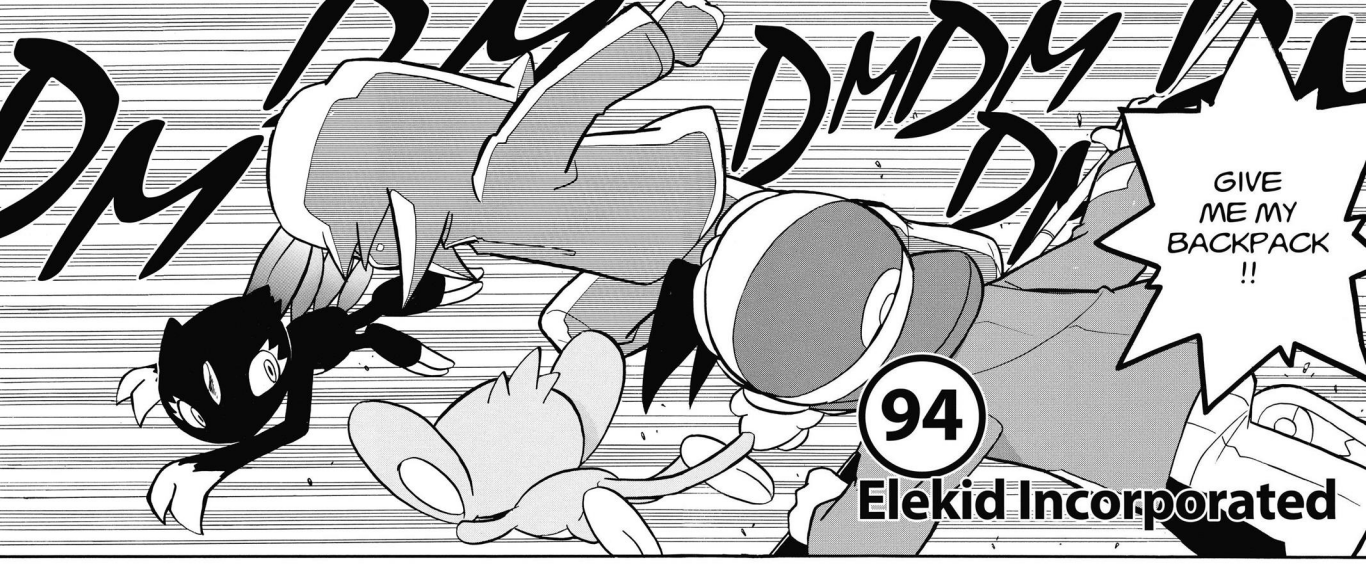

NYAHA HAHA HA!!


...GRAB A BACK-PACK OFF THE GROUND!
AND WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT ALL WE HAD TO DO FOR IT WAS...
ZZHH

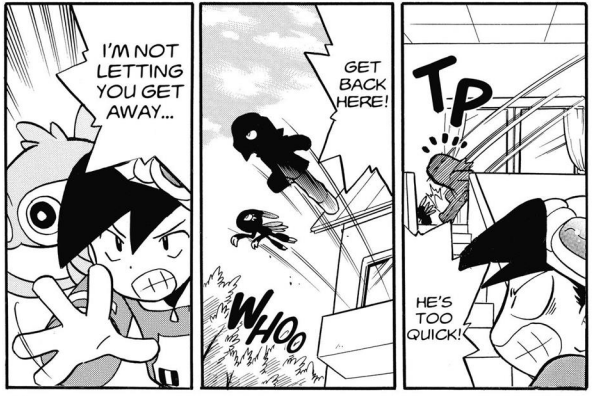

...TEAM ROCKET!
ALL THE PRECIOUS RESEARCH THAT OAK AND ELM WANTED TO KEEP TO THEM-SELVES, AND NOW IT BELONGS TO...
HEE HEE HEE!


?!
WHAT... WHAT ...?!
NOW OPEN IT, AND LET'S...
ZZZIP


IT CAN'T BE THE WRONG BAG!!
THESE AREN'T THE POKÉMON THEY SAID WE'D FIND!!
HEY! WHAT ABOUT THIS BAG?
JUST THROW IT AWAY !!
WE'VE GOT TO FIND THAT KID AGAIN !!
BUT IT IS! WE MESSED UP!
ROLOLO
WHMP
SPLISH



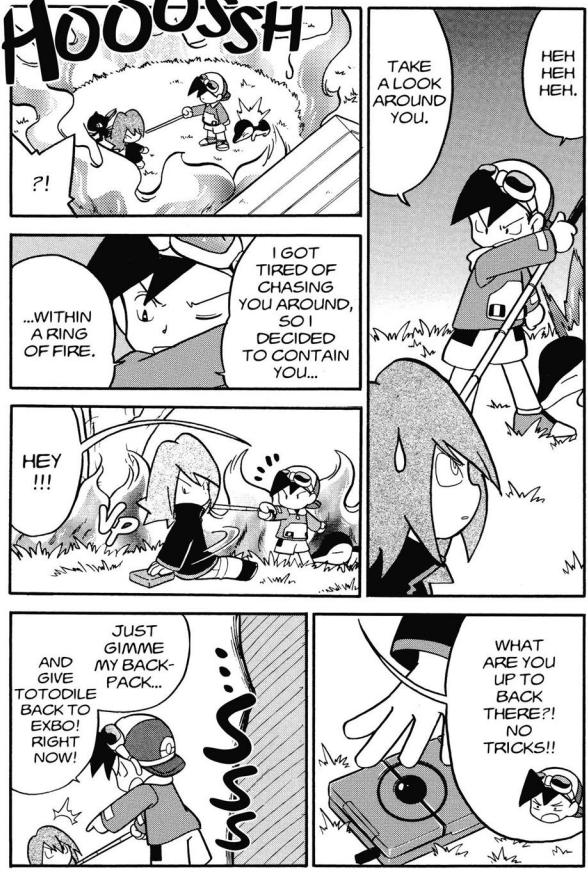
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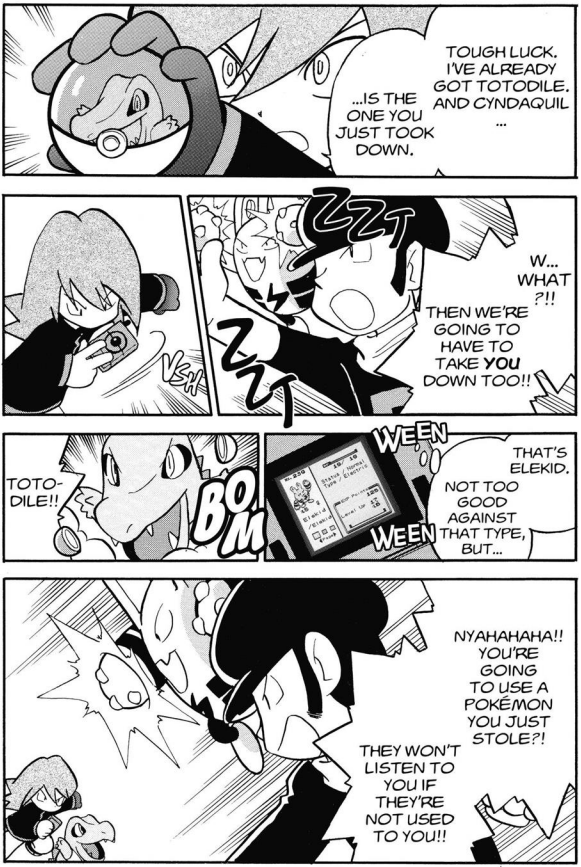

SHP
SHP
SHP
HEY!
EXBO, I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF ATTACKS YOU CAN DO...
...BUT THAT FLAME ON YOUR BACK'S A WEAPON, RIGHT?
NOD
WELL, IF THERE'S EVER A TIME TO USE IT...
SSSZZZZ
USE IT...
ZOOSH
...NOW!


OKAY !!
SHHH
!!
SSSSS
THAT HURTS ...
TUP
NH!!
THP
TOO LATE.
SNEASEL... YOU'VE GOT TO...
HFF... HFF...
FPP
TUG


HOOOSSH
?!
HEH HEH HEH.
TAKE A LOOK AROUND YOU.
I GOT TIRED OF CHASING YOU AROUND, SO I DECIDED TO CONTAIN YOU...
...WITHIN A RING OF FIRE.
HEY !!!
VP
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO BACK THERE?! NO TRICKS!!
JUST GIMME MY BACK-PACK...
AND GIVE TOTODILE BACK TO EXBO! RIGHT NOW!
SSSS...


ZAP
BZT
BZT
MUHA-HAAA! SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR FIGHT!
WMM

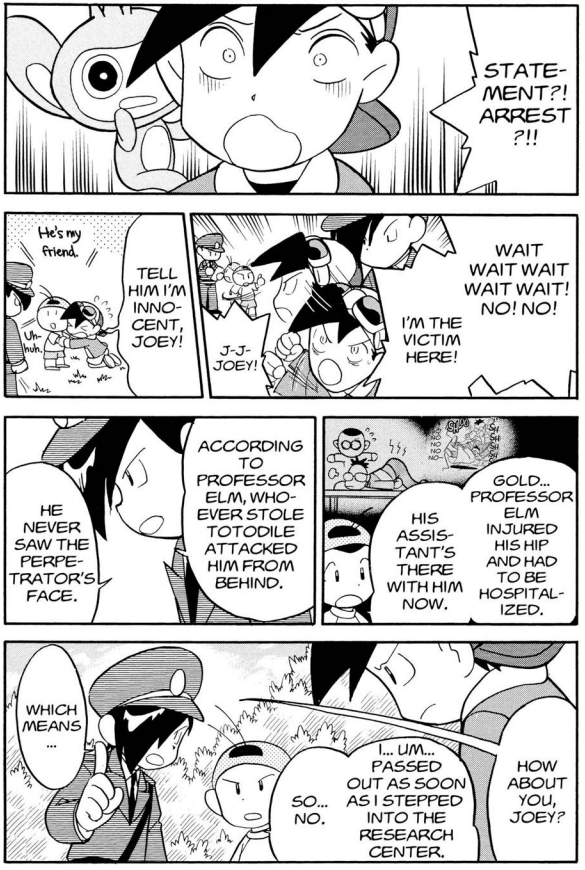

OH, I'M SO GLAD YOU ASKED THAT! WE ARE TEAM ROCKET !!
AND WE'RE LAUNCHING OUR COME-BACK!
SKIP
AND WHO ARE YOU?!
WE'RE AFTER A BAG CONTAINING SOMETHING PRECIOUS.
OAK
ELM
RESEARCH
THAT ANSWERS ONE OF OUR QUES-TIONS.
YOUR FRIEND MENTIONED A BACK-PACK.
SO THAT'S WHAT HE'S BEEN SAYING...
WE WEREN'T COUNTING ON OUR TARGET LINKING UP WITH ANOTHER KID WITH A BAG.
THOSE ARE THE SPECIAL ONES HE'S BEEN STUDYING...
CHIKORITA, CYNDAQUIL AND TOTODILE!!
LET'S GO TAKE ELM'S POKÉMON TOO!
AND NOW, SINCE WE'VE COME ALL THIS WAY...


TOUGH LUCK. I'VE ALREADY GOT TOTODILE. AND CYNDAQUIL ...
...IS THE ONE YOU JUST TOOK DOWN.
ZZZT
W... WHAT?!!
THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE YOU DOWN TOO!!
VSH
WEEN
THAT'S ELEKID.
NOT TOO GOOD AGAINST THAT TYPE, BUT...
WEEN
BOOM
TOTO-DILE!!
NYAHAHAHA!! YOU'RE GOING TO USE A POKÉMON YOU JUST STOLE?!
THEY WON'T LISTEN TO YOU IF THEY'RE NOT USED TO YOU!!


BOPBOPBOPBOP
TOTODILE-FRUSTRATION!!
GAAAH!!
SOMETIMES IT'S BETTER WHEN THEY'RE NOT USED TO ME.
EH?!
IMPOS-SIBLE!!
THE... POKÉ B-BALLS! STOP THE...
VSH
GULP
UH...
HSSS


ZZZASH
FAINT ATTACK !!
THE LESS FAMILIAR THE POKÉMON IS WITH THE USER... THE MORE EFFECTIVE THE ATTACK IS!
I TAUGHT IT THE ATTACK RIGHT AFTER I TOOK IT.
Frustrat
Cut
Fly
Surf
Strena
full-po
grows mor
less
VOOM!
WE'LL BE BACK !!
H-HE'S JUST... TOO STRONG...
ELEKID !!
DM!

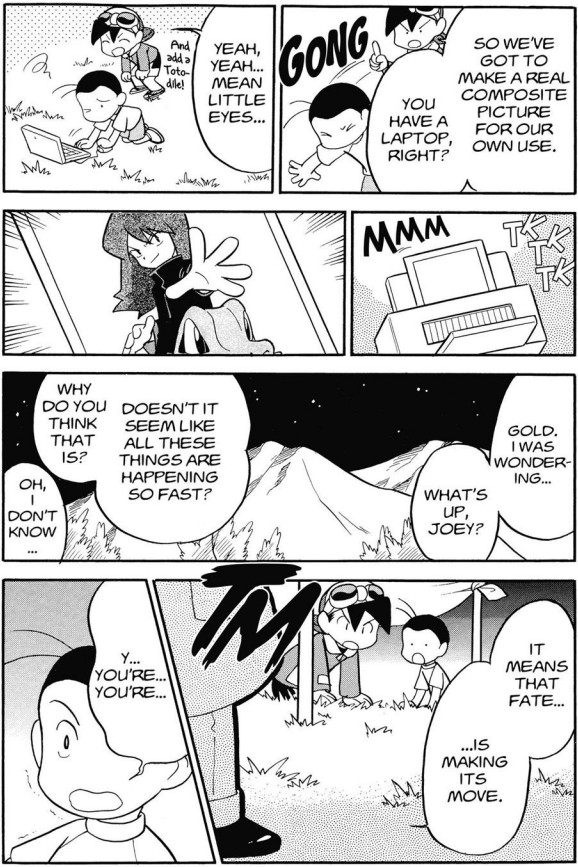

NN... UHH...
THE POLICE. DID YOU SET FIRE TO THIS LAWN?
AWAKE AT LAST, ARE YOU?
HUH? WHO ARE YOU?
OWWW...
BLINK
SPT SPT SPT SPT
P-POLICE?!! WHAT?! WHAT?!
I NEED YOU TO COME WITH ME SO I CAN TAKE YOUR STATEMENT. IF YOU RESIST, I'LL HAVE TO ARREST YOU.
BUT... BUT THERE WAS THIS THIEF! AND I WAS... I WAS...


STATE-MENT?! ARREST ?!!
He's my friend.
TELL HIM I'M INNO-CENT, JOEY!
Uh-huh.
J-J-JOEY!
WAIT WAIT WAIT WAIT WAIT! NO! NO!
I'M THE VICTIM HERE!
ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR ELM, WHO-EVER STOLE TOTODILE ATTACKED HIM FROM BEHIND.
HE NEVER SAW THE PERPE-TRATOR'S FACE.
GASP
NO NO NO NO
GOLD... PROFESSOR ELM INJURED HIS HIP AND HAD TO BE HOSPITAL-IZED.
HIS ASSIS-TANT'S THERE WITH HIM NOW.
WHICH MEANS ...
SO... NO.
I... UM... PASSED OUT AS SOON AS I STEPPED INTO THE RESEARCH CENTER.
HOW ABOUT YOU, JOEY?

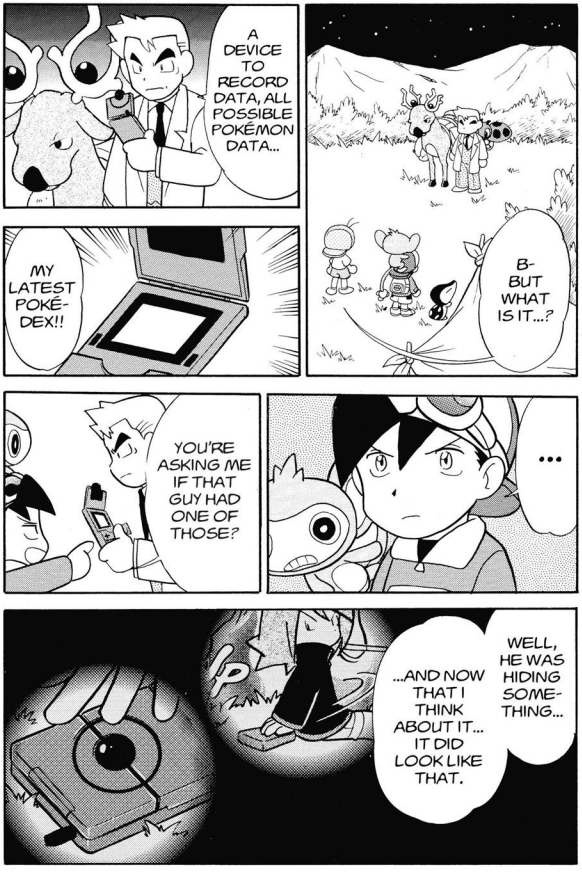

...
UH... SURE.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO SAW THE SUSPECT'S FACE.
WILL YOU COOPER-ATE?
FPP
THE BURNT GLOVE HE TOSSED!
HM?
ZIP
OH, I GET IT. THIS IS...
...ONE OF THOSE COMPOS-ITE DRAW-INGS...
CHERRY-GROVE CITY
TRANSIT
POLICE

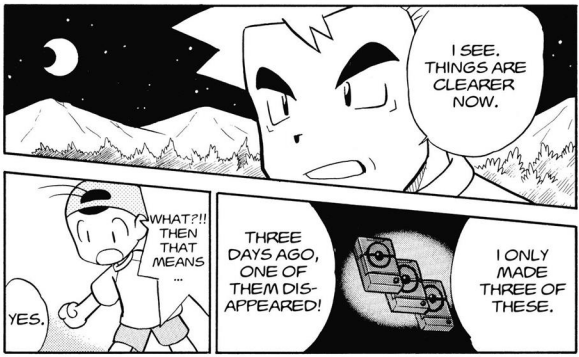

ABOUT MY HEIGHT.
BLUE FLEECE TOP, BLACK BOOTS.
LONG RED HAIR ...
YAWN
COMPOSITE
THE FACE IS WHAT REALLY MATTERS, SON.
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!!
...
BIG GOGGLY EYES... AND A FLAT NOSE.
TK TK TK
THICK LIPS AND... ... CHUBBY CHEEKS.
TA-
DAA
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP. IT'S LATE. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SPEND THE NIGHT...
THANKS! BUT WE'VE GOT PLACES TO BE!
ZZZOOM

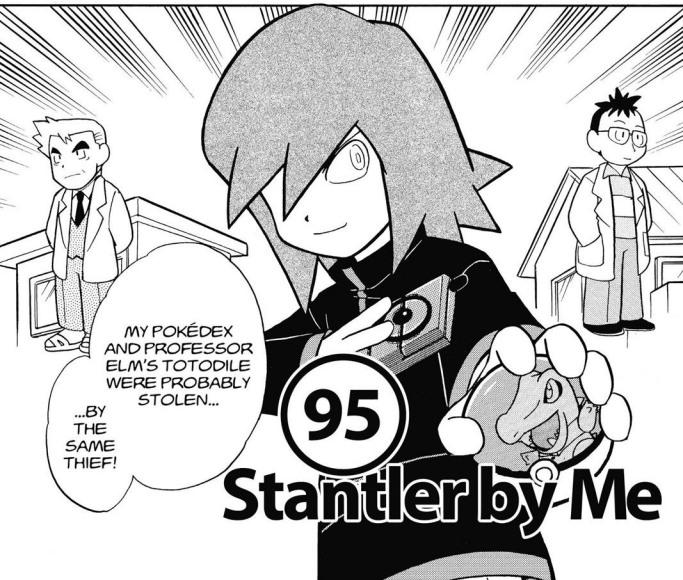

WHY DIDN'T YOU WANT TO SLEEP THERE?
...
I MEAN, NOW THAT THEY'VE GOT THIS PICTURE, I'M SURE THEY'LL CATCH HIM RIGHT AWAY.
What a stupid face!
JOEY, THAT COM-POSITE PICTURE ...
...IT'S A FAKE.
He's nothing like that.
WHAT ?!!
I CAN'T LEAVE THIS UP TO THE POLICE.
I'M GOING TO CATCH HIM WITH MY OWN HANDS— AND GET MY BAG BACK TOO! RIGHT, EXBO?!


And add a Totodile!
YEAH, YEAH... MEAN LITTLE EYES...
GONG
YOU HAVE A LAPTOP, RIGHT?
SO WE'VE GOT TO MAKE A REAL COMPOSITE PICTURE FOR OUR OWN USE.
MMM
TK TK TK
WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?
DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE ALL THESE THINGS ARE HAPPENING SO FAST?
OH, I DON'T KNOW ...
WHAT'S UP, JOEY?
GOLD. I WAS WONDER-ING...
Y... YOU'RE... YOU'RE...
IT MEANS THAT FATE...
...IS MAKING ITS MOVE.


HEY, I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP, OKAY?
G-GOLD !!
BUT I NEED SOME-THING FROM YOU.
YOU MAY NOT HAVE A NEED...
W-WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
PRO-FESSOR OAK?!!
!!
VP
THE BOY YOU CONFRONTED. WAS HE CARRYING SOMETHING...
I CAME HERE ON A TIP FROM THE POLICE.
WEEN
WEEN
...LIKE THIS ?!!

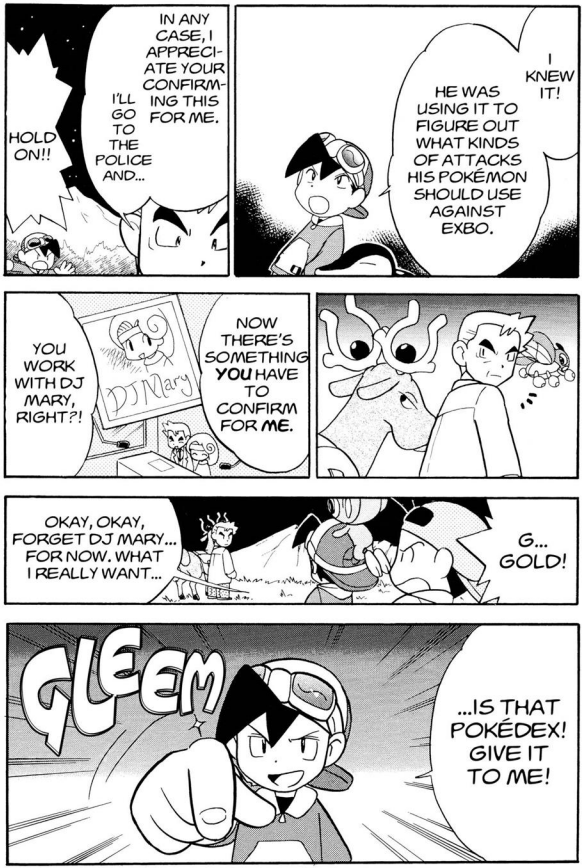

A DEVICE TO RECORD DATA, ALL POSSIBLE POKÉMON DATA...
B-BUT WHAT IS IT...?
MY LATEST POKÉ-DEX!!
YOU'RE ASKING ME IF THAT GUY HAD ONE OF THOSE?
...
WELL, HE WAS HIDING SOME-THING...
...AND NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT... IT DID LOOK LIKE THAT.





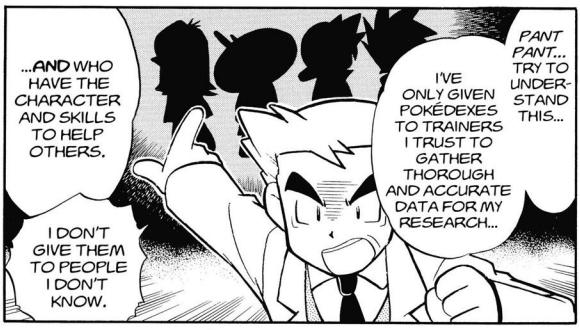
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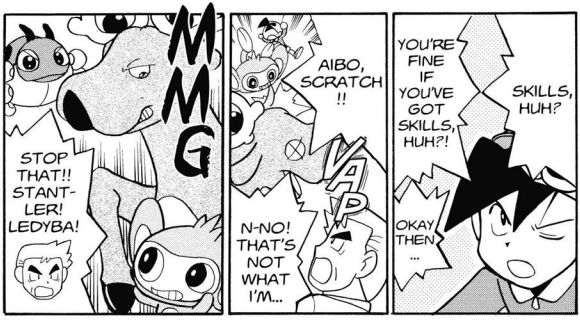

THE SAME PLACE WHERE I RECORD MY RADIO SHOW.
MY SECONDARY RESEARCH CENTER ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF CHERRY-GROVE.
RESEARCH CENTER NO. 2
YES. FROM THE VERY PLACE I GAVE YOU THIS ASSIGN-MENT...
YOU'RE SURE IT WAS STOLEN ...?
I DON'T NEED TO KNOW HIS PERSONAL LIFE!!
UM...
AND HIS GRAND-DAUGHTER, DAISY, HOUSE-SITS...
THE PRO-FESSOR'S REAL HOME IS PALLET TOWN, IN KANTO, BUT HE COMES TO JOHTO FOR VARIOUS REASONS.
IT WILL INSTANTLY REVEAL YOUR OPPONENT'S LEVEL AND TYPES OF ATTACKS.
SURE IT DOES.
Status / Type / Electric
Level
...THAT WOULD MAKE IT USEFUL IN BATTLE?!
LISTEN, OLD MAN, THIS POKÉDEX THING... DOES IT HAVE ANY FEATURES ...


I KNEW IT!
HE WAS USING IT TO FIGURE OUT WHAT KINDS OF ATTACKS HIS POKÉMON SHOULD USE AGAINST EXBO.
IN ANY CASE, I APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMING THIS FOR ME.
I'LL GO TO THE POLICE AND...
HOLD ON!!
NOW THERE'S SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO CONFIRM FOR ME.
DJ Mary
YOU WORK WITH DJ MARY, RIGHT?!
G... GOLD!
OKAY, OKAY, FORGET DJ MARY... FOR NOW. WHAT I REALLY WANT...
GLEEM
...IS THAT POKÉDEX! GIVE IT TO ME!

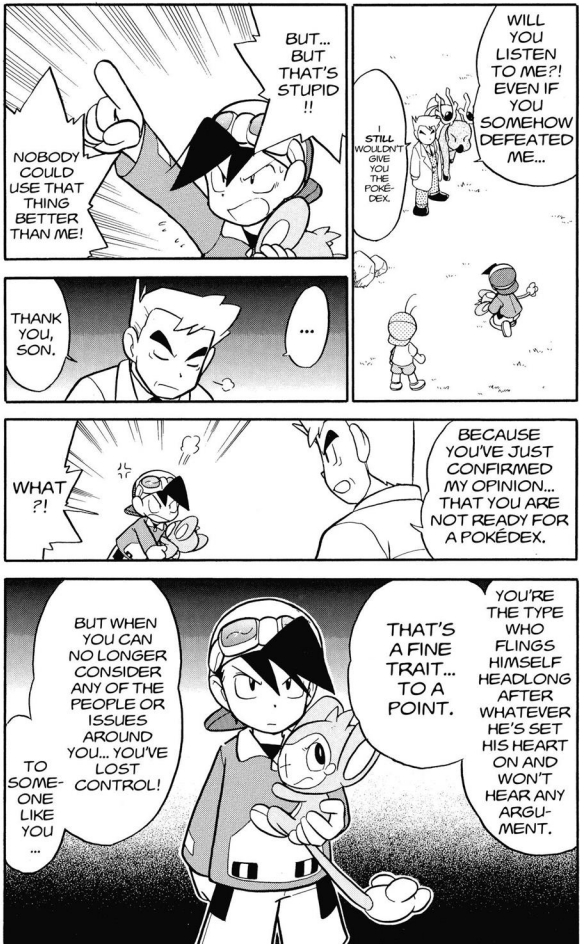

I AM NOT CRAZY!
BOW
H-HOW COULD YOU ASK SUCH A THING?!
I'M SO SORRY, PROFESSOR! HE'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT TODAY, AND HE'S NOT IN HIS RIGHT—
GIVE IT TO YOU?!!
I CAN'T GIVE THIS TO YOU.
AND I CREATED THEM SPECIFICALLY FOR MY OWN RESEARCH.
LISTEN... GOLD, IS IT? I ONLY HAVE TWO OF THESE LEFT.
AND I DON'T THINK YOU WANT ME TO FAIL.
THIS IS FOR YOU.
...AND HOW DO I FIGHT HIM IF HE'S GOT ONE AND I DON'T?
YEAH, YEAH, I GET THAT.
BUT I'M GOING AFTER THE GUY WHO STOLE YOUR OTHER GADGET...


I ALREADY SAID NO!!
THEN CAN I JUST BORROW IT FOR A WHILE?
NO !!
YOU COULD JUST MAKE ANOTHER ONE!! YOU'RE A GENIUS, RIGHT?!
PLEASE ?!
I CAN'T MAKE ONE THAT QUICKLY !!
NO !!

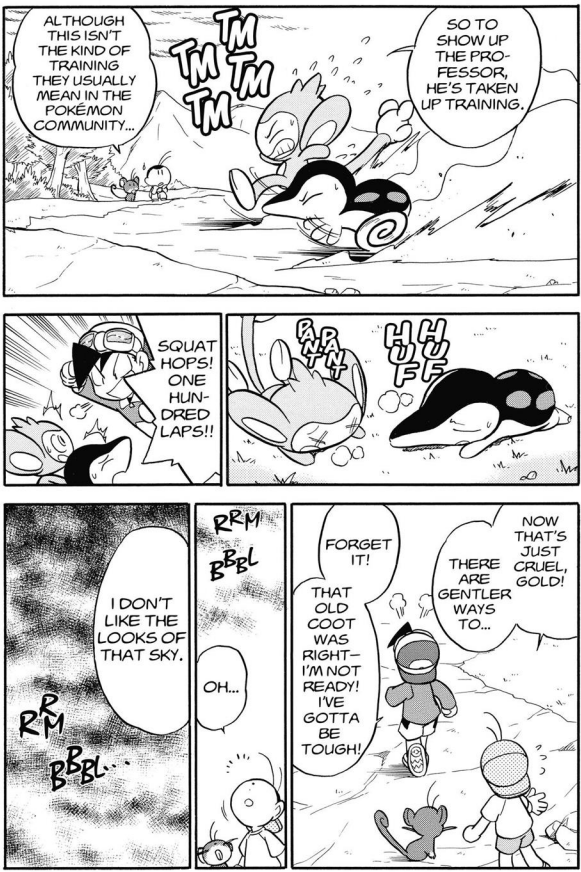

PANT PANT... TRY TO UNDER-STAND THIS...
I'VE ONLY GIVEN POKÉDEXES TO TRAINERS I TRUST TO GATHER THOROUGH AND ACCURATE DATA FOR MY RESEARCH...
...AND WHO HAVE THE CHARACTER AND SKILLS TO HELP OTHERS.
I DON'T GIVE THEM TO PEOPLE I DON'T KNOW.

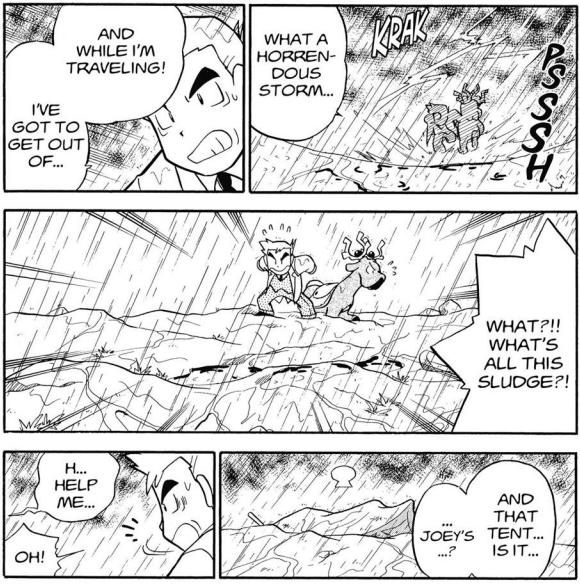

SKILLS, HUH?
YOU'RE FINE IF YOU'VE GOT SKILLS, HUH?!
OKAY THEN ...
AIBO, SCRATCH !!
VAP
N-NO! THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M...
MMG
STOP THAT!! STANT-LER! LEDYBA!

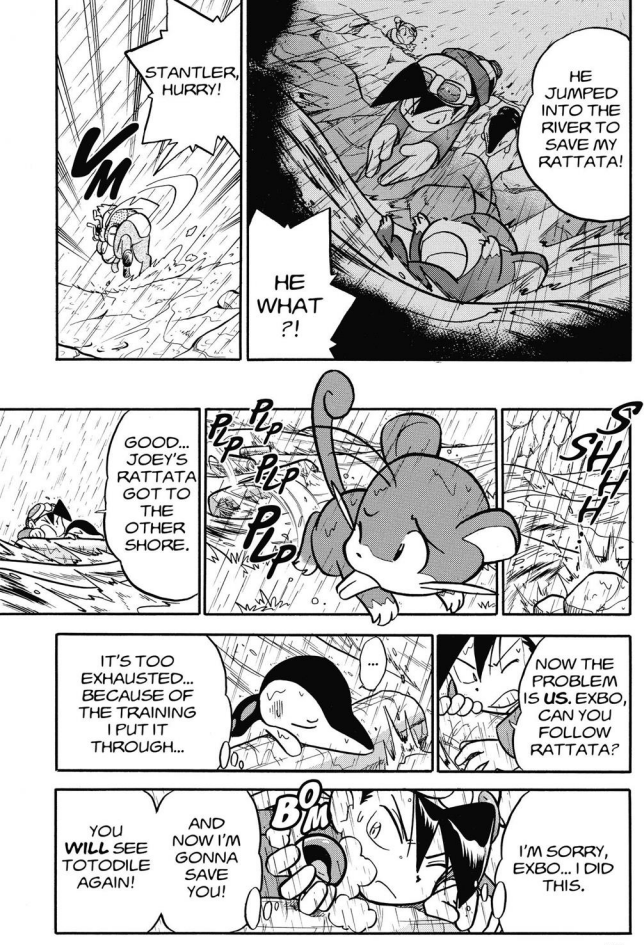

THERE, AIBO!
IF THAT'S HOW IT'S GOT TO BE...
CHK
STANT-LER! CONFUSE RAY!
ZAK
!!
W-WHAT ...?!
A... AIBO ...?
GOTCHA!
VAP


BUT... BUT THAT'S STUPID !!
NOBODY COULD USE THAT THING BETTER THAN ME!
WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME?! EVEN IF YOU SOMEHOW DEFEATED ME...
I STILL WOULDN'T GIVE YOU THE POKÉDEX.
...
THANK YOU, SON.
BECAUSE YOU'VE JUST CONFIRMED MY OPINION... THAT YOU ARE NOT READY FOR A POKÉDEX.
WHAT ?!
YOU'RE THE TYPE WHO FLINGS HIMSELF HEADLONG AFTER WHATEVER HE'S SET HIS HEART ON AND WON'T HEAR ANY ARGU-MENT.
THAT'S A FINE TRAIT... TO A POINT.
BUT WHEN YOU CAN NO LONGER CONSIDER ANY OF THE PEOPLE OR ISSUES AROUND YOU... YOU'VE LOST CONTROL!
TO SOME-ONE LIKE YOU ...


...THE POKÉDEX IS JUST A TOOL.
A WEAPON FOR DISCERNING ATTACKS AND LEVELS.
I WON'T WASTE ONE ON YOU.
CHING!
FINE. I DON'T WANT IT.
G... GOLD ...?
YIP
I'LL BE BETTER WITHOUT IT!
YOU JUST WATCH, OLD MAN!
GOLD!
VMM
...

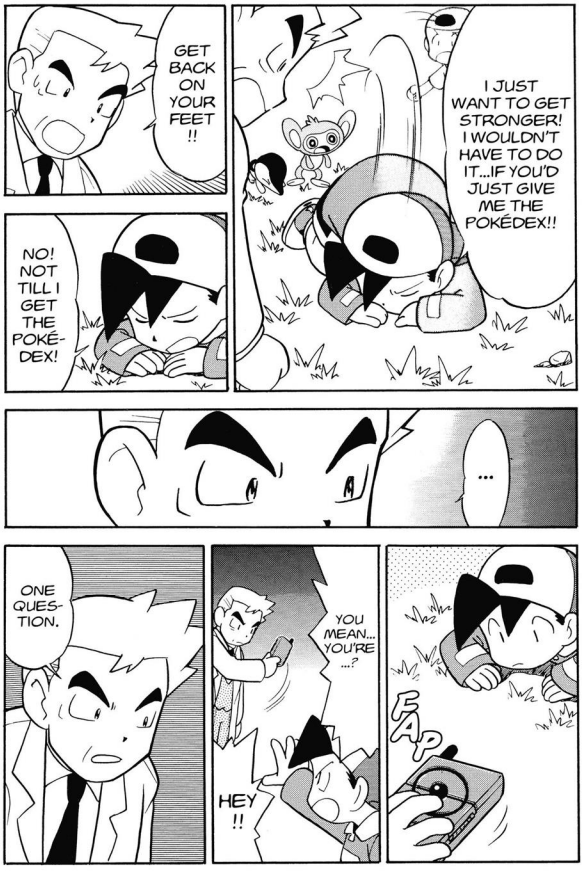

ALTHOUGH THIS ISN'T THE KIND OF TRAINING THEY USUALLY MEAN IN THE POKÉMON COMMUNITY...
TM TM TM TM TM
SO TO SHOW UP THE PROFESSOR, HE'S TAKEN UP TRAINING.
SQUAT HOPS! ONE HUNDRED LAPS!!
PANT PANT
HUFF HUFF
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THAT SKY.
RRM BBBL...
RRM BBBL
OH...
FORGET IT!
THAT OLD COOT WAS RIGHT— I'M NOT READY! I'VE GOTTA BE TOUGH!
THERE ARE GENTLER WAYS TO...
NOW THAT'S JUST CRUEL, GOLD!

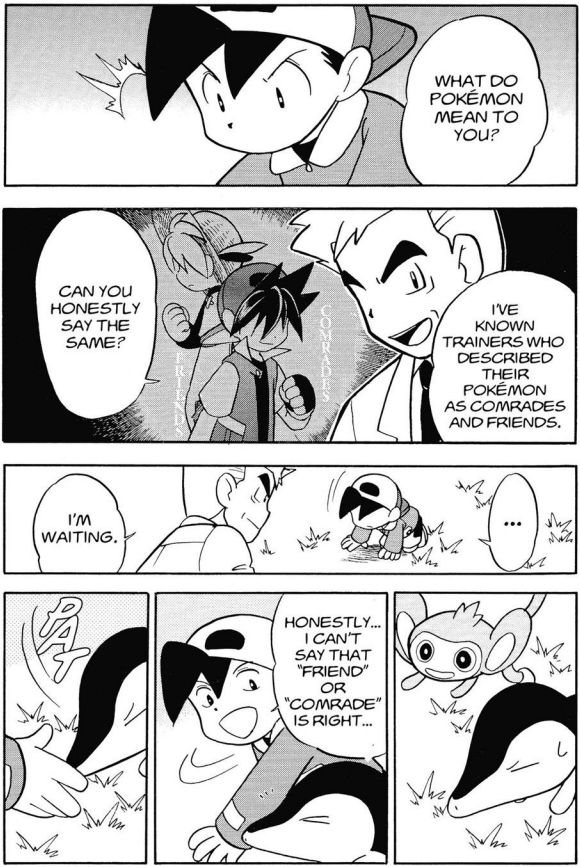

AND WHILE I'M TRAVELING!
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF...
WHAT A HORRENDOUS STORM...
KRAK
PSSSH
WHAT?!! WHAT'S ALL THIS SLUDGE?!
H... HELP ME...
OH!
... JOEY'S ...?
AND THAT TENT... IS IT...
HE... JUMPED ...
WHAT HAPPENED?! AND WHERE'S GOLD?!
SSSH
JOEY!!


STANTLER, HURRY!
VM
HE JUMPED INTO THE RIVER TO SAVE MY RATTATA!
HE WHAT ?!
GOOD... JOEY'S RATTATA GOT TO THE OTHER SHORE.
PLP PLP PLP PLP
SSHHH
IT'S TOO EXHAUSTED... BECAUSE OF THE TRAINING I PUT IT THROUGH...
...
NOW THE PROBLEM IS US. EXBO, CAN YOU FOLLOW RATTATA?
YOU WILL SEE TOTODILE AGAIN!
AND NOW I'M GONNA SAVE YOU!
BOM
I'M SORRY, EXBO... I DID THIS.

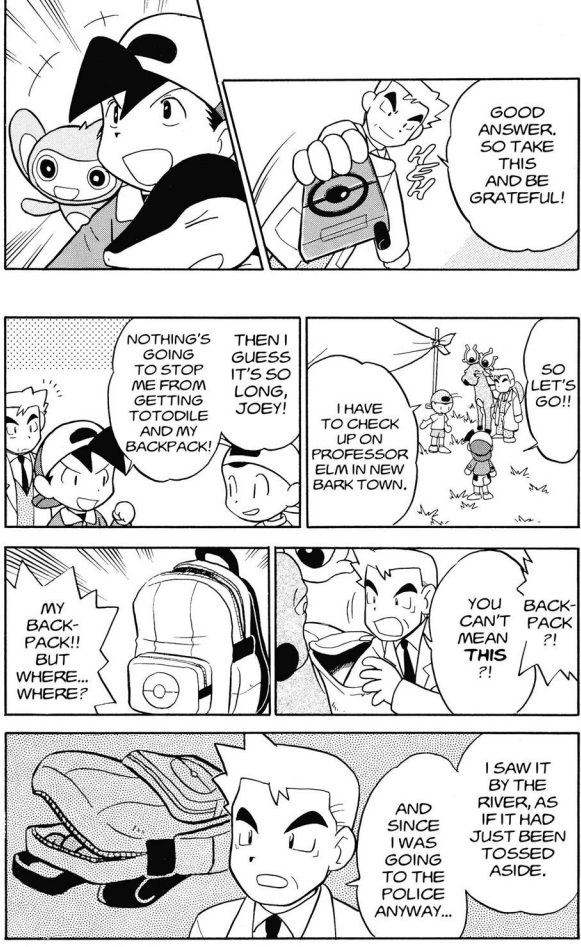

TAK!
TOK
TOK
OKAY!
TU MP
ROLL
WATER-FALL!
DOOOOM
SLIP-PING...!
GLUG
AGH!
THAT LEAVES ONLY...
WUK
I'M DOOMED !!

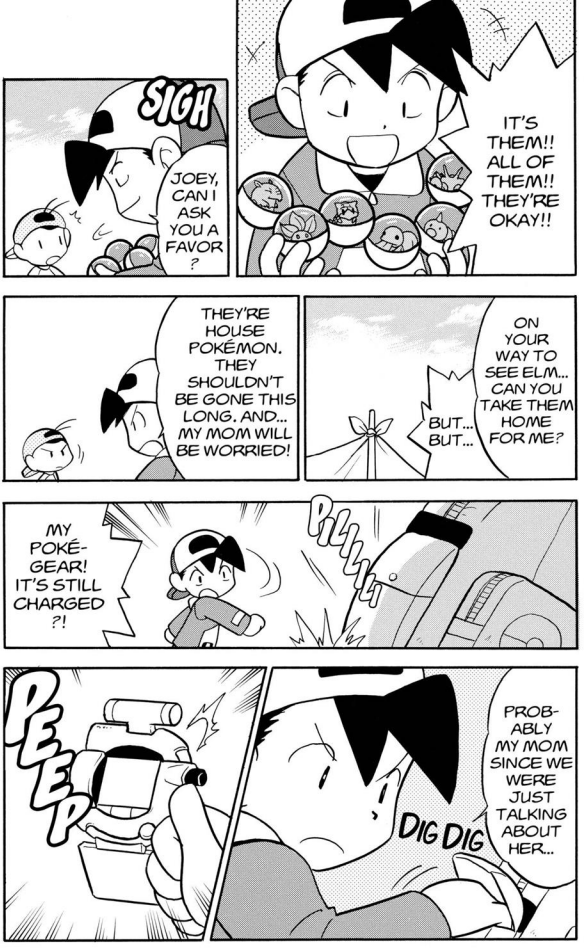

BZZ
BZZ
ZZ
ZZ
ZZZZ
W...
WHAT THE...?
BZZZZZ
HUH?
YOU FOOL !!
AND DO YOU KNOW WHY THE GROUND WAS SO SLUDGY AND SLIPPERY IN THE FIRST PLACE?! BECAUSE OF YOUR EXCESSIVE TRAINING, THAT'S WHY!
PR-PRO-FESSOR... I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH...
IF I HADN'T HAPPENED BY, YOU'D PROBABLY BE DEAD BY NOW!!
WHAT DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING?!
YARH!
HMPH.
B-BUT HE SAVED MY RATTATA!


GET BACK ON YOUR FEET !!
I JUST WANT TO GET STRONGER! I WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO IT...IF YOU'D JUST GIVE ME THE POKÉDEX!!
NO! NOT TILL I GET THE POKÉ-DEX!
...
ONE QUES-TION.
YOU MEAN.. YOU'RE ...?
HEY !!
FAP


WHAT DO POKÉMON MEAN TO YOU?
I'VE KNOWN TRAINERS WHO DESCRIBED THEIR POKÉMON AS COMRADES AND FRIENDS.
COMRADE
FRIENDS
CAN YOU HONESTLY SAY THE SAME?
...
I'M WAITING.
HONESTLY... I CAN'T SAY THAT "FRIEND" OR "COMRADE" IS RIGHT...

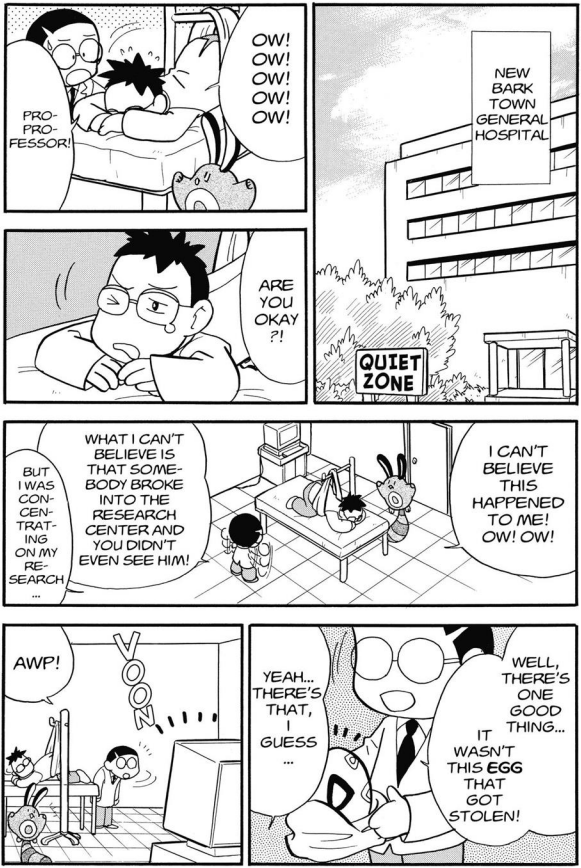

...AT ELM'S RE-SEARCH CENTER.
BUT EXBO I JUST MET...
AIBO'S LIVED WITH ME FOREVER... SO AIBO'S LIKE FAMILY.
WE LOST THAT ROUND... BUT WE'RE GONNA STICK TOGETHER TILL WE WIN.
YOINK
SO EVEN THOUGH WE'D JUST MET, WE COULD FIGHT TOGETHER.
EXBO WANTED TO CLOBBER THE GUY WHO STOLE TOTODILE— AND SO DID I!
...BUT PARTNERS !!
UNITED BY THE SAME GOAL!!
PARTNERS
I WANT IT TO BE THAT WAY WITH EVERY POKÉMON I MEET FROM NOW ON...
NOT JUST FRIENDS OR COMRADES ...
... PARTNERS ...
TRAINER AND POKÉMON...

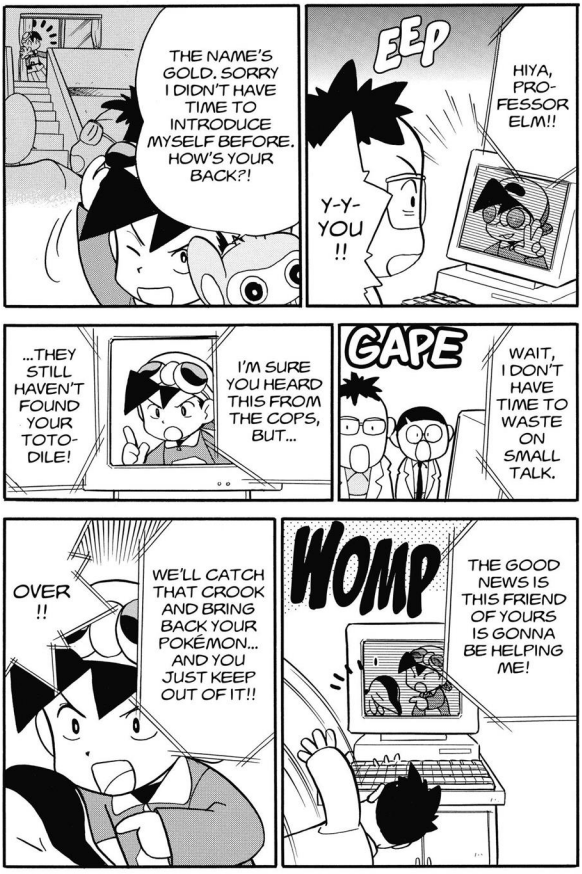

GOOD ANSWER. SO TAKE THIS AND BE GRATEFUL!
HEH!
NOTHING'S GOING TO STOP ME FROM GETTING TOTODILE AND MY BACKPACK!
THEN I GUESS IT'S SO LONG, JOEY!
I HAVE TO CHECK UP ON PROFESSOR ELM IN NEW BARK TOWN.
SO LET'S GO!!
MY BACK-PACK!! BUT WHERE... WHERE?
YOU CAN'T MEAN THIS ?!
BACK-PACK ?!
I SAW IT BY THE RIVER, AS IF IT HAD JUST BEEN TOSSED ASIDE.
AND SINCE I WAS GOING TO THE POLICE ANYWAY...


SIGH
JOEY, CAN I ASK YOU A FAVOR?
IT'S THEM!! ALL OF THEM!! THEY'RE OKAY!!
THEY'RE HOUSE POKÉMON. THEY SHOULDN'T BE GONE THIS LONG. AND... MY MOM WILL BE WORRIED!
BUT... BUT...
ON YOUR WAY TO SEE ELM... CAN YOU TAKE THEM HOME FOR ME?
MY POKÉ-GEAR! IT'S STILL CHARGED?!
PILLLL
PEEP
DIG DIG
PROB-ABLY MY MOM SINCE WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT HER...

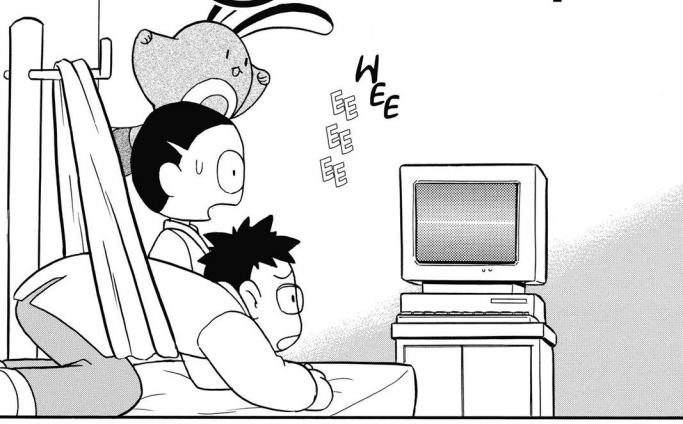

OKAY, MY CLUES TO THIS GUY...
A PICTURE AND A GLOVE...
MOM!
I'LL BE FINE! JUST ONE LITTLE MATTER TO SETTLE!
YES, MOM, I KNOW I HAVEN'T CALLED. IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE GONE A WHILE LONG ...
BINGO!
OKAY! FINE! I KNOW!
SIGH
SILVER
!
...UNLESS THAT'S HIS NAME!!
WHY WOULD HE HAVE "SILVER" STITCHED INTO THE INSIDE OF HIS GLOVE...
SEE YOU, JOEY! AND YOU TOO, OAK!
OKAY, THEN! I'M OFF!!
SUDDENLY I'M "OAK"...INSTEAD OF JUST "OLD MAN."
HEH
HE'S CHANGING ALREADY.

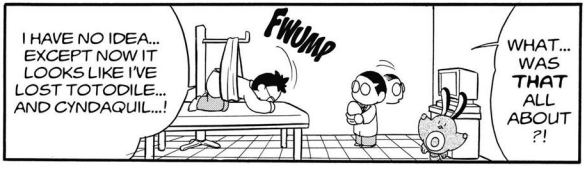

SHL
WE KNOW OUR MISSION.
FSH
VIP
KLAK
ZSH
SO...
LET'S GO...
...PARTNER !!

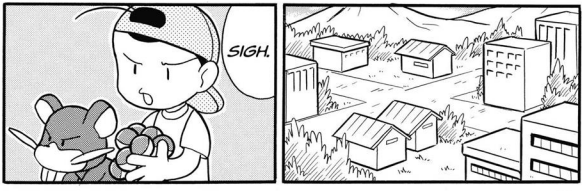

OW! OW! OW! OW! OW!
PRO-PRO-FESSOR!
NEW BARK TOWN GENERAL HOSPITAL
ARE YOU OKAY?!
QUIET ZONE
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS HAPPENED TO ME! OW! OW!
WHAT I CAN'T BELIEVE IS THAT SOMEBODY BROKE INTO THE RESEARCH CENTER AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN SEE HIM!
BUT I WAS CONCENTRATING ON MY RESEARCH ...
AWP!
VOOM
WELL, THERE'S ONE GOOD THING... IT WASN'T THIS EGG THAT GOT STOLEN!
YEAH... THERE'S THAT, I GUESS ...

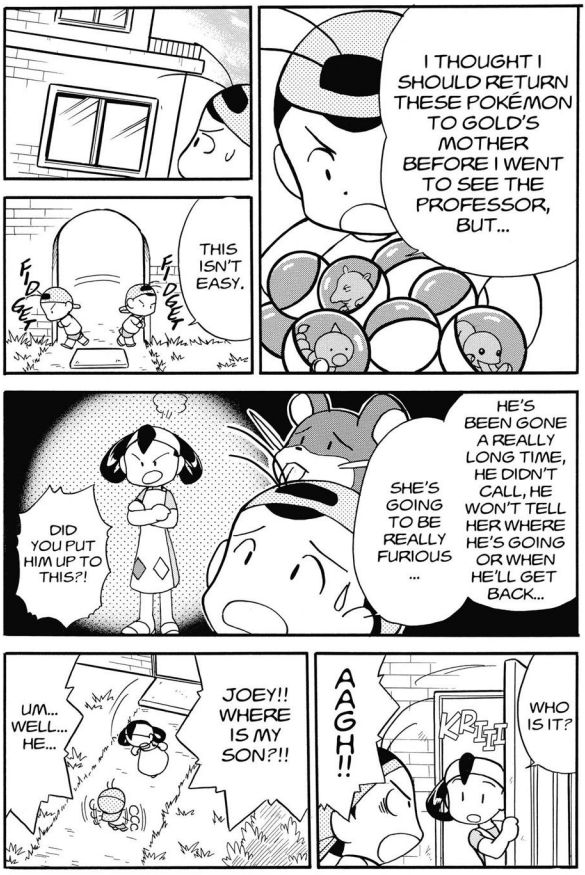

THE NAME'S GOLD. SORRY I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF BEFORE. HOW'S YOUR BACK?!
EEP
HIYA, PROFESSOR ELM!!
Y-Y-YOU !!
...THEY STILL HAVEN'T FOUND YOUR TOTODILE!
I'M SURE YOU HEARD THIS FROM THE COPS, BUT...
GAPE
WAIT, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE ON SMALL TALK.
OVER !!
WE'LL CATCH THAT CROOK AND BRING BACK YOUR POKÉMON... AND YOU JUST KEEP OUT OF IT!!
WOMP
THE GOOD NEWS IS THIS FRIEND OF YOURS IS GONNA BE HELPING ME!

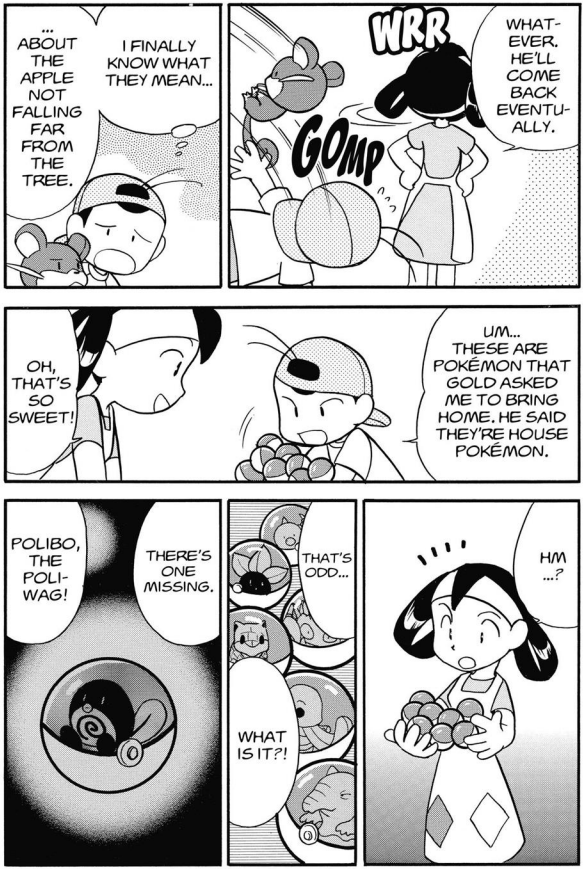
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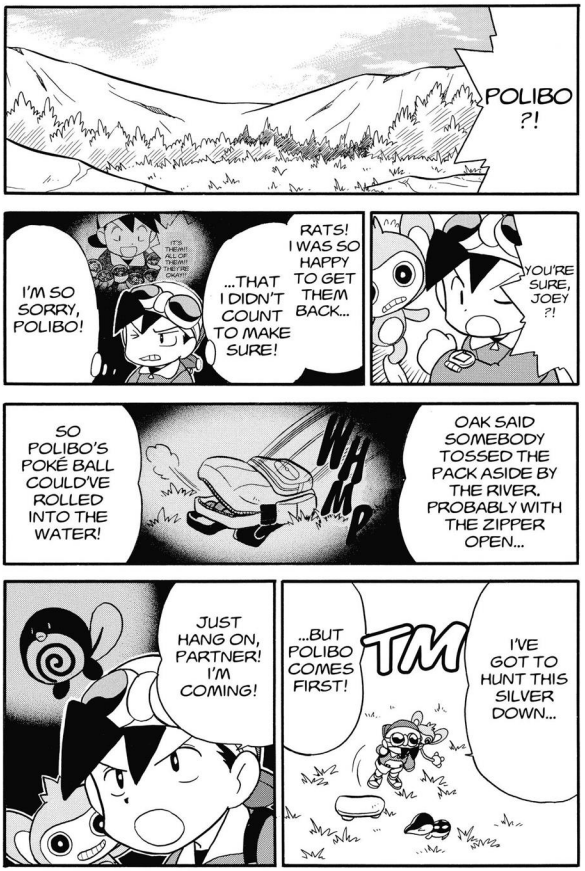




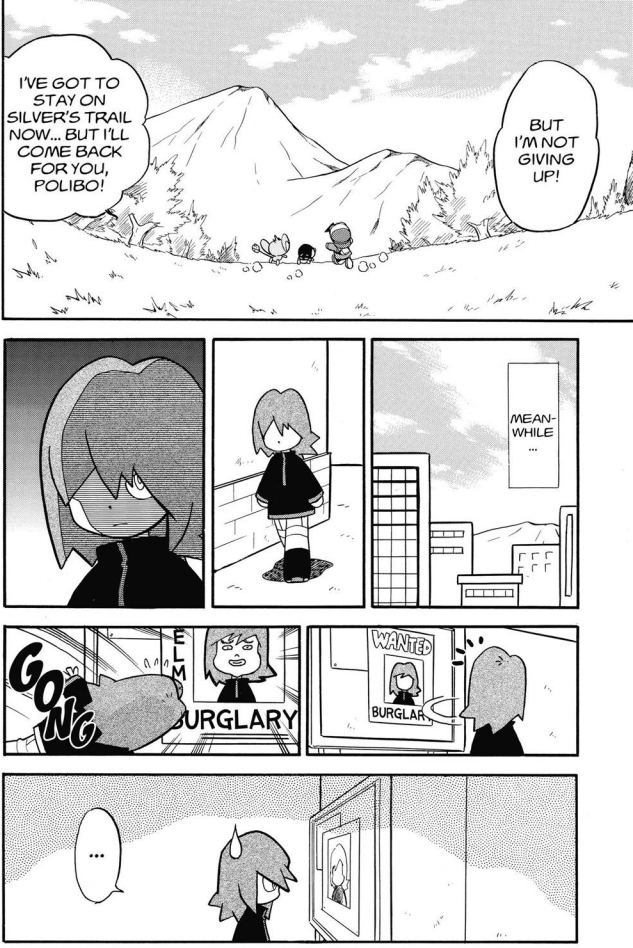


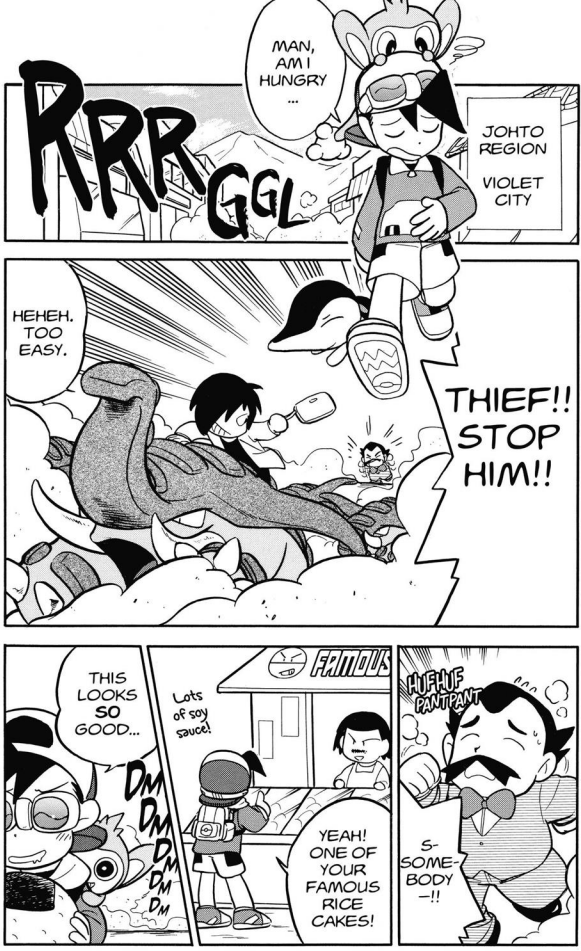

I THOUGHT I SHOULD RETURN THESE POKÉMON TO GOLD'S MOTHER BEFORE I WENT TO SEE THE PROFESSOR, BUT...
THIS ISN'T EASY.
FI DGET
FI DGET
HE'S BEEN GONE A REALLY LONG TIME, HE DIDN'T CALL, HE WON'T TELL HER WHERE HE'S GOING OR WHEN HE'LL GET BACK...
SHE'S GOING TO BE REALLY FURIOUS ...
DID YOU PUT HIM UP TO THIS?!
WHO IS IT?
KR II
AAGH!!
JOEY!! WHERE IS MY SON?!!
UM... WELL... HE...


...ABOUT THE APPLE NOT FALLING FAR FROM THE TREE.
I FINALLY KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN...
WRR
GOMP
WHATEVER. HE'LL COME BACK EVENTUALLY.
OH, THAT'S SO SWEET!
UM... THESE ARE POKÉMON THAT GOLD ASKED ME TO BRING HOME. HE SAID THEY'RE HOUSE POKÉMON.
POLIBO, THE POLIWAG!
THERE'S ONE MISSING.
THAT'S ODD...
WHAT IS IT?!
HM ...?

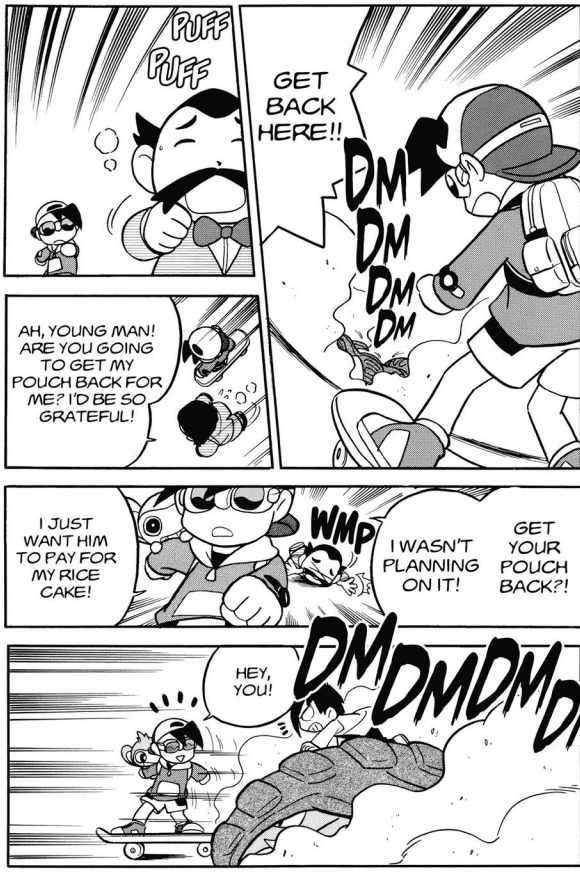

POLIBO ?!
I'M SO SORRY, POLIBO!
IT'S THEM!! ALL OF THEM!!! THEY'RE OKAY!!
RATS! I WAS SO HAPPY TO GET THEM BACK...
...THAT I DIDN'T COUNT TO MAKE SURE!
YOU'RE SURE, JOEY ?!
SO POLIBO'S POKÉ BALL COULD'VE ROLLED INTO THE WATER!
WHMP
OAK SAID SOMEBODY TOSSED THE PACK ASIDE BY THE RIVER. PROBABLY WITH THE ZIPPER OPEN...
JUST HANG ON, PARTNER! I'M COMING!
...BUT POLIBO COMES FIRST!
TM
I'VE GOT TO HUNT THIS SILVER DOWN...


SHHH
ROUTE 31
GLUBGLUB
WHERE ARE YOU, POLIBO?!
IT'S NO USE! POLIBO'S NOWHERE AROUND HERE! DOES THAT MEAN...
...POLIBO GOT CARRIED FARTHER DOWN-STREAM?
SPLISH
RRG!
SO MANY FALSE LEADS... DEAD ENDS...

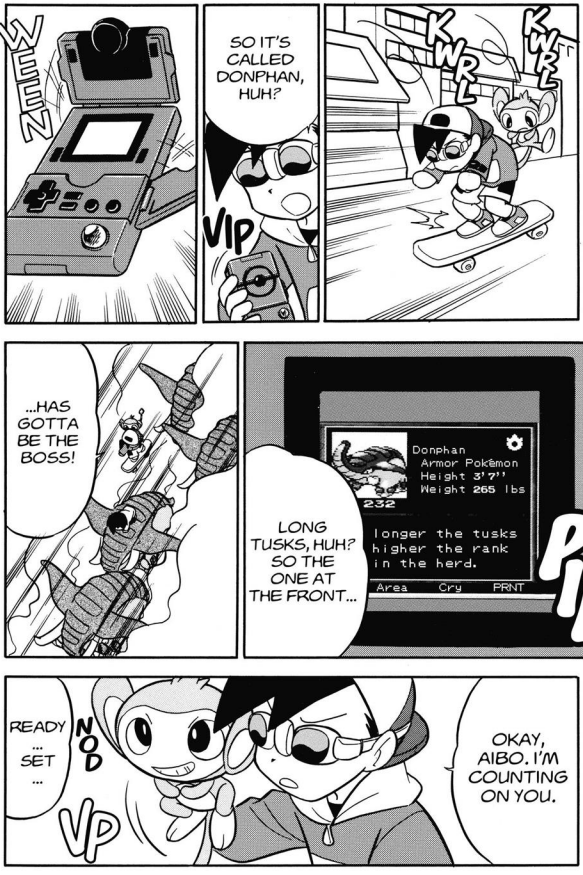

I'VE GOT TO STAY ON SILVER'S TRAIL NOW... BUT I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU, POLIBO!
BUT I'M NOT GIVING UP!
MEAN-WHILE ...
GONG
ELM
BURGLARY
WANTED
BURGLAR
...


RRRGGL
MAN, AM I HUNGRY ...
JOHTO REGION
VIOLET CITY
HEHEH. TOO EASY.
THIEF!! STOP HIM!!
THIS LOOKS SO GOOD...
DM DM DM DM DM DM
Lots of soy sauce!
FAMOUS
YEAH! ONE OF YOUR FAMOUS RICE CAKES!
HUFHUF PANTPANT
S-SOME-BODY —!!

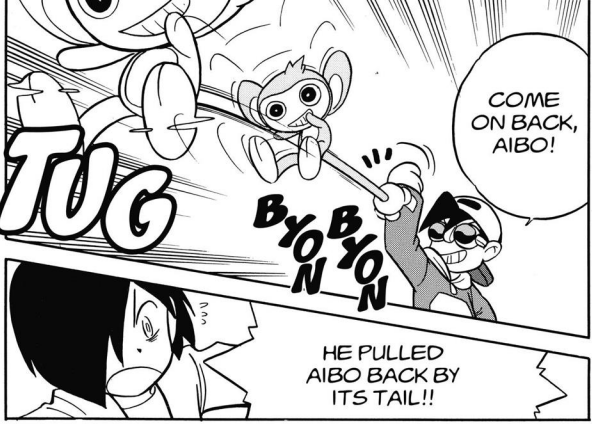

ACK !!
DIRT!
PFF PFF
KOFKOF
DMDMDM
I'M NOT THE ONE WHO GOT DIRT ALL OVER IT!
HEY! GIMME A NEW RICE CAKE!!
SO THAT GUY THINKS HE CAN MESS UP MY RICE CAKE AND GET AWAY WITH IT, DOES HE?!
TM
M
FAT CHANCE !!

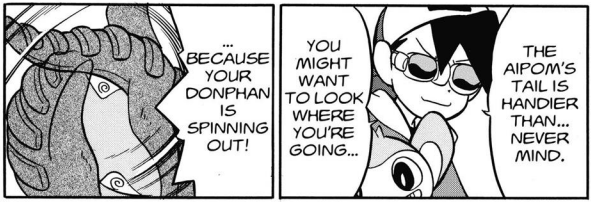

PUFF
PUFF
GET BACK HERE!!
DM
DM
DM
DM
AH, YOUNG MAN! ARE YOU GOING TO GET MY POUCH BACK FOR ME? I'D BE SO GRATEFUL!
I JUST WANT HIM TO PAY FOR MY RICE CAKE!
WMP
I WASN'T PLANNING ON IT!
GET YOUR POUCH BACK?!
HEY, YOU!
DM
DM
DM
DM

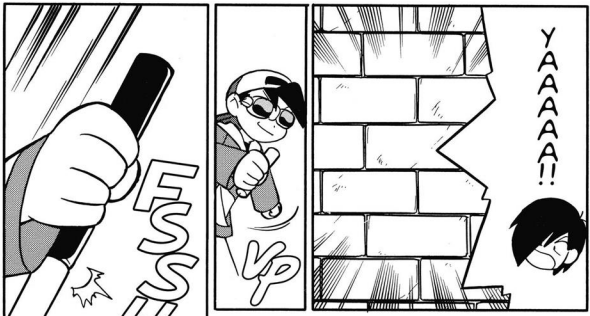

YOU KNOW, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO AVOID A FIGHT IS BUY ME A NEW RICE CAKE.
WHO ARE YOU?!
AIBO— SCRATCH !!
OKAY, NOW YOU'VE MADE ME MAD!!
OWW!
WOP
DON'T WASTE MY TIME WITH YOUR GIBBERISH !!
TING
WAGH!
NUISANCE! DONPHAN, HORN ATTACK!


WEEN
SO IT'S CALLED DONPHAN, HUH?
VIP
KWRL
KWRL
...HAS GOTTA BE THE BOSS!
LONG TUSKS, HUH? SO THE ONE AT THE FRONT...
Donphan
Armor Pokémon
Height 3'7''
Weight 265 lbs
232
longer the tusks higher the rank in the herd.
Area
Cry
PRNT
PIP
READY ... SET ...
NOD
VP
OKAY, AIBO. I'M COUNTING ON YOU.

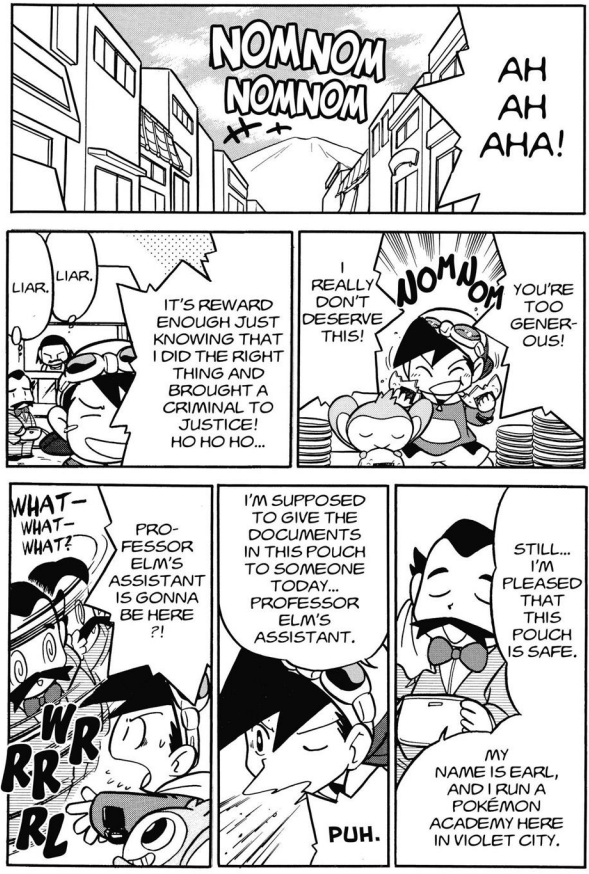

HOOOO
FLIG
RRRRAH!!
IT DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST ...
ARE YOU TRYING TO INJURE YOUR POKÉMON ?!
WHAT ?!!
VWSH

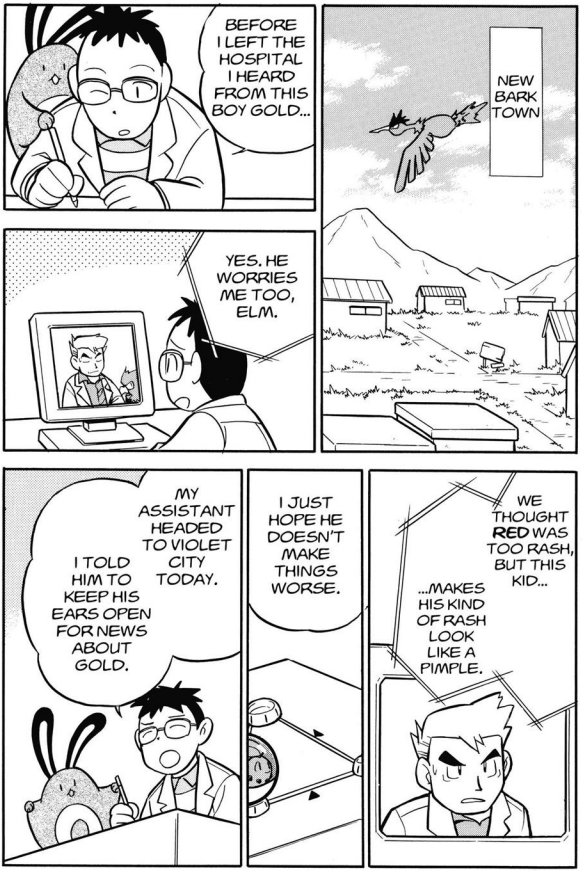

COME ON BACK, AIBO!
TUG
BYON BYON
HE PULLED AIBO BACK BY ITS TAIL!!


THE AIPOM'S TAIL IS HANDIER THAN... NEVER MIND.
YOU MIGHT WANT TO LOOK WHERE YOU'RE GOING...
... BECAUSE YOUR DONPHAN IS SPINNING OUT!

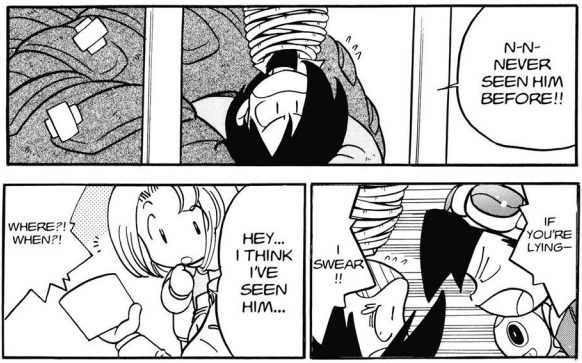

YAAAAA!!
VP
ESSHT


KROOM
JAB
WRL
FAP
HEH
THAT'S WHY I NEVER FOLLOW THE HERD! ♪


NOMNOM
NOMNOM
AH
AH
AHA!
LIAR.
LIAR.
IT'S REWARD ENOUGH JUST KNOWING THAT I DID THE RIGHT THING AND BROUGHT A CRIMINAL TO JUSTICE! HO HO HO...
I REALLY DON'T DESERVE THIS!
NOMNOM
YOU'RE TOO GENER-OUS!
WHAT-
WHAT-
WHAT?
PRO-FESSOR ELM'S ASSISTANT IS GONNA BE HERE ?!
WRRRL
I'M SUPPOSED TO GIVE THE DOCUMENTS IN THIS POUCH TO SOMEONE TODAY... PROFESSOR ELM'S ASSISTANT.
PUH.
STILL... I'M PLEASED THAT THIS POUCH IS SAFE.
MY NAME IS EARL, AND I RUN A POKÉMON ACADEMY HERE IN VIOLET CITY.


BEFORE I LEFT THE HOSPITAL I HEARD FROM THIS BOY GOLD...
NEW BARK TOWN
YES. HE WORRIES ME TOO, ELM.
MY ASSISTANT HEADED TO VIOLET CITY TODAY.
I TOLD HIM TO KEEP HIS EARS OPEN FOR NEWS ABOUT GOLD.
I JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T MAKE THINGS WORSE.
WE THOUGHT RED WAS TOO RASH, BUT THIS KID...
...MAKES HIS KIND OF RASH LOOK LIKE A PIMPLE.


HEY! RICE-CAKE WRECK-ER!
EEK!
OH FINE! YOU JUST KNOW THIS ASSISTANT GUY IS GONNA YELL AT ME FOR TAKING EXBO! I GOTTA SHOW SOME RESULTS...
FLIP
MY NAME'S GOLD. I'M FROM NEW BARK TOWN.
I'M LOOKING FOR ONE OF YOUR FELLOW THIEVES. TAKE A LOOK!
HE'S GOT RED HAIR AND A TOTODILE.
FLIP
HE STOLE A POKÉMON FROM PROFESSOR ELM'S RESEARCH CENTER.



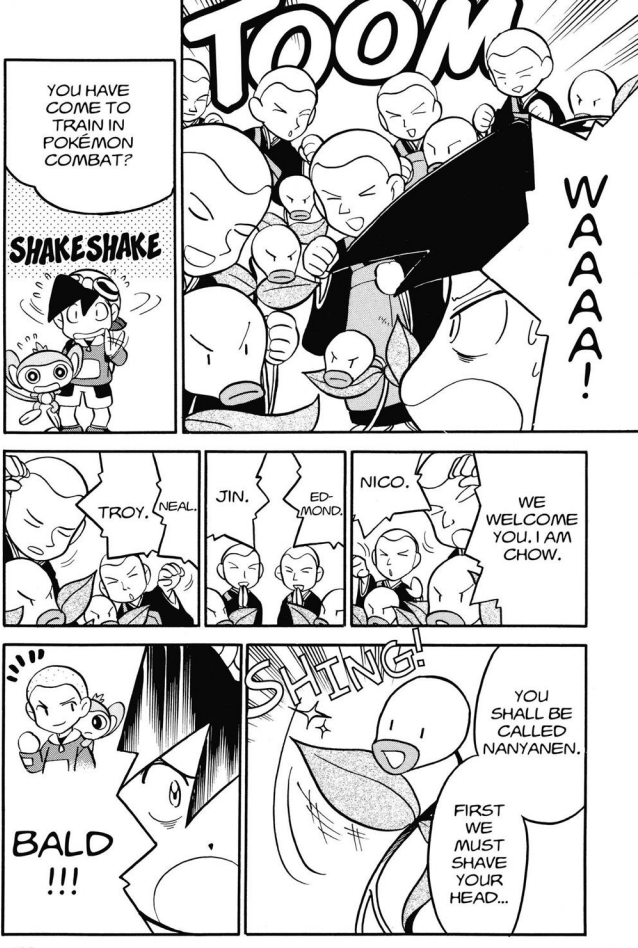
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SO IT IS IN YOUR HANDS.
BOSG
BOSG
BOSG
BOSG
...IS ENTIRELY UP TO YOUR SKILLS.
WHETHER OR NOT IT CAN EVOLVE...
SNAP
UNDER-STOOD, SILVER?
UNDER-STOOD.


WEIRD.
WHY DO THEY CALL IT SPROUT TOWER?
"LEGEND HOLDS THAT THE TOWER WAS BUILT AROUND A 100-FOOT BELLSPROUT." THAT'S... INSANE.
SPROUT TOWER
VIOLET
I JUST CARE ABOUT CATCHING THAT LOUSY SILVER!
TUG
ANYWAY, I DON'T CARE ABOUT LEGENDS.
IF I'M GONNA CATCH HIM, I'VE GOTTA ACT LIKE HIM!
ZHOOP
...HE'LL PROBABLY USE HIS USUAL TRICKS.
IF HE'S TRYING TO STEAL SOMETHING FROM HERE...


KRI
GWOM
GWOM
GWOM
GWOM
WHAT'S ALL THIS MACHINERY, I WONDER...?
VIP VIP
OKAY... WHERE IS HE?
DUCK
GRRNG
WHOA.

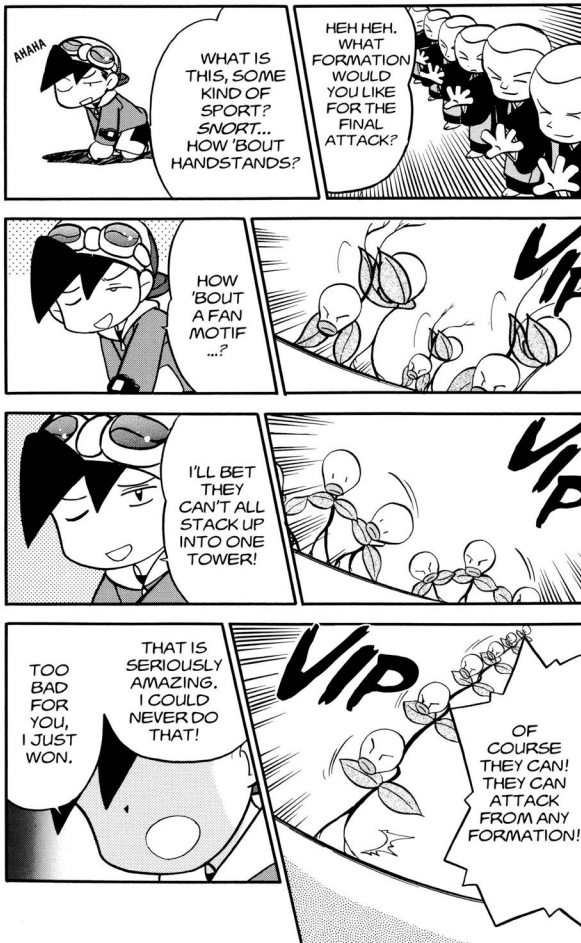

YOU HAVE COME TO TRAIN IN POKÉMON COMBAT?
SHAKE SHAKE
TOOM
WAAAA!
TROY.
NEAL.
JIN.
ED-MOND.
NICO.
WE WELCOME YOU. I AM CHOW.
BALD !!!
SHING!
YOU SHALL BE CALLED NANYANEN.
FIRST WE MUST SHAVE YOUR HEAD...


THE NAME GOLD'S BEEN GOOD ENOUGH SO FAR, AND IT'LL STAY GOOD ENOUGH !!
WHOA WHOA WHOA WHOA!! I HAPPEN TO LIKE MY HAIR!!
AND WHAT'S WITH THIS "NANYA-NEN"?!
YOU MEAN... YOU DID NOT COME TO TRAIN?!
GASP
AND WHY WOULD I WANT TO JOIN YOU ANYWAY?!
I'M JUST TRYING TO CATCH A BURGLAR!!
NONE BUT TRAINEES MAY STEP INSIDE!
BUT THE SPROUT TOWER IS DEVOTED TO OUR ORDER!
YES! EXACTLY! PRECISELY THAT!
WOMP
SO YOU'RE GOING TO JOIN US WHETHER YOU WANT TO OR NOT!!


BWAK
WHOA.
YAGH !!
BELL-SPROUT-AERIAL FOR-MATION! SWORDS DANCE!
FWAH
THREE!
TWO!
ONE!
CIRCLE ATTACK RING!
JOON
USE CUT !!
W-WATCH IT!


YEEEG!
PING
PING
ROLOLO
SHVV
ACK!
HSSS
THESE ARE THE REWARDS OF OUR TRAINING. YOU TOO CAN...
BUT YOU HAD TO GO AND MAKE ME MAD!
TWIK
YOU KNOW, I WAS HOLDING BACK 'CAUSE I FELT BAD FOR BARGING IN...
FORGET TRAINING— I'M READY TO FIGHT! AIBO!!
YYOOO


THREE!
TWO!
TRIANGLE DEFENSE... ONE!
AIBO !!
GONG
REFLECT!
HOOO
...DOES IT HAVE ANY WEAK SPOTS?
Bellsprout Flower Pokémon
Height 2'4" Weight 8.8 lbs
no.069
Its body is extremely thin, enabling it to strike with great speed.
SHOOT. LIKE IT SAYS IN THE POKÉDEX— SKINNY BUT QUICK. AND WITH THAT TEAMWORK...
Zzzzz

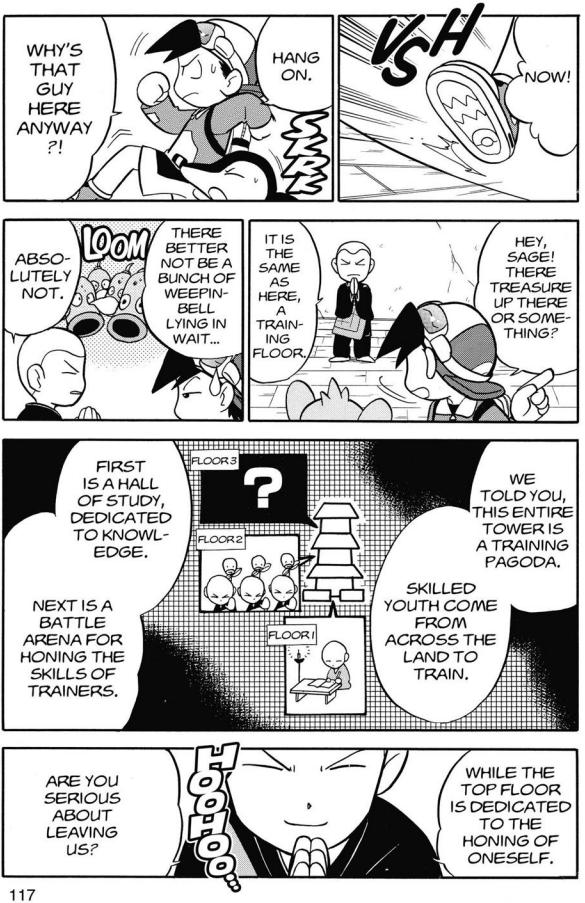

AHAHA
WHAT IS THIS, SOME KIND OF SPORT? SNORT... HOW 'BOUT HANDSTANDS?
HEH HEH. WHAT FORMATION WOULD YOU LIKE FOR THE FINAL ATTACK?
HOW 'BOUT A FAN MOTIF ...?
VIP
I'LL BET THEY CAN'T ALL STACK UP INTO ONE TOWER!
VIP
TOO BAD FOR YOU, I JUST WON.
THAT IS SERIOUSLY AMAZING. I COULD NEVER DO THAT!
VIP
OF COURSE THEY CAN! THEY CAN ATTACK FROM ANY FORMATION!


WSSH
!
MWK
FIRE
!!
WHAT
?!
I KNEW I'D NEVER WIN ON SPEED OR SHEER NUMBER.
BUT IF I COULD ATTACK THEM ALL FROM BELOW...
...BY PLANTING EXBO UNDER THEM...!
MY CYNDAQUIL'S NAME IS EXBO 'CAUSE ITS BACK EXPLODES.


EXBO BELONGS TO PROFESSOR ELM IN NEW BARK TOWN.
BUT FOR NOW, EXBO'S MY PARTNER !!


HELLLLP!!
HOOO
NOW, LET ME JUST WARN YOU DOLTS THAT WITHOUT MY HELP, YOUR WHOLE SPROUT TOWER IS GONNA BE BURNT TO A CINDER!

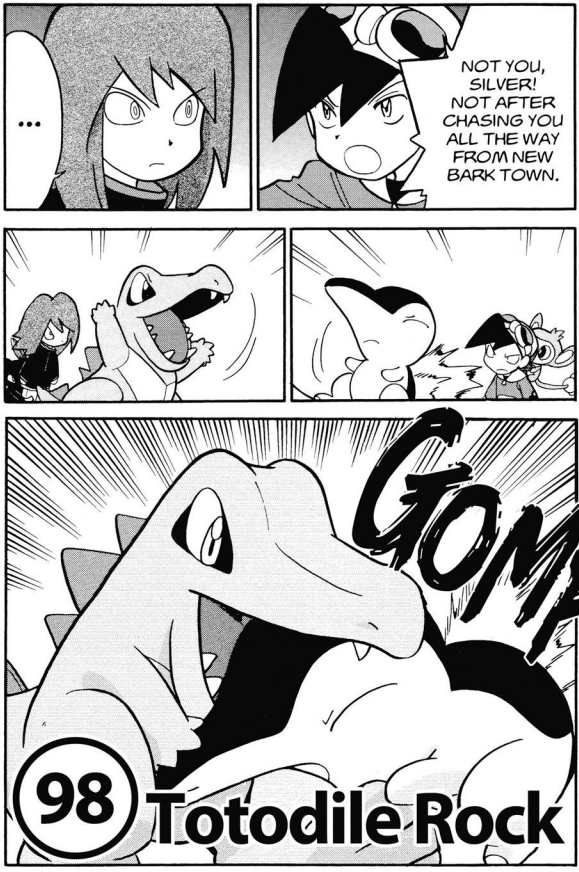

LIAR.
LIAR.
THE MINUTE I MET YOU, I THOUGHT, "WE'RE GONNA GET ALONG GREAT!"
I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOUR COOPER-ATION, GUYS!


WHY'S THAT GUY HERE ANYWAY ?!
HANG ON.
SWIP
VSH
NOW!
ABSO-LUTELY NOT.
LOOM
THERE BETTER NOT BE A BUNCH OF WEEPIN-BELL LYING IN WAIT...
IT IS THE SAME AS HERE, A TRAIN-ING FLOOR.
HEY, SAGE! THERE TREASURE UP THERE OR SOME-THING?
FIRST IS A HALL OF STUDY, DEDICATED TO KNOWL-EDGE.
NEXT IS A BATTLE ARENA FOR HONING THE SKILLS OF TRAINERS.
FLOOR 3
?
FLOOR 2
FLOOR 1
WE TOLD YOU, THIS ENTIRE TOWER IS A TRAINING PAGODA.
SKILLED YOUTH COME FROM ACROSS THE LAND TO TRAIN.
ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT LEAVING US?
FOO-FOO.
WHILE THE TOP FLOOR IS DEDICATED TO THE HONING OF ONESELF.


THREE— A TOTO-DILE!
YES, YES.
TWO— MEAN LITTLE EYES.
YES, YES.
YES I'M SERIOUS! I'M GONNA DESCRIBE THE GUY I'M LOOKING FOR ONE MORE TIME— SO LISTEN! ONE— LONG RED HAIR.
YES! EXACTLY LIKE HIM!
SOME-THING LIKE HIM?
GONG!
HUH ?


IT'S HIM !!!
STOP !!
TM
...
TOTO-DILE-SLASH !!
FWSH


WHOA!
AIBO!
WOOOO
NKH!
KATTA
I AM NOT LETTING YOU GET AWAY!!
HF HF

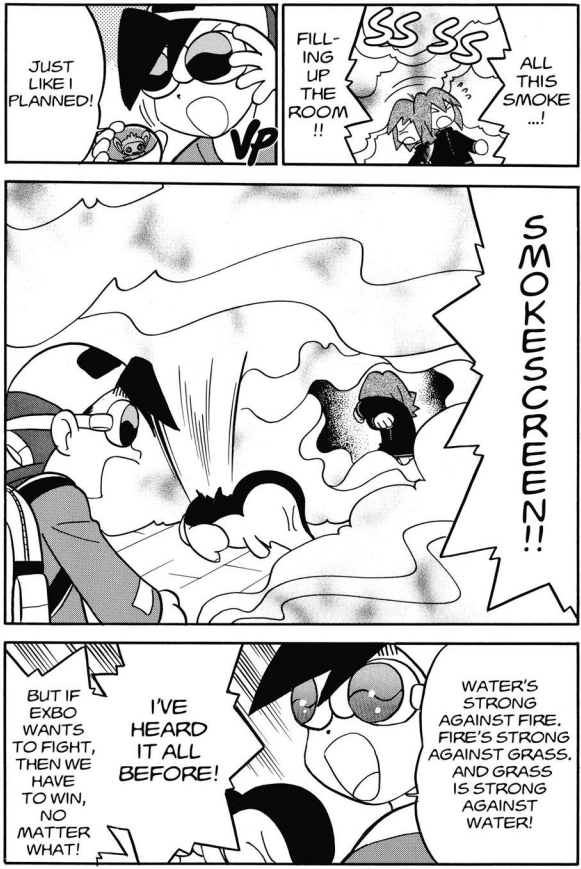

...
NOT YOU, SILVER! NOT AFTER CHASING YOU ALL THE WAY FROM NEW BARK TOWN.
GOMP
98
Totodile Rock


GGGGGG...
TOTO-DILE! SCRATCH !!
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FSH
EXBO! TACKLE !!
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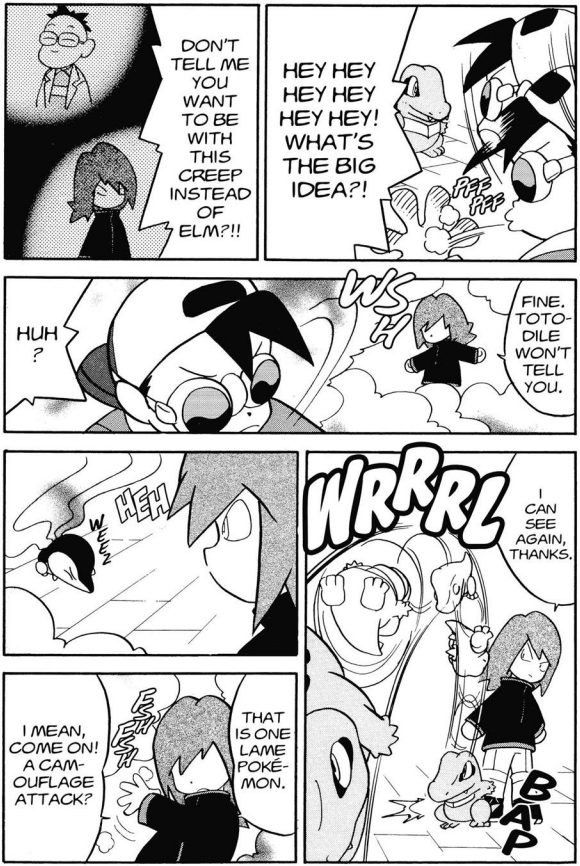

NOW GIVE BACK THE TOTODILE YOU STOLE FROM PROFESSOR ELM!!
GOM
...
WHY?
...YOU WOULDN'T HAVE STOLEN IT IN THE FIRST PLACE, HUH?
YOINK
SIGH. I GUESS IF YOU'D GIVE IT BACK AFTER BEING ASKED POLITELY...
—TAKE IT!!
SO ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I'M JUST GONNA HAVE TO—
BUT Y'KNOW, I'VE GOTTA GET IT BACK TO FULFILL MY PROMISE TO THE PROF.

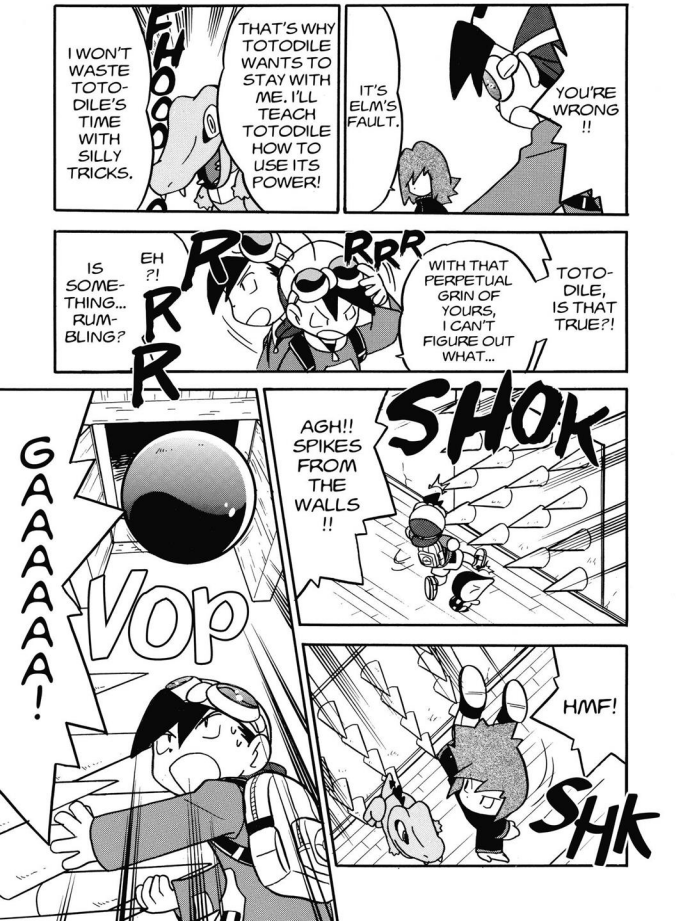

GWOB
WATER GUN!
OOSH
WSH
PTPTPTPT
EMBER !!
SSHH
I KNOW! I KNOW IT!
WATER DOUSES FIRE!
TOTO-DILE IS A PERFECT MATCH FOR CYNDA-QUIL! BECAUSE ...
AGH!
SSZZ
SSZZ


WMP
SSS
SSS
THAT'S GOTTA MATTER!
EXBO'S JUST GOTTA KEEP FIGHTING!
BUT I TOOK INTO ACCOUNT EXBO'S FEELINGS... HOW MUCH EXBO WANTS TO BRING TOTODILE HOME TO THE RESEARCH CENTER.
I DON'T DOUBT THAT EXBO HAS STRONG FEELINGS. BUT THERE ARE... YOU KNOW... PHYSICAL REALITIES HERE...
FIRE
WATER
GRASS
...
...
FWOOSH
IT'S REAL !!
WHAT ?!
THE POWER OF EMOTION ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN FIND IN TEXT-BOOKS... BUT...
SPT
SPT
SPT

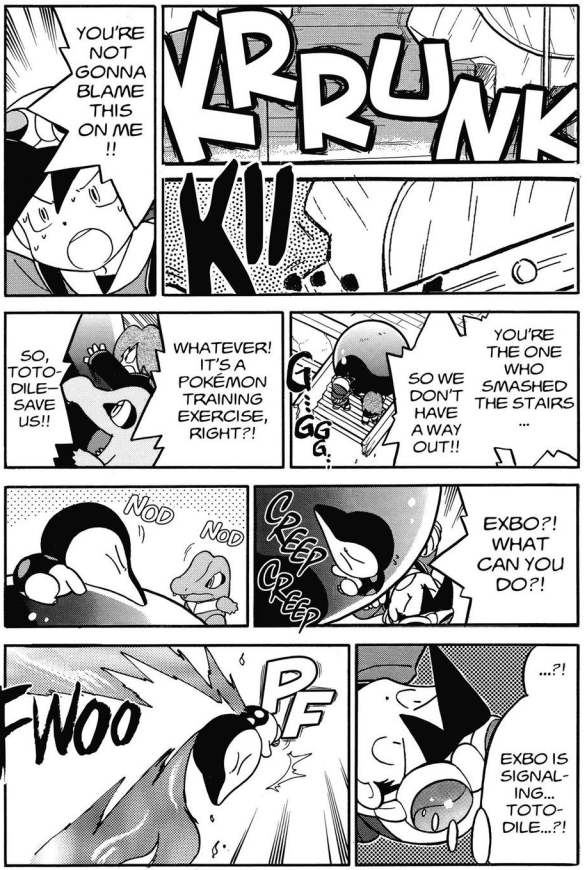

JUST LIKE I PLANNED!
VP
FILL-ING UP THE ROOM !!
SS SS
ALL THIS SMOKE ...!
SMOKESCREEN!!
BUT IF EXBO WANTS TO FIGHT, THEN WE HAVE TO WIN, NO MATTER WHAT!
I'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE!
WATER'S STRONG AGAINST FIRE. FIRE'S STRONG AGAINST GRASS. AND GRASS IS STRONG AGAINST WATER!


KOFF KOFF!! C...CAN'T SEE...!
THANKS FOR TELLING ME! NOW...
I'VE GOT TO FIND THAT...
TOTO-DILE!
COME WITH US! YOU DON'T HAVE TO OBEY HIM ANY-MORE!
YOU MUST'VE HATED BEING WITH A THIEF LIKE THAT!
LEMME TAKE YOU BACK TO PROFES—
ZP
GOMP
YEEEOW!!


DON'T TELL ME YOU WANT TO BE WITH THIS CREEP INSTEAD OF ELM?!!
HEY HEY HEY HEY HEY HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!
PFF PFF
HUH ?
WISH
FINE. TOTODILE WON'T TELL YOU.
WEE
HEH
WRRRL
I CAN SEE AGAIN, THANKS.
BAP
I MEAN, COME ON! A CAMOUFLAGE ATTACK?
EHH EHH
THAT IS ONE LAME POKÉMON.


YOU'RE WRONG !!
IT'S ELM'S FAULT.
THAT'S WHY TOTODILE WANTS TO STAY WITH ME. I'LL TEACH TOTODILE HOW TO USE ITS POWER!
I WON'T WASTE TOTO-DILE'S TIME WITH SILLY TRICKS.
TOTO-DILE, IS THAT TRUE?!
WITH THAT PERPETUAL GRIN OF YOURS, I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT...
EH ?!
IS SOME-THING... RUM-BLING?
RRR
RRR
SHOK
AGH!! SPIKES FROM THE WALLS !!
HMF!
SHK
GAAAAAA!
Vop


HOOOOO
CATCH IT!!
NO TIME TO DODGE IT!!
ZZZZ
FAP
WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE ANYWAY ?!!
IT'S A MECHANISM IN THE SPROUT TOWER TO TEST THE TRAINEES! THAT STUPID SMOKE OF YOURS MUST'VE TRIGGERED IT!
RRRAAGH !!

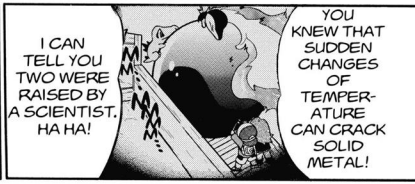

YOU'RE NOT GONNA BLAME THIS ON ME !!
KRRUNK
KU
SO, TOTO-DILE-SAVE US!!
WHATEVER! IT'S A POKÉMON TRAINING EXERCISE, RIGHT?!
GGG
SO WE DON'T HAVE A WAY OUT!!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SMASHED THE STAIRS ...
NOD
NOD
CREEP
CREEP
EXBO?! WHAT CAN YOU DO?!
FWOO
PF
...?!
EXBO IS SIGNAL-ING... TOTO-DILE...?!


EXBO'S FLAME IS BACK!! BUT... WHAT'S THAT GONNA DO?!
FOOSH
EXBO CAN'T MELT THE BALL WITHOUT MELTING US FIRST! OW! OW!
MMMM...
I GET IT.
...!! OH!! I GET IT!!
KEEP IT UP, EXBO!! DON'T MIND US!! USE YOUR FLAME!!
MEEEE
THAT'S IT, TOTODILE! BUILD UP YOUR COLD... BUILD IT... AND...
ICE PUNCH !!
WOK
KKKKKKKK




YOU DID IT!
WP
WP
WP
WP
EXBO!


IT LOOKS LIKE I OWE YOU ONE, TOTO...

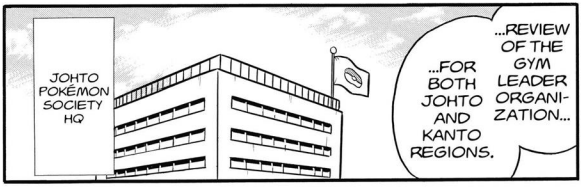

I CAN TELL YOU TWO WERE RAISED BY A SCIENTIST. HA HA!
YOU KNEW THAT SUDDEN CHANGES OF TEMPER-ATURE CAN CRACK SOLID METAL!

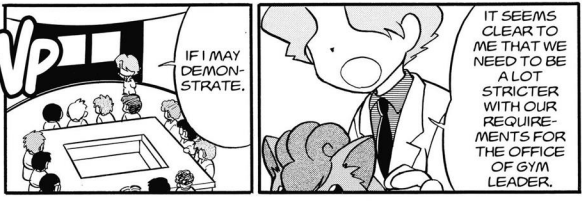

G-GONE ?!
WHAT ?!

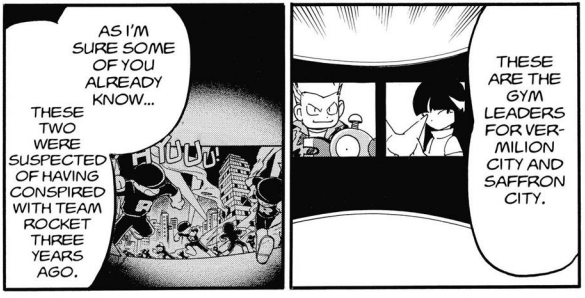

THEY ...
...GOT AWAY ?!
FLIP
WE RAN INTO A LITTLE TROUBLE, BUT...
BING!
FLIP
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.
TOTODILE HAS EVOLVED INTO CROCONAW!
VOOP!!

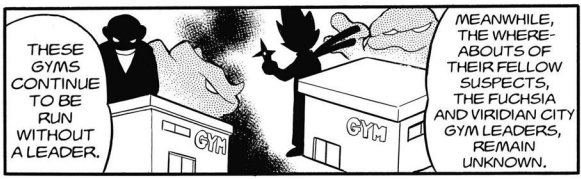
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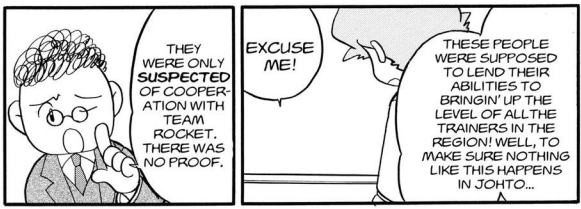


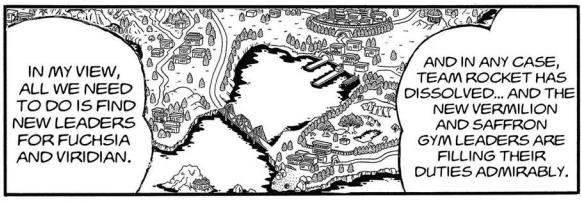


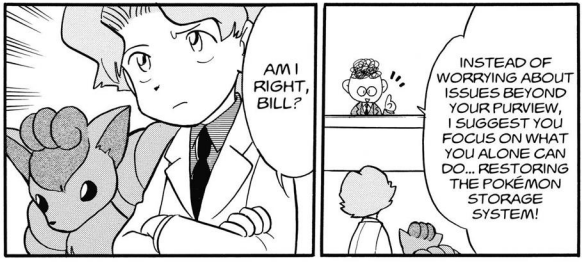


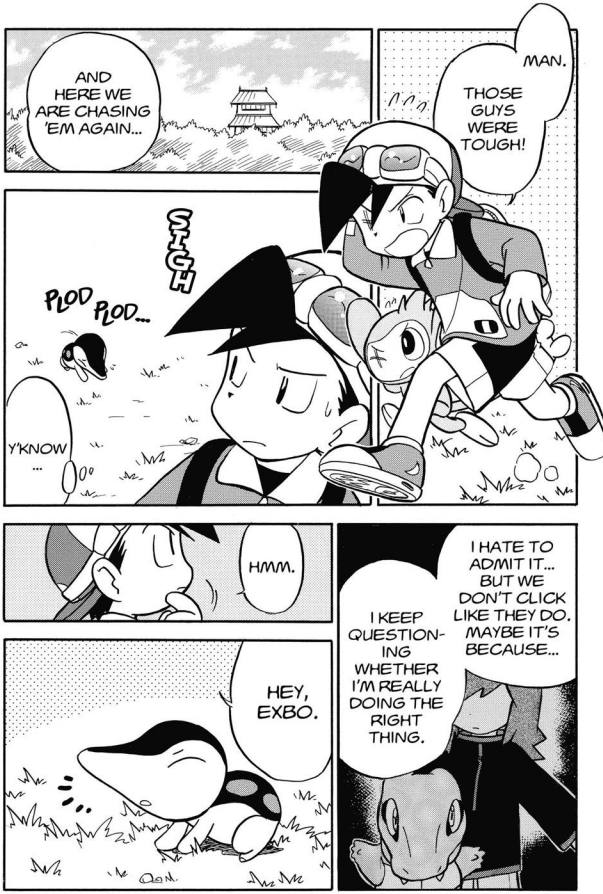


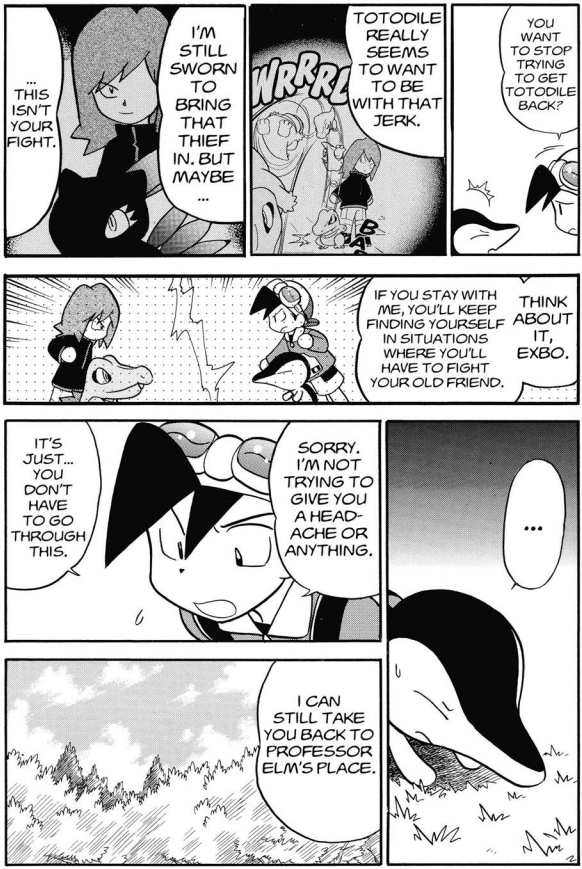

THESE GYMS CONTINUE TO BE RUN WITHOUT A LEADER.
GYM
GYM
MEANWHILE, THE WHEREABOUTS OF THEIR FELLOW SUSPECTS, THE FUCHSIA AND VIRIDIAN CITY GYM LEADERS, REMAIN UNKNOWN.


THEY WERE ONLY SUSPECTED OF COOPERATION WITH TEAM ROCKET. THERE WAS NO PROOF.
EXCUSE ME!
THESE PEOPLE WERE SUPPOSED TO LEND THEIR ABILITIES TO BRINGIN' UP THE LEVEL OF ALL THE TRAINERS IN THE REGION! WELL, TO MAKE SURE NOTHING LIKE THIS HAPPENS IN JOHTO...

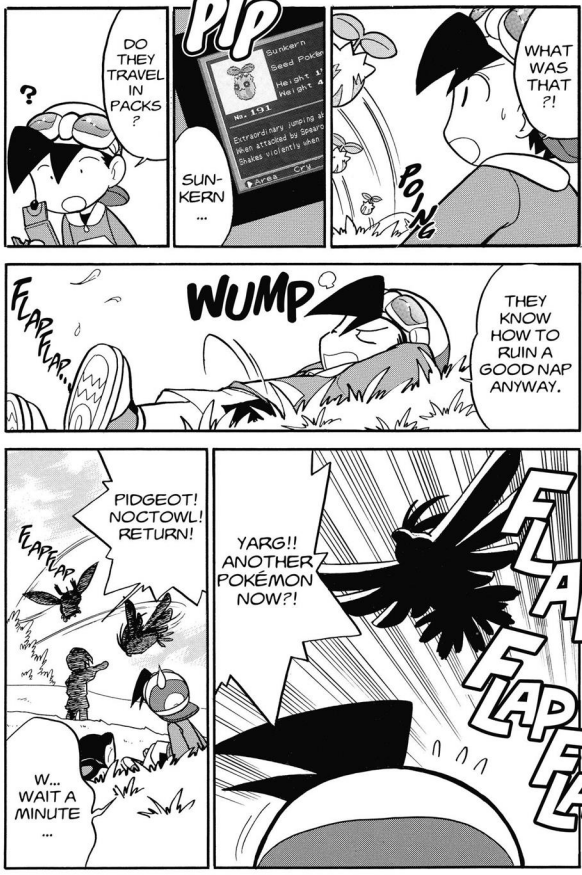

IN MY VIEW, ALL WE NEED TO DO IS FIND NEW LEADERS FOR FUCHSIA AND VIRIDIAN.
AND IN ANY CASE, TEAM ROCKET HAS DISSOLVED... AND THE NEW VERMILION AND SAFFRON GYM LEADERS ARE FILLING THEIR DUTIES ADMIRABLY.

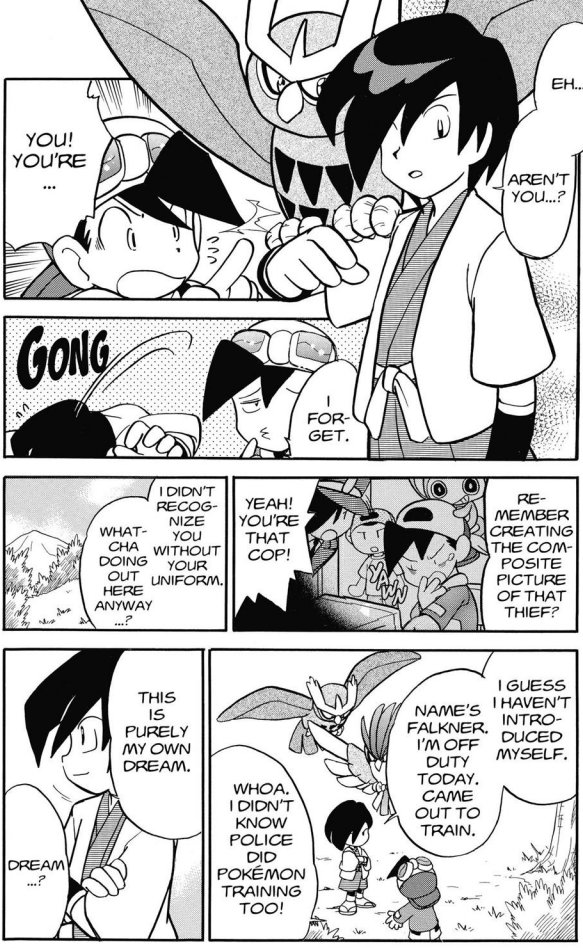

AM I RIGHT, BILL?
INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT ISSUES BEYOND YOUR PURVIEW, I SUGGEST YOU FOCUS ON WHAT YOU ALONE CAN DO... RESTORING THE POKÉMON STORAGE SYSTEM!

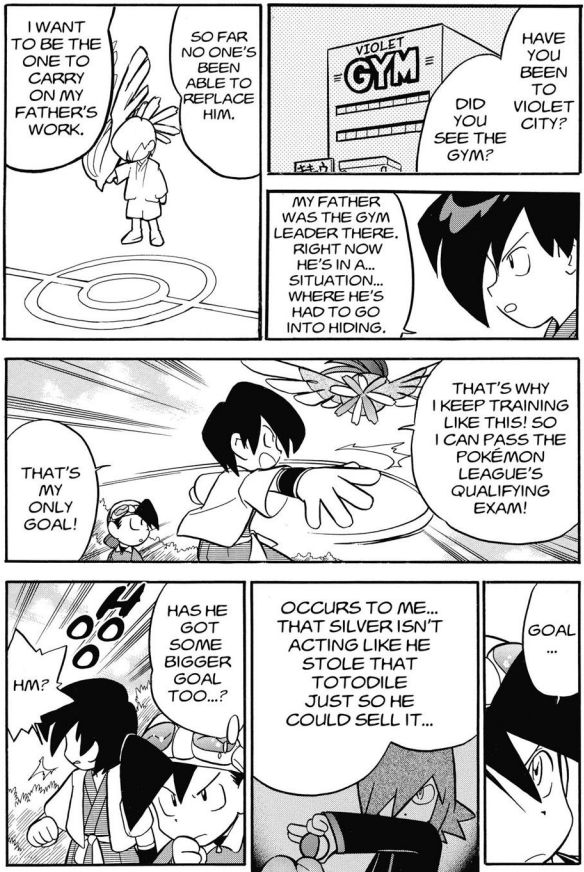

AND HERE WE ARE CHASING 'EM AGAIN...
MAN. THOSE GUYS WERE TOUGH!
SNICH
PLOD PLOD...
Y'KNOW ...
HMM.
HEY, EXBO.
I KEEP QUESTION-ING WHETHER I'M REALLY DOING THE RIGHT THING.
I HATE TO ADMIT IT... BUT WE DON'T CLICK LIKE THEY DO. MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE...

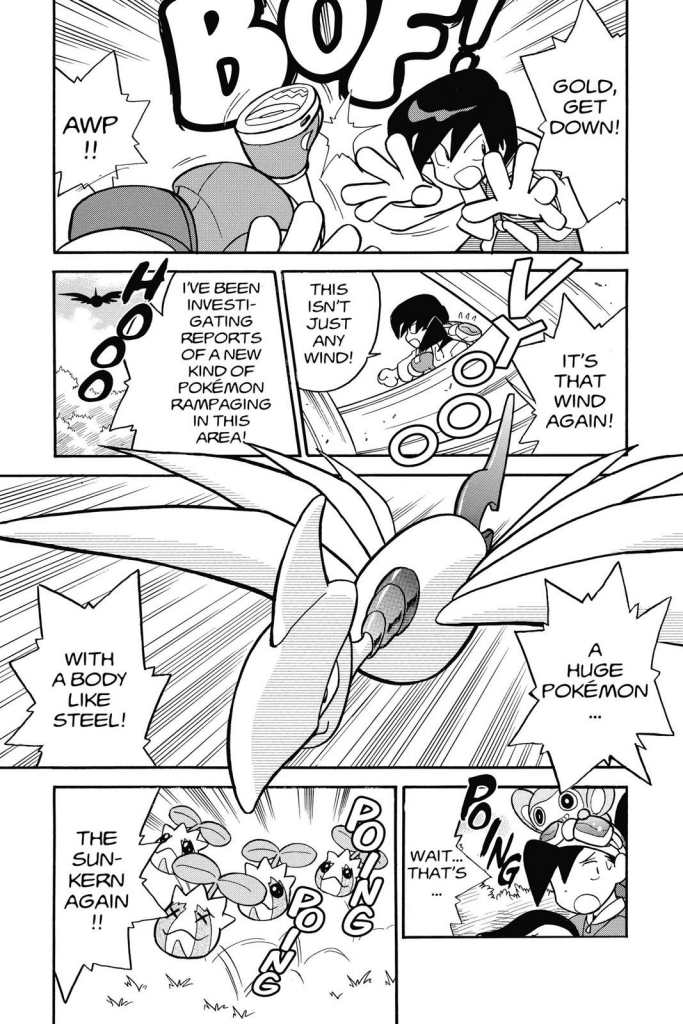

...
THIS ISN'T YOUR FIGHT.
I'M STILL SWORN TO BRING THAT THIEF IN. BUT MAYBE ...
TOTODILE REALLY SEEMS TO WANT TO BE WITH THAT JERK.
YOU WANT TO STOP TRYING TO GET TOTODILE BACK?
THINK ABOUT IT, EXBO.
IF YOU STAY WITH ME, YOU'LL KEEP FINDING YOURSELF IN SITUATIONS WHERE YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGHT YOUR OLD FRIEND.
IT'S JUST... YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS.
SORRY. I'M NOT TRYING TO GIVE YOU A HEAD-ACHE OR ANYTHING.
...
I CAN STILL TAKE YOU BACK TO PROFESSOR ELM'S PLACE.


WUMP
LET'S BOTH SLEEP ON IT, OKAY?
ANY-WAY, I'M BEAT!
WELL... I DON'T NEED AN ANSWER ANYTIME SOON...
SHH...
SHH...
VSH
VSH
VSH
VSH
AAAGH!
HOOO
WHOA !!
WHAT'S WITH THE WIND?!


DO THEY TRAVEL IN PACKS?
?
PIP
Sunkern
Seed Pokémon
Height 1'
Weight 4
No. 191
Extraordinary jumping ab
When attacked by Seviro
Shakes violently when
Ares Cry
SUN-KERN ...
WHAT WAS THAT?!
BOING
FLAP FLAP...
WUMP
THEY KNOW HOW TO RUIN A GOOD NAP ANYWAY.
PIDGEOT! NOCTOWL! RETURN!
FLAP FLAP
W... WAIT A MINUTE ...
YARG!! ANOTHER POKÉMON NOW?!
FLAP FLAP FLAP


EH...?
AREN'T YOU...?
YOU! YOU'RE ...
GONG
I FOR-GET.
RE-MEMBER CREATING THE COM-POSITE PICTURE OF THAT THIEF?
YEAH! YOU'RE THAT COP!
I DIDN'T RECOG-NIZE YOU WITHOUT YOUR UNIFORM.
WHAT-CHA DOING OUT HERE ANYWAY ...?
I GUESS I HAVEN'T INTRO-DUCED MYSELF.
NAME'S FALKNER. I'M OFF DUTY TODAY. CAME OUT TO TRAIN.
WHOA. I DIDN'T KNOW POLICE DID POKÉMON TRAINING TOO!
THIS IS PURELY MY OWN DREAM.
DREAM ...?

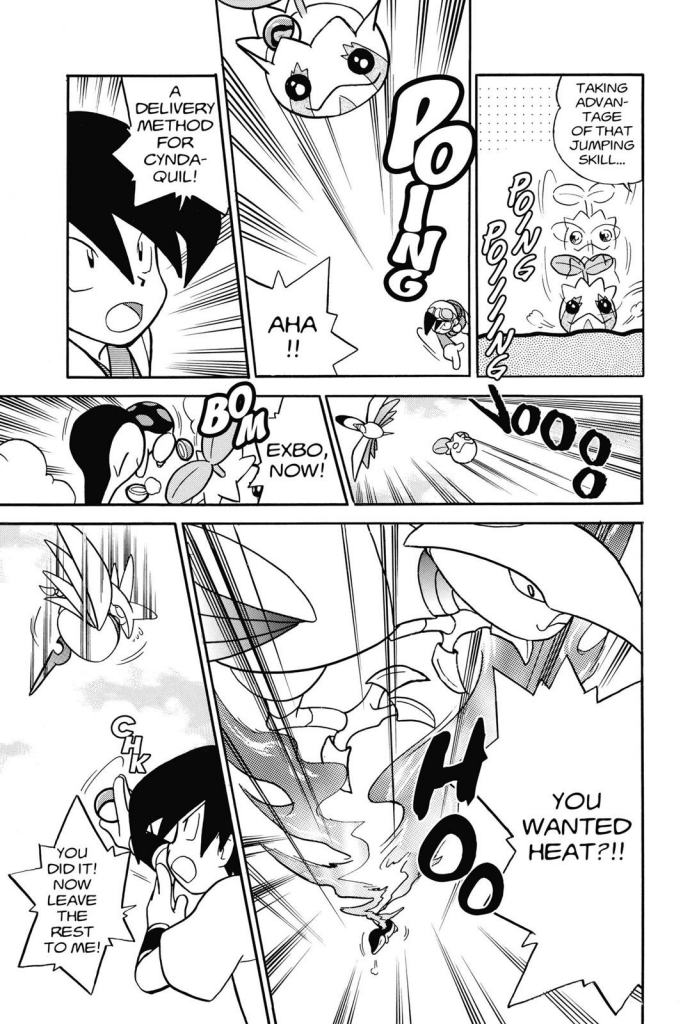

I WANT TO BE THE ONE TO CARRY ON MY FATHER'S WORK.
SO FAR NO ONE'S BEEN ABLE TO REPLACE HIM.
VIOLET GYM
HAVE YOU BEEN TO VIOLET CITY?
DID YOU SEE THE GYM?
MY FATHER WAS THE GYM LEADER THERE. RIGHT NOW HE'S IN A... SITUATION... WHERE HE'S HAD TO GO INTO HIDING.
THAT'S WHY I KEEP TRAINING LIKE THIS! SO I CAN PASS THE POKÉMON LEAGUE'S QUALIFYING EXAM!
THAT'S MY ONLY GOAL!
GOAL ...
OCCURS TO ME... THAT SILVER ISN'T ACTING LIKE HE STOLE THAT TOTODILE JUST SO HE COULD SELL IT...
HAS HE GOT SOME BIGGER GOAL TOO...?
HM?


BOF!
AWP !!
GOLD, GET DOWN!
HOOO
I'VE BEEN INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF A NEW KIND OF POKÉMON RAMPAGING IN THIS AREA!
THIS ISN'T JUST ANY WIND!
IT'S THAT WIND AGAIN!
WITH A BODY LIKE STEEL!
A HUGE POKÉMON ...
THE SUNKERN AGAIN !!
POING
POING
POING
WAIT... THAT'S ...

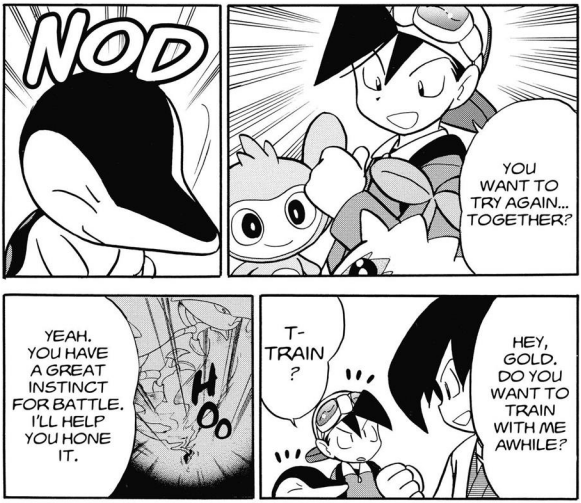

LET'S GO!
PID-GEOT! NOCT-OWL !!
WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN WHY THEY KEEP RUNNING BACK AND FORTH.
OR... BOUNC-ING I MEAN.
POINNG
THEY MUST BE RUNNING AWAY FROM THAT HUGE POKÉMON.
KANG
KANG
YOUR POKÉMON ARE REALLY PRESSING THAT THING!
BUT THEY CAN'T DEAL THE DECIDING BLOW.
KING
KING
AN AERIAL BATTLE!

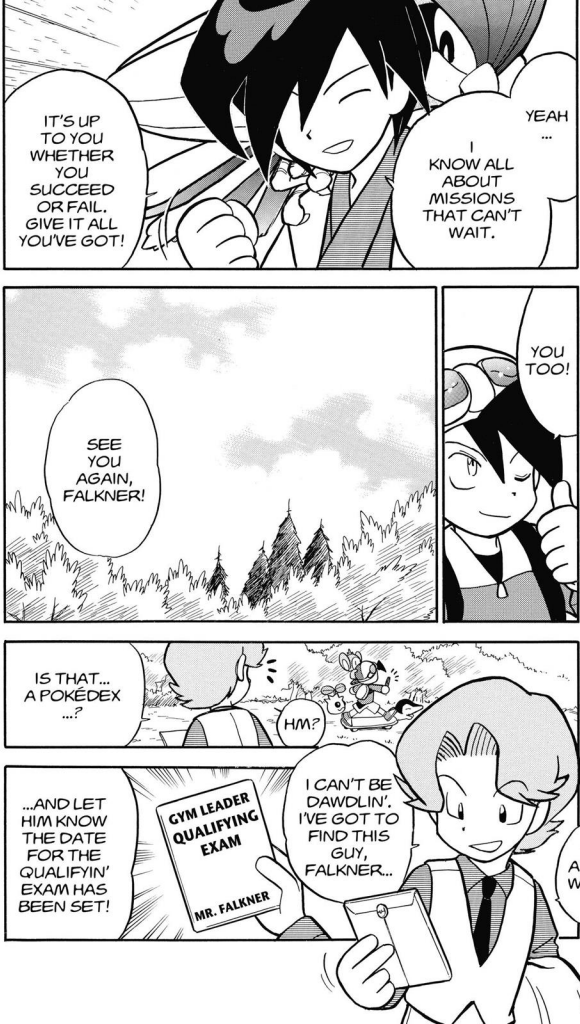

KNOK
NO !!
BUT ...
WE'VE FOUGHT AGAINST THAT POKÉMON ONCE BEFORE.
THAT METAL SHELL DEFIED US!
PIDGEOT! KEEP BACK!
BUT IT'S GOTTA ...
... HAVE A WEAK SPOT, RIGHT ?!
... EXBO !!
HEAT ?!
YOU'D THINK... BUT WHAT WEAKENS METAL? MAGNETISM... RUST... INTENSE HEAT...
BING!
SOUNDS TO ME LIKE A JOB FOR...


PAP
AIBO, GRAB IT!
BON
HYAH !!
BOING
BUT NOT EVEN A JUMP SHOT WITH A POOL CUE WOULD GET YOU WAY UP THERE.
HUH ?
RATTLE
RATTLE
HO! CAN'T WAIT TO GET 'IM, EH?
YOU WANT TO HELP ME STOP THAT POKÉ-MON?
JUST YOU WATCH!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
BOM
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING, GOLD?
SO LET'S GO!!
YOU'RE A POKÉMON AFTER MY OWN HEART, SUNKERN!
BOM

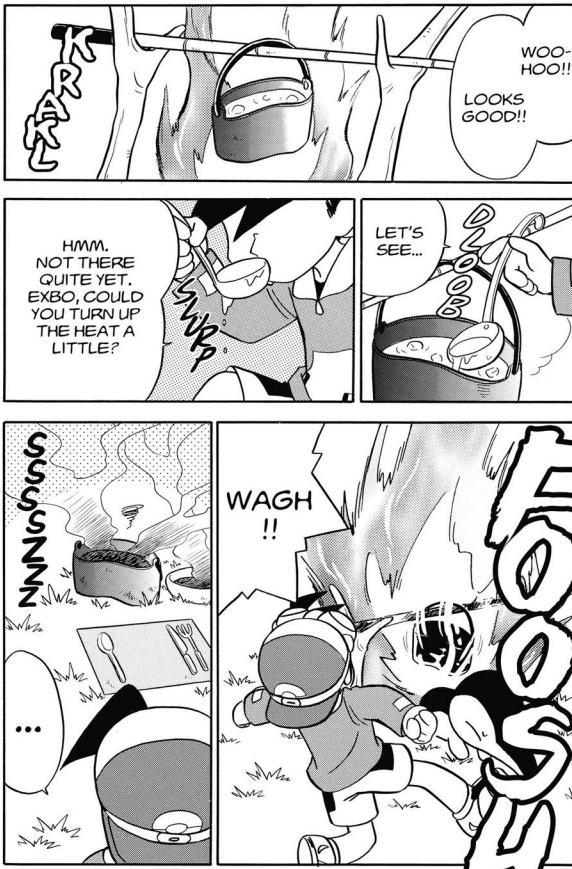

A DELIVERY METHOD FOR CYNDAQUIL!
POING
AHA !!
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THAT JUMPING SKILL...
POING POING
BOM
EXBO, NOW!
HOOO
CHK
YOU DID IT! NOW LEAVE THE REST TO ME!
HOO
YOU WANTED HEAT?!!

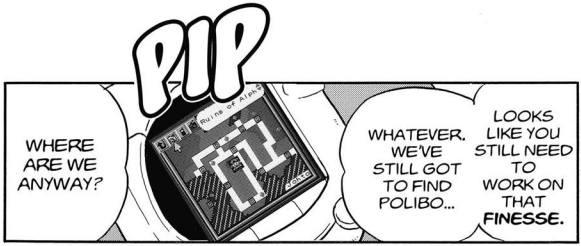

GOT IT!!
BON
THANK YOU.
THAT WAS QUICK THINKING, GOLD.
NOTHIN' SPECIAL FOR ME!
TO-GETHER, HUH...?
WHADDYA THINK, EXBO?
OBVIOUSLY I HAVE A LOT MORE TRAINING TO DO.
WE CAN DO IT TO-GETHER... CAN'T WE, TEAM?
MAYBE GETTING TOTODILE BACK JUST MEANS ...
...MORE TRAINING TOGETHER.

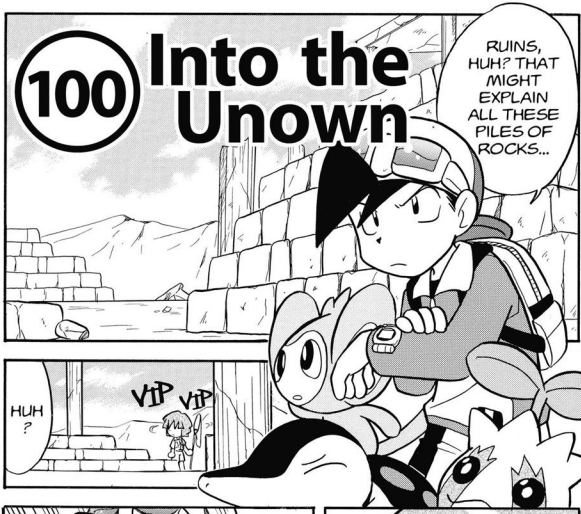

NOD
YOU WANT TO TRY AGAIN... TOGETHER?
HEY, GOLD. DO YOU WANT TO TRAIN WITH ME AWHILE?
T-TRAIN?
YEAH. YOU HAVE A GREAT INSTINCT FOR BATTLE. I'LL HELP YOU HONE IT.
HOO
IT PROB-ABLY... ...WOULD BE GREAT TO GET STRON-GER.
EX-CEPT ...
I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF JOBS TO FINISH THAT CAN'T WAIT.
FOR NOW... I'VE GOT TO KEEP MOVING.


YEAH ... I KNOW ALL ABOUT MISSIONS THAT CAN'T WAIT.
IT'S UP TO YOU WHETHER YOU SUCCEED OR FAIL. GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT!
YOU TOO!
SEE YOU AGAIN, FALKNER!
IS THAT... A POKÉDEX ...?
HM?
I CAN'T BE DAWDLIN'. I'VE GOT TO FIND THIS GUY, FALKNER...
GYM LEADER QUALIFYING EXAM
MR. FALKNER
...AND LET HIM KNOW THE DATE FOR THE QUALIFYIN' EXAM HAS BEEN SET!
ANY-WAY.


HELLO, PROFESSOR ELM?
I'VE ARRIVED IN VIOLET CITY...
...BUT I CAN'T FIND ANY SIGN OF GOLD.
I SEE.
HE HASN'T COME UP ON THE POKÉGEAR EITHER.
IF ONLY THE STORAGE SYSTEM WERE BACK UP.
UM, PROFESSOR, I KNOW IT'S A BIT LATE TO BRING THIS UP... BUT...
WHY DO YOU WANT TO GIVE SUCH AN IMPORTANT ITEM TO A RECKLESS KID LIKE THAT?
WELL...
THE BEST WAY TO HATCH IT...
...IS TO BE NEAR HIGH-ENERGY POKÉMON.
AND SINCE IT WASN'T REACTING HERE AT THE CENTER...
YOU THOUGHT GOLD AND HIS CRAZY POKÉMON MIGHT DO IT...
IN ANY CASE, I WANT YOU TO GIVE HIM...
...THAT MYSTERY EGG!


KRAK
WOO-HOO!!
LOOKS GOOD!!
BLOOP
LET'S SEE...
SLURP
HMM. NOT THERE QUITE YET. EXBO, COULD YOU TURN UP THE HEAT A LITTLE?
FOOSH
WAGH !!
SSSSNZZ
...


PIP
Ruins of Alph
WHERE ARE WE ANYWAY?
WHATEVER. WE'VE STILL GOT TO FIND POLIBO...
LOOKS LIKE YOU STILL NEED TO WORK ON THAT FINESSE.

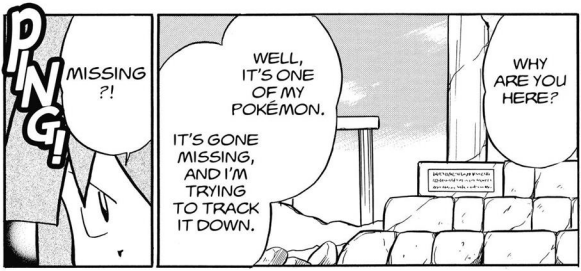

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Into the Unown
RUINS, HUH? THAT MIGHT EXPLAIN ALL THESE PILES OF ROCKS...
HUH?
VIP VIP
YOW! SHE'S CUTE!


WELL HELLO, MISS.
HUH ...?
MUST BE BORING, TOURING THESE RUINS ALONE.
GLEEM
UM...
YOU WANNA GO GET SOME TEA OR SOME-THING?
OH! THE NAME'S GOLD. I'M FROM NEW BARK TOWN.


I'M BUGSY. FROM AZALEA TOWN. AND YOU DO KNOW...
... DON'T YOU... THAT I'M A GUY?
POMP
D-DUH! OF C-COURSE I KNEW!
AND ONE MORE THING.
HMF


I'M NOT TOURING THE RUINS. I'M LOOKING FOR MY FRIENDS WHO'VE GONE MISSING.
YOUR FRIENDS ARE MISSING ?!


WE'RE ALL IN THIS RUINS EXPLORATION CLUB. THEY WERE POKING AROUND HERE YESTERDAY...
...WHEN SUDDENLY ALL COMMUNI-CATION STOPPED!


DING!
MISSING?!
WELL, IT'S ONE OF MY POKÉMON.
IT'S GONE MISSING, AND I'M TRYING TO TRACK IT DOWN.
WHY ARE YOU HERE?


ACTUALLY... I DON'T REALLY EVEN KNOW WHEN OR WHERE POLIBO WENT MISSING...
MAYBE IT WAS CAPTURED BY WHOEVER KIDNAPPED MY FRIENDS!


TP
TP
...ABOUT THE FISHING HOLE...
SOUNDS LIKE WHAT I'VE HEARD...
REALLY...?

WHAT?! N-NO... WAIT...!
OKAY, EXBO...
NOD NOD
YOU HEAR SOMETHING FROM INSIDE THERE? VOICES?
FAP
HUH? WHAT'S UP, AIBO?

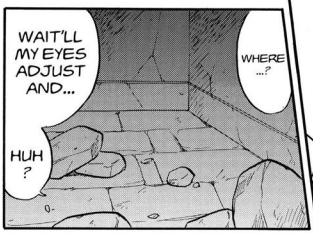

FWOOSH
NO!! THAT'S A CULTURAL TREASURE!! STOP IT!!
BLAST IT DOWN!!


KR OOM
HEY !!
IT'S CRUMB-LING!!


AND IF THOSE VOICES ARE YOUR MISSING FRIENDS?! WOULDN'T YOU...


HWSH
THIS ...
...JUST ISN'T RIGHT.

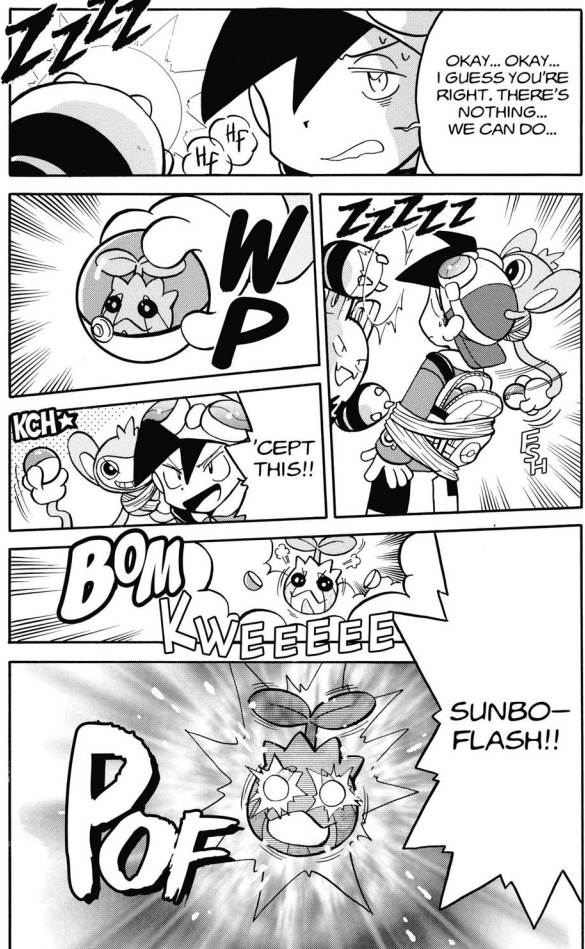

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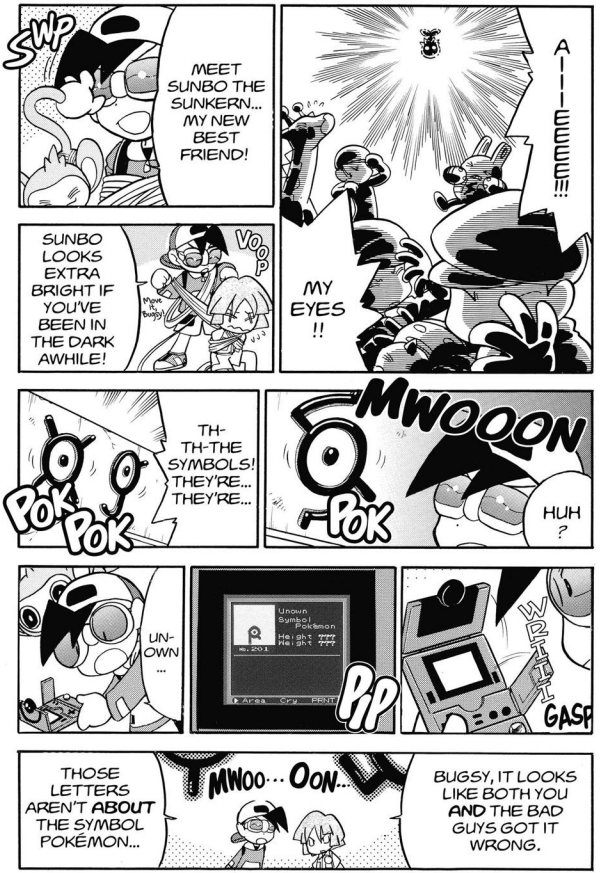

WAIT'LL MY EYES ADJUST AND...
WHERE ...?
HUH ?

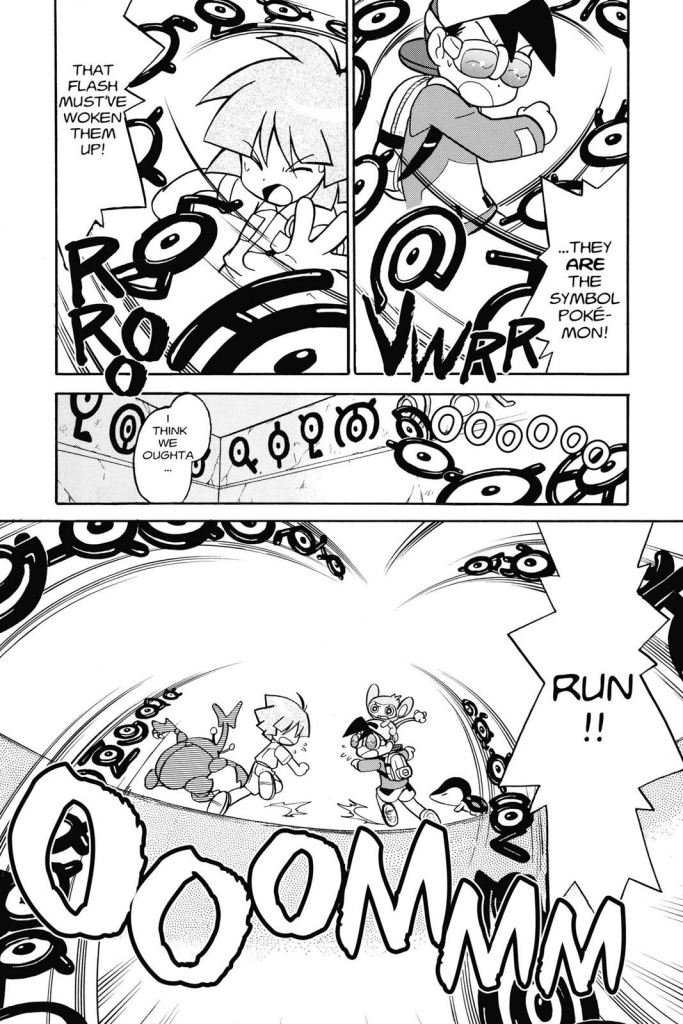

WHAT'S THAT?! IS IT SOME KIND OF CODE?
HEY HEY HEY! TRY TALKING TO ME INSTEAD OF YOURSELF!
Flip Flip
I NEVER IMAGINED I'D FIND... THIS!
MY GOOD-NESS ...
THIS STRUCTURE HAS STOOD HERE FOR OVER 1,500 YEARS.
SYMBOL POKÉ-MON ?!!
BUT NO ONE'S FOUND ANY PROOF... UNTIL NOW!
THERE IS A THEORY THAT THE MYSTERIOUS SYMBOL POKÉMON ONCE LIVED HERE...
WOW ...
SO THIS WAS WRITTEN 1,500 YEARS AGO?
...WE MAY FIND THEY TELL US ALL ABOUT THOSE ANCIENT CREATURES.
IF WE CAN DECODE THESE CHARAC-TERS...

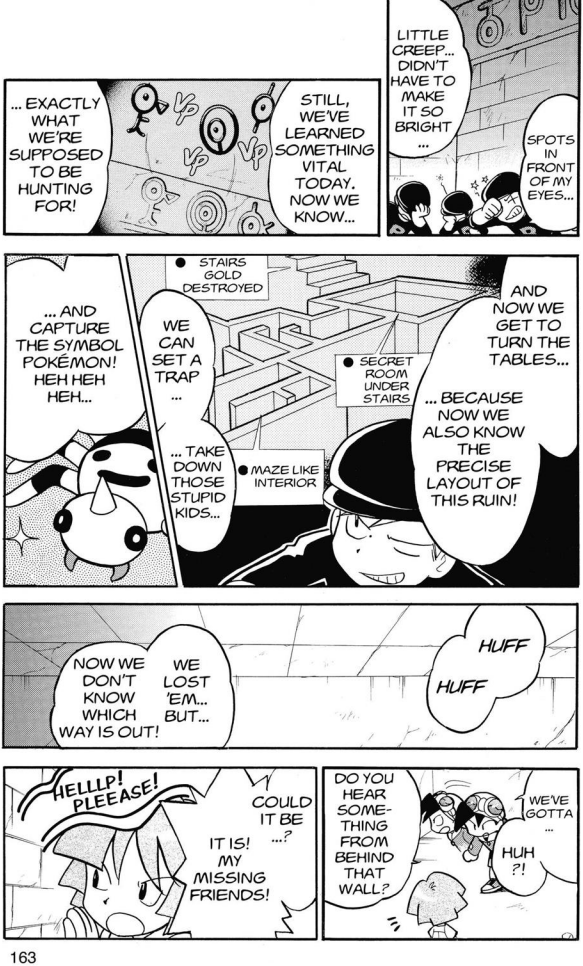

SOME LEGENDS SAY THAT HUMANS AND POKÉMON LIVED TOGETHER EVEN THEN.
TO SEE EVIDENCE OF THOSE LEGENDS WITH MY OWN EYES ...
Y'KNOW, THIS IS REALLY EXCITING ...
BUT WEREN'T YOU TRYING TO FIND YOUR FRIENDS ...?
OH... R-RIGHT. SORRY. HA HA HA...
THIS HALL KEEPS GOING DEEPER IN.
THE VOICES PROBABLY CAME FROM IN THERE...
THANKS SO MUCH FOR SMASHING OPEN THE SECRET CHAMBER.
WHO ARE YOU ?!
SHULULU
VRP
HEY !!
WHAT ... WHAT ...?!


BUT NOW WE CAN JUST WALK IN AND GRAB THOSE SYMBOL POKÉMON!
TA-DAA
WE THOUGHT THE ONLY WAY IN...
...WAS SOLVING THIS PUZZLE IN THE STONES.
oh to
SORRY. CYNDAQUIL'S TOO CONSTRICTED TO IGNITE.
GRRNNN
EXBO— GET 'EM!
TEAM ROCKET?! BUT THEY SAID YOU WERE DESTROYED !!
AND YOU GET TO WATCH!
BZZAK
NOW WE COLLECT THE POKÉMON ESSENTIAL TO RESURRECTING OUR ORGANIZATION!
ELEKID !!
ZZZAK
VM


ZZZZ
HF
HF
OKAY... OKAY... I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE'S NOTHING... WE CAN DO...
WP
ZZZZZ
KCH☆
'CEPT THIS!!
FSH
BOM
KWEEEEE
SUNBO— FLASH!!
POF

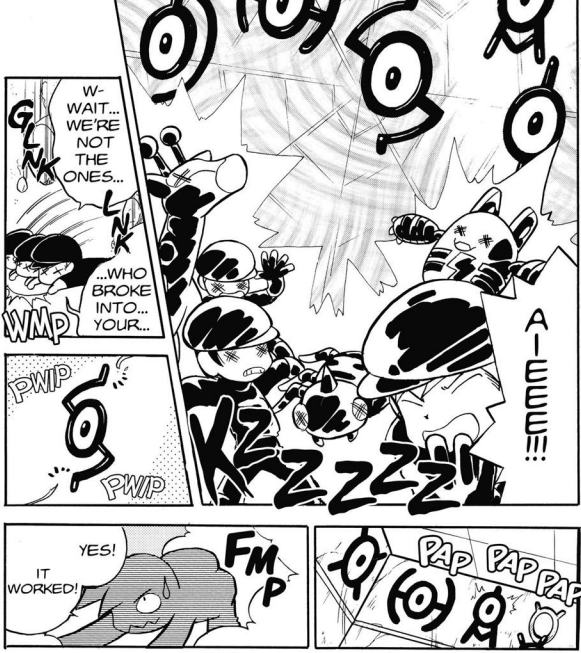

SWP
MEET SUNBO THE SUNKERN... MY NEW BEST FRIEND!
A---EEEE!!!
MY EYES !!
SUNBO LOOKS EXTRA BRIGHT IF YOU'VE BEEN IN THE DARK AWHILE!
Hiya, Bugsy!
VOOP
POK POK
TH-TH-THE SYMBOLS! THEY'RE... THEY'RE...
MWOOON
POK
HUH?
UN-OWN...
Unown
Symbol
Pokémon
No.201
Height
Weight
Area
Cry
PRINT
PIP
WRITE!
GASP
THOSE LETTERS AREN'T ABOUT THE SYMBOL POKÉMON...
MWOO... OON...
BUGSY, IT LOOKS LIKE BOTH YOU AND THE BAD GUYS GOT IT WRONG.

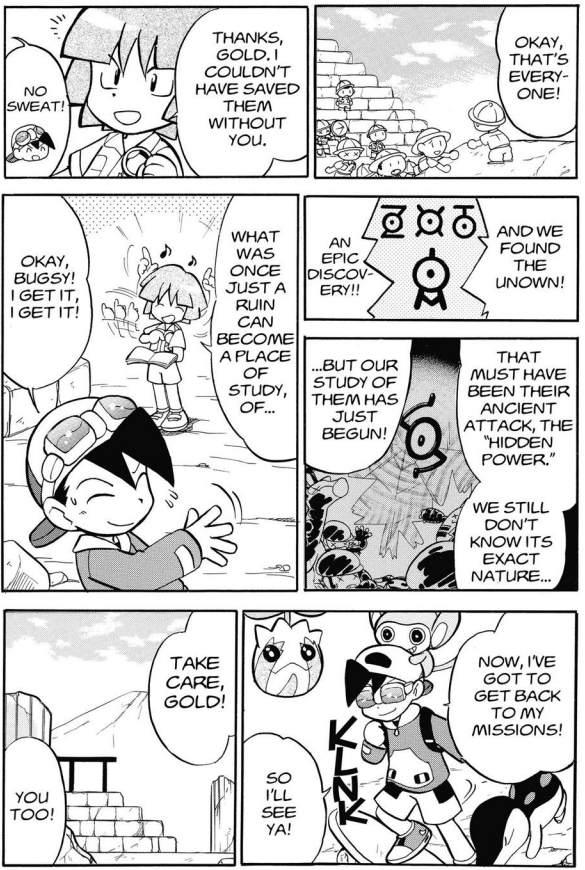

THAT FLASH MUST'VE WOKEN THEM UP!
...THEY ARE THE SYMBOL POKÉMON!
I THINK WE OUGHTA ...
RUN !!


LITTLE CREEP... DIDN'T HAVE TO MAKE IT SO BRIGHT ...
SPOTS IN FRONT OF MY EYES...
STILL, WE'VE LEARNED SOMETHING VITAL TODAY. NOW WE KNOW...
... EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HUNTING FOR!
STAIRS GOLD DESTROYED
SECRET ROOM UNDER STAIRS
MAZE LIKE INTERIOR
AND NOW WE GET TO TURN THE TABLES...
... BECAUSE NOW WE ALSO KNOW THE PRECISE LAYOUT OF THIS RUIN!
WE CAN SET A TRAP ...
... TAKE DOWN THOSE STUPID KIDS...
... AND CAPTURE THE SYMBOL POKÉMON! HEH HEH HEH...
HUFF HUFF
WE LOST 'EM... BUT...
NOW WE DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY IS OUT!
WE'VE GOTTA ...
HUH ?!
DO YOU HEAR SOME-THING FROM BEHIND THAT WALL?
COULD IT BE ...?
IT IS! MY MISSING FRIENDS!
HELLLP! PLEEASE!


NOW WE'VE JUST GOTTA GET 'EM OUT OF THERE!
VSH
A WEB?!
IT'S SPINARAK'S SPIDER WEB.
BUT DIFFERENT FROM THE THREAD THEY USED BEFORE... STICKIER!
HE !!
AS A BUG-TYPE POKÉMON SPECIALIST, I KNOW!
WE'VE GOT TO GO A DIFFER-ENT WAY!
WAIT!! IT'S HERE TOO!!!
AND BEHIND US NOW!! WE'RE TRAPPED !!
THERE'S NO WAY OUT!
YOUR ONLY HOPE IS TO SURREN-DER!
RG!


AND I HEAR THE UNOWN COMING FROM THE OTHER WAY!! WHAT CAN WE DO?!
NOOO
FOOT-STEPS!
TM TM TM
THEY'RE COMING FOR US, BUGSY!
...ALL WE'VE GOT TO DO IS BLOCK THE EXIT... AND WE'VE GOT EVERYBODY!!
HEH HEH... WHEN THE SYMBOL POKÉMON COME AFTER THEM...
OOOMMM
WHAT?! THE POKÉ-MON ARE IN THE WEB?!
AND WHERE ARE THOSE KIDS?!
W-WHAT'S ALL THIS SMOKE?!
!
SS SS
KOK
ZAK


W-WAIT... WE'RE NOT THE ONES...
...WHO BROKE INTO... YOUR...
GLNK
LNK
WMP
PWIP
PWIP
KZZZZZ
A-EEEE!!!
YES! IT WORKED!
FMP
PAP PAP PAP
SORRY WE INTERRUPTED YOUR NAP!
AND NOW I'D LIKE TO BE THE FIRST TO TELL OUR HOSTS...
SSS
THANKS TO EXBO'S SMOKE-SCREEN, THE UNOWN GOT CAUGHT, AND WE STAYED HIDDEN!

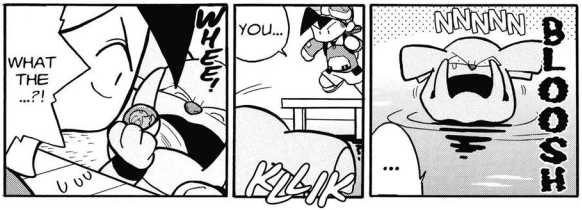

THANKS, GOLD. I COULDN'T HAVE SAVED THEM WITHOUT YOU.
NO SWEAT!
OKAY, THAT'S EVERY-ONE!
AND WE FOUND THE UNOWN!
AN EPIC DISCOV-ERY!!
WHAT WAS ONCE JUST A RUIN CAN BECOME A PLACE OF STUDY, OF...
OKAY, BUGSY! I GET IT, I GET IT!
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN THEIR ANCIENT ATTACK, THE "HIDDEN POWER."
...BUT OUR STUDY OF THEM HAS JUST BEGUN!
WE STILL DON'T KNOW ITS EXACT NATURE...
NOW, I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO MY MISSIONS!
KLNK
SO I'LL SEE YA!
TAKE CARE, GOLD!
YOU TOO!


WAIT A MINUTE. DIDN'T WE ALREADY DO THIS ONE?
FORGET THE STUPID PUZZLE!
IT'S GONNA TAKE FOR-EVER!
HERE'S THE HINT... A POKÉMON CRAWLING ON THE FLOOR OF THE ANCIENT OCEAN...
HOOOO
NOT AS LONG AS IT'LL TAKE TO DIG OUR WAY THROUGH ALL THAT ROCK!
PIP
EH ?!
A TRANS-MIS-SION ?!
DID I MAKE A MISTAKE GATHERING YOU CLOWNS BACK TOGETHER?!
WELL ?!
BZZ
EEEK!! BOSS ?!
YOU SCREWED UP AGAIN ?!!
SO TRY BEING WORTHY OF ME, GOT IT?
N-NO SIR! WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE YOU AS OUR NEW LEADER!
ZZXXZ


ROUTE 32
BUGSY SAID IT WAS AROUND HERE...
...THE PLACE WHERE POKÉMON KEEP GOING MISSING...
101 Teddiursa's Picnic
Route 32
GUESS I'D BETTER ASK... NOT THAT THERE'RE MANY PEOPLE AROUND ...
...THE FISHING HOLE.
PIP
THEN HE'S HERE?!
ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE POKÉMON SNATCHER, HUH?
A POKÉ BALL WITH A POLIWAG IN IT?
NO-BODY'S GOTTEN A GOOD LOOK AT HIM.
HE SNAGS 'EM AS SOON AS YOU CATCH 'EM.
DON'T KNOW. HE'S TOO QUICK.
WHERE CAN I FIND THIS CREEP?!


ARE THEY USING POLIWAG FOR SOME EVIL PLOT?
COULD IT BE TEAM ROCKET AGAIN?
HE'S FAST, ALL RIGHT ...
CLNK
MY OCTILLERY!
WSSH
VIP
HUH?!
YOU GOTTA BE ALERT! THAT'S WHY I'M HANGING ON TO MY...
YOOO
BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH!!
WHOA!!

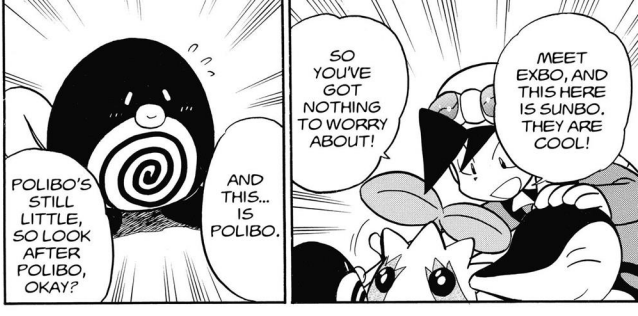

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GONK
HUH?! THE POKÉMON THIEF...IS A POKÉMON?!


WHAT THE ...?!
WHEE!
U uu
YOU...
KLIK
NNNNN
BLOOSH
...

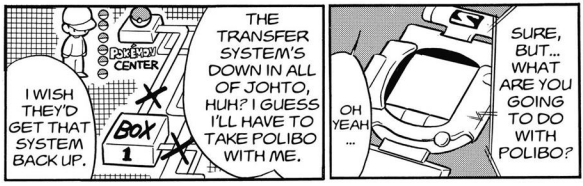

IT'S IN THE POKÉDEX. IT'S NAMED GRANBULL.
AND THE POKÉ BALL HITTING IT FIXED THE WHOLE PROBLEM.
YOU MEAN ... ITS JAW GOT STUCK OPEN... SO IT WAS STEALING POKÉMON TO GET ATTENTION... AND FIND SOMEBODY WHO'D HELP?


I GUESS IT'S HARD JUST TO WALK UP TO PEOPLE AND ASK FOR HELP WITH A SCARY MUG LIKE THAT.
OKAY. I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE POKÉMON CENTER TO GET THAT JAW LOOKED AT. BUT FIRST...
NGNGNG
...GIVE BACK ALL THE POKÉMON YOU STOLE!
GOLOGOLO
THAT'S A TON !!
OH ...!
P-POLIBO !!
IT'S REALLY YOU!!
BOM
THE RIVER CARRIED YOU ALL THE WAY HERE!
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SO SCARED!
WAG WAG WAG

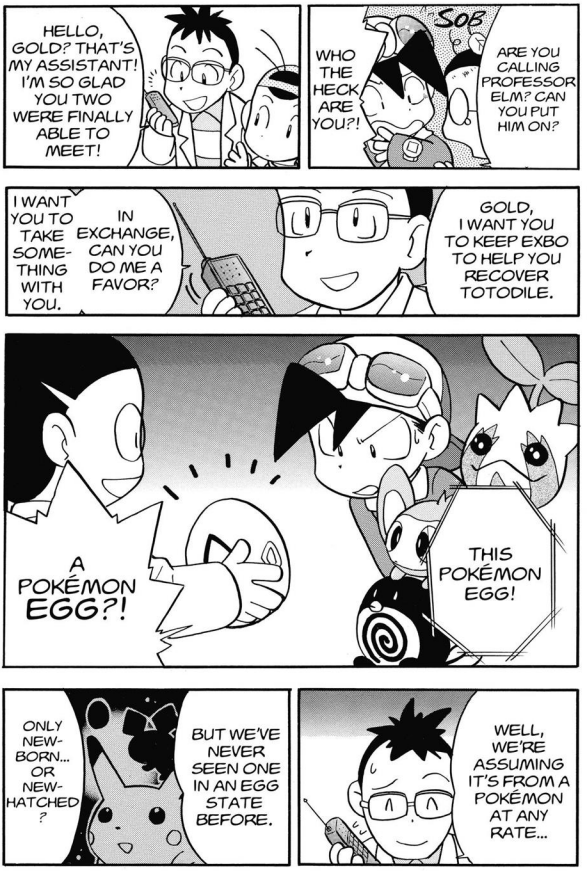

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH. WE CAN TALK POKÉMON SOMETIME.
HANG ON, KID. HERE'S MY PHONE NUMBER.
THANKS! NOW I GOTTA GET BACK TO...
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU, KID.
IT'S NOT THAT! I'M JUST IN A HURRY! SEE YA!
YEAH... SURE...
WHAT? YOU DON'T LIKE MAKING NEW FRIENDS?
YOU SERIOUS? I MEAN, WE JUST MET...
HEH
SOMETHING TELLS ME I SHOULD TALK TO YELLOW ABOUT THIS...
HE HANDLES POKÉ BALLS ALMOST AS WELL AS YELLOW DOES.
OH YEAH! I'M SORRY!
WHINE WHINE
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG, POLIBO?
I WONDER WHAT THAT WAS ALL ABOUT?

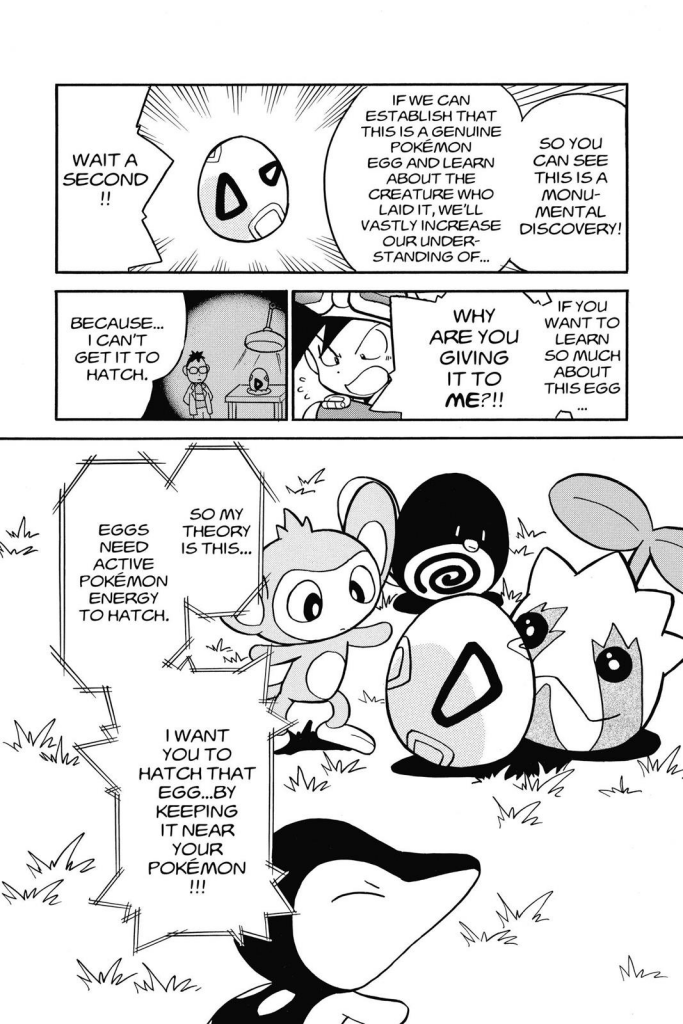

POLIBO'S STILL LITTLE, SO LOOK AFTER POLIBO, OKAY?
AND THIS... IS POLIBO.
SO YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!
MEET EXBO, AND THIS HERE IS SUNBO. THEY ARE COOL!


HEY, COULD YOU SAY HI TO MY MOM TOO?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FOUND POLIBO!
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT!
ELM RESEARCH CENTER


I WISH THEY'D GET THAT SYSTEM BACK UP.
POKEMON CENTER
BOX 1
THE TRANSFER SYSTEM'S DOWN IN ALL OF JOHTO, HUH? I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TAKE POLIBO WITH ME.
OH YEAH ...
SURE, BUT... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH POLIBO?

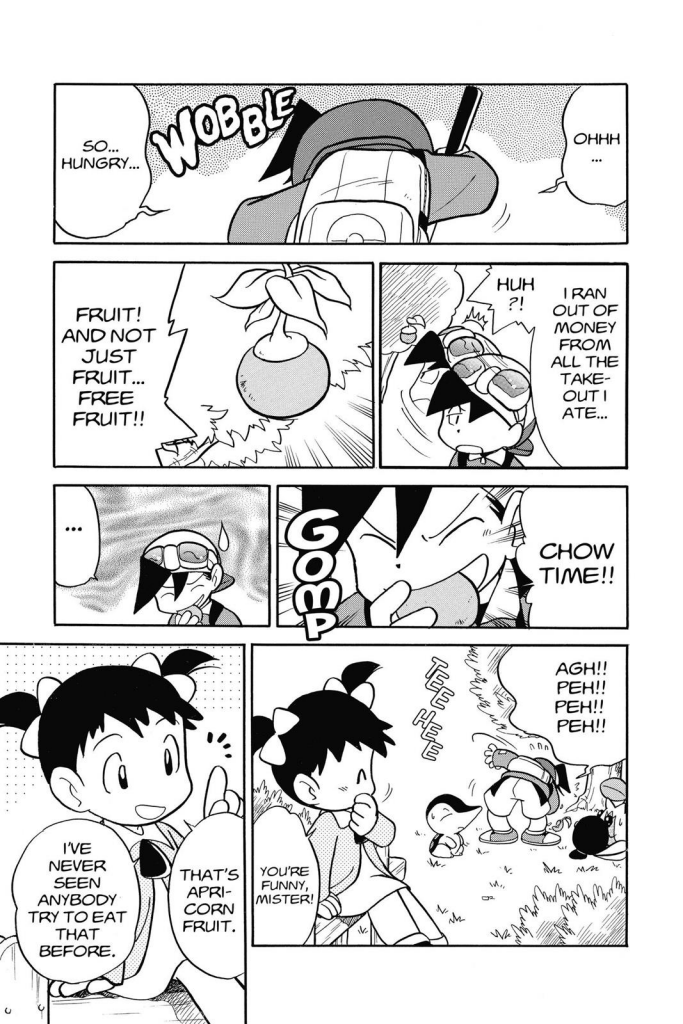

WHAT IS IT?
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?
STAGGER
NO KIDDING. IF I COULD'VE JUST DONE A TRANSFER...

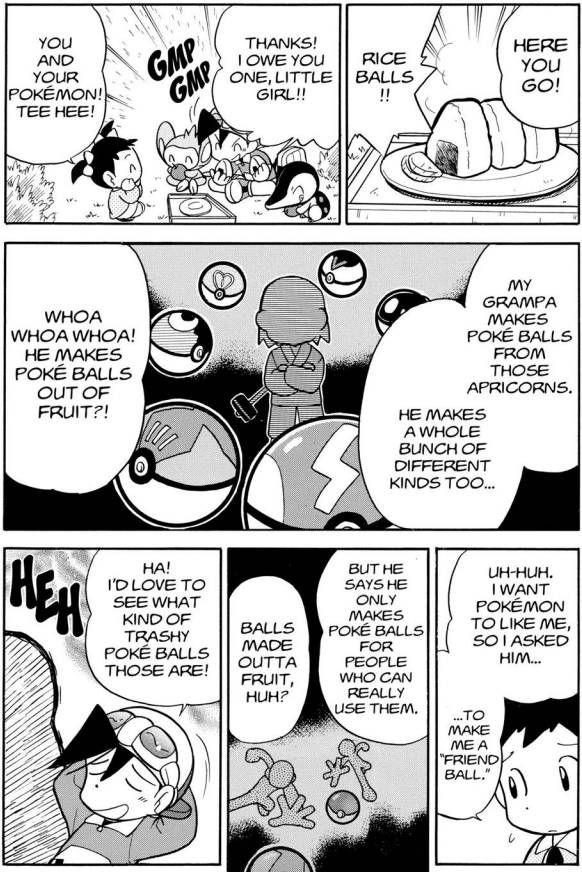

HELLO, GOLD? THAT'S MY ASSISTANT! I'M SO GLAD YOU TWO WERE FINALLY ABLE TO MEET!
SOB
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?!
ARE YOU CALLING PROFESSOR ELM? CAN YOU PUT HIM ON?
I WANT YOU TO TAKE SOME-THING WITH YOU.
IN EXCHANGE, CAN YOU DO ME A FAVOR?
GOLD, I WANT YOU TO KEEP EXBO TO HELP YOU RECOVER TOTODILE.
A POKÉMON EGG?!
THIS POKÉMON EGG!
ONLY NEW-BORN... OR NEW-HATCHED?
BUT WE'VE NEVER SEEN ONE IN AN EGG STATE BEFORE.
WELL, WE'RE ASSUMING IT'S FROM A POKÉMON AT ANY RATE...


WAIT A SECOND !!
IF WE CAN ESTABLISH THAT THIS IS A GENUINE POKÉMON EGG AND LEARN ABOUT THE CREATURE WHO LAID IT, WE'LL VASTLY INCREASE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF...
SO YOU CAN SEE THIS IS A MONUMENTAL DISCOVERY!
BECAUSE... I CAN'T GET IT TO HATCH.
WHY ARE YOU GIVING IT TO ME?!!
IF YOU WANT TO LEARN SO MUCH ABOUT THIS EGG ...
SO MY THEORY IS THIS...
EGGS NEED ACTIVE POKÉMON ENERGY TO HATCH.
I WANT YOU TO HATCH THAT EGG...BY KEEPING IT NEAR YOUR POKÉMON !!!


KLANG
KLANG
AZALEA TOWN
BY THE WAY...
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING WITH THIS POKÉ BALL YOU'RE HAVING ME MAKE?
SOME SPECIAL POKÉMON YOU'RE AFTER?
KLANG
HA HA HA... SUCH INTENSITY YOU HAVE!
POWERFUL POKÉMON ARE THE ONLY ONES I REALLY WANT.

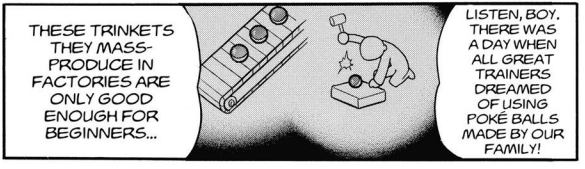

WELL, I DON'T CARE.
AS LONG AS I KNOW THE GREAT POKÉ BALLS I FORGE...
...GO TO TRAINERS WHO TRULY KNOW HOW TO USE THEM.
THERE, THE POKÉ BALL MADE FROM THE APRICORN YOU BROUGHT.
TNG
SS
THE FAMOUS "HEAVY BALL."

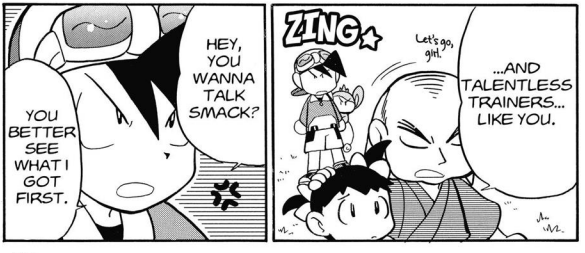

SO... HUNGRY...
WOBBLE
OHHH...
FRUIT! AND NOT JUST FRUIT... FREE FRUIT!!
HUH?!
I RAN OUT OF MONEY FROM ALL THE TAKE-OUT I ATE...
...
GOMP
CHOW TIME!!
AGH!! PEH!! PEH!! PEH!!
TEE HEE
YOU'RE FUNNY, MISTER!
THAT'S APRI-CORN FRUIT.
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYBODY TRY TO EAT THAT BEFORE.


YOU AND YOUR POKÉMON! TEE HEE!
GMP GMP
THANKS! I OWE YOU ONE, LITTLE GIRL!!
RICE BALLS !!
HERE YOU GO!
WHOA WHOA WHOA! HE MAKES POKÉ BALLS OUT OF FRUIT?!
MY GRAMPA MAKES POKÉ BALLS FROM THOSE APRICORNS.
HE MAKES A WHOLE BUNCH OF DIFFERENT KINDS TOO...
HEH
HA! I'D LOVE TO SEE WHAT KIND OF TRASHY POKÉ BALLS THOSE ARE!
BALLS MADE OUTTA FRUIT, HUH?
BUT HE SAYS HE ONLY MAKES POKÉ BALLS FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN REALLY USE THEM.
UH-HUH. I WANT POKÉMON TO LIKE ME, SO I ASKED HIM...
...TO MAKE ME A "FRIEND BALL."

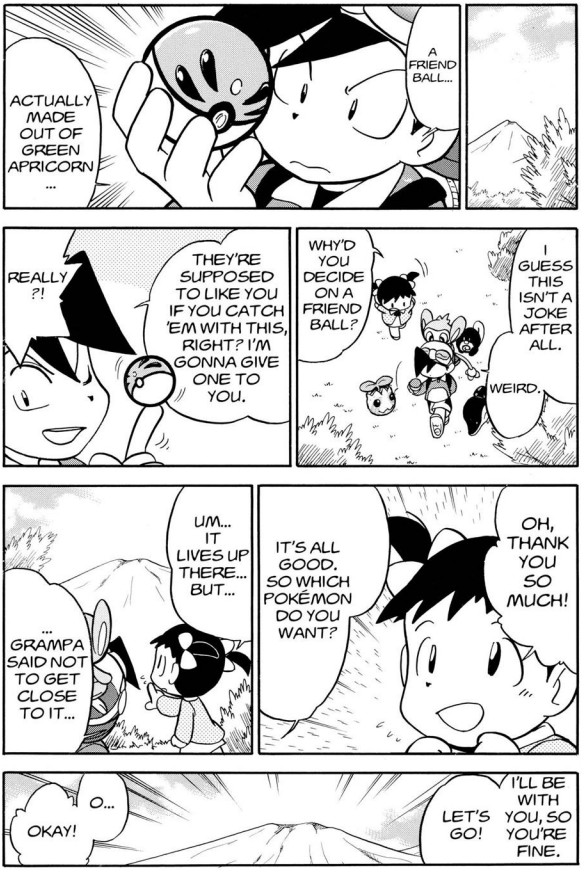

WHAT ARE YOU CALLING TRASHY, BOY?!!

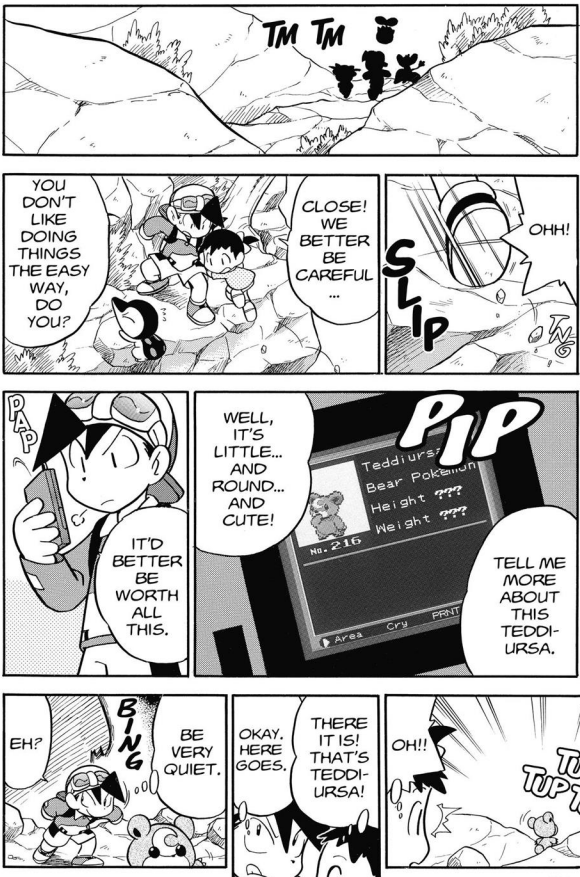

REMEMBER THE GRAMPA I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT?
MY NAME IS KURT!
W-W-WHAT...? WHO...?

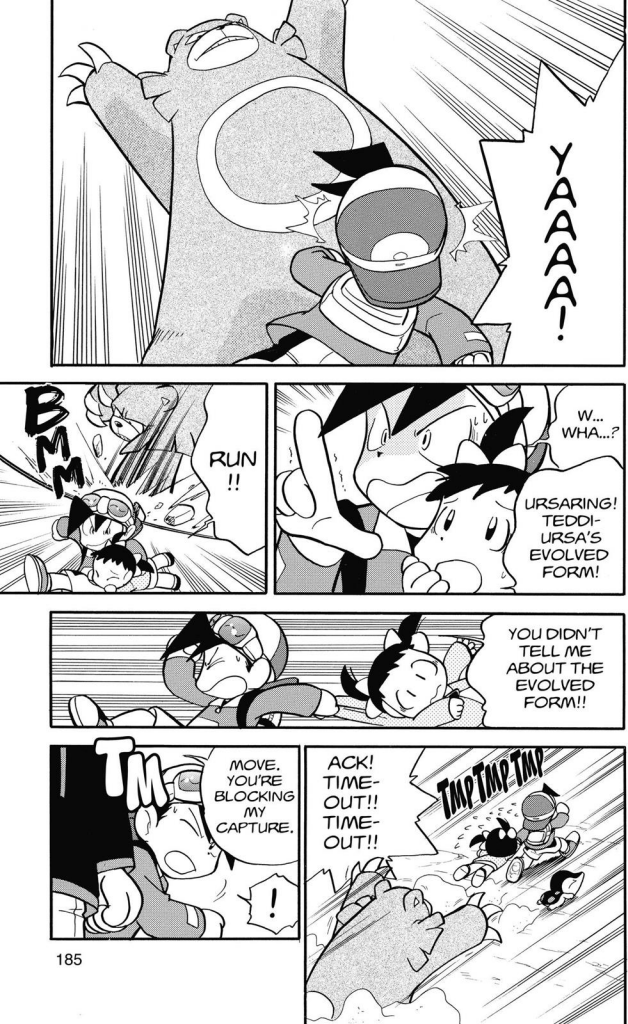

THESE TRINKETS THEY MASS-PRODUCE IN FACTORIES ARE ONLY GOOD ENOUGH FOR BEGINNERS...
LISTEN, BOY. THERE WAS A DAY WHEN ALL GREAT TRAINERS DREAMED OF USING POKÉ BALLS MADE BY OUR FAMILY!


HEY, YOU WANNA TALK SMACK?
YOU BETTER SEE WHAT I GOT FIRST.
ZING
Let's go, girl.
...AND TALENTLESS TRAINERS... LIKE YOU.


TRY ME!
I'LL MASTER THAT POKÉ BALL OF YOURS IN NO TIME!
HM.
YOU DO HAVE SPIRIT.
AND IF YOU CAN'T MASTER IT?
THEN I'LL WORK AS YOUR ASSISTANT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
THOSE ARE BIG WORDS!
ALL RIGHT THEN. I'LL MAKE ONE JUST FOR YOU.
TUG
CHOOSE THE TYPE OF POKÉ BALL YOU WANT... AND BRING ME AN APRICORN.
WHAT?! I HAVE TO SUPPLY THE MATERIALS ?!
BETTER GET IT BEFORE THE SUN SETS!
BRR BRR BRR


A FRIEND BALL...
ACTUALLY MADE OUT OF GREEN APRICORN ...
I GUESS THIS ISN'T A JOKE AFTER ALL.
WHY'D YOU DECIDE ON A FRIEND BALL?
WEIRD.
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO LIKE YOU IF YOU CATCH 'EM WITH THIS, RIGHT? I'M GONNA GIVE ONE TO YOU.
REALLY ?!
OH, THANK YOU SO MUCH!
IT'S ALL GOOD. SO WHICH POKÉMON DO YOU WANT?
UM... IT LIVES UP THERE... BUT...
... GRAMPA SAID NOT TO GET CLOSE TO IT...
I'LL BE WITH YOU, SO YOU'RE FINE.
LET'S GO!
O... OKAY!


TM TM
YOU DON'T LIKE DOING THINGS THE EASY WAY, DO YOU?
CLOSE! WE BETTER BE CAREFUL ...
SLIP
OHH!
PIP
Teddiursa
Bear Pokémon
Height ???
Weight ???
No. 216
Area
Cry
PRINT
WELL, IT'S LITTLE... AND ROUND... AND CUTE!
TELL ME MORE ABOUT THIS TEDDI-URSA.
PAP
IT'D BETTER BE WORTH ALL THIS.
BE VERY QUIET.
BING
EH?
OKAY. HERE GOES.
THERE IT IS! THAT'S TEDDI-URSA!
OH!!
TUP TUP TUP


YAAAA!
W... WHA...?
URSARING! TEDDI-URSA'S EVOLVED FORM!
BMM
RUN !!
YOU DIDN'T TELL ME ABOUT THE EVOLVED FORM!!
TM
MOVE. YOU'RE BLOCKING MY CAPTURE.
!
ACK! TIME-OUT!! TIME-OUT!!
TMP TMP TMP

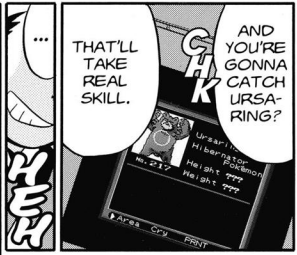

STEALING AGAIN, EH?
NO! GRAMPA GAVE IT TO HIM 'CAUSE HE'S SO GOOD!


HEY!!
THAT'S GRAMPA'S POKÉ BALL!

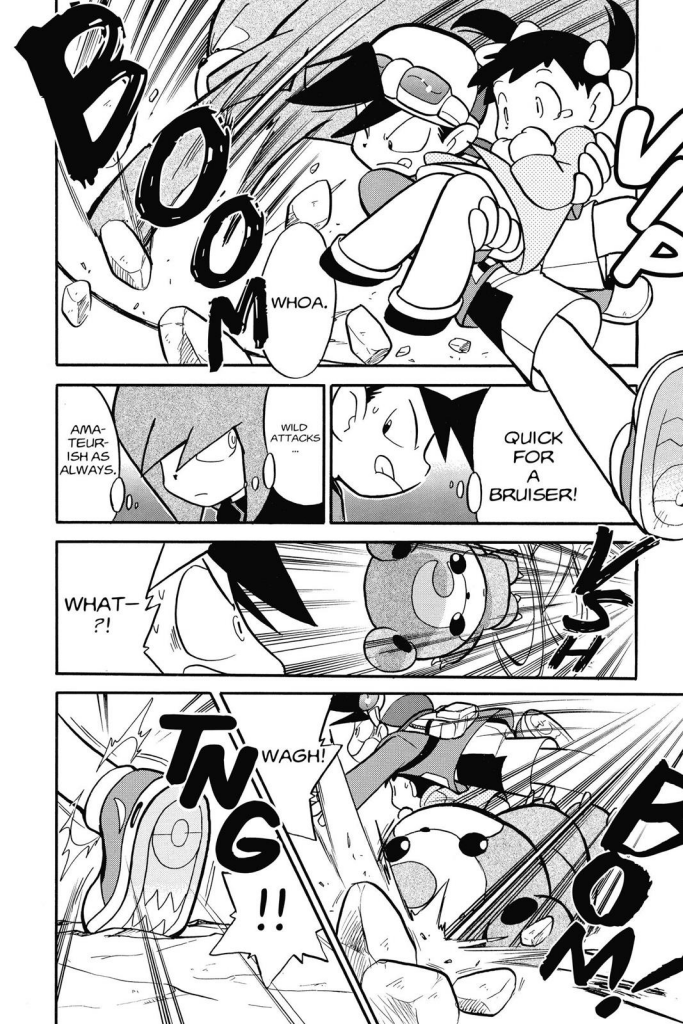

SILVER !!
YOU AGAIN.


...GAVE THAT CHUMP A FREE POKÉ BALL?! WHAT A JOKE!
TWITCH
Y'MEAN... THE GUY WHO MADE FUN OF ME...


FORGET TEDDIURSA!
I'M BRINGING IN URSARING!!


...
HEH
THAT'LL TAKE REAL SKILL.
AND YOU'RE GONNA CATCH URSARING?
CHK
Ursaring
Hibernator Pokémon
Height ???
Height ???
Aries Cry
PRNT

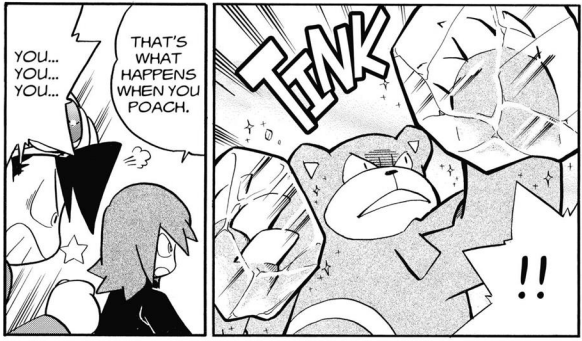

ZIP
ZIP
ZIP
ZIP
AIBO!
YOU'RE TRYING TO POACH IT OFF ME?!
POACHING?! A WILD POKÉMON IS ANYBODY'S CATCH!
WAM
GRRR
WOM
VSH
EEEEE!!

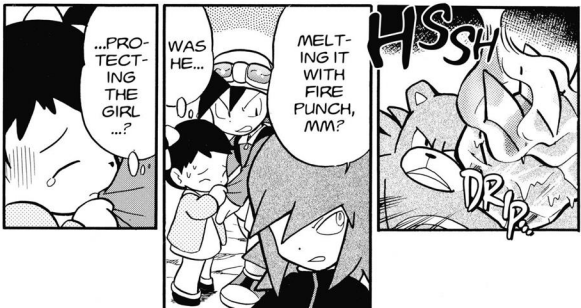

BOOM
WHOA.
QUICK FOR A BRUISER!
WILD ATTACKS ...
AMA-TEUR-ISH AS ALWAYS.
KSH
WHAT—?!
WAGH!
TNG
!!
BOOM!

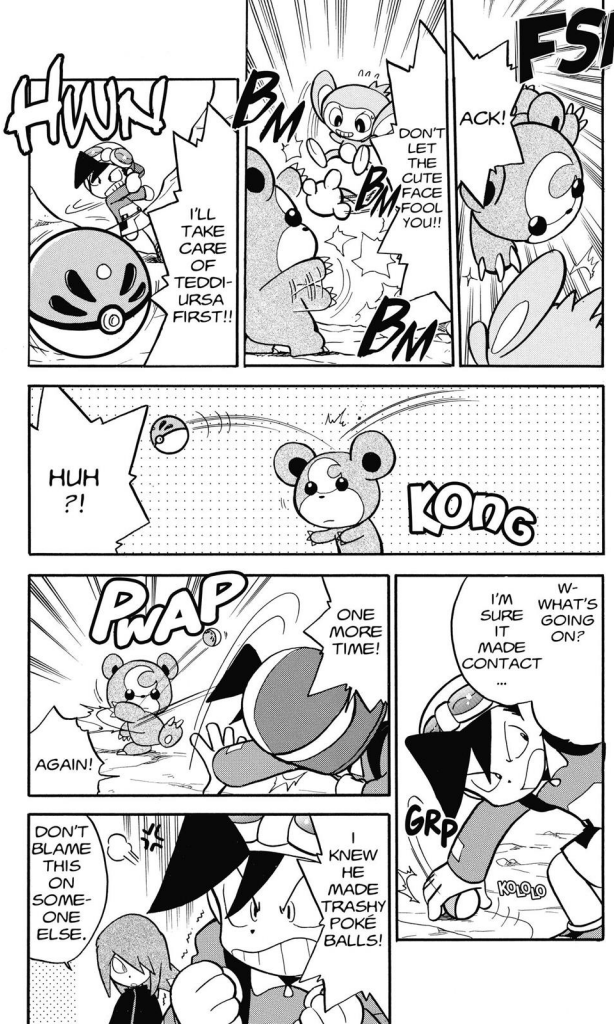

I TWIST-ED IT...!
MY... ANKLE !!
UM... MISTER ...?
NGH...
DOOM
102
Ursaring Major


VSH
LITTLE GIRL, RUN!
NO !!
VSH


SHWANNG
!!
S... SNEASEL ?!

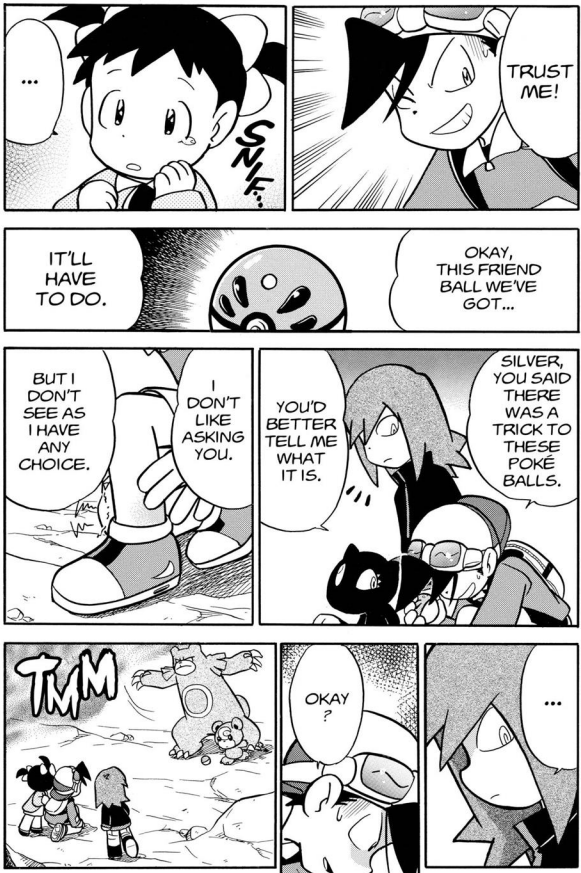

THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU POACH.
YOU... YOU... YOU...
TINK
!!

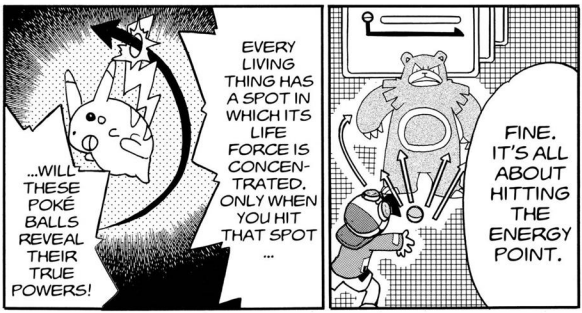

...PROTECTING THE GIRL...?
WAS HE...
MELTING IT WITH FIRE PUNCH, MM?
HSSH
DRIP..

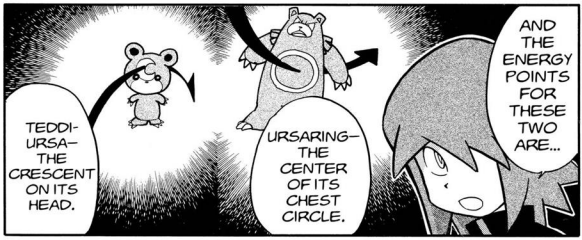

HWN!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF TEDDI-URSA FIRST!!
BM
BM
BM
DON'T LET THE CUTE FACE FOOL YOU!!
ACK!
FSH
HUH ?!
KONG
PWAP
ONE MORE TIME!
AGAIN!
I'M SURE IT MADE CONTACT ...
W-WHAT'S GOING ON?
GRP
KOOLO
DON'T BLAME THIS ON SOME-ONE ELSE.
I KNEW HE MADE TRASHY POKÉ BALLS!


WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
YOUR INABILITY TO USE THIS POKÉ BALL SHOWS YOUR LACK OF SKILL.
CHK
THERE'S A TRICK TO USING A POKÉ BALL THIS SUBTLE.
ZHP
SORRY, BUT I'M TAKING URSARING.
KOLO...
?!
FP
BOMP
TH-TH-THAT WAS AN ACCI-DENT !!
HSS
GRAAR
RUN !!


N-NO! IT'S A CLIFF!
CHK
THROB
NG!
GOLD ...?
SNIF
GR...
GRAM-PA...
...TOLD ME IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS IN THE MOUNTAINS ...
I'M SORRY, GRAM-PA!
EVERY-BODY'S GONNA DIE, AND IT'S, ALL MY FAULT!!
EASY, KID. IT'S NOT TIME TO GIVE UP YET.
PAT
I'LL CATCH TEDDI-URSA...
AND I'LL GET YOU HOME SAFELY.


...
SNIF...
TRUST ME!
OKAY, THIS FRIEND BALL WE'VE GOT...
IT'LL HAVE TO DO.
SILVER, YOU SAID THERE WAS A TRICK TO THESE POKÉ BALLS.
YOU'D BETTER TELL ME WHAT IT IS.
I DON'T LIKE ASKING YOU.
BUT I DON'T SEE AS I HAVE ANY CHOICE.
TM/M
OKAY?
...


EVERY LIVING THING HAS A SPOT IN WHICH ITS LIFE FORCE IS CONCENTRATED. ONLY WHEN YOU HIT THAT SPOT ...
...WILL THESE POKÉ BALLS REVEAL THEIR TRUE POWERS!
FINE. IT'S ALL ABOUT HITTING THE ENERGY POINT.

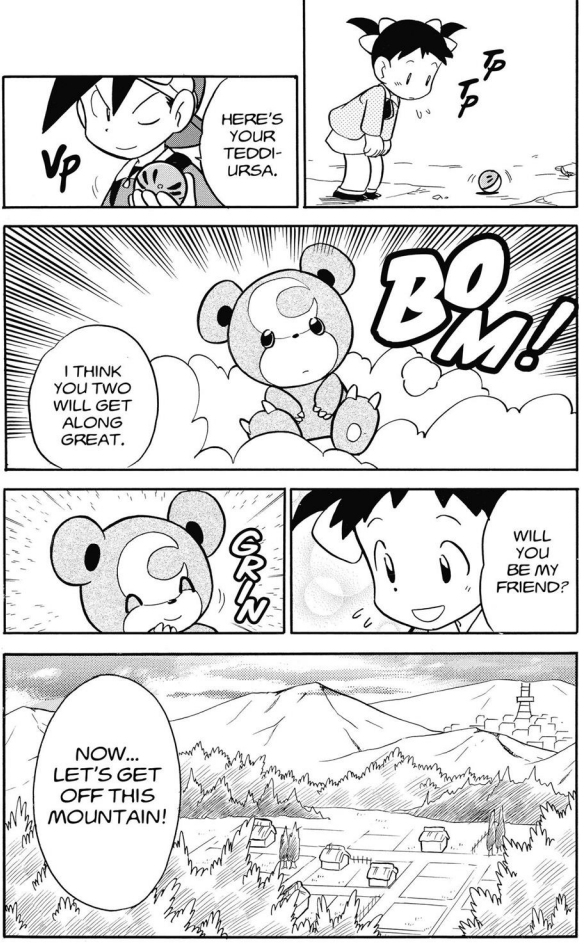

AND THE ENERGY POINTS FOR THESE TWO ARE...
URSARING— THE CENTER OF ITS CHEST CIRCLE.
TEDDI-URSA— THE CRESCENT ON ITS HEAD.

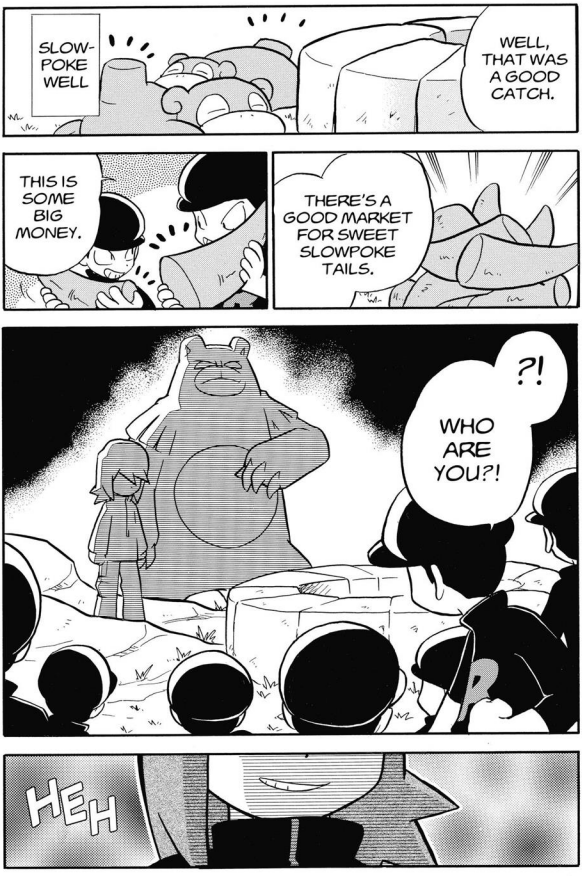

I'VE GOT THIS IN THE BAG.
PT
CHK
OKAY!


I DON'T HAVE THE HEAVY BALL ANY-MORE.
WHICH ONE WILL YOU TARGET WITH THAT ONE?
HOW ABOUT... NEITHER?

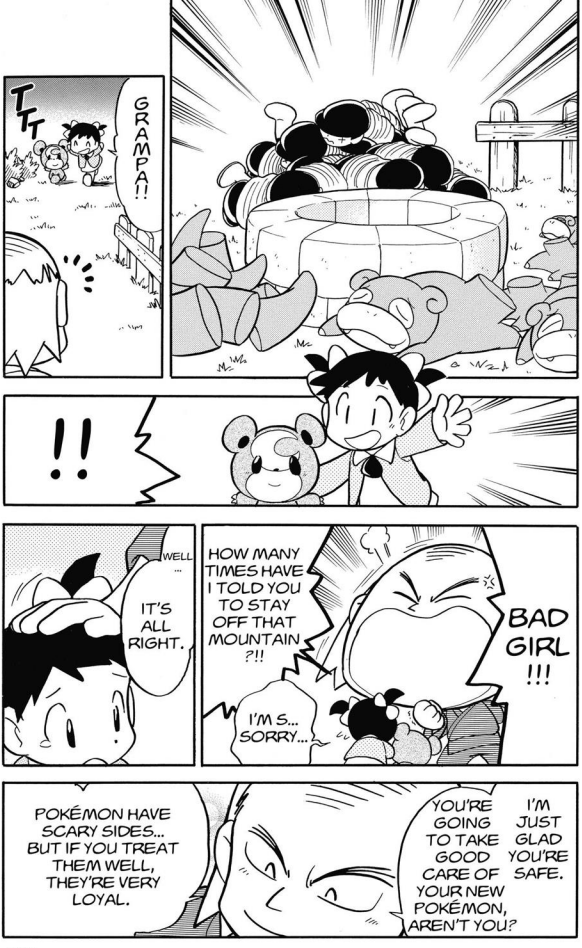

TK
TK
TK
TK
TK
TK
WATCH THIS!!
TAK
PAK
FP
NICE CATCH!
FP
WHAT?!
NOW LET'S GET 'EM!!


WHKK
BONBON
BOTH OF THEM !!
LISTEN, GOLD. THIS IS MY LAST WARN-ING. STAY OUT OF MY WAY FROM NOW ON.
NOW, SILVER... I'D CALL US EVEN!
VSH
HEY ...!
I JUST DON'T GET THAT GUY.


HERE'S YOUR TEDDI-URSA.
VP
TP TP
BOM!
I THINK YOU TWO WILL GET ALONG GREAT.
GRIN
WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND?
NOW... LET'S GET OFF THIS MOUNTAIN!


SLOW-POKE WELL
WELL, THAT WAS A GOOD CATCH.
THIS IS SOME BIG MONEY.
THERE'S A GOOD MARKET FOR SWEET SLOWPOKE TAILS.
?!
WHO ARE YOU?!
HEH


IT'S ALREADY DARK.
HOOTHOOT
GRAND-PA'S GONNA BE WORRIED! WE'VE GOTTA HURRY!
GTNK
WELL, WE GOT YOU HOME.
I BETTER RUN AND TELL HIM!
GRAM-PA!
GRAM-PA...?
GRAMPA'S NOT HERE?
AND NO WATER ...?
MAYBE SOMETHING HAPPENED AT THE WELL...?
DLD...
WHAT ...?


GRAMPA!!
!!
WELL...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU TO STAY OFF THAT MOUNTAIN?!!
BAD GIRL!!!
I'M S... SORRY...
POKÉMON HAVE SCARY SIDES... BUT IF YOU TREAT THEM WELL, THEY'RE VERY LOYAL.
YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR NEW POKÉMON, AREN'T YOU?
I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE SAFE.


BUGSY !!
IT'S ME... BUGSY!
DID YOU PILE UP THE TEAM ROCKET THUGS?
NO. THEY WERE LIKE THAT WHEN I GOT HERE.
WHO'S THERE?!
WASN'T ME!
DID YOU DO THIS, GOLD?
BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS!
I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING REPORTS OF TEAM ROCKET SIGHTINGS IN THE AZALEA TOWN AREA...
THEN WHO...?


LET'S TEST IT OUT, AIBO!
WHAP!
"THE YAWN OF A SLOWPOKE WILL CALL FORTH WATER."
THAT'S RIGHT! THERE'S A LEGEND AROUND THESE PARTS...
WRITIN
POOR SLOWPOKE... GETTING THEIR TAILS CUT OFF.
MAYBE THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WELL ...
TUG TUG
THE BEST WAY I KNOW...
GOLD! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
...TO GET A SLOWPOKE TO YAWN...
YAA
AAAAW
AND IT USES YAWN TO HEAL!
HEH
...IS TO WEAR IT OUT IN BATTLE.
SPLOSH


SO WAS IT SILVER WHO BEAT UP TEAM ROCKET?
...WAS AN URSARING CLAW MARK.
THAT...
IS THAT WHY HE WANTED THAT HEAVY BALL? TO STOP THIS TEAM ROCKET GROUP?
THAT WOULD MEAN HE KNEW THEIR MOVEMENTS BEFORE BUGSY.
BUT WHAT IS IT?!
HE'S DEFINITELY FOLLOWING SOME PLAN.
I JUST WANT TO FIND OUT WHO HE REALLY IS!
VSH
SUDDENLY I DON'T WANT TO CATCH HIM...

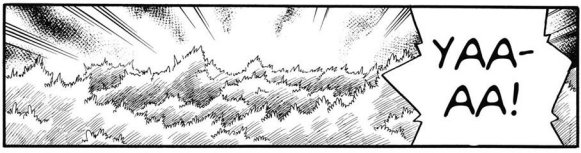

SLICE!
CUT!
WHOO
GREAT JOB, FAR-FETCH'D!
I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE LOTS OF CHAR-COAL REAL SOON!
HEH HEH
HEH
SSooo
THE MIST AGAIN...
IT COMES IN SO OFTEN THESE DAYS.
BETTER GET HOME BEFORE ...
W... WHAT? FAR-FETCH'D ?!
THE STUPID THING FLEW OFF AGAIN!
AND JUST WHEN I PRAISED IT!
C'MON, FAR-FETCH'D!

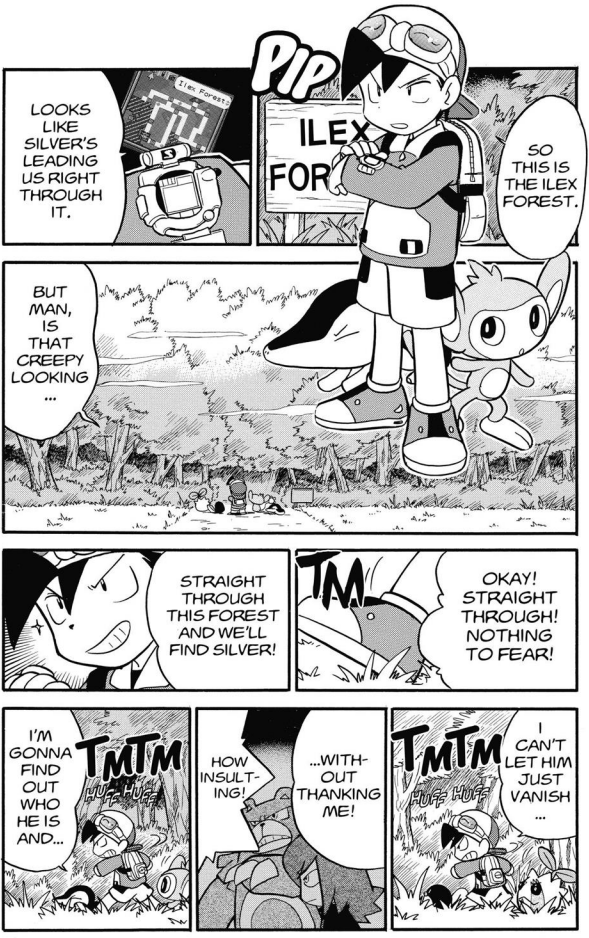


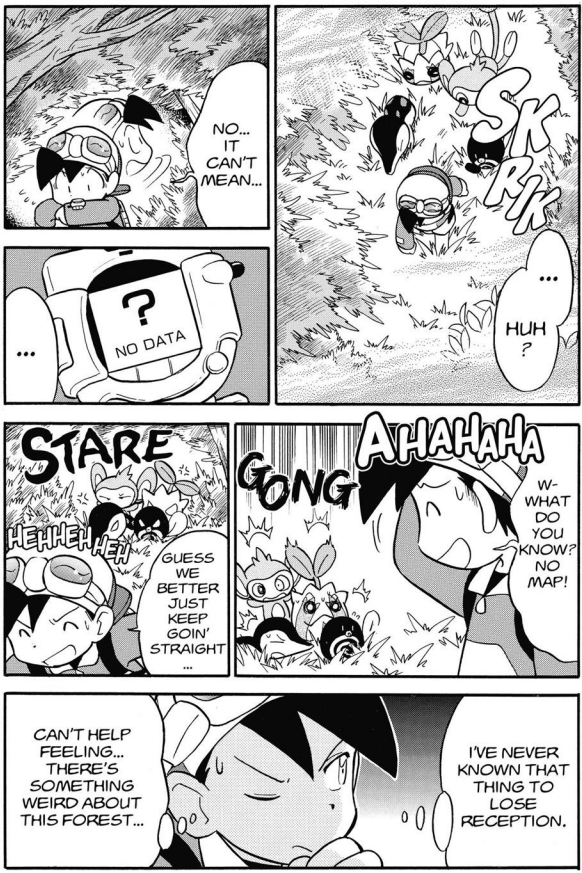
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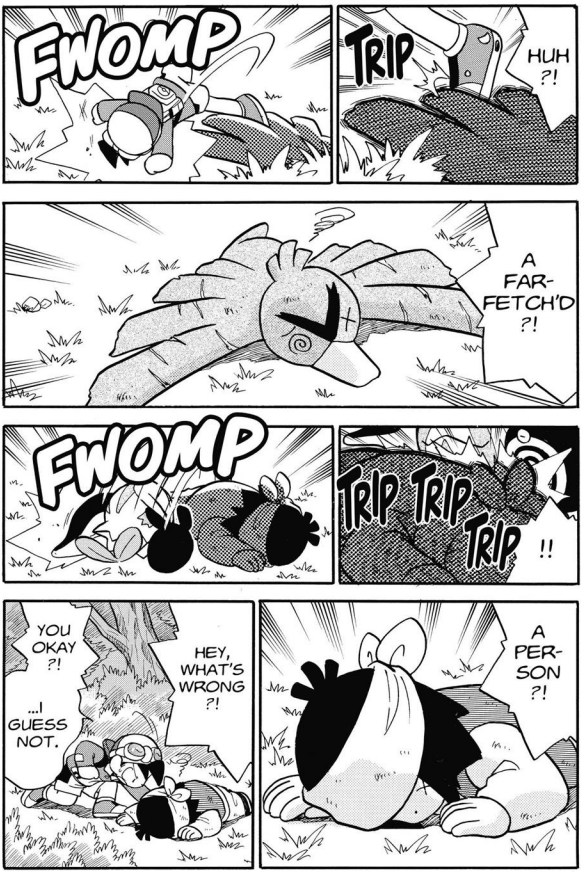







PIP
ILEX FOR
SO THIS IS THE ILEX FOREST.
Ilex Forest
LOOKS LIKE SILVER'S LEADING US RIGHT THROUGH IT.
BUT MAN, IS THAT CREEPY LOOKING ...
OKAY! STRAIGHT THROUGH! NOTHING TO FEAR!
STRAIGHT THROUGH THIS FOREST AND WE'LL FIND SILVER!
I CAN'T LET HIM JUST VANISH ...
TMTM
HUFF HUFF
...WITH-OUT THANKING ME!
HOW INSULT-ING!
I'M GONNA FIND OUT WHO HE IS AND...


NO... IT CAN'T MEAN...
SK RK
...
HUH ?
?
NO DATA
...
STARE
HEHHEHHEH
GUESS WE BETTER JUST KEEP GOIN' STRAIGHT ...
GONG
AHAHAHA
W-WHAT DO YOU KNOW? NO MAP!
CAN'T HELP FEELING... THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT THIS FOREST...
I'VE NEVER KNOWN THAT THING TO LOSE RECEPTION.


FWOMP
TRIP
HUH ?!
A FAR-FETCH'D ?!
FWOMP
TRIP TRIP TRIP !!
YOU OKAY ?!
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG ?!
...I GUESS NOT.
A PER-SON ?!


WHAT A LOUSY TIME TO GET LOST!!
HOW DO WE GET OUTTA HERE?!!
GRATTA
THOSE WOUNDS ARE BOTHERING ME...
WHAT KIND OF BATTLE WAS IT IN?
THIS LEEK STALK IS ITS WEAPON...
...AND IT'S CRUSHED.
GONNNG
?!
ITS OPPONENT MUST'VE HAD SHARP TEETH... OR A KNIFE.
...A REAL CREEPY FEELING?
H-HOW COME I JUST GOT...
BRRR
...


JUST... GET OUT OF THIS FOREST... QUICK.
GTNK
FOR-GET IT...
HE'S GET-TING... HEAVIER ?
RR RK ...
RNK...
JUST... GET...
NO-BODY'S THIS HEAVY!!
FMP...
FMP...
NO !!
WOBBLE...
?!
VMP
WHAT ARE YOU?!


GASTLY ?!
GASTLY MADE THEM HEAVY ?!
BOP
AIBO!
HEY!
WAP
SH
GET OUT!
VSH
WE CAN'T FIGHT THEM NOW!!
DYDM
DM
DM
DM
DM
HF
HF
HF
FAST!
VUM


... DEEPER IN THE FOREST!
GREAT. NOW WE'RE EVEN...
HF
HF
ZZIP
BUT NOT IF THEY'RE BEING MANIPULATED BY GASTLY!
I'M UP FOR ANY POKÉMON BATTLE...
NOW WHAT ?
POLIBO ?!
TP TP
GASP
?!
POLIBO! OVER HERE!!
UM
WHEN DID WE GET SEP-ARATED?!


NGH!
Whoa!
GRAB
UP
UP
UP
!!
...
KRIII
GULP
NEW-COMERS!
ALL DIFFERENT TYPES. THIS IS GONNA BE TOUGH.
PI PI PI PI
Ice
Bug
Flying
Poison
Ghost
Dark
DELIBIRD, GASTLY, ARIADOS, HOUNDOUR...


YAAA!
VSH
ROAR!!
RIP
HOUN-
DOUR'S
BITE,
HUH?!
THEN
HOW
ABOUT
...
WOOSH
EXBO-
SMOKE-
SCREEN
!!
WOK
OH NO!
EXBO!
POLIBO!
WATCH
OUT!!
GASP
SHA
FMP


GROW ...!
COME ON, SUNBO!
HSH
WHAT ?!
MY COMMANDS... AREN'T FAST ENOUGH ?!
WAK
SUNBO ?!


HOOO
IT'S THE SAME, FOUR AGAINST FOUR...
BUT I'M SO MUCH SLOWER WITH MY COMMANDS.
THIS IS MY FIRST GROUP BATTLE... I JUST HAVEN'T...
DRIP
...GOTTEN INTO THE GROOVE.
SSS...
!
ANOTHER ONE?!
GOTTA HIT FIRST!! EXBO-EMBER!!
FLAME-THROWER !!
SHR
!!


SSSS...
!!
EXBO!
WDD
STAY... AWAY ...
WHAT ...?
...?
STAY AWAY... FROM THIS FOREST.

NEXT VOLUME!

WHO IS THE MYSTERIOUS MAN WHO SUDDENLY APPEARS?! TO FIGHT HIM, GOLD AND SILVER MUST JOIN FORCES!! MEANWHILE, A NEW DEVELOPMENT IN KANTO! DON'T MISS IT!!





POKÉMON ADVENTURES 9!

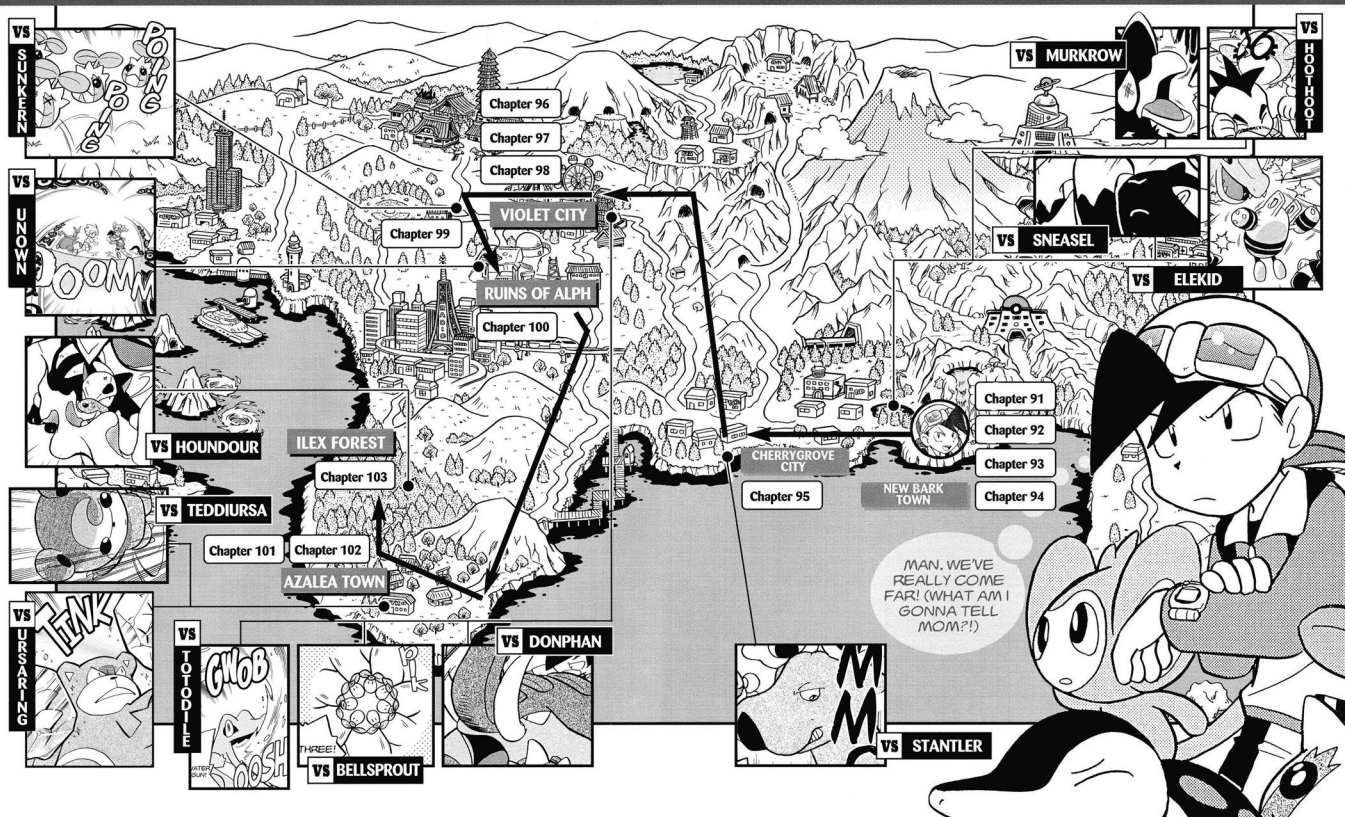


POKÉMON ADVENTURES VOLUME 9
AVAILABLE NOW!

Hidenori Kusaka Mato

"GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL" ADVENTURE ROUTE MAP 8

Johto region—the arena in which Gold's battle with Silver plays out!



AIPOM

AIBO
TYPE 1 / NORMAL
TRAINER / GOLD
NO.190

LIKE FAMILY TO GOLD. AIBO HELPED OUT MANY TIMES WITH THAT TAIL THAT'S MORE DEXTROUS THAN HANDS!

CYNDAQUIL

EXBO
TYPE 1 / FIRE
TRAINER / GOLD
NO.155

ON "LOAN" FROM PROFESSOR ELM. USES THE FLAME ON ITS BACK AS A WEAPON!

SUNKERN

SUNBO
TYPE 1 / GRASS
TRAINER / GOLD
NO.191

EARNEST AND HONEST, A POKÉMON WHO'LL ALWAYS STAND UP FOR THOSE IN NEED!!

POLIWAG

POLIBO
TYPE 1 / WATER
TRAINER / GOLD
NO.060

THRILLED TO BE BACK WITH GOLD AFTER BEING SWEPT AWAY BY THE RIVER. POLIBO'S FUTURE SHOULD BE EXCITING!!

EGG

EGG: ???
NO.???

A MYSTERIOUS EGG FOUND AT A POKÉMON BREEDER'S HOME. BUT WHAT WILL HATCH OUT OF IT...?!

POKÉDEX

▶155	⊖	CYNDAQUIL
156		----------
157		----------
158		TOTODILE
159		CROCONAW
160		----------
016		PIDGEY
017		PIDGEOTTO
018		PIDGEOT

MAIN CHARACTER: GOLD
BADGES: 0
POKÉDEX: 6 POKÉMON

NUMBER SEEN
35
NUMBER CAUGHT
6
Uses Pokédex mainly during battle. Catch number has not increased.

Gold's Team

Although all his Pokémon are at low levels, they've kept going on brains and determination.



Message from
Hidenori Kusaka



A year has passed since the battle against the Elite Four—and the adventures of Gold, Silver and Crystal are here at last!! Whenever I start a new storyline, I feel sharp and focused all over again—wait'll you see chapter 3, where I went back to my original concept for the series!

Message from
MATO



It's been too long, but I'm glad to be back! We'll have to say goodbye to Red, Green, Blue and Yellow for a while, but I'm looking forward to getting to know Gold (who's a bit of a clown) and Silver (who's kind of a punk) and all the other new characters!