

Pokémon: Adventures

#103

**"VS Pichu: No Time Like the Present"**

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TEASER

EXT./INT. TV SHOW TITLE SEQUENCE -- TIMELES

A pale blue background takes up most of the space. A FAMILIAR BEAT begins to play and a MAGIKARP pops up from the bottom of the screen. This Magikarp begins to SING.

MAGIKARP

(singing)

Now this is a story all about how---

---A HOPPIP, a Pokemon with a round pink body and protruding leaves from its head, placed between its cat-like ears, resemble spinning dandelion leaves. Hoppip blows by and SLAMS into Hilbert's chest before disappearing off-screen. This is the move U-TURN.

MAGIKARP (CONT'D)

---My life got U-turned right  
upside down.

Magikarp flops around.

MAGIKARP (CONT'D)

Now I'd like to take a minute, just  
sit right there...

A middle aged, bald man walks past the screen. Magikarp bounces forward and splashes about on the man's bald head.

MAGIKARP (CONT'D)

...I'll tell you how I learned the  
move 'Bounce' from a guy with no  
hair!

The bald man slaps Magikarp away. Magikarp lands in front of a wooden sign that reads "ROUTE 22". With a giddy smile, Magikarp raises a fin and waves it at the sign.

MAGIKARP (CONT'D)

In west Route 22, born and raised---

Magikarp flops away, splashing into the water, flopping around, trying to stay above the surface ---

MAGIKARP (CONT'D)

---In the water is where I spent  
most of my days---

Magikarp flops out of the water, landing on the head of a Rattata...

MAGIKARP (CONT'D)  
 ---Splashin' on rat's---

Rattata paws Magikarp away, the fish flops back into the water and lands on the head of a TENTACOOOL.

MAGIKARP (CONT'D)  
 ---Splashin' on 'cool---

Magikarp splashes about on the shoreline.

MAGIKARP (CONT'D)  
 ---And splashin' on the shoreline  
 outside my pool---

A RAICHU and a RAIKOU (one of the LEGENDARY DOG'S of JOHTO, with a cloud on its back and lightning-esque features) approach Magikarp through the forest, sparking a bit...

MAGIKARP (CONT'D)  
 ---Then a coupla' Rai's, they were  
 up to no good!

Sparks shoot forward, ZAPPING Magikarp, who twists and contorts inside the yellow blast of lightning, singing as he's shocked ---

MAGIKARP (CONT'D)  
 Started Thundershocking in my  
 neighborhood!

Magikarp hits the grass, EYES SWIRLING, steam rising from the fish's fried body as the giggling "Rai's" start sparking again. Magikarp gets up and flops away:

MAGIKARP (CONT'D)  
 I fled from one little fight and my  
 mom said "Whoa", she said---

ON the face of a RED GYARADOS, looking pissed, saying in a highly feminine voice...

RED GYARADOS  
 "You're movin' with your auntie and  
 uncle in Sinnoh!"

Magikarp starts to dance around...

INT. DAY CARE CENTER -- BACK ROOM -- DAY

CAL is sprawled out on a COUCH in the main room of a cozy house. Next to him sits his massive FERALIGATR. On his shoulder is his AIPOM.

CAL  
 'Fresh Fish' re-runs again? Meh.  
 We've seen every episode, guys...

He TURNS the TV off. Frowns. Feraligatr and Aipom grumble in disappointment. They seem to have wanted to watch that!

DAY CARE LADY (O.S.)  
 Cal! Deary! Look at this.

Cal, Aipom and Feraligatr look excited by the sound of the elderly woman's voice. They head off...

INT. DAY CARE CENTER -- DAY

Entering the DAY CARE CENTER's MAIN ROOM, CAL, AIPOM and FERALIGATR find themselves surrounded by an endless sea of Pokemon. The DAY CARE COUPLE looks cheerful among them all. The DAY CARE MAN approaches Cal, a YELLOW and BLACK EGG in his arms.

DAY CARE MAN  
 Cal, look! It's cracking!

CAL  
 Really? Finally?!

He takes the egg from the Day Care Man and peeks outside --- through the window we see Cal's TOGEKISS and his newly-evolved FLYGON (previously a VIBRAVA last we saw him).

Flygon is a large insect-like dragon Pokémon resembling a slightly reptilian bipedal dragonfly, primarily light green in color. Flygon has a pair of large green rhombus-shaped wings with a red trim, toeless hind legs and skinny arms with three-clawed hands. Flygon's tail has several dark green stripes and three small green rhombus shapes with red trims at the end, resembling its wings. Flygon has a pair of green antennae which point back and red-lensed "goggles" that cover and protect its eyes, similar to the goggles Cal wears over his CAP.

The other Pokemon outside don't resemble the egg at all.

DAY CARE LADY  
 It's been nearly sixteen years,  
 Cal! An egg has never taken this  
 long to hatch. So remarkable.

DAY CARE MAN  
 You did say it was with you when  
 you were left on the porch of the  
 orphanage, right?

Cal nods. He's very open about it. Discussing his past doesn't phase him. We get the vibe that he's very comfortable about who he is and where he came from.

CAL

Yeah.

DAY CARE MAN

Wow. Whatever is in here... you were meant to have from day one. It has to be somethin' really special, don't you think Mable?

DAY CARE LADY

It has to be. It really does. A gift from Arceus... We have faith in you! Come back and show us when it hatches...

CAL

You got it. See you guys later!

Cal, still googly-eyed over the crack in the egg, heads out with a wave goodbye to Day Care Couple. The elderly couple exchanges glances...

DAY CARE LADY

He has a gift, hatching eggs the way he does... it just amazes me that the egg that's been with him since he was a newborn still hasn't hatched yet. Especially in his

DAY CARE MAN

True. It's just a matter of what's inside that's bothering me. What if it's too much for the boy to handle? Whatever it is can't possibly be normal.

DAY CARE LADY

I believe he can handle it. This is Cal we're talkin' about, after all...

THROUGH the window, we see CAL marching off with AIPOM on his shoulders and the EGG in his arms, FERALIGATR stomping at his side, and TOGEKISS and FLYGON hovering over his head.

FADE IN:

EXT. INTERNATIONAL POLICE HQ -- DAY

ESTABLISHING...

INT. INTERNATIONAL POLICE HQ -- DAY

FADE IN on a computer screen:

"LOADING PROFILE..."

A photo of Cal shows up with the following information accompanying it--

"Subject's name: CALVIN "CAL"

Birthday: JULY 21

Affiliation (if applicable): N/A

Pokémon Available: FERALIGATR, AIPOM, TOGEKISS, FLYGON, LARVITAR, & UNHATCHED EGG (SPECIES UNKNOWN)"

LINGER for a few beats... before it all wipes away.

"LOADING PROFILE..."

A photo of an unfamiliar girl and her information loads up--

"Subject's name: CRYSTAL LYRA SOULSTICE

Birthday: APRIL 30

Affiliation (if applicable): N/A

Pokémon Available: QUILAVA, SMEARGLE, ELEKID, & POLITOED"

AND THE SCREEN FIZZLES OUT AND WE CUT TO BLACK....

END TEASER

ACT I

INT. POKEATHLON DOME -- DAY

FADE IN ON A BEAUTIFUL DAY...

CUE --- "POKEATHLON 3" from HEARTGOLD/SOULSILVER

We are inside a packed SPORTS' STADIUM as SUNLIGHT leaks in through the OPEN DOME. A TRACK EVENT is going on --

FOCUS on a determined GIRL, her name is CRYSTAL. She's got big BROWN eyes, two messy ponytails made out of her brown hair, wearing an athlete's outfit with knee-high striped socks and sneakers.

She runs with her QUILAVA, a slim blue mammilian quadrupedal Pokemon with a fiery mane on its back and around its neck.

They hop over hurdles at intense speeds -- behind them is a boy with crew-cut hair and his STANTLER, a deer with large antlers that have hypnotizing orbs in them.

Crystal and Quilava are doing good, but these two are CATCHING UP --

CRYSTAL  
Use the Eruption technique,  
Quilava!

Crystal latches onto Quilava's neck and Quilava gets on its hind legs, letting Stantler and the boy PASS them up. Everyone looks on, surprised. Audible GASPS are heard in the crowd...

Quilava's back ignites, shooting a huge plume of flames and smoke, like an erupting volcano. Quilava and Crystal are propelled through the air, flying right past the Stantler and the boy. They pass the finish line in FIRST PLACE!

The crowd cheers and Quilava TACKLES its trainer in a hug. Crystal laughs and hugs Quilava back, as it excitedly licks her across the face. Quilava is recalled into its Poke Ball and claims her RIBBON for winning first place.

There's a sudden HOLLERING from the crowd.

CAL (O.S.)  
VICTORY SCREEEECH!

Crystal KNOWS this voice -- she whips around and sees --

CAL stood on his skateboard at the edge of the seats. Giving a ridiculous VICTORY SCREECH. He looks the SAME as ever. Messy hair, basketball shorts, red hoodie and goggles over his backwards-turned baseball cap. He leaps from the STANDS as the crowd gasps and SECURITY rushes for him.

CAL (CONT'D)  
 THAT'S MY GIRLFRIEND! THAT'S MY  
 GIRLFRIEND!

Crystal pulls out a Poke Ball, looking UNAMUSED and quite frankly, EMBARRASSED.

CRYSTAL  
 (under her breath)  
 --Was your girlfriend.

She tosses it -- and lets out a dog-like Pokémon, SMEARGLE. It has a tail slobbered with green paint. As Cal goes BARRELLING on his skateboard toward Smeargle, Smeargle's tail VIOLENTLY SLAPS Cal across the face. The paint left behind causes Cal to go off-course and head for the wall. He tries to cry out, struggling behind the STICKY paint.

CAL  
 C-Can't see!

**WHAM!**

Cal smacks, spread-eagled, into the massive wall and the music CUTS OUT IMMEDIATELY. Crystal recalls Smeargle and rushes over to Cal, grabbing him by the hood--

Crystal eyes the confused judges sat at their seat a floor above, and the glowering SECUIRTY, as well as the startled PATRONS in the stands. She gives a nervous chuckle as she DRAGS a dazed, confused, and paint-stained Cal away --

CRYSTAL  
 Sorry. We're so sorry!  
 (to Cal, lowering her  
 voice)  
 Giving people here so much  
 trouble... The usual...

INT. LOCKER ROOM -- DAY

TIGHT on Cal's face as WATER IS BEING SPRAYED INTO IT.

The water STOPS and Cal shakes his head. His cap's sprayed off and he shakes his head, letting water fly loose from his hair like a DOG would.



Stood in front of him are CRYSTAL and Cal's Feraligatr...

CRYSTAL  
(to Feraligatr, pissed)  
Next time you should make it a  
Waterfall instead of a Water Gun.

CAL  
You're supposed to be my Pokemon,  
Feraligatr. Don't listen to her!

Cal looks behind him, into the mirror, patting his face,  
where paint is slobbered over his cheek.

CAL (CONT'D)  
Ya did miss a couple spots though---

Feraligatr intakes a deep breath and UNLEASHES an UPWARD  
blast of water. Cal seems to have DISAPPEARED once the water  
disappears, but the camera PANS up and finds --

A big hole in the ceiling, where Cal's LEGS dangle from. He  
kicks and gives muffled cries before falling to the ground on  
his bum with a hard thud.

CAL (CONT'D)  
Ow.

He stands now, examines himself. No paint. He flashes a  
grin in the mirror, fixing up his hair, making sure he looks  
good.

CAL (CONT'D)  
Perfect. Good shit, Feraligatr,  
good shit...

Feraligatr gives a half-apologetic, half-sarcastic smirk and  
helps Cal stand, carrying him back to the bench. Crystal's  
frowning.

CAL (CONT'D)  
I know you're pissed but ---

CRYSTAL  
"Embarrass your girlfriend as best  
as you can by being completely  
immature?" Or was that "Embarrass  
yourself by having your girlfriend  
dump your ass in front of an entire  
stadium full of people"?

CAL  
Huh?

CRYSTAL

I was trying to figure out what stupid world record you were trying to beat---

CAL

I know that, your sarcastic overtones are pretty easy to catch onto. It's just --- that last one. I didn't quite---

CRYSTAL

I'm dumping you, Cal. This is ridiculous! I can't take it anymore.

CAL

I'll --- I'll stop the world record's if it means I don't lose you. You were supposed to move to Unova with me in a week, for my apprenticeship---

CRYSTAL

Yeah, well, it's not happening.

CAL

I'm gonna' be training to be a gym leader, Crys, I need your moral support. If this is your way of saying you never wanted to go, you could have just told me straight up in the first place!

Crystal takes a deep breath.

CRYSTAL

Moving with you to a foreign country is a big leap. But it's not just that, I'm tired of you being so gross and immature all the time.

CAL

(offended)

Gross and immature!?

CRYSTAL

Dude, this whole summer has revolved around that dumb World Record's book.

CAL

No it has not.

Crystal puts her hands on her hips. Like saying *"REALLY?!, let's start this montage to prove it..."*

**BEGIN MONTAGE --**

EXT. ILEX FOREST - DAY -- FLASHBACK

CAL is stood in the ILEX FOREST. He's SLATHERING himself with HONEY. His entire body drips of it. He begins to wander around...

...Just as an entire CLAN of BEEDRILL shoot from the trees right for him. He RUNS --

-- Cal's TOGEKISS is soaring over the forest, keeping an eye.

-- While Crystal's in a tree, in her casual clothes (wearing a cap, earrings, a pair of yellow shorts, a white jacket over a red shirt), timing Cal on her POKEGEAR's STOPWATCH app.

-- Cal RUNS, before he SMACKS his head on an overhanging TREE BRANCH and the Beedrill SURROUND him, until all we see are his flailing limbs and hear his SCREAMING.

-- Togekiss DIVES down to chase off the Beedrill.

-- While Crystal takes the hint and HALTS the stopwatch and checks the world record's book beside her, and sees that Cal's time is A LONG WAY'S off from the record of --

"THE LONGEST TIME SPENT RUNNING FROM BEEDRILL WHILE SLATHERED IN HONEY", which shows the image of a girl covered in BLISTERS and BOILS from getting stung so much, giving a THUMB'S UP to the camera.

EXT. SWAMP - DAY -- FLASHBACK

CAL creeps into a swamp. Due to him wearing his usual black basketball shorts, we SEE how disgusting and THICK the swamp is as it STICKS to his legs.

CRYSTAL relaxes a bit of way's away from the swamp, the record book in her lap. Cal's FLYGON zooms nearby.

POV FROM HIS EYES --

AS THEY ZOOM IN, LIKE BINOCULARS, TO FOCUS ON CAL--

BACK to CAL, who creeps through the swamp slowly. Suddenly, Cal is SHOCKED, completely wrapped in yellow ELECTRICITY, by something.

As Cal backs off, we see a school of about FIVE STUNFISK -- flat brown fish with sparking yellow tails -- surface and surround him. They all gather their electricity together and shock Cal again.

Once all the Stunfisk stop zapping him, they leave, and Cal is left stood in the swamp completely SINGED, smoke rising from his body.

Flygon looks back at Crystal and gives a SHRUG, signaling to her that he DIDN'T make it across. She sighs and we get a glimpse of the open page on the book --

"MADE IT THROUGH THE JOHTO SAFARI ZONE'S SWAMP AND GETTING SHOCKED BY LESS THAN ONE STUNFISK. RECORD: 1"

The photo accompanying shows a SINGED, BEAT-UP BOY smiling and giving the camera the thumb's up--

INT. CIANWOOD CITY GYM - DAY -- FLASHBACK

CAL is in a BOXING RING with BOXING GLOVES on. He's got his basketball shorts on, but his hoodie and cap are off, just wearing his black undershirt and a sweatband over his forehead, with his goggles worn over his eyes. He faces an angry OCTILLERY, with tentacles flailing, in the ring. It goes after him and he runs, trying to avoid it.

-- In the stands, CRYSTAL, who holds Cal's LARVITAR in her arms, and Cal's FERALIGATR get on their feet, looking hopeful.

-- But one of Octillery's tentacles wraps around Cal and proceeds to comically, and in pure SLAPSTICK-fashion, smash Cal against the floor of the ring back and forth. Cal proceeds to SCREAM in a high-pitched voice--

CAL  
OHMYGOD. I QUIT, I QUIT, I QUIT!!

CHUCK, the Gym Leader, runs into the ring to calm Octillery down. Crystal and Feraligatr sit down disappointed. Feraligatr and Larvitar facepalm at the sight of their trainer's embarrassing failure. Crystal checks the book and we see this record --

"STAYED IN RING AGAINST OCTILLERY FOR THE LONGEST TIME BEFORE WAVING THE WHITE FLAG. RECORD? 2 MINUTES."

And the accompanying photo is of a kid in a hospital bed, his limbs strung up in casts and his face completely wrapped up with the caption: "He broke almost every bone in his body, but at least he made a new world record in the process, right?!"

INT. LOCKER ROOM -- DAY

END MONTAGE.

ON CAL'S FACE:

CAL

...Come to think of it, yeah.  
Maybe I have been too wrapped up in getting in that record book. And I dragged you into it every time, and I just --- I dunno. I'm sorry, Crys! But this isn't just about today, or the book, or any of that. You've been acting weird ever since I asked you to move to Opelucid City with me. I won't make you go if that's not what you want. Just -- just talk to me!

Crystal, who was heading toward the door, STOPS in her tracks. And she turns around, looking guiltily back at Cal.

CRYSTAL

There's not much left to say, Cal.  
I just don't think this was ever meant to work.

And Crystal leaves him at that. Cal stares after her, heartbroken.

EXT. GOLDENROD CITY -- SUNSET

ESTABLISHING. The sunset BEAMING through the orange-and-purple lines of the clouds and onto the ROOFS of the TOWERING SKYSCRAPERS and GORGEOUS HANDIWORK of the buildings in GOLDENROD CITY is simply BREATH TAKING...

ON STREET LEVEL, we find CAL, skateboarding down the streets. Through the crowds -- past the people and Pokémon. Taking in the sights. But most of all, THINKING.

He makes his way to the GAME CORNER. The hustle and bustle of the CASINO makes his adrenaline PUMP...

INT. GOLDENROD GAME CORNER -- SUNSET

CUE --- "GAME CORNER" from GOLD & SILVER:

Cal is in the Game Corner, GAMBLING. As people put down their drinks, Cal GRABS them as they look away and takes a drink. This happens OVER and OVER again, to so many different patrons at the casino, that by the time Cal leaves...

EXT. GOLDENROD CITY -- NIGHT

...he's zooming through the streets of Goldenrod City on his skateboard, screaming and hollering in a DRUNKEN STUPOR.

EXT. NEW BARK TOWN -- NIGHT

The music fades in this ESTABLISHING SHOT.

CUE --- "NEW BARK TOWN" from GOLD & SILVER:

The tiny little town with only a little suburb and a large LABORATORY --- ELM's LAB to be specific -- make up Cal and Crystal's home town.

INT. HOME -- NIGHT

CAL enters his home. His mother SONDRA and CRYSTAL are sat at the dinner table. They rise instantly, Sondra scooping her son into an enormous hug.

SONDRA

Where were you!? My God, it's been hours. And you're way past your curfew... You reek of alcohol.

CAL

I skated home from the Pokeathlon Dome. Skateboarding home takes a while, Sondra.

SONDRA

Why would you skateboard home?

He opens his mouth to speak but his mother interrupts---

SONDRA (CONT'D)

And don't even lie and say you had no other way!

(MORE)

SONDRA (CONT'D)

You have a Togekiss and a Flygon  
for Arceus's sake, both able to fly  
perfectly well---

CAL

I just had a lot to think about.

His eyes fall on Crystal, who swallows---

CRYSTAL

I was worried about you. It's why  
I'm here, Cal.

SONDRA

She was. She told me everything  
and we should talk---

(Cal yawns and stumbles)

---On second thought, get upstairs  
and go to bed. We'll discuss this  
tomorrow morning when you're sober.

CAL

You know how I always flew past  
Goldenrod City? Well I couldn't  
tonight. I had to take a walk to  
clear my mind because of Crystal  
and then when I went through the  
streets... I basically grew up in  
Goldenrod City. Ya remember that?  
I kept seeing all these places I  
used to go as a kid, the places I  
got kicked out of... Then I  
thought about her differently. She  
wasn't the problem, Sonda.  
Everything else in my life was the  
problem, she was my solution.

On Crystal's face as he STARES right at her. She looks down  
at the floor.

CAL (CONT'D)

Now she's just another problem,  
another thing I screwed up. I'm  
going to Unova alone now. And I  
honestly can't wait to leave.

And with that, Cal charges up the steps and "New Bark Town"  
fades.

INT. CAL'S BEDROOM -- NIGHT

Not even having the energy to get undressed, CAL's fully  
clothed as he leaps into bed. Ready to CRASH.

But before he does, he opens up his backpack and checks out the MYSTERY EGG. He examines it and gives a scoff.

With a quick, indistinct grumble under his breath, he shoves the egg against his pillow and curls up against it.

We ZOOM in --- and see the single CRACK in the yellow shell growing bigger, something, a tiny yellow PAW, is pushing its way OUT ---

**FADE TO BLACK.**

END ACT I



ACT II

FADE IN:

INT. CAL'S BEDROOM -- MORNING

ECU on Cal's EYES as they flutter open due to the morning sunlight spreading across his face from the window. He stirs a bit and sees something in his arms. A furry yellow creature with black stripes and a tiny, jagged black tail.

This is a PICHU. With one notched ear and messy hair on its head giving it a punkish look, we can tell it's not quite the normal Pichu...

And CAL FREAKS OUT.

CAL

Whoa! How'd a rat get in my room!?  
Sondra!

Cal LEAPS up on his feet, standing on the bed as the Pichu jerks awake. It gives a childish cry, its red cheeks sparking, and then -- unleashes a quick JOLT of electricity that shocks Cal. The electricity seems to hurt Pichu too, so Cal only has a second or two to writhe about in the air, before dropping face-first onto the bed.

He stirs and sits up slowly, facing the Pichu, who CRIES and curls up alongside a broken PIECE of EGGSHELL. The good zapping Pichu gave Cal must have clicked his brain back to his senses as he realized--

CAL (CONT'D)

You were in the egg. Oh God, I'm  
sorry!

SONDRA charges into the room.

SONDRA

What's going on?

Cal points at Pichu, afraid to touch it as it whimpers and tears roll down its furry face.

CAL

My egg finally hatched. It's some  
sort of Pichu but it's ---  
different. See its ear?

SONDRA

Oh my god, it's adorable! It looks  
so sad, what did you do to it?

CAL

I must have scared it when I woke up screaming and jumping on the bed, so it zapped me. It hatched overnight, so I didn't expect to wake up with a tiny yellow rat in my arms.

SONDRA

Oh, I didn't know it shocked you. Are you okay, sweetheart?

CAL

Yeah. Never dealt with an Electric-type before though, so I'm kind of nervous on how to calm it down. Didn't you say granddad owned a farm?

SONDRA

Yes, with Mareep. Those are Electric-types and I'd play with them all the time. Want me to help calm Pichu down?

CAL

Please...

Sondra steps over to the bed and begins softly rubbing Pichu's sparking cheeks. It begins to slowly stop whining and grows comfortable in her hands. She looks at Cal.

SONDRA

You try.

She passes over the tiny baby Pichu to Cal, who looks hesitant. But he takes the little rat and begins rubbing its cheeks. It relaxes in his arms and he smiles.

Sondra smiles too. She's happy to see him smile again.

SONDRA (CONT'D)

You wanna talk about last night?

CAL

Not really. But that won't stop you...

SONDRA

You were stealing drinks again, weren't you? I thought you cleaned up your act.

CAL

Yeah. I didn't mean to, it just...  
memories bring back old habits, ya  
know?

SONDRA

You're underaged Cal! We've been  
through this before, you could've  
gotten in trouble if you were  
caught. You could've got your  
Trainer's License taken away, that  
would have taken away your career  
as a Gym Leader forever. You're  
risking too much here, when you  
have so much ahead of you, baby...

CAL

(cocky)

I know, but, honestly since when  
have I ever been caught doing  
anything?

(beat)

In all seriousness, I get why  
you're upset. And I should show  
you more respect. After my parents  
left me on the doorstep you were  
the only person to give me a second  
look after eight years of being in  
that hellhole.

SONDRA

(smirks)

Well you were just so darned cute.

She tussles with Cal's messy hair and he gives a soft laugh.

CAL

You're not the only woman who's  
said that, you know.

SONDRA

But I thought I was the only one  
who gave you a second look?

CAL

Touche.

(pause)

Well technically my ladies' man  
phase didn't kick in til puberty,  
so... I wasn't lying.

SONDRA

Sounds fair to me.

(beat)

(MORE)

SONDRA (CONT'D)  
You should take that Pichu to Mr.  
Pokémon. He'd know what to do with  
it.

Gathering his things--

CAL  
Oh, absolutely. I'll leave  
immediately! Later, Mom!

He rushes out of his bedroom, his bag over his shoulder and  
his baby Pichu in his arms.

Sondra gives an awkward, GIDDY, jubilant CHUCKLE. She  
doesn't know how to react--- Because it's the FIRST time  
Cal's EVER called her---

SONDRA  
Mom...

EXT. MR. POKEMON'S HOUSE -- MORNING

ESTABLISHING. A nice little house on a hill, set in the  
outskirts of NEW BARK TOWN.

CAL approaches the front door, decorated nicely with a  
dancing SUNFLORA garden. The NOTCH-EARED PICHU sits on his  
shoulder.

INT. MR. POKÉMON'S HOUSE -- MORNING

CAL enters MR. Pokémon's HOUSE. The old man peeks up at Cal  
from his laptop and grins.

MR. POKÉMON  
Hoho, Professor Elm told me to  
expect you. How have you been  
Mister Goldsworthy? Any luck with  
that stubborn yellow egg of yours?

CAL  
Actually that's what I came here  
for...

Cal picks up Pichu from off his shoulder and holds her out  
toward Mr. Pokémon. Pichu looks scared as Mr. Pokémon  
inspects the tiny rat.

MR. POKÉMON  
This... This Pichu hatched from  
the egg? Its ear is very peculiar.

CAL

Yes. It hatched sometime last night.

MR. POKÉMON

Eight years for an egg to hatch and it's just a Pichu.

CAL

Yeah it's odd. I honestly expected something more... powerful? Maybe I just had my hopes too high.

Cal starts massaging the little Pichu's cheeks as he can see she's getting restless.

CAL (CONT'D)

It doesn't matter to me though, because we're good friends. Right Pichu?

--But Pichu's still upset at Cal's comments, and when the boy gives one TUG on Pichu's cheek that's a little too rough---

--He SHOCKS Cal, completely enveloping him in a brilliant yellow light. We get an X-RAY view of him, showing off the intensity of the zapping--

MR. POKÉMON

(chuckles)

Yes, you do get along very well.

Cal hits the ground, but leaps back on his feet quickly. He pats Pichu's head, trying to cheer her up.

CAL

I came over to let you know that she hatched. Do you think there's a reason for her ear?

MR. POKÉMON

Probably just a birth defect. I doubt it's anything special.

On Pichu's face -- she looks quite hurt that no one thinks she's special.

CAL

You don't want to run any tests?

MR. POKÉMON

No. Absolutely unnecessary. If anything odd does happen though, you let me know.

CAL

Of course, sir. Thanks for seeing her.

MR. POKÉMON

While I doubt the ear's anything extraordinary, at least you've got something to identify your Pichu with. She's one-of-a-kind. I've seen birth defects before, but nothing like that.

Cal looks down at his Pichu, and SMILES.

CAL

Yeah, I'm really lucky to have her.

Pichu looks back up at Cal, finally calming down. Cal holds his arm out and Pichu climbs up it and curls up on his shoulder.

CAL (CONT'D)

Well, I'm going to the Ilex Forest for my daily training. See ya!

MR. POKÉMON

Thanks for stopping by.

Cal's out the door quickly.

EXT. ILEX FOREST -- DAY

CAL is in the ILEX FOREST, in front of a red SHRINE. He has all of his Pokémon out and about -- FERALIGATR, AIPOM, TOGEKISS, FLYGON, LARVITAR. Introducing each of them to the tiny baby PICHU on his shoulder. Pichu shudders, shaking as she introduces herself to the last in the line -- Flygon and Feraligatr, whose large size and fierce faces is intimidating her.

CAL

Don't be afraid, Pichu. Feraligatr and Flygon may look like pricks, but they're both pretty cool. Most of the time.

Feraligatr casts Cal a dark look. Cal just shrugs and mouths; "Sorry." That's payback for earlier, with Crystal. And Feraligatr knows it. The Water-type ROLLS HIS EYES... Pichu holds out her tiny paw. Feraligatr's large hand reaches out and grips Pichu's gently.

The tiny Pokémon gives a firm, strong handshake -- as firm and strong as she can, that is. Feraligatr's easy on her. They break their handshake and Cal pats the little rat on the head.

CAL (CONT'D)  
 See, that wasn't bad was it?  
 Everyone likes you.  
 (beat)  
 Yeah, even me. Sure, I may have seemed disappointed at first, but I couldn't have honestly hoped for anything better.

Pichu smiles, reassured. Larvitar, the other youngun' in Cal's party, gives a curt bow and Pichu tries to imitate the same bow. Cal laughs.

CRYSTAL (O.S.)  
 You shouldn't tamper with that shrine!

Cal spins around and sees CRYSTAL stood by the entrance to the forest... She's pointing frantically as she approaches the shrine. Cal then spins, growing slightly dizzy from all the spinning, back toward the shrine to see his AIPOM climbing on top of the shrine... It looks at Cal, and then back at Crystal, and gives a shrug like "What?"

CAL  
 Aipom loves to climb stuff, what's the big deal? And why is it any of your concern yesterday since you dumped me--?

Flygon grows suddenly angry and blasts a Flamethrower in Crystal's direction. Once he stops sending flames her way, we see Crystal is charred and smoke rises from her body. She sighs and Cal looks to Feraligatr. SMIRKS.

CAL (CONT'D)  
 Waterfall.

Feraligatr sprays an upward blast of water in Crystal's direction. The water SPRAYS Crystal with a powerful blast -- The camera SWINGS over to see her having collided with a tree. As she gets back on her feet, SOAKING WET and pissed, she sways, dizzyed, and gives a heavy sigh.

CRYSTAL

Now that you've got your petty revenge over with, why don't I tell you that your Aipom should get the heck off of the Ilex Shrine because those who do are said to touch it disappear?!

Cal grows suddenly paranoid and rushes over to the shrine -- grabbing Aipom's tail and yanking him off of it himself.

CAL

Why didn't you say something?!

CRYSTAL

I tried, but you had to go and get a personal vendetta out on me.

CAL

Well, to be frank, I didn't tell Flygon to do anything. He's just defending his trainer's manliness, because he knows how it feels to suffer heartbreak.

Flygon grows sullen -- Cal pats his buddy on the shoulder.

CAL (CONT'D)

It's alright, you'll get over Druddigon eventually...

CRYSTAL

Kids and Pokémon often disappear around this shrine. I suggest all of you get away.

CAL

But why?

CRYSTAL

It's the shrine that belongs to Celebi. You haven't heard the legend?

Cal suddenly grows nervous and scrambles with his Poke Balls. He drags away all of his Pokémon, except Pichu, who climbs on his shoulder...

CAL

No. Don't care.

CUE --- "ILEX FOREST" from GOLD & SILVER.



He starts to march off, but Pichu leaps off his shoulder and climbs onto the shrine.

CRYSTAL

Where'd you get a Pichu...? And why is it going back to the shrine right after I said it could disappear? Obviously it doesn't like you that much!

CAL

NO, she loves me! She's just curious... Come on, Pichu, you don't wanna disappear like this so-called "legend" says, do you?

CRYSTAL

You act like you don't believe me, yet you pack up all your Pokémon so quickly---

CAL

Because I DON'T believe you, but I've always been cautious.

(back to Pichu)

Come on, Pichu, NOW!

(back to Crystal)

What are you doing out here anyways?

CRYSTAL

I always come out here to train with you, remember?

CAL

Yeah, well, you dumped me so now it's just my spot.

CRYSTAL

Oh so you own this forest?

CAL

Obviously, yes.

CRYSTAL

If you own it, then why didn't you know of the legend -- or the frickin' shrine for that matter!

CAL

Blah blah blah. We'll find somewhere better to train then anyway.

Turning his attention back to Pichu again, growing irritated...

CAL (CONT'D)  
Come on! What are you doing!?

Cal rushes over to the shrine. A bright light emanates from inside of it. Pichu dances happily on top of it while Crystal's eyes widen and she rushes for Cal as the light envelopes him.

CRYSTAL  
Oh no. Cal!

And then the light SWALLOWS Crystal up in it too and---  
THE SCREEN GOES WHITE. IT'S INTENSE. BRILLIANT. BLINDING.  
AND THEN IT FADES... REVEALING...

EXT. INDIGO PLATEAU -- DAY

...That CAL and CRYSTAL are in the middle of the field on the outskirts of the massive Pokémon LEAGUE BUILDING. On the edge of the border between JOHTO and KANTO...

"Ilex Forest" fades.

Crystal stands, her eyes wild.

CRYSTAL  
Ilex Forest is gone!

Equally surprised, Cal's intensely annoyed with Crystal--

CAL  
Thanks for that, Captain Obvious!!

CRYSTAL  
Where are we? And if Celebi did this then when are we? We're gonna be lost in time like those other kids, aren't we?!

Crystal's attention falls to Cal's Pichu, who looks unfazed by all of this.

CAL  
(intense sarcasm)  
Well, at least we have each other.

CRYSTAL

Where are we? Do you have any idea?

CAL

(sarcasm)

You're the amazing geologist who figured out we weren't in Ilex Forest anymore, so you tell me.

CRYSTAL

Oh my god Cal, shut up and stop being such an ass. Don't you see how serious this is?!

CAL

I do, but I'm not freaking out about it. That's not gonna do us any good.

CRYSTAL

And neither is your attitude.

CAL

My attitude?!

Pichu grows tired of the arguing. She cries out and her cheeks spark -- unleashing a THUNDERSHOCK that electrocutes both Cal and Crystal. The attack ends and Cal sighs.

CAL (CONT'D)

Thanks for that, Pichu. Knocked some sense into her brain.

Pichu does a total FACEPALM.

CRYSTAL

She zapped *both of us*, genius. She wants us both to shut up, so we can focus on what's going on. *Both of us meaning you too.*

CAL

You're right.

Cal takes in his surroundings and looks around. As he sees the large Pokémon League, he instantly recognizes--

CAL (CONT'D)

We're at the Indigo Plateau.

CRYSTAL

Are you sure?

CAL

Oh yeah, dude, I used to come up here all the time. Never had the motivation to get off my lazy butt and earn any badges so I could get in, but it's cool to just sit up here on this hill and look at it.

Pichu suddenly squeaks -- Cal looks to where she's pointing. At a pair of people on the other side of the hill.

CRYSTAL

There's someone else here.

They move toward the bushes--

CAL

But be quiet, we could be in the past. If we screw anything up, we could totally throw our future out of whack.

They remain quiet as they watch:

CUE --- "EMOTION" from BLACK/WHITE:

A red-head boy, around 12, approach a man in a TOP HAT and TRENCH COAT. We recognize this kid as SILVER--- A few years younger. His eyes are teary. He's truly EMOTIONAL.

SILVER

You told me... You were the number one in the world. Now you're quitting? What are you going to do now?!

The trench-coat man turns around. We recognize him. It's the missing leader of TEAM ROCKET --- GIOVANNI!

GIOVANNI

One must acknowledge his defeat before he can move on... I will go solo... for now. So that one day, Team Rocket will reunite and be stronger than ever.

His tone bitter---

SILVER

What part of you was number one? Gathering so many, doing so much, only to defeated by children.

GIOVANNI

Putting together the potential of many is how you produce a huge power... That's what an organization is. I failed to use my subordinate's potential and only focused on myself. My goals. What I wanted to do for me.

SILVER

And for me?

No response. Giovanni doesn't want to LIE to this kid---

GIOVANNI

You shall one day witness the revival of Team Rocket. I will be at the helm again --- and it will all be for you and your brother.

SILVER

You don't make any sense. This isn't what I want! I want my dad! I don't want you to go.

GIOVANNI

I'm sorry, son. I can't take care of you two when I can't even take care of myself. ...One day, you will understand.

And with that, Giovanni turns his back on his son. Silver begins to cry -- and Giovanni keeps going. Pulls out a Poke Ball and lets out his CROBAT. Climbs on the purple winged bat's back.

SILVER

I don't want to understand you! I will never become someone like you. A coward when you're alone and a tyrant when you're in front of other cowards. And damn it all if you pull that excuse for Team Rocket --- You care more about your organization than you do for your own sons.

Silver's eyes never leave the bat or his father until they're gone. Giovanni flies into the sky without another word to his son. And Silver shakes his head. Defiant. He won't cry. Not for that sick excuse of a man --- of a FATHER.

SCREAMING up to his father as he FLIES away---

SILVER (CONT'D)  
 I will become a better man than you  
 will ever be BY MYSELF. ALL BY  
 MYSELF!!

He solemnly turns his back and walks down the path, leaving  
 the Indigo Plateau -- ALONE.

"Emotion" fades here.

Cal looks to Crystal--- As Silver rushes their way. As Cal  
 stands, he bumps right into him. Silver pulls back... Cal  
 looks to the ground, trying to avoid eye contact.

CAL  
 Sorry...

His eyes finally meet Silver's, only for a second. The kid,  
 angry at the world, takes it out on Cal. SHOVES him with  
 both hands against Cal's chest.

SILVER  
 What are you looking at!? Idiot.

And then he rushes away. Cal watches him as he goes.

CRYSTAL  
 Who does he think he is? You okay?

Recognizing Silver, but trying to take it all in--

CAL  
 Yeah... I'm fine.

CRYSTAL  
 What were they talking about? The  
 revival of Team Rocket...?

CAL  
 ...I know that kid.

Crystal looks at Cal weirdly.

CRYSTAL  
 What?

CAL  
 Back when I lived at the home in  
 Goldenrod. There was this kid...  
 It was him. He recognized me from  
 somewhere and I had-- no idea what  
 he was talking about. He  
 recognized me from today. Crystal,  
 don't you get it?  
 (MORE)

CAL (CONT'D)

This isn't a coincidence. We were  
supposed to be here, we were  
supposed to see this.

Crystal nods. It's a lot to take in, but she understands.

CRYSTAL

Yeah. That's... that's weird.

There's another bright light. Pichu starts DANCING again.

CRYSTAL (CONT'D)

Oh no, it's happening again!

Cal rushes to grab for the little rat--- Crystal uses her  
arm to shield her eyes--- as the LIGHT covers them all  
again...

END ACT II

ACT IIIEXT. TOHJO FALLS -- DAY

The light fades and CAL, CRYSTAL and PICHU are now at TOHJO FALLS. Right behind the WATERFALL that separates KANTO and JOHTO--

CAL

You okay?

Crystal nods. She's not freaking out this time, but she's curious-- She recognizes her surroundings here.

CRYSTAL

...We're at Tohjo Falls.

She looks around her-- And notices the entrance to a CAVE behind them.

CRYSTAL (CONT'D)

I've never been behind the waterfall before. Did you know there was a cave back here?

Pichu suddenly rushes into the cave before Cal even has a chance to check it out.

CAL

Pichu, wait!

And he rushes off after it. Crystal isn't far behind.

INT. TOHJO FALLS CAVE -- SAME TIME

CAL and CRYSTAL look around desperately for Pichu --

CAL

Pichu?! Pichu!? Shit, I can't see anything --

Crystal fumbles with her Poke Balls, until she tosses one out and lets out ELEKID. It's a short yellow bipedal creature with a head reminiscent of a sparkplug.

Suddenly, they hear Pichu cry out-- Cal rushes in that direction. And suddenly, is met with a Poke Ball to the GUT. He keels over, coughing. Crystal rushes up behind him.

CRYSTAL

Cal!



As a PERSIAN materializes from the opening Poke Ball and lands on Cal's chest, pinning him down, Crystal goes to scream. But then, a Poke Ball hits her across the face. She flips backwards. A WEAVILLE -- with the appearance of a bluish-black bipedal feline, clad in a bright red crown, and collar with two feathers that stick out like tails and three sharp claws on either arm -- lands in front of Crystal, giving an intimidating hiss. It slashes at her ELEKID, the two starting a battle.

Cal peers up and over the Persian's massive head to see Team Rocket's missing leader, GIOVANNI, stood there.

GIOVANNI

I don't know why you've come here.  
This is not a place for kids like  
you.

CRYSTAL

That's the guy we just---

Struggling under the Persian's SURPRISINGLY STRONG force, Cal can barely muster his hissing of:

CAL

Shut-- Up!

Crystal realizes she needs to keep her mouth shut. Giovanni approaches her.

GIOVANNI

No. Don't listen to him. Tell me,  
the guy you just *what*?

As Crystal's ELEKID falls, KNOCKED out, Weavile returns to her trainer's side and he nods to her. Weavile rushes Crystal, placing her claws under the young athlete's chin, SLICING OPEN HER NECK. Small flecks of blood dribble onto Weavile's white claws. Crystal cries out.

GIOVANNI (CONT'D)

(to Cal)

What is going on here?! You don't  
tell me? She DIES.

CUE --- "CRYSTAL COLOSSEUM" from BATTLE REVOLUTION.

Giovanni snaps his fingers and Persian leaps off of Cal. Before Cal can react and throw a Poke Ball, Giovanni PUNCHES him in the gut and GRABS him by his collar -- LOOKING HIM IN THE EYES.

GIOVANNI (CONT'D)

You-- You have this certain look about you. Like the Hilbert kid and that punk Red, who defeated me a year ago. A year ago to the day.

(beat)

You have the same vigor in your eyes...

Giovanni throws Cal on his ass. Kicks him....

A blast of ELECTRICITY suddenly shocks Weavile but leaves Crystal unharmed. She spins and sees ELEKID get back on her feet.

CRYSTAL

Use Cross Chop!!

Elekid crosses its arms and slams them into Weavile's chest with a powerful cross-chop. The feline Pokémon SMACKS into the wall and slides down, defeated. The Pokémon helps her trainer stand. Giovanni, distracted by this, turns his attention away from Cal --

Who gets his strength and tries to throw a Poke Ball. But Giovanni's Persian won't let that happen. With a deadly hiss, she LEAPS forward and clamps her jaws onto Cal's ass, knocking him to the ground. He gives an intense scream as he tries to kick her off. She lets go and SLASHES at his back --

He grabs a Poke Ball finally and tosses it into the air. FLYGON pops out. Persian takes another move, BITING Cal in the arm. He smacks it away.

CAL

DAMN IT-- AGGH! FLYGON, use DRACO METEOR!!

A METEOR that glows a BLUE HUE is formed in Flygon's mouth and he sends it up... It EXPLODES in mid-air, sending FIRECRACKER-esque CHUNKS of the METEOR in all directions.

Persian is hit head-on and she is momentarily suspended in mid-air until she flies across the cave and away from Cal. Cal gets on his feet, limping but okay.

Giovanni pulls out a Poke Ball and throws it forward, letting out his KANGASKHAN, a large kangaroo.

GIOVANNI

Kangaskhan, use Shadow Claw! Rip him in half and wear his entrails as a necklace--

As Crystal goes to shout a command to her ELEKID, Giovanni throws another Ball-- letting out his MAGCARGO, a slug made purely out of lava with a rock shell covering its back.

GIOVANNI (CONT'D)  
Use Lava Plume to get rid of that  
ELEKID, Magcargo!

A crack in the Magcargo's rock shell unleashes a volcano-esque blast of lava that threatens to land right for ELEKID and Crystal. They leap out of the way as Crystal shouts--

CRYSTAL  
Dodge it! Now use Brick Break!

ELEKID propels herself forward and goes in for a powerful karate chop--

CUT back to Cal as he and Flygon fight Giovanni's Kangaskhan. Kangaskhan repeatedly attempts to slash Cal with its glowing-purple massive claws, but the boy constantly leaps and dodges the frightening kangaroo.

He manages to land his foot on Kangaskhan's hand and springs into the air, landing right on the bear's back. He sends out TOGEKISS to aid Flygon.

CAL  
Flygon, use Flamethrower...  
Togekiss, use Metronome! You're  
good at gambling, c'mon, gimme  
something good!!

Togekiss's eyes close as Cal wrestles the Kangaskhan. Flygon shoots a PLUME of FLAMES from its mouth, hitting Kangaskhan in the chest. Shouting up to the focusing Togekiss:

CAL (CONT'D)  
Hurry up!!

Togekiss begins to GLOW BLUE -- BLUE FLAMES emit from his white FUR-- And when his eyes open, they're a sapphire blue.

CAL (CONT'D)  
The fu--?

Cal has no time to finish what he's about to say (as if we didn't get the gist already), as Togekiss's body ignites in a BLUE FLARE and he shoots toward Kangaskhan like a rocket....

Cal LEAPS off of Kangaskhan just in time as Togekiss collides with Kangaskhan and the bear is covered in flames. When Kangaskhan collapses in a ONE-HIT KNOCKOUT and Togekiss's flames disappear, Cal gives a victory screech---

But he's interrupted.

Persian POUNCES on Cal from the darkness, her claws scratching into him. His hoodie is nearly torn to shreds at this point.

CAL (CONT'D)

Aggh, Flygon, use OUTRAGE---!

Flygon swoops into the air and then dives down like a missile, giving a blue aura, showing off its OUTRAGE. Flygon's eyes BURN with a fiery passion. NAILING Persian right in the chest with its body, sending the cat flying right off of Cal.

BACK to Magcargo and ELEKID -- Giovanni leaves Persian to do what she will with Cal, while he focuses on getting this girl out of his hair.

GIOVANNI

Magcargo, use Earth Power!

The cave ground CRACKS and magma begins to pour from within. Crystal climbs onto a nearby pillar of rocks, holding on while ELEKID remains below to fight him off, moving through the magma river...

CRYSTAL

No! ELEKID, RETURN! PELASE!

She tries desperately to recall her Pokémon into her Poke Ball, but the adamant ELEKID just won't budge! As Elekid LEAPS right out of the sticky, burning magma and lays a powerful THUNDERPUNCH to Magcargo's face, there's a sudden STATIC-y noise.

The battles end, and so does the looping battle music.

Everyone grows QUIET.

GIOVANNI

Who in the hell...?

His attention goes toward a tiny RADIO in the corner of the cave. A voice tries to speak through the speakers, when--

BOOM!! It explodes. And stood in its wake is Cal's NOTCH-EARED PICHU.

GIOVANNI (CONT'D)

NO!!

Giovanni recalls his Magcargo, and then calms his Persian.

GIOVANNI (CONT'D)  
Stop. Persian. Please.

His eyes fall to the two trainers -- Cal stands with his Togekiss and Flygon at his side, and his Pichu clambers forward and hugs his leg. As the magma sinks back into the cracks of the earth, Crystal leaps down and bear-hugs her Elekid.

CRYSTAL  
I'm so proud of you...!

GIOVANNI  
...What in the world are you two?

BEAT.

GIOVANNI (CONT'D)  
You show up here out of the blue.  
And for the first time in three  
years, I not only get visitors but  
the first sign of anything on that  
damned radio. And then you destroy  
it. It's like a sign.

CAL  
A sign of what?

GIOVANNI  
That these last three years have  
been a waste. That my dream for  
Team Rocket has been nothing but a  
mere illusion.

CAL  
Especially now that Team Rocket's  
reformed without you. They're  
astray. They have other plans,  
ignoring your intentions and doing  
what's best for them. They're  
spreading everywhere. Everyone  
knows their name.

He turns away from them.

GIOVANNI  
Leave. Go back to where you came  
from. I'm in a generous mood and  
I'd rather not have to clean up the  
bones of dead brats today.

Cal and Crystal look at each other. The pair, along with  
their Pokémon who follow after them - head for the exit.

EXT. TOHJO FALLS -- DAY

They exit the cave. Crystal recalls her Elekid and Cal recalls his Togekiss and Flygon as Pichu climbs onto his shoulder...

CRYSTAL  
I got scared.

CAL  
We both practically fudged our shorts back there, so I don't see why you bother presenting that as if it's news to me...

CRYSTAL  
No. I mean... *Before* today. When you asked me to move to Unova with you. It felt like too much, too soon. To leave everything here... It's why I've pushed back.

CAL  
Uh-huh.

He thinks there's more. Or he hopes, at least. At the moment it just sounds like EXCUSES to him. He waits for her to spill it all out to her. She takes a deep breath.

CRYSTAL  
I've said some nonsense the past few days about how nothing lasts --

CAL  
Do you think I blame you? Or myself? Because I don't.

CRYSTAL  
Good.  
(beat)  
But what you don't know is -- I'm not scared anymore. I've made my decision. I want... I want to try again.

Cal sees the sincerity in her eyes and his face lights up. He beams at her, wrapping her in an enormous hug.

CAL  
So you'll do it? You'll come with me?

Crystal laughs -- SMILES, even.

CRYSTAL

Yes. Yes.

And they KISS -- it's not long, but it's CUTE while it lasts. And then PICHU begins to cry -- something's wrong. Cal picks up the tiny creature in his arms as he and Crystal break. The LIGHT appears again.

Cal's hand reaches out for Crystal's... but does he REACH her...?!

IT ALL GOES WHITE.

WE FADE IN....

EXT. NEW BARK TOWN -- BEACH -- DAY

CAL sits up -- PICHU's in his lap. He was laying on the beach on the edge of NEW BARK TOWN. He looks around him.

CAL

Cr-- Crystal?

He looks around. There's no one on the beach around him. He sees small children suddenly rush toward the sand from in town, but no sign of Crystal. He gets on his feet and carries Pichu as he heads toward town.

CAL (CONT'D)

Crys?!

EXT. NEW BARK TOWN -- DAY

Cal's moving through town, heading for his house.

CAL

Crys?

He enters his house--

INT. CAL'S HOUSE -- DAY

SONDRA is surprised to see Cal home.

SONDRA

Cal, you're home already?

CAL

Wait, how long have I been gone?

SONDRA  
About an hour or so.

Cal sighs, relieved. At least he knows he's now back in his time...

CAL  
Has Crys come back?

SONDRA  
Haven't seen her.

Cal's out of there... He's growing worried and Sondra can sense something's wrong.

END ACT III



ACT IVINT. CRYSTAL'S HOUSE -- DAY

There's a knock on the door. Crystal's father answers the door.

CRYSTAL'S FATHER  
Oh, Cal, hello...

CAL  
Is Crystal home?

CRYSTAL'S FATHER  
What? No. Don't you and her  
always train in the Ilex Forest at  
this time?

CAL  
Yeah... Come with me to Professor  
Elm's. We need to talk.

PROFESSOR ELM (V.O.)  
(overlap)  
Time travel?

CAL (V.O.)  
(overlap)  
Yeah. Ya know, traveling through  
the realms of time. Crys said it  
was Celebi.

INT. PROFESSOR ELM'S LAB -- DAY

PROFESSOR ELM stands, looking intrigued by all of this, as CAL and CRYSTAL'S FATHER are sat at a table. Crys's father looks pale, the worry has drained all color from his face.

PROFESSOR ELM  
You saw Celebi?

CAL  
No.

PROFESSOR ELM  
Well then it couldn't have been  
Celebi. Celebi's always made  
itself known when it takes children  
through time. This must be  
something different. What was  
there?

CAL  
Me and Crystal. Unless you're  
suggesting she did it---?

Elm laughs out loud, interrupting Cal.

PROFESSOR ELM  
Absolutely not ya ---  
(scrambles for a word)  
---weirdo! I'm suggesting that  
something else was there. Think!  
What was there all the times you  
skipped through time?

CRYSTAL'S FATHER  
Can someone please just find my  
daughter...?

PROFESSOR ELM  
We're working on it, Mr.  
Soulstice...

CAL  
I think --- I think I've thought of  
one thing.

He cracks open a Poke Ball, letting out his NOTCH-EARED  
PICHU.

CAL (CONT'D)  
Pichu was there. She danced on the  
shrine and we traveled. She was  
out of her Ball every time we did.  
She led me to a lot of things while  
we were there like a -- like a  
*guide*.

PROFESSOR ELM  
A time traveling Pichu? That's --  
hysterical!

CAL  
No, I'm serious. It's the only  
thing I can think of.

Elm's expression suddenly straightens.

PROFESSOR ELM  
I will say, it's ear... is... not  
normal. That's very odd. Where'd  
you get it?

CAL  
The egg my parents left me.

PROFESSOR ELM

Oh wow. This is--- remarkable. An egg that took sixteen years to have. When it was still an egg, it must have time traveled with Celebi. This proves my theory that...

CRYSTAL'S FATHER

All this science crap is great and all, but my daughter is still out there! She could be --- fifty years from now.

PROFESSOR ELM

Or roaming the jungles of prehistoric times, I mean, you never really know!

...That didn't help at all. In fact, Crystal's father is on the verge of fainting. Cal keeps him up. He stands on his feet and Pichu climbs on his shoulder.

CAL

I'll find her! I will!

There's a sudden radio broadcast from the portable radio on Elm's desk...

NEWS CASTER (V.O.)

A group claiming to be the defunct terrorist organization Team Rocket has raided the Goldenrod City Radio Tower. It is rumored they hope to announce their return and spread their message to their leader Giovanni, who has been missing for the past year since his organization's defeat back in Kanto...

Cal looks at Pichu, her eyes locked on his. Cal understands.

FLASH:

Giovanni waiting for a radio broadcast.

This is it. This is his opportunity.

CAL

I have to stop that broadcast.

PROFESSOR ELM

You think you can?

CAL  
I'm supposed to. I --- I saw it  
when me and Crys were time  
traveling---

PROFESSOR ELM  
Do what you need to do, Cal. This  
is all hurting my head, so... just  
go, but keep Pichu here with me.  
I'll study her and figure out  
exactly what's going on here.

CAL  
You be good okay, Pichu? I'll be  
back, I promise.

Professor Elm nods to Cal, and Cal pats Pichu on the head.  
He rushes out of the building.

EXT. GOLDENROD CITY -- DAY

CAL, with AIPOM on his shoulder, sees TEAM ROCKET grunts  
swarming around the tower. He gives a scoff.

CAL  
Shit.

He moves toward an underground entrance, like the entrance to  
a real-world subway...

INT. GOLDENROD TUNNEL -- DAY

This is an underground shopping center. Like a massive mall.  
Shops of all types are everywhere, people are wandering  
around.

Pushing through the crowd, CAL and AIPOM finds an excited  
photographer.

PHOTOGRAPHER  
Want to take a picture with your  
Pokemon?

CAL  
You guys do dress-up right?

PHOTOGRAPHER  
Um, of course.

CAL  
You wouldn't happen to have a Team  
Rocket uniform, would you?

PHOTOGRAPHER

Of course we do, for funny novelty pictures with you and you---

CAL

(interrupting)

Okay. If I give you five hundred Poke Dollars, would you mind if I borrowed one of those Team Rocket uniforms?

The photographer looks surprised by Cal's urgency...

EXT. GOLDENROD CITY -- DAY

CAL is in a TEAM ROCKET UNIFORM. AIPOM still sits on his shoulder. He approaches the tower. The grunts guarding the door nod to him.

The camera pans --- we see SILVER watching from the alley across the street. These are the events we saw from Silver's POV in the last episode.

INT. GOLDENROD CITY RADIO TOWER -- DAY

CAL moves through the Radio Tower. He doesn't stand out. Rocket grunts are everywhere, excitedly discussing the radio broadcast...

GRUNT 1

...Giovanni will hear this for sure and come back.

Cal smirks. He knows this won't happen. *The power of time travel, baby.*

MONTAGE BEGINS.

Cal sneaks around. He exits a room and bumps into Silver.

This all flies by --- recapping the events we saw in the previous episode.

Cal sends out Togekiss and brings Silver along for the ride, ending up in the observatory room at the top of the radio tower.

Silver battles PROTON, the man in charge of Neo-Team Rocket, while Cal commands Aipom and Togekiss against numerous grunts and their low-level ZUBAT, EKANS and KOFFING.

Then, Cal witnesses Silver's WHISMUR destroy the radio panel and thwart Proton's plot. Proton uses his WEEZING to disappear.

Sirens blare and Rocket grunts are taken away as Cal struggles to change back into his normal clothes.

EXT. GOLDENROD CITY -- SUNSET

Sitting at the curb outside the GOLDENROD GAME CORNER are CAL and SILVER... Whismur is in Silver's arms, being soothed, while Cal has Aipom on his shoulder. Cal is back in his regular clothes. Red hoodie, black basketball shorts. Cap twisted backwards, goggles snapped over his head.

They watch as the INTERNATIONAL POLICE arrest all of the Team Rocket grunts that raided the RADIO TOWER, from across the street.

CAL  
...so whatever happened to you,  
dude?

SILVER  
What do you mean?

CAL  
You just disappeared from the  
orphanage.

SILVER  
I had to get out of there. I'm a  
nomad. They thought I was staying  
there forever, I just needed a  
place to crash for a bit.

CAL  
I got adopted.

SILVER  
Good for you.

There's a bitter silence.

SILVER (CONT'D)  
What did you mean when you told me  
you understood?

CAL  
What?

SILVER  
Don't play stupid. Back there, in  
the tower, you said you understood.

CAL  
When we first met, you scared the  
hell out of me. You told me you  
saw me, taller, and older looking.  
Now, I understand what you were  
talking about. Does that make  
sense?

CLIPS of Cal time-traveling with Crystal flash across the  
screen.

Cal watching Silver yell at his father, Team Rocket's boss  
GIOVANNI.

Silver bumping into Cal.

BACK TO SILVER:

SILVER  
If you didn't understand before,  
why do you now? So no, it doesn't  
make sense.

CAL  
You wouldn't believe me. I just  
wanna' say I'm sorry. For calling  
you a freak.

Silver's expression reads: *that doesn't fucking matter right*  
*now*. He's more concerned about...

SILVER  
...I wouldn't believe you? Try me.

Cal hesitates.

CAL  
I have to go. Honestly, I do. I'm  
not trying to avoid the question.  
One day I think we'll see each  
other again. We have to. And  
then, I'll have more time to  
explain...

SILVER  
What? Wait, you can't just leave  
me hangin'!

Cal pulls his skateboard out of his backpack and starts to  
skate away. He smiles at Silver.

CAL

That look on your face right now?  
That's exactly how I felt when you  
scared the shit out of me all those  
years ago, talking about crazy  
stuff. Now we're even.

Last time, we focused on Silver leaving.

Now, we're on CAL, as he smirks. What a crazy day.

He managed to help stop the broadcast from happening AND  
stopped Giovanni from hearing it. So strange.

As Cal skates out of Goldenrod City, we pan out... a nice  
sunset over the skyline of this metropolis.

INT. PROFESSOR ELM'S LAB -- SUNSET

Cal returns.

PROFESSOR ELM

So what happened out there?

CAL

They're gone. It's over.

Pichu starts to cry. Cal rushes over to her side.

CAL (CONT'D)

No no no, it's okay Pichu, I'm  
back...

He scoops Pichu up in his arms... And then the world twists  
again. The Professor's eyes widen as Cal is gone --- right  
before his very eyes.

Professor Elm's lips quiver, nonsense escaping them, and then  
he faints.

INT. OLD CHATEAU -- NIGHT

CHIRON: *OLD CHATEAU, SINNOH*

CUE --- "OLD CHATEAU" from DIAMOND/PEARL/PLATINUM.

We're tight on a pair of legs --- clad by baggy cargo blue  
jeans --- as they creep through a shady hallway.

PULL UP to reveal HARETA. Messy hair, covered by a beret,  
with a black vest over a white tee, complimented by cargo  
blue jeans and a pair of sneakers.



His PACHIRISU, an adorable electric squirrel, sits on his shoulder. They both look around this atmospheric hallway, spooked. One of the doors opens on its own. The pair exchange looks.

HARETA  
Should we go in there?

Pachirisu shakes his head furiously, tiny eyes SHUT --- NO NO NO!

HARETA (CONT'D)  
We are here looking for a Ghost-  
type, it's time to man up,  
Pachirisu!

And, Hareta does what any sane person would do and marches right inside the room *that just OPENED ON ITS OWN* ---

INT. OLD CHATEAU, BEDROOM -- NIGHT

HARETA  
Helloooooooooo!

PACHIRISU sparks its cheeks warningly --- NERVOUS as he and HARETA enter. Hareta chuckles softly.

HARETA (CONT'D)  
(quiet)  
Sorry!

Something SPARKS out of the darkness, zapping Hareta sharply on the back of the leg. He jumps with a YELP.

HARETA (CONT'D)  
(to Pachirisu, hoarsely)  
I was being quiet, what was that  
for?!

Pachirisu shakes his head, denying it --- *it wasn't me!*

HARETA (CONT'D)  
Then who --- ?

Hareta slowly turns, and then sees ---

A TV. Sitting behind them, sparking from the screen.

Hareta backs up, Pachirisu cowers behind his trainer's head and then ---

HARETA (CONT'D)  
 Wow! Someone needs to fix this TV!  
 I should call the cable guy.

Pachirisu FACE PALMS with its tiny paw.

HARETA (CONT'D)  
 Oh, look, the remote. This should  
 work!

He picks up a dusty remote from the floor. Points at the TV,  
 and CLICKS ---

--- as the TV turns on, we don't see what Hareta sees. We  
 just see his reaction.

A SCREAM. He stands there screaming and then we MIRROR that  
 image to ---

--- who's inside the TV: CAL.

Trapped in an uncomfortable, curled up, smushed position  
 BEHIND the glass and INSIDE the TV! PICHU cries on his  
 shoulder.

Cal's body is covered in soot and his hair sticks up on end,  
 obviously he's been zapped quite a few times by the panicking  
 baby Pichu.

SPLIT-SCREEN of Cal and Hareta just SCREAMING their heads off  
 at each other and then --- they both stop.

Realization hits Cal's face with confusion.

While Hareta's realization is GIDDY. He waves at the TV.

CAL  
 Hareta?!

HARETA  
 Oh! It's Cal! HI, CAL!

**SMASH TO BLACK.**

END EPISODE