

BLAINE

Train with Charmeleon and soon she should evolve. I wish you boys luck.

HILBERT

I'm sorry about Cinnabar, Blaine. I hope you find some sort of solace and regain confidence. Thank you for your help.

Blaine just nods gruffly as the boys walk off. Charlotte looks at Hilbert desperately ---

HILBERT (CONT'D)

You don't need to force yourself to evolve, Charlotte. Evolve when you're ready...

Charmeleon closes her eyes. The flame on her tail burns bright. She's ignoring Hilbert's orders and is EVOLVING. The red lizard turns into a larger, orange one with massive wings. Hilbert now has a completely badass CHARIZARD. She blasts fire into the air proudly.

Hilbert and Hareta both look on in awe.

BLAINE

By her own sheer will, Charmeleon evolved for you. That's loyalty. It might be dangerous to her development, as she might not be as strong as she should for evolving earlier than she should have, but... it'll do. Charizard will fly you back.

HILBERT

Wow, Charizard. That was great. You ready to go?

He nods to Hareta too, who nods excitedly.

HARETA

Let's go!

They climb on Charizard's back and the giant lizard flaps her wings and starts flying. She's not used to it and wobbles a bit, but eventually, Charlotte gets the hang of it and takes off through the opening in the cavern. Erika and Blaine look on.

EXT. CELADON CITY - NIGHT

The night time skyline over CELADON CITY is beautiful. CHARIZARD sweeps through the sky... swooping right above the GAME CORNER, which is left a wreck. Whole portions of the wall are missing and debris fills the streets. Celadon seems completely deserted.

INT. SILPH CO. - BOARD ROOM, TOP FLOOR - NIGHT

TIGHT on the face of GIOVANNI, finally revealed. Think your typical Italian-American mob boss from the 1920's, with a classic gangster look and a suit with a 'R' Team Rocket logo emblazoned on the front of the jacket.

He stares out at the streets of SAFFRON CITY through the large glass windows, before looking over at the MASK OF ICE, KOGA, and SABRINA, who sit at the board room table nearby.

GIOVANNI

They're all cowering in fear. Our goal is nearly complete. Bring the girl in here.

Mask of Ice walks off. The intense silence of the room is really felt as the Mask leaves, until...

KOGA

What do you need her for?

GIOVANNI

We cannot get into the chamber containing the Badge Amplifier without retina recognition from Silph's dearly departed president. And unfortunately, he's already undergone *cremation*.

KOGA

And how is she going to help?

Off Giovanni's smirk---

INT. SILPH CO. - RESEARCH FLOOR - CONTINUOUS

The MASK OF ICE passes by a bunch of experimental Pokémon. We see his GLACEON inside a large tank. He approaches, puts his gloved hand on the glass. Glaceon's paw lifts up and they 'touch' through the glass. It's an eerily sweet moment, before Glaceon suddenly glows and --- returns back to its basic EEVEE stage. It cries out, obviously a PAINFUL process of DE-EVOLUTION!

The Mask keeps looking at Eevee, who then transforms into some sort of conglomeration of JOLTEON and FLAREON, before transforming again, this time to LEAFEON, and then back to GLACEON. Crying, she sulks back into the corner of the tank. The Mask turns away, perhaps with shame, and keeps going.

INT. SILPH CO. - BREAK ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The sixth floor BREAK ROOM. FELICIA lies sprawled out on the floor, knocked unconscious. She is HANDCUFFED.

A gloved hand moves toward her face and fingers SNAP. She starts to come to, looking up at the mask. She rolls her eyes, scoffs.

MASK OF ICE

Get up. You have work to do.

Felicia stands. The Mask's hand wraps around her arm and he starts to walk with her off-screen.

INT. SILPH CO. - BASEMENT - NIGHT

In the Silph Company's basement is a large metal door, indestructible and curious to the eye. A retina scanner is against the wall. The MASK OF ICE walks FELICIA over to the retina scanner. Thrusts a Poké Ball into the hand of Felicia.

MASK OF ICE

Your Ditto. Bring it out and make it Transform into...

The Mask of Ice pulls a picture out from his cape. A professional headshot photograph of the CEO, suit and tie.

MASK OF ICE (CONT'D)

...this man.

FELICIA

Why?

MASK OF ICE

*I'll live up to my end of the deal.
Trust me, and this will all go
smoothly.*

FELICIA

Trust you? Seriously?!

MASK OF ICE

Just do it.

Felicia lets out her DITTO. Hers is in its shiny form, a BLUE COLORATION of a usually-pink Pokémon. She shows the picture to Ditto.

FELICIA

Ditto, use Transform. Look like this picture, okay?

Ditto glows and then transforms into the UPPER TORSO of the man in the photo. Because the photo does not include anything lower than his chest, the upper body is all that Ditto transforms into. It's quite an odd, disturbing sight. Felicia looks freaked out as she goes to pick up 'Ditto' and flashes its face across the beam of the retina scanner...

...TIGHT on the PANEL. 'SCANNING...'

It blinks GREEN. 'ACCESS GRANTED.'

INT. SILPH CO. - RESEARCH FLOOR - CONTINUOUS

GLACEON, back in its form, approaches the glass. We see that somehow the Mask of Ice was able to cut a hole in it. Glaceon kicks at it and manages to FREE itself...

Researchers look on, surprised.

SCIENTIST

How did...?

Quickly, Glaceon fires an Ice Beam and freezes them in their tracks. Gliding across the floor, Glaceon moves to a nearby panel of buttons and is able to destroy it.

In a room next door, MR. MIME, with black feet that curl upward at the ends, is connected to the panel via wires. It holds its arms and strange angles, pantomiming as if a wall were surrounding it. With the destruction of the panel, we see...

EXT. SAFFRON CITY - CONTINUOUS

Birds' eye view of Kanto's largest city. The massive FORCEFIELD surrounding it completely DISAPPEARS...

INT. SILPH CO. - BOARD ROOM, TOP FLOOR - CONTINUOUS

GIOVANNI watches in confusion as the forcefield disappears. As he turns to look back at KOGA and SABRINA, we see a descending figure in the background...

It comes crashing through the glass behind him, a massive ORANGE DRAGON-LIKE Pokémon, CHARLOTTE THE CHARIZARD!

AND ON HER BACK, HILBERT & HARETA!

Giovanni is thrown to the ground by the blasting of the glass and the wind itself completely whipping into the room itself.

KOGA takes GIOVANNI by the arm. As Charlotte shoots FLAMETHROWER attacks everywhere and causes just pure destruction, Koga and Giovanni flee as Sabrina throws out three Poké Balls, letting out her ALAKAZAM, HYPNO, and BUTTERFREE. Hareta sends out PACHIRISU.

Butterfree uses a PSYWAVE attack, shooting a swirly rainbow-colored beam from each of its eyes, right at Charizard. Charizard is able to hold its ground though, shaking the attack off like it's no big thang.

SABRINA

Two against three... this shouldn't be a problem.

HARETA

Wrong! There's one more.

He's grinning.

TIGHT on Sabrina now as we hear shuffling and see her face contort from one of victory to one of ANNOYANCE...

...we see Hareta's shoes and socks get thrown into the air.

And then we're on Hareta, bare foot, standing side-by-side with his PACHIRISU.

HARETA (CONT'D)

You didn't count me! You're facing three opponents!

Hilbert looks on at Hareta...

HILBERT (V.O.)

What a bold move. I was proud of him for making that stand. It was ignorant, considering we had other Pokémon on our teams, but it was brave and ballsy. And we weren't thinking straight in that moment honestly, it was all so mind-boggling.

...so, Hilbert joins Hareta, blocking Sabrina's Pokémon from their own. Kicks off his own shoes and socks.

HILBERT

Make that four.

He and Hareta exchange a high-five as Sabrina SHRUGS.

SABRINA

If you *insist*...

A massive Psychic attack is combined by all three of her Pokémon... while Hilbert, Charizard, Hareta, and Pachirisu rush forward ---

INT. SILPH CO. - BADGE AMPLIFIER ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The MASK OF ICE and SABRINA enter the BADGE AMPLIFIER ROOM. Inside, is the eponymous machine - the badge amplifier. It resembles a nuclear reactor of sorts, with two perpendicular electromagnetic rings suspending a bowling-ball-sized panel where the badges would be inserted.

MASK OF ICE

The Badge Amplifier Machine does not work without the use of eight gym badges... and while going through your personal things, I found a very curious item in your bag.

The Mask pulls something out of his cloak --- Hilbert's stolen UNOVA GYM BADGE CASE!

Felicia scoffs.

FELICIA

The money I stole from him was just an extra. This is what I really wanted from you back in Cerulean City. Because as much as I hate to admit it, there are some things money just can't buy...

Felicia slips through her cuffs. She kicks and punches the Mask, snatching the badge case from his grip. As she approaches the machine, the Mask rises to his feet, throwing a Poké Ball ---

MASK OF ICE

What the hell are you doing?!

FELICIA

You attack me, you break the badges. And then you'll be S-O-L for sure.

The Mask's Poké Ball materializes into a ZWEILOUS. Both heads growl and glare at Felicia.

MASK OF ICE

...You keep using the same tricks, dear.

FELICIA

Because it always works. Your dragon's not attacking now, is it?
Case and point.

She winks. Behind the Mask appears GIOVANNI and KOGA.

GIOVANNI

We don't have time for this!

Koga sends out his SCYTHUR, a green praying mantis with sharp claws and a reptilian head, which zooms forward with ninja-like speed. Felicia sends out her SEADRA and IVYSAUR. Seadra uses a SmokeScreen to spray ink out at Koga's Scyther while her Ivysaur releases a PoisonPowder spore in its direction.

Scyther moves out of the way of Seadra's attacks, bouncing water off the walls and onto the Mask, drenching his cloak. Scyther, however, doesn't dodge the PoisonPowder from Ivysaur's bulb, flying directly into its path. Felicia smirks as Scyther falls over, affected by Poison now!

INT. SILPH CO. - BOARD ROOM, TOP FLOOR - CONTINUOUS

A massive impact. Hilbert and Hareta fight alongside their Charizard and Pachirisu against Sabrina's Alakazam, Hypno and Butterfree.

Hareta leaps over a chair, runs across the board room table. Butterfree circles him, firing SIGNAL BEAM attacks at him. Hareta reaches the table's end, where Butterfree faces him head-on and he LEAPS --- extends his leg and in an intense SLOW-MO SCENE, he KICKS the bug right across the face!

Hilbert rushes Alakazam, who constantly appears and reappears. Recognizing the pattern, Hilbert leaps forward and rears his fist back, punching Alakazam right into the path of Charlotte's FLAMETHROWER attack, scorching it! Hilbert throws a Poké Ball, hitting Alakazam right in the head with a MAGIKARP, who materializes from the Poké Ball. Magikarp's tail slaps Alakazam right in the face ---

--- Alakazam is dazed from the impact. Hypno uses Hypnosis to put Hareta to sleep as Butterfree attempts to recover, dizzied from that kick to the face.

Charlotte uses Flamethrower on Butterfree as well. The attack knocks the butterfly out and it hits the ground weakly. Alakazam uses Telekinesis to throw Magikarp around the room like a ragdoll. Hilbert tackles Alakazam to break the Telekinesis. He rushes over to catch Magikarp...

...only for Magikarp to glow. Hilbert stops running as Magikarp is replaced by a large, dragon, serpentine Pokémon with a long, blue body and a fearsome face. It is so big that its tail CRASHES through the window outside. Hilbert, in awe, checks out his Pokédex quickly.

HILBERT

A Gyarados!?! Frickin' sweet! I guess buying Magikarp from that weird old man wasn't such a bad idea after all. Use Hyper Beam, Gyarados!!

GYARADOS gives an angry roar and BLASTS a HYPER BEAM at Alakazam. Alakazam is thrown backward, crashing into Sabrina, knocking them both unconscious.

Pachirisu zaps Hypno as it opens its mouth in an attempt to eat Hareta's dreams... Hilbert wakes Hareta up and helps him on his feet, gathering with their Pokémon.

INT. SILPH CO. - BADGE AMPLIFIER ROOM - CONTINUOUS

CUE --- "KANTO GYM BATTLE REMIX" from BLACK 2 & WHITE 2:

The Mask commands Zweilous against Felicia's Pokémon while GIOVANNI approaches the BADGE AMPLIFIER MACHINE, holding three Poké Balls.

GIOVANNI

This is adult's business, child.
You have interfered with the wrong organization for the last time...

He inserts the Poké Balls into the machine and it glows... suddenly, the door starts banging. Koga's Scyther turns its attention to the door, as do Felicia's Pokémon. The Mask and Zweilous keep fighting, one of Zweilous's heads CLAMP its jaws around Scyther's neck!!

KOGA

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

The door bursts open, a FERALIGATR and a VIBRAVA --- a Pokémon resembling an antlion or a dragonfly. Behind them is CAL, who has AIPOM on his shoulder. He smirks proudly.

CAL
 Look, Trapinch evolved!! It's a
 Vibrava now, a friggin' Dragon-
 type. How cool is that?

Vibrava swoops forward, as Cal shouts ---

CAL (CONT'D)
 Dragon Pulse!

A wisp of blue flames shoots from Vibrava's mouth as
 Feraligatr rushes forward...

CAL (CONT'D)
 Help Vibrava out with a Dragon
 Claw, Feraligatr!

Feraligatr's claws glow a ferocious purple color and he
 slashes forward at Scyther as he is attacked by Vibrava's
 Dragon Pulse and held in place by Zweilous's jaws.

HILBERT and HARETA rush into the room, having heard all of
 the ruckus...

Giovanni's stoic face is what we focus on right now.

GIOVANNI
 Go ahead. Reveal your true
 identity to the world, my dear
 Mask...

Hilbert's eyes are locked onto the Mask of Ice.

HILBERT
 I already know. How do you think
 we managed to have all of this go
 down?

...The Mask comes off and reveals a sad-looking IRIS inside
 the cloaked garbs. She stares stoically, apologetically,
 back at Hilbert.

HILBERT (CONT'D)
 She told us a while ago. Leading
 you on was the only way for us to
 bring you down, she said.

HARETA
 And I didn't screw everything up
 like you expected me to.

Hilbert smiles down at him. He pulls out a Poké Ball,
 letting out NIDOKING.

With all these distractions, Felicia lets out her JIGGLYPUFF, who puffs her way through the air like a balloon, over to Giovanni. She SNATCHES the three Poké Balls and tosses them into the machine. Felicia makes a run for it and uses Hilbert's badge case, shoving it into place. The machine scans the badges inside. Giovanni makes a run after her.

The combined form of ARTICUNO, ZAPDOS and MOLTRES appear before him and Felicia... it's a monstrosity, a creature we can only call ZAPMOLCUNO. Felicia SCREAMS. Utterly terrified of it. She WHISPERS to herself, and throws a Poké Ball, as even Giovanni is taken aback by its features. She's thirsty with greed, anxious to capture it --- but the creature merely kicks the Ball away pathetically...

Felicia screams again, TERRIFIED, throws herself to the ground. Giovanni grabs Felicia by the neck and throttles her violently.

GIOVANNI

What have you done?! You can't possibly control it, you imbecile, you child, you stupid, reckless...

Nidoking is flying through the air, its body positioned like a drill, and its horn IMPACTS with Giovanni. He's thrown to the ground, his grip loosening on Felicia, who sits up. Hilbert's Nidoking lands in front of her. Felicia grabs Jigglypuff by her feet and FLOATS right out of the room, dodging attacks. Koga goes to take chase... but Giovanni screams after him.

GIOVANNI (CONT'D)

Let her flee! The coward, the bitch...!

Iris approaches the machine. She pulls out a PURPLE BALL with small RED MARKINGS on the top, a MASTER BALL, the ultimate Poké Ball.

IRIS

You did it, Giovanni. You found Mew and you captured it. It's time for you to live up your end of the deal.

GIOVANNI

You didn't live up to yours. You stabbed me in the back!

IRIS

I did everything you asked.

She opens the Poké Ball, revealing the outline of a small, pink feline Pokémon with a long tail. This is MEW.

IRIS (CONT'D)

It's time for me to fix this.

She touches Mew's forehead as Hilbert rushes at her, grabs her by the arm...

HILBERT

WAIT!!

And then a massive pink light envelopes the both of them...

...Zapmolcuno gives a screech, as a separate light grabs it along with Cal, Hareta, Koga, and Giovanni. The loop of the Gym Battle remix fades...

INT. CERULEAN CAVE - NIGHT

A dark cave. We see nothing but blackness for a moment... until a hand reaches down and takes HARETA's. He is pulled up by the bearer of this hand, RED. Beside Red is MEWTWO, and in Red's hand is a Master Ball. He shows it off to Hareta.

RED

Nice to see ya again. Your friend explained what happened, that's some weird stuff... kinda' like fate that we'd see each other again.

Hareta looks confused. He sees CAL sitting at the edge, dipping his dirty hands in the water and washing off. He raises a hand and waves at Hareta. Hareta waves back and looks back at Red and Mewtwo...

HARETA

You... you caught Mewtwo?

Red nods to BLAINE, who rides on RAPIDASH, behind him.

BLAINE

Mewtwo needs a trainer to teach him that not all humans are arrogant and cruel creatures. There is some good in us. Mewtwo just needs to see it, and I thought, "What better person than the Indigo League Champion?"

HARETA
 (surprised, eyes widened)
 Wait. You're the *Champion*?

RED
 (modest)
 Former Champion. I stepped down a while back...

CAL
 So you set this up with Iris too? I thought you were the traitor. They took you away...

RED
 Yeah, well, I escaped because they had the wrong guy. I was just coming up to the Silph Building to help you guys after catching Mewtwo, but I guess I didn't have to. What happened?

HARETA
 Hilbert and Iris had Mew for some reason. They grabbed it and a bright pink light surrounded us.

BLAINE
 Mew sent you to her son. They're connected, physically, mentally, emotionally... it's no surprise that she sent you to us, then. Who else was taken with you?

A massive CROBAT, a purple bat with four wings and a fearsome face, suddenly comes swooping down from the darkness of the cave behind Blaine and KNOCKS HIM ONTO HIS CHEST.

He rolls down the steps, hitting the bottom with a thud. As he peers up --

GIOVANNI
 Why do you get in my way...

GIOVANNI stands in front of him.

GIOVANNI (CONT'D)
 Don't you understand? Just how great the work is I'm trying to accomplish. Don't you understand that getting in my way is simply... the stupidest thing to do? Team Rocket will succeed.

Out of the darkness behind Giovanni, a PERSIAN - an elegant looking cat - pounces Blaine, all paws pinning down on his chest, HISSING at Blaine.

GIOVANNI (CONT'D)

I work with none but by will, and
in trusting a fool like you, my
will is now telling me to teach you
some humility.

Persian starts to CLAW and BITE into Blaine. We hear his screams, but do not see what's happening as, up top, Red, Mewtwo, Hareta and Cal start rushing down the steps.

RED

BLAINE!!

ZAPMOLCUNO rises out of the dark of the cave and swoops up the stairs toward Red, Mewtwo, Hareta and Cal...

INT. FACTORY - NIGHT - TIME-SKIPPING

IRIS approaches a tank. Inside, is an EEVEE. She puts her hand against the glass and the pained Eevee TRANSFORMS back and forth between forms and evolutions.

Feet away, IRIS --- in full Mask of Ice garb --- stands with HILBERT and MEW, who floats above them. We realize as they watch this happening that they've TIME-TRAVELLED. Mew speaks in a soft, feminine voice, telepathically to Iris and Hilbert.

MEW (V.O.)

...I think it's about time that
Hilbert deserves the truth. You
told him you were concealing your
identity and promised an answer at
the right time and I think now's
the right time.

IRIS

(hoarsely)

...What do you want to know?

HILBERT

Everything. I know you got in too
deep, I know you were the Mask of
Ice, I know you took my Pokémon...
but I need to fill in the blanks.
If you ever want a chance of
trusting me again, there better be
a damned good reason for all of
this.

IRIS

I was contacted by the International Police because there were rumors of a Dragon-type Eevee being formed by the technicians at Team Rocket. They wanted someone specializing in Dragon types, but someone who is an outsider, someone not so recognizable to people in Kanto, and they came to me for help.

(beat)

This Eevee was put through hell, changing forms constantly. It was heartbreaking.

Suddenly, the factory begins to explode around Iris. A KANGHASKAN, a large kangaroo Pokémon, hops toward her. She lets out her HAXORUS, the enormous Dragon Pokémon. Haxorus slashes and fights Kanghaskan as Iris frees the Eevee by shattering the glass with her elbow.

Haxorus is thrown into the flames. Kanghaskan hops after it. Iris SCREAMS ---

Present-day Iris and Hilbert watch from a nearby wall in horror. Flames surround them. They look on, completely frightened.

MEW (V.O.)

We aren't really here. We are merely observers. Do not be afraid, the flames cannot hurt you.

A figure in black stands among the flames as the SHADOWS of Kanghaskan and Haxorus DANCE ALONG WITH THE FLAMES and the SMOKE. The FACTORY is falling apart. TEAM ROCKET grunts flee as Iris falls to the ground, shielding Eevee from it all using her own body.

Suddenly the two dueling silhouettes turn into one. Kanghaskan emerges from the flames, returning with Haxorus's TAIL in her arms. She's covered in blood.

GIOVANNI, the shadowy figure, recalls Kanghaskan into her Poké Ball and approaches a tearful Iris. Tosses Haxorus's tail against their lap. Iris is choking, sobbing, holding onto Eevee.

IRIS

Please--- please---

Giovanni stares at her pathetic form. Picks her up...

The world begins to freeze up around them and SHATTER like broken ice.

EXT. DARKNESS - LIMBO

Present-day Iris, Hilbert and Mew are left floating in some sort of empty LIMBO.

HILBERT

So Haxorus died... I'm so sorry.

IRIS

Giovanni saved my life. Pitied me. Promised me he'd keep me alive and keep Eevee alive if I helped him. He offered me Mew, saying with its powers, he would allow me to travel back in time and save Haxorus.

MEW (V.O.)

Impossible. The laws of space and time will not allow me to do that. I am merely a traveler. We cannot change what is done. I'm sorry.

(beat)

Haxorus wishes you well. He loved you dearly and just wants you to raise his child... the baby Axew he had with your Druddigon.

Iris is wiping her tears. She nods.

IRIS

Hilbert, I never meant for you to be involved, I... I...

As she sobs, Hilbert holds her tightly against his chest.

IRIS (CONT'D)

(softly)

I just want to die. I'm so sorry.

HILBERT

Even if you froze yourself over and shattered into a million pieces, I'd still be there to pick up what's left.

IRIS

(sniffling)

Corny. Always were.

HILBERT

(holds out his hand)
 Always will be. For you.
 (beat)
Now take my hand. You're not goin'
 anywhere. We're going back to help
 our friends and stop Giovanni...
 right, Mew?

He turns to the little feline legendary Pokémon desperately, confidently. And Mew gives a squeak ---

MEW (V.O.)

You both saw what you needed to
 see. But the future is up to this
 battle now. Bright or dark. We
 must fight well, young ones...

As Hilbert brings Iris in and holds her tightly in a hug, Mew shuts her eyes, extends her paws and touches Hilbert's shoulder. A bright pink light surrounds both he and Iris...

INT. CERULEAN CAVE - NIGHT

CUE --- "FINAL BATTLE / VS RIVAL" from RED & BLUE:

ZAPMOLCUNO sends a powerful TRI ATTACK, having a wall of FLAMES, ELECTRICITY AND ICE surround HARETA, CAL, RED, AND MEWTWO.

RED

Mewtwo, use Psywave!!

Mewtwo whips up a TORNADO of PSYCHIC ENERGY, wrapping himself inside and BLASTING forward through the wall of energy. Mewtwo lands in front of Blaine, who is being mauled by Giovanni's Persian. Creating a PURPLE BLADE out of pure psychic energy, Mewtwo slashes Persian with it.

Giovanni's Crobat swoops down from Giovanni's shoulder to assist its comrade, but is just slashed by Mewtwo as well. Giovanni looks on as a severely wounded Blaine makes eye-contact with his creation. He rolls his eyes.

GIOVANNI

Your monster is feeling emotions,
 Blaine. I don't know whether to be
 proud of your scientific
 achievement or disgusted.

ABOVE---

Red sends out his SNORLAX, Hareta his MUNCHLAX, and Cal his VIBRAVA as the trio are trapped inside the swirling vortex of energy created by Zapmolcuno..

Munchlax makes eye-contact with Snorlax and the two hug, as if it was a long-awaited reunion.

RED

What are you two doing? There's no time for this! Superpower on that wall, Snorlax!!

HARETA

I think... I think Munchlax just found his mommy! I own the offspring of a Champion's Pokémon, how cool is THAT?!

CAL

Hareta, FOCUS! Vibrava, whip up a Sandstorm to blind that *thing*.

HARETA

Oh right, sorry! Munchlax, use Mega Punch wit' yo mama!!

Munchlax and Snorlax combine their powerful PUNCH attacks and go right for the wall. It breaks it in one blow. Meanwhile, Cal's Vibrava's wings whip up a blinding sandstorm in Zapmolcuno's direction. The trio escape, returning their Pokémon while the Moltres (middle) portion of the Pokémon fusion is blinded, flapping around angrily while the other two heads of Articuno and Zapdos seem to squawk and bicker as their captives flee.

Red sends out from his Poké Ball, a MAROWAK, a small brown Pokemon with a skull cap, wielding a bone.

RED

FIRE PUNCH, MAROWAK!

Marowak's fists ignite with flames as it begins to pummel Zapmolcuno. The massive conglomeration of birds swing a powerful Tri Attack in Marowak's direction, but Marowak takes it. Red keeps running as he shouts back:

RED (CONT'D)

Hold them off, Marowak! I'm counting on you! Pika, help Marowak out!

Red's Pikachu leaps off of his shoulders and quickly jolts over to Marowak, riding on the creature's skull cap.

The trainers run off as the battle behind them carries on between Pika/Marowak and Zapmolcuno. Heading through the caverns, they find Giovanni in the darkness below.

His Persian is battling Mewtwo. The pair are exchanging blows and surprisingly, the cat is holding up well enough. Red's Snorlax charges forward and goes to interrupt the battle, leading Giovanni to send out his NIDOQUEEN. This is the female equivalent to Nidoking, she is similar in stature - less muscular, more bulky, and she is light blue instead of purple, with a cream-colored chest plate.

GIOVANNI

Nidoking, hold them back...
Mewtwo's mine.

Snorlax and Nidoqueen wrestle briefly before the large lizard nails Snorlax in the gut. She picks him up with such brute strength and easiness that Red is completely taken aback. Snorlax is thrown against the wall of the cave and she continues to pummel him. Red rushes forward...

RED

NO!

Mewtwo prepares a Psycho Cut attack, sending a psychic blade that goes awry and SLAMS right into Red's chest, slicing it open. He keels over and collapses flat on his face. Hareta and Cal look on in horror. Cal angrily sends out Feraligatr. As Nidoqueen still holds back Red and Snorlax, Cal, Feraligatr, Hareta and Munchlax rush forward toward Giovanni.

OUT OF THE SHADOWS, Koga appears! He blocks Cal and Hareta's way as Giovanni continues battling against Mewtwo...

HARETA

Of course! Every time there's a dark corner ---

CAL

He's like a Zubat; annoying, and you can't avoid him...!

Koga frowns, sending out his MUK, VENOMOTH, and Scyther. His Grimer has evolved since the conflict at the Power Plant!

KOGA

You will not defeat Team Rocket!
We will capture Mewtwo and take over Kanto. We've come too far to be stopped by mere children...!

Cal points at Koga's Pokémon, leading his Aipom to understand that Cal wants it to aid Feraligatr. The purple monkey leaps off of Cal's shoulder and climbs onto Feraligatr's back.

CAL

Feraligatr, use Dragon Claw on
Scyther!! Aipom, use Ice Punch
against Muk.

As Feraligatr shoots forward and Aipom leaps off of the large creature's back, Koga's Pokémon shoot forward, Muk leaps forward and wraps its grimy arms around Feraligatr's legs and pinning it down where it is. Scyther shoots forward like a bullet, slashing at the immobile Feraligatr, while the small and agile Aipom dodges Psychic blasts from Venomoth.

Aipom's fist-like tail glows with an icy hue and it pummels Muk, freezing the pile of poison gloop in its place. This allows Feraligatr to pull free, shattering Muk's icy body in the process! Koga screams in anger.

Cal looks to Hareta and says hoarsely:

CAL (CONT'D)

Go after Giovanni, I'll hold him
off. Don't let him take Mewtwo!

HARETA

I --- you think *I* can do it?!

CAL

I know you can. If not Hilbert or
Iris, it has to be you.

Hareta beams, nodding. He and Munchlax sneak away as Cal and Koga's fight continues.

He doesn't go completely unnoticed. Koga's Venomoth disappears from the battle with Cal, following Hareta instead. Hareta recalls Munchlax and sends out PACHIRISU.

They run quickly, leaping and jumping over the psychic blasts Venomoth sends their way. Venomoth then shoots a SLUDGE BOMB from her mouth. It heads right toward Pachirisu, but Hareta leaps in the way and he instead is splashed with the poison. Pachirisu releases an angry Discharge of electricity, zapping Venomoth. Pachirisu climbs on Hareta's shoulder and he gets up...

HARETA

I'm fine. Really.

He smiles weakly and gets up. He half limps-half runs as Venomoth continues after them.

They make it to the battle between Mewtwo and Giovanni, until Venomoth swoops down and knocks Hareta face-first onto the ground with a Tackle attack.

Giovanni approaches the young boy as his Persian, Crobat, Weavile and Cloyster fight off a lone Mewtwo (who is holding his own very well despite being outnumbered) in the background. He looks up to Venomoth.

GIOVANNI

Return to your trainer, help him
kill the other boy. I'll handle
him.

Looking up, Zapmolcuno approaches, having shaken off Vibrava's Sandstorm. It gives an angry roar just as it starts to fight off the influence of itself. The three heads fight amongst each other just as...

CUE --- "DEXOYS BATTLE" loop from EMERALD, FIRERED&LEAFGREEN:

...A HYDREIGON, a large, massive, ferocious three-headed black and purple dragon zooms out of the sky. It's IRIS's! On the Hydreigon's back is Iris. CHARLOTTE the CHARIZARD is right behind Hydreigon, with HILBERT on her back. RAICHU clings to Hilbert's shoulders. They both are fighting the massive bird, confused at the fight and at its own fusion.

Giovanni looks on in horror at the sight, now ignoring Hareta.

GIOVANNI (CONT'D)

NO!!

While Giovanni's distracted, Hareta sends out PINECO. Pineco EXPLODES, allowing Hareta the time to rush forward and tackle Giovanni to the ground. Pineco begins to GLOW WHITE, before evolving into a FORRETRESS, a large cocoon-like creature with pinkish-colored plates positioned on the top and bottom of its body, with a second red shell inside. Four tube-like spikes protrude from this red, inner shell, and blank eyes stare out from this inner shell as well.

HARETA

Oh my god! Forretress!?

In his amazement, Hareta is distracted. Giovanni shoves the boy aside and rushes through the smoke to stare at Zapmolcuno's battle with Hydreigon and Charizard. Forretress does a RAPID SPIN attack, darting forward and knocking Giovanni onto his back. Forretress's heavy steel body tackling him full-force has left Giovanni in a daze, grasping his stomach in pain.

Hareta, Forretress and Pachirisu stand in front of Giovanni. Hareta has his hands on his hips, Pachirisu's cheeks crackle and Forretress spins about threateningly, floating in the air.

HARETA (CONT'D)
You're not going anywhere, Team
Rocket Guy.

IN THE AIR:

Iris rides her Hydreigon's back.

IRIS
Hydreigon, use Hyper Voice!!

Hydreigon's three heads all give a huge screech that irritates Zapmolcuno. Charizard flies up behind it...

ON HILBERT

HILBERT
Charlotte, use Sky Drop!!

Charizard flies, charging up all of her energy. Hilbert holds on for dear life, Raichu clinging onto the hood of his hoodie now... Charlotte disappears into the darkness of the cave above.

ON IRIS

As Hydreigon's Hyper Voice ends and Zapmolcuno looks dazed because of it. She and Hydreigon keel back as Zapmolcuno fires a Tri Attack at them. They dodge ice, flames, and lightning as they fly through the air in the cave. Iris is looking around. There's no sign of Charlotte, Hilbert or Raichu anywhere!

IRIS
Hilbert, HURRY UPPPP---!

Lightning ZAPS Hydreigon and Iris, suddenly sending the massive dragon and its master RIGHT OUT OF THE AIR! They plummet down to the floor of the cave, landing with a large kick-up of dust and debris.

Charlotte the Charizard SWOOPS down out of the darkness --- tight on her face as her arms are out and she GRABS Zapmolcuno by its chest and lifts the massive bird conglomeration into the sky.

Hilbert and Raichu are cheering, unaware of what happened to Iris and Hydreigon it seems, still holding on tight to Charlotte.

Charizard drags the flailing fusion Pokémon into the sky, spins around and now aims down at the cave ground. Now, she's darting down like a bullet, dragging Zapmolcuno with her ---

--- Zapmolcuno begins to release electricity, flames and ice again, in all directions, but none of them hitting Hilbert, Charlotte or Raichu. Feet before she hits the ground, Charlotte releases Zapmolcuno and darts right back up. Zapmolcuno CRASHES into the ground, kicking up more dust and debris, while Charizard regains her composure and glides around the cave. She lands, Hilbert and Raichu leap off of her back. The loop of "DEOXYS BATTLE" ends here.

Hilbert holds out a hand for a high-five.

HILBERT

That was AMAZING, Charlotte!

A giddy Charlotte goes in for a high-five. She gets a bit too excited, her massive hand knocking Hilbert onto his back. All we see on screen now are his legs, sticking up. His legs give a little twitch.

HILBERT (CONT'D)

Ow...

The dust and debris clear and we see Iris and Hydreigon, sprawled out on the ground, unconscious. Zapmolcuno is gone now. It has split back into its three separate forms: Zapdos, Moltres and Articuno.

The birds, now freed, flee the cave. Heading for the source of light that is the exit.

ON RED, PIKA & SNORLAX

PERSIAN leaps out of the darkness to assist Nidoqueen, taking the trio by surprise. Persian claws and scratches at Pikachu as Nidoqueen uses POISON JAB to repeatedly punch Snorlax in the chest with poison-laced fists. Snorlax is sent flying against the wall unconscious. Angrily, Red charges at Nidoqueen... only for Nidoqueen pummel Red right in the chest with a MEGA KICK. Ouch! He goes flying right toward Snorlax, who is falling slowly --- Red hits the ground right in front of his massive Snorlax, who falls RIGHT ON TOP OF HIM, leaving only his limbs visible. Red's legs give a resilient twitch.

Pika is still being mauled by Persian, shocking the cat repeatedly but the cat shows stamina. Finally pushing Persian away with an Iron Tail, Pika keeps exchanging blows with Persian as Nidoqueen looms over Pika...

ON GIOVANNI, AS HE WATCHES THE BIRDS LEAVE THE CAVE

GIOVANNI

No! This can't be --- happening ---

He charges, but Hareta still blocks his way. Forretress's Rapid Spin keeps him at bay. Giovanni rears back, his eyes glowering the boy.

We're left waiting a long, long, beat as Hareta and Giovanni just stare at each other. Giovanni then scoffs --

GIOVANNI (CONT'D)

It's as if all of you have never given any thought to the meaning of "time" and "space"!! You don't understand at all what's going on. Your meager little brain couldn't even *imagine* what's going on right now, you stupid little child!

Hareta finally peers up at Giovanni. He grins.

HARETA

I'm okay with being stupid! Maybe I... can't put it into fancy words, but I understand. I'm slow, but Hilbert is hasty. The same hour might feel too long for Hilbert and too short for me. Even when we do the same thing, he's fast and I'm slow. That was the "time" that I felt. I was traveling with Hilbert, Cal, and Iris. No matter where we went, we always met new people and Pokémon at new places, and I wondered just how wide this world was. I want to see the rest of it. I want to travel and meet new Pokémon and people and see new places. That was the "space" that I felt.

Giovanni steps out into the visible light and raises a hand. Signaling his need for the end of Hareta's speech.

GIOVANNI

That's enough. You're stopping me only because you believe in those foolish ideas.

Resting his hand against his leg, Hareta's knuckles CRACK and his hand clenches into a FIST... He then repeats this motion with his other hand and his other leg.

HARETA

Why... do you get to decide? Why?
(beat)

The "time" that me, Hilbert, Iris and Cal spent, and the "space" that we traveled over, are the most important "time" and "space" to me. Not just for me. The people and Pokémon who treasure this "time" and "space" have also come here for that. You have no right to take away something that important to all of us for your own selfish reasons!

Giovanni's Nidoqueen bursts out of NOWHERE and BULLDOZES right through Hareta, Forretress, and Pachirisu. The boy and his Pokémon go flying in different directions.

BACK ON CAL

CUE --- "TEAM LEADER BATTLE!" loop from RUBY & SAPPHERE:

As he fights with Koga. Cal's Feraligatr, Aipom, and Vibrava are all knocked out, while right now, TOGEPi is all Cal has left standing. On Koga's side, Venomoth and Scyther are still standing, Muk is knocked out.

CAL

Togepi, come back. We lost this fight, there's no point!

Cal tries to pick up the tiny egg, but Togepi shoves him away. Cal falls backwards, surprised by Togepi's strength. The little egg crosses his arms angrily.

CAL (CONT'D)

Can't be close with you, huh?
Actually, I've told myself for a while that you wouldn't open your heart to me. Get back in your Poké Ball, now!

Togepi is dragged back into his Poké Ball by Cal. The Ball shakes furiously in Cal's hand -- Togepi wants OUT.

Cal stares up at his opponents. His entire team unconscious around him, his own body weakened and pitiful.

KOGA

So you surrender, ya little shit?

Just as Cal goes to open his mouth, Togepi's Poké Ball CRACKS back open and the tiny egg charges forward and gives a full-on TACKLE -- the DOUBLE EDGE attack -- to Koga's Scyther...

CAL

Togepi!!

Togepi bounces off of the invisible Barrier VENOMOTH created around herself and Scyther. The Egg Pokémon swings around for the wall. Scyther's claw SLASHES forward at the little egg's gut. Togepi's thrown through the air and Cal runs forward like a football player trying to make a catch.

CAL (CONT'D)

Idiot! Don't attack on your own!

Cal doesn't make it in time and Togepi lands on the hard ground of the cave, his shell cracked with a bit of "yolk" hanging out. Cal reaches out with his shaking hand to touch the little egg, who doesn't even move -- Cal fears the worst.

CAL (CONT'D)

No... Togepi... No!

As his hand grows closer, Togepi suddenly SMACKS Cal's hand away. Turns to face Cal. And uses its tiny hands to pull the edges of its mouth and stick its tongue out. Cal can't help but laugh at the little jokester. Togepi leaps into the air like a fucking superstar--

--Only to get quickly slammed down again by Venomoth's Psybeam attack.

EXTREME CLOSE-UP of Cal's eyes -- they're watering. He shakes his head, refusing to cry.

CAL (CONT'D)

In every important battle I've had, you've been just backup. I still treat you inferior to my other Pokémon and I refuse to let you be part of the main team. Even now...

(beat)

I was stupid. Sorry. How can I accuse you of not opening your heart to me...? Of course, it's my fault. It was me. And I should know better than anyone what it means to be just a replacement...

Cal sits up. Now on one knee, Cal leans down to Togepi, who slowly sits up and stares up at his trainer with aching, pained eyes--

CAL (CONT'D)

It might be a little late for this,
but I want you to knock 'em dead,
okay? You're part of the team, no
matter what I may have thought
before. I really mean it.

Cal smiles and pats his Togepi on the head as they're surrounded by Koga's Pokémon. Scyther flies for Togepi. Cal leaps in front of Togepi, protecting the tiny egg. Scyther starts slashing, sending Cal on his back and crying out in pain.

Venomoth sends out yellow spores from her wings, and Cal takes the hit once again, spasming from the Stun Spore's paralyzing effects. Cal is locked in place, with a few sporadic spasms here and there.

With Cal down and out, Scyther and Venomoth turn their attention to Togepi. As the tiny Togepi puffs out its egg-covered chest and RUNS FORWARD, he evolves into TOGETIC. An adorable little chick, with an elongated neck, tiny head, stubby feet and arms and two tiny wings. In mid-air, Togetic STRUGGLES to fly, but then within seconds, it glows as well, transforming into a majestic TOGEKISS. Togekiss has a vaguely-avian, egg-shaped body with white, downy feathers, red and blue markings on its chest with a similarly colored three-pointed crest on its head, and broad, triangle-shaped wings that allow it to soar effortlessly.

Togekiss creates an AURA SPHERE of blue aura in its mouth, releasing it right at Scyther's chest! Togekiss swoops around, its wings making contact with Venomoth for a powerful FLY attack to swoop the purple moth through the air.

Togekiss then flies right at Koga. Koga tries to avoid the massive bird, but Togekiss sweeps him up and Koga is sent flying against the wall of the cave. His head smacks against the rock and he slides down the wall, unconscious. Togekiss swings back around and lands in front of Cal, wrapping her wings around him. She heals him of his paralysis.

He looks on in amazement.

CAL (CONT'D)

You... you evolved?

Togekiss gives a grin. Cal climbs on its back.

CAL (CONT'D)

And you kicked major ass. Awesome!
Let's go kick some more.

And then Togekiss takes off with Cal on its back. Both wear determined expressions as they ZOOM away and the "TEAM LEADER BATTLE!" loop fades ---

Red, Pika, and Snorlax are all knocked unconscious in the background, having been defeated by Nidoqueen and Persian. Red manages to crawl out from underneath Snorlax, but he's still too weak to move anywhere else and just passes out from exhaustion again.

ON HILBERT

As he, Raichu and Charizard run over to Iris and Hydreigon's side, as they lie unmoving, pressed against the rough ground.

ON HARETA

As he sits up, dazed by Nidoqueen's body weight slamming against him. Persian stands above him, hissing right into his face.

ON IRIS

As she gets up. Hydreigon follows. She and Hilbert HUG. They break quickly, seeing Giovanni now ignoring Hareta and returning to command his Weavile and Cloyster in battle with Mewtwo.

Iris climbs on Hydreigon's back and they zoom forward, for Giovanni. Hilbert and Raichu climb on Charizard's back and they head for Nidoqueen and Persian...

ON HARETA

Who screams as Persian goes in for a killing bite to the JUGULAR.

He puts his arm up to block his neck, and Persian BITES in. Persian rips a chunk of flesh out and gives an angry hiss that it wasn't a killing blow. Hareta's screaming in pain. He tries to squirm away but CAN'T.

That's when Charizard swoops down and Raichu drops onto the cavern floor beside Hareta. Raichu gives a powerful BRICK BREAK attack, punching Persian away with a brick red-hued fist. Persian gives a whimper as she flies off of Hareta. Hareta stands, holding his arm and trying his best not to cry.

Forretress and Pachirisu are battling Nidoqueen in the background, the large beast is holding them off. So he sends out SKITTY.

HARETA

Skitty, use Assist! C'mon, let's show Persian who's the real top cat!

Skitty leaps into the air, spins around and lands on the ground. It creates a HUGE CRACK IN THE GROUND. A FISSURE ATTACK!

ON HILBERT

Hilbert lands Charlotte and recalls Raichu, sending NIDOKING out against Giovanni's Nidoqueen.

Nidoking wrestles with his female counterpart, while Hareta's Forretress and Pachirisu return to their trainer's side.

HILBERT

Nidoking, use Megahorn!!

Nidoking proves stronger than Nidoqueen in their wrestling match. First he shoves her back, dazing her. Then he begins his MEGAHORN attack by JABBING Nidoqueen in the chest, next, he LIFTS her into the air with his horn, and finally, he SWINGS his head to the left and throws her against the cave wall.

HILBERT (CONT'D)

Now, pummel her with Superpower!

Nidoking rushes forward, fists pumped, and then BAM!! He slams them right into Nidoqueen's chest.

Skitty's FISSURE begins to shake their side of the battlefield too.

CUE --- "VS. TRAINER VICTORY" from RED & BLUE:

Nidoking manages to stand his ground while Nidoqueen sways a bit, falling over --- KNOCKED OUT. Hilbert and Nidoking won!

Persian lay trapped in the fissured crack in the ground, knocked out. Skitty dances around happily in her victory.

The victory music fades...

ON IRIS

As her Hydreigon swoops down upon Weavile and Cloyster.

Hydreigon gathers a blue ball of energy in its mouth...

IRIS

Hydreigon, use Draco Meteor!!

That blue ball extends into several blue balls of energy that explode around the battlefield, hitting Weavile, Cloyster, and Giovanni. CAL swoops in on the back of his TOGESS, its wings glowing. Togekiss uses EXTREMESPEED to dart around the field, hitting Weavile, then Cloyster.

Mewtwo is finally able to take a breather now that its opponents have been stalled. Gathering psychic energy, Mewtwo is able to whip up a PSYWAVE TORNADO...

...MEW emerges from Iris's hair!

MEWTWO (V.O.)

...Mew?

MEW (V.O.)

I wasn't going to leave you behind,
that's for sure!!

Mew joins its offspring on the battlefield, getting INSIDE the tornado. It lets off its own psychic energy, making the tornado stronger. Mewtwo releases the tornado, allowing the tornado and Mew to spin around and bowl through Weavile and Cloyster. The combined psychic energy throws Cloyster and Weavile onto their backs, knocking them out for good.

Giovanni stands in complete, numbed horror. The tornado keeps raging and he shakes his head.

GIOVANNI

Having lost in this fashion, I
can't face my followers. I have
betrayed their trust. As of today,
Team Rocket is finished! I shall
dedicate my life to training...
until I am stronger, Team Rocket
shall be no more!

Giovanni recalls his Persian, Nidoqueen, Cloyster and Weavile into their Poké Balls and puts them inside his suit. He lets out his CROBAT and hangs onto the back of the large bat.

HILBERT

You don't think you should pay for
your crimes?!

IRIS

For what you did to me!? You made
me betray my friends.

(MORE)

IRIS (CONT'D)

You murdered Pokémon, you hurt so many others, you basically destroyed Kanto's national security by manipulating most of their gym leaders and protectors. You don't think you deserve to pay for that?!

GIOVANNI

You made your own choices, you worked under me for the promise of changing the past. A foolish sentiment. You basically let me play you. You will get over it, as will the people of Kanto. We will all move on eventually.

Giovanni and Crobat take off. Iris flies after him on her Hydreigon, screaming in anger and pure hate.

IRIS

NO!

EXT. CERULEAN CAVE - NIGHT

Outside the Cerulean Cave. Hydreigon and Iris fly outside, over the water that surrounds the isolated cavern. No sign of Giovanni. He's already gone.

Iris begins to sob, face pressed against the back of Hydreigon. CHARIZARD and HILBERT follow after her, flying right beside Hydreigon. Hilbert crawls across Charizard's wing and slides onto Hydreigon, right behind Iris. He holds her.

IRIS

...You hate me don't you?
Everything that happened, it's
because of me...

HILBERT

You did everything you could. I
forgive you. I do.

He kisses her neck.

HILBERT (CONT'D)

I just want my Pokémon back.

Iris smiles softly.

IRIS
I have some work to do, then.

FADE TO:

INT. CERULEAN CITY POKÉMON CENTER - DAY

RED lies stretched out on a bed. His wounds are being tended to, while BLAINE is carried off on a stretcher into the back. HILBERT, HARETA, IRIS and CAL approach. Hareta's got his arm bandaged up from when Persian mauled him.

HILBERT
How are you doing?

RED
Fine. Is Blaine gonna' be okay?

HILBERT
Just a few surgeries or two.
Persian got him pretty bad, but
he'll be fine.

HARETA
I'll have to show Blaine my arm.
We'll have matching Persian bite
scars!

RED
(laughing)
Oh, I'm *sure* he'll love that.

IRIS
So what's going to happen to
Sabrina and Koga?

RED
They've been carted off by the
International Police. Apparently,
we've been relieved of our duties.

He hands Iris some papers out of his pocket. She looks them over, shrugs expectantly.

IRIS
Well, I assumed that me being the
Mask of Ice and the leak inside the
Police wouldn't keep my job very
secure in the end.

RED
And because of my association with
you, I had to be let go too.

(MORE)

RED (CONT'D)

Thank you. Freedom is going to be great. Those people put you on choke collars, can't do anything.

Iris chuckles a bit. She then grows serious---

IRIS

So what does this mean for me? I committed crimes. Do I do time?

RED

(pause)

They might make you serve some time. Or offer a deal on information, to help them get things back in order around here. I'm sure they'll be contacting you soon.

IRIS

Sorry about letting you take the blame...

RED

I escaped, no harm done.

He smiles a bit. Iris smiles back. They all exit, except Hilbert.

HILBERT

So... what's next for the Indigo League Champion, then?

RED

I think I'll do some more training. Maybe reclaim that Champion title everyone seems to love to use on me. How about you, Unova League Champ?

HILBERT

I want a battle.

RED

Make it to the top of Mt. Silver. Then we'll talk.

Red climbs off the bed.

HILBERT

Huh? Wait. Where are you going?

RED
 (grins)
 To the top of Mt. Silver.

And he leaves. Hilbert thinks for a moment...

INT. SILPH CO. - VAULT - DAY

IRIS stands with HILBERT in the VAULT of the SILPH CO. BUILDING. INTERNATIONAL POLICE OFFICERS scour the room, too. Iris pulls out six Poké Balls, handing them to Hilbert.

IRIS
 Sheldon, Leavanny, Archeops,
 Krookodile, Cinccino and Meloetta.
 They're all here.

CUE --- "EMOTION" from BLACK & WHITE as Hilbert lets them out of their Poké Balls. Indeed, SHELDON the SAMUROTT, LEAVANNY, ARCHEOPS, KROOKODILE, CINCCINO, and MELOETTA are all there.

He smiles, such happiness, at this jubilant reunion. They all hug him. Samurott's large arms wrap Hilbert up, trainer and his starter finally reunited. Cinccino wraps his large, soft blanket like mane around him lovingly. Krookodile's long tongue gives him a lick. Meloetta gives a curtsy... they all greet him in their own, personal way.

HILBERT
 (to his Pokémon)
 You guys have a lot of new friends
 to meet.
 (beat, back to Iris)
 Thank you, for bringing them back.
 So now what?

IRIS
 I'm going to stick around here in Kanto. They want me to help with the clean up, because I was part of the destruction. Maybe I'll even relinquish the Opelucid Gym Leader duties over to Cal, and open up a gym here. With Surge dead, Sabrina and Koga locked up, and Giovanni gone, they're kind of low on that. But that's only if they'll accept me.

HILBERT
 Yeah, you are a foreigner after all.

They chuckle a bit.

IRIS

You can't deny how stupid some of our homeland's Pokémon look though.

HILBERT

Like the Vanilluxe family? Absolutely terrifying.

IRIS

Or Trubbish and Garbodor.

HILBERT

Yeah. Almost felt like Arceus was running out of ideas with those.

IRIS

In their defense, Kanto does have the Magnemite line. Which evolves into... three Magnemites stuck together.

HILBERT

And Grimer. Which evolves into Muk, which just looks like a bigger version of Grimer.

IRIS

Seems like Unovians and 'Genwunners' have more in common than we thought.

HILBERT

Just don't tell Professor Oak that. He'll turn Nuzlocke mode back on.

IRIS

(laughs)

So then what's next for you?

HILBERT

The International Police gave me an offer. Want to start training me as a spy, I apparently saved the world twice or something equally amazing. Didn't get that memo. But I don't know. I didn't even do most of the work this time around, we were more of a team. I think I'll travel around a bit more. Tons to see before I settle on some career I'll be sure to get bored of eventually.

IRIS

Alone?

HILBERT

Nah. I'll probably invite Felicia.

IRIS

Not funny.

HILBERT

I'm kidding. No one can find her anyway. I'm sure Hareta won't let me go alone. The kid's grown on me, honestly.

IRIS

Well that's good. It's good to have friends, don't always be so brooding.

HILBERT

Don't be too hard on Cal, okay?

IRIS

As long as you don't bully Hareta too much.

HILBERT

Deal.

They hug.

IRIS

See ya around. We'll keep in touch.

HILBERT

For sure. As long as you're not too busy.

IRIS

Yeah, well, no promises on that one. I'll do whatever I need to to fix things.

HILBERT

Stay safe.

They break from their hug and Hilbert recalls all of his Pokémon, clipping them back on his belt.

HILBERT (V.O.)

It felt good to have them on my belt again.

(MORE)

HILBERT (V.O.) (CONT'D)
 And to breathe in the fresh air of
 potential new adventures... it was
 exhilarating.

He heads out the door as Iris watches him go. The door shuts
 and the song "Emotion" fades along with the screen...

FADE TO BLACK.

FADE IN:

EXT. MT. SILVER - DAY

MT. SILVER is the largest mountain in the Pokémon world.
 It's an amazing sight. Snow covers the top, and we see
 nothing but the view of the middle ground between KANTO AND
 JOHTO. If you step to the left, you're in Kanto, to the
 right, and you're in Johto. It's the perfect middle ground,
 two regions in one spot, and the view is absolutely
 breathtaking.

A lone figure stands, all we see is his silhouette and the
 silhouette of his Pokémon, looking out at the view.

TIGHT ON THE SNOW now. Two red sneakers STEP into it.
 CRUNCCCH CRUNNCCH. Behind it, another pair of feet. We PAN
 up.

In front, HILBERT. Behind him, HARETA. They wear their
 usual clothes, but Hilbert's Cincino is wrapped around
 Hilbert like a warm scarf. The chinchilla Pokémon sleeps
 comfortably around his neck, as if nothing were happening.
 Hareta's Pachirisu's warm tail does the same for Hareta, the
 little squirrel sits on its trainer's shoulder while its tail
 curls around his neck.

Hilbert cups his gloved hands around his mouth and shouts
 over the blizzard:

HILBERT
 Nice view.

As Hilbert and Hareta get closer to the figure, he turns
 around. Revealing RED. Next to him are PIKA, CHARIZARD,
 VILEPLUME, LAPRAS, SNORLAX, MAROWAK, and MEWTWO.

A text box appears on the bottom of the screen reading only:

"..."

As Hilbert lets out SAMUROTT, CHARIZARD, RAICHU, GYARADOS,
 NIDOKING, and PRIMEAPE, "FINAL BATTLE: VS RED" from HEARTGOLD
 & SILVER plays.

We see these two trainers ready to face off as Hareta takes a seat and observes...

As Red's Pika lunges forward, Hilbert's Raichu does the same. Pika's ELECTRO BALL collides with Raichu's THUNDERBOLT, creating an explosion of ELECTRICITY...

CUT TO BLACK.

'ROLL CREDITS' - PLAY "FINAL BATTLE: VS RED"