

## Go's Birthday!



### Chapter II - Team Rocket Crashes The Party.

It's almost midday and the sun shines bright, Pikachu, Satoshi, Raboot and Go after spending their breakfast energy playing soccer with their Pokémon at Sakuragi Park in the morning went for the next phase of Go's Perfect Best Super Birthday Party Ever which means catching Pokémon at a nearby park near Sakuragi Institute.

- Raboot, you are really good with soccer! I couldn't defend one of your shots. Says Satoshi admiring Raboot abilities with the ball, sometimes he demonstrated this in battle when he kicks a Pokéball to help Go catch a wild Pokémon.

The fire rabbit Pokémon blushes a bit and says - *Raboot*. Go then boosts a bit about his soccer abilities - I guess he is like his trainer too! Very good at soccer! Go is also very skilled as a soccer player, he even scored a goal doing a Backheel Flick on Satoshi.

- I love soccer, but you guys are too good for me and Pikachu! Thanks to Gengar our team didn't lose to a lot of difference, he helped us a lot as the goalkeeper! Says Satoshi laughing, Gengar's PSYCHIC is a very good move to defend the goal from shots, but it's not much of a fair play, because in a soccer match you are supposed to use your feet but they were just playing for fun and they had a lot of fun playing soccer.

Go is with his Rotom Phone on hand looking at what Pokémon have been seen nearby the park, but to his surprise, all the usual Pokémon that appear on the park he already has cached before but he still was enjoying taking a nice walk with his best friend and Pokémon in the park.

- I think I already caught all the Pokémon in this area Satoshi. Says Go closing his phone and putting it back in his pocket, Satoshi looks a bit bummed but then he says - Don't worry bro! Why don't we go for some ice cream? Asks Satoshi, the sun is really hitting them hard, it's a very hot day but still very pleasant to be outside.

The gang starts to look for an ice cream seller in the park, it wouldn't be too hard to find, because it's the Carnival holiday, as they walk they spot a small carnival parade and decide to join the parade that is dancing to the popular carnival music Tangela's Hair, Go is not very good with dancing, but he enjoys the mood as he walks with the parade, Satoshi is more easygoing and dances to the rhythm with Pikachu and Raboot.

The parade sings the music about Tangela, this mysterious Pokémon was a big talk in Kanto in the past because people and even scientists couldn't define what type of Pokémon it is because it can use a lot of different types of moves and it can live in a wide array of places.

♪ Look at Tangela's Hair! ♪  
 ♪ What is it? What is it? ♪  
 ♪ It's a Grass-Type? ♪  
 ♪ It's a Poison-Type? ♪  
 ♪ It's a Fairy-Type? ♪  
 ♪ We all don't know! ♪

The parade is not only composed of humans playing instruments, dancing, singing or just chilling drinking juice or eating candy but also of Pokémon, a funny Popplio is doing some tricks with a small rubber ball using his nose and the move WATER GUN, a duo of Plusle and Minun are using HELPING HAND to make the other Pokémon feel more energetic and Minccino dances to the rhythm of the Samba music.

The parade then decides to change the music for another huge popular Carnival music, that time is Open your Way, a music about the parade entering the city bringing music and fun led by a magnificent and very rare shiny gold variant of Bellossom.

♪ Open your way ♪  
 ♪ We want to pass ♪  
 ♪ Open your way ♪

♪ We want to pass ♪  
 ♪ Golden Rose ♪  
 ♪ It's the one who is going to pass ♪  
 ♪ Golden Rose ♪  
 ♪ It's the one who is going to pass ♪

- This is really fun! Says Satoshi happily dancing with Pikachu alongside the other members of the parade.

- Yeah! I'm not much of a dancer but I'm having a lot of fun! Says Go also happily, Raboot is a very good dancer and it's even catching a bit of attention from the parade itself and the passersby who take photos, videos and share on Pokégram, the social media of the Pokémon world.

The sound of the maracas, tambourine, shakers and cavaquinhos spread a nice samba happiness across the street, the sound is very unique to the carnival music and often draws people all around the Pokémon world to visit Kanto during the festivities.

People from nearby houses, local businesses and even some apartments wave and sing along to the small carnival parade, if Satoshi and Go were flying Pokémon, they would see that they are not the only small carnival parade in the park, there are also two another parades in the park.

- Let's go for some ice cream! Says Go smiling pointing to an ice cream stall. Satoshi as always accepts the invitation to have some nice refresher from all that dance, singing and a bit of resting from the summer sun - Count me in Go! Says Satoshi excited.

The boys go for a ice cream in a big van similar to one you could find in the beach where a man, a woman and a Meowth in a Vanillite, Vanillish and Vanilluxe costumes respectively are working, they part from the parade as they wave to them and they wave back, the parade is going to the center of the city to join the other parades for the big party.

- Hello dear! What flavor of ice cream do you want? Ask the woman in costume in a tender voice.

Satoshi promptly says - I want to have a Paçoca, peanut candy ice cream please! Pikachu at his foot also agrees - Pika Pika!

- Okay! One Paçoca ice cream coming through! Says the woman taking the money from Satoshi and asking for the man and the Meowth to make the ice cream.

Go and Raboot are looking at the panel at the stall seeing all the different flavors, the woman then asks Go - Do you want a suggestion?

- Sure! Says Go smiling. The woman then says - What about a Kiwifruit flavored ice cream?

Hearing the word Kiwifruit Go remembers all about that big incident at Arceus Kingdom, all about that man and his crime family and all the trouble him and Raboot, Scorbunny at that time, have gone through, why from all the fruits in the world, that guy really loved Kiwifruits?

- No, thanks! Says Go blushing a bit and shaking his head to forget all about that nonsense and then he continues - I accept a banana ice cream and one carrot ice cream for my partner Raboot!

- Okey Dokey! One Banana and Carrot ice cream coming through! Says the woman, she then adds gently - Why don't you wait at your table and we bring the ice cream to you guys? - Okay! Says Go as he and Raboot joins Satoshi and Pikachu as they sit down in the white plastic chair around the circle white plastic table.

The Meowth is making the ice cream putting them in the cones while the woman whispers to the man - How lucky of us to find the brats here huh Kojiro. The man, whose name is Kojiro, says evilly - Yeah! This ice cream stall is equipped with a lot of mechanisms for us to capture Pokémon that are distracted by the carnival parade, but to think that Pikachu would come to us is amazing!

Team Rocket is a criminal organization that works in the shadow of the Pokémon World, their objective is to use Pokémon to do all types of criminal schemes, steal Pokémon and capture rare and powerful Pokémon, the leader of the organization is Sasaki. Satoshi and Go have battled against Team Rocket numerous times and stopped their evil schemes in the past.

Musashi, Kojiro and Meowth decided to hide their Capture Pokémon Mecha VAN0-2 as an ice cream stall because there are a lot of other vans offering ice cream in the carnival holiday, so it's the perfect disguise. The stealing Pokémon operation hasn't started yet, but because they spotted Satoshi's Pikachu they are changing their focus to capture Pikachu instead of the Pokémon from the carnival parades all around Vermilion City.

- It's our lucky day! Says Meowth leaving the stall and heading to the table where the gang is sitting awaiting for the ice cream, Meowth arrives there and gives the ice cream to the boys and then goes back to the stall.

Satoshi starts to munch the mass of the ice cream giving a bit with his finger to Pikachu while Raboot and Go lick the ice cream - This is really good! Says Go flavoring the banana flavored ice cream and Satoshi adds with bit of ice cream around his mouth - It's really good!

Pikachu is also enjoying his ice cream - *Pika Pika!* Raboot really likes carrot ice cream, it's not a very common flavor to have so he felt very happy that they have carrot ice cream - *Raboot!* Says the Pokémon being a bit more enthusiastic than usual.

- This is a very good birthday! Yells Go happily while he gives a big lick to his ice cream, not not only is the weather perfect, but he is also enjoying ice cream with his best friend and Pokémon, Satoshi smiles and says - Go, I want to give your birthday present now!

Satoshi opens his green bag and from it he takes a very small envelope wrapped in a Pokéball gift paper, he then gives it to Go with his two hands - Happy Birthday Bro! Says Satoshi smiling, Go blushes a bit, he gets embarrassed very easily, and he smiles a bit awkward - Satoshi, you didn't need to give me a present, you already gave me the best present ever that it's having fun with me on my birthday!

Raboot and Pikachu look excited at the small envelope and wonder what it's inside, Satoshi shakes his head and says with a wide confident smile - C'mon Go, this is the Go Perfect Best Super Birthday Party Ever so it's obvious I'm going to give you a gift!

- Thanks! I really appreciate you buying for me a present! Says Go smiling, very happy as he bows his head to Satoshi, Pikachu and Raboot get even closer to the envelope and Satoshi laughs a bit because he knows Go will love his present.

The birthday boy then starts to unwrap his present but he stops suddenly when he hears a very big mechanical sound screeching through the whole park cutting the singing and the music of the parades, not only he stopped opening his present but he also jumps from his chair with Pikachu, Raboot and Satoshi as they look around to see where the loud noise is coming from.

- I bet it's from there! Yells Satoshi pointing his finger to the ice cream stall. Pikachu and Raboot jump in front of their trainers and prepare themselves for trouble, they are almost sure what is coming next. - *Pikachu!* Cries Pikachu with a bit of electric power coming from his red cheeks while Raboot is already in position to give a good DOUBLE KICK - *Raboot!* Cries the fire Pokémon.

The ice cream stall is engulfed in a white fog, Satoshi, Go, Pikachu and Raboot squinch their eyes to see what is happening, they can still hear a very loud mechanic

sound of grinding gears and something being pushed and pulled, after some seconds, the smoke then disperse itself.

They now can clearly see that the stall has transformed itself into a big white van with a big red letter R written on both sides of the van, there is also a big crane machine attached to the top of the van, the crane is red colored, it's one of those mecha that Team Rocket uses to capture Pokémon, when the Pokémon are snatched by the crane they are put in a cage of super resilient glass on the back of the van that can't be broken easily.

On the top of the van is Kojiro, Musashi and Meowth still wearing their Vanillite, Vanillish and Vanilluxe costumes but even with their disguises the gang already knows that they are Team Rocket.

- Team Rocket! Yells Satoshi angrily with Pikachu at his side.

- I can't believe you guys want to ruin my birthday! Says Go a bit irritated that they decided to show up on his birthday, since the whole Arceus Kingdom adventure they haven't seen them.

Musashi, Kojiro and Meowth in a flash thrown their costumes in the air revealing their Team Rocket uniforms, Musashi is wearing a white jacket with a red letter R on it's center, white skirt and a black boot while Kojiro is wearing a white masculine jacket with a red letter R on it's center and white trousers and of course a black boot, both are wearing black gloves.

The famous duo of Team Rocket are approximately the same age and height, Musashi sports a very long magenta hair, blue eyes and a griming smile while Kojiro blue hair is short and straight falling on the side of his head, his eyes are also green and his smile is confident.

- If it's a normal or a special day! Yells Musashi triumphantly above the van.

- We'll answer out of sympathy for the world! Yells Kojiro throwing a red rose at the gang, they hated when he did that.

Musashi then poses herself extending her right arm while her left arm is on the top of the van, she also stretches her right leg and yells - To protect the world from devastation!

Kojiro poses himself with both arms extended to the sky - To preserve world peace! Says the villain in a confident tone, following that Musashi jumps above Kojiro and falls down on her feets posing gallantly - Championing the evils of truth and love. Says Musashi smiling and feeling good about her usual Rocket Team entrance.

Kojiro then jumps at Musashi's side and strikes a pose - We're the lovely, charming villains! Says Kojiro smiling, he simply loves to do the Team Rocket motto.

- Musashi! Yells Musashi looking directly at the brats, how she likes to reference Satoshi and Go.

- Kojiro! Yells Kojiro looking at Pikachu and Raboot, their prizes, as he likes to reference Satoshi's and Go's Pokémon.

Kojiro takes Musashi's hands and spins her while she says - Team Rocket duo soars through the galaxy! Kojiro then adds the final part of their entrance - Like a white hole, a white tomorrow awaits us! They both get back to back crossing both arms as Meowth jumps in front of them and says - Just kidding, meow! Suddenly, Musashi's Psychic-Type Pokémon, Wobbuffet emerges from Pokéball and yells - Wobbuffet!

- Give us your Pikachu and your Raboot brats! Says Musashi already knowing the answer to her question.

Satoshi yells - We're not giving nothing and stop trying to mess up with my friend's birthday and the carnival holiday! Musashi hearing that brings a black remote controller from her pocket and starts to operate it, the crane machine of the Mecha VAN0-2 lights light up and the crane launches itself to where Satoshi, Pikachu, Go and Raboot are but they are able to evade but the plastic table and chair are smashed by the heavy weight crane.

- Musashi! Aim better next time! Yells Kojiro a bit annoyed at Musashi who gives him an ugly look.

The battle between Team Rocket and the gang brings the attention of a local news reporter woman and her camerawoman that were previously covering the carnival parade, they shift their focus to transmit Satoshi, Go, Pikachu and Raboot battle against Team Rocket, she positions herself in the front of the camera and begins to narrate excited the events that are happening.

- The terrific Team Rocket is trying to steal Pokémon during the carnival parade here at the park near Sakuragi Institute, but two teenager Pokémon Trainers are trying to stop them! Says the pink haired woman in her thirties wearing a blue blouse, a white shirt and blue skirts.

The gang is already on foot again, Satoshi then says to Go - Let's break that crane machine before it does more damage! Go nods positively to Satoshi and adds - Let's do a double attack!

- Here it comes! Yells Musashi triumphantly pushing the red button of the controller, the crane charges forward to where the gang is at incredible speed.

Satoshi jumps forward and with a strong swing of his arm commands his partner - Pikachu! Use THUNDERBOLT on the crane that is coming to us! Satoshi's Pikachu jumps in the air and cries - *Pikachu!* The Pokémon energizes himself launching a powerful wave of electrical energy at the crane that stops mid air by being hit by the electric discharge of more than 100,000 Volts from Pikachu.

- Raboot! Use EMBER on Pikachu's THUNDERBOLT! Says Go throwing his arm forward with his hand open in an energetic and confident tone trusting his Pokémon abilities, Raboot takes a pebble from the ground and starts to do kick-ups with it putting his energy on the pebble that turns into a ball of fire and he kicks it at the crane.

The ball of fire directly hit the crane and with the added effect of Pikachu's Thunderbolt a combined reaction occurs between lighting and fire causing a big explosion launching the crane back to the van hitting it directly and breaking not only the crane machine all together but also the entirety of the Mecha VAN 00-2, luckily for Musashi, Kojiro and Meowth they were able to jump before the crane broke the van completely.

- Way go Raboot and Pikachu! Yells happily Go jumping to fist bump his friend Satoshi - Yeah! We did it! Says Satoshi congratulating their Pokémon.

Musashi, Kojiro and Meowth look angrily at the gang, Musashi then says frustrated - Let's go to plan B! Rocket Prize Master Come'on! Yells Musashi looking up to the sky as a Pelipper emerges from a cloud and drops from his mouth the mecha Rocket Prize Master, a special mecha of Team Rocket that includes powerful and rare Pokémon for members of Team Rocket to use in battle, the Pelipper is always nearby Team Rocket to deliver the Rocket Prize Master mecha.

The mecha falls from the sky and breaks a bit of ground launching a bit of dirt and mud everywhere, Meowth launch himself upside down in the valve to turn the machine on, because the machine, like any Prize Machine, needs a coin to operate, in this case, Team Rocket uses Meowth's head golden coin.

- Go Rocket Prize Master! Yells Musashi and Kojiro at the same time, Musashi and Kojiro turn the valve of the machine and receive two purple Pokéballs with the Team Rocket insignia, the duo of villains take the Pokéballs and throw them in the air revealing their Pokémon.

- Haunt them! The terrifying Ghost Pokémon Cursola! Says Kojiro holding the pamphlet that comes with the Pokéball giving what the attacks of the Pokémon are,

his type and even some strategy tips. - *Cursola!* Cries the Galarian Corsola ready for battle.

- Go forward, the water absorb Pokémon Araquanid! Says Musashi while she holds the pamphlet that comes with the Pokéball, the water and bug type Pokémon stays ready to attack Pikachu and Raboot.

The news reporter cries in shock as the camera shifts between Team Rocket, Satoshi and Go - Team Rocket not only has type advantage over the Pokémon of the young trainers but those Pokémon look very fierce! What are they gonna do right now? Asks the reporter to the viewers and also for Satoshi and Go.

- Go, let's change our Pokémon! Says Satoshi instructing his best friend who is not as good at Pokémon Battle as Satoshi, Go takes his hand inside his pocket, lucky for him, he is carrying some other Pokémon with him. - Okay! Let's go! Says Go excited for the upcoming Pokémon Battle, Satoshi is also smiling at the challenge that Team Rocket is promoting to them.

- Help us out Gengar! Says Satoshi throwing his Pokéball in the air while Pikachu takes the backseat of the battle and stands side by side with Satoshi and Go, the Ghost-Type Pokémon emerges and laughs evilly - *Gengar!*

- A bug Pokémon? No problem! Let's go Scyther! Says Go throwing his Pokéball on the ground, the Bug and Flying Pokémon known by its fierce attacks emerges from the Pokéball, the confident Pokémon smiles and cries - *Scyther!* Raboot wished he could fight too, but he is weak against Water-Type moves, so he watches silently but cheering from inside Scyther and Go.

Kojiro commands Cursola - Cursola use ICY WIND on Gengar! The ghost Pokémon opens her mouth and suddenly a gushing freezing wind comes from it directly at Gengar - Evade it Gengar and use NIGHT SHADE! Commands Satoshi to his partner who escapes the ICY WIND easily as he laughs and disappears in mid air.

Cursola looks around but can't find her opponent, but Gengar appears again but this time behind Cursola, his eyes turn red and he shoots from its eyes a ray of dark energy that hit directly Cursola, Ghost Pokémon attacks are super effective against other Ghost Pokémon so Cursola faints from the damage.

Musashi looks at Kojiro, frowning over being defeated again and says smiling to Go - I'm not going to be as easy as Kojiro! Araquanid use BUBBLE BEAM! The Pokémon launches from its water covered head a powerful ray of water that takes Scyther and Go by surprise, it does damage to Go's Pokémon, but not enough that would make him incapacitated to fight back.

- Scyther! Good working resisting the attack! Now it's our turn, Use AIR SLASH! Says Go throwing his fist up as the green Bug and Flying Pokémon launches from it's scythes two powerful wind slashes that are super effective against Araquanid.

- Araquanid! IRON DEFENSE! Yells Musashi desperately to the Araquanid who reinforces it's defense by making it's skin rigid and rougher but it's not enough to resist the powerful AIR SLASH attack from Scyther, Araquanid faints instantly.

Go jumps in the air and says to Scyther making a sign of victory with his hand - Way to go! We did it! The green Pokémon looks proudly at Go showing his scythes and says - *Scyther!*

- Pikachu! Use THUNDERBOLT on all of them and blast them off! Shouts Satoshi to Pikachu who once again jump in the air and uses THUNDERBOLT on Musashi, Kojiro, Meowth, Cursola, Araquanid, The Rocket Prize Master and even on the now destroyed van causing a big explosion making the ground and tree nearby to the explosion to shake, the explosion is strong that it launches team Rocket, their Pokémon and equipment in the air like a rocket.

- We truly danced to the music! Cries Kojiro sadly looking at Pikachu, Satoshi, Go and Raboot celebrating their victory against them.

- I wish I could have enjoyed more of the parade! Cries Musashi thinking back about the beautiful costumes and the nice Samba music she could have enjoyed if she wasn't working for Team Rocket.

- Why their Pokémon are so strong? Thinks Meowth regretting his course of action of trying once again to capture Pikachu.

- What an awful feeling! Cries sadly Kojiro, Musashi and Meowth as they blast off in the sky disappearing in the horizon of midday, once again, the villains are defeated by the gang.

The news reporter yells happily - Unbelievable! The young trainers have defeated Team Rocket! The carnival parade that is close to Satoshi, Go, Pikachu and Raboot start to celebrate and even make a Samba music in honor of the gang and their victory against Team Rocket.

Satoshi and Go fist bump as they smile at each other and they hear their stomachs rumbling - I'm a bit hungry after all that fighting. Says Go a bit embarrassed by how loud his stomach rumbled, Satoshi laughs and says - Me too bro! This is the next phase of your birthday party! We're going to have lunch in a very special place!

- Excuse me! Before you all go, I have to do some little paperwork about what happened here, first of all, thanks for saving the carnival parade! Says the local Vermillion City Junsar Officer that suddenly appeared on the scene with with her dog Pokémon partner Growlithe

The news reporter with her camerawoman also gets closer to Go and Satoshi - Can I have an interview afterwards with our local heroes? She asks a bit out of breath from all the action and emotion that happened a while ago -

Satoshi and Go look at each other smiling a bit embarrassed by all the attention, by being called local heroes and at the same time really liking the compliments they are receiving - Sure! Says Go smiling and Satoshi replies smiling too - As long it doesn't make us late for lunch!

Raboot and Pikachu are also happy by the compliments, Pikachu smiles and cries - *Pikachu!* Raboot tries to look and just looks away and says in almost a whispering tone - *Rab Rab.*

Everyone laughs at Satoshi comment, the Samba and singing get back even stronger than before and the carnival starts again in the park, everything is solved, like every great birthday party, it would not be completed without a few surprises, the surprise this time was a battle against Team Rocket that has proven how Go has evolved as Pokémon Trainer and person since the last year.

What more adventures and surprises awaits Go on his birthday? Where Satoshi will take him for lunch and more importantly, what is the present that Satoshi is so sure that Go will love?