



Satoshi and Go Vacation Adventure in Arceus Kingdom

Chapter III - Pokémon Battle!

The gang arrived at the picnic location some time ago. a small flowered park at the top of a small hill near almost the exit of the road of Route 6-38-R. The picnic is already served on the grass, some sandwiches, juices, fruits and a chocolate carrot cake for dessert, they would have a very light snack, use the bathroom and then go back to the car to reach their destination that was super close for them now.

It was still still eight o'clock in the morning, they are the only family there so they felt very free to even play around with Pikachu and Scorbunny because even if they liked the car ride they are very energetic Pokémon that needs to move around a lot to feel happy, after a bit of play, they settled down for the snack sitting on the grass in a circle around the picnic basket at the center.

- Miss Yoshino, this sandwich is really good! Said Satoshi gives half of his sandwich to Pikachu who also enjoyed it a lot. - *Pika Pika!* Says Pikachu munching the sandwich.

- Oh Satoshi, thanks! Said Yoshino, happy by hearing the compliment.

- This cake is delicious! Scorbunny really loves chocolate carrot cake huh Scorbunny? Said Go seeing Scorbunny dig in the cake very happy while Go scratched his ear gently. - *Bun Bun!* Replies Scorbunny saying how much he loves the carrot chocolate cake.

- Thanks Go! Said Yoshino flattered..

- It's really good mom! Added Koharu and Sota at the same time, they both laughed at their brother and sister synchronization. Yoshino is more than flattered, she really loved when people loved her food, usually her husband compliments were almost scientific like for how he tasted the food, that's why she enjoyed the more direct approach of the kids.

- It's really amazing how you cut the sandwiches perfectly symmetrical to the size of an average human and Pokémon bite. Analyzing Sakuragi deeply, that surreal scene is fun so everyone laughs at how the Professor is being all science about sandwiches.

- Oh dear, only you take notice of this! Says Yoshino laughing while taking a sip of her tea cup and she continues. - Dear, I think it's time for us to reveal our surprise for them.

- Yes, it's the perfect time! Satoshi, Go, Koharu, Sota, let's cheer for another year of great school grades from all of you, helping me with the institute and for you guys being very good kids in all aspects! Says a very proud Sakuragi, especially for how he feels about the way Koharu and Sota are growing up.

- You guys have been very sweet, helpful, doing the chores and most importantly, living life to the fullest. Adds Yoshino finalizing the little speech giving a big kiss on Sakuragi cheek who blushes, everyone laughs seeing the serious professor lose his words.

- Satoshi and Go, you worked very well with Pikachu and Scorbunny which is an example of how Pokémon Trainers need to treat and bond with their Pokémon. Says Sakuragi looking directly at them and then he continues his little speech - Koharu and Sota, not only both of you did great in school but also helped in your free time with the work in the laboratory and also treated and bonded with various Pokémon, especially Yamper.

- You also worked very hard Professor! Says Yoshino hugging Sakuragi, Satoshi mimicked Yoshino's hug with Go who got super embarrassed, everyone laughed very hard by how funny the situation is - You too dear, I don't know where I would be without you! Says Sakuragi giving her a kiss on the cheek.

- Let's make a toast for our friends, family, Pokémon and for a great Christmas Vacation and New's Year Party at Ohkido's! Says a very energetic Yoshino.

Everyone raises their juice cups and cheers loud, even Pikachu and Scorbunny joined holding juice cups.

- YAY! Everyone shouts happily in that perfect picnic.

- So, so, what is the big surprise for the vacation? Says a very giddy Satoshi with his eyes shining joined by Pikachu mimicking his trainer attitude, they loved to be surprised and to discover the surprises.

Yoshino opened her blue purse slowly, the kids and their Pokémon got more and more closer to her bag until she revealed six big golden tickets from her purse, they shined brightly exposed to the sun light and are quite big, at least thirty centimeters height.

- An entire weekend at the newly open Arceus Kingdom! Shouts Yoshino enthusiastically with the tickets shining in her hand.

The kids and their Pokemon cheer in excitement, Yoshino then gives each one their ticket - Keep them safe until we arrive at the resort. Says Yoshino gently, everyone thanks her and Sakuragi.

Sakuragi shows his phone displaying some promotional material of Arceus Kingdom and he explains the beautiful images and videos of the resort - It's a brand new resort in Johto at Ecruteak City, it features an extensive one hundred thousand square yards packed with a big water park full of different slides and pools, special Pokémon shows featuring a cast of amazing trainers and rare Pokémon, a five star buffet and Pokémon Cafe serving food from all over the globe, an arcade full of games, a fashion square and even workshops for adults and kids to develop new skills like science, painting or even playing an instrument.

Satoshi, Go, Koharu and Sota are so excited by how awesome the resort is that they are jumping and holding hands in a circle, Pikachu and Scorbunny are also in their celebration.

- I heard so much about this place! I can't wait to get the pool! Says Koharu happily followed by Sota - Oh, I want to play with you guys in the pool!

- I can't wait to go to the arcade! I hope they have a Pokken Tournament there! Shouts Go happily followed by Satoshi shouting - I want to see the Trainers and the rare Pokémon!

The kids talk out loud about what they will do in the resort and also looking for more information of the resort on Sakuragi's phone, they are very excited, Yoshino and Sakuragi thinks it will be a perfect moment to take a lot of pictures of them, make videos and treasure those memories.

- Professor, weren't the tickets for the resort sold out since they announced it? Says an inquisitive Go, he heard a lot about Arceus Kingdom, but he could never ever guess it was the surprise, the Professor smiles and laughs amused by the question.

- Remember that day when Koharu surprised you guys with those chocolate popsicles back on Valentine's Day After you guys got soaked after that heavy rain ? Asks the Professor.

- I remember, they were very good! Thanks again Koharu! Says Satoshi thanking again Koharu and remembering that in the package of the chocolate popsicle they said the chocolate is made with Miltank milk and Alola cocoa.

- Thanks to Koharu we used the receipt of her purchase to get into an online raffle that the prize was a family vacation to Arceus Kingdom with everything paid, and we won! Says Yoshino clapping to Koharu direction, she blushes when Satoshi, Go, Sota, Pikachu and Scorbunny happily jump to hug her - We kept it secret to make it even more special, thanks to Koharu initiative to buy chocolate popsicle for you two that we are going to Arceus Kingdom! Adds Professor Sakuragi, finishing that amazing story of lucky and good deeds.

- I can't wait to get there! Let's go! Says Satoshi. Everyone agrees and they start to clean up their picnic by throwing the used napkins to the recycle bin, putting the tableware inside the picnic basket, Yoshino and Koharu folded the picnic blanket in an almost origami fashion way and put inside the basket.

- Professor and Miss Yoshino, I need to use the bathroom. Says Go waving for them while he walks to access the bathroom that is on the other side of the park. - Go! I will go with you, I really need to use the bathroom too! Says Satoshi followed by Sota - Hey guys! Wait for me!.

- Dad and Mom, I'm going too. Says Koharu politely, they nod to her and she rushes to join the group.

Meanwhile, a bit far away from there the gang is, at Team Rocket's balloon the villains keep working during the holiday festivities.

- Nothing to report! Says Meowth looking around Ecruteak City, the nearby forest and the small park in the border of the city through a highly advanced telescope.

Ecruteak City is a an old-fashioned city between Mount Mortar and the open fields near Johto's western shores, the new route 6-38-R crossed the open fields connecting Johto and Kanto, the city is known by wood houses made of Pagoda trees, by having a Pokémon GYM specialized in Ghost Pokémon, bathing houses, a big bell tower and most importantly by being the place where legends says the legendary Pokémon Ho-Oh resides.

At the outskirts of the city you can see the Arceus Kingdom Resort, a very wide and big white glassed tower called Central Zone with a giant Arceus state at its top, the tower is surrounded by six stadiums circling it, those stadiums are called Theme Zones, each one of them features an attraction of the resort and an emblem at the top of the stadium showing which zone is each while the main tower was used by guests to access the workshops, the restaurant, cafe and their rooms.

The entire theme of the resort is based on Legendary and Mythical Pokémon, Pokémon that are so rare that people during their entire life rarely see one in person, which means that buildings of the resort resemble legendary Pokémon like the Mew Center, the plaza where people enter and exit the park, Lugia's Adventure, the biggest water slide in the resort, the Groudon's Cave, a public hot spring, the Serebii Cafe and so on.

The motif of Legendary and Mythical Pokémon isn't just about the buildings, it's also represented in the food served at the resort, the merchandise available to be bought

at the gift shop and the workshops available for the guests.

The Theme Zones are a wonder of technology and architecture, each zone supports a packing capacity of five thousand people and ample space to any type of Pokémon from a Caterpie to a Wailord, they also provide help for anyone that has any type of disability by how the building are accessible or by asking the staff.

What connects the entire resort, The Theme Zones and the Central Zone, is a special train in the shape of a Lugia that runs around like a carousel making stops in each Zone following the schedule presented at the terminals. The train was developed on the highest current technology available of maglev trains, which means, the train flies above the ground by the attraction and repulsive power of magnets, it's very safe, it has a cool Lugia design, is fast and super spacious never feeling crowded even when the resort is at peak capacity.

The staff working at Arceus Kingdom Resort is not only considered some of the best of the world but they are also high-skilled trained individuals in a wide variety of abilities such as languages, manners, acting, they make sure all the guests at the resort are happy, the Arceus Kingdom Resort call their employees cast members.

The cast members role play as the population of a fairy tale magical kingdom called Arceus Kingdom so they are all wearing costumes of knights, magicians, samurais and other typical fairy tale like characters, kids love to interact with those characters and take pictures. They never break their role playing.

The big business strategy point of the Arceus Kingdom Resort to attract customers is that it's main audience are families not individuals, which up the sales by a lot. Kids can enjoy the excitement from the arcade, the water slides and the shows that even feature crossovers between huge popular TV shows like Super Sentai and the adults can participate in relaxing sunbathing, workshops, massage sessions or just chilling in the cafe area.

The guests are also offered the opportunity to wear high technological Pokémon Kigurumis during their stay at Arceus Kingdom, a special type of onesies, that are also accompanied by slippers matching the onesies, they are designed in the look of a specific Pokémon, they fit perfect in the person body, expanding or reducing its size on the go to make a perfect match.

The Pokémon Kigurumis are made of a one of kind fabric that it's always on the right temperature, waterproof, super comfortable and dry in seconds after if they get wet, there are more or less one hundred options of Pokémon Kigurumis available for the guests being the most popular ones at the park the ones that are inspired in the Pokémon: Umbreon, Gengar, Pikachu, Charizard, Eevee, Lucario and Sylveon.

There is also an amazing sense of security in everything in the resort from the water slides, to the arcade machines, to the food service etc, this is very important for parents because they can trust the resort, every single little detail of Arceus Kingdom is perfect and it's the hottest vacation spot on the entire word right now.

The city of Ecruteak at first was very against about the building of the resort because

it would clash styles with the city that is known by its wooden buildings and tranquil ambiance, the enterprise behind the construction of the resort promised and showed them that the resort wouldn't affect the city, on the contrary, would even improve it.

After a very long discussion, the city approved the building of the resort and received a great amount of money to reform the older buildings of the town while the great influx of tourism from all over the planet made wonders to the city in terms of tourism money and recognizance because it turned out that a historical tourism visit to Ecruteak City joined by the excitement and relation of the resort was an offer that no one could refuse.

- I have already sent the message to the rest of the team and they are expecting us to arrive soon. Reports Kojiro to Musashi who is organizing the tasks on her phone, they are making the last arrangements for their operation, following Sasaki's instructions strictly.

- Kojiro! Musashi! I think we have some problems! Shouts Meowth in a panicked state, both Musashi and Kojiro, trying to act like big shots at Team Rocket nonchalantly ask - What problem Meowth? They even tried to mimic Sasaki's voice a bit.

- It's those brats again! Says Meowth watching the kids

- The brats!? Shouts a panicked Kojiro and Musashi grabbing the telescope from Meowth's paw and struggling for both of them to see at the same, eventually Kojiro gives up letting Musashi use it, he watches Musashi face's getting bluer and bluer of fear when she recognized Satoshi, Go, Sota and Koharu walking back to where Yoshino and Sakuragi are after using the bathroom.

- Do you think they are going to the same place that we are going? Asks Musashi trembling in fear, her hair even spiked a bit out of shock.

- Knowing our luck...Says Kojiro putting both hands against his head in despair.

- Hey fools! Let's get them first! We can defeat them now, we're managers now, not grunts! Shouts Meowth feeling super confident with his paws on his hip, besides their new statuses, nothing has changed in terms of their abilities but it didn't matter because they felt stronger, Musashi and Kojiro got fired up by Meowth inspirational words.

- Let's use the Turbo Mode of the balloon to reach those kids! Says a commanding Meowth followed by a cheer from the troublemaker duo.

What is Turbo Mode? It's when Trio Rocket uses a bicycle installed in the balloon to accelerate the speed of travel, they are so used to using this resource that they can get very fast when they need to even if it is a very primitive way of doing so, Team Rocket is known by its super technology but they are never allowed to use much of it because of their high-score of failures.

The gang is getting back to where Yoshino and Sakuragi are, Satoshi and Go helped

Sota to ties his shoes which made Koharu very proud of the boys because they are always treating Sota like their little brother, one day, at a very stormy night, they even all slept together in the same bed because Sota was scary of the thunderstorms.

- How lucky of you to catch a Hoothoot in our bathroom break, he was standing on that tree like waiting for you! Says Satoshi mimicking the Hoothoot with Pikachu, he is happy by his friend's Pokémon capture.

- Yes! Guys, this Christmas Vacation doesn't stop getting better! Says Go very happily while he checks his Rotom Phone for more information about Hoothoot, he didn't need to put Scorbunny in a fight to capture that Pokémon.

- I can't wait to be a Pokémon Trainer! Says Sota, still amazed by how Go captured that Hoothoot using a curve ball thrown.

- Soon enough you will be a Pokémon Trainer, little bro! Says Koharu smiling in support of Sota's dream which is the same dream of almost everyone in the world, to be and live with Pokémon, Koharu reflects upon her brother's dream and if maybe, in the future, he would follow their dad's footsteps as a Pokémon Researcher.

- When you get up to be a Trainer, I'm going to help you with all the information I know! Says Go, also being supportive of Sota's dream, Go always wrote down when he got home all the information of his Pokémon adventures and work as Research Fellow.

- I'm going to help you with all the Pokémon battles too! Says Satoshi who isn't that great with the Research Fellow reports but he is great at presenting the information in a very fast and cool way for Professor Sakuragi, the boys complemented their strength and weakness very well, that's why they are a great combo.

Go started to walk a bit slower than the rest of them and pushed Satoshi close to him and asks whispering in his ear - Satoshi...do you like Yopa? Go sheepish, asks his friend.

- Yopa? Is this a Pokémon, Place or Food? Asks Satoshi was confused, he never heard about that word before.

- Neither of those! Yopa it's an Idol that I... love. Says Go blushing, Satoshi noticed his friend is a bit embarrassed about his confession so he shows support by making a big smile.

- Cool! I don't know who she is, but I think it's probably very cool because you like her! Says Satoshi showing even more support for his best friend Go, Go smiled, Satoshi then says - I like music, I like to dance so I think I will like Yopa! He concludes in that simple and trustful Satoshi way.

- I have seen on my phone that today she is going to perform at night at Arceus Kingdom, I really want to go, I know Koharu and Sota will come, I would like you to go with me! Says Go building courage to invite Satoshi, Go was a bit afraid of

Satoshi knowing that he loved Yopa, the Pokémon Pop Idol and he is very happy that his friend is supportive of him.

Both boys bump fist and smile, Pikachu and Scorbunny do the same, understanding what is happening, they get back on their pace and join Koharu and Sota, they stop chatting and just concentrate on walking back to where Sakuragi and Yoshino are.

Suddenly the kids and their Pokémon stop walking when they hear a *Swoosh* sound of something getting close to them by air, then a big pound noise on the ground that shook it making the kids jump, they turn their back and see their usual nemesis, Team Rocket.

Musashi, Kojiro and Meowth are standing in front of the Rocket Gatchat that shattered the ground around, the Mecha is a big capsule toy vending machine filled with random Pokéballs to be used by the Team Rocket Members. The Rocket Gatchat is delivered by a Pelipper Pokémon, to use the machine, they insert Meowth's charm, his golden coin and turn the crank to receive powerful Team Rocket Pokémon, they were so fast that Satoshi, Go, Koharu and Sota didn't even seen then calling the Pelipper to deliver the Rocket Gatchat.

- Prepare for trouble! Musashi shouts making her battle entry pose - Make it Double! Follows Kojiro throwing a red rose at the kids in perfect synchronization with Musashi theatrical battle poses.

- Mooonnnnn To Earthhh? Shouts Satoshi mocking Team Rocket totally breaking their mood, they just stood still looking embarrassed.

- We're on a Christmas Vacation! We don't have time for this! Says Satoshi while a fierce Pikachu shouts - *Pikachu!* Go look at them and then at Scorbunny and tells Satoshi - Satoshi, let's do a combination attack so we can send them flying away before they use their Mecha!

- Oh! That's the idea? So face me then! Says Meowth jumping in front of Musashi and Kojiro with his claws open ready to attack the kids.

Koharu protecting Sota takes some distance from the battleground where Satoshi and Go are and shouts in an encouraging tone - Guys! Do your best!

- Leave this with us! Says Satoshi and Go doing a bump fist, Pikachu and Scorbunny are ready for action.

- I can't believe you losers are working on a Christmas Holiday! Satoshi shouts, Go starts to laugh followed by Sota and then Koharu's laugh, Team Rocket face gets red of anger, this is the perfect opportunity for the boys to take advantage of the battle field.

Go looks to Scorbunny and shouts - Scorbunny, use DOUBLE KICK!, the Fire Rabbit Pokémon dashes in a straight line leaving a flame trail behind him, he doubles stomps Meowth with his feet so strong that he flies in the air, and by lucky chance, falls with his head turned down on the Rocket Gatchat.

- Way to go Scorbunny! Says Satoshi triumphantly, Pikachu also cheered the attack of Scorbunny - Good job Scorbunny! Says Go proud of his Pokémon partner, Scorbunny smiles and crosses his arms giving that look of “Do you guys still want more?”.

- Musashi, let's turn the Rocket Gatchat! Shouts Kojiro rushing to it soon joined by Musashi to turn the machine on, Meowth laments out loud his frustration with his head stuck in the Mecha.

- Blast! They are going to use their Mecha! Says Go thinking about what is going to be his next move he orders Scorbunny or maybe he should change Pokémon, Go is thinking about his next move while Team Rocket is trying to turn the Mecha on by turning the crank.

- Don't worry, I got this one! Says Satoshi throwing a Pokéball in the air, the Pokéball opened and from a flash of light emerged a recently captured Pokémon of Satoshi, his powerful Dragonite, Satoshi then commands the big dragon - Dragonite, use Hyper Beam at Team Rocket!

The Dragonite opens his mouth, from inside his body a powerful flow of energy starts to emanate, the big flap of the dragon's wings produces a strong gust around the battlefield, a golden shining aura embodies the entire body of Dragonite then with a huge roar the Dragonite launches a powerful yellow beam of light from his mouth that hits directly at Team Rocket and their Mecha sending them flying through the air in direction to their balloon that by the impact of their hit flies away too.

- We're managers! Shouts Musashi flying in the air while she cries in frustration of another lost to the brats.

- You are gonna pay for this and for destroying Operation Hate Network! Shouts Kojiro also crying.

- Why does the brat have a Dragonite? Asks an incredulous Meowth.

- Team Rocket flying at the speed of light! Shout the trio before disappearing at the horizon in a flash.

The Dragonite hugs Satoshi strongly for defeating Team Rocket, Satoshi protests - Oh! Calm down big boy! Thanks! Says Satoshi as he laughs everyone laughs too, they are happy that they defeated Team Rocket, after they calm down a bit, they get back to reunite with Yoshino and Sakuragi, to tell them about their adventure and get to the resort.

- Look dear, it's a shining star! Says Yoshino pointing her finger to a shining trail in the sky, it looked a bit like a rocket launch.

- Oh, I don't know if it's a shining star, but it's something flying, maybe it's a Pokémon? Ponders Professor Sakuragi scratching his chin thoughtfully.