# The themes of this game are 3:

- Bonds and Human Connection (Red Thread of Fate)
- Ethics and the Human Heart/Love (Fidelity and Li)
- Social Media Conglomerates and its effects on Social Conventions (Psychology)

Also this? <a href="https://youtube.com/shorts/zB0jVcN63S8?feature=share">https://youtube.com/shorts/zB0jVcN63S8?feature=share</a>

# Story and Elements

### Ricon:

In the modern world, an energy of familiarity connects all the people of Hulley. This energy, poorly researched and thought of as a myth, is called Ricon (from the Italian word for recognition). It is generally believed that Ricon links the hearts of all the people of Hulley. Funnily enough, when a trainer and a Pokémon believe strongly in each other, small levels of Ricon have been detected. When Pokemon Mega Evolve using Mega Stones, these levels have become much higher. Upon closer inspection, it has been found that Mega Stones have a close connection to Ricon. Stellar Stones, which were originally discovered in the \_Sandres Fault, seem to be cut from the same cloth as Mega Stones.

Ricon, in actuality, is a basic element of life. It is the gravity of love. In many ways, it is the counterpart of <u>dark matter</u> and Giratina, pulling matter closer together based on bonds and positive emotions; though too much can be a bad thing (i.e. obsession).

## Stellar Stones:

Glittery purple and yellow stones with a 4 pointed star shape in the center, Stellar Stones were originally discovered inside the \_Sandres Fault. Some success has been found using Alakazam's and Hypno's psychic power to see what a single stone is linked to. It is theorized that they are able to determine a powerful person and link themselves to it, like a crystal ball permanently tied to a user.

• StStones can harness pure Ricon and thrust it into a user. This connects the hearts of all people of Hulley to a person, the strongest heart being of the person themselves, and allows them to manifest the power of Ricon! (look at Hulley Gimmick for more)

### Starstruck Brace:

Rare bracelets unknown in origin. Believed to have come from a form of Stellar Stone, they manifest on a person and a Pokemon. They act as a focus of Ricon energy. The stronger the bond between a person and Pokemon, the more it glows, and the more Ricon it can access.

# The Merge Event:

Hulley was built on a huge fault. Over 800 years ago, the fault, now named \_\_\_Sandres Fault, shifted, resulting in a powerful earthquake. This shift in the Earth released the ever dormant Famaterra, which resulted in a yellow/purple wave of energy radiating into the region of Hulley. This energy embedded itself deep into the ground of the region over time, but the day of the blast caused hundreds of Pokemon to merge with the nearest person. This event traumatized thousands.

This coincides with the Sinnoh tales of Pokemon and People being one. Marriage was not traditional marriage, but a total union of body and soul. In fact, Fighting types stemmed from this merging, as the people-pokemon lost some of their humanity.

# The Mind (a.k.a. Kindread):

When the world was new, and mews roamed the land freely, before the last mew created Infumin, there was a creature simply known as the Mind. This creature was the remains of Arceus' creativity— a great, petrified dragon protected by Famaterra. When Infumin captured Famaterra, it sent its energy into the dragon and awoke it. Infumin and the Mind fused using the remaining Ricon, and from it came the first humans.

## The Stars: A Warning

Merge events are a set event in history. A great filter, of sorts. Many worlds and universes have succumbed to merge events, where their love was either too great, or their obsessions too powerful, that the universe literally merged into itself. Stars are said to be the scars of merged universes.

# The Finale (if it goes balls off the walls nuts)

The Mind (Kindread) consumes you.

What comes next is eons of singularity. Thoughts that get sent through the body like synapses, lost in an eternal being. You watch but do not see. You listen but do not hear. You feel but do not exist. And yet you do. In this grand being, you exist.

Though each and every one of you lay together within the desperate fangs of union, you lay eternally alone — your consciousness alive, but your individuality, your sense of being, stripped and gone.

You remember your families. Your friends. Your Pokemon. You remember your partners. The love they felt for you. The love you felt for them. An infinite, undying love. A marriage of souls, forged together in the divine power of Ricon. Through hard work. Through spirit. Through grit.

You remember it wasn't enough. The thought strikes like lightning.

Billions of eyes open. They see your successes and failures. They see your pain. They see how hard you've worked. They see your love. Your bond.

It feels warm. After eons of nothing, a sense of change came to the Mind. A fire rises from the embers of you. There is no way out. Only through.

Like billions before you, the bond pulls like gravity. Beyond darkness, beyond time, beyond space: the gravity of love pulls in what else remains.

What comes next is eons of singularity. A dot in all existence, white and shimmering.

### And suddenly:

You see yourself in the puddle, analyzing your face. You stare at your eyes. You notice a glimmer inside your pupils. Small scratches cover your arms, and your face is dirty with mud. And the ground is warm on this sunny day. The birds are singing, and the water before you is calm. A spot-billed duck swims through it happily. A spotted deer dodges into the woods. The rhino beetle you've caught in your net tries to wriggle and wrestle its way out, but you stop it just in time.

As the sheet of night settles over your weary head, you move yourself through Machida, Tokyo, with each step moving closer and closer to home. To comfort. With one hand

holding your newfound beetle, you look up at the sky while you walk. A star you had not noticed before shines a bright yellow. It shines on your face.

You are Alyn's wild side and Adonis' passion. You are Celandine's heart and Vandula's strength. You are Kyle's voice and spirit. You are all of the world's minds and bodies and existences. You are all parts of the world combined.

Your name is Satoshi Tajiri, and you've just had the most wonderful idea for a game.

# The Finale (if they succeed in taking down the Mind)

Sunlight begins to soak the world. Ashes fall on the warm ground below. In front of you stands Famaterra, bowing down in shame and recognition. Behind you stands Infumin, its black flames engulfing the area. Mew floats behind its crystal head.

That sunlight parts and through it descends the shape of a tyrant. Arceus bellows to the ground, its presence overwhelming.

"Thy who hath protected thine friends; thine world. Thy who is worthy. Stand before me. Show me thine power."

[Battle ensues]

"Very well. Thine power is enough. Perhaps Famaterra need not be contained, but shown love. So it may control itself. But know I am watching. Through time, through space, through earth and stones. Do not interrupt our stability."

"And as for thee, Goddess of Earth. I will allow thee to remain. Thy hath done well."

### A Twist?

However, the real villain is Giratina! Sitting, shackled by golden threads in its prison, this god of Antimatter has a counterpart in Famaterra, the god of gravity. Once Famaterra is defeated/captured, Giratina may come out to play... And that fight will be legendary.

Love is a gift from Life. In all iterations of existence, Love is born from Life. And Love pulls in like gravity. However, Love is a gift too powerful, too infinite, for mortals to handle. So in every iteration, in every case, Love has caused universes to collapse into Stars.

# Teams:

Team Rise: a Hullian entourage group who seeks out talented or strong people to grow themselves up and become more popular. Their aim is to take over on social media and become self-made celebrities, while becoming stronger in the process. They make fun of differences and are thus very surface-level. (Act as a sort of beginning commentary on boxing people in: You're the fun one! You're the smart one! On Wednesdays we wear pink!)

The KINDRED Corporation: a global company that started out in Hulley. They own most of the popular social media platforms, such as Kinstagram, Battlefire, PokeFace, and LikeTower. Not just a social media giant, they also created rotom-phones and similar hardware. They implement Ricon energy into their phones to power them, but in addition it connects a user's heart to the device, making the user love the phone and the things on it.

#### • The Boss: Lance Ali

- He believes that the freedom to choose what to believe can only end in devastation and ignorance.
- The only truly ethical choice under utilitarianism is to have everyone derive pleasure from the same thing. This is what will make people truly happy, so nobody will suffer.
- Goal: Get everyone to believe the same things. Promotes propaganda on his social media.
  - People are at peace when they are distracted
  - Uses social media to prove how divided people are, only to promise to use it to unite people
    - But how does he unite people's beliefs?
      - Through data siphoning and consumer manipulation. Get everyone to enjoy the same products, the same ideas, the same things, by promoting them in strategic ways. Also, Ricon definitely helps here.
      - EX) Everybody knows about Ali Bars! They were the greatest thing in snackage! Literally everybody knows about them, and basically everyone wants them!
- They currently have a laboratory in Sandres Fault that holds Famaterra captive and uses him to create more Ricon energy to use in their phones.

Team Unite: A team formed from The Boss' right-hand woman. She believes that the only way to unite people to a common belief/cause is to *literally* unite them.

• The Forthbringer: Joan Lily Bess Love

- Goal: The leader of Team Unite found an ancient tablet with the help of Adonis' siblings
  while working at KINDRED, which she kept secret. It depicted a great dragon-like creature
  that was simply known as The Mind. Through more research, and some wild speculation,
  she realized that the only way to truly unite people was to permanently merge people and
  Pokémon into a single hive mind by using Ricon.
  - She believed the same thing as Lance, that the best way to reach true utilitarianism, true ethical happiness, was to merge all desires into a single individual.
    - Such is the line in Rawls' *Justice as Fairness*, "It is this spectator who is conceived as carrying out the required organization of the desires of all persons into one coherent system of desire; it is by this construction that many persons are fused into one."
      - Except she took it much more literally.
    - She thinks of Team Unite as "The Spectator".

The hivemind will look like a giant dragon-like creature made of individual people. Team Unite is trying to hack into KINDRED's data because they believe The Boss found powerful sources of Ricon, which they implemented into their devices in order to make them that much more popular. They will soon realize that this goes much deeper than they first believed, as the Ricon is directly connected to the Unite leader's plan.

# The Looker Agency:

An agency formed by Agent Looker of the international police while investigating strange occurrences in Hulley, and criminal organizations that were secretly afoot. The Looker Agency has its own history, though it is usually used purposefully as a way to link one-shot stories together in a coherent manner. Eventually, these will thread into the main plot.

**The Eye of Providence:** Agents in the Looker Agency have tattoos as parts of their uniforms. It was a tight vote on that one. This tattoo is an eye with a 4-pointed star in the pupil, a symbol for vigilance, mercy, justice, and overall watchfulness. It has some religious meaning in other contexts, and could be interesting to mix with Unowns.



### **Active Agents:**

- Looker: International Police and pokemon-related crime detective. Has been featured in multiple games. [Interpol] [Went by 100kr; or 836]
  - Pokemon: Croagunk, Meowstic
- Jett: Information extraordinaire and the agency's best hacker, she attributes her success to her skills and dislikes failure. On her last mission, she was the only one to escape. [Agent 870]



- Pokemon: Joltik
- Kole: An undercover agent and scientist known for his skills as a master of disguise. He got too close to Rhea Anwen and almost compromised his mission, but escaped in time to complete it. Was friends with Jett in the academy.
  - o Pokemon: Chansey
- Peli: While not originally an agent, and technically not one still, her work in stopping Klasia Desmond earned her a spot on Looker's team. Though hesitant, because she'd rather do SFX on movie sets, she found great inspiration in the agency.



- o Pokemon: Unovan Darumaka, Galarian Darumaka
- [Unnamed Spider Rider Character Played by Thomas]: Does his own thing, but rides a spider and fights with great force!

### **Inactive Agents:**

- Evan Lure: A creative mission-builder and researcher, Evan Lure was handed the
  assignment of investigating Knock-Out Castle, a corrupt game show that ended 6 years
  ago, after a failed attempt to rig the show resulted in one of the strangest events in recent
  history. What he discovered about the game show was so fascinating that after all trials
  were complete and criminals charged, he was greenlit to make a documentary about his
  investigation, titled "The Sandcastle: The Most Corrupt Game Show in History". He left the
  force soon after.
- [Stuart Agent Character from One-Shot]
- [Angie Agent Character from One-Shot]

### **Investigations:**

There have been a number of investigations that the Looker Agency have looked into. Below are the events, summarized, and links to their documents.

- Operation Blood and Steam:
- Operation Knock-Out:
- Operation Jailbreak:
- Operation Desert Egg:

### Research:

As an agency with lucrative resources, there is a large amount of research on multiple subjects. These are here as ideas for future reference, teasing, and exposition, should it come to that.

- Infinity Energy
  - From research and multiple scientists in the field of Advanced Pocket Monster Studies, they know that Infinity Energy is a pre-existing tie to the base elements of life, existence, and something else beyond. It has had many names, namely Chi, Astral Energy, or Wiccan Magic, Miracles. It isn't well known where this energy comes from, but it is believed that all creatures, especially Pokemon, have a way to harness it through their life force. Thus, it has been harnessed many times

- throughout history, from the Ultimate Weapon in Kalos 1000 or so years ago, to the Devon corporation, today- though the use of Pokemon to power modern society has been a debated topic.
- It is believed that what are known as "Pokemon Moves" are natural phenomena formed from the necessary survival of different species, such as scratching, running, and kicking, which we as humans have classified with similar names. It's something in their blood, that as they grow, they don't necessarily have to think about. Almost as if an evolutionary trademark of survival. So "use Dragon Rush!" is the same command to a Pokemon that can learn that move as "Kick that guy!" is a command to a regular person. They inherently know how to do it.
- One thing that's special, however, is that these "Moves" always use the monster's connection to Infinite Energy, and can thusly be manipulated with a deeper understanding of how the move works. This is why creative Trainers make the strongest Pokemon Teams, since they can better teach their Pokemon to manipulate their natural connection to Infinite Energy.

#### Stellar Stones

From their OBaS, they understand the Stellar Stones to be valuable. Kole performed a few tests on a sample they gathered from the train, working alongside Kelly's Pokemon, Blaziken, who had picked up the dropped stone. What they found is that the SStones are one-time use, and basically charge a Pokemon with a strange golden energy, tying it to an otherworldly presence.

#### Starstruck Forms

 Little is truly known about these forms, except that it can be compared to Mega Evolution. The agency may have resources, but this is beyond their comprehension. All they know about it comes from books and legend, for all they know, it could be the same as Mega Evolution.

### Ricon Energy

 They don't know the name of this energy, but they have seen it before. On the train, when Blaziken was charged with the SStone, in the Knock-Out footage, and whatever Jett saw in the desert as the fabric of reality split and golden strings snapped.

## • The Great Decimation

All they know about the Great Decimation comes from legends and books, though there is still a lot they don't know. The common legend is that about 1,200 years ago, more or less, a wave of energy hit the entire region that caused people and Pokemon all around to merge together- body, mind, and spirit. The victim count was in the thousands, with the entire population feeling it to some extent. A group of young adventurers, newly partnered with their own Pokemon and led by a tall, disheveled man holding multicolored stones [AZ], tried their best to calm these forced amalgamations between people and pokemon. Their resilience attracted the three saviors of Hulley: Epistemologent, the teacher of truth; Calologent, the king of beauty; and Agathologent, the hero of goodness. Together, these three beings split the minds, bodies, and spirits back into their normal forms, quelling

their suffering. But the region had already been thrown into a state of disrepair, and the people and Pokemon strayed from each other, afraid. It took time, but eventually they rebuilt, and that connection was tied together again, for the gravity of love is too strong.

• The Mind [Kindread]

# The Players and the Point:

A huge element in the story of Pokemon Fame is how being *like* others causes people to like you. How our society hypocritically values people who can stand out while fitting into a box or a label. The villains are meant to represent two extremes of those values: a realistic extreme wherein we ask ourselves if our identity was ever truly ours to choose, and also selfish greed; and a fantasy extreme that goes beyond what is expected and personifies the evil expulsion of diversity, and shows how threatening the people behind it can be.

The players, on the other hand, should be the heroes to these villains. They should be heroes of selflessness, who do what they can to help others, but that's not the main takeaway. Fighting capitalism is a whole other story! No, to be truly heroes for their villains, they must be wholeheartedly celebratory of differences, not even just accepting. Their differences must become their power. They must learn to accept, and even celebrate differences between each other, themselves, and their partners, if they ever hope to leave a dent in the villain's plot.

**Adonis:** Complicated backstory with her parents, who are VERY much against change and stick to family values. Gives an interesting angle to not being accepted by people that really should accept you. Also, as a dragon-type owner and archeologist, she can connect deeply to the mysteries of the past.

**Vandula:** From a loving, rich, partially neglectful family of royals. On a quest to find Keldeo. Often thick-skulled and wanting to do things in a brash or charismatic way, perhaps they will have to learn subtlety, and accept things they cannot change before they can find a Keldeo. Or perhaps they will have to accept that Keldeo will never come.

• Starment would be a great pokemon for her.

**Celandine:** A sort of "chosen one" deal, as they get visions of the future. Their visions could be alluding to different universes that have become Stars, or past occurrences of the Great Decimation. Who says visions have to predict the future? Who says visions have to be bad? A mew reincarnated??

- Vision Ideas:
  - Celandine dreams of stars, and as she does, she sleep-weaves a crudely made sweater with big, obvious threads poking out, with cheaply cut stars glued onto it.
  - She dreams of a red flower in front of a cave, and the cry of a dragon

- She dreams of the ground cracking and shifting, opening as a great fault in the earth. She sees scientific equipment and a giant winch.
- She dreams of a girl and a boy moving the dust off an old stone tablet. The tablet reads "The Mind of Us All" and shows a crude illustration of a great draconic creature made in ancient paint.
- She dreams of a brown pokemon that could be mistaken for a Hitmonlee, but with a blue cape, picking rubble off a body.
- She dreams of a gray pokemon made of stone, glowing black hands extending from seemingly nowhere behind it, and touching the minds of humans and pokemon, their bodies shivering and lips quivering in fear.
- She dreams of a pink pokemon with a crystal in its chest healing the wounds of people and pokemon alike, and fixing rubble and buildings.
- She dreams of a very tall man with white hair pushing the rubble off a woman with [kyle-colored] hair.

**Alyx:** A wild child. His connection to nature and pokemon makes him a bridge between the two. If anything, maybe his path has him becoming a type of messenger; eventually, he could probably even connect to Infinite Energy naturally.

- Younger Brother Axel Jasper (Little Valley) Gym Challenger in Hoenn League
- Morgan Crag, long time friend. Works for Devon Corp-Fossil researcher

**Kyle:** Literally just wants to find the perfect throwable pokemon. His identity is unequivocally individual and true. He is unapologetic, loud, and doesn't care what people think. The perfect heart to the team. However, he is attached to a device that will physically force him to become more attached to his partner.

- As their bond grows and Sleepinbug evolves, it will become more aware of its trainer's rashness. Part of this means their bond may become strained, and Kyle will have to change to account for its feelings.
  - An interesting challenge would be to have whatever happens to Sleepinbug happen to Kyle, so throwing him or other reckless acts would not be viable.

### Kyle, the Immortal Child.

This is not to be known by the player until they embark on their adventure in the past (the Great Decimation).

Kyle is the child of AZ, the man who led the team at the Great Decimation. AZ had a child with a woman, Ponea, he saved from the brink of death. Once life returned to normal, Kyle grew for some time, attending school and traveling around "Poke-Europe" with his father, learning about Pokemon. However, they would both soon notice that his maturity, as well as his body, had slowed aging. This is something AZ was afraid of—something that had happened to him after being exposed to pure Infinity Energy. They both outlived Ponea.

After Ponea died, Kyle followed AZ on his search for redemption. He followed him to Hoenn, where he helped plant the tree at the Cave of Origin, and he watched alongside him as

the delta calmed the troubles that "plagued the world" 1000 years ago. He shared his father's grief for his Floette. Finally, AZ was not alone.

But something horrible happened. 11 years ago, just shortly after AZ had finally redeemed himself and his Floette had returned, [horrible thing here, has to do with throwing?]. AZ, having traveled the world for centuries and met almost every Pokemon in legend, enlisted the help of Uxie to wipe Kyle's memories. It was the third time he would have to say goodbye to someone he loved so dearly. He determined this was not a suitable way for a boy to live, and he delivered him to the living descendants of the team he led so long ago. A couple, united by their lineage, carried the flame. Together, they implanted in him the idea of a nuclear home: Loving parents, a childhood, and a real Pokemon adventure, like any kid his age! They came to love him as their own. However, he still does not age. He does not grow. And AZ is long gone.

This inner, almost genetic connection to Infinity Energy makes him the strongest candidate for Ricon. It's like a piece of the puzzle that has been missing. While AZ was exposed to this energy, Kyle was born from it. Half infinity energy, half human. And so, it is attracted, even attached to him, like an extension of his body. If only he remembered. If only he understood just what he is.

# Towns and Routes

- Starter Town: Spark Village
  - o People:
    - Professor Redwood
      - A professor studying the power of Ricon and its effects on Pokemon.
    - Tony Spark
      - Descendant of founder
    - Mrs. Light
      - Star and Void's mom
    - Greg
      - Fisherman
    - Jessica
      - Sailor
    - Old Lady Poppy
    - Old Man Pepper
  - Story:
    - Professor Redwood is in need of research assistants, and he thinks you would do great!
      - Star and Void are the other rivals, and will show up intermittently.
         The third rival is one of the players, though there could be up to 4 others potentially, since there are 6 starters.
    - Perhaps some show up off the port, or enter the town for other business.

- \*Inside Redwood's lab, a couple of grunts seem to be bothering him. They are pushing him around asking for some cute Pokemon.
  - "Come on, Prof, give us some cutieeees! We could take some good pics of them and get soooooo many likes! Come on, pleaaaase?"
  - "Please, leave me alone, this equipment is fragile!"
  - "Oh, you mean, *this* equipment?" One of the grunts throws a beaker over and it shatters on the ground.
  - "Look, I'm not gonna ask you again, please leave or I'll have to contact the authorities" He holds up his phone.
  - "Electrode, thunderbolt!"
  - His phone is fried.
  - "Eh....heh heh."
  - The two grunts are surrounding him, one with an Electrode and the other with a Morpeko. He needs your help
- "Oh, you there! Please, help me out. There's a lever behind you that should unlock the incubator there. Go ahead and pull it, and grab a Pokemon! Quick!"

#### Route 1

- An open, sandy/grassy area with some tropical and some domestic trees. Basically a chaparral area, but with a thicker forest. 4 trainers roam around, as well as the following wild Pokemon:
  - Flashmite (Level 5-6)
  - Stitchick (Level 6-7)
  - Hoppip (Level 5)
  - Nutol (Level 5)
  - Salandit (Level 5)

#### Samento

- A small town with a Pokemon Center and PokeMart. Has an area to train Pokemon, a move relearner, and a gas station with a gachapon machine.
  - Gachapon machines can give low-tier items or just little figurines.
    - Roll a D12
    - 1) Coupon for a Soda
    - 2) Coupon for a Lemonade
    - 3) Coupon for a Fresh Water
    - 4) Bag of Sitrus Berries (3)
    - 5) Bag of Oran Berries (3)
    - 6) Bag of Lum Berries
    - 7) Bag of Pecha Berries
    - 8) 1 Ultra Ball
    - 9) 1 Great Ball
    - 10) 2 Poke Balls

- 11) Small Pikachu funko pop figurine
- 12) Figurine of a man pulling a lance out of the earth

#### Route 2

- A wetlands area with some water/ground pokemon. Swampy and rainy, but with some lush trees and berries. Not too long of a walk! Pokemon include:
  - Flashmite (Level 5)
  - Wooper (Level 5)
  - Yanma (Level 7)
  - Tangela (Level 7)

#### Gravitas Town

- A medium town with a Pokemon center, PokeMart, and a Gym. The Gym bases itself on Balance types, but isn't limited to it.
- An old railroad town, hippies moved here in the 60's and 70's because of its
  'strong energies'. In reality, a small pocket of Ricon Energy lies under it, and since
  it has never been mined, it softly releases endorphins and feelings of love into the
  townspeople. The town is known for its hospitality, and it is a popular tourist
  attraction for those more connected to the spiritual side of things.
- Gym Leader:
  - Trip
    - Specializes in Balance types but uses some psychic and ghost types as well.
  - Pokemon around here. Can't be caught but can be interacted with:
    - Hullian Flabebe
    - Bu
    - Mimikyu
- First views of Team Unite as they come into town trying to mine out the Ricon Energy. Must stop them!
  - The energy of Ricon Is strongest under the Gravitas Gym. Team Unite grunts and researchers have entered the town and are measuring Ricon levels. Not only that, but they aim to suck all of it out, which would cause Gravitas to lose what makes it special. (though perhaps those bonds are strong enough to go without Ricon).
  - As the players interact with NPCs and Unite Grunts, who we'll call Purple Uniforms for now, they'll learn about the energy of Bonds, not yet giving it a name.
    - Seems to release a euphoric chemical in the brain, very similar to oxytocin, called cognitocin.
      - When one is affected by cognitocin, they can remember anyone they've ever met down to their finest detail.
         However, high amounts can be dangerous and can cause a waking yet coma-like state on par with Dementia. A sort of autopilot.
    - It enhances existing bonds or can create bonds where none lie.

- It can change the physical attributes of a person or Pokemon.
  - Kyle's Sleepinbug, for example: his antennae begin to sway in the direction of Kyle, as if a compass.

## Roaming Hills

- A great, hilly biome with strange gravity thought to be haunted by strange creatures. Trainers that walk through them have sworn they move on their own.
- Indeed, these hills are filled with mystery. Ghost Pokemon, Psychic Pokemon, and Balance Pokemon roam this area, creating chaos and strange occurrences wherever they go. Here, one could encounter:
  - Bü (Level 10)
  - Bü Evolution (Level 16-20)
  - Rolliballi (Level 14)
  - Shadone (Level 14-16)
  - Gothita (Level 15)
  - Munna (Level 16-18)
  - Twistears (Level 20)
  - Baltoy (Level 14)
- A story could be made here where the hills start to move like waves and put everybody in danger. The cause? A raid-level Twistears or psychic Pokemon that's causing it.

### Nami Town

- A beachside town known for its calming breeze, powerful waves, and high cliffs.
- Has a Pokemon Center, PokeMart, Surf Surge Resort, Cliffside Caves, Nami Train
   Station, and fancy seafood restaurants. As well as a Gym of course.
- Pokemon Gym:
  - Known as the "Surf and Turf" Gym. The Gym Leader, Rush, is an overexcited surfer dude who uses Water, Rock, and Ground types.
- Surf Surge Resort
  - A grand luxury resort near the ocean, with surfing coaches available. Here, trainers can stay for a price, battle in the Surge Field, and surf in the water.
     An electric power in the waves seems to boost a lot of surfers, so it is well known for the speed surfers can get.
    - Beachside Pokemon
      - Magbit (Level 20)
      - Caviterce (Level 16)
      - Fishiterce (Level 25)
    - Surge Field is a battlefield where trainers can battle with Electric and Water type pokemon and get prizes! Just like with BP.
      - o 1 BP: Potion, Pokeball
      - o 2 BP: Super Potion, Great Ball

- o 3 BP: Hyper Potion, Ultra Ball
- o 5 BP: 1 free night at SS Resort
- o 8 BP: 1 train pass OR a Clefairy Doll
- Cliffside Caves
  - Caves hidden under the tall sea level over the summer. In the winter, as the sea levels lower, they are more accessible.
    - There are tales of ancient carvings found in the caves, though they
      have been washed down by the water. These carvings depict a
      mew creating a statue and infusing it with light or energy.
    - There are also Pokemon down here
      - Noibat (w/sound type) (level 25)
      - Minerall (Ivl 20-24)
      - Hullian Raticate (Lvl 30)
- Meadowin Town
  - o Dem Bones Cafe

# List of Pokemon

01: Sleepinbug

02: Bumpney

03: Rabbox

04: Ruocoon

05: Racatak

06: Boomcoon

07: Topoise

08: Guardle

09: Tortector

10: Flashmite

11: Camerite

12: Spideo

13: Stitchick

14: Coquail

15: Callifore (callipepla + California + foretell)

16: Nutol

17: Squollie

18: Salandit

19: Salazzle

20: Sandile

21: Krokorok

22: Krookodile

- 23: Wooper
- 24: Quagsire
- 25: Tangela
- 26: Tangrowth
- 27: Yanma
- 28: Yanmega
- 29: Flabebe (Hullian)
- 30: Floette (Hullian)
- 31: Drakyre
- 32: Bü
- 33: Slaghost
- 34: Guitrapper
- 35: Baltoy
- 36: Claydol
- 37: Shadone
- 38: Shunder
- 39: Gothita
- 40: Gothorita
- 41: Gothitelle (Hullian, La Llorona Arc)
- 42: Munna
- 43: Musharna
- 44: Rolliballi
- 45: Twistears
- 46: Magbit
- 47: Polare
- 48: Vouleocity
- 49: Voltlantic
- 50: Corphish
- 51: Crawdaunt
- 52: Caviterce
- 53: Fishiterce
- 54: Noibat
- 55: Noivern
- 56: Mimikyu
- 57: Drilbur
- 58: Excadrill
- 59: Feebas
- 60: Milotic
- 61: Spant(!)
- 62: Spantless
- 63: Spanter
- 64: Spantom
- 65: Stopwail

- 66: Ghatly
- 67: Dappolterguyst
- 68: Smeargle (Hullian)
- 69: Slugmug
- 70: Caffeend
- 71: Ventigot
- 72: Technitoon (!!)
- 73: Noiraze
- 74: Lobbelli
- 75: Klefki (Ancient)
- 76: Yakorn
- 77: Vulpix (Alolan)
- 78: Ninetales (Alolan)
- 79: Trapinch
- 80: Vibrava
- 81: Flygon
- 82: Helioptile
- 83: Heliolisk
- 84: Digdog
- 85: Mudmut
- 86: Octostache
- 87: Yarnit
- 88: Marbless
- 89: Starment
- 90: Dreamarble
- 91: Psystar
- 92: Wingstar
- 93: Leemcaddie
- 94: Golfaka
- 95: Fluffezz
- 96: Slashezz
- 97: Coptezz
- 98: Blastezz
- 99: Twistezz
- 100: Ballezz
- 101: Bactezz / Charmtezz?
- 102: Yeteez
- 103: Bambear
- 104: Ganboo
- 105: Teddiam
- 106: Grizzilvr
- 107: Minerall
- 108: Ratata (Hullian)

109: Raticate (Hullian)

110: Dhelmise

111: Aplank

112: Mechaplank

113: Anarkid

114: Arkaos

115: Meowth (Hullian)116: Persian (Hullian)

**117: Ancora** 

118: Girafarig (Hullian)

119: Tattercroaks

120: Acmaut

121: Sparklon

122: Quetzalshutl

123: Doku

124: Wipokar

# Mythicals and Legendaries

00: Meloetta (Actress Form)

00: Regipois00: Regisect00: Gobbolsin

00: Agathologent00: Epistemologent

00: Calologent
00: Infumin
00: Famaterra
00: Cormega
00: Erphalo

00: Arceus

# Stories To Tell

Nami Town: (Plan is to spend 3 days here, 2 nights)

# Day One

After the world seemed so crazy, and the hills between here and home seemed to teem with eerie life, staring at this big town filled with tall hotels, a mall, parks, and even its own airport, fills you with calm. This regularity is... nice. You stare at human creation and it grounds you. People seem everywhere, dressed in summer clothes. Some are pulling luggage and others are handing out pamphlets. A sweet breeze fills the air.

- Vandula has a place here at Surfsurge Resort, paid for by the royal family.
  - It is late, and Vandula is tired. Everyone is, really. Maybe Vandula can call and get some extra rooms for the rest of the party? If not, the Pokemon Center is always open.
- When you go into the resort lobby, you see a slender, young man in a nice suit jacket and white tee, with long black hair put up in a bun, and brown eyes. He has a pin on his suit of an R with an arrow crossed through it, and he is surrounded by a couple of people about his age or younger. He has his phone pointed at himself. It looks like he is recording himself and the teens, talking to the screen. This is Jackson Minelli.
  - "Oh, you really don't know who I am? I'm Jackson Minelli! You know,
     @JackMinelli?"
  - o "You want a picture?"
  - "Follow me on Kinsta! @Jack M-I-N-E-L-L-I"
- In the lobby you also see a chubby man in a waistcoat, black pants, and simple yet conservative leather shoes. He has a Klefki at his side. This is **Gilbert** (Jeelburght), Vandula's family butler. Says things like:
  - "Madam Vandula, how was your trip into the hillside? It has been a few hours since you reported in."
  - "Yes, I believe Professor Sycamore expects a call from you in a few hours.
     He wants to know how you have been settling in."
  - "You need me to contact Missus Roya about housing your newfound friends? It is my pleasure."
- Outside the resort building is:

- o A battle area for training and settling disputes, as well as for sport;
- o A volleyball court that's made to be played with pokemon
- The Surfsurge Resort's namesake, Surfsurge Beach, wherein surfers learn, train, and compete in surfing battles.
- **Daria Shox**, the town gym leader and well known for her skills on the water, practices on the beach. She is a young, tall, persian woman with dark hair and hazel eyes.
  - Strong onlookers (Sense rolls of Effective or higher) may notice Minelli staring at her through the lobby window as she surfs.
  - If they stay outside to talk to her, she'll invite them to the gym. If they don't, a random NPC will ask if they plan on challenging the gym, considering how many Pokemon they have out.

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# Day Two

$\checkmark$	The day after coming in to rest, the gang may head down to the lobby, where
	they'll find hotel breakfast, as well as the two Team Rise kids from Spark Town.
	They don't want to fight, but they will confront Kyle if they see him.
$\checkmark$	On their way out of the lobby, they will run into Minelli, who is taking a video of
	himself as he comes in.
	$\square$ "Ey ey ey, whats up crew! I'm just here at Surfsurge Resort, seeing my
	hometown! Y'all ever come down here? Leave a like if you h— AH!"
	☐ "Hey dudes, watch where you're goin, haha! Cute 'mons, b t dubz!"
	And as he turns around to say that, he'll lock eyes with Daria, who is here to talk to
	the gang about the gym battle, should they choose to accept it. Otherwise, she is
	here to sign up for the next Surfing Battle bracket.
	☐ "O- Oh, hey Daria. You look good!"
	☐ "Oh, hey Minelli. Thanks."
	☐ "Yeah, girl, anytime. For sure."
	$\square$ "Don't you have somewhere to be? Some fangirl to sweep off her feet?"
	☐ "Oh uh Y yeah, I'll go. Good luck with your surfin' thing."
	☐ "Yeah. Thanks."
	The rest can be improv'd

# That Night

The sand seems so soft here. The waves hit the rocks near the edge with great power, and retreat into the earth again, sculpting a fresh coat of sand on the edge of the water. This beach seems untouched, and beautiful. The bustling of the town dies down. You hear the chirping of birds.

Now, the day is over. Night engulfs the coast, and that red star sinks into the ocean. Around you stand families, young kids, couples, and resort workers. Creatures large and small gather near them, curious, unafraid. This place brings peace and relaxation.

A few people take out their phones and film their kids playing in the sand, interacting with each other and the friendly monsters. They take pictures of themselves, of the sunset, of their food, of their perfect moments. Windows into a day that will soon be gone. They share them with the world, one after another.

In front of you, you see four long benches around a bonfire. Lit up against the darkening sky, its embers float upwards and become one with the stars. It seems some people have sat around it, and they stare at one person in particular with intent. He has his back turned to you. Around him sit a few girls and guys, somewhat younger teens. And sitting on the seat opposite of him is Daria Shox, who is wearing her usual blue bathing suit with yellow stars. As soon as she sees you, she signals for you to take a seat.

"Hey you guys! Come on over, we're just hanging out!"

There are four empty seats and some space to stand. One seat is next to a teen girl around the age of 15. (She stares at Kyle with curiosity about his bracelet). A seat is open on either side of Daria, and a plastic chair sits in between the benches.

As soon as you sit you realize who it is. You see Jackson Minelli in relaxed beach clothes: an overshirt sitting comfortably over a white tee with an arrow design pointing upwards, and swim trunks. He is chatting with a couple girls who are asking about his hair, and if he uses conditioner. They seem to be flirting with him, and although he plays along and flirts back, he throws a stare in Daria's direction every once in a while.

Daria looks around, quickly trying to break her glance with him. She says, "Ugh, Minelli is so annoying. I sat down here to enjoy my night alone and try to relax, but of course he had to come here and ruin it. Him and his fans. He thinks he's so great just because he's Kinstagram famous." Some fans stare at her with discontent, which she replies to by sticking her tongue out at them.

"It's a nice night out tonight." Minelli looks up at the sky. "Reminds me of a song..." And he picks up his guitar and starts to sing.

https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=4AIIM2M1Lg8&ab\_channel=ValeriaMir%C3%B3

Daria stares at him for a moment, gets up, and runs away covering her face. (If they follow, begin the quest VV)

### Her Side:

"When we were kids, we would come to this beach right here after school. We would run along the sand and play games, collecting seashells, building sand castles. When the day was done, the sun would fall into a blanket of ocean. It looked so safe there, in the red sky. We would throw lay in the sand and let the water soak our feet, staring out into that great sky. And when the stars showed up, we would talk. About childish things. About school, or new games. Homework. Our least favorite teachers. About getting married, playing house in our own little heads. One day, he sat down next to me, his head in his knees. You could hear him bawling his eyes out. The ocean couldn't reach his feet like that. The stars couldn't see his eyes like that. I asked him what was wrong. He was moving, he said.

"Before he left, he bought me a necklace with money he saved doing tasks for a fruit vendor. It was made of cheap metal, and had one half of a red sun as the centerpiece. He had the other half. Said it was to remember him by. I loved that necklace.

"When he packed up his stuff for Meadowin and left, I would go back to the beach, necklace in hand. I would look up at the stars and talk to it like he could hear me. Sometimes I swear I could hear him talking back to me. I had been talking with Minelli through emails every now and then, but this felt more like home.

"Months passed, and I started getting into surfing. I went out near the cliffs with a few friends, where the waves were perfect for beginners. I had seen a Corphish hanging on the edge of the cliff for dear life, and ran up to save it. Though I managed to pull it up, I slipped on some algae and fell into the water. The waves tossed me back and forth, swinging me around like seaweed. That Corphish, now my big and strong Crawdaunt, saved me, and thankfully I had only scrapes and bruises. But my necklace was gone.

"You must understand the devastation that losing something like that can bring, right? Though it is small, that necklace was my home.

"Over time, he and I drifted apart. We emailed less and less often, and started getting busy with our own things. Crawdaunt joined me in surfing competitions, and life started moving really fast. They built this resort, and the town started to grow more into a city. And it got so busy. And loud.

"Some nights I would go near the cliff to lose myself. Lie down on the sand alone. In the quiet, seaside air. And I would talk to myself. To the air. To the stars. Hoping he could hear me. But the stars never shined as bright again.

"Then he became famous. Shining brighter than the stars I guess, heh." *She kicks a rock into the water.* "He says he remembers me, and he'll flirt with me from time to time, but... I know I'm just another girl to him. He has the choice of anybody. He doesn't mean

it when he looks at me like that, it's just how he looks at everyone. As if I'm just another fan...

"If only I still had that necklace. If I could prove to him that we were close a lifetime ago, maybe he'd remember. And we could be friends again."

### His Side (if they talk to him):

"Oh her? Uh, yeah, we were friends when I was a kid. Really cool chick. I remember we would go out on the water and throw rocks or somethin', and we'd talk. Probably about stupid things. I had to move away pretty young though, so I don't remember incredibly well. I do remember this vendor guy who would pay me for gathering berries from wild pokemon that stole them from him. But yeah, my parents took us to Meadowin, and I made a lot of friends there. Became pretty social, ya know? Gathered a big group of friends, made it in the influencer space, and just been living life. Almost 2 million strong! And... oh sorry what were we talking about? Oh yeah, Daria.

"Daria's great, man... I've kind of always looked up to her. She has this strength in her character that lets her do anything she wants to do in life. But I just know she doesn't remember me. Or if she does, she's probably disappointed with what I've become. I mean look at her! She's this super successful surfer and gym leader and I'm just... a vlogger. I just got lucky online, but she's actually... She's incredible."

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# Day 3: (Should they choose to go)

#### Cliffside Caves

- Caves hidden under the tall sea level over the summer. In the winter, as the sea levels lower, they are more accessible.
  - There are tales of ancient carvings found in the caves, though they have been washed down by the water. These carvings depict a mew creating a statue and infusing it with light or energy.
    - There are also Pokemon down here
      - Noibat (w/sound type) (level 20)
      - Minerall (Ivl 20-24)
      - Hullian Raticate (Lvl 30)

#### The Challenge:

- The players will have a limited amount of time to explore this cave, as the tide rises at night.
- Sunlight and weather based moves do not work down here.

- There are 4 "rooms" in these caves, each with a different arrangement of pokemon. Deep in the cave, in the 3rd and 4th room are carvings on the wall.
  - o Room 1:
    - 2 Noibat
  - o Room 2:
    - Big rock in front of the entrance (Requires Brawn check or pokemon move)
    - 1 Noibat, 1 Corphish, and a Minerall
    - [Items]
      - A bag of stardust (Sense Check)
        - Luck check (2 bags)
  - Room 3:
    - 2 Mineralls, 1 Corphish
    - [Carvings]
      - A cat-like creature (mew) floating above a statue
      - A beam of energy shot into the statue by the creature (mew)
    - A wall in front of the final room has a carving of an unknown in the shape of arceus. There is a small hole in the bottom right corner, and a small tunnel leading out into some unknown area, too small to fit through as a person.
  - o Room 4:
    - A Hullian Raticate, 2 Corphish
    - [Carvings]
      - The statue, with a line (string) coming out of its chest and connecting to another creature. The creature's silhouette is eroded by natural waves.
        - Adonis Smarts check reveals it may be some kind of dragon
      - Stars above the scene glimmer with natural gemstones. A word is written above the scene in an ancient language.
        - A Smarts check reveals the word Scars.
          - "Possibly a mistranslation? But in which way? Stars = Scars
    - [Items] In the Pokemon's hoard.
      - Fire Stone
      - 2 x Silver Powder
      - Plume Fossil (blueish Fossil with a feather in it)
      - Psychic Gem
      - TM28 Giga Drain
      - 4 Razz Berries
      - 3 Rawst Berries
      - 2 Sitrus Berries
      - Key Item: Sun Necklace

# Surfing Battles

- Surfing battles are a special kind of surfing competition wherein surfers are allowed to use their pokemon to throw off their competition while surfing.
   Only two competitors can battle at a time, and Daria Shox's gym makes use of a big wave machine to have league-legal surfing battles for the badge.
  - When surfing, the players will have to roll Brawn, Nerve, or Luck every round. Depending on the outcome is how they do a trick in the water, which adds to a pokemon's attack power. For example, if they get:
    - A Super Effective roll, they do a cool trick and their pokemon's attack is Super Effective! (+2 Surf Points!)
    - Effective, they do a cool trick but attack like normal (+1 Surf Point)
    - Net, they attack like normal.
    - Blanks/Hidden Power, they do a trick in a strange way and attack with + 1d4 pips of damage. (+1 Surf Point)
    - Not Very Effective, they don't do a cool trick and their pokemon's attack is Not Very Effective. (-1 Surf Point)
    - Critical Failure, they fall off the board and must get back on.
       Pokemon skips its turn. (-3 Surf Points)
  - When one side runs out of pokemon able to battle, the battle is over like normal. However, the person with the highest amount of Surf Points is the winner!
    - Defeating a Pokemon adds +4 Surf Points.
    - If your Pokemon faints you lose 2 Surf Points.
  - There is no rule that explicitly states that pokemon have to be on the board with them. As long as they are on the water in some way.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUbqOTtpmn0

Leave some time for RP, then going to a Pokemon center

• Call from Professor Redwood: "I've been studying that strange golden energy and the stone samples from Gravitas, and it seems to react differently around different Pokemon. Actually, I have two theories: This energy is attracted to powerful Pokemon, resulting in a slight change to the Pokemon's biology; or, this energy causes Pokemon to become stronger. I've called colleagues in Kalos and Kanto to assess this better, and some have their own theories. Professor [Augustine] Sycamore believes it may tie into Mega Evolution in some way, but he tends to tie everything to that in some way. Professor [Samuel] Oak, my biggest inspiration,

believes the bonds between People and Pokemon have something to do with the matter. Regardless, we all agree that the best way to study this phenomenon is this: Kyle, you must get stronger. You may just be a kid, but you were gifted with that stone. Whether the stone makes your Pokemon more powerful or is attracted to power is your discovery to make.

- On the television, there is a news broadcast detailing a special cosmic event
  - The biggest Minior shower reported in modern history, set to occur right above Hulley's cape.
  - This is a set up for the next quest, but they could come back to this?
     Maybe?

# Hulley's Cape

### Minior Shower?

A shiny minior crashes into a crevice, where Unown, and Ricon, causes it to transform into an Alpha pokemon. Raid battle ensues. Themes of the Mayan calendar, the meteor that killed the dinosaurs, and the end of the world. The deep crater left behind reveals markings and fossils, attracting the attention of well known anthropologists [Adonis' parents].

You see as one minior, slightly bigger than the rest and black, covered in small colored triangles, falls through the clouds and in the direction of the crevice. Golden threads extend from the crevice like tendrils, shooting out past and wrapping around the minior. They pull it in.

A bright light emerges from the crevice. Powerful, blinding yellow. And beneath your feet the earth rumbles. You see three figures appear from a point in the sky and sink into the bellows. Suddenly, from the crevice, rises a Minior the size of a large house, surrounded by yellow light and three Unown. An Eta symbol, an M, and an Arceus symbol. They wrap around it in a ring. As you look around, you notice the ground is starting to crack around you. You haven't much time.

After the battle, they may explore the crevice, where they will find LORE! And Adonis' parents.

## Findings:

Underground temple ruins covered in stains from the ocean, barnacles, and with the distinct smell of salt. On the sides are carvings telling the story of the first people.

- #1: Naked, it awoke. An empty vessel, a clean slate. A child of immense power, missing its core. That emptiness was its power. A void to fill with recognition.
- #2: "This pillar has been eroded by time and water." Should represent the merging of Infumin and the Mind.
- #3: It began with a hundred. Survived in a gray world, empty, undying. With no purpose, with no meaning, only gray.
- #4: [ A drawing of a Y is scratched onto the top of the pillar] A creature of darkness. Bringer of death. To save the creatures from endless wandering, it was born. Here we stand, where the first died. And from it, meaning. (Yvetal)
- #5: [ A drawing of an X is scratched onto the top of the pillar]
  A creature of light. Bringer of life. To save the creatures from heartbreak, it was born. Here we stand, where the child was born. And from it, love. (Xerneas)

#6: [ A cruder drawing of ancient Mew ]

As its brethren found joy in change, it lied in wait. Waiting, watching. Wherever it may be, it watches its children. Here we stand, in wait.

You hear a cry. "It is wonderful isn't it dear! Wait until Apollo hears about this!"

You approach the end of the ruins, where, surrounded by rubble and stones, two people are looking at the ground.

Adonis. You recognize them immediately. They are your parents. You feel confused, and frankly, annoyed.

# **Angelia City**

The outer city is totally utopian. Songs are sung on the streets, and people seem entirely energetic and peoply. Think Meet Me In St. Louis except not racist.

## Hulleywood

Riverside

Stringlodge

Meadowin

What are Stellar Stones? This is where everyone gets a Stellar Stone, but at its weakest level.

Meadowin Station Looker!

Goodherb

STARS ARE JUST THE SCARS OF DEAD UNIVERSES. Stories forever implanted in the book of sky.