

POKÉMON
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BRINK

ARC THREE

PLAN DOCUMENTS

I've been working on cultivating more reasonable expectations of my own output, and a fact I don't want to accept, but I feel I must...

I really love the ideas I had for Brink. But the size of the story, combined with the lack of time I have for it, means that finishing it would be impossible. With that in mind, I've had to make the difficult decision to shelve the rest of what I had developed for Pokémon Rebirth.

However, I don't plan to leave you with unanswered questions. Rather, I am going to share the plan documents for what would have been the remainder of Brink. You will get an exclusive look at just how these stories were constructed, with plot notes, excerpts of dialogue and concept art to help you get an idea for what the finished work might have been.

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ARC THREE of Brink contains mostly summaries of what was planned to happen. Multiple character journeys were planned to intertwine, but I had not finished working out how much of each character's journey to spotlight, and when to weave them in between other character plotlines. It was a very challenging task, and partly responsible for my decision to shelve the project.

- The impact of the large mysterious object causes repercussions in several dimensions which not only agitate all the pokémon that live there, but also create issues with the VR projects that Flaresoft are working on. Mondo is caught in the issue while inside Cyberspace, resulting in the corruption of most of the project's files, but he emerges surprisingly unharmed. The rest of the team are astonished – Mondo gets the feeling it's linked to his Alphagen roots which frustrates him again because he can't talk about it, and neither is he allowed to find out more about it.
- The next morning, the power is still out and people are unsettled. Images finally filter back from Sonoria – the object is a giant crystalline structure with a hole in its centre.
- Shortly afterward, a representative of Eclipse steps up and claims to be responsible for the giant crystal, saying that it's the next phase of their plan to cripple human society.
- This causes not only widespread fear and anger, but also an upsurge in enlightened pokémon leaving their trainers to join Eclipse. Some of these new recruits are the pokémon that were transported against their will to Orre to populate the newly restored environment, as well as the offspring of those pokémon that were taken.
- LUNAS COLONY: In studying the newsreel footage from Oci, Denise catches sight of Michael Sharne getting interviewed against his will, and she blurts out that he was at the scene following the kidnapping, too.
- The LFPE see what they can find out about Mr. Sharne via the Guardsmen, but there is nothing about him in their database, or the databases of any of Oci's Police forces. This leads the LFPE to search their database of Eclipse agents, which turns up a matching record. Michael Sharne is a Lunari drowzee working for Eclipse's Ocian branches, primarily in the field of throwing unsuspecting humans and pokémon off the scent of Eclipse's most confidential schemes.
- Using the date of the recent interview as a means to calculate where Mr. Sharne still is, the LFPE send out an alert to the agents in the area to track him down and bring him in for questioning.

- We temporarily drop in on the Lunari agent(s) in question as they find Michael Sharne and engage him. He refuses to come quietly though, and the agent(s) have some trouble with his hypnosis powers altering their sense of reality, before they manage to arrest him.

- JOHTO RESEARCH GROUP: After some initial work elsewhere, Ash and a couple of the other researchers go to Orre to investigate a new pokémon (Mudbray) reported by someone. There is a young trainer present whose exuberance reminds Ash of himself at the same age.

- Ash would regain more of his usual demeanour as he continued to work with the Johto Research Group, getting back in touch which what made being with pokémon so meaningful to him. In one instance, Ash would be reunited with one of the pokémon he had lost to Team Rocket at the beginning of 'Altered Paths', which would be a turning point for him emotionally.

- KANTO: While out on an average trip to the supermarket, the TRio rescue a golisopod from some thugs, before letting it go free and thinking nothing further of it.
- After passing the window of a jewellery shop during the shopping trip, Jessie is entranced by the hanging arrangements of crystals. At first, James and Errol think she's after some new accessories, but it turns out Jessie is finally inspired for the theme to their first movie.

JESSIE – That's it! We can make a movie about a giant crystal!

JAMES – Isn't that a little in poor taste, Jess? I mean, people have had bad experiences with a giant crystal lately.

JESSIE – It's current events, and no studio has done a movie like this before! Besides, it won't be exactly like the real one. I'll use it for, hmmm, inspiration.

The crystal in our movie can be an alien spaceship!

JAMES – Oooh...

- James wants to include something from tokusatsu because that's his fave genre.



- Jessie, James and Errol have purchased an unused plot of land with abandoned farm buildings on the outskirts of Pallet Town, which they have started to work on turning into a studio lot with living accommodation thrown in. Once Pikachu convinces them, Ash's other pokémon from Oak's Lab pitch in to help renovate, including his herd of tauros which carry various building materials and tools.
- While Jessie and James work on the script, Errol goes to Holiwood Kallefornia to get movie equipment. He has very mixed feelings about returning for a third time.
- Looking for a little solace, Errol ends up crossing paths with 'Norton Goodman' (the RU version of Detective Pikachu) in a café. He is watching news footage and writing notes while drinking coffee. Unlike the game version, Norton speaks human language because he was also part of Prof. Bohrgram's project (this isn't brought up since Norton doesn't know about being an experimental specimen, though Errol does muse it).



- Norton doesn't believe the giant crystal is Eclipse's doing and thinks they're just taking ownership. He thinks this, as he had managed to tap into communications between Sird Aquisa and another Eclipse agent, proving they were just as confused about the arrival of the crystal as everyone else.
- There's also a news article talking about how people are scared to use Pokéballs in the area near the crystal, because of the blackouts throwing out the Pokéball Management Interface.

ERROL: Oh, one more t'ing

NORTON: Hm?

ERROL: Ya might wanna stay away from any trading machines. Jus'...trust me on dis.

- **LUNAS COLONY:** Having gathered from Michael Sharne's confessions that the human scientists were taken to the Eclipse moonbase headquarters, Denise and members of the LFPE infiltrate the complex to discover her dad and the other scientists have been 'finished with' and are currently imprisoned. They urge Denise and the agents to stop the Eclipse members from turning on the signal disruption tower which they had previously been forced to build.
- While a couple of the agents stay behind to release the scientists, Denise and the remaining agents rush to where the tower is located on the complex. But Sergeant Zeroa intercepts them, allowing his superior, Lieutenant Kyurem, to activate the tower.
- However, instead of it blocking communications signals on Oci like they had planned, the tower ends up locking in on the crystal and drawing signals from that. Denise, the LFPE agents and Eclipse agents all look up in alarm and bewilderment, as indistinguishable noises resonate through the arena.
- Kyurem barks for the signal to be shut off, as the noises are pretty deafening, but Denise urges one of the agents to record it, as she feels there is something tangible in the signal.
- **KANTO:** The TRio hold their first auditions for pokémon actors to work alongside Jessie, as she has designated herself as the human protagonist, but she also wants a pokémon co-star.
- During these auditions, Jessie keeps choosing pokémon and saying 'THIS is our star who will make world-changing movies!'. Errol exclaims that 'You haven't even seen them act' to which Jessie replies 'No one's going to care about that'. Errol glares at her for being speciest.



- The golisopod that the TRio saved earlier shows up on the studio lot, determined to shower the three in love, which is both confusing and terrifying, considering the pokémon's fearsome appearance. It turns out that it had followed them all the way back to the studio from a distance, and wants to show its gratitude in whatever way possible.
- After Errol translates this, Jessie can't help but be endeared to the pokémon, and allows it to stay/act as their assistant.
- A magikarp trainer called Margo shows up for the audition as well, determined to put her precious magikarp into the spotlight in some way. At first, Jessie and James are rather averse to the idea since they've had bad experiences with magikarp on several occasions, but the magikarp is shown to have some really impressive water manipulation powers, so they change their minds.

- Shortly afterward, it is revealed that Margo is a water Cho'moken wielder and is using *her* powers to make her magikarp look more adept than it is, but they still allow Margo and her pokémon to perform as a team. Margo's magikarp becomes the main alien threat, and they put them on Errol's shoulders so they look like the alien's head and Errol plays the body. Margo then uses water Cho'moken to give the alien 'water arms'.



- In the end, they decide to make Pikachu into Jessie's co-star since he does have a lot of acting experience and a love of the stage.

- MEWTWO: Mewtwo is out searching for Mendarus. Sensing a high level of unusual energy, he goes to the source, thinking it is the being he is looking for, only to discover a group of young people hoarding mass numbers of pokémon by shooting them with a beam that renders them unable to move, as if someone pressed the pause button.

- This sight reminds Mewtwo of when he was working with Team Rocket, doing something similar, and he angrily goes to the aid of the pokémon, but this beam even works on him. The group takes Mewtwo back to their hideout, on an offshore island.

- Mewtwo attempts to escape the whole time, but has been completely disabled. However, he can still see, and watches as they enter an abandoned office building with a damaged sign on the front. Most of the text has been obliterated, but the letters G A R A K are still visible.
- Inside the run down, messed up innards of the building, there are surprisingly advanced pieces of machinery. One of the young people hand off the large batch of other captured pokémon to an accomplice in front of one of the machines. They transfer them into the machine, before breaking them down into particles and reconstructing them into various coloured energy cubes.
- Mewtwo looks on in horror and disgust, but is moved past this area. As most of the people from the group split up to other rooms, two members remain with Mewtwo and take him to the next floor of the building. In a room which looks to be an office, despite the terrible state everything is in, he comes face to face with a man in his early 30s, who appears to be the leader.
- The man is particularly fascinated by Mewtwo, having seen nothing like him before. Mewtwo watches distastefully as he runs scans, musing over the pokémon's mixed DNA and heightened psychic abilities. One of the youths in the room inquires if this is a Variable hybrid, but their leader shakes his head, remarking Mewtwo was created 'the primitive way'.
- Angered, Mewtwo demands to know what is going on, surprising everyone with his telepathic outburst.

??? - *smiles slightly* So you can talk...in a way.

He looks at the two youths either side of Mewtwo.

??? - Let it go.

APPRENTICE 1 – But Kelton...

KELTON – Don't you fret. I got this.

The two youths tap out some commands on their handheld devices and the tight grip Mewtwo could feel around his limbs, vanishes. He hits the floor with a loud thud. Before the pain from the landing has subsided, Mewtwo instantly grasps for his telekinetic abilities in order to engage the three figures in the room, only to find these abilities are still suppressed.

MEWTWO - *angry, strained* How are you...doing this?

Kelton smirks, lowering his arm from where he had been typing into his wrist worn device.

KELTON - *smirks* It's a talent of mine.

MEWTWO - *dark, very angry* You better start talking, human, before I take the answers myself.

KELTON – *slight chuckle* You've got guts. I like that. Well! The name's Kelton Salix. I run this operation. My sibs tell me that you were sticking your nose in where it didn't belong.

MEWTWO – *furious* You have taken hundreds of pokémon from their homes and *murdered* them for resources!

KELTON – Murder? No...

unsettling You can only murder what was alive to begin with.

MEWTWO - *caught off guard* What?

KELTON - *dismissive* Ahh, I wouldn't expect you to understand.

- Losing his patience at Kelton's cryptic replies, Mewtwo furiously dives at the man telepathically. While inside Kelton's mind, Mewtwo uncovers that he is a scientist who studied Variables, but his research altered his way of thinking. Kelton equated Variables with a form of virtual reality, and if nothing around him was real – including himself – then did anything really matter?
- Kelton was refused Professor status by the Research Institute, who thought his research of being able to manipulate the world on an incomprehensible level was dangerous. They proceeded to erase Kelton's research, but he was able to preserve some parts of it before escaping.
- Shunned by the science community, Kelton worked for a short time with F A Cybertech, but was thrown out of the company after he sold duplicates of E.V. to members of the wealthy. Now embittered and a little unhinged from the discoveries of his work, Kelton has formed his own organisation he calls the LifeHackers – comprised of equally embittered and misunderstood young people, whom he shares some of his Variable editing knowledge, and acts as a mentor/older brother type. Many of these youths have no regard for their own lives and are frequently doing very dangerous things.
- Mewtwo lets go of Kelton's mind, causing the man to stagger back in alarm since he didn't realise his ability suppression code hadn't suppressed telepathy. Mewtwo feels bewildered at what he has seen – it has unearthed thoughts he had buried with regards to his own existence as a clone hybrid.
- Mewtwo tries using his recent knowledge from the Agrarian Seers to reason with Kelton, saying the pokémon are Tajigyama's creations, and it would hurt Tajigyama to do such things to their work. Kelton says Mewtwo is misguided, and they're all anomalies.
- LUNAS COLONY: The LFPE are hard at work decoding the sound that had been received from Eclipse's signal disruption tower. The Nichols family are finally reunited, but while most of the scientists have travelled back to Oci, Gabriel has stayed behind to help figure out what the sound is.

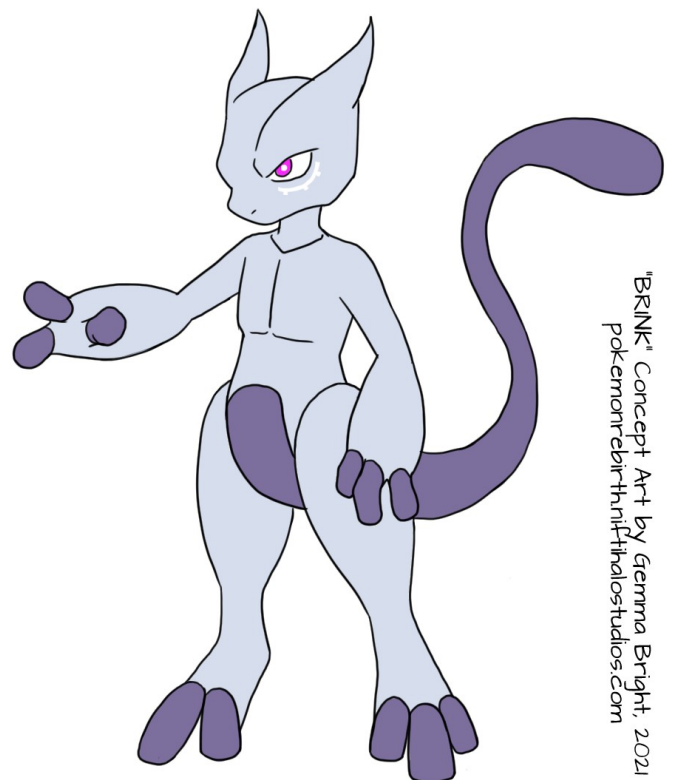


- **THE OUTER REALMS:** Arceus detects the approach of another unidentified form resonating a similar energy to the crystal. This worm-like form causes massive ripples in the outer dimensions, moving Arceus and the Lati to try and stop it entering the dimension containing Oci.
- Any attempts at pushing it back with shields and energy blasts fail. Arceus instructs the Lati to deliver the message of the approaching creature to the Agrarian Seers who, in turn, share it with the Guardsmen.
- There is speculation amongst the Guardsmen as to the identity of the creature. Some people wonder if it's a new type of pokémon created during the last Generation Rite.
- While this information isn't shared with the general public, soon the creature's approach becomes difficult to hide. The crystal's behaviour grows even weirder. Legendary guardian species across the world become restless. Weather phenomena increases.
- These events make Mendarus even more desperate to get hold of their remaining energy. However, their recent visit to Brandon's pyramid – the last place they recalled their energy being kept – has proved unsuccessful. Even searching Brandon's belongings, and his mind, turns up no clues aside from the fact that the orb containing the energy was handed over to the Lunari.
- N and his mother have been tailing Mendarus-as-Nascour this whole time, but always a few steps behind, being delayed or misdirected in some way or another.
- Tormented by the weird dreams growing ever more persistent, the Nexi all end up going to their region's respective Seer repositories in the hopes the dreams can be deciphered.
- **TATTO:** Mendarus encounters Eclipse members involved in a black market auction, and interrogates them for information on the whereabouts of the orb containing their energy. While the Eclipse members don't know, they strike a deal with Mendarus to help them find it, in return for some kind of reward.
- Through extensive research, the Eclipse members discover the orb was taken to a stronghold on the east Lunas colony. Mendarus then gives them their 'reward', by draining the Eclipse members of their aura, and removes all evidence of the research. N and his mother are the unfortunate ones to discover the aftermath.
- **MAYHEW FAMILY:** While out on a mission for RKS Labs, the Mayhew family encounter one of the top LifeHackers members – a figure dressed in a hooded cloak with an inhuman-looking creepy face. The LH member sends the family into a pocket of Netspace and displaces everyone. Janice manages to confront the figure, but is temporarily incapacitated, after they somehow unlock all her memories that the P.R.O.C.U had previously sealed away. The figure escapes while Janice is disorientated, leaving Darius and Adam to find her and send out a distress signal to be rescued from Netspace.



- SONORIA: The worm-like creature finally breaches the dimension containing Oci and lands where the crystal is. It finds the crystal heavily guarded by members of the Guardsmen and Police, who are unsettled by the creature's pupil-less eyes, and black scales with glowing green lines between them.
- Wondering if it is a more Enlightened specie, one of the Guardsmen asks the creature if it is a pokémon, but it does not answer. Instead, the creature's body glows and falls away, revealing what appears to be a human.
- This baffles the Guardsmen and Police, because their reports clearly stated the being had arrived on Oci from outside their dimension. They do not have time to think about this, however, as the man begins approaching the crystal. The Guardsmen/Police's attempts to stop him with warnings fail, as the man continues to ignore them. They instead try to engage him with force, only to be quickly halted as the man relocates every person within the vicinity of the crystal, to the other side of the region.
- With the distractions removed, the man sets up some kind of emitters around the crystal, which begin constructing a tower as his headquarters. He also brings a number of the winged absol to him, and transforms them into sleek, black creatures with pixelated green markings. He then sends them out across the region, where they travel at great speed.

- We see various main characters encountering the mutant absol, who have been running about the planet dispatching odd blob-like organisms. This includes some of the characters introduced in earlier parts of 'Brink'. These characters have varying success at stopping the absol/destroying the organisms, though at least one of them takes a blob back to the lab to study just what it is.
- The Pokémon Guardsmen/International Police are struggling to understand what's going on. Spotlights on Kid, Ana, Nanu, Anabel, Looker, Lance and Ritchie as they try to help in the areas they have been assigned.
- JOHTO: Mondo and Gloria encounter the mutant absol drones while Mondo is spending time helping Gloria at her place. The drones scan Mondo and Gloria, detecting something interesting about Mondo, and end up signalling his location to the man that is controlling them.
- Confused but intrigued about the data he has just received, the man searches the information he has gathered from elsewhere on the planet, to discover further people with the same data signature as Mondo.
- RKS LABS: In the medical bay, Janice comes round from what was done to her, and is now able to remember who Darius and Adam is, as well as all the events leading up to getting exposed to P.R.O.C.U 1.0. This results in an emotional family reunion.
- During one of their 'missions', some of the LifeHackers narrowly escape being trapped in an area that gets surrounded by an odd forcefield, causing everything inside the forcefield to be locked into a loop, like what happened to Broka City. Witnessing this event horrifies them, and makes them realise they don't want to die. Mewtwo is then able to persuade Kelton to go with him to visit the Agrarian Seers, as he feels whatever is going on is related to Tajigyama. Kelton agrees and gives Mewtwo a Variable-based speed enhancement, so they can both get back to the repository quickly.
- EAST LUNAS COLONY: With the extra help of the Guardsmen, the LFPE finally decodes the signal from the Eclipse communications tower, revealing it to be a woman's voice begging someone called 'Zaiden' to leave Tajigyama alone. That it is self-aware and should not be treated like a random computer program.



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- One or more of the Nexi get to hear this signal somehow and exclaim that one of the voices in the dreams they've been experiencing, has been that woman's voice.
- SEER REPOSITORY: Confused by what the message contains, the Agrarian Seers turn to Mew for understanding. Mew directs them to Azett, who explains that Tajigyama, the being that formed Oci and the dimension encapsulating it, is itself a creation – having been devised by the Alphagen humans of planet earth as a means to reconstitute the Alphaworld's waste into beneficial materials.
- Upon realising their AI had developed sentience, one of the founders of the project had a crisis of conscience and released Tajigyama into the 'dimensional ether' so that they would not be used for bad things.



- With the desire to create that they needed to satisfy, Tajigyama set about making a world and creatures to inhabit it, inspired by all they had learned from their time spent in earth's dimension.
- Azett had been directly entrusted with this information by Tajigyama, who sought to keep the existence of Alphagens away from the humans of Oci, fearing that if it should become common knowledge, the Alphagen humans who wanted control of Tajigyama would seek them out, erasing the world they had created in the process. Azett then quotes the passage from the Oo'rekimei.

"Do not reach back through the void,

Do not call to the ones who came before.

For great calamity shall befall the unwise.

Them, and all with them.”

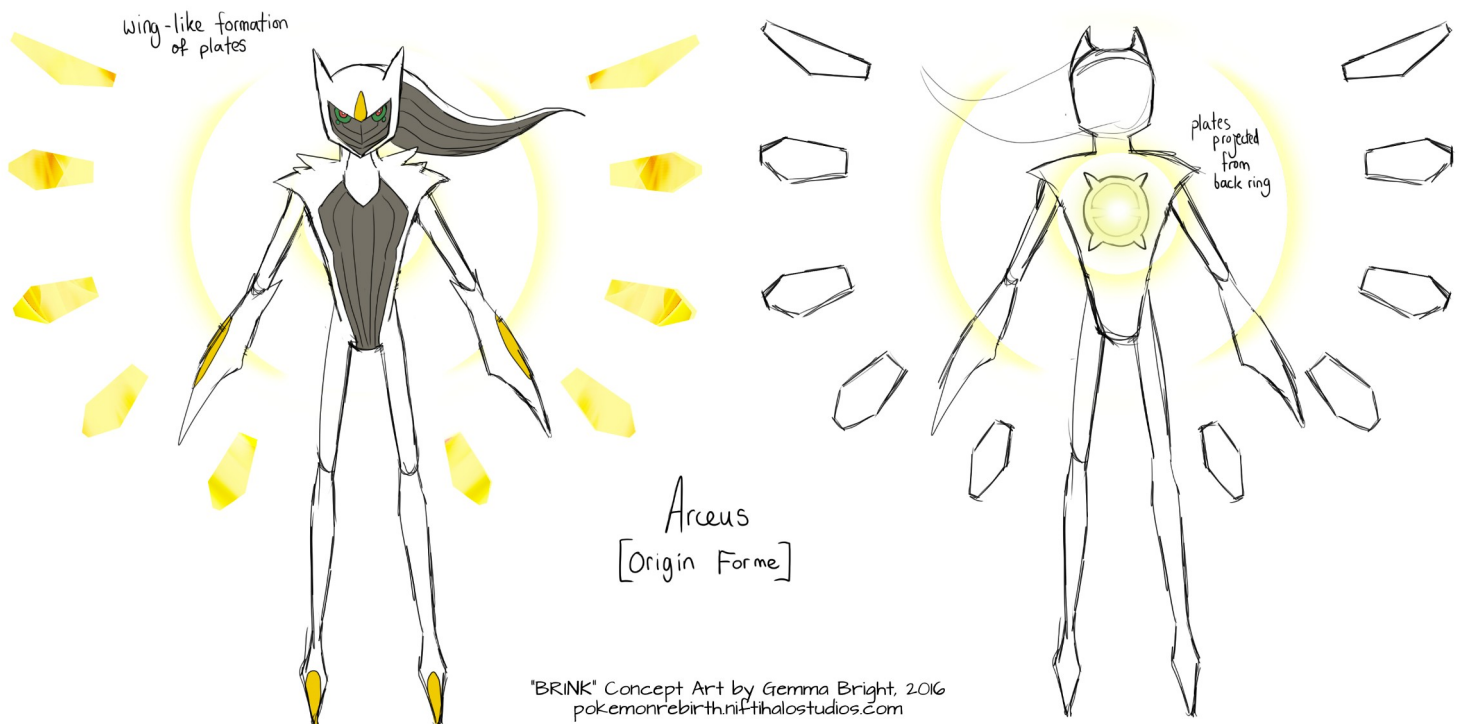
- The Seers deduce that the conversations the Nexi had overheard in their dreams over the past days, were Tajigyama’s memories from their time with their creators.
- Those present begin to wonder whether someone contacted the Alphaworld. Others ask why would Zaiden be attacking Oci if all he wanted was Tajigyama. The Seers explain, with grief, that Oci cannot exist without Tajigyama.
- SONORIA: Having been made aware that there are Alphagens living on Oci, Zaiden sends a message through all forms of broadcasting, revealing their Alphagen identity to those concerned, and offering them a chance to return to the Alphaworld. The majority refuse, but Mondo is tempted by the idea of seeing his birth home and meeting his blood relatives. He decides to go to Zaiden's headquarters.
- While at the HQ, Mondo and the few other Alphagens who accepted Zaiden's offer help out with various duties around the place.
- Waking up to find Mondo has vanished, Cory frantically takes a short cut through Netspace to reach Jessie, James and Errol and tell them what has happened. It turns out the TRio’s filming sessions had to be put on hold, as their studio lot also got attacked by the mutant absol drones. The drones were driven away by the cast and studio crew, with the TRio’s new golisopod companion showing an impressive display of power, and Margo and her magikarp tag-teaming with her water Cho’moken and his resilience. This is also the point where Pikachu discovers he is able to temporarily shift into being a raichu, which gives him a power boost and added psychic abilities (a side effect of the halted/reversed evolution by Mewtwo, combined with the fact that one of Pikachu’s parents was a ditto).
- Errol returns to Cory and Mondo's apartment to try and work out what happened. Errol reunites with Gloria for the first time since they were both at Team Rocket HQ, which catches Errol off guard since Mondo hadn't told him he had met Gloria again.
- The Pokémon League call on the services of all Elite Four Members and Gym Leaders in an attempt to slow or stop Zaiden’s activities, resulting in both Brant and Misty getting roped into Guardsmen business. Caley also decides to step up in place of his dad. As the only Alphagen Gym Leader, Lt. Surge volunteers to act interested in going back to the Alphaworld so he can get into Zaiden’s HQ and take it down from the inside.
- Hearing of what his dad and best friend is about to do, re-ignites Ash's desire to fight. He returns to Kanto to get Pikachu and some other members of his team, but also to ask his pidgeot once again if they could help him out one more time.

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- Brant meets Nanu and is surprised at his current role as a Guardsman – they know each other from some past endeavours when they were both criminals.
- EAST LUNAS COLONY: The LFPE persuade Eclipse to let them use their tower to try and send a message back to the mysterious woman. By talking with the woman, they discover her name is Gardi and that she was the other Alphagen scientist responsible for Tajigyama's existence. In turn, Gardi discovers that Tajigyama has, in a sense, created their own offspring.
- The LFPE ask how Zaiden managed to find the Ocian dimension. By searching Zaiden's computer, Gardi uncovers details of a bizarre anomaly that showed up two years ago (at least in the Ocian dimension timeline, since time in the Alphaworld dimension passes slower) – the result of Team Galactic's Cyrus' attempting to form another world using Dialga and Palkia's abilities. This anomaly caught Zaiden's attention and helped him locate the dimension Tajigyama had created Oci in.
- Gardi asks the Ocians to help her access the dimension, because Zaiden has put a blocker protocol in place to prevent her travelling there to stop him. The Ocians have to locate and shut down the blocker from their side.
- Seeing the value in their own lives once again, Kelton and a number of the LifeHackers are among those to volunteer shutting down the blocker.

- **ZAIDEN'S TOWER:** Mondo discovers that his visit to the Alphaworld won't be temporary, and furthermore, Zaiden is planning to deconstruct Oci and its dimension entirely, because it is the only way he can retrieve Tajigyama and bring them back to the Alphaworld. This horrifies Mondo and he wants to leave, but Zaiden won't let him go, saying that Mondo has become too attached to virtual constructs and he's not thinking clearly.
- Mew is given permission and the means to restore Arceus to his original form, and he goes forth with an army of legendaries to engage with Zaiden. Even as a single human, Zaiden has the power of Variable manipulation at his command, so is able to stop many of the pokémon in their tracks using protocols that mimic cheat codes.



- With this distraction in play, Mendarus reaches a Lunari stronghold where the remainder of their power has been under guard. With their Spirit Cast Honedge-looking sword and other powers, they breeze through everything the Lunari throws at them, including the pokémon-powered security systems and trained guards. Mendarus grabs the sphere storing the remaining power and now has enough strength to exist without a host.
- The Lunari fire a Gorgon Cannon at Mendarus just as they grab the power sphere, and while Nascour's body is petrified, Mendarus leaves him and takes on their true form. Nascour is preserved as a result, but when the process is reverted, he is shown to be very weak and they have to put him in intensive care. He is also back to being in pokémon form again, as a tangrowth.
- With Mendarus having regained their full power, rifts begin opening up and glitches start pouring into Oci. These glitches include the 'data' of the Alphagens lost during the Mirage Flight incident, and various Ocian inhabitants, both of which had been gathered by the yamask prevalent in Etherspace.



- At some point, Caley ends up encountering the leftover remnants of his father via one of these yamask. Mewtwo also encounters Amber, though in appearance only. His attempts to keep her living (back when the Team Rocket specimen capsules were sabotaged while Mewtwo was still young) had ended up corrupting her memories and personality.

- With her restored memories, Janice is able to use her engineering knowledge to improve her family's equipment and, in turn, the equipment of RKS Labs.

- There are multiple instances of people having to protect themselves from glitches. Some of them embed themselves in things like pumpkins, ship anchors, pots of tea, even the sand, confusing and terrifying the populace.

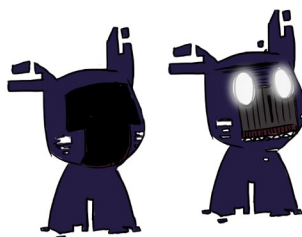
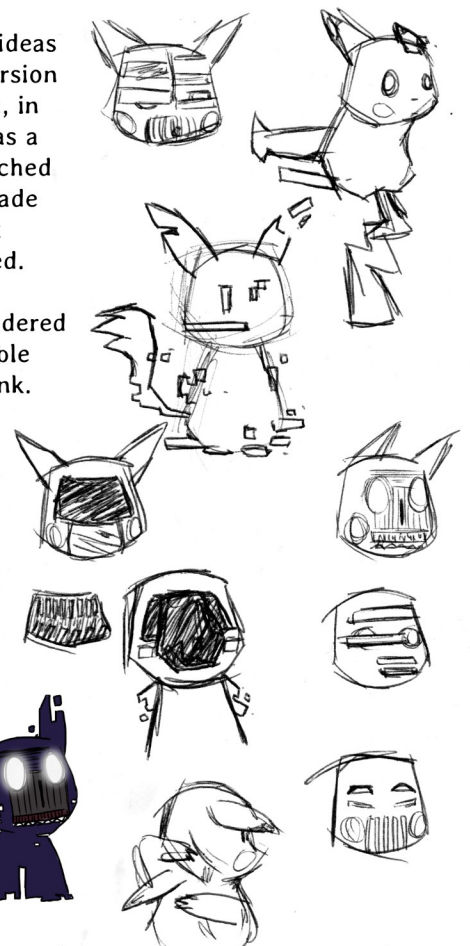
- Those with ghost/ether types and virtual type pokémon companions fare the best

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Exploratory ideas for an RU version of Mimikyu, in which it was a Pikachu glitched during a trade that got interrupted.

Initially considered for a notable role in Brink.

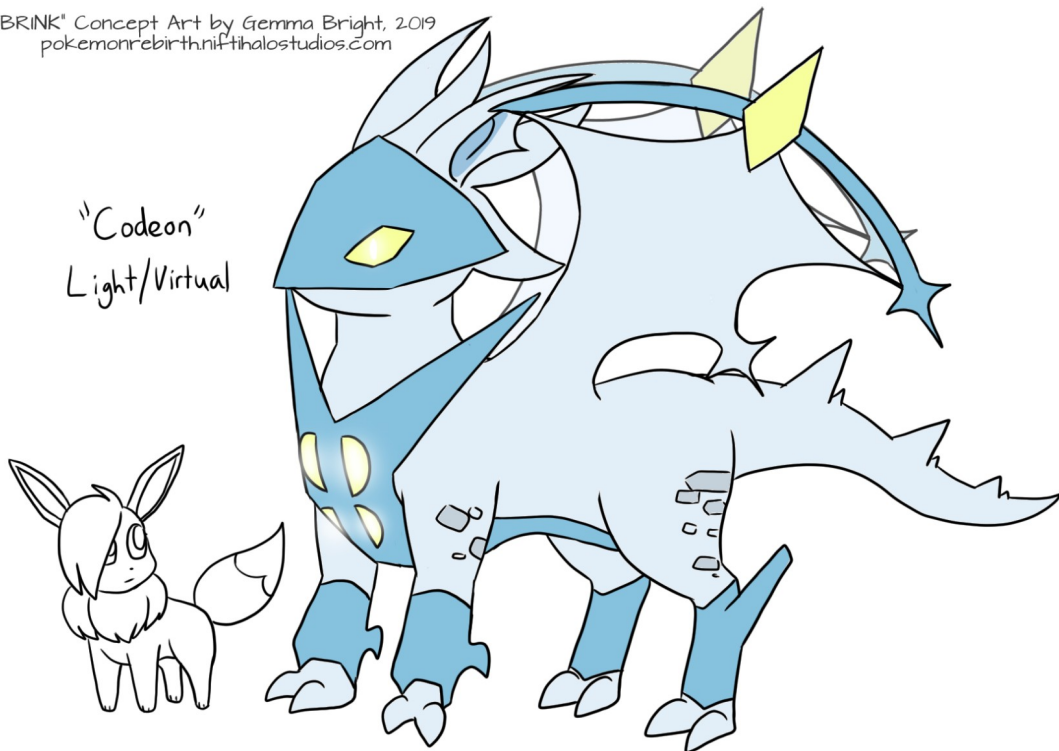
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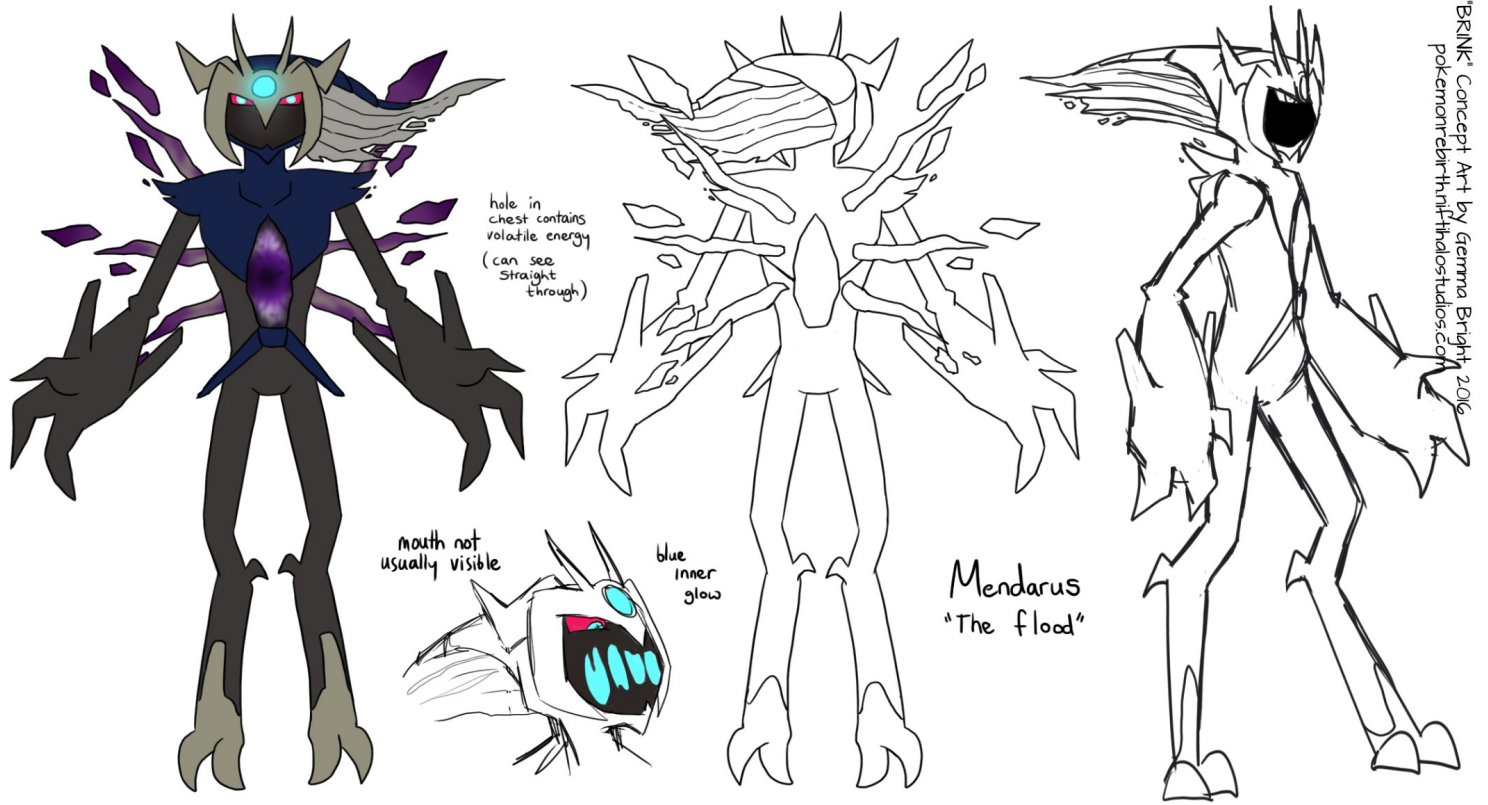
against the glitches, who are able to protect them from getting harmed by the glitches or their effects on the environment.

- We get to see Soliera's pokémon E.V.'s true power during this sequence, as she takes on a 'virtual forme' to fight back the glitches.

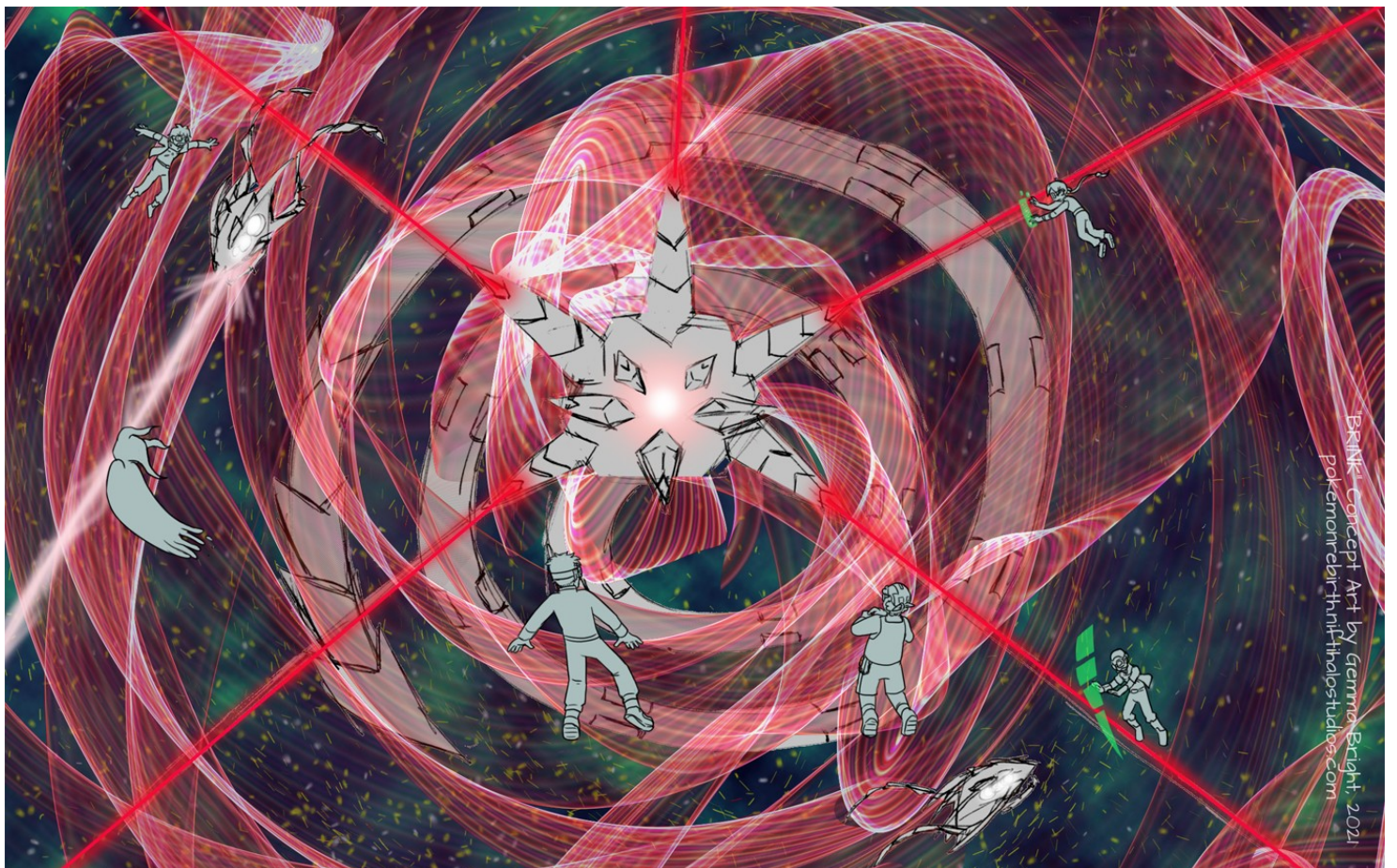
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- During this time, Ash also discovers he has wind Cho'moken abilities. This is partly why Pikachu was averse to him in the first episode of the anime – a result of their conflicting 'elements'. Mendarus' presence in Ash's body had caused Ash's inherited (previously dormant) Cho'moken to surface. It had mostly gone unseen during his trainer journey, except in some instances where it allowed Ash to take larger jumps than was natural, or run along a wall. He had, in effect, *always* been a Pokémon Master.
- Ash's Cho'moken gives his pidgeot a mega evolution style power boost.
- At one point, Adam is almost irreparably corrupted by a glitch, but Amu dives in to save him.
- Mendarus' tearing into Oci catches Zaiden's attention, because despite their actions speeding up the breakdown of Oci, it also puts Tajigyama at risk of being irreversibly corrupted and thus rendered useless.
- He drops his activities in the HQ and confronts Mendarus. However, they appear to be equally matched.
- In the meantime, Gloria, Cory, the TRio and their movie crew go on a rescue mission to save Mondo.

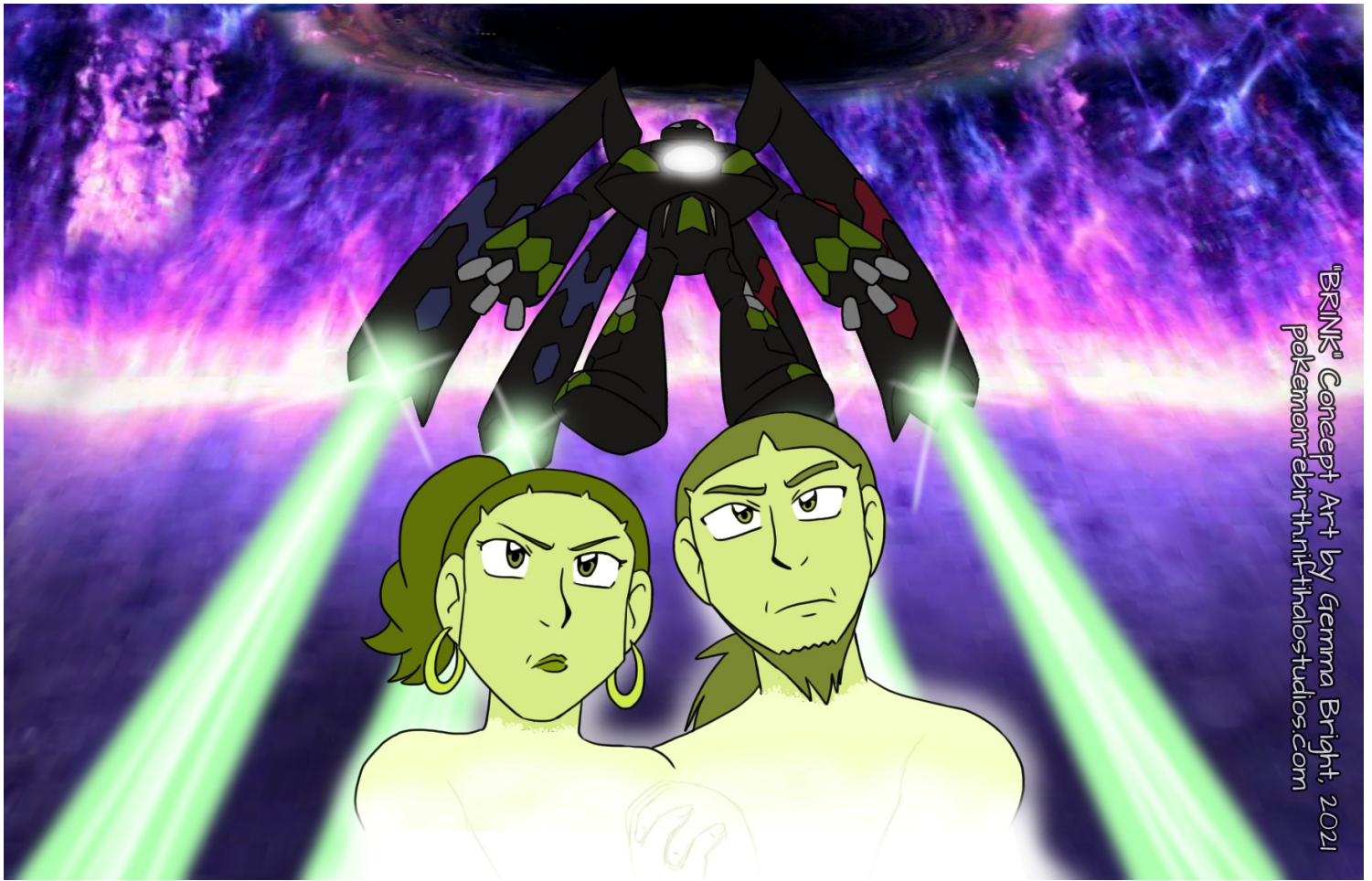


- Kelton and the most experienced LifeHackers members team up with the most experienced RKS Labs members and locate the blocker protocol, which looks like a writhing mass of non-organic black shards. With much effort, they manage to shut it down.



- Gardi finally reaches Oci. By this time, Zaiden has got rid of Mendarus, but the results of their conflict have caused some major issues in the process. A small rift has emerged and is gradually pulling parts of the environment into it.
- Zaiden is angry and returns to his base to try and fix this, however the base has been hijacked while he was gone, trapping Zaiden in the Ocian dimension.
- Gardi catches up with Zaiden and attempts to reason with him, but he stubbornly refuses to believe that the Ocians are anything more than pre-programmed data constructs.
- Ash takes it upon himself to help Mewtwo get through the chaos of the large scale battle between glitches, humans and pokémon, to reach Zaiden. Brant joins in, surprising Mewtwo and Ash by his act of self-sacrifice, and cementing the belief that the man who formerly tried to control him, really has changed.
- In perhaps some twist of irony, it is Mewtwo – the first cloned pokémon – that helps Zaiden to understand that the Ocians are able to think for themselves. And, even if perhaps they were 'accidental' in Zaiden's eyes, the humans and pokémon in Oci's dimension still have a right to live.
- Zaiden regrets the amount of damage he has caused, and fears it is irreversible. Gardi urges him not to lose hope, and suggests a theoretical protocol to heal the void in Oci's dimension and – if her calculations are correct – the damaged link between Tajigyama and what they created. The risk is that they will have to travel into the centre of the void to activate the protocol, and they only get one chance at it, as they will not be able to return.
- Zaiden accepts to do this. Together, Gardi and Zaiden create the protocol and fuse it to their inter-dimensional travel suits, joining them together into one with a more humanoid appearance, and flying into the void. The void is nullified, and the connection between Tajigyama and Oci is permanently fixed, allowing them to restore the damaged environment and those that were lost, using data that had been taken from the last Generation Rite, a few months ago.
- There is a worldwide celebration. Tajigyama thanks Gardi for her loyal persistence in getting through to her brother, and Zaiden for his change of heart. The Ocian dimension is left in peace.





- **EPILOGUE:** Seeing Ash's actions in the midst of the conflict, Misty feels more reassured that he is the Ash she remembers, despite the change of appearance. Their relationship needs some work, but it's back to heading in the right direction.
- Having conquered something without Mendarus' influence, Ash feels upbuilt. He also has a better understanding of who his father is, and the more positive similarities between them.

ASH – I wish I could say 'I always knew I could do it', but really? I didn't.

MISTY – What do you mean?

ASH - Back when I found out that Mendarus had been making my pokémon stronger, I'd wondered if I'd done *anything* to earn my Gym Badges and medals. But I get it now. Sure, training hard is important...but that's not everything. It's also what you learn, the places you go, the friends you meet. And I got to do all that, and more.

- Brant has official Viridian Gym Leader status restored to him after a number of positive assessments by the PIA agents. He commemorates this with a match against Wes.
- Jessie, James and Errol resume making movies. Their first one ends up being very successful – the opening night has the Ketchum family sat in the front row at the cinema cheering them on, which startles the group at first, but then they accept this with tearful appreciation. Other members of

the audience include Mondo, Cory, Gloria, Brock, Misty, Tracey, May, Dawn, Caley, Adam, Denise, Rose, Jenna, Kevin and their families. They hang around at the after party, getting to know each other and swapping stories about their experiences with the TRio.

- Denise continues her long distance communication with Prof. Feroma, and frequently visits the Lunari colony, who are growing more accustomed to the idea of having more human tourists. In turn, some Lunari come back to planet Oci now that Mendarus has been defeated. Relations between Lunari and humans show signs of improvement, with even Eclipse members being won over.
- Kelton disbands the LifeHackers, realising he and the others have so much more to live for, and the LH members take their skills across the world to aid other organisations. Some LifeHackers members end up joining FlareSoft and helping them take on their next major project - a virtual theme park.
- The Mayhew family step down from Glitch Hunting and set up a family business in computers and engineering.
- Mewtwo returns to his more reclusive life back at the Fiore Seer Repository, happy to have played his part, and to be alive. After all, as a dear friend of his once said, 'Life is wonderful'.

THE END

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