

# Pokemon: Explorers of Space

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*Jun, the Riolu, has stumbled upon Treasure Town running from his fears. He decides to become an apprentice at Wigglytuffs Guild, hoping he will be protected. Join him as he prepares to destroy the dangers of the world, one way or another.*

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# 1 - Protection

Night has drawn closer since Jun's last rest. Now, he was hopping through trees, his bushy tail and forehead bleeding. He felt as if he were still being followed, as if someone were in the brush. He decided it was nothing, for he was too tired to go on much farther. He stopped jumping and slid down a tree into a small clearing. He was panting hard, pulling out an apple from his bag. This was the last of his food. Eating it slowly, and in tiny bites, he remembered the horrible scene he had witnessed earlier. Jun felt way too tired to remember anything, so he layed his head on the ground, trying to fall asleep. Eventually, he fell into a dreadful sleep.

Not too long later, a sound in the bushes woke Jun up. He saw a long stick that looked like a sword and reached for it, briskly. He stood up in a fighting stance, the stick in both hands. His head felt better, so he scanned the area for any movement. Suddenly, two Poke'mon, a bird and a big pink one, jumped from the bushes. He barley had any energy to fight, so he had to finish this quickly. He spun the stick in his hand and dashed to the two. They stepped forward and saw who they really were. Not cosmetically harmful, but the names immediatly popped to his mind. They were Chatot and Wigglytuff! Jun dropped his weapon and stepped back a few paces. He saw their eyes, filled with sympathy in Wigglytuffs eyes, but something else was in Chatots. Jun dropped to his knees and avoided eye contact with them.

"Please!" he yowled, sobbing. "Please dont hurt me! Ill do anything you want! Just dont hurt me! I... I..." Wigglytuff cut him off by calmly replying, "It's ok. Here' eat this and calm down." He handed Jun a small yellow seed. "We'll take you somewhere safe."

"Guildmaster!" Chatot exclaimed. "Were letting a wild Poke'mon come to the Guild!" Jun didn't hear anymore because he shoved the seed in his mouth and fell soundly asleep. His last feeling was being lifted off the ground and being pat on the head, he fell asleep.

## 2 - Enrollment

Jun drowsily opened his eyes from his sound sleep. He felt something soft under him. Hay? He had never felt this kind of comfort, or any kind infact. He was sore everywhere. He looked over his body and saw several bandages wrapped around him. His body, tail, and right leg. He sat up and heard something scuffling about. A small brown creature came running on four legs towards him. "Hello..." it greeted him. "Are you okay? Wanna apple?"

"Wh-Who are you? Where am I?" Jun asked, solemnly.

"Oh, sorry... I'm Bidoof. An Apprentice here, at Wigglytuff's Guild, yup yup!" Bidoof rolled an apple towards Jun. He grabbed it and took a big bite out of it. "D-Delicious!"

"Glad you like it! Now, come on. I wanna introduce you to everyone!"

They walked down a long hallway to a large clearing. The Poke'mon in the clearing instantly eyeballed him, making him uncomfortable. "This is the Guild!" Out of discomfort, Jun asked, "Am I gonna be here any longer? These people..." He fell silent. Scrunching his neck trying to hide himself, he took a few steps back. A voice called from in front of him, "Hey, Riolu, come with me!" It was Chatot. Jun followed him briskly, avoiding the other sharp gazez. They entered a room with Wigglytuff opposite of them. He sprang up and exclaimed, "WOO-PA! Would you like to join us!?"

"WHAT!?" Chatot yelled. "This is a wild, really wild, Pokemon! We found him in the woods, injured! You think we can take him in!?" Wigglytuff gestured for him to come closer. He whispered something to him, silently. After a long, awkward silence, Chatot called to him, "Fine, welcome to the Guild..."

### 3 - Friendships

A few hours went by when a Pichu and a Pikachu came through the doorway. They gave Jun a weird look, but he disregarded it. "Jun," Wigglytuff started, "say hello to your new team!" Everyone looked startled. A few moments went by when the two newcomers broke the silence by tackling Jun playfully, laughing. "Yay!" they screamed. "We get a new friend!" Strangely enough, they spoke at the same time. A little book fell from his opened bag. "Oooh!" the Pichu exclaimed. She reached for the book, opening it and quickly examining him from time to time. Jun got annoyed real quick and snatched the book back from her. "I would rather you dont look... please?" He informed the Pichu. "Also, who are you!? I would like to know the people Im gonna live with... if that's okay?"

"Thats fine" the Pikachu responded. "My names Yena, the Pikachu! And this is Piko, the Pichu and my sister. And you are?"

"Jun, the Riolu with no family." He was trying to get some sympathy from these two. "Also, can you please get off of me?" He asked, calmly. They let off of his nearly broken body, stood up and put pushed the book back in his bag.

"Alright, lets get down to bisnuess." Wigglytuff broke in. "First, what is your new team name?" The three pondered over it a minuite, but they were all thinking the same thing, "Team Sapphire!"

"Team Sapphire, ok" He turned back around for a moment then swunged back around, nearly throwing a box at them. "WOO-PAH! This is you starter kit! Go ahead, take a look in it! It wont bite!" Piko stepped and swunged the box open. Inside, there was an explorers bag, a Map, and a Red bow. "Follow Chatot down to your room. Take a rest there then report here tommorow. Hope you have fun here! WOO-PAH!" He danced back around while Chatot came towards the door, nodding to the three to follow them. They had entered the same room Jun had woken up in. It was large with three beds in it. A tree stump was near the back, with three smaller ones surrounding it. This was his home.

## 4 - The Map

The beds felt harder now than when Jun was unconscious. He tried to curl up to sleep, but he never felt the urge to close his eyes. He reached for his book with cold hands. It had been a while since he'd read this. He opened the book to the first page, surprised by what he saw. Nothing! There was not a word in there. He flipped to the second page. Nothing! He scanned every page from that. Eventually, he came upon an old looking drawing of some creature with a ring thing around it. What was this? It looked... astounding. A ruffle behind him broke Jun's trance. Yena had woken and started looking at Jun. "Can't sleep?" She whispered. "I can't either... Piko told me about what's in that book. You really an orphan?" Jun nodded back yes.

"I'm sorry... having no one... no brother, sister, parents...." Jun felt very forlorn now, which Yena seemed to notice. "I-I mean... um, yeah... what you got?" She stepped over silently and peered in the book. Yena seemed astounded, and she whispered in Jun's ear, "A-Arceus! That's Arceus! The Alpha Pokemon! Wh-what is he doing in your book?" To Jun's surprise, he was catching on to this. Arceus was obviously powerful, legendary. He flipped the page to see a map. Quickly, he grabbed his Explorer map, scanned the page, and ripped it out. He tried the map segment to every side there was. It fit perfectly to the direct right. "That's Spacial tunnel!" Her eyes sparkled in joy. This was Arceus' home, Spacial tunnel, Jun thought. Get ready Arceus, cause I'm coming! "We can't tell anyone about this." Yena suggested. "This'll be our secret."

## 5 - The Start

Jun woke up, yawning loud. He still had the book lying on his belly, open to the ripped out part. He gazed around the room and saw Piko sitting nearby on one of the tree stumps. She was writing in a little book of her own. She noticed Jun and acknowledged him, "Mornin'! I decided that if you man enough to keep a Diary, then im gal' enough!" Jun just flopped his head down on his bed again and opened his book. Pretty peculiar, he thought. All of the pages had words on them again. Was he dreaming? No, because the bandages he wore still ached. Jun grunted and sat up, laying his hands on his bed. "Your sister awake yet?" Jun asked coldly.

"Nope. When I woke up, she was snorin' away, as well as you." Piko responded. "Can you wake her up? Im almost done and we need to get to the addresssing." At that moment, a larger purple Pokemon with a huge mouth walked in. "SHALL I?" He yelled. Jun's ears ringed, so he just nodded.

"WAKE UP! WAKE UP YOU LAZY PIKACHU!" Yena jumped out of bed, eyes open all the way. "Come on," Jun started. "We need to get going."

## 6 - Routine

"This is the Missions Board, where you can sign up for missions and, in a nutshell, help Pokemon." Chatot explained the board to the left of the floor above the bottom. It had many peices of paper taped onto it. Jun could hear a faint rumbling from it. Suddenly, a loud voice sounded from behind the board, "Board being updated! Board being updated!" The board flipped around, revealing just a blank peice of wood. Somehow, Jun kind of expected this, so he just crossed his arms and waited. A few moments went by and the board flipped back around, with new papers attached to it. Chatot started explaining, "That was Dugtrio. He updates the mission board every day, posting new requests and objectives. Check this every day for new missions and rewards." Jun saw Yena and Piko's eyes sparkle. Chatot pulled a peice of paper down with his beak and handed it to Jun, hesitating a bit, he snatched it back and handed it to Piko. She read it quickly and shouted, "Come on! Lets go!" She grabbed Yena's arm and pulled Yena to follow her. Jun stood back a bit and looked at Chatot. "Chatot, whats the problem with me that you dont like?" Jun asked, looking over his shoulder. Chatot just sighed and answered, "You'll know soon enough. Your teams waiting to leave, arent they?"

Yena and Piko were already at the beach, south of the Guild. "Hey!" Jun shouted. "Forget somebody?" "Come on then, cu- I mean... just come on!" Yena shouted back, and they entered the cave, along with Piko.

It was way quiet in the cave, it semmed like they were the only signs of life there. Water was about everywhere. The three kept to the shore, trying not to slip and fall into the water. Hopping trees was enough, Jun didnt need water right now. Their mission was to retrieve a Citrus Berry for their client, Zangoose. Eventually, they spotted something on the ground. A little yellowish shape was resting on the ground. A Citrus Berry! Piko ran up to it, grabbing it without hesitation. "We got it!" She yelped.

## 7 - Explanations

Yena and Piko led the way back to the Guild. They and Jun had just returned from retrieving a Citrus Berry for a Zangoose. Jun's wounds ached horribly. He could hardly move, but he managed to get to bed. Yena and Piko went off to Dinner, promising to bring him something, but he doubted it. He layed his weary head down to take a nap, trying to sleep soundly.

Soon later, a poking on his side woke him up. He was expecting Yena or Piko with some food, but it was Wigglytuff. He looked worried, trying to hide it, obviously. "Can you come with me please? I need to talk to you." He spoke softly. Jun achily got to his feet, wondering what he wanted. Then he remembered what Chatot had set up. He followed Wigglytuff, practically limping. Soon, what seemed forever, they reached Wigglytuff's room. "Sit down, you look like you hurt. Chatot," He gestured to Chatot, "Can you please leave? We need privacy."

"Yes sir." He responded. He exited the room and Wigglytuff started speaking again, "May I see your journal?" Baffled, Jun tossed him his journal. Wigglytuff opened it and briskly flipped through the pages. He looked up at Jun for a single moment, closed the book, then spoke again, "You are him... The Chosen One!"

"Wh-What? How can I be chosen for anything?" Jun asked, shallowly.

"Yes. This is the sign. Tell me, what were you running from when we found you?"

"I'm weak... I was running from my fears. Evil Pokemon. I can't sleep knowing they're after me. And nobody here is going to help me." Wigglytuff sighed and responded, "Get comfortable, because I'm about to lecture you."



## 8 - The Truth Unfolds

"Comfortable?" Wigglytuff called a question to Jun, who was on the opposite side of the chamber. He continued without an answer, "Tell me, Jun, have you ever heard of 'Arceus'?"

"Sure," Jun replied, smoothly, still feeling searing pain. "In myths. Why do you ask?"

"Let's just say... you're a special Riolu, Jun! Overall, a special Pokemon!" He exclaimed. "A book, you had a book. Can I see it?"

"Um... ok" Jun tossed his book from his bag to Wigglytuff. He caught it eagerly and briskly opened it, flipping through every page. He stopped at the area where Jun tore out the page. "Where is it?" He exclaimed. "Where is it!" Jun pulled out his Wonder Map, the page taped to it with tree sap. "That page is right here." He tossed the rolled up map to Wigglytuff. In the blink of an eye, it was rolled upon with the page flapping on the side. "This is..." It seemed Wigglytuff could barely continue. Eventually, he exclaimed, "This is the map to Spacial Tunnel! Jun, where did you get this?"

"It was in the book. Why is this 'Spacial Tunnel' so special?" Jun asked, lying best he could. Wigglytuff seemed falteringly surprised, for when he replied, he seemed to gasp, "Spacial Tunnel has some of the most treasure in the world! Plus, it'll be a great expedition for the Guild, and *your* first! So," he paused for a few seconds, then asked, "Could we go?"

"Why do you ask me?" Jun questioned.

"Well, it's your map. I don't want to feel like I'm using you! So?" Jun couldn't answer. This could spell trouble for everybody. The bag Jun was carrying had a jewel he wanted to return to its owner after he ran from those thugs, a few days before. If he went back out into the world, away from the safety of the guild, they could all get hurt. But, all the treasure, the thrill, Jun had never had fun like that before, and he barely could now with all of his wounds. This could be his one chance. He finally blurted out, "Let's go!"

## 9 - A Huge Risk

*Toady is the day*, Jun thought to himself. *Im finally gonna have some fun!*] He was too busy packing his bag and reading his map to hear Piko call out, "Jun! What are you doing? You seem, whats the word... happy!"

"You'll learn at today's announcements." He answered. Jun didn't want to spoil it to Piko, especially at her age, that the whole guild was going on an expedition, starting today. What was he going to say if she was going to be left behind to watch the Guild? She would hate him, and Jun couldn't handle that kind of rejection, especially from someone who was barely 6 years old.

A few hours went by when Jun, Piko, and Yena decided to finally head to the main hall to get ready to the morning announcements. Still, they had to wait a few minutes before everyone started hobbling in. When Bidoof came out, he asked, "Why are you two up so early?" Yena was about to speak up, but Jun cut her off, "Wait and see!" Bidoof still looked confused, but he just took his place in the line.

When everyone was present, Chatot called into the door of Wigglytuff's Chamber, "Guildmaster Wigglytuff! The Guild's ready!" Wigglytuff, really bright eyed, which kind of creeped Jun out, waddled happily into the main clearing. He spoke cheerfully, "Guess what everybody? We're going on an expedition!" The Guild almost gasped, but they were definitely taken aback. Wigglytuff continued in the silence, "Thanks to the map Jun apparently has been hiding, we are going to a place called Spatial Tunnel!" Jun felt bad about being called out like that. He had wished *he* could tell Yena instead of the whole Guild figuring out at one time. But Yena seemed pretty excited, a sparkle in her eye, and Jun could have sworn he saw a smile directed at him. When the uproar calmed down, Chatot pulled out a piece of paper with something scribbled on it. "Here I have the names of the Pokemon that are coming on the expedition! The names are..." He paused, for some suspense, Jun guessed. "Jun, Yena, Piko, Loudred, Bidoof, Sunflora,