

# Going Her Own Way

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*Meet Kaya, an up and rising pokemon coordinator and good friend of Dawn. She goes her own way after leaving the gym battles and dreams of catching the legendary Celebi. As she goes along her journey, she meets new friends, old enemies, and more.*

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## 0 - Characters

### Kaya

The main character of the story. She started out taking the Sinnoh league challenge but realized she loved contests more than gym battles and quit with a total of three badges. She and Dawn grew up together and look alike when they dress the same.

Kaya is very tom-boyish, much of her mother's disappointment. She loves Celebi and dreams of befriending and catching one. Kaya loves pokemon dearly and cares for her pokemon lovingly. She left two of her old pokemon with the professor because she felt they would be happier, and they are doing well but they still miss their old trainer sometimes.

She was also a rival of Paul's and secretly liked him. She meets up with him again shortly after her first contest and tries to befriend him and is shocked at how he treats his pokemon.

Paul's Chimchar really likes Kaya and is often seen with her pokemon when she meets up with Paul.

But Paul seems angry and jealous when this happens and when Kaya saves Chimchar, he gets so mad he just tells her to keep it and storms away. Chimchar is saddened but Kaya comes up with a plan.

She takes Chimchar and trains with it for her next contest so it will know good combos to make it stronger and they enter. Paul happened to be in the same town and watches his Chimchar. Kaya and Chimchar win and at the end of the day, Kaya hands Paul Chimchar and gives it her ribbon to wear proudly.

Paul acts like he does not care, but Kaya notices his eyes light up a little in happiness and grins before leaving. However, Paul still abandons Chimchar someday and Ash takes it. Kaya is both upset about it and happy that Chimchar is finally loved like it should be.

Kaya is good friends with Ash, Brock, Misty, May, Drew, Zoey, and a few other characters.

Paul will never admit he's friends with her, but deep down, everyone knows he has a soft spot for Kaya. She confesses she likes him but thinks they were not meant to be and often avoids the subject.

She is a fairly independent person and travels alone. Kaya also hates dressing up for contests and, instead of wearing dresses, she usually wears a suit (designed for females, btw) but occasionally she will wear a pretty dress.

Her hobbies are cooking and roller skating.

Her pokemon are:

Cyndaquil (Amber)  
Pichu (Sunny)  
Silcoon - Beautifly (Silky, later changed to Honey)  
Spheal (nickname not known) - *Left with professor*  
Mightyena (nickname not known) - *Left with professor*  
Eevee - Espeon (Jasmine)  
Shinx - Luxio - Luxray (Shadow)  
Budew - Roselia (Rosey)  
Mudkip (Aqua)  
Swablu - Altaria (No Nickname Given)  
Celebi (No Nickname Given)

## Paul

A very cold, harsh character. Paul used to compete against Kaya and they were powerful rivals. He claimed he couldn't stand her and some people assume that's why Kaya quit her gym battles, but this was not the case.

He meets up with her after she wins her first contest in Jubelife City and notices she looks different, happier. She greets him but he merely snorts and walks off.

Paul sees her later that day when he stops for some tea at a restaurant. He tries to ignore her, but she goes over and tries to start up a conversation. During this, he learns she is no longer doing gym battles and he has no reason to be totally rude to her.

At this point, Chimchar comes out because Paul wanted to show off some of his pokémon and Kaya is completely charmed by it and Chimchar likes her too. Paul is a bit taken back and quickly gets mad at Chimchar for acting outside of his orders and yells at it and then returns it to its pokeball.

Kaya is horrified by Paul's behavior and actually makes him feel guilty for what he says before she leaves.

Paul bumps into Kaya through-out his journey and she is almost always cheerful and is polite and friendly to him. He seems to show a type of jealousy when Chimchar shows how much it likes being with Kaya and when she saves it from Team Rocket and Chimchar hugs her like she's its trainer, Paul gets so angry he tells Kaya to keep it and storms away.

After a while, Kaya returns Chimchar to Paul after training with it for contests to make it stronger and giving it the ribbon it won. Paul shows a little gratitude but otherwise does not appear to care, yet Kaya claims she saw his eyes light up for a moment.

However, he still gives Chimchar up and Ash adopts it. This builds some tension between him and Kaya.

People claim Paul likes Kaya, but he dismisses the idea very icily and seems disgusted by it sometimes, but, occasionally, he does show softness towards her and one day confesses to Neighani how he feels before going off.

He tells everyone that he thinks relationships are a waste of time and that's why he won't admit he likes Kaya as more than an acquaintance. But the real reason, as Dawn finds out, is he fears he won't be able to make her happy.

Through-out the story, Kaya starts to affect him and he does start to treat his pokemon better. Whether or not he is reunited with Chimchar is a secret.

## Ash

Kaya becomes friends with Ash when she meets up with Dawn during her time in the gyms. They get along nicely and bond over their love of pokemon. Kay lieks Pikachu and her Pichu looks up to Pikachu like a brother.

Ash and Kaya are friends but they don't normally see each other. When they run into each other, they sometimes hang out and tell stories of their adventures.

When Kaya meets Misty, she notices how she and Ash and act around each other and is determined to hook them up.

As soon as they confess their feelings and share a first kiss, she stands in the background, arms crossed and a grin on her face and says "I knew it." After that, she helps Ash with dating advice, which really comes in handy once in a while.

Once, she actually gives him a makeover for a dinner date with Misty.

## Brock

Brock and Kaya also become friends. When he first sees her, he flirts with her but she tells him she is not interested and asks to be friends. For a second, he is glum, but then he brightens up and says he wants to be friends.

Kaya admires Brock. She thinks he is a great breeder, cook, and nurse. He gives her a lot of advice in raising her pokemon and it helps her in becoming a stronger coordinator.

The two usually only discuss pokemon breeding and such, but occasionally they go and look at sights in towns together, most of which everyone else finds boring. If Kaya did not like Paul, she admits that she probably would have liked to go out with Brock.

## Misty

Misty comes and joins up with Ash, Dawn, and Brock a little later in the story. Kaya meets her and immediately asks for an autograph.

She knows Misty from a magazine she reads frequently about Kanto and says she is an amazing gym

leader and the coolest of the Waterflower sisters. Misty blushes and the two hit it off immediately.

Misty is more girly than Kaya, but the two are normally dragged into shopping by Dawn and May, much to their misery. The two tomboys prefer to train up their pokemon.

Kaya hooks Ash and Misty up after Misty tells her she's liked him for a long time.

After Ash and Misty start dating, Kaya helps Misty with outfits and her hair before dates.

## **May**

Kaya and May meet in a contest and, although they are rivals, they get along very well.

May, like Dawn, loves to shop and enjoys dragging Kaya and/or Misty with them, usually Kaya.

She also suspects her feelings for Paul but asks her why she would like that jerk. Kaya denied her feelings for a long time, but May was persistent and Kaya finally confesses.

May likes Drew, whom Kaya gets along with. She sometimes gets jealous and once nearly blew up when Drew gave Kaya a rose and a letter, but they confirmed it was for May a while later and it was a love letter Kaya helped him write.

So, Drew and May start going out, but this only makes May determined to hook Paul and Kaya up.

However, Kaya claims they were not meant to be before she goes off on her own once more and this saddened May. She wants to help her friend but is not sure how.

## **Drew**

Another coordinator and rival of Kaya. But they meet and actually hit it off, much better than May and Drew did.

Drew and Kaya love each other like siblings would and Drew actually comes to Kaya for advice when he notices how she hooked up Ash and Misty. He tells her of his feelings for May and she helps him.

May sometimes gets jealous of the two and one day, Drew and Kaya go to have tea and work on writing a love letter for May, telling her of his feelings.

Drew hands Kaya the rose and letter before leaving and hopes to hear from May in the next contest. May sees this and assumes Drew was telling Kaya he liked her and she gets upset.

Kaya tries to explain and eventually tells her the rose and letter are for her. And at the next contest, May runs over to Drew and gives him a kiss.

He is thankful to Kaya and often assists May in her crazy matchmaking schemes, and talks her out of the insane ones.

# Dawn

Kaya's best friend. They've known each other since they were little girls and have always gotten along, even though Dawn is a girly-girl and Kaya is a tomboy. They have very similar styles and chose to have similar hair styles and hats as a form of bonding when Kaya left for her journey.

Dawn left about five weeks later and they meet up when Dawn enters a contest. Kaya entered as well and fell in love with the contests and tells Dawn she is going home and when she comes back, she will be a coordinator.

They are now rivals but still best friends.

Dawn knows Kaya likes Paul, despite her denial. She sometimes tag teams with May to hook them up.

When Kaya claims they are never meant to be, Dawn seems to be the only one who sees just how hurt she is to realize this. May did not know it pained Kaya due to her monotone, but Dawn could see that she did not like Paul, she loved him.

A while later, she plans to confront Paul and discovers something shocking: the real reason he refuses to confess how he feels is because he fears he can never make her happy. She still refuses to give in and knows there is a way to hook them up.

Kaya knows Dawn has a crush on her old friend, Kenny. But since Kenny does not appear too often, she puts a hold on the matchmaking for Dawn.

# 1 - The Major Change in her Plans

"Honey, I just can't understand why you're doing this so suddenly." A woman stood in the doorway of a blue and black bedroom, facing the back of a girl who looked about 13 and was knelt on the floor, packing her blue bag. The girl was thin and fairly short with long, honey blonde hair that had light streaks and bright green eyes.

She wore two black beads in her hair to keep her bangs in place over her ears, a black and purple hat, a long black tank top with a tight purple shirt under it, blue jeans, and black boots.

A Pichu and Cyndaquil stood next to the girl, looking up at her in confusion.

"You were so good in your gym battles and you have three badges! But then you come home and give up your Mightyena and Spheal to the professor and tell me you're quitting?!" the woman, obviously the girl's mother cried. "Kaya, would you mind telling me why you're doing this?"

Kaya sighed and turned around. "It's simple, mother. My Spheal and Mightyena didn't like all the battling. And I felt they would be happier with the professor."

"And why are you just dropping Gym battles altogether? You could have won the Sinnoh league!"

"I don't feel that's what I should be doing." She continued putting more stuff into her backpack. "If you really were my mom, you'd understand that."

"But you love battling! Ever since you were little."

"True, I did. And I still do. But gym battles didn't feel right. They felt too brutal. And so, I entered a pokemon contest."

"What? You mean like those ones on TV?" Kaya nodded.

"While I was traveling, I bumped into my old friend Dawn. She is traveling with these two guys names Ash and Brock. She said she was entering a pokemon contest, so I tried it."

"And?"

"I loved it."

"You did?" Kaya nodded.

"That's what I want to do, mom. I want to be the world's best coordinator! I want to meet pokemon and show off their beauty, not their power. It's still battling, but it's artistic and amazing, not just trying to knock out your foe." Her mother sighed.

"Well, I won't stop you. Admittedly, contests are nice. And I can watch you perform on TV." Kaya smiled and nodded then she zipped up her bag.

"Where's Silcoon?" Kaya asked. "We need to get going soon."

"In the living room on the couch." Kaya walked out of her bedroom, Cyndaquil and Pichu following her closely.

A bundle of white silk with eyes peering out laid on the couch. Kaya picked it up and pat it.

"Soon, Silky, you'll be a gorgeous Beautify! Won't that be great?" Silky closed its eyes happily and moved a little to indicate its "yes." Kaya's mother disappeared into the kitchen, her Roserade following her. "Alright, Amber, Sunny, we have a long journey ahead of us, but no more gym battles. I'm going to train you for pokemon contests!"

Cyndaquil and Pichu looked confused. Kaya smiled.

"You'll see what I mean later." She pulled out three pokeballs. "Well, let's get going. Return." The flash of red light hit all three pokemon and they disappeared. Kay put the pokeballs on her belt.

"Kaya." Her mother handed her a small basket.

"what is it?" she asked.

"It's some food, money, and some books on survival and such I got for you. I never got to give it to you when you left on your last journey." Kaya smiled.

"Thanks, mom."

She attached the basket and her backpack to her bike and began pedaling.

"Be careful now, you hear? And don't forget to call me every once in a while." Kaya waved as she rode off.

"Don't worry mom. See you!" And she rode off. "So where to first?"

"And don't forget the upcoming pokemon contest in Jubilife city." Kaya stopped and stared at the TV where the MC of the contests, Marion, stood with a mic, smiling. "It will be a regular, single pokemon appeal contest. We hope to see you all there."

"Jubilife?" Kaya brightened. "That's right next door." She took off pedaling. "Alright, time to rock!"



## 2 - Meeting Up With Old Friends

Kaya arrive in Jubelife late in the night. She was exhausted but was somehow able to keep herself going.

Tiredly, she put her bike away and walked to the pokemon center. Nurse Joy was sitll, amazingly enough, awake.

"Hello, may I help you?" she asked. Kaya yawned.

"Hi Nurse Joy. May I stay the night here?"

"Sure thing." Kaya nodded and collapsed on cot Blissey brought for her.

"Thanks, Blissey." and with that, she fell asleep, not even bothering to cover up.

The sun rose and filled the Pokemon center with light. Kaya opened her eyes slowly and sat up, stretching. She looked around and then went to the nearby bathroom to brush her teeth, do her hair, etc.

When she came back out, Nurse Joy and Blissey were setting up the place for coordinators and trainers.

"Good morning, how did you sleep?" Nurse Joy asked kindly. Kaya smiled.

"Great, thanks for letting me stay here."

"No problem. Are you a new trainer?"

"No. I just quit my gym battling to beocme a coordinator."

"Really? Well, I don't normally hear that from people. That's exciting. Have you ever been in a contest?"

"Only one, but I knew it was love. My pokemon seemed to like it more than battling too."

"Do your pokemon need to be healed before you go?"

"Well, my Cyndaquil got into a battle before I got here so maybe it's still a little tired." Kaya handed Nurse Joy a pokeball.

"OK, this sohuld not take too long. If you would like to eat something, Blissey could probably fix you something."

"That'db egreat! And do you mind if I make some poffin here? I could use some more."

"Not at all. Just follow Blissey." Kaya bowed.

"Thank you, Nurse Joy." She followed Blissey to the kitchen. While it made some food, Kaya got to work mixing up some ingredients for her special poffin.

"OK, now a pecha berry and a cherri berry." Kaya added in more ingredients and then prepared the poffin and waited for them to cool. "Done!"

"Blissey bliss." She turned to see Blissey holding a tray with breakfast for her.

"Oh, thanks Blissey." she went to sit down and let out her Silcoon and Pichu. "Here." She handed them some pokemon food. "Eat up, you two!"

Silcoon and Pichu immediately began to eat. Nurse Joy came into the room and Blissey offered her some breakfast.

"Thank you, Blissey." She sat across from Kaya and Cyndaquil joined Pichu and Silcoon.

"Wow, Blissey is a good cook." Nurse Joy smiled and nodded. They ate their breakfast and Kaya helped clean up then packed her poffin into her bag.

"Thank you so much for everything Nurse Joy, Blissey."

"Come back anytime, Kaya." She smiled and waved.

"Bye." Kaya walked off and looked around for the contest hall so she could register.

"KAYA!" a familiar voice yelled.

"Huh?" She turned around to see Dawn running over to her. "Dawn!" She hugged her. "Hey, it's great to see you!"

"You two, Kaya. Are you entering the contest here?" Dawn asked. Kaya nodded.

"Yup. And you'd better watch out because I'm here to win."

"Oh yeah?"

"Yeah."

"Well, check this out." Dawn held up a ribbon case and a beautiful ribbon was in it.

"Wow!"

"Yup, I won my first contest."

"That's great, Dawn. So, have you seen Kenny around?" Kaya asked. Dawn blushed a little.

"Yeah, I won my first ribbon off him, actually. And he tried to embarrass me."

"Really? Well, sounds like he hasn't changed."

"Yeah..."

"And Ash and Brock? Are they still traveling with you?"

"Yup! Come on." Dawn grabbed her wrist and pulled her over to where Ash and Brock were chowing down on some ramen. "Hey guys, look who I found." Ash and Brock looked up.

"Hey, Kaya." Ash smiled. "Nice to see you again."

"Hey Ash, Brock." She smiled.

"Pikachu!" Pikachu jumped up into her arms. She laughed and hugged it. "Hey, Pikachu. Nice to see you too."

"Are you here for the Pokemon contest?" Brock asked. Kaya smiled and nodded.

"You'd better believe it. I'm gonna beat DiDi here." Dawn groaned.

"Man, now you sound like Kenny." Kaya smirked.

"I know, I'm doing it just to be mean."

"Great..." Dawn sighed.

"So, what Pokemon are you entering with?" Brock asked.

"I'll bet your Spheal, right?" Ash asked. Kaya shook her head.

"I gave Mightyena and Spheal to the professor. I'm entering Pichu into the appeal part of the contest and battling with Cyndaquil."

"Wow, good choices." Kaya smiled and nodded.

"Uh-huh. I'm hoping I'll do well."

"What about your three gym badges?" Ash asked.

"I left 'em back home, displayed on my wall." Ash shook his head a bit.

"I just can't believe you quit gym battles."

"Well, I'm afraid so."

"Hmm...that does mean one less rival..."

"True that."

"Well, we look forward to seeing both of you perform."

"Thanks Brock. C'mon, Dawn, let's go register."

"Yeah!" They ran off.

### 3 - Preparations

Kaya threw her pokeballs into the air and Cyndaquil and Pichu came out. She had registered for the contest and was now preparing to train up some more.

"Ok, you two. Tomorrow's the big day, so we'd better practice and get ourselves in shape. Sunny, you're up to bat first. Amber, just sit back and relax."

"Cynda." Cyndaquil ran off to sit back and watch. Pichu stayed, a determined look on its cute face.

"OK, are we ready, Sunny?"

"Pichu!"

"OK, we'll work on the entrance, return." Pichu returned to its pokeball. Kaya put a seal on it and threw it up. "Alright, Sunny, curtain call!"

Pichu popped out in a beautiful illusion of electricity.

"Use iron tail!" Pichu's small black tail began to glow and it batted the electricity, turning it into a rain of shimmer. Kaya smiled. Pichu landed graceful and the glitter flew around it. "Alright, perfect!"

Pichu beamed. Kaya handed it a poffin.

"You deserve it. We finally perfected the opening." Cyndaquil ran over, ready to begin training. "alright, Amber." Kay got out some frisbees. "We're gonna work on your aim and agility."

"Cynda." Kaya threw a frisbee.

"Go, Amber! Flame wheel!" Cyndaquil rolled into a fiery wheel and jumped up towards the frisbee. "Ok, now release that fire!"

Cyndaquil uncurled and the flames spread around it in waves, burning the first disk. Kaya nodded, smiling with approval.

"OK, heads up." She threw another disk. "Use swift and then fire punch." Cyndaquil aimed a barrage of stars at the disk. Right when they came into contact, Cyndaquil charged with a fire punch and it all exploded into a glittering attack with fire and sparks flying around.

Kaya beamed.

"We've done it!" Cyndaquil cheered and ran to her. She hugged it and fed it a poffin. "Now to get some new clothes for the contest."

"I can help you with that."

"Dawn." Dawn, Ash, and Brock walked up to her.

"I know some good shops that sell really nice clothes. I'm sure we can find you something that's perfect."

"So long as it's not pink, I'm happy." Dawn laughed.

"You're such a tomboy. C'mon." She grabbed her hand and they ran off, Ash and Brock following closely.

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"How about this one?" Dawn asked, holding up a lacey white dress.

"Too frilly."

"this one?"

"Too pink."

"This one?"

"Too ew." Dawn sighed and threw aside the dress.

"We've gone through almost every dress here. What do you want?"

"A nice suit would be just fine." Dawn looked thoughtful.

"A suit..." She snapped. I think I've got it."

Kaya came out of the dressing room wearing a black blazer with matching pants that had little diamonds on it. She wore a velvet hat and pretty blouse under it and high heels.

It was simple and yet screamed elegance.

"How do I look?"

"Beautiful!" Brock said, blushing a little. Kaya giggled.

"Ash? Dawn?"

"It suits you so perfectly!" Dawn exclaimed happily. Ash nodded.

"She's right. It's really nice." Kaya smiled.

"Thanks guys. It looks like we've got a winner." Meanwhile, outside, a familiar pair of people with a certain talking pokemon were spying.

Team Rocket.

"Look at that twerp. Is she a new part of the bunch?"

"Possibly." Jessie snorted.

"Well, if she thinks she stands a chance against the lovely Jessalina." Jessie flushed her red hair and James and Meowth sighed.

"Not again..."

"I'll beat her hands down." Dawn, Kay, Brock, and Ash left the clothing shop.

"So, tomorrow's the big day." Dawn nodded.

"Yup. Hey, I want to wish you luck, Kaya." She smiled.

"Thanks, Dawn."

"Can we please grab some dinner?" Ash cried. "I'm starving." Everyone laughed.

"I'll make us some stew."

"You rock, Brock!" They walked away to get their dinner. Kaya smiled, but inside her nerves were wringing with anticipation. She could not wait for tomorrow's contest.

## 4 - Round One: Pokemon Appeal

Kaya stood in the waiting area for contest contestants. She wore her black suit with the velvet top hat, shiny black flats, a velvet black chockers with some diamonds studded in it. Her long hair was left down and she looked a little like a magician.

"Well, it's almost time."

"Kaya!" She turned and Dawn ran over to her, wearing a pink dress with bows on it, a black chocker with a pink bow on it, and her hair tied into a ponytail.

"Hi Dawn."

"You look nice." Kaya smiled.

"So do you."

"Thanks. Well, the day's finally here."

"I'll say."

"And don't think that I'm going easy on you just because we're old friends."

"I wouldn't have it any other way." Kaya smirked. "I lost last time, but this time I'm going to win!"

"Oh yeah?"

"Yeah!"

"Hey Dawn!" They turned to see a girl in a white suits with green pants and short red hair.

"Hi Zoey."

"Zoey?" Kaya asked, confused.

"Oh right. You two haven't met yet. Kaya, this is my friend, Zoey. Zoey, this is my old friend, Kaya."

"Nice to meet you, Kaya."

"Likewise."

"So, you're a coordinator too?"

"Mmm-hmm. See, I used to be a trainer and I battled at gyms, but then I entered a contest with Dawn



and I knew that I liked it much better."

"Really? Well, I can't argue with that. Contests are great."

"Yeah!"

"So this is your second pokemon contest?"

"That it is."

"Well good luck." Dawn looked at Kaya.

"You see, Zoey is one of the top coordinators I know. Her Glameow is really pretty and her combos are amazing." Zoey blushed.

"Aw, c'mon Dawn. You're embarrassing me."

"C'mon, you know it's true."

"Well then, I hope for the honor of facing you in a contest battle, Zoey."

"Huh?"

"See, I like to face to best. Be it a contest battle, pokemon battle, gym battle, it doesn't matter. When I face the best, it makes it more rewarding if I win or if I lose."

"That's a good attitude to have."

"I like to learn and grow with each experience. And seeing the best of the best is what helps me."

"That's cool."

"Welcome trainers and coordinators!"

"Huh?" They looked at the screen to see a fmailair lady with curly red hair. "I'm your MC, Marion and welcome to this years' second Jubelife Coty contest!" The audience clapped.

Ash and Brock were sitting in the audience. Pikachu and Buneary were cheering, Pikachu waving fans and wearing a blue and white outfit, Buneary in a pink cheerleading outfit, waving pompoms.

"And now let me introduce our three judges. Mr. Contesta."

"Thank you, it's great to be here."

"Mr. Sukizo."

"Remarkable." **(I really want to punch that guy everytime he says that...it's just annoying)**

"And Jubelife's very own Nurse Joey!"

"I'm happy to be here." Nurse Joey smiled and Brock blushed, hearts in his eyes.

"She's even more ravishing then last time!" Ash blinked, not sure how to comment on this.

"Alright, now that we've met our judges, it's time to begin the contest! Our first round is the appeal round where our coordinators will come out with their pokemon and show off their beautiful attack combinations. Let's go!"

The audience cheered.

"Our first coordinator is Jessilina." Jesse ran out wearing an orange, frilly dress, round glasses, her long red hair in pigtails.

"Thank you, my adoring fans!" she laughed and waved. Kaya blinked.

"she sure seems confident. I remember her from my first contest."

"Yeah. She's really weird."

"Well that's really sweet of you, Dawn." She laughed and shrugged.

"Go, Seviper!" Jessie threw a pokeball and Seviper popped out in a flurry of purple pedals. The audience oohed and awwed at the entrance. "Use poison sting."

Seviper released a stream of poison sting that swirled in a cycle above the stage.

"Now use Poison Tail!" The sharp end of Seviper's tail glowed purple. It hissed and leapt up, smacking the needles around, causing them to explode into purple fireworks. Everyone clapped.

"That was amazing. Such a unique display."

"Yes, remarkable." (**\*Punches him\***)

"What a beautiful performance."

"Up next we have Zoey!"

"Glameow, curtain!" Zoey threw her pokeball up and Glameow appeared with stars around it. "Iron tail!" Glameow's curly tail glowed and it swung its tail around at the stars and they exploded around it in a golden dust that shone brightly.

"Wow."

"Well, Zoey's Glameow is as beautiful as ever." Ash nodded.

"And no doubt Zoey's trained it up even more since the last contest."

"Glameow, use shock wave!"

"Glam." Glameow released a powerful wave of electricity.

"Now, shadow claw!" Glameow leapt up into the air and slashed at the electricity with its claws, sending sparks everywhere. It posed in its landing. The sparks made its silver fur shine and gave Glameow a truly beautiful look of grace and elegance.

"Wow...Zoey only needed two attacks to make Glameow look so amazing."

"How does she do that?" Ash asked in shock.

"Wow, Dawn, you were right about Zoey. She's one top notch coordinator." Dawn nodded.

"Yup."

A few more coordinators performed, and then Dawn was called out.

"Go Piplup!" Piplup posed after popping out of its pokeball in a flurry of bubbles, letting them pop around it. "Now, Piplup, use Bubblebeam!"

Piplup unleashed a stream of bubbles.

"Now, jump up and use peck." Piplup jumped up and seemed to dance to each bubble then landed gracefully as glitter landed around it. Everyone clapped and cheered.

"Wow, what a great performance!"

"simply remarkable!" (**\*Starts beating him up\* STOP SAYING THAT! SAY SOMETHING ELSE!!!**)

"That Piplup is just so cute."

"And now, for our final coordinator, please give it up for Kaya!"

Kaya ran onstage and grinned.

"Ok." She straightened her hat and threw her pokeball up in the air. "Sunny, curtain call!" Pichu popped out of its pokeball in a stunning electric display. "Iron tail!"

"Chu!" Sunny's little tail began to glow and it smacked the electricity, making it rain down in sparkles. Sunny landed and posed cutely.

"Now, use sweet kiss!" Pichu blew a kiss and three large, pink hearts floated around. "Zap cannon and then use thunder!" Pichu unleashed a powerful ball of electricity and shot down the three hearts into

what looked like a confetti of many little thin hearts. Then, its cheeks sparked and it unleashed a thunder attack, creating a stream of sparks that glowed and took the shape of an eight-point star. "Finally, finish it all with another iron tail!"

Pichu's tail glowed again and it jumped up and smashed the star, creating a glittering firework that was blue, gold, and red. It landed and matched Kaya's pose.

The audience was in a complete uproar. They cheered so loud, it was almost to the point of screaming.

"I have never seen a Pichu perform attacks so beautifully."

"It's not just remarkable, it's astounding."

"Yes! This Pichu's combos are completely unique. It's been raised well."

Kaya and Pichu bowed. Zoey and Dawn stared in amazement.

"Wow, for only performing in one contest, she's really good." Dawn nodded.

"Yeah. She must have been training really hard since I last saw her." Kaya walked back stage and sat with Sunny. She fed it a poffin and pats its head.

"You were amazing, Sunny."

"Pi pi chu!" She smiled.

"Kaya!" Dawn, Ash, and Brock ran up to her.

"Hey, you were great!"

"Thanks guys. But it's Sunny who deserves the praise. We had to train really hard just to time those moves like that."

"And it showed."

"Thanks Dawn. I think we'll both make it to the finals. However, I have to say, Zoey was better."

"What makes you say that?"

"You can see her Glameow's skill and beauty. The audience may not have clapped as loud as they did for me, but it's not all about how the audience responds. My Pichu is cute, but Glameow is stunning. It pulls off moves with more elegance than my Pichu and its appearance is amazing."

"Wow, you really study things that close?"

"Yeah. I read about contests and how they are judged. Honestly, Zoey has what it takes to win the Grand Festival."

"You think so?" Dawn asked in amazement. Kaya nodded.

"Mmm-hmm. She'll be one tough rival. Dawn, you're gonna have to train around the clock to raise up to her skill. You're good, but not up to her level yet. It's gonna take a lot of studying on various combos and pokémon moves to learn how to display them."

"Yeah, I know what you mean." Dawn sighed. "It's tough, being a coordinator."

"Yes, but you'll make it."

"Think so?"

"Mmm-hmm. Just keep on working on it."

"Hey, no need to worry!" Kaya smiled.

"Ok, the results are in! Let's see who's going to make it to the final round."

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Zoey, Kaya, Dawn, Jessilina, and four other people appeared on the screen. Kaya and Dawn beamed.

"We made it!"

"Congratulations to these eight coordinators! Now we have our contest round where coordinators pit their pokémon and try to show off their beauty as well as their moves while deducing their foe's points. Now let's get busy!"

Match-Ups

Zoey vs Dawn

Person vs Person

Person vs Person

Kaya vs. Jessilina

"I'm going against Zoey?" Dawn asked, gulping. "Oh boy."

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"Oh, Kaya. I dunno if I can do this."

"Just relax, Dawn. You've been training hard for this."

"I guess...but Zoey is such an amazing coordinator, I dunno how I'm gonna stand a chance."

"Just have a little faith."

"Yeah! You're right." Dawn beamed. She stood up, a determined grin on her face.

"This time, I'm gonna beat Zoey!"

"That's the spirit." Kaya smiled in approval.

Soon, the time came for the pokemon contest battles to begin. Dawn and Zoey were to battle first. She ran onstage along with Zoey.

"Well, this is it, Dawn. I'm not going easy on you."

"I still plan to beat you."

"Oh really?" Zoey grinned. "That's what I like to hear. Misdreavus! Curtain!" She threw her pokeball and a purple fog appeared. The shadowy outline of Misdreavus appeared and its eyes glowed out.

"Pachirisu, spotlight!" Dawn released Pachirisu in a flurry of electricity and it landed cutely. The audience cheered.

"Ready trainers? Battle!" Marion yelled.

"Pachirisu, use discharge!"

"Cha!" Sparks glowed on its yellow cheeks and it released a stream of blue electricity.

"Misdreavus, dodge!" Misdreavus spun out of the way and Dawn lost some points for it. "Double team." Misdreavus split into at least twenty copies, all which circled Pachirisu. "Now, confuse ray!"

"Pachirisu, shut your eyes!" Dawn cried. But it was too late. Misdreavus' eyes glowed red and a light erupted from all of the copies and hit Pachirisu. Dawn's points fell again.

The extra copies of Misdreavus vanished and it floated back. Pachirisu walked clumsily, a dazed look on its face.

"C'mon, Pachirisu, snap out of it!" Dawn cried.

"It looks like Pachirisu might be out of it if it doesn't snap out of this daze soon!"

"Well, Dawn, it looks like this fight is about over."

"I'm not giving up! Pachirisu, use sweet kiss!" Pachirisu moved but then fell over. "Oh no!" Dawn's points continued to drop. She had less than half of her points left and 59 seconds on the clock.

"Folks, I think this fight is just about over."

"C'mon Pachirisu, please!" Pachirisu opened its eyes and jumped up.

"Pachi!" it yelled.

"no way! How'd it recover so fast?!" Zoey asked. Dawn beamed.

"Now, use spark!" Pachirisu's cheeks glowed and it unleashed the attack.

"Misdreavus, get out of the way!" But it was too late, Misdreavus took the attack and fell to the floor. Zoey's points dropped by a little more than a quarter. Dawn grinned.

"Now, quick attack!" Pachirisu moved quickly.

"What will that do? Normal type moves are ineffective on ghost types!" Misdreavus smiled a little bit.

"Who said I was trying to hit you with that quick attack? I'm just trying to get close."

"What?!"

"Discharge!" Pachirisu jumped onto Misdreavus and shocked it.

"There's just no way!"

"Well would you look at that? It seems Dawn has really turned this around." Zoey's points fell again and she and Dawn were almost tied.

"Alright, time to turn this around. Misdreavus, float up now!" Misdreavus flew up, Pachirisu still hanging onto it. "Now, dive down and shake Pachirisu off you!"

Misdreavus flew down at top speed and threw Pachirisu off of it and it flew and smacked Dawn in the face.

"Ow!" Her points dropped and Zoey was barely in the lead.

"And, TIME!" Zoey and Dawn both looked at the clock. "The winner is...Zoey and Misdreavus!"

"We won? Hey!" Misdreavus flew to Zoey and she hugged it. "Great work, Misdreavus!" Dawn took Pachirisu in her arms and it looked at her sadly.

"Pachi pachi?" Dawn smiled at it and hugged it.

"You did great today, Pachirisu. I'm proud of you." It hugged her back. "We'll just win next time."

Kaya sighed.

"Wow, poor Dawn. She was so close to winning." Dawn returned and Kaya walked up to her. "Hey, you two did great out there."

"Thanks, Kaya. We just have to go at it a little harder if we want to win next time."

"One of these days, Dawn, you'll beat Zoey. I know it."

"Yeah! And besides, losing only gives me more of a reason to try harder!"

"Exactly!"

"Well, I'm gonna go and change into my regular clothes."

"I'll hang out here until my battle comes up." Dawn nodded and walked away. Kaya sat down and watched the screen.

"Hey Kaya." She looked up.

"Oh, hi Zoey. You and Misdreavus did great out there!" She smiled.

"Thanks. Is Dawn ok?"

"I think so. She's a little bummed that she lost, but she'll be fine."

"Honestly, she did very well. And I couldn't do much more. If the timer hadn't buzzed, she probably would have beaten me."

"Really?"

"Yeah. See, Misdreavus only knows Confuse Ray, Double Team, and Shock wave. I was hoping Dawn would go with Piplup so I could actually attack. But she didn't so that made it really tough."

"And if you have used Shock Wave on Pachirisu, it would have absorbed the attack and you would have lost a lot of points." Zoey nodded.

"Right."

"Well, congratulations none-the-less." Kaya shook her hand. "Maybe we'll face off in the final round."



"That'd be cool." Zoey smiled.

"And now, our final match for round one, Jessilina verses Kaya!"

"Well, that's my cue. Wish me luck!" Kaya ran out onto the stage.

"Please, do you think a little twerp can beat me?" Jessilina asked with a laugh.

"Don't flatter yourself."

"Heh. Let's go. Dustox!" Jessilina threw a pokeball and Dustox appeared in a flurry of stars.

"Amber, curtain call!" Cyndaquil popped out in a flurry of fire. It landed gracefully and the audience clapped.

"Ready coordinators? Go!"

"Dustox, poison sting!" Dustox released a stream of glowing purple needles.

"flamewheel!" Amber released some fire and rolled into a ball, then moved toward the attack head on. The needles burned in the flames and Amber jumped up, smashing into Dustox.

It fell back and Jessilina lost a lot of points. She growled.

"You little brat! How dare you hurt my beautiful Dustox. Psybeam!"

Dustox unleashed its psybeam attack.

"Throw in some stun spore!" Dustox released some sparkling gold powder and it swirled around the psybeam."

"Wow, how beautiful! But will the attack hit its mark."

"Amber, use swift and smokescreen." Amber released a thick smoke and the psybeam hit it. Jessilina smirked.

"Gotcha."

"Ya think so?" The smoke dispersed and a beautiful display of glitter floated around Amber. Clearly, Jessilina's attack had failed. She lost more points.

"But, how?"

"I used swift to destroy your attack and make MY pokemon look even more beautiful."

"I've had just about enough of you!" Jessilina screeched. Meowth and James sat in the audience, a

worried look on their faces.

"Oh no..."

"She looks really mad now."

"Dustox, use poison sting and gust!" Dustox released a stream of purple needles and blasted them with some wind. They flew at Amber with a shocking speed and it hit dead on.

"Amber!" Kaya lost some points. Jessilina laughed.

"Now who's winning?"

"Check the score: I am. And I am not planning on losing to you. Amber, swift and then fire punch!" Amber released a stream of glowing stars.

"Hit that swift with psybeam!" Dustox hit the swift and it became a rainbow that made it look gorgeous. Kaya lost more points.

"Now!"

"Huh?" Amber jumped up and punched Dustox with fire punch and it hit the ground.

"Dustox!" X's appeared on the judges tables.

"Dustox is unable to battle." Marion stepped forward.

"so the winner is Kaya and Cyndaquil!" Kaya cheered.

"We did it!" Cyndaquil jumped into her arms and she hugged it. The audience clapped and cheered. Jassilina sank to her knees. She clenched her fists and started banging them on the floor.

"Waah! No, no, no!" she cried. James and Meowth groaned.

"Looks like she lost."

"I'm scared to deal with her after this." They both sighed.

Zoey smiled.

"I may just face her in the finals after all."