

Day 8: What a strange day...

Dear Diary,

Today was... odd, too say the least. It started out pretty normal. I slept in, but given my lack of sleep the last few days, that was expected. I left from Lumiose toward route 7 again, passing through Camphrier, planning to go through the cave to get to Ambrette town to check out the fossil lab and glittering cave. Ran into Calem, Tierno, and Trevor outside of Connecting Cave, such an imaginative name, and Calem wanted to pair up to go against Tierno and Trevor. (I still think he is trying to impress me or get in my pants or something...) I didn't have a reason to decline, so I used my newest friend Cordelia. She basically wrecked those two on her own while Calem's fletchling took a beating. Do Tierno and Trevor dislike Calem, too? Or did they think him a bigger threat? Either way, I sent Tierno and Trevor off to the pokémon center and left.

A horde of zubats attacked as soon as I entered Connecting Cave, so I had Cordelia start draining most of them so there was only one left. I caught the remaining one, called her Magnesium. I continued through, met a pretty scientist lady who offered to heal my pokémon up and then got to route 8.

Not sure what was up with all the hordes, but I ran into a flock of wingull right outside... Did the same thing with Cordelia again, drained all but one and caught her. Named the wingull Wendy.

Up to this point everything was kinda normal... But then I met a girl on the route who was supposedly some rising star and she wanted to battle. No big deal. She had an adorable little axew and I was using Caliburn against it... Her little axew went into a draconic rage and Caliburn just kinda... stopped. He jammed himself into a stone, making him reminiscent of the sword of legend again. I went up to him and he didn't move. I tried to pull him out, but he was stuck fast... Did I find THE actual sword? Did it actually exist? I don't know, but I had to leave him there. The pokéball no longer reacted to him and I tried, even using a couple of my pokémon, to remove him but he wouldn't budge. I sent Peter out to finish the battle and had to go get another pokémon from the box.

I grabbed Magnesium and was going through connecting cave again, though I accidentally entered the wrong part, and ran into a gorgeous pokémon breeder lady. What is up with all the lovely lady trainers? (Not that I'm complaining.) Well, I battled her and all was going pretty normal. But I sent Magnesium out and she flew off into the dark of the cave. I have been operating under the assumption that captured pokémon couldn't get away once you caught them in a ball, but she was gone... No idea why. She just up and left. I was a little embarrassed, but quickly beat the breeder's team, gave her my number, and once again went back to replenish my team.

It was Wendy's turn now. Went back through the cave, made it to route 8, was making my way to Ambrette town when I ran into an Absol. No big deal, I had Wendy at the lead so she could

train up a bit, but I knew she wouldn't last long against the absol, so I tried to call her back. The absol was on her tail before the recall beam could bring her back, and next thing I know the absol was in hot pursuit as Wendy flew off. I guess the absol really hated wingulls or something, but I put Peter out there to take it down.

Wendy didn't come back. I think I saw her joining a flock when the absol was after her. So that was three pokémon gone under odd circumstances. I was so confused. Like I said, I was under the impression that pokémon were bound once you got them in the ball, until you released them. But I guess not. As evidenced today with Caliburn, Magnesium, and Wendy.

I had to put Hugo back in so that I had a full team. Aaaaand he still sleeps during battles...

It's pretty embarrassing.

I texted Rinka when I stopped for lunch to ask her if she ever had anything similar happen to her. She said no, but she knew a couple of other trainers that did. She said it doesn't happen very often, but sometimes the pokémon doesn't respond to the trainer or pokéball, even if they have been captured, so they will leave if they get out. Which made my case even more odd because it happened three times in one morning... That and I have *been* using Caliburn.

I think that somehow Wendy and Magnesium could sense my trepidation and that made our bond weak. As for Caliburn, I'm not sure. Ghosts are always kind of strange, so maybe he just needed me to move him to that place for some reason?

I don't know. It'll have to remain a mystery.

The last bit of odd came toward the evening, after I made it to Ambrette town. Calem met up with me, but his attitude was different. He acted like he didn't really care that I was there. Much different from his usual bravado. He also seemed indifferent when I told him I was going to be going up to glittering cave tomorrow. I mean, it's not like I want him all over me, but the complete 180 in attitude is strange.

I left him to his own devices and went down to the aquarium to wait for Rinka. She was going to meet me there so that we could get a start together tomorrow. I'm really excited about it!

I ended up having to leave the aquarium, though. She was running behind and the aquarium was closing, so she said she'd meet me wherever I decided to spend the night. There were no available rooms at the small lodge here, so I am occupying one of the free pokécenter beds. At least this one is a little softer than the last one I was in. And the bed is bigger so it can fit us both...

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Whoops, I fell asleep It's after 1 in the morning. Guess I'll see her when I wake up. Goodnight, Diary.

Love you mon amie,

Yvette.

P.S. I'm not sure if I should add Caliburn, Magnesium, or Wendy to the initials for the team name or not. I'll talk with Rinka about it in the morning.