

Name: Takeru

Age: 20

Gender: Male

Height: 5'10"

Species: Horror Mega Lucario

Team: Thistles & Thorns

Position: Member

Branch: Bounty Hunters

Team Type: Solo Leader

Team Rank: Master

Level: 40

Ability: Steadfast

Moveset:

Swords Dance-A frenetic dance to uplift the fighting spirit. This sharply boosts the user's Attack stat.

Metal Claw-The target is raked with steel claws. This may also boost the user's Attack stat.

Coaching(Move Tutor)-The user properly coaches its ally Pokémon, boosting their Attack and Defense stats.

Detect(Egg Move)-This move enables the user to protect itself from all attacks. Its chance of failing rises if it is used in succession.

Nature: Serious

Characteristic: Alert to sounds

Personality:

+Honorable

He was trained all his life in the ways of honor. It would be quite silly if he himself was not honorable! He will always stop and help even if it would benefit him more to look away.

+Brotherly

Despite his stony face, he can form tight brotherly bonds very easily, and with a wide variety of people. He honestly thrives in a social environment, and will always have his friend's backs.

+Respectful

He is very respectful towards others, especially his elders. Traditional thinking, I suppose! But even when he disagrees with you, he would let you know gently. Never making a fuss or argument.

=Mentorly

If he sees you struggling with something, he will go out of his way to teach you, whether you want him to or not.

=Inexperienced

He had only grown up in his village, so in many ways, he is new to the world. He was told enough of what to do in most situations, but he is bound to slip up sometimes!

-Expressionless

Constantly stone-faced, he never shows emotion. When he does, it is a rarity. It makes him very difficult to read at times, and can be off-putting from the otherwise very personable young man.

-Indecisive

With his morals and his duties constantly at war with each other, he finds himself very uncertain on what he should be doing, or what he wants to do.

Do not come to him for big decision making advice.

-Burdened

He carries the weight of his Village and his mission alone. He has not told anyone about why he is here, even making up a partial lie that he is out in the world to train before returning home one day. He does not want to bother anyone with it... And he does not want to face this truth.

Island Name & Hometown: Solge, Town of Callinbern

History: CW: Stealing, Lack of Parental figures, Pirate Violence, Violence, Kidnapping, Duel to the Death, Disownment

TLDR:

-In a village with a Tradition of letting second born children grow up training in a Swordsman school, a Riolu was born.

-Has three notable friends that he grew up with, learning, playing, and doing everything together. They are all so close they are more like siblings than friends. They are a Zorua(Kanbei) And twin Sneasels (Inei and Hika, Shiny Hisuian and Johtonian respectively)

-Master has the four take on three tests to determine who is worthy of carrying his magical blade, and his job when he retires.

-Takeru does not do the best, but was more empathetic/helpful/supportive to his fellows, and was given the blade as part of the test was about empathy as well

-Zorua becomes angered and steals the blade. Takeru is sent after him.

-Saves a freshly kidnapped Kohana from Pirates, who had brashly kidnapped her right off of Ethovalon's port! Likely braver and more foolish due to remnant effects of the shadow affliction.

It is Tradition in the town of Callinbern, for parents to send their second born children to be trained in the ways of the sword. This tradition came to be not for malicious means, but rather as a way to give the second born a good start in their lives. It is never enforced, but merely an option.

This is what happened with Takeru. He was the second born son in his family, and was therefore sent to the swordsman's school to be raised alongside the other apprentices that would be in his generation. And this generation would be a special one.

The Riolu was brought up alongside a Zorua named Kanbei, who was like a brother to him, and twin Sneasel: The Johtonian Hika, And the shiny Hisuian Inei. There were more apprentices, but they were either younger or older. Together, these four would do everything together. Most importantly, learning the ways of the sword. Swordfighting, sword creation, anything to do with mastery of the sword.

When they were all 18, The Master of the school called these 4 alone, and announced that for one of them, they would be given a special gift: His Sword. He was getting up in years, and would be retiring soon. The one who would receive his sword would take over the school, as well as the job of being Callinbern's protector. They would need to test their mettle and prove their worth in all facets of Swordsmanship. The one who the master would see as most fitting, would receive his blade.

The first test was a test of building a blade from scratch. The Master told them that they had to find and work with materials they could find and craft their own blade. They would be given a week to do it. Takeru did not take long to find some ore that he wanted to use to craft his blade. But in the midst of it all, he found Hika struggling. She was a fine crafter using wood! But using the forge was something they had always had trouble with. Takeru Could have finished his blade first, but instead he took some time to help his friend, and they crafted a blade together! He would then make his own, as per the test, but Takeru was the one to finish last. That didn't bother him though. His Sneasel friend had been so grateful to him!

The next test was a test of endurance. The four would be made to meditate in the nearby river of cold water. Things started off ok, but Inei started to get very pale. Sensing a change in his friend's aura, the Riolu broke his meditation early in order to bring his friend somewhere warm where they would not get

sick. Sure, this would mean he was last again, but He wanted to make sure
his friend was healthy!

The Final test, was of course, a test of their combat prowess. In this test, Takeru was really capable of showing what he was made of! Kicking the tails of the Sneasel twins easily! But they were good natured about it, and it was a fair fight overall! When he fought his Zorua brother, however.... He would lose. But it was a long and hard fought battle! Kanbei helped him up with a grin. "No matter what, we will defend this place together." He would speak with confidence. And Takeru agreed. All four of them would! The Master at last called the four back again. It was time to announce who would be inheriting
his blade.

Takeru would inherit the blade. He was shocked. As was Kanbei. But the Sneasel twins just grinned and cheered their friend on! As far as they were concerned, it was deserved! But Kanbei could not accept this. "Why him!? I beat him in all three of your tests!?" He would shout in anger. The Zorua felt that he was more deserving! The master would then explain that the tests were about more than just ability, but were also meant to determine one's empathy. One's heart and soul. For this was a school that would teach future generations! One would need such ability to do so, and Takeru Had shown
himself to be both capable in the teachings, as well as his heart and temperament being perfect for the job. Kanbei, unsatisfied, would then storm

out in anger. Takeru Followed him to try and smooth things over, but his brother shrugged him off. He didn't feel like talking. So he let him be.

That night, the Zorua would sneak in and steal the master's blade. To make sure he was not found, he ran away with it. The Village was without it's most fabled blade. Takeru could not believe his brother to be capable of such a thing! But Kanbei was both nowhere to be found, and.... He had left his sword behind. He would not have left without it unless.... Unless he was the one who stole the Master's blade.

This would be Takeru's final test. The Mater told him to go find his brother, and take the blade back from him. By any means necessary. The master warned the Riolu that the blade had some magic within it. In the wrong hands, it could cause serious damage to both wielder and those around them. And so, Takeru would bid his home farewell for the first time. He was out on his own now, but was sent with all the blessings from his village, as well as money to last him for some time.

His search for his brother and the Village blade would take him far. In an attempt to not be found, he seemed to have left the Island. He could have been anywhere now! But Takeru would not give up! He took a ship of his own, and he would follow any rumors that he would hear.

Takeru tried to find Kanbei.... But he did not try very hard. He was honestly stalling. He did not want to face him. He did not want to confront the possibility of needing to.... To kill his brother.

About a year after his search began, He would be sailing in waters not far from Ethovalon, only to see a Pirate ship ahead! The Pirates fired upon his ship, but Takeru stayed calm, and helped direct the crew. Eventually, he would get on the enemy ship and, using his skills with the blade, he would disarm them. They seemed strangely crazed.... Their auras were off. Thankfully, all of them were soon knocked out. Going through the enemy ship, he found a shiny Vulpix woman all tied up! She had apparently been recently kidnapped from Ethovalon! Her name was Kohana, and she was part of the GCSF.

Not too long after, another ship came zooming into view, led by this Sawsbuck woman who was shouting at the pirate ship. It kinda scared Takeru, actually. But Kohana was quick to diffuse the situation, explaining that Takeru and his random crew had actually saved her! Being impressed, the Sawsbuck, Liah, would invite Takeru to join her Bounty Hunter Team Thistles & Thorns.

The young man would accept the invite. He had just about ran out of money, and no sign of Kanbei meant he had very little else to do..... Takeru Would settle into his new life here, relieved that at least for now, any horrible confrontation with his brother could wait.

So Liah and her team took him back with them to Ethovalon, where they would also imprison the Pirates.

TLDR update:

- Was summoned back to Callinbern after his inaction of finding Kanbei resulted in said Zorua twisting due to magic corruption
- Had to duel Kanbei to death. He tried to not kill Kanbei, but Kanbei blinded him in his one eye, and he had to kill him in self defence after that
- His master dismissed him forever. Effectively exiled.
- Hika and Inei brought him to a healing spring that was also an evolution spring, where he evolved!
- He is now moving forward

[You can read the climactic duel here!](#)

Inventory: 2 Swords, One that is his own sword, and one that his 'brother' had until recently possessed.

Extras: I was listening to the Soul Calibur 2 OST while concepting him, which was a huge inspiration for his overall story!

Takeru is blind in his bandaged eye. If he focuses, he can see vague aura outlines through it, but it takes a lot out of him to do so.