

- **PART 1**

### 1) Reminder of previous episode

Narration: While visiting Castelia City, Ash and his friends encountered a horde of the centipede Pokemon Venipede. With the help of Castelia's Gym Leader Burgh, they were able to get the situation under control. Professor Juniper determined that the cause of this incident must have something to do with the Desert Resort. To help solve this mystery, Ash and his friends are accompanying Professor Juniper to the Desert Resort. The group is preparing to leave for the desert in a helicopter, piloted by Officer Jenny.

Subtitle (Gathering of the Evil Organizations! The Desert Resort!!)

### 2) Desert Resort: The Excavation Site

Giovanni is riding in a Team Rocket VTOL. In the dead center of the desert, we see a large pit, which has been made into an excavation site. The special helicopter (#18's appearance) lands next to a research laboratory.

Jessie, James, Meowth, Pierce, and Professor Zager are watching the VTOL land from nearby.

### 3) In the VTOL Cockpit

The pilots are two Team Rocket members in black uniforms. Giovanni is in the back seat. There are more Team Rocket members in the rear cabin. There is a reporting device showing the state of the nearby area, and it shows the earth's energy being twisted. There are many types of energy shown, but it's focused on one point in the desert. That point is the desert's excavation site. Giovanni is silently looking at the monitor.

### 4) The Desert Resort Excavation Site

The hovercraft descends and lands in the desert. The hatch opens, and Giovanni is slowly revealed. The group of three stands up nervously. Pierce calmly gives a slight nod, and Professor Zager stands there ominously. Behind Giovanni, many other Team Rocket members appear.

Giovanni: The preparations are complete, yes?

Jessie+: Yes sir!

Pierce: Everything is going according to plan. Our target, the Meteorite, is underground here.

Giovanni: Hm. So it looks like the mission will start here. Don't get complacent.

Pierce: Understood.

Jessie: So, we will get the Meteorite-

James: -and bring it here.

Jessie and James are first to stand up and walk.

### 5) The Underground "Relic Castle"

Giovanni and a group of Team Rocket descend a staircase above ground. Pierce brings up the rear.

Zager: The underground of this area has had a big influence on the rest of Unova. We knew there was some kind of huge building underground here.

The group proceeds further underground as Zager explains. The highest level of a strange temple ruin had been discovered, but the lower levels are still buried in sand. The highest level even had a terrace, and a giant window served as the entrance to the inside.

Zager: According to the excavating equipment we had expedited from HQ, we've determined the structure of the building. It's clear that it belonged to an ancient civilization.

They all proceed into the entrance of the structure.

#### 6) In the Sky

Ash and friends are flying in the helicopter with Professor Juniper. Officer Jenny is the pilot.

#### 7) Inside the Police Helicopter

Officer Jenny notices Team Rocket's excavation site far in the distance.

Officer Jenny: Look at that, everyone!

Ash and friends lean forward.

Juniper: It looks like some kind of excavation, but I haven't heard of any such project from my colleagues...

Cilan: Could that be the reason that the Venipede were fleeing!?

Pikachu: Pika!

Iris: It seems possible.

Juniper: (looks at portable receiver) The energy that we saw before is definitely coming from there!

Ash: What!?

#### 8) Inside the "Relic Castle"

The expansive interior of the castle is dotted with installed lights. Giovanni and co are standing on a balcony, overlooking the ruins of a giant altar. A round platform is in the center of the circular interior. As if to encircle the platform, there are amphitheater-like stairs, and the balcony surrounds this as if looking down onto it.

Zager: If we consider this structure, it seems possible that the ancient people used the Meteorite as an energy source. The unfathomable skills those people must have possessed have been lost to us.

Everyone looks around the interior.

A wall of piled stones is illuminated by the lights. Sand spills onto the ground through its cracks. The circular floor is also made up of many small stones, and it can be surmised that it took a lot of skill to

construct that as well.

Giovanni: Team Rocket will revive those lost techniques.

#### 9) The Binoculars' Scope

The binoculars zoom in. We can see many Team Rocket members around the VTOL and helicopter next to the excavation site. Close up on the members' R mark.

#### 10) Police Helicopter Cockpit

Officer Jenny lowers her binoculars.

Officer Jenny: It's Team Rocket!

Ash: What!? Please, let me see!

He takes the binoculars and looks at the "R" mark.

Ash: Ah!

Iris and Cilan also take turns looking through the binoculars.

#### 11) The Relic Castle

Zager: We're going into the last stage of the mission.

Jessie is holding a searching device made with meteorites, and James opens a laptop that shows its output.

Giovanni: That must be the meteorite from Nacrene's museum.

James: Yes. We incorporated it into the search device. It amplifies the irradiation.

It accentuates the device's startup like a rifle bolt. The meteorite lights up with a whiz.

Zager: In order to pinpoint the location of the Meteorite, we need to allow the meteorite's energy to activate the mineral veins.

He nods at Jessie as a signal.

Jessie: Begin lighting!

Jessie holds the searching device like a gun, and shoots it at the circular floor below. James turns to the display.

James: Boss, please take a look at this. The response shows the presence of the Meteorite.

The meteorite lights up inside its glass case, and a beam of energy of the same color shoots from its tip and hits the floor. Bang! The pulses of energy, centered around the point of impact, spread like waves.

Giovanni: Aah!

## 12) The Desert

From the excavation site, waves of energy flow through the mineral veins and expand outward.

## 13) Police Helicopter

Officer Jenny: Connect me to HQ!

As she picks up her radio transmitter and says these words, waves of irradiation suddenly spread from the excavation site through the desert.

Ash: What's that!?

At the same time, the mineral veins that run through the desert go Whoosh! and light up for an instant. Professor Juniper's transceiver is also disturbed by this response.

Juniper: What a strong reaction! The energy that made the Venipede so upset must've come from here.

Ash: I knew it!

Pikachu: (surprised) Pika!

Pikachu's ears stand straight up, and he turns around to look behind him.

Pikachu: (nudging Ash) Pikapi!

A destructive beam shot from above ground hits the tail of the police helicopter and destroys it. The helicopter reels from the hit, and its alarm goes off. Ash and friends brace themselves.

Ash and friends: Woahhh!!!

Officer Jenny: We're making an emergency landing!

## 14) A Different Area of the Desert

There are three people wearing black clothes and hoods on their heads to shield them from the strong sunlight. (The leader is A, the underlings are B and C.) A Liepard stands in front of them. They wear small emblems of Team Plasma on the left side of their chests.

Plasma B: Well done, Liepard.

He pets Liepard on the head.

Liepard: Lie!

Liepard twines its tail.

Plasma A: The hero needs this power. We won't let anyone else have it.

## 15) The Desert

Nearby, we can see desert and outcroppings of rock here and there. The police helicopter makes an emergency landing. Officer Jenny is communicating through the transmitter.

Officer Jenny: This is Officer Jenny, requesting emergency assistance!

Ash and friends see the broken tail of the helicopter.

Iris: Aaah, this is awful!

Ash: Is this Team Rocket's doing!?

Pikachu: (worriedly) Pika....

Officer Jenny finishes her communications and turns to Ash and friends.

Officer Jenny: There's a strong possibility of that. There's not much cover here, so we have to approach carefully.

Professor Juniper is fiddling with her transmission device.

Juniper: That's odd...

Cilan: What is it?

Juniper: There's no reaction from the Pokemon in the desert.

Officer Jenny: Now that you mention it, there are supposed to be a lot of Ground type Pokemon living here, but I haven't seen any...

Pikachu and Axew look around.

Ash and Iris look around too, but all they can see is desert.

Iris: There's nothing here.

Ash: I guess they all ran away, like the Venipede we saw earlier.

The pulsing energy from underground is spreading.

Iris: It's happening again!

Ash: If it's this bad, we have to go see what's going on! We have to go find out what Team Rocket is doing there!

Pikachu: (Let's go!) Pika!

Iris: I'm going to!

Cilan: All right, me too!

They run off. Officer Jenny and Juniper chase after them.

Officer Jenny: Wait!

Juniper: Officer Jenny said that we have to approach carefully!

Officer Jenny and Juniper suddenly sink into the sand. As in the Relic Castle in the game, they fall into a

pit, and land in a room on the floor below.

Officer Jenny and Juniper: Aaaah!!

Ash and friends are startled and turn around, and when they get back to the crashed helicopter, they find the slippery edge of the pit and struggle to avoid falling in.

Ash: Professor Juniper! Officer Jenny!

Pikachu: Pika!

Iris: What's going on?!

#### 16) Inside the Underground Ruins

The ceiling of the ruins crumbles as Officer Jenny and Juniper fall down amidst the sand. Officer Jenny looks up and finds that she can see a little bit of the sky through the hole in the ceiling.

Officer Jenny: It seems like we fell pretty far...

Juniper is looking around the room.

Juniper: Where are we? It looks like a ruin...

Ash and friends' voices can be heard from above the pit.

Ash's voice: Officer Jenny!

Cilan: Professor Juniper!

Officer Jenny: Don't worry, we're fine!

Ash and friends are looking worriedly down into the pit. At the bottom of the pit, part of the ruins crumble, and the hole grows wider as more sand falls in. Officer Jenny and Juniper can see it too, but there's nothing they can do to stop the flow of sand.

Juniper: It looks like we're inside the ruins!

Cilan: Ruins?

Ash: I'll get you out with Snivy's Vine Whip!

He tosses a Pokeball.

With a flash, the beams from the meteorite device pulse again.

Iris: It's happening again!

Ash: !?

Inside the ruins, there are also vibrations from the waves of light. The sand falls rapidly.

Officer Jenny: Ash, wait!

Juniper: This might be a result of this energy. Hurry up and get out of here before you fall in too!

Ash: But-

Iris: What about you two?!

Officer Jenny: There's no telling when the ground will collapse again. We'll wait for help, so go see what Team Rocket is doing!

Ash calls into the pit.

Ash: Ok! We'll go, then!

Pikachu: Pika!

Iris: This is unbelievable!

Axew: Axew!

Officer Jenny: They might be planning some scheme like that time in the Dreamyard! Be careful, and don't start any fights!

Ash: Got it!

## 17) The Relic Castle

The pulsing in the floor continues. James looks at his laptop.

James: Something very large seems to be resonating with the meteorite's energy.

Giovanni nods. In the shadows of the pillar behind James, a Yamask is carefully watching the situation, but nobody notices it. Jessie picks up the search device and puts it away.

Zager: Now, let's begin the extraction.

Zager puts several stone pillars, each about 5 cm long, into the ground around the altar.

Zager: The wisdom of the ancients has been revived. The so-called "lost technology".

He puts in the last pillar. There is a distant sound of something large and heavy beginning to move. Team Rocket listens carefully. Everyone leans forward and looks down as they hear a loud sound. The stone in the floor below has divided into four parts and split to reveal a hole in the floor!

A strong light from far below spills out from the hole. Zager pushes another stone pillar on the altar. The ceiling opens up, and sand begins to spill through. The light from below becomes stronger, and finally the Meteorite appears on the platform.

Giovanni: Aah!

The platform gradually lifts the Meteorite higher. Bathed in rays of sunlight, the Meteorite begins to emit an even stronger light of its own.

James: It's like the sun itself...

Giovanni: Yes. The sun itself is going to be ours!

#### 18) In the Underground City

Officer Jenny and Juniper are tapping on the stone wall. Sand continues to trickle down from the hole in the ceiling.

Juniper: I can't believe there are ruins here. What a huge discovery!

Officer Jenny: This is no time to get excited about discoveries, Professor!

Suddenly, a rope hangs before them.

Juniper: Huh?

When they grab the rope and look up, they see Looker's face wreathed in light.

Looker: Ladies, please grab the rope.

Juniper: Who are you??

Looker: Take a look at this!

Looker presents his ID badge, but it's too far away to see.

Officer Jenny: I can't see it from here...

#### 19) The Desert Near the Excavation Site

Ash, Iris, Cilan, and Pikachu are looking at the Excavation Site from a small hill nearby. Besides the VTOL and special helicopter, there are three other Team Rocket members watching. Ash's group has gotten pretty close, but there's nothing closer they can hide behind.

Cilan: This is about as close as we can get. They'll see us if we get any closer.

Iris: It'll be ok as long as they don't see us, right? Can we use Pansage's Dig to get closer?

Ash: Good idea! Let's go underground.

Pikachu: Pika!

Cilan: I don't know if Pansage can dig a hole big enough for all of us by himself...

At that moment, a snorting sound and digging finger appear from the ground behind Pikachu.

Pikachu: Pika?

He turns around and is surprised to see the Krokorok with sunglasses.

Pikachu: (Krokorok!?) Pikachu!?

Ash: Krokorok!

Iris and Cilan: What?!



Krokorok grins.

Krokorok: Krokkrok.

(Commercial Break)

20) In the Ground

Krokorok and Pansage are digging a tunnel. Ash and friends follow behind them.

Ash: You guys are so fast! Double Digging is pretty awesome!

Cilan: Pansage! Match Krokorok's pace!

Pansage: Pan~!

Iris: Krokorok, it's really nice of you to help us out!

Ash: Yeah, I don't really know what's going on with him, but...Thank you, Krokorok!

Pikachu: Pika!

Krokorok grins at them over his shoulder.

Cilan: Working together like this is wonderful, isn't it?

21) The Desert

The dune buggy is parked. Looker has teamed up with Officer Jenny and Juniper, and they are closely inspecting Looker's ID.

Officer Jenny: Are the International Police going after Team Rocket?

Looker: I'm after a different organization, myself. There seems to be a strong tie between them and what Team Rocket's doing here in the Desert Resort.

Juniper: A different organization?

Looker: I'll tell you all about it. If things have come this far, I think it's best that we work together.

22) Underground

With a clang, Krokorok and Pansage smash into a manmade wall. As the sand falls, it becomes apparent that it's made of bricks.

Pikachu: Pika...

Cilan: I guess we can't dig any further.

Ash: All right, then. Let's go up!

23) Directly Below the Special Helicopter

With a pop, Pansage and Krokorok's heads appear above ground. They climb out of the hole and hide

behind the wheel of a nearby aircraft. Ash, Iris, Pikachu, and Cilan also poke their heads out of the hole and look up at the aircraft.

Iris: Phew, we're finally out of there!

Ash covers Iris's mouth.

Ash: Shh! We don't want to get caught.

Iris: (quietly) Oops! Right.

Cilan looks up at the aircraft.

Cilan: It's the big helicopter we saw before.

They can also see Giovanni's VTOL nearby.

Ash: I wonder if we can make it to that big hole over there...

He's looking at the Excavation Site. They can also see the feet of many Team Rocket members on guard.

Cilan: I guess we've got to do something about those guards...

Pikachu: Pika!

As Pikachu and Pansage start to come out, Krokorok takes a big step forward.

Pikachu: Pika?

## 24) The Relic Castle

James and Jessie face a gun-like device at the Meteorite. They shoot it. A drill-like bit shoots out of the device and into the Meteorite. The bit expands into a talon-like shape, and latches onto the Meteorite.

Zager: Measure the energy.

He taps some keys on his keyboard. Electricity begins to run through the device and bit. A gauge and numbers appear on the screen.

## 25) Underneath the Special Helicopter

Krokorok holds Pikachu back, then rushes forward and stands directly behind Guard A.

Krokorok: Rok!

It opens its mouth wide and chomps on Guard A's leg!

Guard A: Gahh!!

Guard B comes running over.

Guard B: What happened?!

Guard A: Oww...Let go!!

Guard B: Hey, let go of him!!

As Guard A writhes in pain and Guard B tries to pry Krokrokok off, Ash and friends crawl out from under the aircraft and rush towards the pit. Another guard, Guard C, comes running over.

Guard C: Hey! Get back to your post!

Ash: Oh no, they'll see us!

Ash and friends panic and run to the open hatch of the special helicopter and climb inside the aircraft.

26) In the Relic Castle

The experiment on the Meteorite continues. On the display, the gauge shows the maximum number.

Zager: Aah, this is better than we expected...the Meteorite contains such strong energy!

Giovanni takes up his transceiver.

Giovanni: (into transceiver) We're collecting the energy.

Zager: We can't allow it to be exposed to the outside air for long. We need to maintain the same conditions as underground.

27) In the Cockpit of the Special Helicopter

The Team Rocket pilot is speaking into his radio.

Pilot: Roger that.

He operates the aircraft.

28) The Excavation Site

The tail of the Special Helicopter begins to spin.

29) In the Cargo Area of the Special Helicopter

The hatch is closing.

Ash: Oh no, it's closing!

Pikachu: Pika!

Ash and friends run towards it, but the hatch is completely locked.

Cilan: It's locked!

Iris: Does this mean...

The ship begins to rise, and Ash and friends stumble around.

Cilan: We're flying!

The ceiling portion opens up, and a giant mechanical hand unfolds before their eyes.

### 30) The Excavation Site

The Special Helicopter's large underside hatch continues to open as the Special Helicopter flies above the Excavation Site. Krokrok got away from Guard A, and now dives into the sand and escapes. The giant mechanical hand descends. It reaches through the hole in the ceiling of the Relic Castle and grabs the Meteorite.

### 31) The Desert

Looker is driving the sand buggy, and Officer Jenny is in the passenger seat. Juniper is looking at her mobile device.

Juniper: The energy has disappeared!

Officer Jenny: Does that mean that there's no response from the Pokemon anymore?

Juniper: Yes. Please inform Burgh in Castelia City.

### 32) Inside the Cargo area of the Special Helicopter

The Special Helicopter's mechanical hand is grabbing the Meteorite and bringing it into the cargo area through the opening in its floor. Ash and friends can only stand by the wall of the compartment and watch.

Ash: What's that...

Pikachu: Pika....

Cilan: It doesn't look like just a normal stone...

The hatch in the floor closes and locks. The Meteorite is now inside the cargo area, and beams shoot towards it from all directions, confining it to a cage of light. The Meteorite levitates inside the cage. Something happens to the cage that causes it to spark occasionally.

### 33) Excavation Site

Giovanni has gone above ground, and James is showing him data on the laptop. Zager comes up later.

Zager: The Meteorite has been stabilized. The energy field is open, and it's being kept in the same conditions as when it was buried underground.

Giovanni grins and says nothing.

Giovanni and Pierce are in a VTOL piloted by three Team Rocket members. Zager and Guards A, B, and C climb into the Special Helicopter, and it takes off. Krokrok, in the ground with just his head poking out, watches them go.

### 34) In the Desert

From the dune buggy, Looker's group looks up and sees the VTOL and Special Helicopter.

Officer Jenny: It's Team Rocket!

Looker: They're on the move!

Looker jerks the steering wheel, and they chase after Team Rocket!

35) Inside the Cargo Area of the Special Helicopter

The Meteorite continues to emit sparks within the cage of light. There are also some sparks between the two drill-like bits that latched onto the Meteorite earlier. Ash and friends are watching it intently.

Iris: I don't like the look of this...

Cilan: It's emitting some strong energy..I think. It's being controlled by this barrier-type thing...

Ash: It does seem dangerous...

Iris: Is it causing Pikachu's sparking too?

Iris looks at Pikachu, who Ash is holding in his arms. Pikachu's cheek pouches are discharging electricity, with the same pattern as the surface of the Meteorite discharges sparks.

Ash: (Notices) Ah!

When the Meteorite and Pikachu spark again, suddenly a spark passes through the cage of light and hits Pikachu.

Pikachu: Pikakakakaka!!!

Ash: Pikachu!

Iris and Cilan: !

At that moment, Pikachu is hit by a strong shock wave that sends him flying out of Ash's arms to crash into the ceiling, then fall to the floor. Now Pikachu's whole body is sparking, and he manages to stand up.

Ash: Pikachu!

Pikachu: (suffering) Pika...!

36) The Same Place: Cockpit

There's an alert on the Meteorite monitoring screen. Zager, who is nearby, takes a look at it.

Zager: Eh...?

He nudges Guard A next to him, who stands up.

37) The Same Place: Cargo Area

Ash is holding Pikachu close.

Ash: Hang in there, Pikachu!

Pikachu opens his eyes weakly.

Pikachu: Pika....

The discharging from Pikachu's cheek pouches settles down.

Iris: What happened?

Cilan: (looking at the Meteorite) Pikachu's electric energy and the energy of this stone have synchronized...I think.

With a clang, the door in the wall unlocks. Ash and friends panic, and try to hide themselves from view. Guard A comes into the room. The sound of his footsteps echo throughout the chamber, and he closely inspects the area around the Meteorite. Ash and friends are holding their breath. Ash is holding Pikachu again, and Pikachu's cheeks begin sparking again. Guard A notices the sound and stops walking.

Guard A: Who's there? Show yourself!

Ash looks at the suffering Pikachu.

Ash: (quietly) Take care of Pikachu for me. I'll draw the guard away.

Ash stands behind Guard A.

Ash: Excuse me...

Guard A whirls around to look at Ash.

Guard A: Who are you!?

Guard A puts his back to the door and positions himself such that the Meteorite can't be seen from the doorway. Ash smiles, unfazed.

Ash: (cheerfully and casually) Excuse me, I was looking for my Pokemon and I wandered in here...

Guard: Wandered!?

Iris and Cilan are holding Pikachu, and while Guard A and Ash are talking, they carefully slip outside.

Ash: (pointing at the Meteorite) What's this thing?

Guard A: Never mind that, you're coming with me!

Guard A drags Ash along with him. Iris and Cilan, now in a storage area, watch him being dragged away.

Iris: I hope he'll be ok...

Pikachu: (worriedly) Pika...

Cilan: Ah, I see. Good idea. They won't be so suspicious if they think he's just some random trainer.

38) Special Helicopter: The Back Cabin

Ash is locked into a storage room. Guard A locks the door from the outside. Zager arrives and looks

through the door's small window at Ash, who looks despondent.

Guard A: It's some Pokemon trainer. He says he got lost and wandered in here.

Zager: (disgustedly) I don't want to deal with him right now. Keep him locked in there until we're done.

39) The Resort Ground in the Desert (at night)

Suddenly, A splendid amusement park appears in the desert. The VTOL heads for the helicopter landing spot on the roof of the Resort Hotel, and the Special Helicopter quickly descends to the ground.

40) Resort Hotel: the Aboveground Heliport

The container truck with its cargo area open is standing by. The special helicopter lowers its container car onto the container truck's cargo area, and the container car clicks into place. With the helicopter's container car removed, the inside of the helicopter's cabin is now exposed.

From the shadows of the crumpled remains of the back half of the container, Iris and Cilan jump down onto the newly attached container. Unaware of their presence, the container car takes off toward the hotel. The special helicopter ascends to the heliport on the hotel roof. On top of the moving container car, Iris and Cilan look up at the special helicopter in surprise.

Iris: Ash is up there, isn't he!?

Cilan: What should we do!?

Iris notices the neon cord dangling from above.

Iris: Follow me!

Holding Pikachu close with one arm, Iris jumps out and grabs the cord, then holds onto the cord as she jumps off the container.

Cilan: What!?? That's dangerous!

Cilan makes a mad jump to grab the cord...and barely catches it, swinging around like Tarzan. When he lets go, he crashes into the foliage of the courtyard.

41) The Same Place: Courtyard (at night)

Cilan pokes his head out of the foliage, tears streaming down his cheeks. Iris, unharmed, rushes over to Cilan with Pikachu and Axew.

Iris: Nice landing!

Cilan: Hey, not everybody can jump like you can...

42) The Same Place: The Outside of the Building (at night)

43) The Same Place: In the Hall (at night)

Many ladies and gentlemen are gathered, all wearing masks to obscure their identities. Their attention is focused on Giovanni, atop the stage. Many Team Rocket members (without masks) are also present.

Jessie, James, Meowth, and Pierce are keeping a close watch on the surroundings.

Giovanni: Thank you for waiting, everyone.

The chatter subsides and the room goes quiet. Among the men in masks are three Team Plasma members, sitting silently in the back row. Their black suits allow them to blend in with the crowd, though they wear Team Plasma badges on their collars.

Giovanni: You are the ones who control Unova from the shadows. I'm truly honored that so many of you, of such great standing, have shown such interest in our proposal as to appear here in person.

Team Plasma: ....

Giovanni: Allow me to show you...our sun!

Zager stands atop the stage and presses a button near his hand. The stage slides open to the left and right, and the Meteorite, surrounded by a cage of light, rises up from below.

Audience: (excitedly) Ohhh!!

Zager does something with the remote, and a spark runs from between the two prongs of the device towards the Meteorite, which glows in response.

Team Plasma: It's the power...of heroes...

#### 44) Inside the Service Hangar Beside the Heliport

Ash looks around anxiously, his hands tied behind his back. Guard A is leaning against the wall and glaring at him.

Guard A: Settle down, you! At least until our big event's over.

Ash: Yes, sir.

#### 45) Resort Hotel: Garden (At Night)

Iris (holding Pikachu) and Cilan are hiding in the shadows of the bushes.

Cilan: I'll go inside and have a look around. I think that's the way we'll find Ash.

Iris: What??

Cilan: Please stay here. If I find anything, I'll send Pansage to let you know. Here I go!

Pikachu: (watching) Pika...

Krokorok's face pops out of the ground nearby.

#### 46) The Same Place: Hall (at night)

A couple in elaborate masks appears in the room. One is Looker, and the other is Juniper.

A computer display appears in the air, showing a graph of the Meteorite and its various energy levels.



Giovanni: As you can see, the Meteorite contains immeasurable amounts of energy!

Giovanni continues his demonstration in the background as Looker and Juniper discuss.

Juniper: Are you sure that the organization you're after is here?

Looker: They must be. They may not manage to accomplish much of substance, but I'm certain that they'll be interested in what Team Rocket is doing here.

Juniper: This is getting exciting. It's like we're spies!

Looker tries to calm down the cheerful Juniper. At that moment, Juniper bumps into a masked waiter carrying a tray under his arm.

Juniper: Aah!

Waiter: Excuse me!

As their eyes meet, they exclaim "Ah!" The masked waiter is actually Cilan.

Cilan: Could you be...

Juniper slides her mask aside and shows him her face.

Juniper: Yes, it's me.

Cilan slides his mask aside as well.

Cilan: I thought so!

Juniper puts a finger to her mouth and shushes Cilan.

Cilan: What are you doing here!?

Juniper: I'm here with Looker. He's amazing! He has so many clothes that he can disguise himself as anybody. Including these, of course.

Cilan: (impressed) Ah...

Looker: Ah, you must be Cilan. I've heard about you from Officer Jenny.

Cilan: Where is she?

Looker: She's waiting outside.

Looker inspects the room carefully.

Looker: By the way...where's Ash?

Cilan: You know Ash?

Suddenly, Giovanni's voice booms across the room.

Giovanni: Now, let's increase the energy even further!

Zager presses buttons on the console. The Meteonite glows stronger yet.

47) The Same Place: Courtyard (at night)

Pikachu also begins to emit strong light!

Iris: What's going on!?

Pikachu opens his eyes wide.

Pikachu: Pika....!

48) Resort Hotel: Hall (at night)

The spectators' attention is focused on the Meteonite.

Giovanni: Now, everyone! If you want this power, you'll need to join forces with Team Rocket!

Team Plasma mutters something.

Plasma A: Fools! That power has to be used by the right people, not crooks like you. Especially now, when we need a hero more than ever.

The camera shows everyone: Looker, Juniper, and Cilan watching the room carefully; sparking Pikachu; captive Ash; and the Relic Castle.

Narration: Team Rocket's scheme continues, and a mysterious organization targets the Meteonite. How will Ash and Pikachu make it through this dangerous situation? To be continued!

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## **PART 2**

1) Review of previous episode

Narration: Ash and his friends accompanied Professor Juniper to the Desert Resort to try and find out why Venipede are swarming Castelia City. Once there, they discovered that Team Rocket was working on some kind of mysterious excavation. Team Rocket succeeded in finding the Meteonite, and attempted to use its massive amounts of energy to conquer Unova. A mysterious organization also lurks nearby. Will Ash and his friends be able to stop Team Rocket's scheme?

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2) Inside the Service Hangar Beside the Heliport (at night)

Ash: Urgh...

Ash is pulling on the door handle with all his strength, but it doesn't budge.

Ash: I'm going to get out of here, no matter what! I'm a Pokemon Trainer, you know!

Ash throws a Poke Ball.

Ash: Tepig, I choose you!

Tepig comes out!

Tepig: Tepi!

Ash: Use Flame Charge!

Tepig becomes a ball of fire and slams into the door, successfully destroying it!

Ash: (leaves the cell) All right, we did it!

Tepig: Tetepi!

Ash pets Tepig on the head, and Tepig happily spouts a little fire from his nostrils. Just then, we hear a low vibrating sound.

Ash: (looks up) Huh?

In the sky, Team Plasma's transport helicopter can be seen landing atop the hotel.

3) Desert Resort: In the Sky (at night)

Team Plasma's transport helicopter is flying.

4) The Same Place: Courtyard (at night)

Iris is holding Pikachu, who is giving off light. She looks up and sees the transport helicopter landing.

5) The Same Place: Hall (at night)

The villain admins are carefully watching the Meteorite as it continues to let off powerful sparks in sync with Pikachu's flashing light. Giovanni and Zager are on the stage together.

Giovanni: Now, I believe you all understand the power of the Meteorite. With us, Team Rocket...

As Giovanni says this, a crash comes from the ceiling, and a ring of sparks appears on it.

Giovanni and Zager: (looking up) !

Team Plasma A, B, and C are grinning.

Team Plasma A: Here it comes...

Through the circular hole now cut in the ceiling, pieces of stone and plaster, as well as parts of the ceiling lights, tumble down into the hall. This causes an uproar and many of the villains panic and try to flee, though the three Team Plasma members just stand there calmly.

Looker: There they are!

The P mark on the three Team Plasma members' badges glimmers in the light.

6) The Same Place: Above the Hall (at night)

The Team Plasma transport helicopter is in flight. A hatch on the bottom of it opens, and a giant mechanical hand appears.

7) The Same Place: Outside the Entrance (at night)

Officer Jenny and the police team are keeping watch.

Officer Jenny: (looking up at the helicopter) What's that...!?

The transport helicopter's mechanical hand pulls out the chunk of ceiling cut out in the previous scene and flings it away. It crashes into a nearby building and crumbles into pieces. Officer Jenny and the police team shield themselves from the falling debris.

Officer Jenny: Get down, everybody!

The mechanical hand goes through the hole in the ceiling and into the hall.

8) The Same Place: Hall (at night)

The mechanical hand grabs hold of the Meteorite, which is still emitting sparks. Jessie, James, and Meowth run up to try and protect Giovanni.

Jessie: Boss!

Giovanni is looking at the Team Plasma members. The other Team Rocket members (including Guards A, B, and C from the previous episode) are shocked, and their gaze is fixed on the Meteorite. There is chaos as the panicked villains try to flee. Looker springs on the Team Plasma members.

Looker: I've found you at last!

The Team Plasma members quickly dodge. One of them tosses a Poke Ball.

Team Plasma A: Liepard! Use Hyper Beam!

Liepard appears and uses Hyper Beam!

Cilan: Looker!

Cilan jumps up to shield Looker and pulls him to the floor. The Hyper Beam rips a hole in a wall, and the hall is filled with light and explosions. It's hard to see anything due to the smoke from the explosions and the collapsed ceiling. When Giovanni looks up, the three Team Plasma members are making off with the Meteorite.

Meowth: The Meteorite's gone!

Giovanni: We'll take it back!

Jessie, James, Meowth: Yes, sir!

Just then, Officer Jenny and the police team kick the door open with a bang and rush into the room.

Officer Jenny: Nobody move! You're all under arrest!

Many of the villains are flustered. Looker and Cilan stand up.

Looker: (to Officer Jenny) I'm going after them!

Officer Jenny: Got it!

Looker goes outside.

Juniper: Cilan, we should go too!

Cilan: Ok!

Cilan and Juniper chase after Looker.

#### 9) The Same Place: Heliport (at night)

Giovanni, Pierce, Jessie, James, Meowth, and Zager are climbing aboard the VTOL. With Pierce as pilot, the VTOL takes off.

#### 10) The Same Place: Courtyard (at night)

The Team Plasma transport helicopter can be seen flying away. Pikachu, still radiating light, jumps out of Iris's arms.

Iris: Pikachu!

Axew sticks his head out of her hair.

Axew: (Wait!) Ax!

Pikachu looks up at the helicopter, and begins to run off after it.

Iris: Pikachu, wait!

#### 11) The Night Sky

Team Plasma's transport helicopter is flying. A strong light can be seen coming from the body of the aircraft.

#### 12) Team Plasma Transport Helicopter: Cargo Area (at night)

The Meteorite continues to spark violently, and the electricity is bouncing off the nearby walls.

#### 13) The Same Place: Cockpit (at night)

Sparks appear on the console. The pilot and nearby members A, B, and C are shocked.

Pilot: What's going on..?

#### 14) VTOL: Inside (at night)

Pierce is piloting the VTOL. Giovanni is sitting in the back cabin with Jessie, James, and Meowth.

Pierce: Well, it looks like they've finally made their appearance.

Jessie: Is that the mysterious organization that you were talking about earlier, Boss!?

Giovanni: Yes. If we're going to conquer Unova, they must be eliminated.

James: First, we must retrieve the Meteorite.

Meowth: Then, we destroy them!

Giovanni nods. Zager is working with the ship's systems, and furrows his eyebrows as he looks at one of the monitor displays.

Zager: The reaction from the Meteorite is getting stronger...

#### 15) The Night Sky

Giovanni's VTOL begins flying faster.

#### 16) Resort Hotel: Front (at night)

Pikachu is running, and suddenly crashes into a shadow.

Ash's voice: Woah!

Pikachu: Pika!?

They're both knocked over. Iris runs up to them.

Iris: Ash??

Ash sits up in surprise.

Ash: Iris! Pikachu!

Iris: I'm glad you're safe!

Pikachu also sits up.

Pikachu: Pika!

Pikachu runs up to Ash and jumps into his arms.

Ash: (looking at Pikachu) Woah, what's going on? Your light's even stronger than before!

Iris: It seems like he's synchronizing with that weird stone!

Ash: Synchronizing!?

Iris: I mean, he's glowing the same way the stone is!

Pikachu: (Come on, we have to hurry!) Pika!

After saying this to Ash, Pikachu suddenly takes off running.

Iris: Hey!

Pikachu jumps over the bushes and runs off, still discharging electricity.

Ash: Hey, Pikachu!

Ash and Iris chase after him.

Iris: Has Pikachu always been this fast??

17) Hotel: Front (at night)

Pikachu is running at full speed. Ash and Iris leap over the bushes, and try desperately to keep up with him.

Ash: How's he running so fast?!

Iris: We can't keep up!

Pikachu is already some distance ahead of them, but every so often he stops and waves at them, trying to get them to come closer, before taking off again.

Ash: He's calling us...he must be trying to tell us something.

Pikachu is now so distant that only his glowing light is visible.

Ash: Whatever it is, we've gotta go after him!

Iris: All I can see is the light...oh, if only I had wings!

Pikachu passes by the dune buggy. Looker (no longer wearing his disguise) is driving, Juniper is in the passenger seat, and Cilan is in the back seat.

Cilan: Pikachu!?

Looker looks ahead as the car approaches Ash and Iris, who are still running as hard as they can.

Looker: Hey!

Looker's dune buggy comes racing toward Ash and Iris.

Cilan: Ash! Iris!

Ash: Cilan!

The dune buggy stops just before them, and they are startled to find Looker driving.

Ash: What!? Looker?!

Iris alone looks very confused.

Iris: ...Who?

Looker: Haven't seen you in a while, Ash. It seems like you have a knack for finding trouble!

Juniper: We just passed Pikachu. Where are you going?

Ash: It seems like Pikachu is trying to lead us somewhere. Looker, please follow Pikachu!

#### 18) The Desert (at night)

The dune buggy is driving. Pikachu is still far ahead, and doesn't seem to be getting any closer; all they can see is the moving light.

Ash: Can't we go any faster!?

Looker: We're already pushing the limit!

Cilan: I can't believe Pikachu can go so fast...I wonder if this is another effect of the Meteorite.

Ash: Meteorite!?

Juniper: (while searching for something on her transceiver) That's what Team Rocket called the meteorite they excavated.

Ash: Meteorite... ah, it was the meteorite's power that did that to Pikachu!

Juniper is looking at something on a handheld device.

Juniper: It may be that Pikachu is chasing after the Meteorite.

Iris: Now that you mention it, I feel like he took off in the same direction as those guys who stole the Meteorite...

#### 19) Castelia City Outskirts (at night)

There is a neglected-looking airfield in a rocky area between the Desert Resort and Castelia City. The Team Plasma transport helicopter is heading towards it.

#### 20) The Night Sky

Giovanni's VTOL is flying.

#### 21) Giovanni's VTOL (at night)

Zager is looking at a monitor's display. In one corner, there is a blinking Meteorite indicator that has stopped responding.

Zager: It seems we've reached our destination.

As he says this, he types in coordinates on the keyboard. A window opens and a map of the airfield appears.

Zager: The airfield, eh. It was closed 20 years ago and is supposed to be abandoned, but...

Zager narrows his eyes at a blinking window that shows a scrolling list of numbers.

James: What is it?

Zager: The energy reaction from the Meteorite is increasing. It may be going berserk!



Giovanni looks at Zager.

Giovanni: ...

#### 22) The Desert (at night)

Pikachu continues to run, still letting off electricity. Looker's dune buggy continues to chase after him.

#### 23) The Dune Buggy (at night)

The screen of Juniper's handheld device is crowded with images and small text. The images show the Relic Castle, a massive structure of some sort, and above them, the Meteorite, glowing like the sun. Juniper is looking at the device and explaining to Ash and friends.

Juniper: According to Nacrene City's database, the ruins we fell into were part of the ancient civilization known as Relic Castle.

Ash: Relic Castle...?

Juniper: The Meteorite was the sun that illuminated Relic Castle.

Ash: It's a sun?!

Iris and Cilan are also surprised.

#### 24) Image

Juniper's screen shows an old fresco-like image of an ancient city. From the peak of the Relic Castle, the Meteorite, burning like a sacred flame, illuminates the city.

Juniper: (OFFSCREEN) The people of the ancient city were able to control the Meteorite's power. The smoke from the explosion of a nearby volcano blocked out the sun for a long time, and it was the power of the Meteorite that allowed the people to survive.

#### 25) Dune Buggy (at night)

Ash and friends are stunned by this.

Looker: I suppose Team Rocket is trying to revive those lost techniques through modern science.

Cilan: Is that what the organization you're after is doing too?

Looker: Nah...my job is to learn about them. I still haven't figured out even a bit of what they're plotting...

Iris: Since they stole the Meteorite, maybe they're trying to do the same thing as Team Rocket?

Juniper is scrolling through her transceiver when her eyes light up in surprise.

Juniper: (reading the report) We've got some pretty interesting news here.

Ash: News?

## 26) Abandoned Airfield (at night)

The dialogue continues from the previous scene.

Juniper: (OFF) According to the database, the Relic Castle was destroyed in a single night.

Cilan: (OFF) Was it because of the Meteorite?

Juniper: (OFF) I'm certain of it. It disappeared along with the light.

The dialogue is interrupted, and the scene moves to follow the transport helicopter. It lands on a runway with a giant hangar. A massive transport ship comes out of the hangar. Before it, a Team Plasma squad leader in uniform stands on guard. A microphone sticks out of his hood, near his mouth. There is also a radio receiver in the hood near his ears.

The squad leader meets with members A, B, C, and the pilot, who all came out of the transport helicopter. Before the squad leader, the other members take off their black clothes, revealing their uniforms underneath. They open the transport helicopter's cargo area and find the Meteorite, now out of control as it continues to radiate light. A, B, and C are flustered and attempt to explain, and the squad leader grimaces. The Meteorite continues to emit strong heat and light from within the cargo area.

Squad Leader: So, this is the Meteorite... why's it shining like this?

Team Plasma A: We don't know the cause of that, but it's still putting out energy.

Squad Leader: Hmm...

Team Plasma A: I'm not sure whether we should bring it to headquarters like this.

Squad Leader: I guess we've got no choice but to ask Mr. Ghetsis.

At that moment, the radio beeps. The squad leader responds to it.

Squad Leader: What is it?

## 27) Massive Transport Ship: Cockpit

A pilot sits in the control seat, looking at the radar on the monitor and communicating with someone over radio.

Pilot: Some kind of flying object is approaching!

## 28) Abandoned Runway (at night)

The squad leader looks up into the sky.

Squad Leader: Flying object...?

From high in the sky, Giovanni's VTOL is quickly approaching. As soon as it passes them, three beams of light shoot out of the VTOL.

Squad Leader: Gah!

In addition to the light, "something else" flies down from the VTOL at a high speed. As it gets closer, we

can see that it's Woobat. Woobat lets loose an Air Slash! It hits near the Team Plasma members' feet, and they back away at the series of explosions. As the three beams of light draw closer, their identity is revealed. They're Jessie, James (carrying the meteorite testing case), and Meowth. They've descended from the VTOL using jetpacks strapped to their backs.

Team Plasma A: Team Rocket!?

Team Rocket stand beside the Meteorite, with Woobat at their side.

Jessie: We're taking back the Meteorite!

Team Plasma A throws a Poke Ball, sending out Liepard.

Team Plasma A: Liepard, use Hyper Beam!

Jessie: Woobat, use Air Slash!

Liepard's Hyper Beam and Woobat's Air Slash collide in midair, causing an explosion of light.

Team Plasma A: I've got this. Hurry up and tell Ghetsis!

Squad Leader: Ok!

29) Within the Team Plasma Hideout (at night)

An unknown location. As the screen moves to show Ghetsis's hands and reliefs of Zekrom, Reshiram, etc:

Ghetsis's voice: Confirm what is happening to the Meteorite.

30) Abandoned Runway (at night)

The transport helicopter is surrounded by a dazzling light.

Jessie: !?

James: !

Meowth: Wha!?

Liepard: Lilie!?

Team Plasma members: !

With a flash of light, the transport helicopter begins to melt. The section of the runway underneath it is putting out so much heat that the hot air is shimmering. The Team Rocket and Team Plasma members are all shocked.

31) The Night Sky

The VTOL moves well away from the abandoned runway where the Meteorite is now letting off flashes of light, and continues flying.

32) Giovanni's VTOL (at night)

Zager is looking at the monitor, holding his breath as he watches the changing values.

Zager: The power in Nacrene's meteorite is irradiating the Meteorite. Their energies could neutralize each other and suppress their reactions. At this rate, we'll have a repeat of what happened at the Relic Castle!

### 33) Abandoned Runway (at night)

James: Roger that!

James opens the case he was carrying. There is a meteorite testing device inside. Just then, the transport helicopter emits strong flashes of light as it continues to melt.

Jessie: What's going on!?

The transport helicopter melts, and from within, the Meteorite floats up to about ten to twenty meters off the ground. While in the air, it slowly rotates as it radiates light and heat.

(Commercial Break)

### 34) Abandoned Runway

With a whoosh, the heat radiation expands across the Desert Resort. After that, the heat waves continue to expand at regular intervals like the breathing of a living thing. The heat waves spark periodically.

### 35) Desert Resort (at night)

Pikachu is running, kicking up sand behind him as he goes, when he encounters the expanding heat waves.

Pikachu: Pika!?

The heat radiation continues towards the distant Castelia City. In the dune buggy, Juniper is overcome with shock as she looks at the transceiver.

Juniper: What's happening...!? The energy is increasing at an accelerating rate!

### 36) In Space

From its orbit, the satellite that appeared in #22 is observing the Unova region.

### 37) Castelia City: bird's eye view (at night)

The energy's heat waves assault the city. With a hiss, cracks appear in building windows.

### 38) The Same Place: Central Area (at night)

Cracks appear in the glass of the street lights. The Venipede suddenly begin moving around, and in the trees, the Pidove all take flight at once. Burgh, who had been watching over the Venipede, looks around in concern.

Burgh: ...!

### 39) Dune Buggy (at night)

On Juniper's transceiver, a map of the Unova region shows that the area affected by the energy is continuing to grow.

Juniper: According to the satellite data, the energy has now reached Castelia City.

The display shows the affected area coming from the Desert Resort and continuing to spread over Castelia City.

Ash: To Castelia City!?

Juniper fiddles with the transceiver, and soon fixes her gaze on the screen, her eyebrows furrowed in concern.

Juniper: This is terrible...

Ash: (worriedly) What is it, Professor??

Juniper: ...The catastrophe that destroyed the Relic Castle in one night...might be happening again.

Ash, Iris, Cilan: What!!!?

Juniper: The energy is being discharged by the Meteorite. If it continues at this rate, everything will be destroyed!

Ash: Everything!?

Iris: Destroyed!?

Cilan: How far will the damage reach??

The screen of Juniper's transceiver shows the damage range expanding in a circle with the blinking Meteorite at its center, and Castelia City is within it as well.

Juniper: Not just the Desert Resort, but everything in this area, even Castelia City.

Ash, Iris: Whaaat!?

Looker: Those Team Rocket scoundrels have really done it this time!

Ash: We have to tell Officer Jenny!

Cilan: What should we do, Professor?!

Juniper: I don't like it as a scientist, but...at this point, there's no choice but to destroy the Meteorite!

Iris: But how? It has enough energy to destroy a whole city!

### 40) Abandoned Runway (at night)

The Meteorite is floating in the air, continuing to radiate energy. Nimble avoiding Woobat's Air Slash, Liepard jumps into the air and tries to slash Woobat with its claws. Woobat quickly flies higher and

dodges.

Jessie: Hurry up, James!

James: Got it! We're all ready!

James fiddles with the meteorite testing device.

James: Maximum output reached!

Within the device, the meteorite glows. James pulls the trigger.

James: Here it goes!

The meteorite glows, and shoots a beam straight at the Meteorite. Team Plasma are surprised. The Meteorite sparks, and the light subsides temporarily.

Squad Leader: What!?

Meowth: We did it!

Zager is looking at the response on the monitor.

Pierce: I guess they managed to get it under control.

Zager: Yes, it's just as I predicted!

Giovanni: ...

The surface of the stabilized Meteorite reveals that energy is twisting around inside. The three Team Rocket members hold their breath as they watch. The surface of the Meteorite sparks. At the same time, the meteorite in the testing device sparks in the same way.

James: What!?

With a whoosh, the Meteorite lets off strong waves of energy, sending Team Rocket and Team Plasma flying.

Team Plasma: Whoah!

Jessie, Meowth: Aaah!!

James: Aah!?

The testing device explodes. James is also sent flying, and from within the testing device, fragments of the meteorite scatter across the room.

41) Giovanni's VTOL: Within the Aircraft (at night)

Zager's shoulders droop as he looks at the response on the monitor.

Zager: The power of the Meteorite far exceeds our assumptions... soon it'll be unstoppable.

Pierce: Isn't there something else we can do!?

Giovanni: It seems that we need to take decisive action.

Zager: Surely we can't do that to the Meteorite...

Pierce: Boss, it's crucial for controlling the Unova region!

Giovanni: If we can't control it, it's not a perfect source of energy anymore.

Pierce: ...

42) Abandoned Runway (at night)

Jessie and James suddenly look in one direction. When they look back, Pikachu is racing towards them at an incredible speed.

Meowth: Pikachu?!

Team Plasma A: Don't come any closer! Hyper Beam!

Jessie: Air Slash!

Liepard uses Hyper Beam and Woobat uses Air Slash, but Pikachu quickly bounces into the air and dodges them. Wary of the two attacking Pokemon, Pikachu doesn't approach the Meteorite any further.

Squad Leader: What's this Pokemon?

Jessie: Why is he letting off light like that??

Zager's voice comes through the radio.

Zager's voice: We've detected the same type of energy coming from Pikachu as from the Meteorite!

James: The same type...?

Pikachu's whole body continues to spark and release electricity. Just then, Looker's dune buggy reaches the scene.

Ash: Pikachuuu!

Ash and friends, as well as Juniper, climb out of the dune buggy.

James: The International Police?!

The Meteorite floats in the air in the center of the three groups: Ash and friends, Team Plasma, and Team Rocket. Pikachu's cheek pouches discharge electricity.

Pikachu: (It's dangerous! We have to destroy it!) Pika-pika, pika!

Ash: Pikachu, you came here to destroy the Meteorite too?!

Pikachu: Pika!

Juniper: Since Pikachu was synchronized with the power of the Meteorite, it seems he sensed this danger right away.

Ash: All right, let's do it, Pikachu! With the power you have now, I'm sure you can destroy it!

Pikachu jumps toward the Meteorite, still discharging electricity.

Pikachu: Pikkaa!

Ash: Iron Tail!

With a flash, Pikachu goes into Iron Tail mode.

Meowth: What are you doing!?

Jessie: Woobat, use Gust!

Woobat stirs up a gust of wind. Pikachu loses his balance in midair and gets knocked away. Then, Liepard uses Hyper Beam! Pikachu quickly dodges.

Ash: Ugh...

Pikachu: Pika...!

Squad Leader: Don't interfere.

The heat waves from the Meteorite cause cracks to run down the runway. Juniper looks at her transceiver and looks worried.

Juniper: We've got to hurry...

43) Castelia City (at night)

The heat waves continue to assault the city. Glass shatters, and cracks appear in the buildings. The people on the streets watch with concern.

44) Abandoned Runway (at night)

Threatened by its heat waves, everyone on the runway moves back from the Meteorite. It continues to rotate while floating in the air.

Ash: Pikachu, use Thunderbolt!

Pikachu sends a huge bolt of electricity toward the Meteorite!

Jessie: Air Slash!

Woobat's Air Slash blocks the Thunderbolt.

Ash: Stop it, Team Rocket! If this continues, Castelia City will be destroyed!

Squad Leader: Destroyed...?

Looker suddenly sneaks up behind the Team Plasma squad leader. Before Liepard notices, Looker grabs



the squad leader's arm and twists it.

Squad Leader: How dare you!?

Team Plasma A, B, C, and Liepard circle around them threateningly.

Looker: Now now, don't make any moves. Doesn't Unova's destruction concern you too? ...Team Plasma!

The squad leader and members A, B, and C grin evilly.

45) Giovanni's VTOL: Inside the Aircraft (at night)

Giovanni hears the conversation and grins evilly.

Giovanni: Team Plasma, eh...

Then he speaks into the radio.

Giovanni: Abort the mission.

46) Abandoned Runway (at night)

The three Team Rocket members hear the message from Giovanni over radio and look at each other in shock.

Jessie: Abort?!

James: (looking up at the Meteorite) I guess it ends here...

Giovanni: We're going to re-evaluate our plan of controlling Unova. Continue your operations in this region.

Looker and the squad leader are still facing off.

Looker: Are you saying that the Meteorite will aid in Team Plasma's schemes?

Squad Leader: We're waiting for the hero. We'd prefer you not pretend to understand our great undertaking using lowly words like "schemes".

Iris: Uh, that sounds pretty creepy..

Ash: Hero?

Just then, Woobat disappears back into its Poke Ball. Ash and friends turn around in surprise. The three Team Rocket members shoot back into the air, propelled by their jetpacks.

Ash: Team Rocket!

Iris: They're getting away!

Cilan: You're abandoning the Meteorite? You're the ones who dug it up!

Looker: Don't worry about them, Ash! Pikachu, now's your chance to break the Meteorite! There's no

other way!

Ash: Got it! It's all up to you, Pikachu! You're the only one who can destroy it!

Pikachu: Pika!

The receiver in the squad leader's earpiece beeps.

Looker: Uh oh...

47) Team Plasma's Hideout (at night)

Ghetsis: That's enough. Return to base. The hero does not need the Meteorite.

Ghetsis's face is still not shown.

48) Abandoned Runway (at night)

Pikachu begins to gather power in his tail. The Liepard opposing him is startled.

Ash: Electro Ball!

The power in Pikachu's tail reaches its limit, and a giant ball of energy begins to form.

Juniper: (looking at the transceiver) Wow! That Electro Ball contains incredible amounts of energy!

Ash: Pikachu, jump! Hit the Meteorite with everything you've got!

Pikachu jumps over Liepard.

Squad Leader: ....!

The Team Plasma members are also watching with grim looks on their faces. Team Rocket, now far up in the sky, are also watching Pikachu's powerful discharge of electricity.

Jessie: I can't believe he's reached that level of power!

Meowth: And even against the Meteorite!

James: We knew there was something special about that Pikachu!

Ash: Electro Ball, go!

Pikachu releases the superpowered Electro Ball from his tail.

Pikachu: Pika!

Pikachu's Electro Ball slams directly into the Meteorite. Wham! Surrounded by powerful sparks, the Meteorite shoots high into the air with a whoosh. Ash and friends are hit with powerful gusts of wind from the impact. Jessie, James, and Meowth are also hit by the gusts, and are sent flying off into the night sky.

Ash, Iris, Cilan: Woah!!

Pikachu lands on the pavement. Looker and the Team Plasma members are all knocked to the ground. High in the sky, the Meteorite lets off another especially strong flash of light, then suddenly explodes!

49) Giovanni's VTOL: Cabin (at night)

A monitor illuminates the dark cabin. Giovanni is watching the signal's response to the explosion.

Pierce: The signal from the Meteorite has disappeared.

Giovanni sinks deep into his seat.

Giovanni: So, Team Plasma finally showed up. We've gained some very useful information from this. We'll be keeping a close eye on them...

50) The Night Sky

Giovanni's VTOL flies off.

51) The Abandoned Runway (at night)

The light and shock waves from the explosion reach the ground, and Ash and friends are sent tumbling on the runway. The torrents of energy whoosh up into the sky again, then finally disappear. There are bits of debris on the runway. When the wind blows away the nearby debris, there's no one there besides Ash and his friends. Team Plasma's massive transport ship has also disappeared into its hangar.

Ash: (looking around) Hey...Team Plasma's gone!

Pikachu: (looking around quickly) Pika?!

Looker: I guess they ran off during that blast.

Pikachu looks normal again.

Ash: Hey, you're back to normal, aren't you, Pikachu!

Ash picks up Pikachu and holds him up in the air happily.

Pikachu: Chaa!

Juniper: That's a relief...

Cilan and Iris are sprawled out on the ground, exhausted.

Cilan: Whew...For a moment there, I thought we were all doomed...

Iris: I feel like I just lost a few years of my life...

Axew picks up the meteorite from Nacrene Museum, which had fallen on the ground.

Axew: Ax!

Iris: Huh? What's that?

At that moment, a flood of police cars arrives on the scene. Officer Jenny gets out of the front car.

Officer Jenny: Is everyone safe??

Cilan: Officer Jenny!

Officer Jenny runs over to Looker.

Officer Jenny: What happened with Team Rocket and Team Plasma??

Looker: Sadly, we've just missed them.

As he says this, he pulls out something that shines in the light. It's a Team Plasma emblem. He pulled it off of the squad leader's uniform when he grabbed his arm.

52) Wilderness (at night)

Jessie, James and Meowth stand motionless in the dry wind.

Meowth: The Boss told us to continue our operations...

Jessie: We're going back to our original mission. That's all.

Yamask zips behind the three of them.

James: Collecting strong and rare Pokemon. Today...we witnessed the strength of that Pikachu, who can destroy even the Meteorite!

When James suddenly turns around, the Yamask has disappeared.

James: ...?

53) Pokemon Center: Outside

54) The Same Place, Front of the Counter

Professor Juniper and Joy set down a case, and Audino pushes out a stretcher with Pikachu on it. Ash, Iris, and Cilan run up.

Ash: How's Pikachu??

Juniper: Don't worry, he's fine. The effects of the Meteorite have all worn off.

Ash: (relieved) Thank goodness.

Pikachu jumps into Ash's arms, and Ash hugs him.

Pikachu: Pika!

Juniper: Well then, I'd better get this back to Nacrene Museum.

Juniper shows Ash the case, which contains the meteorite.

Cilan: Ah, I guess that stone really was the meteorite from Nacrene Museum.

Ash: Give our regards to Lenora!

Juniper: When I contacted her earlier, she wasn't the least bit surprised.

Cilan: Really? Even though she's the curator...

Everyone laughs in embarrassment.

Iris: It's kind of a shame, though. If Pikachu were that strong, he'd be able to win any battle easily!

Ash: Nope! We have to win by our own strength!

Pikachu: Pika.

Cilan: That's right! Burgh would be disappointed if you didn't challenge him with your own power.

Juniper: Oh, you're going to challenge Castelia Gym next? Good luck!

Ash: Thanks! Let's give it our all, Pikachu!

Pikachu: Pika!

Ash and Pikachu are smiling.

Narration: And so ends the incident with the Meteorite. Next, Ash and Pikachu will challenge Castelia Gym!

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