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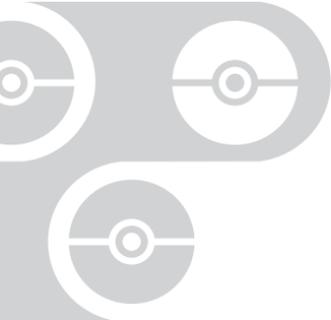
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# CHAPTER 1

**F**or ten-year-old Ash Ketchum, every day was a step on his grand journey to becoming a Pokémon Master. Since he'd arrived in the Alola region, Ash had enrolled in the Pokémon School, where he and Pikachu had met many new friends and Pokémon. Each and every day, they were learning new things and having exciting adventures.

Ash and Pikachu loved exploring Alola. One of Ash's favorite parts of being in a new place was discovering all the new Pokémon. Since they'd first come to Alola, they'd met many new Pokémon friends, and they'd also found a new battling partner for their team. The adorable Rowlet was a Grass- and Flying-type Pokémon with a knack for sneaking up on opponents . . .

and then sleeping away the rest of the day in Ash's backpack.

One morning, Ash was on his way to school when he encountered a Pokémon he hadn't seen before. It stared at him with its intense yellow eyes. Ash gazed right back.

In no time, Rotom Dex gave Ash the lowdown on the Pokémon. "Litten. The Fire Cat Pokémon," Rotom Dex announced, hovering in the air just



behind Ash. “A Fire-type. Litten show few emotions and prefer being alone.”

Rotom Dex was a unique companion for Ash. Rotom was a Pokémon that had the ability to live inside various electronic devices. This Rotom was a present from Ash’s teacher, Professor Kukui. Rotom had slipped straight from an electrical outlet and into a Pokédex. Now it was an amazing talking device that kept Ash informed about all the unknown Pokémon in Alola. Ash took Rotom Dex with him almost everywhere.

Litten stood on top of a stone wall and kept its steely eyes on Ash. Ash knelt down, trying to lure it his way.

“Litten takes time to build any level of trust,” Rotom Dex told Ash.

Ash heard Rotom, but he still wanted to try to make friends with the cute Litten.

Litten jumped down from the wall and approached Ash.