

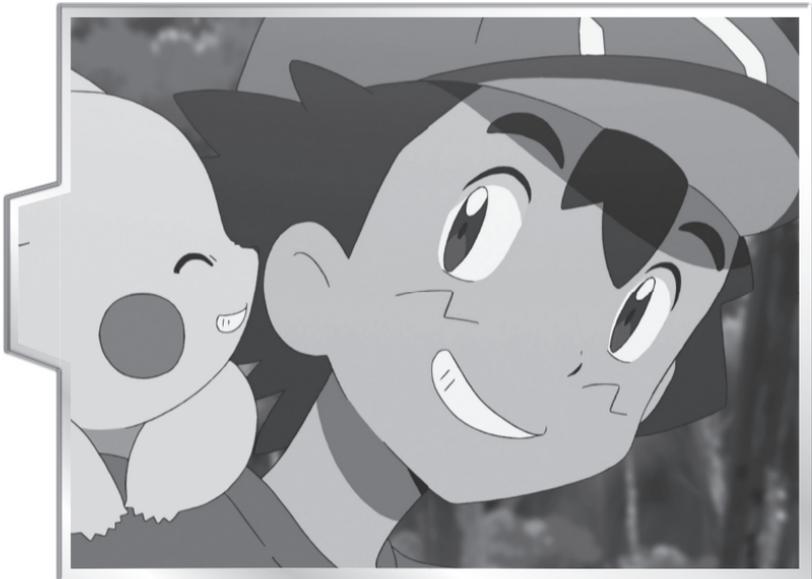
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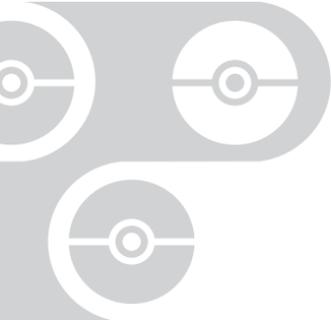
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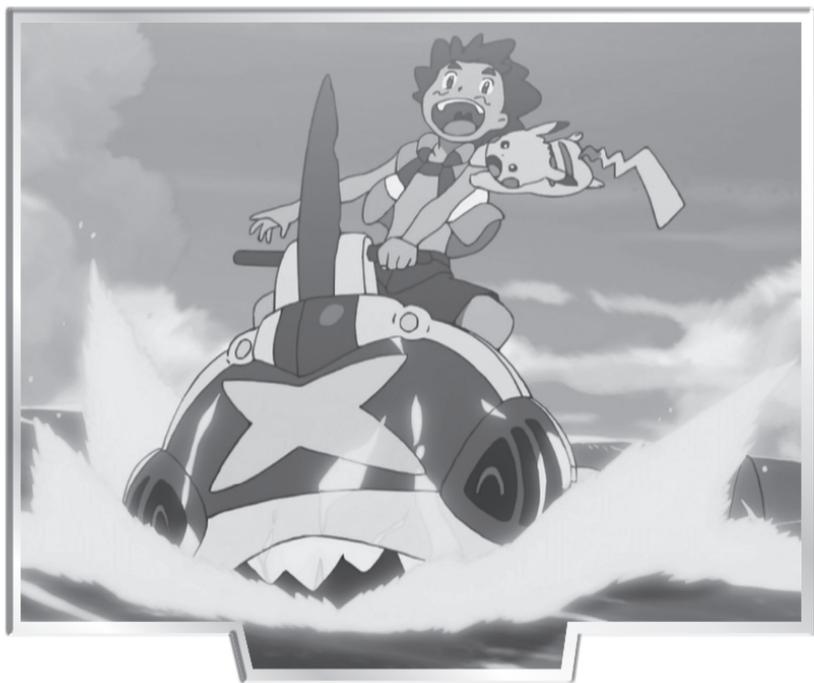


# CHAPTER 1

**Y**ippee! Whoo!” Ash yelled. “AWESOME!”  
Ash grinned as he gazed out at the wide, blue ocean. He felt a splash of water on his face. Melemele Island, one of several islands in the Alola region, was the perfect place for a vacation! He had Pikachu, his best friend and beloved Pokémon, on his shoulder. The island sun was warm and bright. What could be better?

The answer: zipping over the waves while riding a super cool Sharpedo! Sharpedo was the famous Alola Pokémon jet ski. Instead of a machine with a motor, it was a fabulous Water- and Dark-type Pokémon with super speed.

“Full throttle, Sharpedo!” Ash directed. With several strong flips of its powerful tail, Sharpedo zoomed ahead.



This thrilling Sharpedo ride was just one of the amazing activities Ash could enjoy on Melemele Island. The Alola region was a tropical paradise, and it had all kinds of unique Pokémon. Even though Ash and his mom were on vacation, he was still thinking about Pokémon.

Anytime he was encountering new Pokémon, Ash was having a ball. It was his goal to become a Pokémon Master. He had traveled to

many regions on his quest to compete at top Pokémon Gyms, but he already knew that his time in Alola would be special.

While Ash and his mom were on Melemele Island, they had an important task. Professor Oak, the famous Pokémon professor who lived in Ash's hometown in the Kanto region, had asked them for a favor. Professor Oak needed them to deliver a Pokémon Egg to his cousin, Samson Oak. It was a mysterious Egg, and Ash knew it was a very important job.

To get to Samson Oak, Ash and his mom took a taxi. But it wasn't just any taxi.

"My first Pokémon taxi!" Ash declared from the comfortable seat of a cart pulled by a strong Tauros. "This is the best EVER!"

Ash was thrilled. Pikachu made a happy squeak, and the Tauros replied with a friendly grunt. Also along for the trip was Mr. Mime, Ash's mom's Pokémon companion. Mr. Mime, a Psychic- and Fairy-type Pokémon, had actually won the tickets for their big island getaway!