## **Gardevoir 44**

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"Please come to the front desk to pick up your Pokémon, Mr. Xiaozhi and Mr. Xiaofeng."

After finishing their meal, Xiao Feng and Xiao Zhi rested for a while in the Pokémon Center. The news came over the radio that their Pokémon had been healed.

"Come on Ash, let's go get Pikachu and the others."

Yu Feng stood up, stretched, and called Xiaozhi to go to the front desk to pick up his Pokémon.

"Sorry to have kept you waiting. All the Pokémon you gave us have recovered."

By the time they walked to the front desk, Miss Joy had been waiting for a long time. Although she already knew Xiao Feng and the others, she still confirmed their identities according to the formal procedures before handing them the Poké Ball.

Yu Feng hung the Love Ball back around his neck and hung the other five Poké Balls on his belt.

Pikachu jumped directly onto Ash's shoulder, and Ash also picked up the Poké Balls of Pidgeot, Caterpillar, and Triceratops.

"Xiao Feng, you already have six Pokémon? No wonder you don't capture Pokémon in Viridian Forest."

Only then did Xiaozhi realize that Yu Feng already had six Pokémon. No wonder he had no intention of capturing any Pokémon.

"Is it possible that I just hate pure bug-type Pokémon? I really can't appreciate the looks of Caterpillar."

Yu Feng sighed. He really couldn't appreciate pure bug-type Pokémon. However, the entire Evergreen Forest was filled with either Caterpillars, Beetles, or Rattata or the like.

How can he capture this? There are no weak Pokémon, only weak trainers. To be honest, it is much easier to train a strong Pokémon to the top than to train a Caterpillar to the top. Even if it is a little weak, it should at least be good-looking. He refuses the pure insect-type appearance.

"So with all that said, I refuse, and it's time to challenge the gym."

Yu Feng didn't want to discuss which Pokémon to capture, not to mention that his collection was full now. He preferred fairy-type and psychic Pokémon, at least most of them were good-looking.

Except for Blue King, Galar Double Egg Gas and Hairy Troll.

"Okay, let's go!"

When he heard about challenging the gym, Xiaozhi didn't care too much. He forgot the question he wanted to ask at the beginning and was full of fighting spirit to challenge the gym.

"If you want to challenge Xiao Gang, just keep walking along the road outside. The house surrounded by rocks is the gym."

"Come on, Xiao Feng."

Upon hearing that the two of them were going to challenge a gym, Miss Joy was kind enough to tell them where the Nibi Gym was and gave Yu Feng a cheering gesture.

Amid the envious looks of the people around him, Xiaozhi confidently led Yu Feng along the route Miss Joy had told him, heading towards the Nibe Gym.

After searching for a while, Yu Feng and Xiaozhi arrived in front of the Nibe Gym. Looking at the stone building in front of him, Xiaozhi exclaimed.

"It's so big! It's made of stone. Hey, Xiaofeng, wait for me!"

Xiaozhi wanted to say something but Yu Feng had already walked into the gym before him. Xiaozhi could only condemn Yu Feng's lack of martial ethics from behind, but he still quickly followed Yu Feng's actions.

After entering, Xiaozhi found that Yu Feng stopped near the door and no longer moved forward. Although he was a little surprised why he stopped moving forward, Xiaozhi did not forget what he came here for.

"Excuse me, is anyone there?"

Xiaozhi walked to the center of the gym with Pikachu who was looking around. How could there be no one in such a big gym? Xiaozhi was a little confused, but this did not stop him from challenging the gym.

Unfortunately, he did not notice that the person sitting cross-legged on the high platform on the side could no longer tolerate this reckless person and took the initiative to announce his presence.

"Who is it?"

The sudden lights and the figure that appeared obviously scared Xiaozhi, but he recovered soon: "Are you Xiaogang from Nibi City?"

Xiaogang did not answer Xiaozhi's question. In his opinion, this question was really stupid. Who else could it be if not Xiaogang sitting here?

However, Xiaozhi didn't think Xiaogang would answer his question and said to himself: "I am Xiaozhi from Pallet Town and he is Xiaofeng. I am here to challenge you!"

"This is your first time competing in a gym, right? Gym competitions are different from roadside battles. This is an official Pokémon League competition, and it has rules."

Xiaogang didn't stand up. He knew at a glance that Xiaozhi was a newcomer who had never participated in a gym challenge. He was probably a trainer who just started traveling this year. And Xiaofeng behind him didn't look like a newcomer at all.
"It's a bit beyond my expectations."
Xiaozhi's face fell. He thought that gym competitions were no different from normal battles, but looking at Xiaogang's expression, maybe it really was a little different?
"You can only use two Pokémon, understand."
"How long have you been with that Pokémon?"
Brock was explaining the gym's rules to the newcomer, Ash, and then changed the subject to ask how long Ash had been with Pikachu.
"Well, it's been about two weeks, what's wrong?"
Xiaozhi didn't quite understand why Xiaogang asked him this question. It didn't seem to have anything to do with challenging the gym, right? But he still honestly told the time he spent with Pikachu.
"Then it's the loveliest time."
"Pikachu."
"Stop comparing."
Pikachu tilted his head and acted cute when listening to Xiaogang's praise, but Xiaogang's next sentence almost made him sprain his back.

"Hey, you don't need to worry about our business, you nosy bitch!"

Xiaozhi was very dissatisfied with Xiaogang's nosy behavior. After all, how long they had been together was none of Xiaogang's business.

"Alas, there is nothing I can do. As a gym trainer, I cannot refuse someone who asks for a match."

Xiao Gang sighed and snapped his fingers. The lights in the venue suddenly lit up, the roller shutters on both sides of the wall rose, and the rock venue slowly moved towards the middle.

Xiaozhi and Pikachu were startled and immediately ran towards Yu Feng. Yu Feng shook his head at this behavior. He should have just taken a step forward to Xiaogang's side and waited until the venue was ready before coming back.

He had to run all the way over here, even Pikachu was affected by Xiaozhi.

Yu Feng also snapped his fingers, and Xiaozhi and Pikachu, who were still running, disappeared in the center and appeared beside him.

"A superpower? Then who of you two is going to challenge first?"

Xiaogang frowned as he watched Yu Feng's actions, then jumped down from the platform and asked them who would challenge the gym first.

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"Let me go first, I'll give you a sample."

Xiaozhi was just about to say that he would go first, but Yu Feng held his shoulder and told him to go first to set an example for Xiaozhi.

Although Xiaozhi wanted to refuse, Xiaofeng had already entered the game, so he had to step back and watch Yu Feng fight.

"Is that you? Let's see how good you are first. Go, Geodude!"

When Xiaogang saw that the person who came forward was a person with super powers, he knew that he definitely could not use the method of education. He should first test his level before considering the next Pokémon.

Thinking of this, Xiaogang threw out a Geodude Poké Ball to accept the challenge, and a Geodude with arms and a face growing on a stone appeared on the field.

The bulging rock muscles show that this little Geodude is no weakling.

"Geoblast? Then he's the one over here. Show us the results of your special training, Charmander!"

"Hi!"

A small fire dragon with flames burning on its tail appeared in the venue, turned around and complained to Yu Feng about not letting her out for a long time.

"I know, I know. I'll let you out more often in the future."

Yu Feng covered her face and waved her hands. It was just that she hadn't been allowed to train for several days. Was it necessary to be so resentful?

"A fire-type Pokémon? Forgive me for taking back what I said, but you are also a novice trainer, right?"

Xiaogang raised his eyebrows and looked at the Charmander in front of him. Knowing that this was a Rock-type gym, the other party still sent out a Fire-type Pokémon like Charmander. Was it looking down on him?