

## Foreword

Hello, and welcome to the second edition of old outlines for OBT! Much like the last one, this one is a little messy while I got my sea legs with writing, so buckle up. While poking around this though, I noticed the script included here was very different from the final release version! And this is because apparently all of my Chapter 3 script files on my computer got corrupted in some form or another. Luckily I learned from the last time this happened to an overall script document and created a cloud backup. So I'll be releasing the *actual* script sometime in the future! In the meantime, enjoy this draft with a bunch of weird plot points I forgot about.

To read this document I've added helpful little comments featuring more insight and commentary, kind of like those director commentary tracks you never watch! To read them in full or see which comment is linked to a sentence or word, simply click on the **highlighted part**. Or you can ignore them to get the raw outline. So let's get shaking!

## Chapter 3 Outline



**Quick Summary** - The chapter opens on the next day, Malachi and Rune head into town on their way to the guild. On their way, they overhear that **children have gone missing recently**. On their way, Rune bumps into a Drowzee, and her dimensional scream initiates. Afterwards, Drowzee apologizes for bumping into them and mentions that **he's doing some grocery shopping while in town**. She shows concern, but continues walking with Malachi. Shortly after

she sees Drowzee shuffling by quickly carrying a large bag. She follows him, much to Malachi's dismay, and they eventually arrive at Mt. Bristle. **While there, they meet Inigo, a Nidorina.** He stops them and asks what's up, and Malachi explains the situation. Inigo nods and points them in the right direction (somewhere in the exchange, Malachi mentions they live in Treasure Town). **They eventually get near the peak but not quite at the peak,** and notice Drowzee waiting in a clearing with a moving bag. They notice he uses hypnosis on it. Malachi offers a sneakier approach, but Rune delved head-on into the fray. Malachi joins in battle shortly after, they defeat him (somewhere in there, Rune uses **her first typed attack, feint attack**), and authorities arrive with a **late guild team.** Later that day Wigglytuff visits their home to pardon them and invite them to be endorsed with the guild. They accept and head to bed. **(Day 4)**

## Outline

### Treasure Town



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### Chapter Opener V.2

The chapter opens with Rune and Malachi walking around town. In a montage-esque sequence, we realize that Malachi and Rune are applying for jobs. This becomes even more apparent when we cut to Malachi saying, "I can't believe nobody's hiring right now. Not even the Kecleon market! All the other teenagers in the town got dibs on everything, I guess." He looks at Rune. "Wait, *are you a teenager?*" **She shrugs.** He sighs, exasperated. "I still have a lot of money from home, but it's not gonna last forever. Especially now that I'm gonna burn through it twice as quick with you around." He hastily adds "Not that I mind! I enjoy the company."

### Chapter Opener V.1

The chapter opens with Rune and Malachi walking around town. In a montage-esque sequence we realize that Malachi and Rune are trying to apply for jobs. This becomes even more apparent when we cut to Malachi saying, "I can't believe nobody's hiring right now." He sits down, defeated. "Doesn't help that all we have going for us is a mute amnesiac vulpix and a shameful display of indecisive evo-... Well, you know." Rune appears to not know. "I guess we can try asking Matt if he knows anywhere else we can work." As they walk, he mentions "I really hope we don't have to move to a different town."

When they arrive, they see an Azurill and a Marill at the shop stand. "I'll let ye two know if I see it anywhere." Malachi walks up and asks, "What are you two looking for?" Matt remarks, "Mornin', Malachi." while Marill explains, "Our mom's been really sick lately, so we tried coming here to get some medicine. She's been real tired and dizzy." Matt turns to them. "We don't normally carry medicine but I told these boys that I would keep an eye out if any travelling merchants came by." Malachi nods in understanding. "Well, if we see anything either we'll let you guys know!" Azurill nods his head. "Thank you." They begin to walk away, when the two dash back. "Oh! I almost forgot. We need an apple." Matt hands them three, and says "One for each of ye. Gettin' yer nutrition is important to healing up proper." The boys look dazzled and thank him. Azurill drops his apple. Rune hesitates, grimacing because he's a snot-nosed kid, but then relents and grabs it for him. She gets dizzy, and a Dimensional Scream initiates.

In it, she sees a fearful Azurill "H-h-... HELP!" The dizziness fades and she's disoriented. She looks befuddled at Azurill who looks back at her and smiles. "You're weird." She snaps out of it and places the apple on his head awkwardly. The brothers walk away. "Any luck wit' the guild yesterday?" Malachi frowns and shakes his head. "We, uh, failed spectacularly. Since Rune's basically living with me now I'm trying to find a job to support us." Matt nods in understanding. "Oh, pity. I'm afraid we don't have any job openings here, but you might have better luck in th' next town over." Malachi shakes his head. "Thanks anyway." He and Rune start walking.

"Huh, travelling merchants might be an idea." Malachi says aloud. Rune glances at him. "Imagine it, there's already a high demand for items not sold by the Kecleon Market, plus we'd still get to travel around and found out more about Maelstrom!" Rune's into it. She abruptly bumps into a drowzee. "Oh, pardon me, Vulpix." She gazes at him awkwardly and waves it off. She feels dizzy again, and this time has another Dimensional Scream.

This time she sees Drowzee threatening Azurill. "C'mon kid, make this easier on *both* of us. If you don't, it'll be deep trouble for you!-" She comes to but finds herself on the ground with Malachi and Drowzee standing over her. "Rune! Are you alright?" "That was quite the fall, I didn't think I bumped you that hard." Looking at the concerned Drowzee she immediately hops up appearing fearful. He puts his hands up. "Really ma'am, my apologies." He turns to Malachi and tries to smile awkwardly. "I came to Treasure Town to try my hand at selling some merchandise here, but I haven't had much luck so far." He sighs and gestures at his large

travelling pack. Malachi looks intrigued. "You wouldn't happen to have medicines with you, would you? Two young brothers were looking for something for their mother." Drowzee perks up. "As a matter of fact, I *do* carry all sorts of medicines! Could you point me in their direction?" Malachi nods and points him in the right direction.

He turns to Rune and happily remarks, "All's well that ends well! These are the sort of happy coincidences that keep my spirits high." Rune glances over at Drowzee again, but he's obscured by a crowd. She quickly breaks away from Malachi as he chases after her. "Rune, wait!" We engage in a chase scene as she runs through a crowd. She loses sight of Drowzee completely, and runs to the crossroads. There, she sees a worried Marill. Malachi catches up. "Rune, what's wrong? You can't just bolt like that without warning!" She's panting as Marill asks, "Have you seen my brother?" Malachi cocks his head to the side. "No, at least not since you guys left the market." Marill looks anxious. "W-Well, this Drowzee came up and said he had what we needed for our mom and to follow him, but I lost track of them in the crowd..." Rune is incredibly alarmed by this. Malachi sees her reaction and also appears visibly upset. "Do you have any idea where they could have gone?" Marill shakes his head, but Rune very quickly draws something in the dirt. Malachi cocks his head looking at it. The drawing is of a vulpix, a streak of light (dimensional scream), and azurill and drowzee surrounded by sharp, pointy rocks. "Rune did... Do you know where Azurill is?" She points urgently at the last picture. Marill comments, "Those look like sharp rocks." Malachi looks around. "It could be Mt. Bristle... Though, it could also be Mt. Horn." He shakes his head "Gah, let's just go! We're wasting time, Azurill could be in trouble right now! Marill, stay here and keep an eye out in case they haven't left town yet!" The pair go dashing off, not sparing a second.

## Mt. Bristle



They arrive at the entrance, breathless. Rune falls down. “Whoa, take it easy.” He looks around urgently. “Do you want me to carry you? W-We can’t really rest.” Rune gives him a weird look ((did you seriously just offer to carry me i’ve only known you for 4 days kind of look)) and she stumbles up. “Where do we even begin to look?”

They see a Nidorina passing by. Rune begins walking towards them, but Malachi holds her back. "M-Miss?" He calls out meekly. The Nidorina keeps walking, not noticing them. "Miss?" He says louder and more firmly. He cocks his head and mutters, "that was pretty loud, am I being ignored...?" He then calls out, "Sir?" The nidorina stops. "Oh, sorry." He comments. He jogs over to the pair. He grimaces at the sight of them slightly.

### *Inigo Introduction V.1*

"Lemme guess. Treasure Town residents?" Malachi nods breathlessly. "Y-yeah but we're here because of something a little more urgent. Have you seen a Drowzee around here?" The nidorina scoffs. "Yeah. Him." Malachi raises an eyebrow. "He comes pretty often, at least once a week or so. Brings some noisy company, too." Malachi perks up. "Can you take us to him?" The nidorina squints at him. "What business do you have with him?"

### *Inigo Introduction V.2*

"Domestics here for sightseeing?" Malachi shakes his head. "Oh no, something a little more urgent. Have you seen a Drowzee around here?" The nidorina scoffs. "Yeah. Him." Malachi raises an eyebrow. "He comes in pretty often, at least once a week or so. Brings some noisy company, too." Malachi perks up. "Can you take us to him?" The Nidorina rubs his chin. "I suppose I could. On a condition." Malachi looks at him nervously, as the Nidorina begins to walk away and beckon them over. "Just show me to the nearest town later, I've been meaning to go to a dojo for a while, but I haven't had any training partners." Malachi jogs to keep up, and Rune still seems breathless. "Is that all?" Nidorina nods as they come to a cliffside. "Mhm. Name's Inigo, by the by." "Malachi. Erm, I'm Malachi, that is. The Vulpix here is Rune." Inigo shuffles across a ledge while Malachi makes it easily with a short jump. Rune appears breathless, about to jump, stumbles, but is caught by Inigo, who sweeps her onto the platform. "Are you sure she's up for this? She's so out of breath she hasn't even gotten a word in, and it's no short trek." Malachi waves it off. "Oh she's actually mute, can't talk." Inigo frowns at him, then turns to her. "Do you need a break?"

Rune shakes her head, panting. Inigo gives a doubtful glance but pushes forward. "So Inigo, you've never been to a town before?" He shrugs. "I've been near 'em but I've never really gone inside one. Haven't had much reason to. Until I found out they have dojos, that is." Malachi nods. "What's the appeal to fighting?" "We're pokemon. We're made to fight. If you can't do that, you're not anything special." A spinarak shoots out webbing at Rune suddenly, and she falls over. A starly swoops in to attack her, but is intercepted by Inigo. He shouts, "Hey Shinx! Take care of that spinarak, you're the one with poison immunity right now!" Malachi looks down at his scarf, looks up again, and nods. He sparks up nervously and approaches the spinarak. Inigo kicks the starly middair and shouts to Rune, "Vulpix, hit 'im with a blast of ice!" Rune just sits there looking confused when the starly knocks Inigo out of the air.

Rune attempts to get up to help him, but falls back down. The Starly swoops Inigo, who attempts to kick it away but instead ends up getting scratched from its beak. We cut to Malachi battling the Spinarak, who shoots at him with a poison missile. The thorn cuts through the pecha fabric, and Malachi grabs it and tosses it aside. ("Ghh, come on...! Why can't I spark up?") He



glances over at Rune and sees the Starly about to move away from Inigo to attack her. He suddenly sparks up and charges at the Starly, and tackles it out of the air. It dissipates into several light strands, and as Malachi watches them fly away, Inigo shouts "Behind you!" Another poison missile is hurtling towards Rune, and Inigo intercepts it. Inigo kicks the Spinarak into a wall, and it too dissipates into several strands of light. Inigo breathlessly turns around. He looks at Malachi, then at Rune with a look of disbelief/disgust.

"So you can't use ice attacks?" She shakes her head, and he rubs his temples. "Alright. Alright. After this is over with, I'm training you as soon as I can." Malachi helps Rune get the spinarak web off. "I had no idea you couldn't use your elemental attacks. I thought you just refused to give the children a demonstration because you hated them." Rune looks away awkwardly in a "well you're not wrong" gesture. They walk more, passing by jagged cliffsides. Rune looks over the edge and swallows.

"I wasn't kidding about training you, ya know." Inigo begins. "Elemental attacks are some of your strongest weapons. If you don't have those at your disposal, you don't have anything." "You saw my fighting type moves back there, yeah? Without those I'd just be stuck with a weak tackle." (This is a reference to the A button standard attack.) Malachi chimes in. "I've seen her use an elemental attack before. Feint attack, to be specific." Inigo stops. "Really? Vulpix don't normally learn that, you know." "I know for a fact that's what it was! I *should* know, the Luxray line are already rudimentary dark types." "Psh, *rudimentary dark types*". If you guys were dark types, why don't you have the same resistances?" Malachi pouts. "Do you think our move pools would include *that* many dark-type moves if we weren't?"

They suddenly hear a voice and stop. Rune runs ahead and sees Drowzee with Azurill. She beckons the other two closer. Malachi whispers "Azurill! He's in danger!" The dimensional scream scene plays out. "C'mon kid, make this easier on *both* of us. If you don't, it'll be deep trouble for you!" There's a hole in the bag Drowzee had with him. Inigo whispers, "Well Shinx, I better hope you're a dark-type after all." He turns to Rune. "He says you know feint attack. That's gonna be your only hope in this fight." He looks back at Drowzee. "You two wait on him with those dark-typed moves, I'll try and do what I can from above." "Ready?" The others nod.

"H-h-... HELP!" Rune and Malachi jump into the fray while Inigo climbs up the rocky face. The arena is a general circle shape. Malachi runs faster than Rune, and right off the bat hits Drowzee with a bite. He cries out in pain, and flings Malachi off. "Azurill, get somewhere safe! We'll hold him off!" Drowzee turns back to Malachi, but sees Rune behind him charging. He uses hypnosis and she falls hard on the ground, sliding next to Malachi. Mal prepares another bite attack, when Drowzee uses Disable. "No. No, no, no not like this..." He thinks. Drowzee walks closer to him and uses Confusion. Malachi falls down and yelps.

"Dumb kids. One minute you're good for scoping out the next moneymaker, the next you're meddling in affairs that you shouldn't concern yourselves with. He squints at him, but is hit with a moderately sized rock. "W-What the...?" He looks up, and we see Inigo prepping another rock to chuck at him. "Vulpix, now's not the time for a nap!" Rune groggily gets up at the

sound of his voice, and charges at Drowzee who attempts to hit her with confusion. She gets hit, but perseveres through the ache to use feint attack on him. Malachi tries to start bite up again, but fails. Inigo throws him a blast seed. "Try using that!" He shouts. Malachi catches it in his mouth, and when it cracks Drowzee is engulfed in flame. Rune narrowly avoids the attack, then goes in for another feint attack. She lands the attack and knocks Drowzee off his feet.

Malachi pounces on him to pin him down. He can finally charge bite up again. Drowzee attempts to resist, but slumps over (not fainted, thus why he didn't teleport in a flash of light). Malachi keeps him pinned down as he orders Rune, "Take Azurill back to town and get the police." She hesitates to offer Azurill a lift on her back, but relents. She runs off. Inigo walks over to Malachi and Drowzee. He grins snidely. "So, Mr. Susceptible-To-Psychic-Type-Moves, still think you're a dark-type?"

We cut to the arrest of Drowzee outside the dungeon. Officer Magnezone thanks the pair, "That was a B rank criminal. We've been catching his associates, but he often slips out from underneath us anytime we get him cornered." Malachi nods. "It's lucky we had a type advantage against him, otherwise I don't think we'd be living to tell the tale." Magnezone lights up. "What guild are you endorsed by currently? We will send your reward there for you to pick up." Malachi shakes his head. "No guild, I'm afraid. We're, uh, actually banned from joining any." Magnezone looks surprised. "Under law I cannot give you your reward unless you work with a guild." Malachi sighs. "Just donate the reward to Wigglytuff Guild, we probably don't have a lot of use for it anyway." "I see. We appreciate your help in apprehending this criminal."

Magnezone flashes again as they all carry Drowzee away. Malachi turns to Rune and Inigo. "So you wanted us to show you the way to the dojo?" Inigo shuffles shyly. "Uh, I was thinking that it might be a ways out." Malachi nods. "Yeah, it kinda is. Just about an hour and a half down the road." Inigo rubs the back of his neck. "Well, I was wondering... I don't really want to walk that long every day." Malachi looks at him curiously. "I mean, it'd be good exercise for sure but I don't wanna wear myself out before I even get the chance to train." Malachi looks confused. "Are you going somewhere with this?" Inigo looks flustered. "Gh, fine. Would you guys let me stay at your place?"

Malachi looks a little stunned, and Rune shrugs at him in a "heck, why not?" gesture. Inigo goes further to explain, "You guys are gonna need me there to help you train and strategize, right? Wouldn't it be easier if I was right there?" Malachi thinks on it for a moment. "I'm not sure if I have a lot of space directly inside my place, even with just Rune and I it's a little crowded. There's a field outside you could use, but you'd have to set up your own tent." Inigo nods. "I'd be alright with that arrangement." The sun is beginning to set. Malachi looks up at the sunset over the mountain. "It's a little bit late tonight, so you can share a bed with me tonight if you'd like, so you're not stuck out in the cold." Inigo nods and grins. "Sounds great! Malachi and Rune, right? If we're gonna be neighbors we'd best call each other by our names."

The gang leave in a jovial mood. On the way home, they talk about a few things. "I know this tailor in town who does some really fantastic canvases for tents once we get the framework



for yours set up.” “He also specializes in scarves, which-” Malachi holds up his now-torn pecha scarf. “I guess I need. We can probably get the both of you some new accessories as well. Maybe we can do that tomorrow.” They arrive just outside Malachi’s house. Malachi sighs. “Speaking of tomorrow, we should probably check in on those brothers. Don’t know where they live, but it can’t be hard to find out. I owe them an apology for leading Drowzee to them and putting Azurill in danger.”

Inigo smacks Malachi on the back relatively hard. “Aw, don’t be so hard on yourself buddy! You couldn’t have known.” They enter the house. “I would have known if I’d been working with the guild.” He mumbled. Inigo walks around the place. “Nice setup.” He picks up a teapot. “I’ve heard you mention the guild a few times. What, you wanna do colonization work?” Malachi shuffles shyly. “I’m more interested in the exploring aspects of it, and just helping people out.” “Like that Azurill?” “Yeah.” There’s a loud “Yooooo hooo!” at the door. Everyone looks towards the entrance, and Malachi calls, “Come... Come in?” Wigglytuff descends the stairs. “Hullo, friends!” He glows.

“A-ah Guildmaster Wigglytuff, come in, take a seat, can I get you some tea?” He speaks quickly, and frantically sets down a seat cushion. “That’d be nice! Thank you, friend!” Wigglytuff sits down. “What brings you here?” Malachi asks, setting a kettle on the stove. “We just received a donation to the guild! From you of course!” He smiles. “Heard you three got that Drowzee guy!” He pouts, “Boo, kidnapping kids isn’t good!” Inigo nods. “Yeah, it was tough bringin’ him in, but we managed to do it. Just took a little strategy is all.” The kettle whistles as Malachi hastily pours a cup for Wigglytuff. He sets down the cup in front of Wigglytuff, “It really wasn’t a big deal, sir. Besides, we couldn’t keep the reward anyway.” Wigglytuff takes a sip. “I like that! You did it to help someone, not for a reward! We need more friends like you.”

He spits out the tea, much to Malachi’s horror. “S-sorry! Friend! Do you have any sugar?” Malachi shakes his head as he begins to mop up the spill. “No, I don’t carry any. Never had a reason to since I can’t taste “sweet” things.” Wigglytuff takes the rag from Malachi and cleans up the spill himself. “Oh! Horrible, oh no! How can you stand it?” Malachi shrugs. “Can’t miss what you don’t have.” Wigglytuff nods. “Oh! Before I forget. I wanted to talk to you guys about the guild.” Everyone perks up. “See, after the work you did today I think you friends are more than able to do hard jobs! Just had a bumpy exam is all, happens to everyone.” Malachi perks up. “You mean...!” “Normally I can’t overturn a letter of opposition. But see, Chatot, that silly bird! He broke a rule during your test! He wasn’t supposed to interfere, but he did anyway! Since he did that I have no choice but to void your test.” Wigglytuff smiles. “What do you say? Would you like to join the Wigglytuff Guild?” Malachi’s jaw drops. “Yes yes, a thousand times yes!”

He jumps around excitedly. “Ohh I can’t wait! I can’t wait!” Wigglytuff turns to Rune. “That’s one yes. And you?” Rune nods. “Great!” He looks over at Inigo. “You weren’t there for the first test so I’m afraid you can’t be the leader of the team like these two, but you can join their team later if you want!” Inigo gives a neutral expression. “I’ll give it some thought.” Wigglytuff stands up suddenly. “YOOM-TAH!” The room flashes. “Come by the guild tomorrow morning for your first job and some complimentary gifts! I gotta go, Chatot gets cranky if I’m

gone too long!" Malachi excitedly thanks him as he leaves. "I can't believe it," He comments. "We *did* become a part of the guild after all. That's it, this calls for a celebratory dinner!" Rune and Inigo cheer as they begin to work on some food. (Chapter ends on them setting up for a meal).