







## Welcome to the world of Newport Zine **7**! 💂

The Newport Zine was started in 2020 by Vernon and Mallory who wanted to make a supportive and inclusive art community to help creators share there work and promote crating art for the fun of creating art. We are 100% independent and fund this zine ourselves and through the support of kind donations. We don't make any profit from of this project and artists retain all rights to their work. Feel free to share this zine with others and extend invitations to crators you think would resonate with the Newport Zine vibe.

Newport Zine tries to use environmetally friendly materials and services when producing and shipping this book and aim to save the world in any way we can. \*

Previous issues of the Newport Zine are available on Gumroad: qumroad.com/newportpress •





## Forward: 🐨

During the production of this zine, Mallory and I (Vernon) have had a lot of time to reminisce on the different eras in our lives influenced by Pokémon. Between fabrication of promotion materials, DM's to potential artists and inevitably the influx of emails containing myriad beautiful finished creations (and heartwarming messages) inspired by the franchise, we've had many conversations spanning from lighthearted reminiscences to the deeply rooted musings about the affect the games/shows/movies/apps have had our lives. I've also racked my brain and scoured the internet in search of clues and glimpses into specific dates pertaining to some of my first instances of exposure to different elements of the series. I know that I first discovered Pokémon while flipping through channels after school one day in 5th grade. It just so happened to be the first episode of Season 1 "Pokémon, I Choose You!" and I became absolutely transfixed and was instantly enamored. The next day I came home with absolute resolve to find out what happens to Ash and Pikachu. VCR armed with a blank tape I hit record so I could go back and rewatch my favorite parts after the fleeting episode had run its course on my CRT television. At the very end of Episode 2 "Pokémon Emergency!" as Ash throws his pokeball at Caterpie, the show does a freeze-frame; pokeball suspended midair with Caterpie in the foreground, Ash midground and Misty and Pikachu watching with baited breath in the background. Crop slowly pans out as the narrator dramatically leads out the episode. After the credits rolled I rewound the tape and paused on that frame. I had no computer, no printer, no digital camera but I WANTED a tangible piece of this cool thing I found to hold and hang on my wall. I got my sketchbook and began to draw and attempt to recreate the scene in colored pencil while standing in front of the TV set. My VCR had a quirk where the tape would only stay paused for 5 minutes at a time before continuing playback so I would have to repeatedly drop my pencil and hit pause again or outright rewind and restart the segment. This repetition and entire scenario resulted in the moment being vividly imprinted to memory. Even now when I think about it I can still feel the excitement and thrill I felt at the thought finding out what would happen next in the show and WANTING to become a Pokémon master myself. In the aftermath I ran down the street the street, sketchbook in hand to my best friend's house and showed him the drawing. I proceeded to barrage him with words fueled by excitement bordering on obsession fueled by the fixation of my neurodivergent grade school brain.

One other chronological element I felt worth mentioning was that shortly thereafter came the thaw of another long Minnesota winter and spring had finally fully arrived. On May 24th 1999, my 13th birthday, I received a transparent Game Boy Pocket and a copy of Pokémon Blue. This is really special to me because residue of the charged excitement leading to this specific birthday still visits me annually even 25 years later. I'm currently sitting on a blanket in my yard feeling the warmth of the sun on my shoulders under the budding and outright bursting impossibly green leaves. Mallory and I are listening to a YT playlist of the Red/Blue OST. It's May 21st, 2023 three days shy of my birthday. I'm very happy to be recalling and recording these memories and experiences colored by the annual revisitation of nostalgia of birthdays past, and in an a art book dedicated to the very thing which inspired these once in a lifetime feelings so many years ago.

Please enjoy all of these wonderful creations produced by amazing artists who gave this zine a chance and wanted to share their take on this almost universal right of passage experience Pokémon seems to bring us as we grow up. I'm sure each and every creator present in these pages has their very own bibliographical Pokémon history lesson to share chronicling cherished memories and experiences they encountered along the road to becoming a Pokémon master. Some of which we have been privileged with hearing from the artists themselves and we are very grateful for there involvement and confidence in this project.

Thanks everyone who made this book possible, all the best.

- Newport Zine Staff



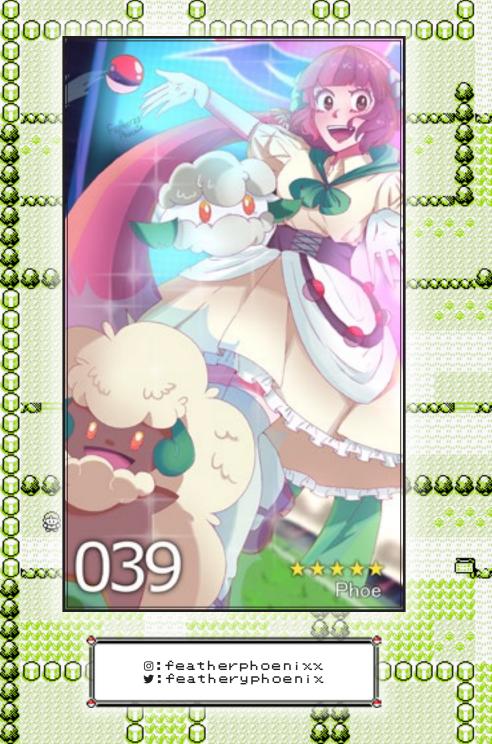






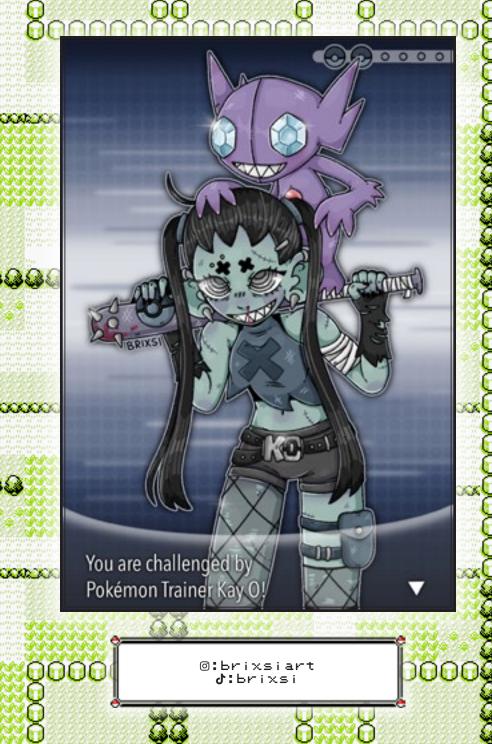














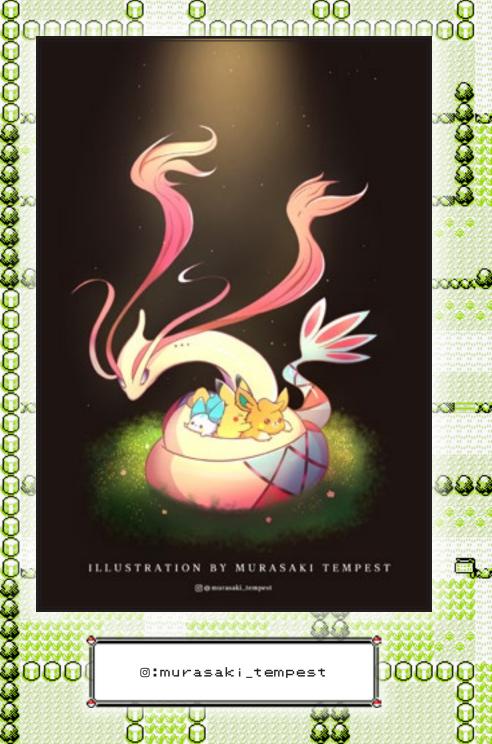


































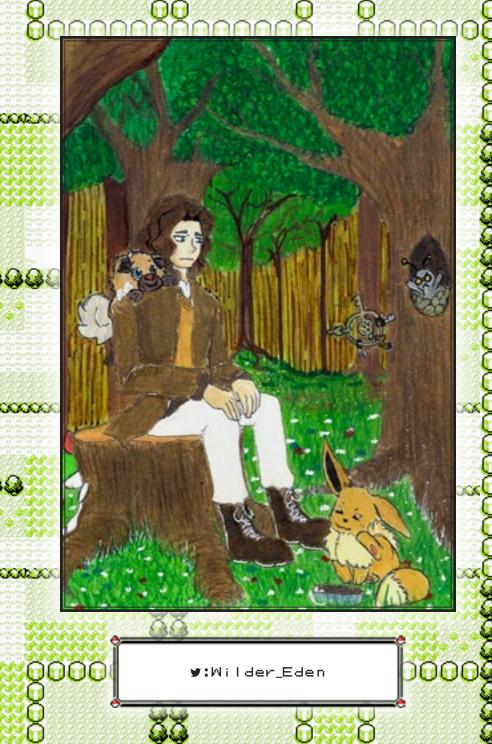




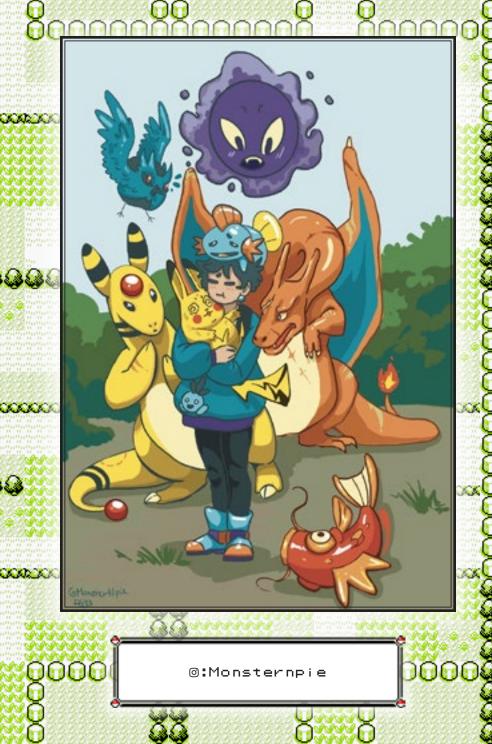






























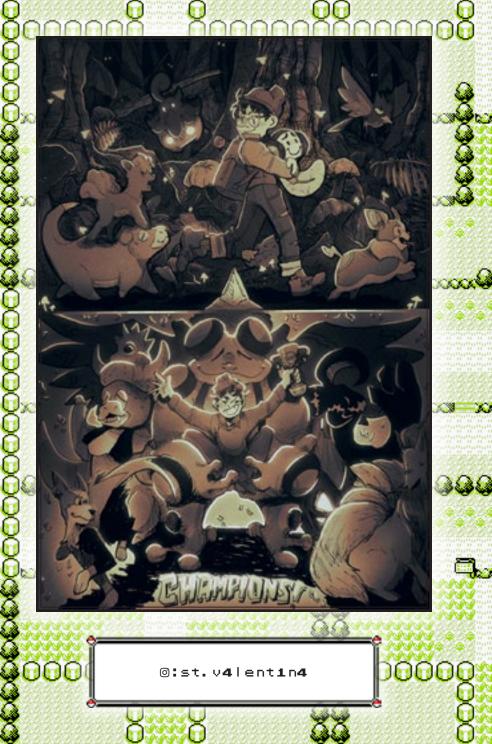




















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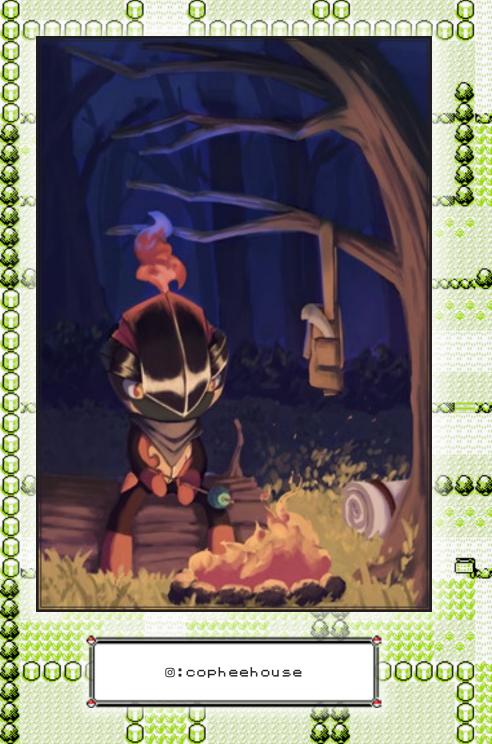
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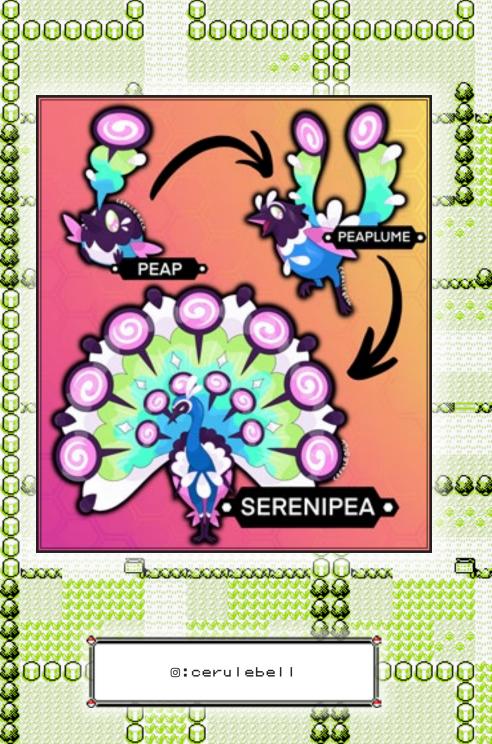


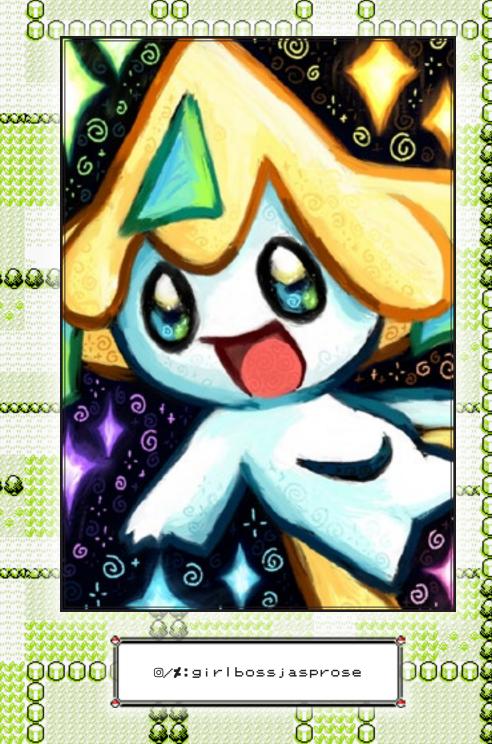




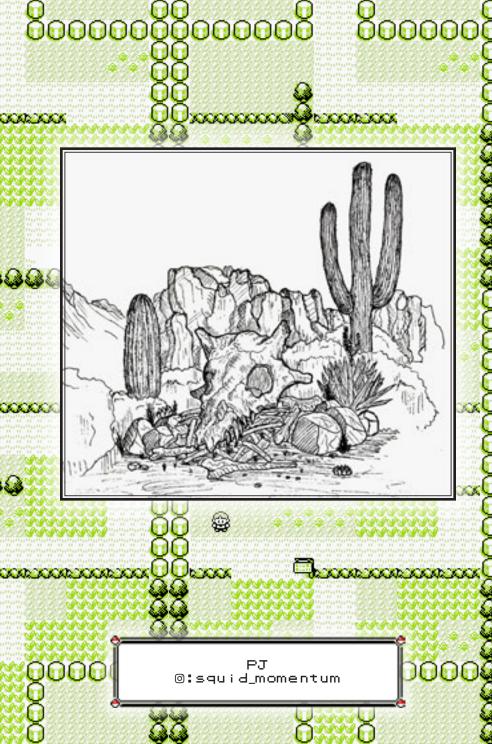




















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Any support means the world to me!

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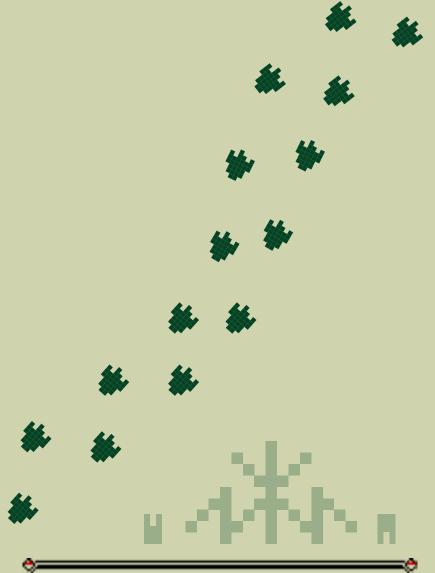








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Thank you to all of the artists who shared their love of Pokemon with us! We hope to see you all for our Halloween Zine in September 2023!



