

BASICS FOR BUG TRAINERS



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(and then some)



Greetings, trainer!

Welcome to the world of
Bug type pokemon!

Pokemon fighting itself
began as no more than
digital bugs fighting
for childish amusement,
with no beloved bugs
actually getting hurt.

Regardless of if you are
a new trainer or an old
hand, this booklet will
offer some insight and
information on how and
why bug pokemon continue
to hold their own now
more than ever. I hope
you will enjoy it.

-prof. cial, 2024

Bug Basics



To successfully train a bug pokemon to its maximum potential, trainers must be mindful of pitfalls!

As a general rule, bugs are fast movers with a good physical attack. They are widely known to grow at a faster rate than many other pokemon, although there are exceptions. These traits make them excellent starting companions for any pokemon journey.



Play to the strengths of your bug and you may be surprised how far they can take you!



Bug weaknesses must not be overlooked. Many find themselves at risk to rock, flying and fire types. When a bug is dual typed, this weakness can be compounded 2 or sometimes even more. Parasect, for example, has the ability *dry skin* which causes the damage from fire typed attacks to be increased to 4x normal.



Avoid the following:

- Steel/Bug or Grass/Bug vs Fire
- Flying, Fire or Ice/Bug vs Rock
- Grass/Bug or Fight/Bug vs Flying



There are precious few pure Bug typed pokemon. One of these, Accelgor, has a speed stat that exceeds even Jolteon.

Depend upon your bug to hit first and with your opponant's weaknesses in mind.



Some bugs, like the water type Golisopod, even have powers or abilities which give them an advantage while they make the first move.



It is not uncommon for a bug to go through a period of pupation where it is in sub-optimal fighting form.

!Don't give up!
They will emerge steeped in both strength & beauty.



Some bugs buck their expectation of quick evolution. One such bug is Larvesta, who only learns a new move once every ten levels.



It is supposed this is due to its once ancient bloodline being developed for companionship and show over combat. Like a Magikarp, a trainer who perseveres in raising a Larvesta will be greatly rewarded.

Psychological warfare is not uncommon in pokemon battles and as a bug trainer you must use every opportunity to put your opponant off guard.



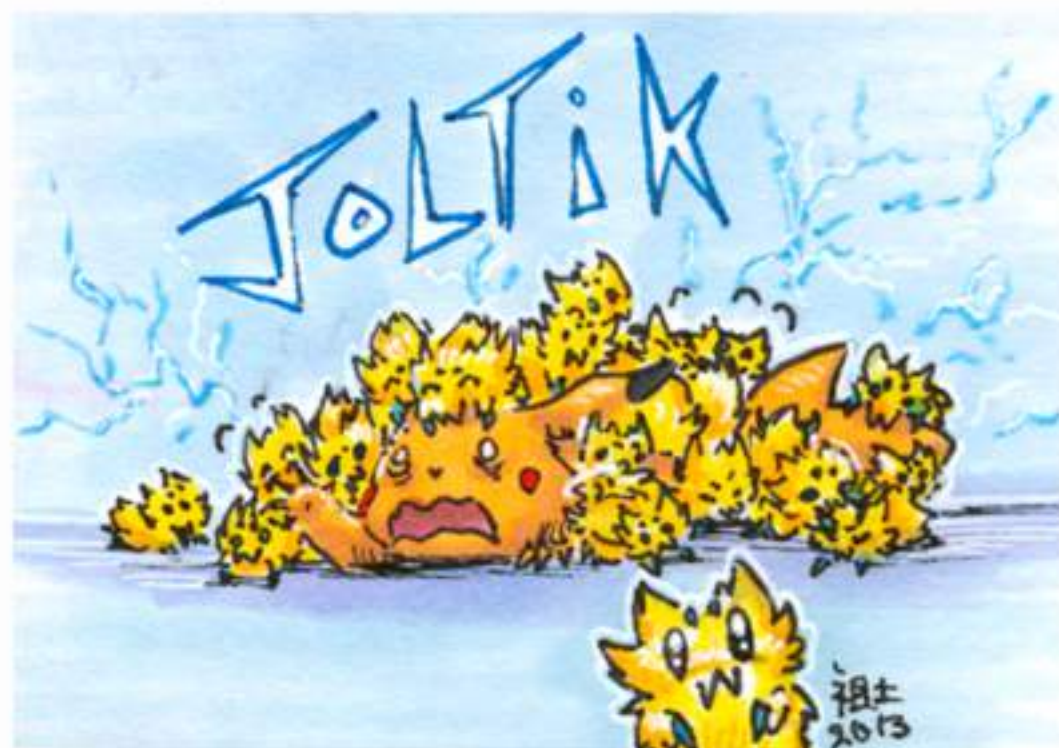
Thanks to recent discoveries
there is a bug for almost
every sub type of pokemon
from fire to darkness.

Fossil records indicate that the modern advent of subtyped bugs is in fact a sort of biological recovery. If water/bugs like Anorith and Armaldo as well as fire types Larvesta, Volcarona and Slitherwing were once commonplace, what changed?



Many of the newly discovered bug types are especially beginner friendly. Without extra weakness and with excellent type advantages, they have gained popularity outside of bug affectionados.

Though it doesn't look fierce, fairy type Ribombee is a mighty dragon, dark and psychic slayer.



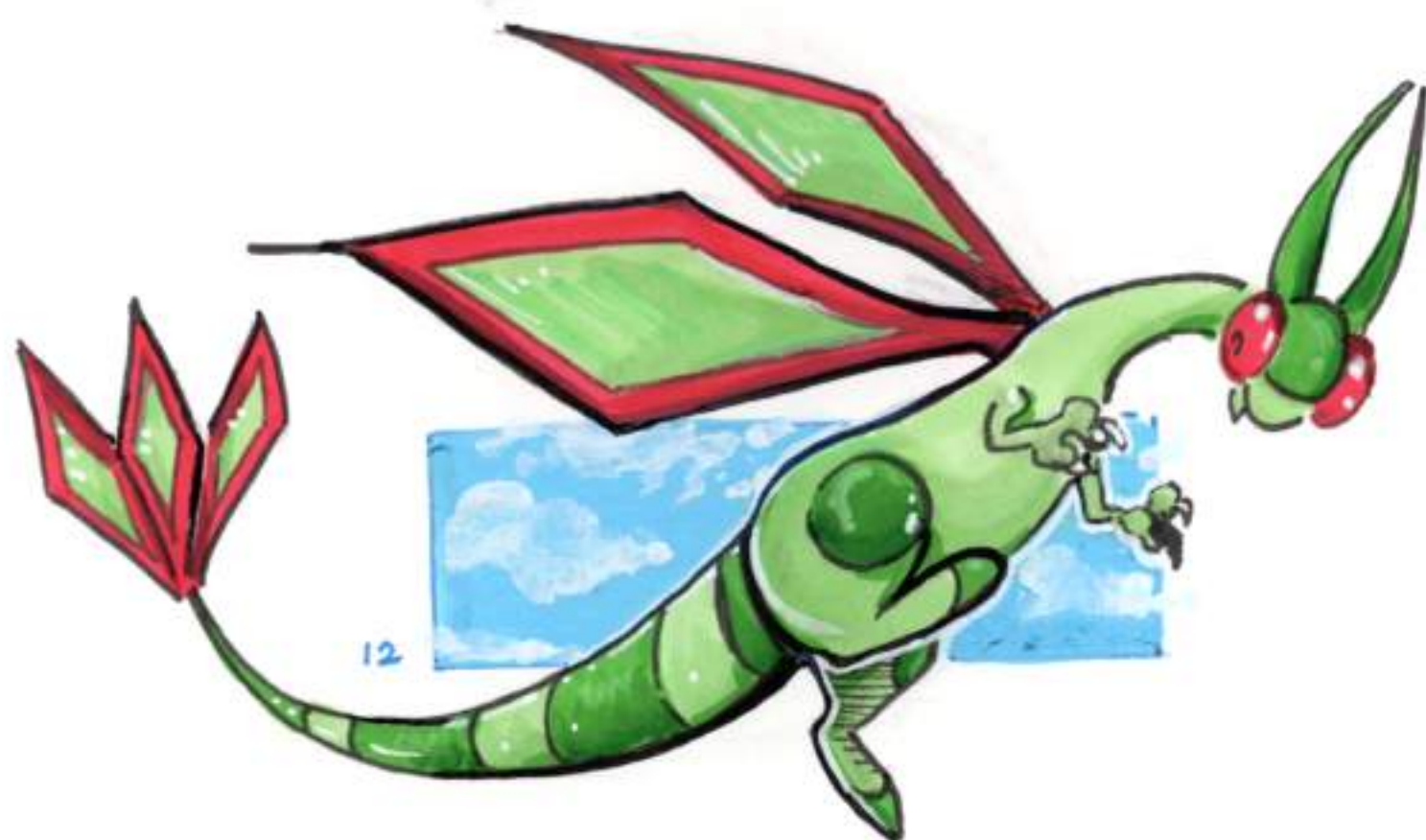
Compact in size, Joltik makes short work of flying-type threats.



With all of the newly available sub types of bug, it is more possible than ever to become a champion with an entirely bug based team!



Sadly, no Dragon/Bug
has yet been discovered.

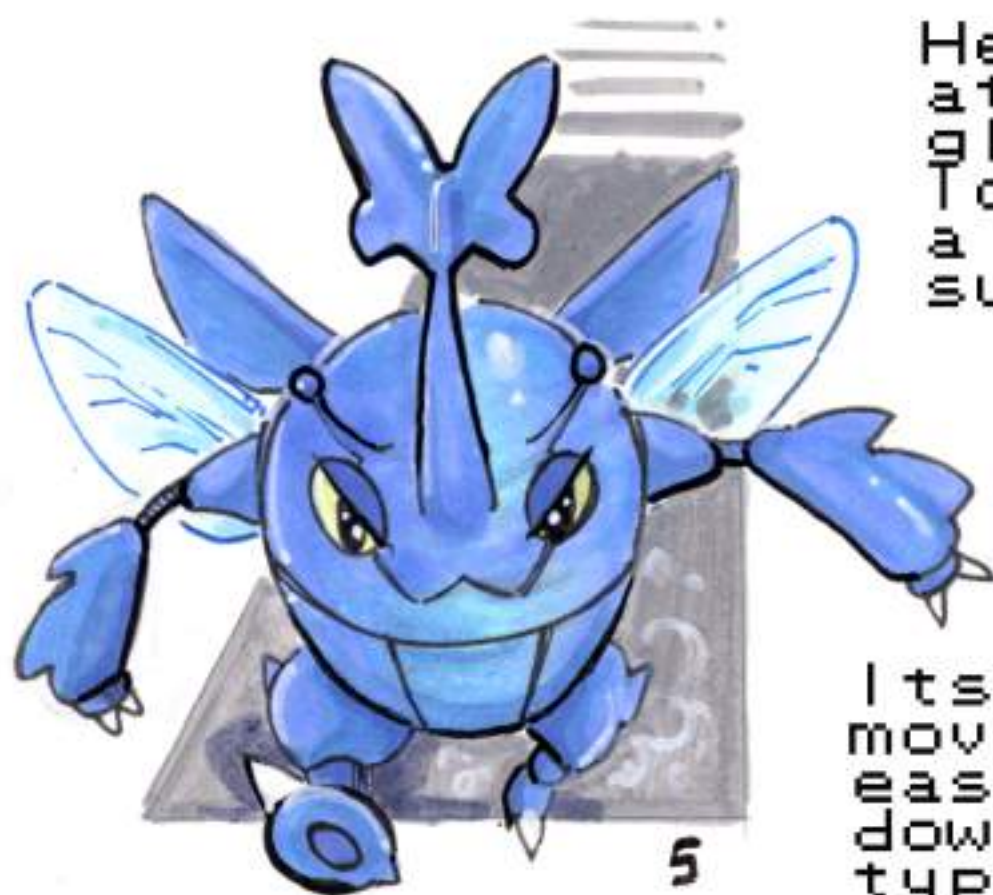


(Flygon does not count.)



As much as a trainer of bug types should play to the strengths of their partner and the weakness of their opponent, it is advantageous also to subvert the expectations of your foe.

Because bug trainers are highly uncommon to pro battle circuits, many of the trainers you encounter may not recognize your bug's subtype until you have gained the upper hand.



Heracross at first glance may look like a Flying subtype.

Think again!

Its fighting moves can easily take down a rock type pokemon.

So, apart from their type carrying the title of glass cannons...

What should you worry about when raising a bug?



Foremost, keep in mind these are creatures who have changed very little from their prehistoric ancestors! They may find life in the modern world confusing or scary.

Always give your bug and yourself time to adjust to each others' unique habits and needs.

Watch out for grubs! They can be quite curious and mischevious.





Keep in mind that even the most tame bug comes from a stock of wild pokemon who run free.

To this end, be mindful of what habits you may encourage. Sleeping on the couch may not be so cute when Venipede has reached its final evolution!





Their ubiquitous presence across the globe results in bug pokemon being used as companions and coworkers as well as battle partners.

Consider the cuddly poison type Venonat as a pet, or its majestic type cousin Scolipede as a mount!

Although the Steel typed bug Durant is weak on the field against fire types, its strength can be put to great use in the private sector. This one is shifting an abandoned truck.





All of this is to say
that a bug typed pokemon
may make an unexpected
and beloved companion
on your next adventure.

Find the one that speaks
to your heart! Remember,
truly skilled trainers
use their favorites.

What's your
favorite bug?

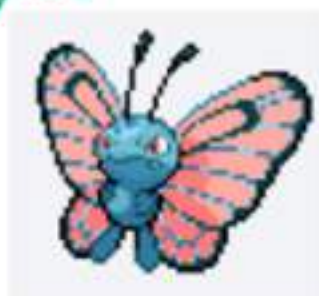
Who knows what strange
and new combinations
the future may hold?

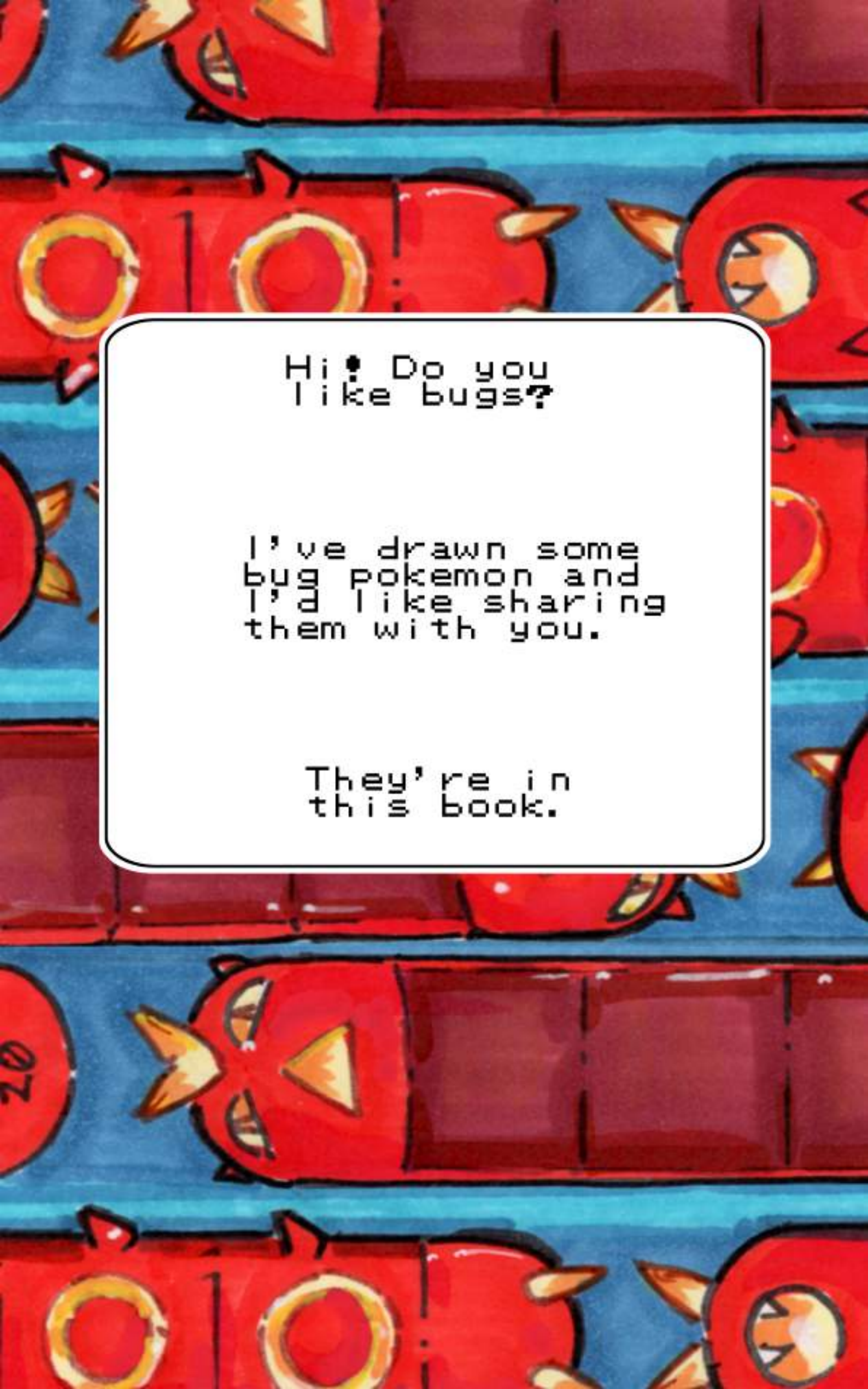


Crublast



BUG BUG





Hi! Do you
like bugs?

I've drawn some
bug pokemon and
I'd like sharing
them with you.

They're in
this book.

Pop Quiz!

Pokemon Snom is an ice type bug. When it evolves it will be the same.

When should Ice/Bug Frosmoth be most afraid?

- A) vs Fire or Rock types
- B) vs Flying or Fighting types
- C) Always, it has anxiety.

Crustle is a rock bug. It can defeat:

- A) pikachu
- B) lugia
- C) a flying type

Your opponant switches to a Lapras! You use:

- A) leavanny
- B) snom
- C) caterpie

Bugs are cute.

- A) Hmm...
- B) Yes

Flip the page for answers



Answers: A, C, A, B

