

BRAINSTORM

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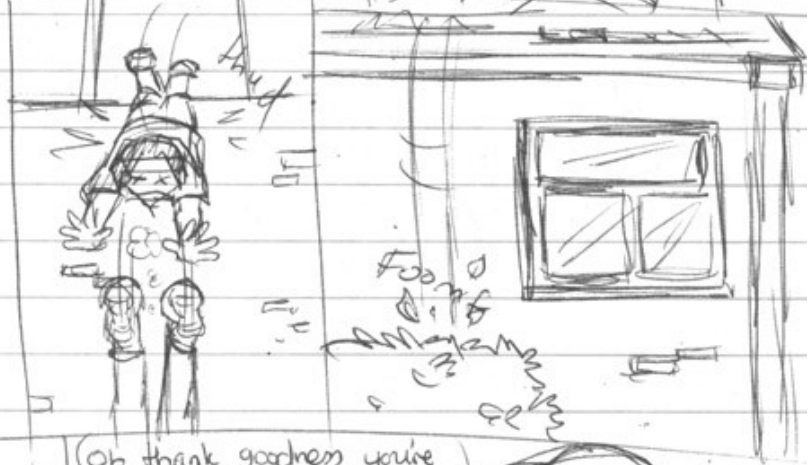
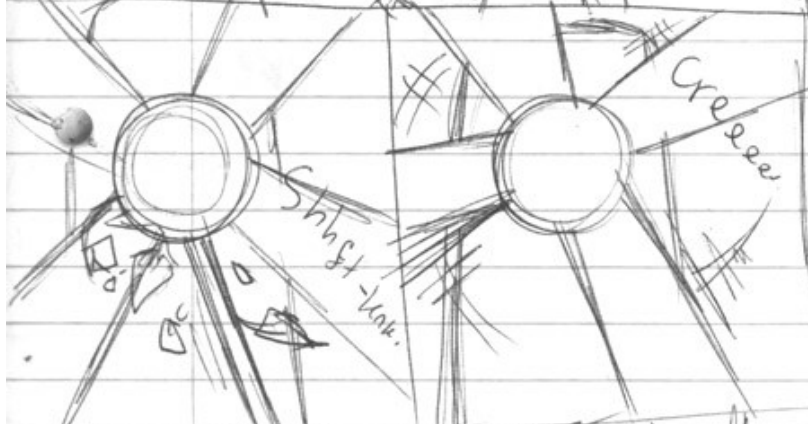
BRAINSTORM was a story I wrote on and off in the background while working on Rebirth's larger arcs. This story did not progress far beyond plot notes and concept art.

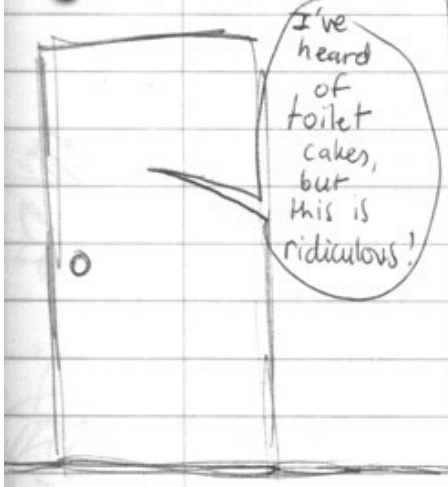
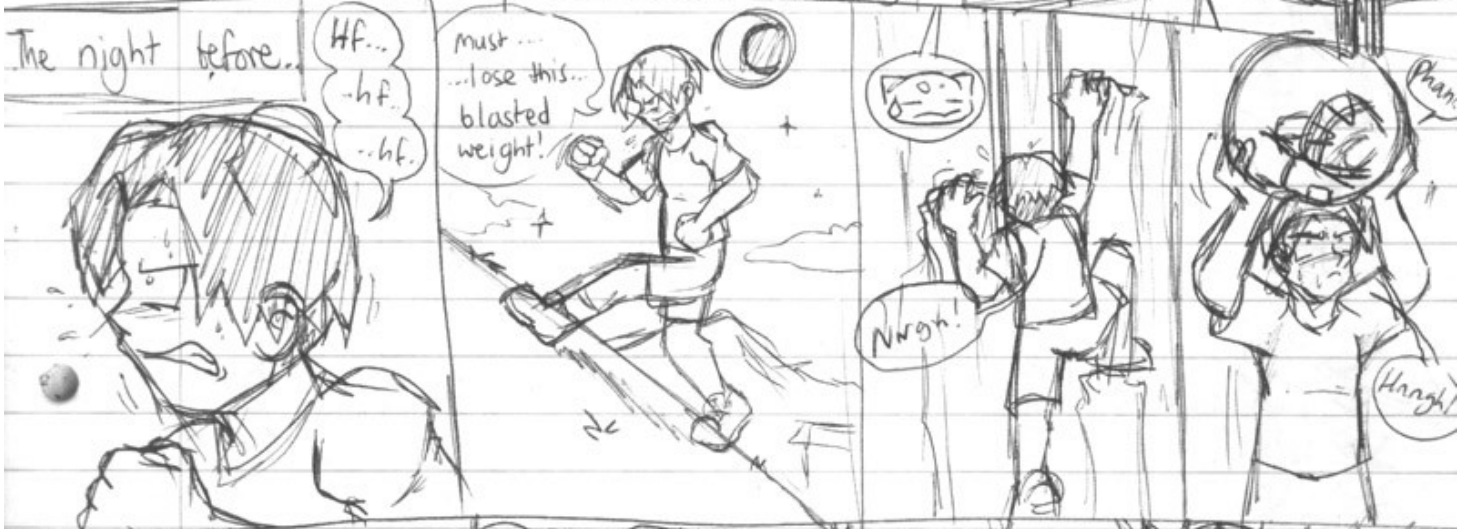
This document contains an exclusive look at just how this story was constructed, with plot notes, excerpts of dialogue and concept art to help you get an idea for what the finished work might have been.

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- Start the story with Macon and Tracey already on their vacation in Tatto. They're in an open cafe in Mayni City shopping centre. Macon is looking very uncomfortable as he is deliberating the events that led up to this point.
- Tracey on the other hand is not entirely happy with being on vacation, especially since Oak has been excited about some historical research involving The Ahnloka Prophecy and he feels like he'd need more lab assistance at this point. Macon urges Tracey to stop overthinking, especially with that head injury.
- Tracey grumbles about his 'stupid injury' and then laments that if he hadn't been so careless, none of this would have happened.

- Flashback to Oak having a conference call with the other Professors about the Ahnloka stuff, and the power goes out. They realise that the windmill that generates electricity to the lab's minor appliances (the major ones like the Pokéball storage stuff is all outside electricity) has been gummed up with debris and ice. Tracey goes up to fix it.
- He manages it, only a distraction or interference of some kind (maybe it was a bird nest and the bird Pokémon came back and attacked Tracey) causes Tracey to end up getting repeatedly smacked on the back of the head with the now spinning windmill blades. This in turn manages to dislodge not only his pre-Blank Pages memories from behind the weakening psychic lock Mindwipe had put on him 7 years ago, but also some of the more unfavourable elements of his old persona as well.
- Shortly after regaining consciousness, Tracey finds himself at the hospital but scans suggest nothing untoward bar the physical injury. The doctor suggests that Tracey just needs time to recuperate after the head trauma.
- However, Tracey is horrified by his physique and becomes temporarily obsessed with trying to tone up instead of rest. The obsession quickly recedes when he feels awful the next morning from overdoing it.
- Oak asks Tracey whether he feels good enough to catch up on his to-do list yet. Tracey snaps at him, then grimaces/apologises/gets to work despite feeling exhausted. Oak is baffled and worried by the mood swings.

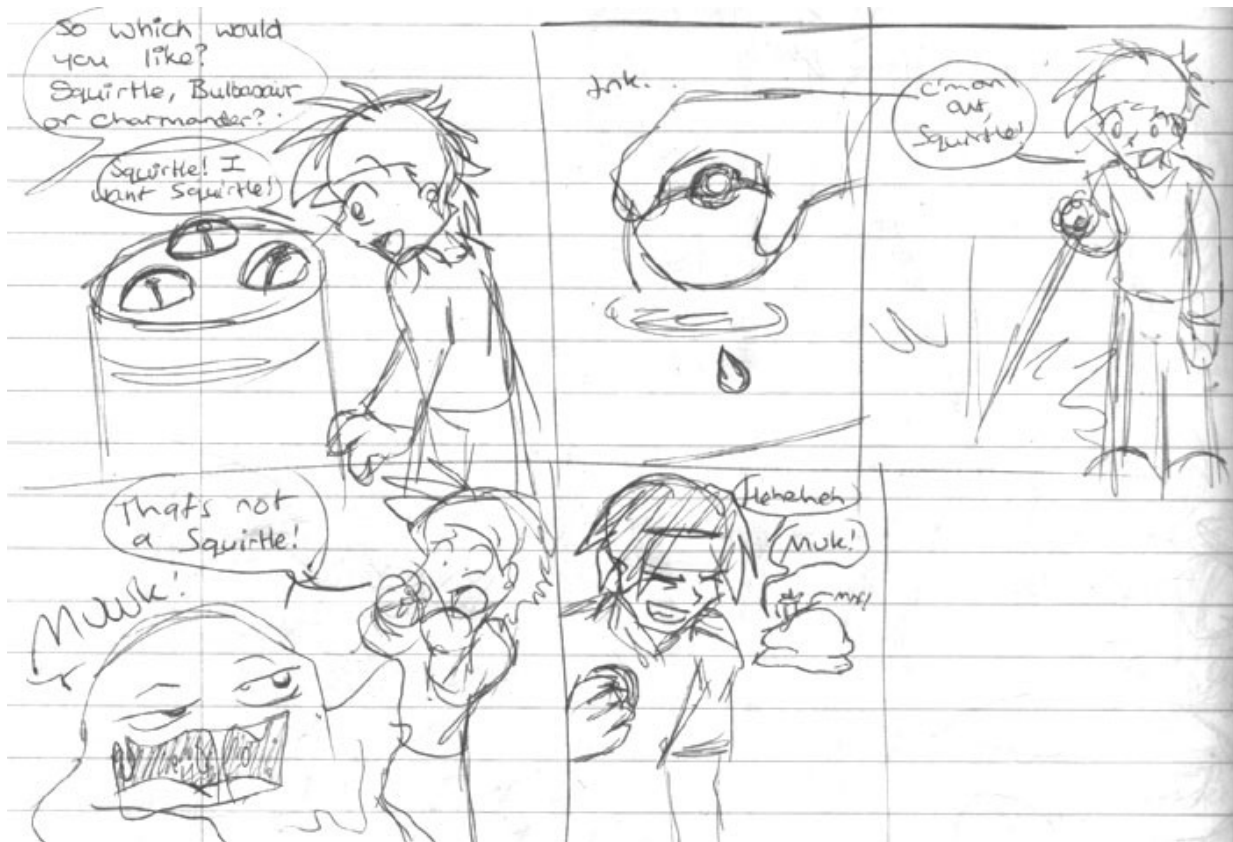






- Tracey goes out to feed the Pokémon on the ranch. A bunch of Pokémon are having an argument again, which Tracey gets irritated at and decides to put something really spicy in their food to give them something to yell about.

- After ticking the Pokémon off and getting punished for it despite frantic apologies for his out of character behaviour, Tracey returns to the lab looking a mess. Oak, now even more worried, wonders if he should ask Tracey to help him hand out the starters to the new trainers arriving today or not. Tracey insists that everything will be fine.
- However, he once again swaps out a Pokeball on the selection table for the one containing Ash's Muk that loves to 'hug' everyone, and one of the young trainers get swamped.



- Cut to Macon at the Watcher Guild, the phone rings. Oak calls Macon and begs him to come to Pallet Town in the hopes that, as his older brother, he'd understand what is going on with Tracey. Macon has a hunch, and sets off for Kanto.
- When Macon arrives, Oak tells him that he wants Macon to take Tracey on a vacation in the hopes that it'll make him feel better. Tracey has left to visit Cerulean Gym where he often goes. Macon reluctantly heads there to bring him back.
- Upon arriving, Macon discovers the triplet sisters engaged in attempted rehearsal of their show with Tracey in the role as the prince. Tracey is having difficulty smiling naturally and looks constipated.







How do you feel?



Like a great big two

Oh-kay. Now ~~the~~ Just try to stay in character!



Script



Not that you've been in character yourself today.



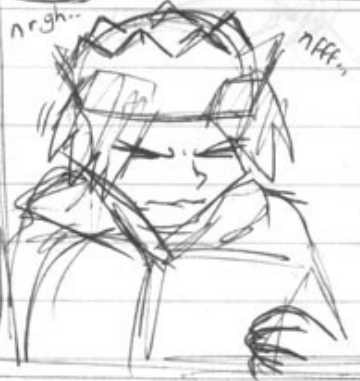
What is this? Princes are supposed to be fearless leaders, not weak-kneed complainers worrying about unrequited love!

Just read it, Tracey!



Hmph. And for goodness sakes Smile, you look like you're at a funeral

Fine.



n.r.g.h...

n.r.g.h...



n.e.l.?

Good Start Tracey!



Now try making it look less constipated



- Macon bursts out laughing at what he's seeing, which attracts everyone's attention. Tracey yells at Macon which both alarms the sisters and causes Macon to yelp and cower behind one of the seats.
- Tracey gets upset that he can't control his temper any more. Macon gingerly tells him what Oak instructed them to do. Tracey reluctantly agrees.
- Back to the present day. The food arrives and the brothers tuck in. Then some jazzy music starts playing and Macon is tapping his foot. Mirror B is in the shopping centre they're eating in, promoting his new DTYD game.
- Tracey inquires what the noise is and Macon gets nervous (because when they were younger, Rhenton gave him a super hard time about his love of dancing). So Macon gets Tracey to go and do something that'll take him a while, then disguises himself and challenges Mirror B.
- He's doing really well and is about to win when Tracey comes back, recognizes Macon despite the disguise and cheers him on, causing Macon to lose concentration and fail the challenge.
- Macon is really bummed about this, Tracey is puzzled, saying 'You were doing so well! What happened?' and stuff. Macon loses his temper and snaps at Tracey, before apologising. (Can he not bring himself to tell Tracey the actual reason?)
- They stop at a hotel for the night. Does something at the hotel trigger some memories in Tracey's head and he gets really upset about how terrible a brother he's been?
- This emerges in two ways. One, really black moods and silence and two, Tracey starts trying too hard to make it up to Macon.
- Macon is baffled by this whole thing and ends up talking to Prof. Oak on the phone at one point because he feels like it's getting *worse*, not better.
- While he's on the phone, Tracey spots Louise and thinks it's Vilina. Ends up confronting her in a battle. Macon manages to stop this somehow before it gets out of hand. He apologises to Louise.



Thanks, Macon! You really are the best b-

Don't mention it.

Really, dont.

Seriously, with the amount of time we keep spending on 'snack stops'...

Who knows when we'll reach Laven-

Huh?

That music...

Those Ludicrous!

That afro!

Yes! It's Mirror B, the guy who founded the DIY game franchise

Looks like hes bringing out the latest installment today

Nothing but one big publicity stunt. Attention hog.

Ladies and gentlemen! It is I, the Fabulous Mirabo Saguardo

But you darlings may call me Mirror B.

To celebrate the release of 'Dance Til You Drop Xtreme' I am putting myself on the stage for an extreme proposal

As you all know, I am a conisseur of dance... but I bet some of you think you could do better

So to those people... I challenge YOU!

...me?

That's right. Come take me on in a dance melee, shake your thing like you've never done before!

That's if you think you're any good..

Any... good?

Ha! Dont make me laugh. Nothing in life you could do

would be any good

Hey... that's that dance game guy, isn't it? Anybody would be stupid to take him on, he's real good

And you think I'm not good enough, Rhenton?

Where y'going Macon?

I... gotta go to the bathroom

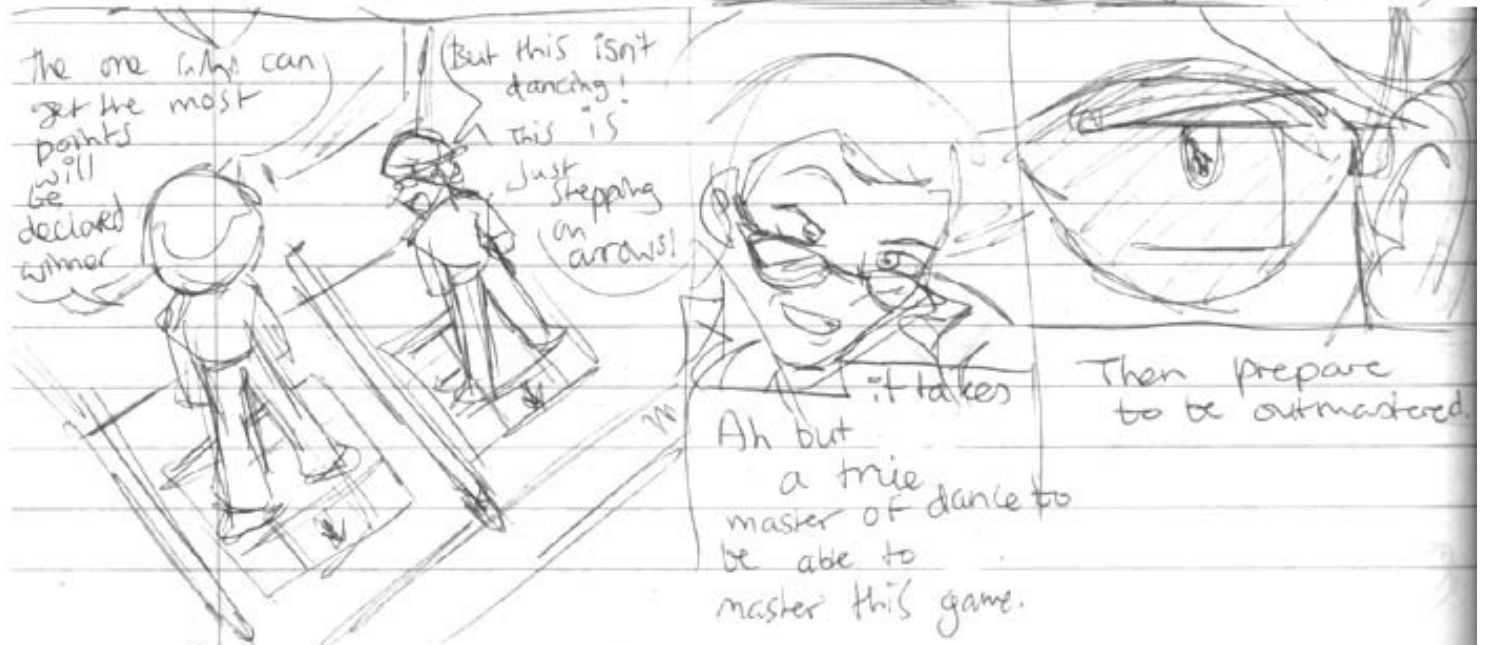
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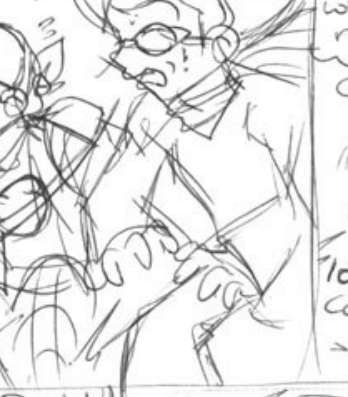
one refill over here!

I'll show them.

I'll show them all

But how to show them without showing up myself?







Hey! That's my brother!

HI MACON!

Nagleh!

Gah!

EEEEEE! He dropped his bandanna!

Hands off, it's mine!

ooh! ooh!



And...

When...

Hey...

Oh...

Why'd you rush off like that, macon?

That was close..

I was dared to do it! I don't even like dancing I-!



Because I screwed up. No one was meant to know it was me

dancing up there

Least of all, you.

You... did?

Yeah! It was all like 'yatta-ti cha'

Whoa!

But I thought your dancing was awesome!



Stick to the drawing, bro.

E-heh heh...

So... do you think they liked me?

Like you? They were loving you! Didn't you hear those girls screaming?

I thought that was in disgust.

Tch. macon, you're too self-critical, y'know?

All thanks to you.

What?

Er, I said "What can I do?"!

Think I'll lie low, mind... those girls sounded scary.

- Louise has somehow found out about the huge conflict between trainers and Team Rocket that's about to kick off [the one covered in "Ultimatum"] and tells Tracey and Macon of it. Tracey says they need to make sure their parents are okay. Scared about travelling in a boat but Macon agrees.
- Skip to the events following the encounter with the sea army, arriving at Pudgy Pidgey isle thanks to the water Nexus.
- Tracey/Macon on Pudgy Pidgey Isle. A terrible storm is battering the island but they help their parents and fellow islanders (including 'the ice cream boys' Neil, Paulie and Ivan who also returned home to help THEIR parents) to fend against the storm.
- After this is over and things calm down, Tracey/Macon's parents show their extreme gratitude and surprise at Tracey's self-sacrifice. Tracey also seems to have calmed down, the guilt and frustration having been redeemed by what he'd just done. As a result, he returns to being more like himself again, except now with all his memories in tact.



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