

Damian van Castell (NPC)

Age: 25

Birthplace: Tobishima (Flying Island)

Appearance: tall; short black spiky hair; blue eyes; burnmarks on face and body; wears a black coat, shabby blue shirt, black trousers; barefoot.

Mother: Flying Type Gym Leader, Layla

Father: Dragon Type Pokémon League Champion, Joseph

Occupation: Pokémon Trainer

Alias: Pokémon Master

Place of Residence: Tobishima

Team: Mega Charizard X, Altaria, Hydreigon, Dragonite, Mega Garchomp, Goodra

Personality: INTJ-A (Assertive Architect)

Positive traits: wise, kind-hearted, loving, polite, honourable, dignified

Negative traits: prideful, distrustful, asocial, stern, merciless towards humans

Backstory: Damian is the son of Tobishima's gym leader (Flying Type) Layla and Pokémon League Champion, Dragon trainer Joseph. Damian's Charizard is the son of Joseph's male and Layla's female Charizards, respectively.

When Damian was little, he got his Charmander from his parents as a gift. The two bonded immediately, and never parted since.

Damian's parents were never at home, so Damian spent most of the time out in the wild of Tobishima, learning about different types of Pokémon, among which flying types prevailed in quantity since it was the Flying island. However, by observing different flying Pokémon which shared another type too, Damian learned plenty. He further observed his mother's battles when people challenged her in the gym, and accumulated the knowledge about Pokémon little by little.

At 10 years, Damian was taken to the Pokémon League by his father to witness some high level battles. There too, Damian learned a lot about people, Pokémon, and their relationships.

One thing obvious to Damian, that was left undetected by his father and many other people, was that Pokémon tended to value friendship and bonds over hard training - the stronger the bond was between the trainer and the Pokémon, the stronger the Pokémon would become.

Damian soon obtained a Swablu, again from the egg of his parents' Altarias. By then, he figured Dragon types were his favourite. He spent more and more time with his pokemon to bond with them. He even adapted to the wild Pokémons' company and enjoyed their presence, while they too, were happy to have him.

Alas, Damian's happiness did not last forever: once, when he was 13, a disaster happened on his island. Due to Joseph's abusive training methods, his Charizard went rampant on the island and burned the entire place. Joseph, Layla, and their team of Pokémon died while battling it (since some of Joseph's pokemon had taken the Charizard's side). The female Charizard of Layla sacrificed her life in restraining her mate. They both died in that duel.

The residents of Tobishima fled or became victims of the incident. Damian was terribly burnt, too, and left orphaned, at only 13 years. He was knocked out due to fumes and pain from the burns, so he remained alone on the island. His Charmander stayed by his side. The wild

pokemon who were his friends took him in and cared for him until he came to. Seeing his island devastated and his parents dead, Damian fell into unspeakable agony. The wild pokemon and his Charmander and Swablu pacified his heart. He began to live among the pokemon on Tobishima, and soon, they chose him as their leader and guardian.

As time passed, some other dragon pokemon accepted Damian's bond and he obtained the team of his 6. Two of them - Charizard and Garchomp - were even able to Mega evolve. Damian figured this ultimate evolution occurred only due to tight bonds between him and the pokemon, so he wanted to research the phenomenon deeper.

Present: Damian's dream is to once see all pokemons' Mega evolutions - the ultimate form of trust and friendship between the pokemon and its trainer.

Due to the harsh past experiences regarding his father's methods and his pokemons' rampage, Damian is distrustful of humans and hates how they exploit pokemon for battles and personal gain. This is the exact reason why he challenges the player - humans tend to abuse their pokemon by ridding them of their natural habitats, locking them in pokeballs, and making them battle. He is against all of it. He's long released his Charmander and Swablu (now Charizard and Altaria) from pokeballs, yet they tag along with him anyway, which is the example of true friendship and mutual trust. Damian has restricted humans' movements on Tobishima, and his motive for battle is to prove to the player that he's just as brutal as all other humans. When the player beats him, Damian admits he was wrong regarding the player and his pokemon, says that they share friendship and trust, gives a charizardite X, and promises to help further.

Due to his wild wizard-like ways (e. g. befriending wild pokemon easily and understanding pokemon language) Damian is called "Pokémon Master" by people.

Despite his asocial attitude, Damian has still managed to acquire a girlfriend, mostly due to this latter's efforts. His girlfriend is Silvie, a Fairy Type Gym Leader - an extroverted individual full of purity and innocence. She met Damian when found Tobishima with her Togekiss.

Demonstrating her love and care for Pokémon and for people equally, Silvie managed to gain an unrestricted pass to Tobishima from Damian, and gradually, his heart and devotion too.

(Story Starts - Pokémon Master)

(You arrive in the small town of Cloudhaven to challenge the Flying Type Gym Leader, Roxanne. However, Roxanne informs you that she can't battle yet, because her Talonflame has fled not long ago and is nowhere to be found. She tasks you with finding her Talonflame so that you may battle.

You go around asking people about Roxanne's Talonflame. An old woman Nanny (NPC standing near the Pokemart) knows something)

Old woman Nanny:

- A Talonflame has fled? Oh, goodness, poor Roxanne!
- No, dear, unfortunately, I haven't seen it.
- But I might have an idea of where it may be.

- In my neighborhood, there once lived a man named John. A good old fellow... Arceus bless his soul!
- He often talked about a flying island situated right in the sky, not far from here.
- He said he'd lived there until a devastating fire destroyed the island years ago.
- However, he also said the remnants and ruins of the island are still there, and flying Pokémon tend to love that place.
- The Talonflame you're searching, might've gone there too.
- The problem is, if you don't have a good enough flying Pokémon, you can't get there.

(Quest Begins)

Old woman Nanny:

- Show me a flying Pokémon that is strong enough and adores you!

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Outcome A:

(You show Nanny the Flying Pokémon of Lvl 70+ with 100% happiness)

Old woman Nanny:

- Oh, dear, that flying Pokémon sure adores you!
- Alright, now pay heed: go to Tobishima, the Flying Island, situated right above the clouds, to the north from here.
- Find what you're looking for, and leave quickly.
- That island is under the rule of Pokémon Master - a young wizard who hears Pokémon language and hates human presence.
- If he sees you on his territory, you'll be in trouble.
- Take care, now! Best of luck in your ventures, dear!

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Outcome B:

(You fail to show the Flying Pokémon)

Old woman Nanny:

- Oh, dear, that is not a Flying Pokémon.
- Come back when you have one.

(Dialogue restarts from "Quest starts" section)

(You bring the necessary Pokémon. Outcome A)

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Outcome C:

(You fail to show a Flying Pokémon of lvl 70+)

Old woman Nanny:

- Oh, dear, that Pokémon is not strong enough to take you to Tobishima.
- Come back when you have one.

(Dialogue restarts from "Quest starts" section)
(You bring the necessary Pokémon. Outcome A)

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Outcome D:

(You bring 70+ Lvl Flying Pokémon but its happiness is not 100%)

Old woman Nanny:

- Oh, dear, that Pokémon does not adore you enough.
- Come back when you have one.

(Dialogue restarts from "Quest starts" section)
(You bring the necessary Pokémon. Outcome A)

(Screen turns black. You appear on Tobishima)

(After much exploring around the island [which is irrelevant to this quest-and-dialogue extract so will be omitted], you arrive at a certain grove [a pass into a certain tree in the woods before you])

- Wait, is that... the sound of a Flute?
- Someone is playing on a flute nearby!
- You hear a Talonflame sing along!
- That should be the Talonflame you're searching for! It's inside the grove! Follow the sound!

(You enter the tree pass, and appear in the grove where many flying and dragon pokemon are sitting around Damian playing on a flute near a river. Behind him, is a cave - his home. The Talonflame too, is there)

- There it is, Roxanne's missing Talonflame!

(Quest starts)

Damian stops playing. Every pokemon, including Talonflame, looks at you. So does Damian.

Talonflame:

- Taloon!

Damian:

- Who are you?! Humans are forbidden to step in here!
- Oh, you were looking for this Talonflame? Well, it doesn't matter.
- She preferred my music to her mistress' petty battles. Didn't you, Talonflame?

Talonflame:

- Taloonflamee!

Damian:

- That's right! So beat it, while I still allow you.
- Huh? You don't plan to give up? How impudent! It's the same with all of you, trainers!
- Locking pokémon, these free children of nature, in pokeballs, so you could battle to your heart's content!

(Battle Quest begins)

Damian:

- This Talonflame enjoys our company, so she'll be staying!
- As for you, I shall teach you about the true strength of Pokémon, grown in the wild, free from pokeballs, trained with trust and love!

(Battle ensues)

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Outcome A:

(You lose and are teleported to the pokecenter. When you return, the conversation resumes from "Battle Quest Begins". You battle again until Outcome B)

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Outcome B:

(You win)

Damian:

- Oh... it seems I was wrong about you.

- You are one of those few people who actually love their Pokémon and care deeply for them.
- Your Pokémon seem to love you too, as a result.
- It was one fine battle! Thank you for this amazing experience. Next time, it won't be so easy.

Talonflame:

- Taloon..

Damian:

- Oh, what did you say, Talonflame?
- This fine trainer's battle has reminded you of your own mistress?

Talonflame:

- Talon, Taloonflame..

Damian:

- Oh, so you truly love her?
- Okay, I won't be stopping you, then. You can visit us at any time you like!

Talonflame:

- Taloonflamee!

(Talonflame circles around Damian in happiness and then stands next to you)

Damian:

- Haha, it seems even the Talonflame trusts you!
- So, you should be going now, huh?
- Before you go, let me give you a certain something, as a token of my trust.
- You seem an honourable trainer, so I believe you are worthy to possess it.
- You see, when Pokémon love their trainers, they seem to do even the impossible, for their sake.
- My father was often angry his Charizard couldn't learn Dragon moves as well as his other dragons, since he was a fire and flying type.
- But it's wrong - Charizard is far more potent than that.
- However, its Dragon side awakens only if the trainer is worthy enough to gain its trust and love.
- My father was not such a person. You, on the other hand, fit the criteria perfectly.
- This item will help your Charizard awaken its Dragon side, for you.

- Damian gives you a Charizardite X!

Damian:

- Take care now, my friend! We shall meet again!

(The screen goes black and you reappear in the Cloudhaven pokecenter. Talonflame is by your side)