

# The new Pokémon Scarlet and Violet anime looks like a Paldean blast in its first trailer

Though Liko, the new anime's protagonist, originally hails from Paldea, where she's a student, her journey with another young trainer named Roy and Friede, a Pokémon professor partnered with a Pikachu, will span the entire Pokémon world as the trio catch various monsters and make different discoveries. Along with footage of Liko meeting a Sprigatito that looks ready to become her partner and the two of them preparing to battle a Cereuledge, the trailer also features a pair of quotes that may point to the different things Liko and Roy are working toward.

Roy's quote about wanting to "challenge the Pokémon from legends" and the emphasis the trailer puts on a strange, jeweled Pokéball he owns very much makes it seem like his storylines will involve one (or both of) *Pokémon Scarlet* and *Violet*'s legendary mascots Koraidon and Miraidon. There's less to take away from Liko's assertion that she has to search for things herself if she wants to find them, though that may be a nod to the treasure hunt storyline from the games. But between Sprigatito possibly becoming Liko's partner and the focus the trailer puts on her mysterious crystal pendant, it feels like she may be the anime's more battle-focused hero who might become an expert in the Terastal phenomenon.

It's a fair bit harder to get a solid read on what Friede's deal is or what about his Pikachu makes him a captain other

than his hat. But when the new show premieres in Japan on April 14th, it's going to be very interesting to see a pokémon professor out in the field rather than holed up in a lab waiting for his child research assistants to come back with data. The new *Pokémon* anime dub doesn't have a premiere date yet, but it's meant to launch sometime this year.

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