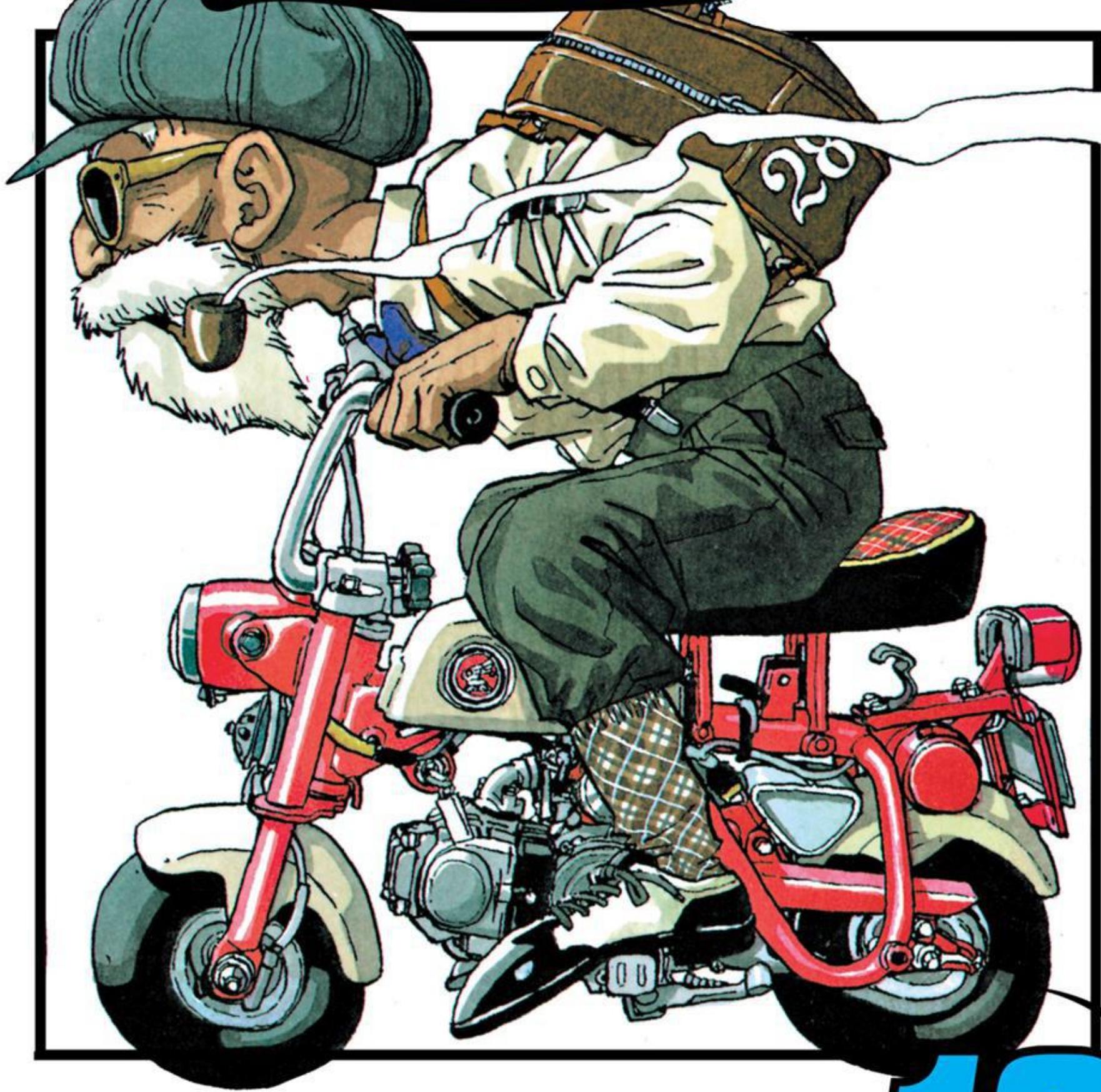


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I can't sit around doing nothing. I don't feel relaxed unless I'm totally involved in something. Kinda like how sharks have to keep swimming or they die. I need to be immersed in something no matter how pointless it may be. But because of this, when I don't have anything to do, I get really restless and pace around in my room. It would really be nice if "work" was one of those things I could really get involved in...

*—Akira Toriyama, 1991*

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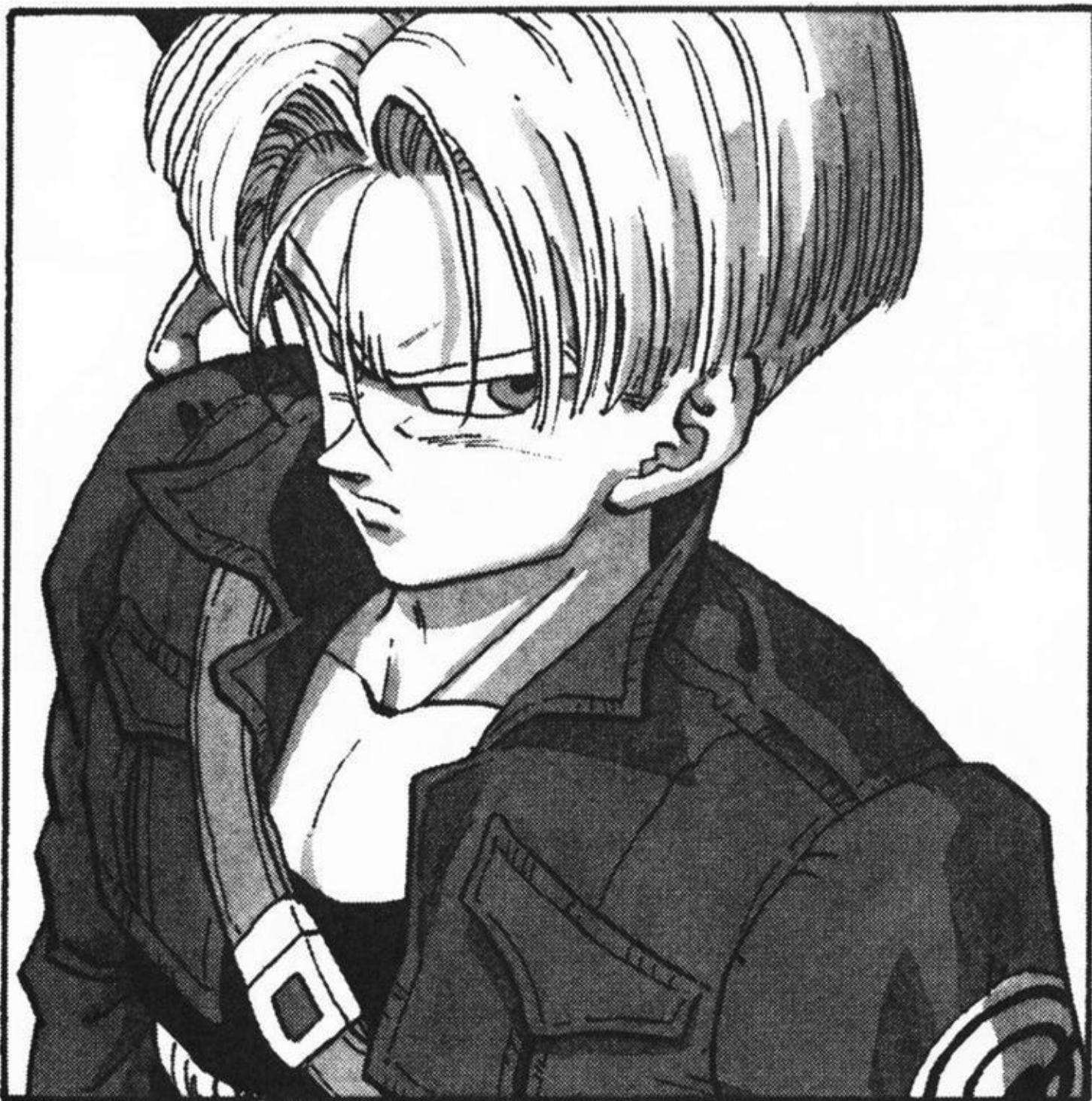


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# THE MAIN CHARACTERS

## Bulma

Goku's oldest friend, Bulma is a scientific genius. She met Goku while on a quest for the seven magical Dragon Balls which, when gathered together, can grant any wish.

## Son Goku

The greatest martial artist on Earth, he owes his strength to the training of Kame-Sen'nin and Kaiō-sama, and the fact that he's an alien Saiyan. To get even stronger, he has trained under 100 times Earth's gravity.

## Kaiō-sama

The "Lord of Worlds," he is Kami-sama's superior in the heavenly bureaucracy. He taught Goku the *kaiō-ken* and other amazing martial arts techniques.



Freeza



### Freeza

The ruthless emperor and #1 landowner of the universe. He invaded Namek to steal its Dragon Balls and wish for immortality, but the heroes fouled up his plans. Now he wants only one thing: to kill Goku.

### Vegeta

The evil Prince of the Saiyans. He teamed up with our heroes hoping to use them to become a "Super Saiyan" and defeat Freeza, so he could rule the universe himself. Freeza killed him in the battle on Namek, but the Dragon Balls brought him back to life.

Vegeta



Piccolo

Goku's former arch-enemy, the Namekian Piccolo is the darker half of Kami-sama, the deity who created Earth's Dragon Balls. If Piccolo dies, Kami-sama dies too, and if Kami-sama dies, Earth's Dragon Balls will vanish.

### Piccolo

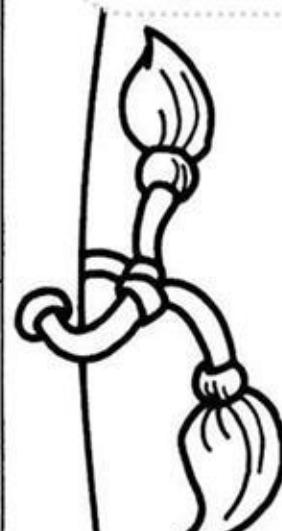


The Great Elder

### The Great Elder

The oldest living Namekian. It created Namek's Dragon Balls in the same way that Kami-sama created Earth's Dragon Balls. The Great Elder's guardian, Nail, merged with Piccolo to make him strong enough to fight Freeza.

Son Goku was Earth's greatest hero, and the Dragon Balls—which can grant any wish—were Earth's greatest treasure. But when the Dragon Balls were destroyed, Goku and his friends had to travel to Planet Namek, where the Dragon Balls were originally made. There they met the monstrous Freeza, who had invaded the planet to steal Namek's Dragon Balls and wish for immortality. Freeza seemed unbeatable, but just when all hope seemed lost, Goku transformed into the Super Saiyan, the legendary strongest warrior in existence. While his friends fled Namek with the Dragon Balls, Goku chose to stay behind to defeat Freeza fair and square. Now only Goku and Freeza remain on the dying planet, fighting in the scarce minutes before war-torn Namek explodes...



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