

DRAGON BALL



SHONEN JUMP MANGA

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This is our cat “Koge” (char). You probably can’t tell what the heck is going on since she’s so black, but here she is. We picked her up one night three years ago as a kitten, and she’s a real sweetie and a total nudge. While she was giving birth to her litter, I really, really worried, and I made a huge fuss over her. But there weren’t any complications, and she had four healthy (and teeny-tiny) kittens. We were so happy. By the way, my wife was the one who named her.

—Akira Toriyama, 1988

Widely known all over the world for his playful, innovative storytelling and humorous, distinctive art style, **Dragon Ball** creator Akira Toriyama is also known in his native Japan for the wildly popular **Dr. Slump**, his previous manga series about the adventures of a mad scientist and his android “daughter.” His hit series **Dragon Ball** ran from 1984 to 1995 in Shueisha’s **Weekly Shonen Jump** magazine. He is also known for his design work on video games such as **Dragon Warrior**, **Chrono Trigger** and **Tobal No. 1**. His recent manga works include **Cowa**, **Kajika**, **Sand Land**, **Neko Majin**, and a children’s book, **Toccio the Angel**. He lives with his family in Tokyo, Japan.

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THE MAIN CHARACTERS

Son Goku

Monkey-tailed young Goku has always been stronger than normal. His grandfather Gohan gave him the *nyoibō*, a magic staff, and Kame-Sen'nin gave him the *kinto'un*, a magic flying cloud.

Bulma

A genius inventor, Bulma met Goku on her quest for the seven magical Dragon Balls.

Yamcha

A student of Kame-Sen'nin, and Bulma's on-and-off boyfriend. He was seriously injured by Tenshinhan and taken to the hospital.

Lunch

A strange woman whose personality changes whenever she sneezes.

Son
Goku

Bulma

Lunch

Yamcha

Kuririn

Goku's former martial arts schoolmate under Kame-Sen'nin.

Kuri
rin



Tenshinhan

A student of Tsuru-Sen'nin, he can fly and is a very proud fighter.



Tenshinhan



Pilaf and Co.

A little emperor who wants to get the Dragon Balls so he can wish to rule the entire world.



Chaozu

Chaozu

A student of Tsuru-Sen'nin, he can fly and use psychic powers.

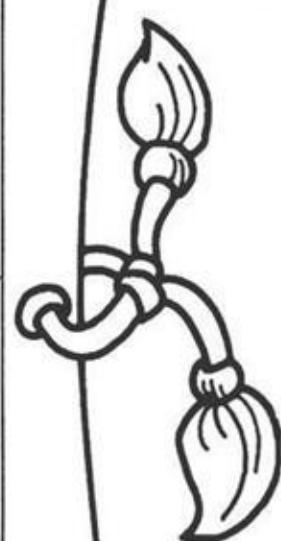


Kame-Sen'nin

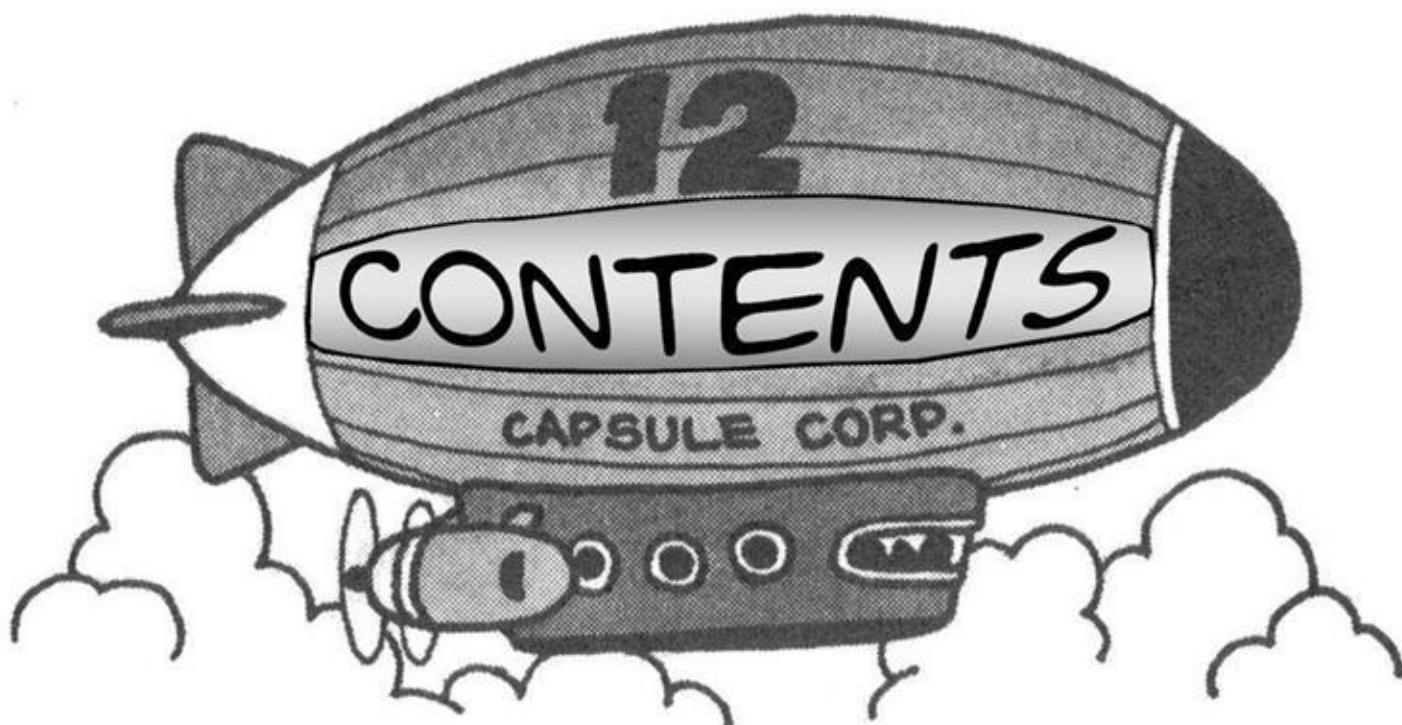
Kame-Sen'nin (The "Turtle Hermit")

A lecherous but powerful martial artist, his signature move is the *kamehameha* attack. His rival, Tsuru-Sen'nin (the "Crane Hermit") entered Tenshinhan and Chaozu into the tournament to see whose school of martial arts was better.

Legend says that whoever gathers the seven magical "Dragon Balls" will be granted any one wish. Son Goku, a young boy from the mountains, first heard the legend from a city girl named Bulma. After many adventures with Bulma, Goku decided he wanted to be stronger, and so he trained under Kame-Sen'nin, the great martial artist, even competing in the *Tenka'ichi Budôkai* (the "Strongest Under the Heavens" martial arts tournament). Three years ago, at the last *Tenka'ichi Budôkai*, Goku narrowly lost to Kame-Sen'nin. But this time, Goku is face to face with Tenshinhan in the final round!



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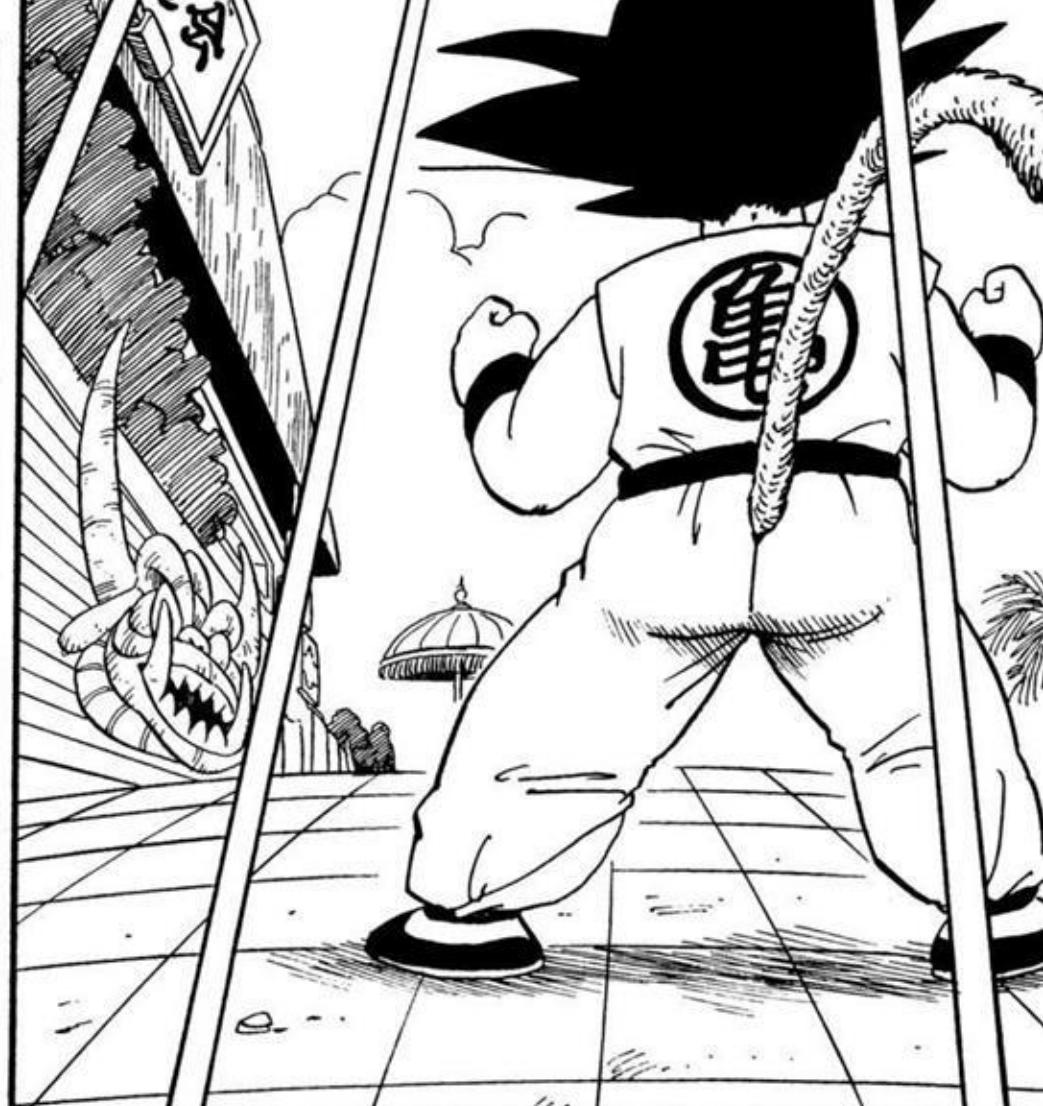
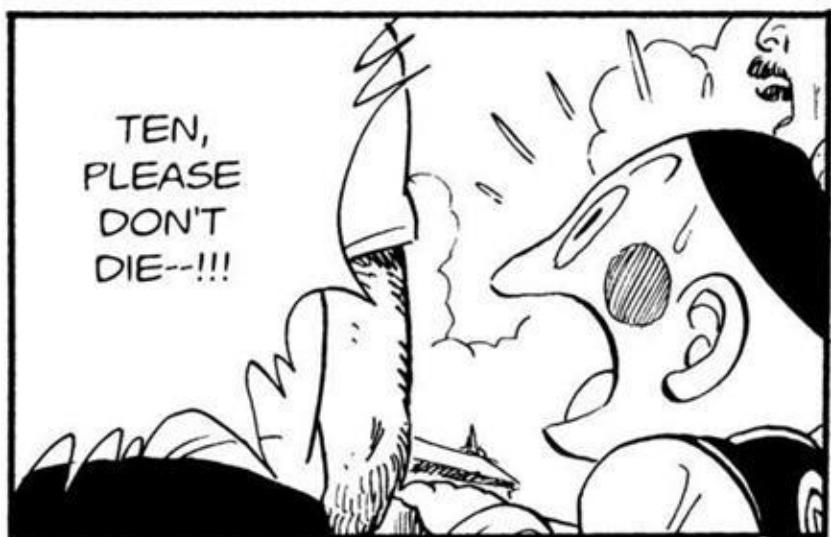
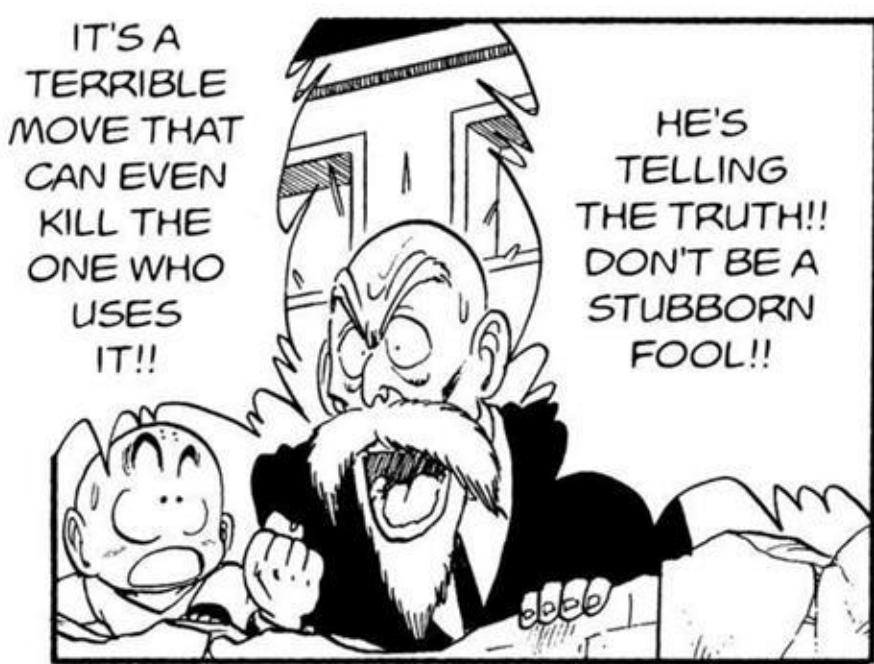


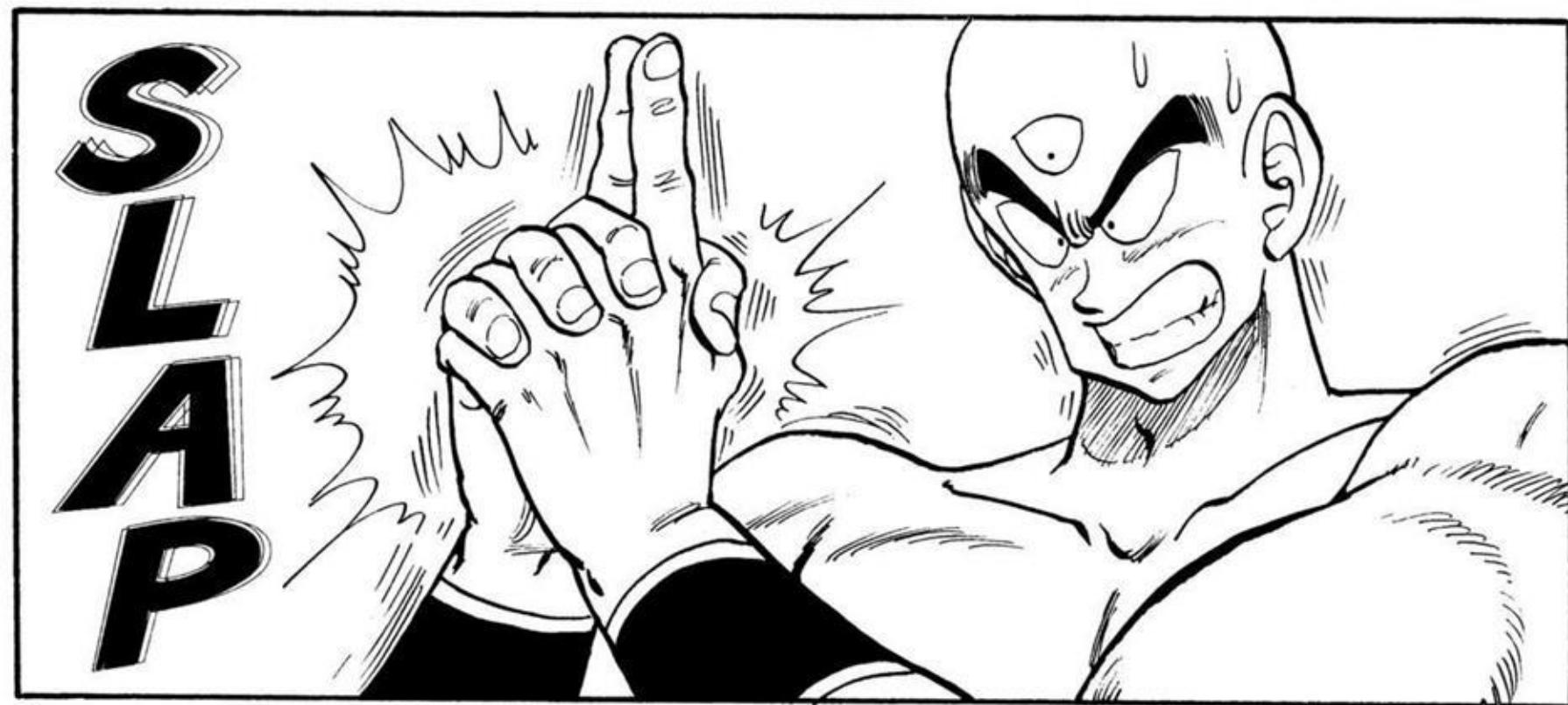
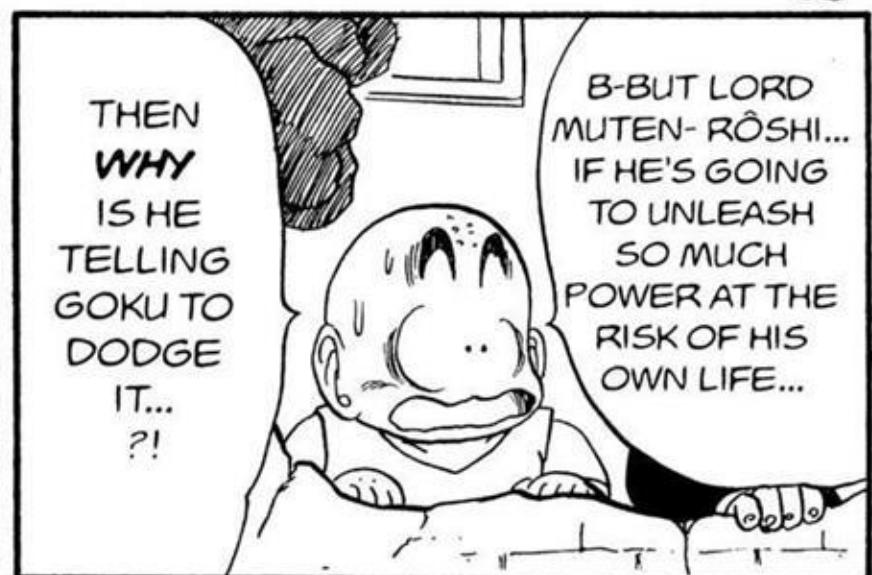
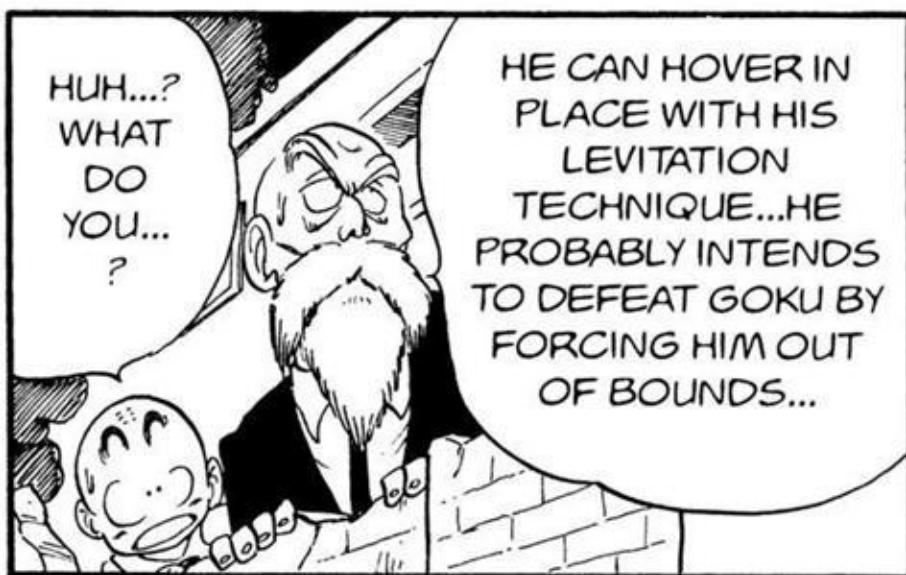
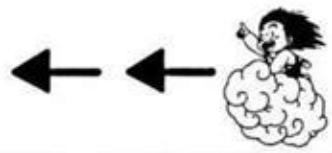
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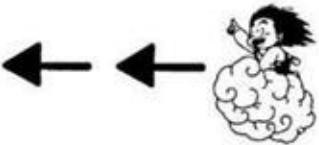


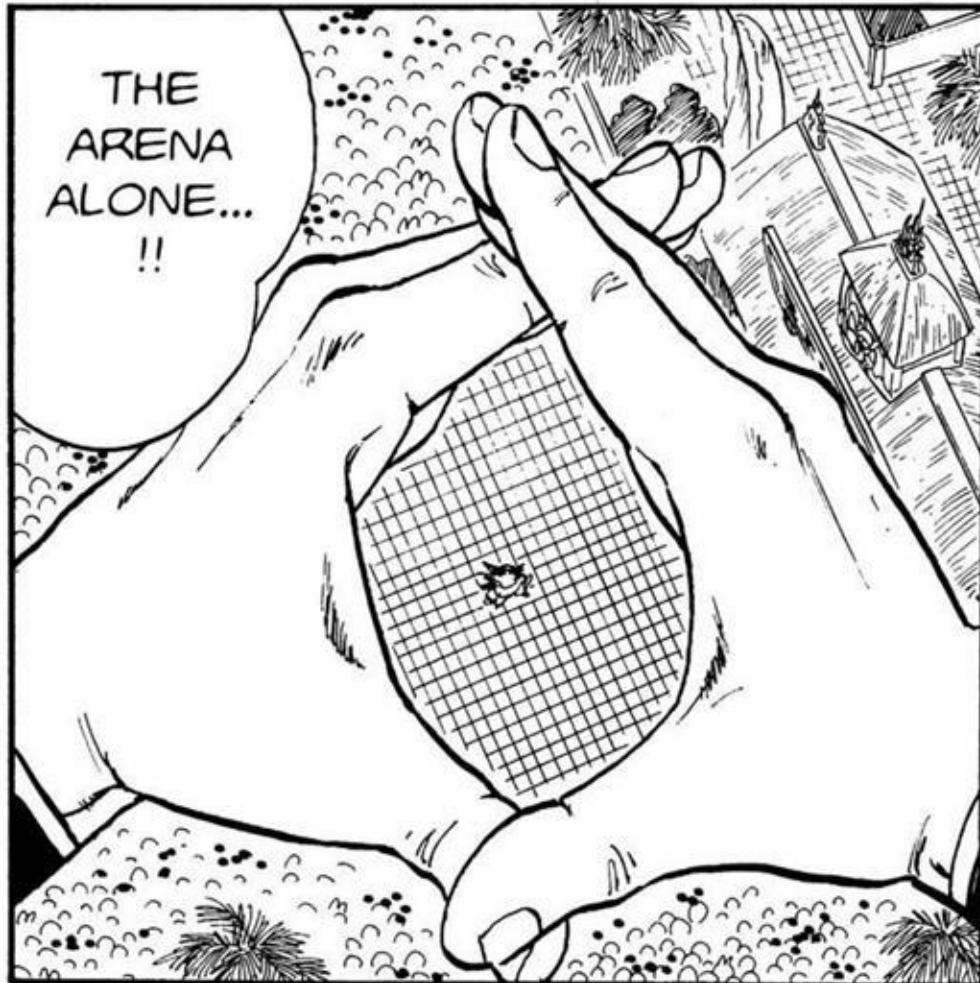
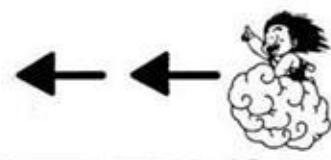
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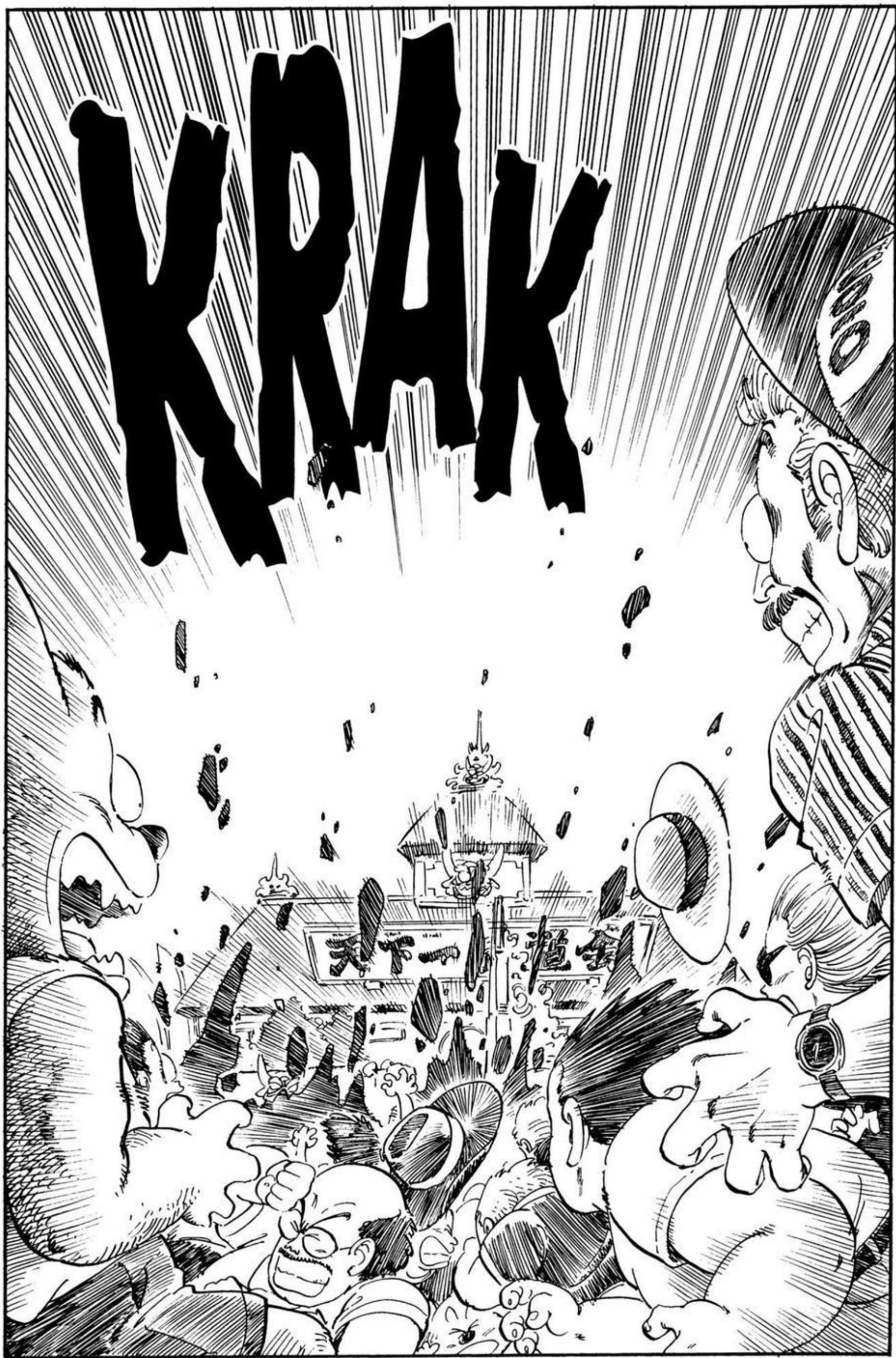
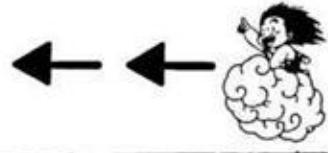


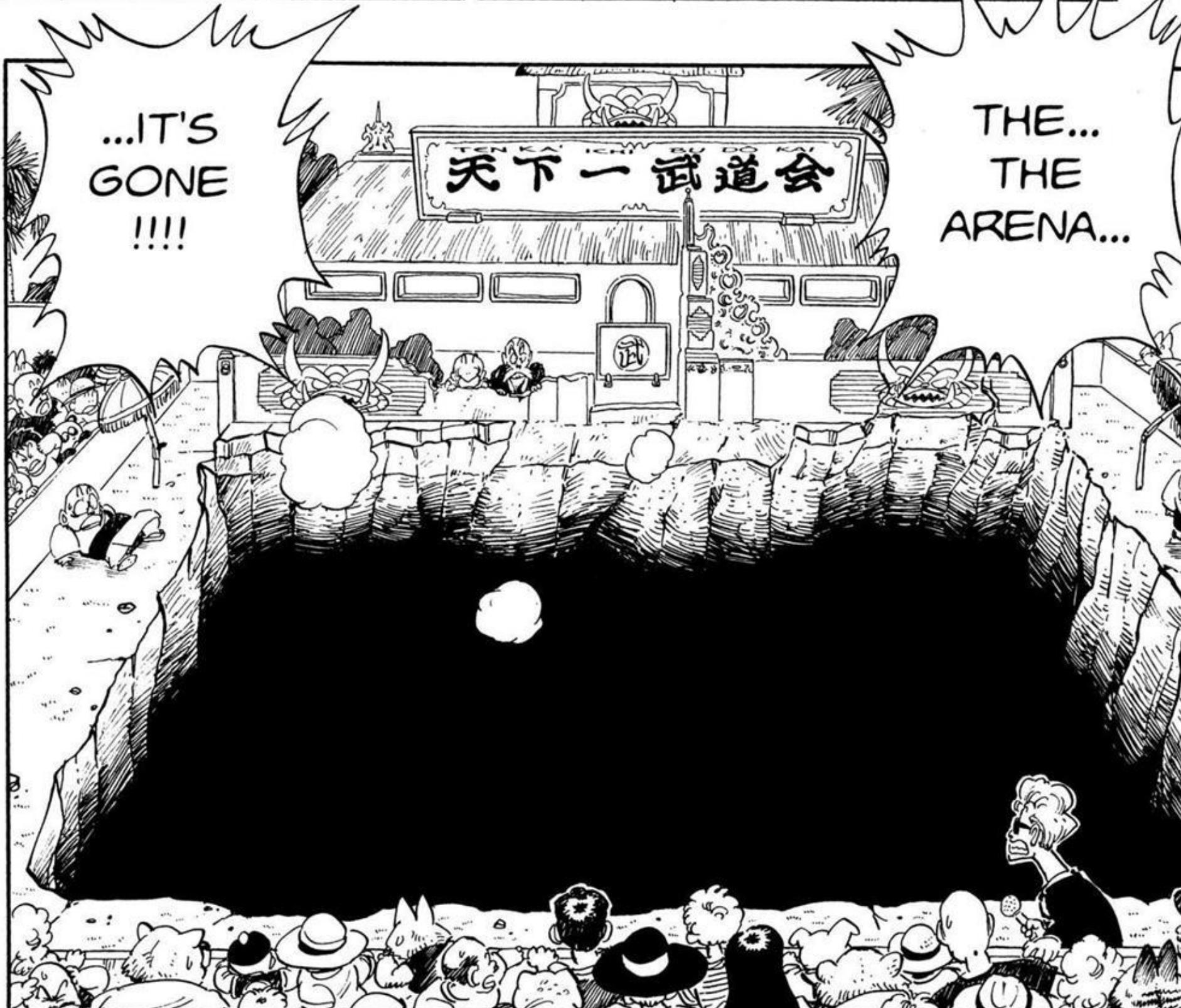




*OR IN CHINESE,
"CHI KUNG PAO"-EDITOR







WHAT DESTRUCTION...
WHAT POWER...
ONE CAN'T
EVEN BEGIN
TO COMPARE IT
TO THE KAME-
HAMEHA...!

WH-
WHERE'S
GOKU
?!

GOKU'S
GONE!! HE
WAS BLOWN
TO BITS
ALONG
WITH THE
ARENA!!!!

TH-TH-TH-
TH-THIS IS
BEYOND BELIEF...!!!
THE TOURNAMENT
ARENA WAS
BLOWN AWAY
IN AN
INSTANT...!!!!

HE'S
ABOVE
ME
!!!

PANT...
PANT...

NO, HE'S
ALIVE!! I
CAN FEEL
HIS AURA
!!

THEY'RE
BOTH
ALIVE
!!

OH,
I'M
SO
GLAD
!

YOU
CAN?!!
WHERE
?!

