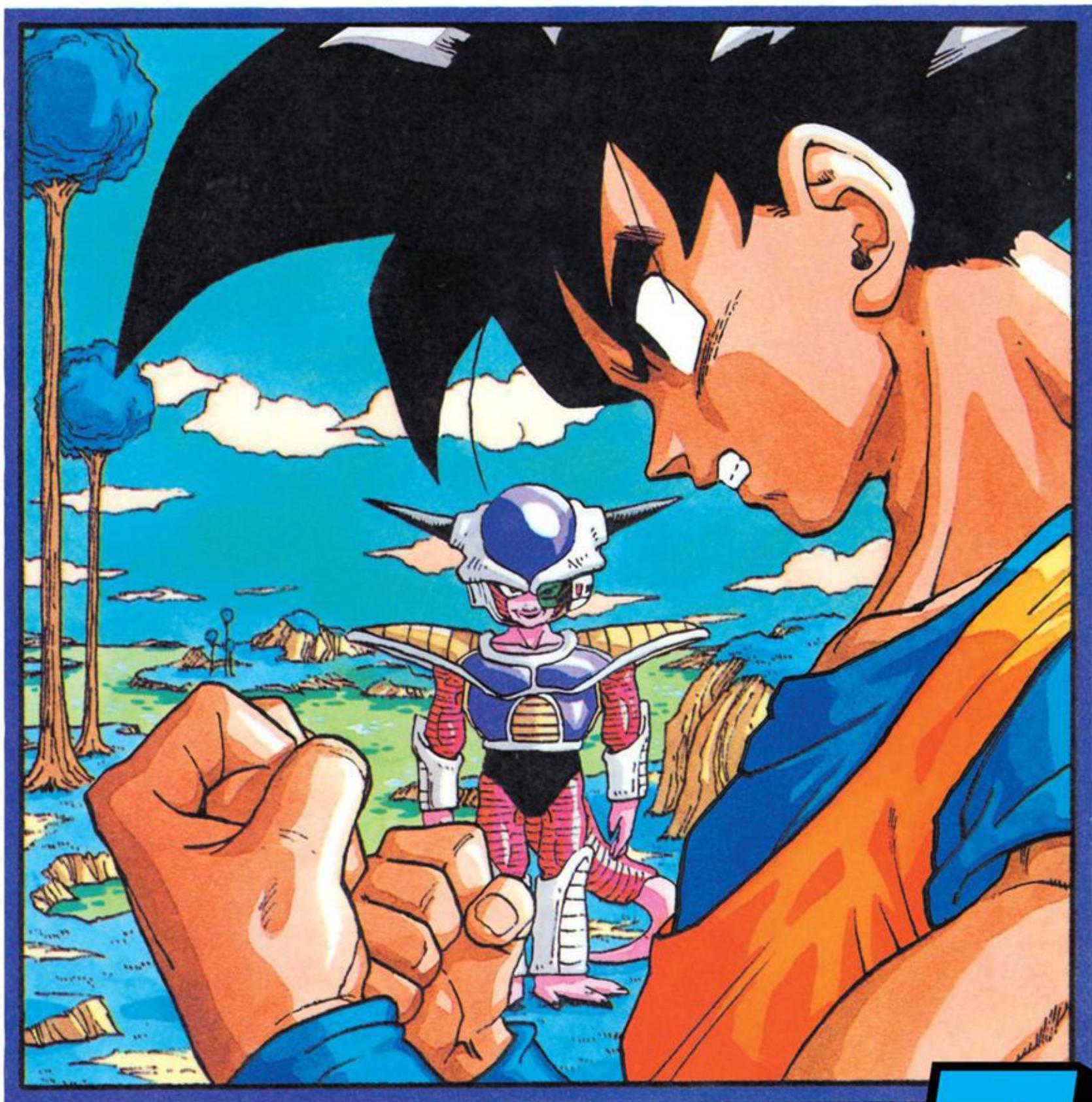


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I am fairly confident about my health. I hardly ever get stiff shoulders, but recently, my right hand has been sore and it's getting to the point where it's painful. When I think about it, it's been almost eleven years of straight manga-drawing since I started **Dr. Slump** on through to **Dragon Ball**, and I haven't had much time off. Hey, maybe a doctor will force me to take three months off! (Though actually, my hand has been fine since yesterday...darn it!)

—Akira Toriyama, 1990

Artist/writer Akira Toriyama burst onto the manga scene in 1980 with the wildly popular **Dr. Slump**, a science fiction comedy about the adventures of a mad scientist and his android "daughter." In 1984 he created his hit series **Dragon Ball**, which ran until 1995 in Shueisha's best-selling magazine **Weekly Shonen Jump**, and was translated into foreign languages around the world. Since **Dragon Ball**, he has worked on a variety of short series, including **Cowa!**, **Kajika**, **SandLand**, and **Neko Majin**, as well as a children's book, **Toccio the Angel**. He is also known for his design work on video games, particularly the **Dragon Warrior** RPG series. He lives with his family in Japan.

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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 one of the alien Saiyans. To get even stronger, he is training under 30 times Earth's gravity.

The Great Elder

The sole survivor of a cataclysm that nearly destroyed all the Namekians. All the current Namekians (except Piccolo) are its children.



Son Gohan

Goku's four-year-old son, a half-human, half-Saiyan with hidden reserves of strength. He was trained by Goku's former enemy Piccolo.



Freeza

Freeza
Major landowner and possible emperor of the universe. After learning of the existence of Dragon Balls from Vegeta, he has come to Namek to fulfill his wish for immortality.



Vegeta

The prince of planet Vegeta, homeworld of the Saiyans. He once served Freeza, but has betrayed him in order to seek ultimate power himself.



Dende

Dende
A young Namekian who Gohan and Kuririn befriended.



Zarbon

Zarbon
Freeza's right-hand man, he has the power to transform into a monstrous reptile.

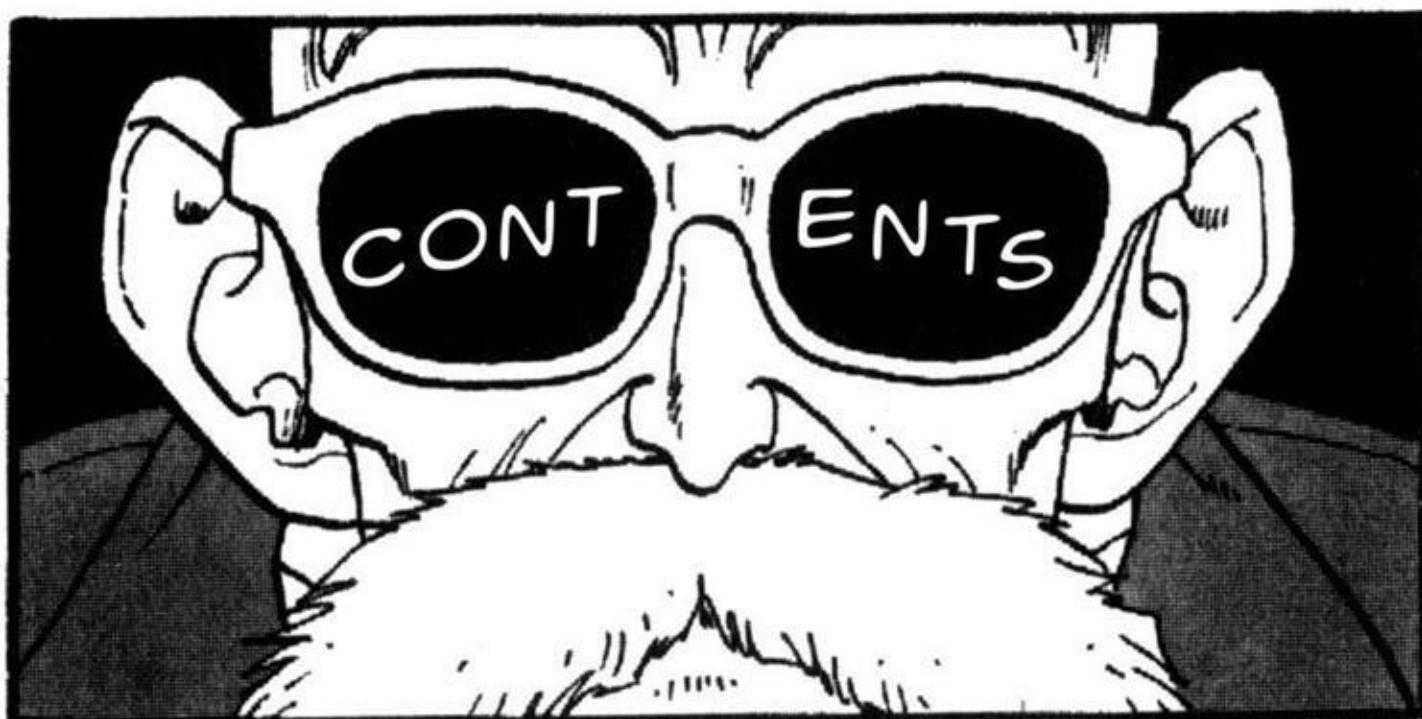


Nail

Nail
A Namekian warrior, its first duty is to defend the Great Elder.

Son Goku was Earth's greatest hero, and the Dragon Balls—which can grant any wish—were Earth's greatest treasure. When Vegeta attacked Earth to steal them, Goku and his friends managed to fend him off, but not before many heroes died and the Dragon Balls themselves were destroyed. In search of a way to wish their friends back to life, Bulma, Gohan and Kuririn went into outer space to planet Namek, where the Dragon Balls were originally made. But Namek had been invaded by Freeza, Vegeta's former master—as well as by Vegeta himself! While our heroes risk their lives to save the Namekians, the rebel Vegeta fights Freeza's minions, seemingly ending in Vegeta's defeat. Meanwhile, Goku heads to Namek via spaceship, to rescue his stranded friends and his son...

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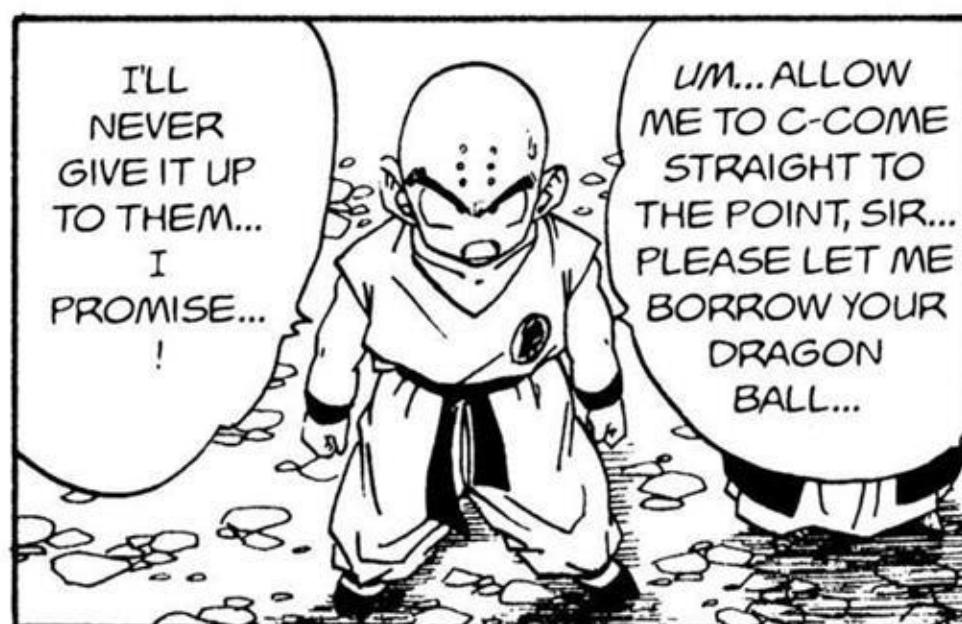
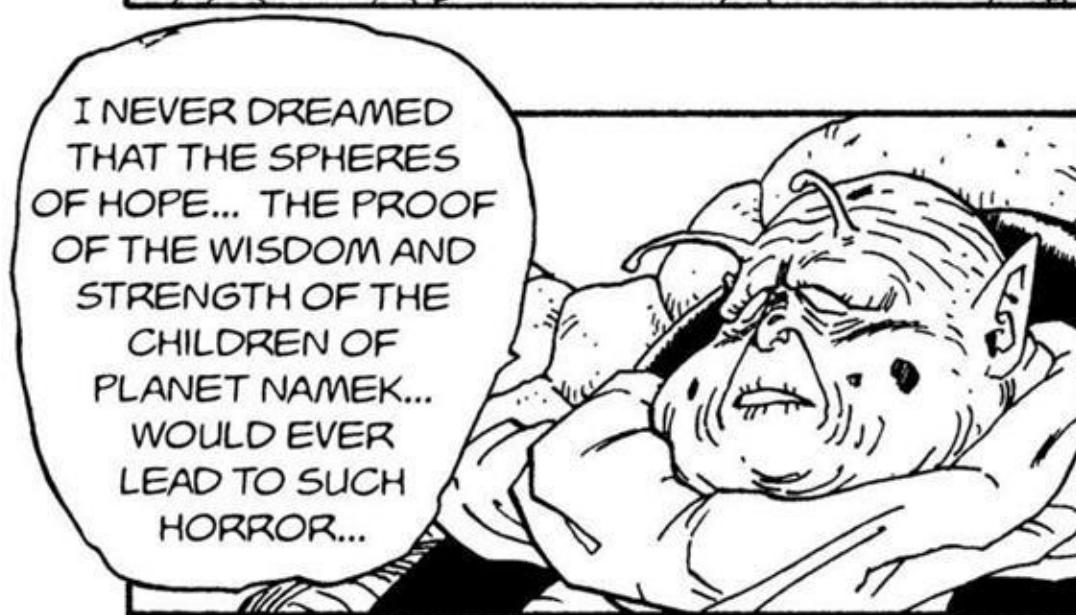
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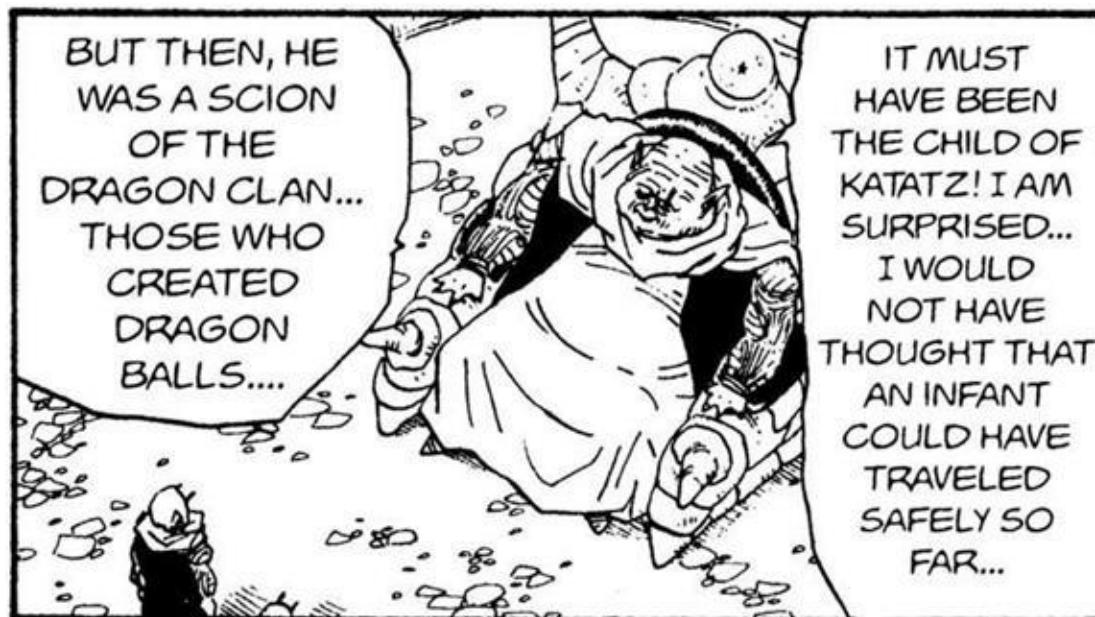
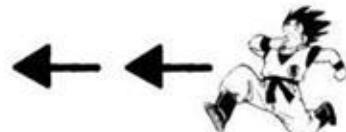
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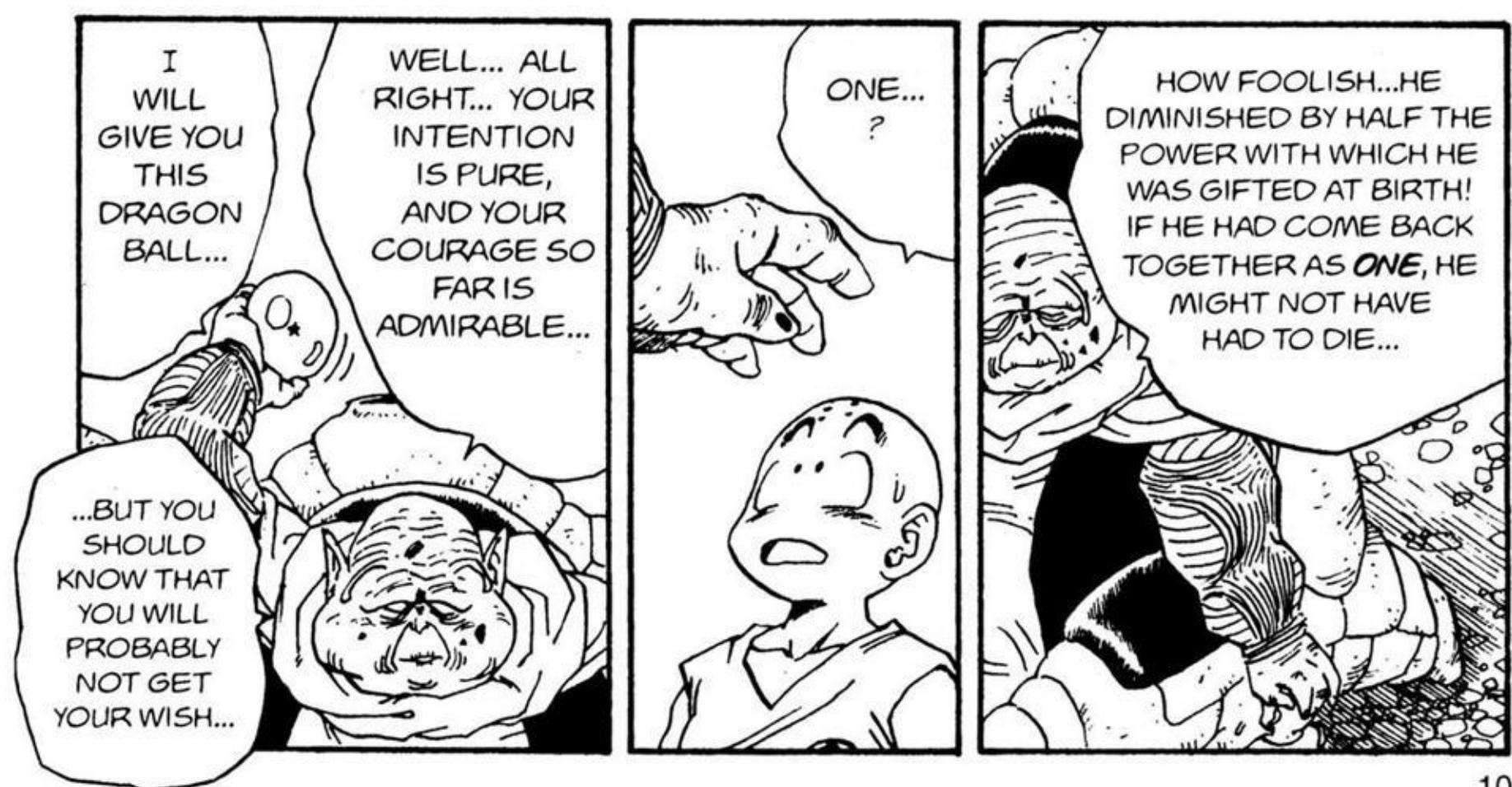
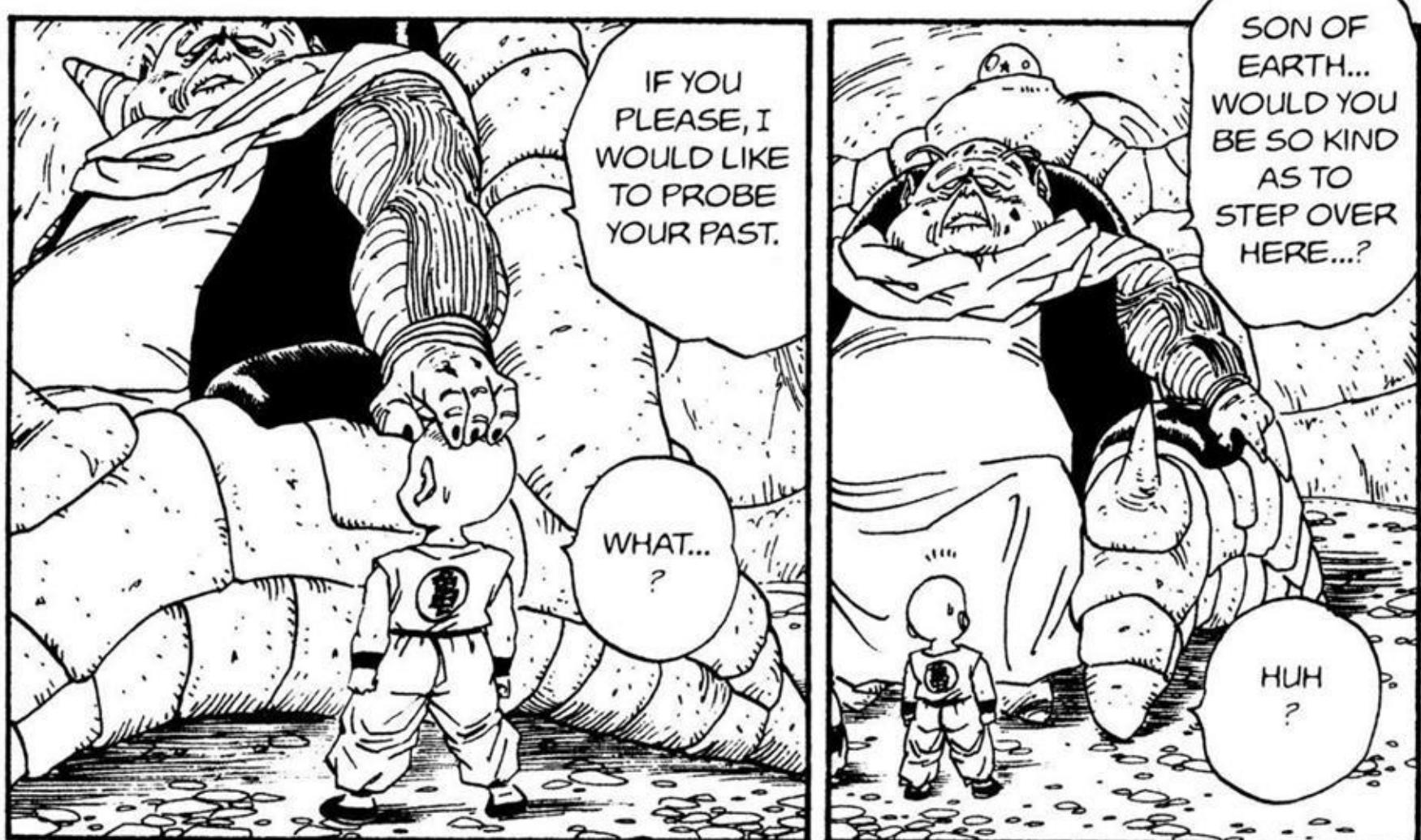
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MY LIFE, UNFORTUNATELY, WILL PROBABLY ONLY LAST A FEW MORE DAYS. IN THAT TIME, CAN YOU TAKE FROM OUR FOES THE BALLS THEY HAVE ALREADY GATHERED? I FEAR IT IS IMPOSSIBLE. AND WHEN I DIE, THE DRAGON BALLS WILL ALSO DISAPPEAR...

WH-
WHY'S
THAT...
?

ANYTHING'S BETTER THAN LETTING **THEM** HAVE ETERNAL LIFE!

WELL...THAT'S IT, THEN! CAN'T BE HELPED! I'LL PROTECT THIS DRAGON BALL WITH MY LIFE!

...I SEE...

IN FACT, YOU ARE WASTING INNER STRENGTH THAT STILL LIES ASLEEP.

BY THE WAY, YOU HAVE EXCEPTIONAL STRENGTH FOR AN EARTHLING...

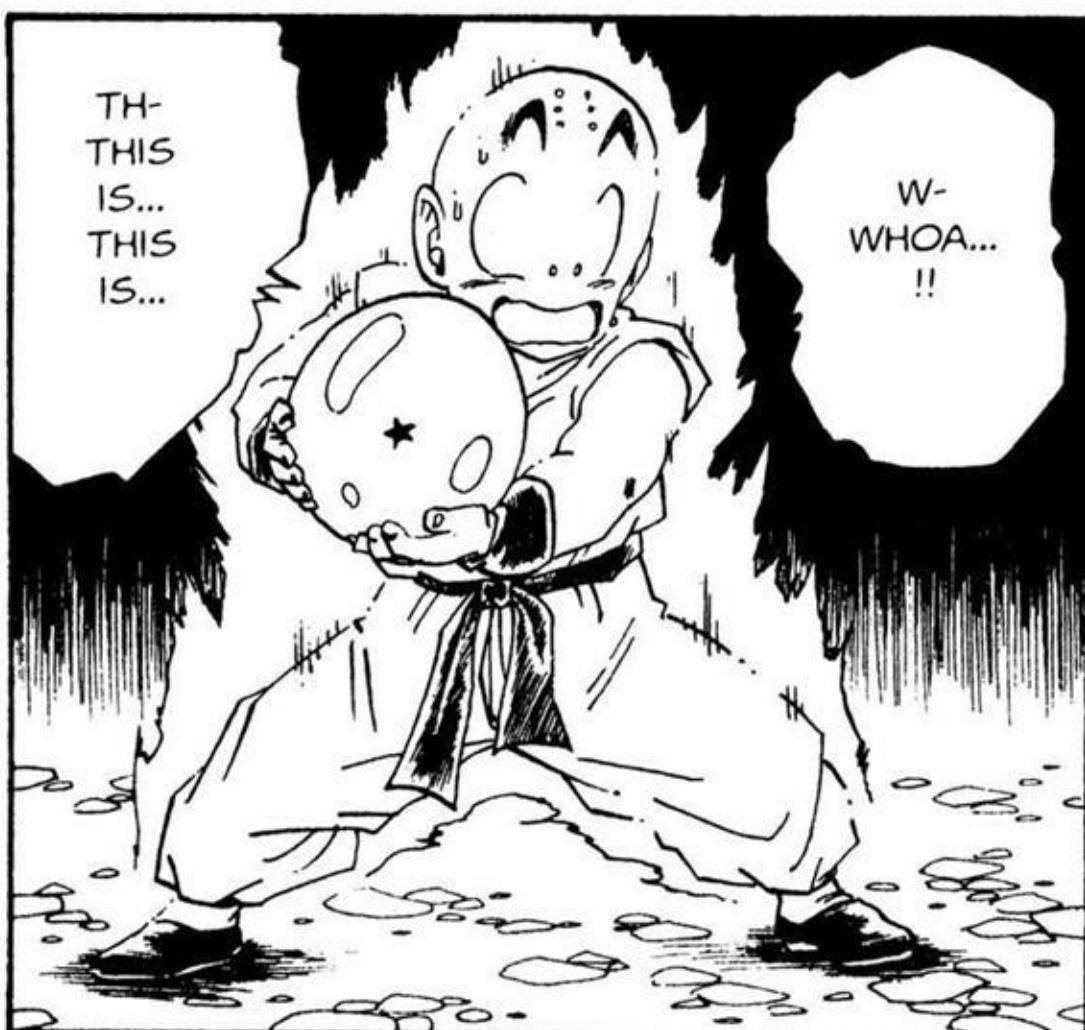
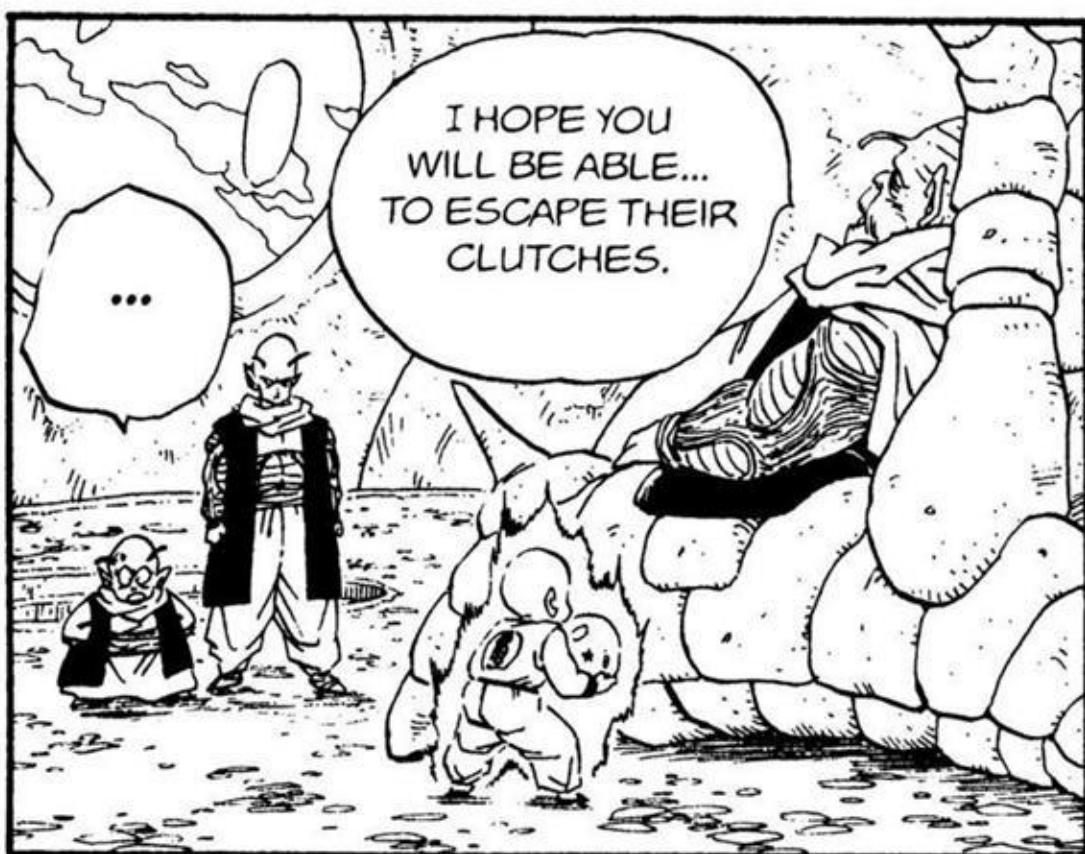
I CANNOT MOVE FROM HERE ANY MORE...IF THE ONE CALLED FREEZA COMES HERE, NOT EVEN NAIL HERE WOULD BE ABLE TO DEFEND ME...

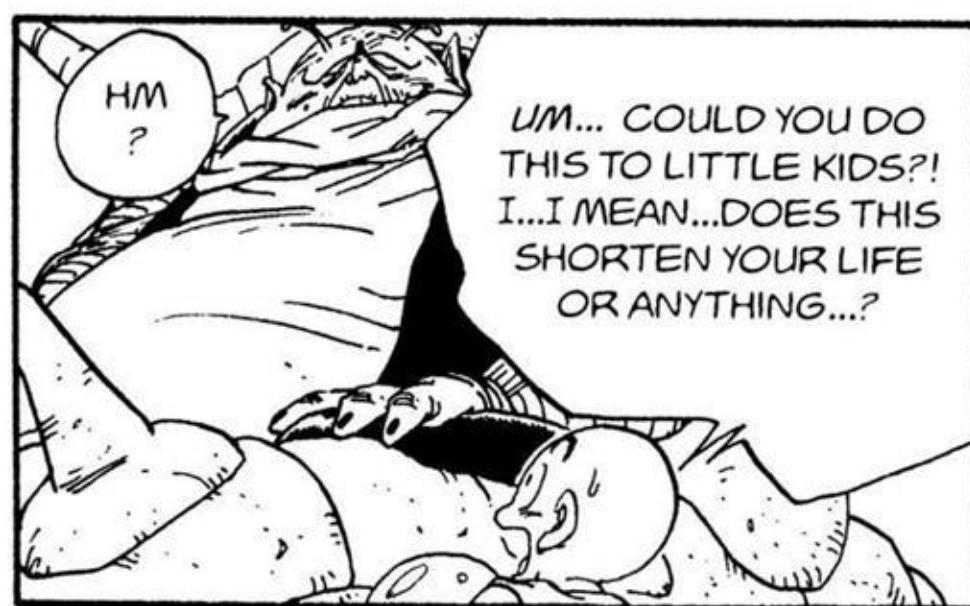
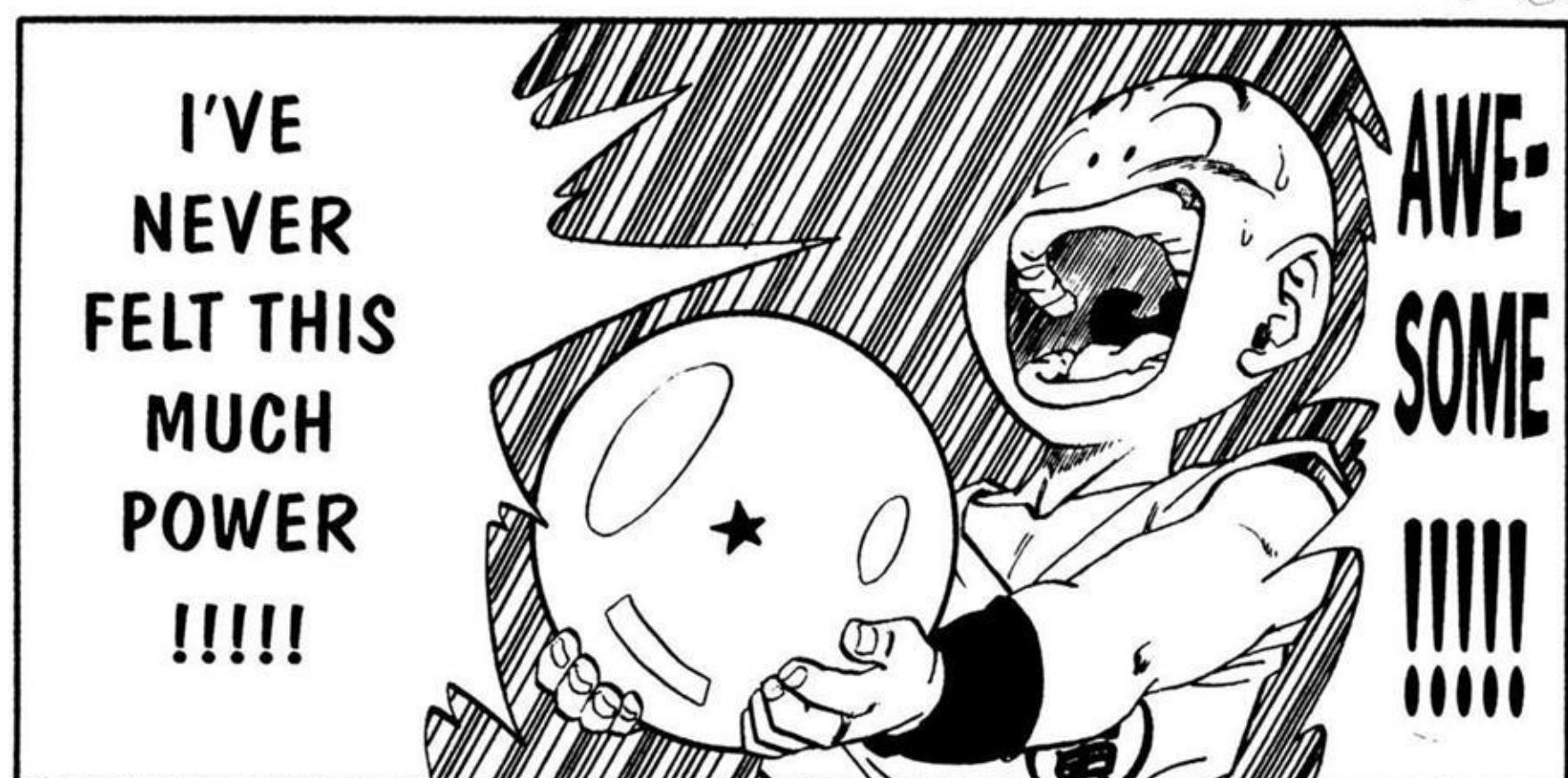
PLEASE DO SO...

HUH?!
INNER
STRENGTH
?!

I CAN AWAKEN IT FOR YOU.



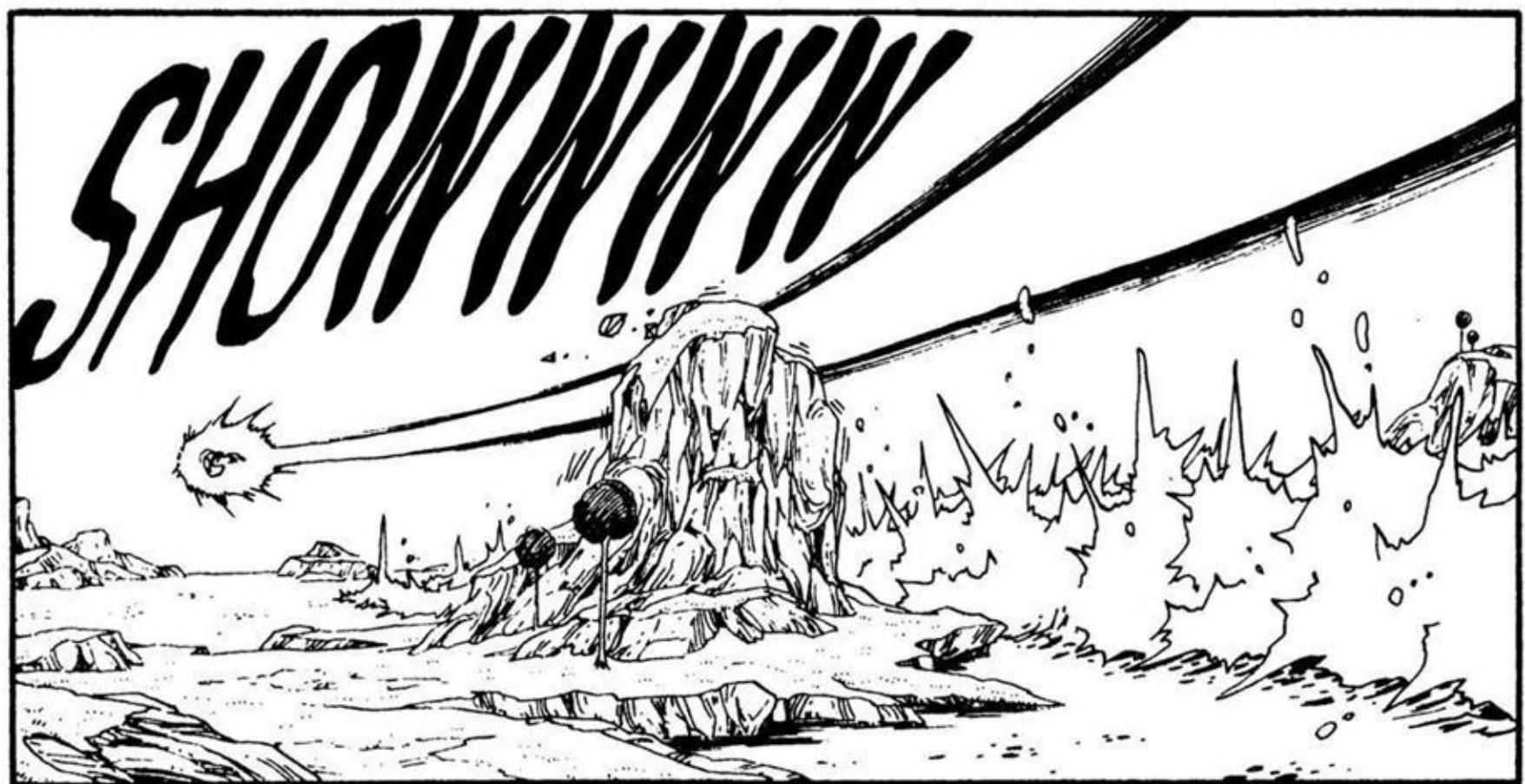
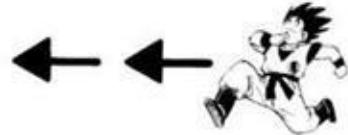


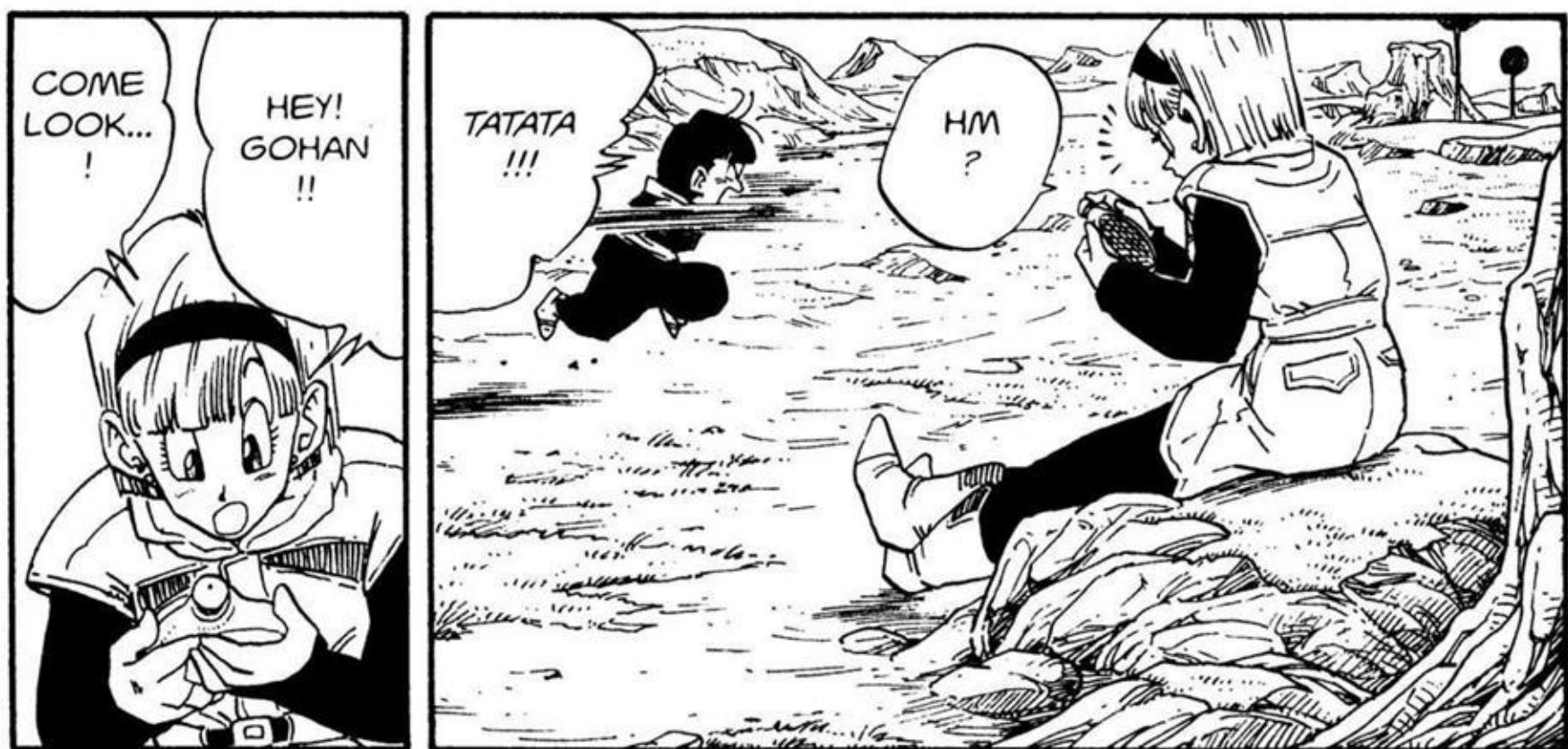
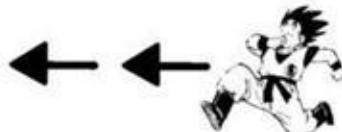


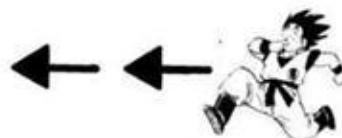
I ONLY AWAKENED WHAT WAS YOURS. IT HAS NO BEARING ON THE LIFE I HAVE LEFT.

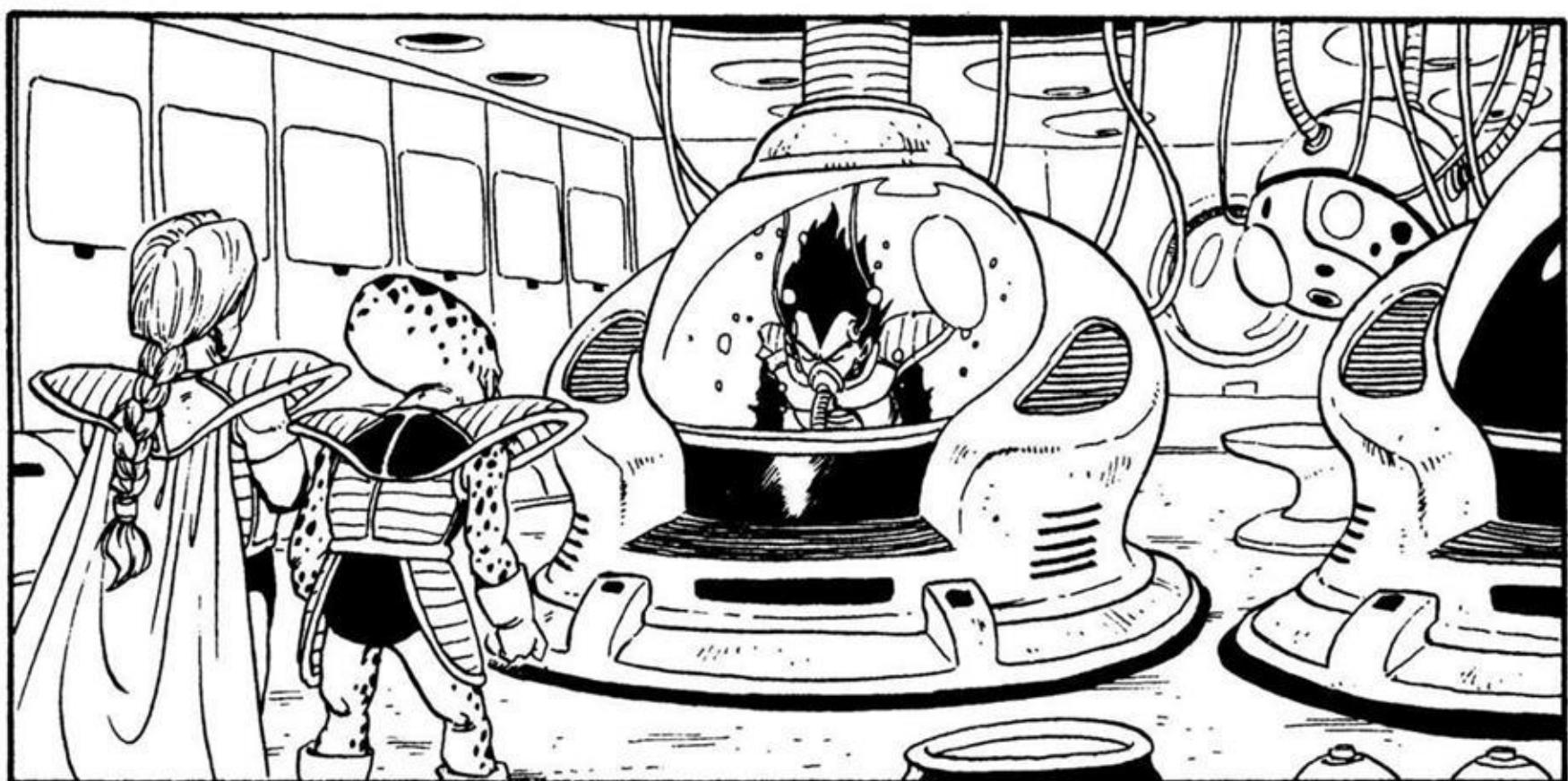
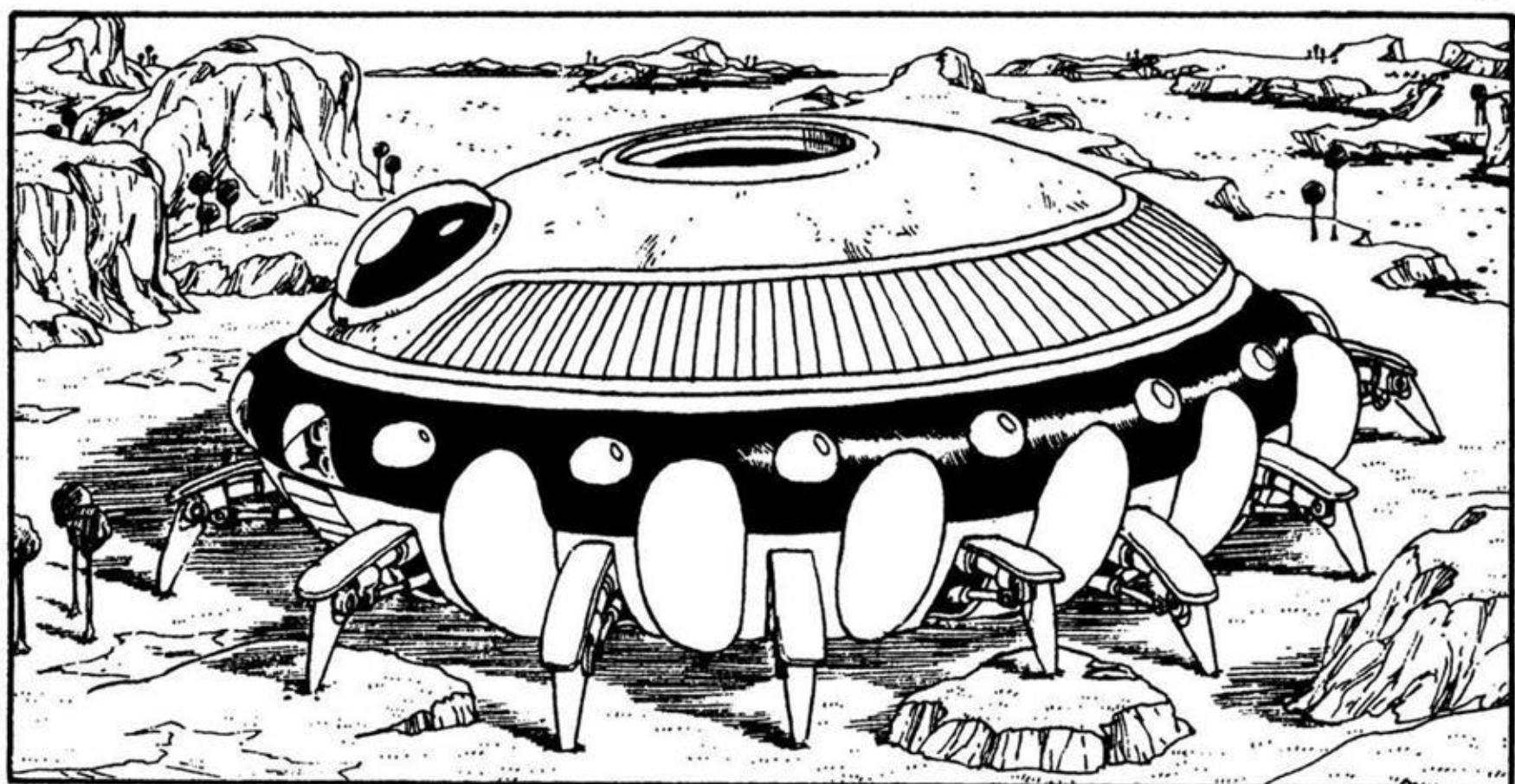
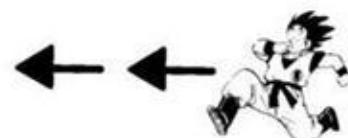


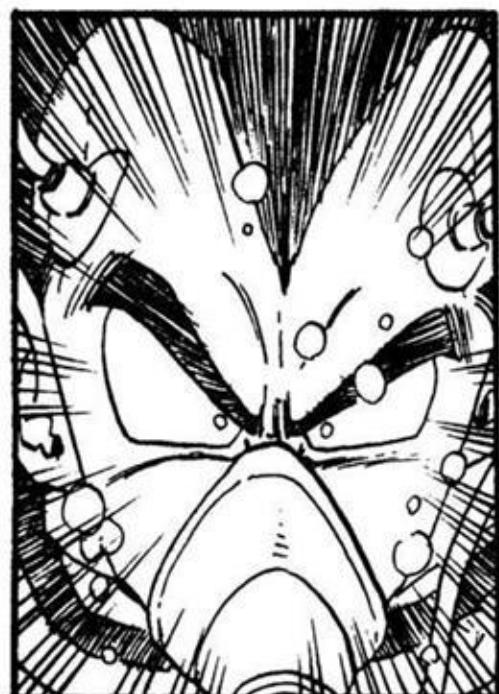
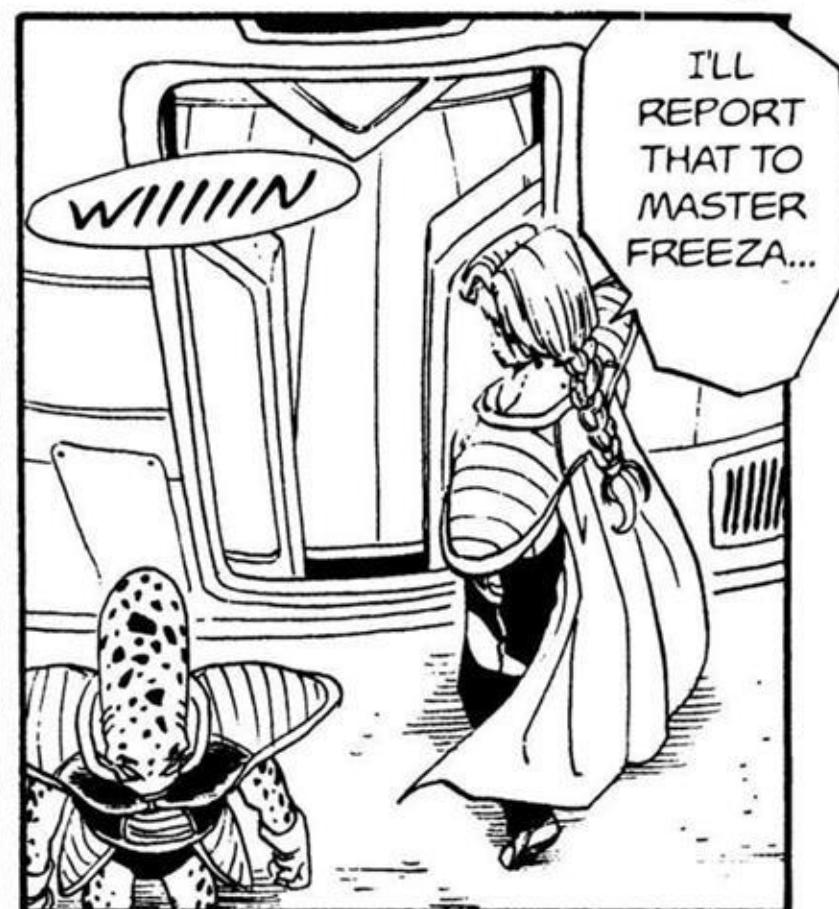
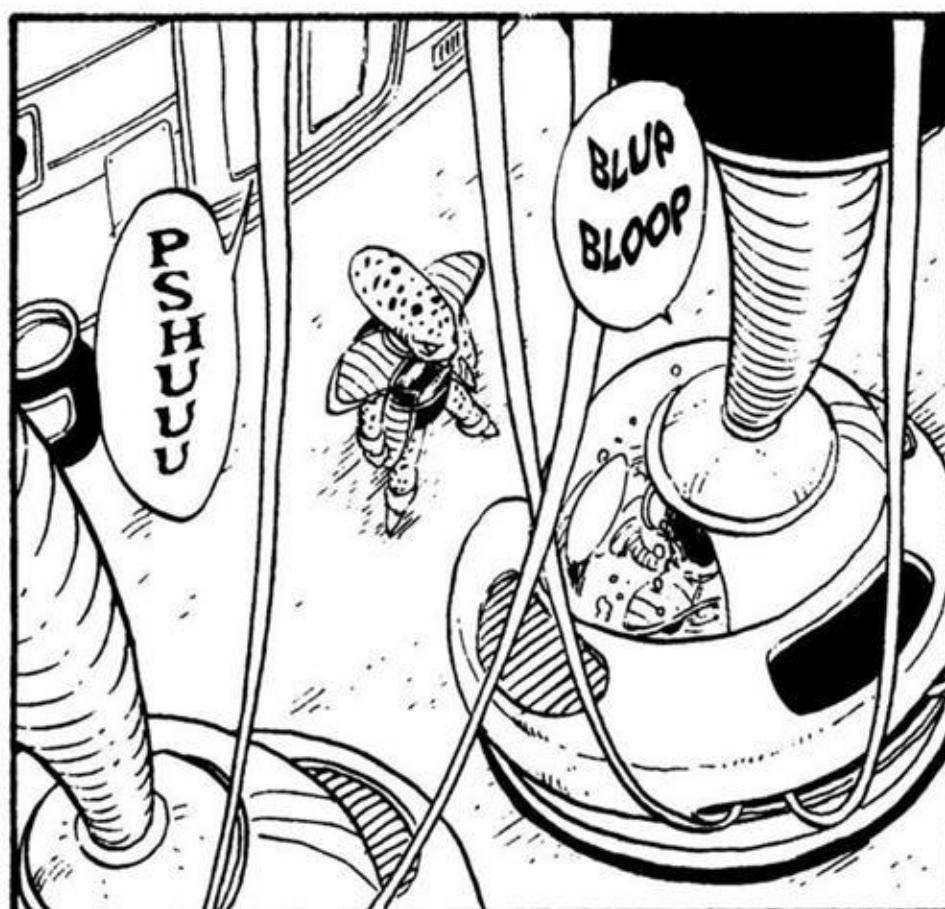
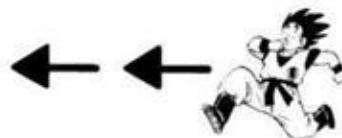


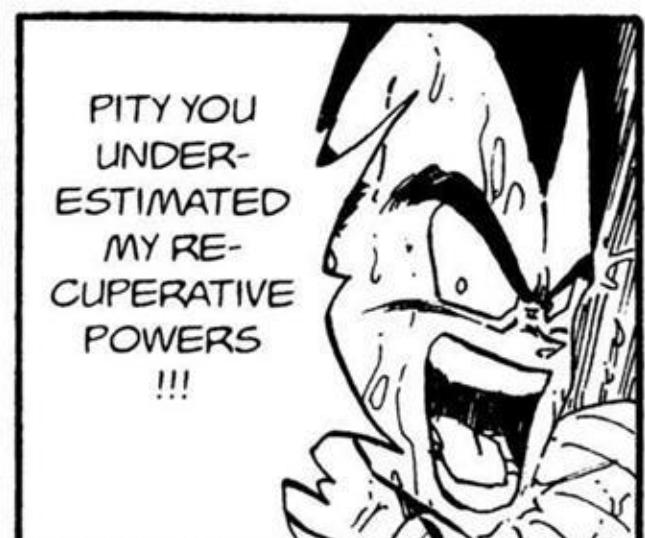
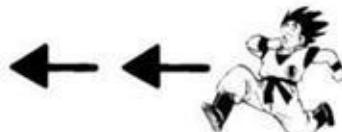














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