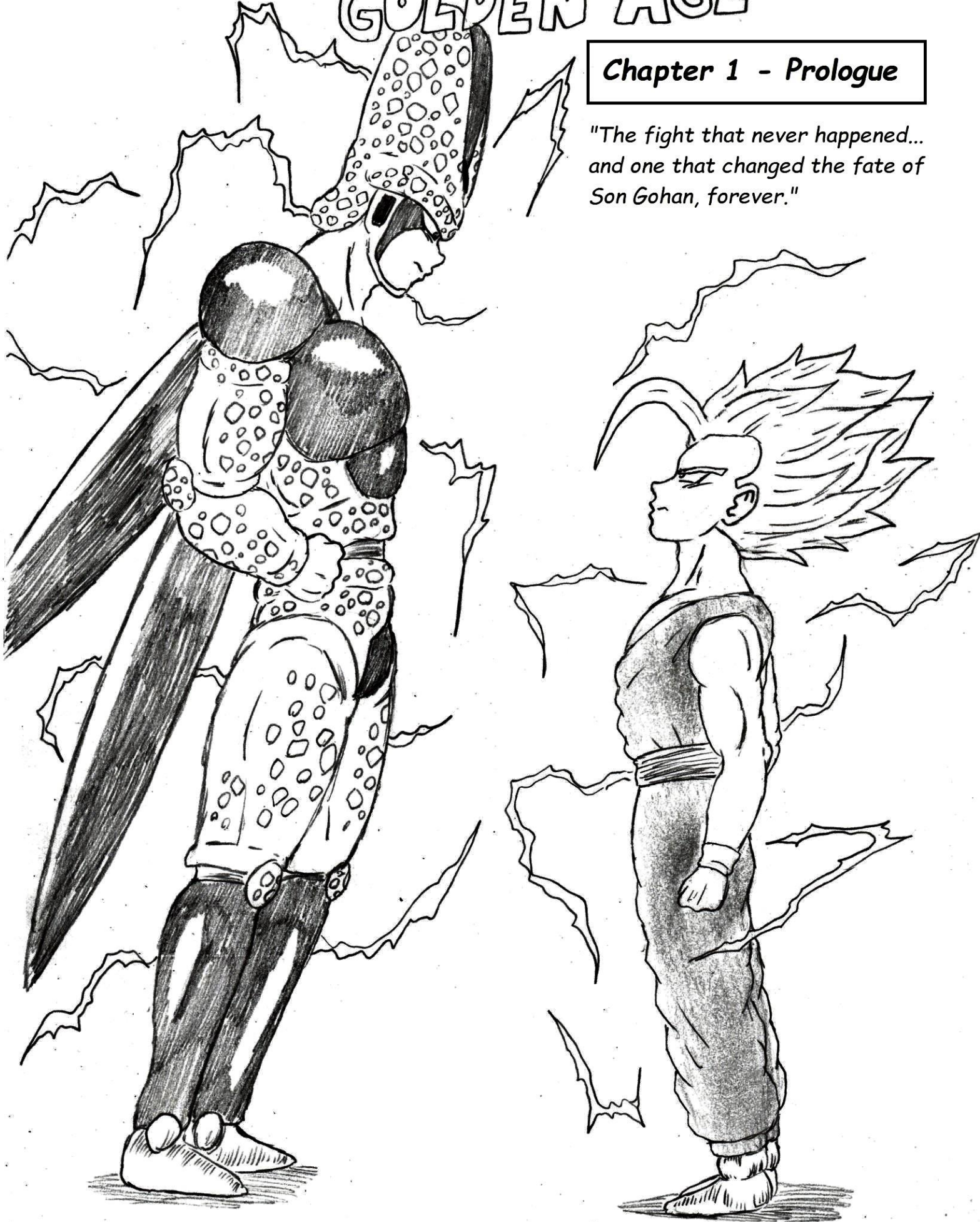


DRAG*NBALL Z

GOLDEN AGE

Chapter 1 - Prologue

*"The fight that never happened...
and one that changed the fate of
Son Gohan, forever."*





I want to see how strong you've really become.

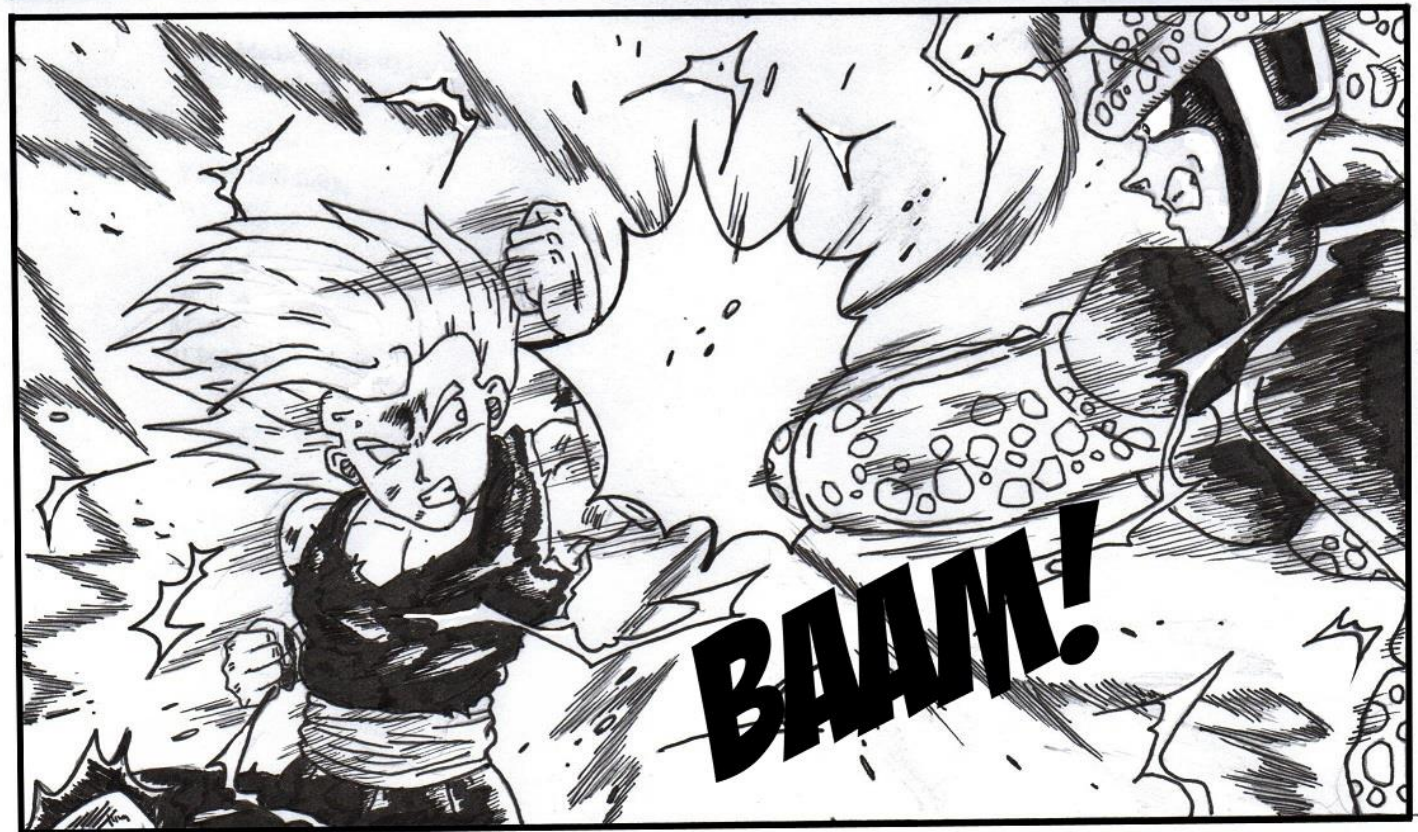
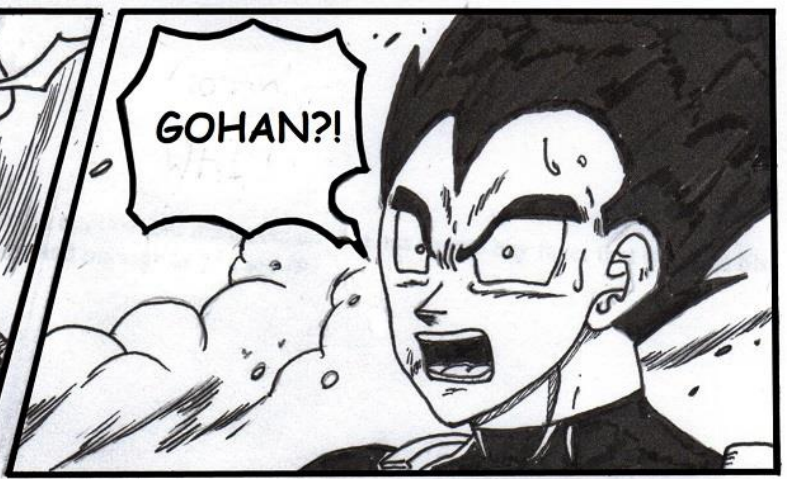
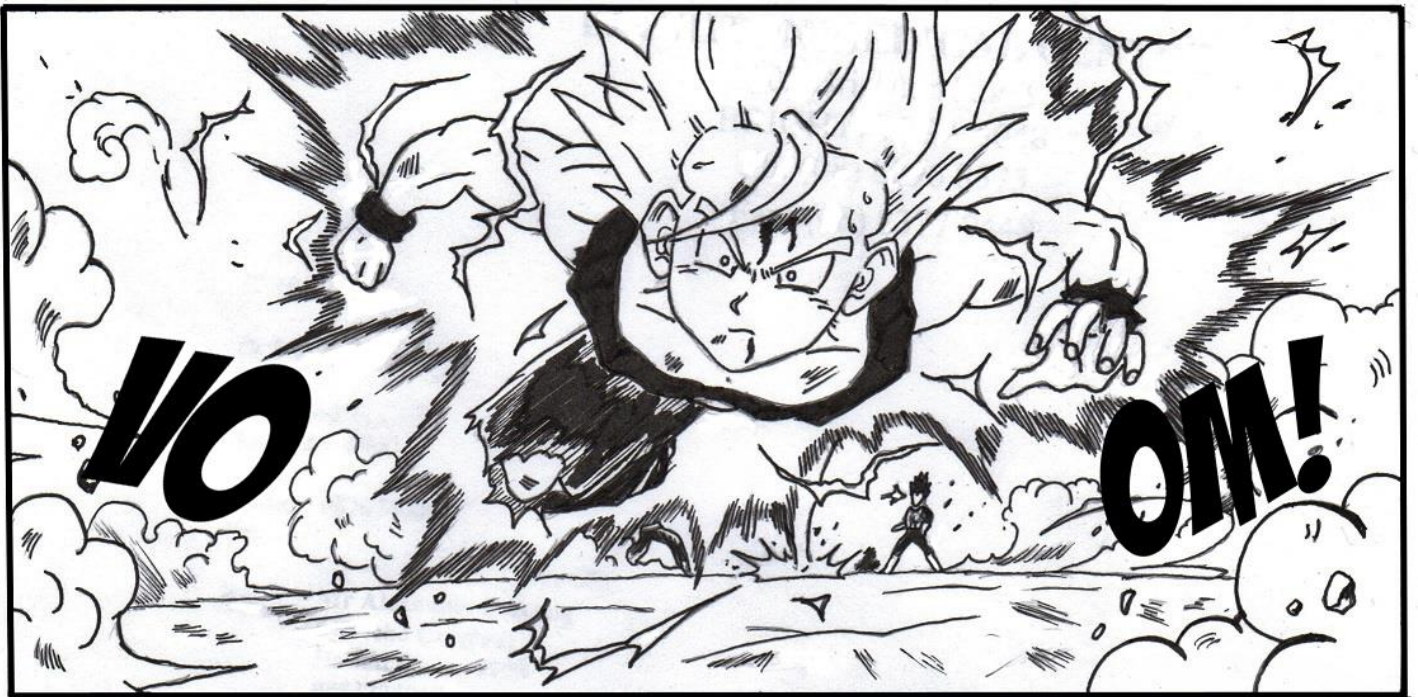
If you're as powerful as you say you are... then bring it on!



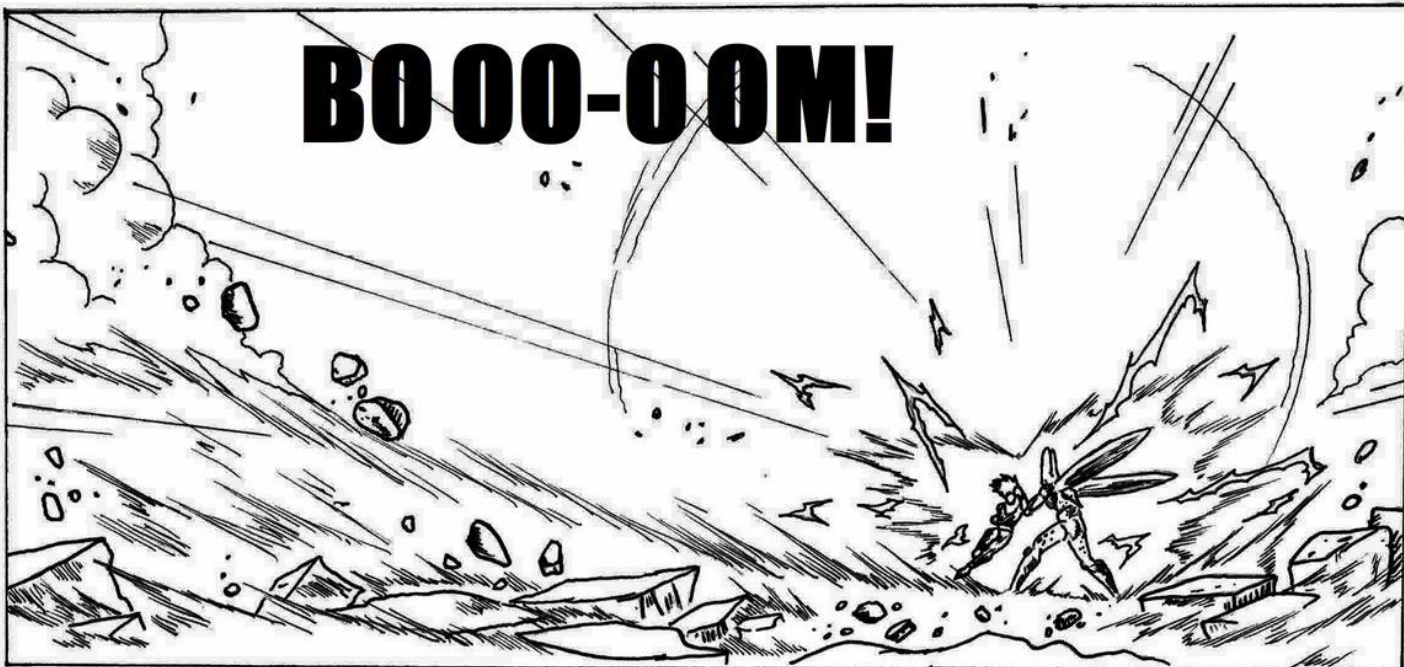
I doubt you know what you're up against this round, little man!

Hmph. Such confidence.





BOOO-OOM!



GRAAGH!

?!



BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM-BAM! BAM-BAM! BAM! BAM!



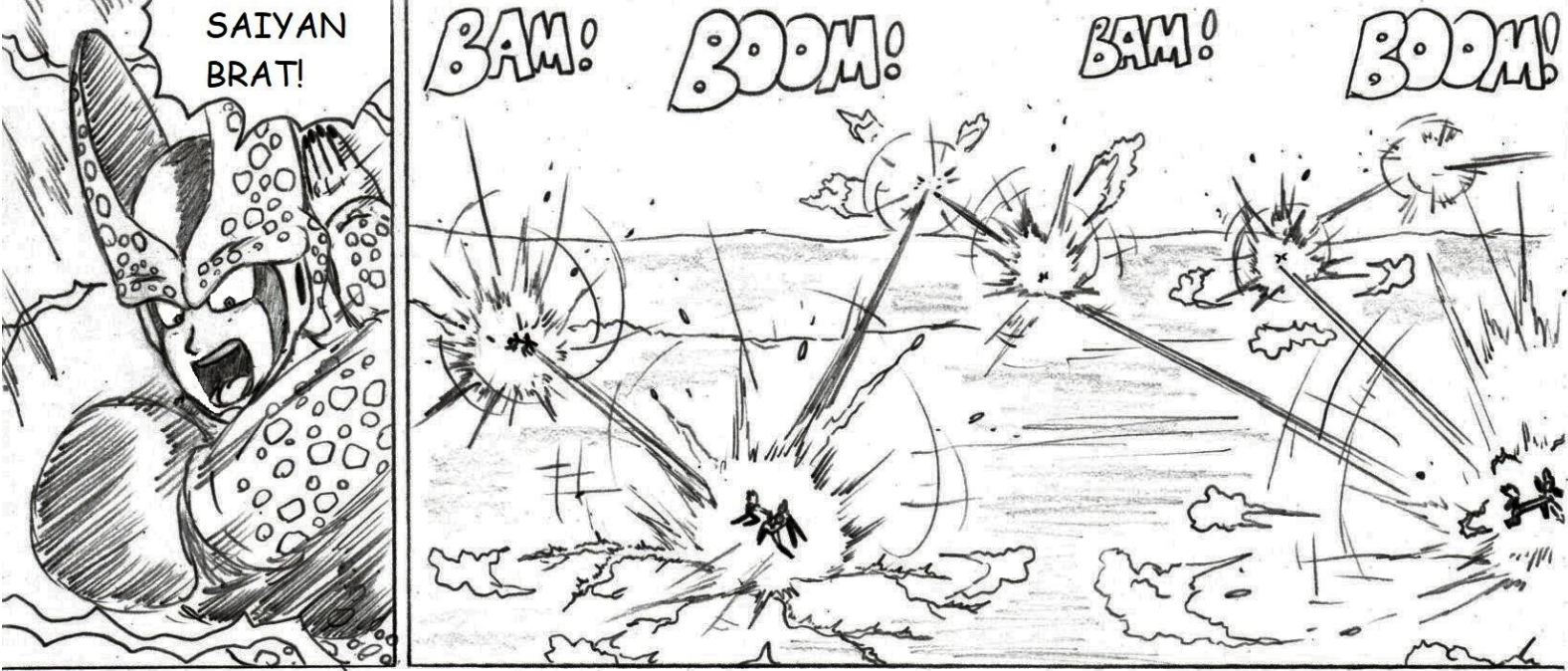
SAIYAN
BRAT!

BAM!

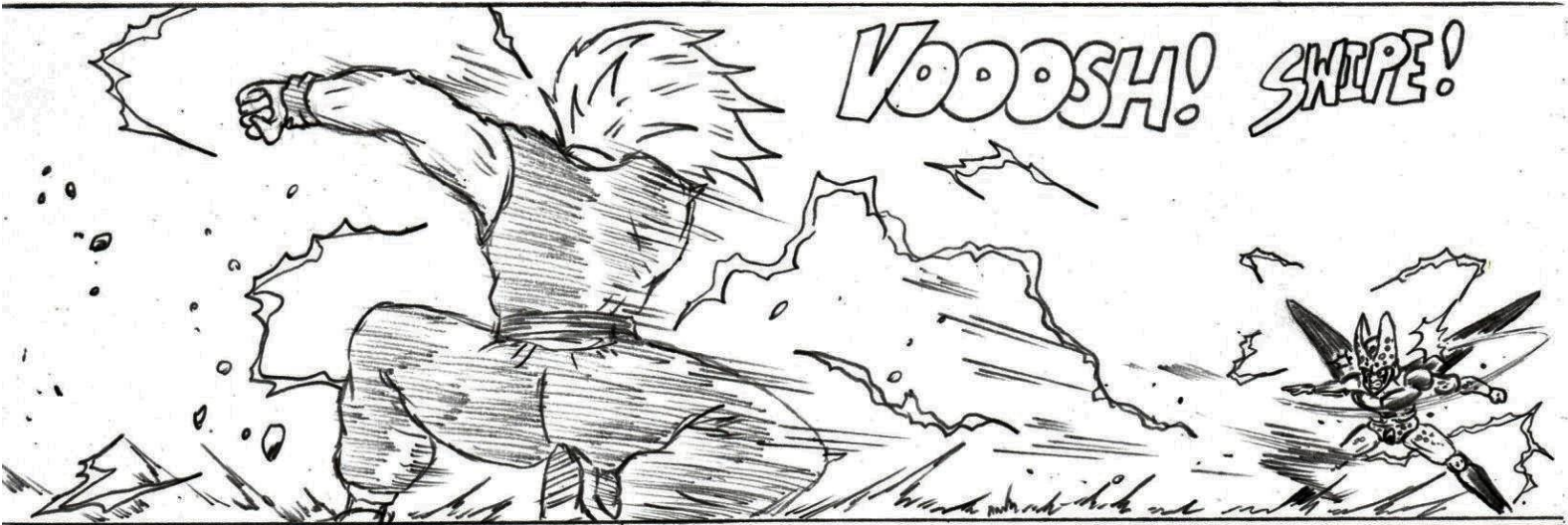
BOOM!

BAM!

BOOM!



WOOSH! SWIPE!

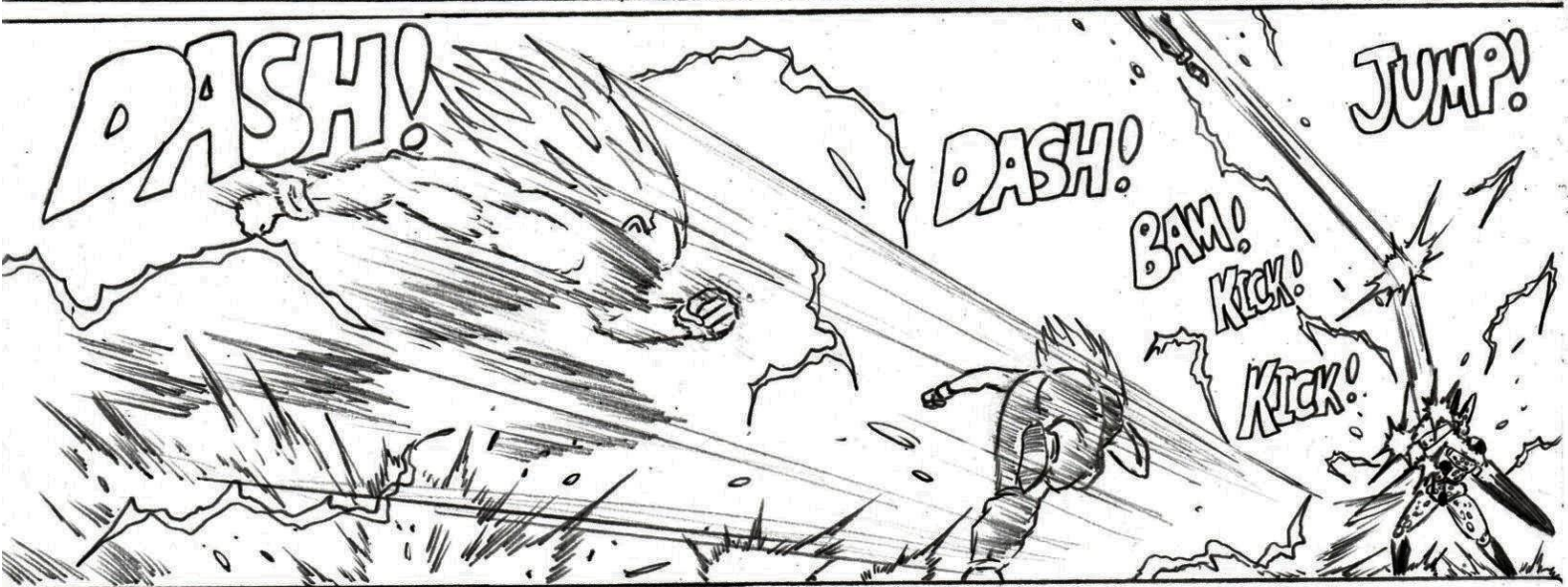


DASH!

DASH!

JUMP!

BAM!
KICK!
KICK!



OUCH!

GRAH!

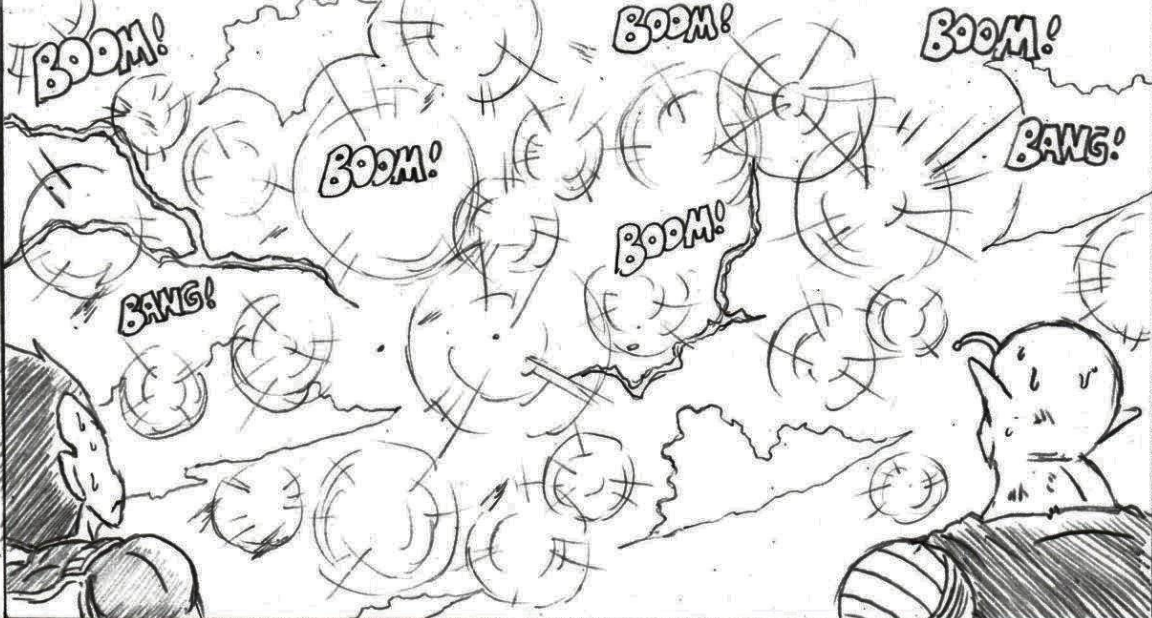
SSS

SSS



SPIN-SPIN-SPIN!

Gohan... BOOM!
BOOM! BAM!



Beat him!
Come on, kid.
You can do it!



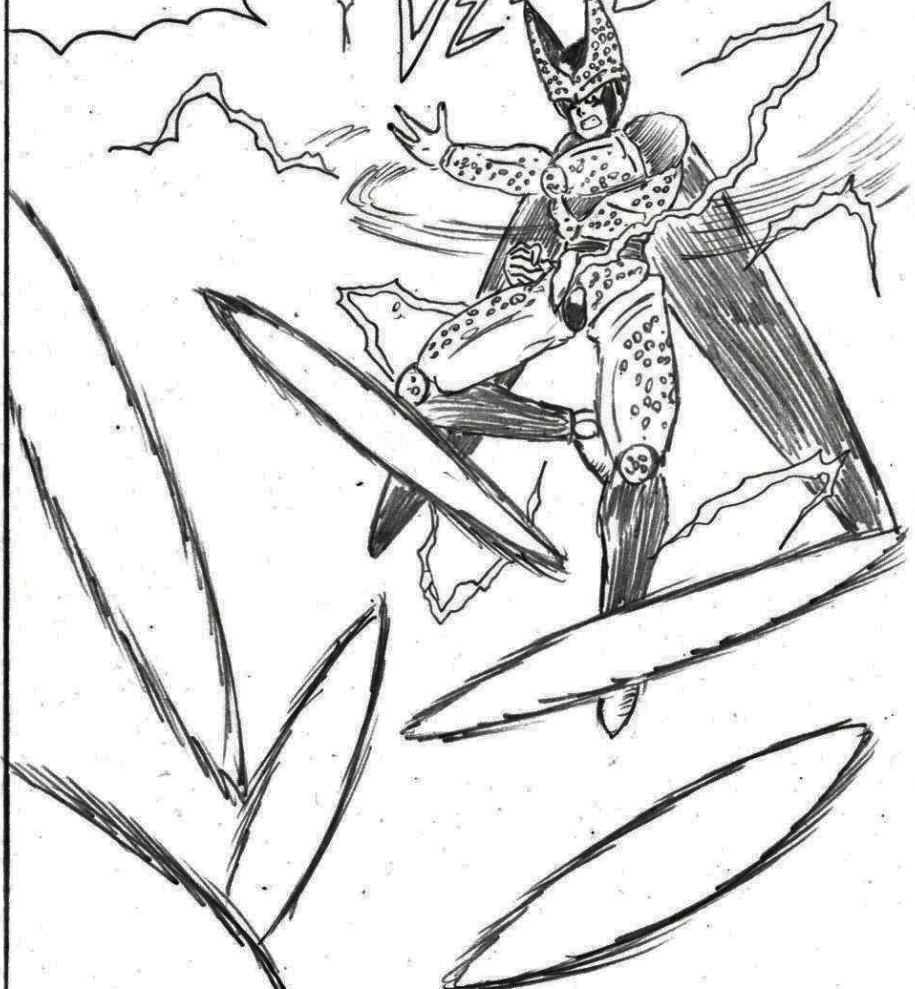
Look at em go...



BOOM!
Whoa. This is insane!



RAAAGH!!!

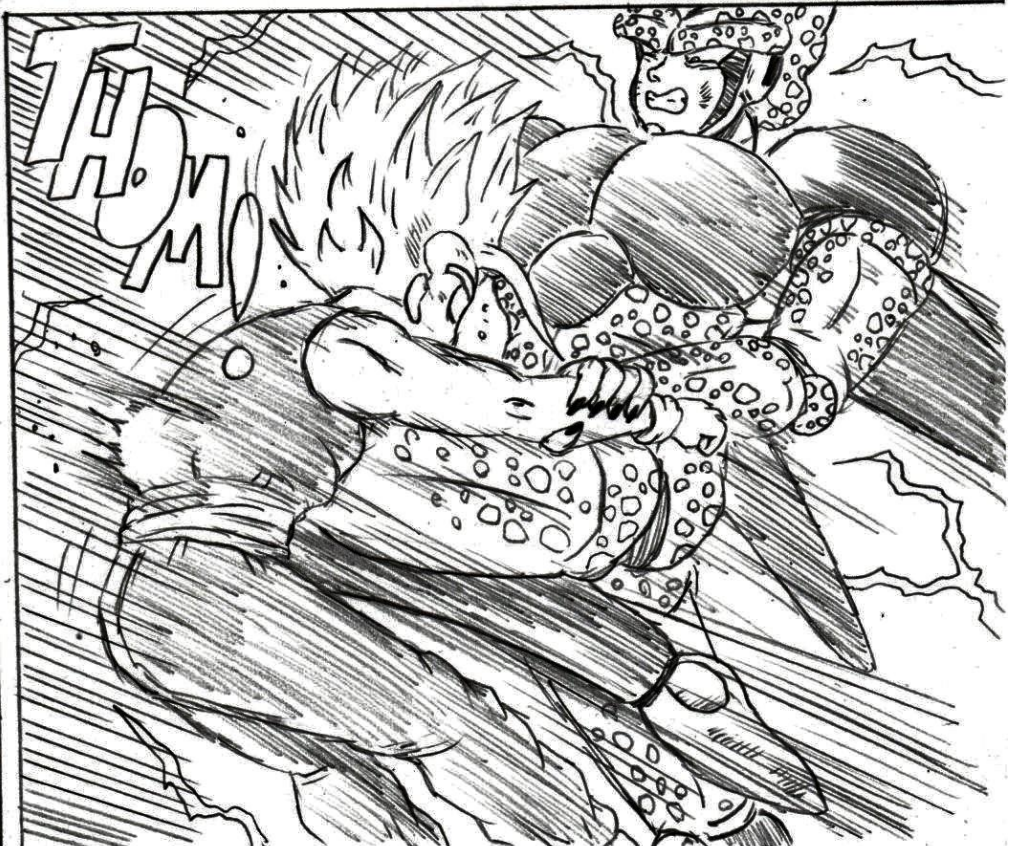
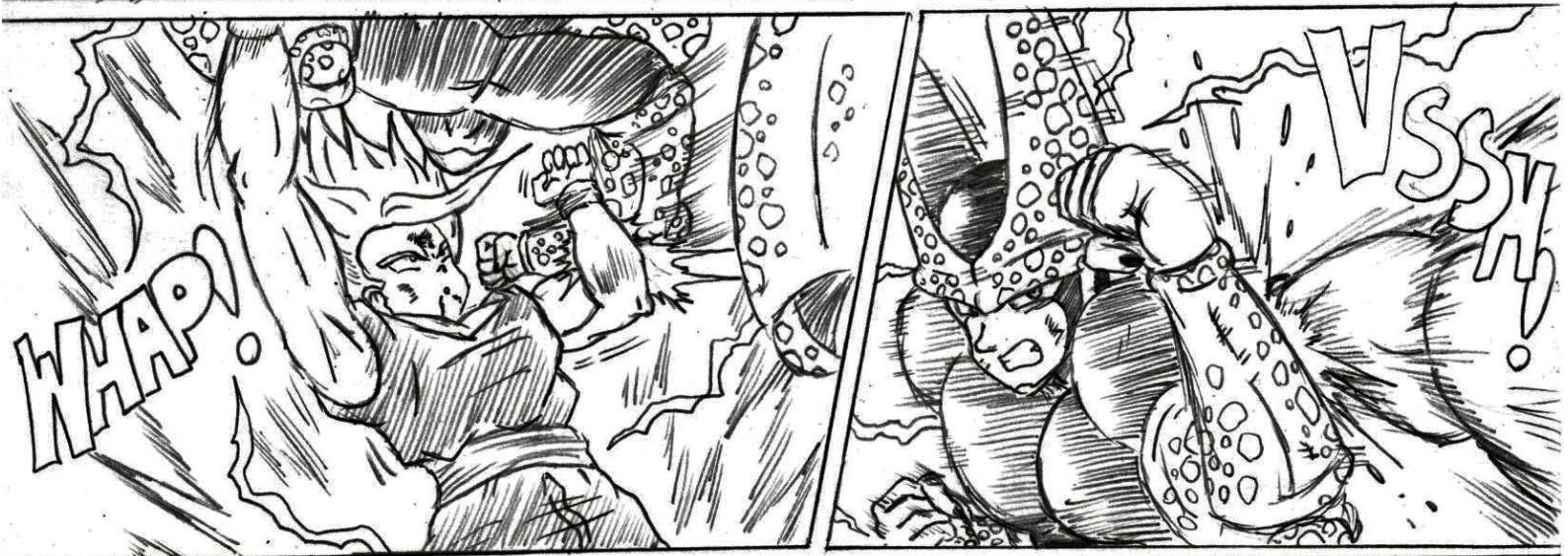
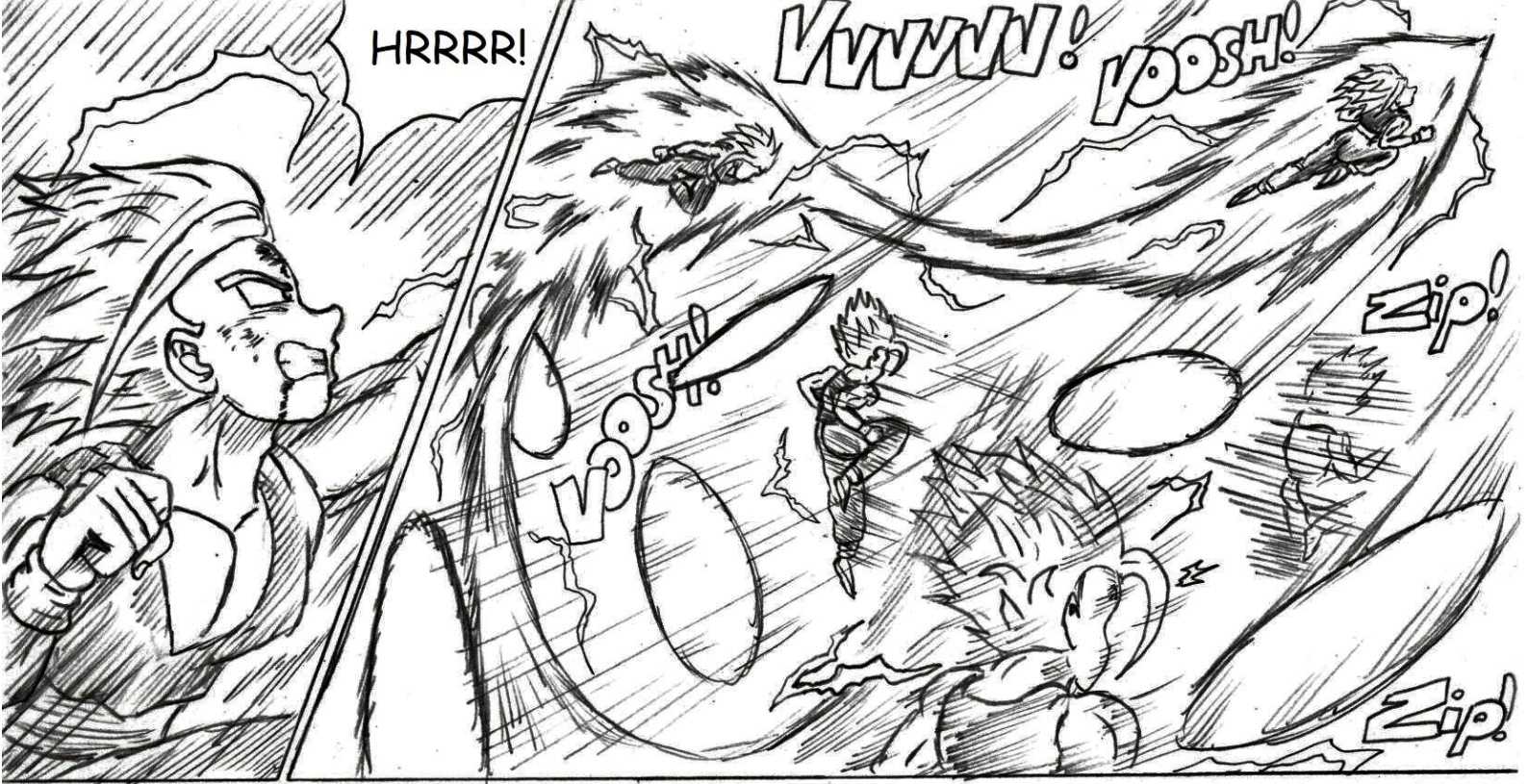


Wow...

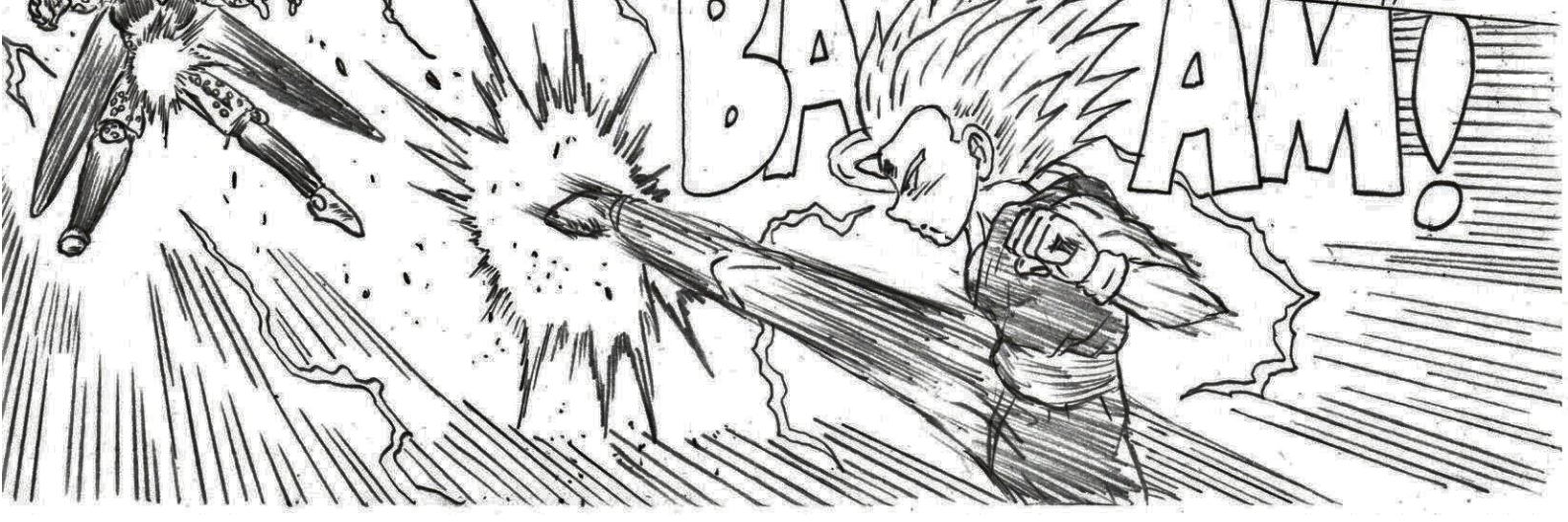
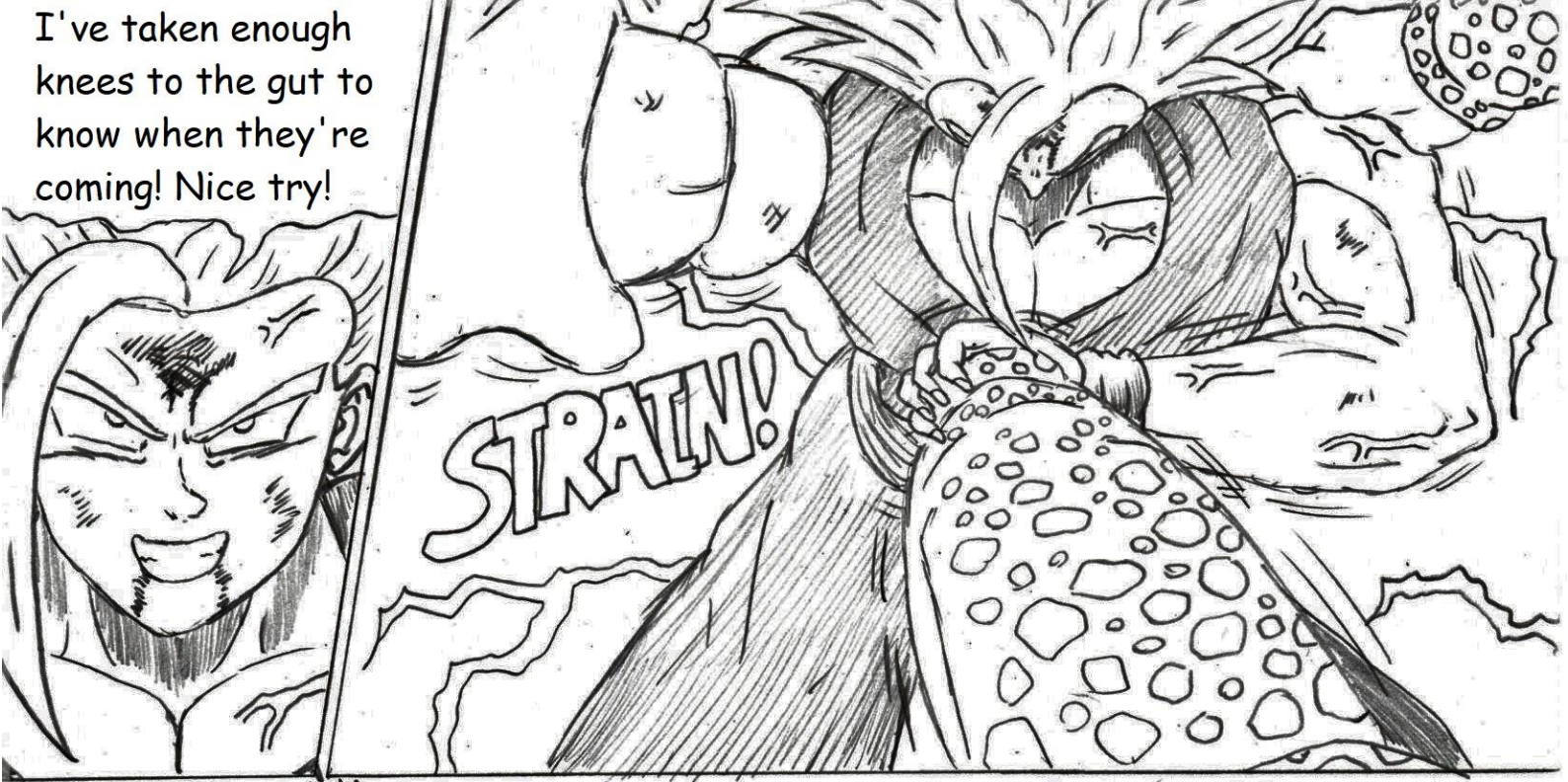


KIENZAN!
(Circle Cut)

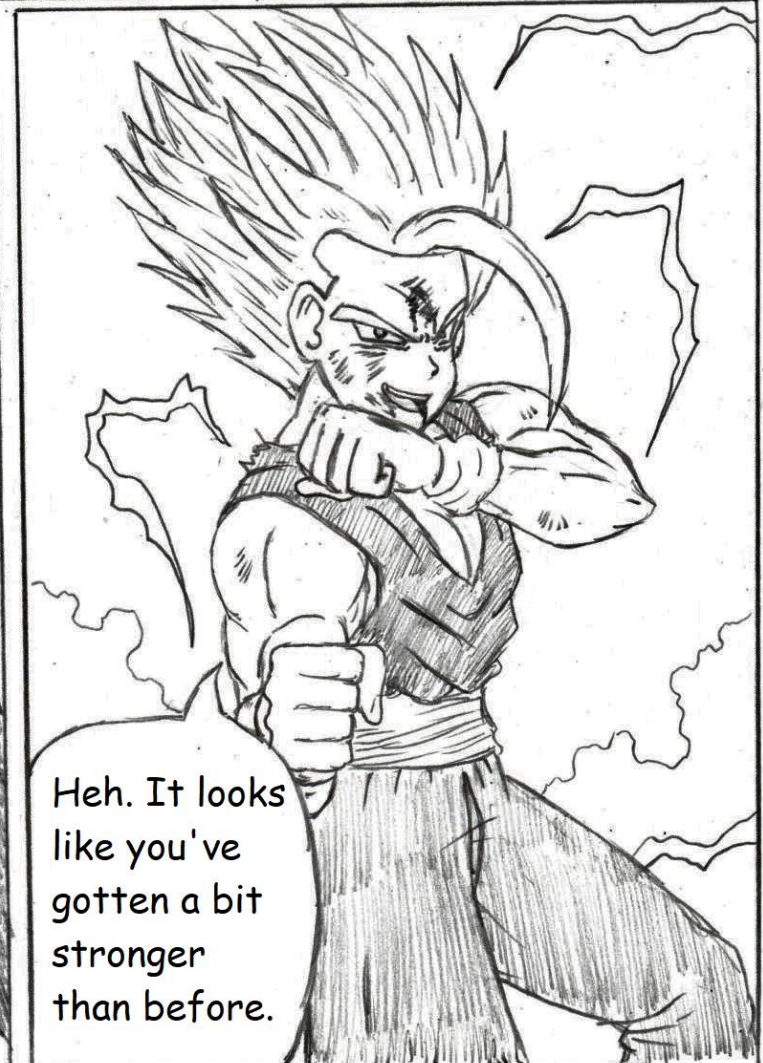




I've taken enough
knees to the gut to
know when they're
coming! Nice try!







BIUWWW!



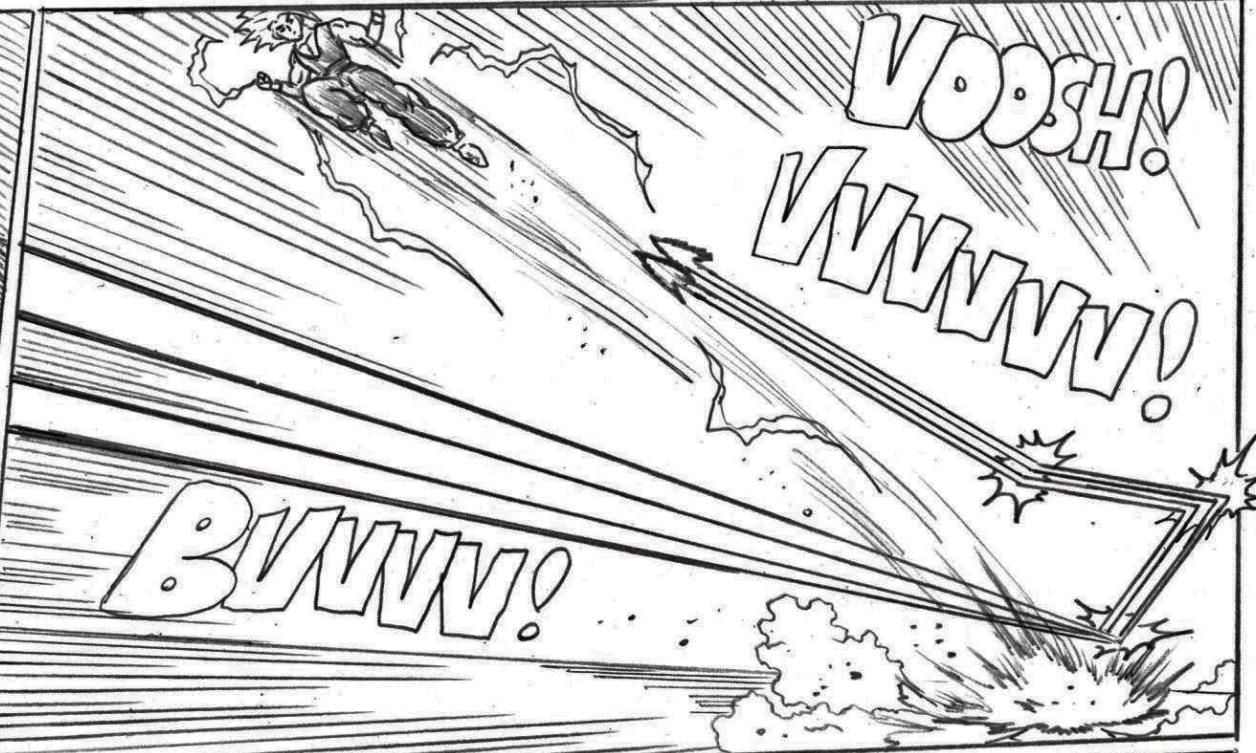
It seems to me that you need to learn your place in the pecking order!



Tsk!



BIUWWW!



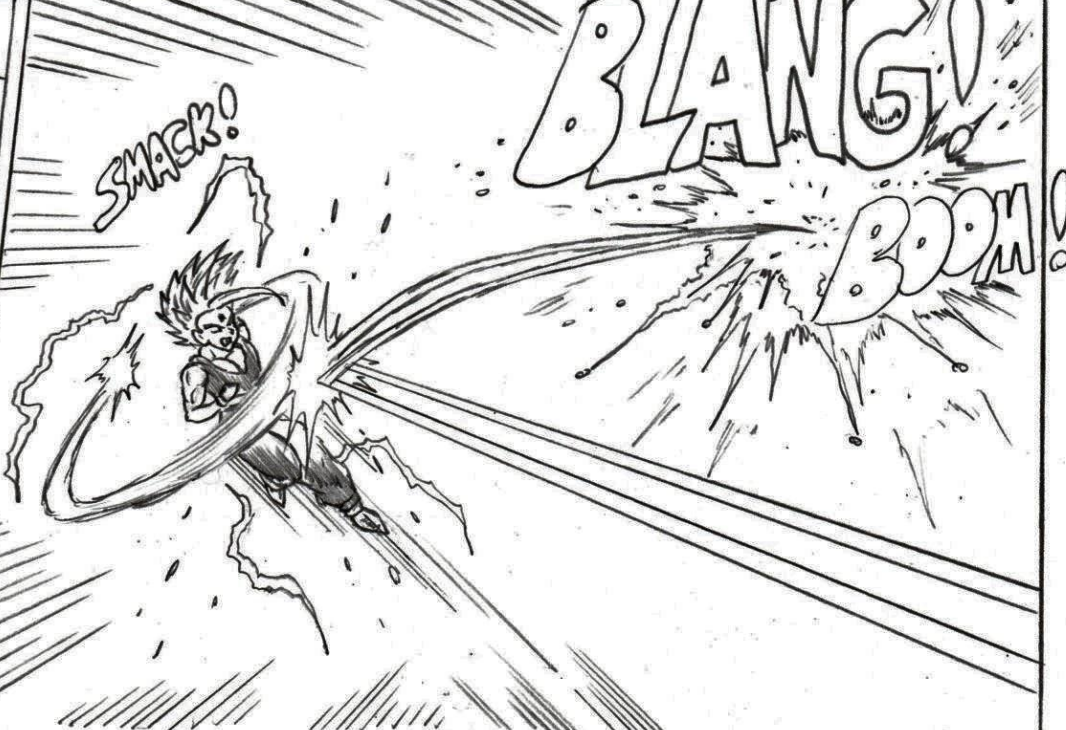
VOOSH!
VVVVVV!

WH



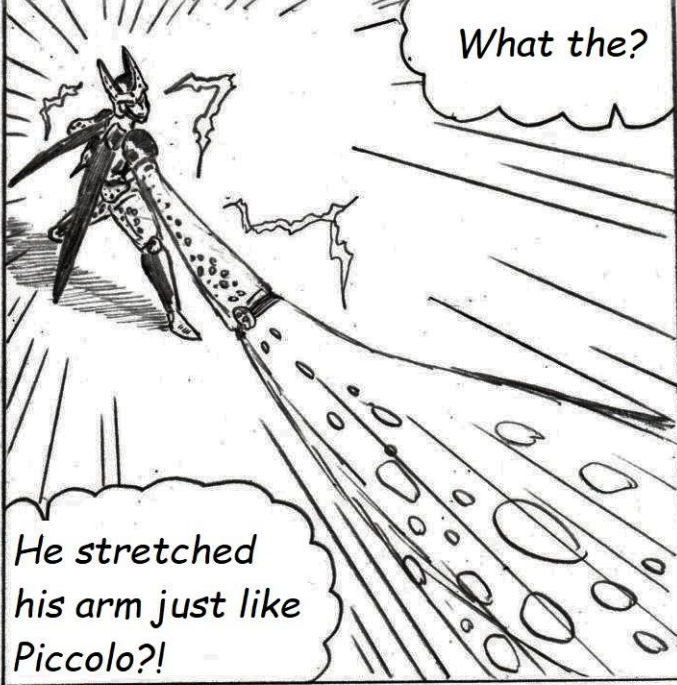
AP!

SMACK!



BIANG!

BOOM!



What the?



HUH?!

He stretched his arm just like Piccolo?!

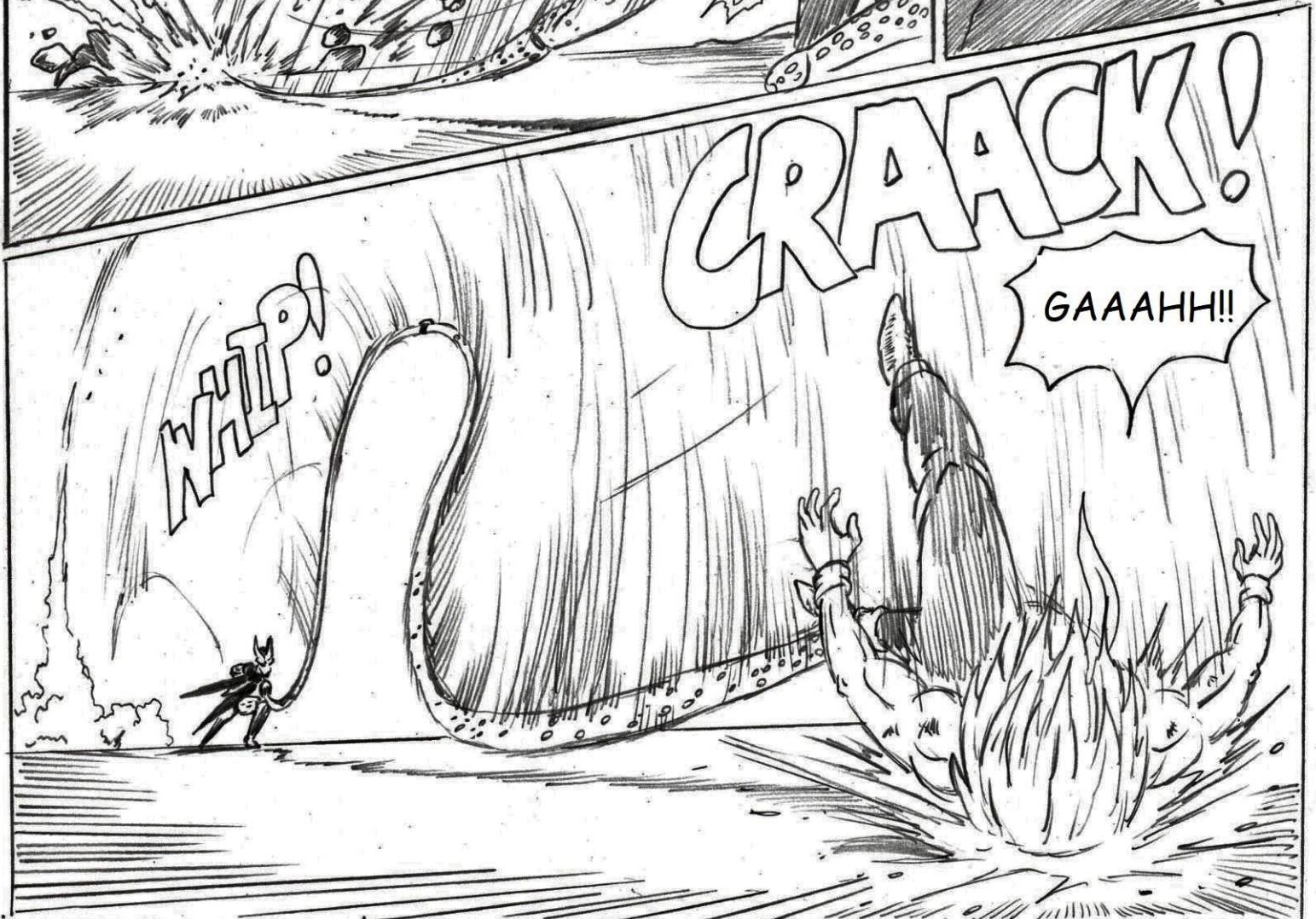


GWAAA-

WHIP!



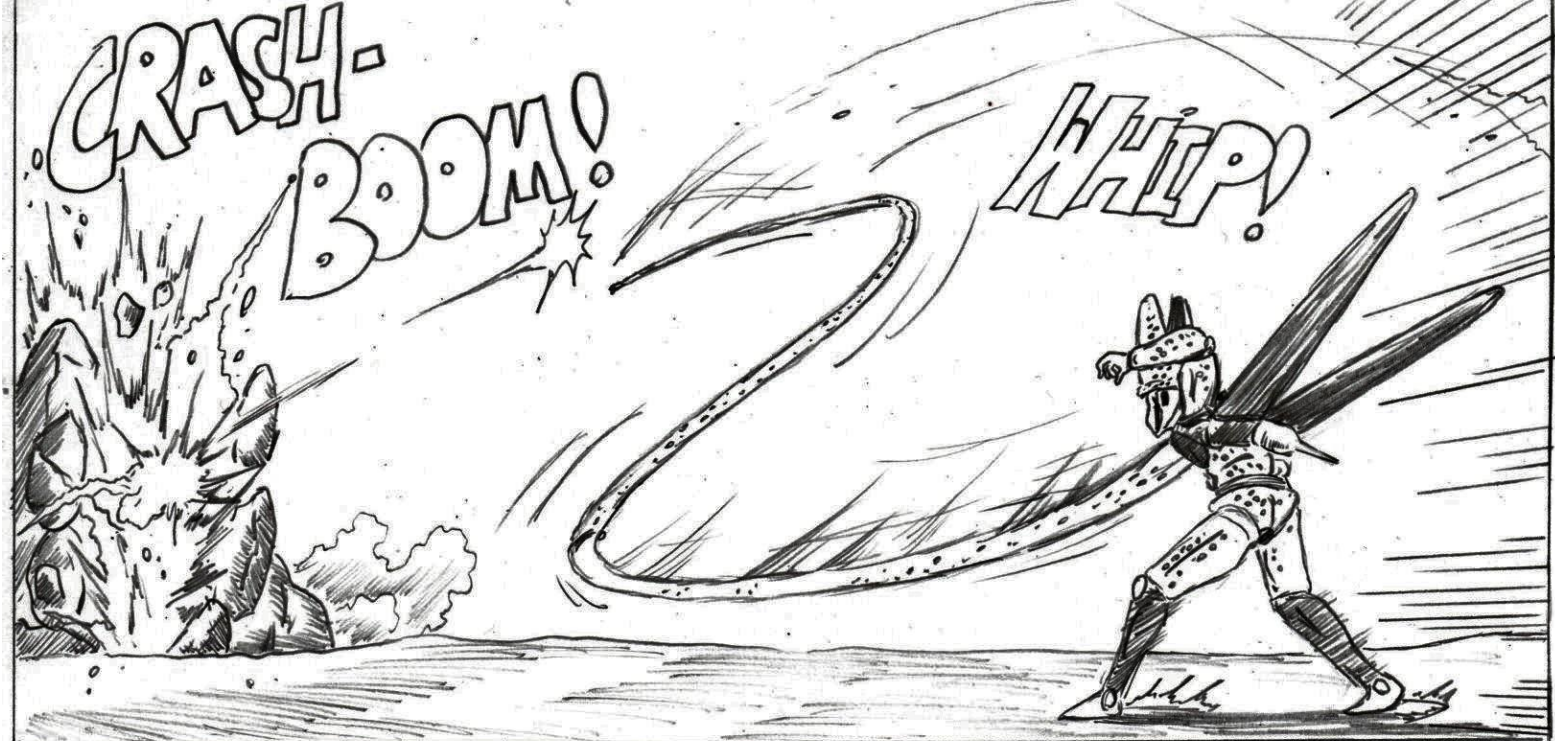
Heh!



CRAACK!

GAAAH!!

WHIP!



There's no way your feeble Saiyan powers can possibly compare to mine!

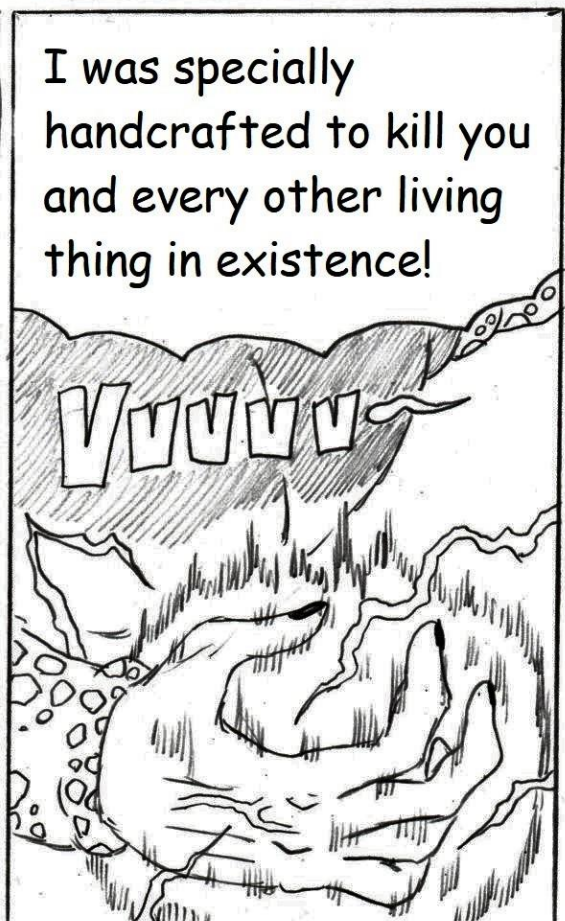
Don't you get it yet, kid?!

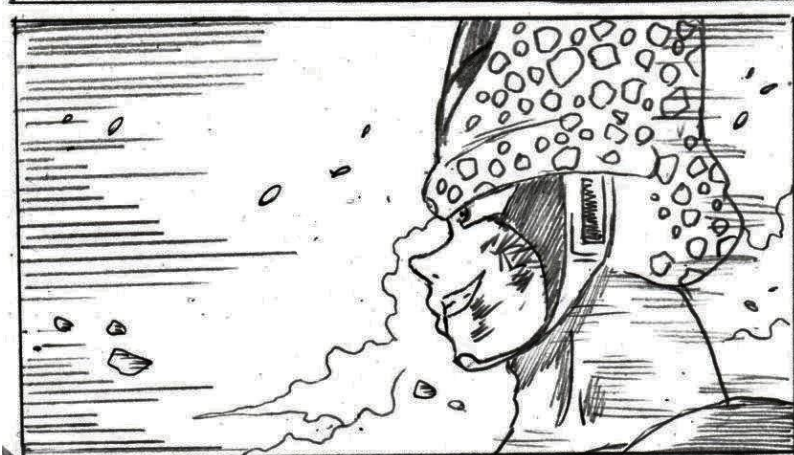


I was specially handcrafted to kill you and every other living thing in existence!



I AM THE PERFECT WEAPON!

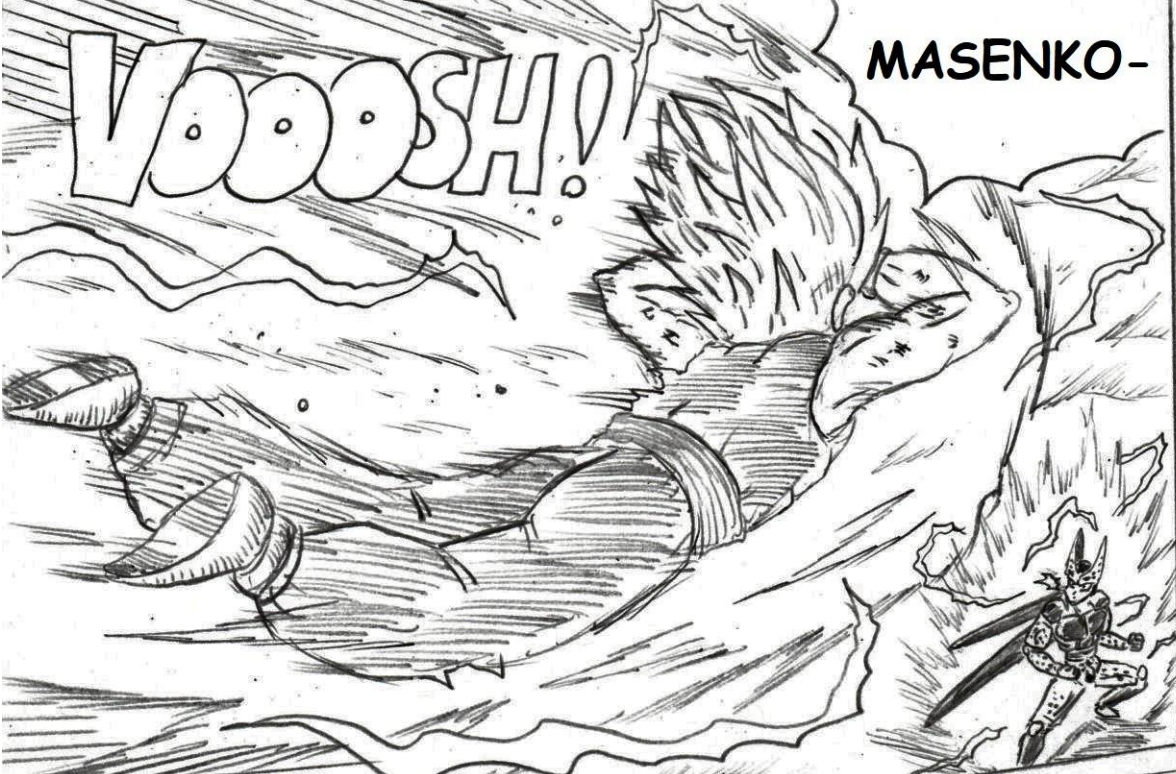




VOOOOSH!

MASENKO-

CLAP!



Why don't you show me something new?!

Ha! As if I'd let such an obvious attack hit me!

BIANG!



CRAP!

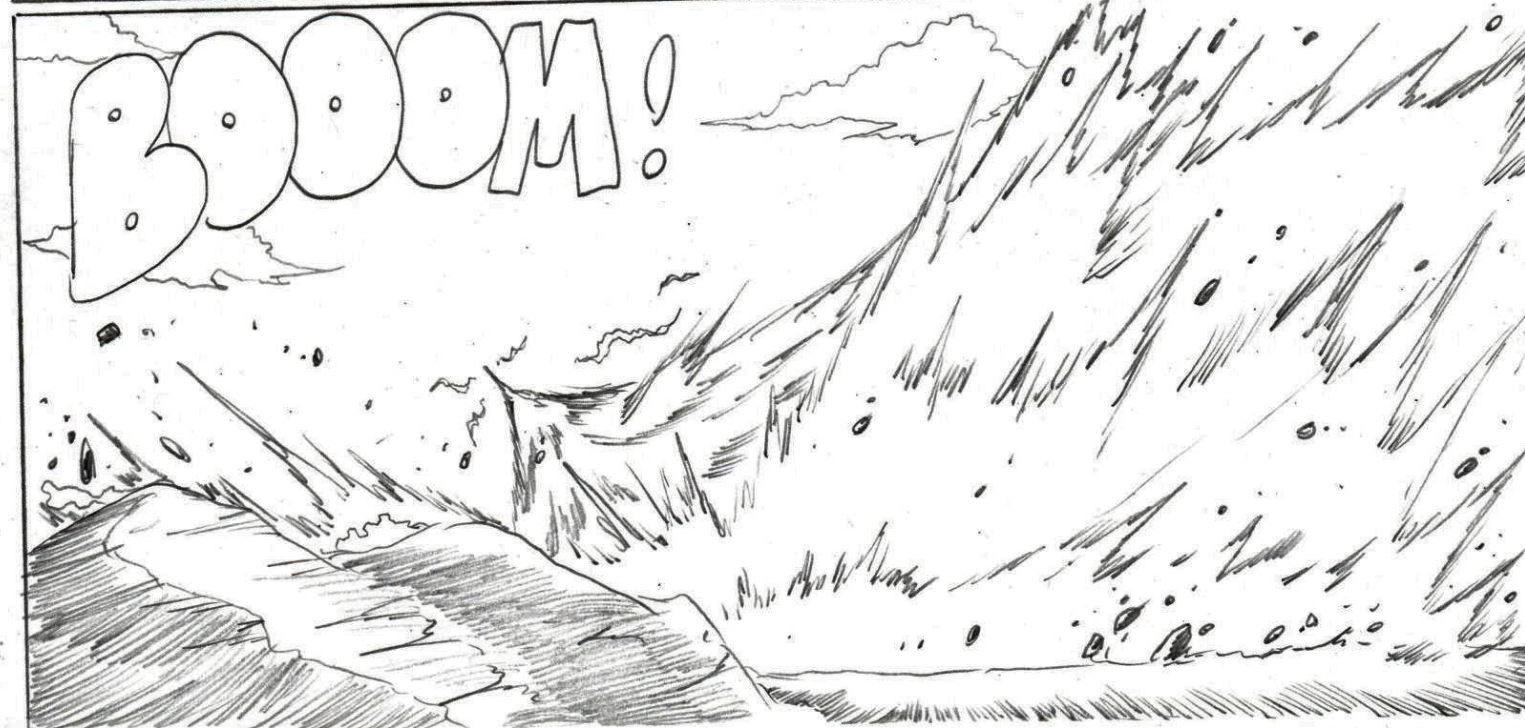
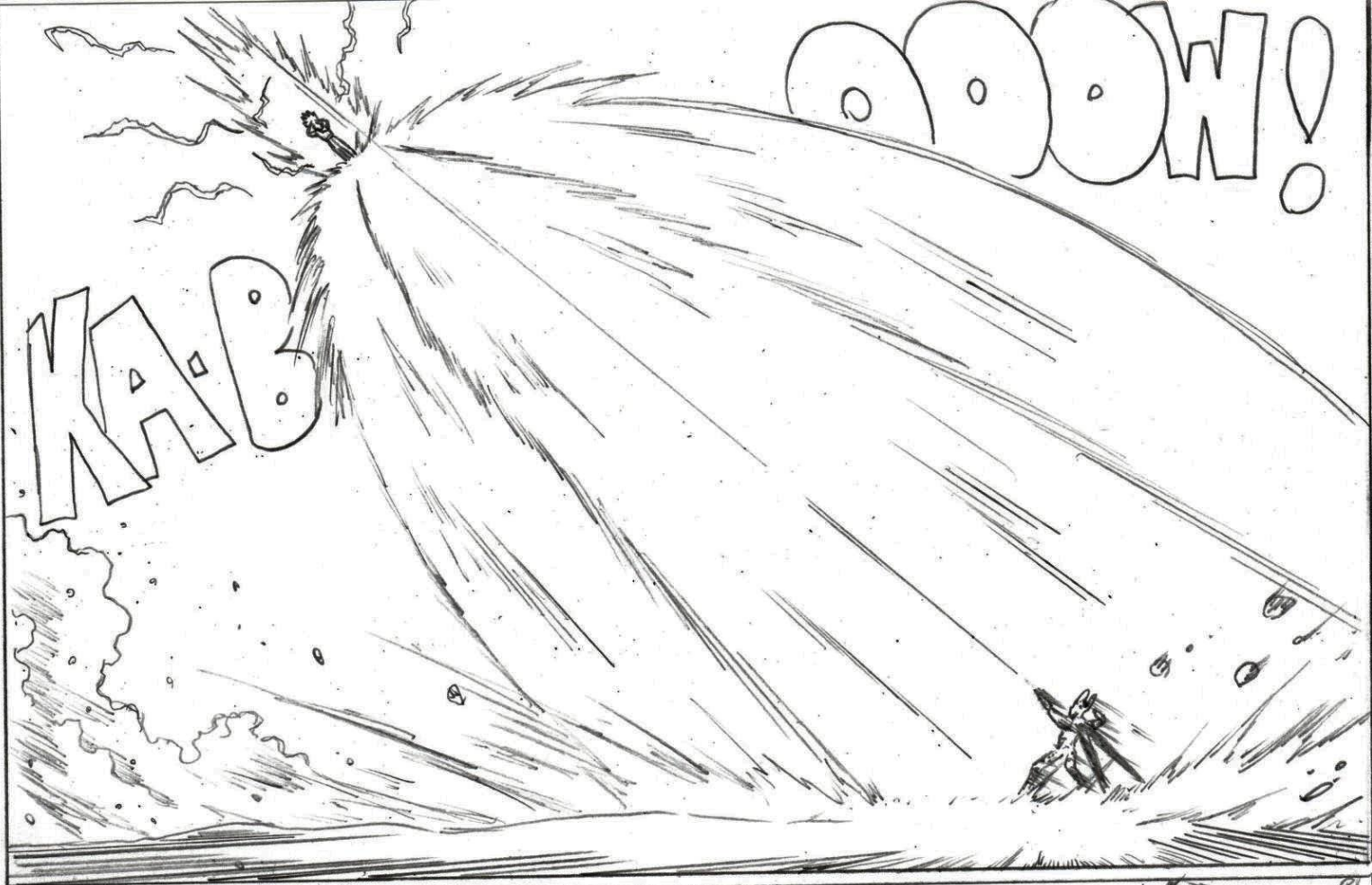
WOW!

WVVVV-

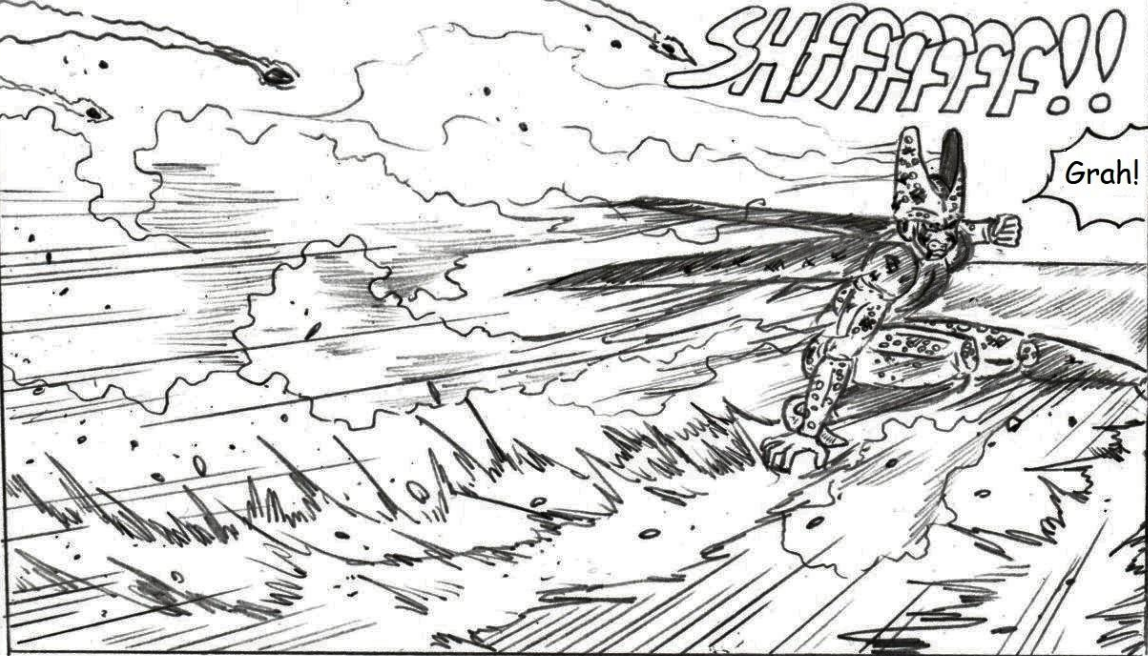


-HAA!!!





Little, Saiyan rat!



Grah!

Still think you have the upperhand, huh? I'll show you, you brat!



This isn't going to be the same as last time, Cell! I'm not pulling anymore punches against you!



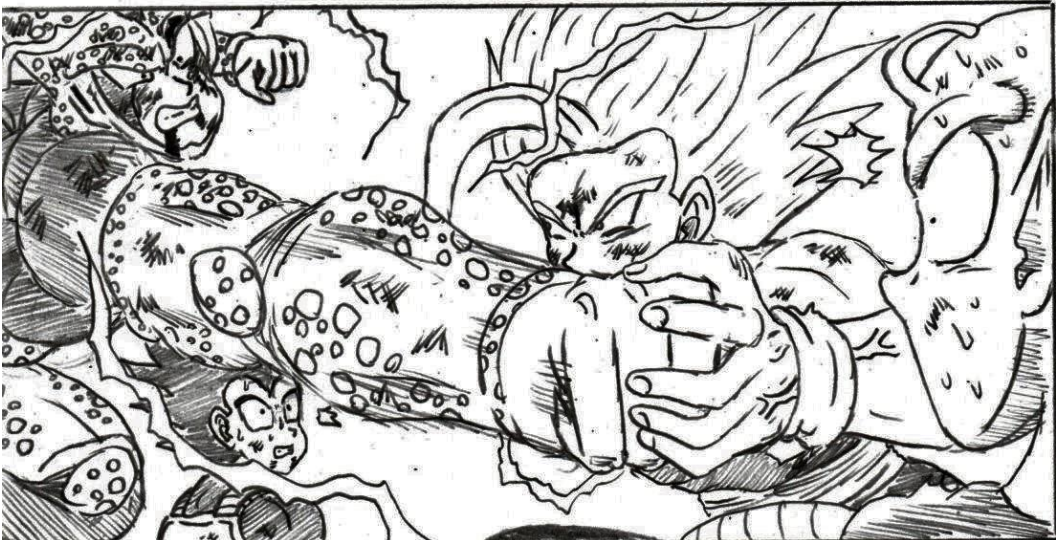
KRA

AGH!
AHH!

I can't see them at all!



Both of them have gotten even faster!



BAM!



I don't think so! You won't touch them again!



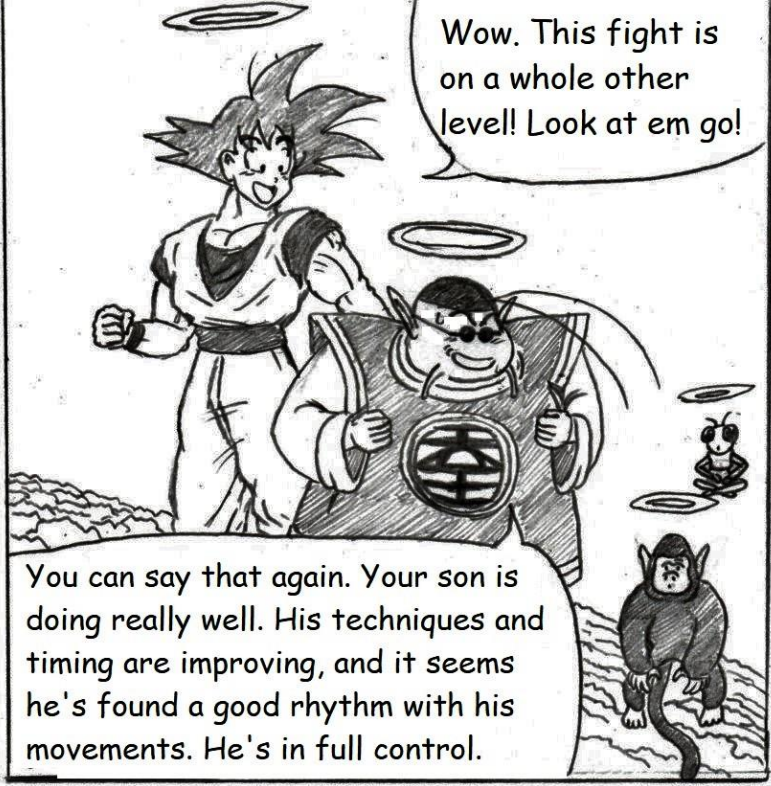
That... was too close...





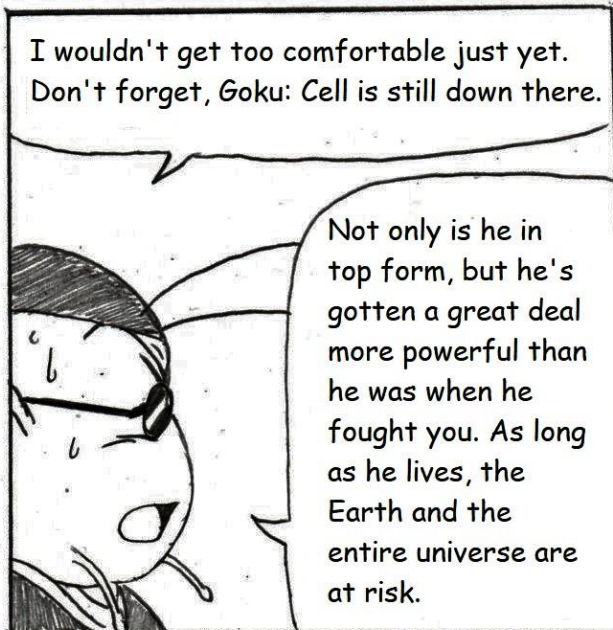
Yeah. I think he's finally gotten a handle on his newfound power and form now.

I can't believe it. My son... that's him.



Wow. This fight is on a whole other level! Look at em go!

You can say that again. Your son is doing really well. His techniques and timing are improving, and it seems he's found a good rhythm with his movements. He's in full control.



I wouldn't get too comfortable just yet. Don't forget, Goku: Cell is still down there.

Not only is he in top form, but he's gotten a great deal more powerful than he was when he fought you. As long as he lives, the Earth and the entire universe are at risk.

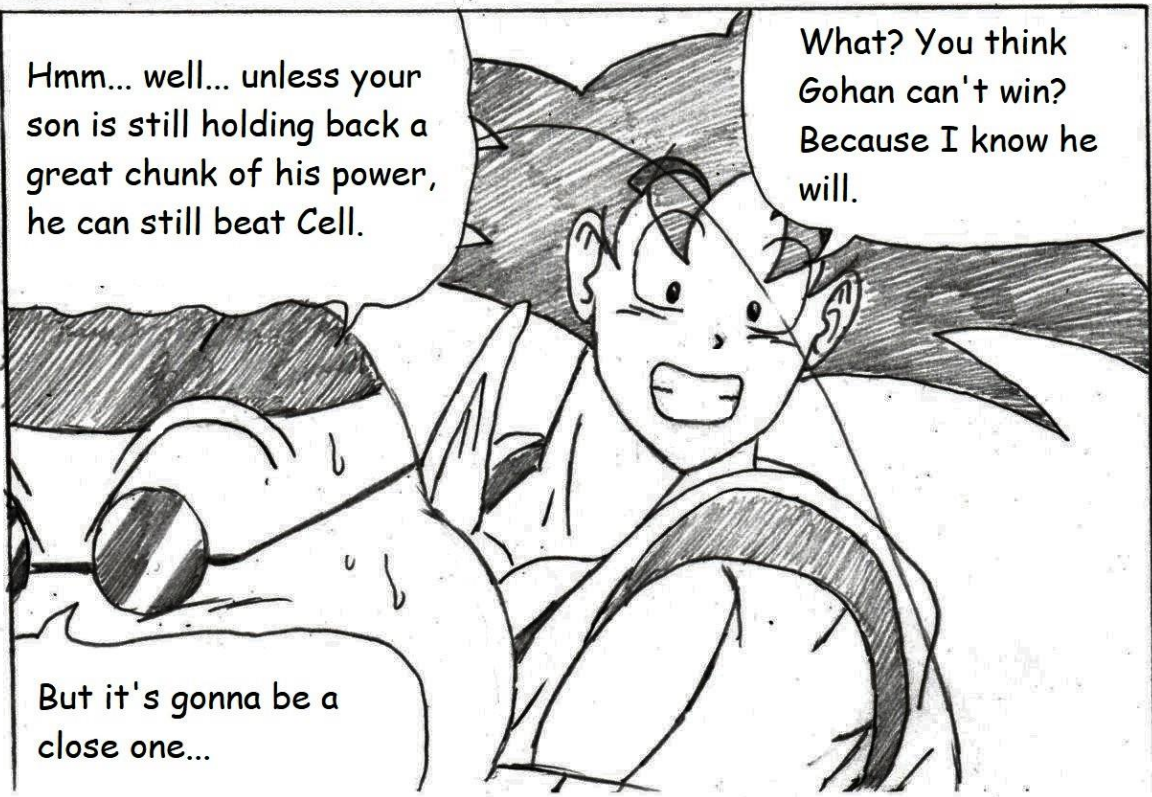


Heh. Yeah. Though I've always counted on my friends to hold the line whenever I was out of commission...

...this is the first time I've taken a back seat in the final battle. Now that Gohan has come into his own, I know everything is going to be alright.



It's a lot different being on this side of the ring for a change, huh?



Hmm... well... unless your son is still holding back a great chunk of his power, he can still beat Cell.

What? You think Gohan can't win? Because I know he will.

But it's gonna be a close one...



Huff

Huff

Huff

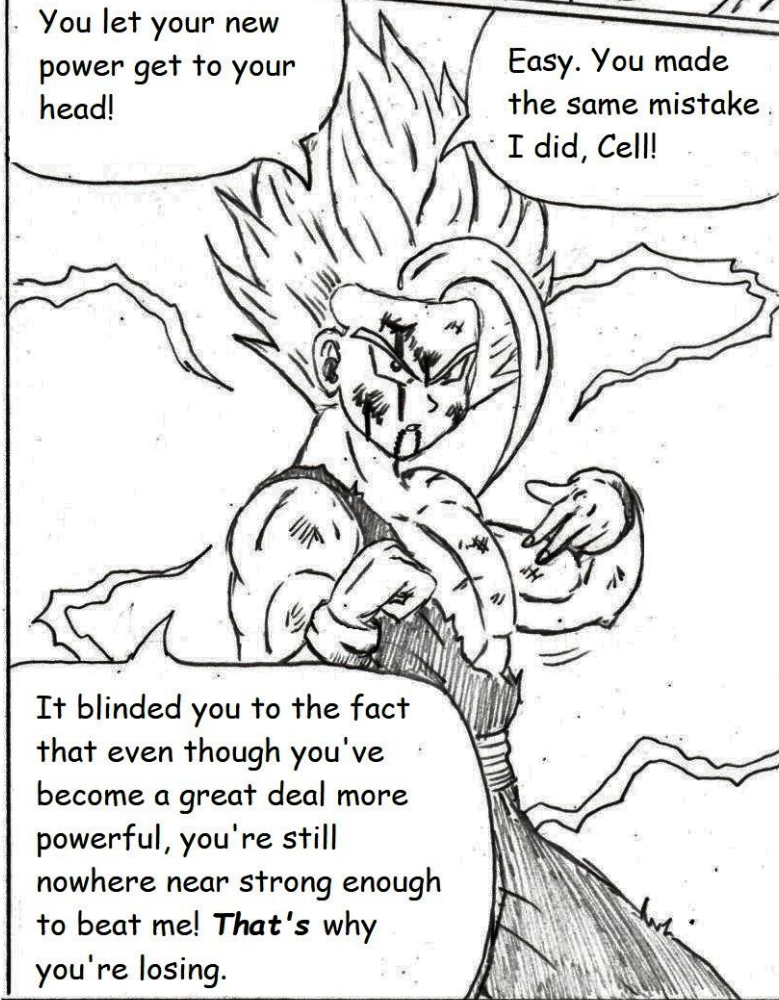


Huff

Huff

Huff

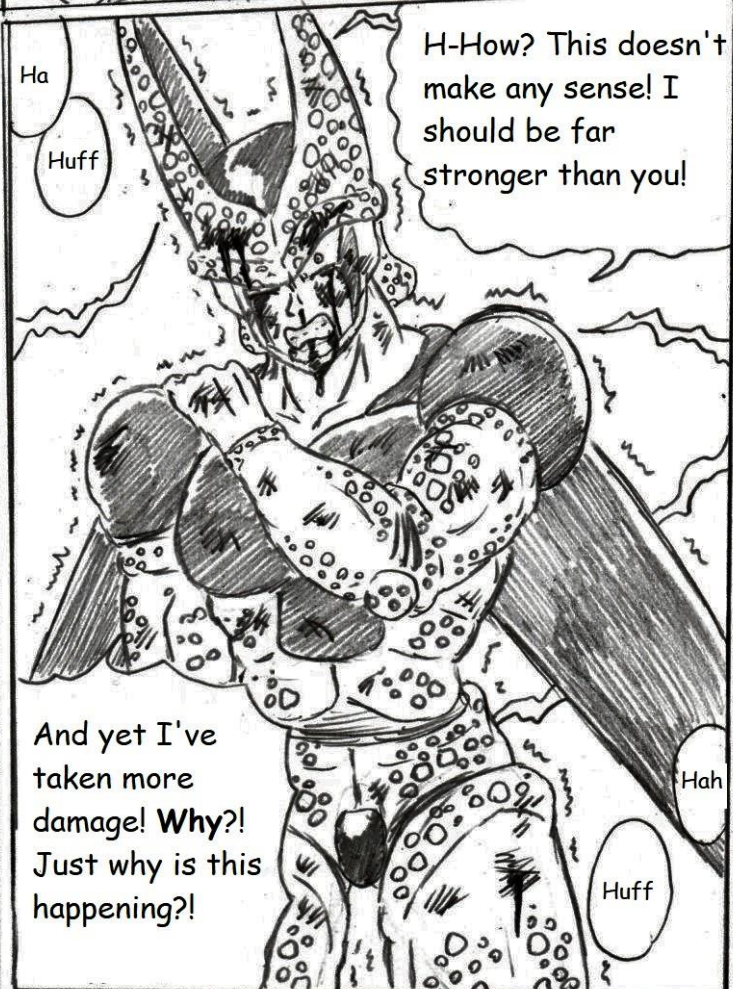
Huff



You let your new power get to your head!

Easy. You made the same mistake. I did, Cell!

It blinded you to the fact that even though you've become a great deal more powerful, you're still nowhere near strong enough to beat me! *That's* why you're losing.



Ha

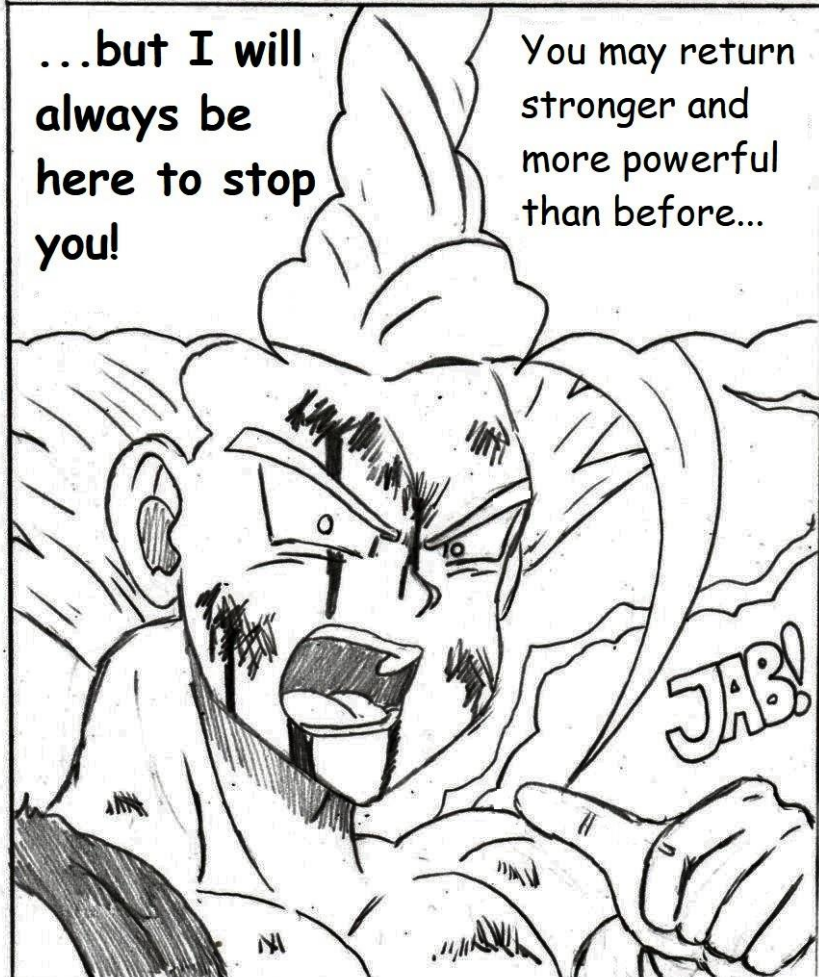
Huff

H-How? This doesn't make any sense! I should be far stronger than you!

And yet I've taken more damage! *Why?*! Just why is this happening?!

Hah

Huff



...but I will always be here to stop you!

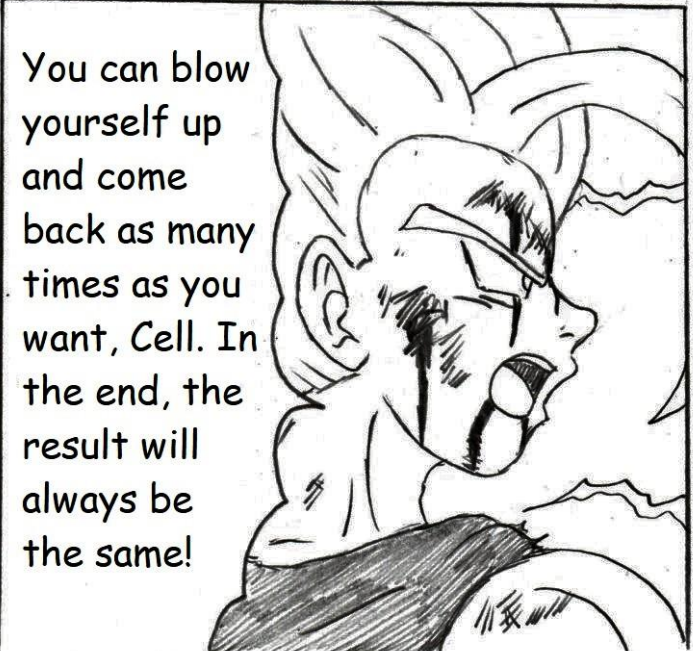
You may return stronger and more powerful than before...

JAB!



...insolent... little...

Why... you....



You can blow yourself up and come back as many times as you want, Cell. In the end, the result will always be the same!



Stop me, huh?



ZAP!

Alright then!

ZAP!



BZZZ

WHIP!

VAAAAM!

DISAPPEAR WITH THIS SOLAR SYSTEM!!!



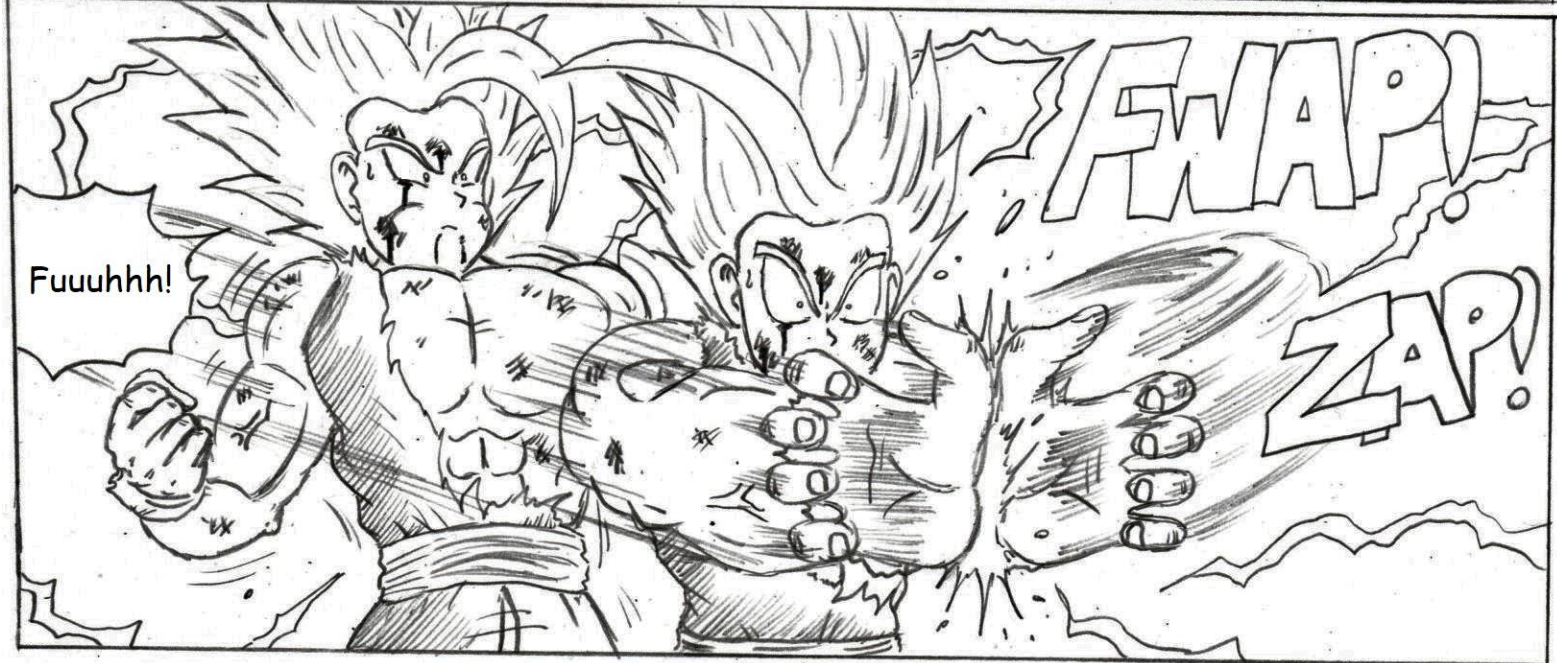
My friends are still behind me!!



Fuuuhhh!

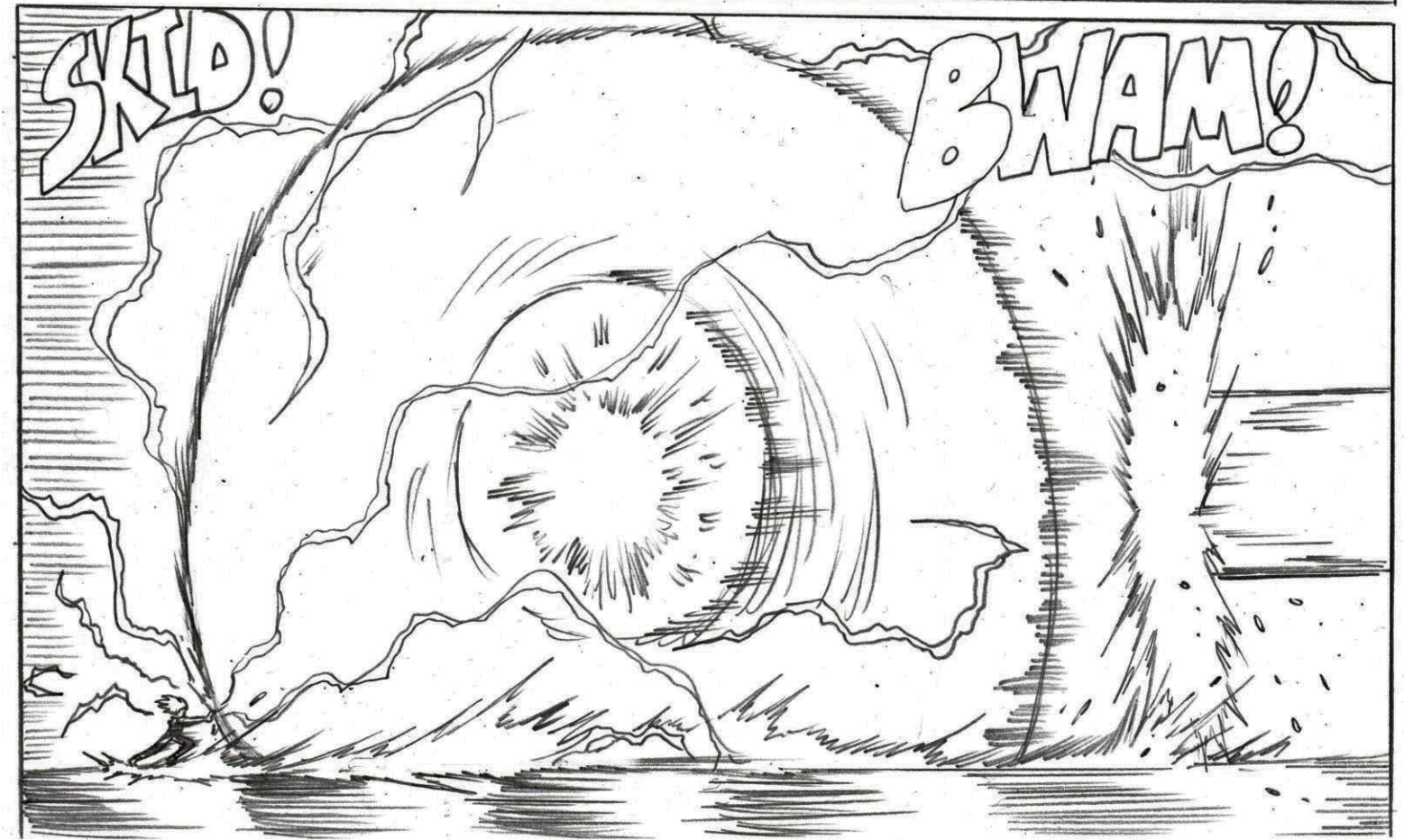
FWAP!

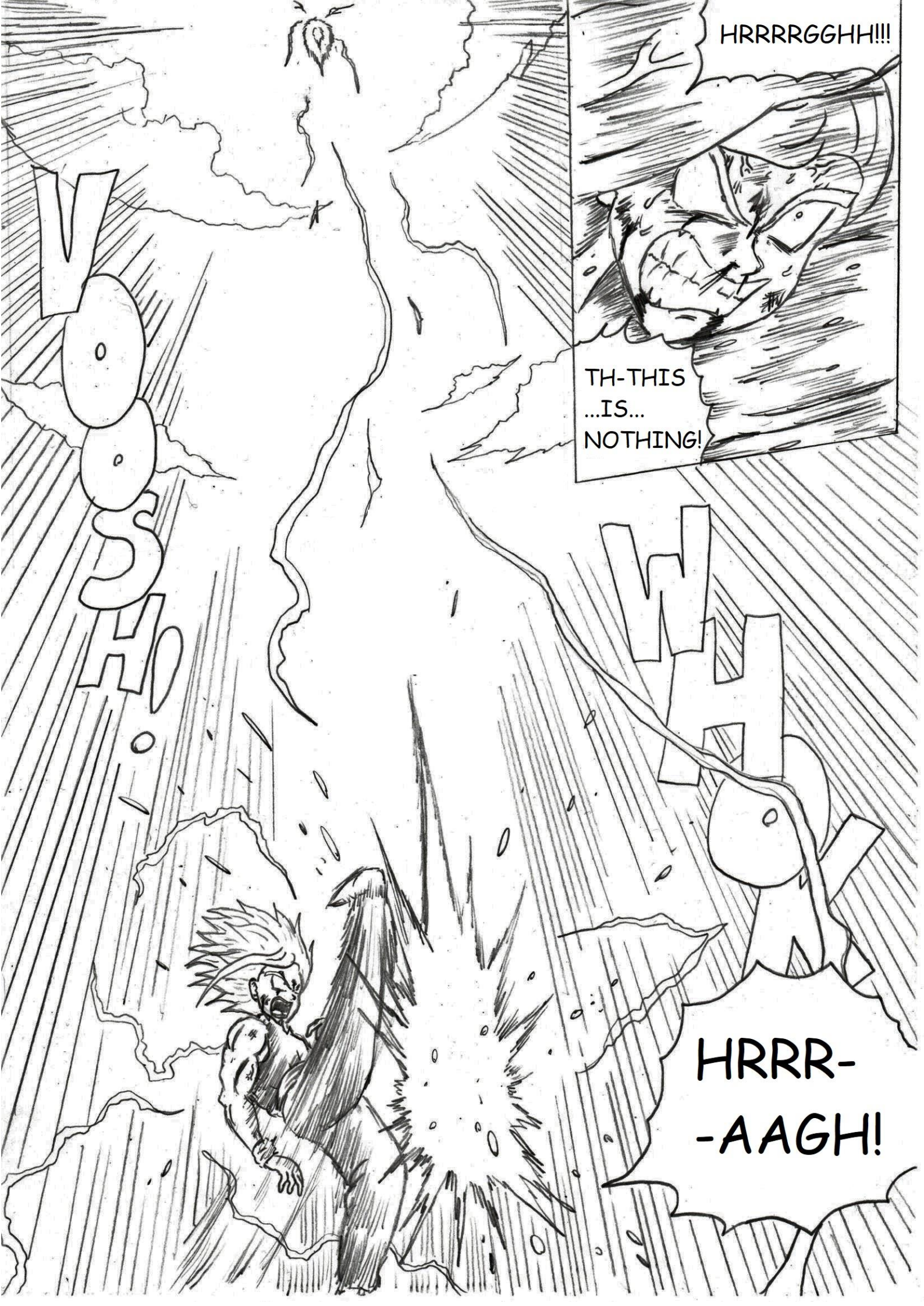
ZAP!



SKID!

BWAM!





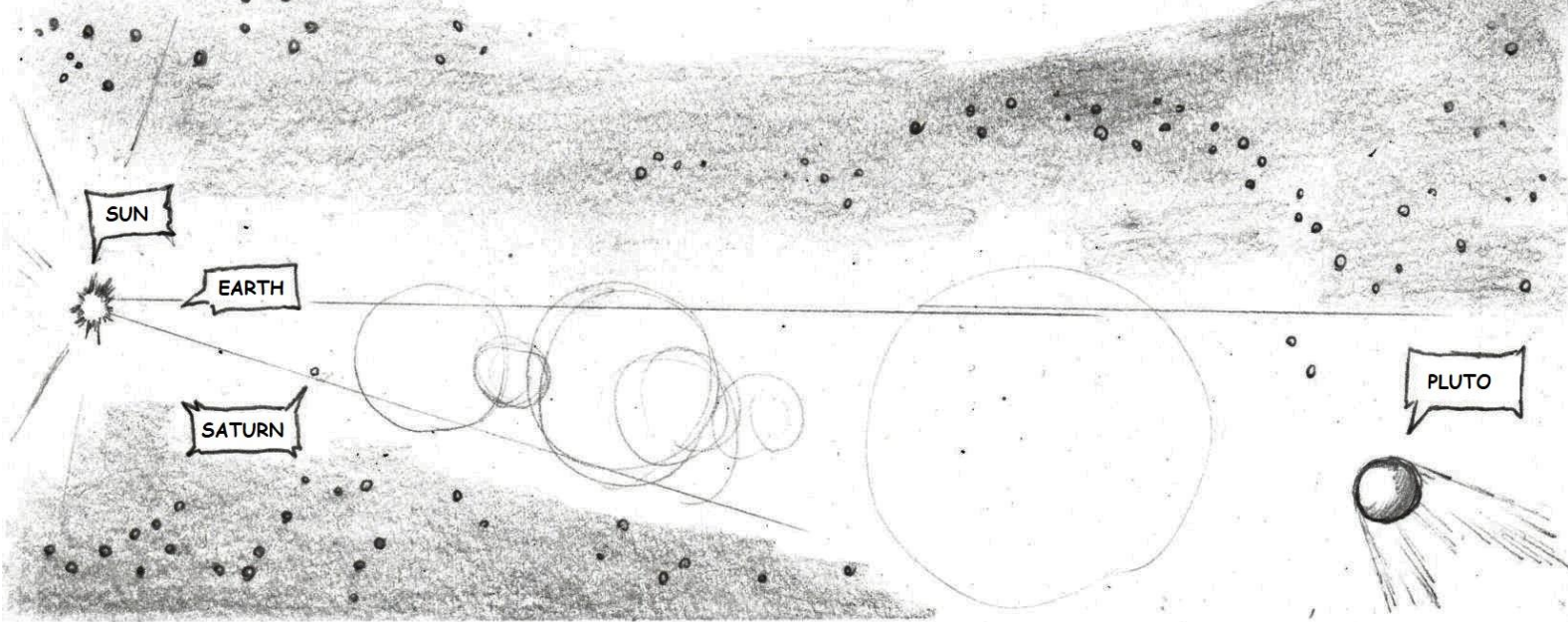
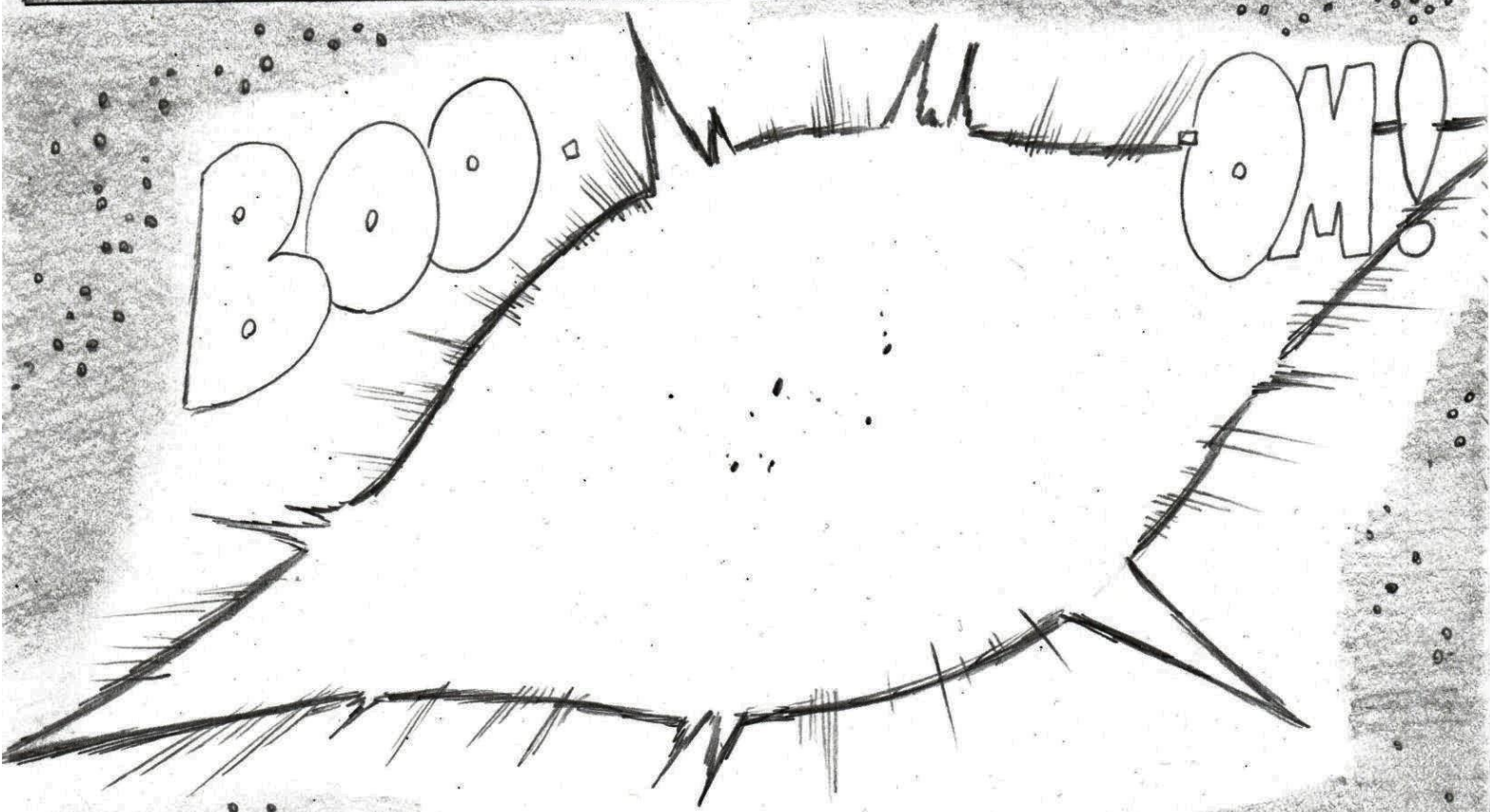
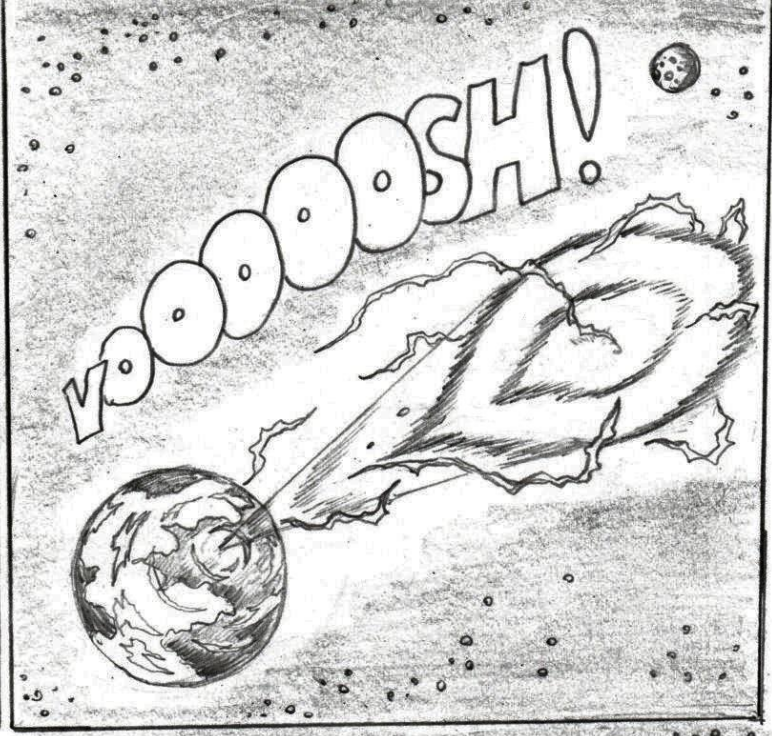
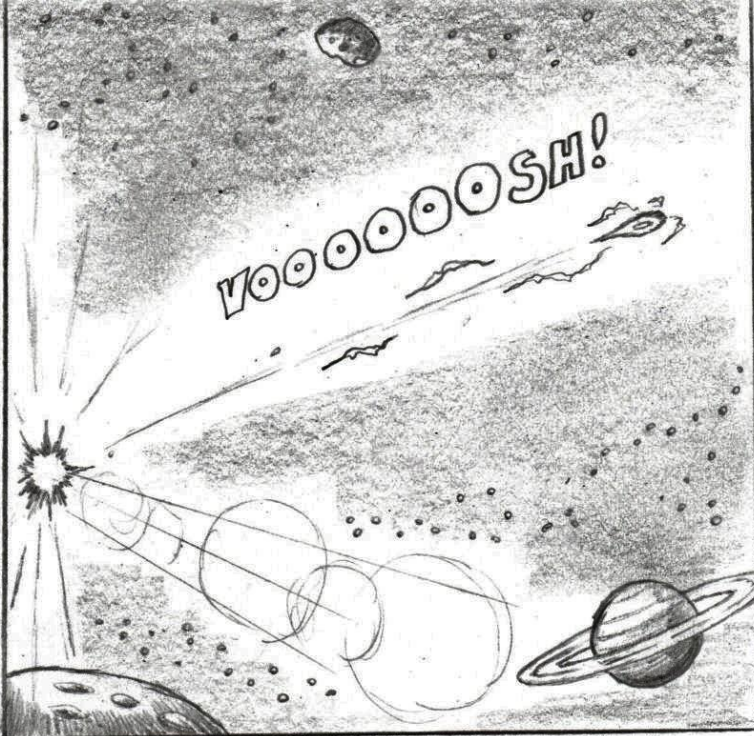
HRRRRGGHH!!!

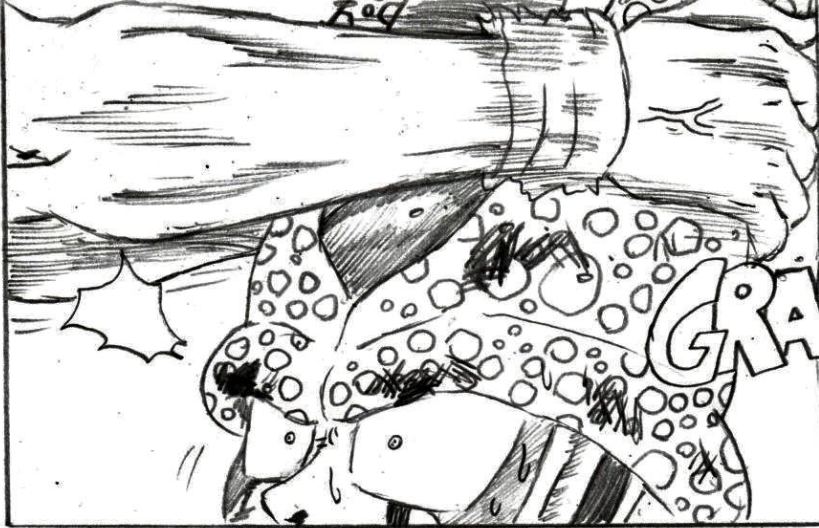
TH-THIS
...IS...
NOTHING!

V
S
H!

W
H
K

HRRR-
-AAGH!





N-No way...

GRAB!

MUAY THAI-
GOODNIGHT
KNEE!

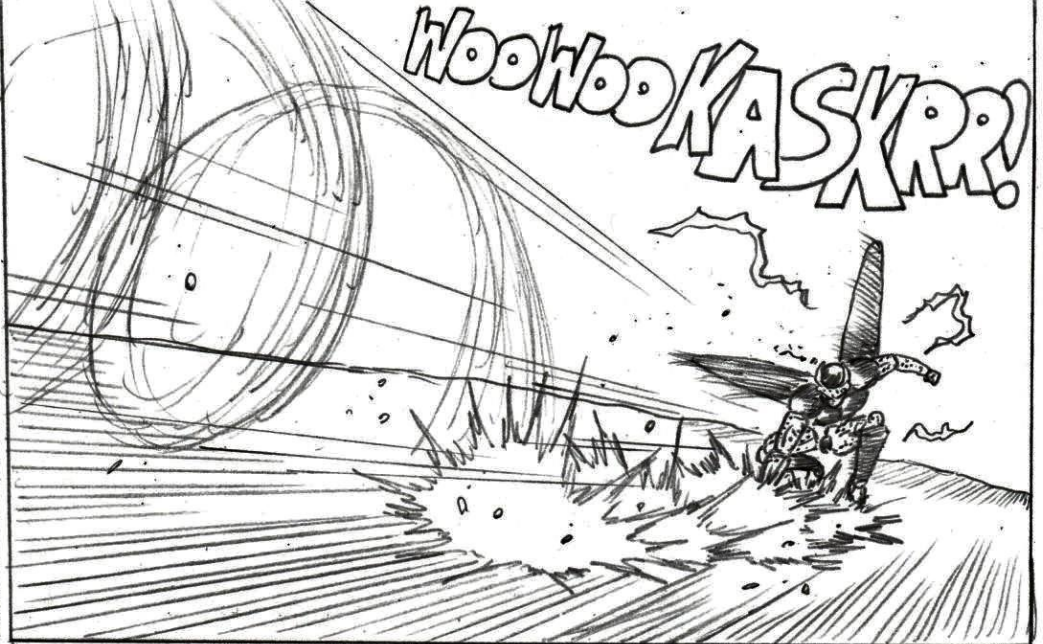
CRACK!



BANG! **BOW!**

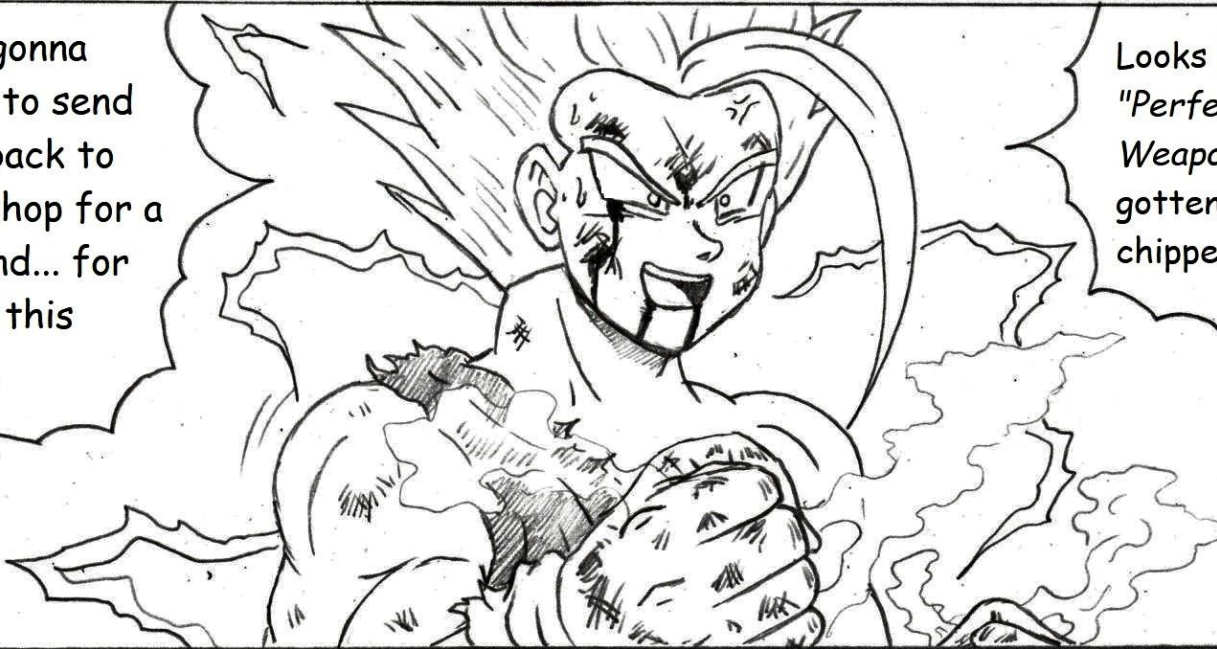


WOOHOO KASKRR!



I'm gonna have to send you back to the shop for a refund... for good this time.

Looks like the "Perfect Weapon" has gotten a little bit chipped.



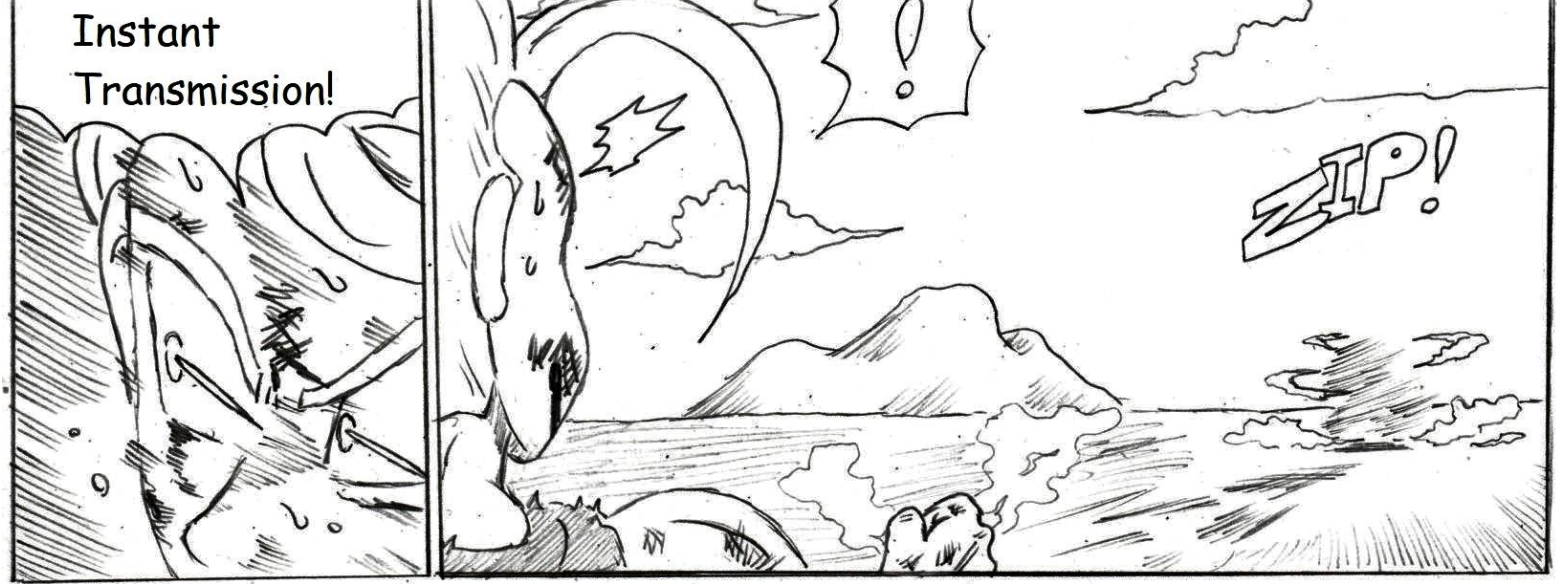
That technique is...

Your death will not be a painless one! That I can promise you!

You... little fool... you think you've won?



Instant
Transmission!



Eighteen! You're awake!

Where-?

Huh?

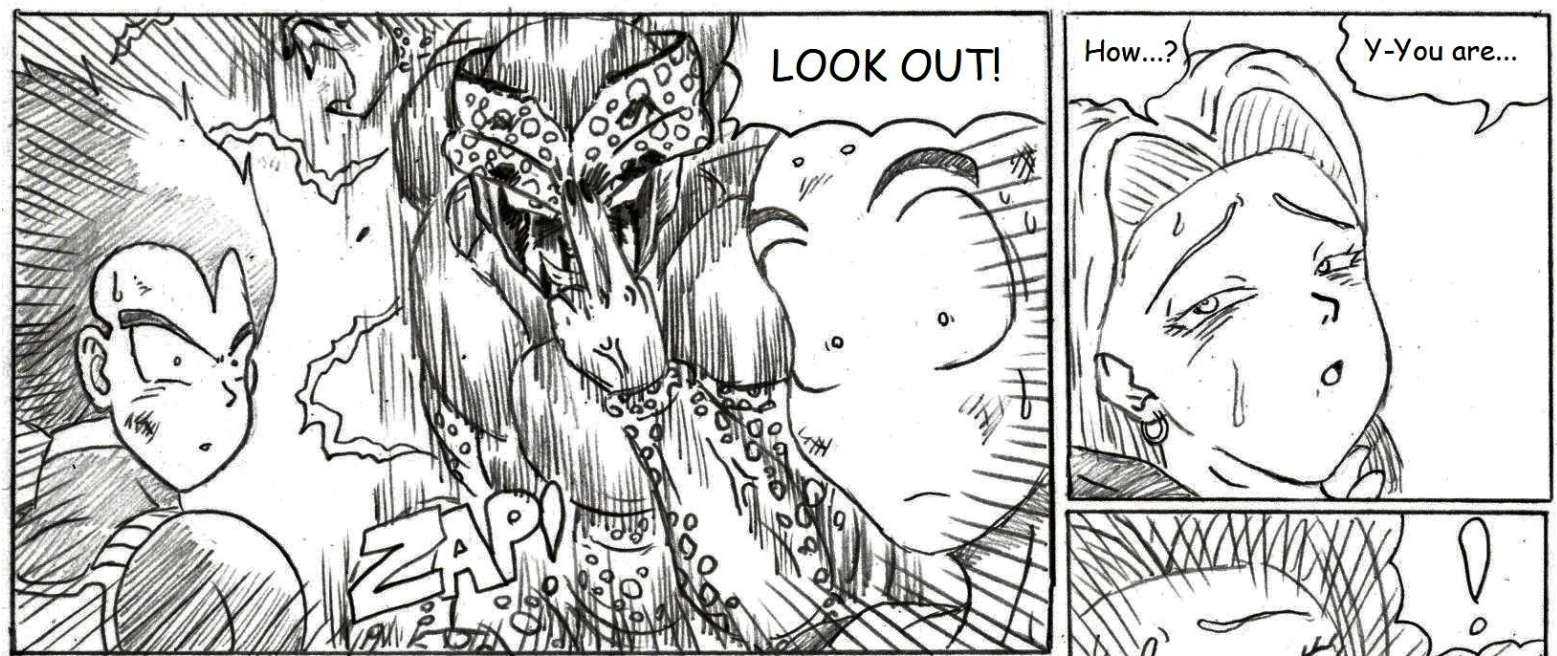


Are you alright?!

LOOK OUT!

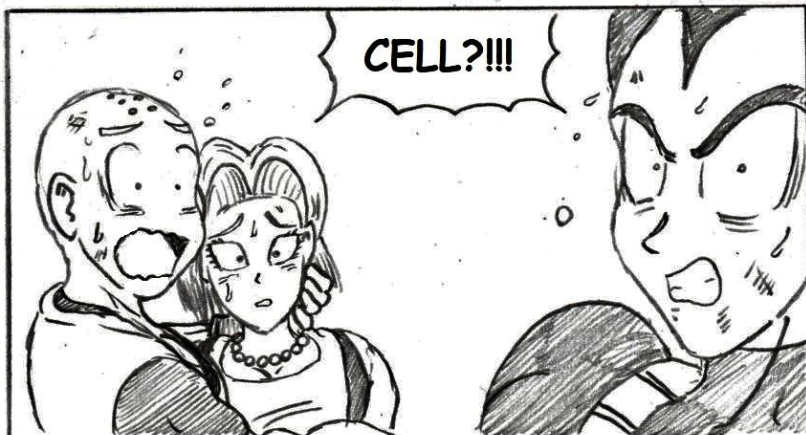
How...?

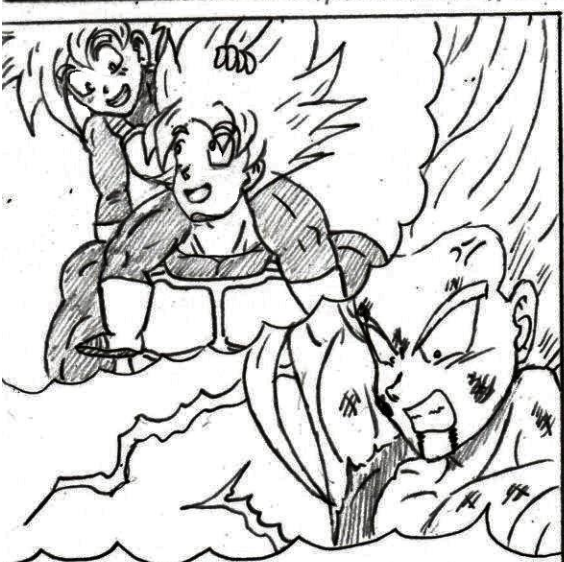
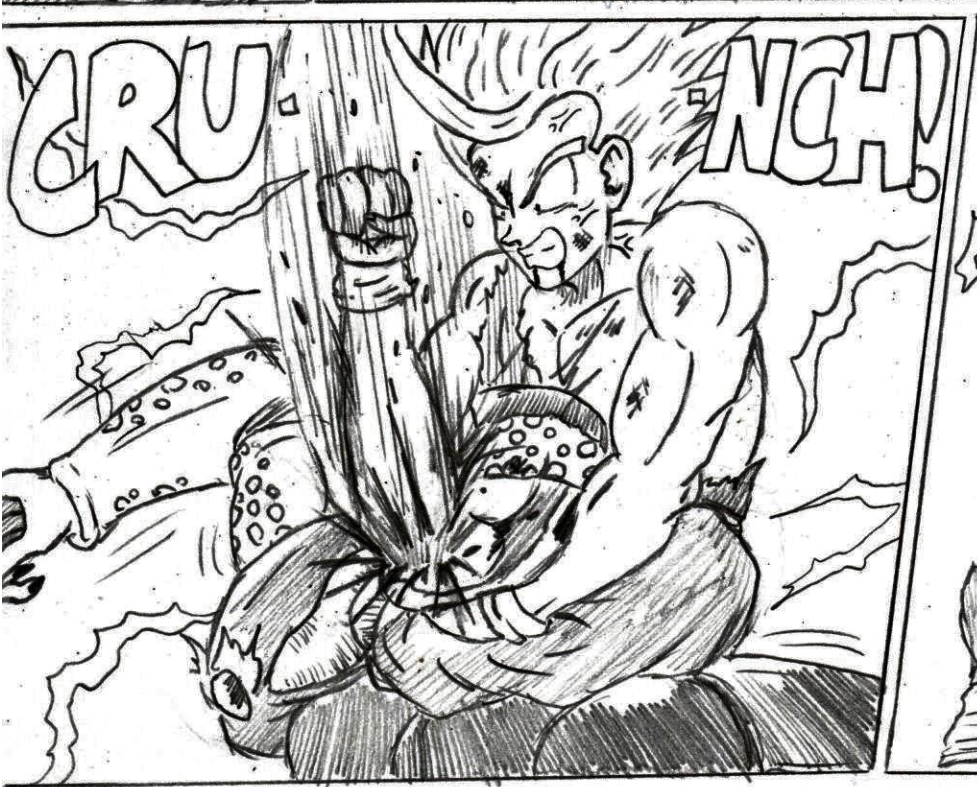
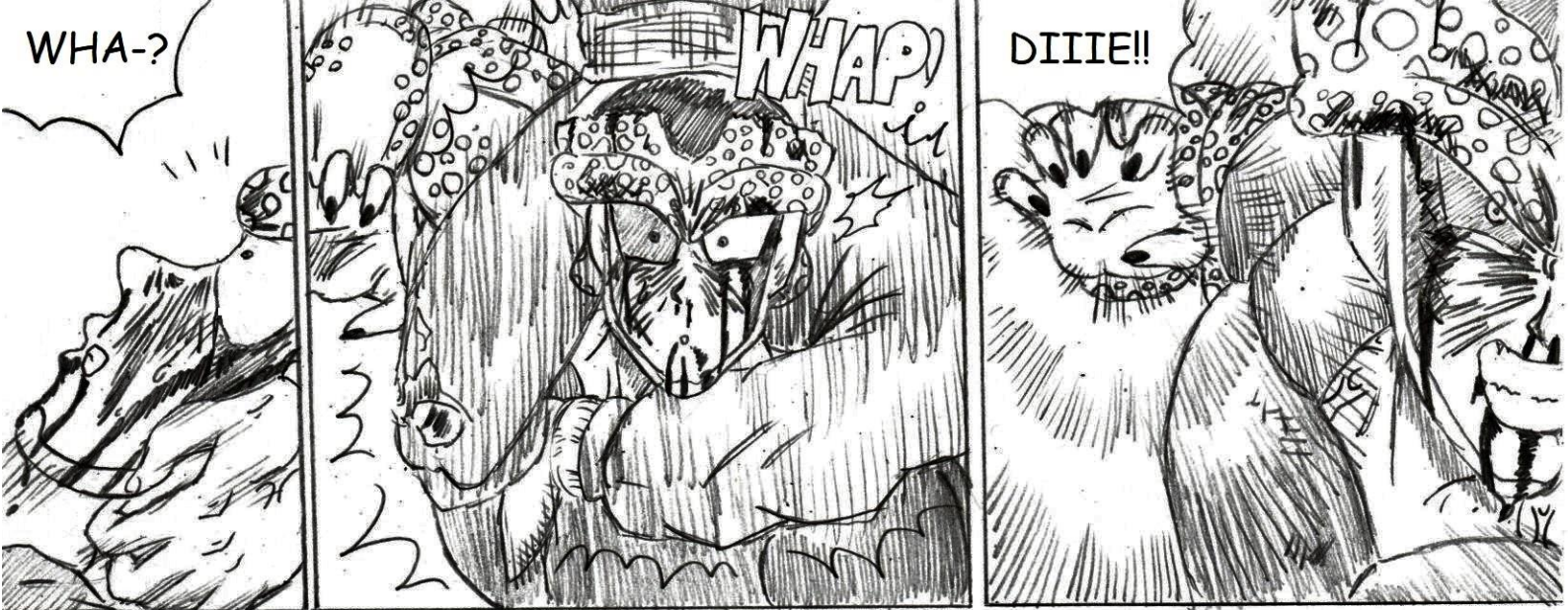
Y-You are...



CELL?!!!

Loo-





GRAGH!
IMPOSSIBLE!
AGH! HOW... DID
YOU KNOW - AH -
I WAS GOING TO
TELEPORT! GAH!



HOW WERE YOU
ABLE TO TRACK ME?!



Dad taught me how to track and follow him whenever he used *Instant Transmission* during our training in the Time Chamber! He showed me how it worked mechanically, so now I can counter and chase him down whenever he uses it!

I WARNED YOU, CELL!



GRAAA...
AAHH...
ACK!!!

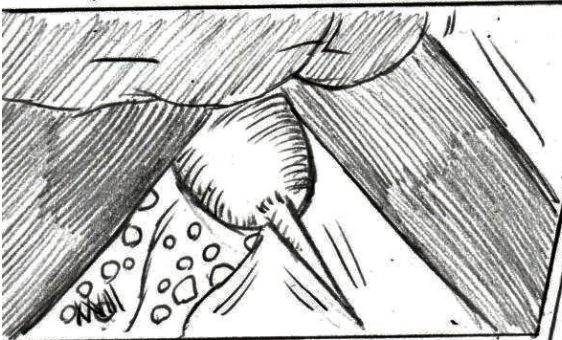


STRAIN-
WHAP!



Ngh!

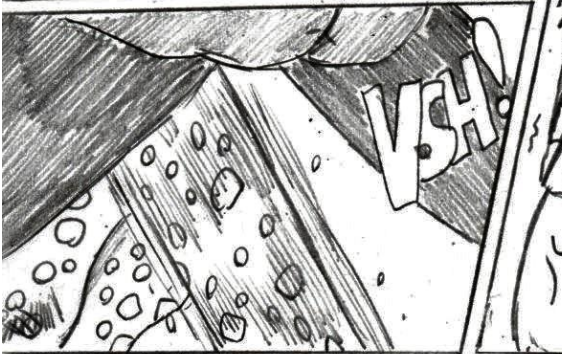
YOU TRIED TO HARM MY
FRIENDS AGAIN! SO I'M
GOING TO FINISH THIS...
RIGHT NOW!!!



GRRRR... D-DAMN YOU!!!



GWAA-ACK!!!



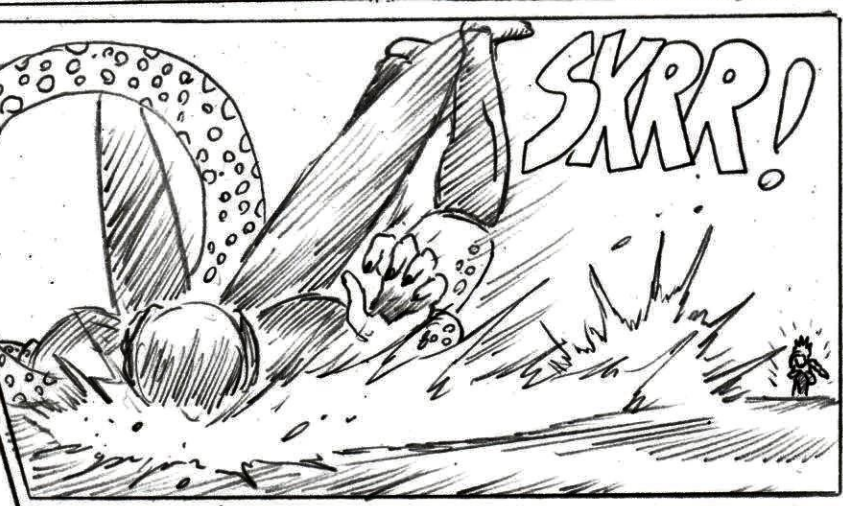
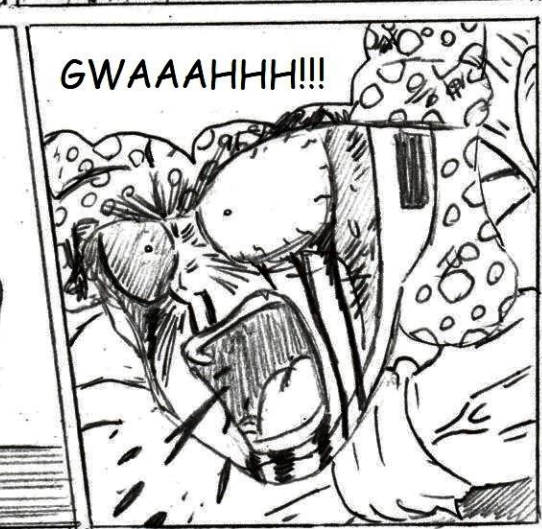
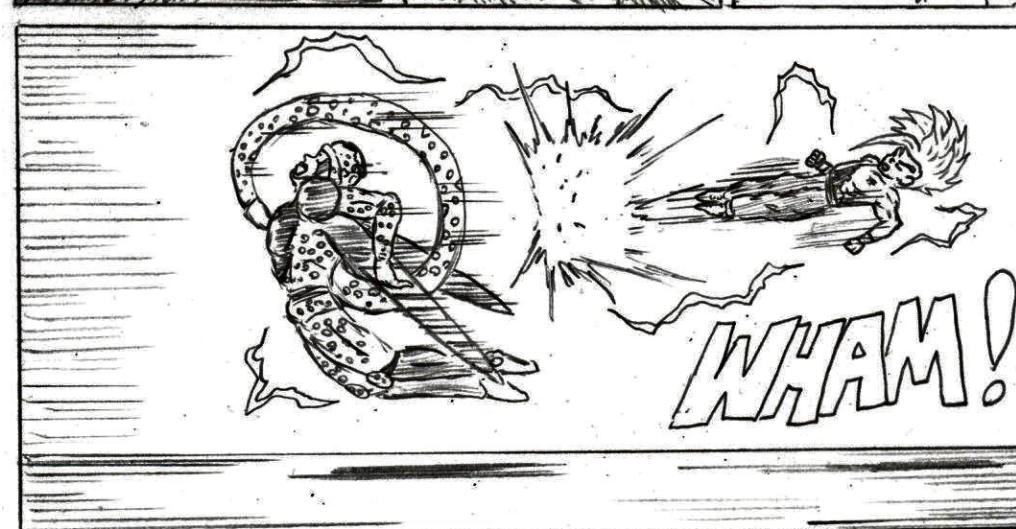
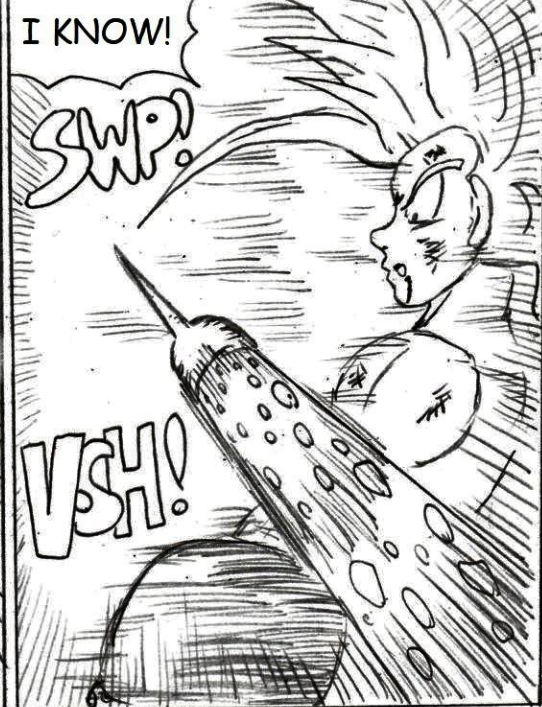
VH!

HIS TAIL!

WATCH
OUT,
GOHAN!



WOOOSH!



**MAXIMUM
KAIO-KEN!!!**

You're attacking
me straight up?
Bring it on!

WOOOSH!

I'll crack your
skull open with
this!

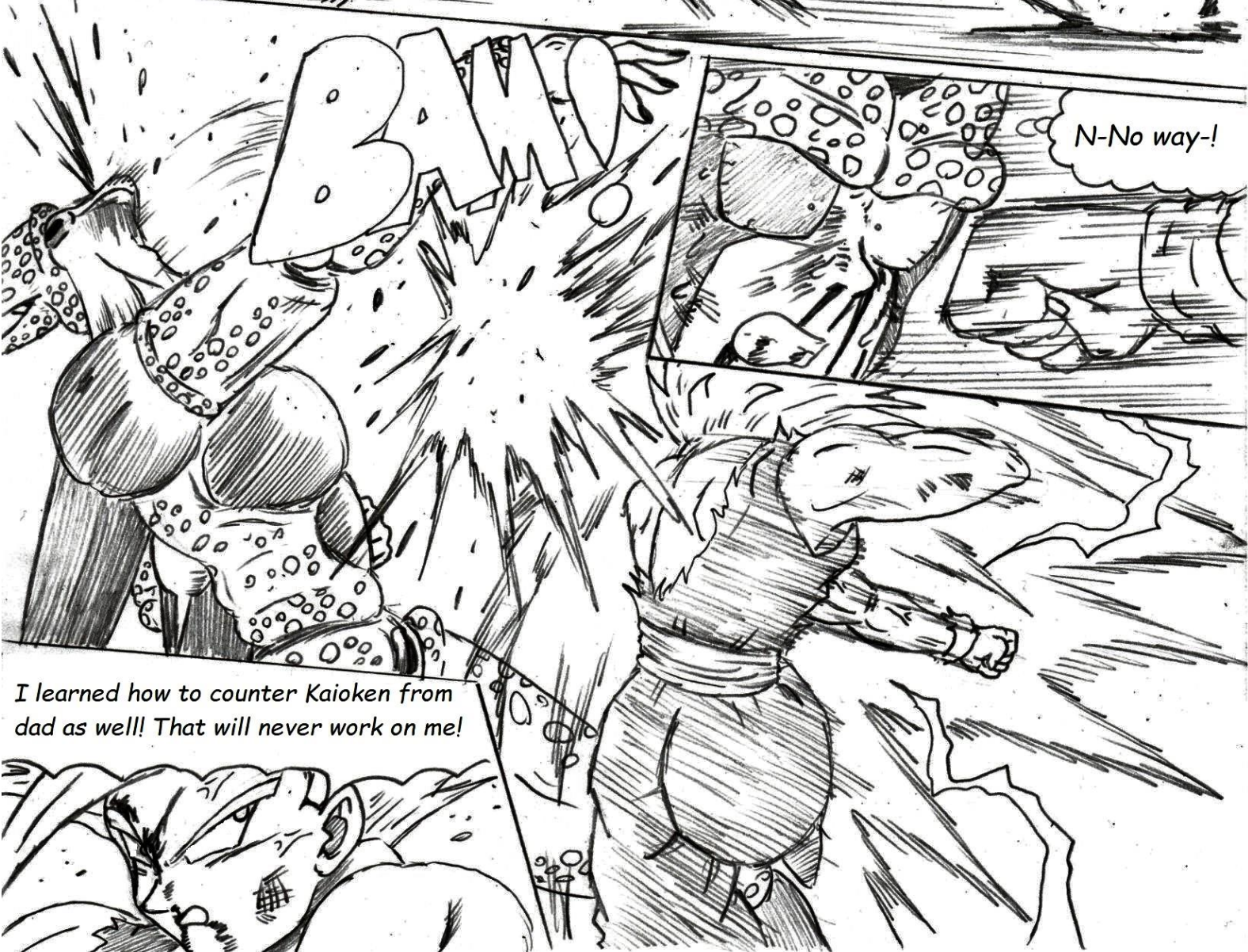
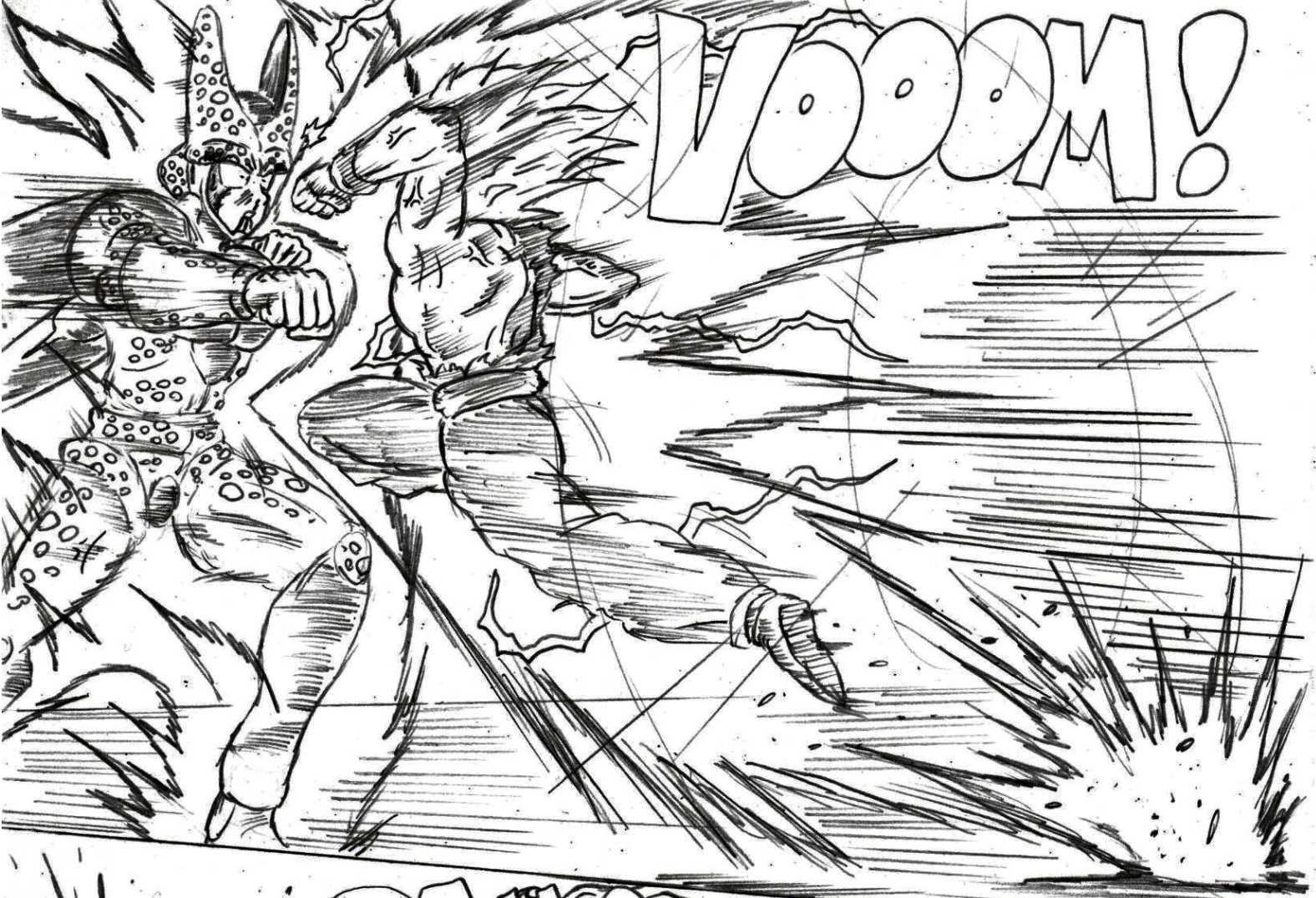
WOOOSH!

Yes! My punch is
faster and stronger
with **Kaiken!**

Tap!

I've got him!





N-No way-!

I learned how to counter Kaioken from dad as well! That will never work on me!

AGAIN- MAXIMUM
KAIO-KEN!!!
HRAAAGHHH!

VOOSH!

I'll show you!

D-Damn it!

SHOVE!

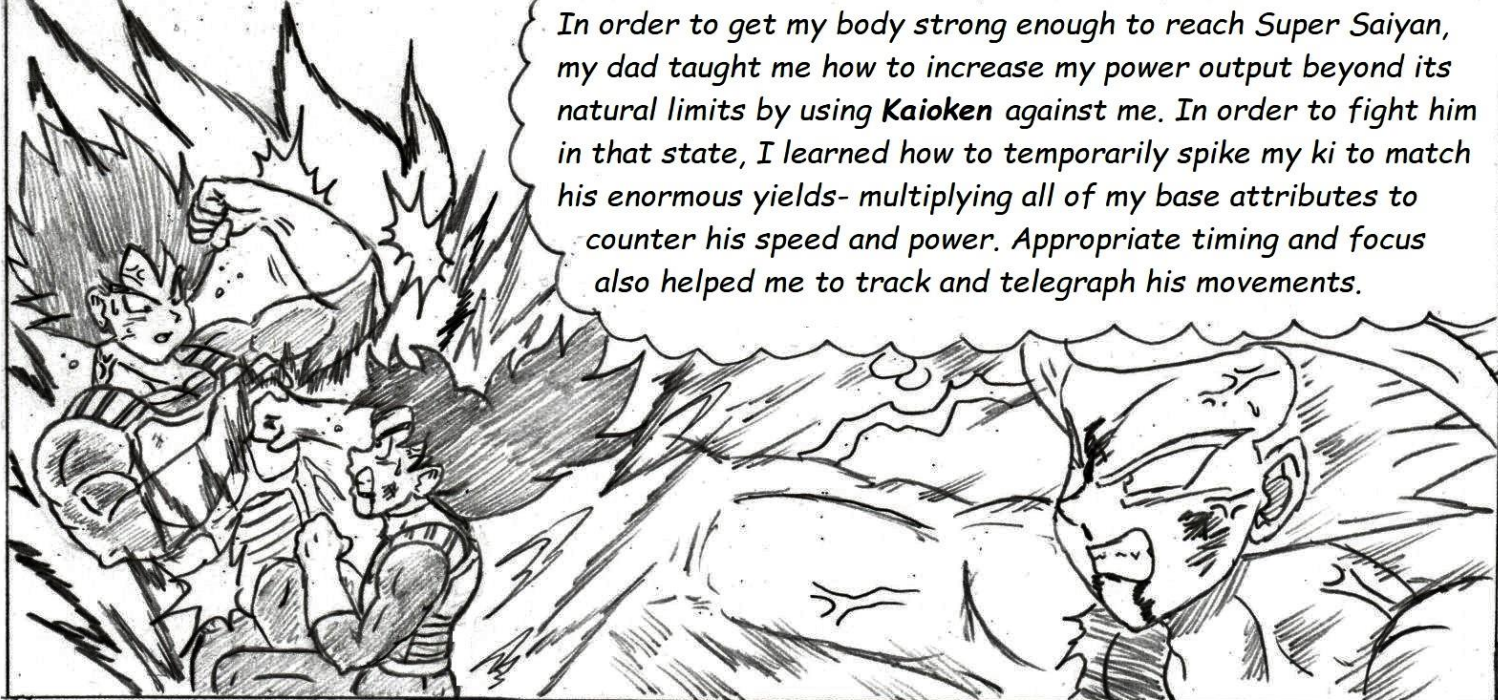
GRRRRR!!!

CRACK!

CRACK!

I... I CAN'T STOP HIM?!!

I PUT MY FULL POWER
BEHIND THAT PUNCH AND HE
DIDN'T EVEN FLI-



In order to get my body strong enough to reach Super Saiyan, my dad taught me how to increase my power output beyond its natural limits by using **Kaioken** against me. In order to fight him in that state, I learned how to temporarily spike my ki to match his enormous yields- multiplying all of my base attributes to counter his speed and power. Appropriate timing and focus also helped me to track and telegraph his movements.

He was a great teacher and a great father.

He taught me so much and through him, I was able to tap into more of my power.

Up until now, I was scared to use it- thinking I couldn't handle it and that it would get to my head. And for a while... it did.

Catching up to him nearly killed me and I spent days in agony. But eventually, all my hard work paid off and I finally became a Super Saiyan... and mastered the transformation.



My dad was so proud of what I had achieved.

But I'm not scared anymore... nor am I as weak as I used to be!

I'm going to use everything my dad taught me... and I'm going to beat you once and for all!

ZAP!

Ack!

CRACK!

BAM!

Come on, Cell!



GRK!

KRAK

Come on!
Again! Again!

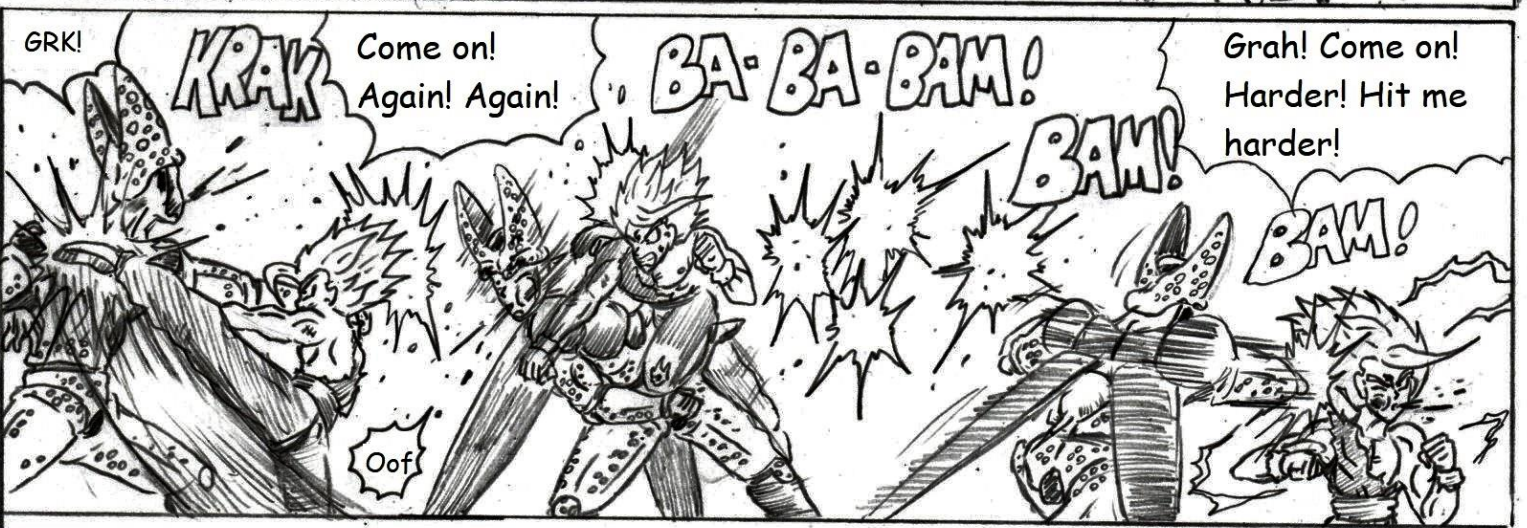
BA-BA-BAM!

Grah! Come on!
Harder! Hit me
harder!

BAM!

BAM!

Oof



Attack me! DO IT!

HRAH! HA! HA! RA!

BA-

What? Is that it?! Come on!
Knock me out, Cell! Knock me
out! HRAAA!

BAM!

BAM!

WHAM!

BAM!

Ack!



BANG!

HRAA! HA! AGAIN! COME ON! RAH!

This is what you wanted,
isn't it! Hit me in the face!
come on! That's nothing!

BA-BA-BA-BAM!

GAH!

ACK!

BAM

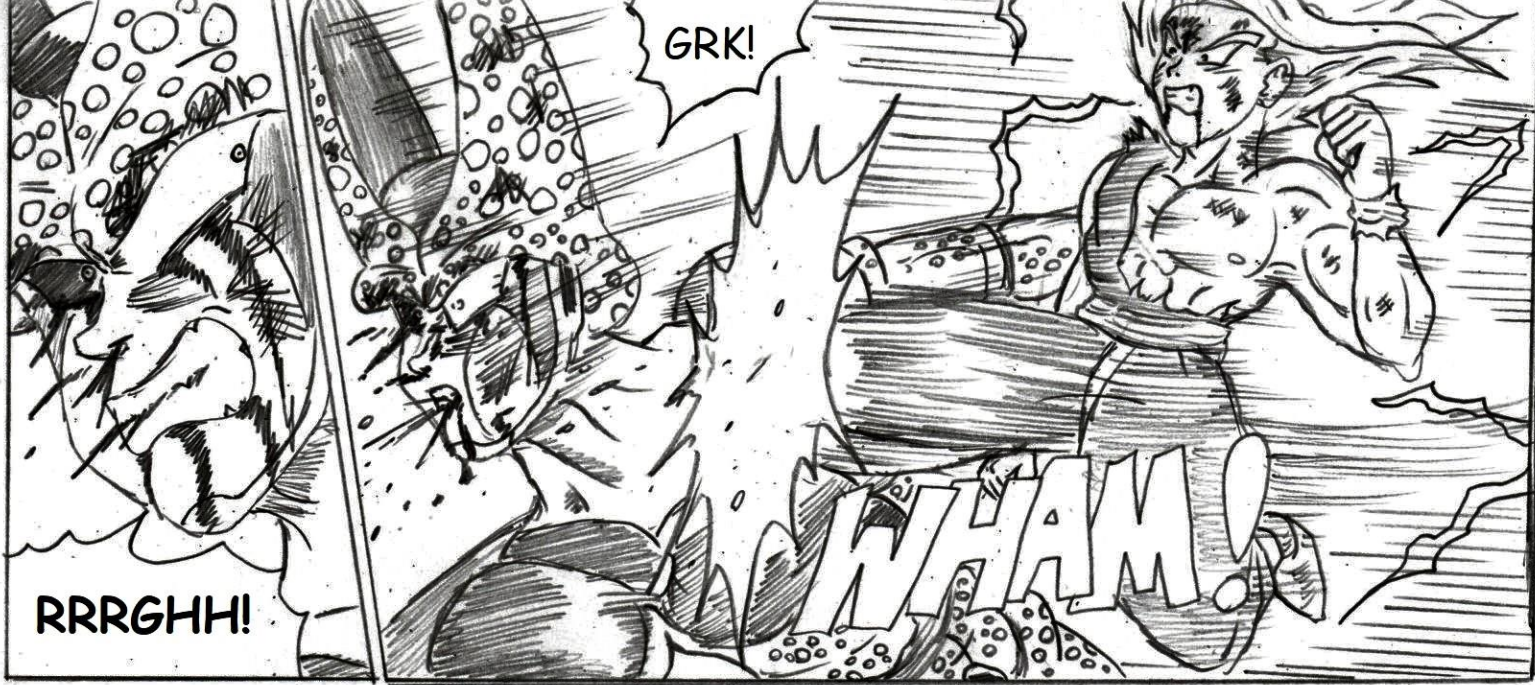
AH!

BA-BABA

GRK!

BABAM!

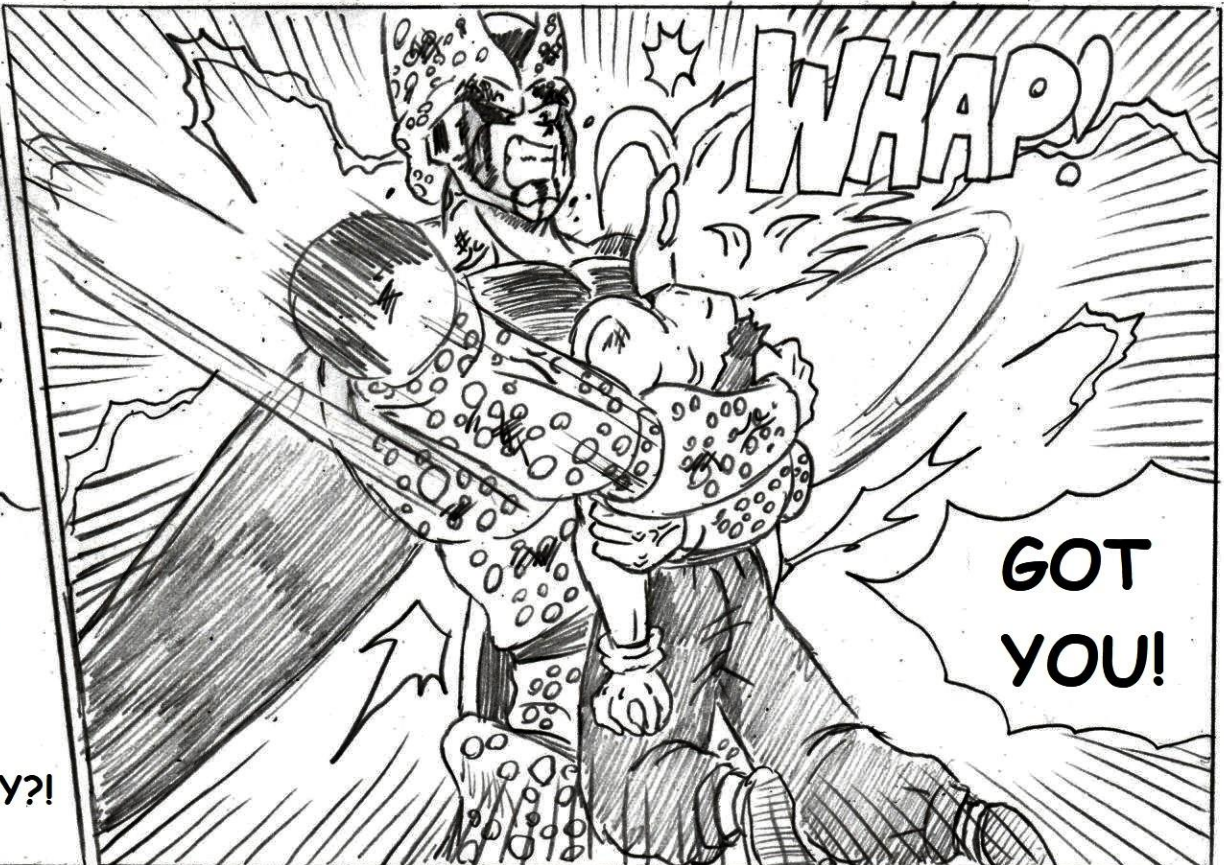




RRRGHH!

GRK!

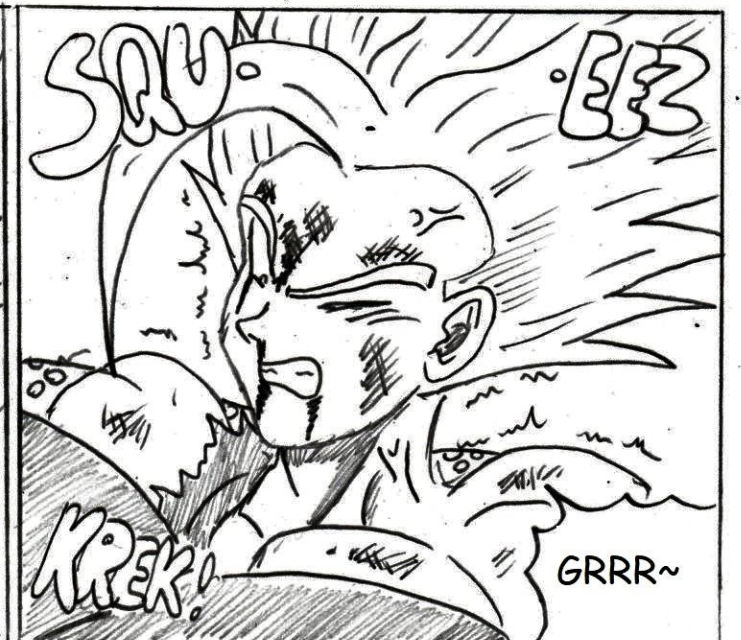
WHAM!



THIS TIME I
WON'T STOP
UNTIL YOU
BREAK! YOU
HEAR ME, BOY?!

WHAP!

GOT
YOU!



NOT THIS TIME!

SWING

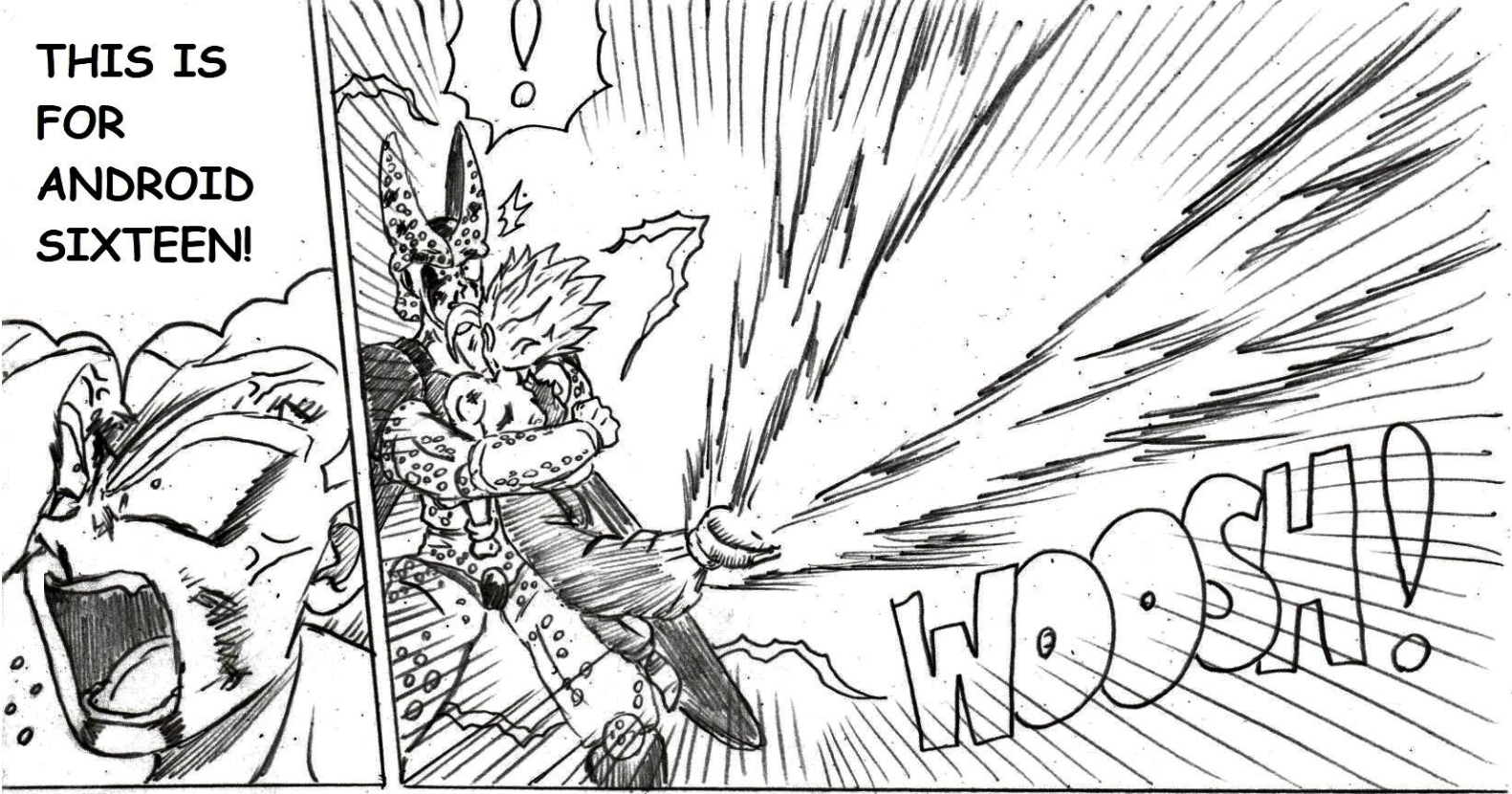
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EEZ

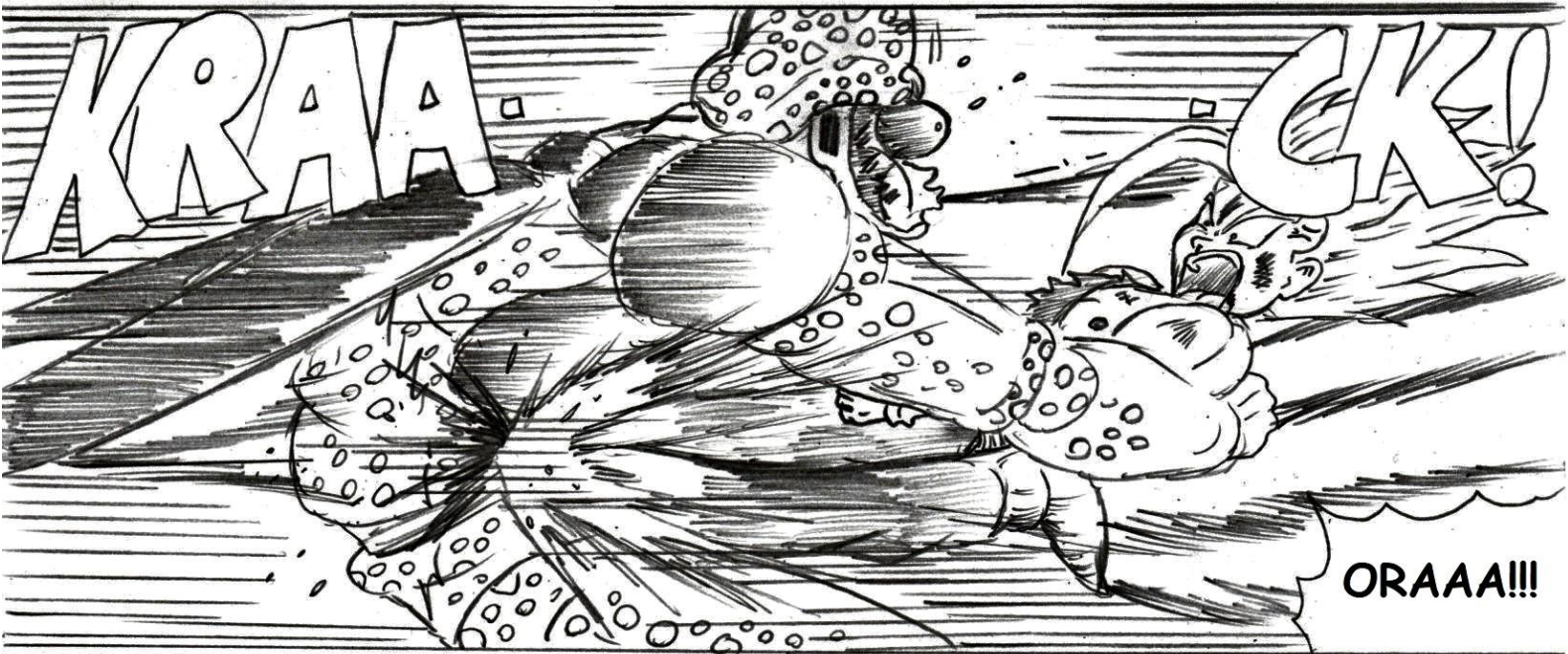
KREK!

GRRR~

THIS IS
FOR
ANDROID
SIXTEEN!



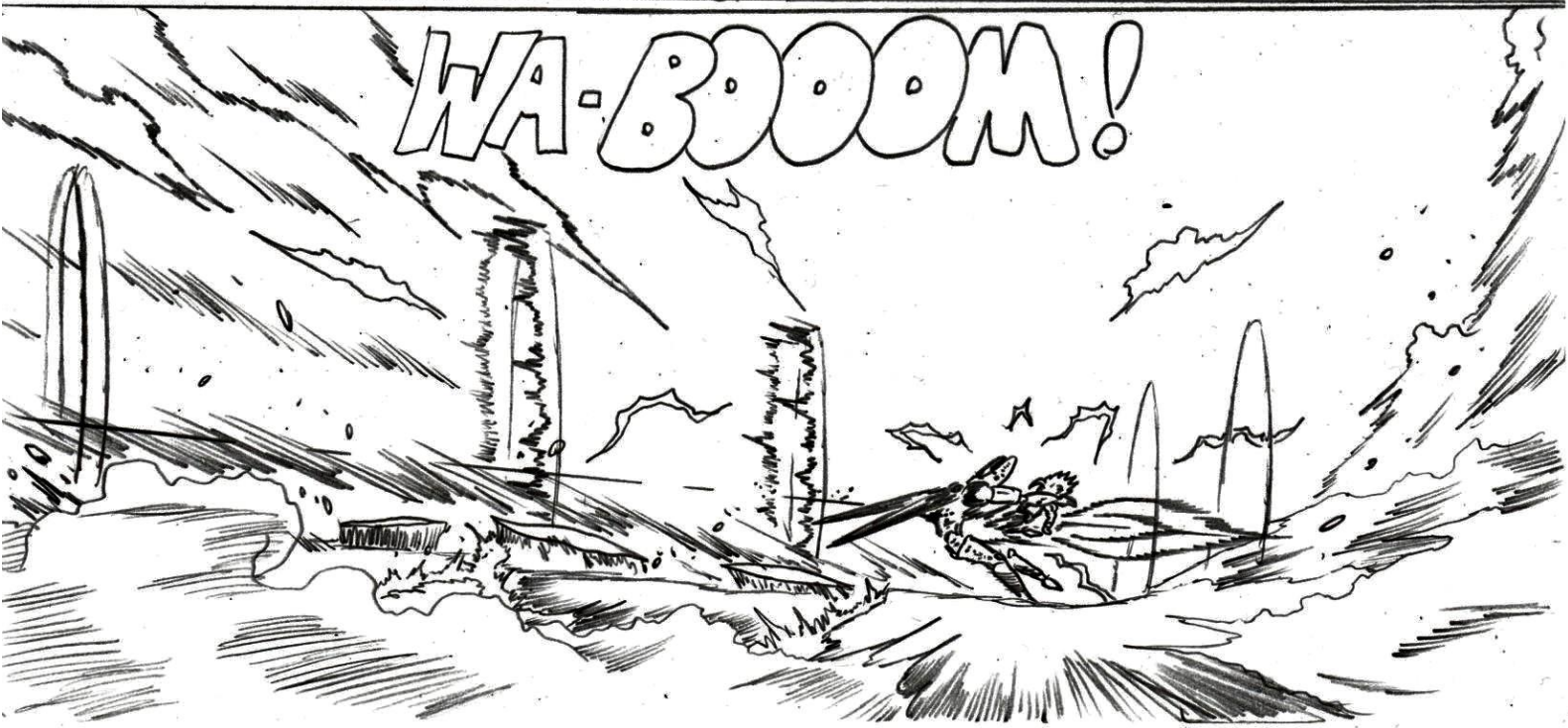
WOOSH!



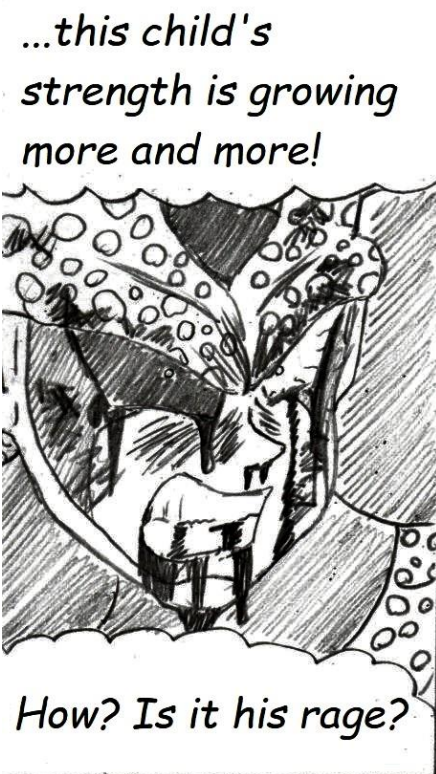
KRAAA

CK!

ORAAA!!!

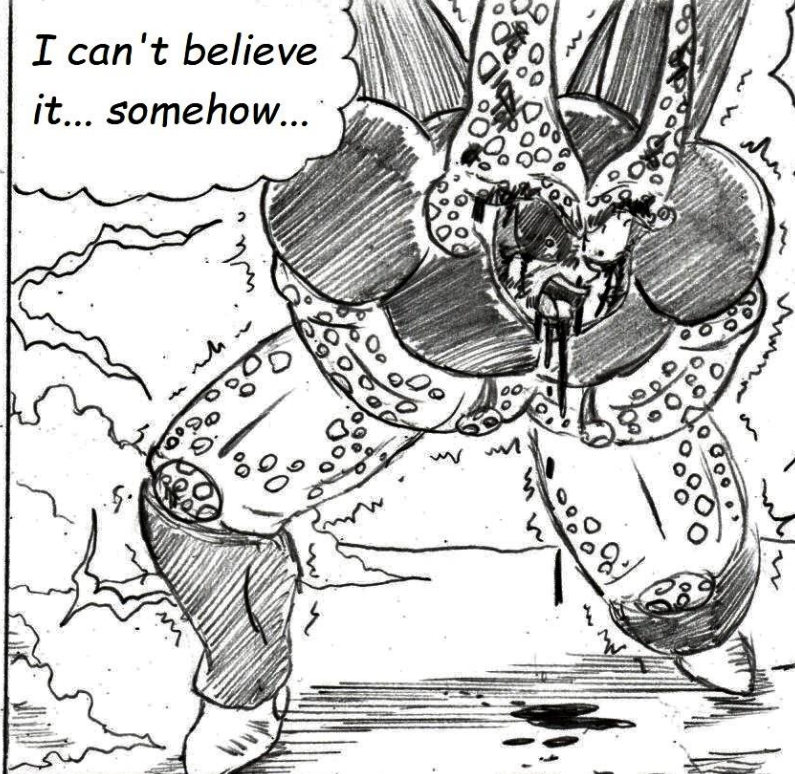


WA-BOOOM!



...this child's strength is growing more and more!

How? Is it his rage?



I can't believe it... somehow...

GOUGH...
...ACK...
GASP...

STAGGER
STAGGER



WOO.

His skills?

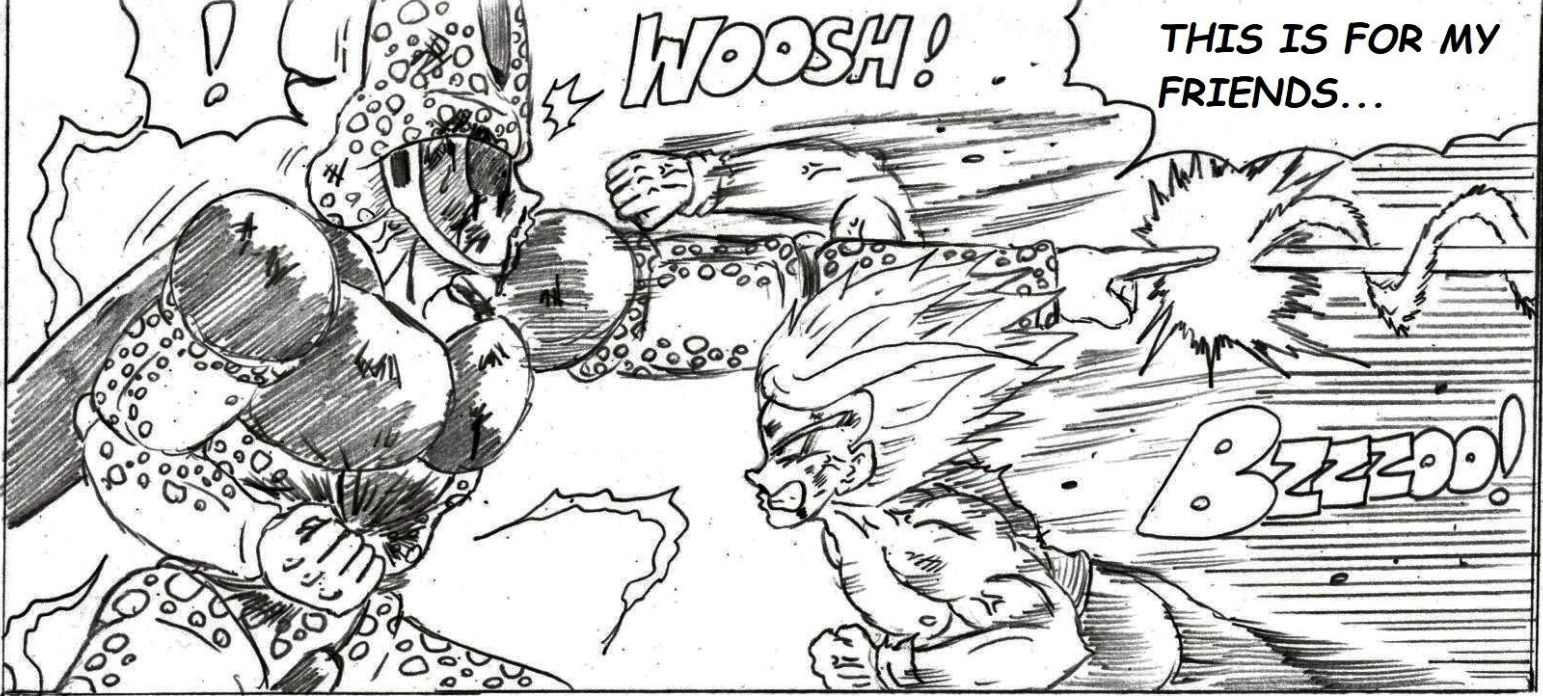
SH!

Or is it... his hidden power?



WWW.

MAKANKOSAPPO!!!
(Demon's Penetrating Killing Light Gun)



WOOSH!

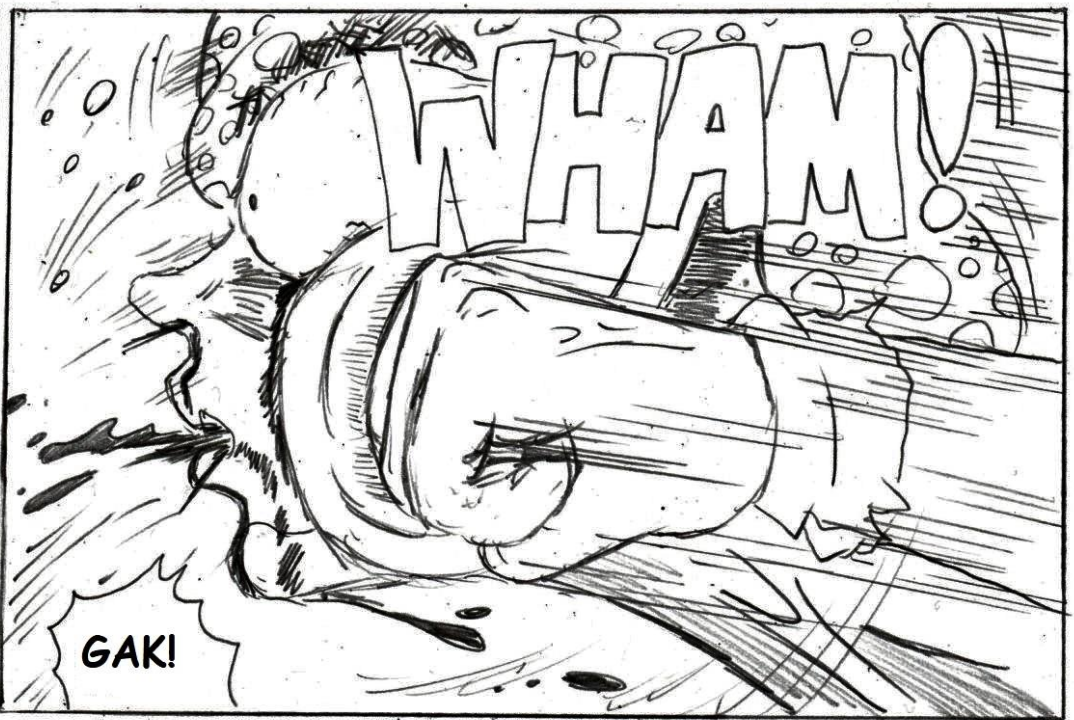
THIS IS FOR MY FRIENDS...

BZZZOO!



...AND EVERYONE ELSE YOU'VE HURT!

CLENCH!



WHAM!

GAKI!




CRACK!

BAM!


WHAM!

GAH!

URKI!

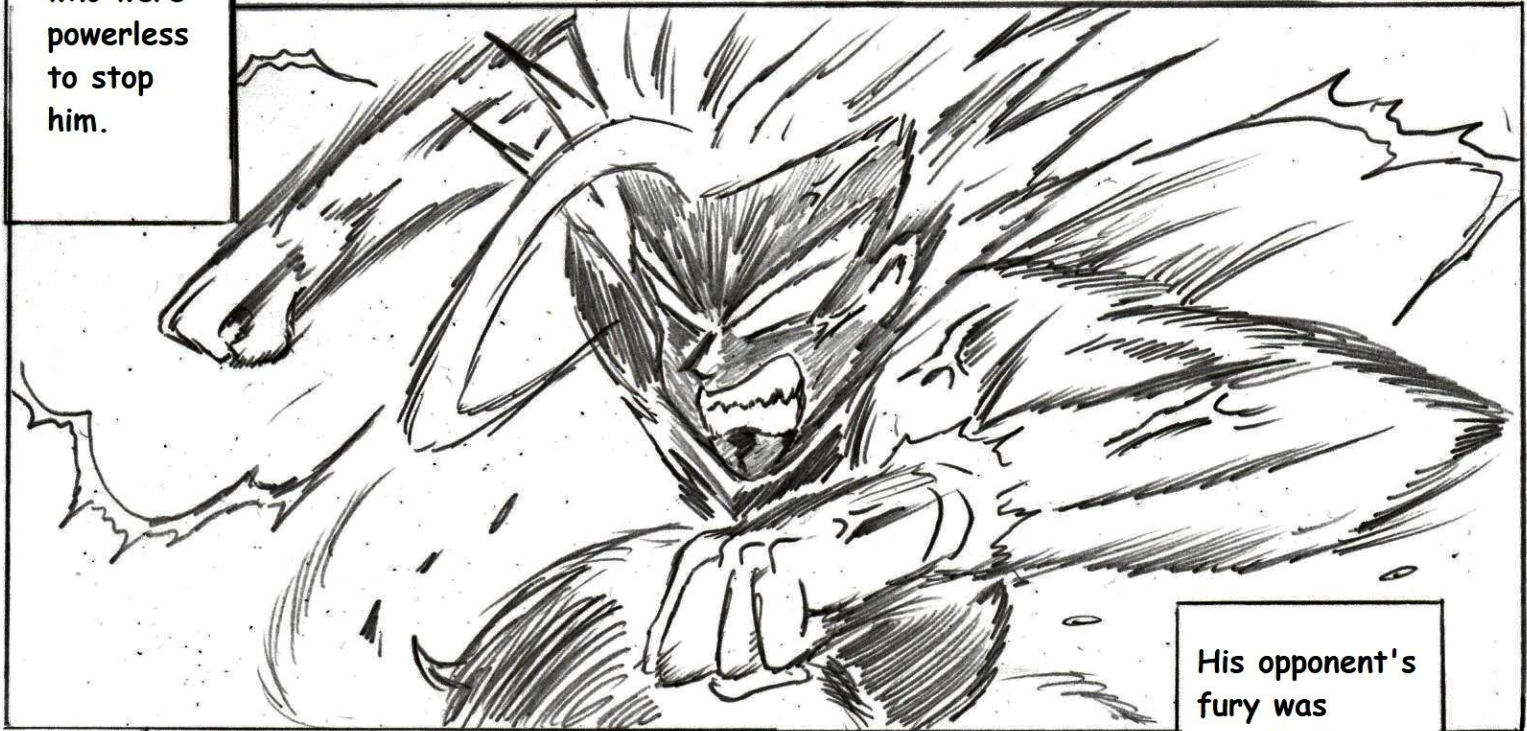


A feeling
that'd been
felt by all the
people he'd
hunted...

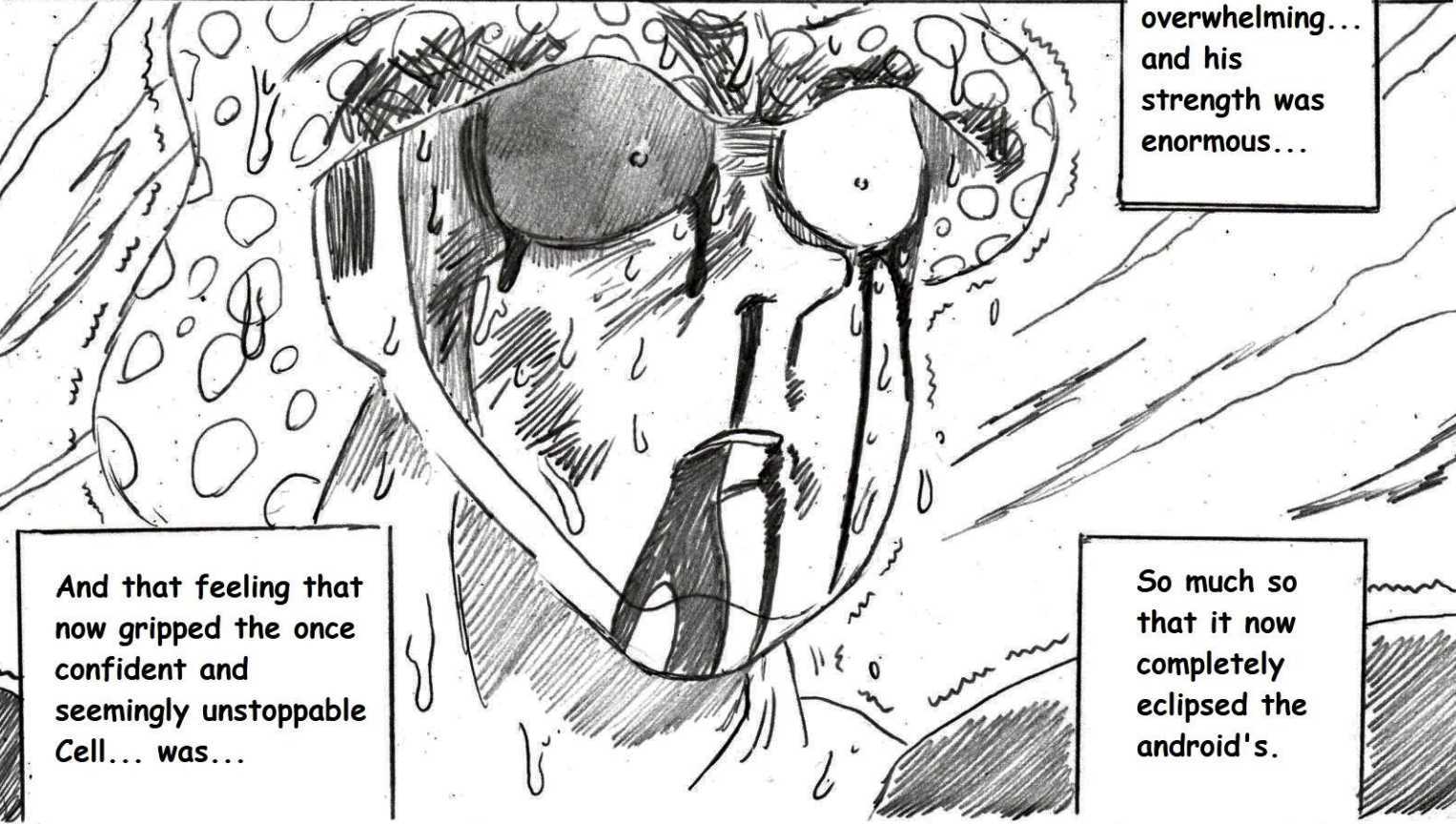


In that
moment,
Cell was
gripped by
a terrible
feeling...

...and by
all those
who were
powerless
to stop
him.

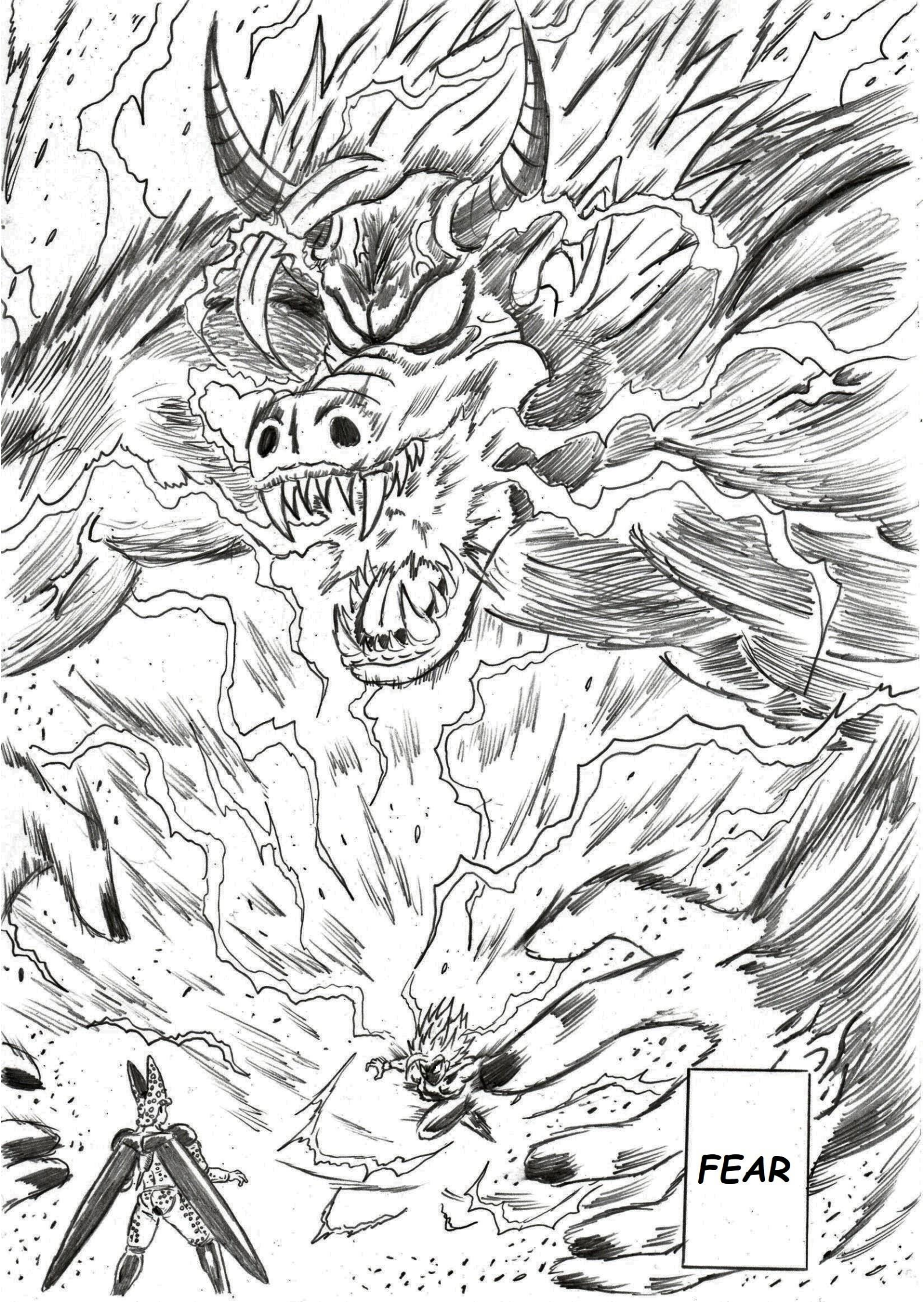


His opponent's
fury was
overwhelming...
and his
strength was
enormous...

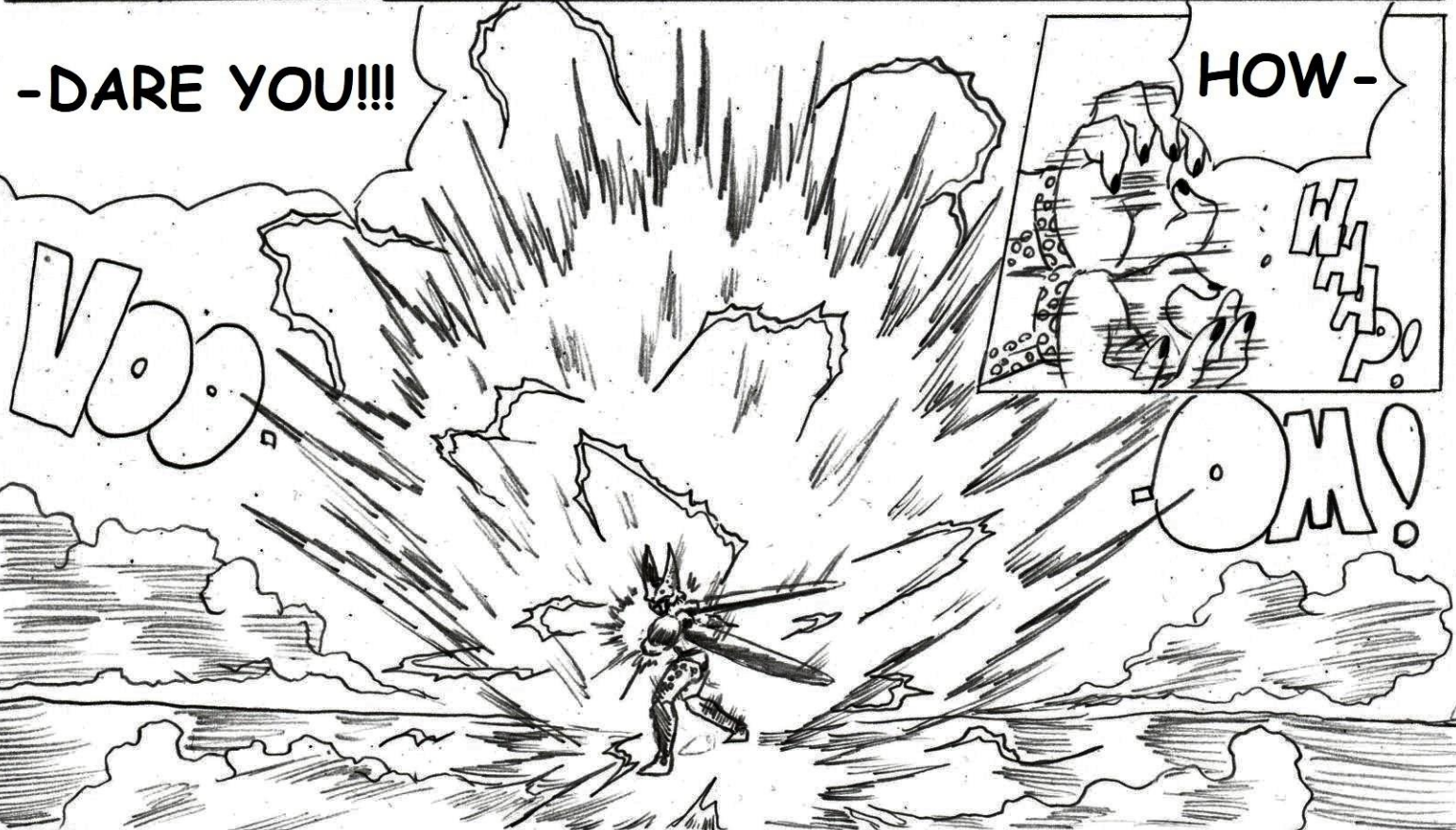
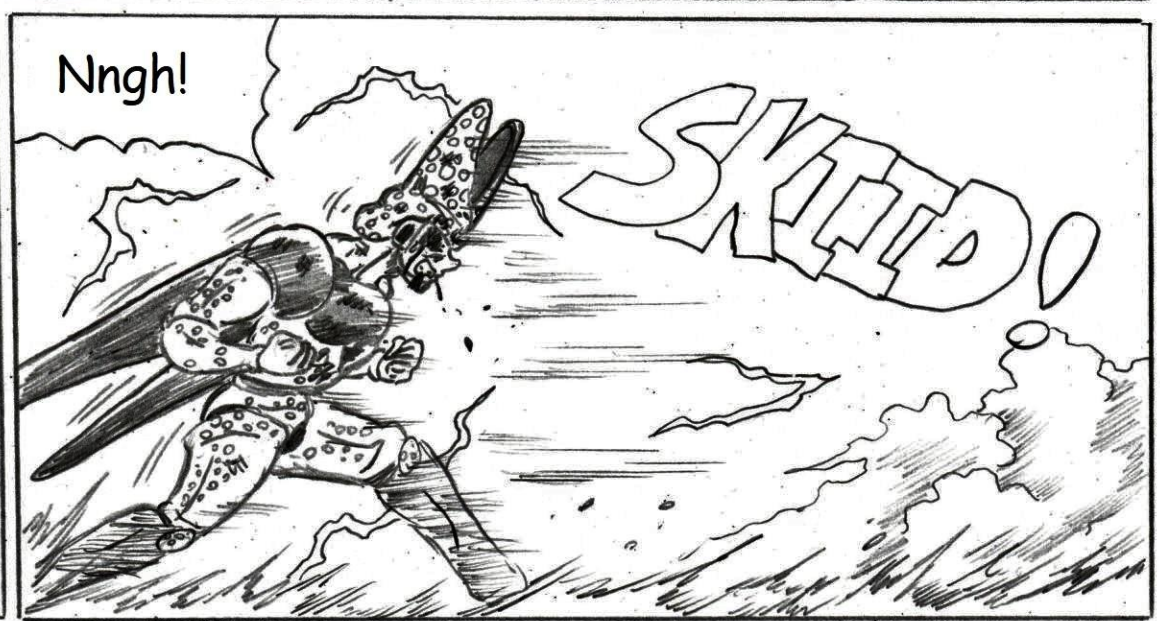
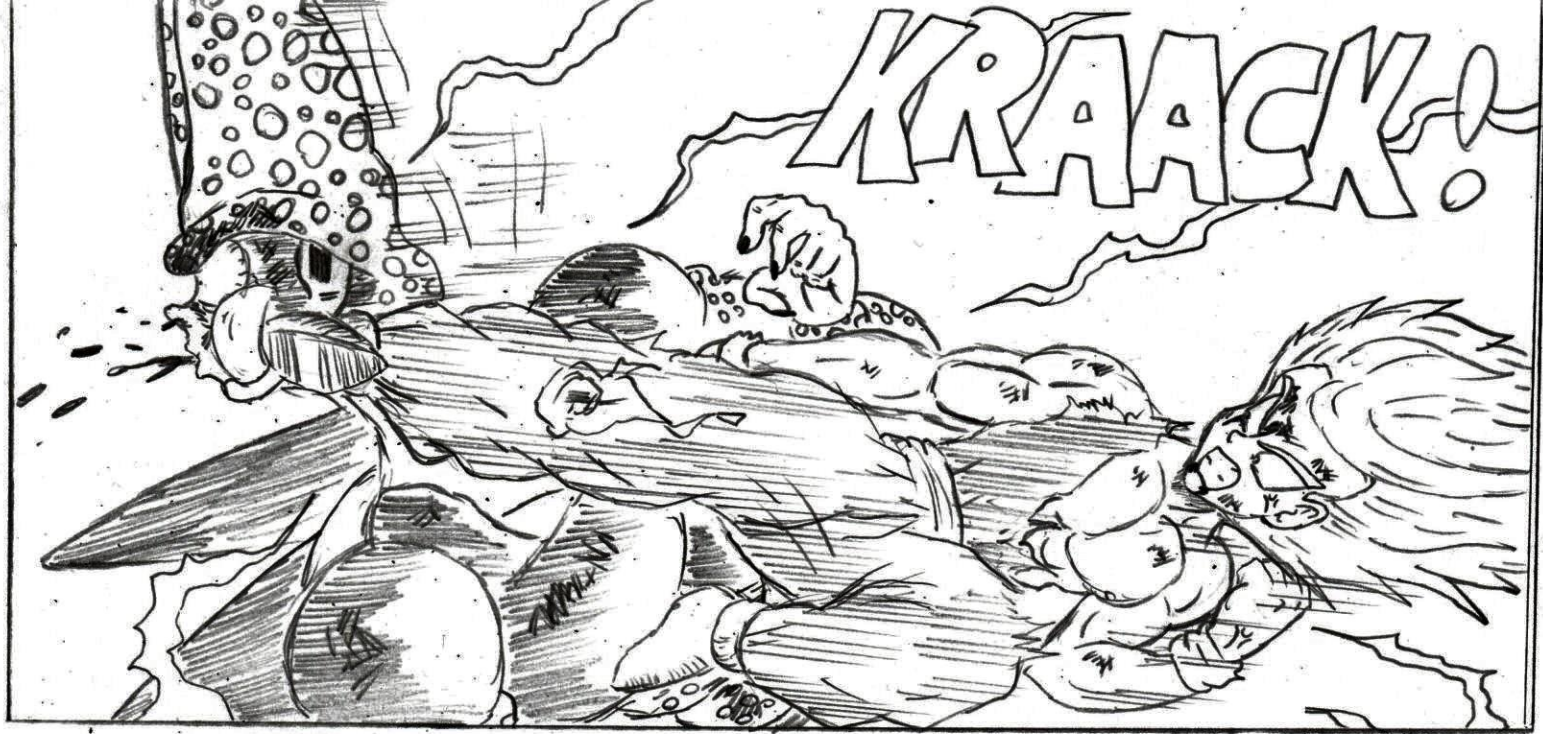


And that feeling that
now gripped the once
confident and
seemingly unstoppable
Cell... was...

So much so
that it now
completely
eclipsed the
android's.



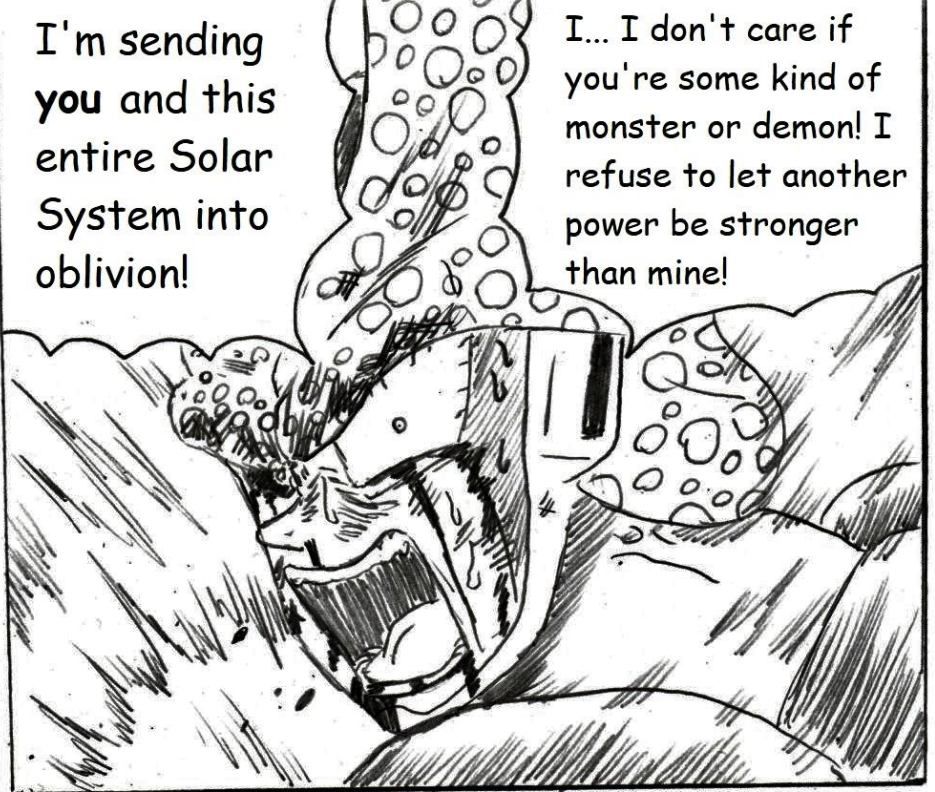
FEAR





I'm sending
you and this
entire Solar
System into
oblivion!

I... I don't care if
you're some kind of
monster or demon! I
refuse to let another
power be stronger
than mine!



"Show him, Gohan!"

"D-Dad?"

"Let him see
your true power!"



Yes, sir!

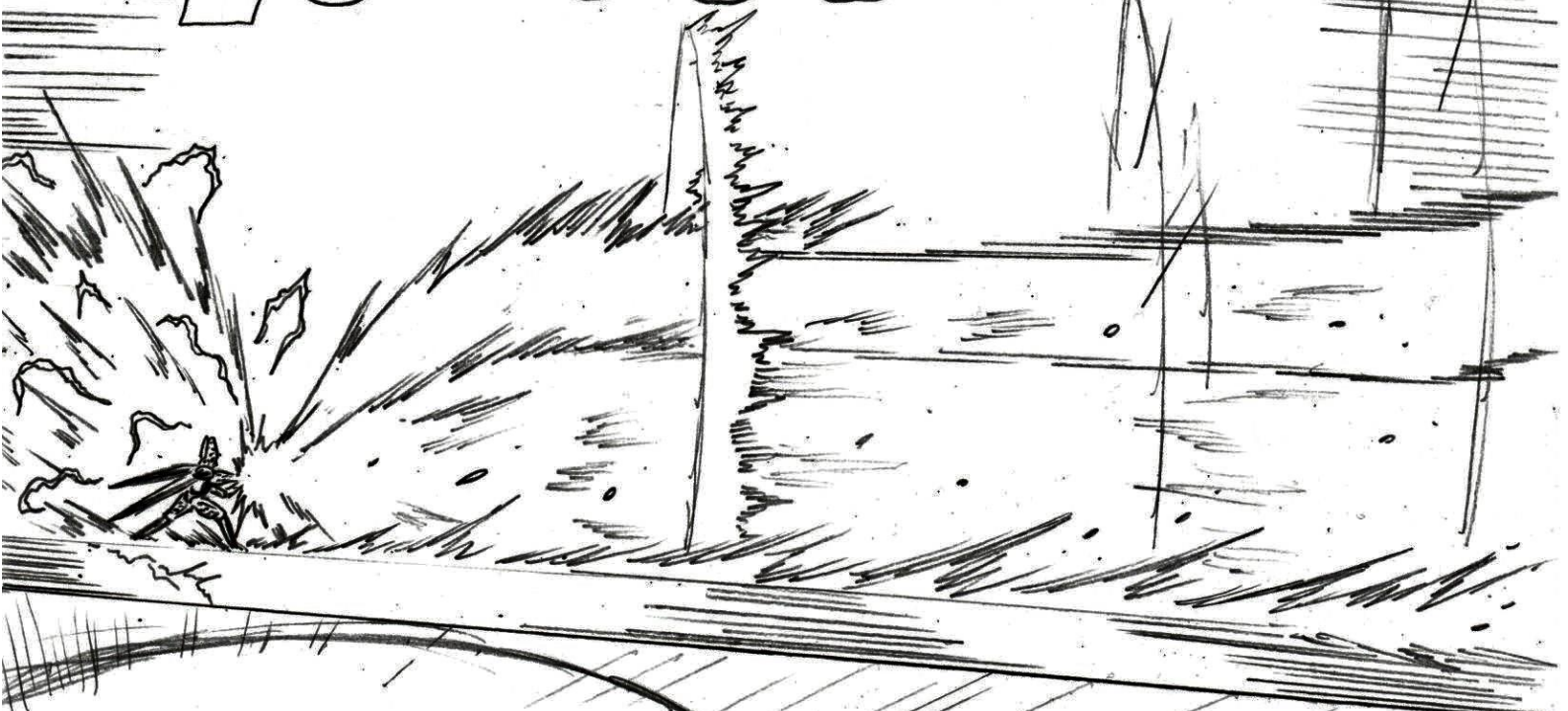


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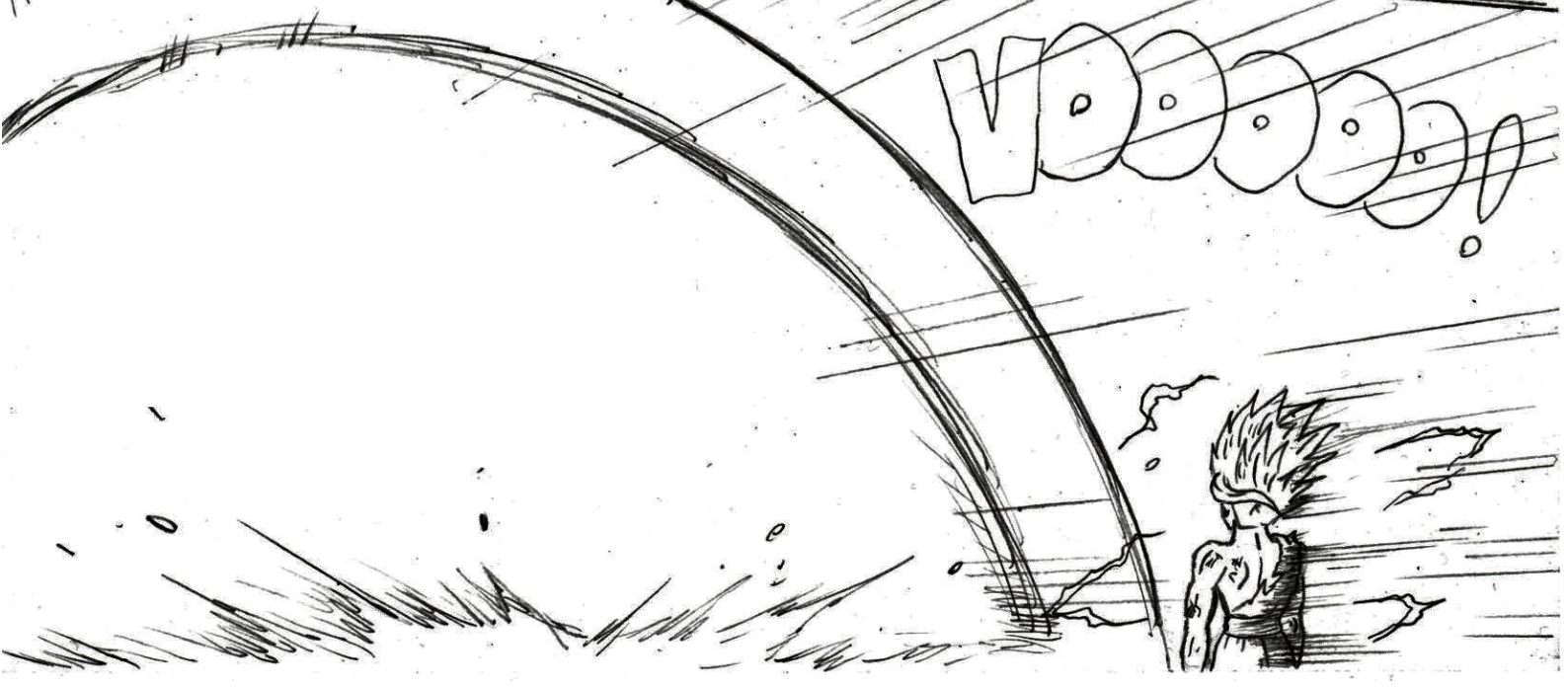
V V V

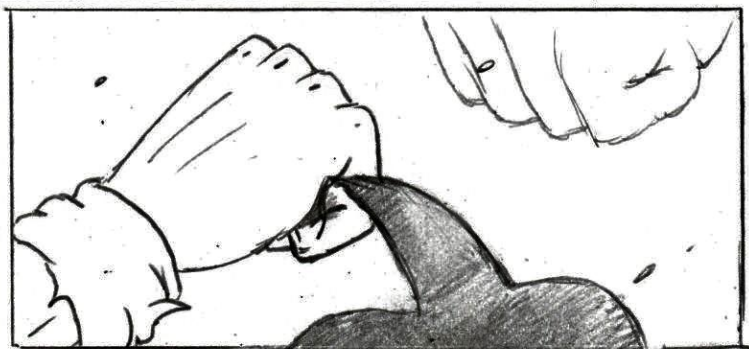
YOU'RE
FINIISHED!

V O O O O O O M !

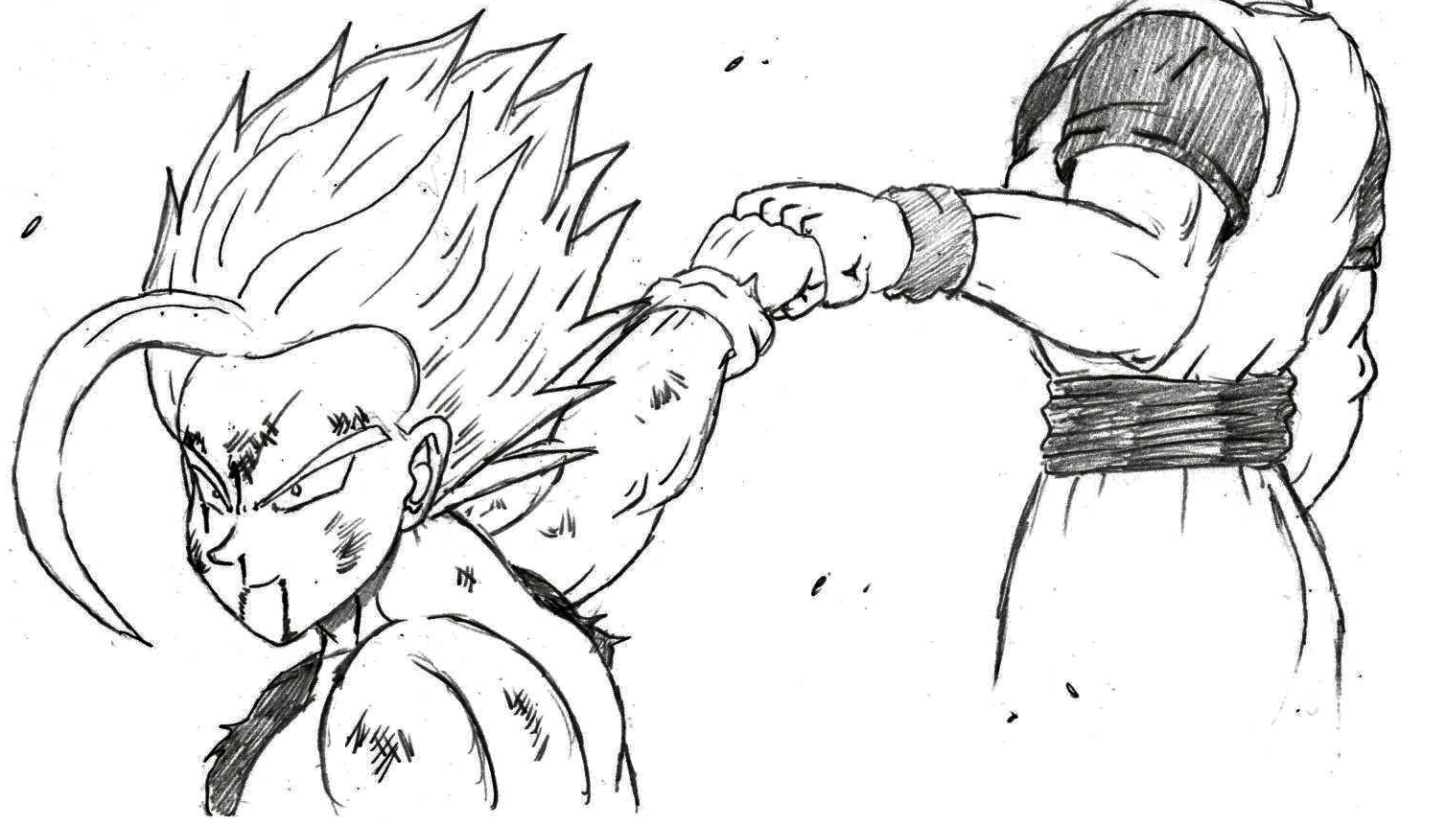


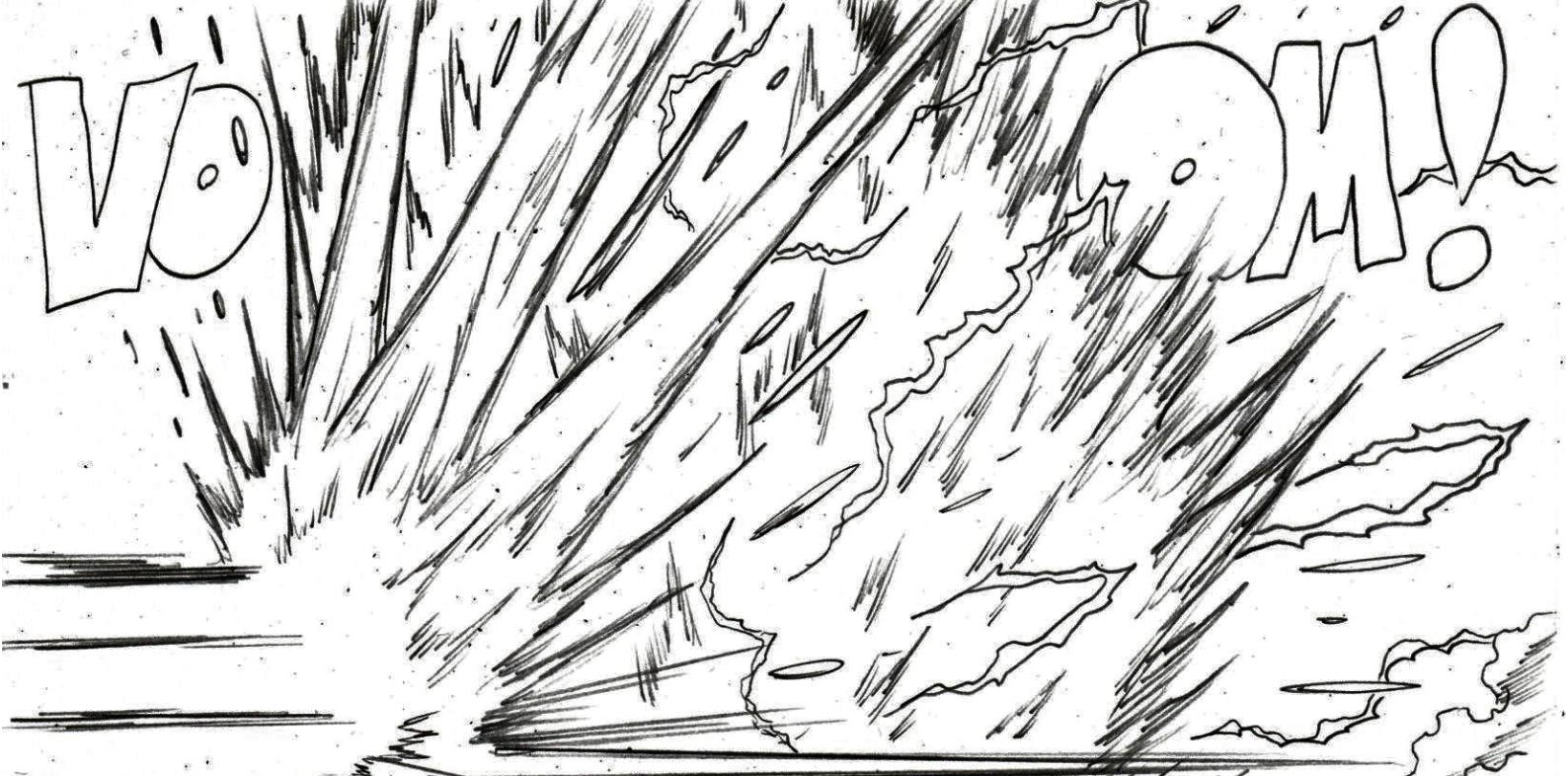
V O O O O O O





"You've got this, son."





WO

M!

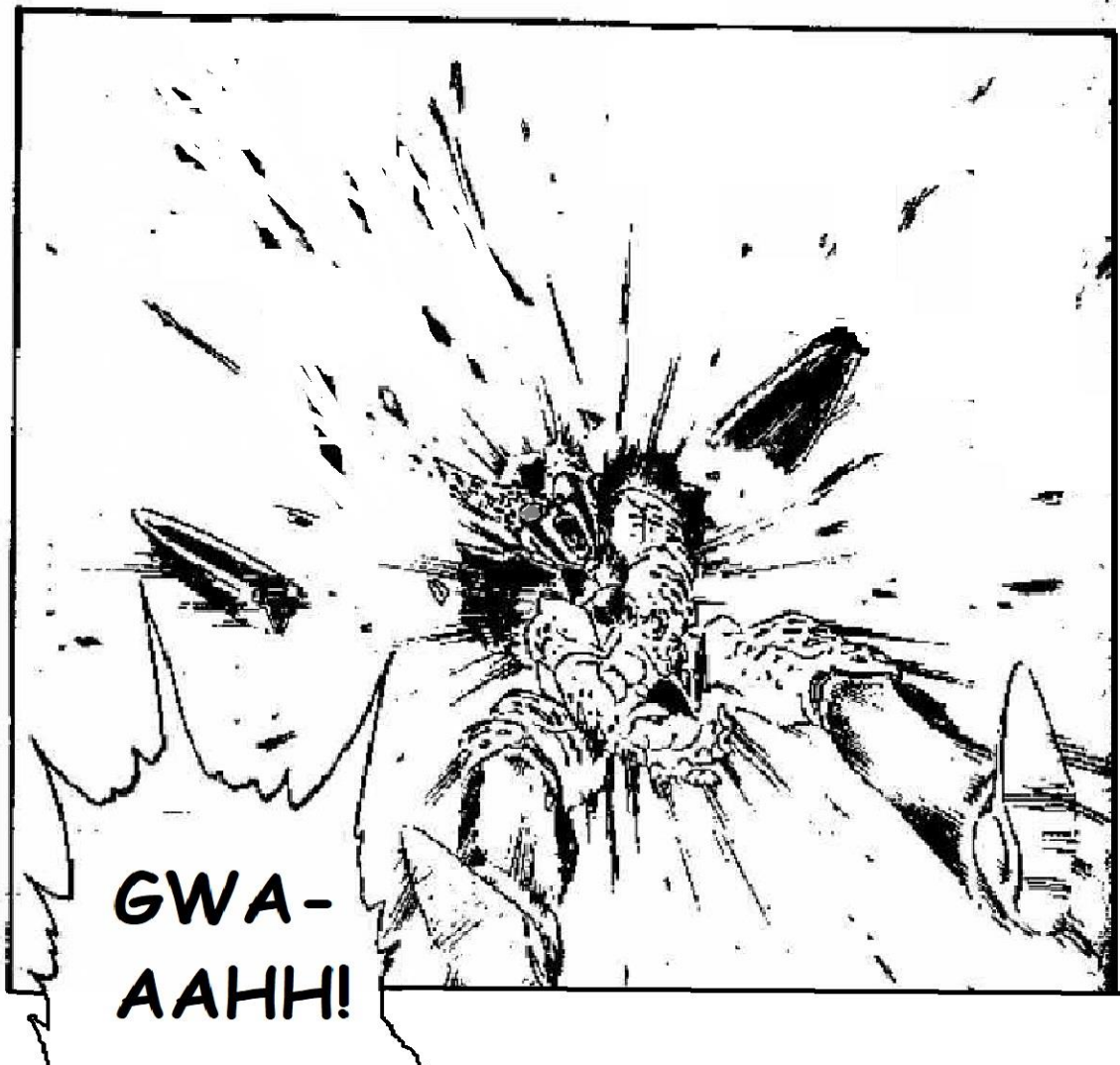
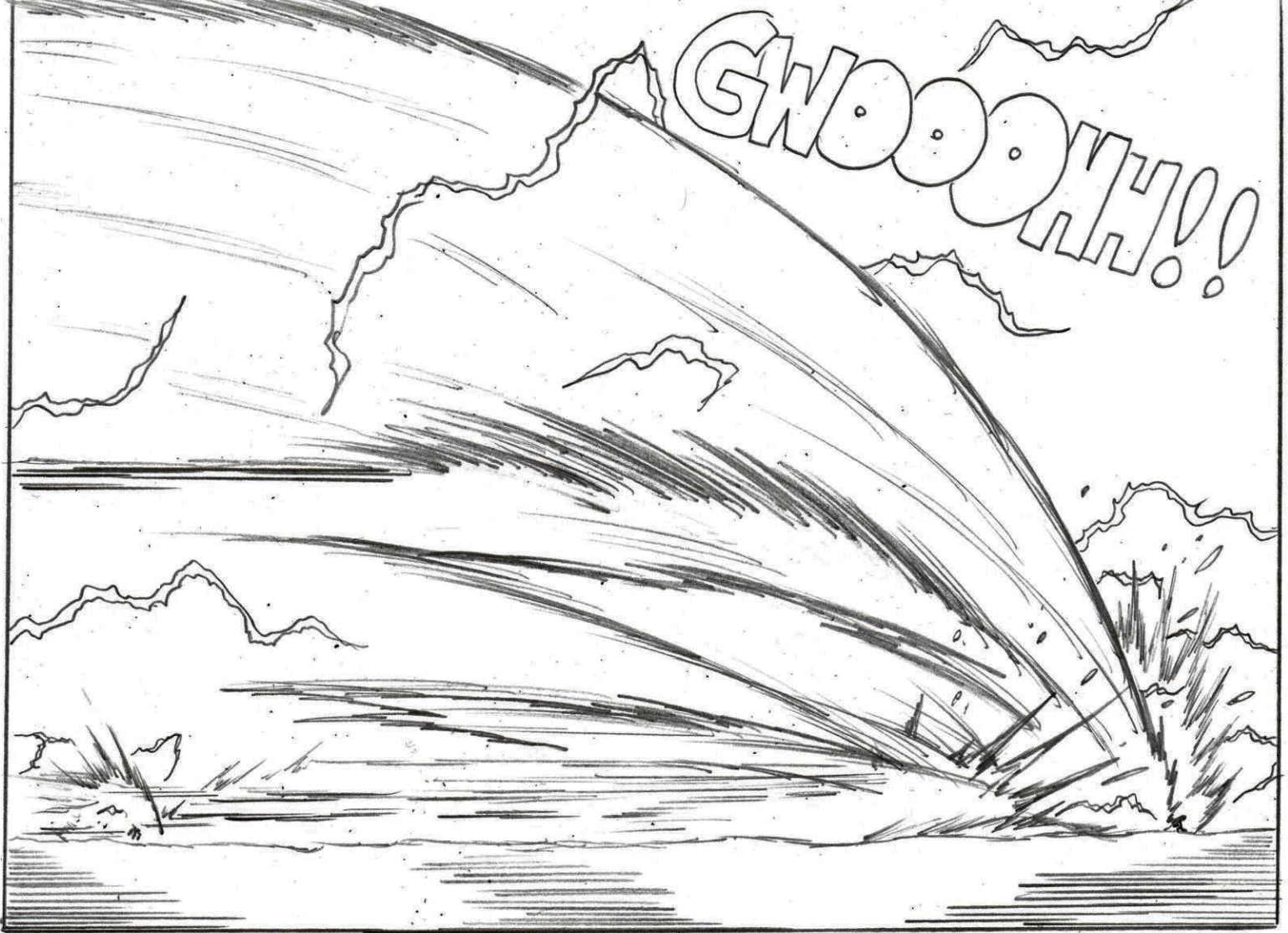
BLAAM!

AND THIS IS FOR MY FATHER!!!

KA-
ME-
HA-
ME-



HAAA!!!

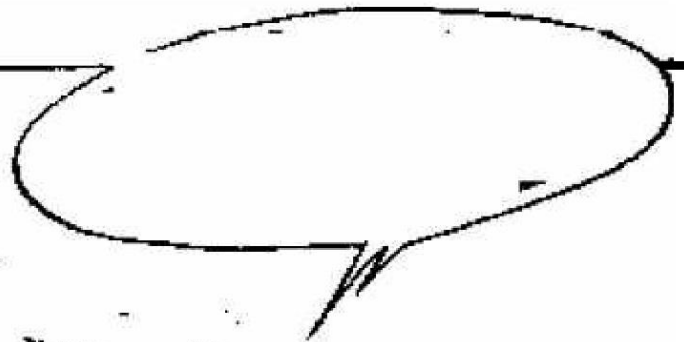


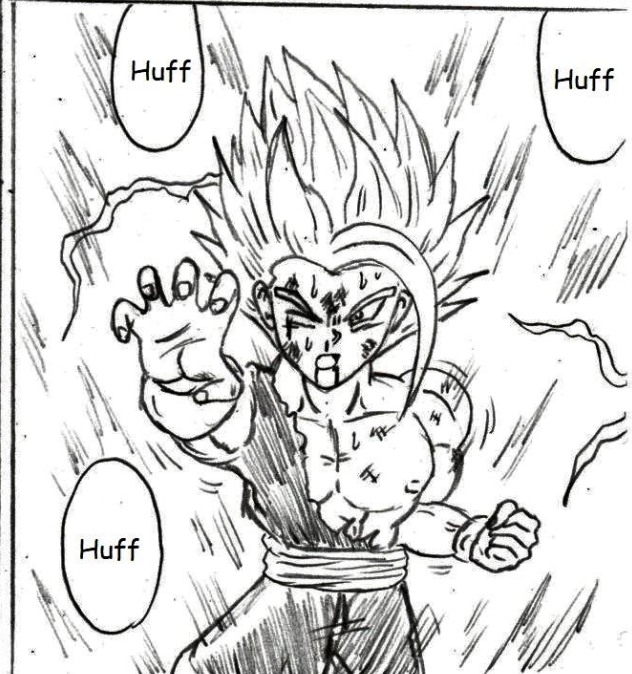
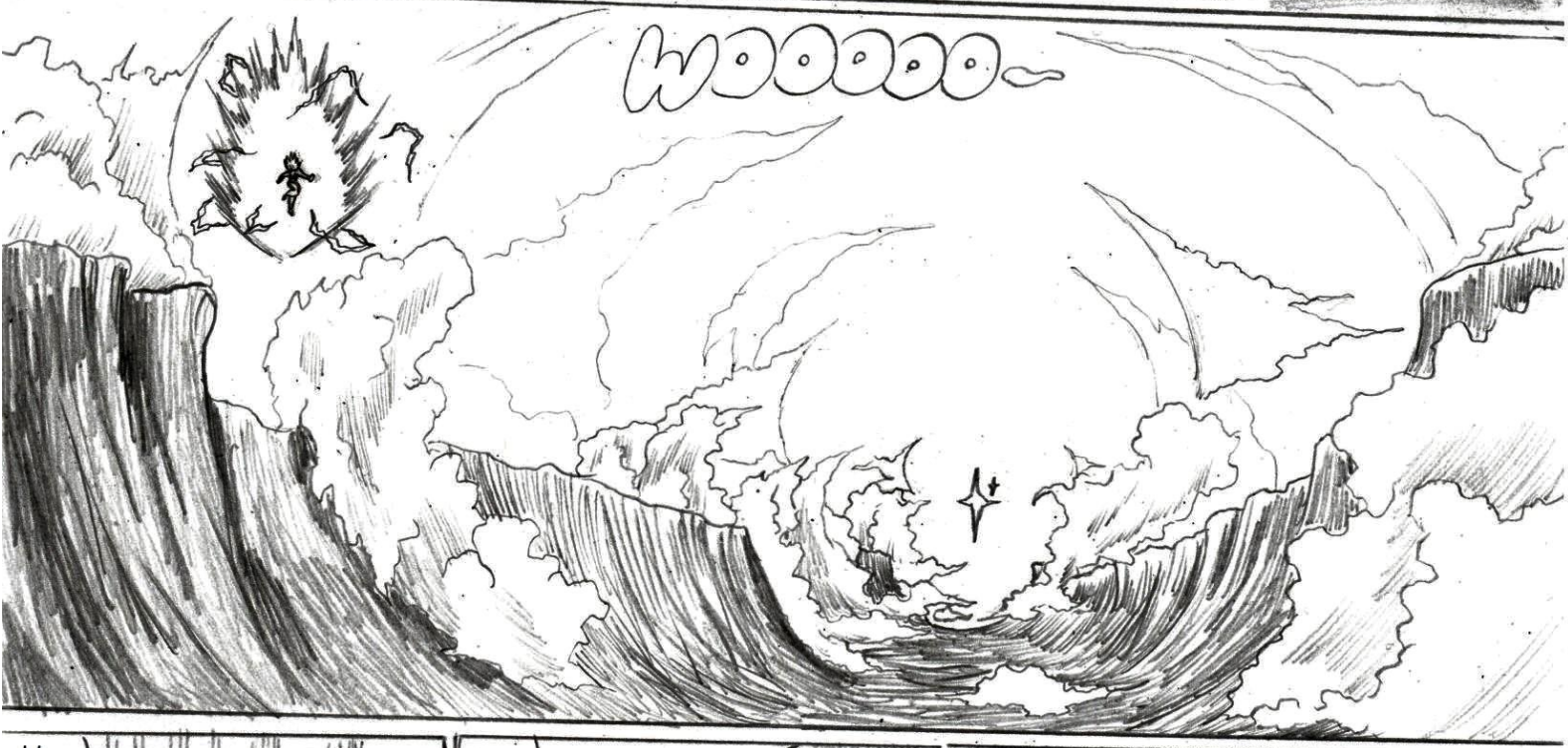
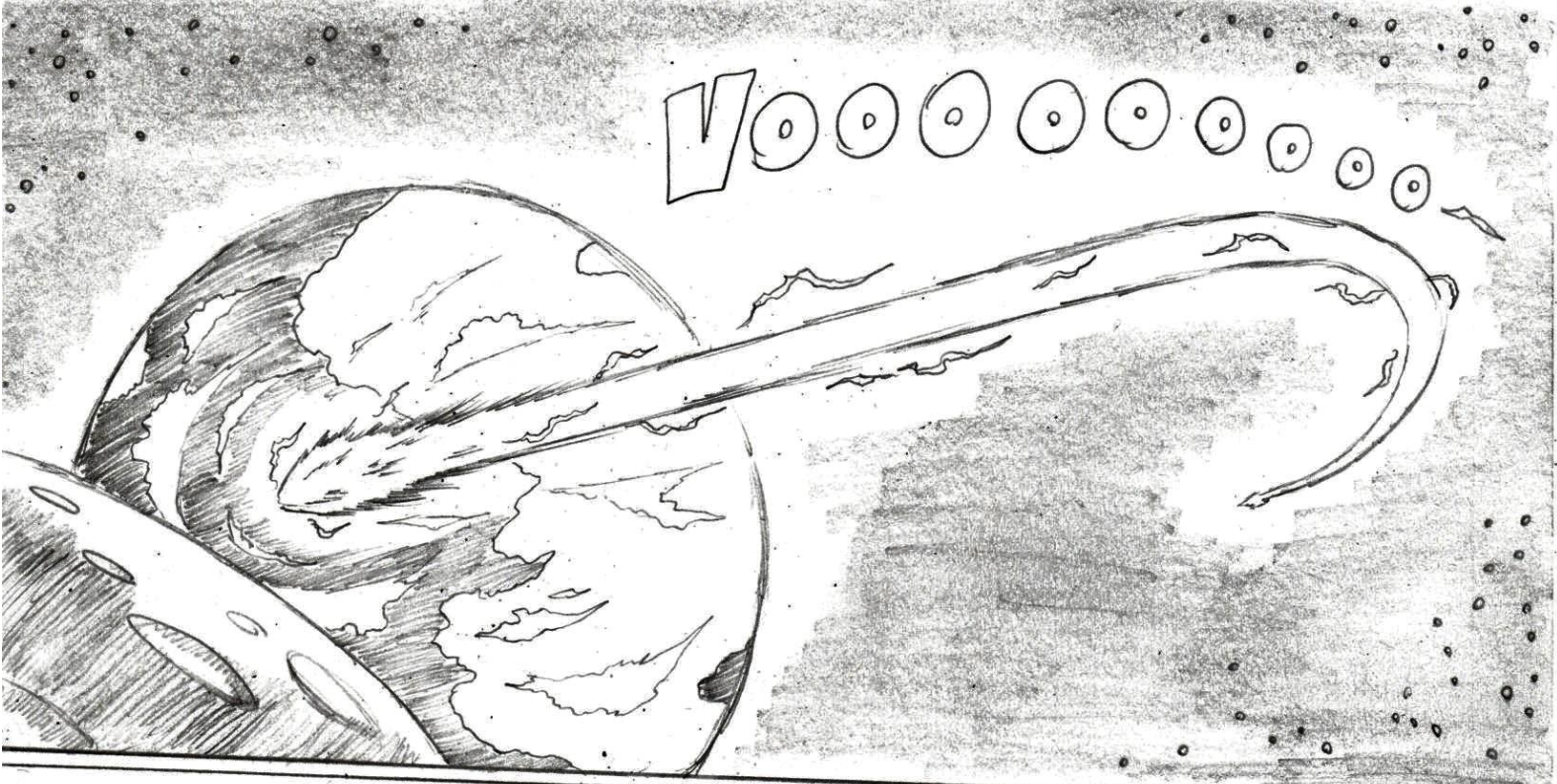
TH-THIS...
CAN'T... BE...
H-HAPPENING!



I...I'M...
P-PER...
-FEECT...

I... DON'T
... BELIEVE
IT...!

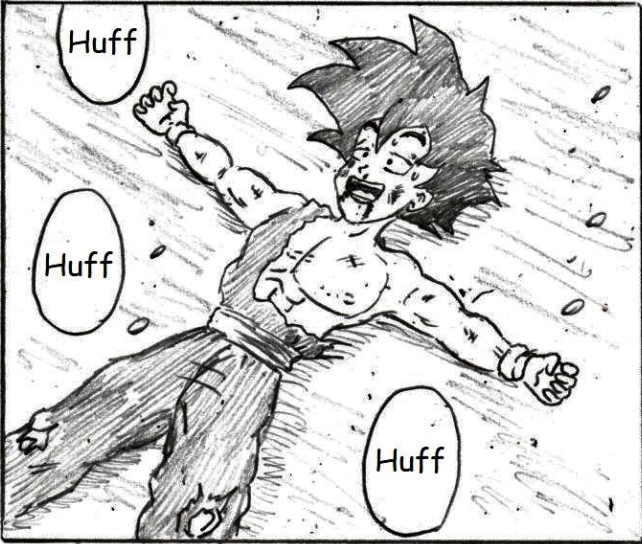
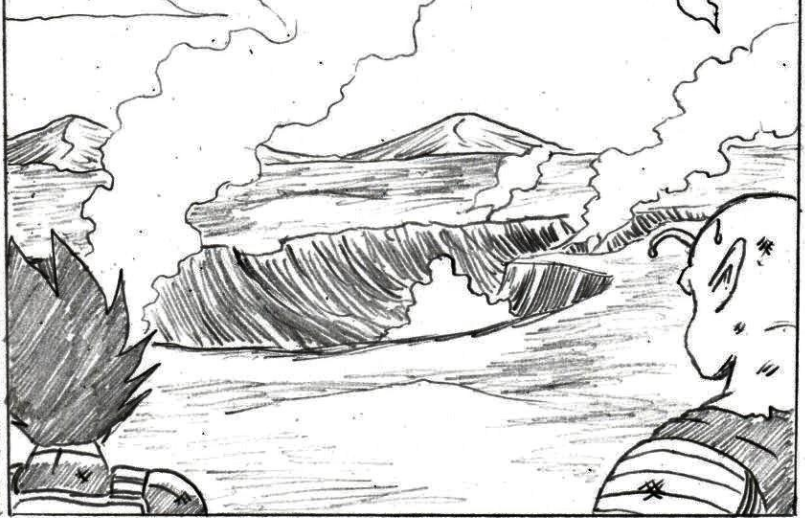




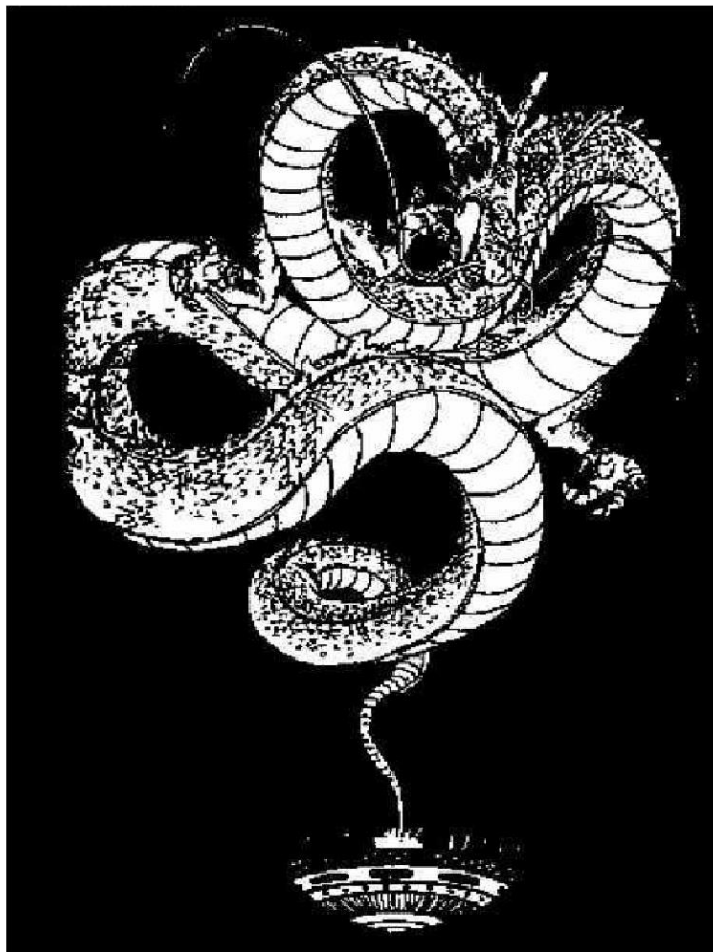
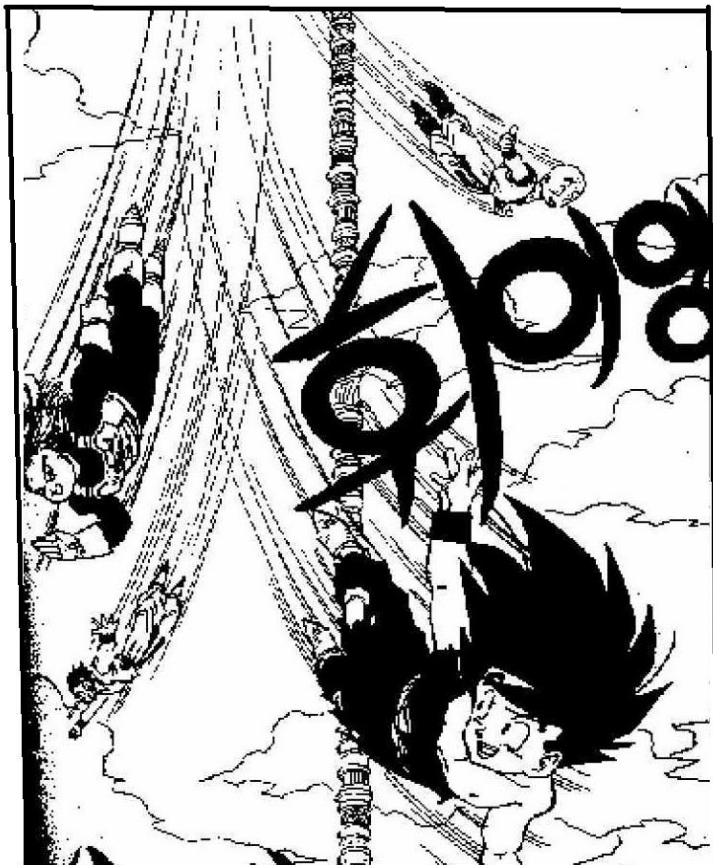
So... is it over?
Is it finally over?!

Gohan killed Cell!

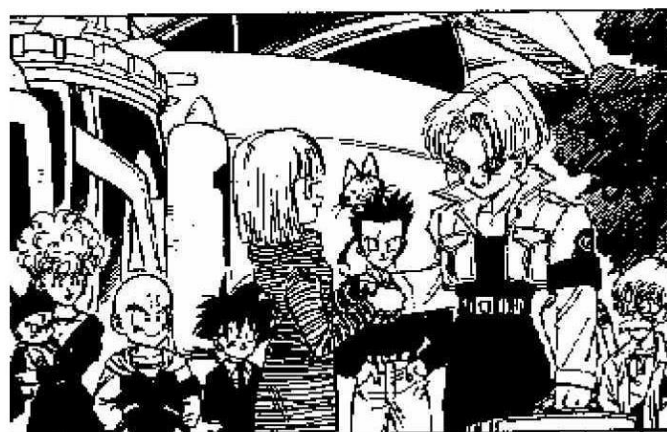
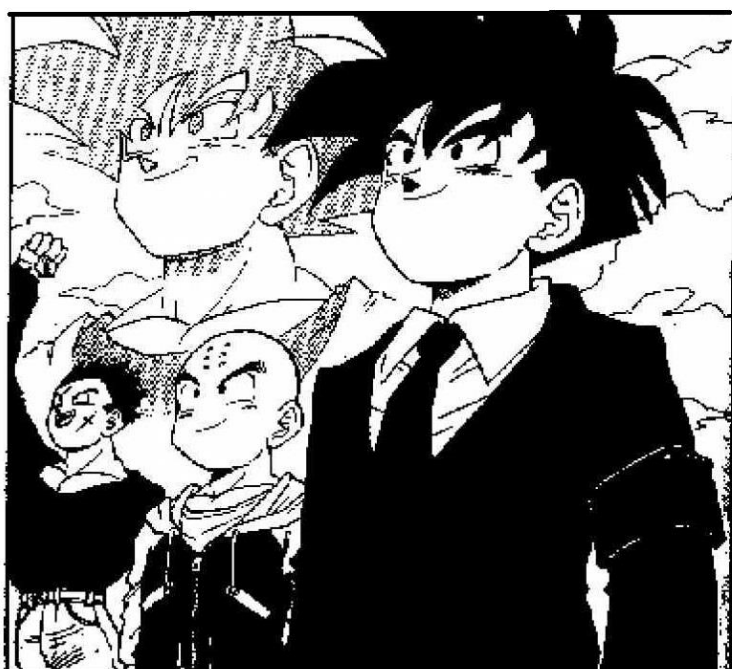
He... he did it...



With the battle against Cell won, well... I don't need to tell you what happens next...



What you don't know however.....is that sudden change in course in the battle's finale...



...would alter the fate of Son Gohan forever... setting him on a path that would see him become the hero he was always meant to be.

His adventure has just begun.

TO BE CONTINUED...