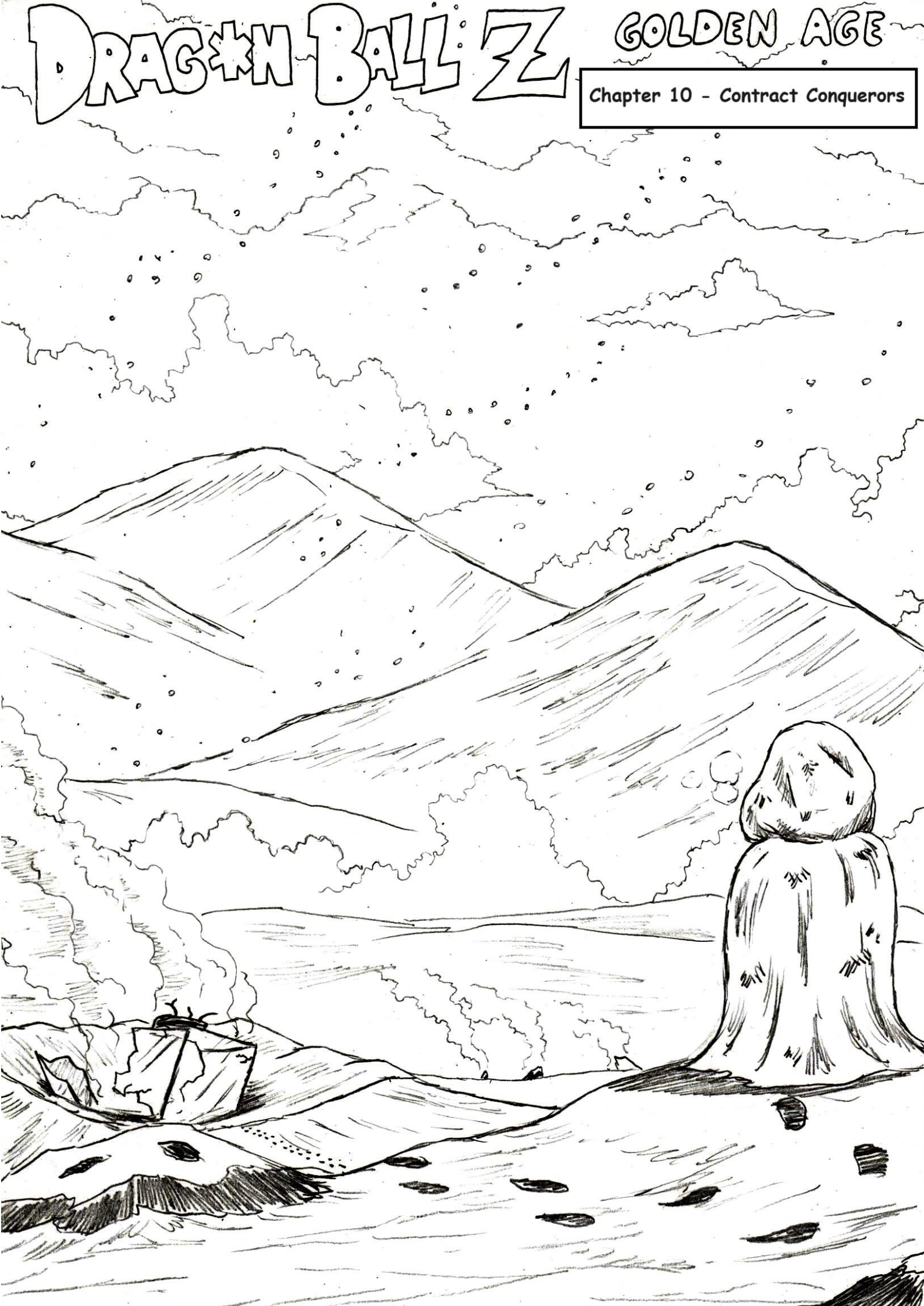
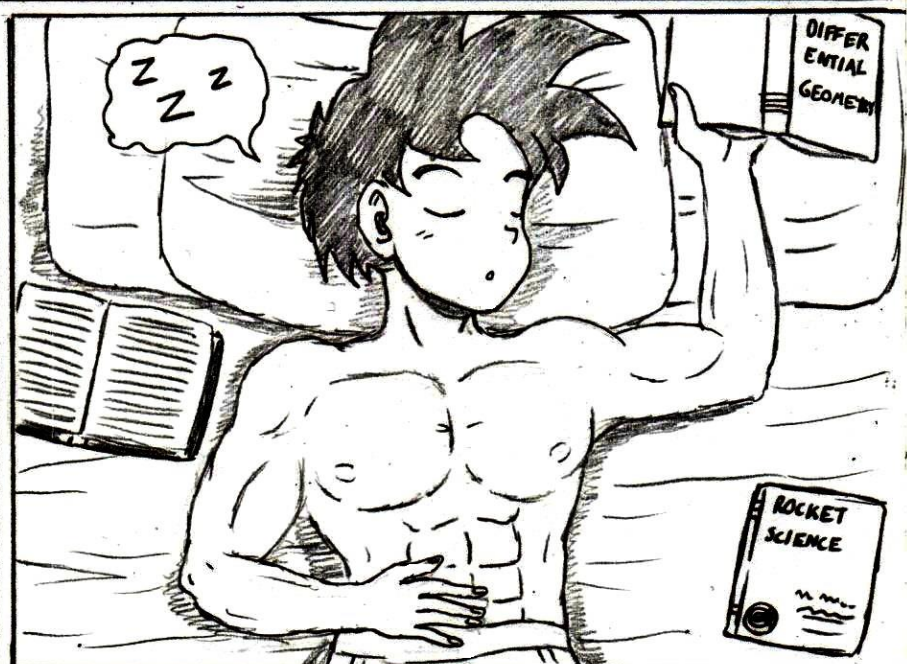


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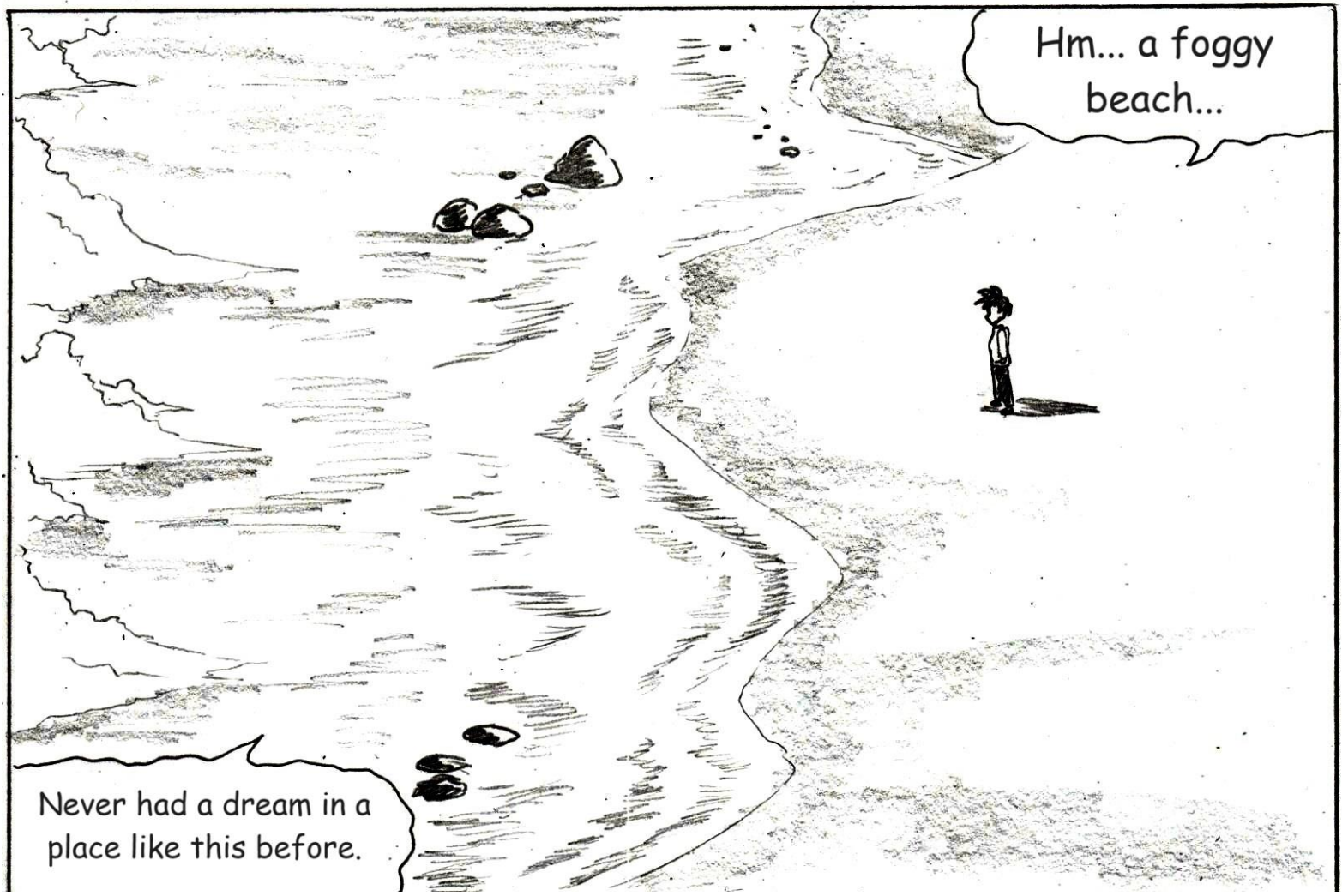
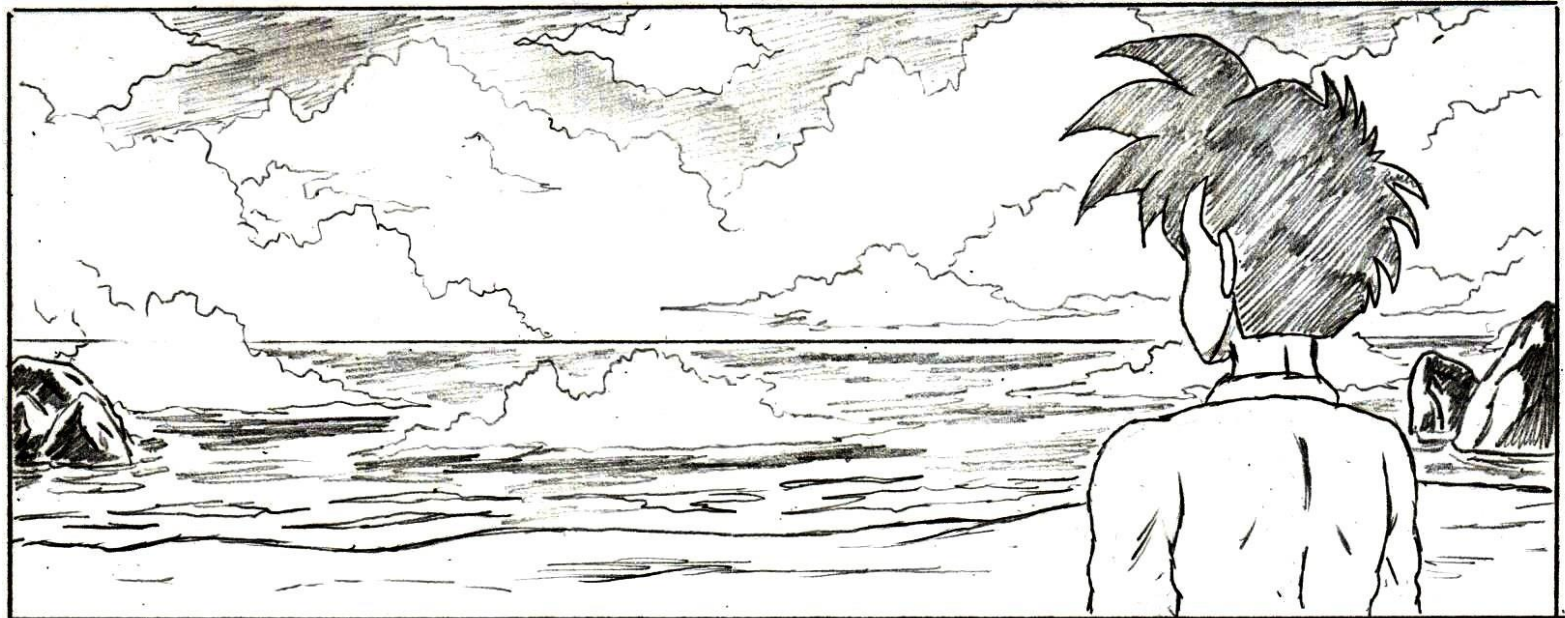
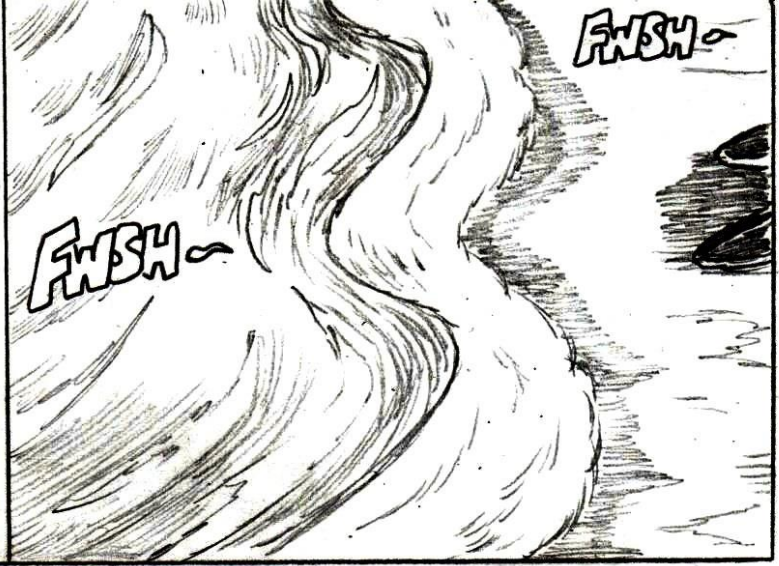
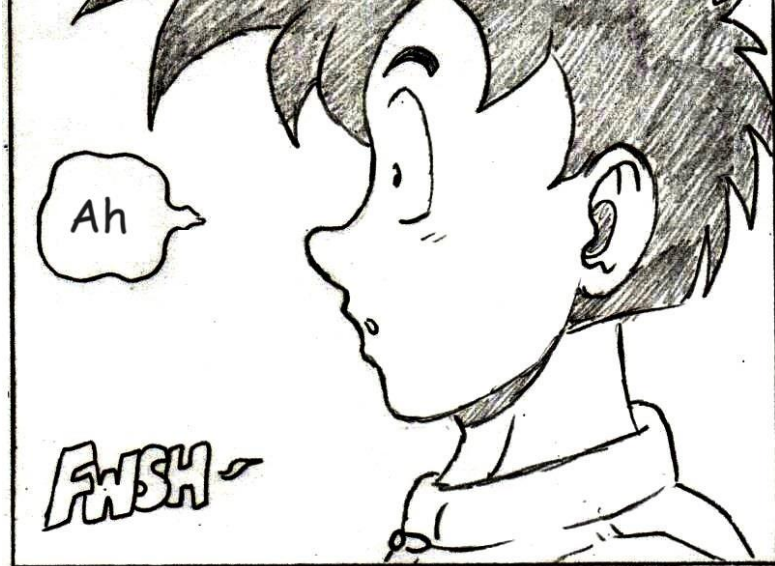
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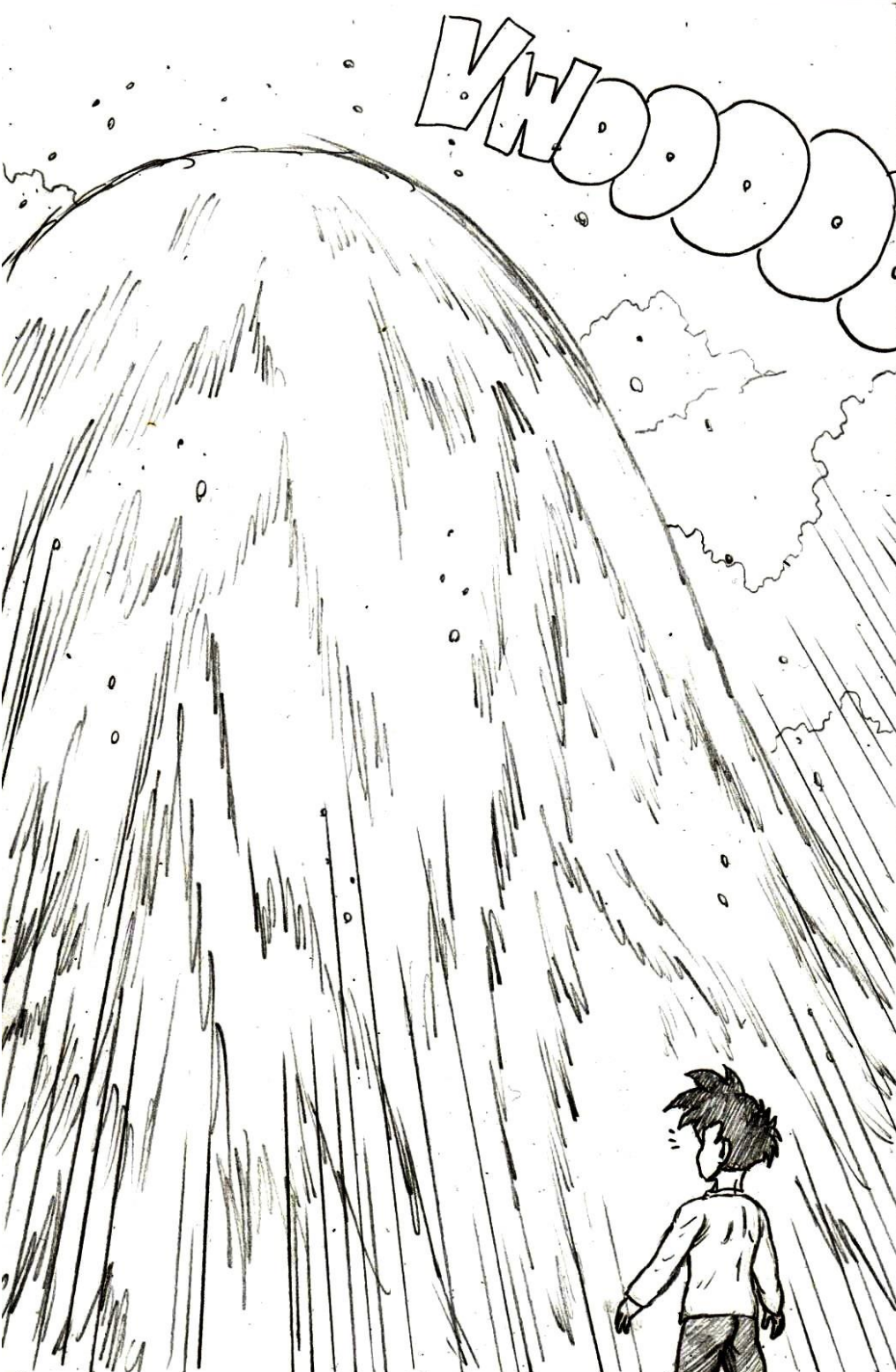
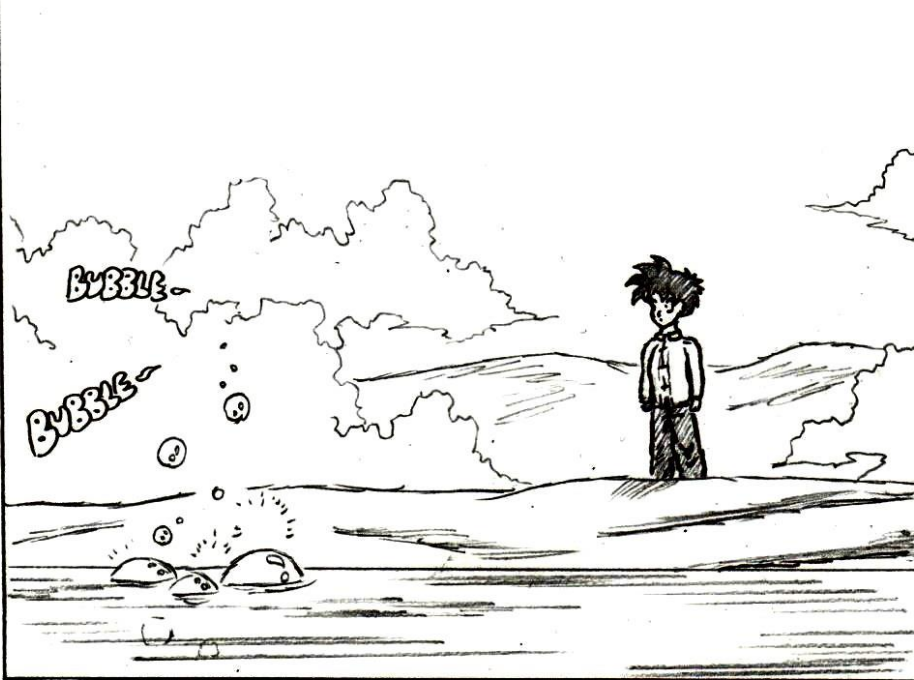
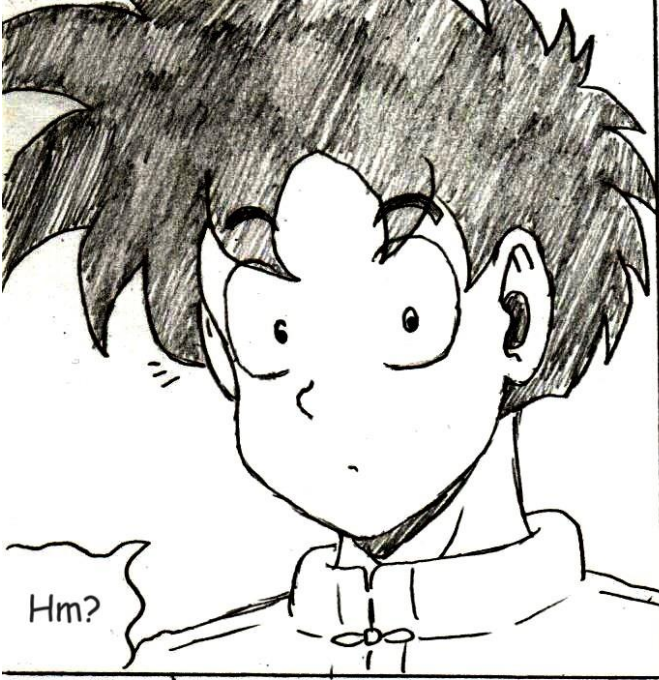


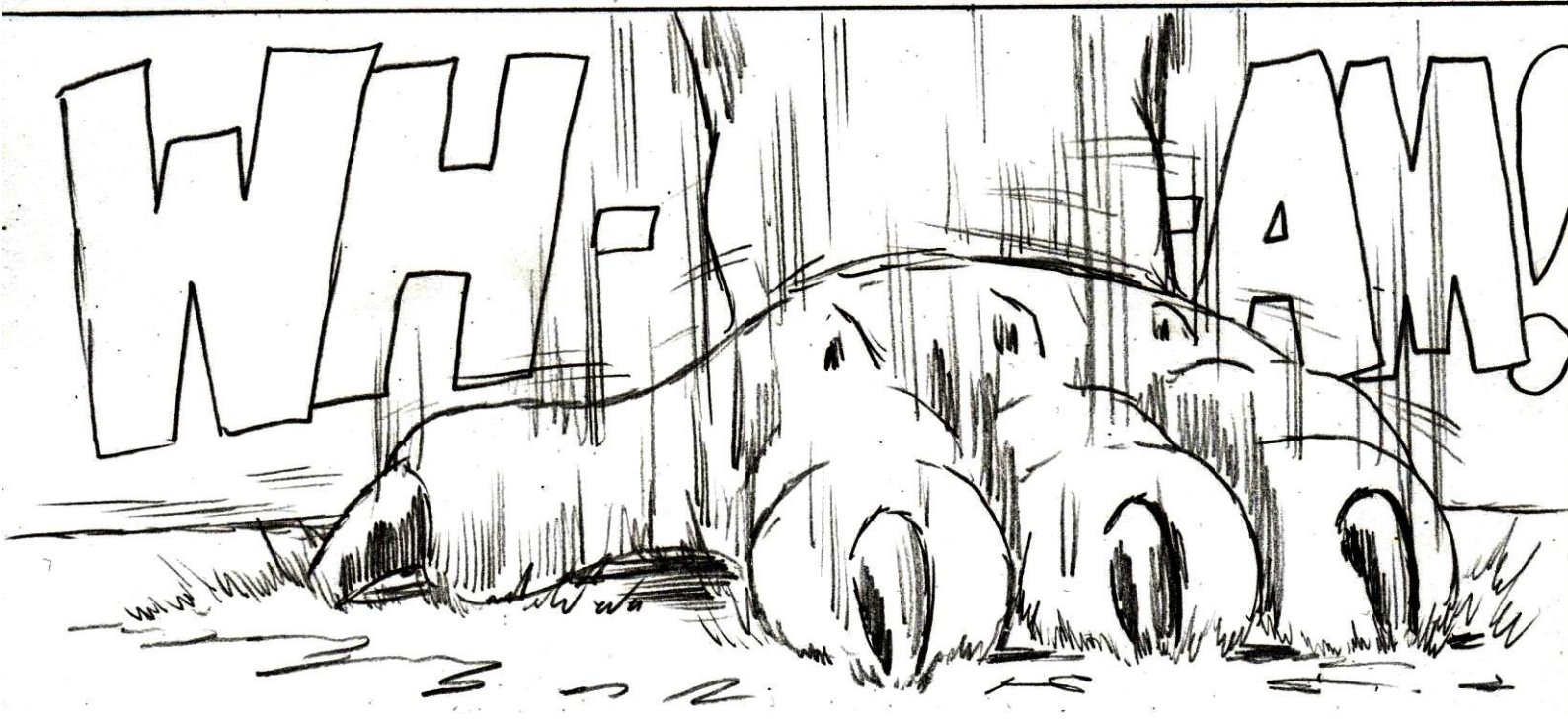
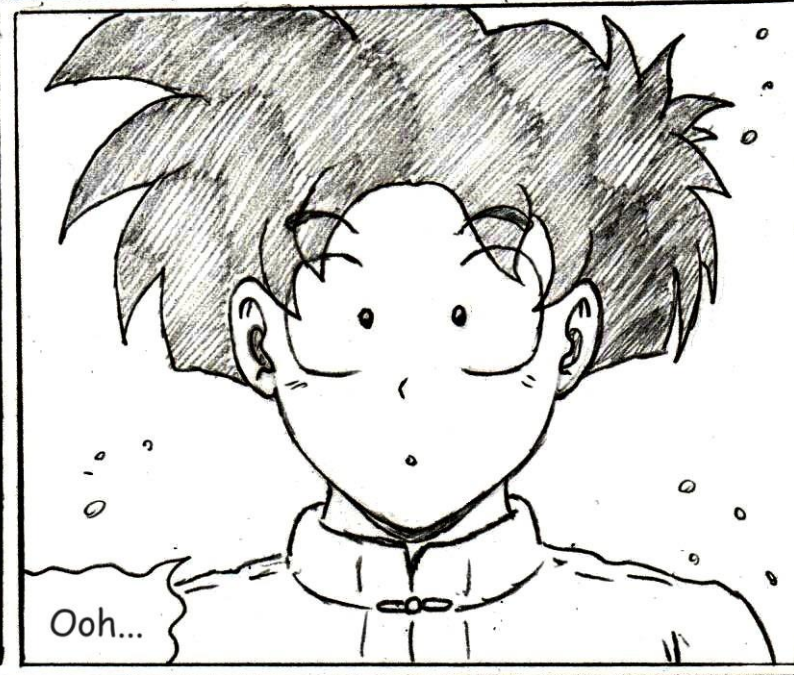
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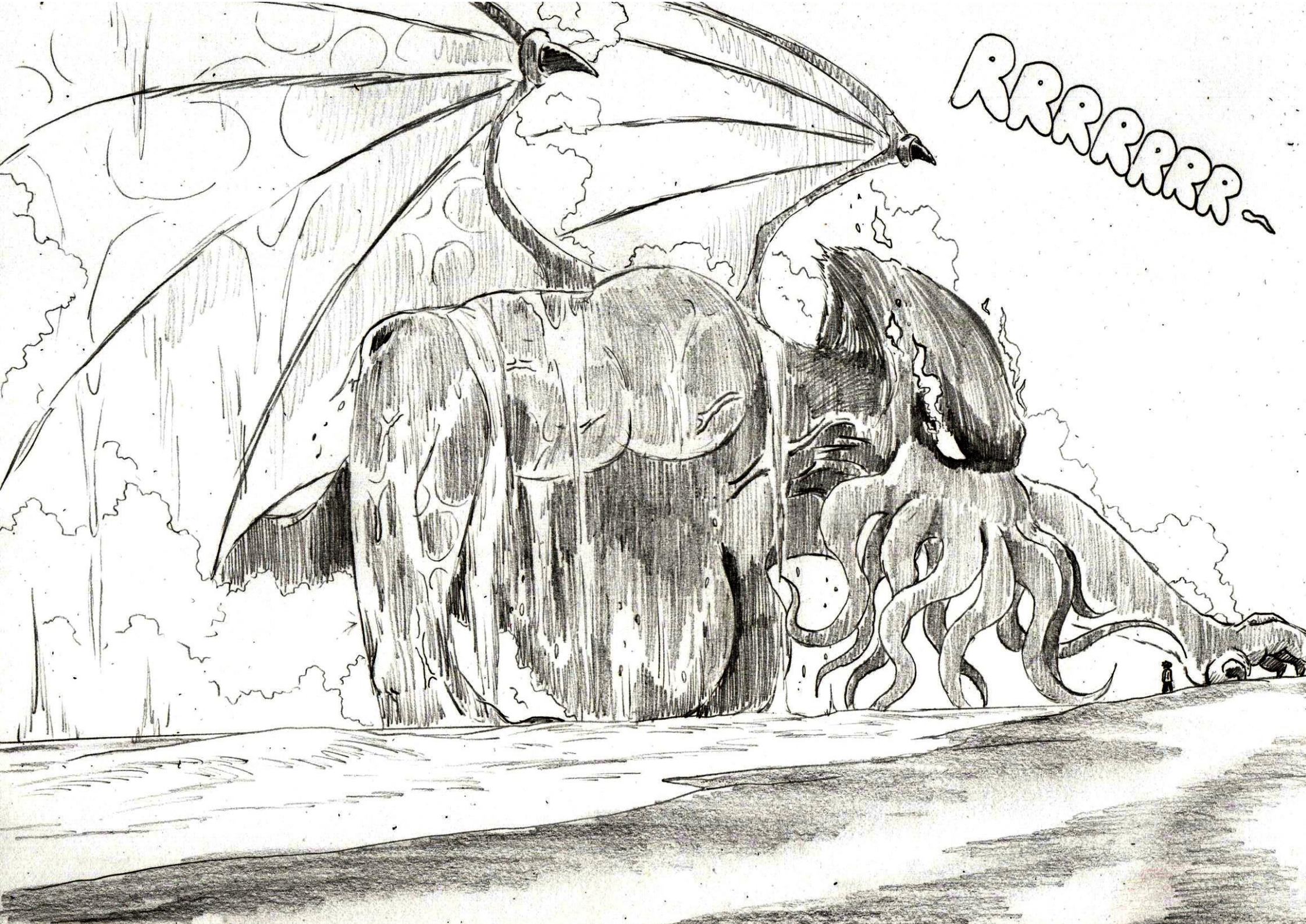
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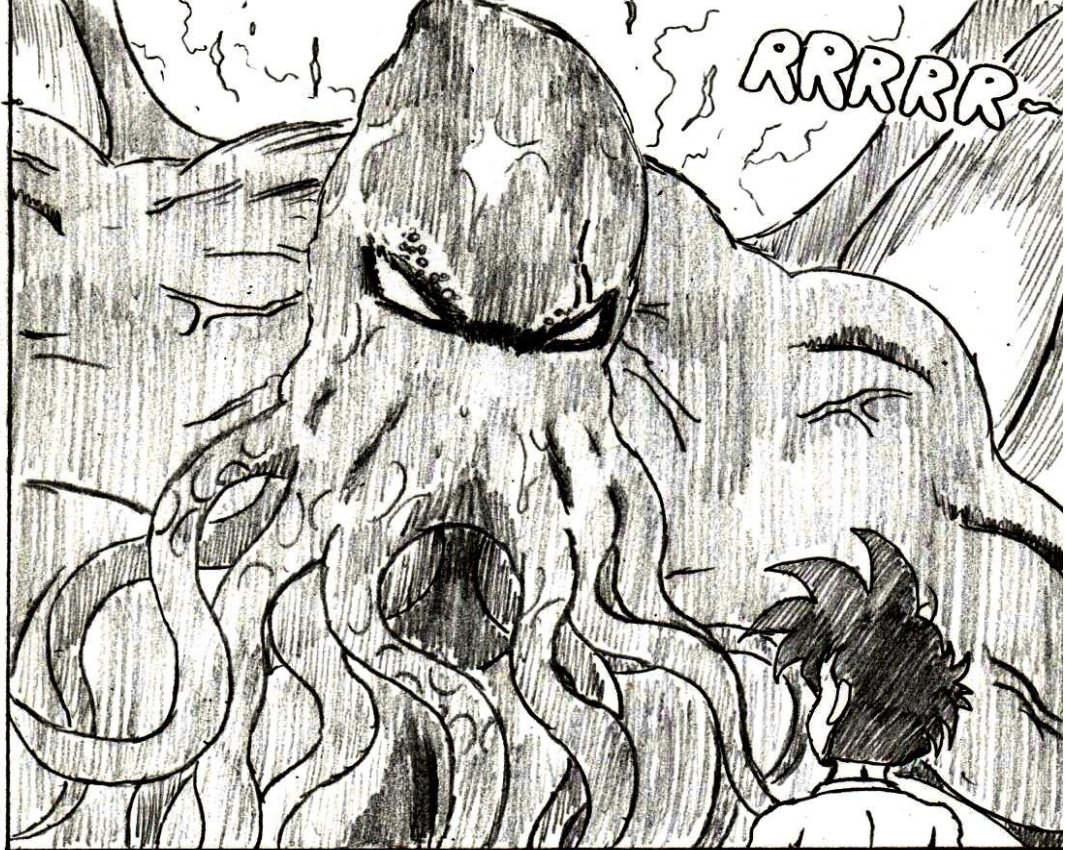
Never had a dream in a place like this before.







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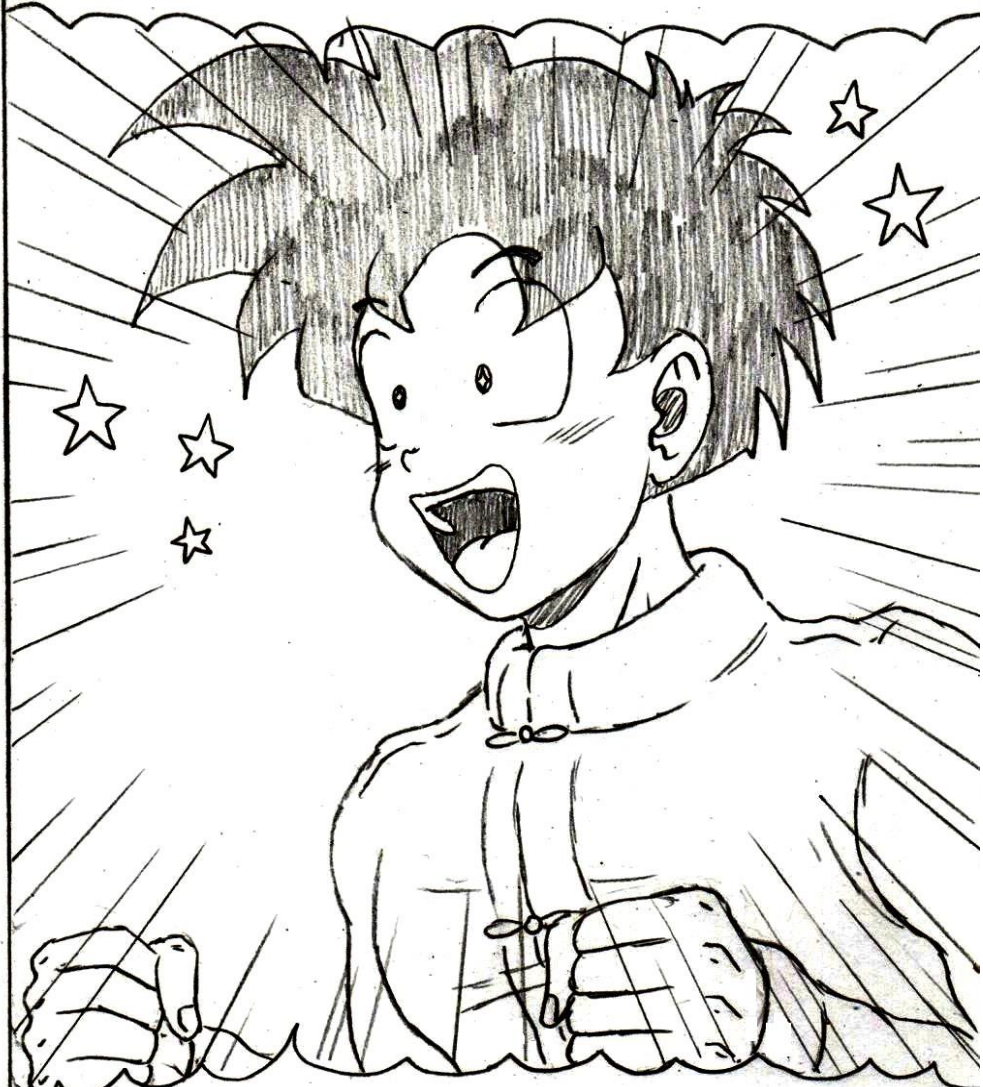


Let's see. Based on your visible external features, you share a lot of characteristics with not only known **Cephalopods**, but also with the order **Chiroptera** and **Hominodea**. Three fingers on each hand, an opposable thumb, claws, muscles shaped to a large skeletal structure, glands that allow you to breathe underwater...

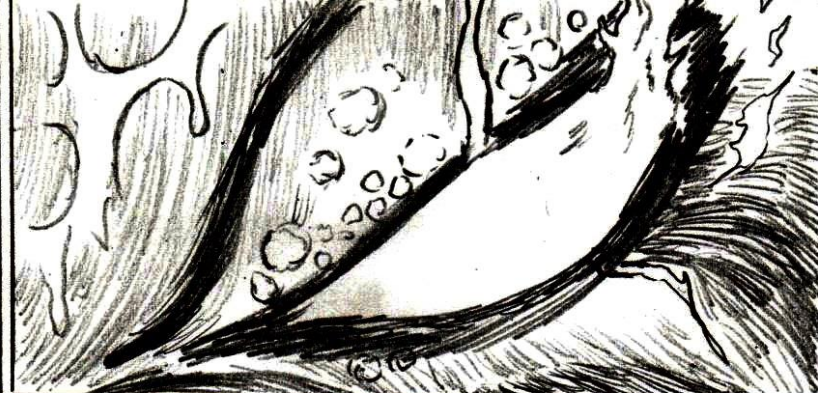


...yet scales light enough for flight. Fascinating. A multi-faceted creature that defies all logic and made up entirely of biological contradictions. This is so cool.

OH WOW! SO COOL! An aquatic creature I've never encountered before! And it's appeared in my dreams!

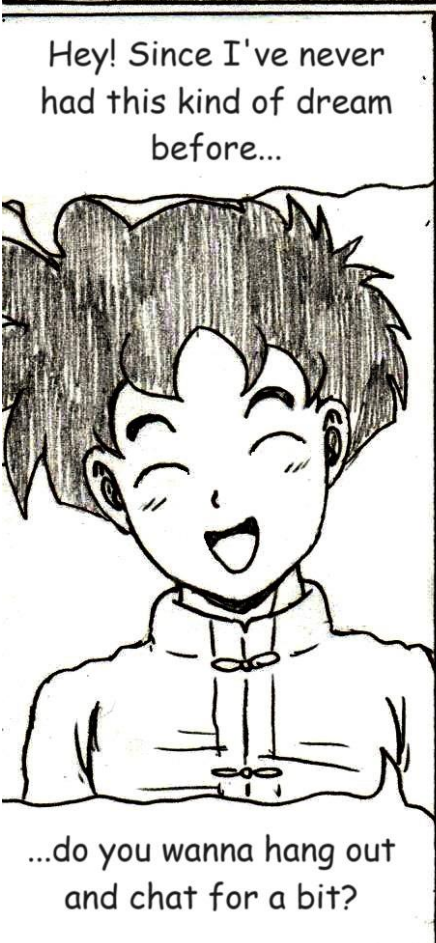


I love biology! This is the perfect chance to study and document!



Are you...

...not afraid of me?



Hey! Since I've never had this kind of dream before...

...do you wanna hang out and chat for a bit?

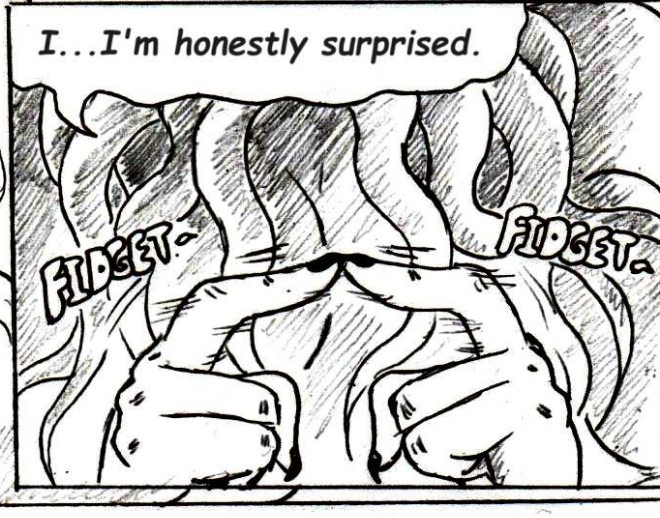
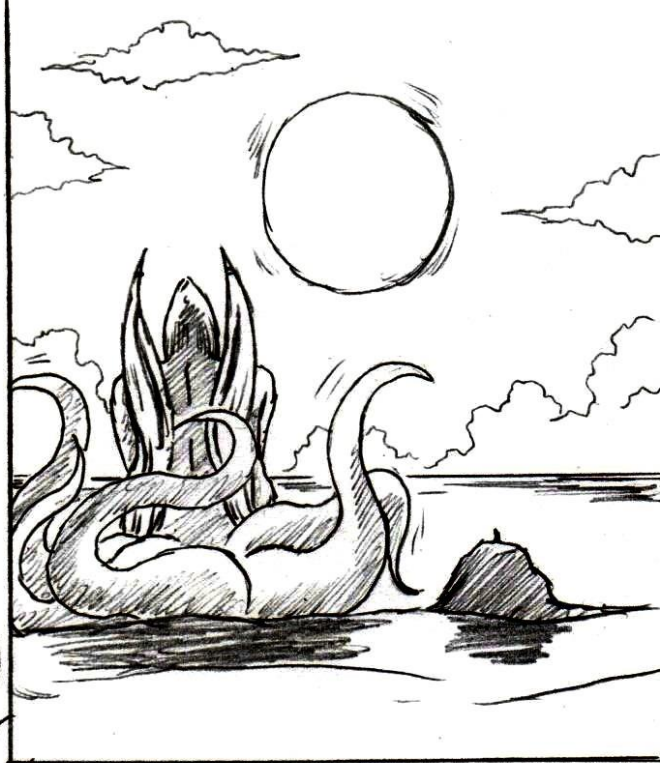


Hm? Do I... need to be afraid of you? You're not attacking me or anything, and you're not blasting me with any killing intent. Not to mention you don't look scary to me at all.

I think you look awesome!

Ordinarily, any sentient creature who glimpses even a fragment of our kinds' true, ethereal forms... o-or detects even a whiff of our presence... would be racked by intense bouts of pain and terror, as their minds are shredded. Even Gods from other realities are effected, which is why my kin go to great lengths to constantly suppress our true natures through avatars and layers of complex magic seals.

FIDGET- FIDGET-



Hmm. I see.

I...I'm honestly surprised.

Hm... well... I don't notice anything off about myself.

But for some reason, you seem to be immune to my nature's presence. It's... actually incredible.

GLANCE!

LOOK!



Really? Huh. You must get around quite a lot. Have you... met people with my kind of case before?

I'm not even doing anything or thinking anything.

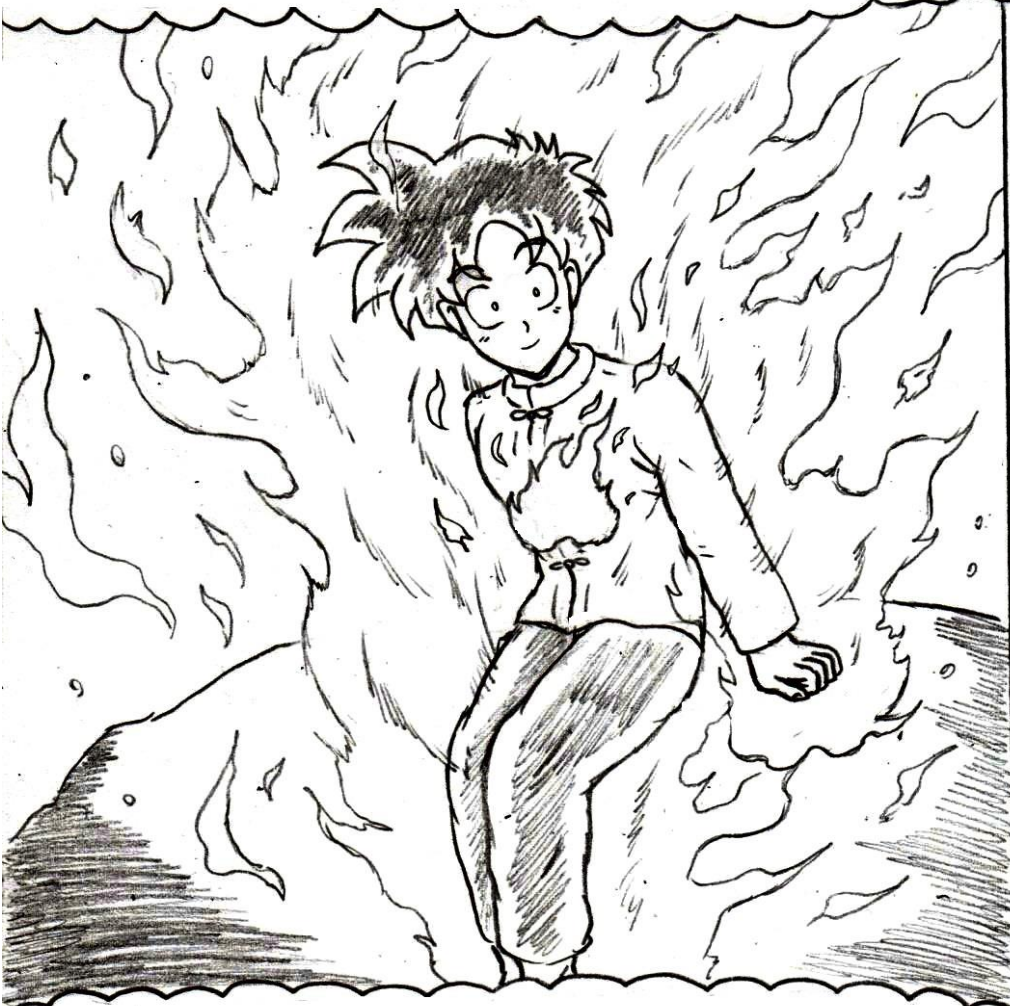
I... guess I'm just a weirdo.



No. In fact... you're the first mortal I've ever encountered in any reality who is not being driven mad by my existence.

Haha. I... wouldn't say that... really.

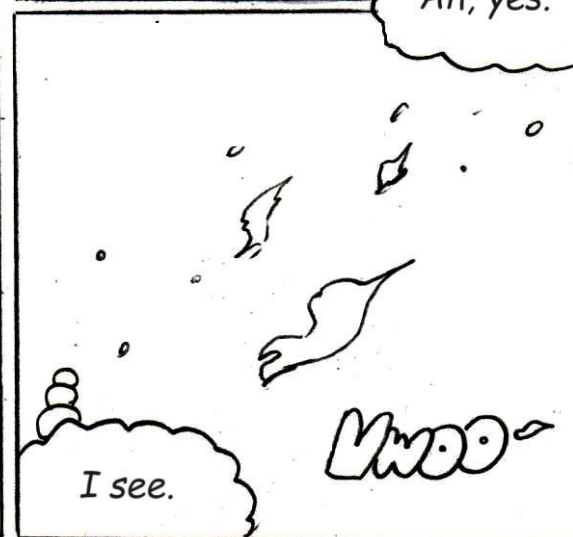
This boy is an interesting one. Nyar was right. Not only is his soul pure beyond measure...



...but I sense a bottomless well of a mysterious power dwelling within him. Though I have no idea what it is... it's immense... and blinding.



Ah, yes.



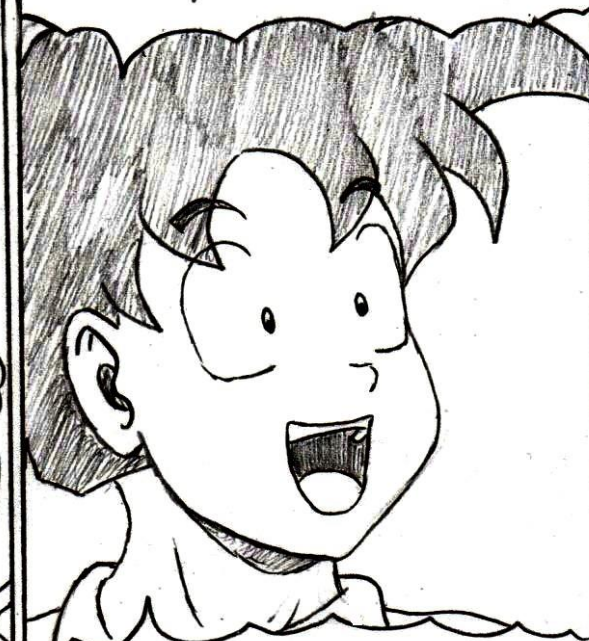
I see.

Uwooo-

Oh! Uhh... y-you want to know m-my n-n-name? Uhh... r-right... uhh....!

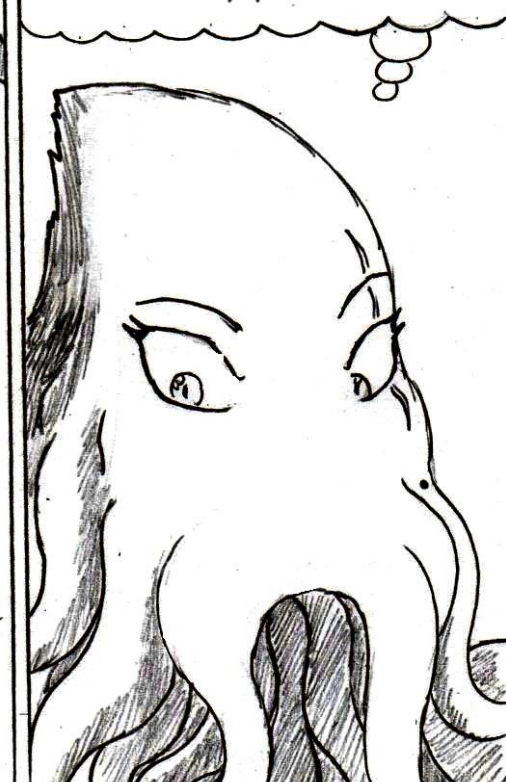


By the way. I never got your name.



My name is Gohan. Son Gohan. What's yours?

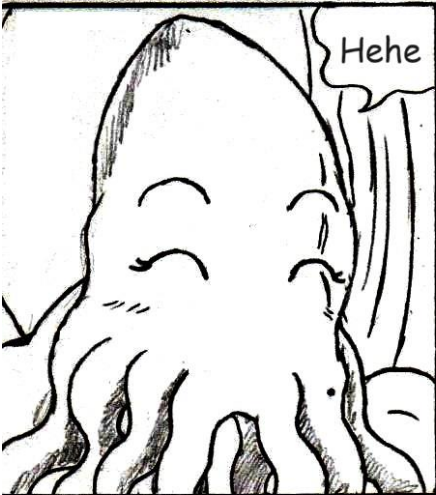
Perhaps this hidden power of his is protecting him from my presence?



It's nice to meet you too!

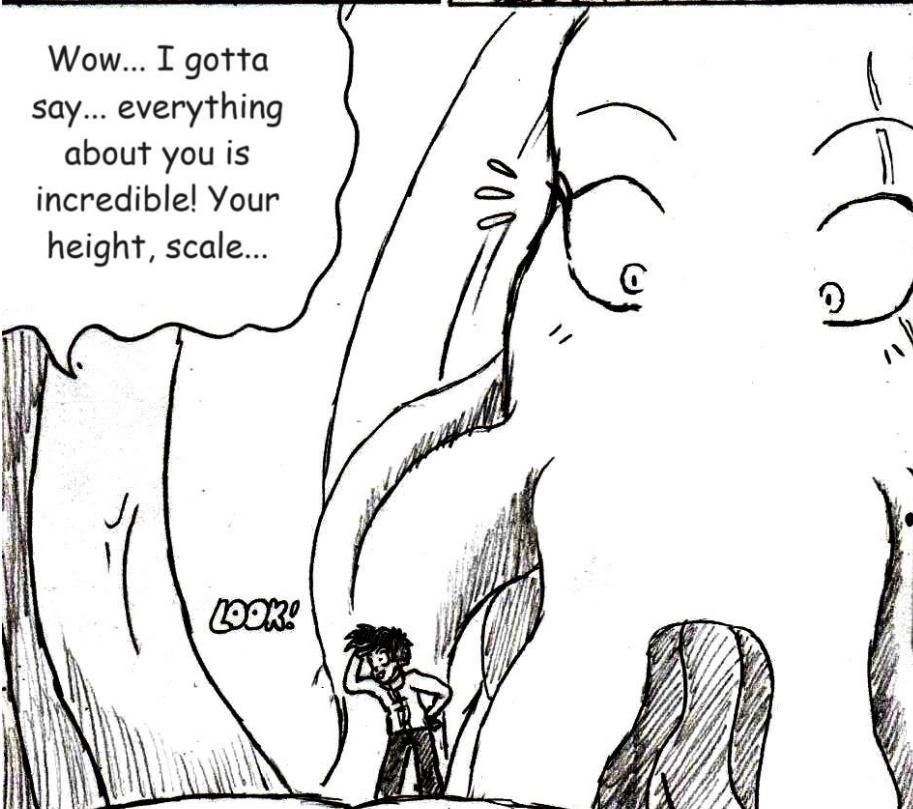


M-My name is Cthulu. Known by many as the *Sleeping God*. Nice to meet you.



Hehe

Wow... I gotta say... everything about you is incredible! Your height, scale...



LOOK!



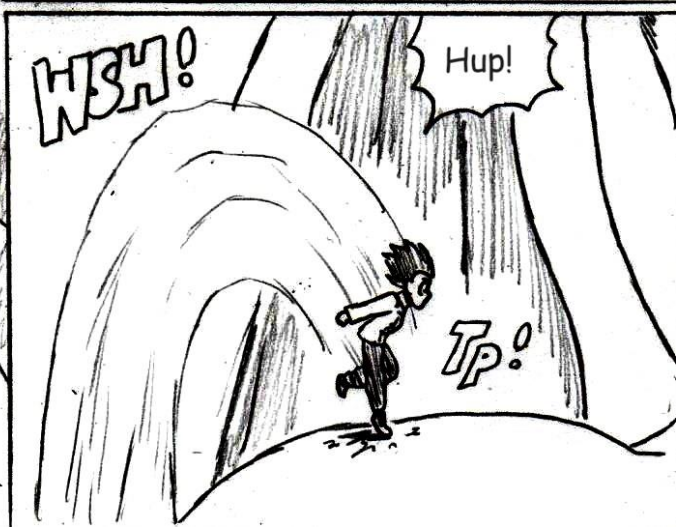
LOOK!

I doubt anything on my planet would be able to intimidate you.



JUMP!

BWASH!



WASH!

Hup!

TP!

Well... I am able to alter my appearance and size by transforming into any of my other base forms.

Though... I think you might struggle to fit into smaller places. Like shops, cars and houses and stuff like that.

POINT!

WHA?! You can?! Can you show me?!

If you could shrink yourself, that'd be great!

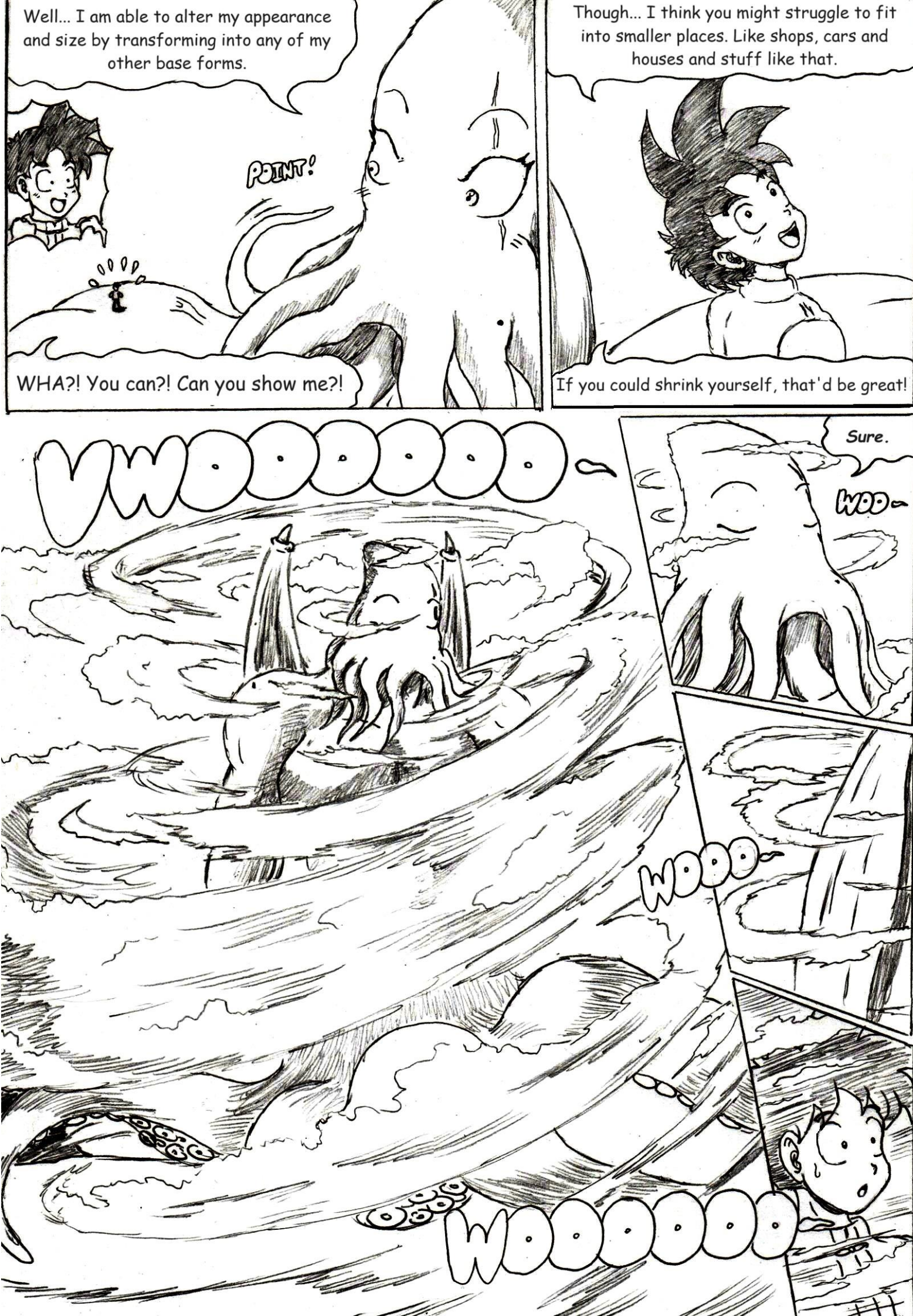
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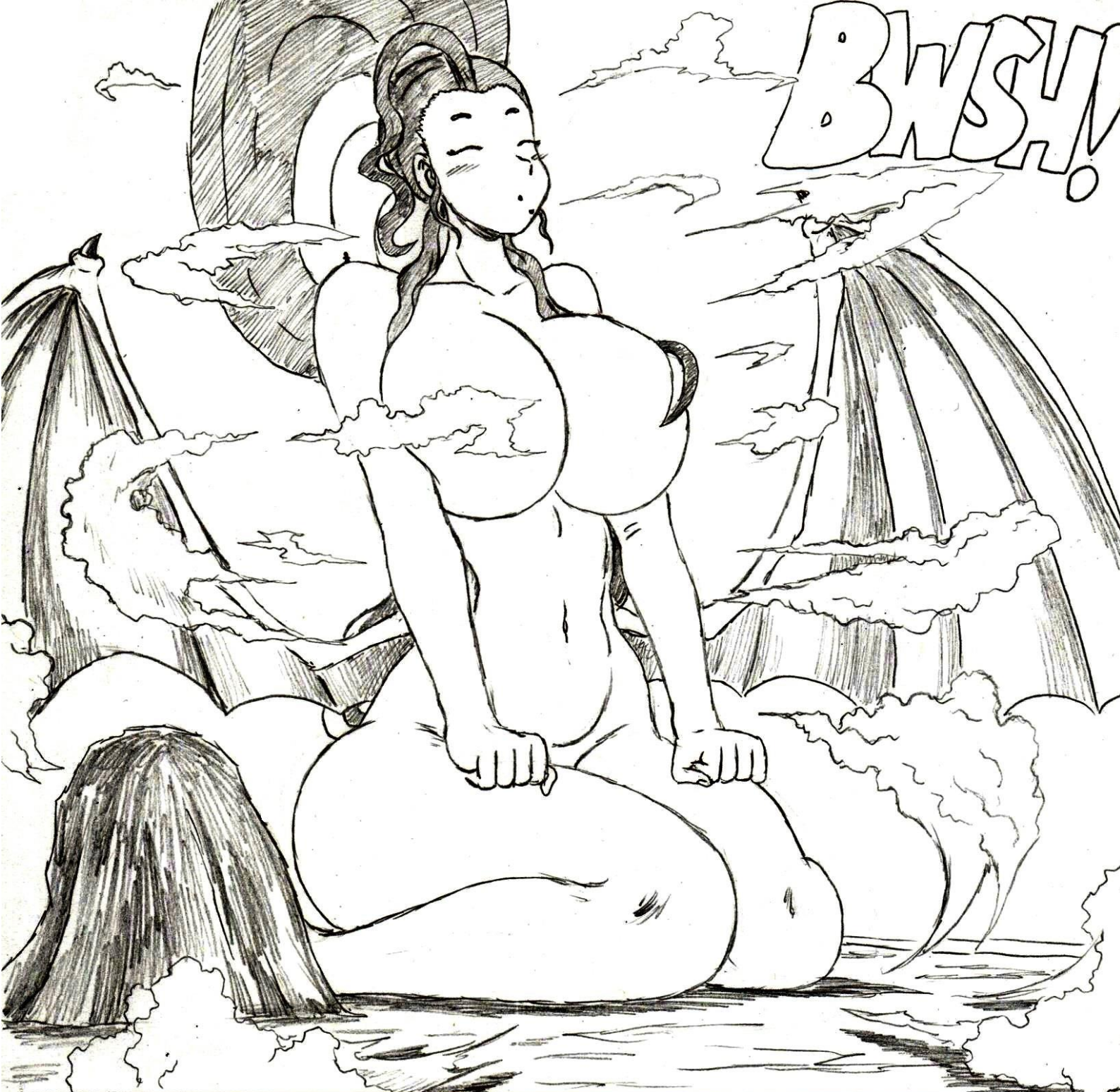
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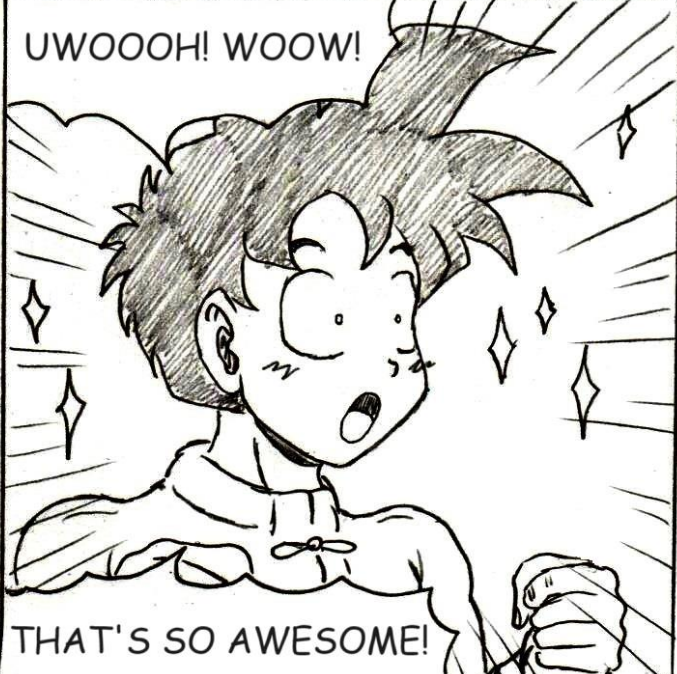
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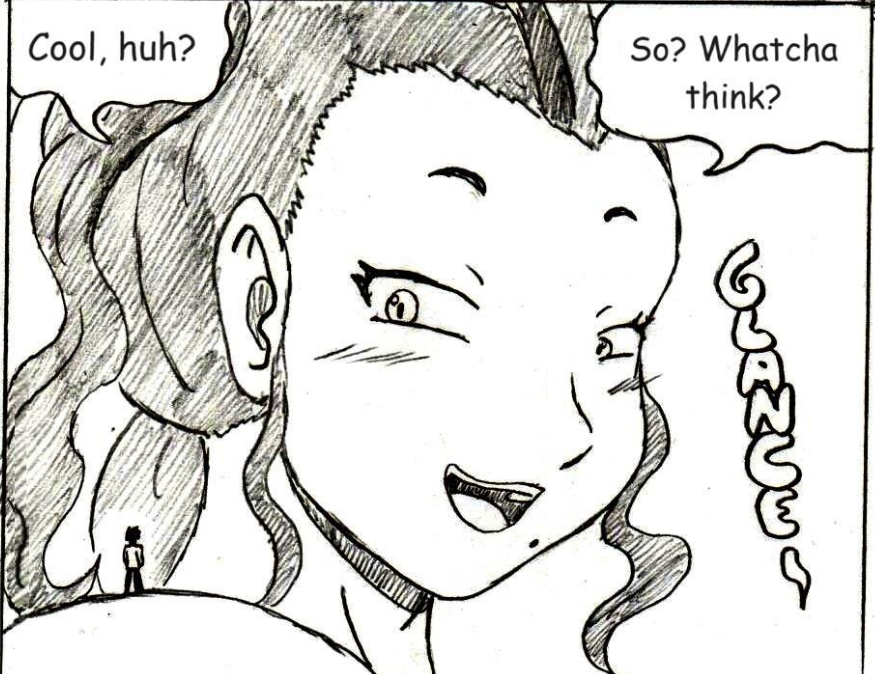


BWSH!



UWOOOH! WOOW!

THAT'S SO AWESOME!



Cool, huh?

So? Watcha think?

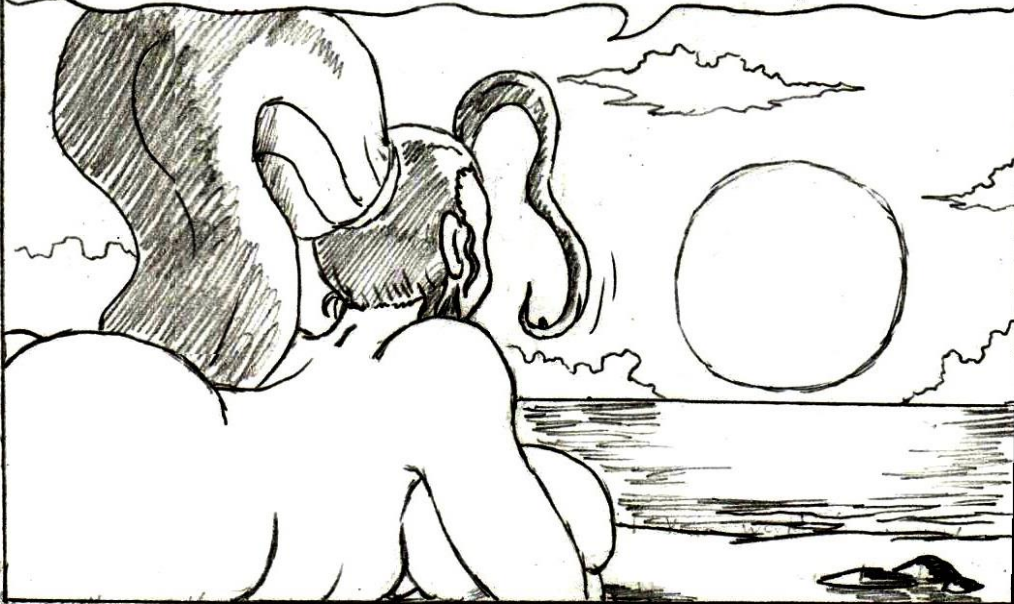
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Gee. I had no idea there were creatures or beings like that existing way out there.

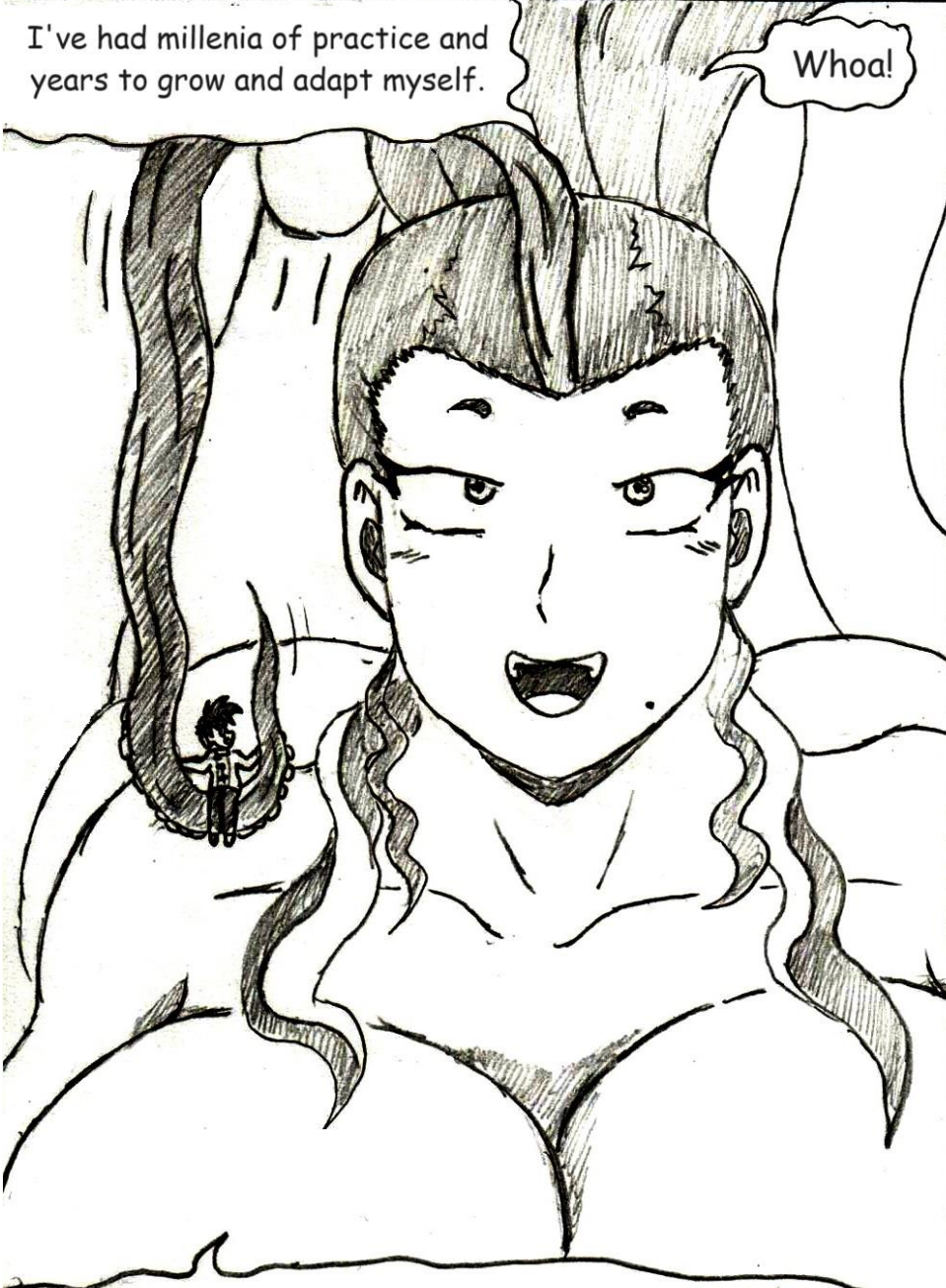


I can't even begin to imagine what you've seen and experienced.

...so to answer your question, my kin and I are primordial space farers... beings who innately traverse the multiverse of realities in various forms to explore, terraform, assimilate, study, and/or propagate on every world we discover. Being superlunary by birth, travelling the infinite stars is but second nature for us. It's our way of life. Our primal instinct.



I've had millenia of practice and years to grow and adapt myself.



Whoa!

Just how long have you been travelling space and the multiverse with your kind?

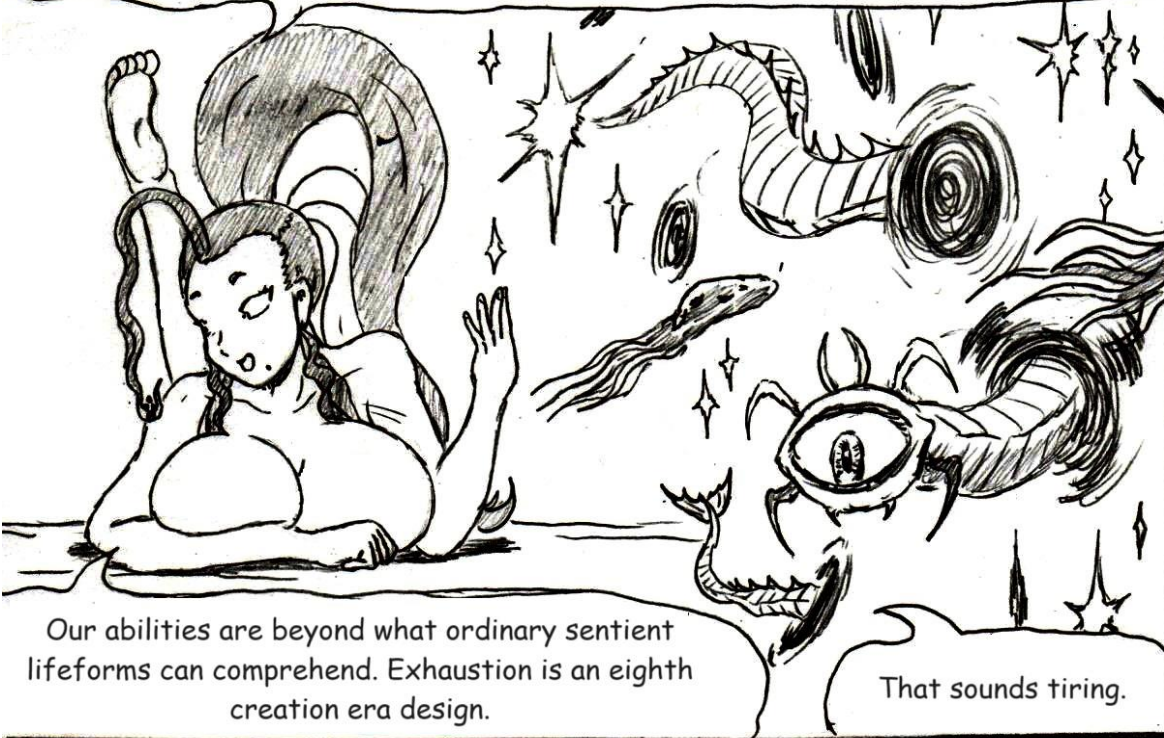


Oh... *a while*. I was born with the first great cosmic explosion from the heart of a binary star system at the edge of it all. Compared to the rest of my kin, I am one of the most travelled... and have touched almost every conceivable reality across creation.

Many of my kin have also evolved and changed in drastic ways since the beginning of this creation. Though there are many that haven't... and are still set in their old ways.

We use all sorts of methods. When our avatars need to physically interact with a world, we can phase, step, fold, assimilate, filter or gate our way into any reality we choose- among many other means. And because we use proxies, we can interact with and exist across countless universes at the same time. We can be everywhere and nowhere all at once.

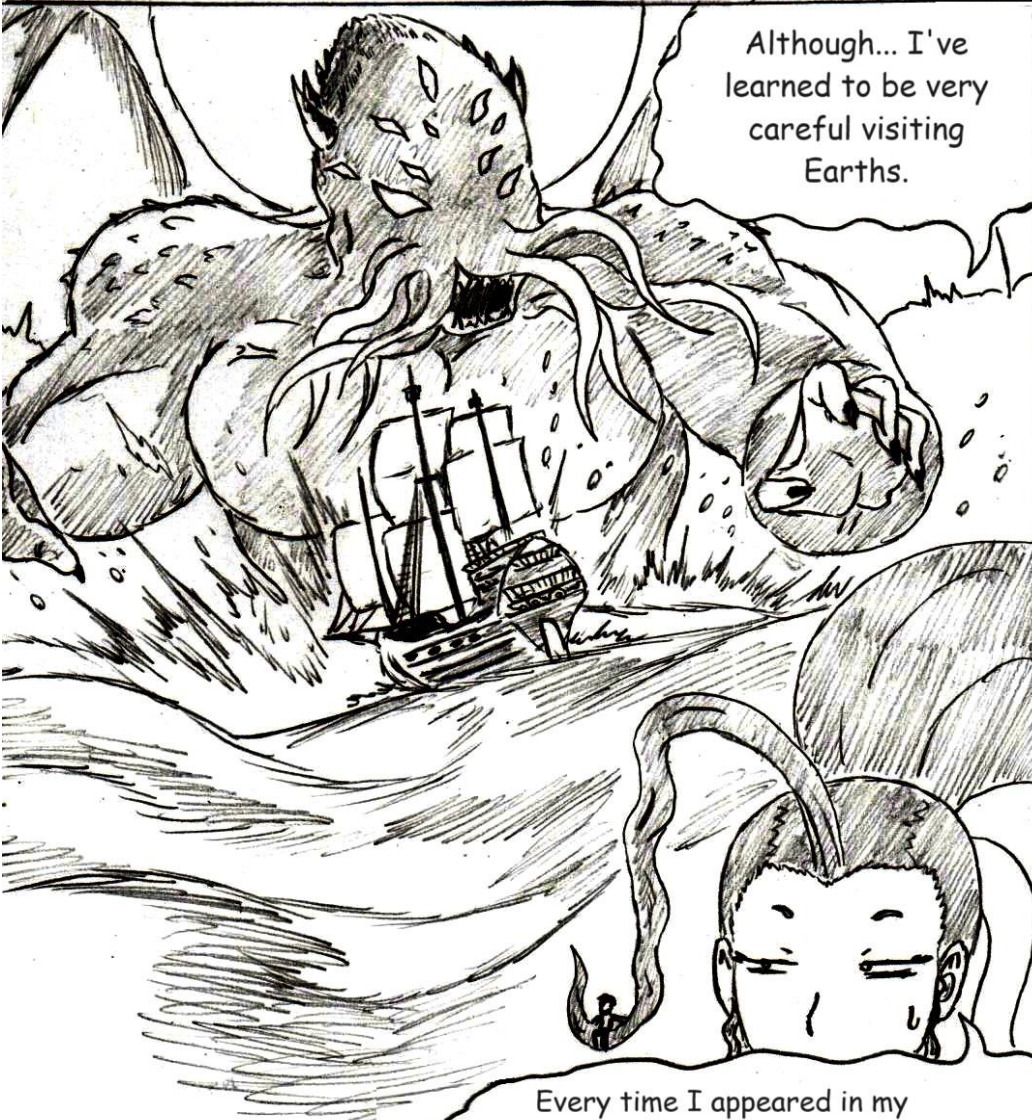
I have to ask... how does your kind travel across realities? I mean... the universe I know is a pretty big place.



Our abilities are beyond what ordinary sentient lifeforms can comprehend. Exhaustion is an eighth creation era design.

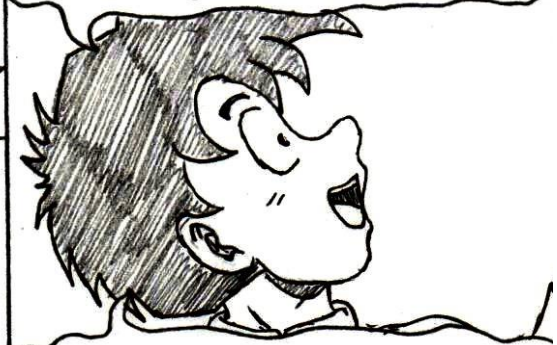
That sounds tiring.

So I imagine you guys have some way to make it easier. Like teleporting, going into hyper space or something...



Although... I've learned to be very careful visiting Earths.

Must be nice with all that freedom. Though life on one planet is pretty great as well.



Have you... visited different Earths like mine?

Of course I have!

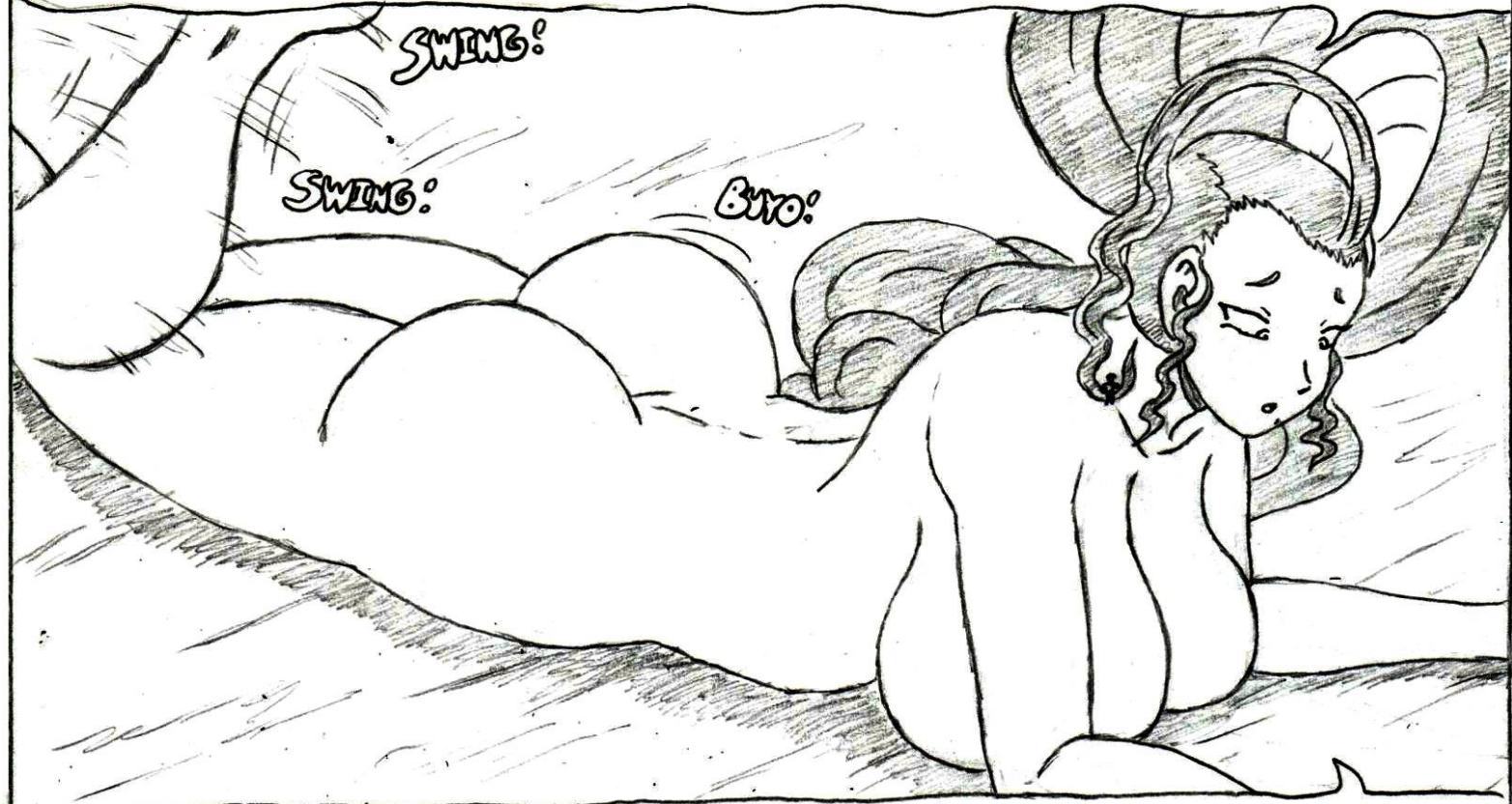


Oof... sounds rough.

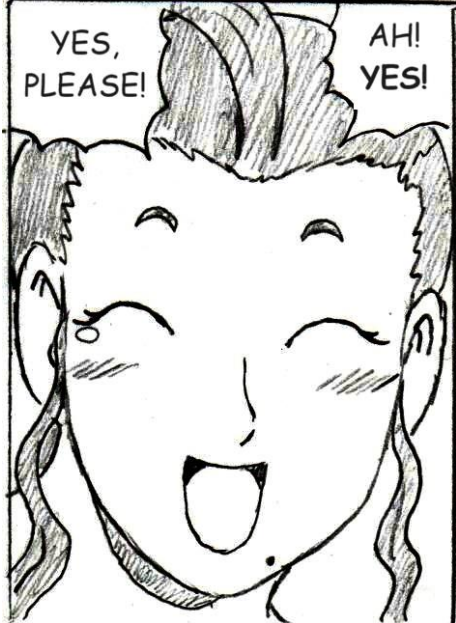
Every time I appeared in my terrestrial forms, I always ended up being bombed by the British Royal Navy or having boats of various eras rammed into me when I tried to say hi.

I've visited a number of Earths. Its many variants makes it one of my favourite worlds to explore.

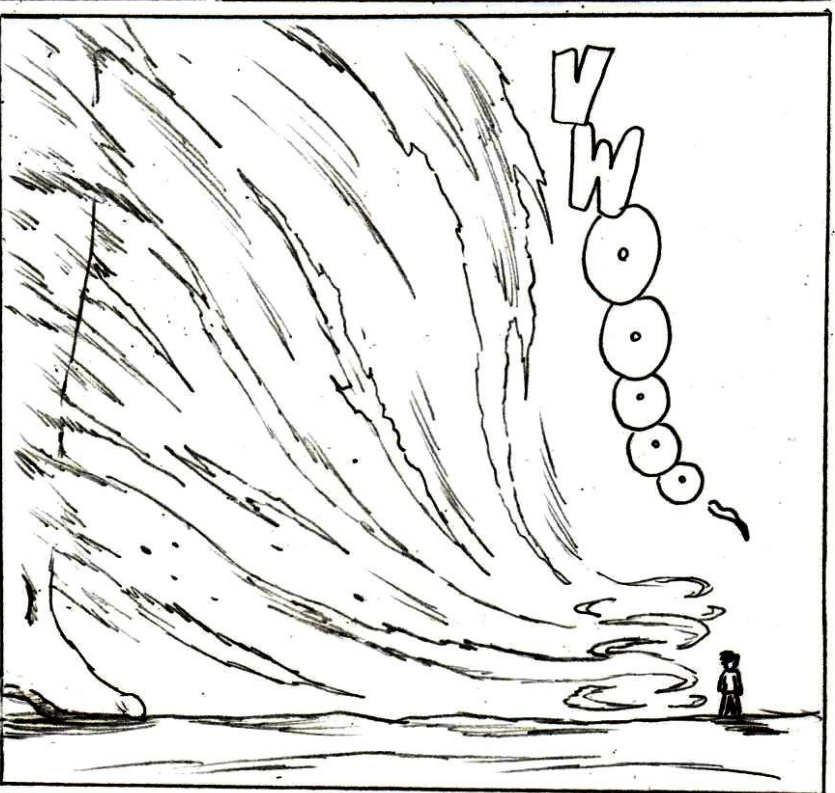
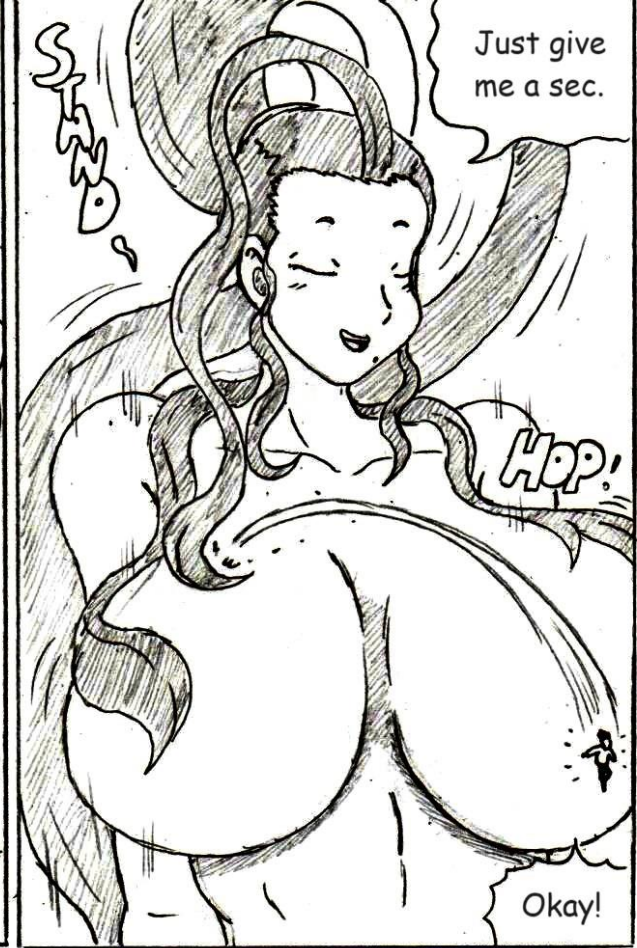
After having stuff like that happen to me so many times, I decided to just stay in my cave and sleep. I can still explore the multiverse omnipotently in my dreams and I'm aware of everything going on around me, but I haven't gone out in so long that I've become bored and restless.



Nyar is the only one of my kin who takes any time to drop by and visit me. I... I don't really have any friends or anyone else to talk to... or... or play with even.







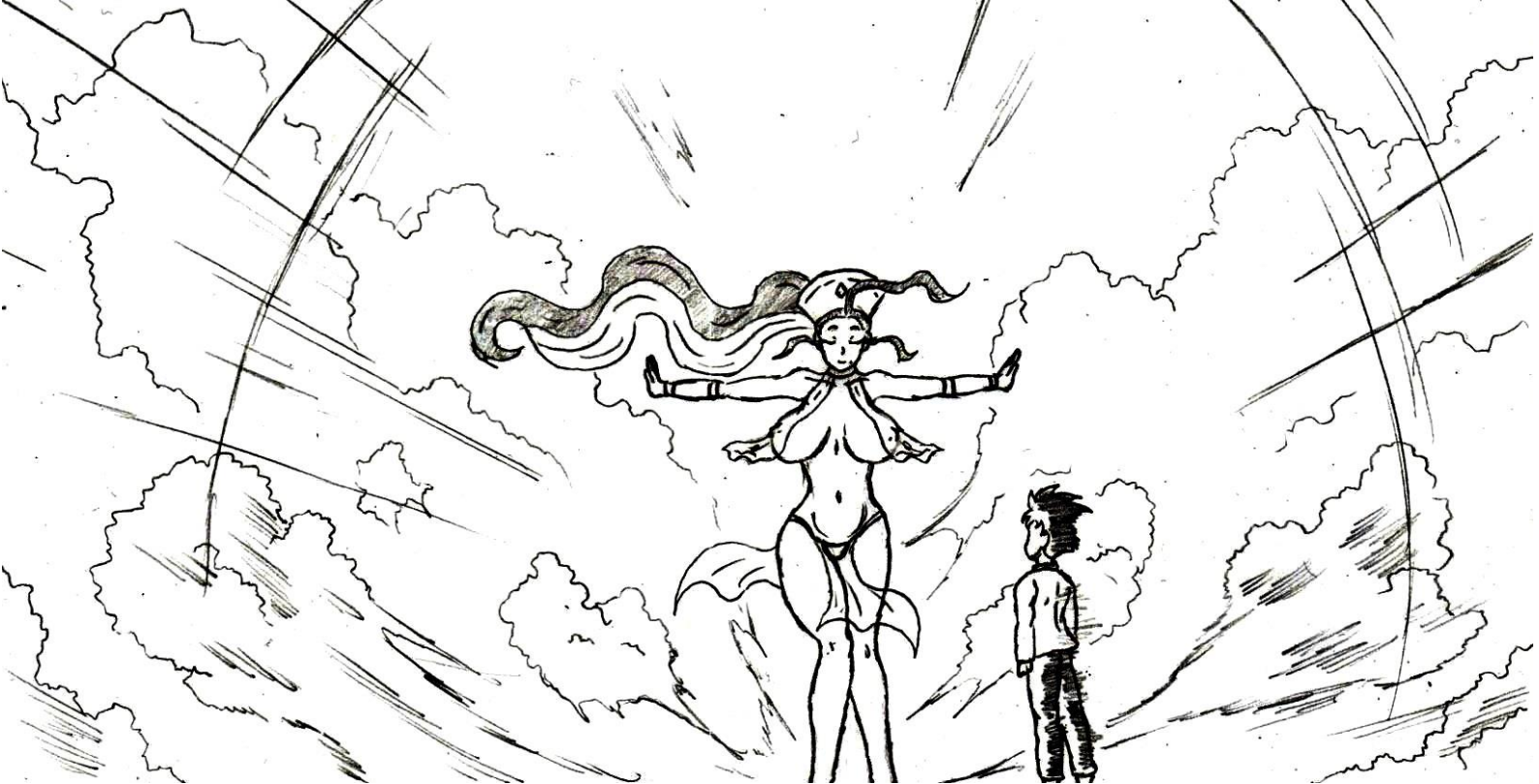
I'll let you choose.

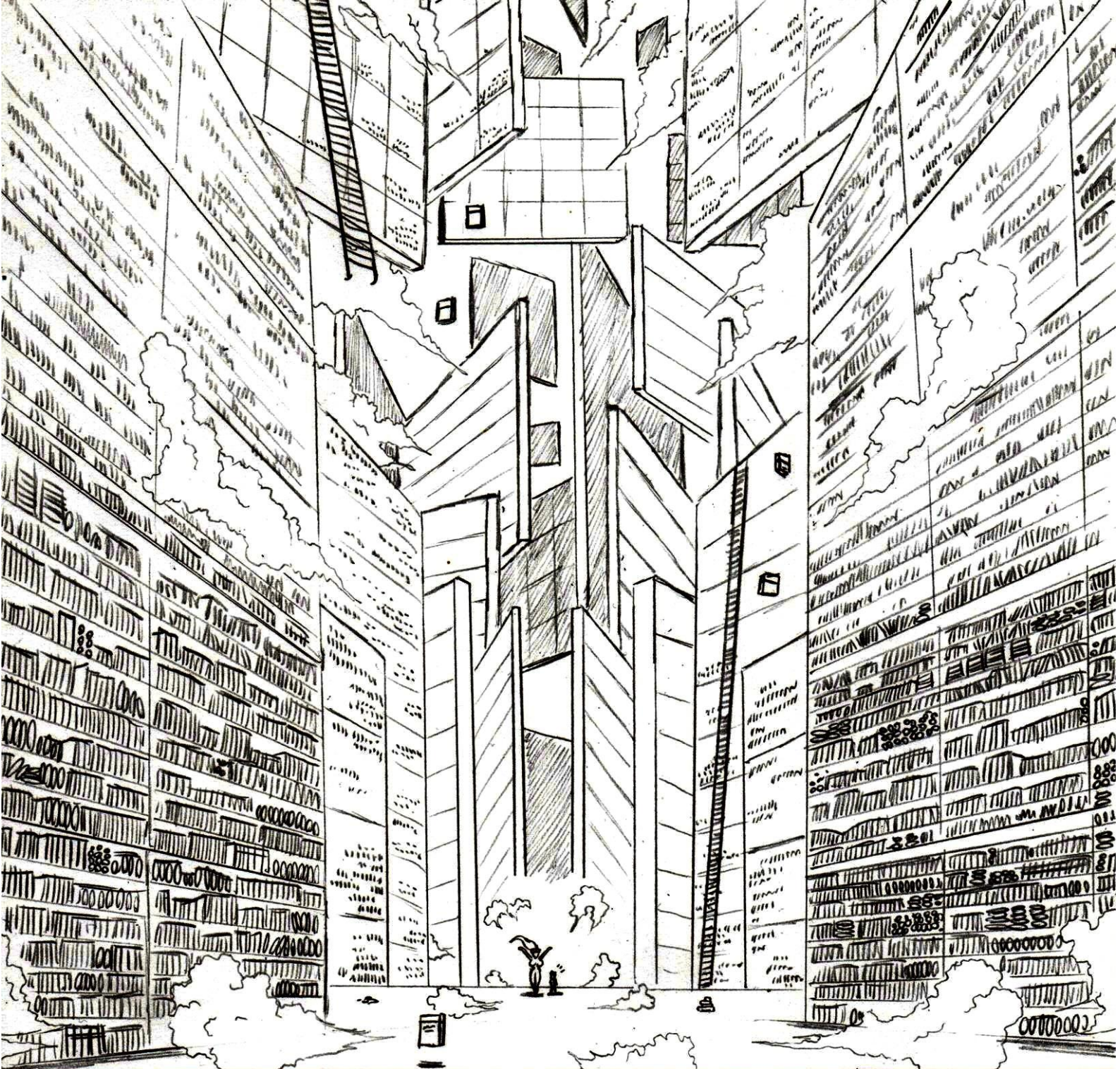
We've got time. So let's go on an adventure.

Cool! So what kind of games do you like to play? I'm up for anything!

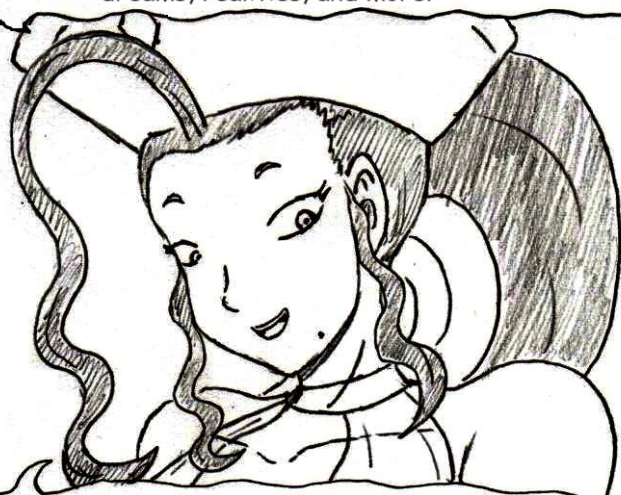
From the collection of course.

WIND - OOSH!





Indeed. What you're looking at is an *infinite* library of endless stories, possibilities, probabilities, timelines, dreams, realities, and more.

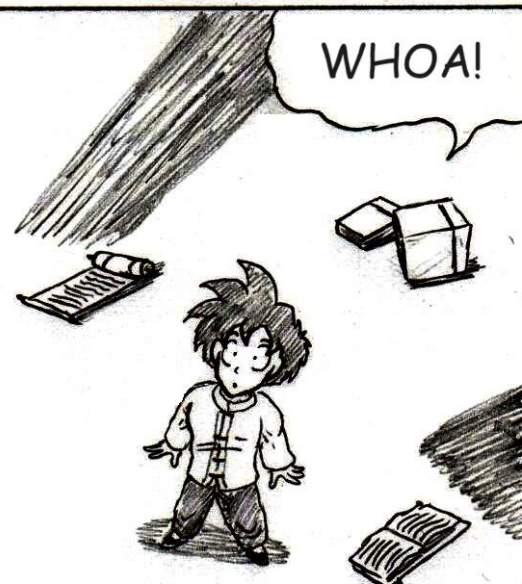


Welcome to the physical manifestation of what you know as the **Multiverse**- the place of infinite tales.

Is this... a library?



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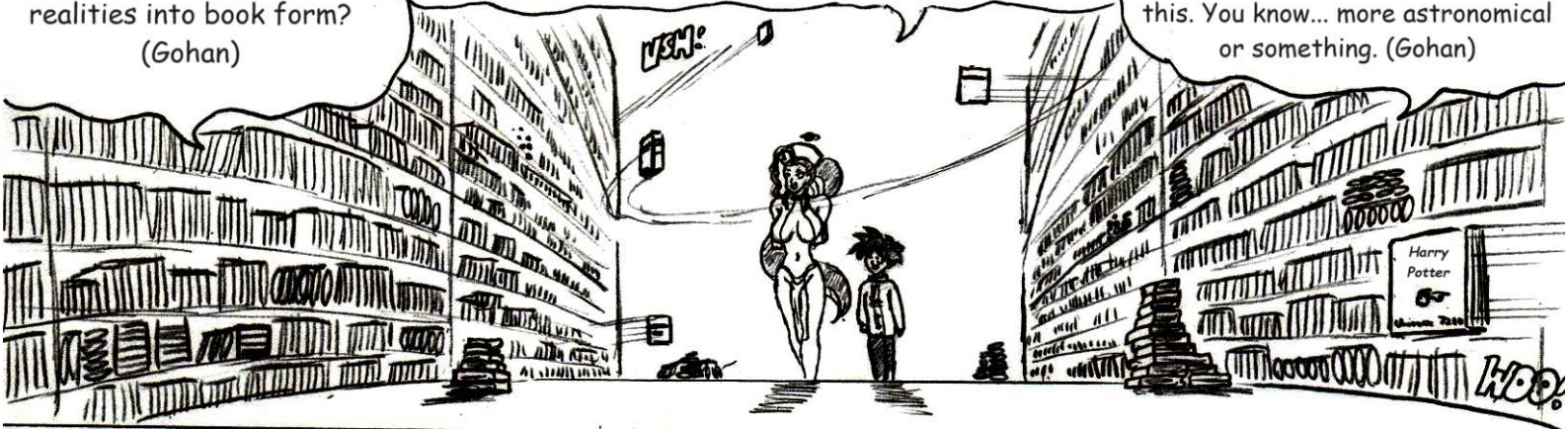


Are those... floating aisles?

Ah. I see. But... why did you choose a library? I know it's cool and all... but why pool all possible realities into book form?  
(Gohan)

Heh. I get what you mean. The multiverse as a whole is a preposterous concept. However, this isn't the actual form of the multiverse- but more of a familiar, condensed representation of it. I made it this way. (Cthulu)

So... this place you formed around us... that you brought us to... is the multiverse? Gee. I honestly pictured the space of infinite worlds to be very different from this. You know... more astronomical or something. (Gohan)

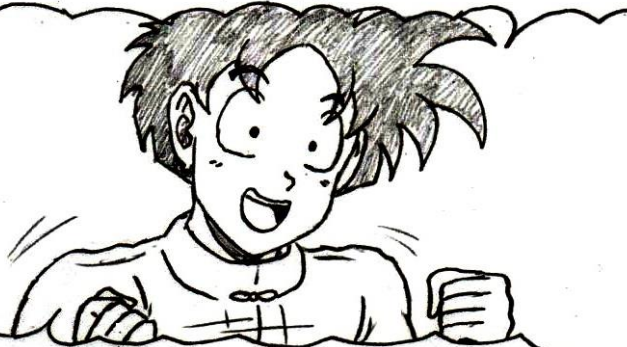


A library made the most sense, as a way of categorizing, sorting, gathering, storing, and making sense of all the madness in written form.



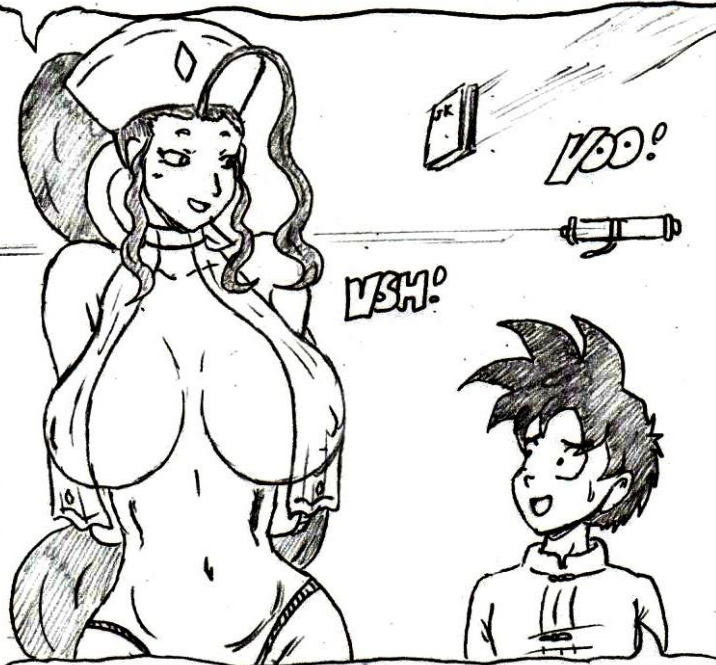
Plus, I figured a learned and well-read young man like you would appreciate the setup I was going for.

You mean, you did this for me? Wow! Thanks. That's... that's honestly really great!



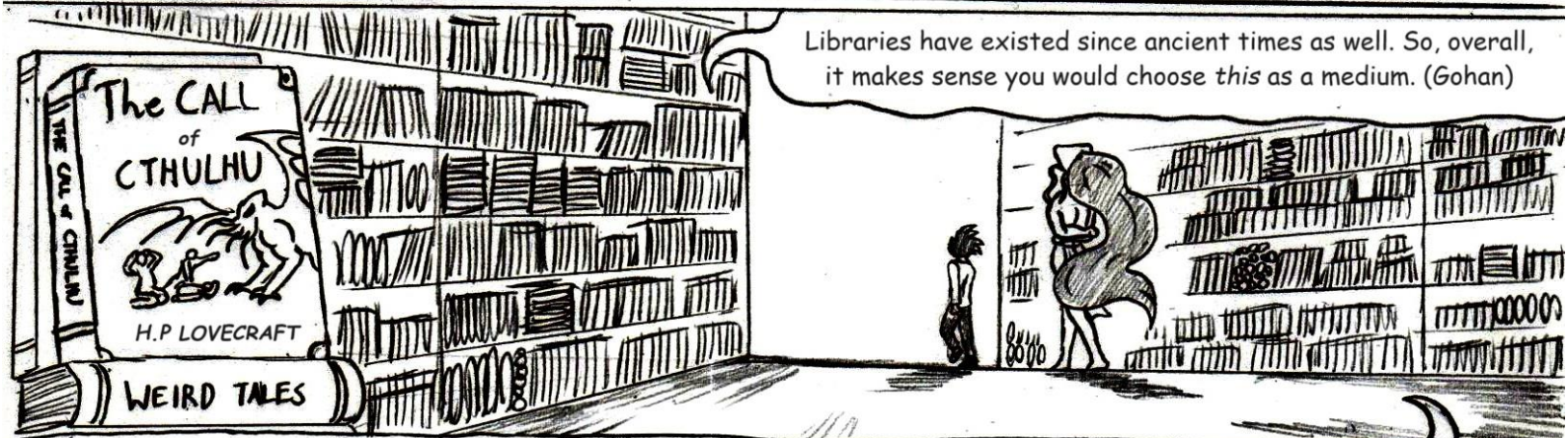
I love books! So this place is just right for me!

Oh. A number of reasons. The first being that the multiverse of realities is so vast and impossible to comprehend that if a sentient being like you were to view or experience its true form, the same way I do... your brain would literally melt from the exposure... followed by the rest of your body. I've seen it happen before. It's not pretty.



Yikes. I... I wouldn't want that happening to me. I'd like my brain and body to remain solid, thanks. Heheh.

Libraries have existed since ancient times as well. So, overall, it makes sense you would choose this as a medium. (Gohan)



Very true. I also have this long-standing connection to books... almost like my own origins were based in them. Though this is just a feeling I have. I wouldn't be surprised if my own design was the creation of a troubled, yet brilliant author from a distant world. (Cthulu)



Yes. And each of these realities has countless alternate timelines, variations, and continuums. (Cthulu)



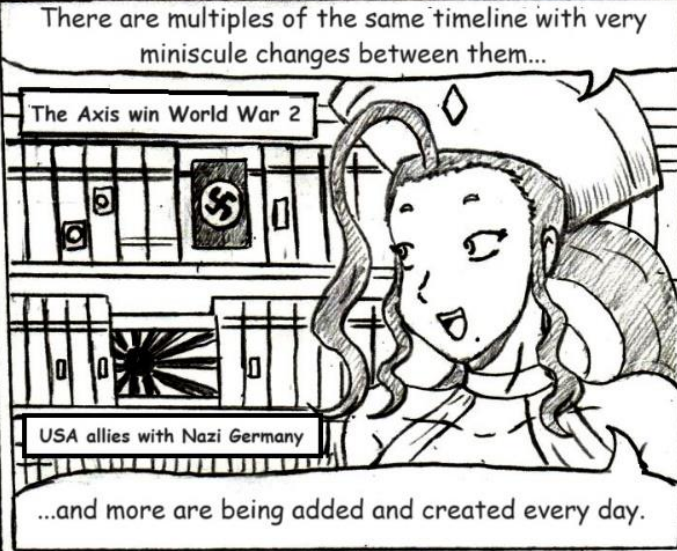
Wow. There are a lot of sections. So each of these is a different reality? (Gohan)



Oh yes. Anytime I want. In fact...

Can you visit any of these universes?

...whenever you're sleeping and dreaming, I would love it if you would join me on some adventures to these worlds. I-If you want....



There are multiples of the same timeline with very miniscule changes between them...

The Axis win World War 2

USA allies with Nazi Germany

...and more are being added and created every day.



Oh. I accidentally stepped on a universe. What's this one doing on the floor?

BWO! BEND!



Step!

Skid~



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Hm?



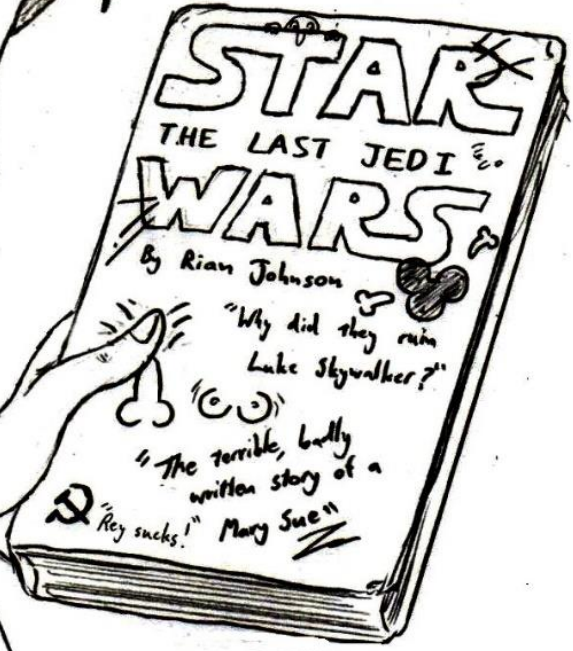
I-If you're okay with me tagging along, then sure!



Great! I'll let you choose the first world to visit and explore!

Hey! Cthulu!  
Wanna check out  
this universe?

Huh. Someone  
graffitied all  
over this book.

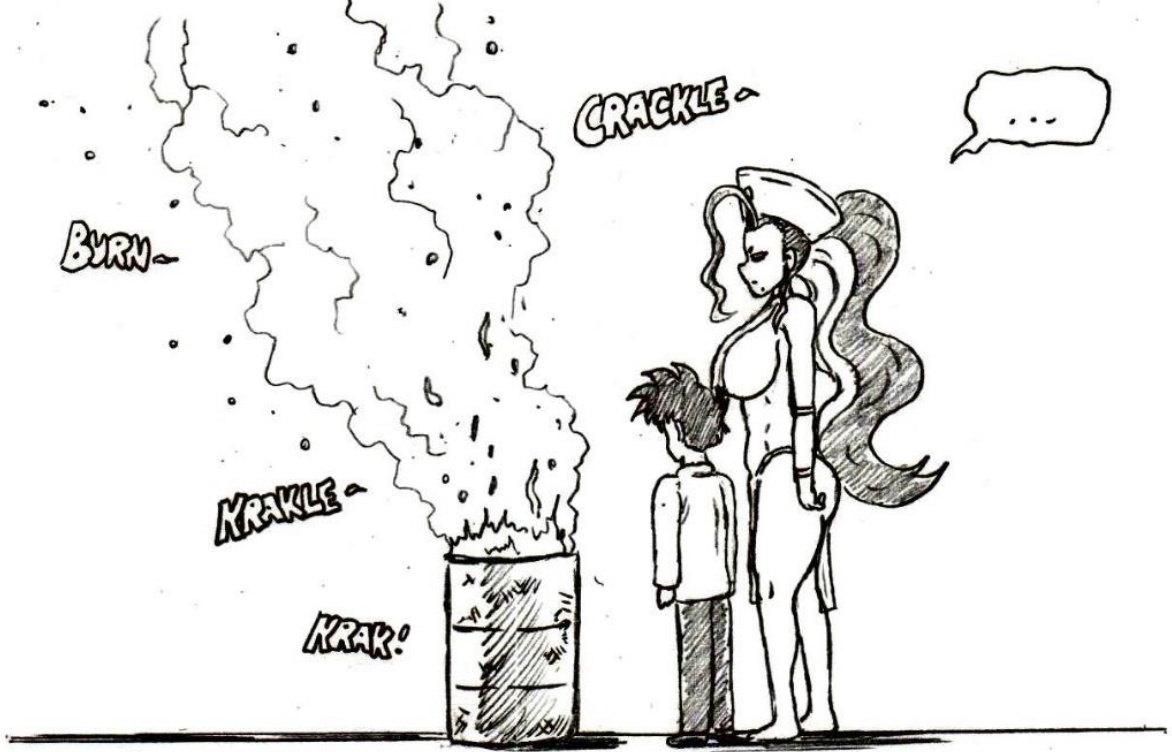


It looks-

O-Or not.

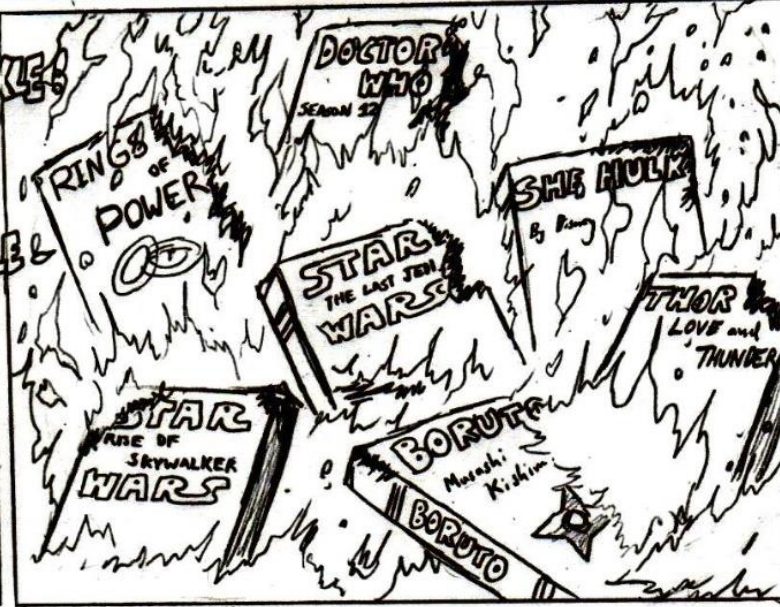
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Never mind.



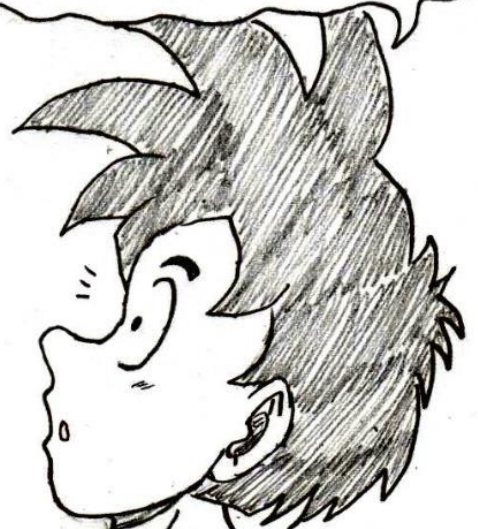
Wow. Those universes burn really well.

Stuff burns better when it's made of excrement.



Would you... still like me to pick out a universe for us to go an adventure in? Perhaps one that's better?

Of course. Don't worry. I'll let you know if we should toss it into the bonfire or not.

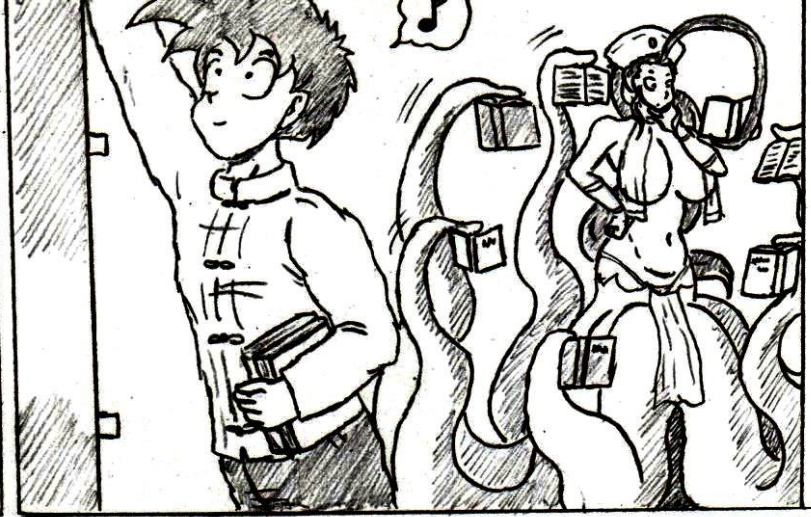




I... can't reach it...

Ah... dang it.

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W-Would it be okay... if we could become friends?

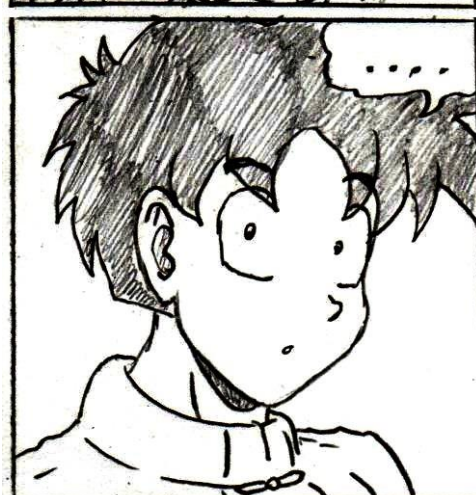


Uhm... Gohan-kun? F-Forgive me if this is a little forward... but... I've never spoken to another being for so long before. Nor have I ever hung out with them like this. So... i-if it's alright with you...



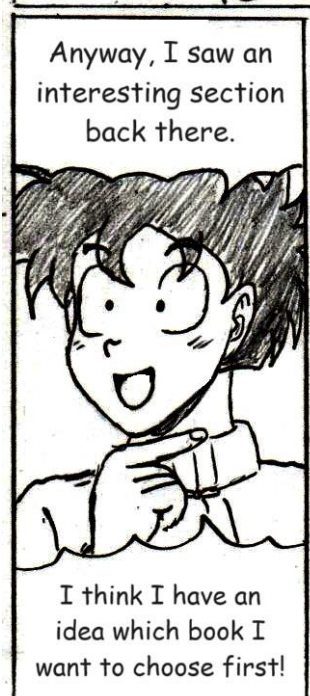
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Huh?



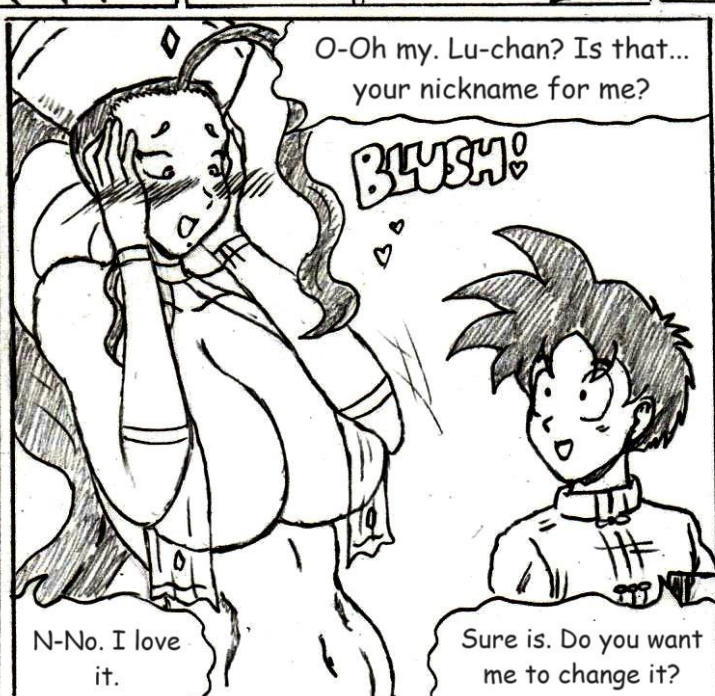
Oh! Thanks a lot, Cthulu!

You're welcome.



Anyway, I saw an interesting section back there.

I think I have an idea which book I want to choose first!



O-Oh my. Lu-chan? Is that... your nickname for me?

BLUSH!

N-No. I love it.

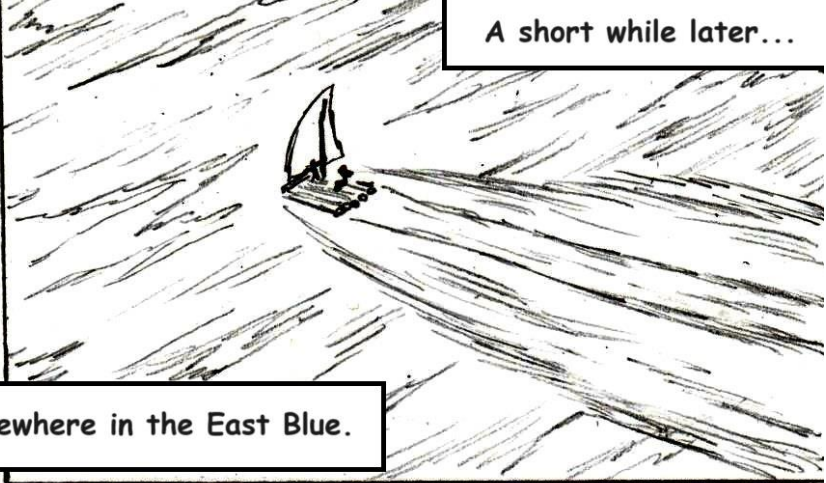
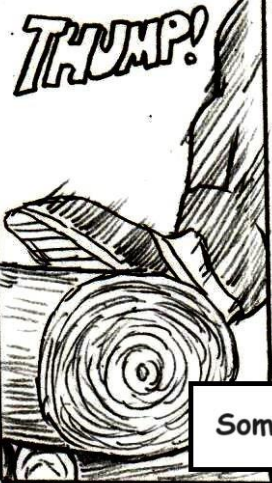


Sure is. Do you want me to change it?



Absolutely! I'd love to be friends with someone as awesome as you, Lu-chan!





A short while later...

Somewhere in the East Blue.

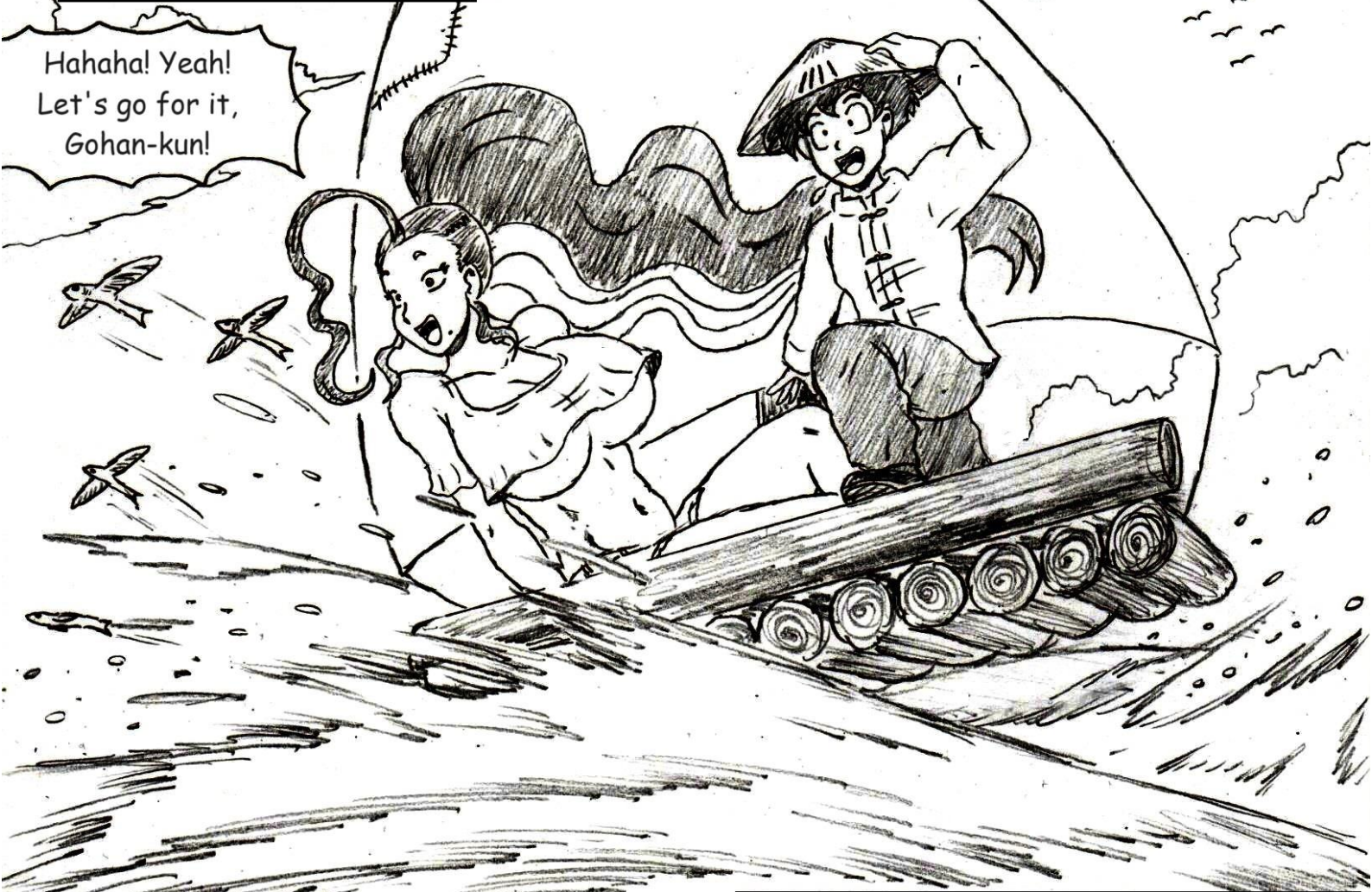
Coming soon...

# DRAGON BALL Z X ONE PIECE

A Golden Age Spin-Off

LET'S GO FIND  
**ONE PIECE!**  
YOU WITH ME, LU-CHAN?!

Hahaha! Yeah!  
Let's go for it,  
Gohan-kun!



And thus, Gohan embarked upon a brand new series of journeys in his dreams. It would be *this* and *many* other worlds the Saiyan would explore every night he laid his head down to sleep. And all without his friends and family knowing.

In the end, Gohan wound up choosing a timeline in the *One Piece Universe* to go on an adventure in, alongside his newfound friend, Cthulu.

Let's find the One Piece...  
\*mumble-mumble\*... where  
do... we start...?

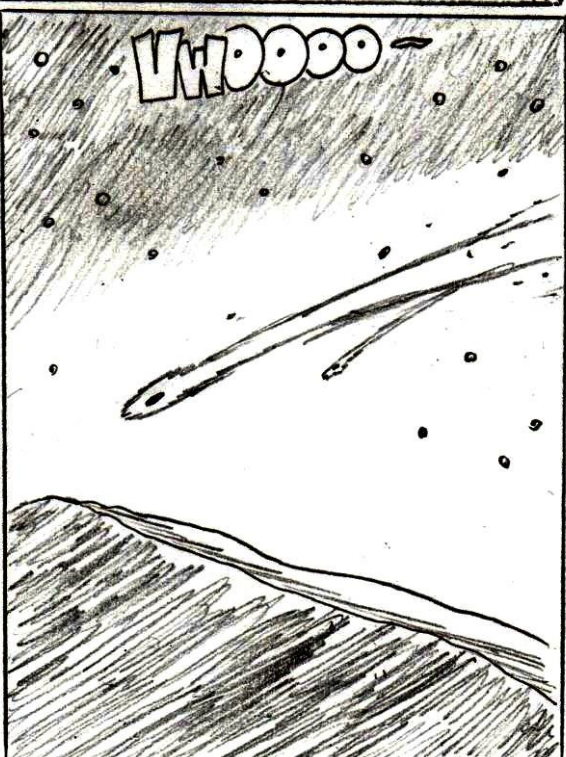
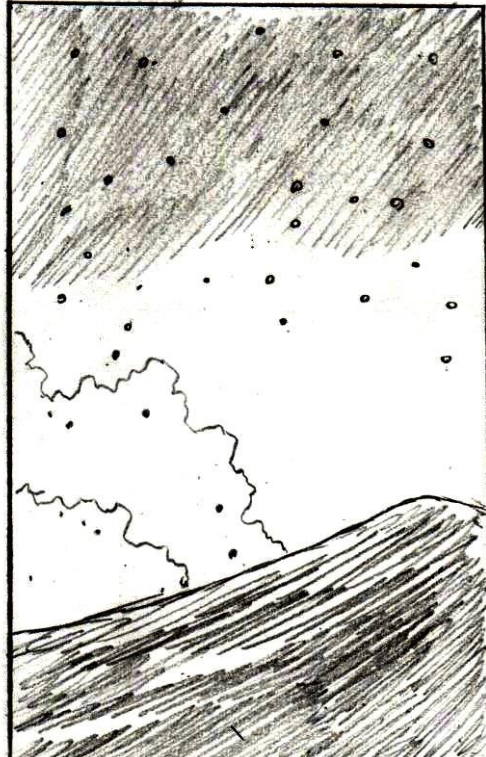
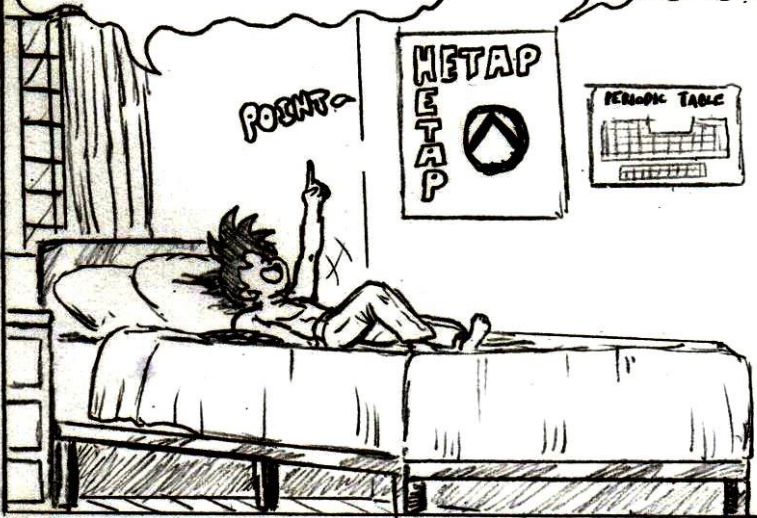
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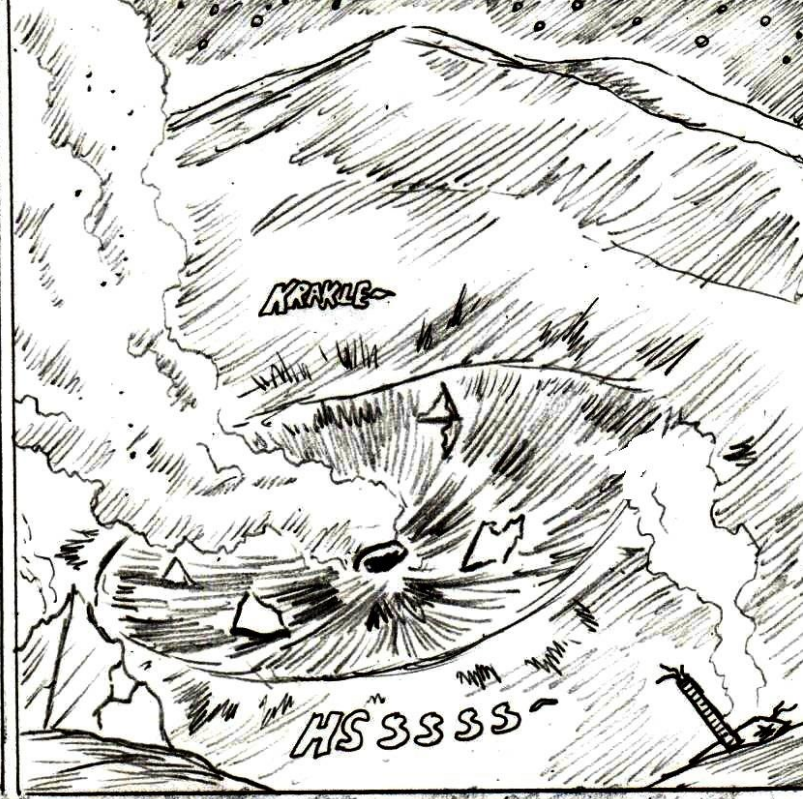
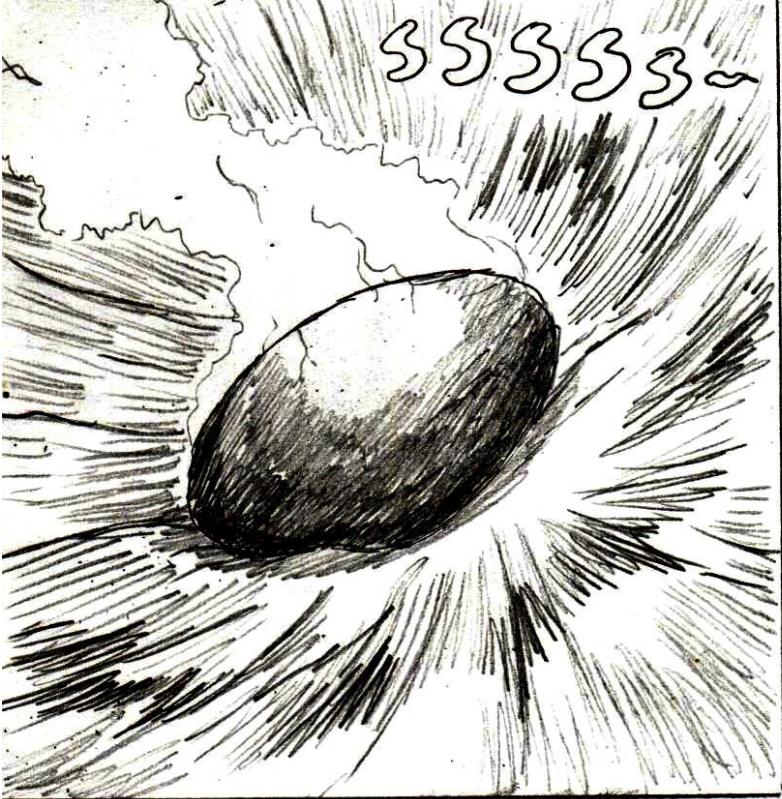
Hehehe... yay...

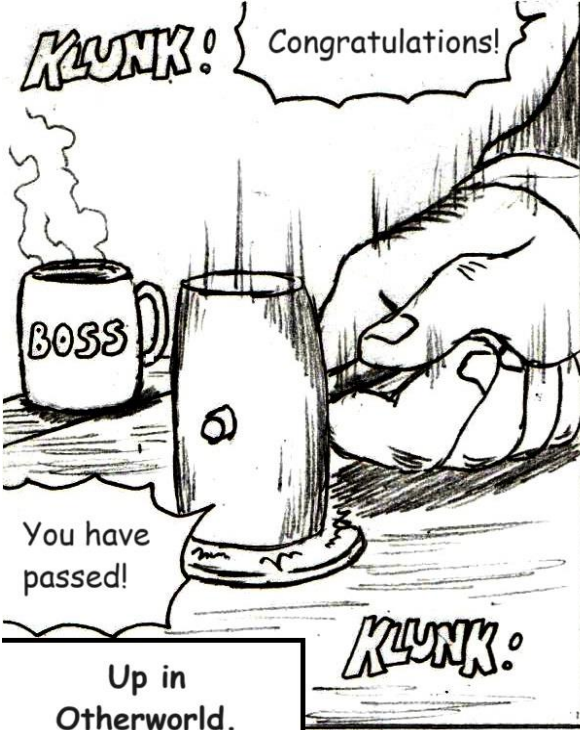
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HETAP  
HETAP

PERIODIC TABLE







Klunk! Congratulations!

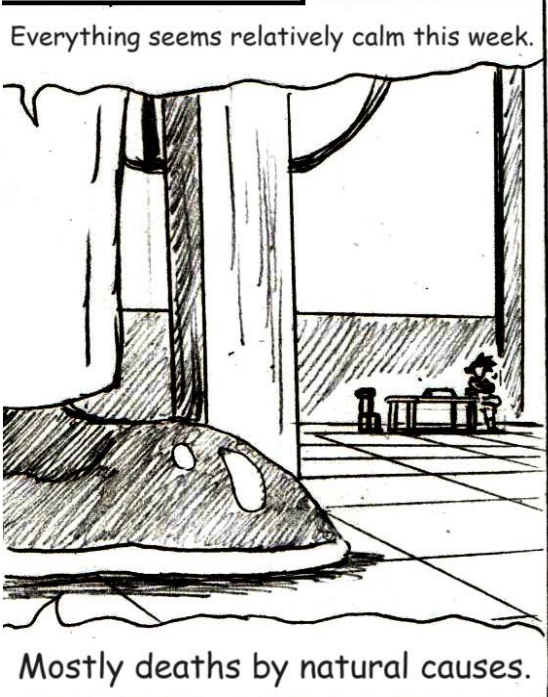
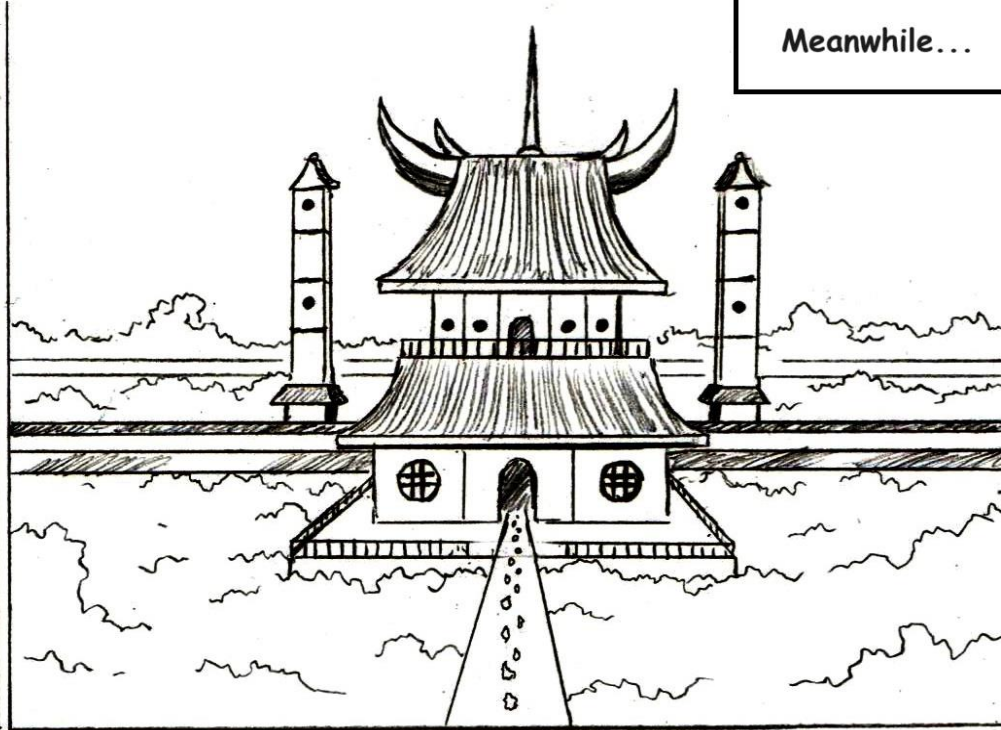
BOSS

You have passed!

Klunk!

Up in Otherworld.

Meanwhile...



Everything seems relatively calm this week.

Mostly deaths by natural causes.



At least the universe is at peace.

PALACE SECURITY



Hmm... I wonder if we're scheduled to take on any foreign world souls today? I sure hope not...

Alright. On to the next one. Let's have a look here...

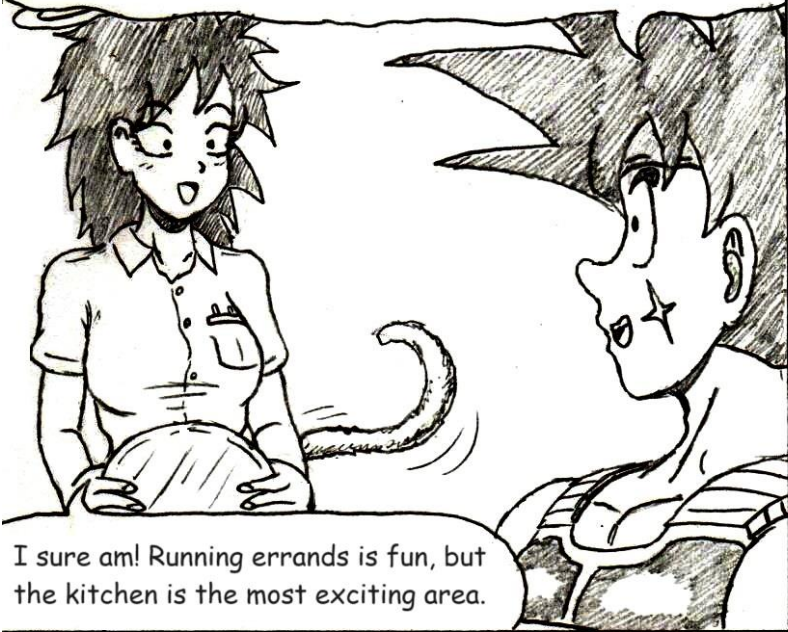
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NOM!

King Yemma

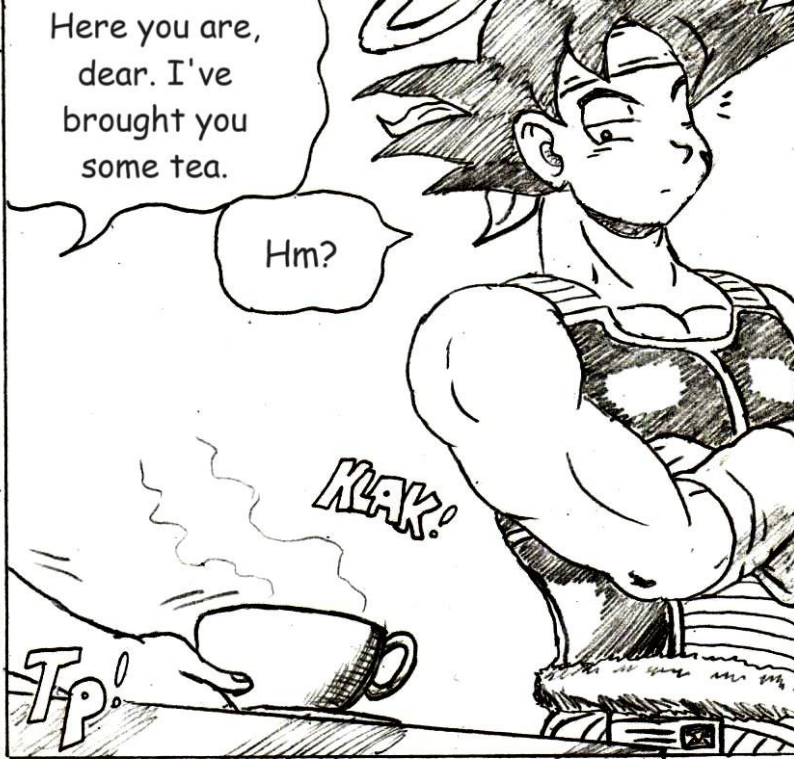
Yipee!

Oh. Thank you, Gine. Having fun working with the rest of the ogres in the palace?



I sure am! Running errands is fun, but the kitchen is the most exciting area.

Here you are, dear. I've brought you some tea.



Hm?

TP!

KAK!

Heh-heh, yeah. It looks good on you.



...the best part is that I get to wear this cute office uniform!



AND...

POSE!

Whatcha think, Bardock? Like it?

Aww. Thank you, darling.



My future sight is activating!

W-What?!

Huh? B-Bardock?



Why? What's going on?!

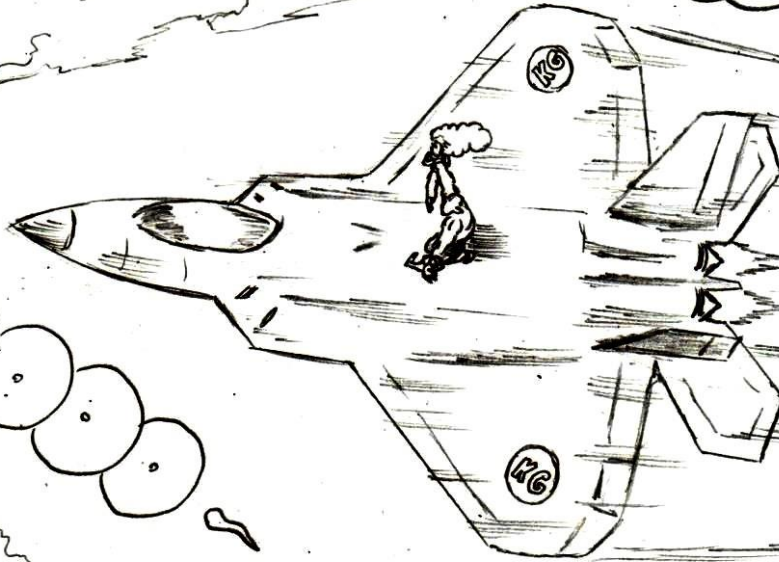
LURCH!



GAH!!

A vision of the future?!

VWOOOO



My grandson and... his female alien friend... fighting together against...

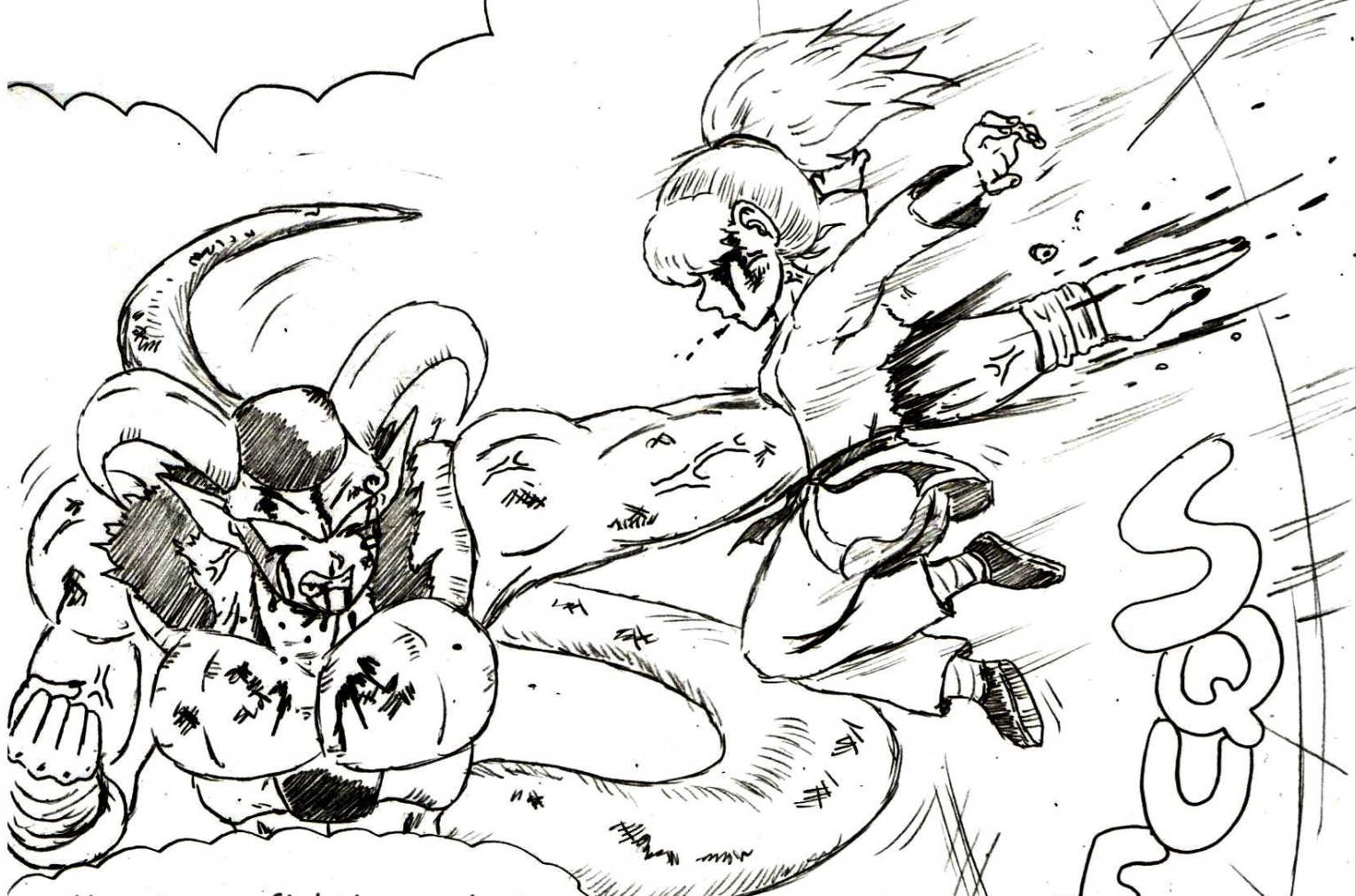


...down on Earth?!

A demon warrior?! Is this... a battle that's going to take place...

**GRAAH!!**

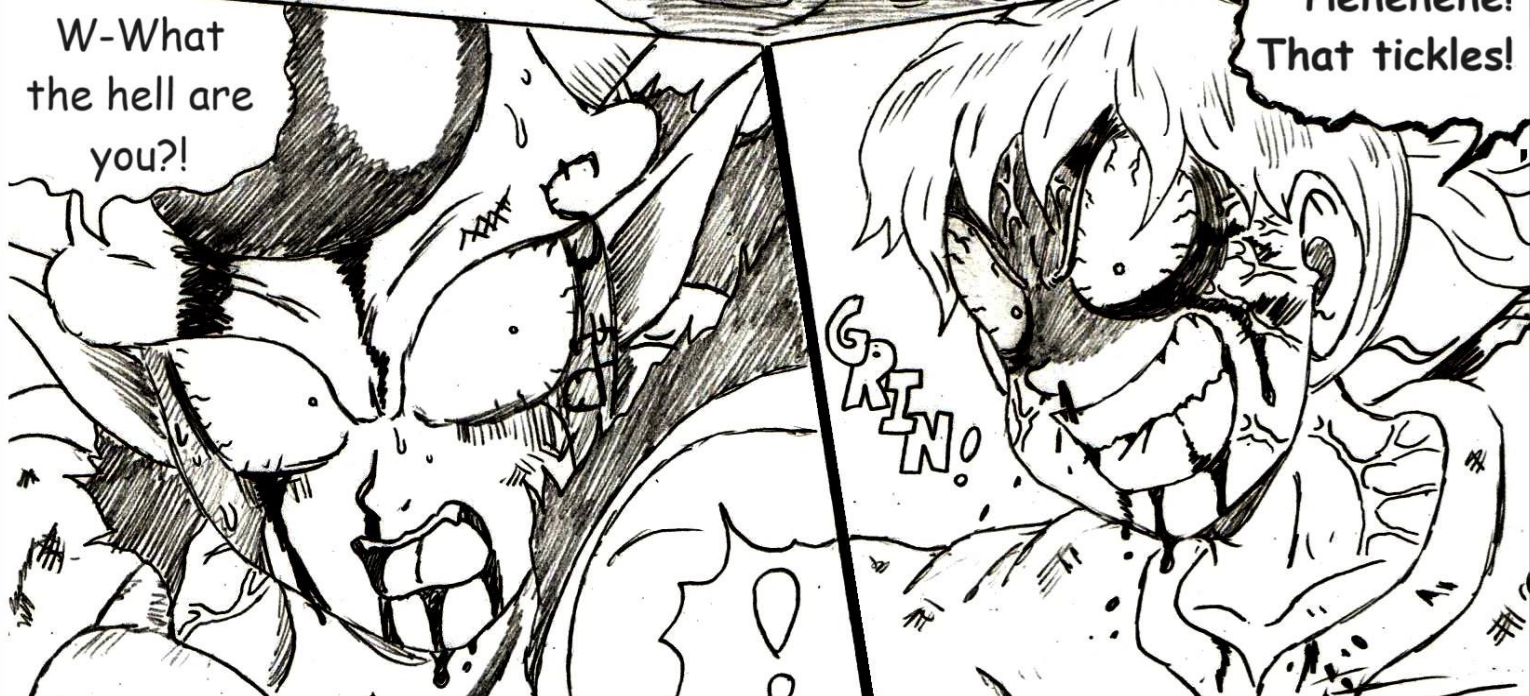
So much chaos and carnage. This is insane!



Monsters... fighting against other monsters... and ripping each other apart.

W-What the hell are you?!

Hehehehe!  
That tickles!



Enemies fighting against enemies...

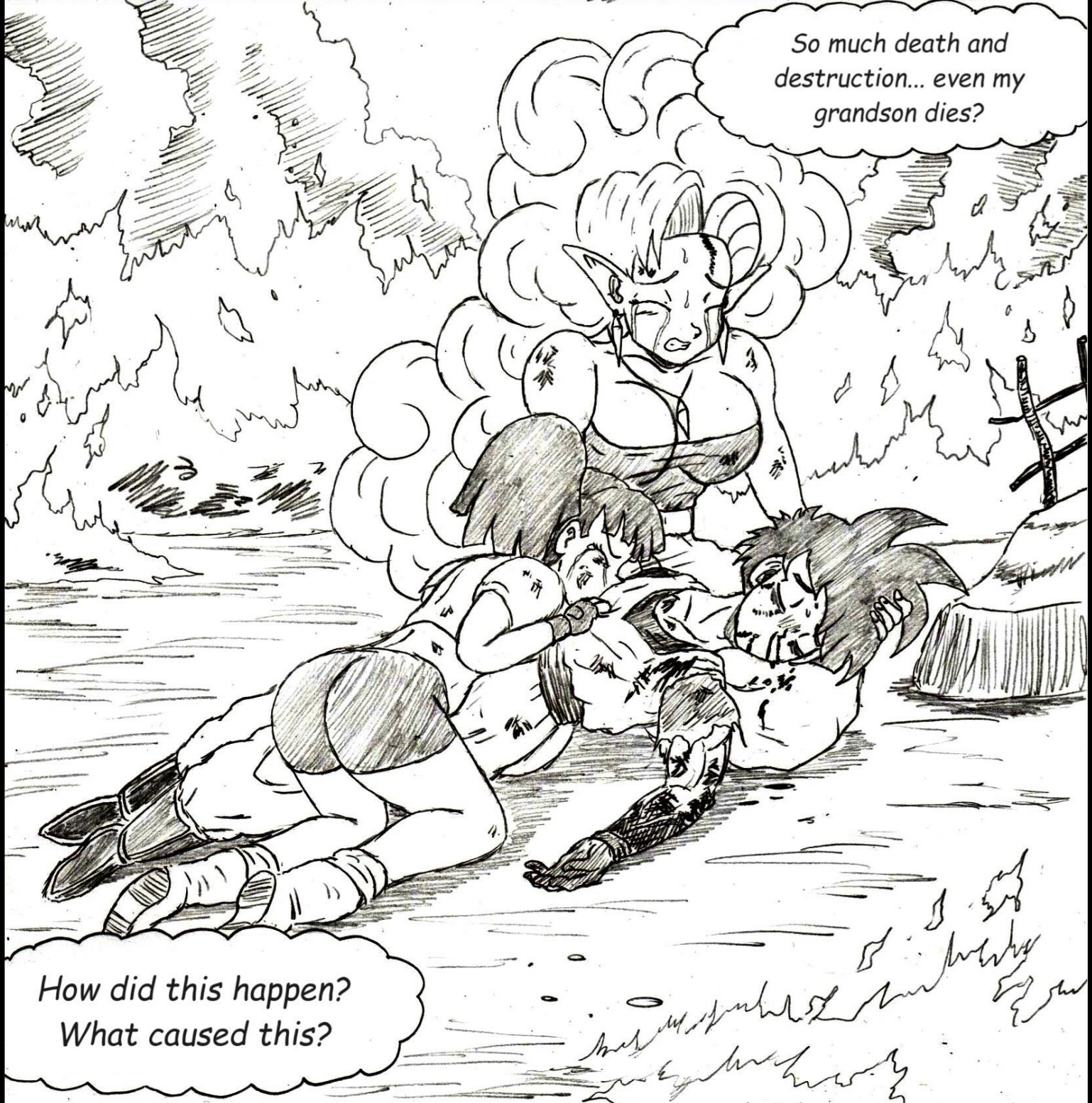
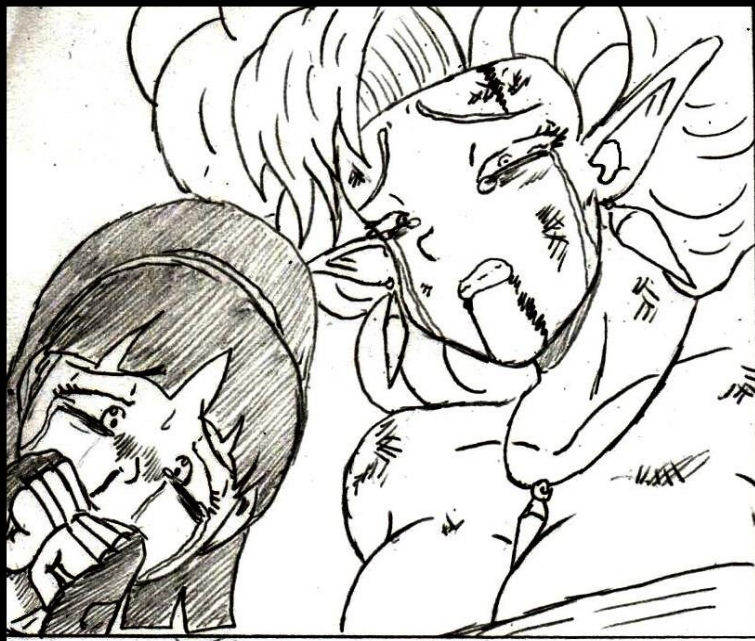
**KAIOKEN!**

**RAH!**

...and allies fighting against other allies... and brutalizing each other.

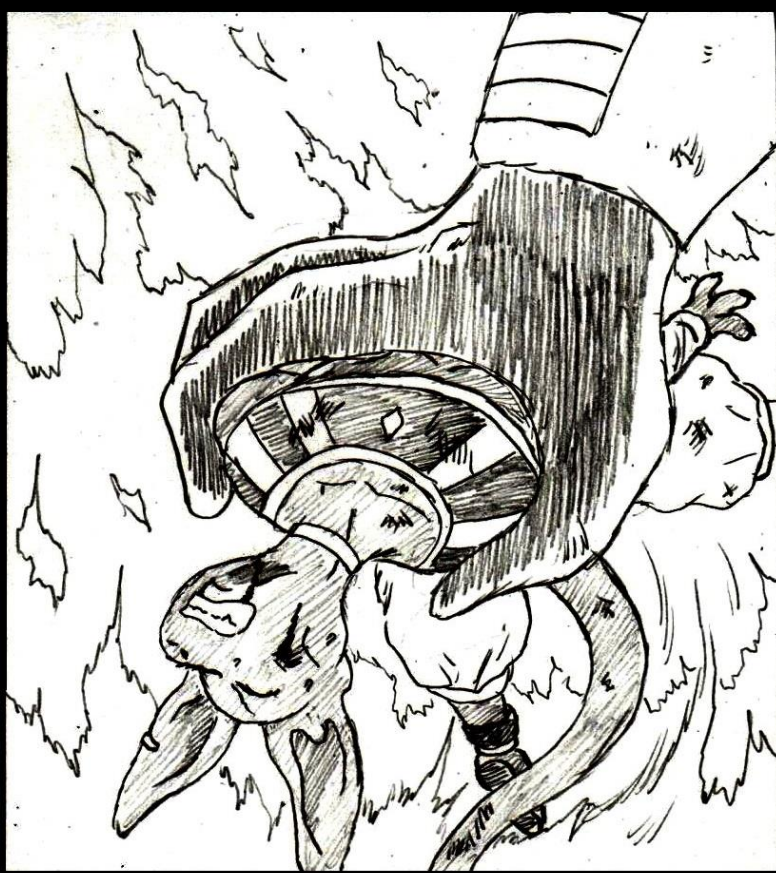
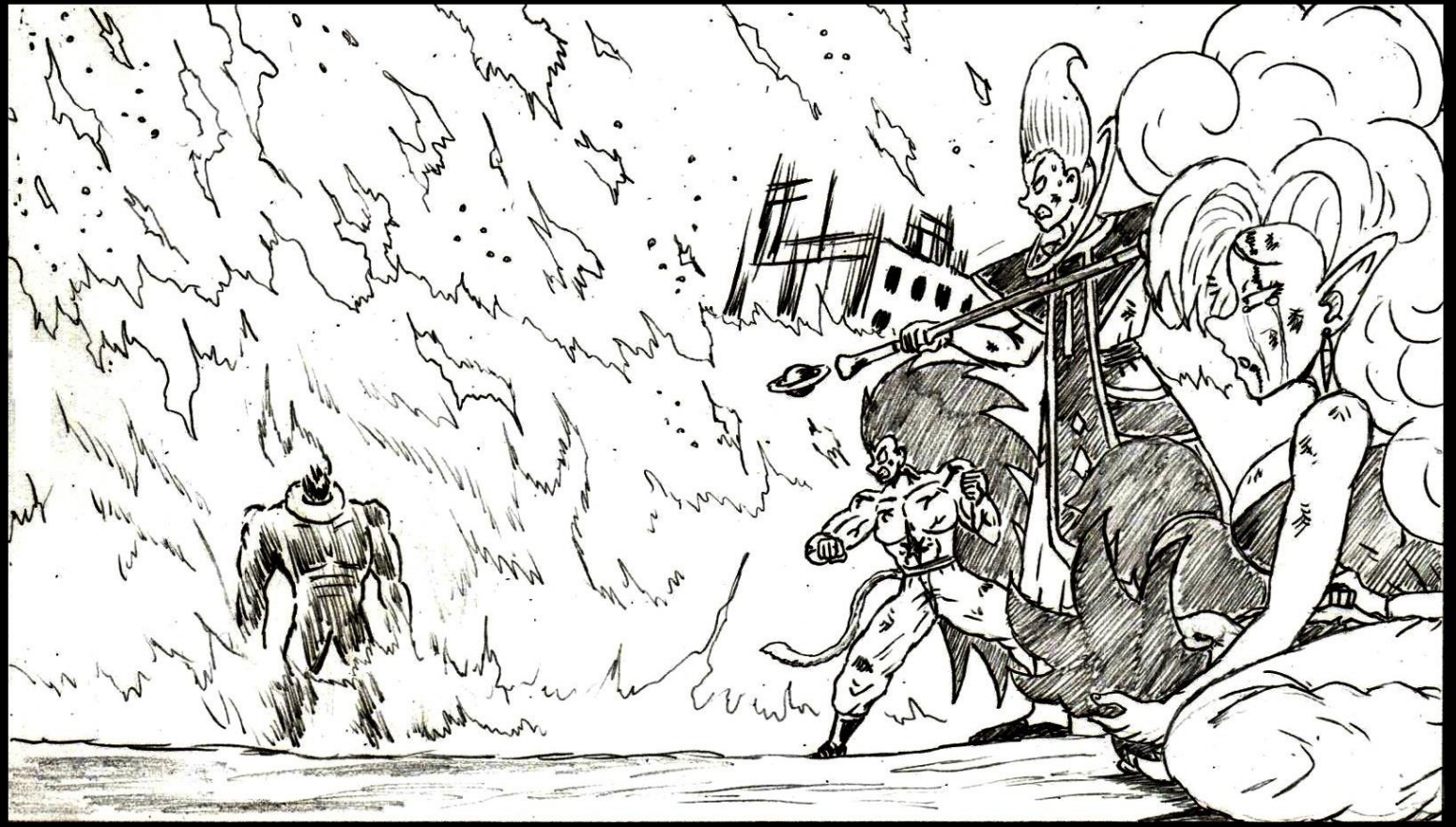




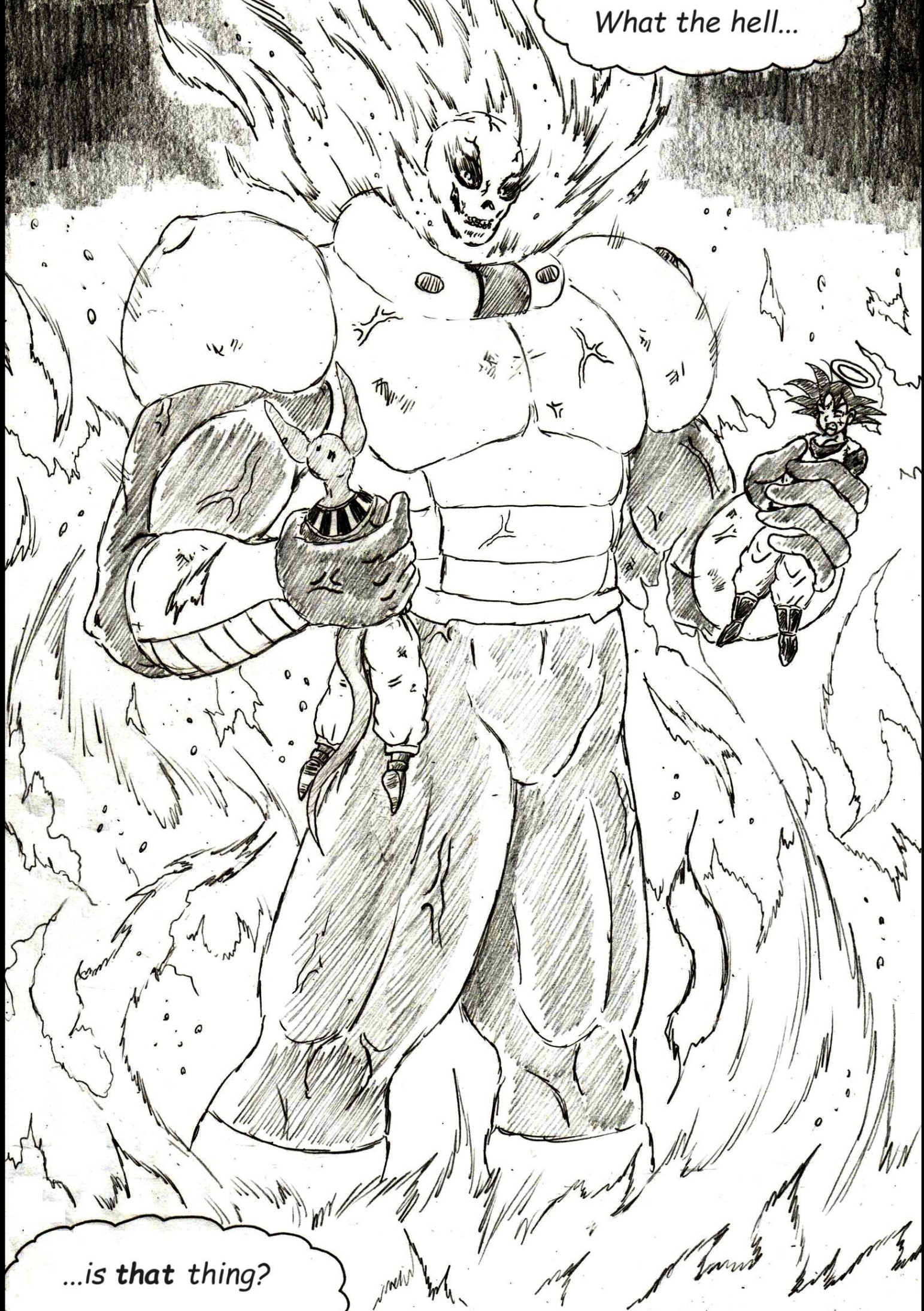


So much death and destruction... even my grandson dies?

How did this happen?  
What caused this?



What the hell...



...is that thing?

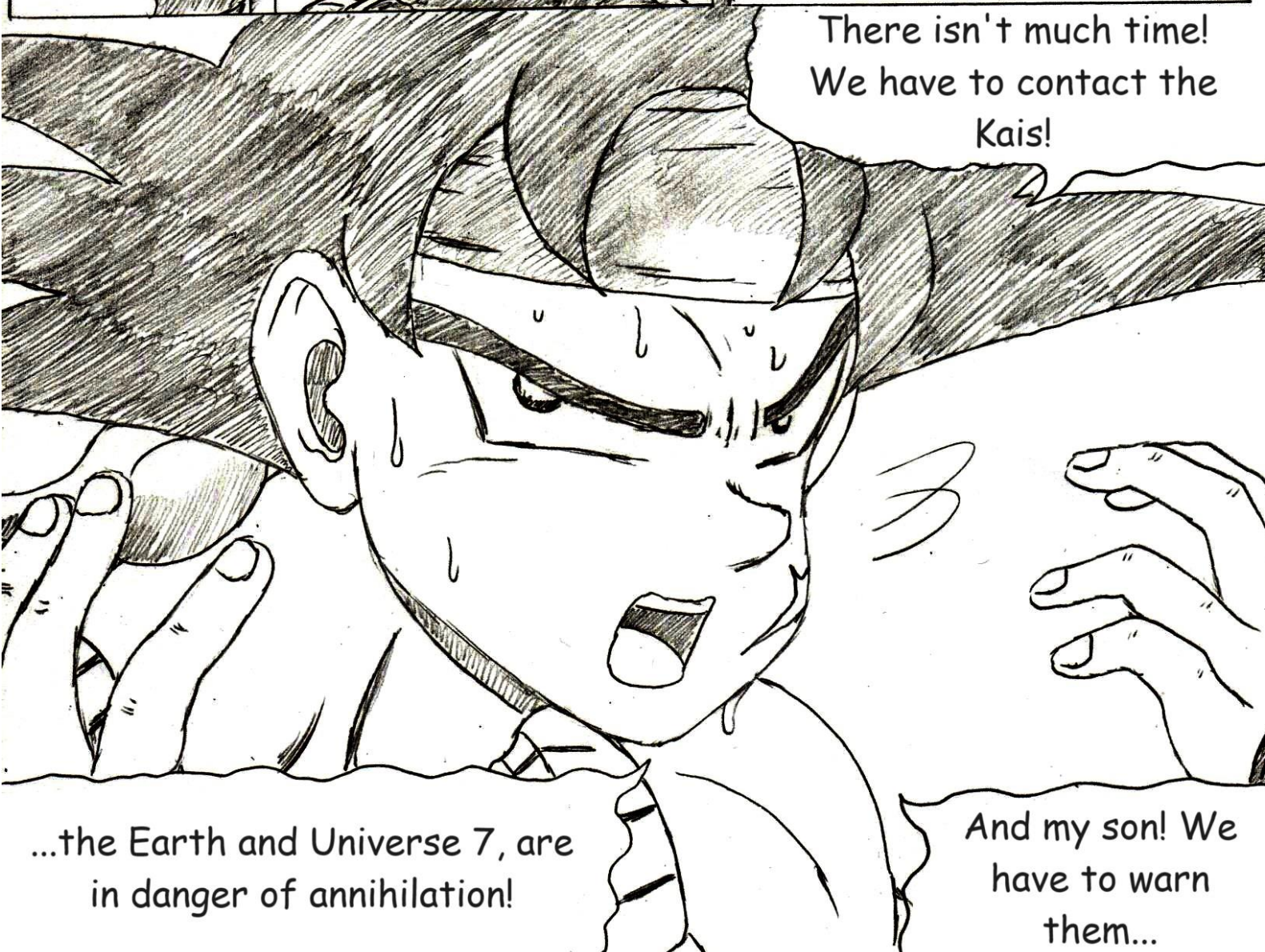
B-Bardock? Are you alright? D-Don't tell me. The psychic curse the Kanassans gave you? You had another vision?



Is that the future that awaits Universe 7? An inferno?

Y-Yes.

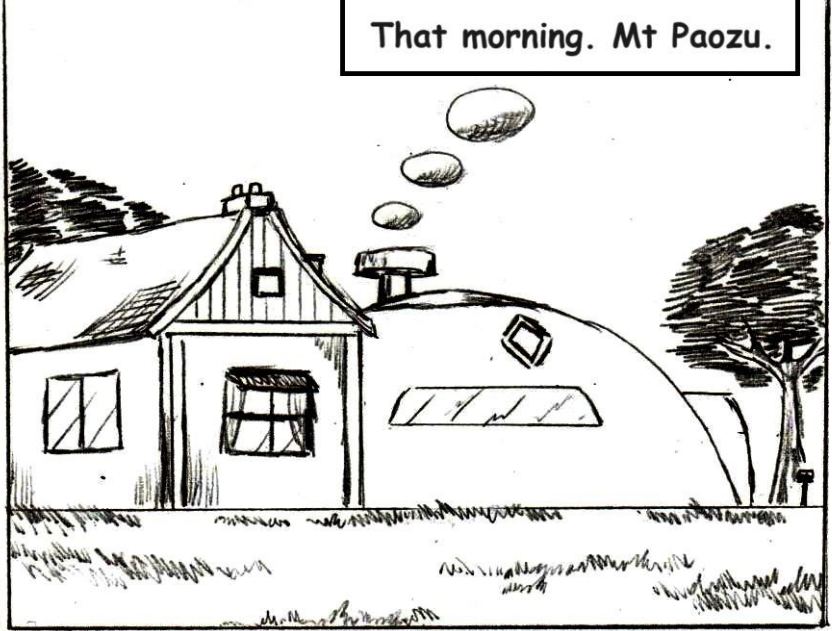
There isn't much time!  
We have to contact the Kais!



...the Earth and Universe 7, are in danger of annihilation!

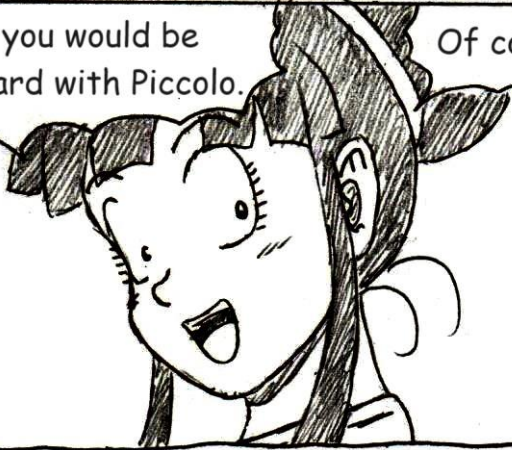
And my son! We have to warn them...

That morning. Mt Paozu.



I knew you would be training hard with Piccolo.

Of course.



Morning, mum! Wow, that smells really good.

Oh! Good morning, sweetheart.



So I decided to make us eggs with plenty of meat and vegetables.

Then I'll come help you out. Okay?

Awesome. I'm just gonna have a quick shower.



Are you making omelettes today?

Fufu. Okay, darling. I will.

Can you wait till I'm done washing up?



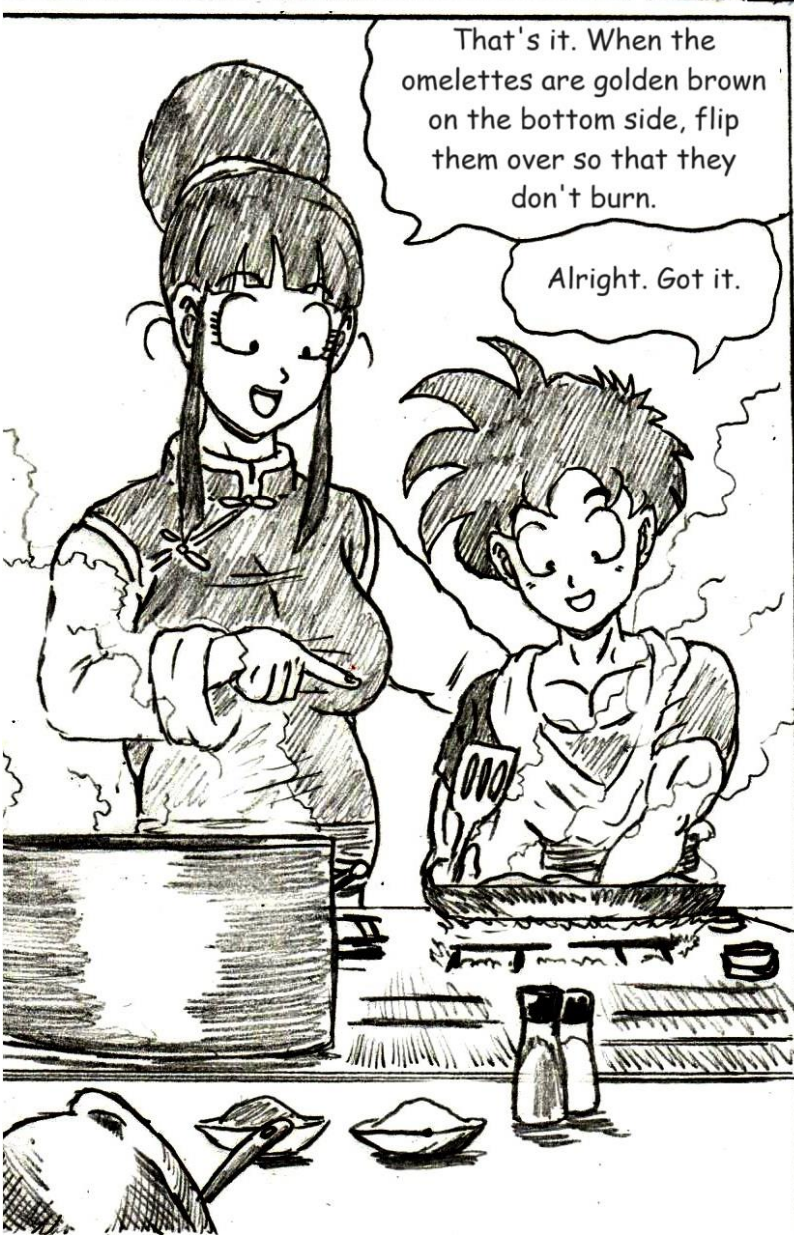
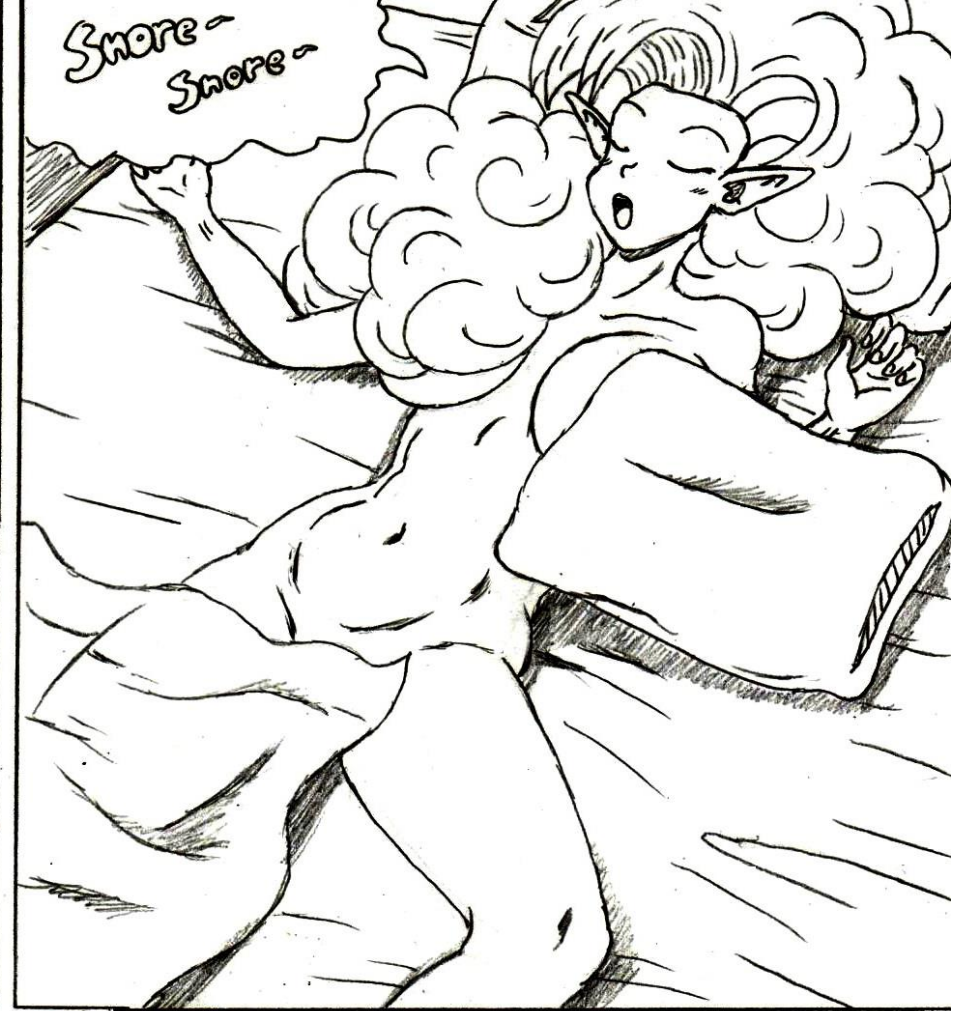
He's such a good boy.

Ah. But I want to, mum.

Huh? You don't have to do that, dear.



I want to learn how you cook such amazing food!



You seem to be in a good mood this morning.

Mhmm



Mum!

Did you sleep well?

I was on this foggy beach looking out over a spooky ocean with a grey sky.

Dream?

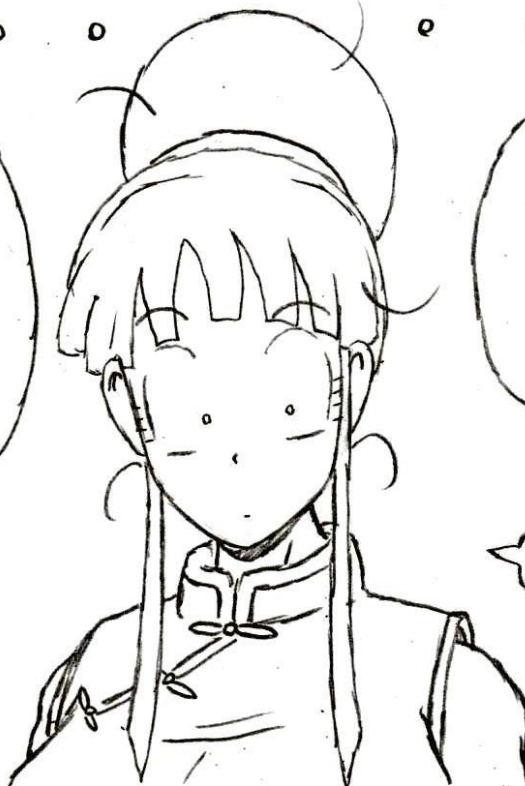
Sure did! Had a great dream too!

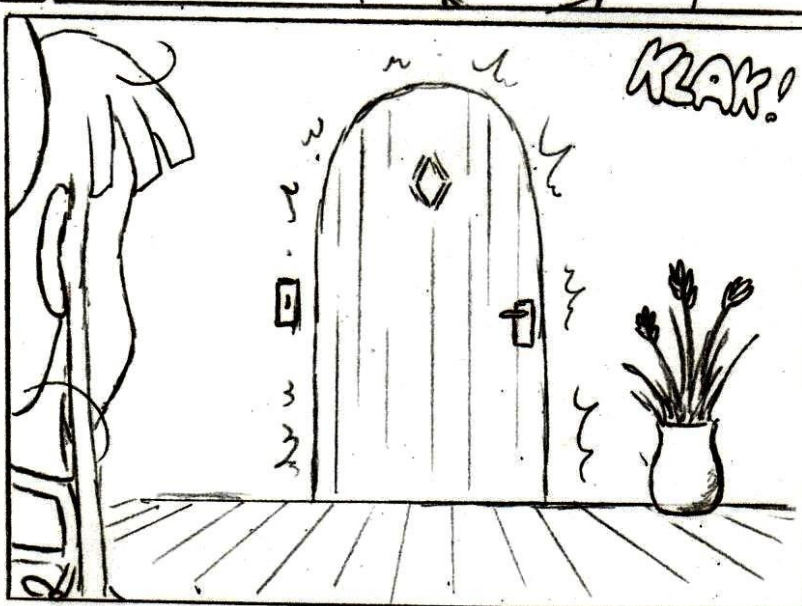
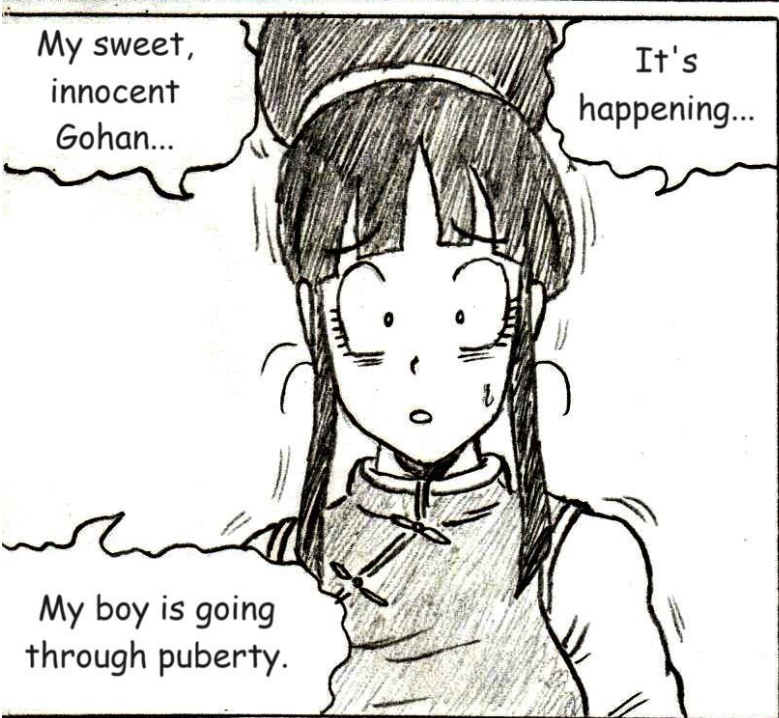
When this giant, pretty, naked lady with curly hair and ivory skin came out of the water to say hi. She was super pretty and nice!

What kind of dream?

And her bottom and chest were very big and bouncy too! Oh, and she could do all these amazing things and she did them with me! It was unreal, mum! You should've been there to see it!

Her skin was smooth, shiny, and felt really nice. Her hair was also springy and fun to play with, and she was nice enough to let me hop on top of her.







Ahh. Did I miss something important? Sorry I slept in.

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Pff!

Byo!

STRETCH

Spikey, green man and I trained like crazy the other day.

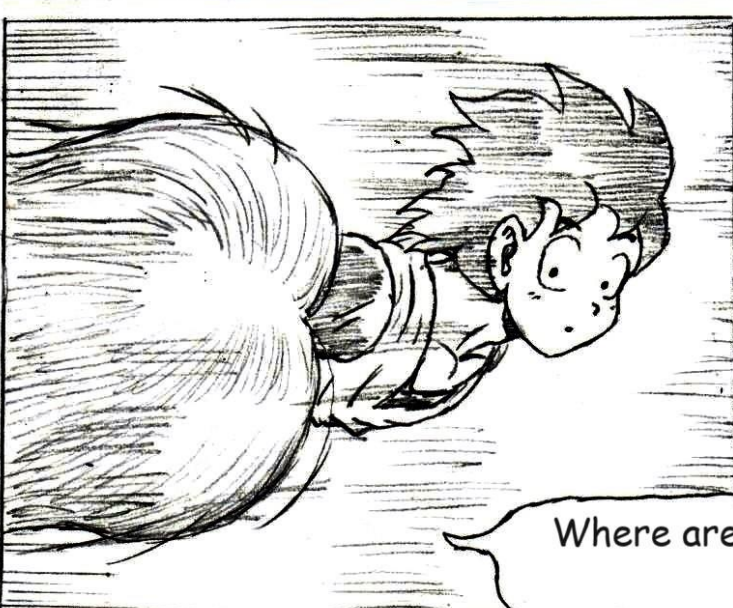
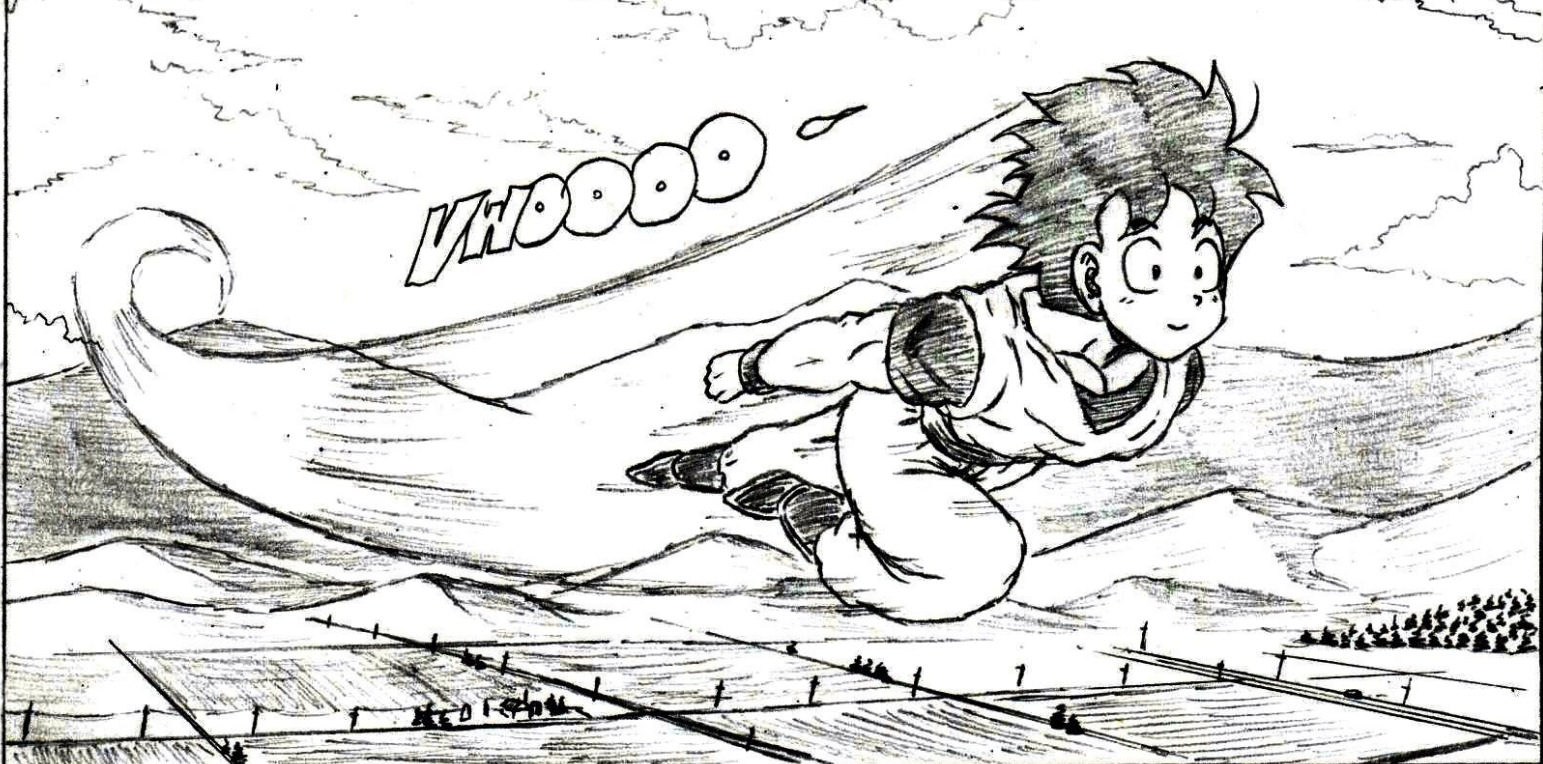
ZANGYA! HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU TO STOP WALKING AROUND THE HOUSE NAKED?!

Ooh! Something smells good! I'm starving!

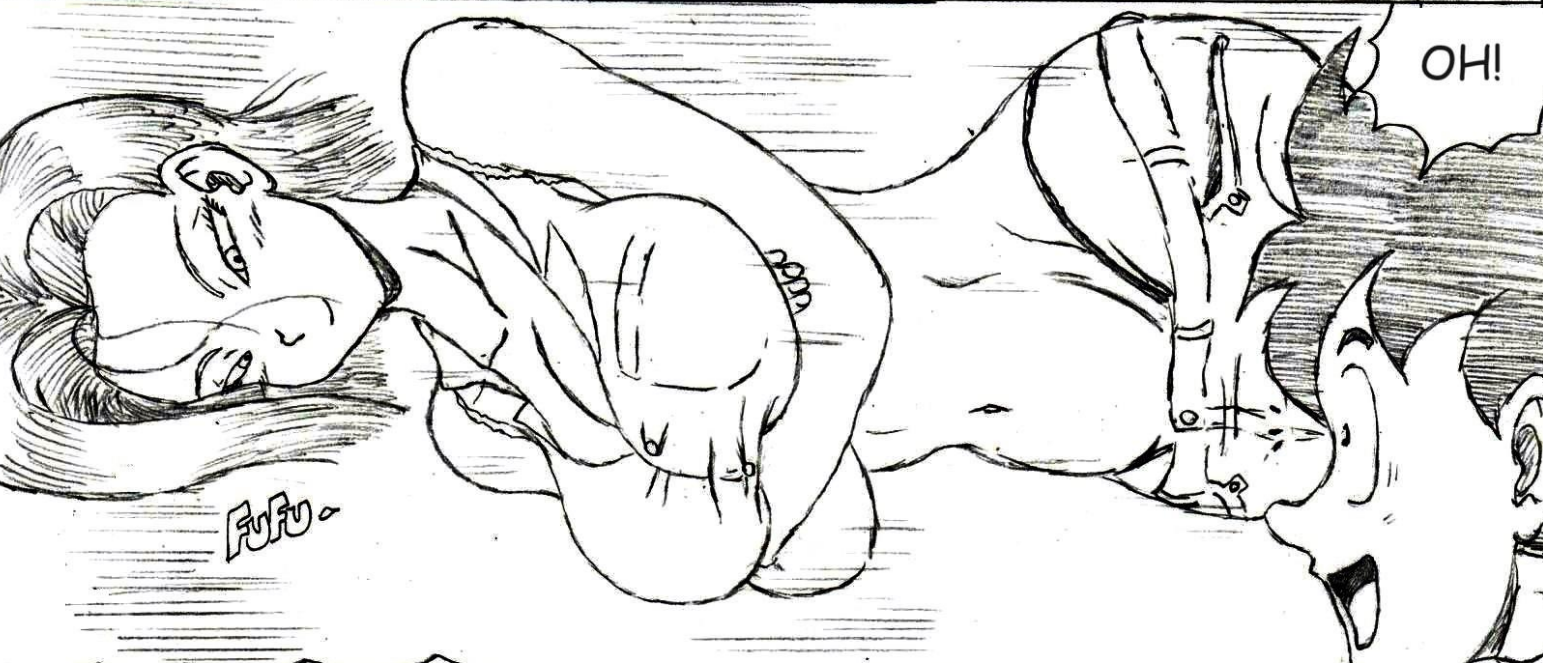
STOP IGNORING ME AND GO GET DRESSED, YOUNG LADY!

Are we having omelettes? Yum! Don't mind if I do!

Ahh... AAH...



Where are you going in such a hurry?



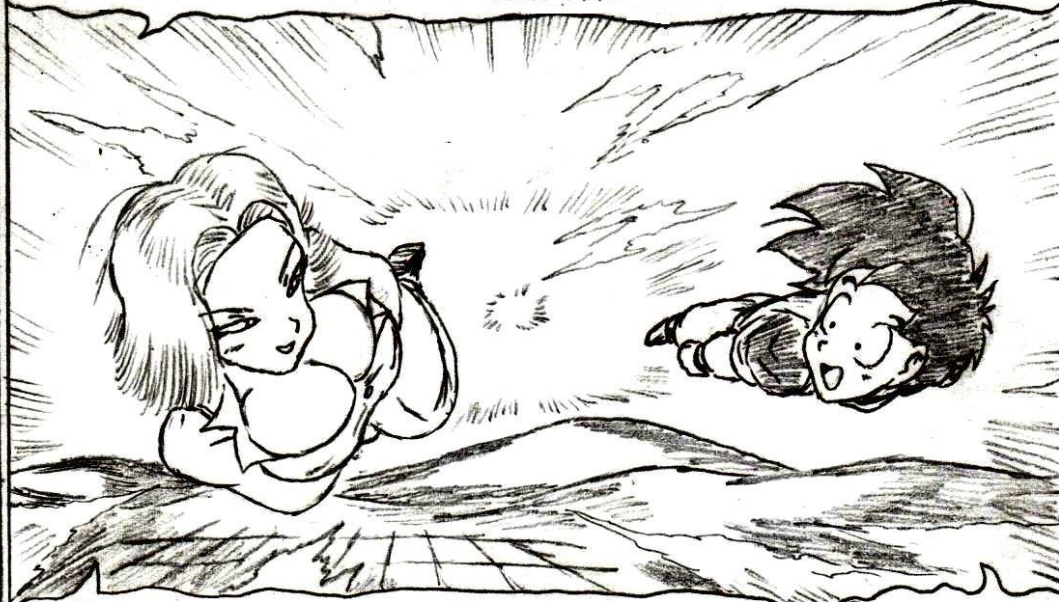
Hey there, Eighteen! Wow, you surprised me. I wasn't expecting to see you out here today.

Do you have a place around here?



More or less. I'm renting near the business I'm working at. A cashier job.

Heh. Well... let's just say I was in the neighbourhood and saw you take off.



Yep. And I decided to come up to say hello.

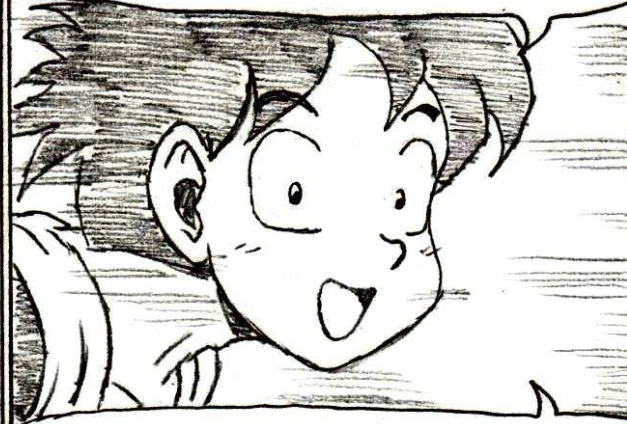
Really?

Cool. Mind having some extra company on the way there?



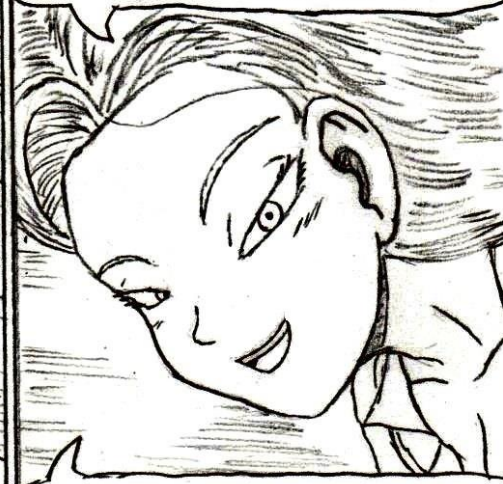
Of course! We can chat and catch up along the way!

My friend Videll invited me over to spend time with her today.



She also said she'd like me to come with her to meet her mom in the hospital.

I'll tell you more about my situation later.

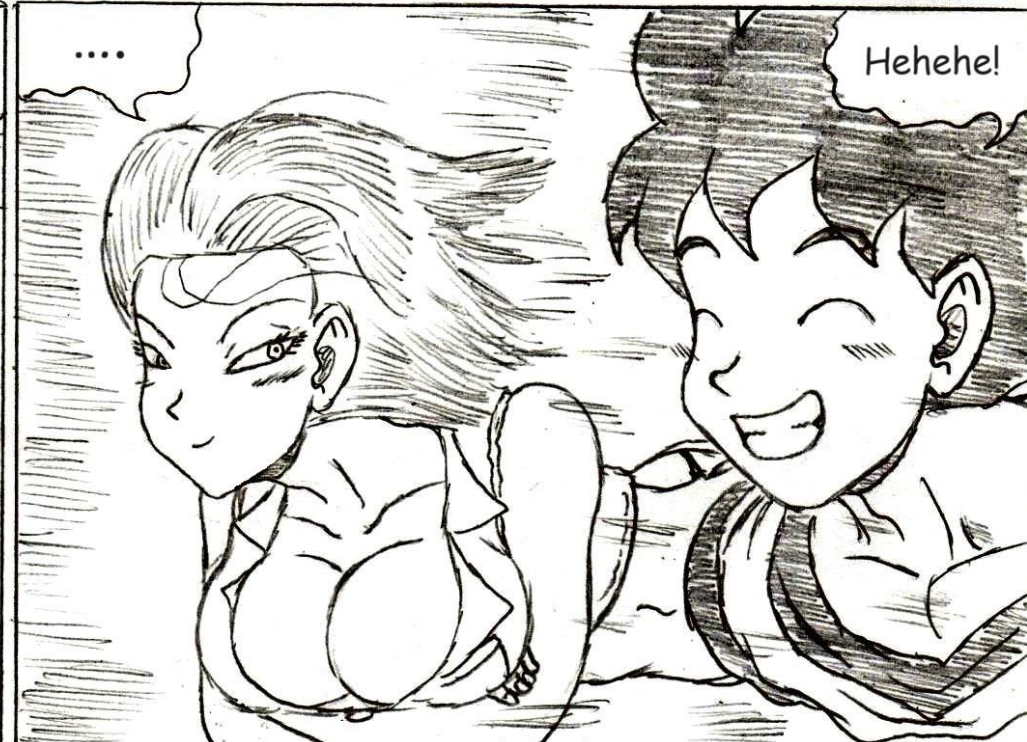


I'm curious as to what you're doing right now.

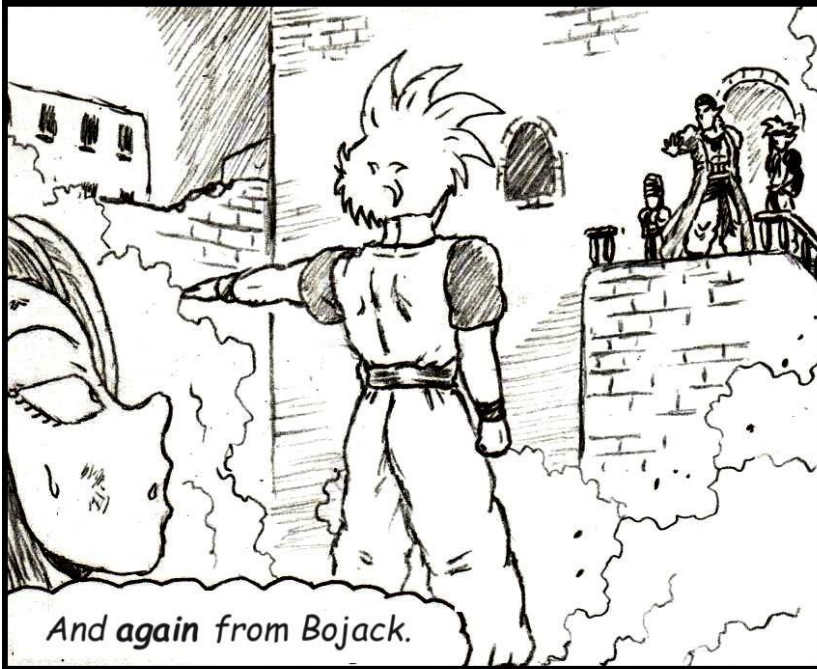
This young man fascinates me to no end...



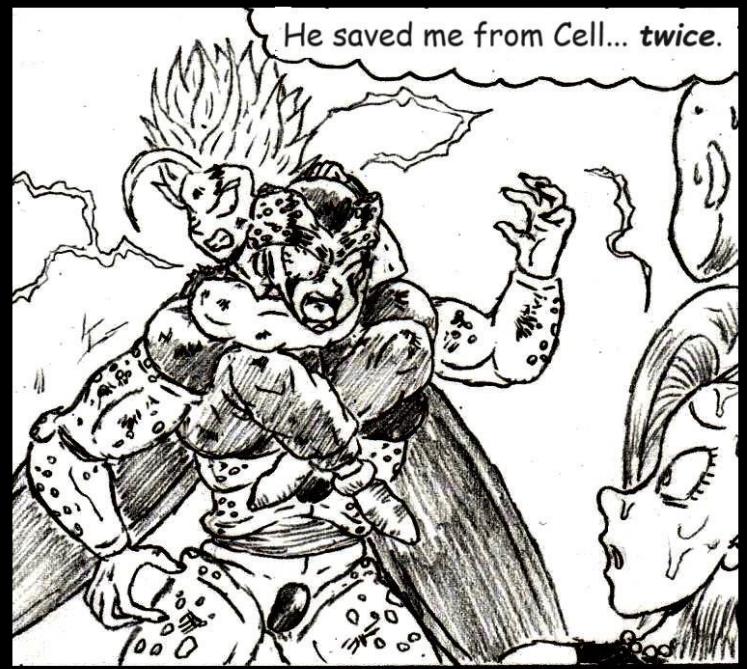
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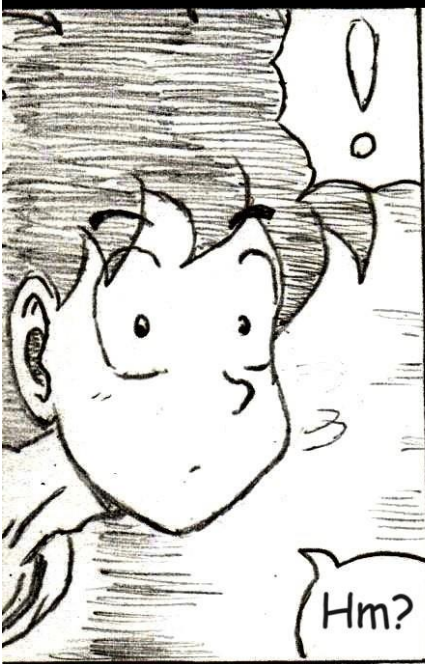
Hehehe!



And again from Bojack.



He saved me from Cell... twice.

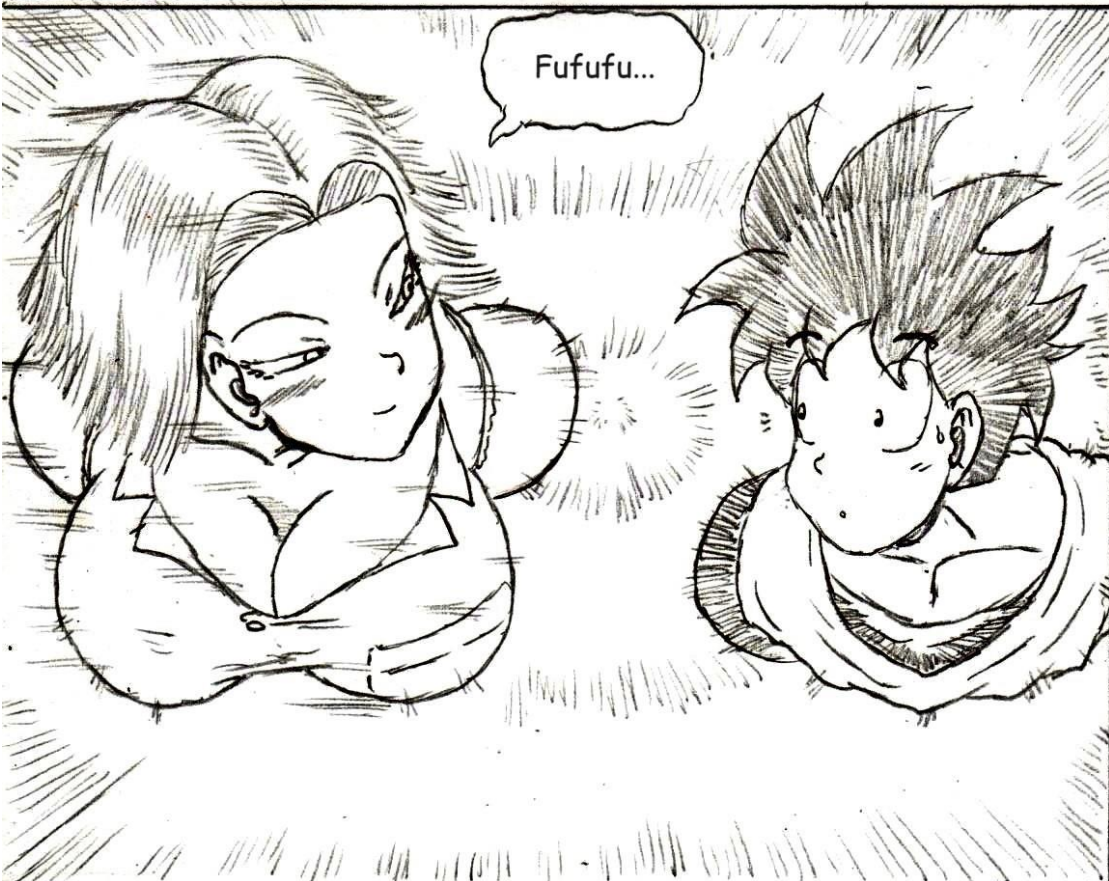
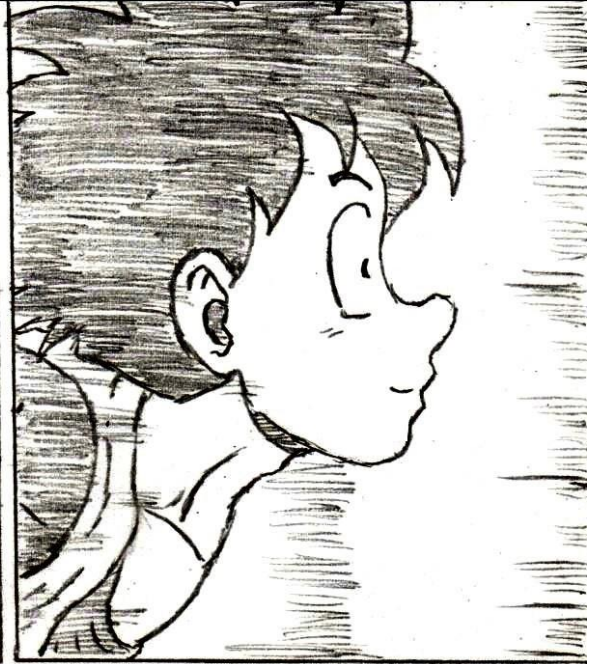


Hm?

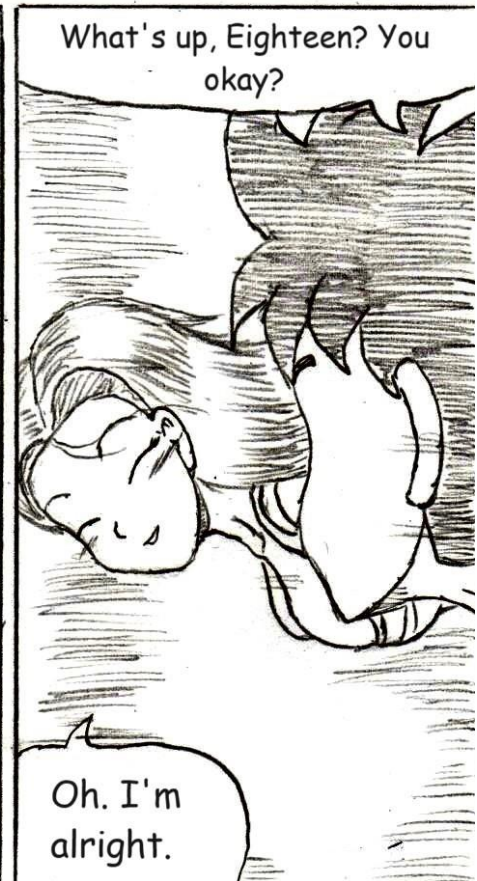


After all that...

How could I not?



Fufufu...



What's up, Eighteen? You okay?

Oh. I'm alright.

Oh. Not at all. Though I think we should watch out for birds. Don't wanna have an accident.  
(Gohan)

You don't mind if I fly close to you, do you, Gohan?  
(Android 18)

Whoooooo~

Heh. True.

At the edge of a large lake in a lush, green area, stood Moro and Vidro.

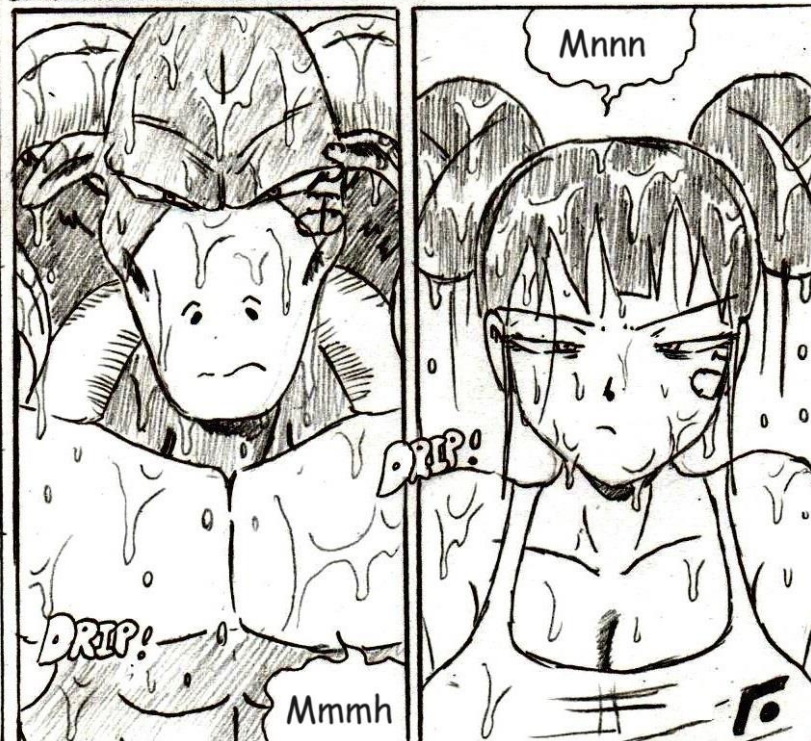
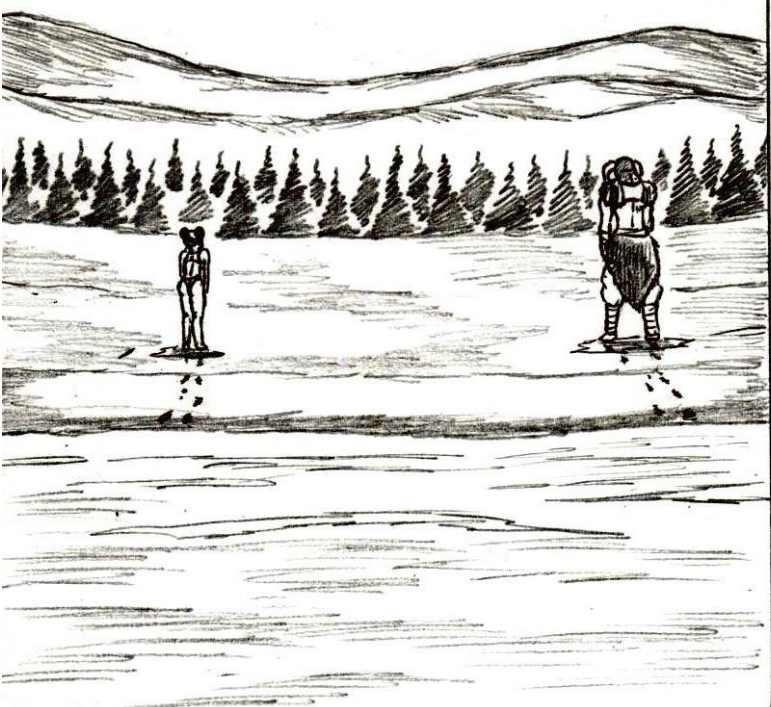
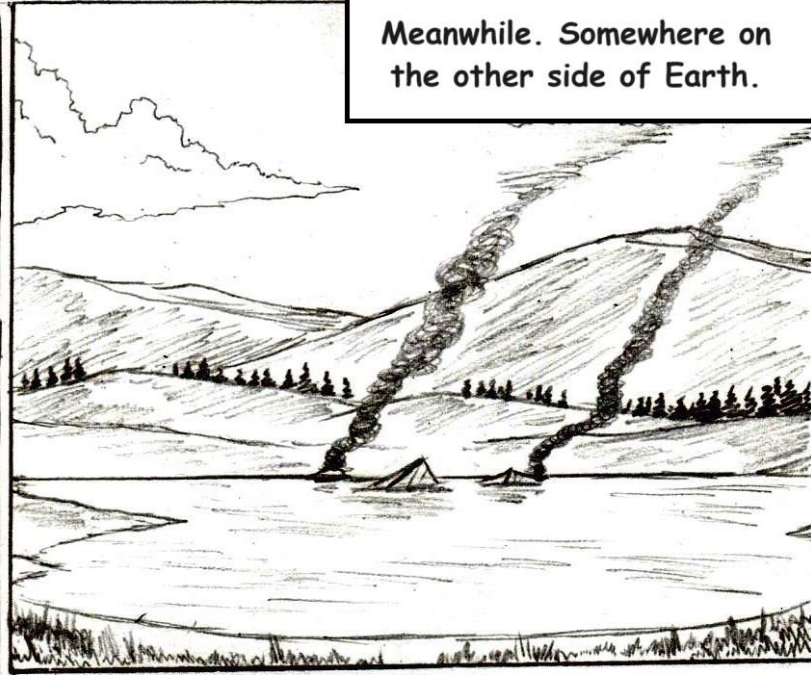
Meanwhile. Somewhere on the other side of Earth.

To be honest... there are WAY worse places we could've crash-landed.

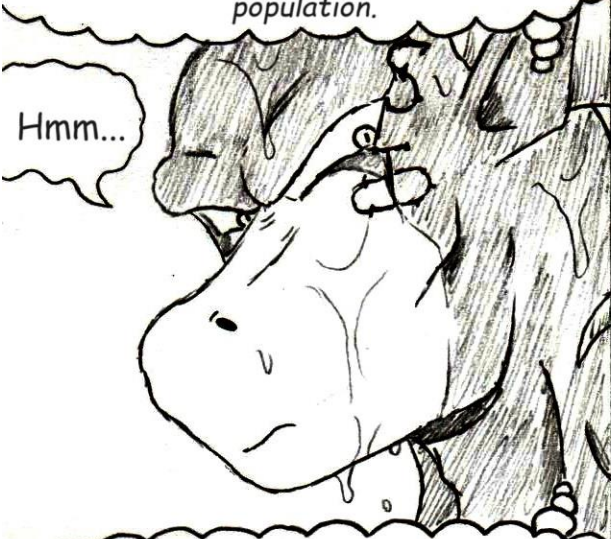
Hmph. Like where?

Well... considering the personality of that O'Dimm guy... a volcano? The ocean?

Ah... right...



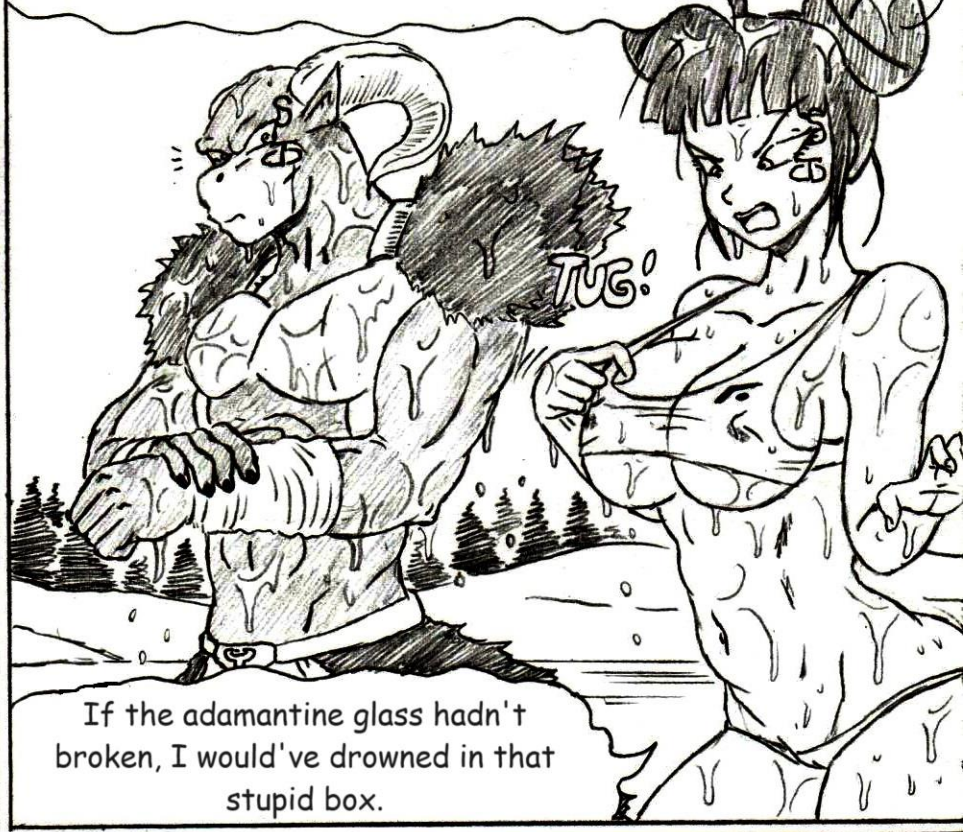
So... based on what O'Dimm said to us back on the ship... we must've landed on the planet he wants us to conquer for him; with the express conditions of **not** destroying it or harming too much of the population.



Hmm...

A simple enough request to fulfil within two days time. However...

Agh! Damn it! My top is soaked through!



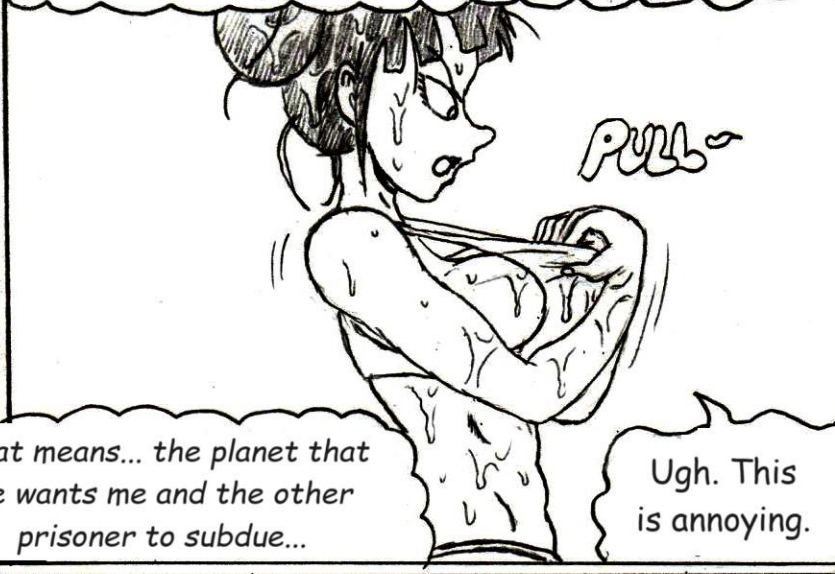
If the adamantine glass hadn't broken, I would've drowned in that stupid box.



Interesting.

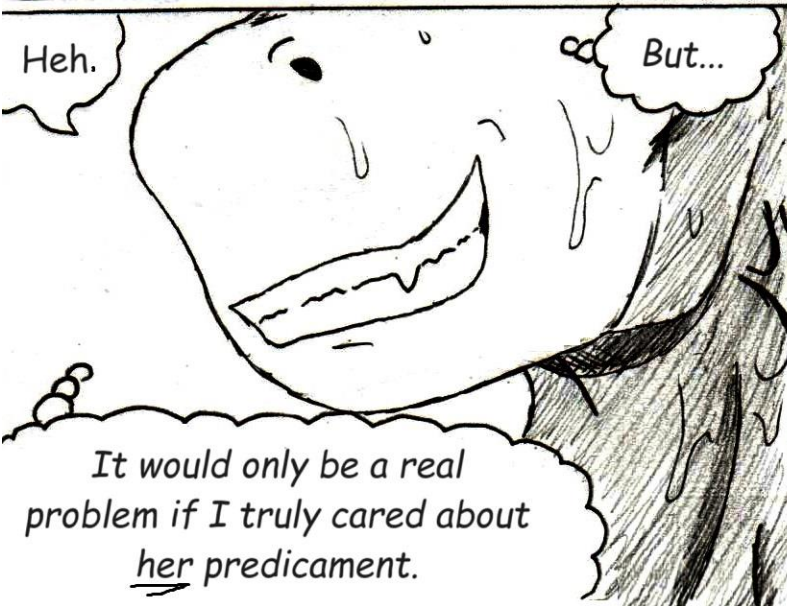
...is the same one he's given her to choose as a place to inhabit.

If I'm remembering correctly... he mentioned that he'd drop all of us off on both the world he wanted **ME** to take over... and the world **SHE** was going to select as a potential home.



That means... the planet that he wants me and the other prisoner to subdue...

Ugh. This is annoying.

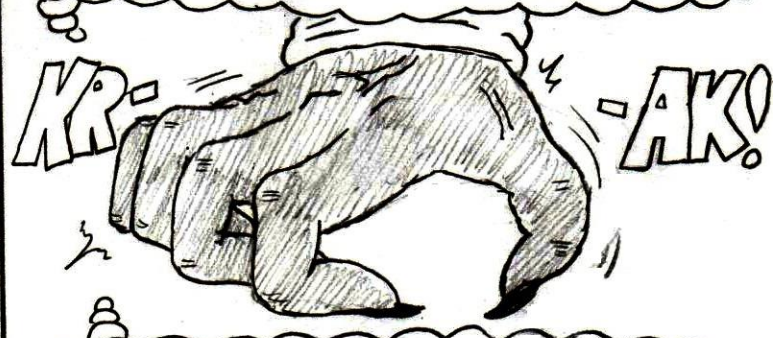


Heh.

But...

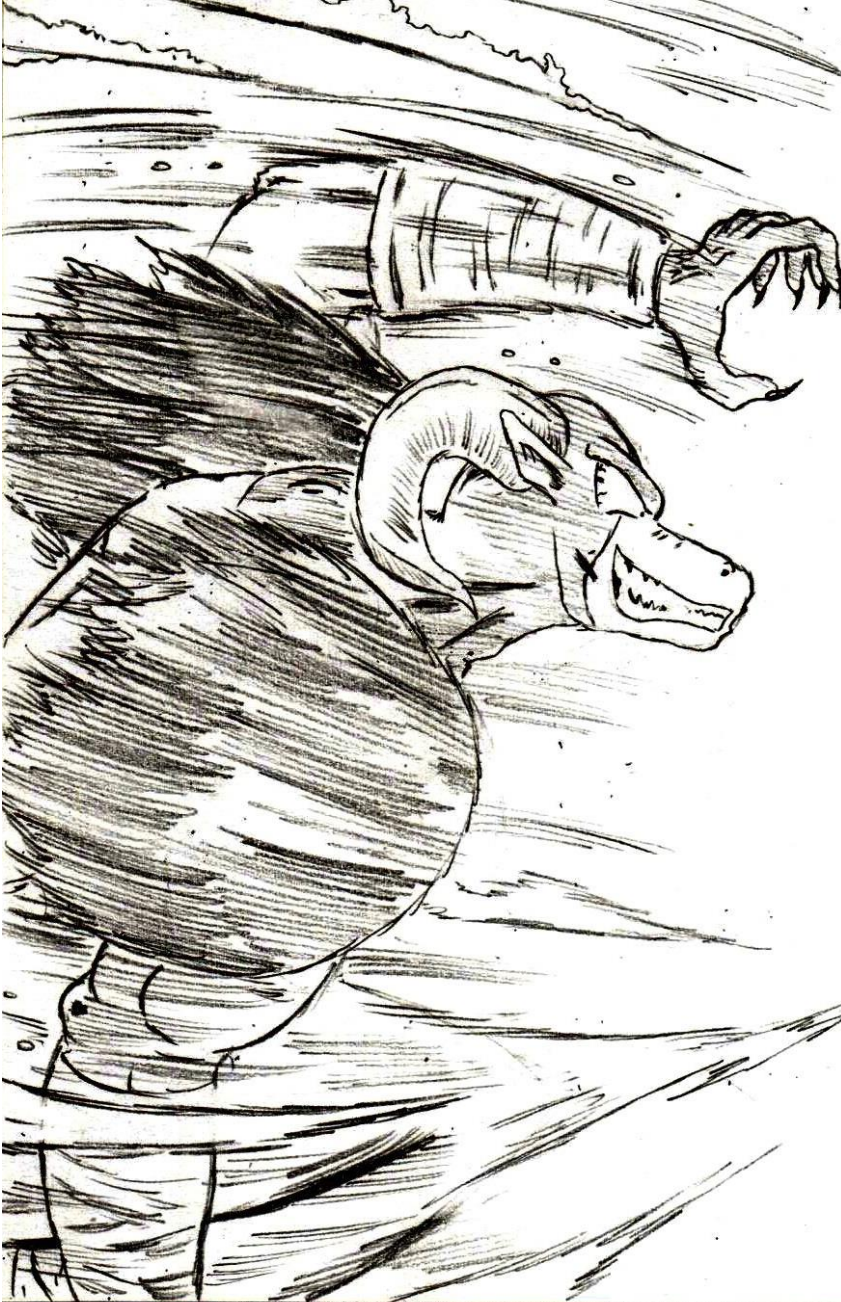
It would only be a real problem if I truly cared about her predicament.

Hmph. What a sick joke. He deliberately placed us in a situation where our objectives clashed with one another. Probably as a way to amuse him.



Ordinarily, this would prove to be quite a conundrum.

I'LL START BY KILLING HER! ONE LESS BOTHER!

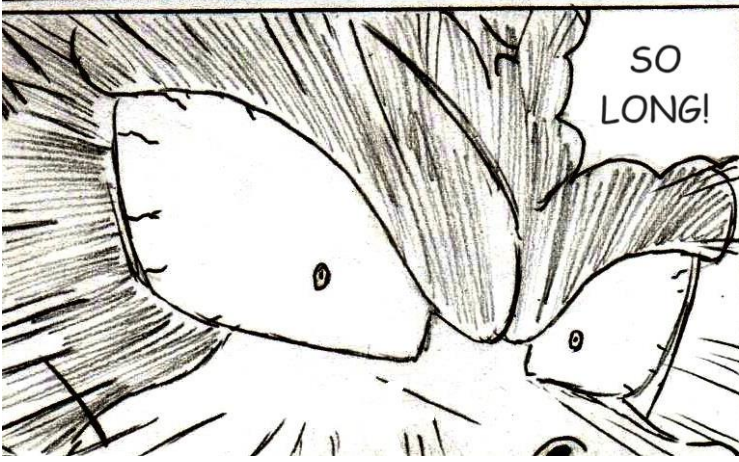


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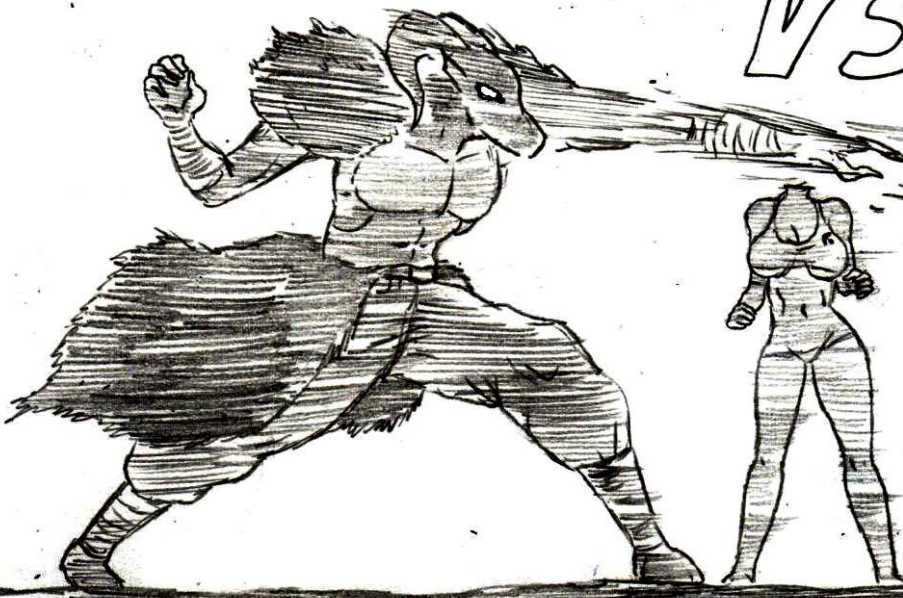


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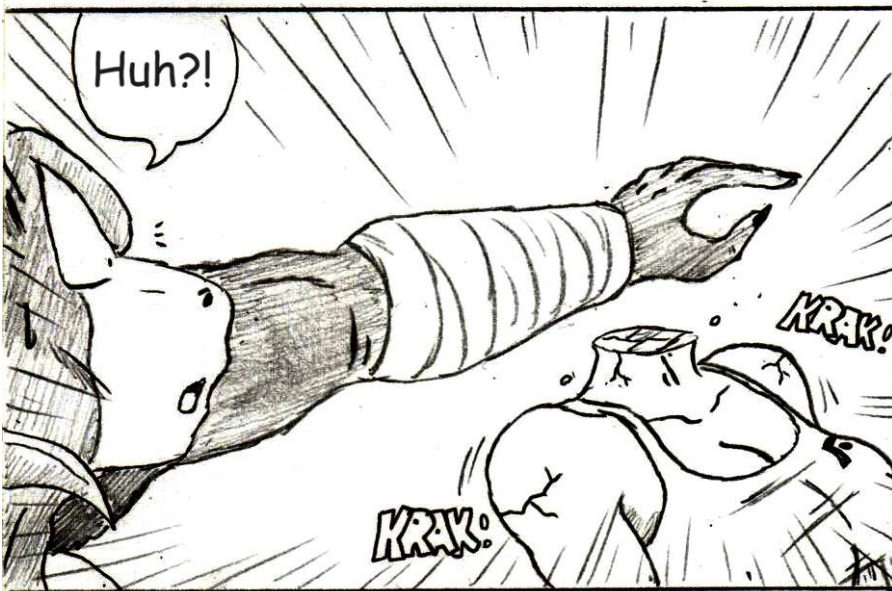


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VSSSH!



Huh?!



Heh!



Wow! You really went for the kill.

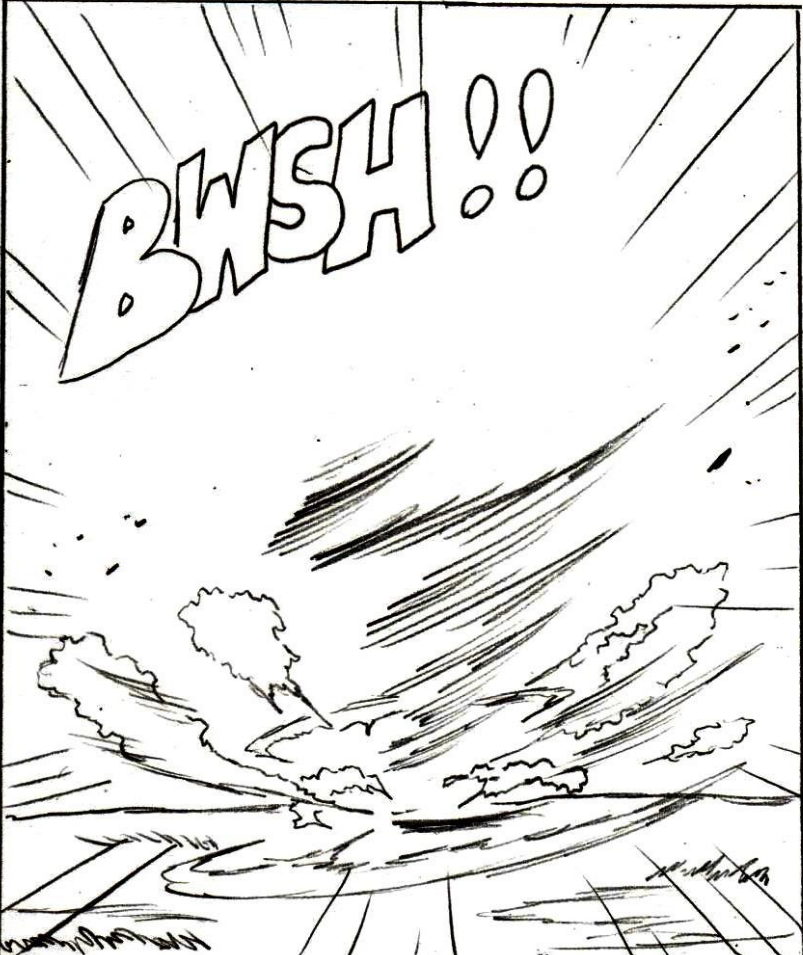
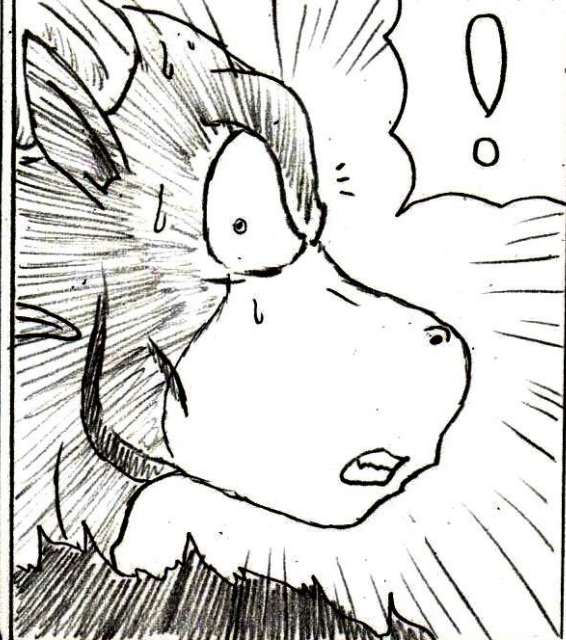


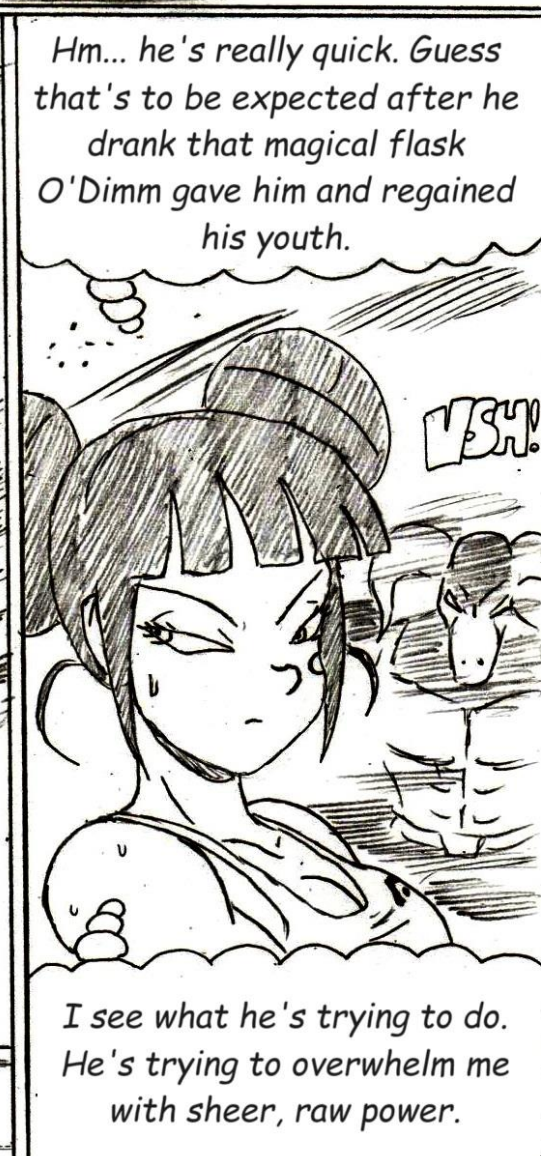
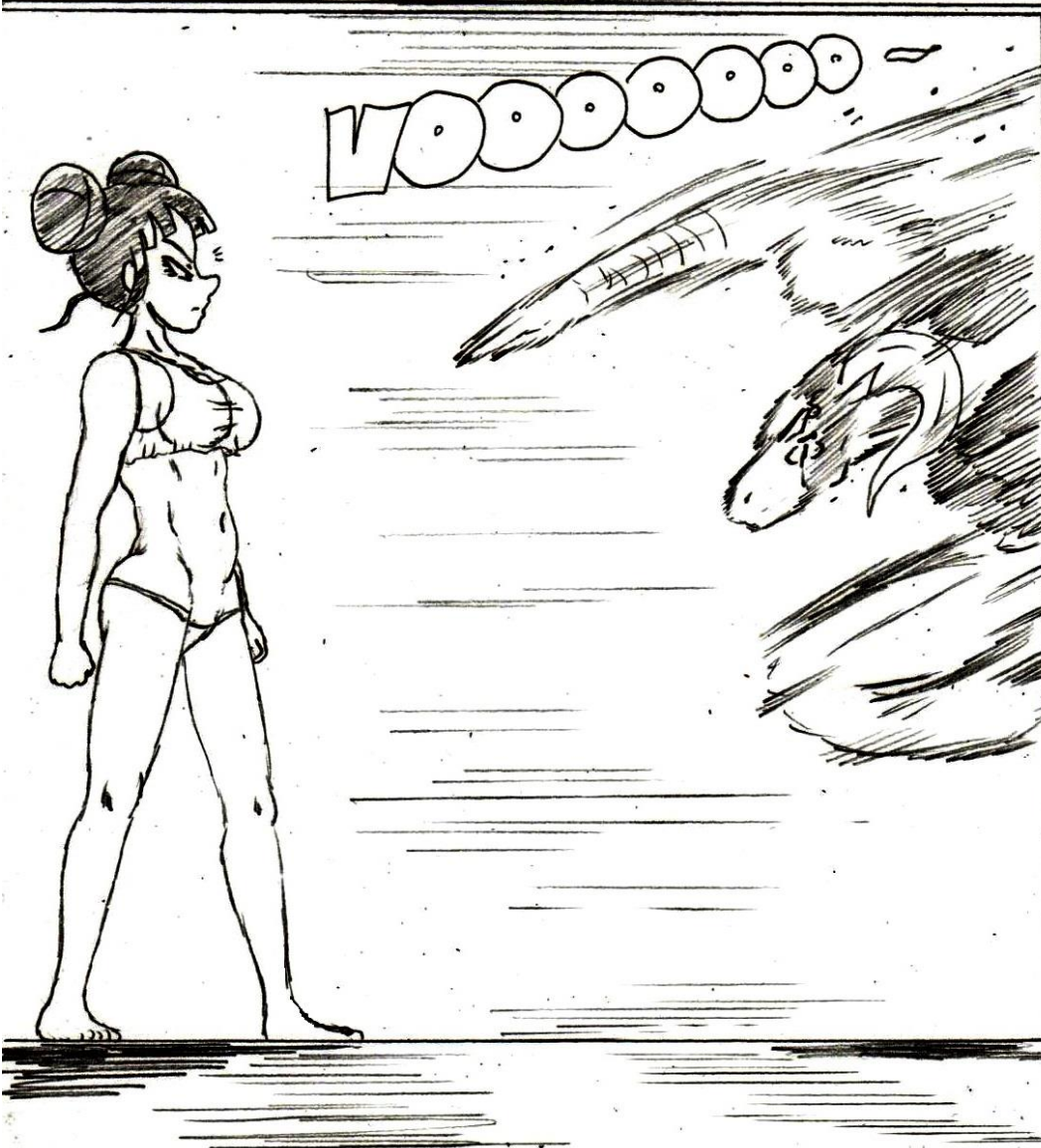
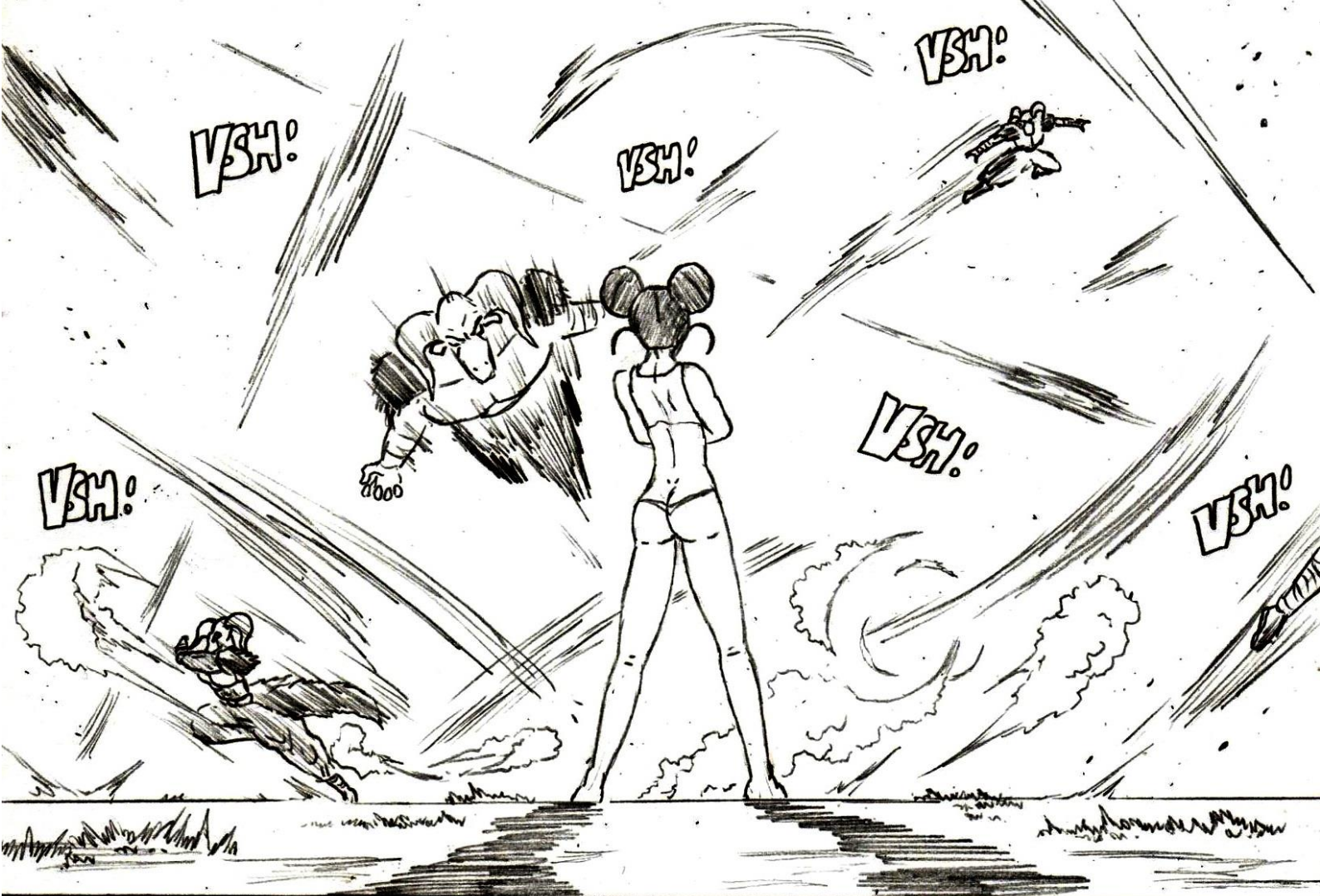
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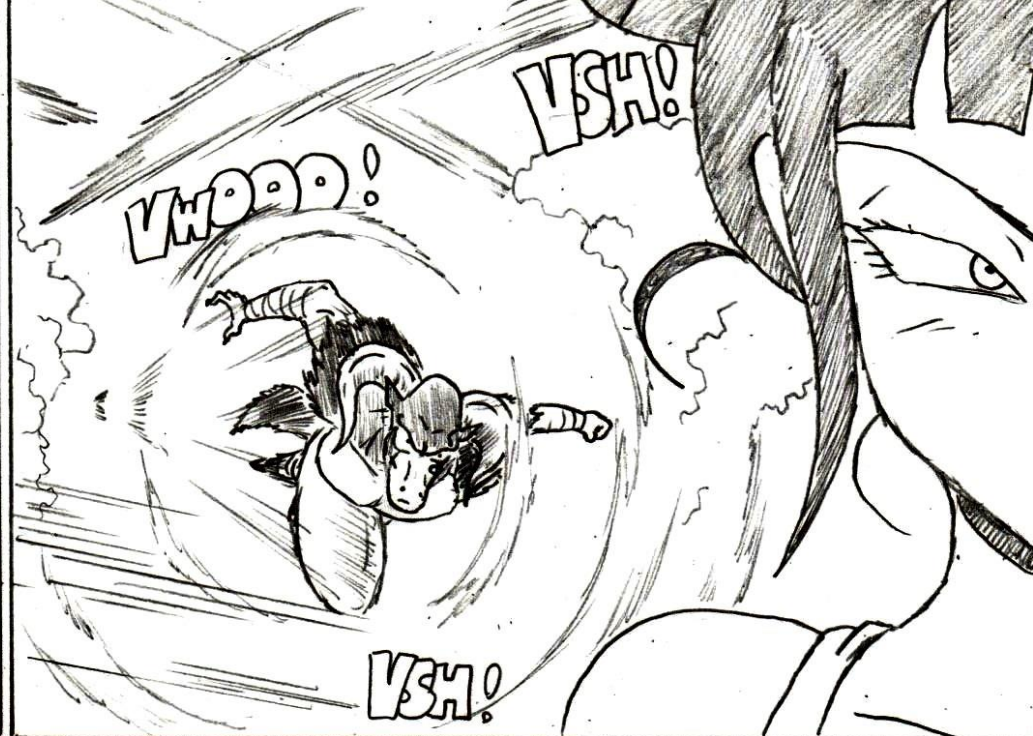


Damn, gramps. That was cold. Didn't see that one coming.









SHITTING!

VSSH!

AH!

WHAT TH-

SKRRRRRRR ~

SHINY!

SPARKLE!

Wow. A fraction of a second later and you would've been skewered. Good job reacting in time, gramps.

SPARKLE!

WHOA!  
What was that?!

Heh.

True, though I've got a lot more going for me than this. If you think forming glass out of nothing is impressive...

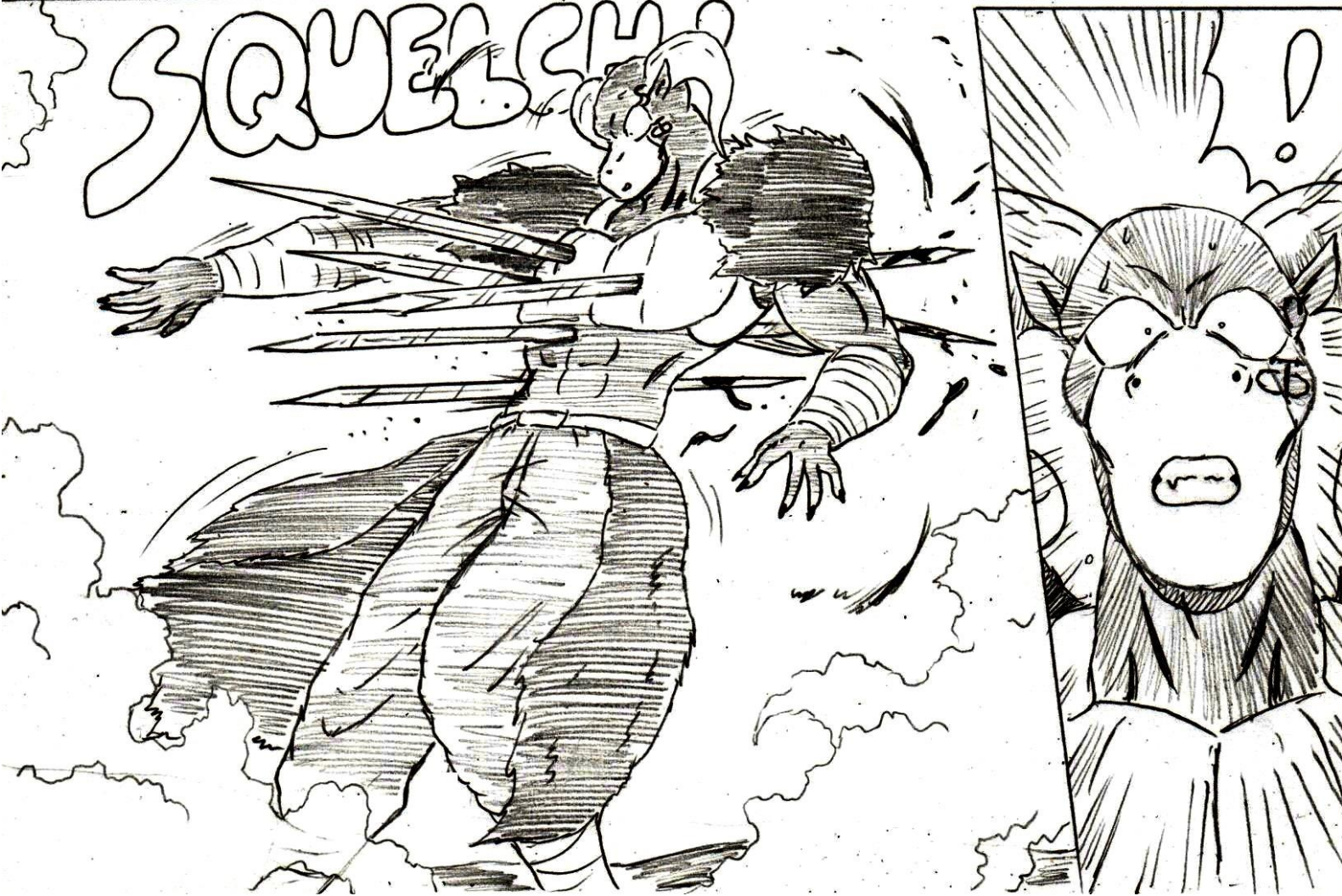


...wait till you see how I put it to better use, especially in regards to combat. Speaking of...

I can now see for myself why you were locked up with the rest of us. That's a very dangerous ability you have.



You may not be as strong as I am, but that power of yours will be an incredibly troublesome wall to overcome.



Zu Zu Zu Zu ~



Hm?

**Zanzō Majutsu!**  
(Afterimage Sorcery)  
He made a clone of himself using magic?



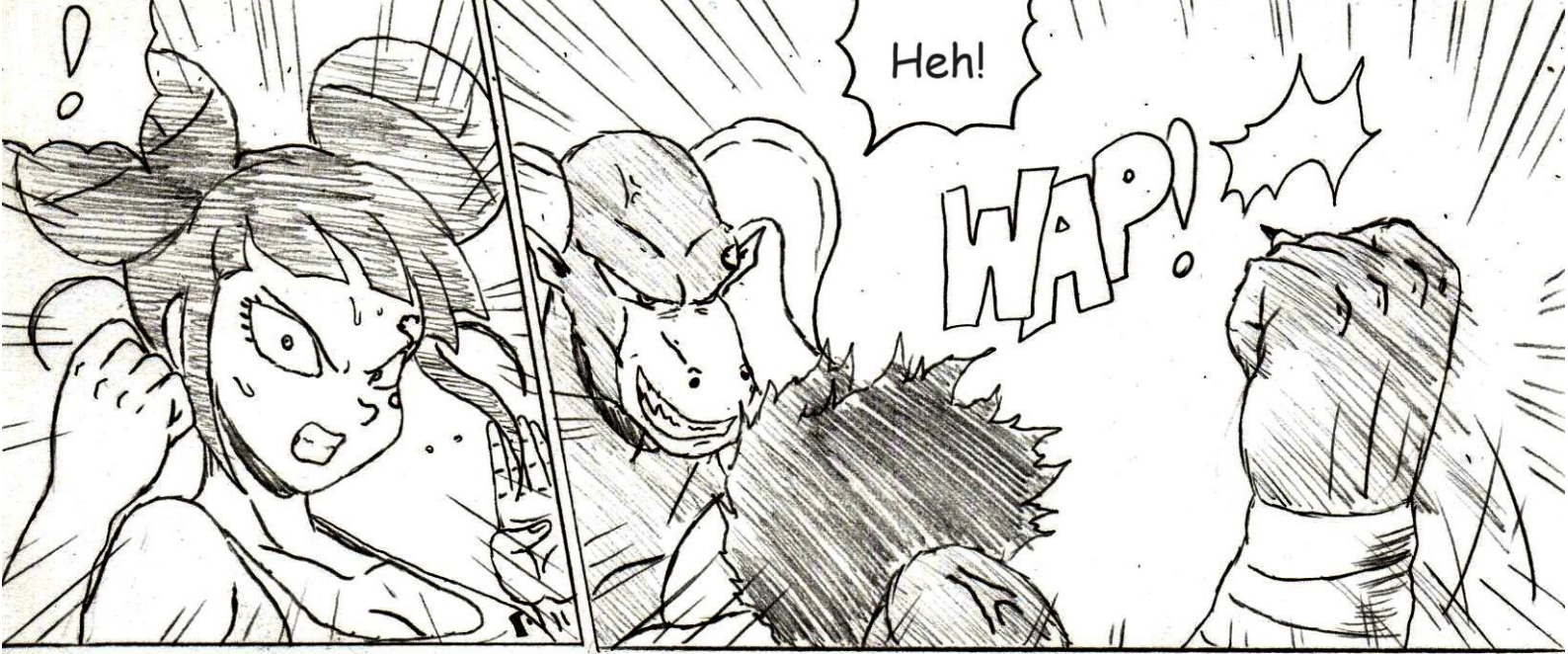
VSSH!

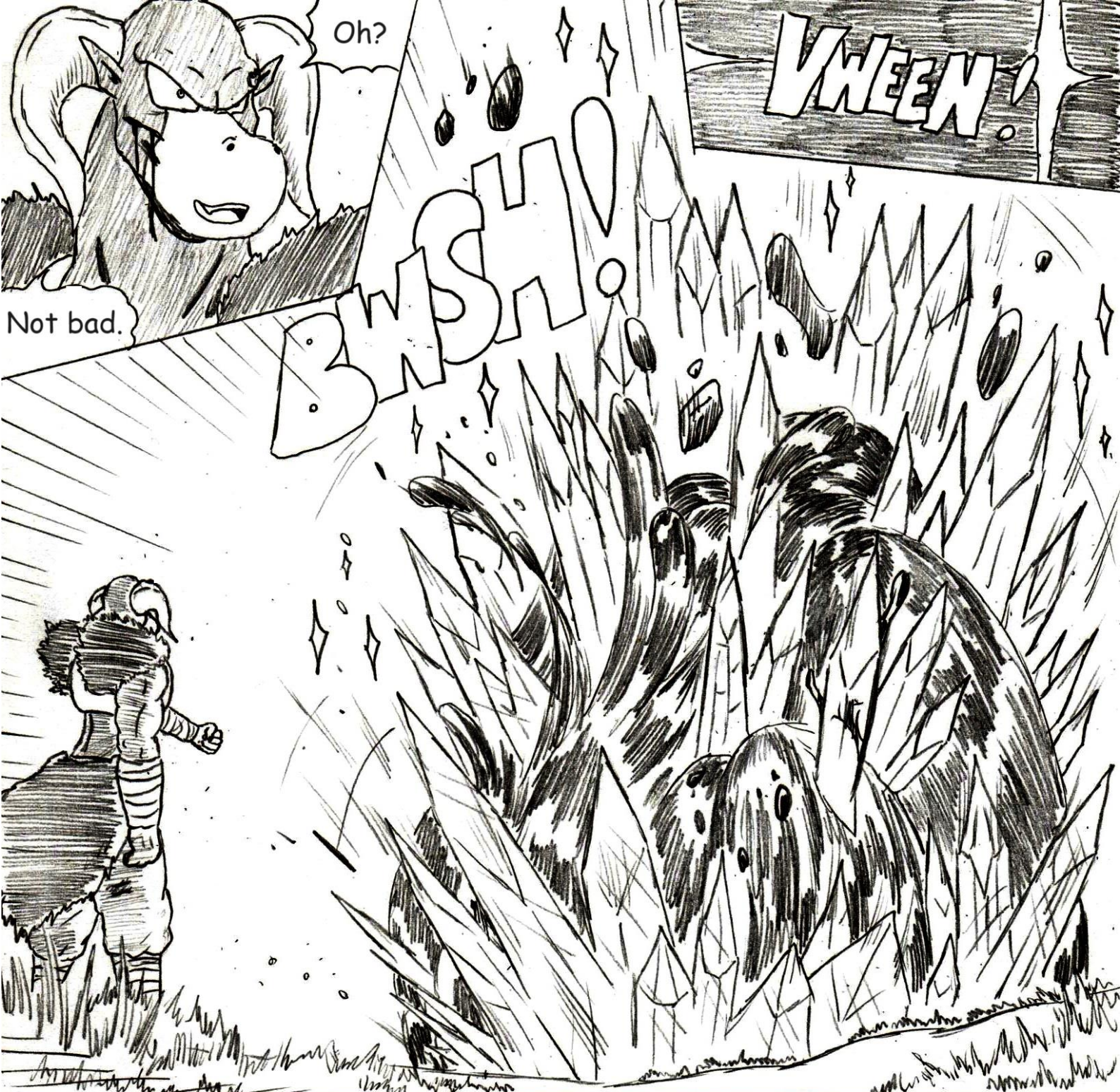


W-What the heck? He disappeared?!

CHENG!  
CLATTER!

You sneaky, old man!



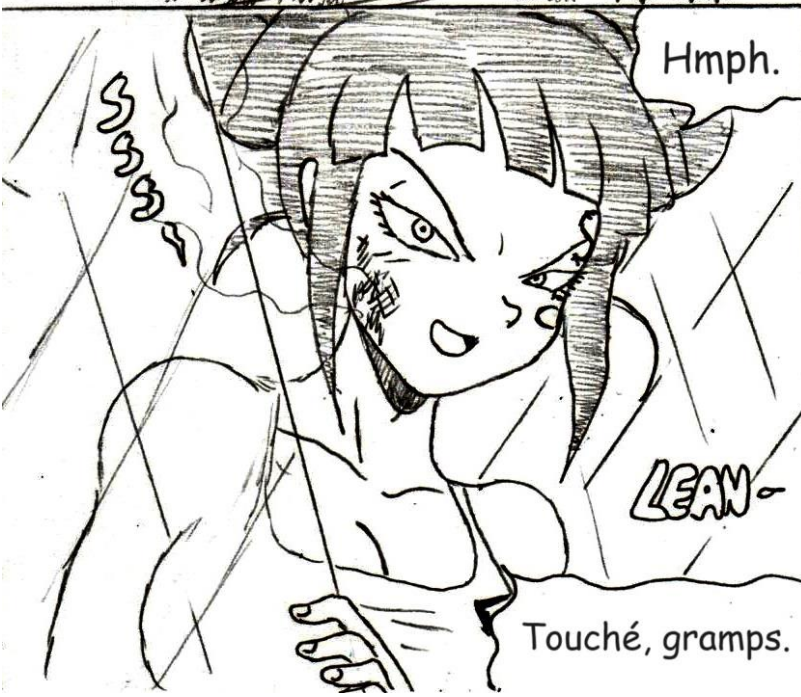
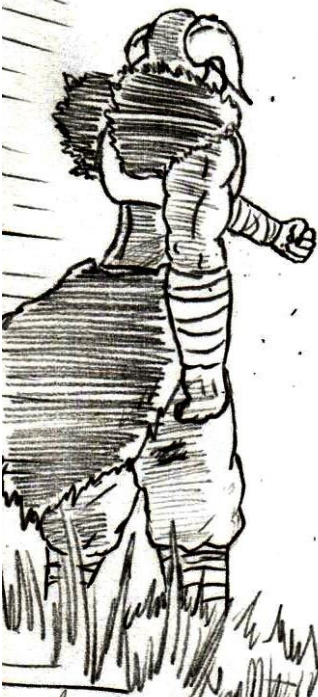


Oh?

VNEEN!

BWSH!

Not bad.



Hmph.

LEAN-

Touché, gramps.



CRUMBLE!

KRAK!



So that's how your gimmick works, Mister Magic Man?

Hm?

TP!

BWSSSH~

CRUMBLE~

CRUMBLE~

Ah-ha. I see you've been studying me just as much as I've been studying you. So not only are you a capable fighter, but a cunning one as well. A rare blend in this world.

You can use sorcery to absorb and manipulate life energy, as well as telekinetically cast it to conceal and enhance your attacks. A vicious combination, indeed.

I fully underestimated the full scope of your own strength and techniques.

I remember what Koba said about your abilities.

That's a mistake I intend to correct, right now.

So I've had my guard up the second we crash-landed on this planet.

Heh. Now this is exciting.



CLENCH!

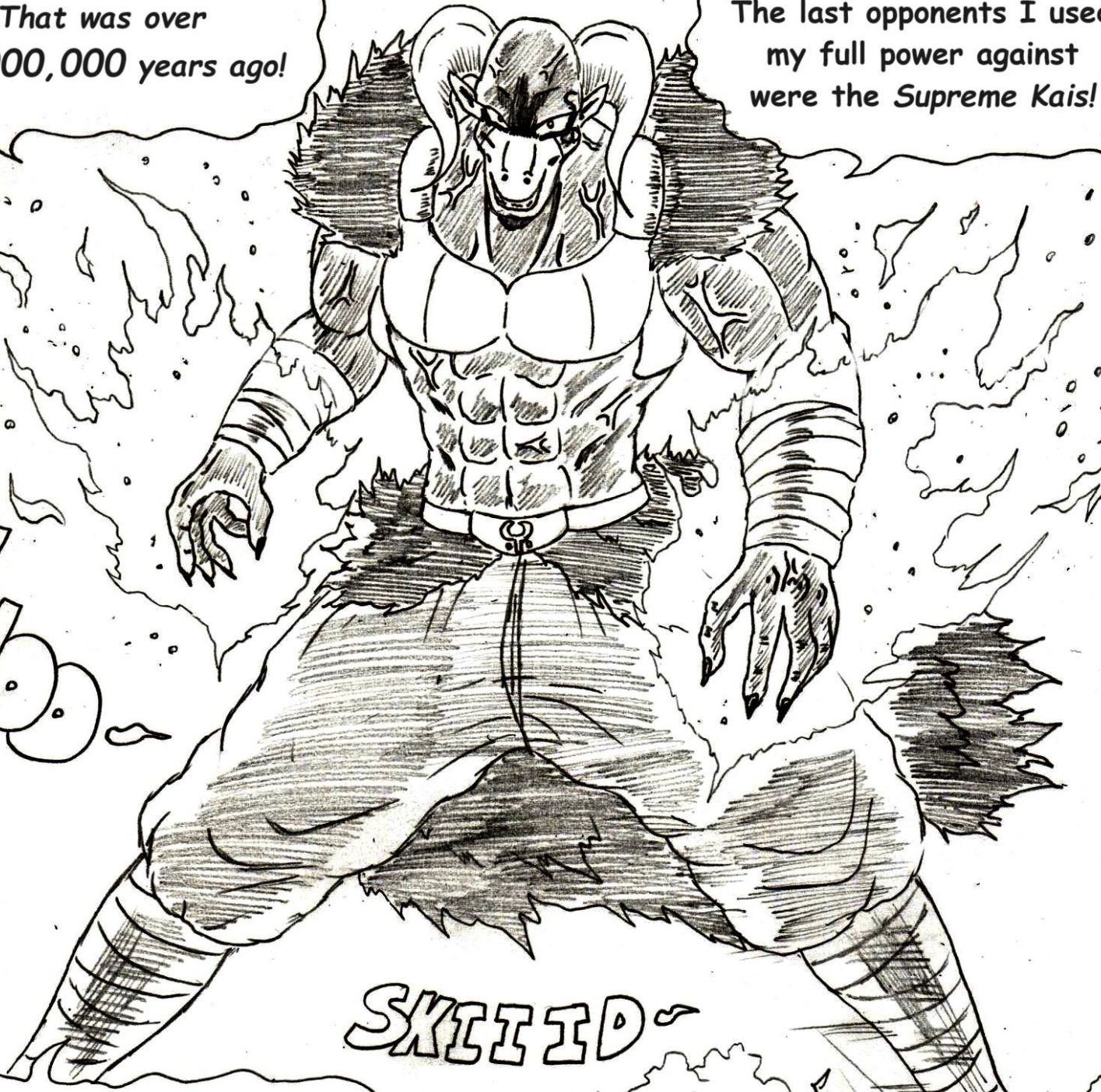
Though I dodged it, she still managed to graze me with that last attack. That actually hurt...



That was over 10,000,000 years ago!

The last opponents I used my full power against were the Supreme Kais!

WOO



SKITID~

You will be the first to experience my full might in several megaannum!

No matter. I've faced magic users before and he can't absorb my life force since I can make my ki as solid as diamond ore.



Even if he has raw, brute strength on his side and can manipulate the planet's energy, this shouldn't be an issue at all.

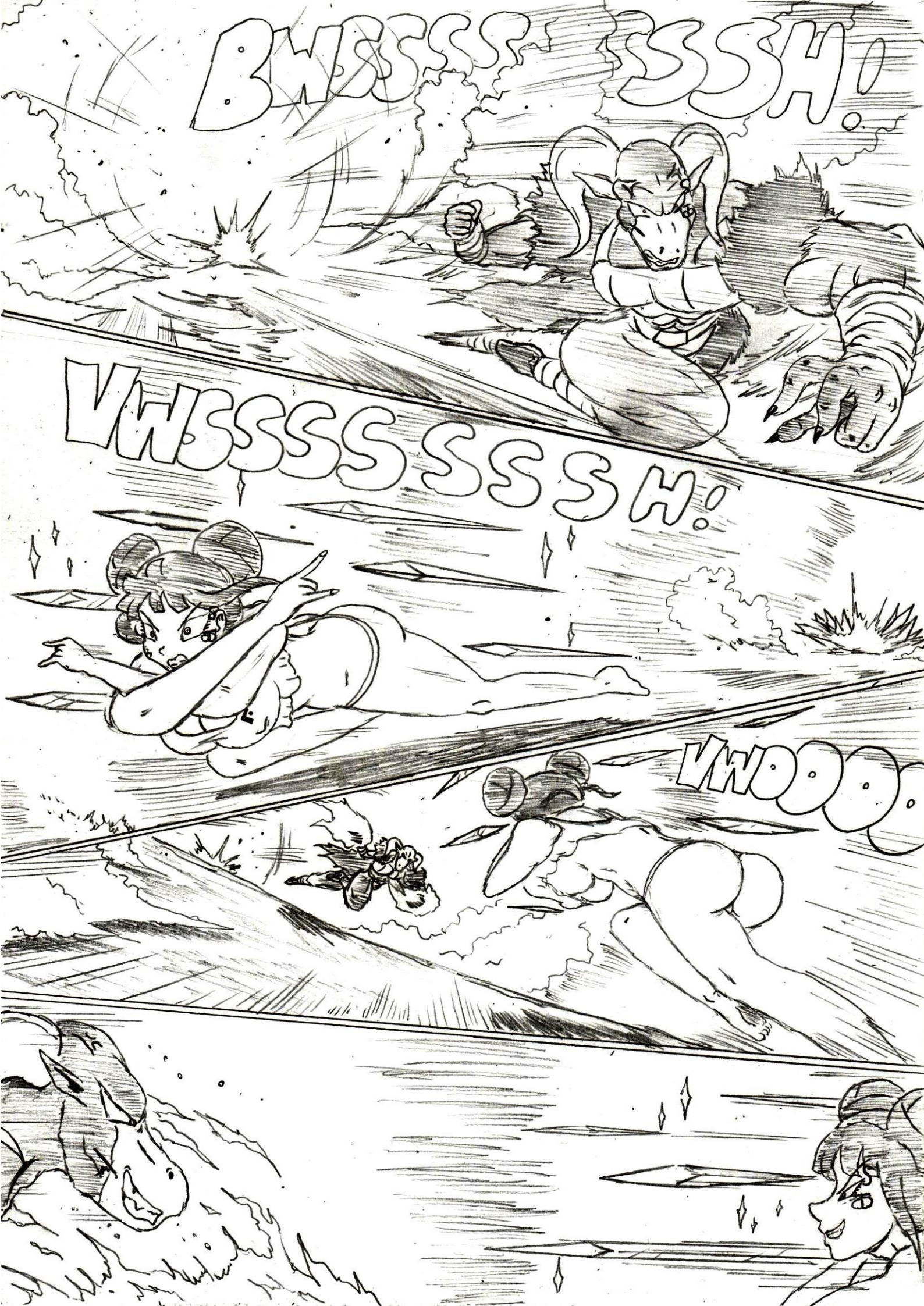
Hm. He caught me by surprise.



Let's see what you got, old man!

Your magic against my element!

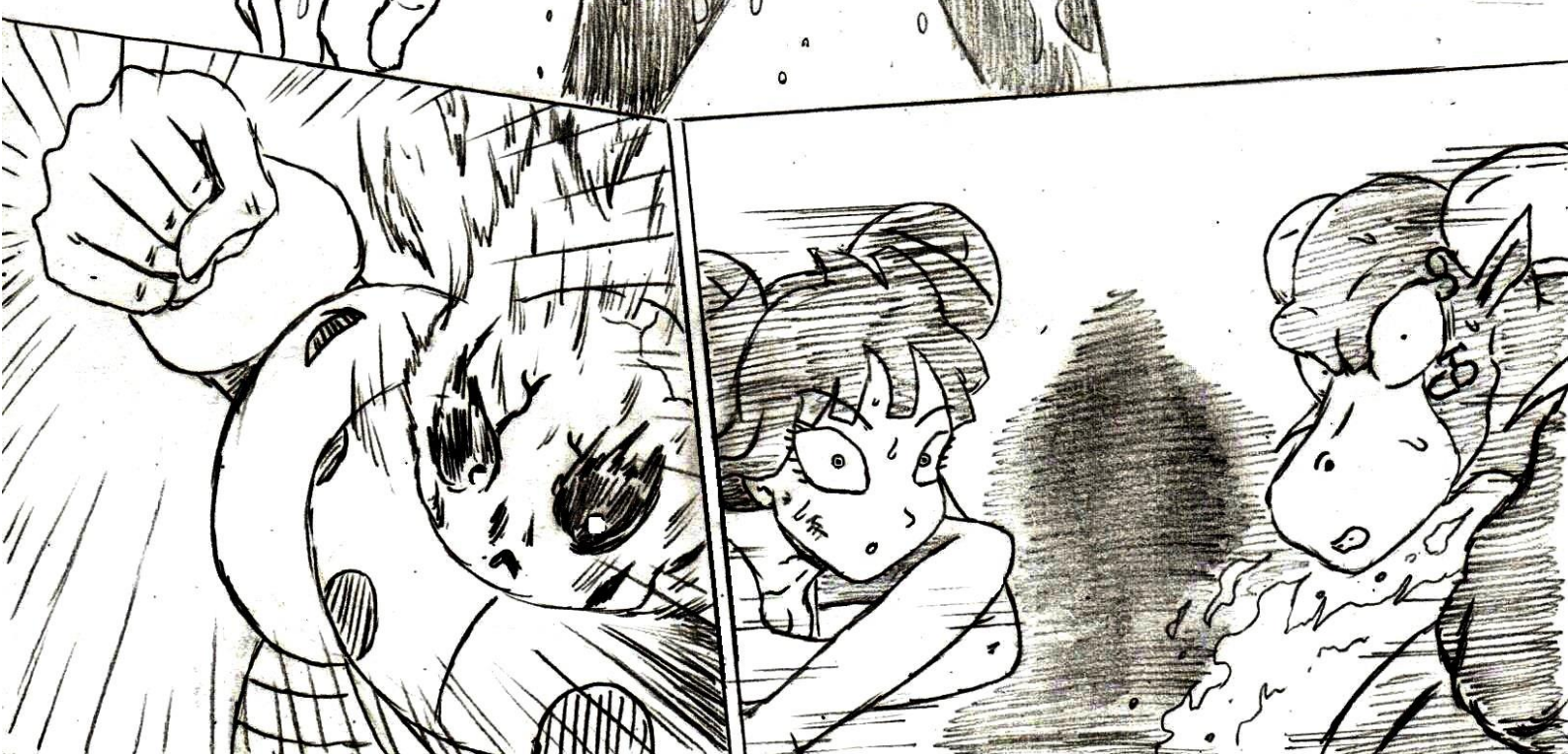
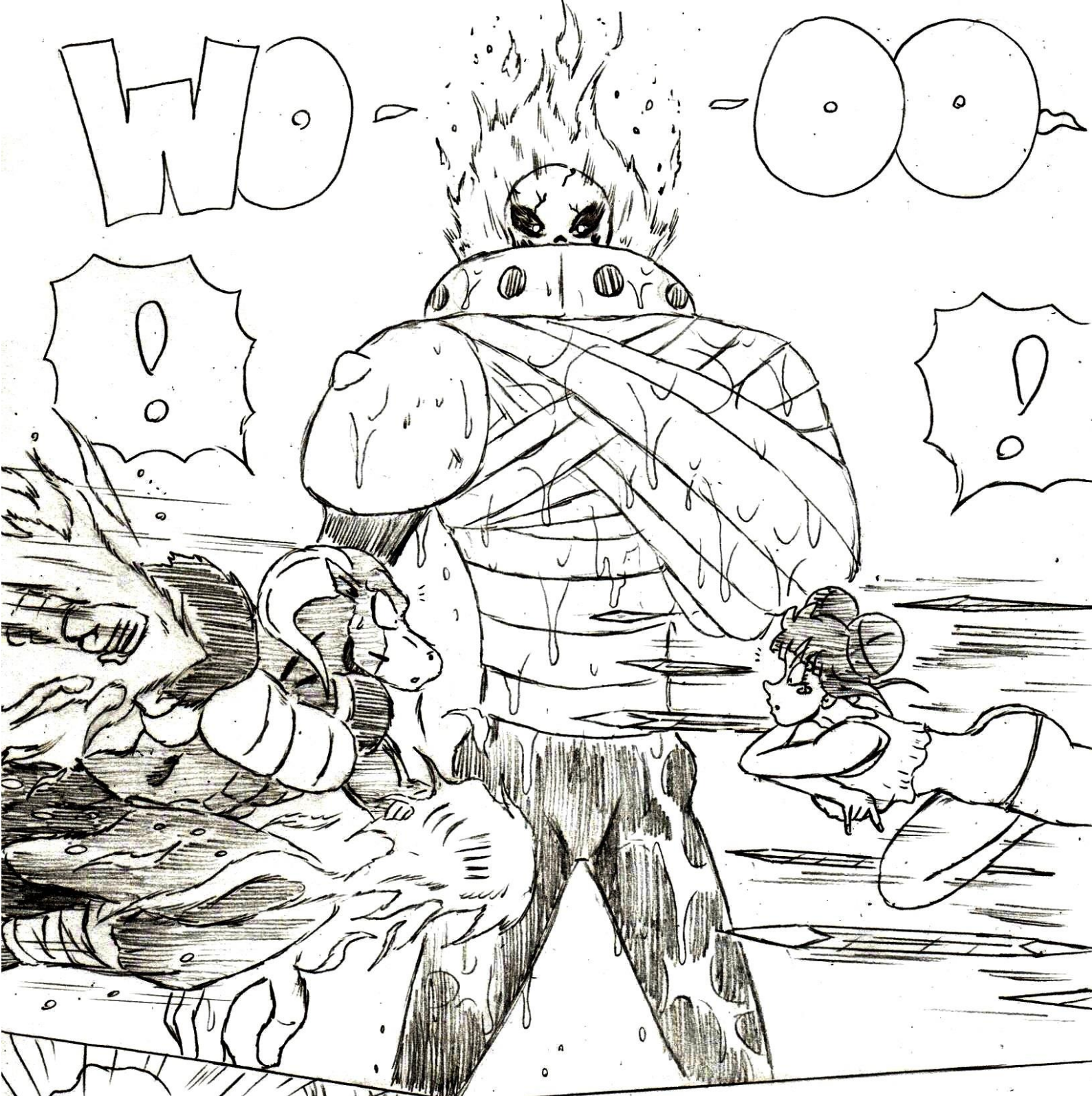


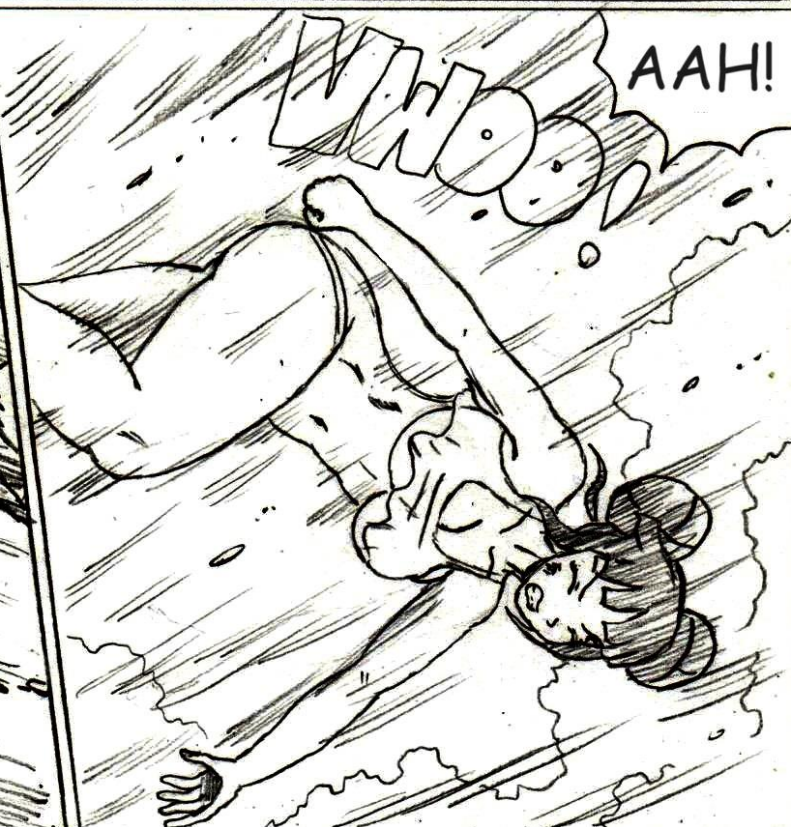
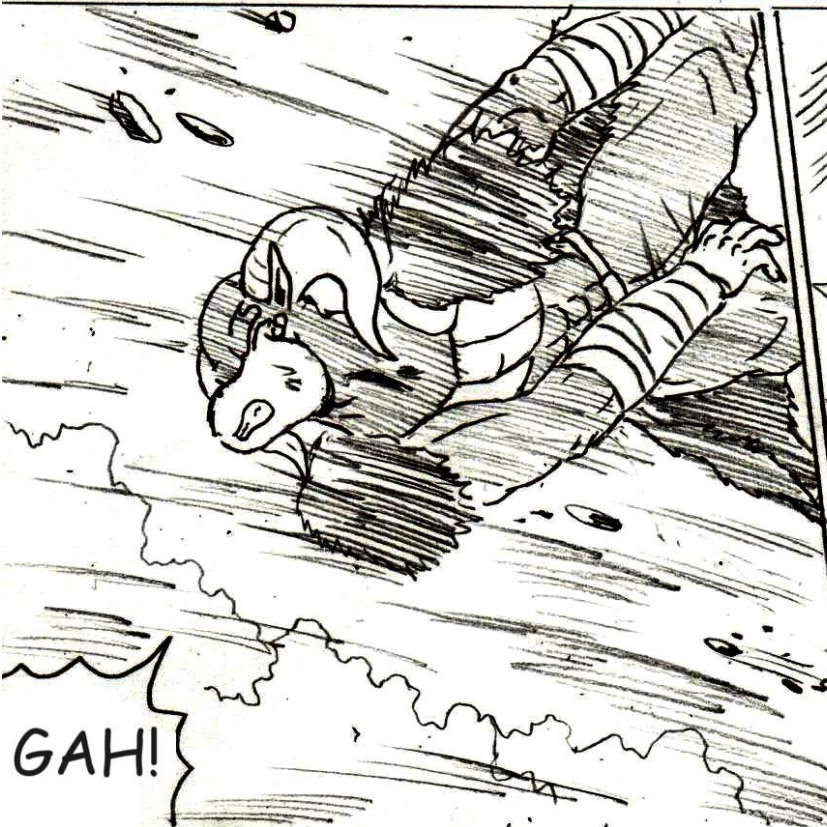


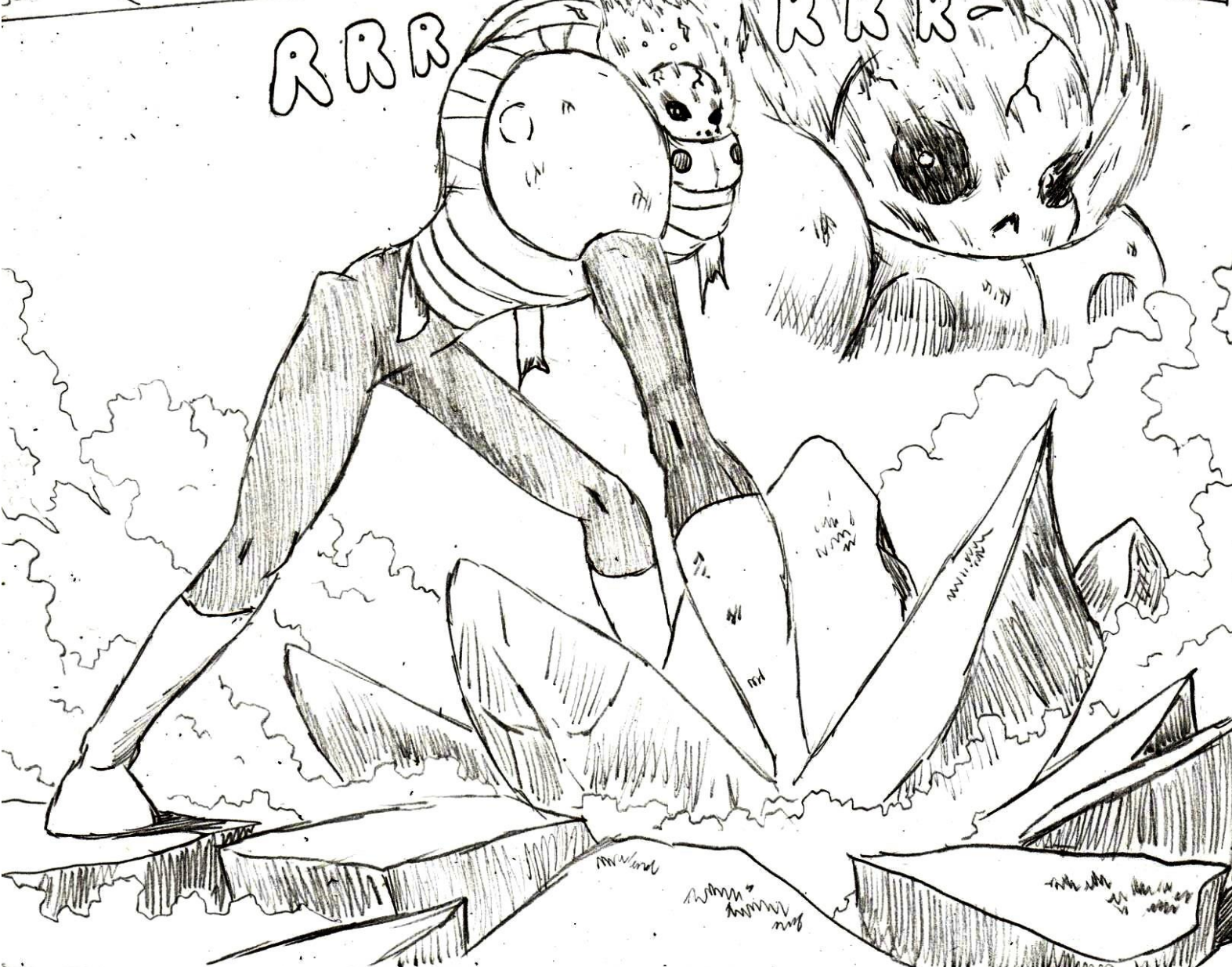
BWSSSSSSSSSH!

VWSSSSSSSSSH!

VWOOO.



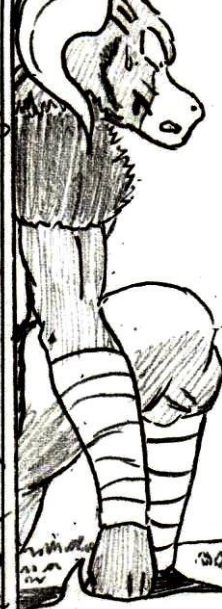




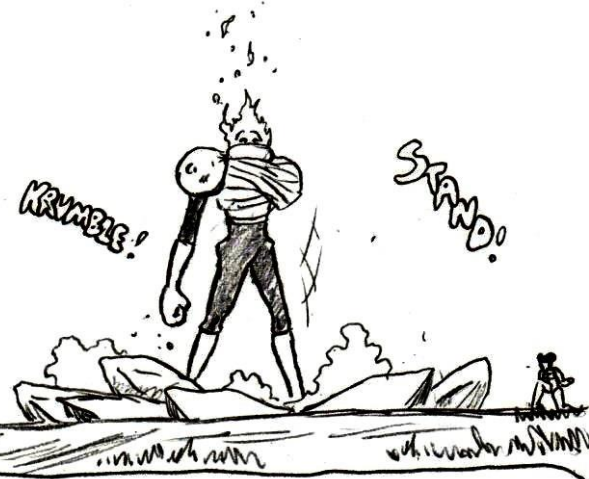
Supposedly he took on Beerus and two other God of Destruction candidates millions of years ago.



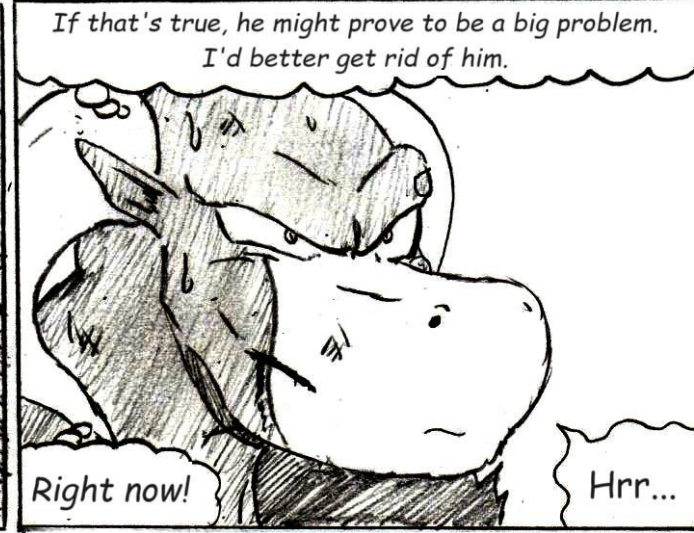
But he looks to be in a weakened state.



That's... the guy that was in the cell next to me!

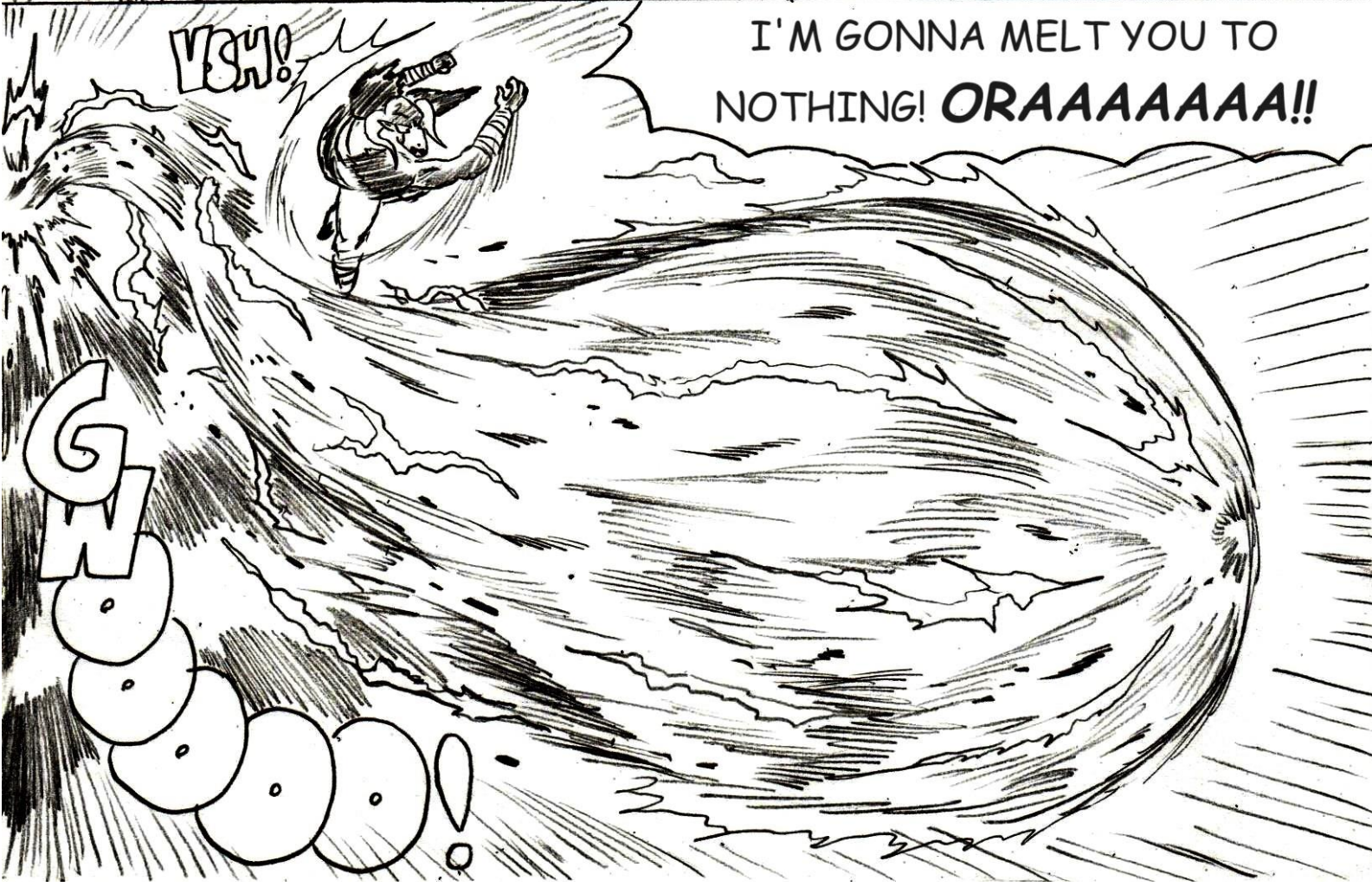


He must've crashed in the lake in our part of the ship with us!

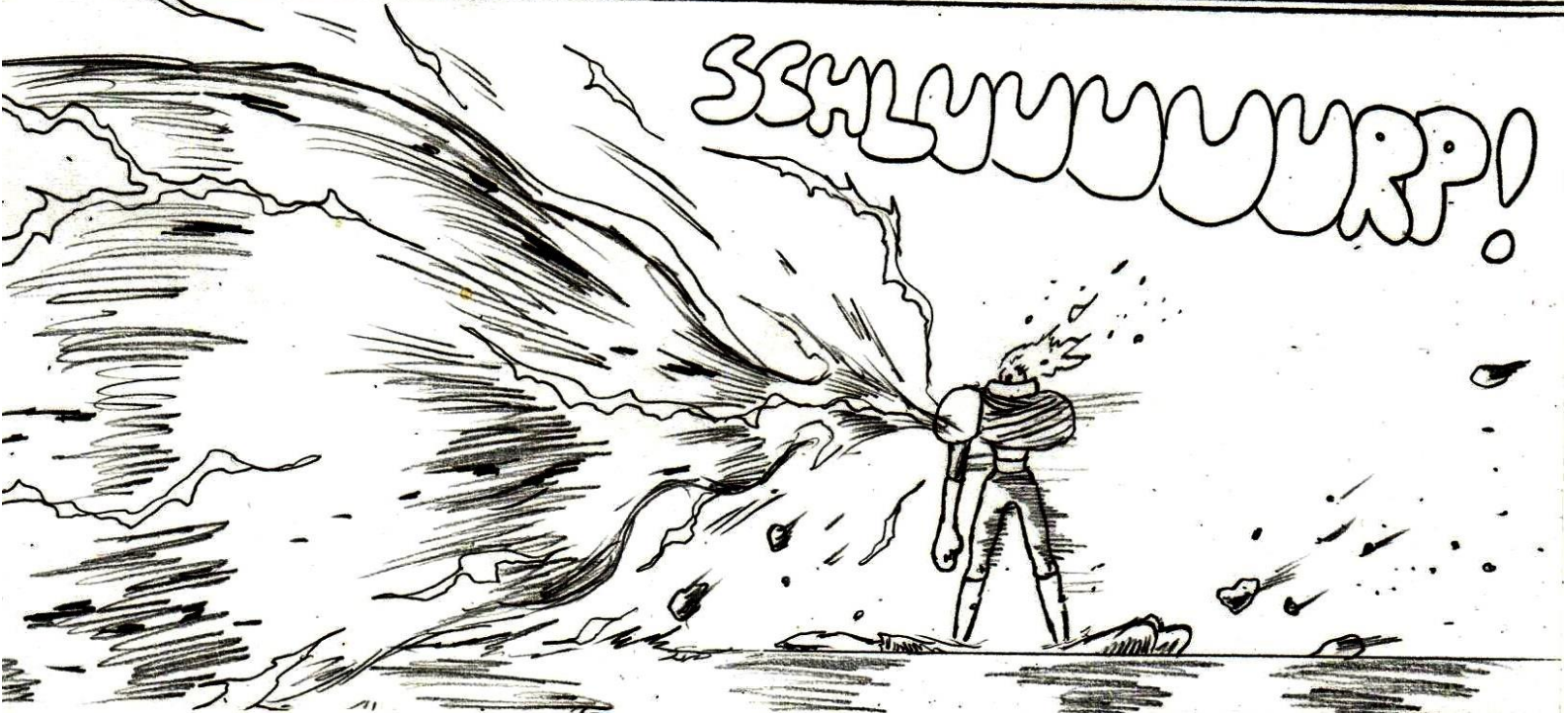
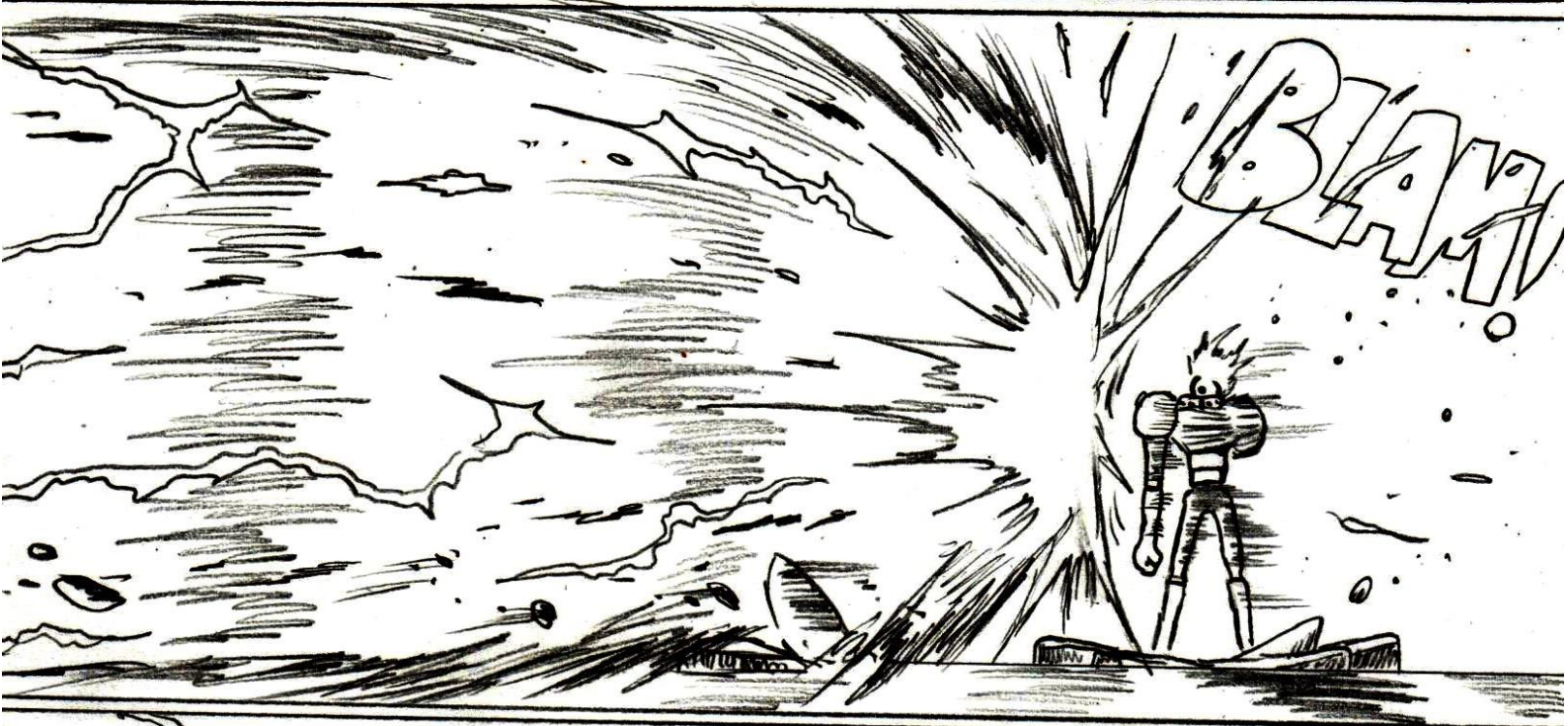
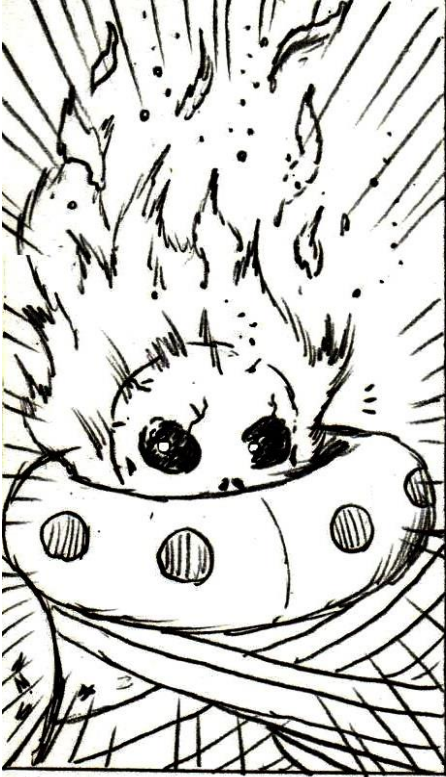


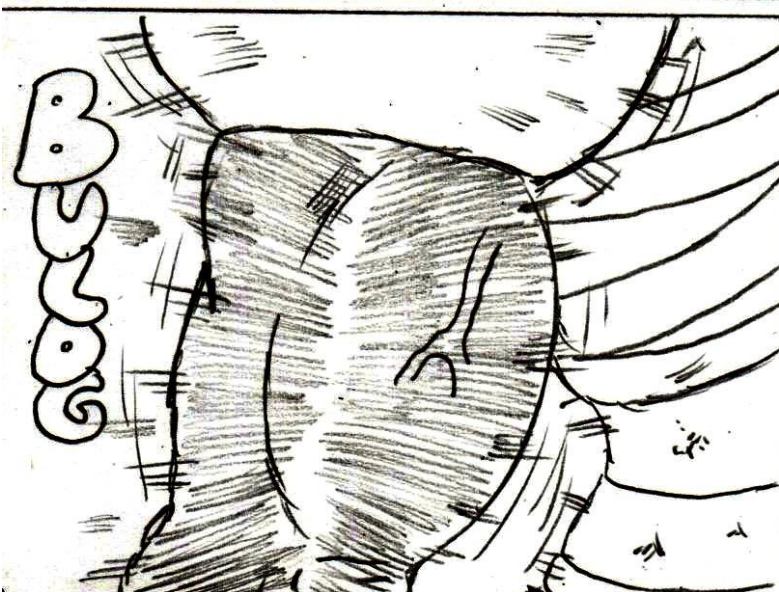
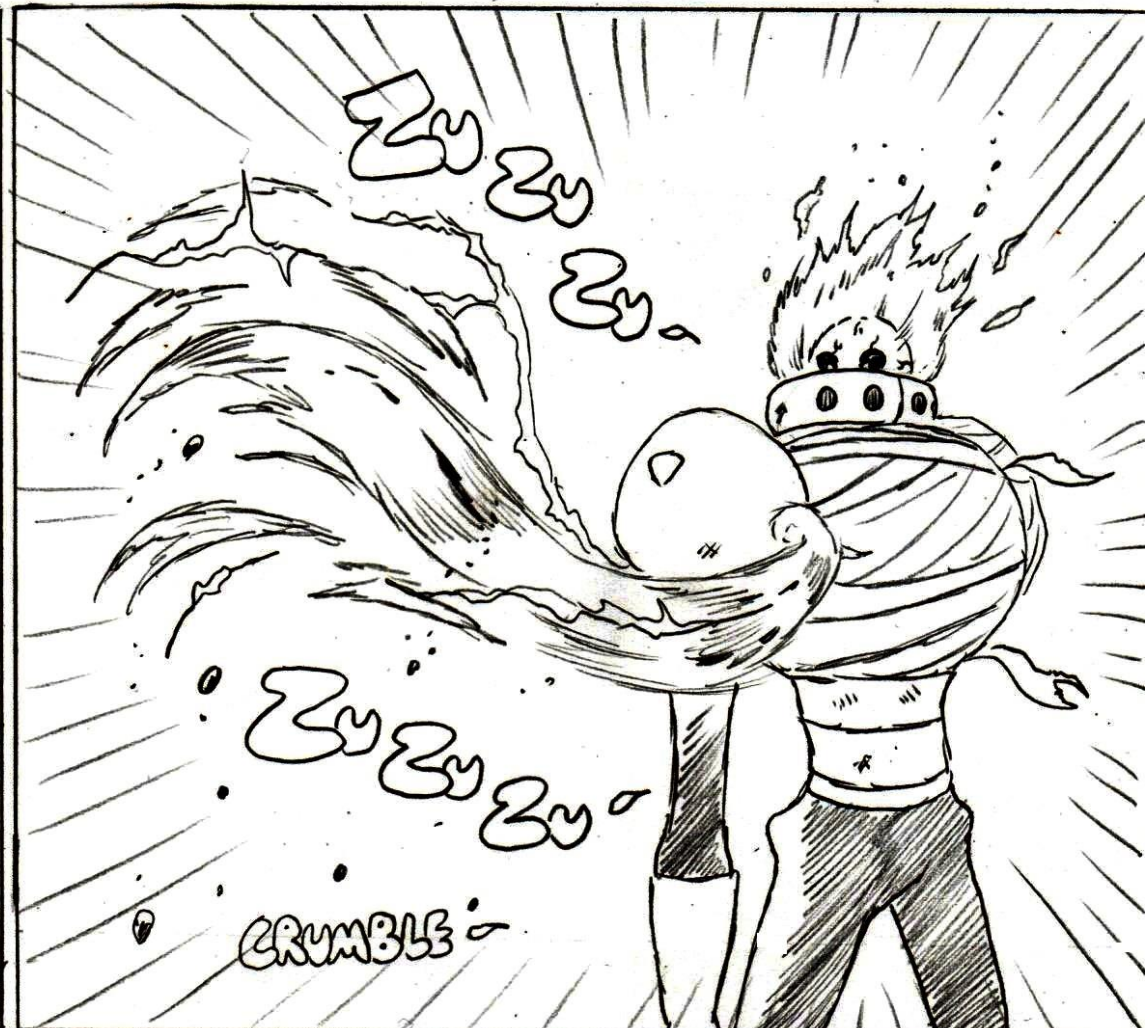
If that's true, he might prove to be a big problem. I'd better get rid of him.

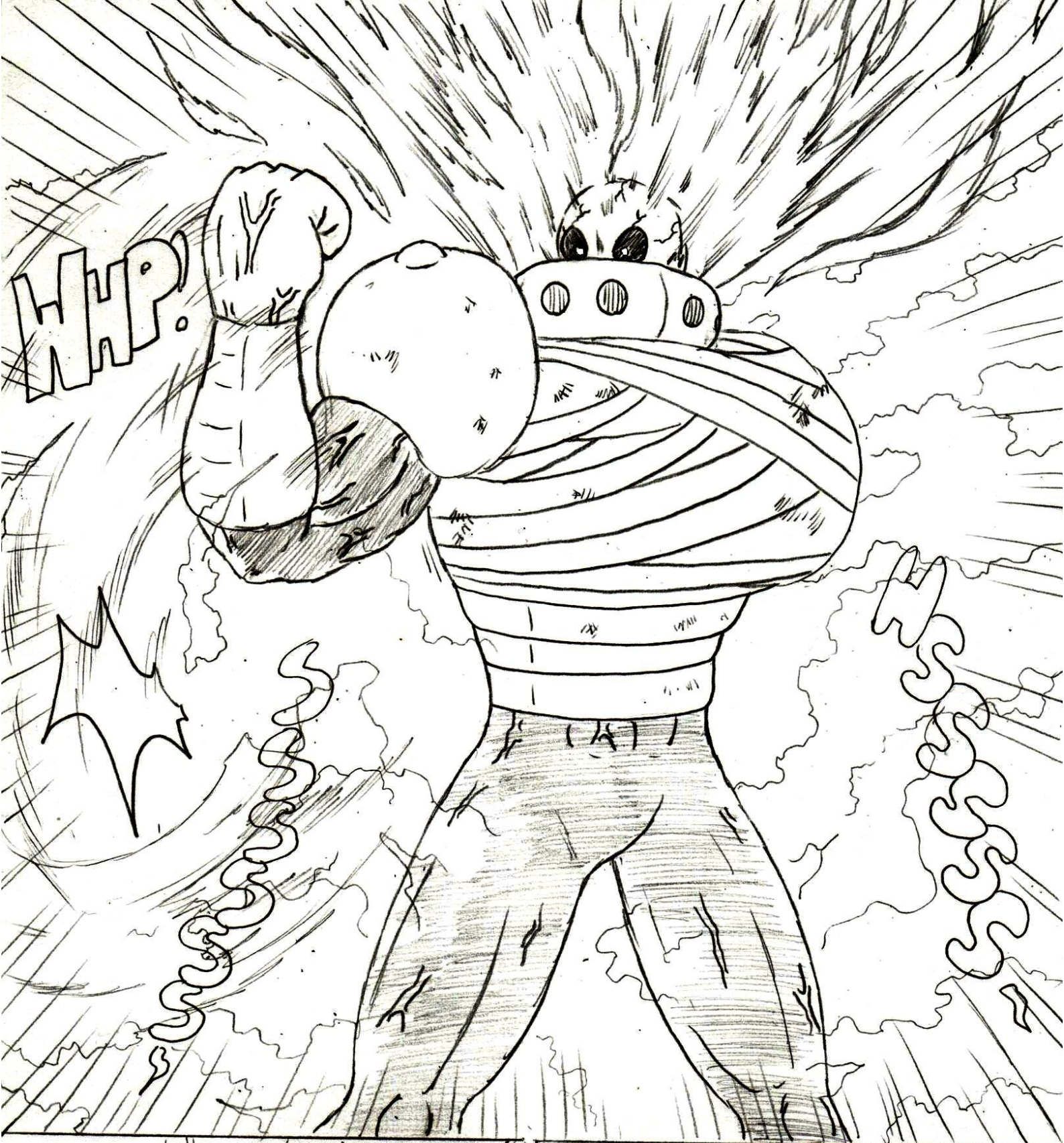
Right now!



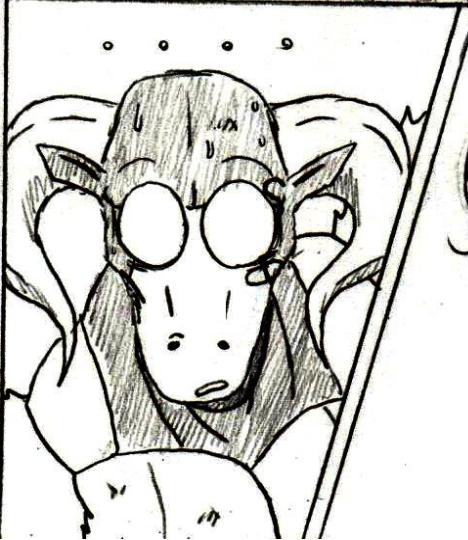








Huhuhu~

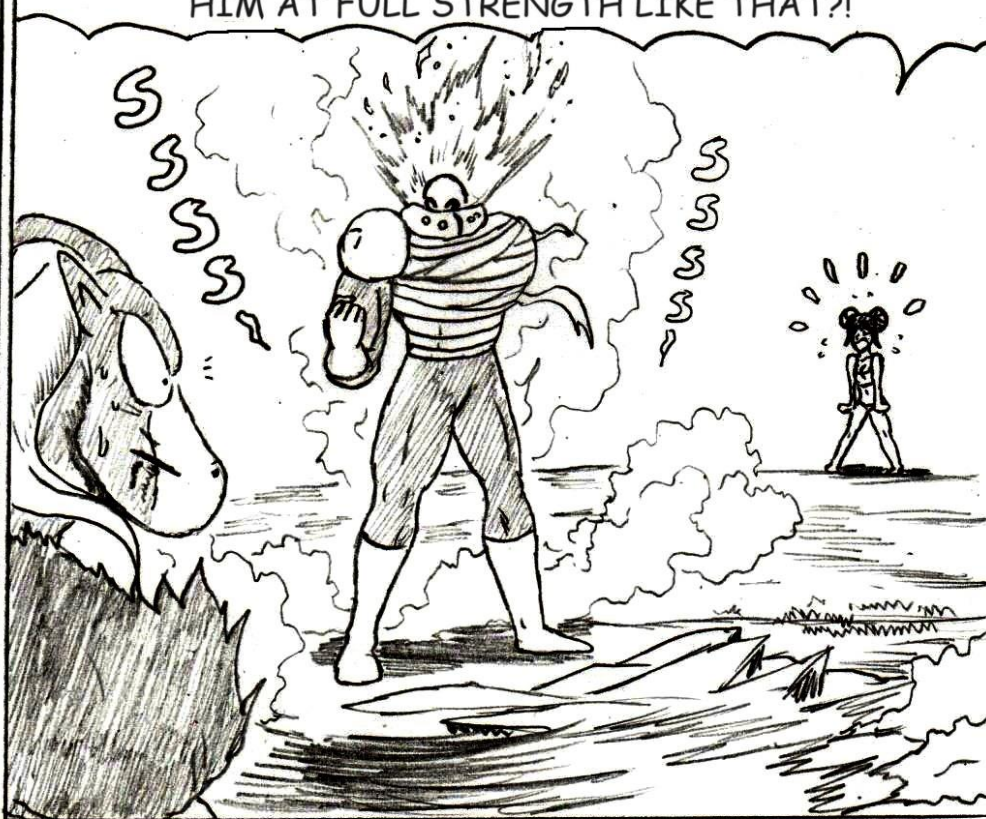


THAT THING FEEDS ON ENERGY!



HE LITERALLY SNACKS ON DESTRUCTION AND FIRE! AND YOU JUST FED HIM A SHITLOAD OF IT, YOU IDIOT SORCERER!

YOU DUMBASS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING BLASTING HIM AT FULL STRENGTH LIKE THAT?!

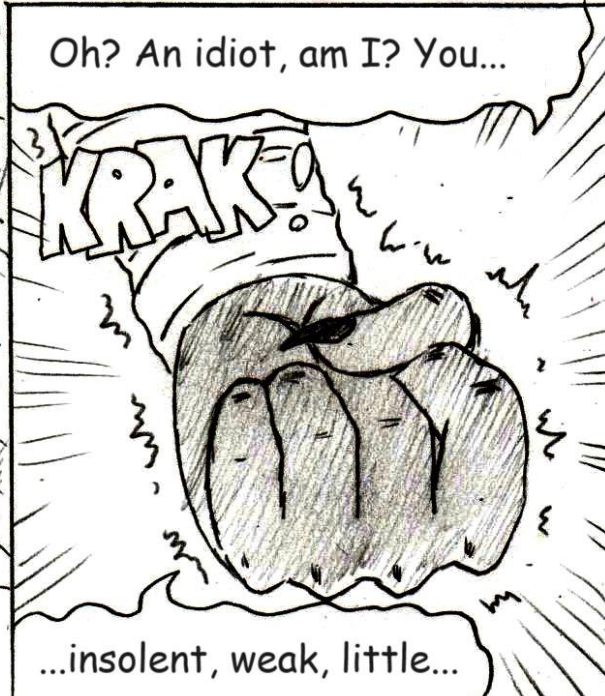


I'M GONNA RIP YOU AND THAT FLAMING FREAK TO BLOODY SHREDS!!



KEH!

TWISTY!



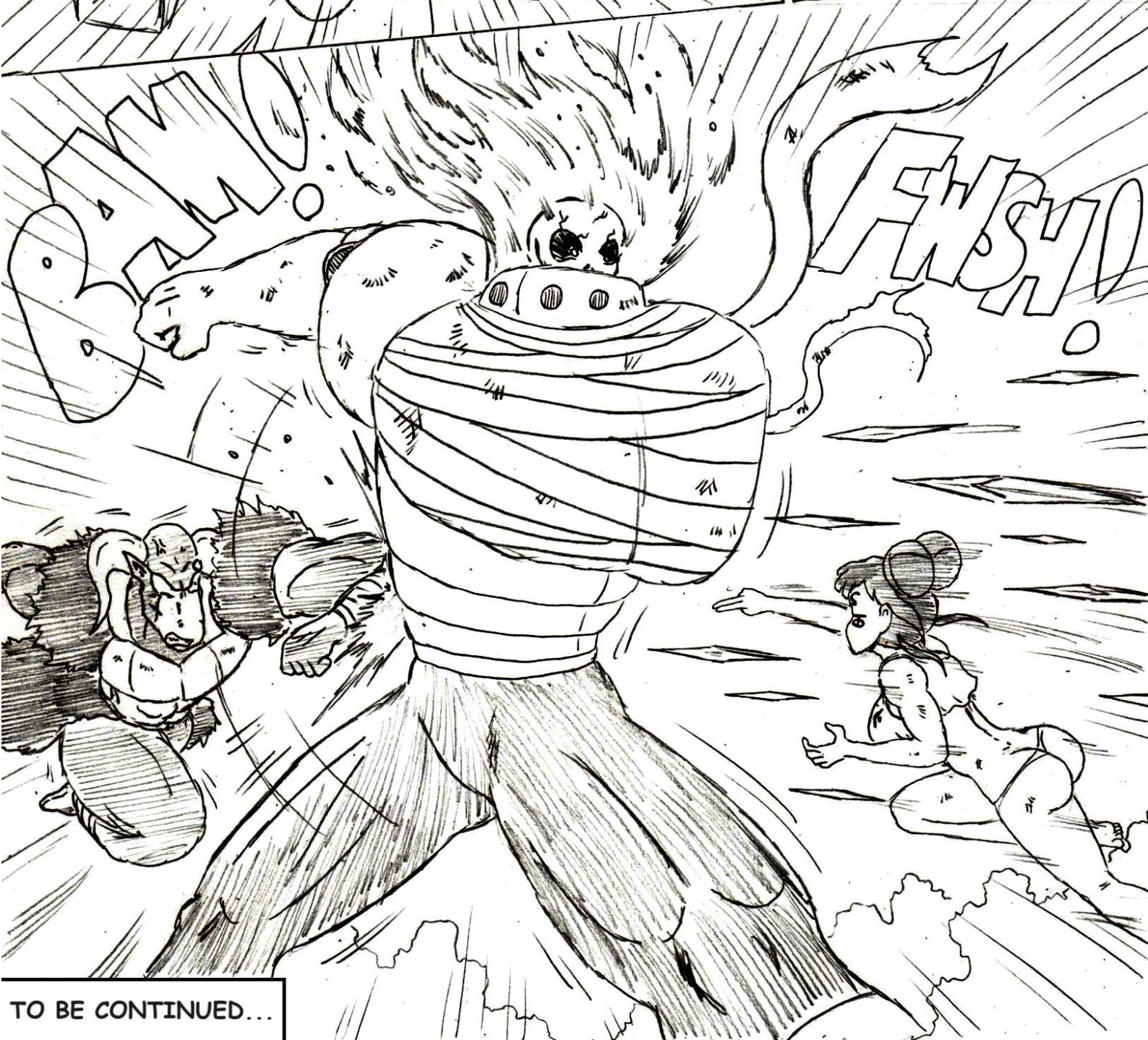
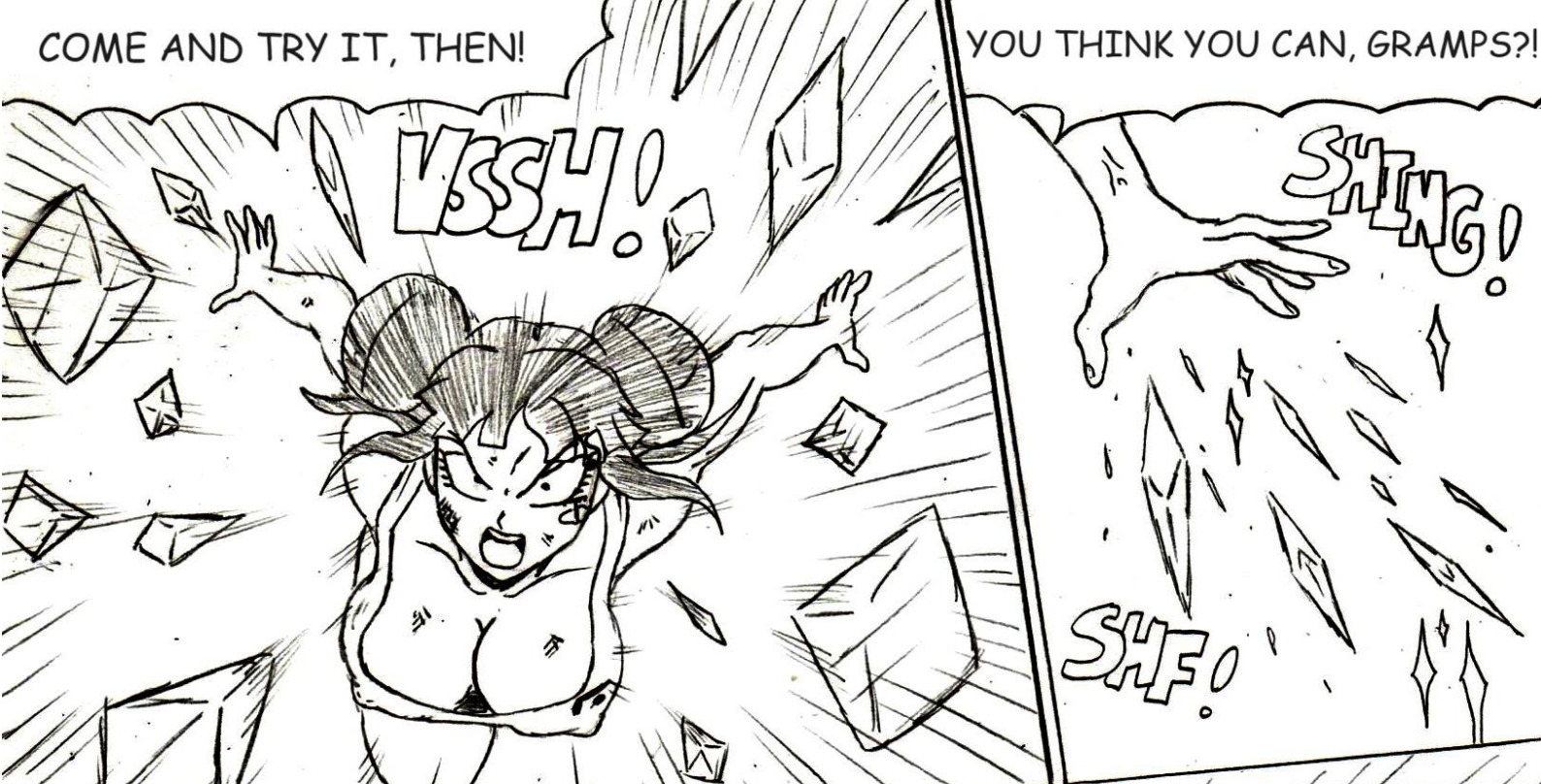
Oh? An idiot, am I? You...

KRAK!

...insolent, weak, little...

COME AND TRY IT, THEN!

YOU THINK YOU CAN, GRAMPS?!



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