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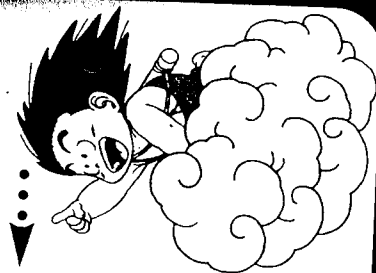
Toriyama Akira: Toriyama's world-famous **Dragon Ball** series is meant to be read from right to left, starting in the upper-right corner.

Unlike English, which is read from left to right, Japanese is read from right to left, meaning that action, sound-effects, and word-balloon order are completely reversed... something which can make readers unfamiliar with Japanese feel pretty backwards themselves. For this reason, manga or anime published in the U.S. in English have traditionally been published in the exact reverse order, as though seen from the other side of the page.

U.S. publishers can avoid confusing readers, but the compromise is downside: For one thing, a character in a flopped manga series (like the original Japanese version a T-shirt emblazoned with "MAY" (as in "May Day") now wears one which reads "Y A M"! Additionally, many fans of anime art reveals otherwise unnoticeable details from their perspective.

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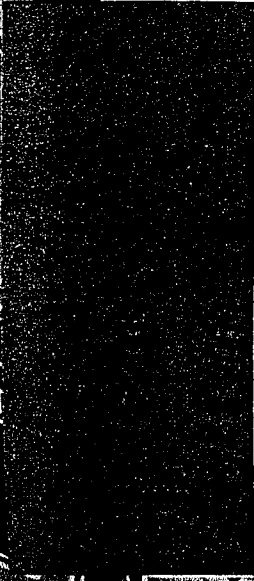
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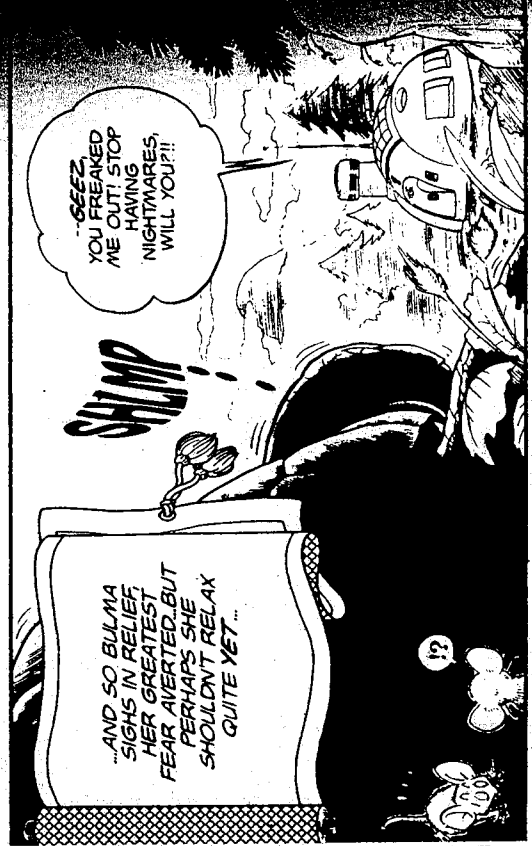
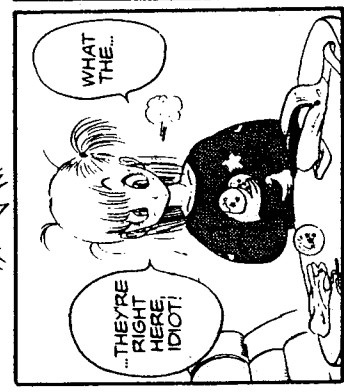
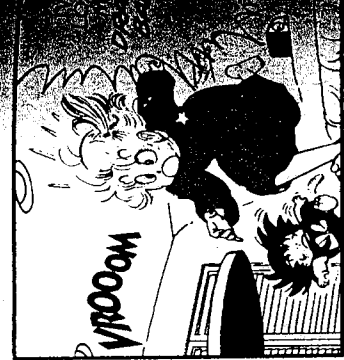
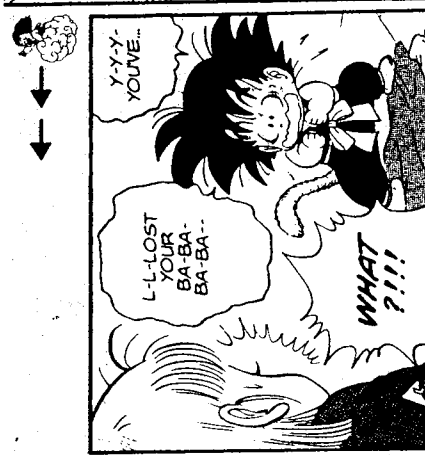
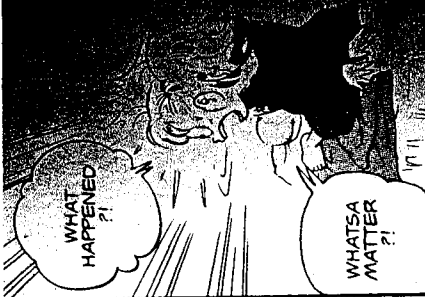
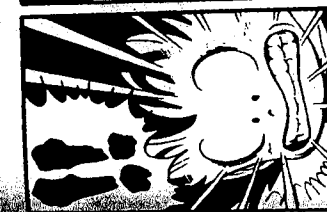
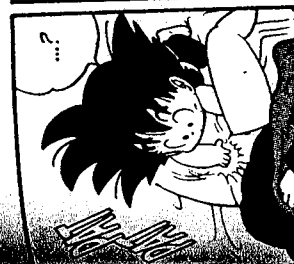
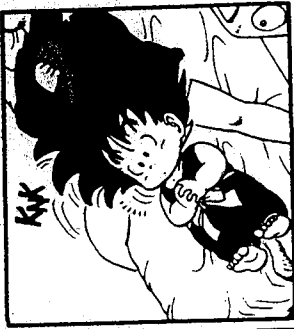
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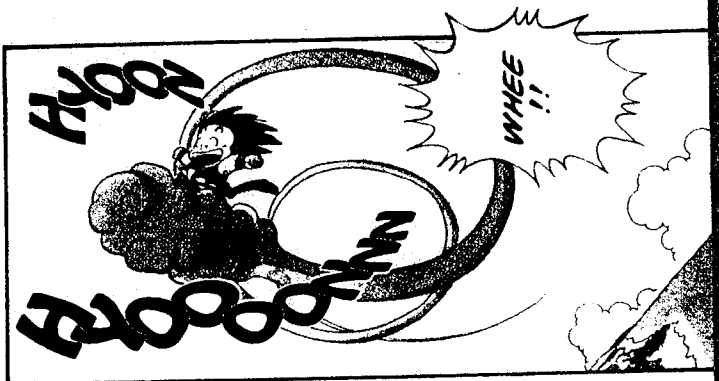
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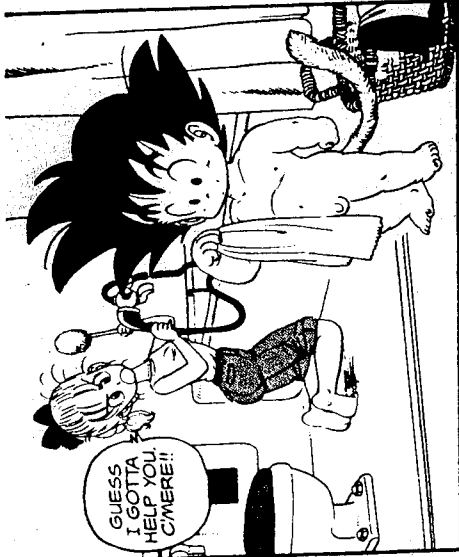


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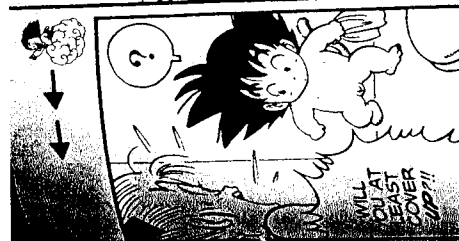


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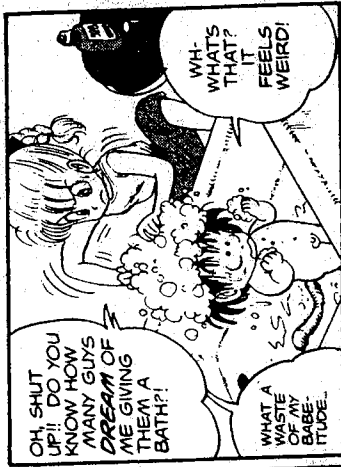
GUESS I GOTTA HELP YOU C/WHERE!!



WILL AT LEAST COVER UP!!!



eeep!



OH, SHUT UP!! DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY GUYS DREAM OF ME GIVING THEM A BATH?!

WH- WHATS THAT? IT FEELS WEIRD!

WHAT A WASTE WASTE MY BARE ITUDE.



...OKAY OTHER SIDE.

HUH?



TAKE IT OFF! IT'S IN THE WAY!

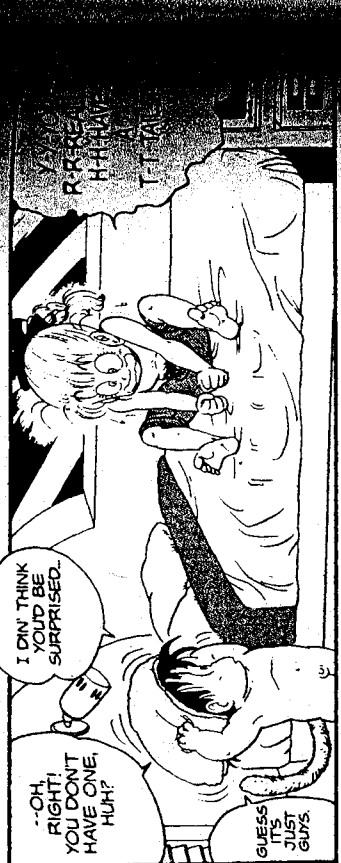
OWW! DON'T PULL!



WHAT AN IDIOT! YOU ACTUALLY ATTACHED THIS STUPID, PHONY TAIL TO YOUR BUTT?!

WHAT PHONY TAIL?

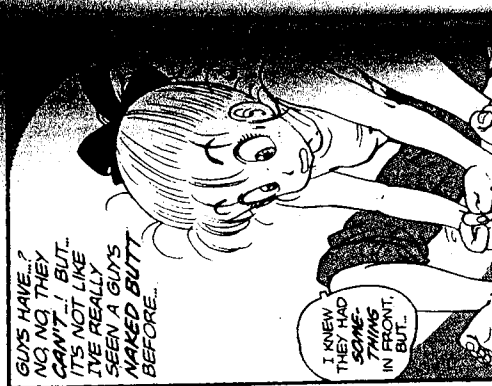
I CAN WASH MY OWN BUTT!



I DON'T THINK YOU'D BE SURPRISED.

--OH! RIGHT! YOU DON'T HAVE ONE, HUH?

GUESS IT'S JUST GUYS.



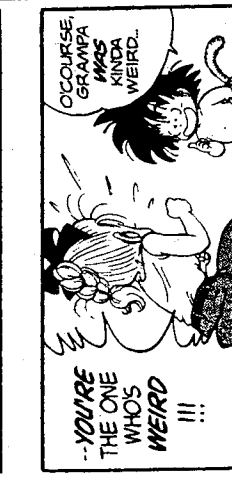
GUYS HAVE...? NO NO THEY CAN'T! I BUT- IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE REALLY SEEN A GUY'S NAKED BUTT BEFORE.

I KNEW THEY HAD SOME- SOME- TRAILING IN BUTT.



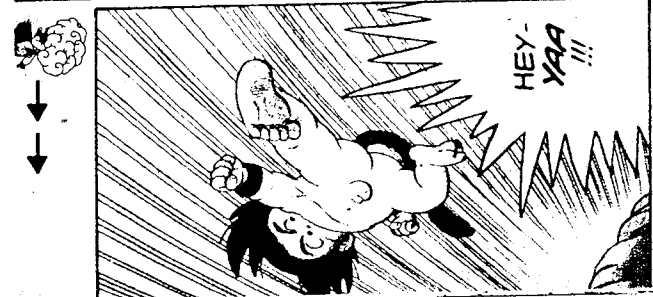
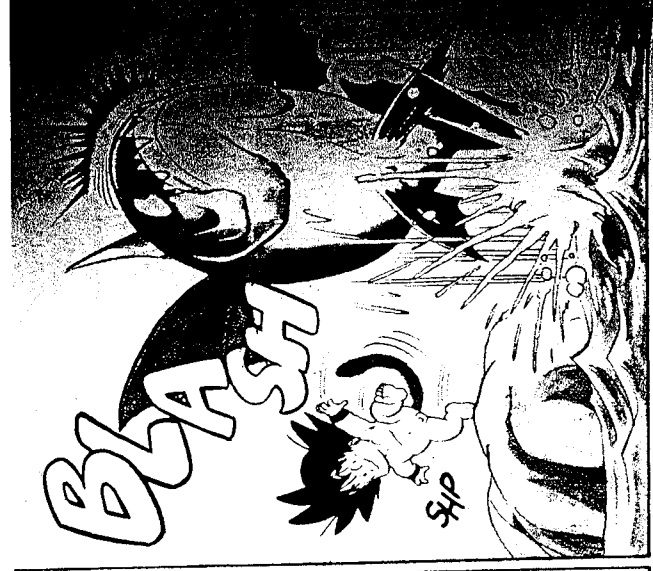
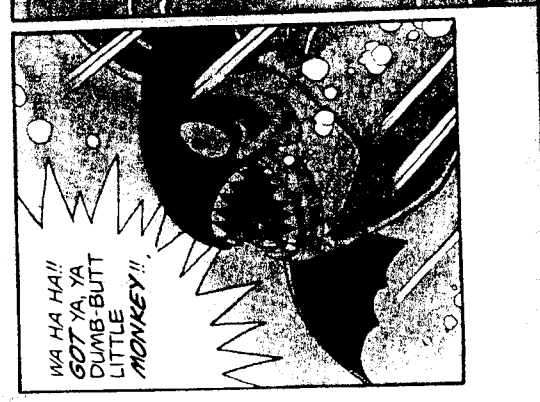
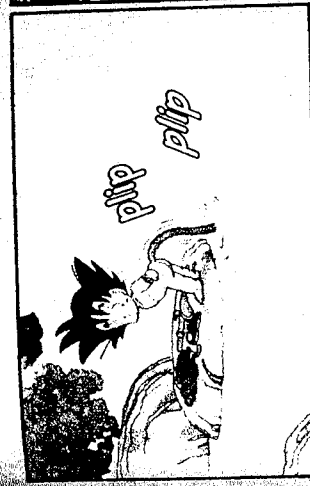
BUT WAIT A MINUTE... MY DEAD GRAMPA WAS A GUY, BUT HE DIDN'T.

YOU SEE? YOU SEE? NORMAL GUYS DON'T HAVE TAILS!



O'CURSE, GRAMPA WAS KINDA WEIRD.

--YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S WEIRD !!!



NOW GIMME THE **SUSHI/NOHO** PLEASE !!

SO THATS THE DEAL !

AT FIRST I WANTED A LIFETIME SUPPLY OF STRAWBERRIES... BUT NOW I THINK IM GONNA GO FOR A SUPER-CUTE BOYFRIEND!!

THIS IS TH' ONLY GRAMPA I GOT LEFT!!

NO!! NO NO WAY !!

YOU WANT SOMETHIN' IN EXCHANGE!

OH I GET IT!! YOU NAUGHTY BOY!

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO WITH IT, HUH?!!

NAH!!

SOY CHIE CHIE

THE LAST PERSON WHO COLLECTED THE DRAGON BALLS BECAME A KING!

WHY WOULD I WANNA FEEL YOUR DIRTY BUTT?!

MY BUTT IS NOT DIRTY !!!

BUT JUST ONE QUICK LIL' FEEL

OKAY

LEAVING IT TO LIL' ME TO BRING 'EM BACK TOGETHER AGAIN!

GRAMPA TOLD YOU TO BE NICE TO GIRLS. RIGHT?!

OKAY!! YOU CAN HELP ME WITH MY QUEST!!

SHENLONG... THE DRAGON GOD!! HELL GRANT YOU ANY WISH! BUT ONLY ONE!!

OH, BUT OF COURSE LISTEN, AN AMAZING THING HAPPENS WHEN YOU MEET ALL SEVEN...

OH, BUT OF COURSE

WOW!! THAT'S AWESOME !!

AND YOU CHAN JUST THE RIGHT CHANT, I SUMMON



Chapter 2: No Balls!

IN HER QUEST FOR THE SEVEN DRAGON BALLS THAT WILL GRANT HER FONDEST WISH, BULLMA HAS ENLISTED THE HELP OF THE STRANGE CREATURE NAMED SON GOKU...



DO YOU REALLY THINK I AM GOING TO SLEEP OUTSIDE?!

...AS IF.

I GET THE SOFT LEAVES FOR MY BED!

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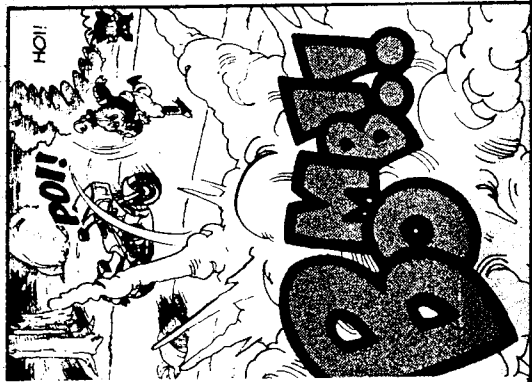


PLEASE, THEY'RE HOIPOI CAPSULES.

NO WAY! YOU'RE NOT GONNA POP A HOUSE OUTTA THOSE WHATCH-AM-ALLITS!

CAPSULE TIME!

WHAT? I DON'T SEE ANY HERE!



HOI!

POI!

BIBI!



BETTER CLEAR OUT, MONKEY-BOY!

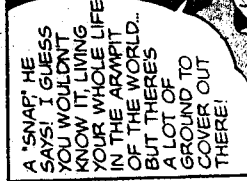
THAT LOOKS LIKE A NICE LEVEL SPOT.



I'M STARVIN'.

IT'S GETTING DARK TOO. LET'S CALL IT A NIGHT.

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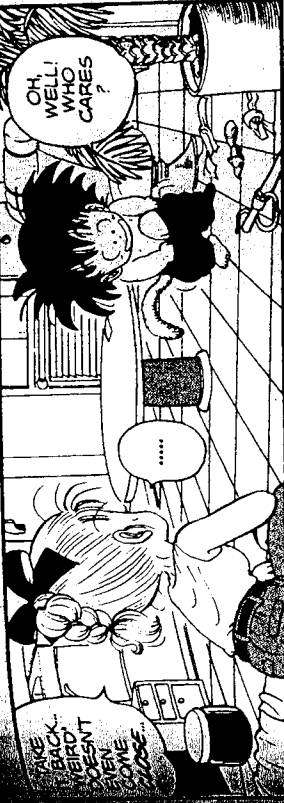
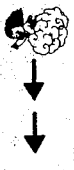


A 'SNAP' HE SAYS! I GUESS YOU WOULDN'T KNOW IT, LIVING YOUR WHOLE LIFE IN THE ARMPIT OF THE WORLD... BUT THERE'S A LOT OF GROUND TO COVER OUT THERE!

HEY, WE ONLY NEED FOUR MORE BALLS RIGHT? THAT'S GONNA BE A SNAP!



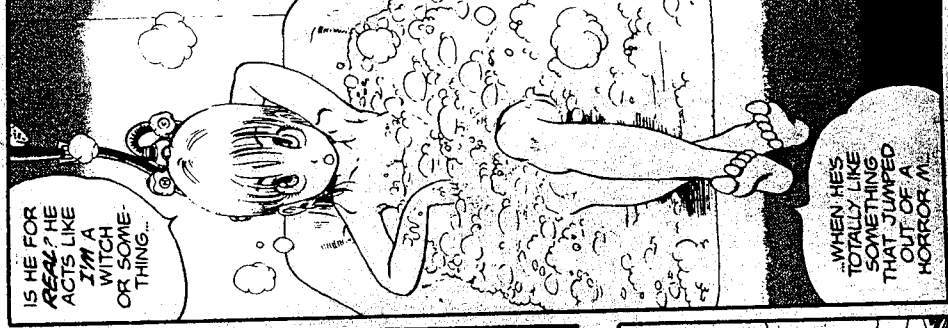
SNAP!



OH, WELL! WHO CARES?

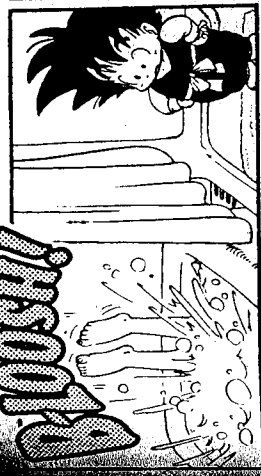
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WAKE UP, BACK-BIRD! YOU'RE NOT EVEN CLOSE TO BEING A WITCH!



IS HE FOR REAL? HE ACTS LIKE I'M A WITCH OR SOMETHING...

...WHEN HE'S TOTALLY LIKE SOMETHING THAT JUMPED OUT OF A HORROR MOVIE!



WOOOOW!



WHADDA YOU THINK YOU'RE LOOKIN' AT?!!



...SO INSTEAD OF A TAIL YOU'VE GOT AN EXTRA BUTT?

IT'S NOT A BUTT, YOU IDIOT!! THEY'RE BOOBS!! AN' WHEN YOU'RE A LITTLE OLDER YOU'RE GONNA THINK MINE ARE INCREDIBLE!!

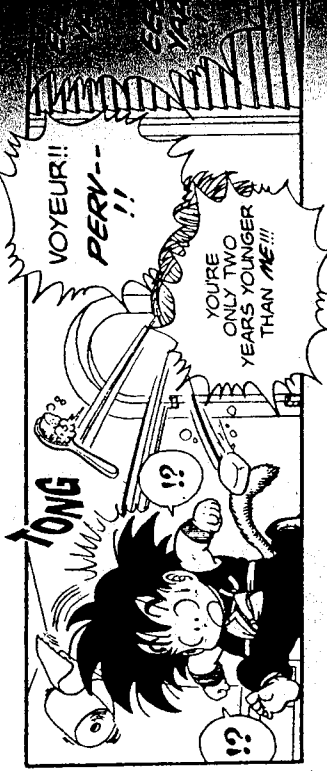


HOW OLD ARE YOU ANYWAY, KID?



HOW OLD AM I?

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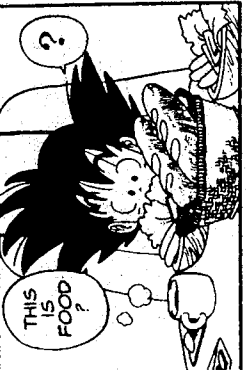
VOYEUR!! PERV--!!

YOU'RE ONLY TWO YEARS YOUNGER THAN ME!!!



NEXT TIME YOU PULL THAT I'M CALLIN' THE COFS!!

I'M STARVIN'.



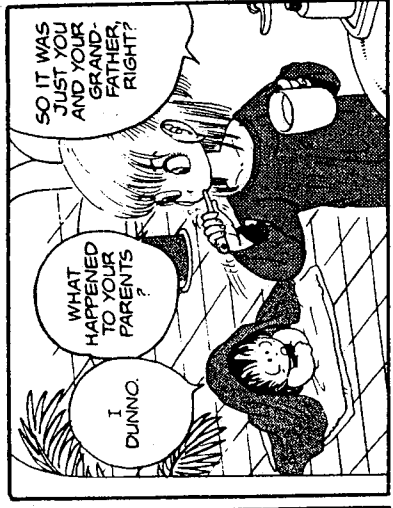
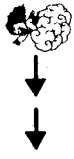
THIS IS FOOD?



THIS 'BREAD' STUFF IS ALL SOFT AND NASTY!

AND THE SOUP'S BITTER.

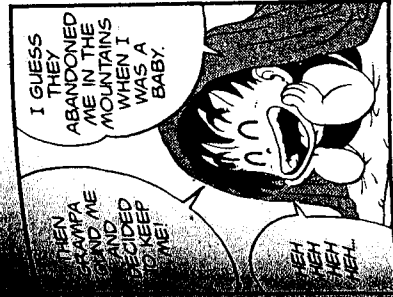
...IT'S COFFEE, MORON! MAYBE IF YOU'D EVER LEARNED HOW TO EAT YOU WOULDN'T BE SUCH A SHRIMP!



SO IT WAS JUST YOU AND YOUR GRAND-FATHER, FATHER, RIGHT?

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR PARENTS?

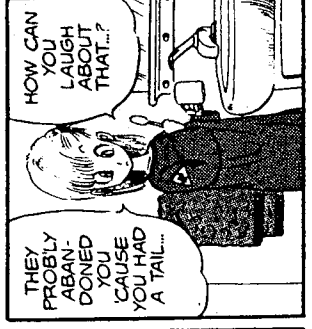
I DUNNO.



I GUESS THEY ABANDONED ME IN THE MOUNTAINS WHEN I WAS A BABY.

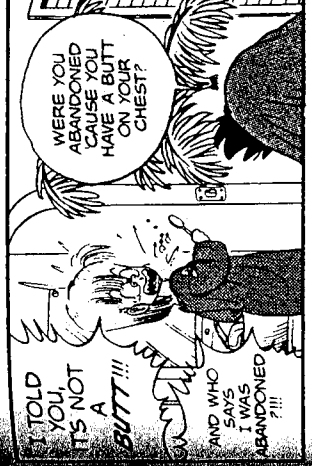
THEN WHY DID YOU AND ME DECIDE TO KEEP ME!

HEH HEH HEH HEH!



HOW CAN YOU LAUGH ABOUT THAT...?

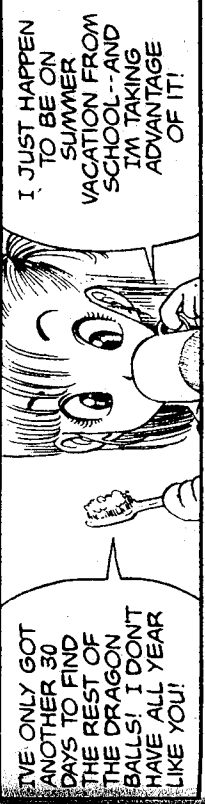
THEY PROBABLY ABANDONED YOU 'CAUSE YOU HAD A TAIL...



WERE YOU ABANDONED 'CAUSE YOU HAVE A BUTT ON YOUR CHEST?

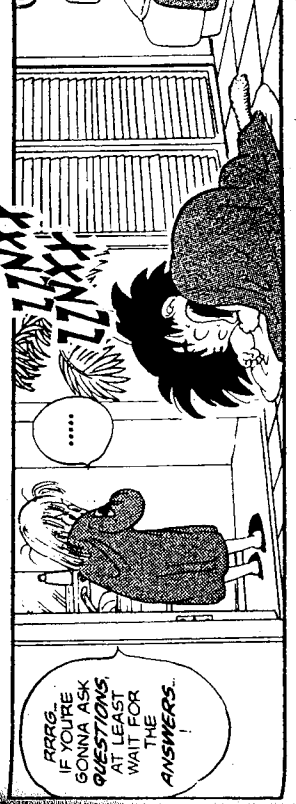
IT TOLD YOU, IT'S NOT A BUTT!!!

AND WHO SAYS I WAS ABANDONED?!!!

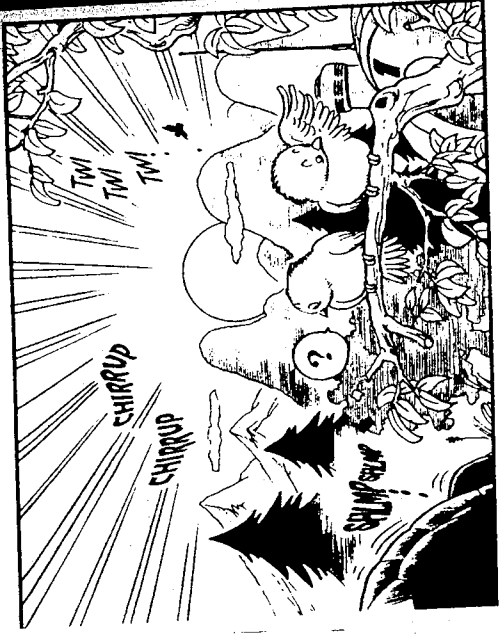
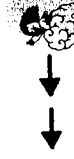


I JUST HAPPEN TO BE ON VACATION FROM SCHOOL--AND I'M TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT!

I'VE ONLY GOT ANOTHER 30 DAYS TO FIND THE REST OF THE DRAGON BALLS! I DON'T HAVE ALL YEAR LIKE YOU!



RRRG. IF YOU'RE GONNA ASK QUESTIONS, AT LEAST WAIT FOR THE ANSWERS.

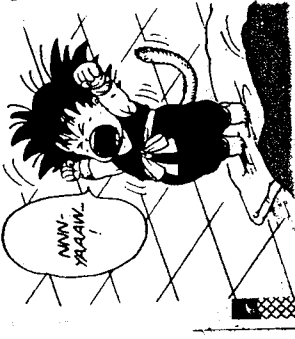


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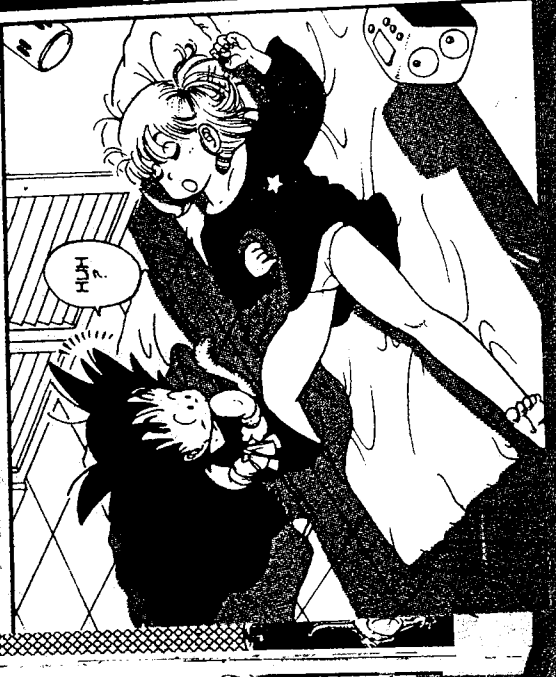
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MMH... WHOA?



MMH... YAAAW!



HUH?



FWIP

LOOK FAST FAST !!



OH! GET REAL!! THE THING HANGING FROM YOUR NECK!!

"MEAN THIS OLD OLD THING...?"

WHAT? MY SHORTS



DON'T TELL ME... IT'S A...

FOR SOME REASON... THE OCEAN... ABOUT A YEAR... PUT NECK



YOU SEE THAT, BOY? I ALWAYS SAY, LIVE RIGHT AND LIFE'LL THROW YOU A PRIZE NOW AN THEN!!

R... REALLY, SIR!!

YOU OWE ME NOW, RIGHT?!

CWON, CWON!



DO I EVEN HAVE ANYTHING LEFT TO GIVE?

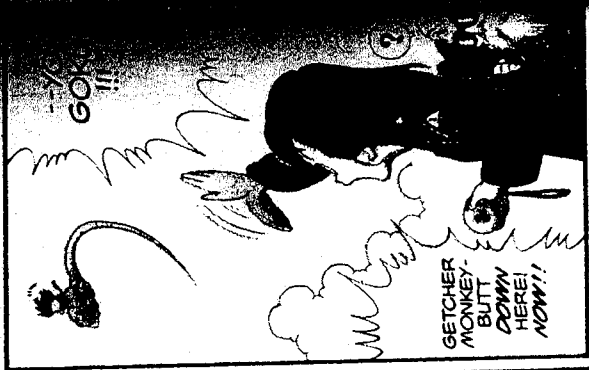
I DON'T SPOSE SHED A BITLE PEKIN PEEKIN AT MY SHORTS.

OH... OH, YEAH...

EH?



HUH?



GO!!

GETCHER MONKEY BUTT DOWN HERE! NOW!!

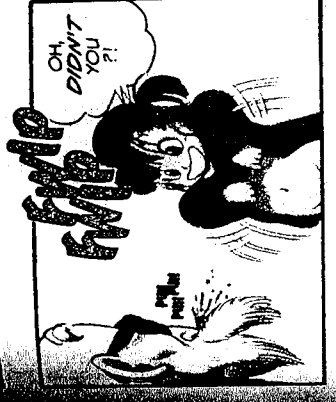
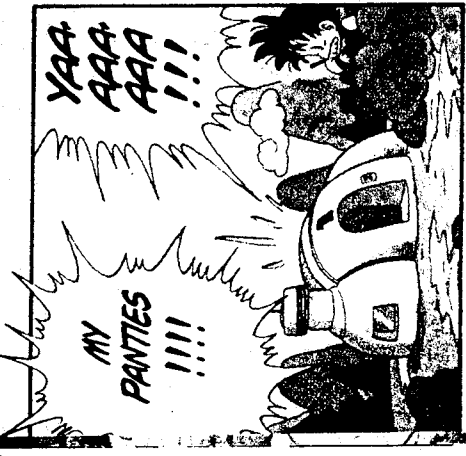
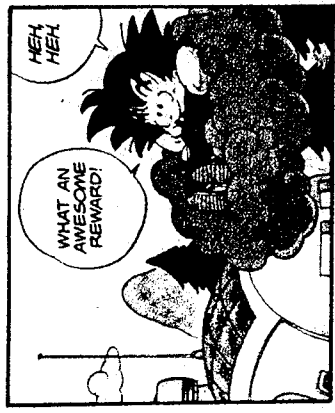
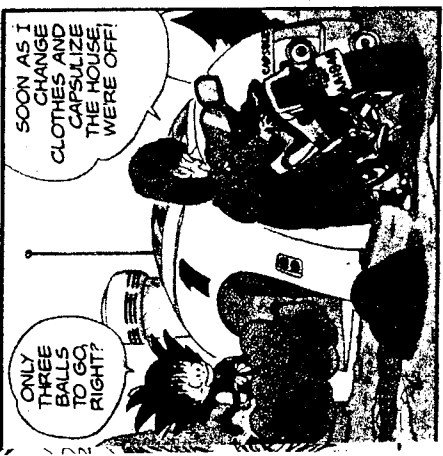
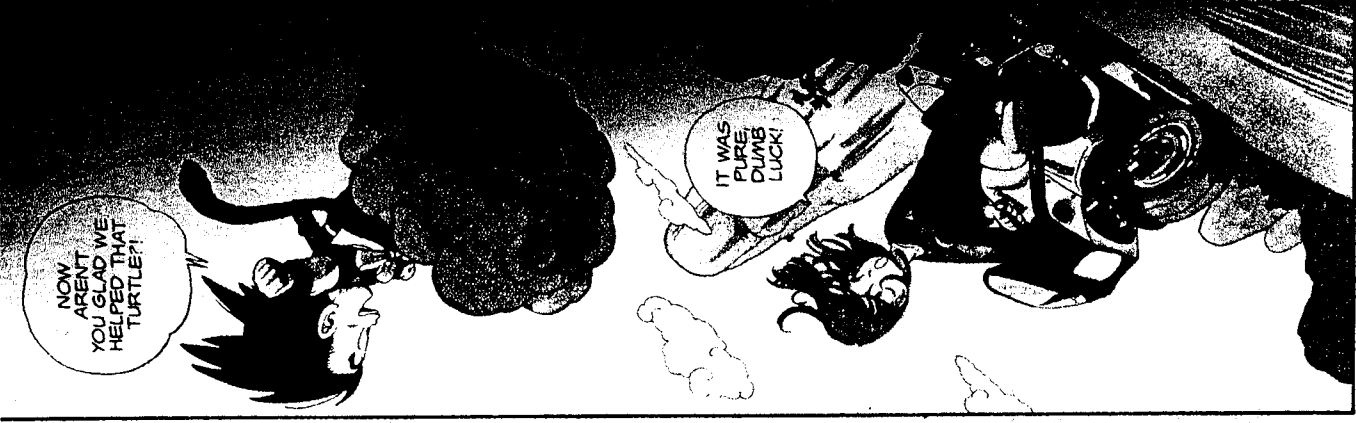
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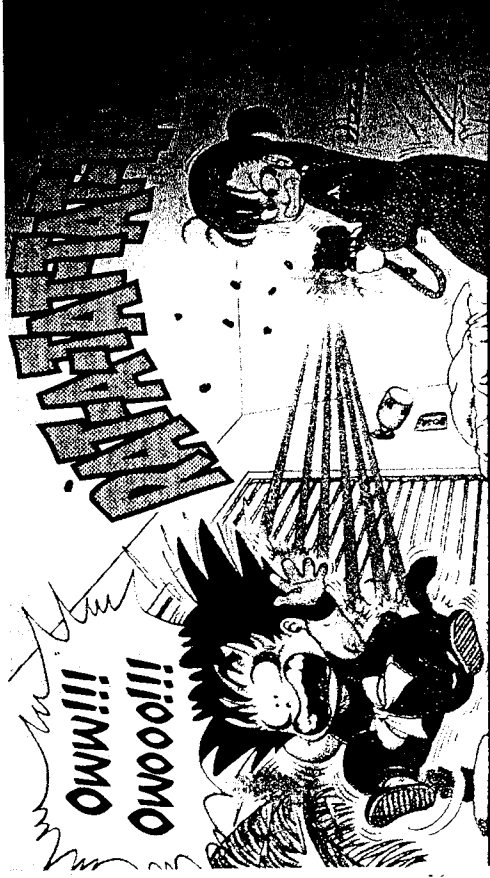
LOOK AT THIS!! DO YOU SEE IT?!

A DRAGON BALL !!!

THEN I'M RIGHT, RIGHT, RIGHT?!

DRAGON BALL

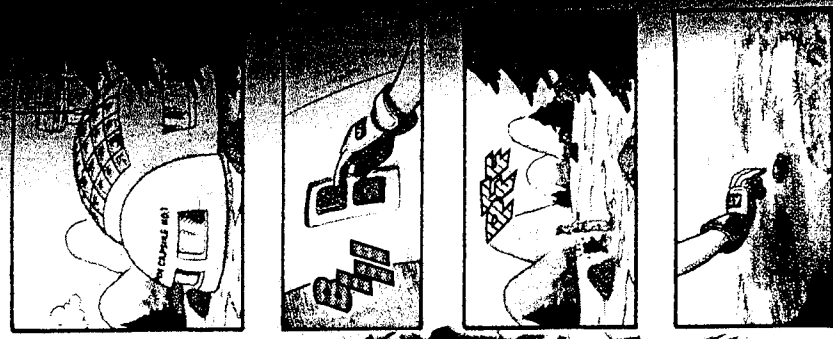




IF YOU EVER DO THAT AGAIN... I'M SHOOTING TO KILL!!

HEY THAT HURT!

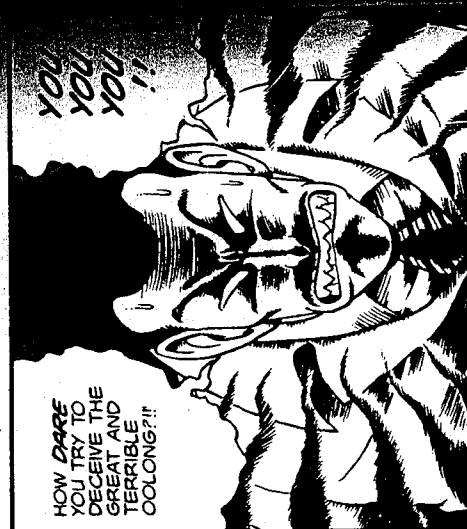
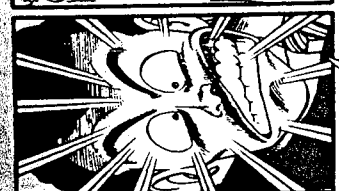
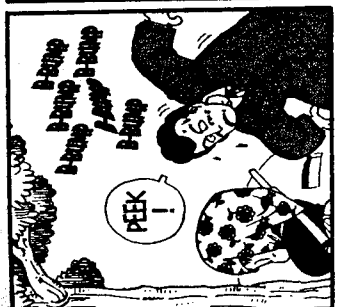
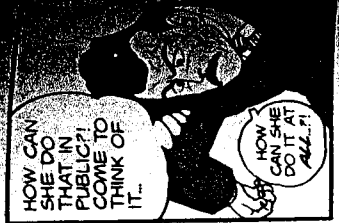
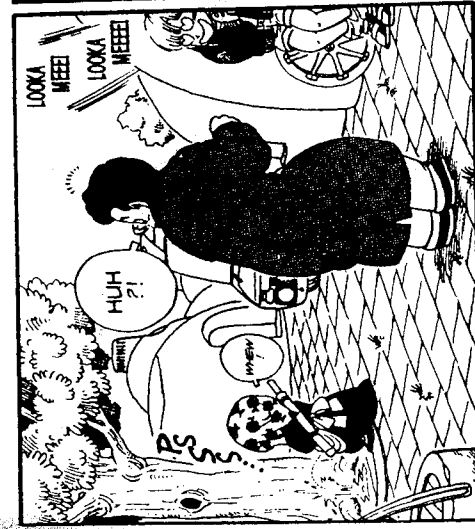
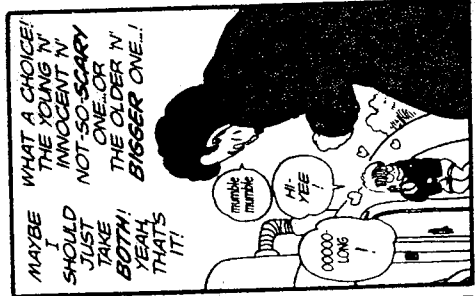
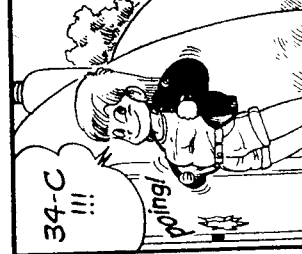
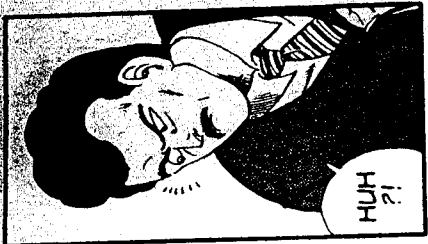
WHAT THAT THAT FORT!



NAKED NAKED NAKED NAKED NAKED NAKED NAKED NAKED NAKED NAKED NAKED NAKED NAKED NAKED NAKED NAKED

I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING...







I HEAR HER!

IF THE OTHER TWO ARE ASLEEP, IT'LL BE EASIER TO GET HER AWAY...

LET'S SEE...



GUH-HUH, GUH-GEH... GUH-GUG... GUG-GUG... !!!

M-MY LORD! WHAT IS IT?!

LALA LALA-LA-LA-

SO KAY! I'M FULL NOW, SO I CAN'T LOSE!

THEY COULD BE LURKING OUT THERE, Y'KNOW...

AND WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO "FRY-PAN MOUNTAIN"?

CAUSE THERE'S A DRAGON BALL THERE.

SAY WHAT ARE YOU TWO TRAVELING AROUND FOR ANYWAY?

I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW DRAGONS WERE MAD...

A WHAT BALL?!

...I GOT ONE HERE. I'LL SHOW YOU.

NEAT, HUH?

IT'S A HOUSE WAGON.

SO THAT'S WHAT HIS "M" CAPSULE TURNS INTO, EH?

MAKES IT HARDER TO STEAL, DOESN'T IT?!

WE'LL JUST WAIT UNTIL THE GIRLS ALONE THEN YOU DRAW HER AWAY.

ALL RIGHT! SURVEILLANCE, FIRST!

SHOOOM