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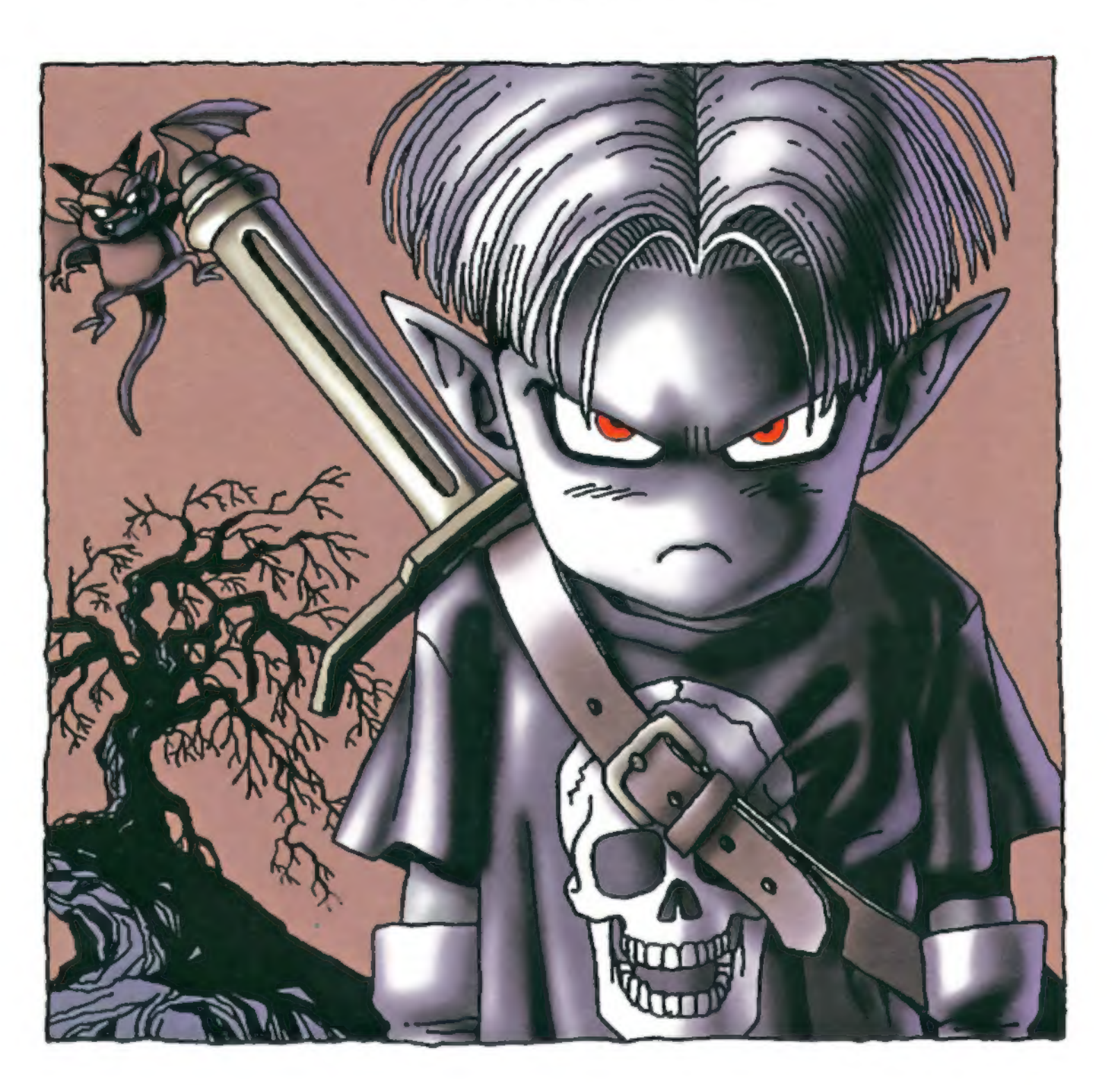
GO!GO!ACKMAN



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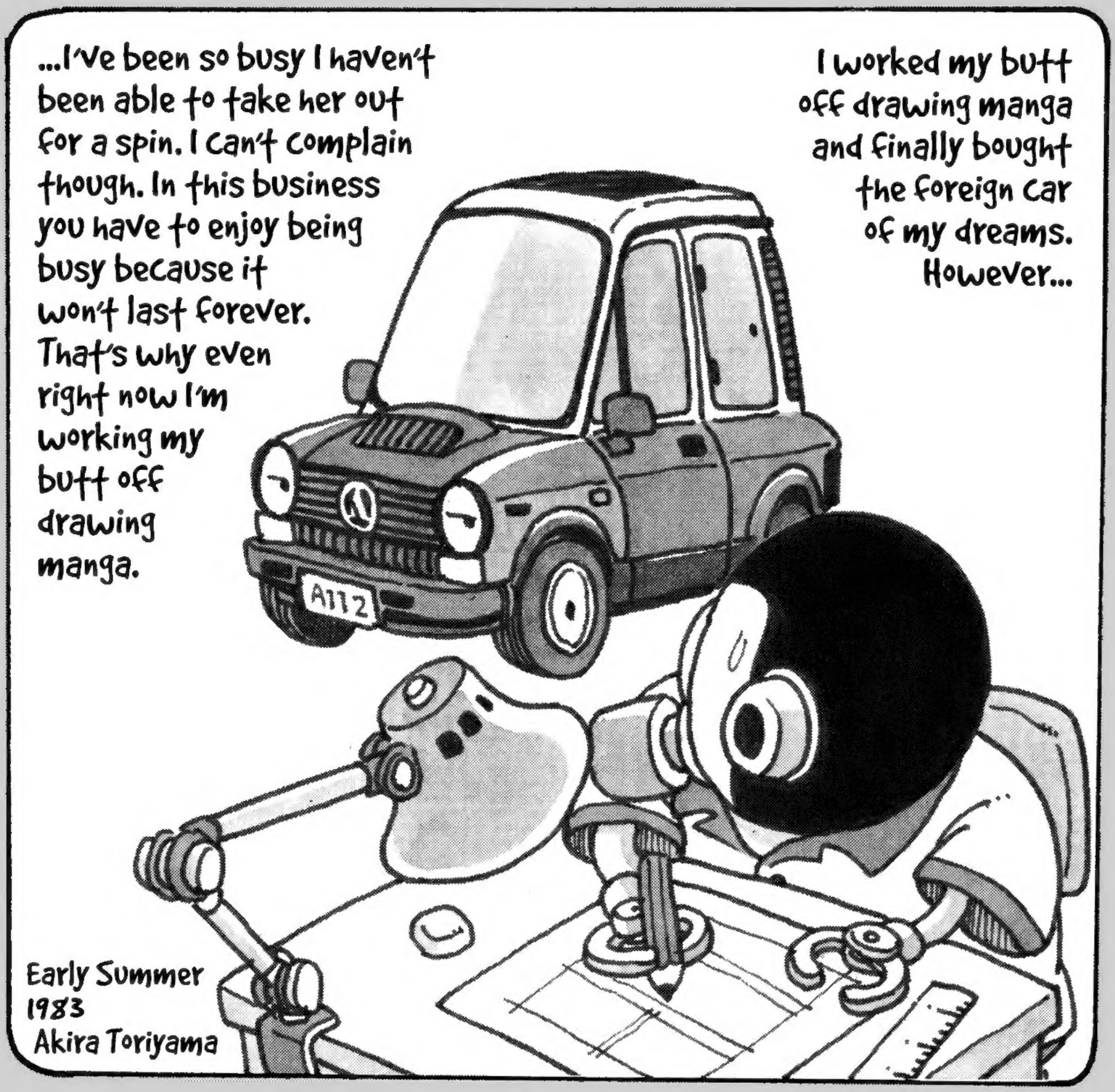

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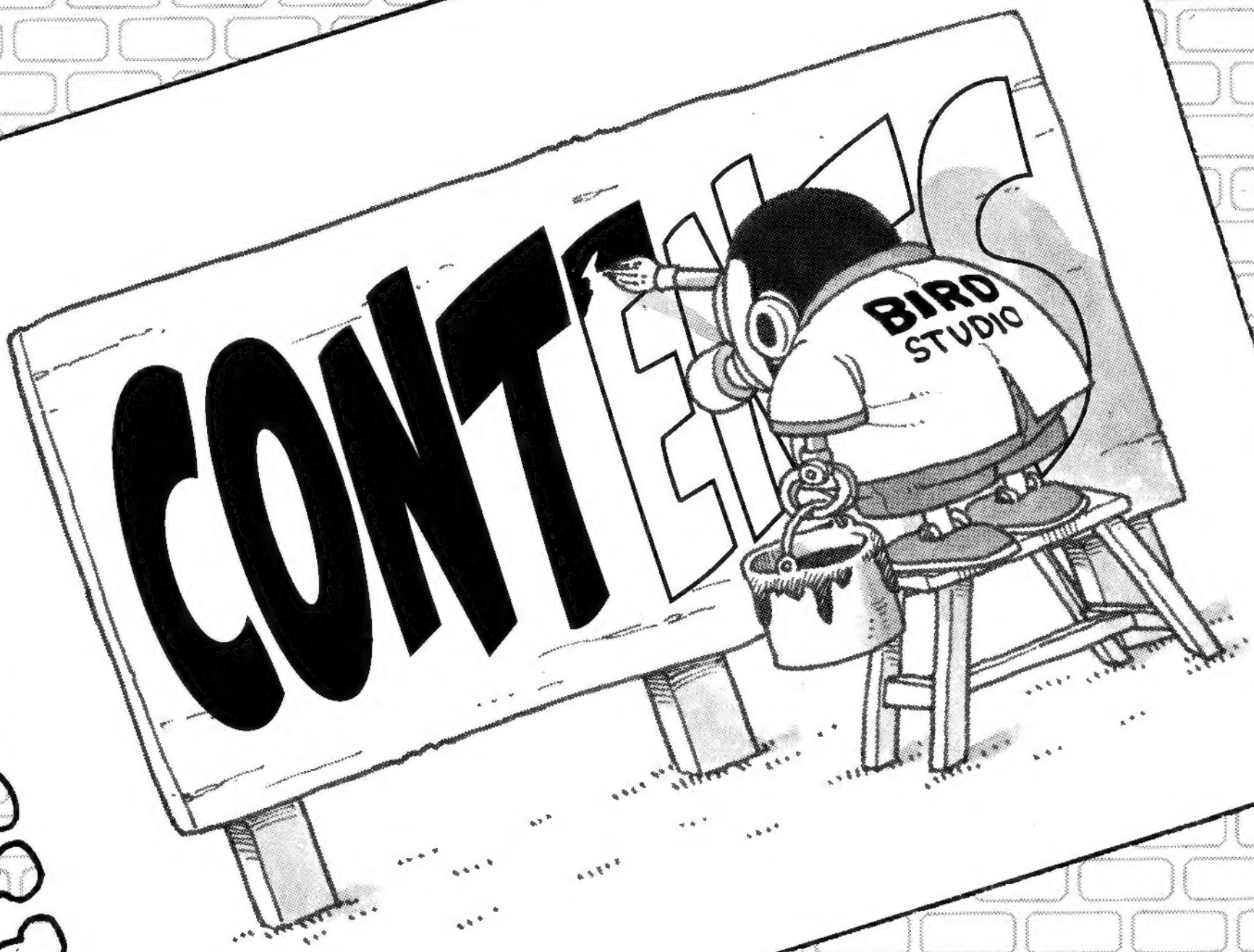

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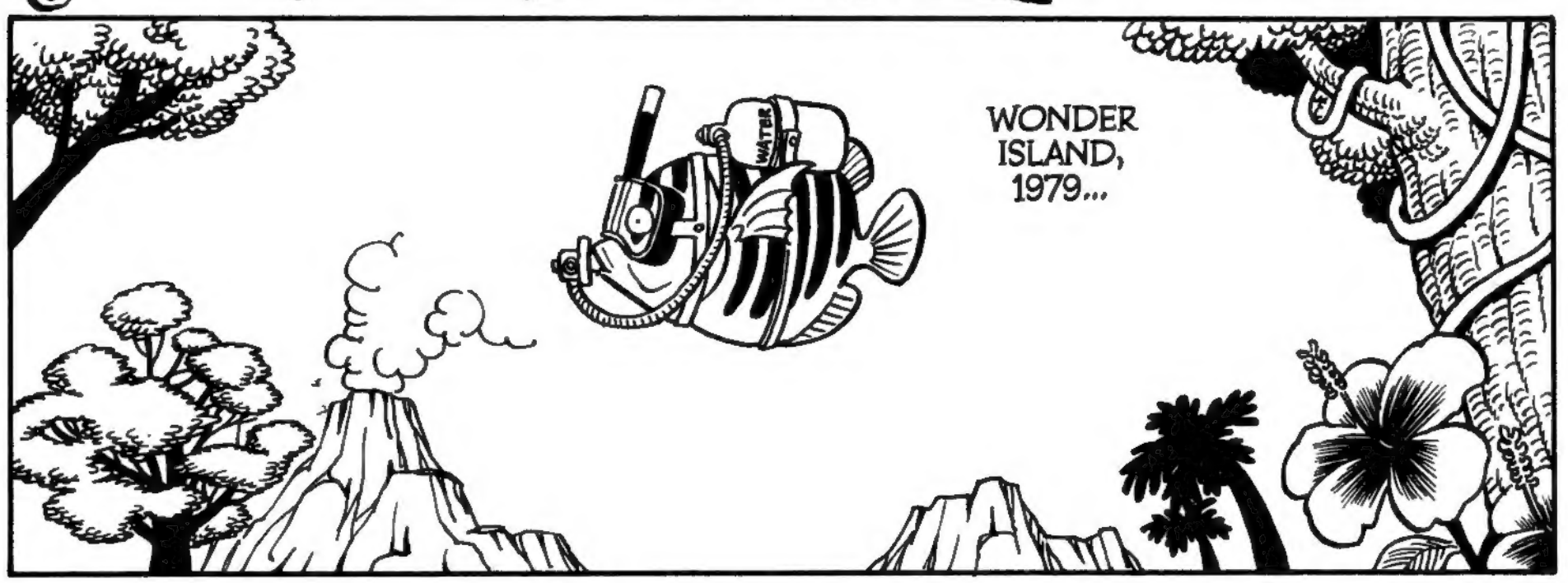
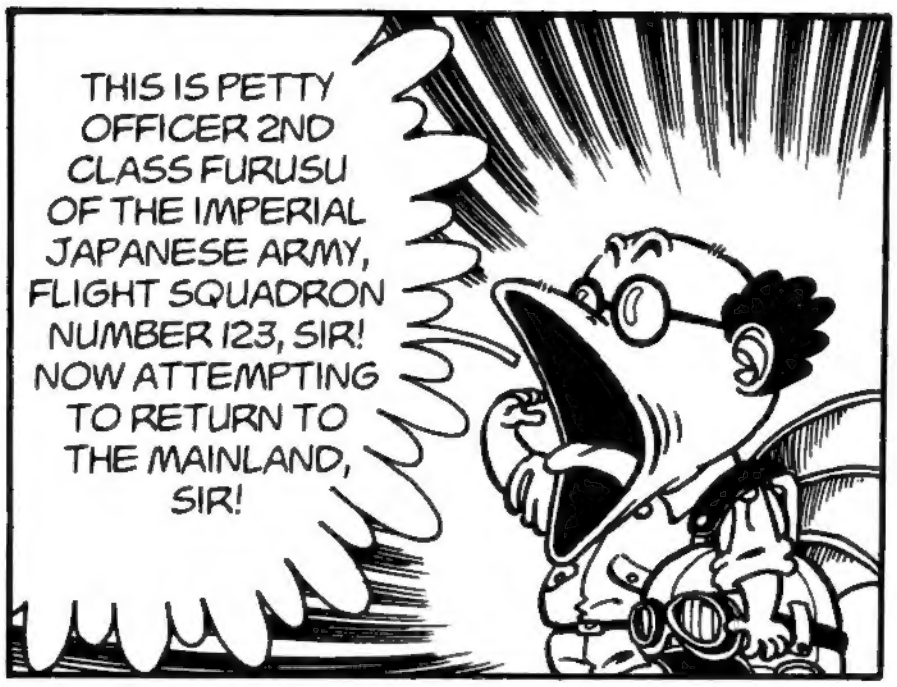
WONDER ISLAND

OUR HERO (I GUESS?)
PETTY OFFICER
2ND CLASS FURUSU




THIS IS PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS FURUSU OF THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY, FLIGHT SQUADRON NUMBER 123, SIR! NOW ATTEMPTING TO RETURN TO THE MAINLAND, SIR!

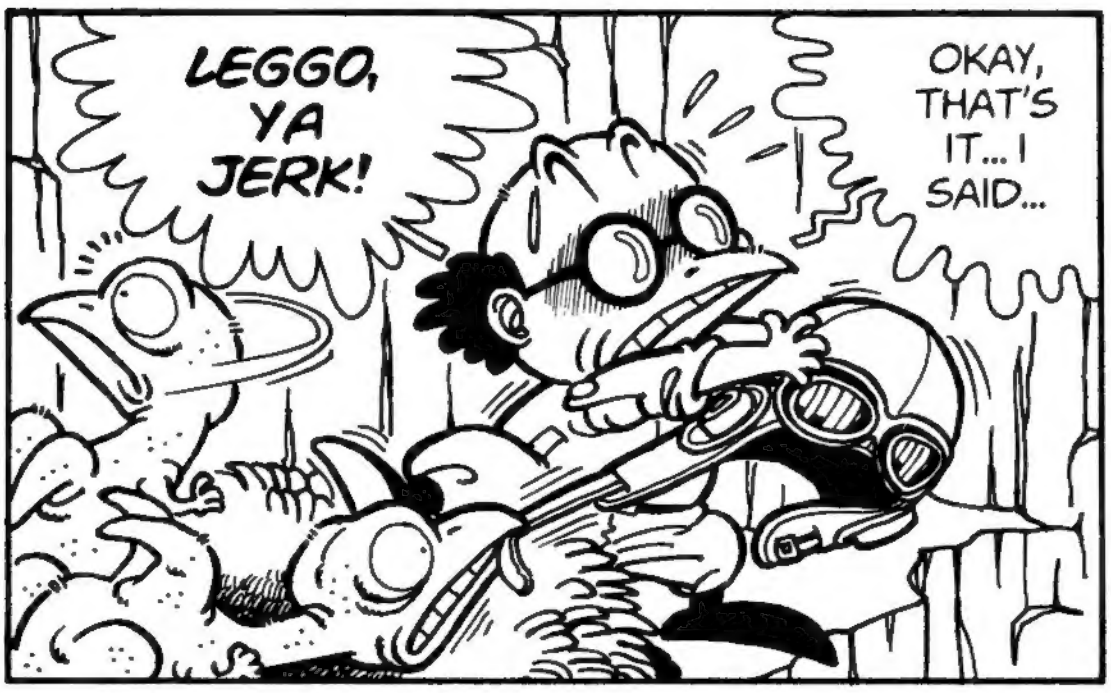
PWOOF

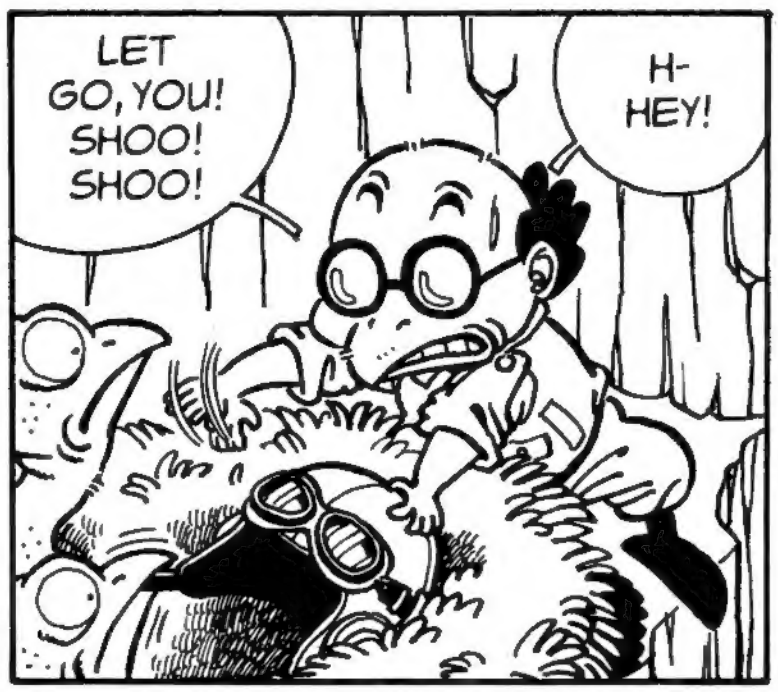
AH!
FWIP

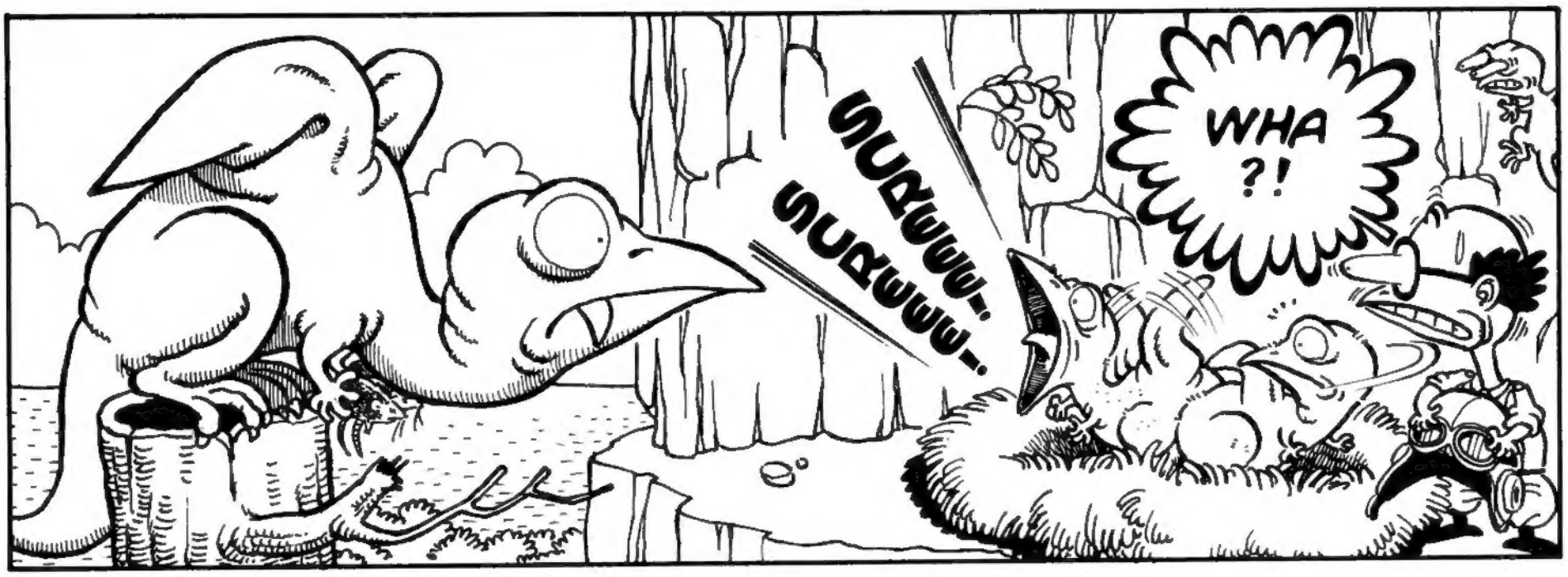
SHOOP

HUH?

DAMN IT ALL...


LEGGO, YA JERK!
OKAY, THAT'S IT... I SAID...


LET GO, YOU! SHOO! SHOO!
H-HEY!


WHA ?!
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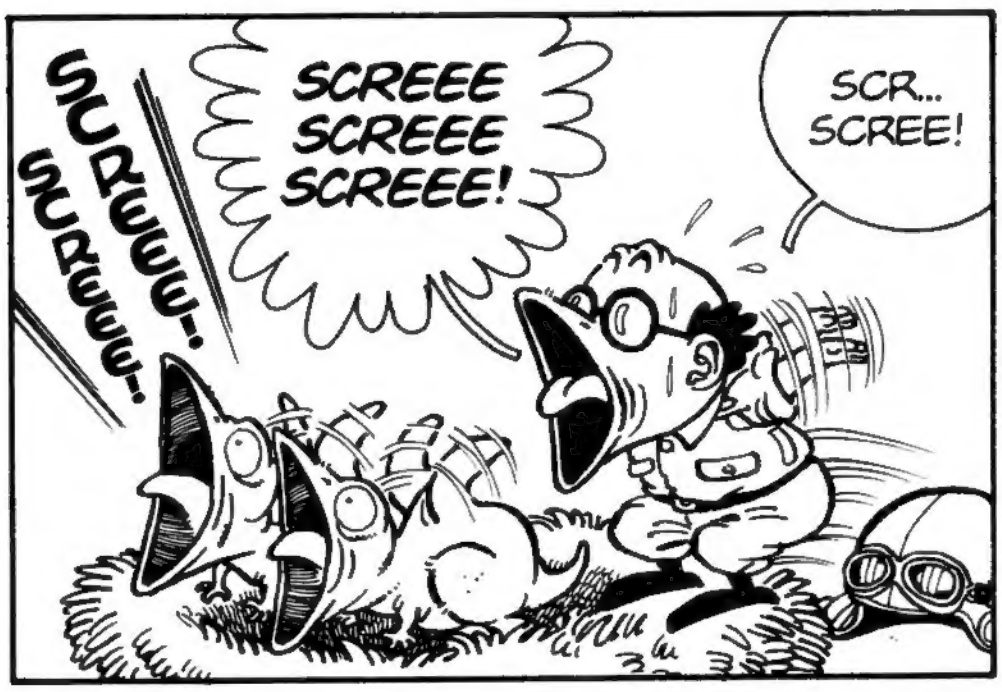
SNURWWW-


SCREEE SCREEE SCREEE!
SCR... SCREE!
SNURWWW-
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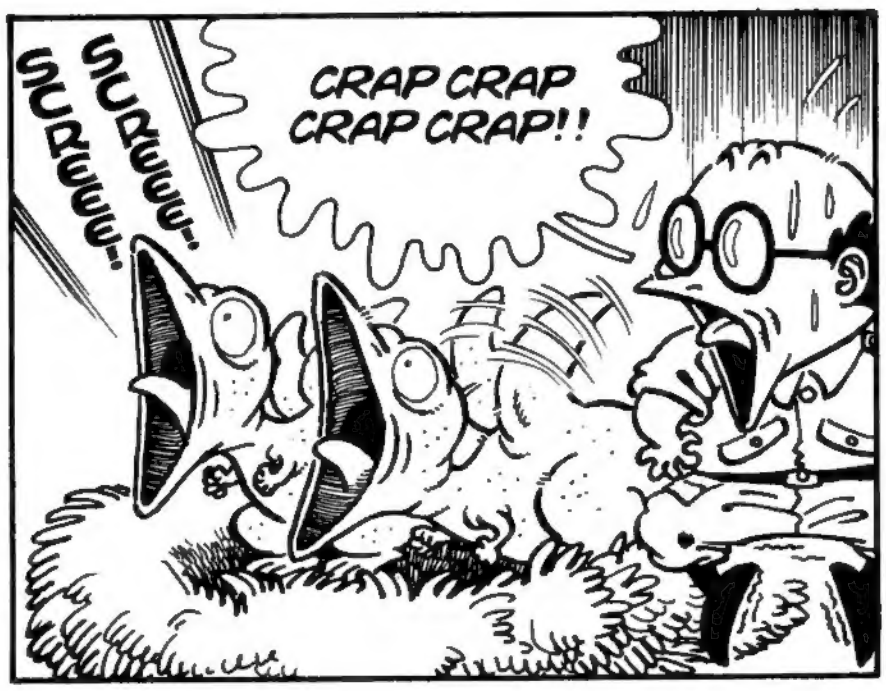
CRAP CRAP CRAP CRAP!!
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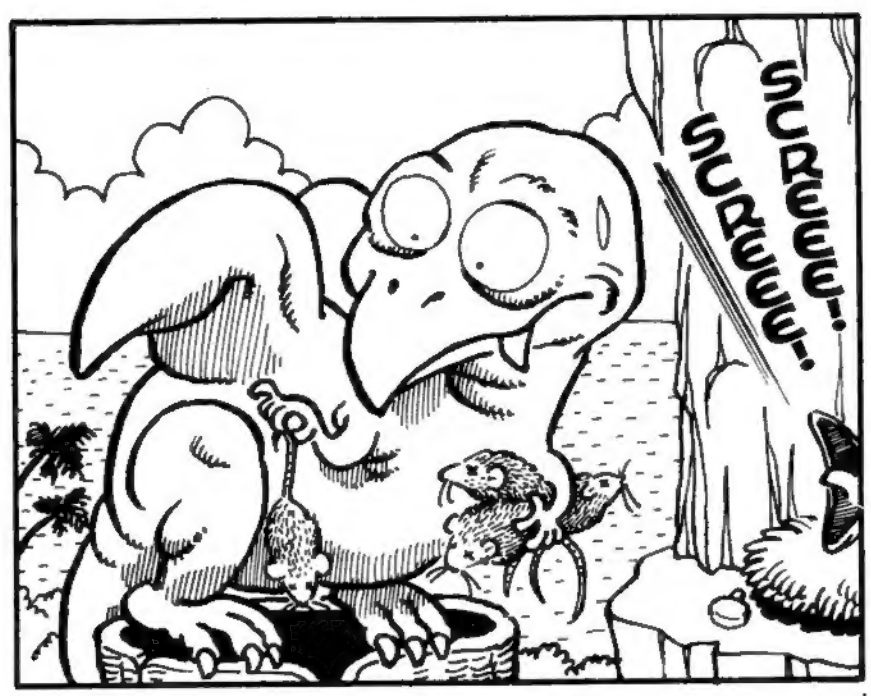
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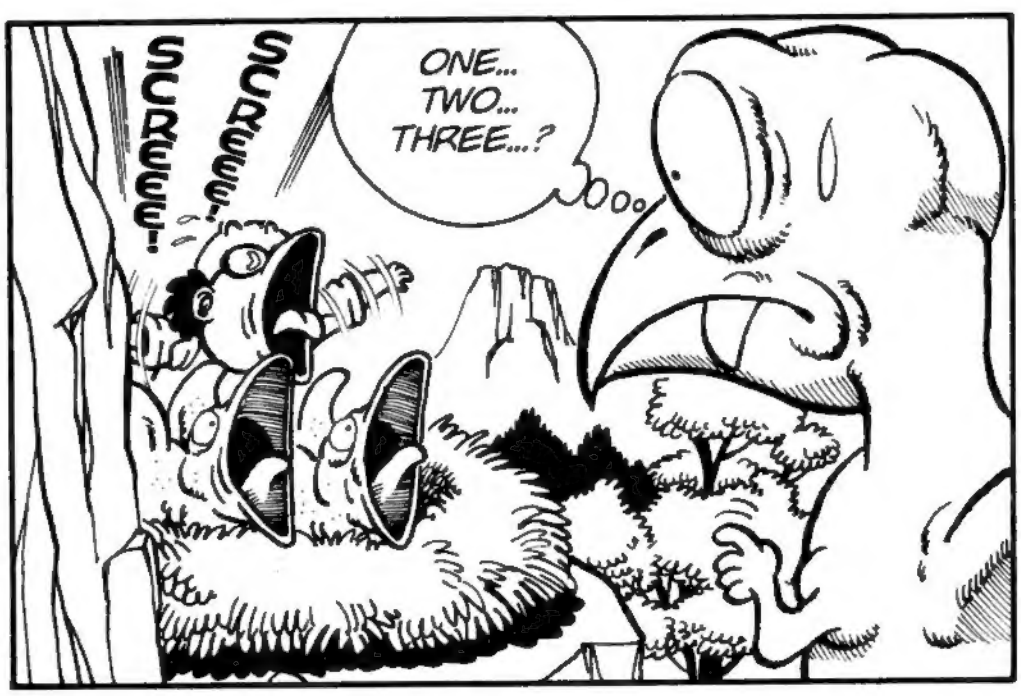
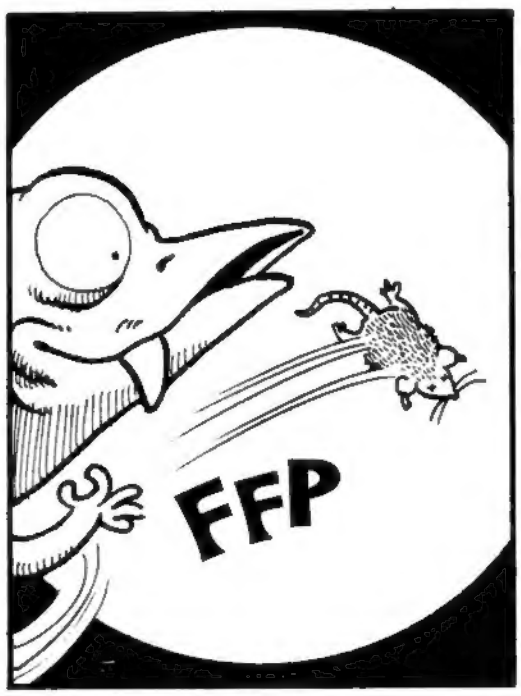
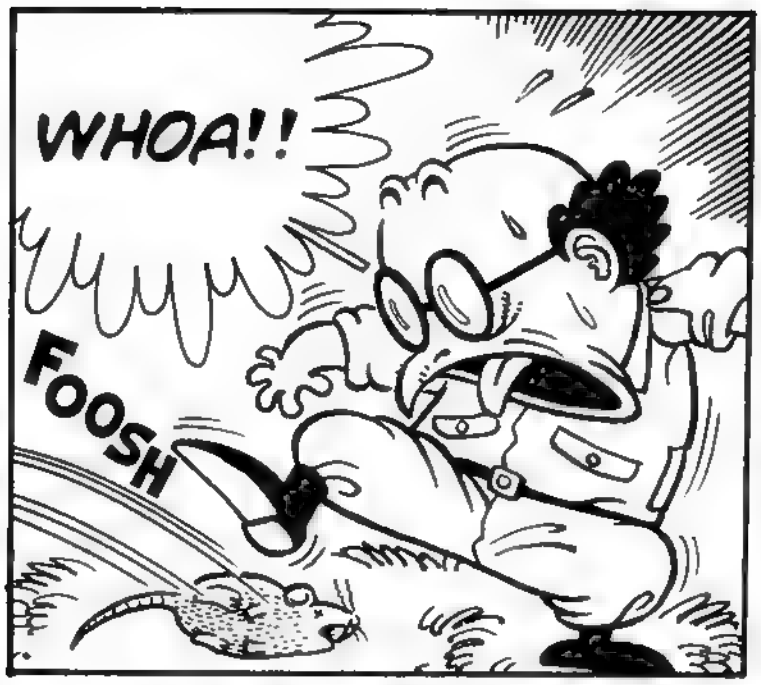

ONE... TWO... THREE...?
SNURWWW-
SNURWWW-

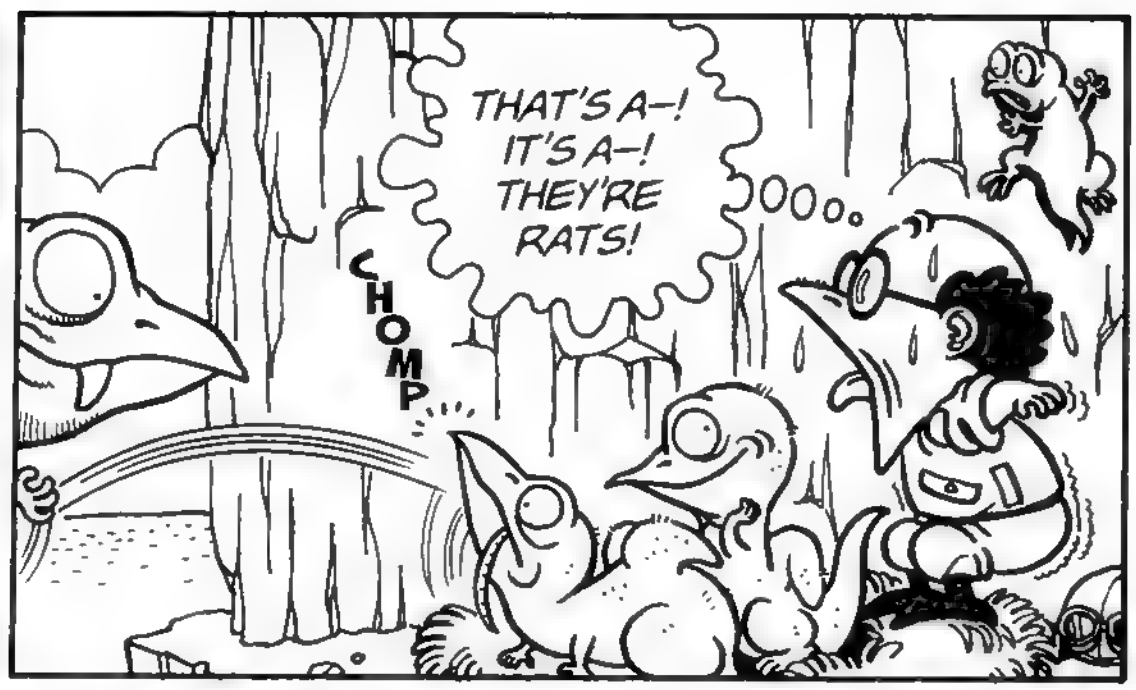
GRIIIN

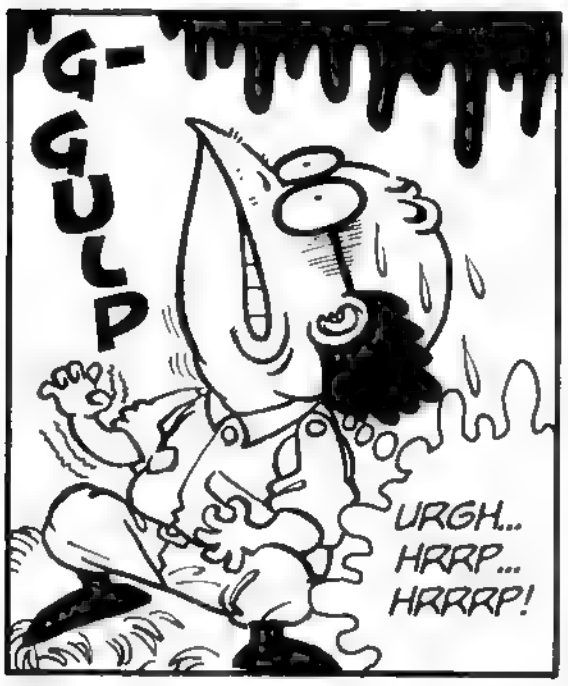
GULP

CHOMP

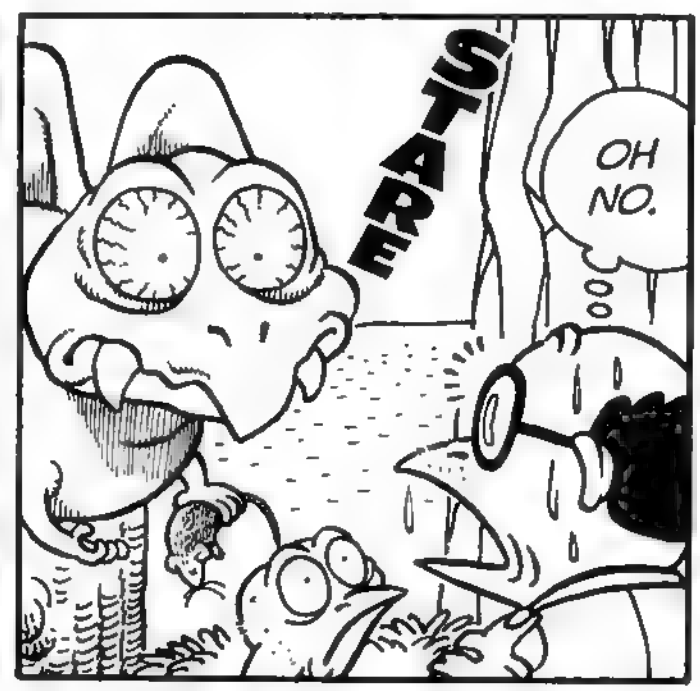

FFP


WHOA!!
FOOSH

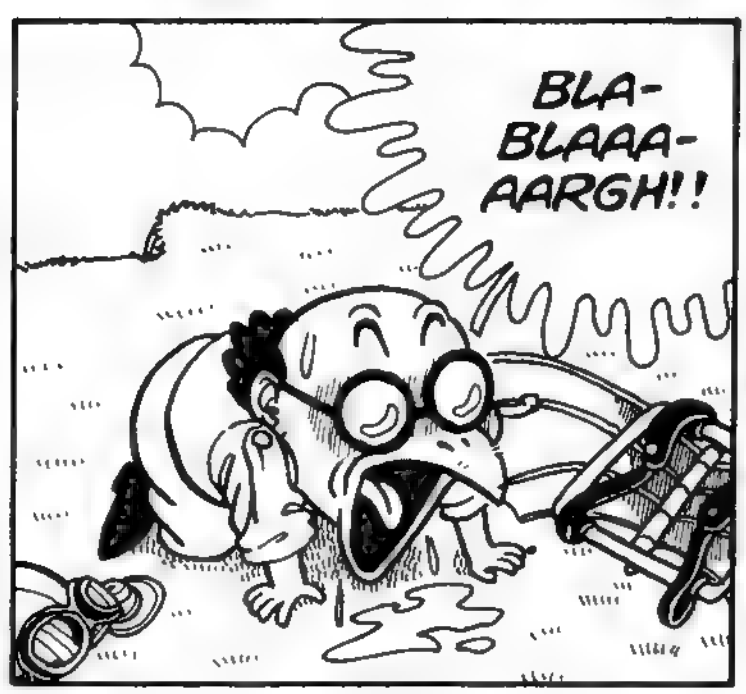

THAT'S A–! IT'S A–! THEY'RE RATS!
CHOMP

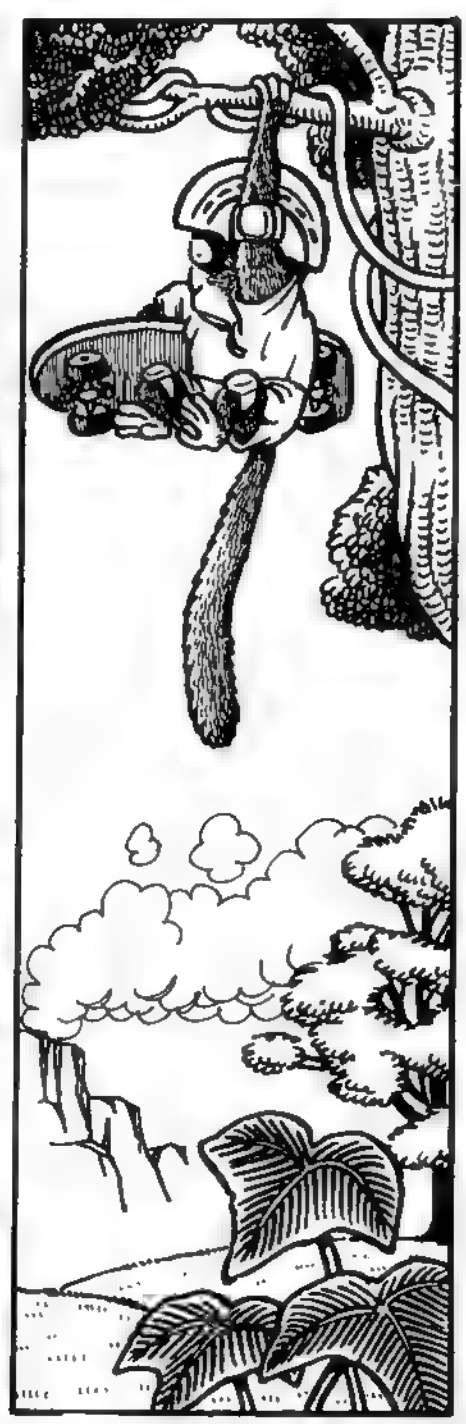

GULP
URGH... HRRP... HRRRP!

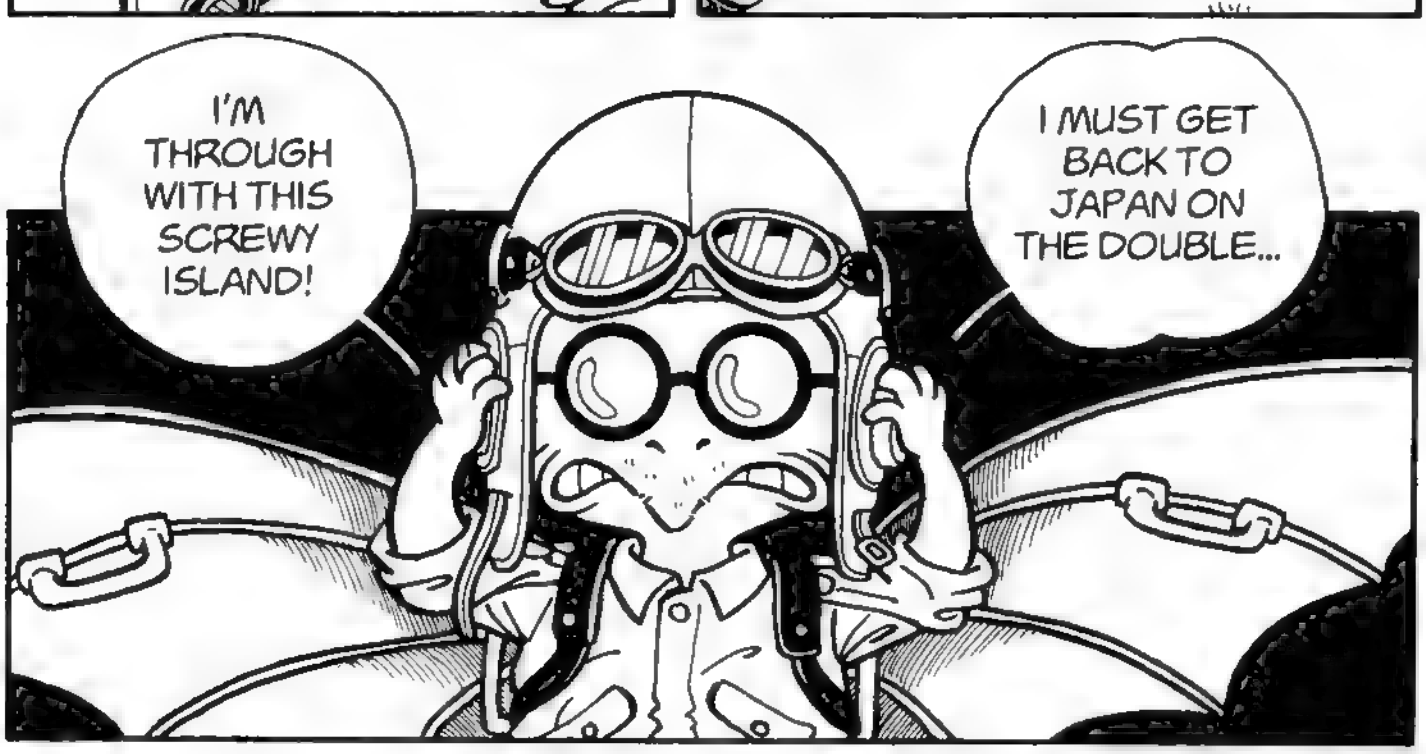
CHOMP


STARE
OH NO.

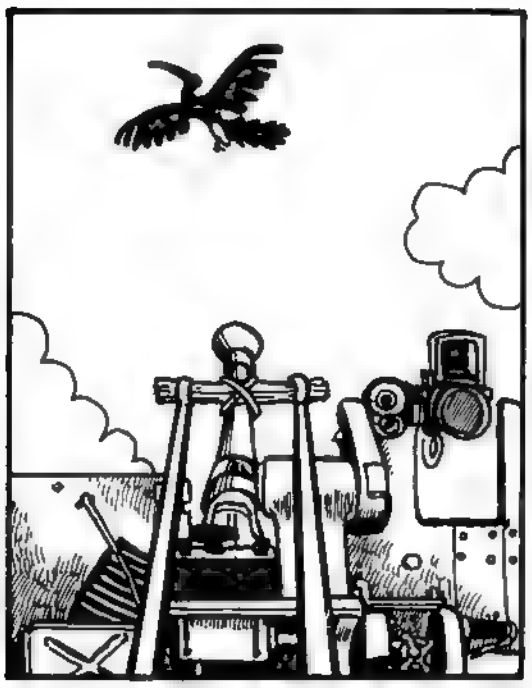
INFURI-ATING LITTLE BASTARDS.

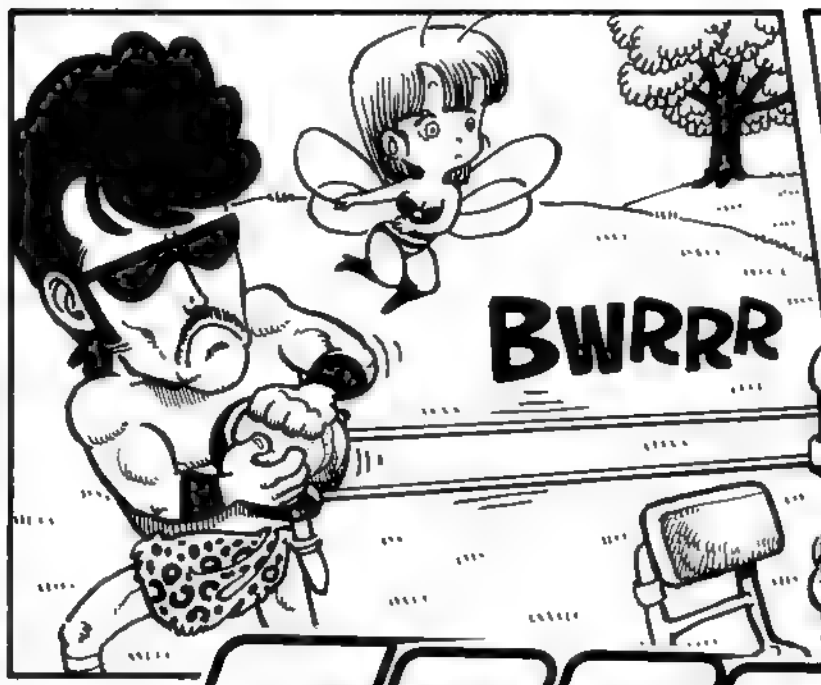

BLA-BLAAA-AARGH!!



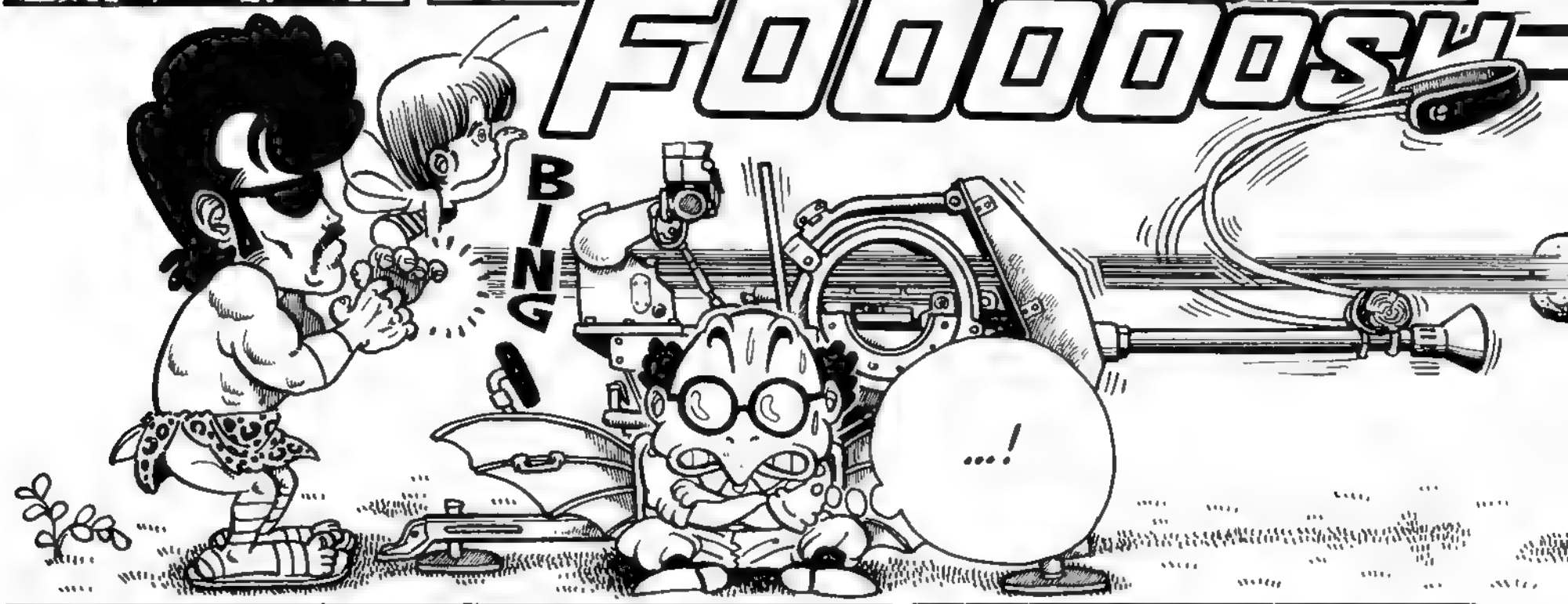

I'M THROUGH WITH THIS SCREWY ISLAND!
I MUST GET BACK TO JAPAN ON THE DOUBLE...

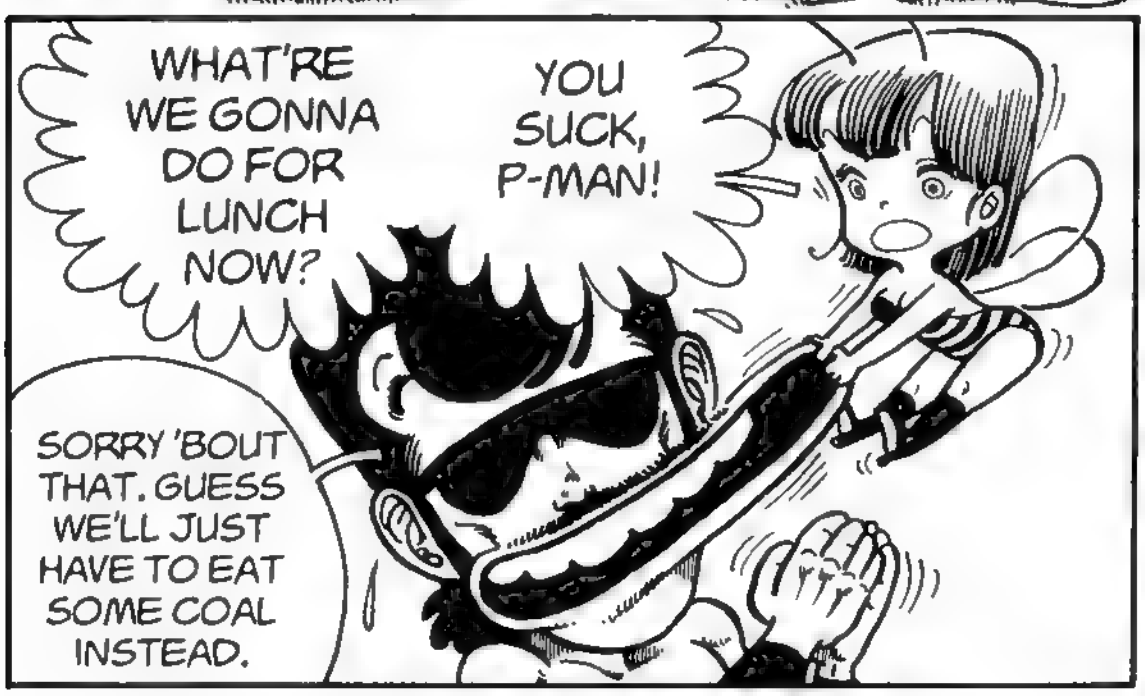
SSS...TTT... UUU...VVV... MIGHT AS WELL THROW IN THE REST OF THE ALPHABET TOO!
GONK
THIS IS PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS FURUSU OF THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY, FLIGHT SQUADRON NUMBER 123, SI–
RRR!
WHOA...
WHO... THE HECK?!
SHUT YOUR DARN MOUTH!! Y-YOU FOOLS COULD'VE KILLED ME AND–!
OH, IT'S JUST SOME DUDE. I THOUGHT YOU WERE A BIRD.
YUP, HE SAYS? THIS IS AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY. HOW IN BLAZES AM I STILL ALIVE?
SHUDDER
YUP.
HUH? DID YOU JUST SHOOT ME WITH THIS THING?

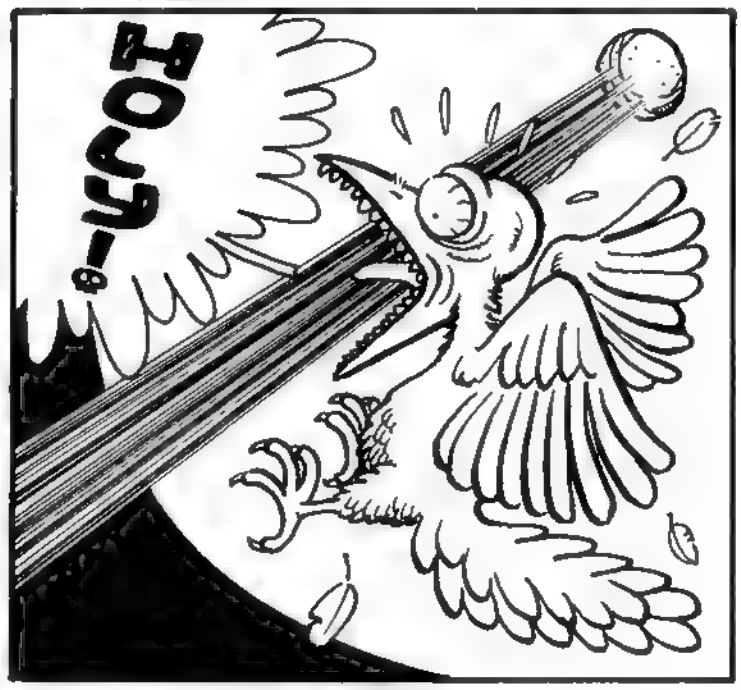



BWRRR

WAIT A TICK, HOW ARE YOU FIRING ROCKS FROM AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN...?

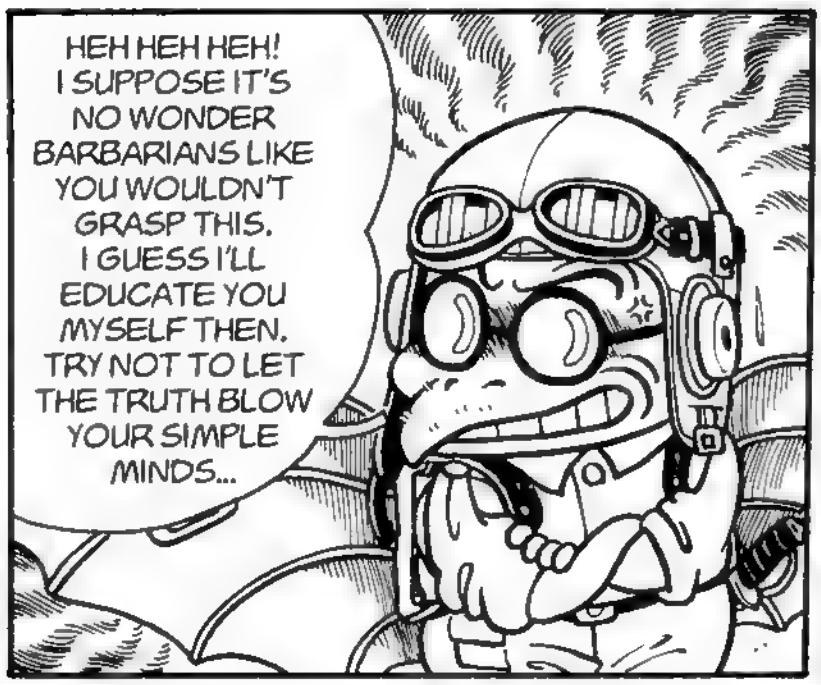

FOOOOOSH
BING
...!

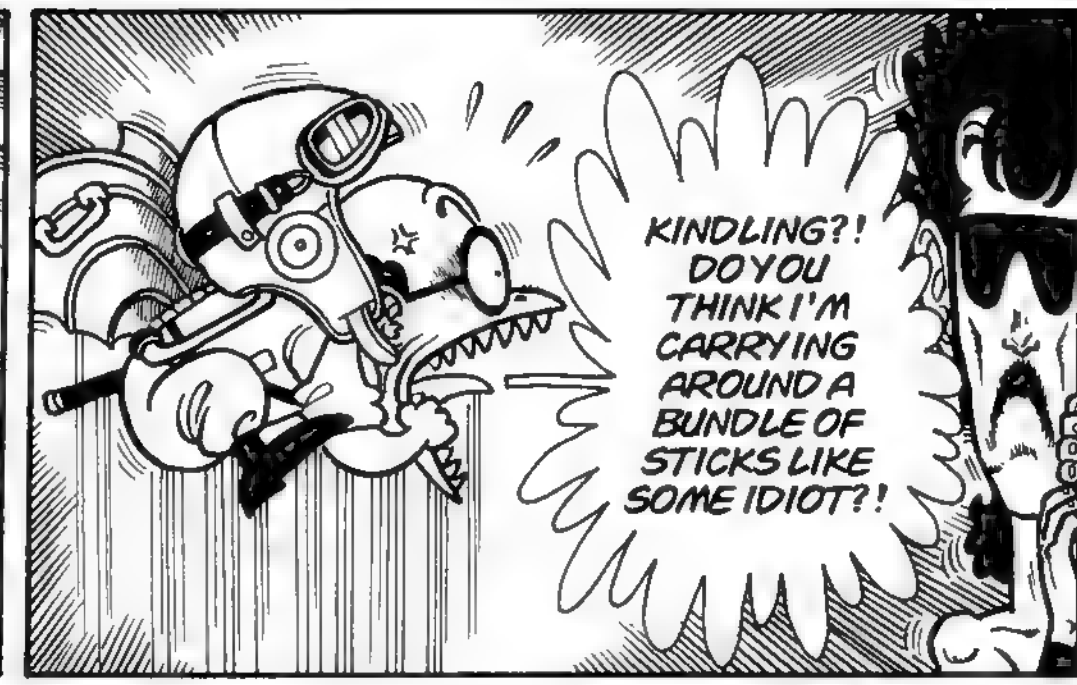

WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO FOR LUNCH NOW?
YOU SUCK, P-MAN!
SORRY 'BOUT THAT. GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO EAT SOME COAL INSTEAD.

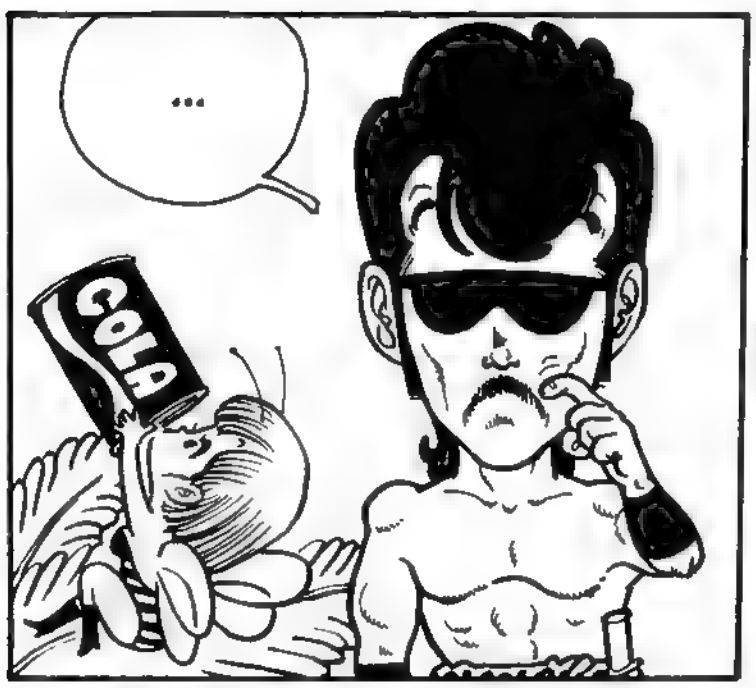

POUN-G

UH, HELLO?! EATING THAT KIND OF DUDE IS THE FASTEST WAY TO GET FOOD POISONING...
KIND-LING?
HEY, HOW ABOUT THAT OLD GUY CARRYING KINDLING ON HIS BACK? HE PROBABLY TASTES GROSS, BUT WE GOTTA EAT.

I CAN'T STAND IDIOTS!
FOOLS!


HEH HEH HEH! I SUPPOSE IT'S NO WONDER BARBARIANS LIKE YOU WOULDN'T GRASP THIS. I GUESS I'LL EDUCATE YOU MYSELF THEN. TRY NOT TO LET THE TRUTH BLOW YOUR SIMPLE MINDS...


KINDLING?! DO YOU THINK I'M CARRYING AROUND A BUNDLE OF STICKS LIKE SOME IDIOT?!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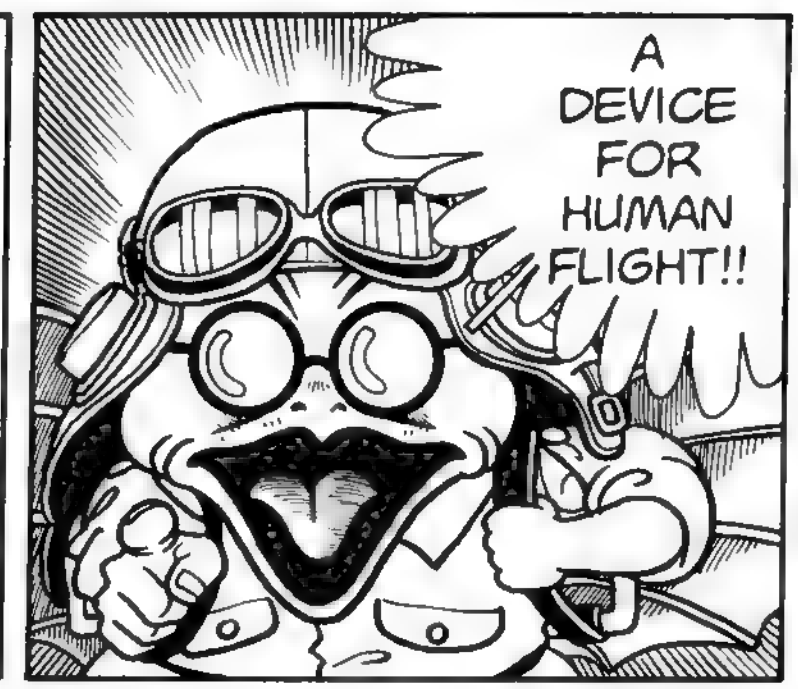
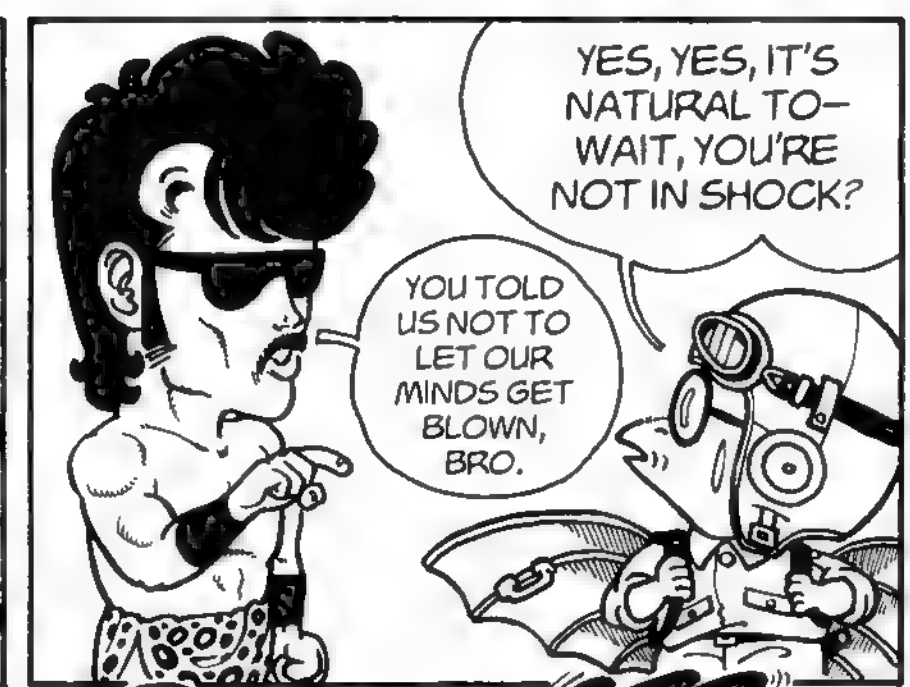
COLA


A DEVICE FOR HUMAN FLIGHT!!

THIS IS...IN FACT...
heh heh heh

HMMM... OKAY... WELL, THEN...

WHEN YOUR MIND IS BLOWN, SHOW OTHERS THE EXPLO-SION!
YOU FOOL! DON'T ALLOW YOUR EMOTIONS TO BE DICTATED BY OTHERS! BE HONEST TO YOURSELF!


YES, YES, IT'S NATURAL TO— WAIT, YOU'RE NOT IN SHOCK?
YOU TOLD US NOT TO LET OUR MINDS GET BLOWN, BRO.

WOW

BECAUSE I WANT TO FLY!! WHAT ELSE WOULD A DEVICE FOR HUMAN FLIGHT BE FOR?!

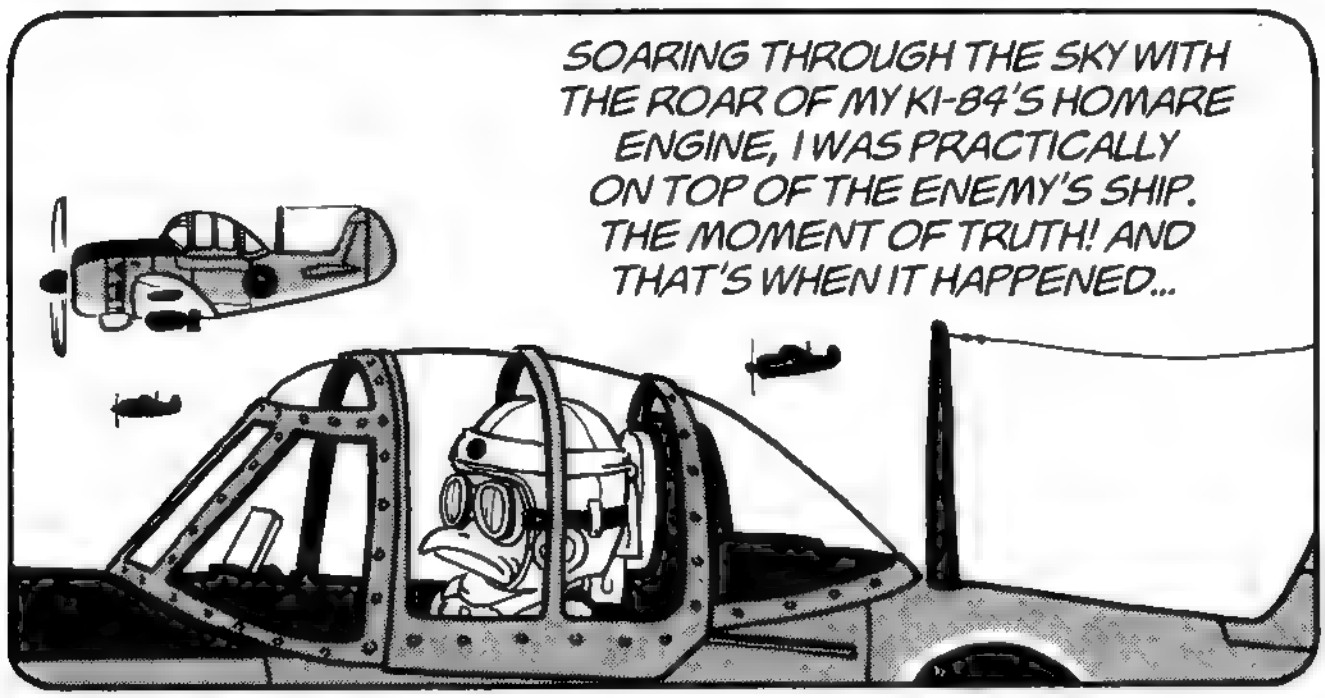
SO, UH, WHY'D YOU MAKE THAT THING?
?

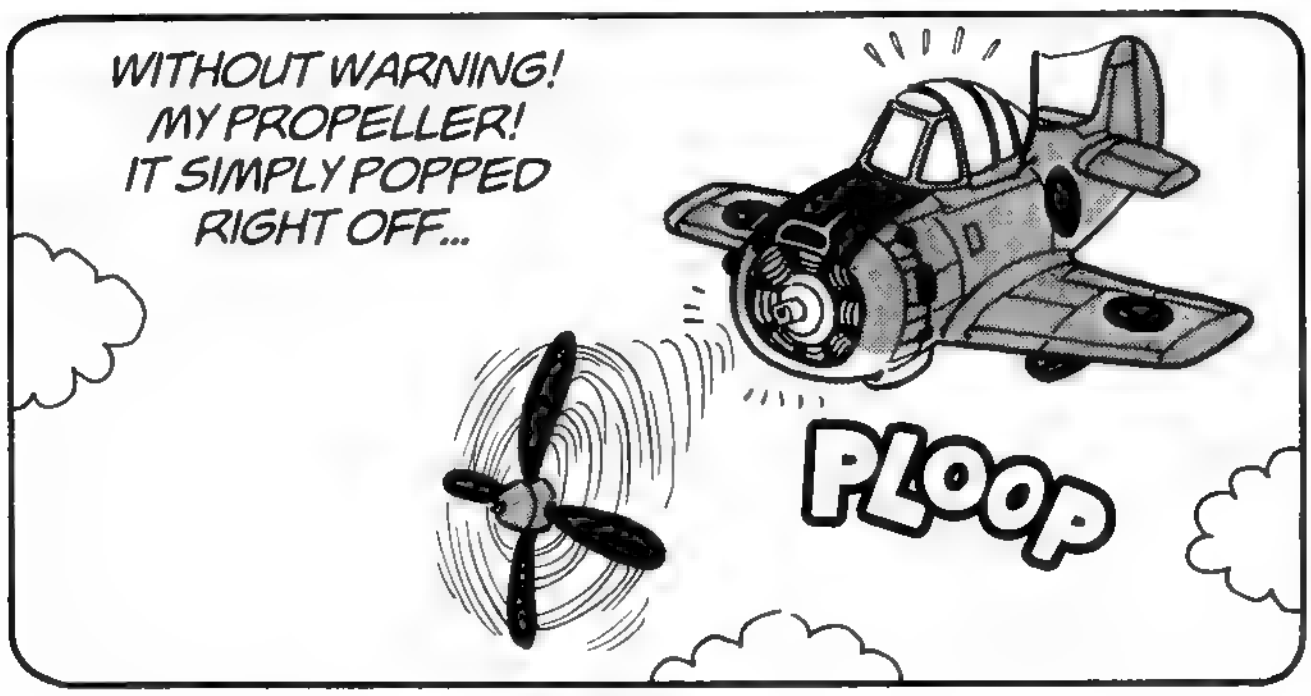
RING
RING
RING
RING
RING

WHO IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD WILLINGLY COME TO THIS HELLHOLE?!

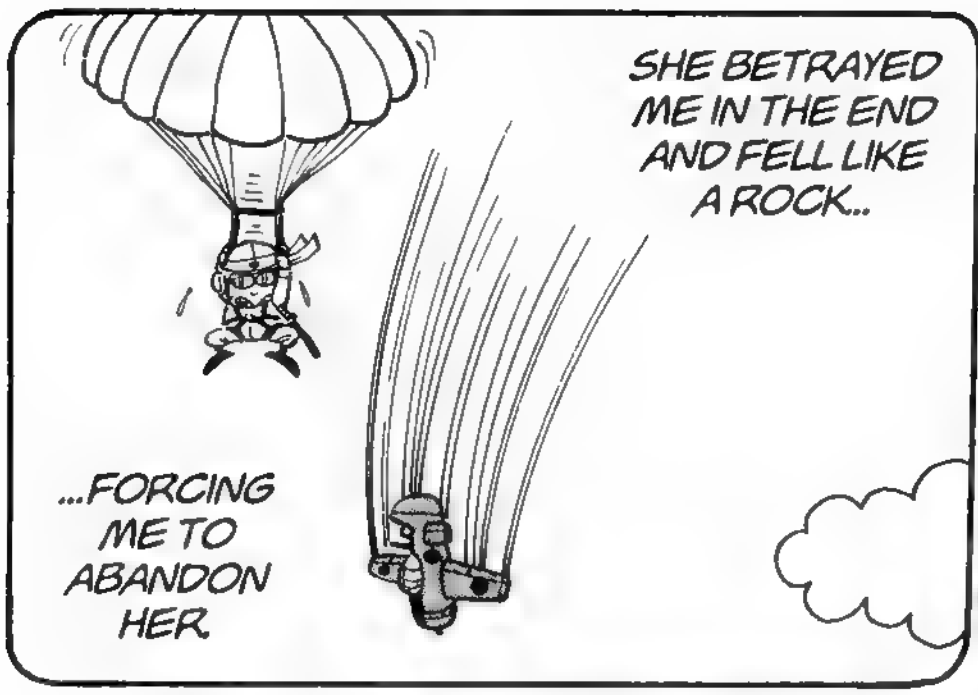
MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME IN THE FIRST PLACE.

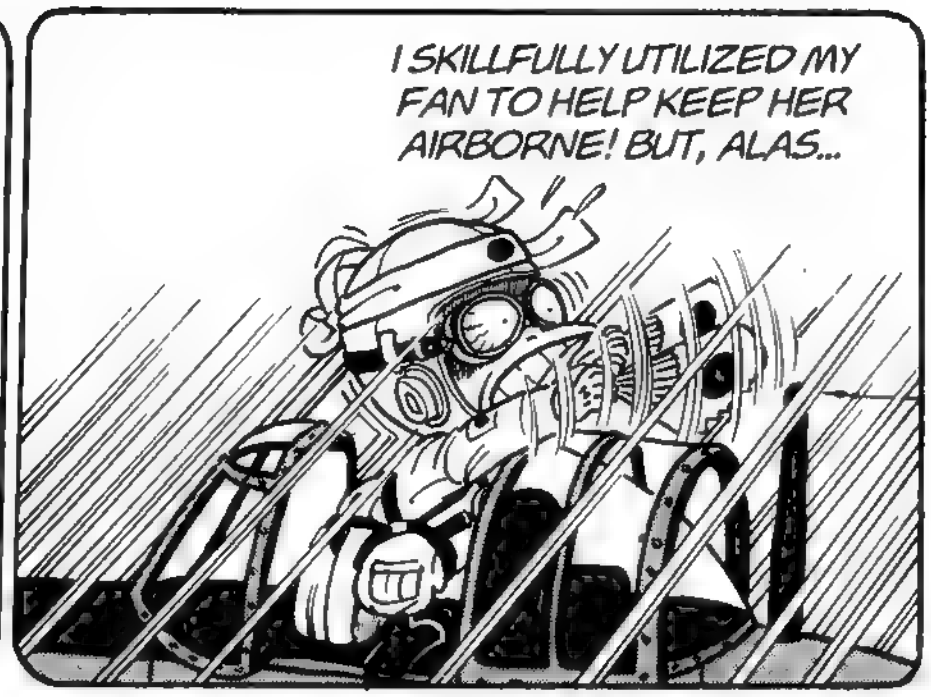
I'M THROUGH WITH YOU LOONS! I NEED TO GET OFF THIS NUTTY ISLAND POST-HASTE!

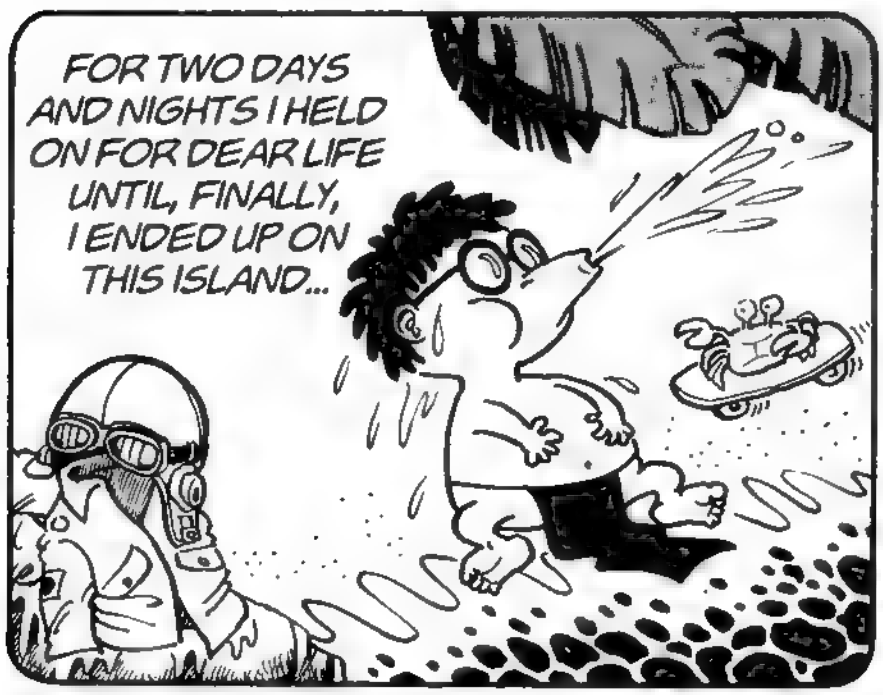

SOARING THROUGH THE SKY WITH THE ROAR OF MY KI-84'S HOMARE ENGINE, I WAS PRACTICALLY ON TOP OF THE ENEMY'S SHIP. THE MOMENT OF TRUTH! AND THAT'S WHEN IT HAPPENED...

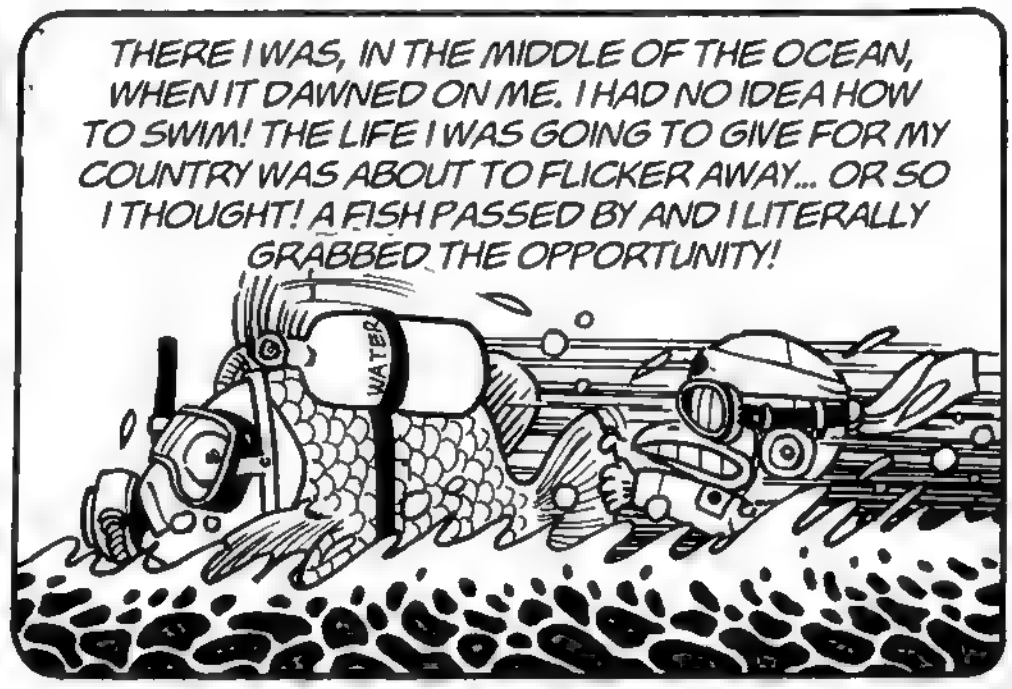

WITHOUT WARNING! MY PROPELLER! IT SIMPLY POPPED RIGHT OFF...
PLOOP

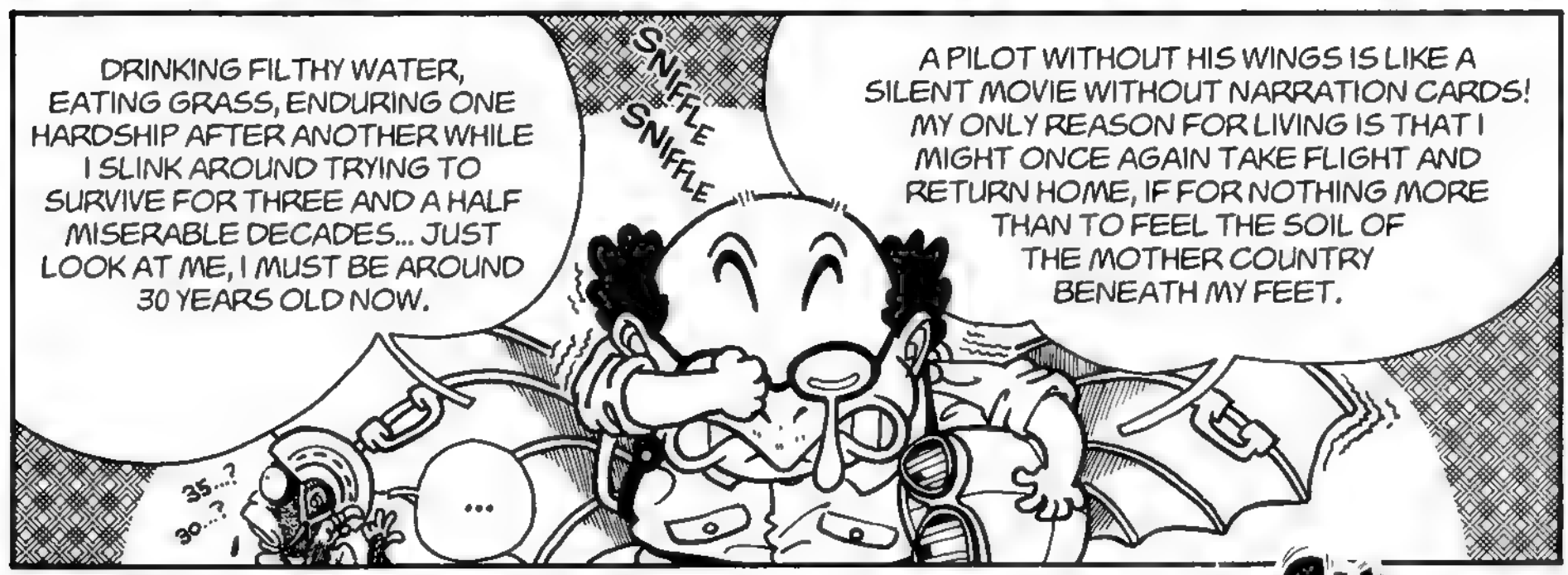
THAT DAY... OOOH, THAT DAY... HOW COULD I FORGET IT? THE DAY OUR KAMIKAZE UNIT SORTIED BACK IN THE SUMMER OF THE 19TH YEAR OF SHOWA.


SHE BETRAYED ME IN THE END AND FELL LIKE A ROCK...
...FORCING ME TO ABANDON HER.

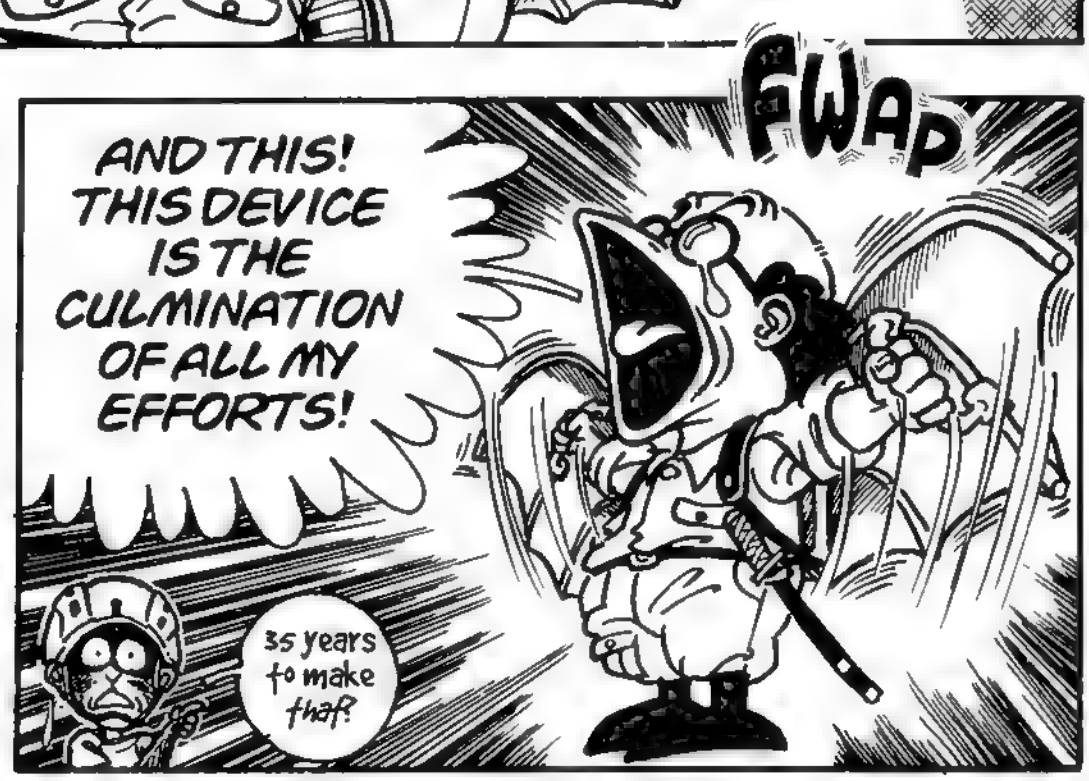

I SKILLFULLY UTILIZED MY FAN TO HELP KEEP HER AIRBORNE! BUT, ALAS...

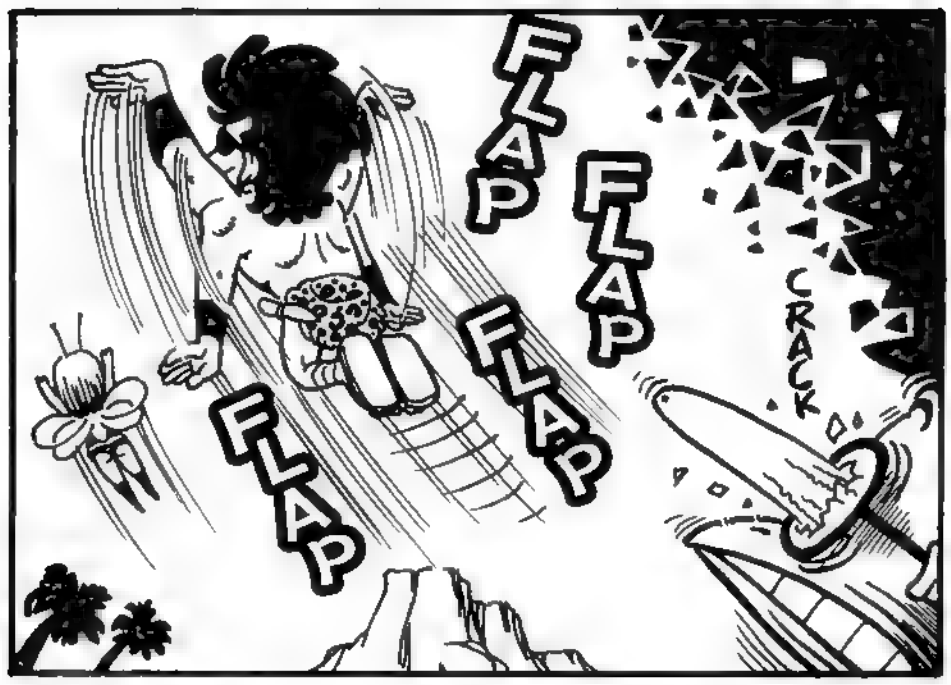

FOR TWO DAYS AND NIGHTS I HELD ON FOR DEAR LIFE UNTIL, FINALLY, I ENDED UP ON THIS ISLAND...


THERE I WAS, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN, WHEN IT DAWNED ON ME. I HAD NO IDEA HOW TO SWIM! THE LIFE I WAS GOING TO GIVE FOR MY COUNTRY WAS ABOUT TO FLICKER AWAY... OR SO I THOUGHT! A FISH PASSED BY AND I LITERALLY GRABBED THE OPPORTUNITY!
WATER

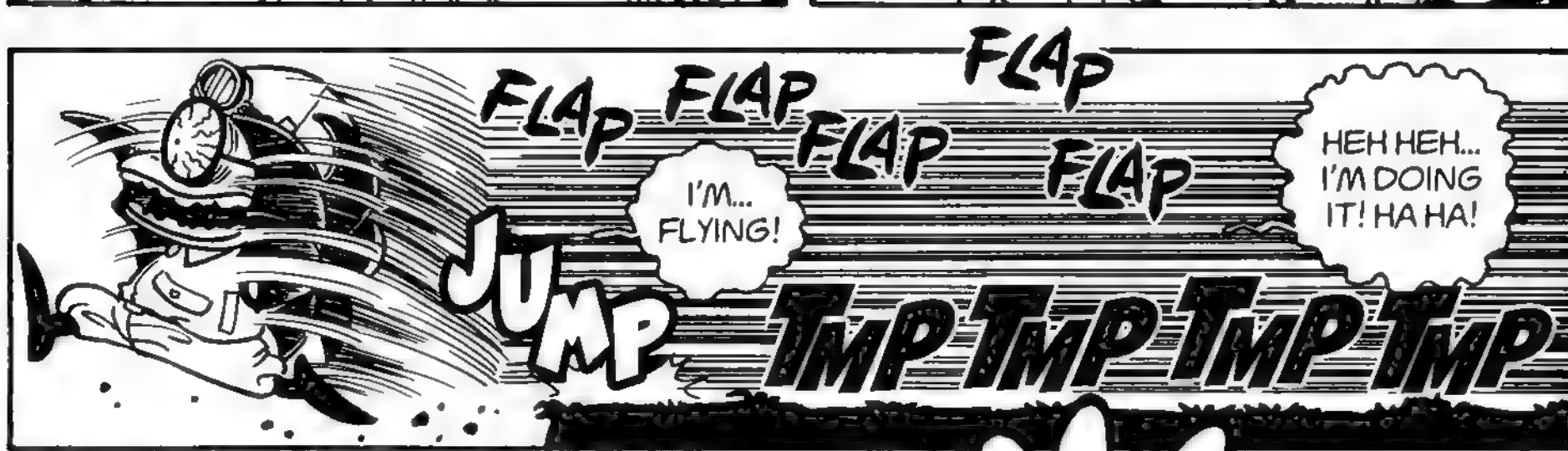

DRINKING FILTHY WATER, EATING GRASS, ENDURING ONE HARDSHIP AFTER ANOTHER WHILE I SLINK AROUND TRYING TO SURVIVE FOR THREE AND A HALF MISERABLE DECADES... JUST LOOK AT ME, I MUST BE AROUND 30 YEARS OLD NOW.
SNIFFLE SNIFFLE
A PILOT WITHOUT HIS WINGS IS LIKE A SILENT MOVIE WITHOUT NARRATION CARDS! MY ONLY REASON FOR LIVING IS THAT I MIGHT ONCE AGAIN TAKE FLIGHT AND RETURN HOME, IF FOR NOTHING MORE THAN TO FEEL THE SOIL OF THE MOTHER COUNTRY BENEATH MY FEET.
35...?
30...?
...

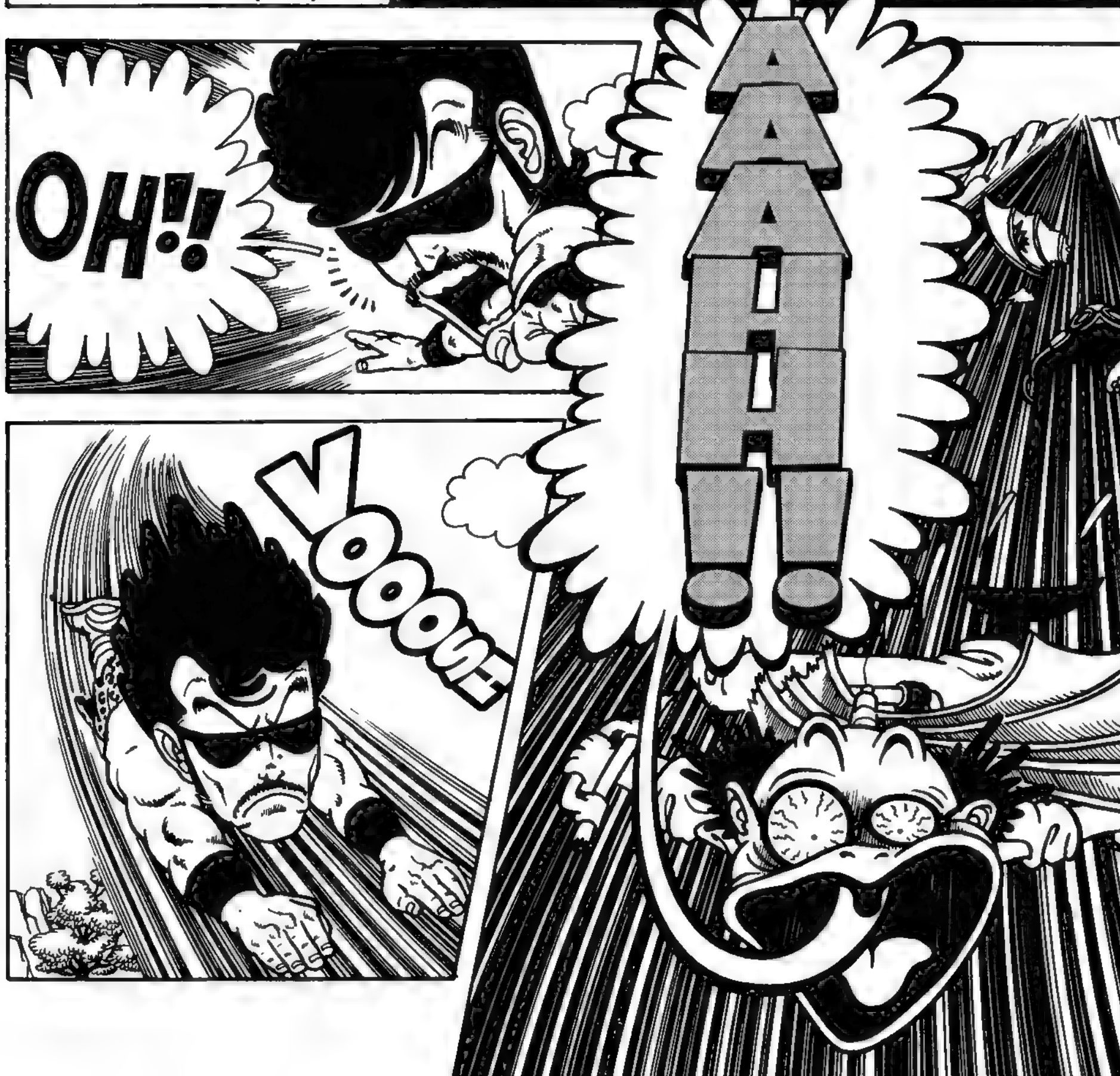
PAT PAT
IF HE DIDN'T TALK SO MUCH HE'D PROBABLY HAVE GOTTEN HOME A LOT FASTER...


FWAP
AND THIS! THIS DEVICE IS THE CULMINATION OF ALL MY EFFORTS!
35 years to make that?

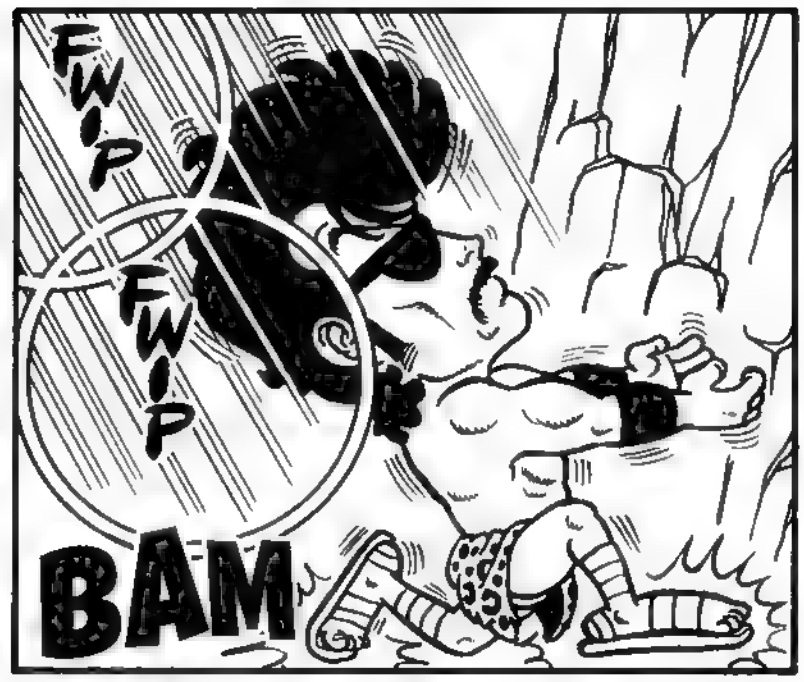

FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
CRACK

HEY, LET'S HEAD HOME.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ASKED... OOH! AS IF THAT SIMPLETON COULD UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO ACCOMPLISH HUMAN FLIGHT!


FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
JUMP
I'M... FLYING!
HEH HEH... I'M DOING IT! HA HA!
TMP TMP TMP TMP


OH!!
YOOOW!
AAAH!!

WHOOPS!
UGH...
GUH...
UGH...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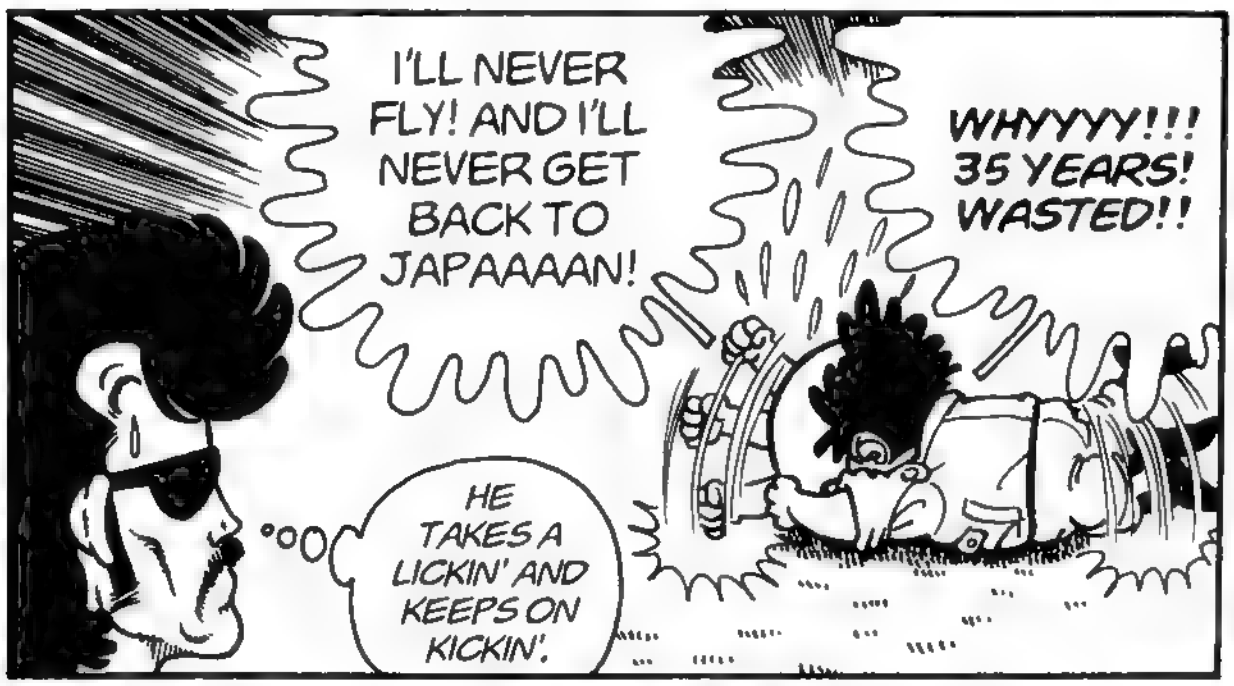
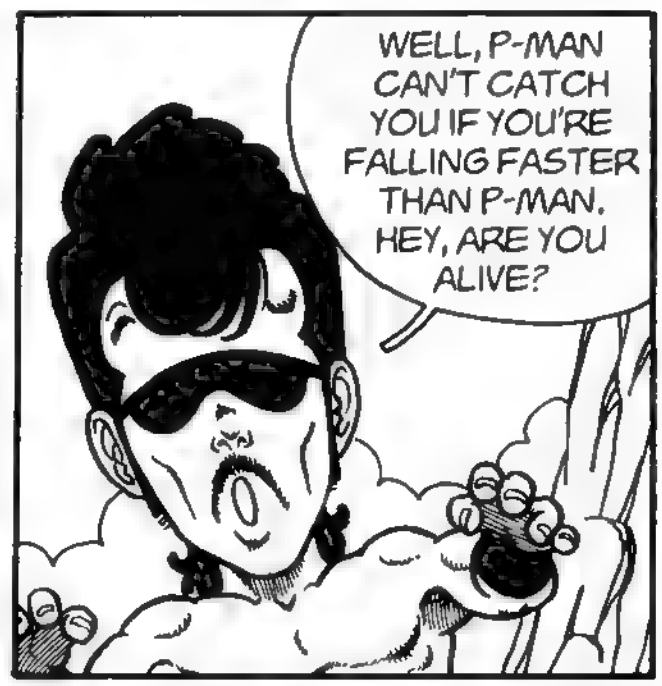
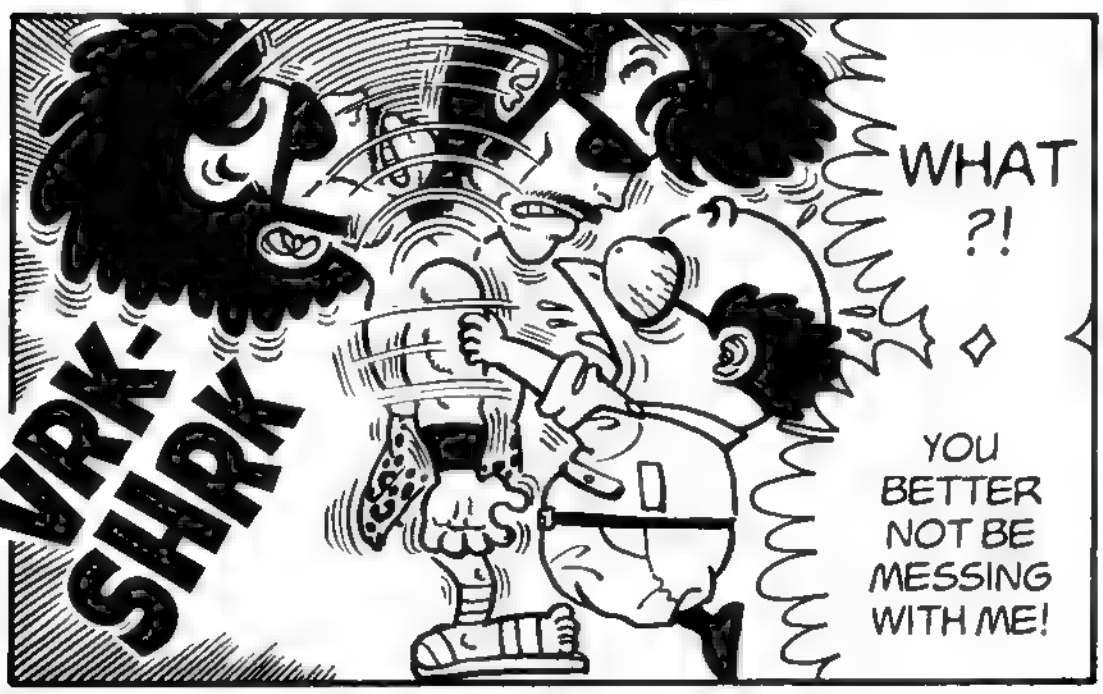
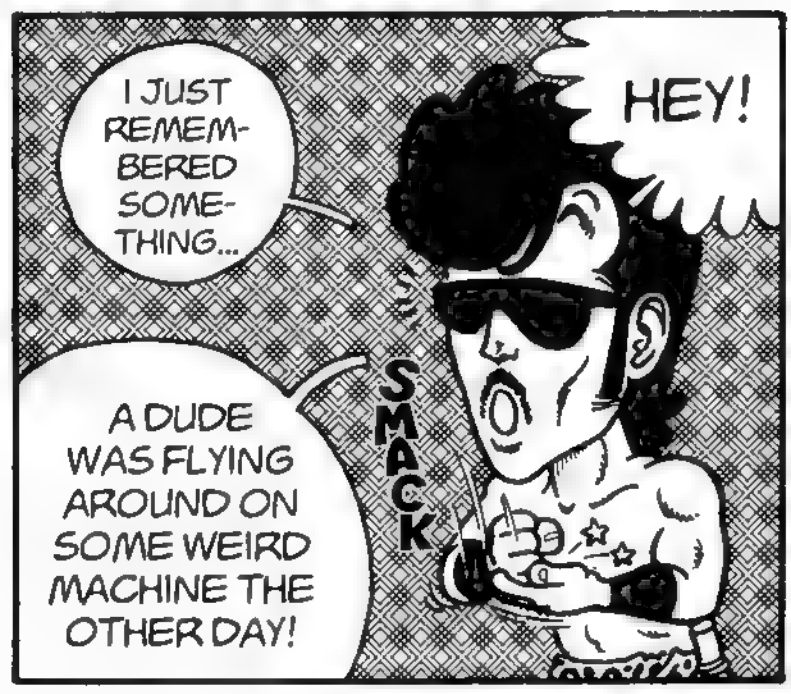
FWIP
BAM

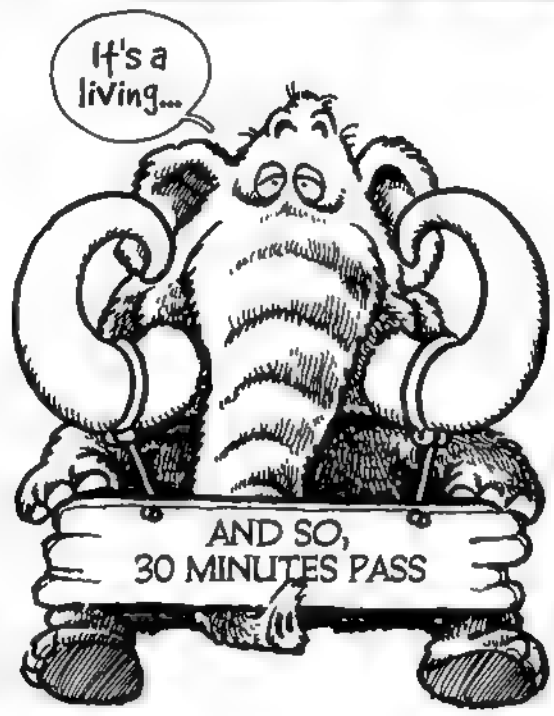

I'LL NEVER FLY! AND I'LL NEVER GET BACK TO JAPAAAAN!
WHYYYY!!! 35 YEARS! WASTED!!
HE TAKES A LICKIN' AND KEEPS ON KICKIN'.

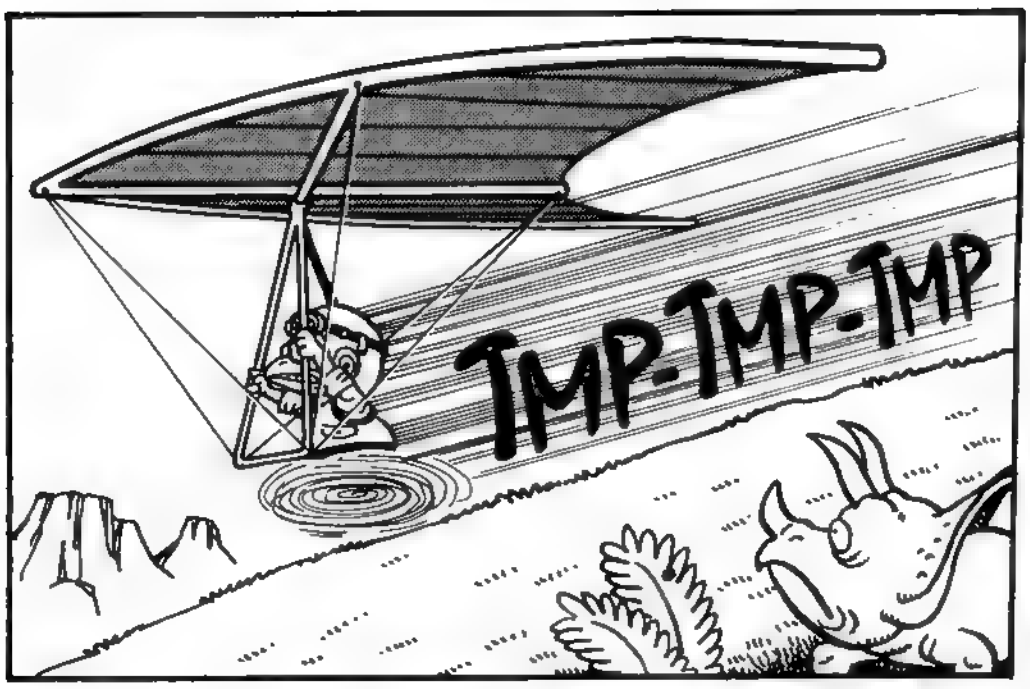

WELL, P-MAN CAN'T CATCH YOU IF YOU'RE FALLING FASTER THAN P-MAN. HEY, ARE YOU ALIVE?


VRK-SHRK
WHAT ?!
YOU BETTER NOT BE MESSING WITH ME!


I JUST REMEM-BERED SOME-THING...
HEY!
A DUDE WAS FLYING AROUND ON SOME WEIRD MACHINE THE OTHER DAY!
SMACK

HEY! ARE YOU SURE I CAN FLY USING SUCH A SIMPLISTIC-LOOKING DEVICE?
YOU WERE THE ONE TRYING TO FLY WITH STICKS AND STUFF...


It's a living...
AND SO, 30 MINUTES PASS


TMP-TMP-TMP

JUST DO IT LIKE I TAUGHT YA. OKAY, START RUNNING!

I'M FLYIIIING! HA HA!
I-I DID IT... I'M FLYING...
HEH... I'M FLYING!

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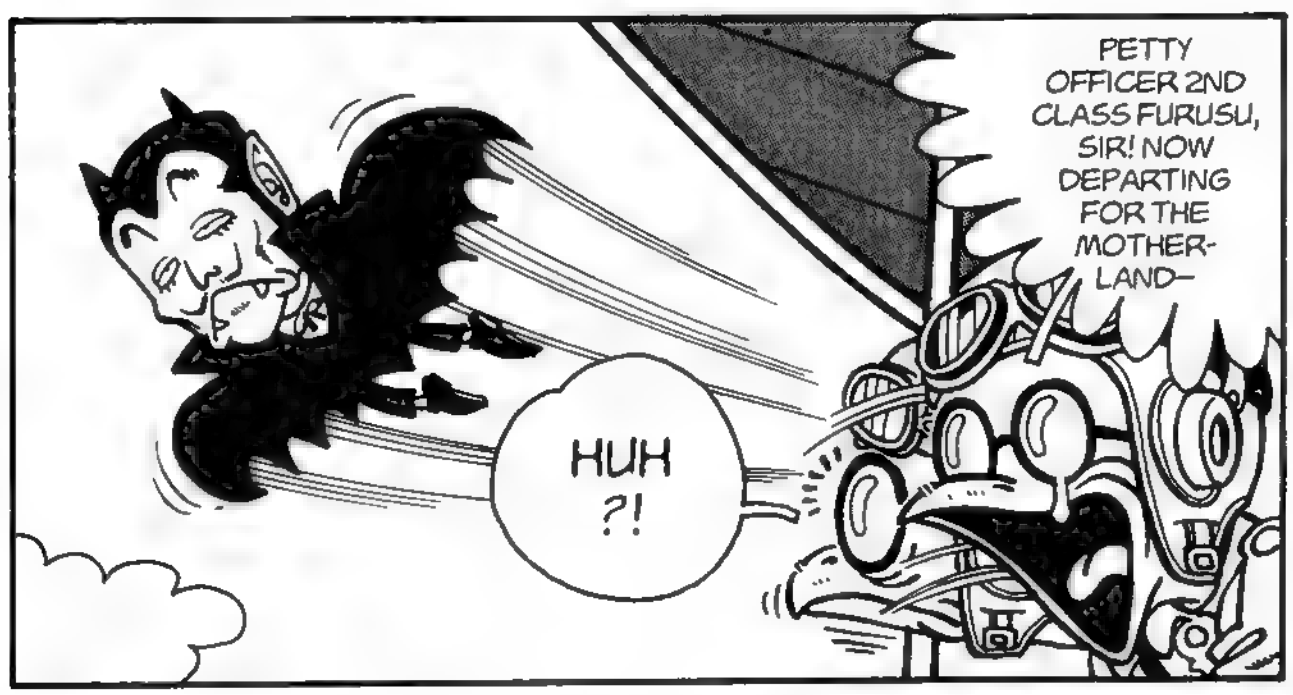
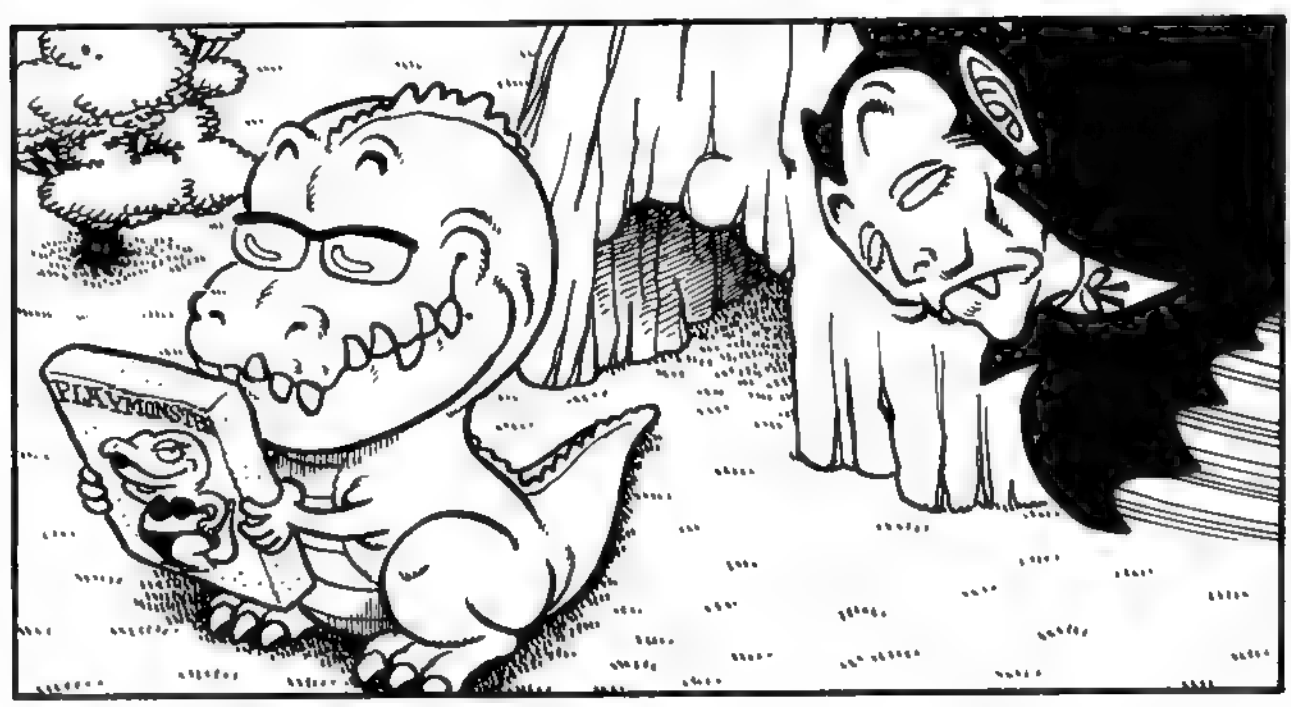
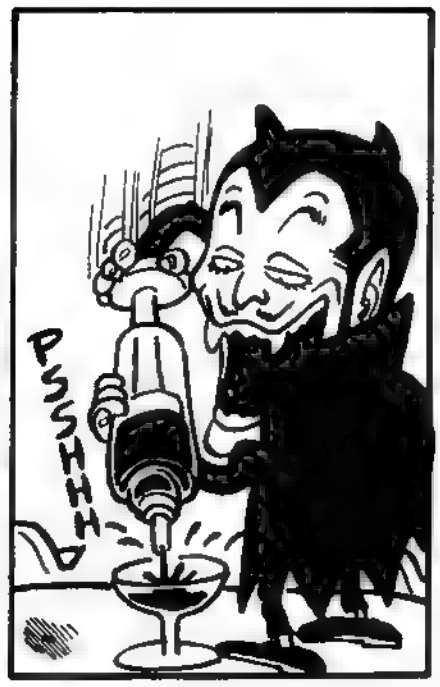

PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS FURUSU, SIR! NOW DEPARTING FOR THE MOTHER-LAND—
HUH ?!


PIXYMONSTER

I CAN DO IT! I CAN GO BACK TO JAPAN!

GLUG
GLUG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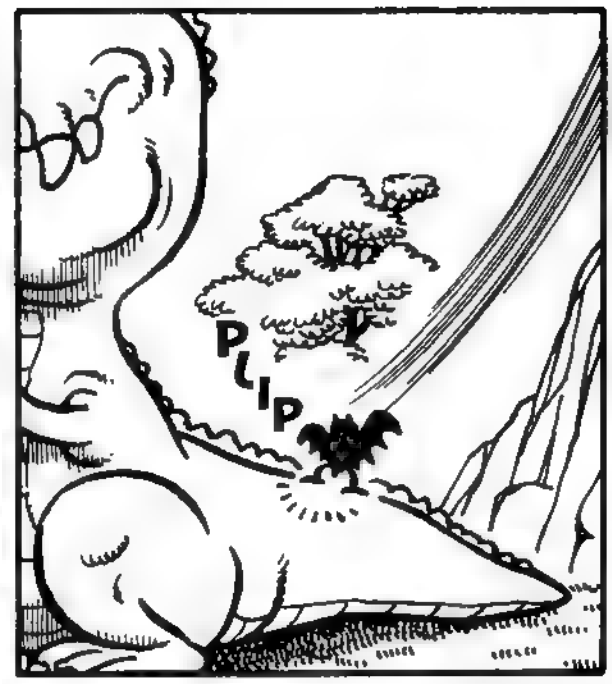
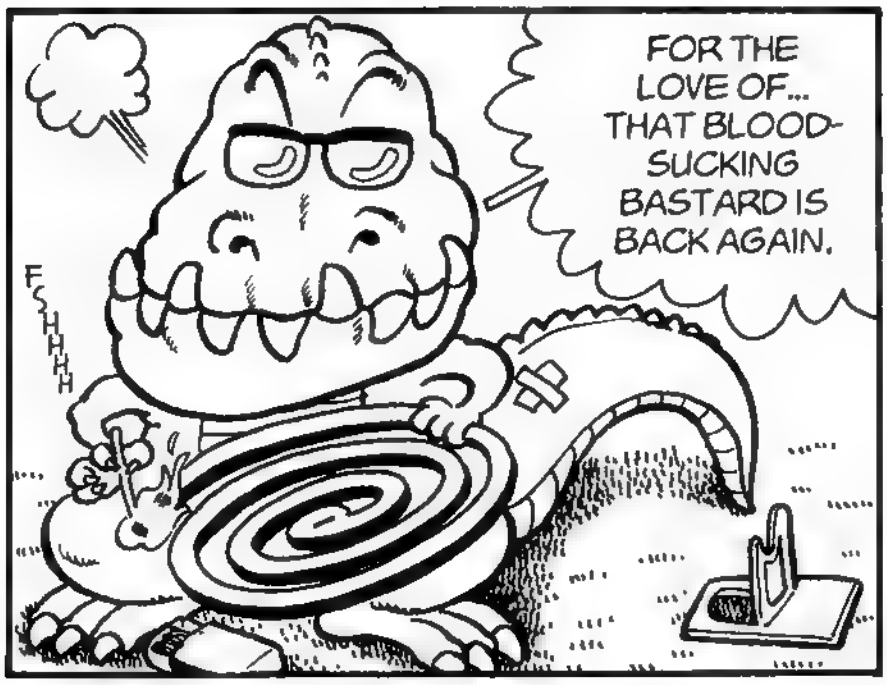
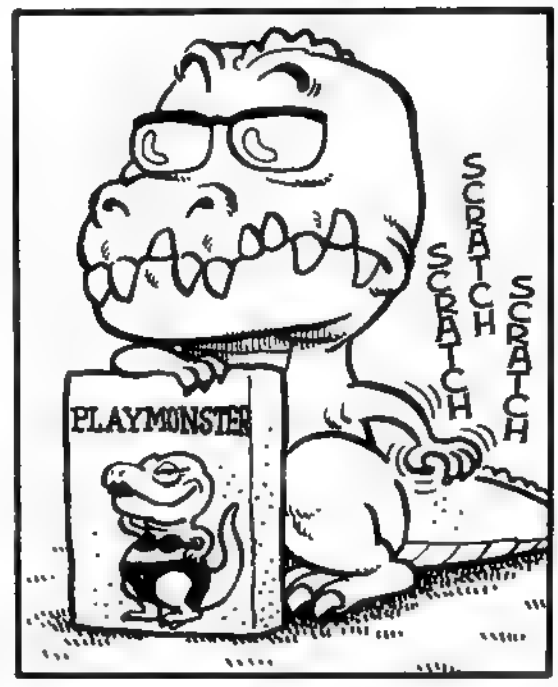
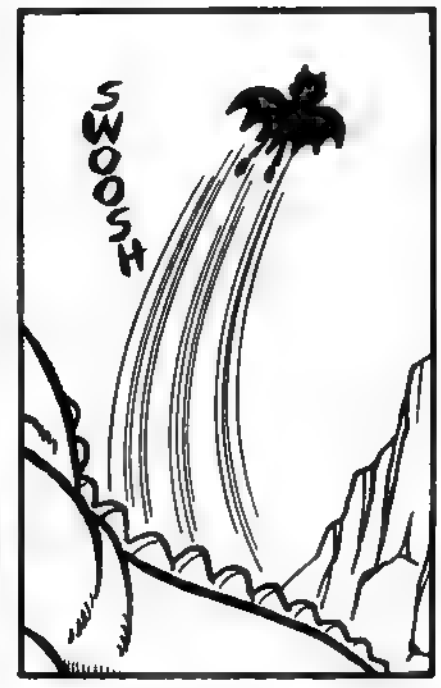
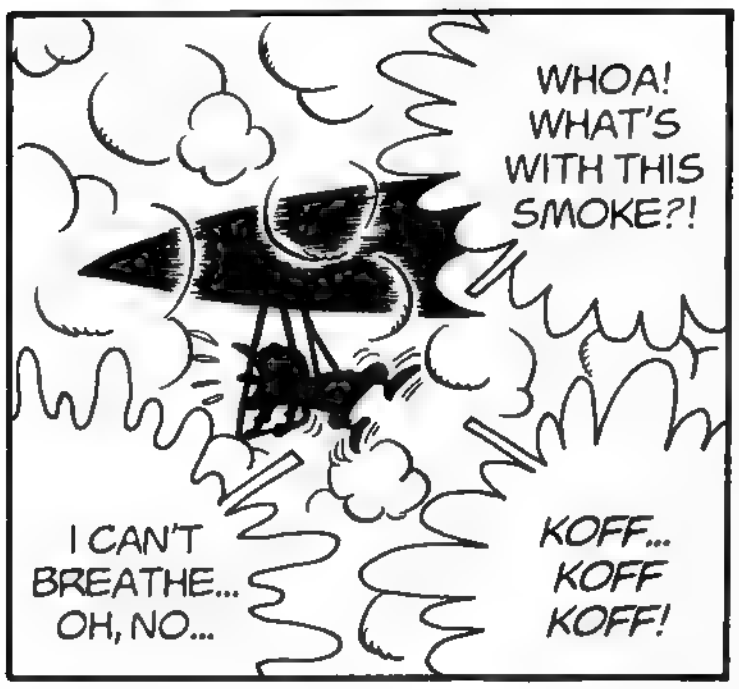
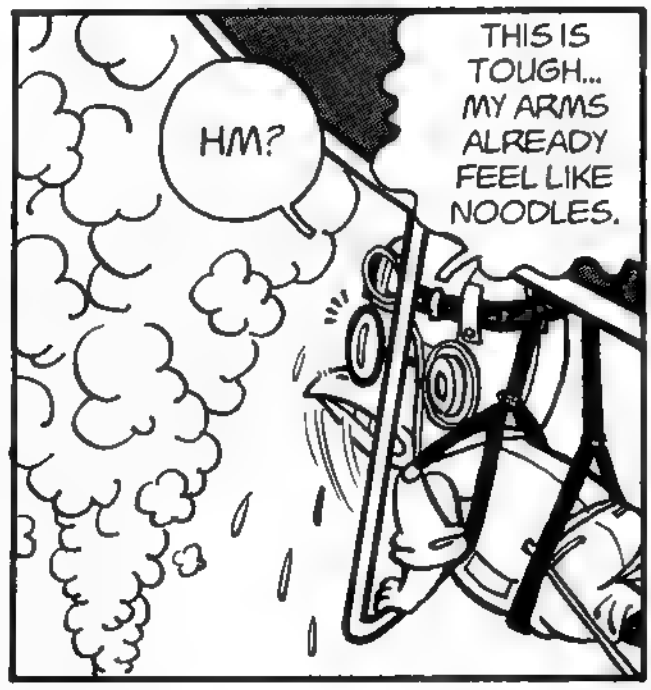

PLIP


FOR THE LOVE OF... THAT BLOOD-SUCKING BASTARD IS BACK AGAIN.
FSHHHH


SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
PLAYMONSTER


SWOOSH

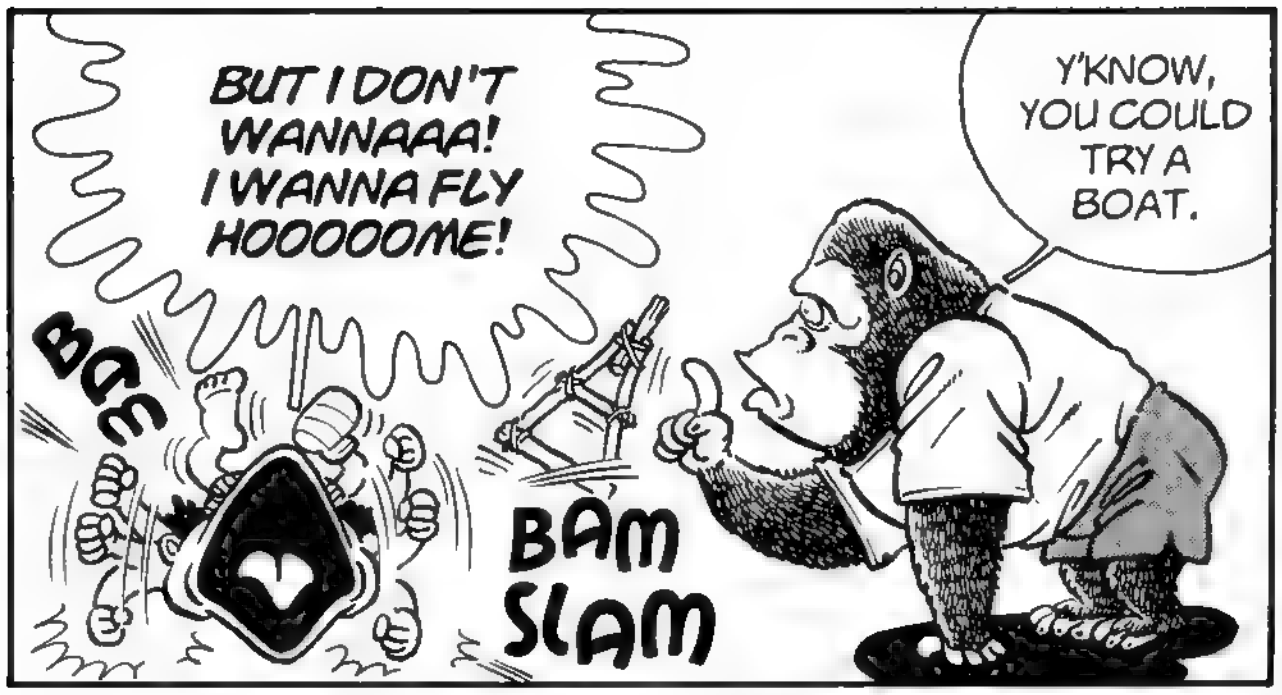

WHOA! WHAT'S WITH THIS SMOKE?!
I CAN'T BREATHE... OH, NO...
KOFF... KOFF KOFF!


HM?
THIS IS TOUGH... MY ARMS ALREADY FEEL LIKE NOODLES.

BILLOW
BILLOW

THAT WASN'T A LANDING! I CRASHED!
THAT LANDING SUCKED, MAN... YOU'LL NEVER GET BACK TO JAPAN FLYING LIKE THAT.

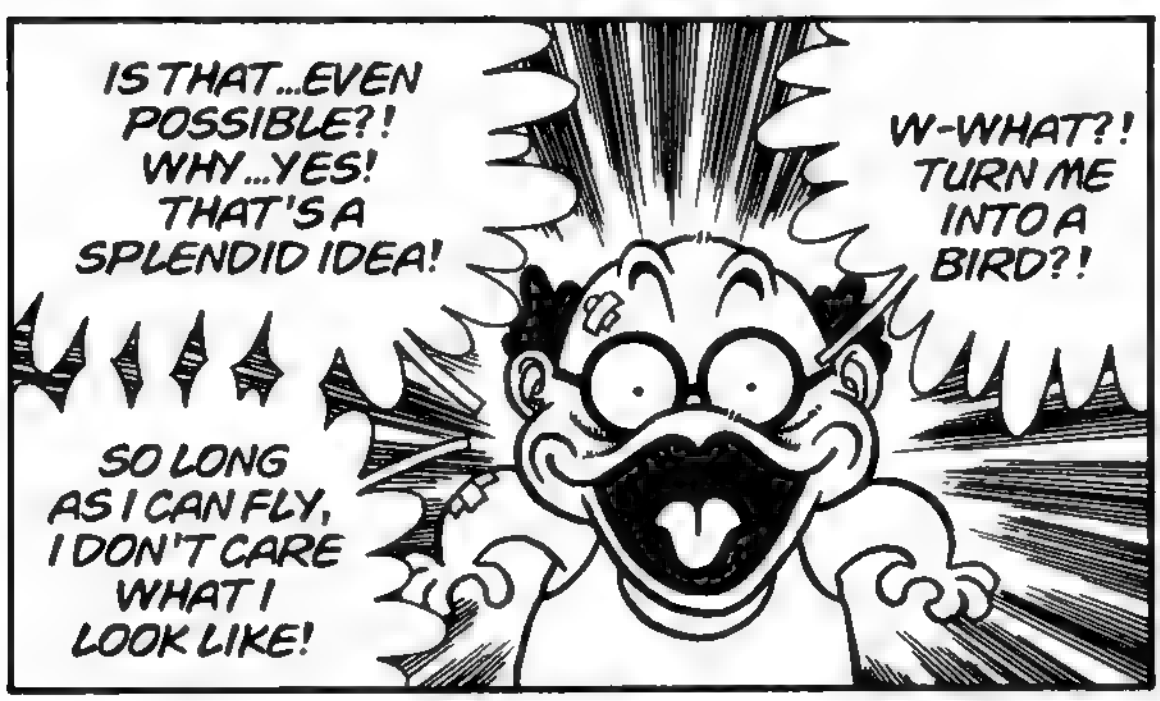
P-MAN

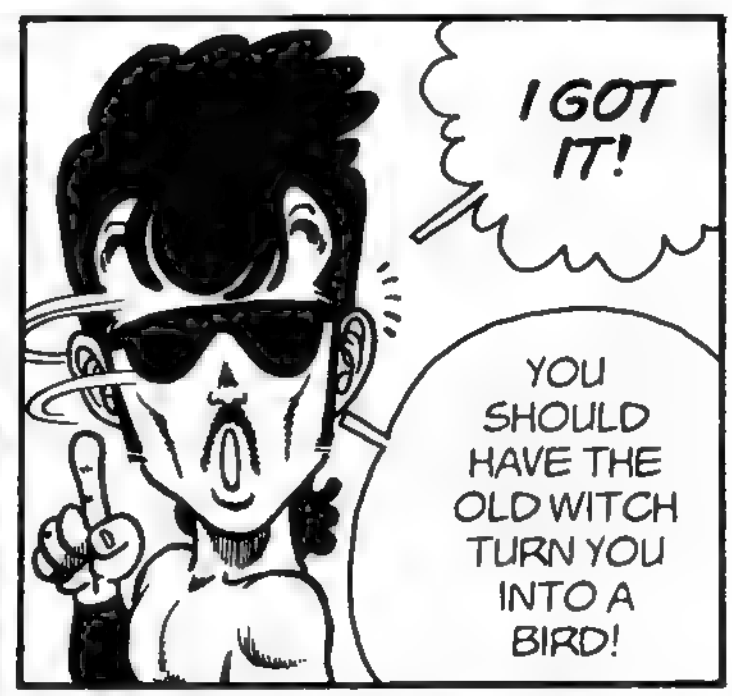

BUT I DON'T WANNAAA! I WANNA FLY HOOOOOME!
BOOE
BAM SLAM
Y'KNOW, YOU COULD TRY A BOAT.

WAAAH! I'LL NEVER GET BACK TO JAPAN ON THAT HUNK OF JUNK.
HIC... WAAAA-AAAAH!

I DON'T WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN! I WANT TO GO TO JAPAN!
LISTEN, YOU LITTLE...! YOU UNDERSTAND WHERE I'M TRYING TO GO, RIGHT?!
what a face...

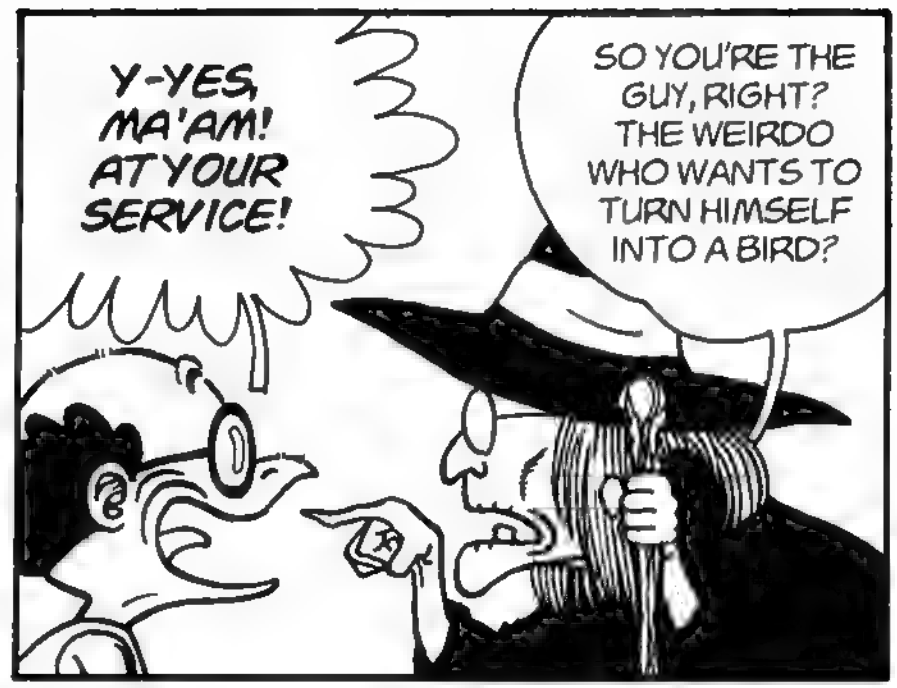
YOU COULD FLY REALLY WELL IF YOU DIED.

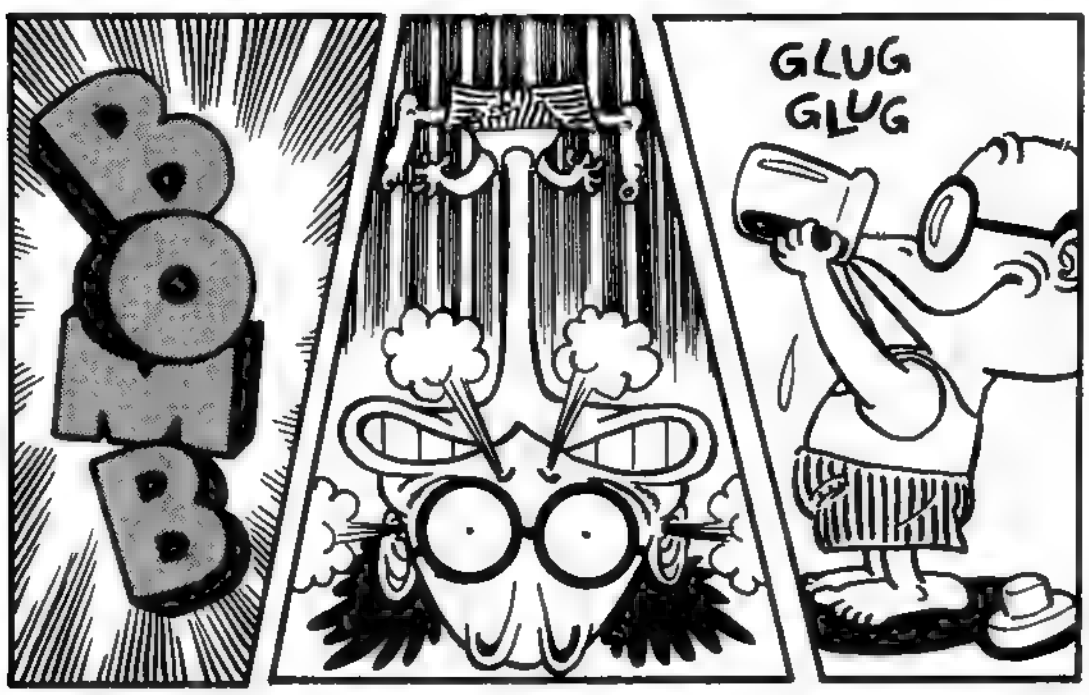

IS THAT...EVEN POSSIBLE?! WHY...YES! THAT'S A SPLENDID IDEA!
W-WHAT?! TURN ME INTO A BIRD?!
SO LONG AS I CAN FLY, I DON'T CARE WHAT I LOOK LIKE!


I GOT IT!
YOU SHOULD HAVE THE OLD WITCH TURN YOU INTO A BIRD!

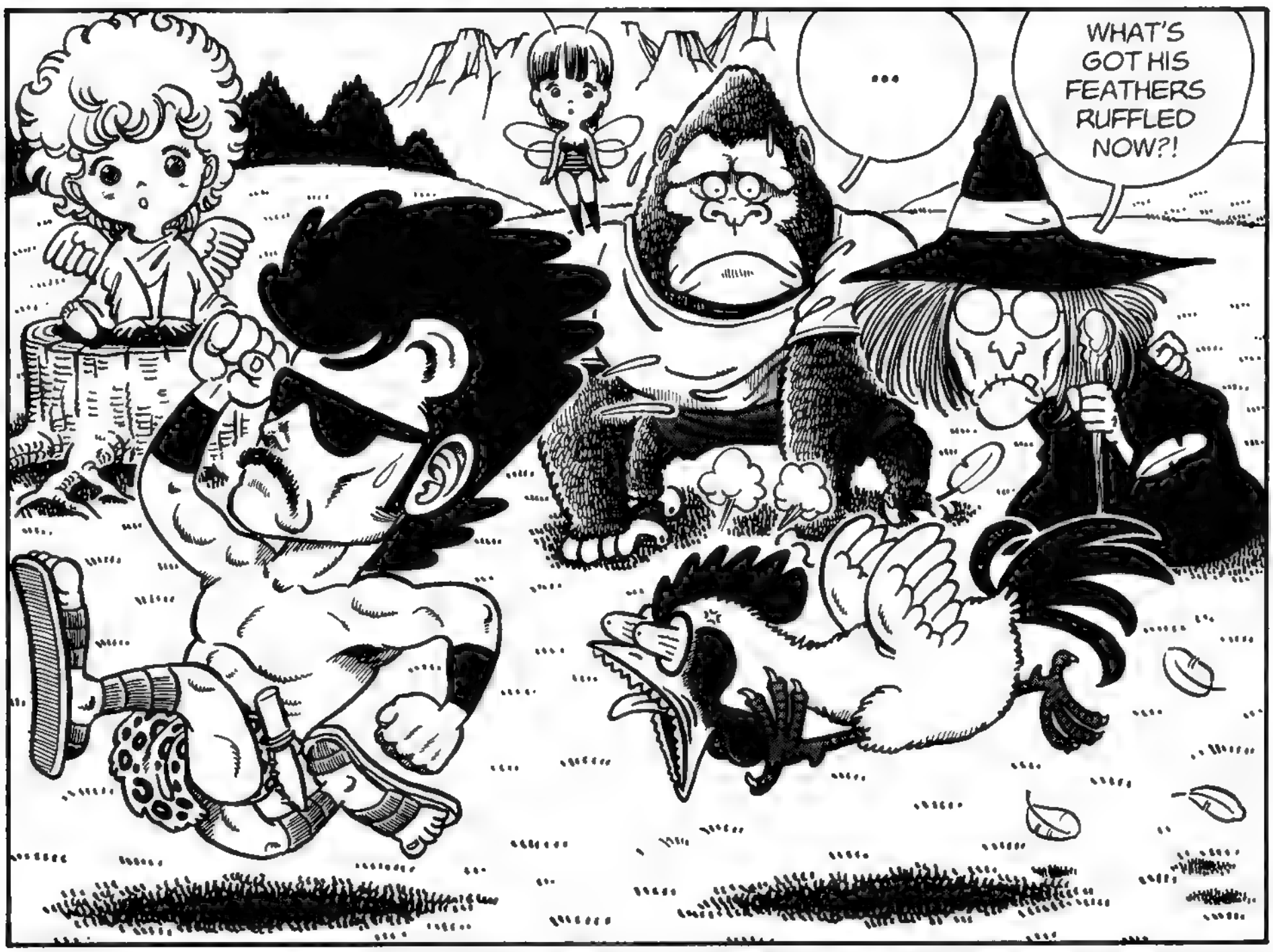
VOOOSH

JUST DRINK THIS AND IT'LL TURN YOU INTO A BIRD LICKETY-SPLIT.
GUESS YOUR MIND'S MADE UP THEN. FEAST YER EYES, SONNY!


Y-YES, MA'AM! AT YOUR SERVICE!
SO YOU'RE THE GUY, RIGHT? THE WEIRDO WHO WANTS TO TURN HIMSELF INTO A BIRD?


BOMB
GLUG GLUG

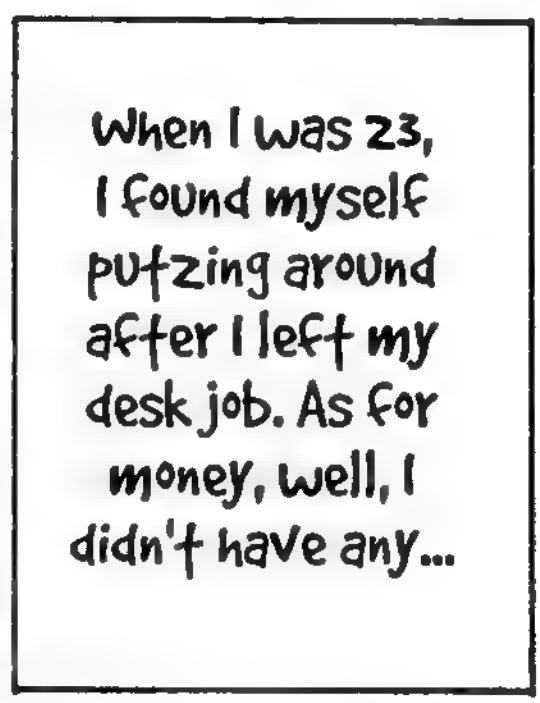
THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING ME! AND NOW, FINALLY, PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS FURUSU WILL ASSUME THE FORM OF A BIRD AND RETURN TO MOTHERLAND JAPAN THANKS TO ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS, SIR!

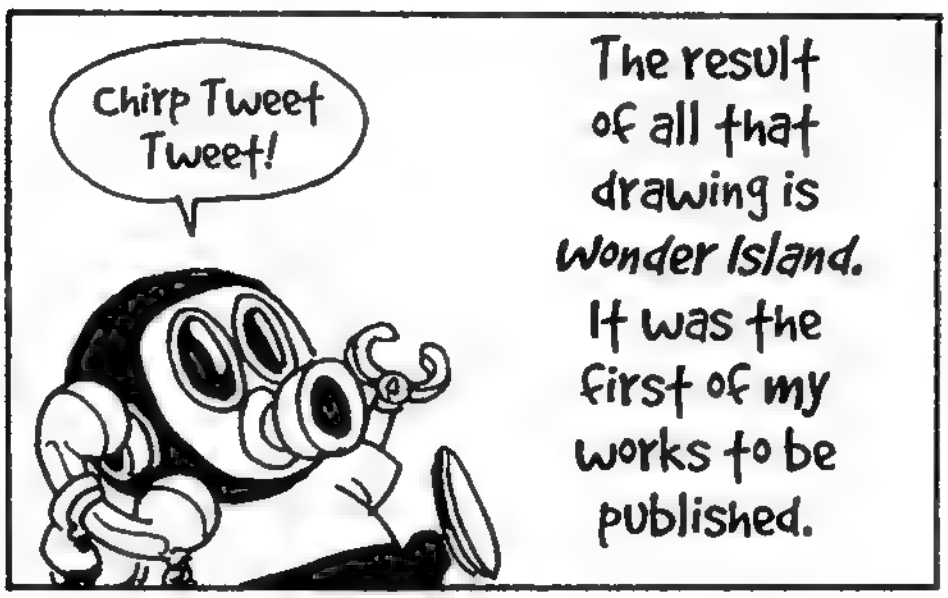

...
WHAT'S GOT HIS FEATHERS RUFFLED NOW?!

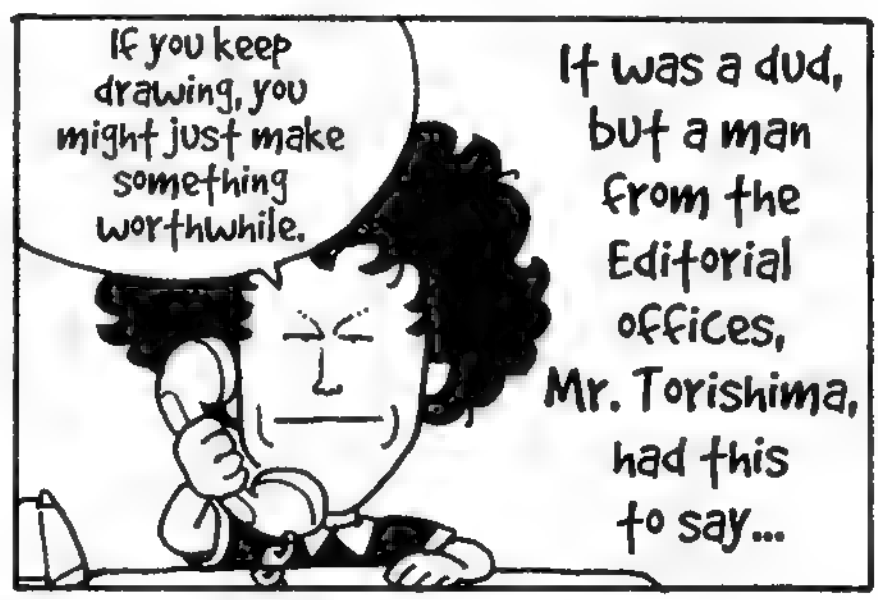
— My Rookie Days —

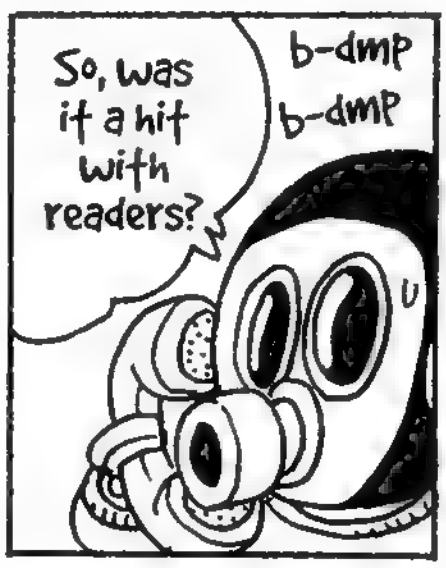
BACK WHEN I MADE THIS

① When I drew *Wonder Island*









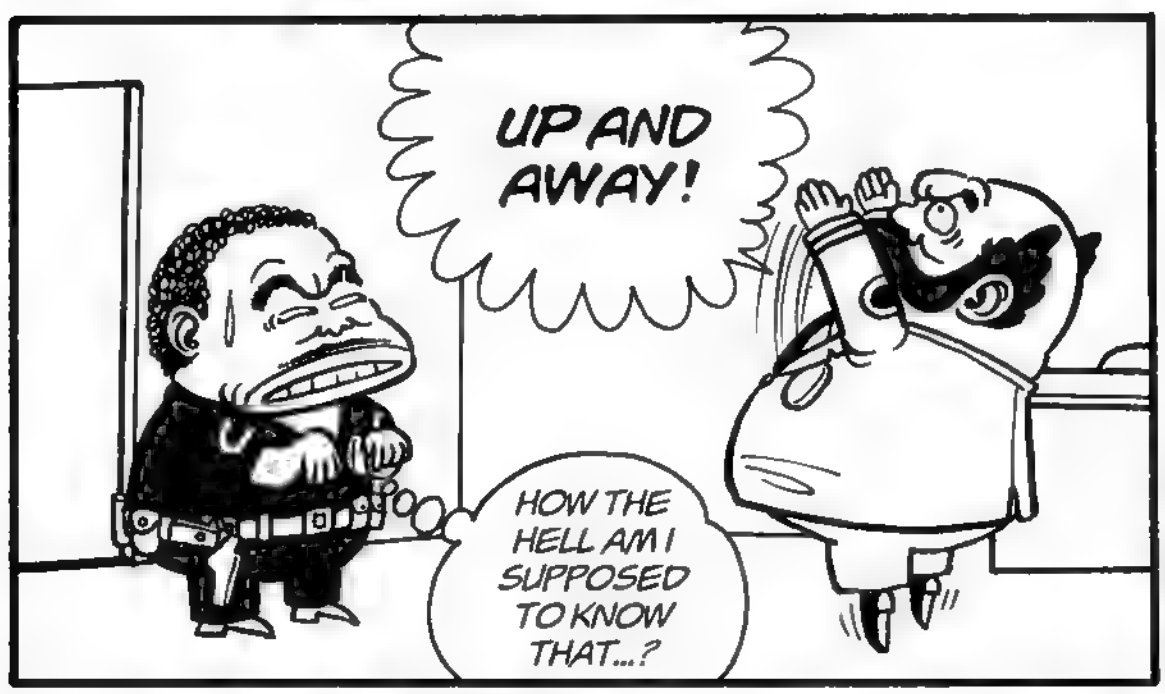
WONDER ISLAND 2

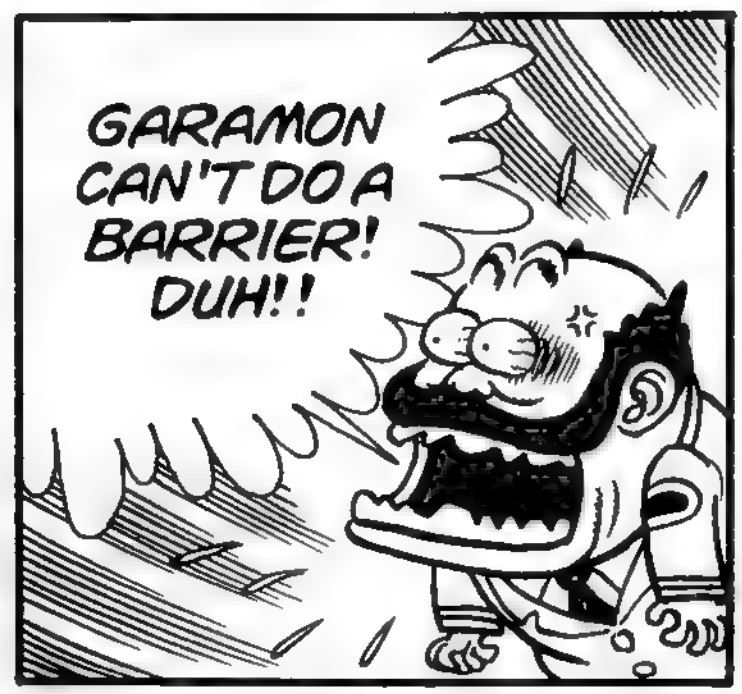
← THIS IS DETECTIVE HERRING. HE'LL BE OUR HERO THIS TIME AROUND.

GROOOAR
GROOOAR
ULTRAMAN! ULTRAMAN! HERE HE COMES FROM THE SKY

BARRI-EEER!
VOOP

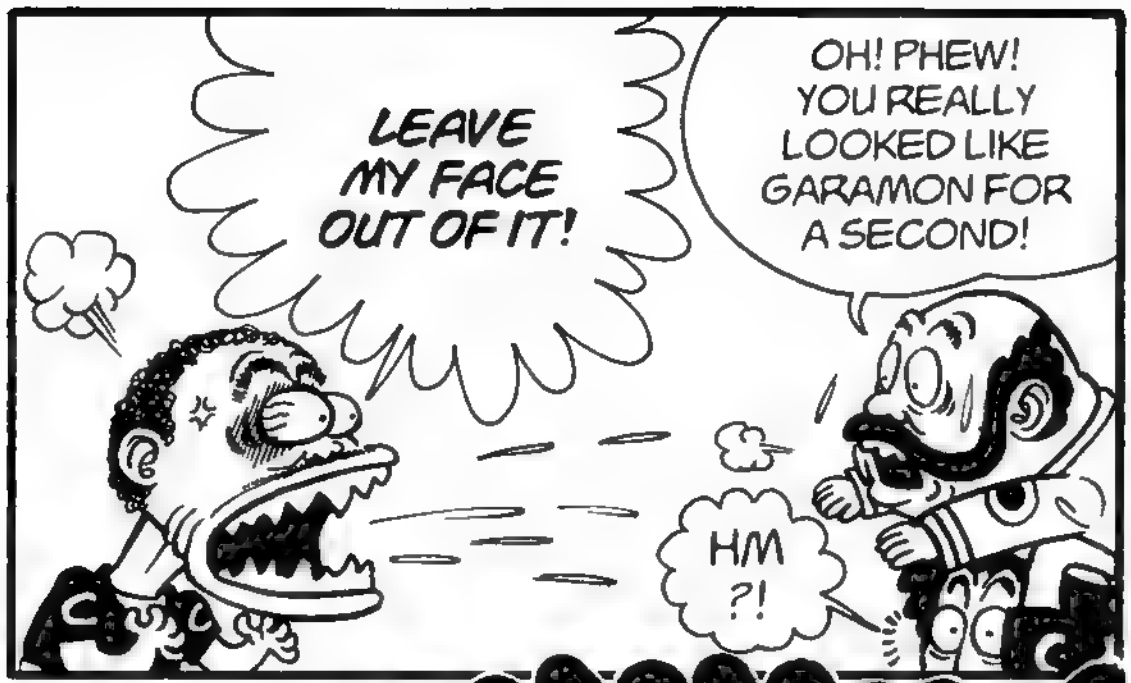
SHUWATCH! BWEEEE-BWEE!


UP AND AWAY!
HOW THE HELL AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW THAT...?


GARAMON CAN'T DO A BARRIER! DUH!!

NYEEEORM
GROAR GROAR
HRK... URK GURKR!

I SAID UP AND AWAY!
OH! SORRY, CHIEF!


LEAVE MY FACE OUT OF IT!
OH! PHEW! YOU REALLY LOOKED LIKE GARAMON FOR A SECOND!
HM ?!

GROAR GROAR GR...?
!!

OH NOOO!
BTHOOM!
VRRRIP

CH-CHIEF! IT LOOKS LIKE THE MANGA'S ALREADY STARTED!

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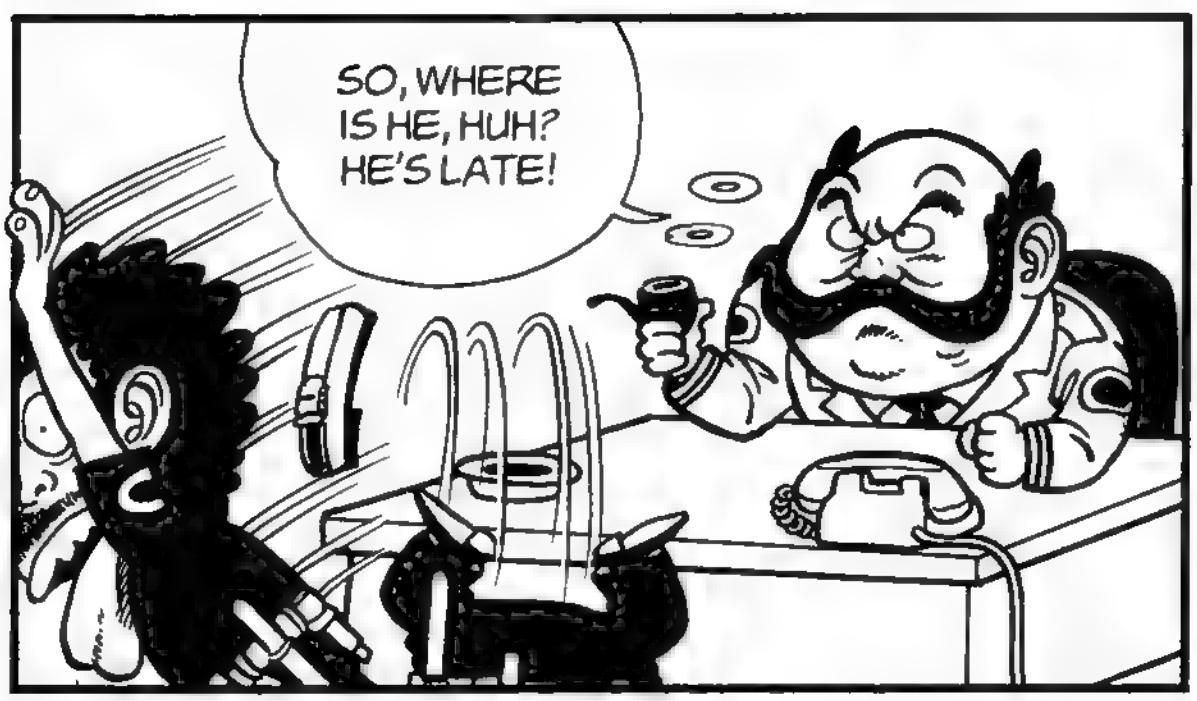
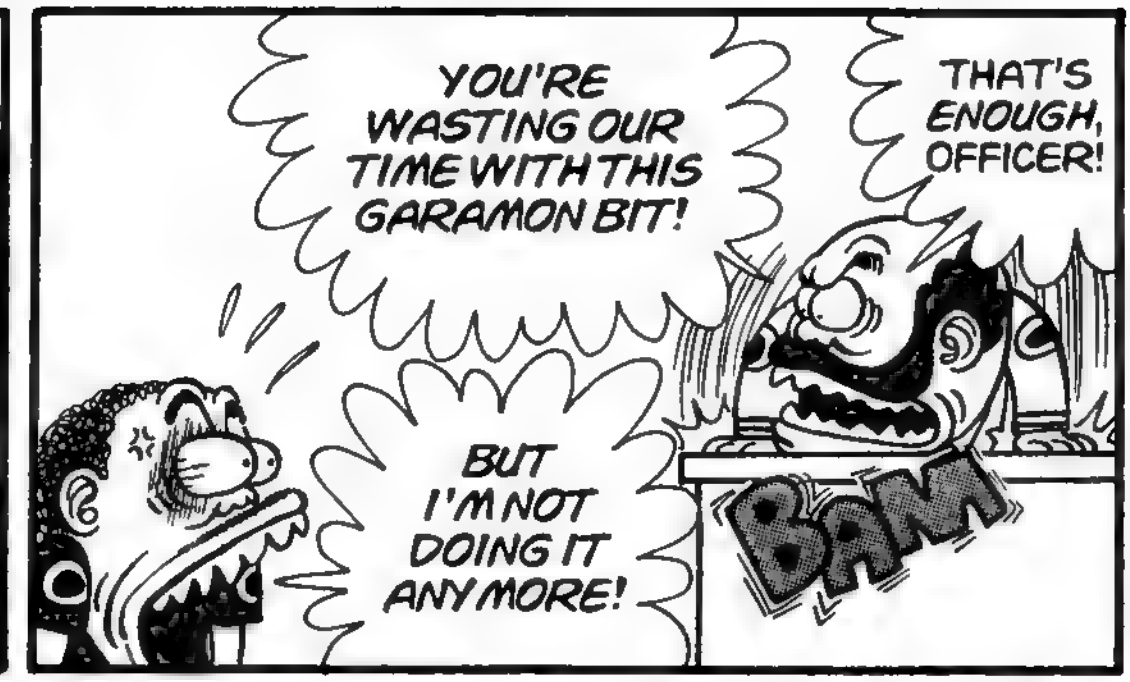

SO, WHERE IS HE, HUH? HE'S LATE!

VRRROOM

WHAM
WHAM
HAM


YOU'RE WASTING OUR TIME WITH THIS GARAMON BIT!
THAT'S ENOUGH, OFFICER!
BUT I'M NOT DOING IT ANYMORE!
BAM

KLAK

OH! PLEASE, COME RIGHT IN. THE CHIEF'S BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

WHO'S THERE?
IT'S HERRING. DETECTIVE DIRTY HERRING...

GARAMON, PLEASE LEAVE US. YOU'RE VERY DISTRACTING.
I'M NOT GARAMON !!
BINGO
HO... HOO... OHOO...!
GARAMON OUT!

AHHH, HERRING! GOOD WORK OUT THERE! SORRY TO HIT YOU WITH THIS WHEN YOU'VE ALREADY GOT A FULL PLATE.

HRN... HR- NNR... HRN!
OOP.

NUMBER ONE IN *AMERICA?* YOUR GRAPEVINE MUST ONLY BE HALF-RIPE. MY SKILLS WITH A GUN ARE NUMBER ONE ***IN THE WORLD.***

NO ONE... ABSOLUTELY NO ONE...

ANYWAY, HERRING, THE OTHER DAY I HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE THAT YOUR FIREARM SKILLS ARE NUMBER ONE IN AMERICA.

POP

PO-POP

WOMP

¥100

YOU SHOULD PROBABLY STEP AWAY FROM HIS TOES. HE MIGHT GET ANGRY.

BUT WE WERE HERE FIRST.

... CAN STAND TOE-TO-TOE WITH ME.

CHIEF! THESE MORONS ARE–

SEE, TOLD YOU!

HALT! HALT, YOU FIIIIENDS!

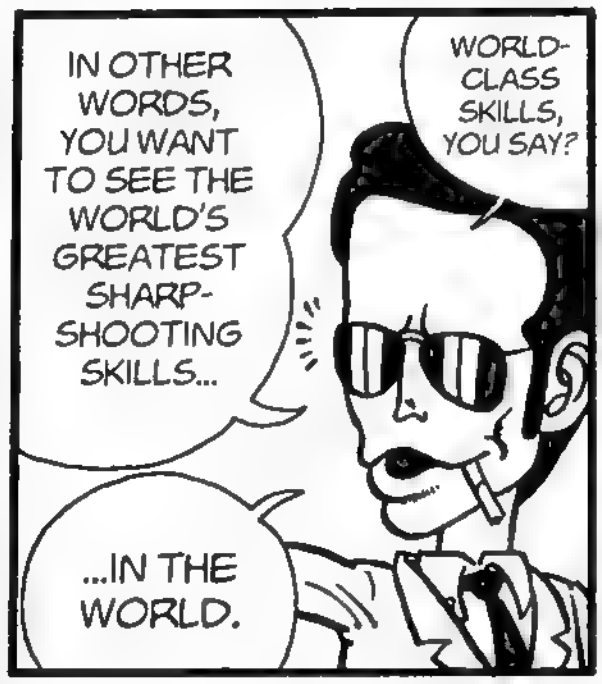
...!!

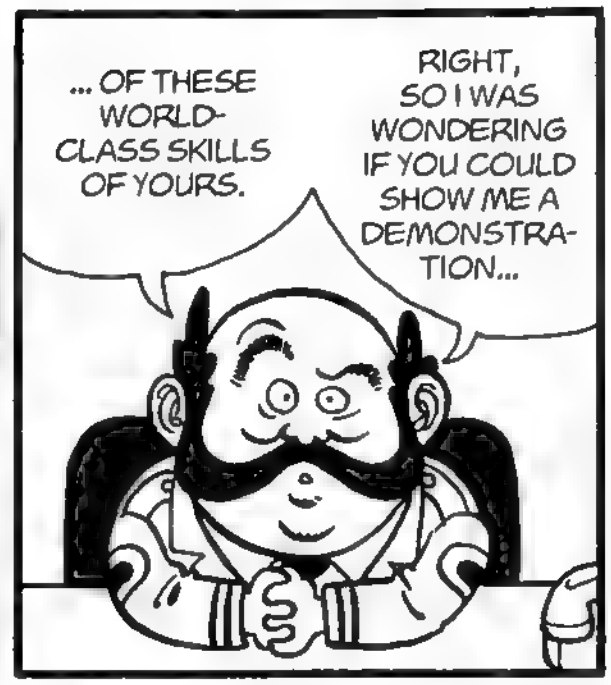
TMP TMP TMP

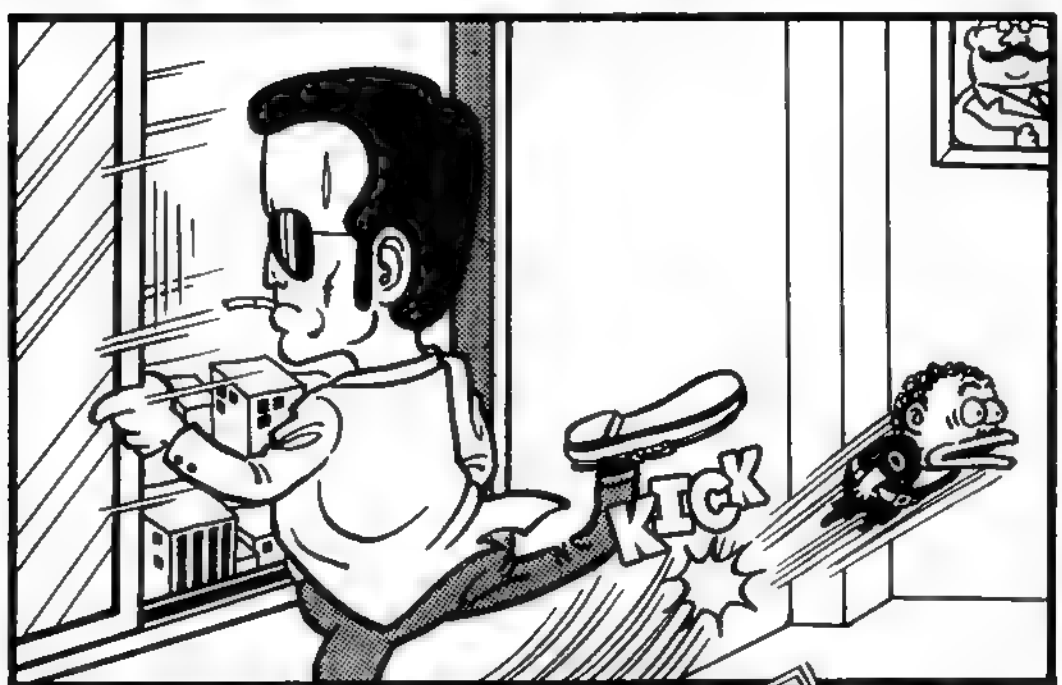
IF I'M INTERRUPTING YOUR PLAYTIME, I'LL GLADLY LEAVE!!
OKAY, OKAY.

CRAZY!

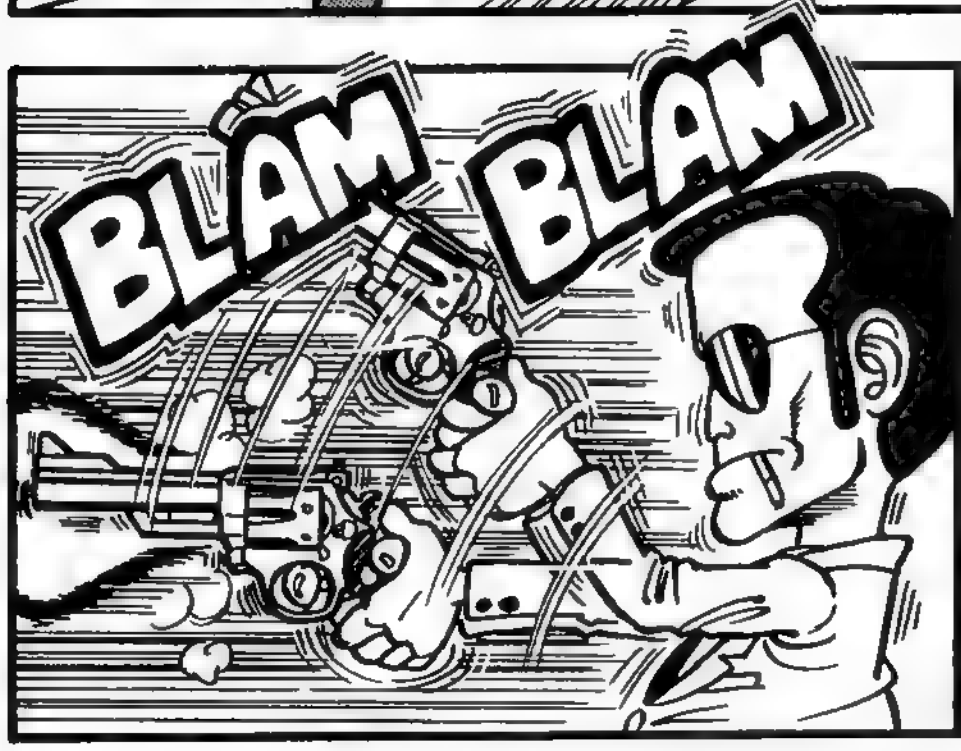
HMMM... I DUNNO THOUGH... I'M NOT REALLY IN THE ZONE RIGHT NOW...
...BUT, I MEAN, IF YOU INSIST THEN, WELL...

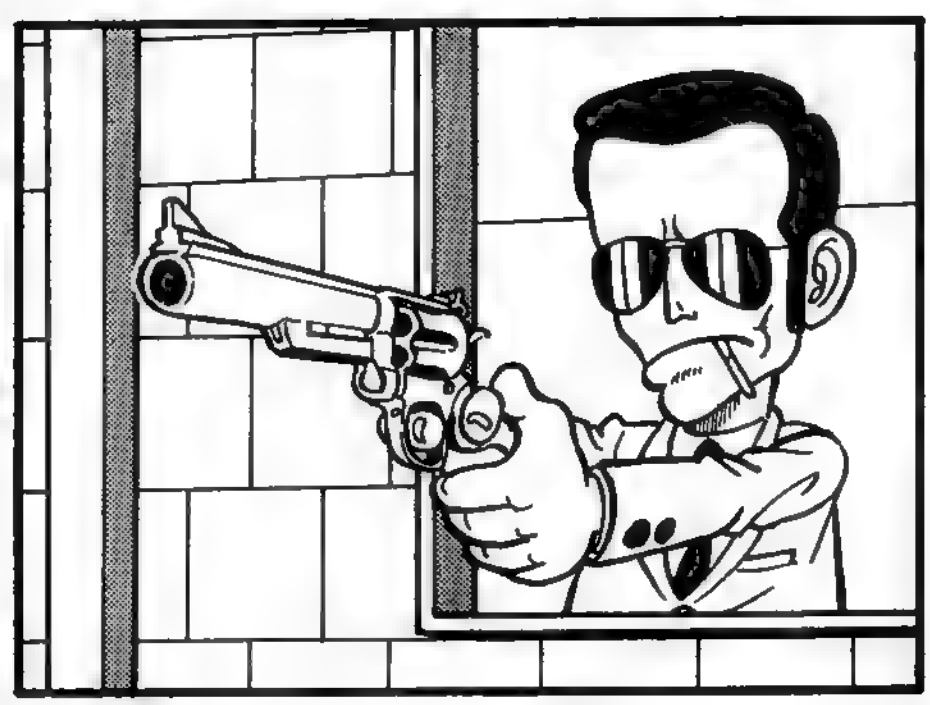

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU WANT TO SEE THE WORLD'S GREATEST SHARP-SHOOTING SKILLS...
WORLD-CLASS SKILLS, YOU SAY?
...IN THE WORLD.


... OF THESE WORLD-CLASS SKILLS OF YOURS.
RIGHT, SO I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD SHOW ME A DEMONSTRATION...


KICK

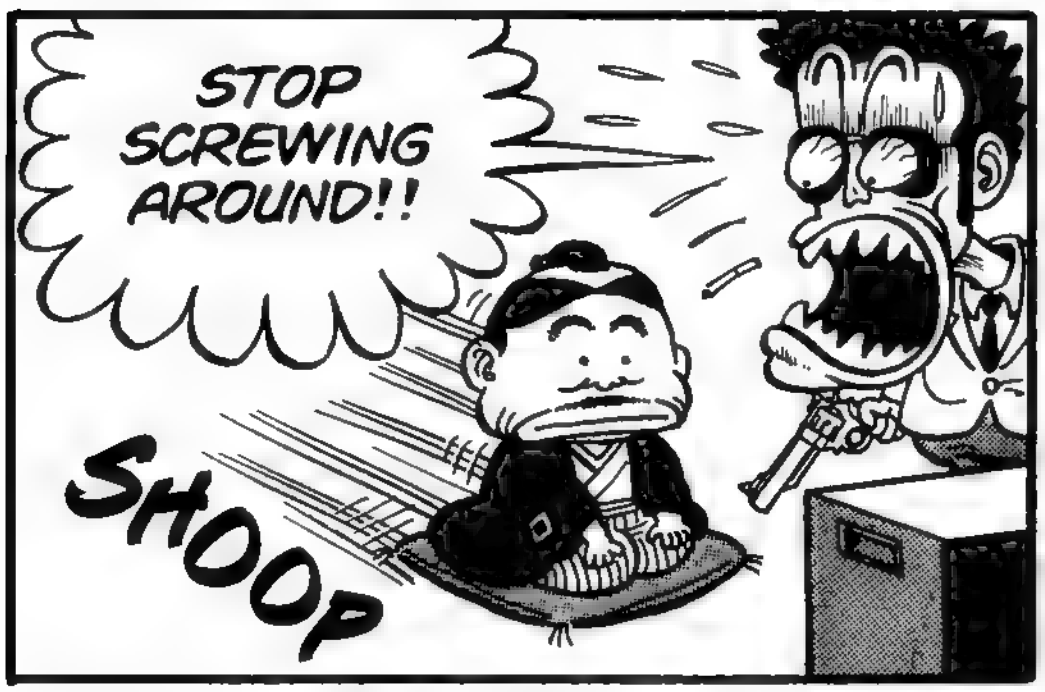
VERY WELL! I GUESS I COULD MANAGE SOMETHING.
SAYS THE GUY DYING TO SHOW OFF.


BLAM
BLAM



THE SKY, MAYBE...?
...?
HM? WHAT COULD HE HAVE BEEN FIRING AT FROM THIS FLOOR?

FOO!

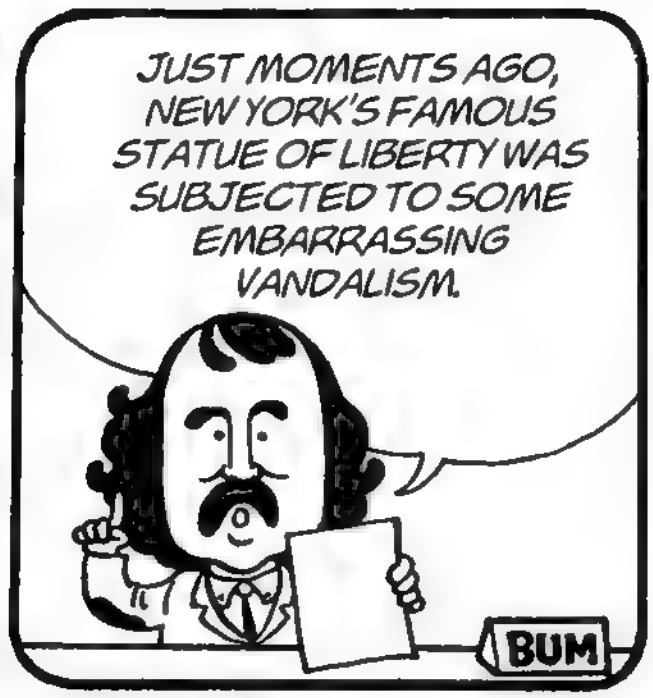

STOP SCREWING AROUND!!
SHOOP

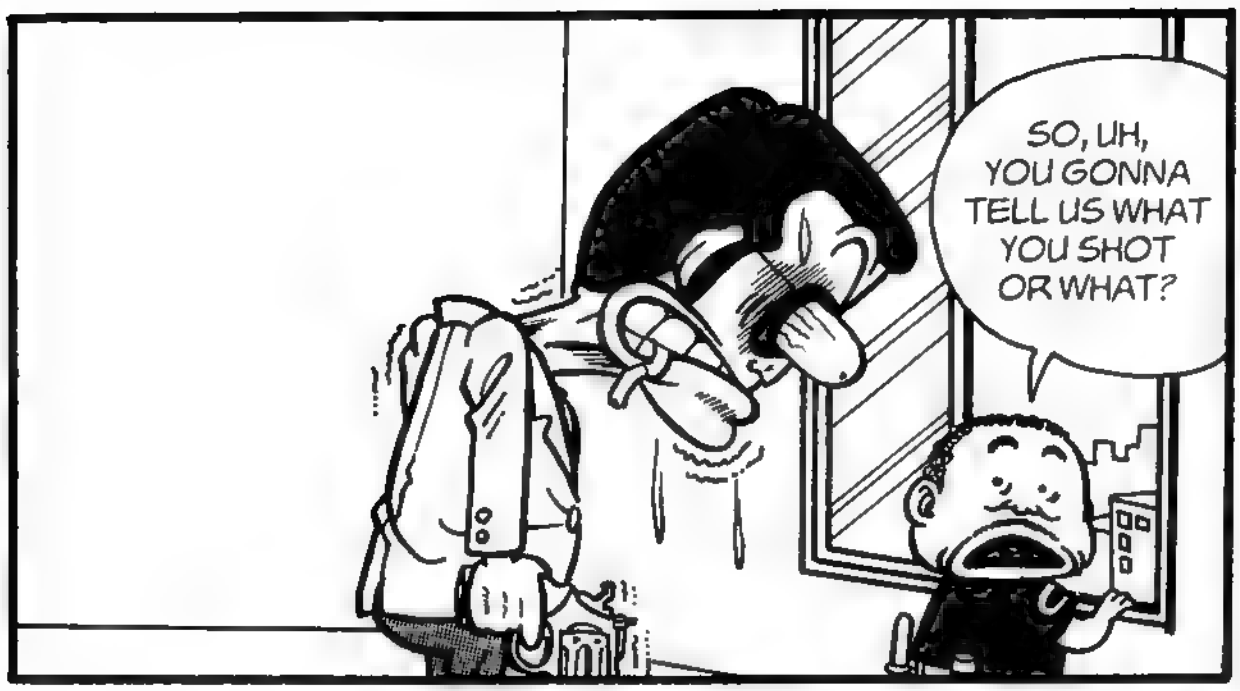
HEY YOU, GO FLIP ON THE TELEVISION.
THE TV?

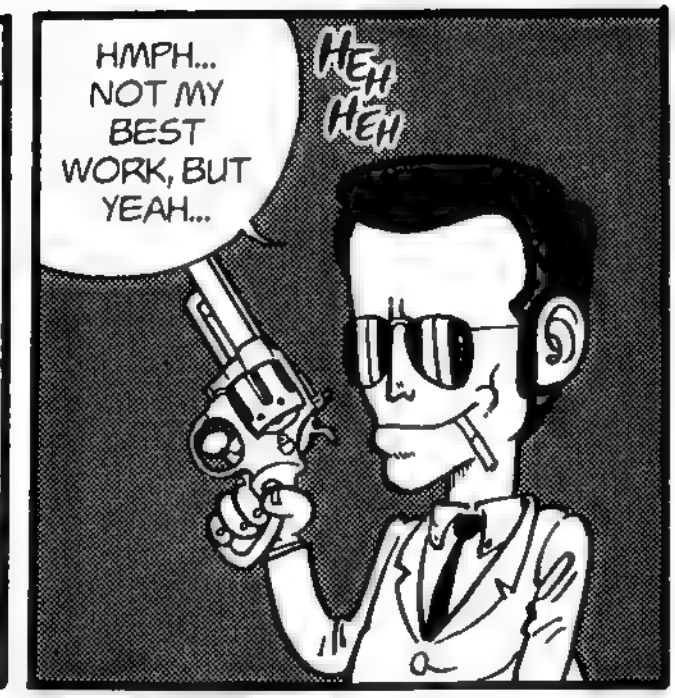
WHOA!! TH-THAT WAS YOU?!
?

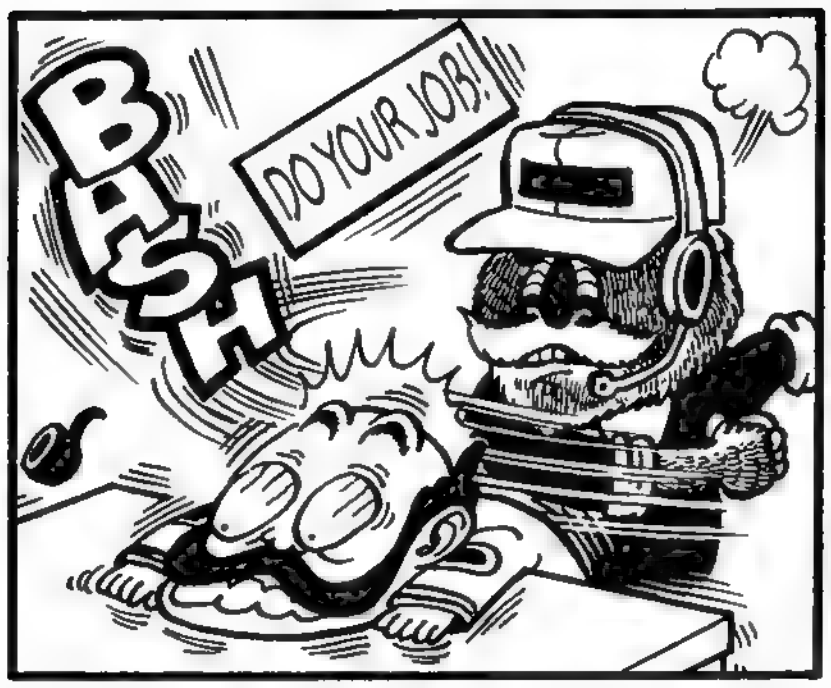
TWO HOLES WERE MADE IN HER FACE AND– PHH! PHH HEH HEEE...
WAS THAT NECES-SARY?

WE INTERRUPT OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAM TO BRING YOU SOME BREAKING NEWS.


JUST MOMENTS AGO, NEW YORK'S FAMOUS STATUE OF LIBERTY WAS SUBJECTED TO SOME EMBARRASSING VANDALISM.
BUM


SO, UH, YOU GONNA TELL US WHAT YOU SHOT OR WHAT?


HMPH... NOT MY BEST WORK, BUT YEAH...
HEH HEH


BRISH
DO YOUR JOB!

W-WOW, YEAH! IMPRESSIVE AND SUCH. ANYWAY! I CALLED YOU HERE FOR SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT...
EVERYTHING YOU NEED...IS HERE IN THE SCRIPT.
MOVE PLOT!! PAGES RUNNING OUT!
PLOT

CORRECT... THE BANK ROBBER WHO MANAGED TO ESCAPE OUR DRAGNET AND DIDN'T LEAVE BEHIND SO MUCH AS A CLUE.
FOR THE PAST YEAR HIS WHERE-ABOUTS HAVE BEEN UNKNOWN. OR PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY...
HMPH, THAT GUY FROM A YEAR BACK.

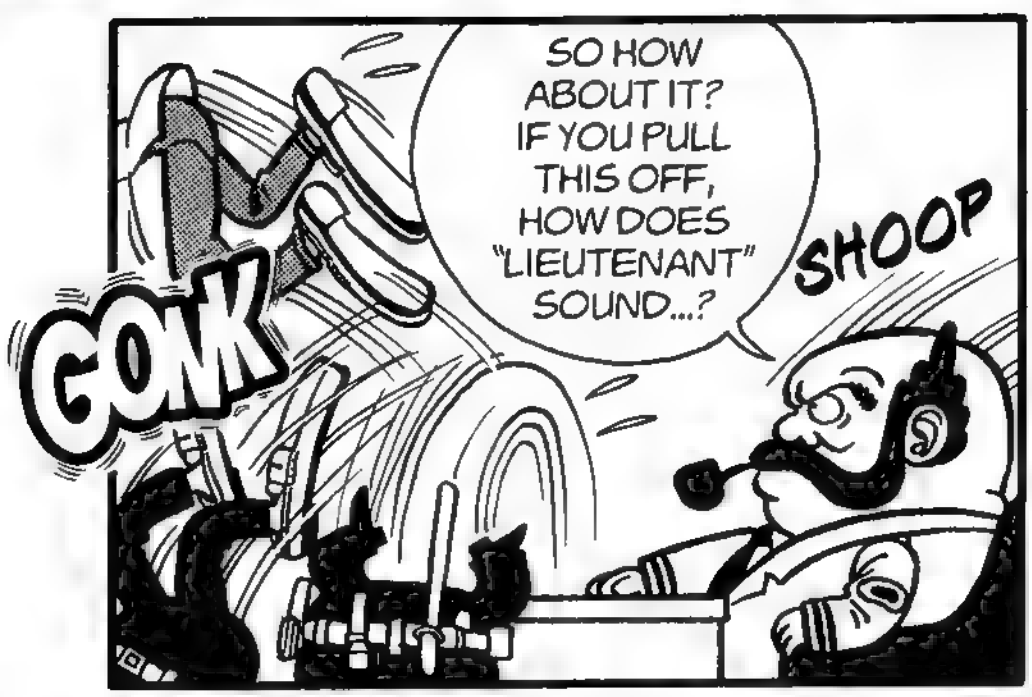
THEN THAT'S OUT OF OUR JURISDIC-TION.
WONDER ISLAND? OVERSEAS, HUH?
DON'T BE A STICKLER!

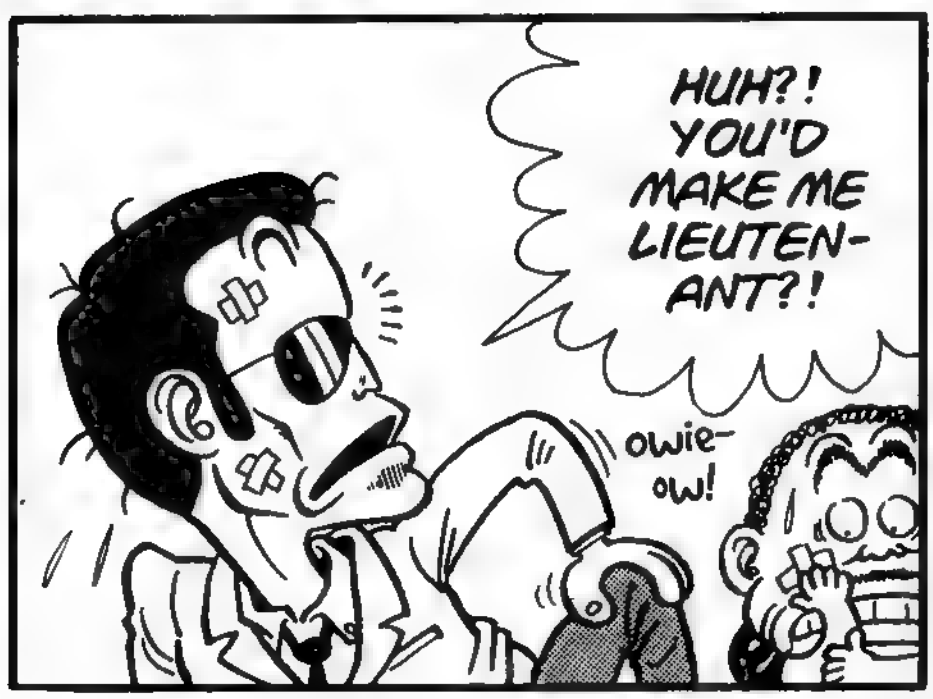
...WERE UNKNOWN! WE FINALLY TRACKED HIM DOWN TO A SMALL ISLE CALLED WONDER ISLAND.

ACK !!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE SAID TO ME?!

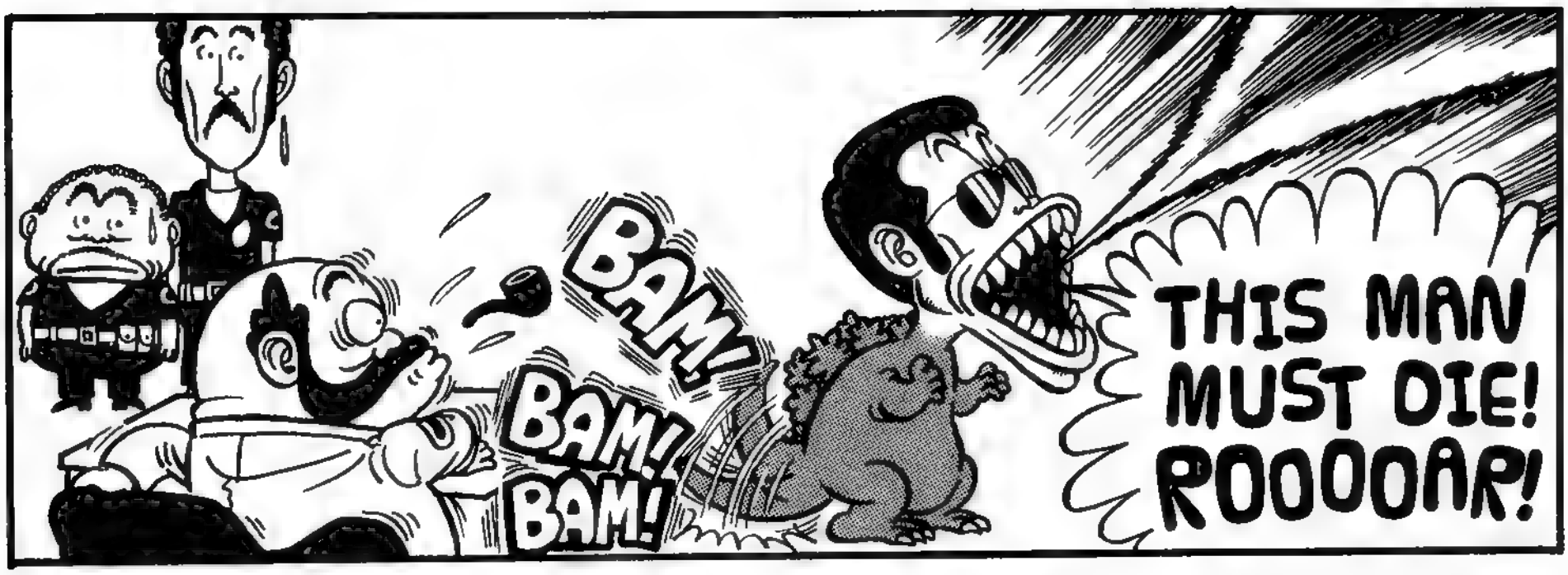
WHY, THAT...THAT... THAT DIRTY...ROTTEN, NO-GOOD... WHEN HE WAS GETTING AWAY... HE...HE...!

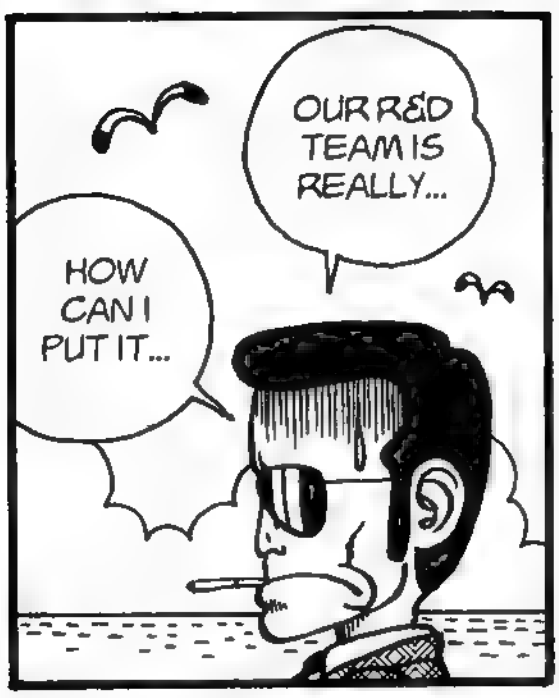
WOULD THESE GAGS FLY IN AMERICA?
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT COMPARING US.
CAN YOU BELIEVE HE CALLED ME A BALD PIRATE MIXED WITH A GORILLA AND A TOUCH OF ASTRO BOY! THE SHEER NERVE OF THAT BASTARD...

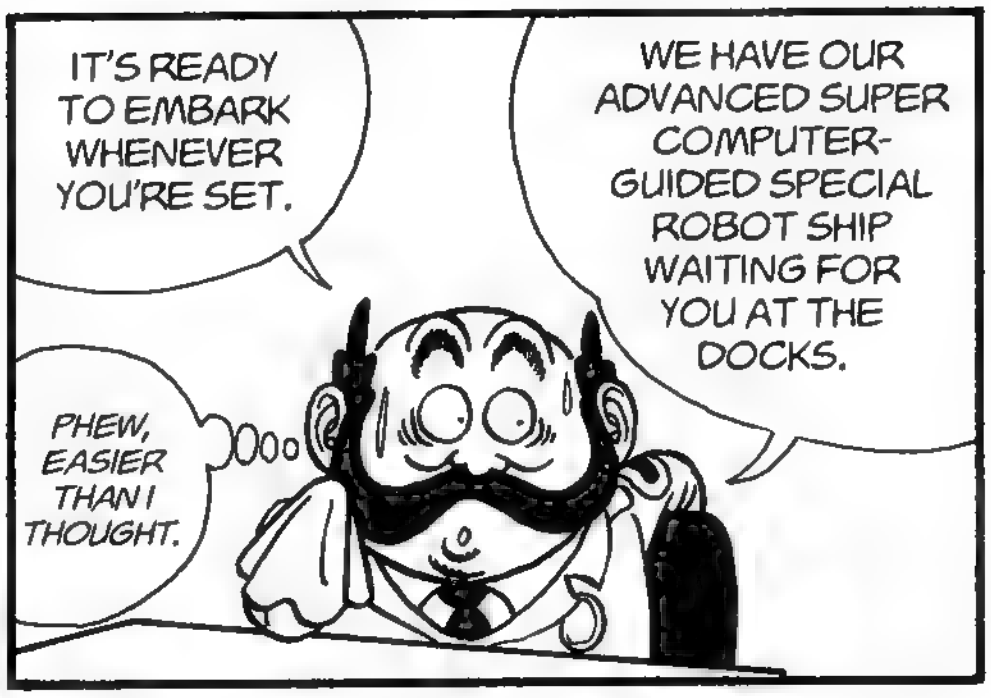

SO HOW ABOUT IT? IF YOU PULL THIS OFF, HOW DOES "LIEUTENANT" SOUND...?
GONK
SHOOP

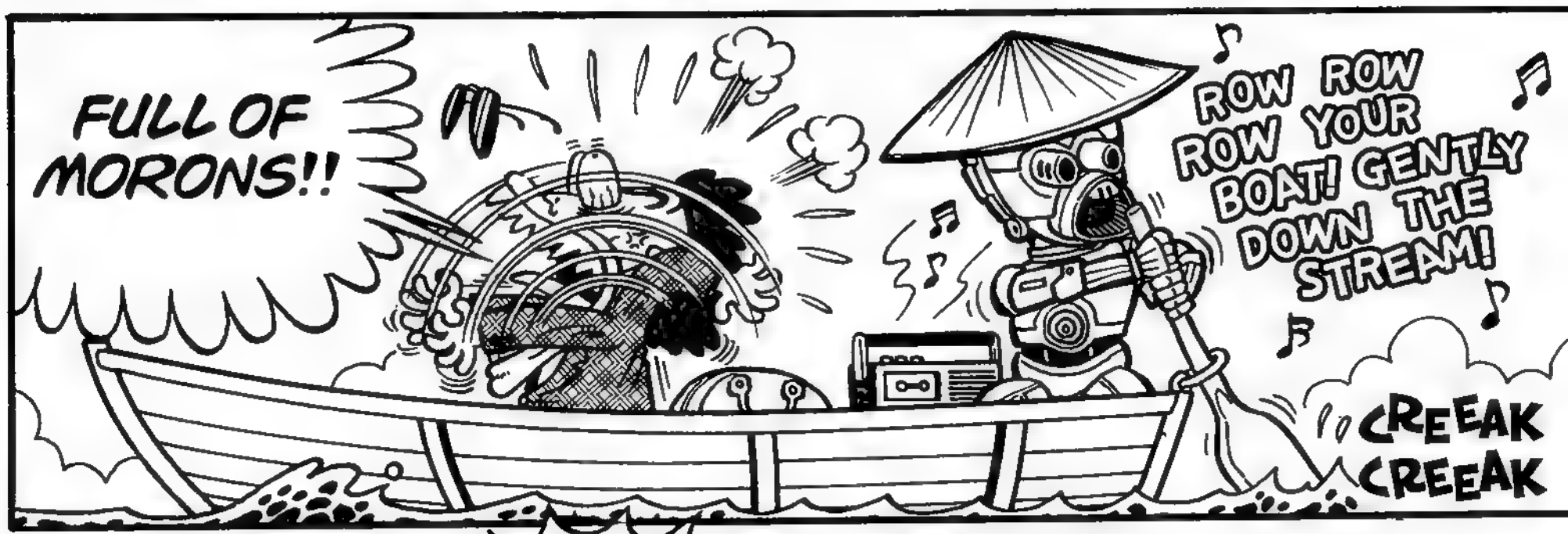

HUH?! YOU'D MAKE ME LIEUTEN-ANT?!
owie-ow!

GROOOAR! KILL HIIIM! KILL HIM TO DEATH!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP









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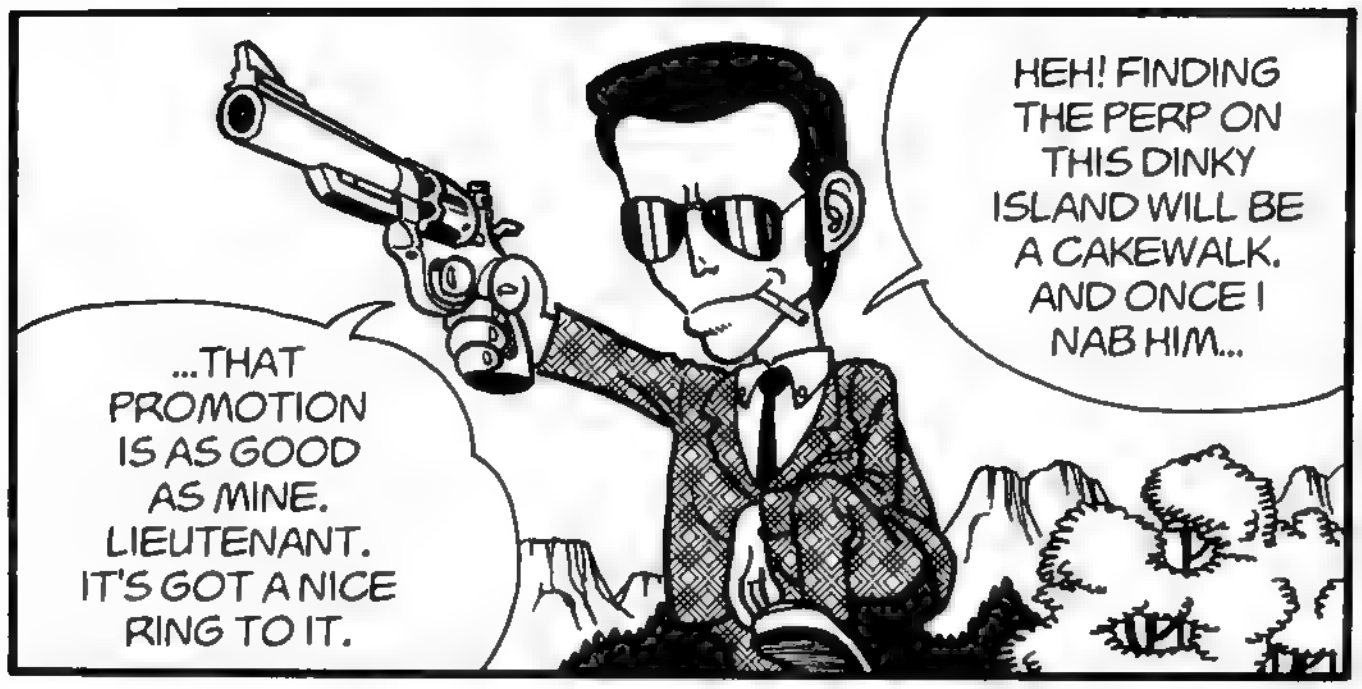
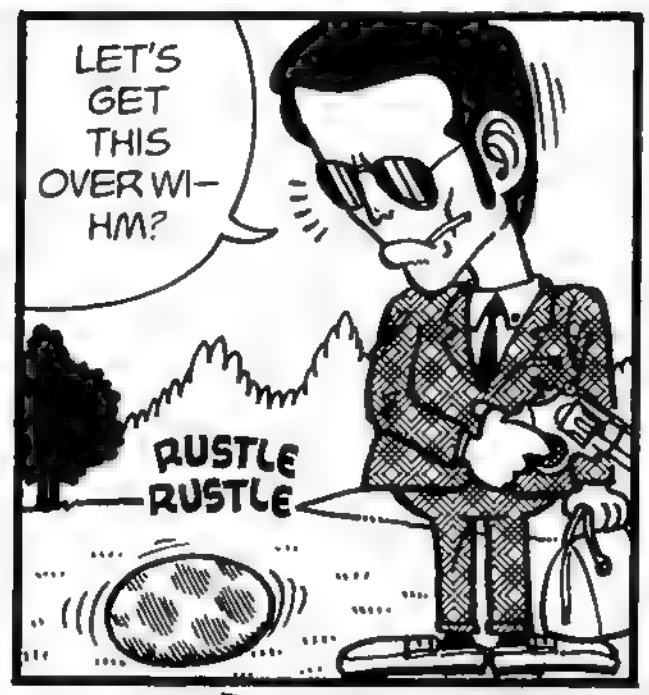

...THAT PROMOTION IS AS GOOD AS MINE. LIEUTENANT. IT'S GOT A NICE RING TO IT.
HEH! FINDING THE PERP ON THIS DINKY ISLAND WILL BE A CAKEWALK. AND ONCE I NAB HIM...

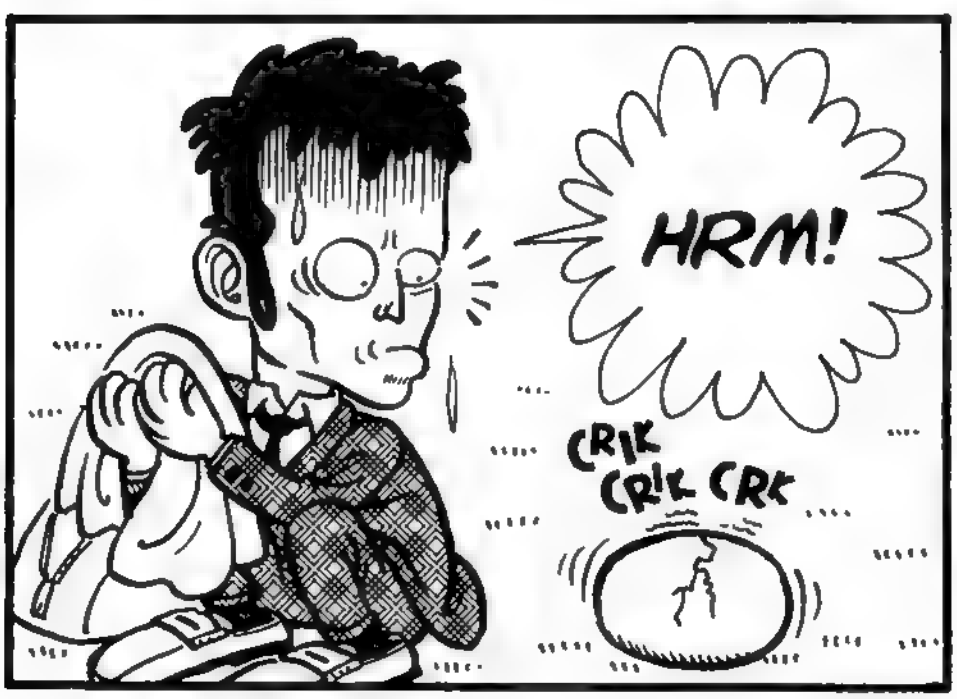
WELCOME TO WONDER ISLAND...

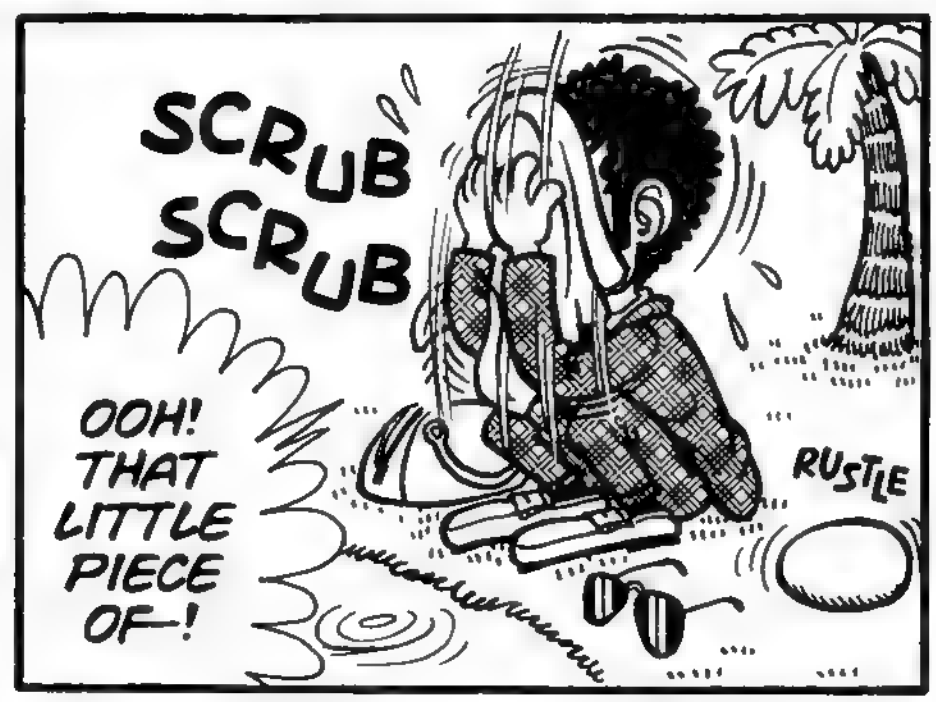
CRIK... CRIK CRK...
SCREEP...

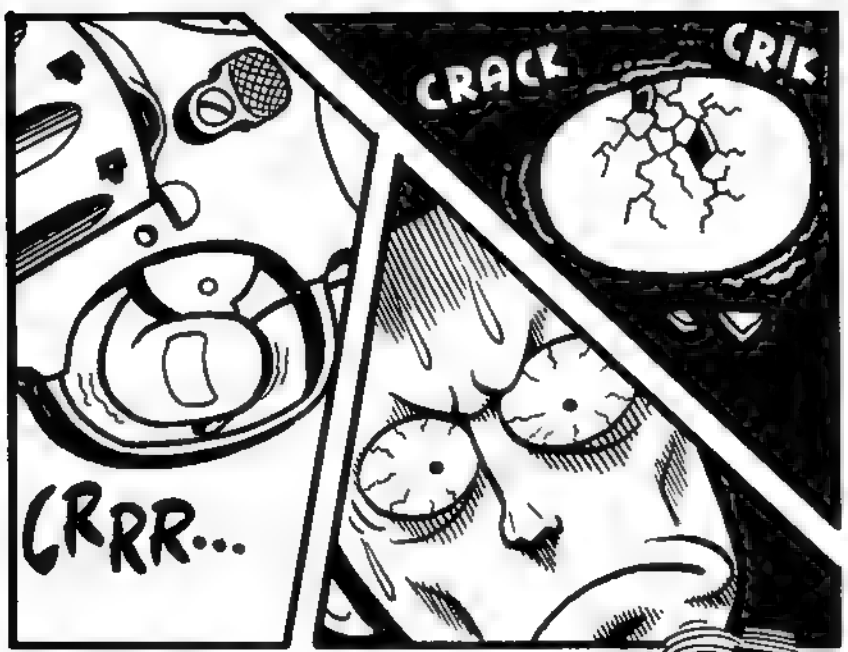

LET'S GET THIS OVER WI-HM?
RUSTLE RUSTLE

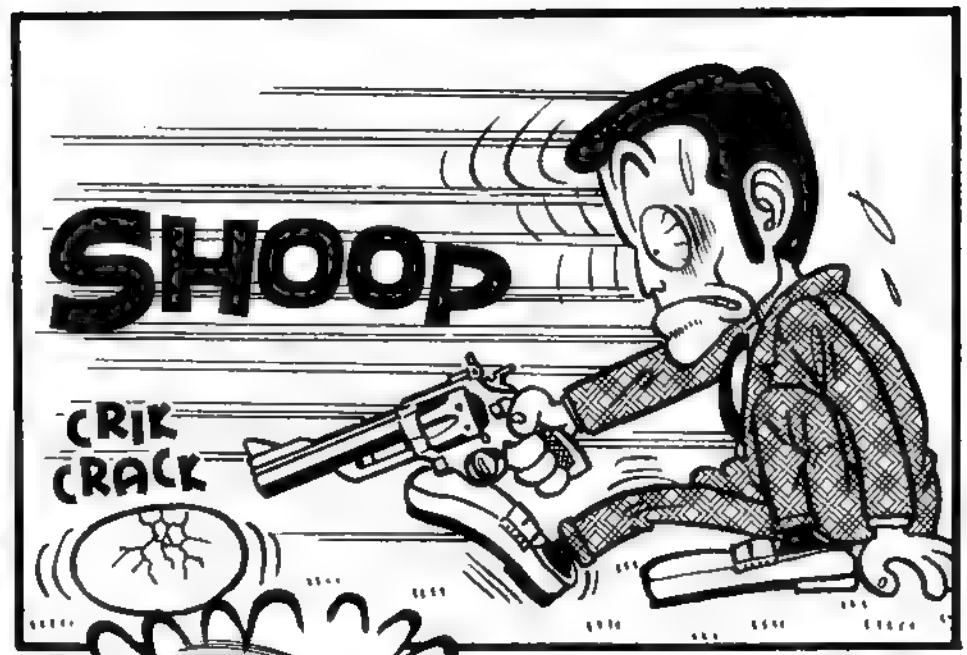
BOM!

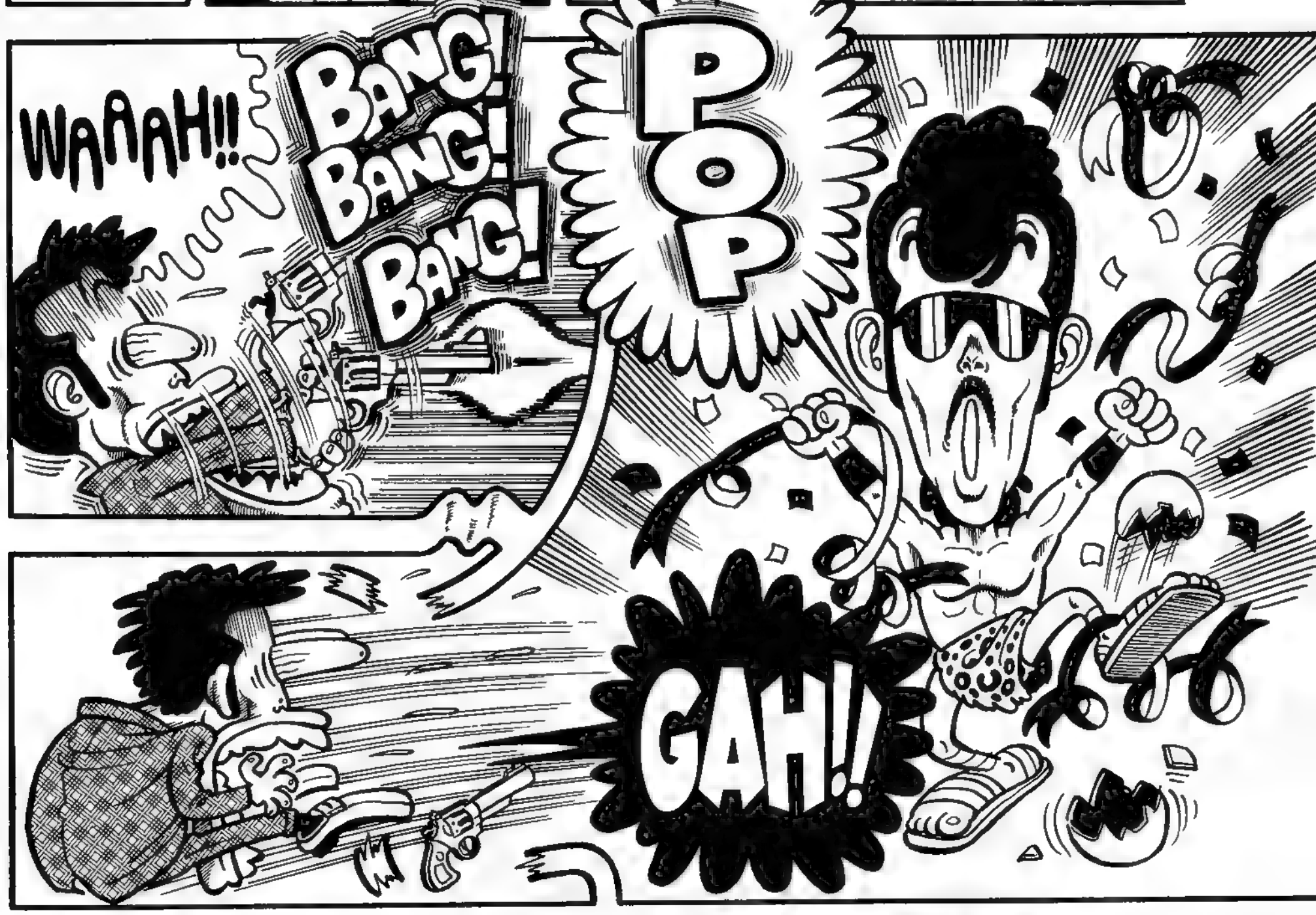
WHADDA WE GOT HERE...? SOME KIND OF LIZARD?

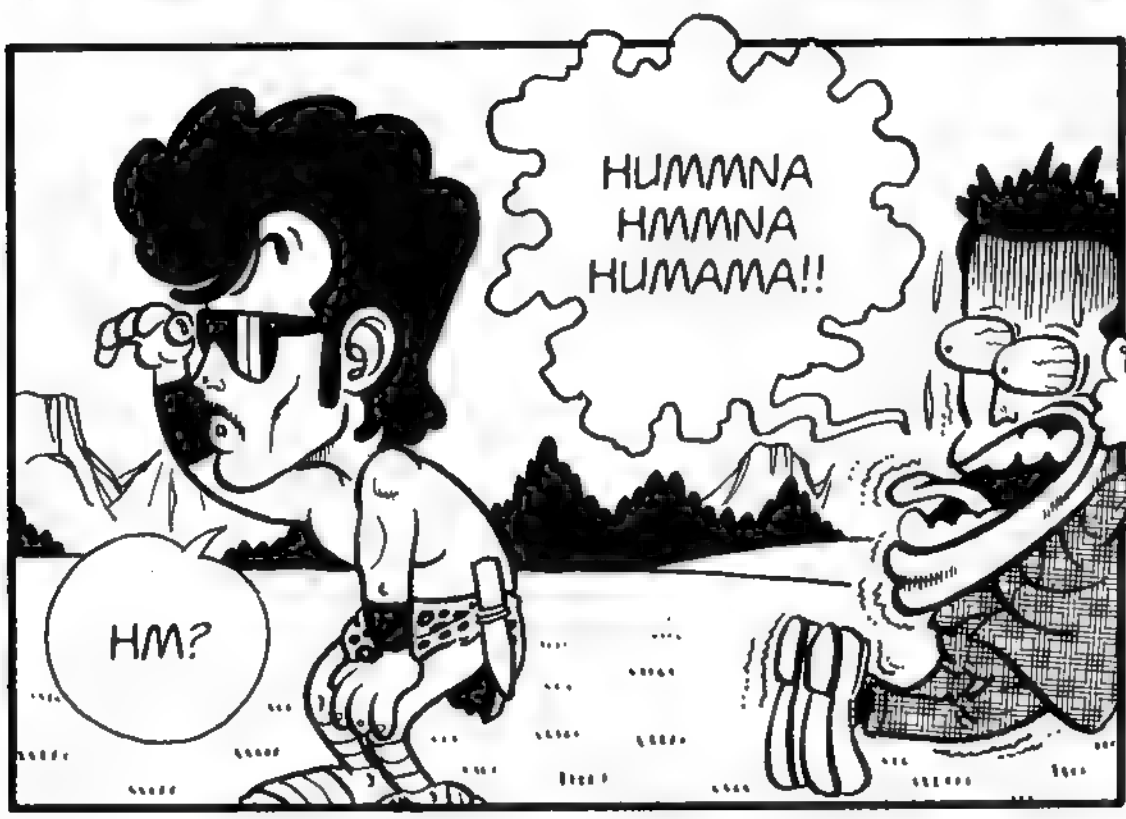

HRM!
CRIK CRIK CRK

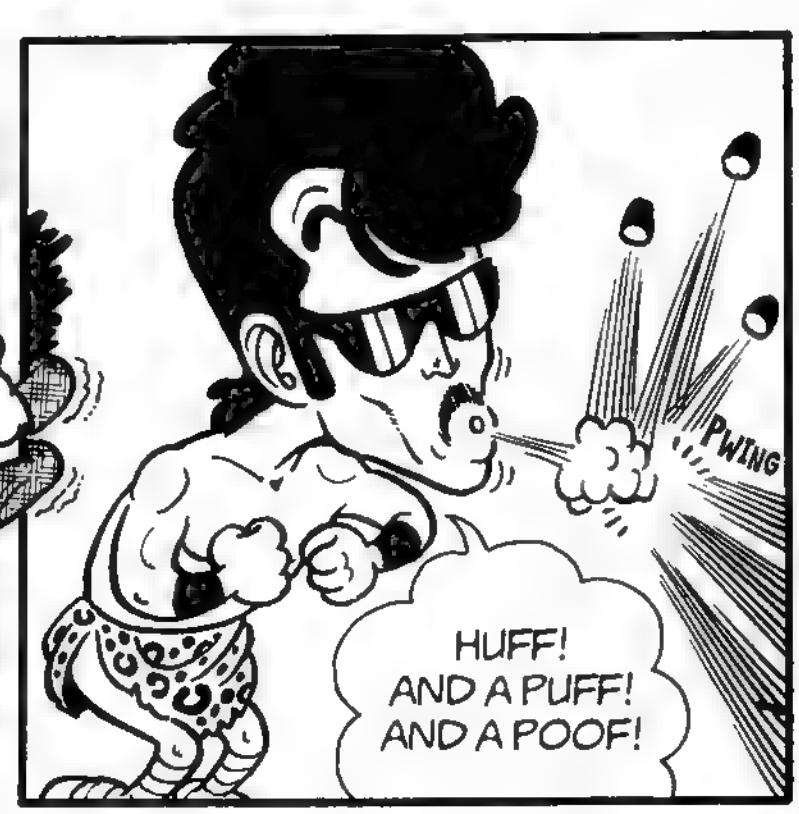

SCRUB SCRUB
OOH! THAT LITTLE PIECE OF-!
RUSTLE

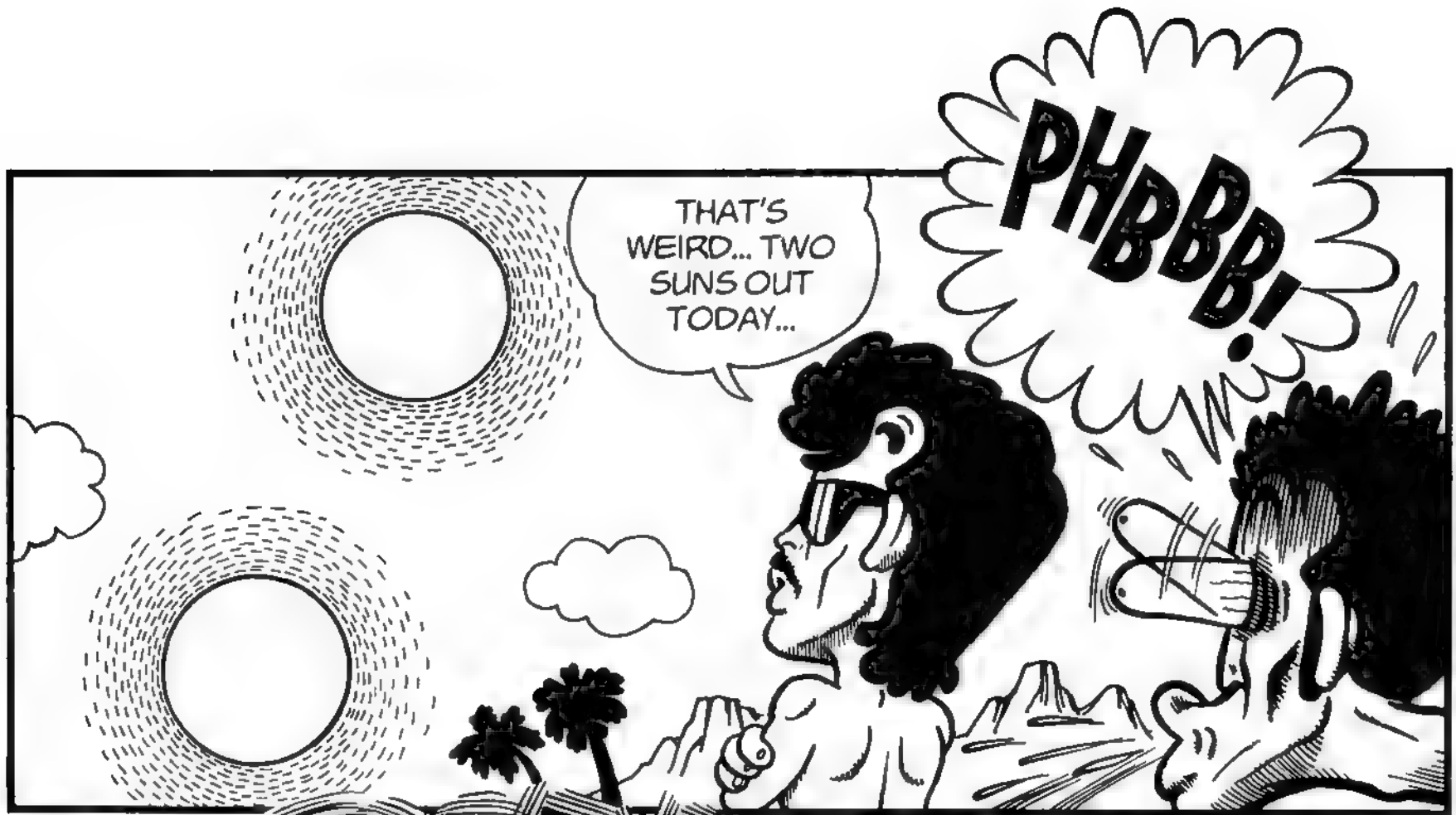

CRACK
CRIK
CRRR...


SHOOP
CRIK
CRACK

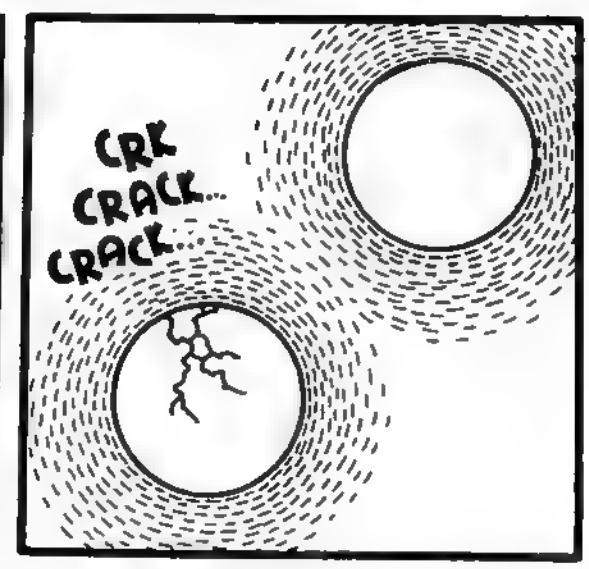

WAAAH!!
BANG!
BANG!
BANG!
POP
GAH!!


HUMMNA
HMMNA
HUMAMA!!
HM?


PWING
HUFF!
AND A PUFF!
AND A POOF!


THAT'S WEIRD... TWO SUNS OUT TODAY...
PHBBB!

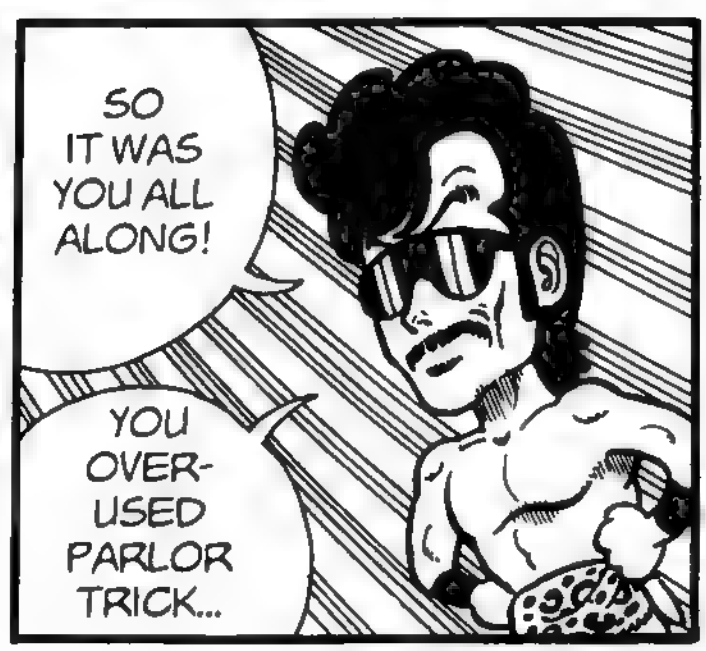
BON!
RRK! LAME...
CUT IT OUT, STUPID! YOU'RE KNOTTING ME UP!


CRK CRACK... CRACK...

CRK CRACK... CRACK...

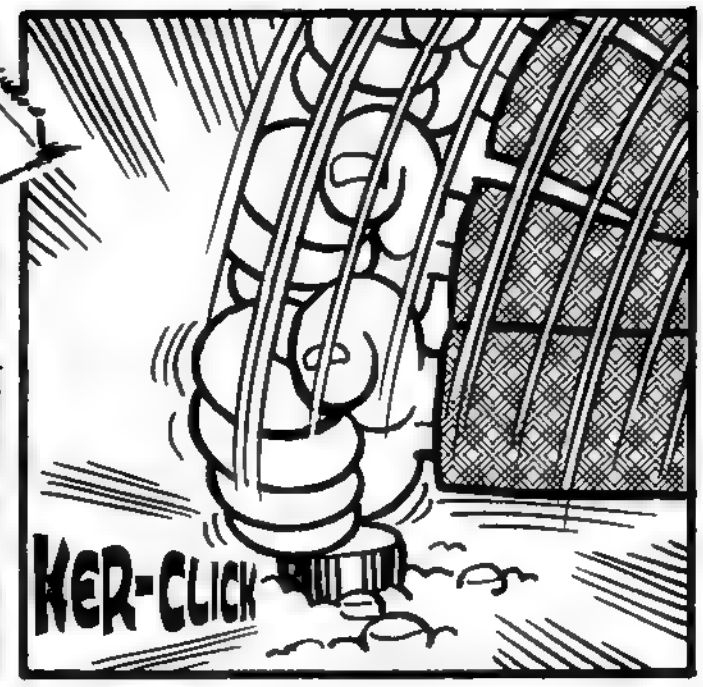
BING

Iooooa...


SO IT WAS YOU ALL ALONG!
YOU OVER-USED PARLOR TRICK...

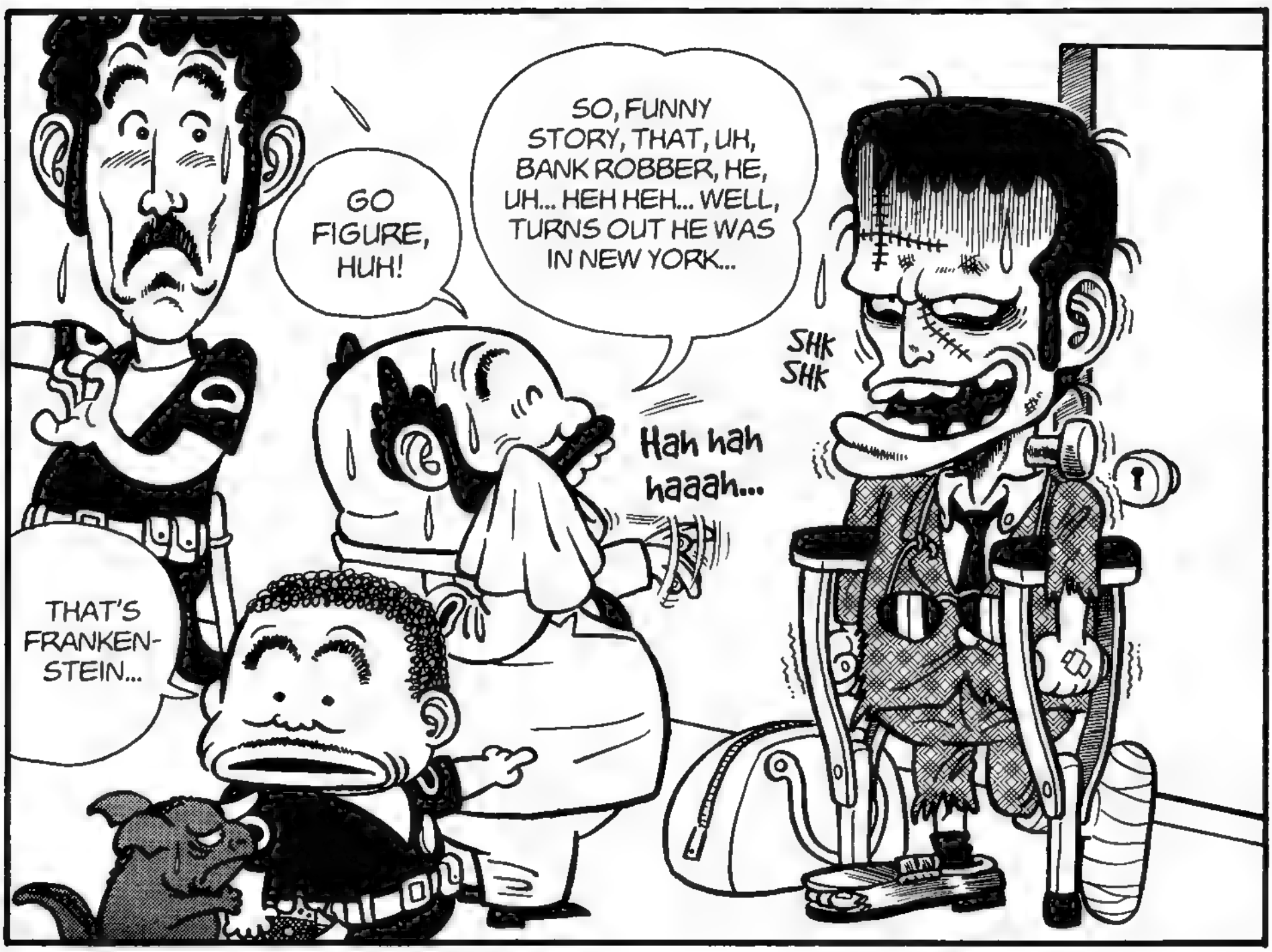
BAKOOM!
MWA HAH HAH HAH... HOW'S MY ATOMIC BREATH?!
ACK!!
KA-BOOM!
ULTRA HERO OUT!
...IS WHAT I TRULY WANT TO SAY... BUT FOR NOW I'LL LEAVE THE SCENE CARRYING ONLY MY DREAMS...
GUESS I WAS THE ULTRA SIDEKICK!
WE WERE THE ULTRA VILLAIN!
WHAT THE-?
BUT SERI-OUSLY, FOLKS...
AND SO THE SPACE SUBMARINE TOMATO MUST BID ITS FAREWELL!
BAM
BAM
HA HA... WAAAA HA HA HAH!!
NYEEOOORM
HEH... HEH HEH...

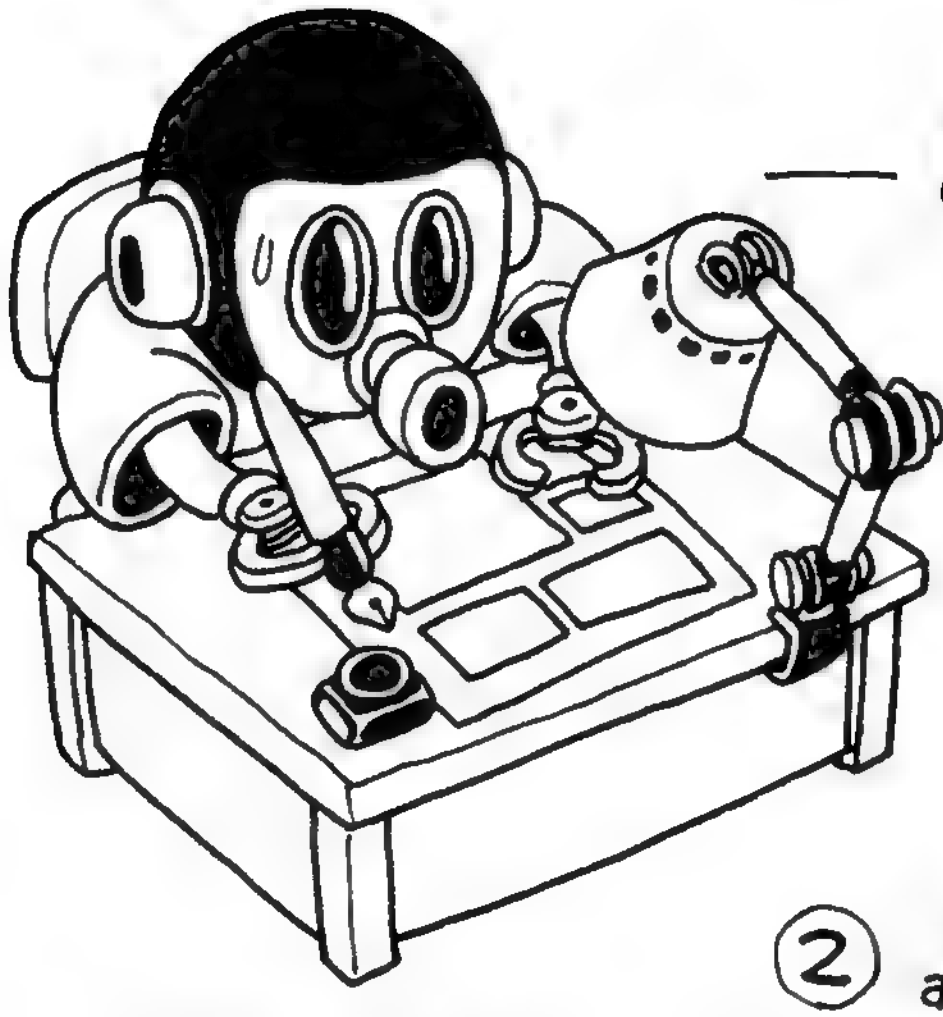
BTHOOK
DANGER! BEWARE OF LANDMINES


KER-CLICK

CHIEF! DETECTIVE HERRING IS BACK!

WE FIND OURSELVES BACK AT THE LOS ANGILAS POLICE STATION...
LOS ANGILAS POLICE

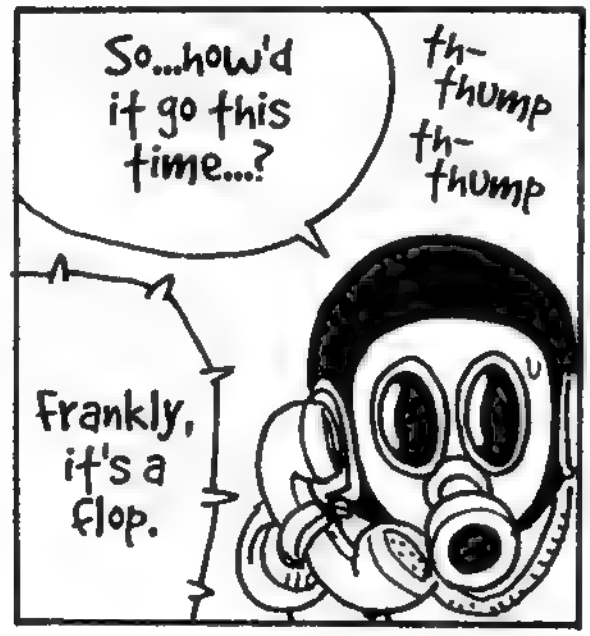

GO FIGURE, HUH!
SO, FUNNY STORY, THAT, UH, BANK ROBBER, HE, UH... HEH HEH... WELL, TURNS OUT HE WAS IN NEW YORK...
SHK SHK
Hah hah haaah...
THAT'S FRANKEN-STEIN...



— My Rookie Days —

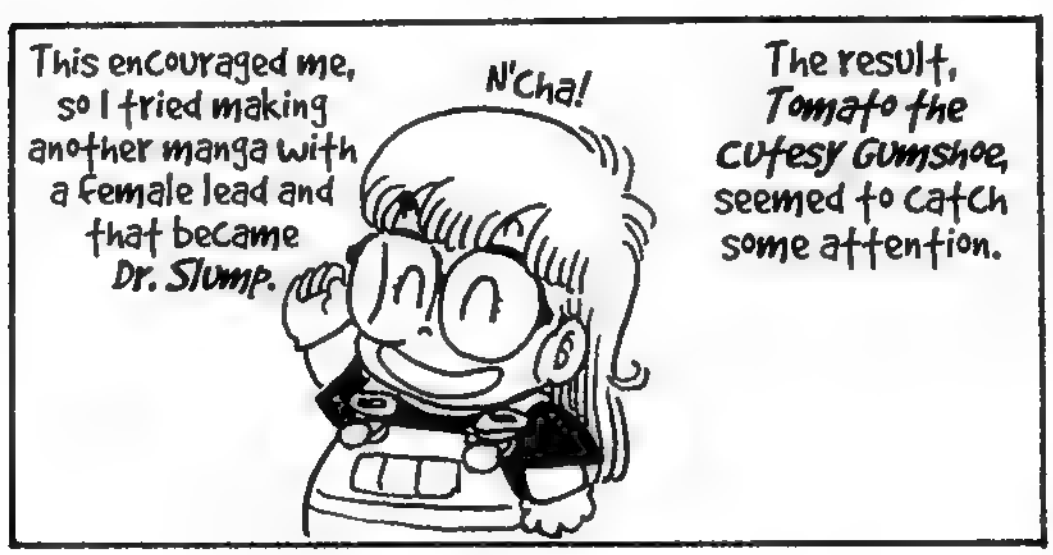
BACK WHEN I MADE THIS

② When I drew *Wonder Island 2* and *Tomato the Cutesy Gumshoe*



Some time after *Wonder Island*, and *Wonder Island 2* was published in a *Shonen Jump* bonus issue...

During this year, one of my works, *Today's Highlight-Island*, was published in another bonus issue of *Jump*, but it failed to catch anyone's attention. (I think they might print it in the second book in this series.) Even so, I wasn't discouraged, and I learned quite a lot that year while even having some fun.



The result, *Tomato the Cutesy Gumshoe*, seemed to catch some attention.

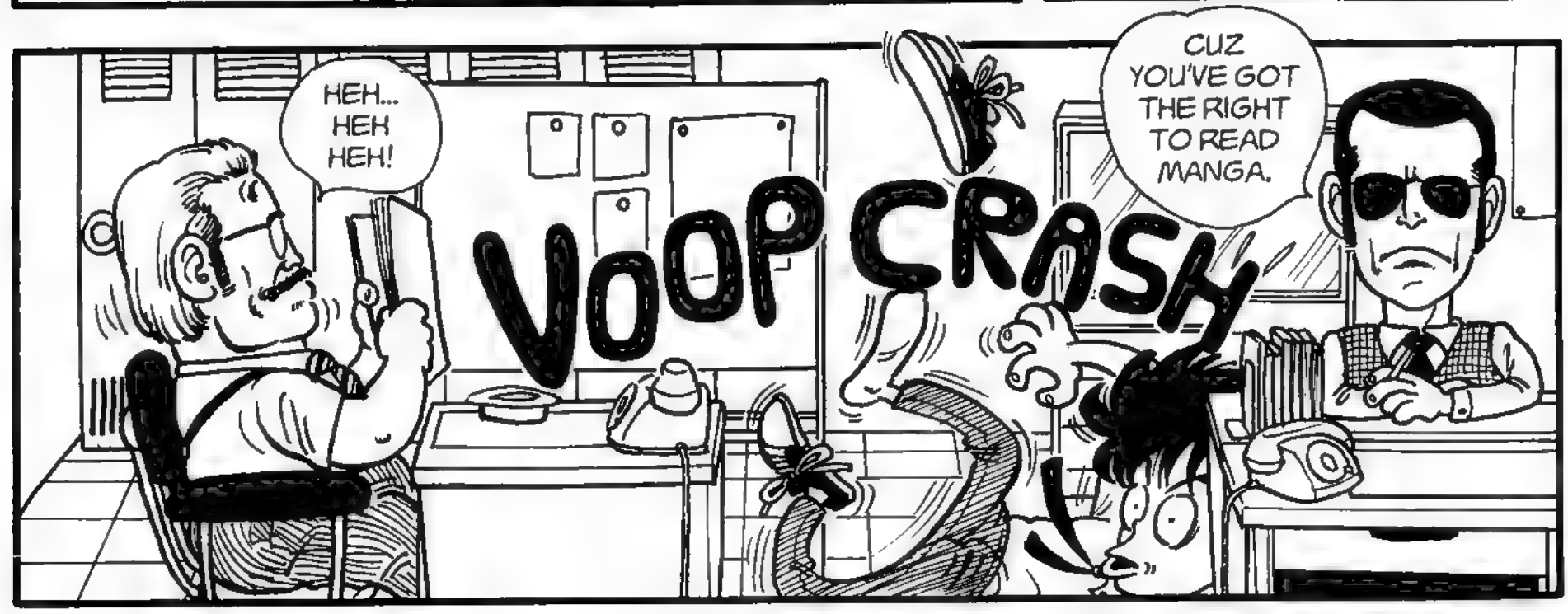
TOMATO
THE CUTESY GUMSHOE
TOMATO

GOOD MORNING!
ATCH YOUR LANGUAGE! EAVE THE SPICINESS O CHILIES!

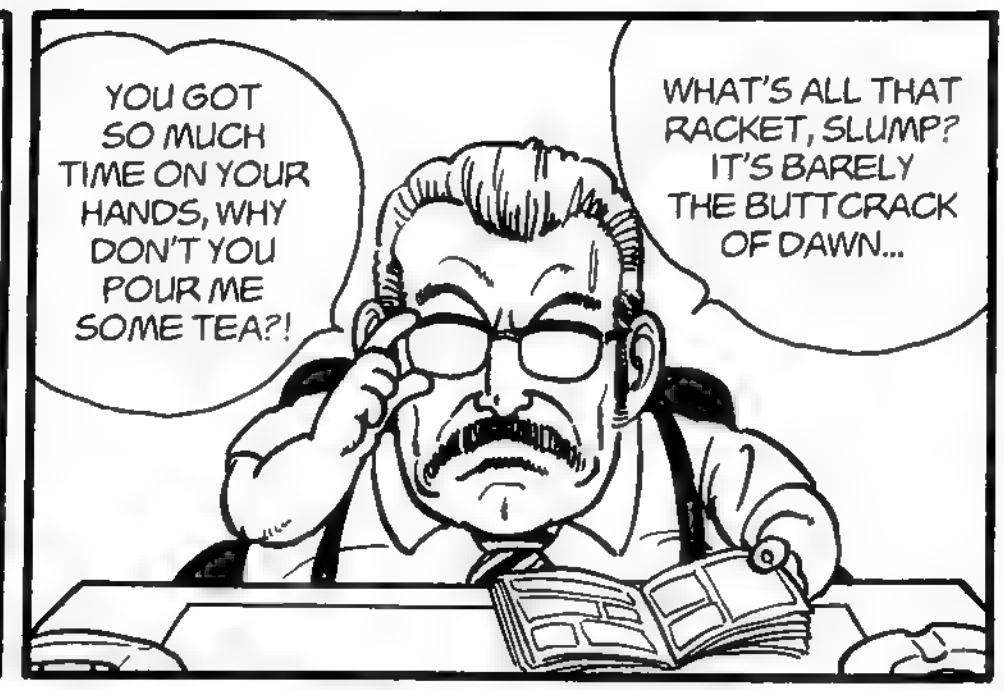
UPSIE DAZE STATION
UPSIE DAZE POLICE
NO SWEET-TALKING LADY COPS!

HEY, SLUMP! THE LIEUTENANT'S GONNA READ YOU YOUR RIGHTS.
W-WHY...?

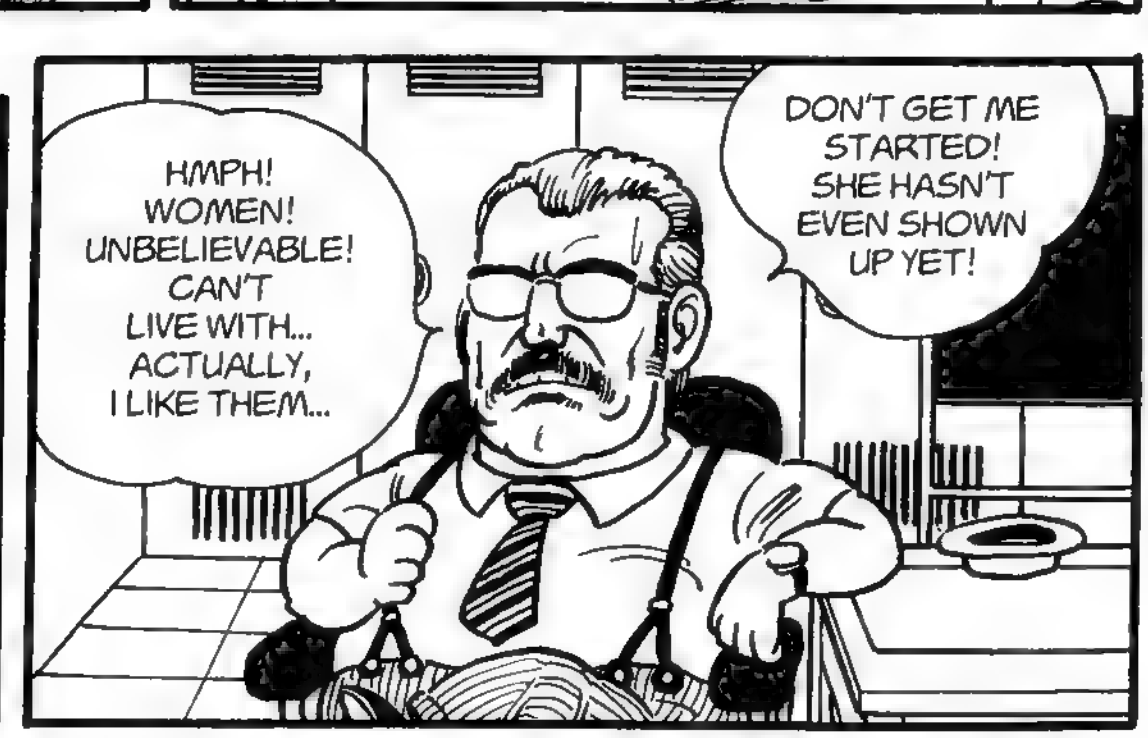
FOOP
FOOP
GEE, WONDER WHAT SHE'LL BE LIKE...


HEH... HEH HEH!
VOOP
CRASH
CUZ YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT TO READ MANGA.

BUT, CHIEF! ISN'T TODAY THE NEW GIRL'S FIRST DAY?
WON'T SHE BE ON TEA DUTY...?
IF YOU DRINK, DON'T DRIVE. IF OU'RE IVING... ETHING-METHING

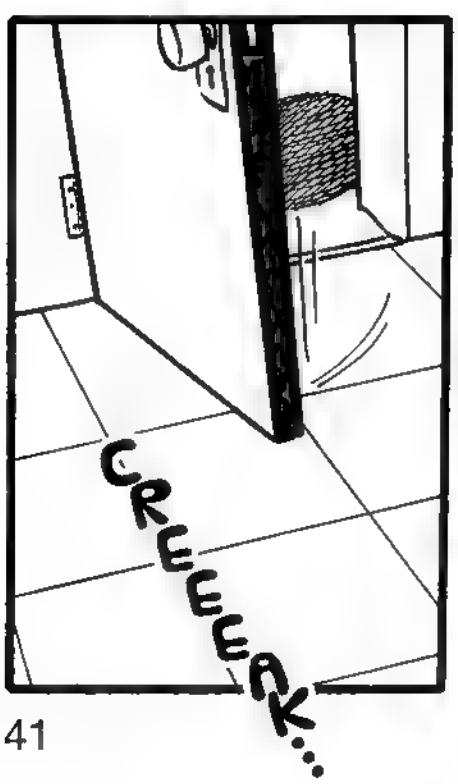

YOU GOT SO MUCH TIME ON YOUR HANDS, WHY DON'T YOU POUR ME SOME TEA?!
WHAT'S ALL THAT RACKET, SLUMP? IT'S BARELY THE BUTTCRACK OF DAWN...

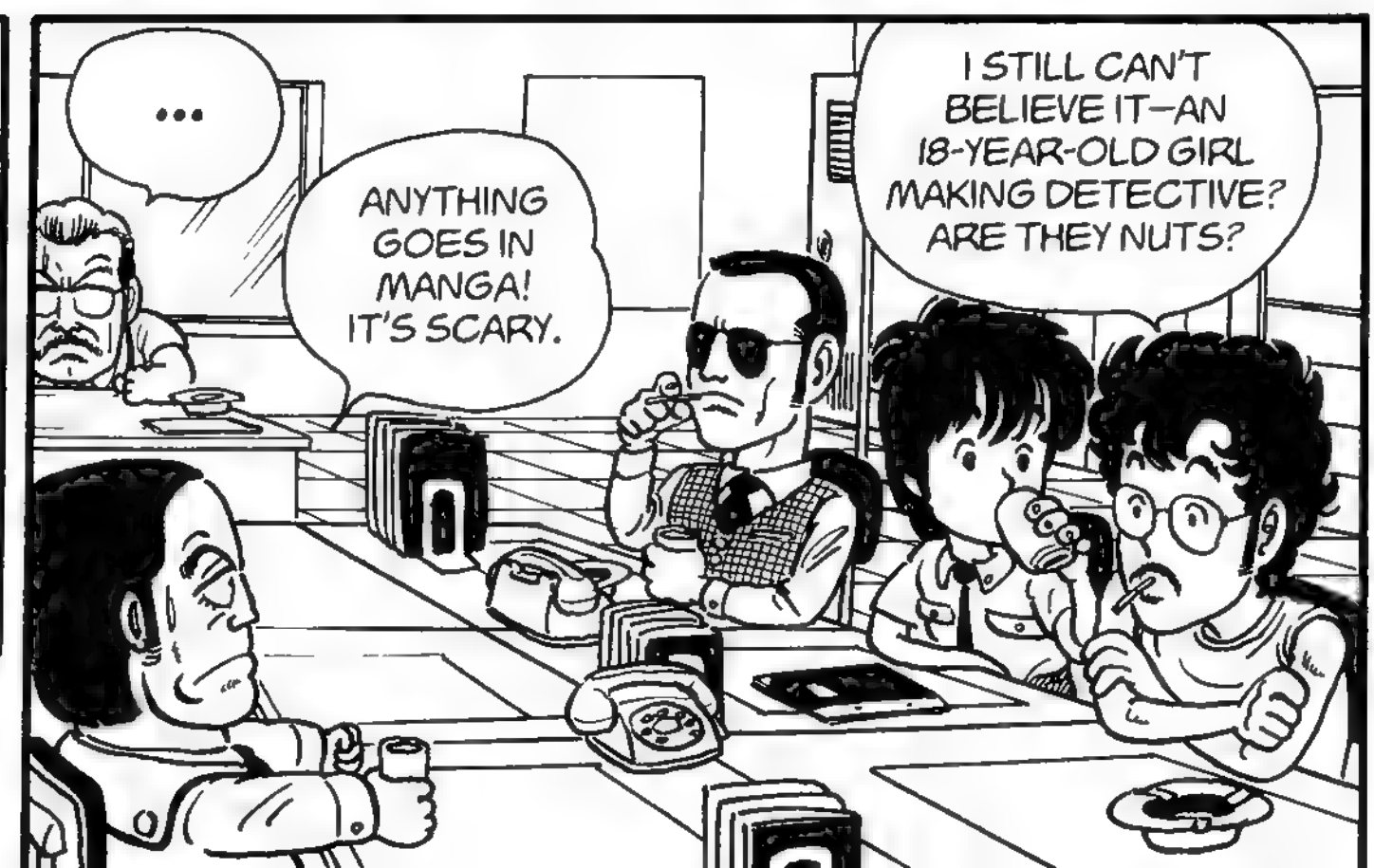
SHUCKS ...
POP


HMPH! WOMEN! UNBELIEVABLE! CAN'T LIVE WITH... ACTUALLY, I LIKE THEM...
DON'T GET ME STARTED! SHE HASN'T EVEN SHOWN UP YET!

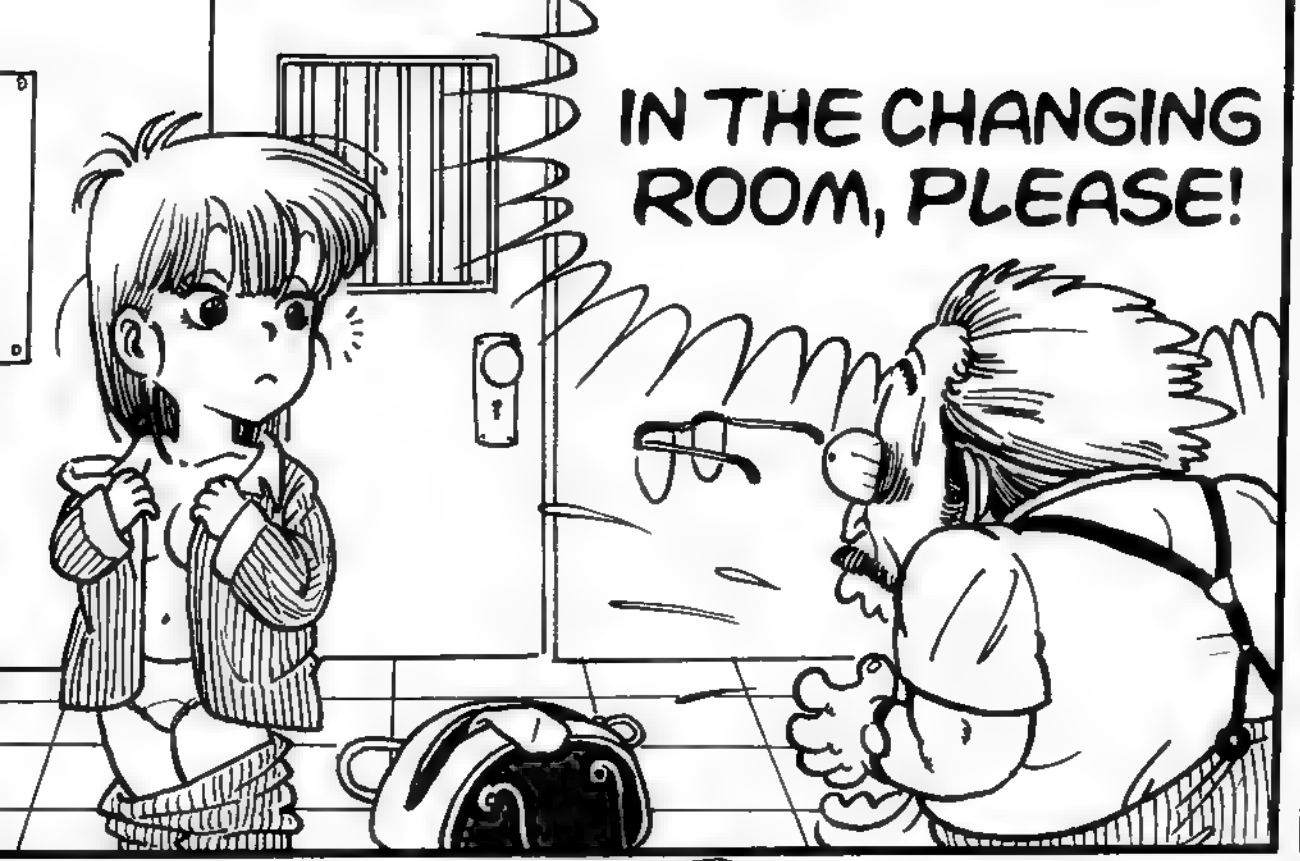
AGAIN WITH THOSE RANCID FEET...
HMMM, SHE AIN'T SHOWED UP YET, HUH...?

CE POLICE
E POLIC


CREEEEAK...


...
ANYTHING GOES IN MANGA! IT'S SCARY.
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT—AN 18-YEAR-OLD GIRL MAKING DETECTIVE? ARE THEY NUTS?

EEP!
OOH!
AH!
GOO-BORNING...
WHOAAA!!
HUH?
TOMATO
HAH... HA HA HA! OH, THIS'S GONNA BE GOOD...
TH-THOSE, THOSE CLOTHES! W-WHY–
PAJAMAS, OLD MAN. THEY'RE FOR SLEEPING, DUH.
UH... URGH...
Phhhh! Hah hah hah...
MY ALARM CLOCK, LIKE, FELL ASLEEP.
WHOOPS!
HA HA HA... SHOWING UP LATE ON THE FIRST DAY... WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF... HUH?!


IN THE CHANGING ROOM, PLEASE!

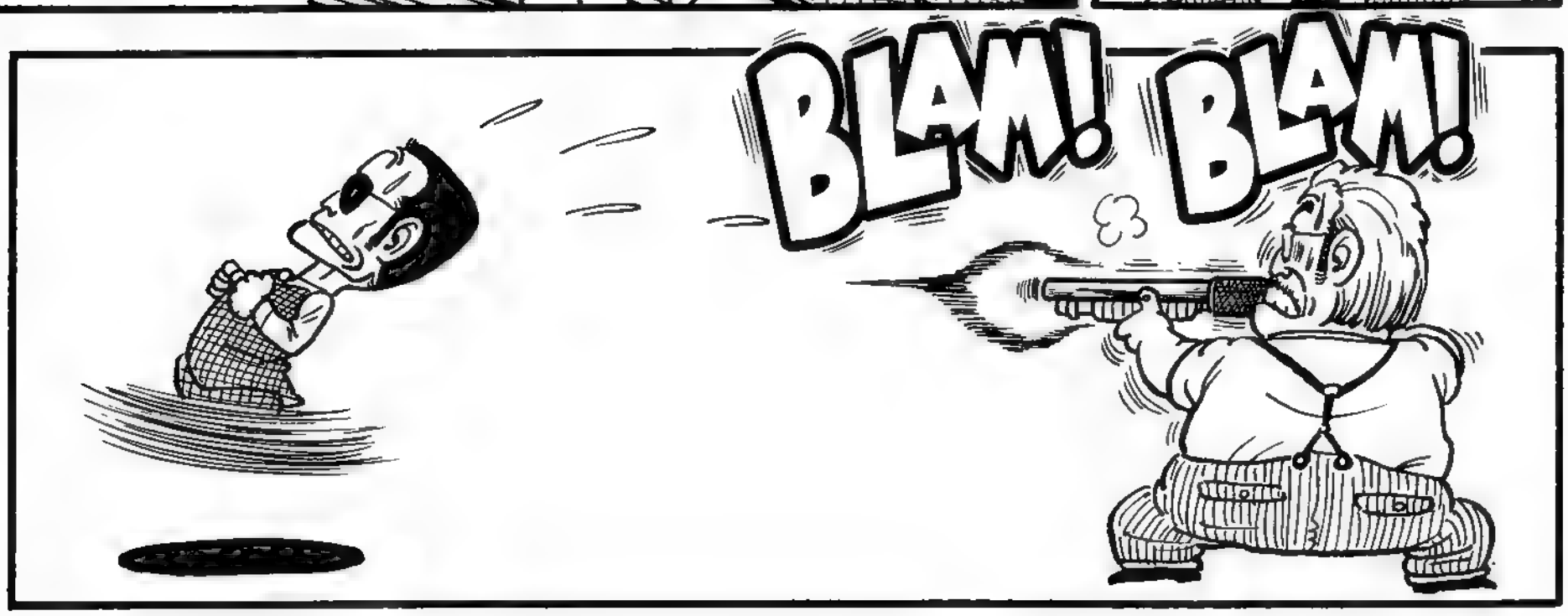
AHEM... WELL, ANYWAY... CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES IMMEDIATELY.
CAN'T INTRODUCE YOU LOOKING LIKE THAT.

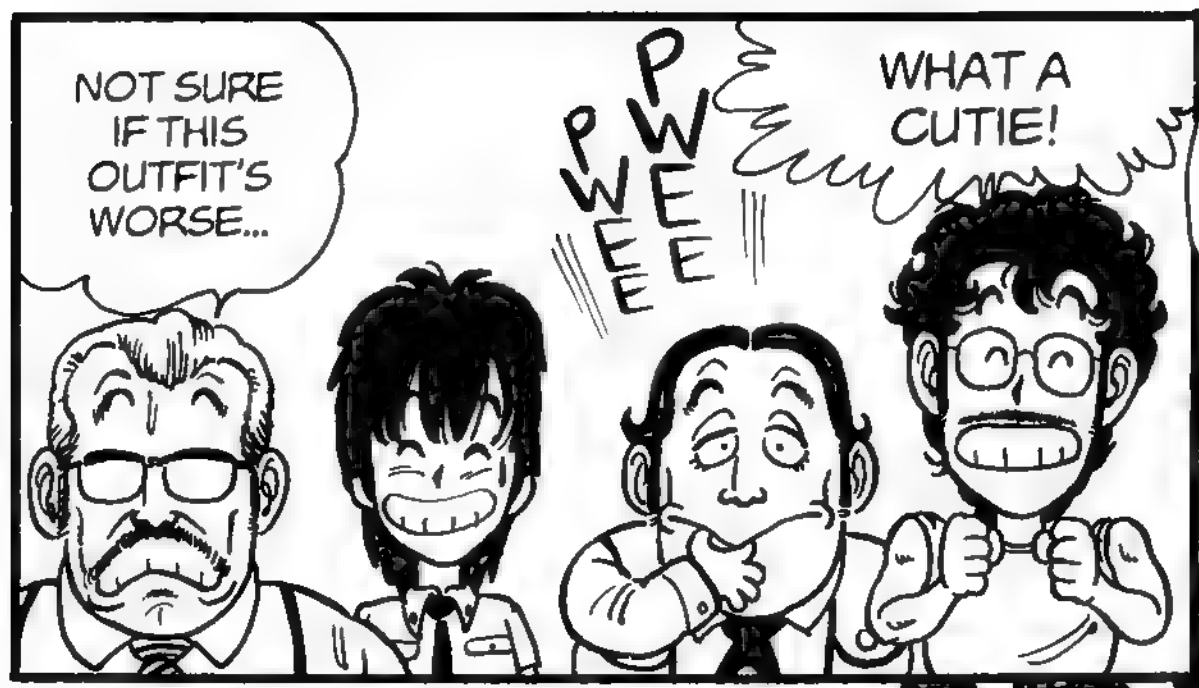
...
AW COME OOON! WE WERE SO CLOSE!
FOR THE LOVE OF... I SHOULD SPECIUM RAY BEAM HIM FOR THAT!

I... I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS AIRHEAD! OOOH!
HUFF
HUFF

LIEUTENANT, YOU DUMBAAASS!!

...
SHE

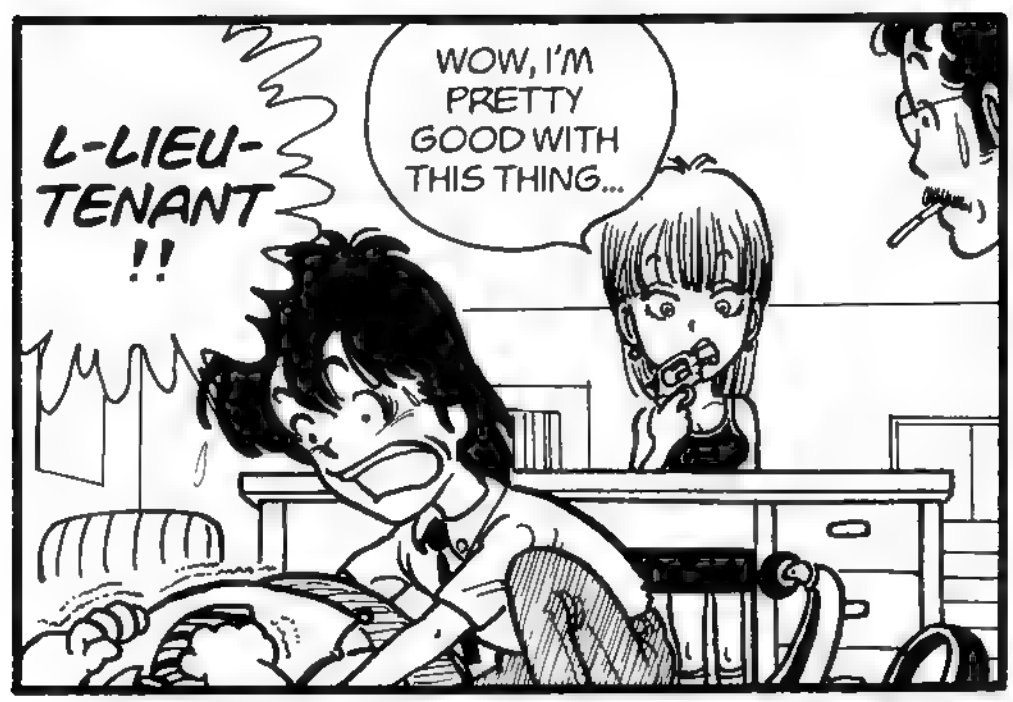

BLAM!
BLAM!

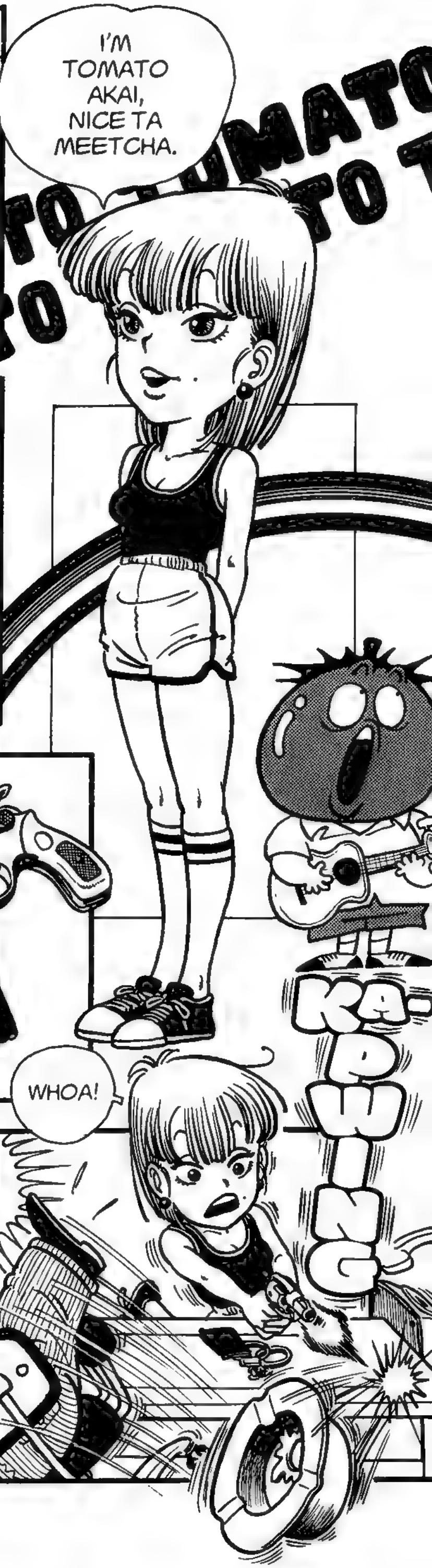

NOT SURE IF THIS OUTFIT'S WORSE...
PWEE PWEE
WHAT A CUTIE!

TODAY I'M NOT WEARING MINE EITHER.
I...I KNOW! PIPE DOWN THOUGH.
PSST! SLUMP, CHECK IT OUT! SHE'S NOT WEARING A BRA!
Quiet, you!

HANDLE YOUR FIREARM WITH NOTHING BUT THE UTMOST CARE.

POLICE HQ


L-LIEU-TENANT !!
WOW, I'M PRETTY GOOD WITH THIS THING...

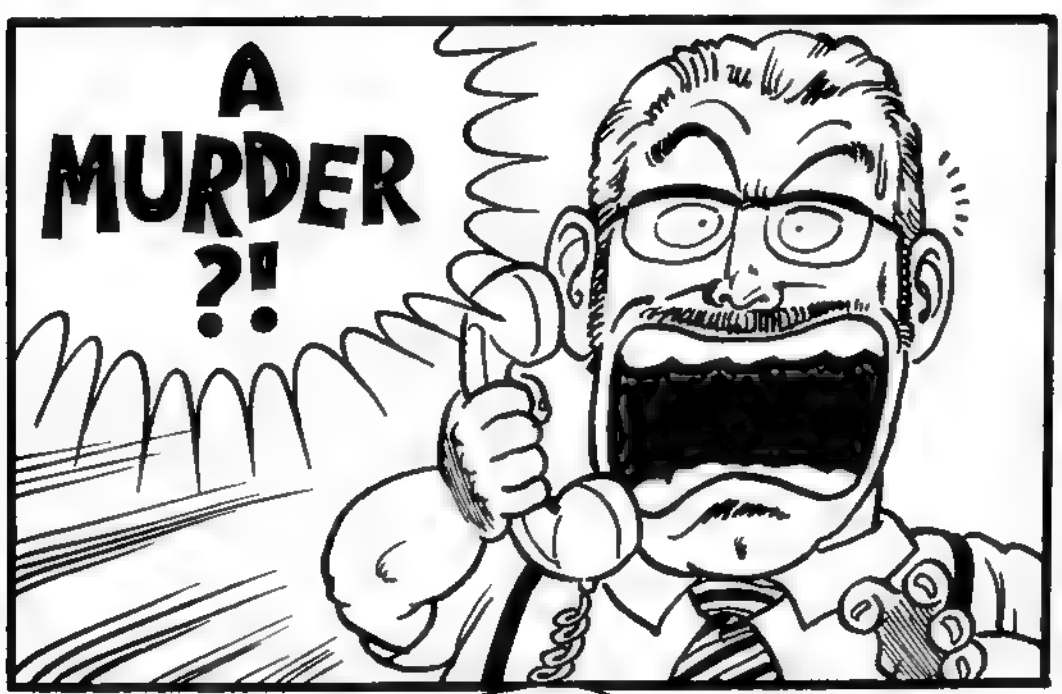

I'M TOMATO AKAI, NICE TA MEETCHA.
TOMATO
TO
WHOA!
KA-PING

BREEEP BREEP!

BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH!

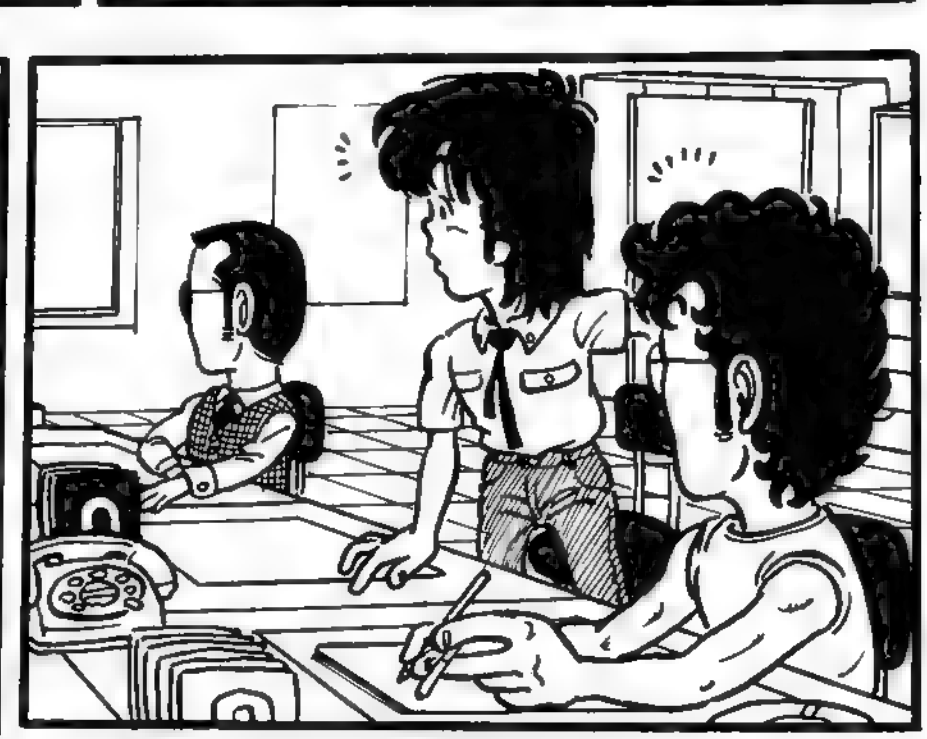
GIMME THAT!!

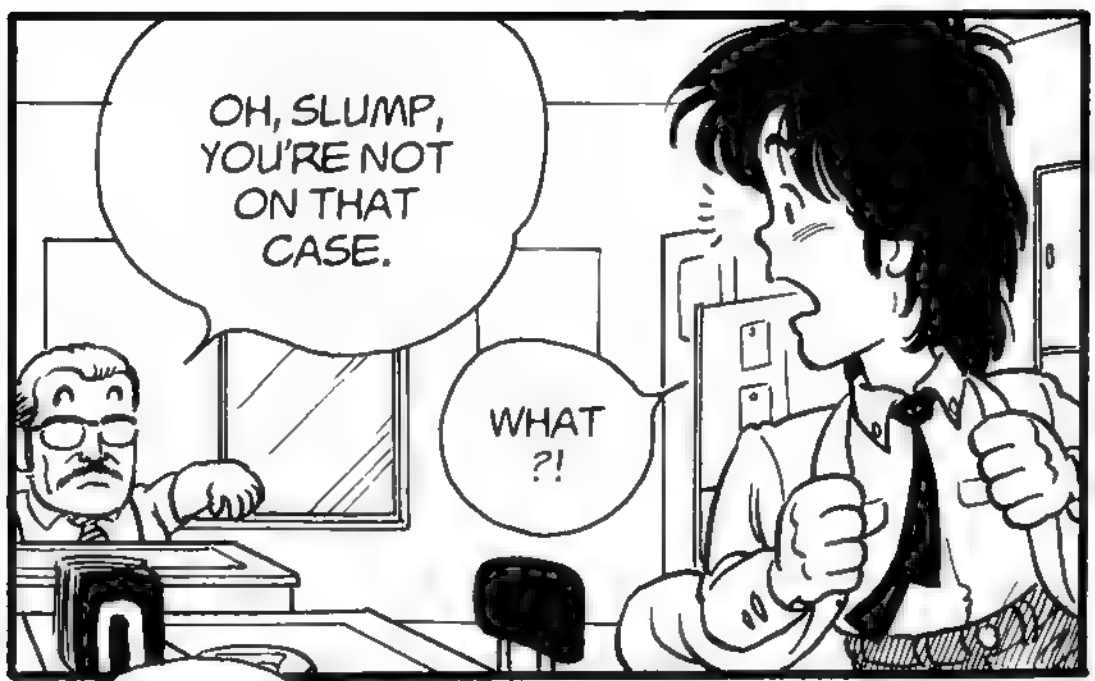
HELLO... HUH? NO, THIS IS TOMATO.
KER-CRAAASH!

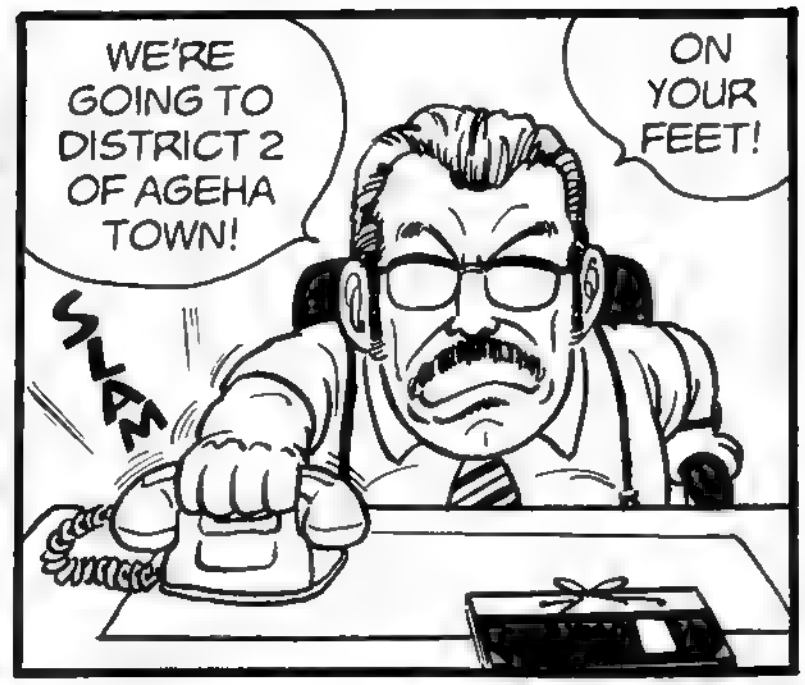

A MURDER ?!

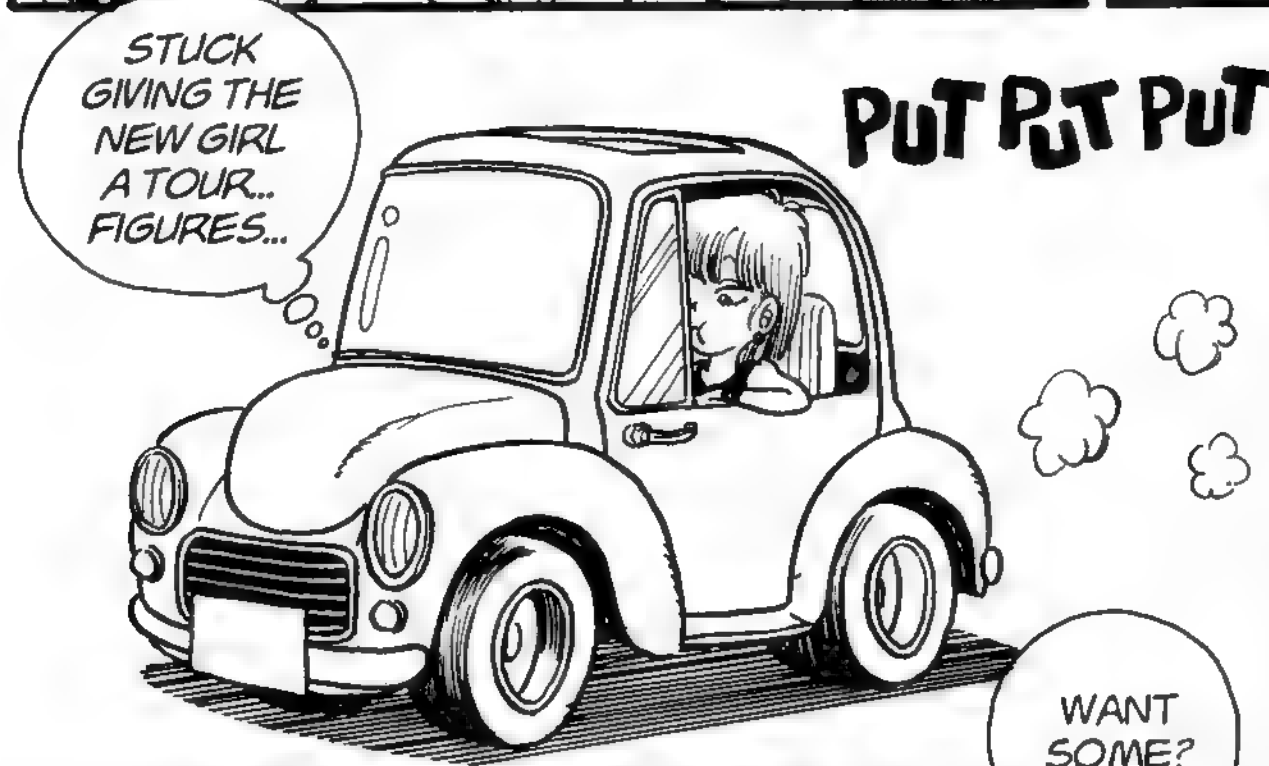
HELLO?! MY APOLOGIES! THAT WAS A YOUNG LADY WE BROUGHT IN FOR SHOPLIFTING... HUH?!

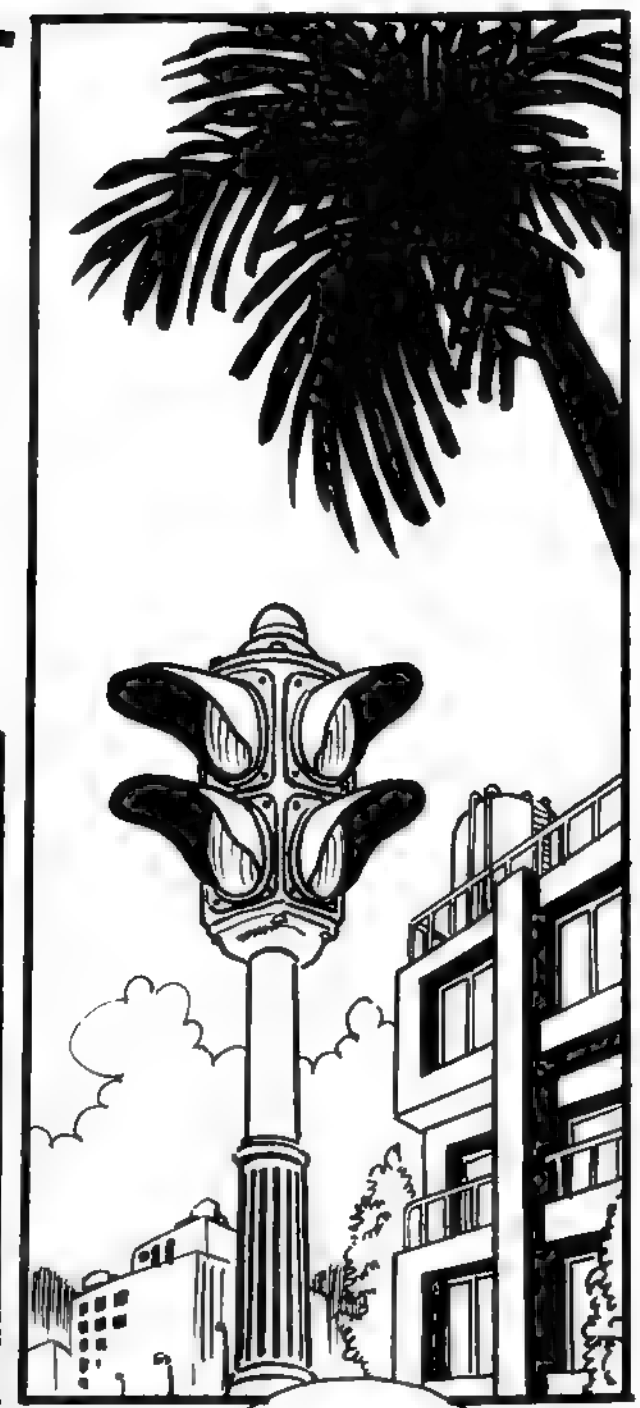
YES, I SEE... AND THEN?

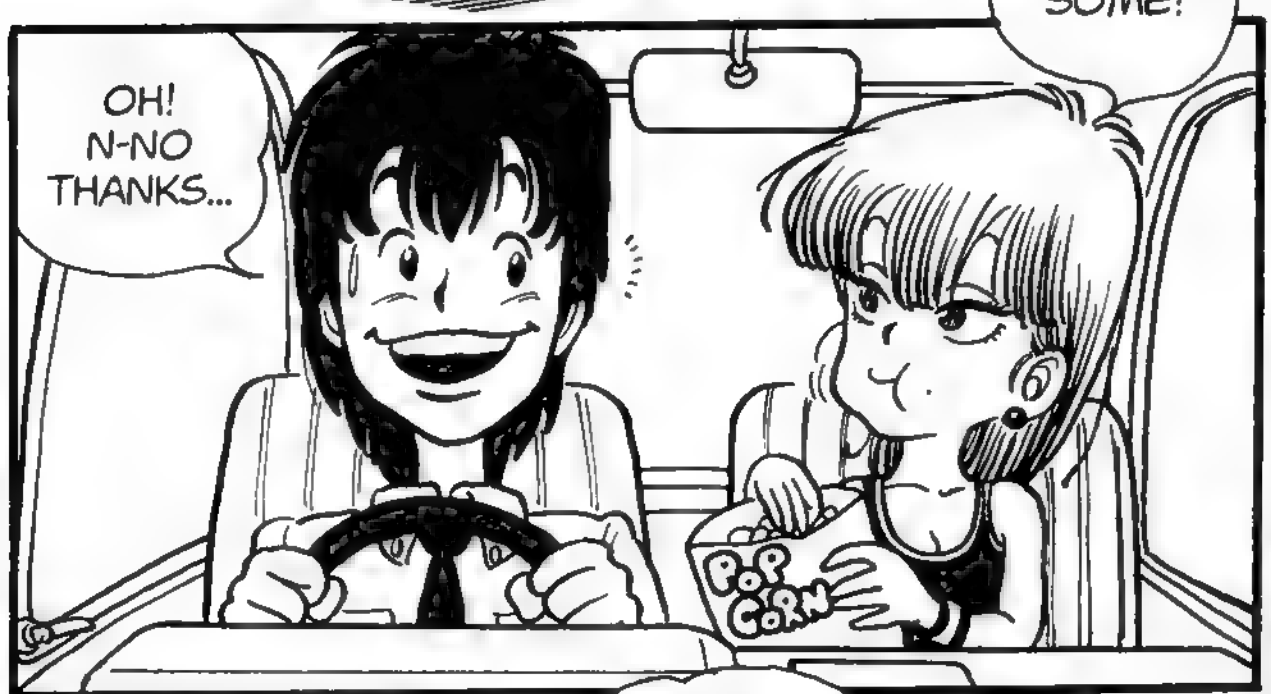


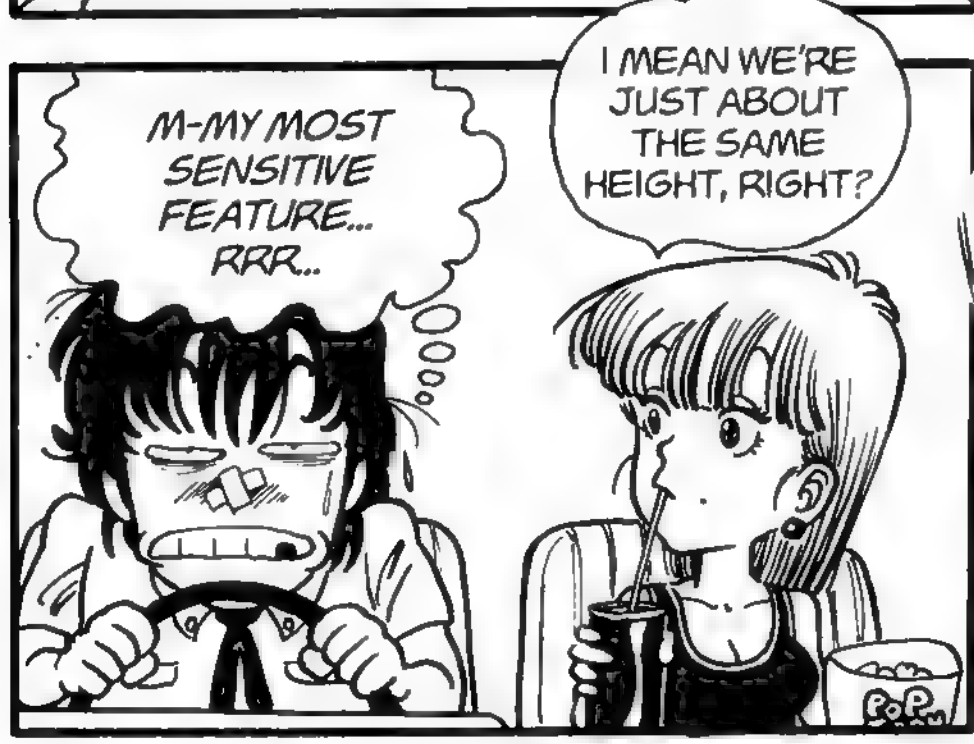

OH, SLUMP, YOU'RE NOT ON THAT CASE.
WHAT ?!

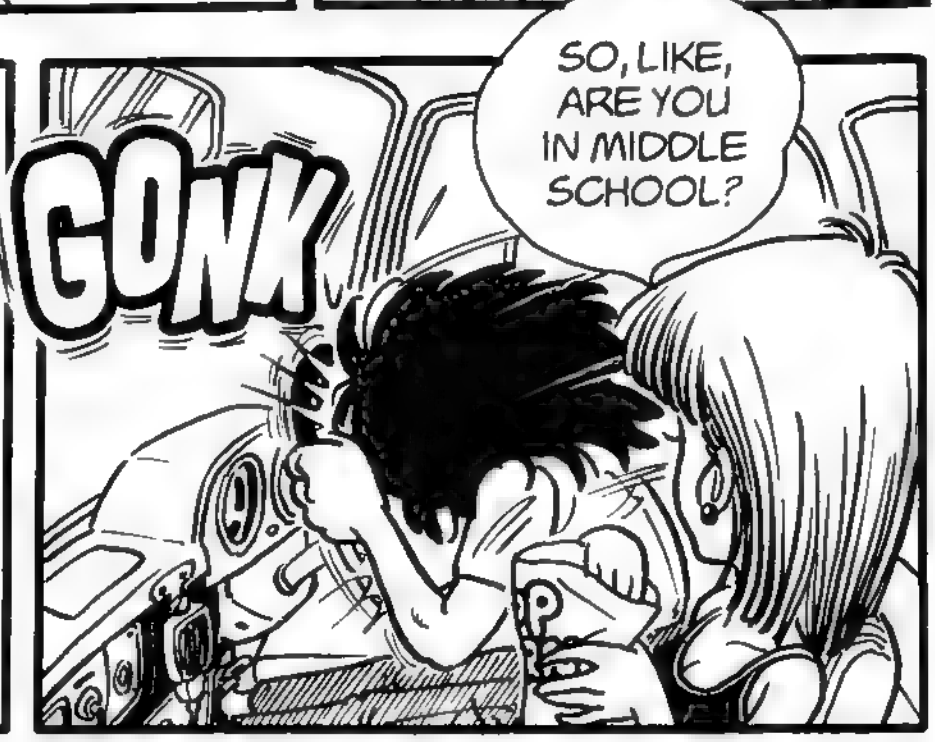

WE'RE GOING TO DISTRICT 2 OF AGEHA TOWN!
ON YOUR FEET!
SLAM


STUCK GIVING THE NEW GIRL A TOUR... FIGURES...
PUT PUT PUT




WANT SOME?
OH! N-NO THANKS...
POP CORN


M-MY MOST SENSITIVE FEATURE... RRR...
I MEAN WE'RE JUST ABOUT THE SAME HEIGHT, RIGHT?

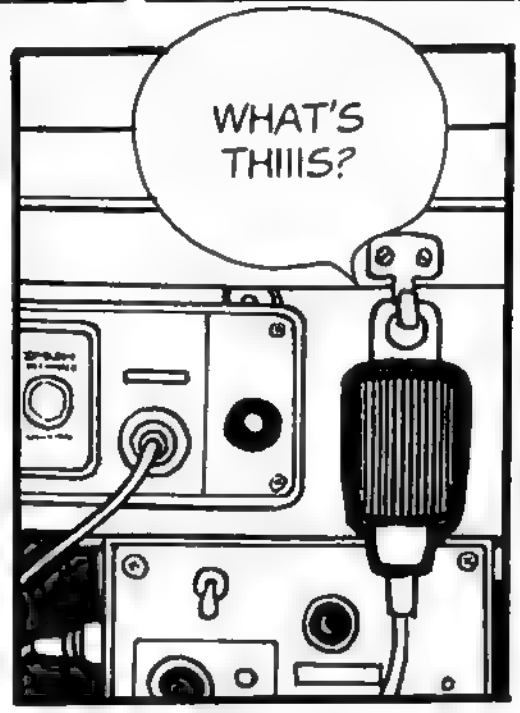

GONK
SO, LIKE, ARE YOU IN MIDDLE SCHOOL?

HEY!
VROOOOOM
WHOA!! WHA-WHA...!!
SQUEEEAL
BLAM!
FFT
HUH ?!
OH MY GOSH, WHAT HAPPENED TO MY WINDOW...
YOU WERE A BIT OVER THE SPEED LIMIT. GIMME THE FINE.
WHAT ?!
WHAM
W-WHAT HAPPENED?! WHAT DID HE DO?!

C'MOOON... WHY AM I STUCK DOING THIIIIS?
OOOO

JUST SO YOU KNOW! THAT'S THE TRAFFIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT'S JOB!!
AW SHUCKS, I WAS HOPING TO BUY SOME NEW CLOTHES TOO...

OH, THAT'S JUST THE RADIO...
PHEW
HERE, YOU DO THIS AND...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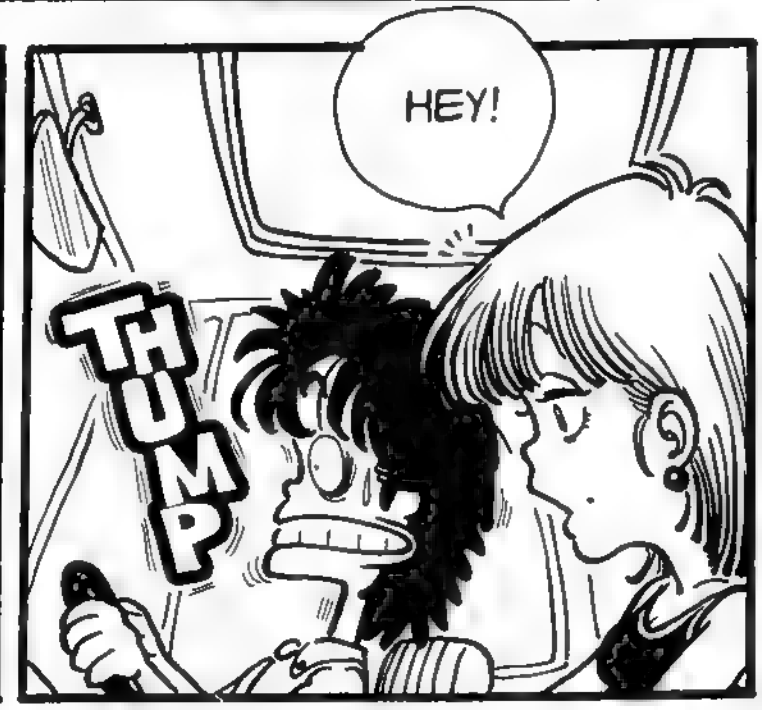
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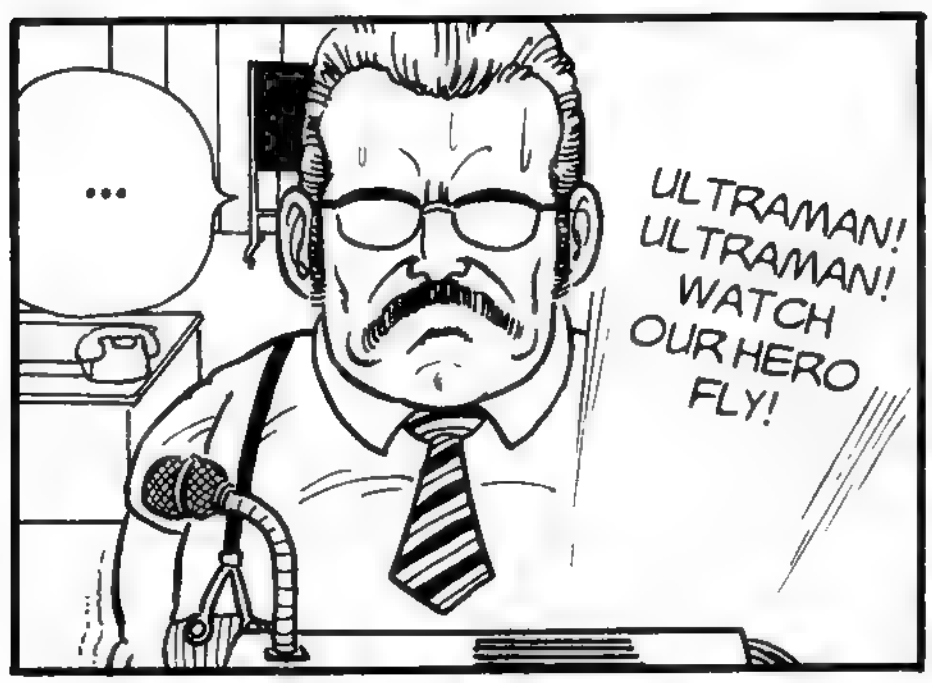
THUMP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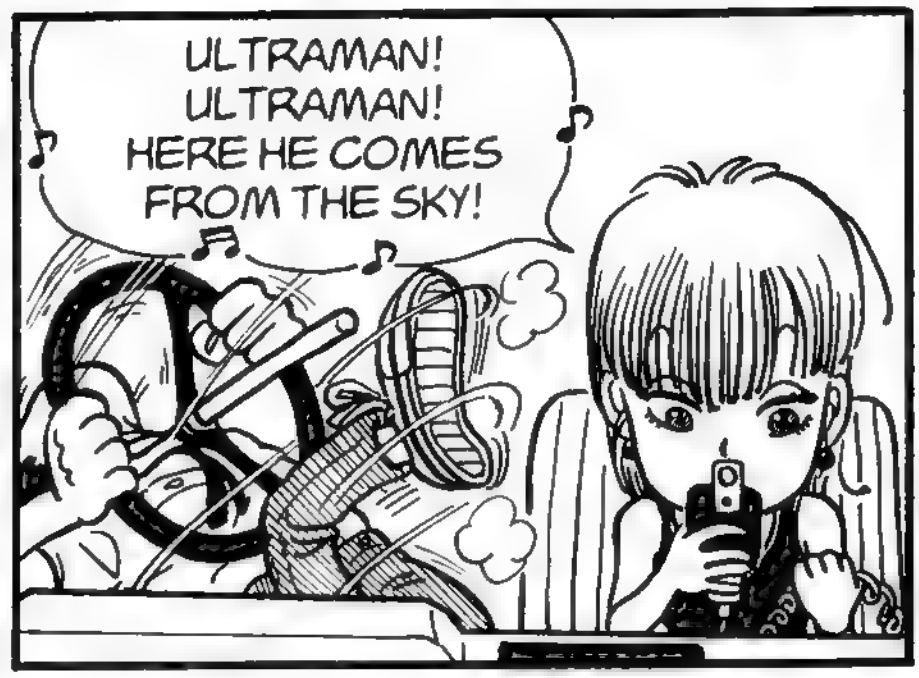
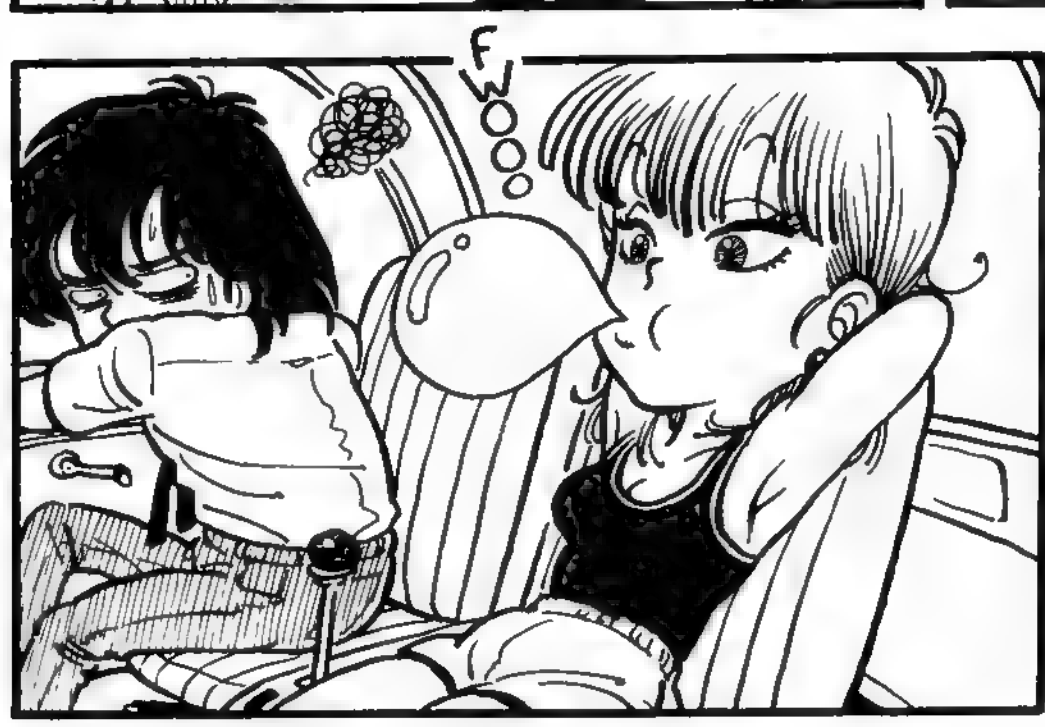
ULTRAMAN! ULTRAMAN! WATCH OUR HERO FLY!


ULTRAMAN! ULTRAMAN! HERE HE COMES FROM THE SKY!


FWOOO

MY HEAD HURTS FOR SO MANY REASONS...
HUFF
PUFF
HUFF

HEY, THAT GUY...

YEAH?

HM?!

WANTED

KURAAKU KENTA (32)
CRIME: BANK ROBBERY

HERE! I KNEW IT!!

...!!

RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE

TH-THIS IS SLUMP, AND I–!

I'M GONNA CONTACT THE LIEUTENANT! DON'T LET HIM OUTTA YOUR SIGHT!

TH...THEY'RE GONE... BOTH OF 'EM... GONE...!

TOMATO, WHERE'D HE...

HUH ?!

PLOOP

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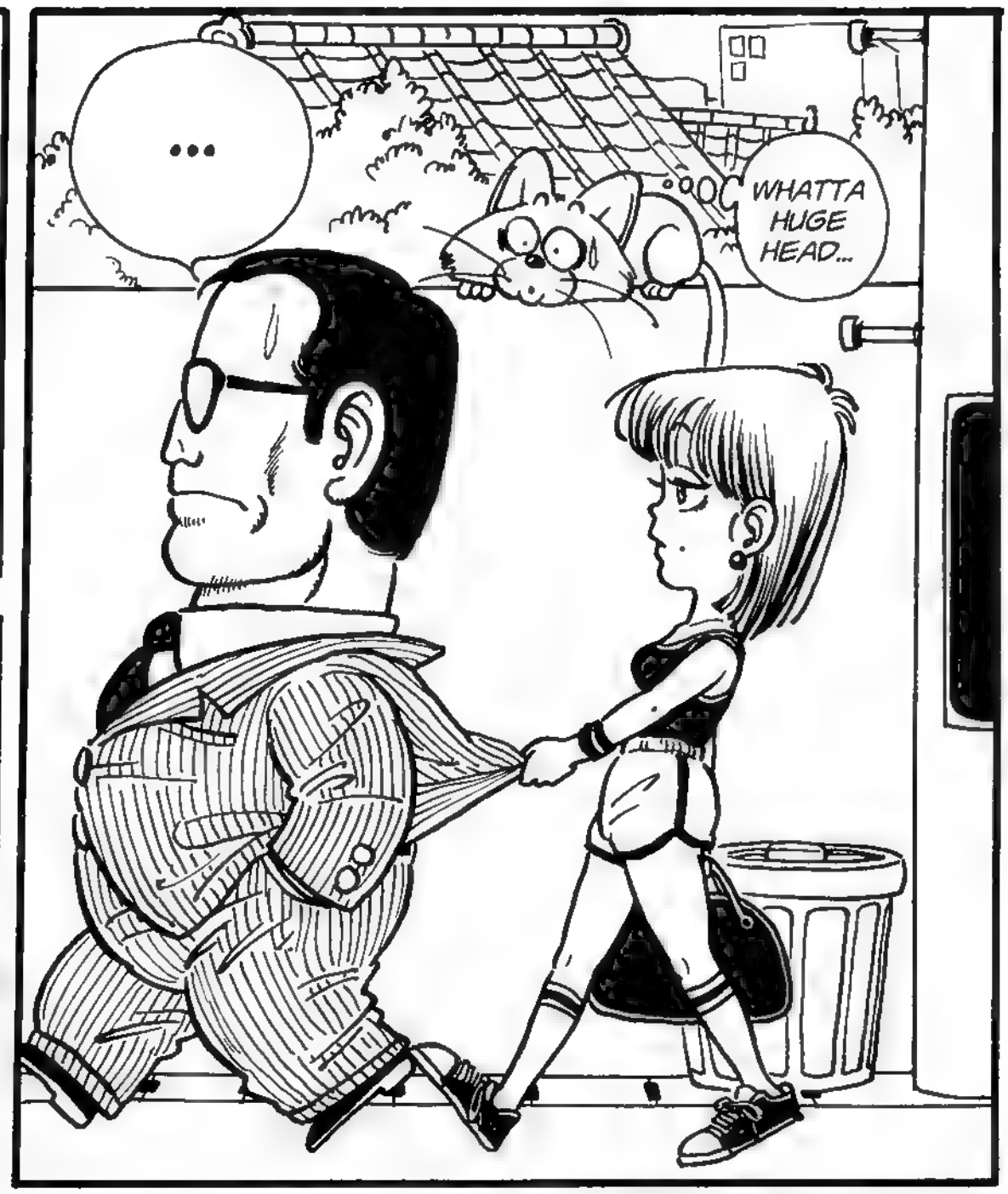
○×△...

...YOU'RE DOING?
MISS, MAY I ASK WHAT YOU THINK...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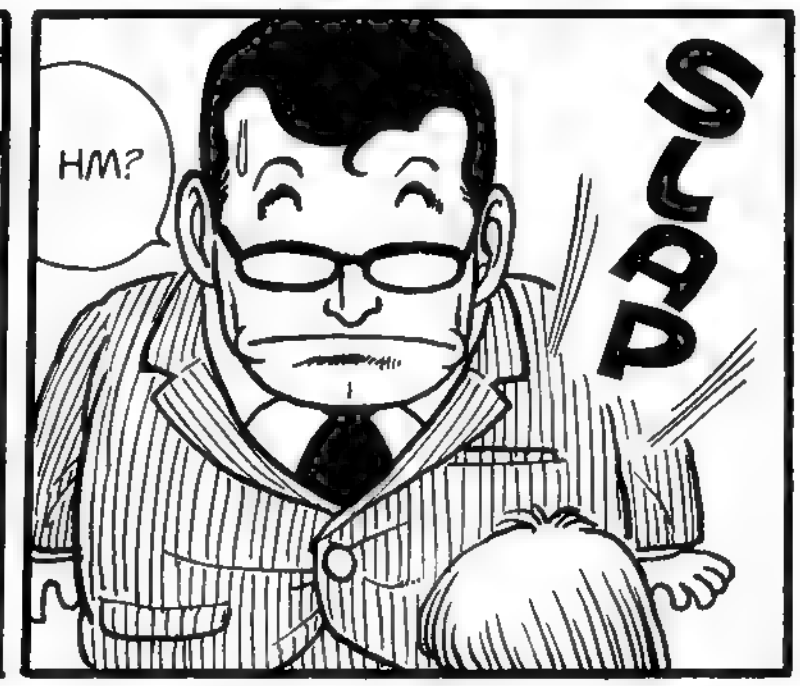
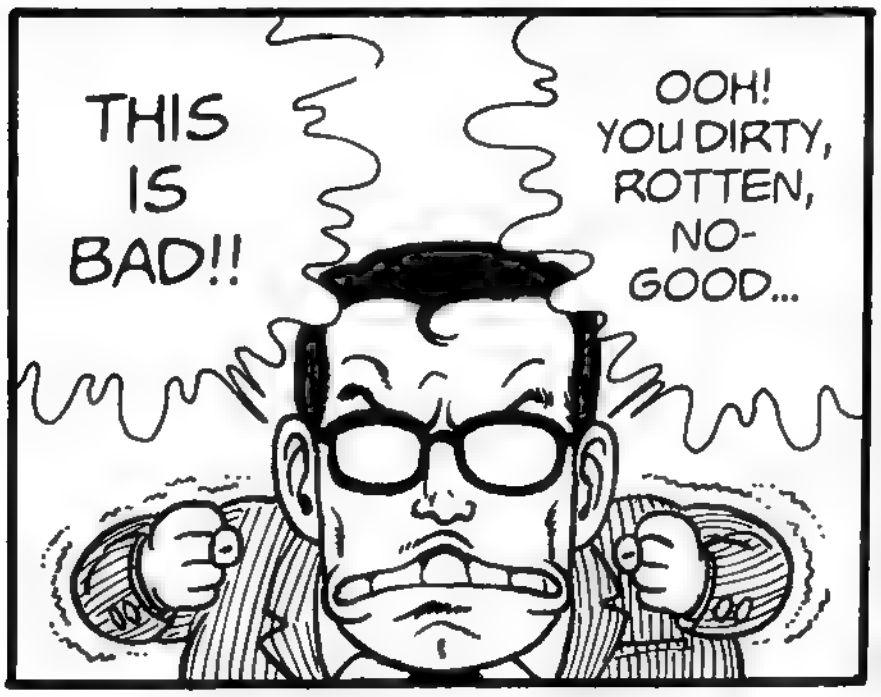
WHATTA HUGE HEAD...

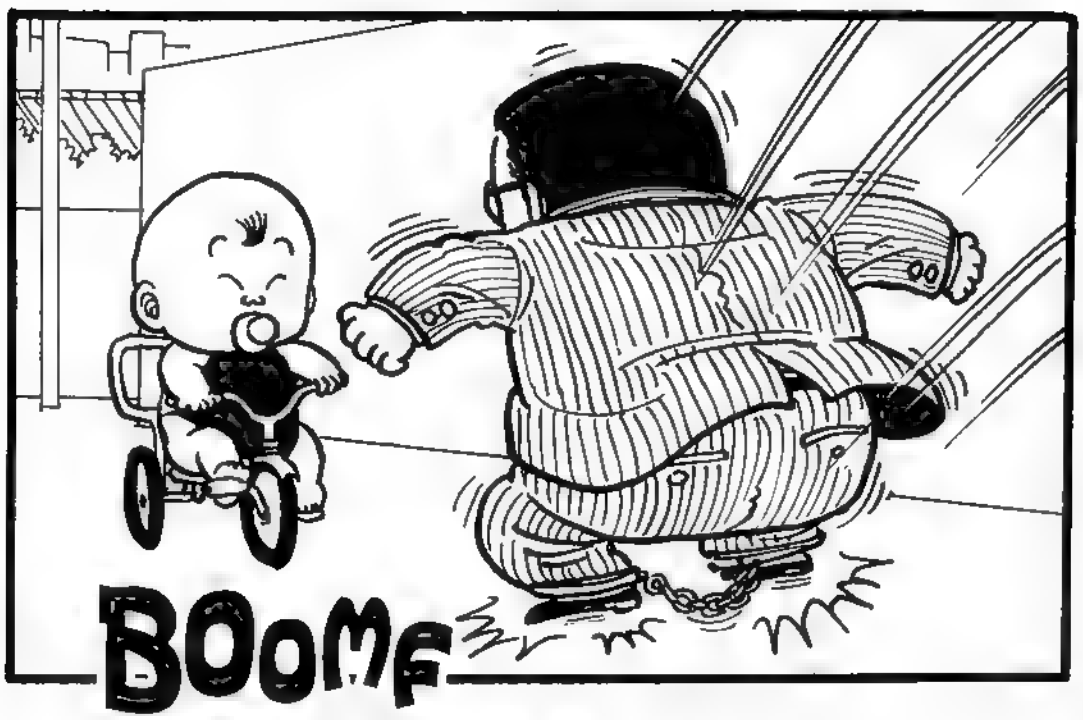
JUST A SEC, 'KAY?
...?

AH!

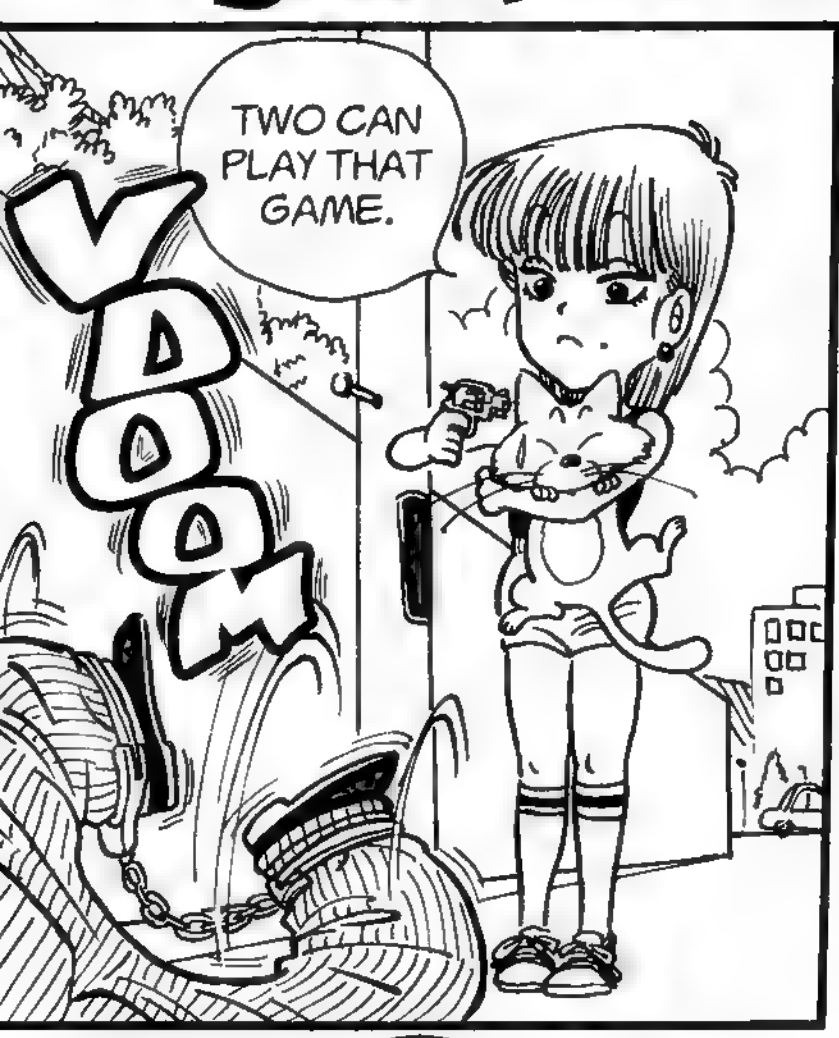

HM?
SLAP


THIS IS BAD!!
OOH! YOU DIRTY, ROTTEN, NO-GOOD...

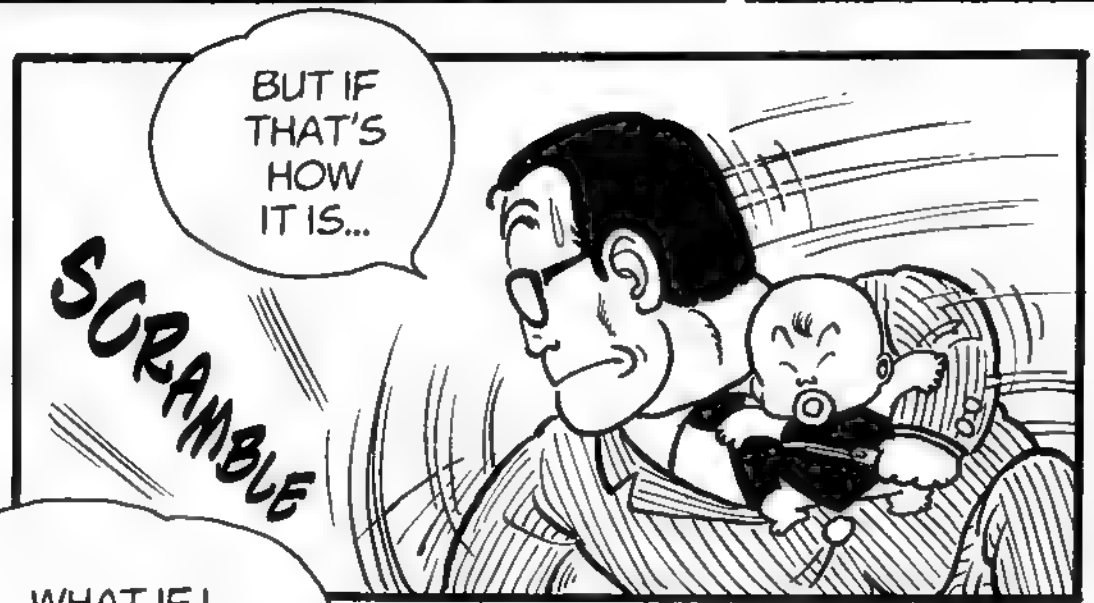
OH NO! NO NO NO NO! ARE YOU A...COP?!
DING DING DING! BINGO!


BOOMF

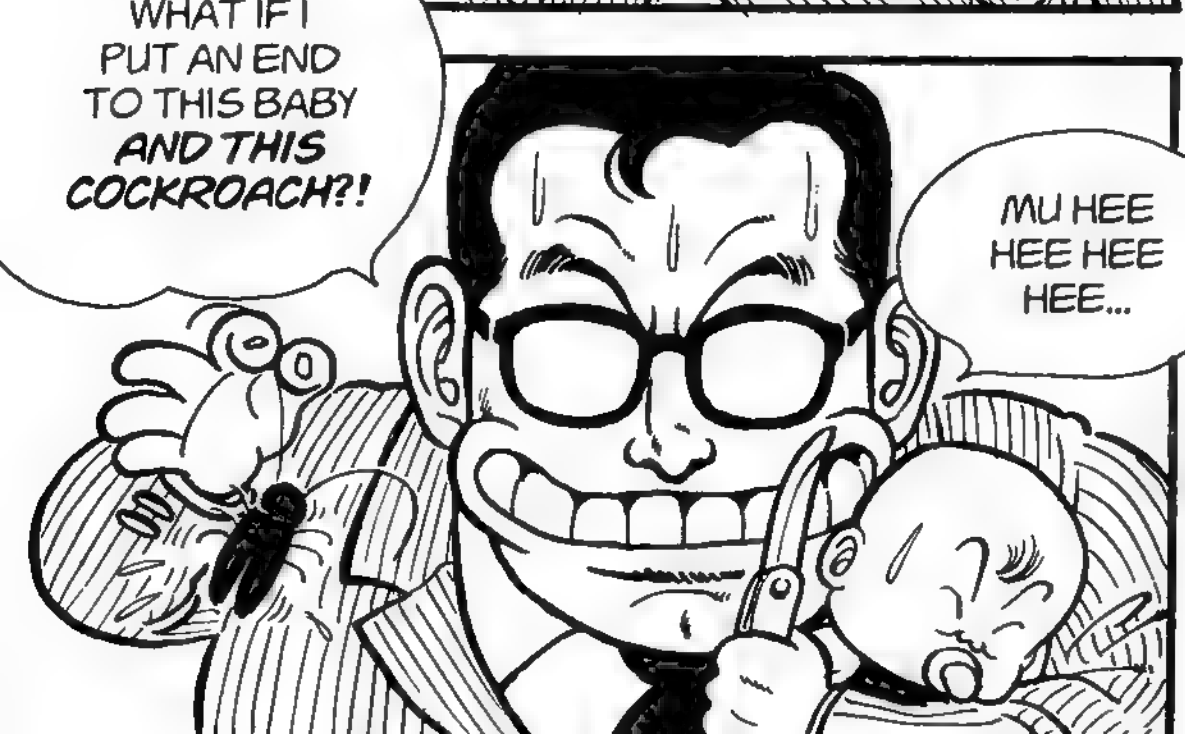
UP AND AWAY!
BOING
HUH?

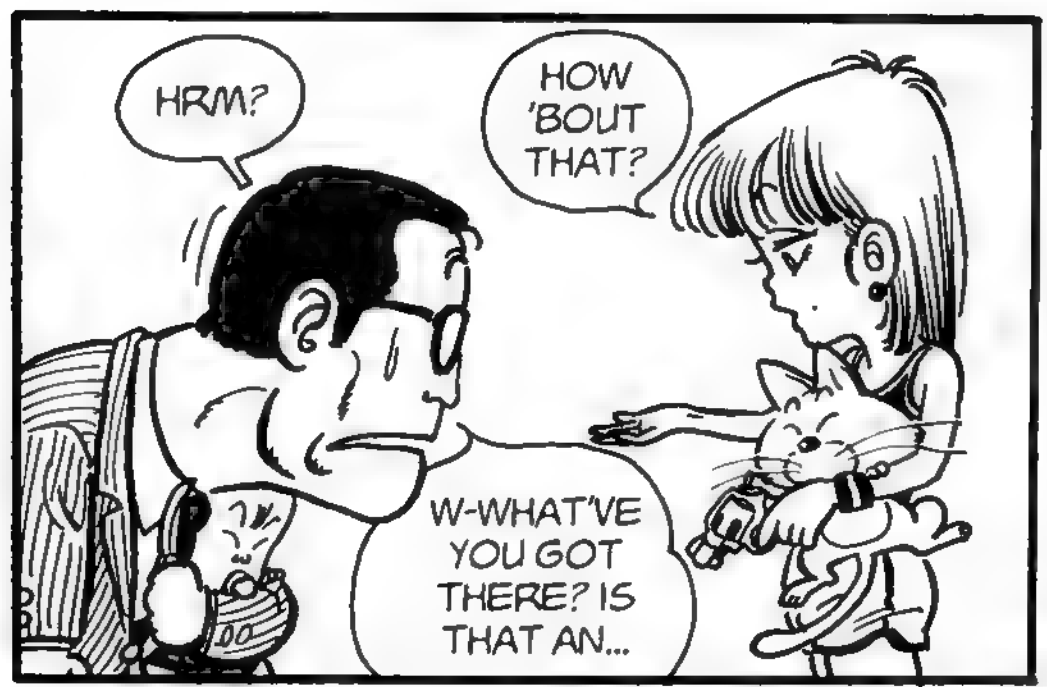

TWO CAN PLAY THAT GAME.
VROOM

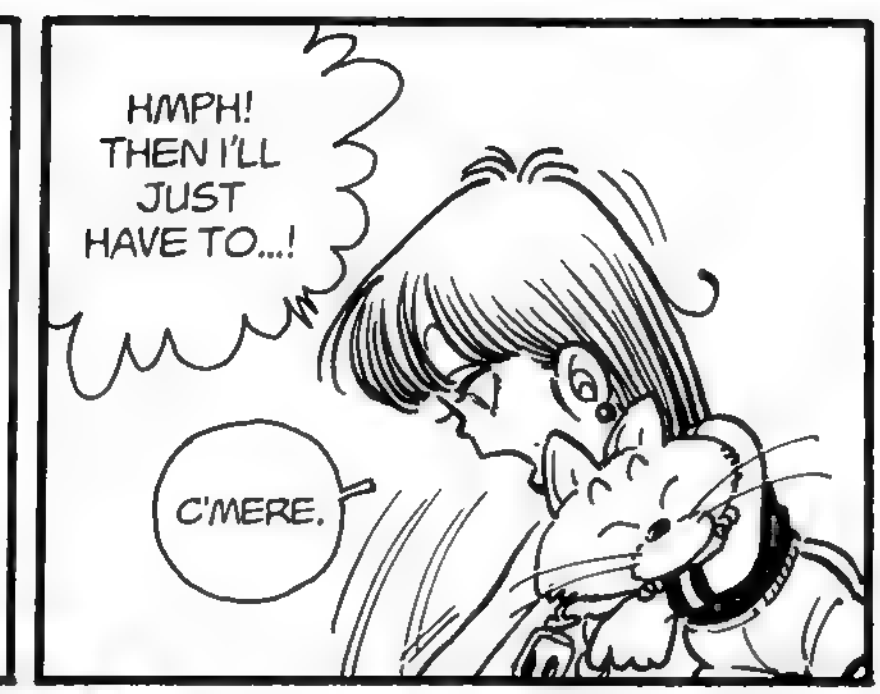
WA HAH HAH HAH... GOT YOU NOW!!
ONE STEP CLOSER AND THIS BABY GETS IT!!

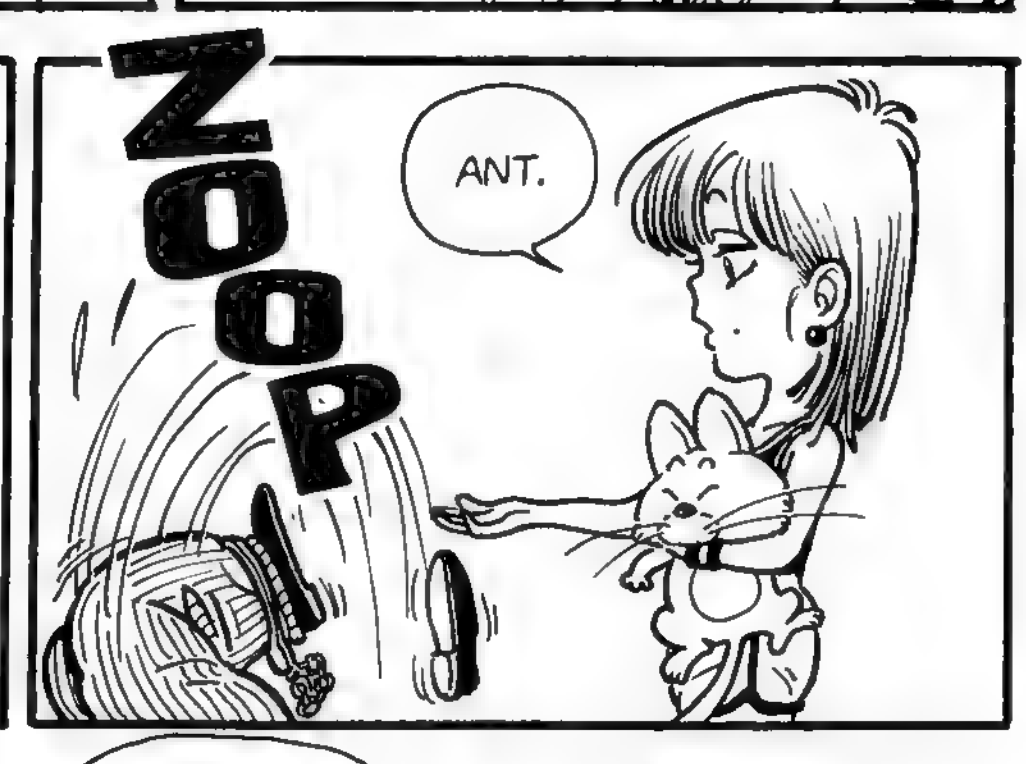

BUT IF THAT'S HOW IT IS...
SCRAMBLE

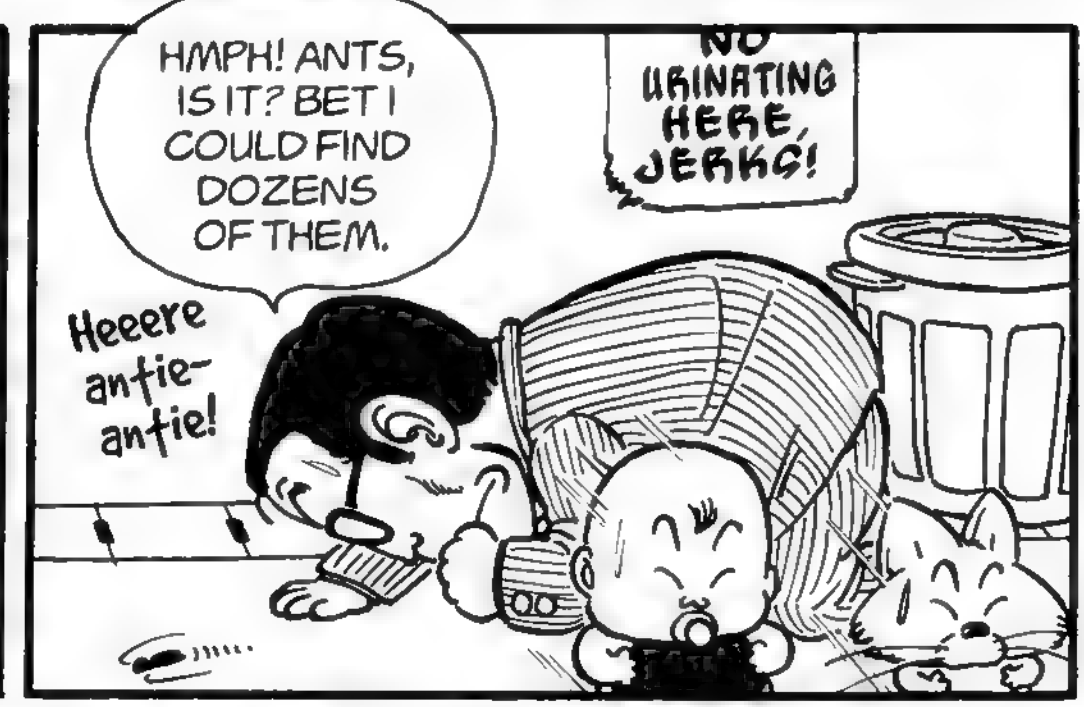
RAZZUM FRAZZUM... WHAT'RE YOU, THICK? I DON'T KNOW THAT CAT AND IT NEVER DID ANYTHING FOR ME!

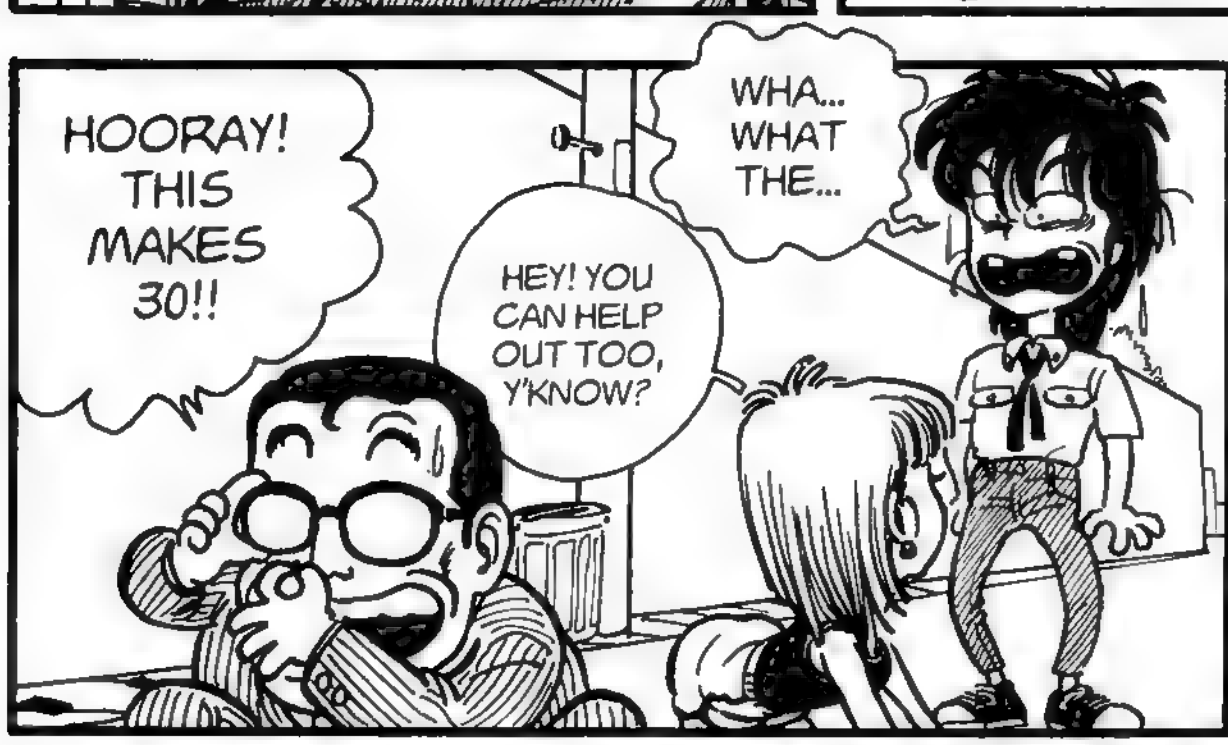

WHAT IF I PUT AN END TO THIS BABY AND THIS COCKROACH?!
MU HEE HEE HEE HEE...











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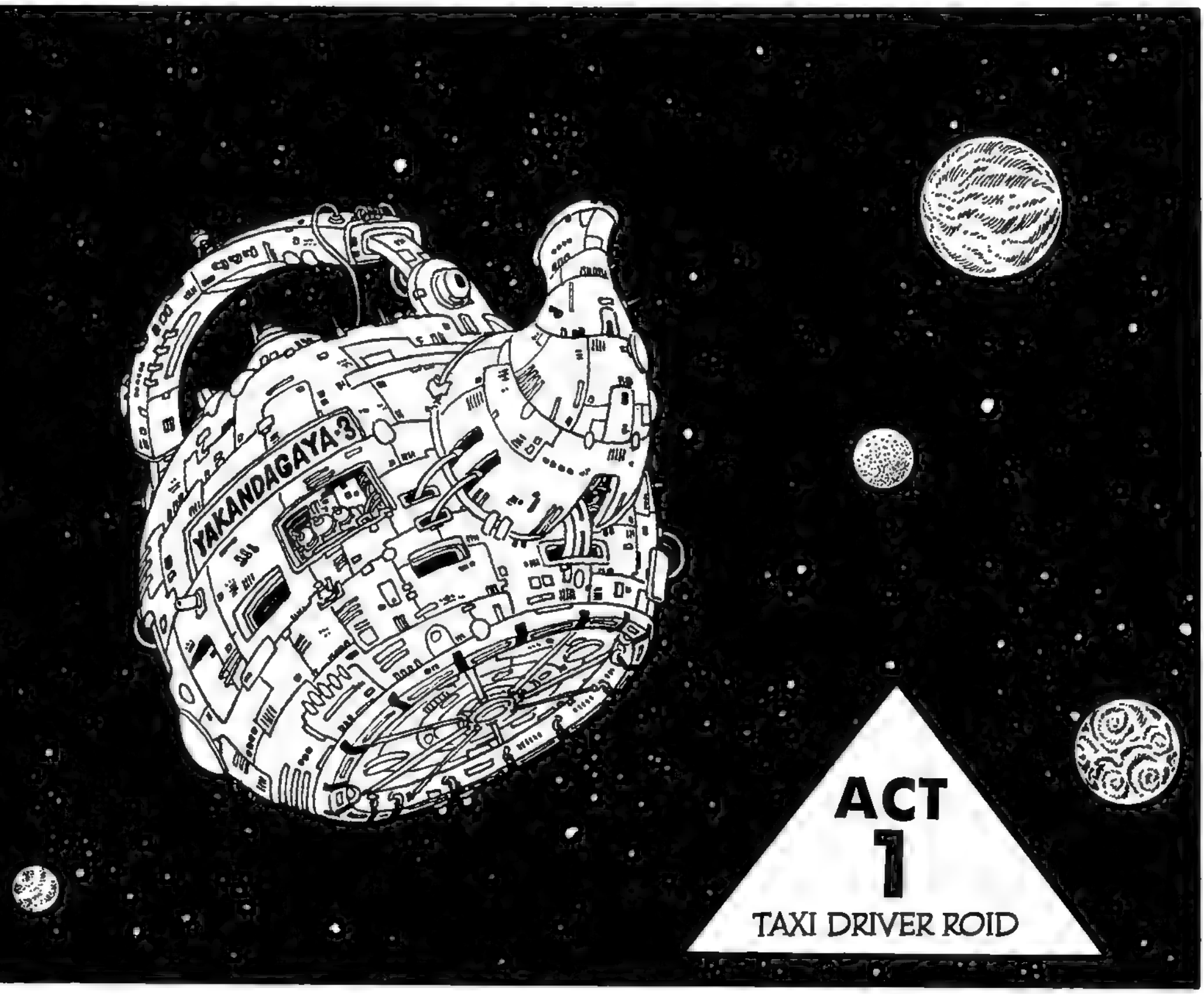
HAHAHAHAHAHA
POLICE
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
YEAH... RIIIGHT...
I KNEW SHE WAS GREAT FROM THE VERY START.
GOTTA ADMIT, YOU'RE SOMETHIN' SPECIAL!
...
CHEERS, BOYS! ★
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT...? I FOUND ANOTHER ONE! IN HERE OF ALL PLACES!
ENOUGH WITH THE ANTS!! SETTLE DOWN IN THERE!!
TOMATO
TOMATO JUICE

POLA & ROID

A LONG, LONG TIME AGO, THERE WAS A YOUNGSTER NAMED ROID WHO MADE HIS LIVING AS A TAXI PILOT ON THE ARTIFICIAL PLANET YAKANDAGAYA...



RUSTLE
RUSTLE
SUPERPORNO
VINYL BOOK
★ THIS IS A SUPER SEXY EDITION! BUY NOW!
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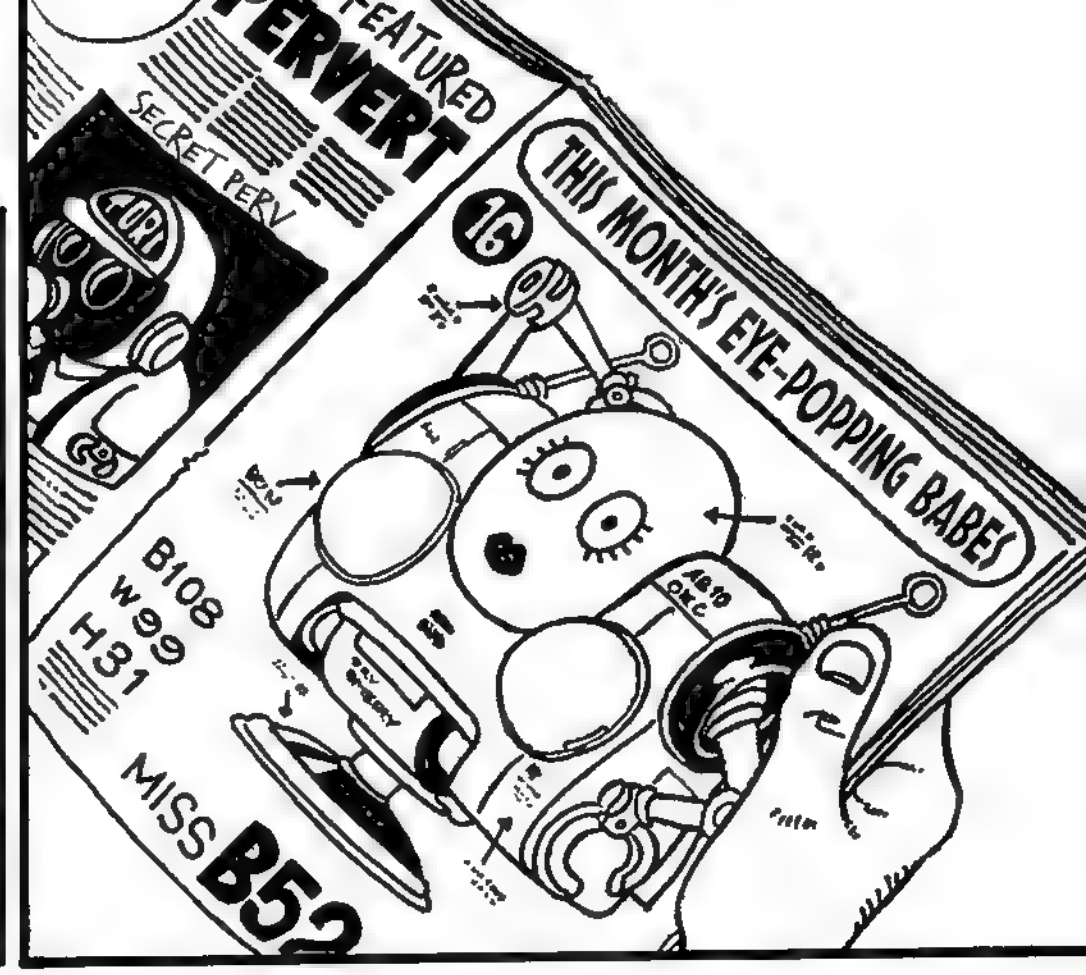
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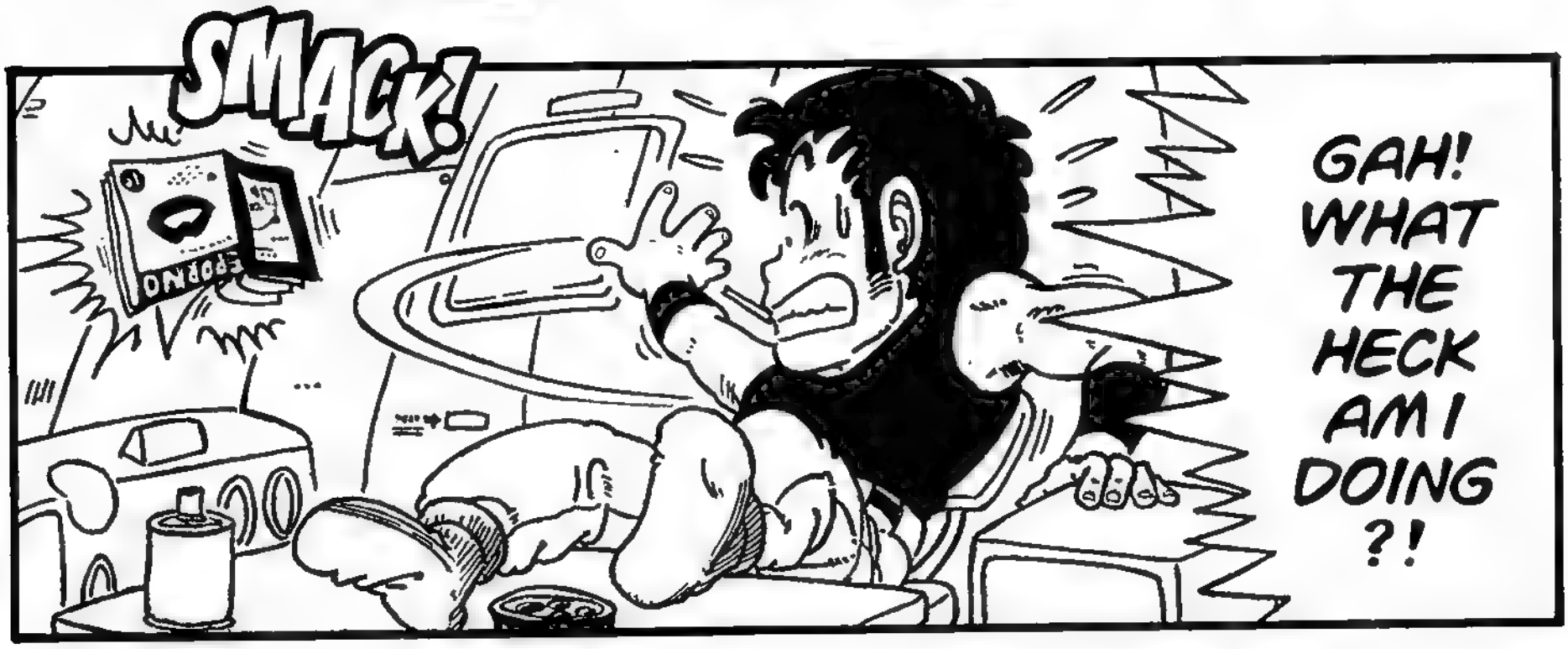
THIS MONTH'S EYE-POPPING BABES
B108
W99
H31
MISS B52


SMACK!
GAH! WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING ?!

IT'S SO FAR THOUGH. I'D NEED AT LEAST A MID-SIZE SHIP...
RUSTLE...

'SCUSE ME?

MAYBE I SHOULD GO BACK TO EARTH...
I SHOULD NEVER HAVE COME TO THIS BORING PLANET!!

NOPE.
HUH ?

WOULD YOU TAKE ME TO PLANET AYOGAN?

YEAH, ONE THAT ONLY GIVES RIDES TO SUPER CUTE CHICKS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "NOPE"? YOU'RE A TAXI PILOT, ARN'CHA?

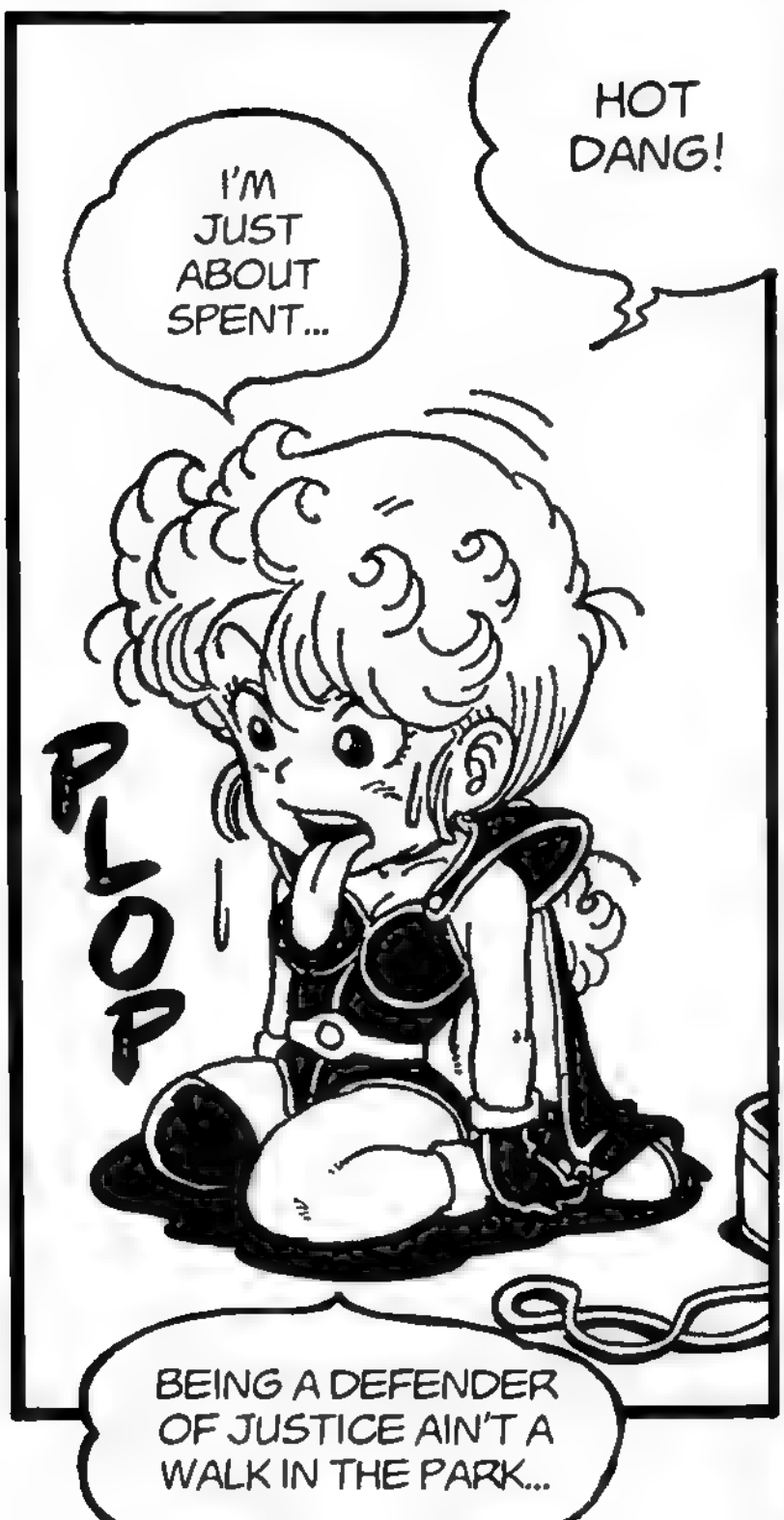
SO YOU CAN ADAPT...
RIGHT THIS WAY, SIR! RIGHT THIS WAY! ♥

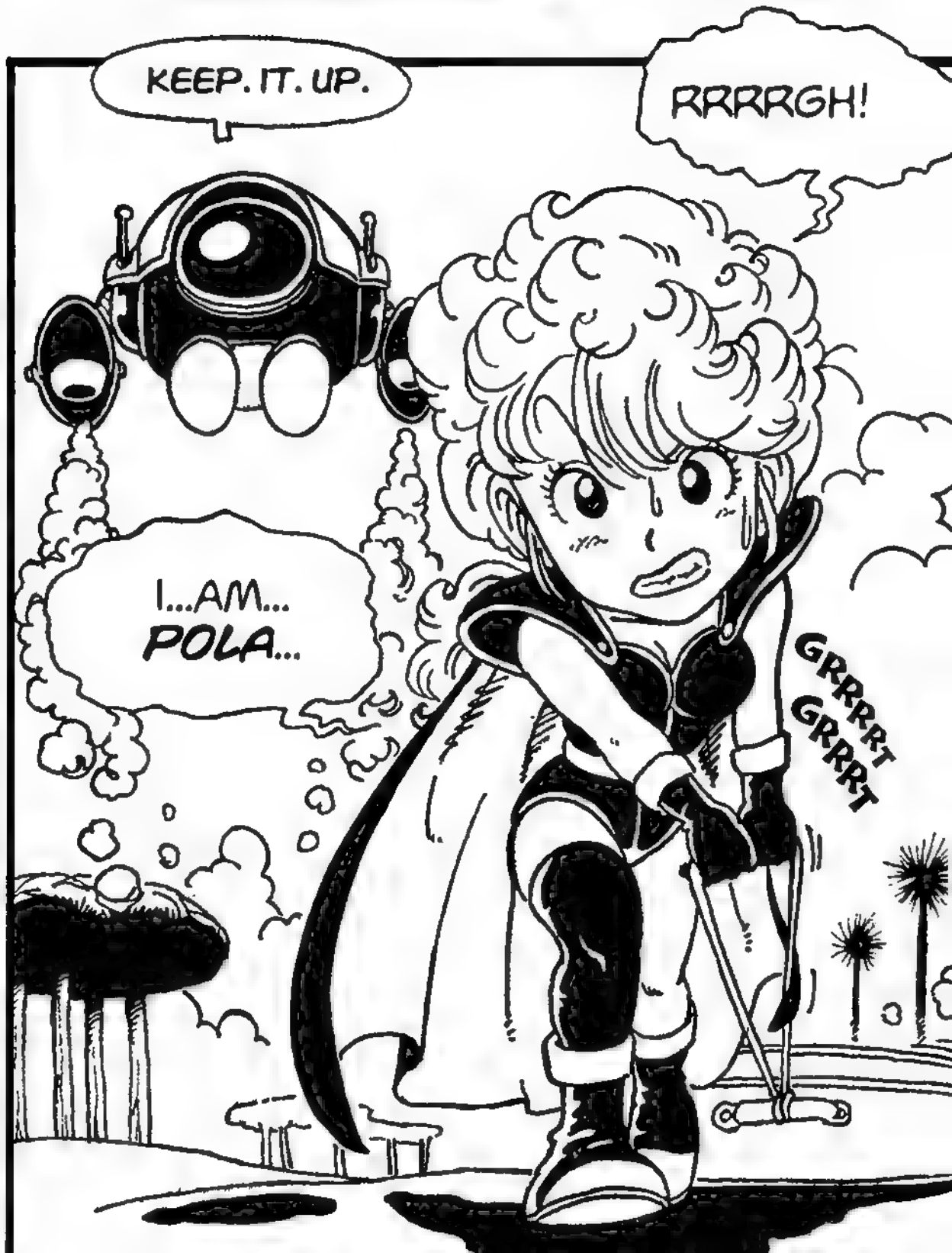
JINGLE
JINGLE

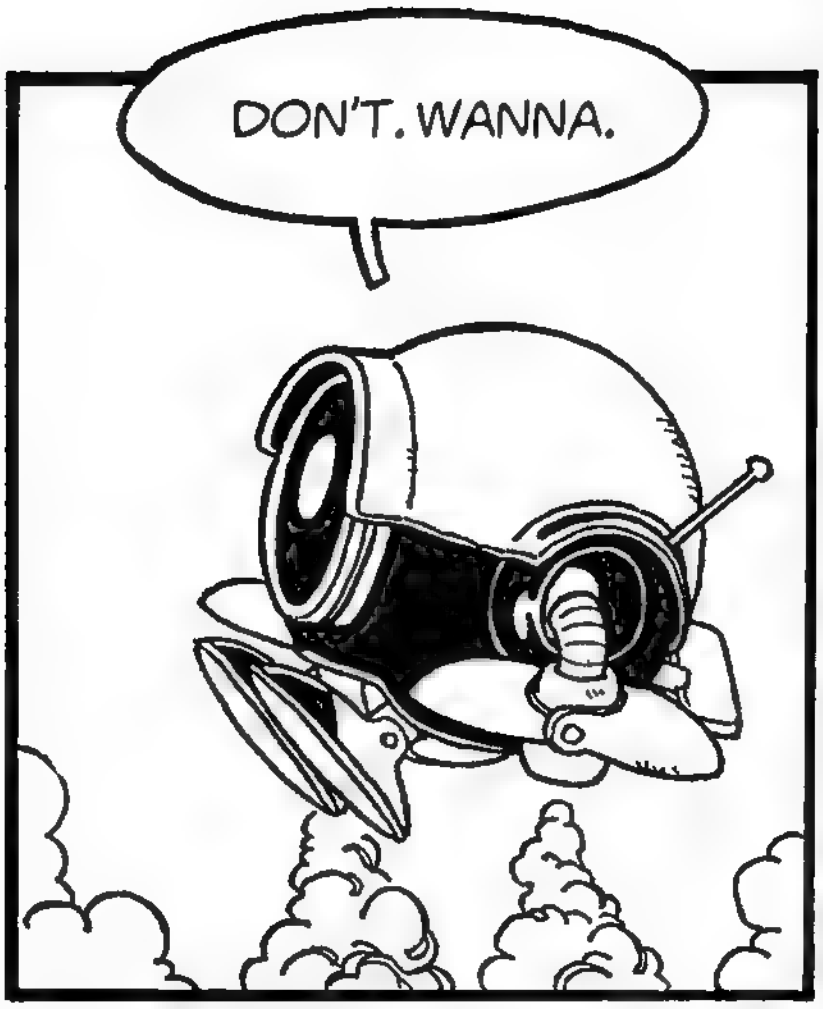
WILD PLANET CONGARAGATTA

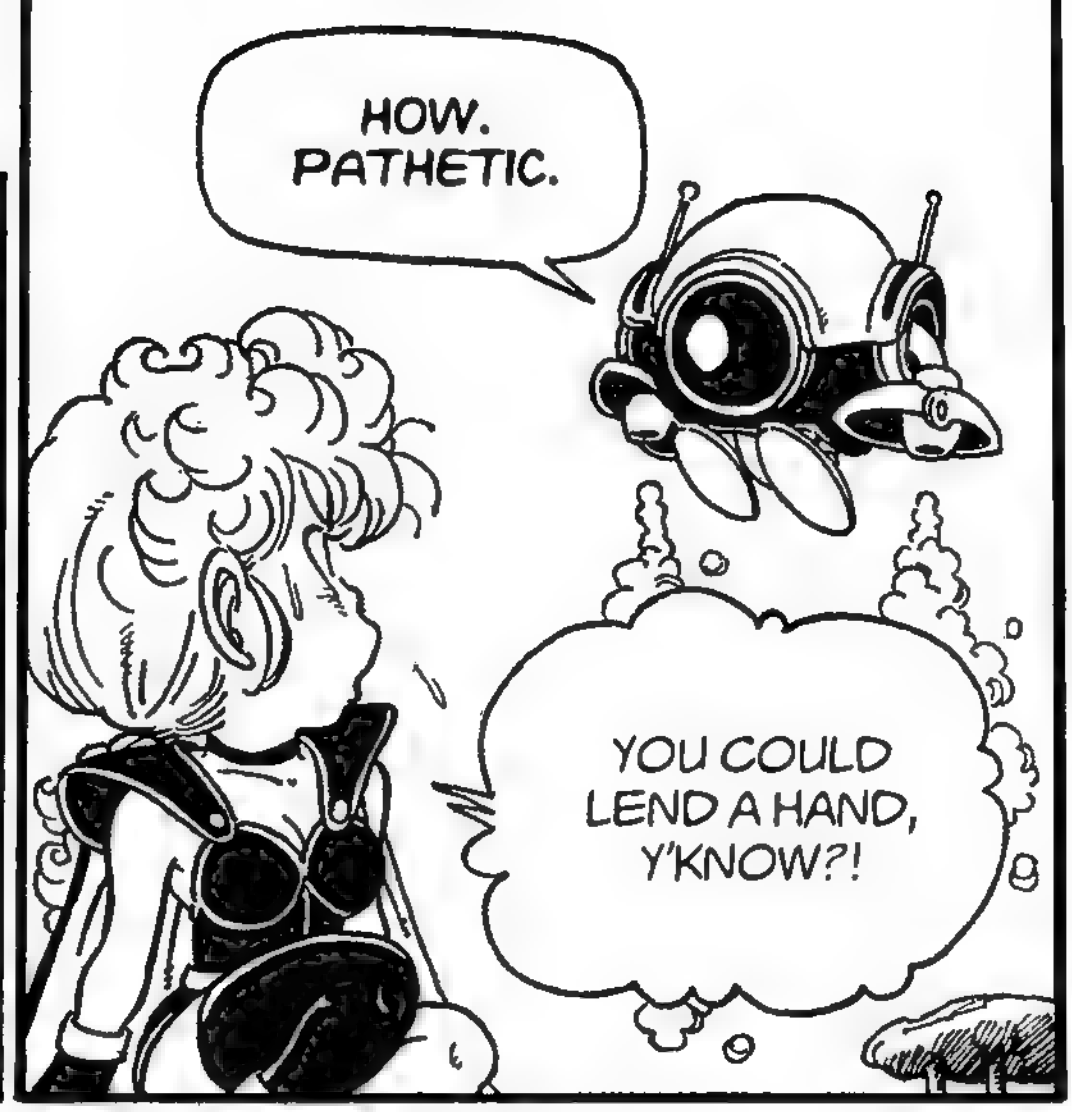
ACT 2

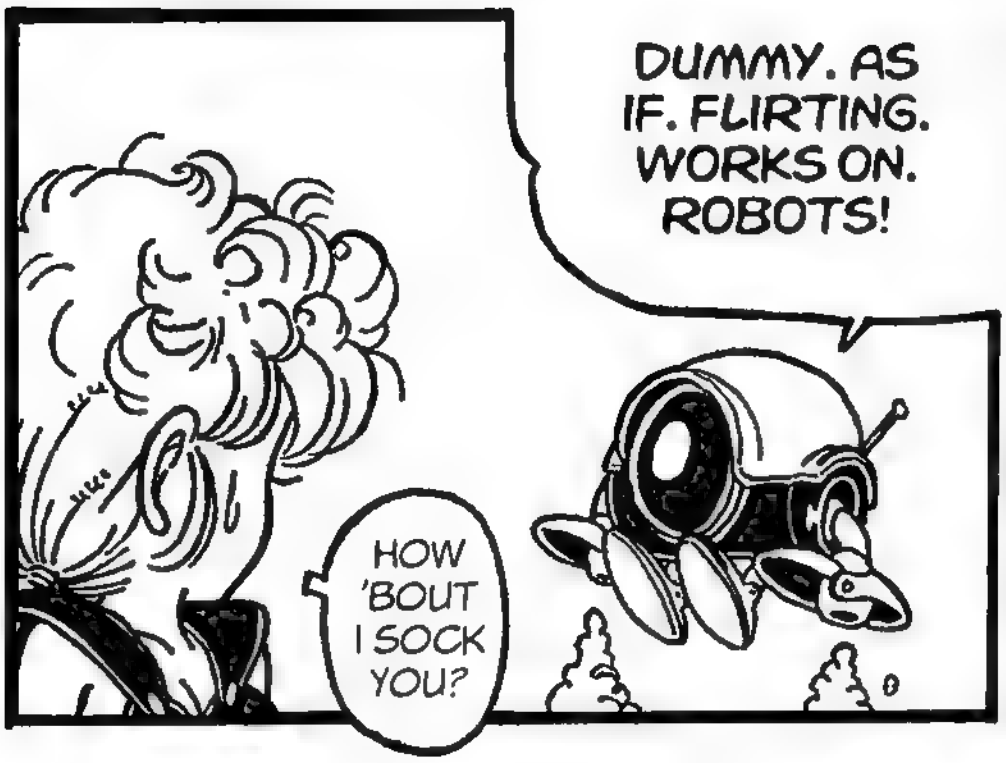
DEFENDER OF JUSTICE POLA

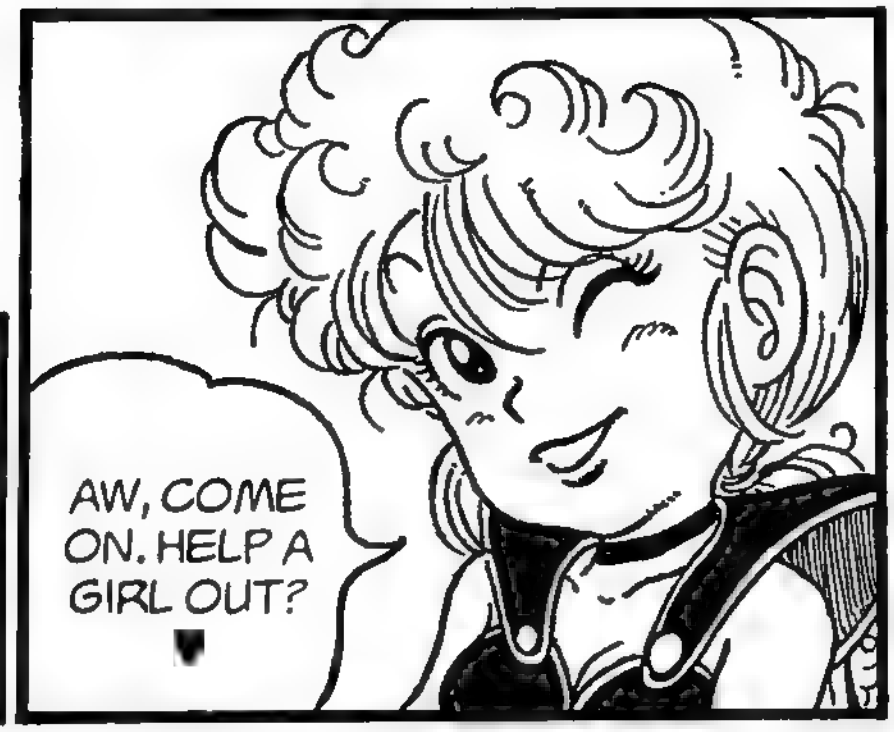


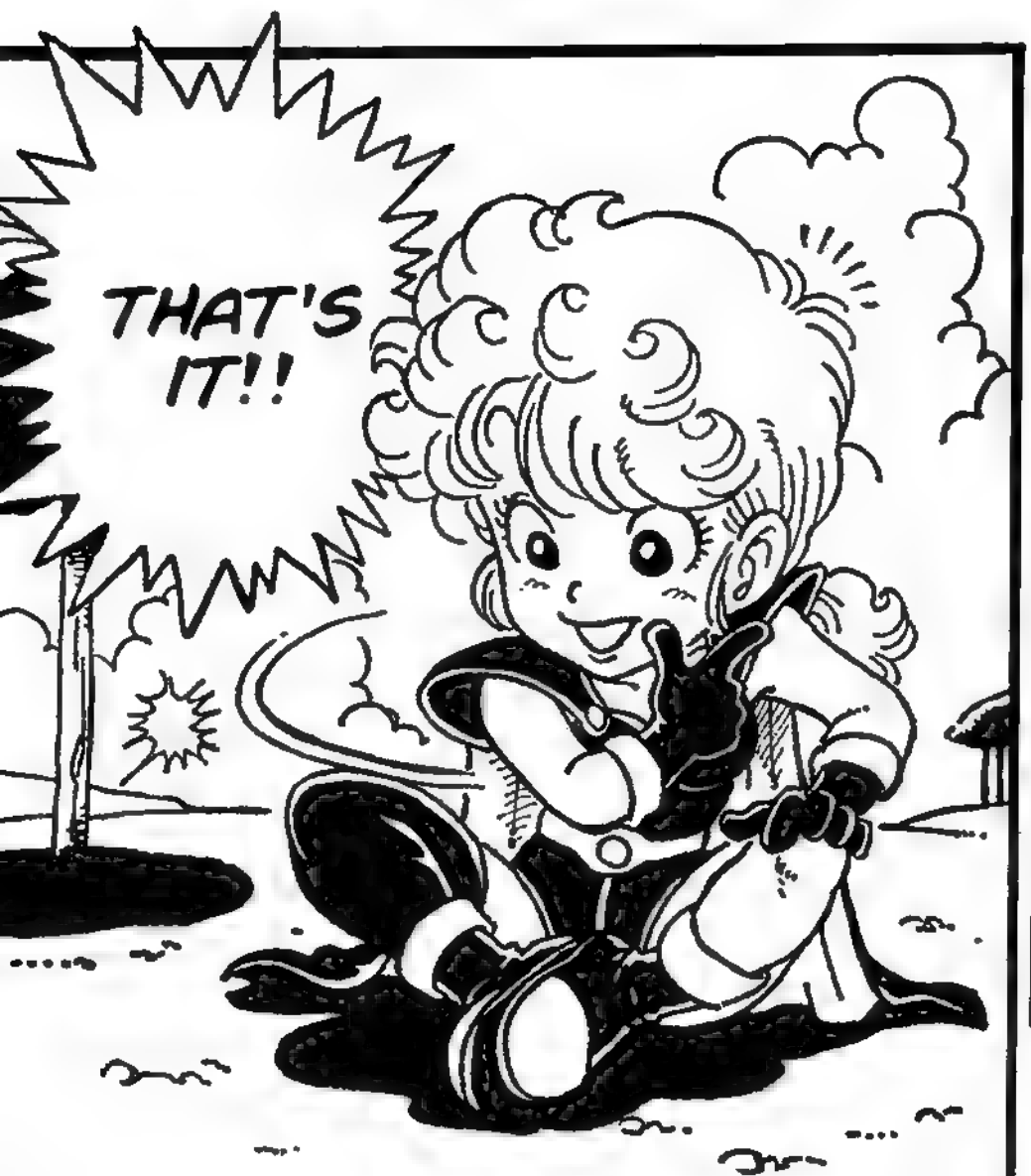



DON'T. WANNA.

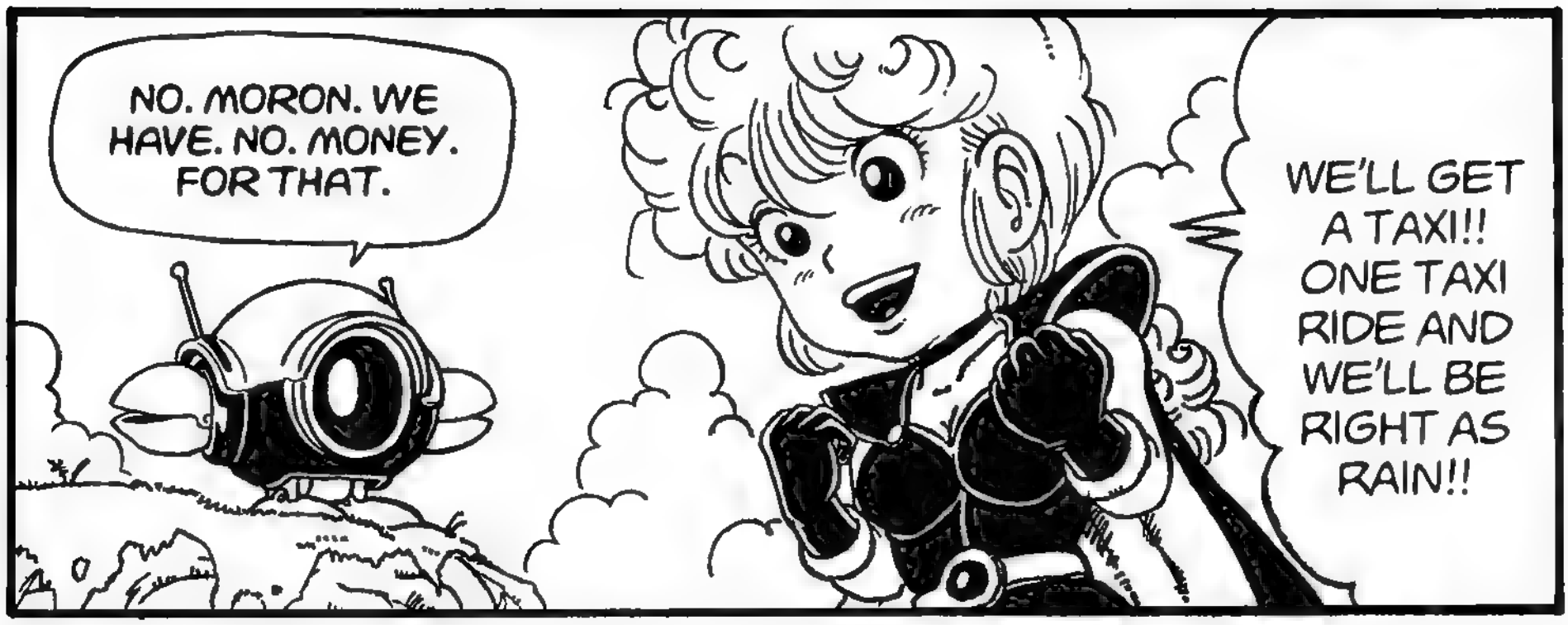

HOW. PATHETIC.
YOU COULD LEND A HAND, Y'KNOW?!

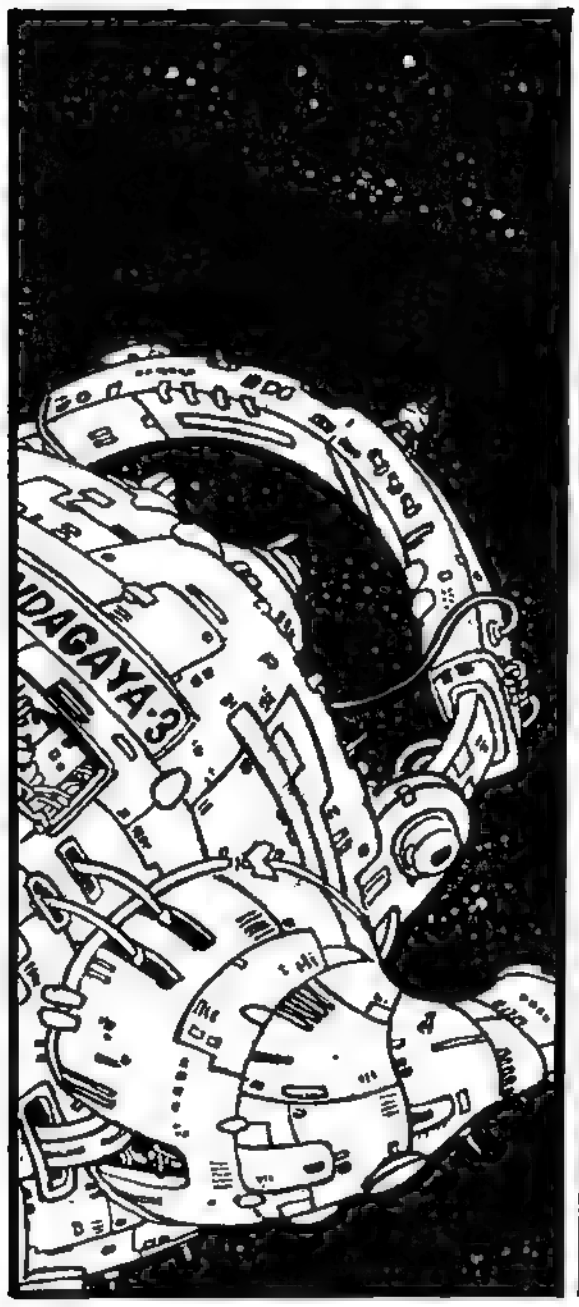

DUMMY. AS IF. FLIRTING. WORKS ON. ROBOTS!
HOW 'BOUT I SOCK YOU?

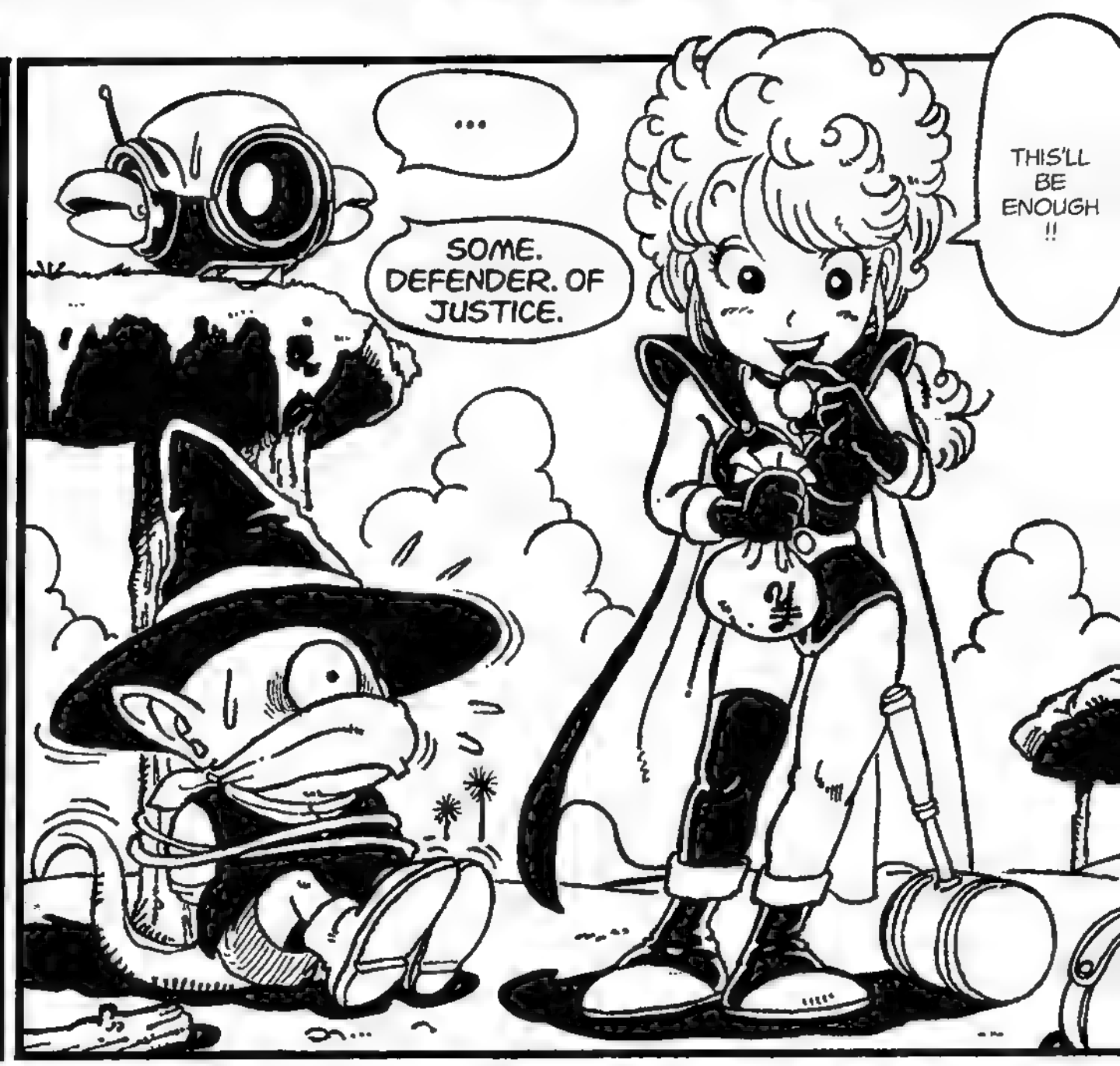

AW, COME ON. HELP A GIRL OUT?


THAT'S IT!!

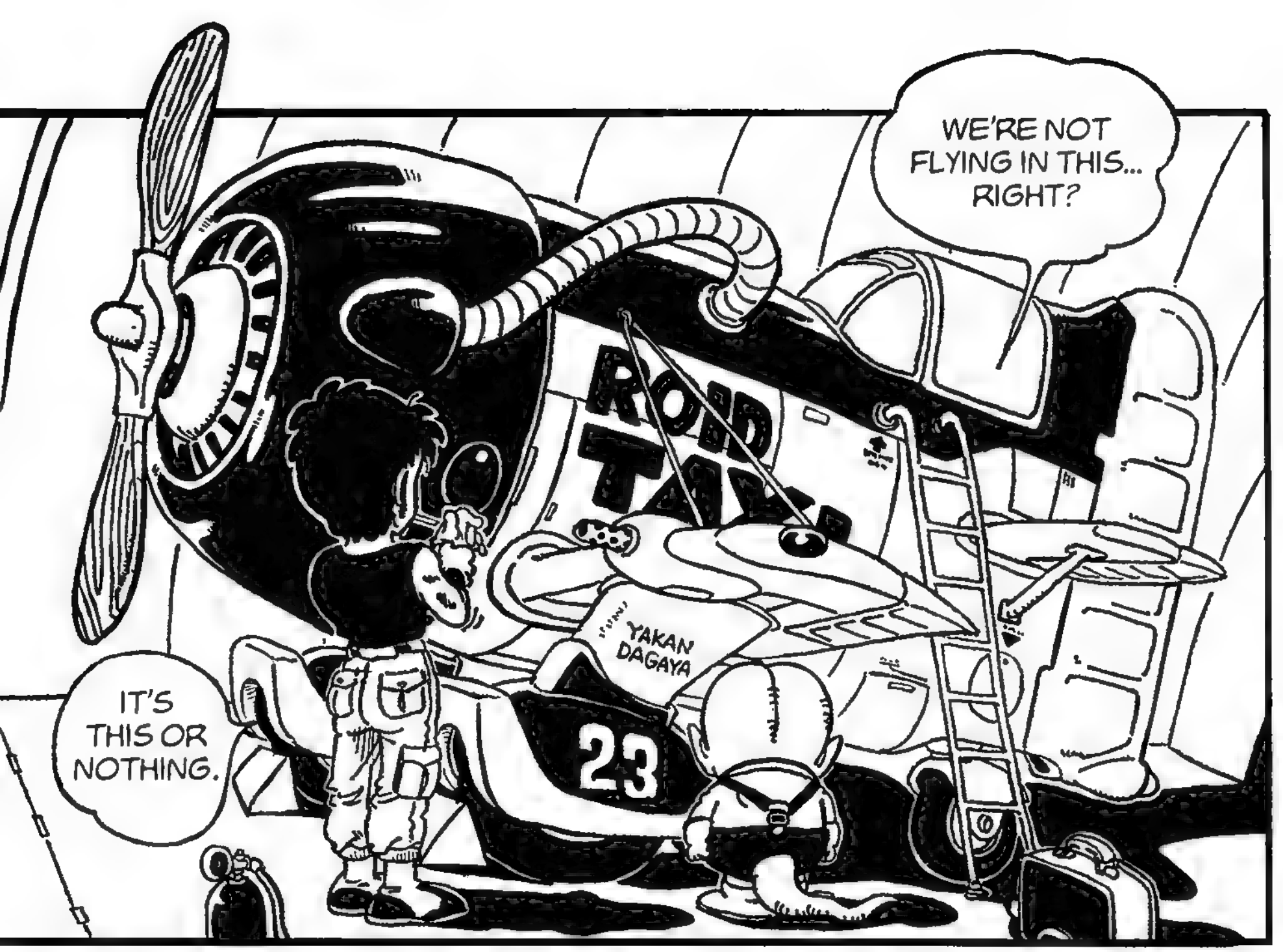
I GOTTA. ASK. ON WHAT PLANET. DOES A DEFENDER. OF JUSTICE. WANDER ABOUT. LUGGING. A WARDROBE. AND SNACKS...?







ACT 3
THE PROPELLER OF FEAR


WE'RE NOT FLYING IN THIS... RIGHT?
ROID TAXI
YAKAN DAGAYA
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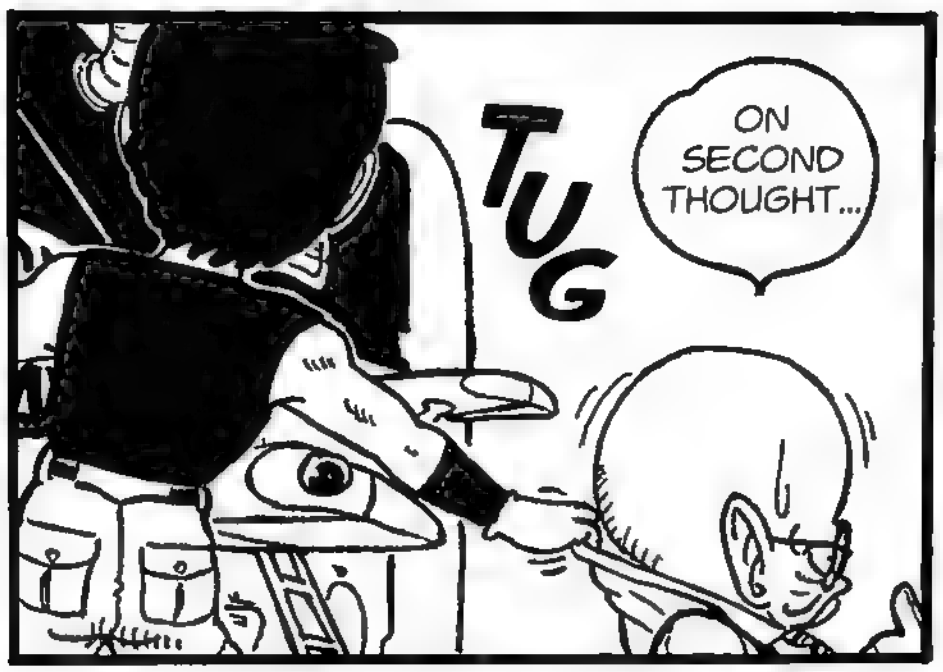
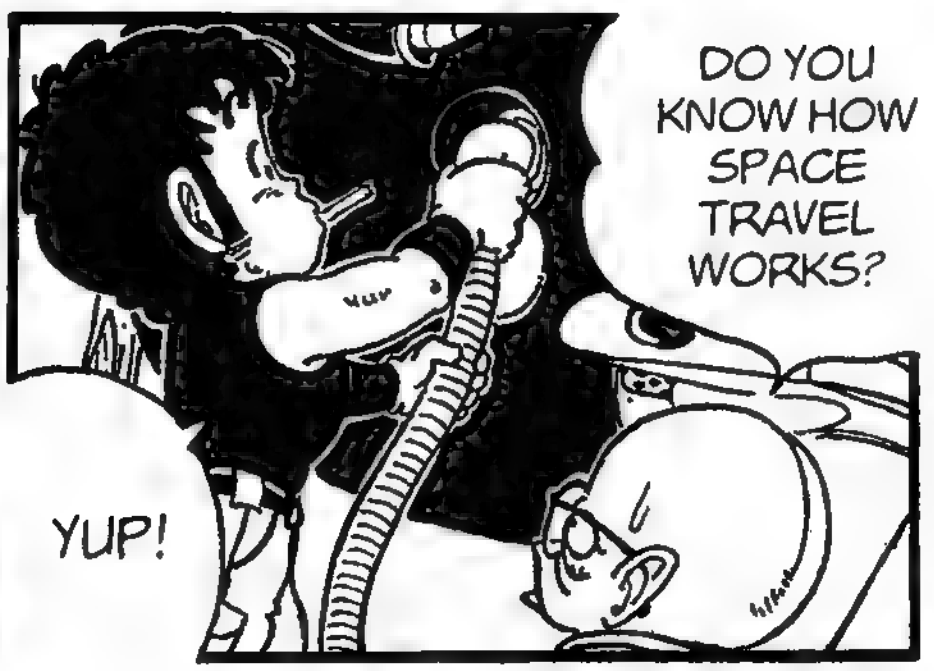
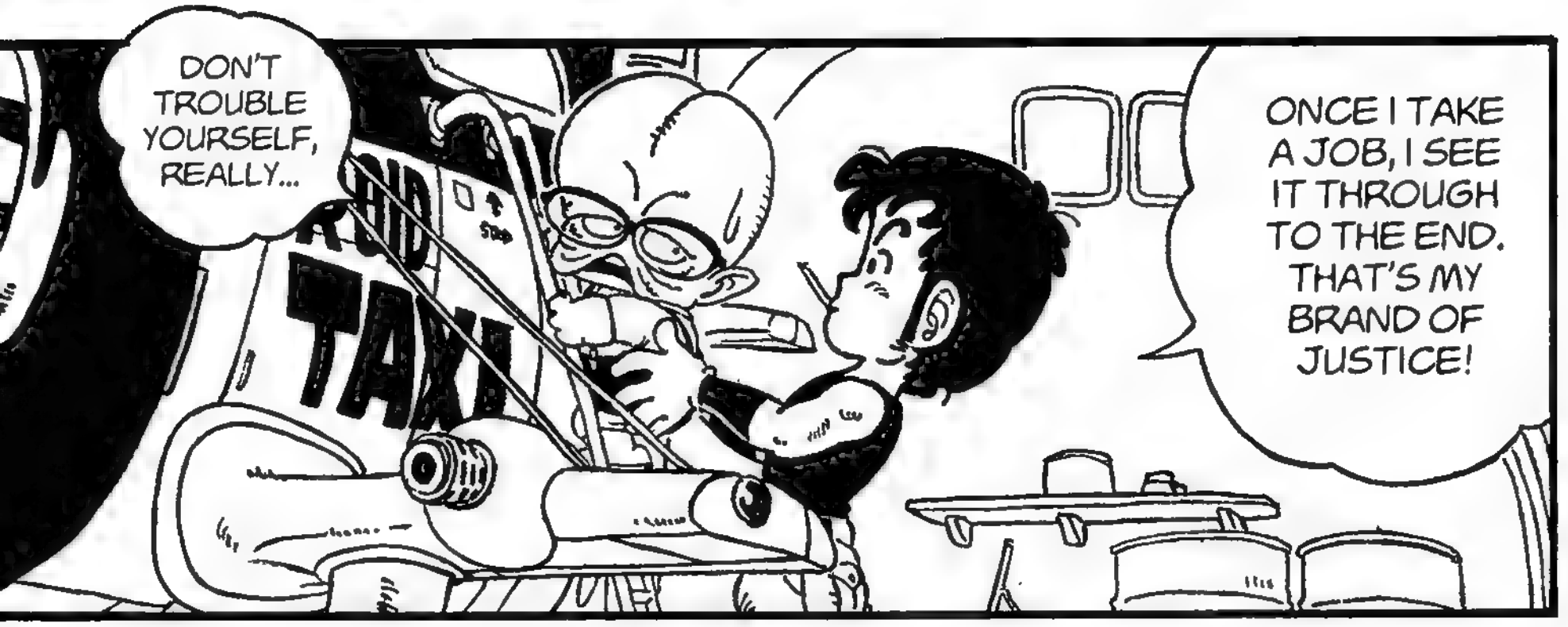
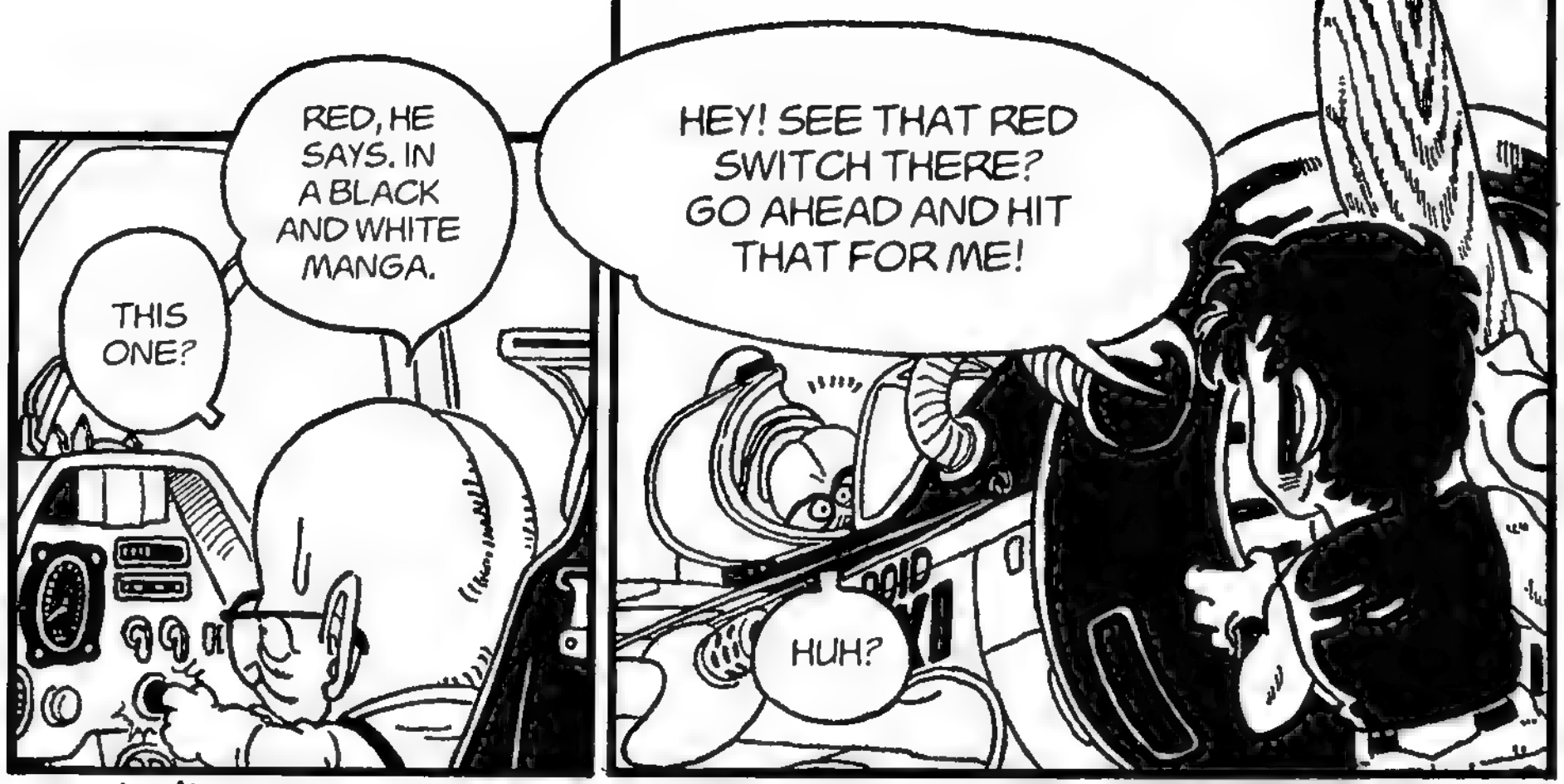
IT'S THIS OR NOTHING.

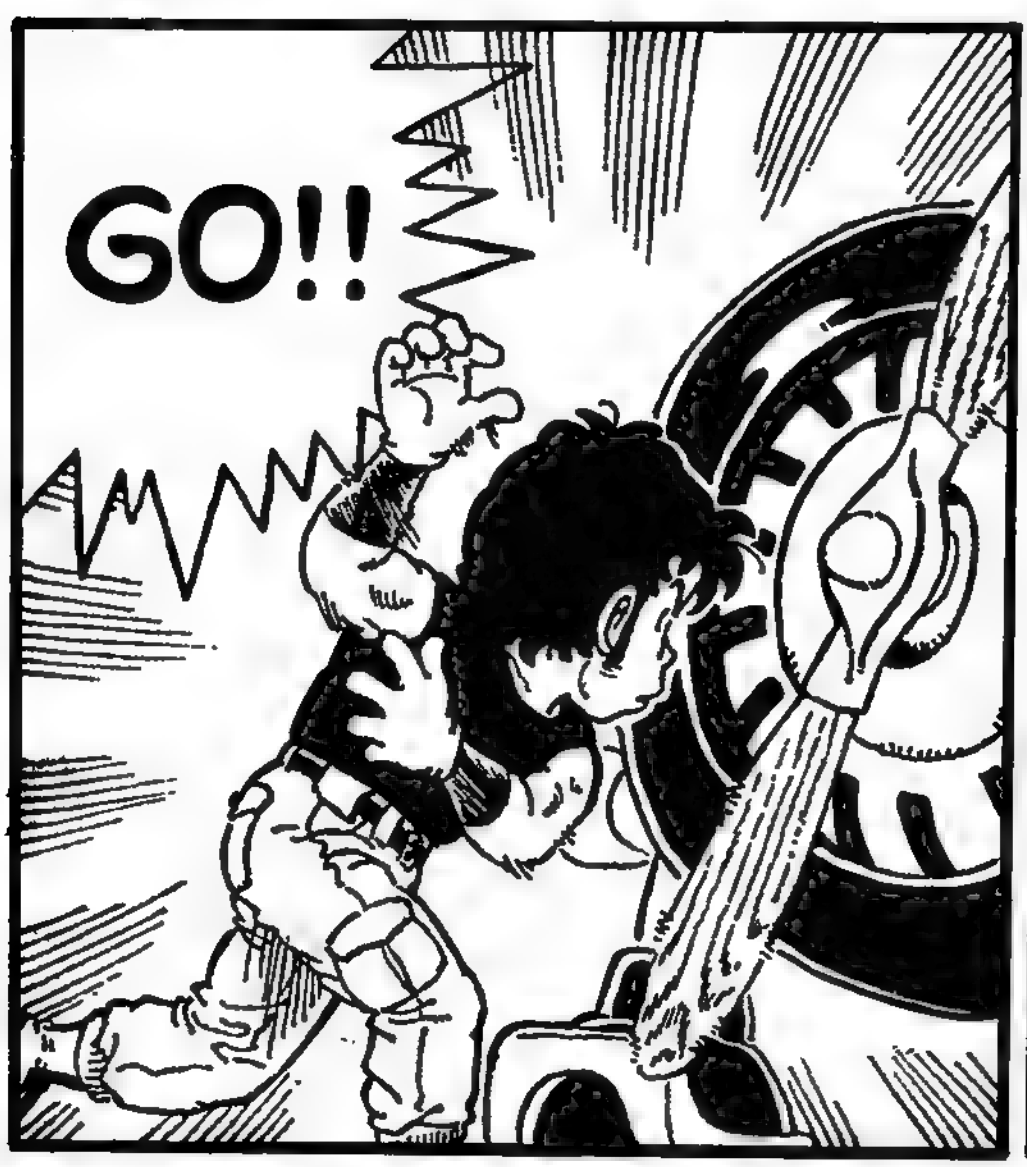

TUG
ON SECOND THOUGHT...


DO YOU KNOW HOW SPACE TRAVEL WORKS?
YUP!


DON'T TROUBLE YOURSELF, REALLY...
ROID TAXI
ONCE I TAKE A JOB, I SEE IT THROUGH TO THE END. THAT'S MY BRAND OF JUSTICE!

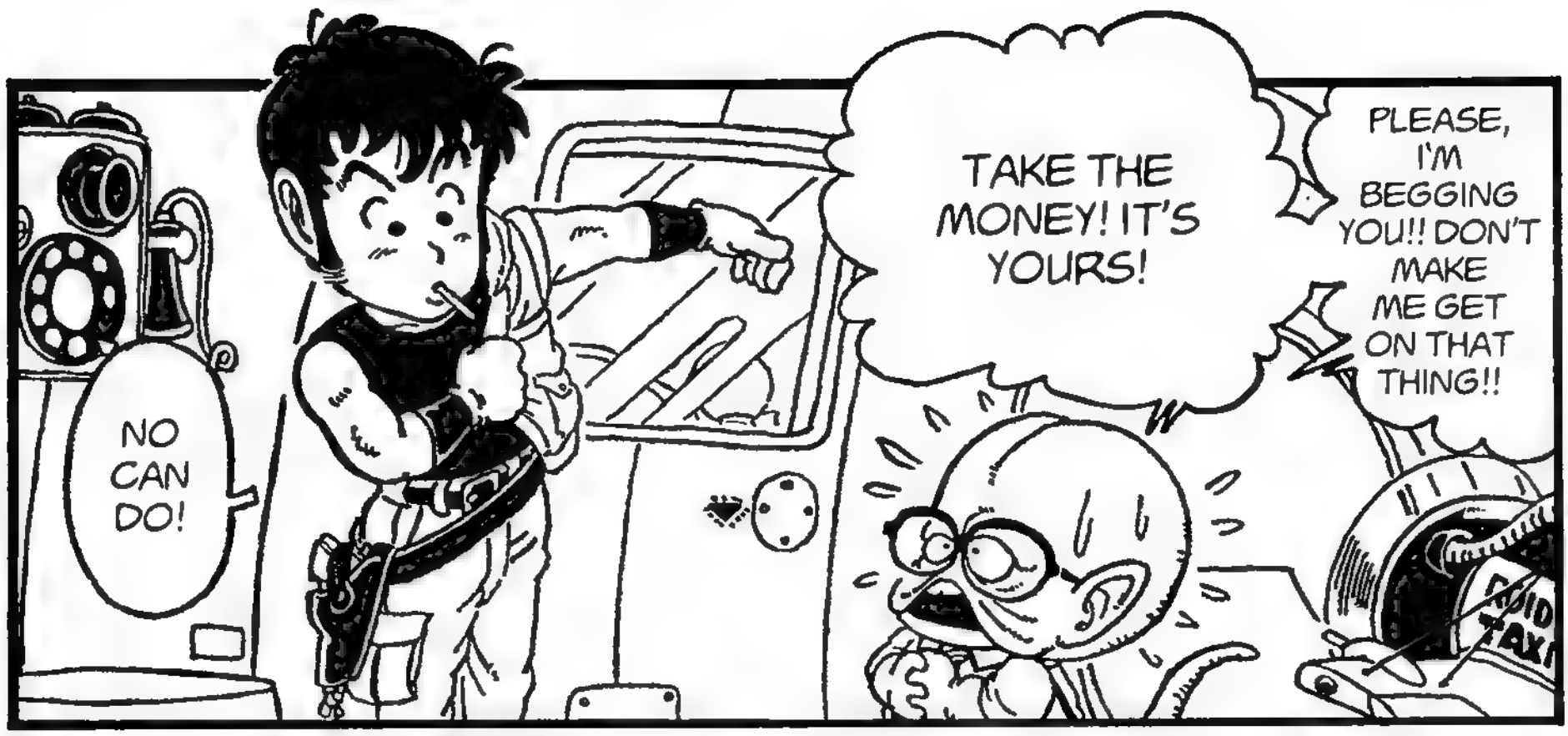

THIS ONE?
RED, HE SAYS. IN A BLACK AND WHITE MANGA.
HEY! SEE THAT RED SWITCH THERE? GO AHEAD AND HIT THAT FOR ME!
HUH?

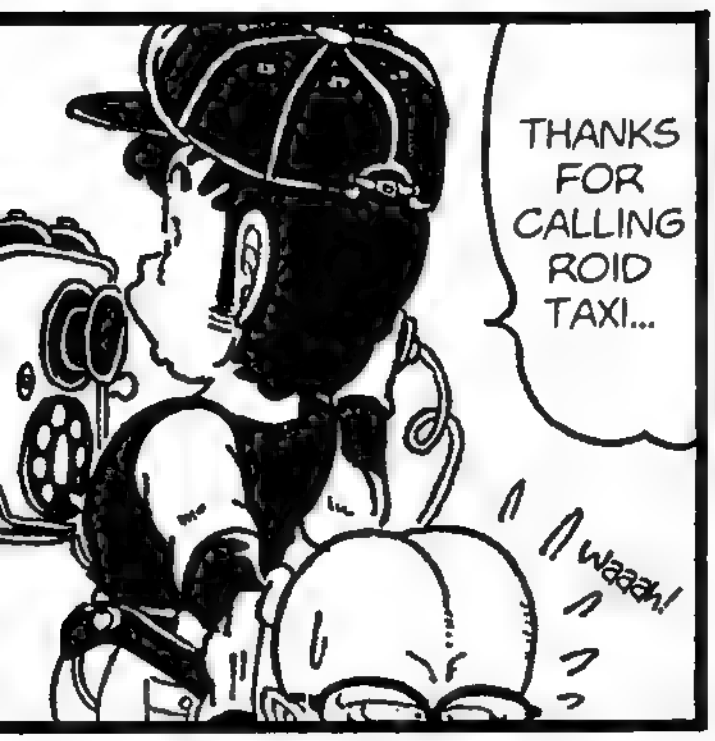
CLICK

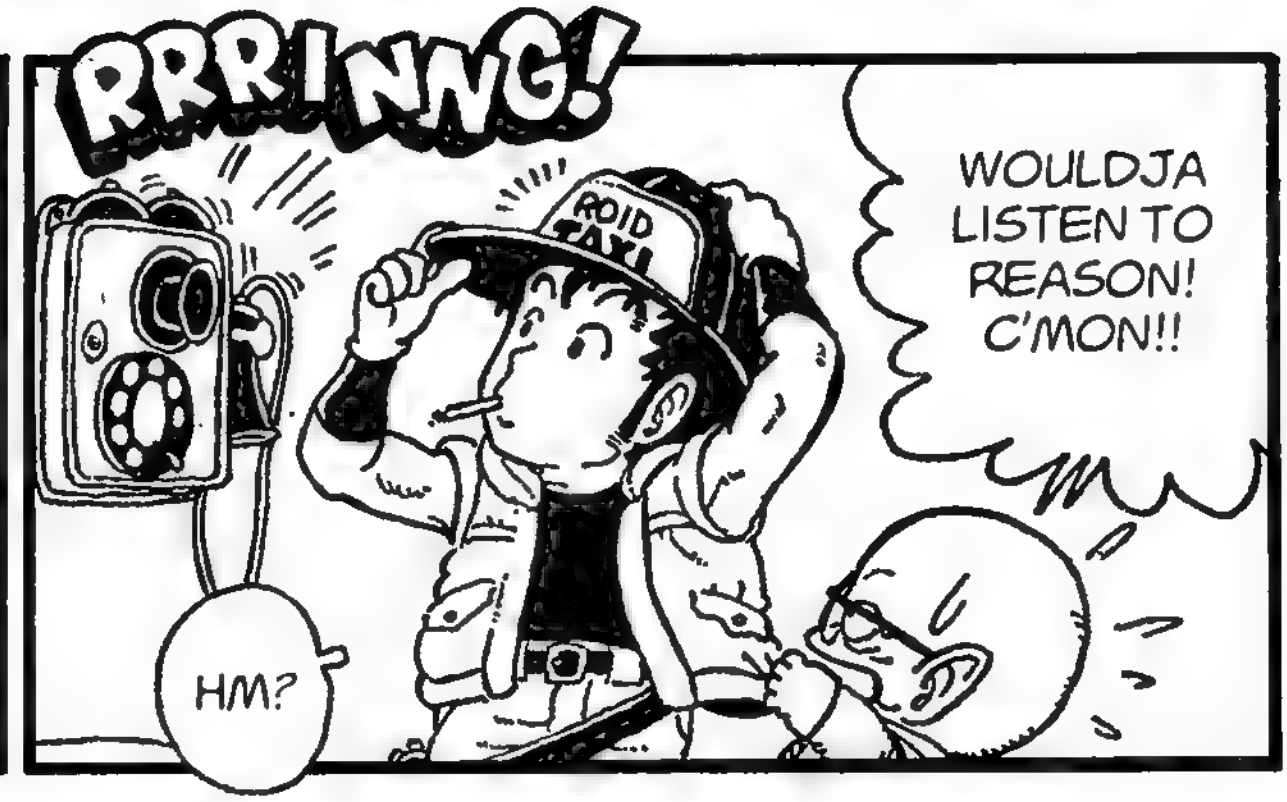

GO!!

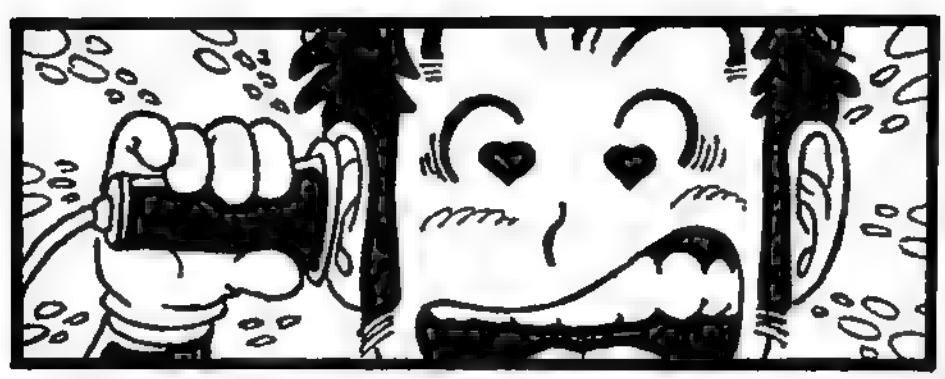
HERE WEEE...

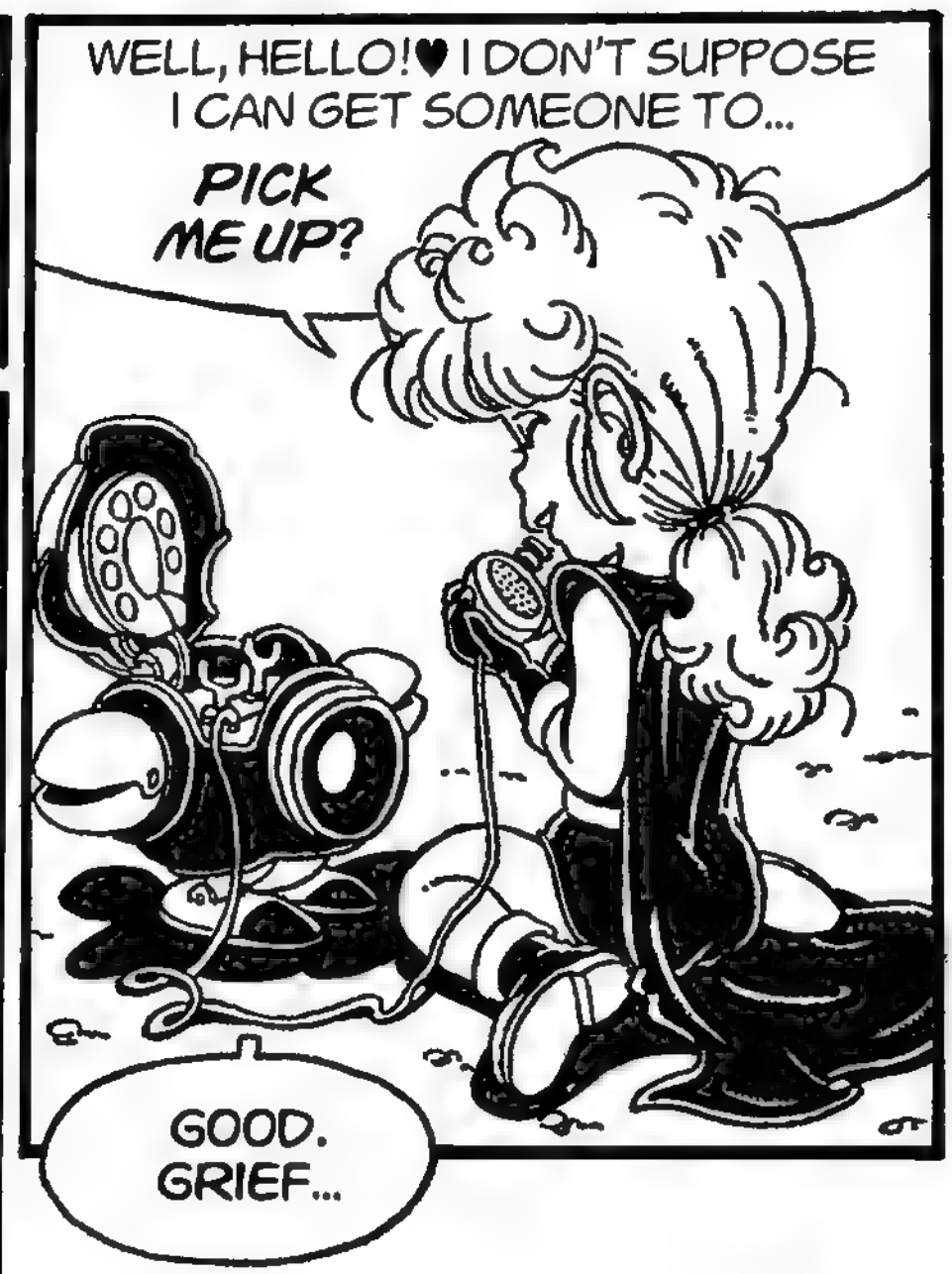
VRRROOMROOMROOM
OKAY, ALL SET.
YAKAN DAGAYA

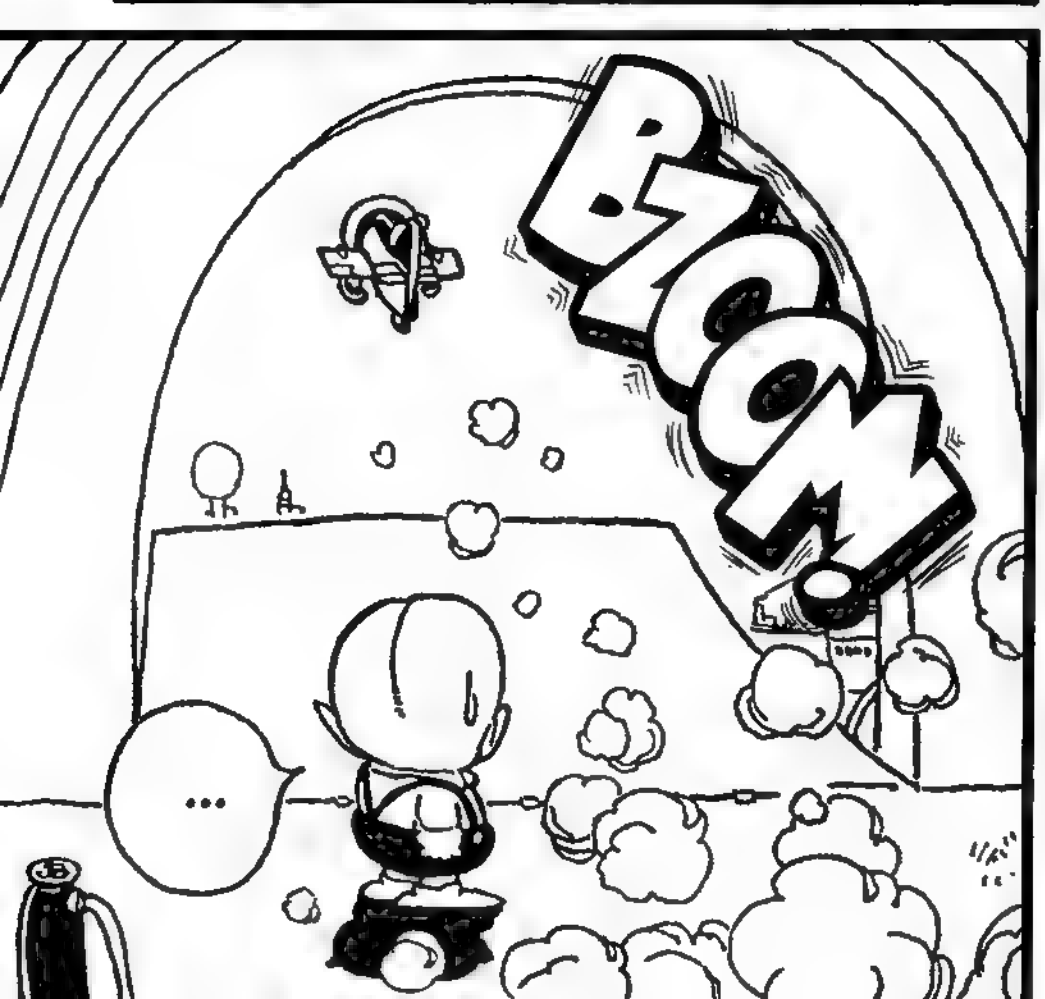

NO CAN DO!
TAKE THE MONEY! IT'S YOURS!
PLEASE, I'M BEGGING YOU!! DON'T MAKE ME GET ON THAT THING!!


THANKS FOR CALLING ROID TAXI...
Waaah!


RRRINNG!
ROID TAXI
WOULDJA LISTEN TO REASON! C'MON!!
HM?




WELL, HELLO!♥ I DON'T SUPPOSE I CAN GET SOMEONE TO...
PICK ME UP?
GOOD. GRIEF...


BZZZM!
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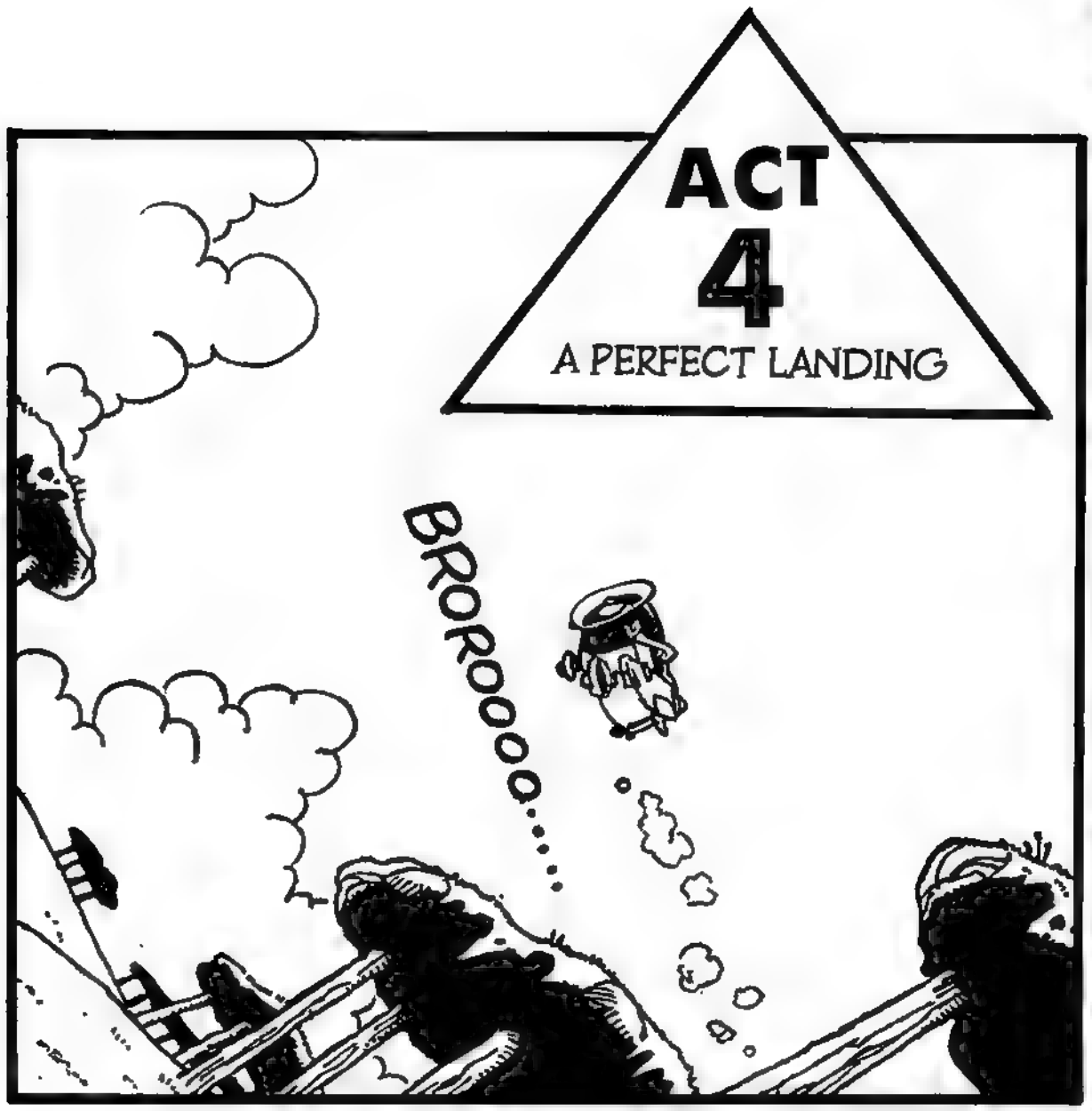
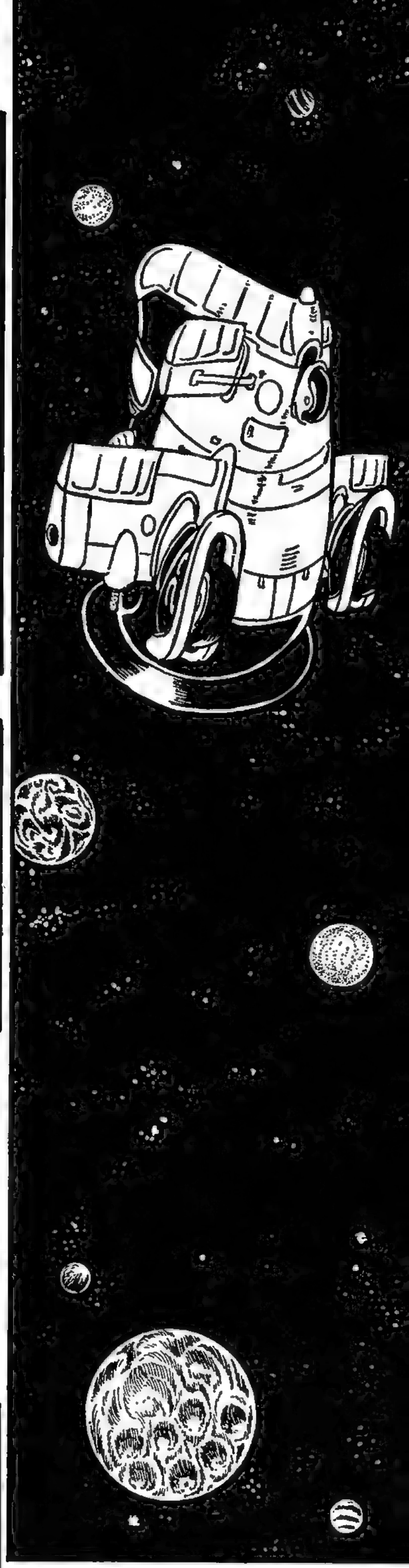
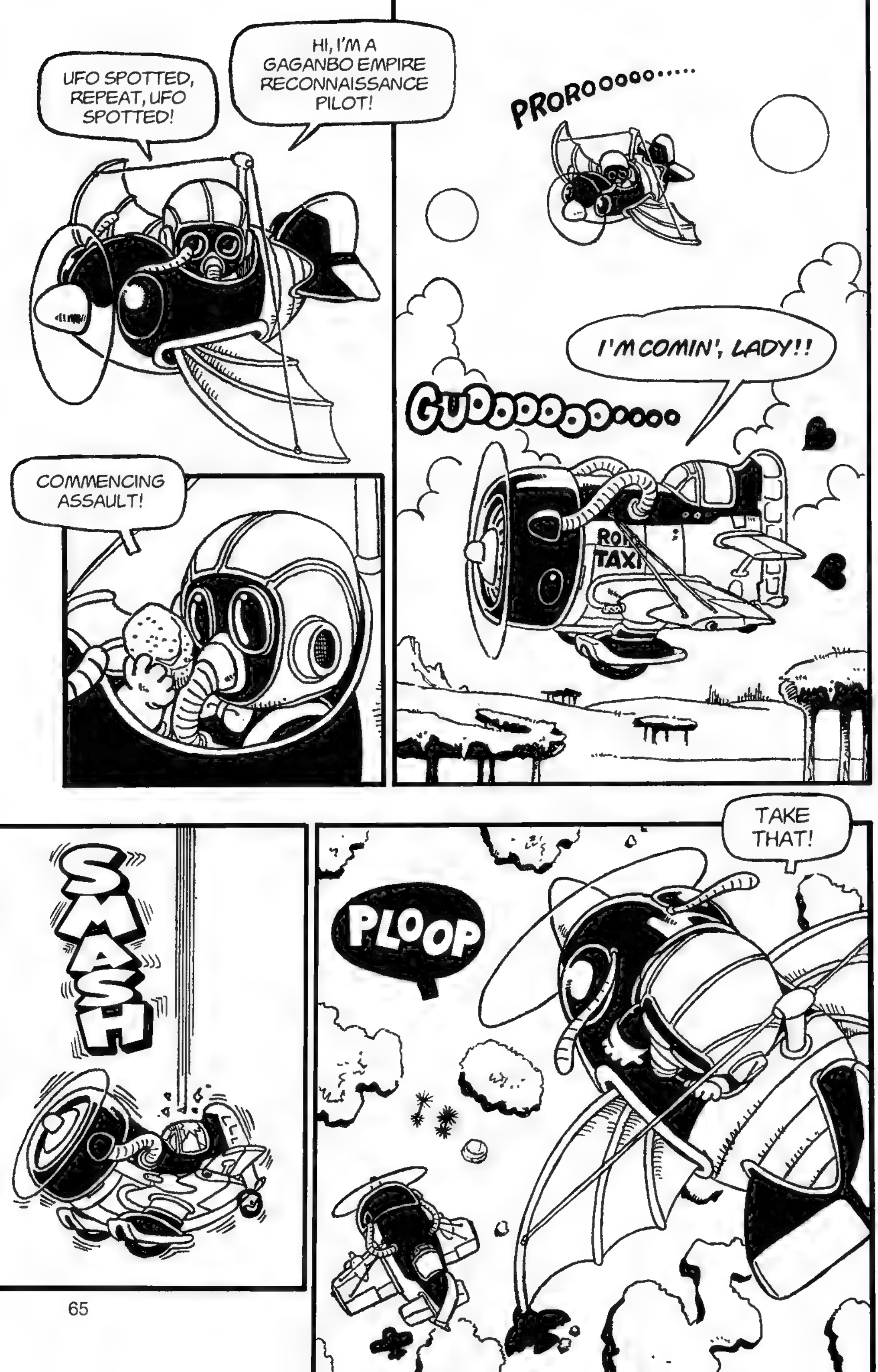

ACT
4
A PERFECT LANDING
BROOOOO...

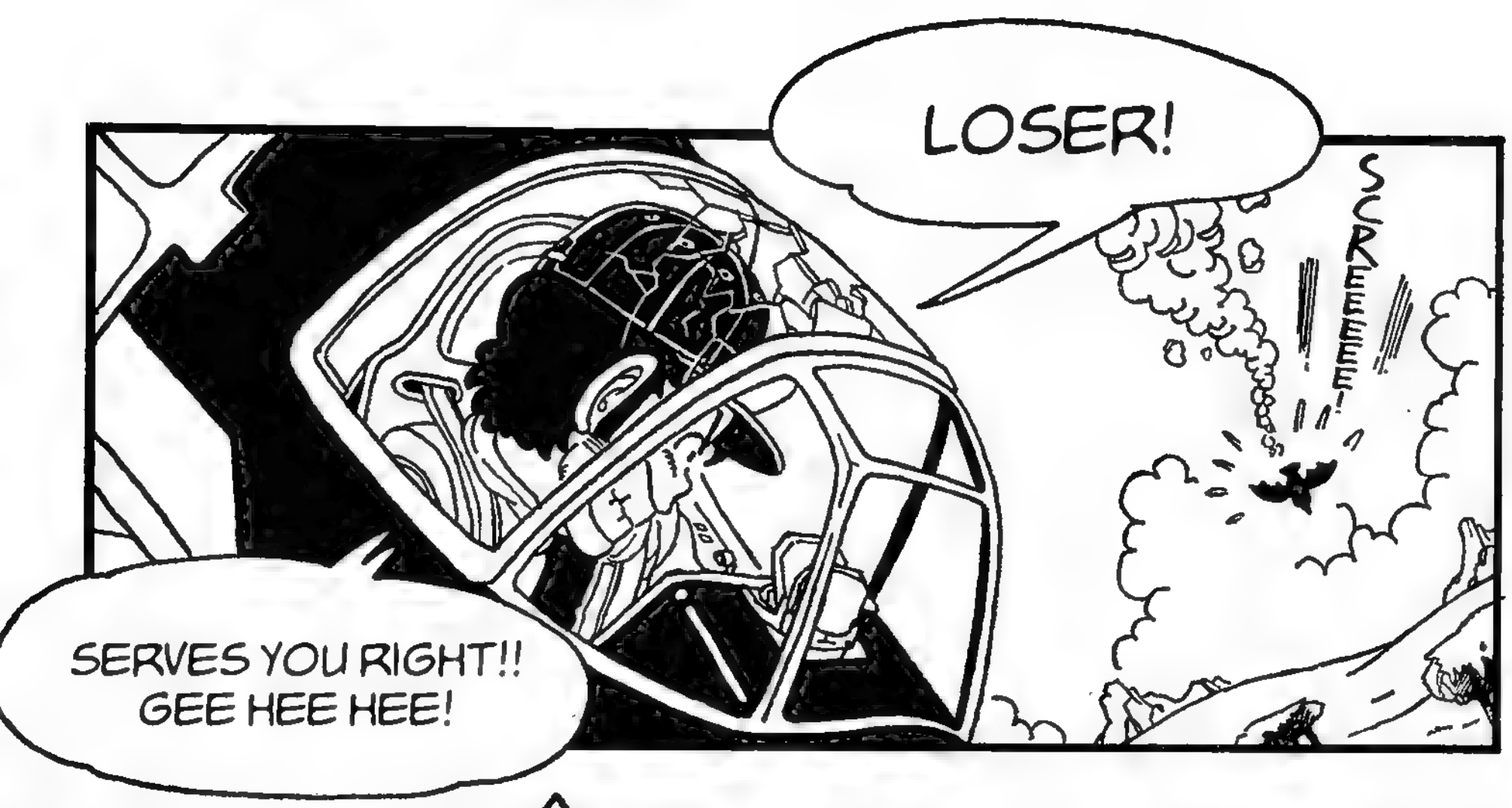
BASED ON THE CALL'S SIGNAL, IT SHOULD'VE COME FROM AROUND HERE...

DOO WEE HEE HEE...!!
ROID TAXI
CAN'T WAIT!

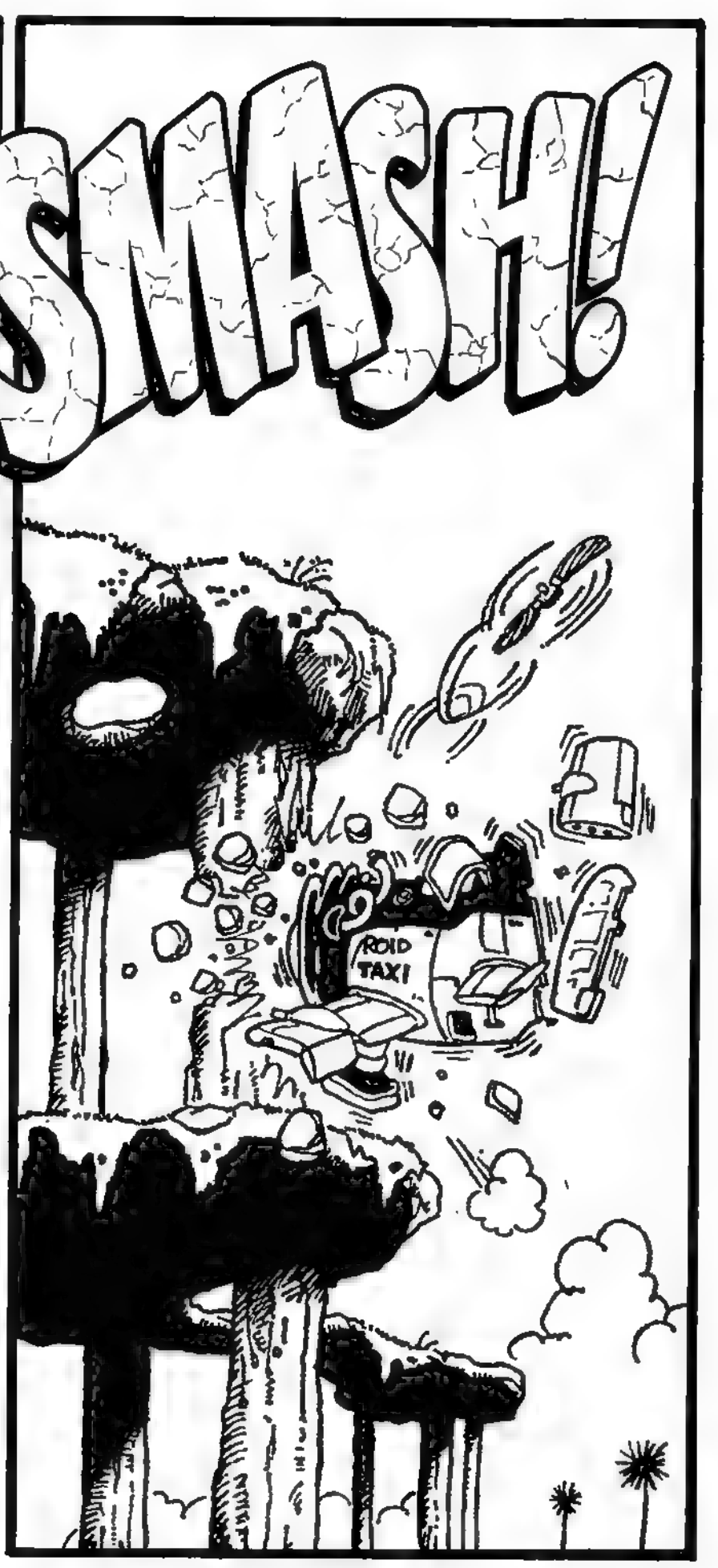



UFO SPOTTED, REPEAT, UFO SPOTTED!
HI, I'M A GAGANBO EMPIRE RECONNAISSANCE PILOT!
COMMENCING ASSAULT!
PRORO oooo.....
I'M COMIN', LADY!!
GU.....oooo
TAXI
SMASH
TAKE THAT!
PLOOP

MWA HA HA!
WHAT THE HELL?! I'LL SHOW YOU!
RRGH OWWW ...!!
CLICK!!
DAAH!
GRIP
TAATAATAATAATAAN!!
CHIRP!
ROID TAXI

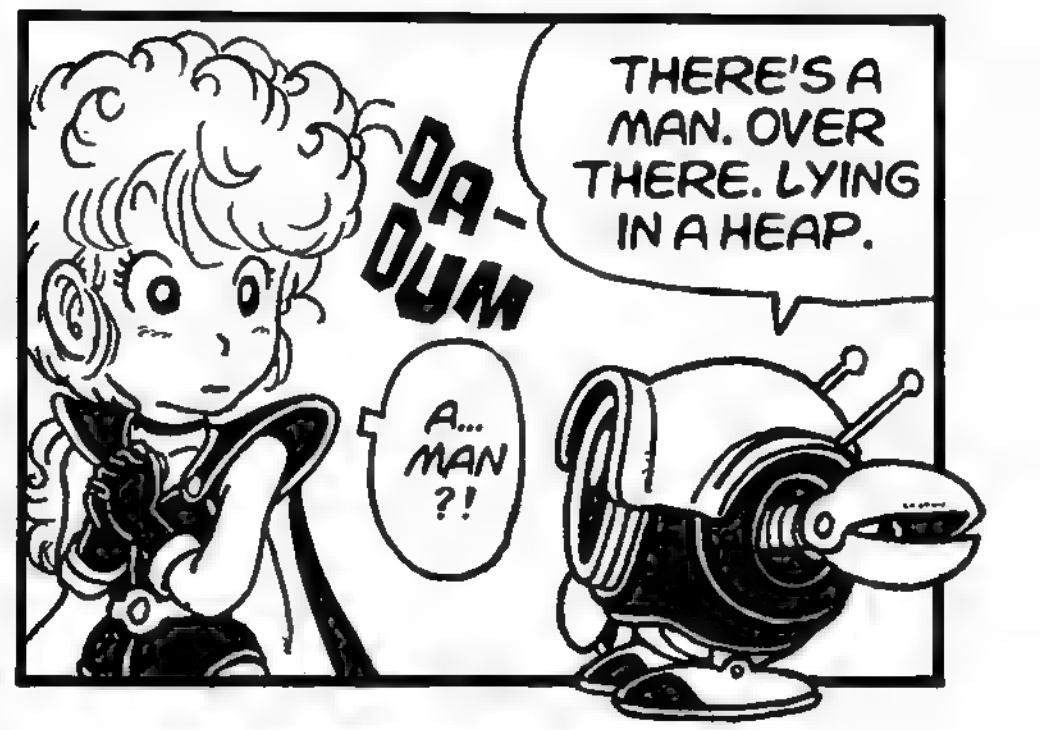

LOSER!
SCREEEEEE-
SERVES YOU RIGHT!! GEE HEE HEE!

ACT 5
ANGEL THE CAMERAMAN
WHAT'S THE HOLD-UP?
THEY'RE TAKING THEIR SWEET TIME...


SMASH!
ROID TAXI

HOW DARE YOU! WANT ME TO TURN YOU INTO SCRAP?!
HEEEEEY. DEFENDER OF. JUSTICE. WHO SHOWS. TOO MUCH SKIN.

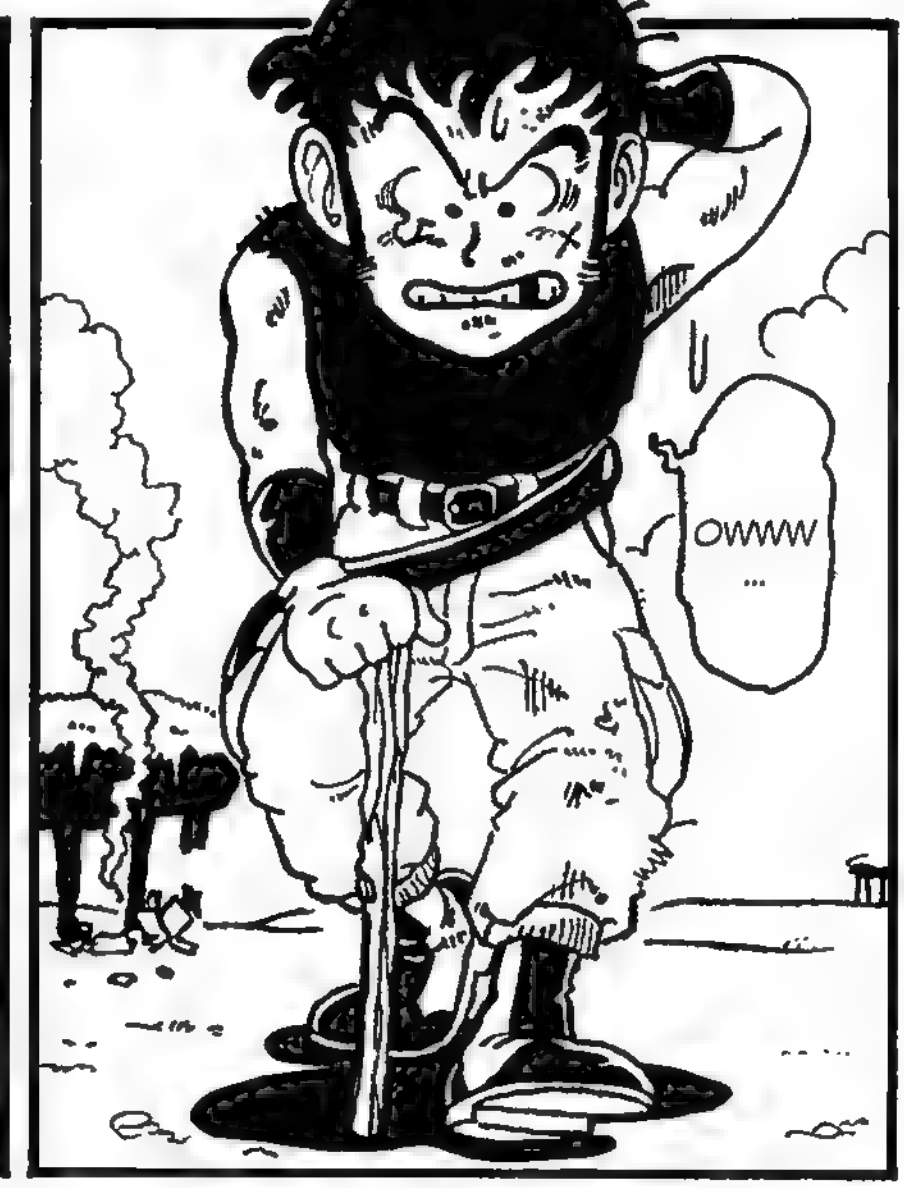
HRMPH! JUST GONNA BE ANOTHER ALIEN CRICKET OR SPACE WARTHOG OR SOMETHING.

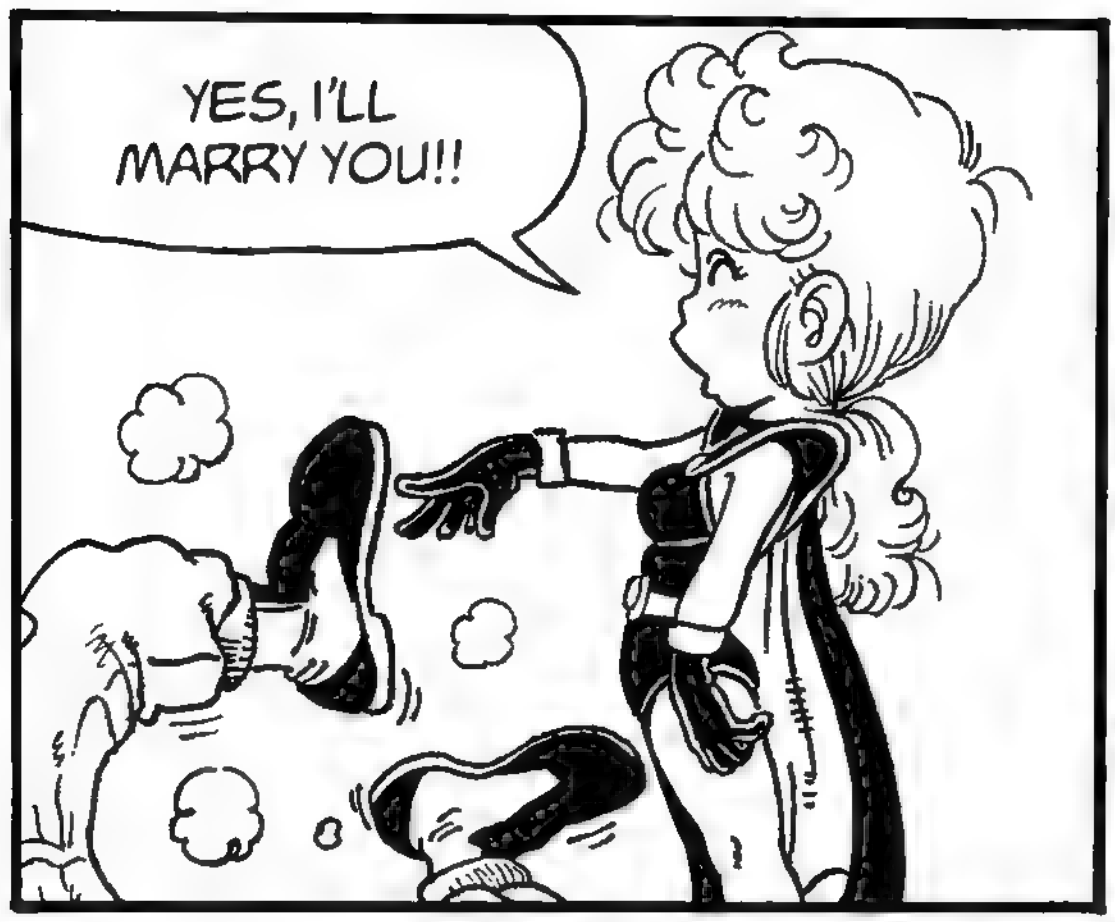

DA-DUM
THERE'S A MAN. OVER THERE. LYING IN A HEAP.
A... MAN ?!

I KNEW. YOU'D SAY THAT. SO I SNAPPED. A PICTURE.

AND WITH THAT, POLA THE DEFENDER OF JUSTICE VALIANTLY HEADED INTO DANGER!
FLAP FLAP
SO EASY. IT'S SAD...
ZCREEET

ACT 6
POLA MEETS ROID





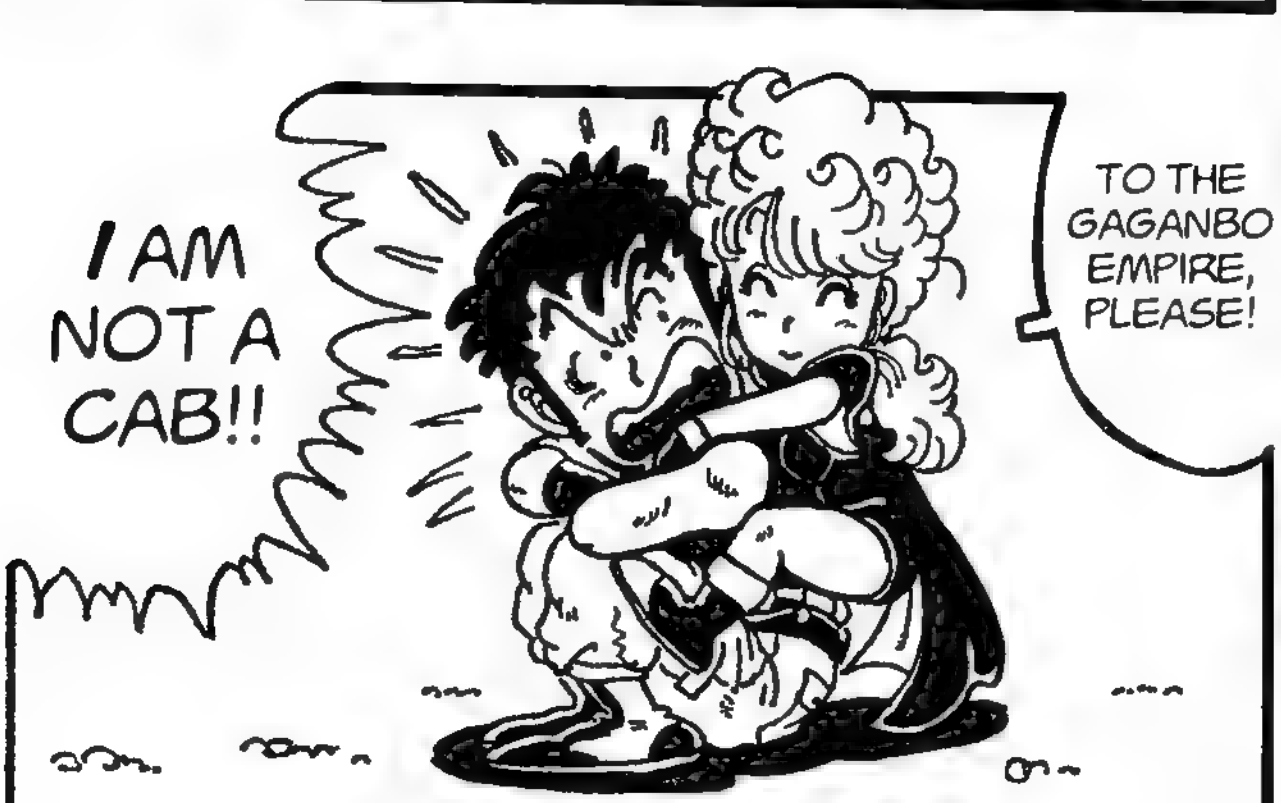
LOOK! I AM ON A JOB RIGHT NOW! GOT IT?!
DO TELL.

I'M A TAXI DRIVER! AND IF YOU MUST KNOW, I'M ON MY WAY TO PICK UP A SEXY AND MATURE LADY WHO'S WORLDS OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE!!

I'M NOT INTO GIRLS YOUNGER THAN ME!!
H-HEY! C'MON, GET OFF!! LET GO!

OF ALL THE LUCK!!
OH, SO YOU'RE THE TAXI GUY...

ACT 7
POLA LIKES HIM
WHAAAAAAT? THAT WAS YOU?!


I AM NOT A CAB!!
TO THE GAGANBO EMPIRE, PLEASE!

HOW ARE YOU. GOING TO. GET THERE?

HMPH! THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I'M GOING HOME!!

IF I GO THERE I CAN GET A SHIP, YEAH?

HEY, WHERE CAN I GET A SHIP?

THE GAGANBO EMPIRE. OWNS. ALL OF THEM.

...

GAGANBO IS. THE MOST VILE. EMPEROR ON. THIS PLANET!

TAKE THEM... DOWN?!

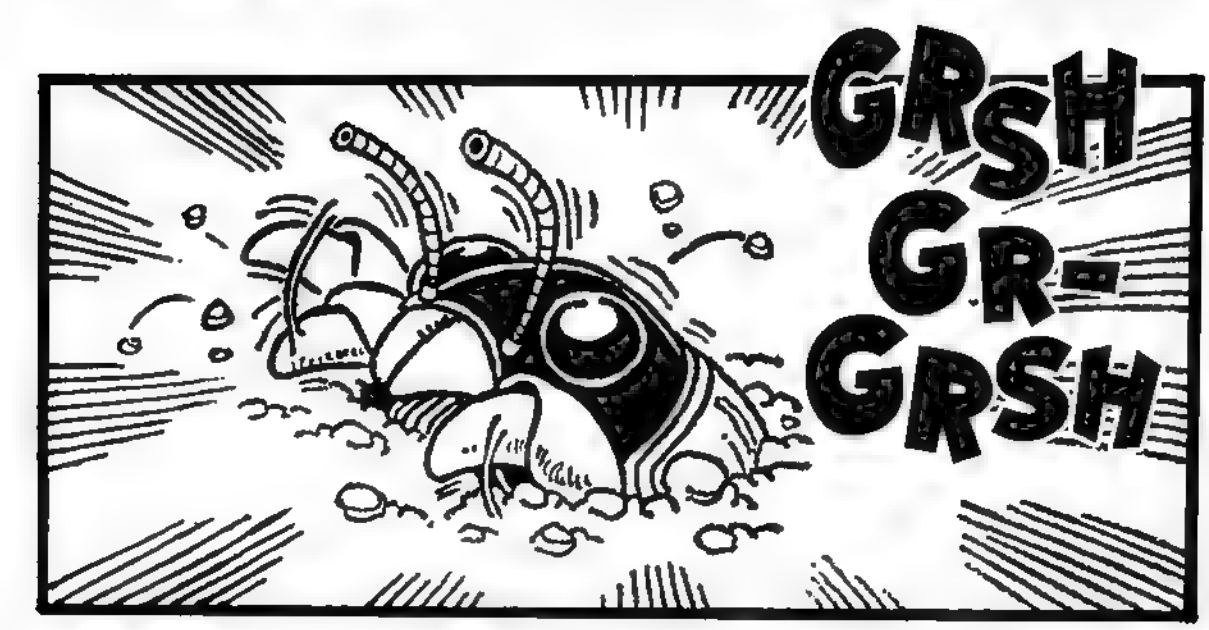
HUH ?

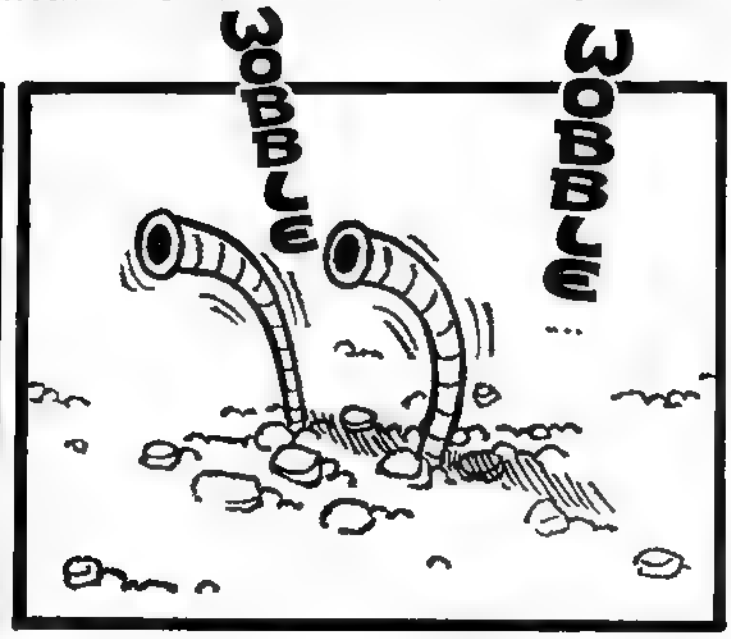
YAAAAY!! COME WITH US AND WE CAN TAKE 'EM DOWN TOGETHER!!

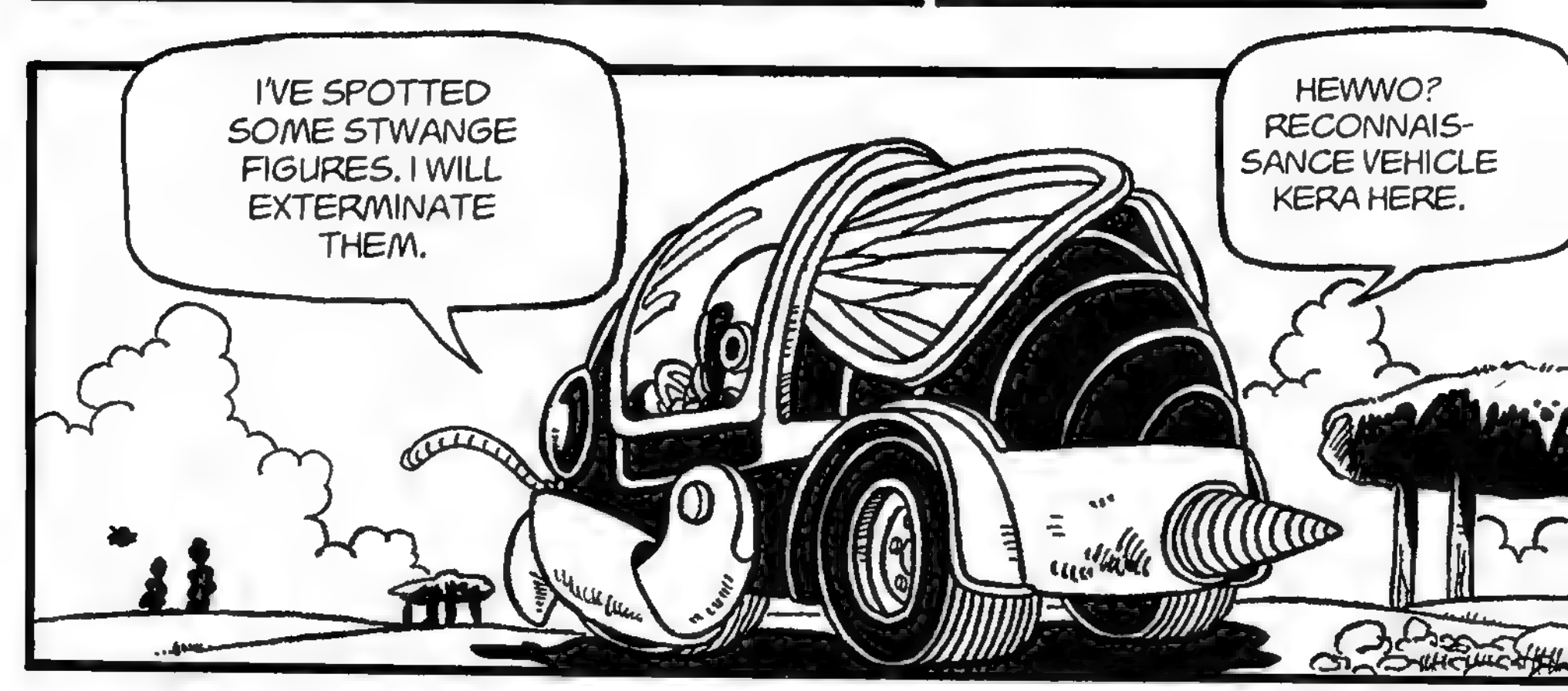
AND YOU WANT TO...TAKE HIM DOWN?!

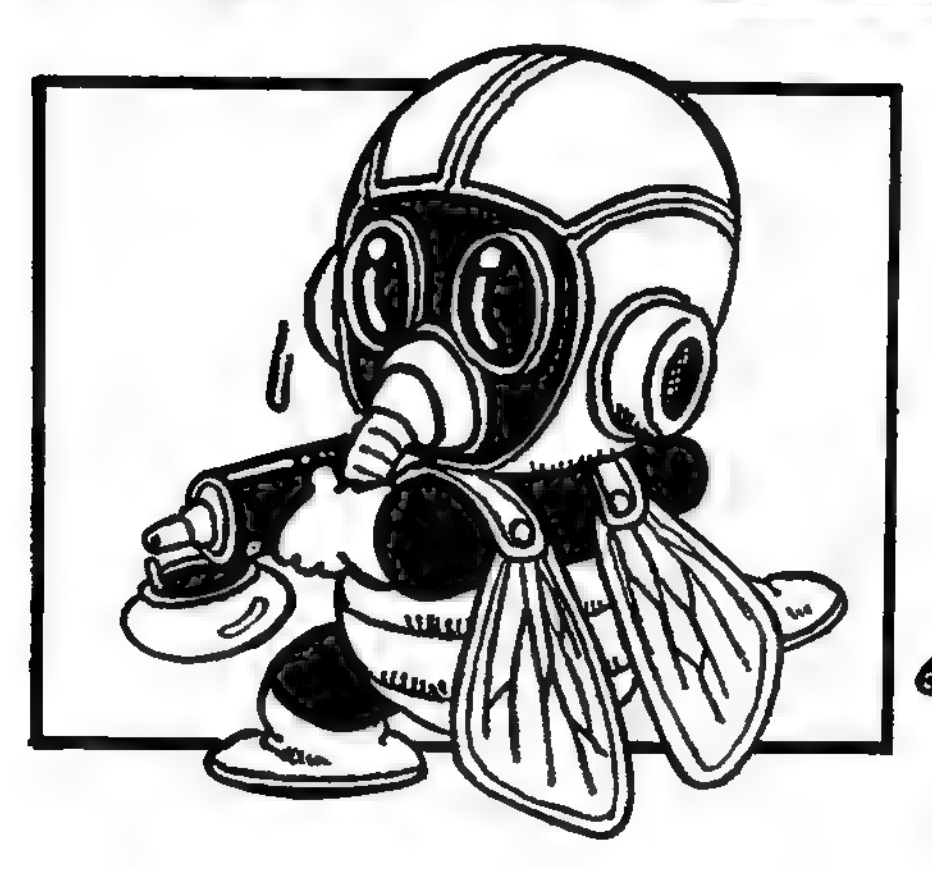
THAT'S RIGHT, DARLING!

SHE NEEDS. MONEY.
TO DESTROY EVIL!!
SO WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?
VRRRRR...
ACT 8
MIGHTY ROID


GRSH
GR-GRSH


WOBBLE
WOBBLE


I'VE SPOTTED SOME STWANGE FIGURES. I WILL EXTERMINATE THEM.
HEWWO? RECONNAIS-SANCE VEHICLE KERA HERE.



HEY, YOU! PWEPARE TO DIE!!

HACK

COUGH

WHAT?

TAKE THIS!!

PPOOOOFF

...

...

CUT THAT OUT, JERK!

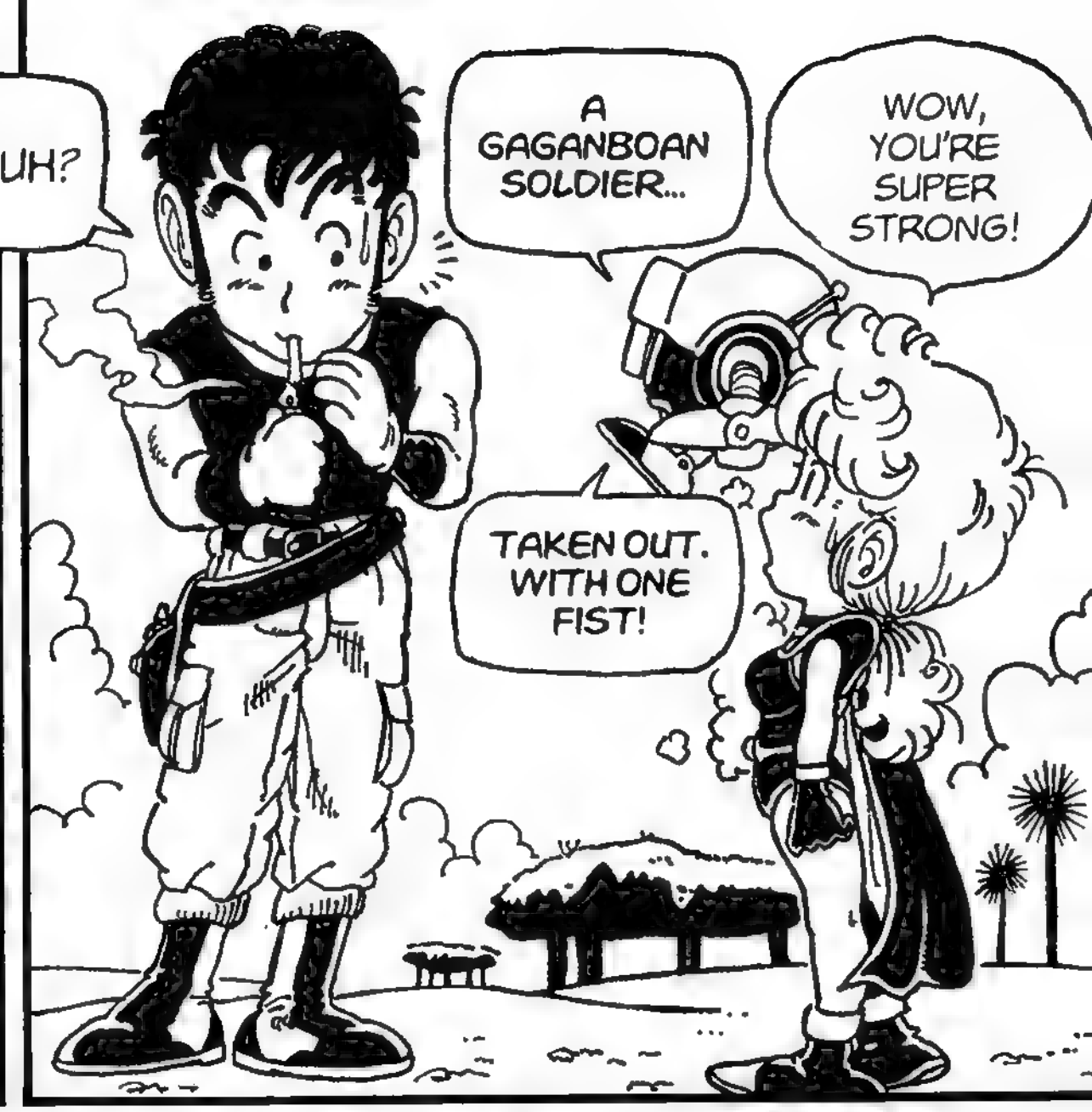
GONK

CIRRRRP

CIRRRRP

THE HECK WAS THAT ...?

GAGANBOAN...? YOU MEAN THAT THING RIGHT NOW WAS...?!
SURE WAS!


HUH?
A GAGANBOAN SOLDIER...
WOW, YOU'RE SUPER STRONG!
TAKEN OUT. WITH ONE FIST!

...
ROID, DEFENDER OF JUSTICE, HAS ARRIVED!!
ZSHHH...

WHAT ?!

PATROLMAN KEN TSUKU-TSUKU RETURNED FROM DUTY IN *TEARS*?

POOR LITTLE KEN-CHAN...

ACT 9

THE GAGANBOAN COUNTERATTACK

HEY, I LIKE IT PIPIN' HOT.
I HEARD YOU THE FIRST TIME!! WHATTA PAIN!
THIS'S DELICIOUS! WHAT IS THIS MEAT?
STELLAR LIZARD.
ZZZ... ZZZ...
SAYS HE. HATES LIZARD.
HURP ERRRRP
DEAR, YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T BE SO PICKY.
THAT'S NOT MY PROBLEM !!!
SWEETIE, I GOTTA GO PEEPEE...

ACT 10

A DAUNTING ROAD

BOO!

AAH!!

HEH HEH HEH! SCARED YOU GOOD, HUH? MY NAME IS PATA-PATA DRAGON AND I'LL BE YOUR VILLAIN TODAY. I'M HERE TO EAT YOU. AHEM, ROAR.

Hey, C'mon! Ruuun!

ARE YOU JUST LINE READING?

OH, SURE! HIT A GUY WHERE HE'S MOST SENSITIVE, HUH?

IT'S A L-L-LIZARD!!

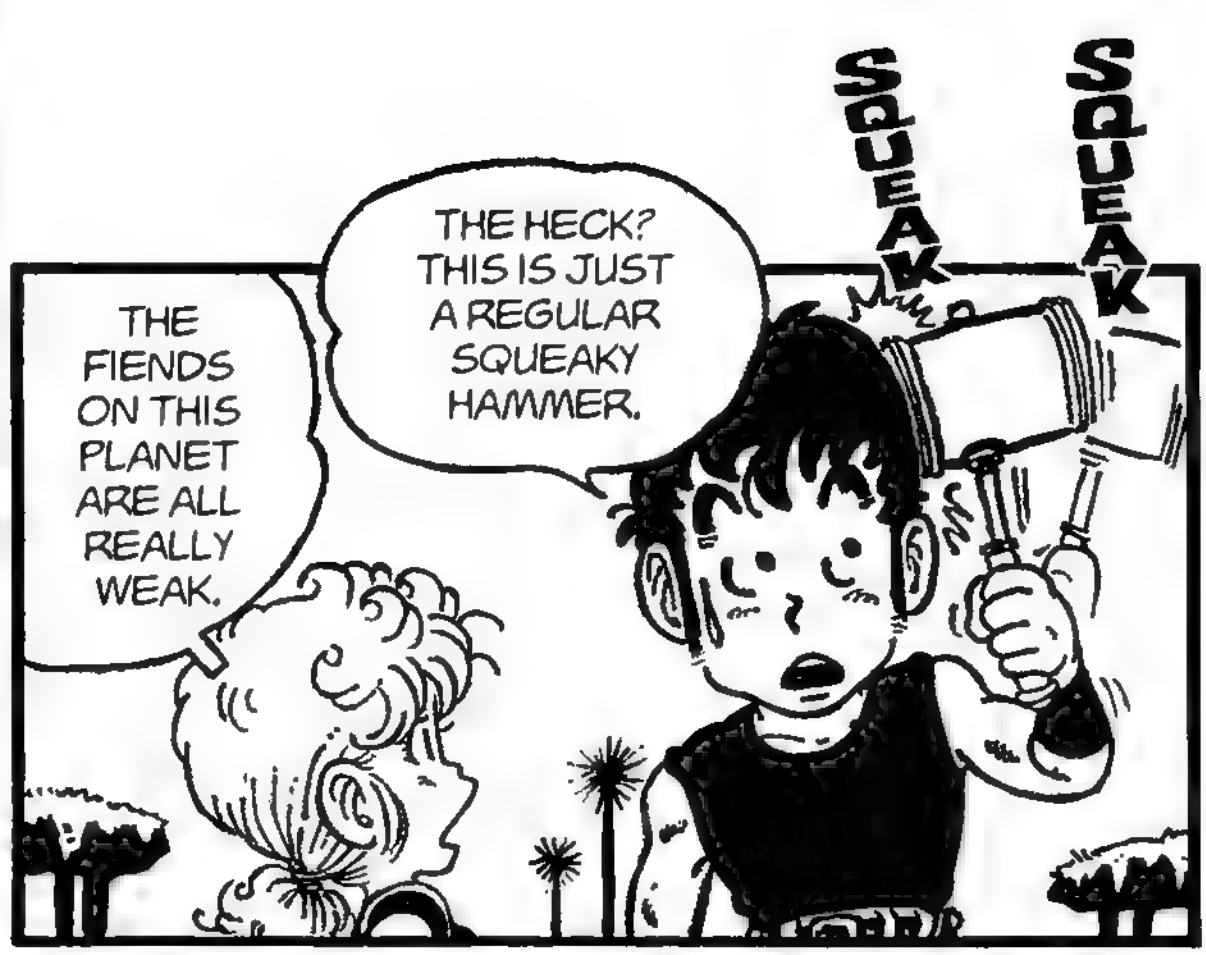
YOU'RE INSANE!! GET AWAY FROM THERE!!
GROOAR AND SUCH.

FOOGROOAR!

SQUEAK
TAKE THAT!

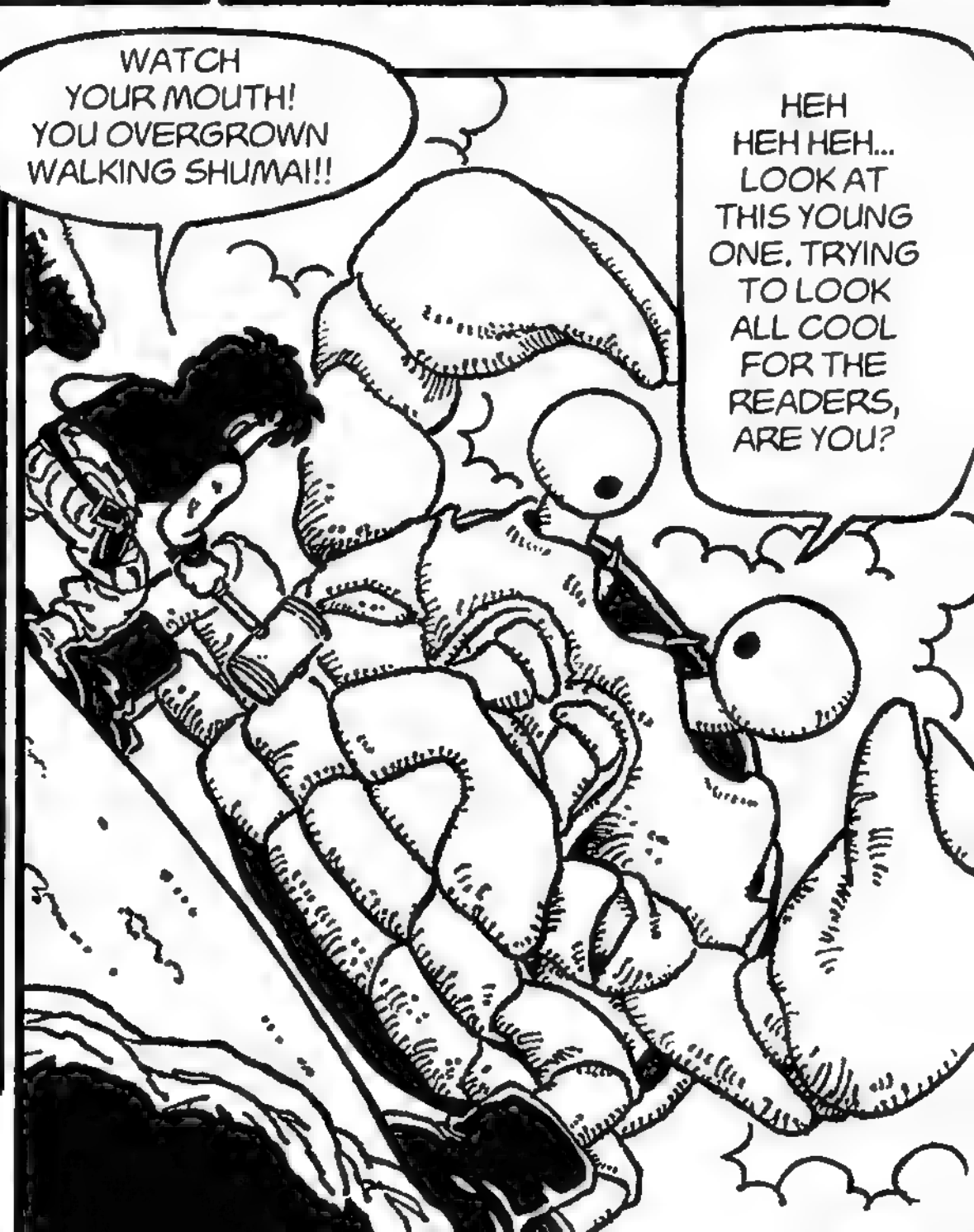
SPLENDID.
YIPPIIIE! I WON, I WON!
YIPE! YIPE! I WON'T FORGET THIS!
...

WELL THAT CERTAINLY EXPLAINS A LOT ABOUT THIS PLACE!


THE FIENDS ON THIS PLANET ARE ALL REALLY WEAK.
THE HECK? THIS IS JUST A REGULAR SQUEAKY HAMMER.
SQUEAK
SQUEAK

HEH HEH, LEAVE THIS TO ME!
ANOTHER ONE, EH?
OH!!

SQUEAK
HYAA!!


WATCH YOUR MOUTH! YOU OVERGROWN WALKING SHUMAI!!
HEH HEH HEH... LOOK AT THIS YOUNG ONE, TRYING TO LOOK ALL COOL FOR THE READERS, ARE YOU?

YOUR INEXPERIENCE IS YOUR WEAKNESS!

OOP ?!

FWA HA HAAAH... YOU FOOL!

THAT... WOULD'VE BEEN GOOD TO KNOW...

...

THIS IS BAD! HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO'S ACTUALLY REALLY, REALLY TOUGH!!

H-HEY!

NOT EVEN CHILDLIKE INNOCENCE WILL ERASE THE CRIMES OF YOUR YOUTH!!

GET BACK HERE!

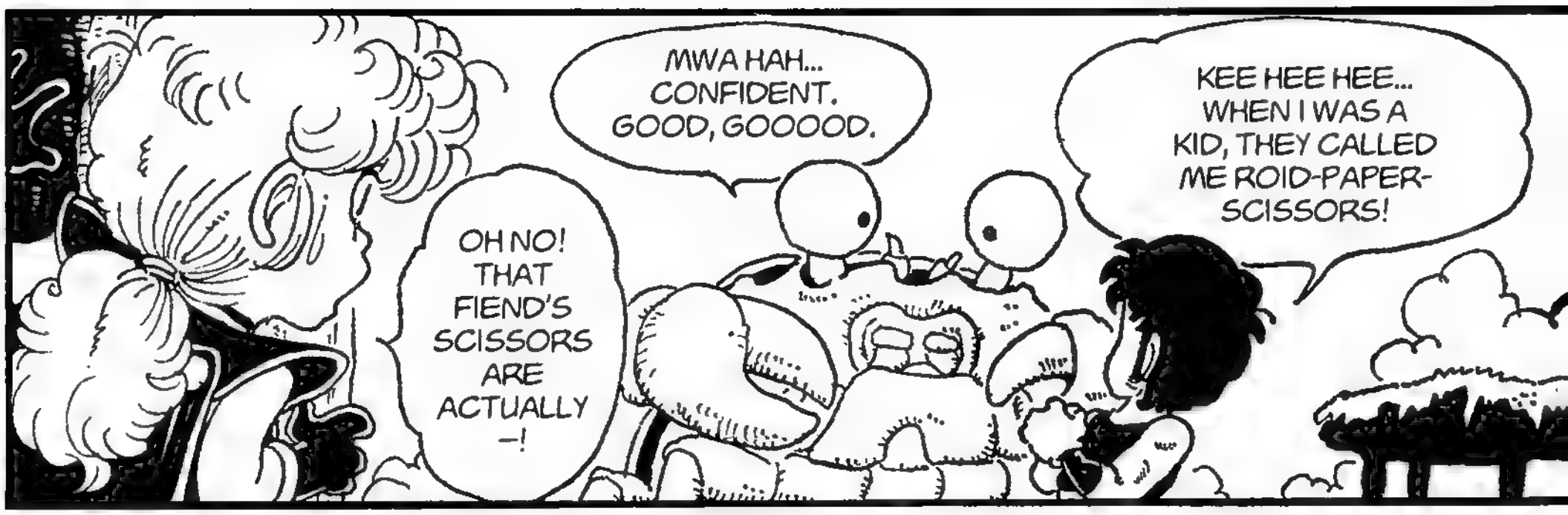
YO-HO! YO-HO! SET OUT ONE BY OOONE!

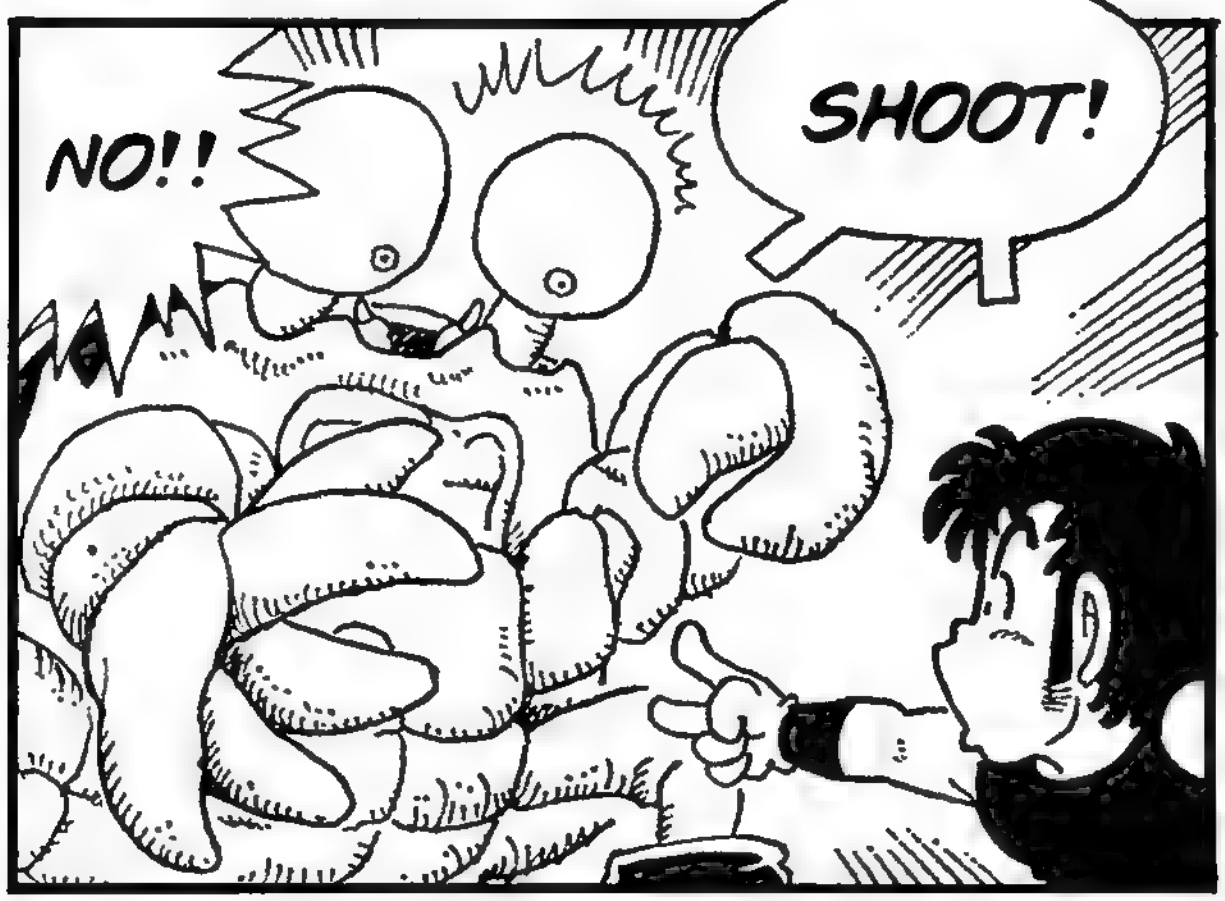
IF YOU MANAGE TO BEAT ME AT ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS, I'LL LET YOU GO!!

WOW, REALLY?!

NOOOO! PLEASE FORGIVE ME! I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU ASK!!

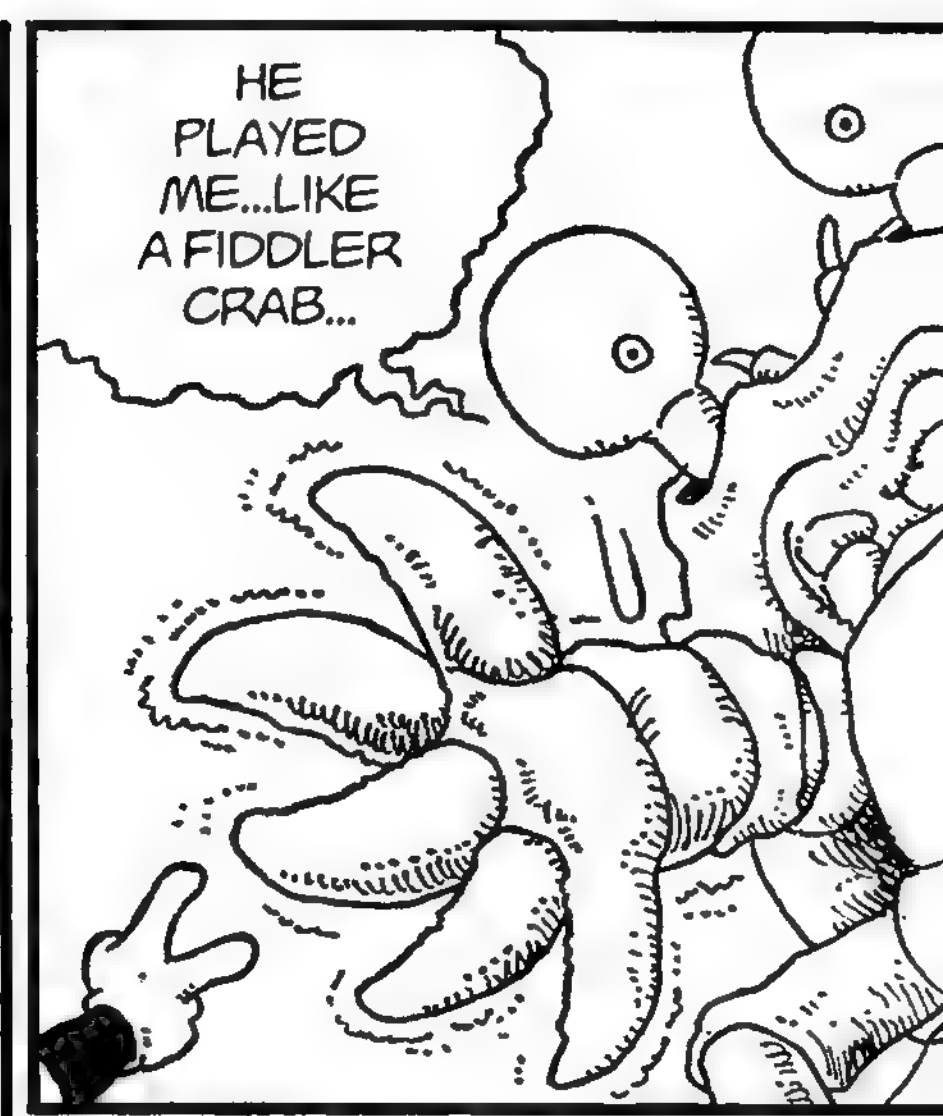
HEH HEH HEH... SURE, I'LL FORGIVE YOU. BUT THERE'S A CATCH...


MWA HAH... CONFIDENT. GOOD, GOOOOD.
KEE HEE HEE... WHEN I WAS A KID, THEY CALLED ME ROID-PAPER-SCISSORS!
OH NO! THAT FIEND'S SCISSORS ARE ACTUALLY –!

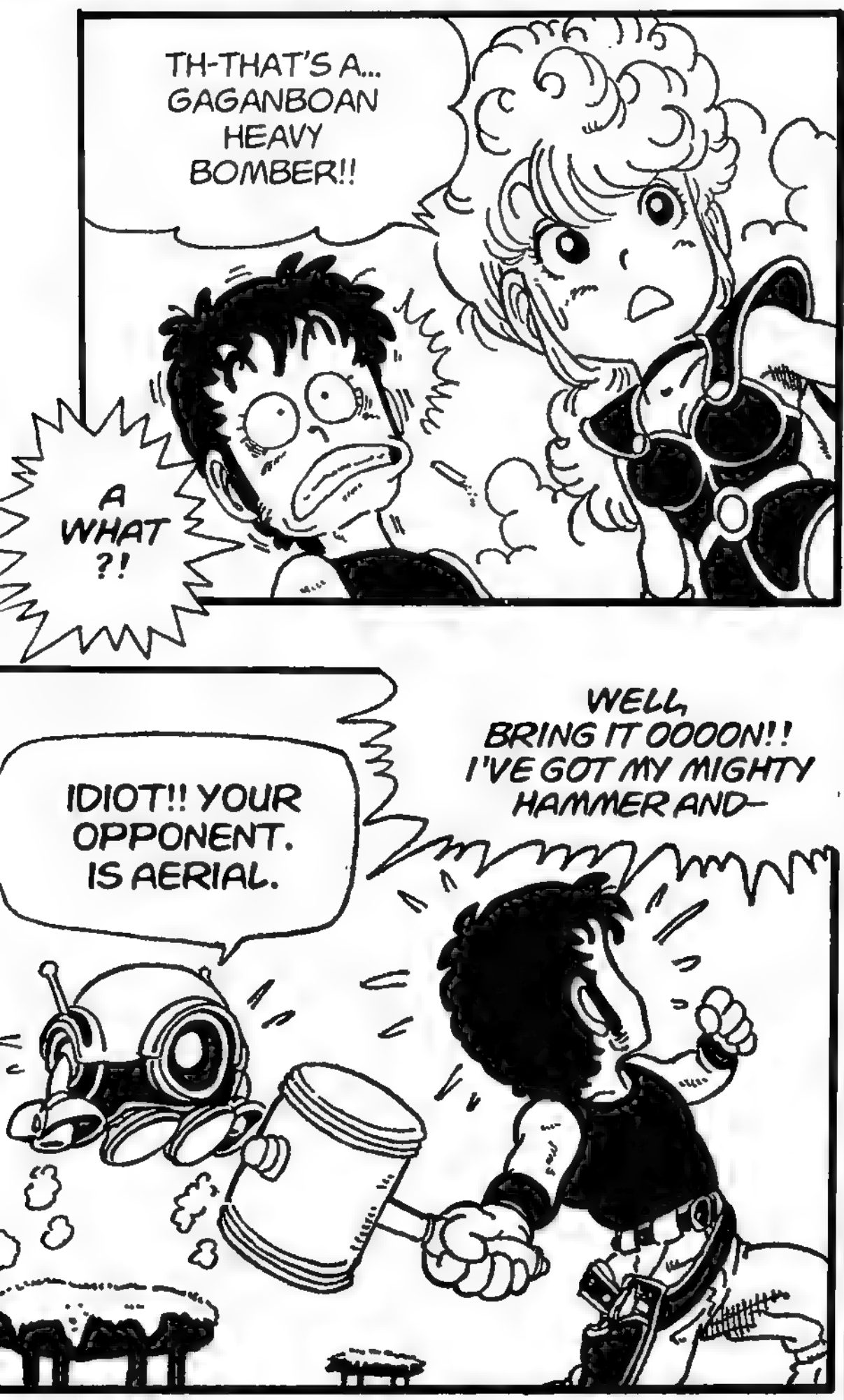

NO!!
SHOOT!

OOOONE, TWOOO, THREEE!

...
YAHOOO! I DID IT, I DID IT!!
A VICTORY. WITH TWO LOSERS...


HE PLAYED ME...LIKE A FIDDLER CRAB...

BZZzzzzz
HM?
HEY!


TH-THAT'S A... GAGANBOAN HEAVY BOMBER!!
A WHAT ?!
IDIOT!! YOUR OPPONENT. IS AERIAL.
WELL, BRING IT OOOON!! I'VE GOT MY MIGHTY HAMMER AND—

ACT 11
THE GREAT AIR RAID
HEY, KID. HOW MUCH FARTHER TO THE GAGANBO EMPIRE?
JUST A BIT MORE.
SO NOW. HE'S. MISTER TOUGH-GUY.

BUZZ-BUZ
WHA-HOOH!!
GAGANBO
ZZ
BADOOM
WHOA!!
GAGANBO
BOMB!
HM HM HMM! ♥ YES, YES. SCURRY AND SCATTER!
Hm hm hmm...
GRIP
YES, YOUR GWACE!!
H-HAIL GAGANBO...
BEGIN THE ASSAULT!!

CRAP CRAP CRAP!!

ZDOOM

ZDOOM

ZDOOM

AHHHHH!!

SEARCHING FOR. SIGNS OF. DEFENDERS OF JUSTICE. NONE FOUND!!

ZDOOM

URRGH!! I AM REALLY REGRETTING NOT BRINGING A LASER GUN.

KER-CLICK

THIS THING'S AN ANTIQUE!!

HUH?! WHAT'CHA GOT THERE?

KINDLY REFRAIN FROM ASKING DUMB QUESTIONS IN EMERGENCIES!!

BANG
BANG
BANG
GYEEEEE!!
WHAT ?!

YOU'RE KIDDING ME...

YOU...

CRASH!!

OWIE OW OW!

ACT 12

THE FALL OF GAGANBO

H-HAIL GAGANBO...

ISN'T MY HUBBY THE COOLEST?!

SO YOU'RE EMPEROR GAGANBO, HUH? HANDS UP!

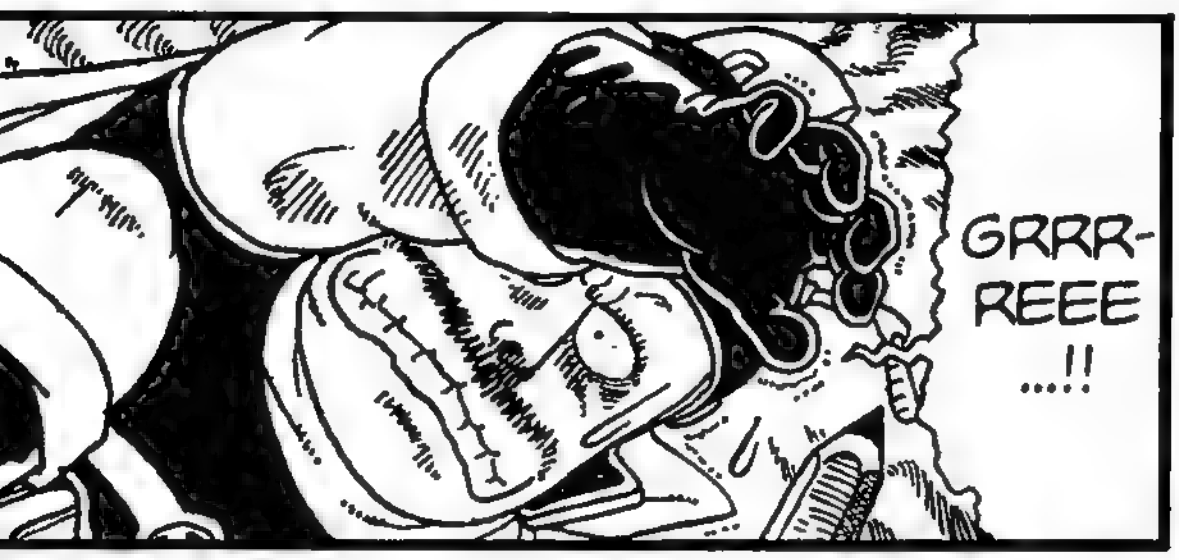
ERGH...

WELL, STUPID HEAD, I'VE GOT SUPER-DUPER PSYCHIC POWERS!

YOU THINK THIS MEANS YOU'VE WON, HUH?
HEH HEH HEH...

WATCH THIS PENCIL!!
I'LL SHOW YOU.

W-WHAT ...?!
YEAH, HE'S FAMOUS FOR 'EM!


GRRR-REEE ...!!

PLOP

HRRR-NGH!!

YAAAAH!!

AWESOME, RIGHT?

HOW'S THAT EVEN REMOTELY USEFUL...?

Marvelous, Your Grace!

CLAP CLAP!

WEEN

WEEN

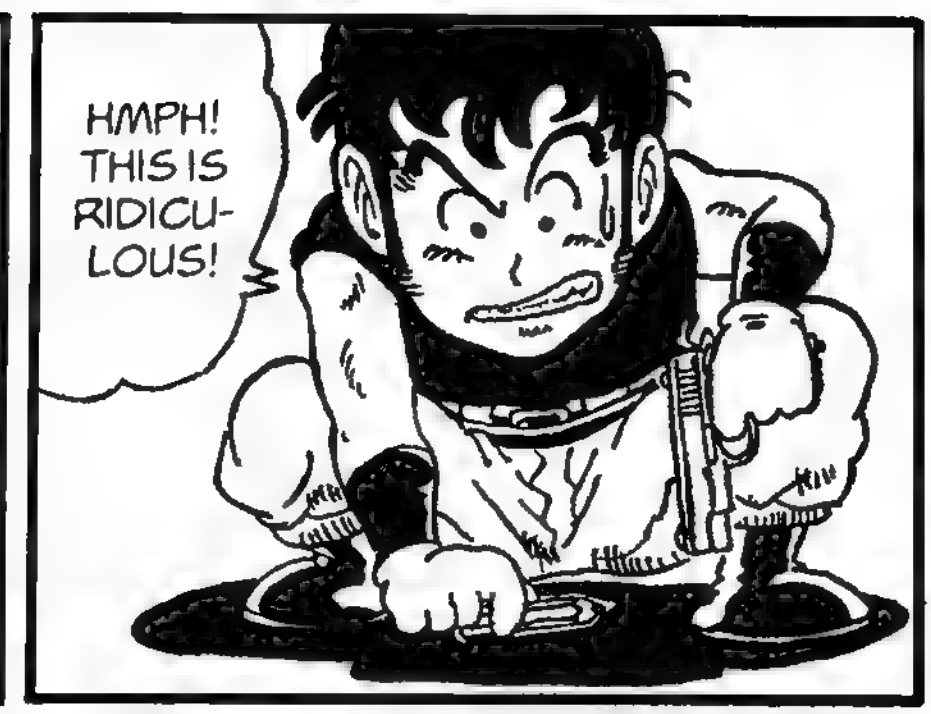
HOW ABOUT... THAT? HAVING... SECOND THOUGHTS?!

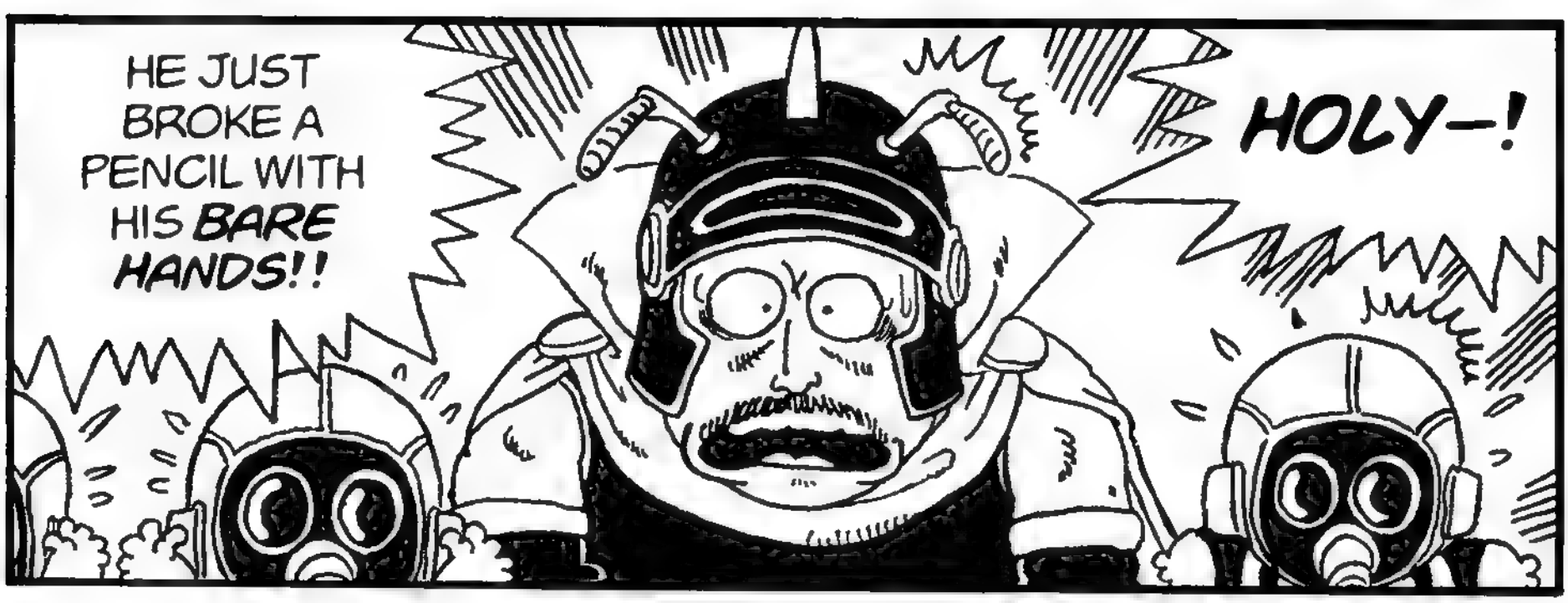
WEEN

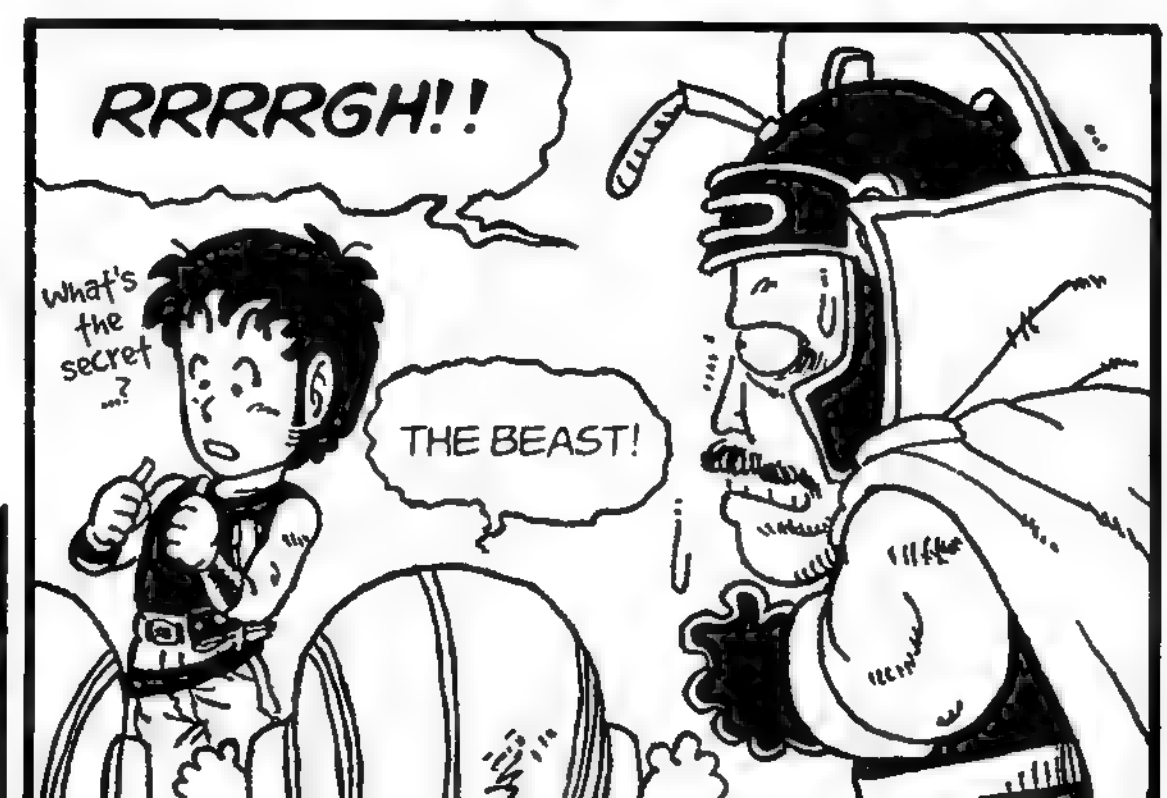
WEEN

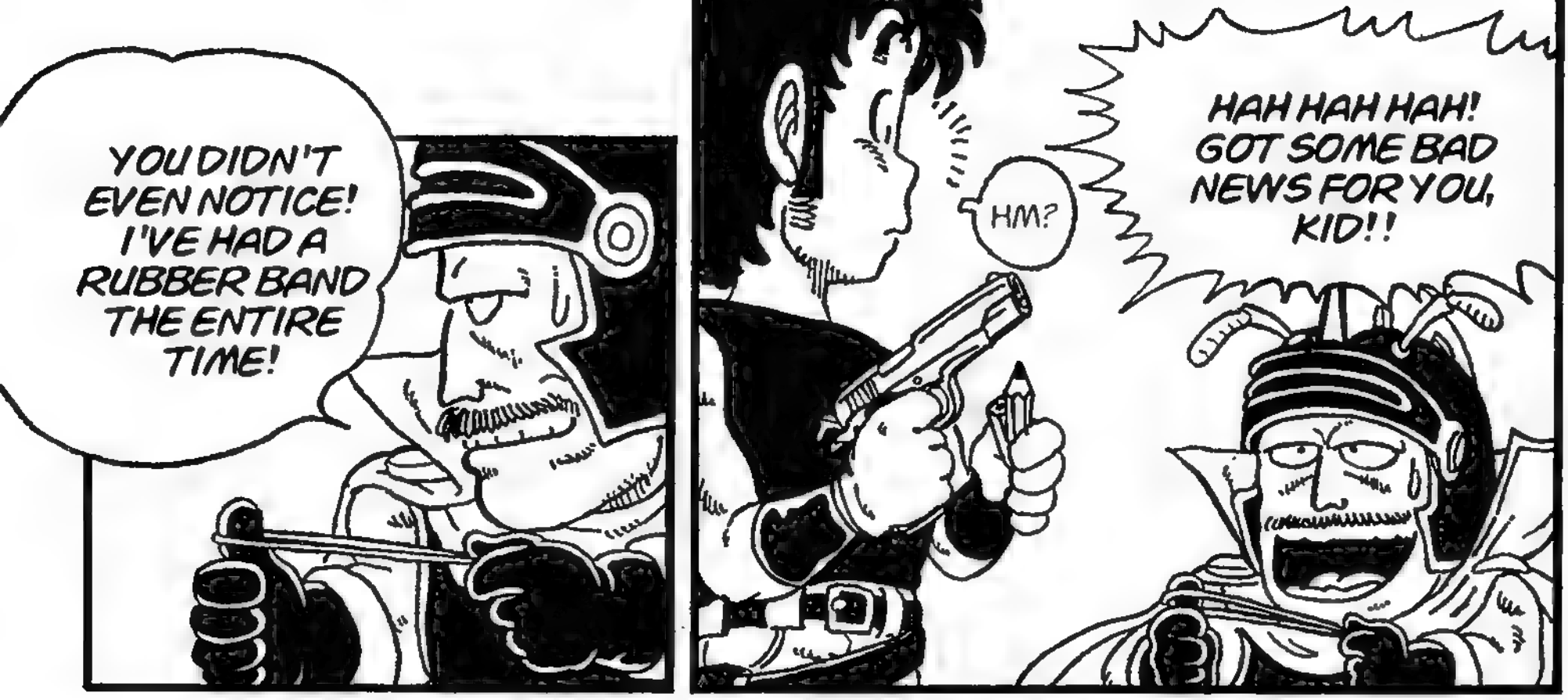
WOOOW!

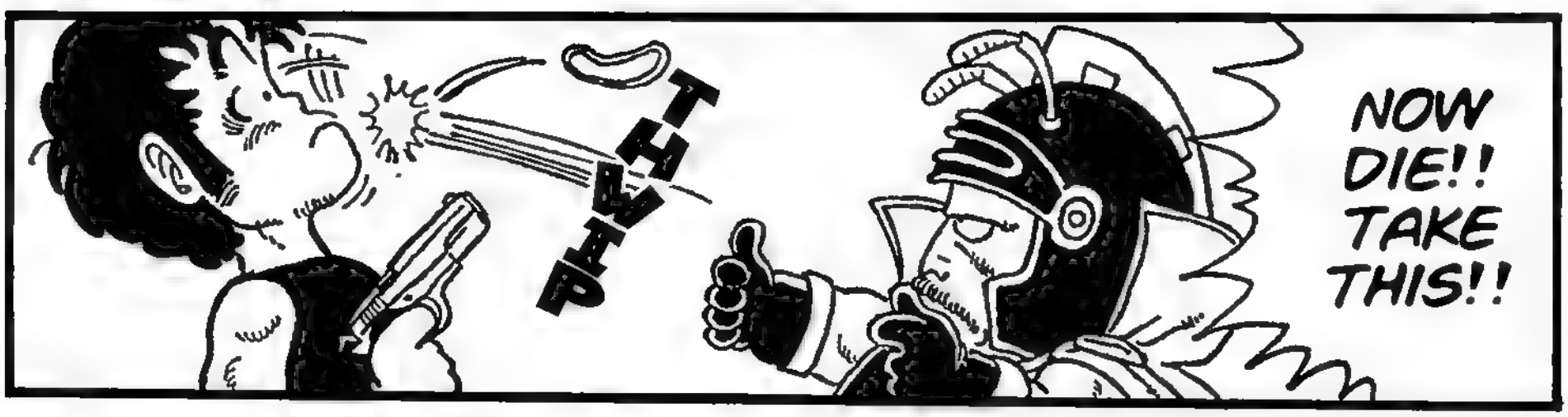
CLAP CLAP!



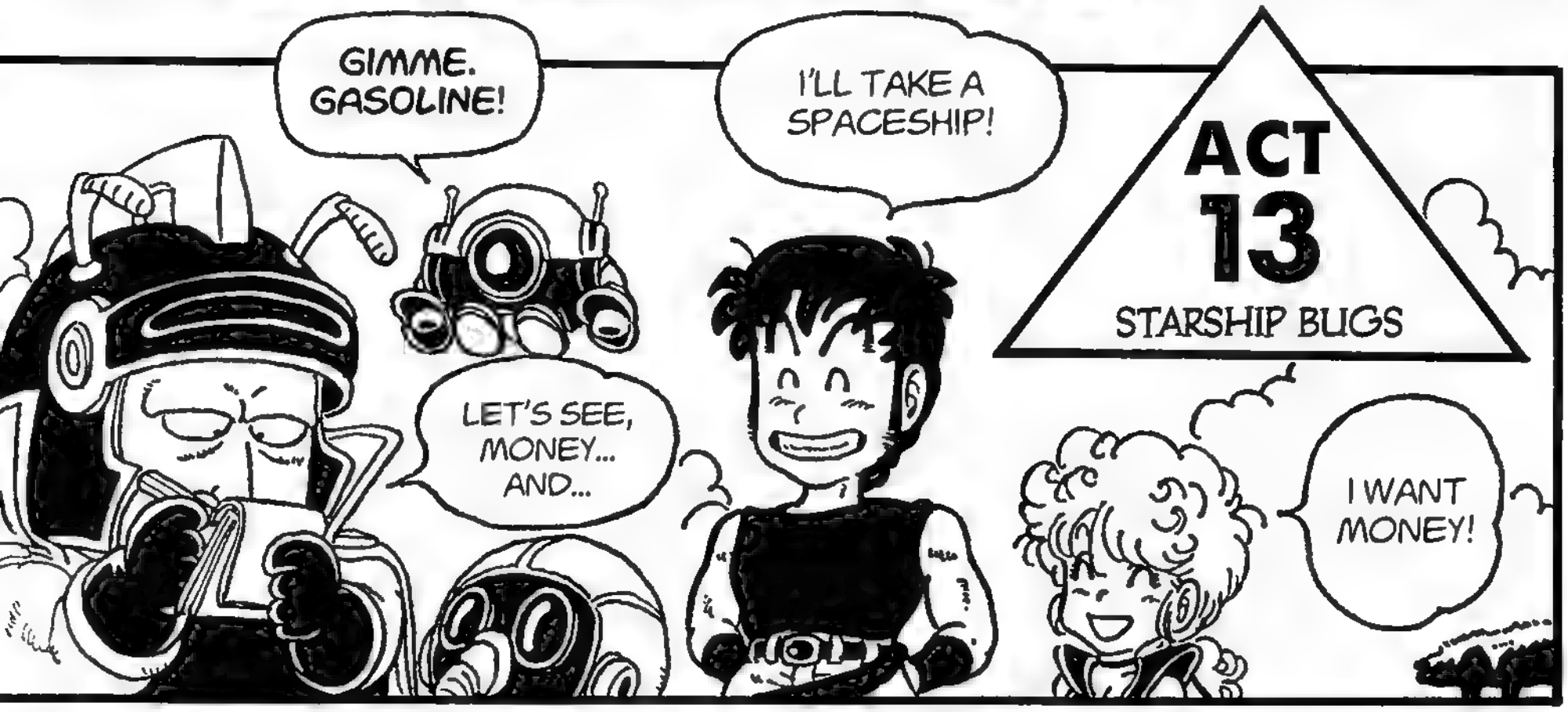


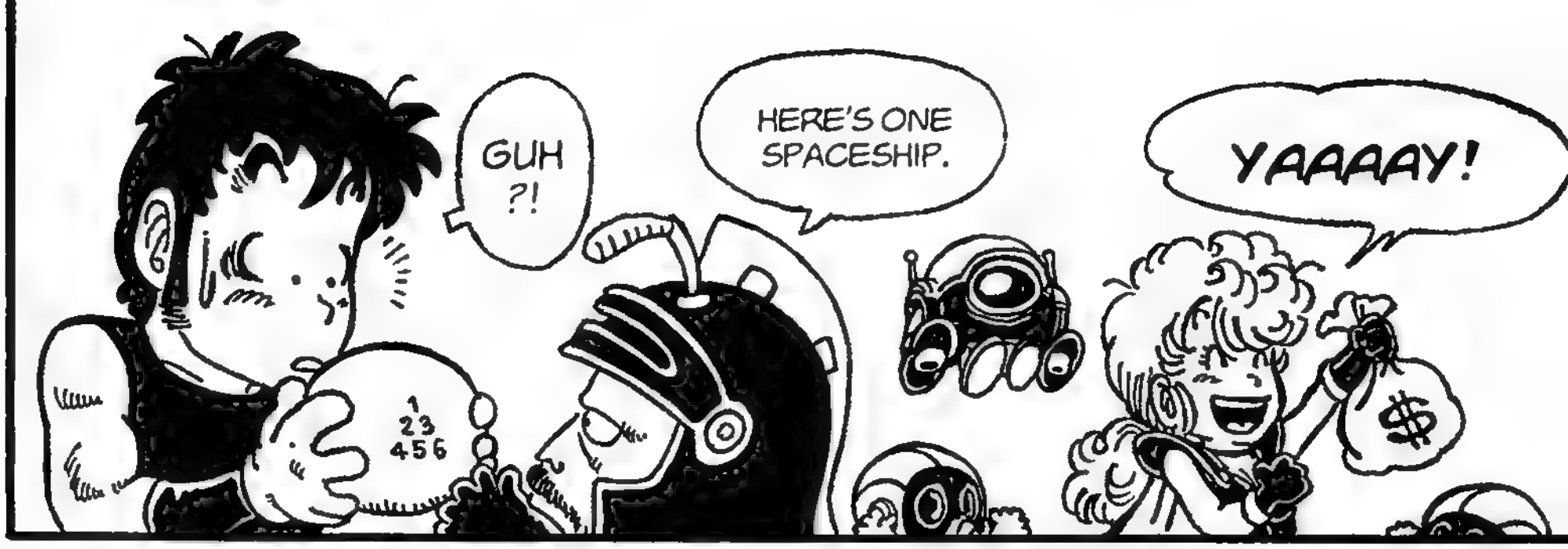


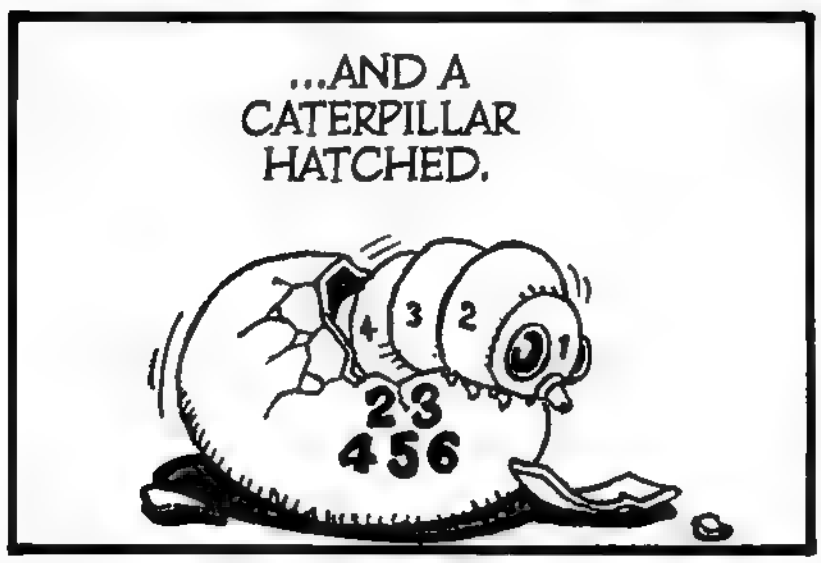

YOU DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE! I'VE HAD A RUBBER BAND THE ENTIRE TIME!
HM?
HAH HAH HAH! GOT SOME BAD NEWS FOR YOU, KID!!

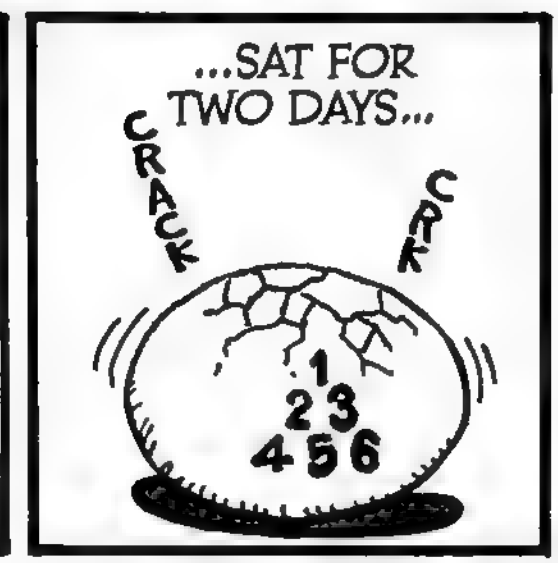

THAP
NOW DIE!! TAKE THIS!!

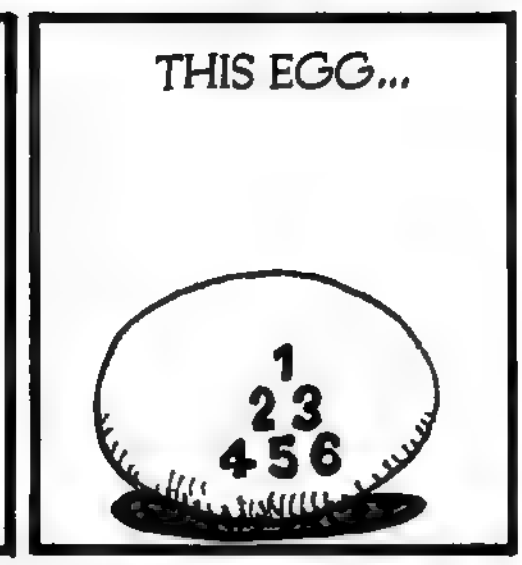
GAAAAAH!!
THAT STUNG LIKE HELL, YOU CREEP!!

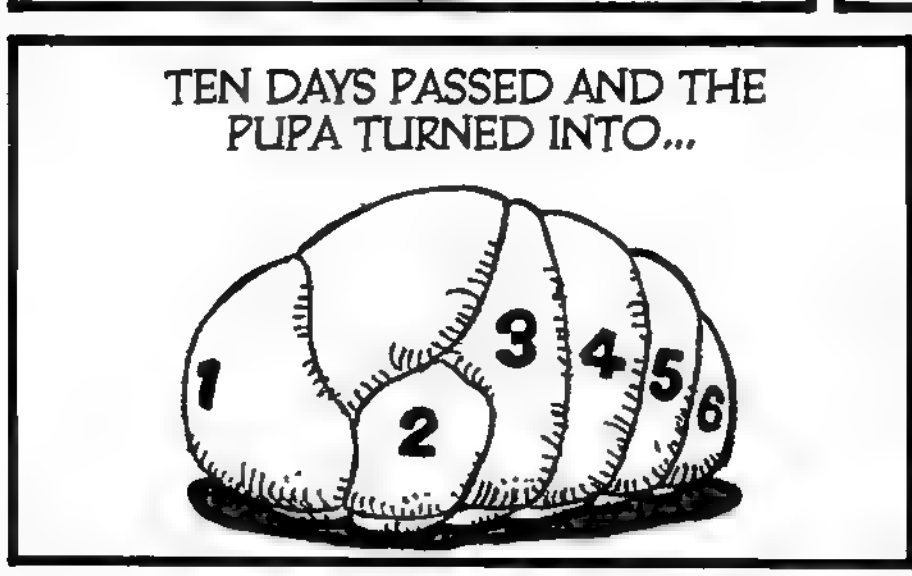

GIMME. GASOLINE!
I'LL TAKE A SPACESHIP!
ACT 13
STARSHIP BUGS
LET'S SEE, MONEY... AND...
I WANT MONEY!


GUH ?!
HERE'S ONE SPACESHIP.
YAAAAY!

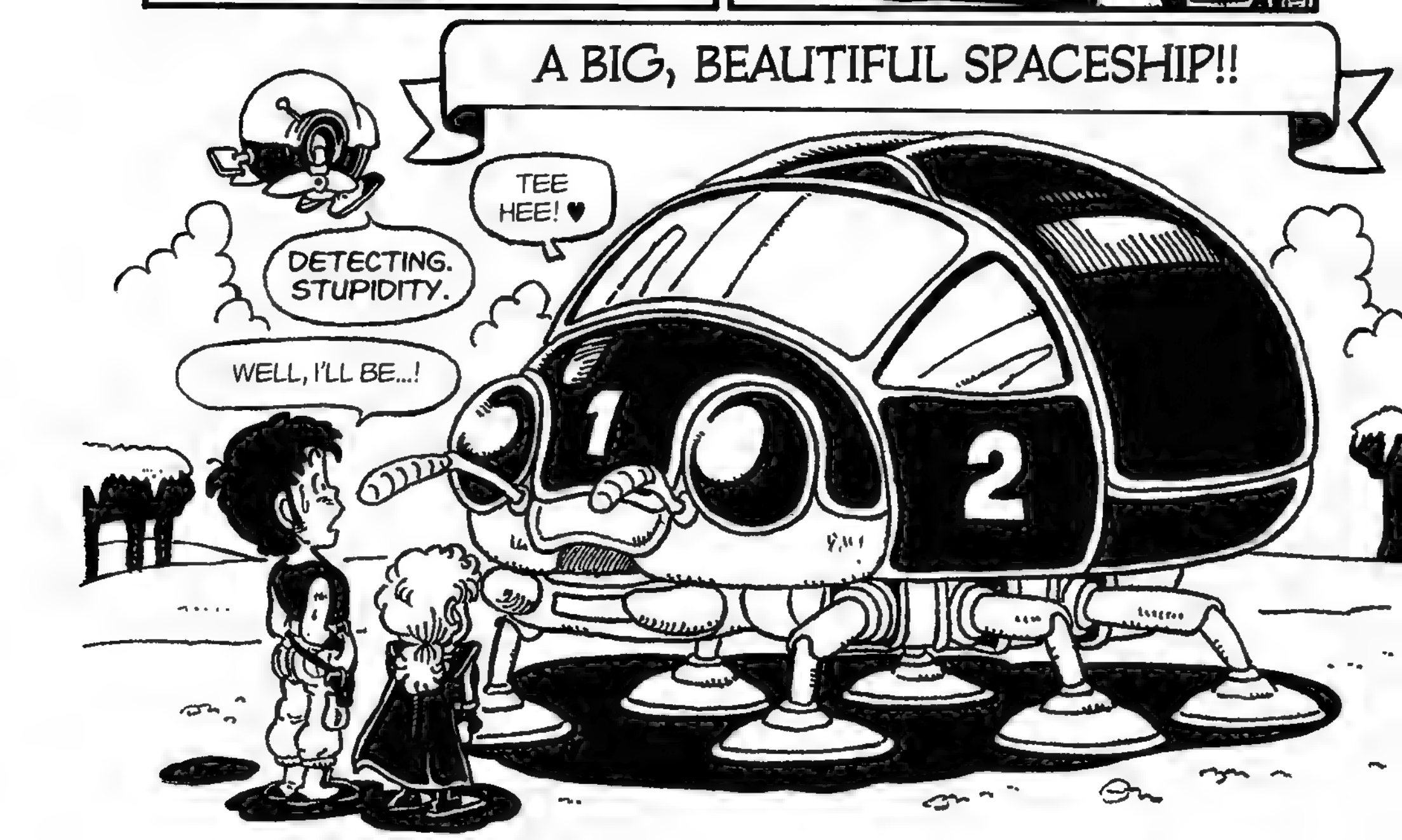

...AND A CATERPILLAR HATCHED.


...SAT FOR TWO DAYS...
KRAUK
CRK


THIS EGG...


TEN DAYS PASSED AND THE PUPA TURNED INTO...

IT THEN FED ON FUEL AND GOT BIGGER AND BIGGER.
SIP SIP


A BIG, BEAUTIFUL SPACESHIP!!
TEE HEE!
DETECTING. STUPIDITY.
WELL, I'LL BE...!

YOU MUST BE PRETTY WEAK...

HOS... TAGE...?

I'M SICK OF THIS PLACE! WE WERE HELD HOSTAGE BY GAGANBO.

ER, EXCUSE US. THIS IS EMBARRASSING, BUT WE'RE ALSO TRYING TO GET BACK TO EARTH.

ACT 14

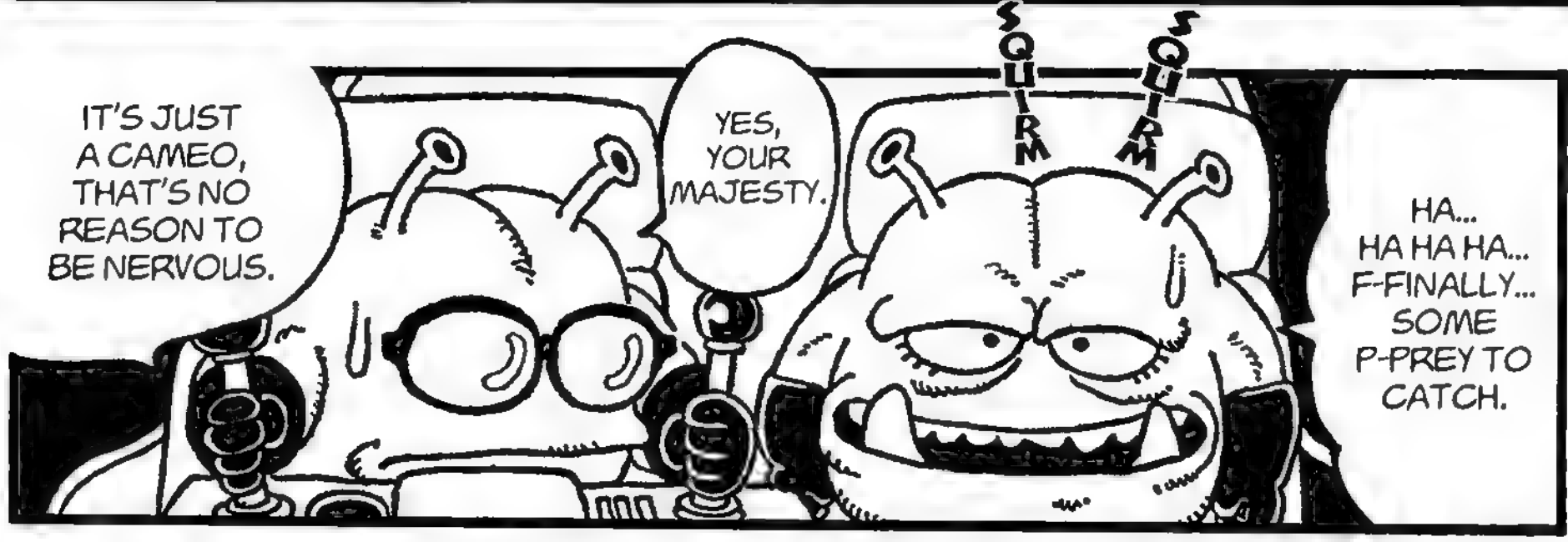
THE SPECIAL GUEST

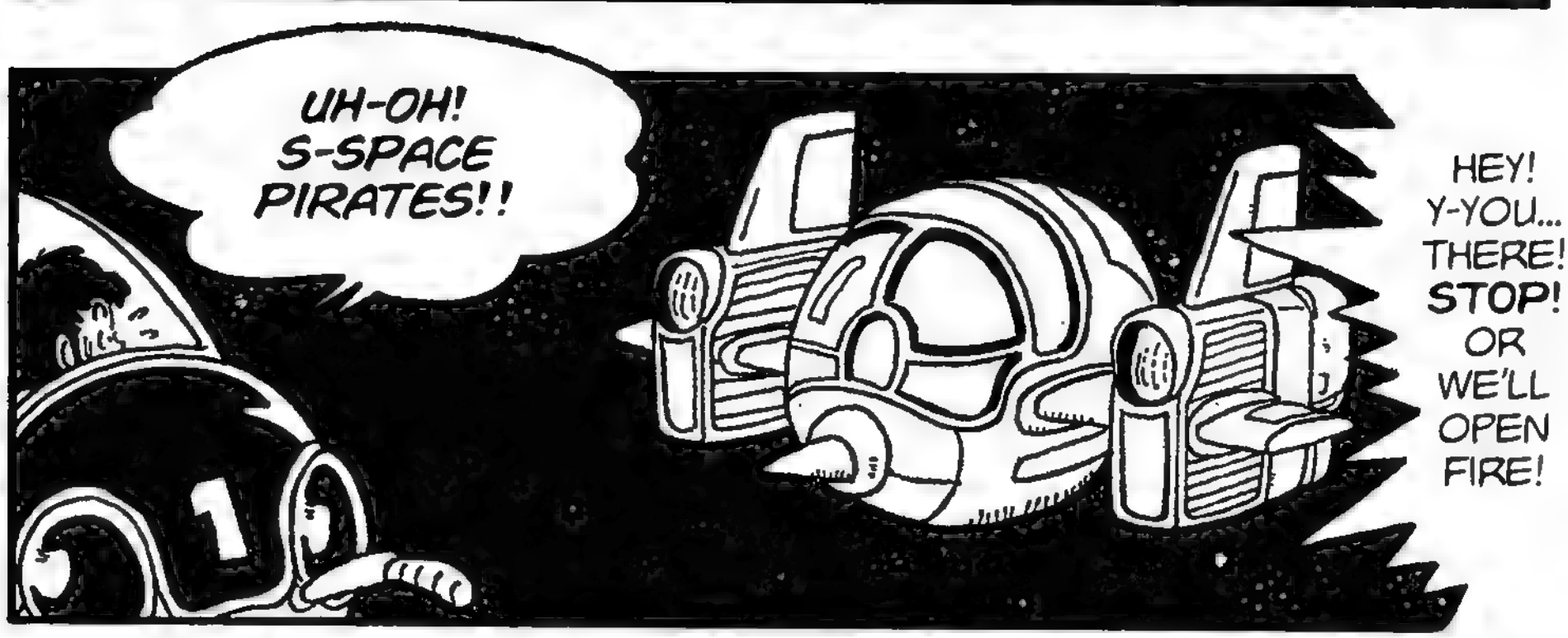
YAHOO-OOO!!

SO HOW MANY CHILDREN DO WE WANT, DARLING?

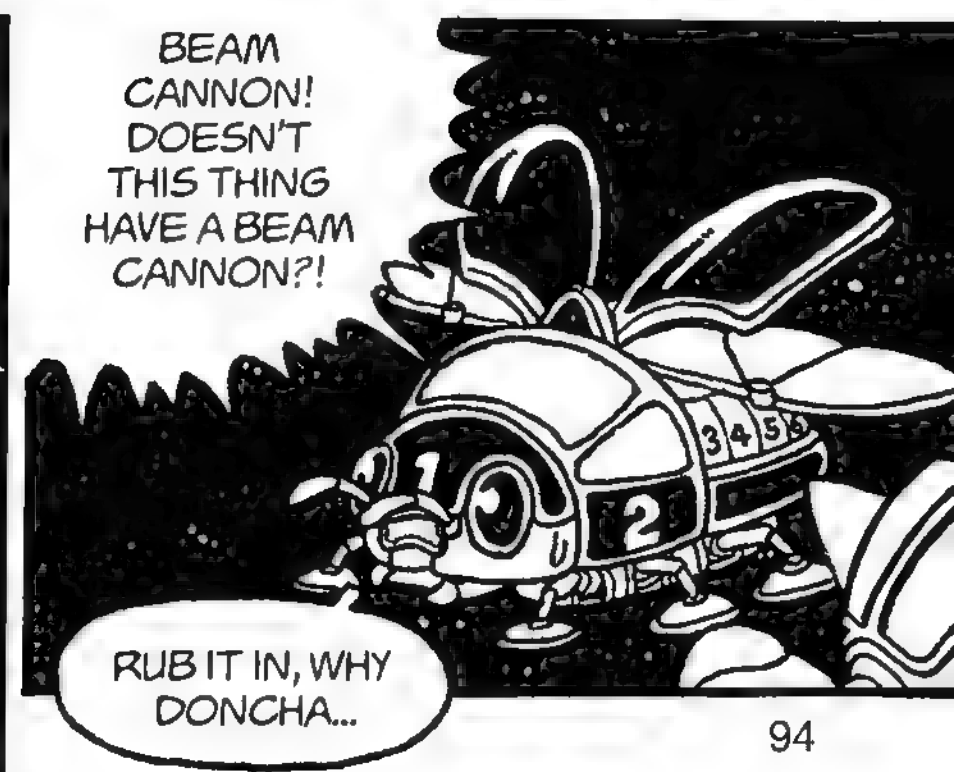
I'M FINALLY GOING BACK! BACK TO EARTH!!

WE MADE IT!! THAT'S EARTH!!


IT'S JUST A CAMEO, THAT'S NO REASON TO BE NERVOUS.
YES, YOUR MAJESTY.
SQUIRM
SQUIRM
HA... HA HA HA... F-FINALLY... SOME P-PREY TO CATCH.


UH-OH! S-SPACE PIRATES!!
HEY! Y-YOU... THERE! STOP! OR WE'LL OPEN FIRE!

STOMP STOMP
HELLO, DUMB-DUMBS!!


BEAM CANNON! DOESN'T THIS THING HAVE A BEAM CANNON?!
RUB IT IN, WHY DONCHA...

HOYO!

ARALE

EEEEEEEEEK!!

Heeey!! This is pretty dumb!

Just 360 yen per volume.

I'M SO GLAD I READ DR. SLUMP!

ARALE

WHAT IS THIS ANY-WAY?

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY LIKE THIS, DEAR READERS, PLEASE BE SURE TO COLLECT ALL VOLUMES!!

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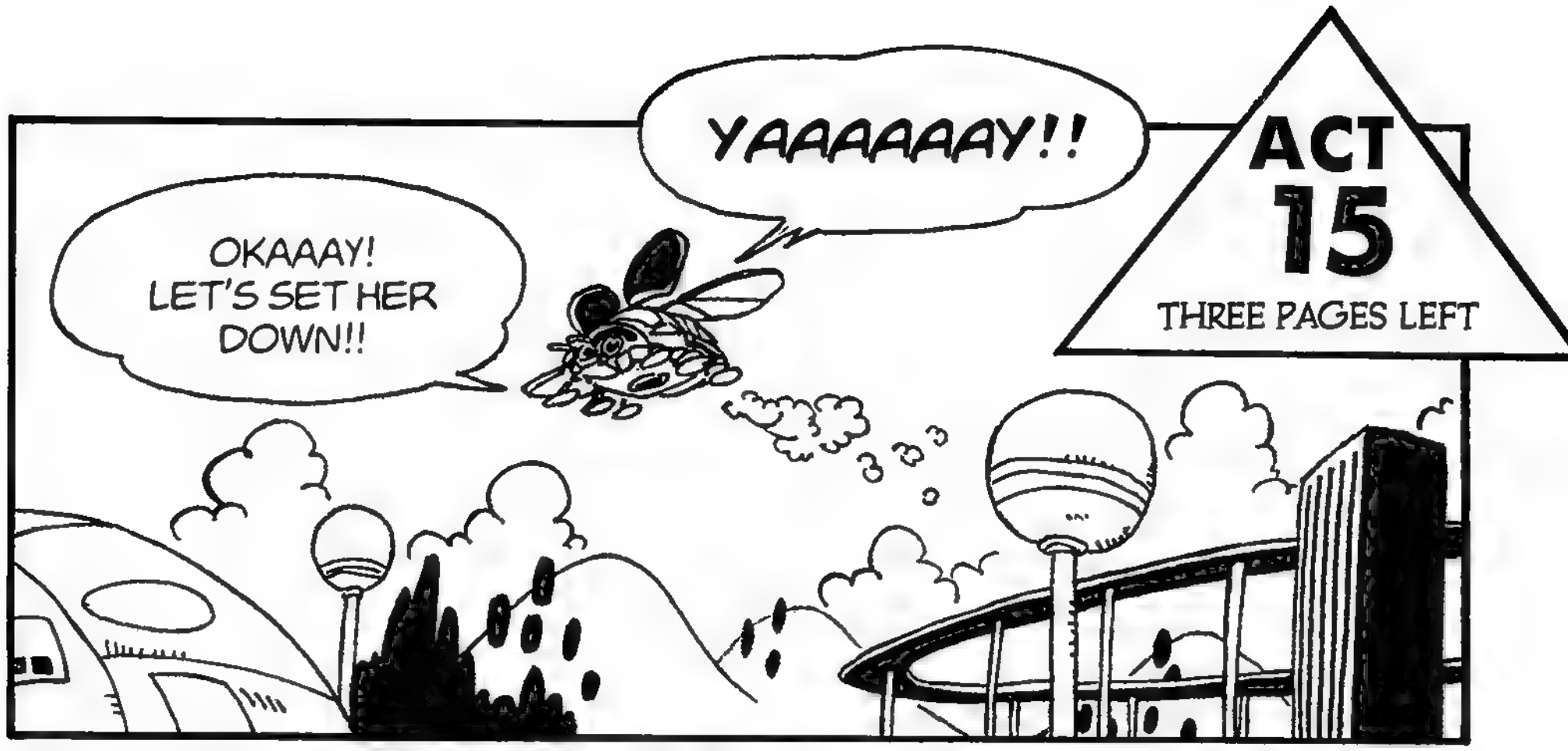
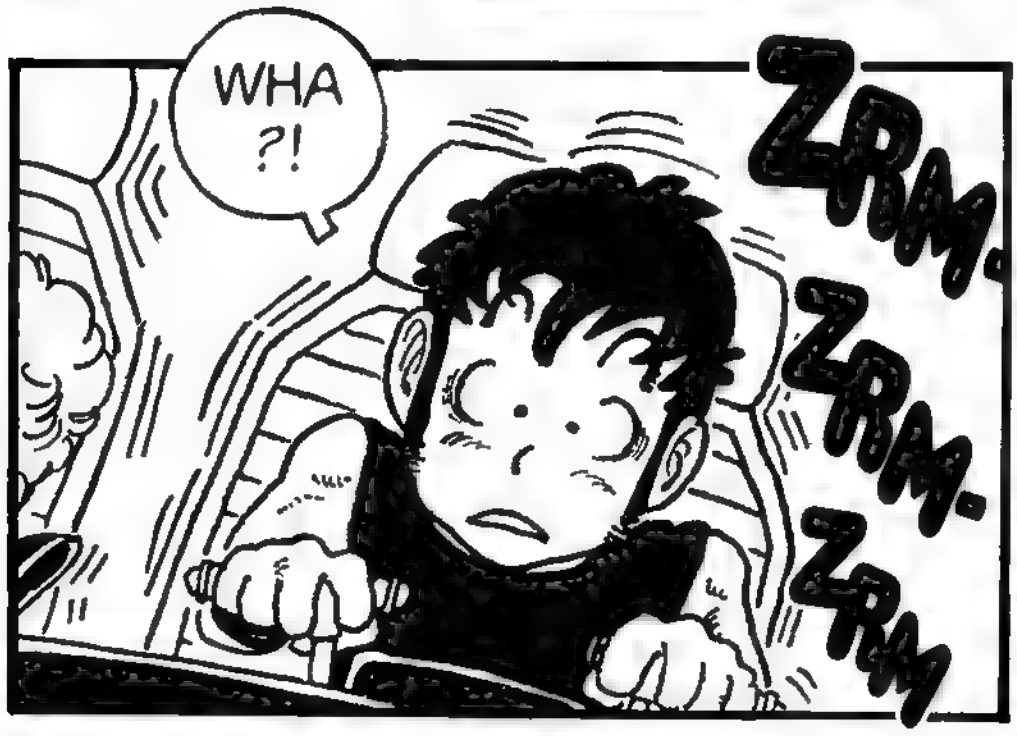
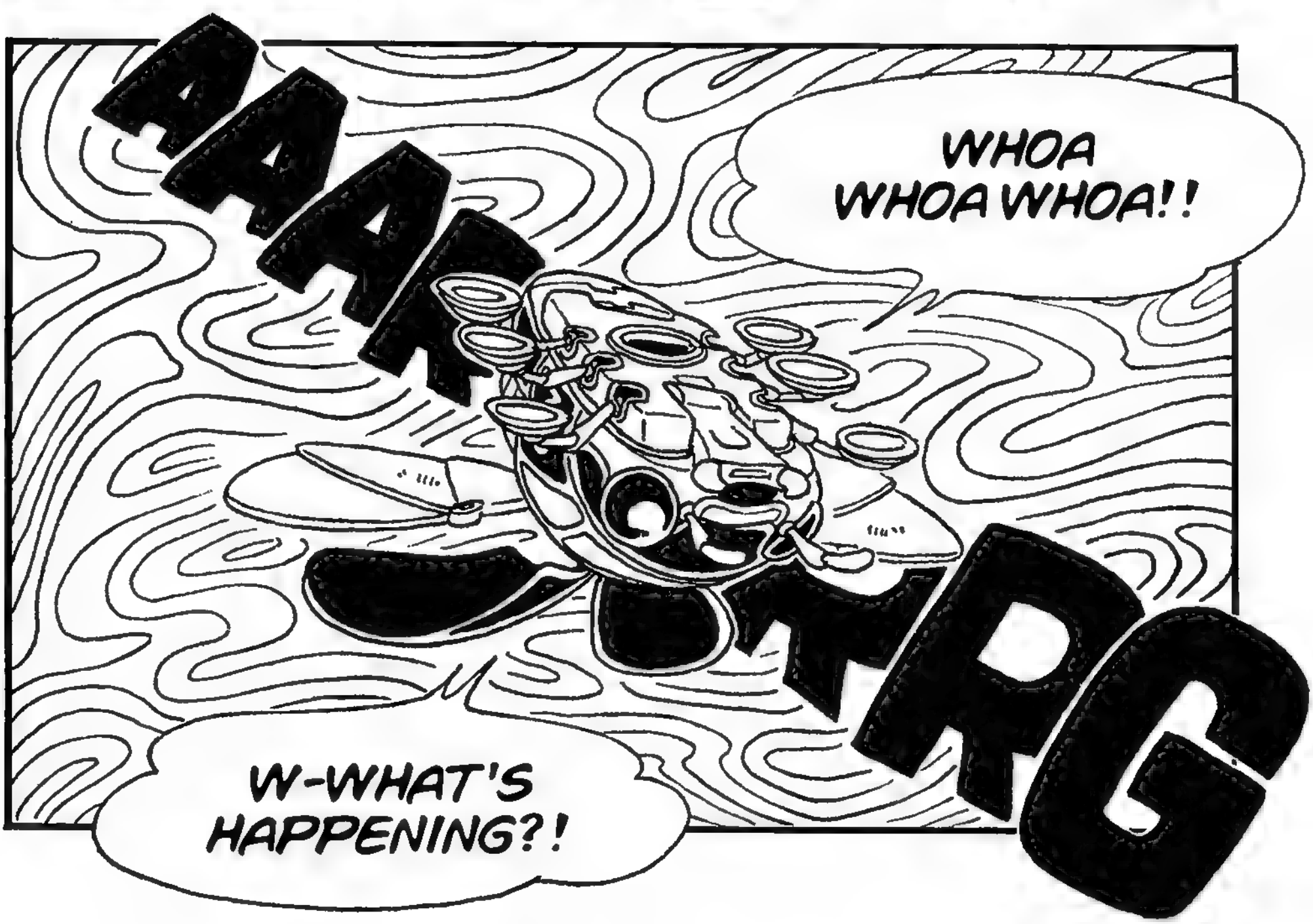
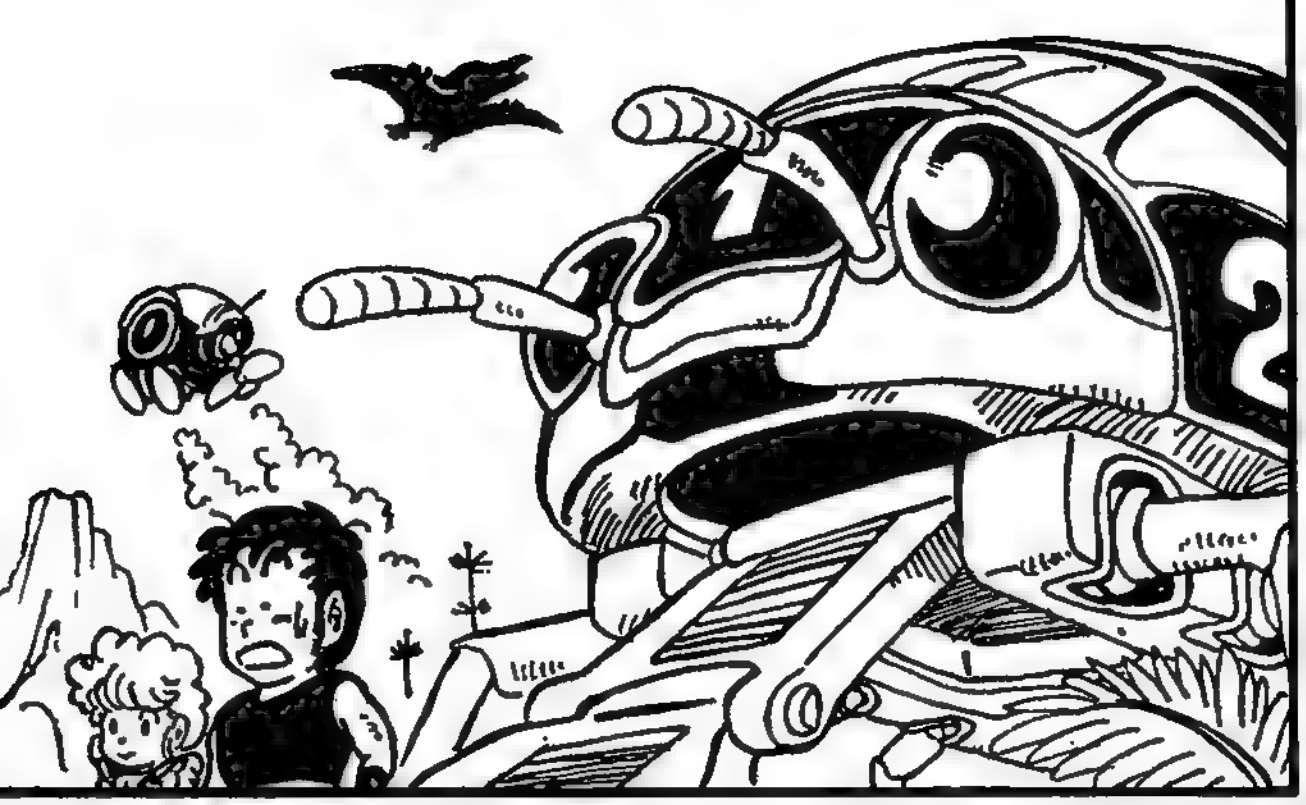

ACT 15
THREE PAGES LEFT
YAAAAAAY!!
OKAAAY! LET'S SET HER DOWN!!


WHA ?!
ZRAM-
ZRAM-
ZRAM

I WANNA HELP TOO!
CLICK!


AAAG
WHOA WHOA WHOA!!
W-WHAT'S HAPPENING?!



SO THIS. IS EARTH. HUH.

WHERE THE HECK *ARE WE*?!

YOU BROUGHT US HERE, WHY'RE YOU ASKING ME?

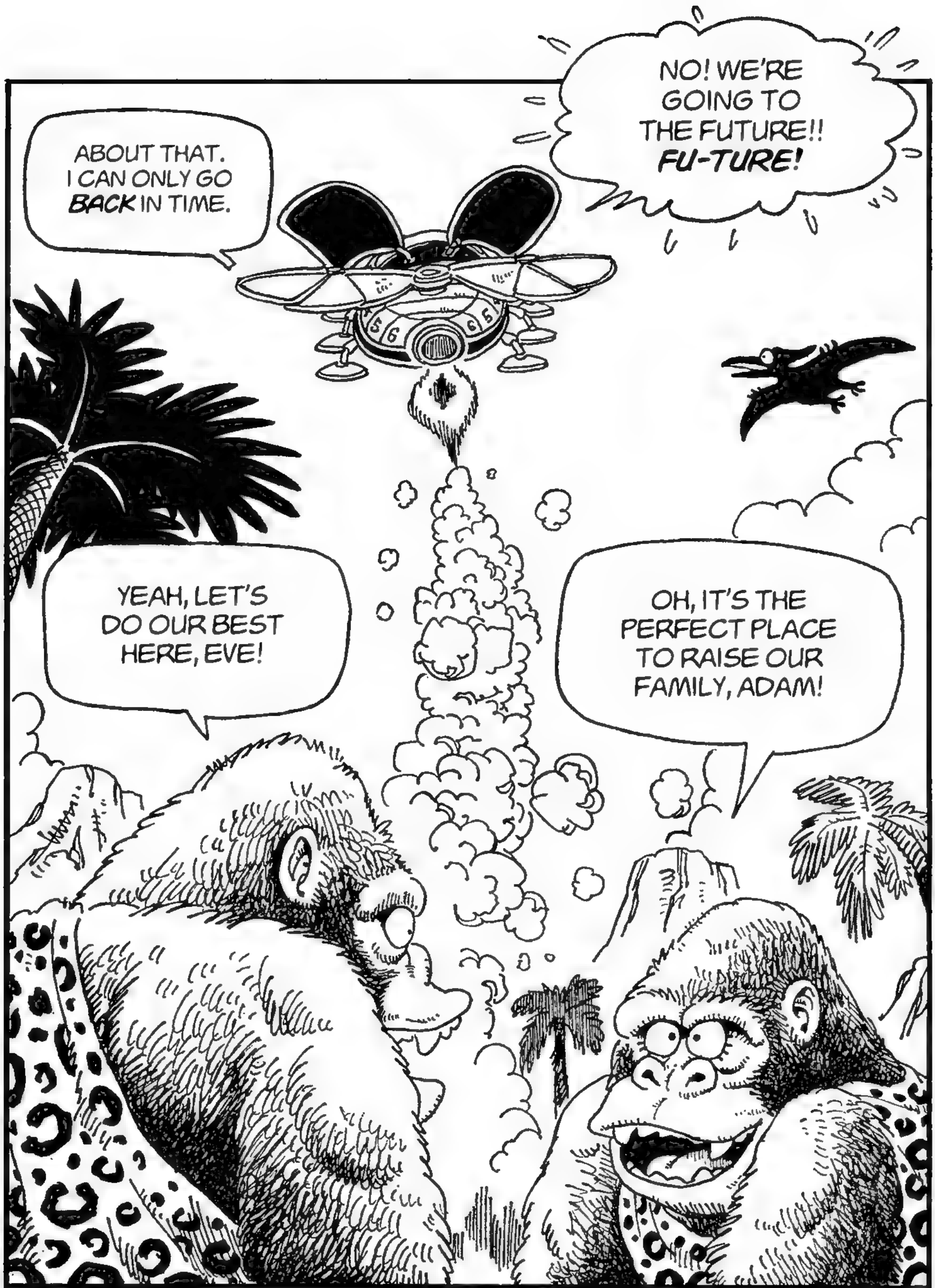
THIS IS THE PREHISTORIC ERA.

YES, I THINK IT'S LOVELY!!

HEY, NOT TOO SHABBY!

SO WHEN'S OUR WEDDING?

Y-YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT?! IT'S NOTHING BUT LIZARDS!!



LIKE I SAID, THIS WAS A LONG, LOOONG TIME AGO...

THE END

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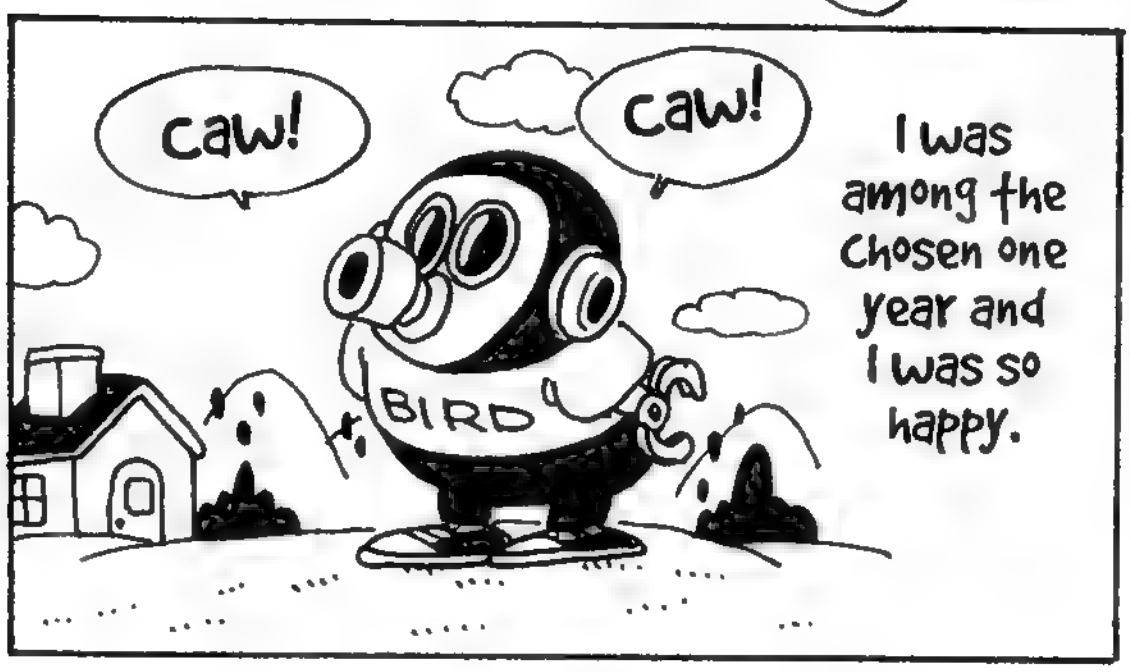
— My Rookie Days —

BACK WHEN I MADE THIS

③ When I drew *Pola & Roid*



I was among the chosen one year and I was so happy.

There used to be this Reader's Choice Award that *Shonen Jump* ran annually where ten authors were chosen to write a 45-page piece.

I didn't have enough time, so I drew the whole piece with an autograph pen. I still think there must've been a mistake, but my piece took first place. I felt like I'd done something wrong.

But I usually draw 13 to 15 pages, so having to do 45 pages was a living hell.

But thanks to that I was able to take a trip to Europe. It was so cool!!

MAD MATIC
LONG AGO... THERE WAS A LAND BESET UPON BY A FEROCIOUS SABER-TOOTH DRAGON.

THOSE WHO FLED INTO CAVERNS HELD WARY COUNCIL...

So what'll we do?

TREMBLE

"THAT'S IT! BUT OF COURSE!! EVERYONE, LISTEN TO ME!!!"

THEY CARRIED OUT THE PLAN WITH DUE DILIGENCE WHEN THEY NOTICED THE DRAGON HAD FALLEN ASLEEP...

BANG BANG

CLACK BANG

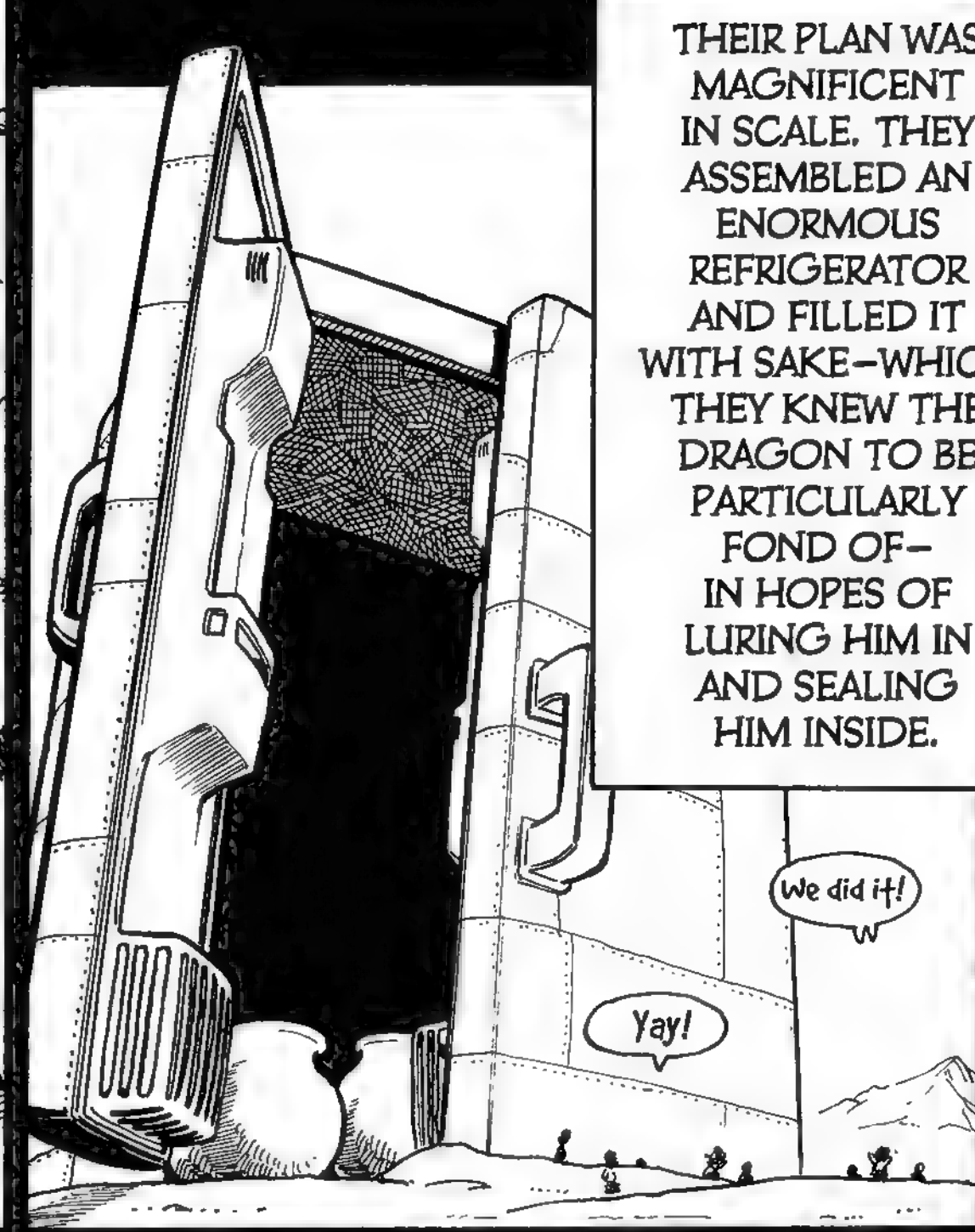
TUG

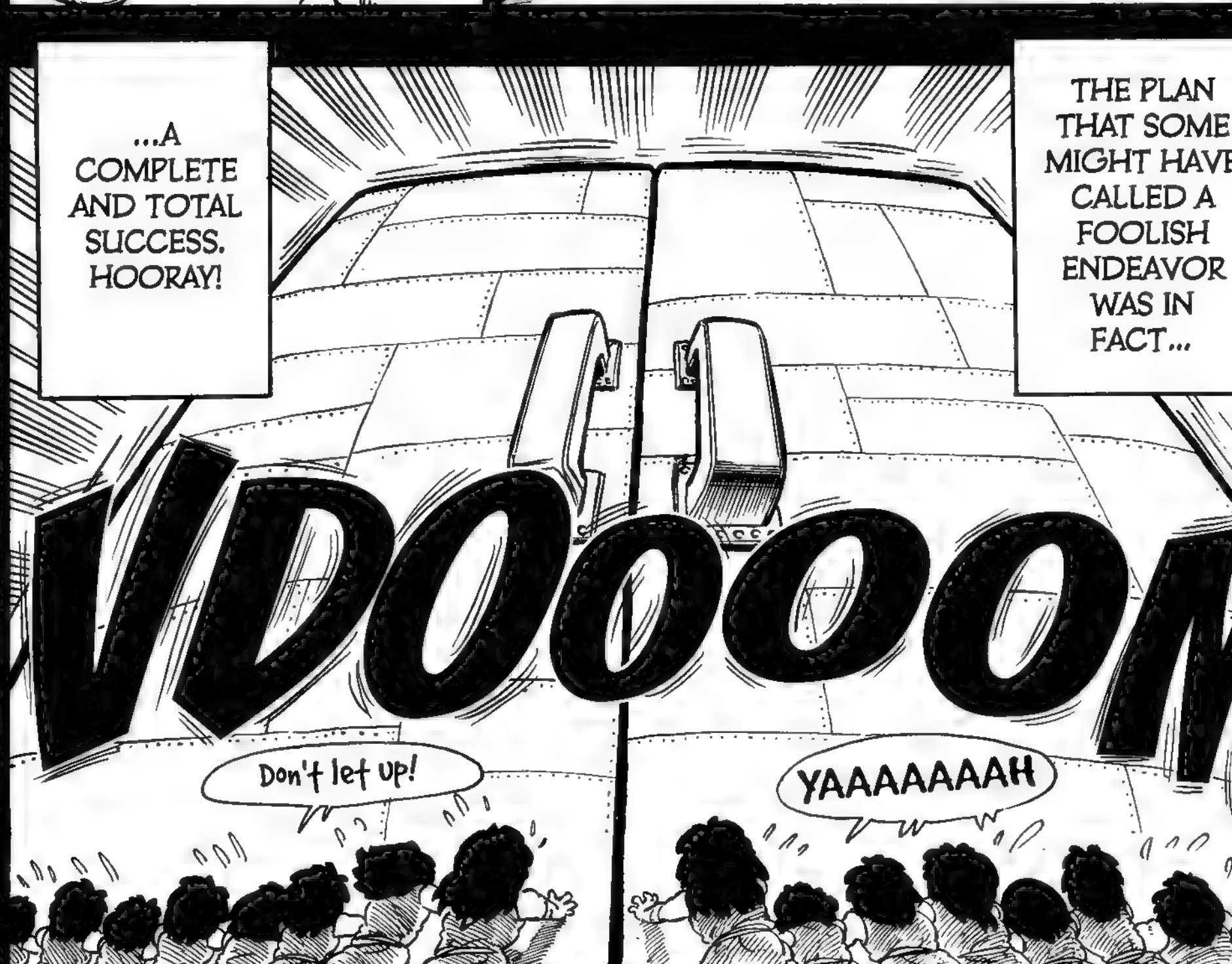
GRRRRT

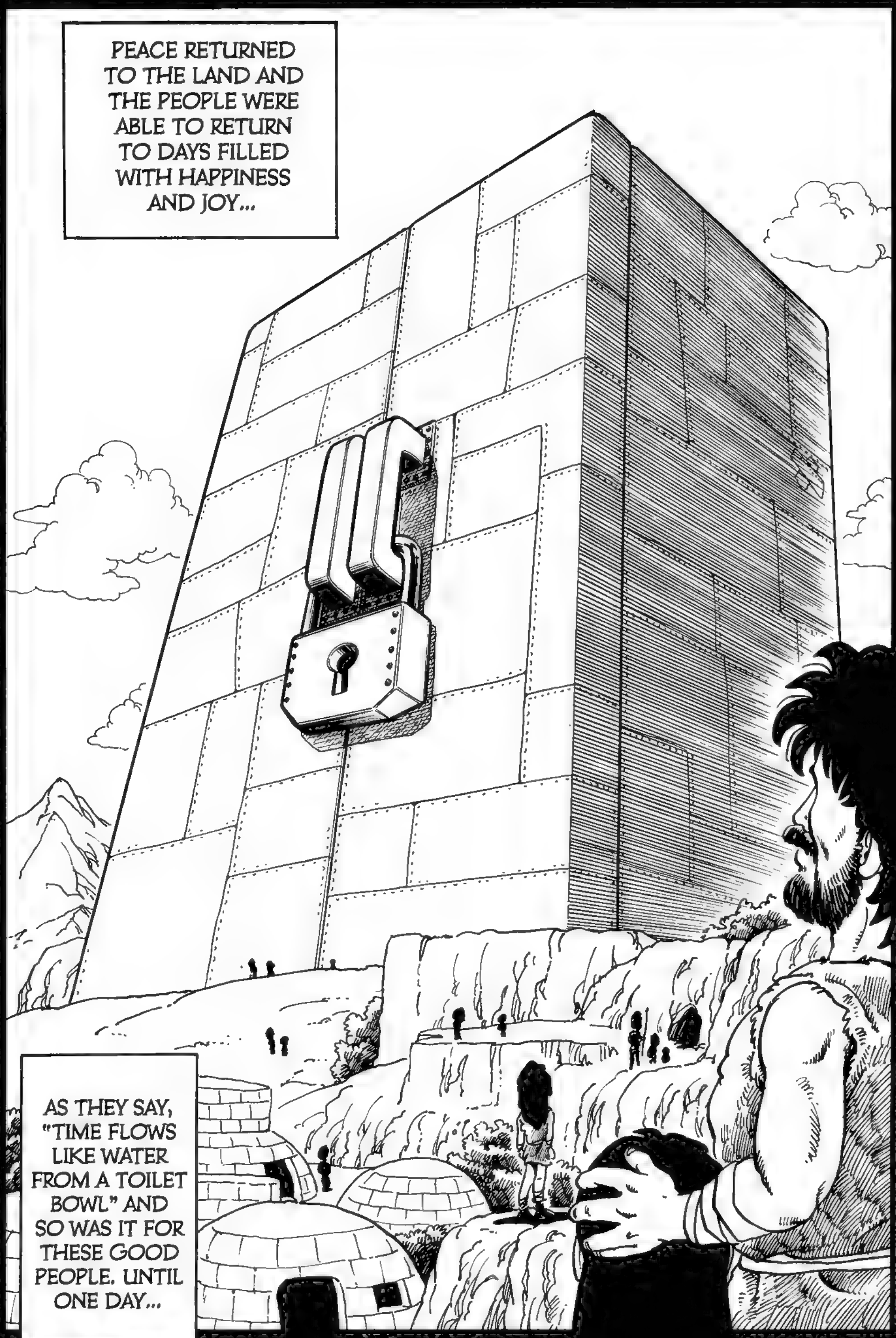
HOUSES WERE BURNED TO ASHES AND THE TERRIFIED VILLAGERS FLED FOR THEIR LIVES, LEAVING THEIR HOMELAND BEHIND.

Kya ha ha!

AND IN THE END...


THEIR PLAN WAS MAGNIFICENT IN SCALE. THEY ASSEMBLED AN ENORMOUS REFRIGERATOR AND FILLED IT WITH SAKE—WHICH THEY KNEW THE DRAGON TO BE PARTICULARLY FOND OF— IN HOPES OF LURING HIM IN AND SEALING HIM INSIDE.
We did it!
Yay!


...A COMPLETE AND TOTAL SUCCESS. HOORAY!
THE PLAN THAT SOME MIGHT HAVE CALLED A FOOLISH ENDEAVOR WAS IN FACT...
DOOOOOM
Don't let up!
YAAAAAAAH


PEACE RETURNED TO THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO RETURN TO DAYS FILLED WITH HAPPINESS AND JOY...
AS THEY SAY, "TIME FLOWS LIKE WATER FROM A TOILET BOWL" AND SO WAS IT FOR THESE GOOD PEOPLE. UNTIL ONE DAY...

MAD MATIC

WATERRRR!!

I'D EVEN SETTLE FOR WATER!
PANT
PANT

WANT!
BEER!
NEED! BEER!
PUT PUTPUT

VRRATATATA TAT!!
WHAT THE HELL...
...IS GOING ON?!!
OOF!
WHOA!

KRRRATATATA!!
SCREE
OH NO! THEY'RE COMING BACK!
THEY'RE CRAZY!
RUFF

C'MON GUYS, CAN'T WE PLAY NICE?
IRRATATA!!
KER-CHK
BHOOOM
ALMOST GOT ME!
BOM!
FWP
FWP
FWP

LET'S DO THIS!
WHIP
NEUORRR
THIS MAY NOT END WELL...
...
HUH?
FWOOP
GUESS I...
...CALLED IIIIT!

OW OW OW...
...
VRRRM
THEY'RE HEADING AWAY...
TAKE THAT!
YA JERKS!

I COULD REALLY USE A DRINK.

THIS SUCKS.

THIS IS BAD...

HO BOY.

SOUNDS LIKE THINGS ARE PRETTY BUSY OVER THERE...

RATATAT

BDOOM

BDOOM

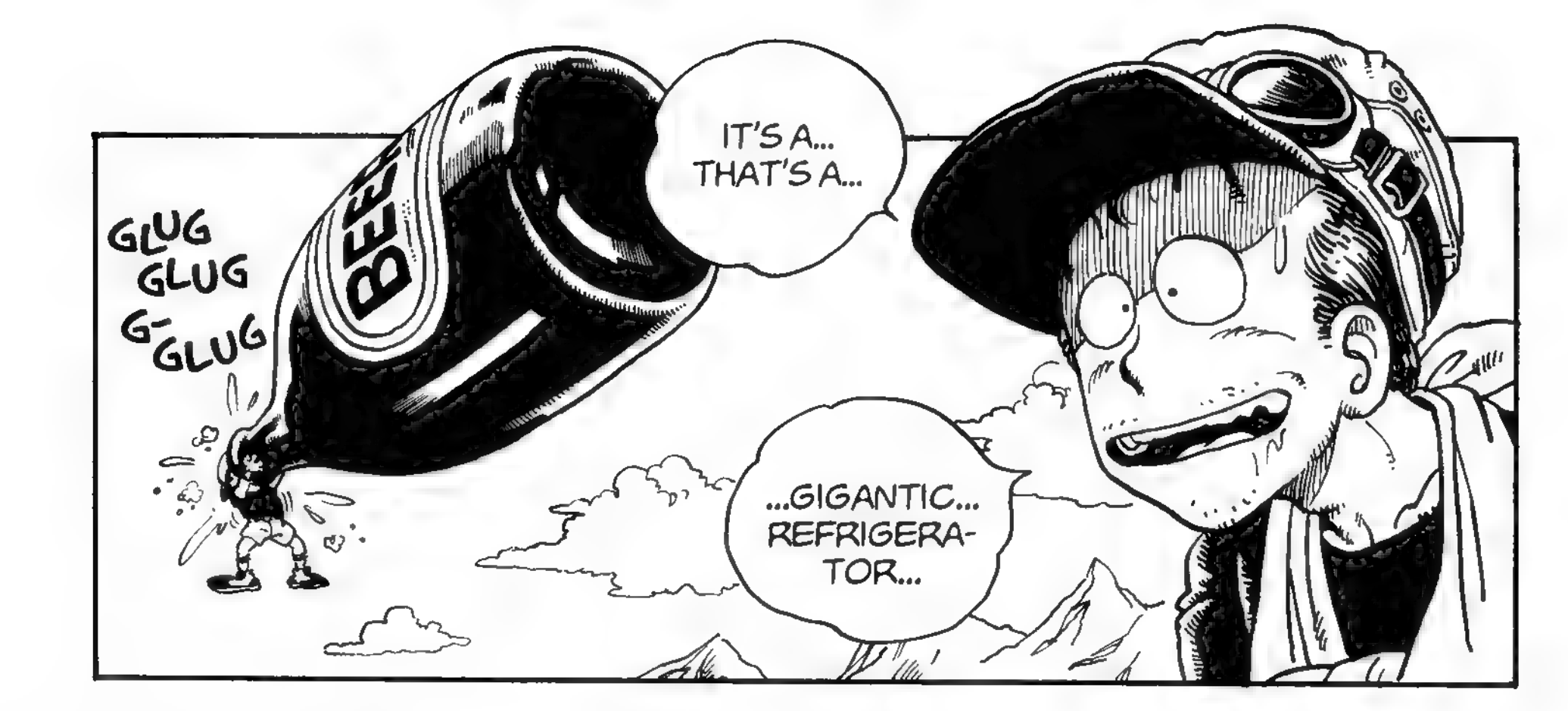
HM?

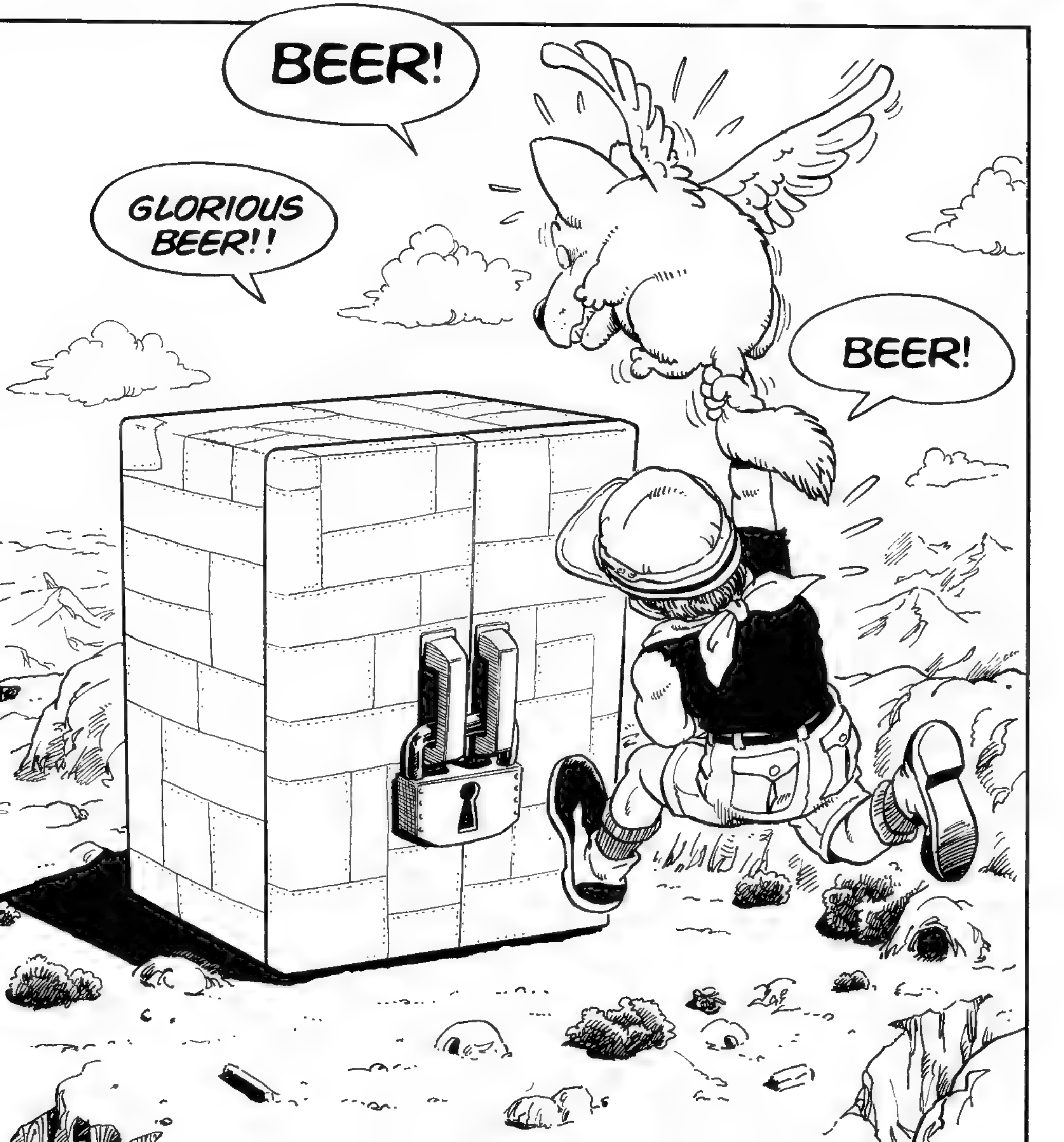
FWOOOO

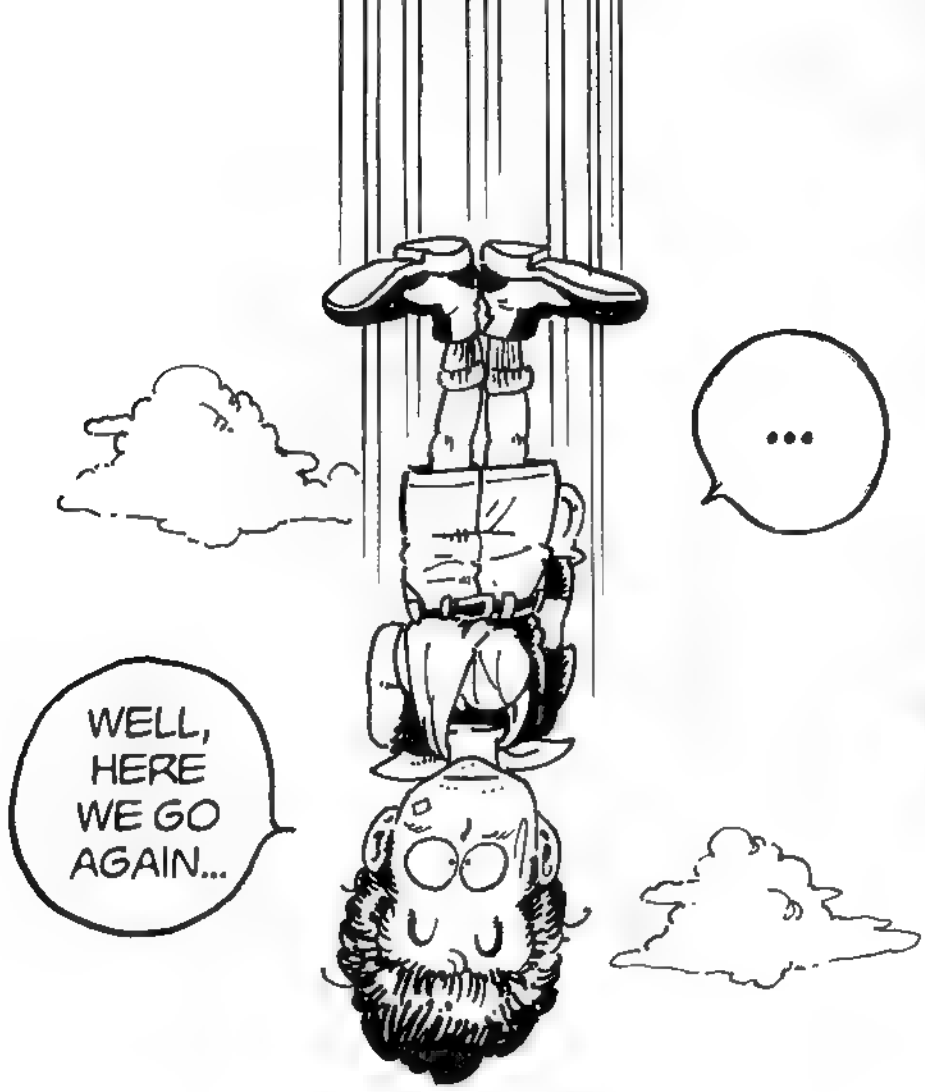
OKAY, HERE WE GO...

PANT

PANT


GLUG GLUG G-GLUG
BEER
IT'S A... THAT'S A...
...GIGANTIC... REFRIGERA-TOR...

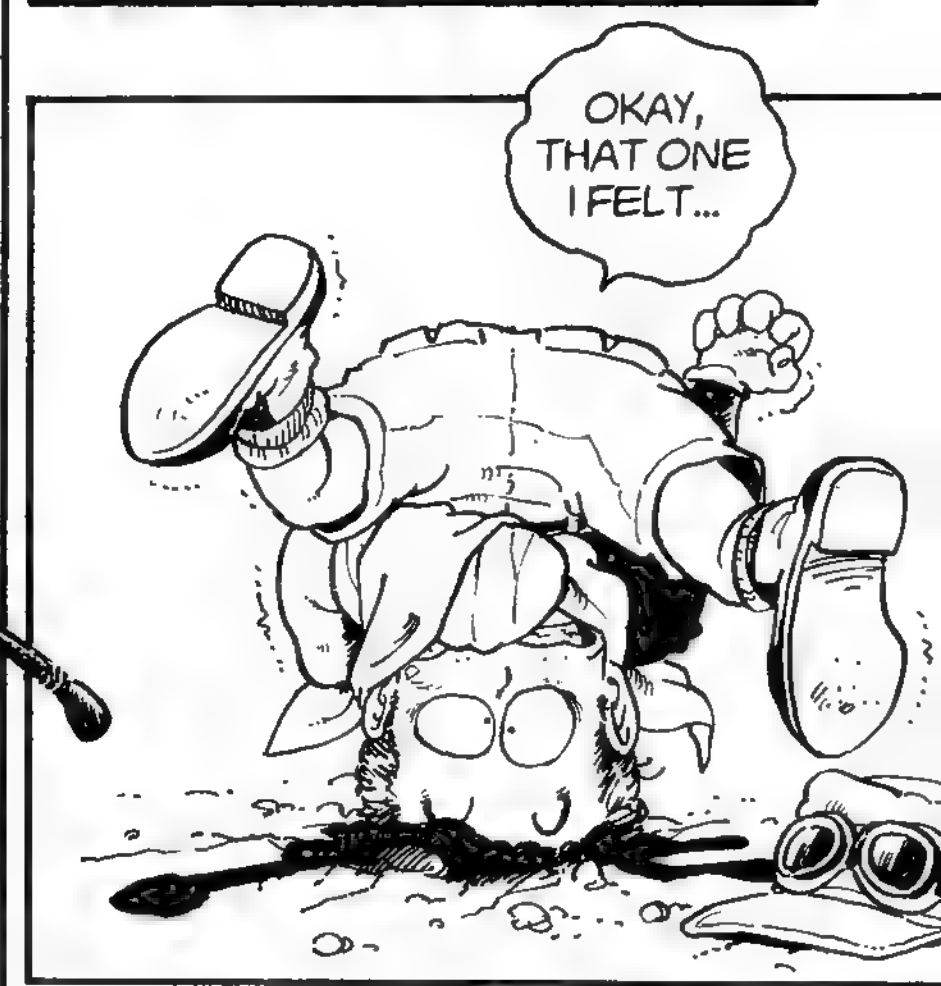

BEER!
GLORIOUS BEER!!
BEER!

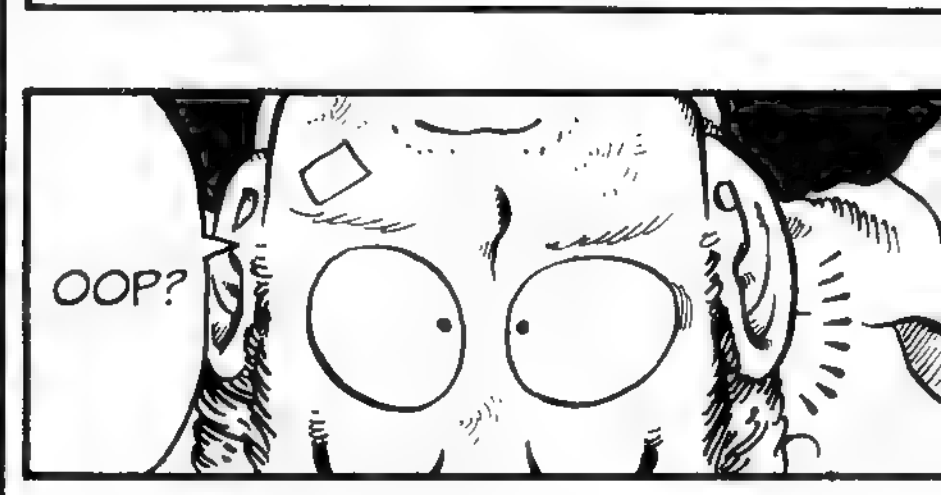

WELL, HERE WE GO AGAIN...
...

SVOOP
WHA!

MOVE AND I SHOOT!!

BANG!


OKAY, THAT ONE I FELT...

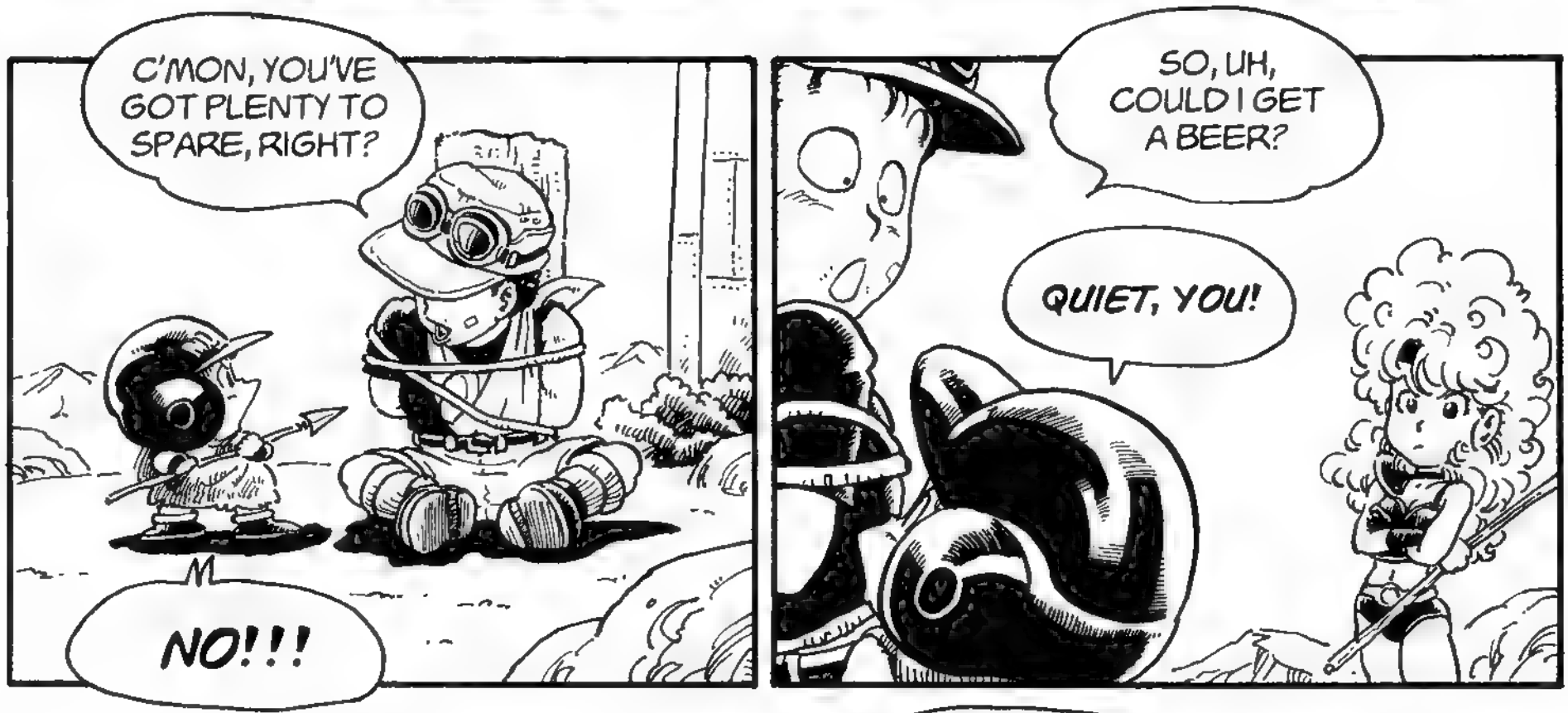

OOP?

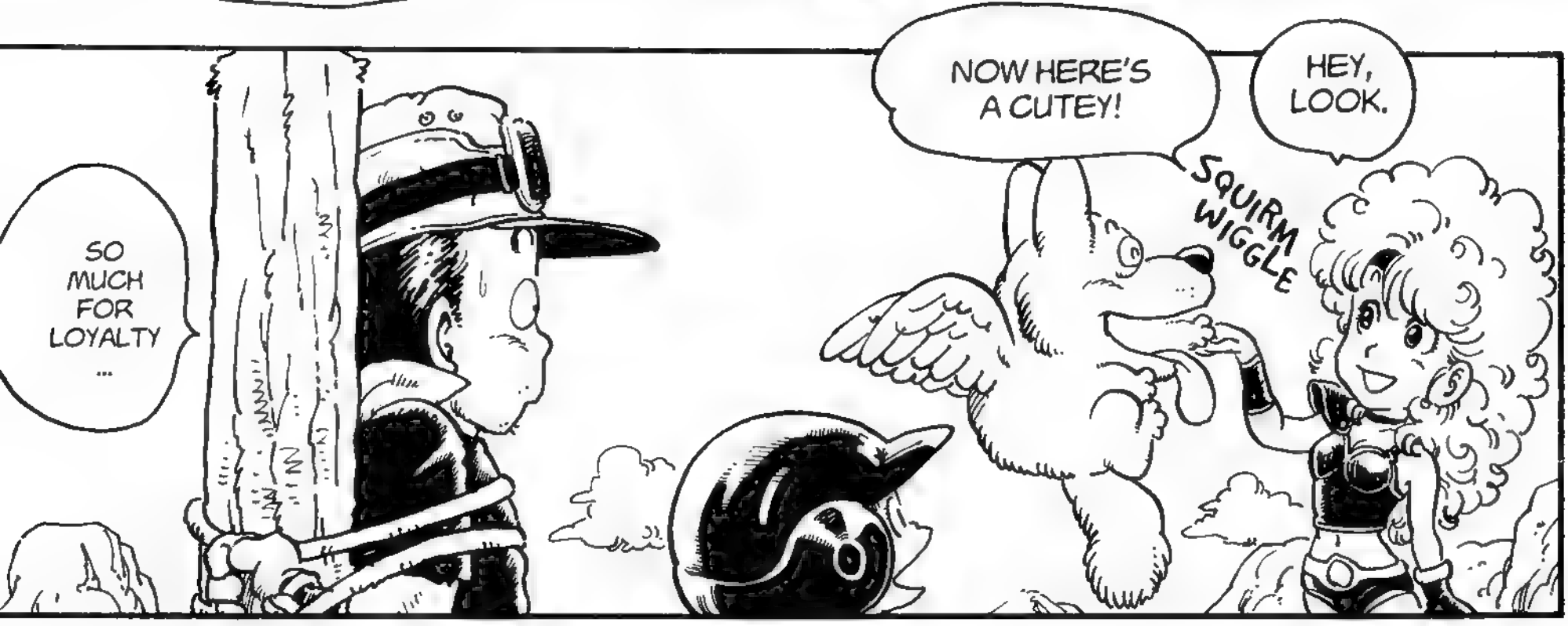
I DON'T THINK SO, BUT WITH A FACE LIKE THAT, HE MIGHT BE DANGEROUS.

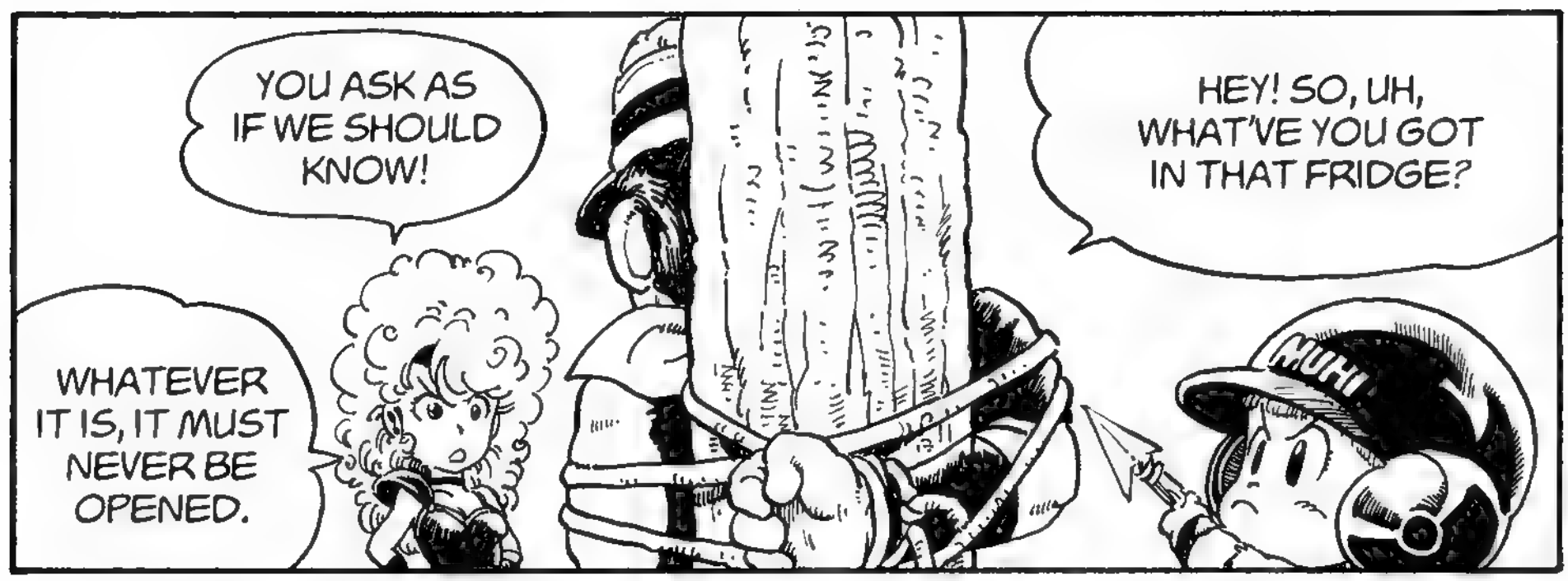
WHACHA TINK, MISS NIVEA? IS HE WITH THE GUNGUN ARMY?!

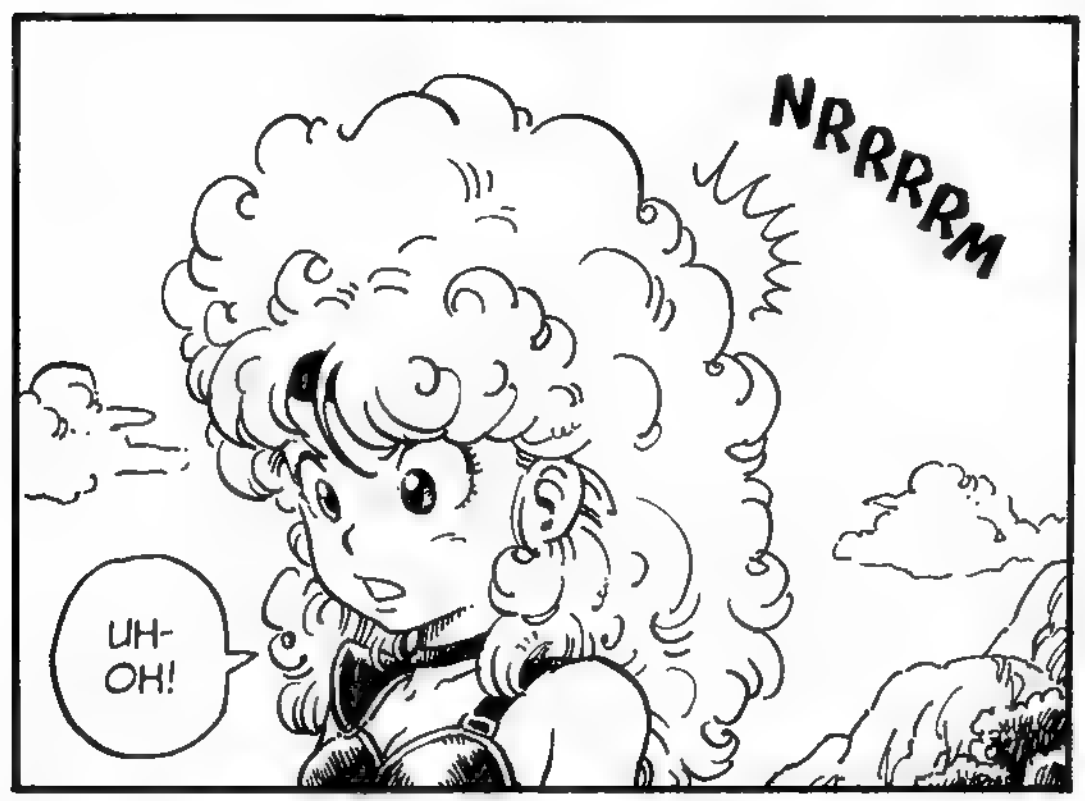
WHAT A DAY.

MUHI






YOU ASK AS IF WE SHOULD KNOW!
WHATEVER IT IS, IT MUST NEVER BE OPENED.
HEY! SO, UH, WHAT'VE YOU GOT IN THAT FRIDGE?
MUHI


NRRRRM
UH-OH!

SERI-OUSLY ...?
WHAT A WASTE...

NYOOORM!!!
MUHI!! THEY'RE COMING!
LETSH MOVE!!!
MUHI
OH BOY, IT'S THOSE GUYS FROM EARLIER!

MAY I ASK, ARE YOU SINGLE?
ARE YOU INSANE?! THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR THAT!!
TNP
RATATAT
PTPTPT
HEE WE GO!!
WHOA-NO!

B-BOOM!
B-BOOM!
B-BOOM!
NEKST ONE!!
BTHOOOOM!!

KA-BOOOM
B-BOOM!
B-BOOM!
B-BOOM!
DAMMIT-AW!
I WET ONE GET AWAY!
WHOA!
SHE'S PRETTY RAD.
HEY AGAIN, IT'S ME.
SOME ALCOHOL, PLEASE? ANY WILL DO.
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD GIRL!!!
HRM!

THAT'S... IMPRESSIVE...

...

...

CHUG

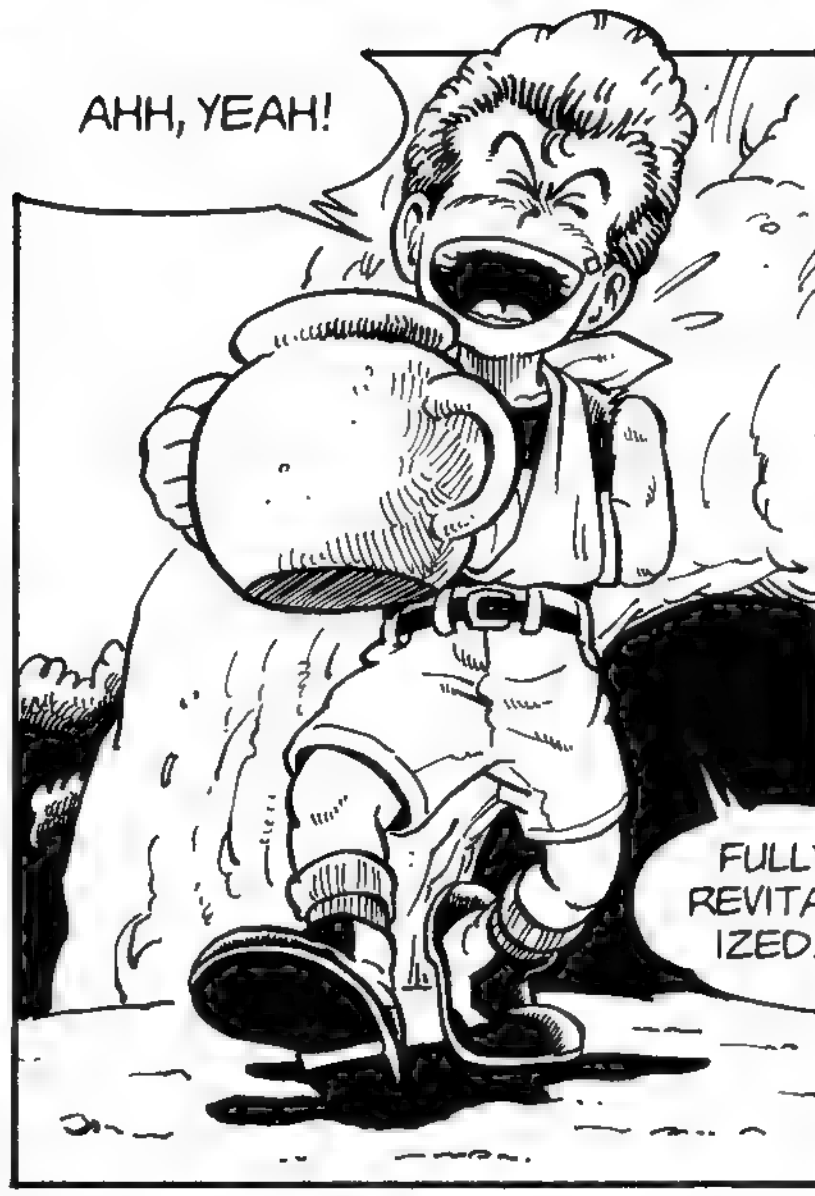
CHUG

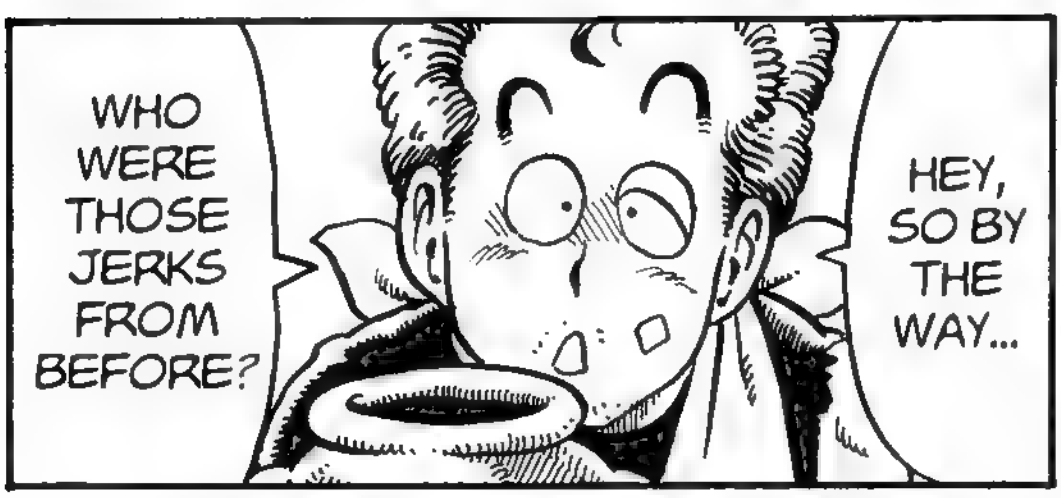
SLURP

SLURP

CHUG

CHUG





BURAAAHM!!

NONSMELL, YOUR EXCELLENCY, WE AWAIT YOUR DECISION!!!
KIMUKO
AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS LEAVES ONLY THE DISTRICT WITH THAT GIANT CONTAINER.
DOES THE GIRL STILL REFUSE TO BE MY SWEETIE PIE...?
INDEED. SHE JUST DOWNED TWO CRAFTS!

VERY WELL!!

NO LONGER WILL WE HOLD BACK!! TOMORROW WE LAUNCH A FULL ASSAULT!!!

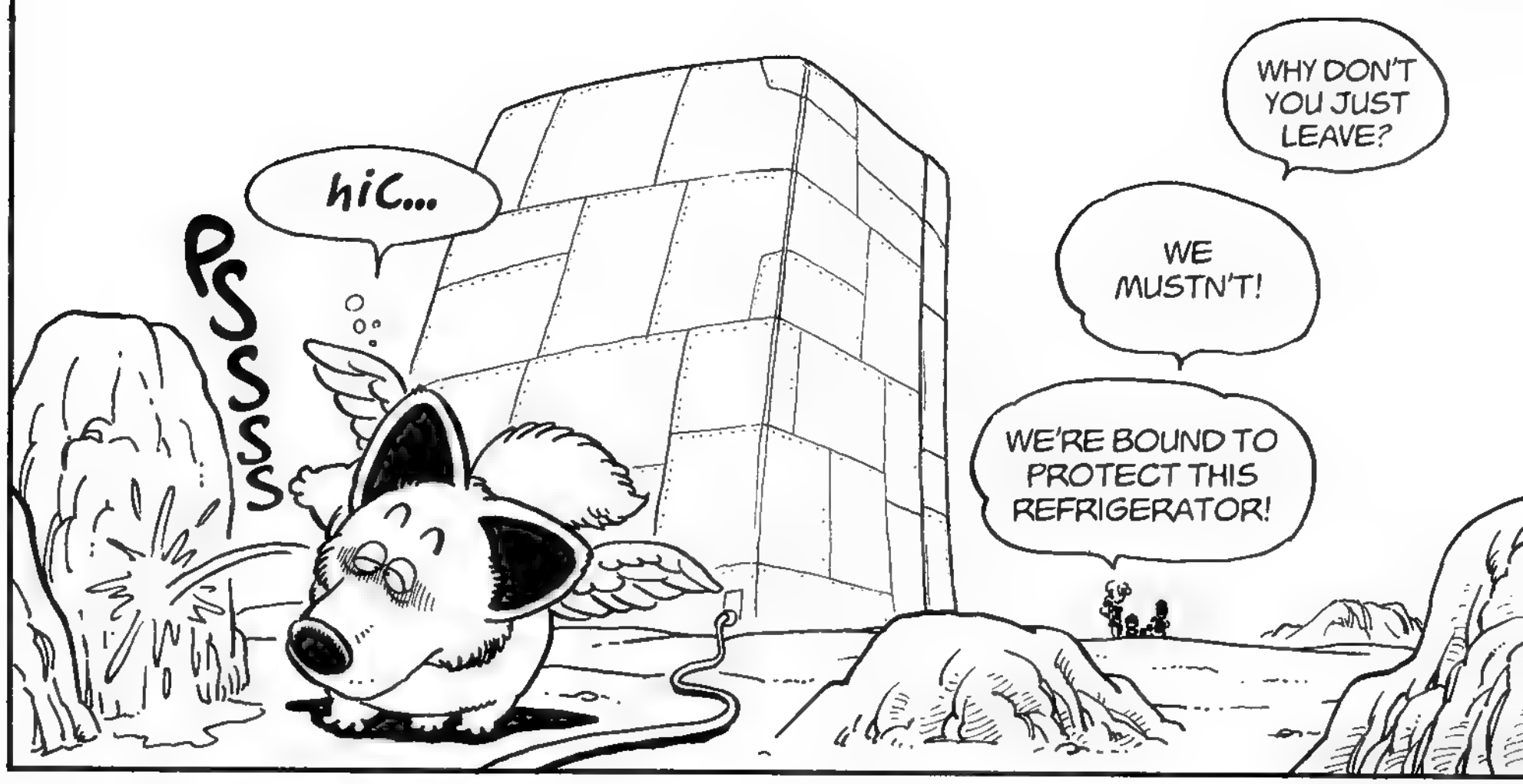
AND SO THAT'S HOW YOUR PEOPLE WERE ALL WIPED OUT.

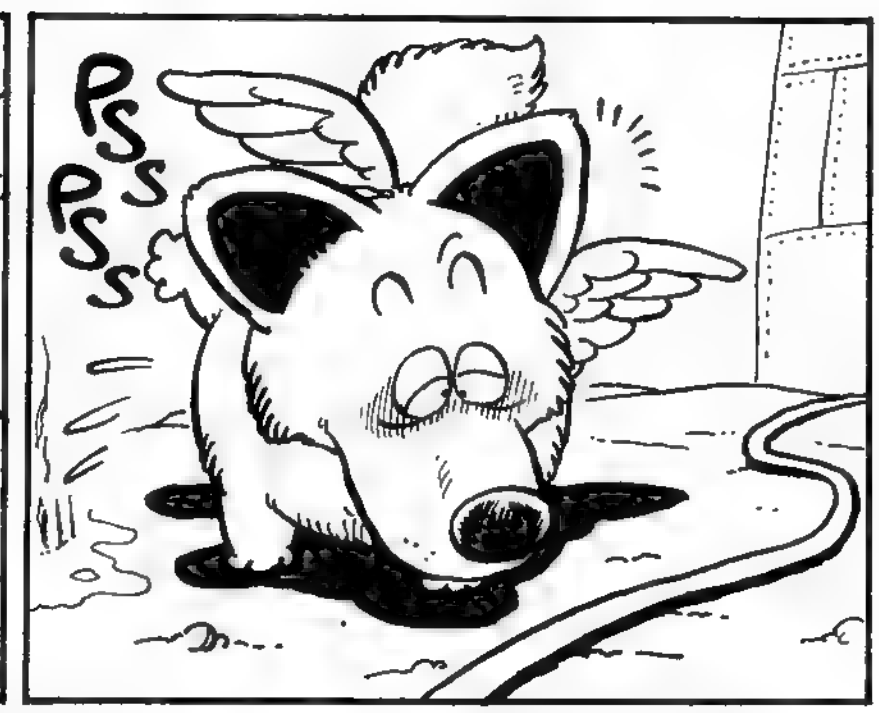
UH-HUH...

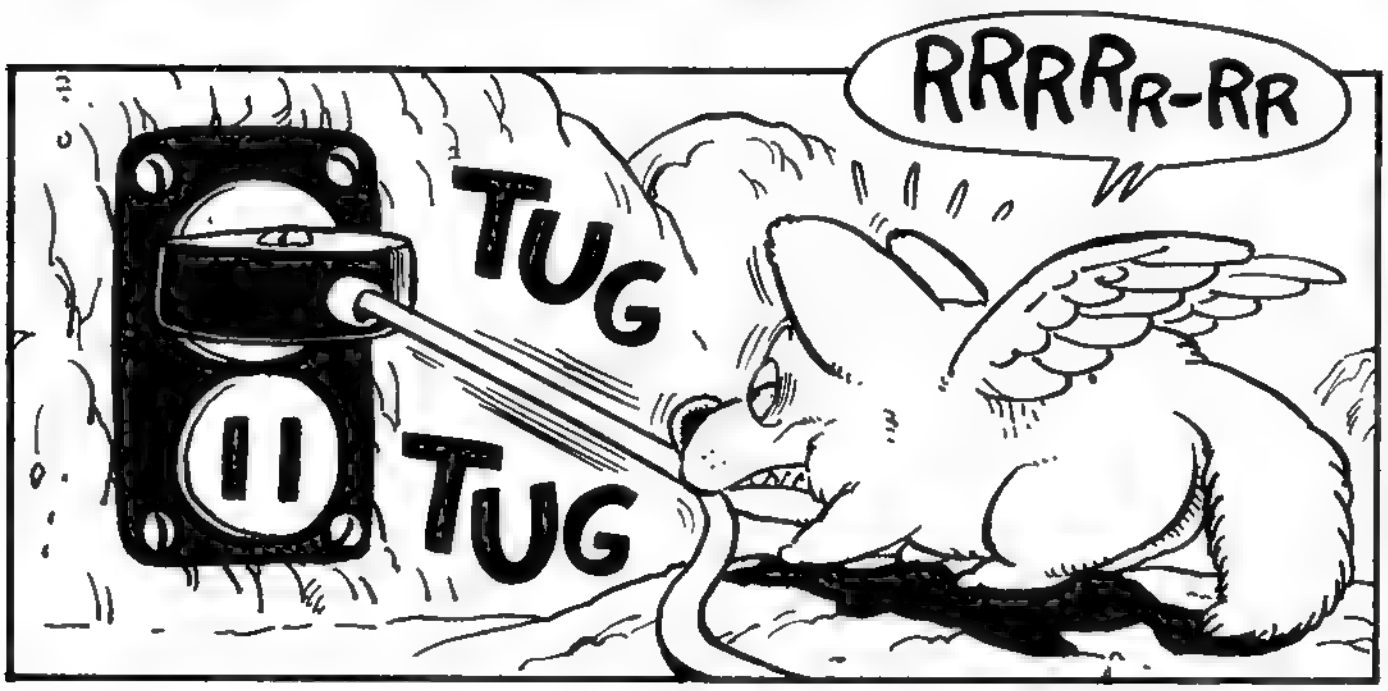
ONLY THE TWO OF US REMAIN!!

MUHI

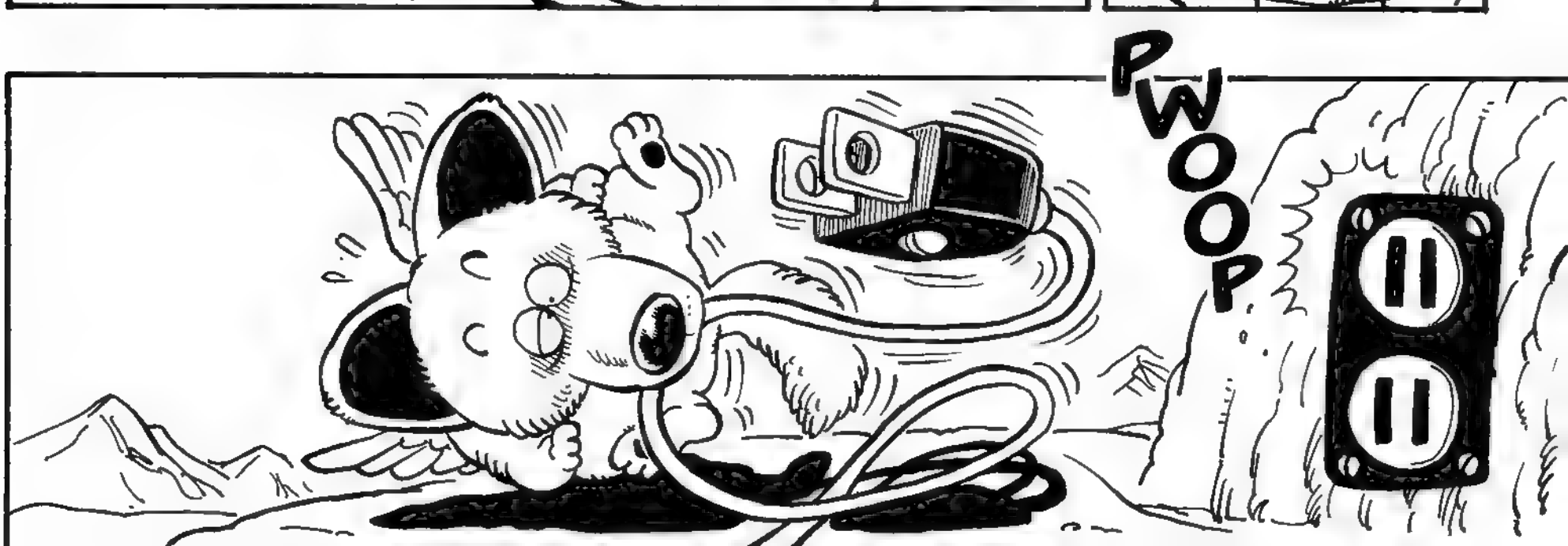
MUST GET BORING.

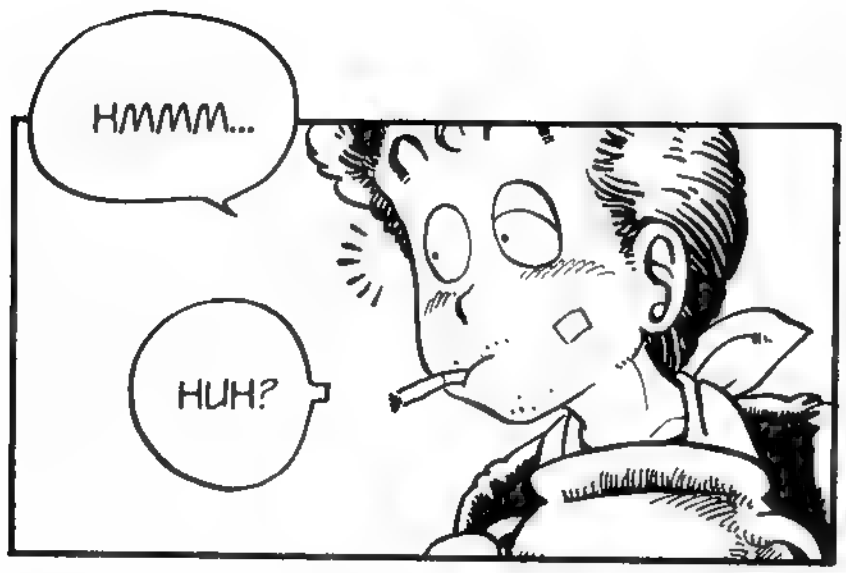

hiC...
PSSSS
WHY DON'T YOU JUST LEAVE?
WE MUSTN'T!
WE'RE BOUND TO PROTECT THIS REFRIGERATOR!

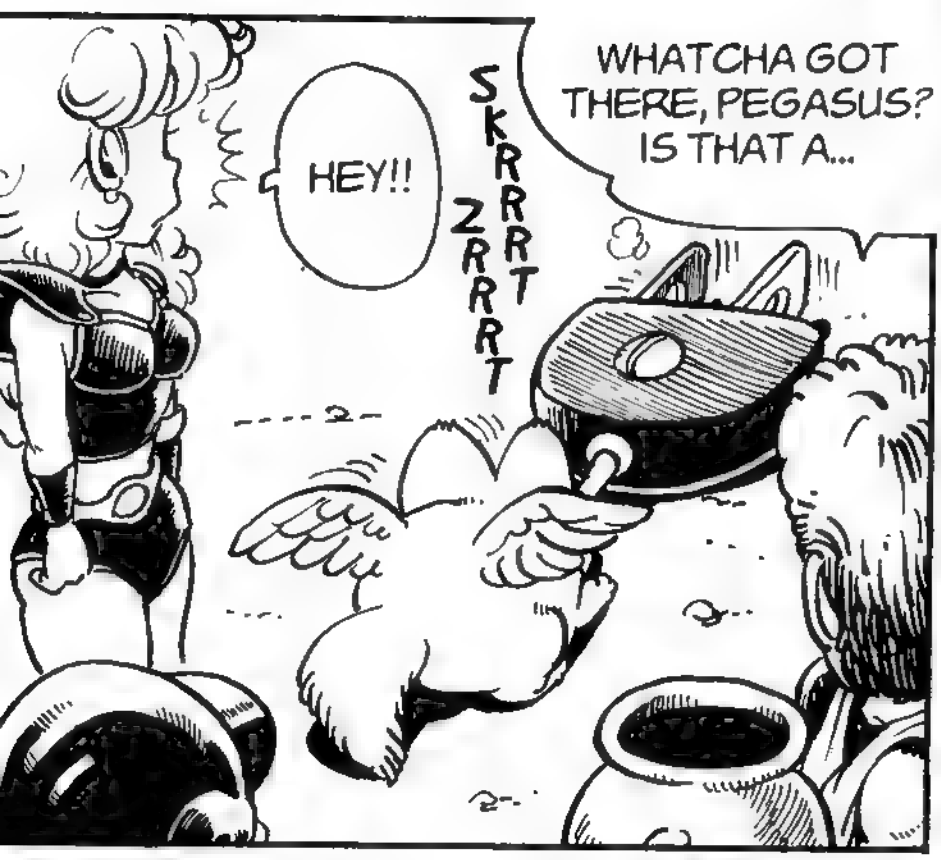

PSS PSS


RRRRR-RR
TUG
TUG

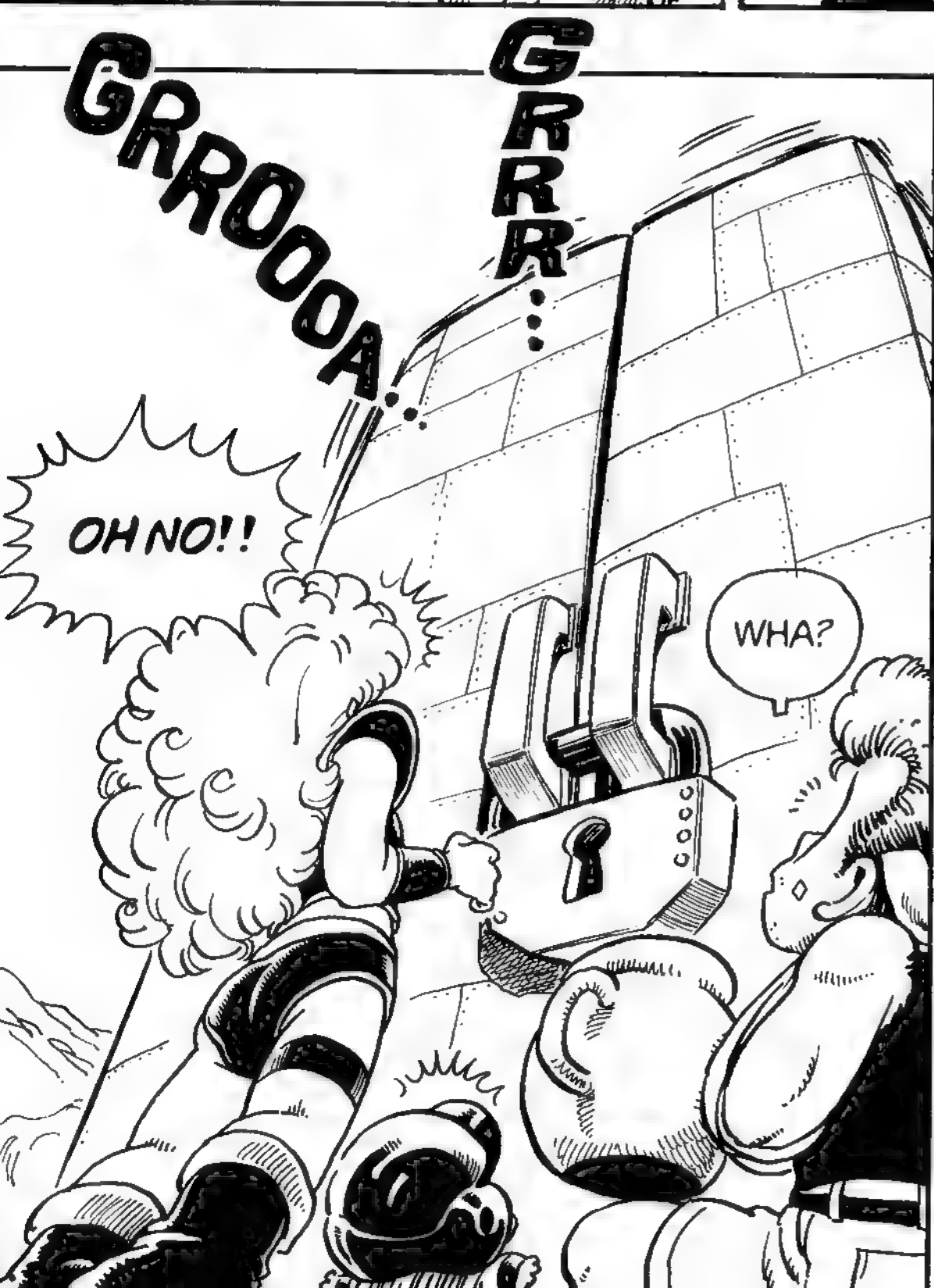
HIC


PWOOP


HMMM...
HUH?


HEY!!
SKRRRRT ZRRRT
WHATCHA GOT THERE, PEGASUS? IS THAT A...

YOU'RE TELLING ME, YOU DUNNO WHAT'S INSIDE, BUT YOUR PEOPLE'VE PROTECTED IT FOR GENERATIONS?
ALL WE KNOW IS THAT SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS FROZEN INSIDE.
SKRRRRT ZRRRT


GRROOOA!!
GRRR...
OH NO!!
WHA?

THAT'S THE REFRIGERATOR'S—!!
THIS IS BAD!! IF IT THAWS, THEN...!!

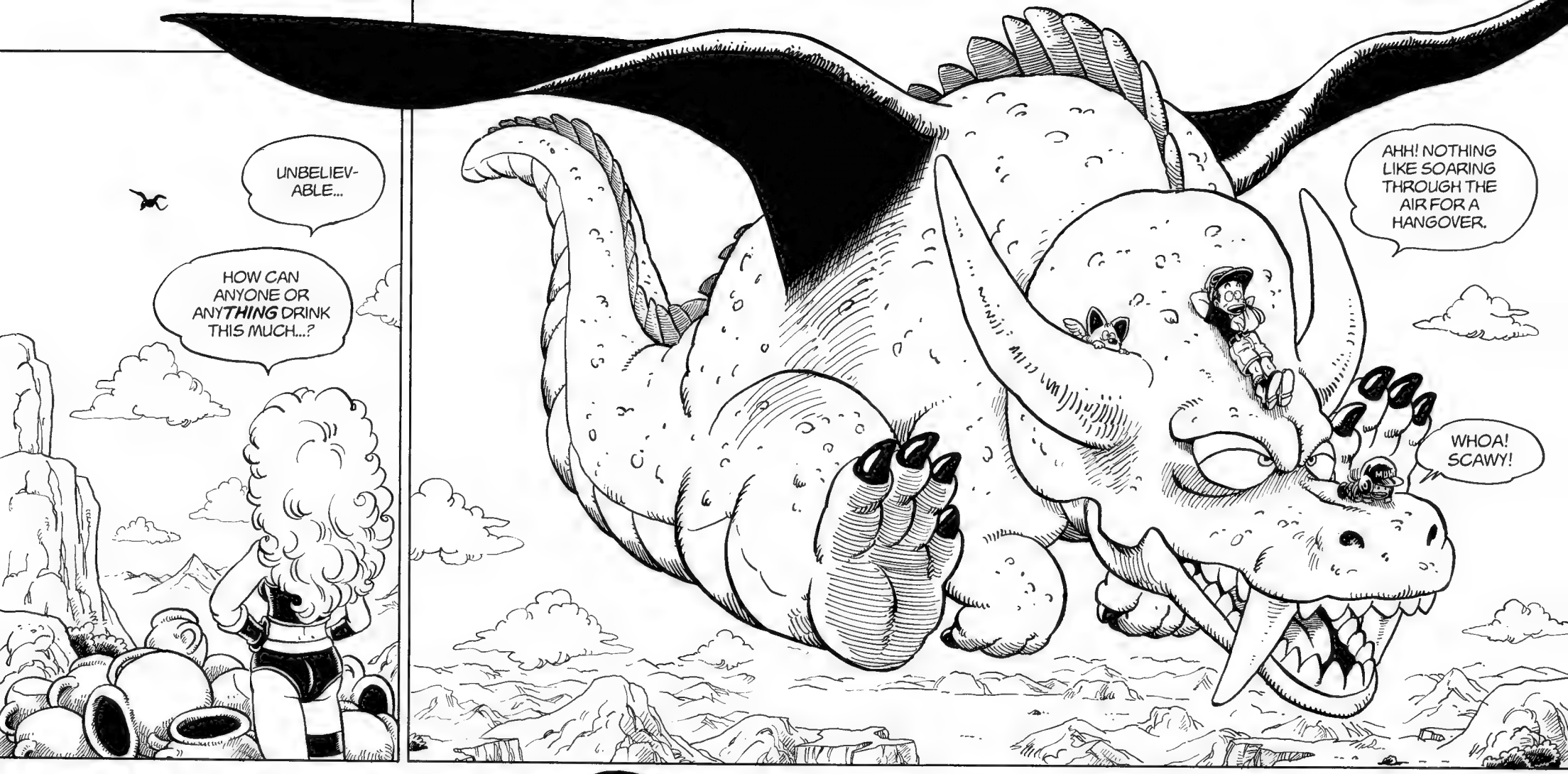
KER CRACK
DRAGOOOONG!
WOW!
EEEEEP!!

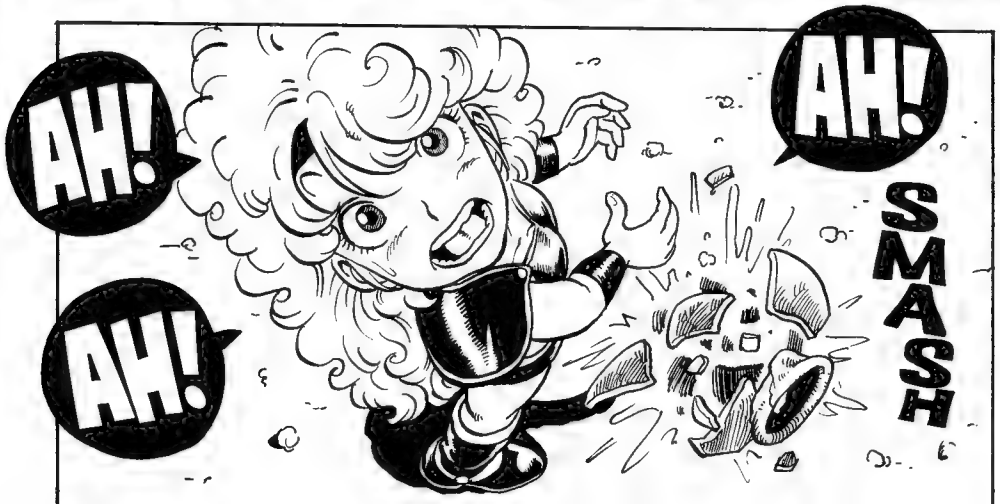
GYAAA-AAA!!

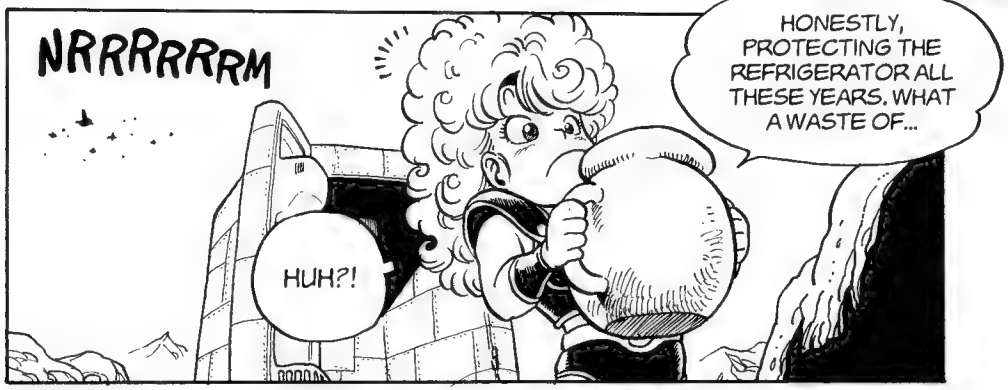
HERE!
LOOKS LIKE YOU COULD USE A DRINK!

WHO-OOA!
A BIG GUY LIKE YOU WAS STUCK IN THERE, HUH?

SNIFF
SNIFF
!!
WORDS FAIL ME...
GYA HA HA HA!
Y'KNOW WHAT, YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!!
TROMP STOMP TROMP STOMP

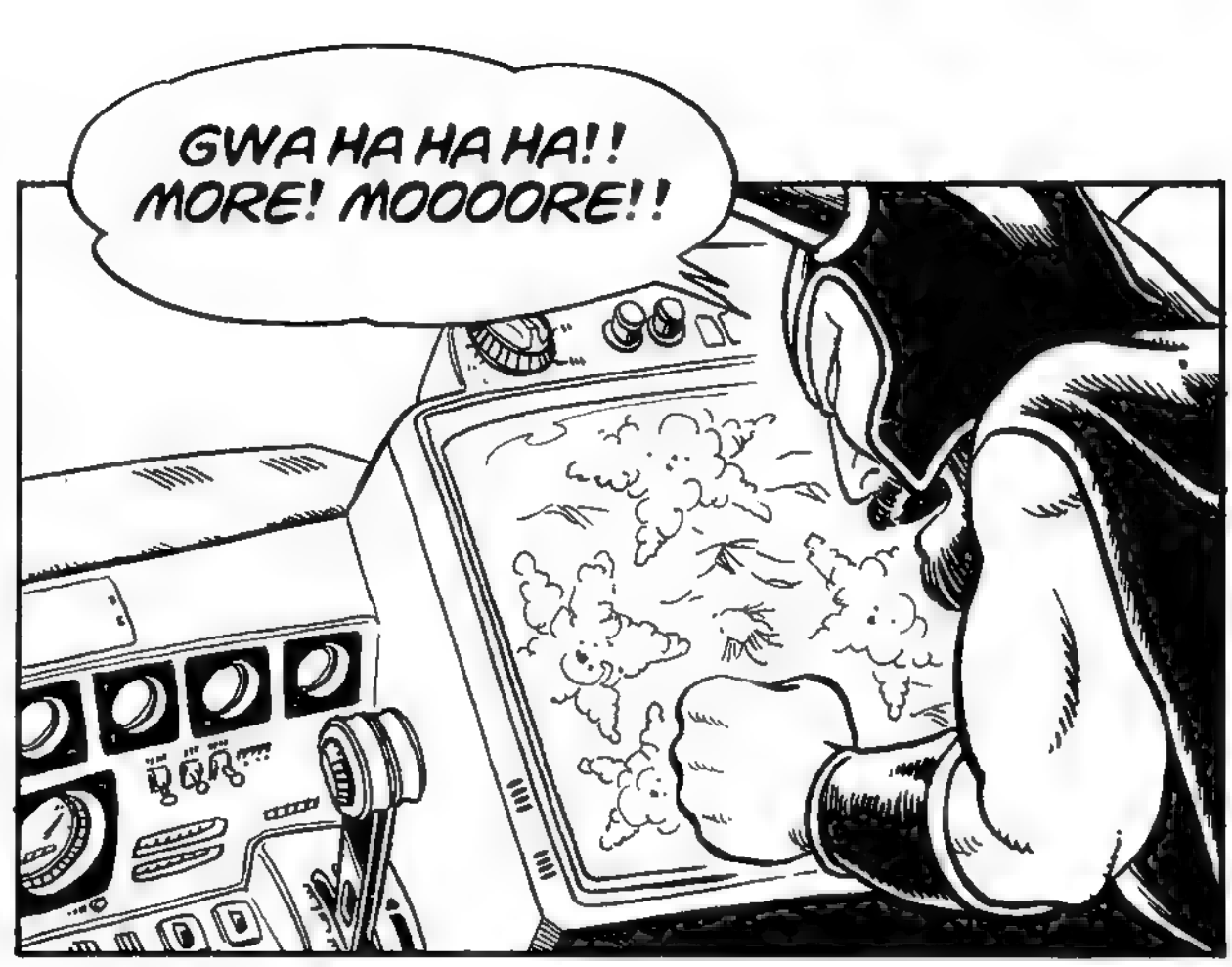

UNBELIEV-ABLE...
HOW CAN ANYONE OR ANYTHING DRINK THIS MUCH...?
AHH! NOTHING LIKE SOARING THROUGH THE AIR FOR A HANGOVER.
WHOA! SCAWY!

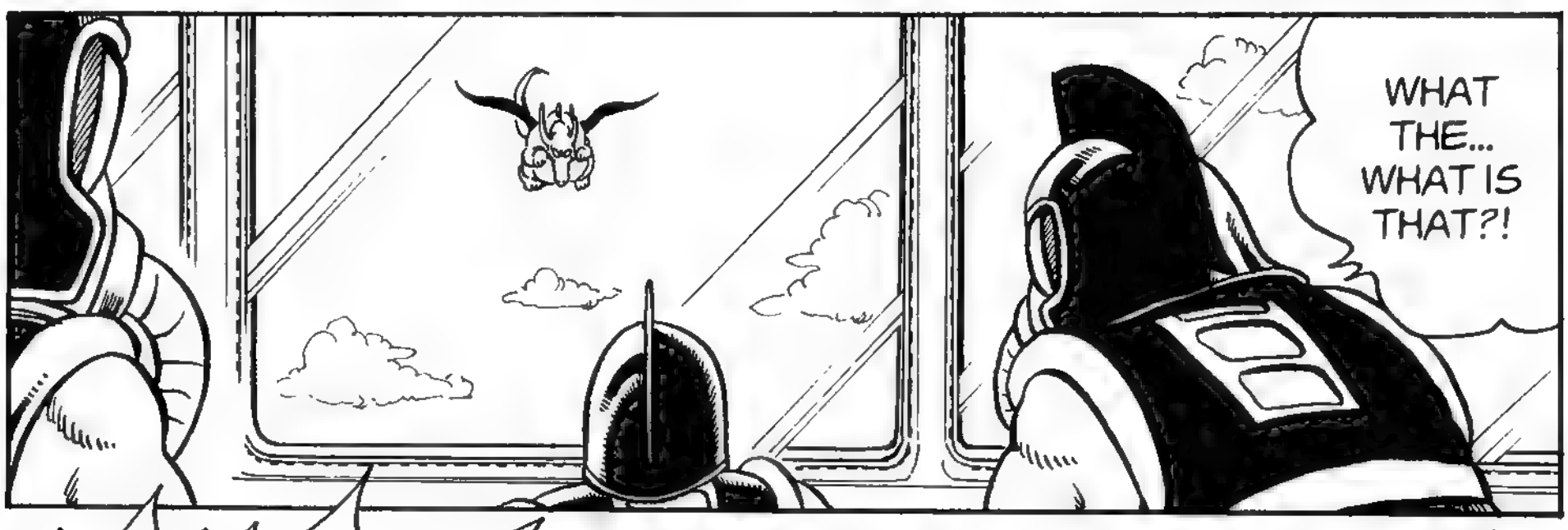

AH!
AH!
AH!
SMASH


NRRRRRRM
HUH?!
HONESTLY, PROTECTING THE REFRIGERATOR ALL THESE YEARS. WHAT A WASTE OF...

BWAA
MAARM!!
FP-FP-FP-FPFPFP~!!
NOW!!

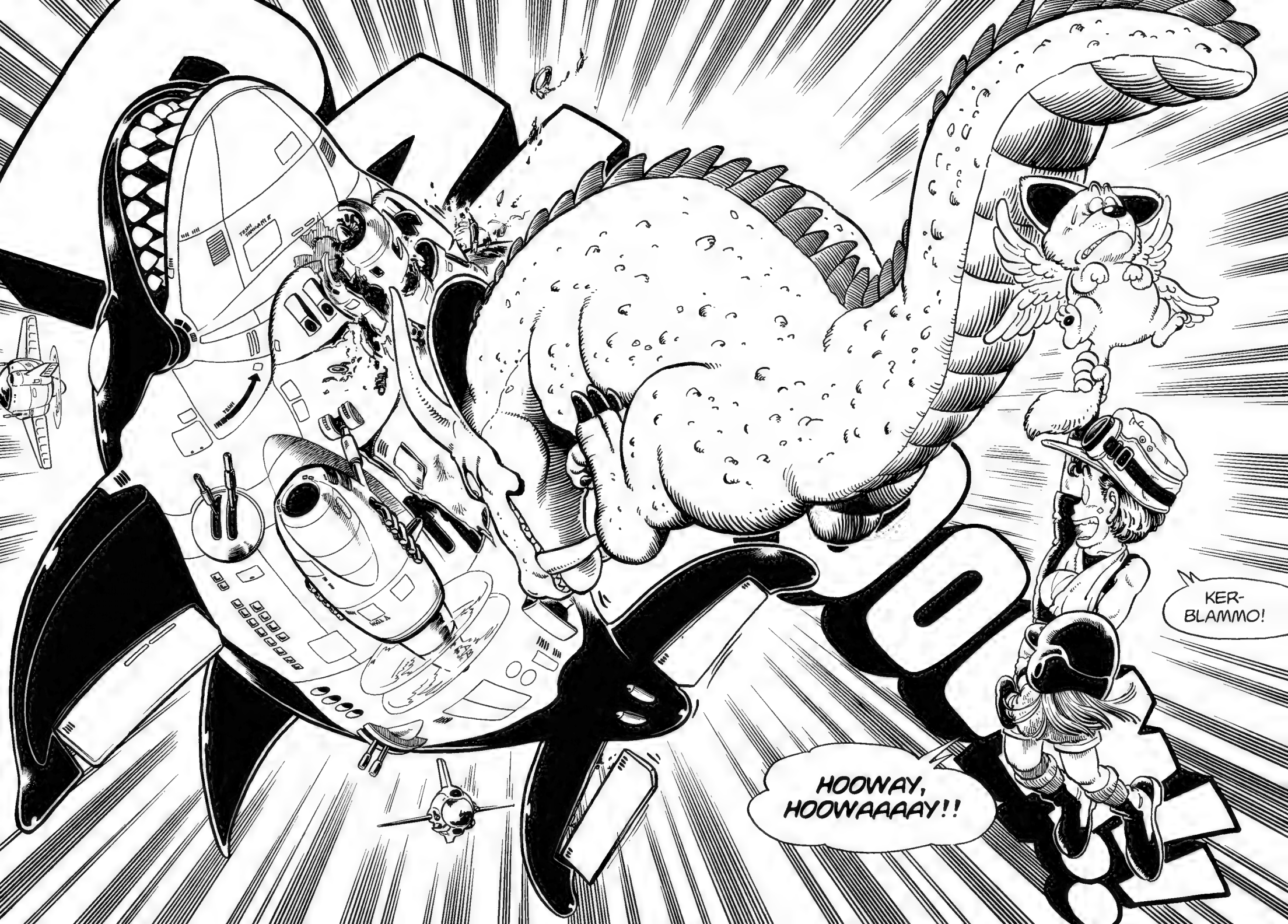
BTHOOOM!
BOOOOOMBA!





WHOOOA!!

GAH!!


KER-BLAMMO!
HOOWAY, HOOWAAAAY!!

BADOOM

BWOOSH

TAKE OUT THOSE LITTLE BUGGERS TOO, THANKS!

FWAAAHNG

YERRRR OUTTA THERE!

BFHOOOOM!!

HUFF

HUFF

WEEZ...

WEEZ...

HEEEEY! YOU STILL ALIVE OVER THERE?

MISS NIVEA!!

KABOOM

BANG

BOOOM

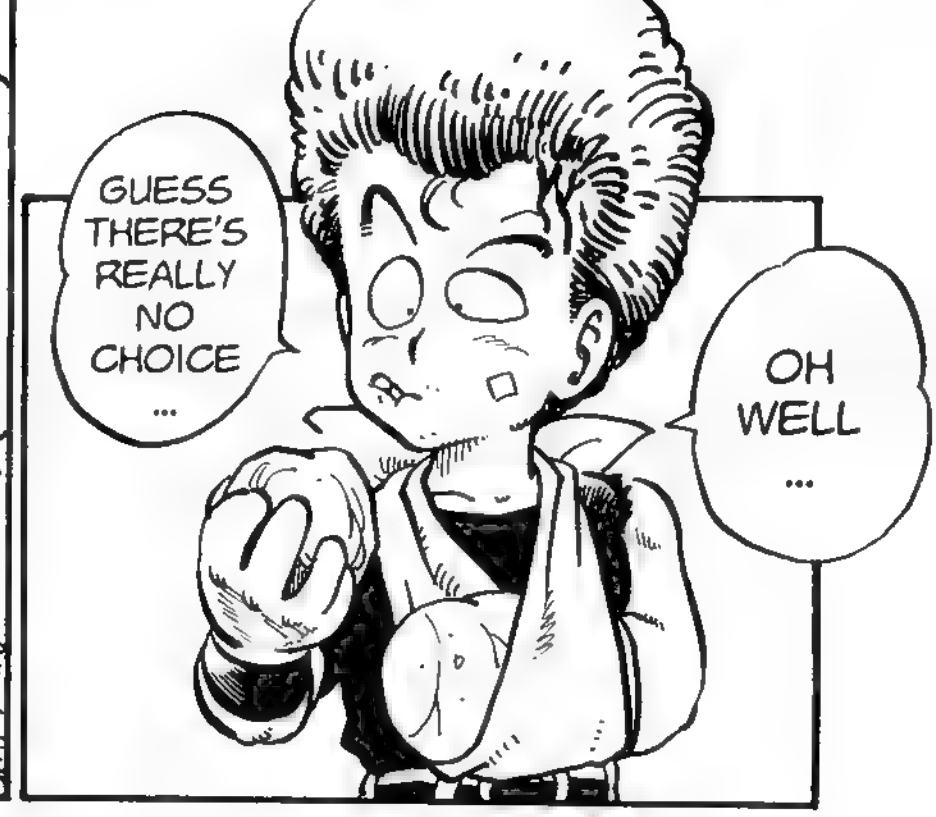
MUHI!!

LOOK AT HIM GO! TRYING TO MAKE UP FOR ALL THAT DOWNTIME.

WE DID IT! WE WEALLY DID IT!!

KER-FFF-AA
EEEK!!
TUMBLE

O-OWWWW...
AHH...
YOU'VE GONE AND RUINED EVERYTHING!!
YOU BASTARDS...
HRK... HOW'D YOU...SURVIVE THE FALL?
OOF... SO, HEY...CAN I...ASK YOU SOMETHING?
WITH MY PARACHUTE.
I...SEE.

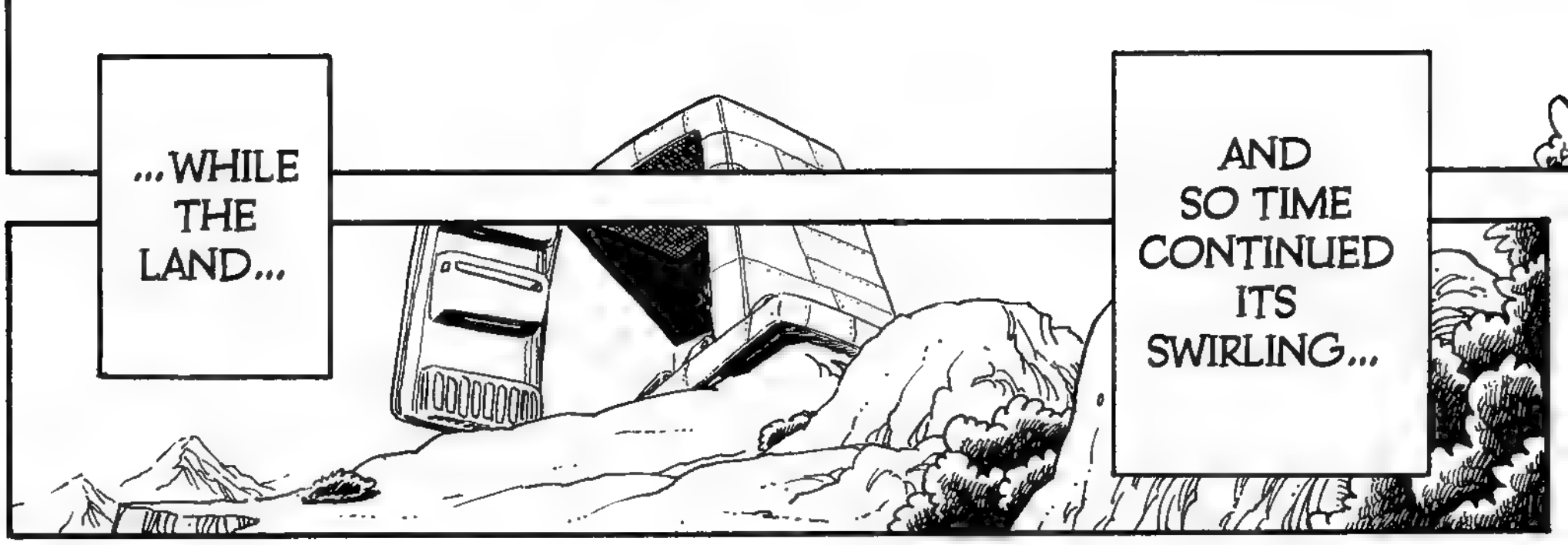


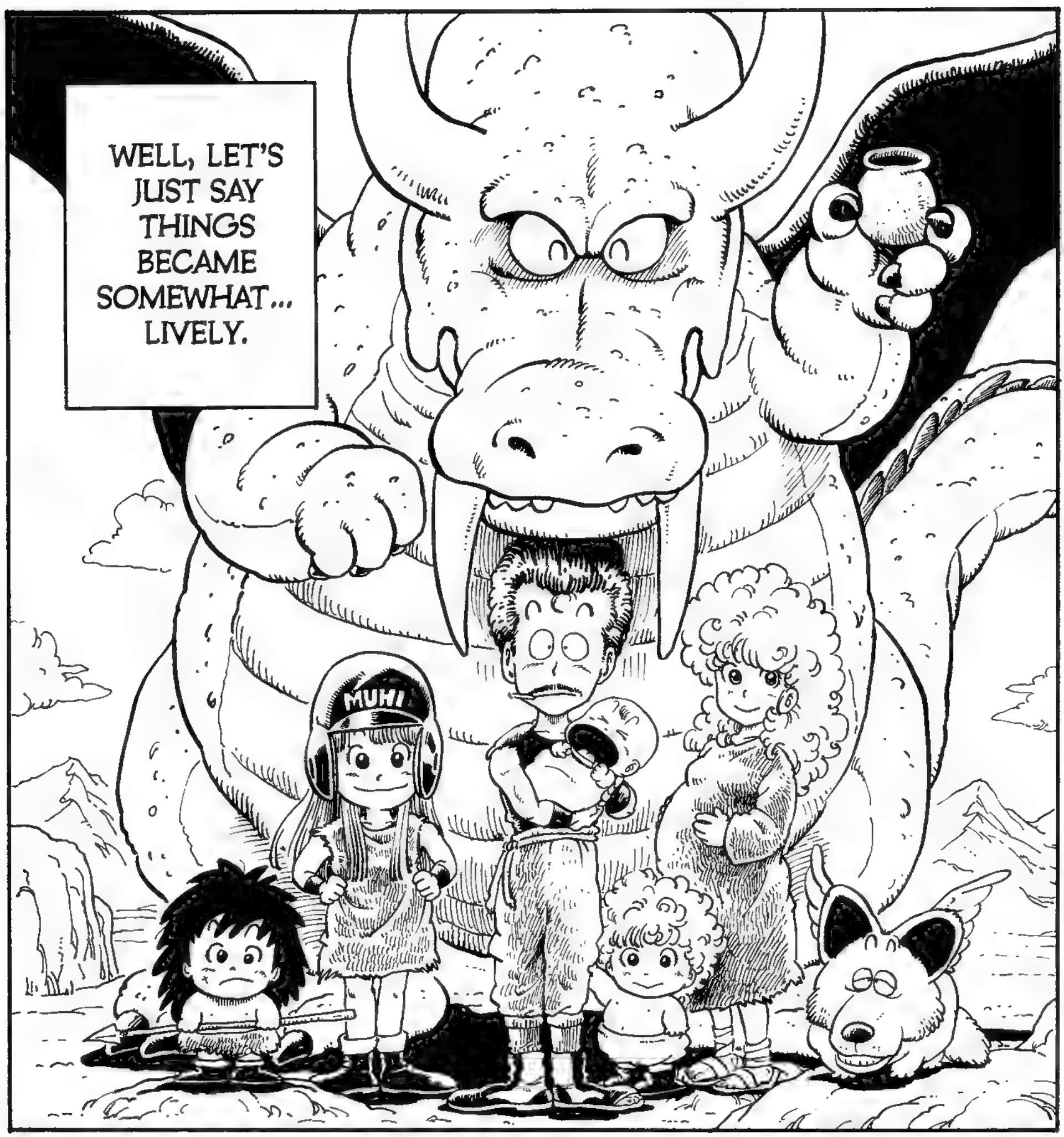
NOW DIIIIE !!!

KER-CRACK

AND A ONE AND A TWO AND A...

SEE YA!!
YAN!
DDK
GONK
BROKE IT AGAIN ...
SIGH...





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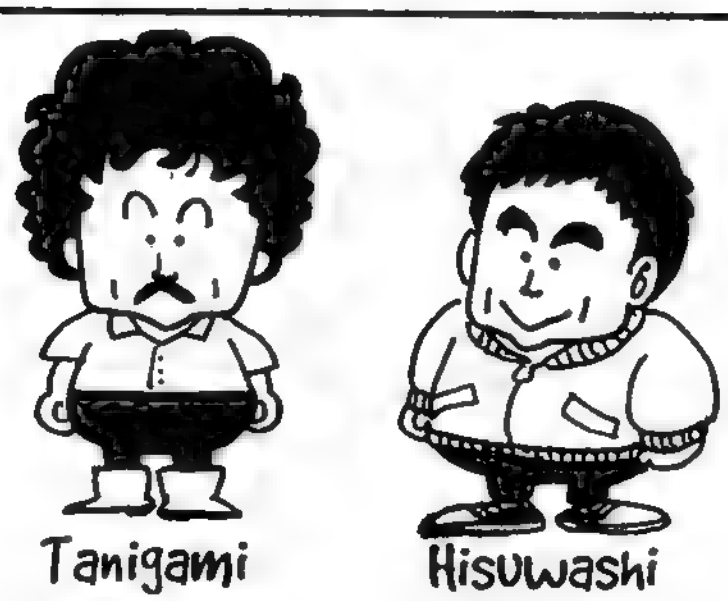
— My Rookie Days —

BACK WHEN I MADE THIS

④ When I drew *Mad Matic*

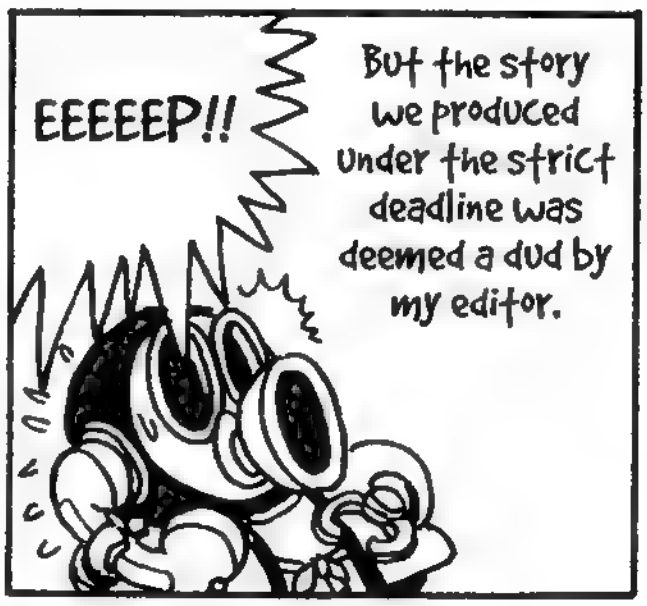


...in addition to my former assistant Hisuwashi, we called in a mecha expert from Tokyo, Tanigami.

I was nominated a second time for the Reader's Choice Award and this work was my submission. It was created under the gun, but luckily...

We didn't have any other option so we redid everything and finally pulled something together.

I set a curse on Mr. Torishima.



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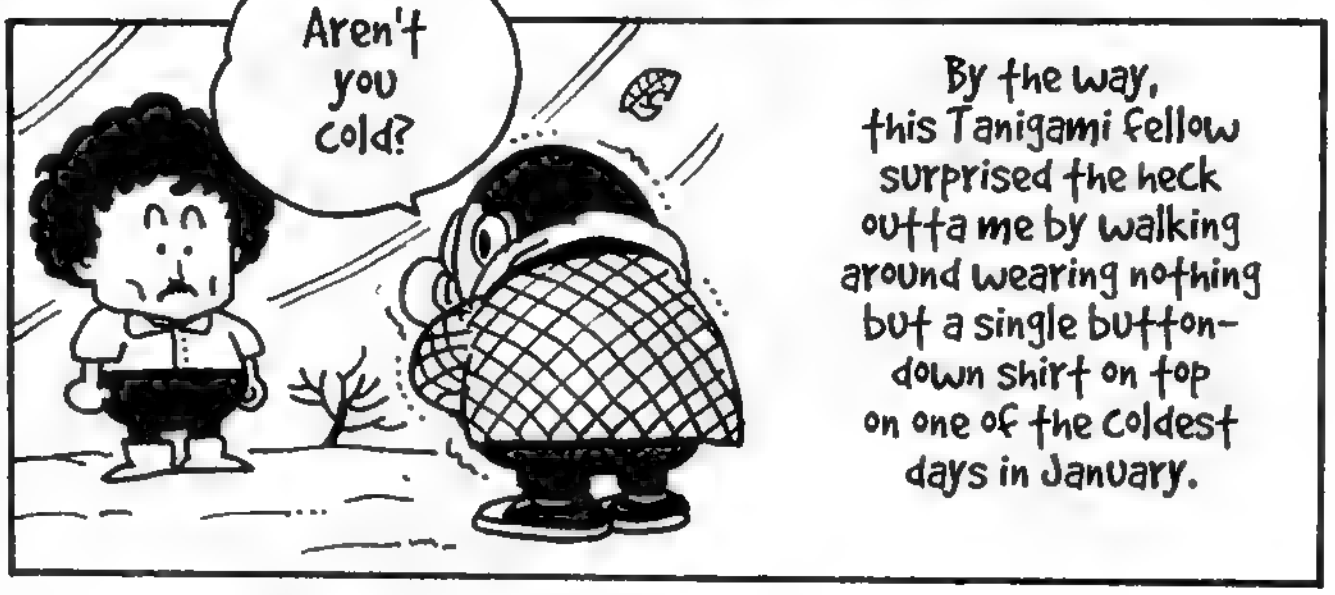
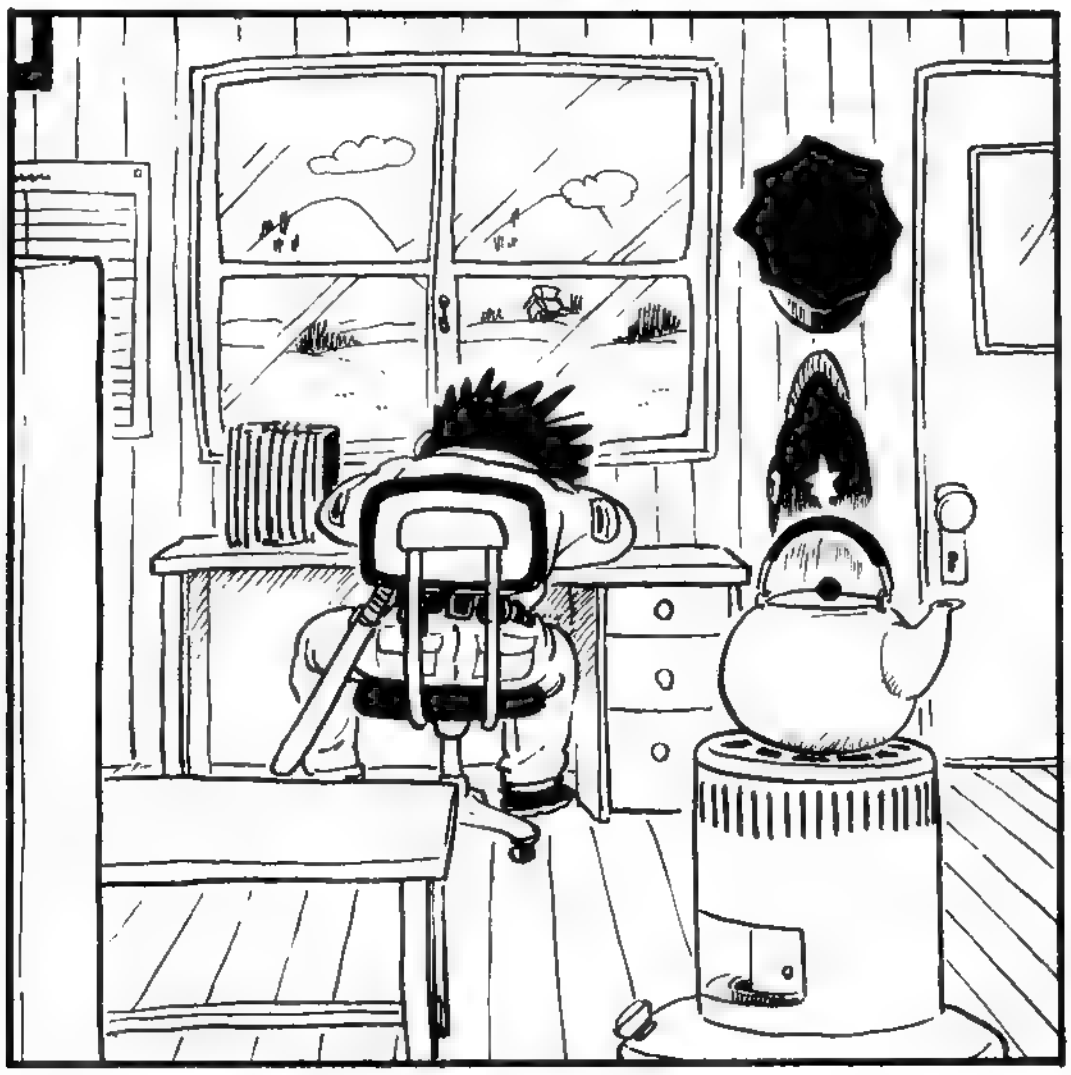
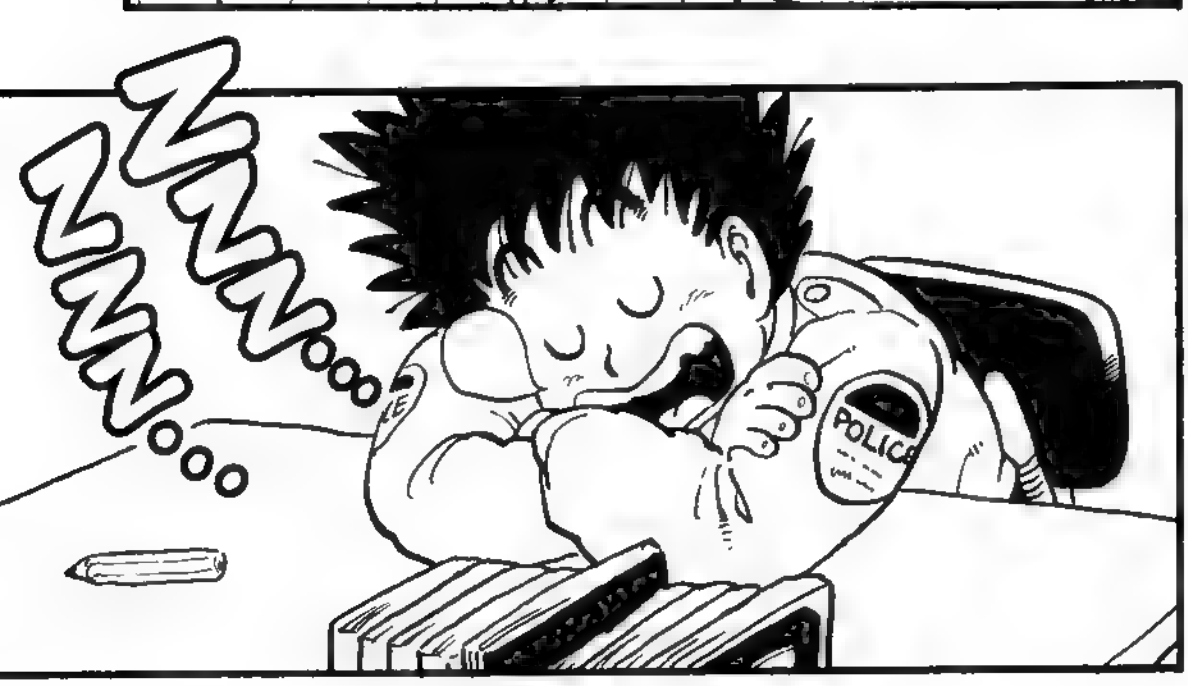


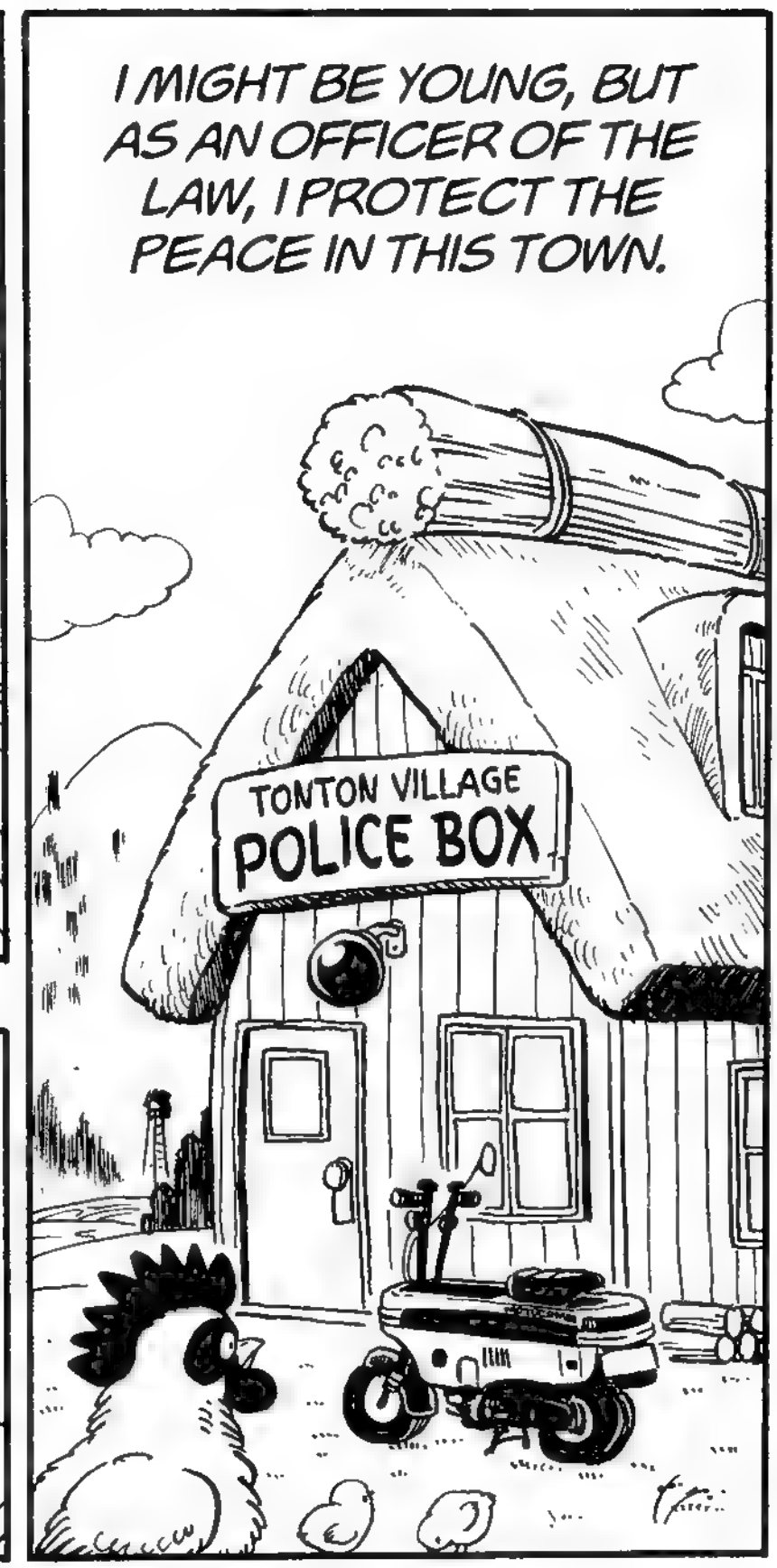
By the way, this Tanigami fellow surprised the heck outta me by walking around wearing nothing but a single button-down shirt on top on one of the coldest days in January.

CHOBIT

MY NAME... IS MUGIFUMI YAMANO (AGE 21).







A YEAR AGO, MY FATHER AND MOTHER WERE KILLED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT. THEY WERE RUN OVER BY AN ANGRY BULL.

ZZZZ... ZZZZ...

ZRRRT ZRRRT

SQUICH SQUACH

MY LITTLE SISTER TAKENOKO IS FIVE AND MY LITTLE BROTHER KURIMARU IS 18 MONTHS.

HON-ESTLY!!

I JUST FINISHED CLEANING HERE!!

KURIMARU! YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THAT!!

HEY, SOMETHING BIG IS GOING DOWN!! GOSAKU AND NIKICHI ARE FIGHTING BY THE OLD CEDAR TREE!!

MRUH ?!

HELLO?

THIS IS THE POLICE BOX.

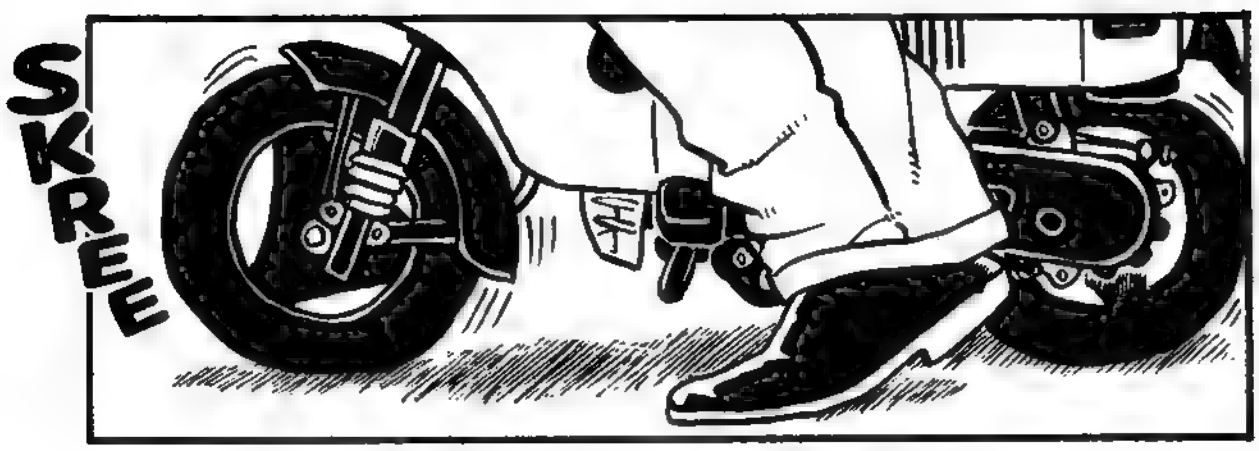
I WORK DAY AND NIGHT, JUGGLING CASES WHILE ALSO TAKING CARE OF THESE RASCALS. I WORK HARD!!

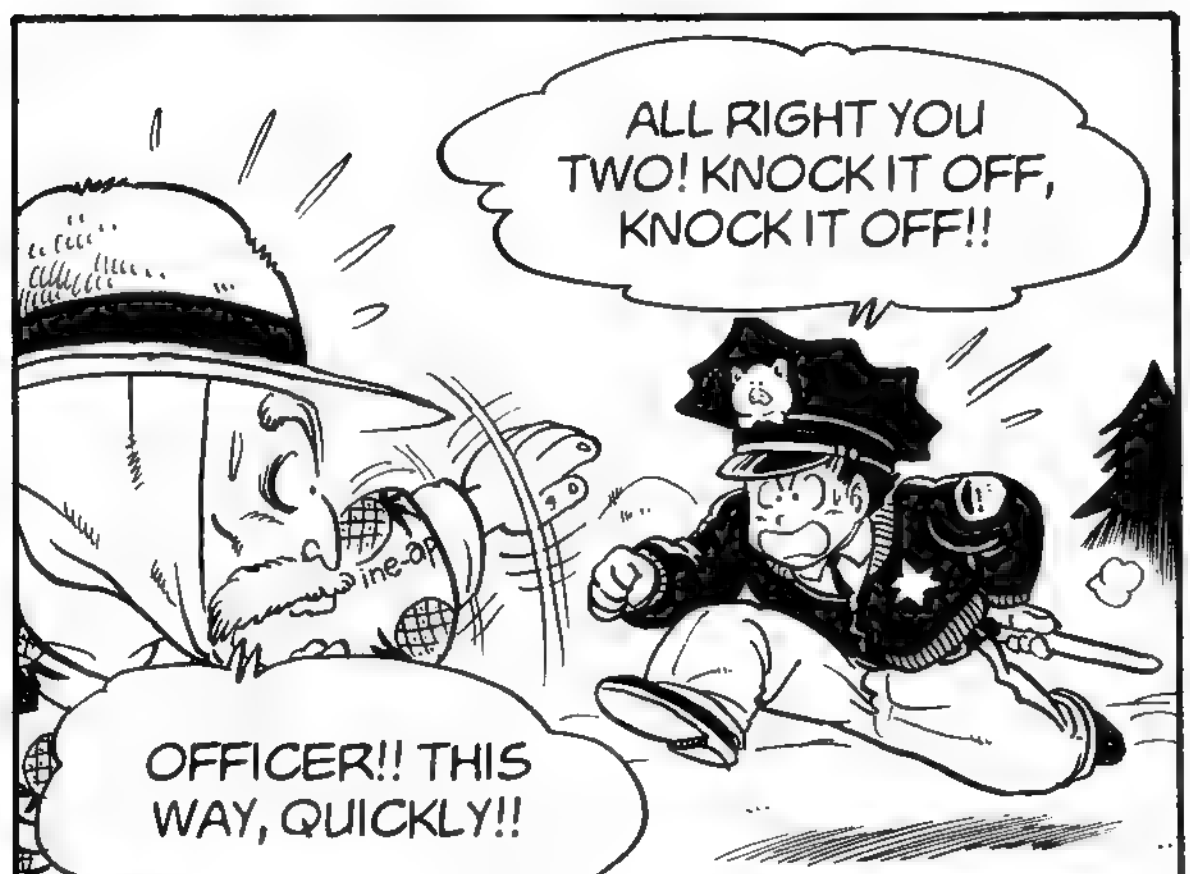
BRRING BRRRING

MOTOCOMPO!!!

I'M OFF LIKE THE WIND!!

C'MON, FASTER!!





WELL, SEE, IT STARTED WHEN GOSAKU TOLD NIKICHI, THAT, "PORK CUTLETS ARE THE BEST DISH IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD!" SO OF COURSE NIKICHI REPLIED, "NO WAY, SNOT-FOR-BRAINS! THE GREATEST DISH ON THE PLANET IS BEEFSTEAK!"

WHAT SET THEM OFF?!

MOOOO!!

OINK! OOOINK!!

pine-apple

pine-apple

POLICE

TON-TON VILLAGE

THAT'S ENOUGH OF THIS. TIME TO SETTLE DOWN!

BONK

SCRUFF

BIFF

HEEEY! C'MON, YOU TWO!

POLICE

YOU'VE GOTTA STOP 'EM!

CAN DO!

STAY WITH ME!!

OH DEAR!!

pine-apple

pine-apple

pine-apple

UH-UHHHGH...

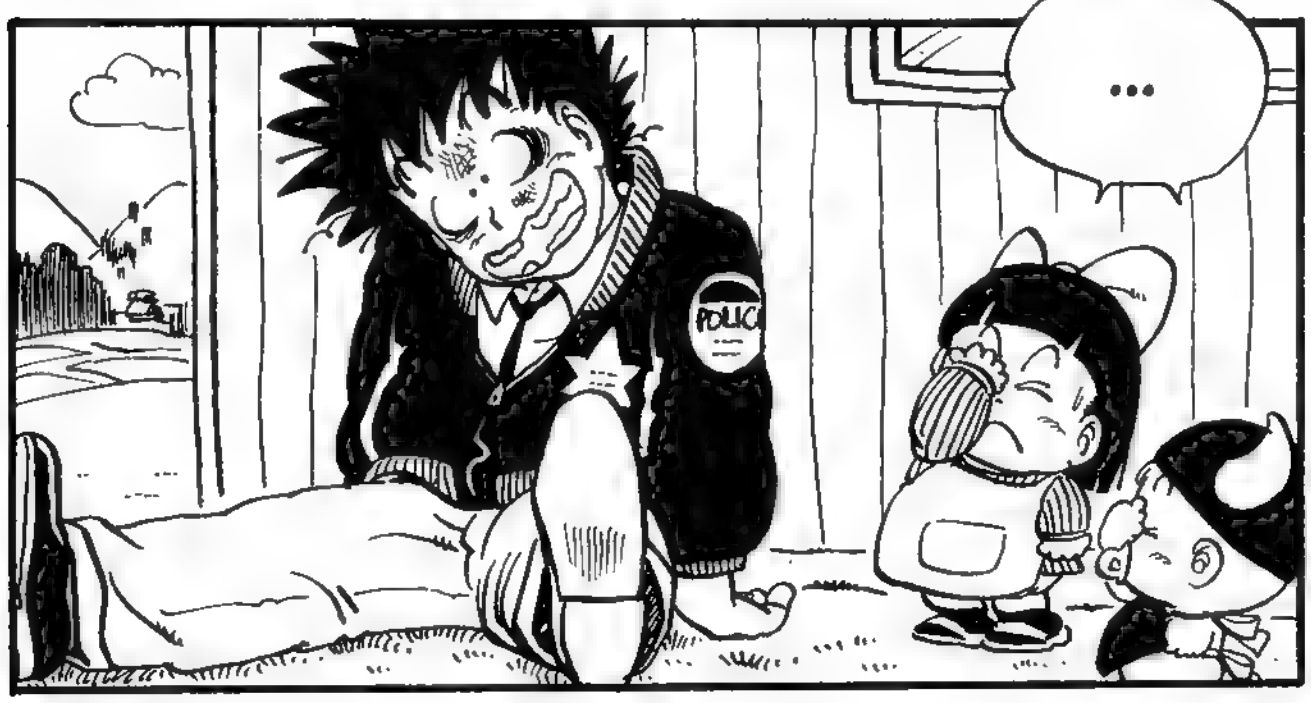
SHUT UP!! STAY OUTTA THIS, YA LITTLE TWERP!!

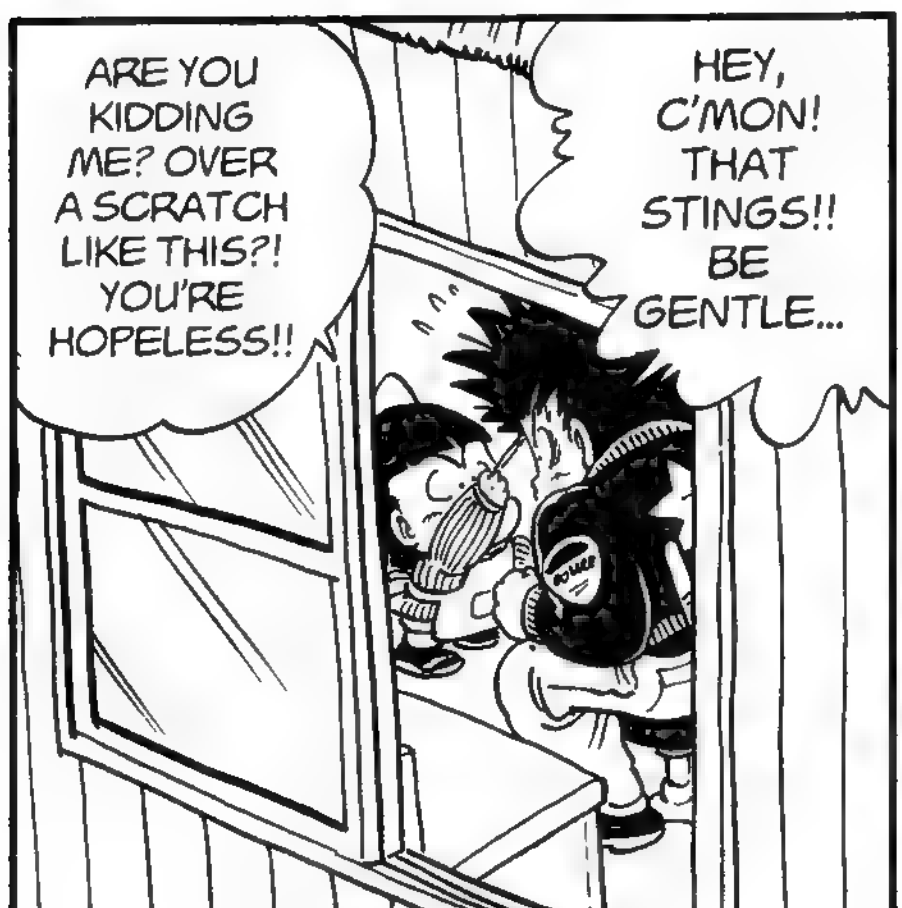
THWACK

WHY, WHEN YOUR FATHER WAS A COP, HE CLEANED UP SQUABBLES LIKE THAT LICKETY-SPLIT...

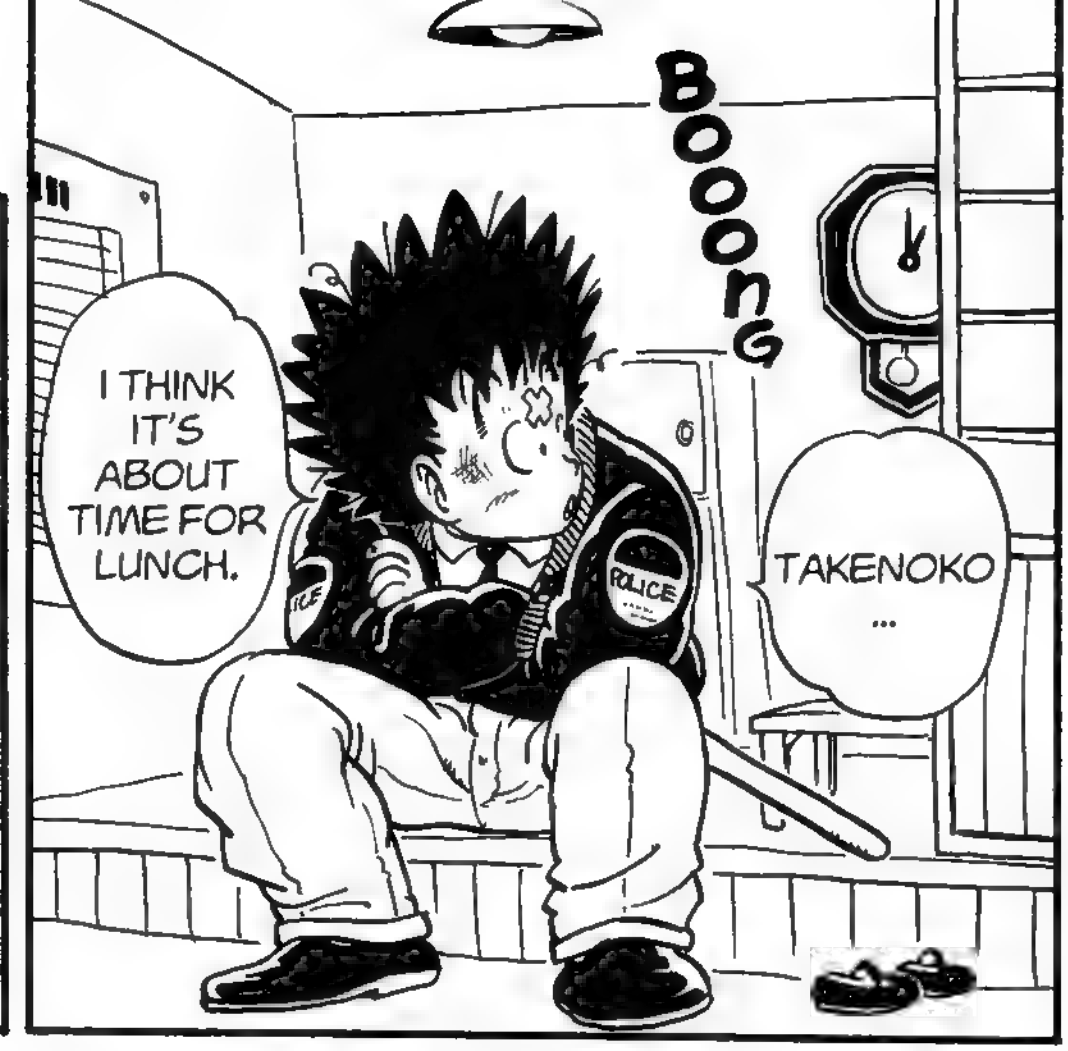
GOOD GRIEF, LAD...

AH-YUP!

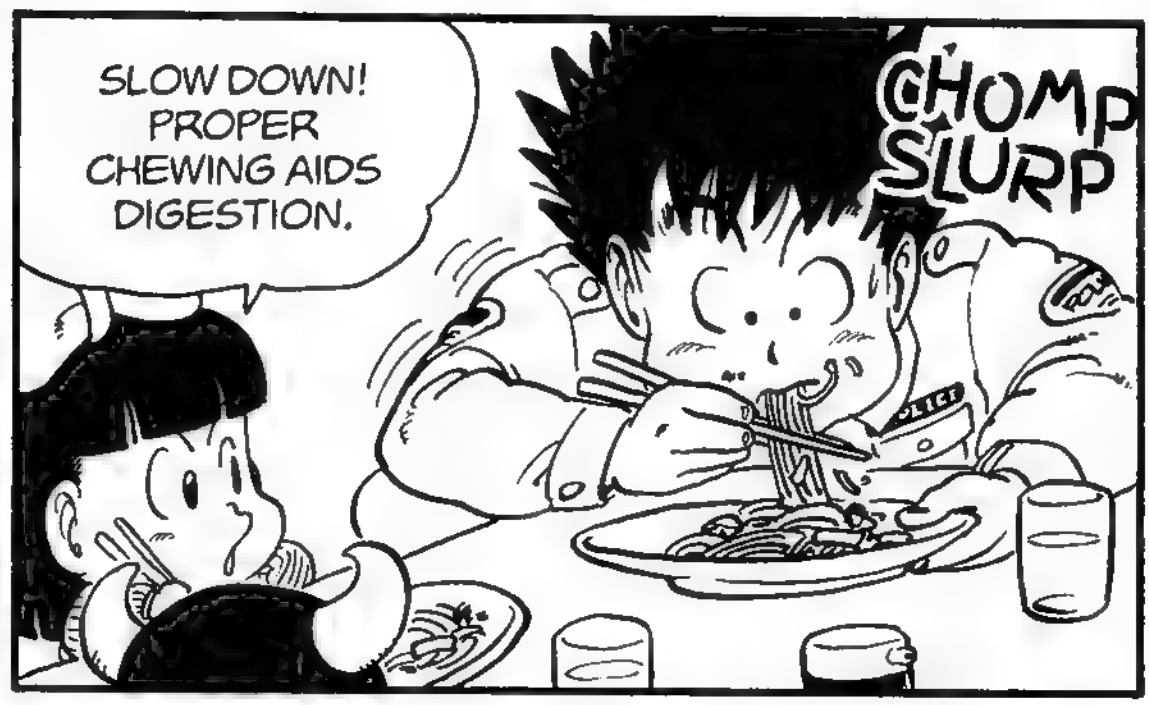


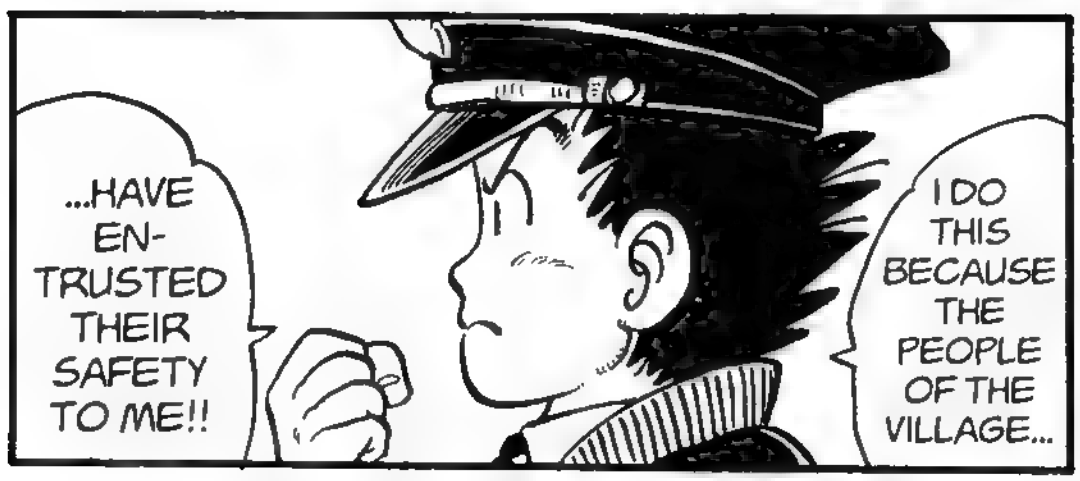


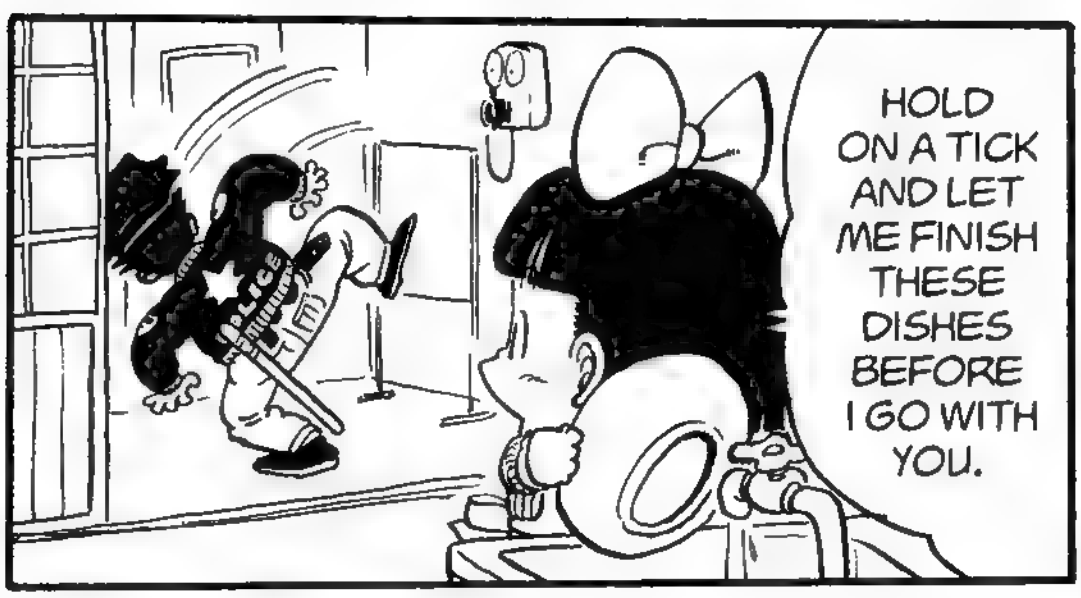
OH FOR GOOD-NESS... I CAN'T EVEN ENJOY A BOOK!
BEING A STAY-AT-HOME MOM IS ROUGH!!

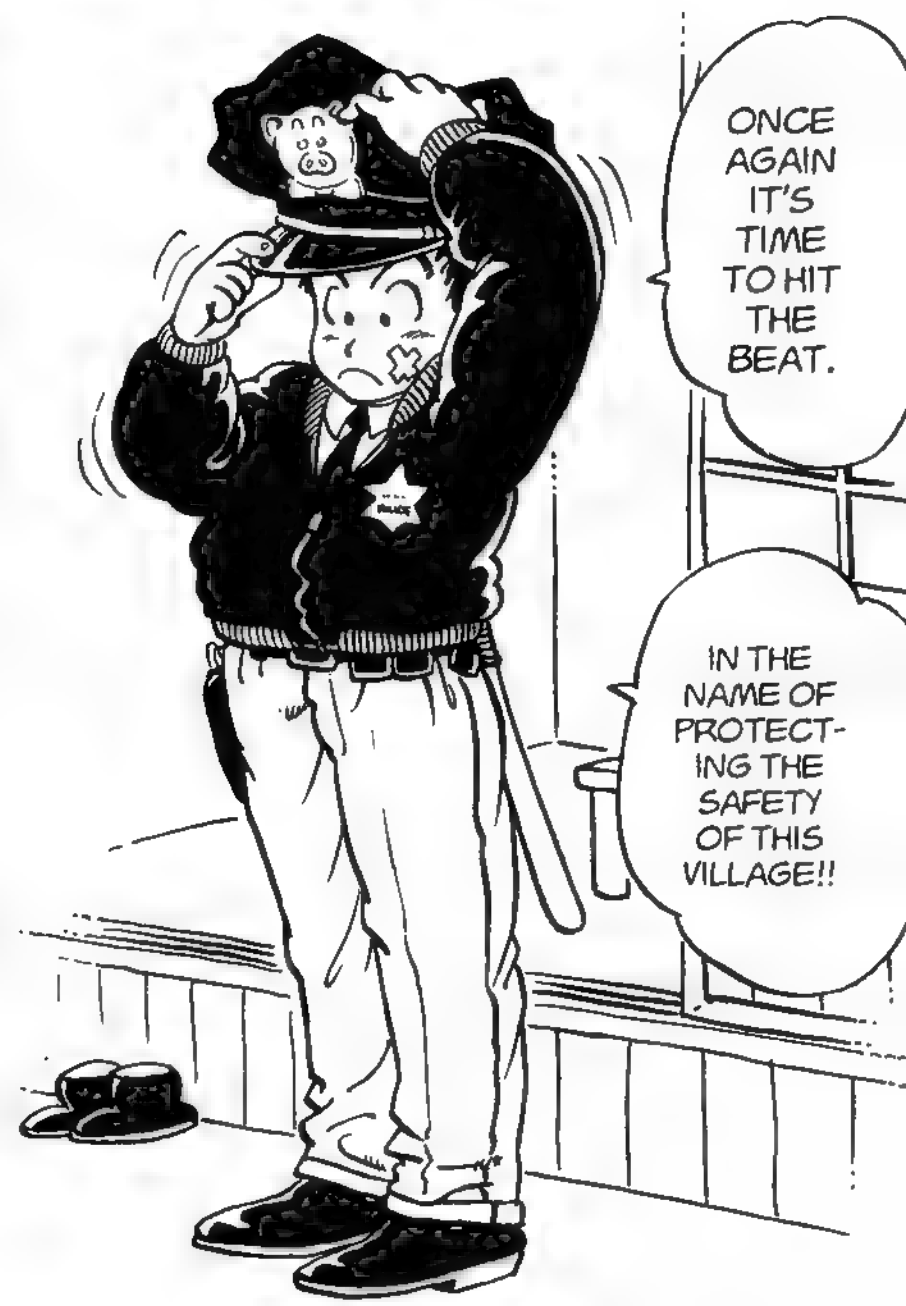

BOOONG
I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR LUNCH.
TAKENOKO ...

ALL RIGHT THEN.

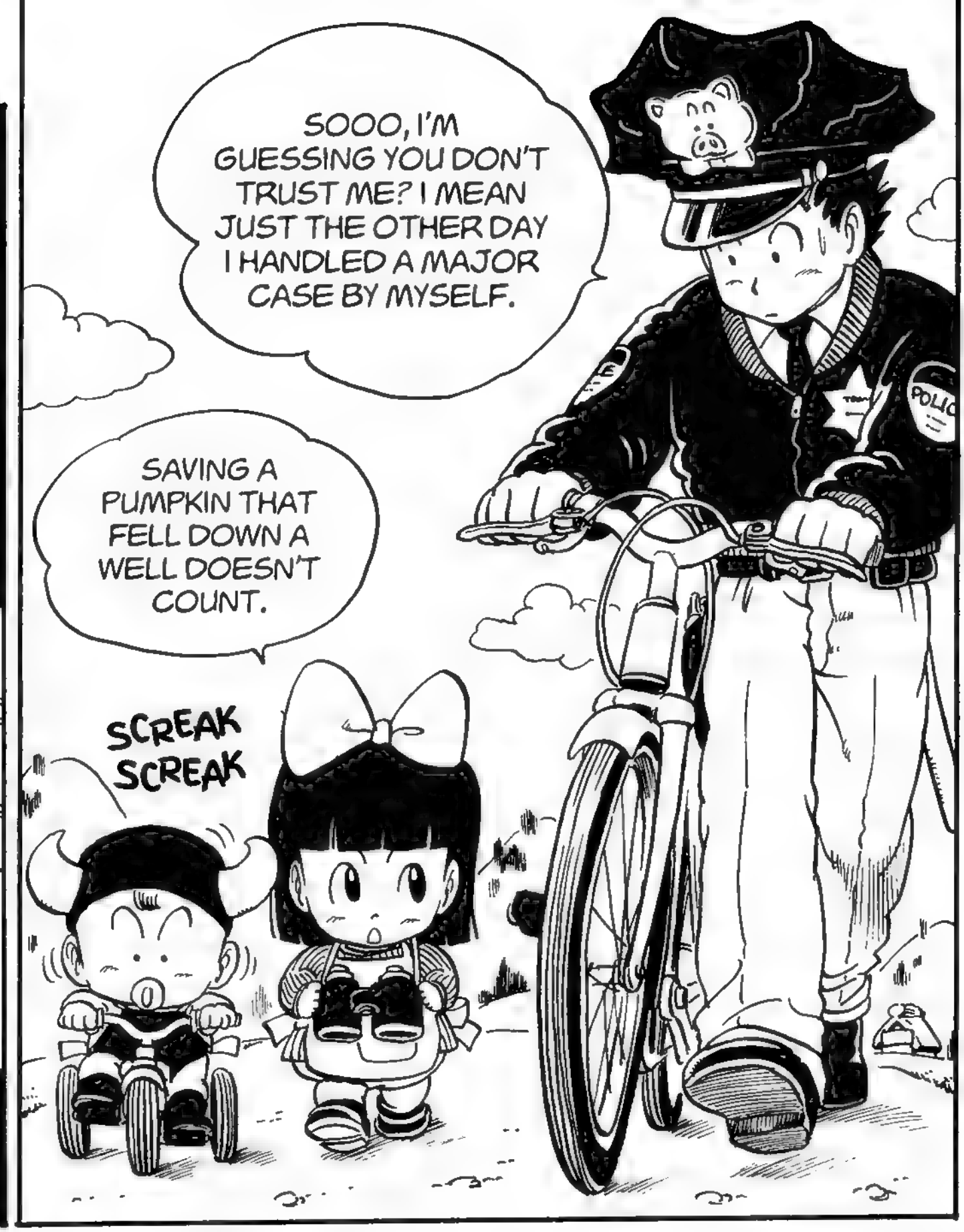

SLOW DOWN! PROPER CHEWING AIDS DIGESTION.
CHOMP SLURP

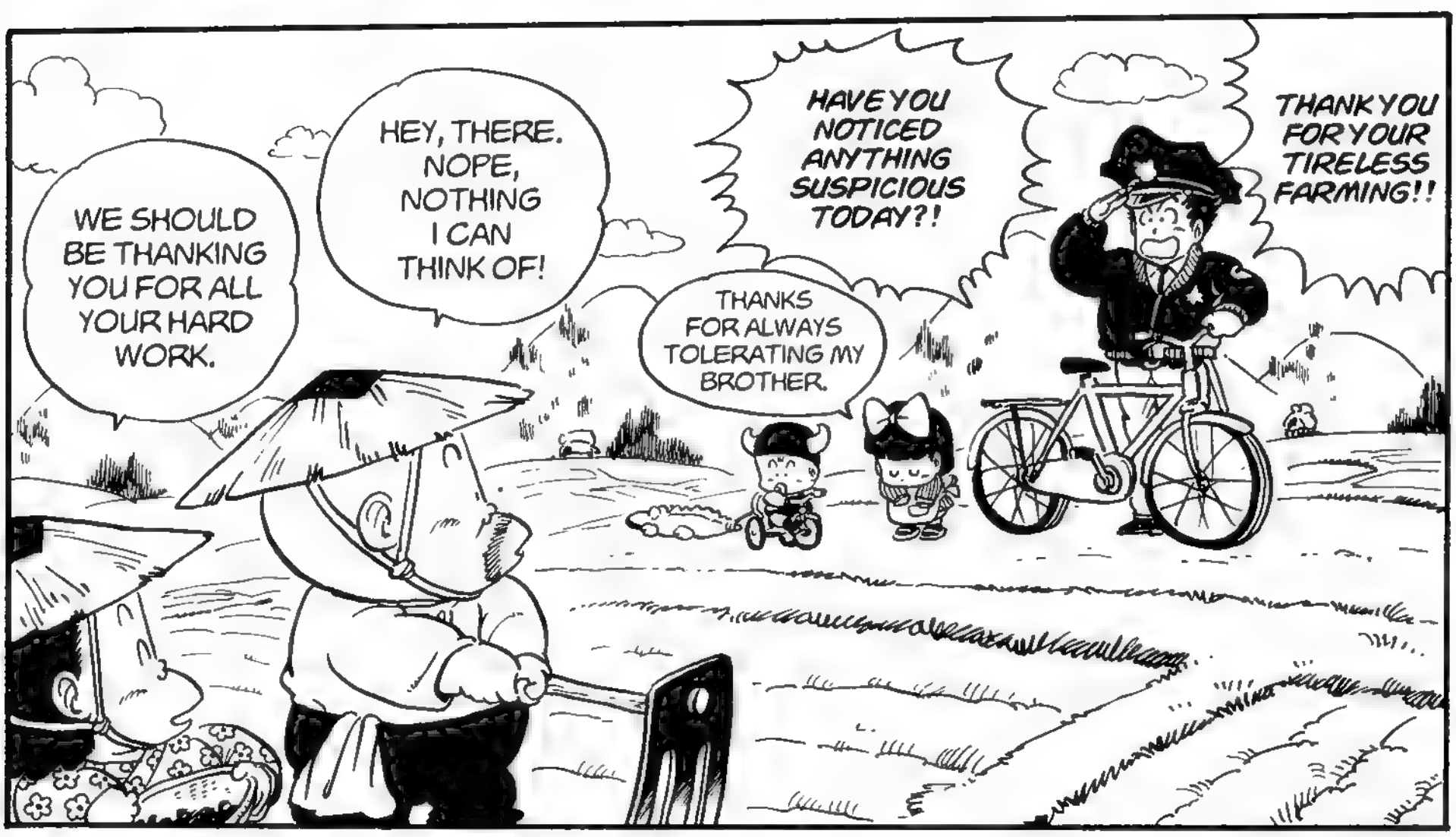

...HAVE EN-TRUSTED THEIR SAFETY TO ME!!
I DO THIS BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE...


HOLD ON A TICK AND LET ME FINISH THESE DISHES BEFORE I GO WITH YOU.


ONCE AGAIN IT'S TIME TO HIT THE BEAT.
IN THE NAME OF PROTECT-ING THE SAFETY OF THIS VILLAGE!!

ULTRAMAAAN!


SOOO, I'M GUESSING YOU DON'T TRUST ME? I MEAN JUST THE OTHER DAY I HANDLED A MAJOR CASE BY MYSELF.
SAVING A PUMPKIN THAT FELL DOWN A WELL DOESN'T COUNT.
SCREAK SCREAK


WE SHOULD BE THANKING YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.
HEY, THERE. NOPE, NOTHING I CAN THINK OF!
HAVE YOU NOTICED ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS TODAY?!
THANKS FOR ALWAYS TOLERATING MY BROTHER.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIRELESS FARMING!!

THAT TAKENOKO THOUGH, SHE'S A DEPENDABLE ONE.

AH-YUP!

MUGIFUMI IS SO DEDICATED... YET ***COMPLETELY*** UNSUITED FOR THAT JOB.

AH-YUP YUP!

WHAT'S THIS?

HUH ?!

BING

ZWOOOO

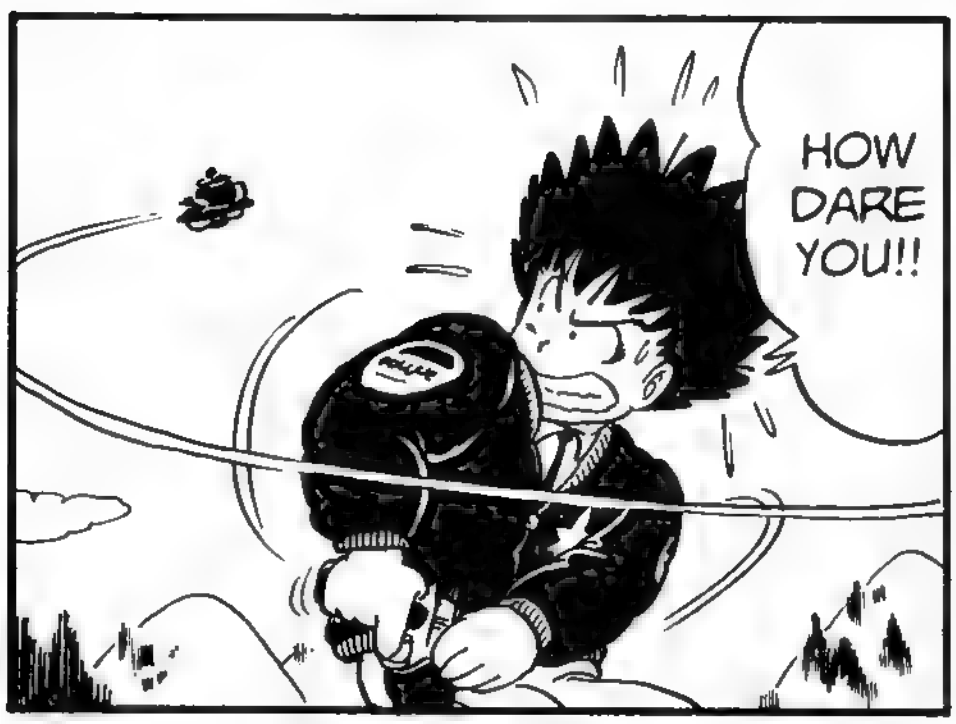
ZWOOOM

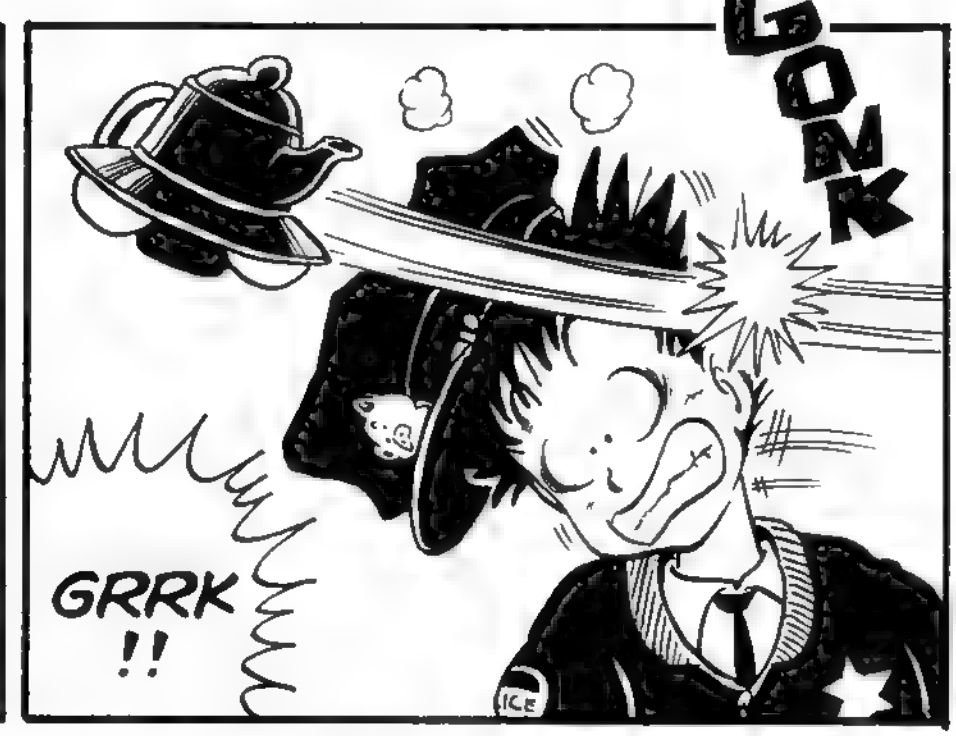
UH, HEY...

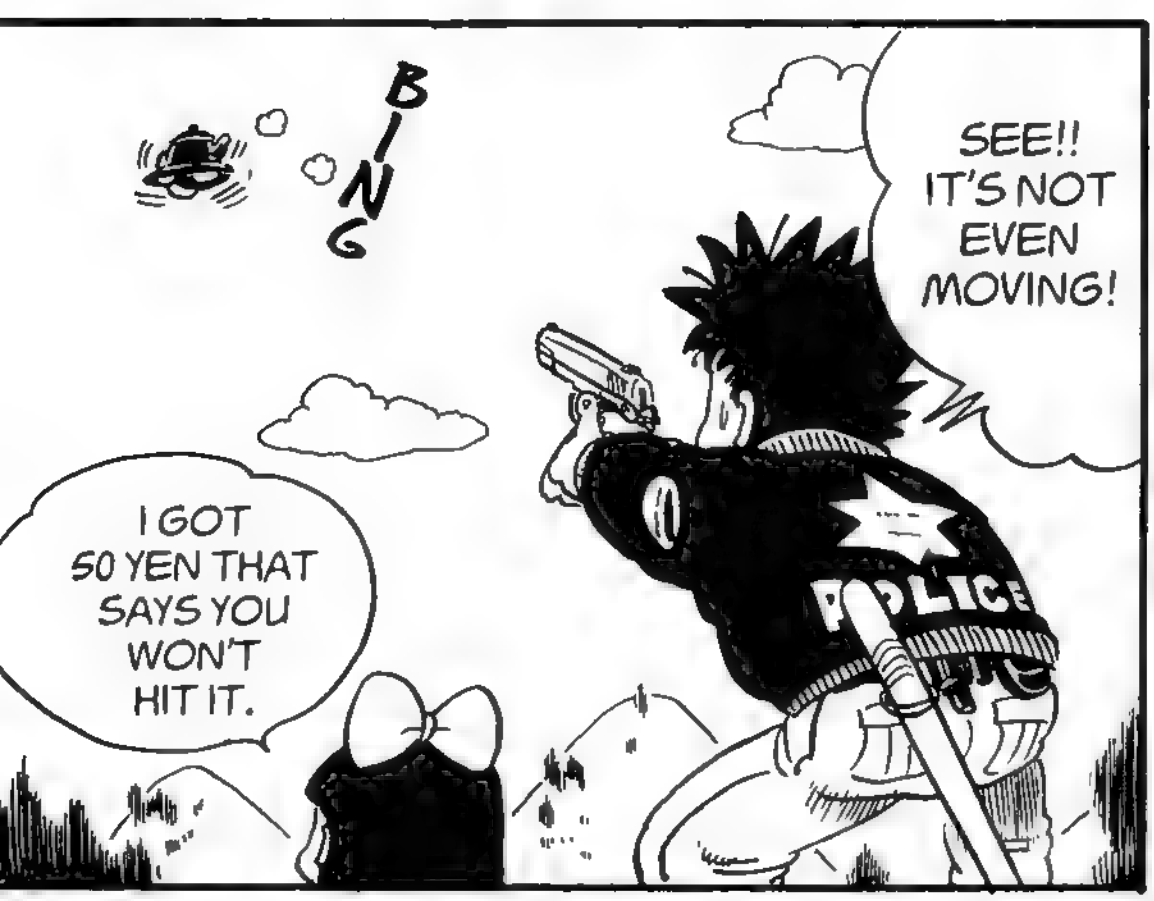
...?!

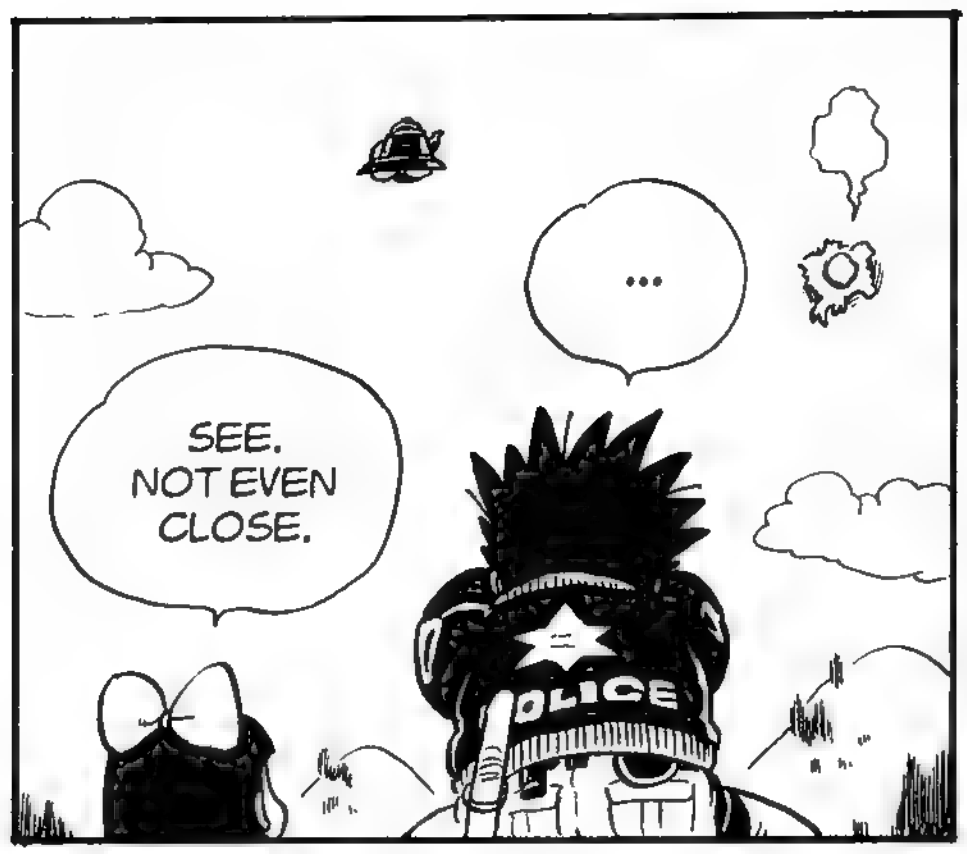
WHADDAYA THINK THAT IS?!

SWISH
FWOOSH
SOME KINDA... BUG?!
Y'THINK THERE'S A BUG THAT CAN DO THAT?!





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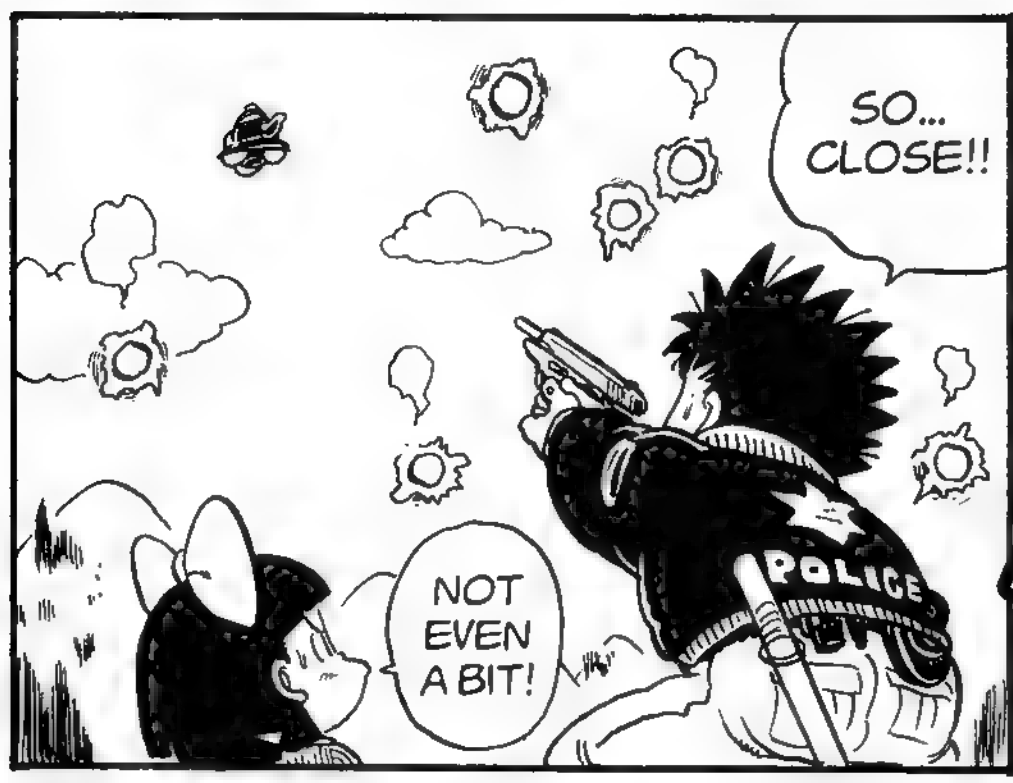
SEE. NOT EVEN CLOSE.
POLICE

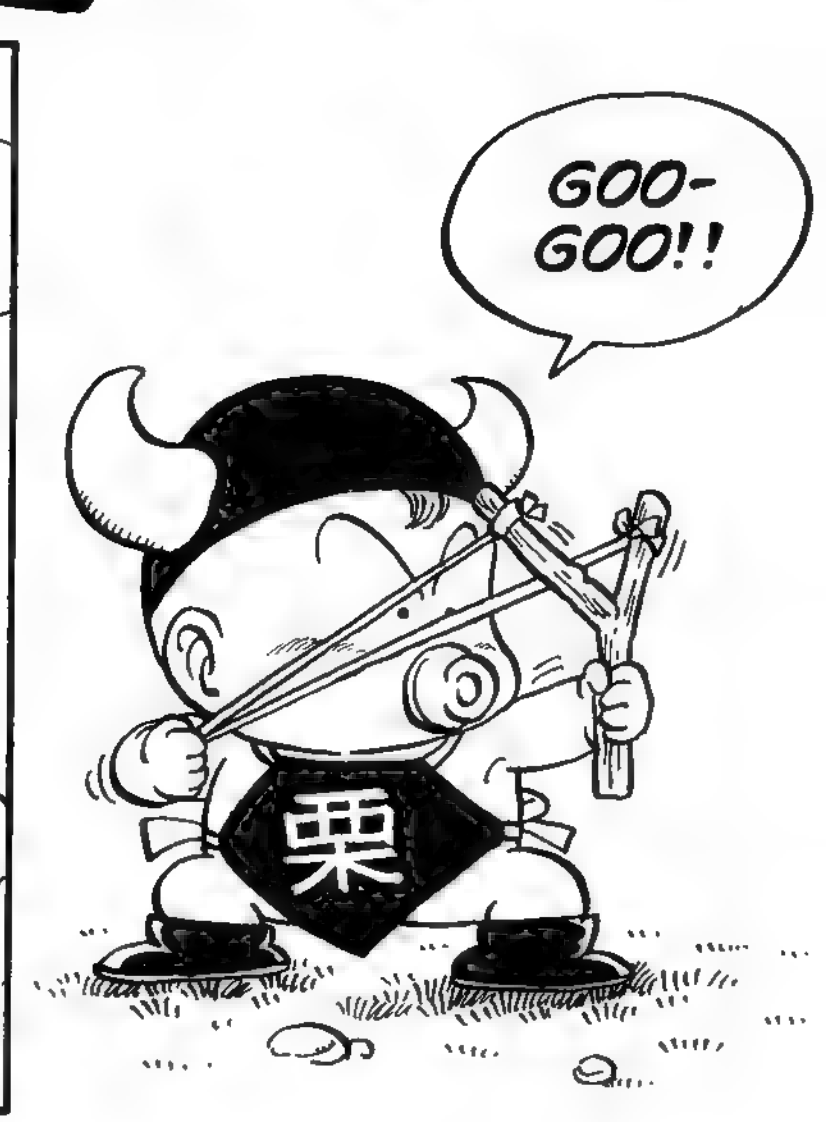
BANG


SO... CLOSE!!
NOT EVEN A BIT!
POLICE

BANG
C'MON! C'MON!!
BANG
BANG
POLICE

CLANK

KLANG
KAPWING


GOO-GOO!!
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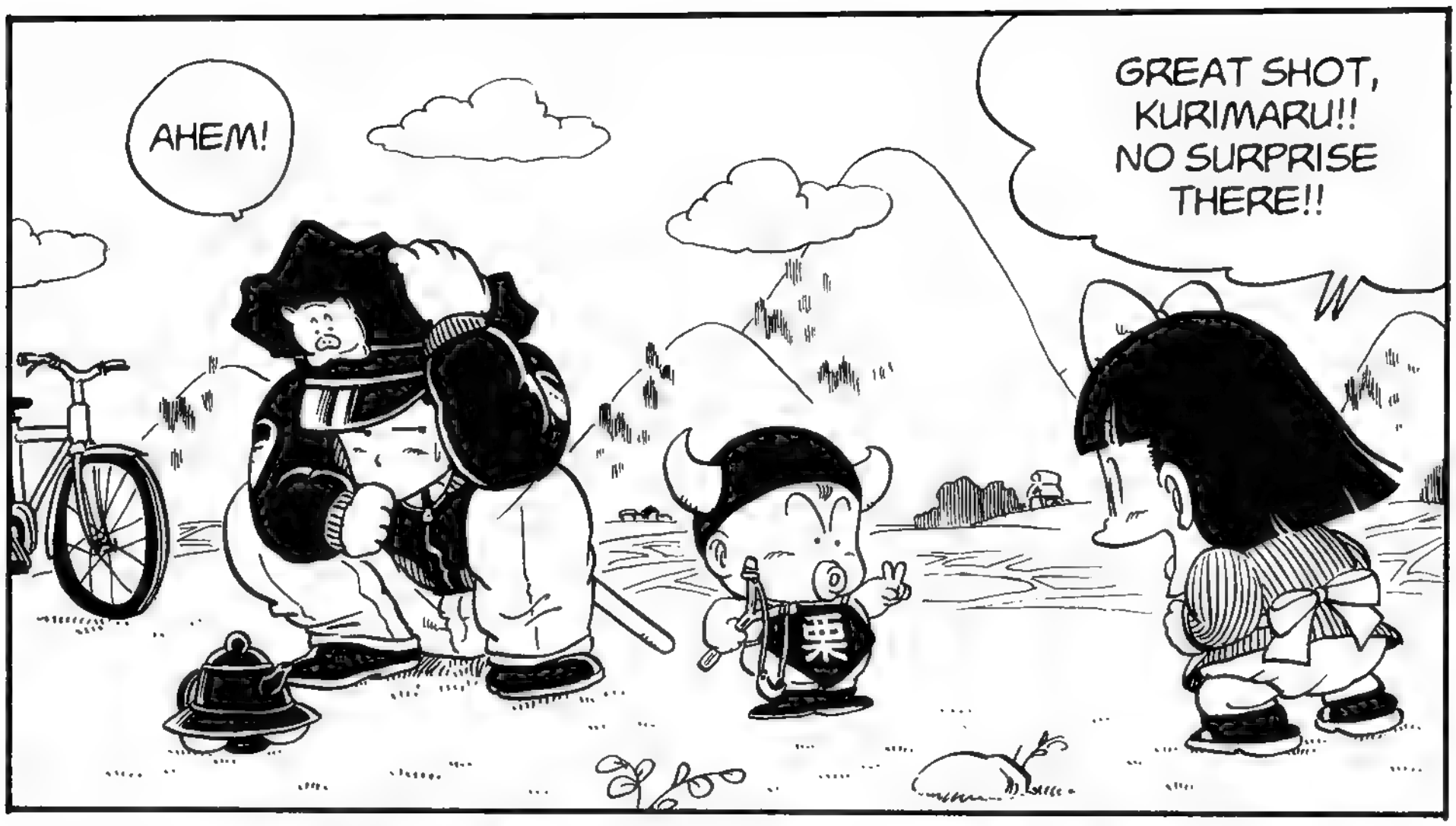
AHEM!
GREAT SHOT, KURIMARU!! NO SURPRISE THERE!!
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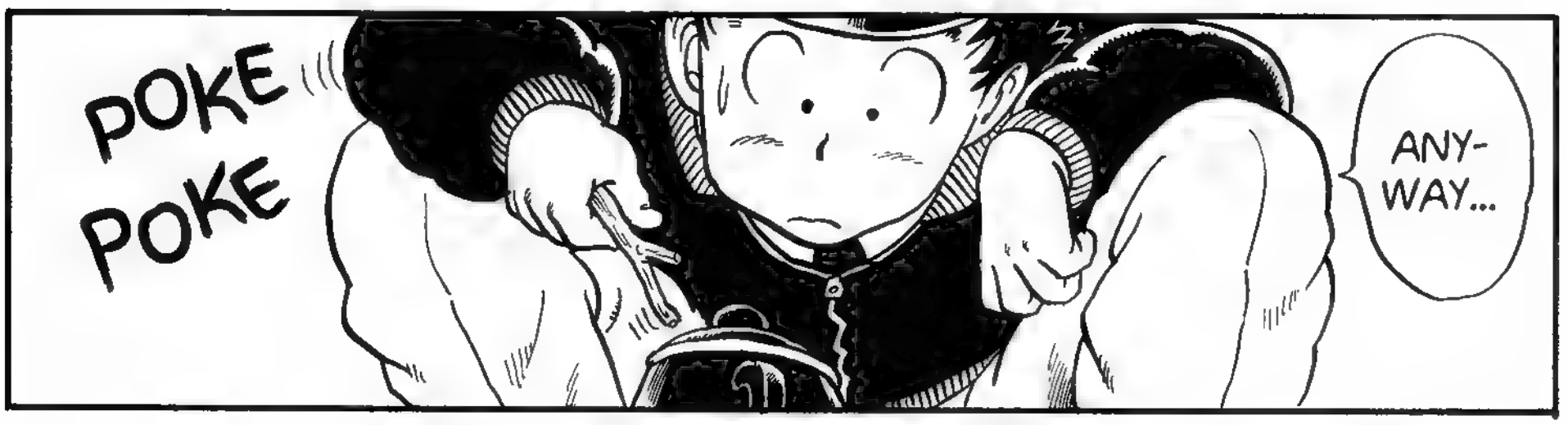
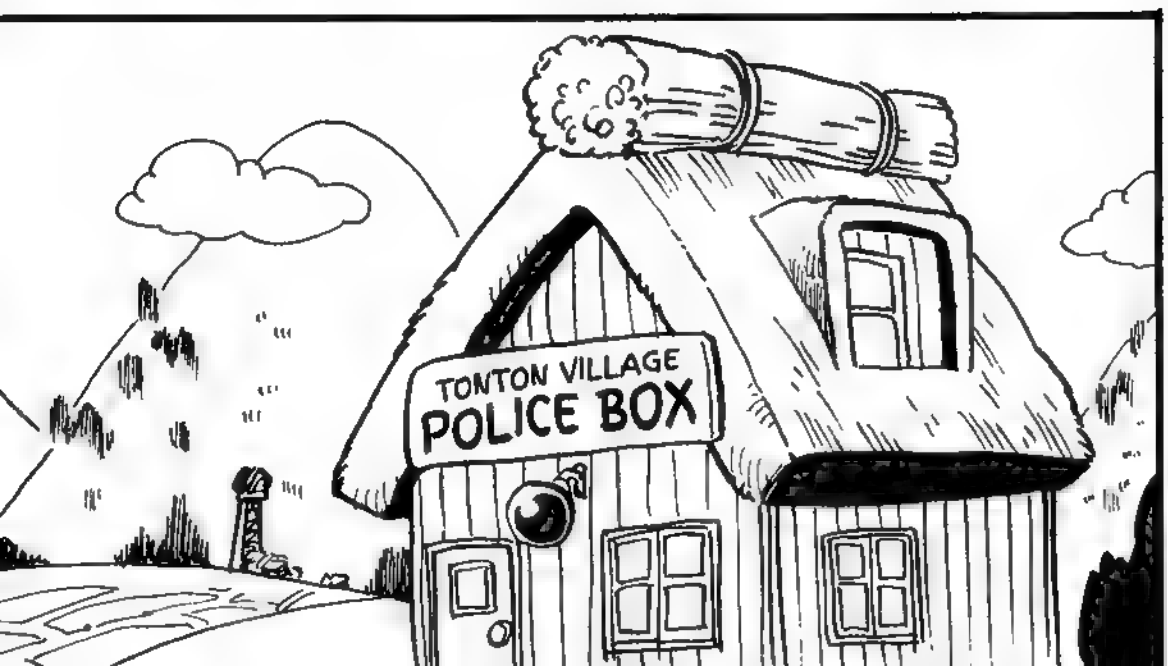

POKE POKE
ANY-WAY...

DUNNO, BUT LET'S TAKE IT HOME.
SOME KINDA TOY... MAYBE?
POLI

HOW WAS IT FLYING LIKE THAT?
WHAT IS THIS THING ...?
YEAH, DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY CREATURE I KNOW...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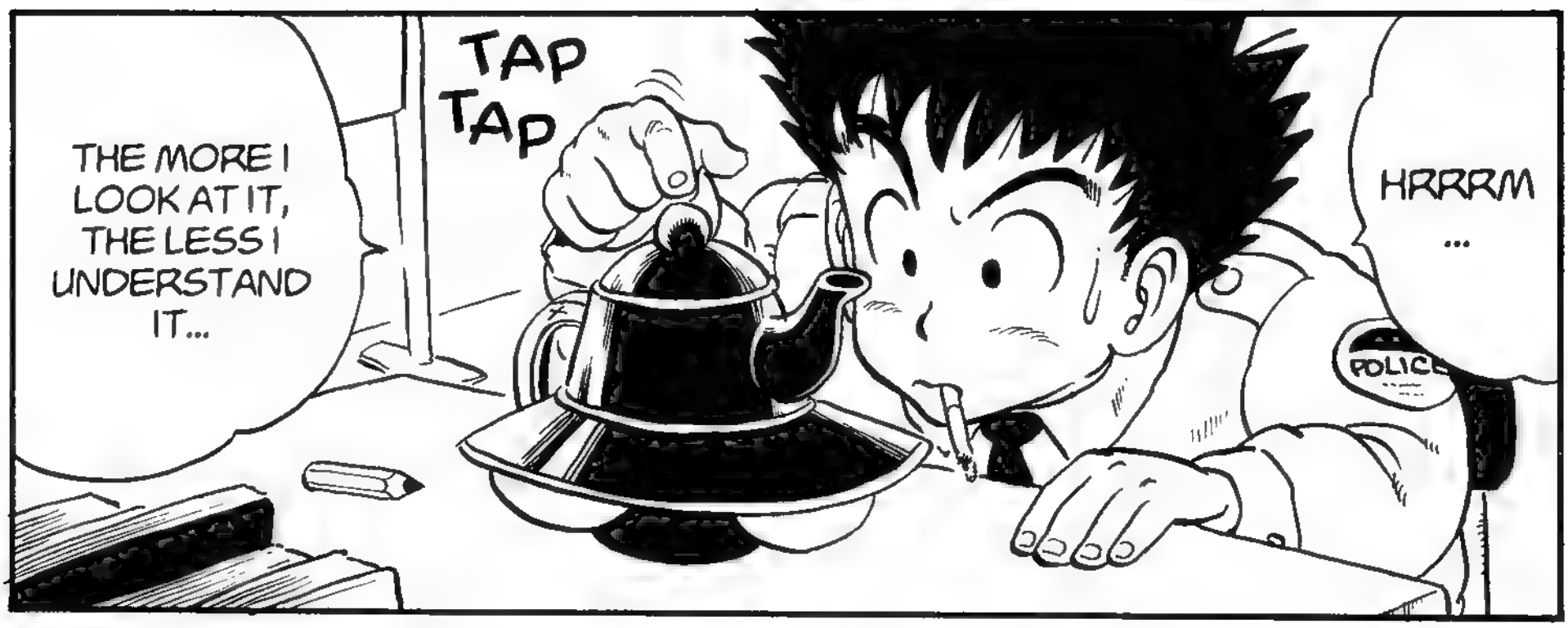
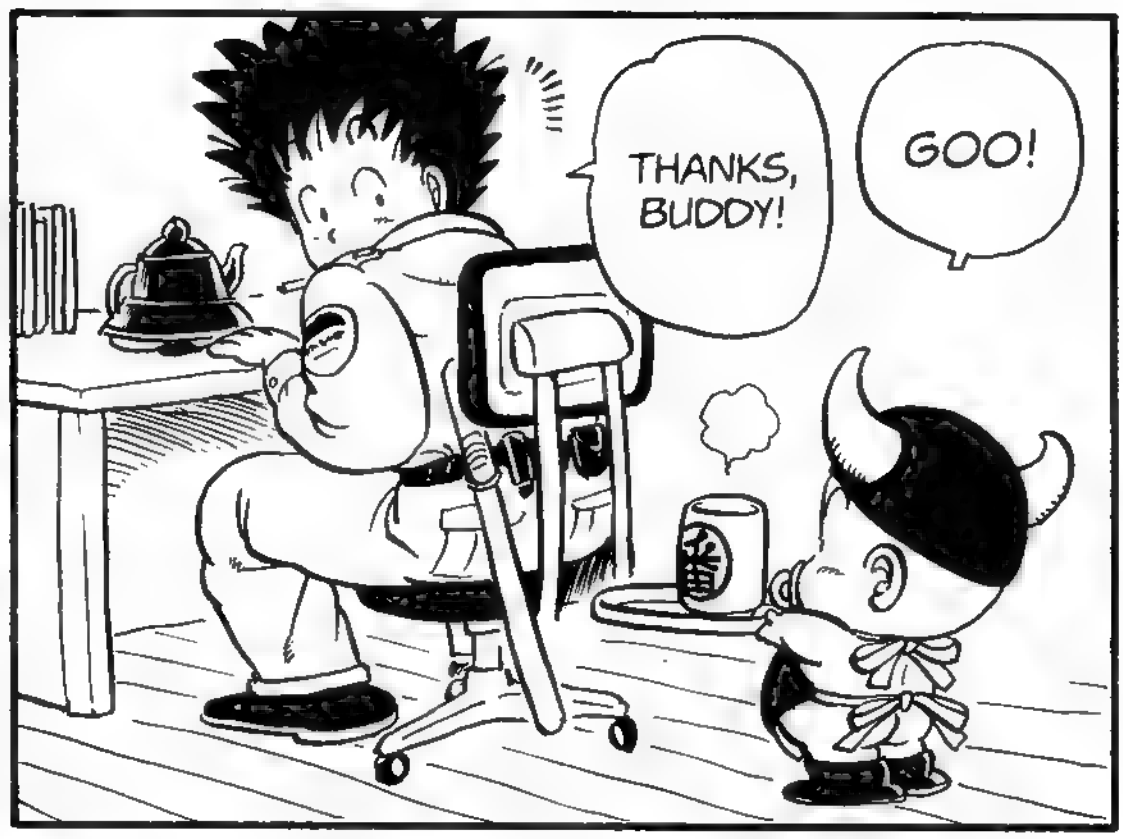
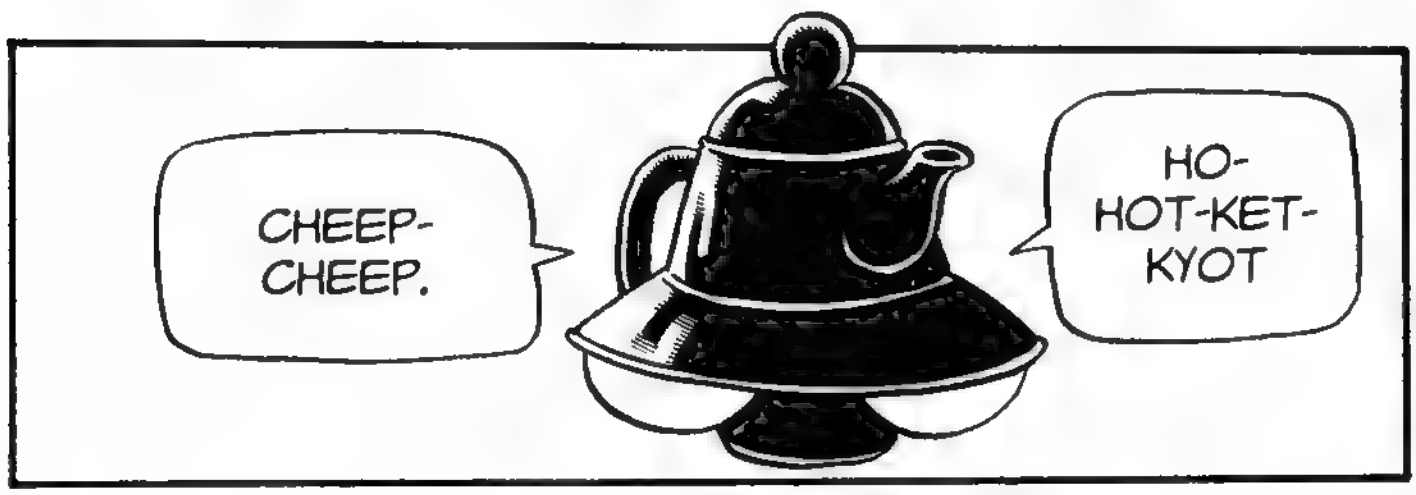
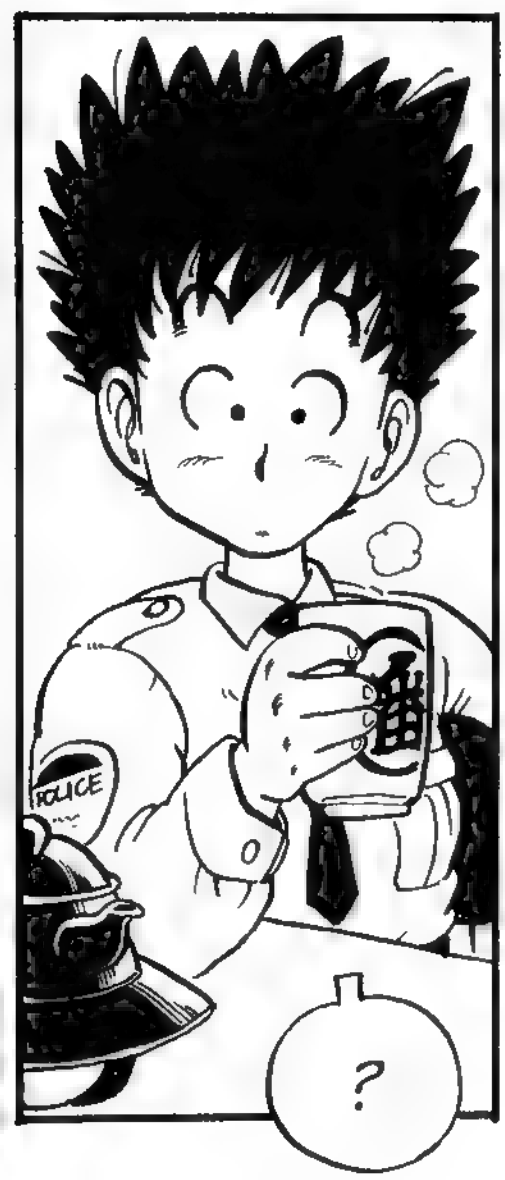
POLICE BOX


THE MORE I LOOK AT IT, THE LESS I UNDERSTAND IT...
TAP TAP
HRRRM ...
POLICE

SIP SIP
HELLO!


THANKS, BUDDY!
GOO!


CHEEP-CHEEP.
HO-HOT-KET-KYOT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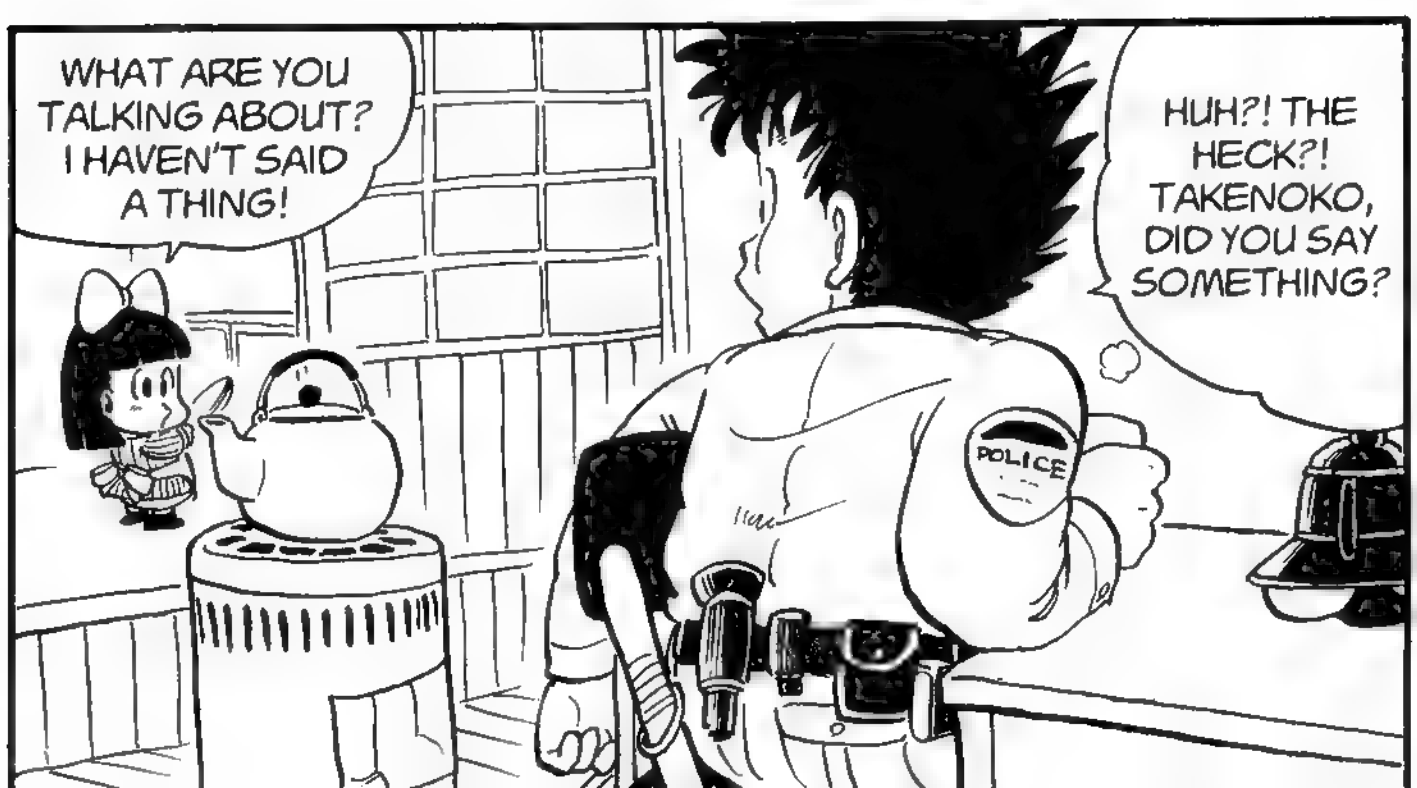
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I HAVEN'T SAID A THING!
HUH?! THE HECK?! TAKENOKO, DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
POLICE

ANYWAY, I'M TAKING KURIMARU WITH ME GROCERY SHOPPING, SO YOU GET TO BE THE BIG BOY OF THE HOUSE!

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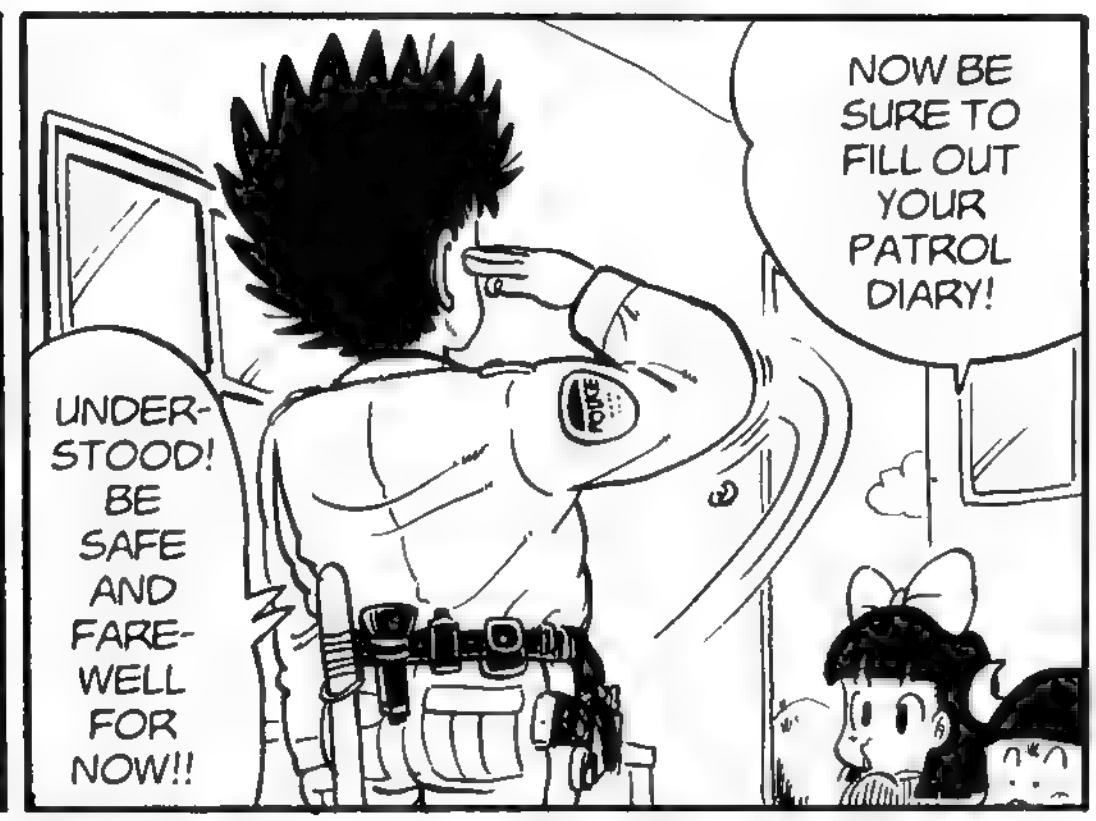

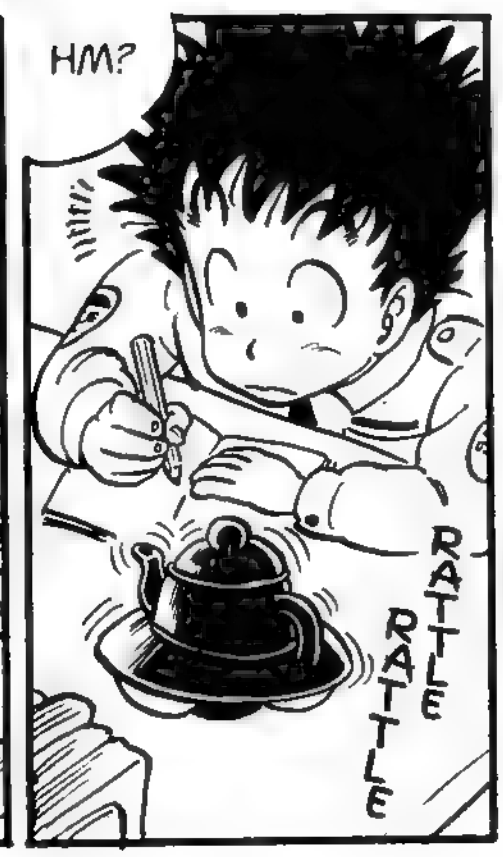

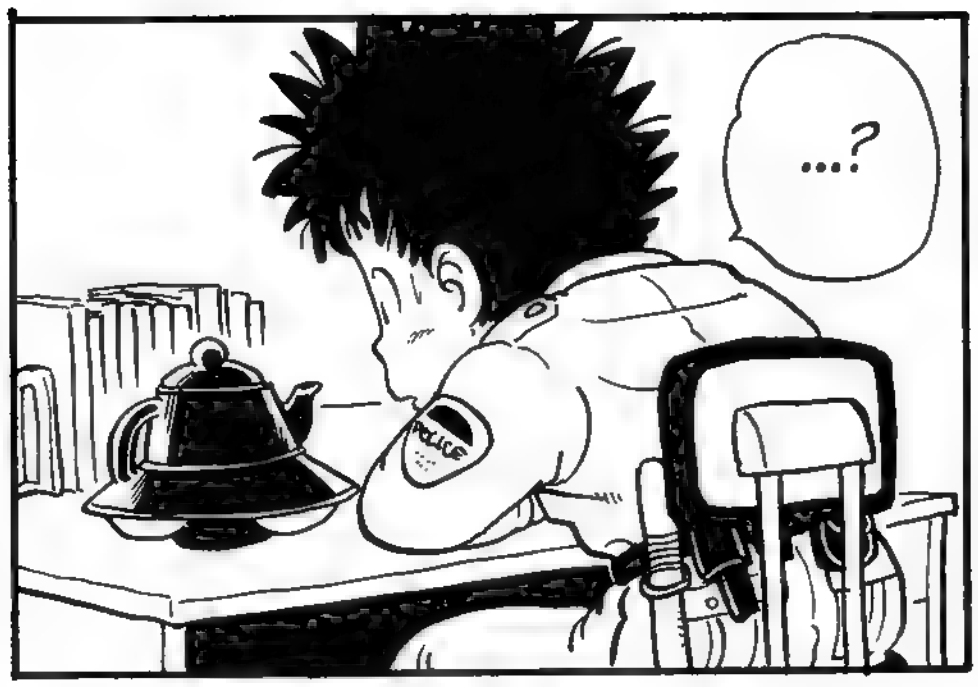
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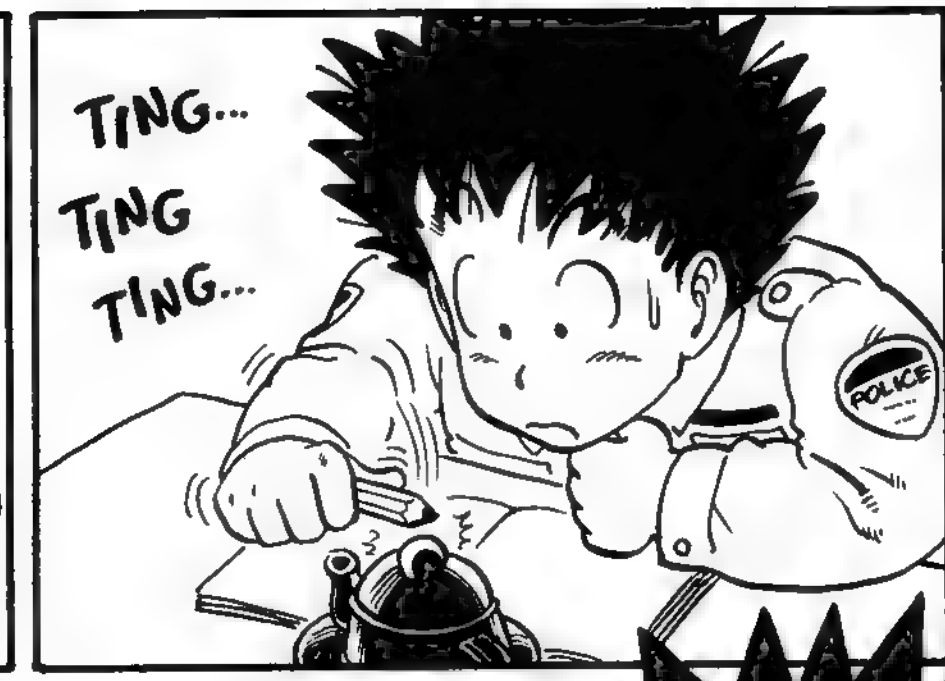
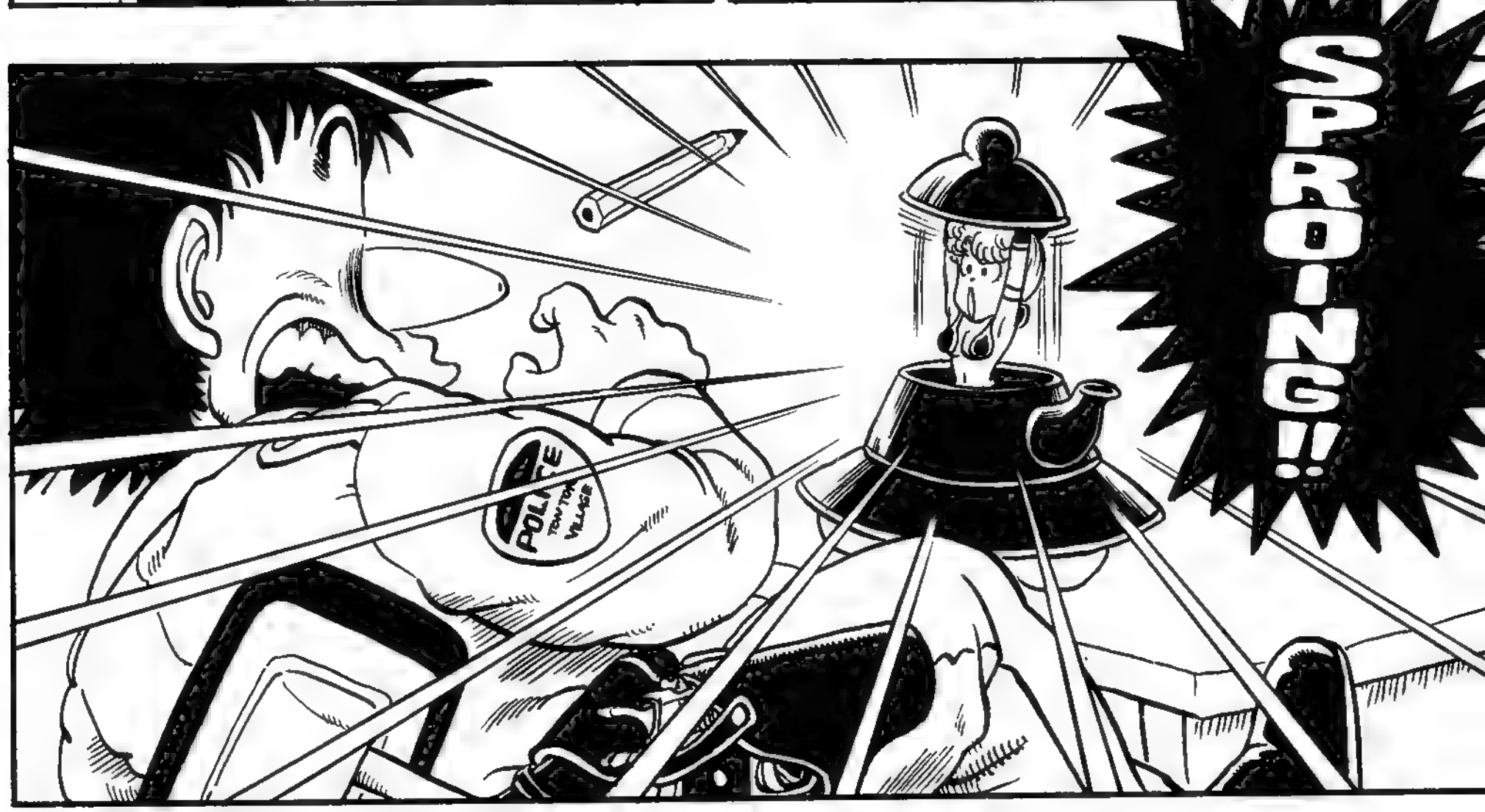
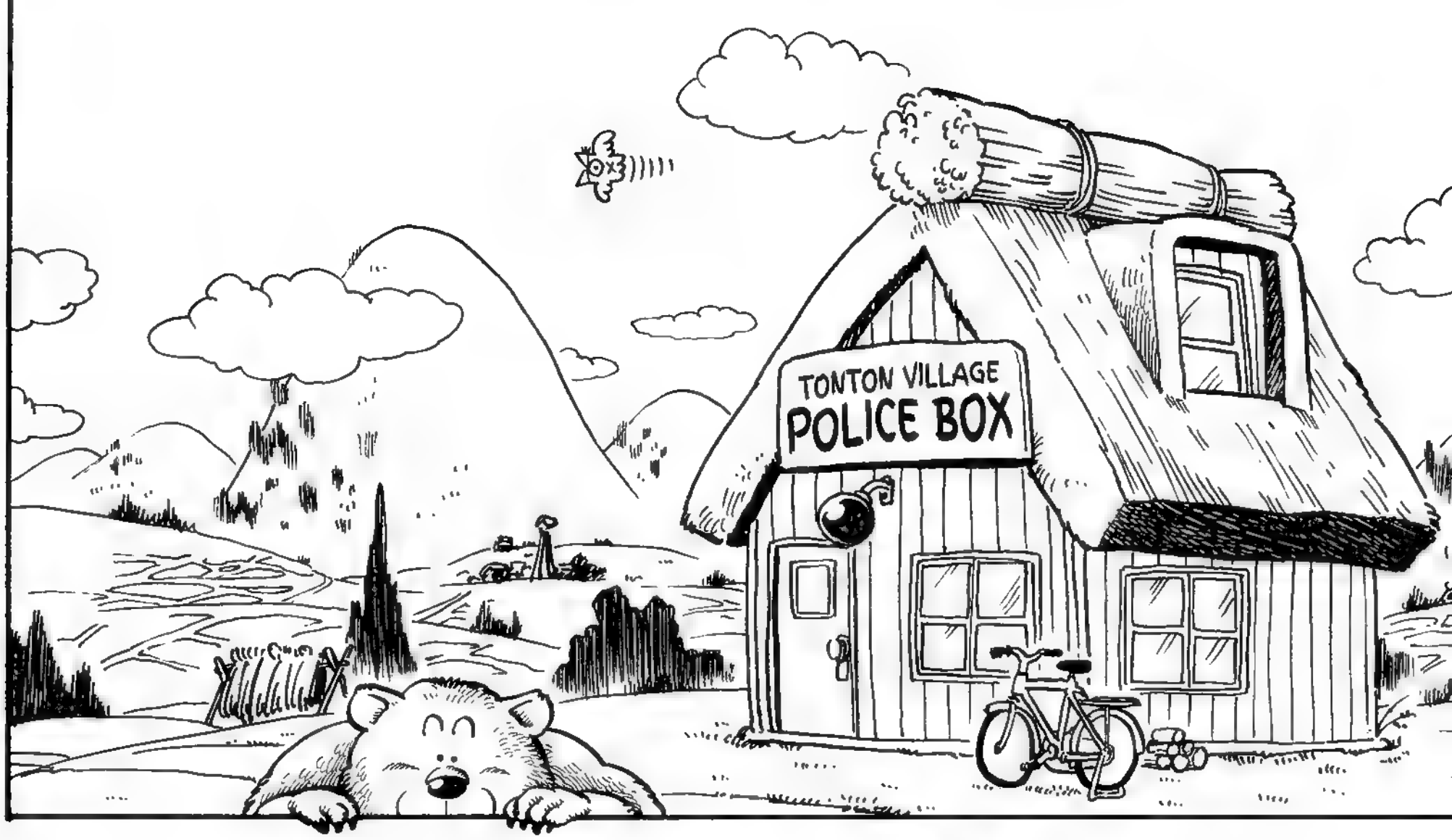

TING...
TING
TING...
POLICE


SPROING!!
POLICE
TON-TON VILLAGE

KYAAA HA HA HA HA!!
WHA-WHAT IN THE...
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
CARRY ON TO CHAPTER 2

WHAAA!! WHA-WHAAA!!
TONTON VILLAGE POLICE BOX

♡EPISODE: HER NAME IS CHOBIT♡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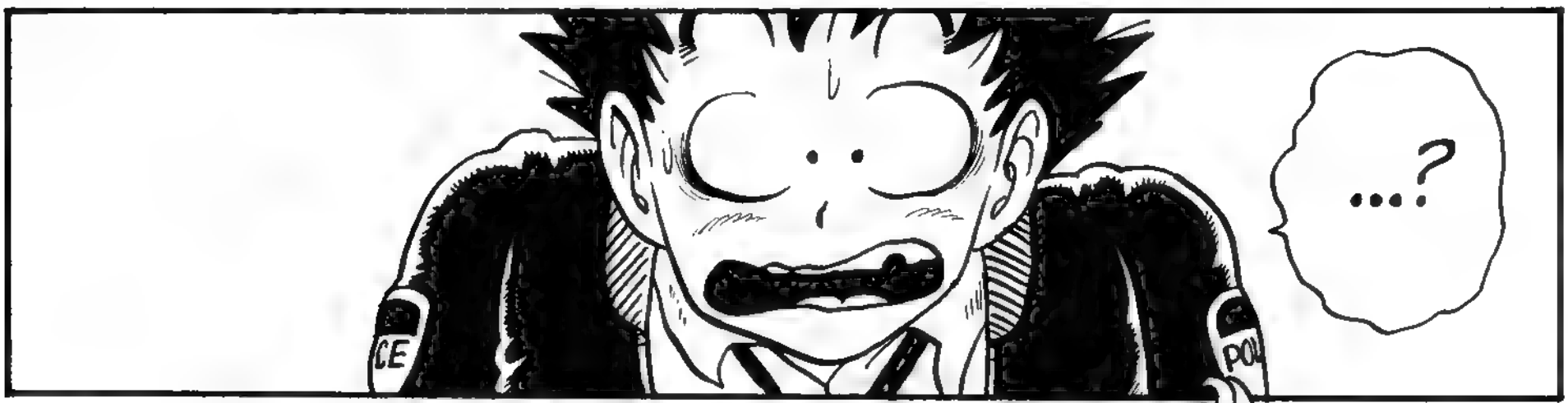
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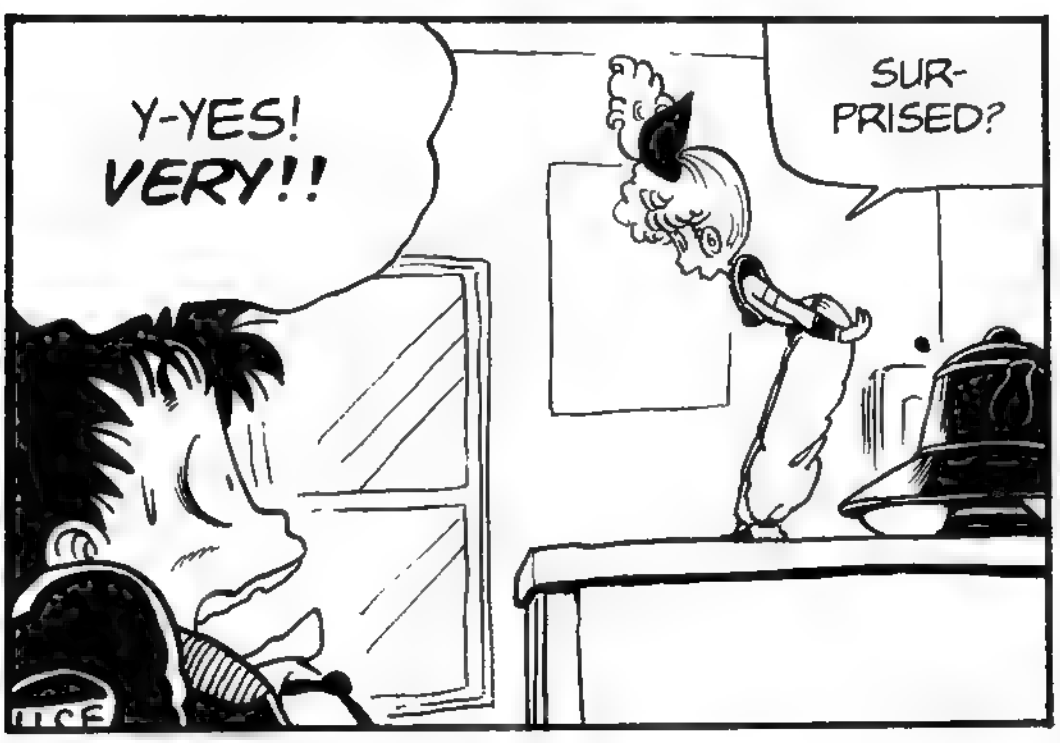
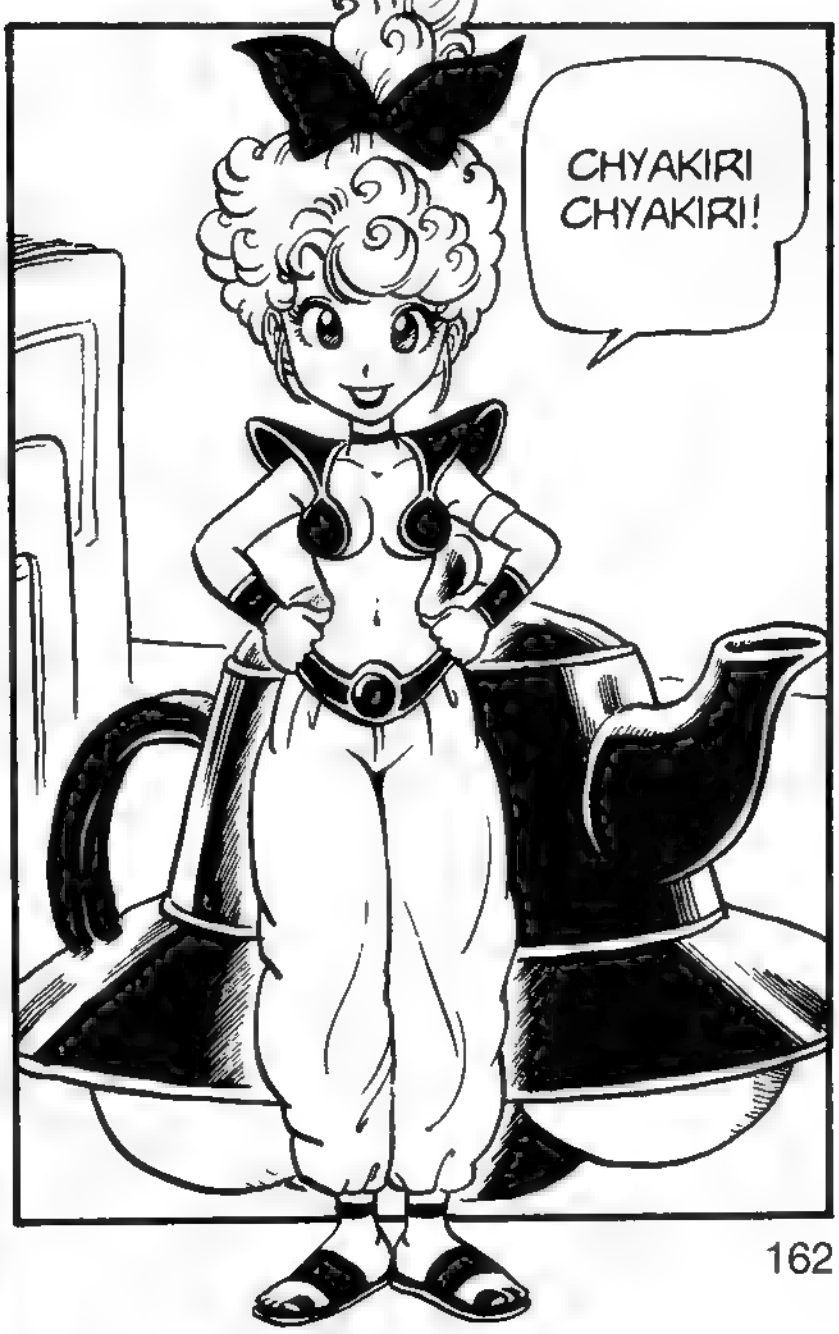
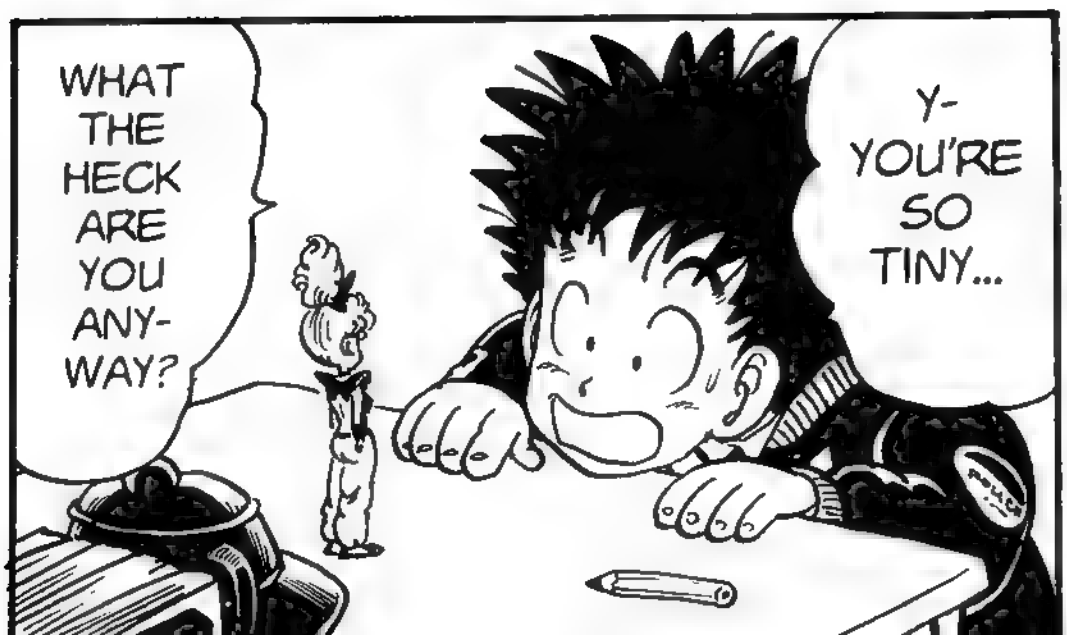
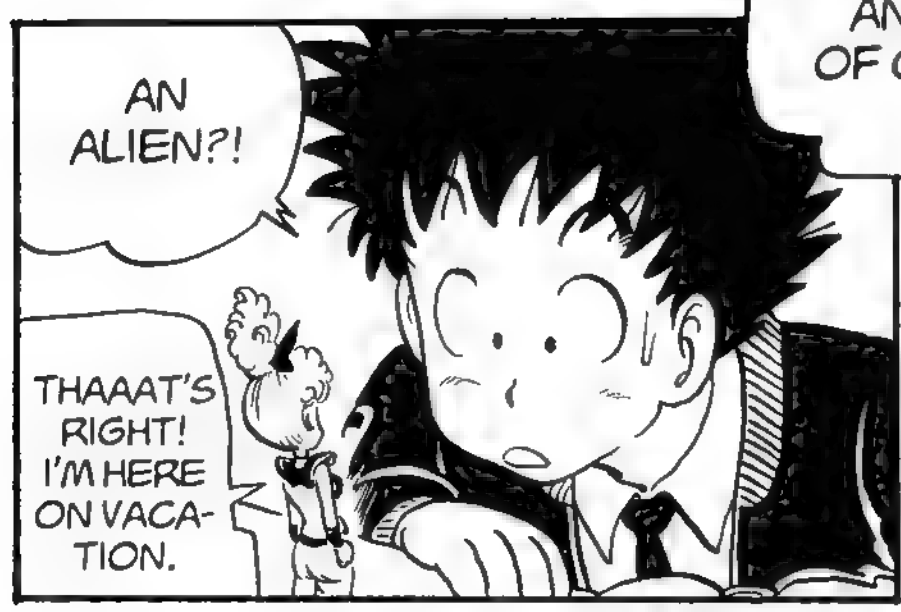
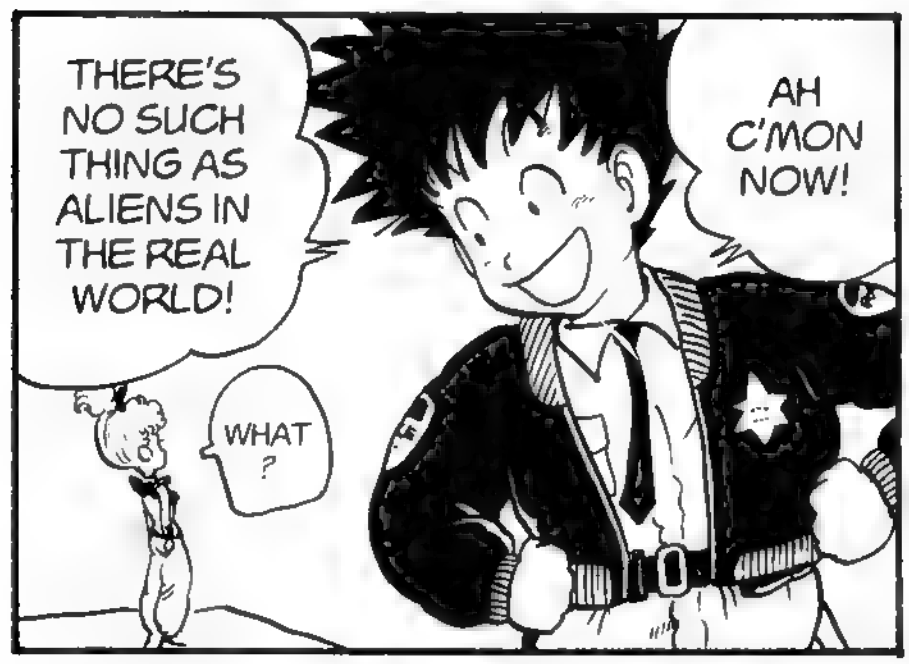

Y-YES! VERY!!
SUR-PRISED?

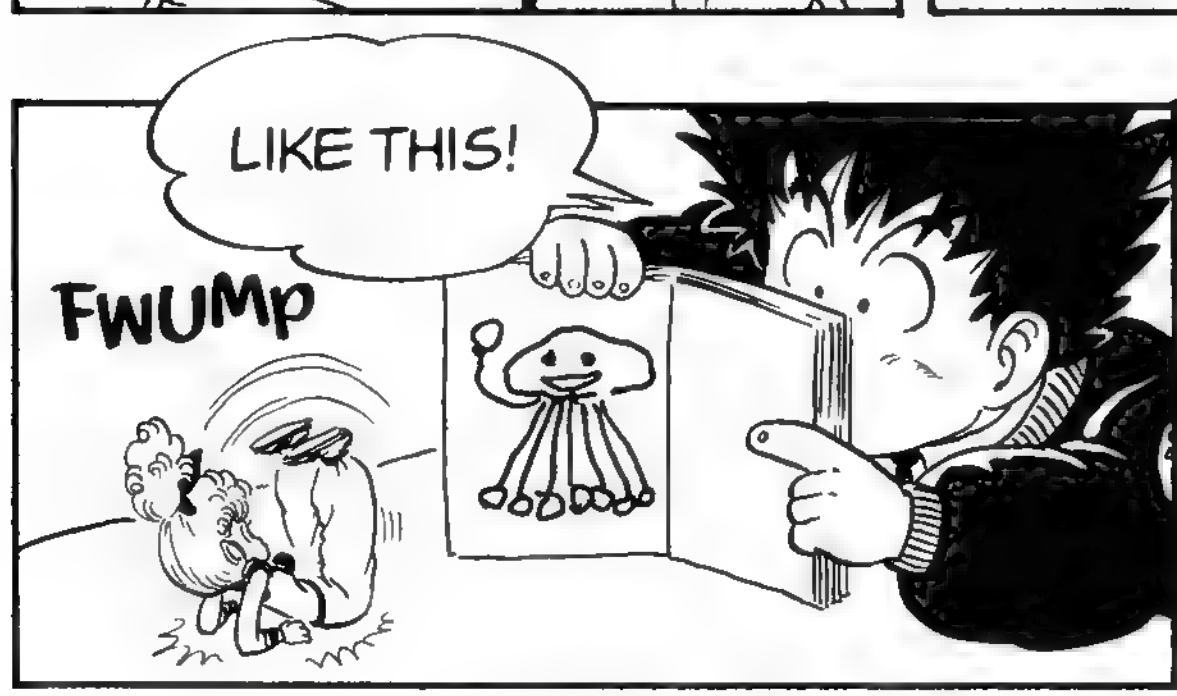

CHYAKIRI CHYAKIRI!


WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU ANY-WAY?
Y-YOU'RE SO TINY...


AN ALIEN?!
THAAAT'S RIGHT! I'M HERE ON VACA-TION.

AN ALIEN, OF COURSE!
GONNA GET ALL FLUSTERED AGAIN?

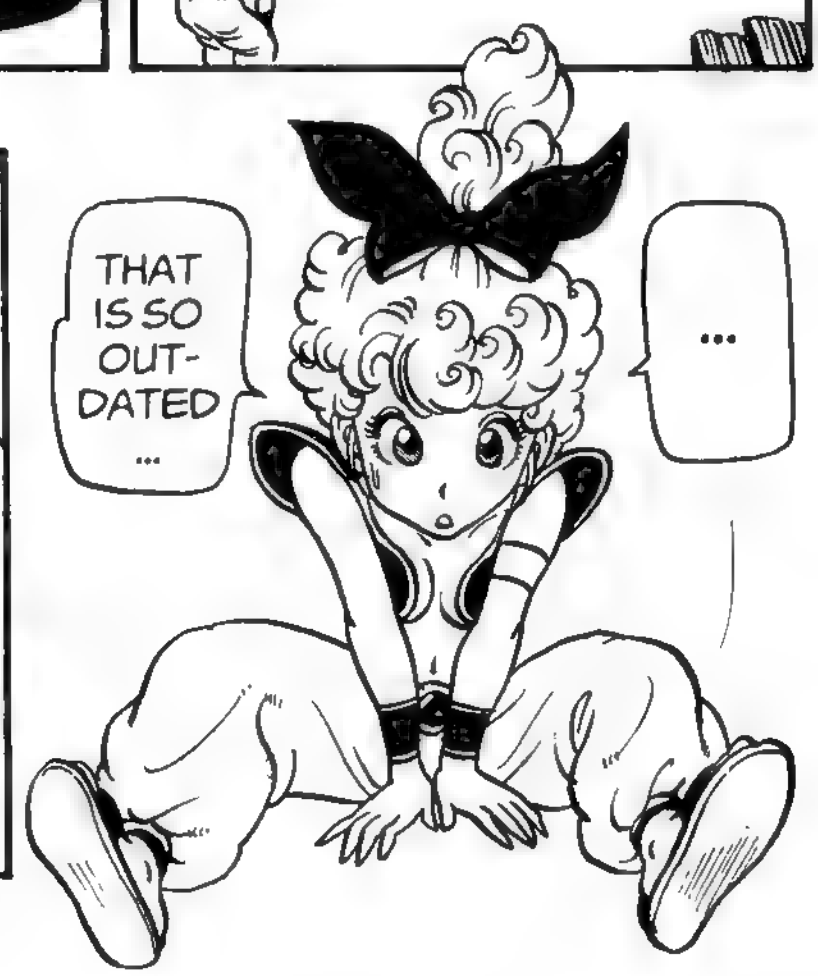

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS ALIENS IN THE REAL WORLD!
AH C'MON NOW!
WHAT ?

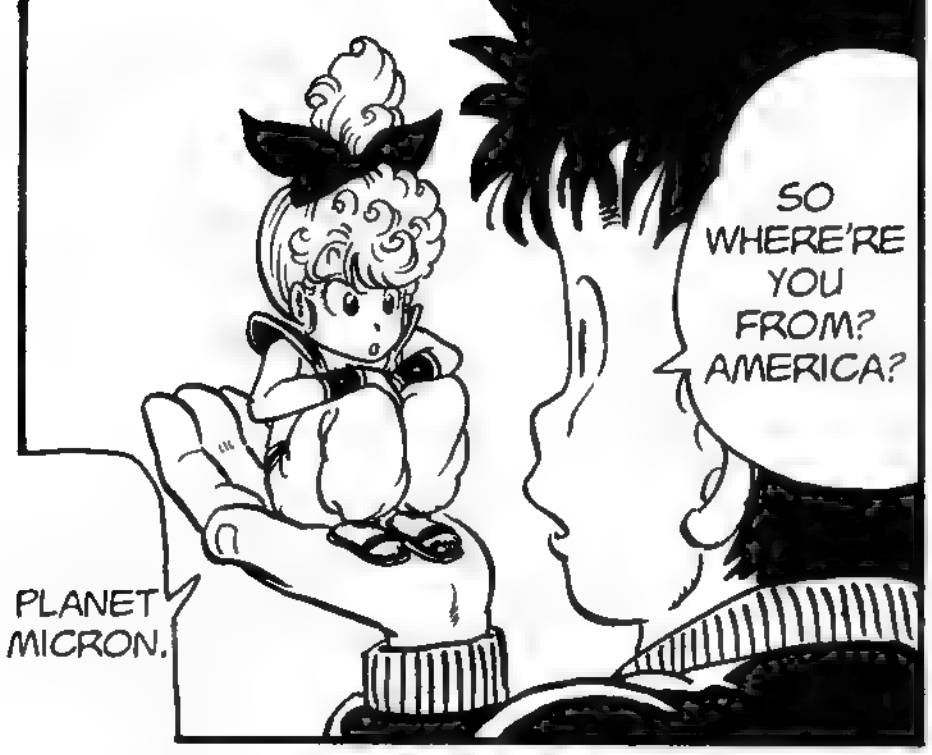

LIKE THIS!
FWUMp

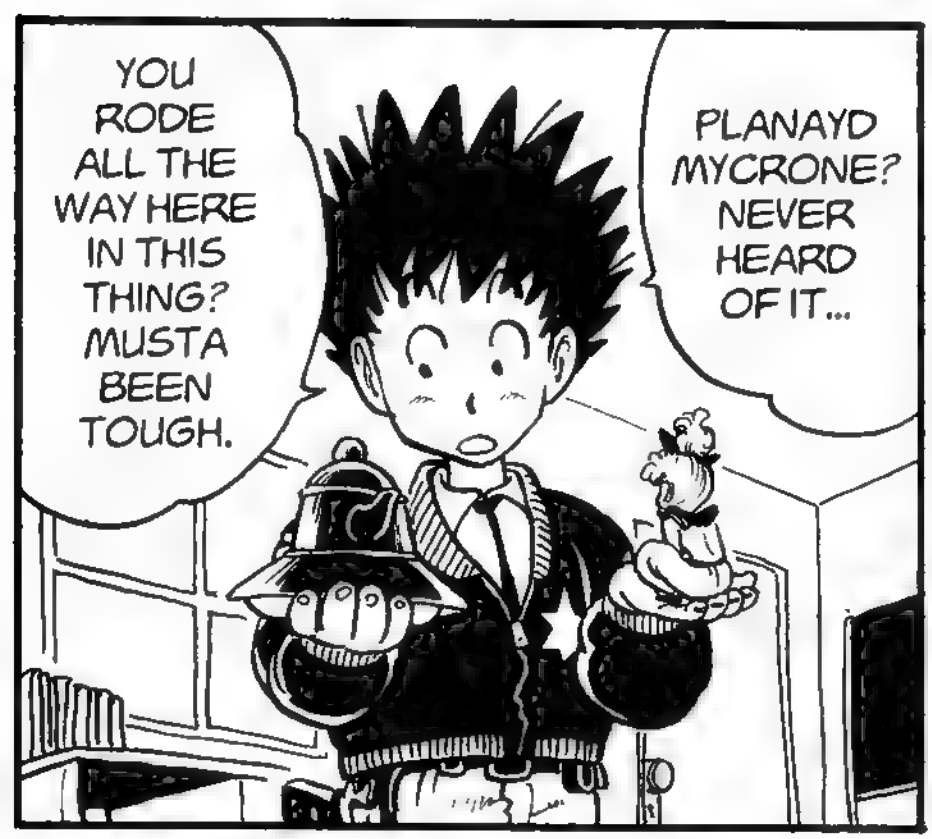
AND ALIENS ARE MORE LIKE...

YOU MUST BE FROM OVERSEAS, RIGHT?!

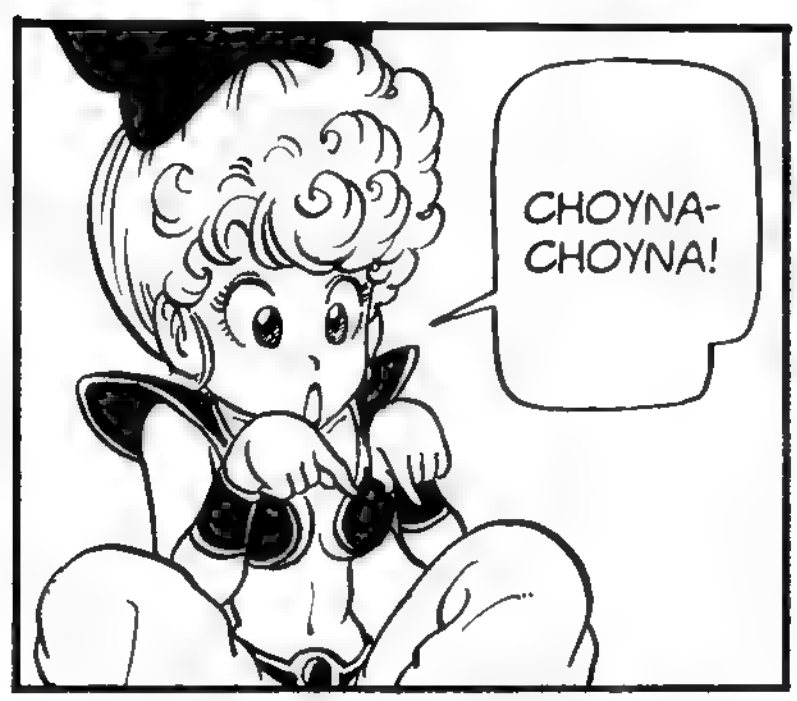
I GOT IT!!

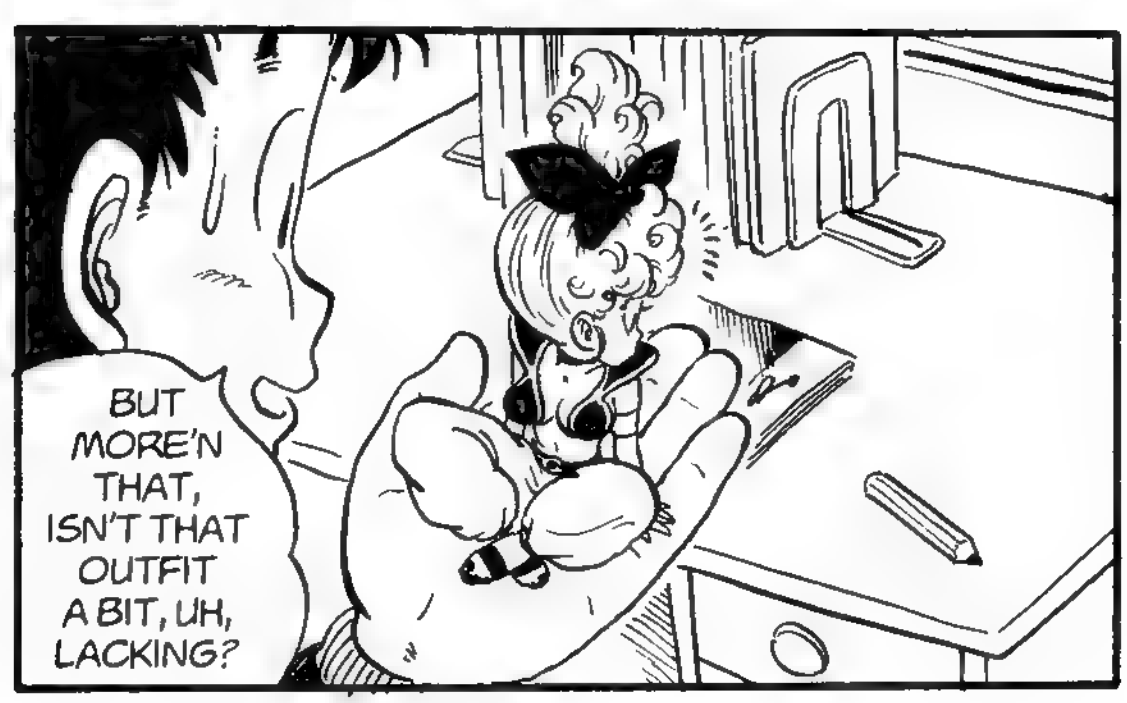

THAT IS SO OUT-DATED ...
...

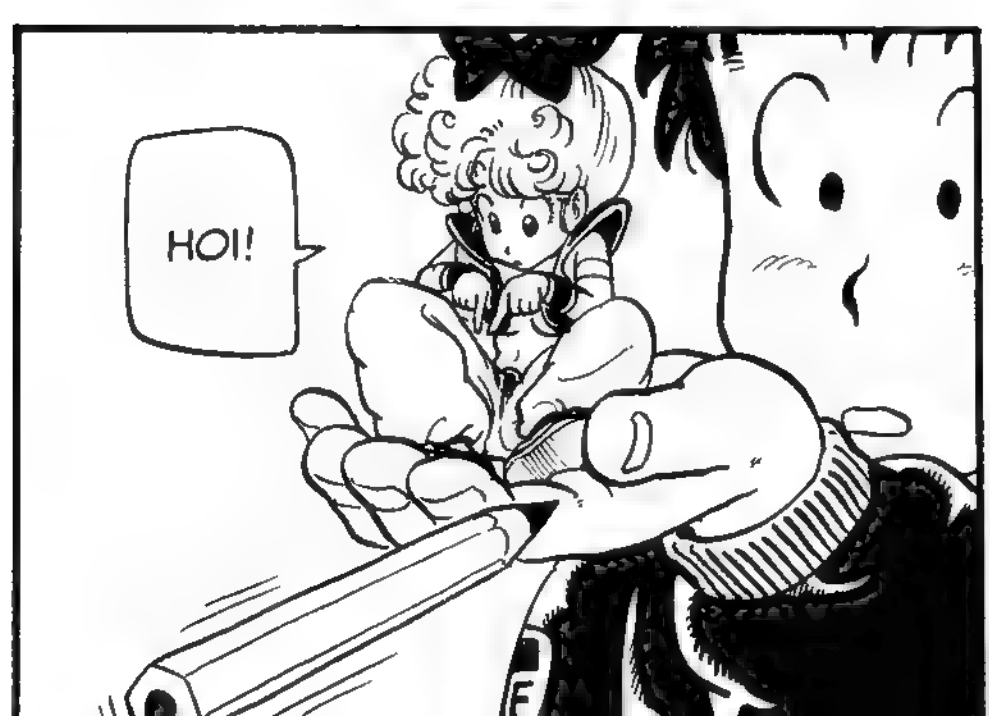

SO WHERE'RE YOU FROM? AMERICA?
PLANET MICRON.


YOU RODE ALL THE WAY HERE IN THIS THING? MUSTA BEEN TOUGH.
PLANAYD MYCRONE? NEVER HEARD OF IT...

...
WOW, I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY MET A FOREIGNER BEFORE...
YOU'RE JUST SO TINY. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
POLICE


CHOYNA-CHOYNA!


BUT MORE'N THAT, ISN'T THAT OUTFIT A BIT, UH, LACKING?


HOI!

PWAAAHN

CHO-CHOY'NO-CHOY!

HOO!

PLOP

ZIP

FWIP

...SHE DOING?!

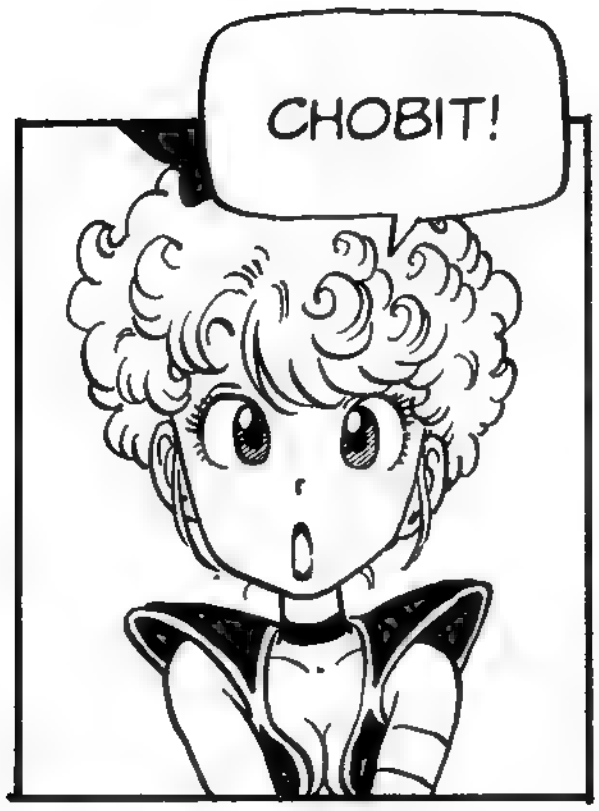
WHAT'S ...

SO, WHAT'S YOUR NAME ANYWAY?

YOU'RE SOME-THIN' ELSE!! I DIDN'T KNOW FOR-EIGNERS COULD USE WITCH-CRAFT!!

SCREEECH!

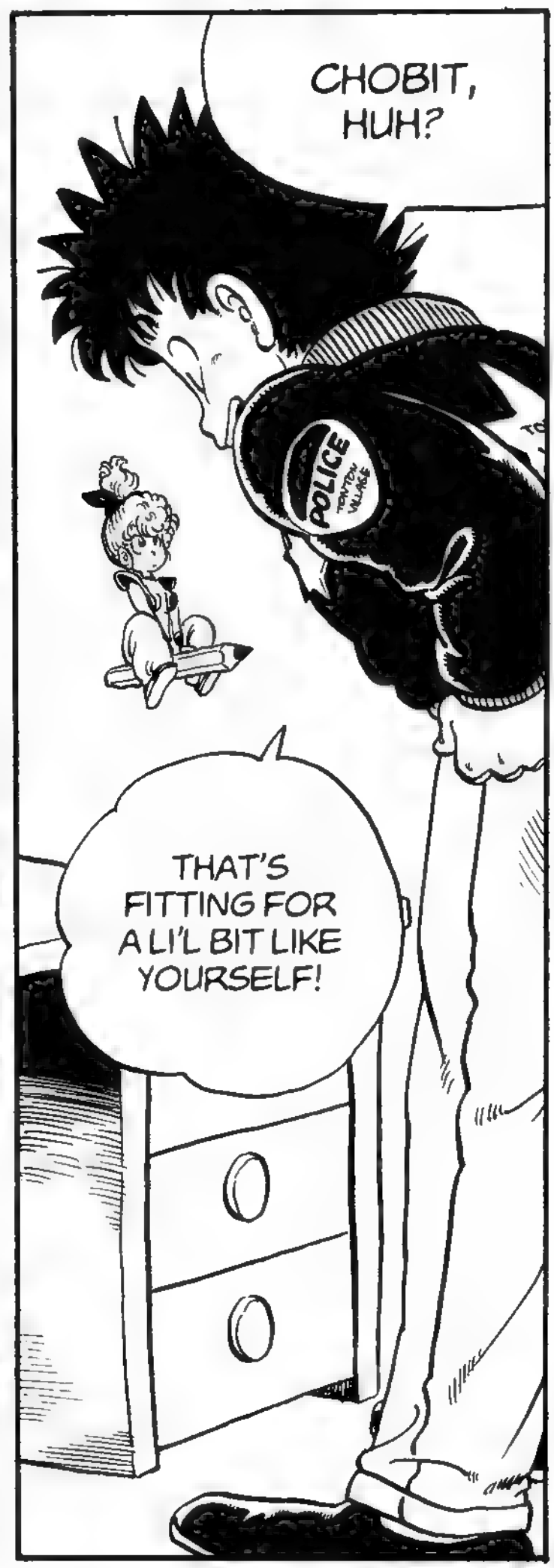
WHOA THERE!!


CHOBIT!

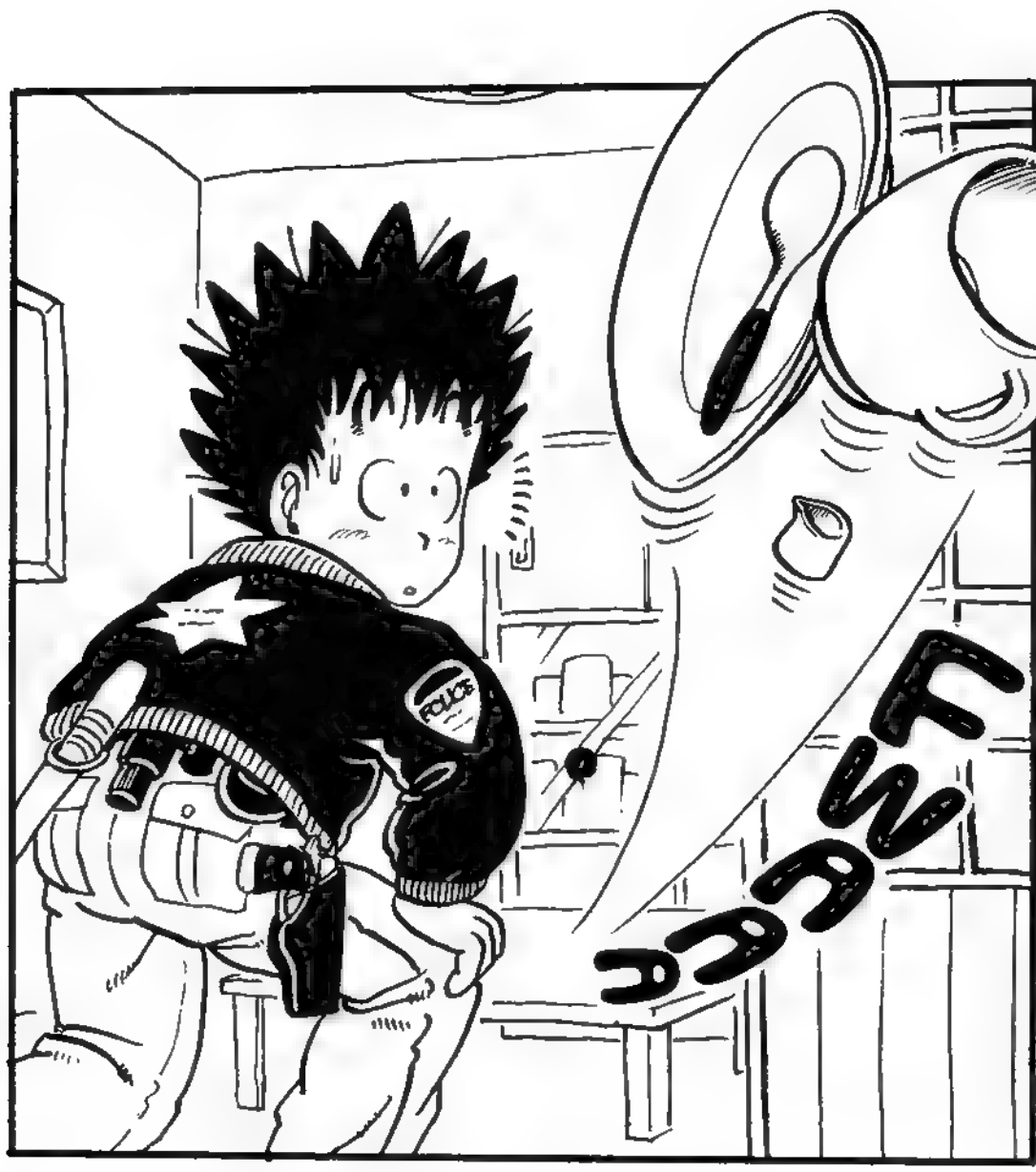
SO WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Y'MEAN ME?
I'M MUGIFUMI! MUGIFUMI YAMANO!!

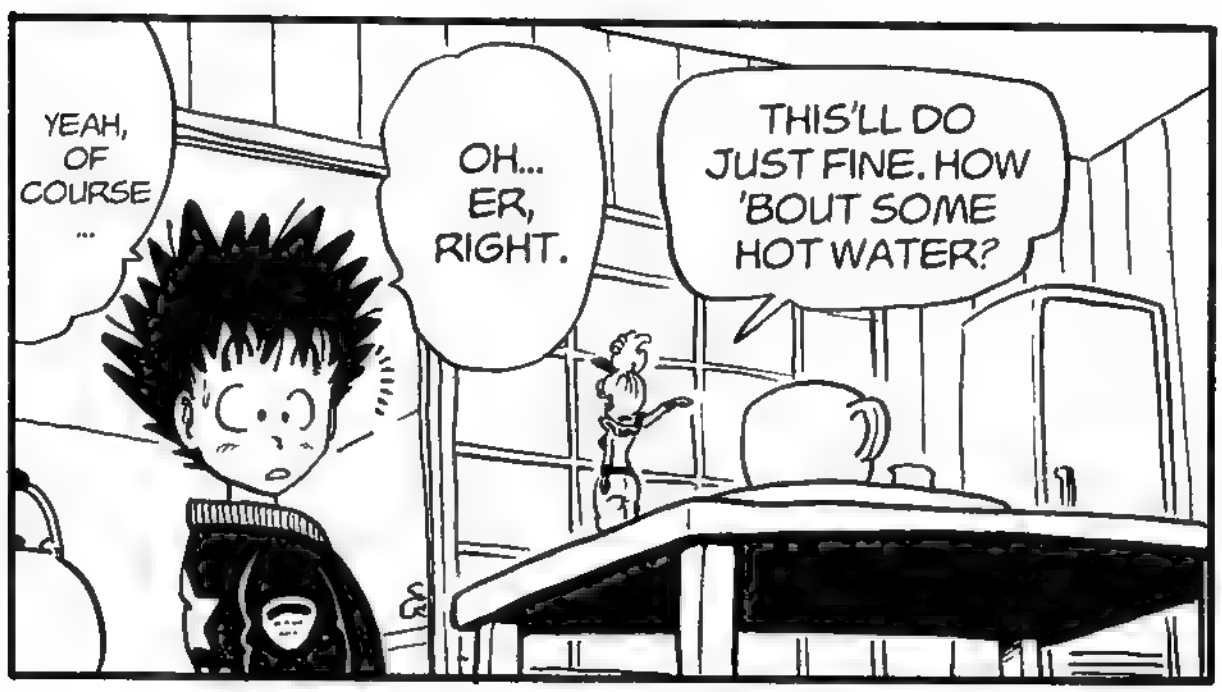
I WANNA TAKE A BATH!
SAY WHAT?!
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD TAKE ONE WHILE TRAVELING.


CHOBIT, HUH?
POLICE
THAT'S FITTING FOR A LI'L BIT LIKE YOURSELF!

WAIT HERE, I'LL GO DRAW IT FOR YOU.
OH, RIGHT, A BATH!


POLICE
SMACK

CHOYNA CHOYNA!


YEAH, OF COURSE ...
OH... ER, RIGHT.
THIS'LL DO JUST FINE. HOW 'BOUT SOME HOT WATER?

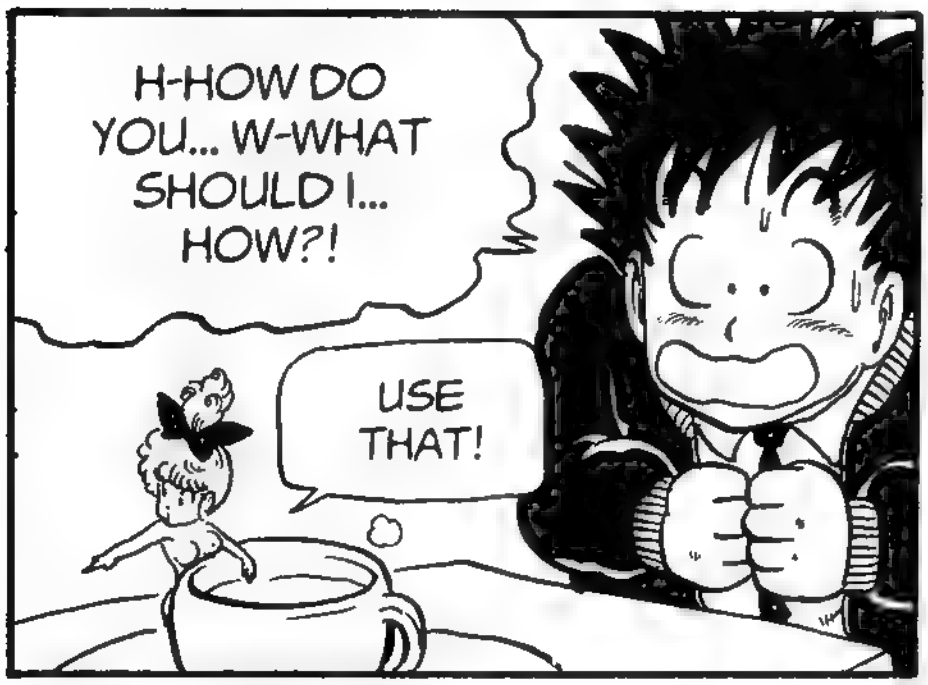
TINK
CLINK

POLICE
TON TON VILLAGE
WIGGLE

IT'S A BIT TEPID, BUT IT SHOULD DO...
SLOSH SLOSH

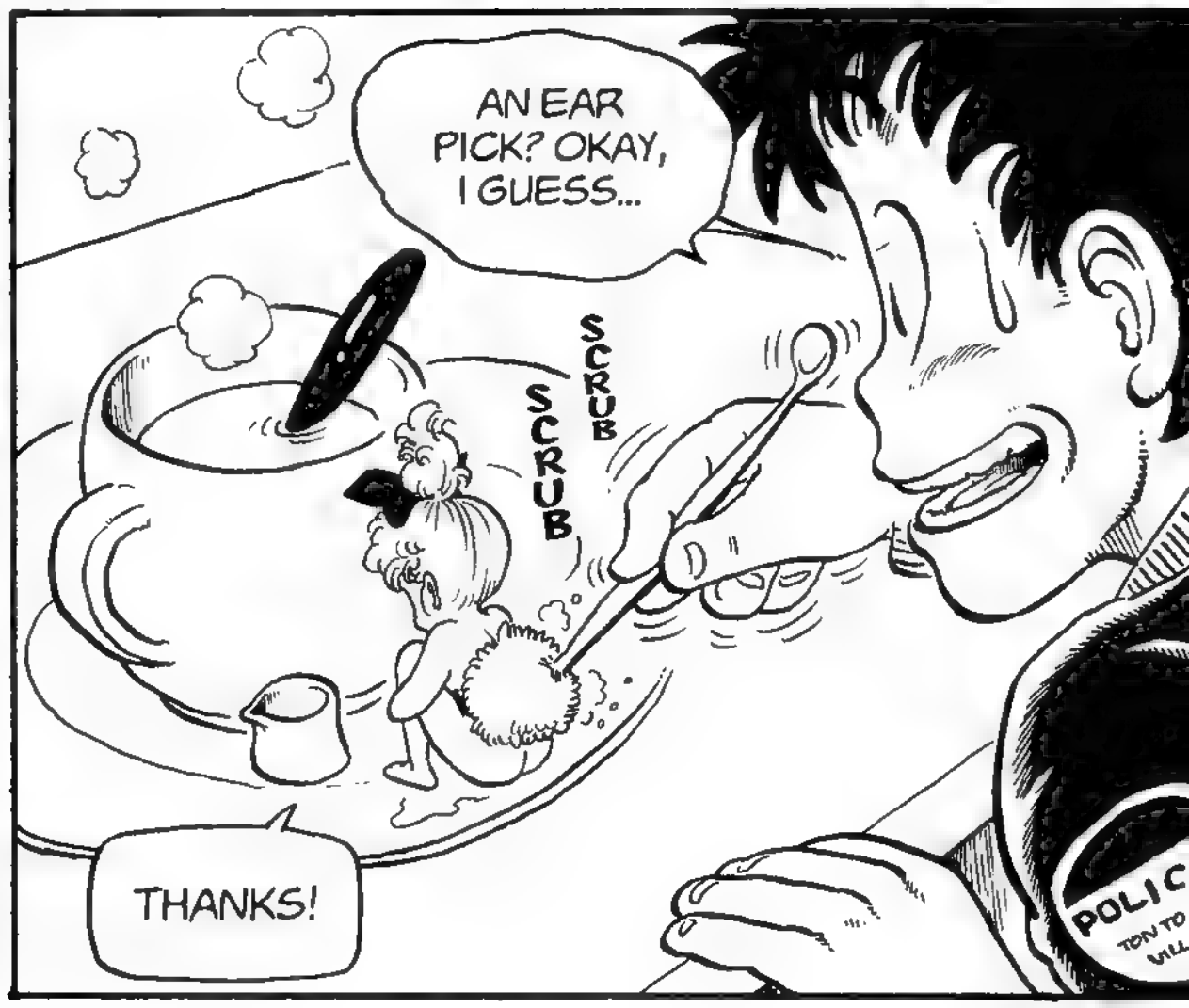
HAVE ANY SOAP?
YES !!
TON TON VILLAGE

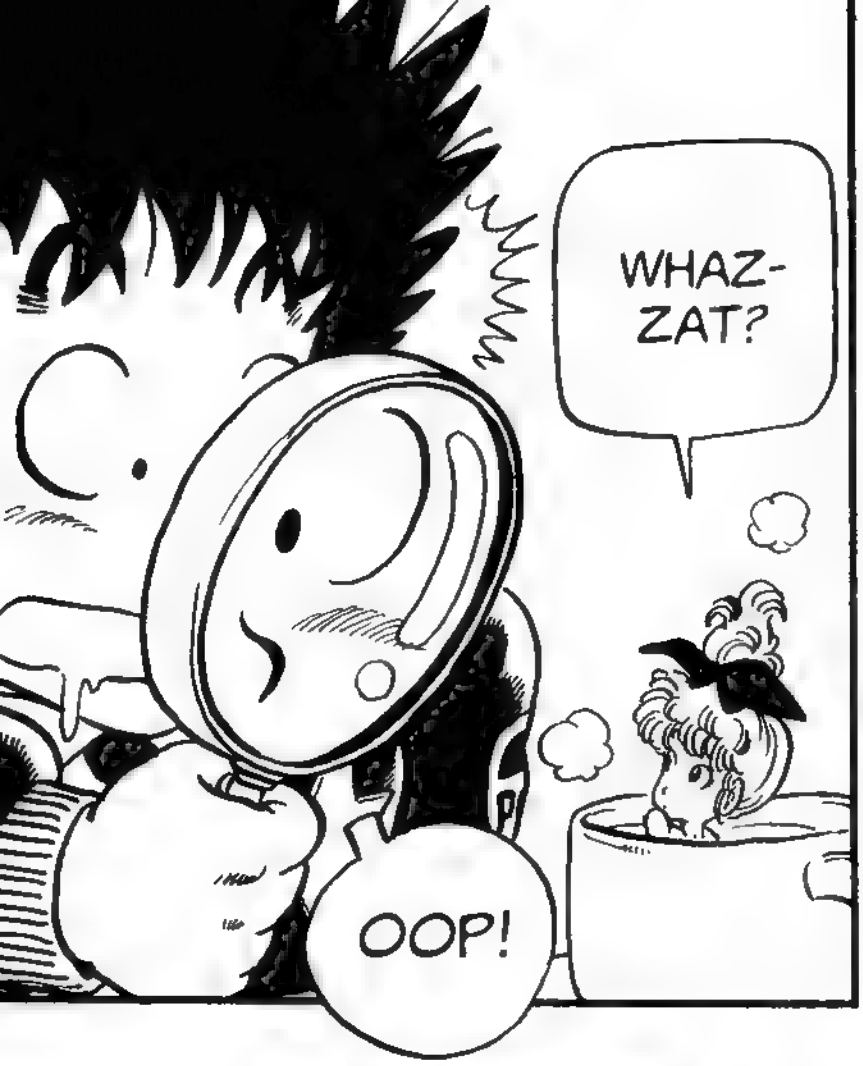
WHEW...

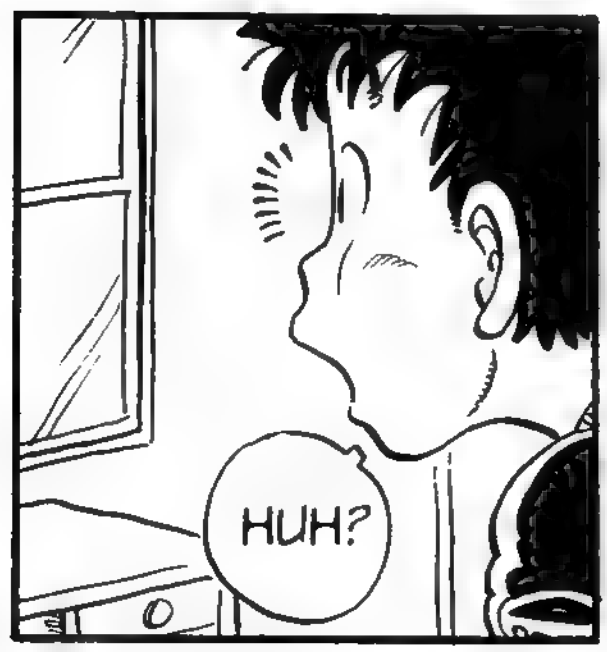

H-HOW DO YOU... W-WHAT SHOULD I... HOW?!
USE THAT!

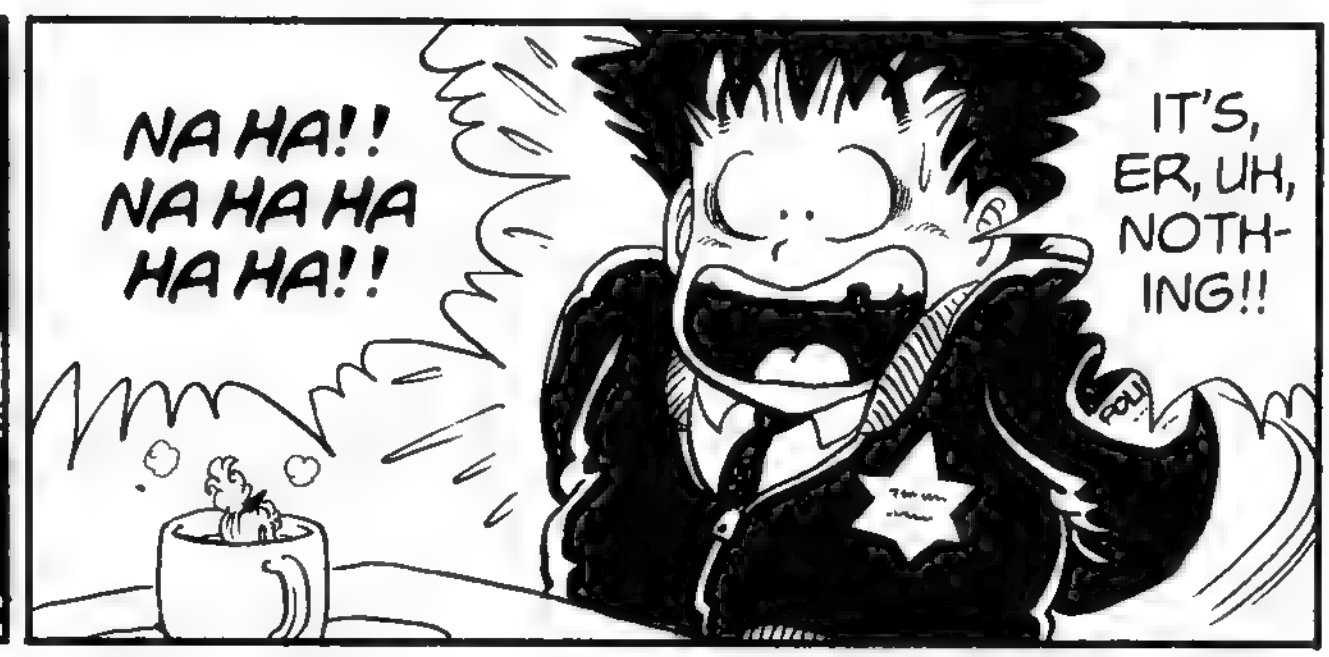
WHILE YOU'RE HERE, WASH MY BACK TOO!
HUH ?!

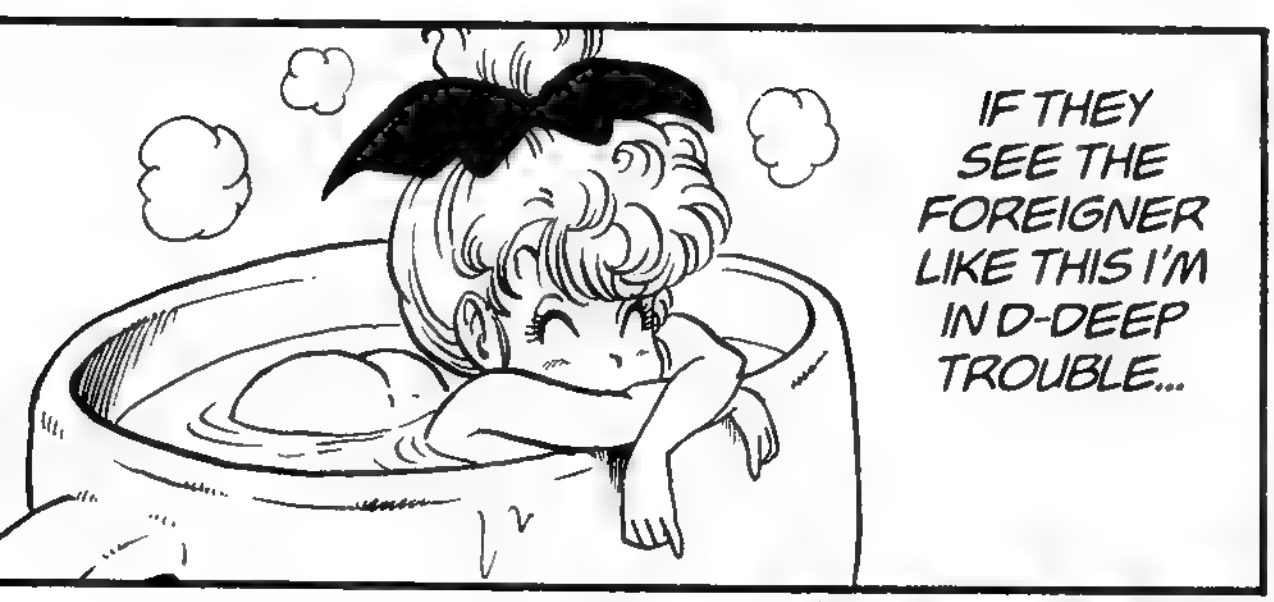
SPLASH

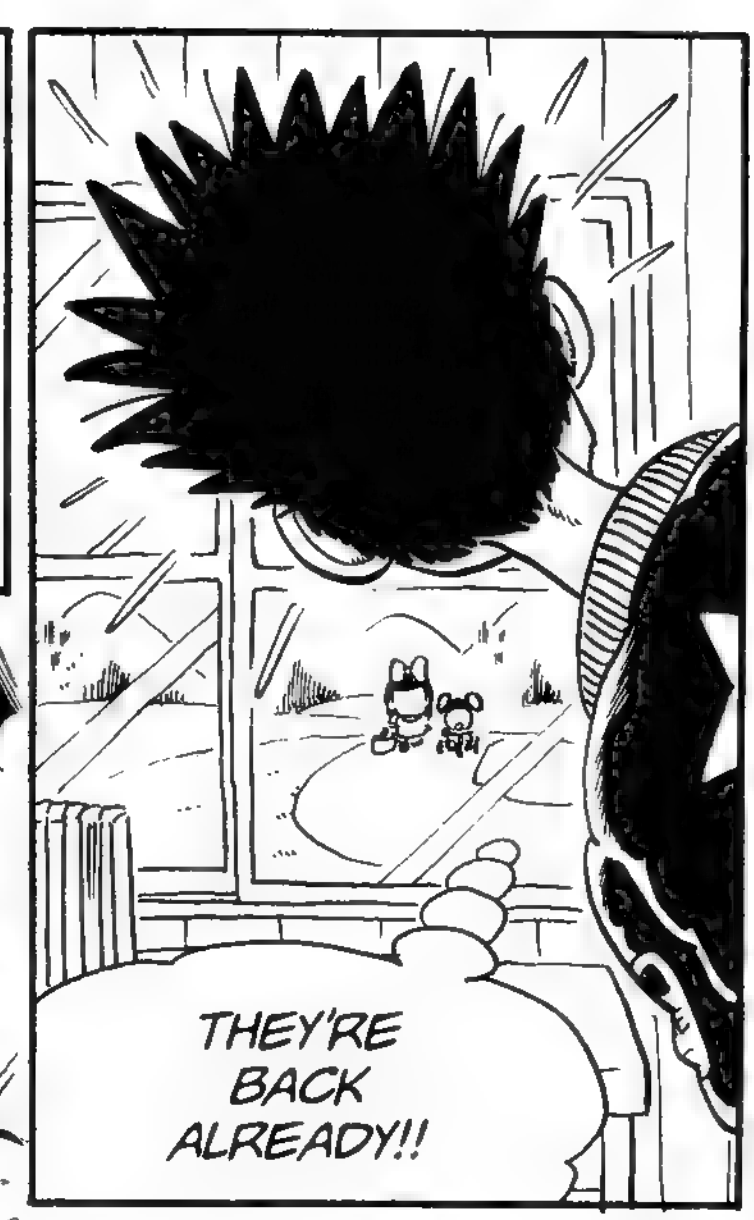

AN EAR PICK? OKAY, I GUESS...
SCRUB
SCRUB
THANKS!

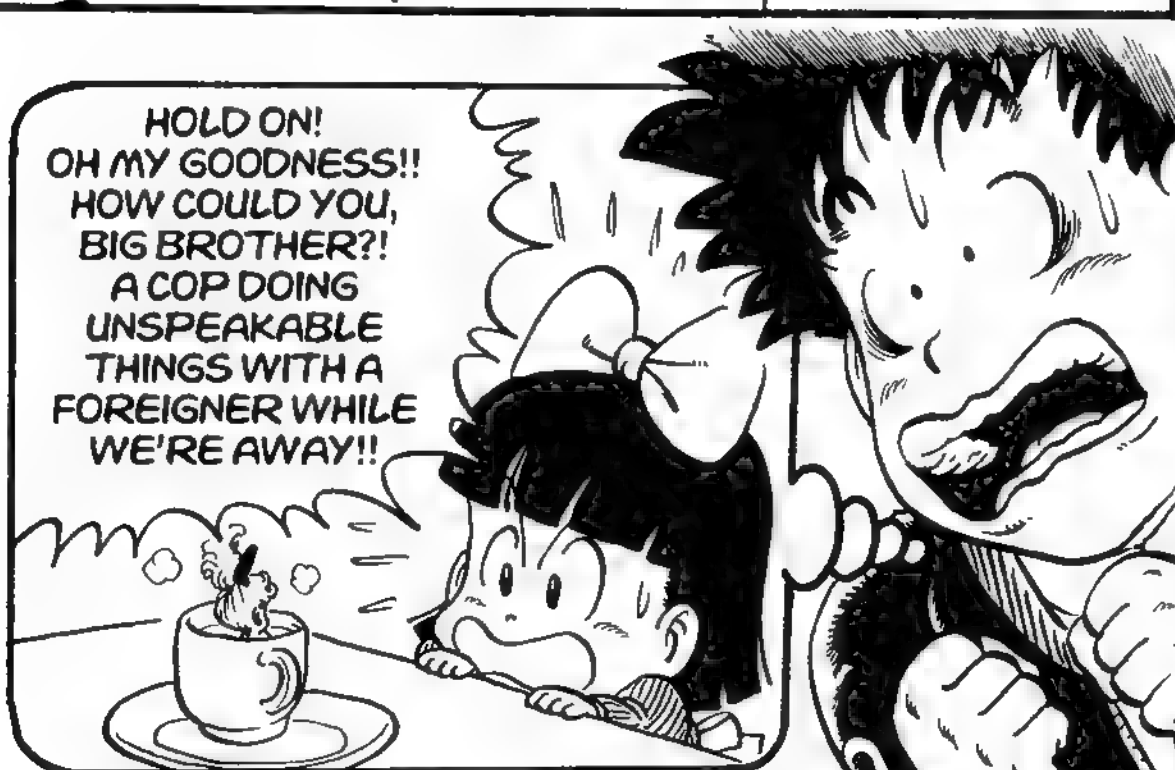

WHAZ-ZAT?
OOP!

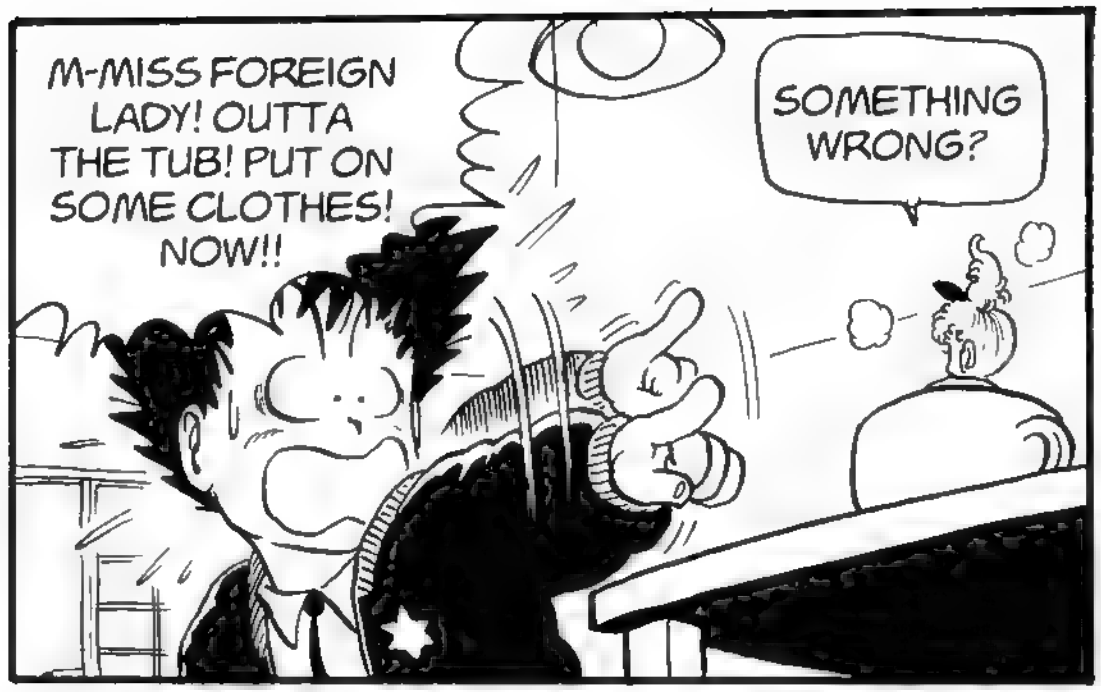

HUH?


NA HA!! NA HA HA HA HA!!
IT'S, ER, UH, NOTH-ING!!

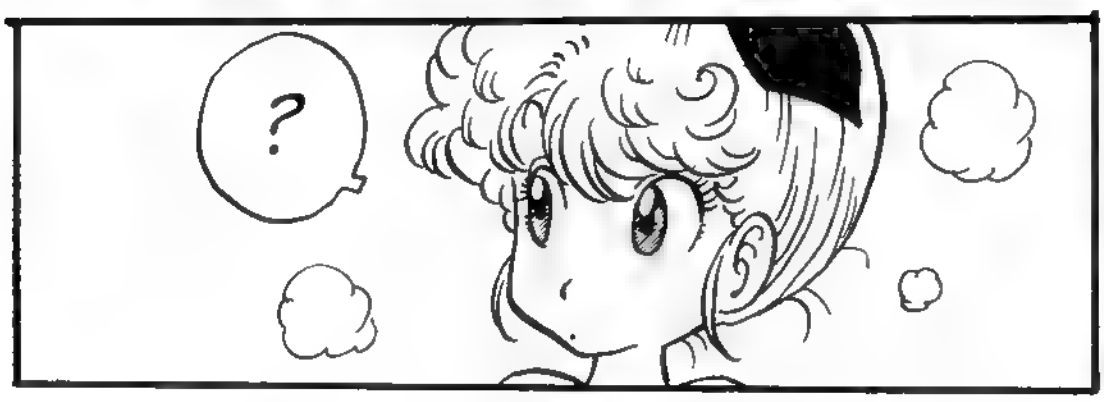

IF THEY SEE THE FOREIGNER LIKE THIS I'M IN D-DEEP TROUBLE...


THEY'RE BACK ALREADY!!


HOLD ON! OH MY GOODNESS!! HOW COULD YOU, BIG BROTHER?! A COP DOING UNSPEAKABLE THINGS WITH A FOREIGNER WHILE WE'RE AWAY!!


M-MISS FOREIGN LADY! OUTTA THE TUB! PUT ON SOME CLOTHES! NOW!!
SOMETHING WRONG?

I REALLY STEPPED IN IT THIS TIME!!
THIS IS BAD!!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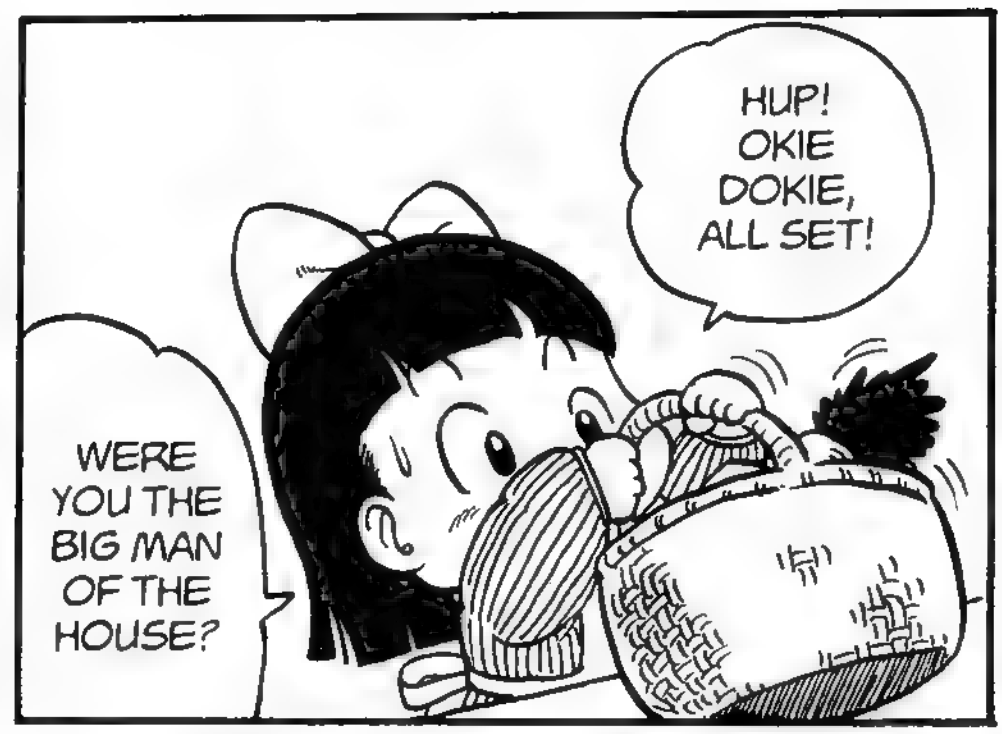
SHE'LL NEVER MAKE IT IN TIME!!
OH NO! NOT GOOD!!
'KAY... NICE'N EASY.

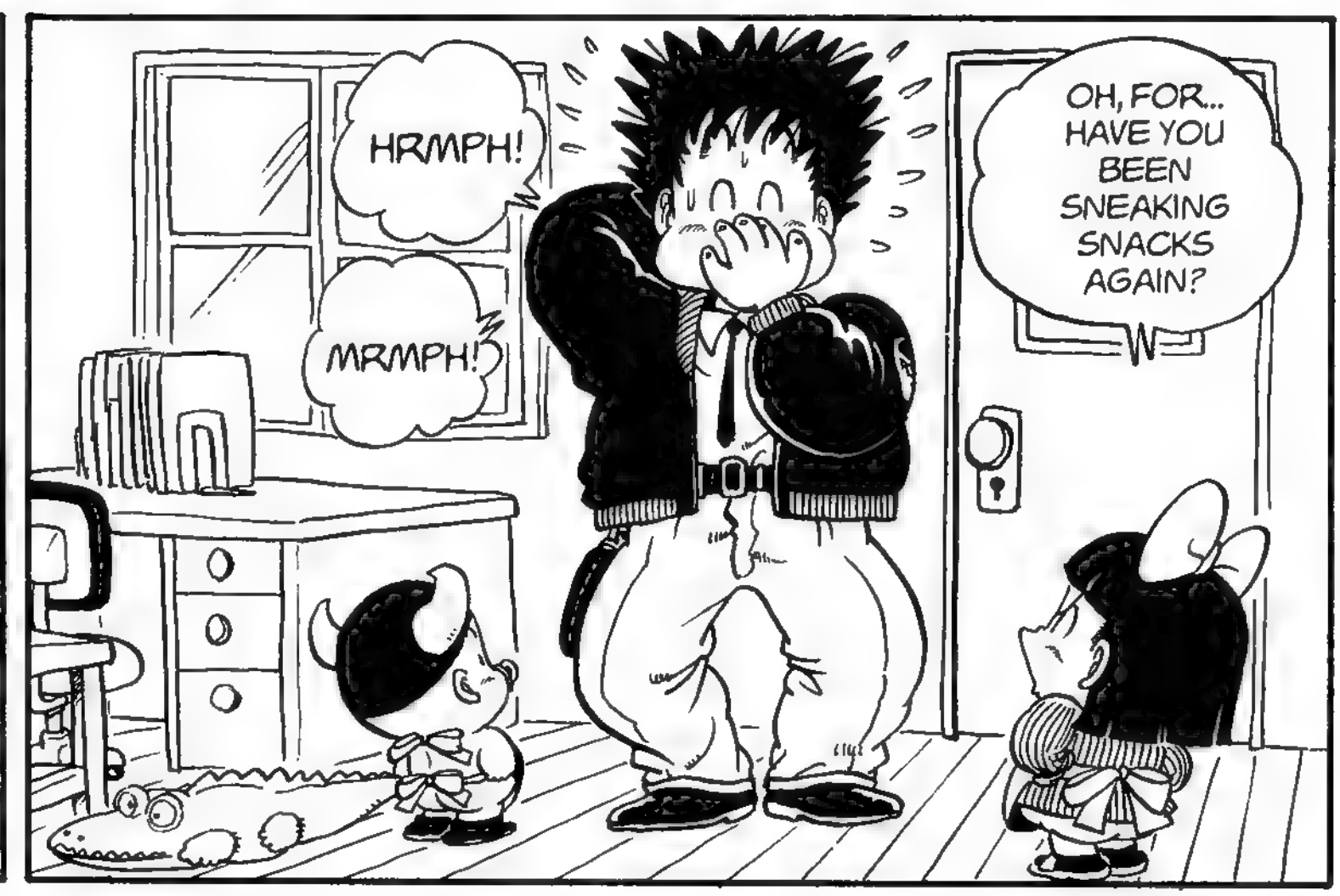
WE'RE BAAACK!

CHOMP
SO SORRY, MISS!!
EEK !!

NOD
NOD
NOD
MM-HM!
MM-HM!
POLICE


HUP! OKIE DOKIE, ALL SET!
WERE YOU THE BIG MAN OF THE HOUSE?

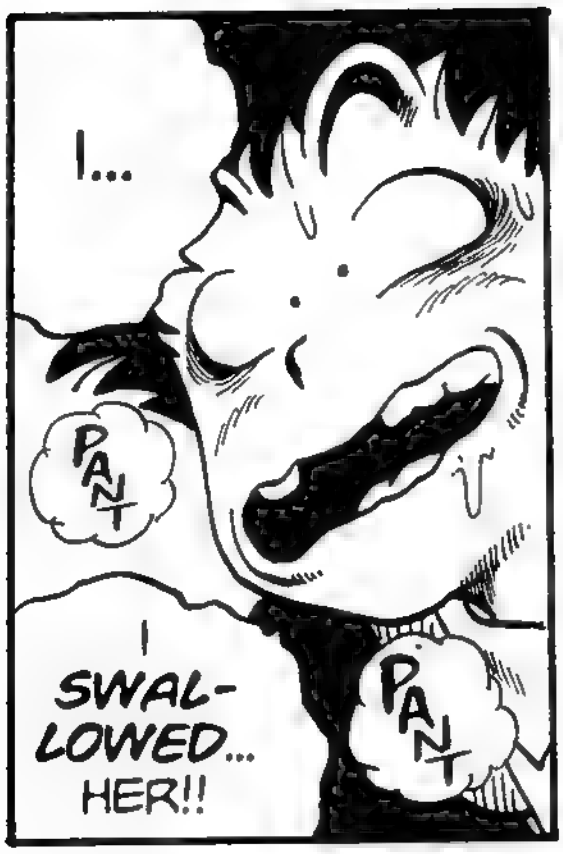
GOOO!

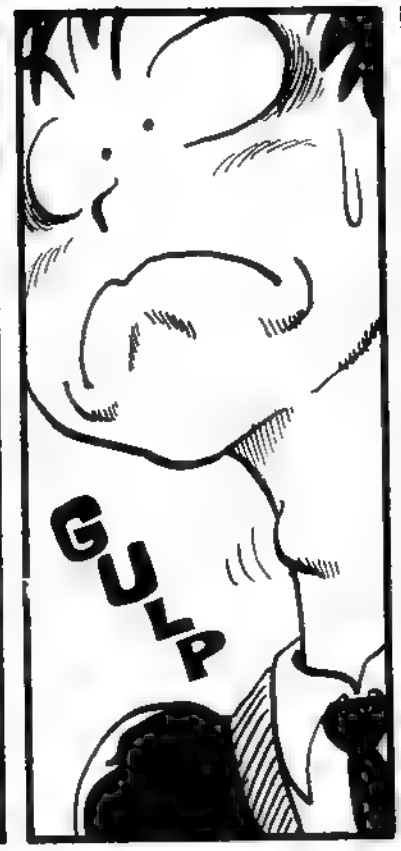

HRMPH!
MRMPH!
OH, FOR... HAVE YOU BEEN SNEAKING SNACKS AGAIN?

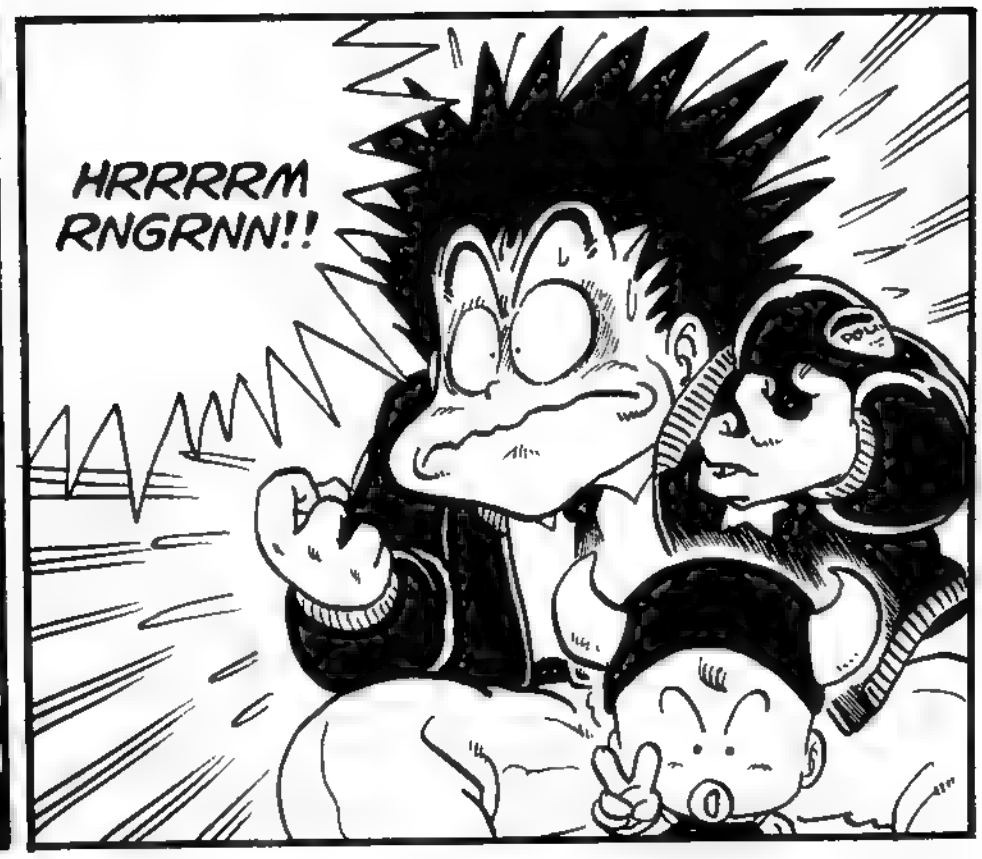
BANG

HRMM?

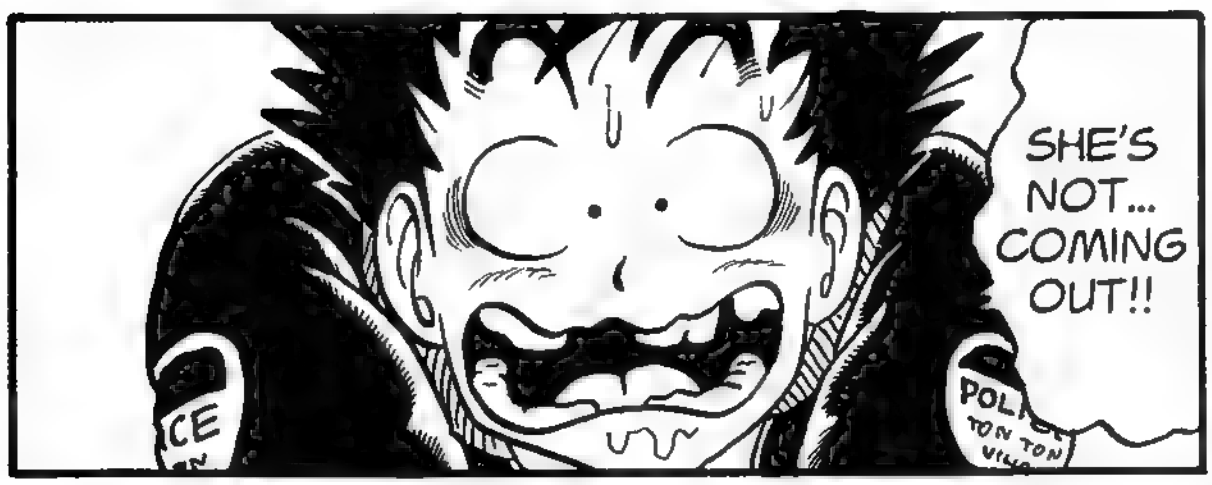
POKE
POKE


I...
PANT
I SWAL-LOWED... HER!!
PANT


GULP


HRRRRM RNGRNN!!

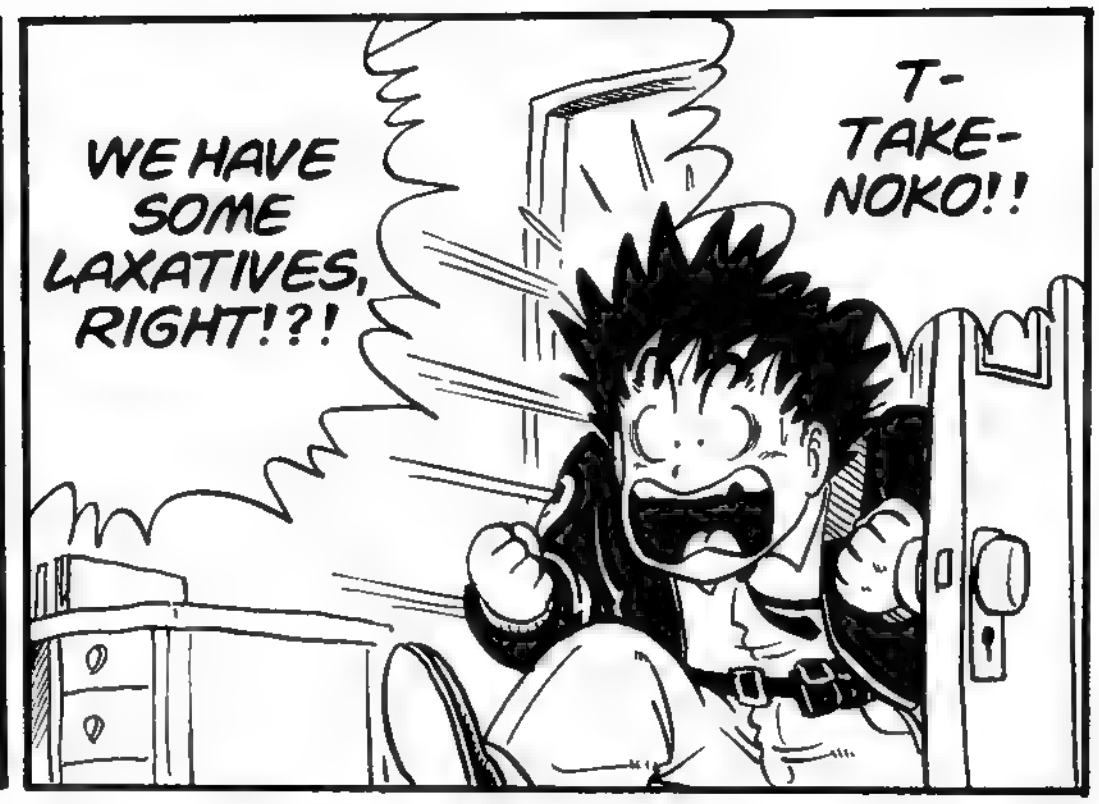
GWAAA!! NOT GOOD!! NOT GOOD!!
VROOOM
LOOKING AT LOVE AND DEATH


SHE'S NOT... COMING OUT!!

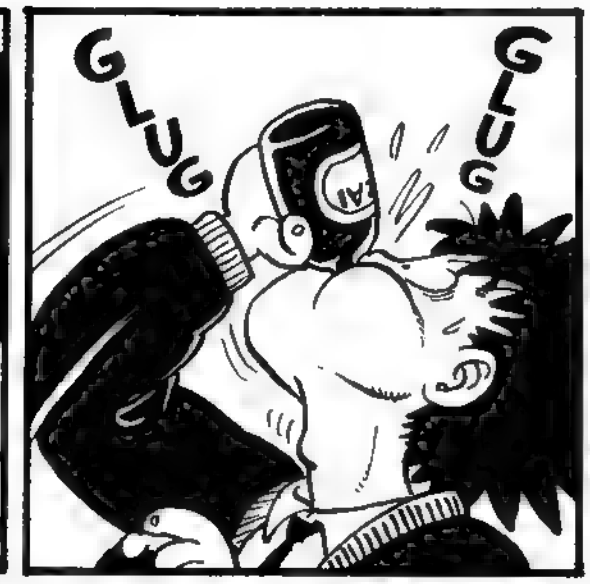
HURRRP HRGURP BLAARGH
OLICE

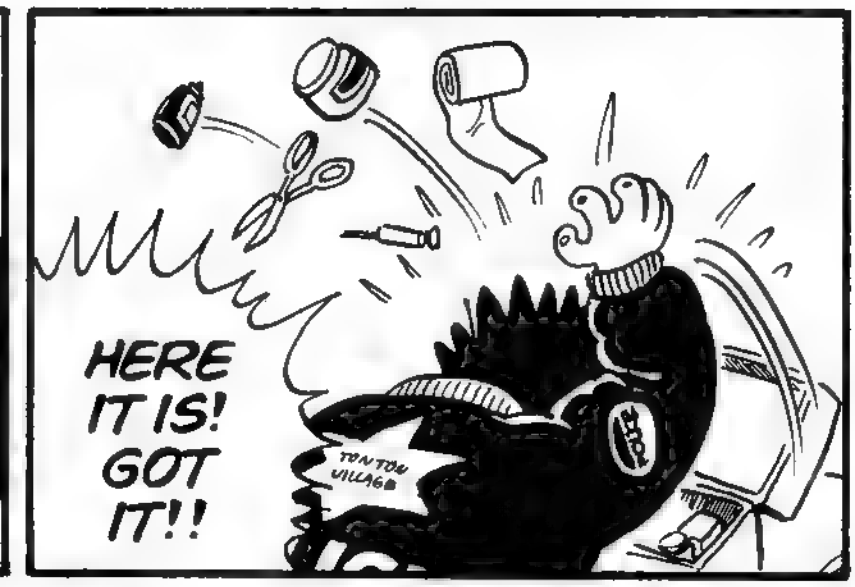
ONTON VILLAGE COP MURDERS FOREIGNER BY SWALLOWING HER!!
NOMURA TIMES
MUGIFUMI YAMANO (21)
MS. CHOBIT

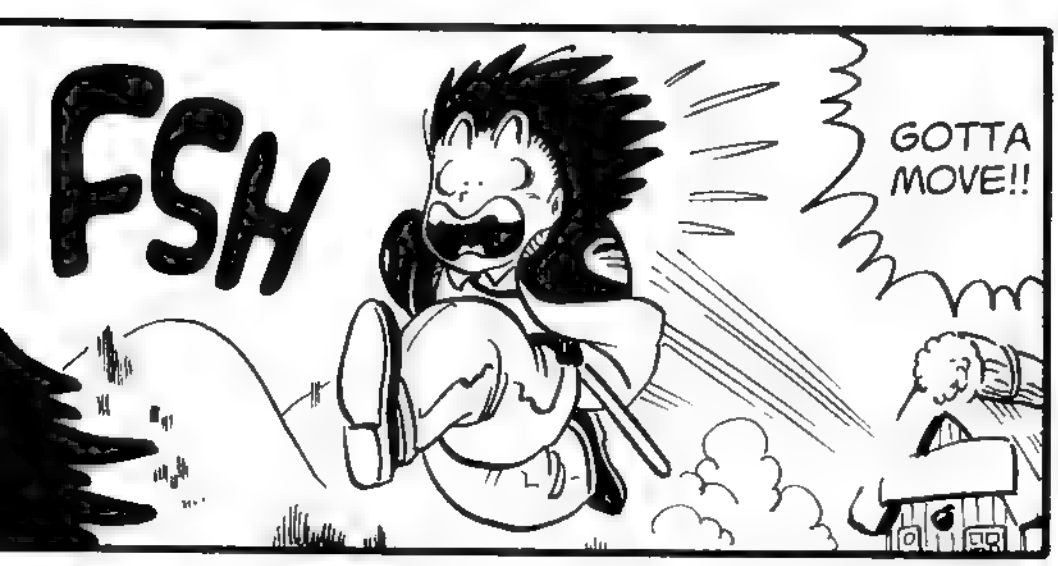
YEAH, THERE'RE SOME IN THE MEDICINE BOX...
LAXA-TIVES?
WHAT DO YOU NEED 'EM FOR?


WE HAVE SOME LAXATIVES, RIGHT!?!
T-TAKE-NOKO!!

HERE WE...!!


GLUG
GLUG


HERE IT IS! GOT IT!!
TON TON VILLAGE

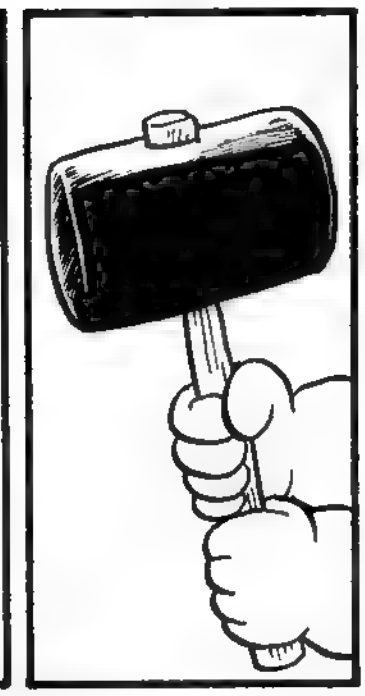

FSH
GOTTA MOVE!!

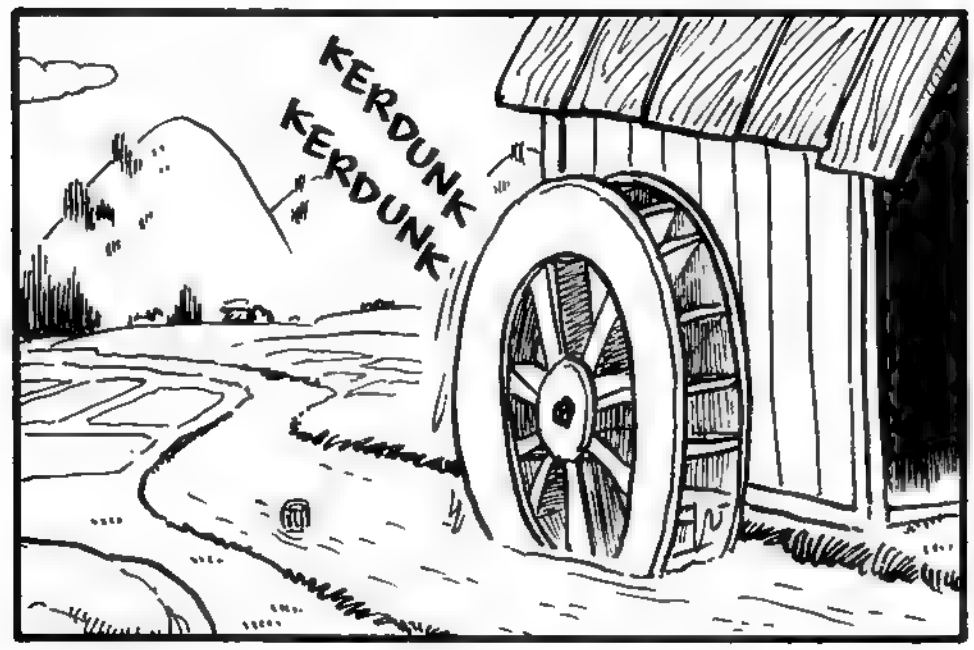
RUMBL
RUMBL
RUMBL
POLICE
GOOOO-RRGH!!

?
THE HECK IS HE UP TO...?!

...
BFRP FWEEEEP
SPRTPRTPRTPRT
FWEEEEP FART
FWOOSH

WHAM
WHAM
SMASH
CLANK

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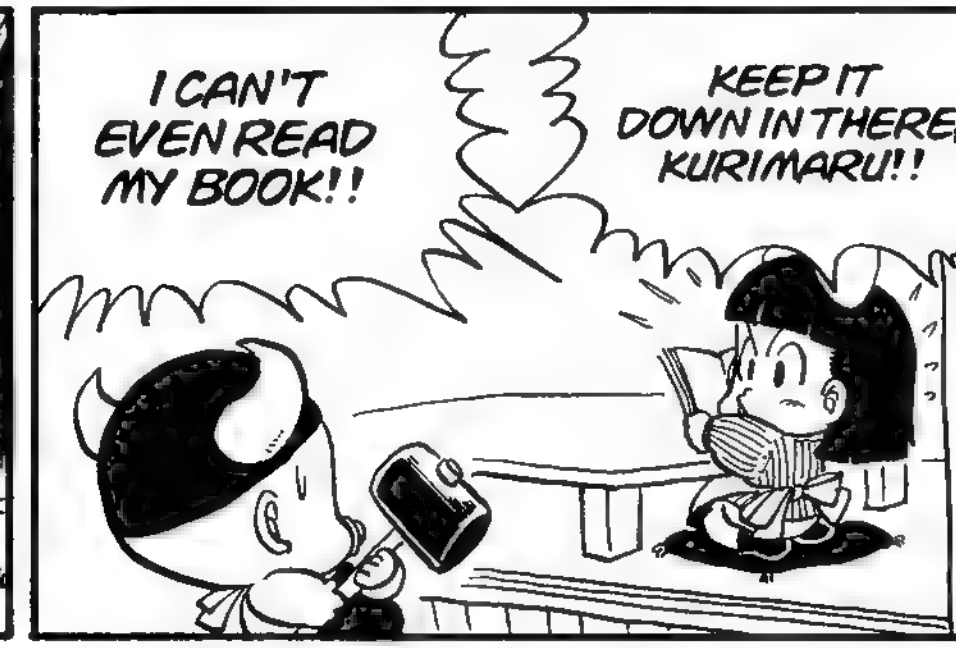
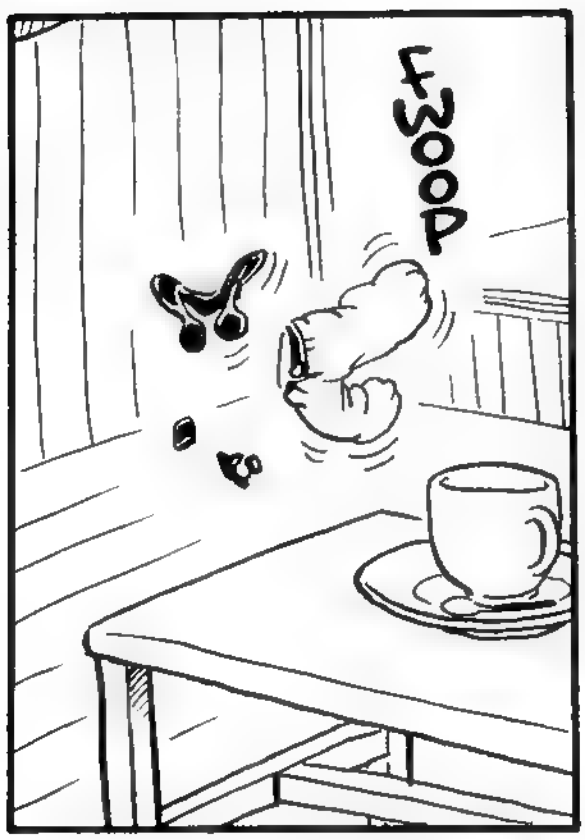
KERDUNK

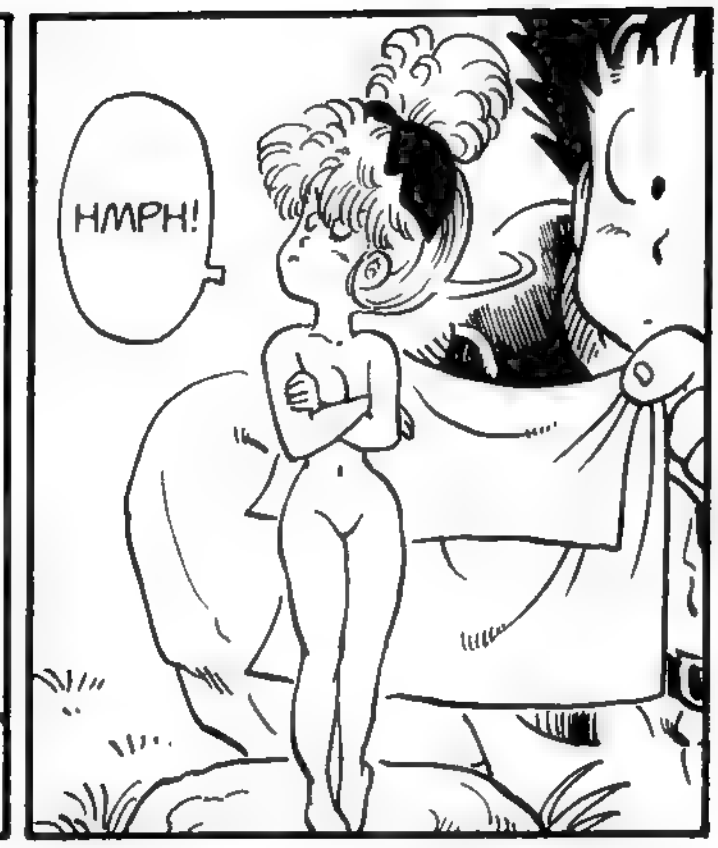

I CAN'T EVEN READ MY BOOK!!
KEEP IT DOWN IN THERE, KURIMARU!!

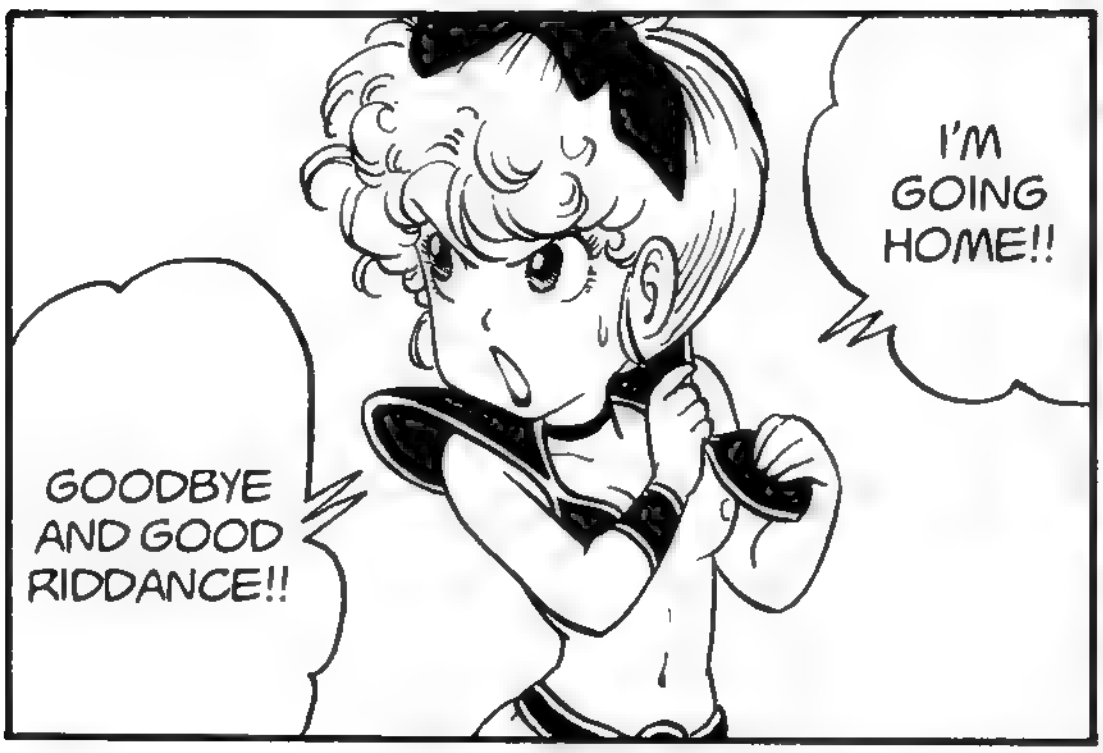
PHEW...
C'MON, I'M SORRY... LOOK, I WASHED YOU UP ALL NICE AND CLEAN...
HERE YOU GO.

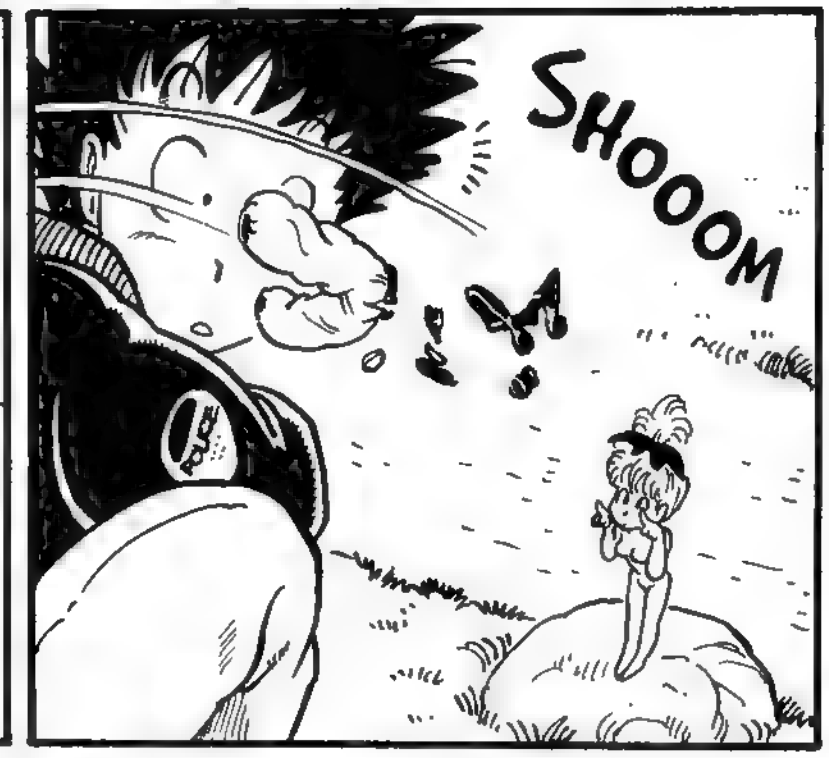
YOU JERK !!
I'VE HAD IT!!


FWOOP

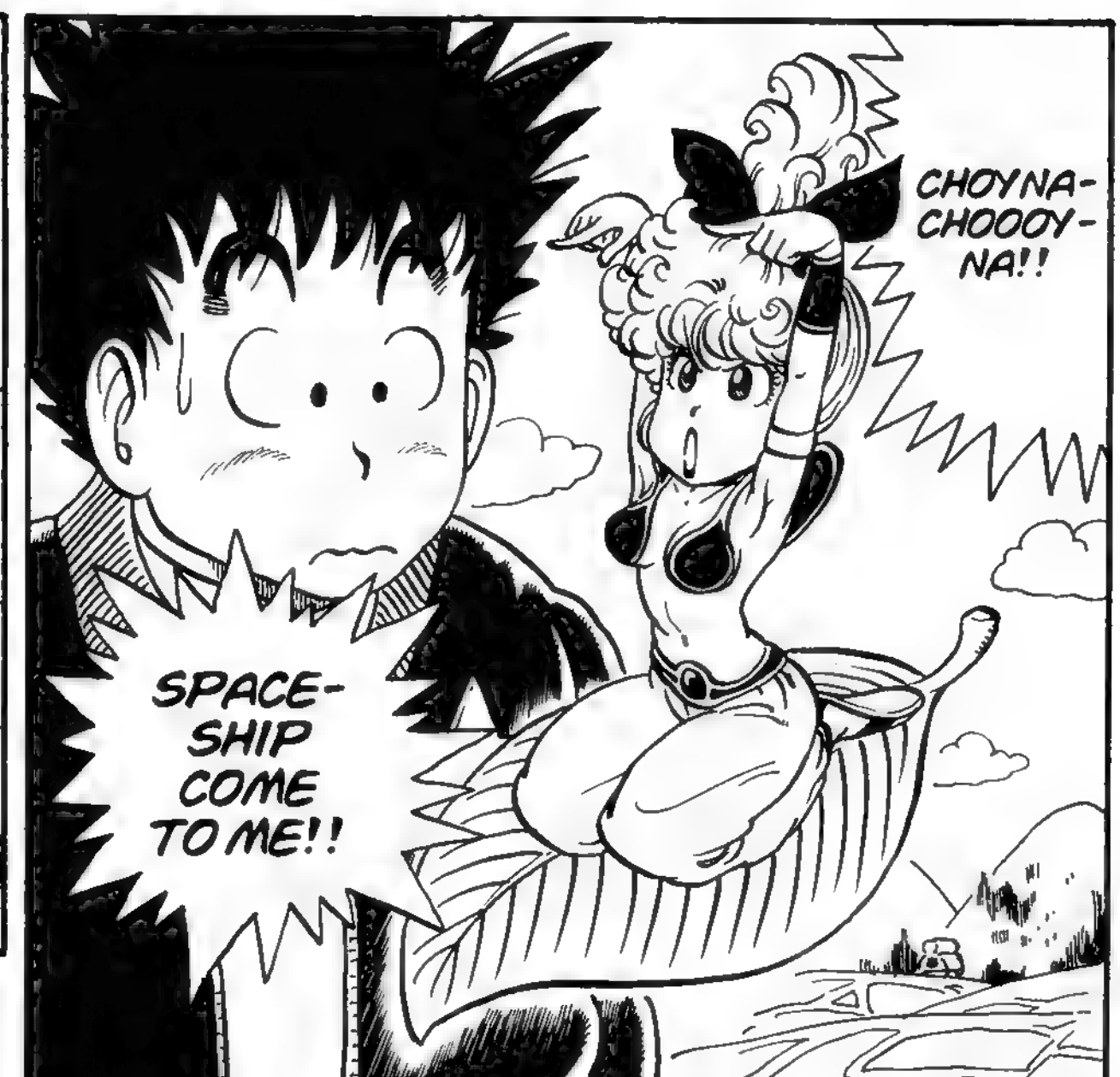
CHOYNA-CHOYNA!!
CLOTHES COME TO ME!

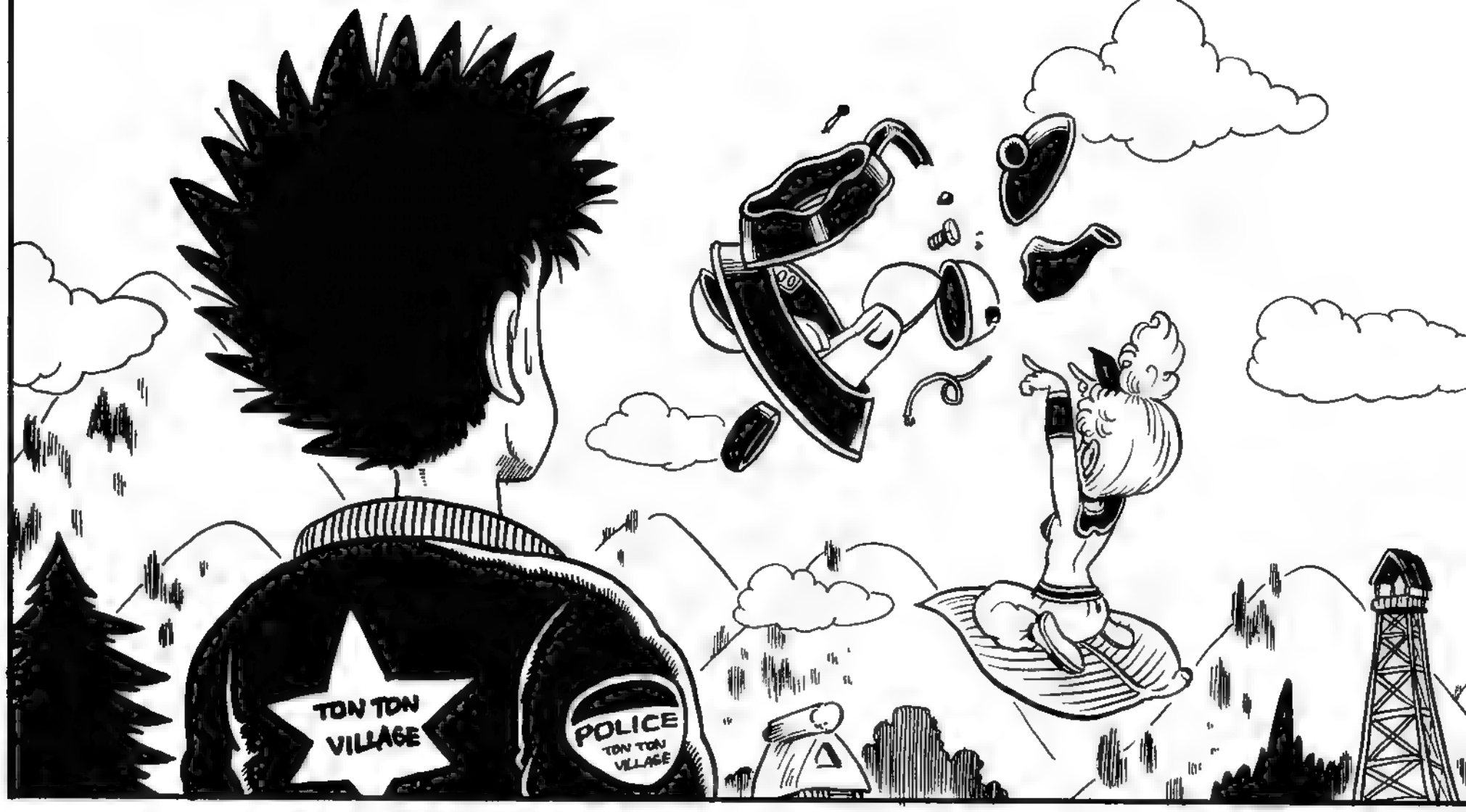

HMPH!

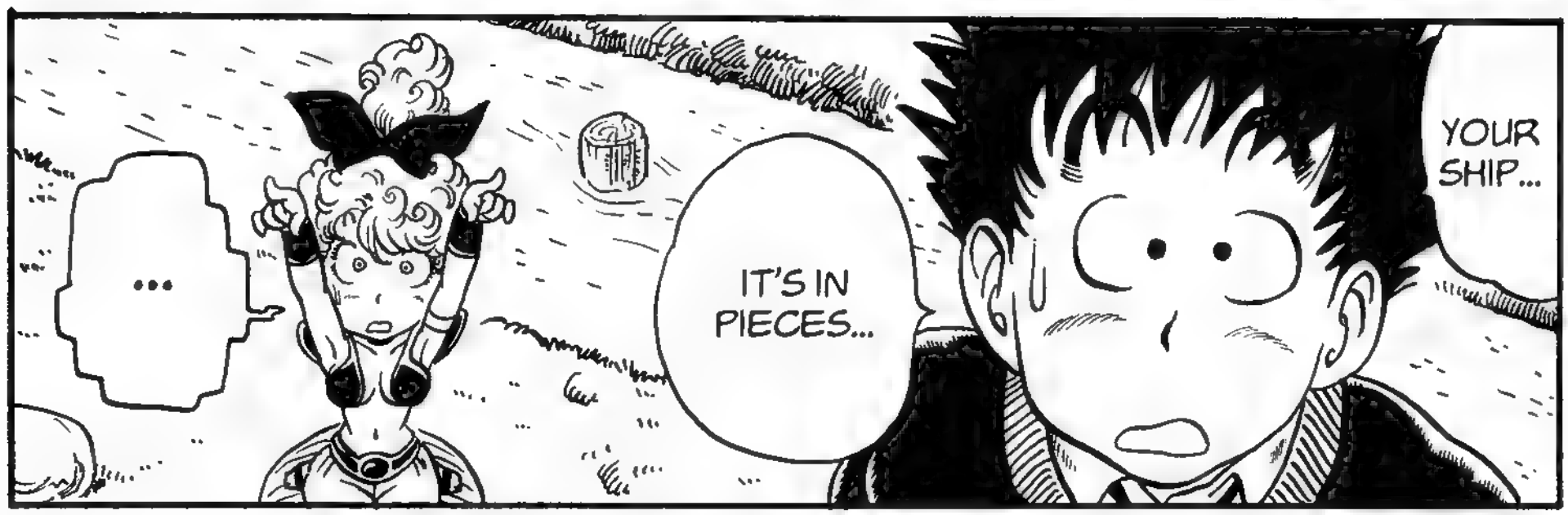

I'M GOING HOME!!
GOODBYE AND GOOD RIDDANCE!!

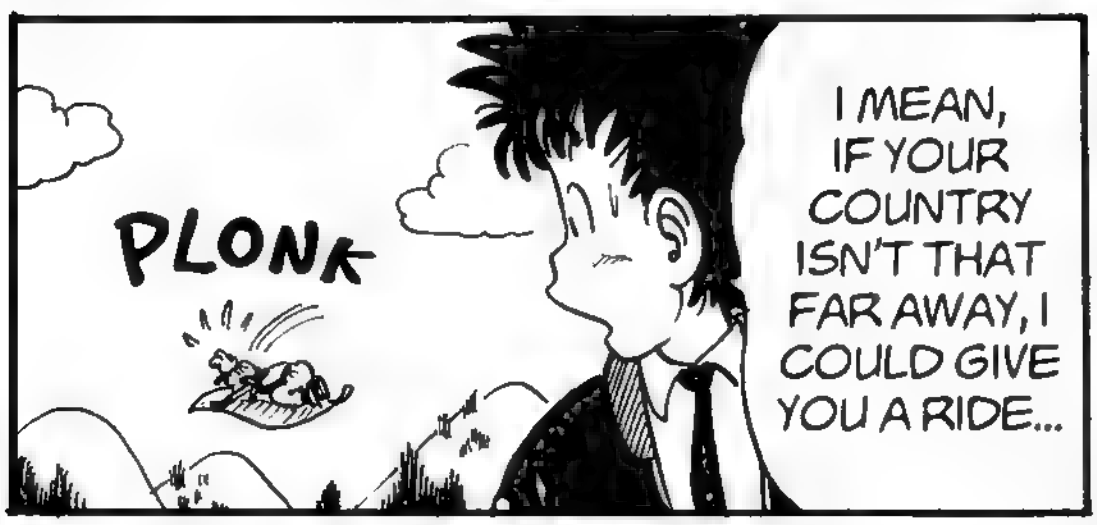

SHOOOM

NOT LIKE I GET TO MEET MANY YOUNG LADIES...
I WISH THIS COULD'VE GONE BETTER...


CHOYNA-CHOOOY-NA!!
SPACE-SHIP COME TO ME!!


TON TON VILLAGE
POLICE
TON TON VILLAGE


...
IT'S IN PIECES...
YOUR SHIP...

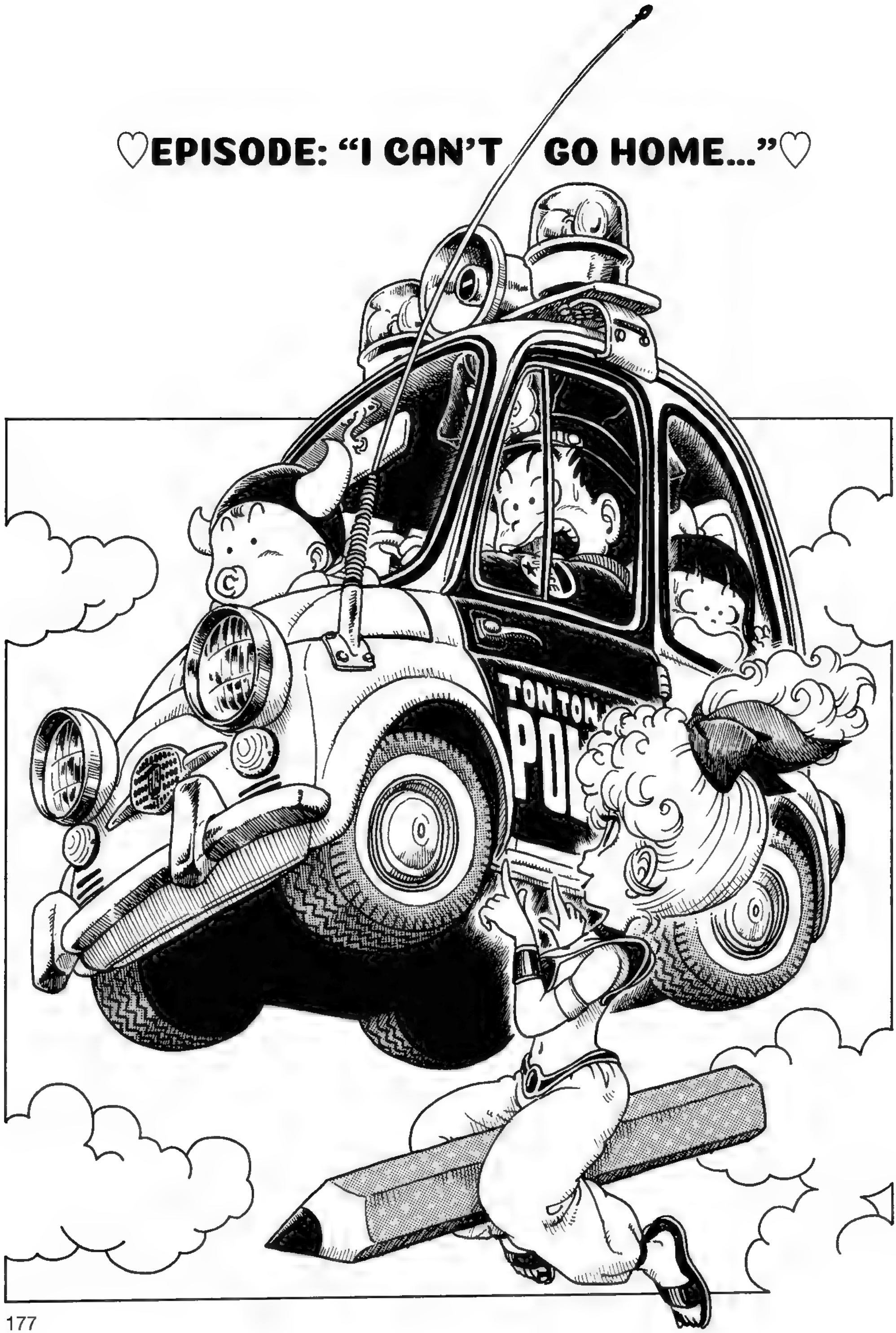

PLONK
I MEAN, IF YOUR COUNTRY ISN'T THAT FAR AWAY, I COULD GIVE YOU A RIDE...

WAAAAAH

NO... NO WAY...
...I'M BASI-CALLY JUST E.T....
IF I CAN'T GO BACK...

THERE'S MORE IN CHAPTER 3!

♡EPISODE: "I CAN'T GO HOME..."♡

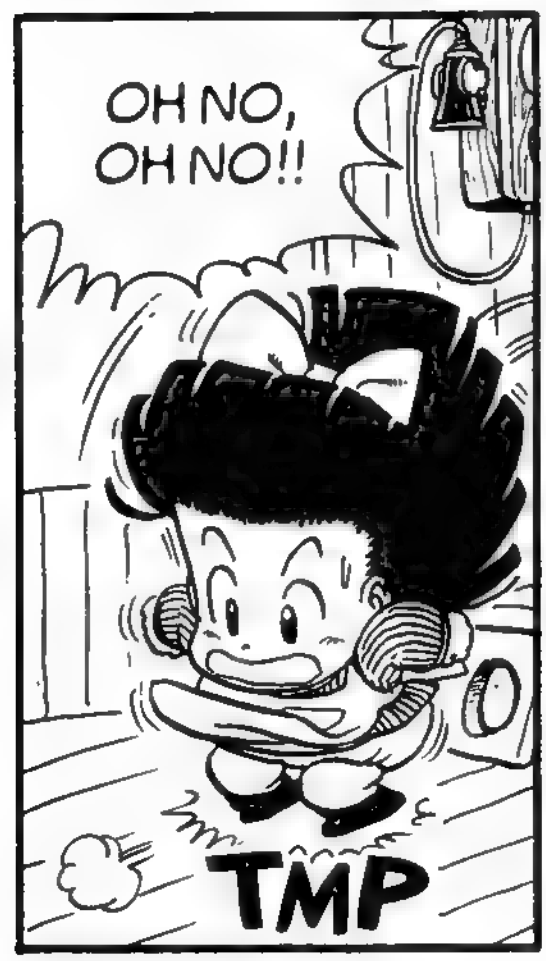


MY OWN BIG BROTHER JUST RUNNING OFF LIKE THAT!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE HIM...

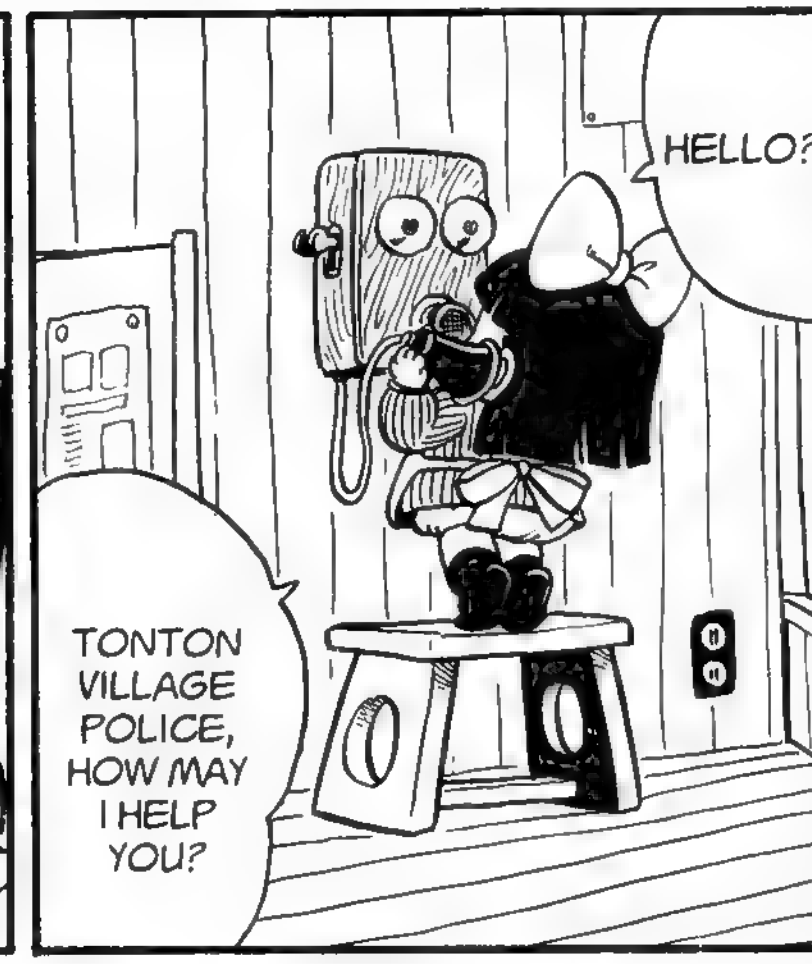
I BETTER GET THAT.
BRRRRING! BRRRRING!

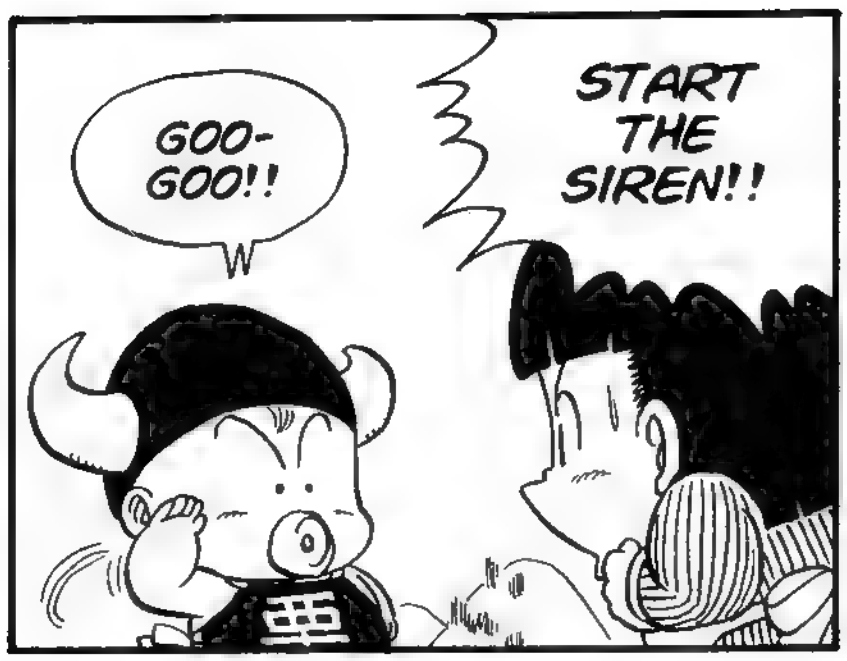
HOLD YOUR HORSES.
OKAY, OKAY!

TONTON VILLAGE POLICE BOX


OH NO, OH NO!!
TMP

WHAT'S THAT?! YES, OF COURSE!
UNDER-STOOD! WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE!!


HELLO?
TONTON VILLAGE POLICE, HOW MAY I HELP YOU?


GOO-GOO!!
START THE SIREN!!

KURIMARUUUU!! IT'S AN EMERGENCY!!
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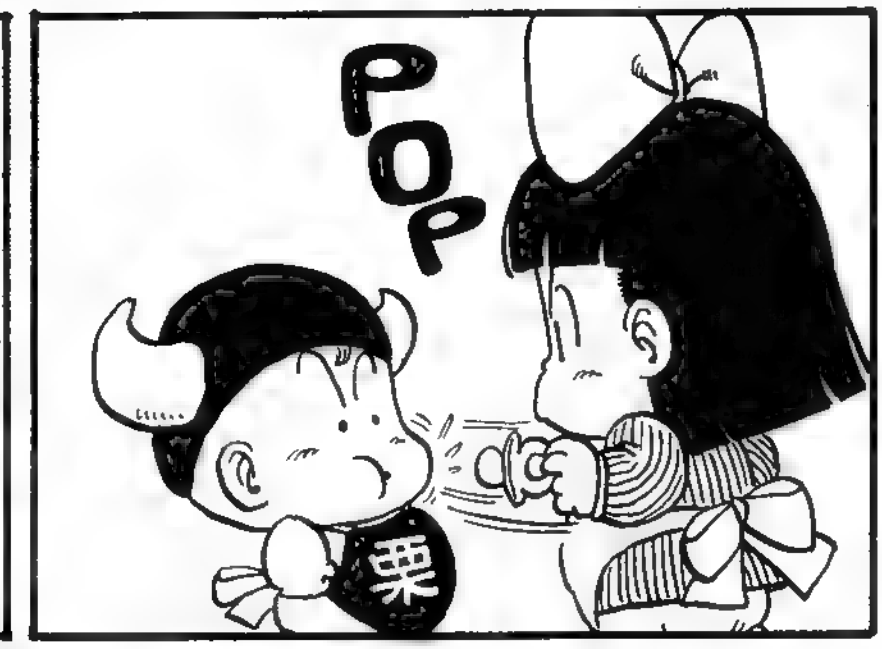
FOOOOO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WAAWAA WAAWAA
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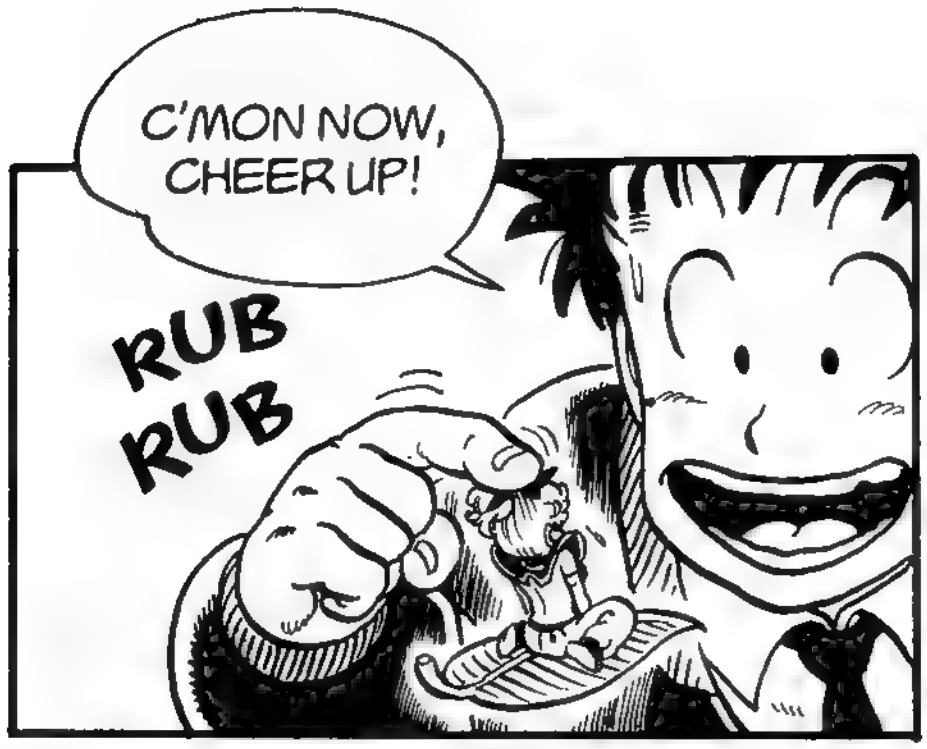
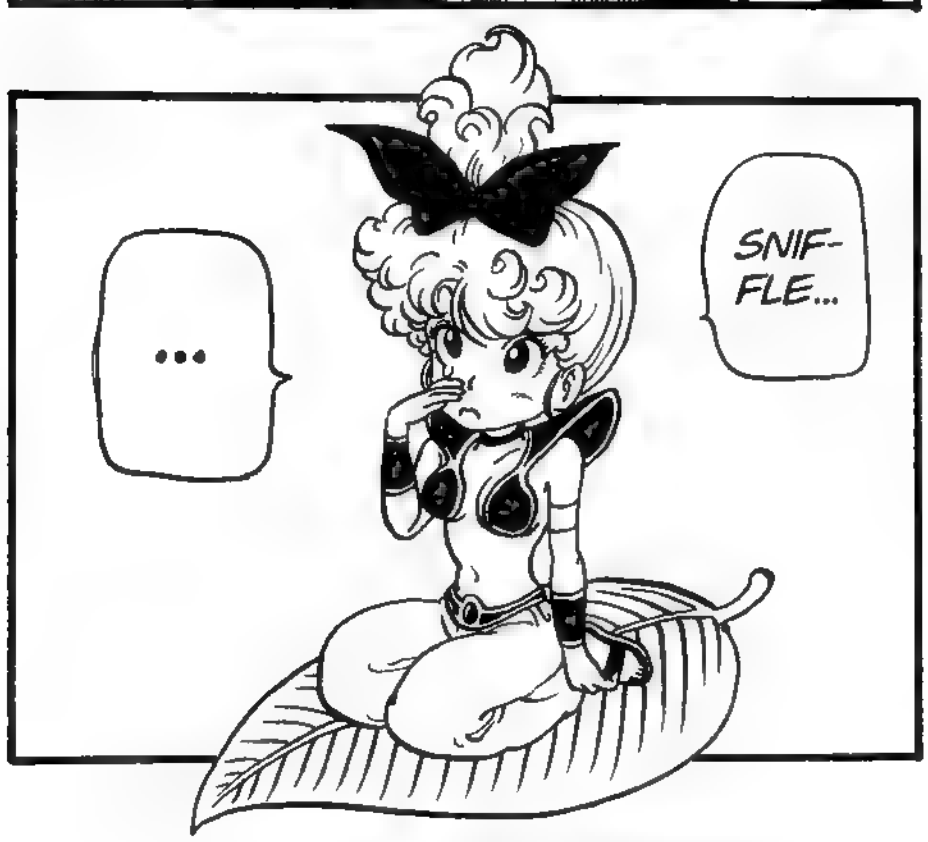
TONTON VILLAGE POLICE BO


C'MON NOW, CHEER UP!
RUB RUB

TH-THERE, THERE, LI'L MISSY, DON'T FRET...
BOO-HOO SOB BOO-HOO!
POLICE
YOU MIGHT BE IN A FIX, BUT I CAN HELP!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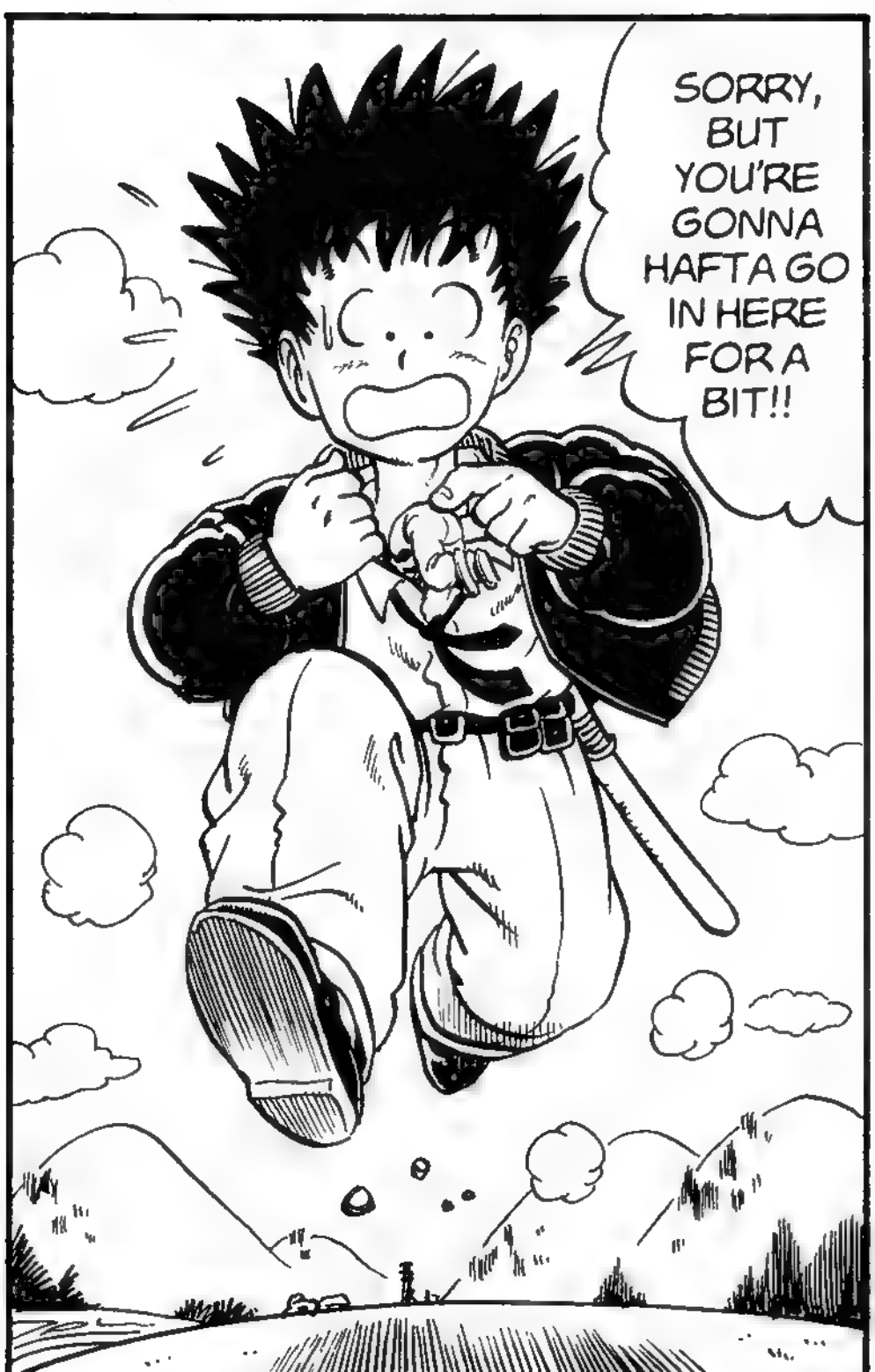
SORRY, BUT YOU'RE GONNA HAFTA GO IN HERE FOR A BIT!!

WAAA WAAA WAAA WAAA
HRM?!
POLICE

OH NO! THAT'S KURI-MARU'S EMER-GENCY SIREN!!
WOOO WOOO WOOO

OH, ER, I THINK YOU'D CALL THEM POLICE OFFICERS IN YOUR COUNTRY.
ME?! I'M ONE OF THE BOYS IN BLUE!!
ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM

WHAT IS IT YOU DO ANYWAY?
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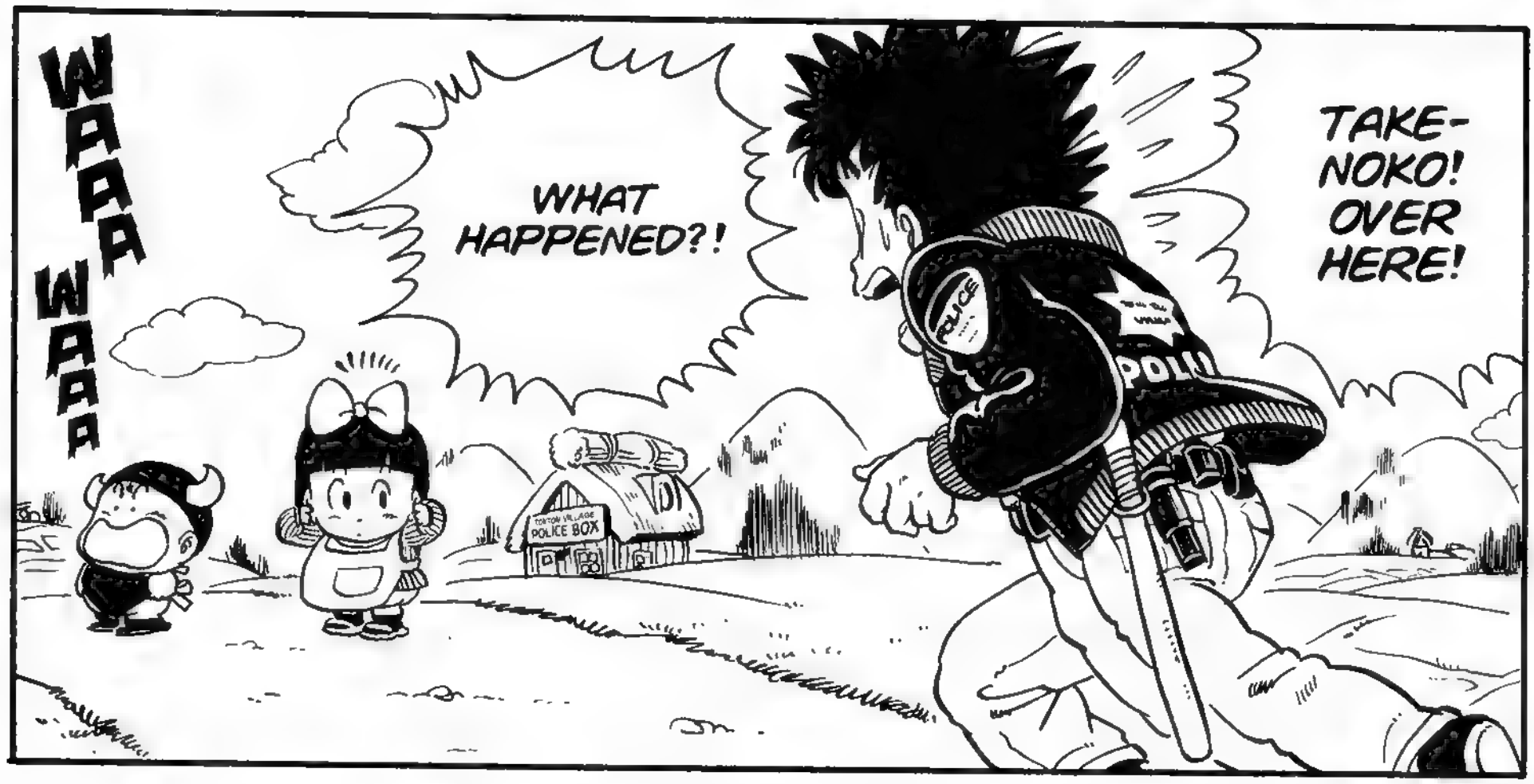
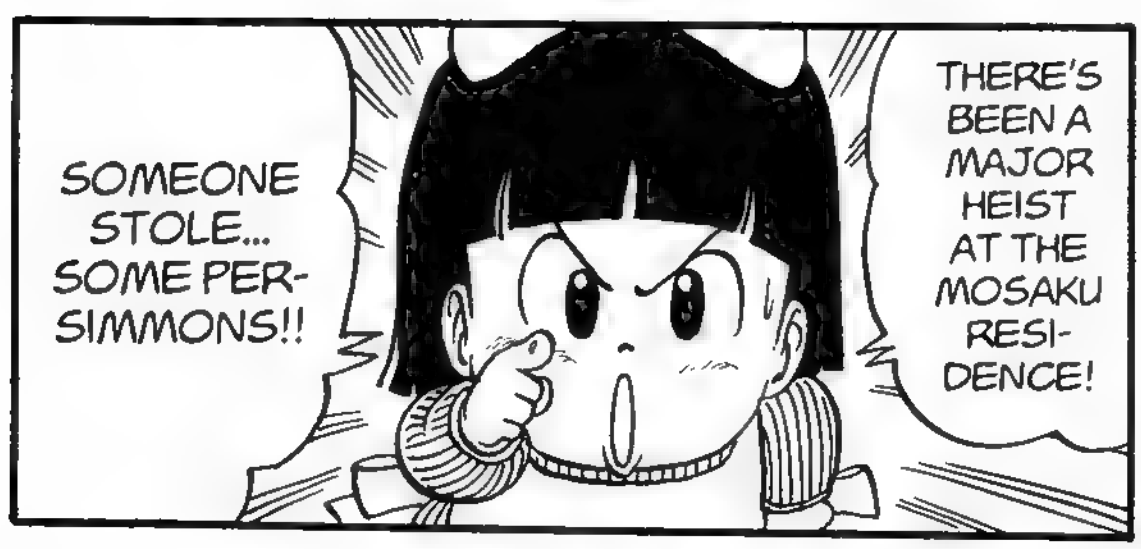

WAAA WAAA
WHAT HAPPENED?!
TAKE-NOKO! OVER HERE!
POLICE
TONTON VILLAGE POLICE BOX


SOMEONE STOLE... SOME PER-SIMMONS!!
THERE'S BEEN A MAJOR HEIST AT THE MOSAKU RESI-DENCE!

LISTEN UP! SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAP-PENED!
WHERE WERE YOU?! IT'S AN EMER-GENCY!!

HERE IN TONTON VILLAGE?! THIS IS HUGE!!!
A P-P-PER-SIMMON HEIST?!

GRRRRR!!

DANGIT ALL, I *REALLY* NEED A PROPER VEHICLE!!

C'MON, FASTER!! *FASTER!!*

OH, WOW! MUCH BETTER.

GO-GO BIKE-PUSHING ROBOT!

ONE. TWO. ONE. TWO.

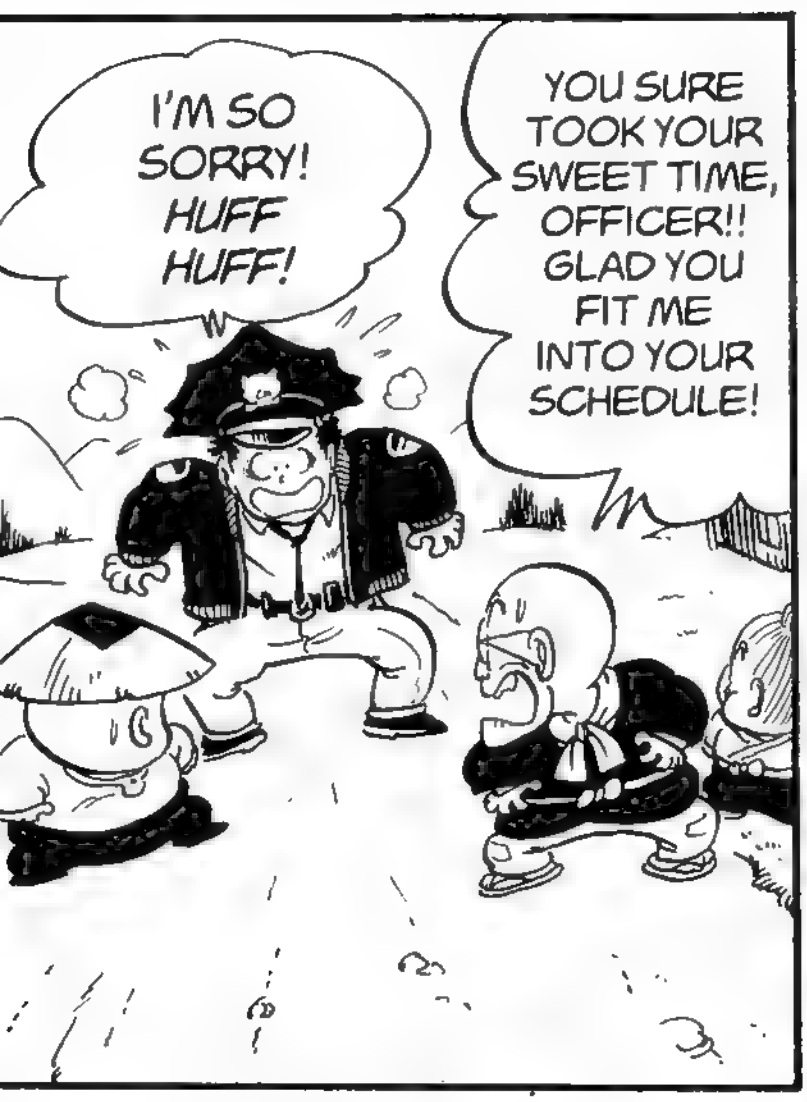
I COULD HELP, YA KNOW.

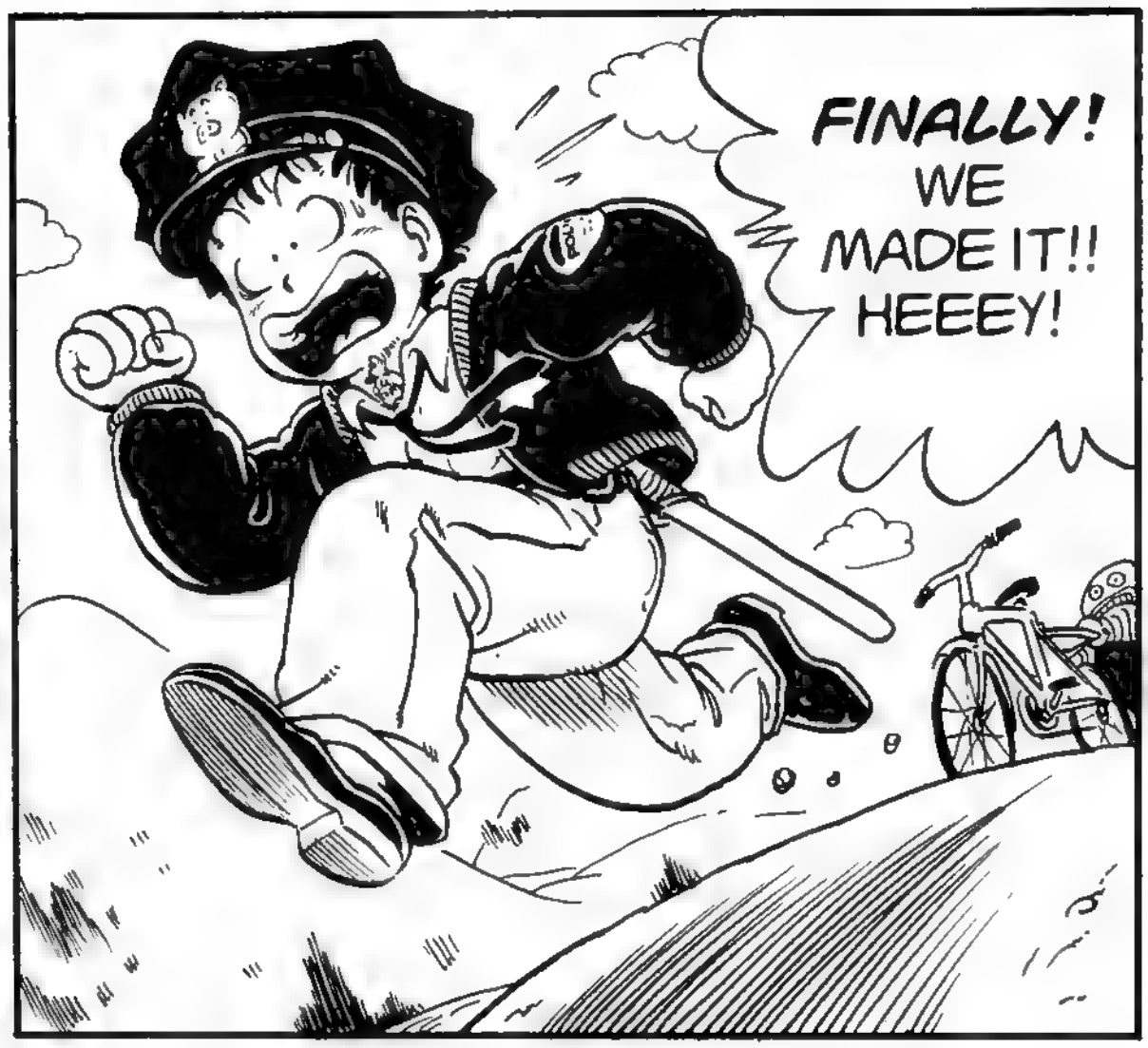
CHECK IT OUT! CHOYNA-CHOYNA!!

YOU IN A RUSH?

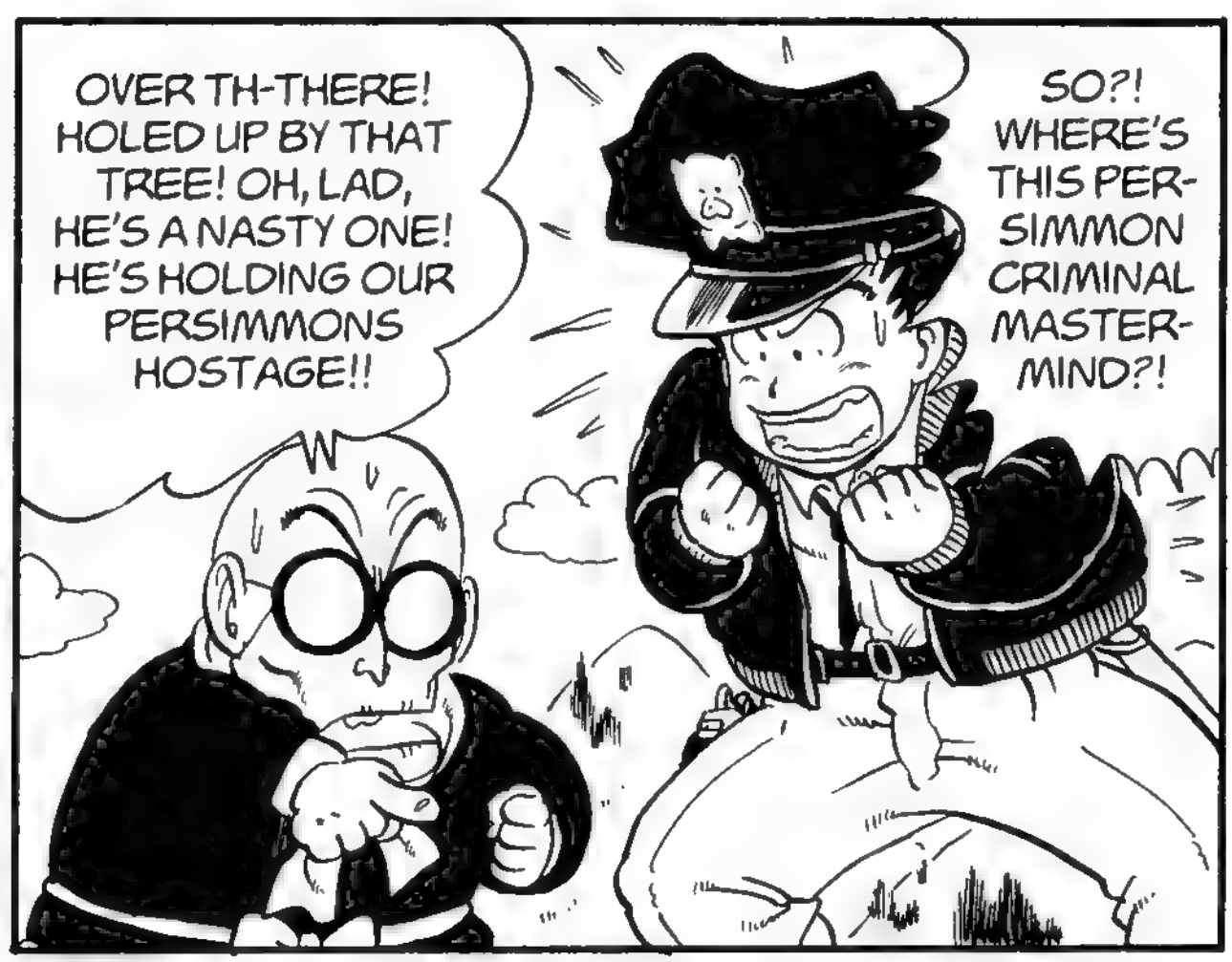
WHAT THE?! OH, THAT'S RIGHT!!

THINK YOU COULD MAYBE, UH, SPEED IT UP...A BIT?
HEY, UH...


I'M SO SORRY! HUFF HUFF!
YOU SURE TOOK YOUR SWEET TIME, OFFICER!! GLAD YOU FIT ME INTO YOUR SCHEDULE!

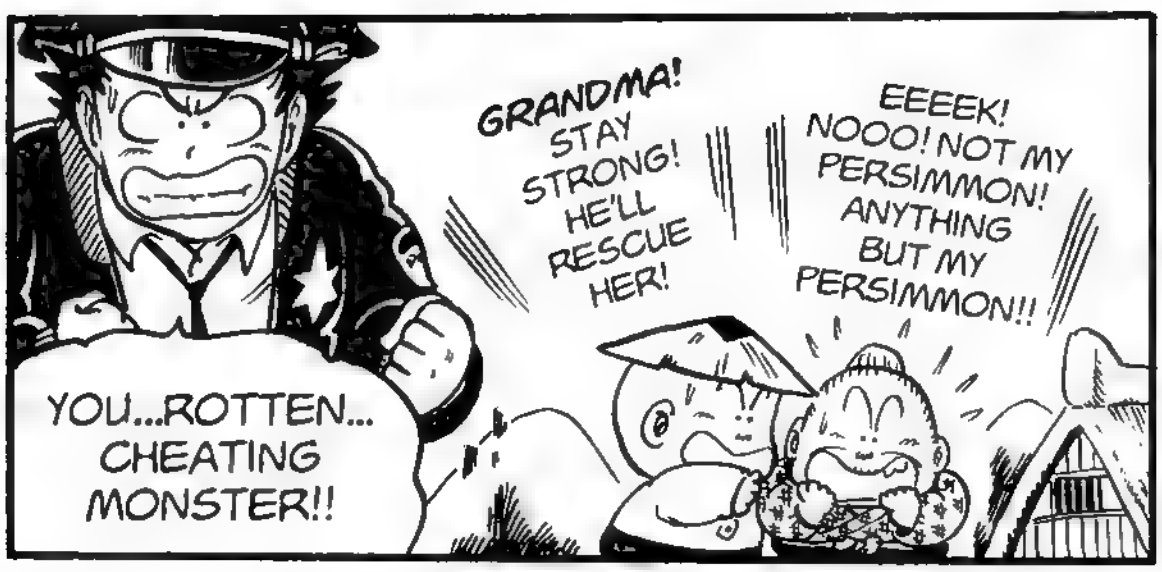

FINALLY! WE MADE IT!! HEEEY!

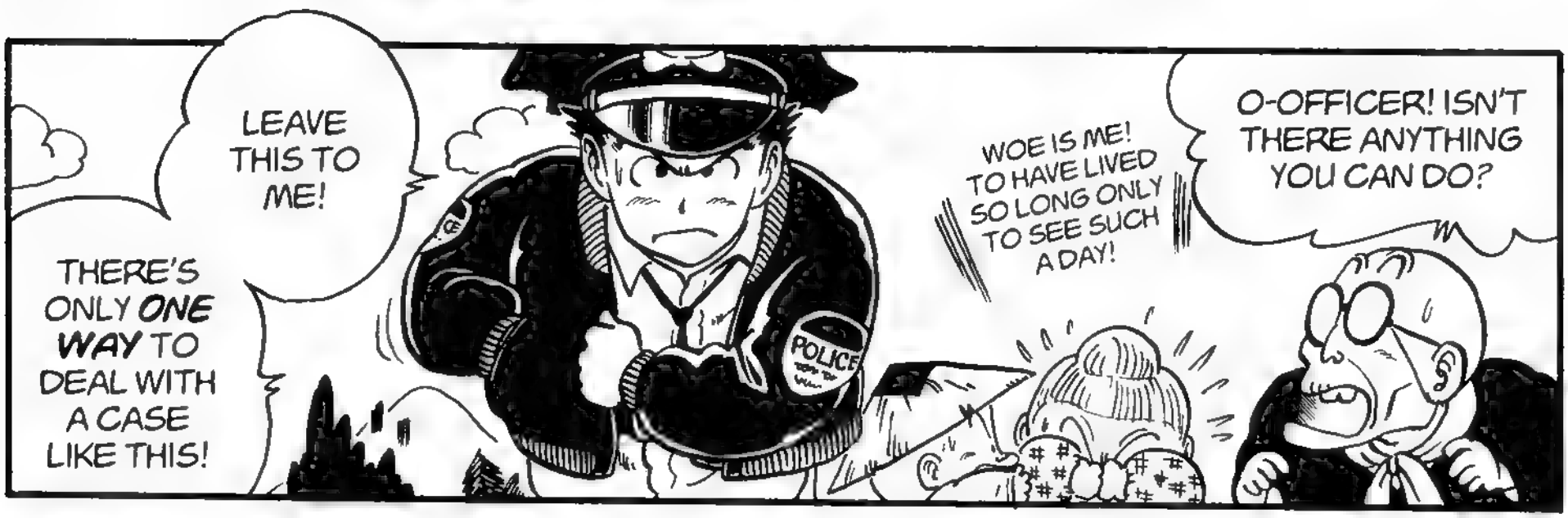
HOLD-ING PERSIM-MONS ...
... HOSTAGE ...?!

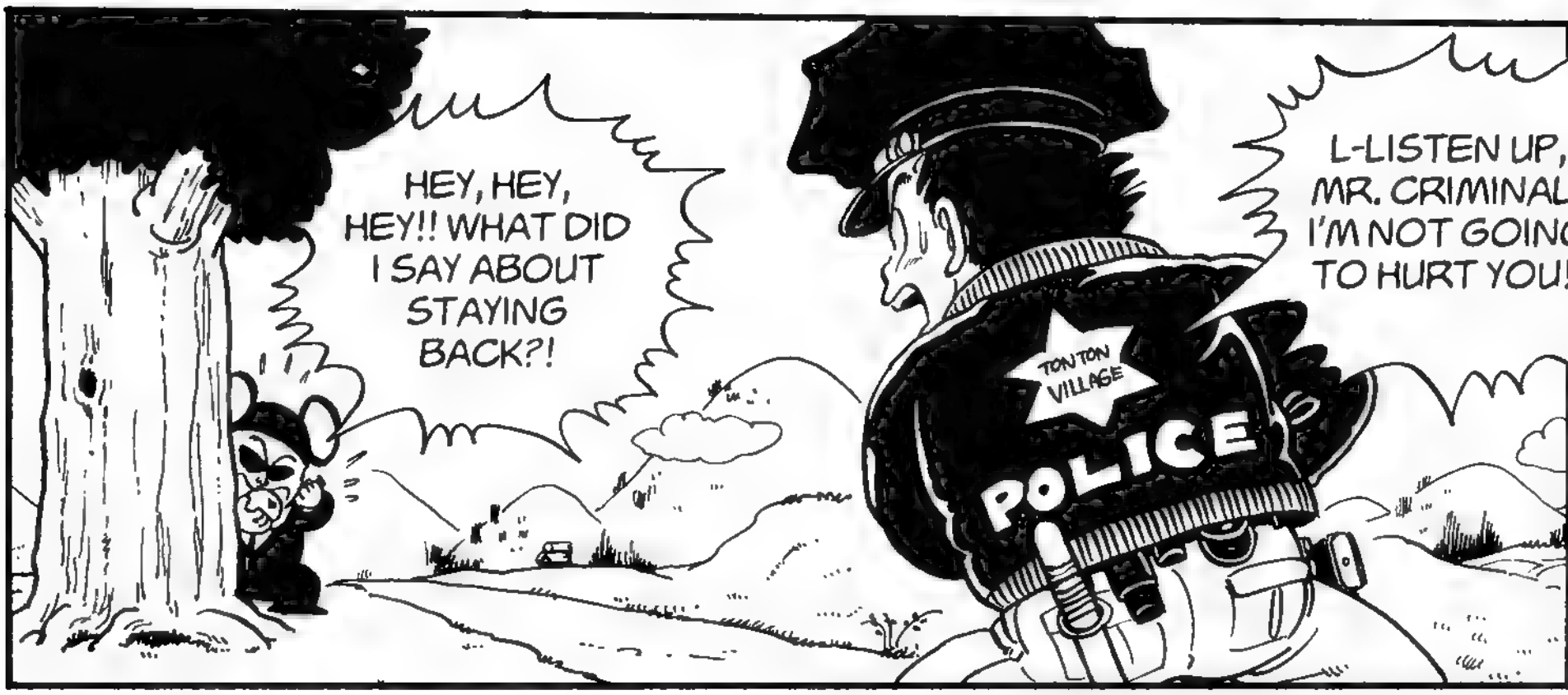

OVER TH-THERE! HOLED UP BY THAT TREE! OH, LAD, HE'S A NASTY ONE! HE'S HOLDING OUR PERSIMMONS HOSTAGE!!
SO?! WHERE'S THIS PER-SIMMON CRIMINAL MASTER-MIND?!

I'LL USE THIS NAIL TO MAKE SURE LI'L MISS PERSIMMON'S OWN MOTHER WON'T EVEN RECOGNIZE HER!
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT! JUST ONE STEP CLOSER AND I'LL...

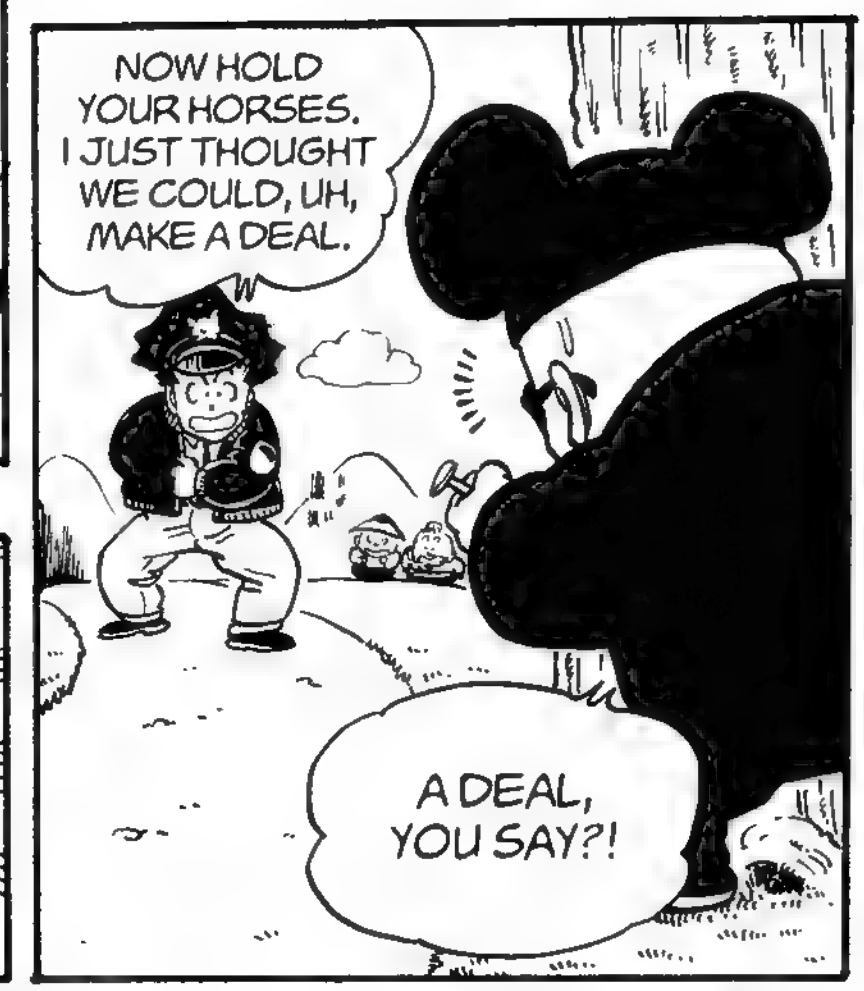
Y-YOU ALL BETTER STAY BACK! STAY BACK, I SAY!!

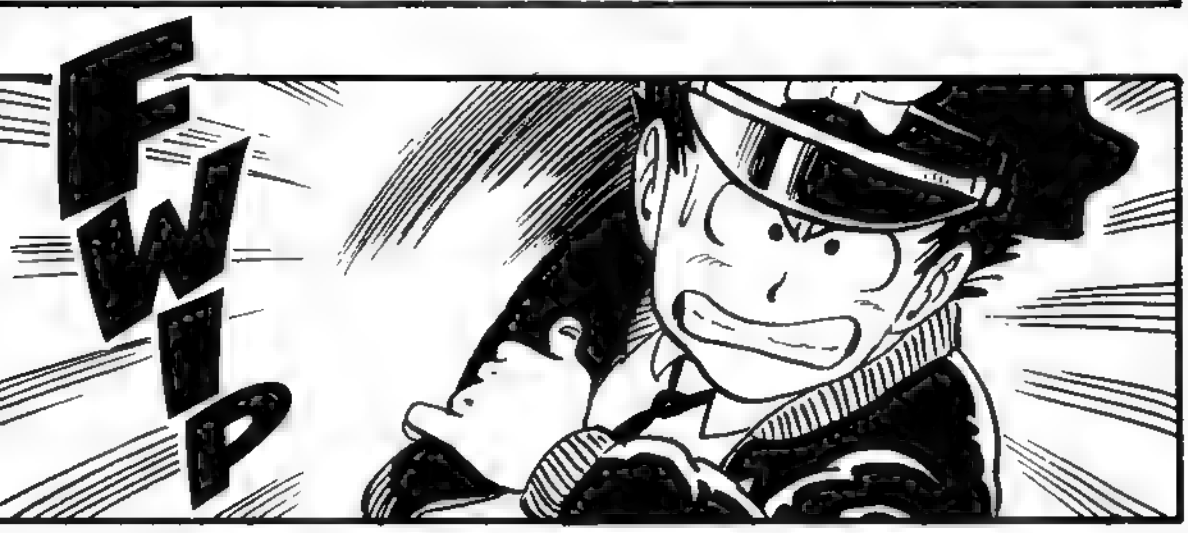

YOU...ROTTEN... CHEATING MONSTER!!
GRANDMA! STAY STRONG! HE'LL RESCUE HER!
EEEEK! NOOO! NOT MY PERSIMMON! ANYTHING BUT MY PERSIMMON!!


LEAVE THIS TO ME!
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO DEAL WITH A CASE LIKE THIS!
POLICE
WOE IS ME! TO HAVE LIVED SO LONG ONLY TO SEE SUCH A DAY!
O-OFFICER! ISN'T THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO?


HEY, HEY, HEY!! WHAT DID I SAY ABOUT STAYING BACK?!
L-LISTEN UP, MR. CRIMINAL! I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU!!
TON TON VILLAGE
POLICE

YOUR PERSIMMON FOR MY...
YES, YES. SEE, NICE'N EASY. A TRADE Y'SEE...


NOW HOLD YOUR HORSES. I JUST THOUGHT WE COULD, UH, MAKE A DEAL.
A DEAL, YOU SAY?!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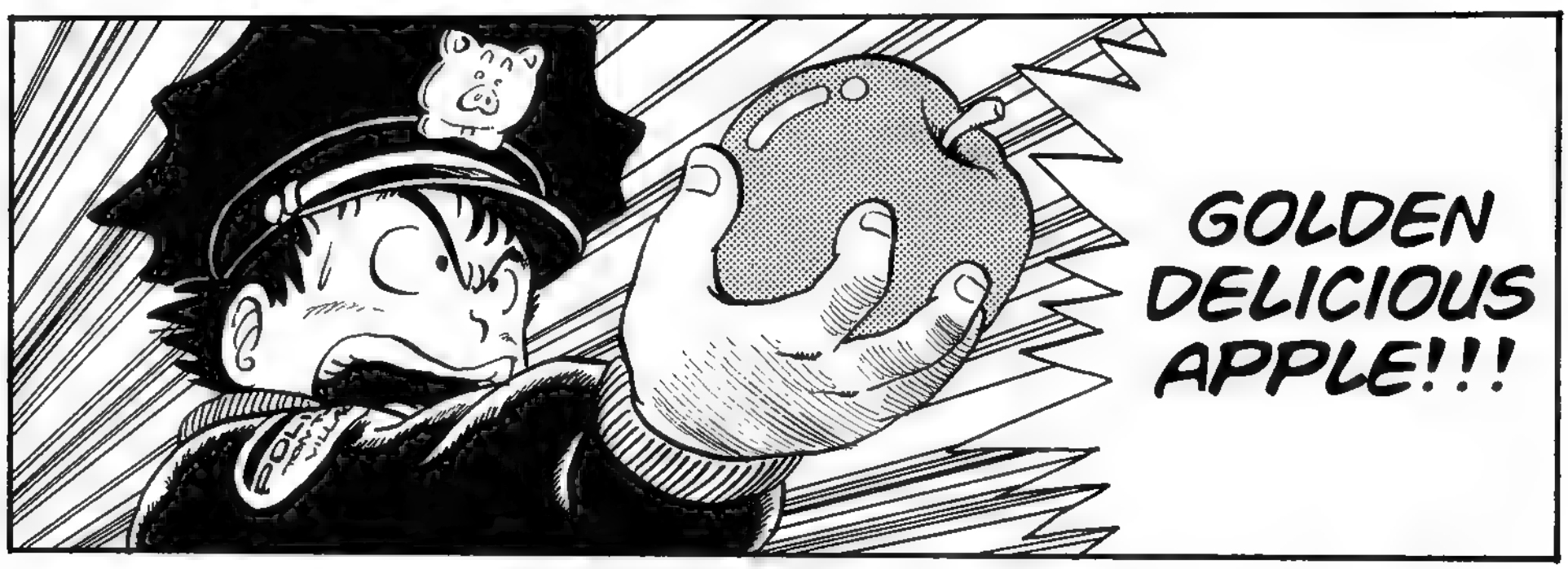
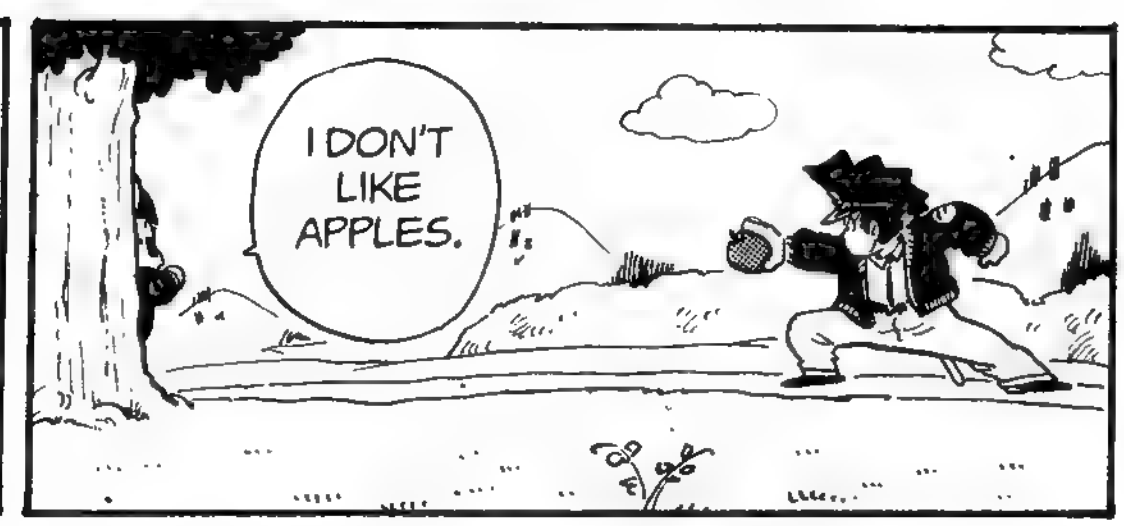

GOLDEN DELICIOUS APPLE!!!

THEY'RE SO...
BUT THAT'S... THEY...

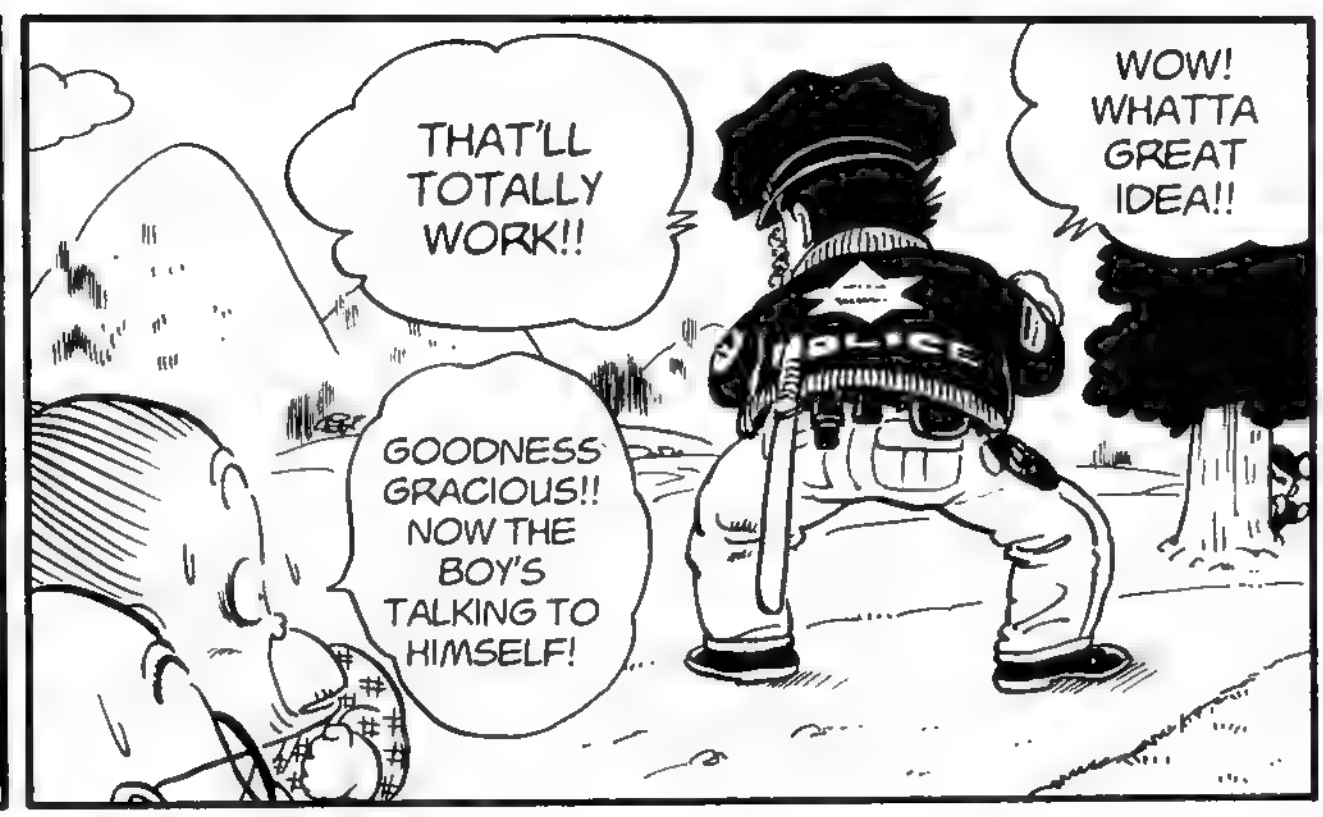

I DON'T LIKE APPLES.

CHATTER BUZZ CHATTER
NOOO !!
GUESS IT'S FAREWELL TO OUR PERSIMMON...
THIS KID JUST ISN'T COP MATERIAL!
RRRGH!
NUTRI-TIOUS AND DELI-CIOUS !!!

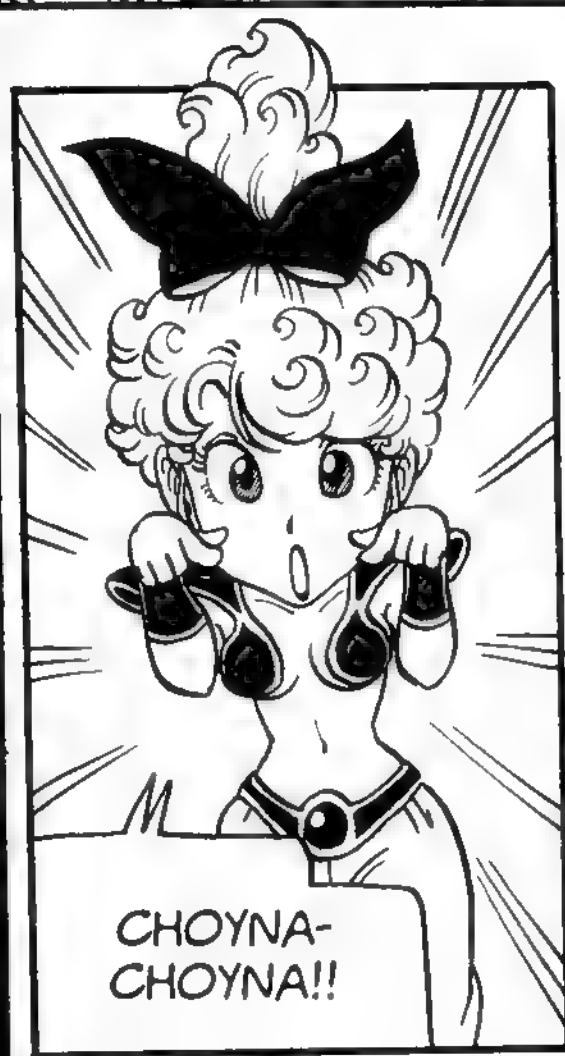
C'MERE. ALL I GOTTA DO TO THAT PERSIMMON IS...

YOU'RE SO BAD AT THIS...
HUH?!

QUIT YOUR YAMMERING AND GET YOUR SORRY BUTT OUTTA MY SIGHT!!

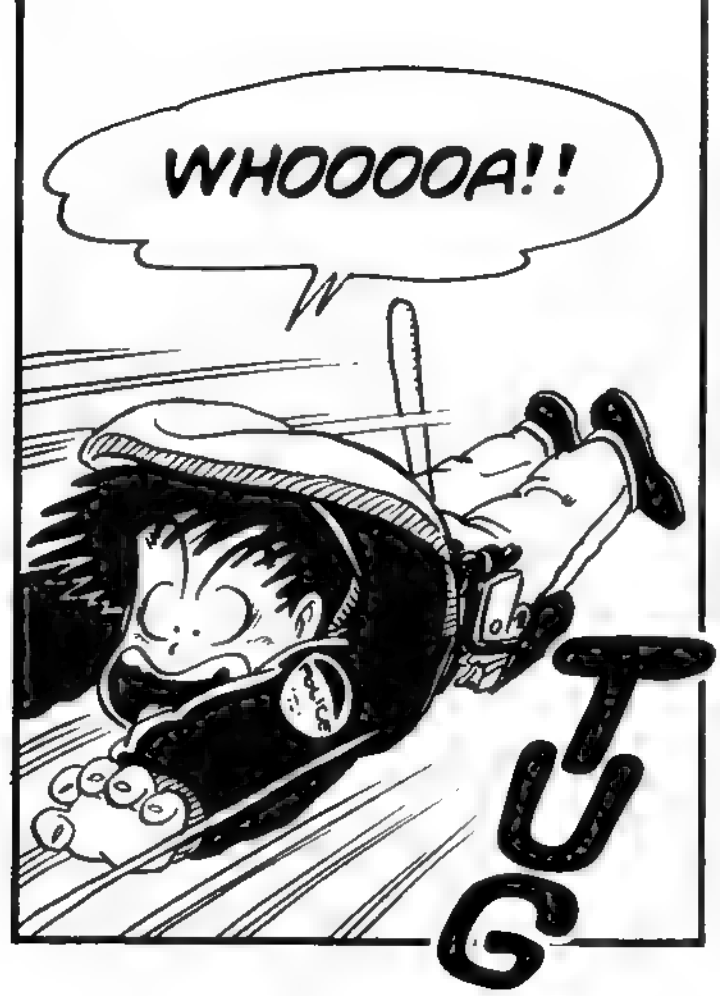

THAT'LL TOTALLY WORK!!
WOW! WHATTA GREAT IDEA!!
GOODNESS GRACIOUS!! NOW THE BOY'S TALKING TO HIMSELF!

POP
REEEEK


CHOYNA-CHOYNA!!

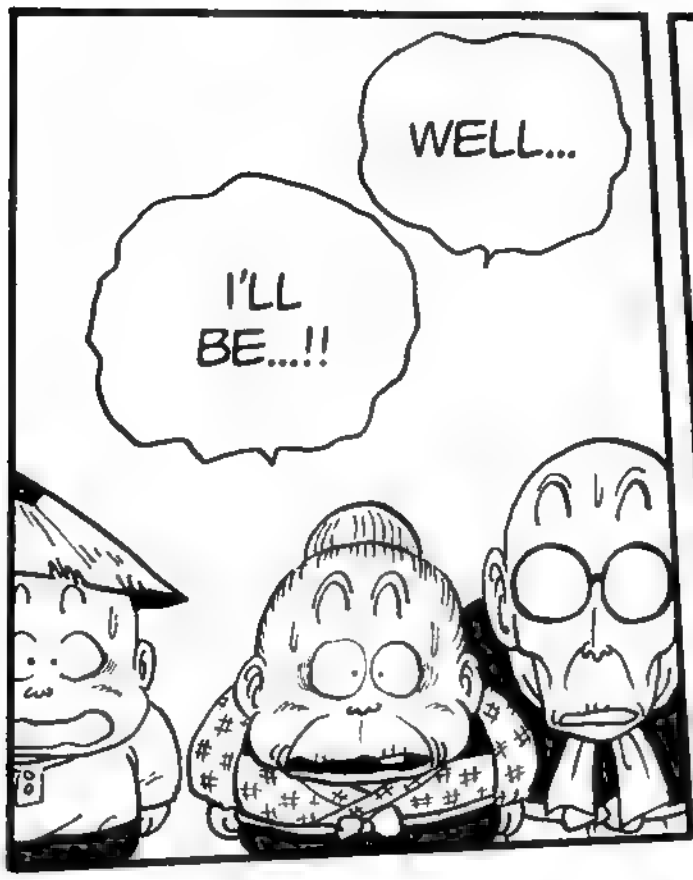
ON THE COUNT OF 10, IF YOU'RE NOT CRAWLING BACK HOME, TWO PERSIMMONS GET IT!!

GUSH
POLICE
GAAAAH!! P-POOP!!
NOW!
FWP FWP FWP
POLICE
TMP
GONK
HO BOY ...

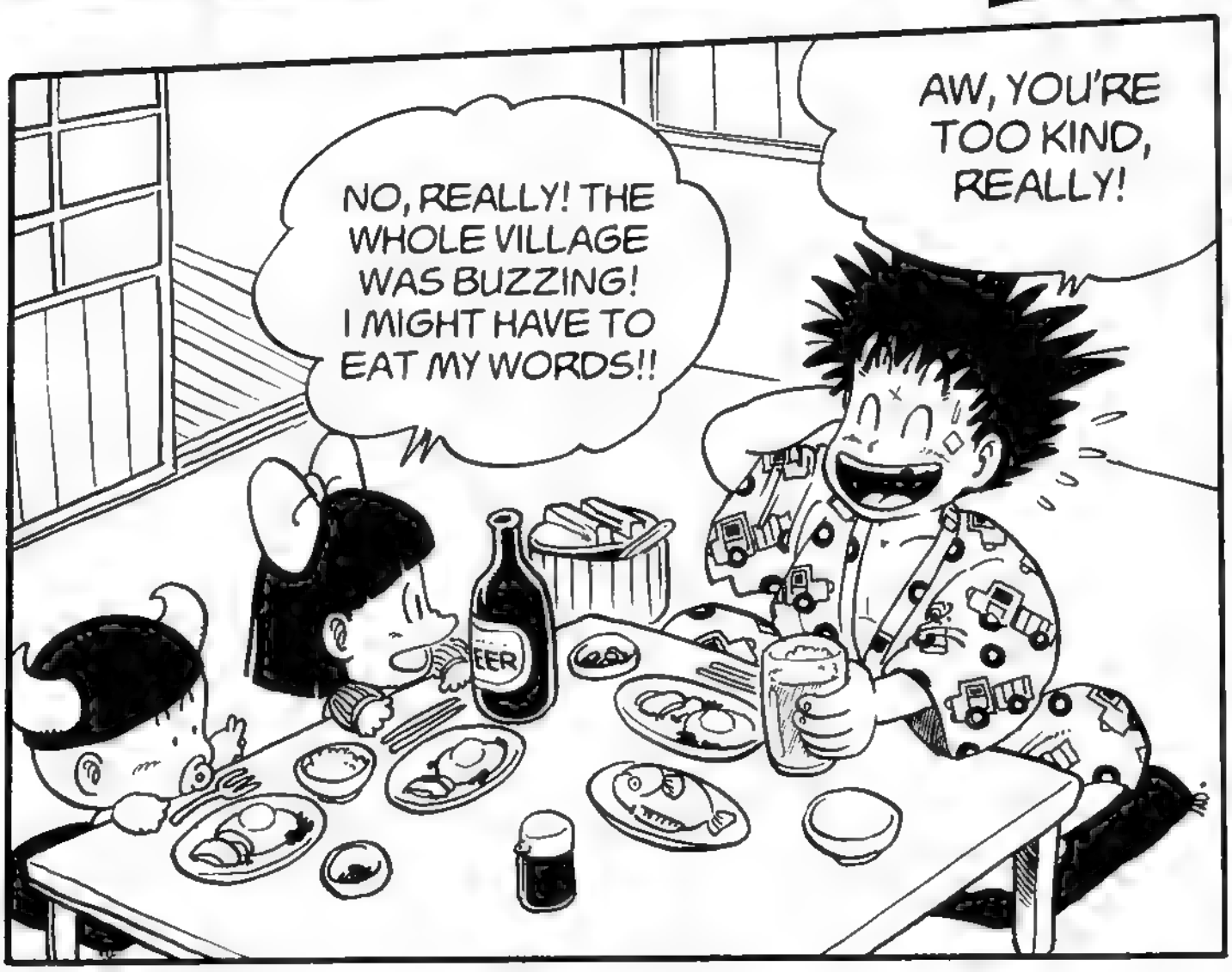

WHOOOOA!!
TUG

UGOOP

CHOYNA!!
CHOYNA!!


WELL...
I'LL BE...!!

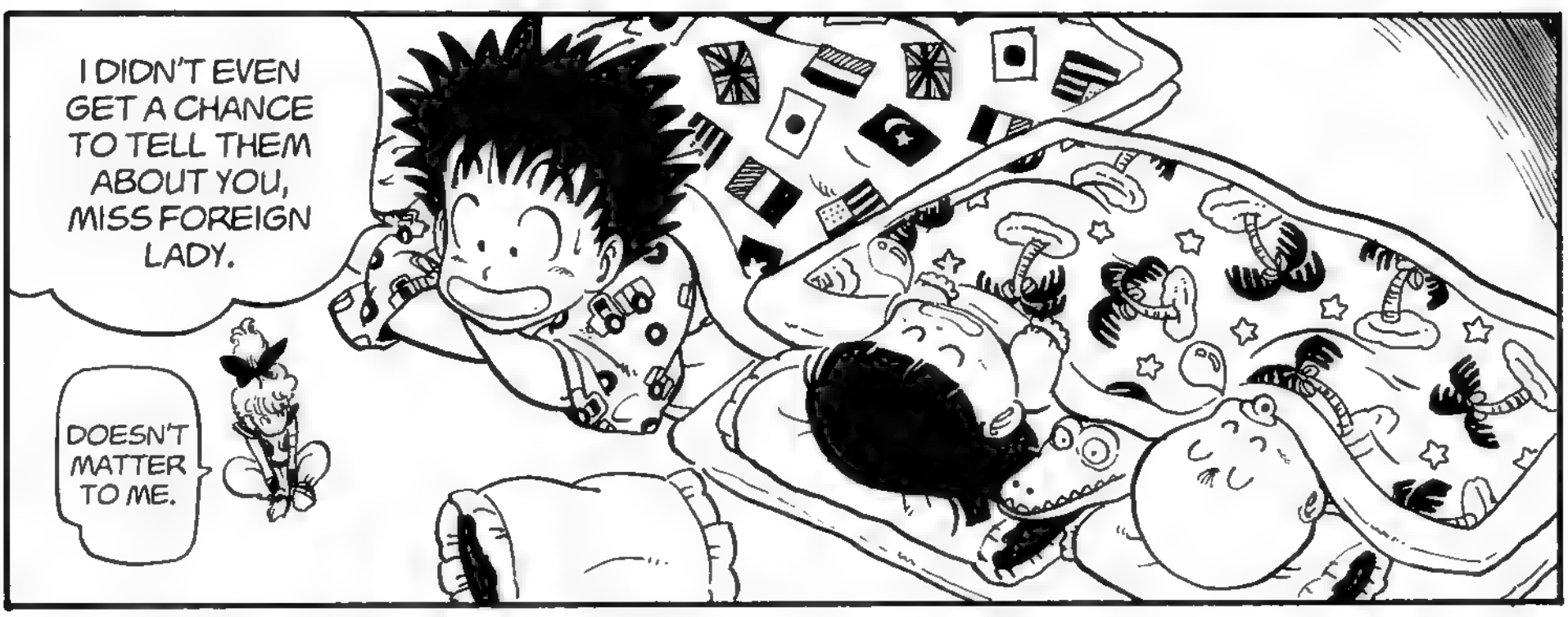
GYAA !!
KER-POW

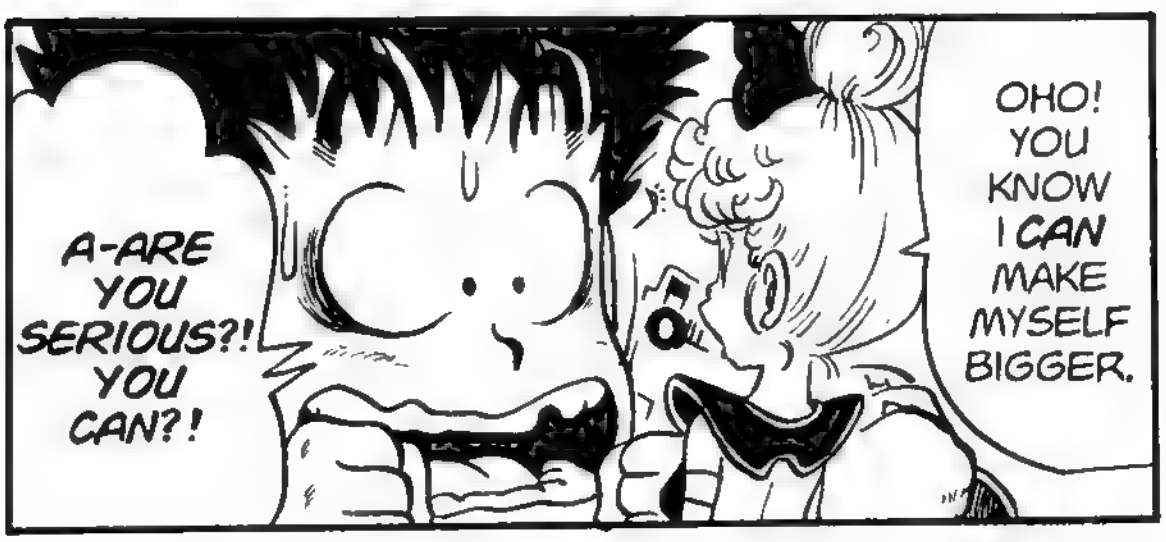

NO, REALLY! THE WHOLE VILLAGE WAS BUZZING! I MIGHT HAVE TO EAT MY WORDS!!
AW, YOU'RE TOO KIND, REALLY!
BEER

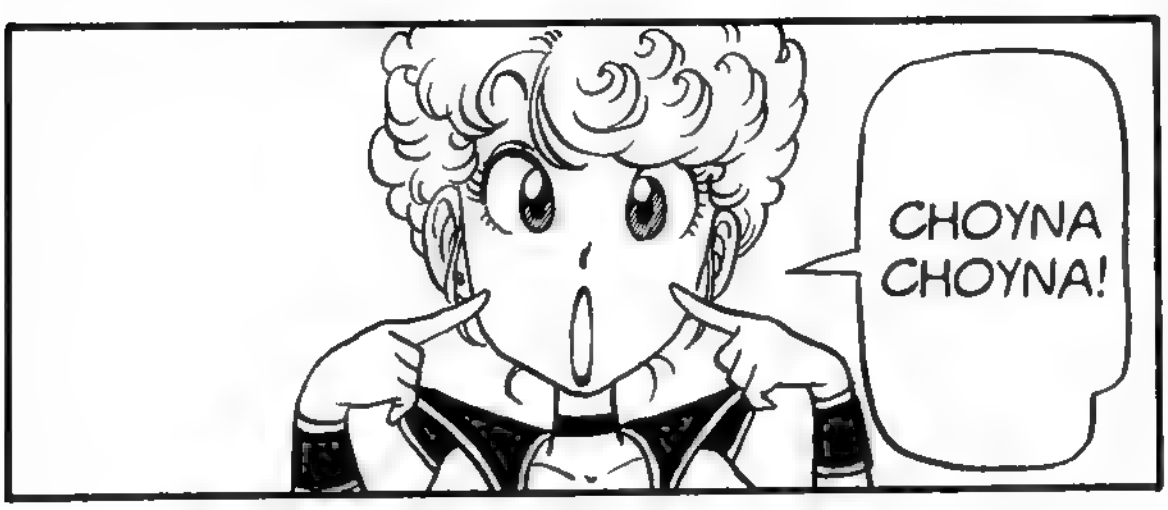
POLICE BOX

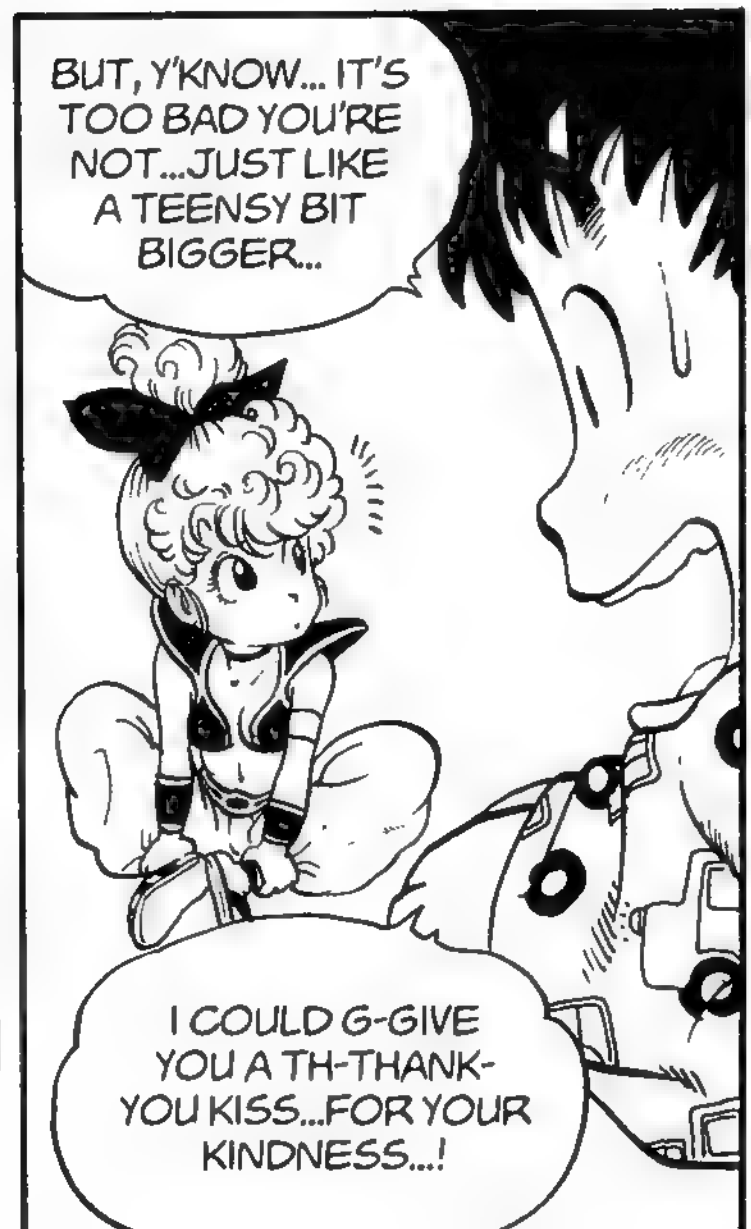
WAHAHAHA! GEH HEH HEH!
All in a day's work!
TONTON VILLAGE POLICE BOX

GAHA HAHA!
YEAH, A TRUE HERO.
EATING A MEAGER GRAIN OF RICE


I DIDN'T EVEN GET A CHANCE TO TELL THEM ABOUT YOU, MISS FOREIGN LADY.
DOESN'T MATTER TO ME.


A-ARE YOU SERIOUS?! YOU CAN?!
OHO! YOU KNOW I CAN MAKE MYSELF BIGGER.


CHOYNA CHOYNA!


BUT, Y'KNOW... IT'S TOO BAD YOU'RE NOT...JUST LIKE A TEENSY BIT BIGGER...
I COULD G-GIVE YOU A TH-THANK-YOU KISS...FOR YOUR KINDNESS...!

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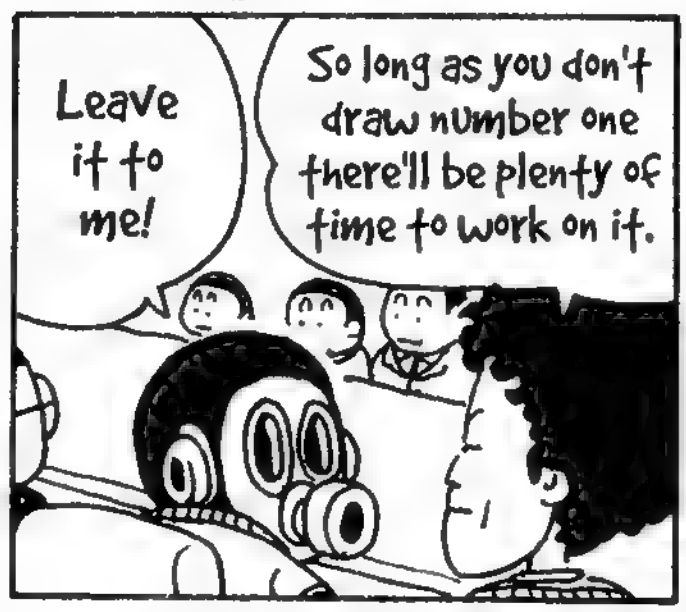
— My Rookie Days —

BACK WHEN I MADE THIS

(5) When I created *Chobit* and *Chobit 2*



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And in spite of those efforts, *Chobit* failed to garner any popularity.

CHOBIT
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TONTON VILLAGE JUST DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH CRIME, SO MY BIG BROTHER DECIDED TO PACK UP EVERYTHING AND HEAD TO ANOTHER TOWN IN ORDER TO ASSIST THEIR LOCAL POLICE FORCE.

HELLO EVERYONE, IT'S ME, ELDEST DAUGHTER OF THE YAMANO FAMILY, TAKENOKO. I HOPE YOU'RE ALL WELL. AS FOR US, WELL, TODAY IS MOVING DAY.

PUTT PUTT

I CAN ALMOST SEE MY PRECIOUS YOUTH WASTING AWAY.

UGH! THIS IS DRIVING ME NUTS!!

BUT IT'S NOT JUST THE THREE OF US GOING TO TAN TAN TOWN!

HMMM, LET'S SEE...

HEY, HOW MUCH LONGER TO TAN TAN TOWN?

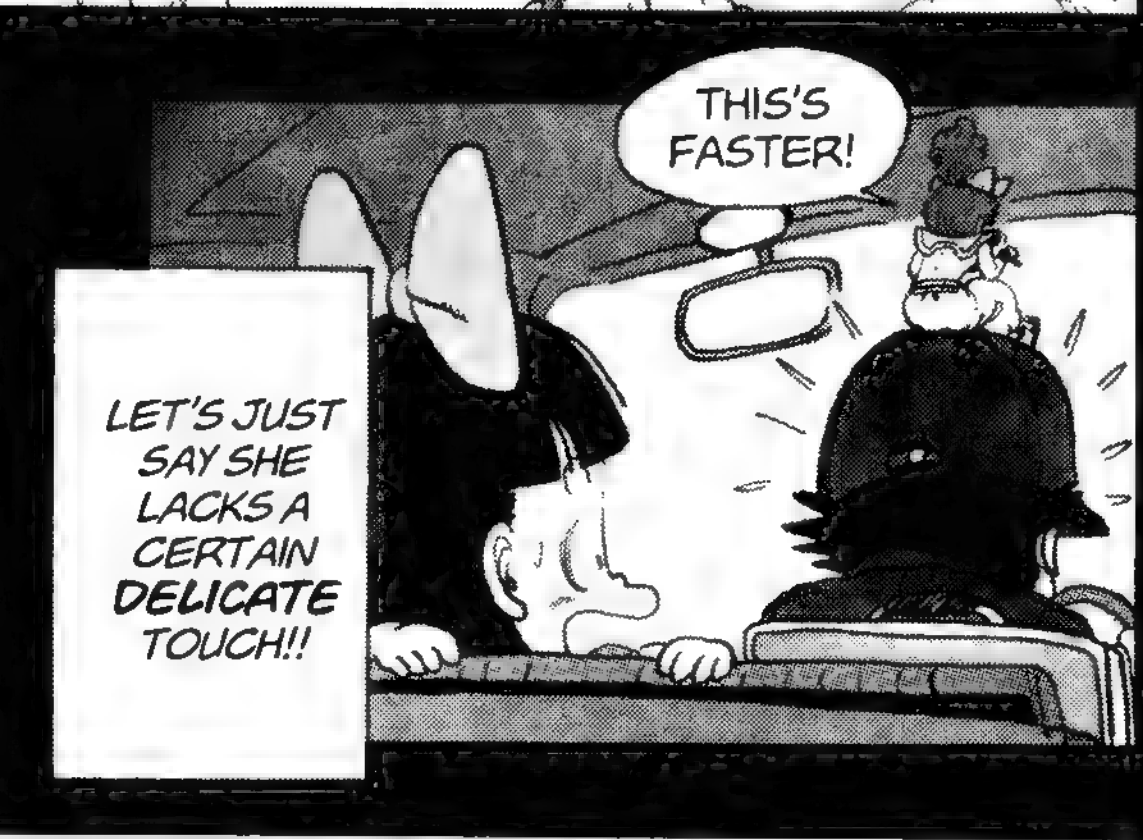
SHOULD BE ANOTHER DAY OR SO, I FIGURE.

CHOYNA CHOYNA!!

SHE'S TAKEN A SHINING TO MY BROTHER AND THEY'RE ALWAYS TOGETHER. SHE'S THE WORST!

Y'SEE, THERE'S THIS LITTLE DEMON GIRL CALLED CHOBIT.

NYEEORM!
YEEEP!


THIS'S FASTER!
LET'S JUST SAY SHE LACKS A CERTAIN DELICATE TOUCH!!

TAN TAN TOWN

WHOA!
WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?!
F500
300

WELL... WE CERTAINLY MADE GOOD TIME...

HEH... HEH HEH...

TAN TAN TOWN

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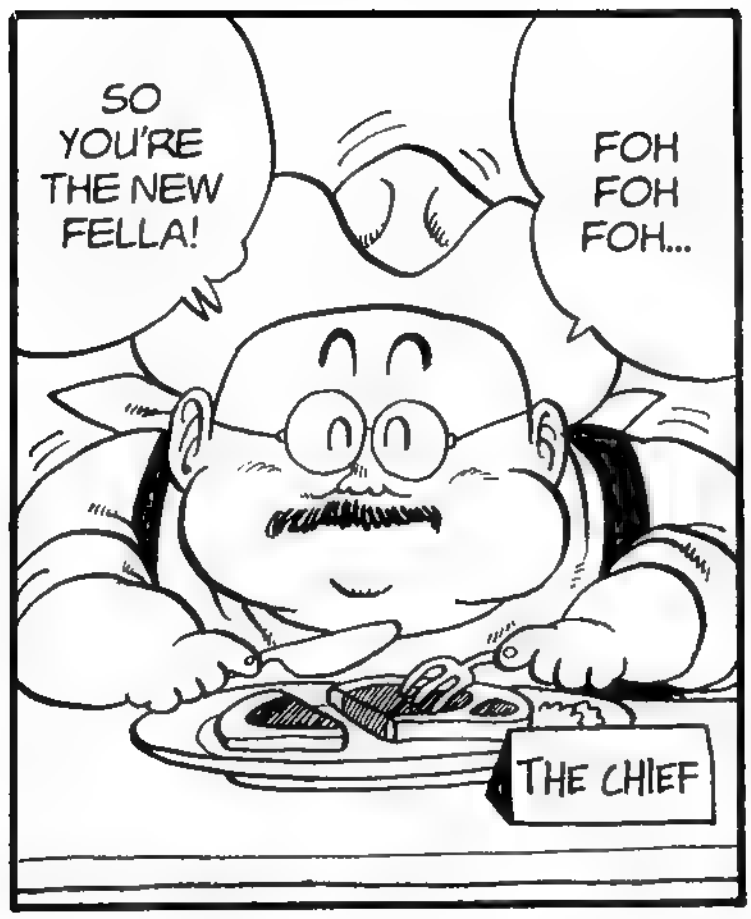
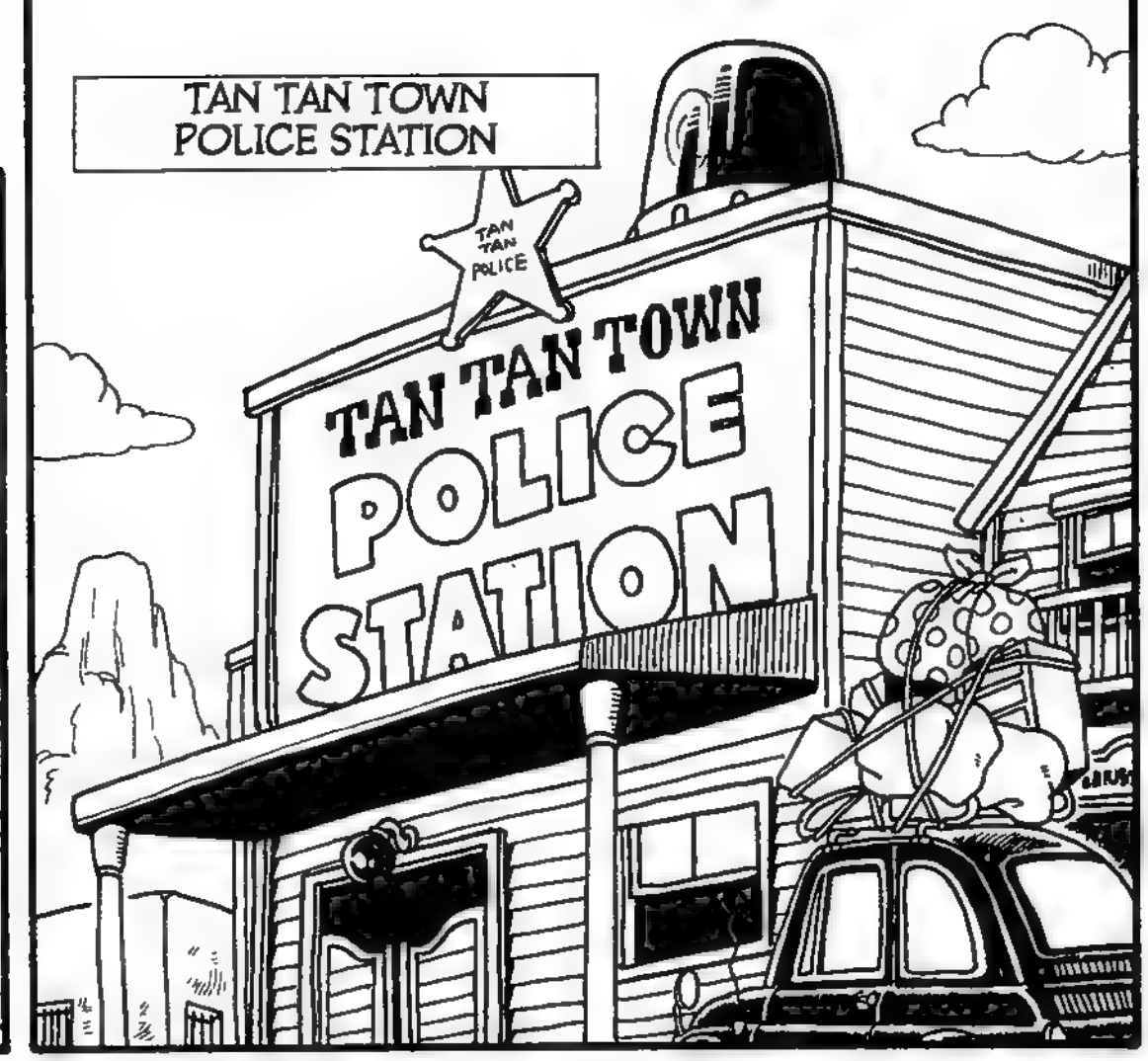
HOW ABOUT I ASK FOR DIREC-TIONS?

WE'LL NEVER FIND THE POLICE STATION AT THIS RATE.


SO YOU'RE THE NEW FELLA!
FOH FOH FOH...
THE CHIEF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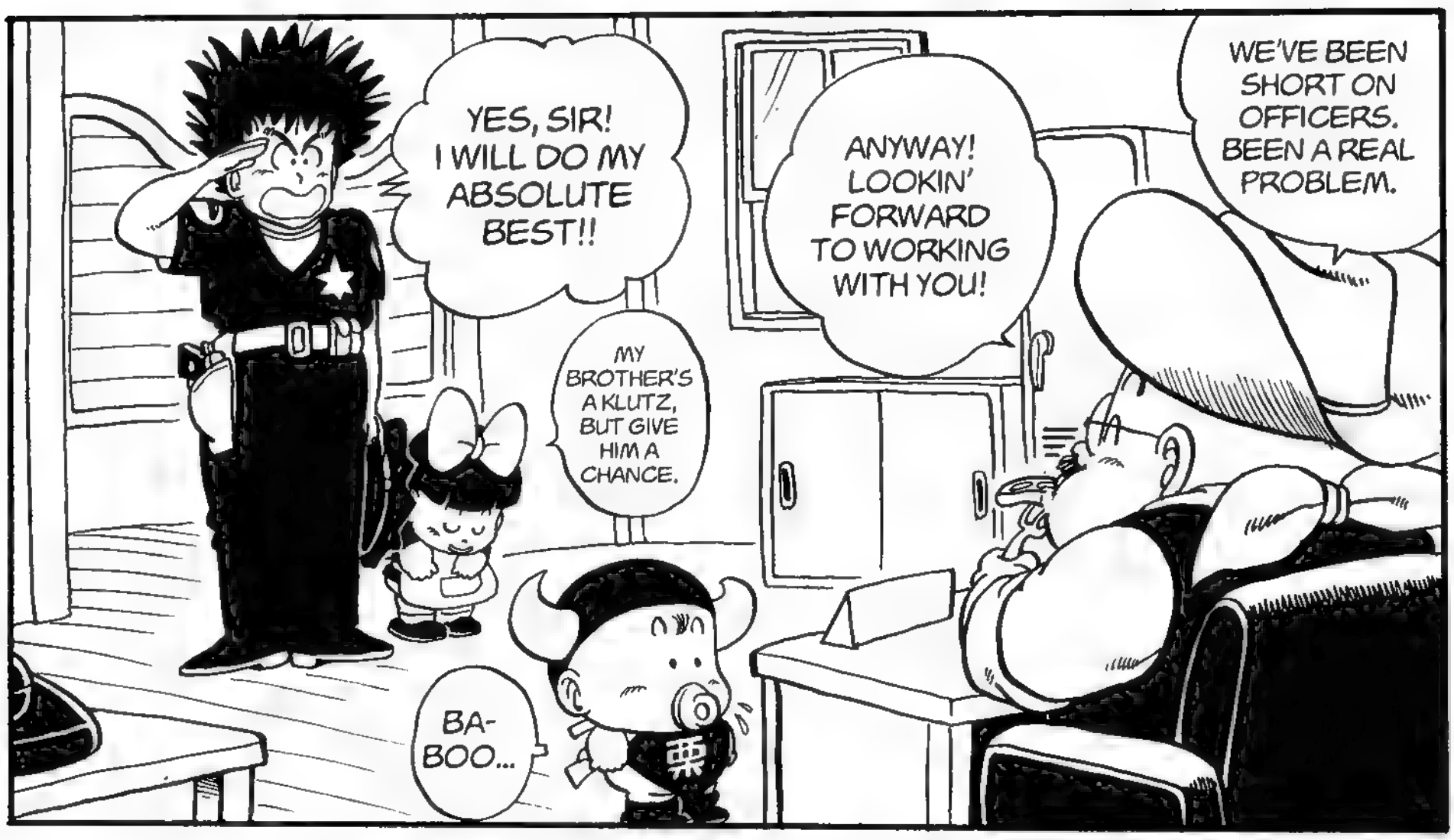
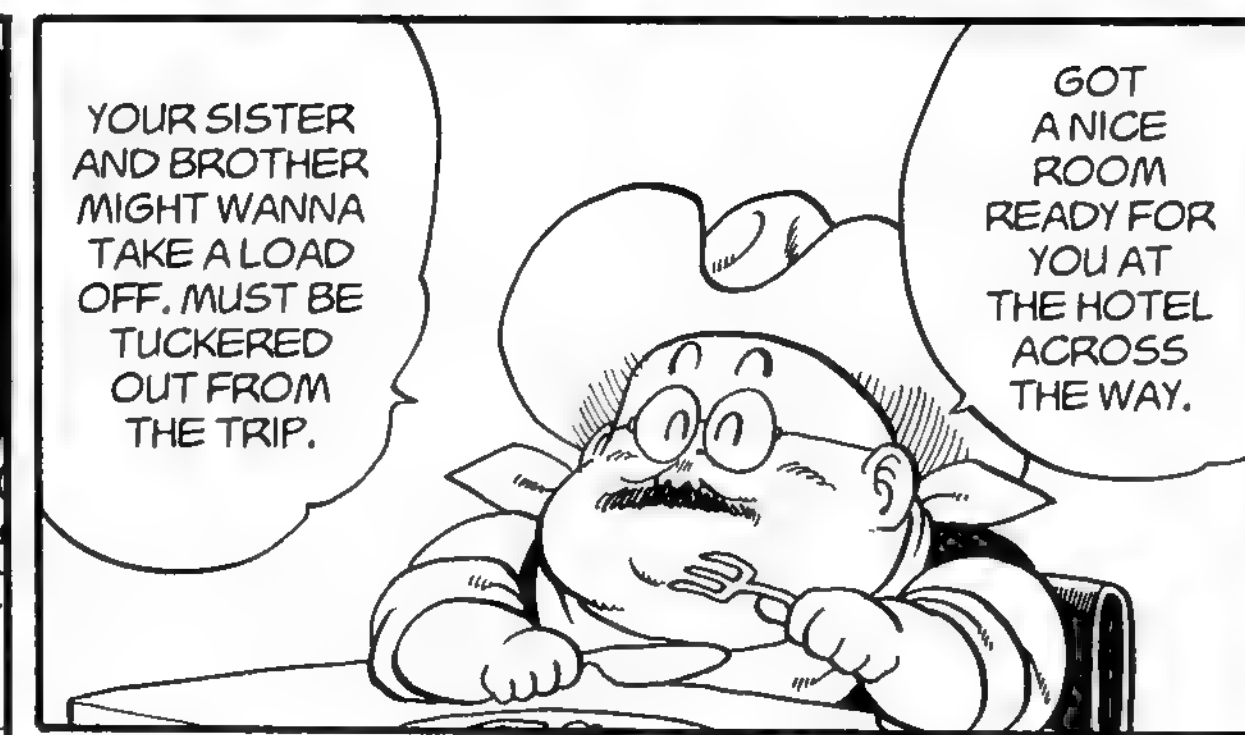

YES, SIR! I WILL DO MY ABSOLUTE BEST!!
MY BROTHER'S A KLUTZ, BUT GIVE HIM A CHANCE.
BA-BOO...
ANYWAY! LOOKIN' FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!
WE'VE BEEN SHORT ON OFFICERS. BEEN A REAL PROBLEM.

HOTEL


YOUR SISTER AND BROTHER MIGHT WANNA TAKE A LOAD OFF. MUST BE TUCKERED OUT FROM THE TRIP.
GOT A NICE ROOM READY FOR YOU AT THE HOTEL ACROSS THE WAY.

HOLY SMOKES!! WHAT A PLACE!

IS THAT ONE OF THOSE BED THINGS I KEEP HEARING ABOUT?!

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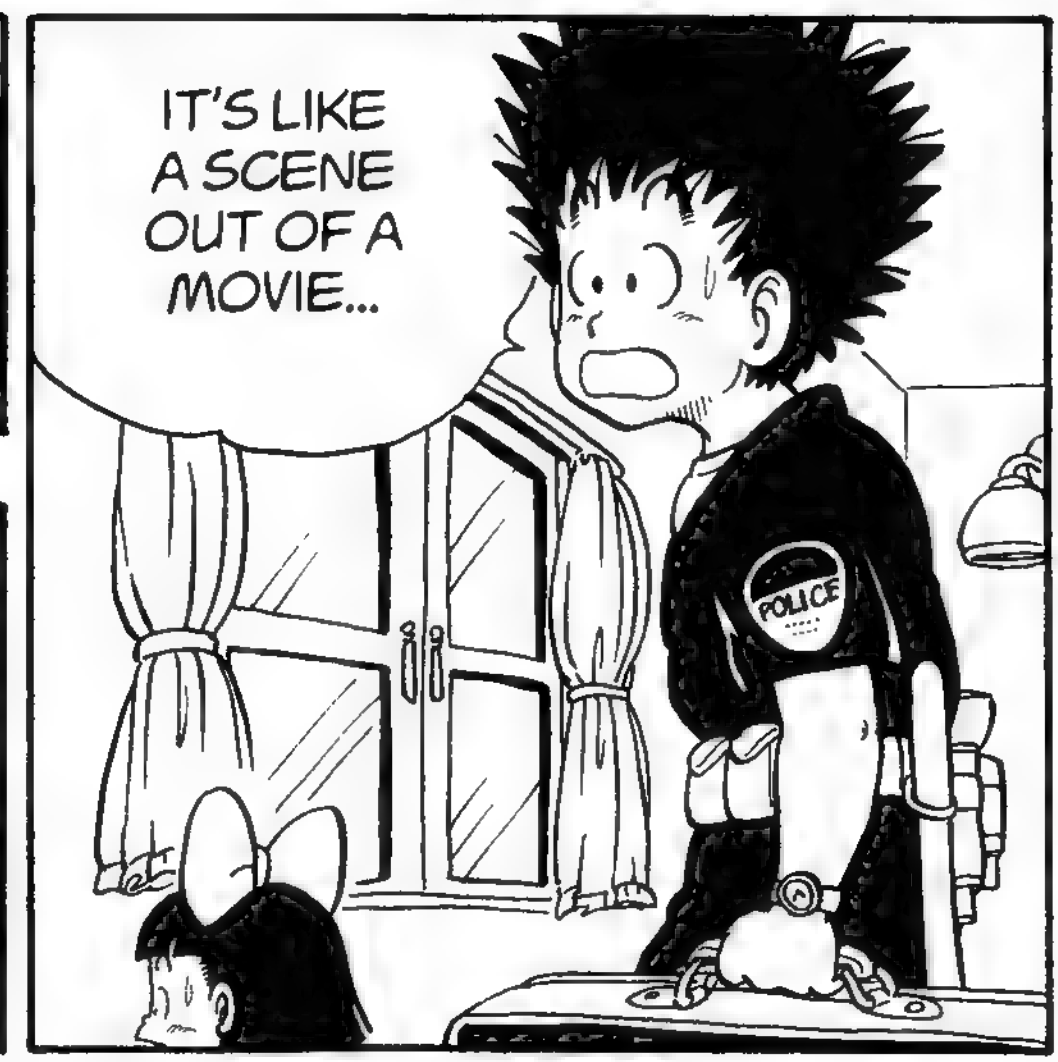
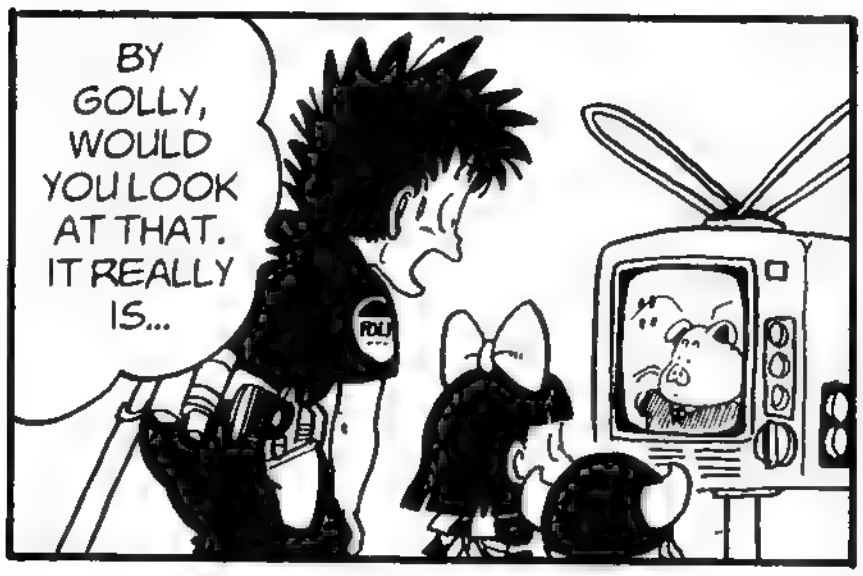
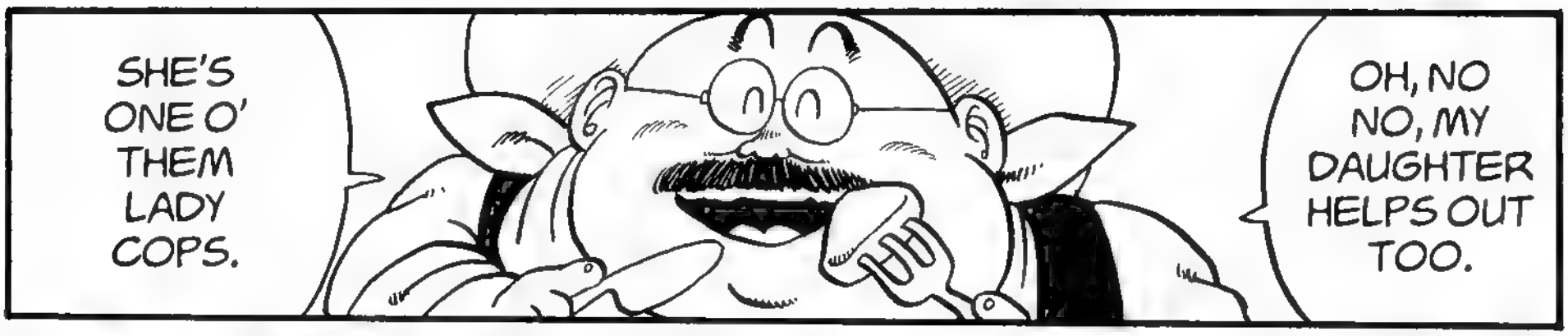
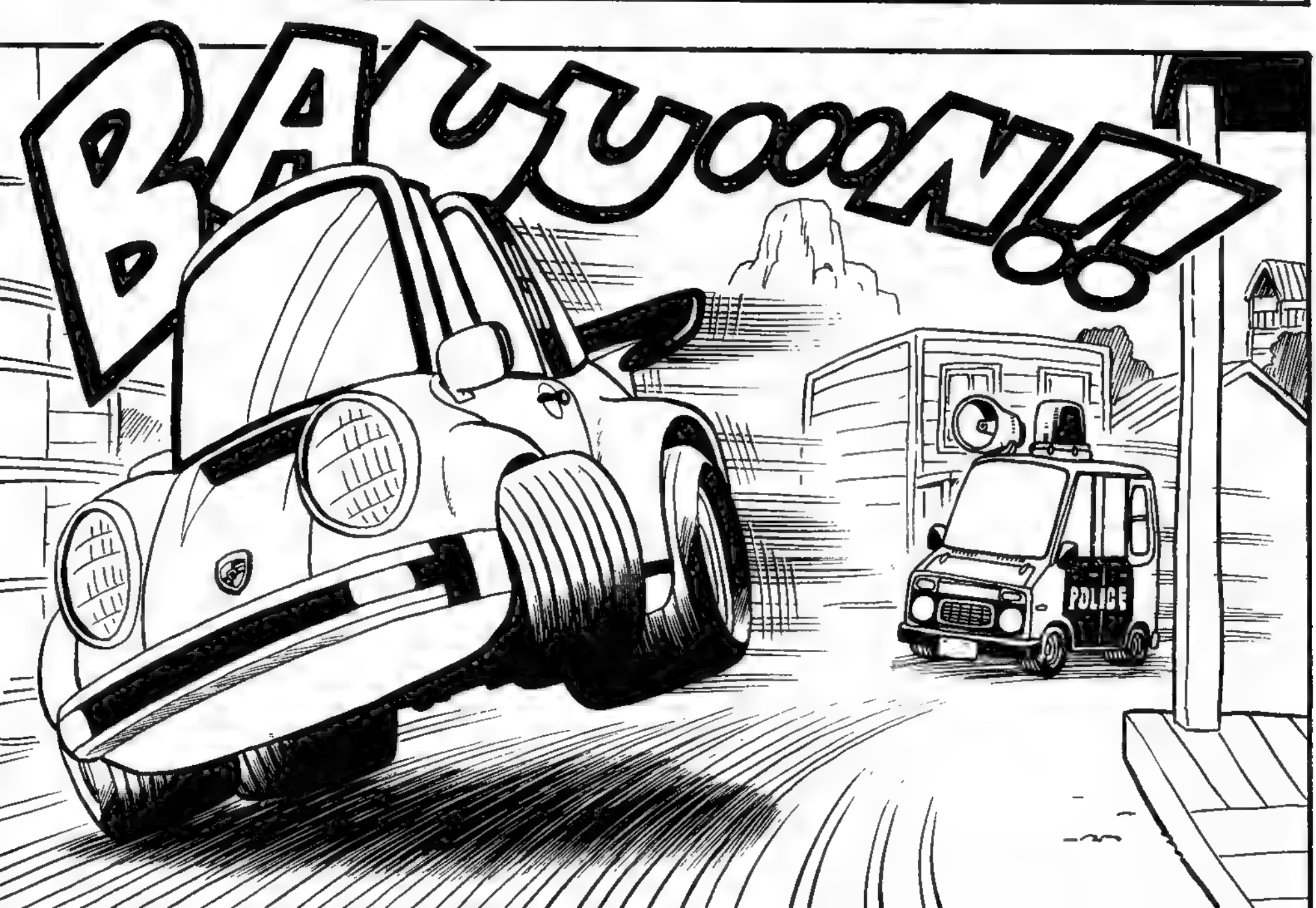


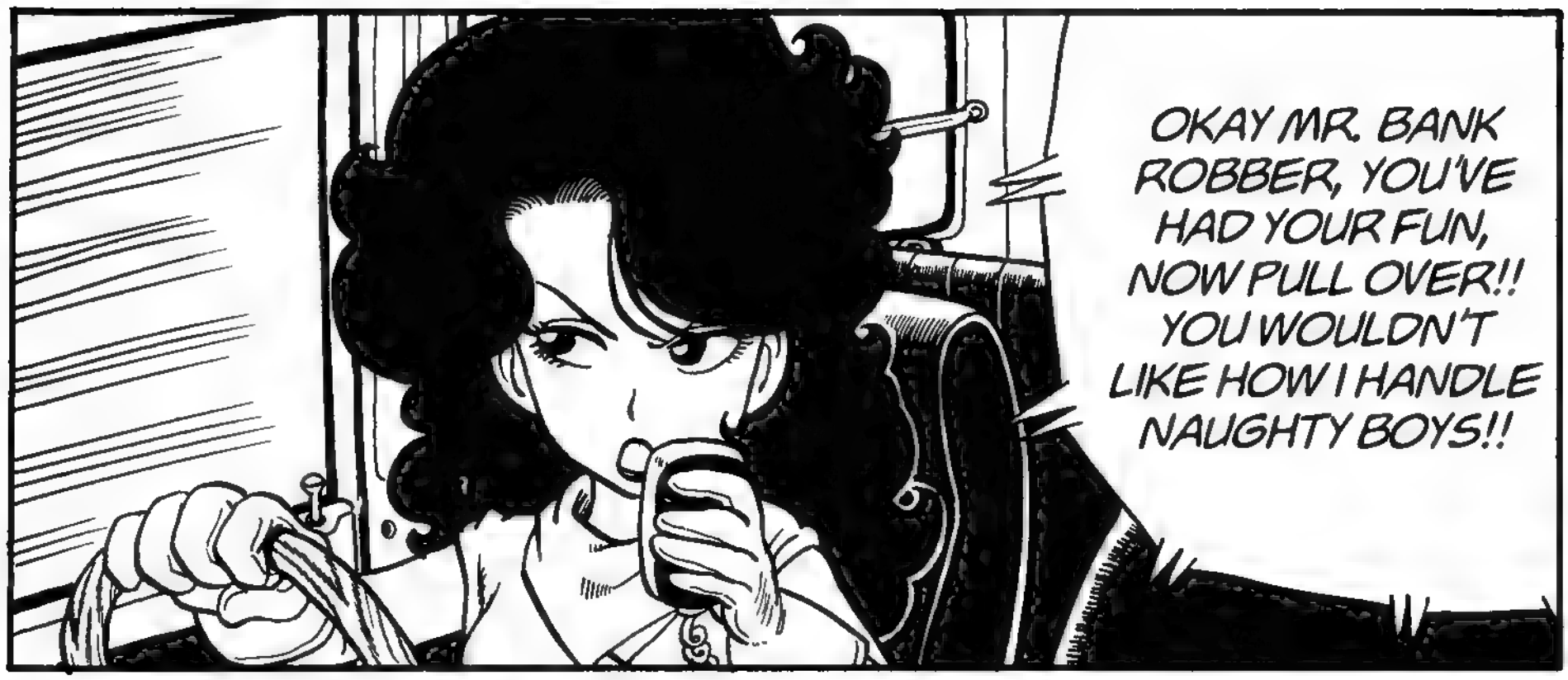


IT SURE IS!!
GA HA HA HA! FIRST TIME OUT OF YOUR VILLAGE, HUH? MUST BE SOMETHIN' ELSE!
BY THE WAY, CHIEF. DO YOU HANDLE THIS PLACE ALL BY YOURSELF?
POLICE

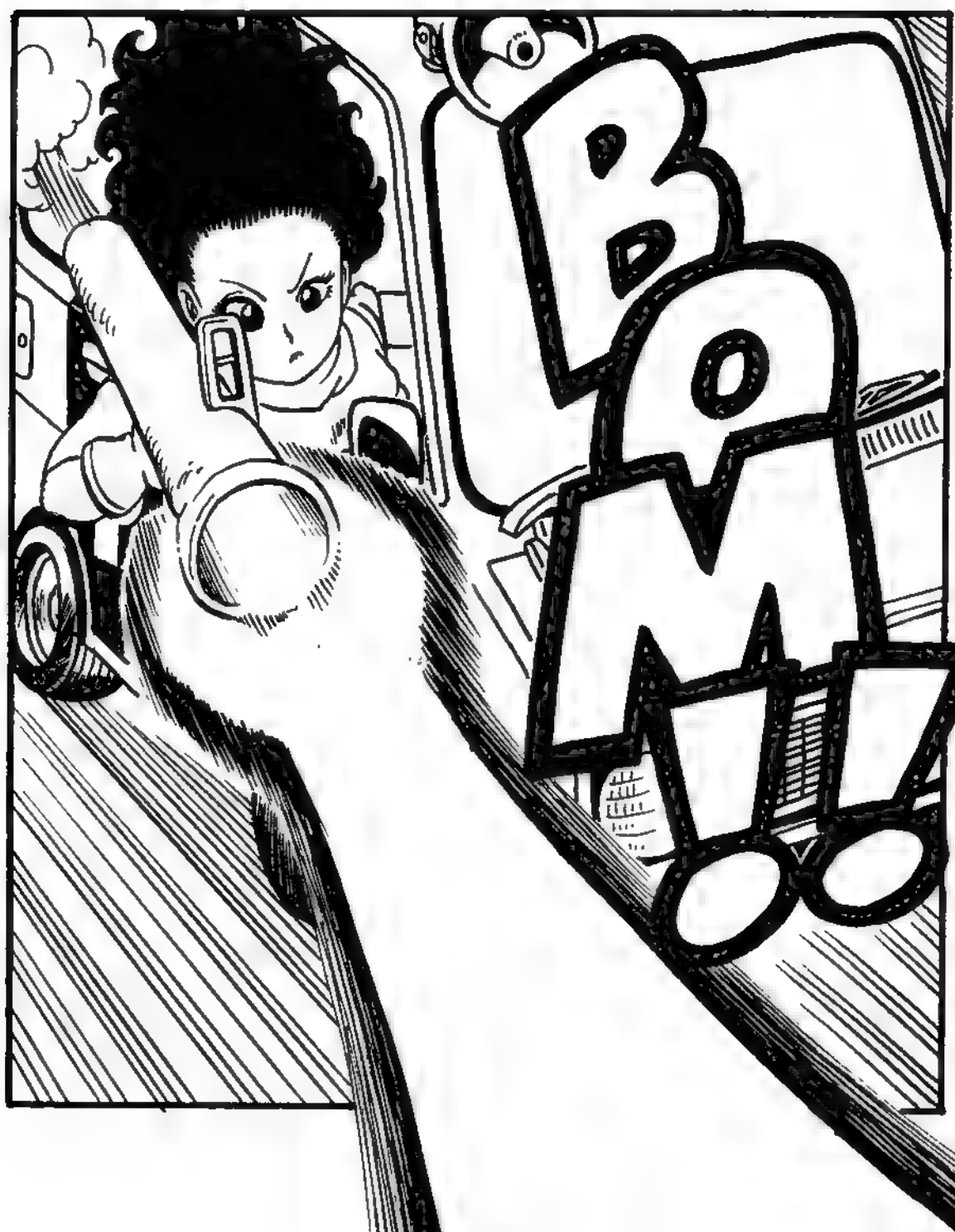
OH, SHE'S TAKING A NAP IN MY POCKET. I THOUGHT THINGS WERE QUIET.
MUST BE NICE TO BE SO CARE-FREE...
POLICE
TON TON VILLAGE


SHE'S ONE O' THEM LADY COPS.
OH, NO NO, MY DAUGHTER HELPS OUT TOO.


BAUUOON!!
POLICE


OKAY MR. BANK ROBBER, YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN, NOW PULL OVER!! YOU WOULDN'T LIKE HOW I HANDLE NAUGHTY BOYS!!

KER-CHK
ROGER THAT!


BOOM!!

EAT DIRT, COPPER!! THINK YOU CAN STOP ME, GO AHEAD AND TRY!!

KA-BLOOEY

POLICE

HIS NAME'S MUGIFUMI YAMANO.

SO, YOU'RE THE FELLOW WHO'S GONNA BE HELPING ME OUT AROUND HERE.

...

POLICE

WELL, WELL.

TAN TAN TOWN POLICE STATION

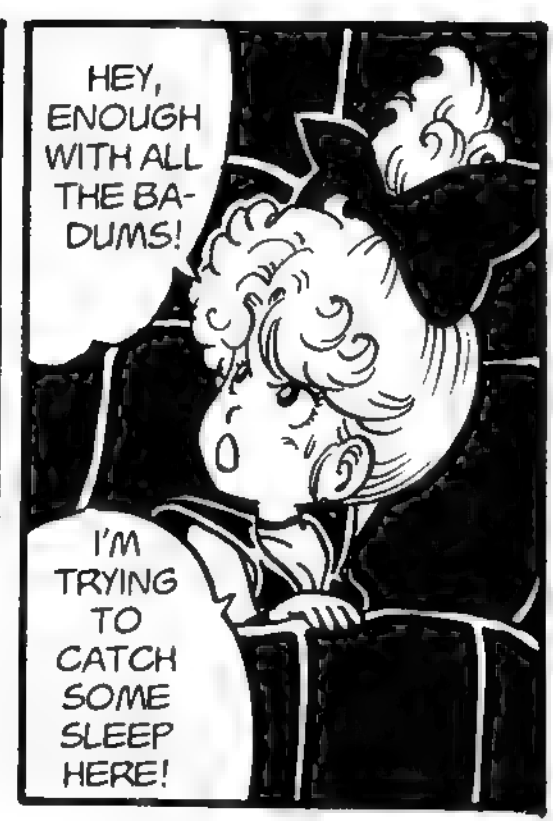
TAN TAN POLICE

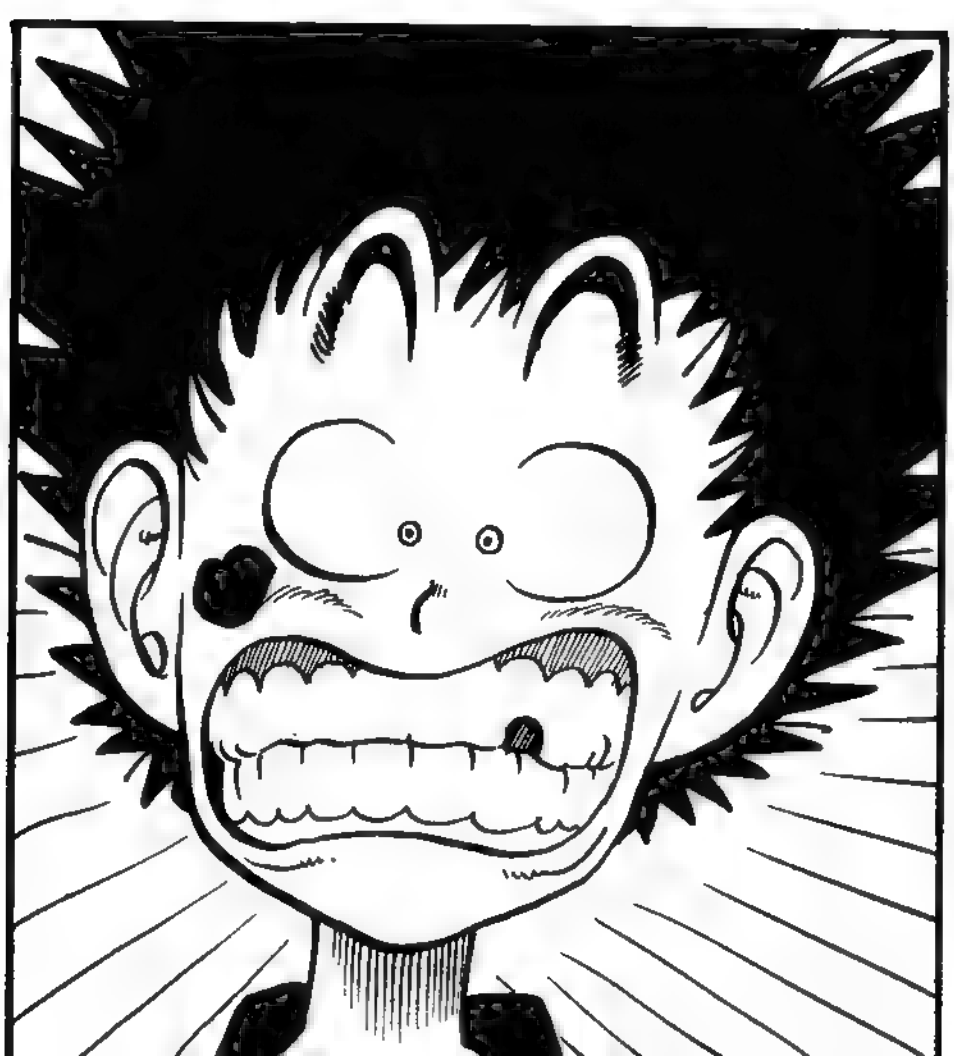
BA-
BA-
DUM
DUM
BA-
DUM

BA-
DUM
BA-
DUM

N-NICE TO MEET Y-YOU...
BA-
DUM
BA-
DUM
BA-
DUM

HEH HEH! THIS KID'S A RIOT!
PHH!
I-I, UH...
IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING A YOUNG LADY IN PERSON...


HEY, ENOUGH WITH ALL THE BA-DUMS!
I'M TRYING TO CATCH SOME SLEEP HERE!



SO THEN I GUESS THIS IS A FIRST TOO, HUH?
PECK ♡
POLICE

WELL, I S'POSE HE COULD START OFF EASY WITH SOME PATROLS...

SO...YOU THINK HE'LL BE OKAY IN A TOWN LIKE THIS?

VDOOM

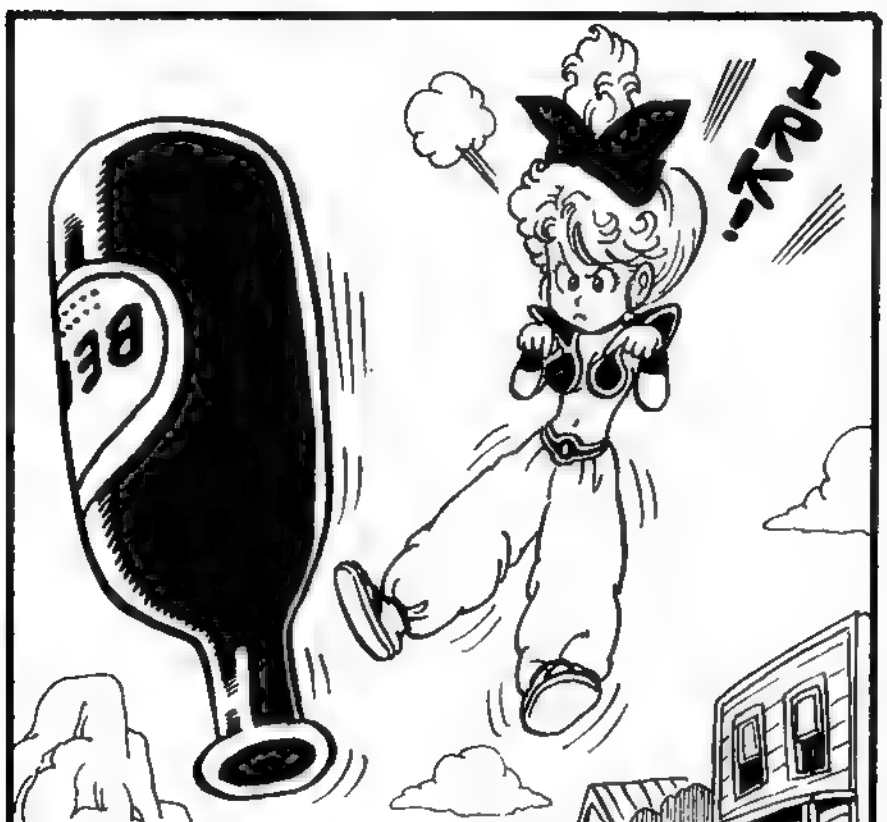
AND WHAT'S THIS ABOUT SEEING A YOUNG LADY FOR THE FIRST TIME?! I'M YOUNG TOO, YA KNOW!!

WHAT'RE YOU ALL RED IN THE CHEEKS OVER?!

DAAAAZE

MERRY... OH, SWEET MERRY...

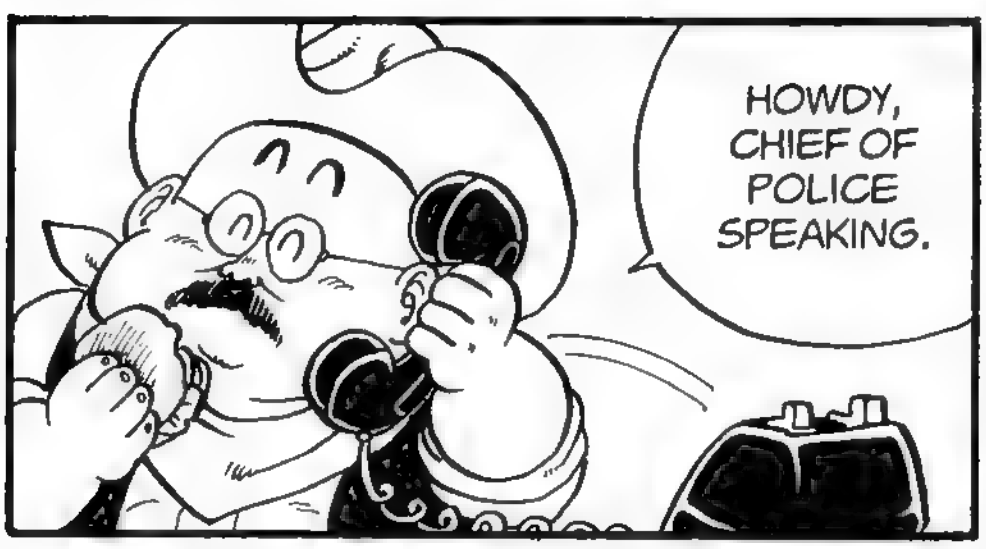
BLUSH

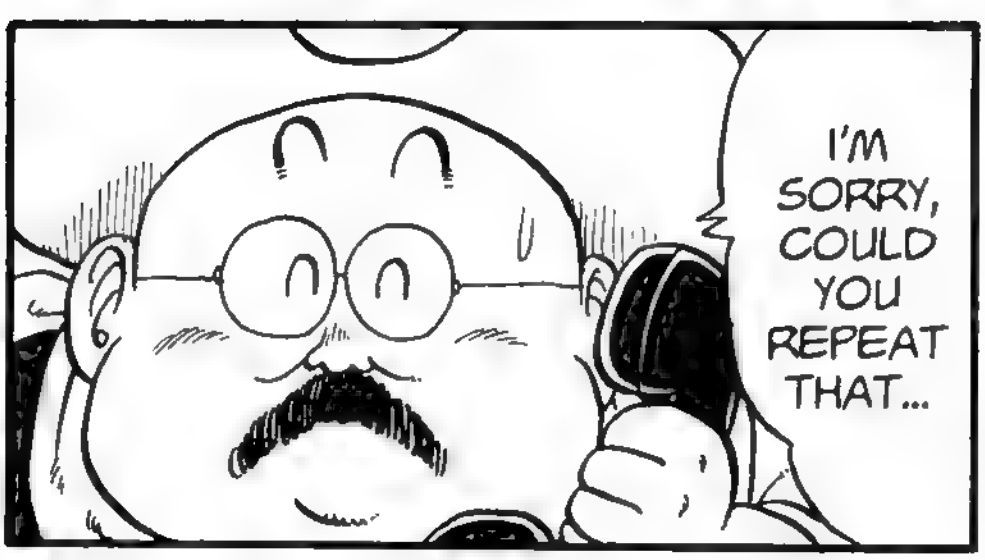


OW, THAT HURT!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

GRK !!!
CONK
CHOY !!

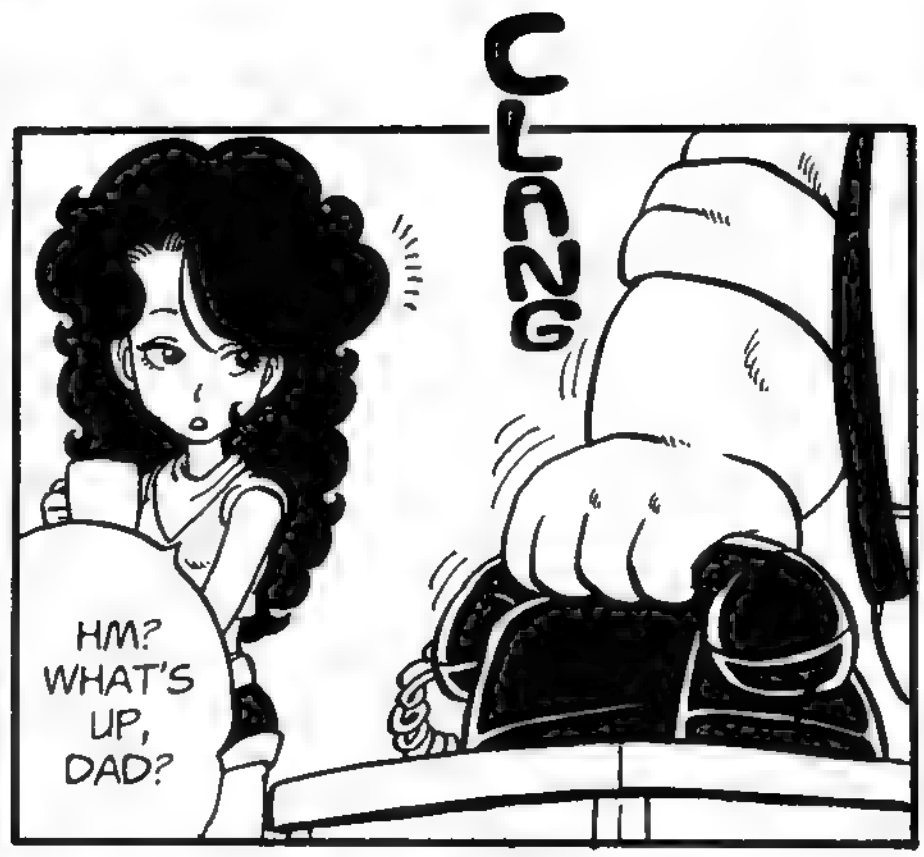
BRRRING BRRRING

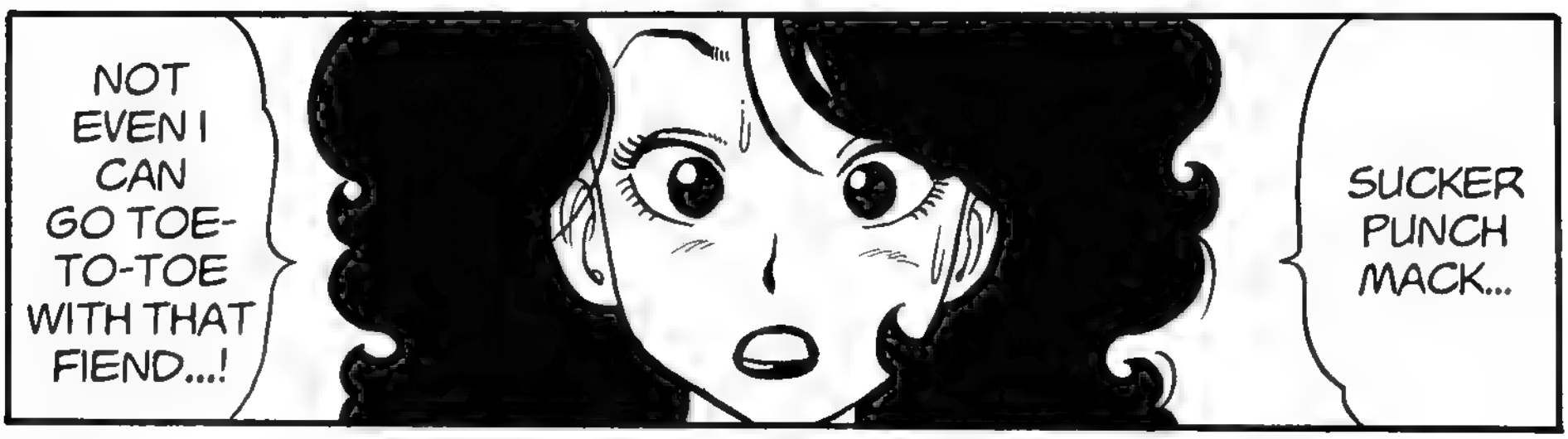

HOWDY, CHIEF OF POLICE SPEAKING.


I'M SORRY, COULD YOU REPEAT THAT...

HMPH!
LOW HIDE
BEER
WHAT'S HER PROBLEM?

HE'S... HE'S BACK...
SUCKER PUNCH MACK IS BACK...


CLANG
HM? WHAT'S UP, DAD?


NOT EVEN I CAN GO TOE-TO-TOE WITH THAT FIEND...!
SUCKER PUNCH MACK...

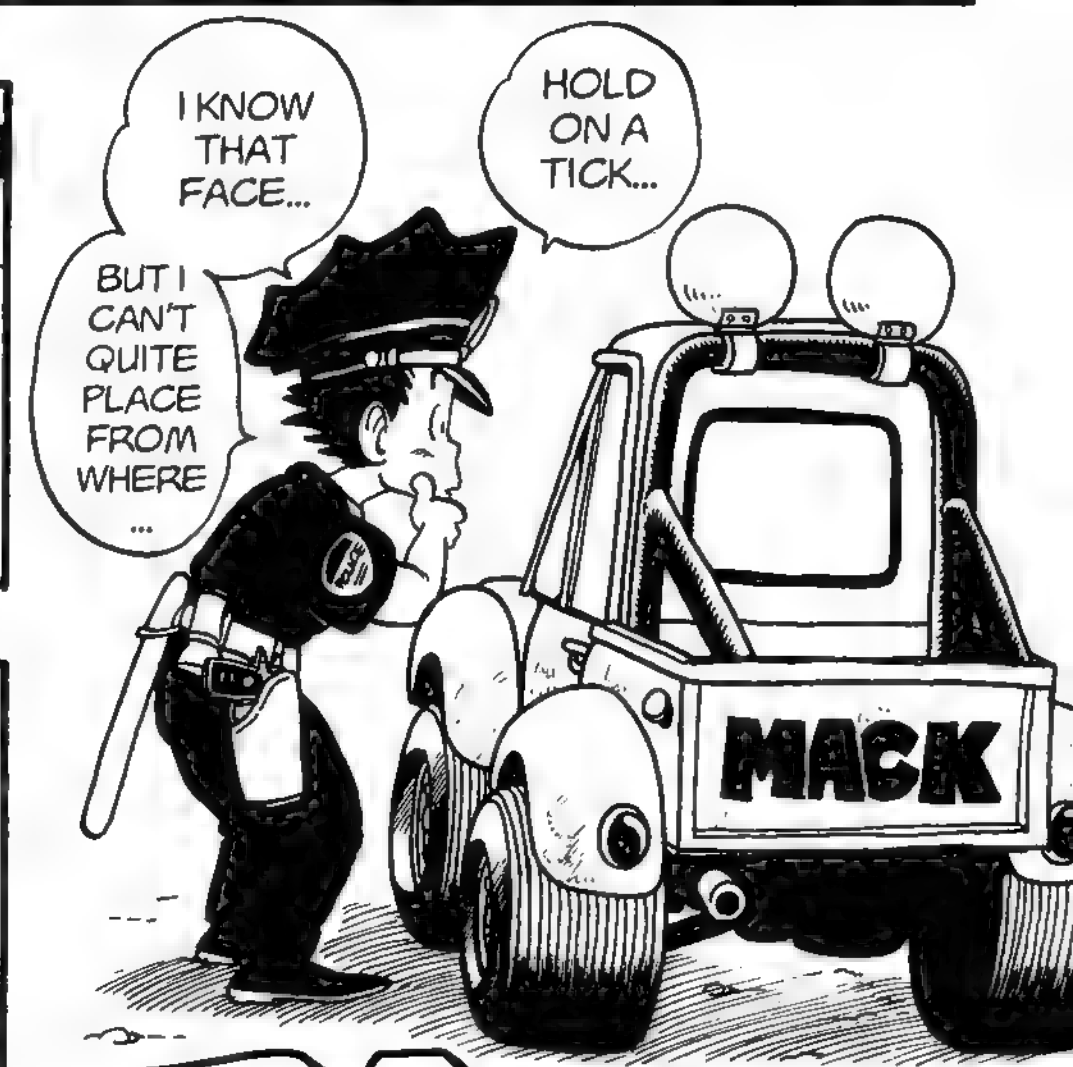
LOOK! THERE'S SOMEBODY OVER THERE!
GUESS I SHOULD MOSEY ON OVER AND ASK WHERE EVERYBODY WENT.
POLICE

WELL, THERE'S A SUR-PRISE.
IT MIGHT BE A BIG CITY, BUT THESE STREETS ARE PRETTY VACANT.
I COULDA SWORN THEY WERE BUSTLING JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO...

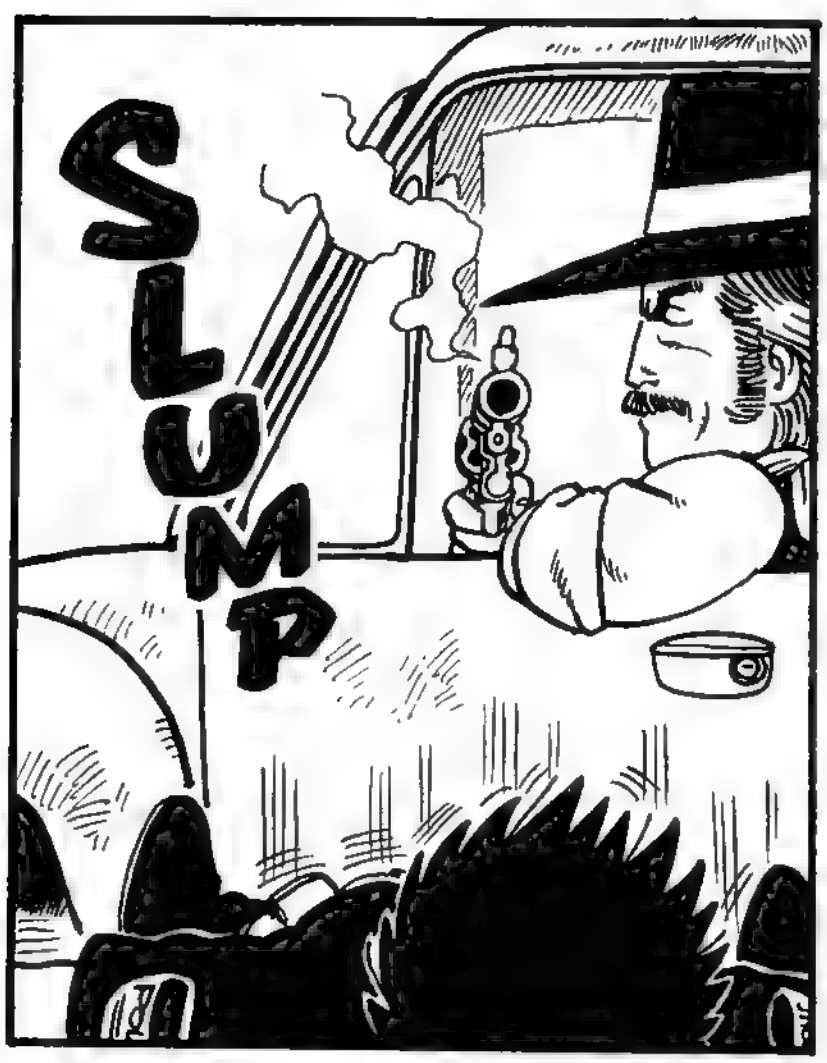
TERRIBLY SORRY, BUT...
STARE
HM?!

HEY MISTER!
HEEEEY!

YOU'RE RUINING MY VIEW.
SCRAM, KID.

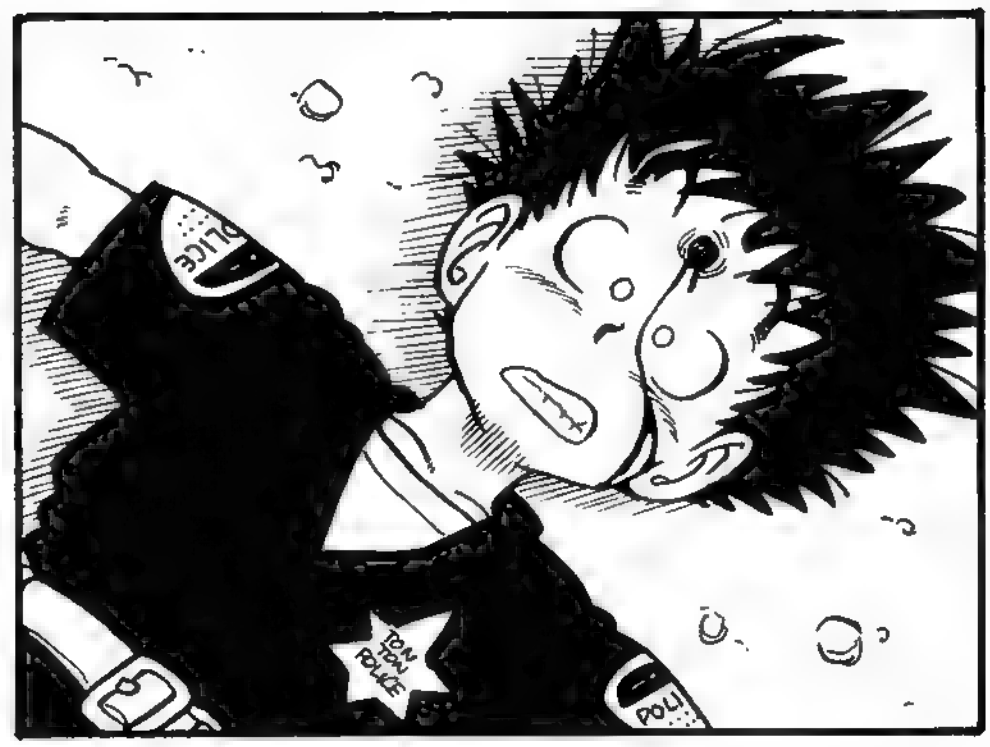

I KNOW THAT FACE...
HOLD ON A TICK...
BUT I CAN'T QUITE PLACE FROM WHERE ...
MACK

I GOT IT!!
AHAAA!!


SLUMP

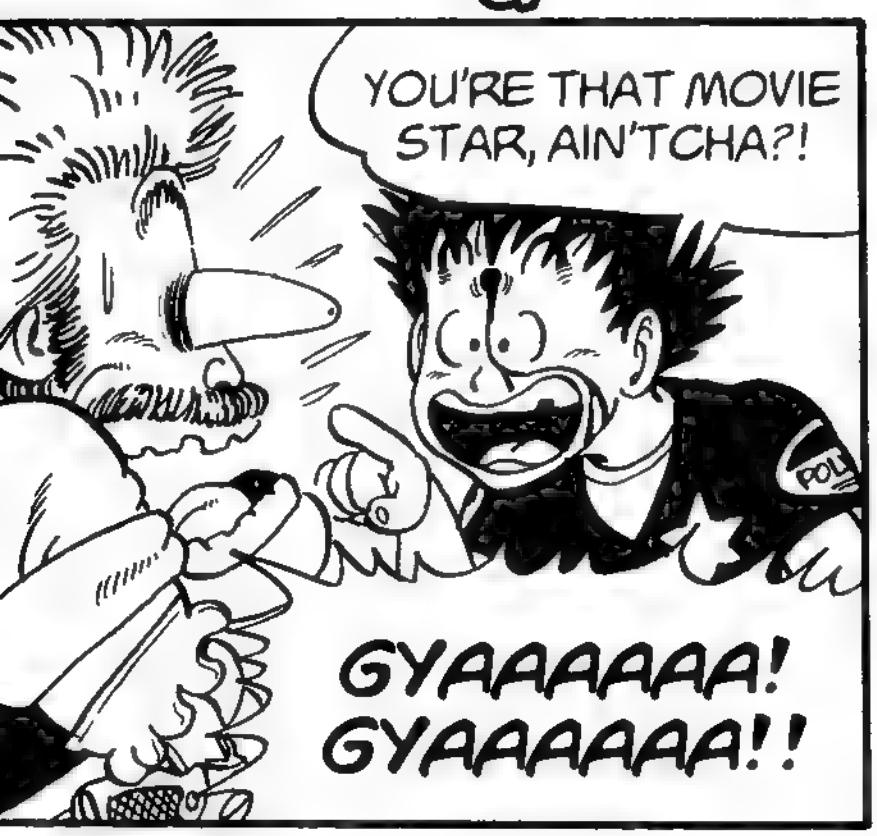
BANG

OH MY...
DID HE JUST... DIE?
YEAH, I THINK HE MIGHT'VE ...
MACK


TON TON POLICE

HE JUST CAN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT BY HIMSELF.
HERE !!
PWZG

DON'T LOOK SO GLUM... I'VE COUNTED THE VICTIMS WHO'VE FALLEN TO THIS HERE PISTOL...
AND, YOU KID, ARE VICTIM NUMBER 100!!

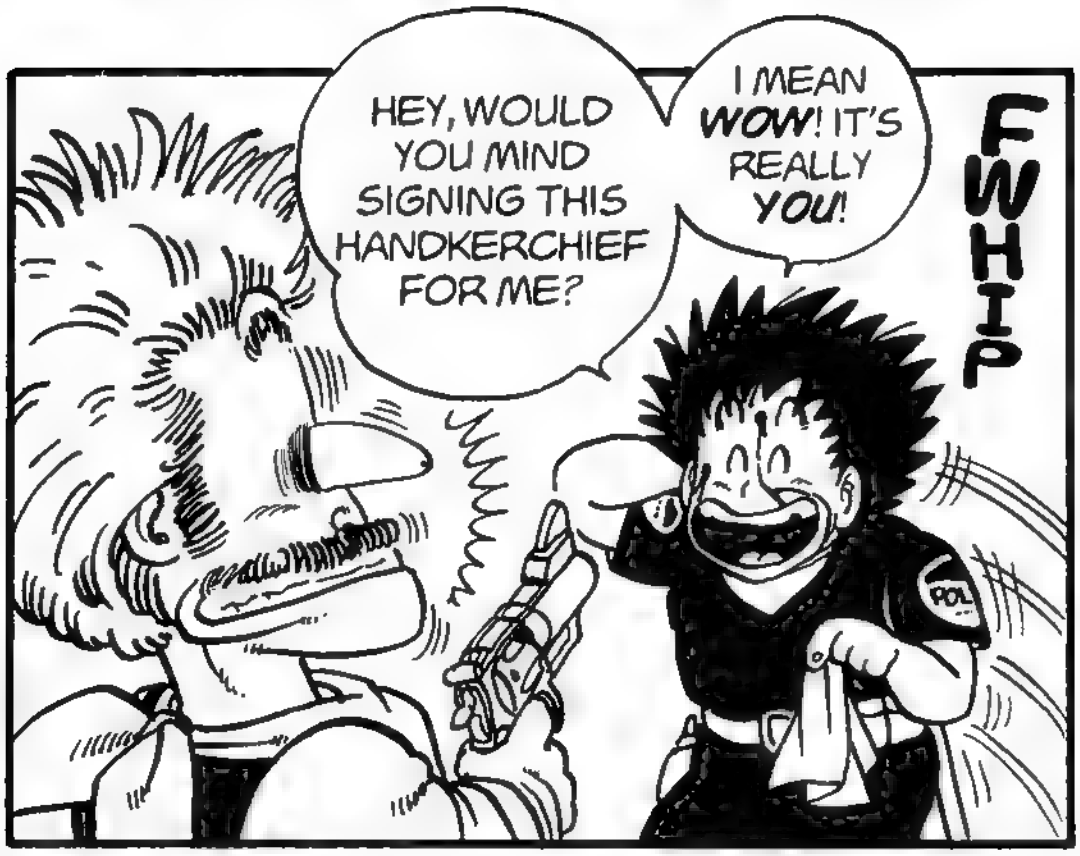

YOU'RE THAT MOVIE STAR, AIN'TCHA?!
GYAAAAAA! GYAAAAAA!!

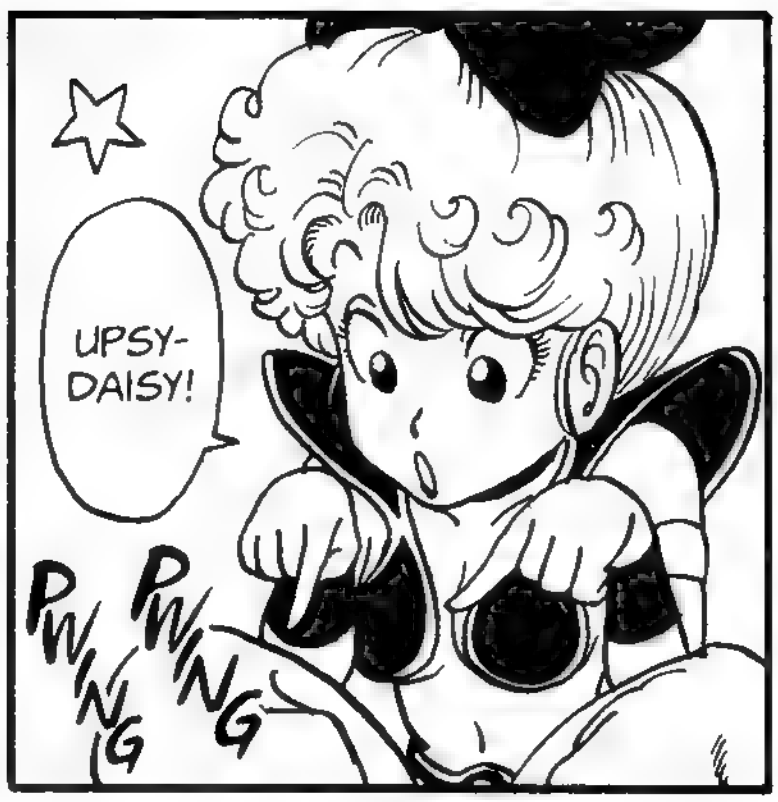
FWOOM
?!
POLICE

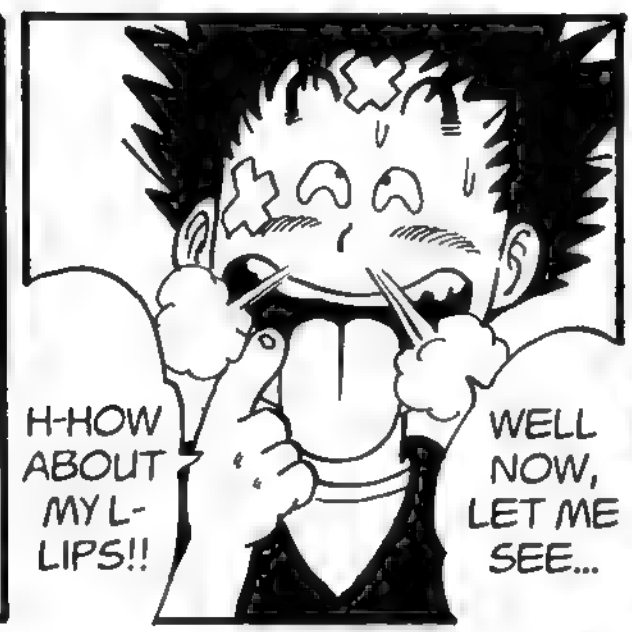
BANG BANG BANG

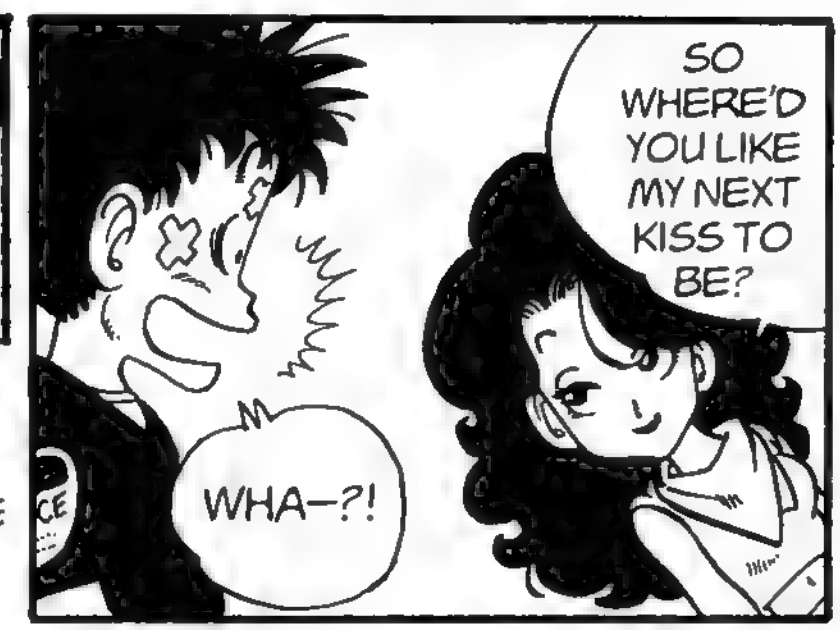
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU?!

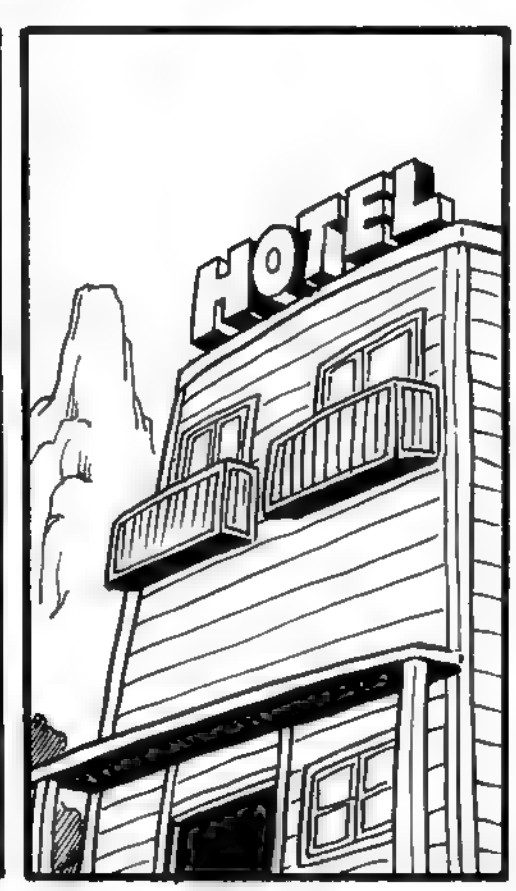
NO, NOOO! STAY AWA-AAAY!











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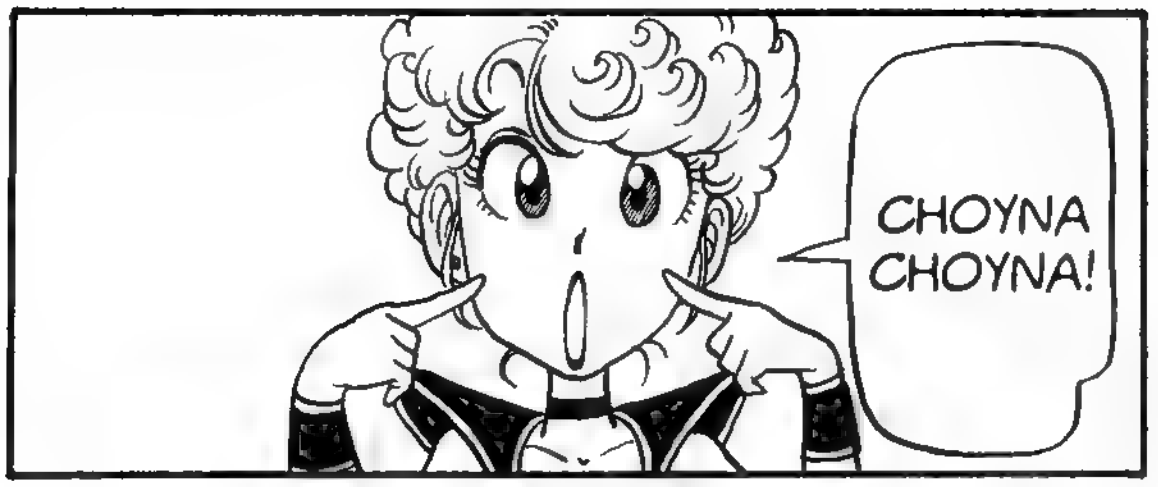
CHOYNA CHOYNA!

AKIRA TORIYAMA'S MANGA THEATER

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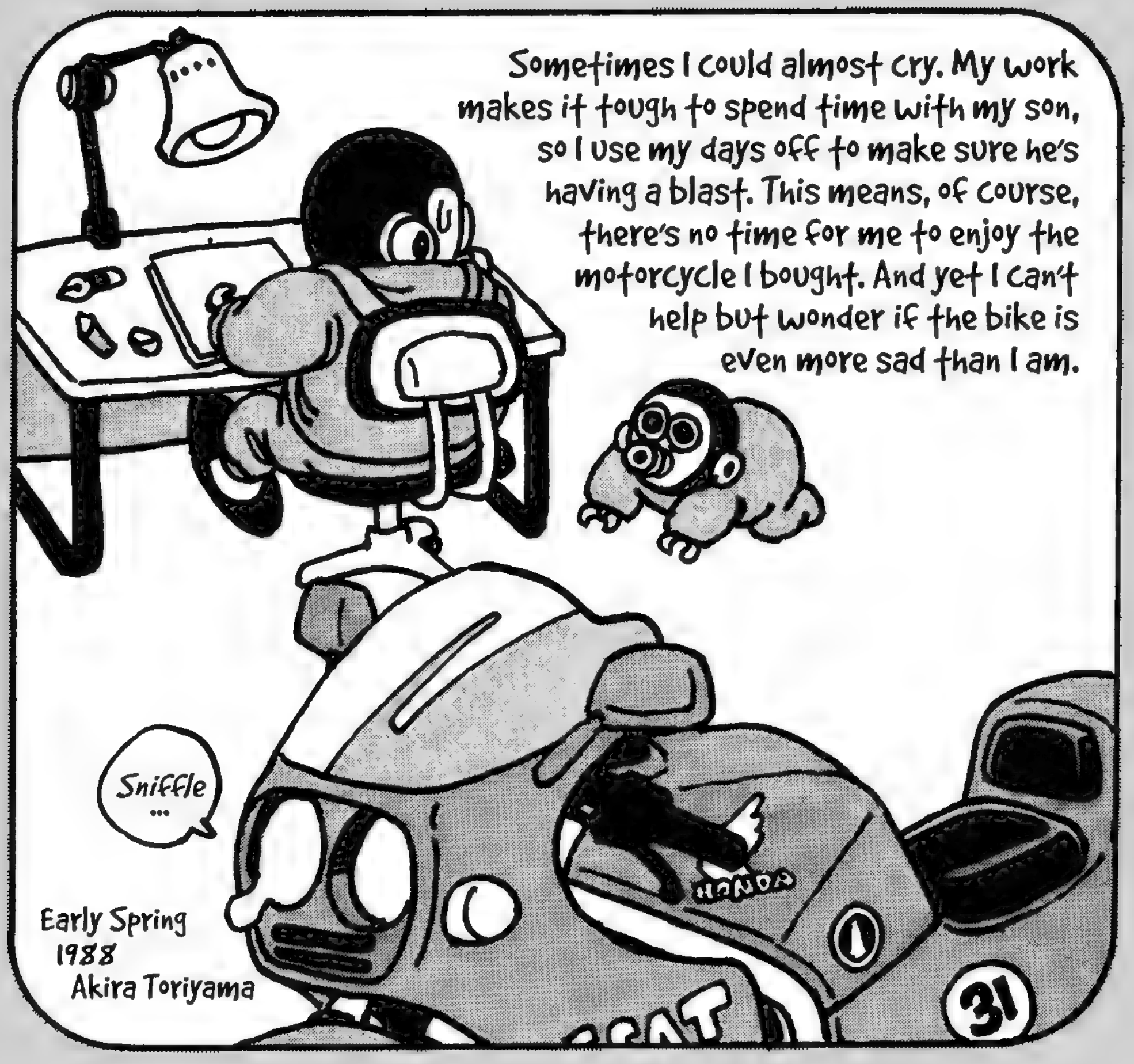
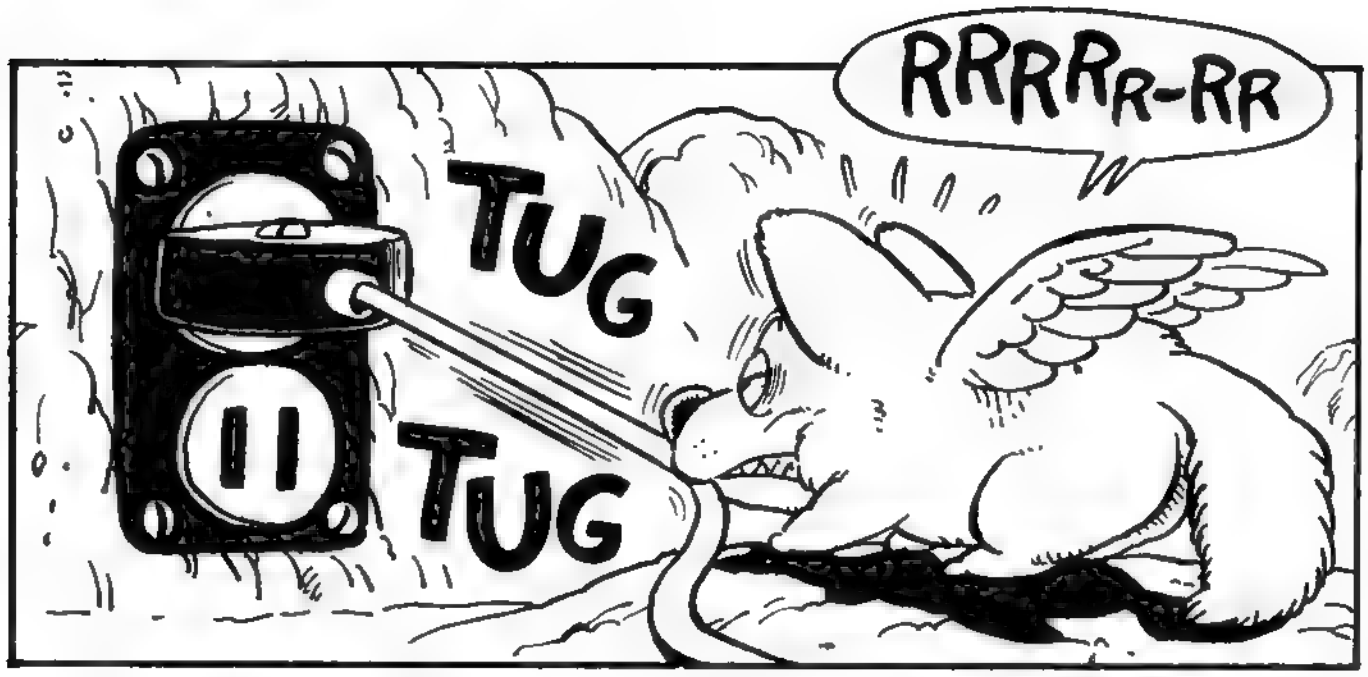
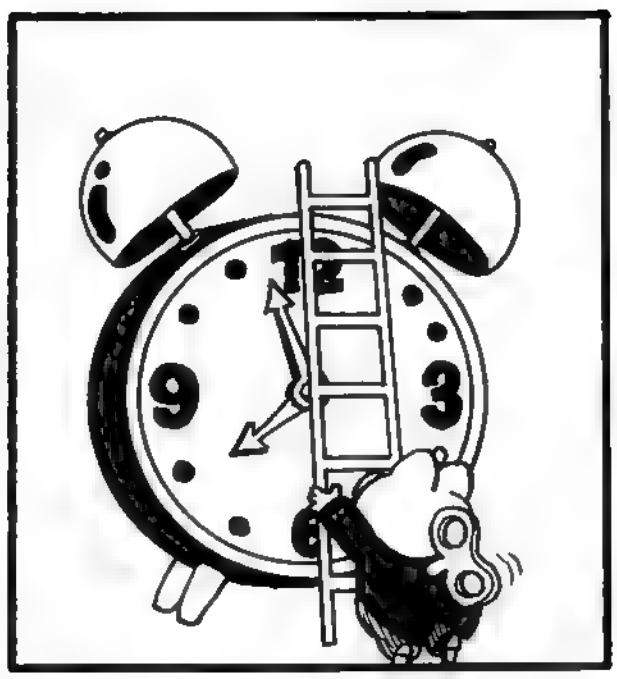



RRRRR-RR
TUG
TUG

AKIRA TORIYAMA'S MANGA THEATER

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT ISLAND



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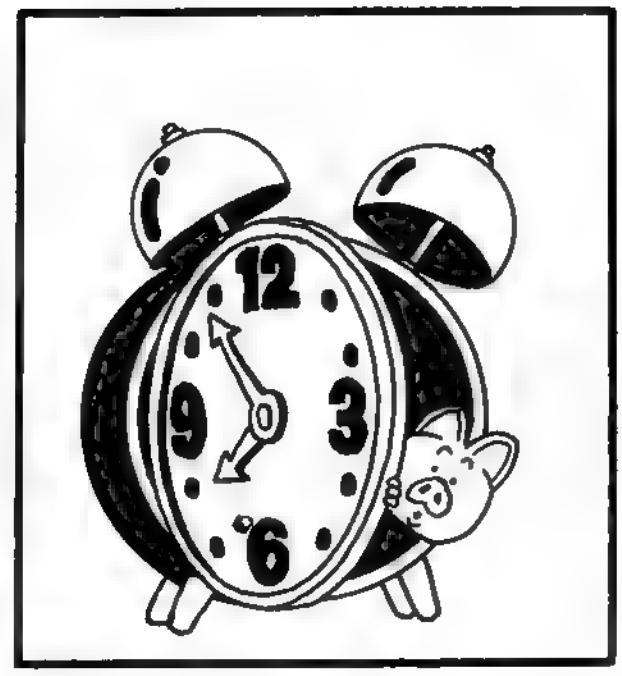

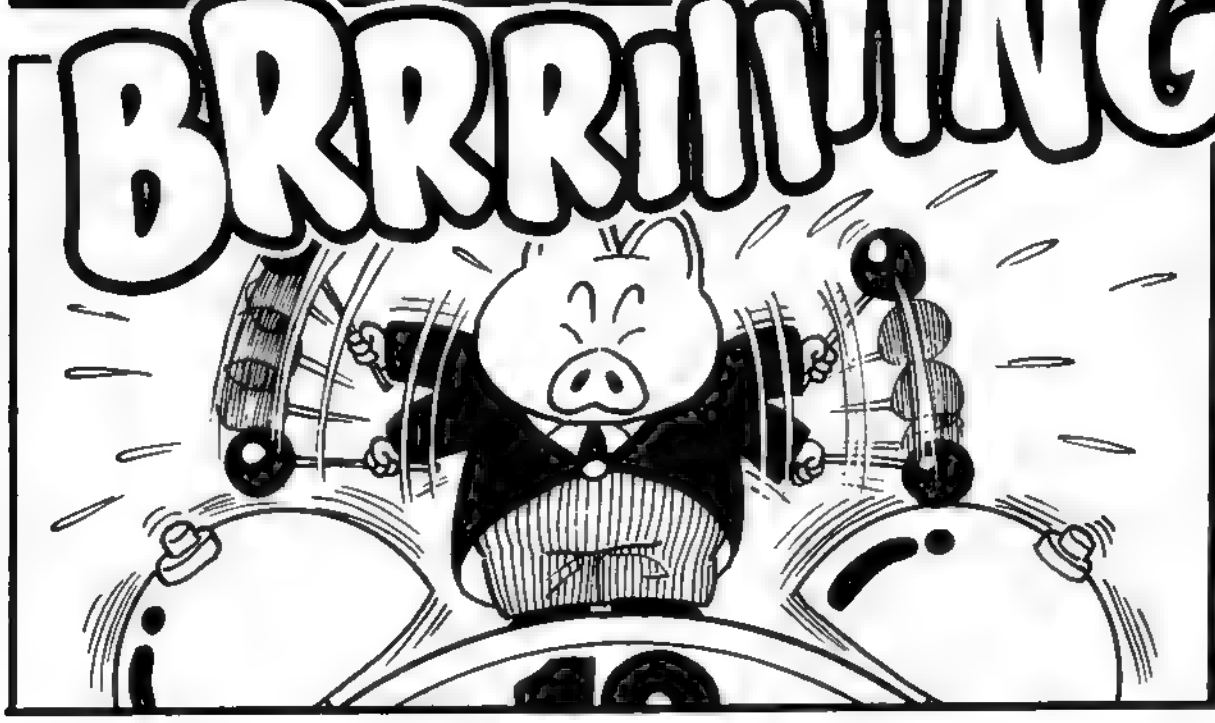
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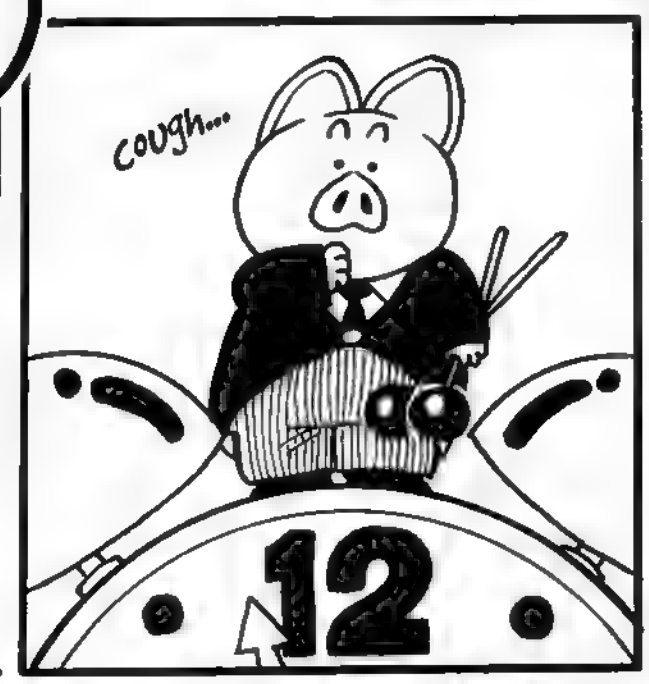
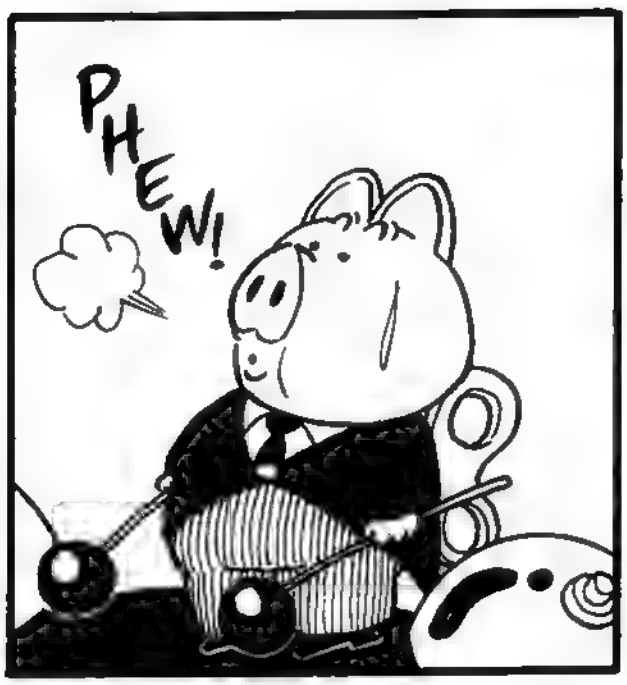
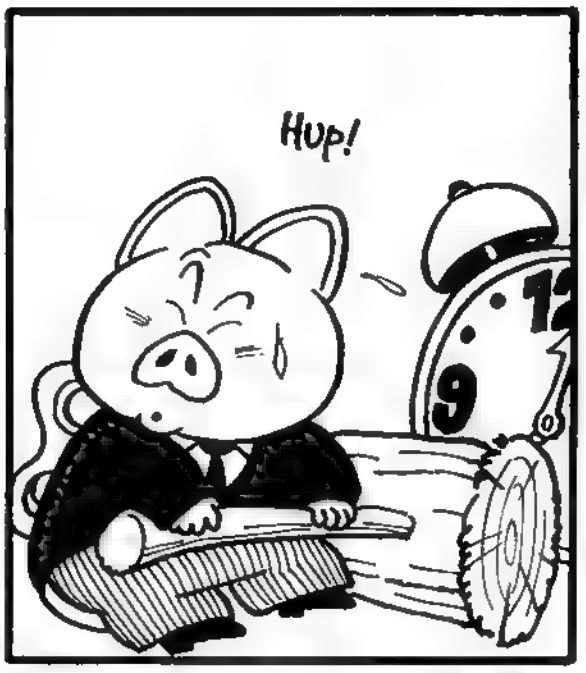

cough...


PHEW!

BRRRIIIING


Hup!

Ooh, you little...

KER-POP
GONK!

And here we...

PLING
FWIP-FLOP
!!

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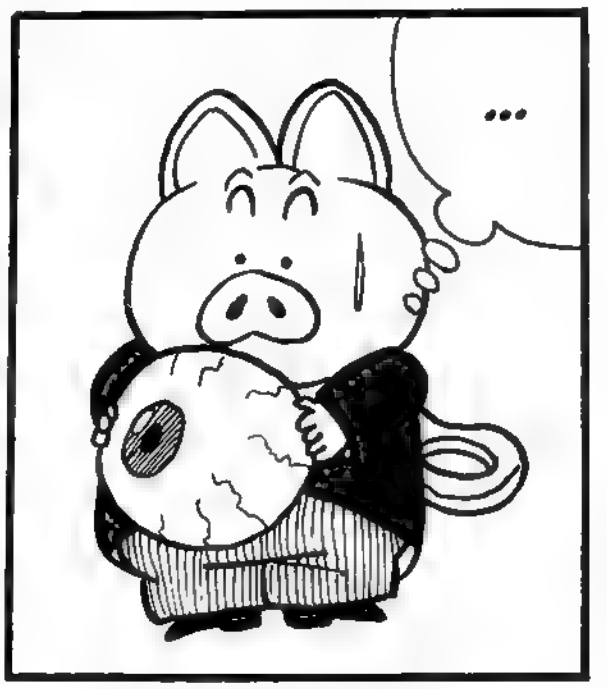

...

AHHHHHH!

caught red-handed... ouch!

LUNCHTIIIME LUNCHTIIIME

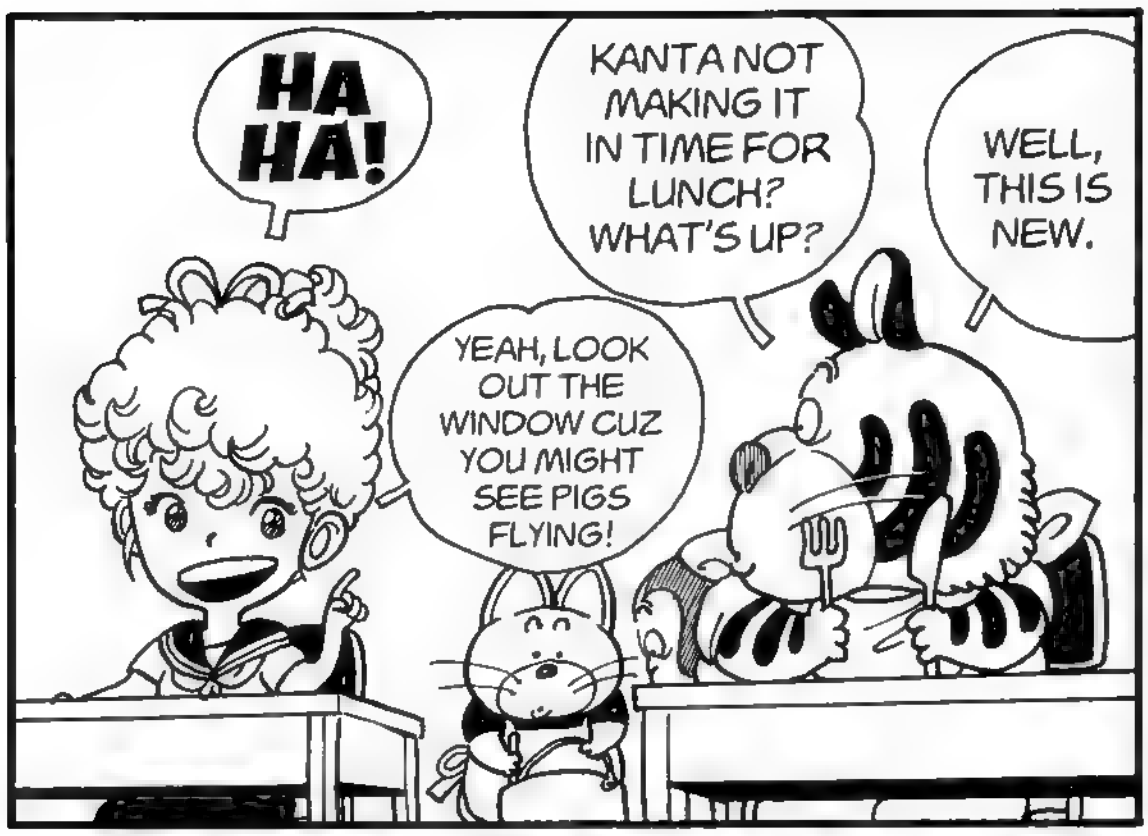
HRM? HEY, AIN'T THAT KANTA? WHY'S HE OUT HERE AT THIS TIME OF DAY?

I'M STARVING! TODAY'S LUNCH LEADER BETTER MOVE IT!

ALL RIGHT, LUNCH-TIME!

BING-BONG-BING-BONG

HIGHLIGHT ISLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL


HA HA!
KANTA NOT MAKING IT IN TIME FOR LUNCH? WHAT'S UP?
WELL, THIS IS NEW.
YEAH, LOOK OUT THE WINDOW CUZ YOU MIGHT SEE PIGS FLYING!

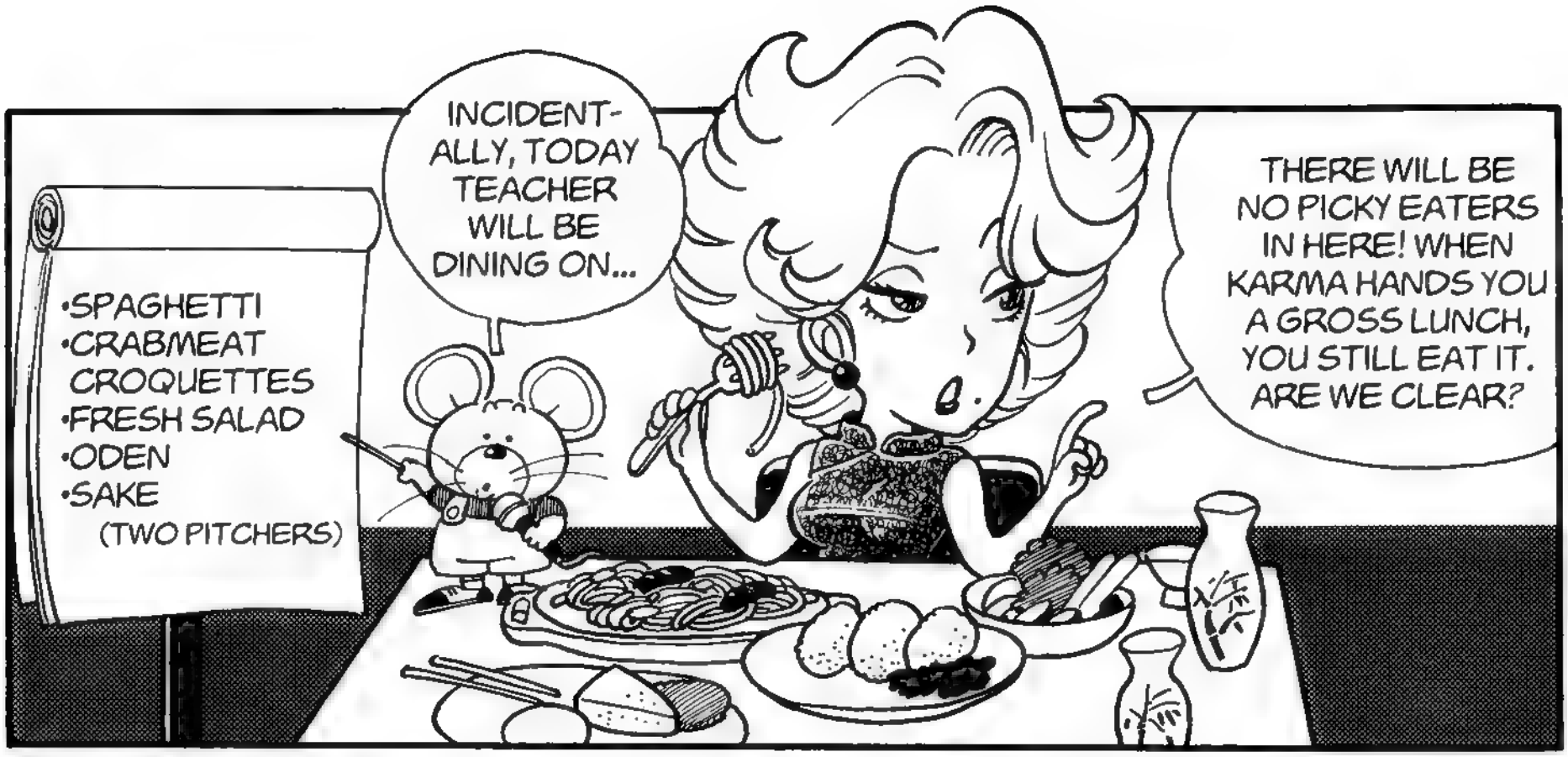
I... MADE IT!
HUFF
WEEZ
HUFF

LET'S EAT!

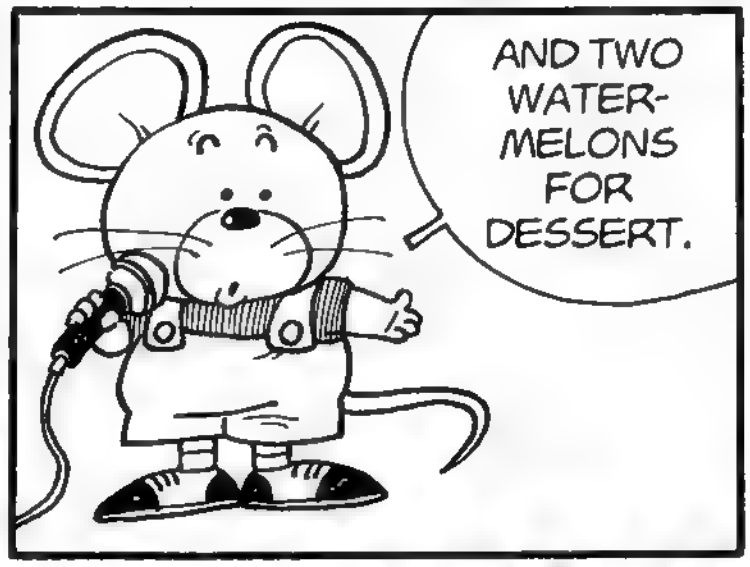
STOP LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT!
DARN... I'M IN THE MOOD FOR MEAT TODAY...

QUIET, CLASS!

...
DID SOMEONE WITH WORKING TASTE BUDS THINK UP THIS COMBINATION?
HURP
MILK
MILK
BOILED EGG
RICE
SWEET BEAN SOUP


•SPAGHETTI
•CRABMEAT CROQUETTES
•FRESH SALAD
•ODEN
•SAKE (TWO PITCHERS)
INCIDENTALLY, TODAY TEACHER WILL BE DINING ON...
THERE WILL BE NO PICKY EATERS IN HERE! WHEN KARMA HANDS YOU A GROSS LUNCH, YOU STILL EAT IT. ARE WE CLEAR?

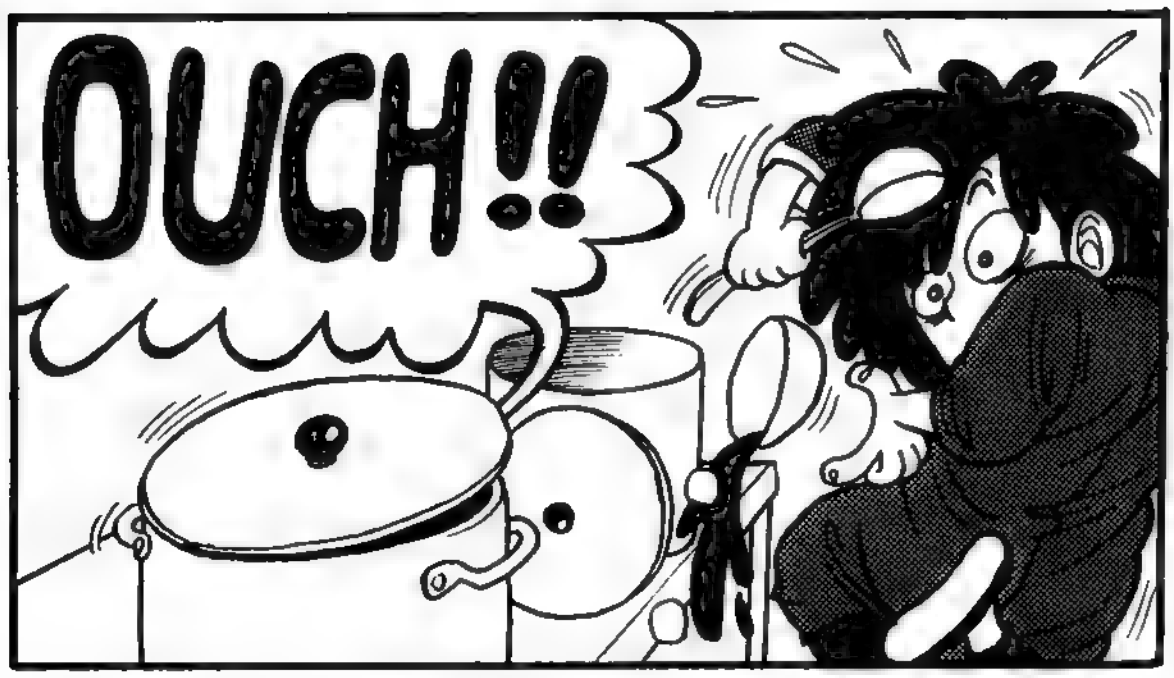
Whooa!
YOU TRYIN' TO SAY SOMETHING?!
FLICK


AND TWO WATERMELONS FOR DESSERT.

SENSEEEI!
FVOOM
FRRMPH

YEEEEAAAAH! MY PRECIOUS LITTLE SWEET BEANS!
ALWAYS SUCH A... COLORFUL... DISPOSITION.
Weirdo.

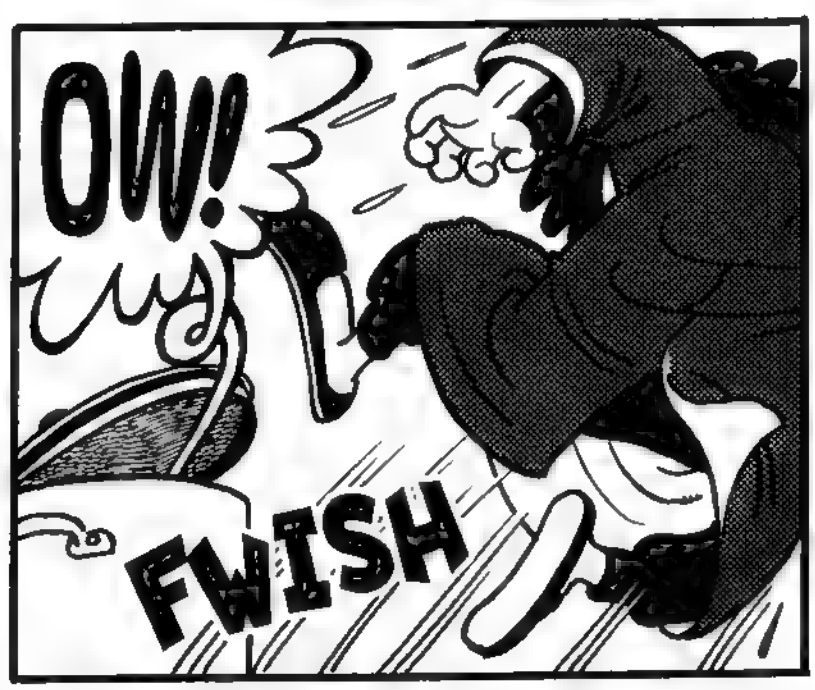
SENSEI! I...I REALLY... THE SWEET BEAN SOUP...
I TRULY ENJOY ITS TASTE. MAY I PLEASE HAVE SECONDS?!
TH-THAT'S FINE...


OUCH!!

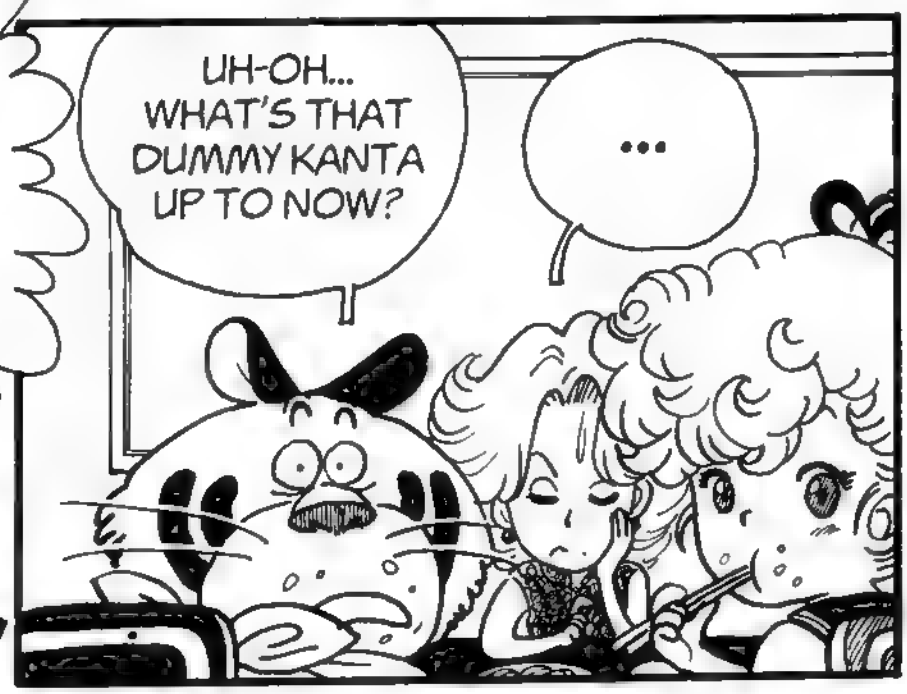
SPLISH
SPLOSH

OWWW... MY TOOTH HURTS...
PHHHT!

...?!
FWP


OW!
FWISH

IT REALLY, REALLY HURRRTS!!
PITTER PATTER


UH-OH... WHAT'S THAT DUMMY KANTA UP TO NOW?
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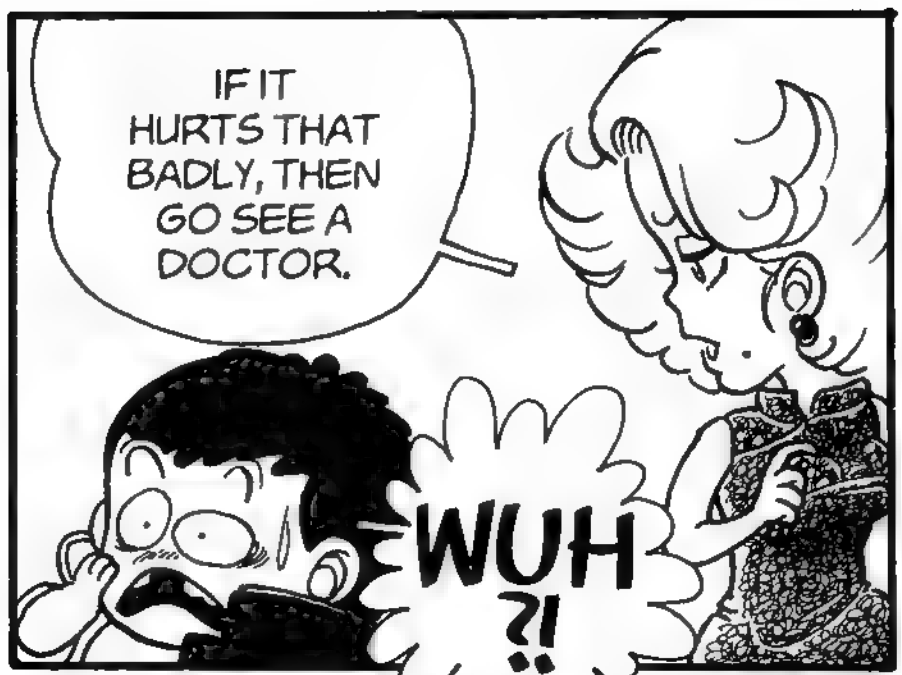
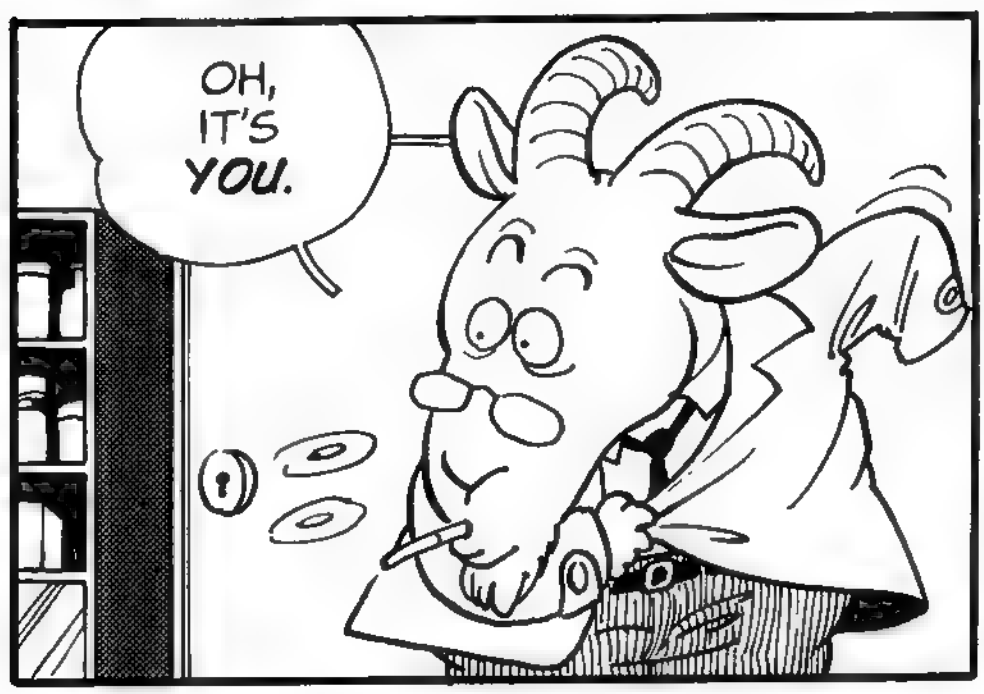

IF IT HURTS THAT BADLY, THEN GO SEE A DOCTOR.
WUH ?!

HAH HAH HAH
OKAY! TIME FOR CLASS!
BOY, AM I FIRED UP TO LEARN!

KARMA AT WORK. DIVINE RETRIBUTION, PERHAPS. GOD SEES ALL.
ALL THAT FUSS OVER A CAVITY?
SHA-SHADDUP... DIS REAWY... HURDS!

HEE HEE
STOMP STOMP
STRUGGLE SQUIRM STRUGGLE
GAAAH! LEMME GO, YA JERK! GET OFF ME!
DRAG DRAG

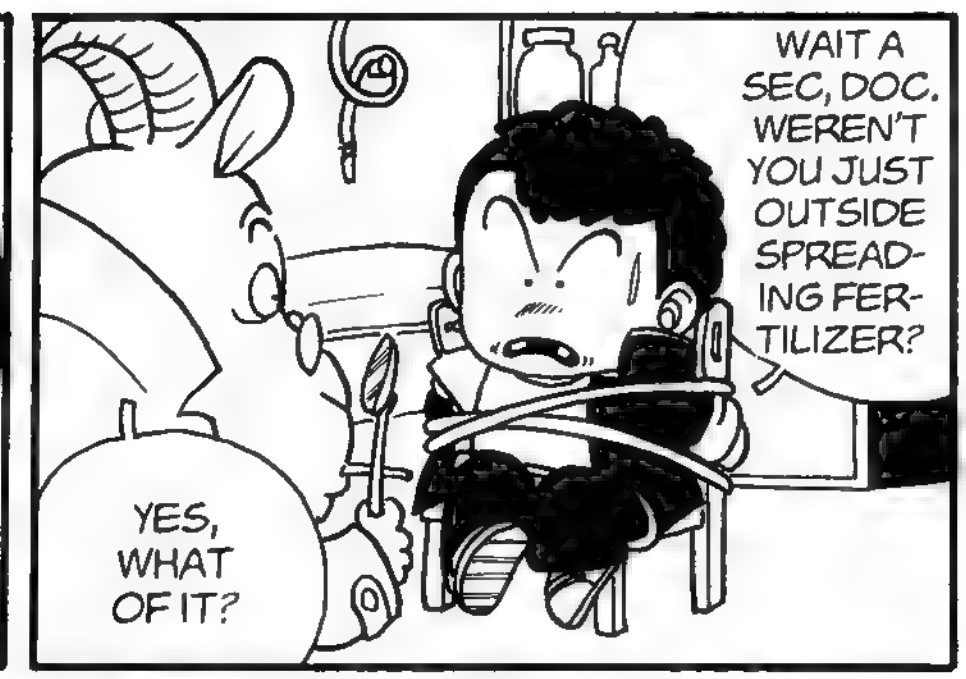

OH, IT'S YOU.

WE FIX ANYTHING!
YAGI CLINIC
ILLNESS • CARS • RADIOS
SERIOUSLY ANYTHING

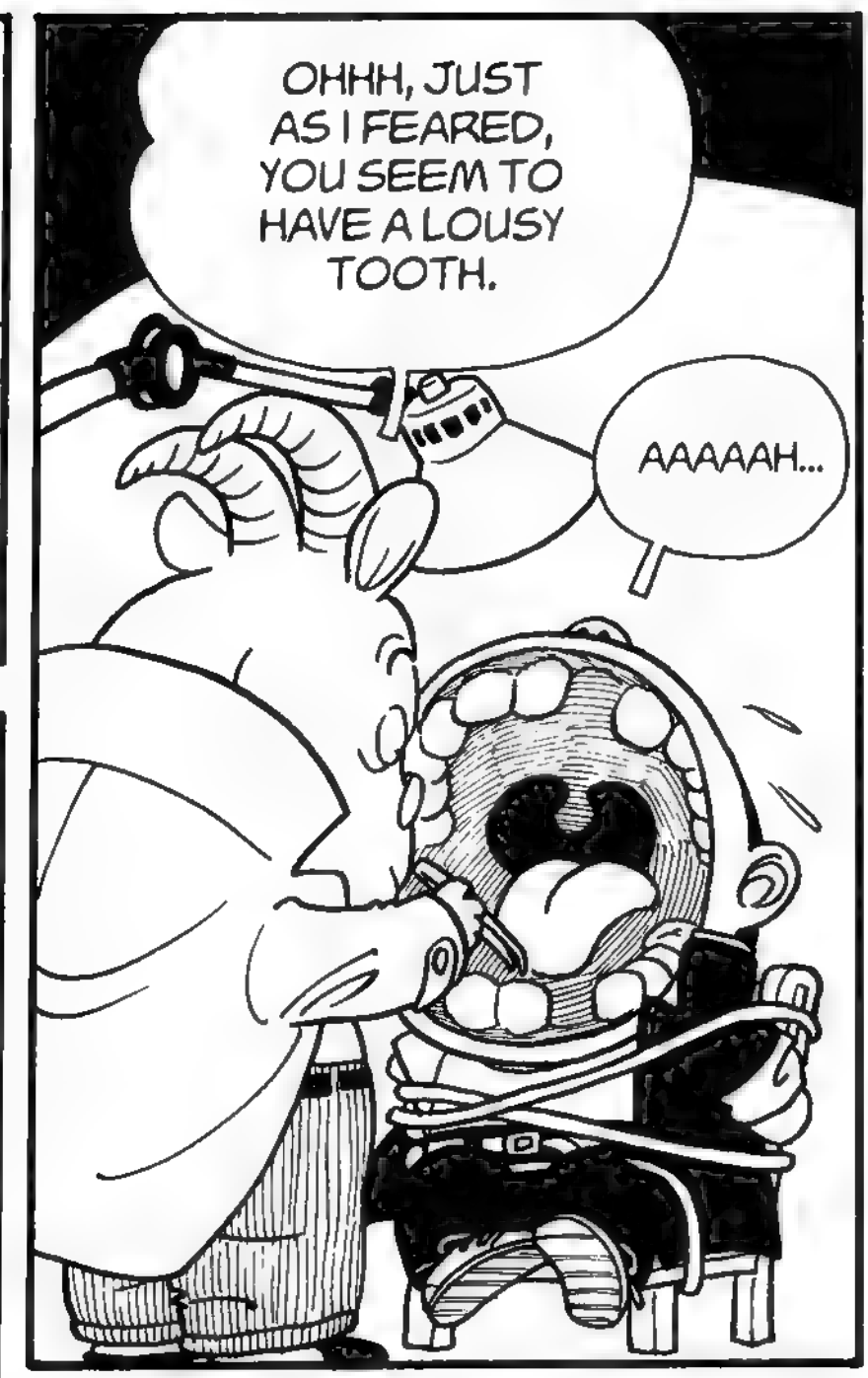
GOT A LOUSY TOOTH, HUH? OKAY, SAY "AHHH."

IT'S MY TOOTH! CHECK MY TOOTH!
I JUST WANT TO WARN YOU IN ADVANCE, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO TO FIX YOUR BRAINS OR YOUR FACE...

WASH YER HANDS, MAN!!
PICKY, PICKY...


WAIT A SEC, DOC. WEREN'T YOU JUST OUTSIDE SPREADING FERTILIZER?
YES, WHAT OF IT?

OW!
NOW LET'S SEE HERE... GOTCHA!


OHHH, JUST AS I FEARED, YOU SEEM TO HAVE A LOUSY TOOTH.
AAAAAH...

JUST AS I SUSPECTED... HERE'S THE CULPRIT—A LOUSE MAKES FOR A LOUSEY TOOTH!
WHA-BAM

A BALTAN.
OOH, A STAG BEETLE.
FWIP
HERE'S A CICADA.
FWIP
A DRAGON-FLY.
FWIP
ONE COCK-ROACH.
FWIP
AN ANT.
FWIP

LET'S NOT BE TOO HASTY NOW. THINK OF ALL THE BUGS YOU COULD CATCH DURING SUMMER BREAK! IT'D BE A CINCH!
GET 'EM OUT!

I'VE HEARD OF INFECTIONS, BUT YOU'RE *INFESTED!!*
H-HELP ME, DOC!

INSECTI-CIDE.
EEEEEP

WAZZAT?
OH, VERY WELL... WHAT A WASTE.
SHPOOF
PUMP PUMP

YOU WILL *LIVE!*
I'M GONNA HURL! OR DIE!!
THINK ABOUT IT! IF INSECTICIDE KILLED YOU, THAT'D MEAN YOU'RE A BUG!

IT'S A JOKE! I'M JUST JOKING!!
BOOM!
FIRE IN THE HOLE!
KER-CHK
Y- YOU'RE GONNA YANK IT OUT?!
OKAY, PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE.
OKAY, NO MORE JOKES! NEXT TIME I SWEAR I'LL PULL IT OUT!!
BRRAT-TAT-TAT-TAT
KANTA! KANTA! HE'S OUR MAN!!
A TRULY MARVELOUS DISPLAY OF EFFORT HERE, FOLKS!! KANTA IS NOT LETTING UP!
KANTA IS COMING UP STRONG, BUT CAN HE PULL IT OFF?
TEETH

NICE GOING, KID!

YES!! YES, HE'S PULLED AHEAD! HE HAS DONE IT, FOLKS!

TEETH

KANTA HAS FINALLY PULLED IT OFF. UNFORTUNATELY, HE STILL HASN'T PULLED IT OUT!

IT BURNS!

BWOOOSH

SPROING

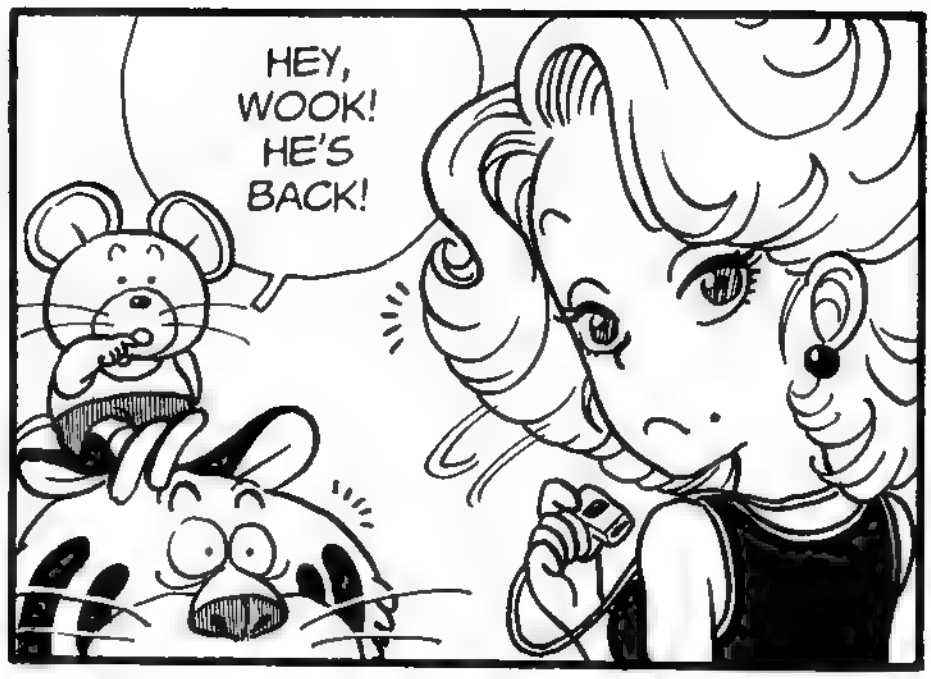
FWEET FWEET

WHO DAF HE HINK HE IS? I'M GONNA STARVE!

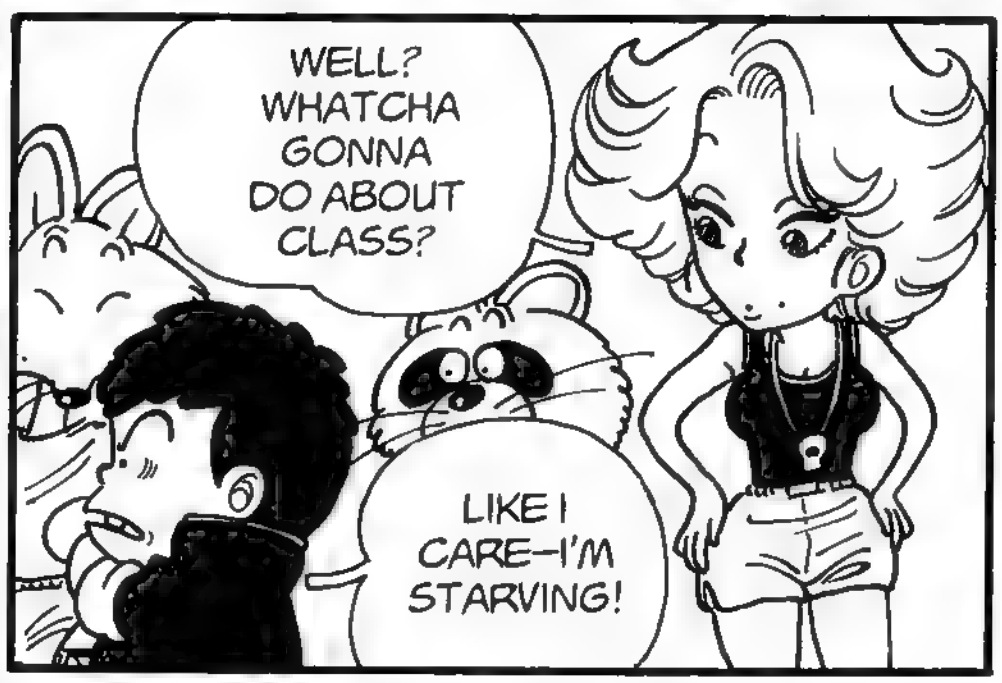
GAFDAMIT! DAT FWAUD! TELLING ME TO WAID FOH ID DO COME OUD ON ITS OWN!

GROAN MOAN

THAT DOC'S GOTTA BE A DUCK CUZ HE'S A QUACK...
ALL THAT TROUBLE AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN GET IT FIXED?
GURGLE GURGLE

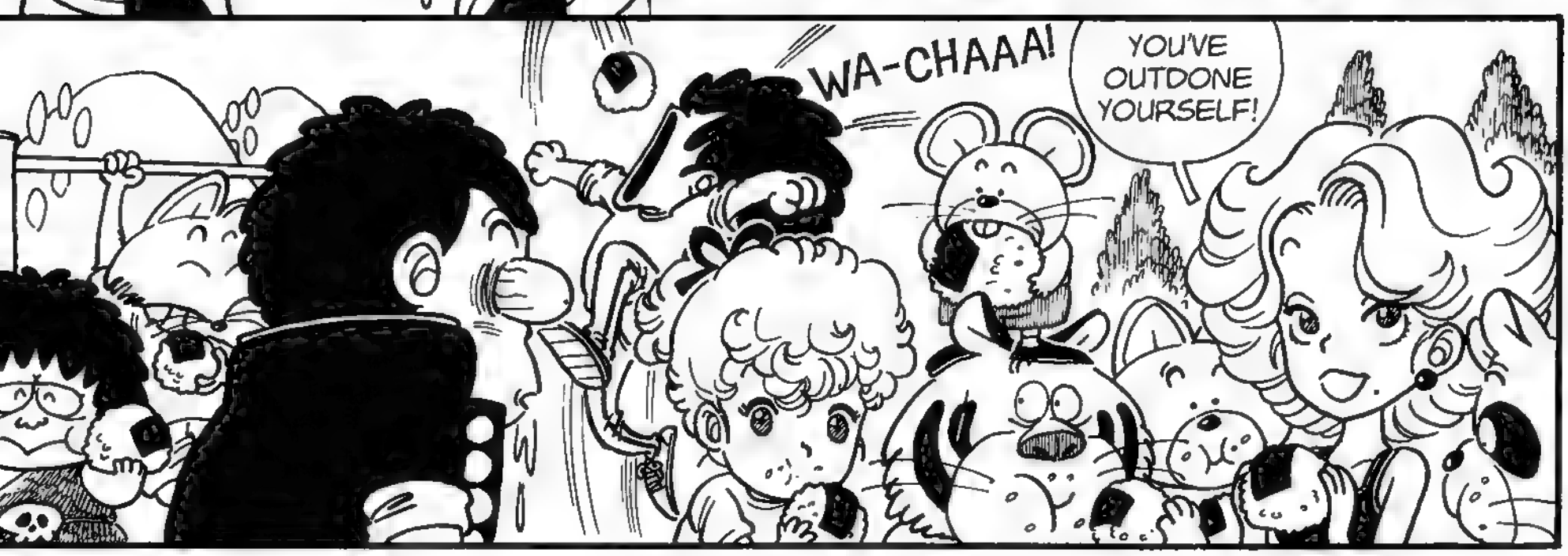

HEY, WOOK! HE'S BACK!

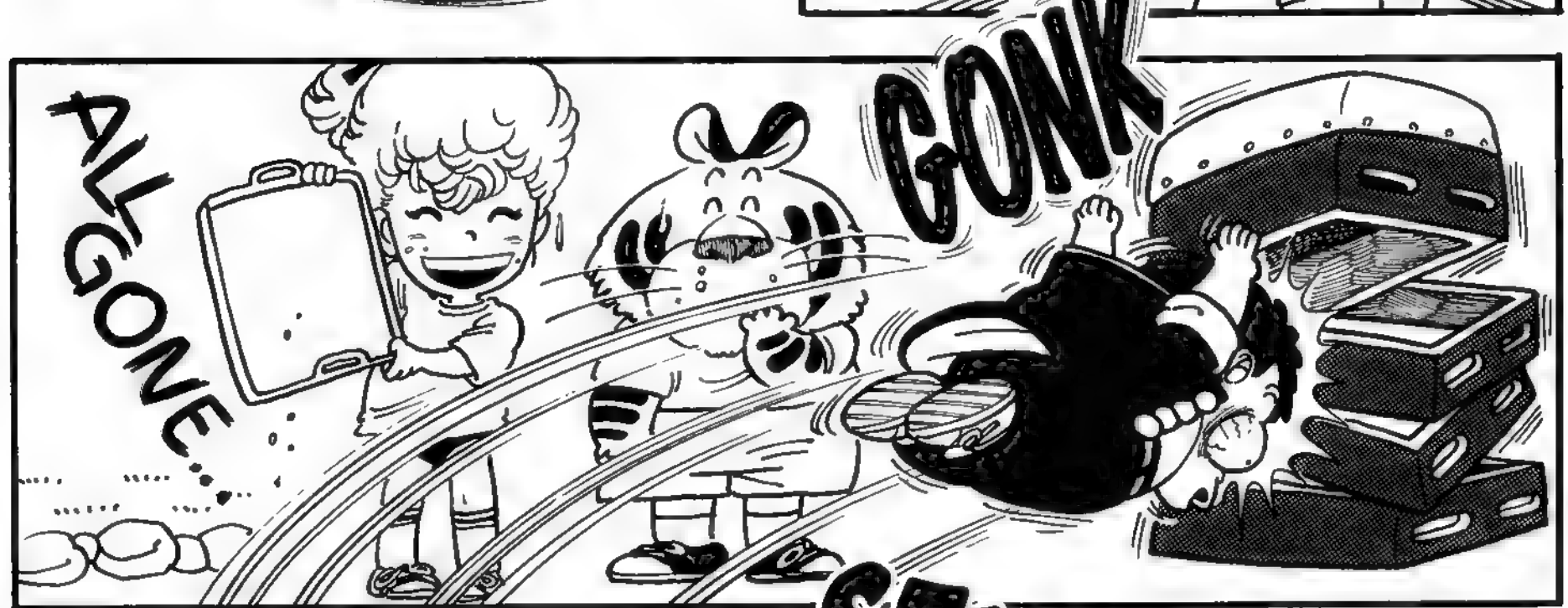
ARE YOU TRYING TO TORTURE ME?
THERE WAS LOTS OF LEFTOVER RICE TODAY.


WELL? WHATCHA GONNA DO ABOUT CLASS?
LIKE I CARE—I'M STARVING!

DROOOOL

VWOOP
HEY, EVERYBODY! I MADE ONIGIRI FROM ALL THE LEFTOVER RICE! ANY TAKERS?


WA-CHAAA!
YOU'VE OUTDONE YOURSELF!



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THE...THE PAIN! IT'S GONE! SHE KNOCKED MY TOOTH OUT!
AAAAAH
HURRAY! HUZZAH! BANZAAAI!
TMP TMP TMP
WHERE'S HE OFF TO NOW?
?
?
R-RAW POWER ...
MY ENTIRE PUMPKIN PATCH... HE WENT AND ATE IT CLEAN!!
OWIEOWIE
OWWWWW
UM... SO, DOC, THE CAVITY CAME OUT, BUT, WELL...
"BE A DOCTOR," THEY SAID...
SQUIRM BUSTLE

HERE'S HOW I BECAME A MANGA ARTIST

PART 1

This is a story from before I was even in elementary school. From a young age I was a cheeky little rascal, but I did enjoy drawing. In particular, I was really into animals and vehicles, so I was always drawing them. Then one day I went to see Disney's *101 Dalmatians*. The quality of the work blew me out of my seat. I thought it'd be really neat if I could draw pictures that looked that good. And so Little Toriyama was drawn deeper and deeper into the world of illustration.

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ESCAPE

EARTH YEAR 2070, THE PLANET UMEKOBUCHA
WEEZ
WEEZ
HUFF
HUP
HUP!
HUFF
HUFF

TATATA....
BA!
AAAA
AAGH!

PHEW!

GAO GAO...

GET A GRIP! IT'S JUST A CODOMO DRAGON.

THE OTHERS... THEY'RE PROBABLY ALREADY... I'M THE LAST ONE...

THERE'S NO WAY THEY'D FIND ME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE...

CAN!

OH NO!!

ZAC ZAC..

CURSES! WHERE'D SHE GET TO?!

AHH!

YOU GUYS READY YET?

NO!

I'M DONE FOR!!

HEH HEH HEH... I GOTCHA NOW...

NOT YEEEEET!

FOUND YA!

DRAT! OKAY, FINE. WHO WANTS TO BE "IT" NEXT?

IT'S SCOMP'S TURN.

HA HA, I KNEW YOU'D GET FOUND!

OUTER SPACE... WAS AT PEACE...

END

ESCAPE (FIN)

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PINK
THE RAIN JACK STORY
KNEW IT!!
THEY'RE HERE!!
LET'S DO THIS!!
BOOM!!
GOOD LUCK!
THERE!
BRRRRM
SHOULD BE ANY MINUTE NOW.
STILL NO SIGN?
TIK TIK

PINK

THE RAIN JACK STORY

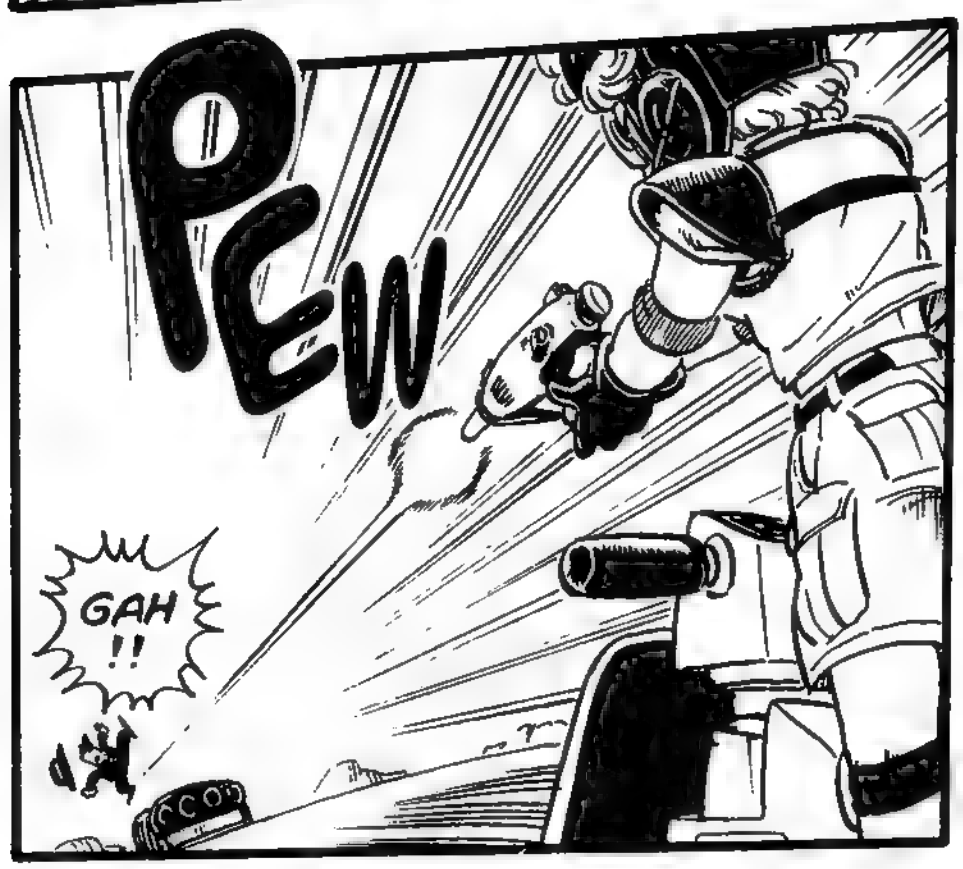
SKTOOOP!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, BLACK? YOU'RE COMING TOO, RIGHT?
BUT IF I GET HURT, WELL, THEN I'D BE HURT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
I'M GOOD HERE.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU WANTED TO HELP TODAY!!
FINE, NO DINNER FOR YOU THEN!!

FWOOM
GRP
BUOOOOO!!
TWO.
EASY-PEASY!
HOW MANY?
SILVER COMPANY
シルバー・カンパニー
BABAP
AA...!!
SILVER COMPANY

HERE WE GO!!
BOMB!!
AHH!!
DOM!
TAKE THAT !!
HI, BOYS!!
HEY!!
TH-THE HELL WAS THAT?!

SWOOSH

BANG
CRAZY WITCH!! YOU'RE MESSING WITH THE WRONG GUYS!!!
BANG

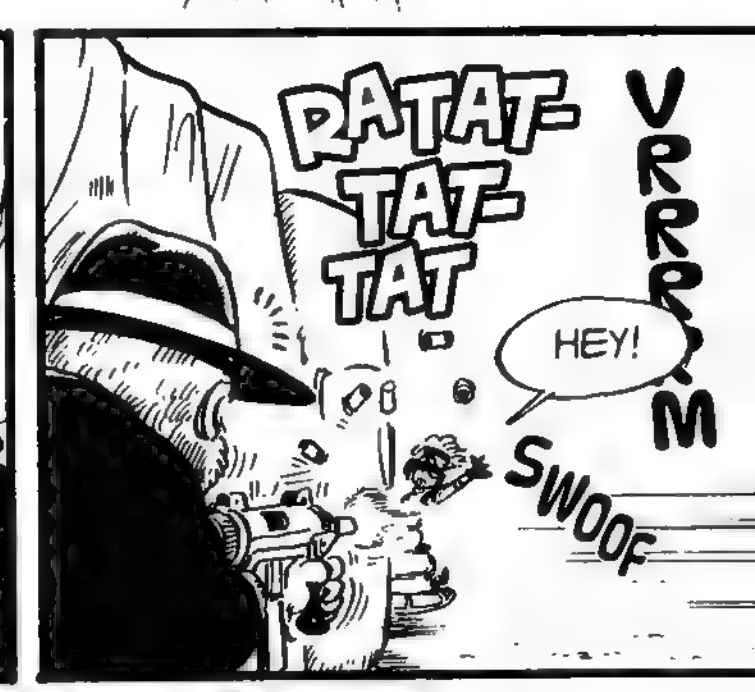

PEW
GAH !!

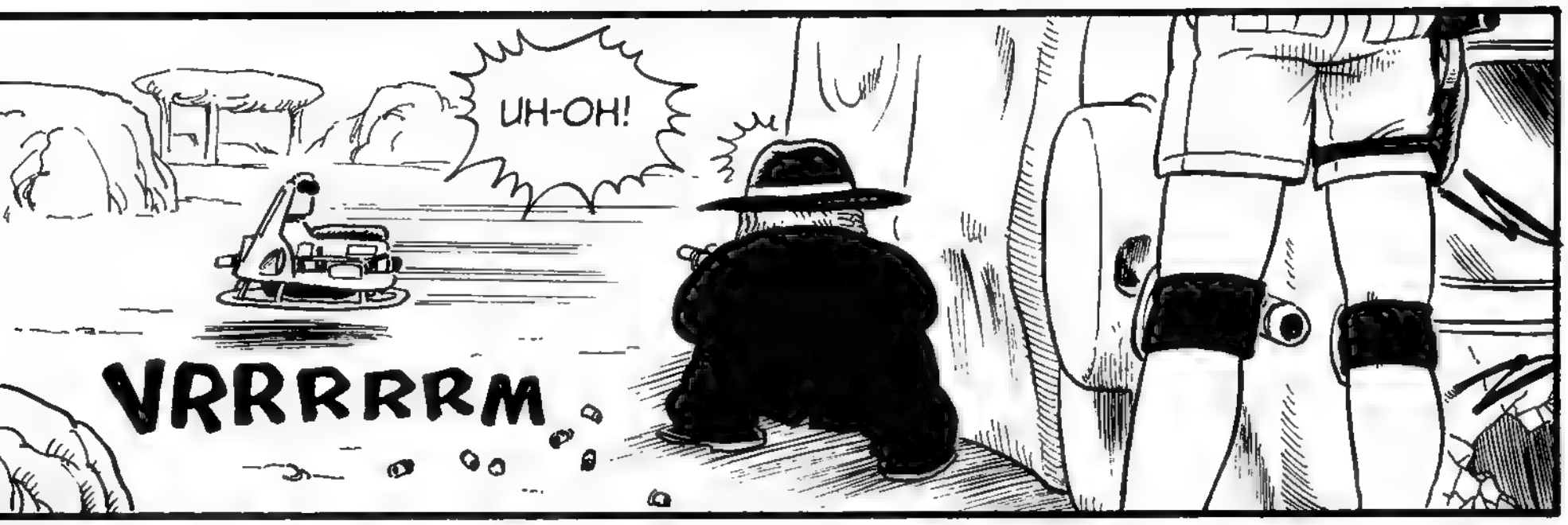
NIGHTY-NIIIIGHT.

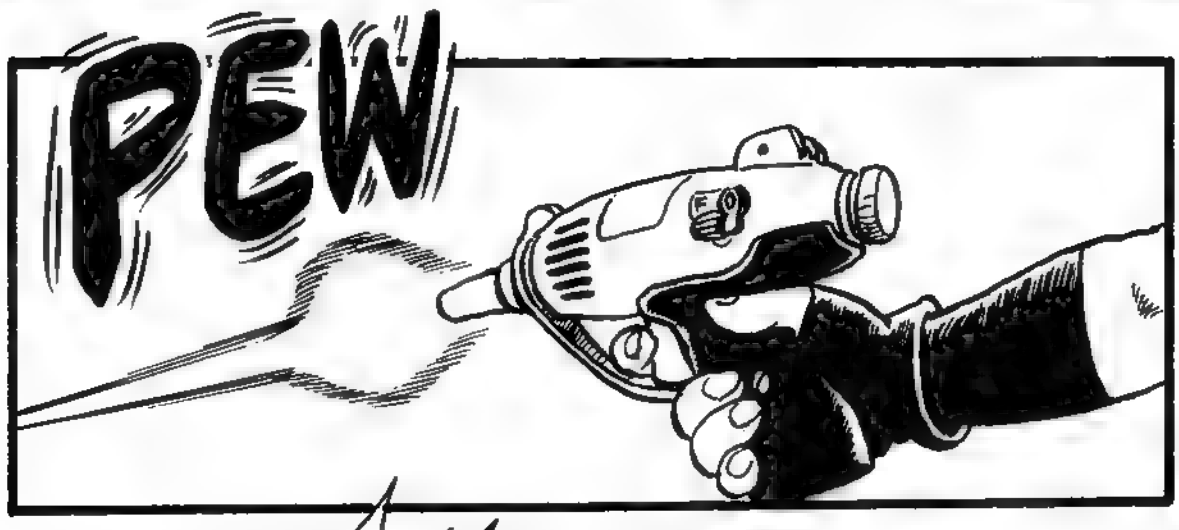
WHY, YOU! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!
RATAT-TAT-TAT!
CRASH

VRRRM
DIE!!
RATAT-TAT-TAT-TAT!

VRRRRM...


RATAT-TAT-TAT
VRRRM
HEY!
SWOOF


UH-OH!
VRRRRRM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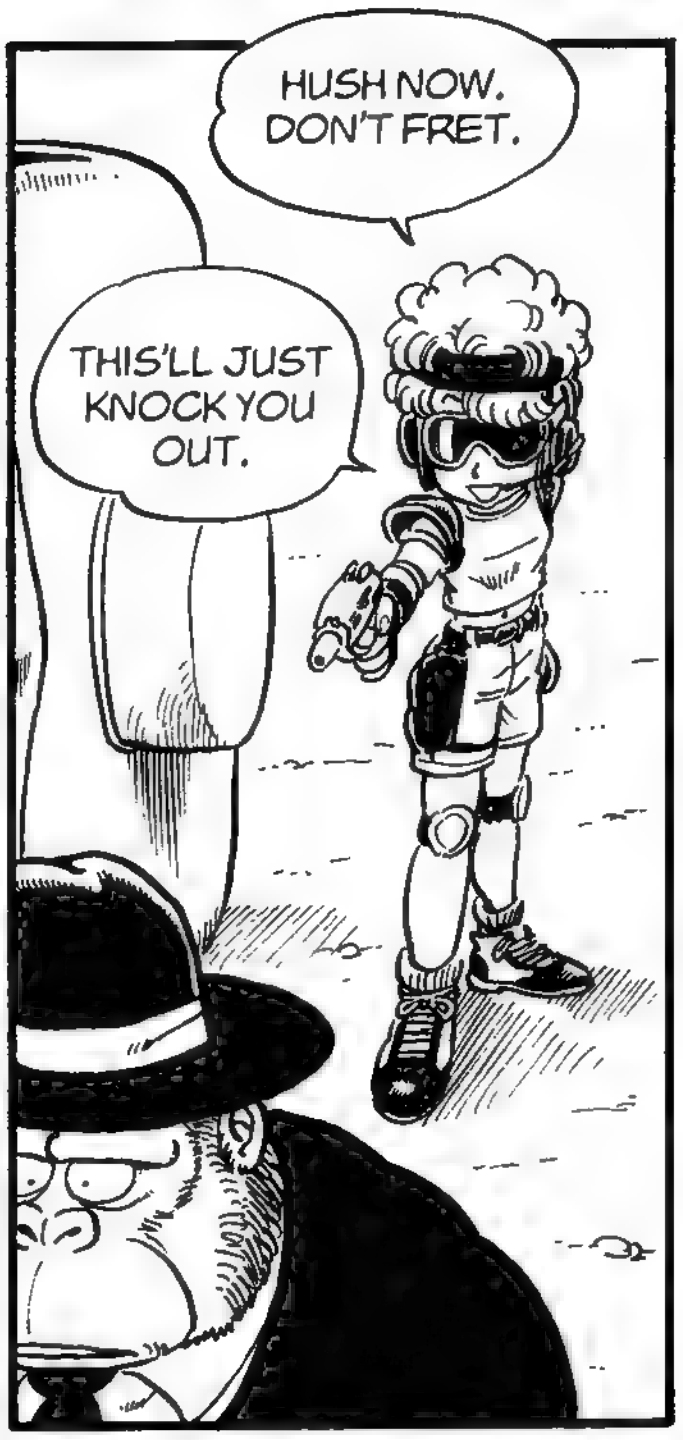
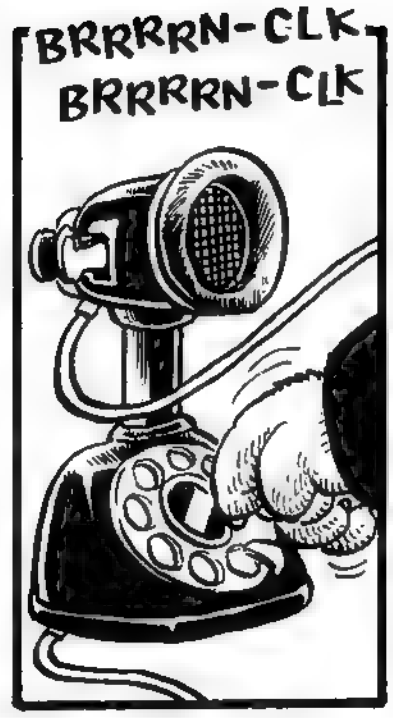

HUSH NOW. DON'T FRET.
THIS'LL JUST KNOCK YOU OUT.

SAY THAT AGAIN? I MUST'VE MISHEARD!!!!
WHAM
SILVER COMPANY
SILVER COMPANY

THAT WE'VE BEEN HAD AGAIN BY JUST ONE PERSON!! RIGHT?!
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT SERIOUSLY TELLING ME...
SILVER

SHERIFF


BRRRRN-CLK
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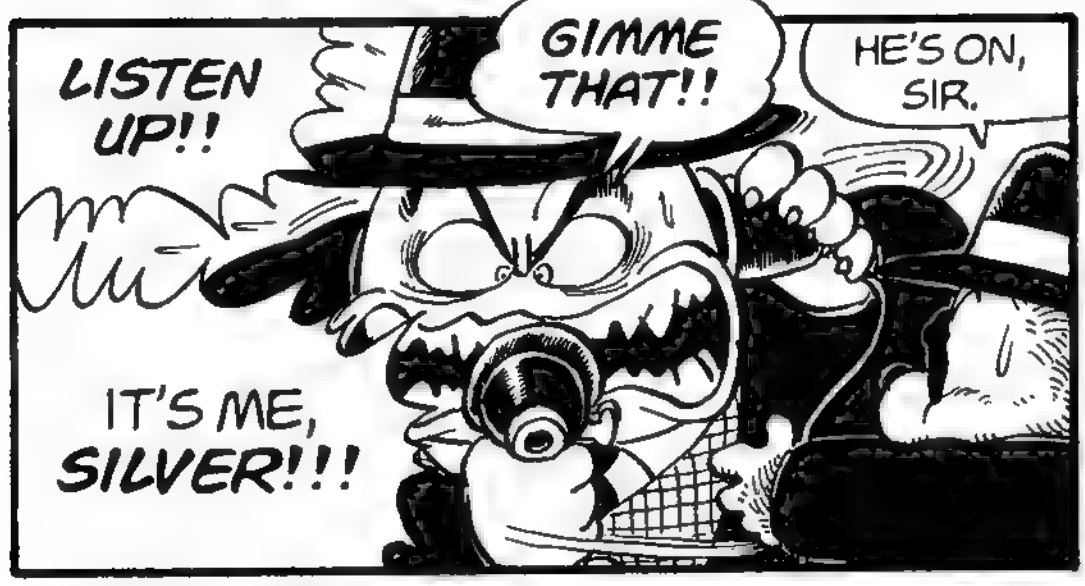
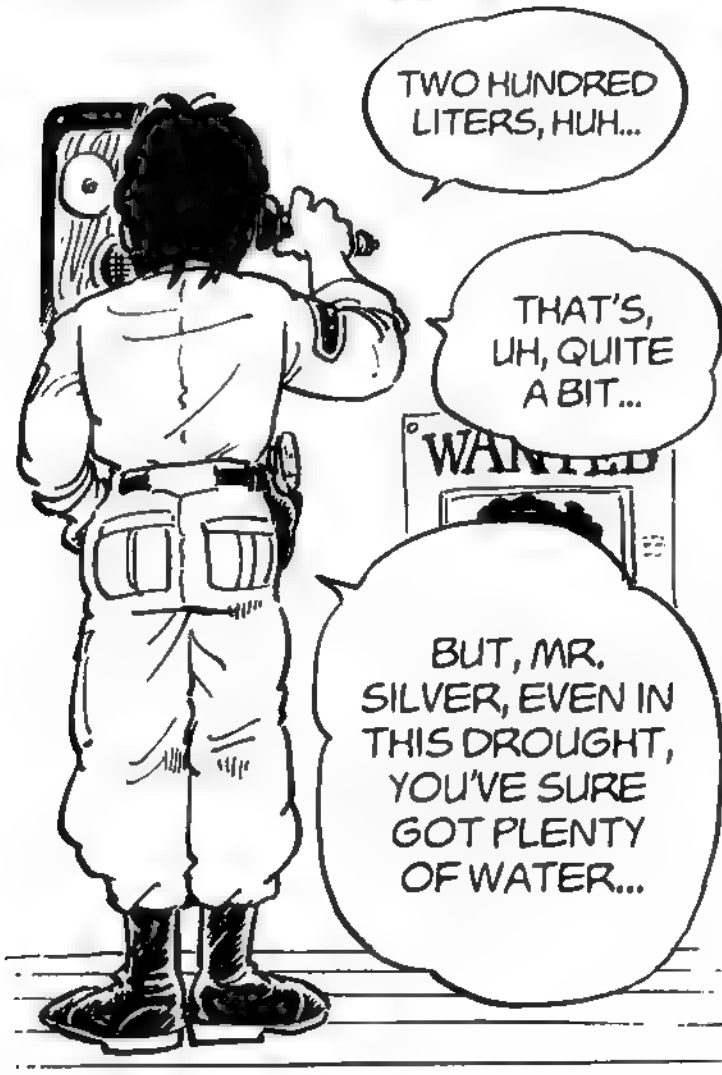
TIME TO MAKE A CALL!! GET ME THE SHERIFF!!!
YES, SIR.

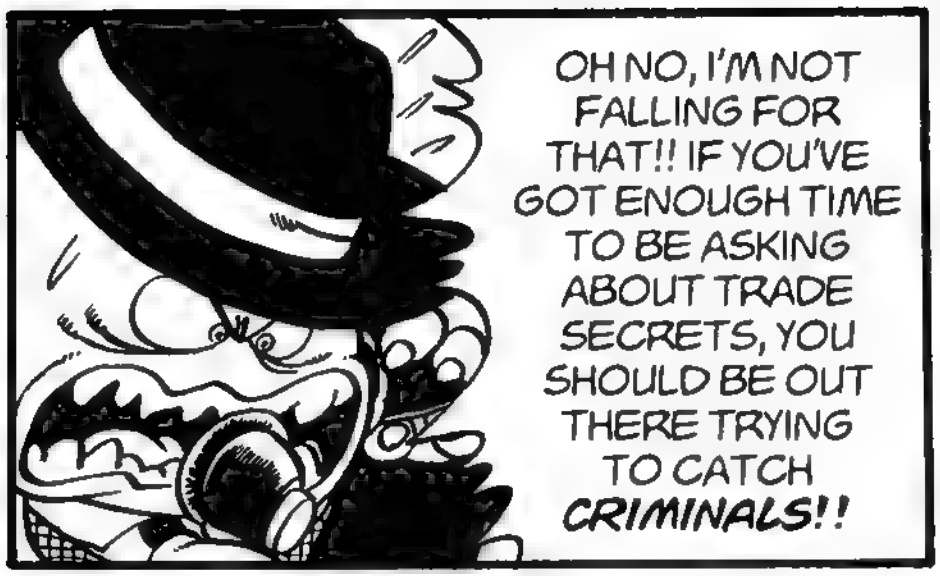
THE FAMOUS SHERIFF COBALT BLUE SPEAKING...

BRRIING BRRIING

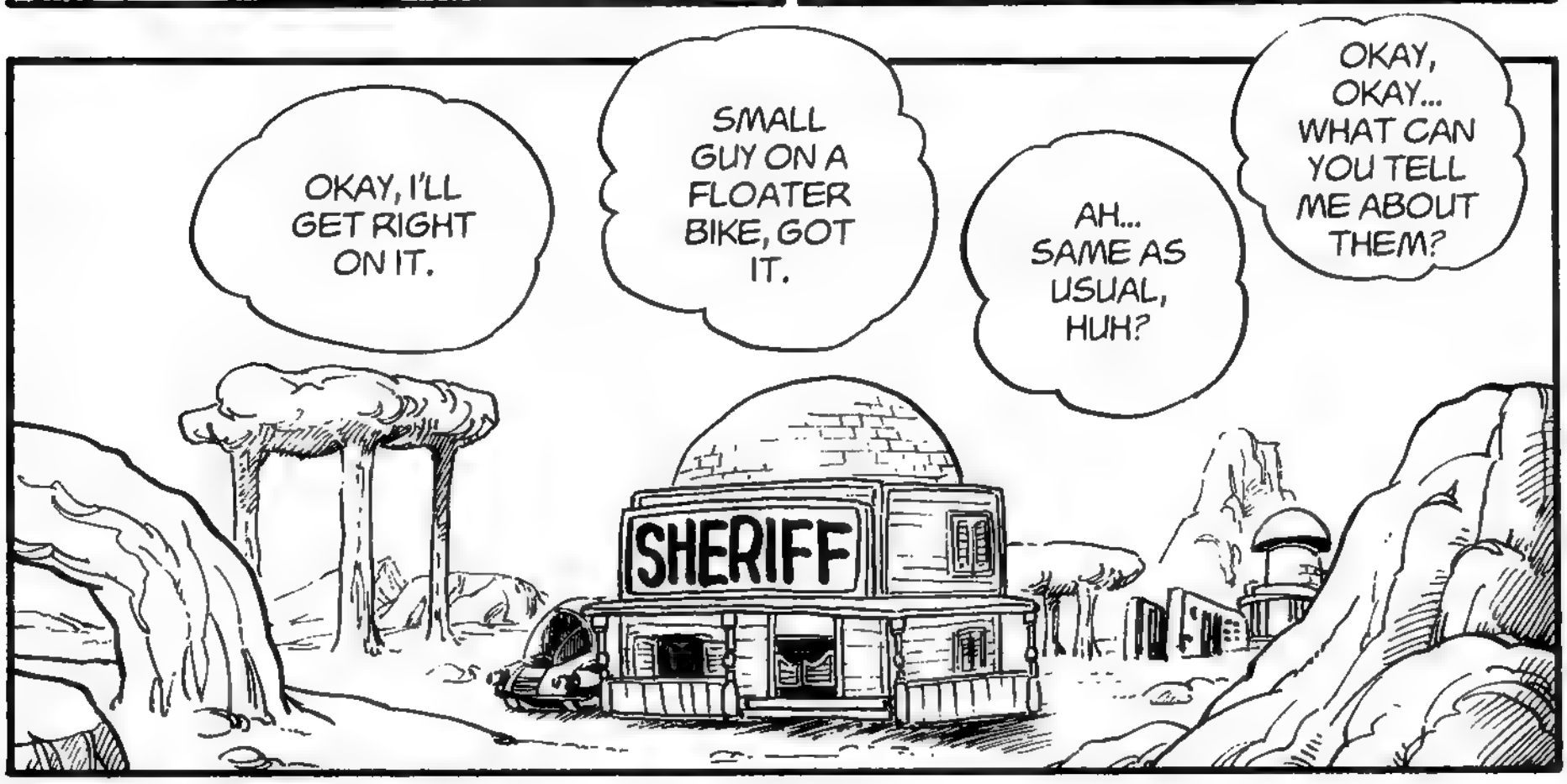

LISTEN UP!!
GIMME THAT!!
HE'S ON, SIR.
IT'S ME, SILVER!!!

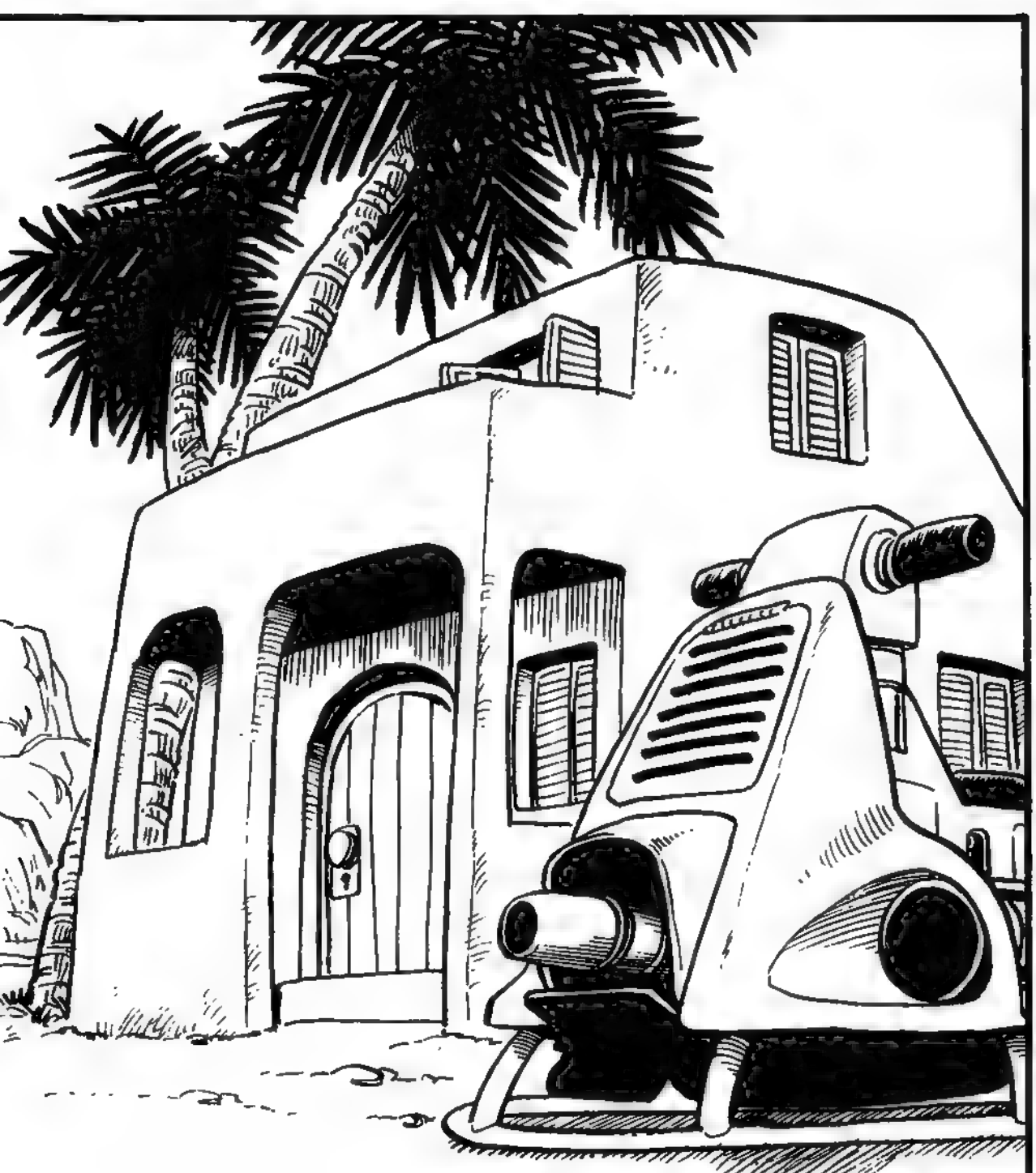

TWO HUNDRED LITERS, HUH...
THAT'S, UH, QUITE A BIT...
WANTED
BUT, MR. SILVER, EVEN IN THIS DROUGHT, YOU'VE SURE GOT PLENTY OF WATER...

YOU HEARING ME, SHERIFF?!
OUR WATER HAS BEEN STOLEN, AGAIN!!! THIS TIME IT'S 200 LITERS— 200 FRICKING LITERS!!!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE, HUH?! HURRY UP AND ARREST THE CRIMINAL!!


OH NO, I'M NOT FALLING FOR THAT!! IF YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH TIME TO BE ASKING ABOUT TRADE SECRETS, YOU SHOULD BE OUT THERE TRYING TO CATCH CRIMINALS!!

HOW ARE YOU MAKING WATER? JUST TELL ME. IT'LL BE OUR LITTLE SECRET.


OKAY, I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT.
SMALL GUY ON A FLOATER BIKE, GOT IT.
AH... SAME AS USUAL, HUH?
OKAY, OKAY... WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT THEM?
SHERIFF



BY THE WAY, MR. SILVER ...
ISN'T THE WATER YOU SELL A BIT PRICEY? A BIT ABOVE THE PAY GRADE OF PEOPLE LIKE ME...

CLICK

YIPPEE! HURRAY!!

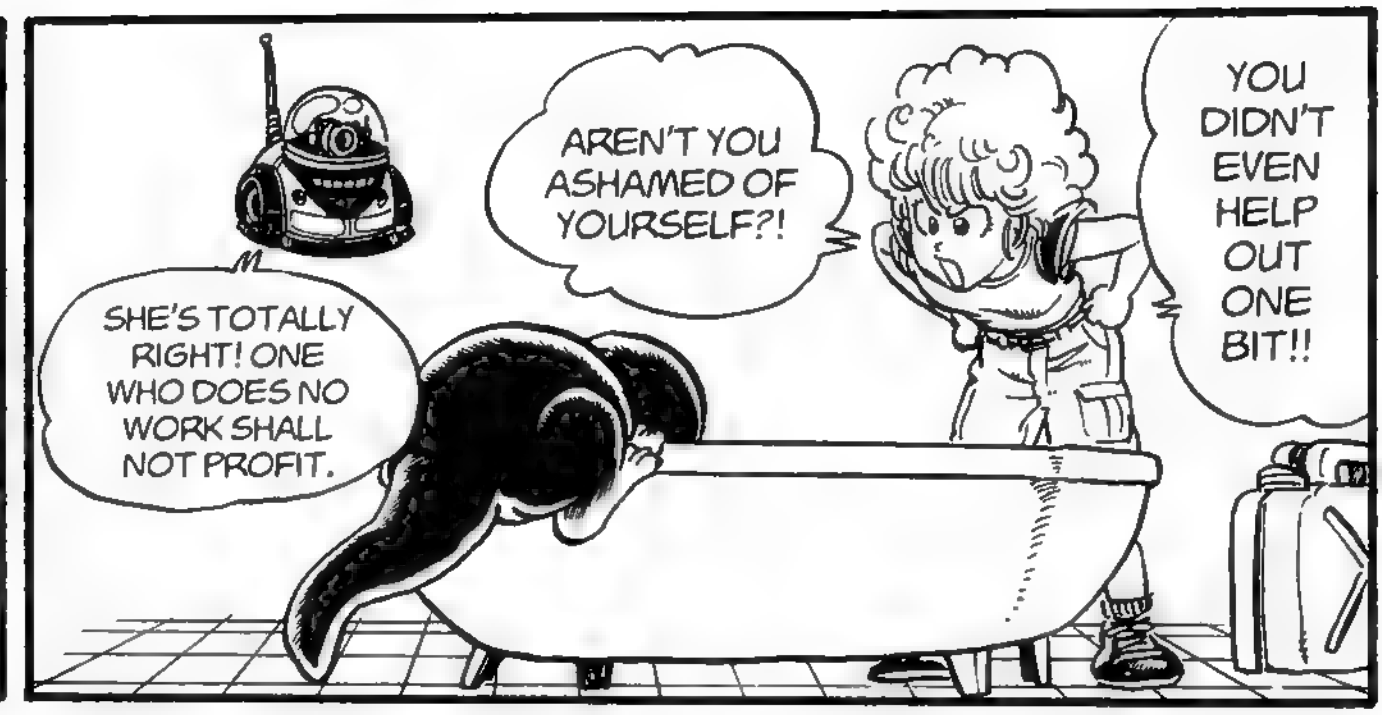
VSSSHHH

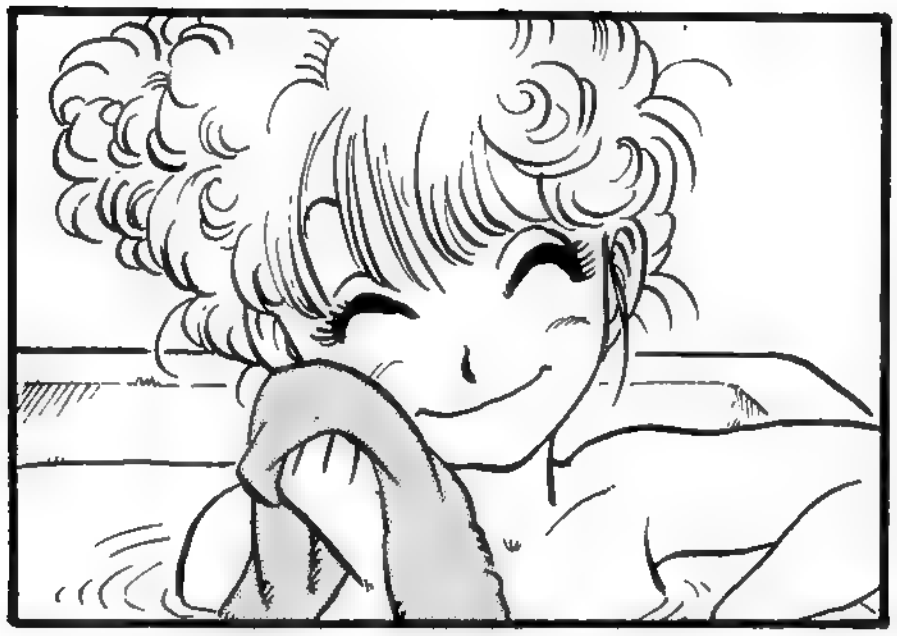
ALL RIGHT!!

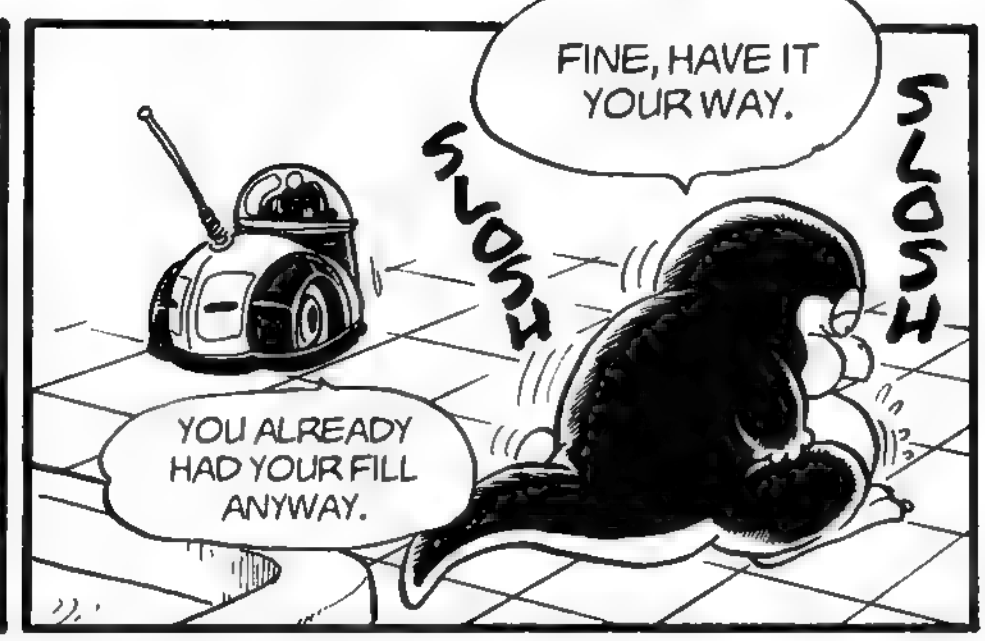
GLUG GLUG

BLACK, WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! STOP THAT!!

ALL RIGHT THEN!


SHE'S TOTALLY RIGHT! ONE WHO DOES NO WORK SHALL NOT PROFIT.
AREN'T YOU ASHAMED OF YOURSELF?!
YOU DIDN'T EVEN HELP OUT ONE BIT!!




FINE, HAVE IT YOUR WAY.
SLOSH
SLOSH
YOU ALREADY HAD YOUR FILL ANYWAY.

HEY, BLACK, MIND GETTING ME MY UNDER-GARMENTS?

RIGHT?
CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO LADYNESS.
WHATTA WASTE...
SCRUB
SCRUB

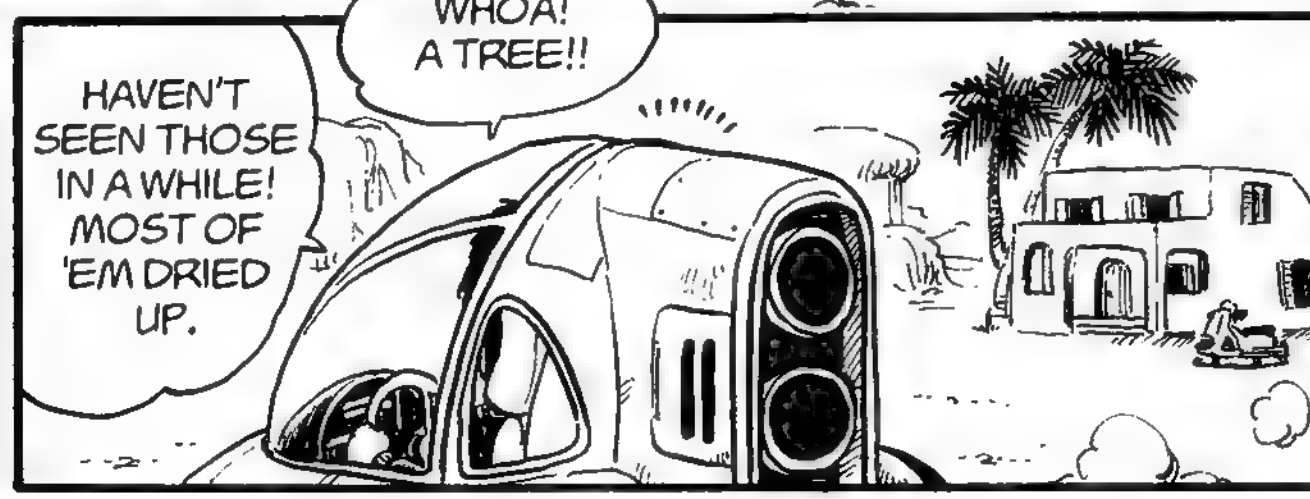
NOW WE'RE TALKIN'!!
DASH

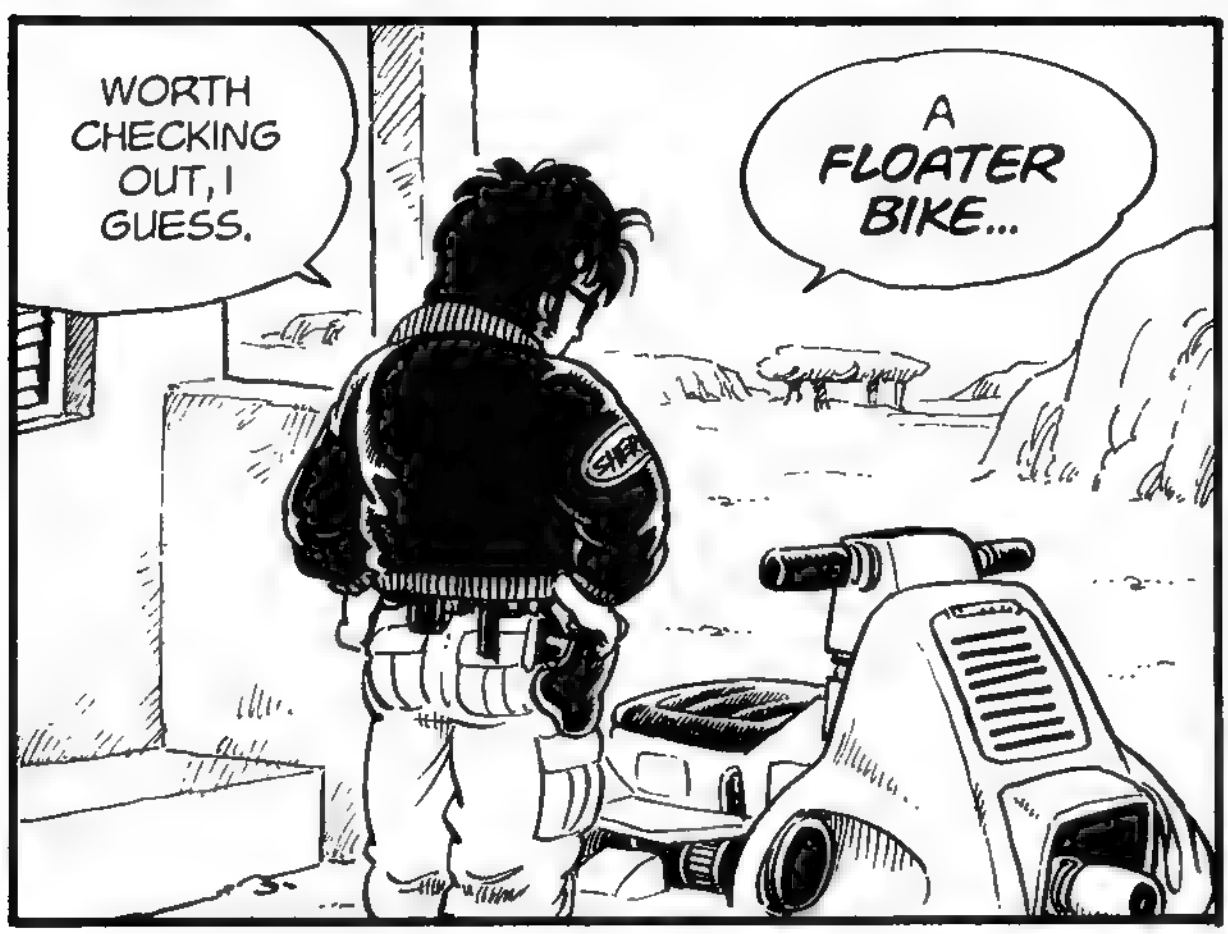
MAKING A SWEET PROFIT OFF OF THIS DROUGHT!
SILVER IS SUCH A LOWLIFE...
SHERIFF

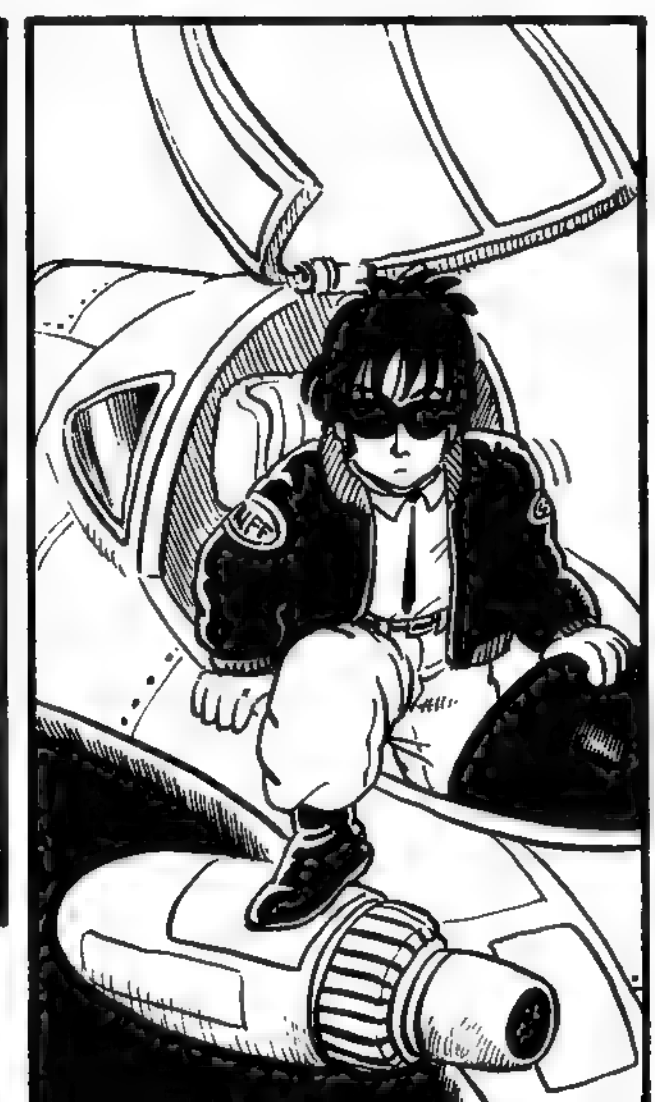
TALK ABOUT EXTREME ...
IT'S BEEN A WHOLE YEAR WITHOUT RAINFALL...

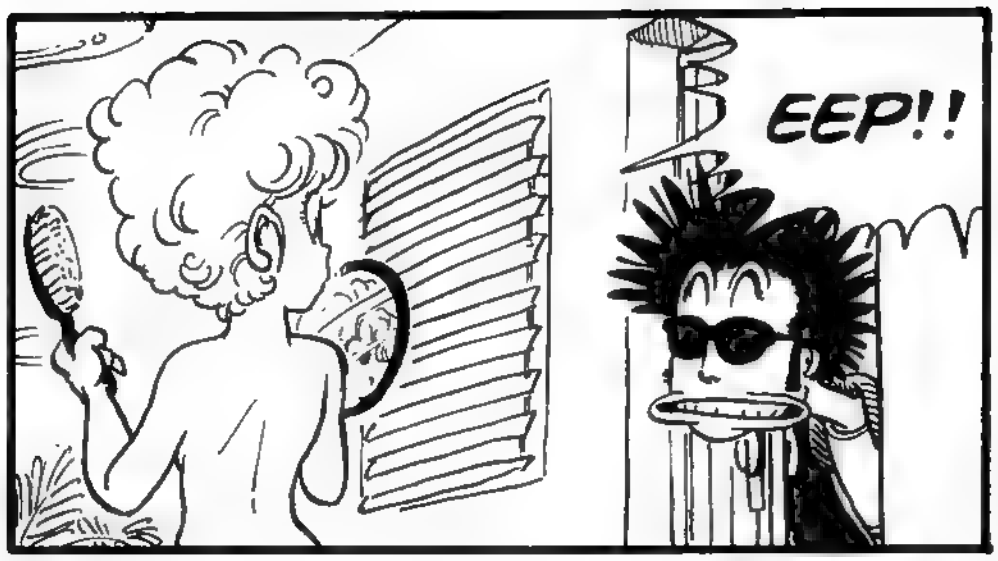
HELL, EVEN I'M TEMPTED TO BE A WATER THIEF RIGHT ABOUT NOW...
SHERIFF

HM ?


HAVEN'T SEEN THOSE IN A WHILE! MOST OF 'EM DRIED UP.
WHOA! A TREE!!


WORTH CHECKING OUT, I GUESS.
A FLOATER BIKE...

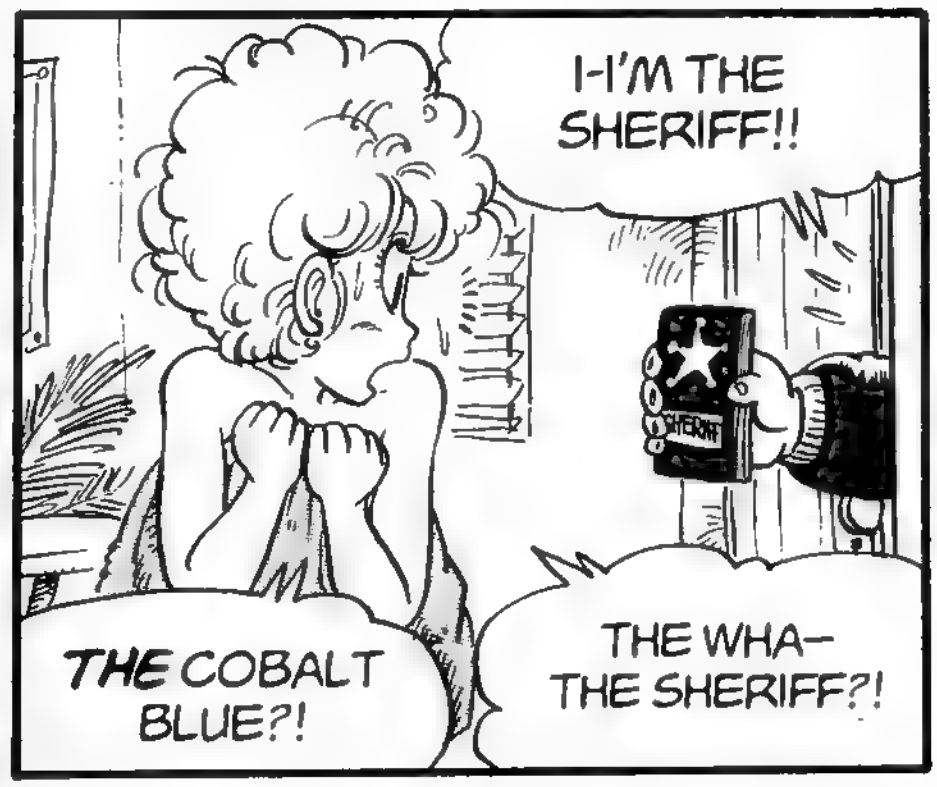



EEP!!

EEEEEEK!! PEEPING TOM! HELP ME OUT, GUYS!!!!
Y-YOU'VE GOT IT ALL W-WRONG!

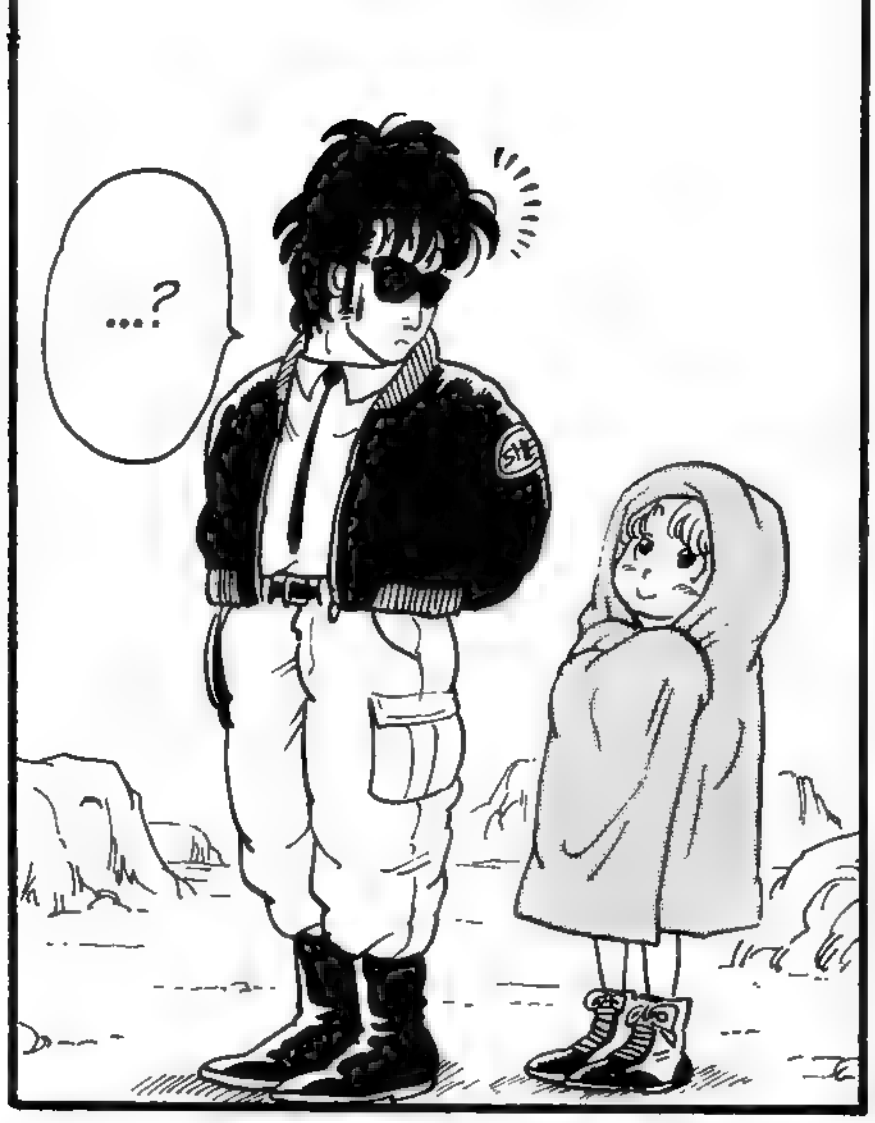
BLACK, YOU GOT MY UNDIES YET?
PARDON ME, ANYONE HO–

I WAS JUST GETTING OUT OF THE BATH.
Y-YEAH!! YOU KNOW YOUR STUFF! UM...WHY WERE YOU, UH... UM...
OH, OF... COURSE YOU WERE!! HAH! HA HA HA!!
WOBBLE
WIBBLE

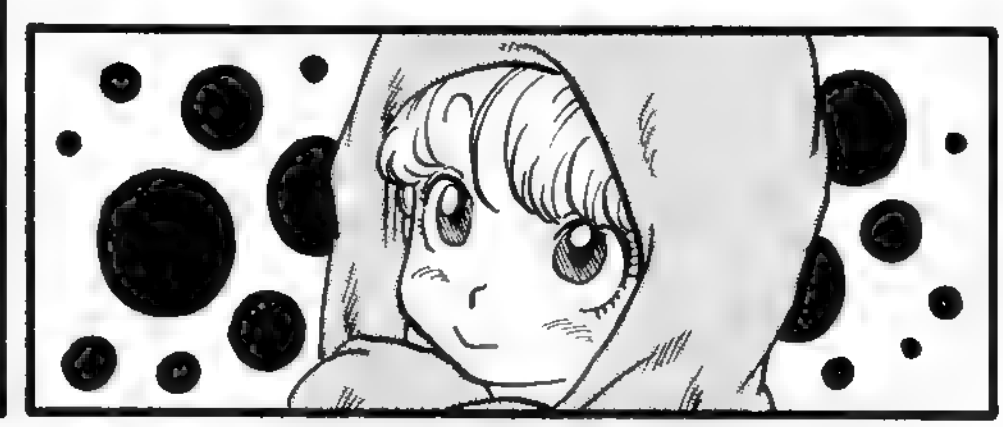

I-I'M THE SHERIFF!!
THE COBALT BLUE?!
THE WHA– THE SHERIFF?!

RIGHT... WHAT I WANTED TO SAY, ER, ASK YOU WAS, IS THIS FLOATER BIKE YOURS?
WELL, YES, BUT...
WHY DO YOU ASK?

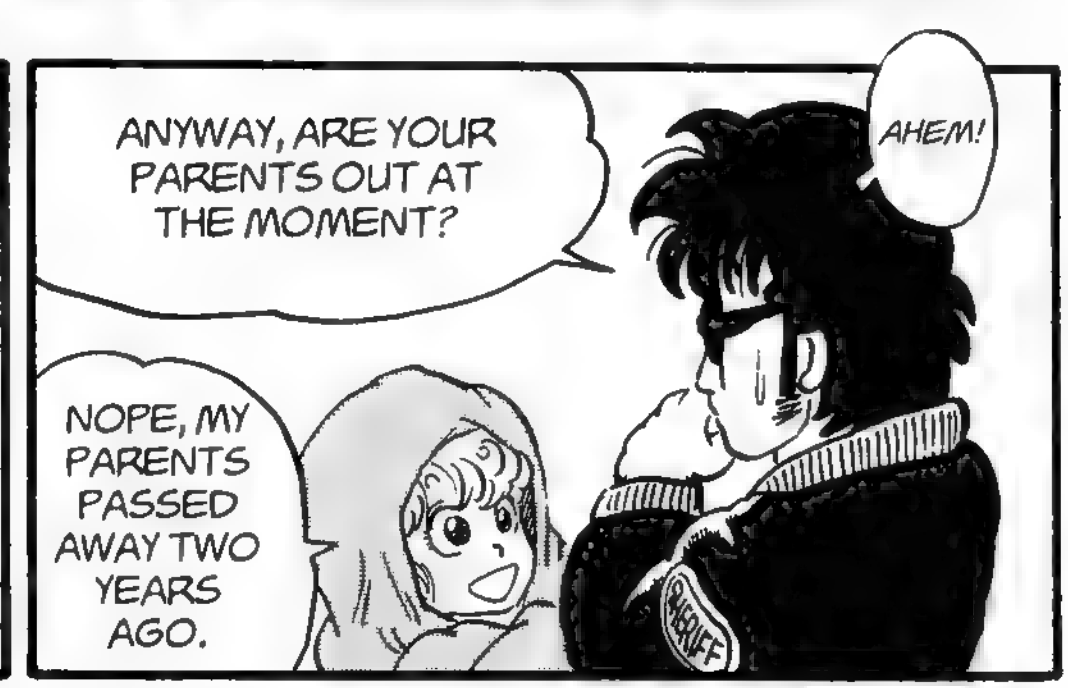
AH, RIGHT!
TO WHAT DO I OWE THIS VISIT?
IF...YOU'RE ALL SET THEN?


...?

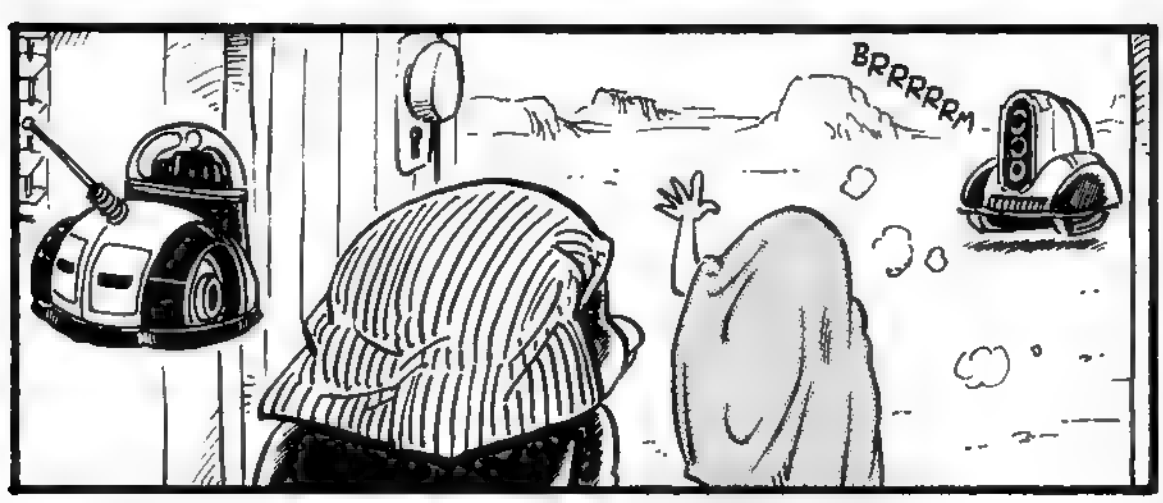
WE'VE HAD SOME REPORTS FROM NEARBY OF A THIEF RIDING A FLOATER BIKE JUST LIKE THIS ONE, AND–
JUST, UH... WELL, I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING, BUT, Y'SEE...



I SEE... WOW, YOU'RE A TROOPER.
GOSH... UM, I DIDN'T CATCH YOUR NAME.


ANYWAY, ARE YOUR PARENTS OUT AT THE MOMENT?
AHEM!
NOPE, MY PARENTS PASSED AWAY TWO YEARS AGO.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF NOW, MS. PINK.
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU.
I WILL!!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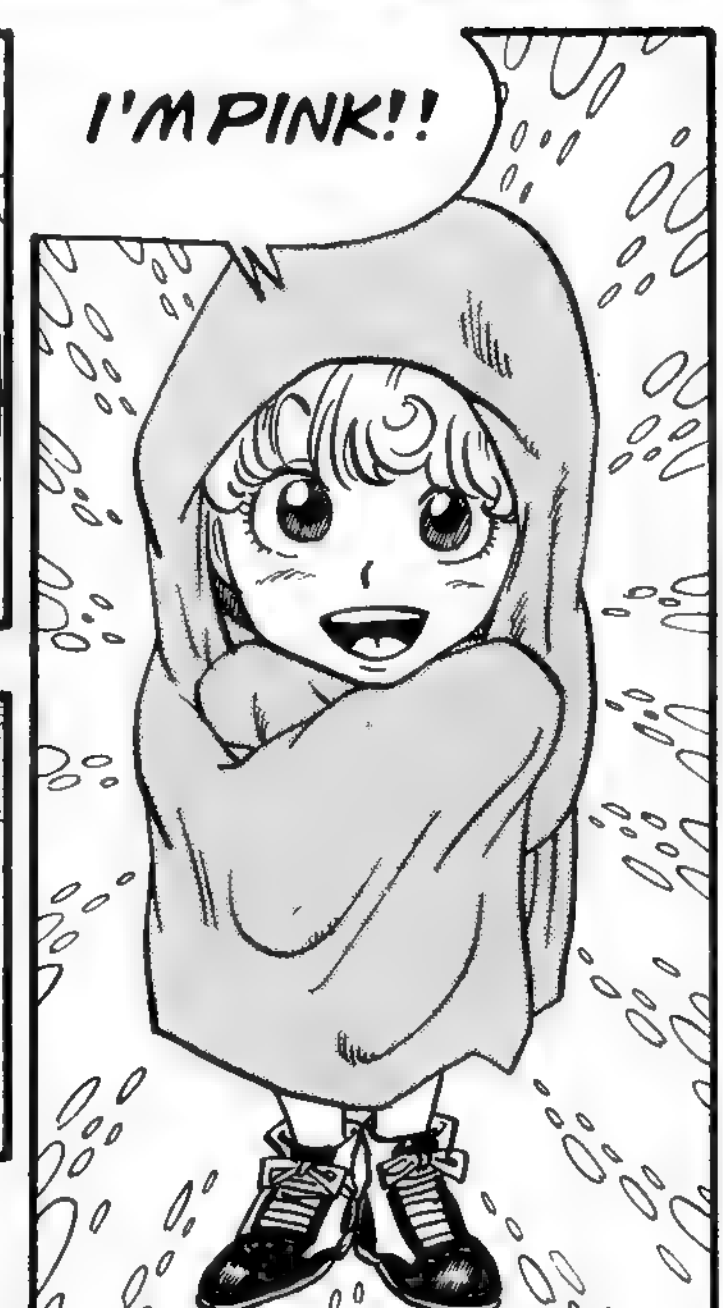
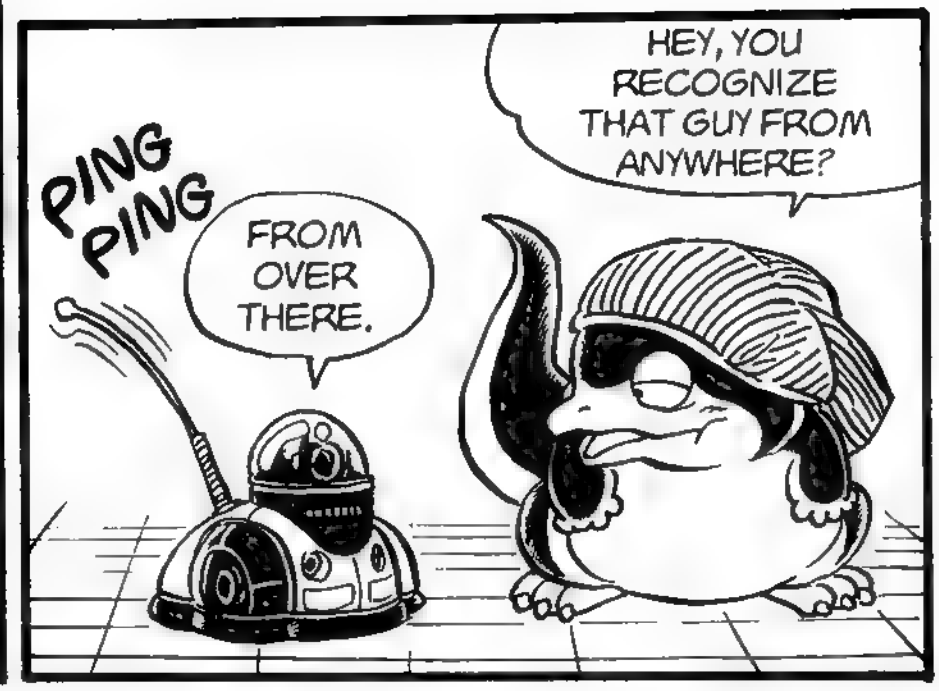
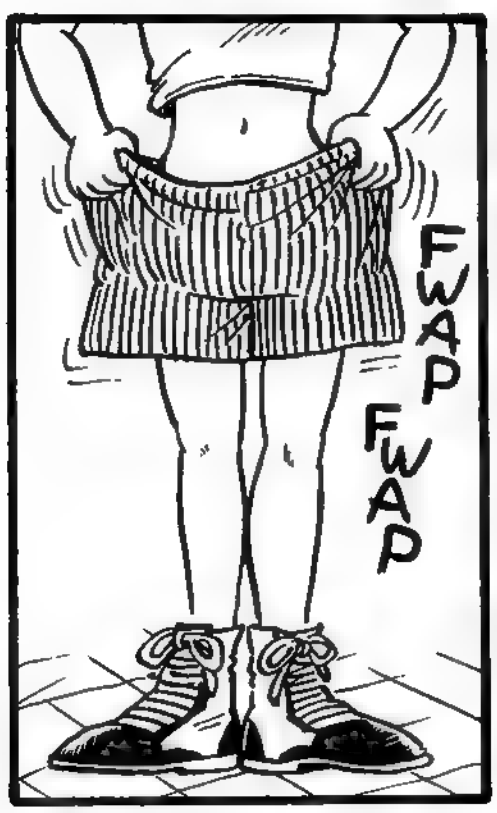
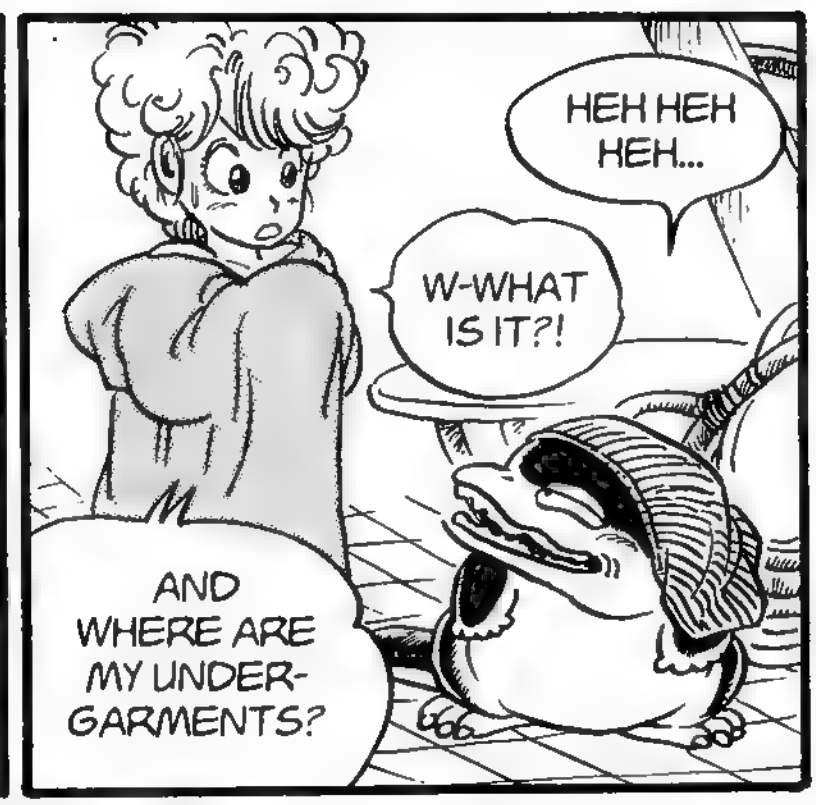

I'M PINK!!

OH YEAH...
FROM THOSE PHOTOS PINK FORCED ME TO TAKE LAST YEAR.


PING PING
FROM OVER THERE.
HEY, YOU RECOGNIZE THAT GUY FROM ANYWHERE?


FWAP
FWAP

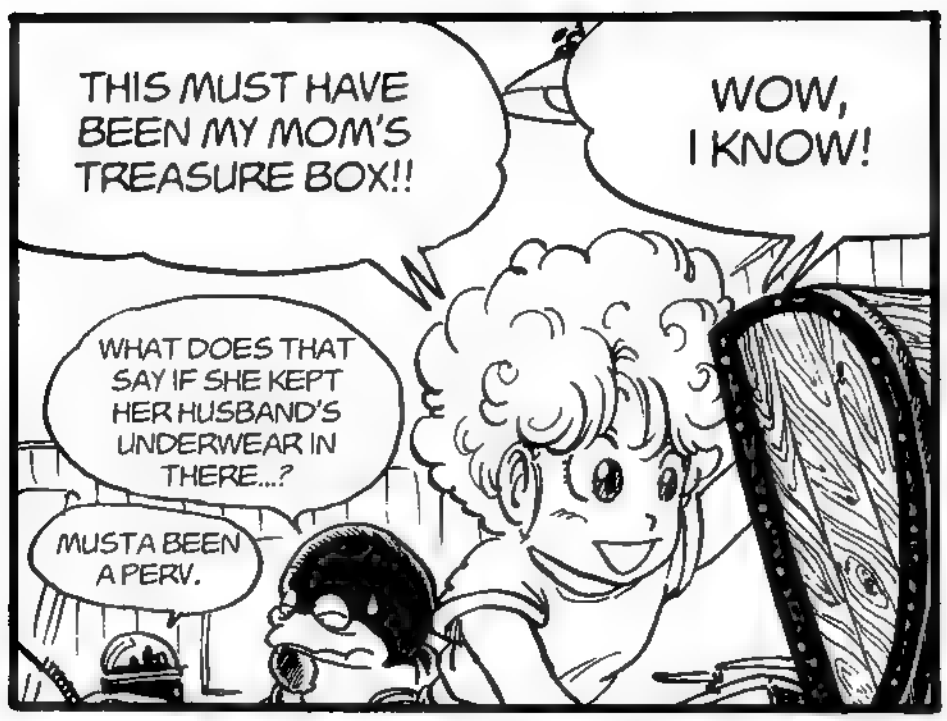
RIIIGHT HERE.
DON'T BE A DUMMY. GIMME THOSE!!

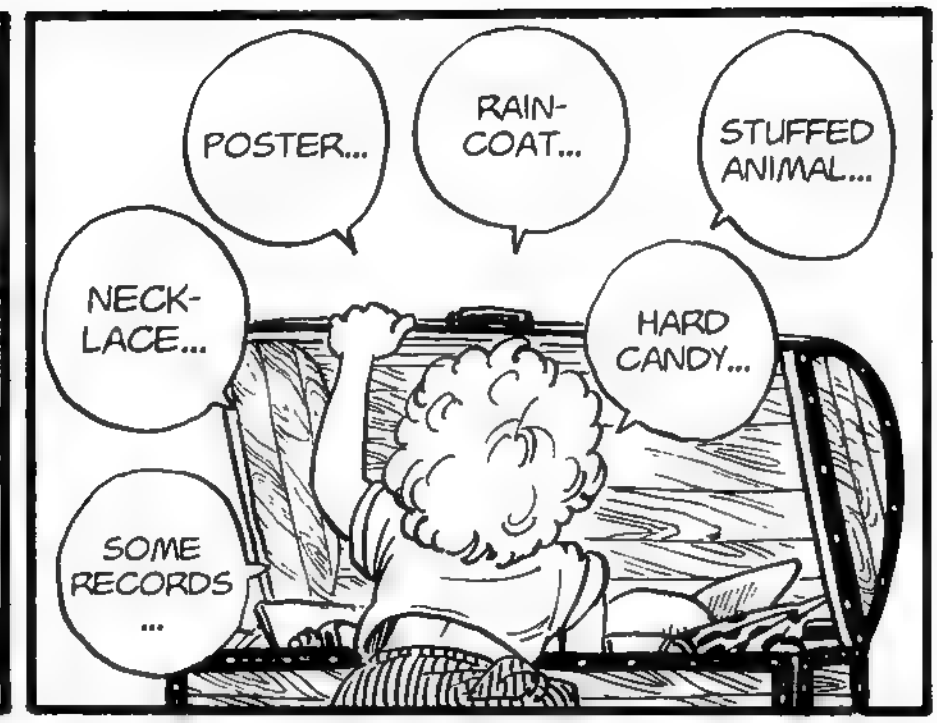

HEH HEH HEH...
W-WHAT IS IT?!
AND WHERE ARE MY UNDER-GARMENTS?

RIGHT UP HERE.
WHERE'D YOU FIND THESE?

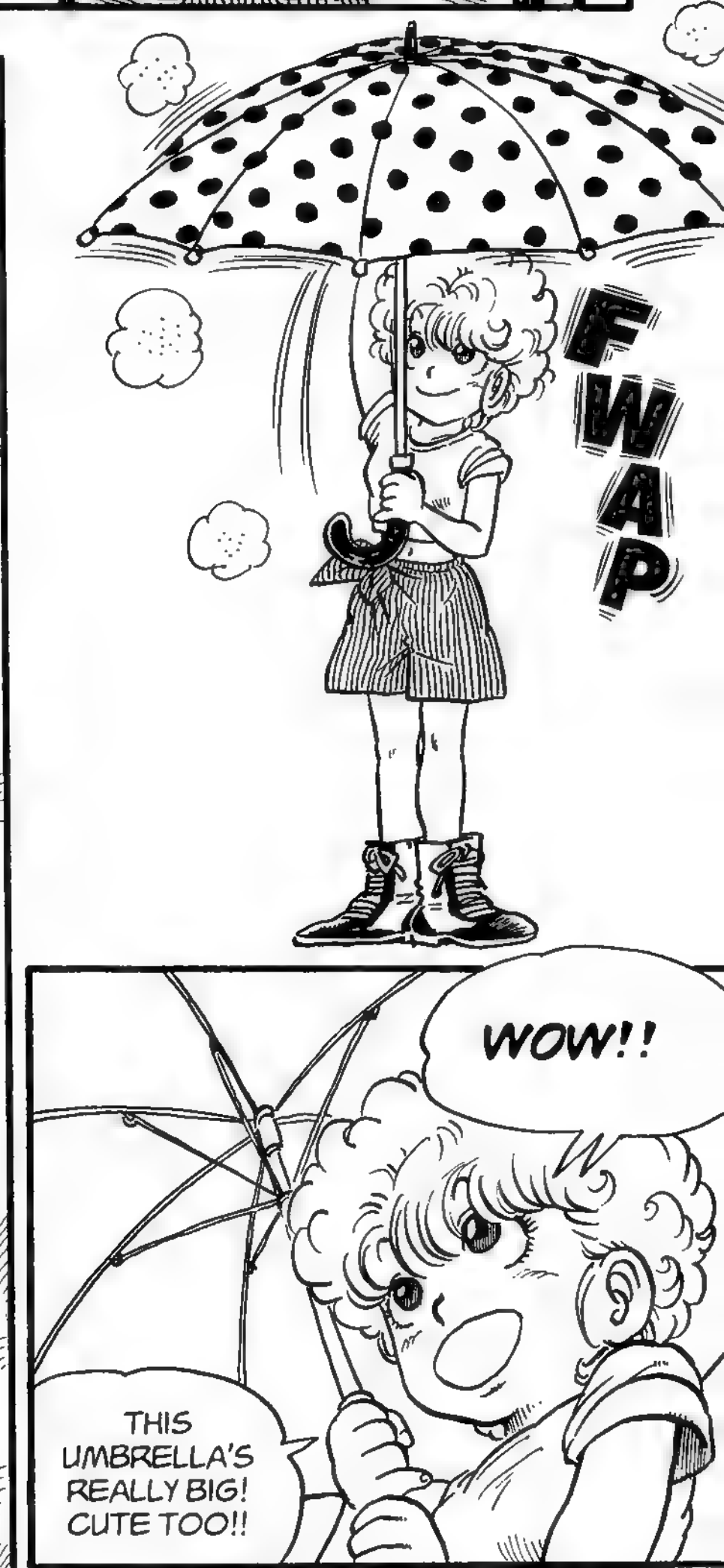
WONDER WHAT ELSE IS IN HERE...
HUH, WHO KNEW?

WHAT THE HECK?
THESE ARE DAD'S OLD BOXERS!!


THIS MUST HAVE BEEN MY MOM'S TREASURE BOX!!
WOW, I KNOW!
WHAT DOES THAT SAY IF SHE KEPT HER HUSBAND'S UNDERWEAR IN THERE...?
MUST A BEEN A PERV.


POSTER...
RAIN-COAT...
STUFFED ANIMAL...
NECK-LACE...
HARD CANDY...
SOME RECORDS ...

SOME-TIMES I JUST DON'T GET HER.
I STILL SAY THIS IS A WASTE ...
...?
SPLISH SPLASH
SOME-THING'S MISSING ...
...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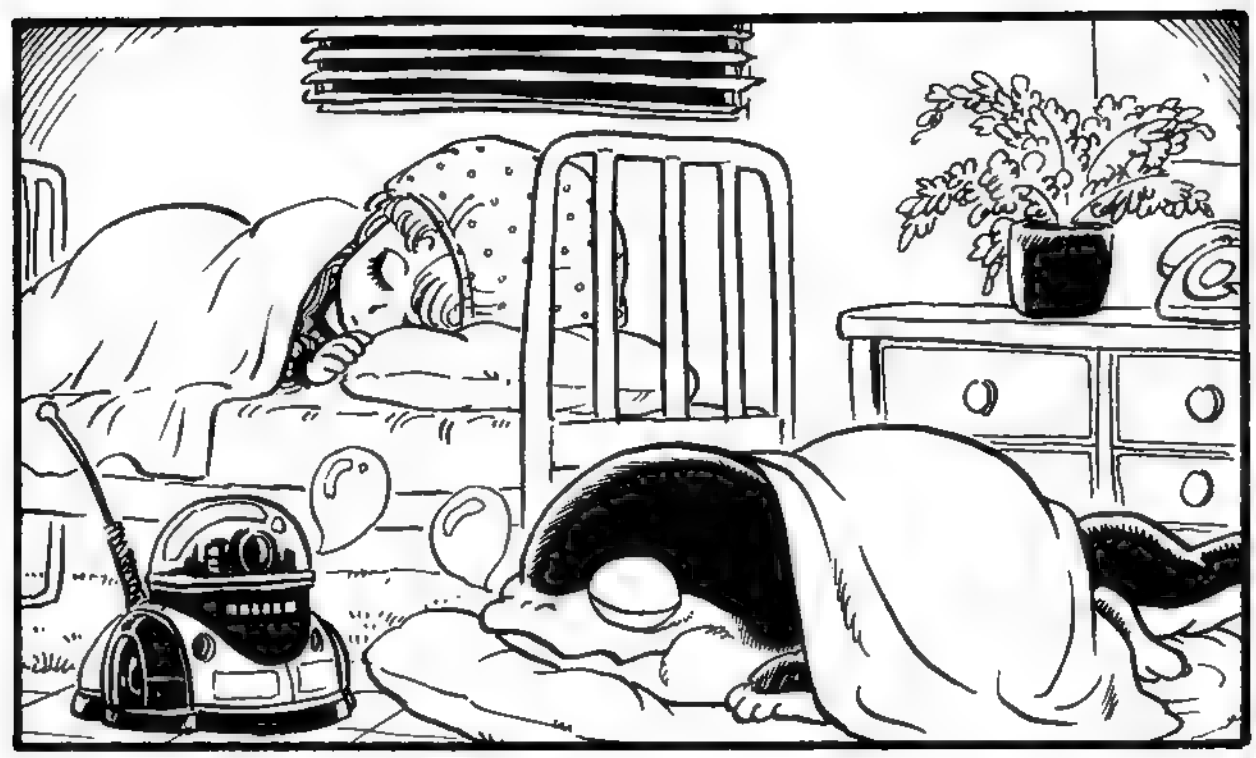
WOW!!
THIS UMBRELLA'S REALLY BIG! CUTE TOO!!



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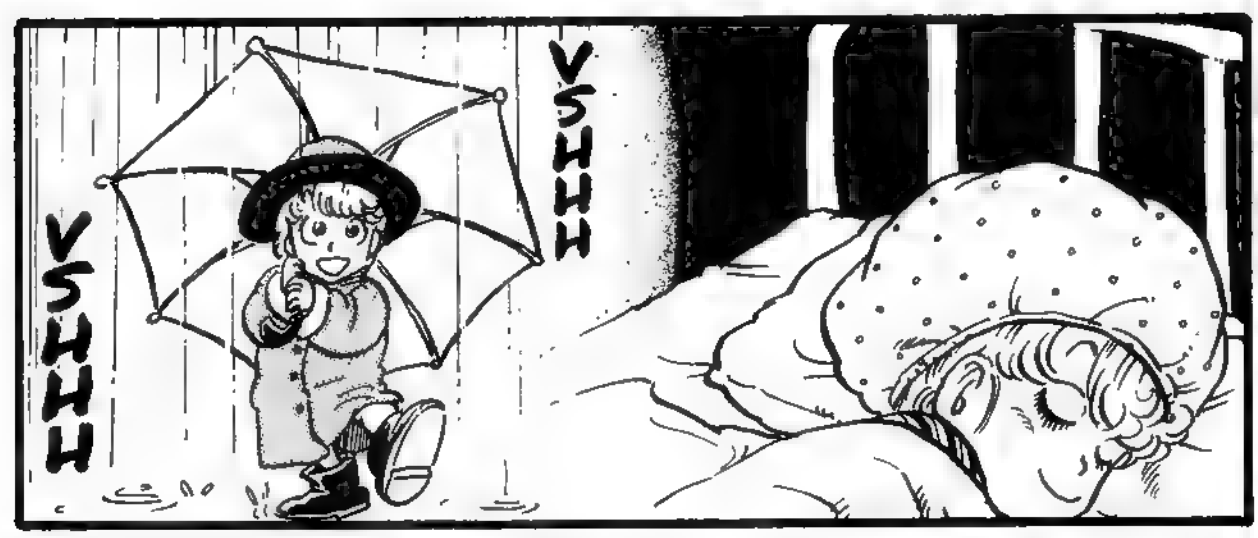
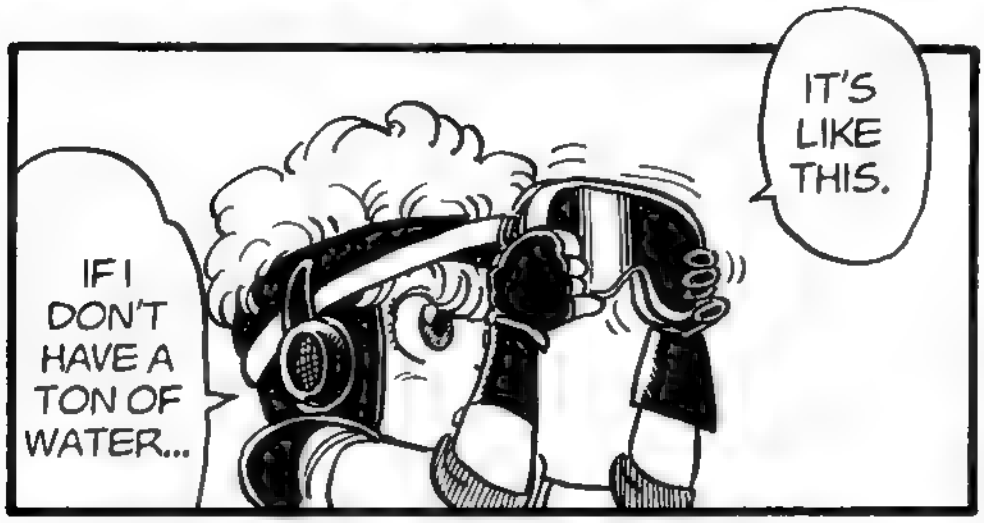

VSHHH
VSHHH

LOVELY WEATHER, ISN'T IT?
SURE IS.

OW-
OW
OWO
OOO

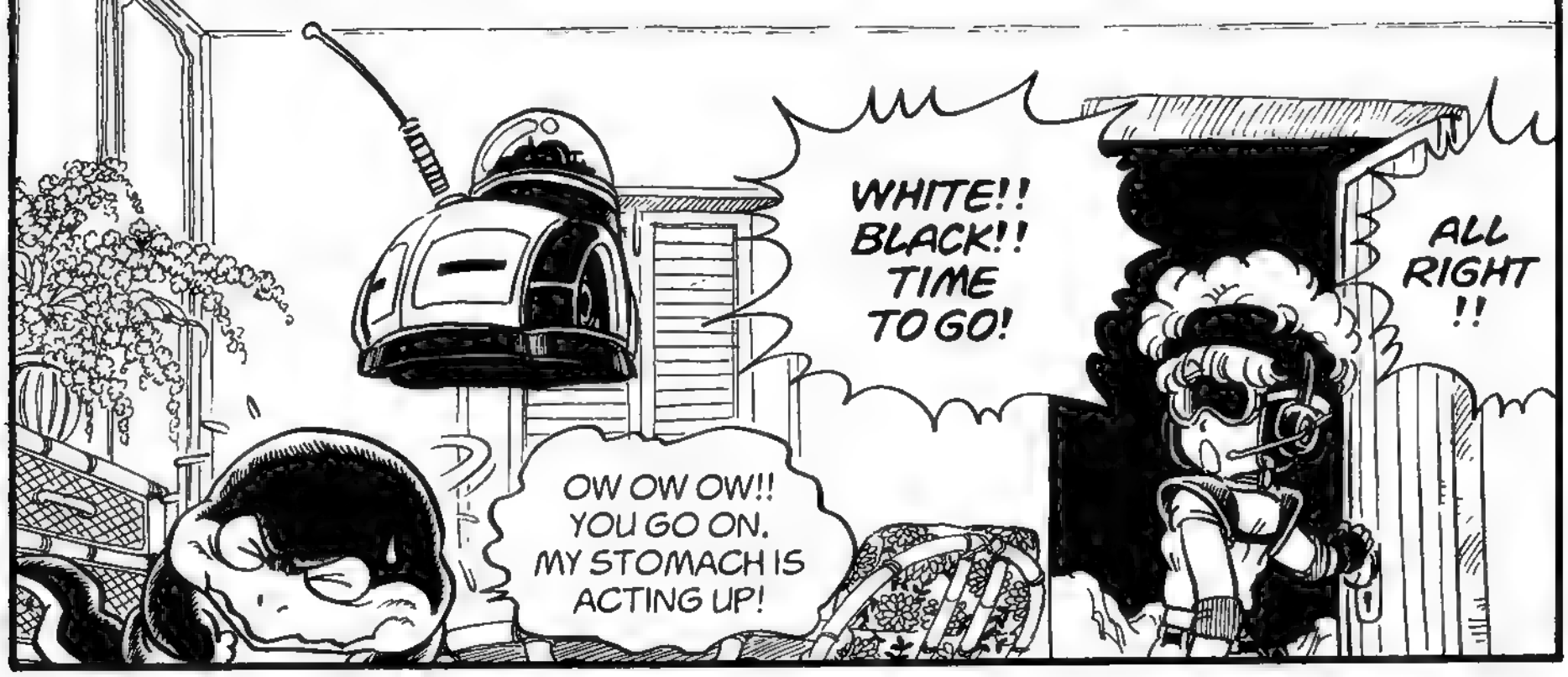
WHAAAT ?!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

POP


IF I DON'T HAVE A TON OF WATER...
IT'S LIKE THIS.

THEN WE CAN'T ENJOY THE RAIN!!
I'M CON-FUSED !!
AGAIN WITH THIS UMBRELLA THING...

YUP!! I'M GOING STRAIGHT TO SILVER COMPANY, AND I'M GONNA TAKE THE MOTHER LODE OF WATER!!
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?!
AND HITTING THEM AGAIN... SO SOON?


WHITE!! BLACK!! TIME TO GO!
ALL RIGHT !!
OW OW OW!! YOU GO ON. MY STOMACH IS ACTING UP!

WISH I COULD TAKE A BATH TOO...
THE GOOD OL' DAYS...

SQUEEZE
DRIP DRIP

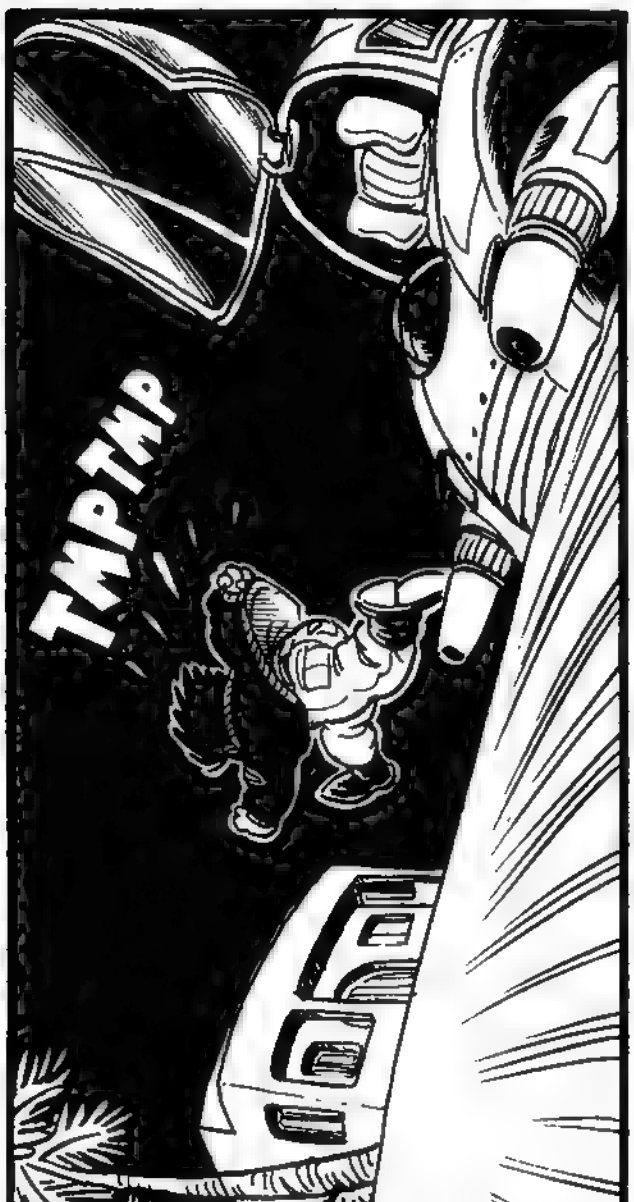
EEMS

SHERIFF

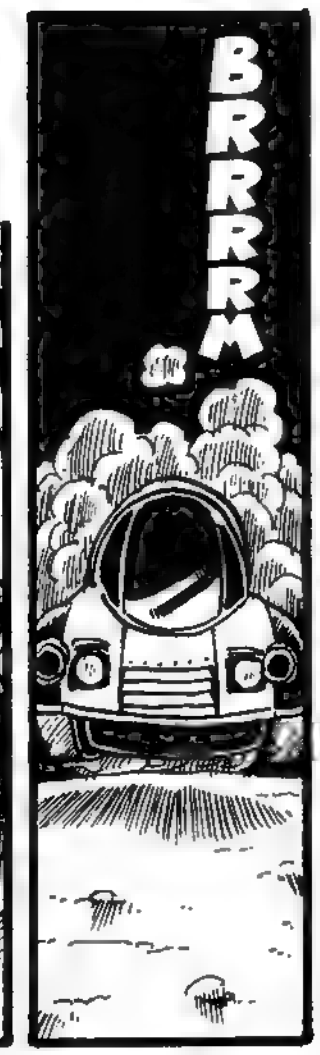
FLOATER BIKE
BATH
SMALL GUY
HEALTHY TREE
I AM SUCH A DUMBASS...

BAA

A!!


TMPTMP

THAT WAS BEYOND CARELESS!!
BUT...SHE WAS JUST A YOUNG GIRL!!


BRRRM

BRRRM

I'M NOT TELLING YOU! IT'S A SECRET THAT SHE WENT TO SILVER COMPANY!
SHERI
WHAAAT?!

WHAT THE–?!
HEY, YOU! DO YOU KNOW WHERE A LITTLE GIRL NAMED PINK IS?!

OKAY!!
OKAY, WHITE!! TRACK DOWN THOSE WATER TANKS!!

KABOOM

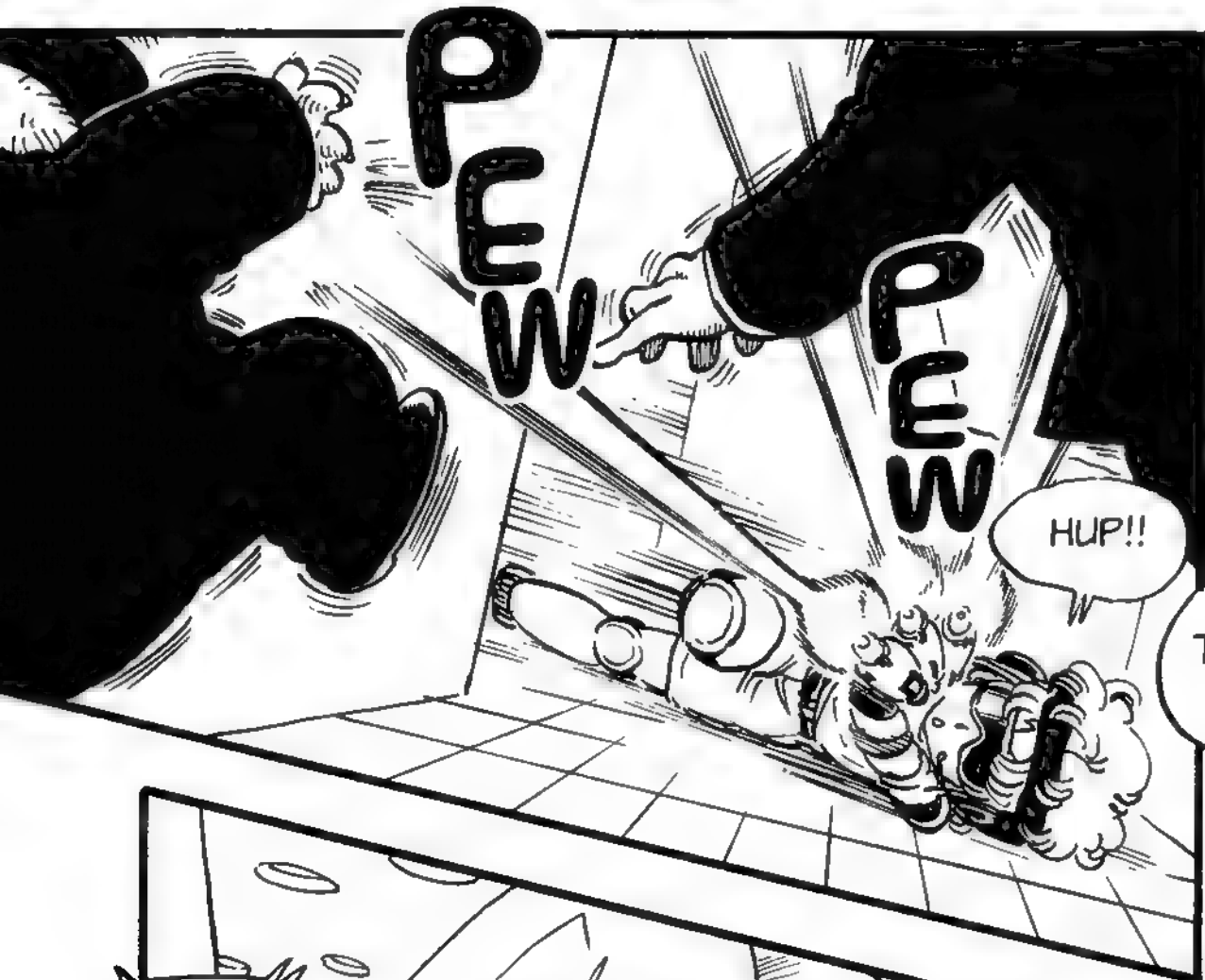
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!
SOMEONE TURN THE LIGHTS ON, NOW!!
SILVER COMPAN

BOO!!
HEY!!

TNP
TNP
TNP

WHOA!
PEW
PEW
GAH!!
PEW
PEW
WHAT ?!
社長室
HEY, BOSS! IT'S THAT WATER THIEF!! THEY'VE LAUNCHED AN ASSAULT!!!

KILL THEM DEAD!!
SO THE MOTH HAS COME TO THE FLAME!!


PEW
PEW
HUP!!

NOPE, NOT QUITE YET!
WHITE, YOU FIND 'EM YET?!
TMP
TMP

NOW THAT'S JUST UNFAIR...
I'M ONLY USING A BEAM GUN!
RAT-TAT
BANG BANG

WHADDYA MEAN, MOST OF THE FORCES ARE DOWN?!
THEY'RE PRETTY TOUGH, BOSS.

NEVER UNDERES-TIMATE A PROFES-SIONAL.

P-PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THEM!! ARE YOU...ER...SURE THAT KATANA WILL BE ENOUGH?!

TIME TO GO TO WORK.

FINAL-LY ...

THEY'RE HIDDEN PRETTY WELL.

WHITE! GIMME SOME-THING HERE!!

HM?!

PRESIDENT

THE PRESI-DENT'S OFFICE!!

AMATEUR!

HUH?!

BANG

LET'S CUT TO THE CHASE AND ASK NICELY!!

FVIIP
PEW
SMACK
GOT 'EM!! FANTAS-TIC!!
OW...
NOW IF YOU'D BE SO KIND, CUT HER DOWN!
THAT... HURT!!
DON'T HATE ME. THIS IS SIMPLY...
...WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A PROFESSIONAL!!

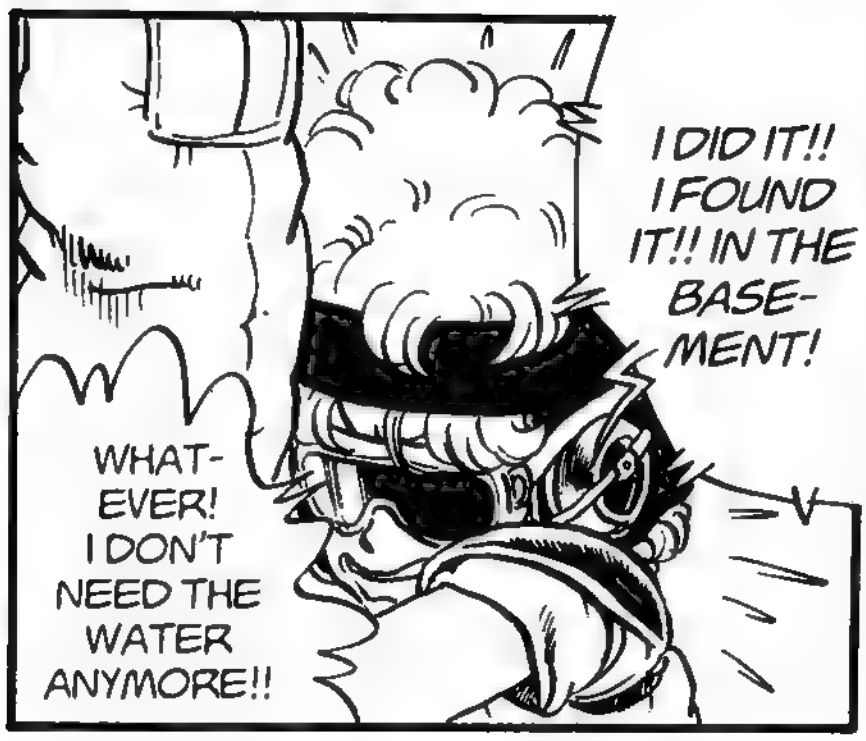
!!

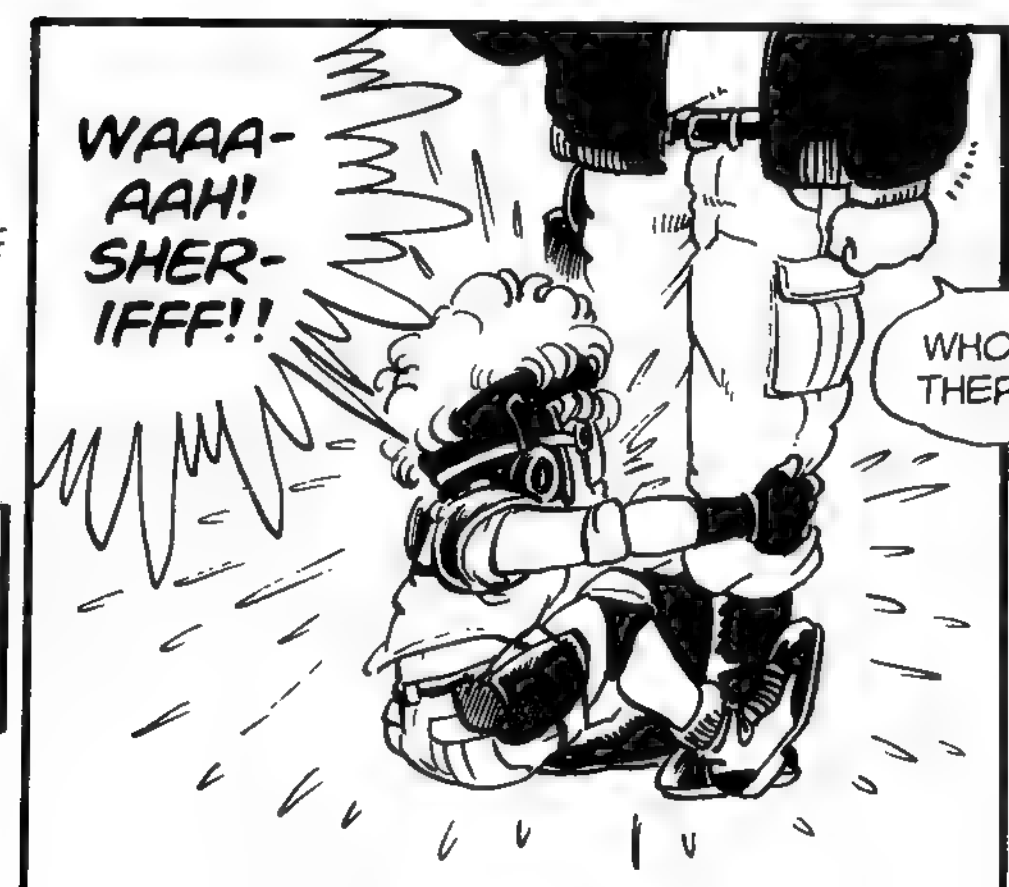
SCHNIK
BANG

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! THAT'S THE THIEF!!!

...WHY I'M ARREST-ING A CRIMI-NAL AS SHERIFF ...
IF YOU'RE ASKING ME...
...I GUESS I'D HAVE TO SAY IT'S CUZ I'M A PROFES-SIONAL AT MY JOB.

THIS ARRIVAL PRACTICALLY DEFINES TROPE.
WELL, THIS IS EMBAR-RASSING.
RIGHT, MS. PINK?
SHER-IFF!!!

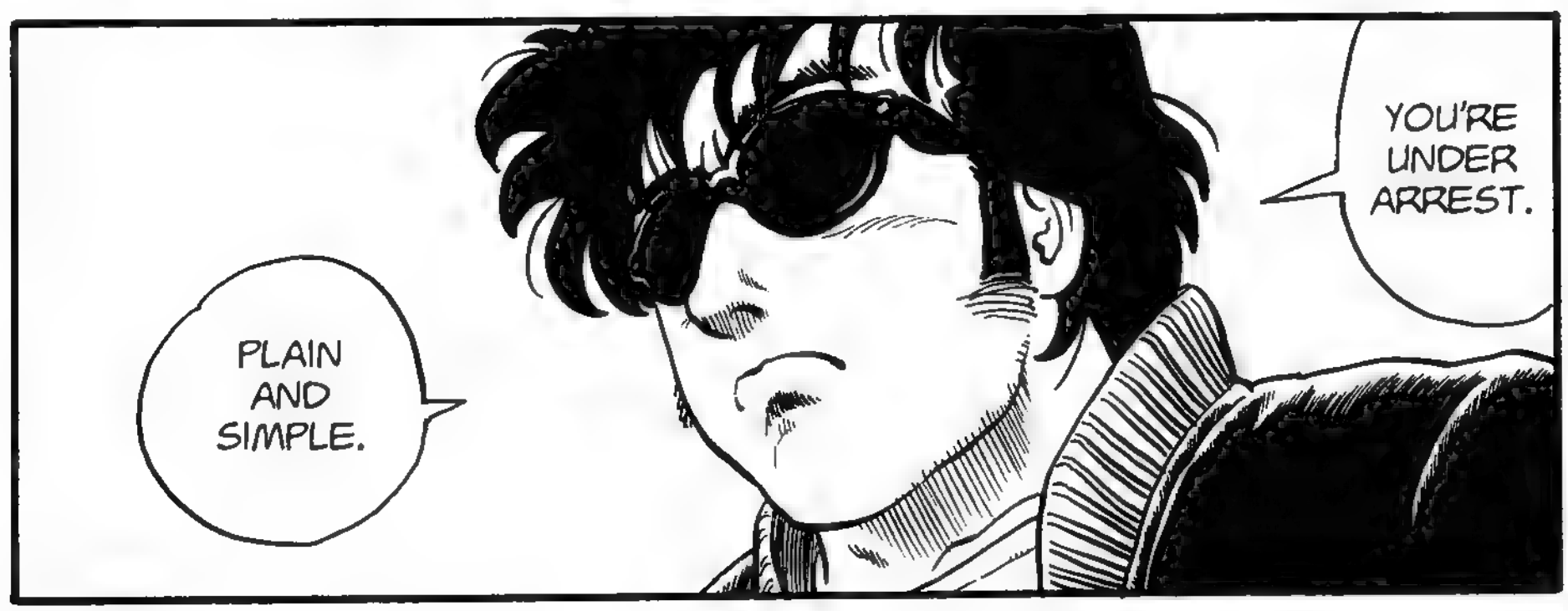

I DID IT!! I FOUND IT!! IN THE BASE-MENT!
WHAT-EVER! I DON'T NEED THE WATER ANYMORE!!

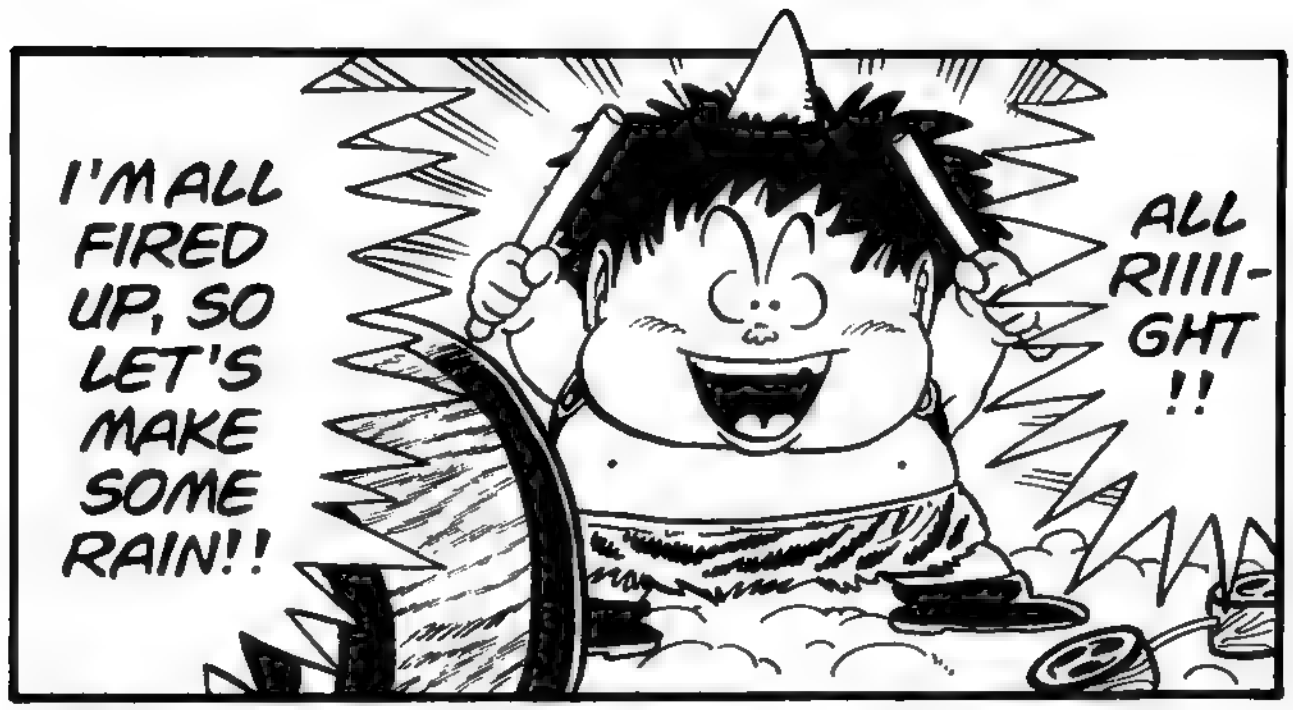

WAAA-AAH! SHER-IFFF!!
WHOA, THERE.

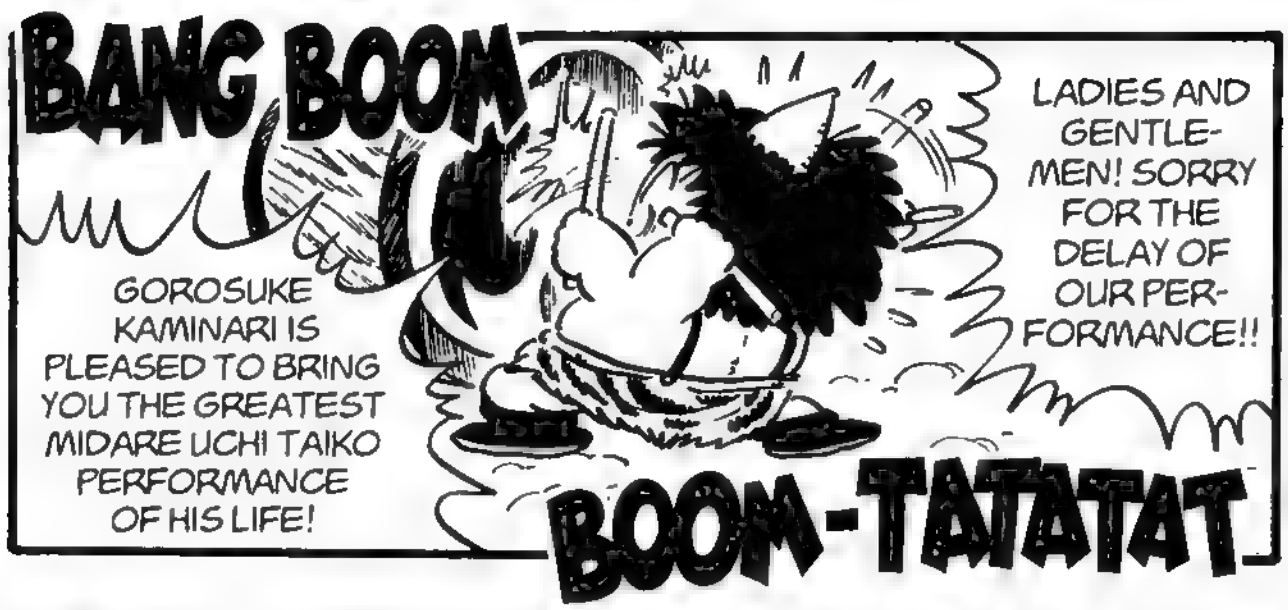
WHA ...?
NOT THAT! I MEAN I FOUND HIM!! THE GOD OF STORMS!!

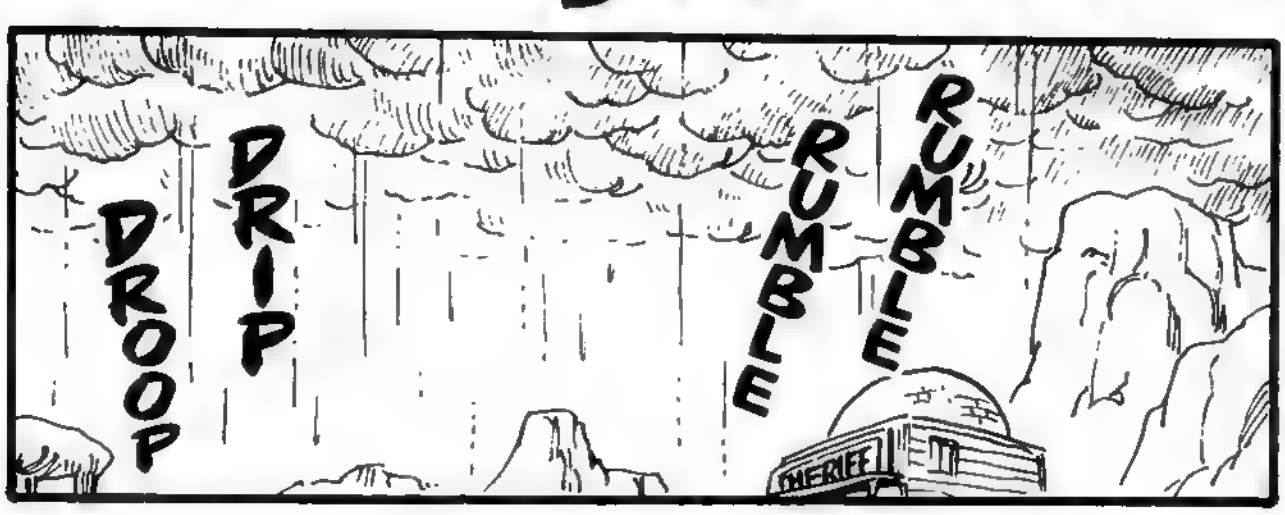
SO THIS WAS YOUR SECRET...
MAKES SENSE... I GUESS.
GULP...
BUNCHA JERKS! WHO D'YA THINK I AM?!
KER-CLINK
WATER

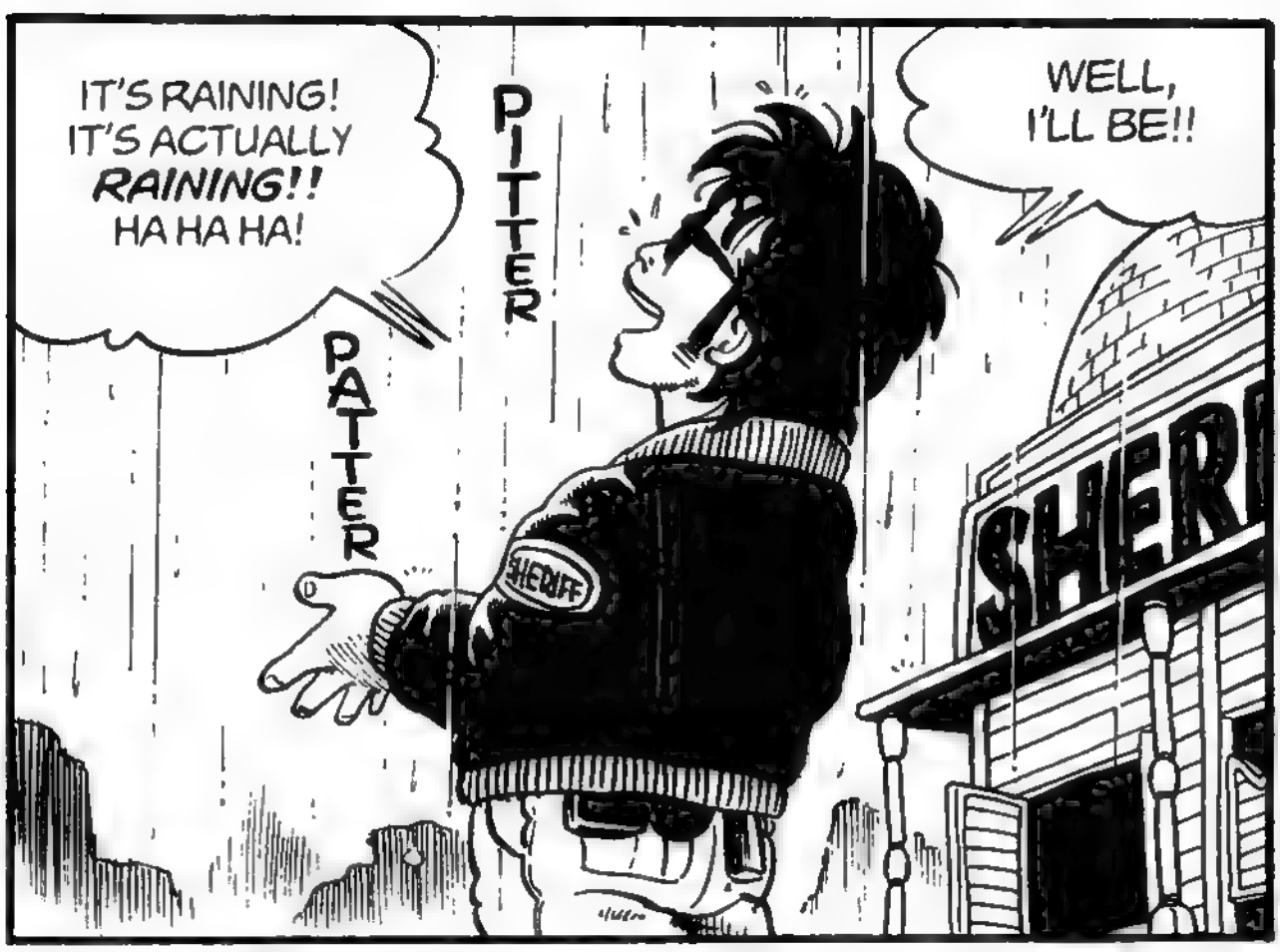
TH-THESE... THESE MEANIES KIDNAPPED ME AND MADE ME MAKE WATER FOR 'EM!!


YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.
PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

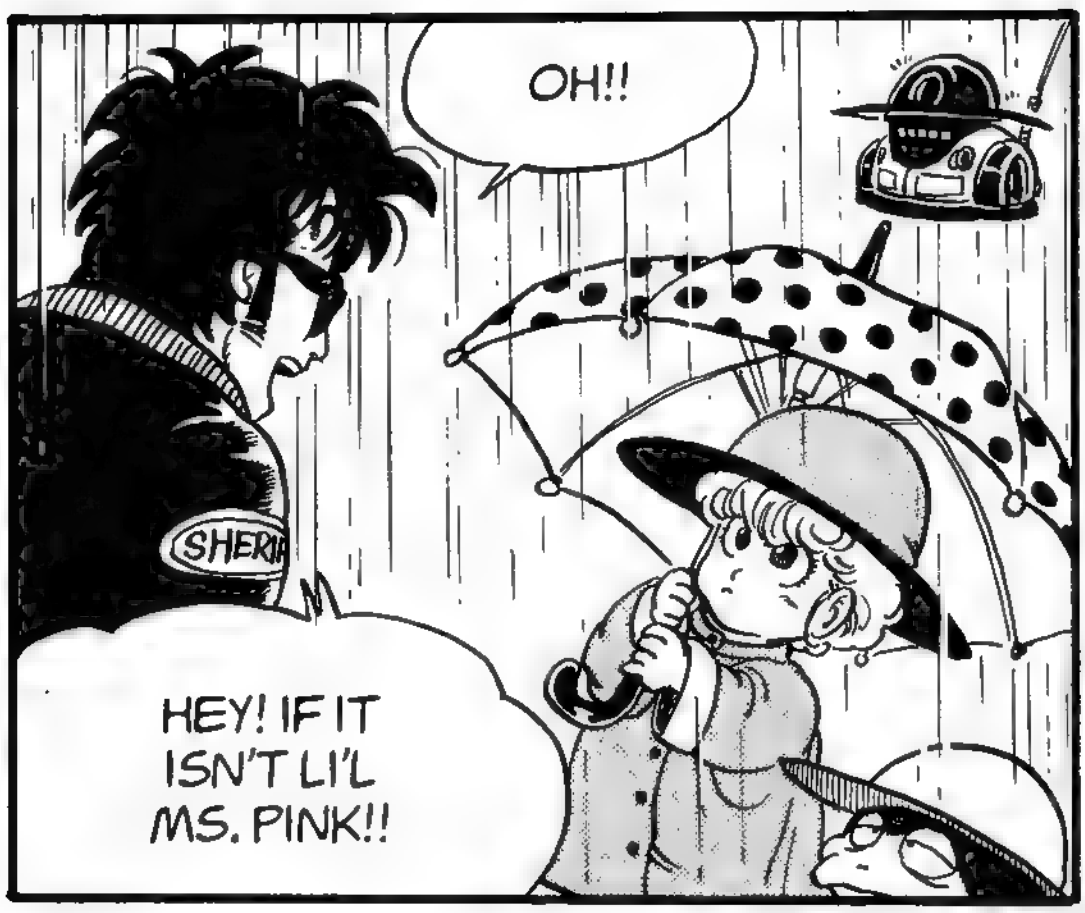

I'M ALL FIRED UP, SO LET'S MAKE SOME RAIN!!
ALL RIIII-GHT !!


BANG BOOM
GOROSUKE KAMINARI IS PLEASED TO BRING YOU THE GREATEST MIDARE UCHI TAIKO PERFORMANCE OF HIS LIFE!
LADIES AND GENTLE-MEN! SORRY FOR THE DELAY OF OUR PER-FORMANCE!!
BOOM-TATATAT

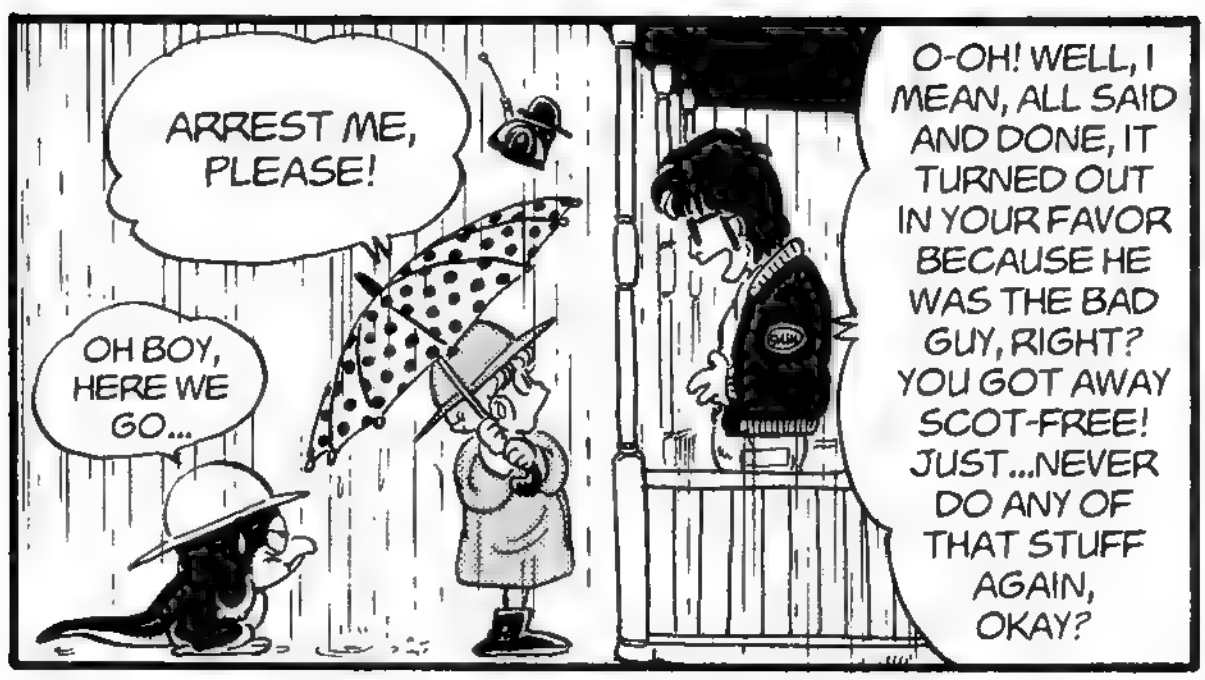

DROOP
DRIP
RUMBLE
RUMBLE


IT'S RAINING! IT'S ACTUALLY RAINING!! HA HA HA!
PITTER
PATTER
WELL, I'LL BE!!
SHERIFF

THE NEXT DAY...


OH!!
SHERIF
HEY! IF IT ISN'T LI'L MS. PINK!!

HM?
SPLISH SPLOSH

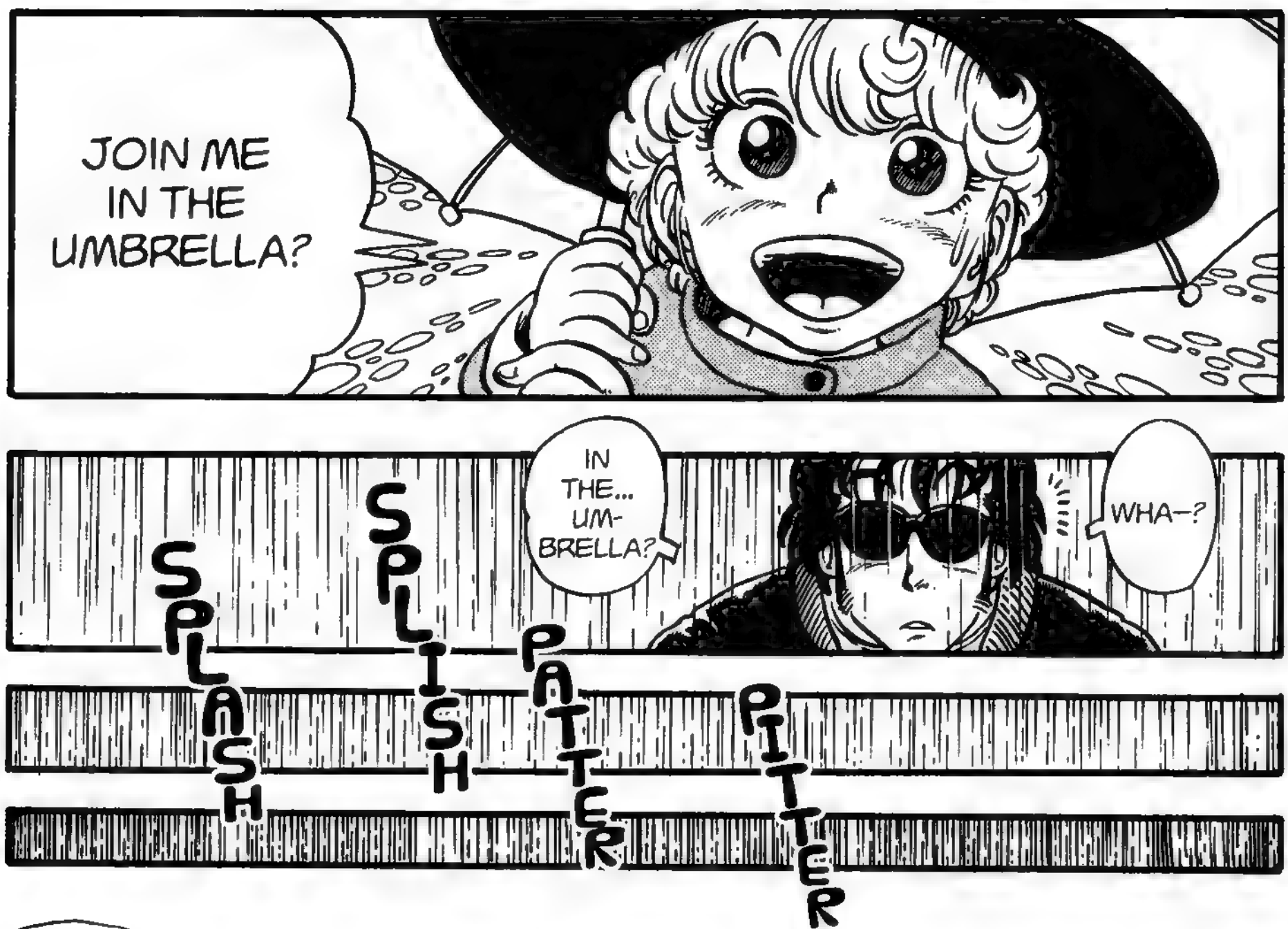

ARREST ME, PLEASE!
OH BOY, HERE WE GO...
O-OH! WELL, I MEAN, ALL SAID AND DONE, IT TURNED OUT IN YOUR FAVOR BECAUSE HE WAS THE BAD GUY, RIGHT? YOU GOT AWAY SCOT-FREE! JUST...NEVER DO ANY OF THAT STUFF AGAIN, OKAY?

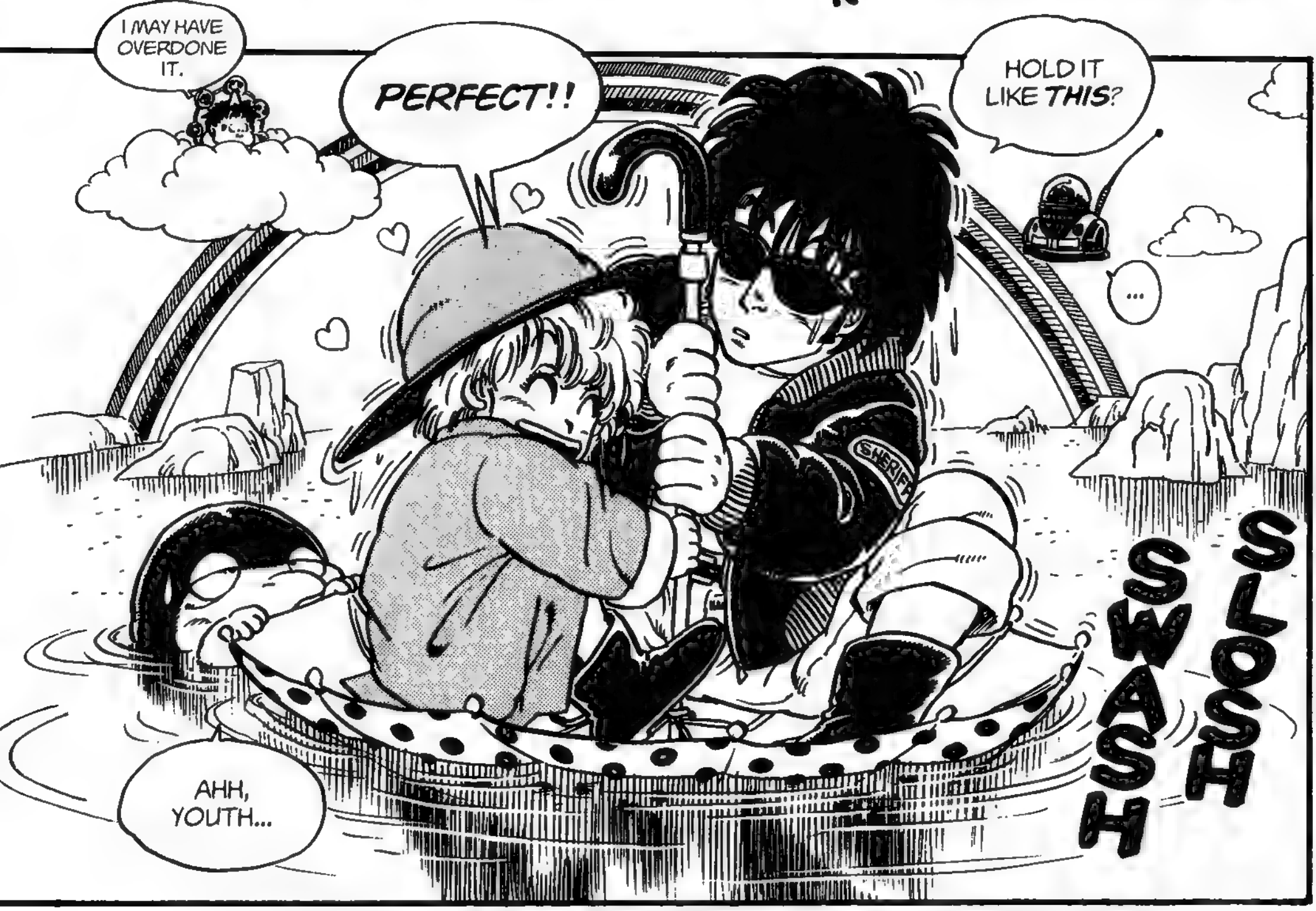
WHY DIDN'T YOU ARREST ME?!

GOOD ONE, RIGHT? "ARREST ME, PLEASE." HA HA!!
OH, UH. JUST JOKING THEN!!

ARREST...YOU? YOU SURE ABOUT THAT? THE PRISON UP NORTH IS PRETTY COLD...
WHAT ?!
YOU MEAN YOUR HOUSE ISN'T THE PRISON?!

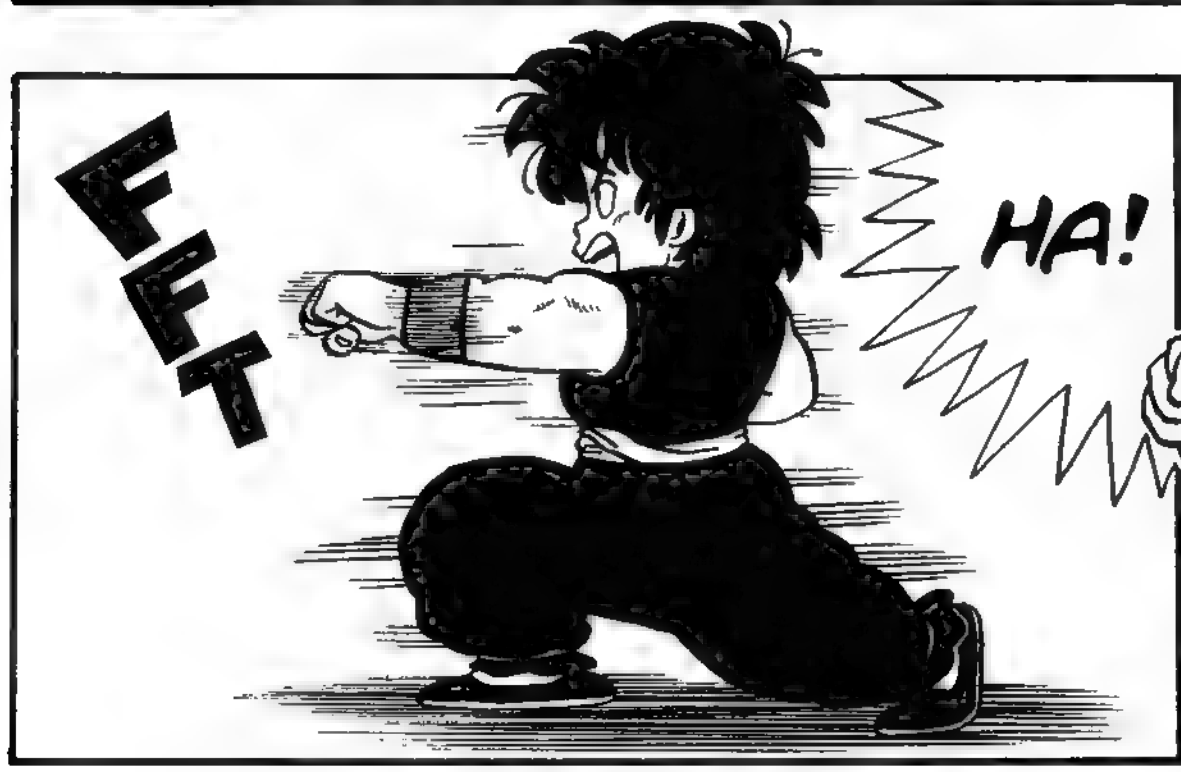
UM, SO...
I HAVE A SMALL FAVOR TO ASK. WOULD YOU...
WHAT'S GOING ON IN HER HEAD?

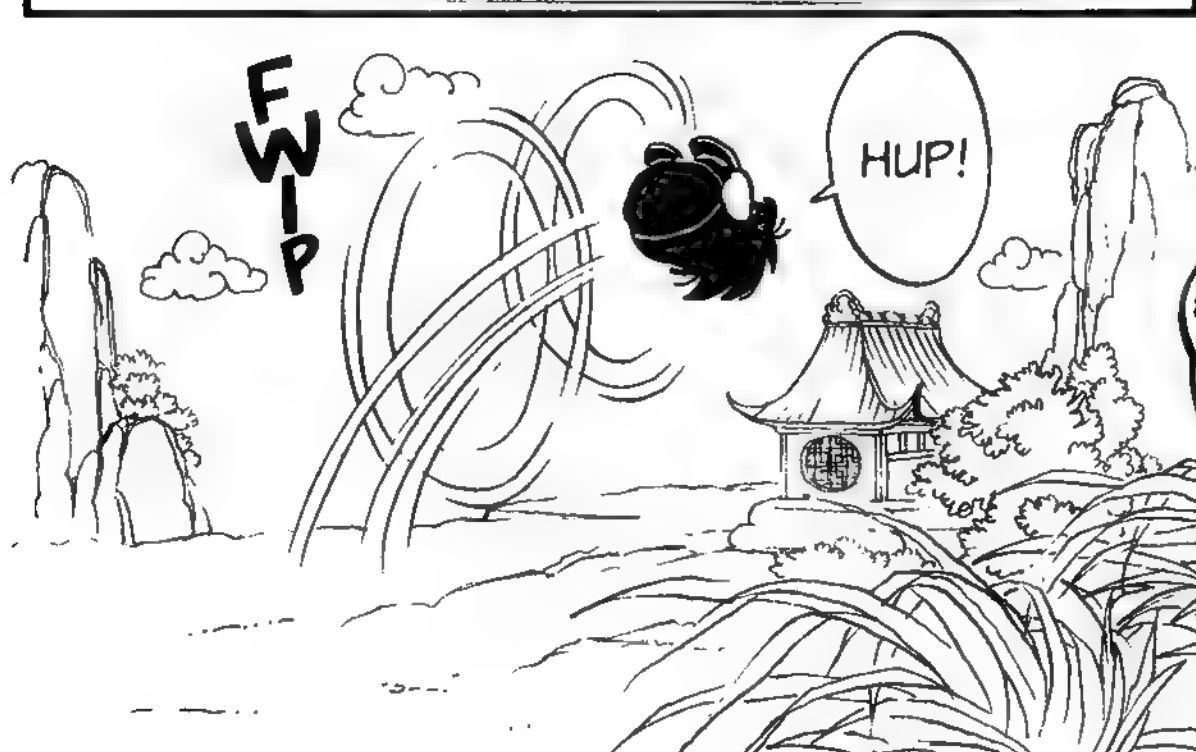

JOIN ME IN THE UMBRELLA?
IN THE... UM-BRELLA?
WHA–?
SPLASH
SPLISH
PATTER
PITTER

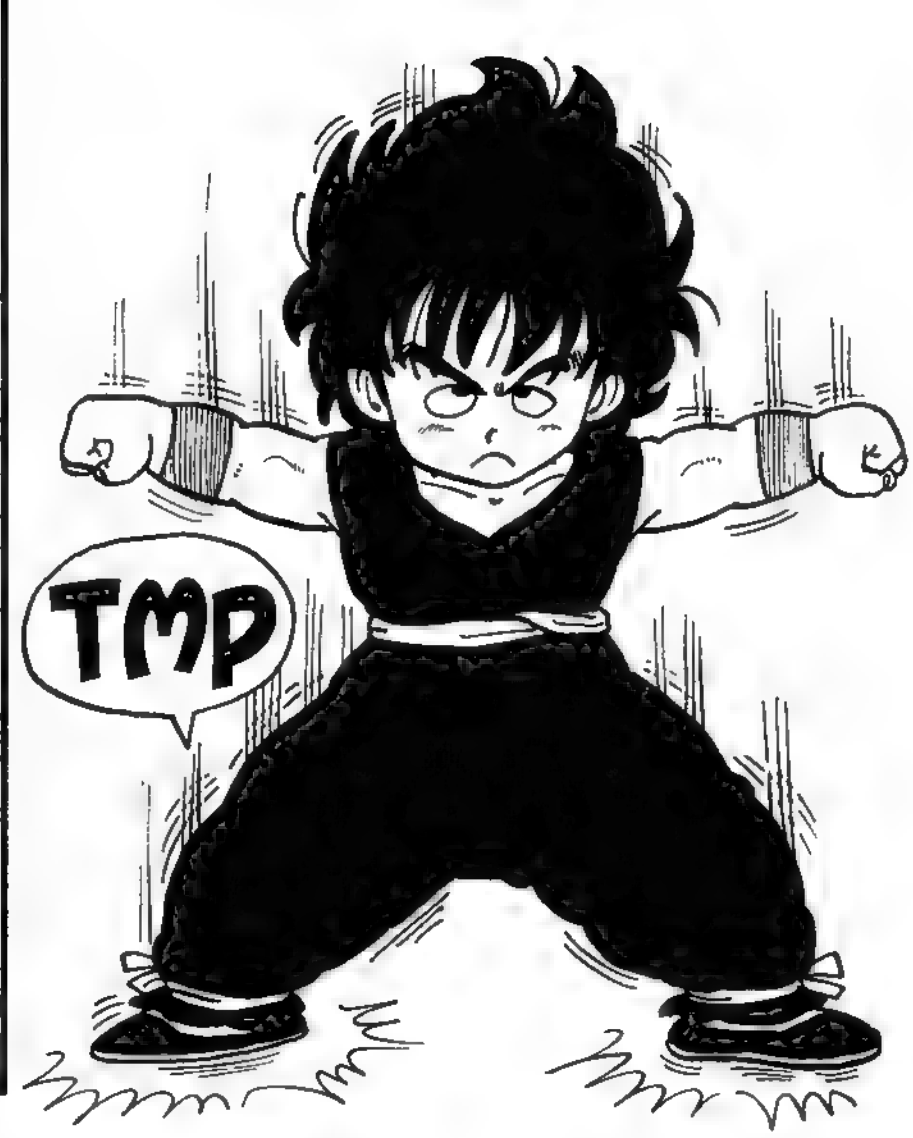

I MAY HAVE OVERDONE IT.
PERFECT!!
HOLD IT LIKE THIS?
...
AHH, YOUTH...
SWASH
SWASH

DRAGON BOY

IN A LAND OF RECLUSIVE MASTERS OF THE MARTIAL ARTS, THERE WAS A PARTICULAR HUT TUCKED AWAY BETWEEN THE STEEP MOUNTAIN SLOPES WHERE DAY IN AND DAY OUT A YOUNG BOY CARRIED OUT HIS GRUELING TRAINING...



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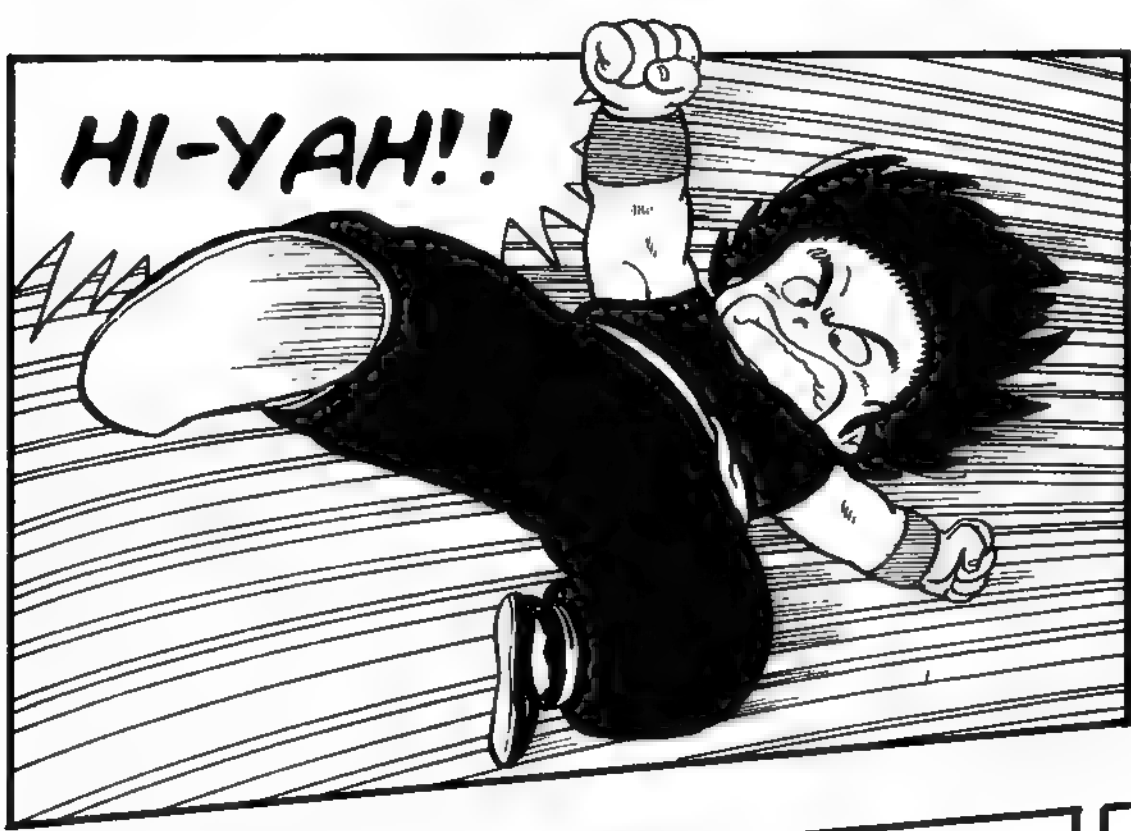
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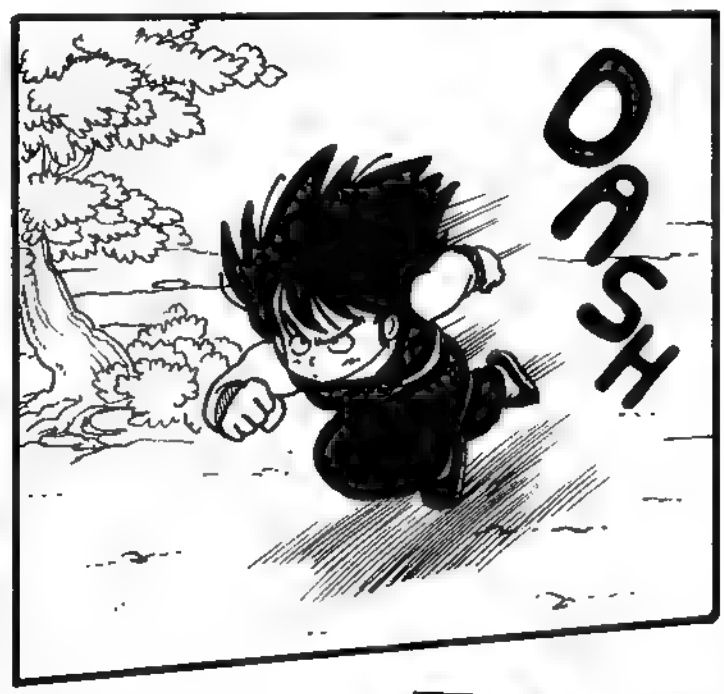
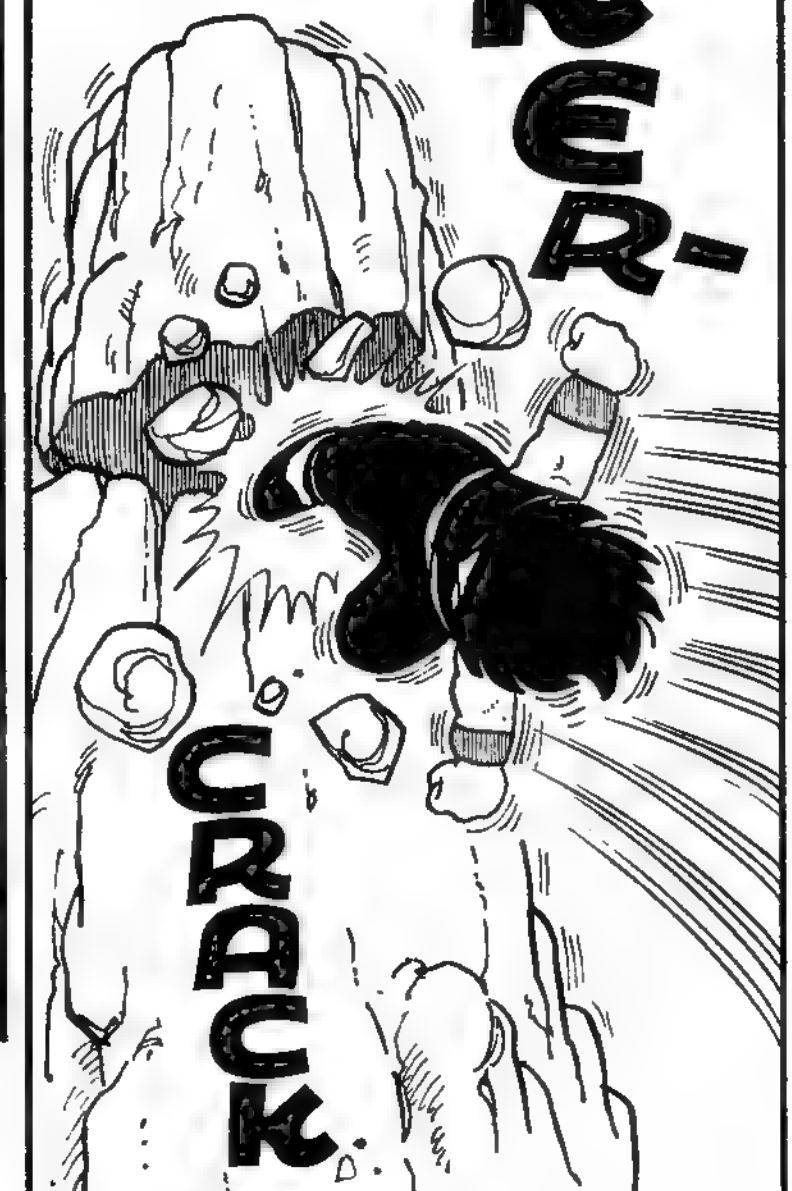
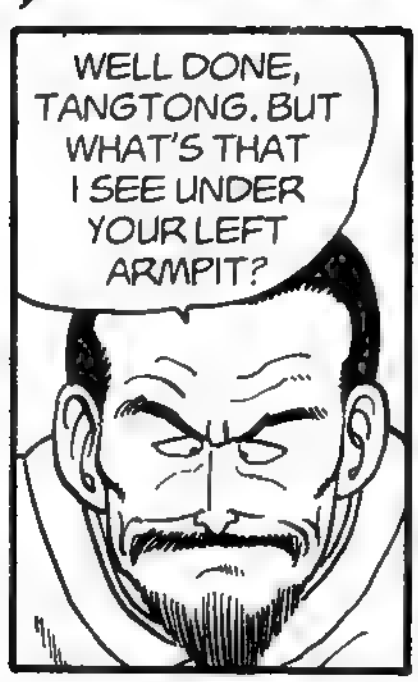

DASH

HO-HOO, LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE IMPROVED, TANGTONG.

CRUMBLE RUMBLE


KO-ER-
CRACK



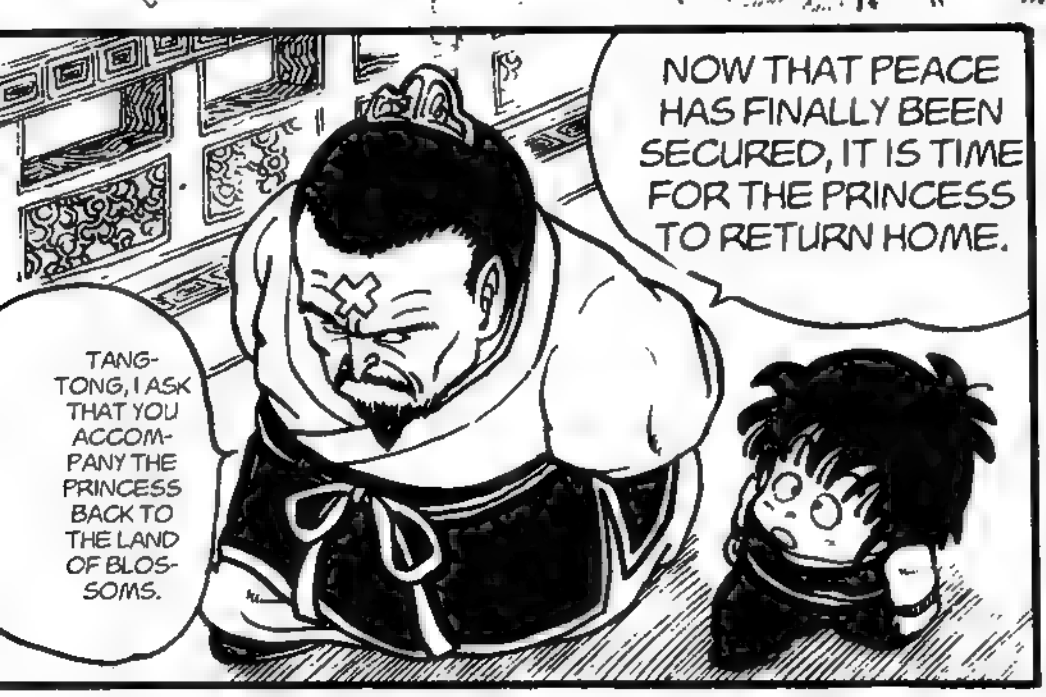
FVVP-VVP
FFFF

TO SHOW YOU THAT WHEN YOU'RE A MASTER, TH-THIS IS NOTHING.
THROB
HEH HEH HEH. I, ER, WANTED TO TAKE YOUR ATTACK HEAD-ON.
M-MASTER ROSHI! ARE YOU OKAY?

...

CONSIDER IT PART OF YOUR TRAINING.
A MISSION?

AT ANY RATE, YOUR PROGRESS IS UNDENI-ABLE.
AS SUCH, I WISH TO ENTRUST YOU WITH A MISSION.


NOW THAT PEACE HAS FINALLY BEEN SECURED, IT IS TIME FOR THE PRINCESS TO RETURN HOME.
TANG-TONG, I ASK THAT YOU ACCOM-PANY THE PRINCESS BACK TO THE LAND OF BLOS-SOMS.

HO-HOO.
YOU'RE SHARP.

IT'S A GIRL?
A PRIN-CESS? DOES THAT MEAN...

TWO YEARS PAST, DURING THE CONFLICT IN THE LAND OF BLOSSOMS, THEIR PRINCESS ABSCONDED TO SAFETY.

SO THAT'S A... WOMAN!

OOOH ...

HURRY UP, LET'S GO..

ARE YOU QUITE DONE?

AFTER ALL, IT WAS YOU WHO TAUGHT ME THAT IN THIS WORLD NOT ONLY MEN LIKE US EXIST, BUT ALSO WOMEN!

YES, MAS-TER!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU INSOLENT TRASH?!

POKE POKE

STARE STARE STARE STAAARE

LISTEN WELL— THE ROAD TO THE LAND OF BLOSSOMS IS A DANGEROUS ONE.

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOU MUST ENSURE THE PRINCESS'S SAFE ARRIVAL.

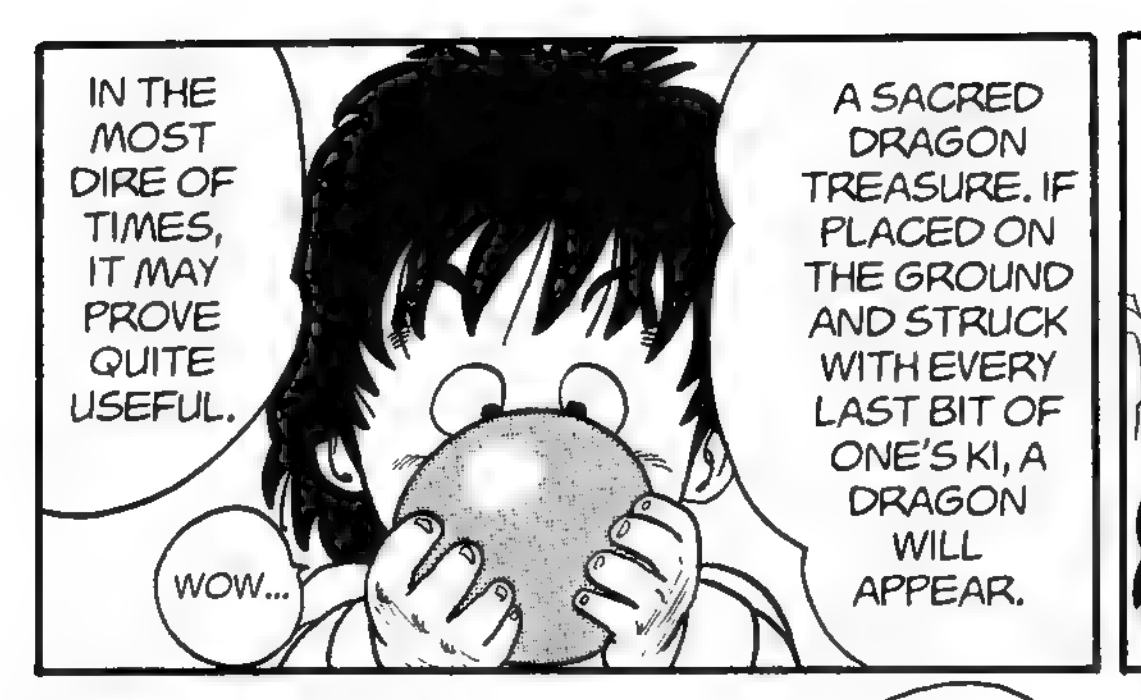
SURELY THERE MUST BE SOMEONE BETTER SUITED FOR THIS...

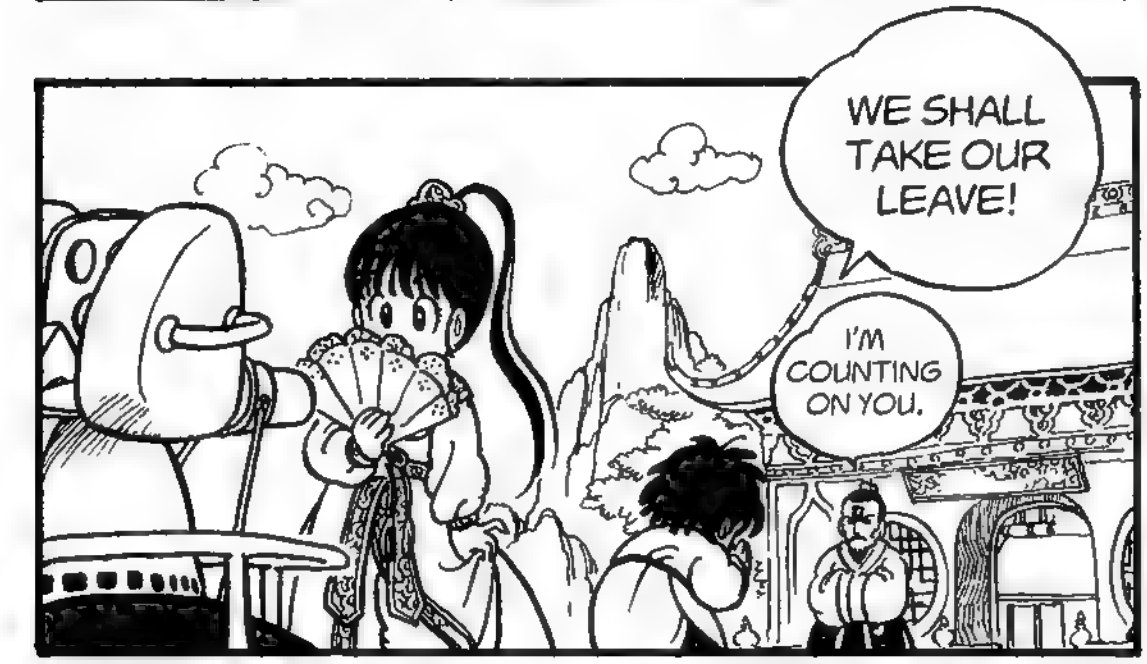
YES, MASTER!

BUT ARE NOT FOR TOUCH-ING!

MASTER ROSHI, WOMEN'S BODIES ARE SQUISHY!!

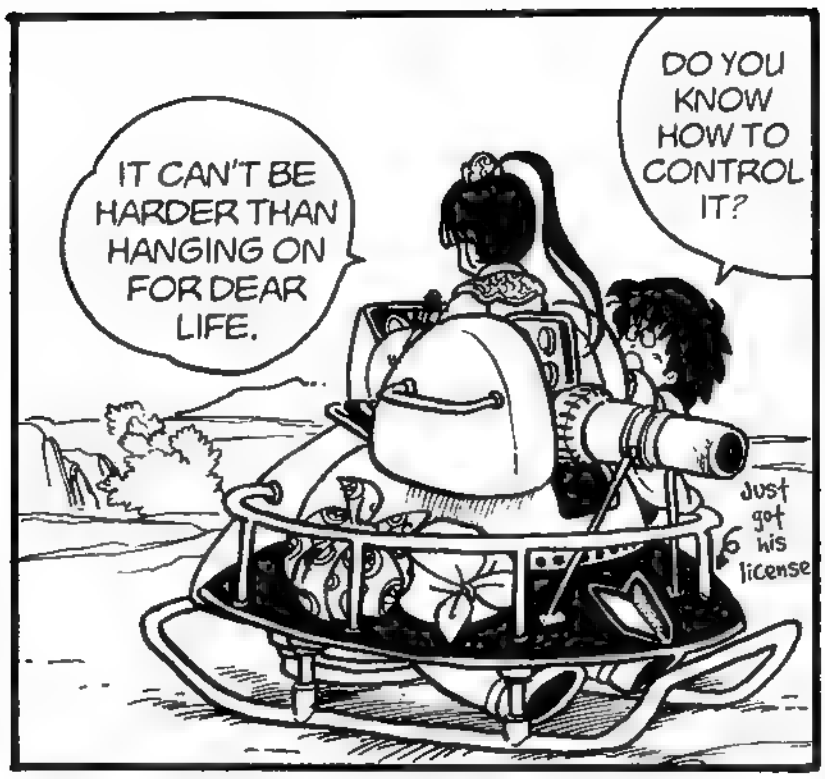
MY TEACH-INGS WERE INSUFFI-CIENT.

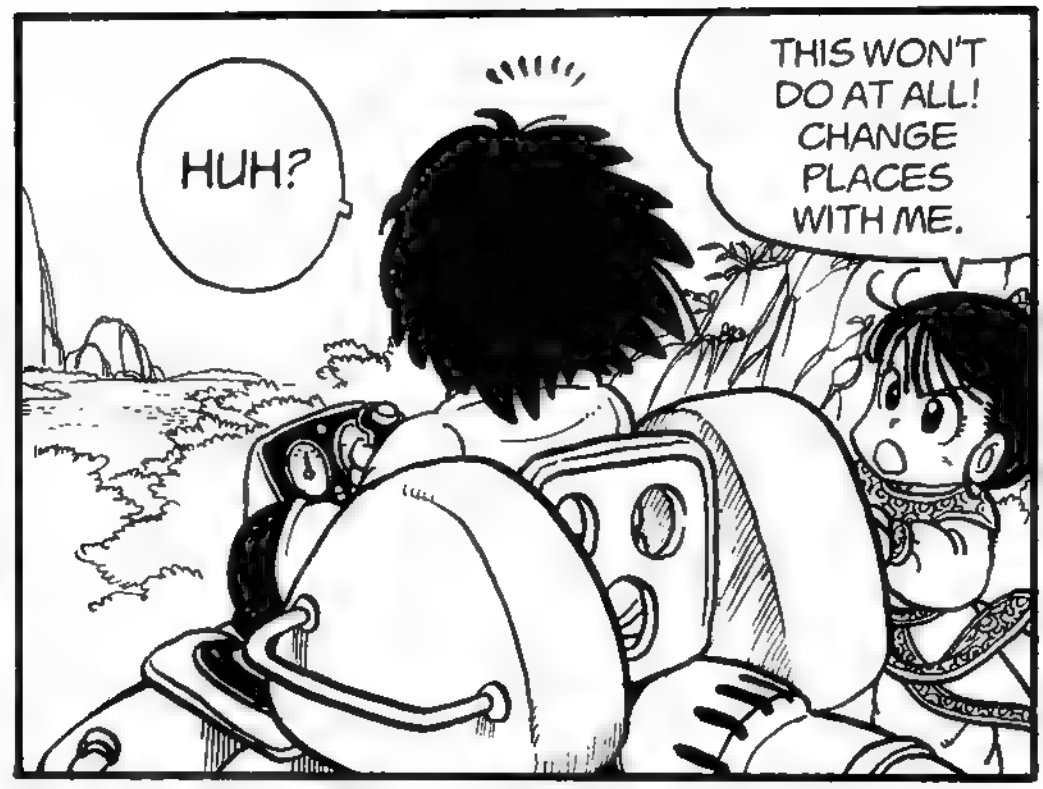




BURROOOM

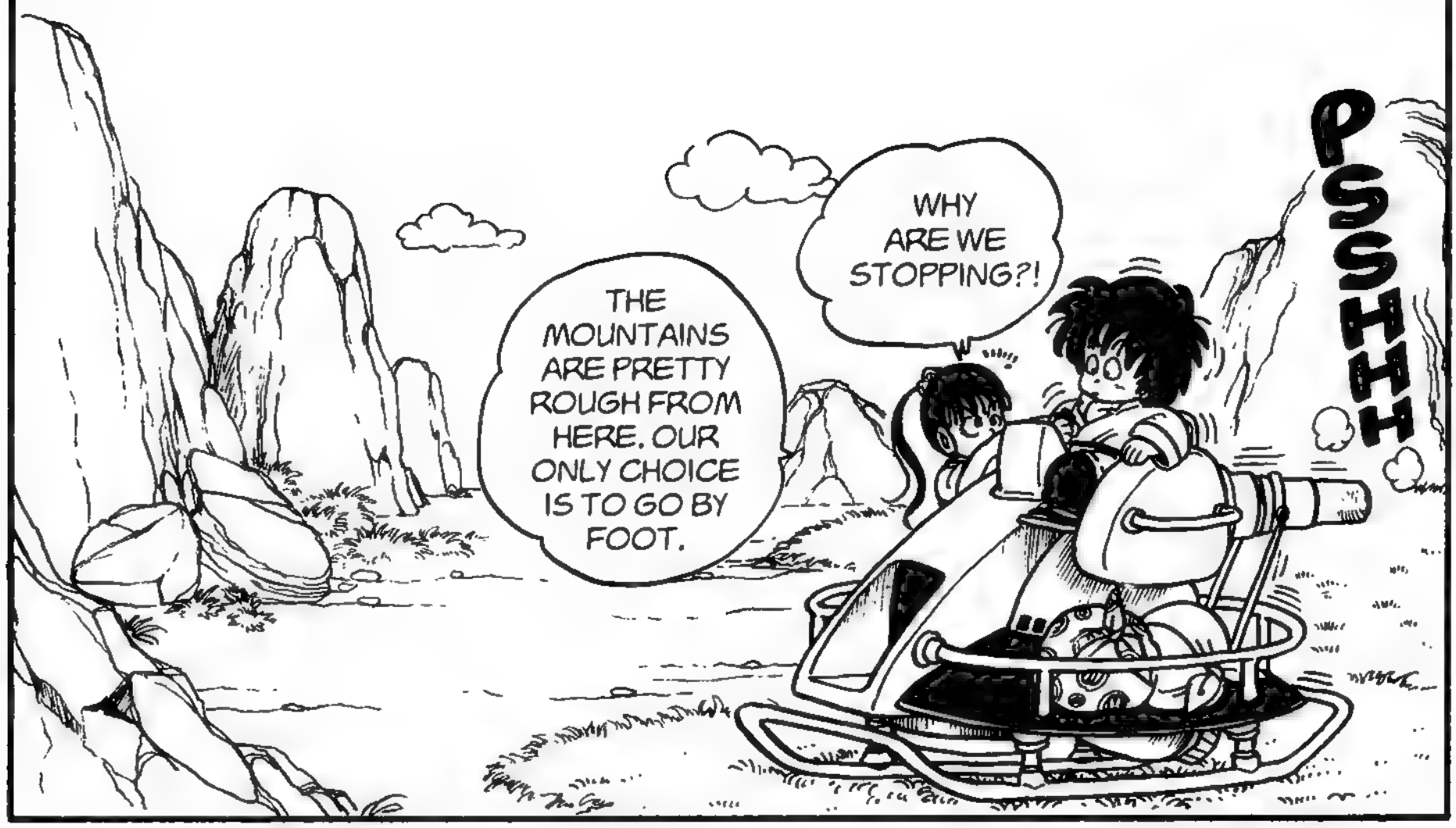
HANG ON TIGHT, OKAY?

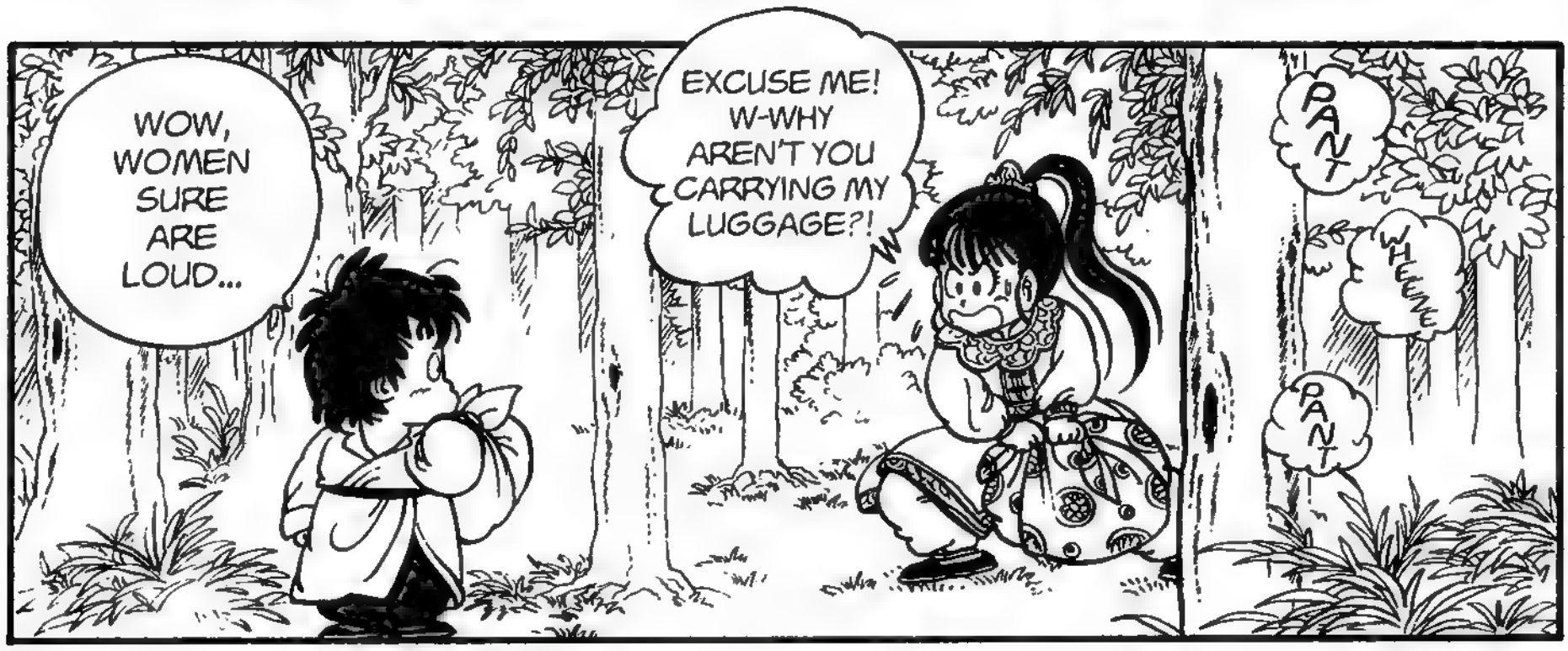

IT CAN'T BE HARDER THAN HANGING ON FOR DEAR LIFE.
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO CONTROL IT?
Just got his license


HUH?
THIS WON'T DO AT ALL! CHANGE PLACES WITH ME.

I TOLD YOU SO.
QUIET, YOU NUI-SANCE!!

WHOOOOA! AAAAAHHH! I'LL GO BACK TO HANGING ON!!
BRAKES! HIT THE BRAKES!!


THE MOUNTAINS ARE PRETTY ROUGH FROM HERE. OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO GO BY FOOT.
WHY ARE WE STOPPING?!
PSSHH


WOW, WOMEN SURE ARE LOUD...
EXCUSE ME! W-WHY AREN'T YOU CARRYING MY LUGGAGE?!
PANT
WHEEEE
PANT

GOSH, YOU'RE REALLY SPOILED.
LOOK AT ME— I'M ALL SWEATY NOW. I MUST TAKE A BATH!! A BATH, YOU HEAR ME?!

GYEEEE!!
I'M GONNA FALL! I'M GONNA FAAALL!!

I CAN'T TELL IF YOU'RE TRYING TO BE CUTE OR ARE JUST A COMPLETE DOLT...

THIS IS... OH NO, THIS IS VERY BAD! YOUR WEE-WEE IS MISSING!!

WOMEN DON'T HAVE SUCH A THING.

OH NOOOO!!!

YOU COULD USE A CLEANING YOURSELF.

ENOUGH OF YOUR MUTTERING.

BUT THEIR PECTORAL MUSCLES ARE MAGNIFICENT. THEY MUST TRAIN REALLY HARD...

WOMEN DON'T HAVE A...

HUH, SO THEY DON'T NEED TO PEE, INTERESTING.

FROM THEN ON, MASTER ROSHI HAS ALWAYS TAKEN CARE OF ME!

I'M A MONSTER! SO WHEN I WAS LITTLE, THEY THREW ME OUT!

SO, TONETAN, OR WHATEVER YOUR NAME IS, WHERE ARE YOU PARENTS?

A MONSTER?

?

OH, HEH HEH, I'M, UH, I'M FINE! I COULDN'T POSSIBLY DISROBE.

WHAT A STRANGE BOY... ARE YOU BASHFUL? YOU CERTAINLY HAVE NO QUALMS ABOUT LOOKING AT OTHERS NAKED.

HERE WE GO AGAIN...

OH BOY...

I NEED WATER!!

WATER!!

IT MIGHT HAVE A WELL!!

I'VE GOT IT! THERE'S AN OLD TEMPLE OVER THERE!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! I DEMAND YOU TO HURRY!

PUZG

I SENSE KI!! SOMEONE'S HIDING THEIR KI!!

!!

VOOSH

SEE THAT? JUST LIKE I THOUGHT!!

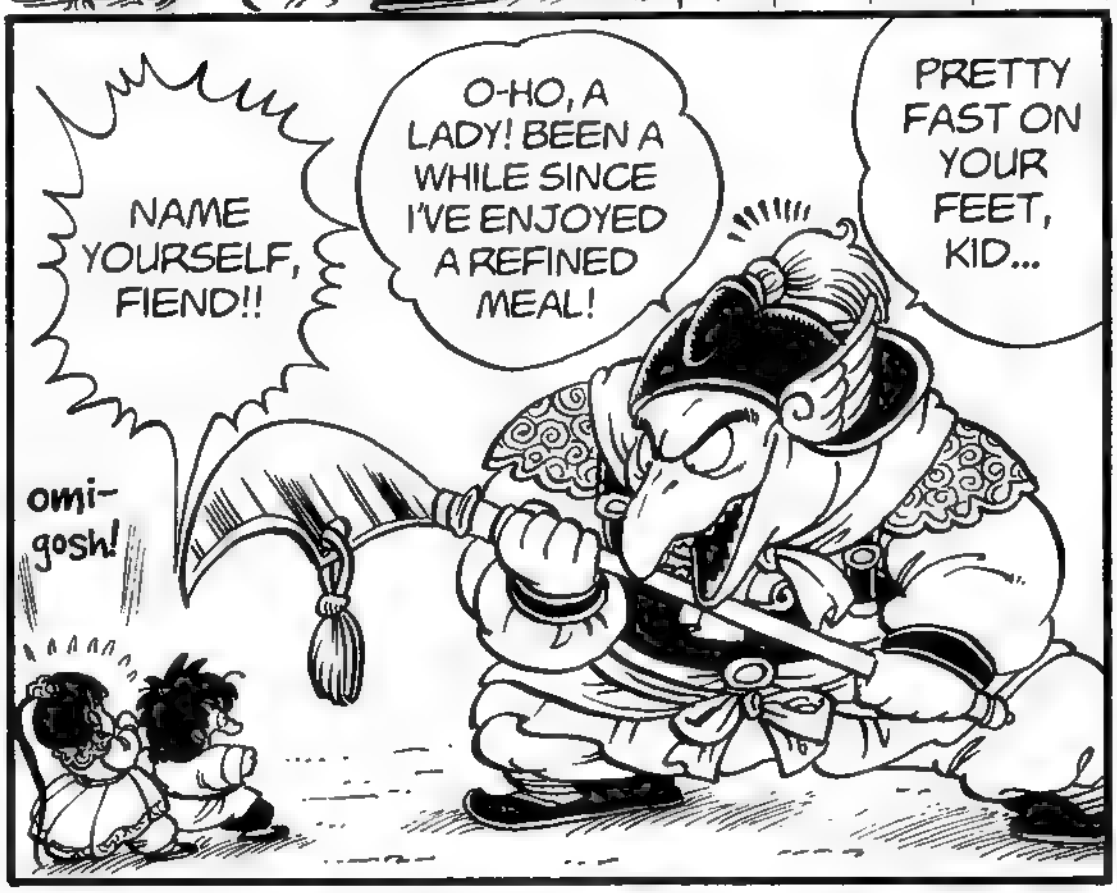
HURRY, HURRY! GIMME SOME WATER!!

KER-POOF

EEEEK!!

WELL, WELL, WELL! YOU FELL FOR THE WELL!!

AH!



WE CLEAR?!

CRACK

IT IS MY MISSION TO DELIVER THE PRINCESS SAFELY TO THE LAND OF BLOSSOMS!!

NO WAY! I WON'T LET YOU EAT HER!!

THAT'S RIGHT! I ENDORSE THIS SENTIMENT!

GUESS YOU GOT A DEATH WISH THEN, HUH?

HAPPY TO OBLIGE ...

I KNEW HE WAS ALL TALK!!

OW... OWW!! HIS BODY'S SO TOUGH!

YOU SHOULDA TAKEN MY GENEROUS OFFER WHILE YOU HAD THE CHANCE.

GEH HEH HEH. KID LIKES TO TALK BIG! WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW? A KICK?

HONESTLY, ONLY HIS EYES ARE VULNERABLE, BUT I DON'T THINK I COULD GET CLOSE WITH THAT BEAK IN THE WAY...

THIS...THIS IS NOT GOOD! HE'S TOUGHER THAN ACTUAL ROCKS!

YOU'VE ONLY MASTERED RUNNING AWAY, HUH?

...AND ATTACK FROM THE SKY!!

HEY, THAT'S RIGHT! I CAN USE THIS LONG-PAO...

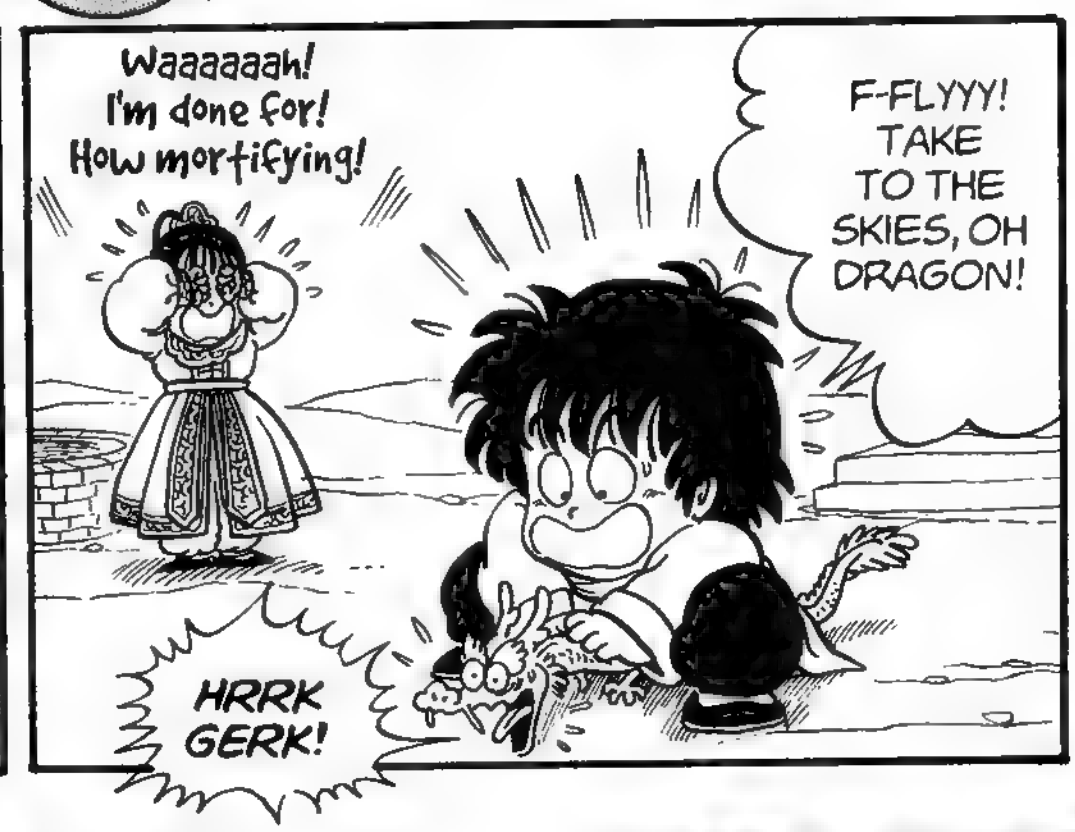
SLICE

SLASH

AACK!!

CHEEP CHEEP
POP
...AND STRIKE IT!!
FWOOM
GATHER ALL MY KI...

GWA HA HA! SOME DRAGON YA GOT THERE, KID!!
MASTER ROSHI, YOU OLD KOOK!!

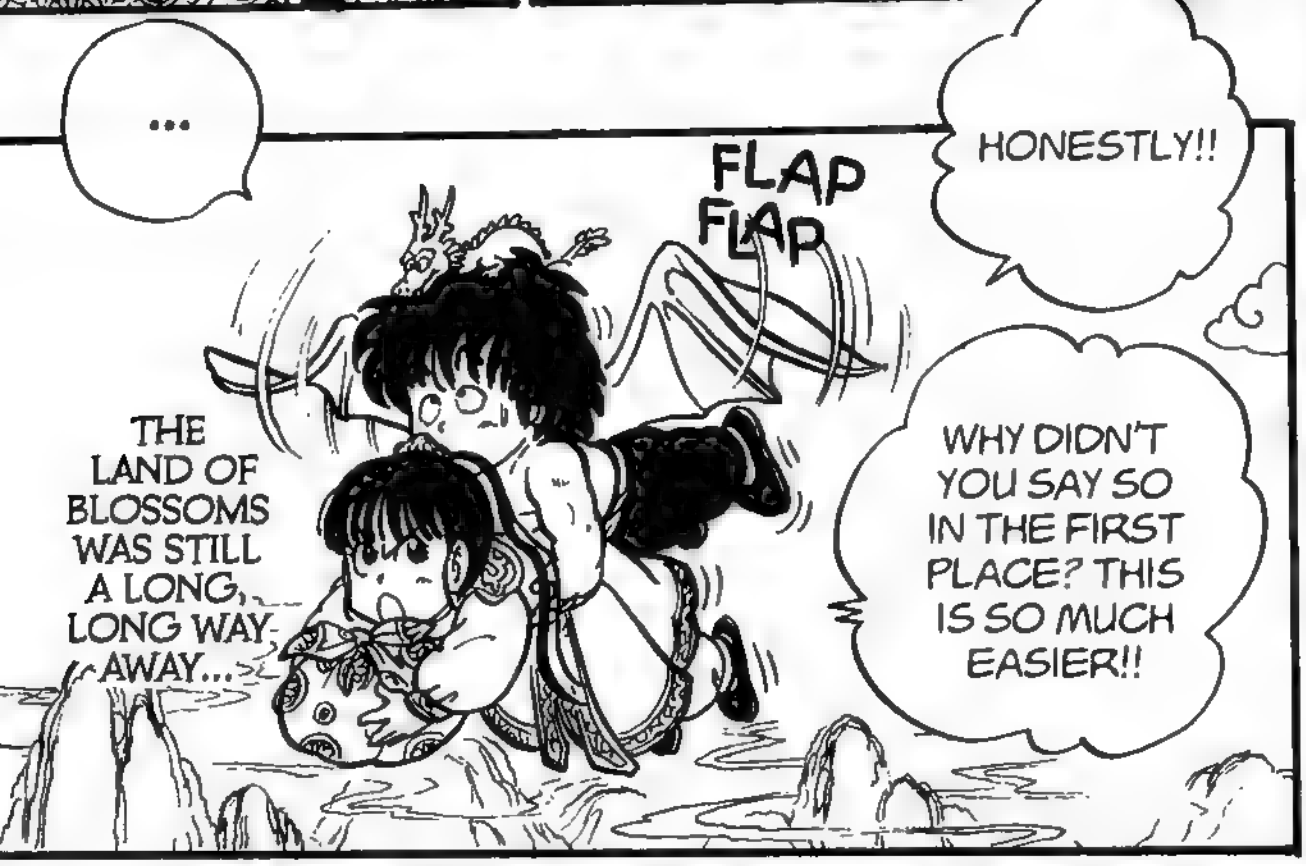

Waaaaaah! I'm done for! How mortifying!
F-FLYYY! TAKE TO THE SKIES, OH DRAGON!
HRRK GERK!

THESE ROBES ARE HOLDING ME BACK!!
THE PRINCESS MIGHT HATE ME FOR THIS, BUT THERE'S NO CHOICE...

YIKES! THAT WAS CLOSE !!

FW IP!

PLAY-TIME'S OVER!!!
AH!!
SHRRRED



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HERE'S HOW I BECAME A MANGA ARTIST

PART 2

Things hadn't changed much for Little Toriyama when he entered elementary school. He was still the same little rascal running around doing rascally things day in and day out until the sun set. After he went inside, he'd spend his time drawing pictures. One day he was playing at the home of one of his friends who happened to be a girl (even back then, he was exclusively kind to girls), and this girl happened to have a big brother. Some of the big brother's belongings caught his interest—manga books. Once again, Little Toriyama was blown off his feet. What a magnificent kind of book! And it didn't end there. He was yet again blown away when he visited a neighbor's house and saw television for the first time. Little Toriyama's days were filled with excitement.

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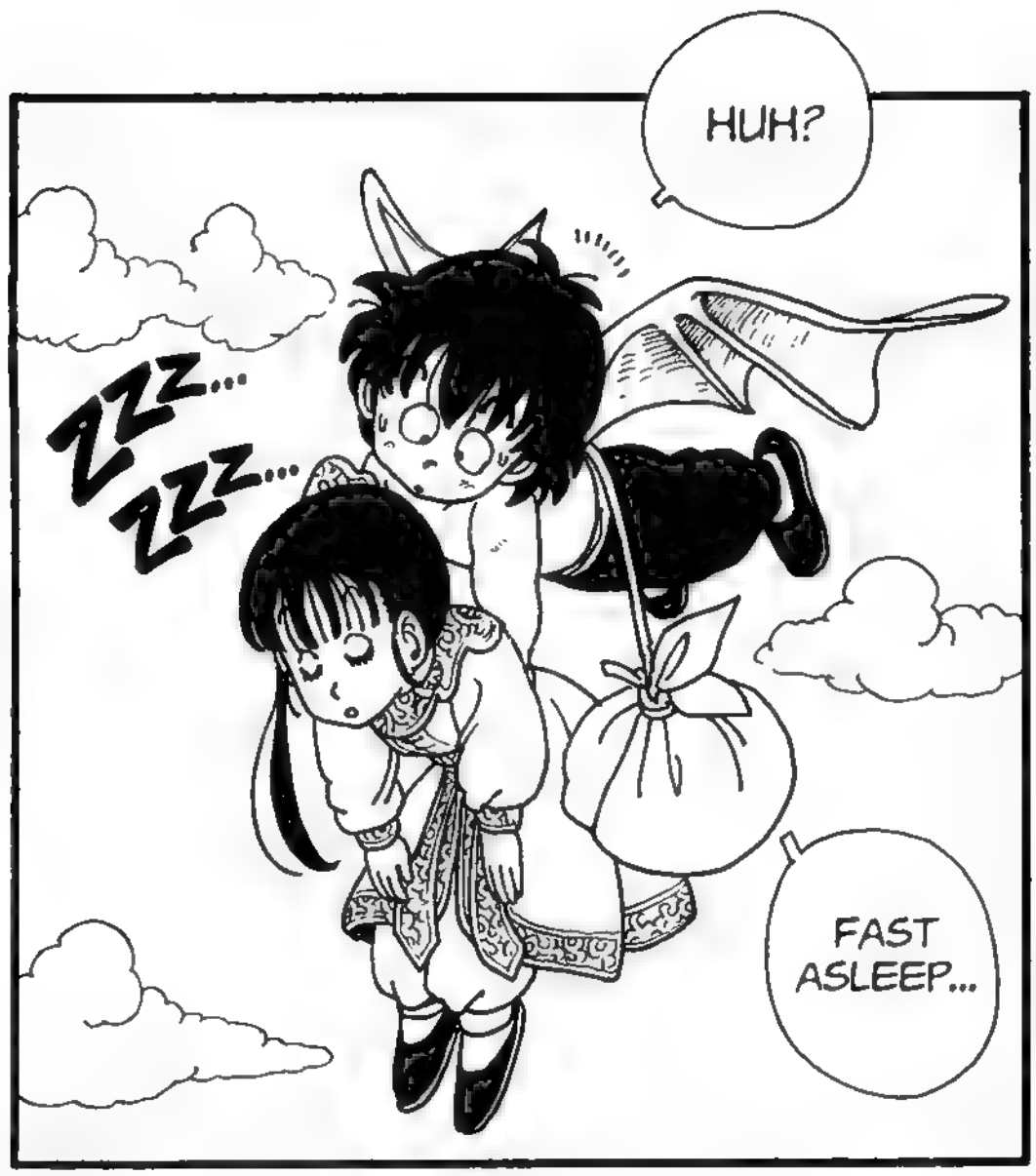
DRAGON BOY

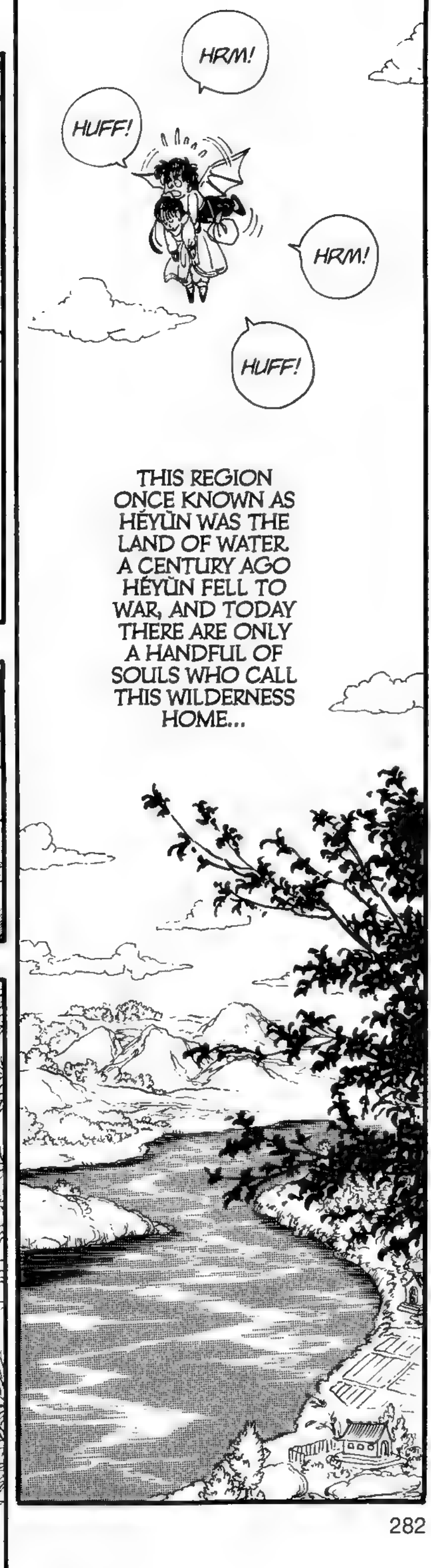
CHAPTER TWO

TANGTONG IS A MYSTERIOUS BOY WITH WINGS SPROUTING OUT OF HIS BACK WHO HAS BEEN HARDENED BY RIGOROUS KUNG FU TRAINING. WITH THE WAR IN THE LAND OF BLOSSOMS FINALLY SETTLED, TANGTONG FOLLOWS THE COMMAND OF HIS MASTER, ROSHI, AND ACCOMPANIES THE COUNTRY'S FORMERLY HIDDEN PRINCESS BACK TO THE SAFETY OF HER HOMELAND. IN TANGTONG'S POSSESSION IS THE LONGPAO, A TREASURE WHICH MAY SUMMON FORTH A DRAGON. THE ROAD BEFORE THESE TWO IS STILL LONG AND DIFFICULT, BUT LET'S SEE WHERE THEY ARE NOW...

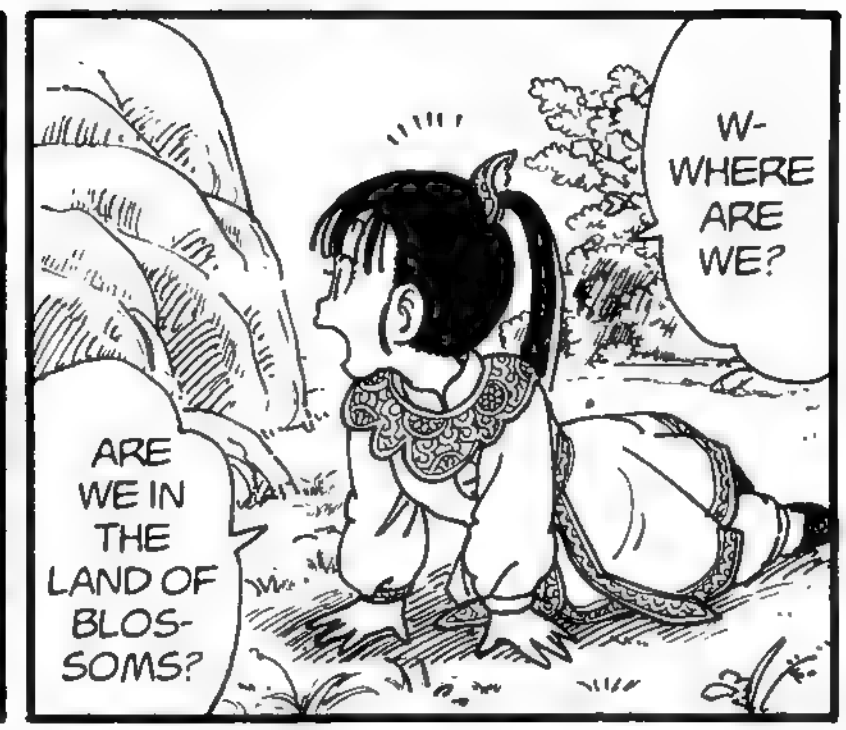

HUH?
ZZZ...
ZZZ...
FAST ASLEEP...

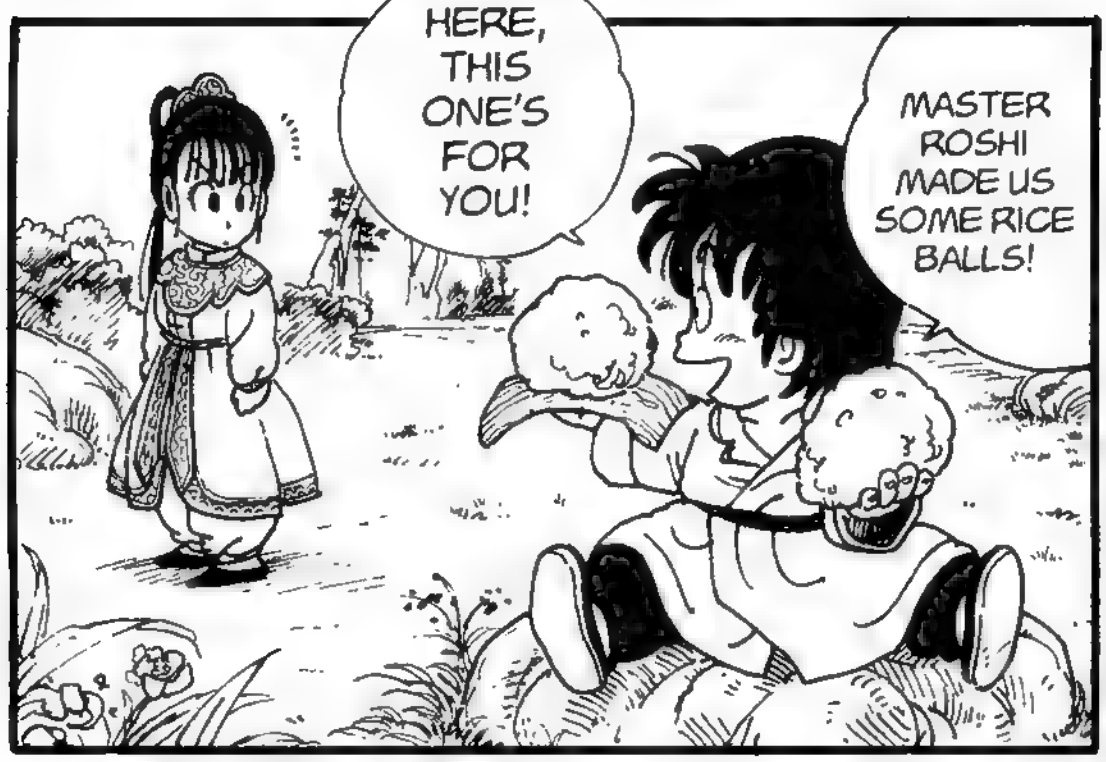
POOOES

PHEW, I'M STARVING.
THE PRINCESS SURE MOVES TO HER OWN RHYTHM.
HNN...


HRM!
HUFF!
HRM!
HUFF!
THIS REGION ONCE KNOWN AS HÉYÙN WAS THE LAND OF WATER. A CENTURY AGO HÉYÙN FELL TO WAR, AND TODAY THERE ARE ONLY A HANDFUL OF SOULS WHO CALL THIS WILDERNESS HOME...

THEN LET'S GET A MOVE ON!!
WE'RE NOT EVEN A TENTH OF THE WAY THERE.
ARE YOU SERI-OUS?


W-WHERE ARE WE?
ARE WE IN THE LAND OF BLOS-SOMS?

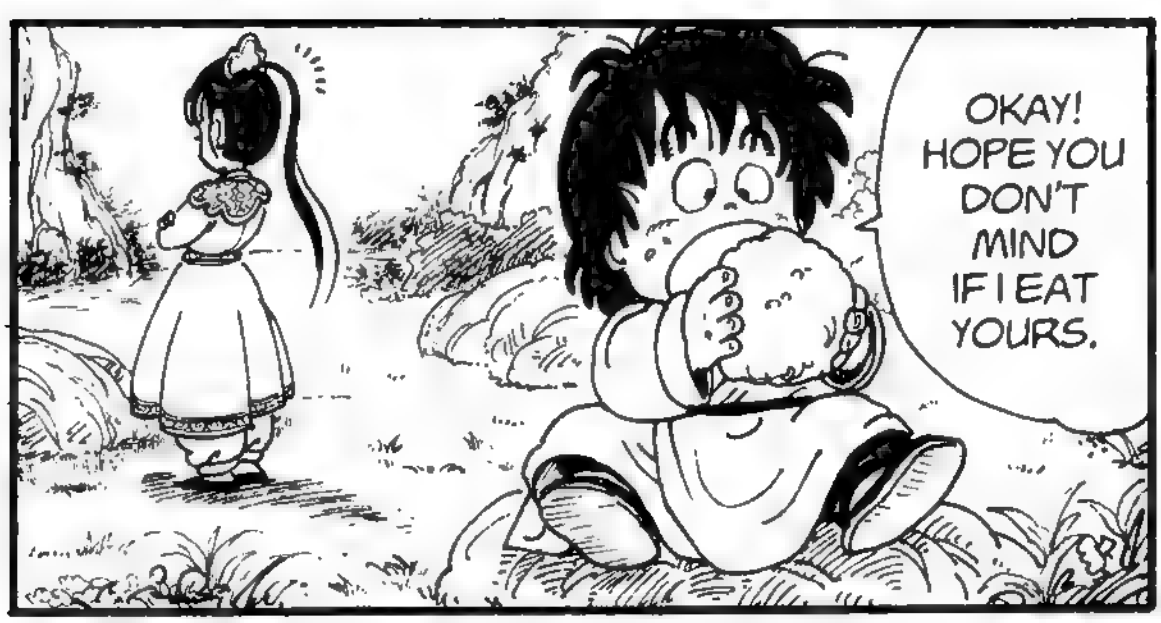

HERE, THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!
MASTER ROSHI MADE US SOME RICE BALLS!

IF YOU'RE HUNGRY, YOU CAN'T GIVE IT YOUR ALL, RIGHT?

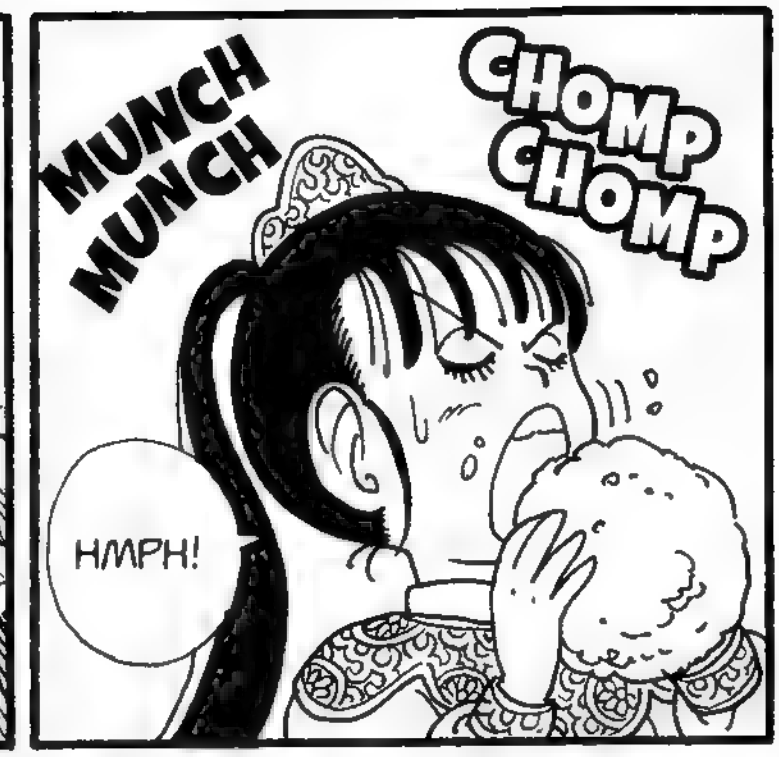
SHE REALLY IS SPOILED ...

ALL I WANT IS SOME SHARK-FIN SOUP!!

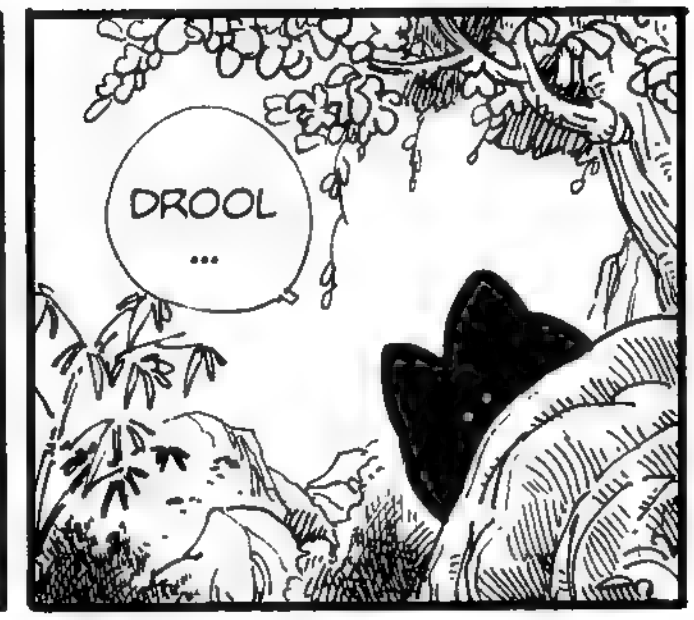
ME EATING A SIMPLE RICE BALL? THE VERY THOUGHT!
A RICE BALL?! YOU MUST BE JOK-ING!


OKAY! HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IF I EAT YOURS.

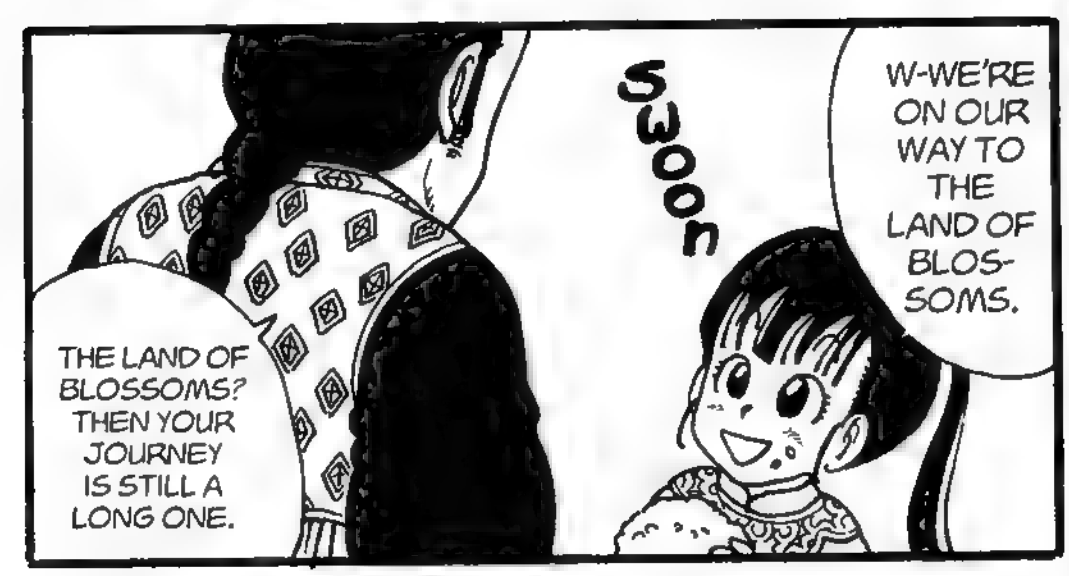
ONLY IF YOU MEAN TO DISGRACE THE VERY WORD!
YUMMY, RIGHT?
RUSTLE


MUNCH MUNCH
CHOMP CHOMP
HMPH!

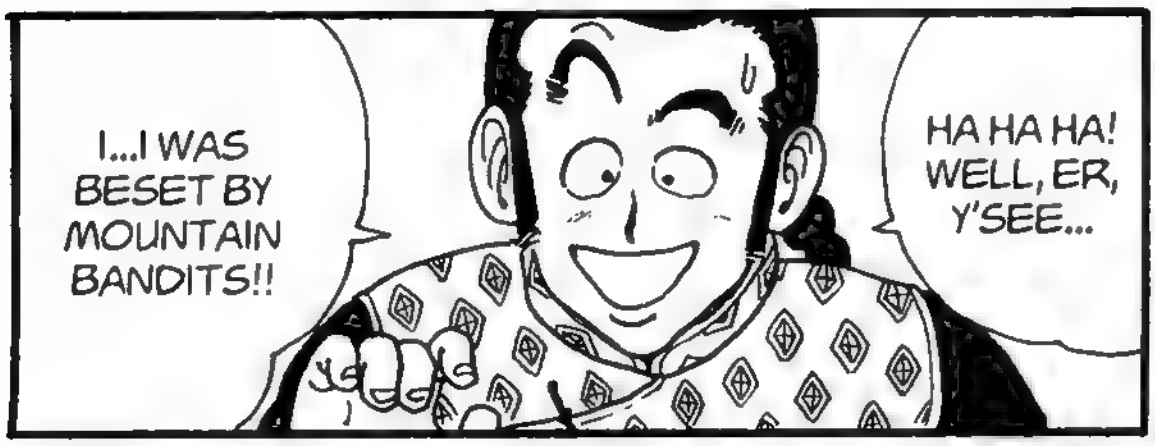
RUSTLE


DROOL ...

MY NAME IS PINGYAO, AND I AM ON MY WAY TO MOUNT TINGHAO.
AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE?


SWOON
W-WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO THE LAND OF BLOS-SOMS.
THE LAND OF BLOSSOMS? THEN YOUR JOURNEY IS STILL A LONG ONE.

HELLO THERE!
ARE YOU FELLOW TRAVELERS AS WELL?

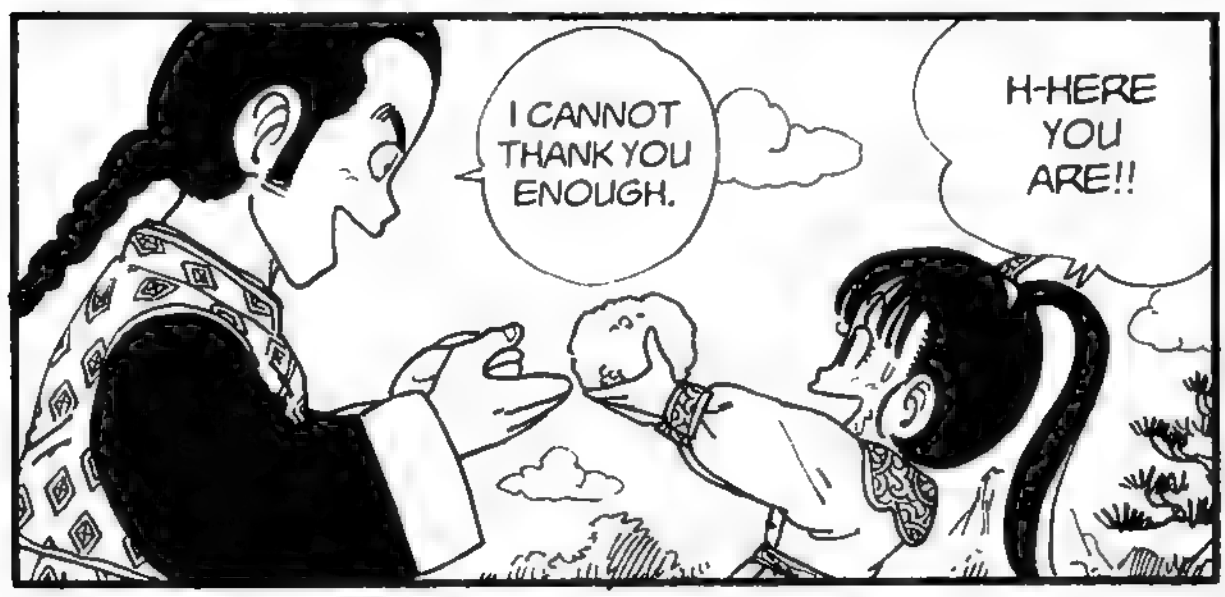

I...I WAS BESET BY MOUNTAIN BANDITS!!
HA HA HA! WELL, ER, Y'SEE...

HEY, IF YOU'RE ON A JOURNEY, WHERE'S YOUR GEAR?
HUH?

TANG-TONG, DON'T BE SO RUDE!! GO WAIT OVER THERE!
THAT SO...

GIVE MR. PINGYAO YOUR RICE BALL!
HEY, TANG-TONG!!
SORRY, BUT I ALREADY ATE MINE.

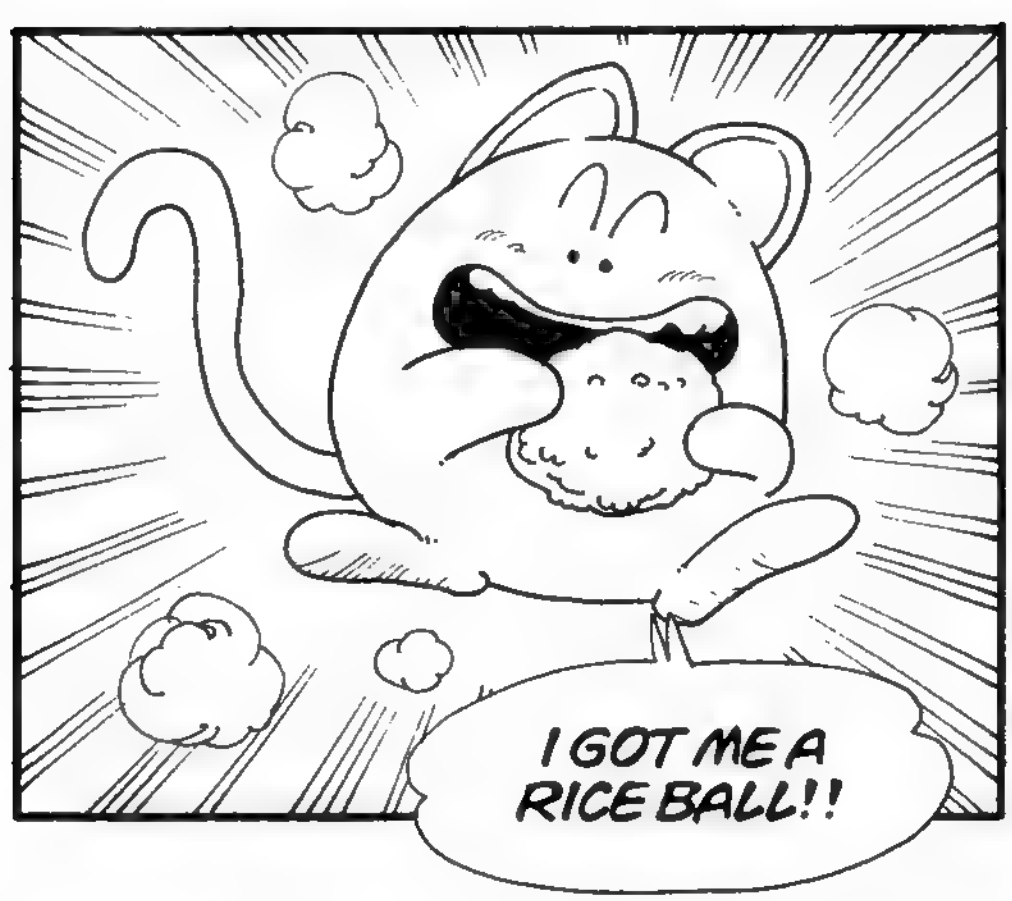
...WOULD YOU MIND SHARING SOME OF THAT RICE BALL WITH ME? I HAVEN'T EATEN SINCE YESTERDAY...
B-BY THE BY, MOST BEAU-TIFUL LADY..
HAVING NOTED MY BEAUTY, YOU'RE CERTAINLY HONEST...


I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH.
H-HERE YOU ARE!!

...

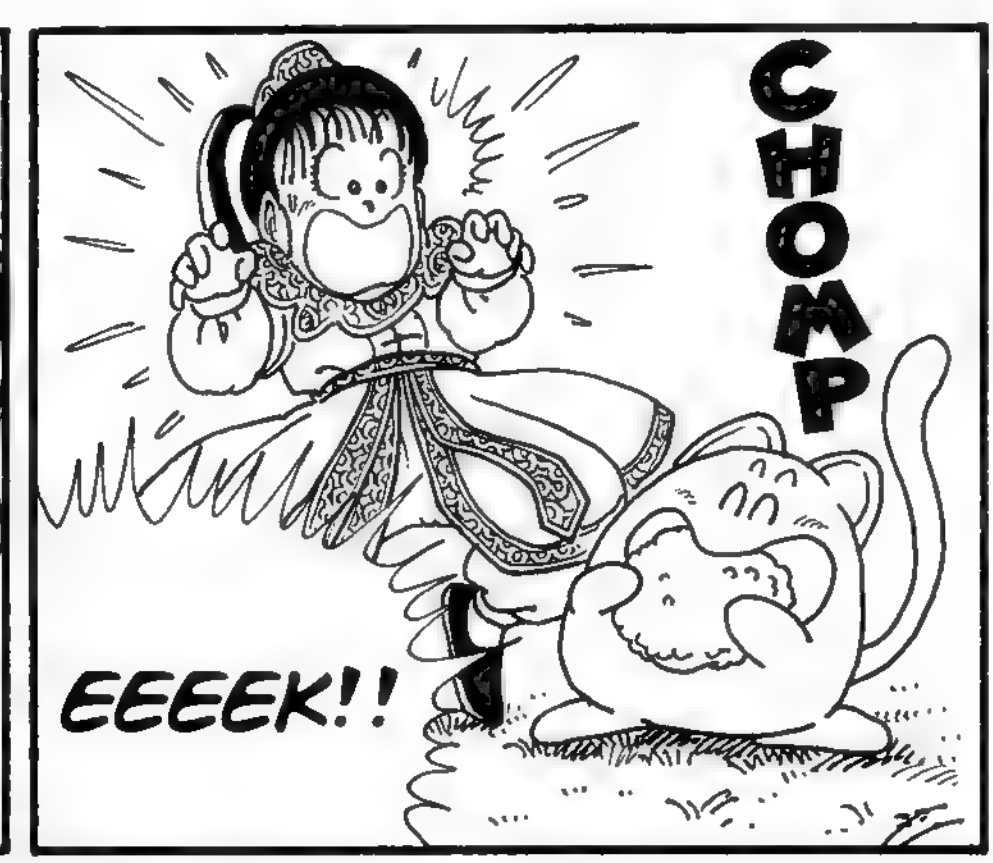
I'M GETTING SOME OTHER-WORLDLY VIBES...
I GOT A FEELING THAT GUY'S MORE THAN HE'S PUTTING ON.

POOF


I GOT ME A RICE BALL!!

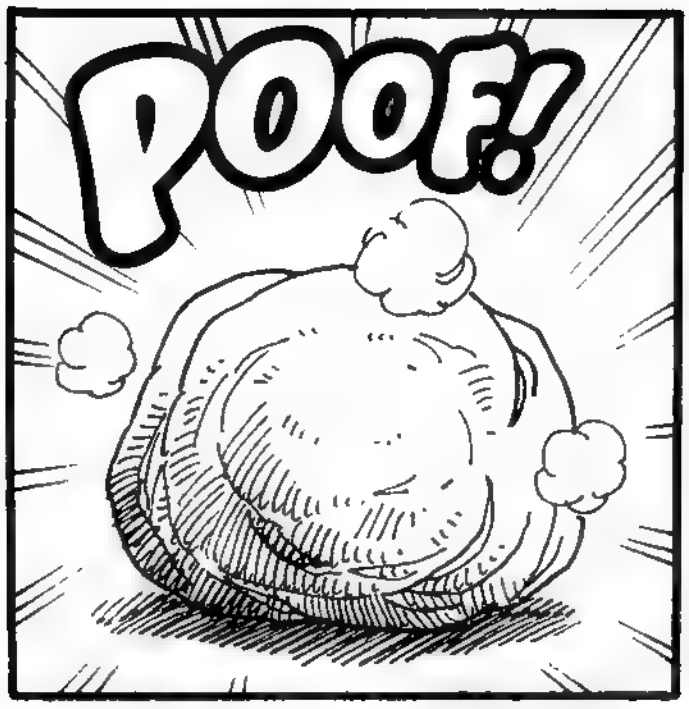
HA HA HA HA HA!!!
HUH ?!

HM-HM HMMM!♪
JUST WHAT I THOUGHT! YOU'RE A YOKAI.
W-WHAT IS THAT THING?!


CHOMP
EEEEK!!

Y'KNOW, YOU SHOULDN'T TELL LIES.
H-HOW DARE YOU! HE STOLE MY RICE BALL! TANGTONG! PUNISH THAT THING!

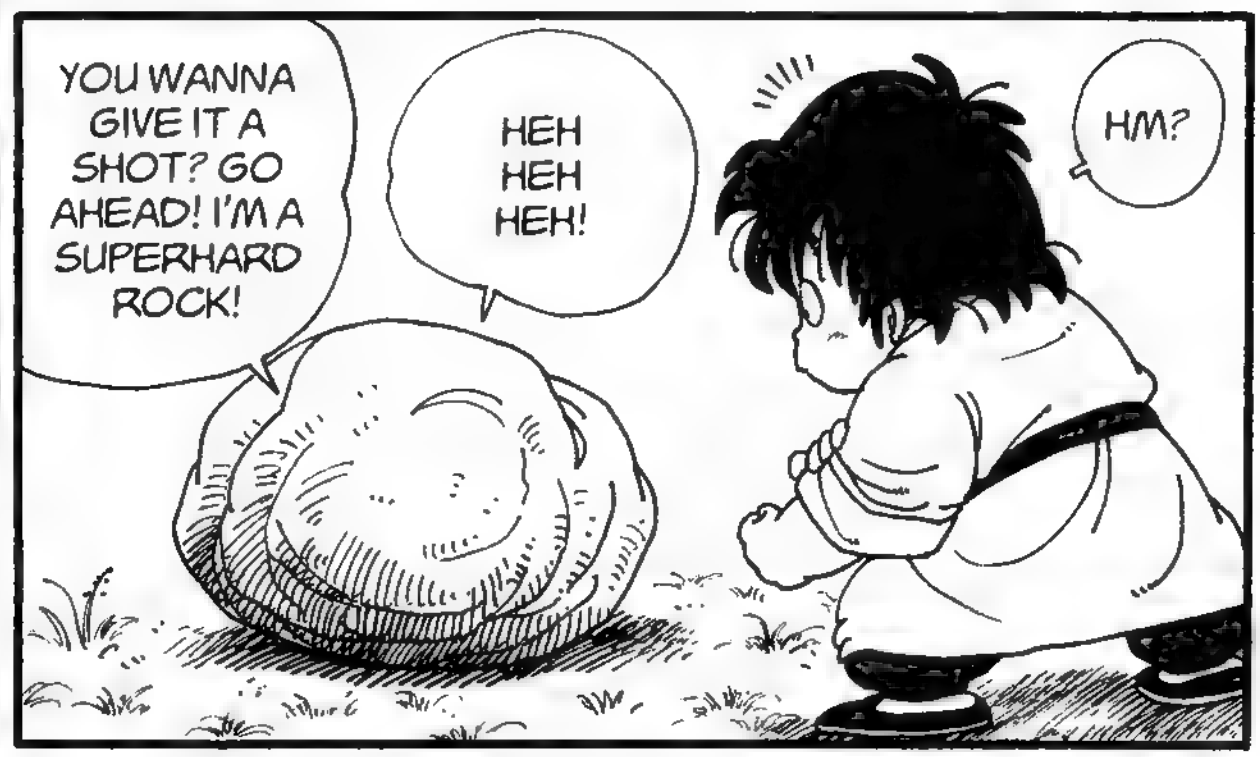
HEH HEH HEEE! SUCK-ERRRS!


POOF!

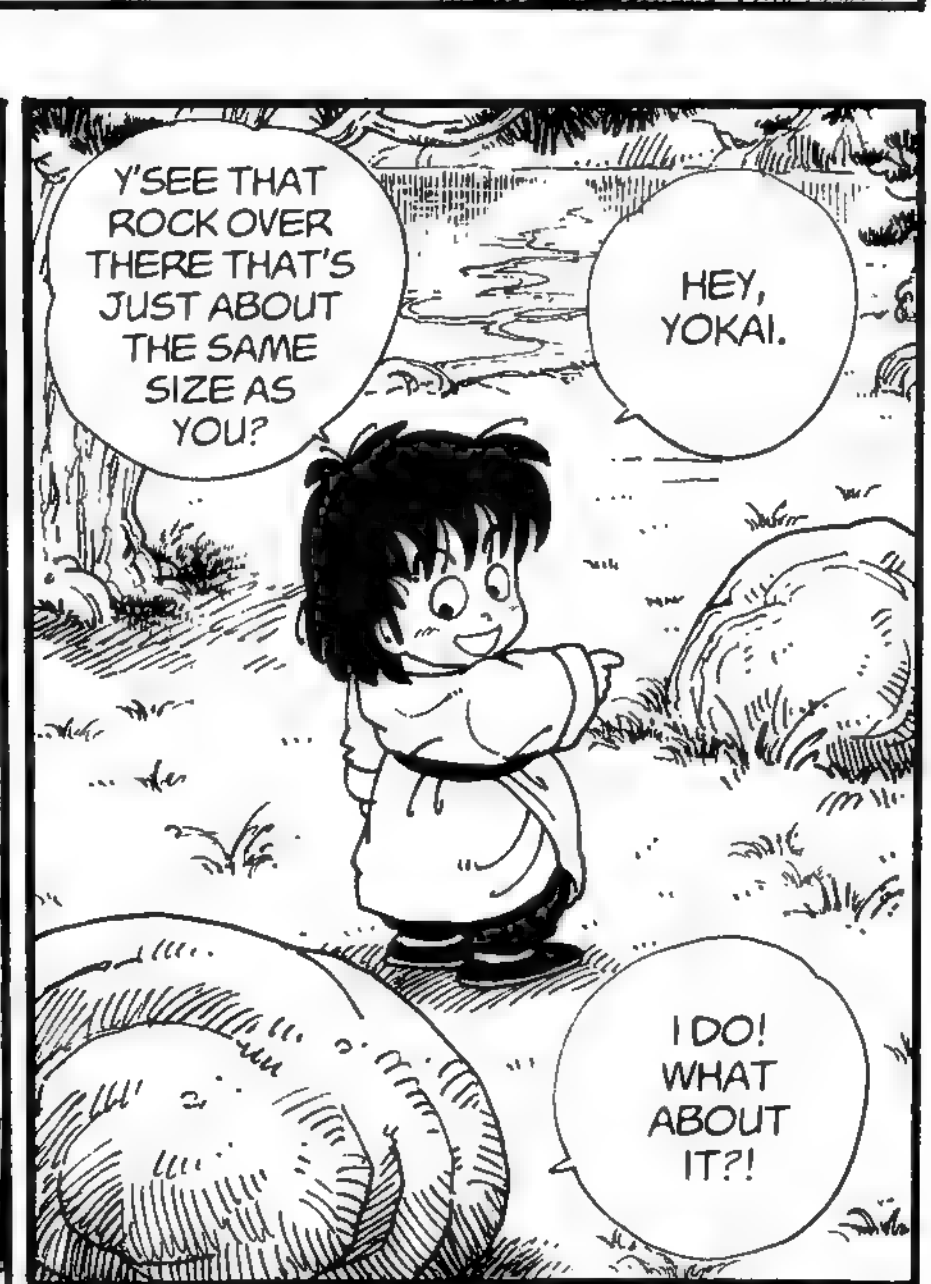
I'LL TEACH YOU A LES-SON.

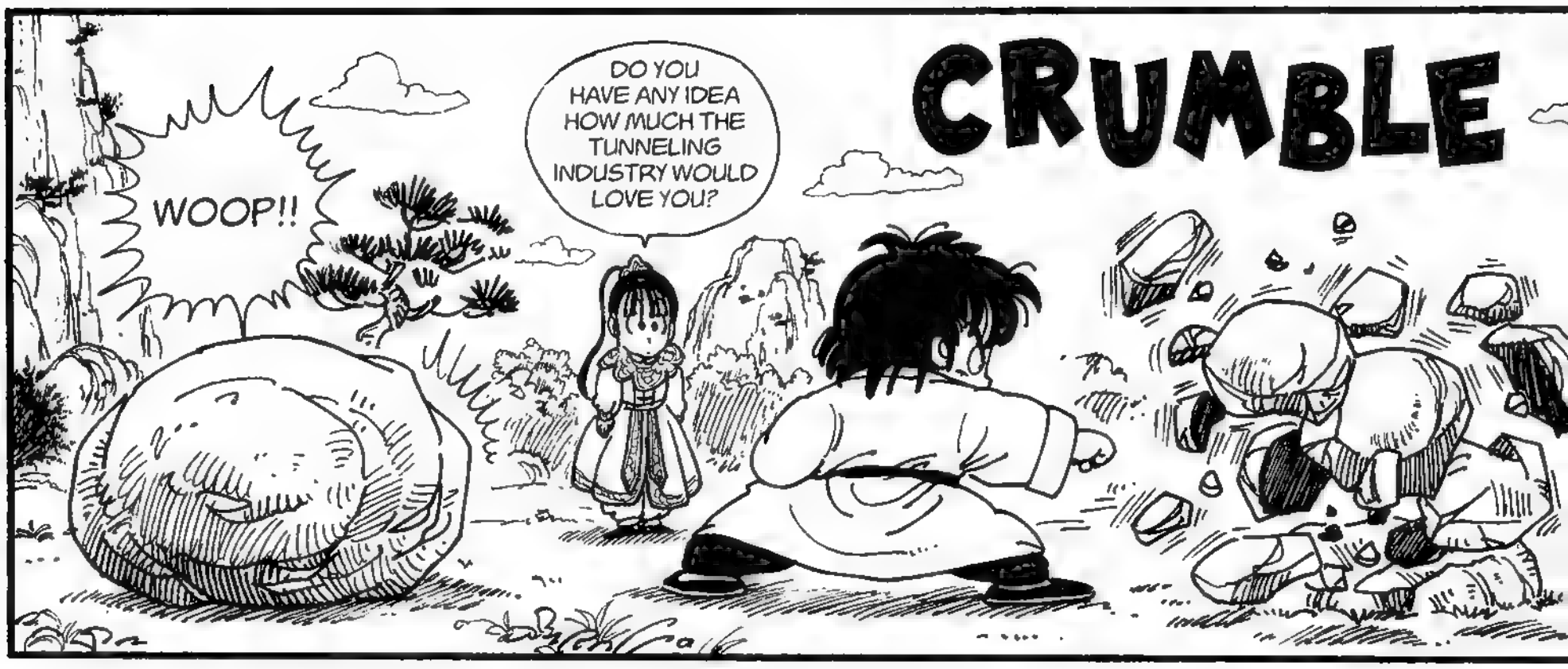
GEH HEH HEH!

GRIIIIN

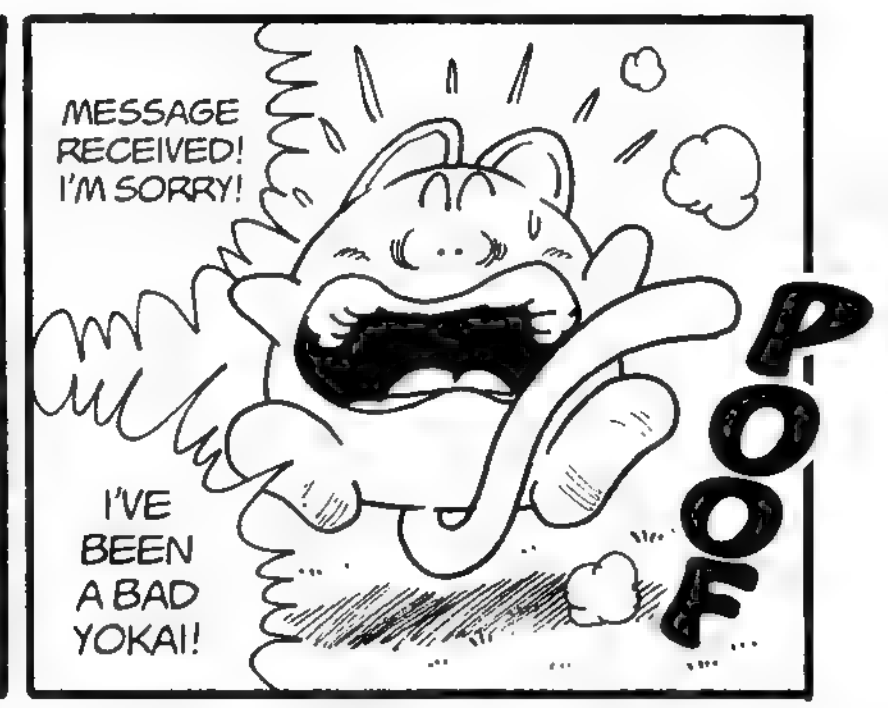

YOU WANNA GIVE IT A SHOT? GO AHEAD! I'M A SUPERHARD ROCK!
HEH HEH HEH!
HM?

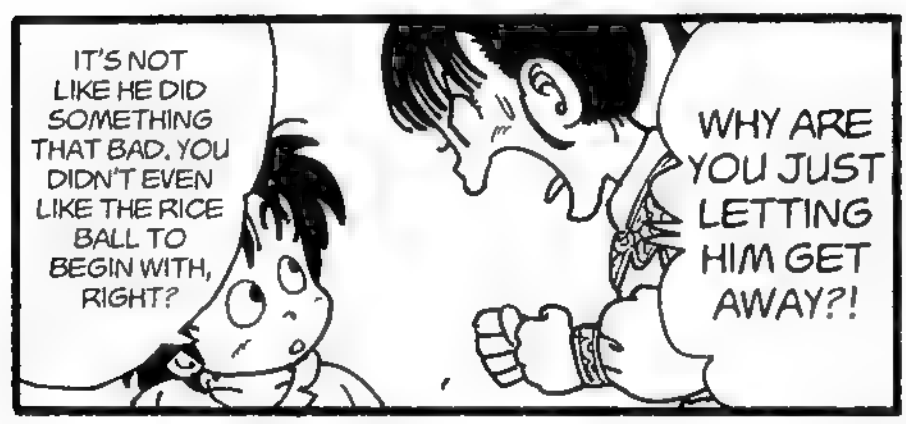
VOOOM
HA !!!


Y'SEE THAT ROCK OVER THERE THAT'S JUST ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS YOU?
HEY, YOKAI.
I DO! WHAT ABOUT IT?!

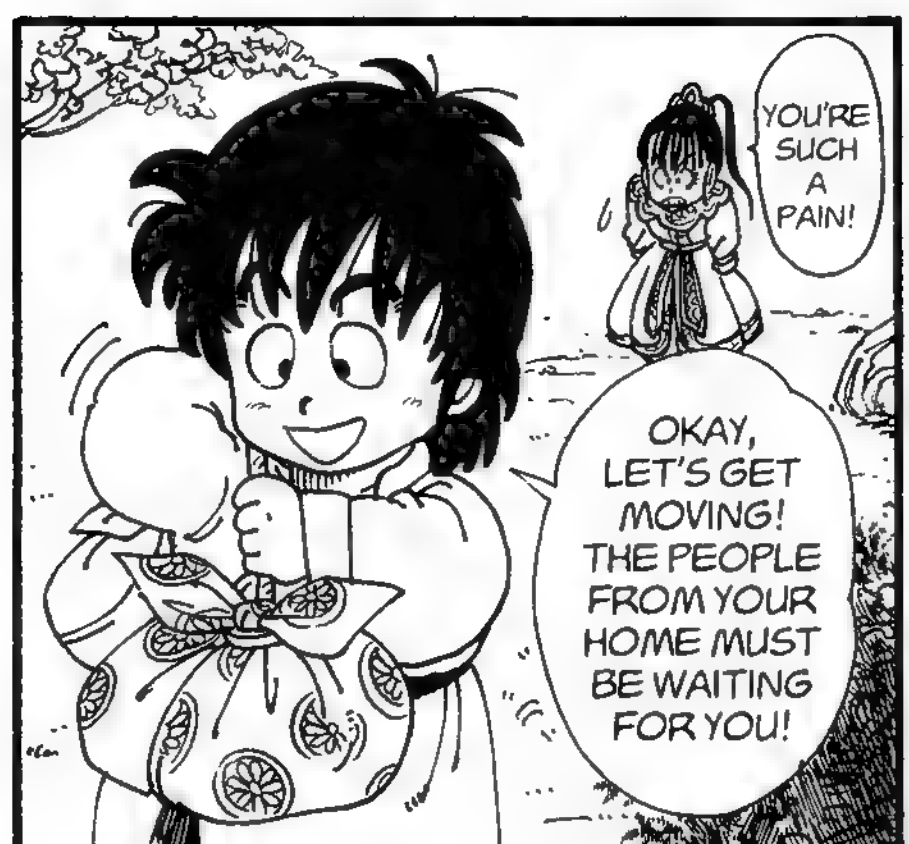

WOOP!!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH THE TUNNELING INDUSTRY WOULD LOVE YOU?
CRUMBLE

AND DON'T EVER FOOL ANYONE AGAIN!
YES, SIR. I'M REALLY SORRY.
OKAY, OKAY. JUST GET OUT OF HERE.


MESSAGE RECEIVED! I'M SORRY!
I'VE BEEN A BAD YOKAI!
POOL


IT'S NOT LIKE HE DID SOMETHING THAT BAD. YOU DIDN'T EVEN LIKE THE RICE BALL TO BEGIN WITH, RIGHT?
WHY ARE YOU JUST LETTING HIM GET AWAY?!

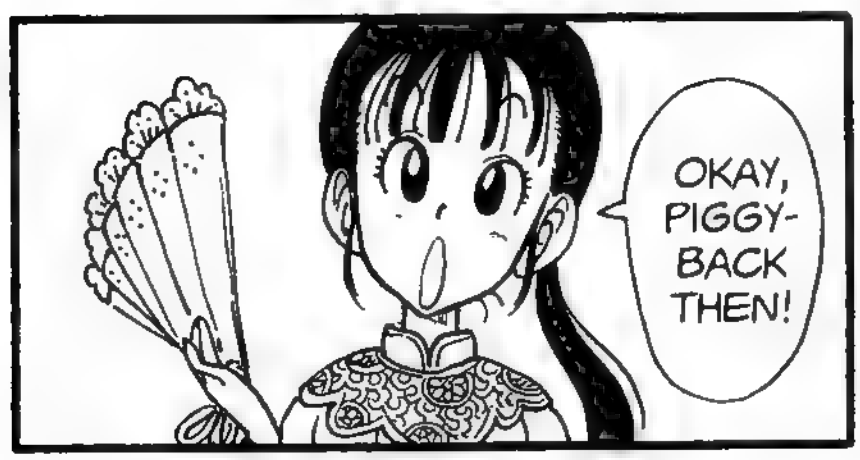
YOU ATE MY RICE BALL!! SO HOW ABOUT YOU TURN INTO A RICE BALL!!
HOLD ON A MINUTE!
YOUR STUBBORNNESS IS SOMETHING ELSE.

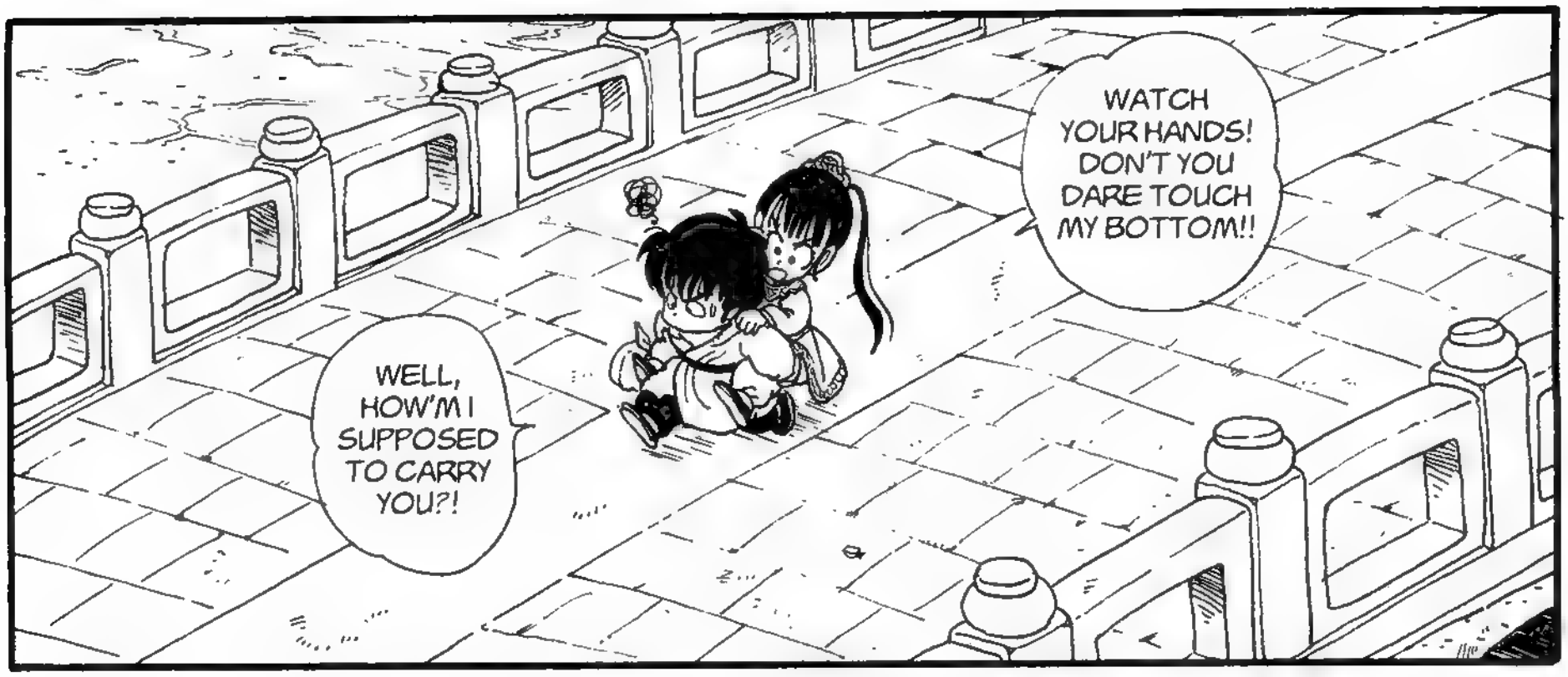

YOU'RE SUCH A PAIN!
OKAY, LET'S GET MOVING! THE PEOPLE FROM YOUR HOME MUST BE WAITING FOR YOU!

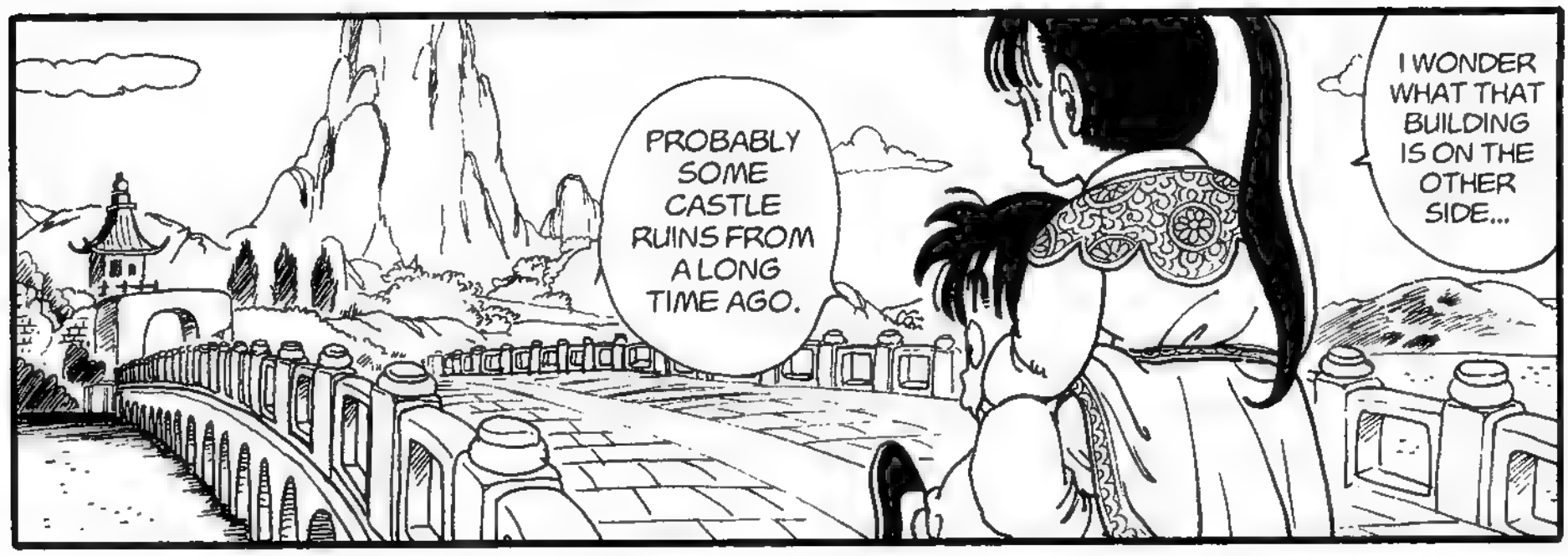
WOOOOW! WHAT A MASSIVE BRIDGE!

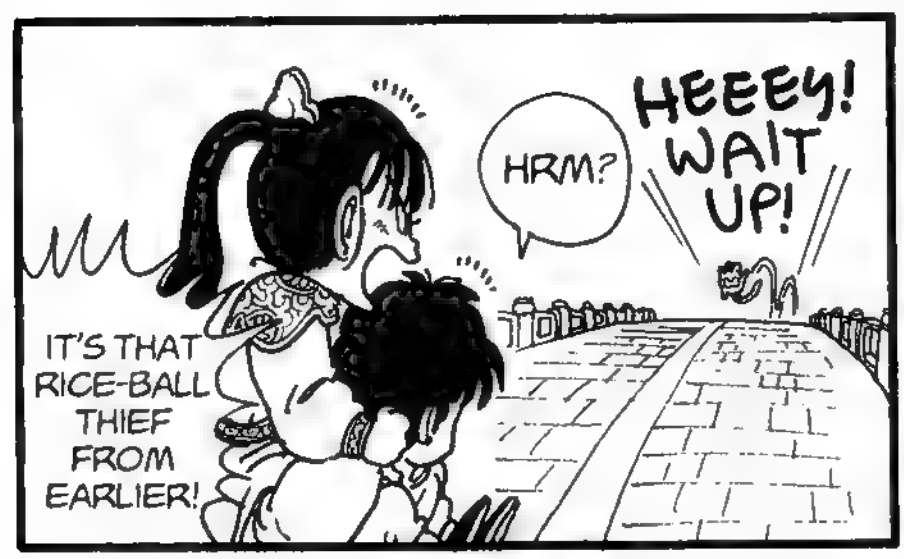
HEY, TANG-TONG!

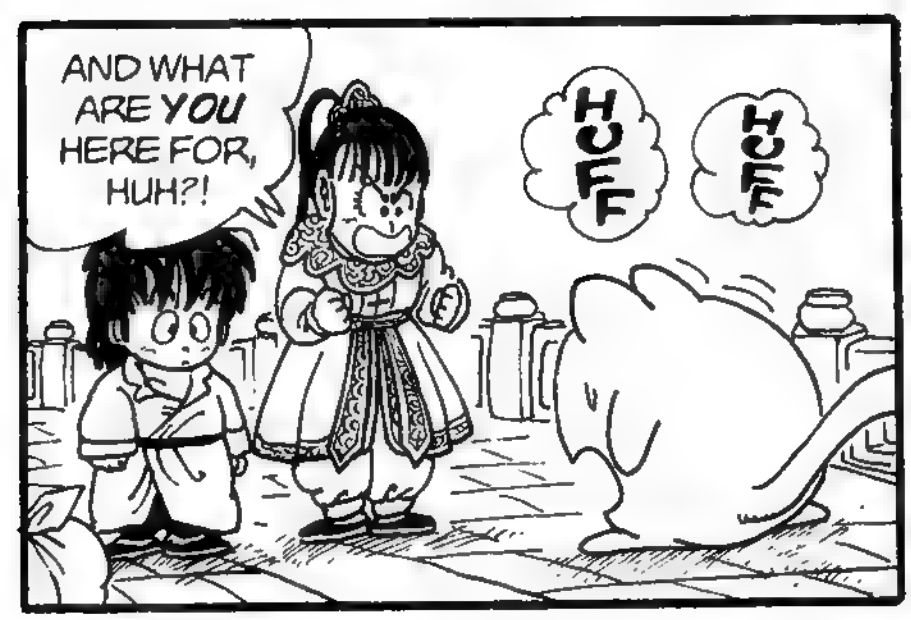
TANGTONG, ARE YOU LISTENING?!




WELL, HOW'M I SUPPOSED TO CARRY YOU?!
WATCH YOUR HANDS! DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH MY BOTTOM!!


PROBABLY SOME CASTLE RUINS FROM A LONG TIME AGO.
I WONDER WHAT THAT BUILDING IS ON THE OTHER SIDE...

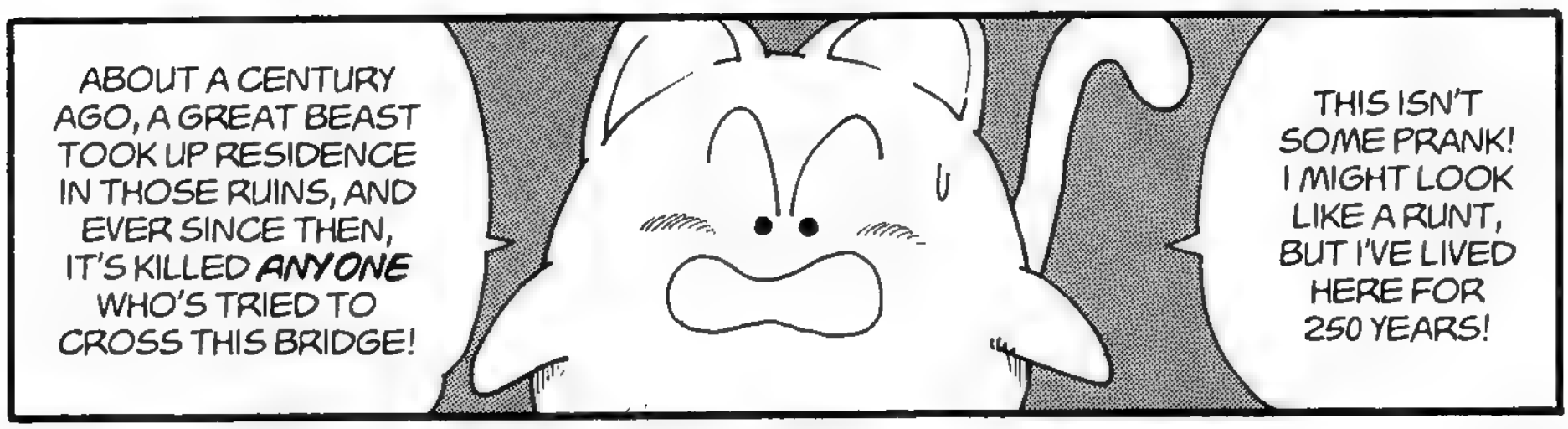

HRM?
HEEEY! WAIT UP!
IT'S THAT RICE-BALL THIEF FROM EARLIER!

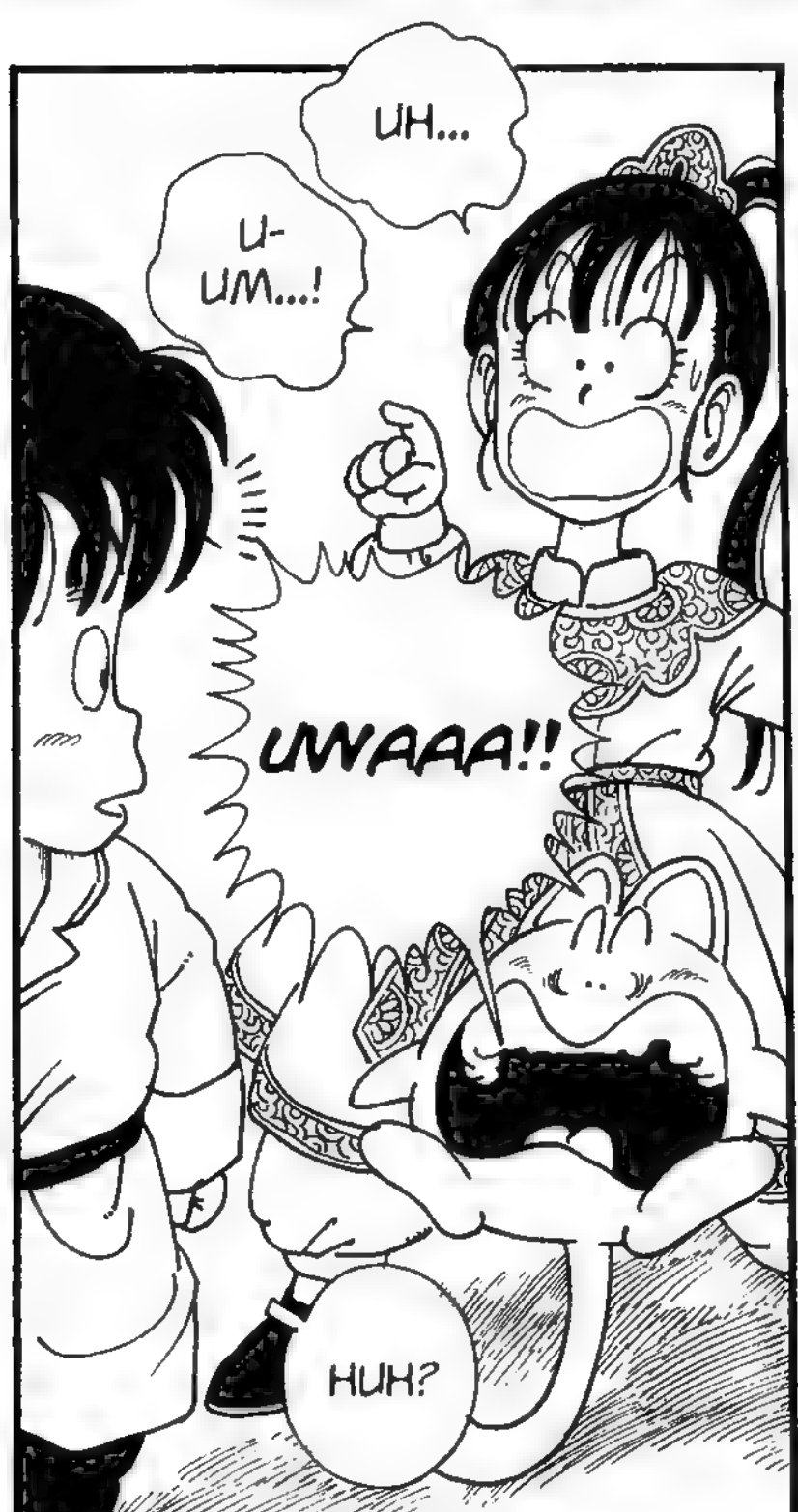

AND WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR, HUH?!
HUFF
HUFF

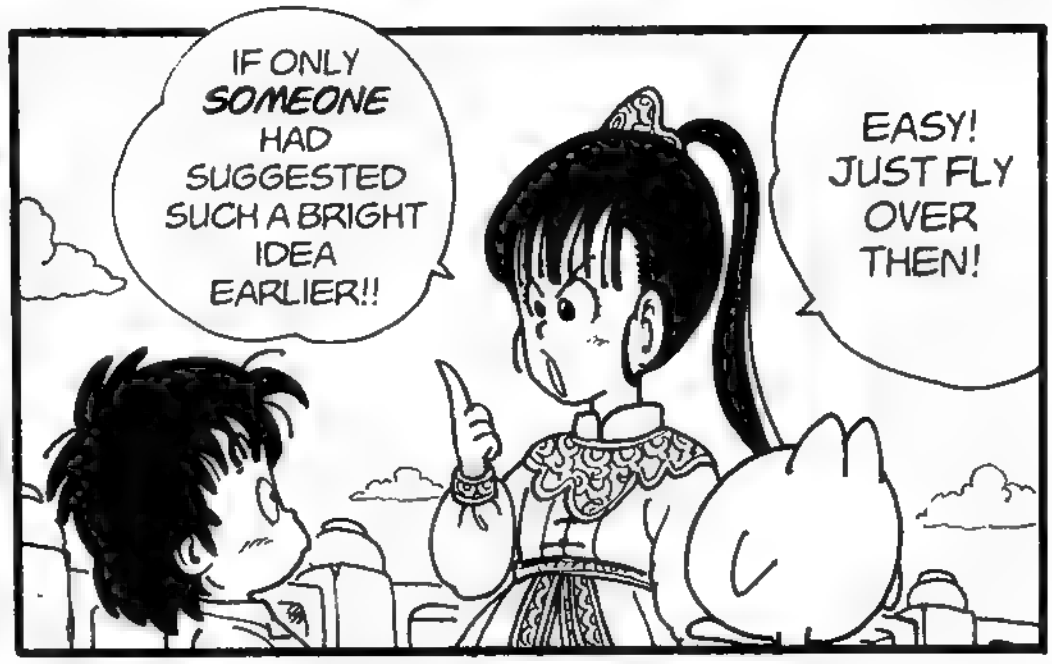
KER-CHK

PERSISTENT LITTLE CREEP! TRYING TO FOOL US AGAIN?!
AH-YUP!!
DIE? AS IN, IF WE JUST KEEP WALKING HERE WE'LL...DIE?

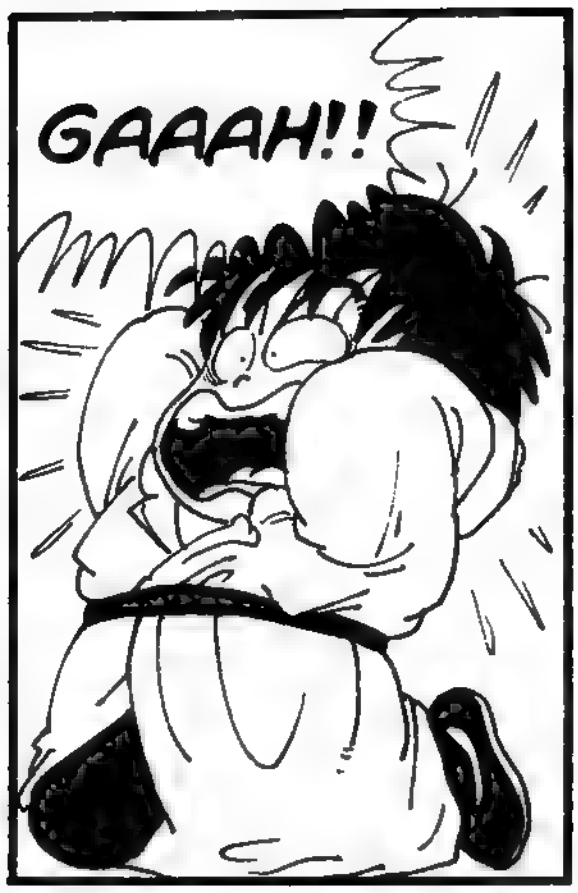
YOU GUYS SHOULDN'T BE CROSSING THIS BRIDGE!! YOU'LL DIE!
LOOK, I'M ONLY TELLING YOU THIS BECAUSE I GOT THAT RICE BALL FROM YOU.


ABOUT A CENTURY AGO, A GREAT BEAST TOOK UP RESIDENCE IN THOSE RUINS, AND EVER SINCE THEN, IT'S KILLED ANYONE WHO'S TRIED TO CROSS THIS BRIDGE!
THIS ISN'T SOME PRANK! I MIGHT LOOK LIKE A RUNT, BUT I'VE LIVED HERE FOR 250 YEARS!


UH...
U-UM...!
UWAAA!!
HUH?

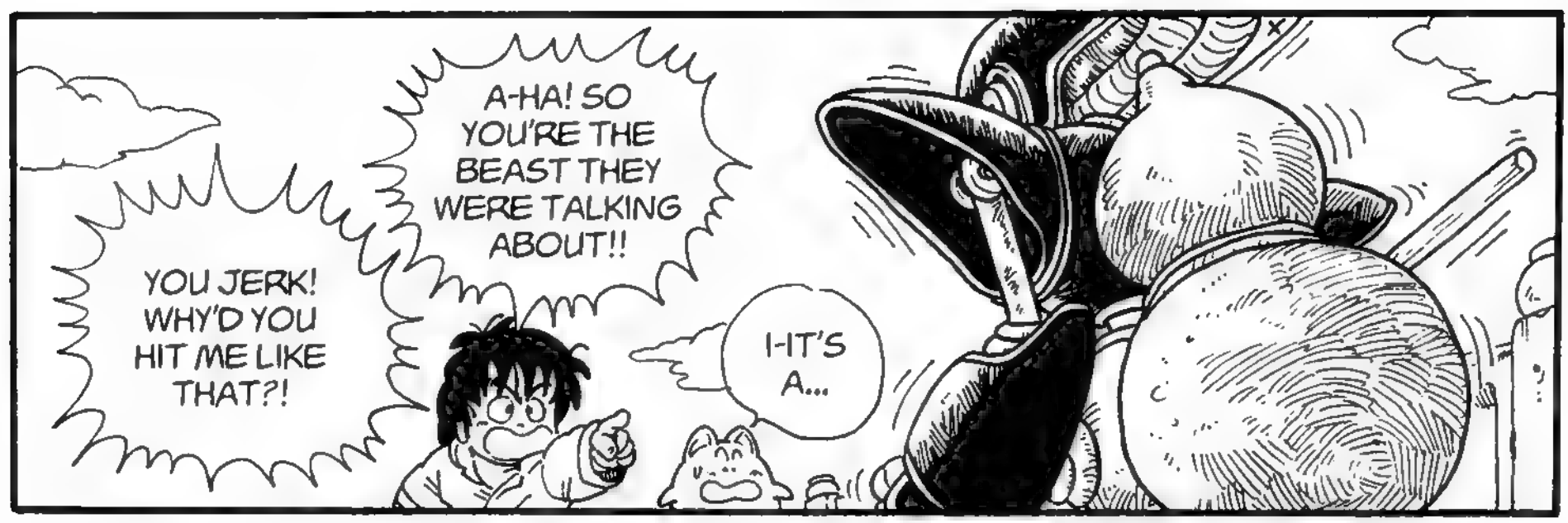

IF ONLY SOMEONE HAD SUGGESTED SUCH A BRIGHT IDEA EARLIER!!
EASY! JUST FLY OVER THEN!

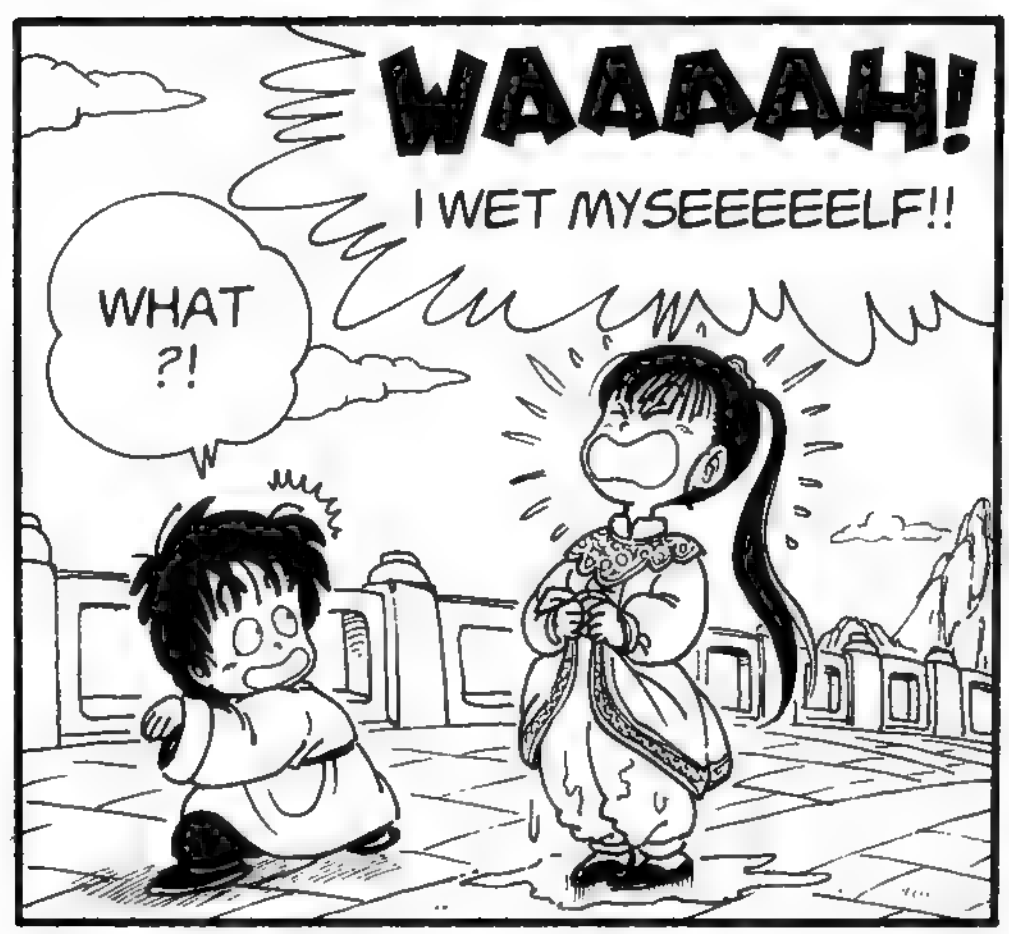
I'M GONNA GO CROSS THE BRIDGE!!
WAAAAIT A SECOND! IS THAT ALL? IF THIS BEAST IS REALLY SO BAD, I'LL JUST TAKE CARE OF IT MYSELF!!


GAAAH!!

KER-THWACK

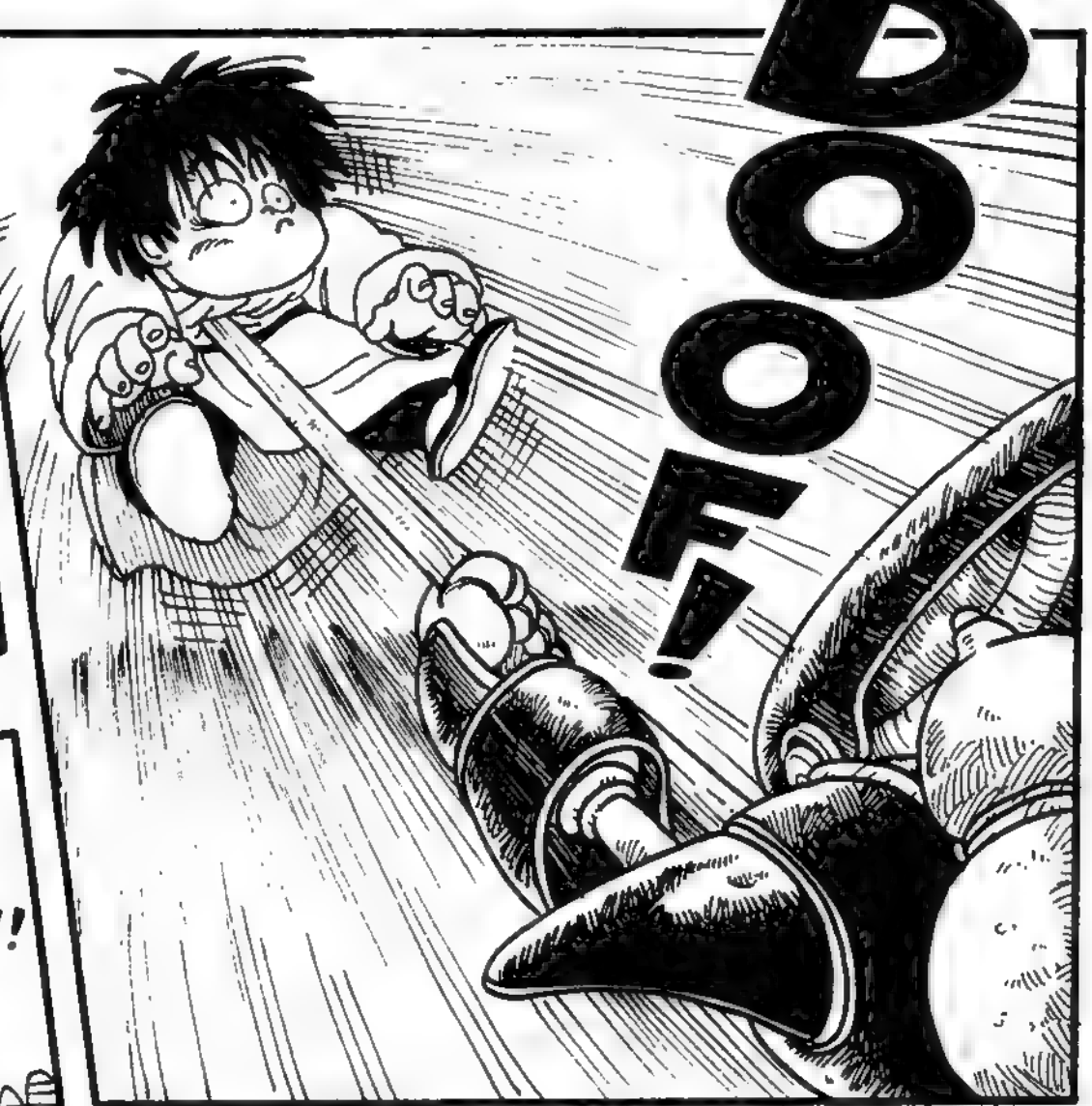
EEEP!!
W-WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU?!
KER-CLANK KER-CLANK


YOU JERK! WHY'D YOU HIT ME LIKE THAT?!
A-HA! SO YOU'RE THE BEAST THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT!!
I-IT'S A...

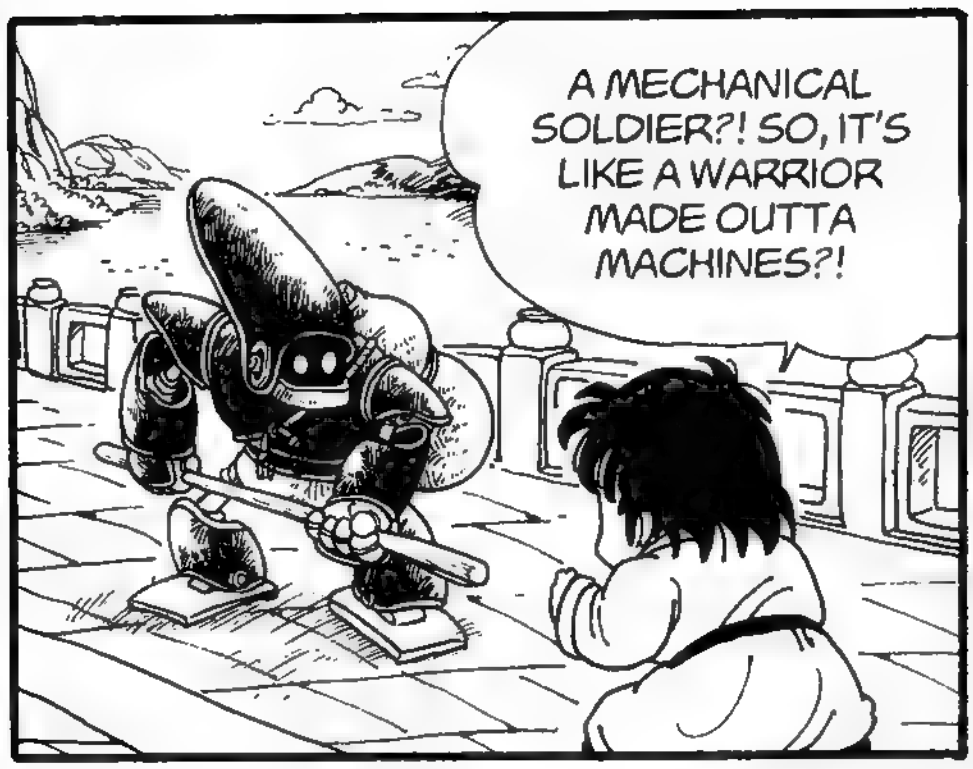

WAAAAH!
I WET MYSEEEEELF!!
WHAT ?!

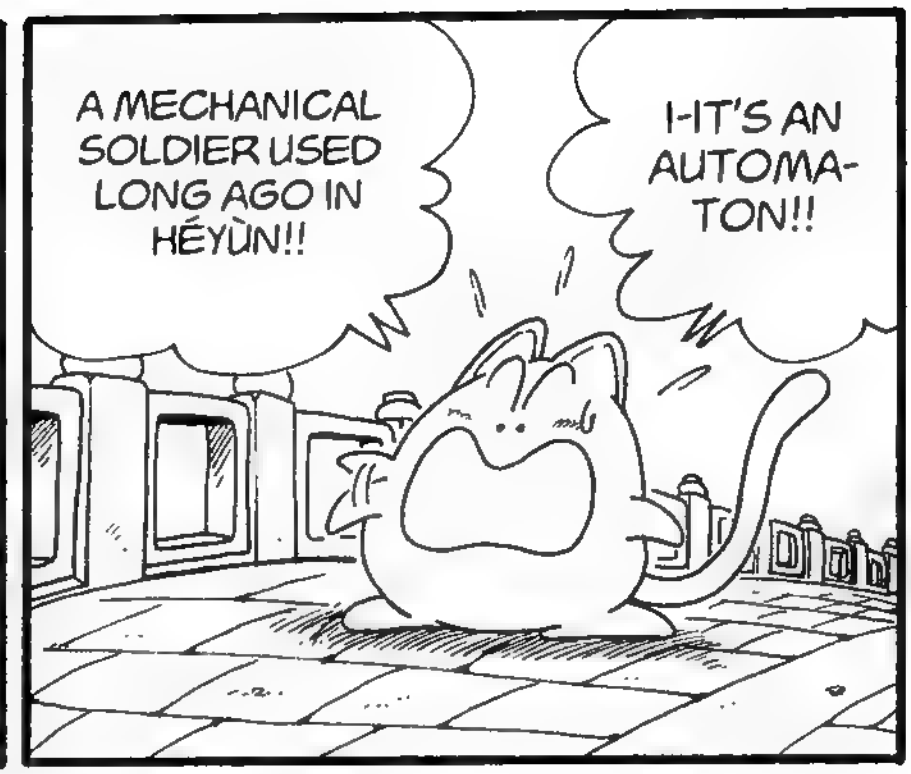
DON'T MAKE ME ANGRY!!

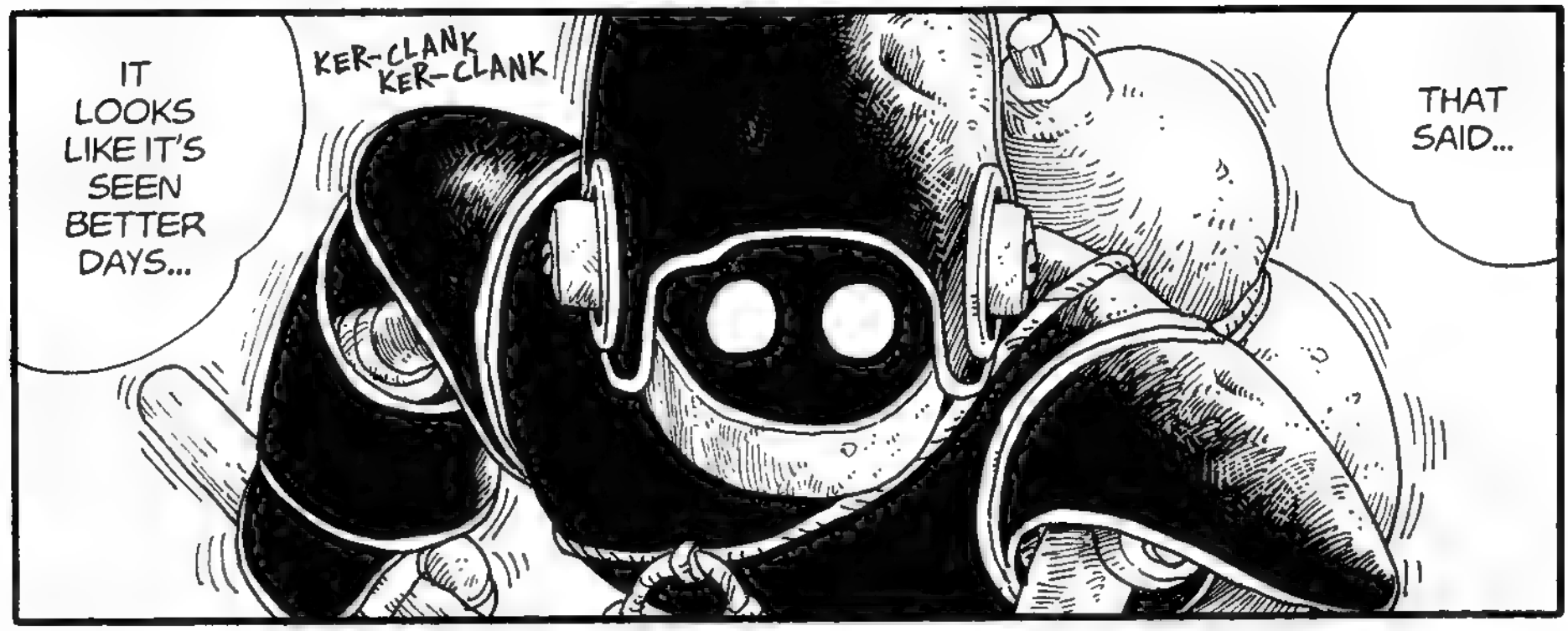
UH... UHH...!!
HU...


DOOF!

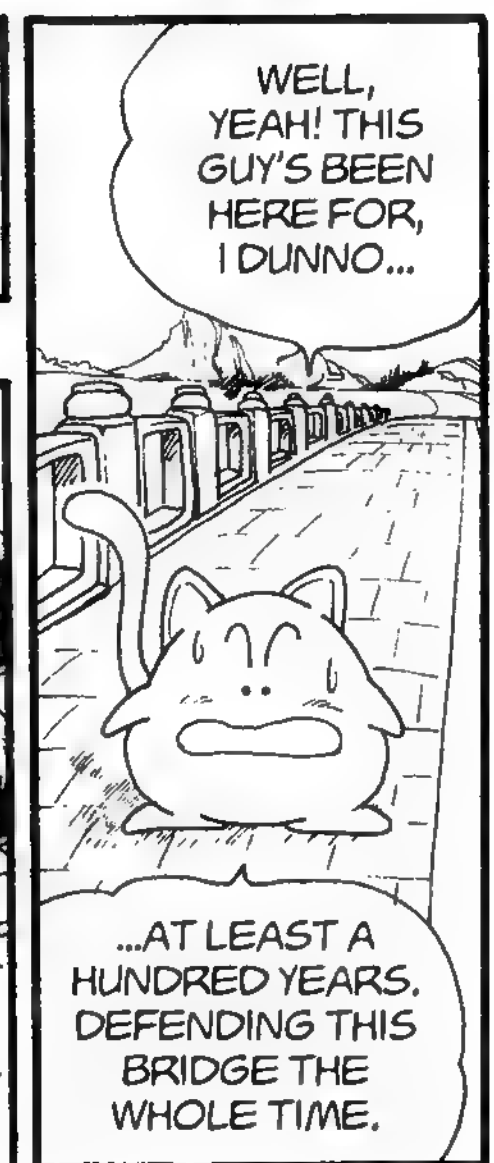
THAT HUUURT!!

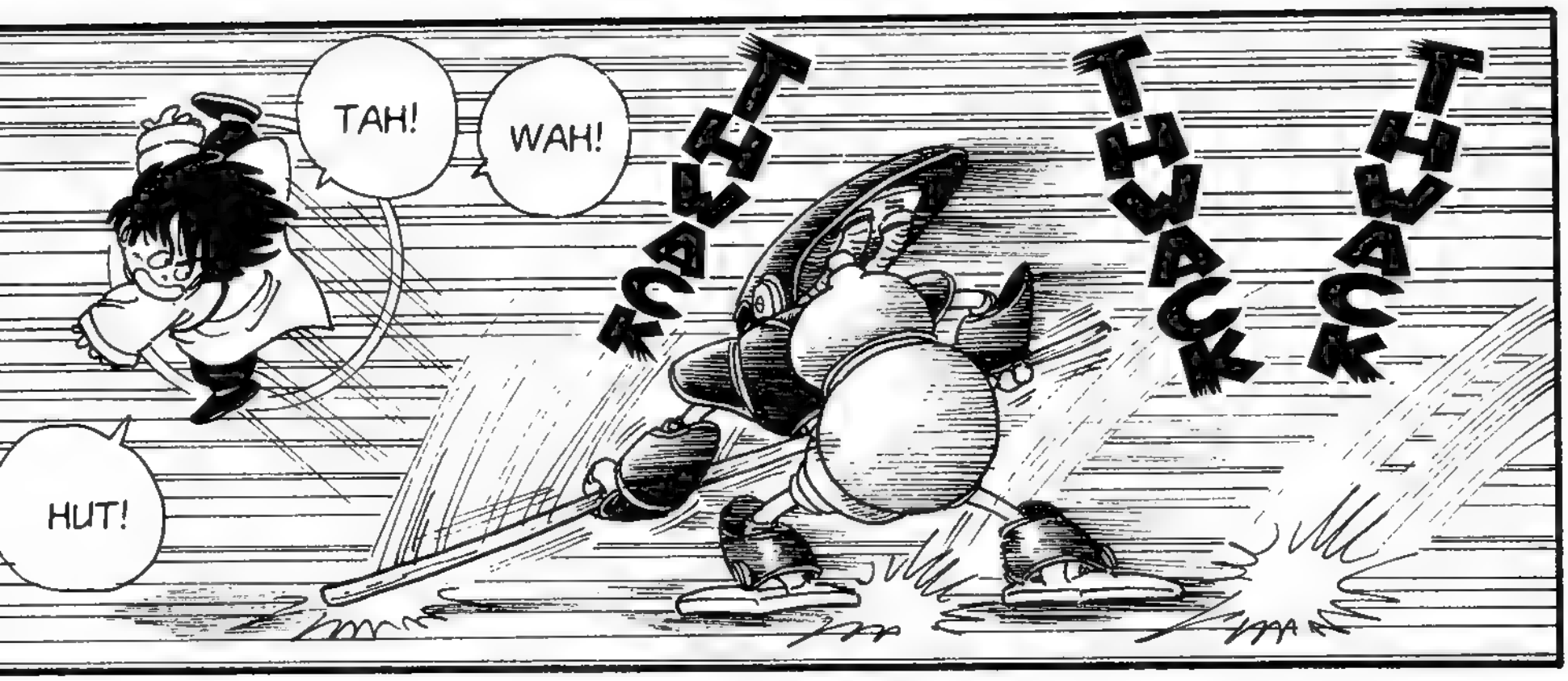

A MECHANICAL SOLDIER?! SO, IT'S LIKE A WARRIOR MADE OUTTA MACHINES?!

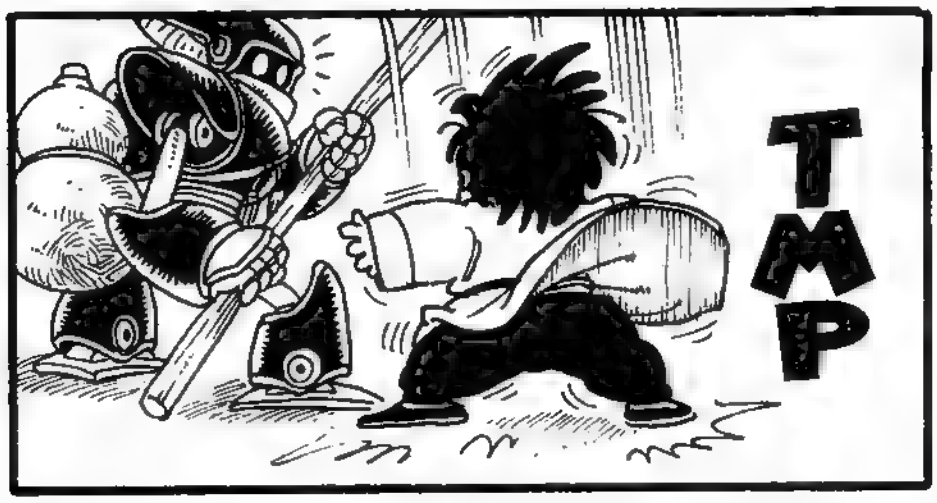

A MECHANICAL SOLDIER USED LONG AGO IN HÉYÙN!!
I-IT'S AN AUTOMA-TON!!


IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S SEEN BETTER DAYS...
KER-CLANK KER-CLANK
THAT SAID...

A HUNDRED YEARS?! THAT'S IMPRESSIVE...
Waaaah! Embarrassing!
KER-THWACK
WHOA!!

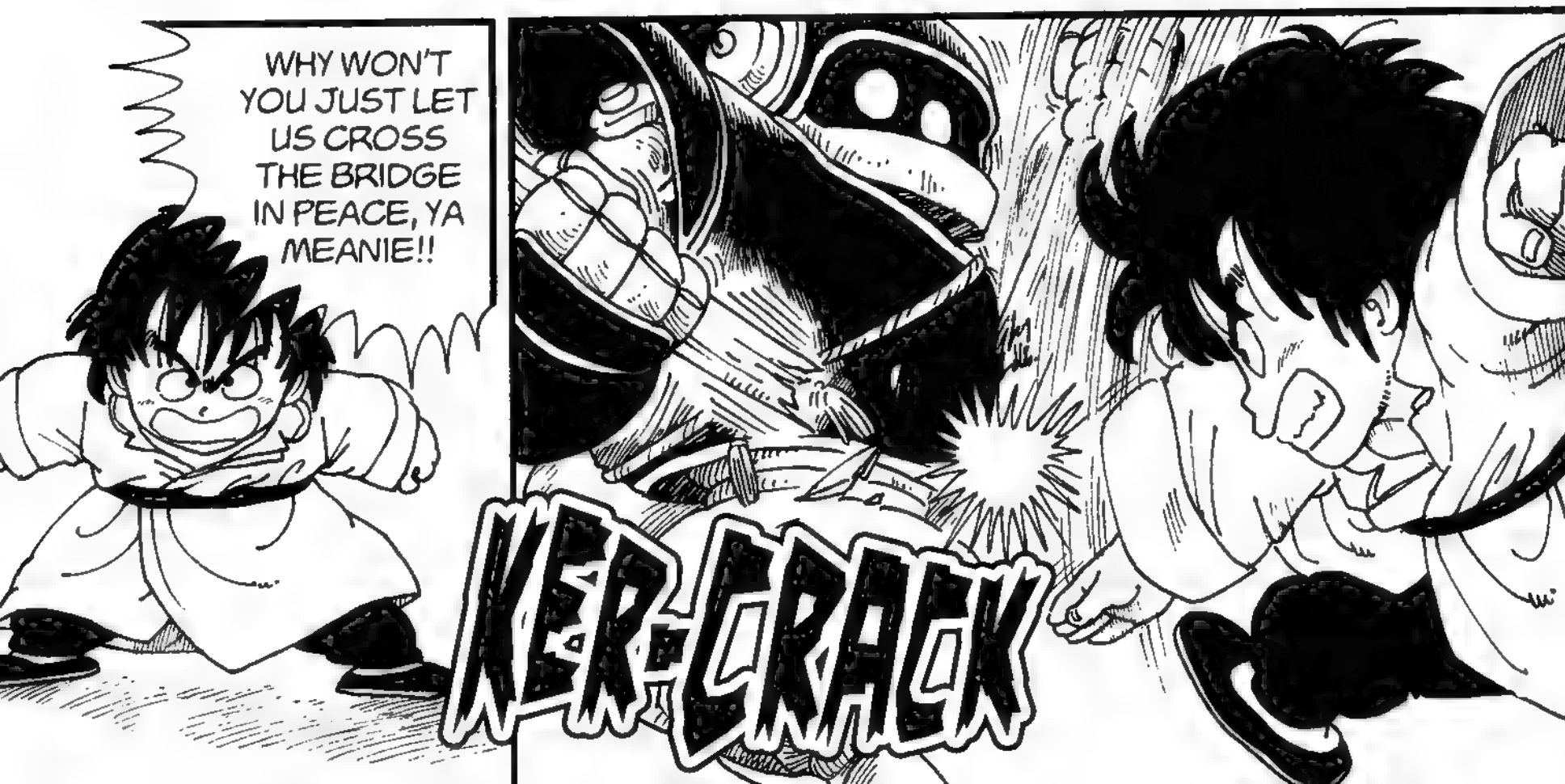

WELL, YEAH! THIS GUY'S BEEN HERE FOR, I DUNNO...
...AT LEAST A HUNDRED YEARS, DEFENDING THIS BRIDGE THE WHOLE TIME.

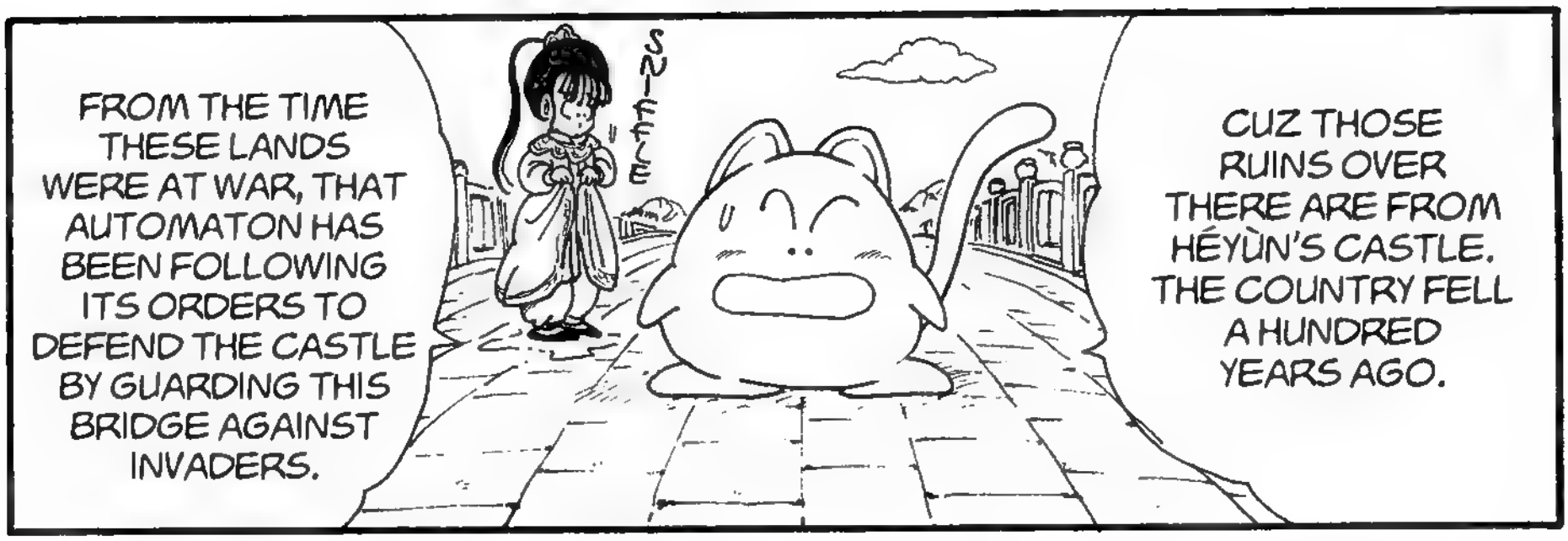

TAH!
WAH!
HUT!
KAWIT
THWACK
THWACK

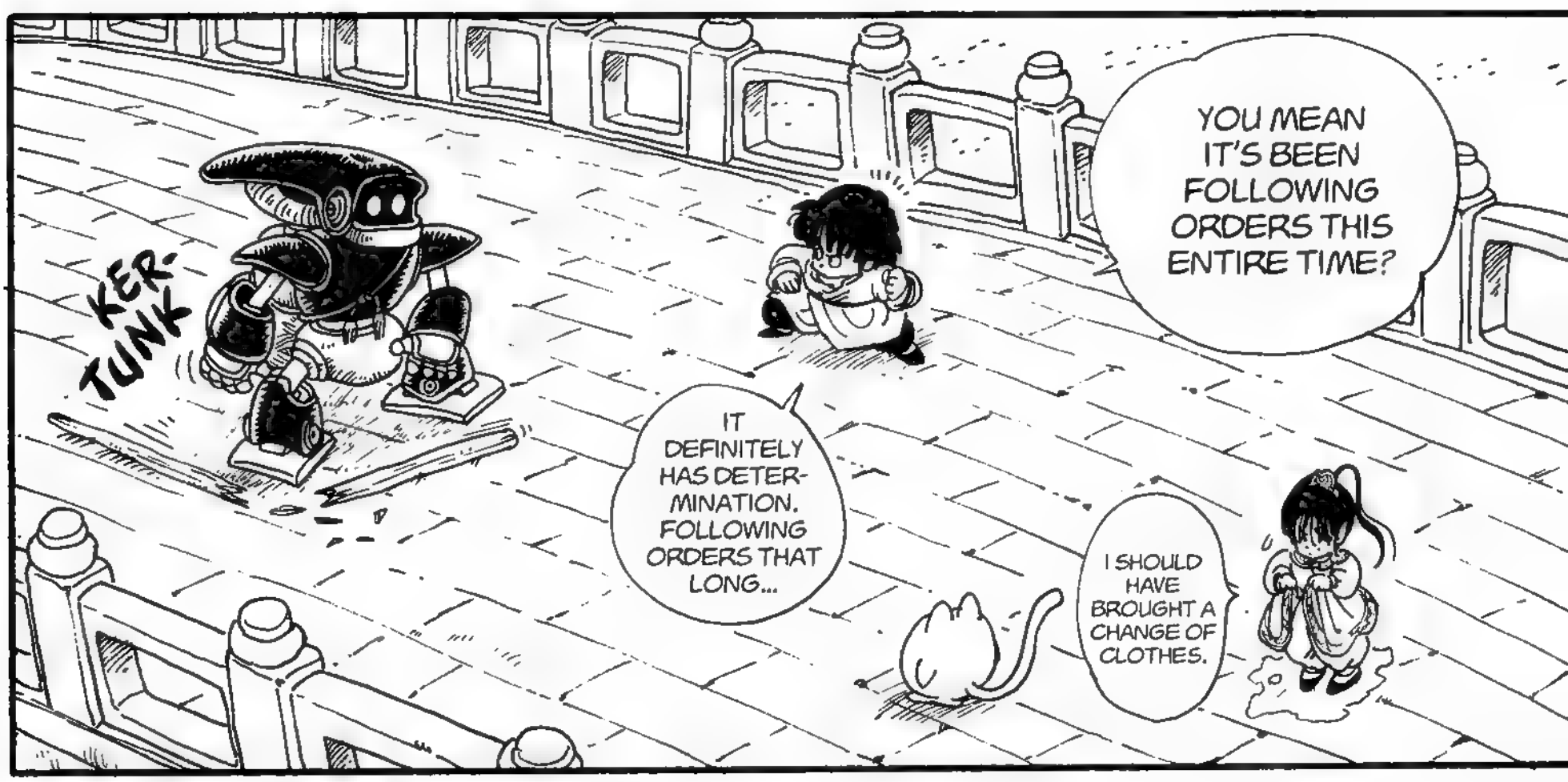

TMP

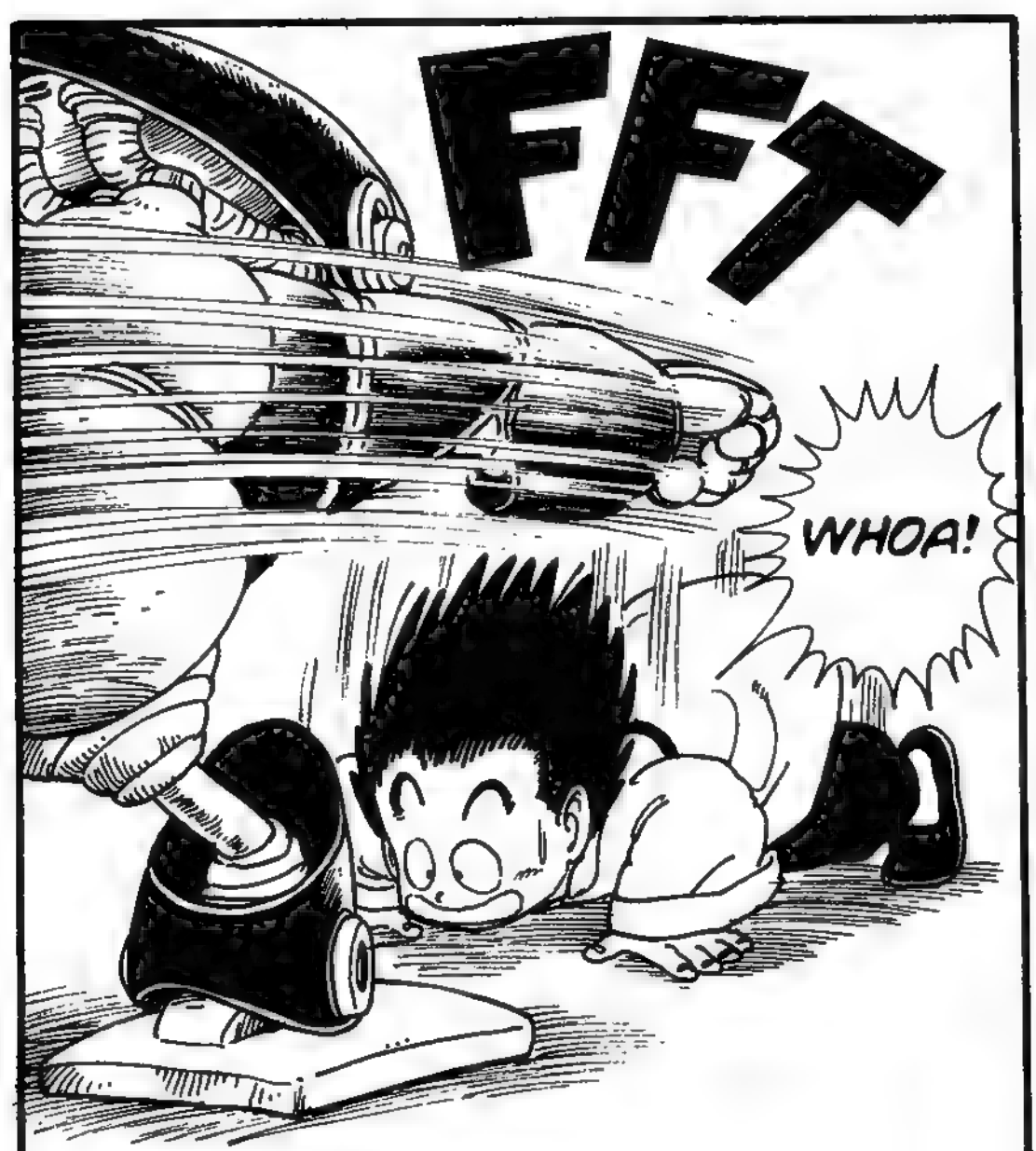
HUP!
FWIP
FUH-
FWIP

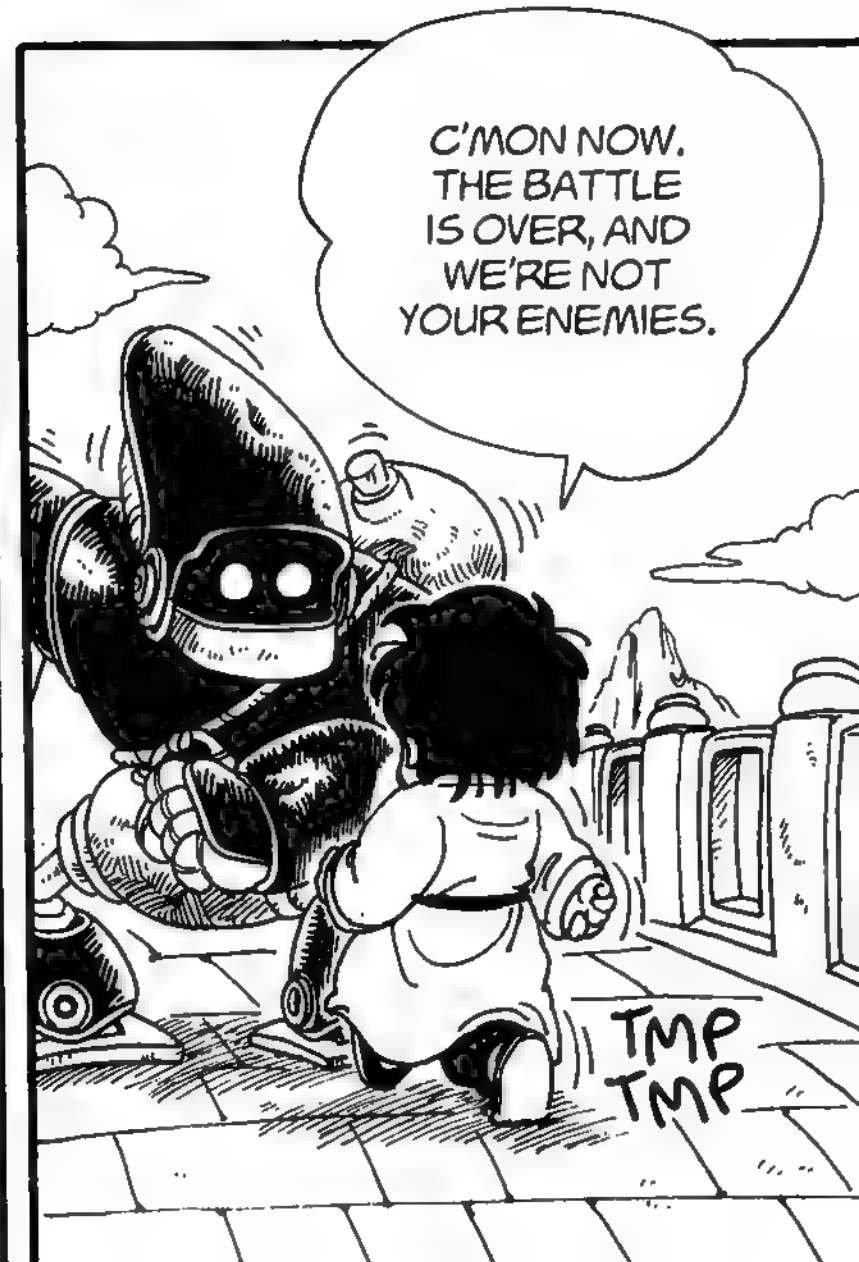
YOU
JERK!!

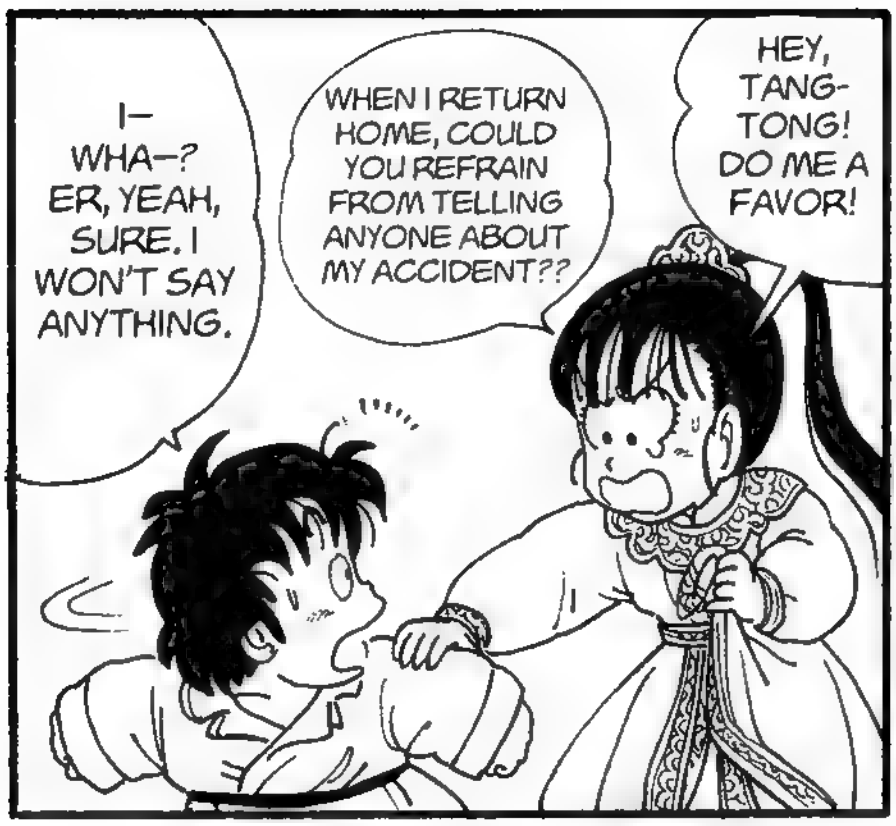

WHY WON'T
YOU JUST LET
US CROSS
THE BRIDGE
IN PEACE, YA
MEANIE!!
KER-CRACK

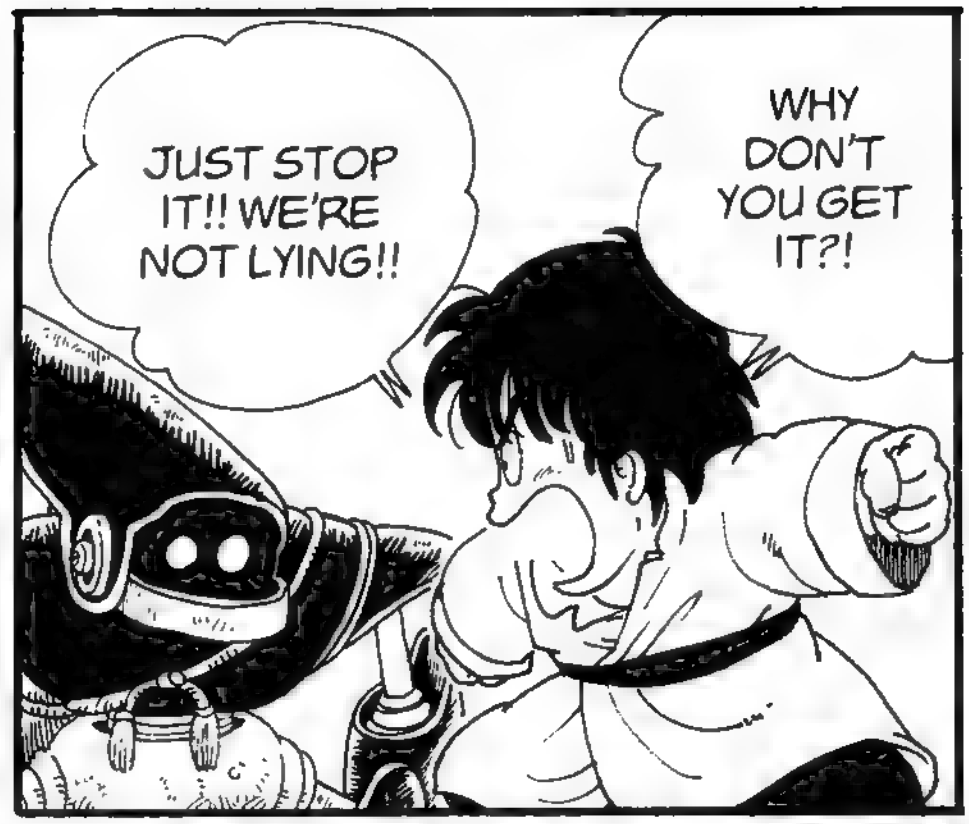

FROM THE TIME THESE LANDS WERE AT WAR, THAT AUTOMATON HAS BEEN FOLLOWING ITS ORDERS TO DEFEND THE CASTLE BY GUARDING THIS BRIDGE AGAINST INVADERS.
SNIFFLE
CUZ THOSE RUINS OVER THERE ARE FROM HÉYÙN'S CASTLE. THE COUNTRY FELL A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

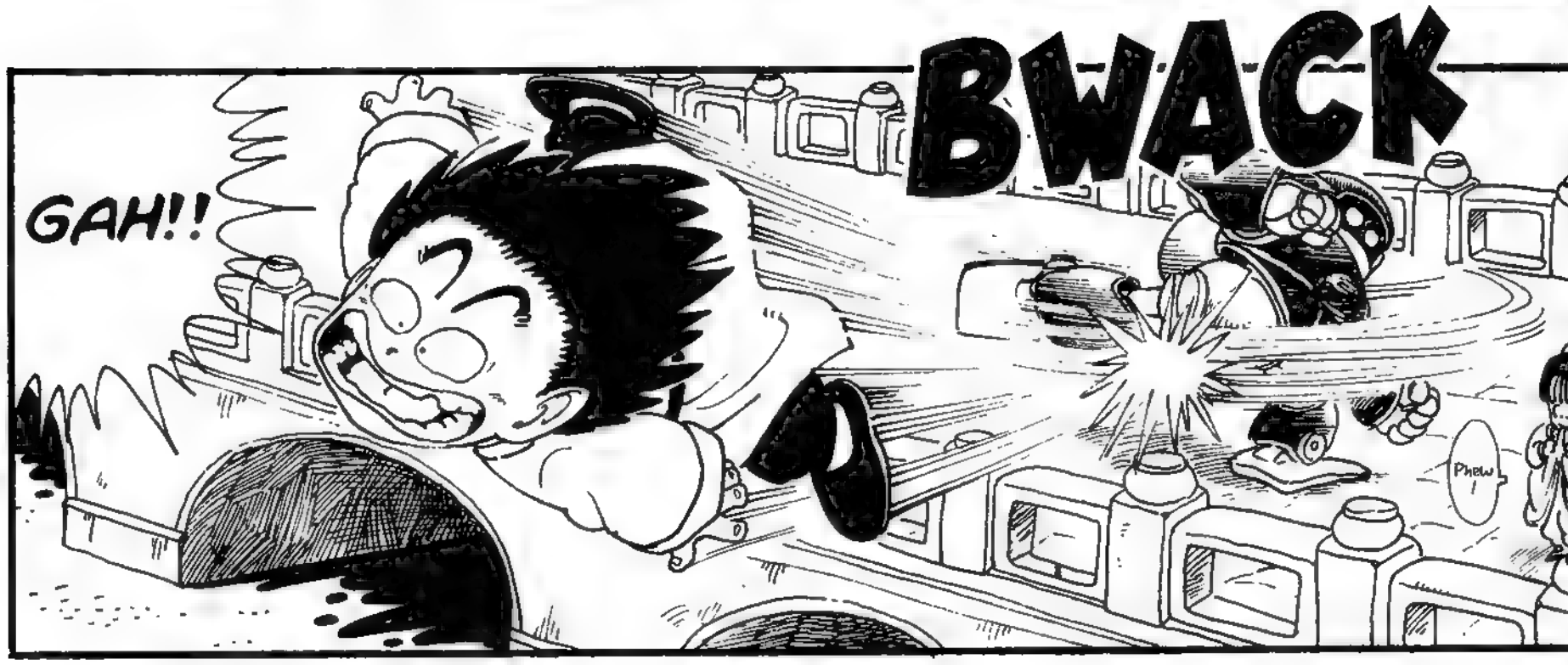

KER-TUNK
YOU MEAN IT'S BEEN FOLLOWING ORDERS THIS ENTIRE TIME?
IT DEFINITELY HAS DETER-MINATION. FOLLOWING ORDERS THAT LONG...
I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT A CHANGE OF CLOTHES.

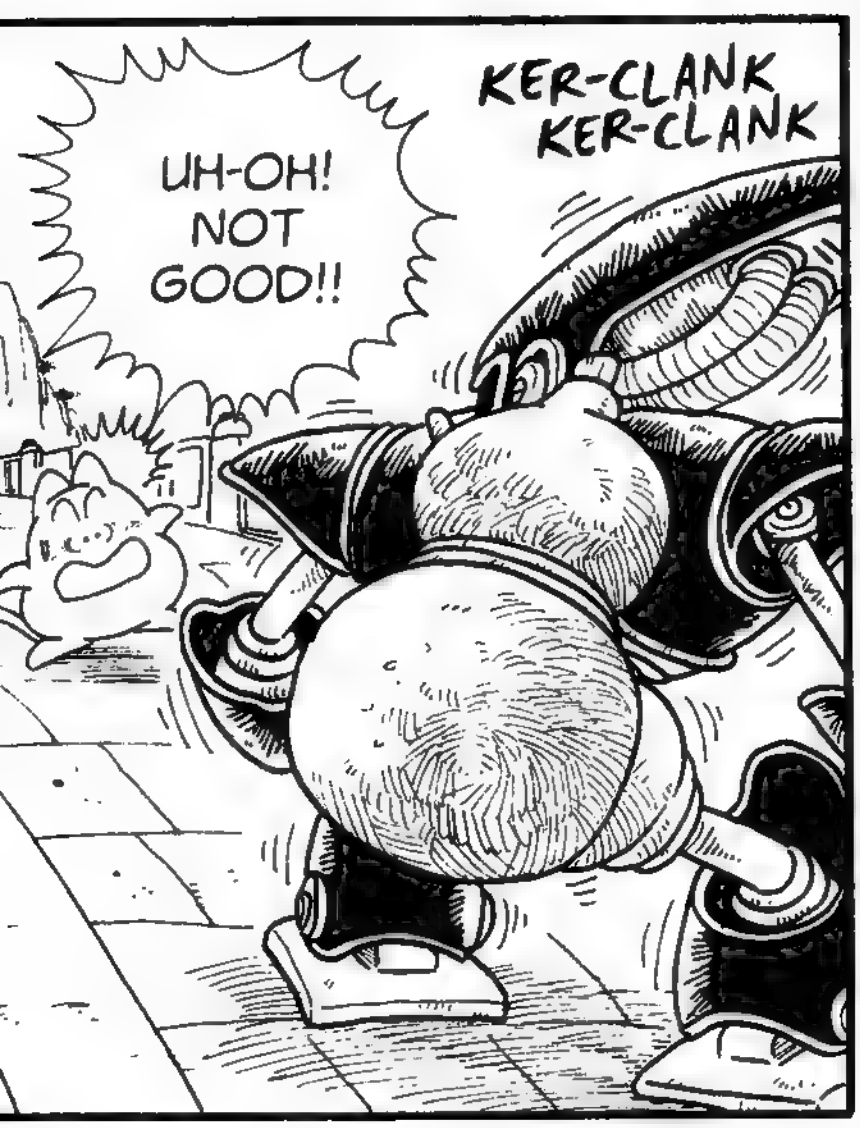

FFT
WHOA!

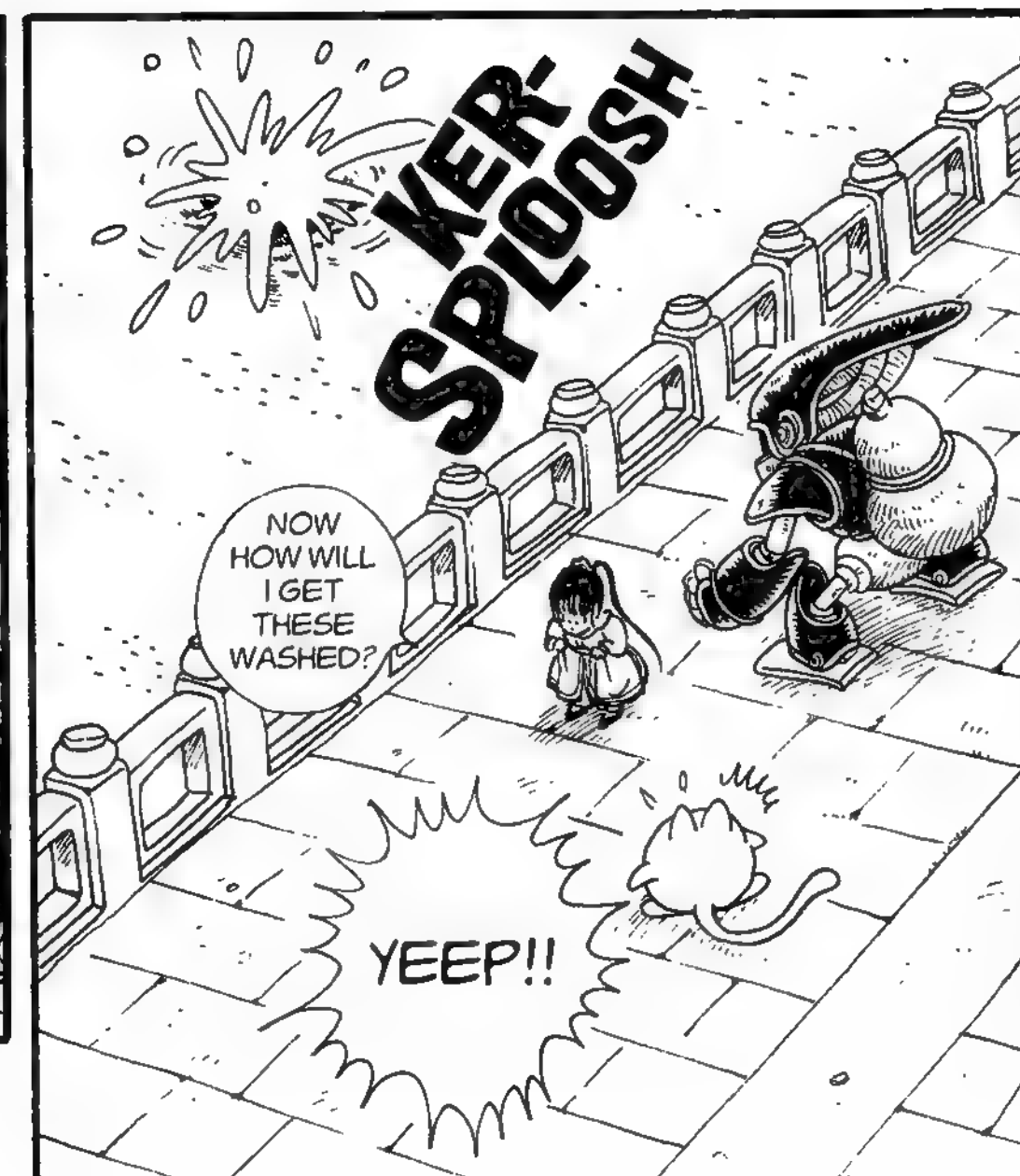

C'MON NOW. THE BATTLE IS OVER, AND WE'RE NOT YOUR ENEMIES.
TMP TMP


I– WHA–? ER, YEAH, SURE. I WON'T SAY ANYTHING.
WHEN I RETURN HOME, COULD YOU REFRAIN FROM TELLING ANYONE ABOUT MY ACCIDENT??
HEY, TANG-TONG! DO ME A FAVOR!

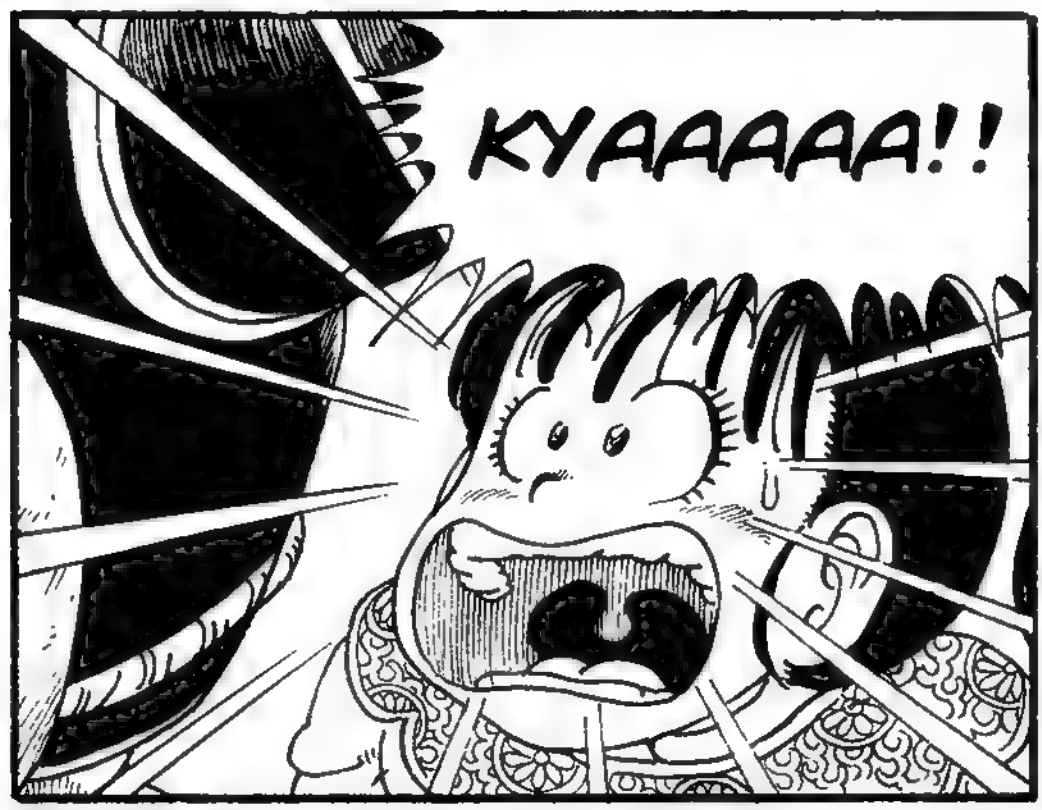

JUST STOP IT!! WE'RE NOT LYING!!
WHY DON'T YOU GET IT?!

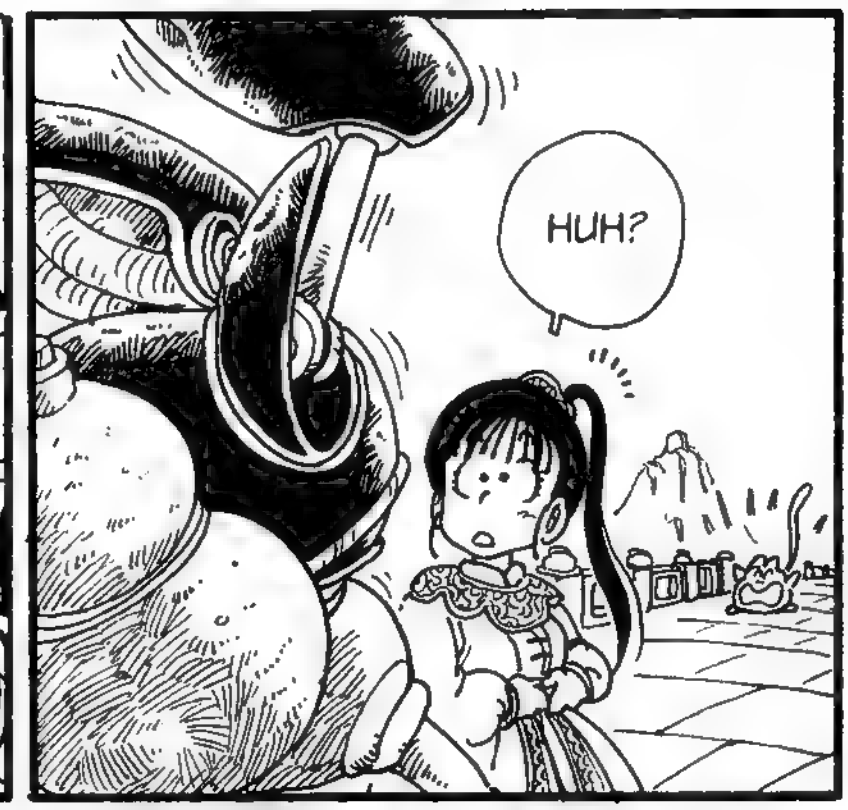

GAH!!
BWACK
PHEW

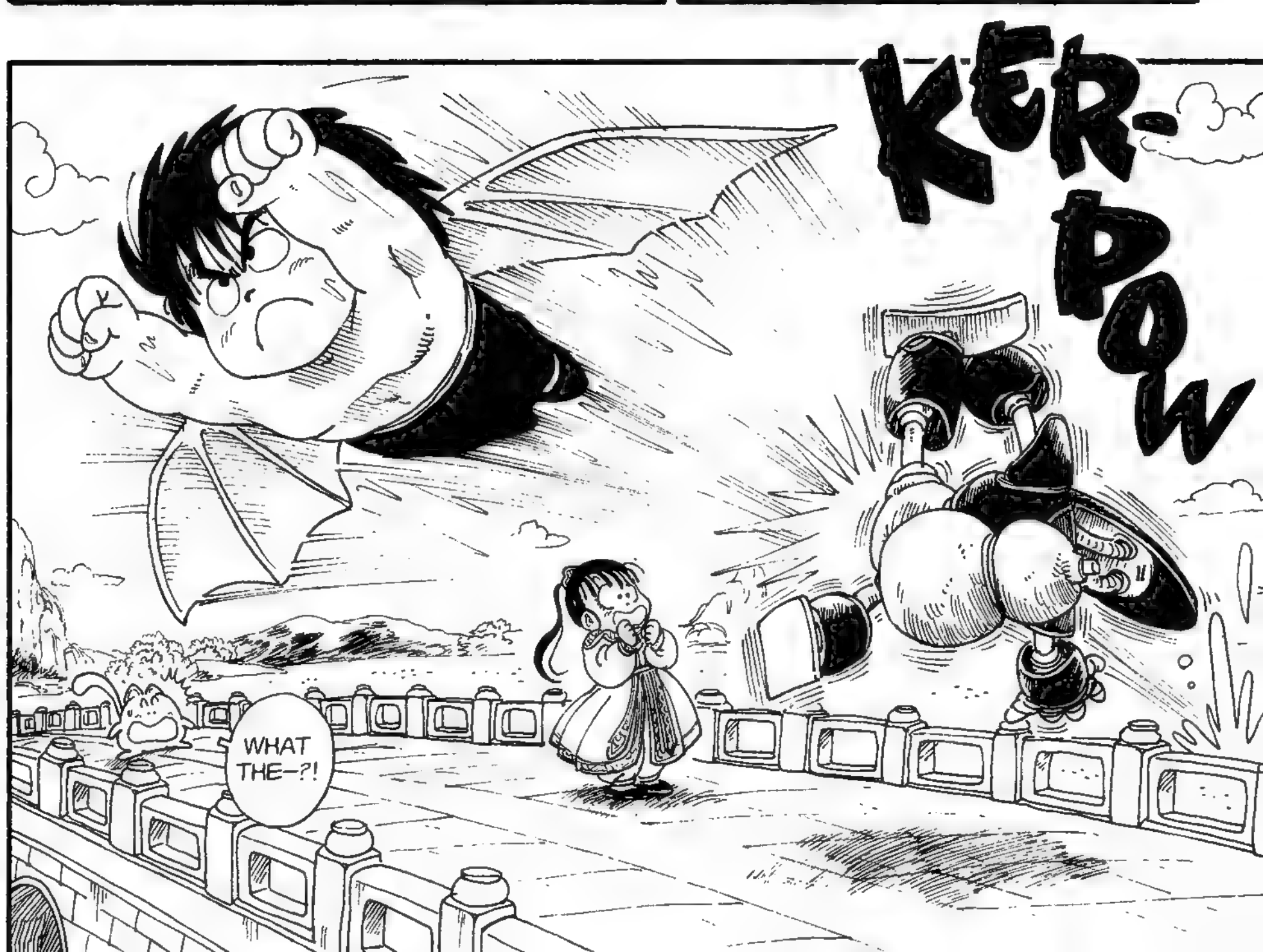

UH-OH! NOT GOOD!!
KER-CLANK KER-CLANK


KER-SPLOOSH
NOW HOW WILL I GET THESE WASHED?
YEEP!!

CLANK
KER-CLANK
KER-CLANK
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! RUN!!


KYAAAAA!!


HUH?


KER-POW
WHAT THE-?!

W-WHAT'S GOING ON?! WINGS GROWING OUT OF HIS BACK...

HE'S LIKE ME. HE'S NOT HUMAN EITHER...

KER-CLANK KER-CLANK

STOP ATTACKING US!!

THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, SO...

OKAY, NOW I'M ANGRY !!

YOU DON'T QUIT!!

THAT'S IT!!

AH!

CRUMBLE

GUH ?

STOP RIGHT THERE !!

...TAKE YOU DOWN MY-SELF!!

I DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE BUT TO USE MY KUNG FU AND...

FF-TNP

WHO THE?

MECHANICAL SOLDIER, LISTEN TO ME. YOU'VE WORKED LONG AND HARD, AND YOU HAVE FULFILLED YOUR PURPOSE.

YOU DEFENDED THE CASTLE MAGNIFI-CENTLY.

DON'T SPEAK, MY FRIEND. YOU HAVE EARNED YOUR REST.

...D... DO...

TH...AN...K. Y...OU...

POOF

ACTUALLY, IT'S ME!!

AND WHO'RE YOU, MISTER?

I AM A SOLDIER OF HÉYÙN.

KER-CLUNK

PSHOOO

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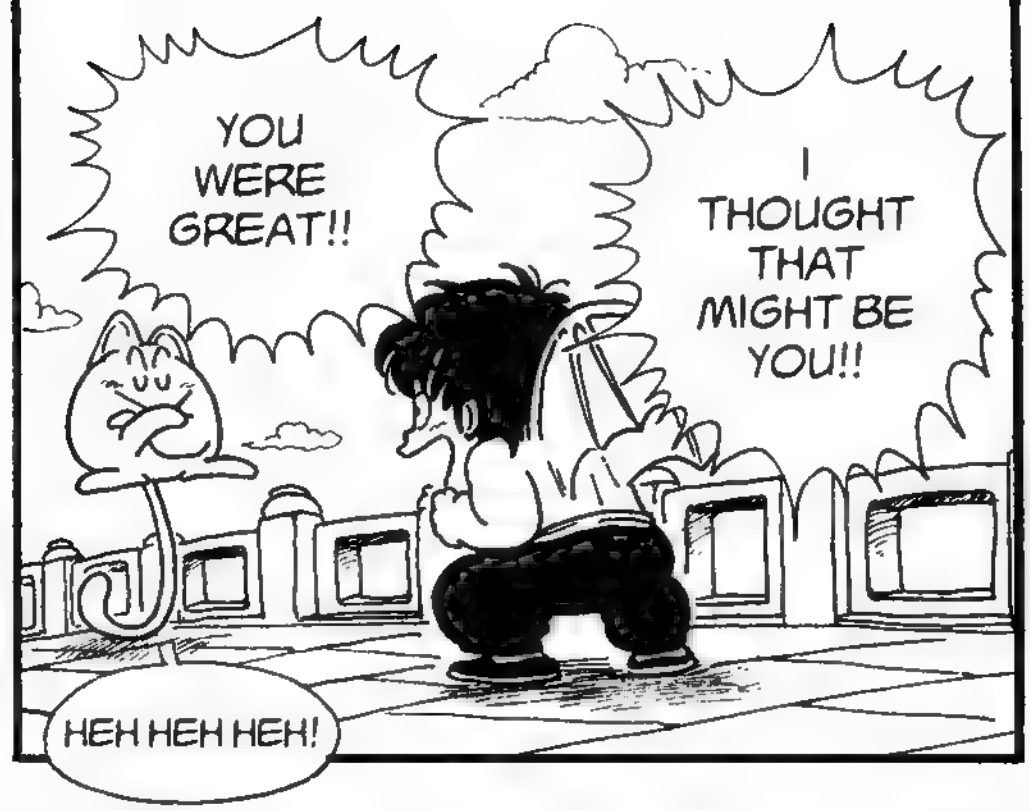
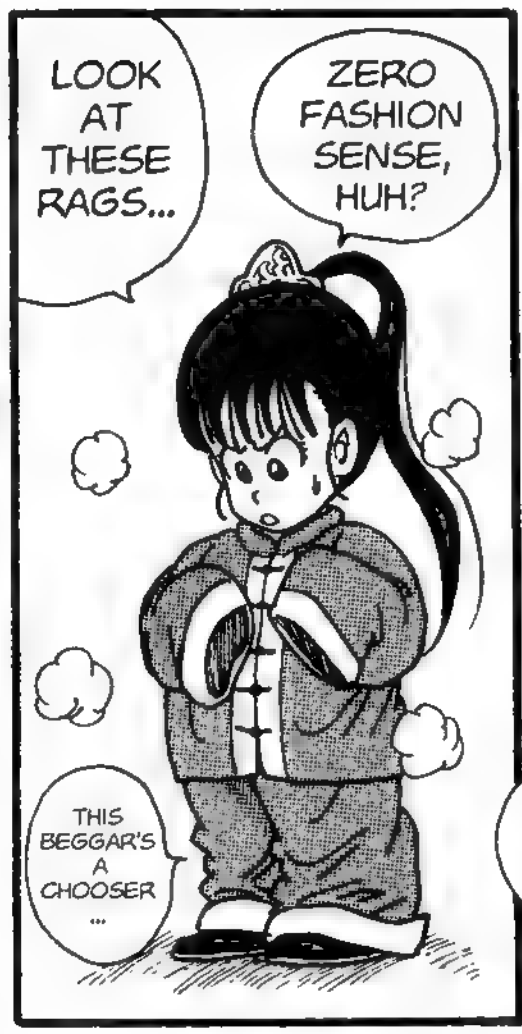
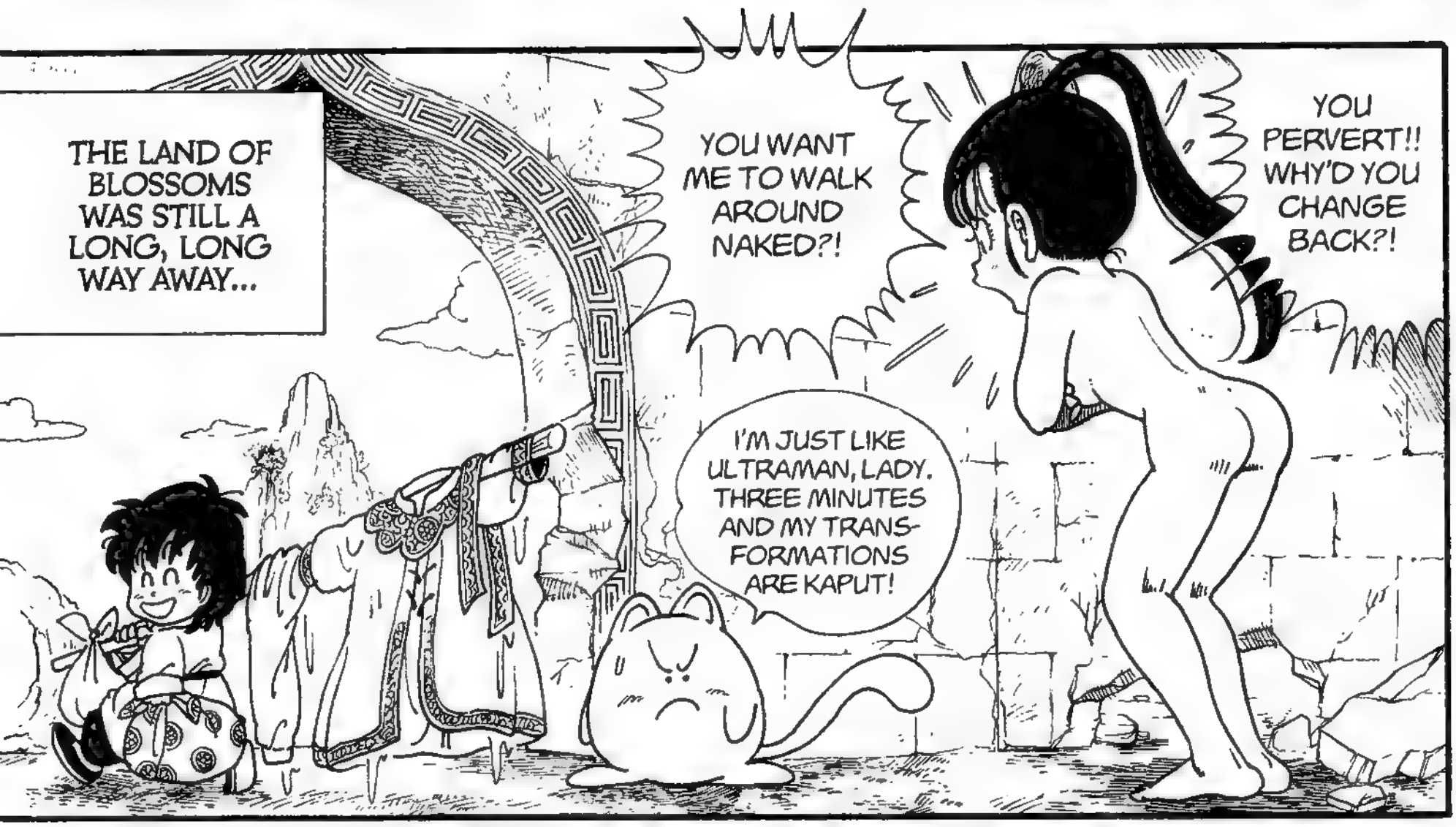


AND SO THEIR JOURNEY CONTINUED...





HERE'S HOW I BECAME A MANGA ARTIST

PART 3

Despite being sucked into manga during my elementary school years, I took a breather from reading manga during most of my time as a middle school student. I think it was probably because I grew more interested in movies and TV. But I still liked to draw, and my textbooks and notebooks were filled with doodles. Those were lively times, and I didn't know many kids my age who went to cram school, so most of us spent our days buzzing around the neighborhood until sunset. And we all managed to turn into respectable adults.

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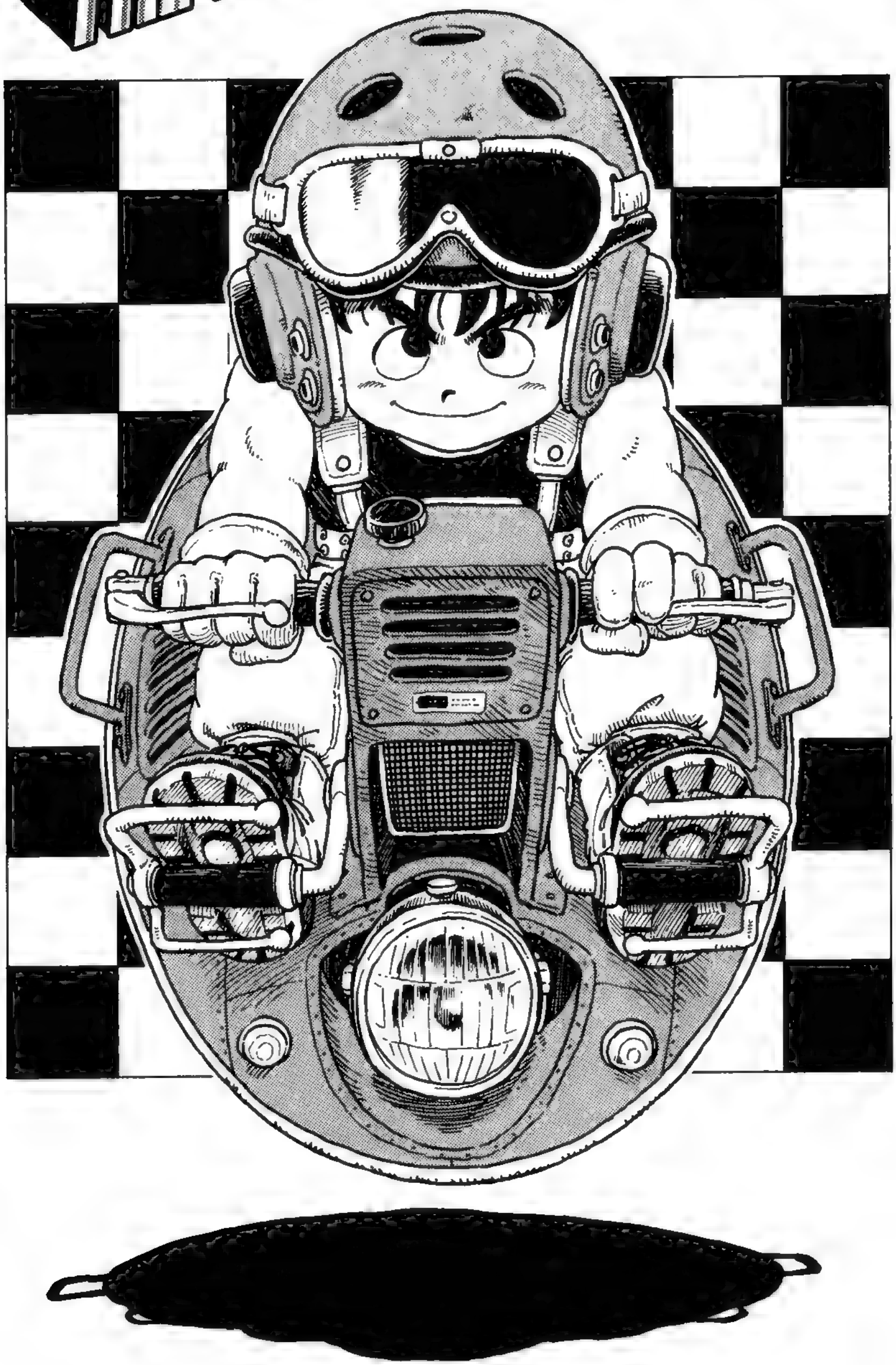
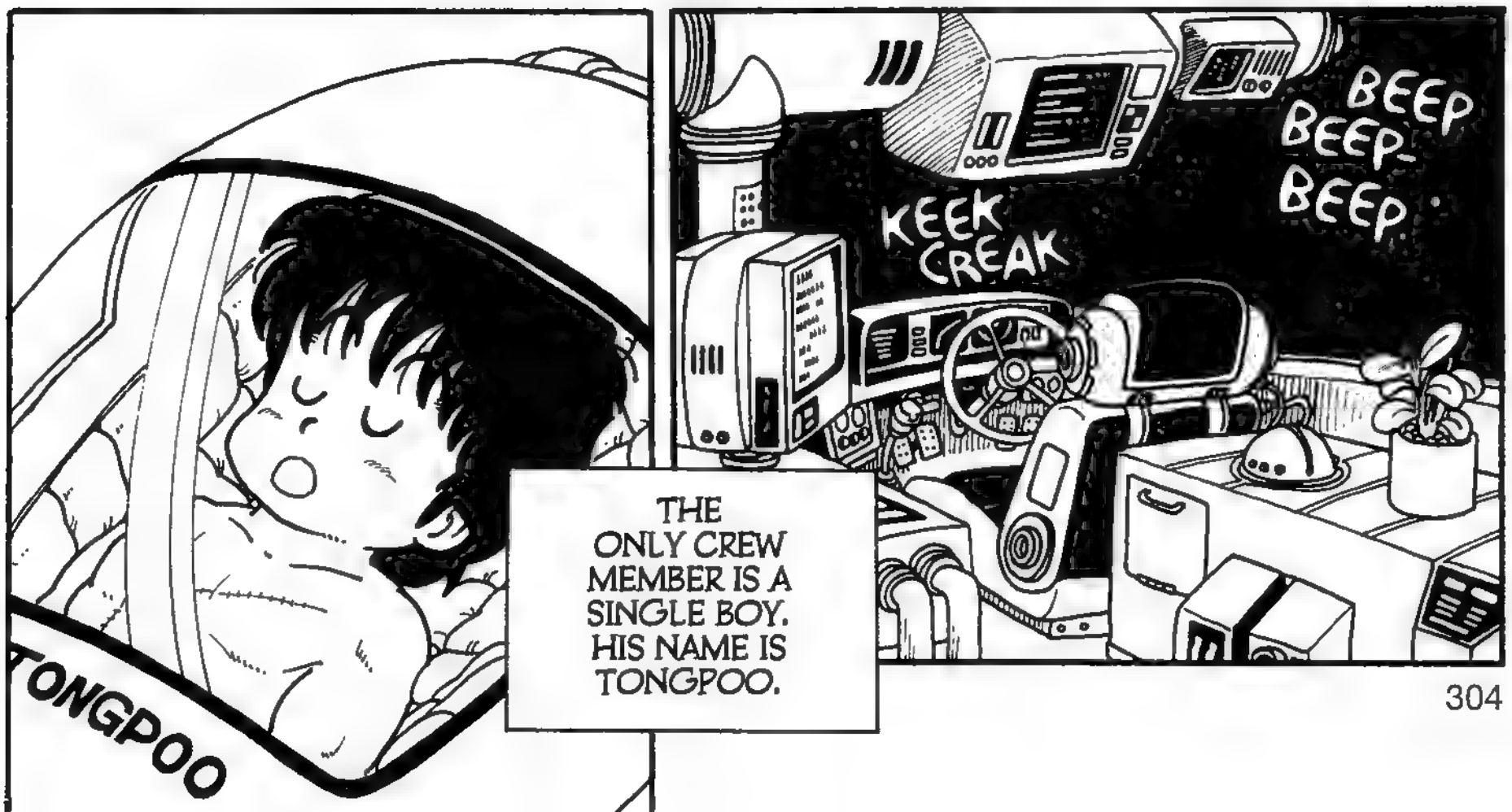
THE ADVENTURE OF TONGPOO

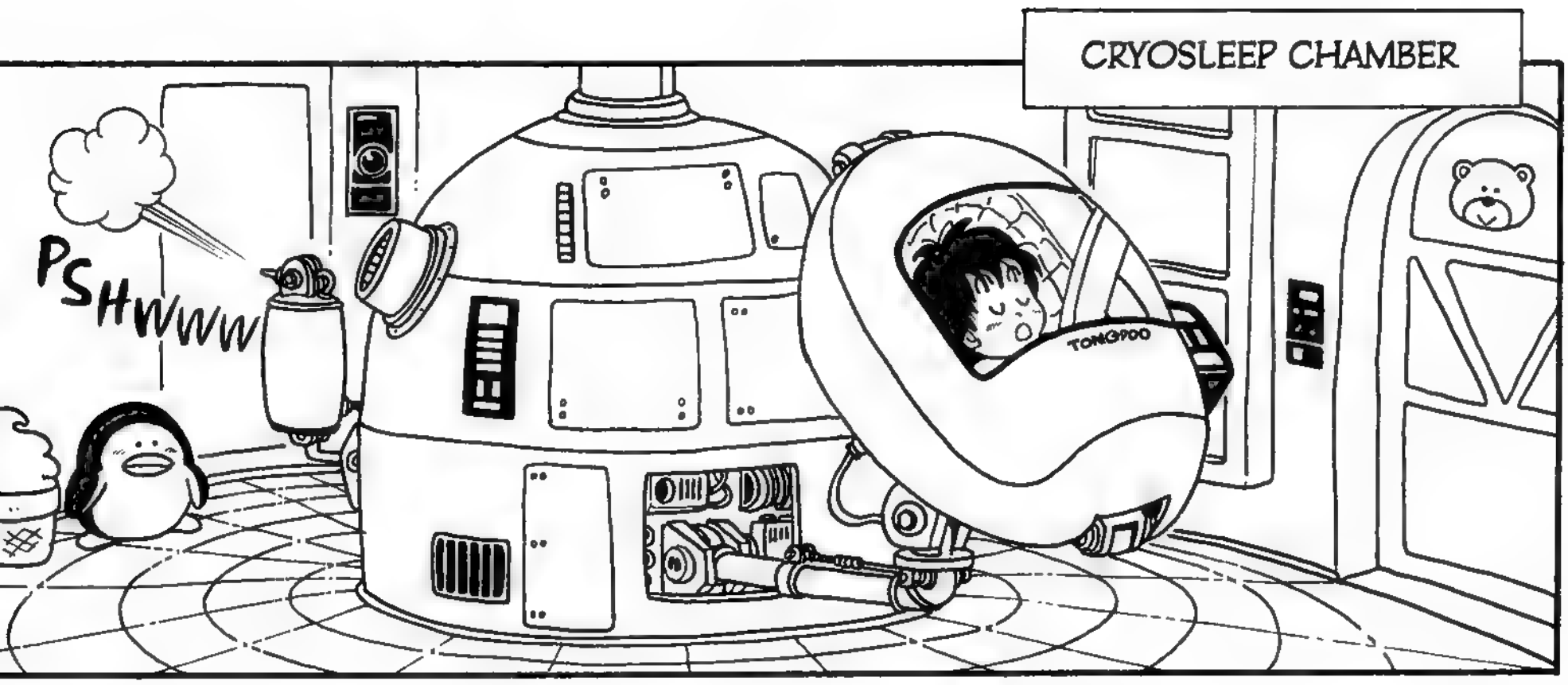


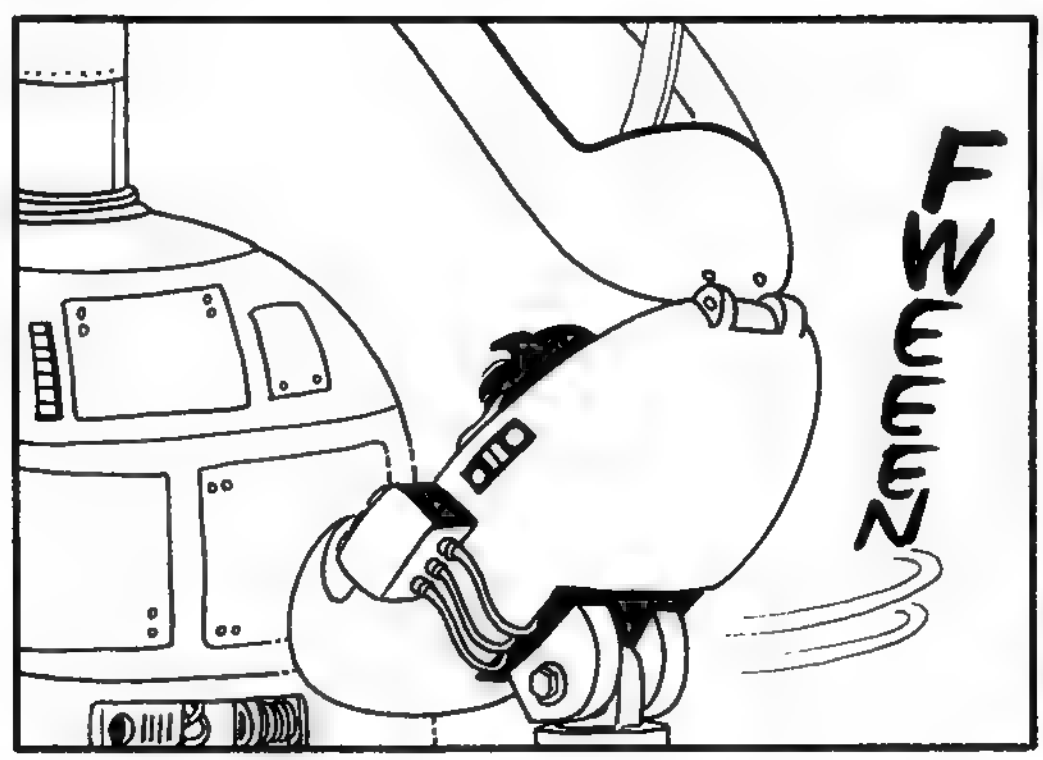
FAR, FAR AWAY, THE GOOD SHIP *PLANET 12* IS ZOOMING THROUGH SPACE.

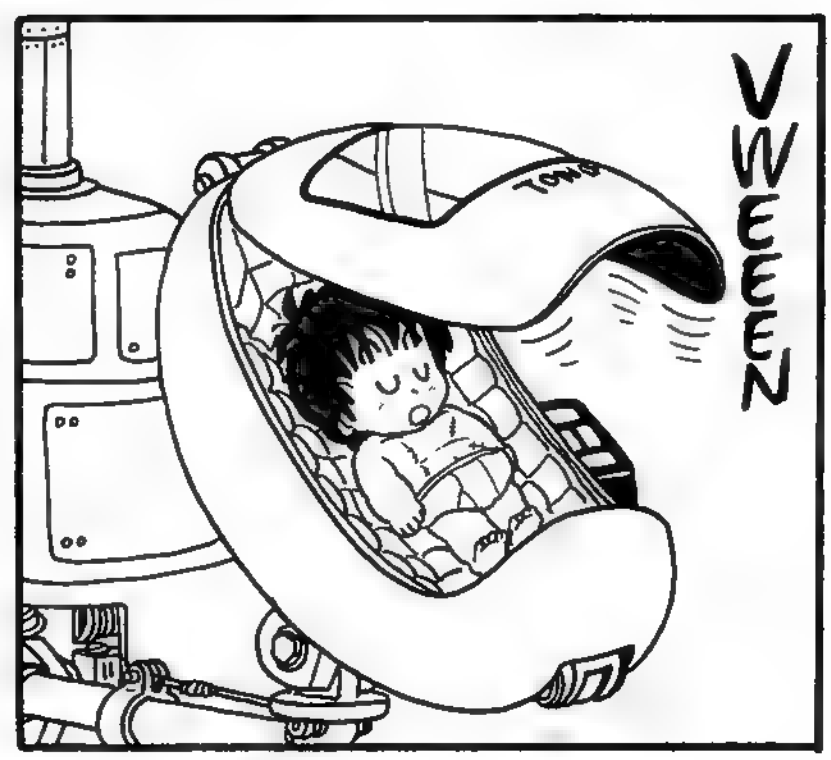
THIS EXPERIMENTAL SPACESHIP IS THE 12TH OF ITS KIND TO BE SENT ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION.

SHOULD IT SUCCEED, EARTH'S DREAMS OF INTERSTELLAR PLANETARY CONSTRUCTION COULD BE REALIZED...




CRYOSLEEP CHAMBER
PSHWWW
TONGPOO


FWEEEN

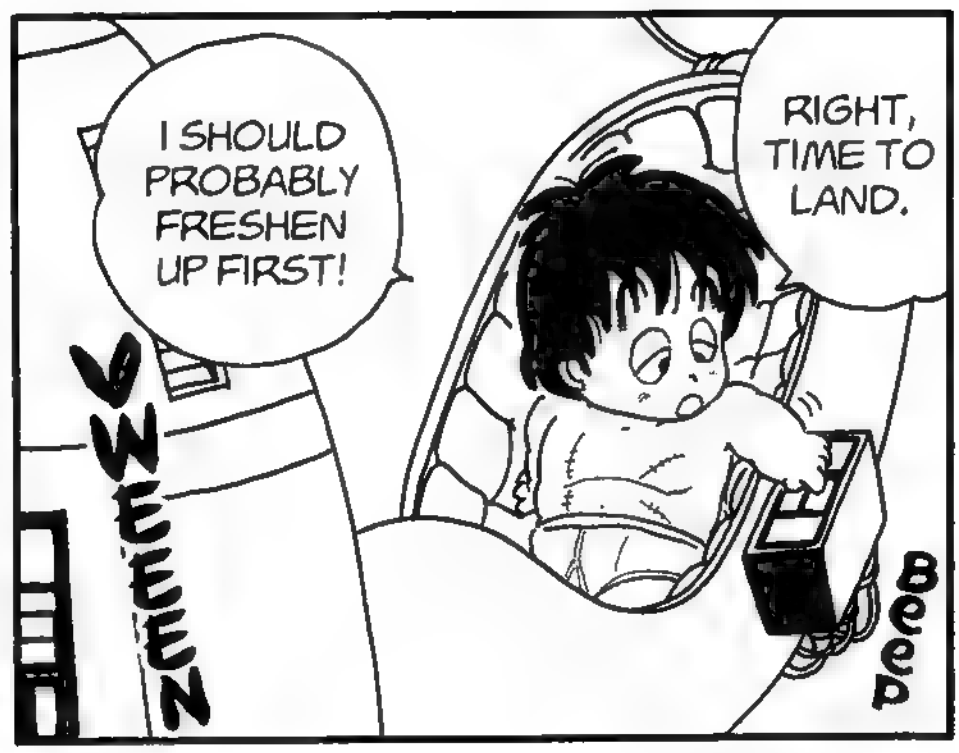

VWEEEN

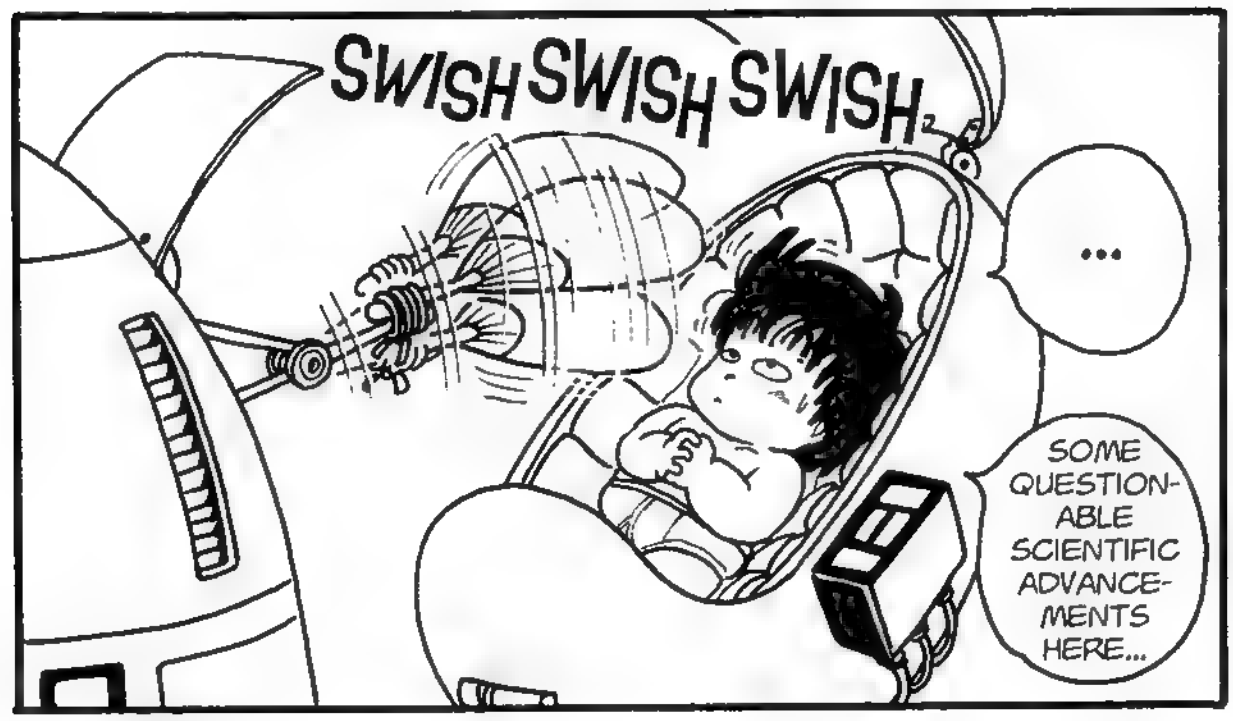
ALREADY THERE, HUH?
YAWN...

UH... HMM...

BRRRIIIIING!!

KER-SPLASH


I SHOULD PROBABLY FRESHEN UP FIRST!
RIGHT, TIME TO LAND.
WEEEEN
Beep


SWISH SWISH SWISH
...
SOME QUESTIONABLE SCIENTIFIC ADVANCEMENTS HERE...

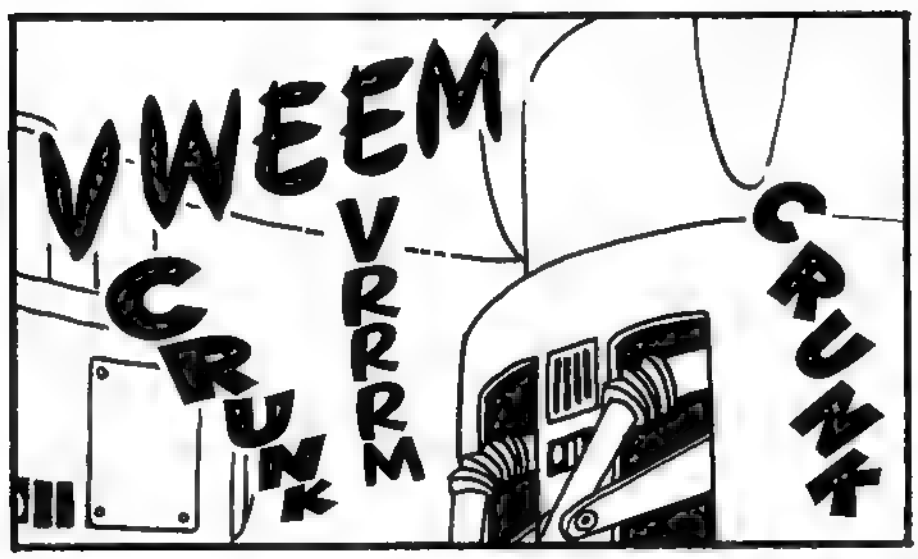
R-RIGHT, WELL, AUTO-DRYER TOO, I GUESS...
...

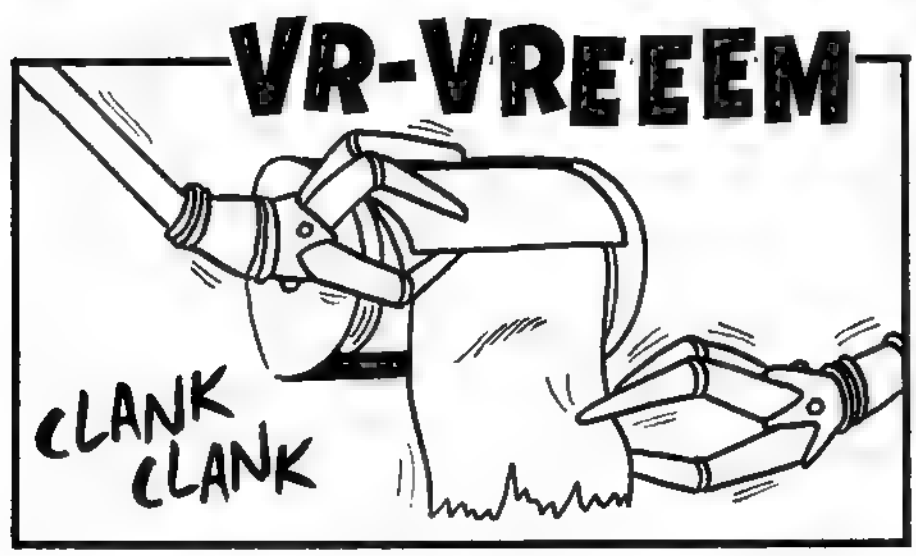
WHOA, THERE.
WOBBLE

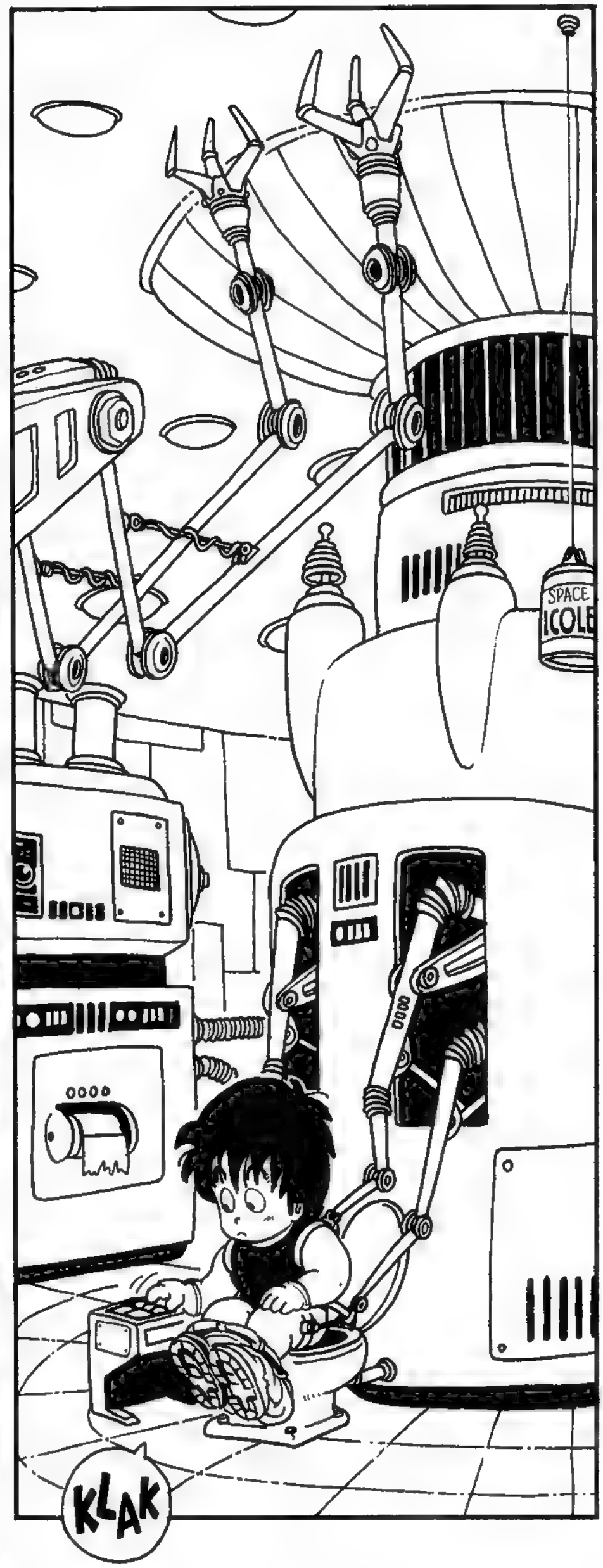
I FEEL OUT OF IT, BUT I GUESS THAT'S NORMAL AFTER FIVE YEARS OF STASIS.
PWEEEE

I SHOULD PROBABLY USE THE RESTROOM AS WELL.

PLIP PLOP
OCCUPIED


VWEEM
CRUNK
VRRRM
CRUNK

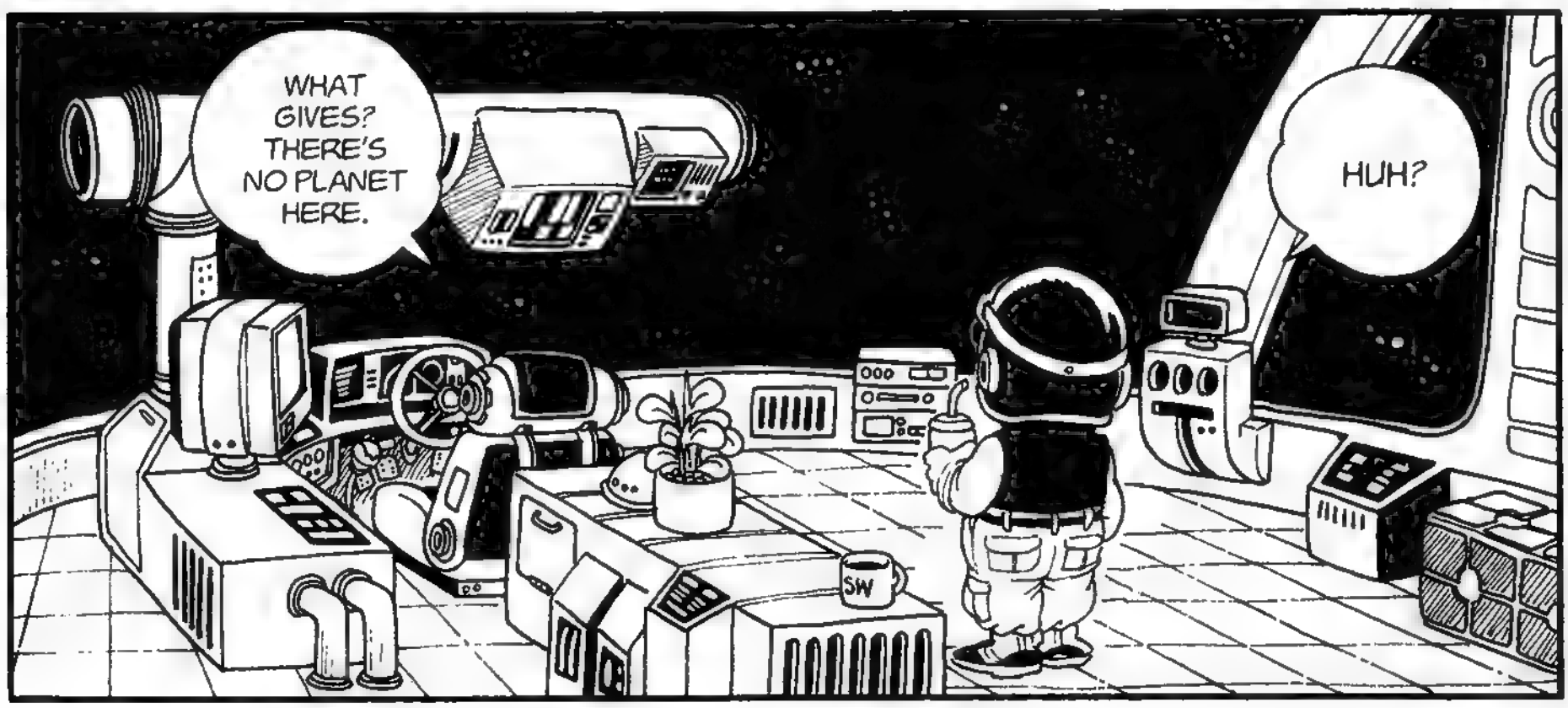

VR-VREEEM
CLANK CLANK

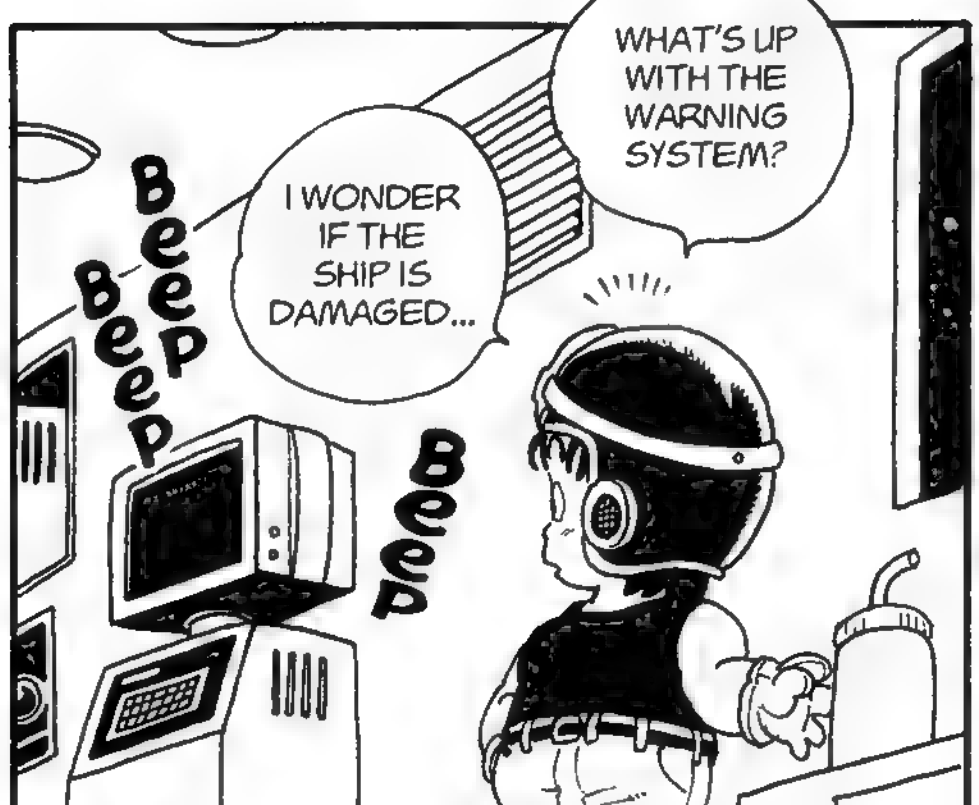

SPACE
ICOLE
KLAK

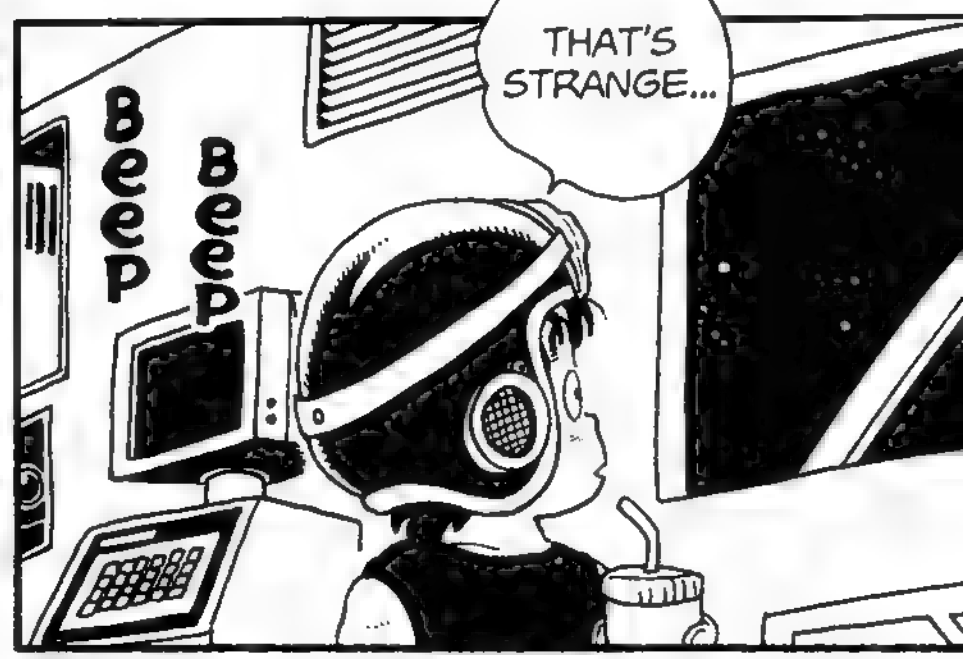
...
SPACE
PICOLE
BANG
DING
BANG
DING
SHAKE
RATTLE
SHAKE
MY FEELINGS OVER THIS USELESS BUTT-WIPING MACHINE TAKING UP A QUARTER OF THE SHIP ARE... MIXED.
TOTO

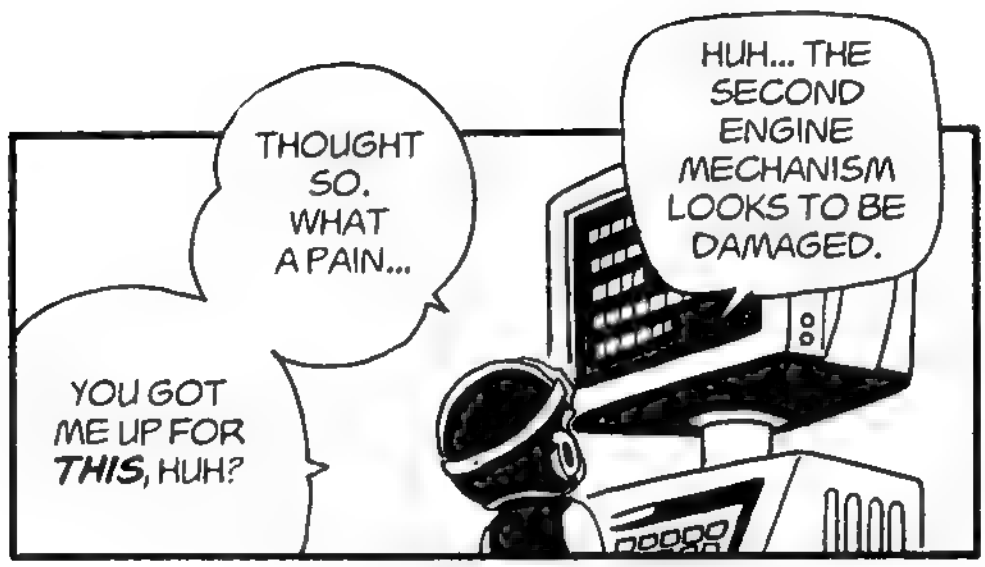
FWSH
WOULD BE NICE IF IT'S SUITABLE FOR HUMAN HABITATION.
SSIIIPP

OKIE-DOKE, TIME TO FIND OUT WHAT KINDA PLANET THIS IS.
I WONDER IF I CAN EVEN LAND.

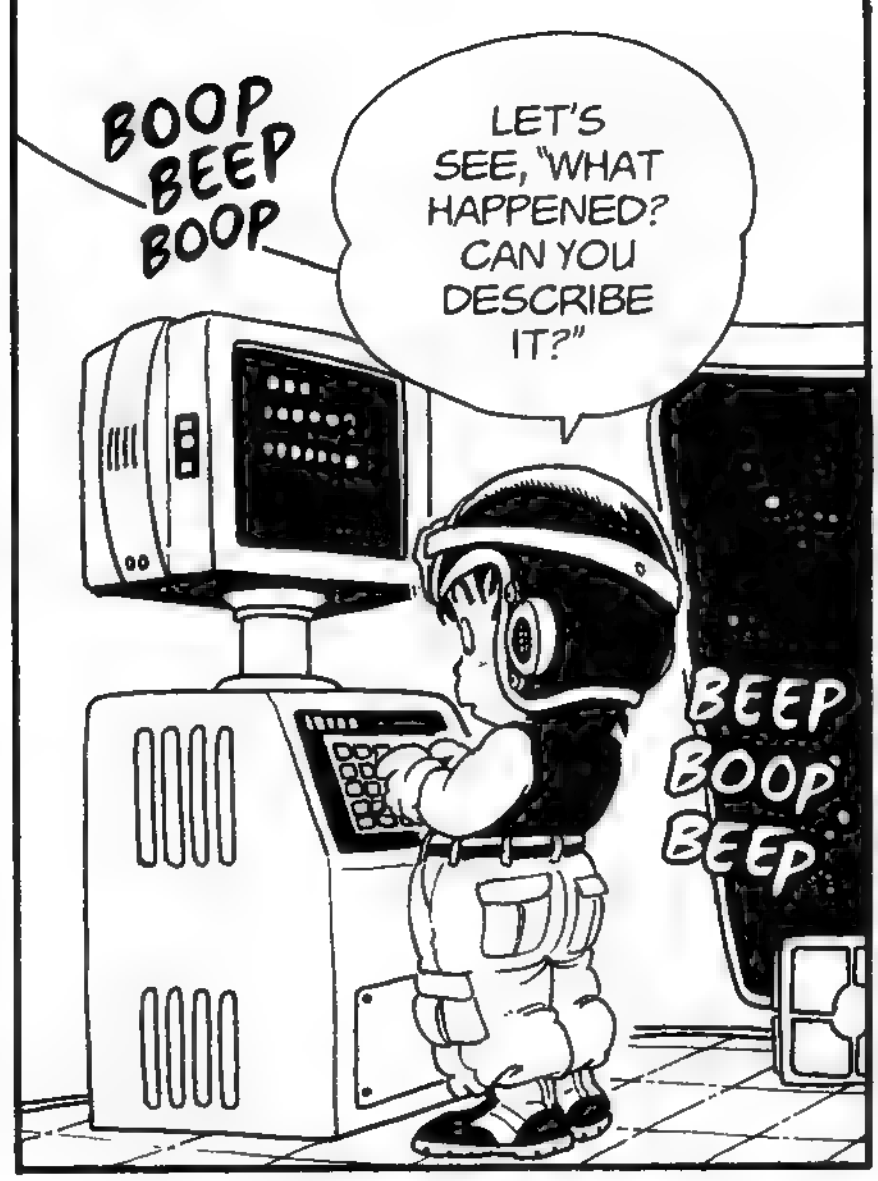

WHAT GIVES? THERE'S NO PLANET HERE.
HUH?
SW

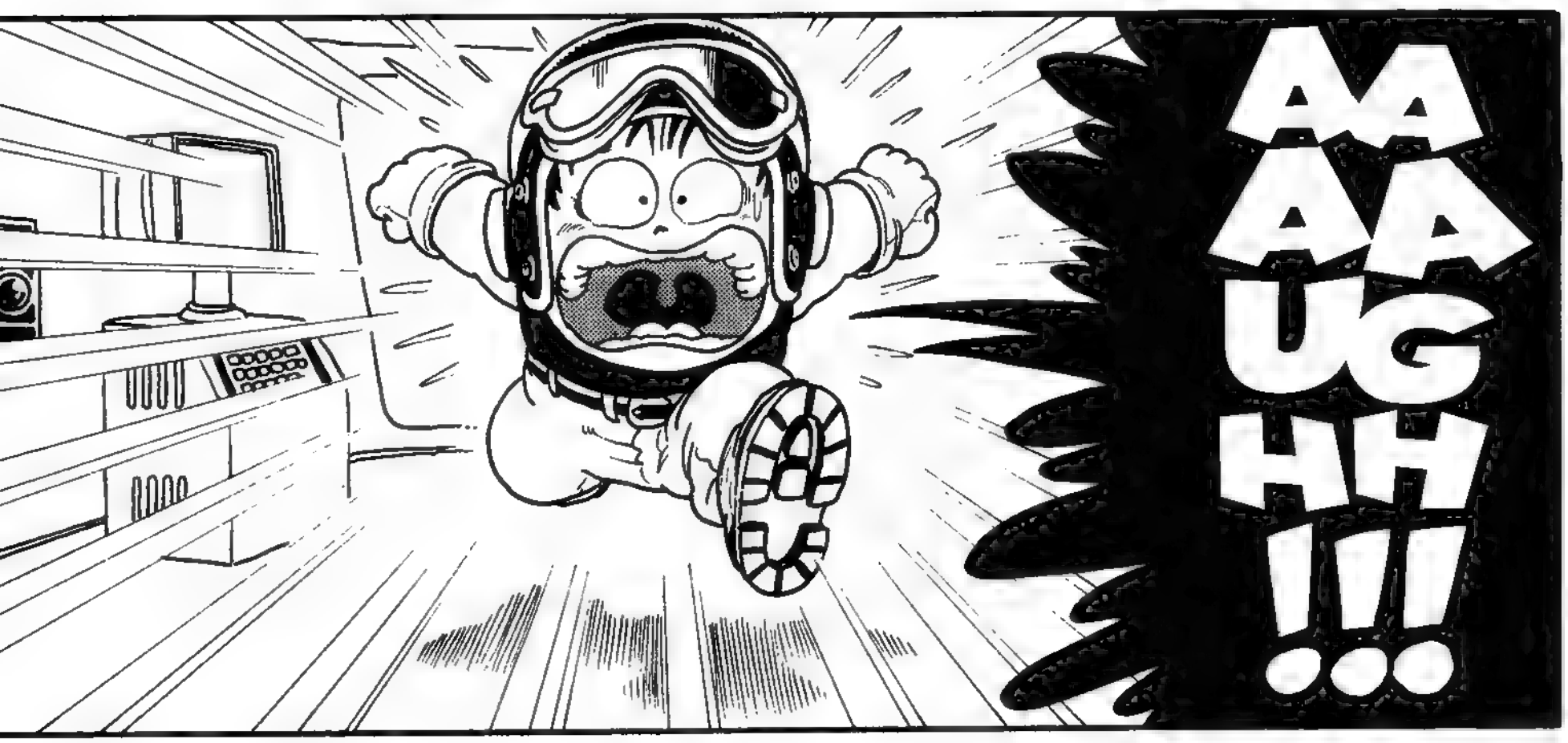

WHAT'S UP WITH THE WARNING SYSTEM?
I WONDER IF THE SHIP IS DAMAGED...
Beep Beep Beep
Beep


THAT'S STRANGE...
Beep Beep


THOUGHT SO. WHAT A PAIN...
HUH... THE SECOND ENGINE MECHANISM LOOKS TO BE DAMAGED.
YOU GOT ME UP FOR THIS, HUH?

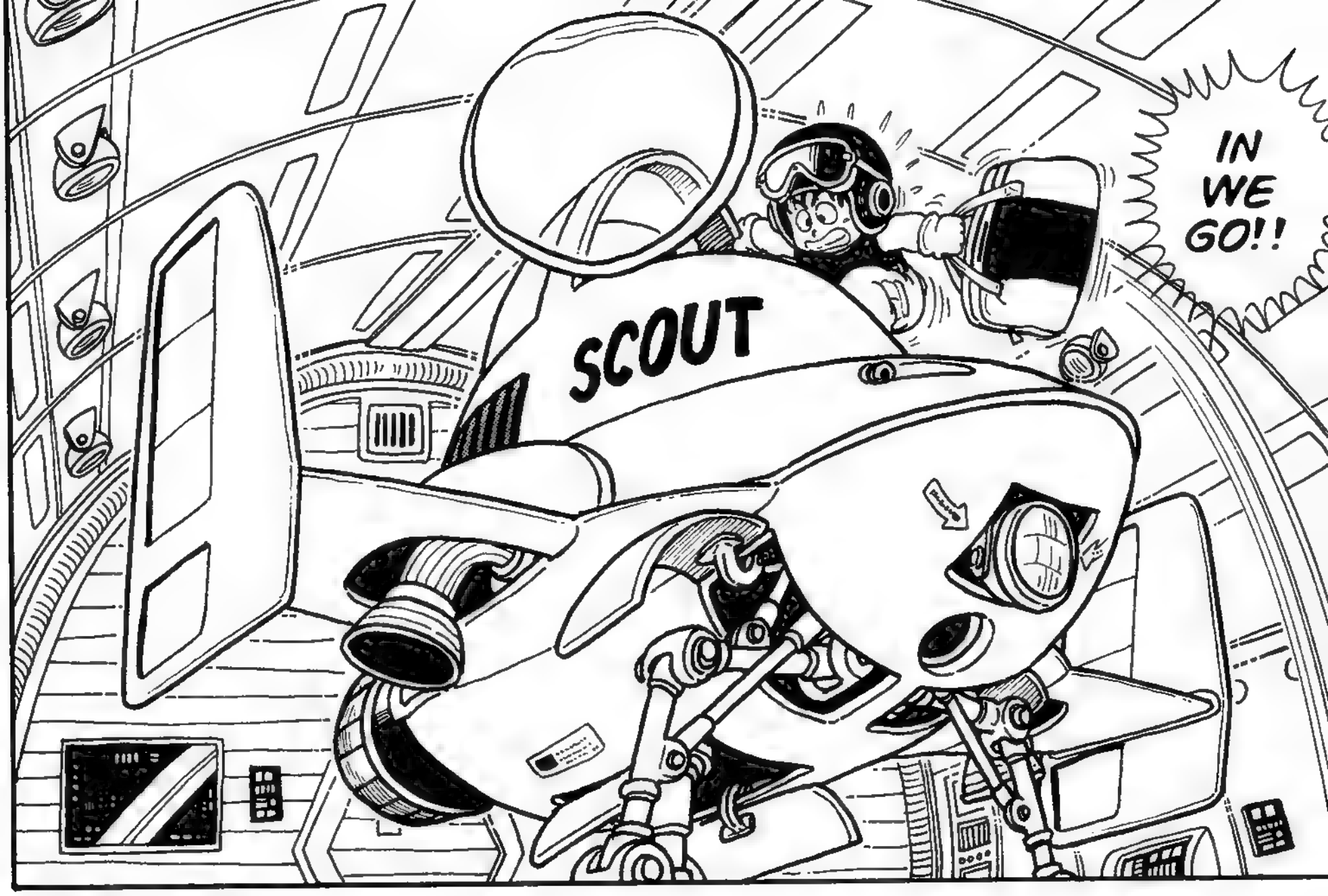
IT'S TELLING ME TO EXIT THE SHIP IMMEDIATELY OR ELSE I'LL BE LIKE, SUPER DEAD.
OH, THERE'S MORE. IN 56 SECONDS THE SHIP'S GONNA EXPLODE...
IS THAT SO...?

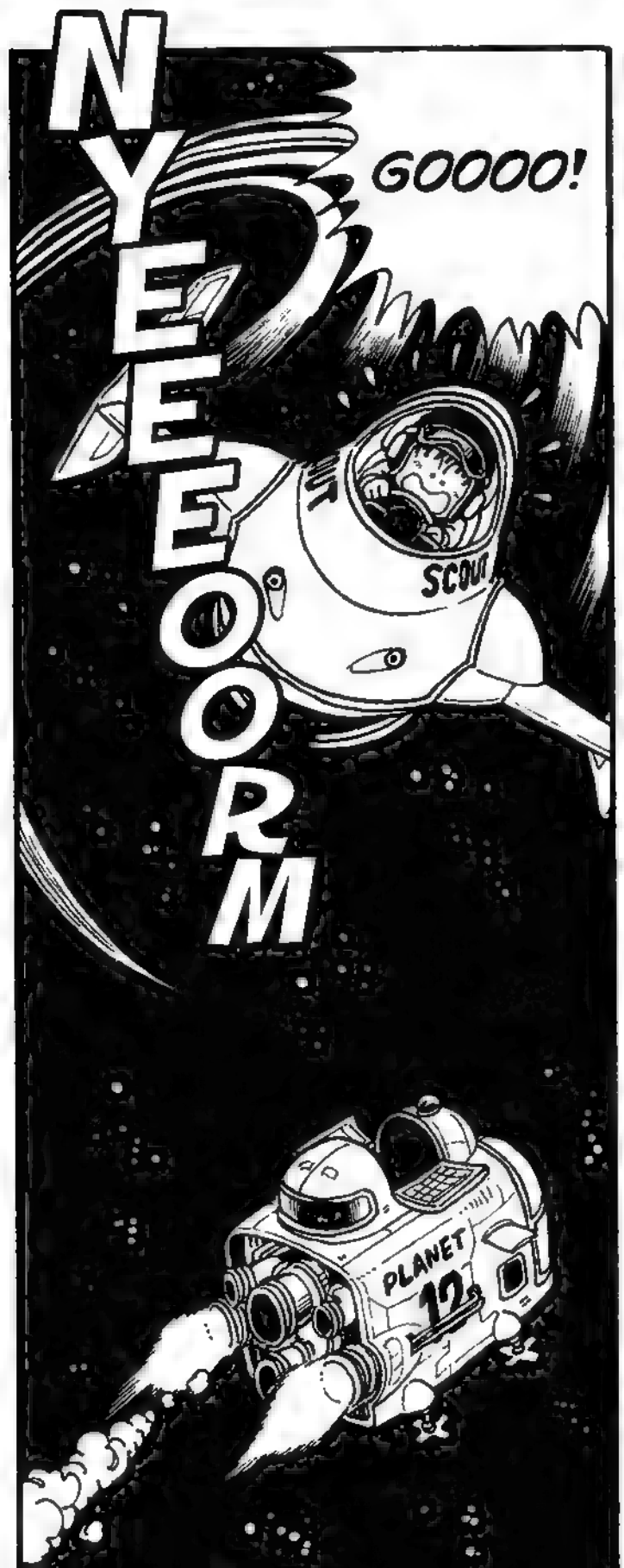

BOOP BEEP BOOP
LET'S SEE, "WHAT HAPPENED? CAN YOU DESCRIBE IT?"
BEEP BOOP BEEP


AA AA UG HH !!!

C'MON, C'MON!!
I'M NOT GONNA MAKE IT!!
CLINK CLANK CLINK

REALLY, REALLY, REALLY BAD!!
THIS IS BAD! THIS IS BAD!!
VRROOOM


SCOUT
IN WE GO!!

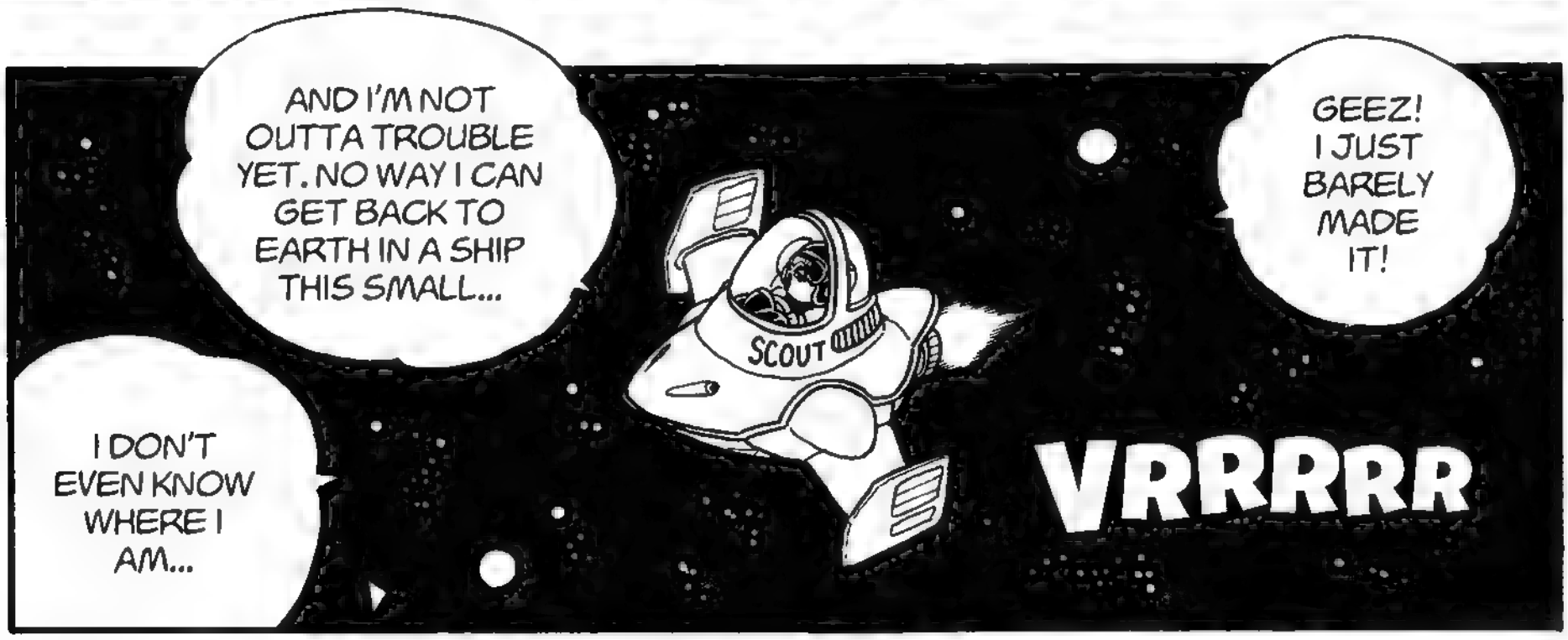

NYEEEOORM
GOOOO!
SCOUT
PLANET 12

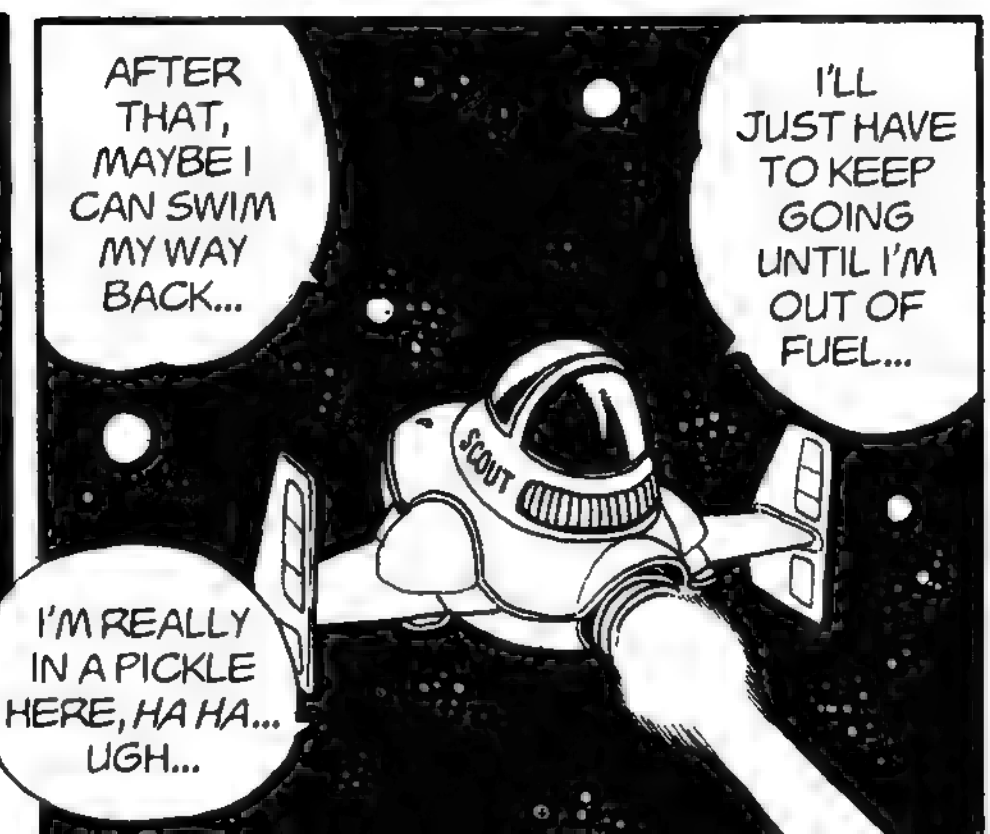
VRRRRK

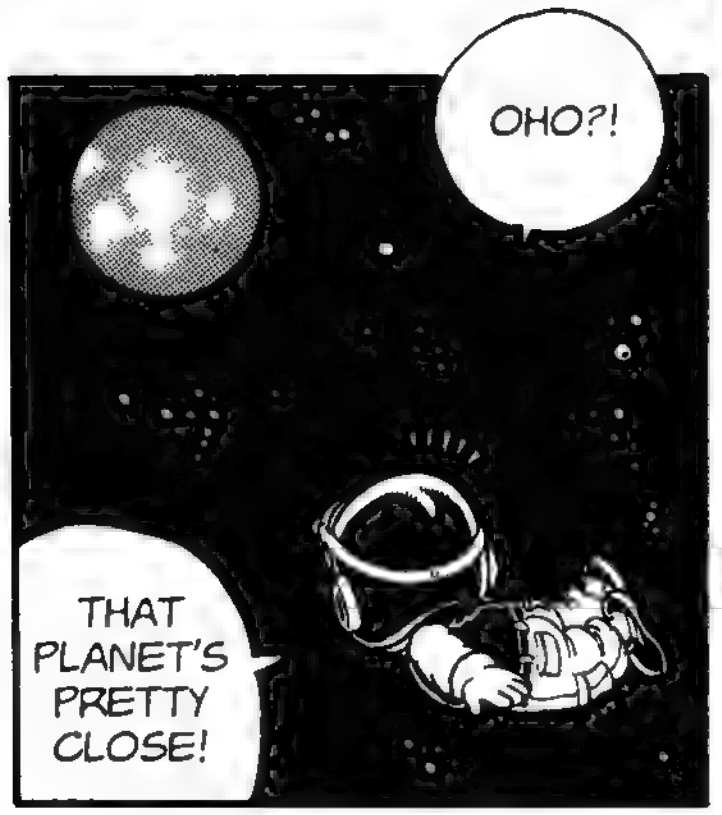
OPEEEEN SESAME!!
FWUNK
12
PLANET 12

KABOOOM

YIKES!







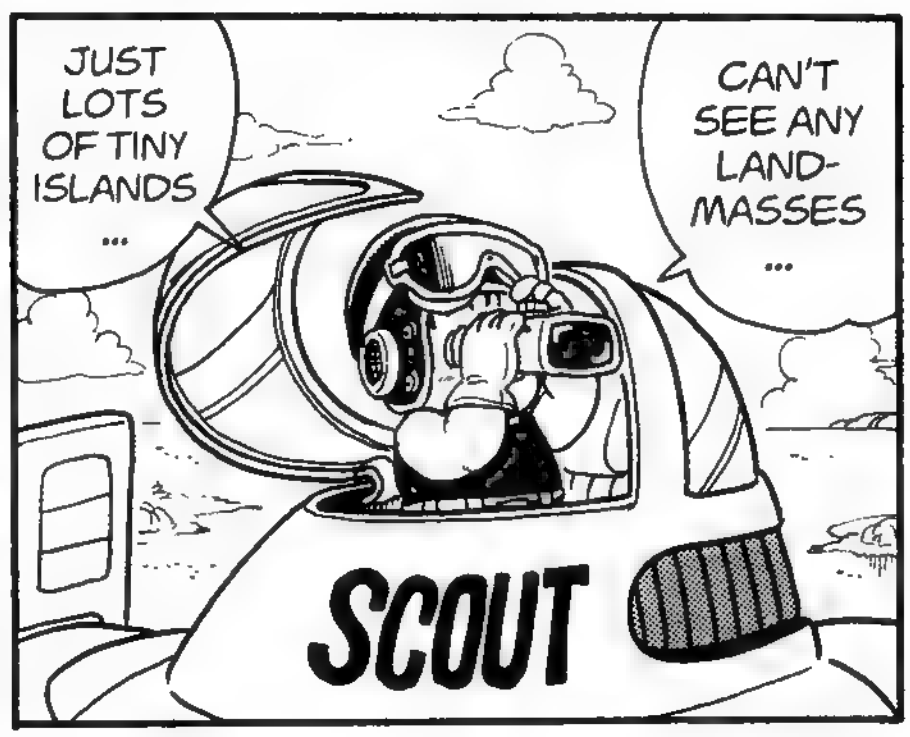
VRRRRM

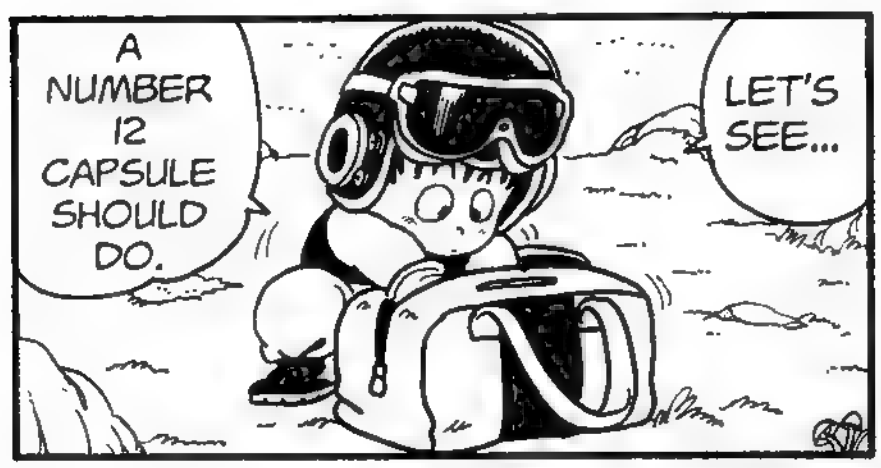
SCOUT

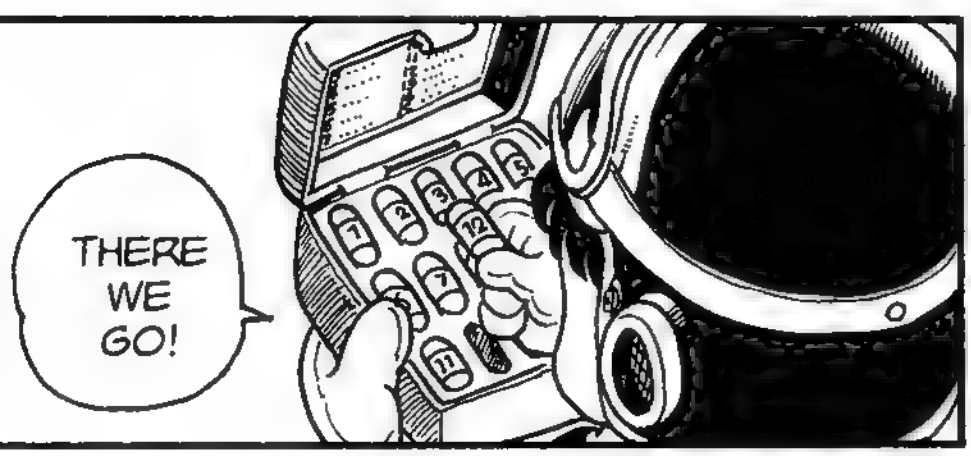
FIRST A SAFE LANDING, THEN I NEED A BREAK!!

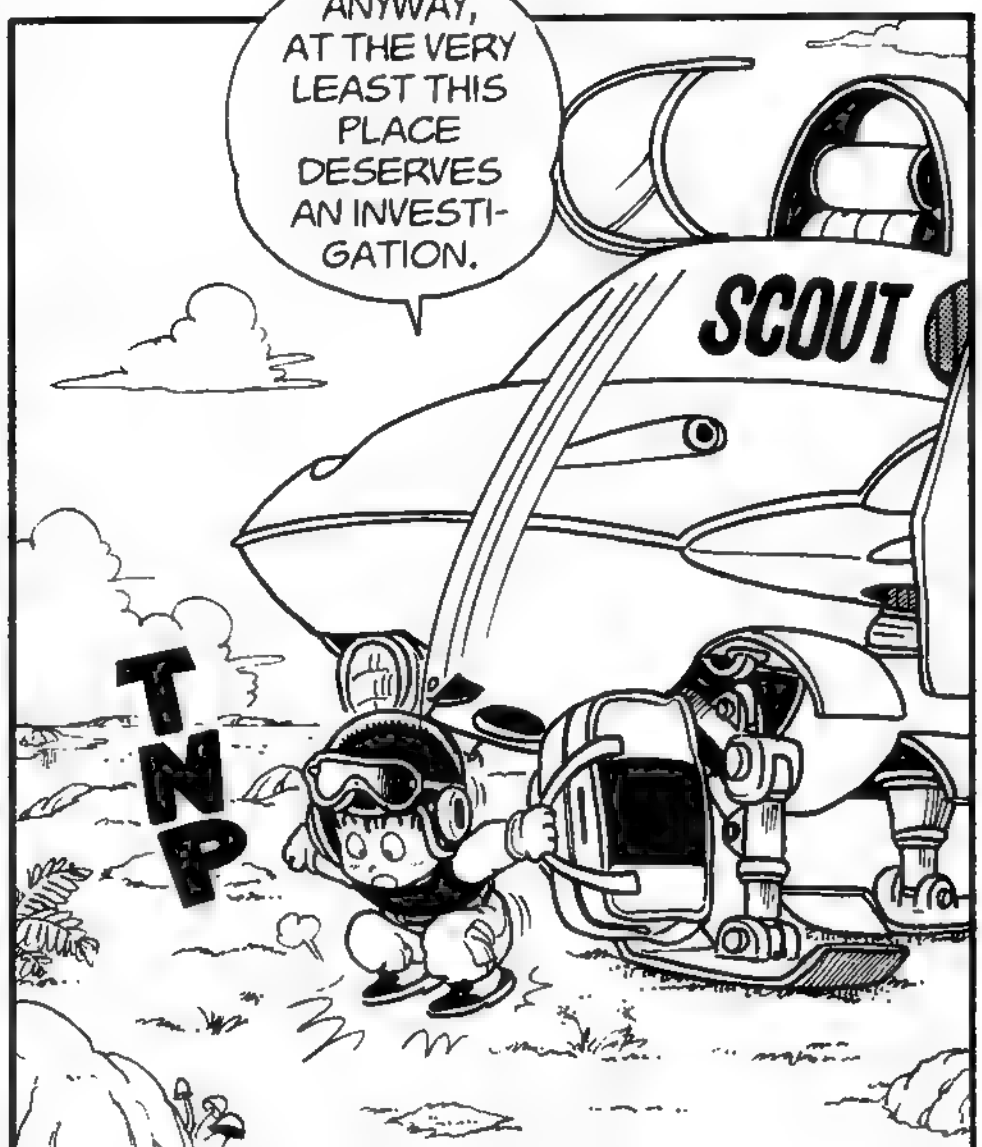
WHOLE PLACE IS PRACTICALLY COVERED IN WATER!!

WOW, PRETTY WEIRD PLANET!!

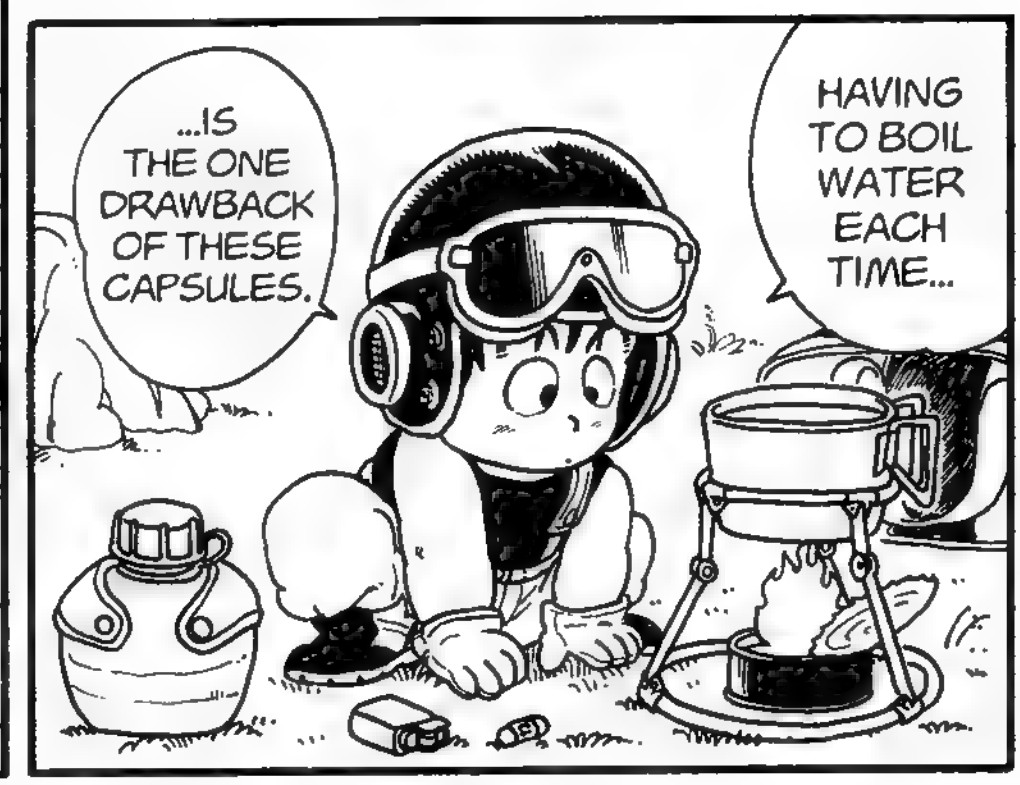


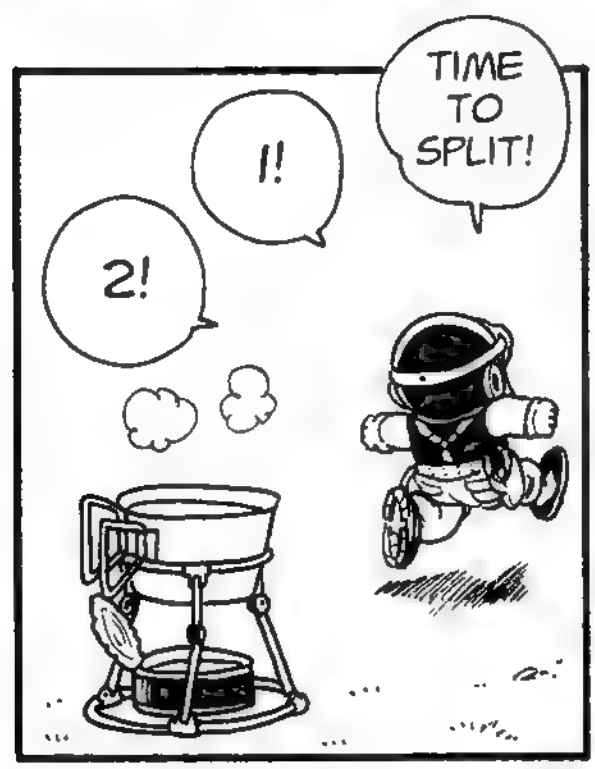






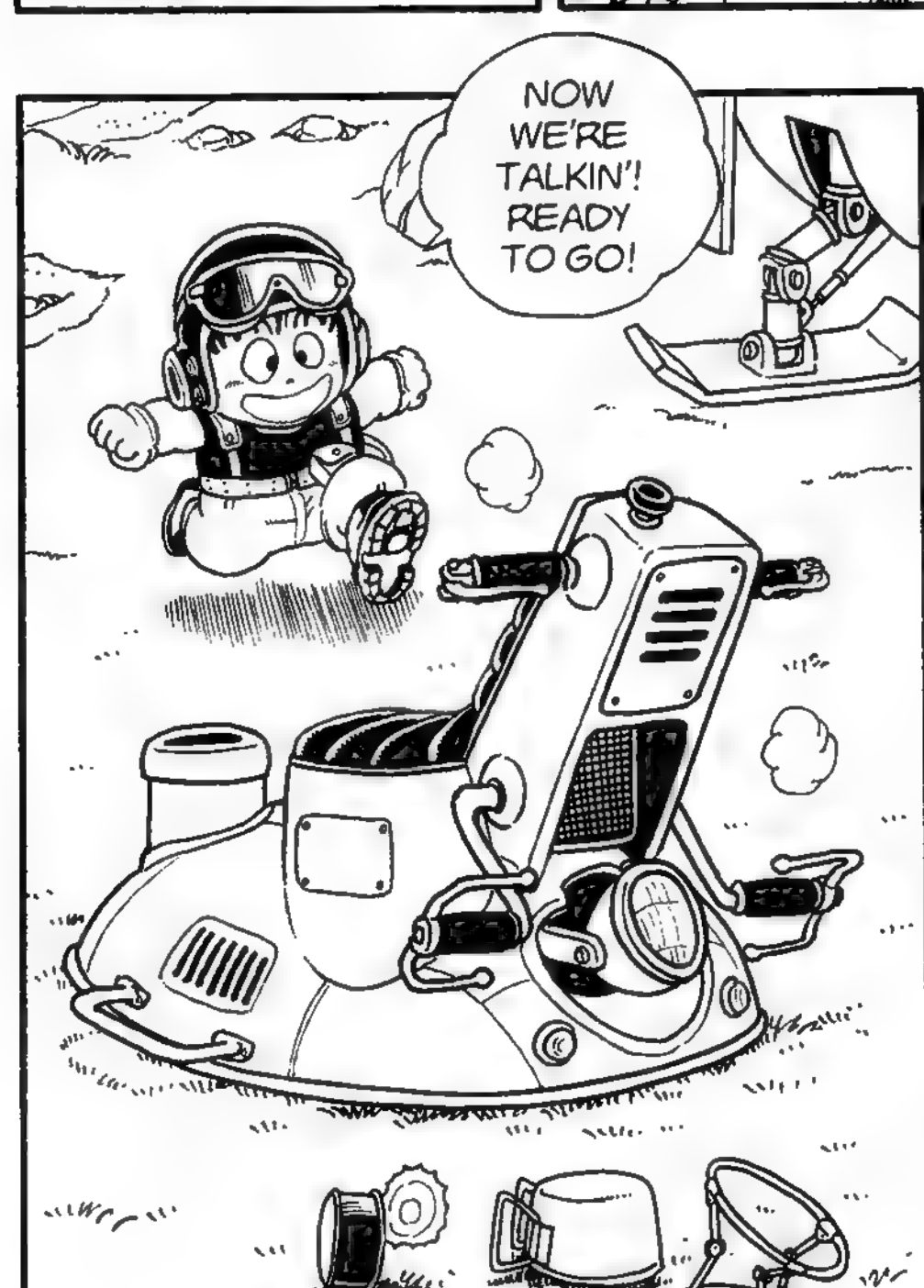
I SHOULD PROBABLY BRING A PISTOL TO BE SAFE.
I DUNNO WHAT FORMS OF LIFE ARE OUT THERE.

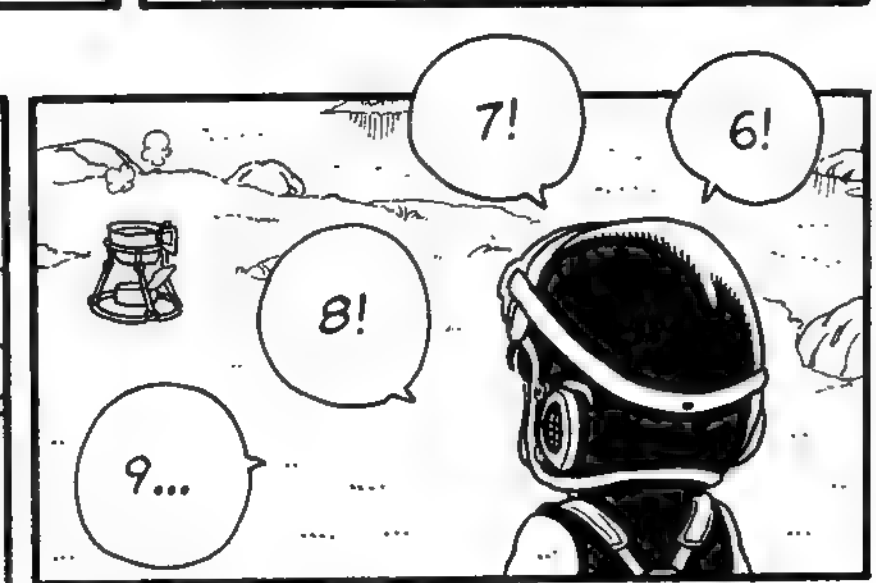

...IS THE ONE DRAWBACK OF THESE CAPSULES.
HAVING TO BOIL WATER EACH TIME...


TIME TO SPLIT!
1!
2!

PLOOP

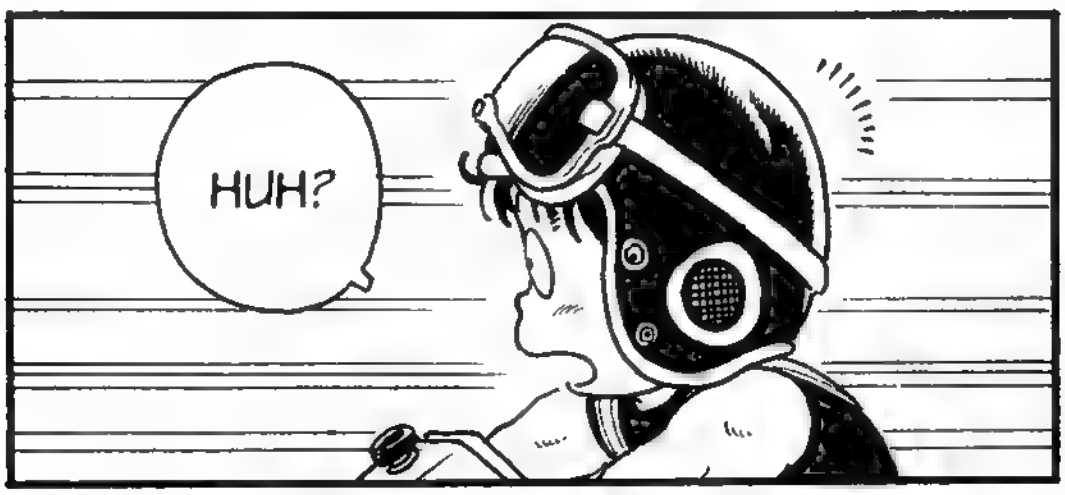
OKAY, LOOKS READY!
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE


NOW WE'RE TALKIN'! READY TO GO!


7!
6!
8!
9...

POOF

SHYOOOOOM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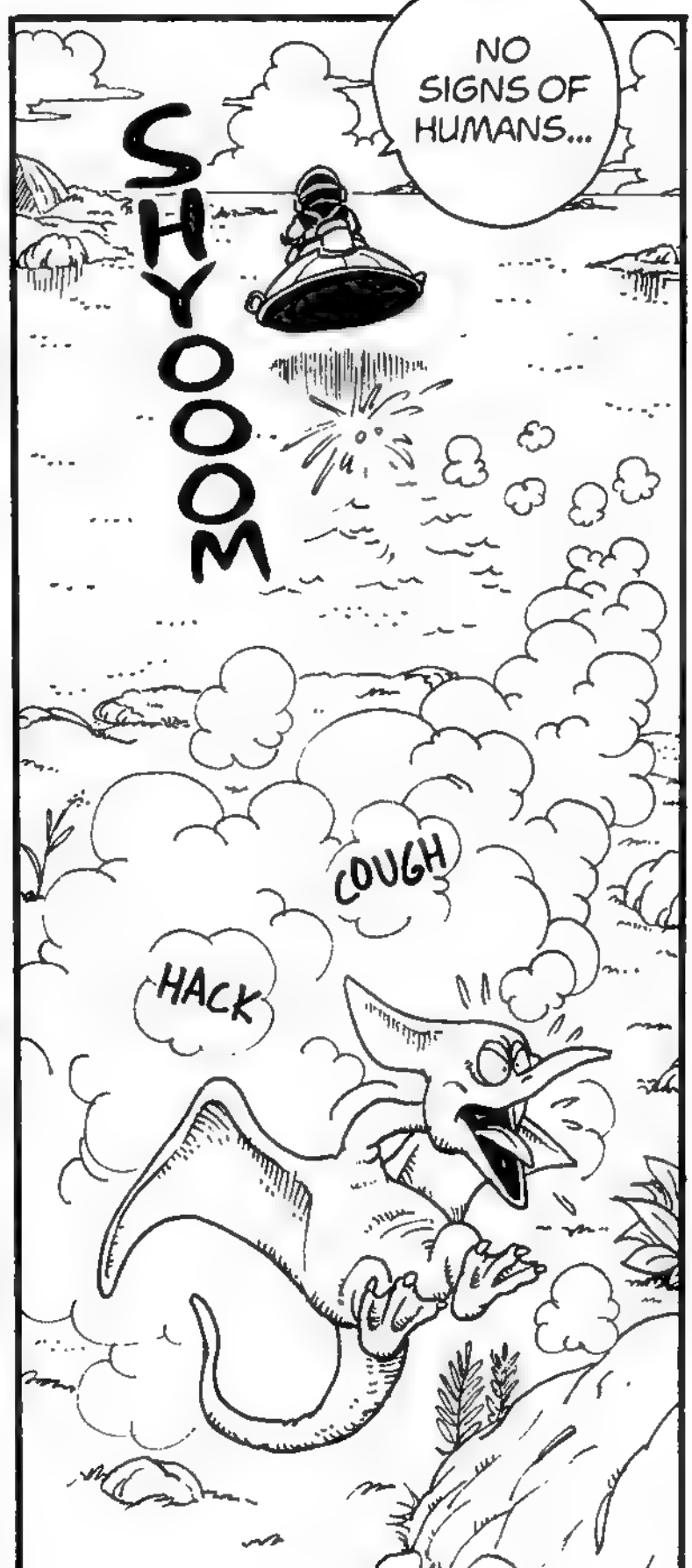
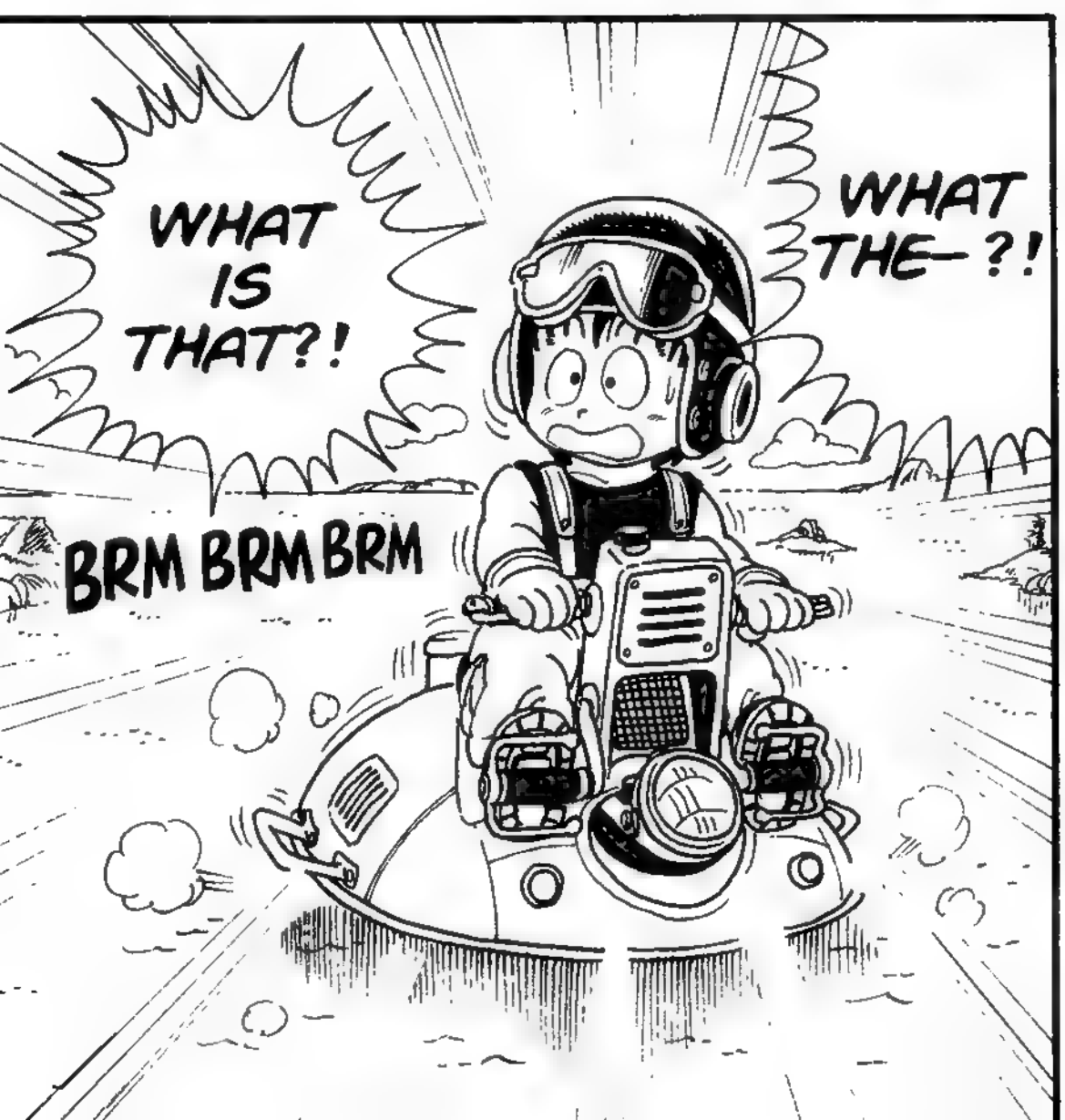
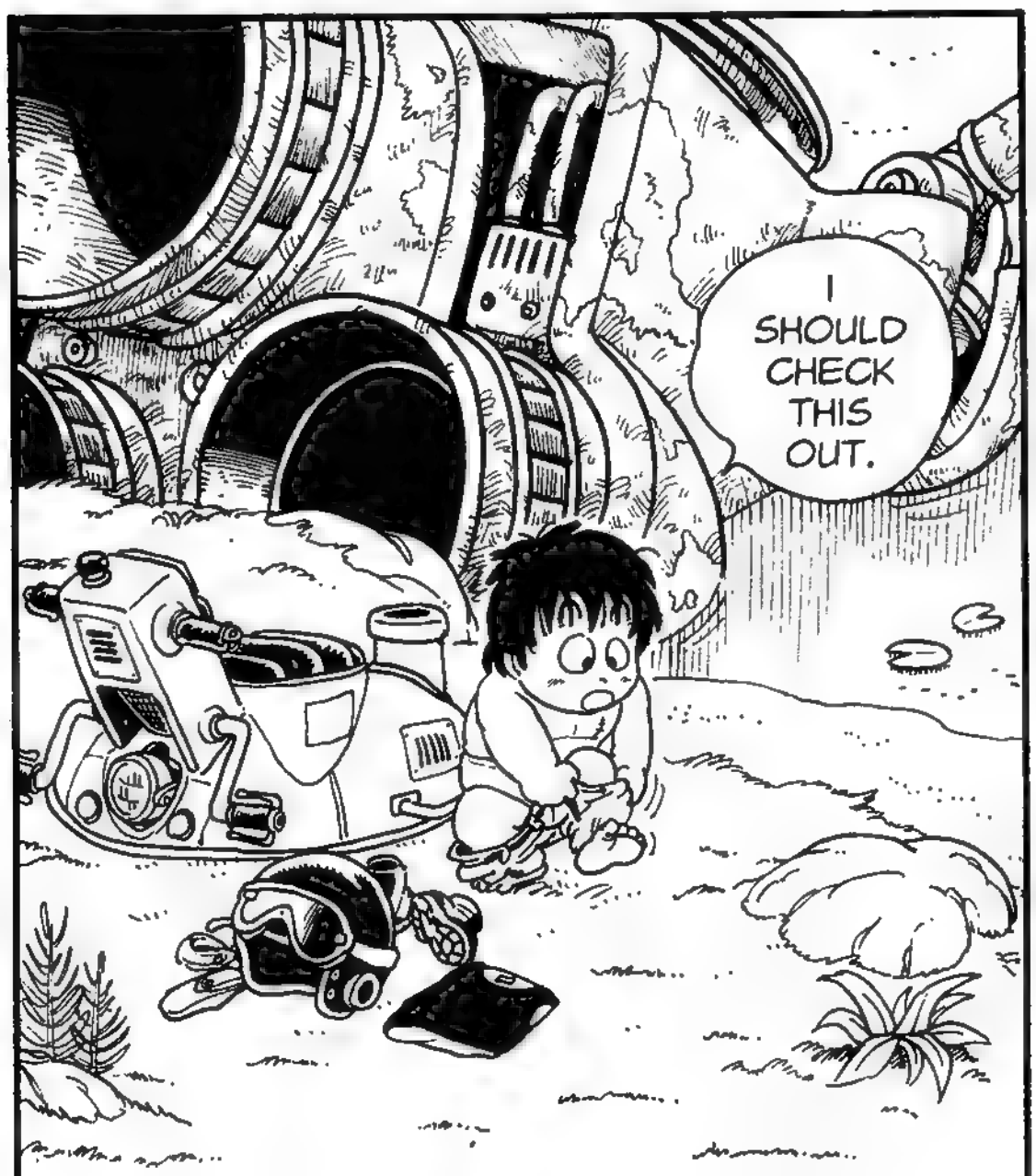
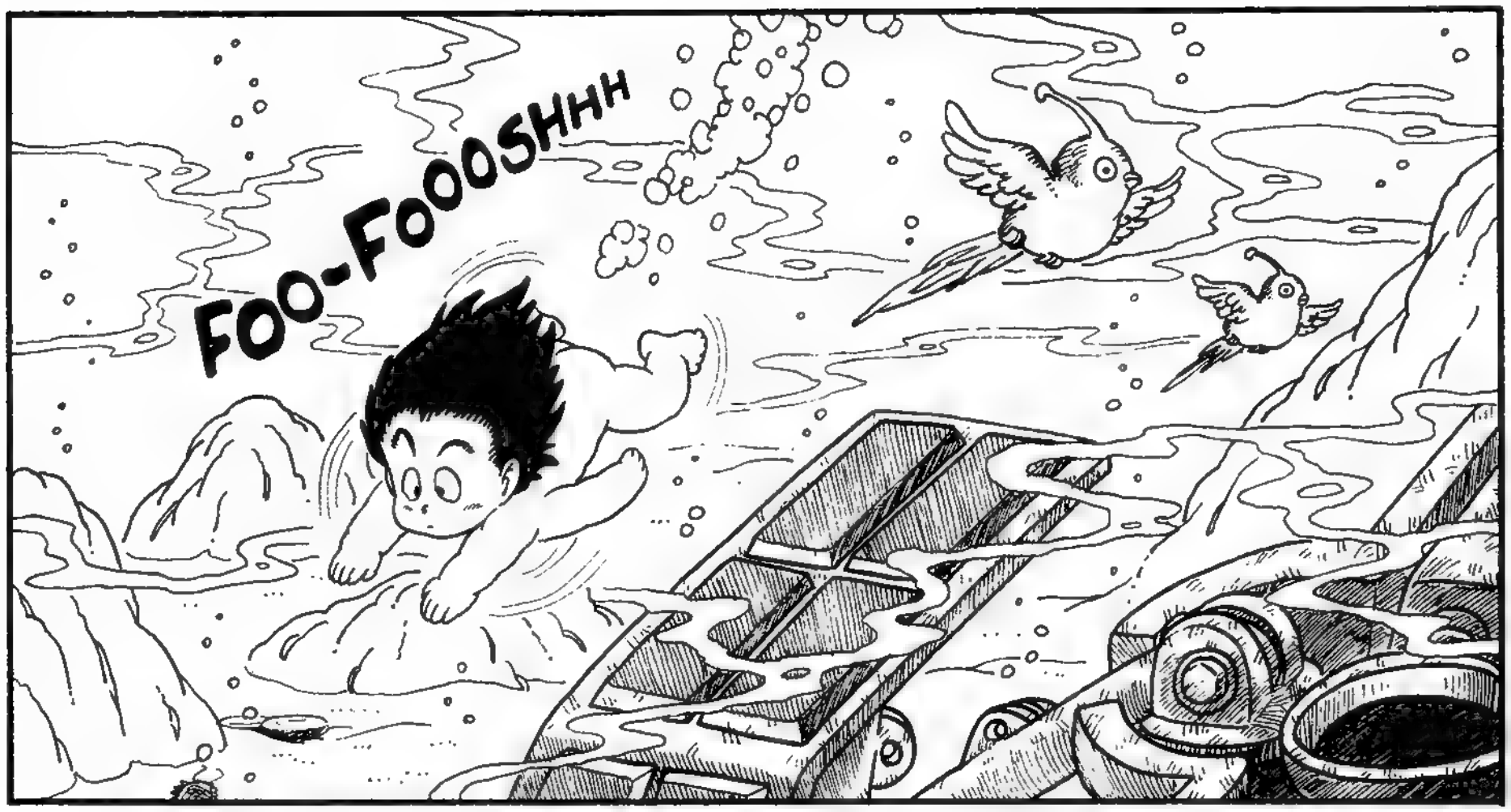

NO SIGNS OF HUMANS...
SHYOOOM
COUGH
HACK


WHAT IS THAT?!
WHAT THE—?!
BRM BRM BRM

LOOKS LIKE THE REMAINS OF A SPACESHIP OR SOME-THING!!

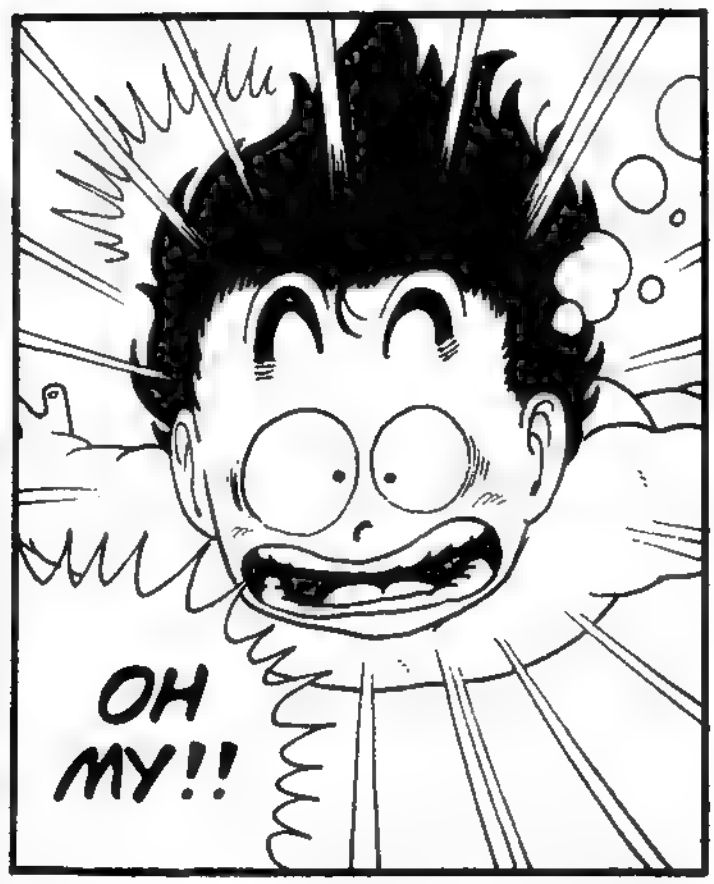
WOULDJA LOOK AT THAT!!




FOO-FOOOSHHH

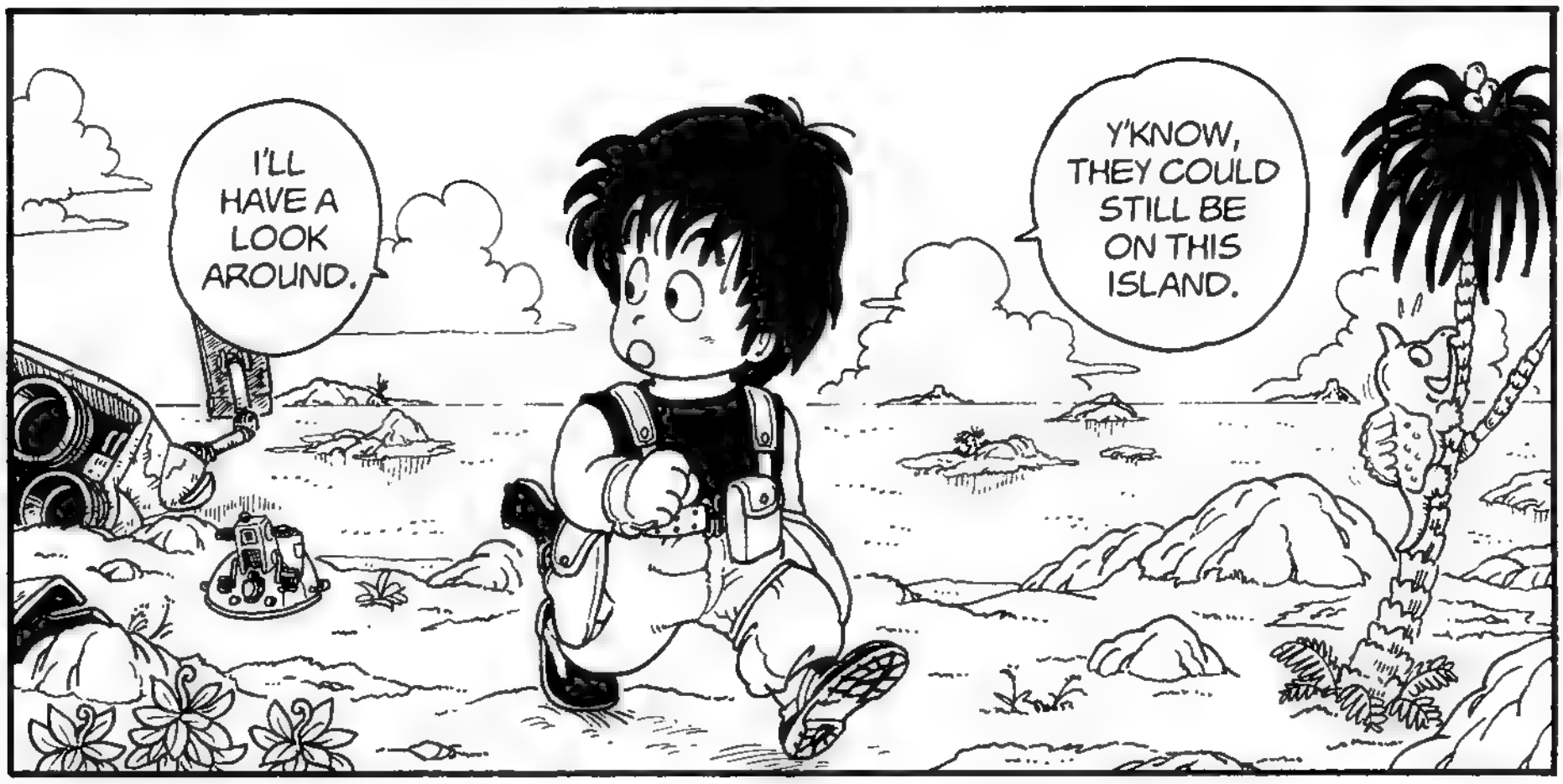
THIS IS THE PLANET 8!

LOOKS LESS LIKE A BOTCHED LANDING AND MORE LIKE IT WAS BLOWN UP...


OH MY!!

PRETTY SURE THE 8 HAD THREE CREW MEMBERS. I HOPE THEY'RE OKAY...
GEEZ... I GUESS THEY CAME HERE TO INVESTIGATE AND THERE WAS SOME KINDA ACCIDENT.

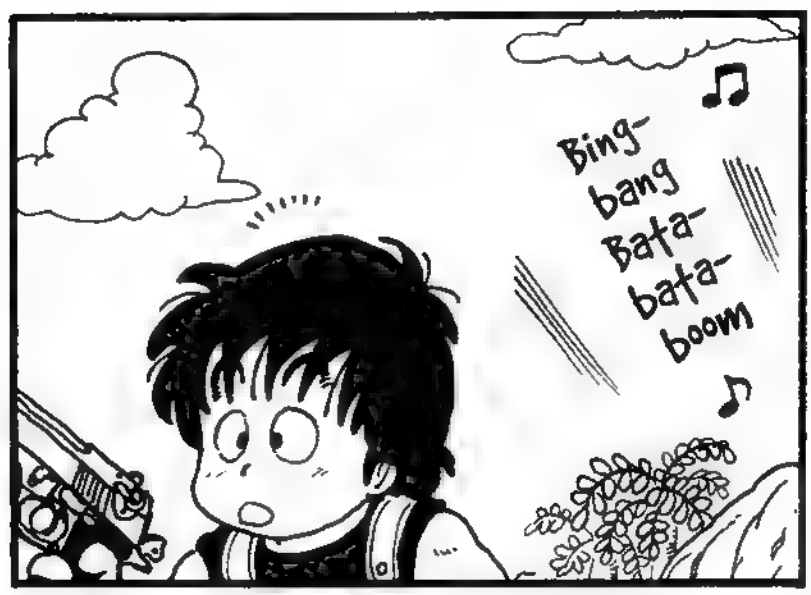
THE PLANET 8 LEFT EARTH TWO YEARS AGO...
CROAK
WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED HERE...?

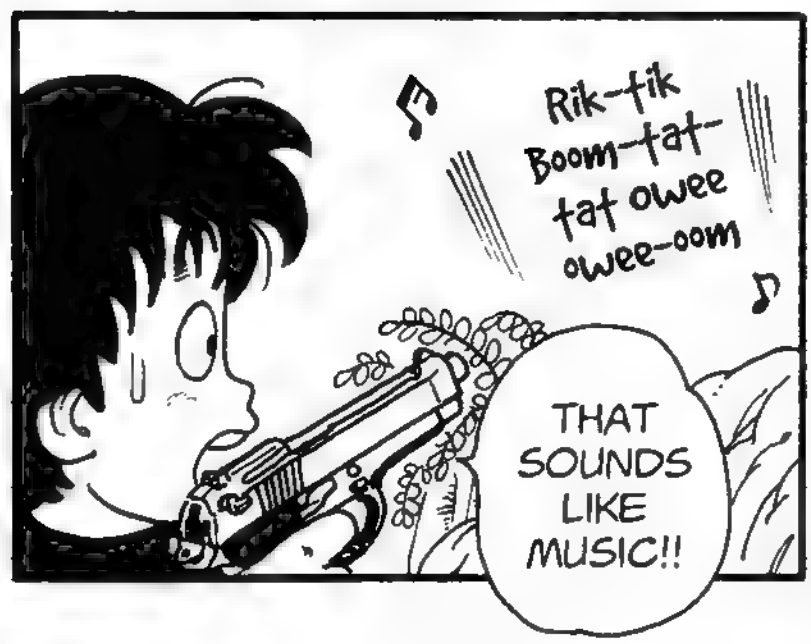

I'LL HAVE A LOOK AROUND.
Y'KNOW, THEY COULD STILL BE ON THIS ISLAND.

LOOKS LIKE HE WAS SHOT! WHAT HAPPENED HERE?!

GUESS THEY DIDN'T MAKE IT...

WHOA!


Bing-bang Bata-bata-boom


Rik-tik Boom-tat-tat owee owee-oom
THAT SOUNDS LIKE MUSIC!!

AS GRIM AS THAT SEEMS...
THEY MIGHT'VE TURNED ON EACH OTHER...

!!
Zu-beng-beng Pop-beng-click Braaaam
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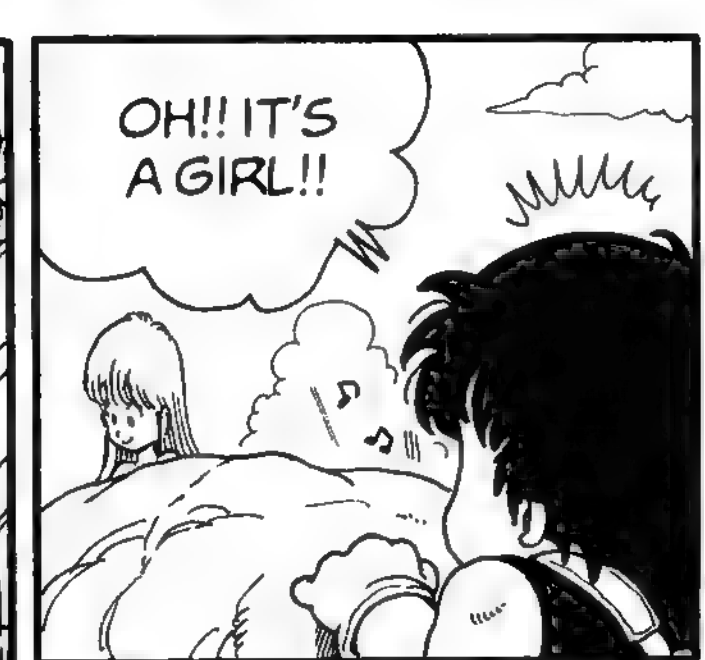
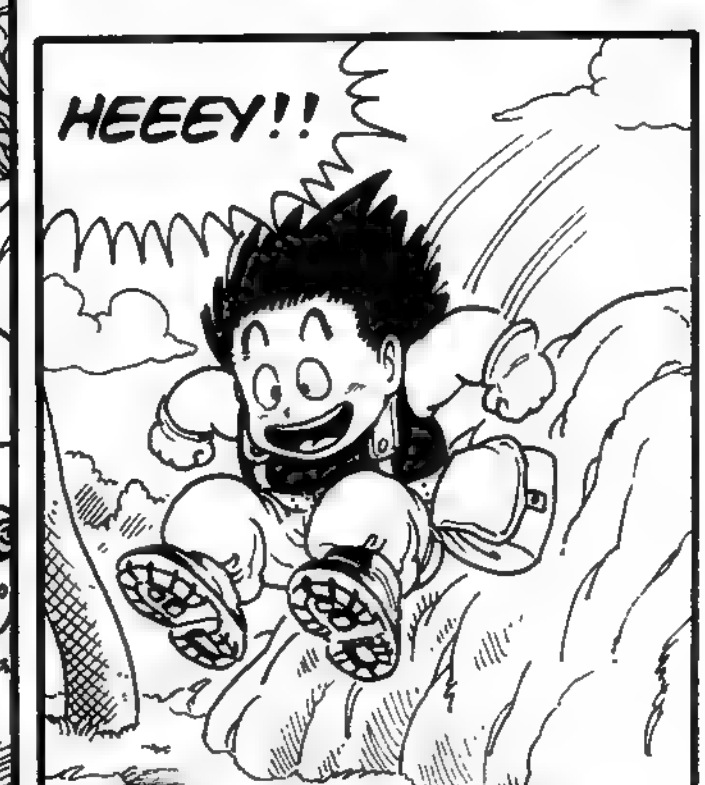
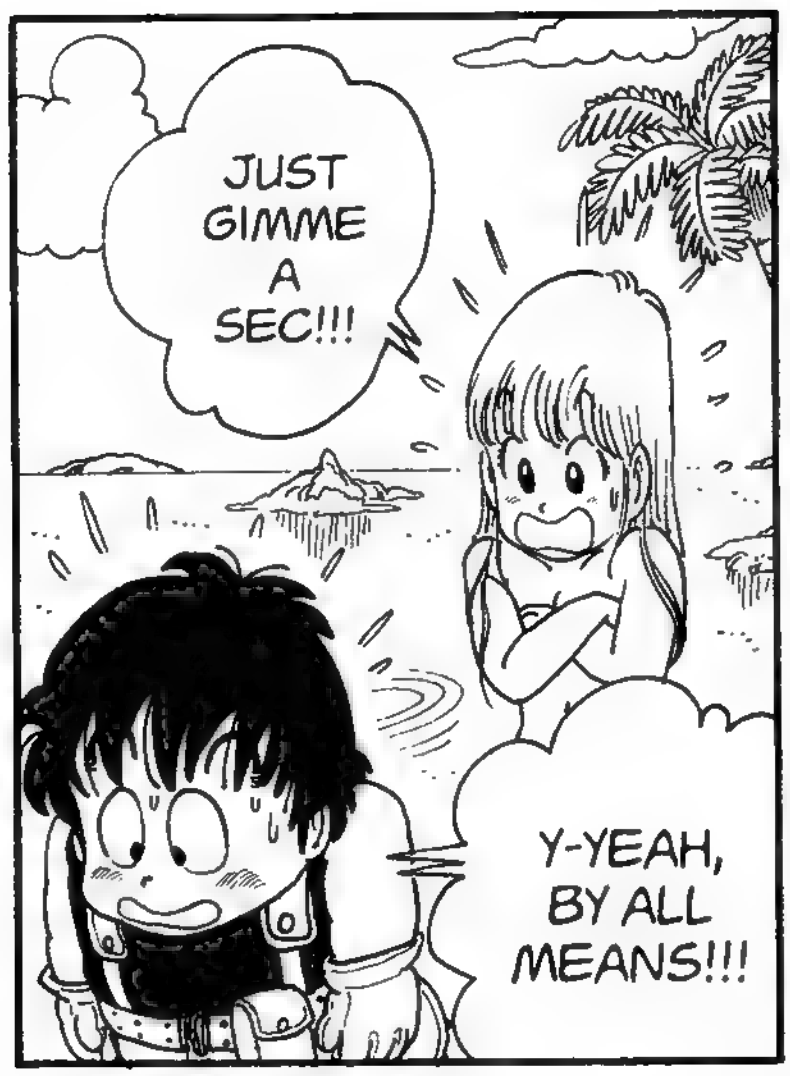
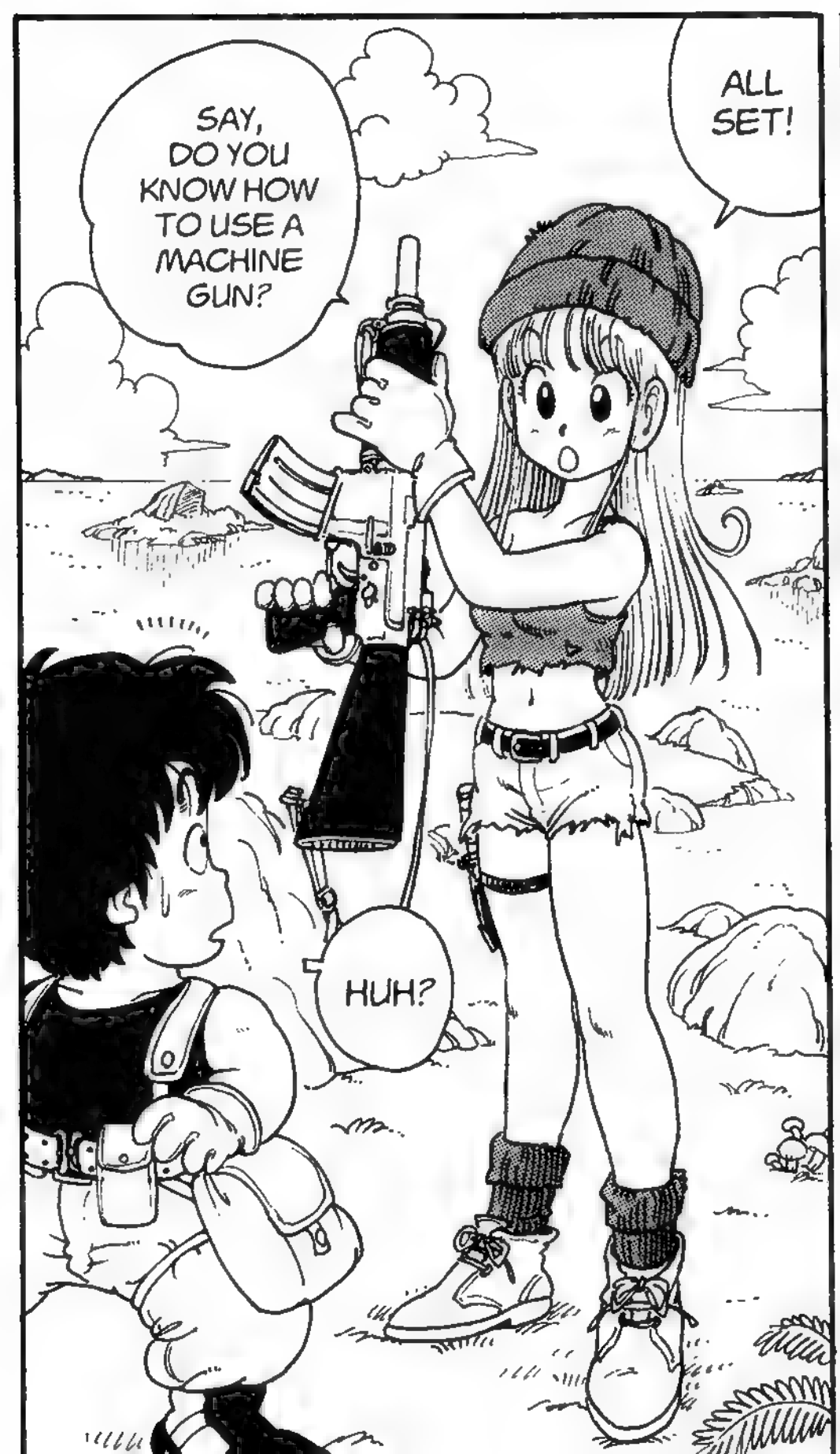
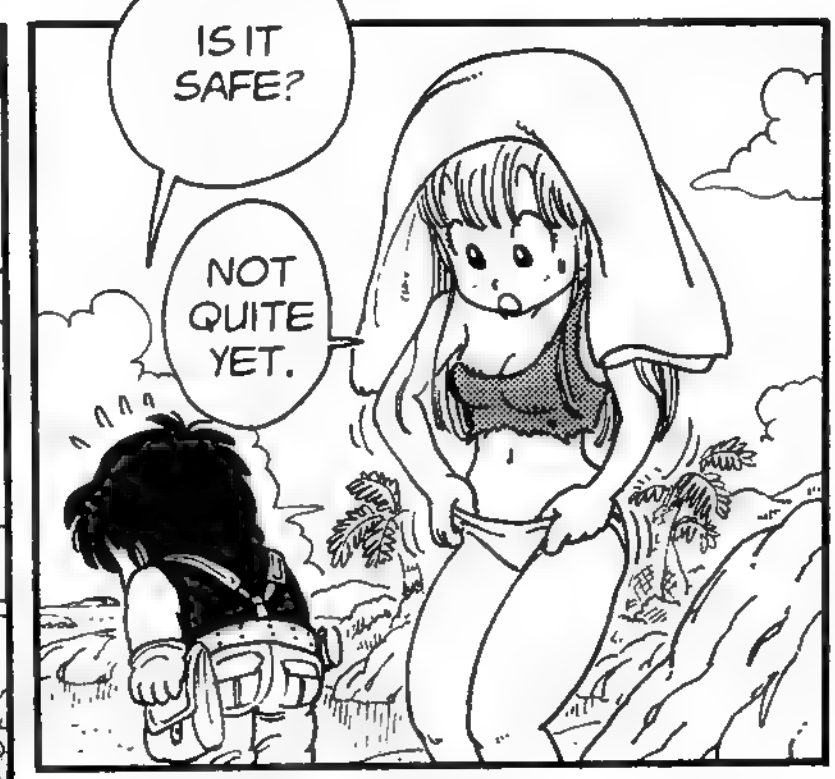

OH!! IT'S A GIRL!!

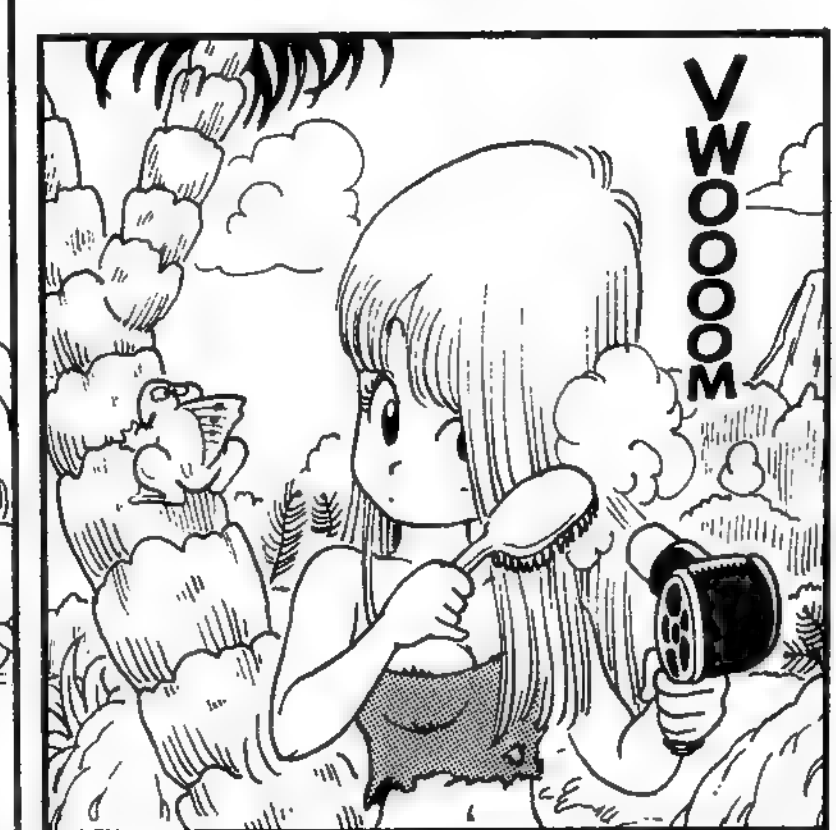

HEEEY!!

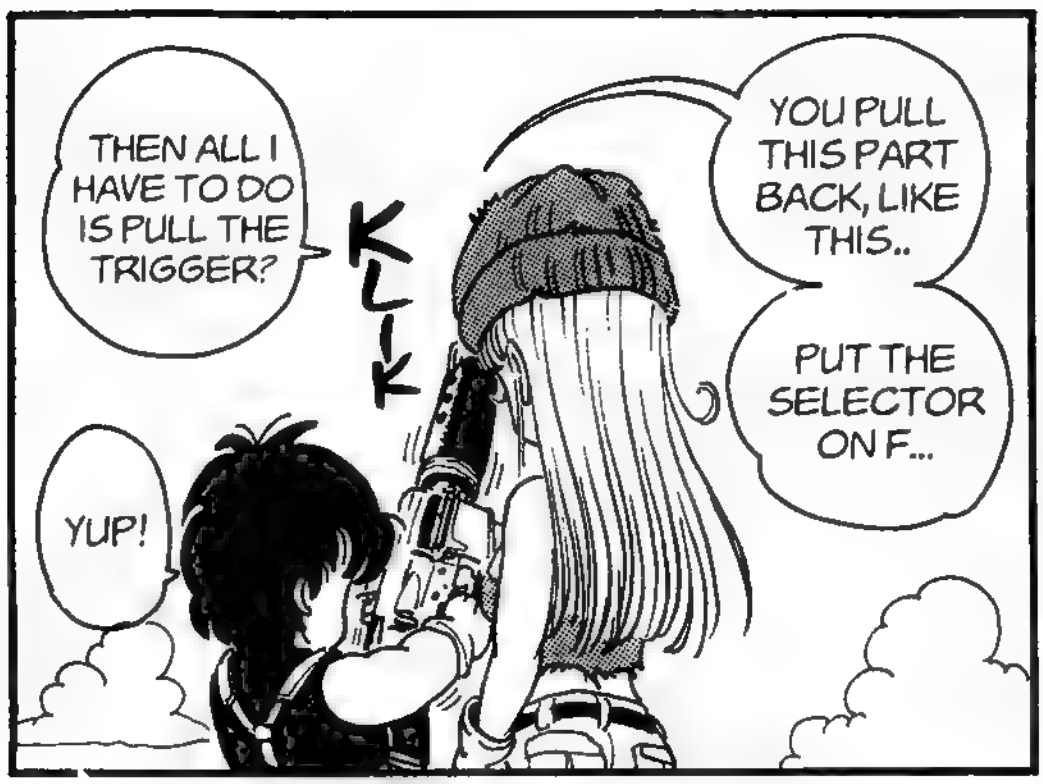

JUST GIMME A SEC!!!
Y-YEAH, BY ALL MEANS!!!

AAAAAHHH! EEEEEEK!!


SAY, DO YOU KNOW HOW TO USE A MACHINE GUN?
ALL SET!
HUH?

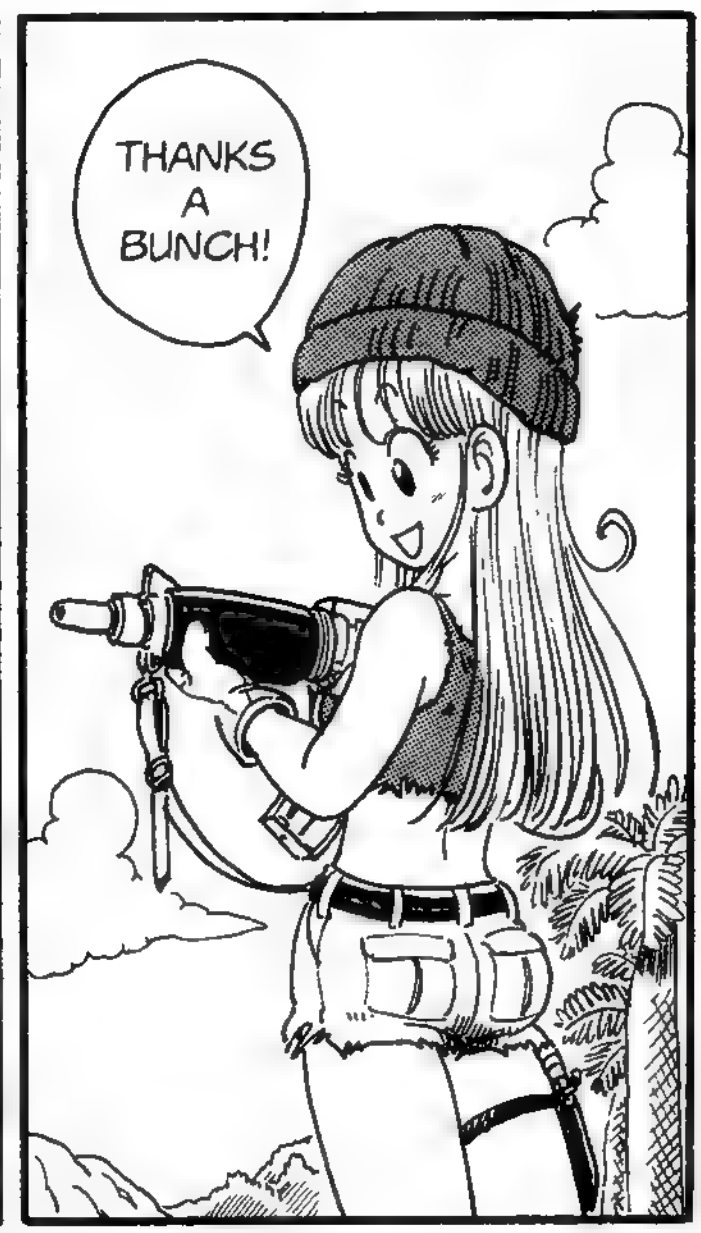

IS IT SAFE?
NOT QUITE YET.


VWOOOM

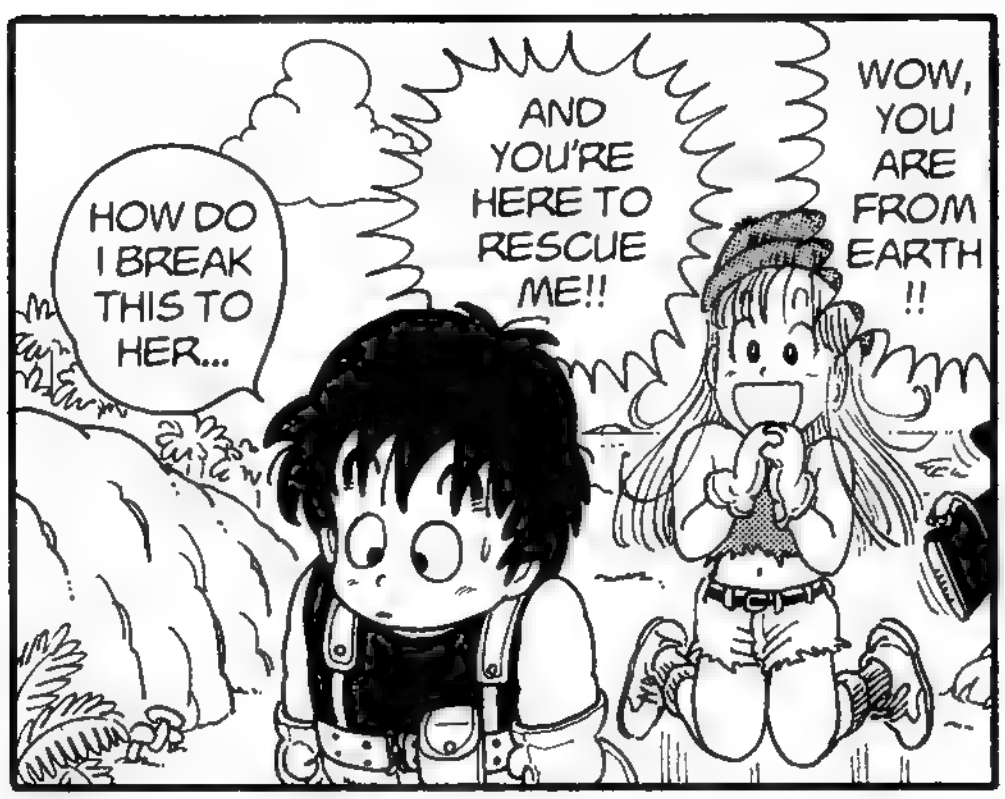

THEN ALL I HAVE TO DO IS PULL THE TRIGGER?
KLIK
YOU PULL THIS PART BACK, LIKE THIS..
PUT THE SELECTOR ON F...
YUP!

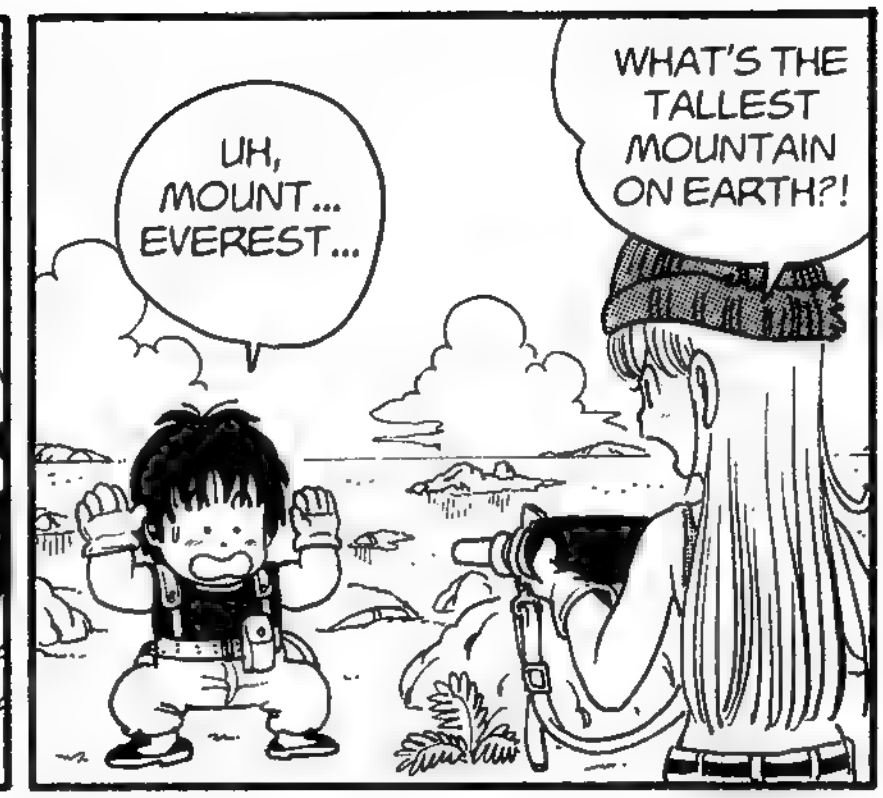
EVER USED ONE BE-FORE?
THIS IS A...

RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT
WAAAH! HYAAA!!
WHAT'RE YOU HERE FOR?! ALIEN SCUM!!

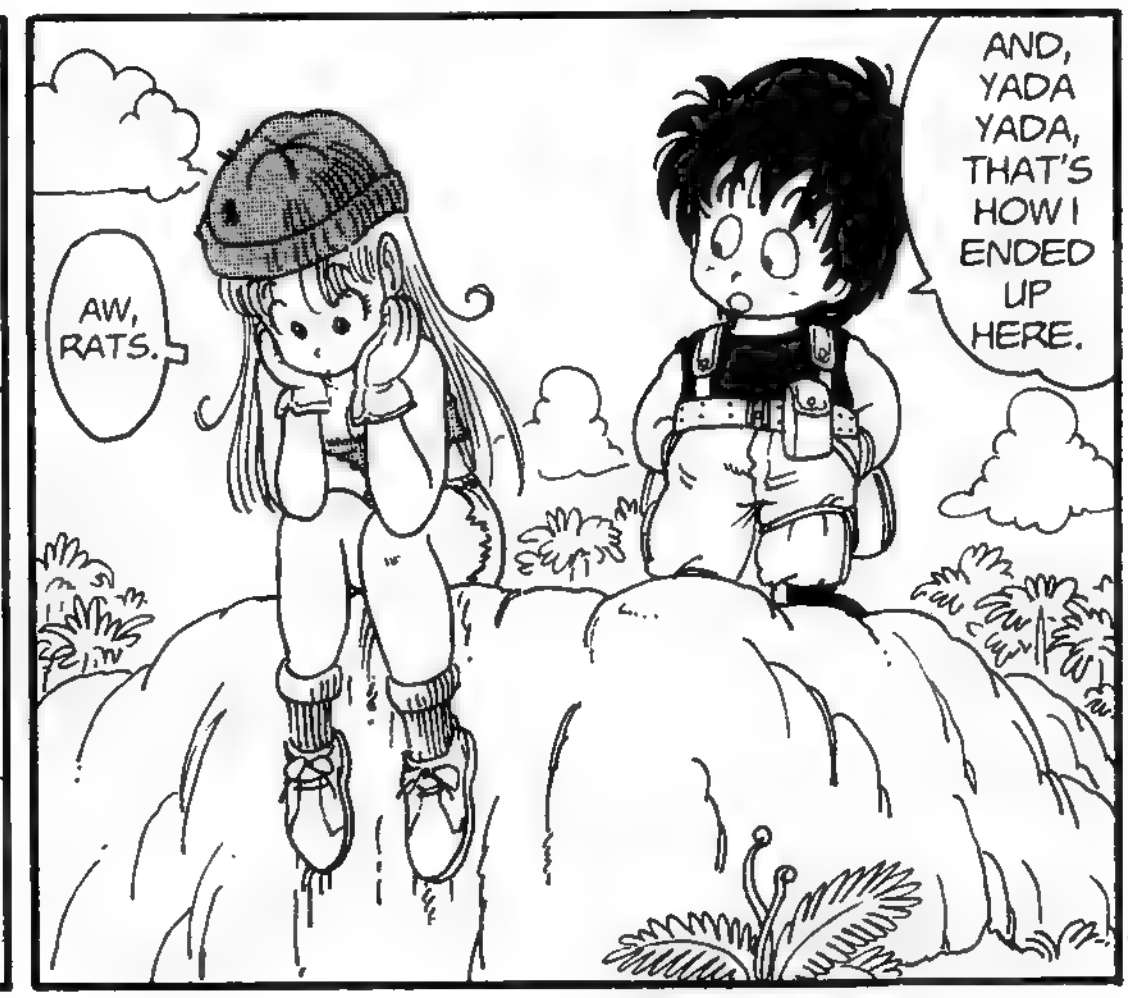

THANKS A BUNCH!

I'M FROM EARTH!!
PLEASE, HOLD ON A SEC!!!
NOTHING BUT LIES!

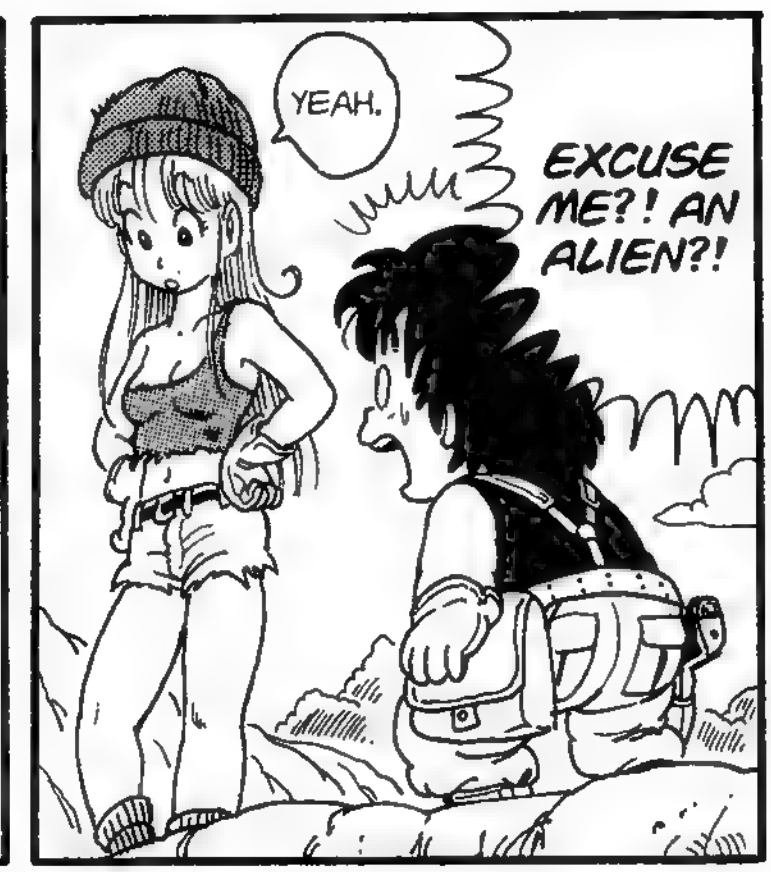

HOW DO I BREAK THIS TO HER...
AND YOU'RE HERE TO RESCUE ME!!
WOW, YOU ARE FROM EARTH !!


UH, MOUNT... EVEREST...
WHAT'S THE TALLEST MOUNTAIN ON EARTH?!

OH, HE'S GONE TOO...
I SAW A SKELETON EARLIER, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER CREW MEMBER?


AW, RATS.
AND, YADA YADA, THAT'S HOW I ENDED UP HERE.

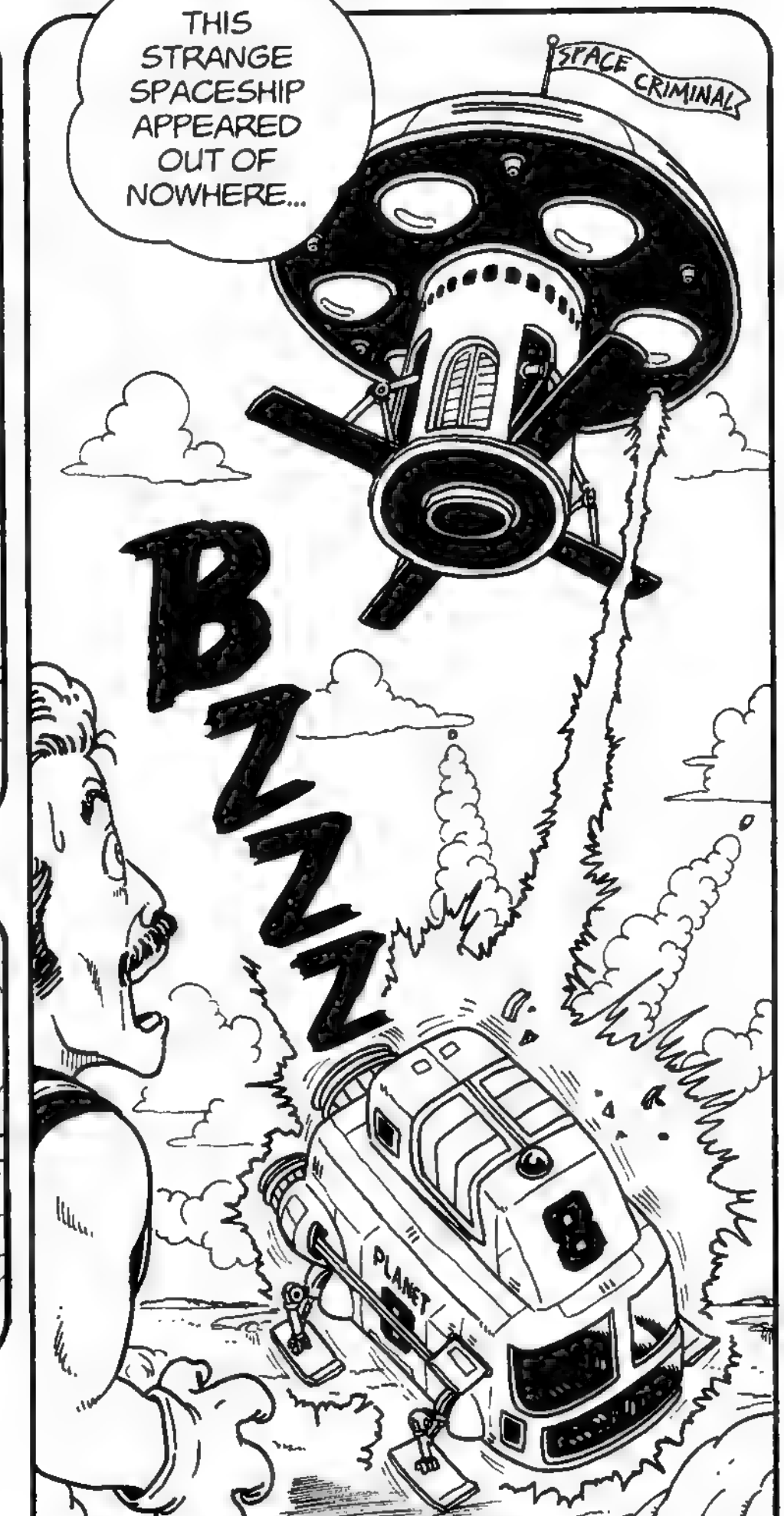
SO... WHAT HAP-PENED?

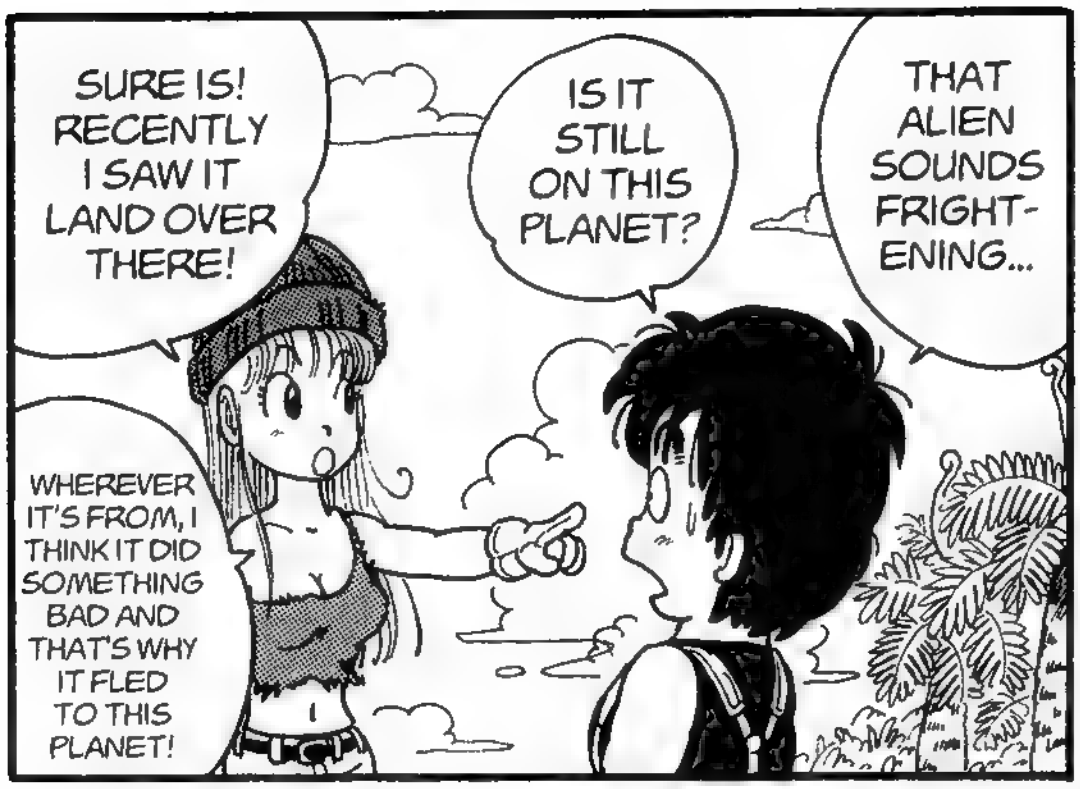

YEAH.
EXCUSE ME?! AN ALIEN?!

IT WAS THE ALIEN THAT KILLED 'EM!

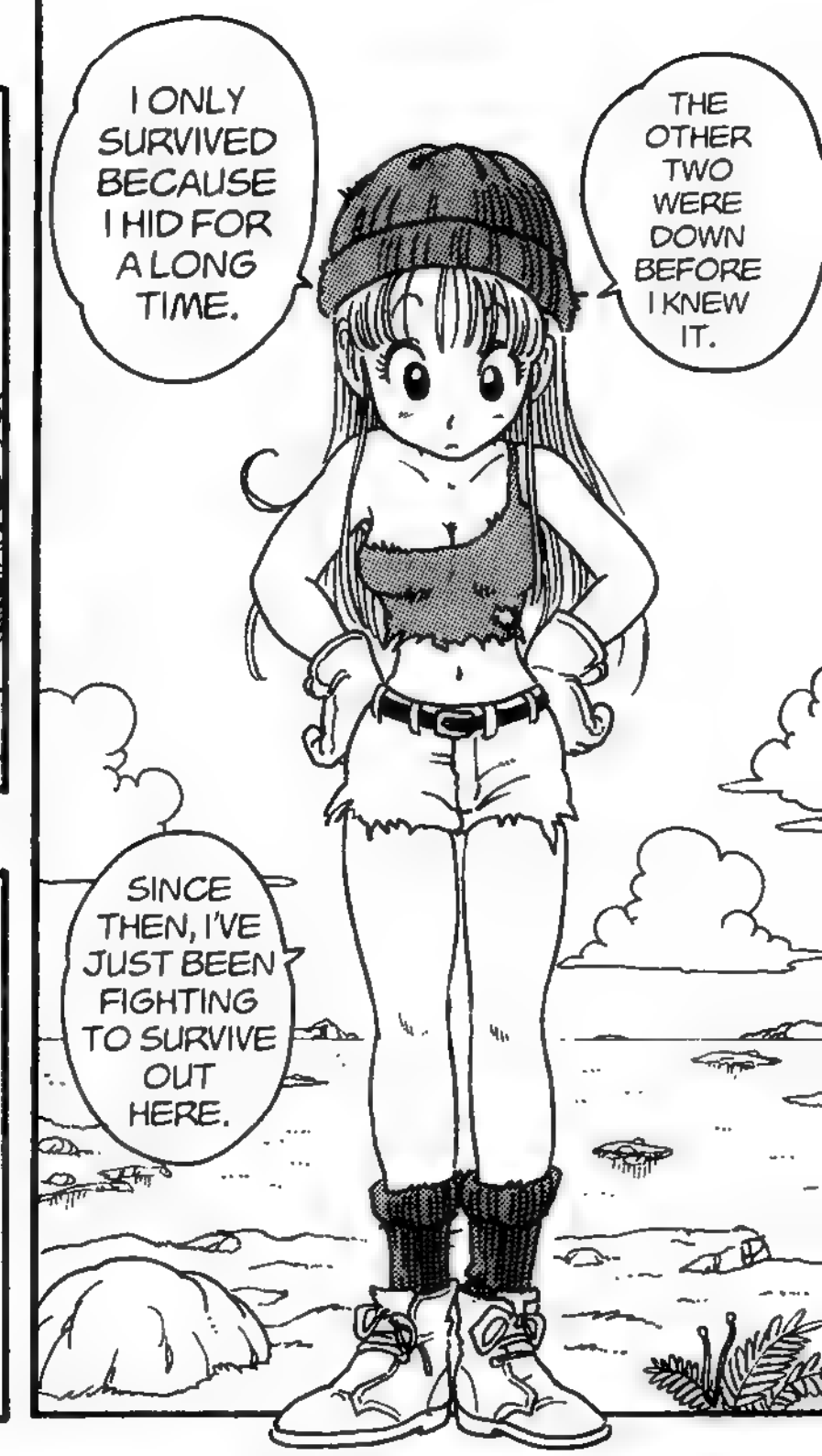
IT SEEMS SO LONG AGO NOW, BUT THIS PLANET WAS IN OUR REGION FOR INVESTIGATION, SO WE BROUGHT THE *PLANET 8* DOWN HERE...

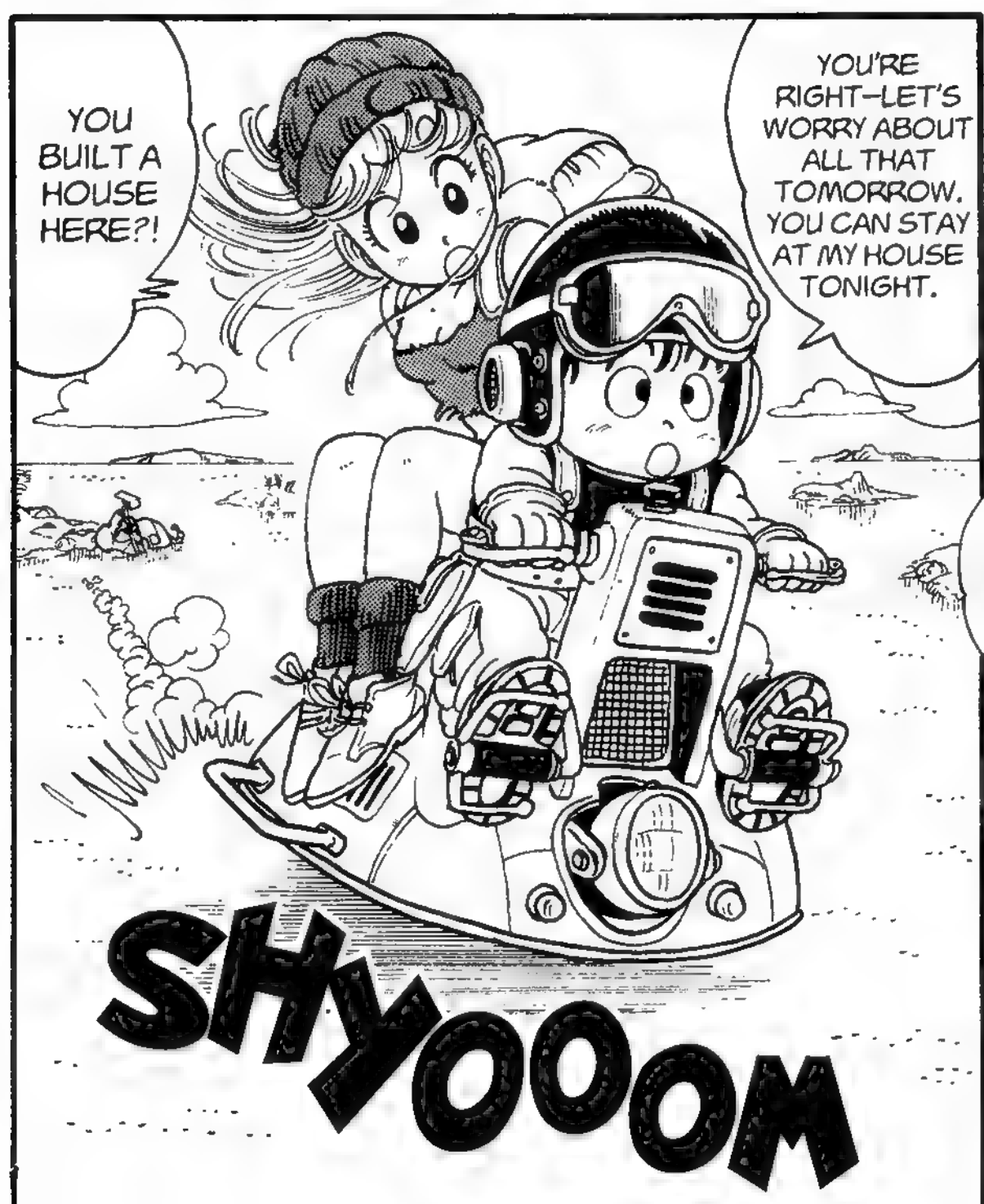
THEN, TWO DAYS INTO OUR INVES-TIGATION, IT HAPPENED...

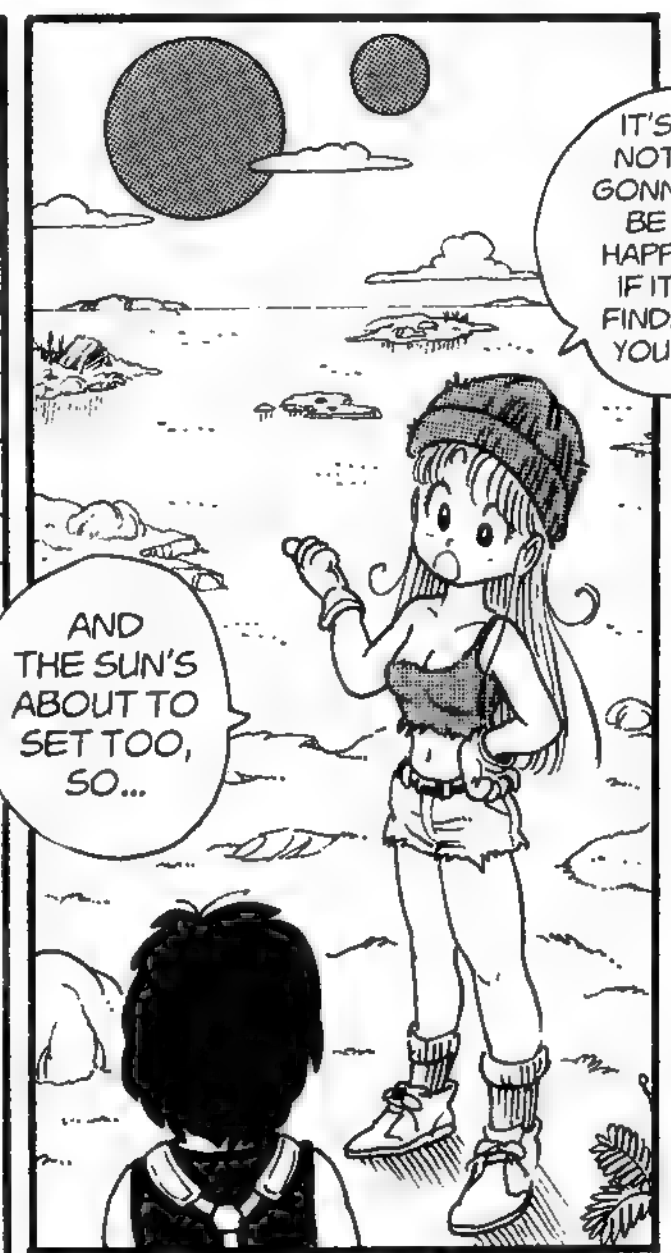



SURE IS! RECENTLY I SAW IT LAND OVER THERE!
IS IT STILL ON THIS PLANET?
THAT ALIEN SOUNDS FRIGHT-ENING...
WHEREVER IT'S FROM, I THINK IT DID SOMETHING BAD AND THAT'S WHY IT FLED TO THIS PLANET!

ALL WE GOTTA DO IS STEAL ITS SPACESHIP AND THEN WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET BACK TO EARTH.
THIS COULD BE OUR CHANCE!


I ONLY SURVIVED BECAUSE I HID FOR A LONG TIME.
THE OTHER TWO WERE DOWN BEFORE I KNEW IT.
SINCE THEN, I'VE JUST BEEN FIGHTING TO SURVIVE OUT HERE.


YOU BUILT A HOUSE HERE?!
YOU'RE RIGHT—LET'S WORRY ABOUT ALL THAT TOMORROW. YOU CAN STAY AT MY HOUSE TONIGHT.
SHYOOOM


IT'S NOT GONNA BE HAPPY IF IT FINDS YOU!
AND THE SUN'S ABOUT TO SET TOO, SO...

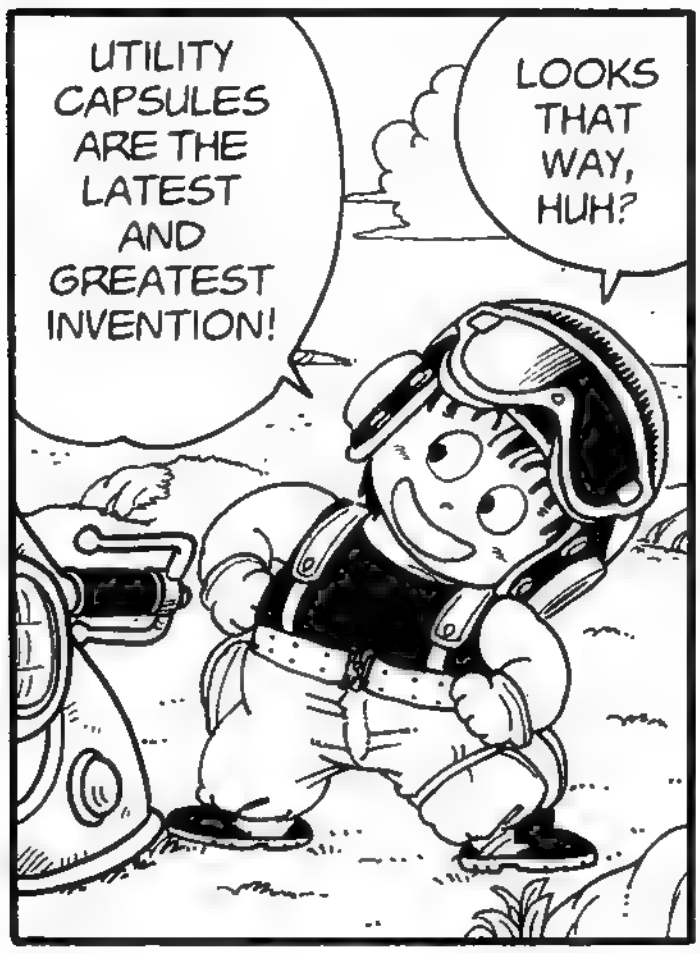
I'M TONGPOO! HOW ABOUT YOU?

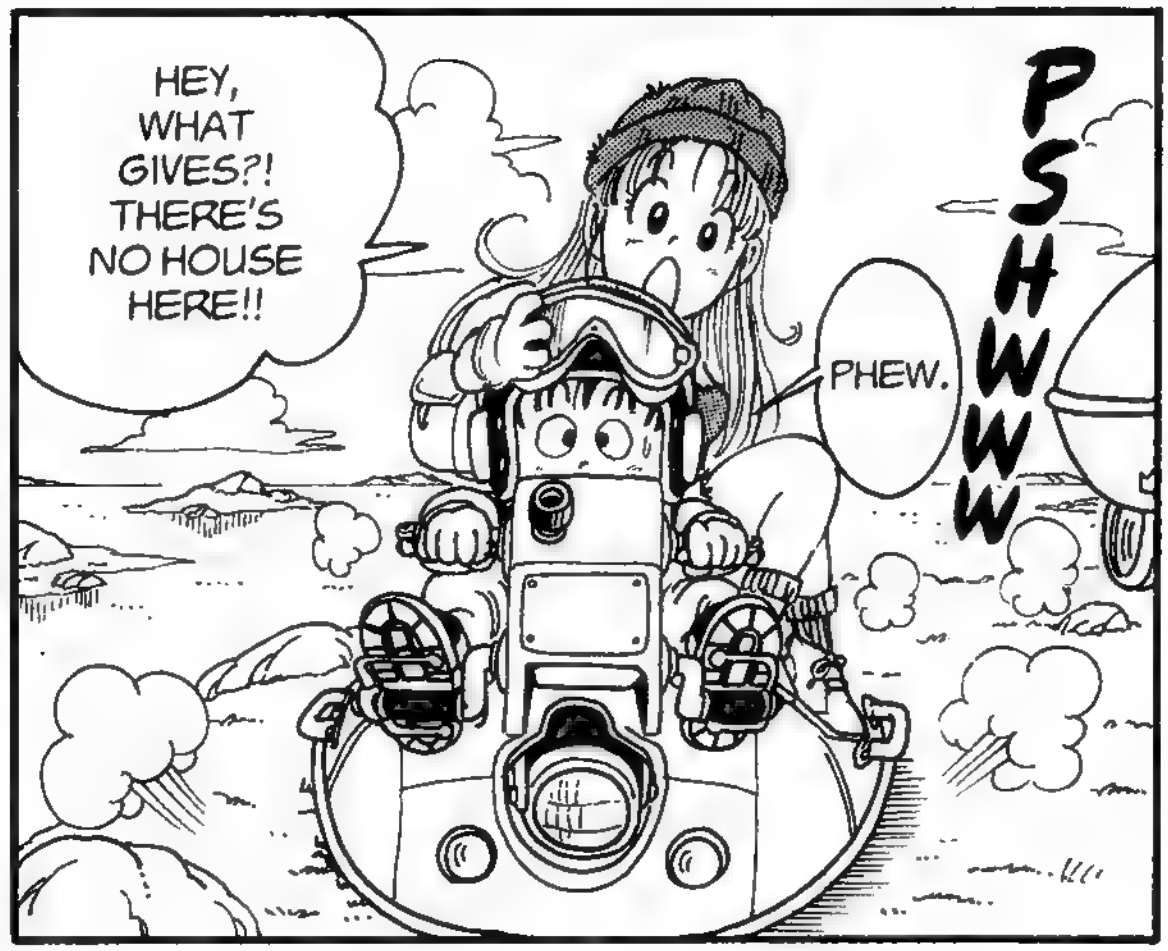
SO, WHAT'S YOUR NAME ANYWAY?

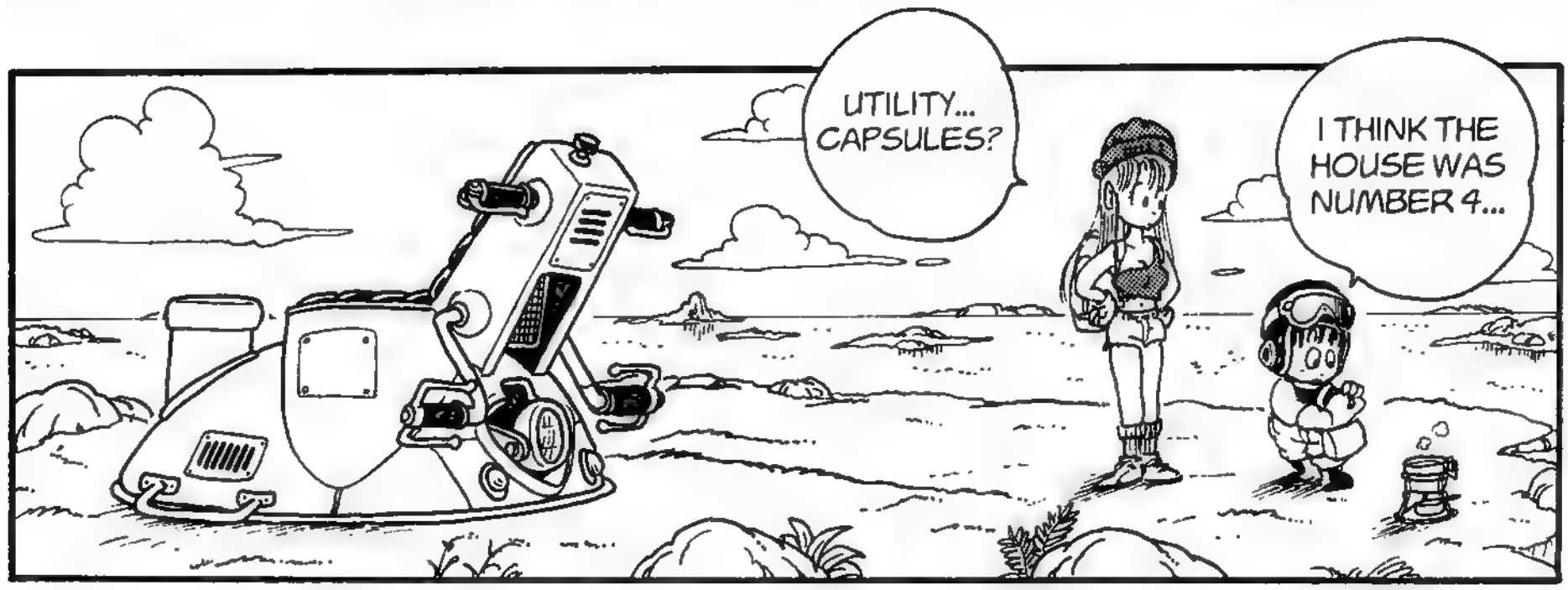
THAT'S A WEIRD NAME. I'M PLAMO.

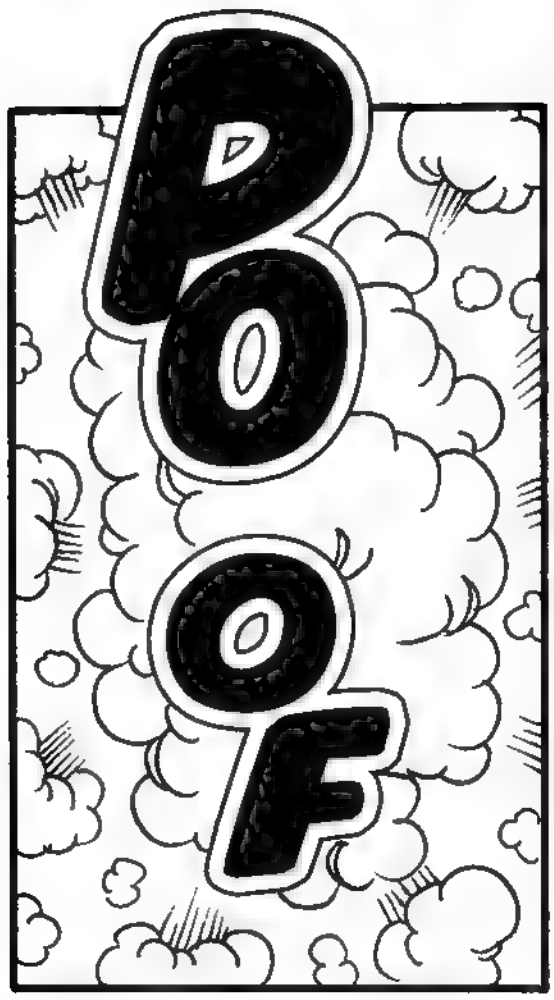
YOU'RE ONE TO JUDGE!!

VRAM...





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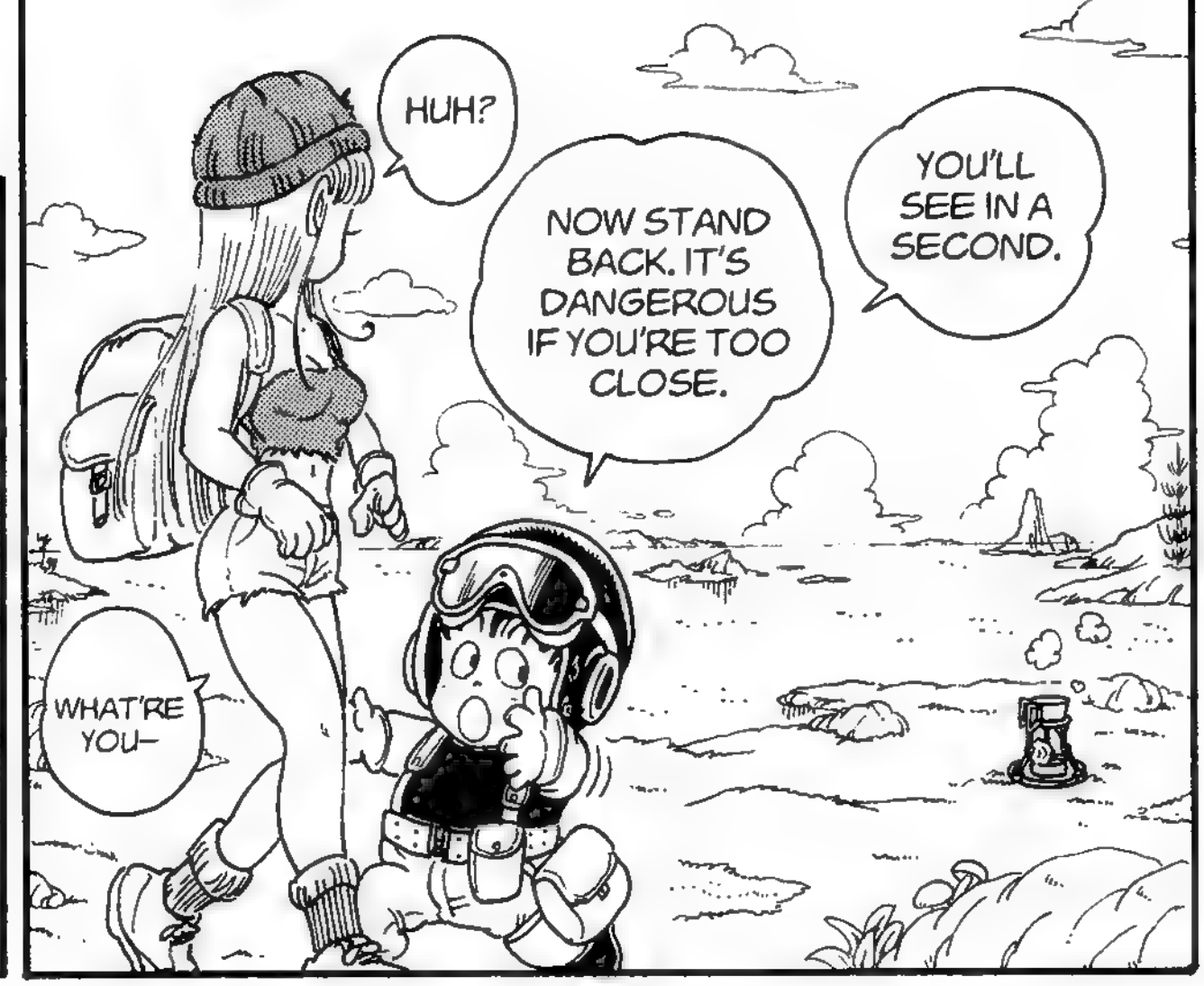
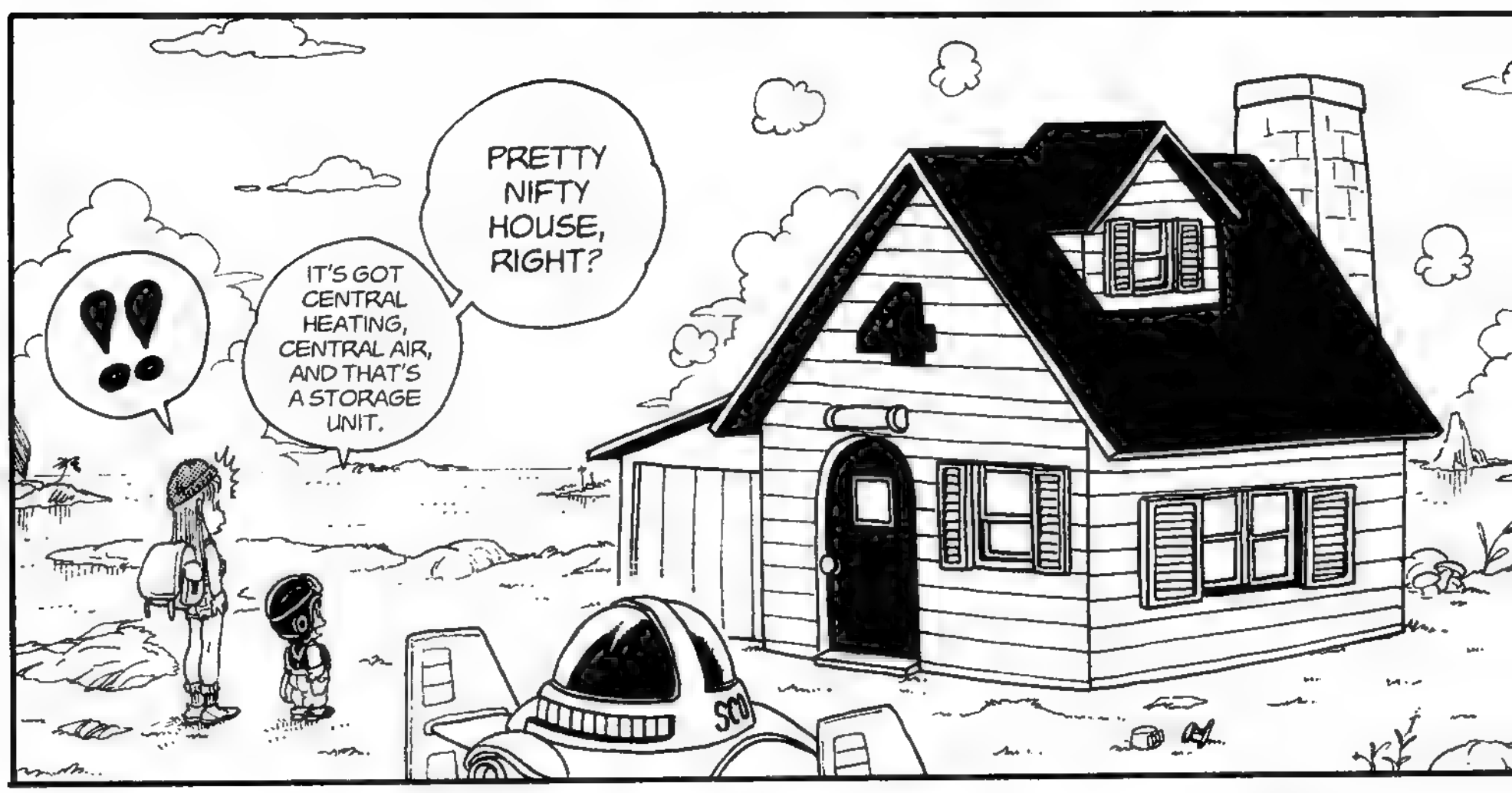

HUH?
NOW STAND BACK. IT'S DANGEROUS IF YOU'RE TOO CLOSE.
YOU'LL SEE IN A SECOND.
WHAT'RE YOU–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IT'S GOT CENTRAL HEATING, CENTRAL AIR, AND THAT'S A STORAGE UNIT.
PRETTY NIFTY HOUSE, RIGHT?
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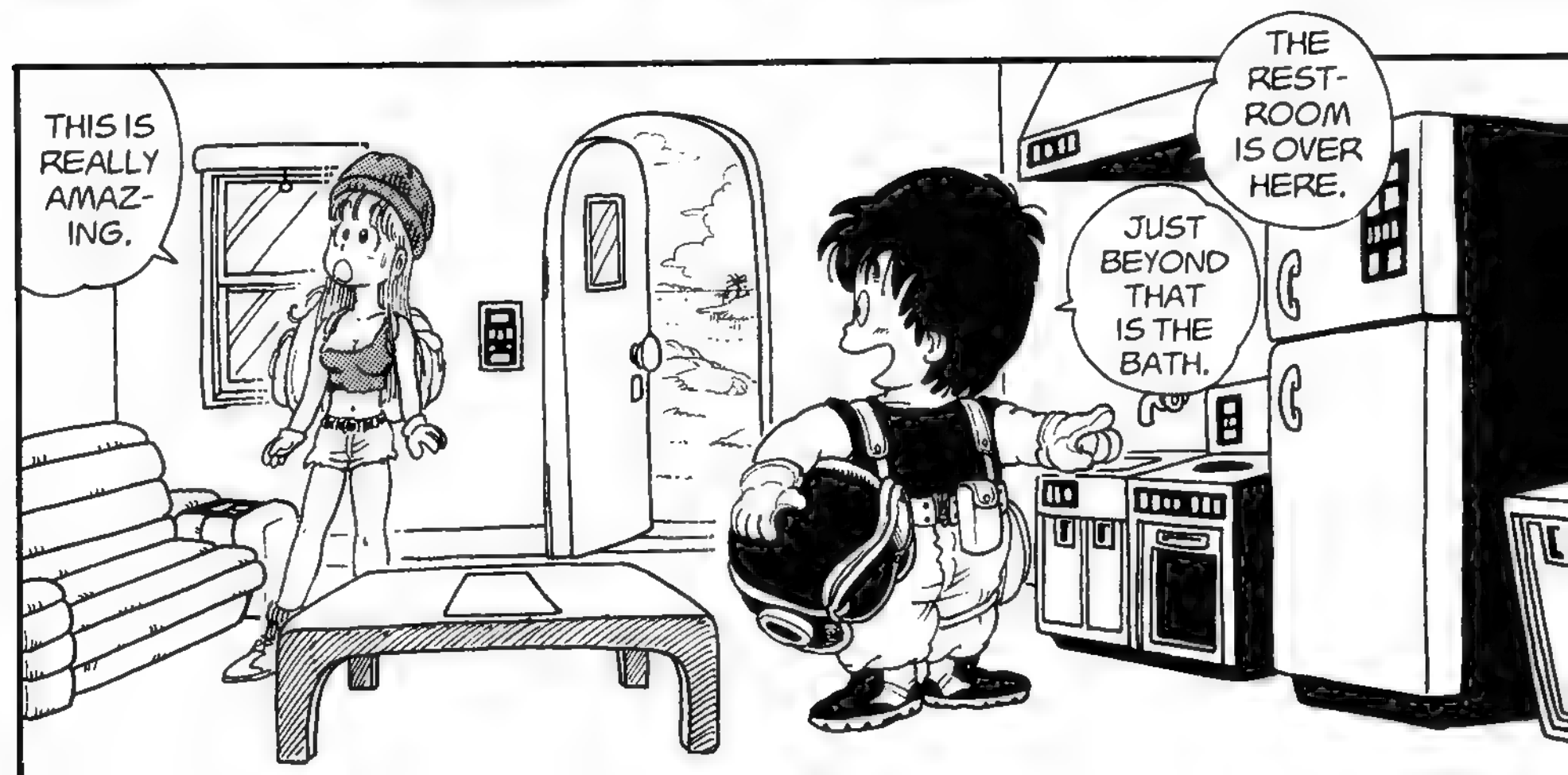
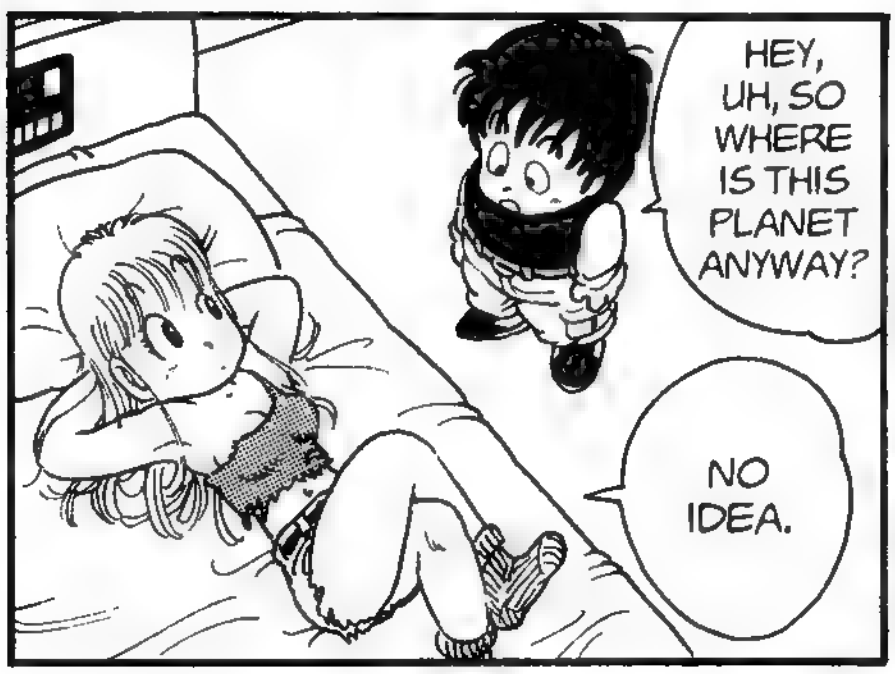
SCO

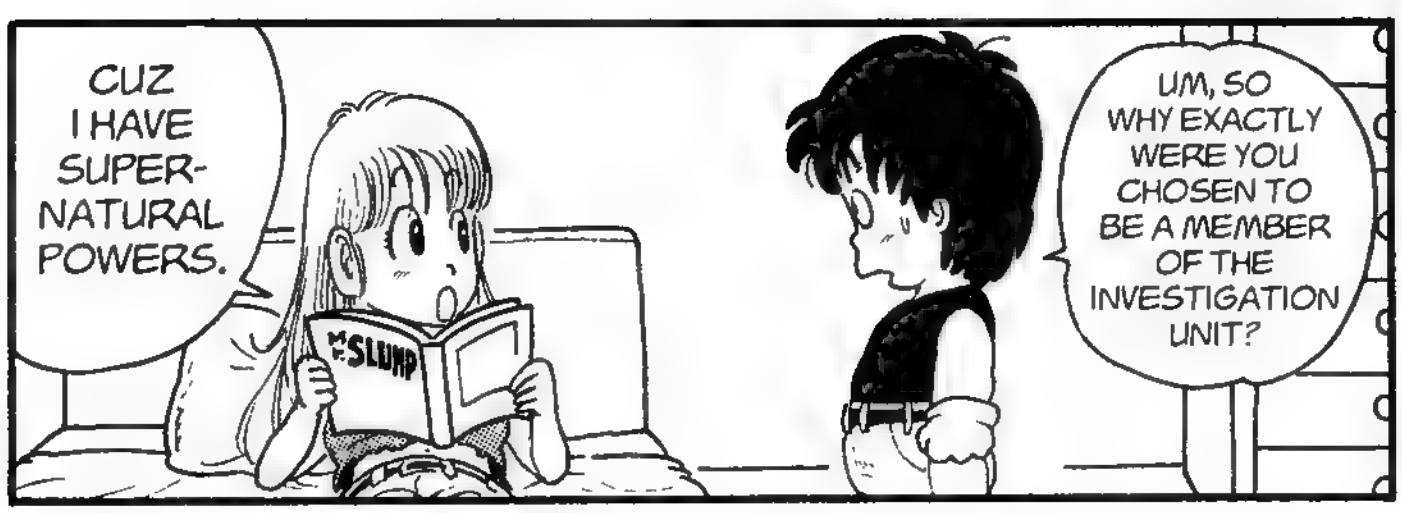

THIS IS REALLY AMAZ-ING.
JUST BEYOND THAT IS THE BATH.
THE REST-ROOM IS OVER HERE.

I BET THAT STUFF TASTES EVEN BETTER THAN THIS, DOESN'T IT?
YOU'RE SO WEIRD.
LUNCH B-1

TONGPOO, AREN'T YOU GONNA HAVE ANYTHING?
EARTH FOOD! OH, HOW I'VE MISSED YOU!!
SCARF CHOMP
I'M GOOD WITH THIS.
SIP SIP
LUNCH B-1


HEY, UH, SO WHERE IS THIS PLANET ANYWAY?
NO IDEA.

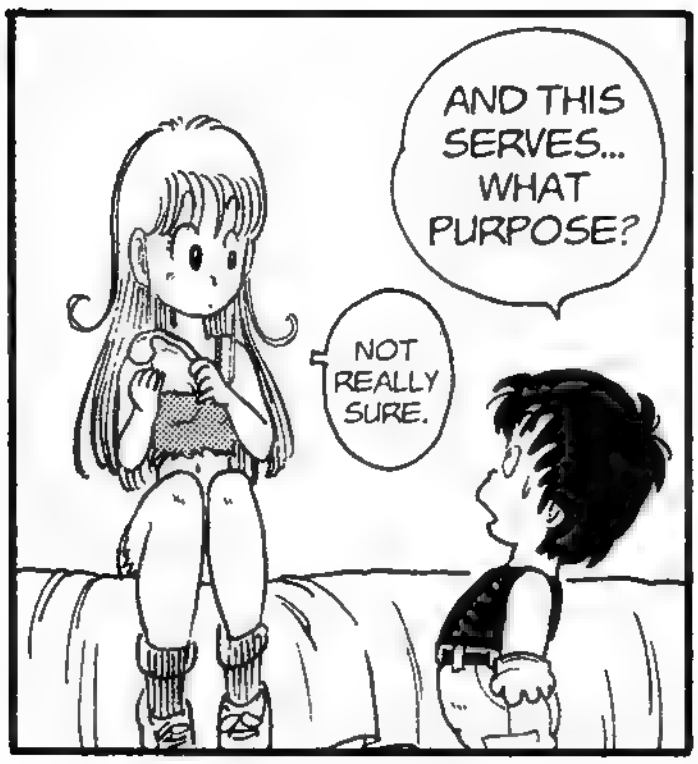
HOW CAN YOU DRINK THIS?!
BLECK! WHAT IS THIS GAR-BAGE?!
LUNCH B-1

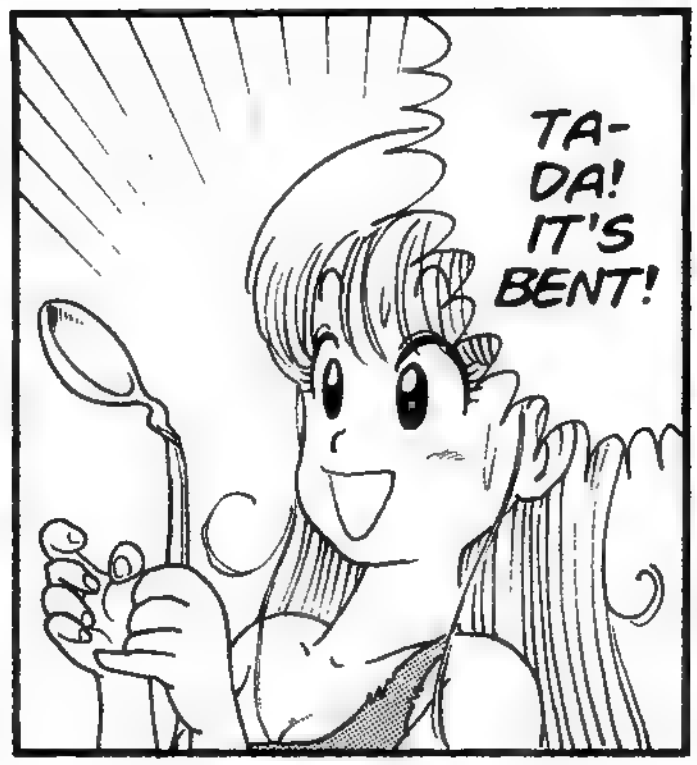

CUZ I HAVE SUPER-NATURAL POWERS.
UM, SO WHY EXACTLY WERE YOU CHOSEN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE INVESTIGATION UNIT?

CAN'T HANDLE MACHINES AND DOESN'T KNOW ASTRONOMY ...

THIS SPOON'LL DO!
LEMME SHOW YOU!
RUB RUB

LIKE, FOR REAL?!
SUPER-NATURAL POWERS ?!


AND THIS SERVES... WHAT PURPOSE?
NOT REALLY SURE.


TA-DA! IT'S BENT!

ONE HOUR LATER ...
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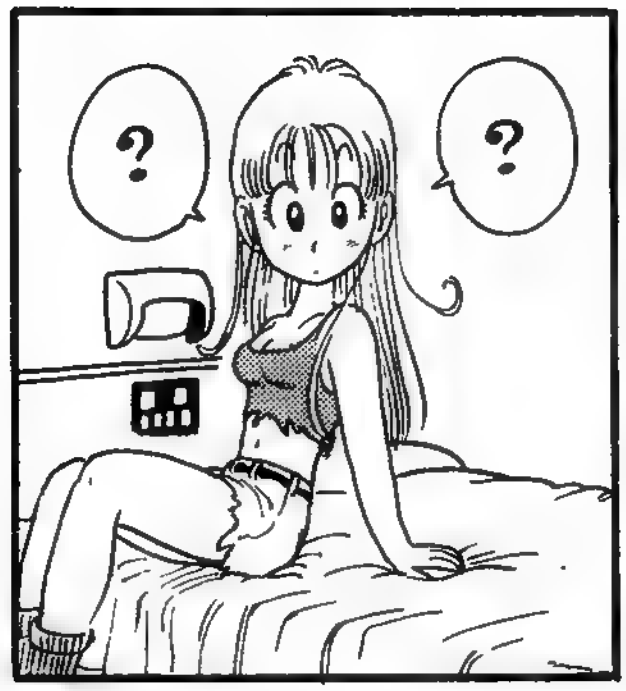
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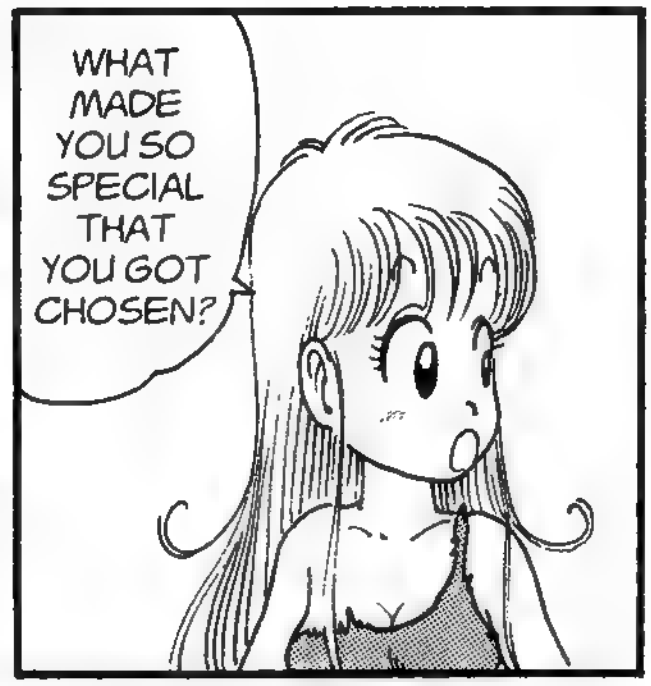
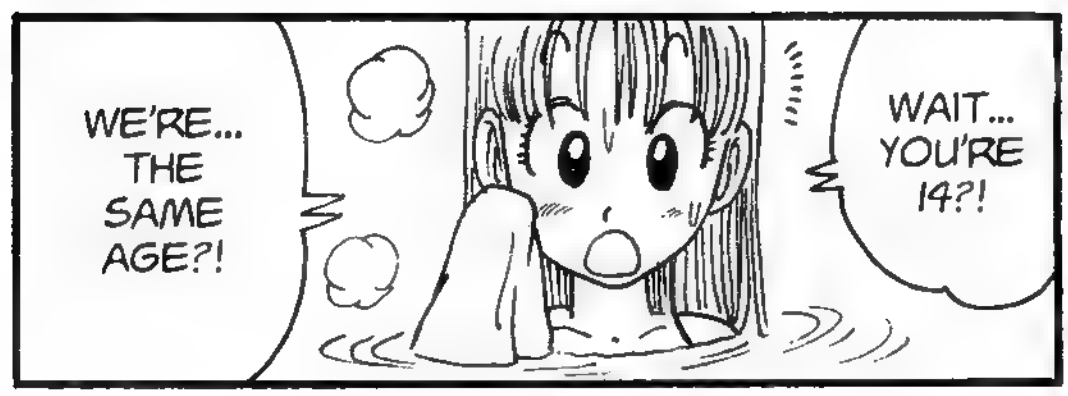
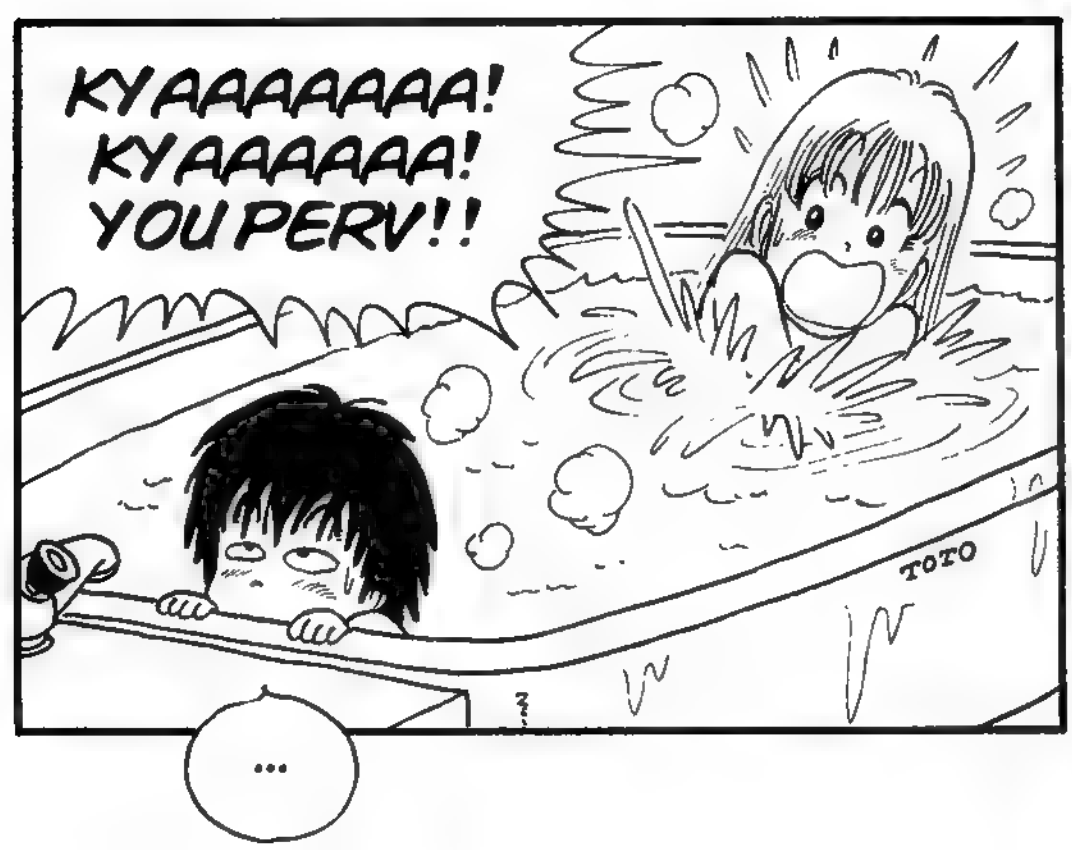
YOU'LL SEE SOON!

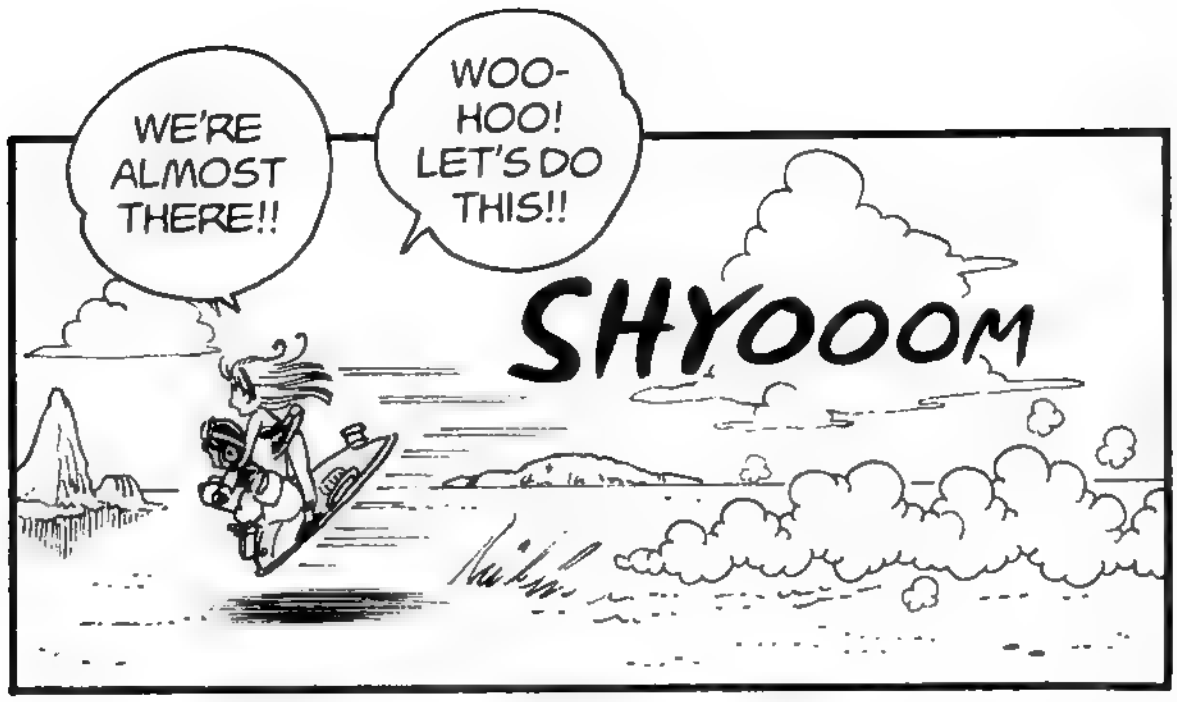

WHAT MADE YOU SO SPECIAL THAT YOU GOT CHOSEN?

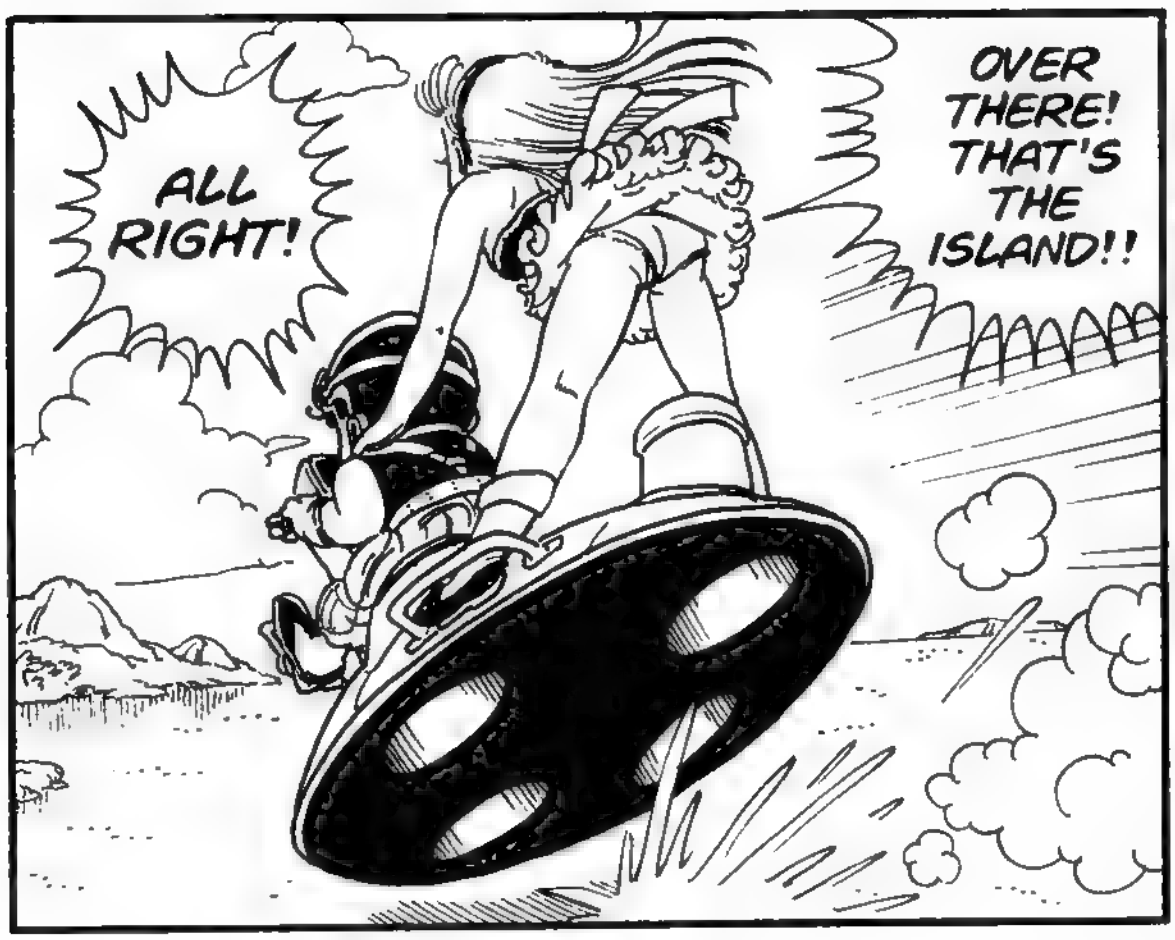

WE'RE... THE SAME AGE?!
WAIT... YOU'RE 14?!


KYAAAAAAA! KYAAAAAA! YOU PERV!!
TOTO
...

NO WAY! I DON'T WANNA TAKE A BATH WITH A GIRL!!
OH, COME OFF IT! YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE KID. I CAN AT LAST SCRUB YOUR BACK!
4
SC

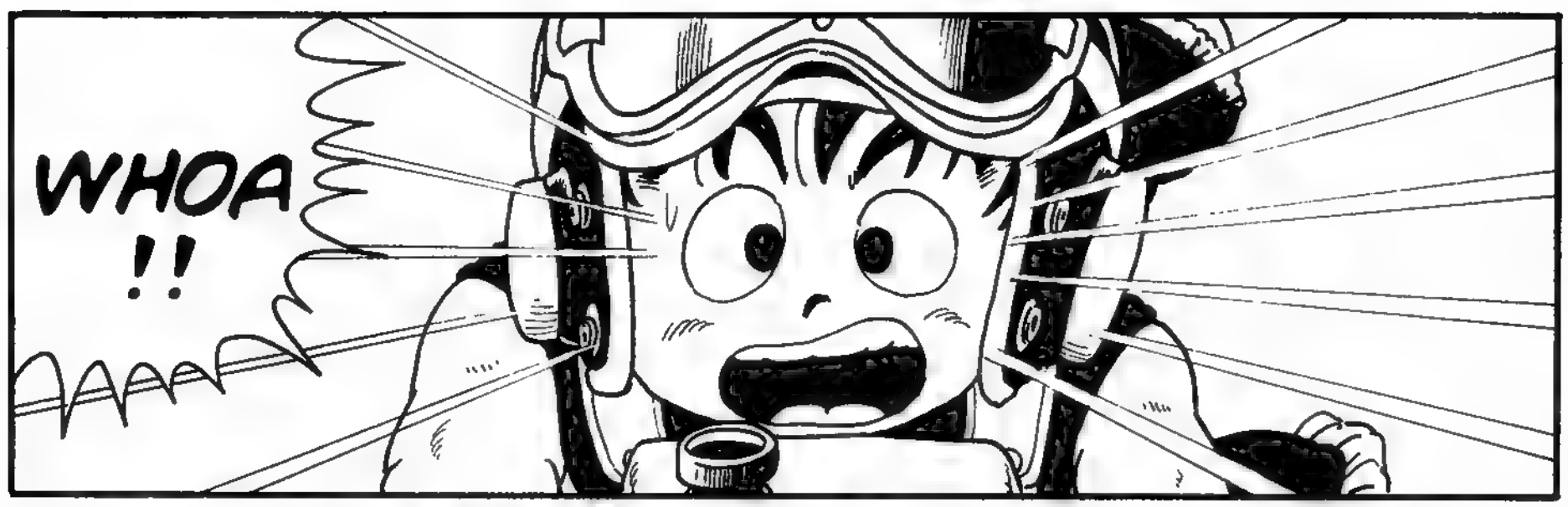
UH, WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT?
...
SO, TONGPOO, I BROUGHT THESE FROM EARTH.
HEY THERE! ♥
WHATCHA THINK? NOT BAD, HUH?
YOUR... PLAN?
ALL PART OF MY BIG PLAN!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D ACTUALLY HAVE A GOOD USE FOR THESE!!
ASSUMING AN ALIEN LIFE-FORM FINDS HUMANS ATTRACTIVE...
I AM A GENIUS!!
THEN, WHEN HE'S DISTRACTED, WE'LL NAB HIS SHIP FOR OURSELVES!!
IN THIS, THAT CREEPY ALIEN WON'T BE ABLE TO RESIST MY FEMININE WILES!
ZZZZ


WE'RE ALMOST THERE!!
WOO-HOO! LET'S DO THIS!!
SHYOOOM


ALL RIGHT!
OVER THERE! THAT'S THE ISLAND!!

ROOOAR!
WHOOPS !!
I'M IMPRESSED YOU MANAGED TO SURVIVE HERE FOR TWO YEARS!!
YIKES, THAT WAS CLOSE!!

BWAAARK KWA-KWARK
IT IS I, THE SUN OF THIS PLANET!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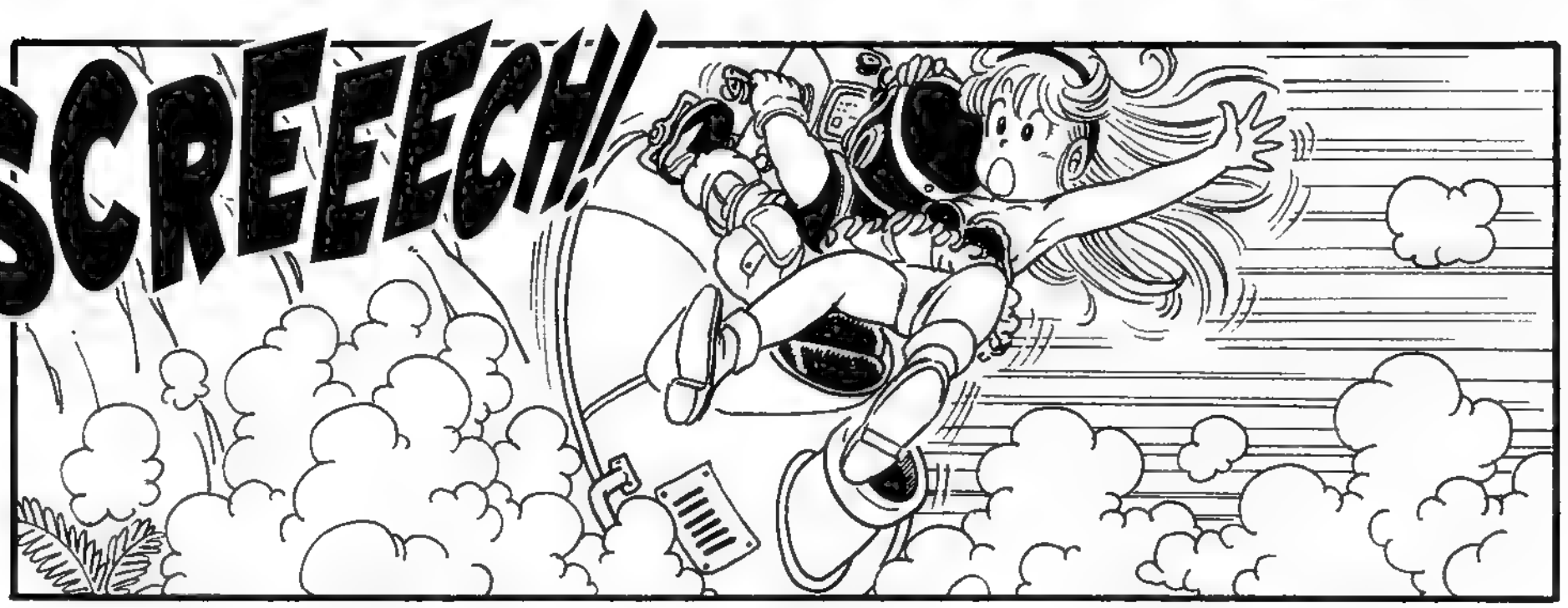
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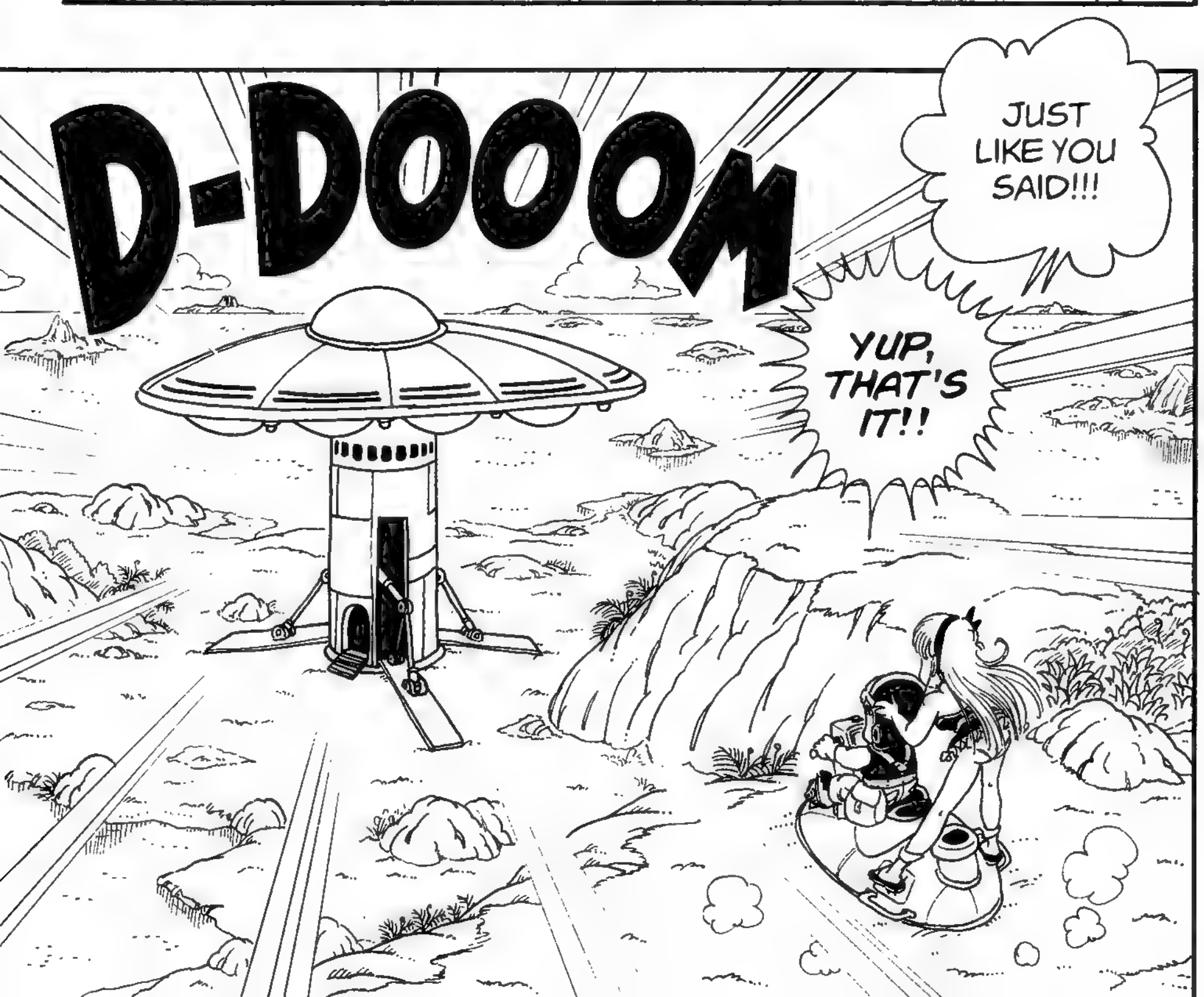
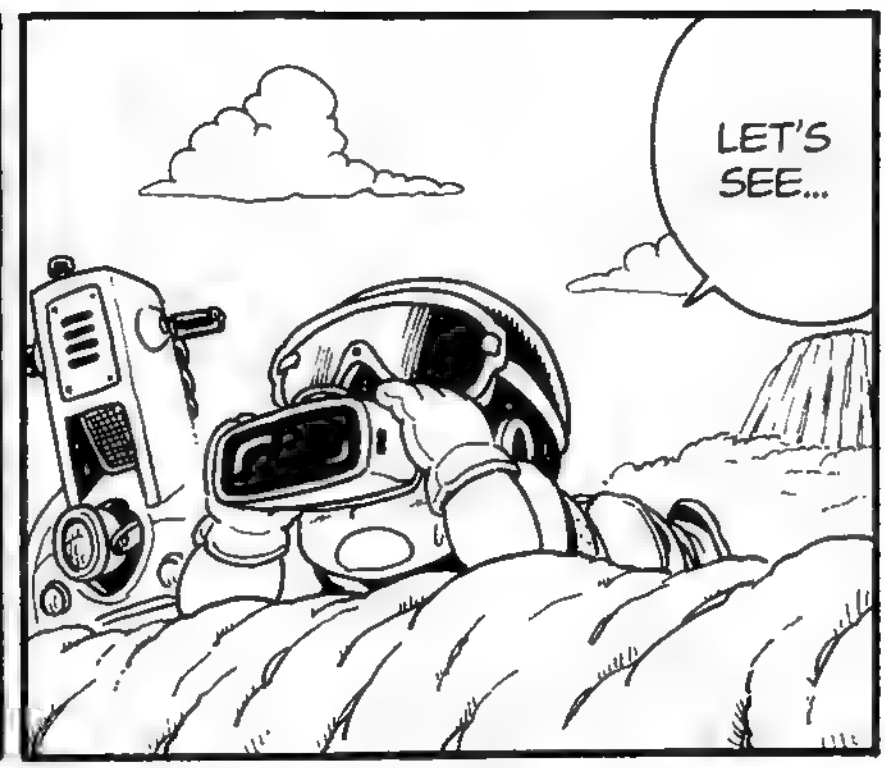

D-DOOOM
JUST LIKE YOU SAID!!!
YUP, THAT'S IT!!

PROBABLY INSIDE...
NO ALIEN VISIBLE...
450 ..... 475 ..... 500 NEE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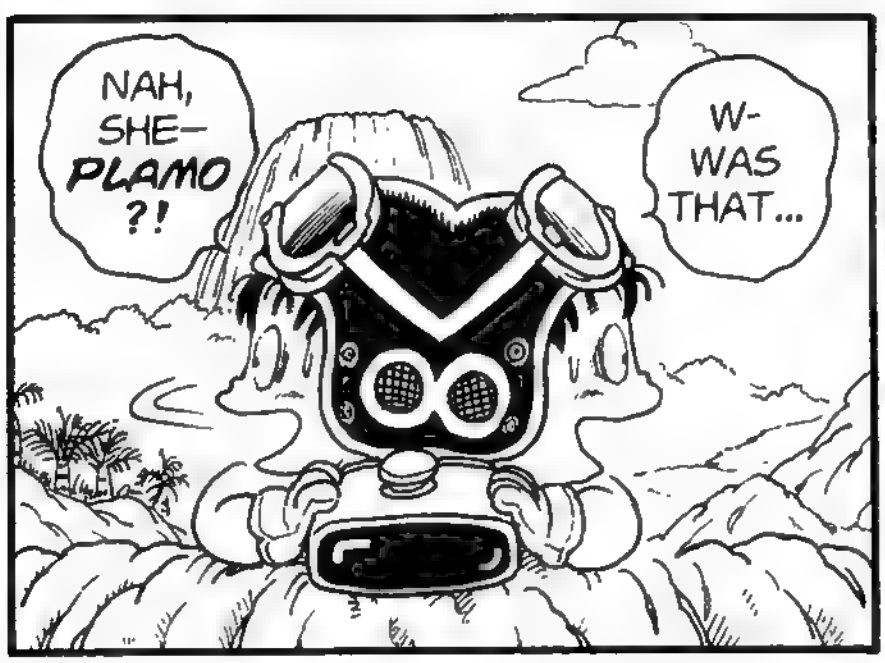
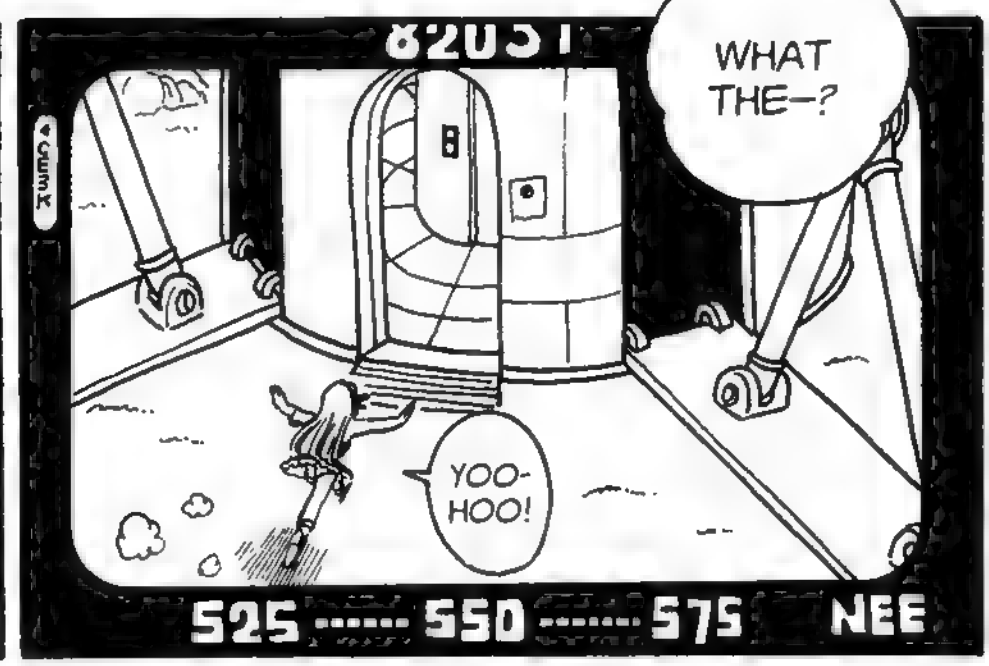
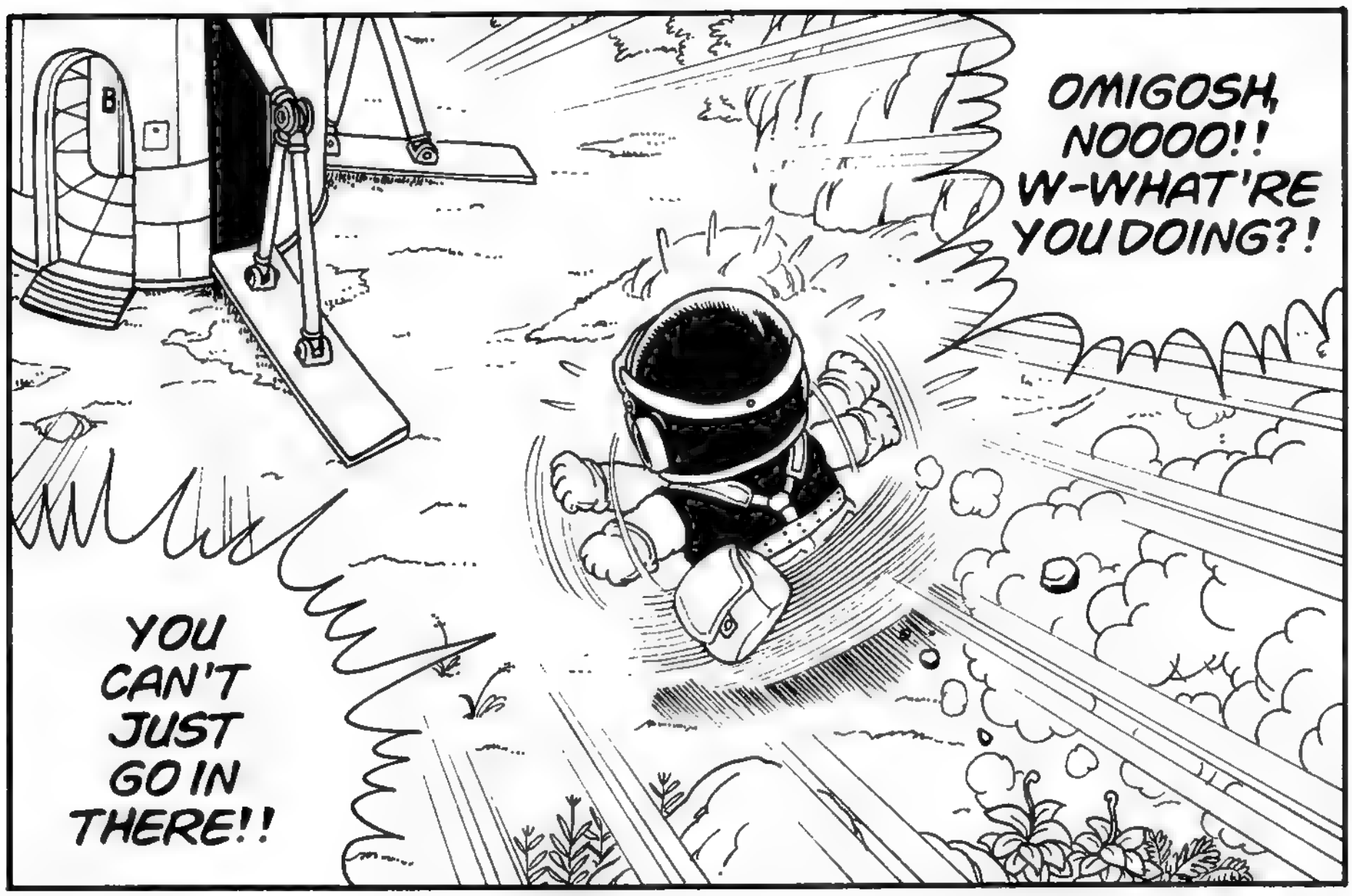
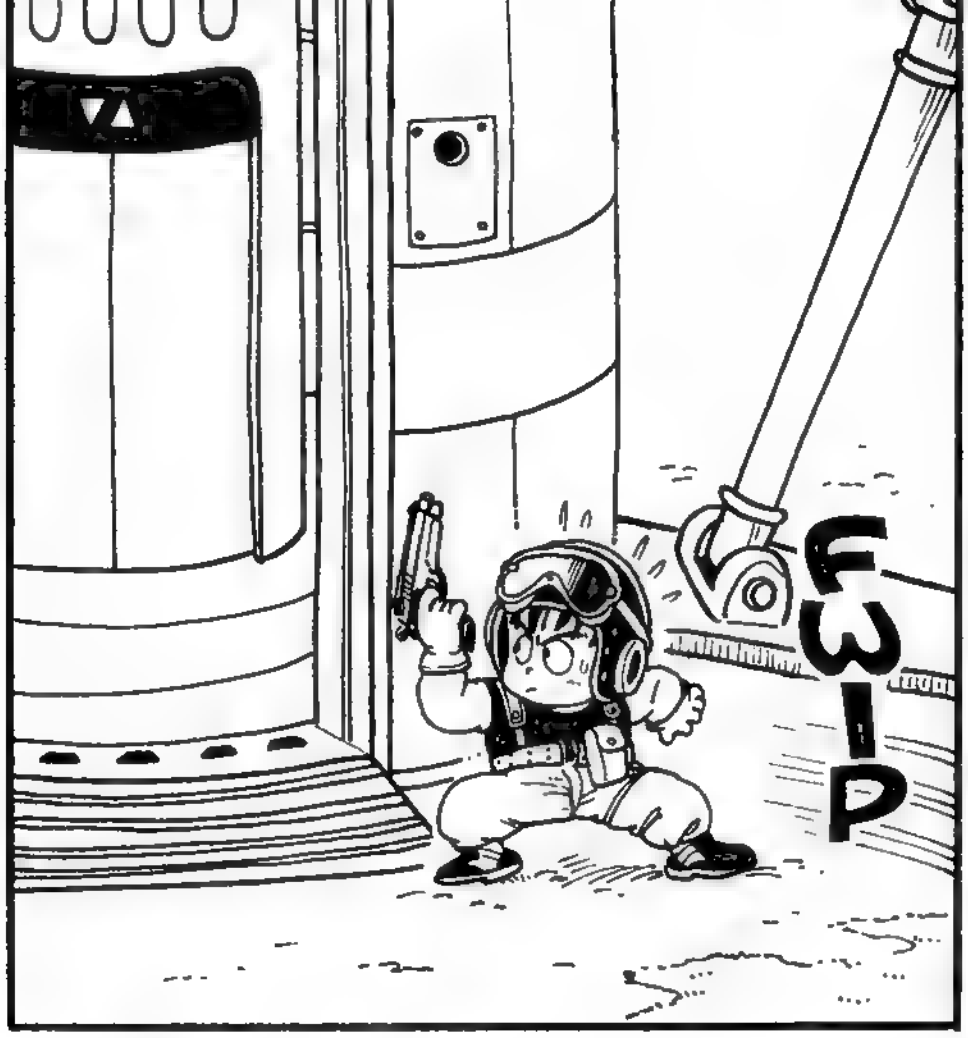
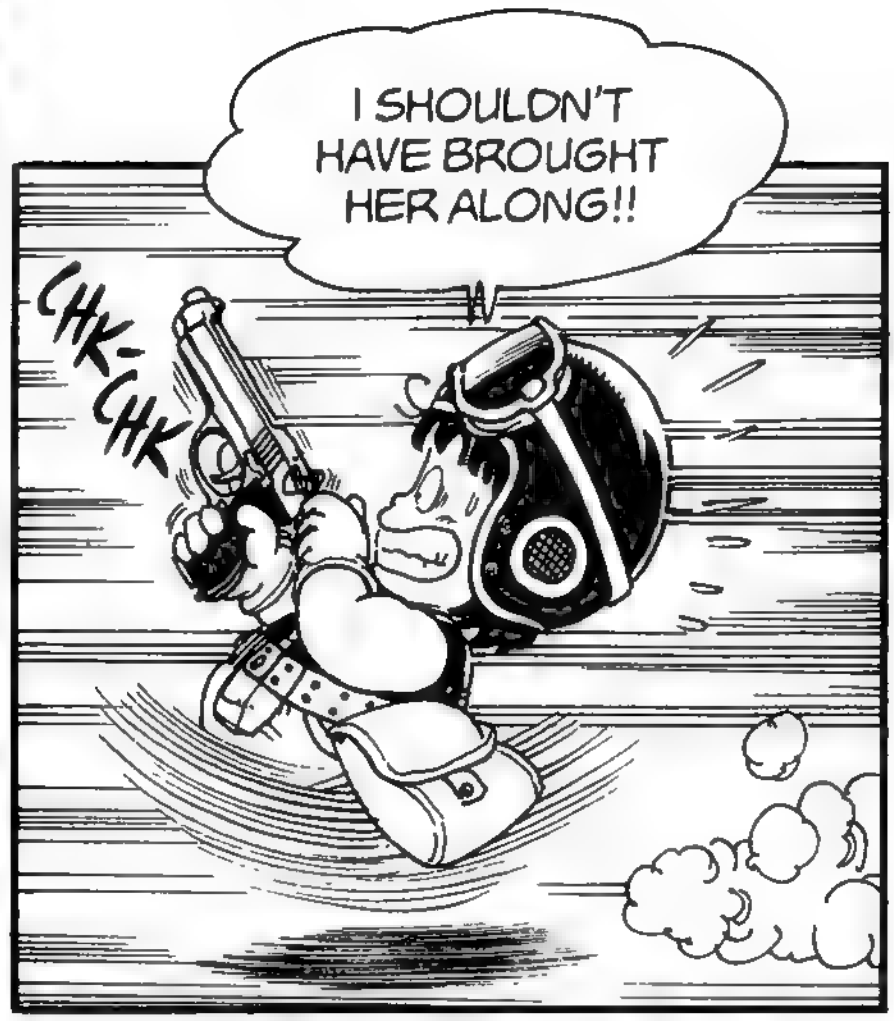
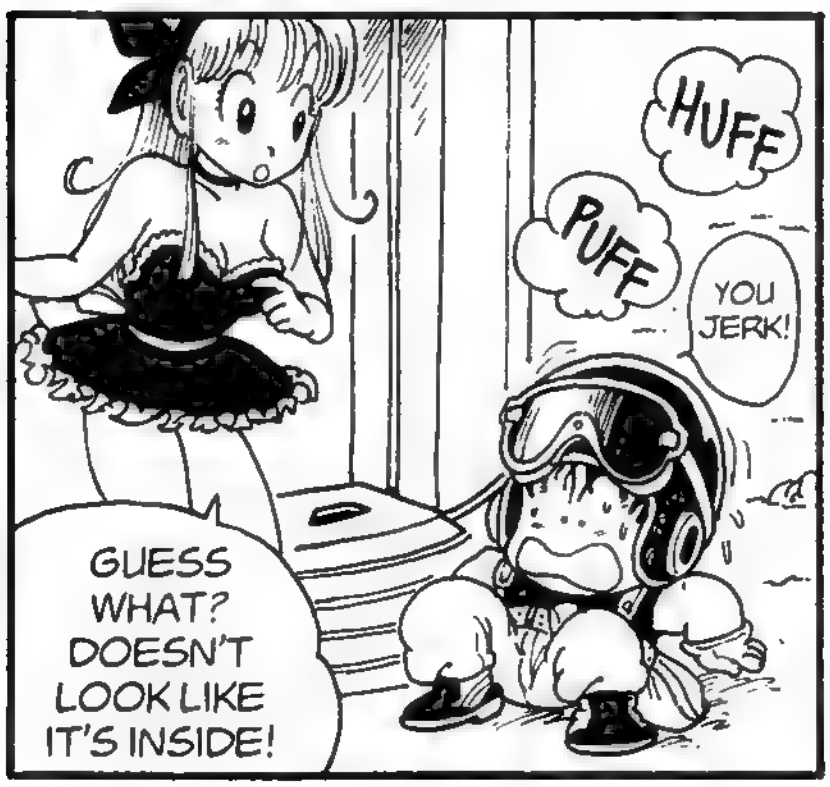

NAH, SHE– PLAMO ?!
W- WAS THAT...

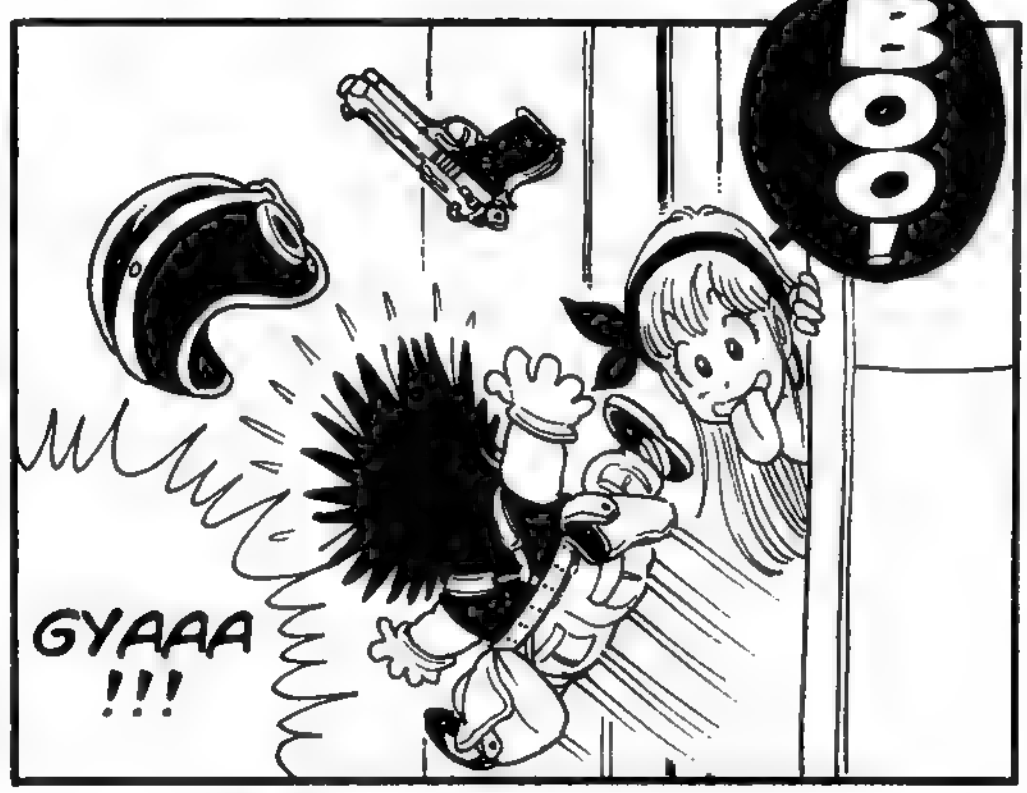

WHAT THE–?
YOO-HOO!
525 ..... 550 ..... 575 NEE

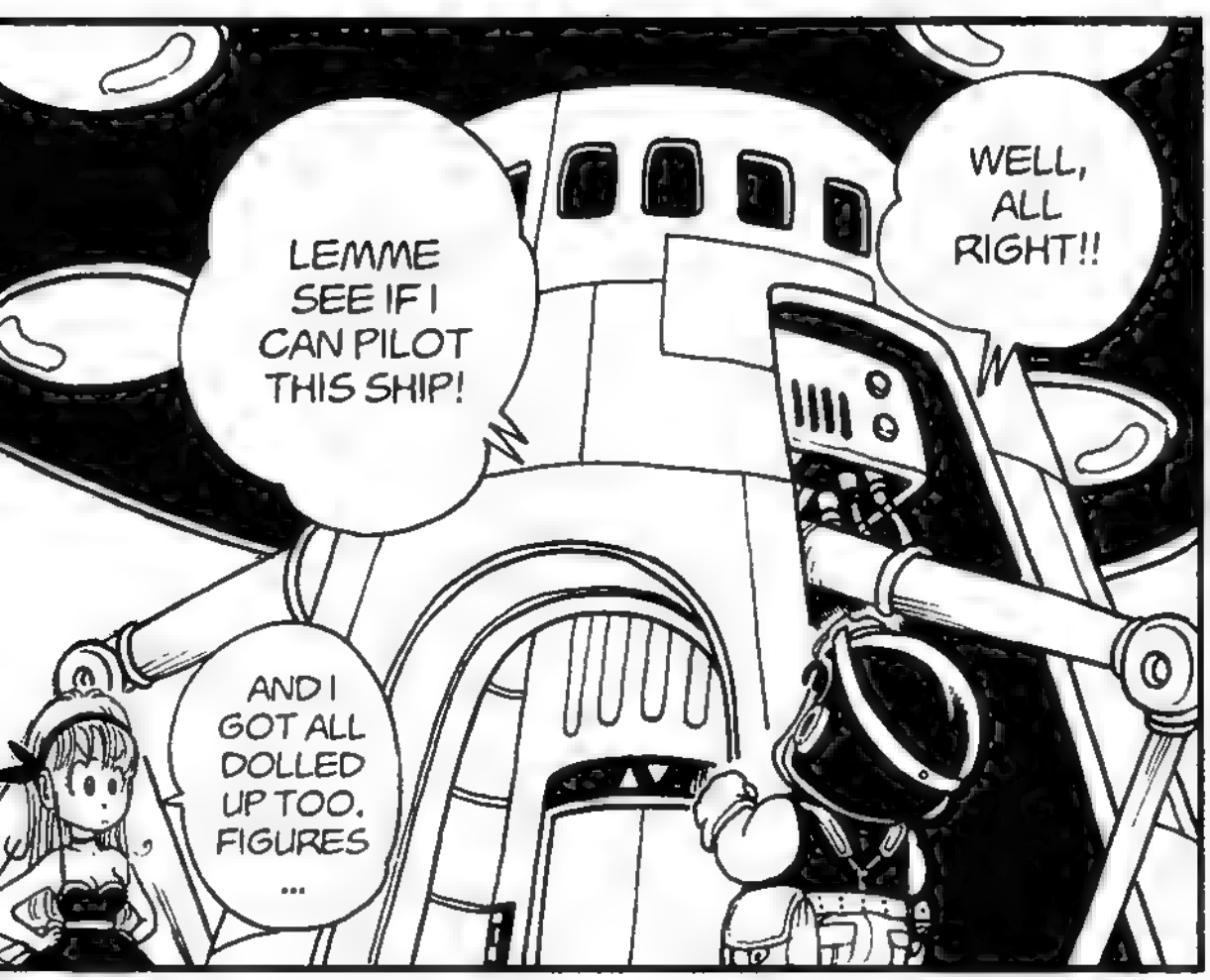

OMIGOSH, NOOOO!! W-WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
YOU CAN'T JUST GO IN THERE!!


FLIP


I SHOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT HER ALONG!!
CHK-CHK

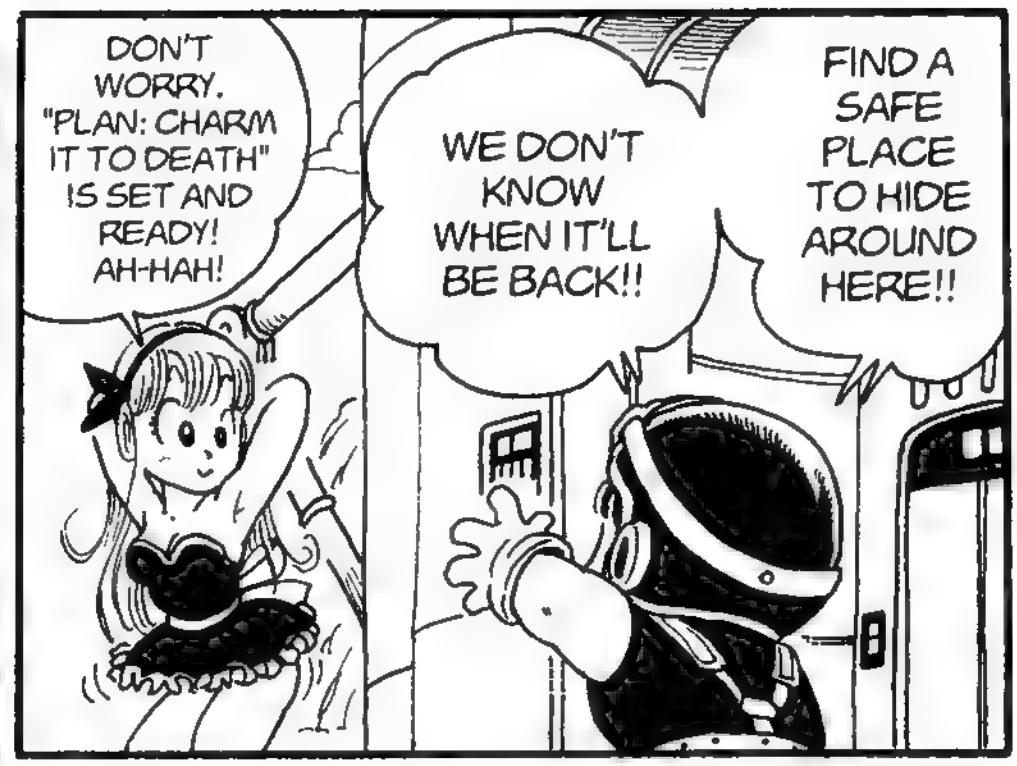

HUFF
PUFF
YOU JERK!
GUESS WHAT? DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S INSIDE!

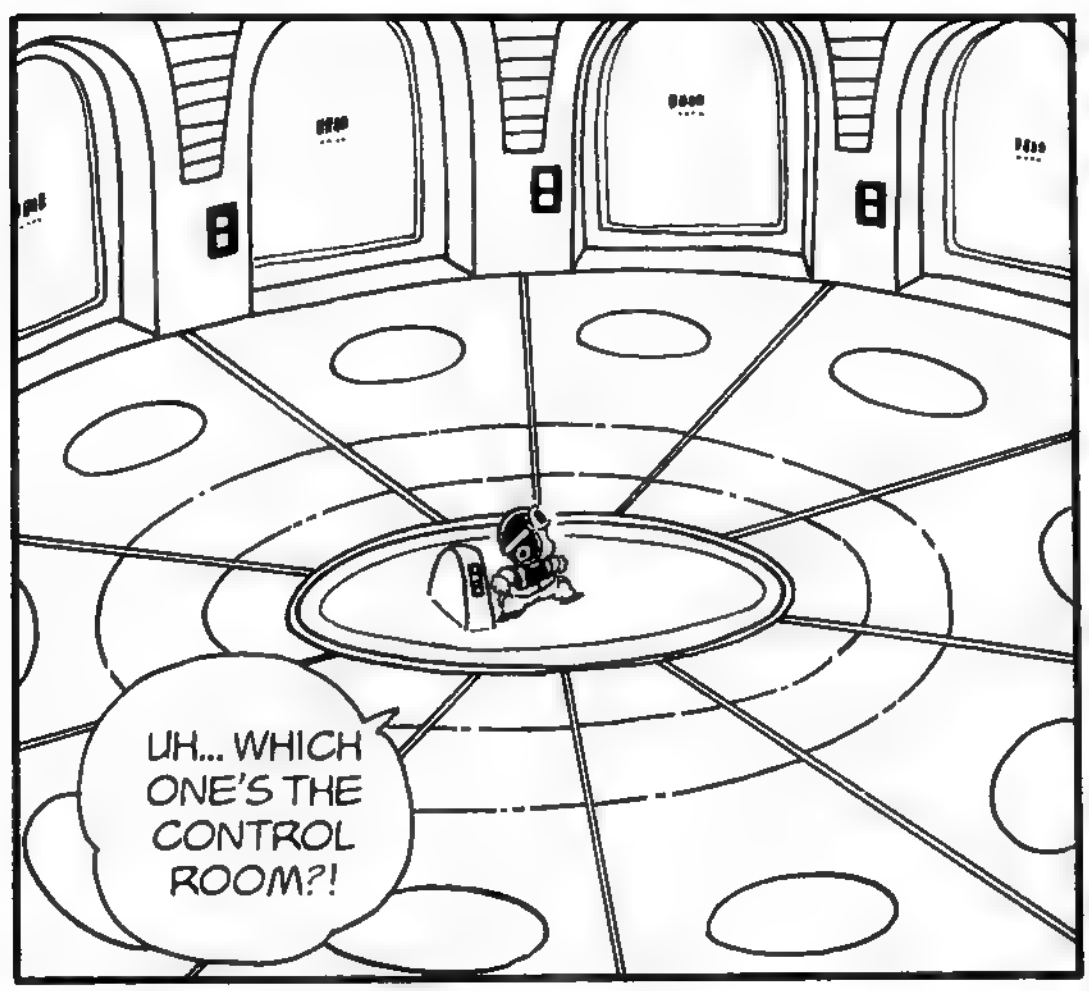

BOO!
GYAAA !!!


LEMME SEE IF I CAN PILOT THIS SHIP!
WELL, ALL RIGHT!!
AND I GOT ALL DOLLED UP TOO. FIGURES ...

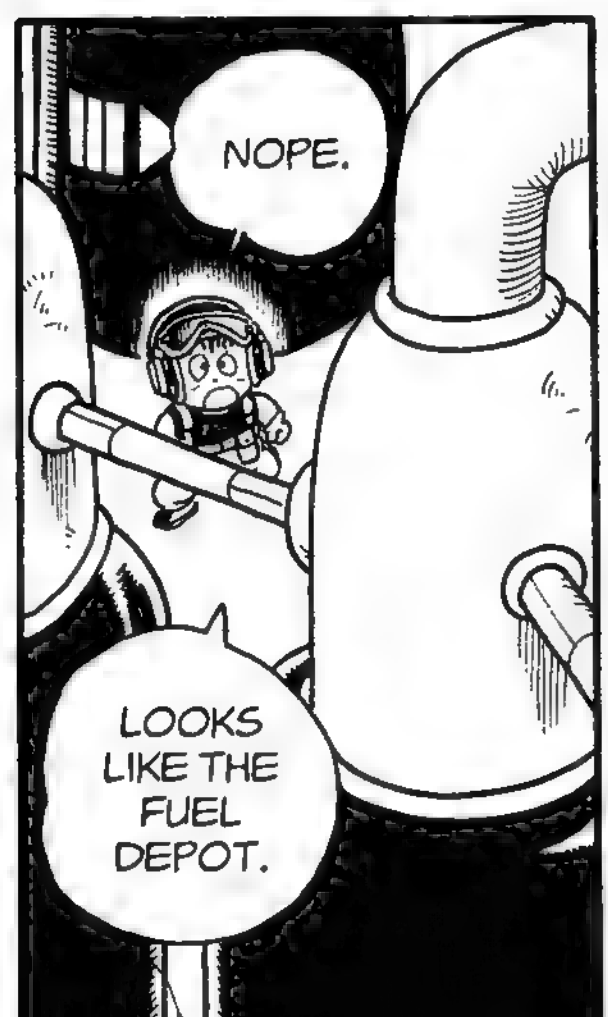
PERFECT!! MUST BE OUT AND ABOUT SOME-WHERE!!
REALLY ?!

I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
DON'T DO ANYTHING I WOULDN'T DO!

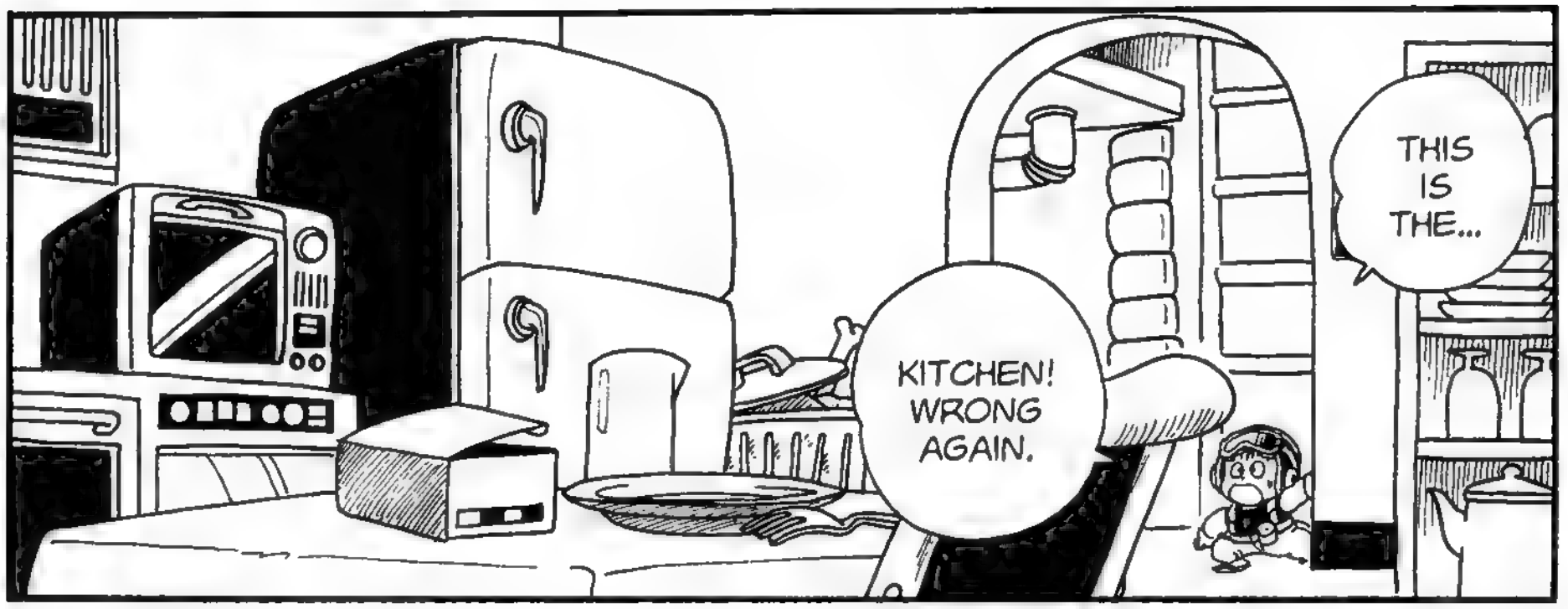

DON'T WORRY. "PLAN: CHARM IT TO DEATH" IS SET AND READY! AH-HAH!
WE DON'T KNOW WHEN IT'LL BE BACK!!
FIND A SAFE PLACE TO HIDE AROUND HERE!!

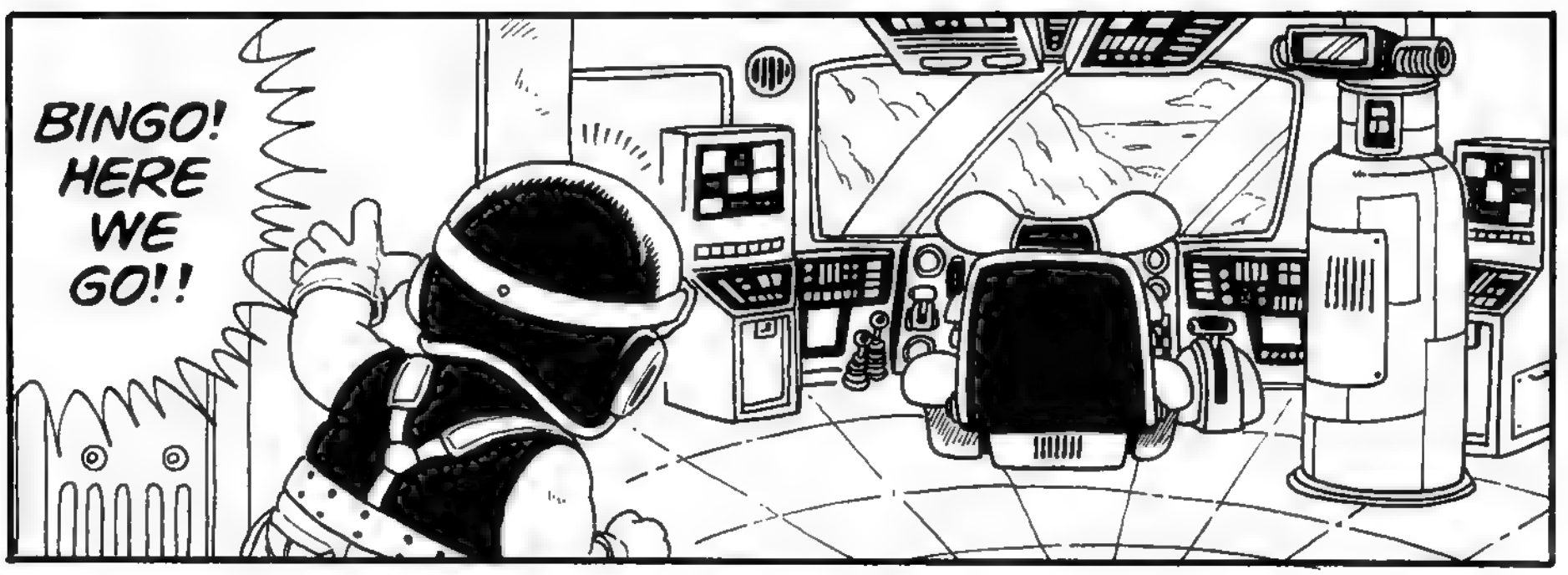

UH... WHICH ONE'S THE CONTROL ROOM?!

ALL RIGHT!
SO FAR, SO GOOD!
FWWWWBE

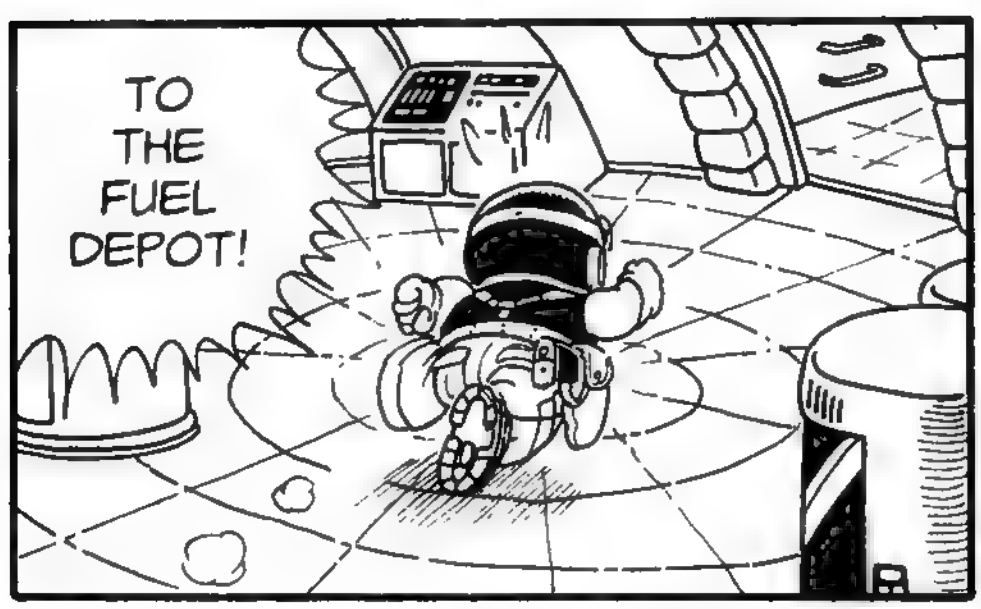

NOPE.
LOOKS LIKE THE FUEL DEPOT.

FSHHH


KITCHEN! WRONG AGAIN.
THIS IS THE...


BINGO! HERE WE GO!!

PLAN B! BLOW THIS EVIL ALIEN'S SHIP TO SMITHER-EENS!!
OKAY, THEN! IF THAT'S THE CASE...

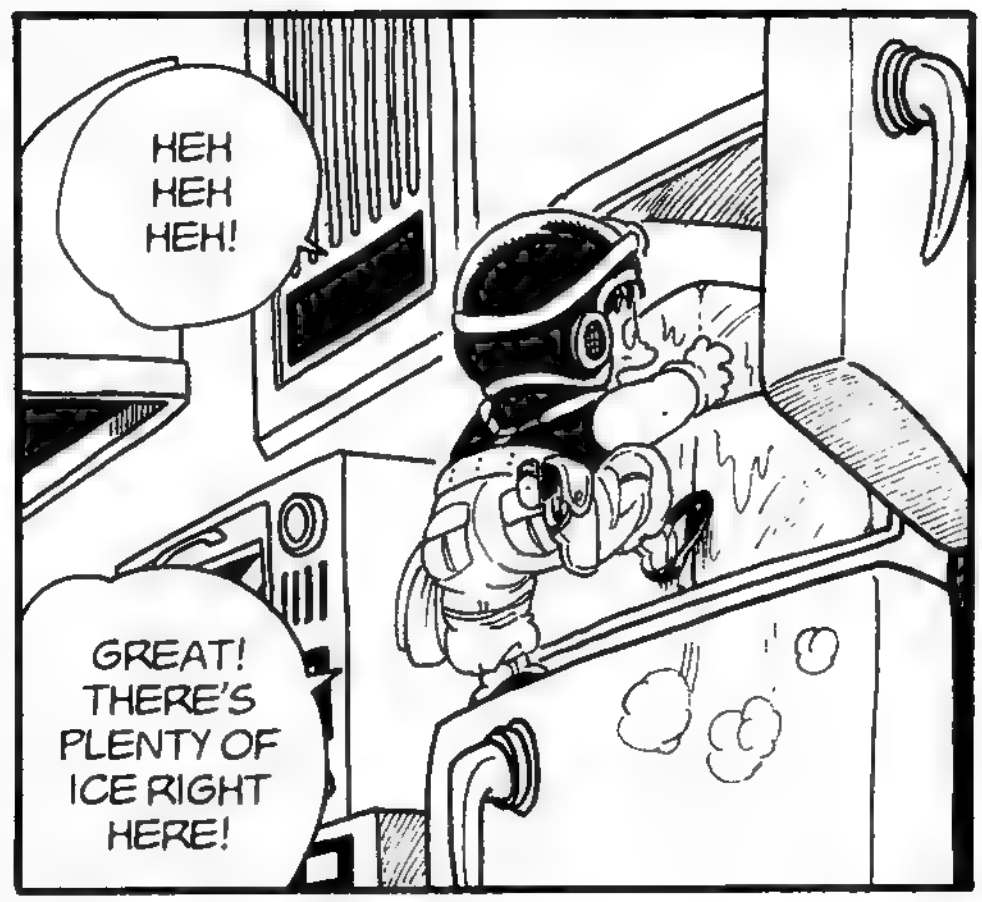

TO THE FUEL DEPOT!

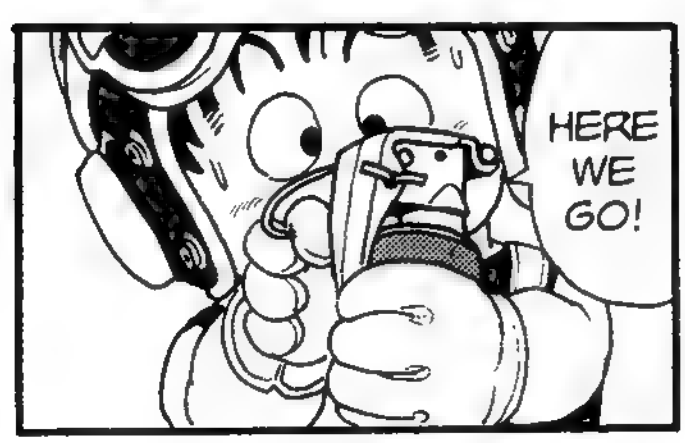
THIS... IS NOT GOING TO WORK...
I CAN'T MAKE HEADS OR TAILS OF IT...

THAT REFRIG-ERATOR IN THE KITCHEN! JUST MAYBE...
NOW WAIT A SEC!!

I FORGOT TO BRING A TIMED DETONATOR.
OH NO!!
ALL I'VE GOT ARE HAND GRENADES!

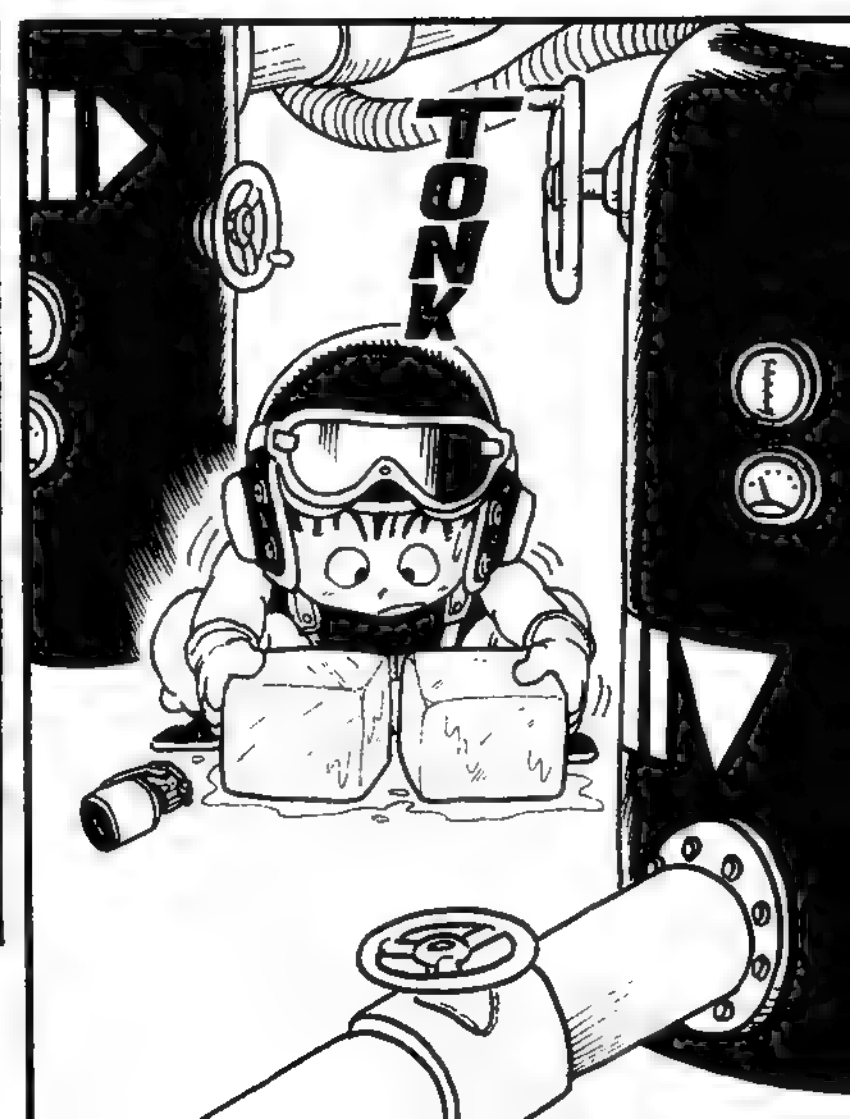
COLD, COLD, COLD!
DASHHHH


HEH HEH HEH!
GREAT! THERE'S PLENTY OF ICE RIGHT HERE!


HERE WE GO!

PLINK

HAH HAPAH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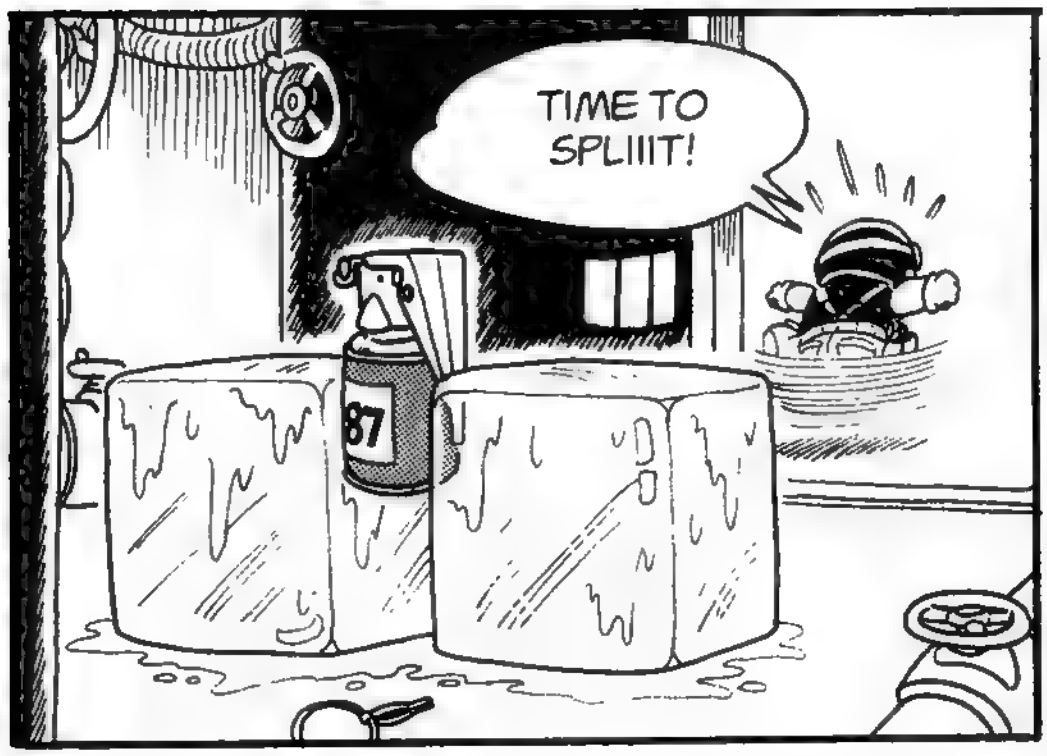
TIME TO SPLIIIT!
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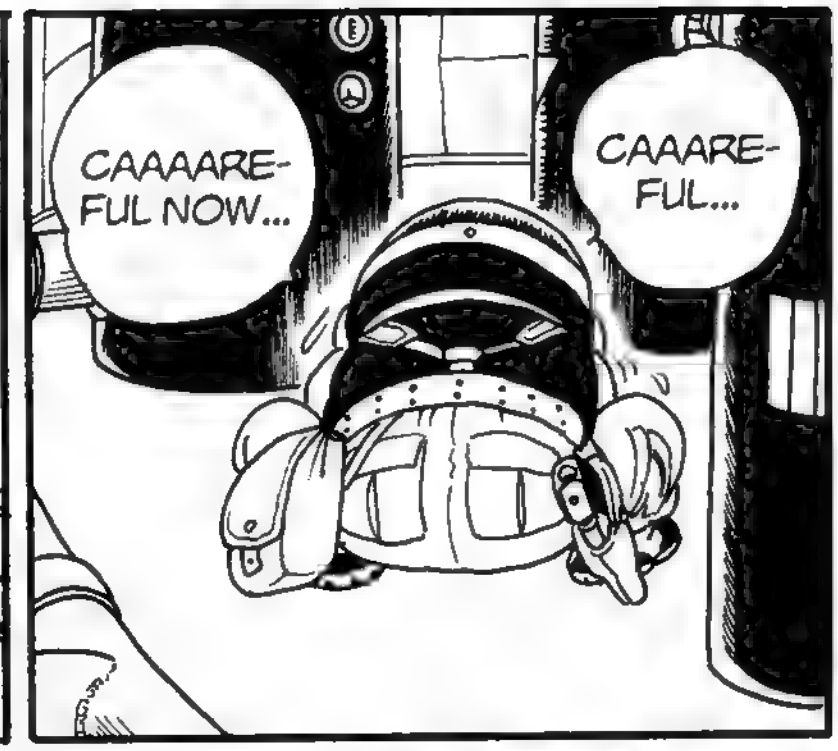
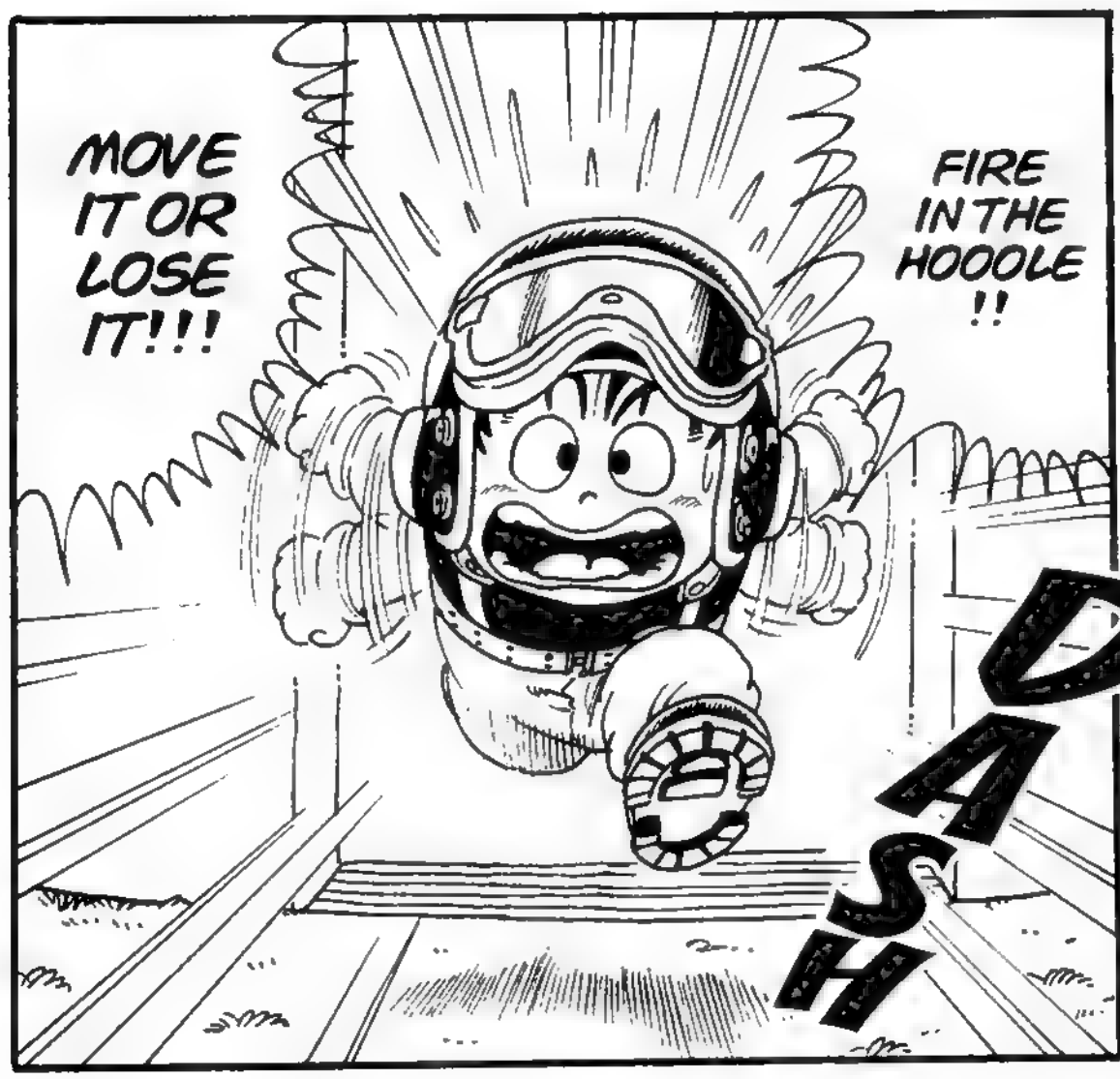
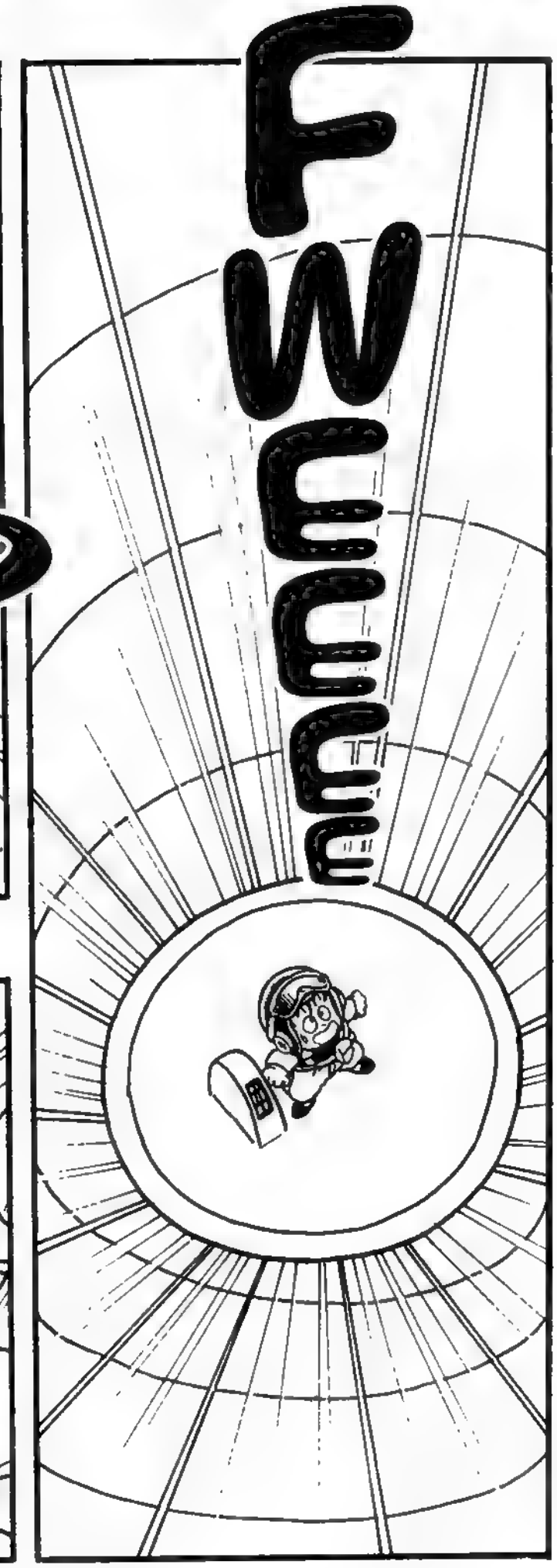

CAAAARE-FUL NOW...
CAAARE-FUL...


MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!!!
FIRE IN THE HOOOLE !!
DASH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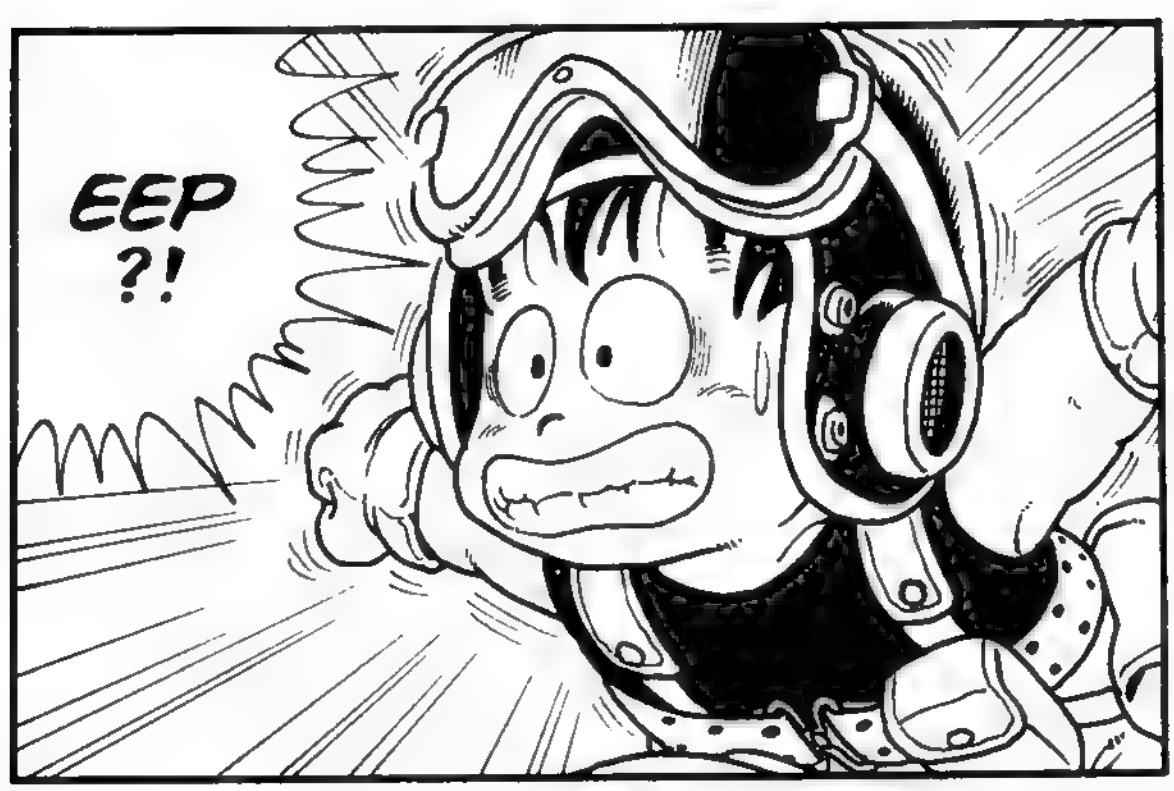

EEP ?!

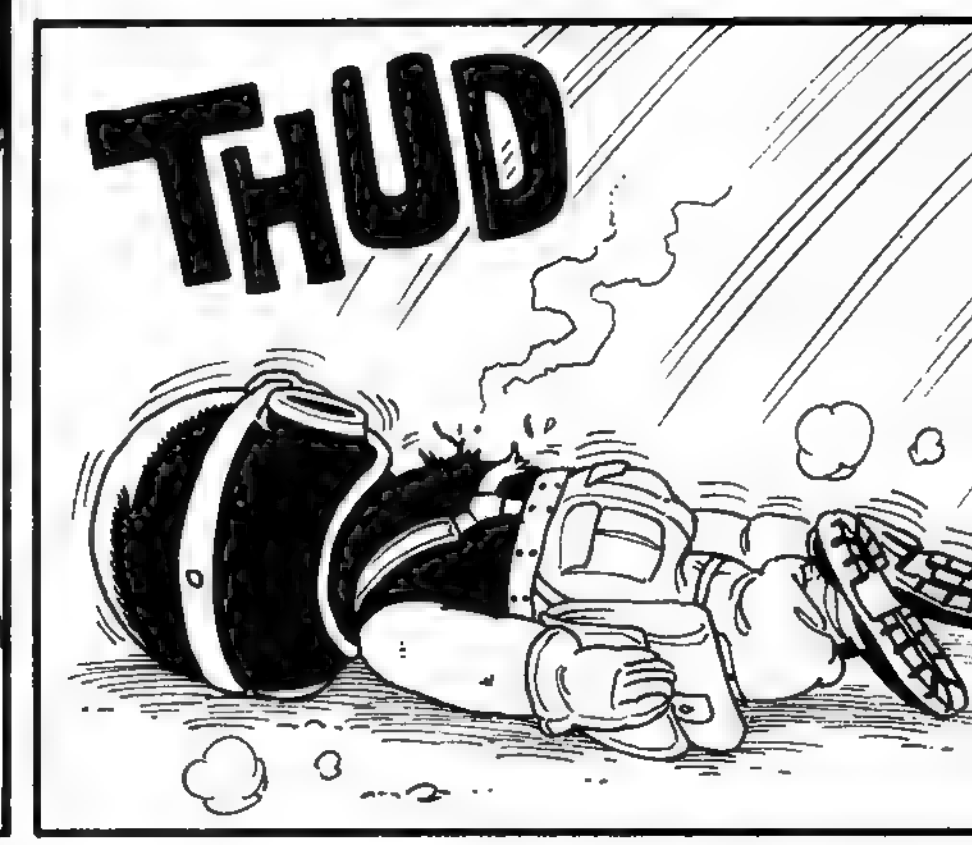
HRM?!

HEY, ARGH, C'MON! I SAID, "AH-HAAH." AREN'T YOU LISTENING?!

AHHHH!!

I'LL RETURN THE SENTI-MENT!!
FZIP
AWW, HE ACTUALLY THOUGHT ARCHAIC WEAPONRY WOULD WORK ON ME.
GA HA HA HA!!
YIKES!!
PWEEEN

OH NOOO! TONG-POO!!


THUD

EEEEK!!
SLURRRRP

GA HA HAHA
WAA-AAH!!

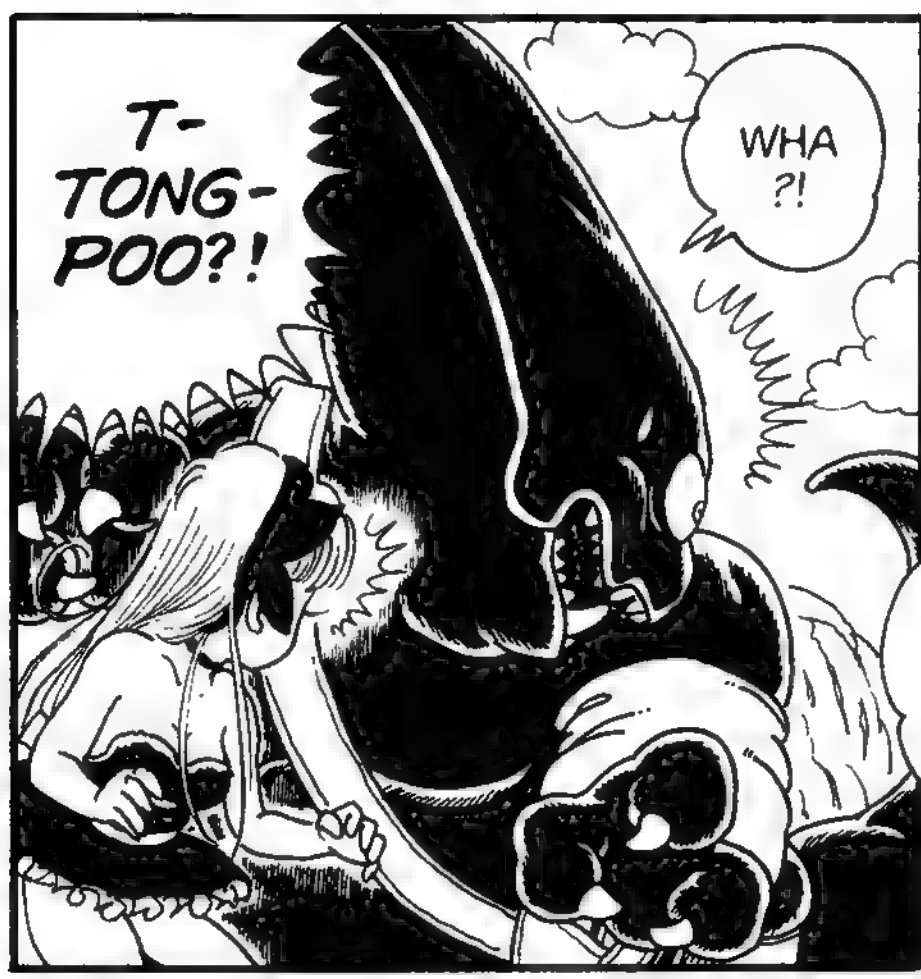
KER-THUD

CHOMP
OUCH!!

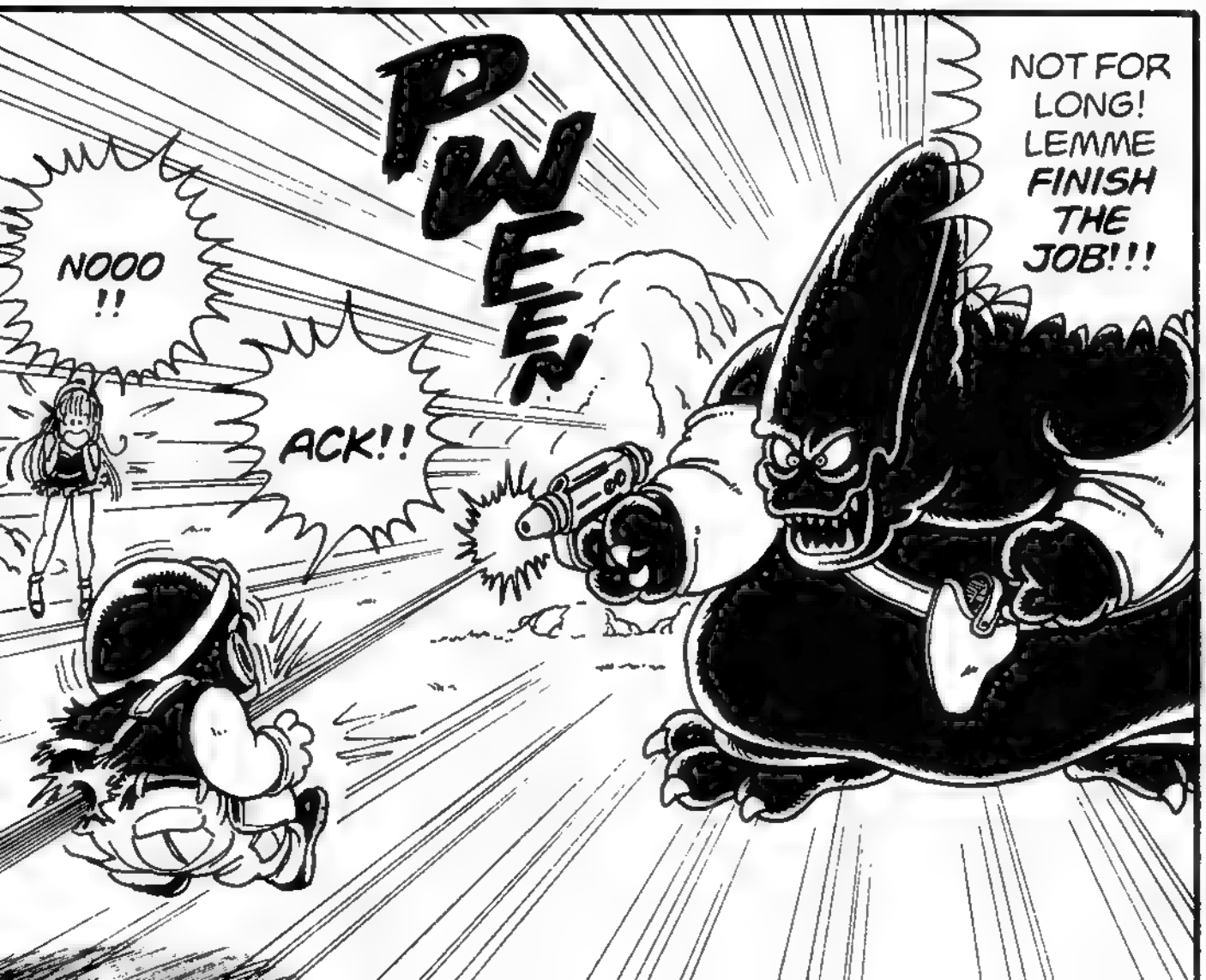
EWW! GROSS!
OVER THE LIPS AND PAST THE GUMS, WATCH OUT, STOMACH, HERE SHE COMES!

HEY, JERK !!!

EEEK!!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT!!!


T-TONG-POO?!
WHA ?!

YOU WENT AND MESSED UP MY LEFT ARM!! NOW HOW'M I S'POSED TO...
...GIVE A BANZAI CHEER WHEN I WIN?


PWEEN
NOOO !!
ACK!!
NOT FOR LONG! LEMME FINISH THE JOB!!!

Y-YOU'RE A PERSISTENT ONE, AREN'T YOU? STILL ALIVE, HUH? WELL...

NOW HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GO TO A PUBLIC BATH?!

AHHH! Y-YOU MADE MY BELLY BUTTON BIGGER!!

WHOA, HUT, HUP!!

STEADY NOW!

AND NOW, YOU BIG JERK, YOU'VE MADE ME VERY ANGRY!!!

I'M A CYBORG !!!

W-WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU? S-SOME KINDA MONSTER ??

GAAAAH!!

PWEEN PWEEN

HUP !!

MAXIMUM POWER!!!

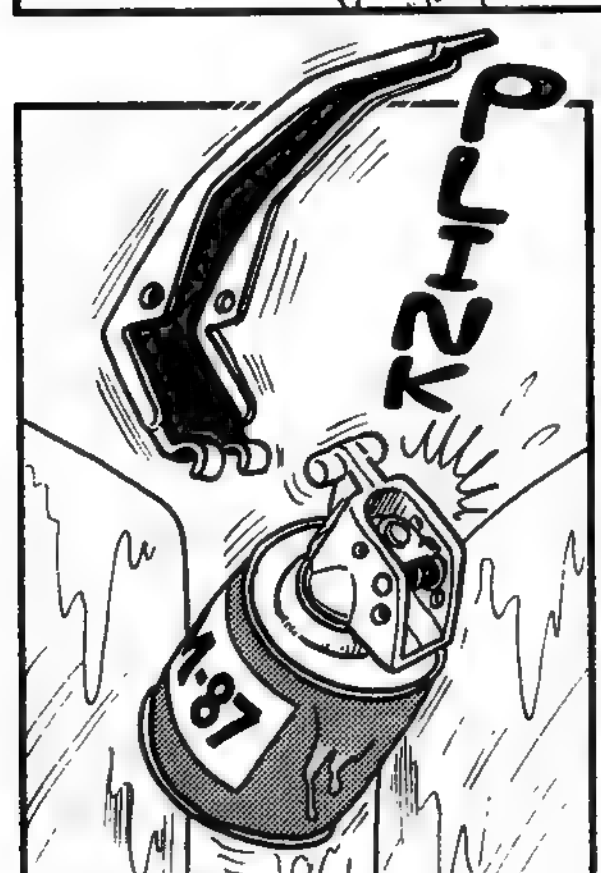
BZZRT BZZRT

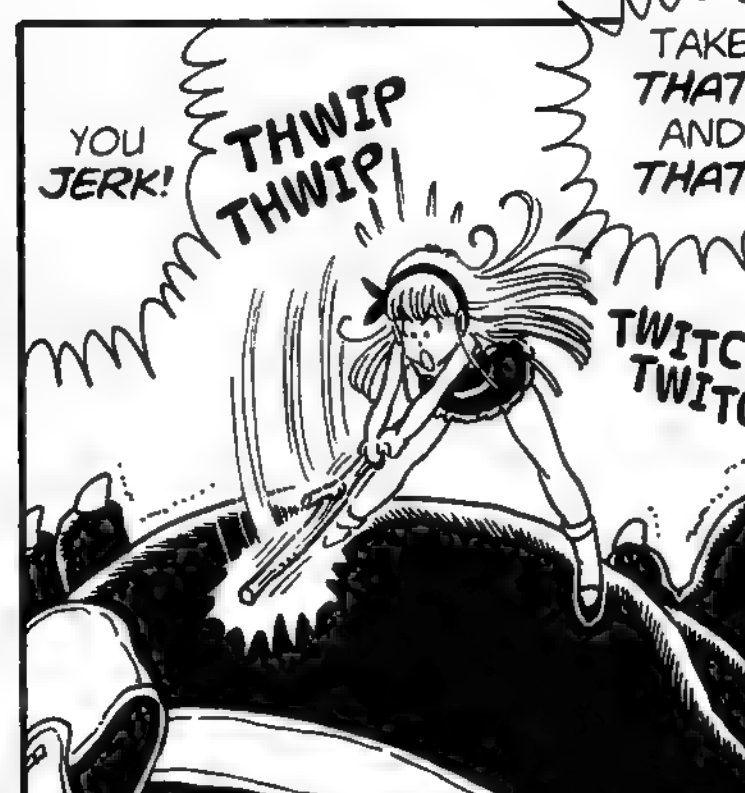
SHRRRRRRRED

GUH !!!
KITNP
FWIPPFWIP
DAAH !!!
KEPS
POW

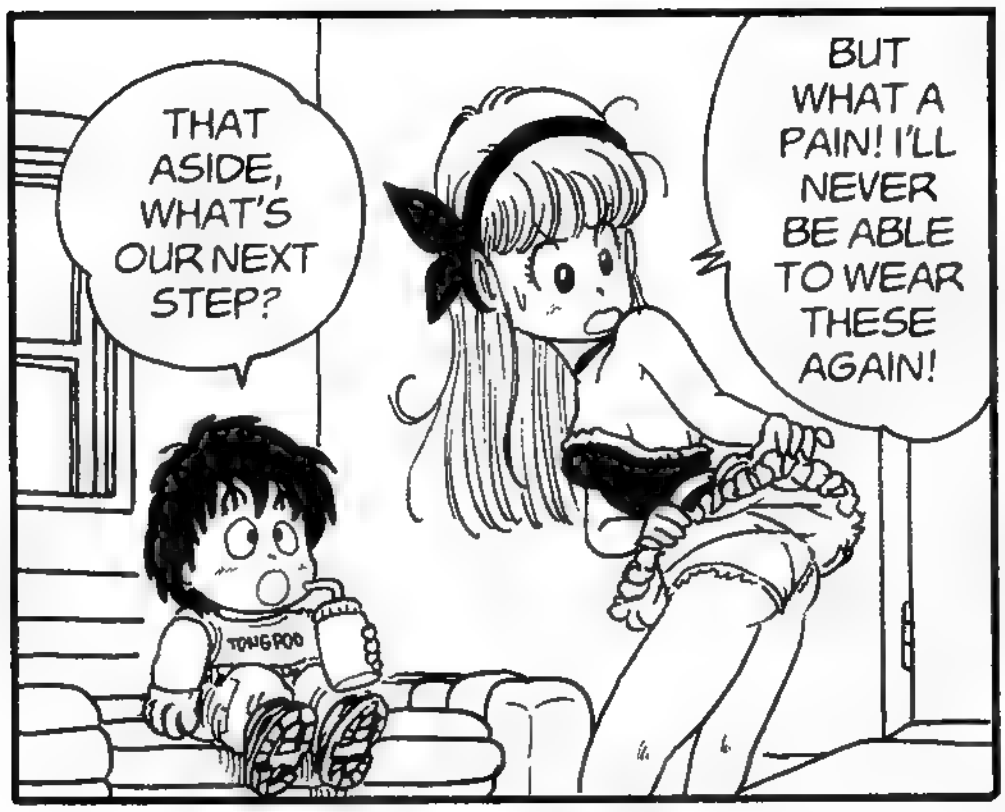
THUDOOOM

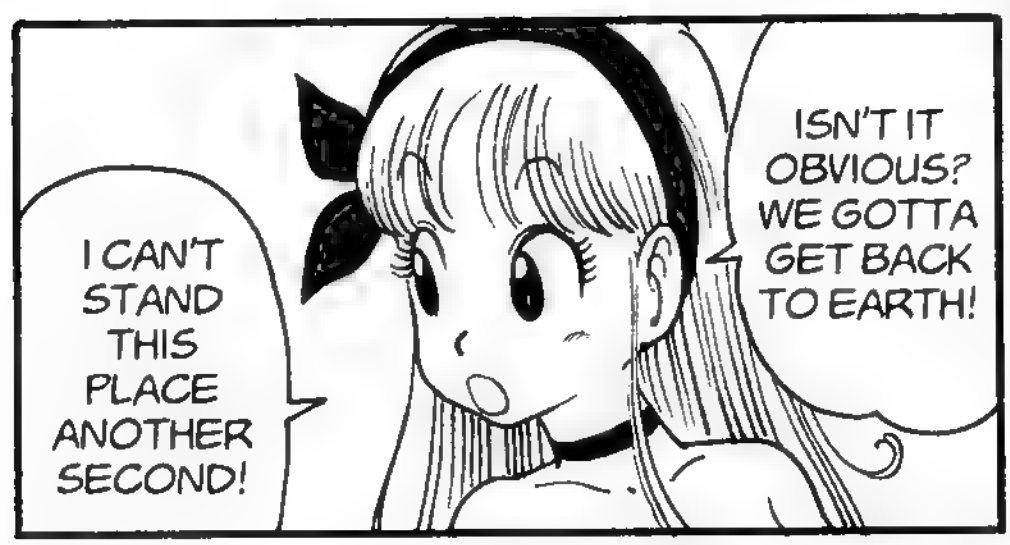
TMP



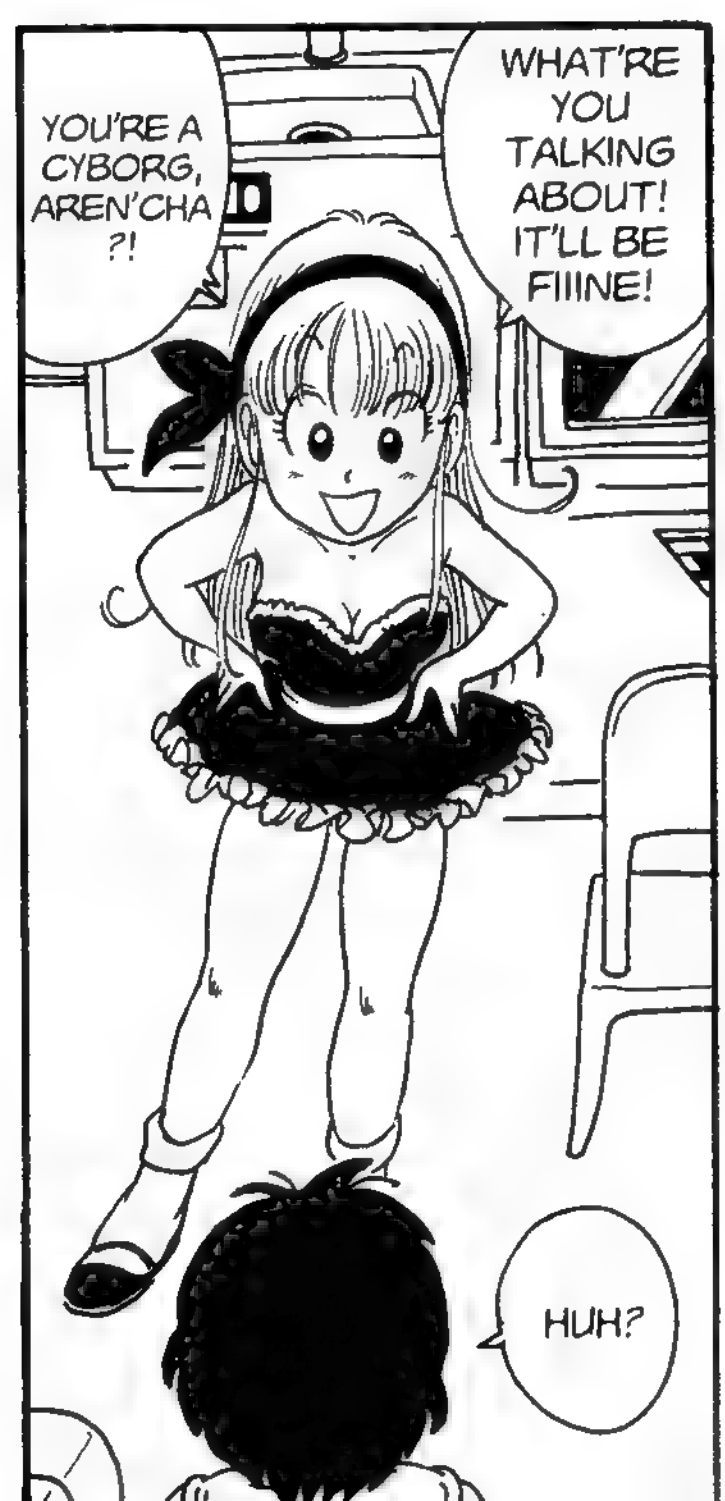


WOOOM
?
URRRRRT
BAKOOOM
WE MADE IT!!!
EEEK!!


THAT ASIDE, WHAT'S OUR NEXT STEP?
BUT WHAT A PAIN! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO WEAR THESE AGAIN!
TONGPOO


I CAN'T STAND THIS PLACE ANOTHER SECOND!
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? WE GOTTA GET BACK TO EARTH!

THAT'S OKAY! IT FELT GREAT TO GET HIM BACK FOR WHAT HE DID TO MY TEAM.
SO THE ALIEN'S SHIP DIDN'T WORK OUT FOR US...
SCOUT


YOU'RE A CYBORG, AREN'CHA ?!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT! IT'LL BE FIIINE!
HUH?

BUT IF WE USE IT TO PLANET HOP, WE'LL PROB-ABLY COME ACROSS A SHIP WE CAN USE!
THERE'S NO WAY THAT'LL MAKE IT BACK TO EARTH.
WE'VE ONLY GOT THE MINI ROCKET SHIP THOUGH.

BUT WAIT! THAT SHIP ONLY HOLDS ONE PERSON.
I GUESS THAT'S POSSIBLE ...
TONGPOO

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HERE'S HOW I BECAME A MANGA ARTIST

PART 4

Since I was into drawing, going to a high school focused on creative design was a no-brainer. While I honestly enjoyed drawing, having a good time with my friends was higher on my list of priorities. On the way home from school we'd stop by toy shops, scarf some ramen, go to a department store... Maybe do some bowling or billiards... My point is, I don't think I ever once went straight home from school.

I still didn't read much manga, but every once in a blue moon I'd draw one myself. When it came time to decide whether I'd get a job straight out of high school or continue my education, I made a beeline for a job. My parents were strongly opposed to that choice, but I knew it was right for me. I knew that with just a little practice, my drawings would get me recognized in no time flat! Ah, the impertinence of youth.

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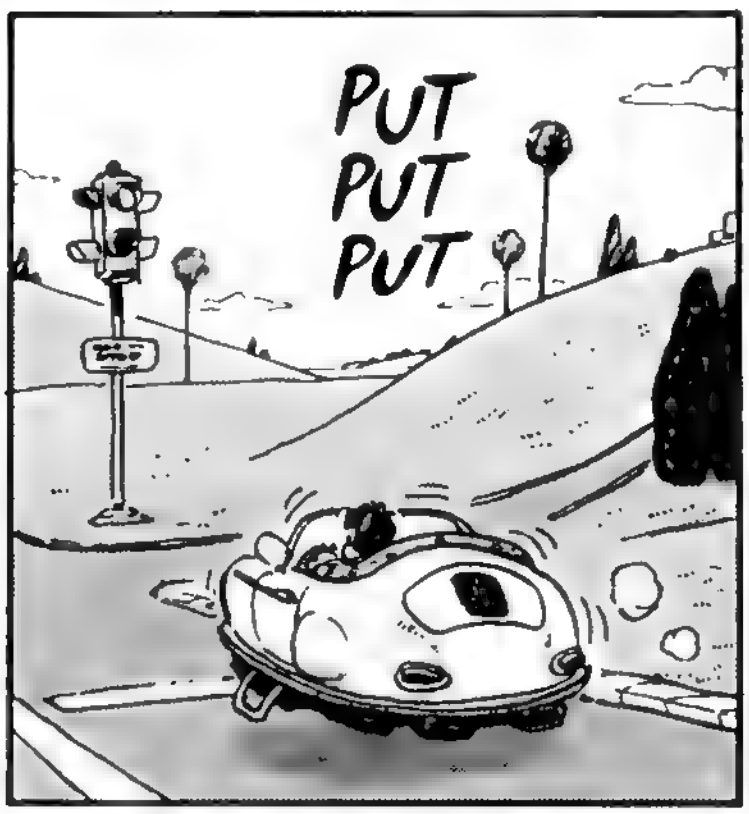
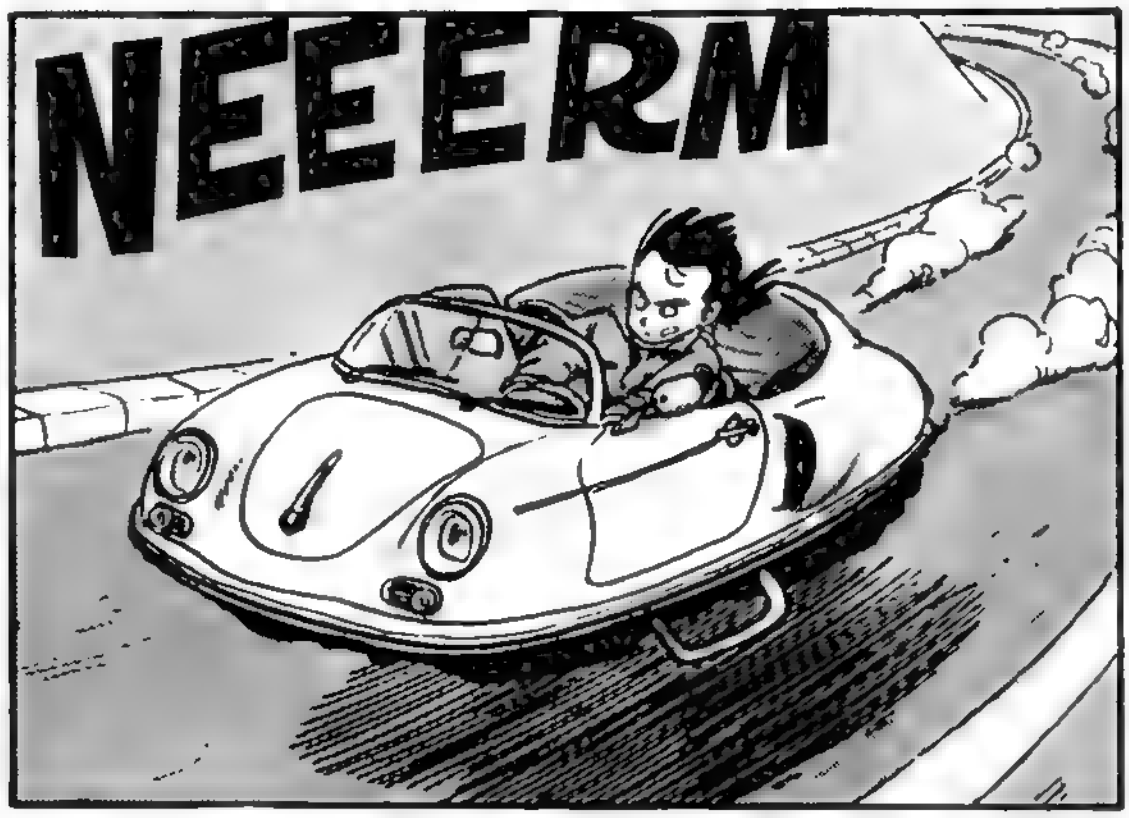
Mr. HO

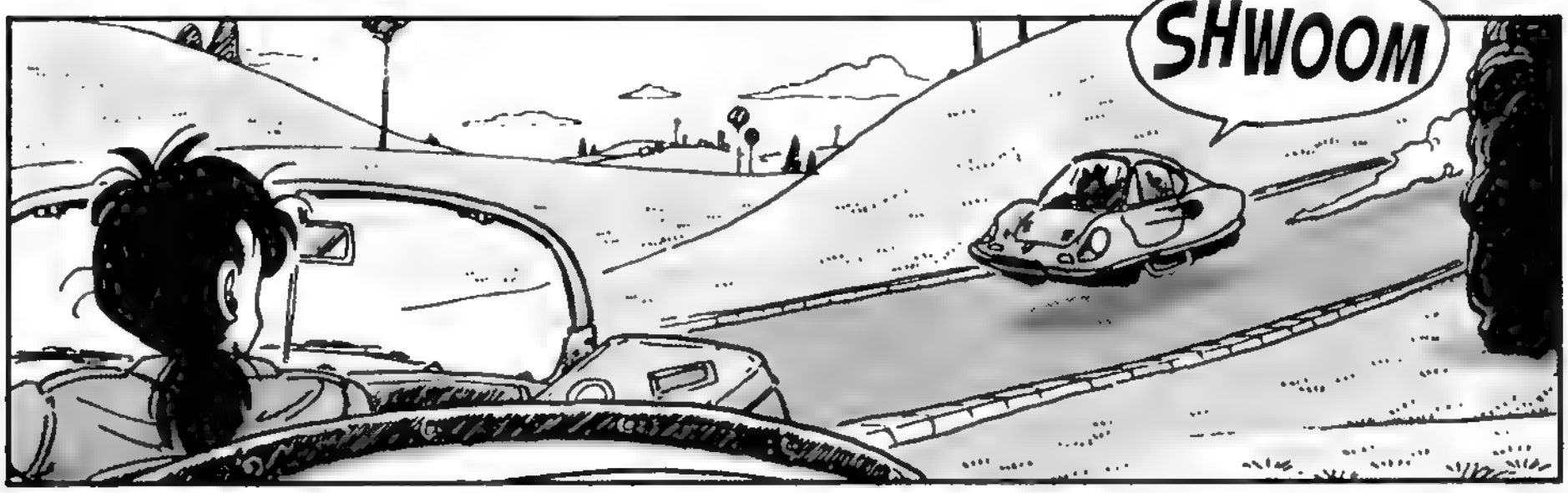
THE WAR BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH IS OVER, PEACEFUL DAYS HAVE RETURNED... THIS IS ONE SUCH DAY IN A COUNTRY TO THE SOUTH...

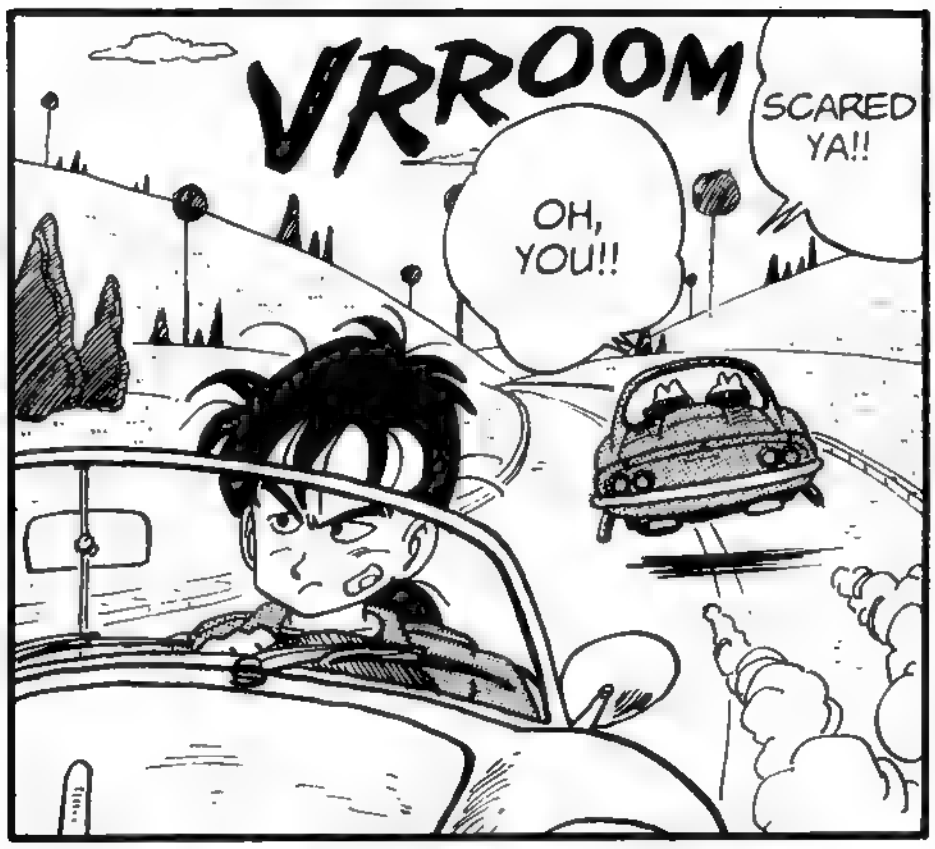
VRVRRM

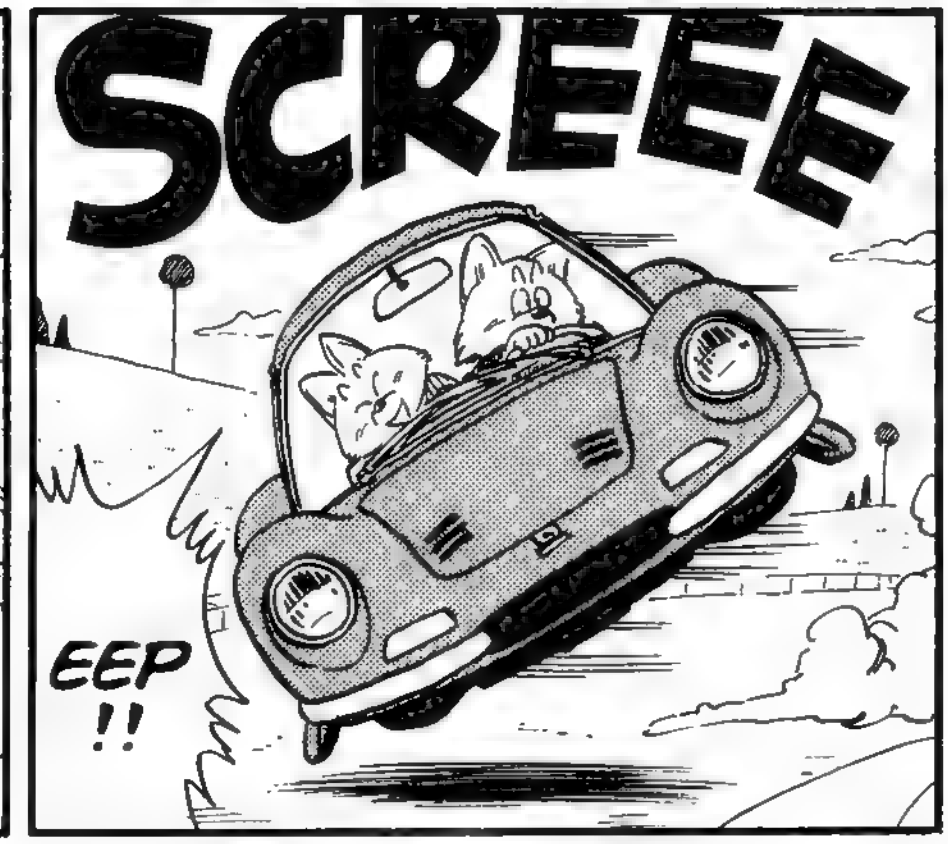
VROOOM








VRROOM
OH, YOU!!
SCARED YA!!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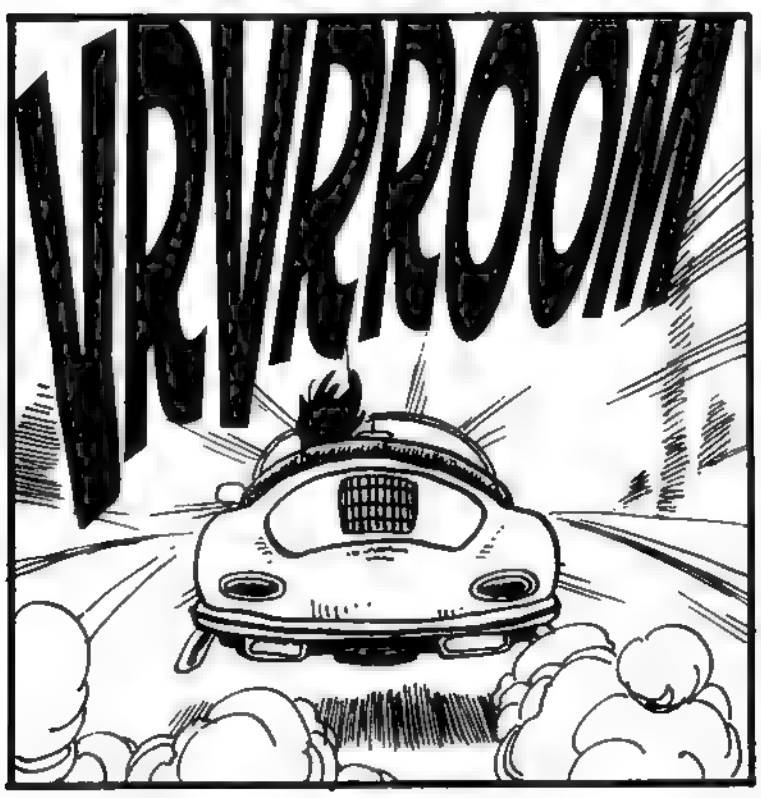
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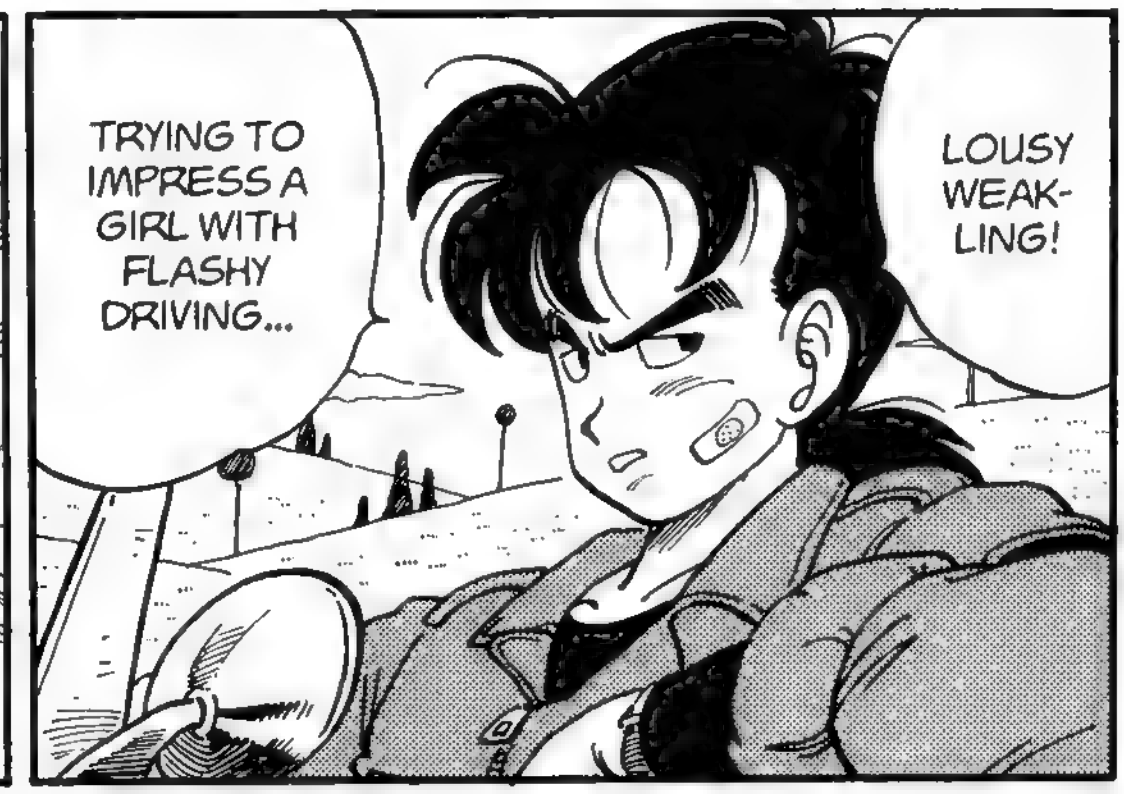
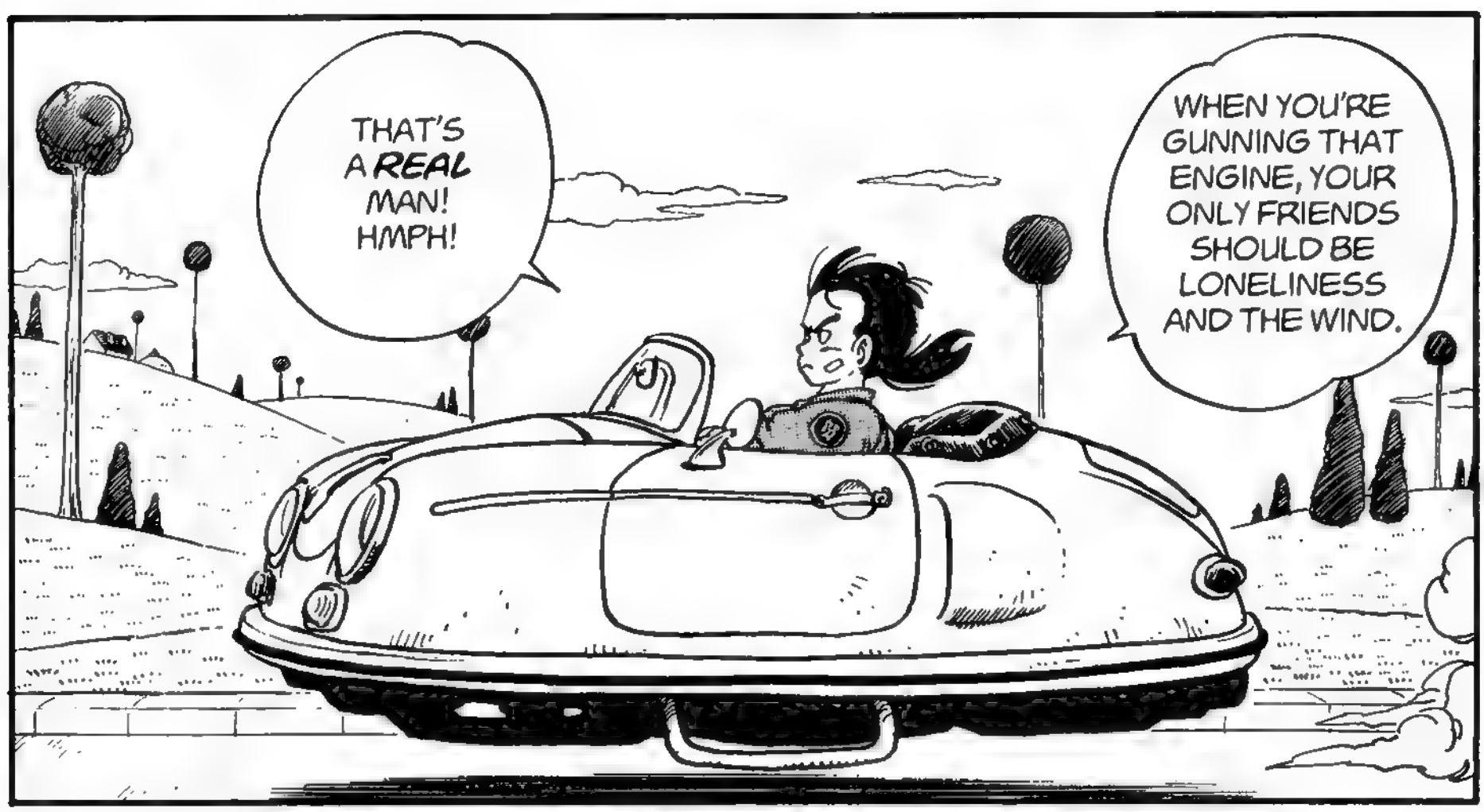
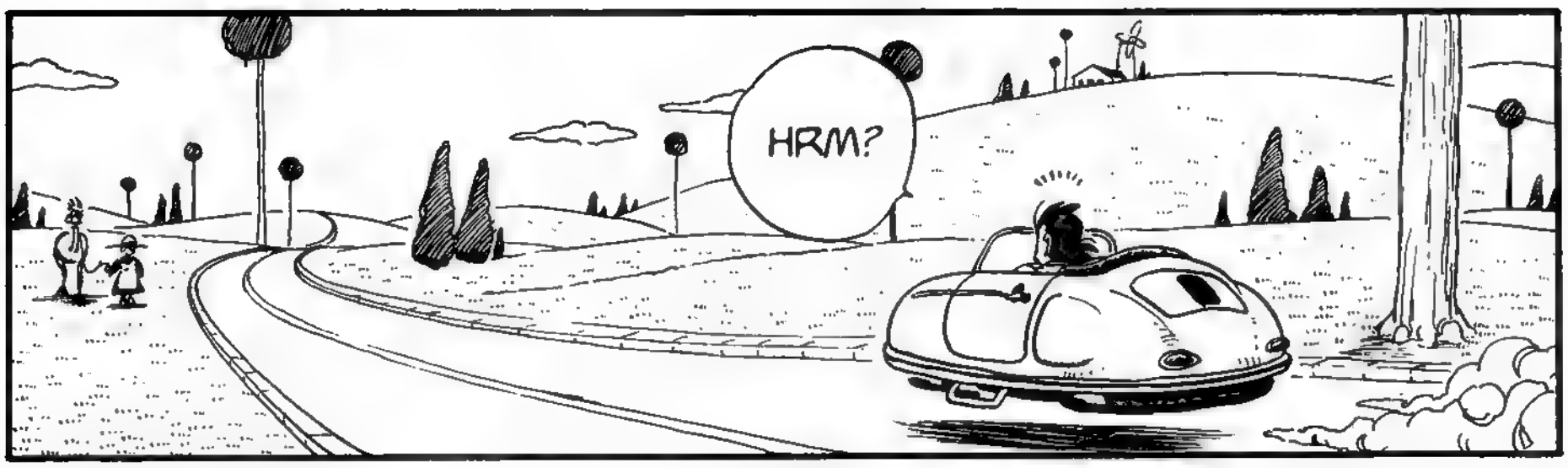
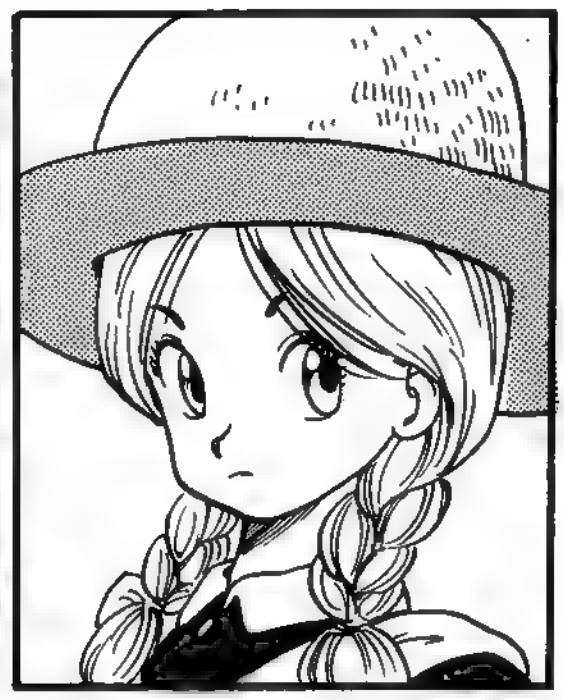
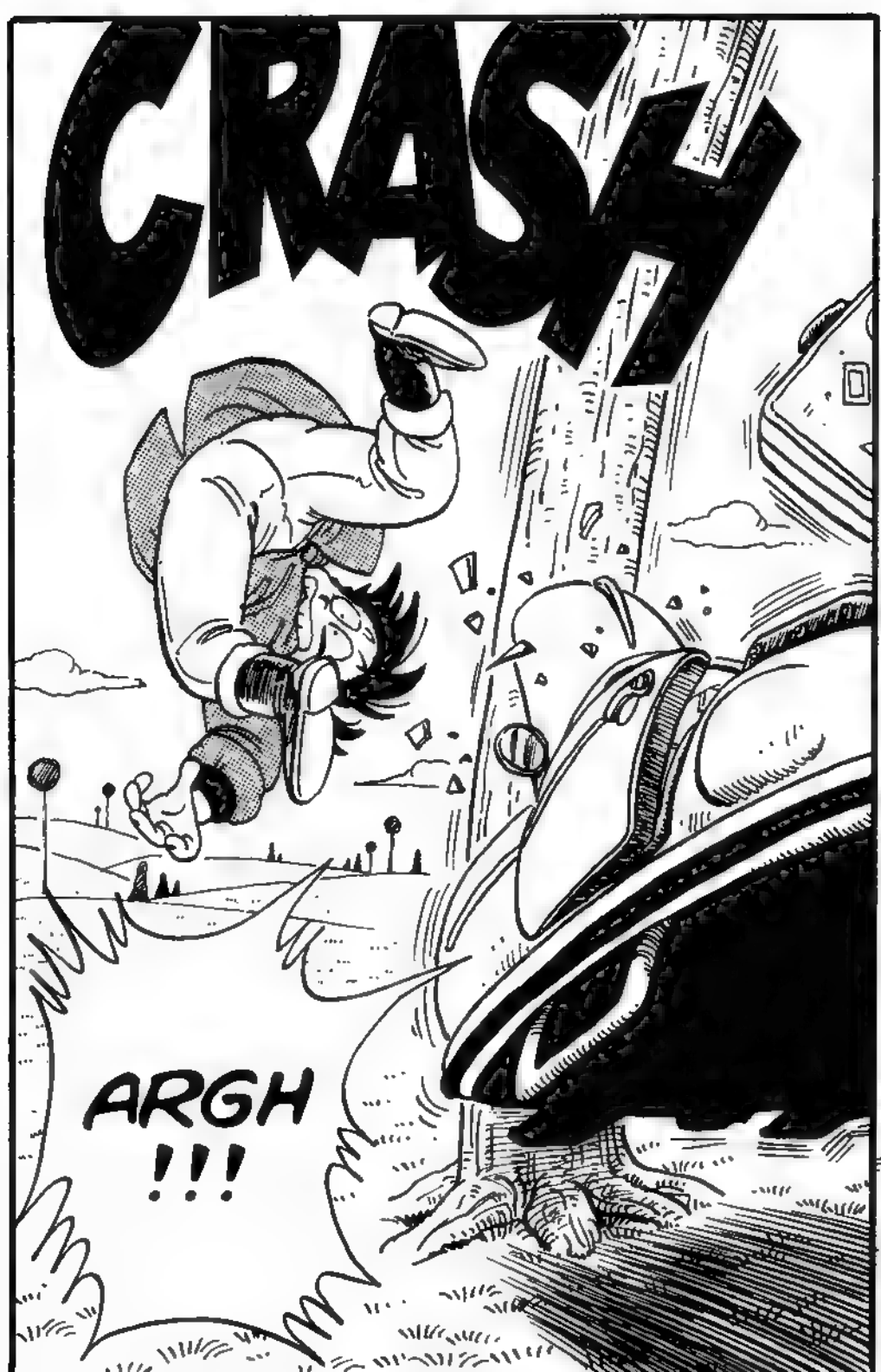

TRYING TO IMPRESS A GIRL WITH FLASHY DRIVING...
LOUSY WEAK-LING!


THAT'S A REAL MAN! HMPH!
WHEN YOU'RE GUNNING THAT ENGINE, YOUR ONLY FRIENDS SHOULD BE LONELINESS AND THE WIND.


HRM?

PLINK

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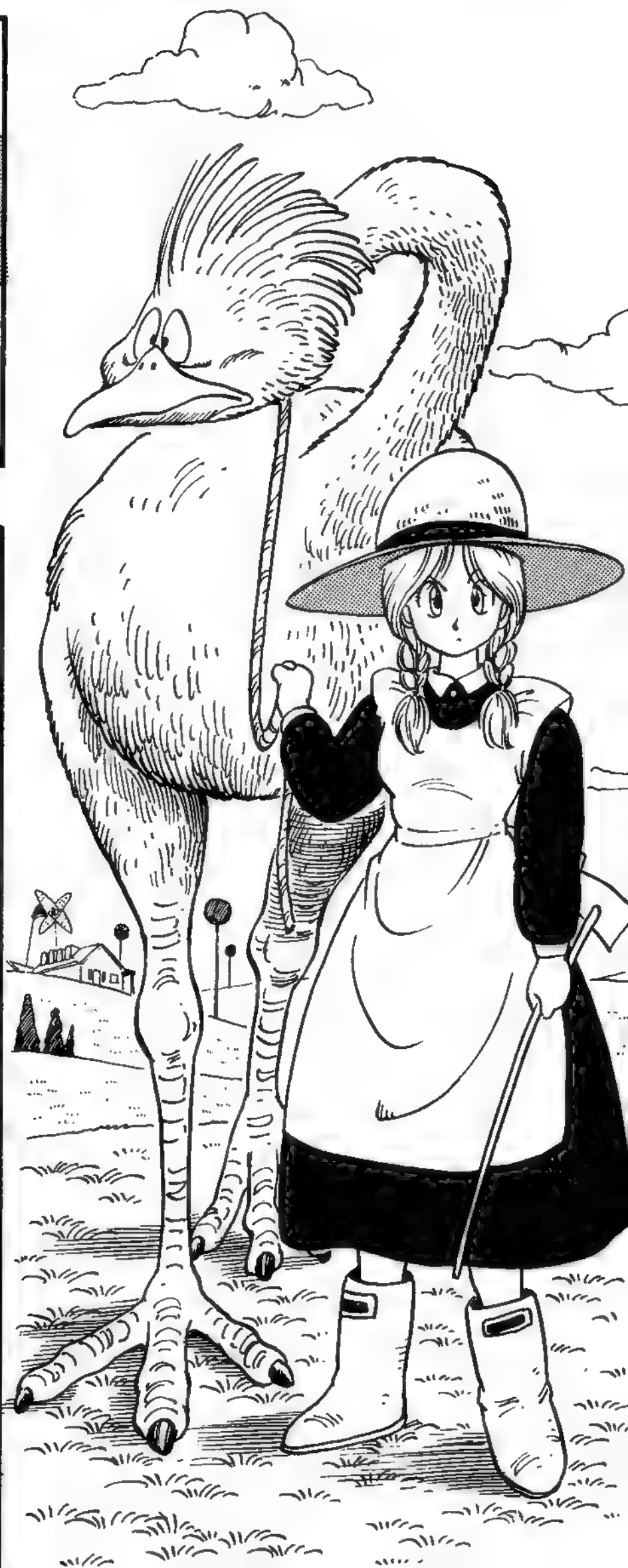
ARGH !!!



HRRRGH !!!

RRRRGH!!

HUH, LOOKS LIKE MY CAR HAD SOME ISSUES.

DON'T WORRY, I'M PERFECTLY FINE.

PAT PAT

FWIP

AH!

FWIP

HUH ?!

BLEEHH!

THAT MIGHT BE HOW THEY GREET EACH OTHER IN THE SOUTH... YEAH, THAT'S GOTTA BE IT!

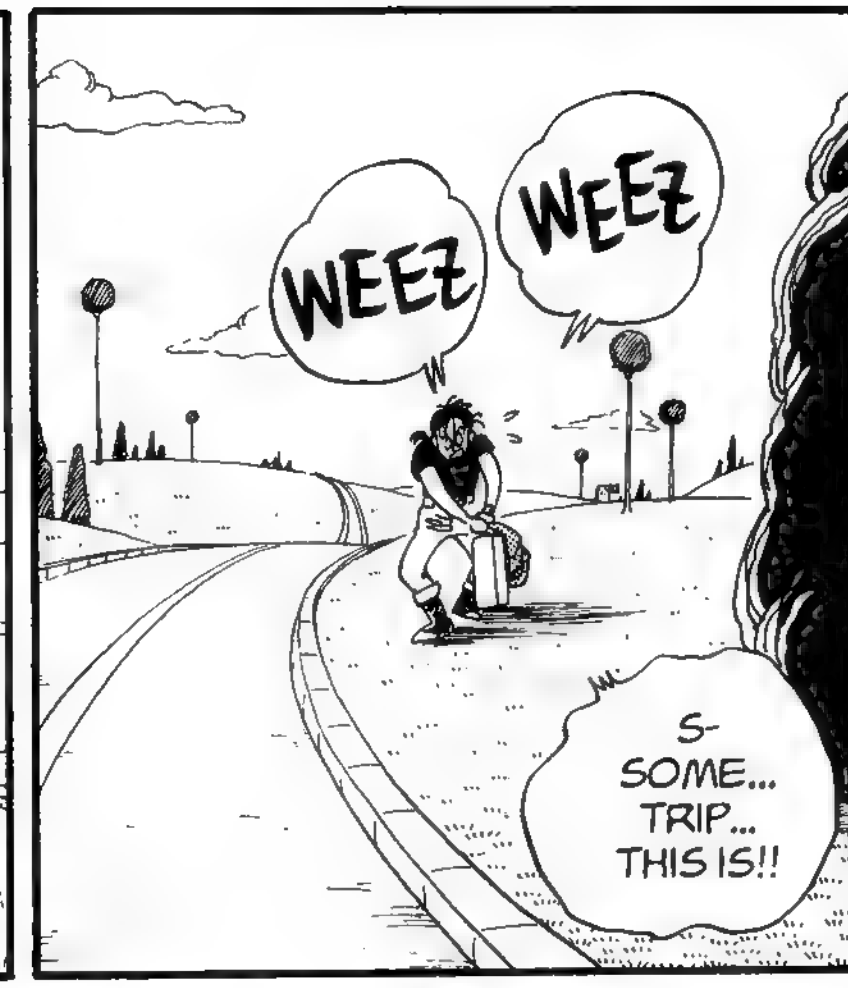
OH, WAIT... OF COURSE!

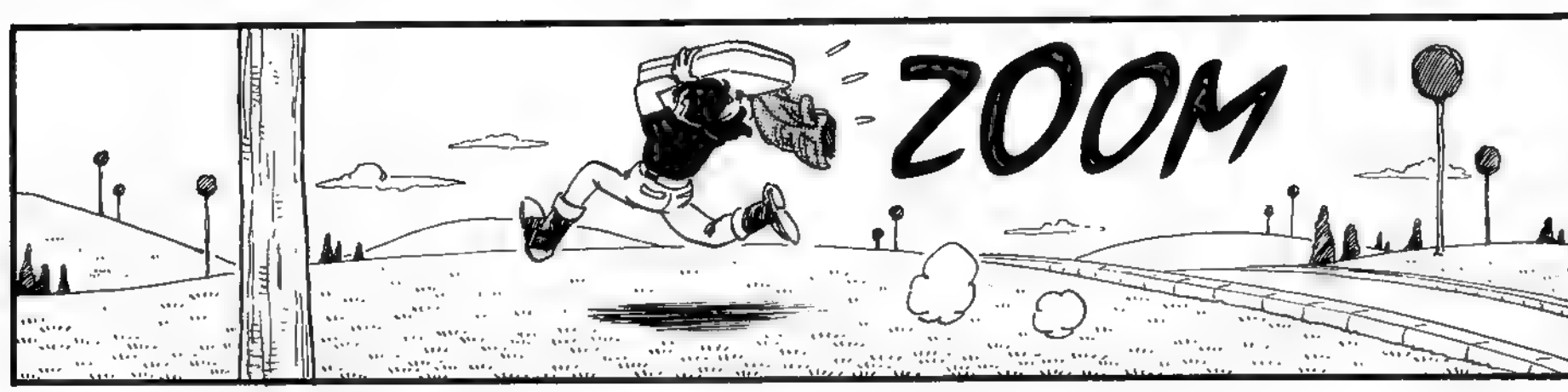
THE HECK WAS WITH HER...?

...

HERE WE GO! THERE'S A TOWN NEARBY.

NOW WHAT DO I DO...?


WEEZ
WEEZ
S- SOME... TRIP... THIS IS!!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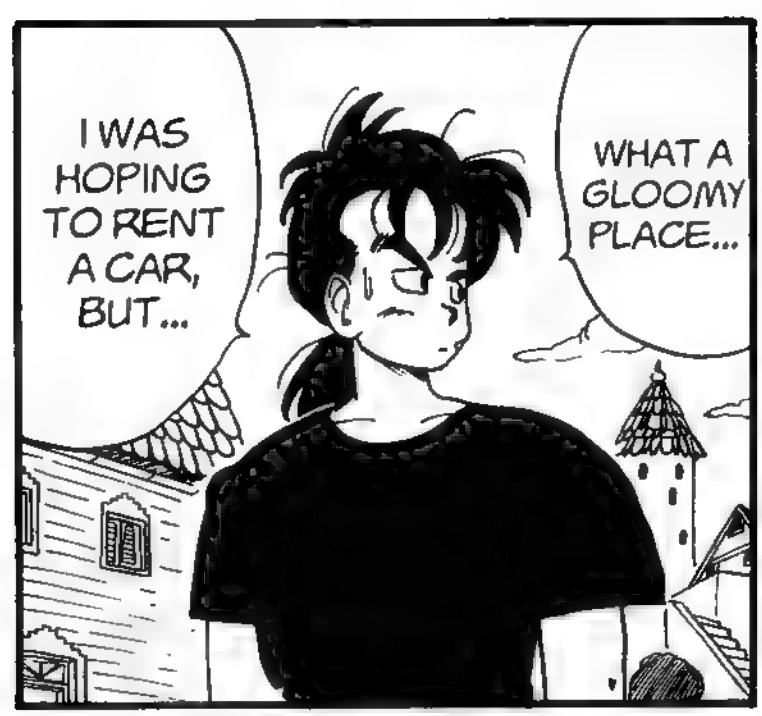
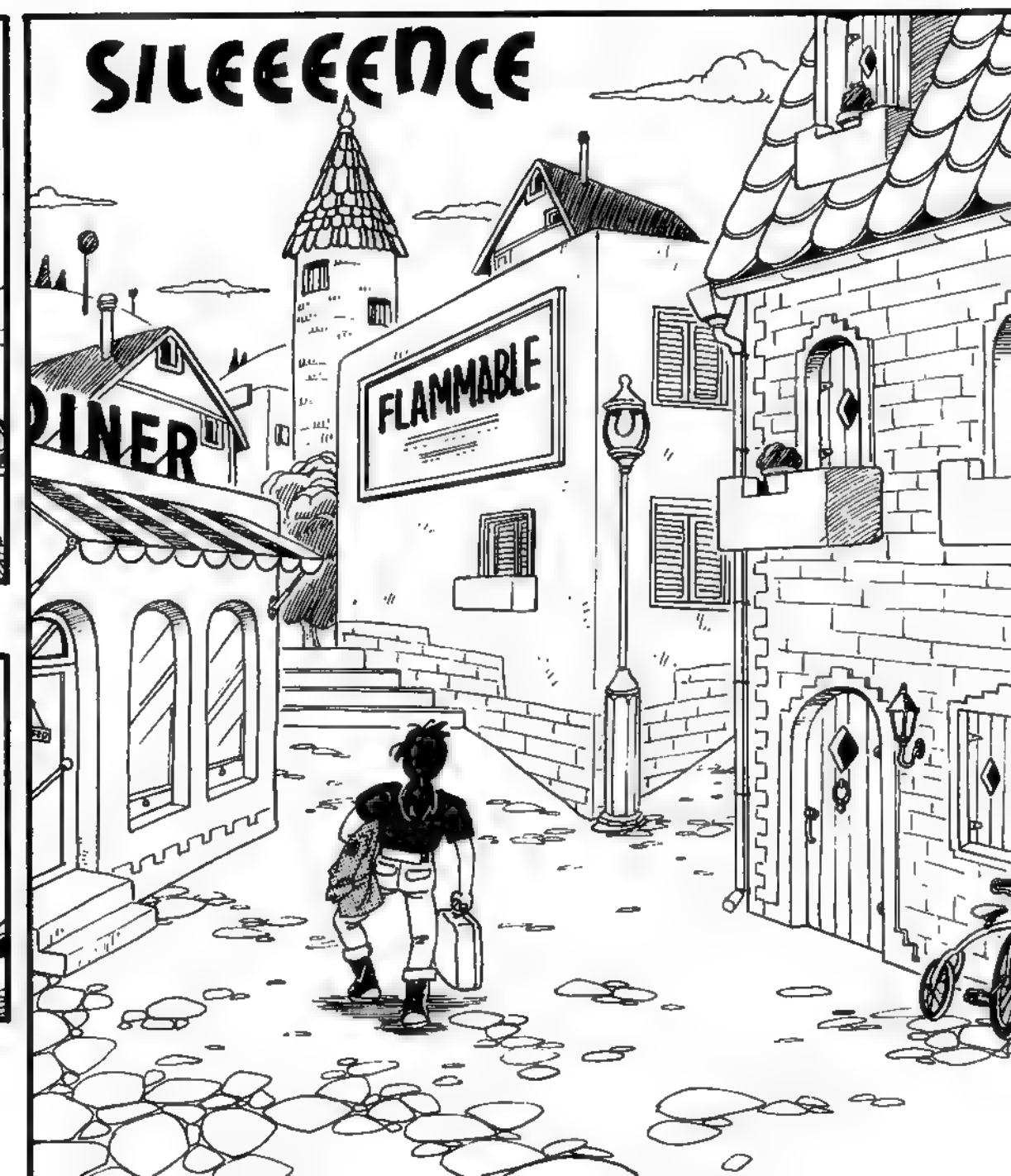
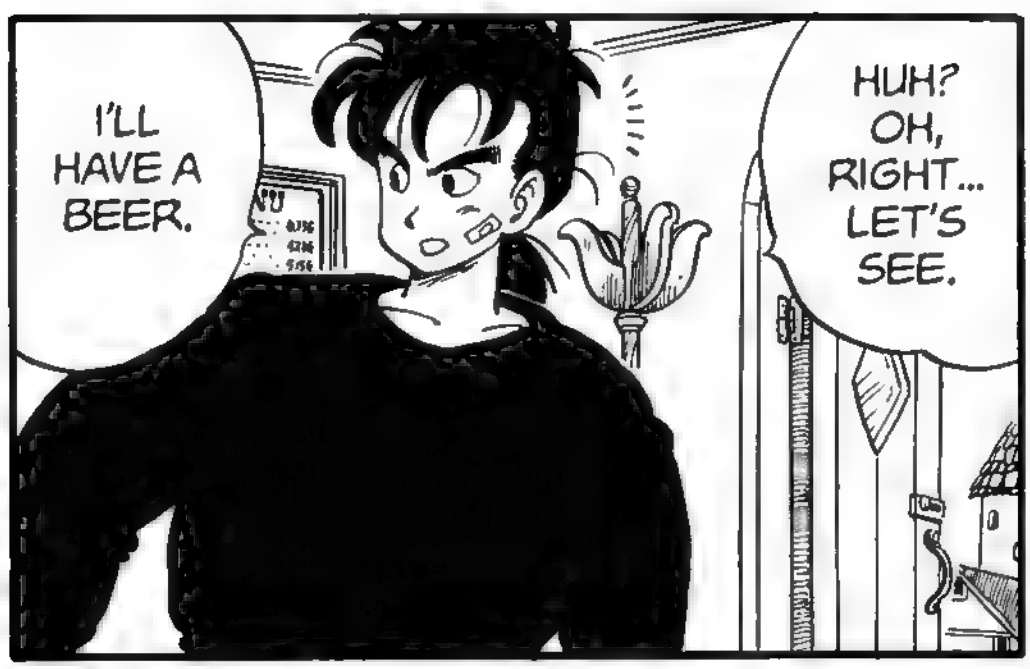

I WAS HOPING TO RENT A CAR, BUT...
WHAT A GLOOMY PLACE...

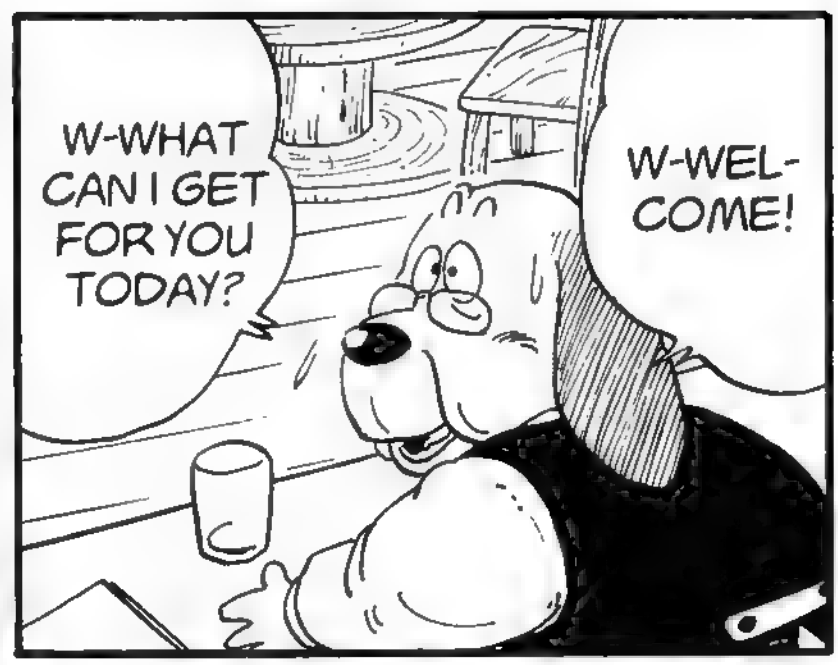
HEAVY'S
Drink
WELL, AT LEAST I CAN ASK AROUND ...

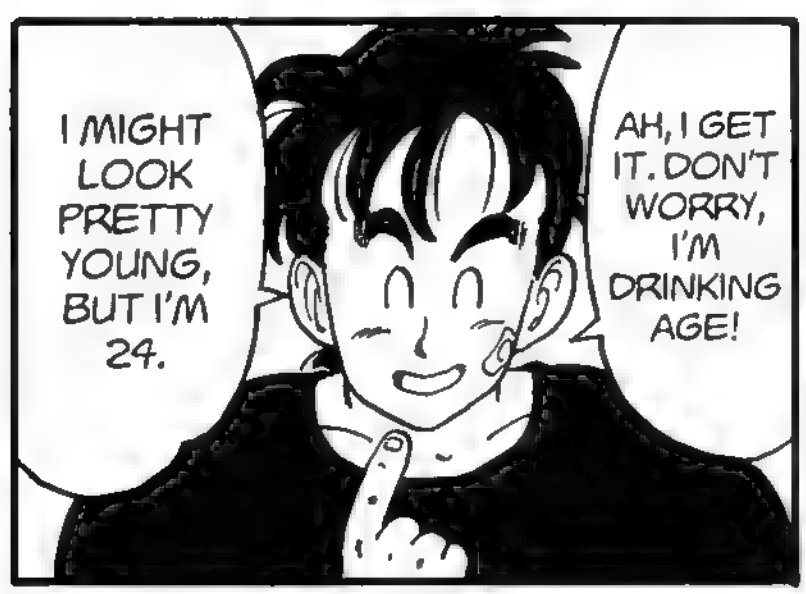

SILEEEENCE
DINER
FLAMMABLE

WHAT'S UP?
BLEEHH!

CREAK


I'LL HAVE A BEER.
HUH? OH, RIGHT... LET'S SEE.


W-WHAT CAN I GET FOR YOU TODAY?
W-WEL-COME!


I MIGHT LOOK PRETTY YOUNG, BUT I'M 24.
AH, I GET IT. DON'T WORRY, I'M DRINKING AGE!

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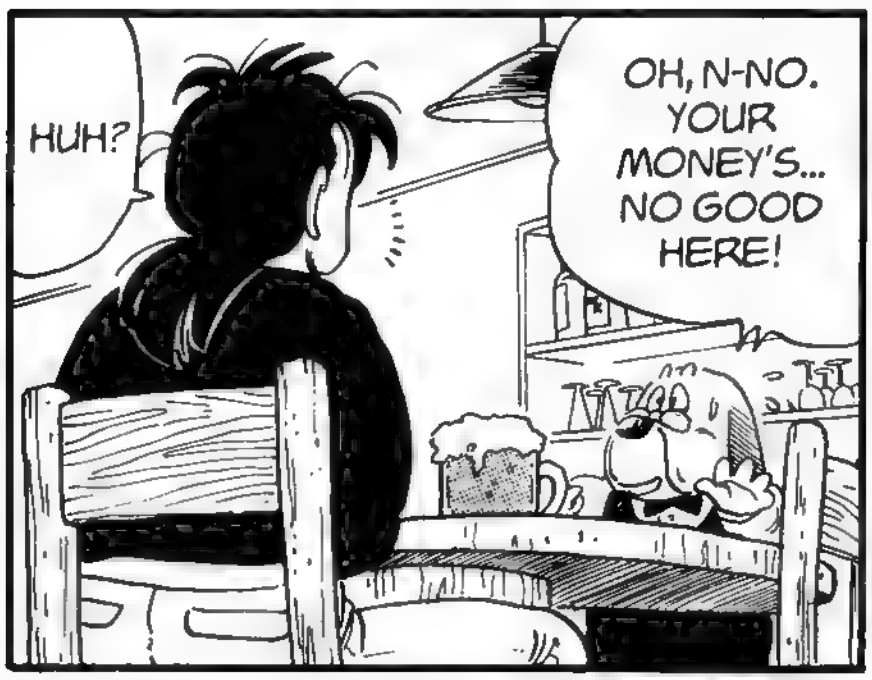
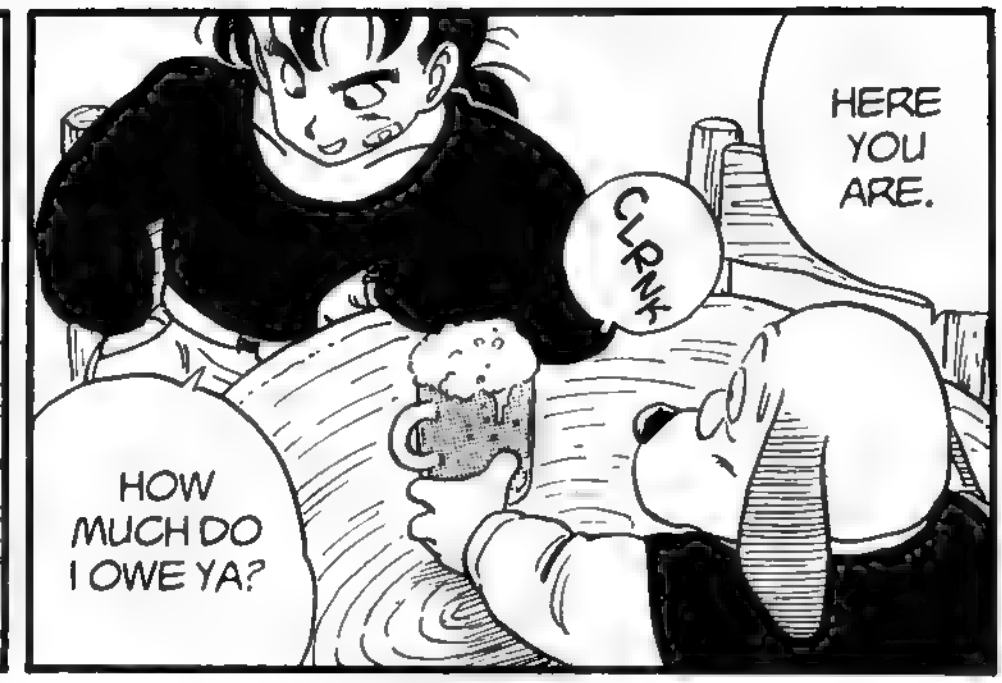
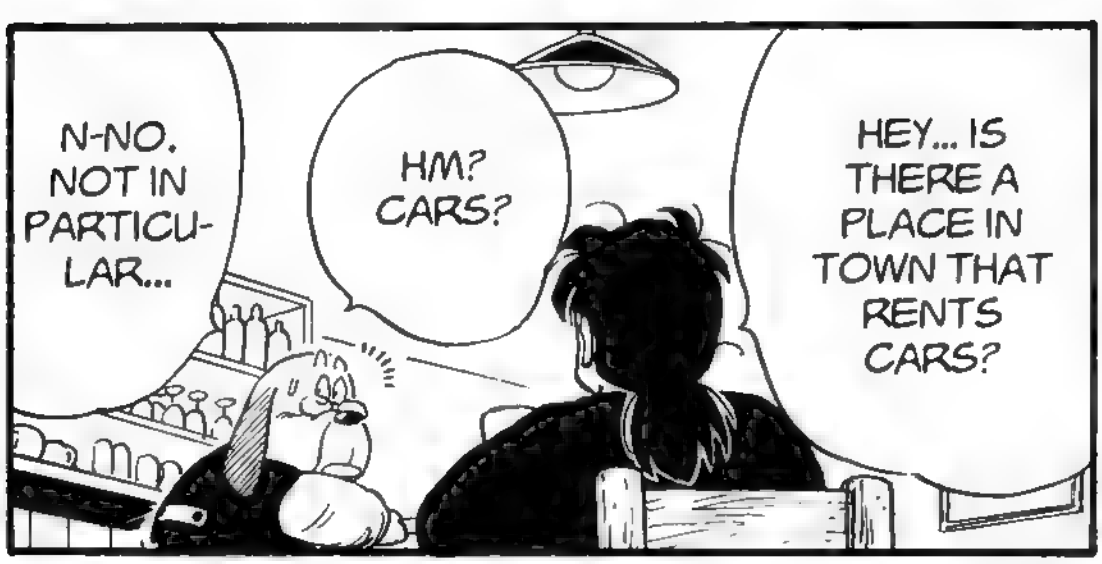

HUH?
OH, N-NO. YOUR MONEY'S... NO GOOD HERE!


HERE YOU ARE.
CLRNK
HOW MUCH DO I OWE YA?

SIP SIIIP
...


N-NO. NOT IN PARTICU-LAR...
HM? CARS?
HEY... IS THERE A PLACE IN TOWN THAT RENTS CARS?

MAYBE IT'S RARE FOR THEM TO SEE A NORTH-ERNER.
WEIRD BUNCH...

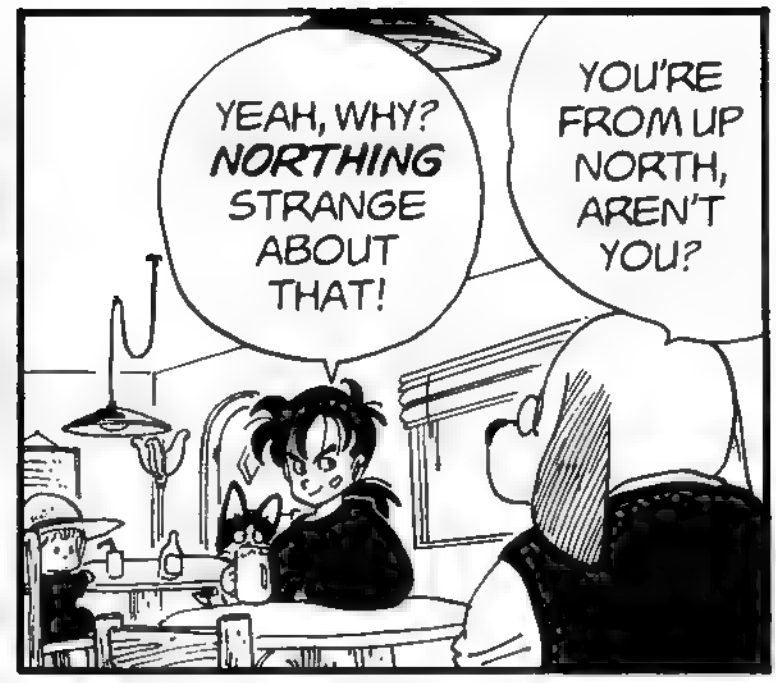
CHAI? WHAT'S THAT?

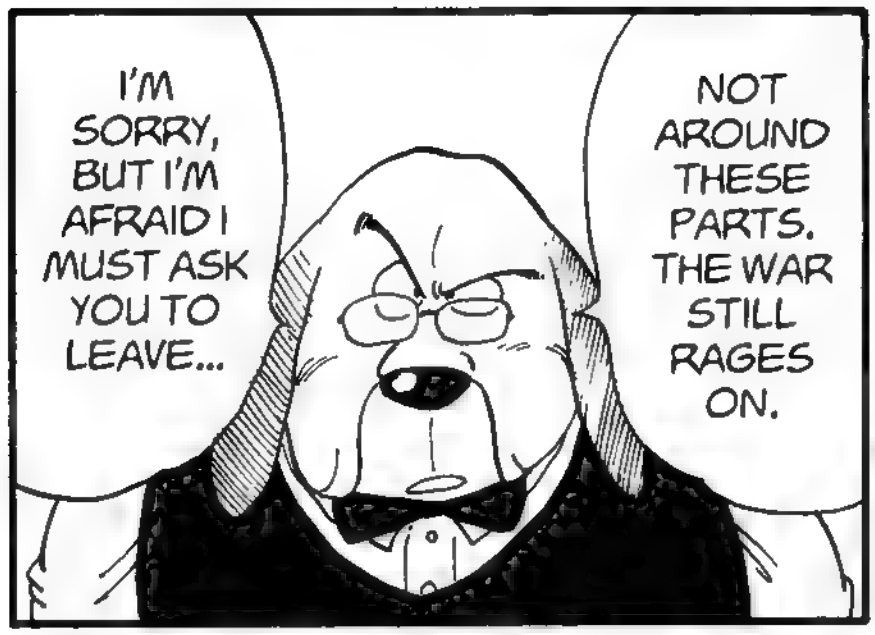
HEY, GUY, ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH THE CHAI GANG?
I'M WHAT YOU CALL A COOL GUY.

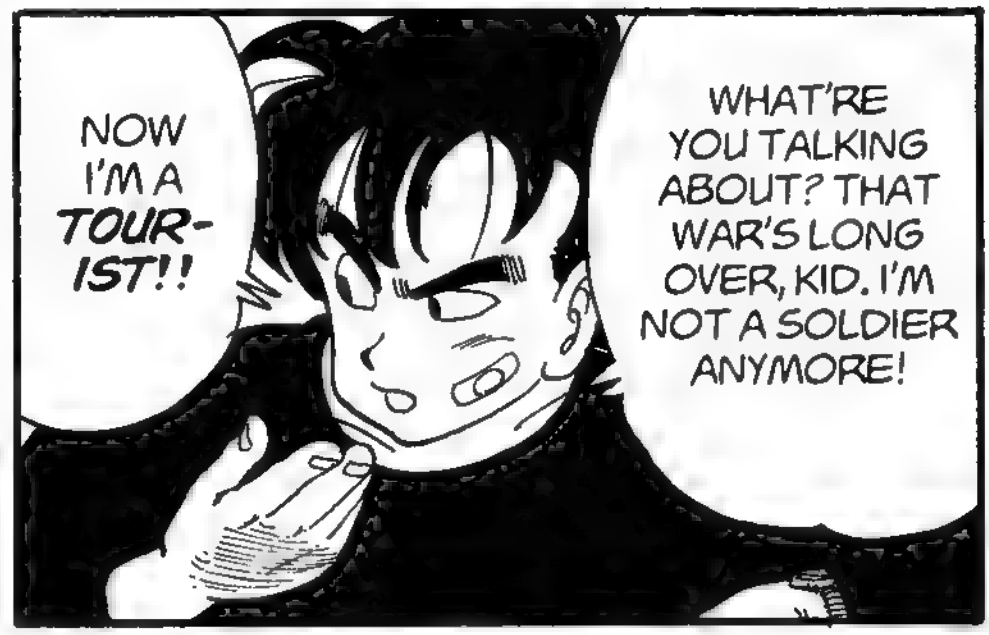
SCUSE ME, SIR.
I'M NOT OLD ENOUGH TO BE A SIR, KID!

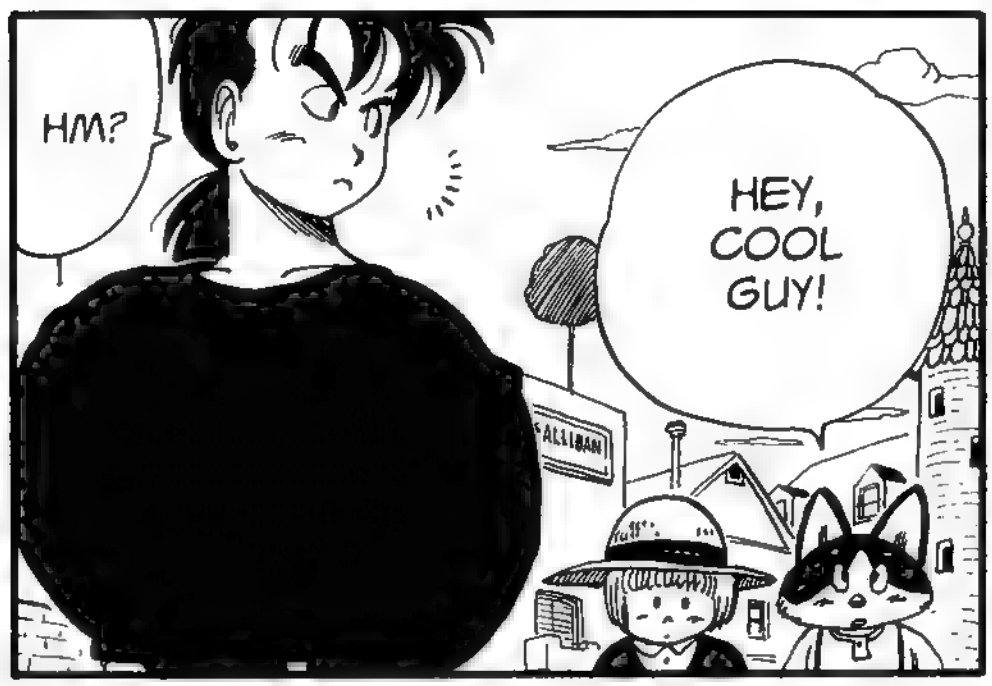
AREN'T YOU A SOLDIER FROM THE NORTHERN ARMY?

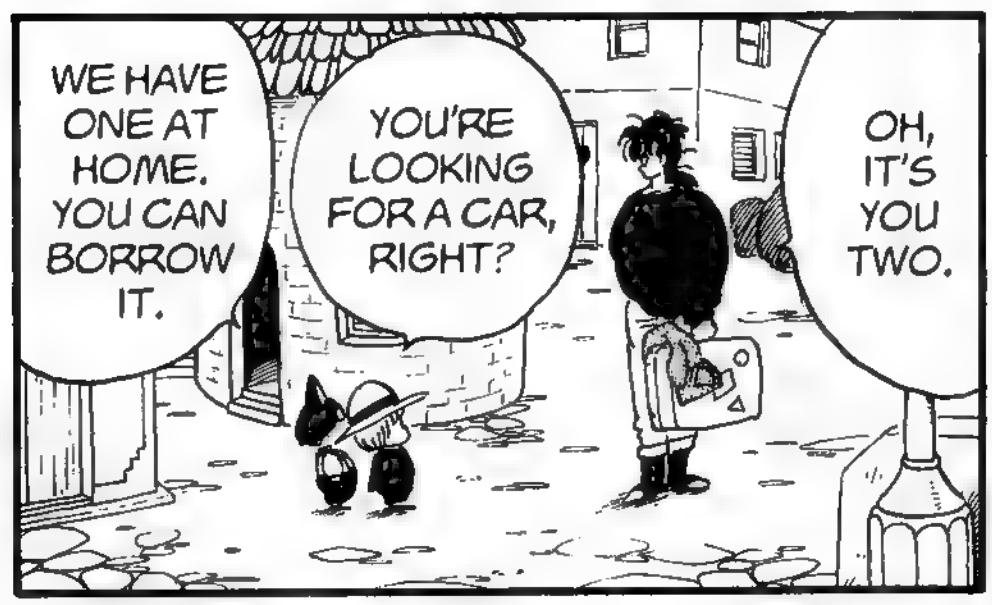
SILEEENCE
SIIIP...
...


YEAH, WHY? NORTHING STRANGE ABOUT THAT!
YOU'RE FROM UP NORTH, AREN'T YOU?


I'M SORRY, BUT I'M AFRAID I MUST ASK YOU TO LEAVE...
NOT AROUND THESE PARTS. THE WAR STILL RAGES ON.


NOW I'M A TOUR-IST!!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THAT WAR'S LONG OVER, KID. I'M NOT A SOLDIER ANYMORE!

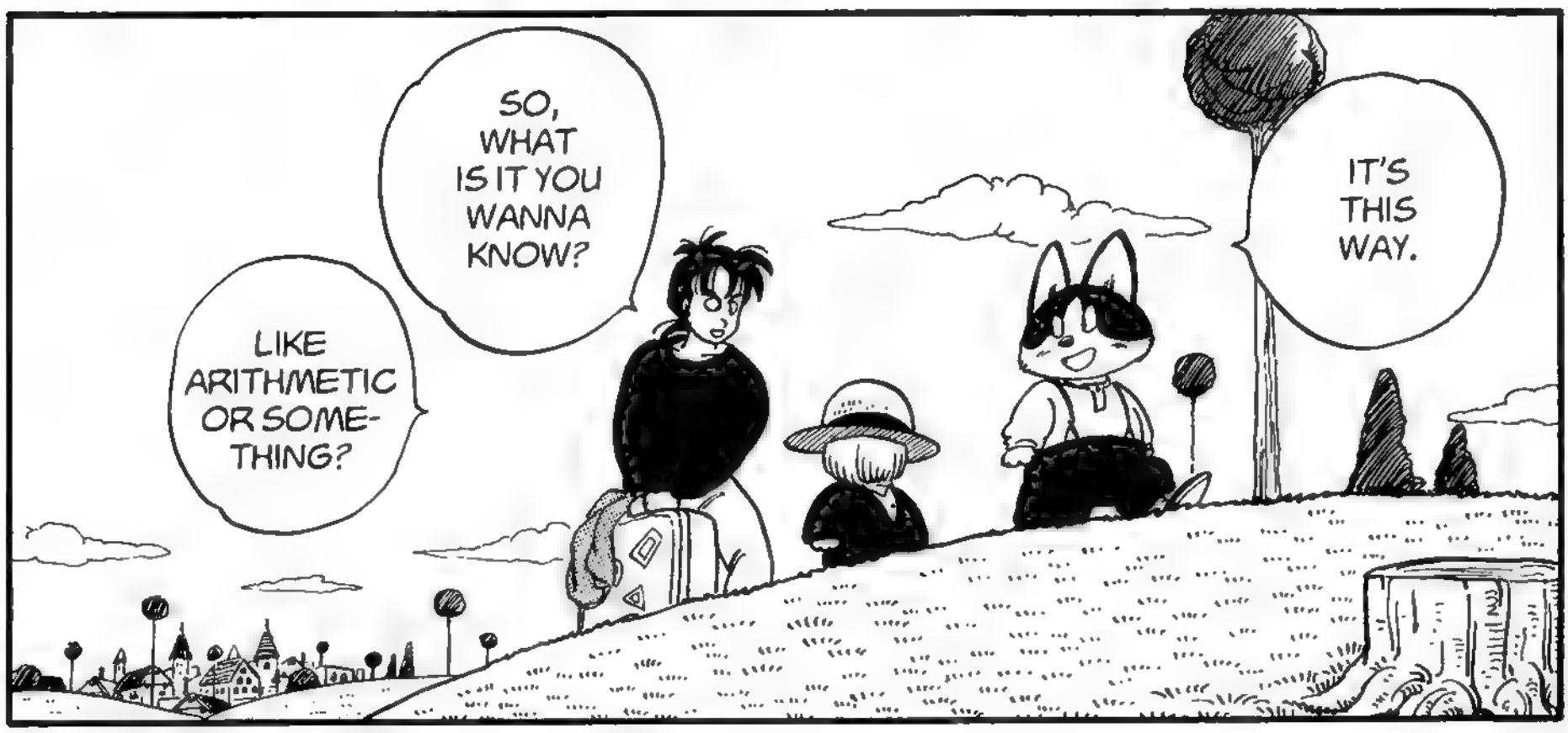

HM?
HEY, COOL GUY!

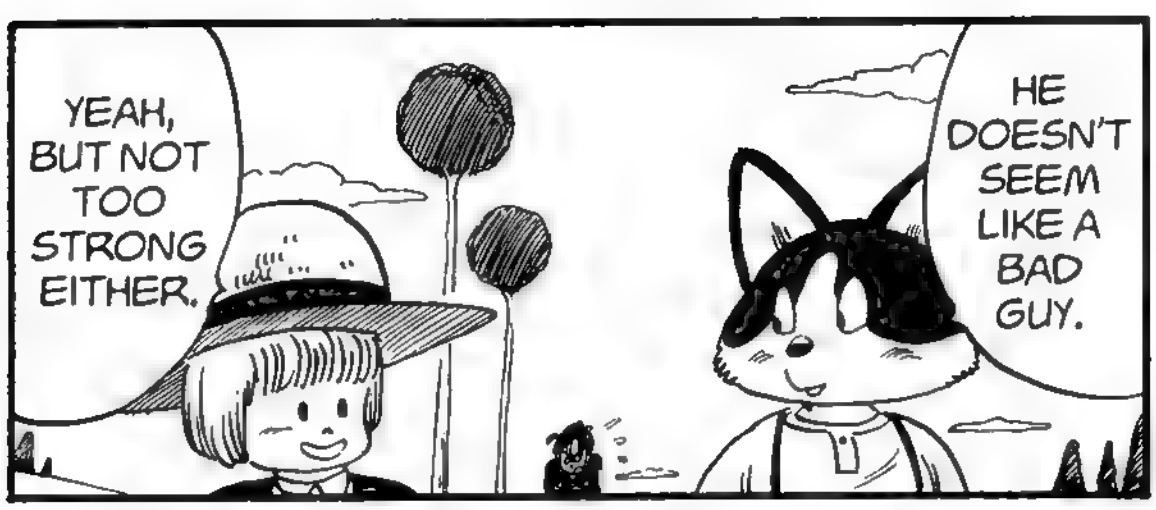

WE HAVE ONE AT HOME. YOU CAN BORROW IT.
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A CAR, RIGHT?
OH, IT'S YOU TWO.

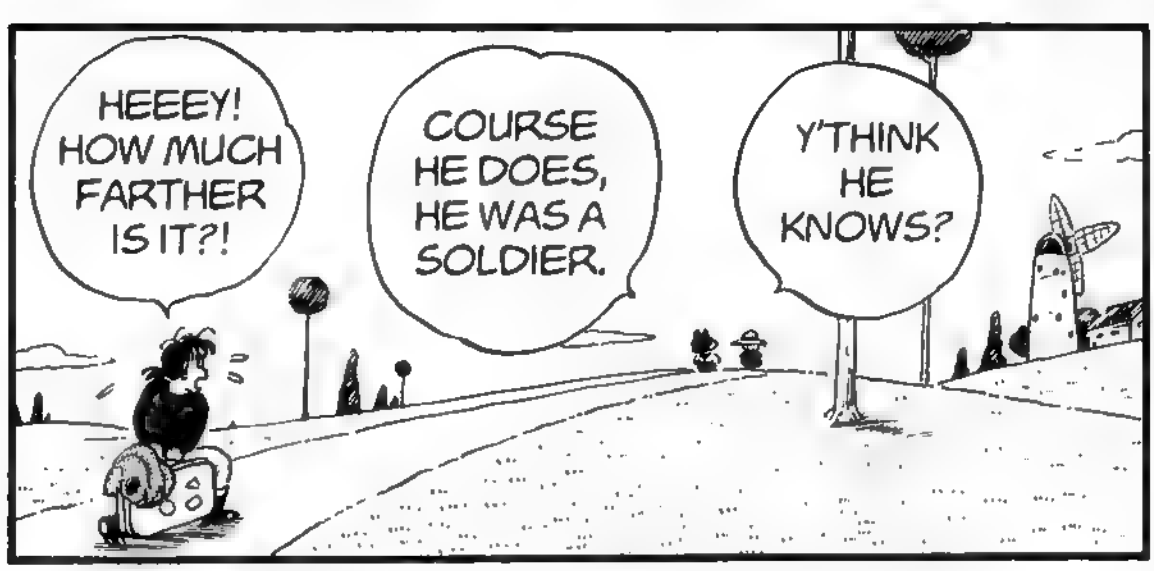
OF ALL THE—!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS TOWN?

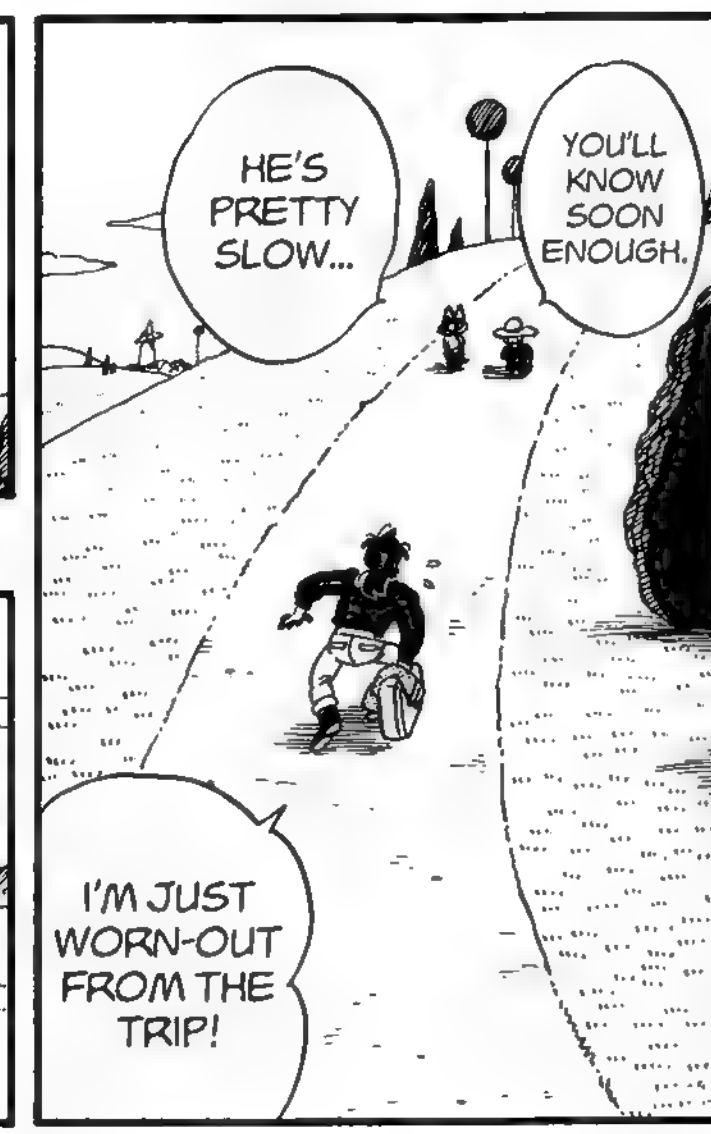
IN RETURN, THERE'S SOME-THING WE WANT YOU TO TEACH US.
YOU WANT ME TO TEACH YOU?

THAT'D SAVE ME MY BUTT!! YOU KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT!
ARE YOU SERI-OUS?!


SO, WHAT IS IT YOU WANNA KNOW?
LIKE ARITHMETIC OR SOME-THING?
IT'S THIS WAY.


YEAH, BUT NOT TOO STRONG EITHER.
HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A BAD GUY.


HEEEY! HOW MUCH FARTHER IS IT?!
COURSE HE DOES, HE WAS A SOLDIER.
Y'THINK HE KNOWS?


HE'S PRETTY SLOW...
YOU'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH.
I'M JUST WORN-OUT FROM THE TRIP!

HEEEY, SIS!

RICE PASTURE

REALLY ?!

I FOUND A GUY WHO USED TO BE A SOLDIER !!

WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS, CHA-ZUKE?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING, BRINGING THE ENEMY RIGHT TO US?!

YOU LITTLE NUMB-SKULLS !!!

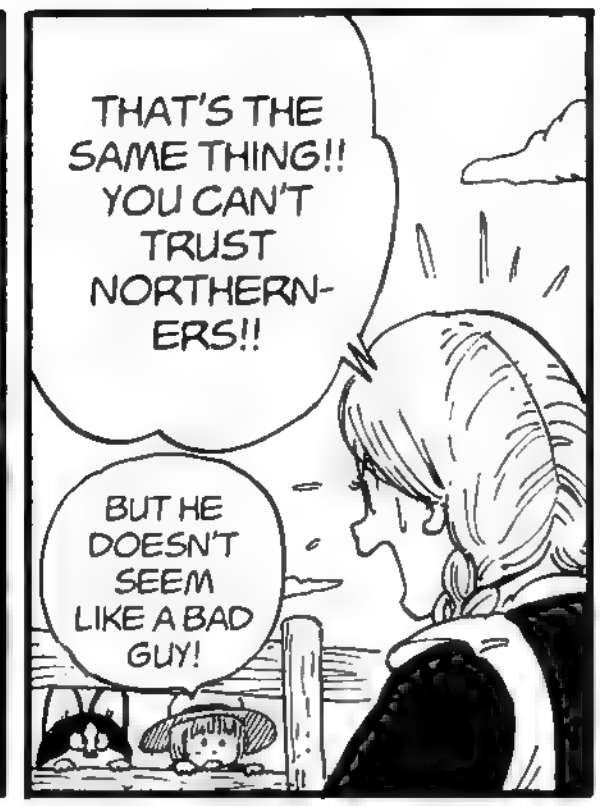
NO, IT'S OKAY! HE WAS A NORTHERN SOLDIER, BUT HE'S NOT PART OF THE CHAI GANG!!

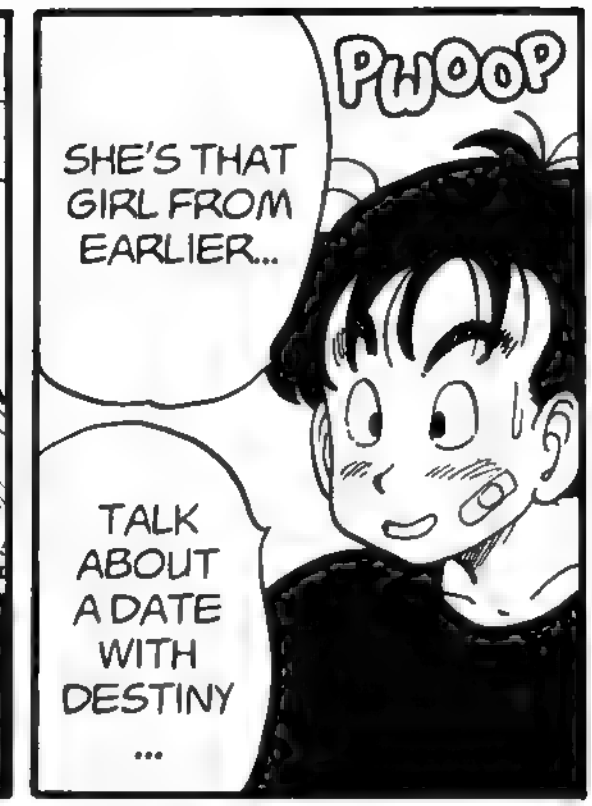
!!

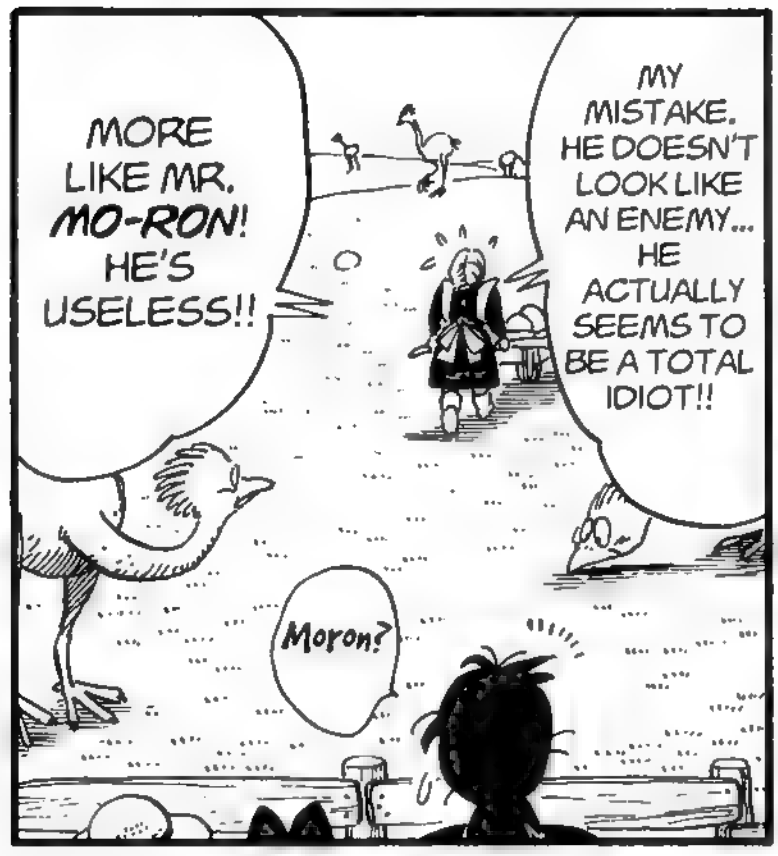
ISN'T THAT– ?!

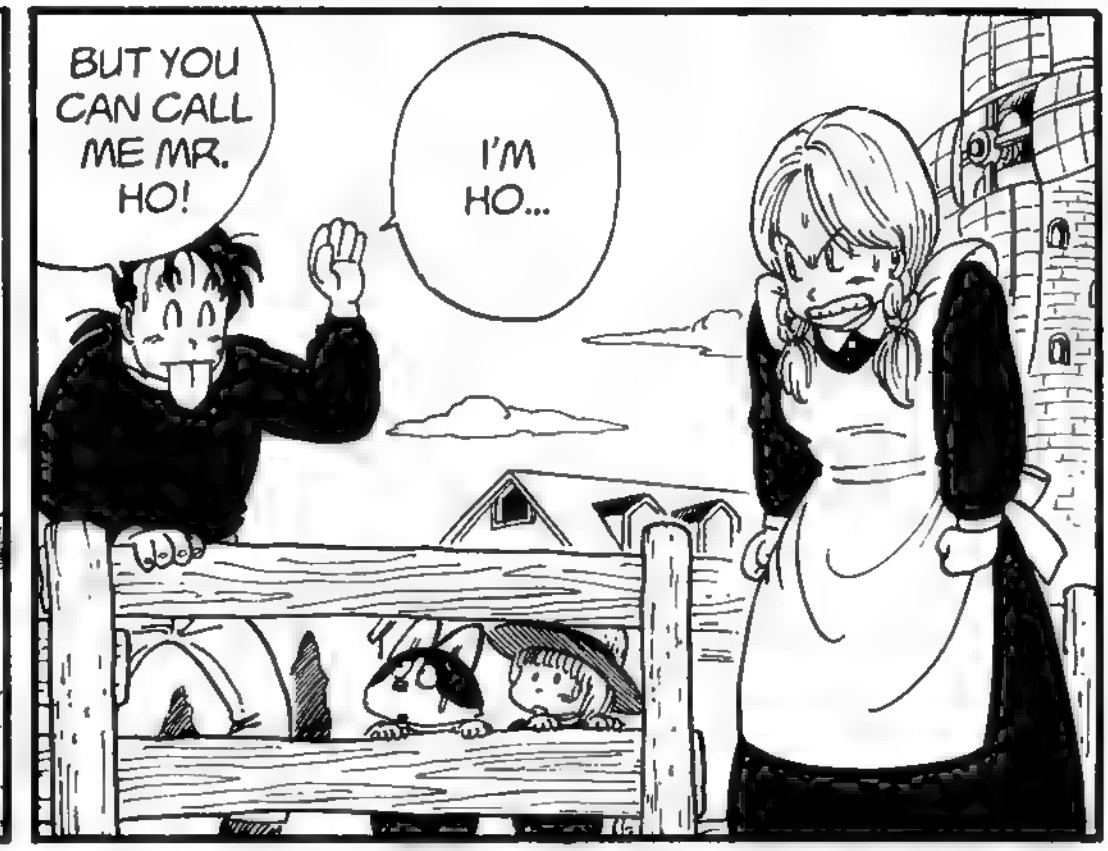
OH!

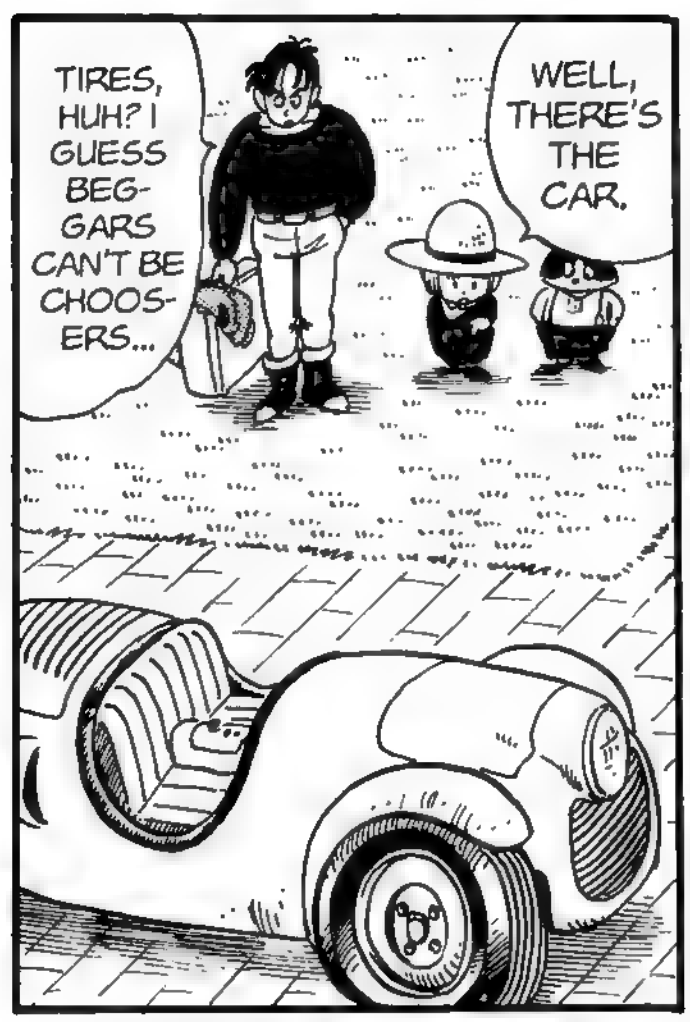
I-I SEE WE MEET AGAIN!
GOOD AFTER-NOON!
BLEHH!

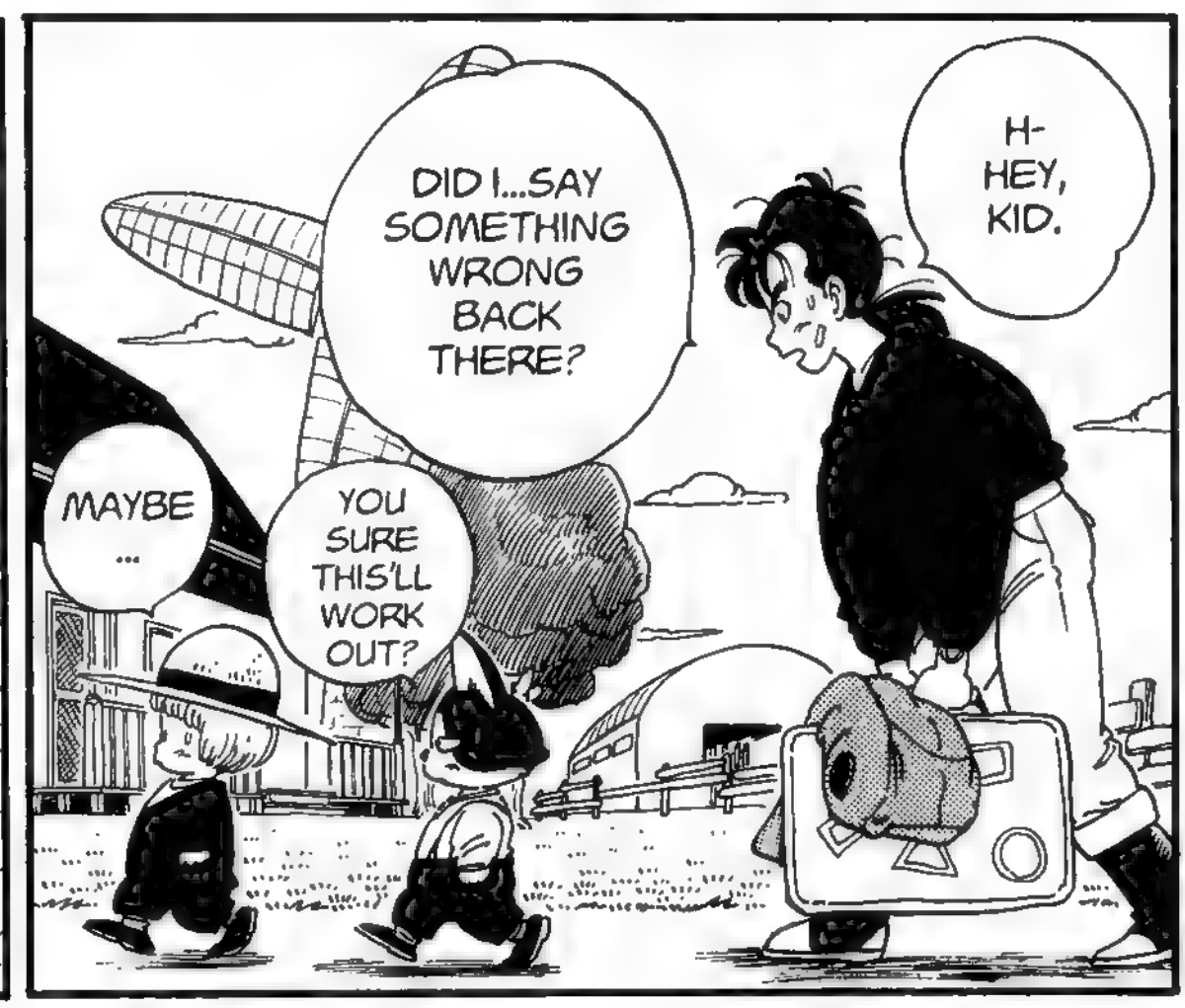

THAT'S THE SAME THING!! YOU CAN'T TRUST NORTHERN-ERS!!
BUT HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A BAD GUY!

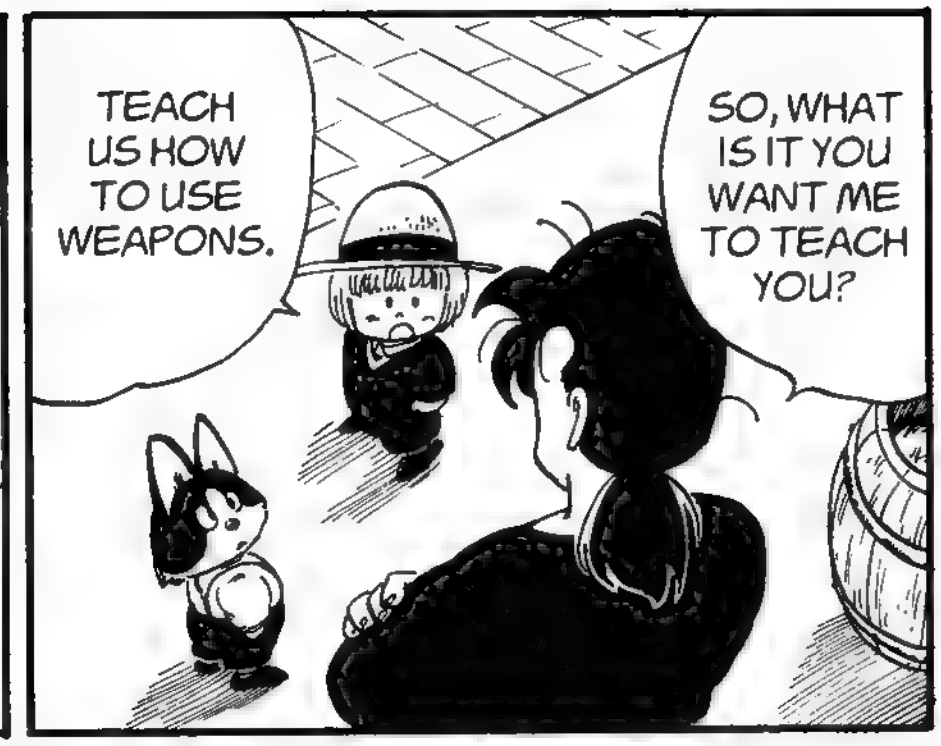

PHOOP
SHE'S THAT GIRL FROM EARLIER...
TALK ABOUT A DATE WITH DESTINY ...

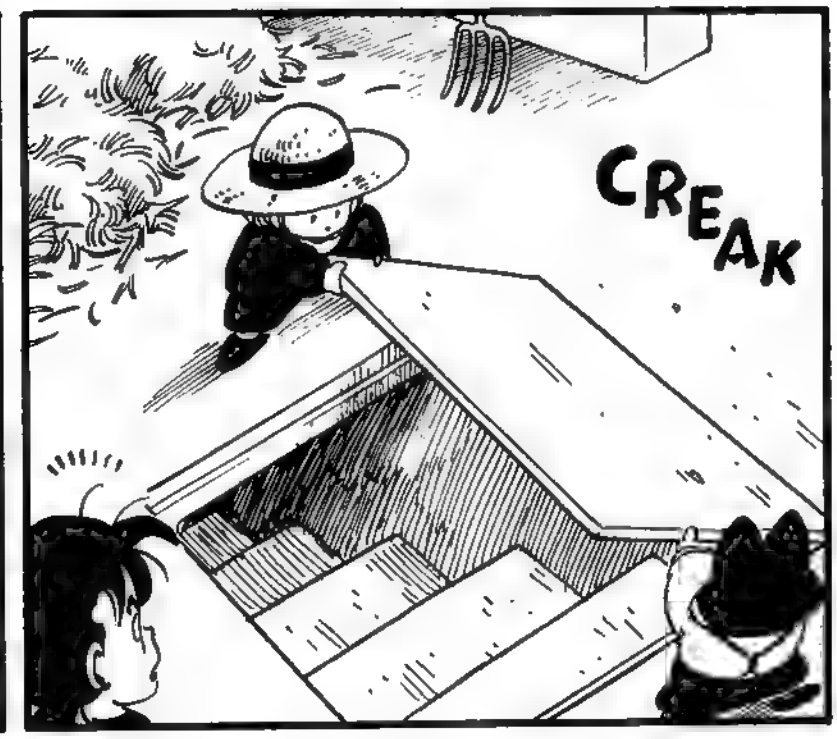

MORE LIKE MR. MO-RON! HE'S USELESS!!
MY MISTAKE. HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE AN ENEMY... HE ACTUALLY SEEMS TO BE A TOTAL IDIOT!!
Moron?


BUT YOU CAN CALL ME MR. HO!
I'M HO...

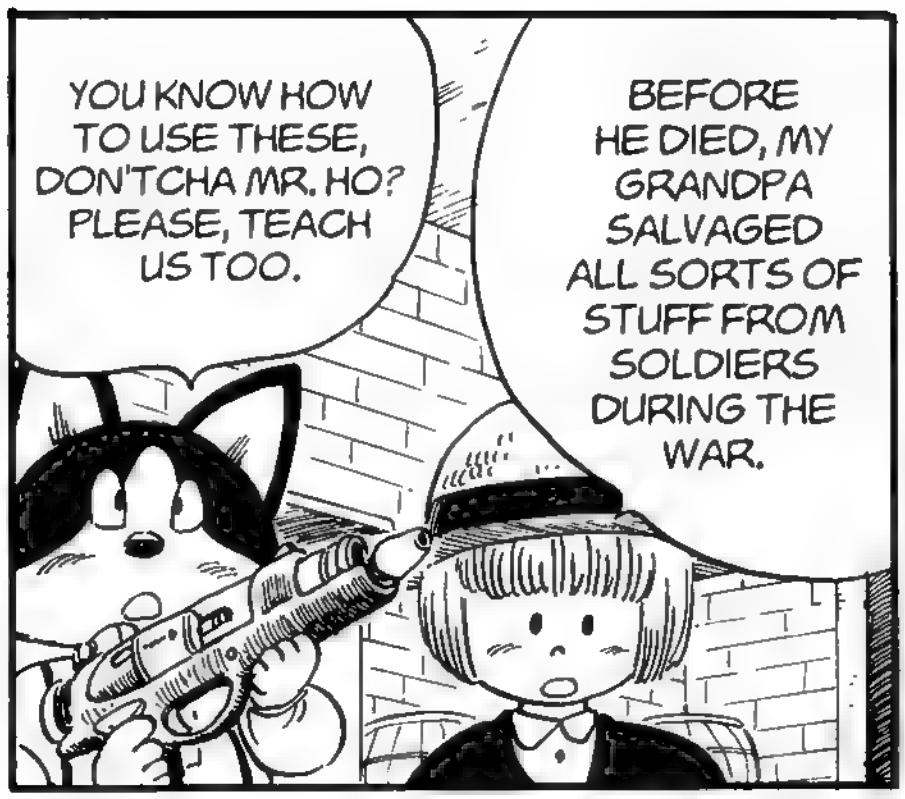

TIRES, HUH? I GUESS BEG-GARS CAN'T BE CHOOS-ERS...
WELL, THERE'S THE CAR.

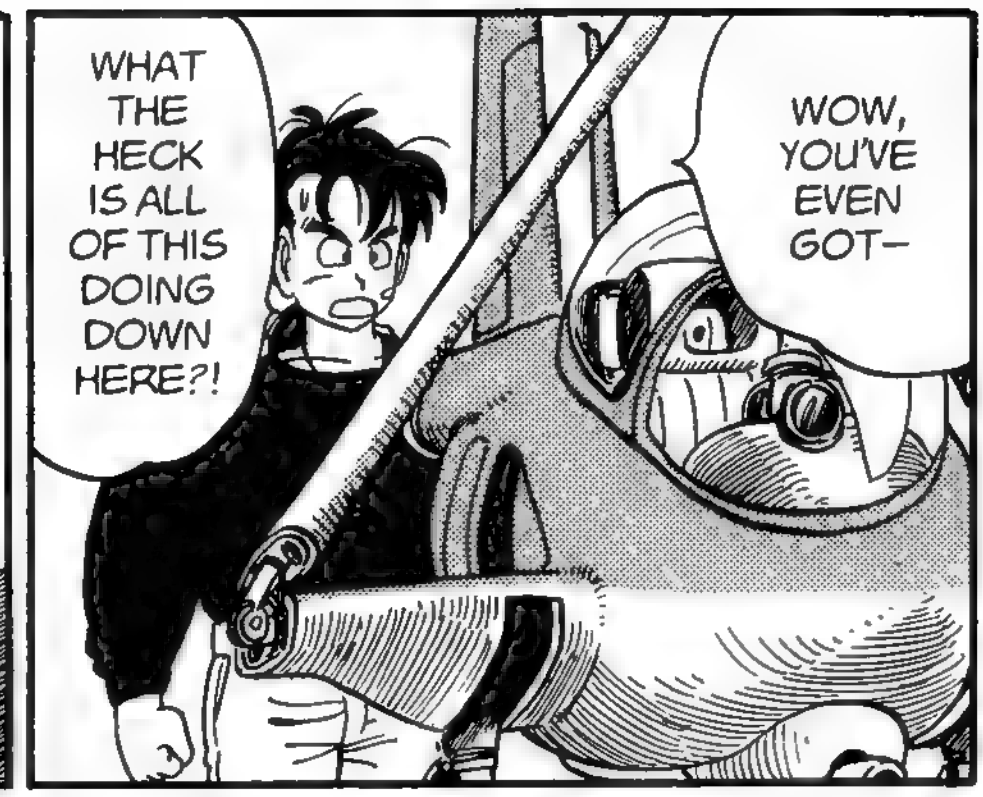

DID I...SAY SOMETHING WRONG BACK THERE?
H-HEY, KID.
MAYBE ...
YOU SURE THIS'LL WORK OUT?





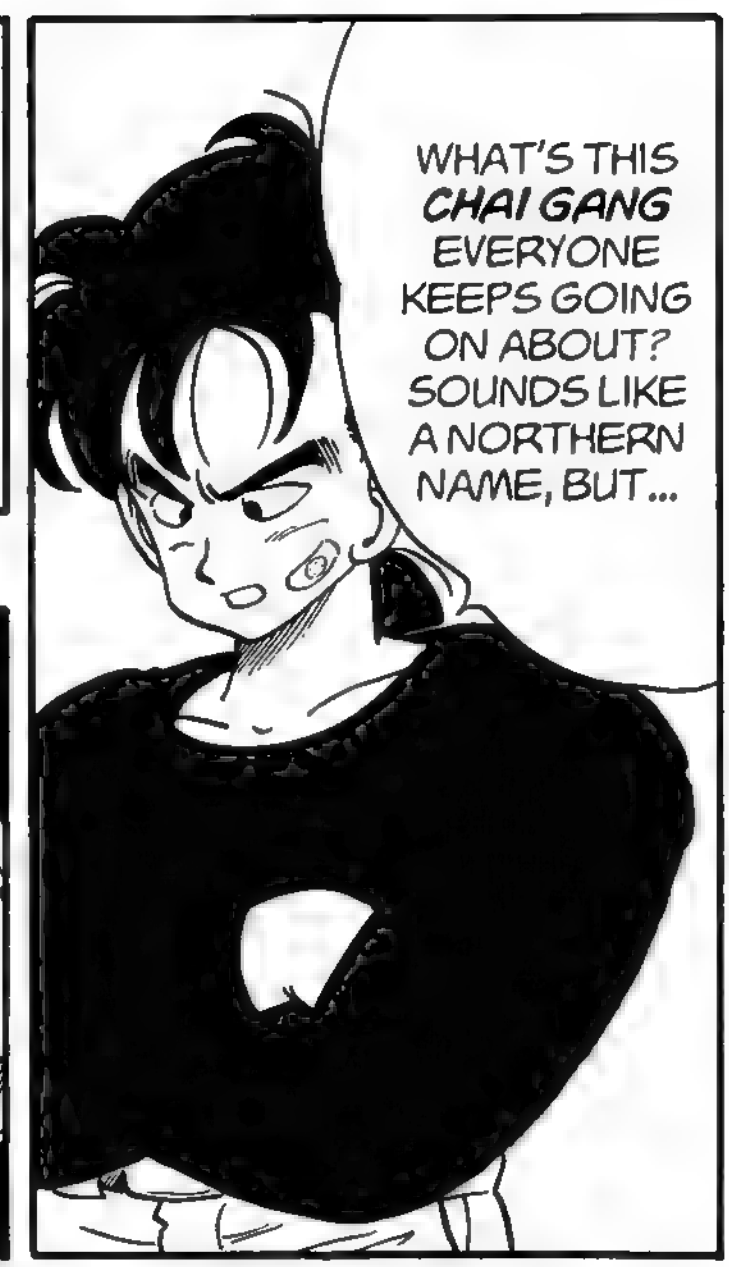
HOLY—! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

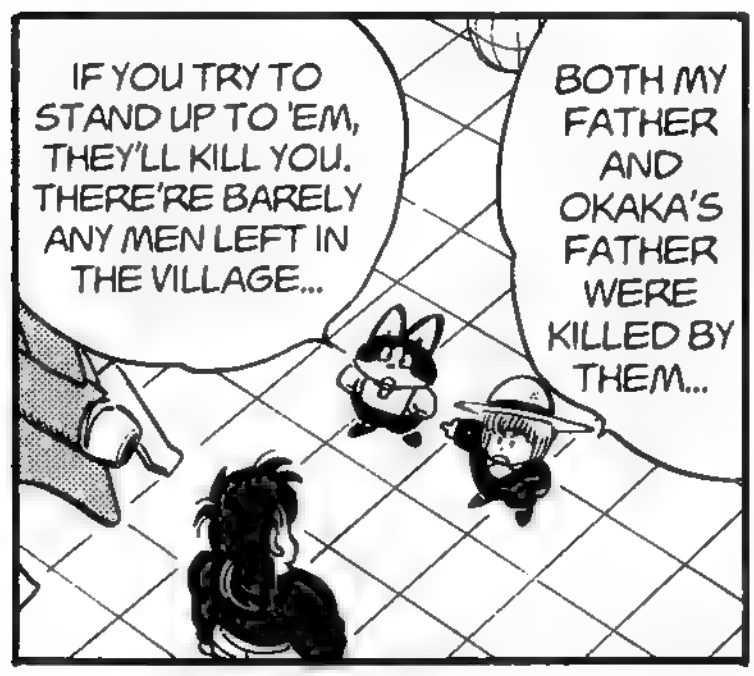

YOU KNOW HOW TO USE THESE, DON'TCHA MR. HO? PLEASE, TEACH US TOO.
BEFORE HE DIED, MY GRANDPA SALVAGED ALL SORTS OF STUFF FROM SOLDIERS DURING THE WAR.


WHAT THE HECK IS ALL OF THIS DOING DOWN HERE?!
WOW, YOU'VE EVEN GOT–

WE'RE GONNA FIGHT THE CHAI GANG!!
WHY'RE KIDS LIKE YOU SO INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO USE WEAPONS?

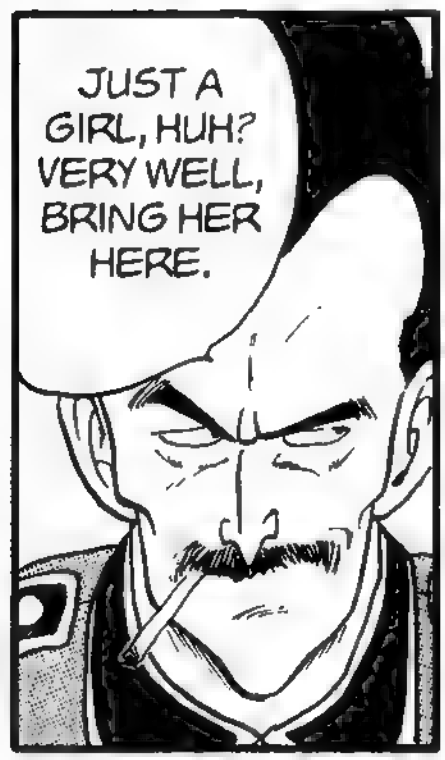
THEY STEAL MONEY AND JEWELS, AND THEY EVEN KILL PEOPLE. THEY DO WHATEVER THEY WANT...
THAT'S RIGHT, THEY'RE SOLDIERS FROM THE NORTH. EVEN AFTER THE WAR ENDED, THEY NEVER WENT HOME, AND THEY KEEP DOING TERRIBLE THINGS.

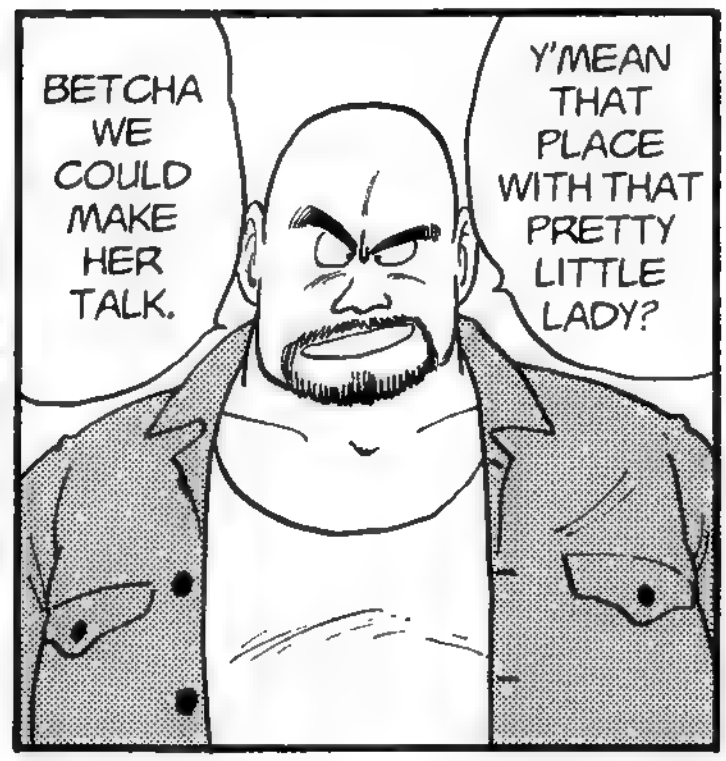

WHAT'S THIS *CHAI GANG* EVERYONE KEEPS GOING ON ABOUT? SOUNDS LIKE A NORTHERN NAME, BUT...

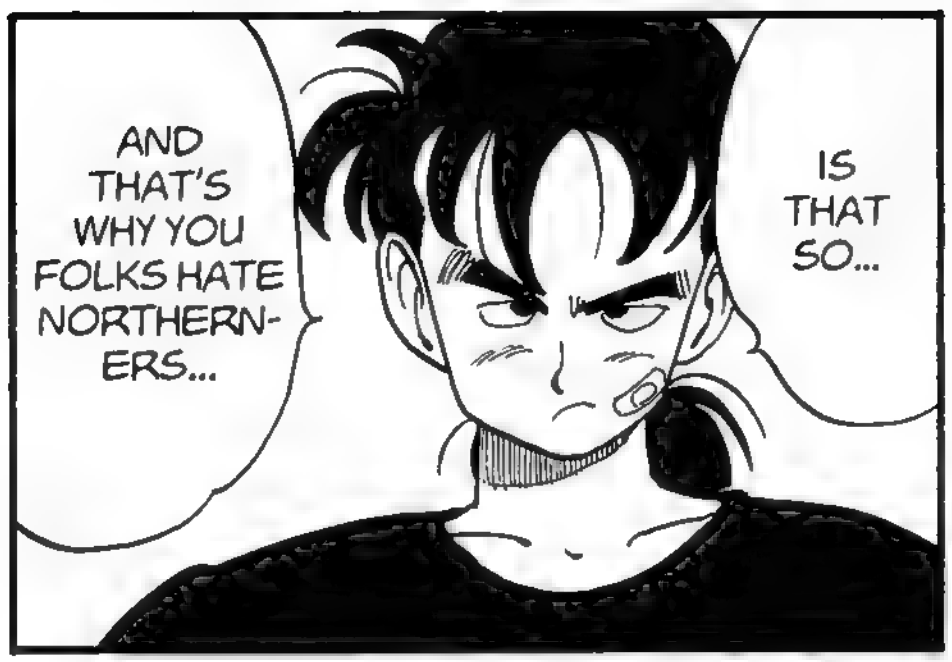

IF YOU TRY TO STAND UP TO 'EM, THEY'LL KILL YOU. THERE'RE BARELY ANY MEN LEFT IN THE VILLAGE...
BOTH MY FATHER AND OKAKA'S FATHER WERE KILLED BY THEM...

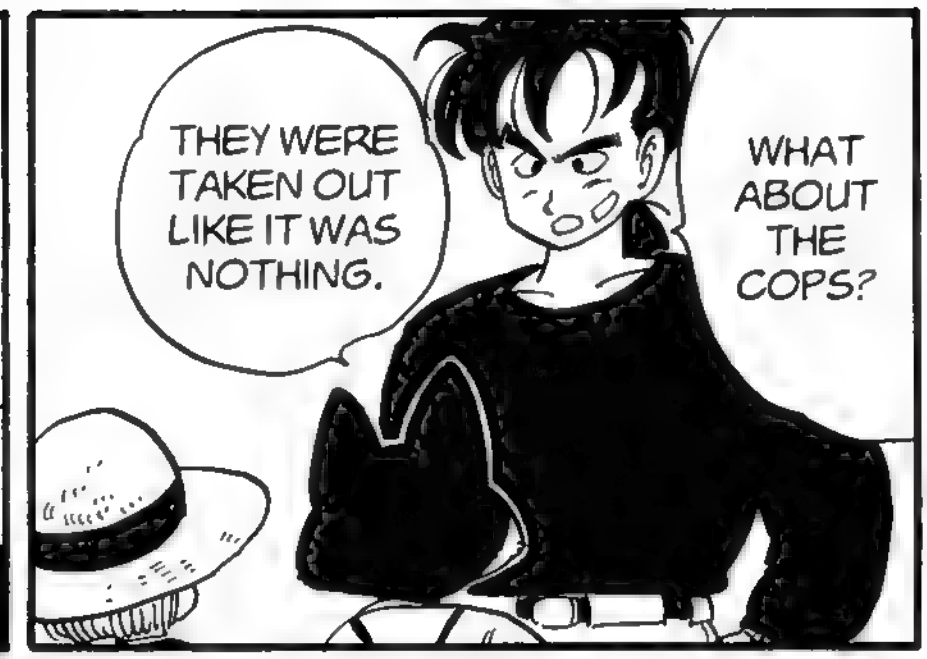
EXCUSE ME?!

THE CHAI GANG BASE...

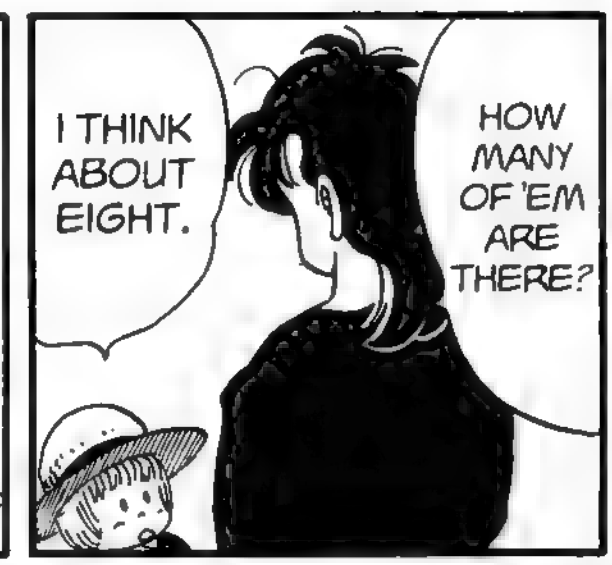




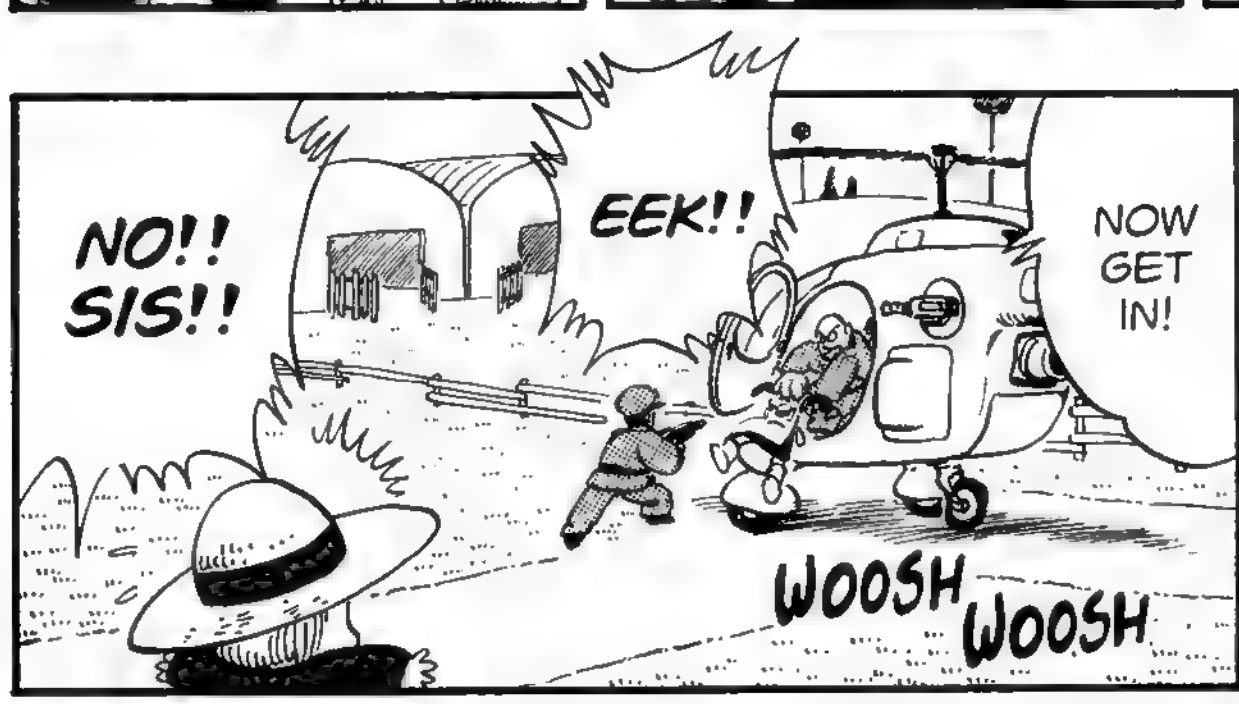

AND THAT'S WHY YOU FOLKS HATE NORTHERN-ERS...
IS THAT SO...


THEY WERE TAKEN OUT LIKE IT WAS NOTHING.
WHAT ABOUT THE COPS?

IT'S A CHOP-PER!!
WHAT'S THAT?!
VOOP VOOP VOOP

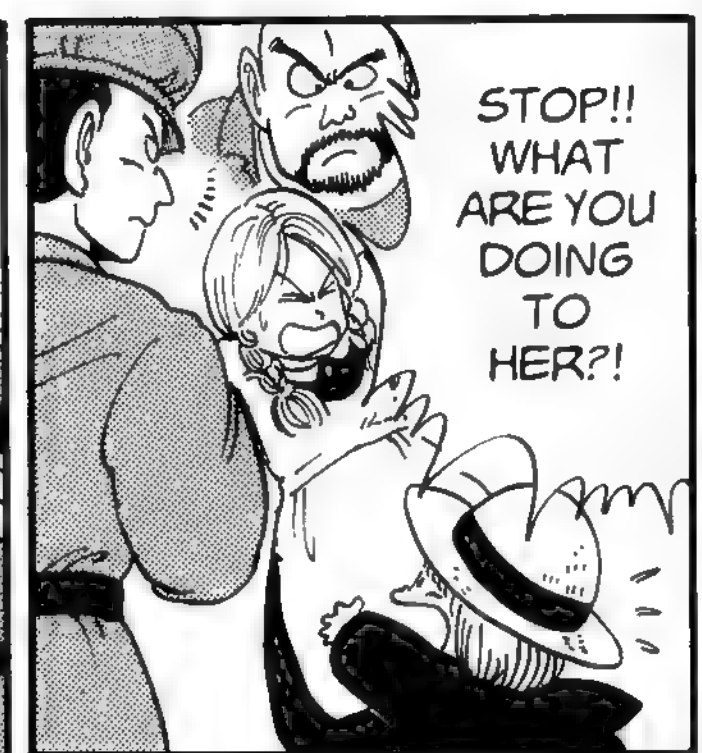

I THINK ABOUT EIGHT.
HOW MANY OF 'EM ARE THERE?

YEAH, JUST TEACH US HOW TO USE WEAPONS!
THAT'S WHY WE'RE ASKING YOU TO TEACH US!


NO!! SIS!!
EEK!!
NOW GET IN!
WOOSH WOOSH

WHAT'RE THEY DOING HERE?!
IT'S THE CHAI GANG!!

SMACK
SCRAM, YOU LITTLE BRAT!!


STOP!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HER?!

...TRY PICKING ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN CHAIZ!!!
HEY, CHAI THUGS!! WHY DON'T YOU...
HEH HEH HEH! DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE SOME KINDA HIRED GUN?
WHATTA WE GOT HERE? LOOKS TO BE A NORTH-ERNER.
NO? DON'T LIKE THAT ONE EITHER, HUH?
...
...
WHAT UNIT?
HA HA HA! YOU'RE A SOLDIER TOO?
YOU DEADBEATS ARE MAKING THINGS PRETTY TOUGH AROUND HERE FOR FORMER SOLDIERS LIKE MYSELF FROM UP NORTH.
PROBABLY A UNIT FOR WIMPS!
HAH! NEVER HEARD OF IT!
REALLY? DOESN'T RING A BELL? ANYONE?
I'M OUTTA UNIT 223!
AND I'M SUCH A NICE GUY TOO.
MR. HO, THEY'LL KILL YOU!

HAHH!!
LOOM

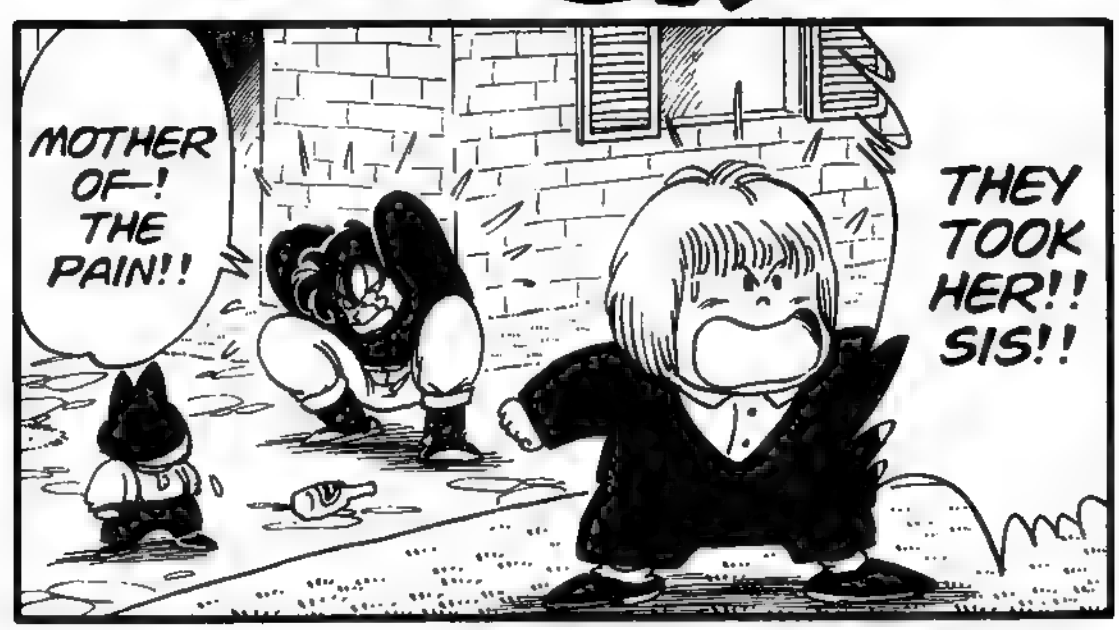
MUST'VE BEEN A UNIT FOR FOOLS!
MY MIS-TAKE.

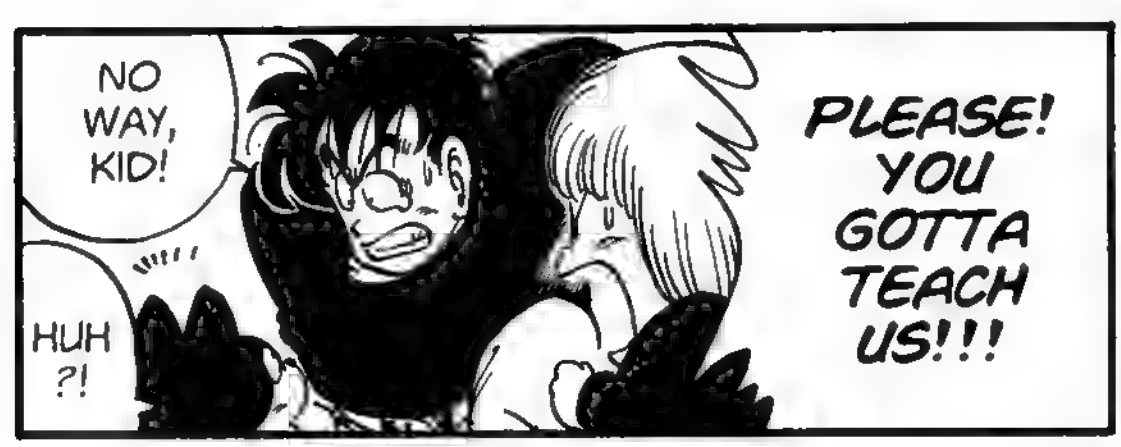
'KAY, HOW ABOUT I SHOW YOU WHAT THAT MEANS FIRST-HAND?

CRACK

?!

SLIP


MOTHER OF—! THE PAIN!!
THEY TOOK HER!! SIS!!


NO WAY, KID!
HUH ?!
PLEASE! YOU GOTTA TEACH US!!!

HA HA HAAH!! HOPE HE WAS WORTH THE PRICE!!
VOOP VOOP VOOP
OWW!
HR-OWWW!

I'M TAKING THE PLANE OUT THROUGH THE CEIL-ING.
MOVE AWAY, KIDS!
FWIP

BOOM

I'LL TAKE 'EM ALL OUT MYSELF BEFORE THEY KNOW WHAT HIT 'EM!!!
NO WAY!!! THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE !!!
ARE YOU SERIOUS ?!
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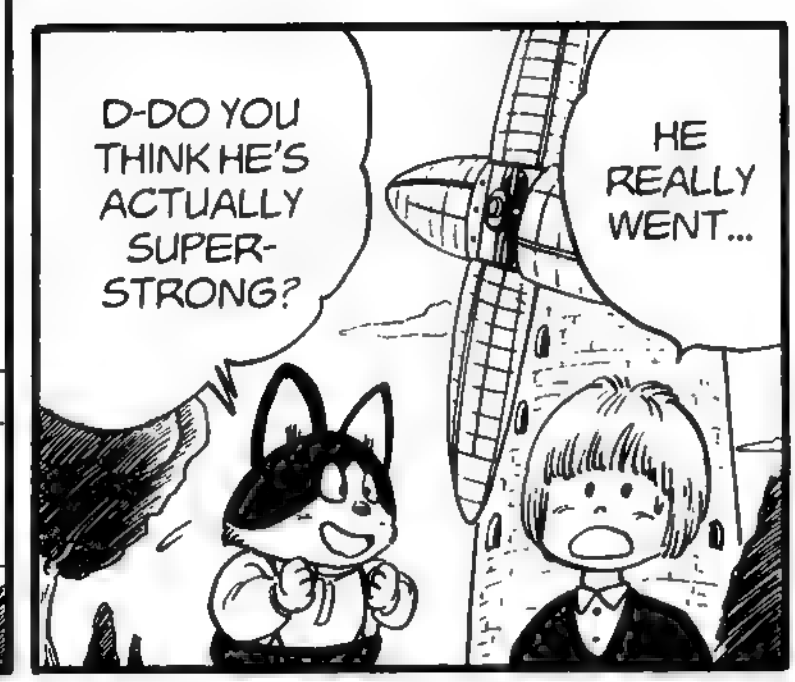
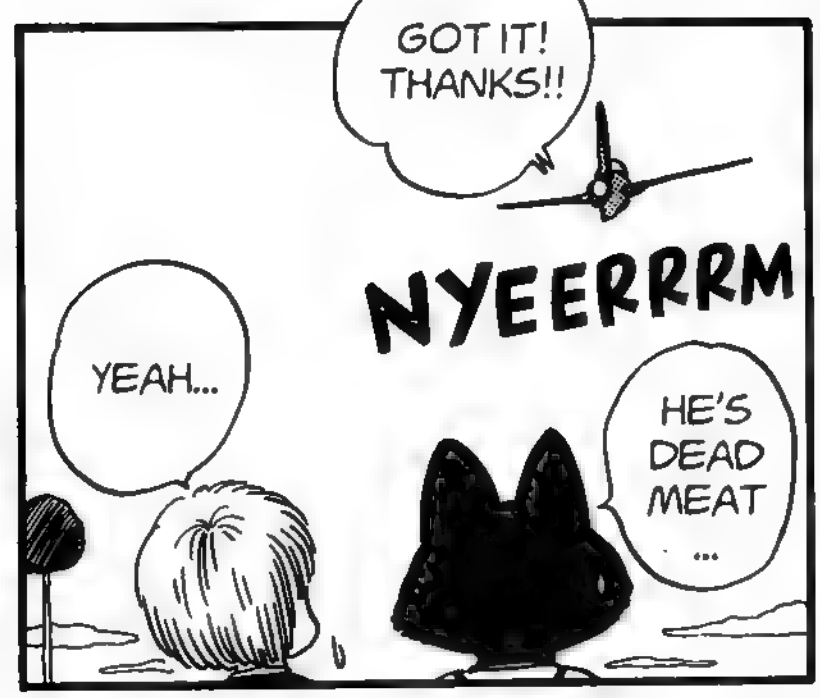
CHAI GANG, HERE I COME!!

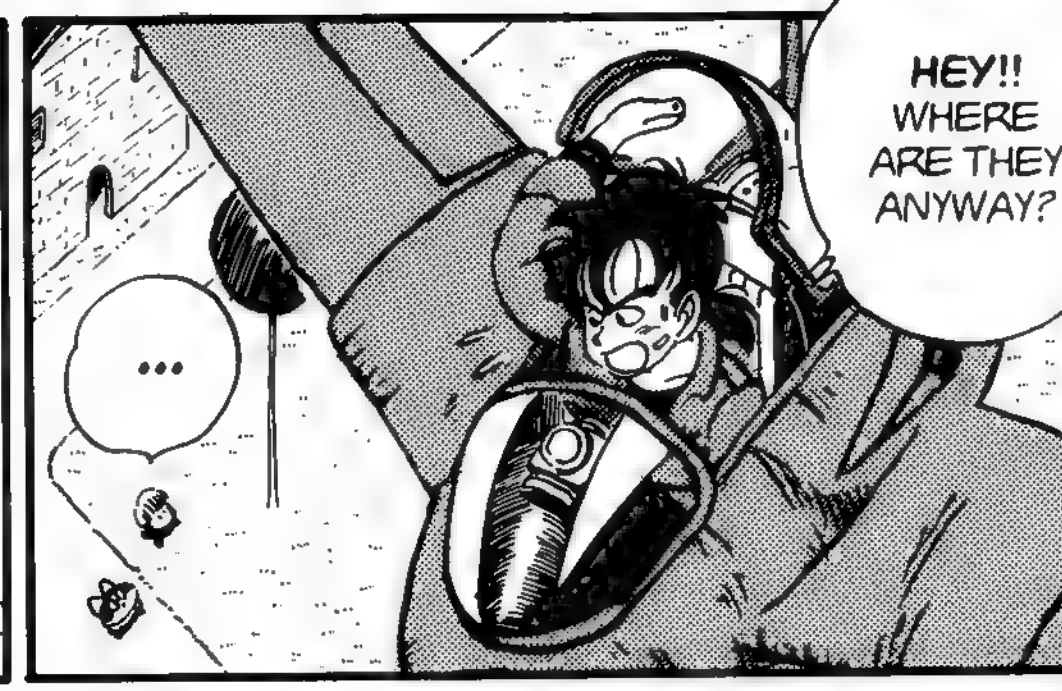
WOOOSH

COUGH COUGH
URRRRM

VOOOOM
HE'S... BACK ALREADY?
W- WHAT THE?


D-DO YOU THINK HE'S ACTUALLY SUPER-STRONG?
HE REALLY WENT...


GOT IT! THANKS!!
NYEERRRM
YEAH...
HE'S DEAD MEAT ...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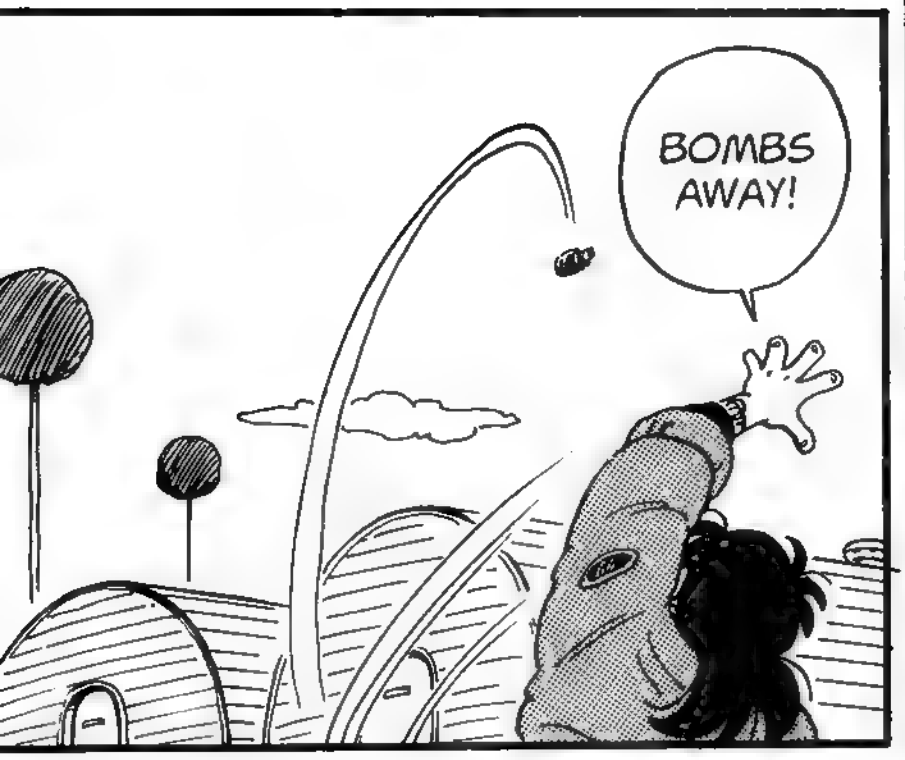
HEY!! WHERE ARE THEY ANYWAY?

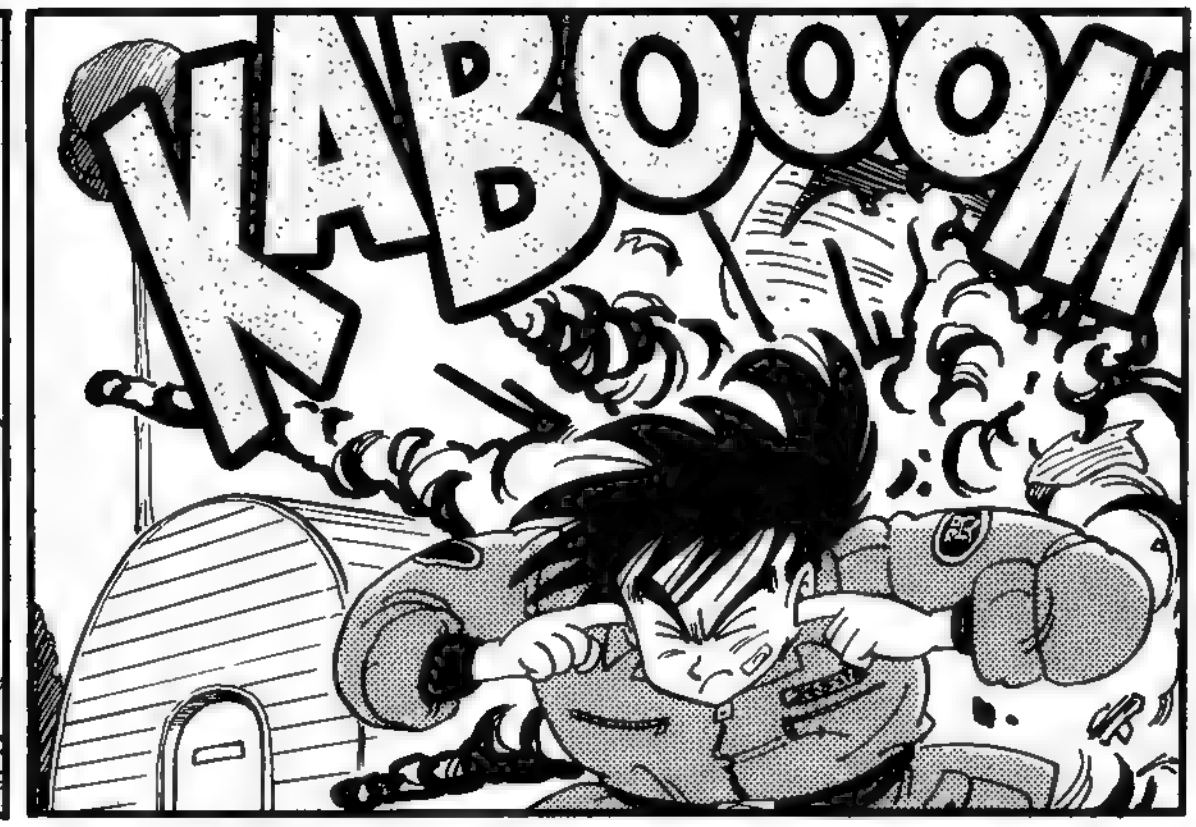
HI-YAAAAH !!!!
WOOOM

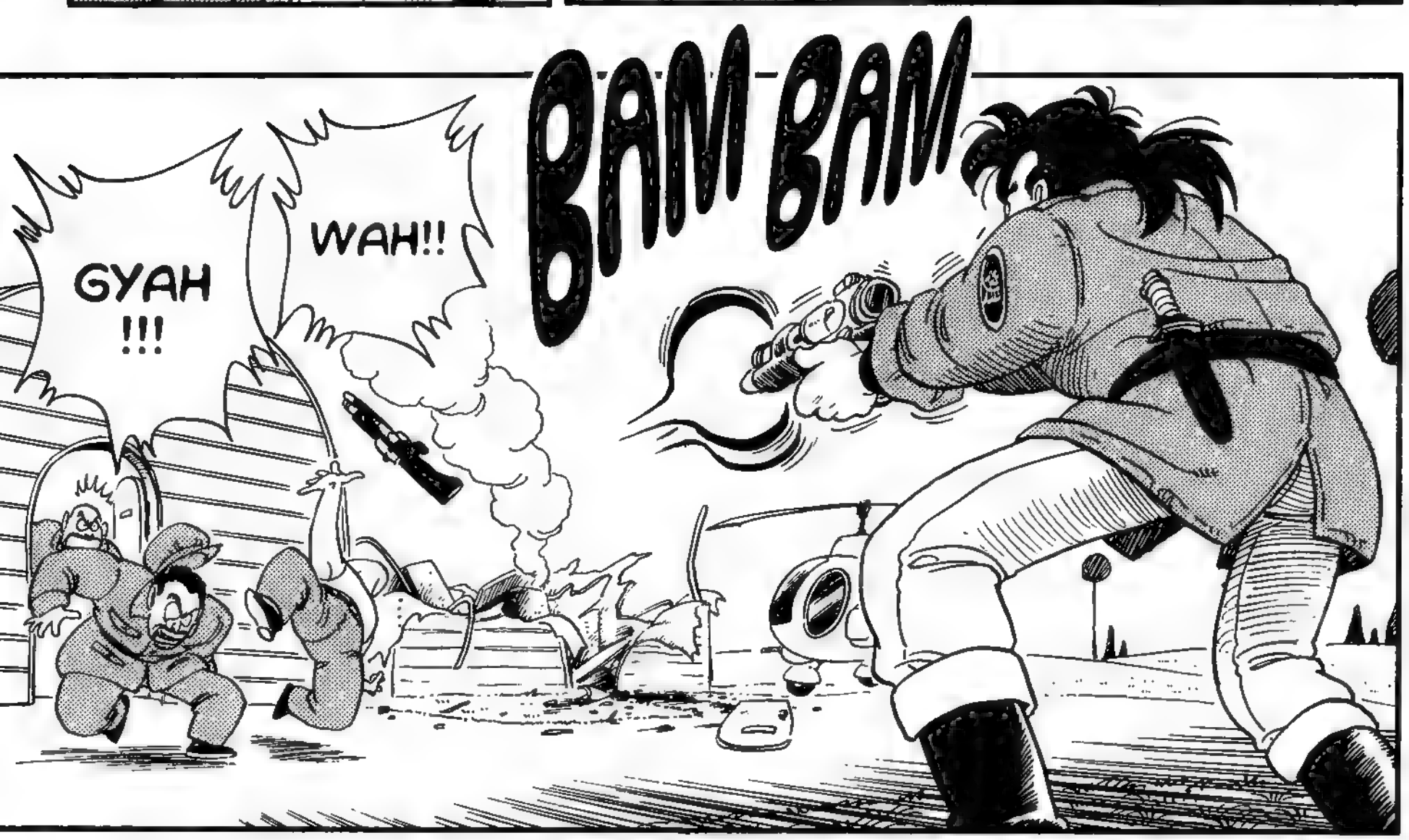
THERE IT IS!!
HRM ?!

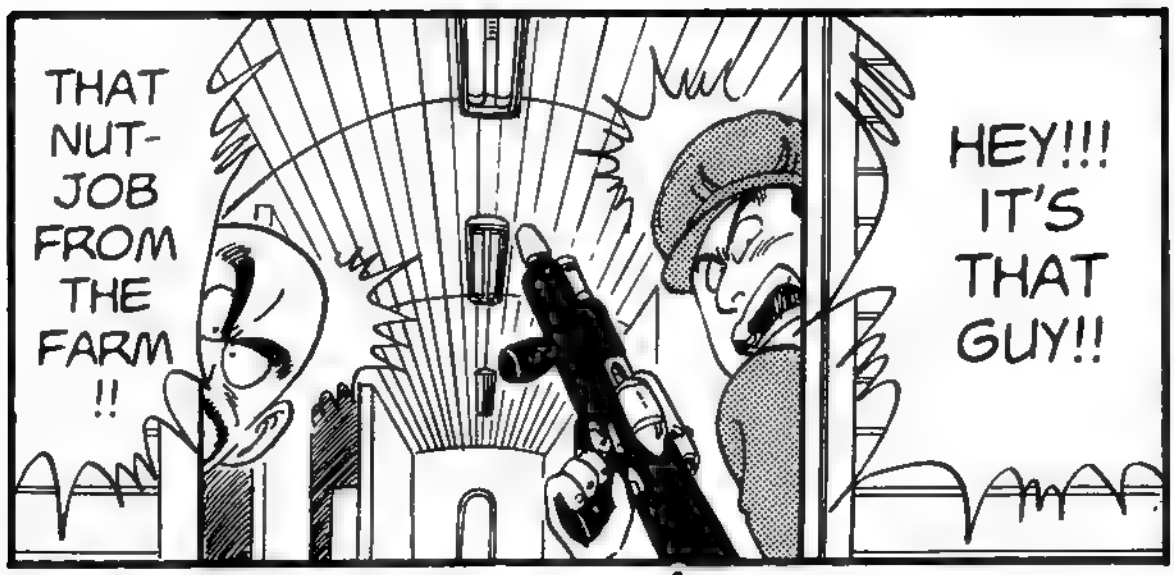

BOMBS AWAY!

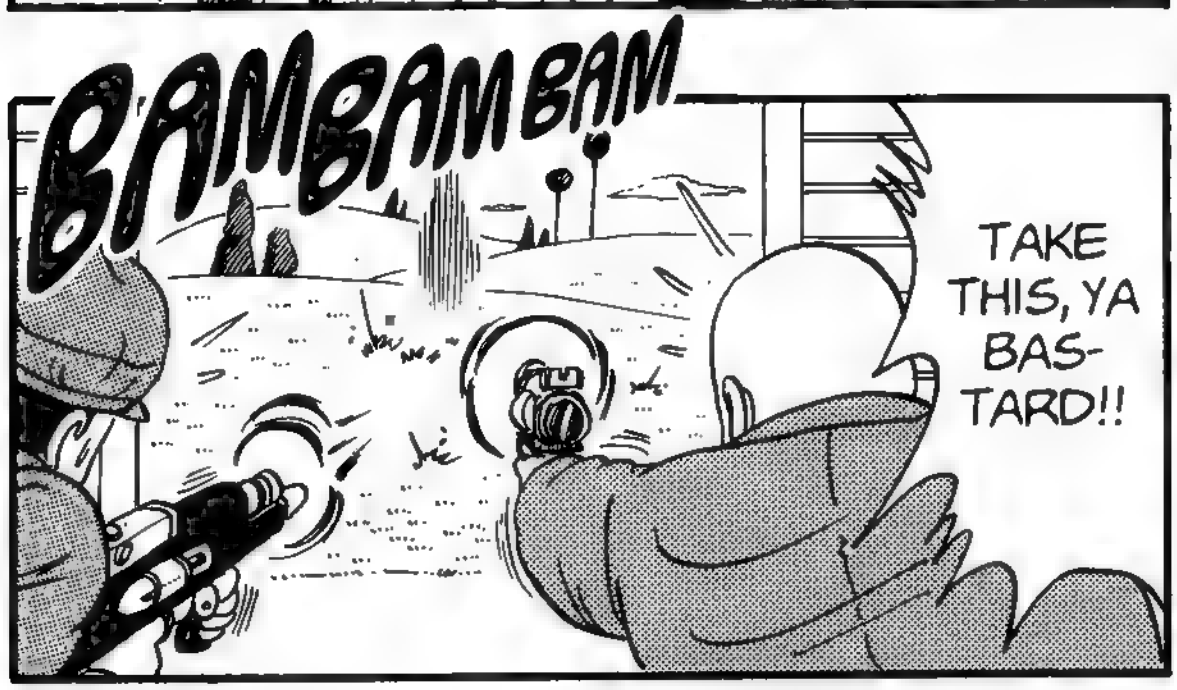
KER-THOOM

WHAT THE-?!

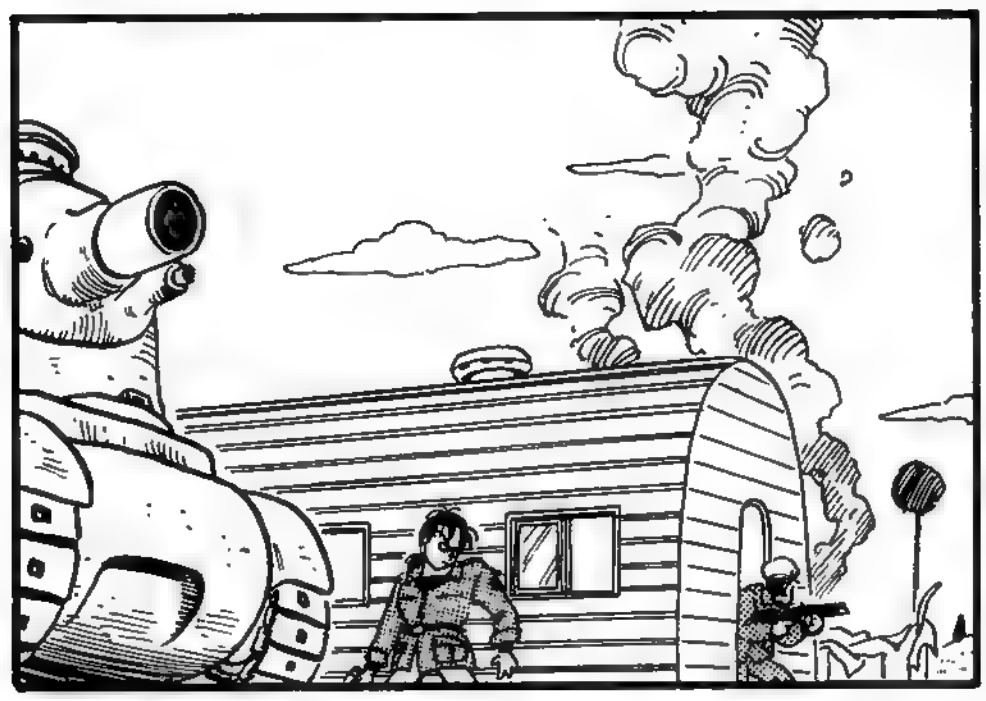

KABOOOM

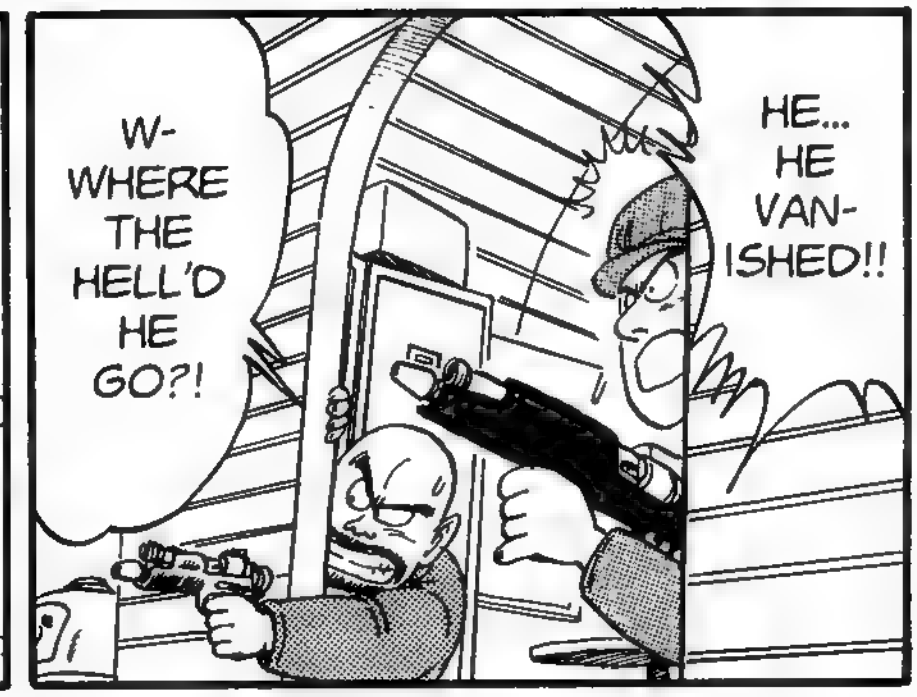

GYAH !!!
WAH!!
BAM BAM


THAT NUT-JOB FROM THE FARM !!
HEY!!! IT'S THAT GUY!!

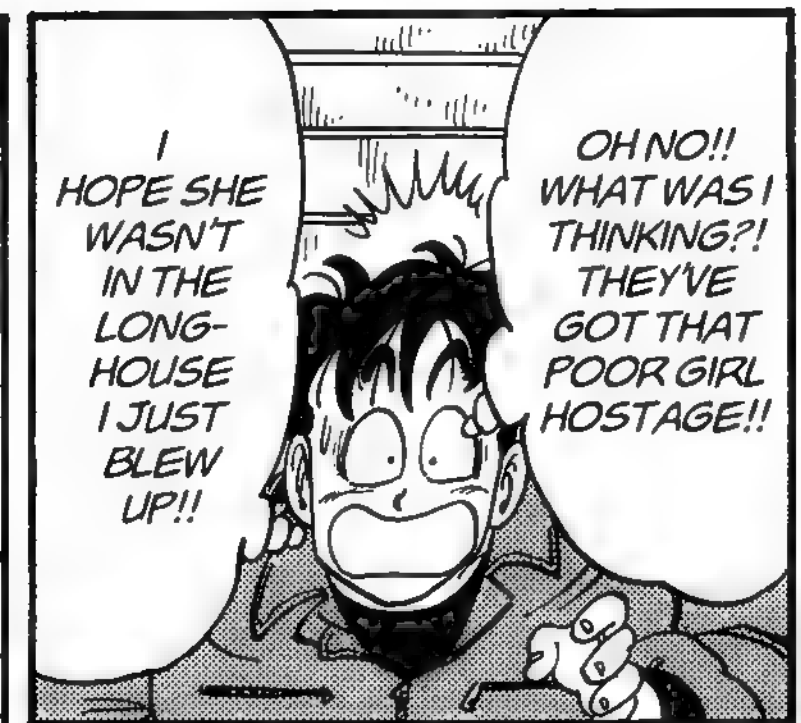

BAM BAM BAM
TAKE THIS, YA BAS-TARD!!

BAM




W-WHERE THE HELL'D HE GO?!
HE... HE VAN-ISHED!!

IT'S JUST ONE MAN!! SO TAKE CARE OF HIM!!!
WHAT ARE YOU INCOM-PETENTS DOING?!


I HOPE SHE WASN'T IN THE LONG-HOUSE I JUST BLEW UP!!
OH NO!! WHAT WAS I THINKING?! THEY'VE GOT THAT POOR GIRL HOSTAGE!!

RYOO-RYOON
HE'S AROUND BACK!!!

THNK
OH MY!

PHEW! THANK GOOD-NESS!! SHE'S STILL ALIVE!

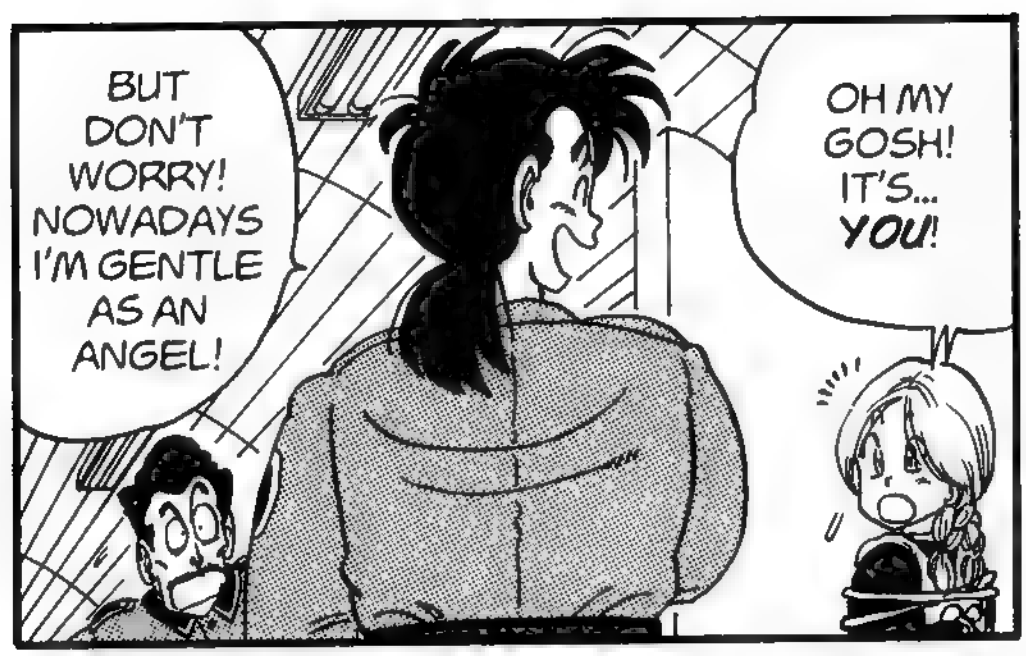
DUUUUUK

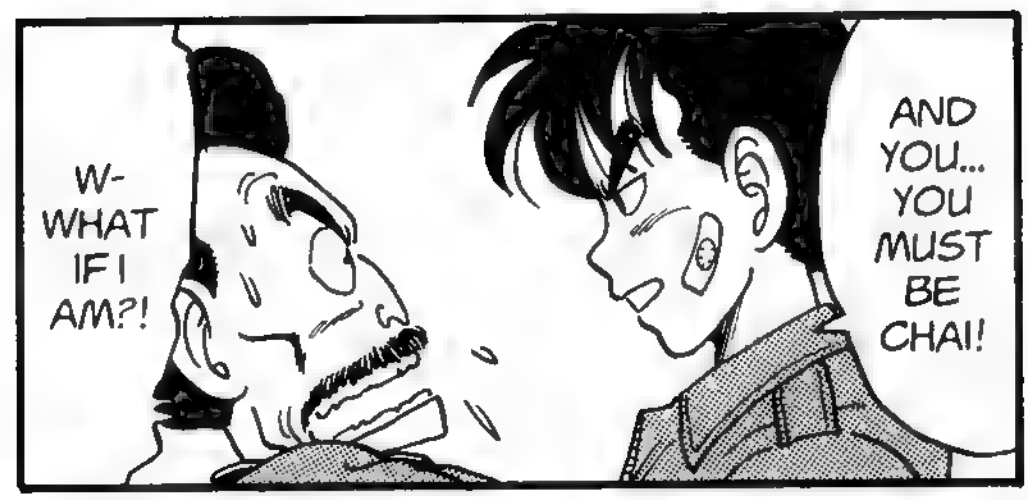
NIMBLE LITTLE FREAK!!
DAMN IT ALL!!

WHAT ?!
UNIT 223... I-I JUST REMEMBERED! H-HE'S A BLACK BERET!!!

HEY, WAIT A–!!

!!
PWING
KPWING


BUT DON'T WORRY! NOWADAYS I'M GENTLE AS AN ANGEL!
OH MY GOSH! IT'S... YOU!


W-WHAT IF I AM?!
AND YOU... YOU MUST BE CHAI!

LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE A WIN-NER!!
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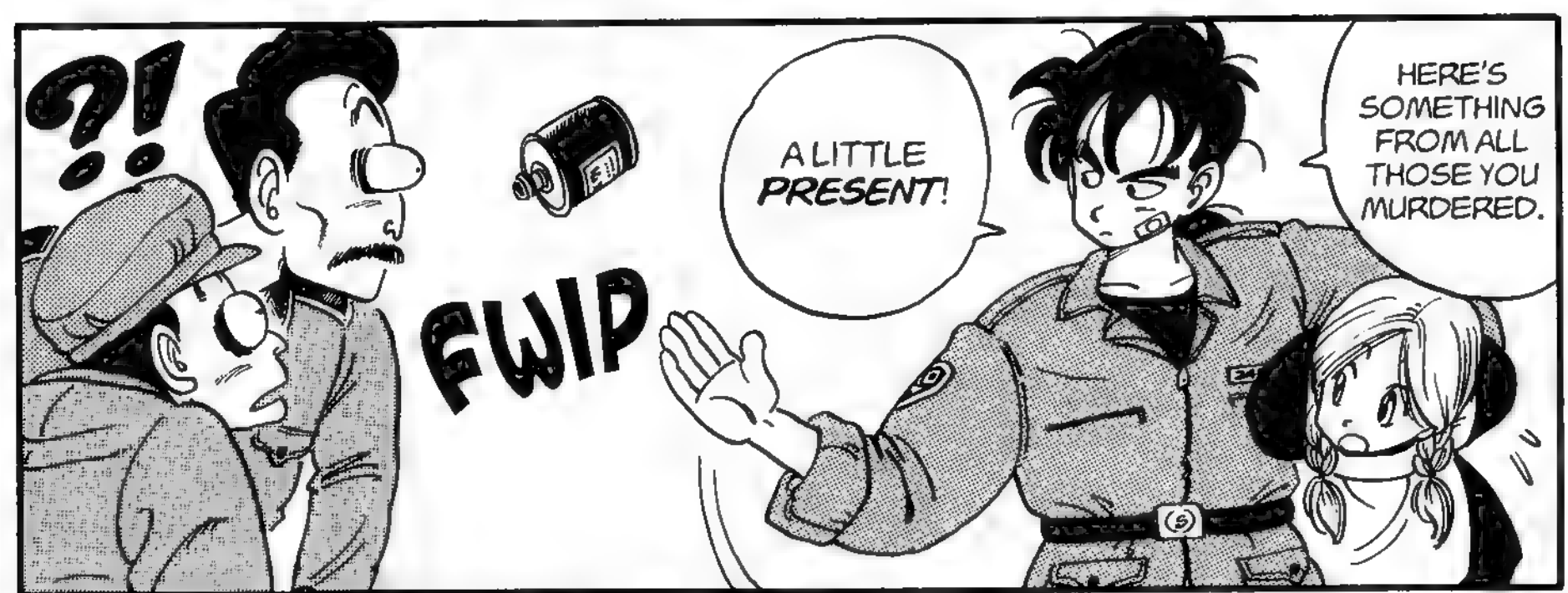
YES, I WAS ONE OF THE BLACK BERETS. KNOWN TO THOSE WHO FEARED US AS THE DEVIL'S PEN PALS.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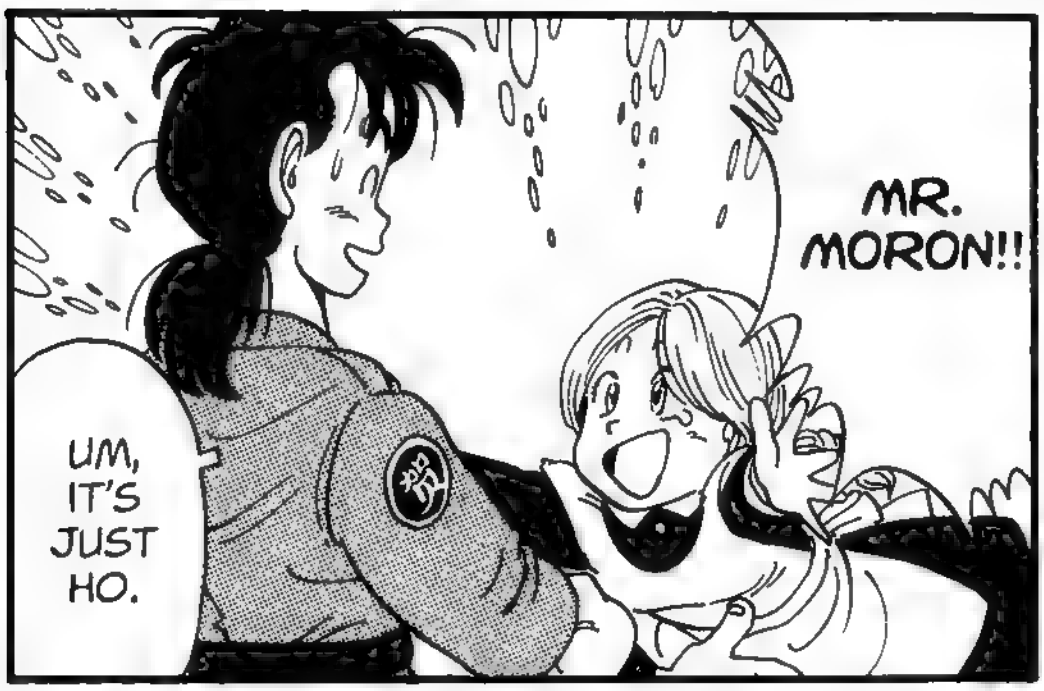
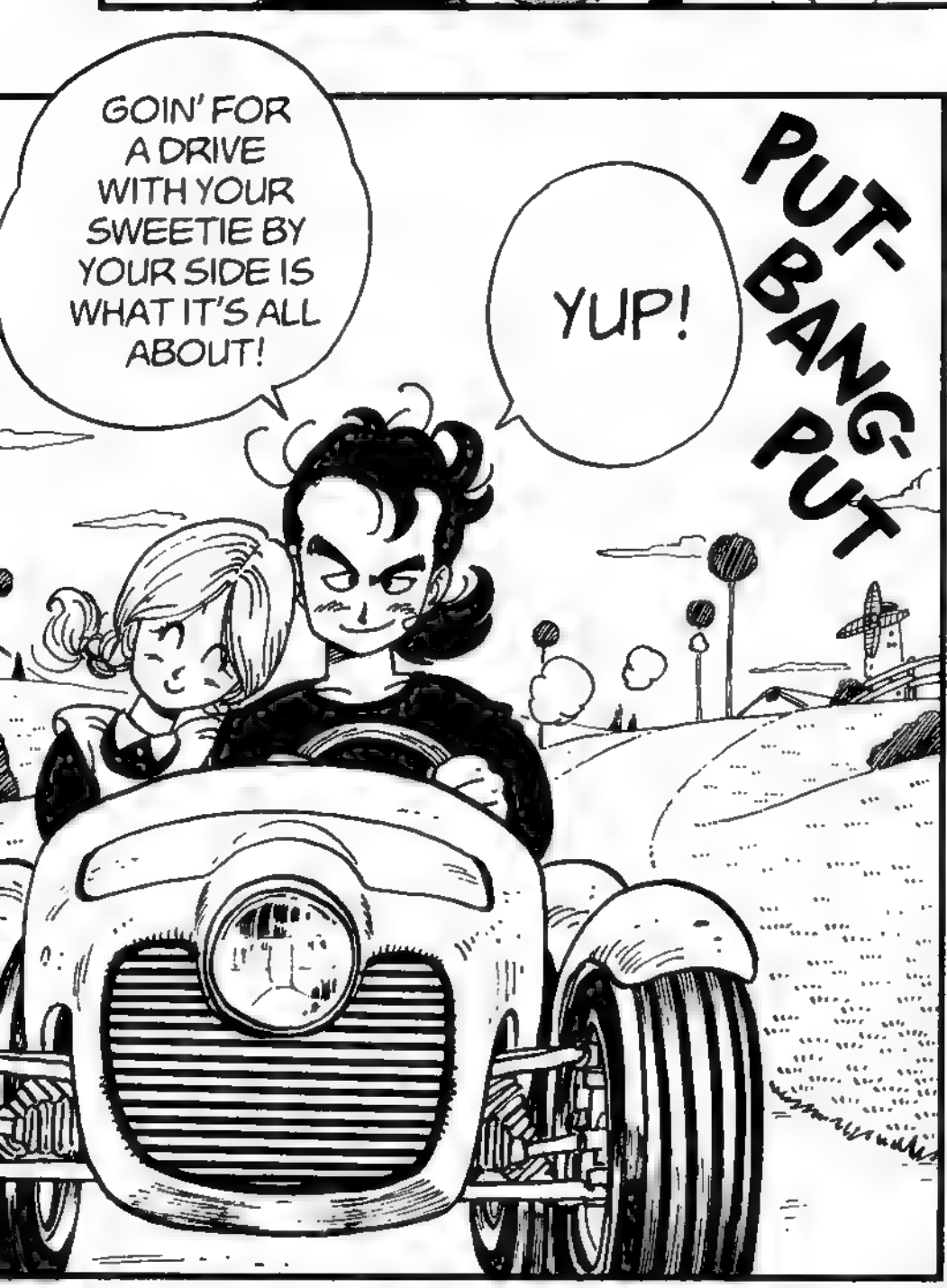
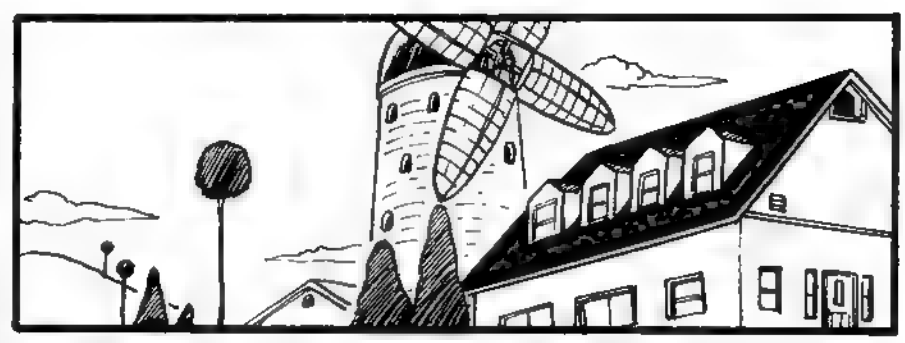
FWIP
A LITTLE PRESENT!
HERE'S SOMETHING FROM ALL THOSE YOU MURDERED.

KER-BOOOM

FOOF!







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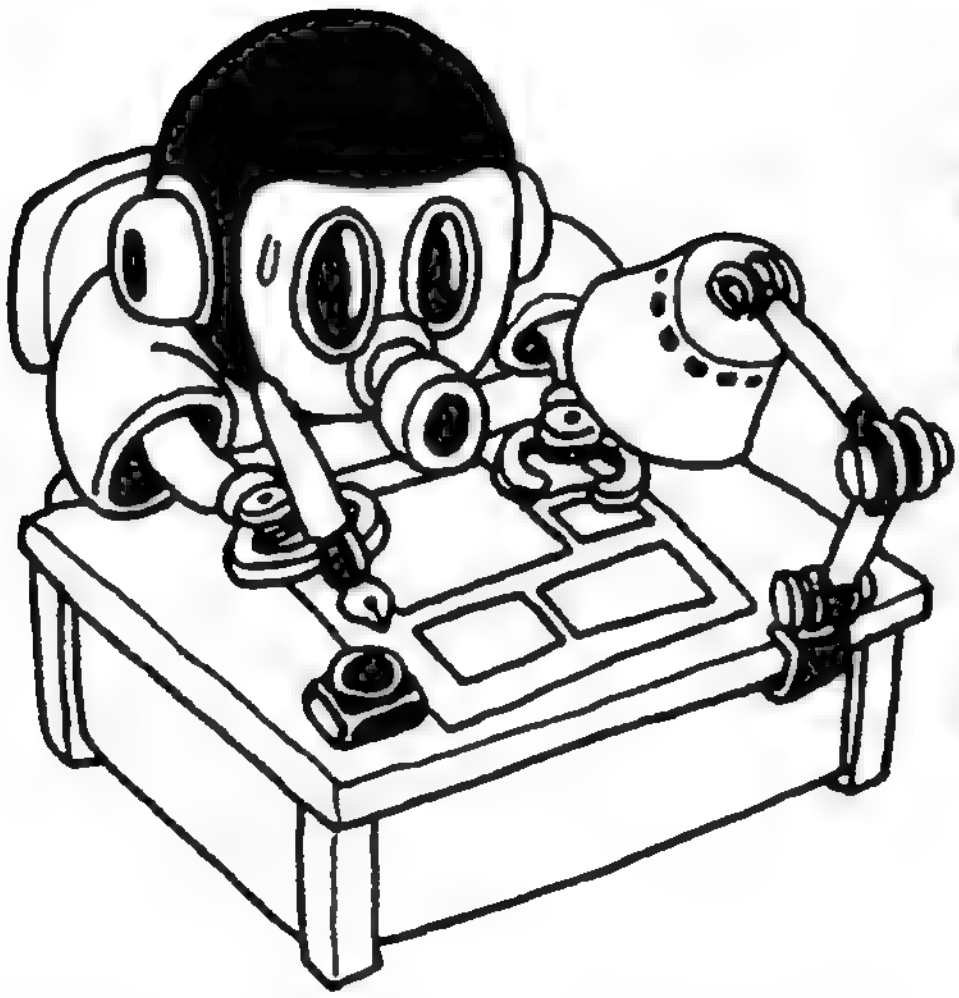

HERE'S HOW I BECAME A MANGA ARTIST

PART 5

All things considered, I can be a clever guy. So when I began working at a design firm, it didn't take long for me to adapt to the finer points of the job. I'm just not a morning person, however, and my artistic talent bled into making an art out of being late. Oh, but wait, there's more. As it was a pretty big company, they were sticklers about the dress code. I always wore fairly casual clothing, so I got chewed out a lot. In other words, I was the problem child of the office. I started to really despise the environment, and after two and a half years, I threw in the towel. Reflecting on the whole thing now though, even though it was just a short while, I'm grateful I had that experience. People who become manga artists right out of high school have a hard time understanding that aspect of society, so I don't consider it a waste of time in the least.

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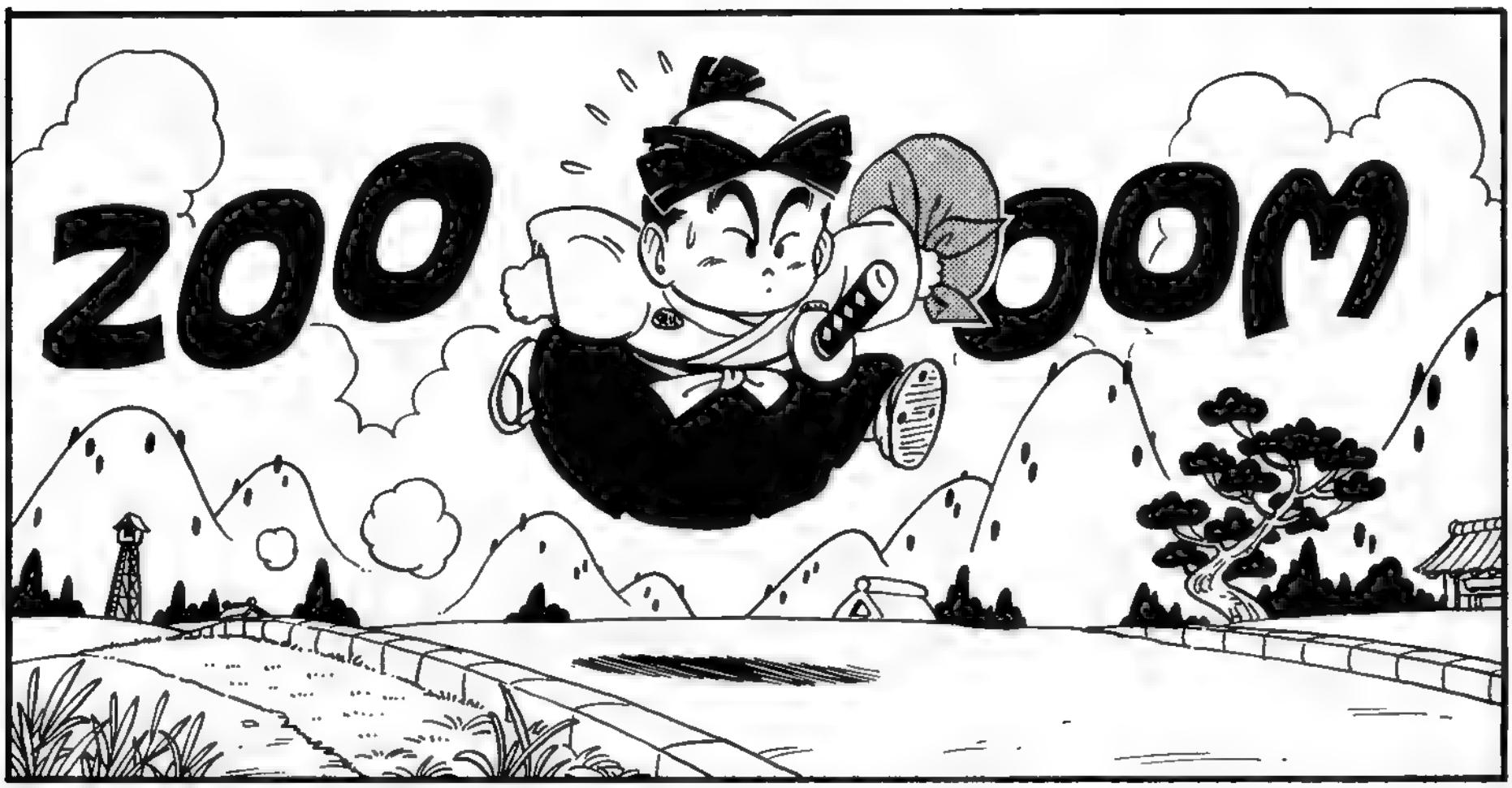
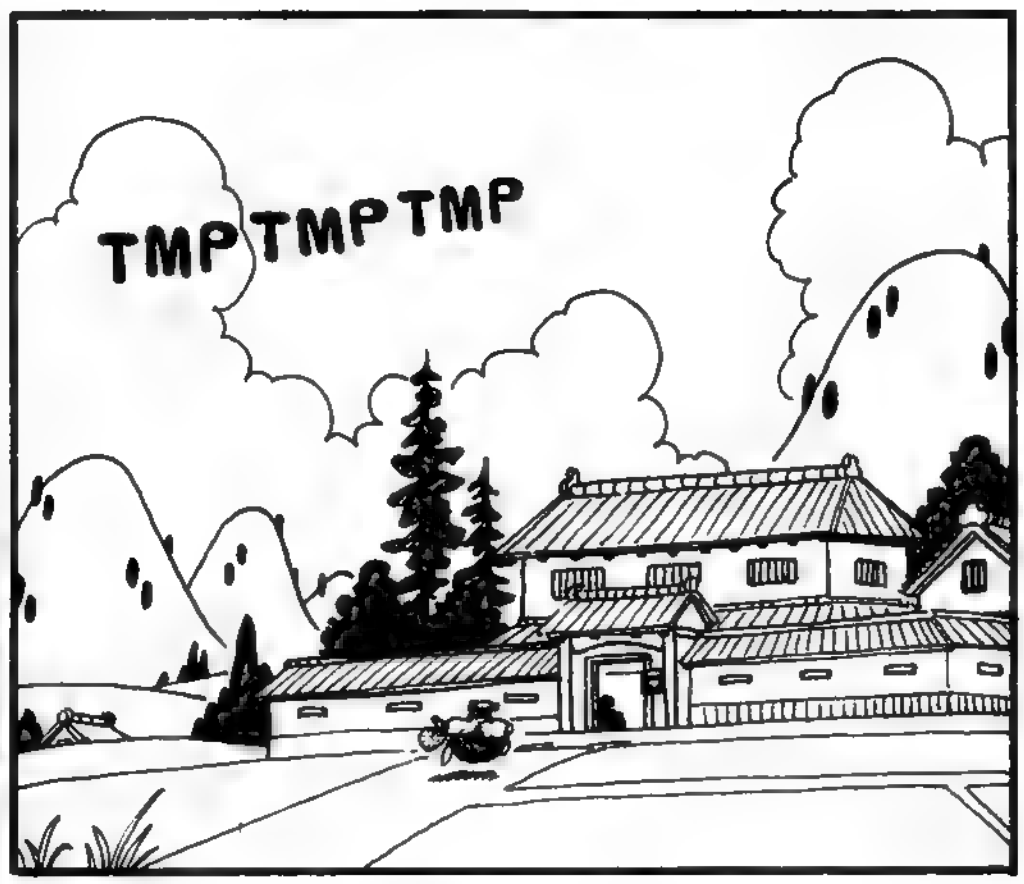
YOUNG MASTER

KEN'NOSUKE

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER YOURSELF SUPER LUCKY FOR BEING ASKED OUT ON A DATE BY A YOUNG LADY SUCH AS MYSELF!
DID YOU JUST SAY "A DATE," OR DO MY EARS DECEIVE ME?
A DATE?
THAT'S A DESSERT!
NO, NO, NOT AT ALL. VERY WELL, I SHALL HAVE WATER-MELON.
I ASKED YOU OUT ON A DATE!!
OH MY— SERIOUSLY?! YOU'RE NOT ELATED?!
A DATE, HUH...
NATURALLY I AM WELL LEARNED ON SUCH AN ELEMEN-TARY TOPIC!
FWAP
HA! HA HA HA HA!! I WAS SIMPLY MAKING A JOKE! YES, A JOKE!!
KEN'NOSUKE-SAMA, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT A DATE IS, DO YA?
OHHH, I GET IT!!
UNDER-STOOD.
GREAT! IN THAT CASE, YOU CAN PICK ME UP TOMORROW MORNING AT EIGHT!!


ZOO
OOM

MOTHER, I HAVE RETURNED!!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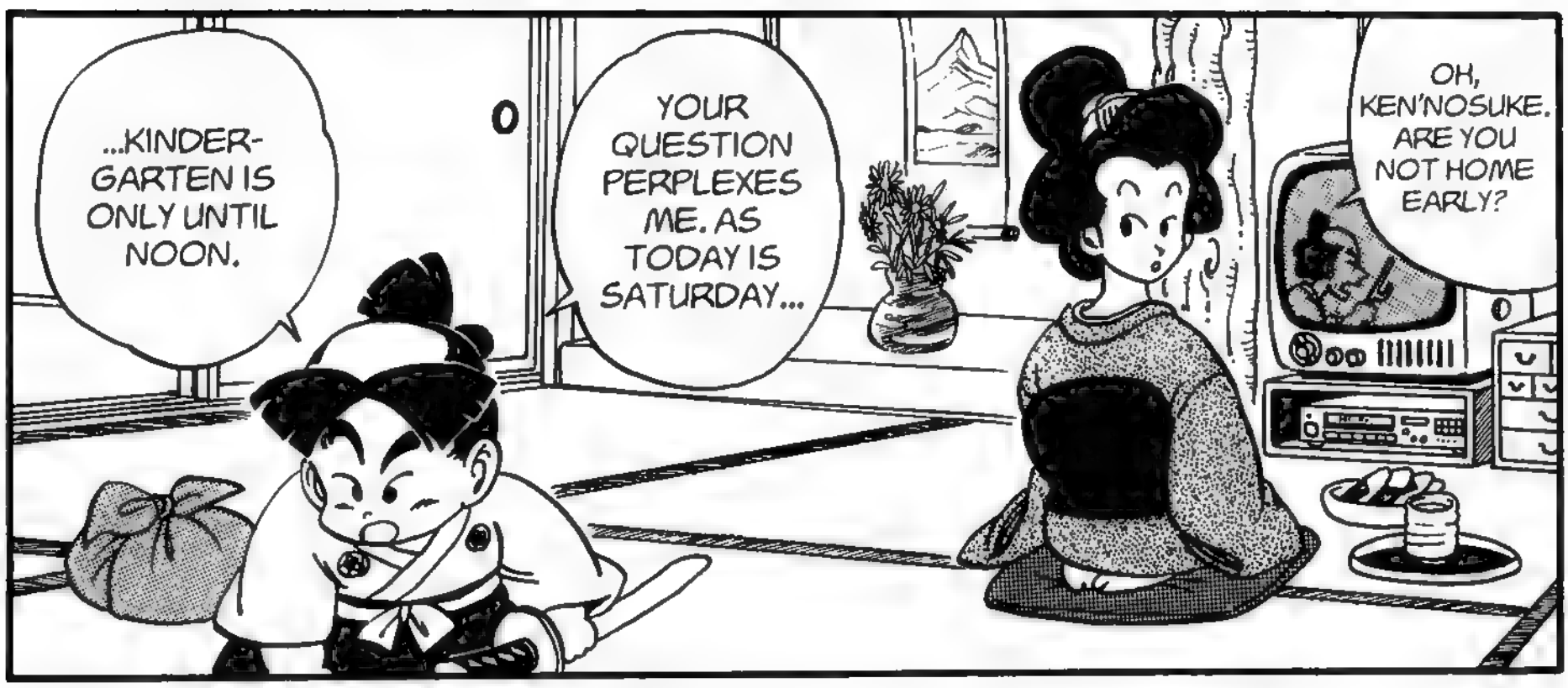
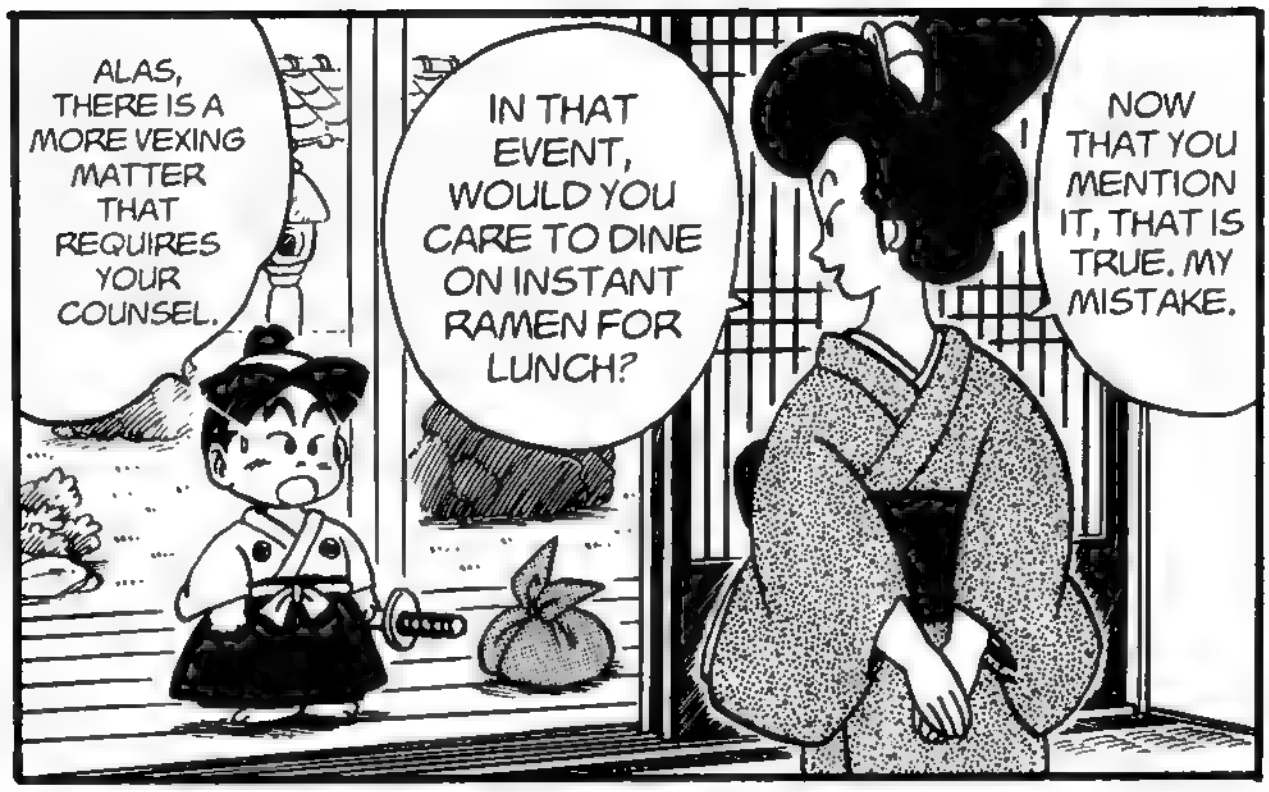
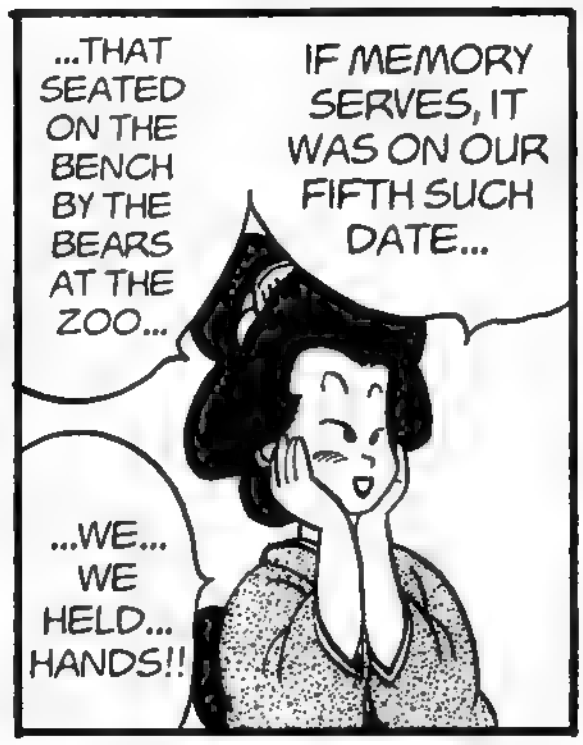

...KINDER-GARTEN IS ONLY UNTIL NOON.
YOUR QUESTION PERPLEXES ME. AS TODAY IS SATURDAY...
OH, KEN'NOSUKE. ARE YOU NOT HOME EARLY?

...THAT WHICH THEY CALL A DATE?
H-HAVE YOU EVER EXPERI-ENCED...


ALAS, THERE IS A MORE VEXING MATTER THAT REQUIRES YOUR COUNSEL.
IN THAT EVENT, WOULD YOU CARE TO DINE ON INSTANT RAMEN FOR LUNCH?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THAT IS TRUE. MY MISTAKE.

OH MY! HOW FRESH OF ME!
...?


...THAT SEATED ON THE BENCH BY THE BEARS AT THE ZOO...
IF MEMORY SERVES, IT WAS ON OUR FIFTH SUCH DATE...
...WE... WE HELD... HANDS!!

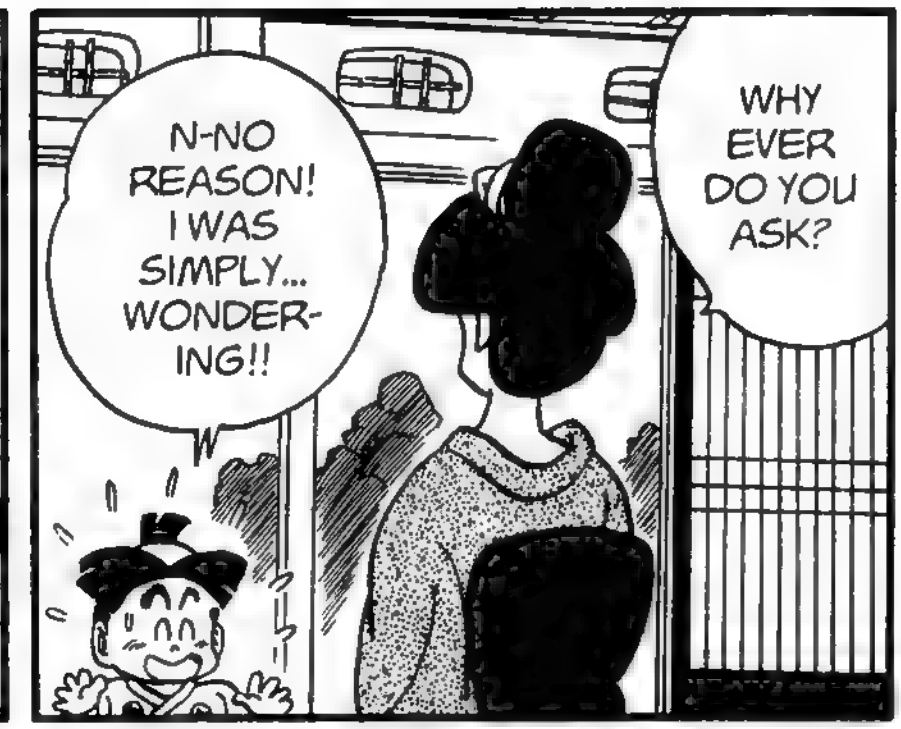
HO HO HO! BUT OF COURSE.
I WENT ON MANY WITH YOUR FATHER.

...A TOTAL LOSER !!!

ONE COULD SAY THAT A BORING MAN ON A DATE IS...
THAT DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON ONE'S PARTNER!
SO, IT IS A PLEASUR-ABLE EXPE-RIENCE?

TOTAL LOSER

...HURRY ALONG TO KENDO PRAC-TICE!!
ANYWAY, MOTHER, I MUST... UM...


N-NO REASON! I WAS SIMPLY... WONDER-ING!!
WHY EVER DO YOU ASK?

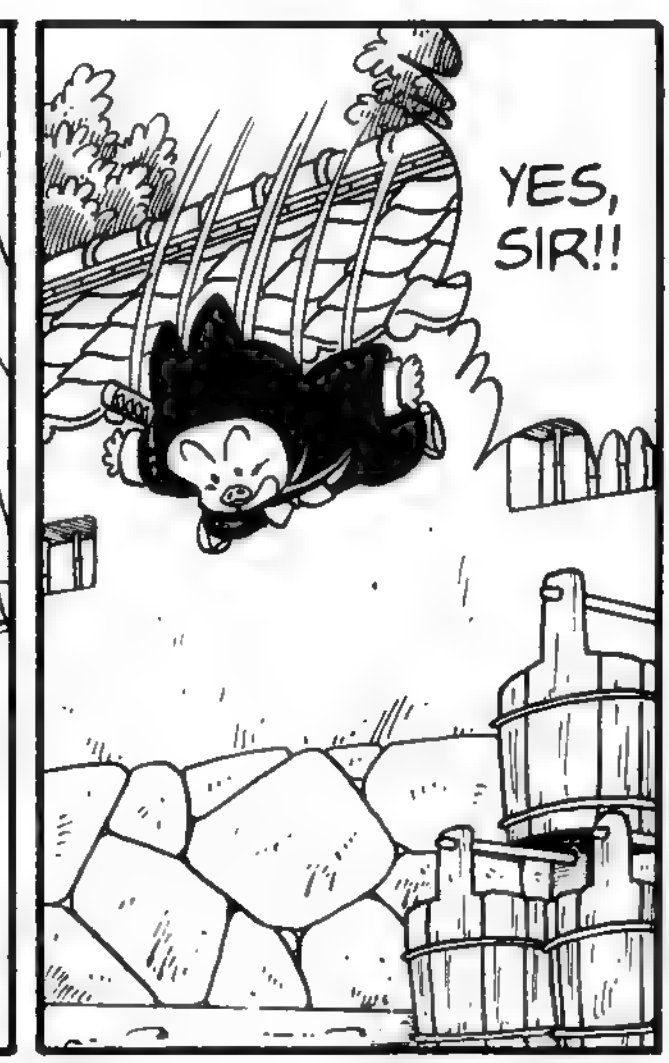
SHINOBI-MARU, ARE YOU THERE?!
SHINOBI-MARUUU!!

NO NEED!!
OH, WILL YOU BE TAKING LUNCH BEFORE YOU DEPART?!

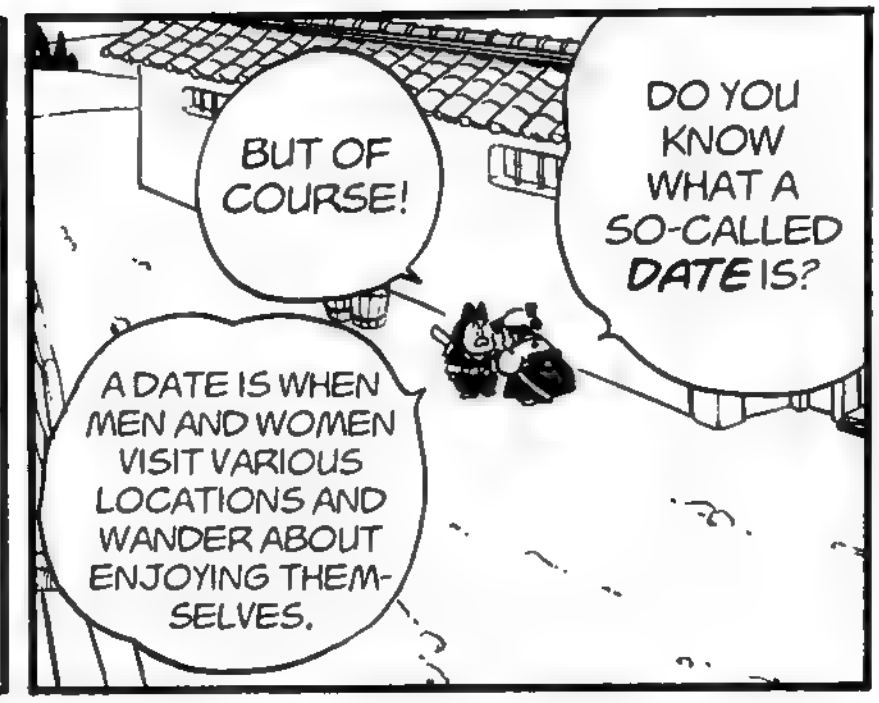
AT YOUR SER-VICE!
I AM HERE, KEN'NO-SUKE-SAMA!
OW...

LET ME BE BLUNT... THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST ASK YOU!

BAFOOM
THERE YOU ARE, SHINOBI-MARU!!


YES, SIR!!

ONE MUST BE WARY. THE TASK IS DECEPTIVELY COMPLEX. SHOULD ONE FALTER, ONE COULD BE BRANDED A TOTAL LOSER!
...UNIQUE NAME FOR SUCH A MUNDANE ACTIVITY.
OH, IS THAT ALL? THAT'S A RATHER ...

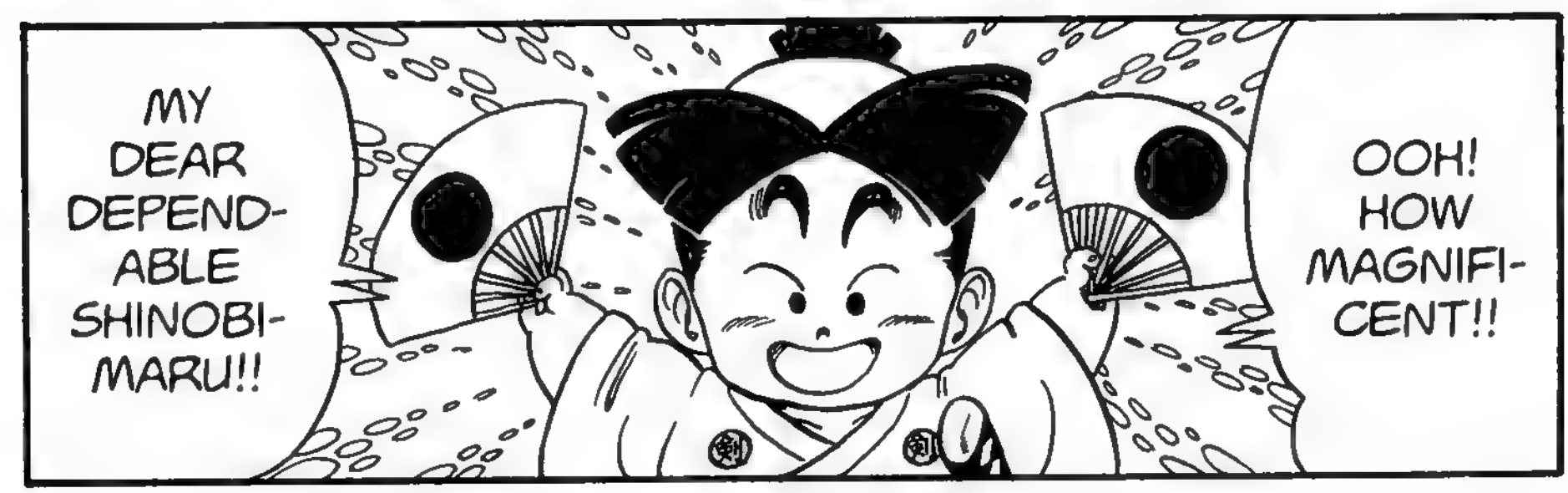

BUT OF COURSE!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT A SO-CALLED DATE IS?
A DATE IS WHEN MEN AND WOMEN VISIT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND WANDER ABOUT ENJOYING THEM-SELVES.

TRUTH BE TOLD, LADY ODEN INVITED ME ON A DATE TOMORROW.
HMM, WHY WOULD YOU ASK THIS OF ME, KEN'NOSUKE-SAMA?

SHINOBIMARU! WOULD YOU SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH ME?
I SEE... A TOTAL LOSER, YOU SAY? MOTHER ALSO SAID AS MUCH...

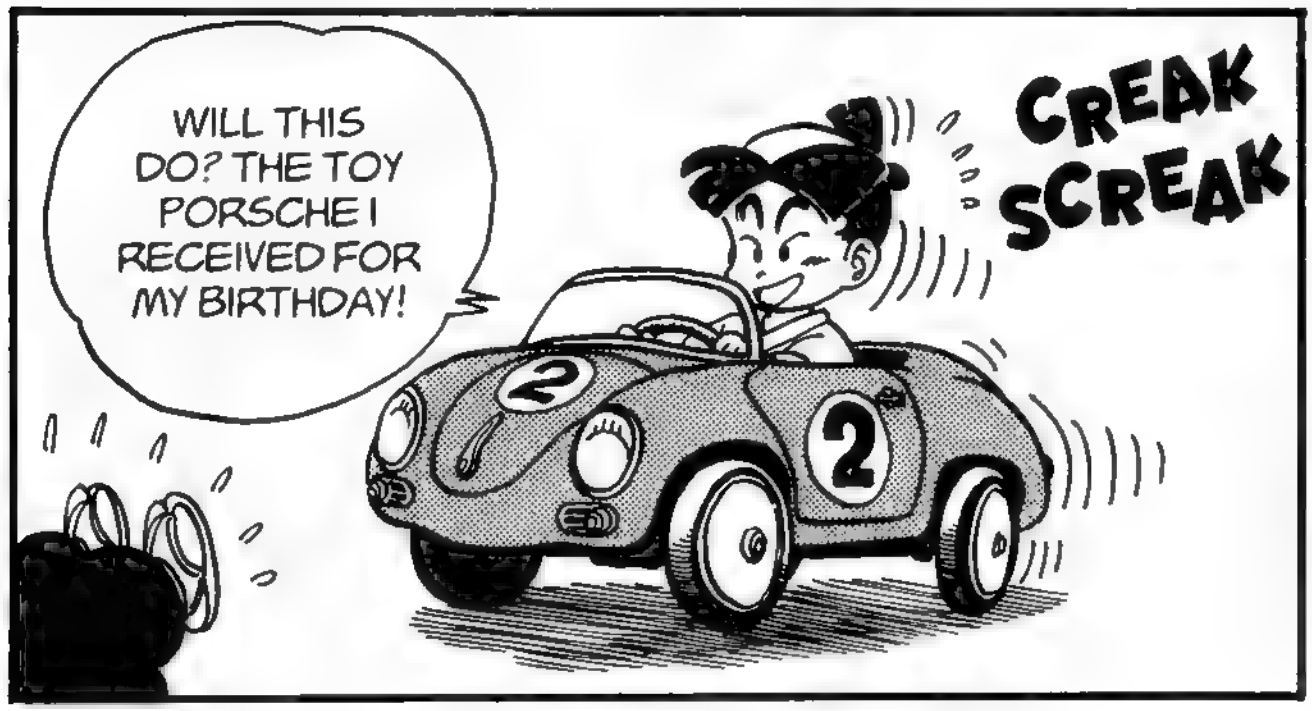
...TELEVISION AND MAGAZINES HAVE TAUGHT ME MUCH ABOUT THE ART!
HEH HEH... FEAR NOT, YOUNG MASTER. ALTHOUGH PALTRY COMPARED TO SOME...

HOWEVER UNLIKELY IT MAY BE, I AM AFRAID OF RUINING MY STATION AS A MAN BY BEING LABELED A TOTAL LOSER.
I HUMBLY OFFER MY CONGRATU-LATIONS!
OOH!

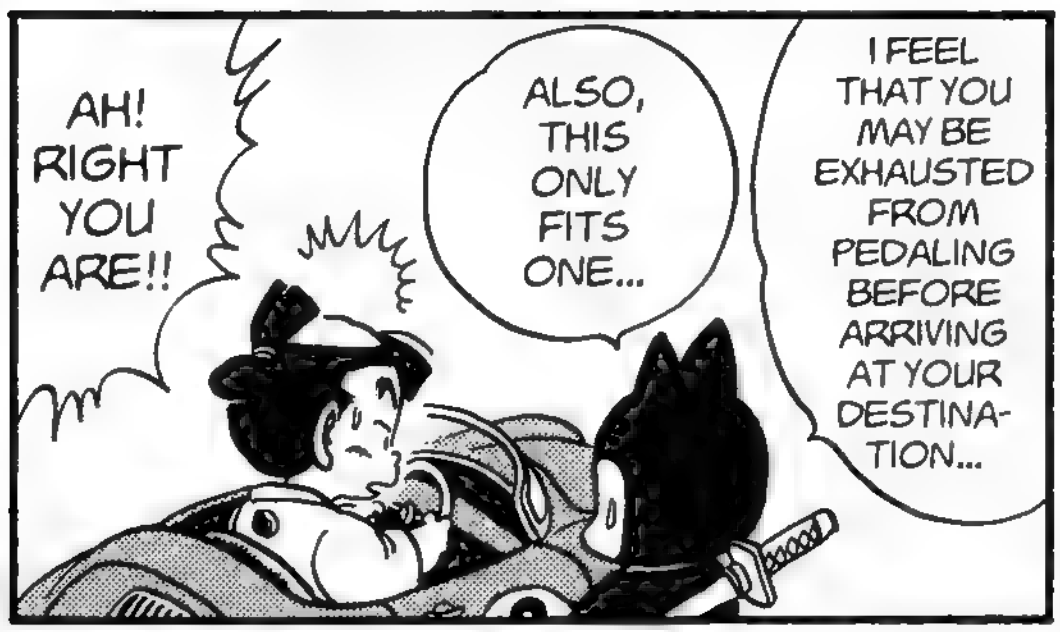

MY DEAR DEPEND-ABLE SHINOBI-MARU!!
OOH! HOW MAGNIFI-CENT!!

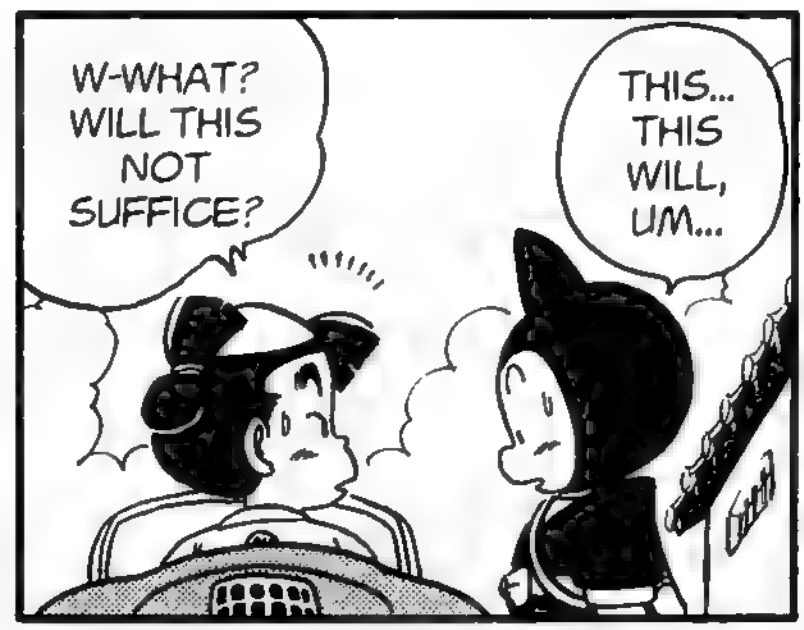
IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE, AN AUTOMO-BILE IS ES-SENTIAL TO A SUC-CESSFUL DATE!
INDEED. IT'S CALLED GOING FOR A DRIVE TOGETHER.
AN... AUTO-MOBILE?

FIRST, YOU MUST SECURE AN AUTO-MOBILE!
NOW THEN, LET US BEGIN YOUR PRACTICE RUN.


WILL THIS DO? THE TOY PORSCHE I RECEIVED FOR MY BIRTHDAY!
CREAK SCREAK

VERY WELL THEN!!
I SEE!!

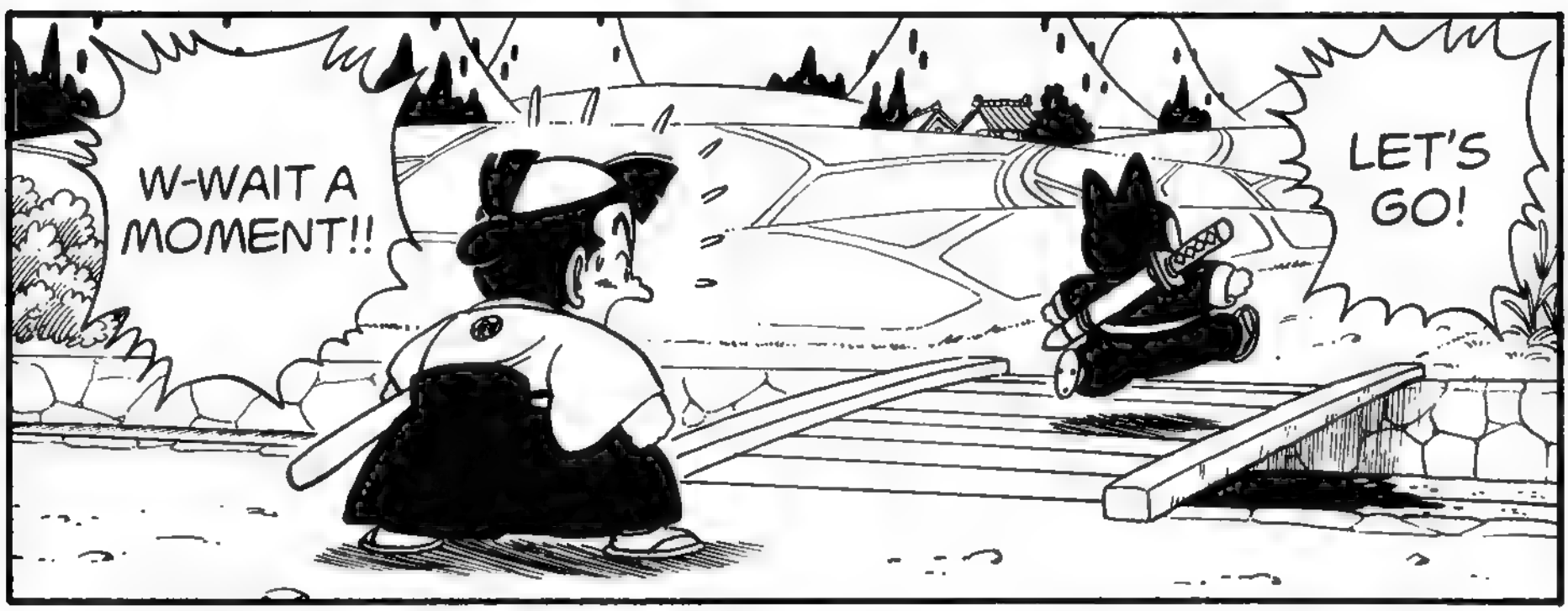

AH! RIGHT YOU ARE!!
ALSO, THIS ONLY FITS ONE...
I FEEL THAT YOU MAY BE EXHAUSTED FROM PEDALING BEFORE ARRIVING AT YOUR DESTINA-TION...

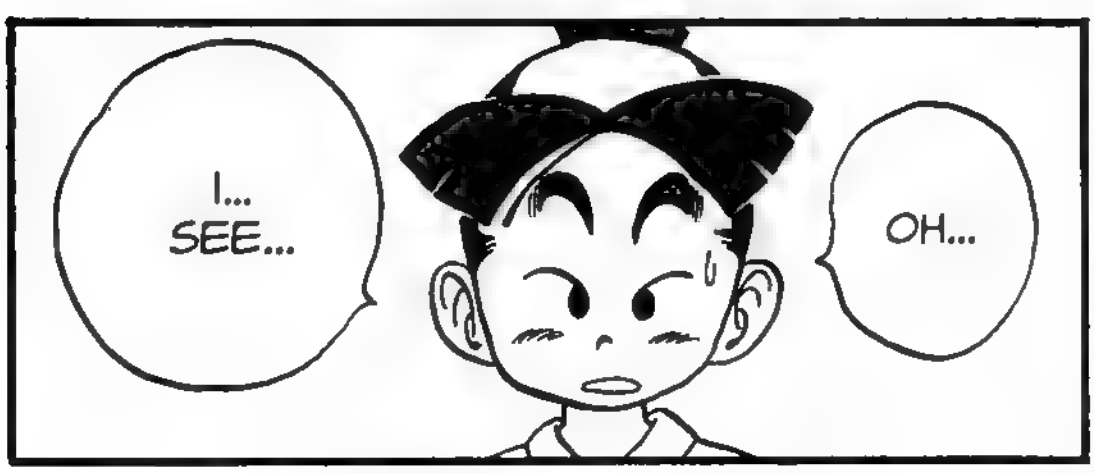

W-WHAT? WILL THIS NOT SUFFICE?
THIS... THIS WILL, UM...

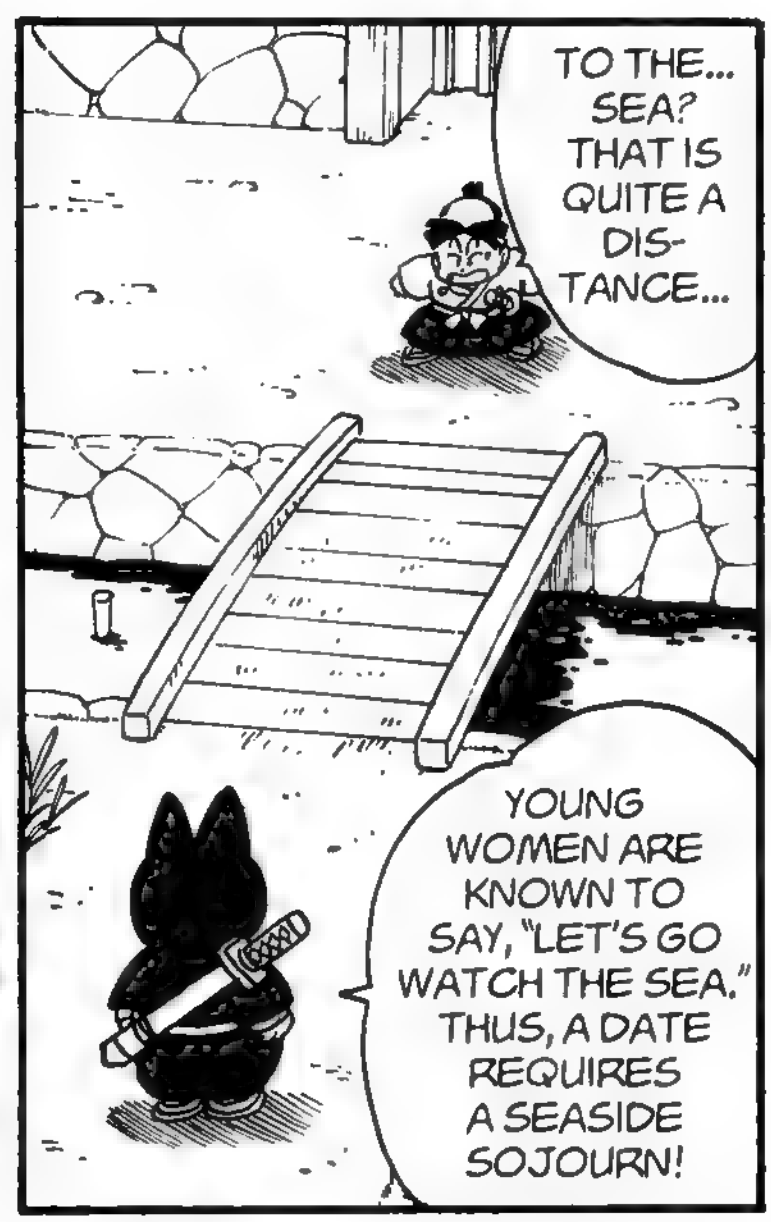
YOU WILL PROBABLY NEED A REAL AUTO-MOBILE...
HOW UNFORTU-NATE... OBSTRUCTED BEFORE EVEN TRULY BEGINNING...

NOW, IT IS TIME TO GO TO THE SEASIDE!
THAT'S ONE PIECE OF THE PLAN SET-TLED.
COME, LET US RUN!!

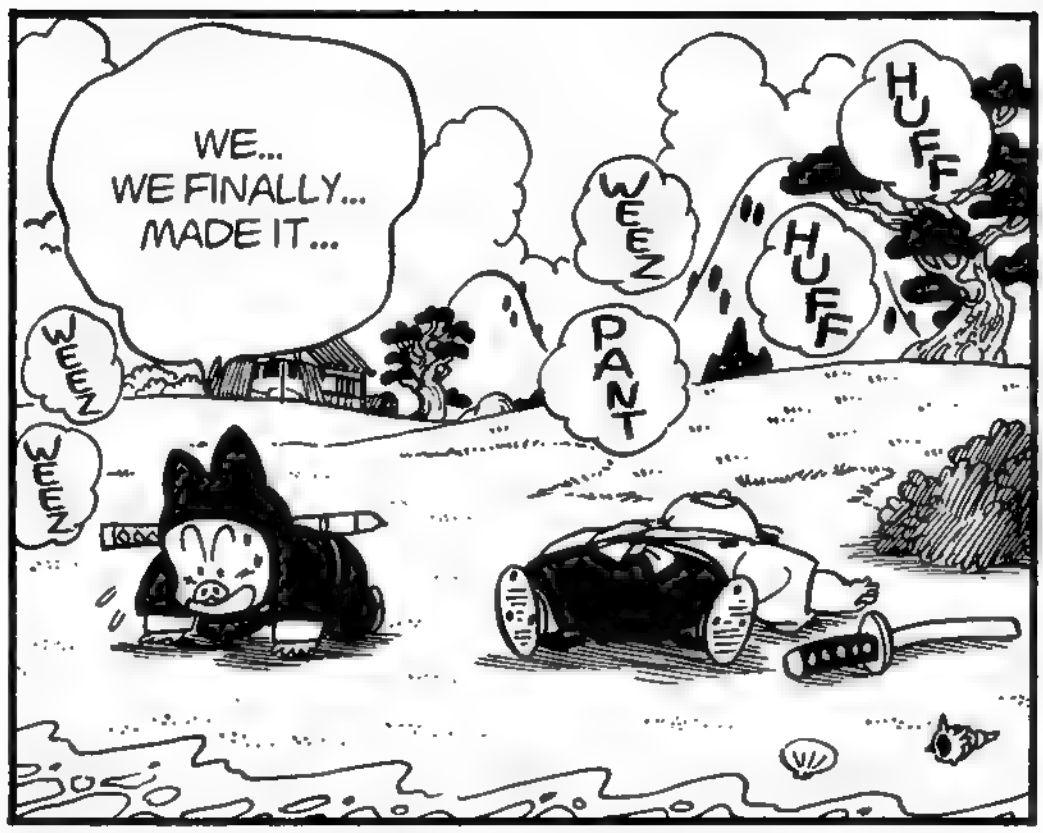
YES, YES! A SPLEN-DIFEROUS IDEA!!
THE OBVIOUS SOLUTION IS TO BORROW FATHER'S AUTOMOBILE IN SECRET, TOMORROW!!
INDEED!! VERY WELL!


W-WAIT A MOMENT!!
LET'S GO!


I... SEE...
OH...


TO THE... SEA? THAT IS QUITE A DIS-TANCE...
YOUNG WOMEN ARE KNOWN TO SAY, "LET'S GO WATCH THE SEA." THUS, A DATE REQUIRES A SEASIDE SOJOURN!

TOMORROW WILL BE MUCH EASIER WITH THE AUTO-MOBILE!
PUFF
HUFF


WE... WE FINALLY... MADE IT...
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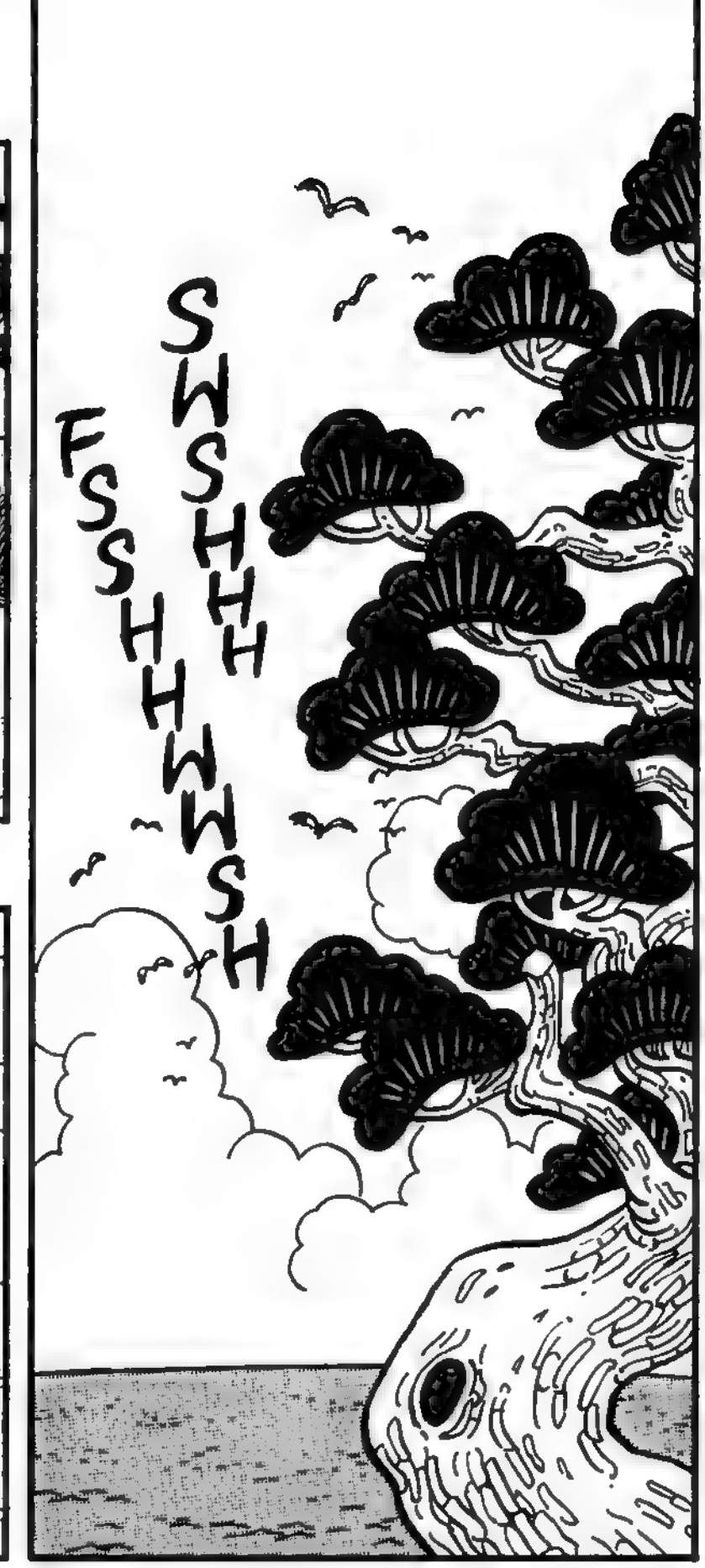
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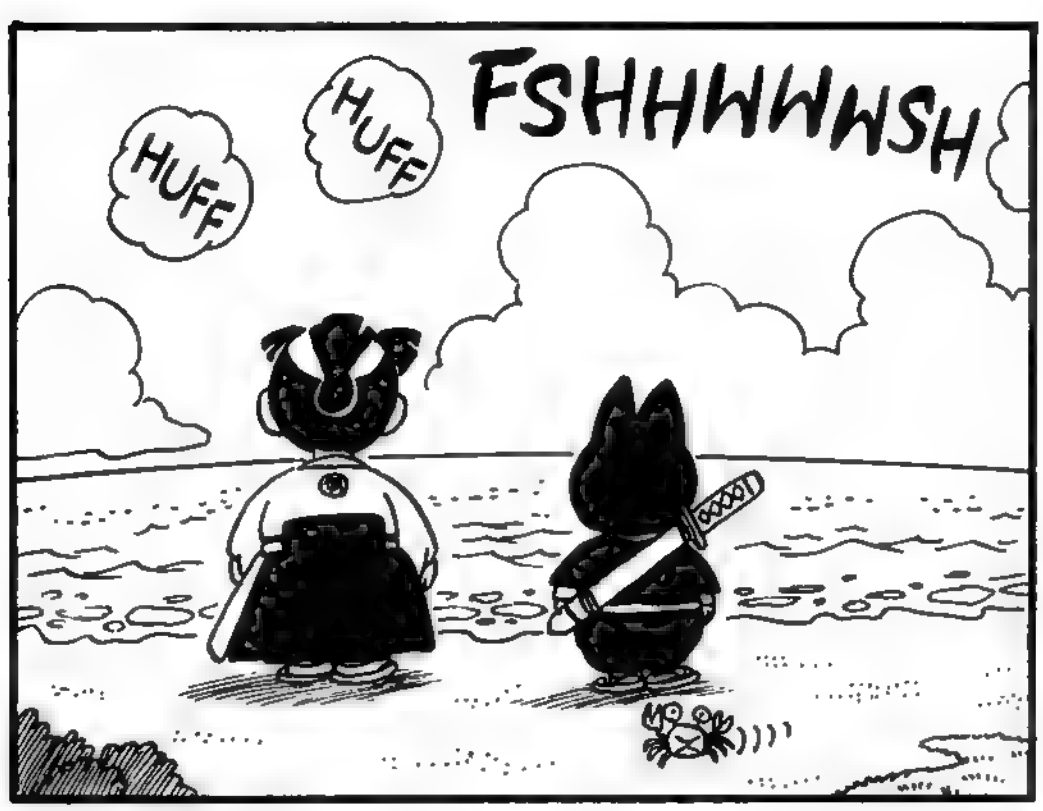
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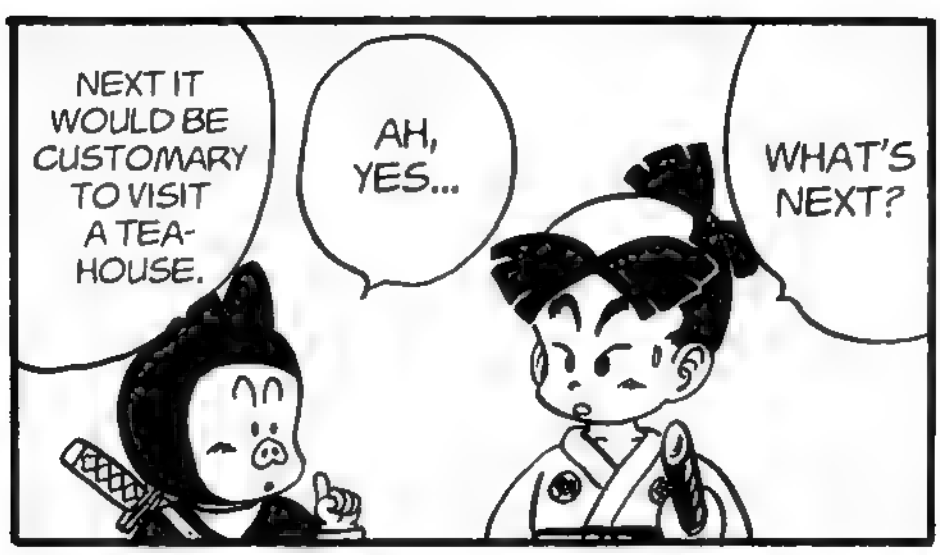
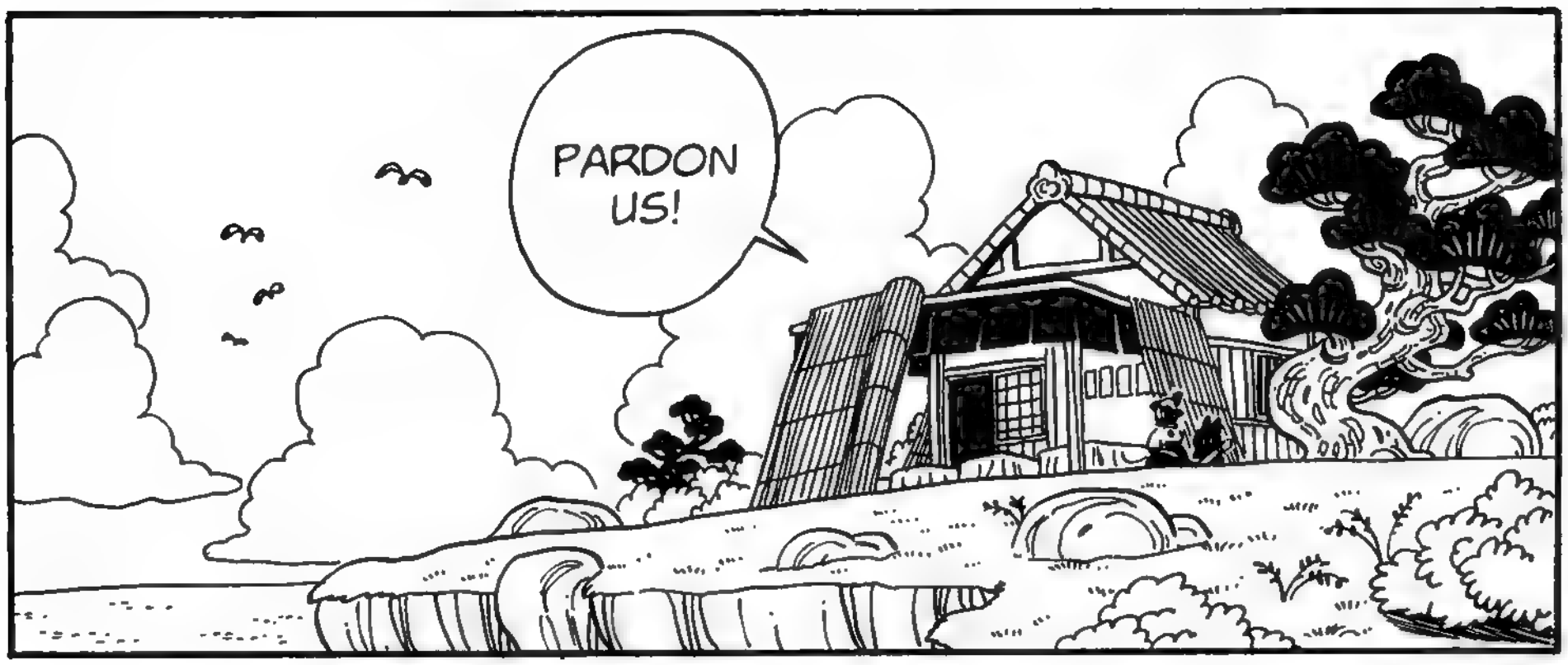

NEXT IT WOULD BE CUSTOMARY TO VISIT A TEA-HOUSE.
AH, YES...
WHAT'S NEXT?

LOOK! THERE'S ONE JUST OVER THERE!
THAT SOUNDS... QUITE AGREE-ABLE. I AM INDEED PARCHED.

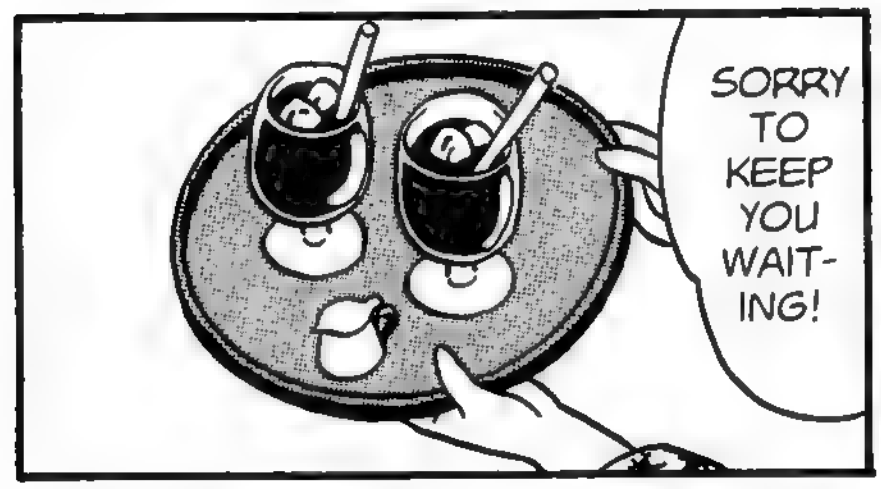
I...AM NOT SURE. MY KNOWLEDGE ONLY EXTENDS SO FAR...
WHY IS IT THAT THEY DESIRE TO VIEW THE SEA?


PARDON US!

PAR-DON?
THAT WON'T DO, KEN'NO-SUKE-SAMA!
TSK, TSK, TSK!

YOU MUST PLAY IT SUAVE HERE. ORDER SOMETHING MATURE LIKE AN ICE COUGH-HEE.
YOU ARE NOT A MAN COMING IN FROM THE FIELDS ON HIS LUNCH BREAK. YOU ARE AN EXUBERANT, YOUTHFUL DUO.

ONE BARLEY TEA SERVED COLD, PLEASE.
GOOD DAY, AND WEL-COME!

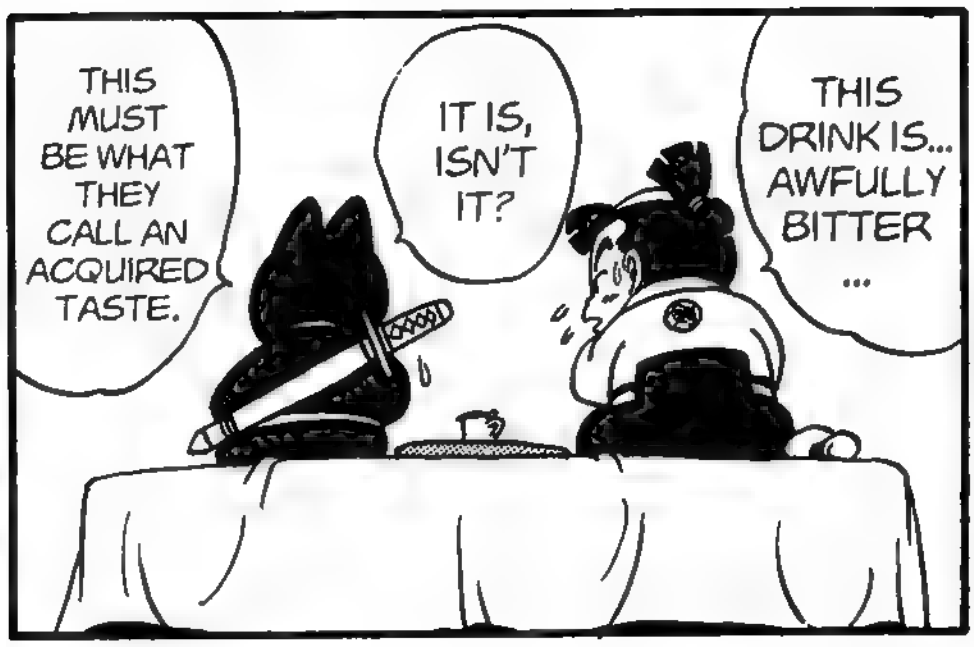

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAIT-ING!

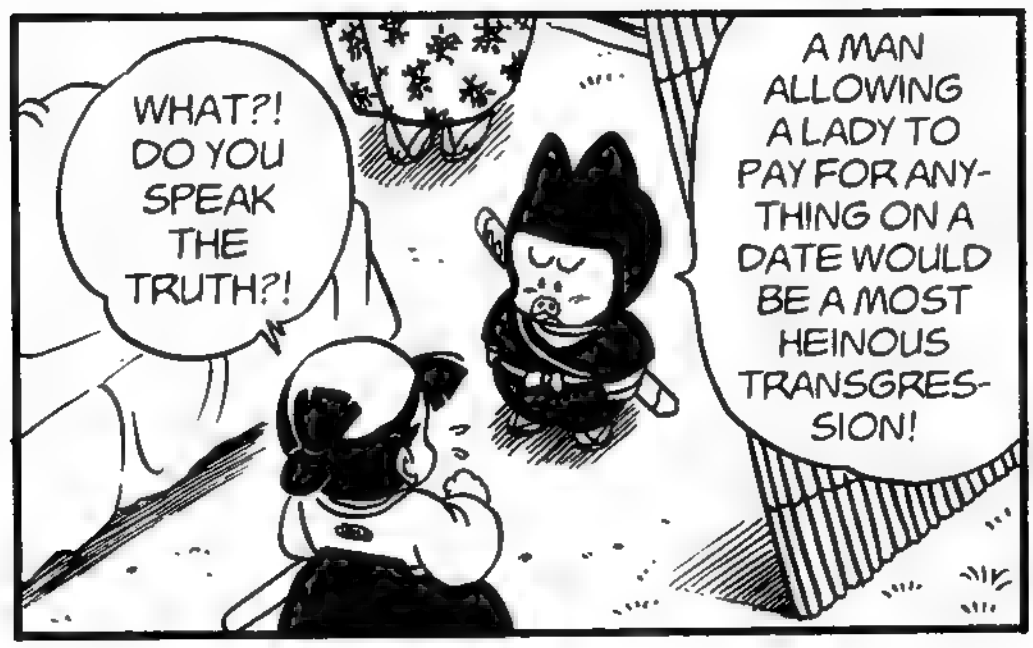
Sip
Slllp

EXCUSE ME... CANCEL THE BARLEY TEA AND GET US TWO ICE COUGH-HEES, PLEASE.
SURE!

I...I SEE. AN ICE COUGH-HEE, YOU SAY?
IN-DEED.

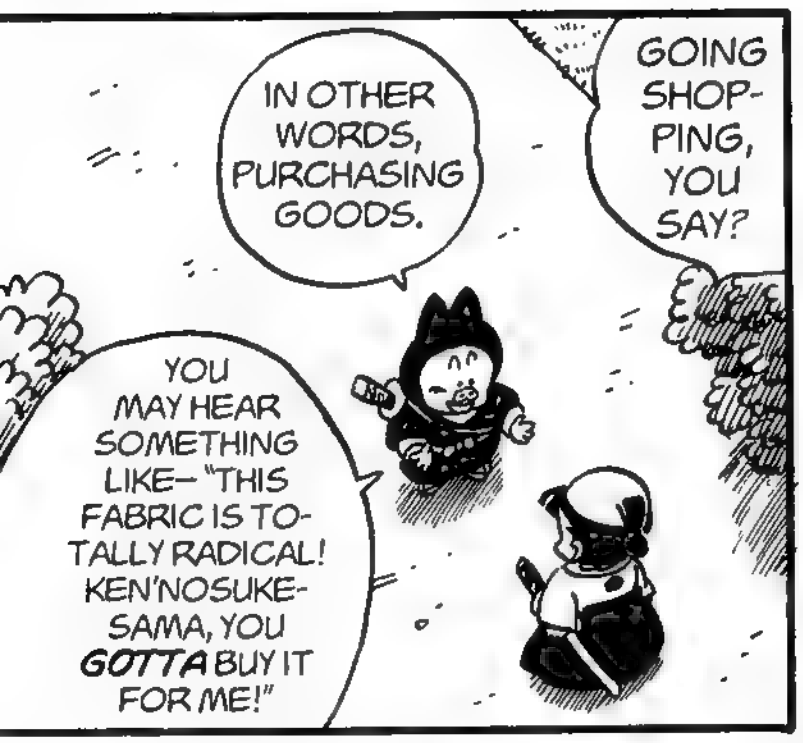
TO-GETHER THAT'LL BE FOUR SILVER.
THANK YOU FOR SERVING US.


THIS MUST BE WHAT THEY CALL AN ACQUIRED TASTE.
IT IS, ISN'T IT?
THIS DRINK IS... AWFULLY BITTER ...

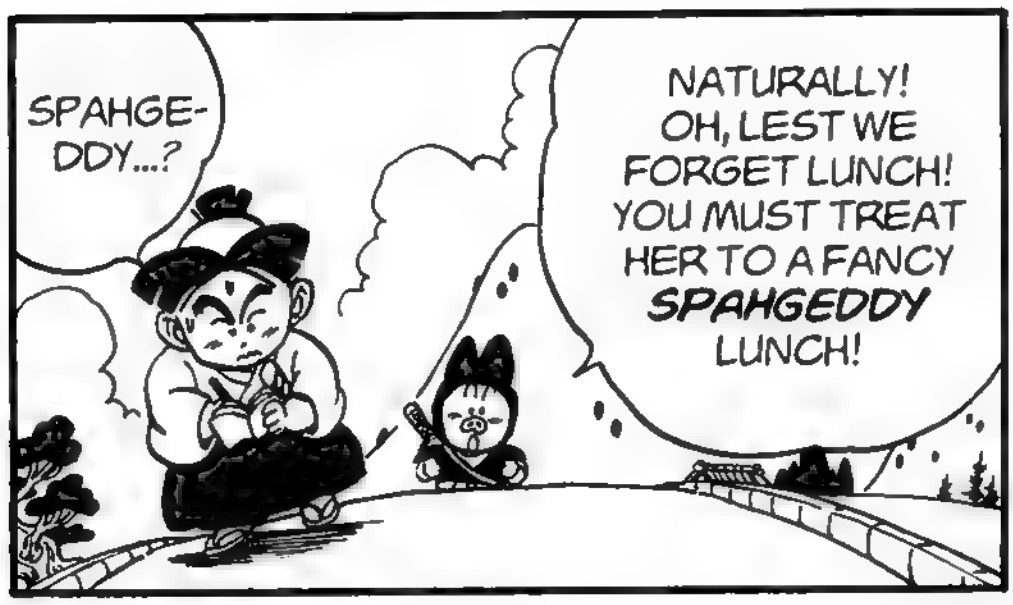

WHAT?! DO YOU SPEAK THE TRUTH?!
A MAN ALLOWING A LADY TO PAY FOR ANY-THING ON A DATE WOULD BE A MOST HEINOUS TRANSGRES-SION!

PLEASE, MASTER, DO NOT BE ABSURD...
SO... THAT MEANS... HEY, TWO SILVER EACH.

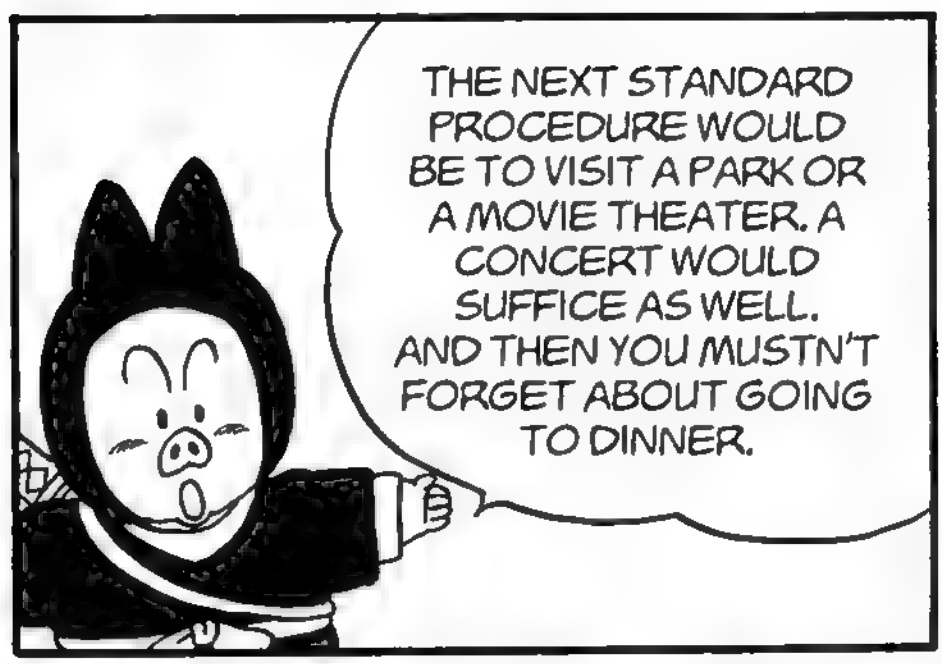
HMMM, YES, I DO BELIEVE THE NEXT ACTIVITY WOULD BE *GOING SHOPPING*.
WELL, WHAT MUST WE DO NEXT?


IN OTHER WORDS, PURCHASING GOODS.
GOING SHOP-PING, YOU SAY?
YOU MAY HEAR SOMETHING LIKE— "THIS FABRIC IS TO-TALLY RADICAL! KEN'NOSUKE-SAMA, YOU *GOTTA* BUY IT FOR ME!"

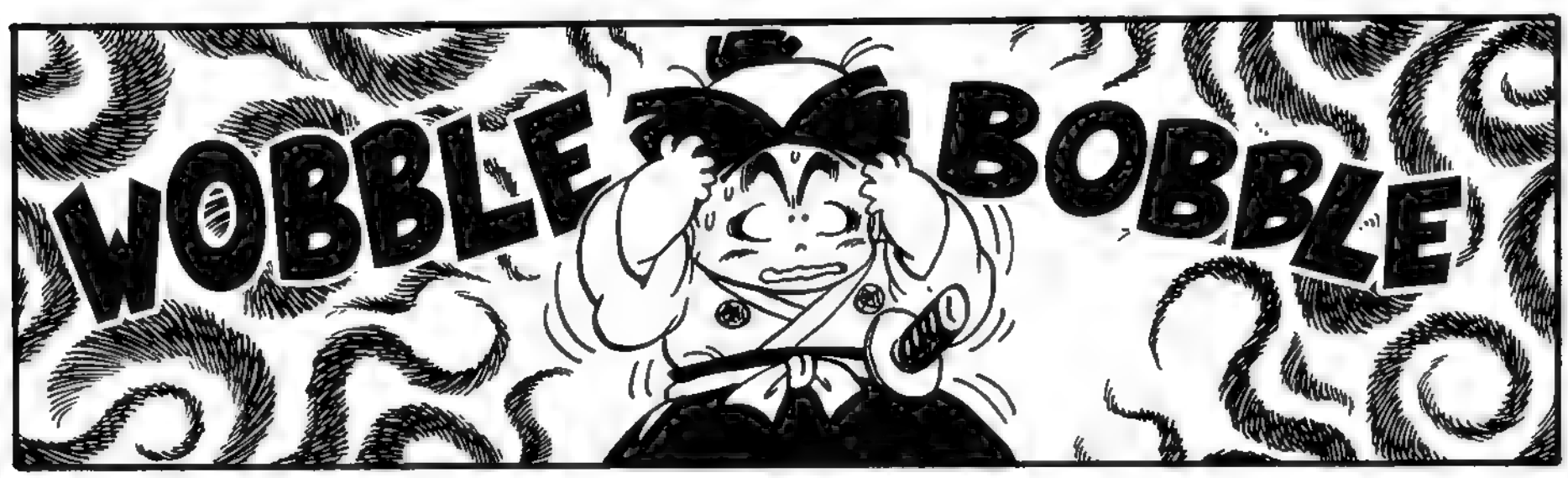
TRULY. WHY DO THOSE ON DATES ALWAYS LOOK SO HAPPY?
HMMM... PERHAPS THERE'S SOMETHING I'M NOT SEEING YET, BUT SO FAR THIS DATE IS NOT VERY FUN AT ALL.
THANK YOU SO MUCH!


SPAHGE-DDY...?
NATURALLY! OH, LEST WE FORGET LUNCH! YOU MUST TREAT HER TO A FANCY SPAHGEDDY LUNCH!

INDUBI-TABLY!
YOU'RE SAYING... I MUST PURCHASE THIS FABRIC...FOR HER?


THE NEXT STANDARD PROCEDURE WOULD BE TO VISIT A PARK OR A MOVIE THEATER. A CONCERT WOULD SUFFICE AS WELL. AND THEN YOU MUSTN'T FORGET ABOUT GOING TO DINNER.

NO, MASTER. WE'RE ONLY GETTING STARTED.
AFTER THAT, MIGHT I BE ALLOWED TO GO HOME?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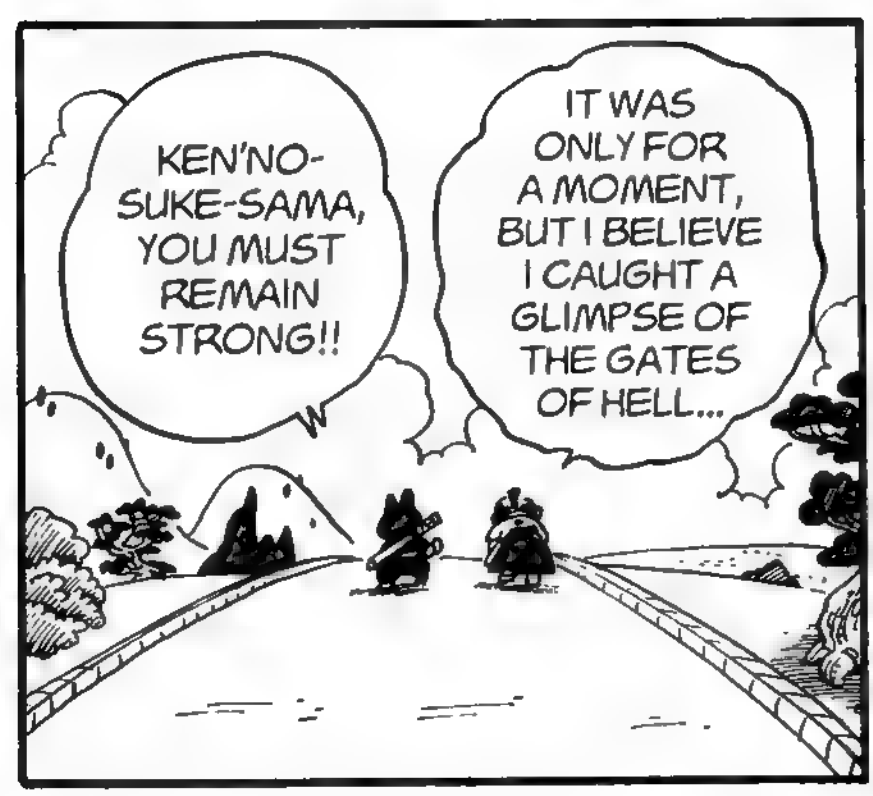
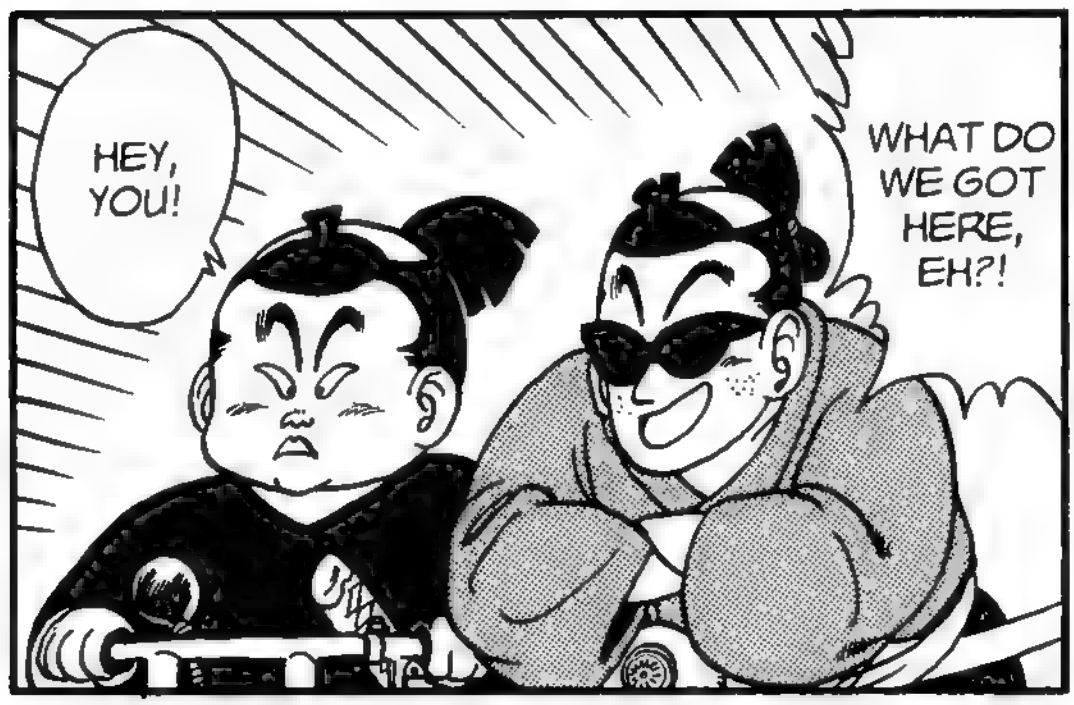
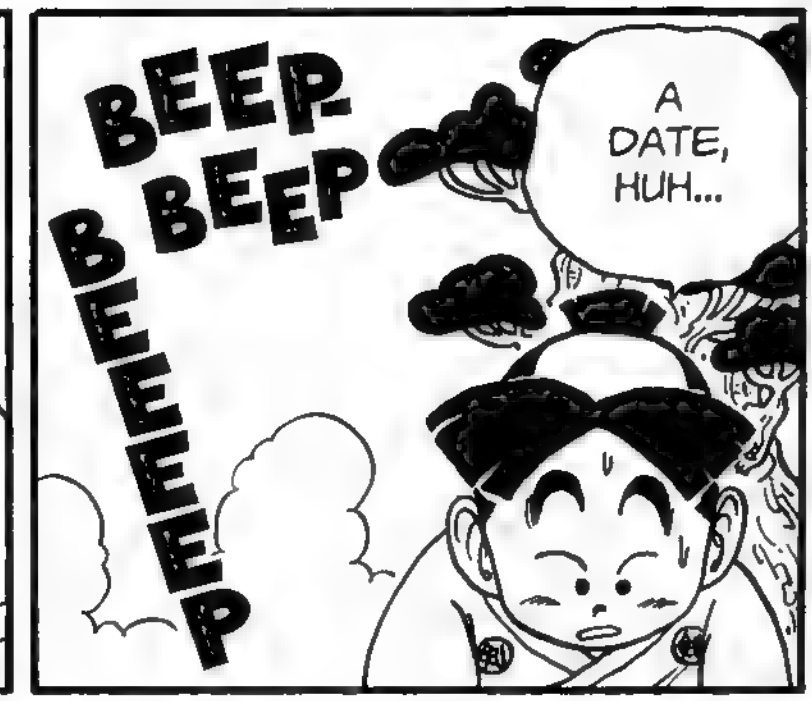

KEN'NO-SUKE-SAMA, YOU MUST REMAIN STRONG!!
IT WAS ONLY FOR A MOMENT, BUT I BELIEVE I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF THE GATES OF HELL...

...IS WHAT SHE WILL SAY.
"YOU'RE A TOTAL LOSER!"
A-AND IF I FAIL TO ACHIEVE ANY OF THAT...


HEY, YOU!
WHAT DO WE GOT HERE, EH?!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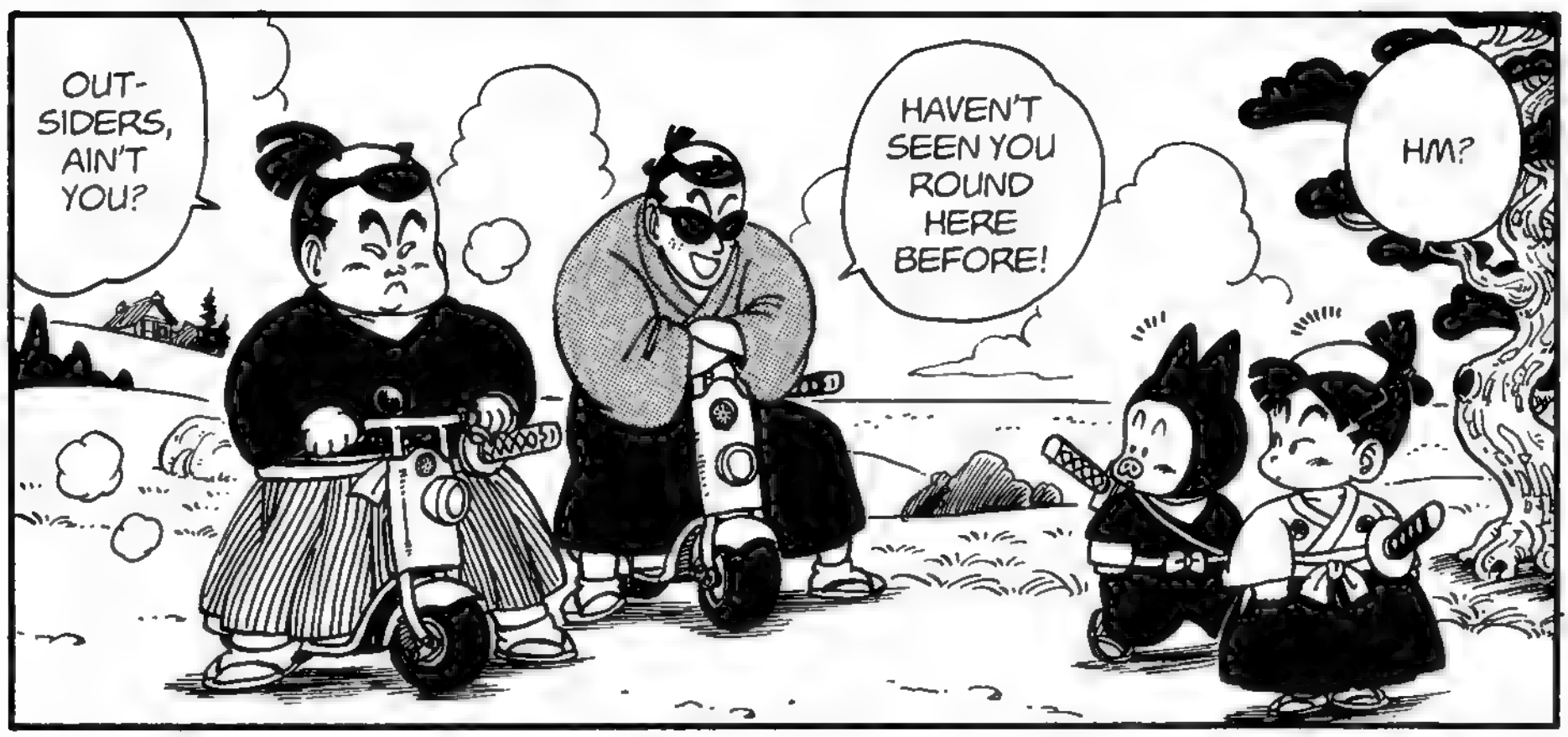
BEEP
BEEEEEP
A DATE, HUH...


OUT-SIDERS, AIN'T YOU?
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU ROUND HERE BEFORE!
HM?

MONEY OR PAIN, WHICH DO YOU WANNA PAY IN?
IT ONLY COSTS AS MUCH AS YOU GOT!

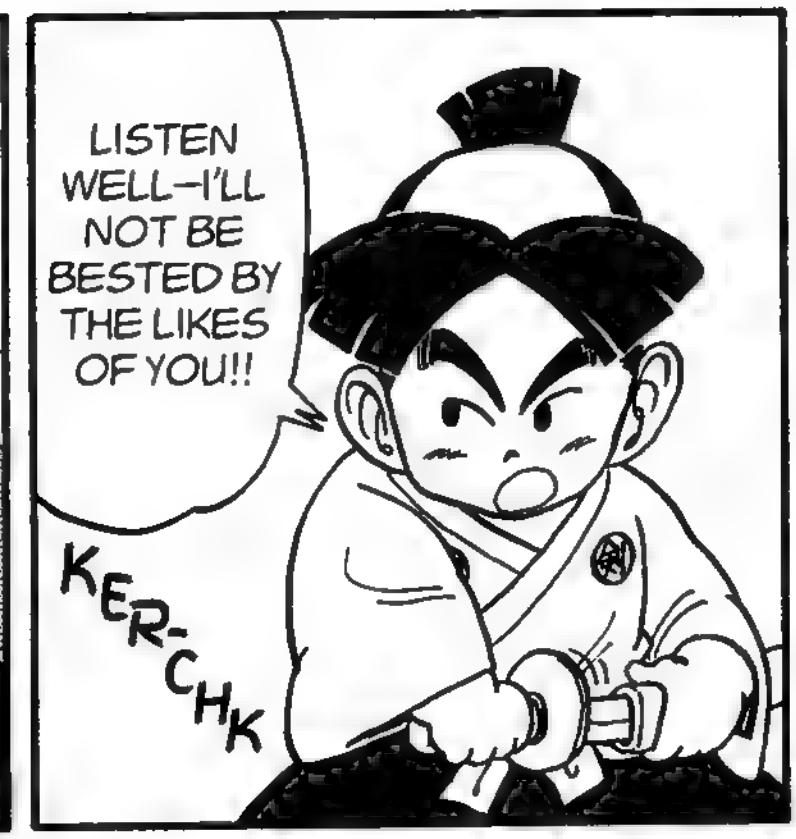
SO COUGH UP THE TOLL!
THIS IS OUR ROAD IN OUR VILLAGE.

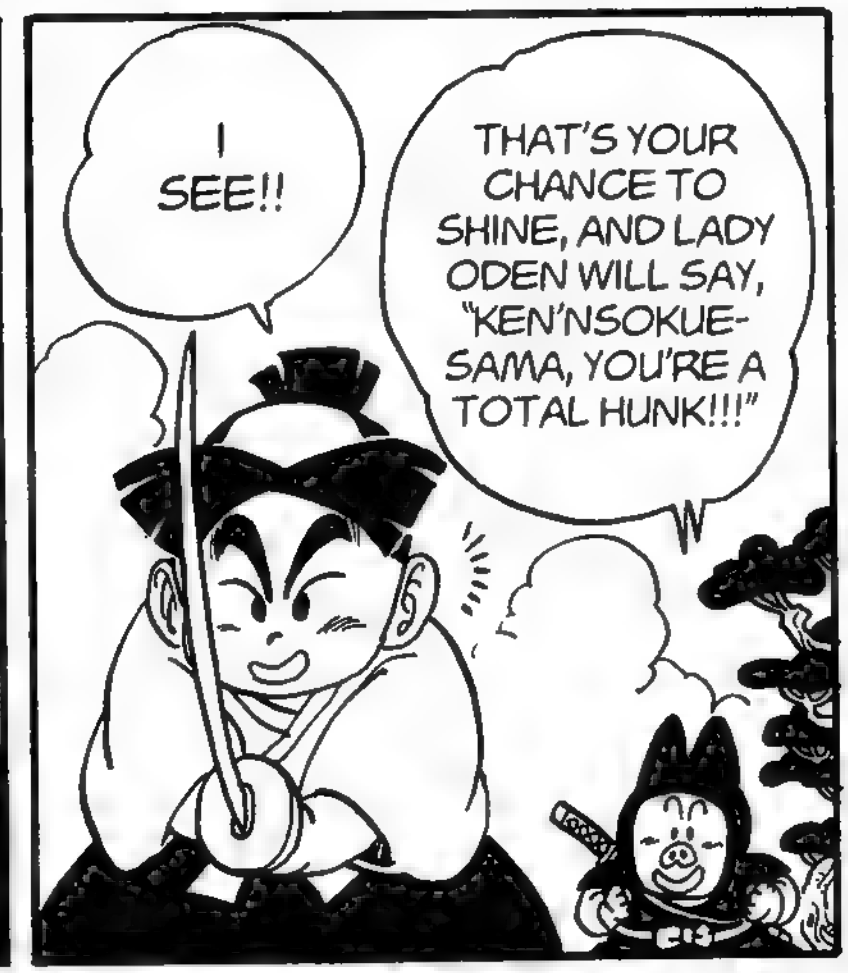
MORE-OVER, MY SCHEDULE TOMORROW REQUIRES A GREAT DEAL OF CAPITAL!
WE ARE NOT HONOR BOUND TO PAY ANY SUCH FEE!
UTTER FOOLISH-NESS! THIS IS A PUBLIC IMPERIAL ROAD!
THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S RIGHT!

MY WORD!

BIG WORDS, HUH? I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET 'EM!

HEH! A PETULANT AND DEFIANT BRAT! KNOW YOUR PLACE!





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WHIFF
EHAA

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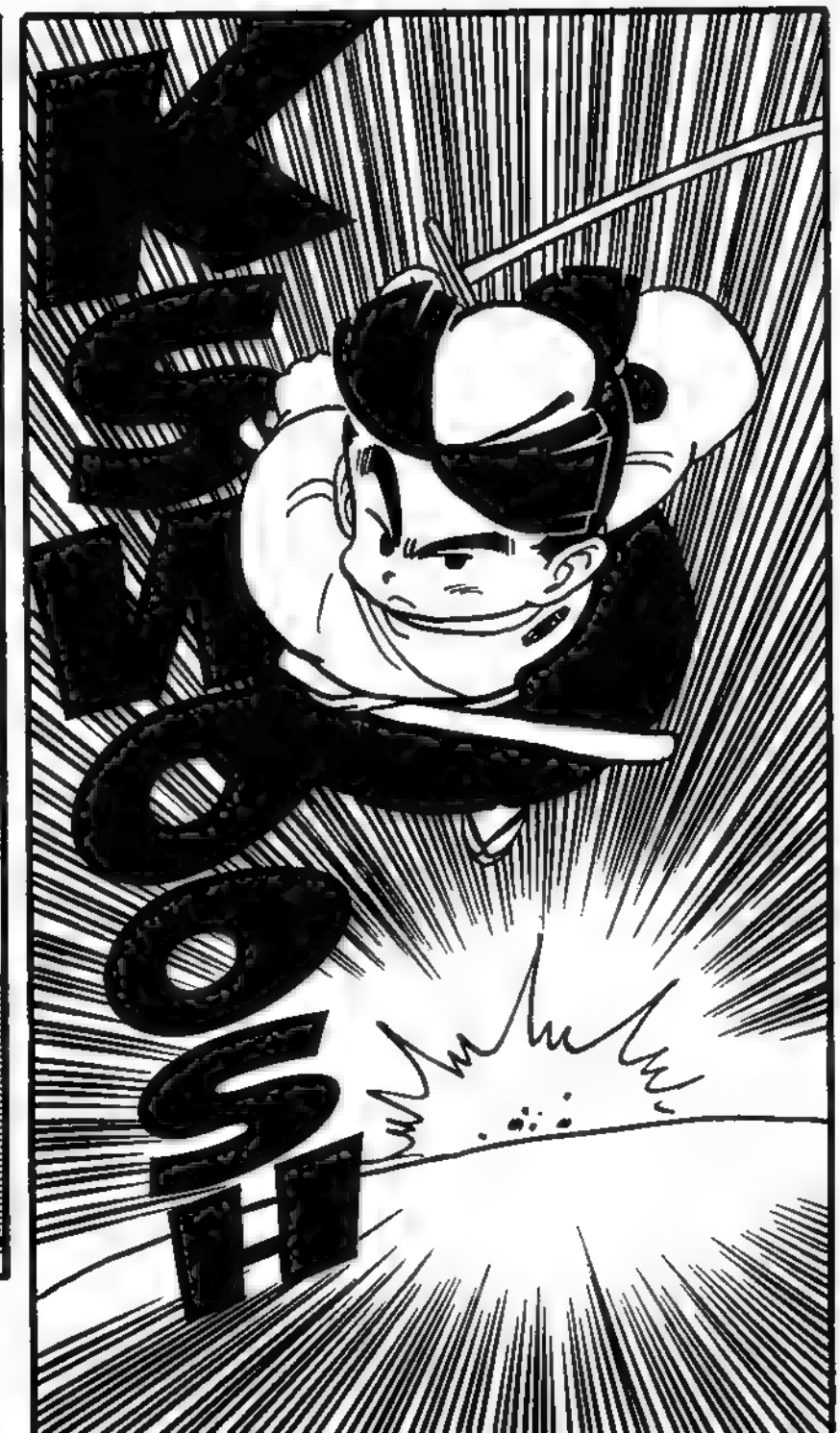
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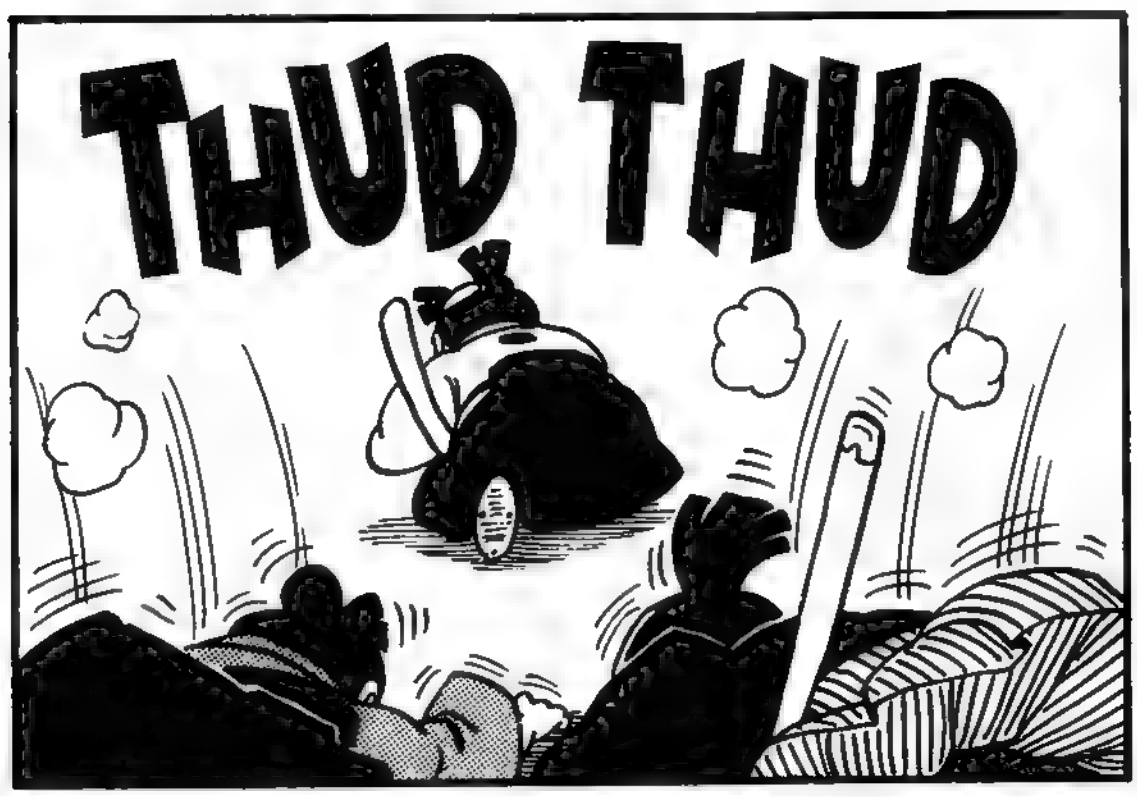
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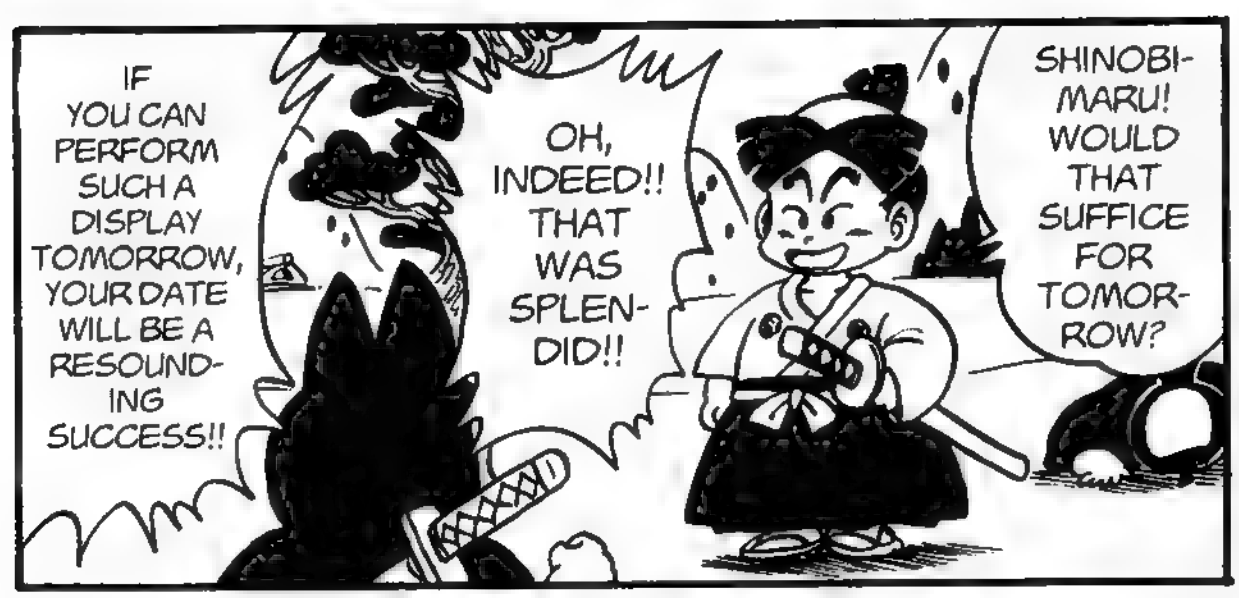
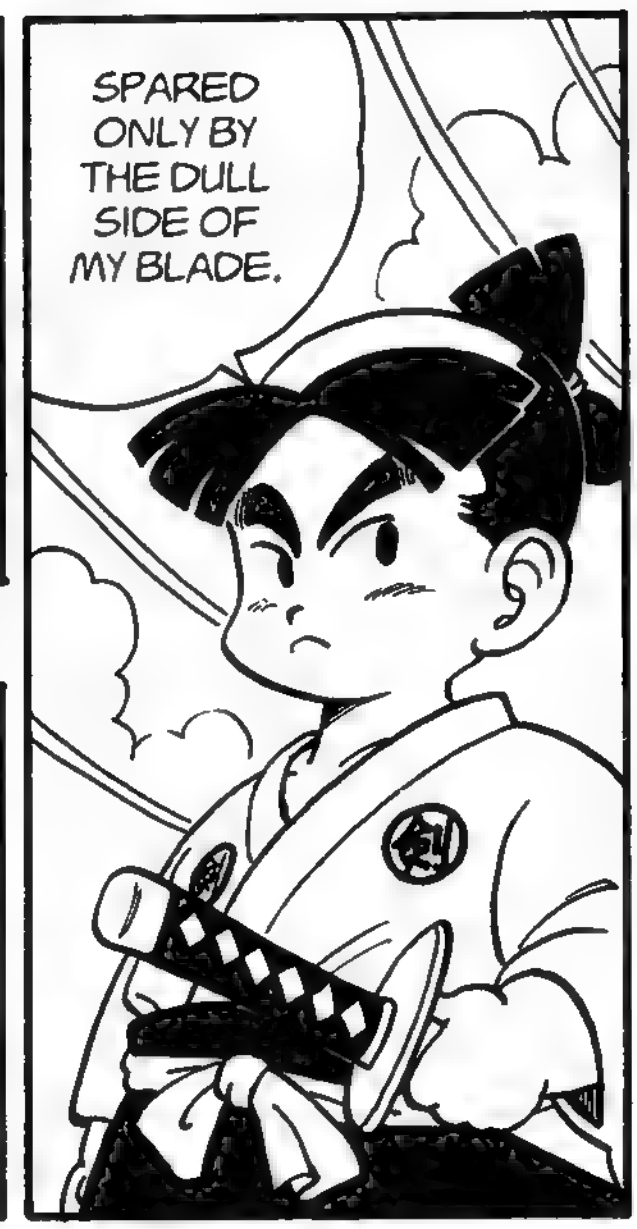
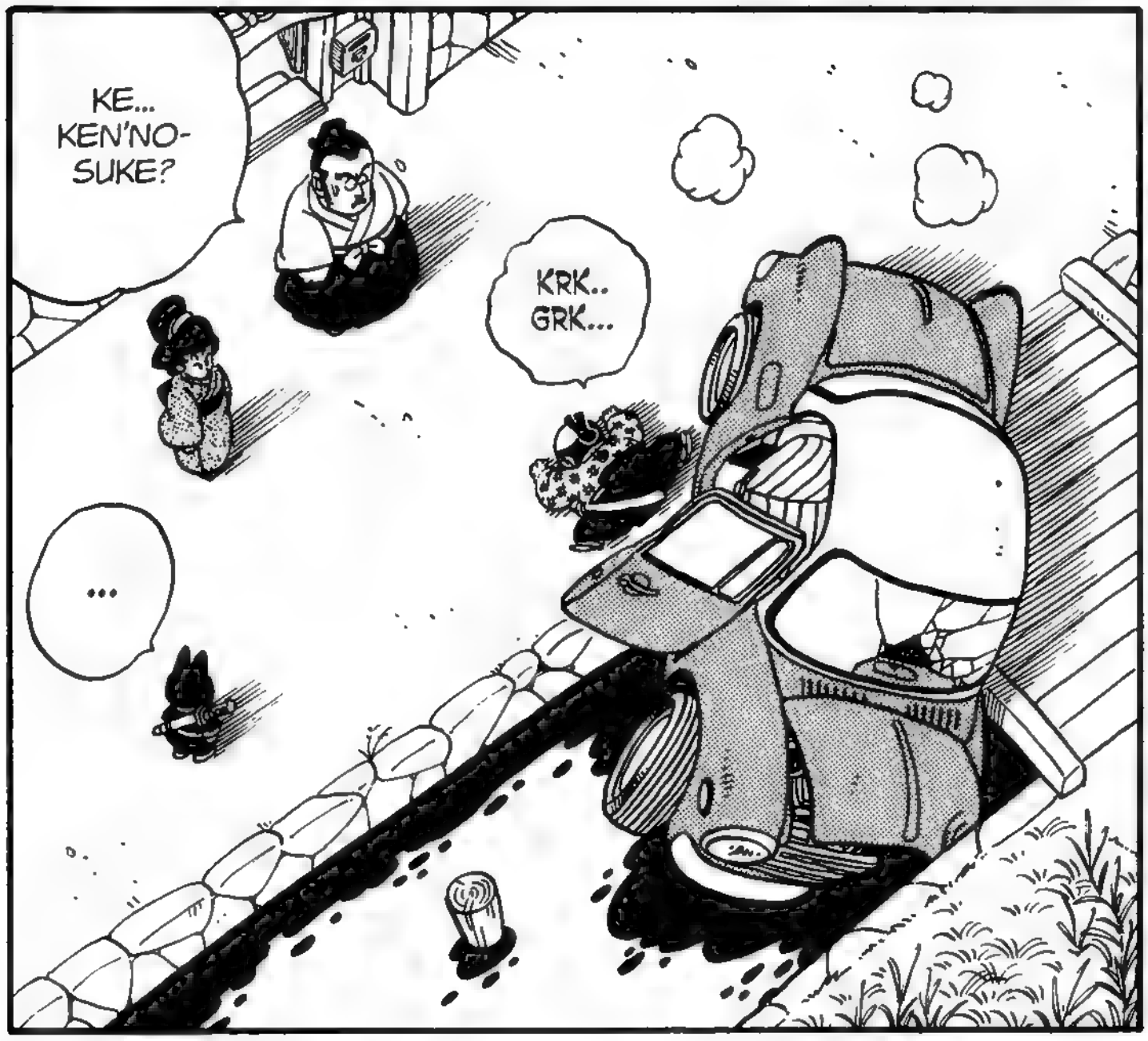
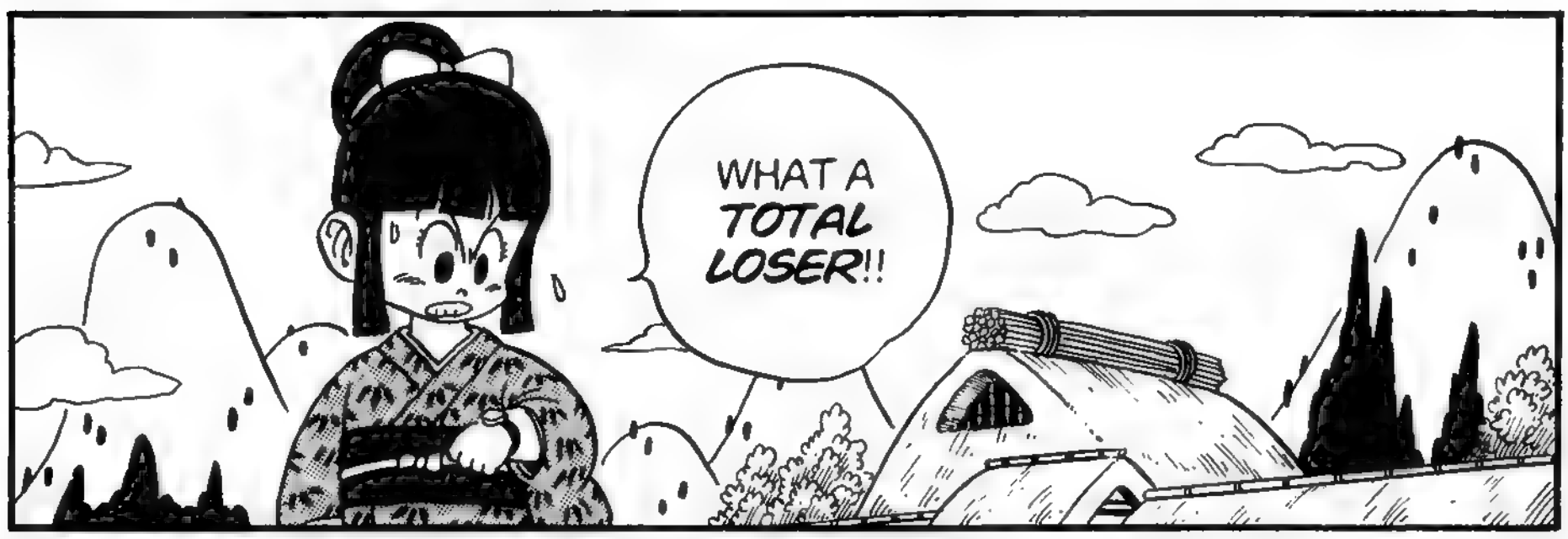

IF YOU CAN PERFORM SUCH A DISPLAY TOMORROW, YOUR DATE WILL BE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!!
OH, INDEED!! THAT WAS SPLENDID!!
SHINOBI-MARU! WOULD THAT SUFFICE FOR TOMORROW?


SPARED ONLY BY THE DULL SIDE OF MY BLADE.

HEH HEH!
"OH MY GOSH! YOU'RE THE GREATEST, KEN'NOSUKE-SAMA!! LIKE, A TOTAL HUNK!!!!"
YOU WILL SWEEP LADY ODEN OFF HER FEET!!





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HERE'S HOW I BECAME A MANGA ARTIST

PART 6

Quitting a secure job without a plan left me in something of a pickle. If I wanted to go have fun, I couldn't, because I didn't have any money. But one day, while at a cafe, I was reading a manga when an ad requesting manga submissions caught my eye! I wanted the prize money more than anything. So that was the first time I drew a manga in earnest. I was overflowing with confidence when I sent off my submission, but I didn't get so much as an honorable mention, let alone the prize money. And while that came as a disheartening shock, it also royally ticked me off. So I stubbornly drew another manga and again submitted my work. Again, it was a dud. But this time, I received a phone call from my guardian angel. He said, "You're still green, but I think I might be able to mold you into something, so keep drawing and send me your work." It was Mr. Torishima from the editorial office. I continued to make regular submissions in earnest, and in time I was able to make my debut! This is why I remain eternally grateful to Mr. Torishima.

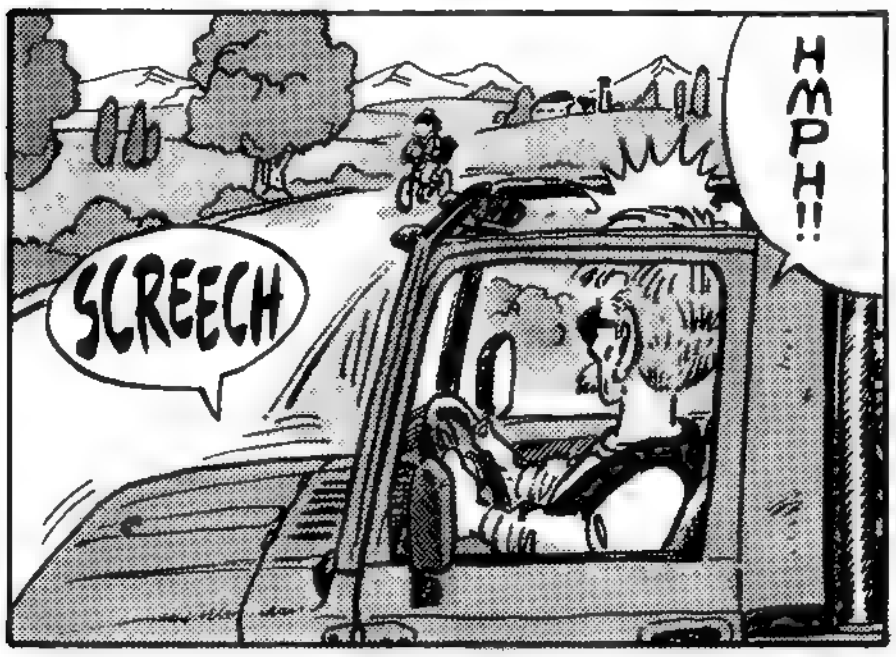
The End

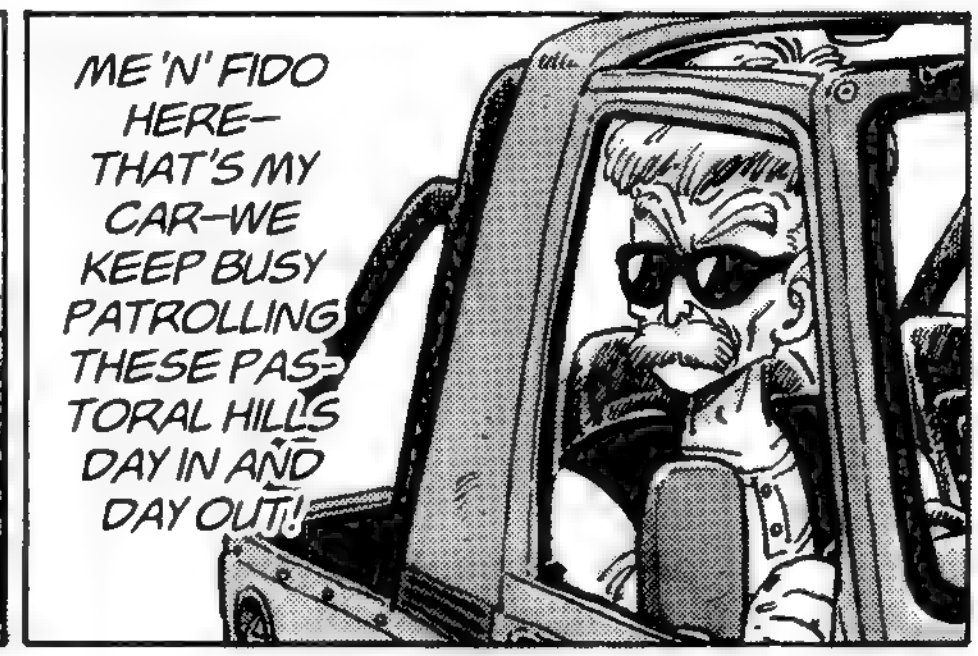
THE ELDER

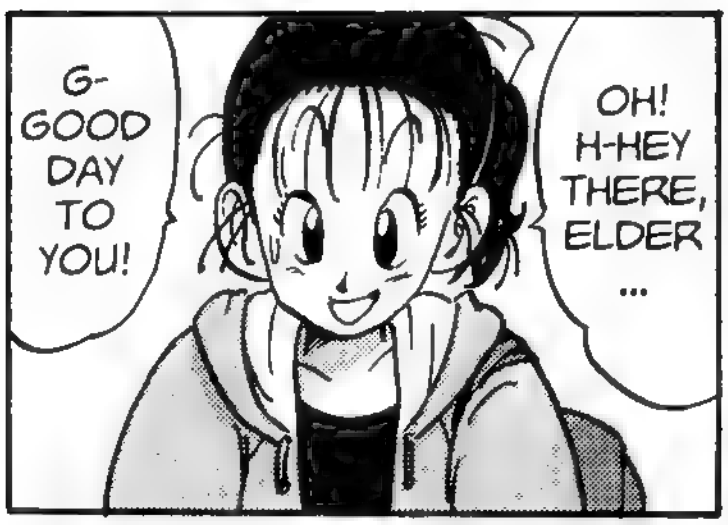
ALL I KNOW IS, IF YOU'RE FIXIN' TO DISTURB THE PEACE HERE, I'M THE GUY YOU'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH!! WANNA KNOW WHY? THAT'S RIGHT, CUZ I'M THE VILLAGE ELDER...

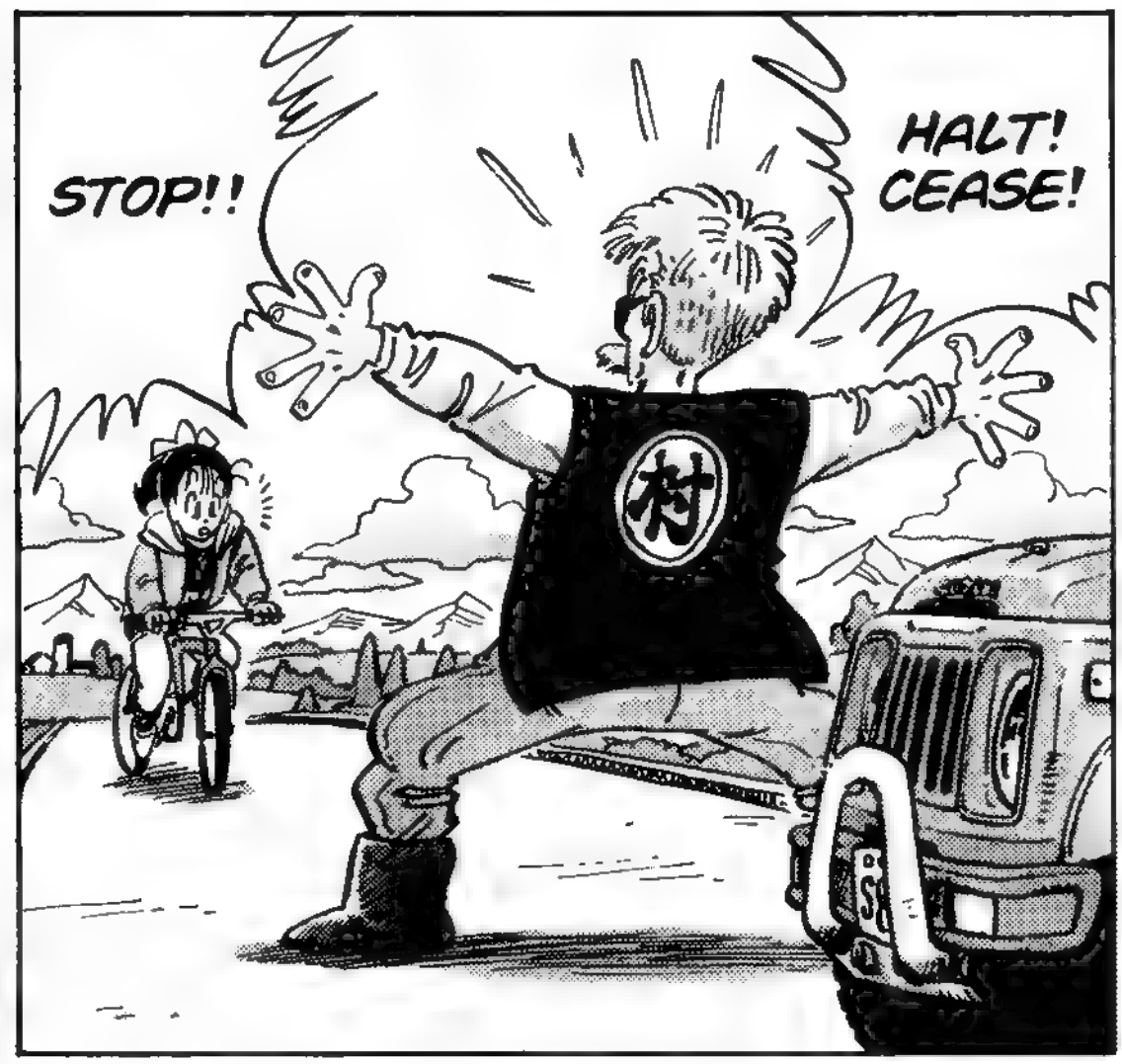
PUT PUT PUT

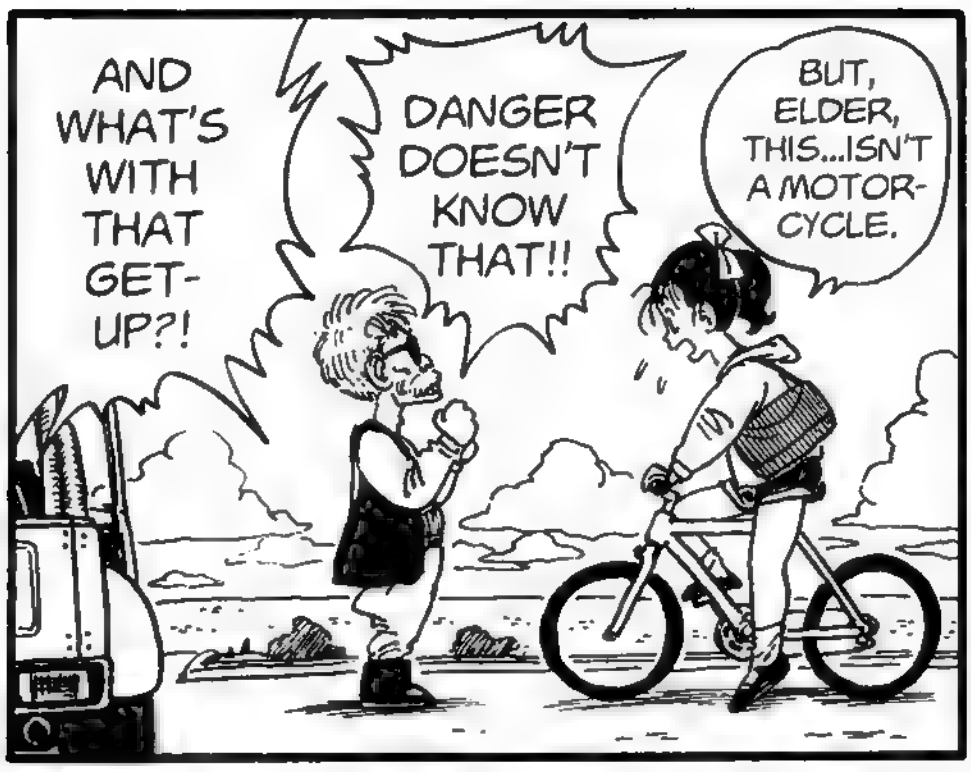
I AM TETSUNOSHIN KATAIWA FROM THIS HERE BEEEAUTIFUL PONPON VILLAGE! WHAT ABOUT IT, HUH?!

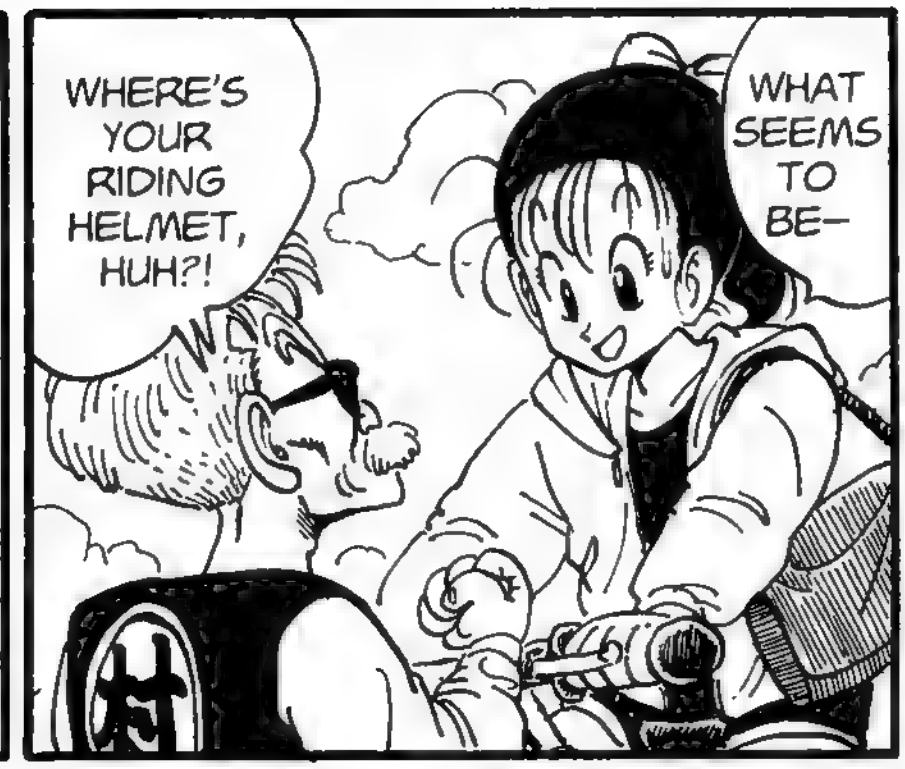


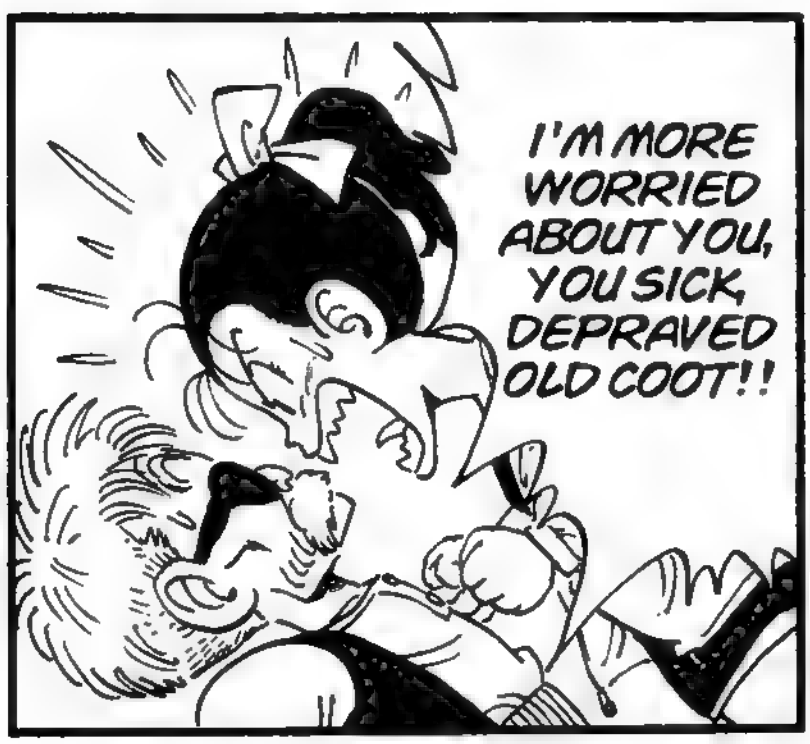


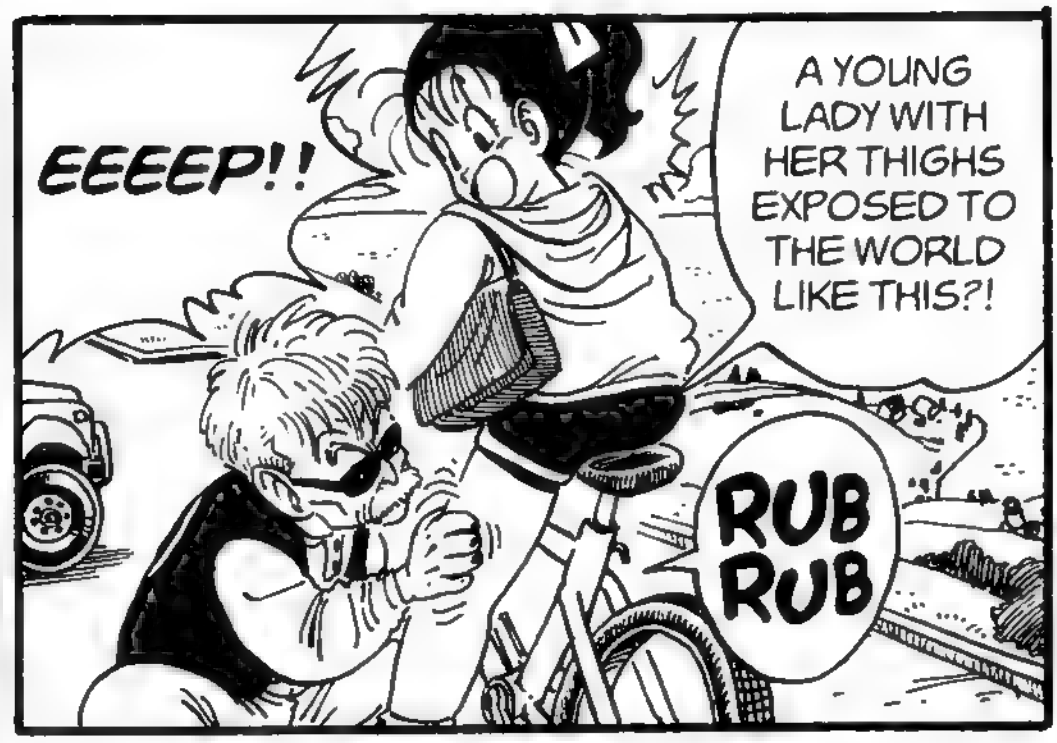


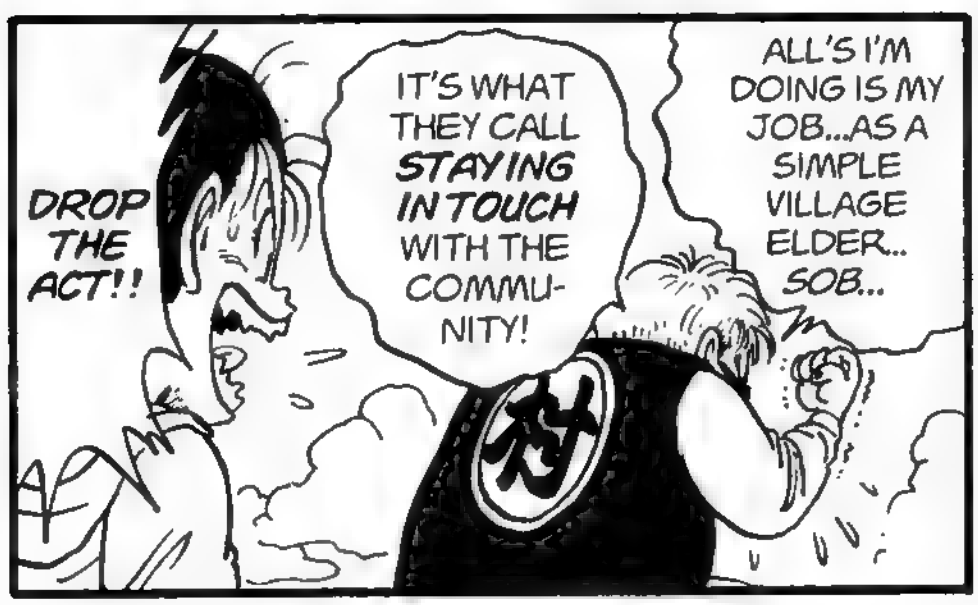


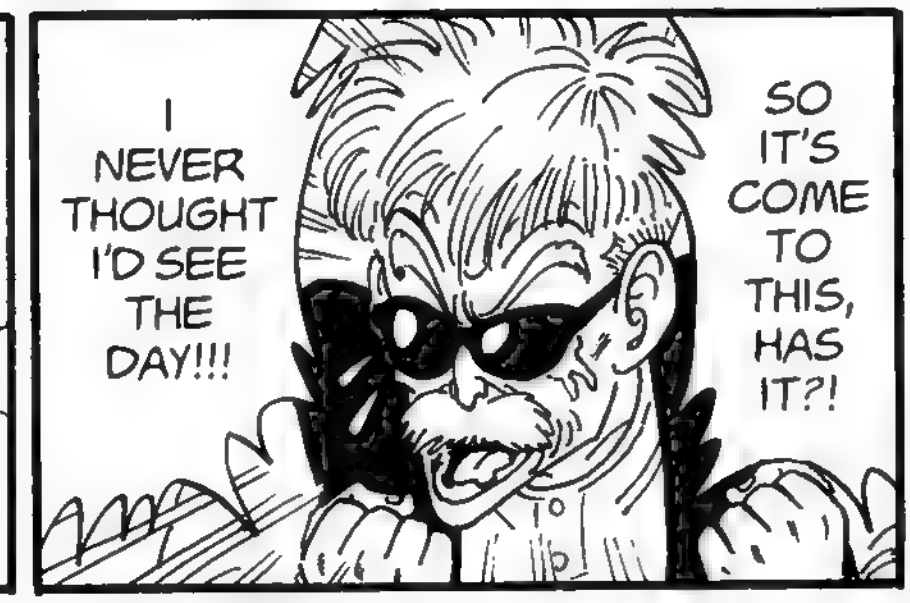

AND WHAT'S WITH THAT GET-UP?!
DANGER DOESN'T KNOW THAT!!
BUT, ELDER, THIS...ISN'T A MOTOR-CYCLE.

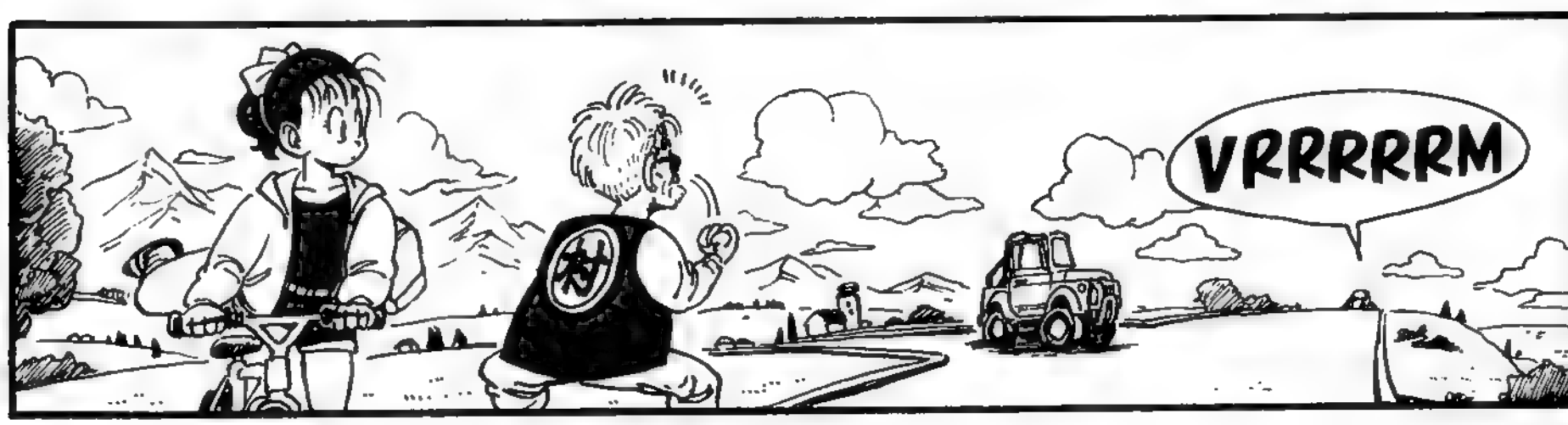

WHERE'S YOUR RIDING HELMET, HUH?!
WHAT SEEMS TO BE–


I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT YOU, YOU SICK, DEPRAVED OLD COOT!!


EEEEP!!
A YOUNG LADY WITH HER THIGHS EXPOSED TO THE WORLD LIKE THIS?!
RUB RUB


DROP THE ACT!!
IT'S WHAT THEY CALL STAYING IN TOUCH WITH THE COMMU-NITY!
ALL'S I'M DOING IS MY JOB...AS A SIMPLE VILLAGE ELDER... SOB...


I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY!!!
SO IT'S COME TO THIS, HAS IT?!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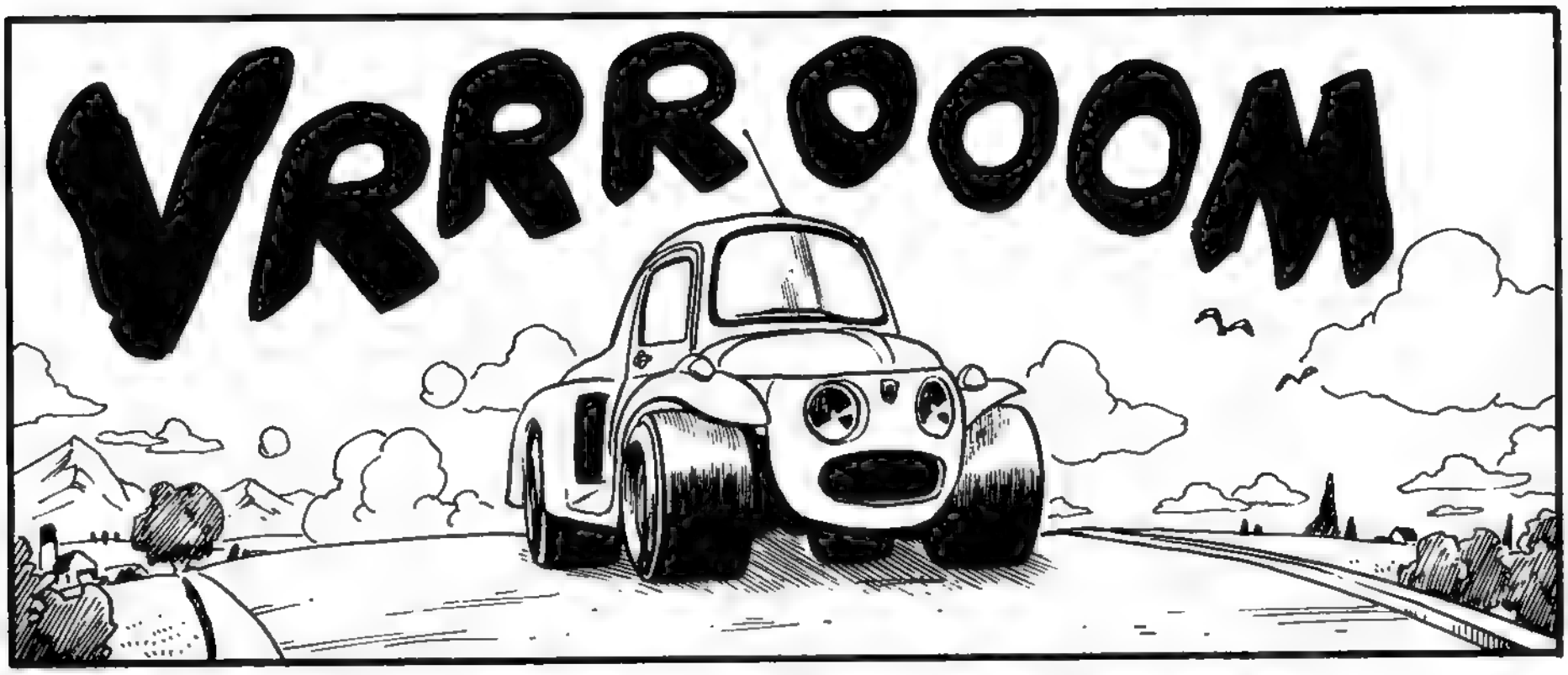
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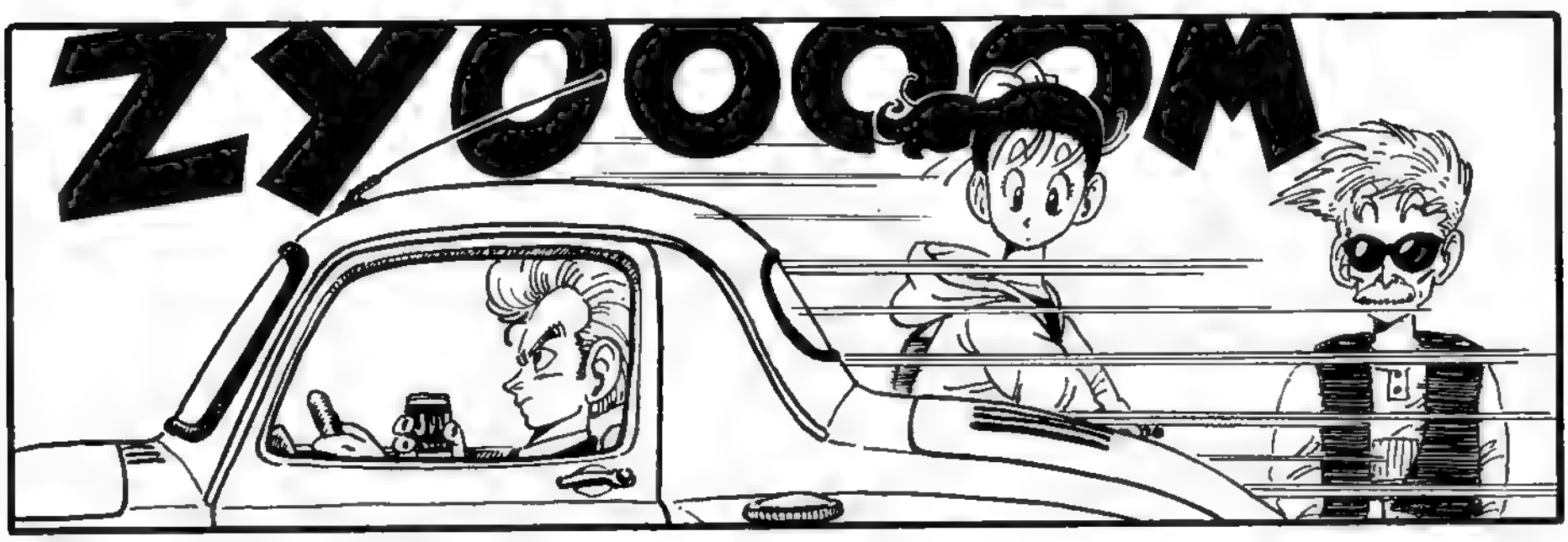
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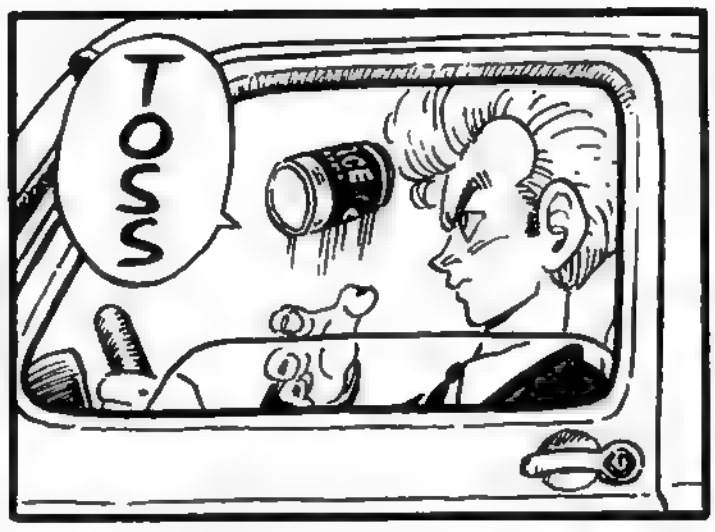
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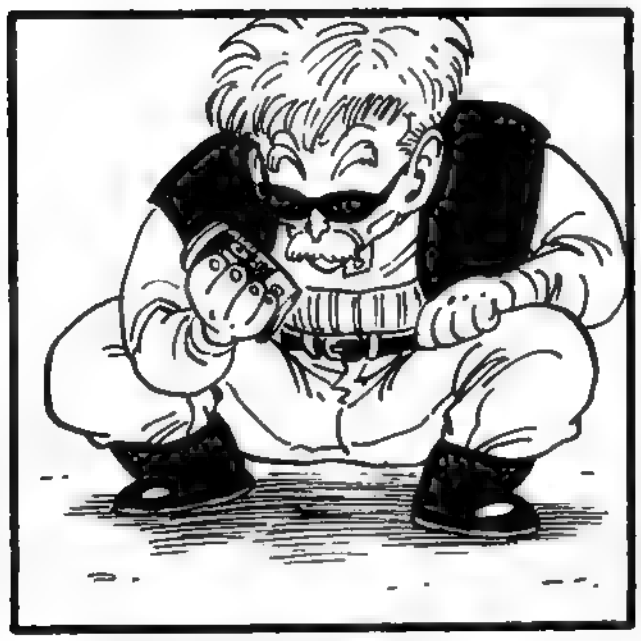

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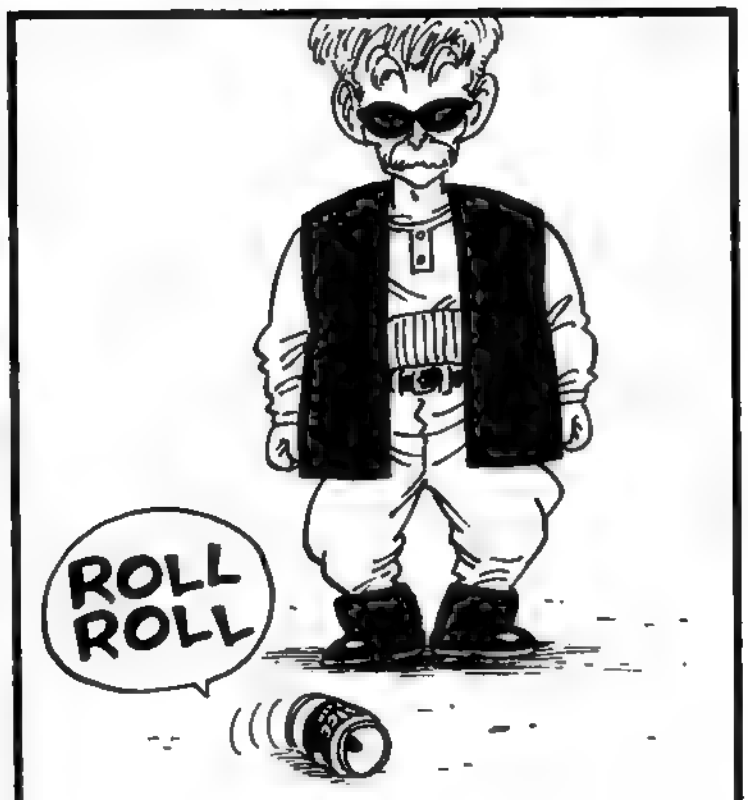
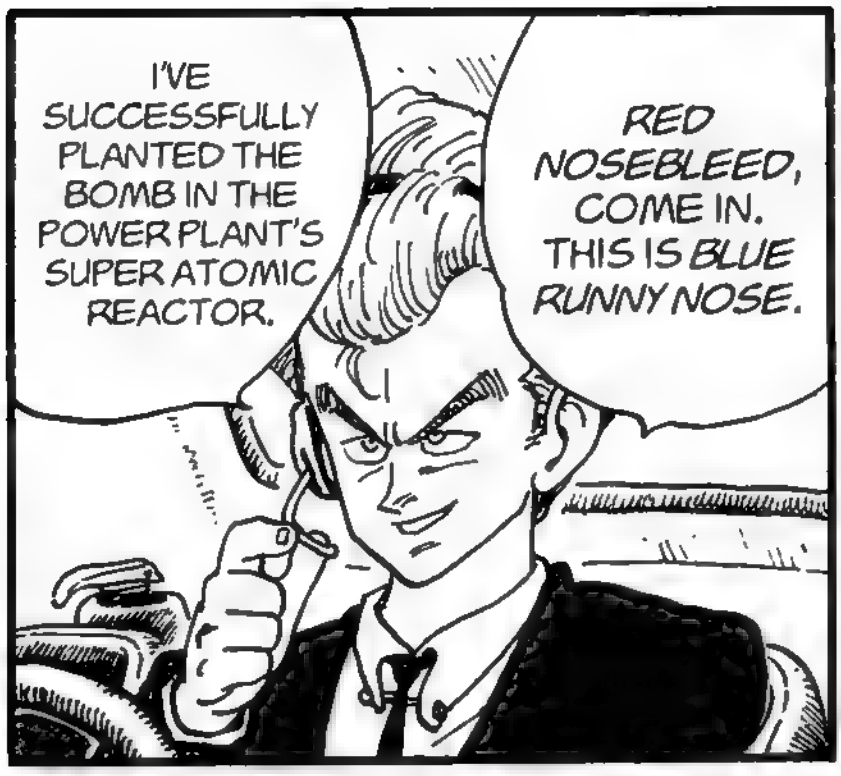
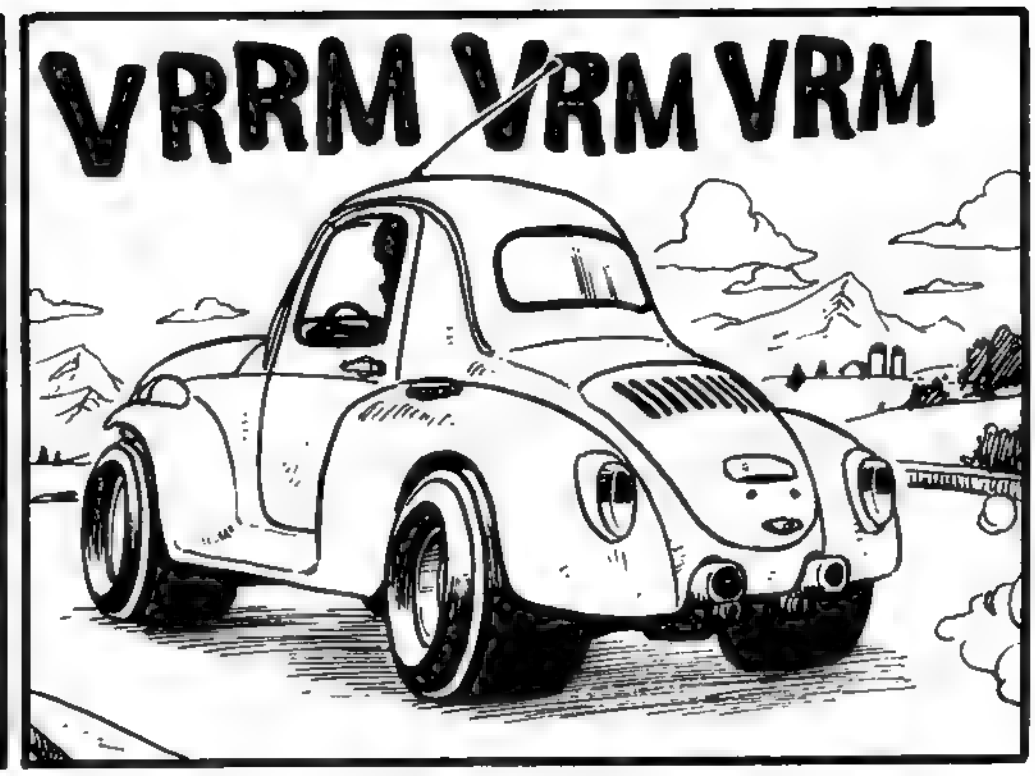
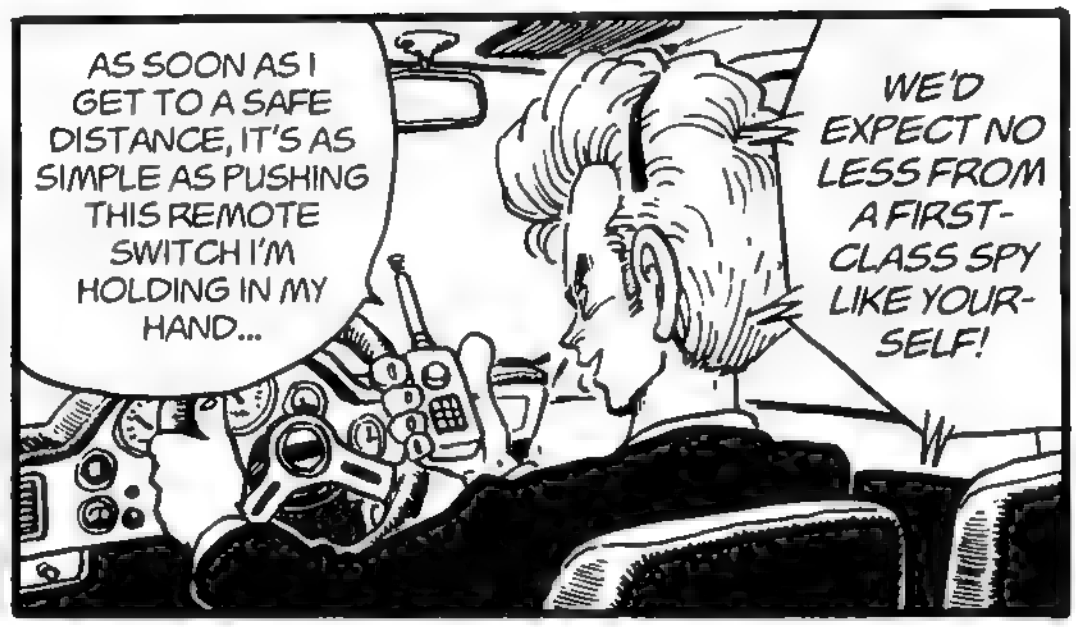

ROLL
ROLL

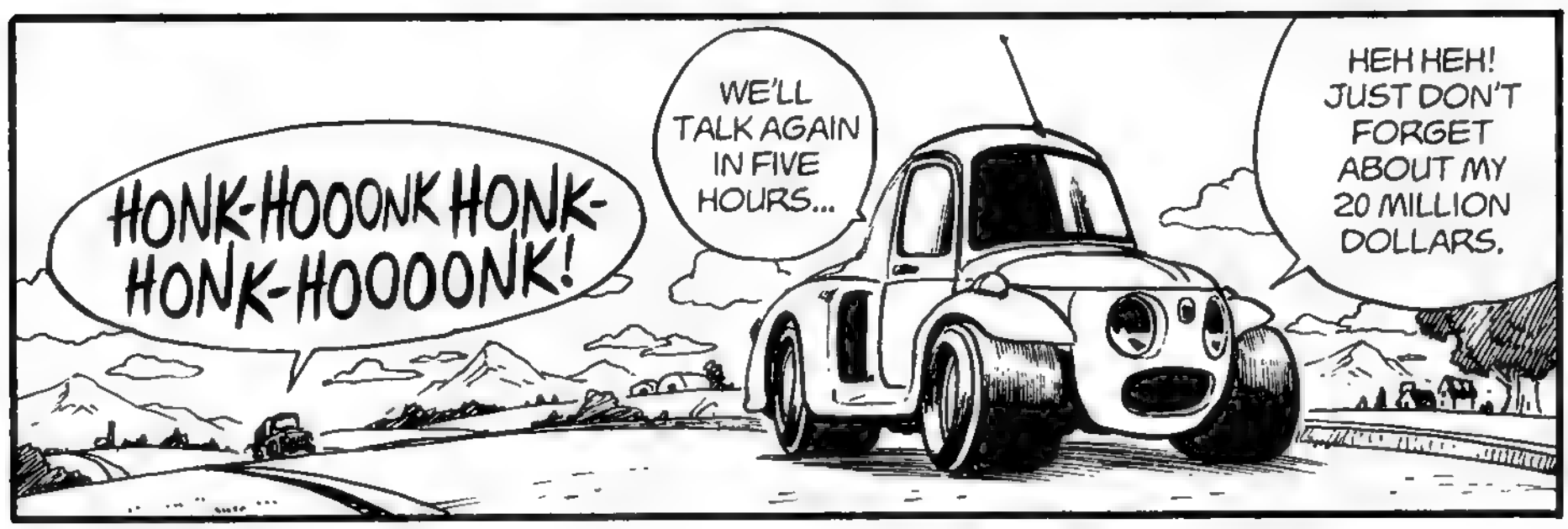
FWIP-FWIPP
GRRT
Tmp
HAAAA!!
SUZUKI
PONPON
S871

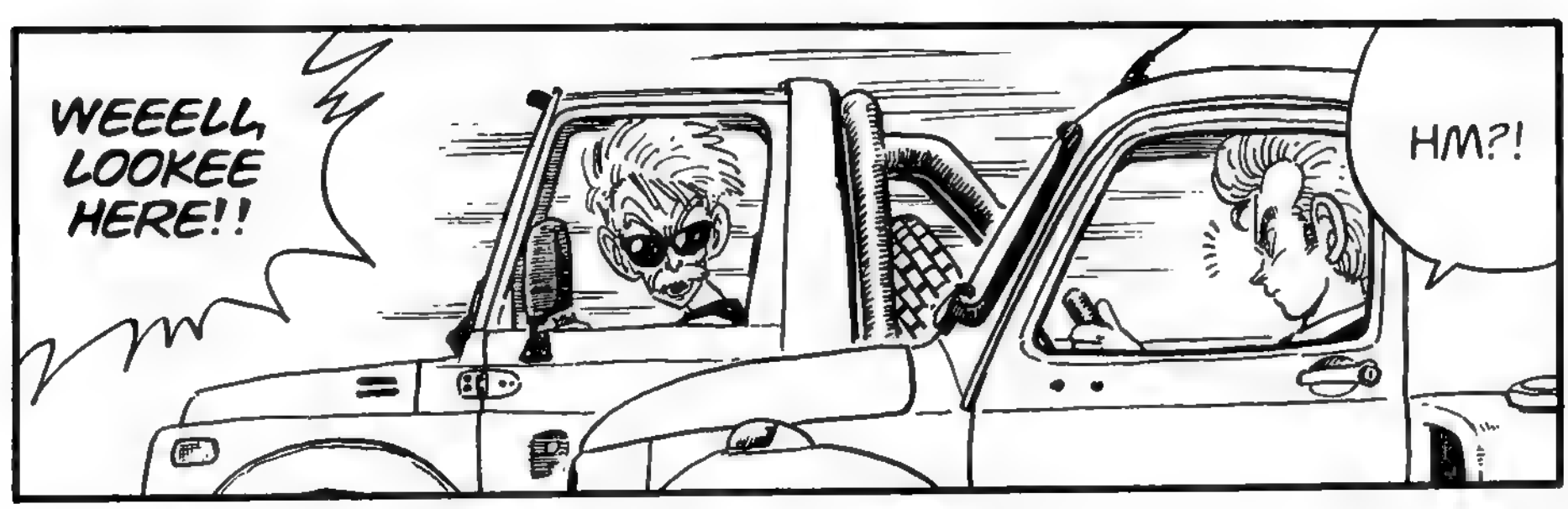

I'VE SUCCESSFULLY PLANTED THE BOMB IN THE POWER PLANT'S SUPER ATOMIC REACTOR.
RED NOSEBLEED, COME IN. THIS IS BLUE RUNNY NOSE.


VRRM VRM VRM

THIS COUNTRY IS AS GOOD AS FINISHED.

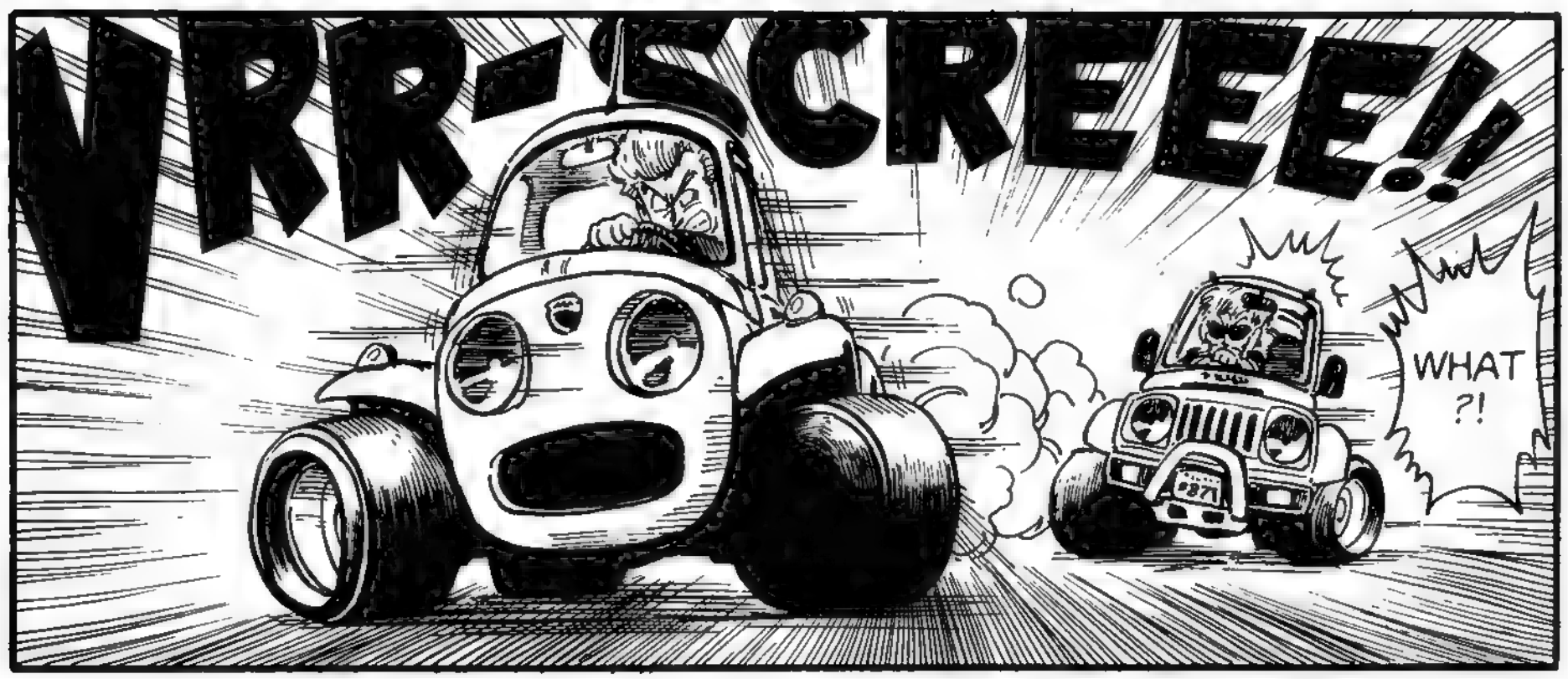

AS SOON AS I GET TO A SAFE DISTANCE, IT'S AS SIMPLE AS PUSHING THIS REMOTE SWITCH I'M HOLDING IN MY HAND...
WE'D EXPECT NO LESS FROM A FIRST-CLASS SPY LIKE YOUR-SELF!


HONK-HOOONK HONK-HONK-HOOOONK!
WE'LL TALK AGAIN IN FIVE HOURS...
HEH HEH! JUST DON'T FORGET ABOUT MY 20 MILLION DOLLARS.

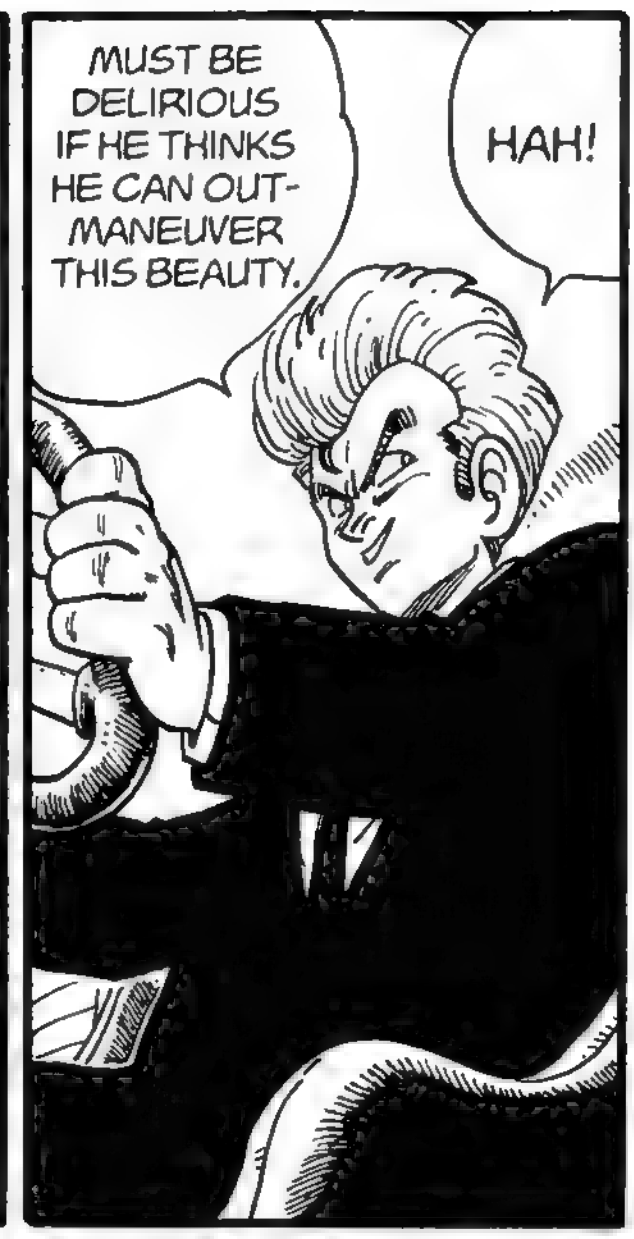

WEEELL, LOOKEE HERE!!
HM?!

SCREEEECH
STOP RIGHT THERE !!!
AH!!

WHO'S THIS OLD FART?


VRR-SCREE!!
WHAT ?!

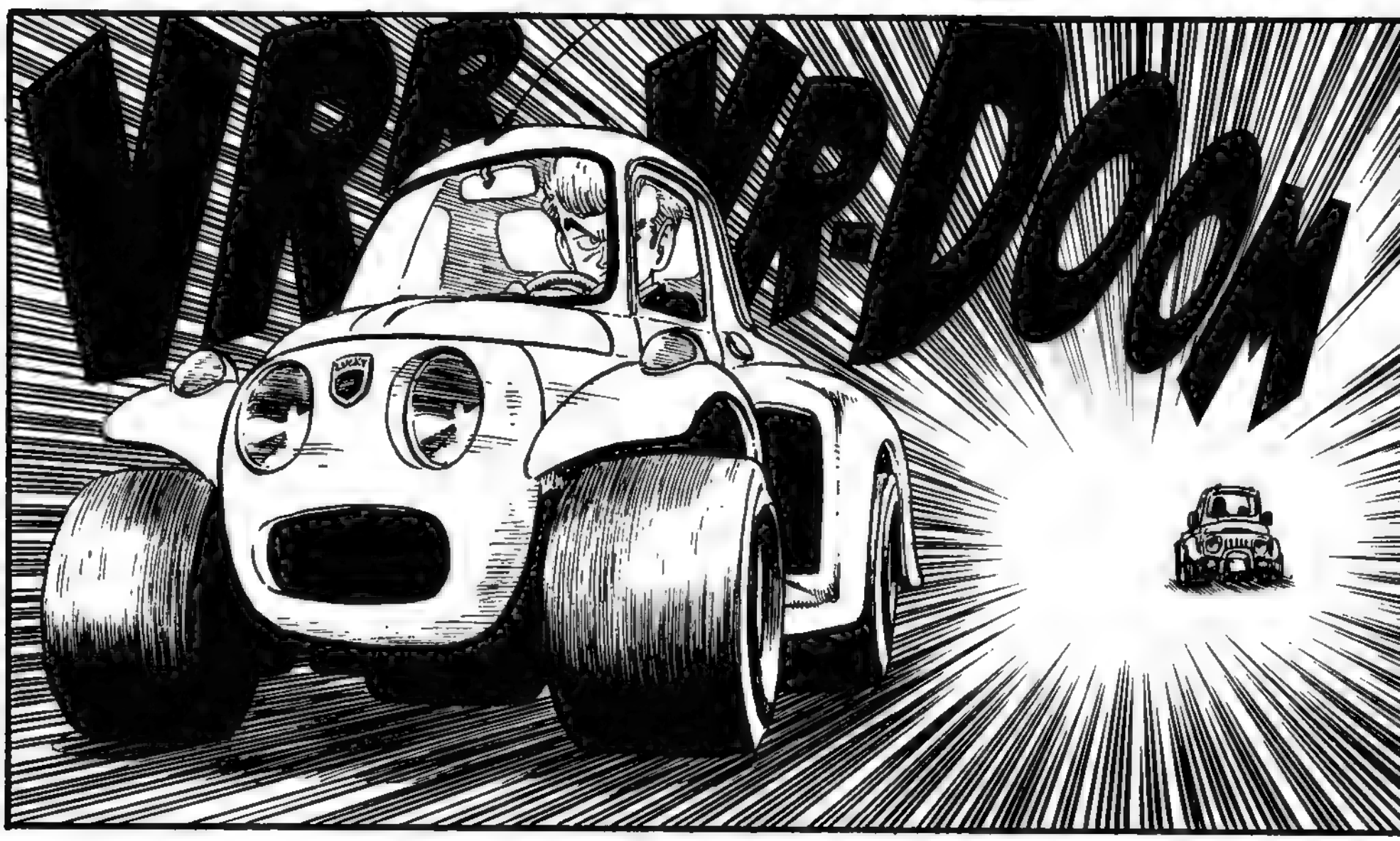
VRGRROOOAR

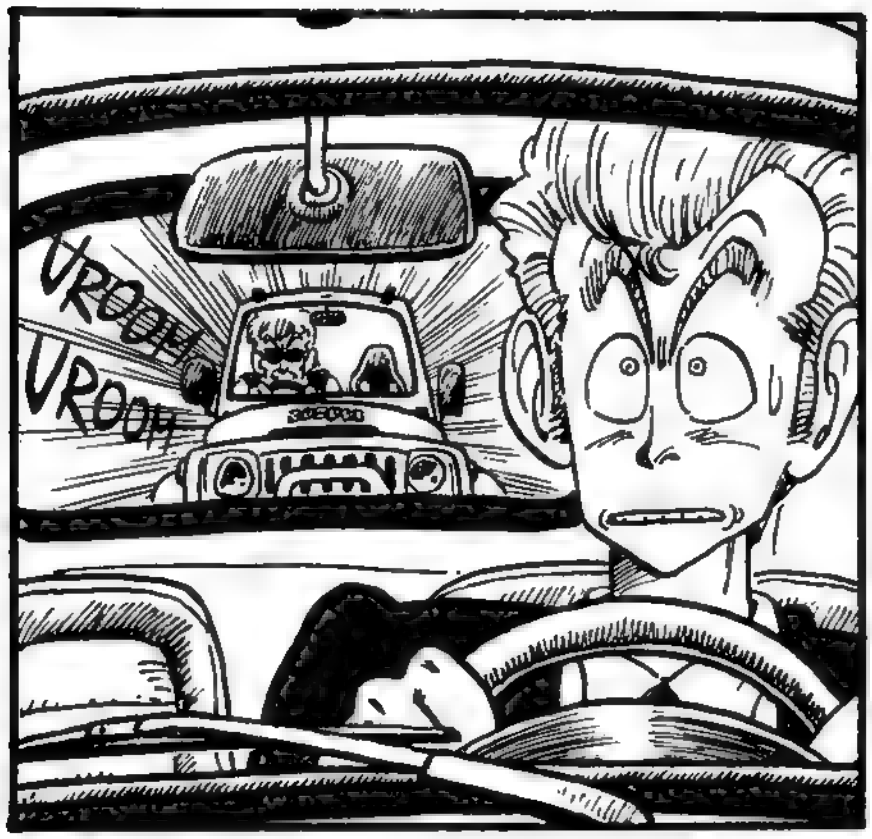

MUST BE DELIRIOUS IF HE THINKS HE CAN OUT-MANEUVER THIS BEAUTY.
HAH!

WHAM

UNFORTU-NATELY, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE ON OLD MEN WITH TOO MUCH FREE TIME.

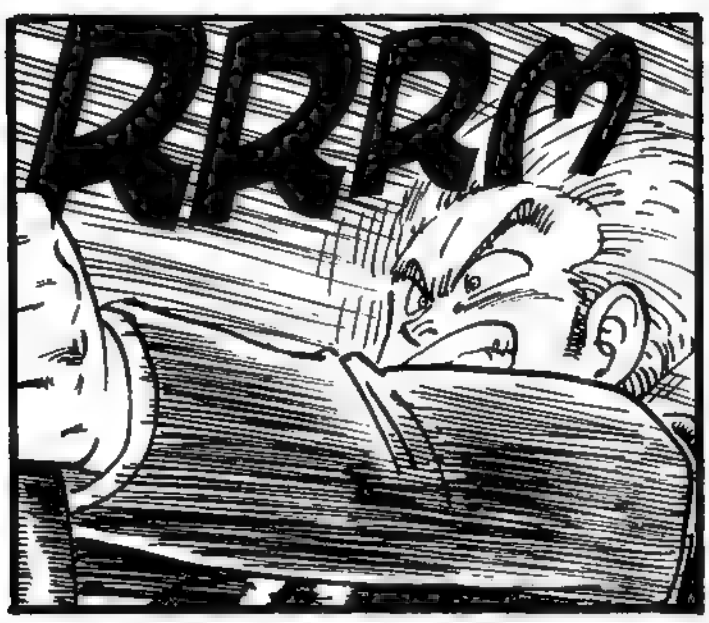
THE OLD COOT MUST BE SERIOUS. WHATTA PAIN...
AWWW ...


VROOM

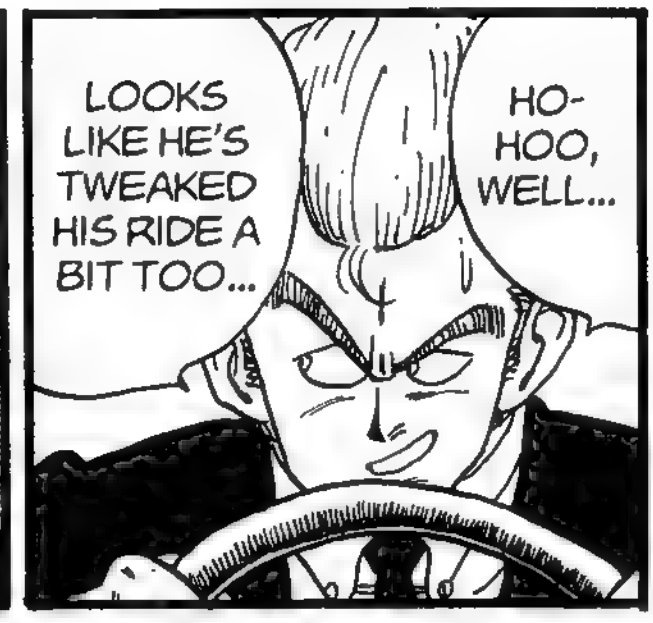

VROOM
VROOM

THIS ISN'T JUST ANY ORDINARY CAR.
SORRY, GRAMPS.

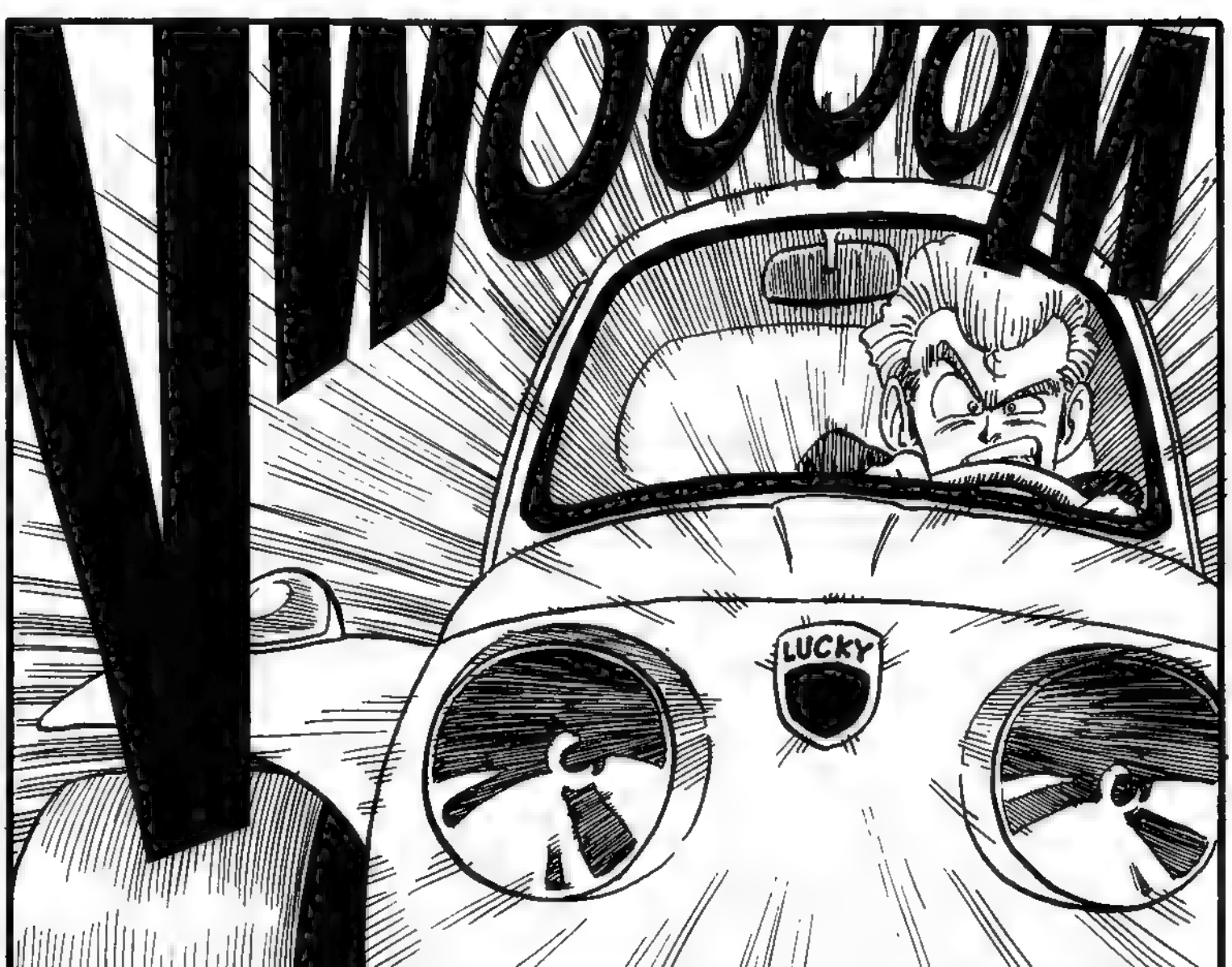
VRGROOOOM


RRRM

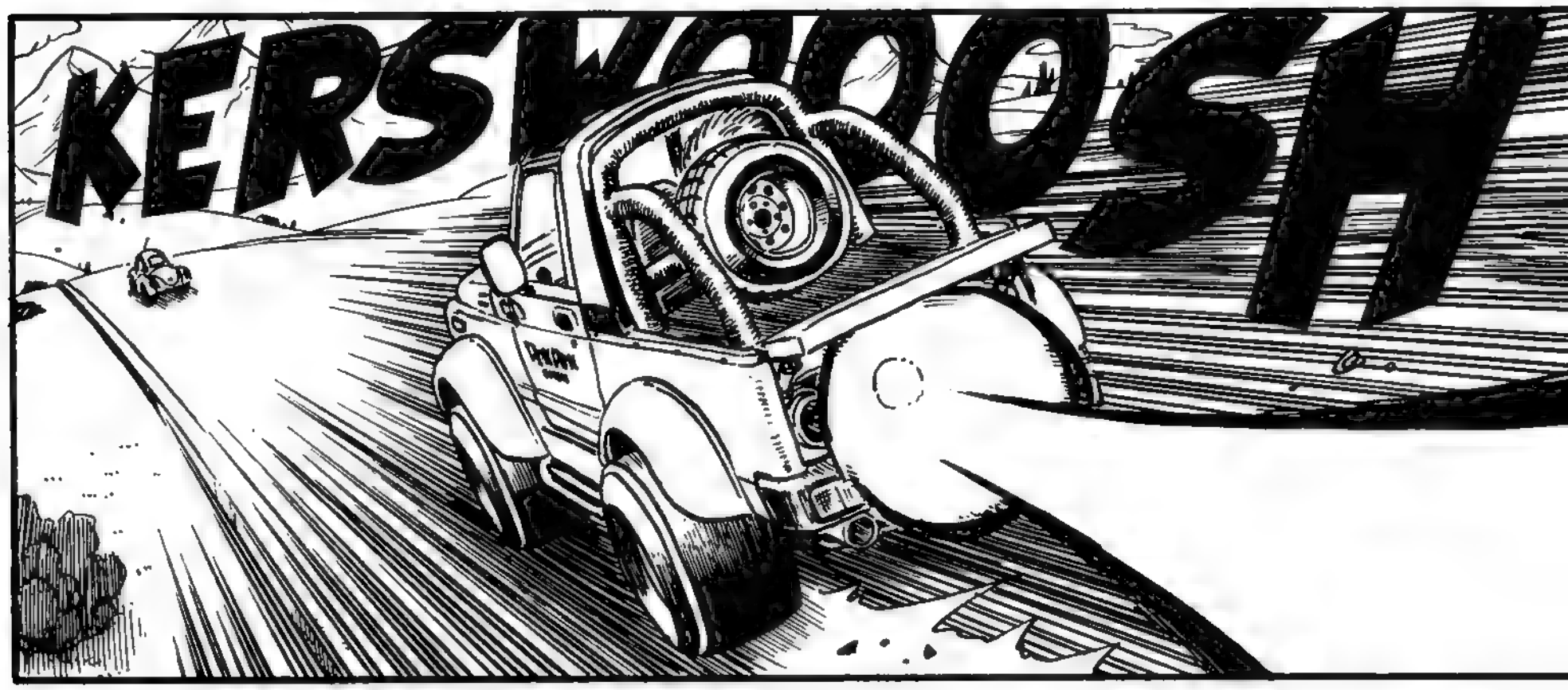
SUPER TURBO, ON!!
THEN HOW ABOUT THIS!
TURBO

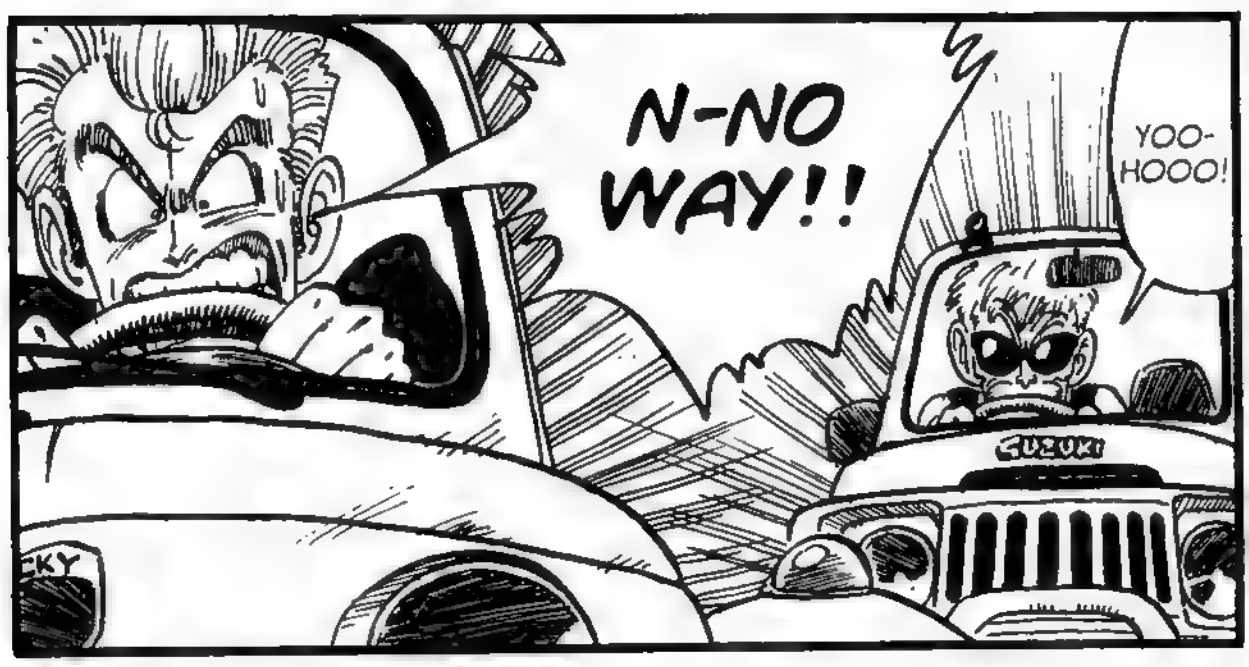

LOOKS LIKE HE'S TWEAKED HIS RIDE A BIT TOO...
HO-HOO, WELL...

THWK

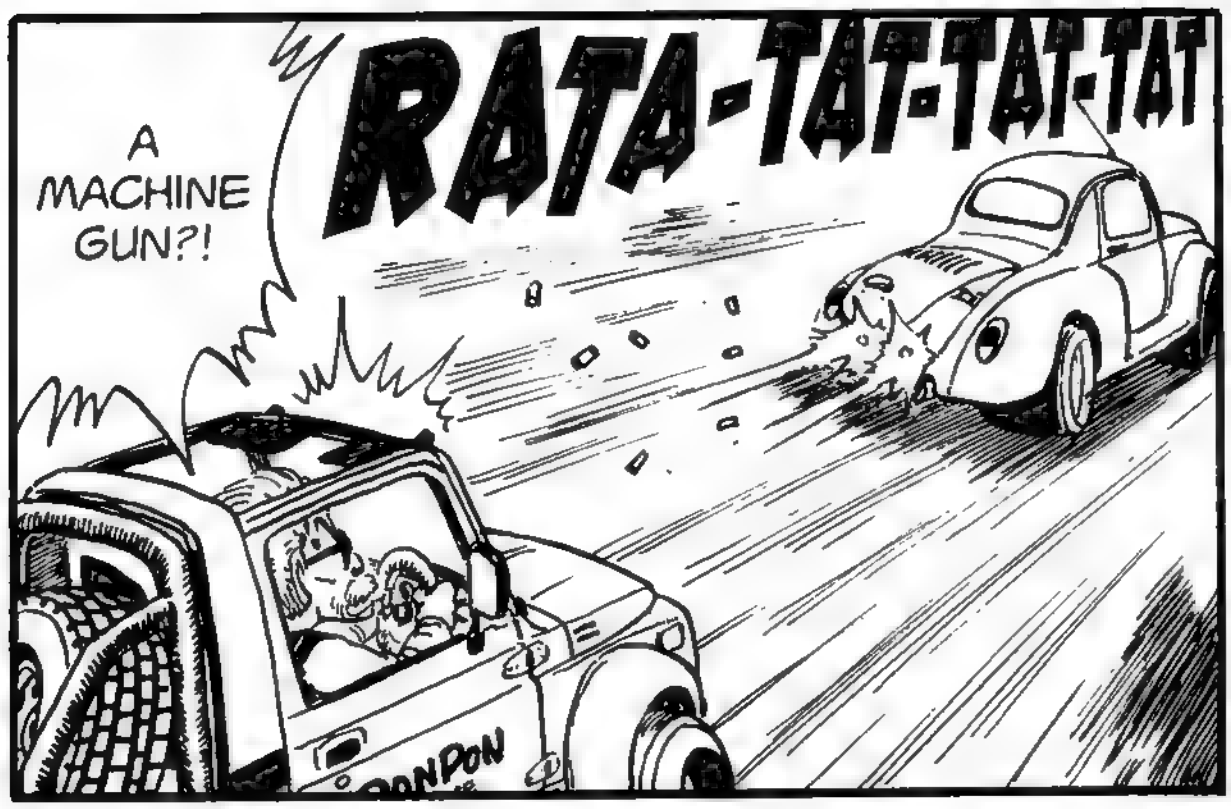

WOOOOM
LUCKY

ROCKET ENGINE, LIGHT IT UP!!!
ALL RIGHT, FIDO!!!


KERSWOOSH


N-NO WAY!!
YOO-HOOO!
SUZUKI

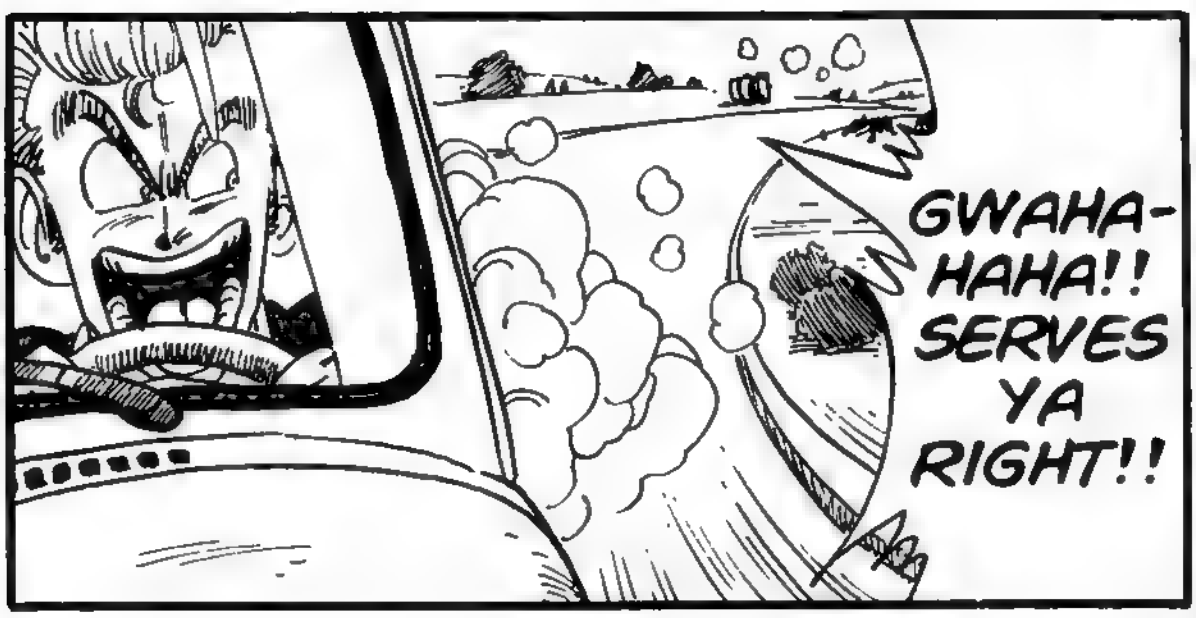
EAT THIS !!!!
O-OKAY, THEN!

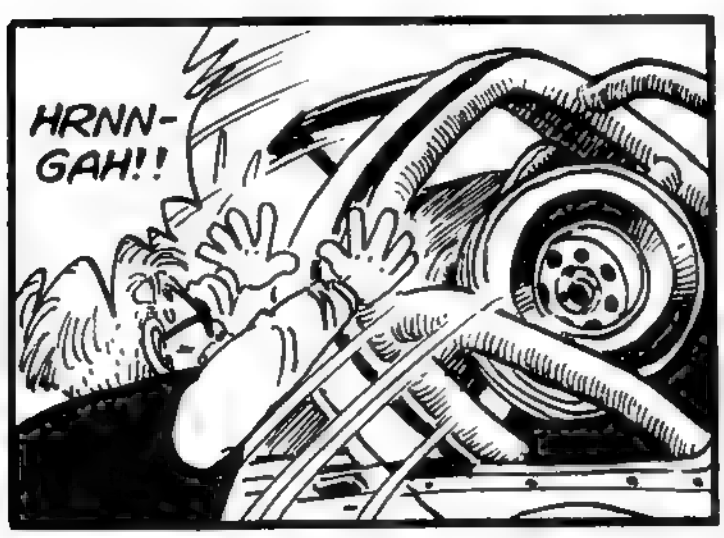

A MACHINE GUN?!
RATA-TAT-TAT-TAT

VWEEEN

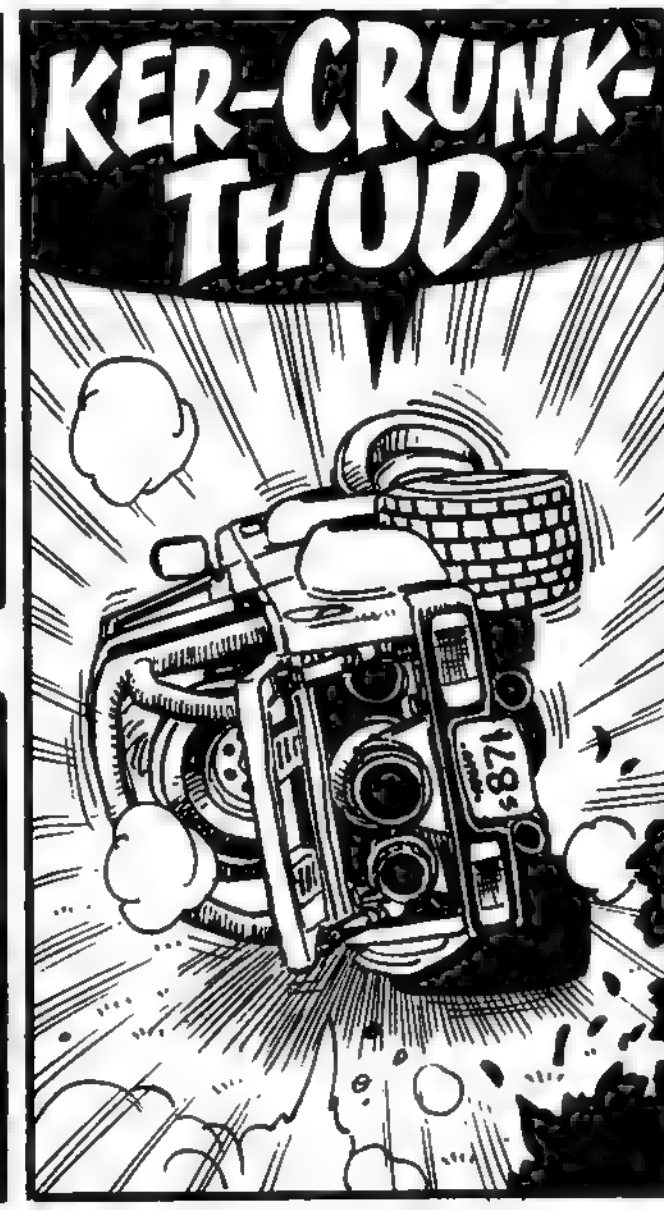
SCREE-SCREEE

WHOA!!
CRACK-
SHATTER

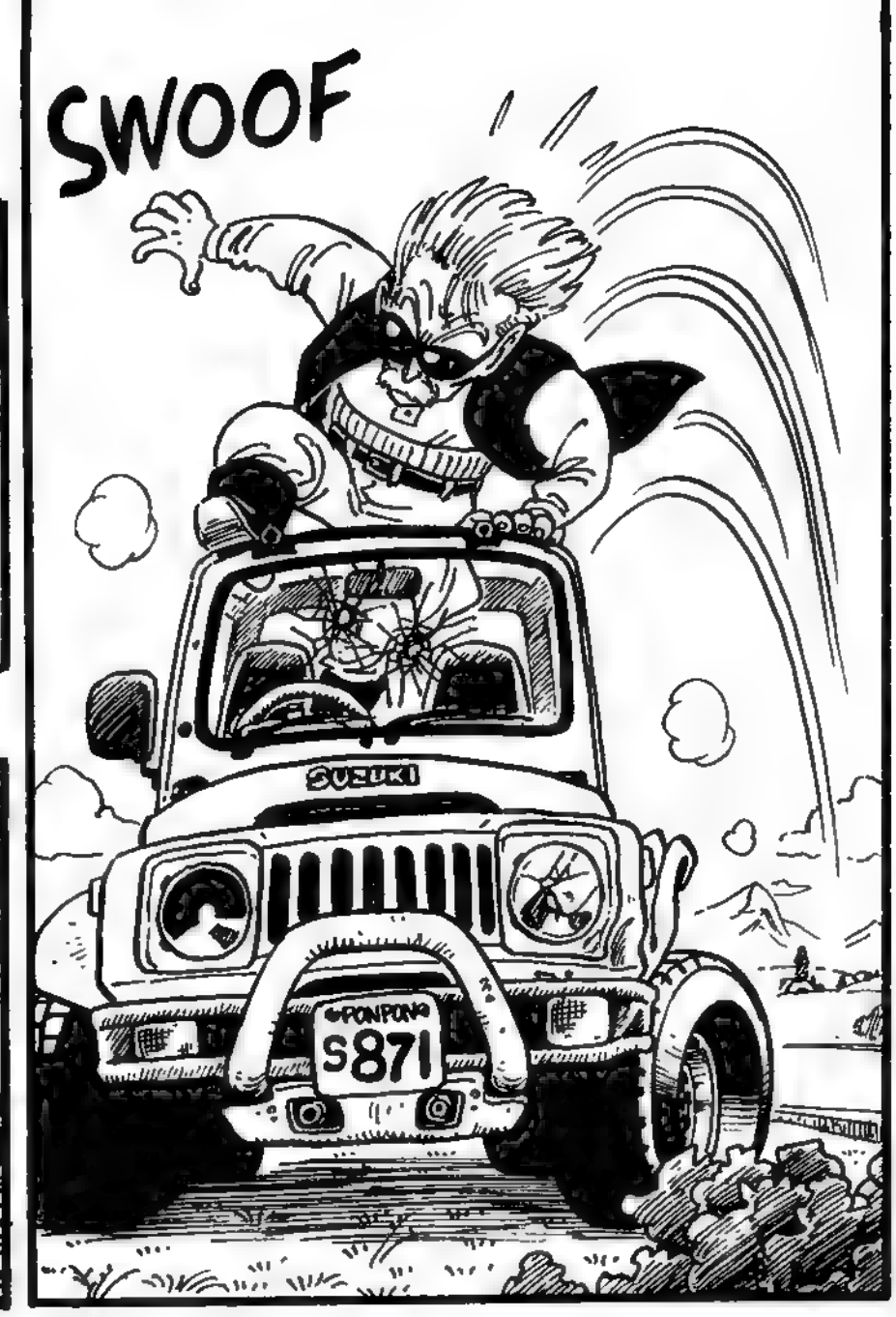

GWAHA-HAHA!! SERVES YA RIGHT!!


HRNN-GAH!!

ERK, DRK, DAMMIT ALL!!


KER-CRUNK-THUD

KER-CHK
LET'S GO, FIDO!!!


SWOOF
SUZUKI
PONPON
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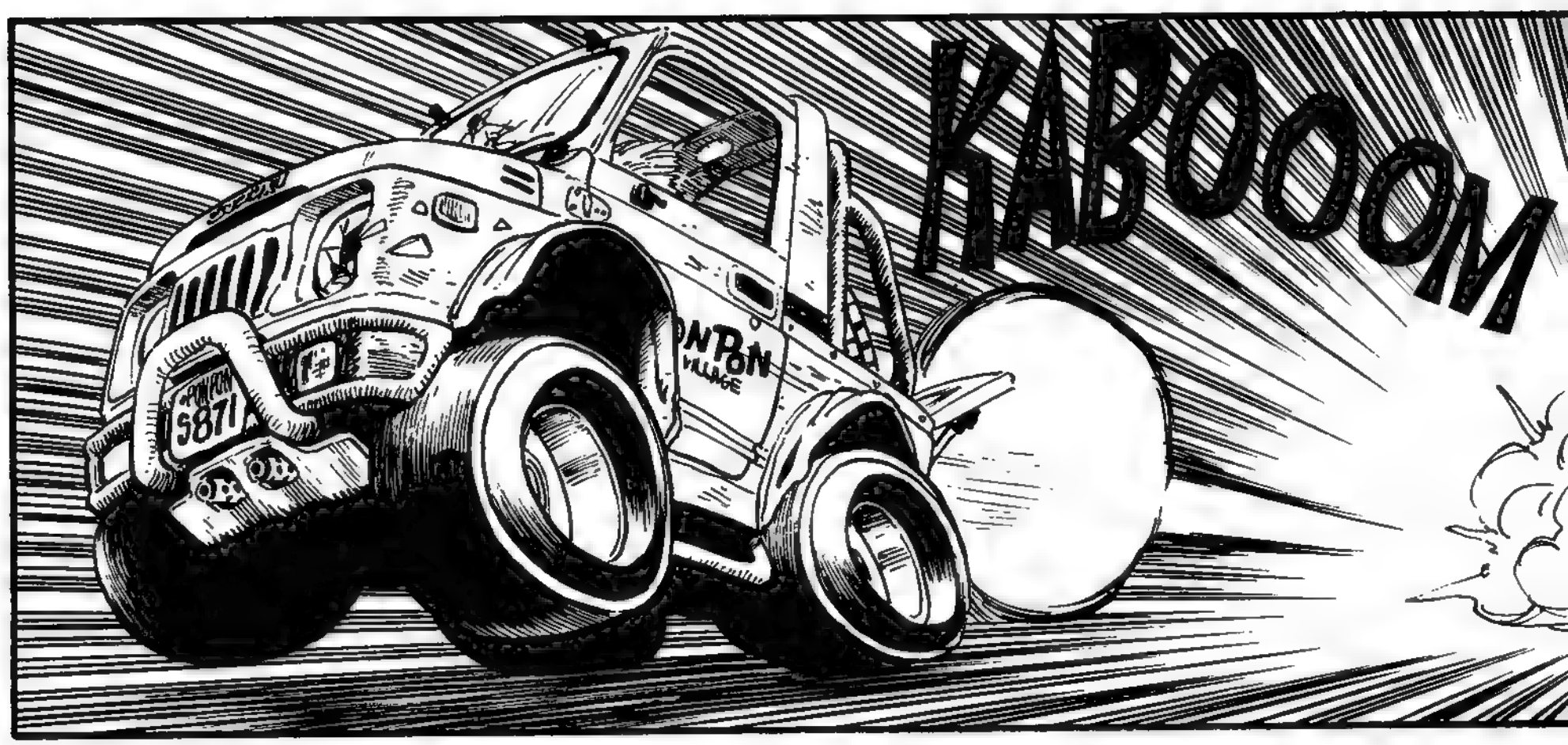
VROOM


KABOOOM
PONPON
VILLAGE
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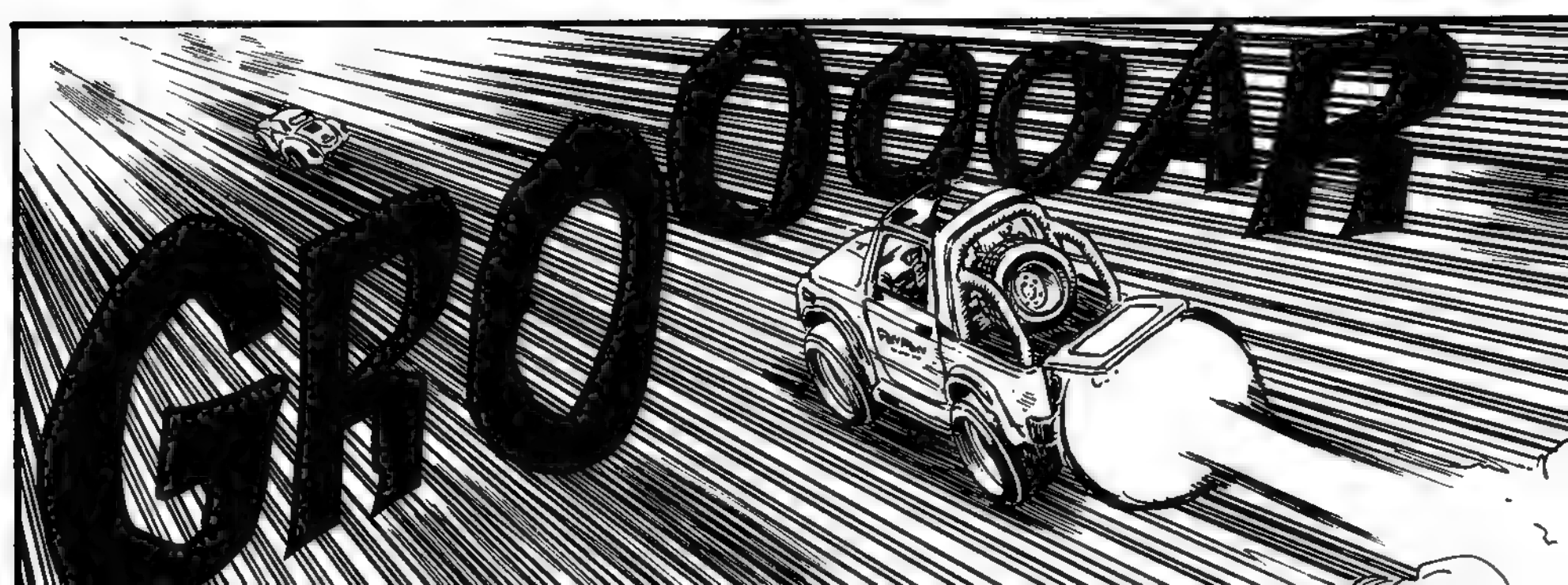
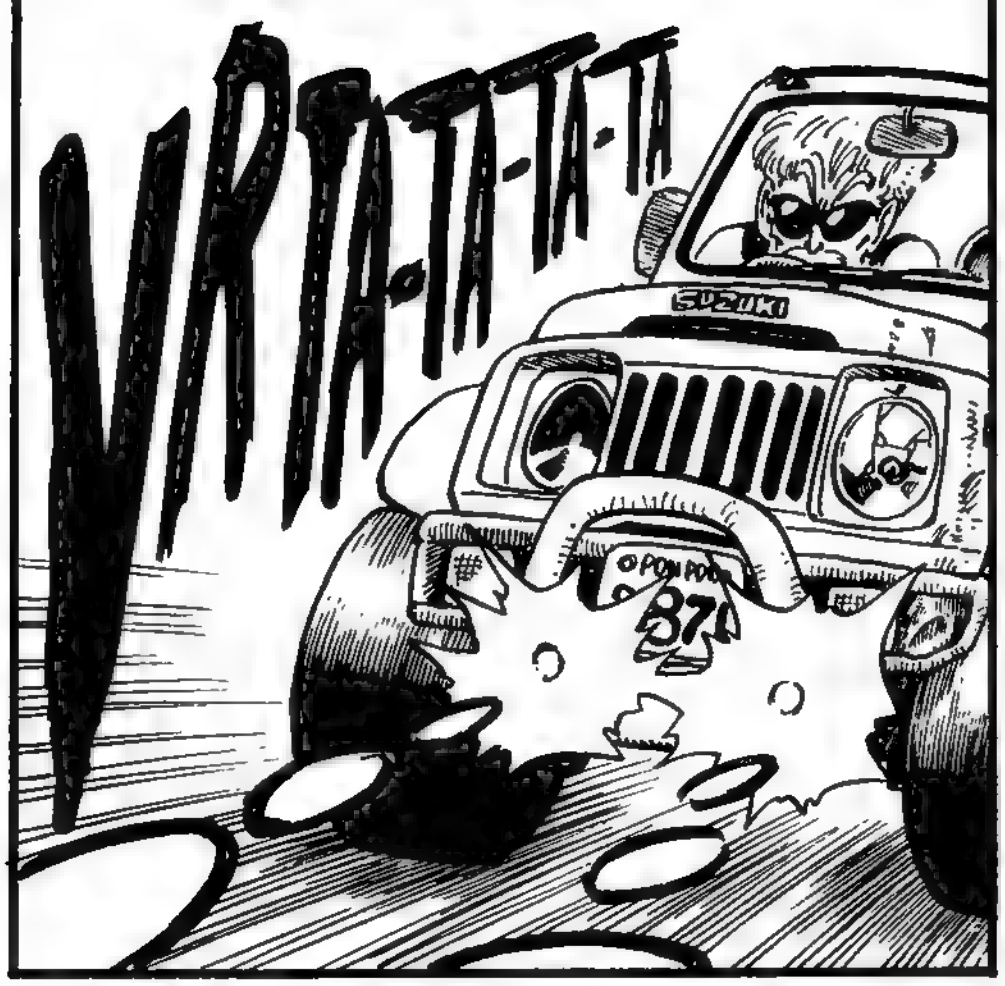

GROOOAR


VRTA-TA-TA-TA
SUZUKI
POM POM
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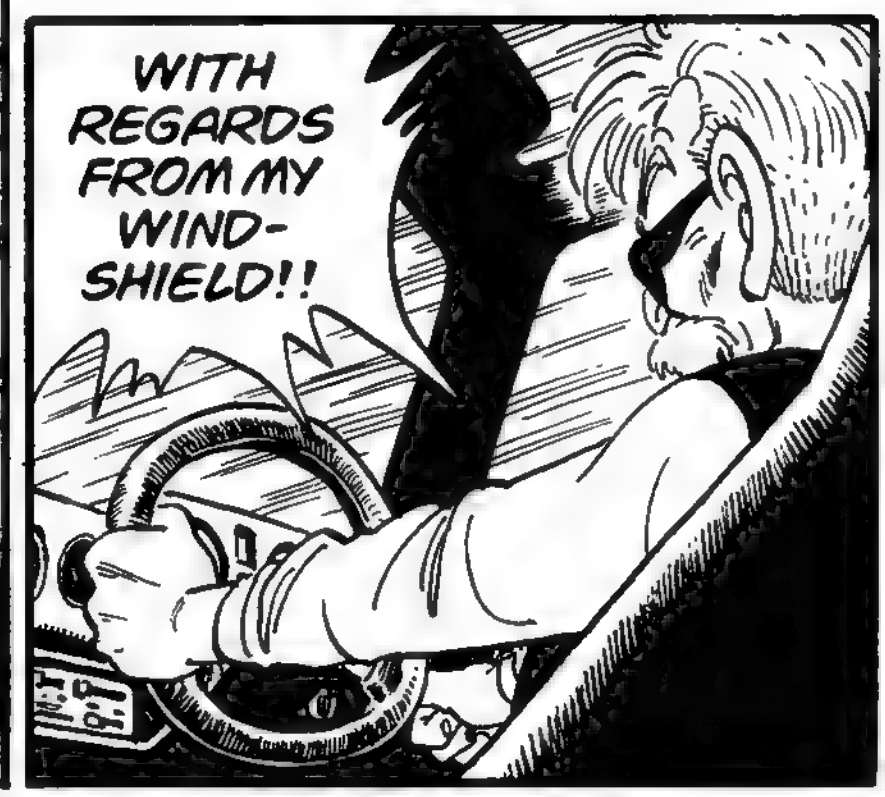
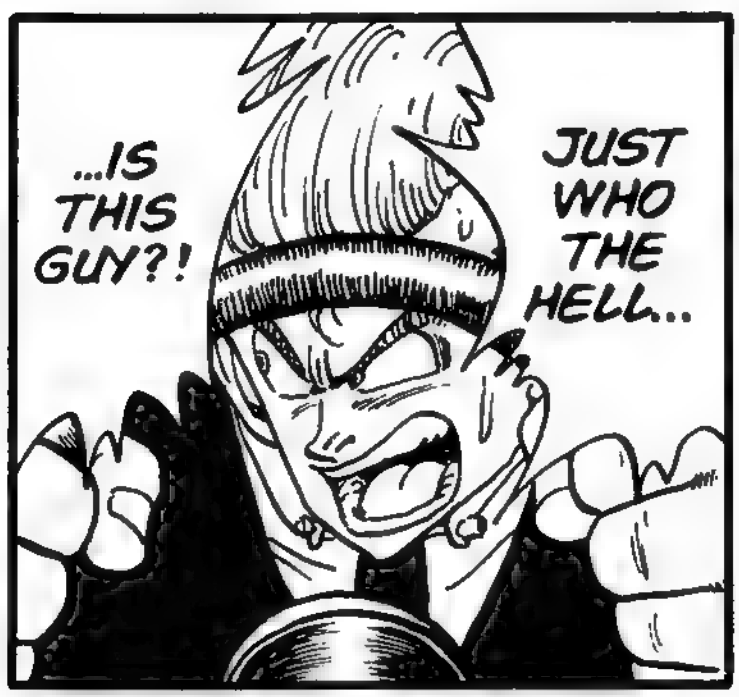
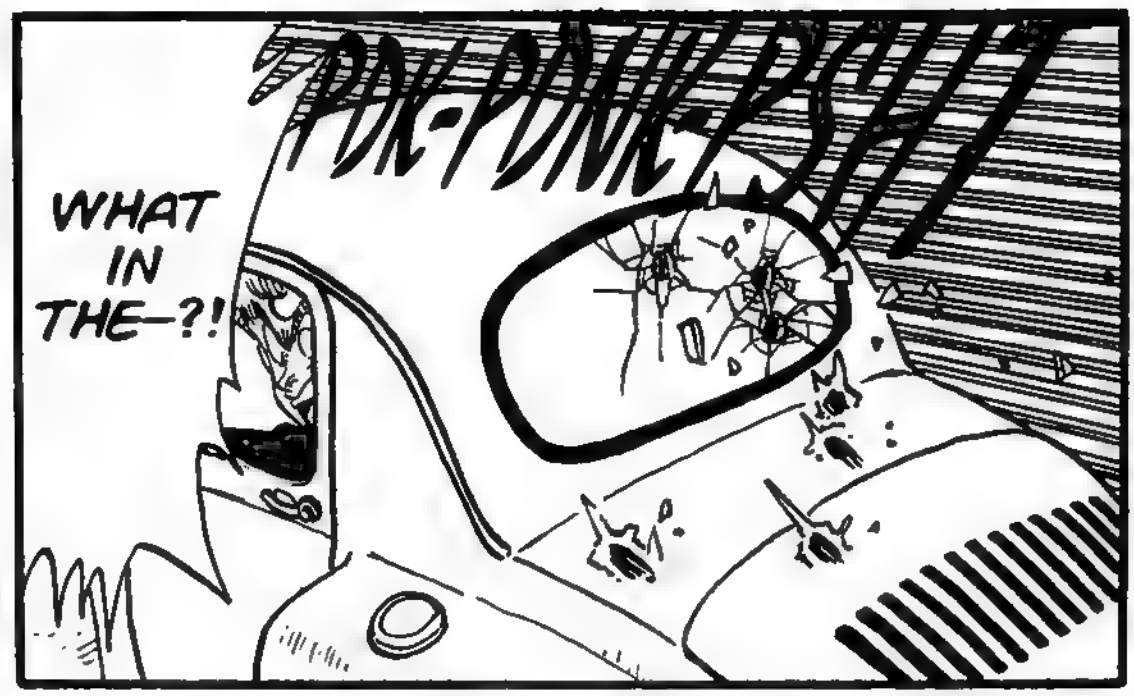
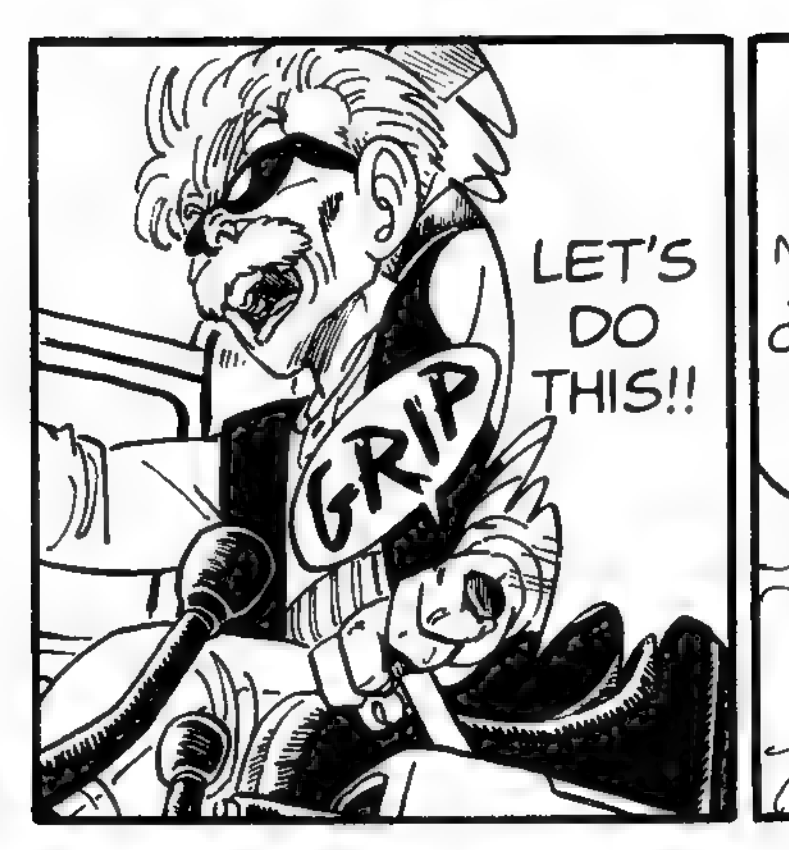
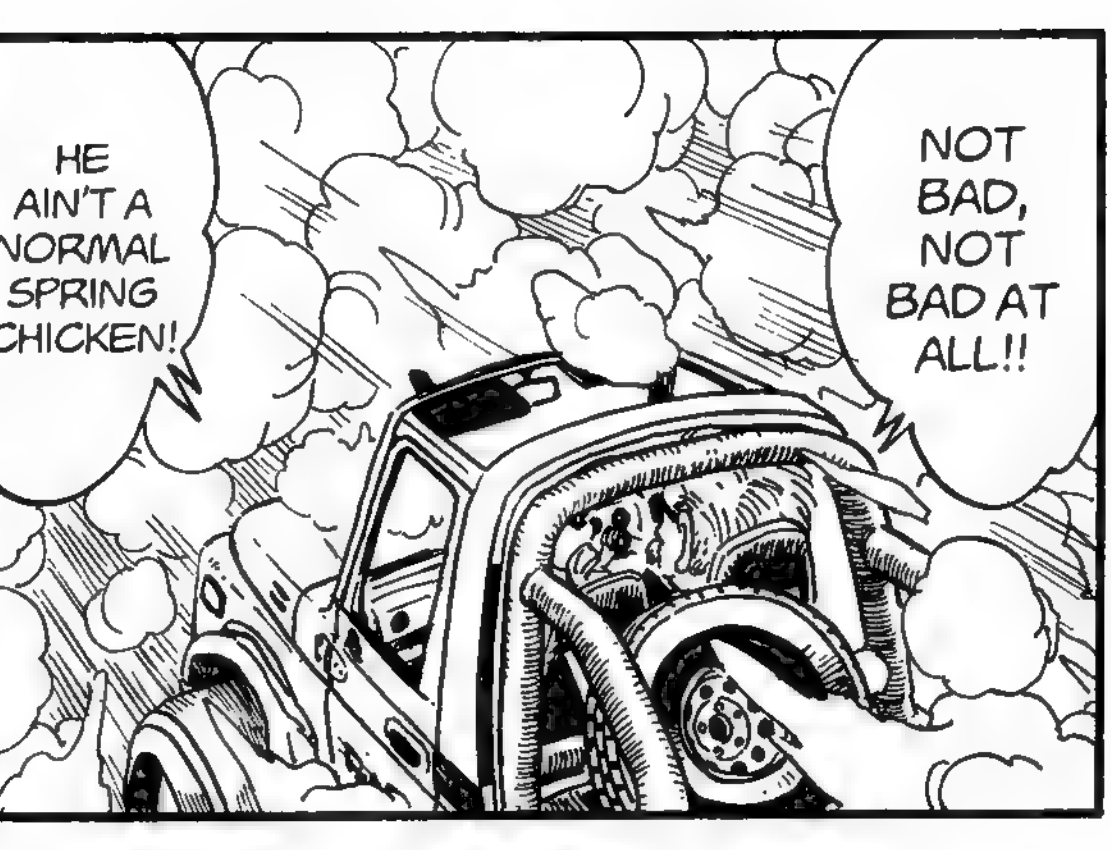

WITH REGARDS FROM MY WIND-SHIELD!!

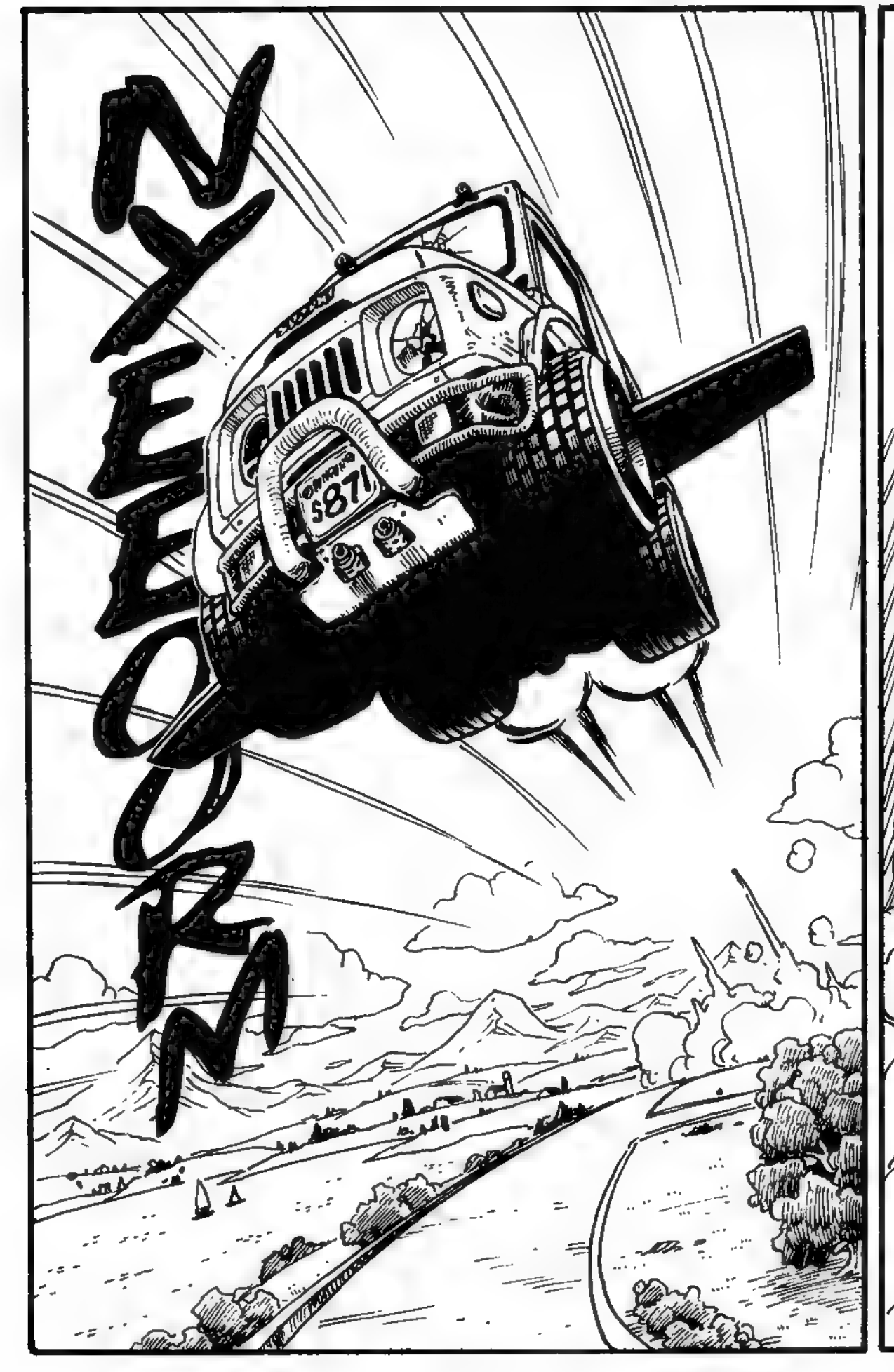

...IS THIS GUY?!
JUST WHO THE HELL...


WHAT IN THE—?!
PAK-PAK-PSHIT

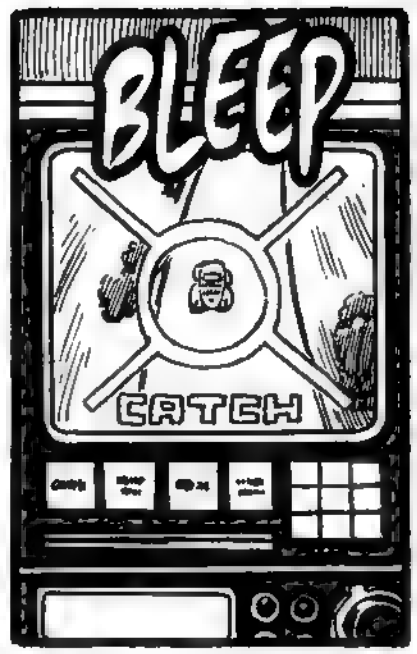
SMOKE SCREEN !!!!
SHOOP
AH !!!

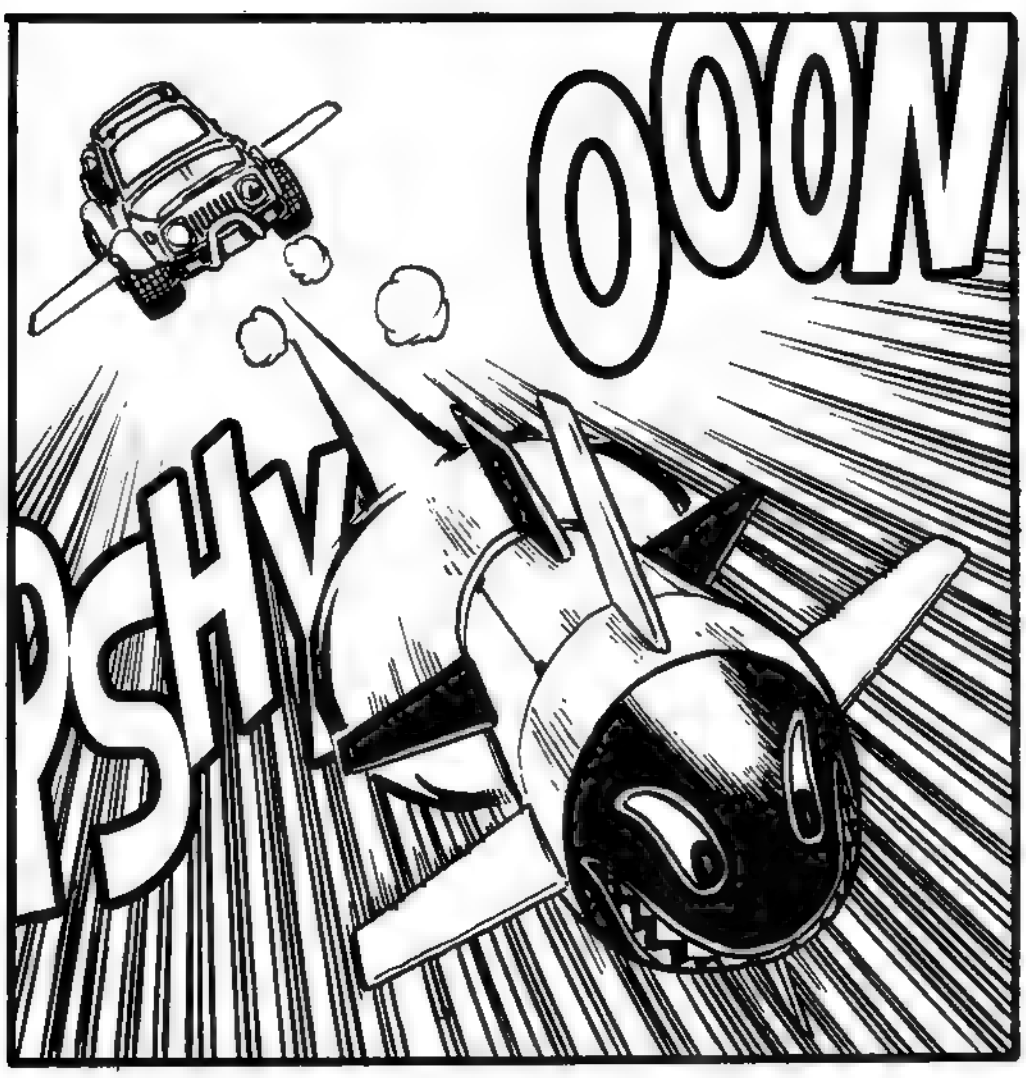

GRIP
LET'S DO THIS!!


HE AIN'T A NORMAL SPRING CHICKEN!
NOT BAD, NOT BAD AT ALL!!

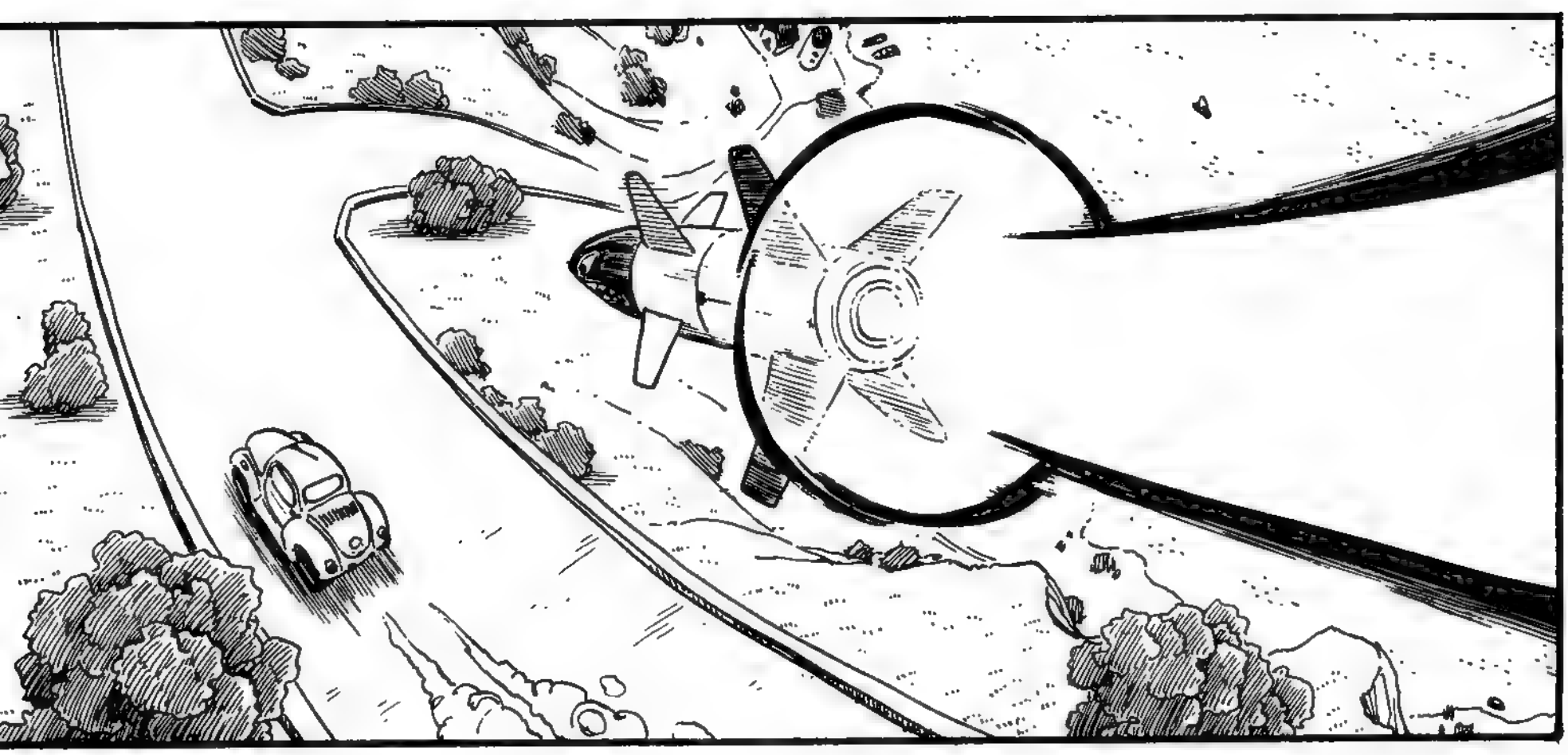

NYEEOOO

FIRE
!!!!

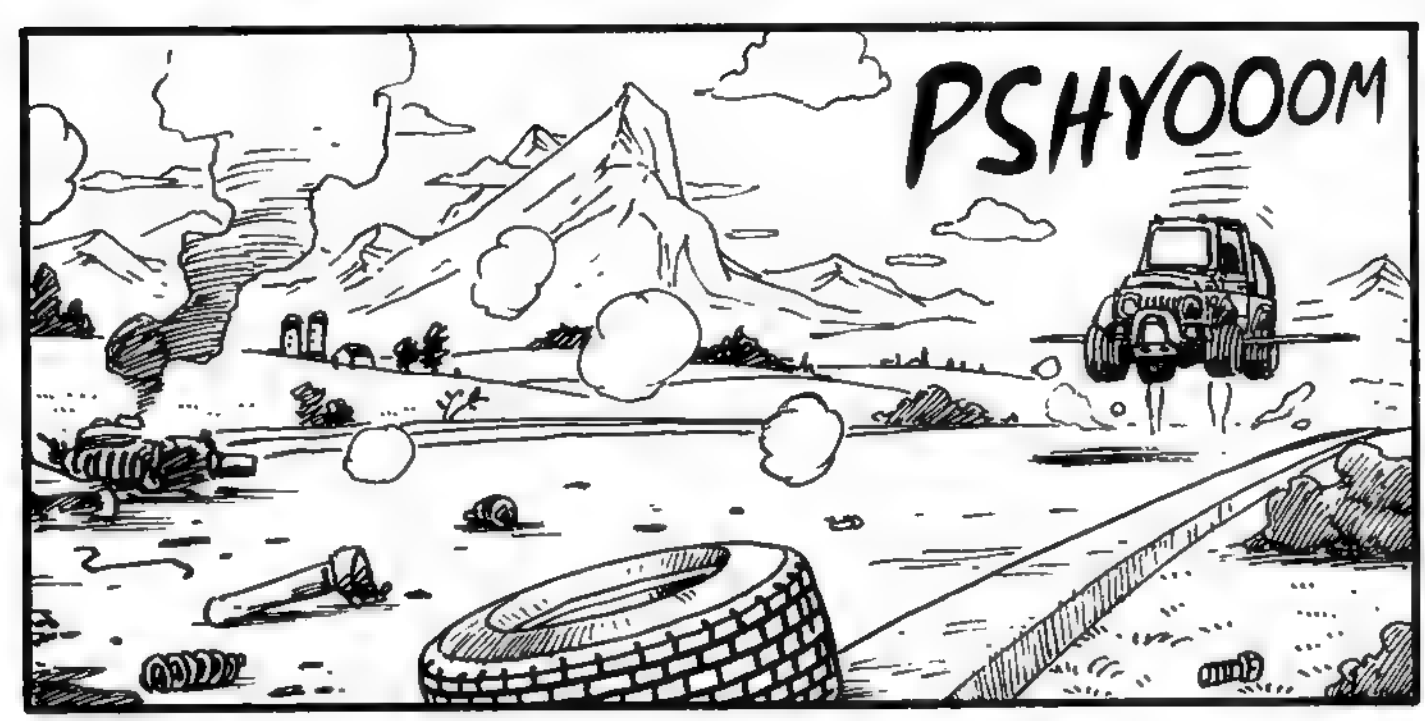

BLEEP
CATCH


OOON
PSHY

NYEERRRM
WHAT'S THAT SOUND ?!
WHAT THE–?!



MEP-OOOM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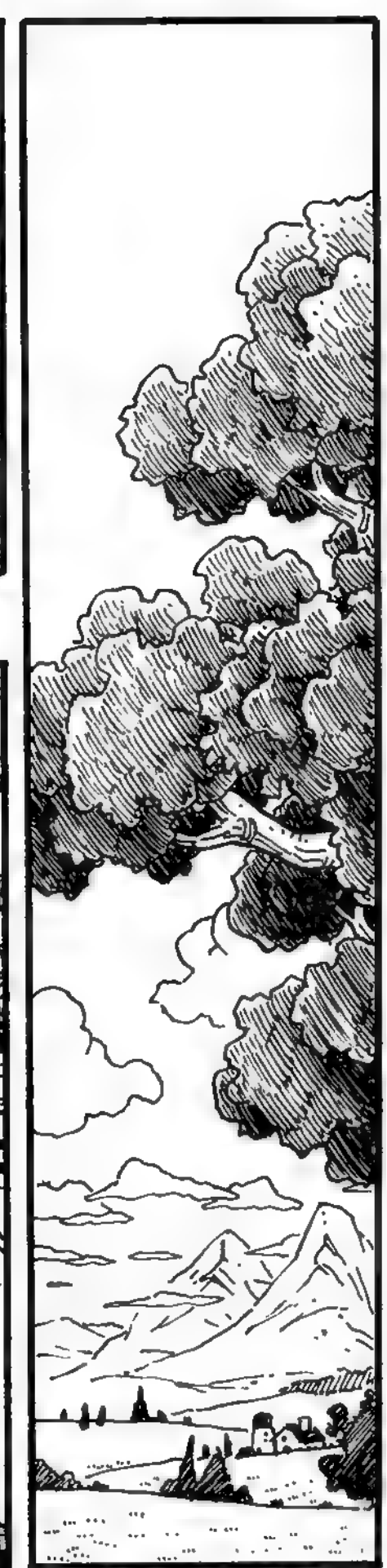
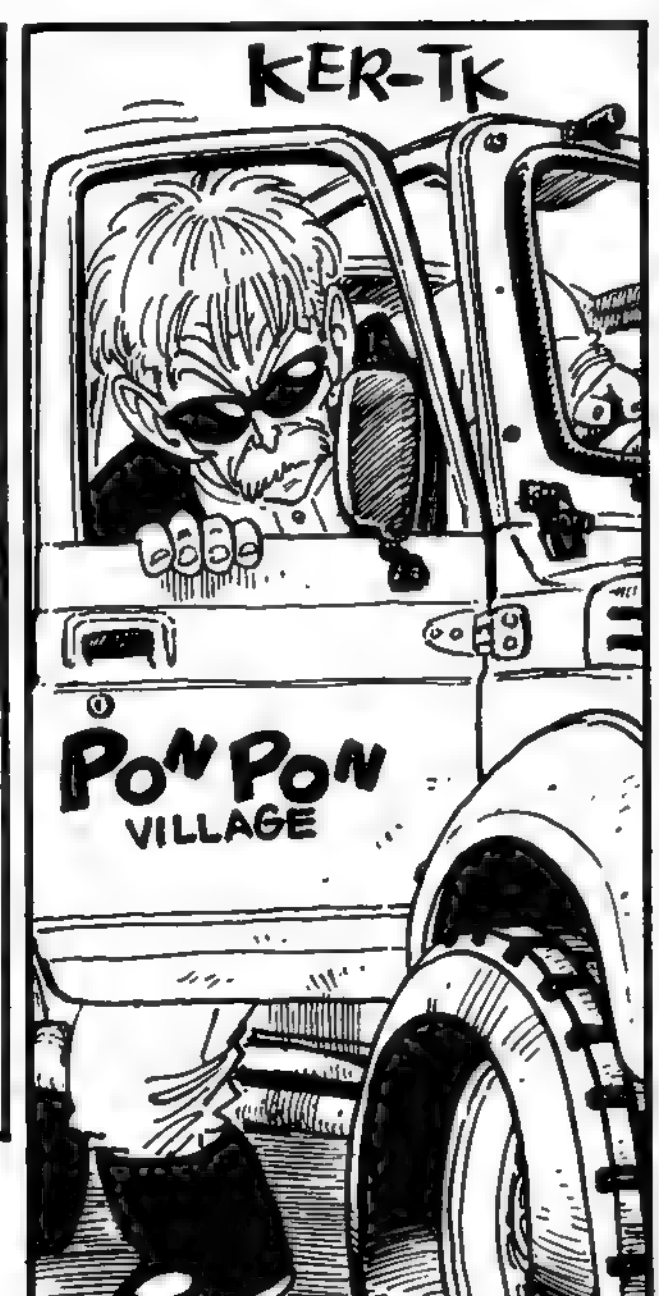
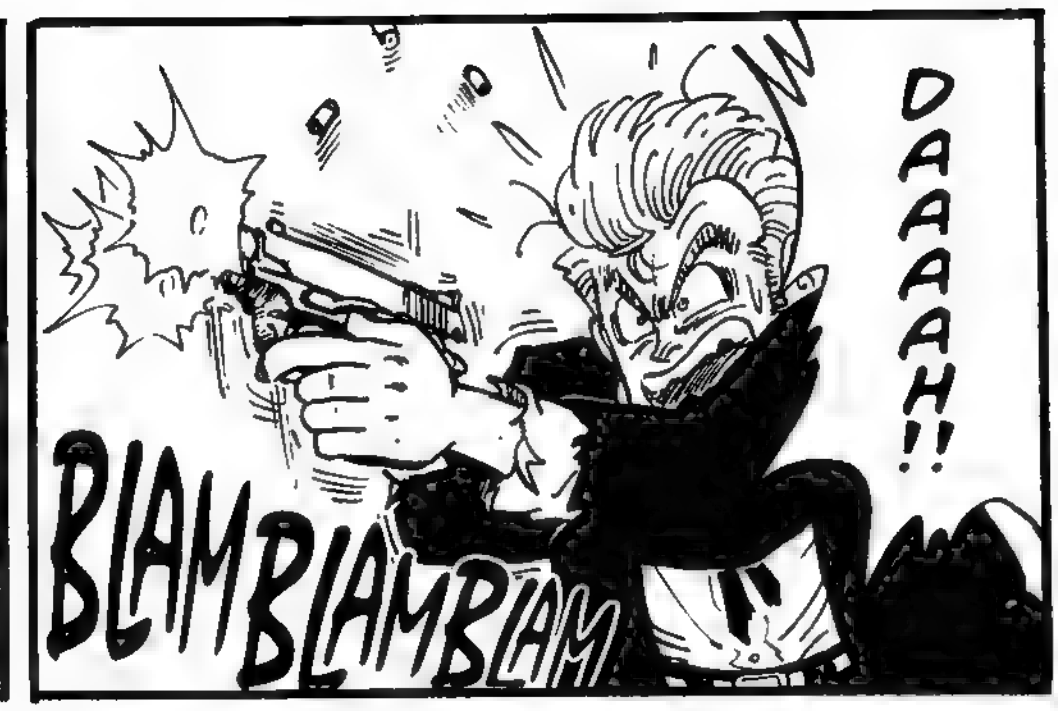
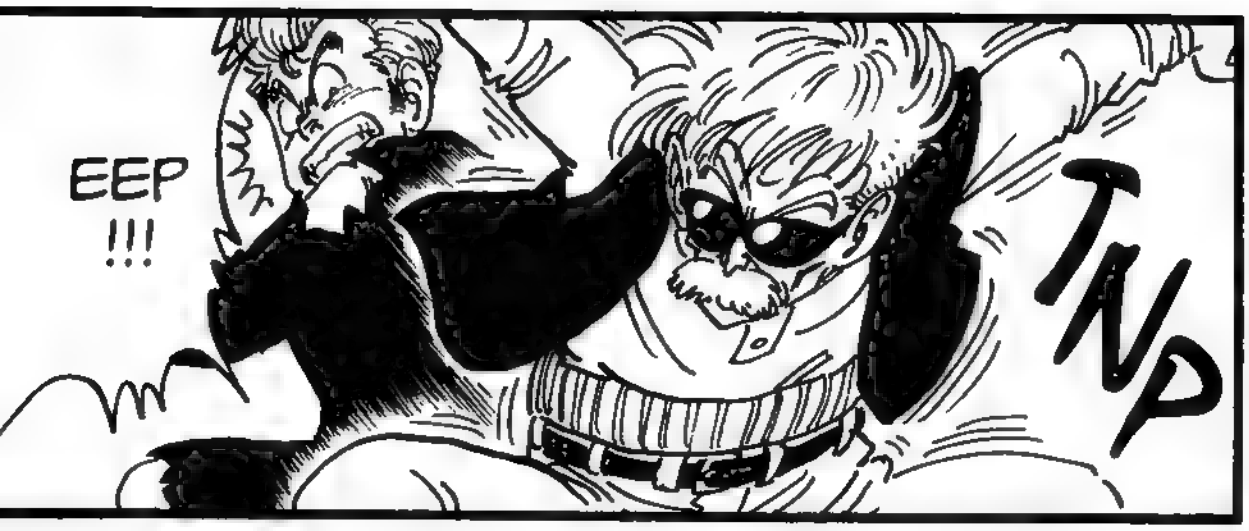


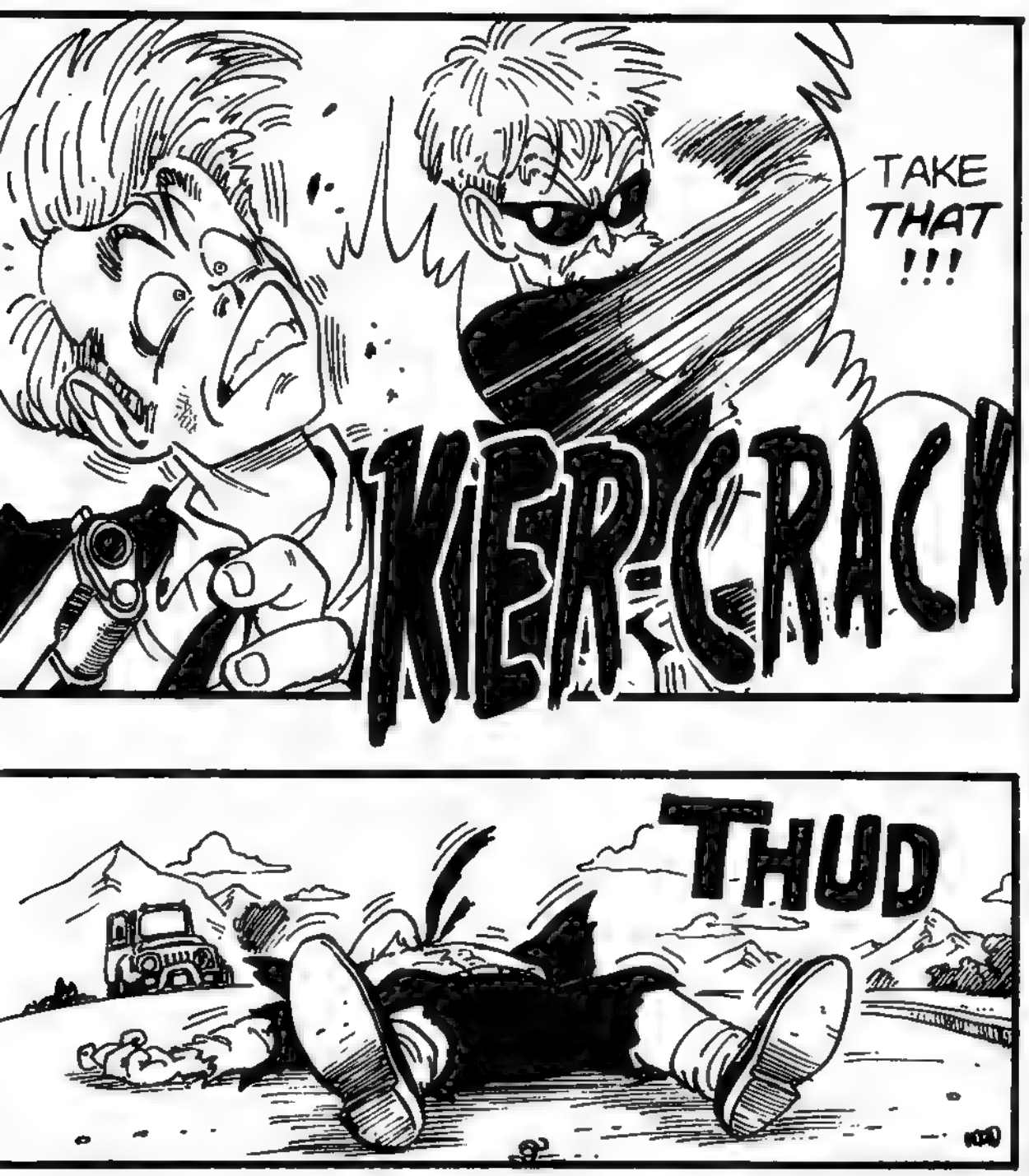
URGH... HRG-GH...

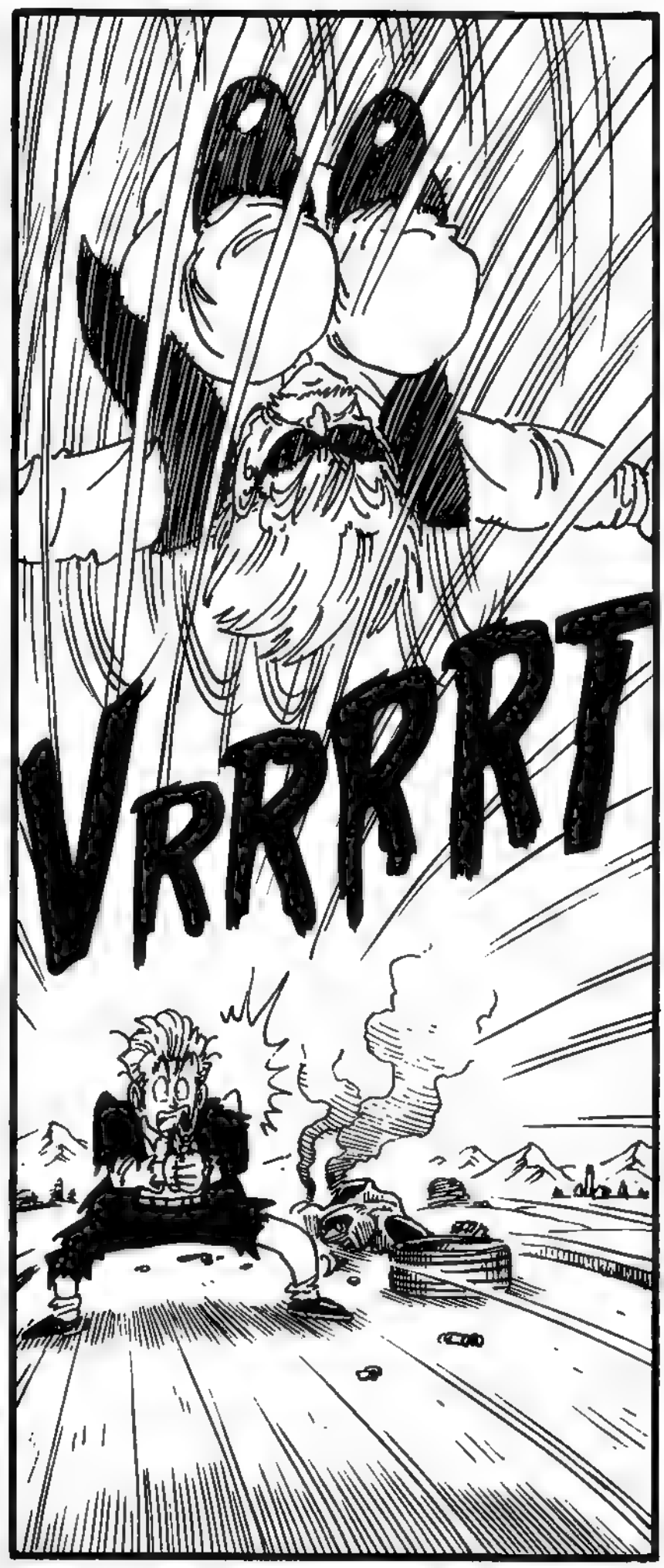

KER-TK
PON PON VILLAGE

SWIFF
HOOOO!!


BLAM BLAM BLAM
DAAAH!!

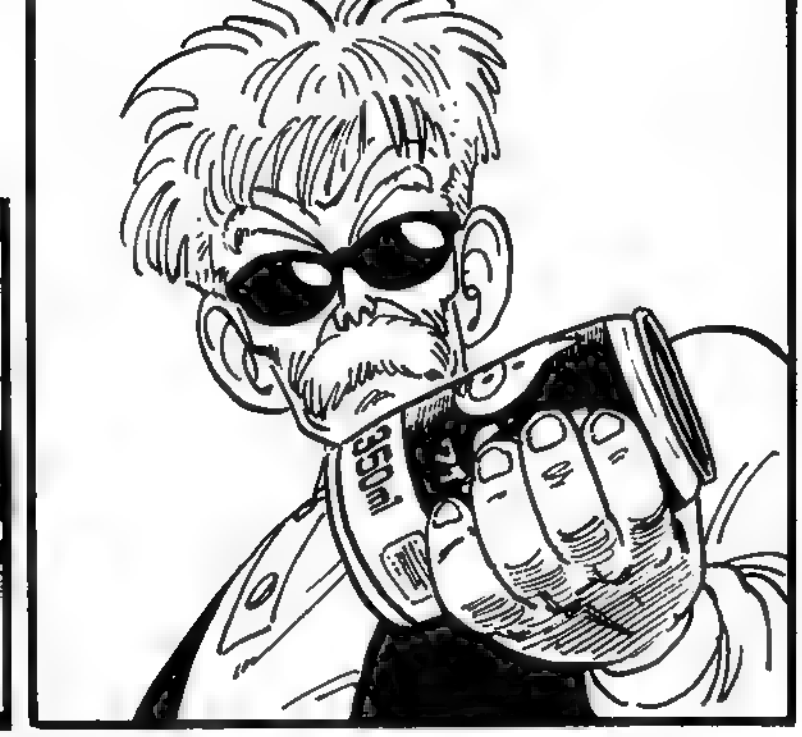

EEP !!!
TAP


TAKE THAT !!!
KER-CRACK
THUD


VRRRRT

...

PLINK
!!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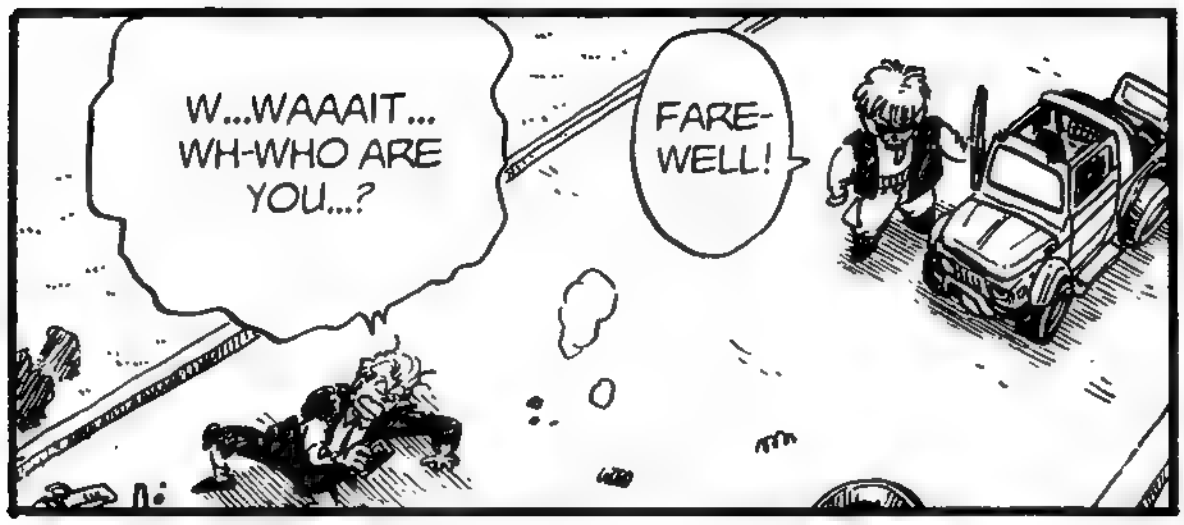
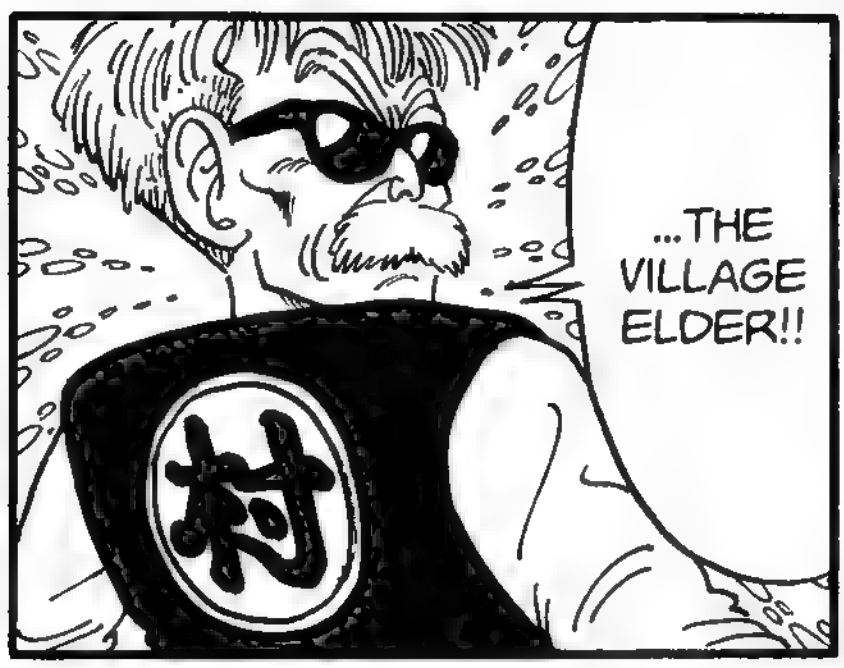
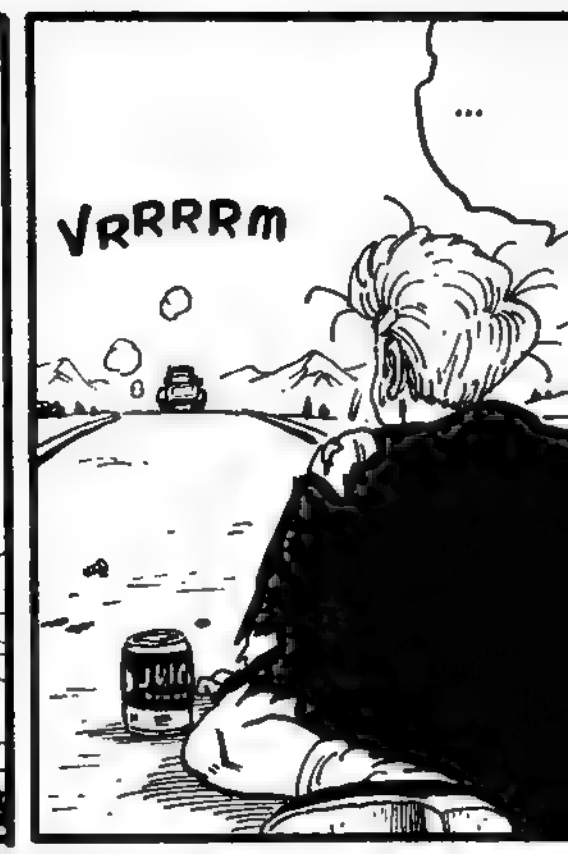

W...WAAAIT... WH-WHO ARE YOU...?
FARE-WELL!

...PROP-ERLY DISPOSED OF!!
EMPTY CANS MUST BE...


村
...THE VILLAGE ELDER!!

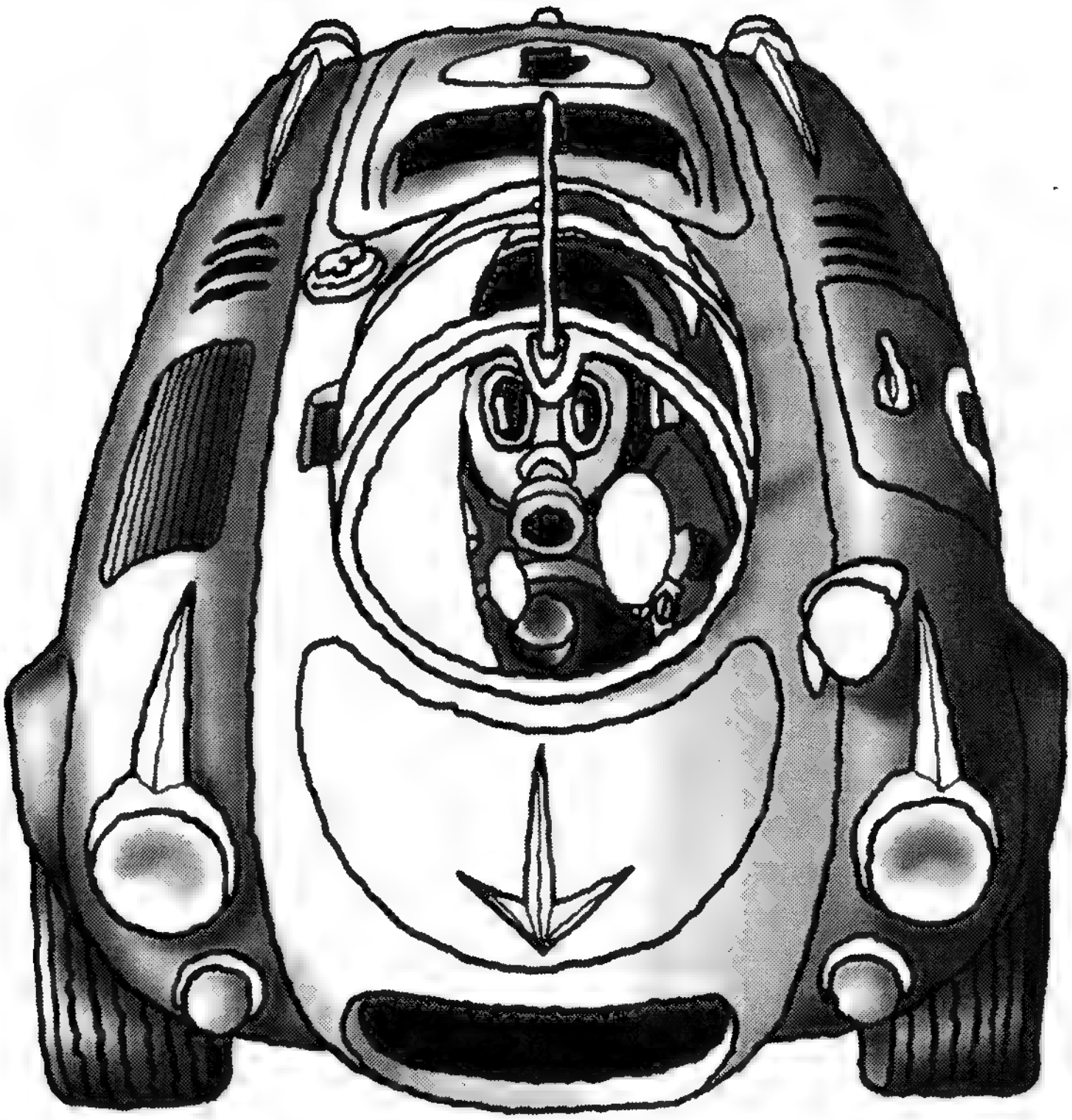
WHY, I'M...
YOU ASKIN' ME?

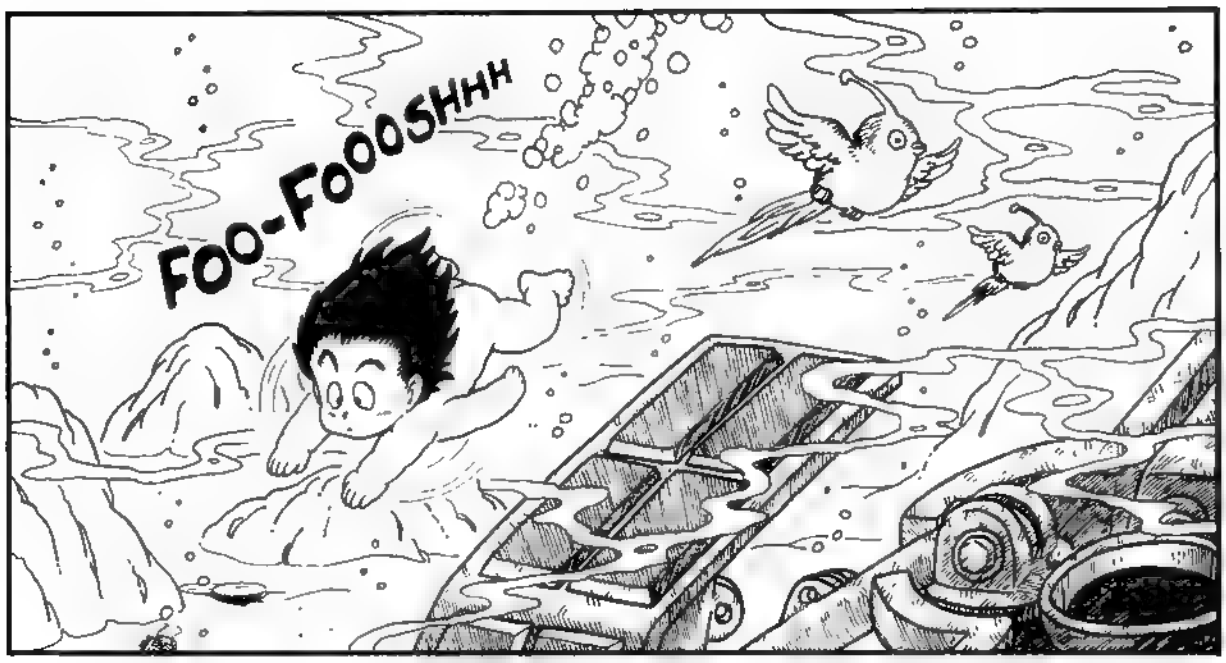
AND HE CONTINUES TO PATROL, EVEN TO THIS VERY DAY...
Hey!! What'd I tell you about relievin' yourself outdoors!!
Aw... c'mon...
NO ONE EVER LEARNED THAT THE VILLAGE ELDER HAD SAVED THE ENTIRE COUNTRY THAT DAY...


...
VRRRRM

AKIRA TORIYAMA'S MANGA THEATER

VOL. 3




FOO-FOOOSHHH

LITTLE MAMEJIRO

AKIRA TORIYAMA
BIRD STUDIO

THE SUN HAD BARELY RISEN, AND LITTLE MAMEJIRO (AGE 6) WAS ALREADY BURSTING WITH ENERGY...

ONE!

TWO!

ONE!

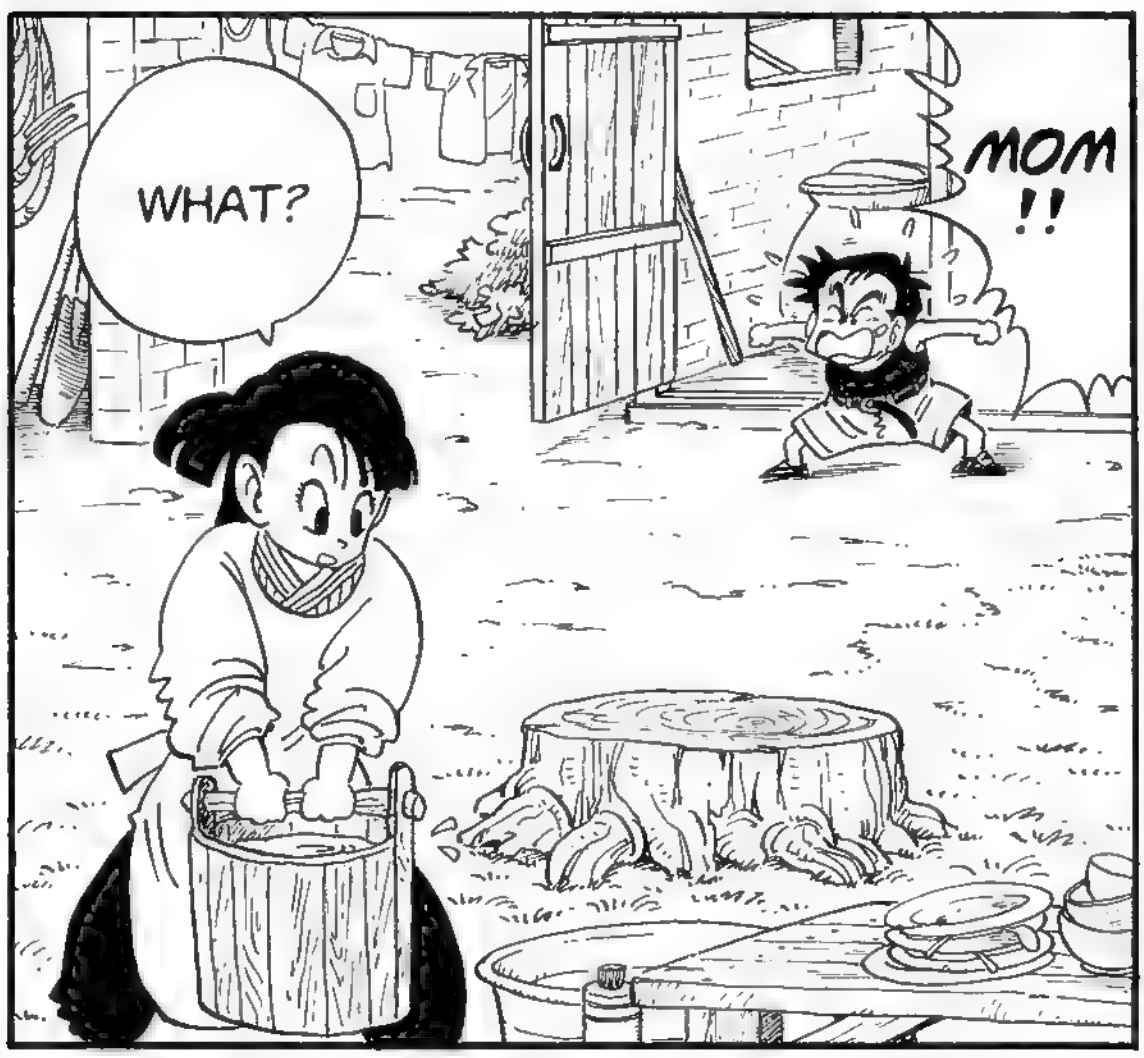
TWO!

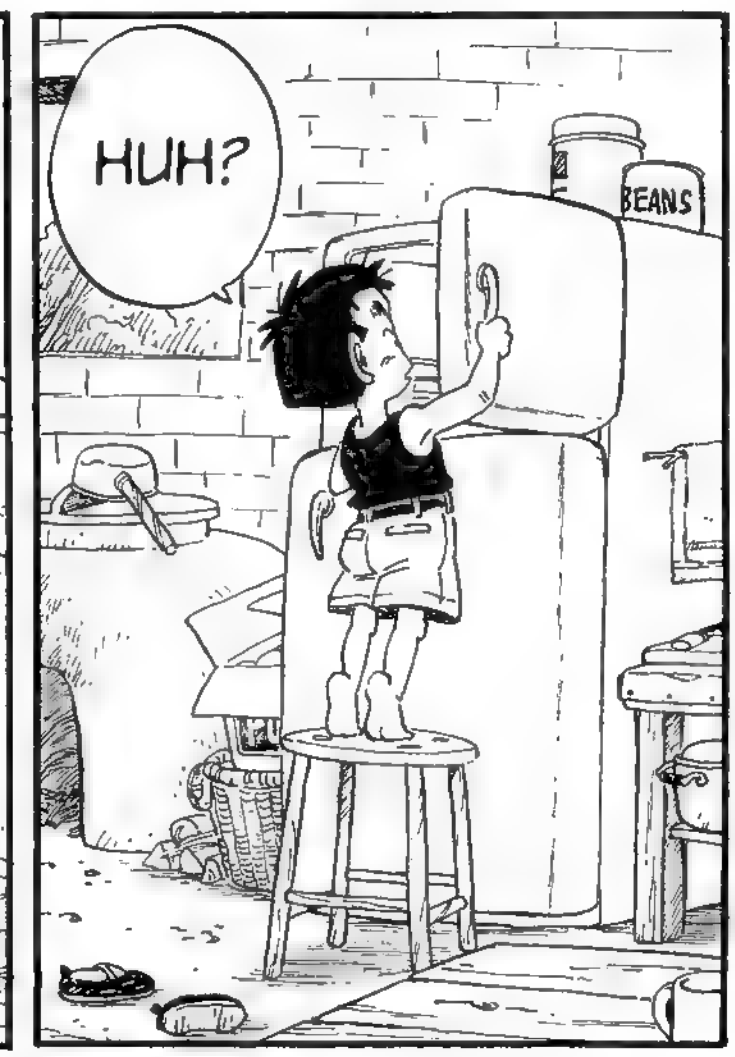
ONE!

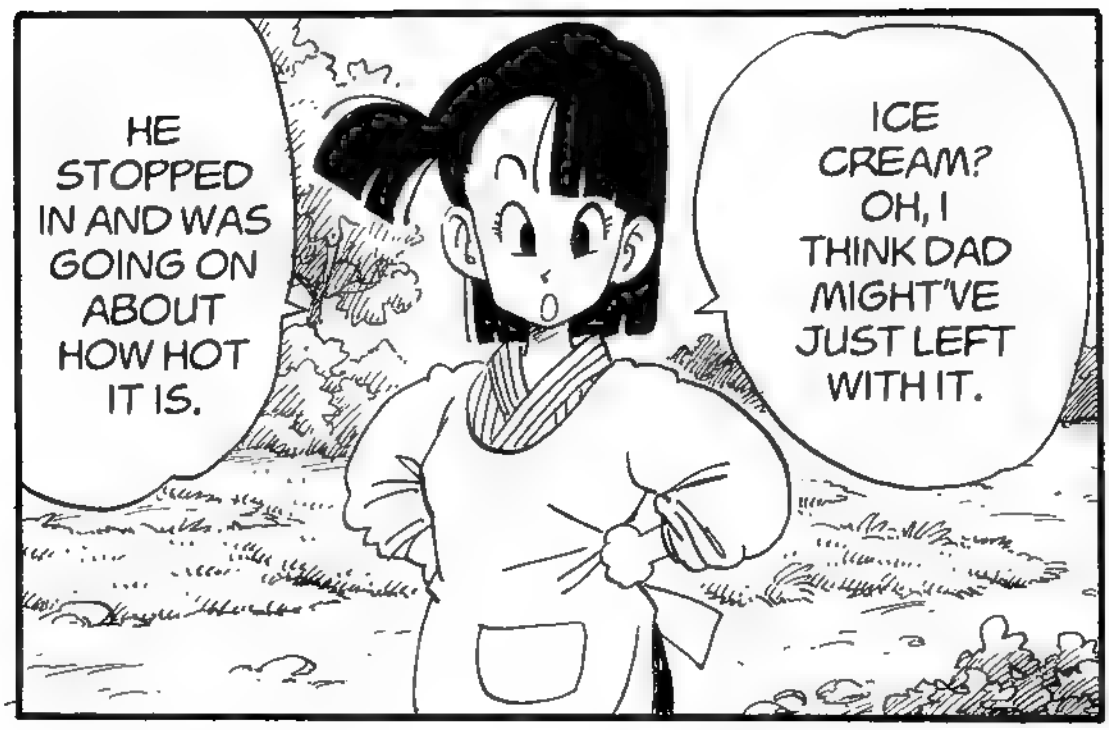
GOOD WORK, I—

KER-THWOMP

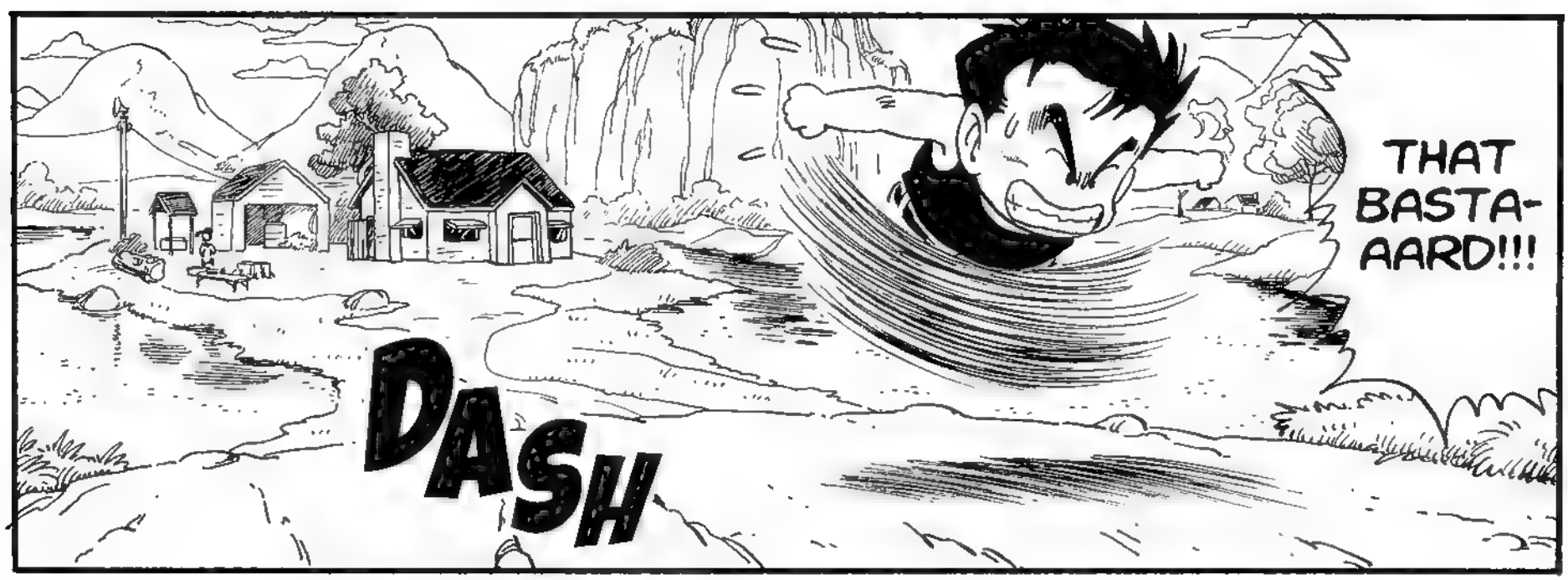
GOT YOUR KINDLING!






HE STOPPED IN AND WAS GOING ON ABOUT HOW HOT IT IS.
ICE CREAM? OH, I THINK DAD MIGHT'VE JUST LEFT WITH IT.

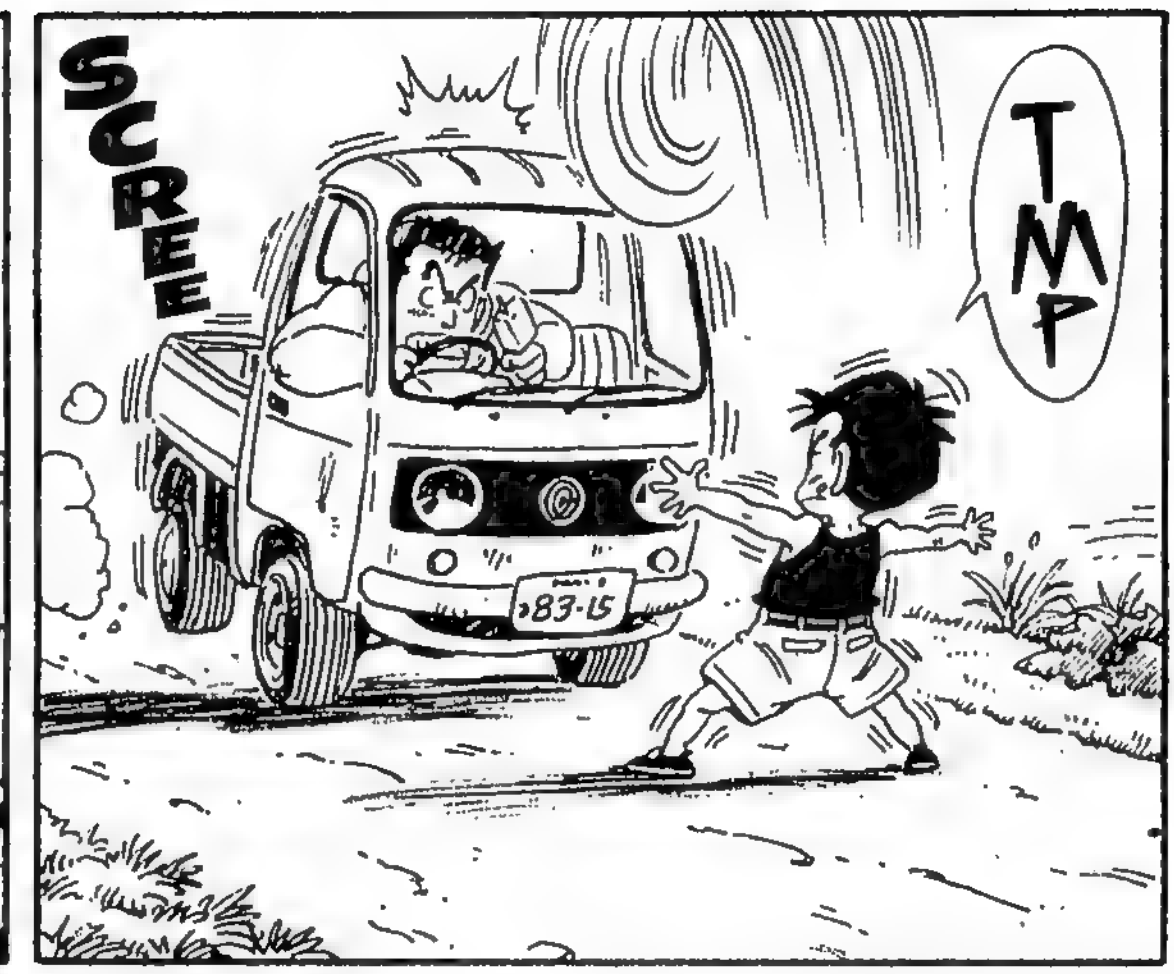
DO YOU KNOW WHERE MY ICE CREAM IS?!


THAT BASTA-AARD!!!
DASH

HYAAAAA!!
SWOOSH

BANG PUT-PUT
GET BACK HERE!!

THE HECK YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
WHO THE— MAME-JIRO?!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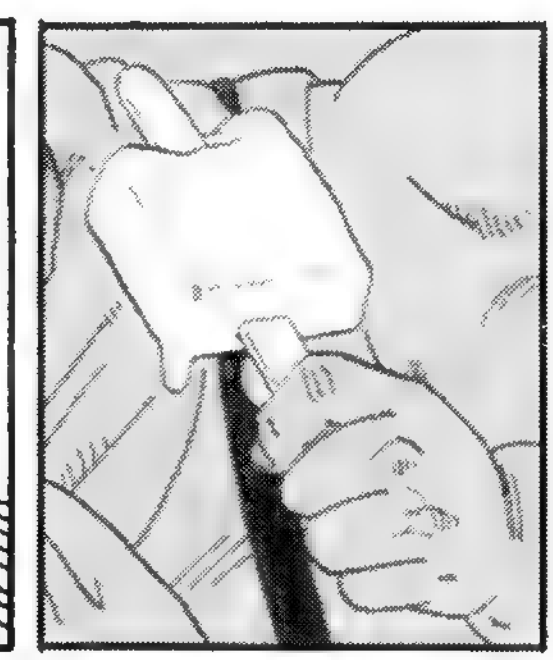
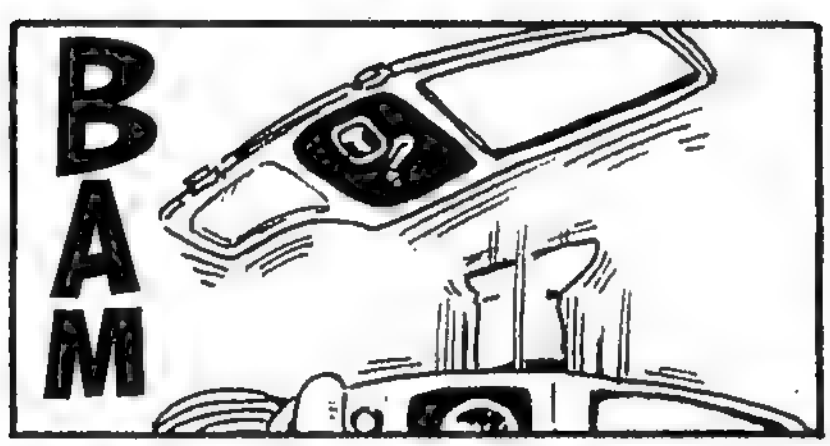
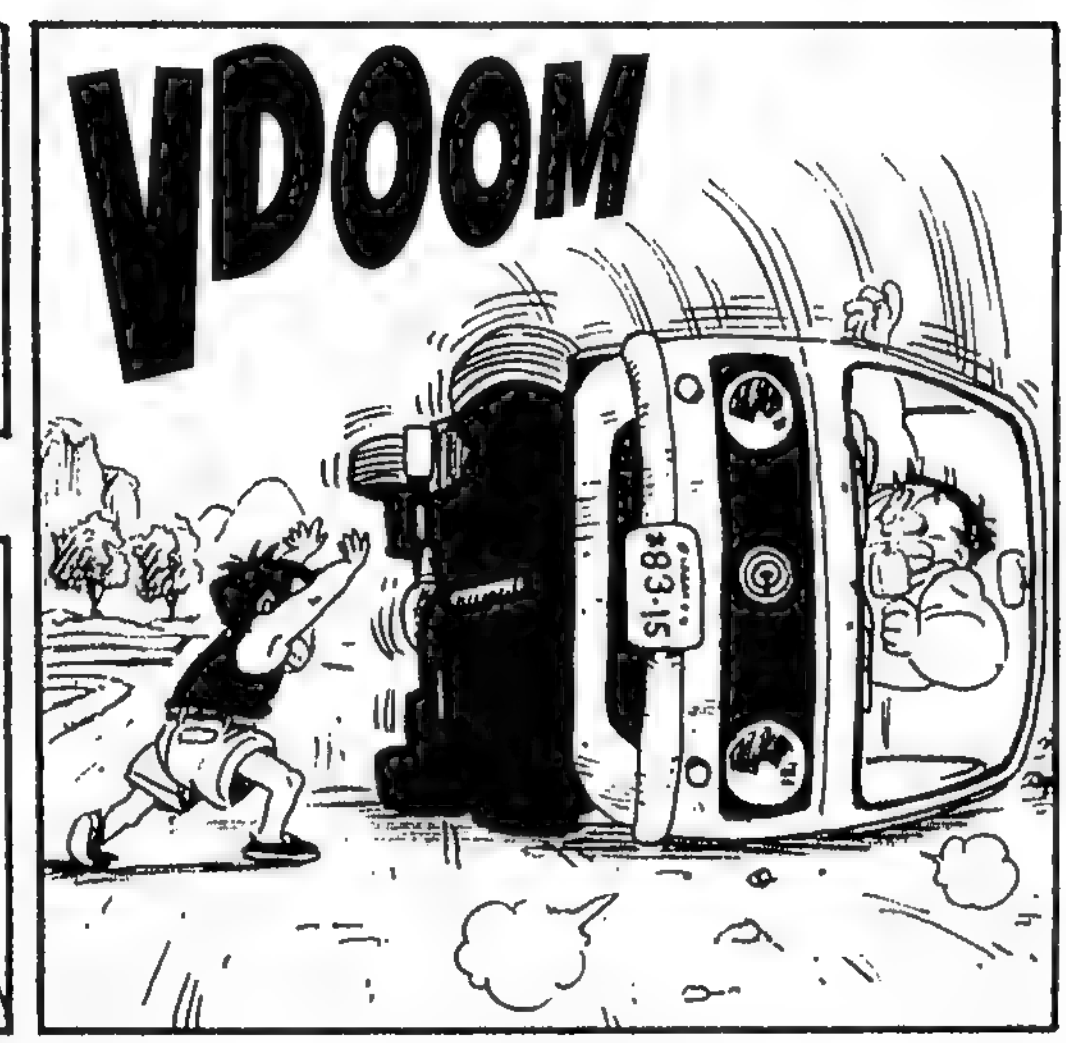
BLEEEH

LISTEN UP, DAD!! THAT'S MY ICE CREAM BAR!! GIVE IT BACK!!
I KNEW IT!!




BAM

WHY, YOU LITTLE—!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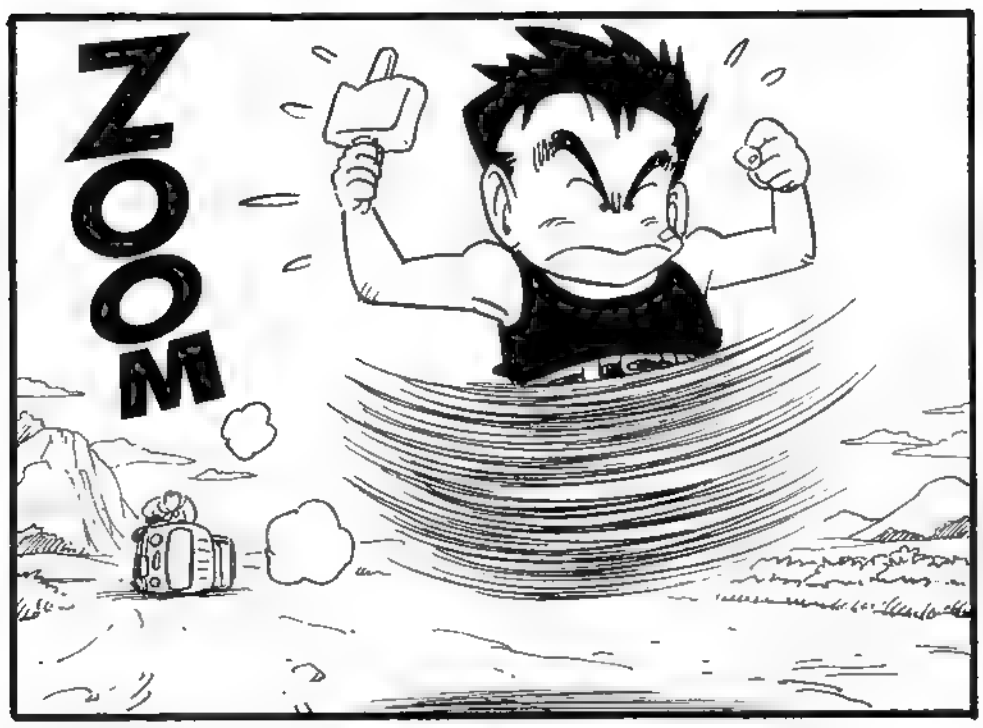
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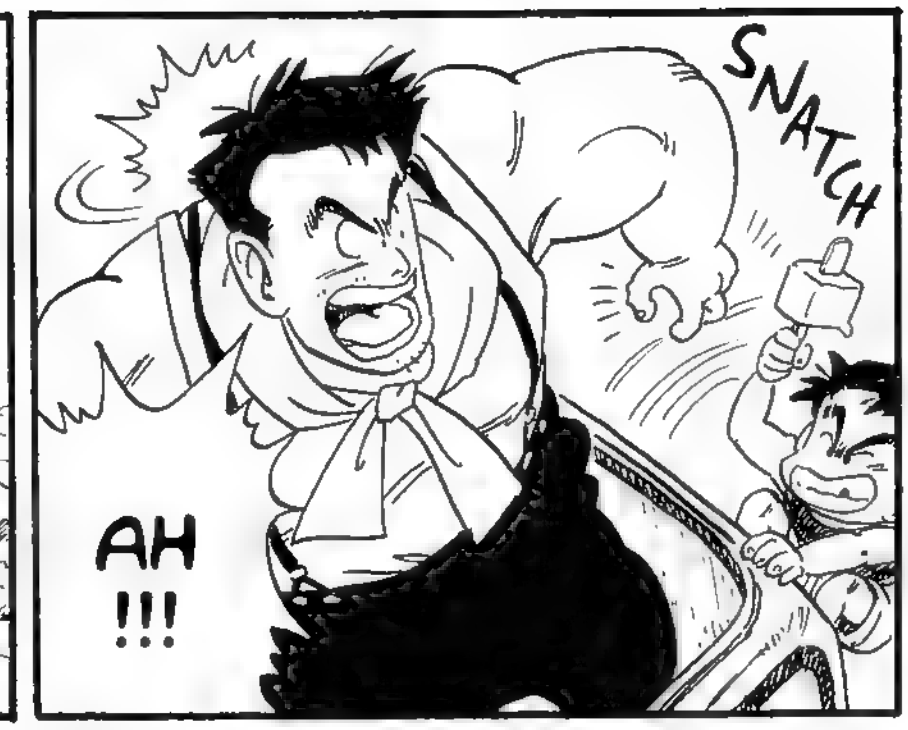
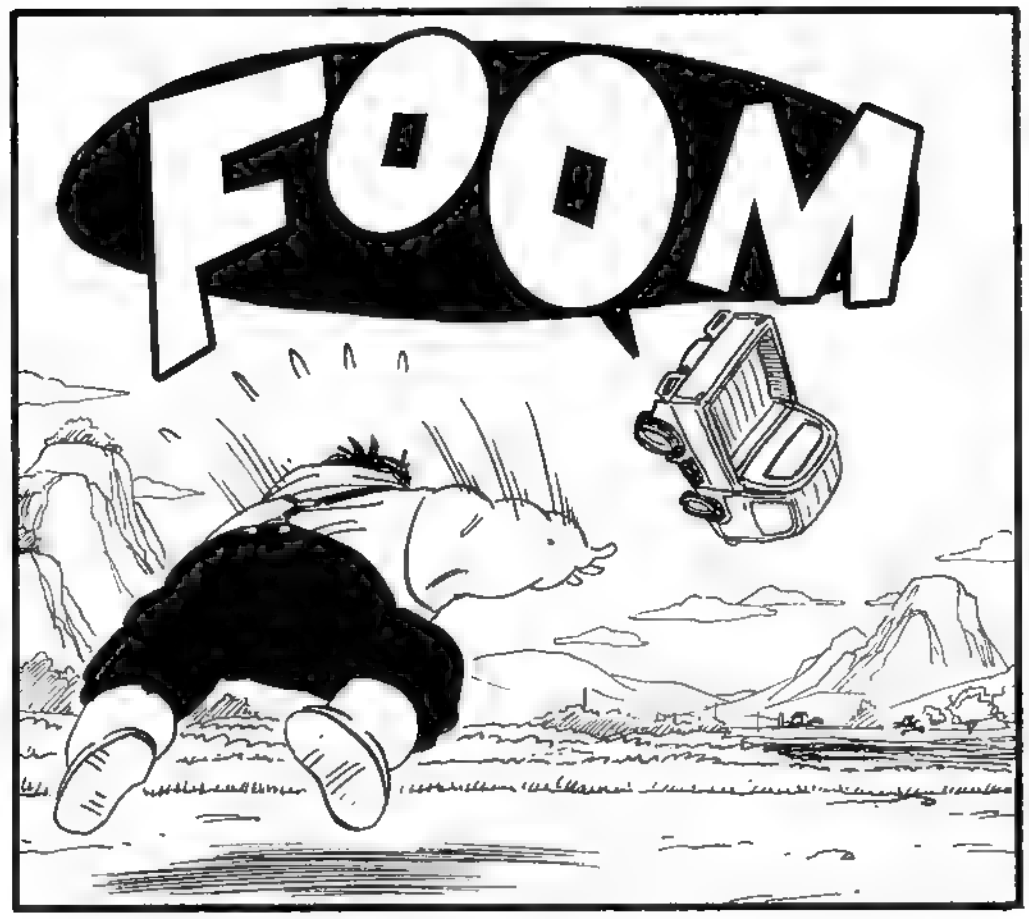

SNATCH
AH !!!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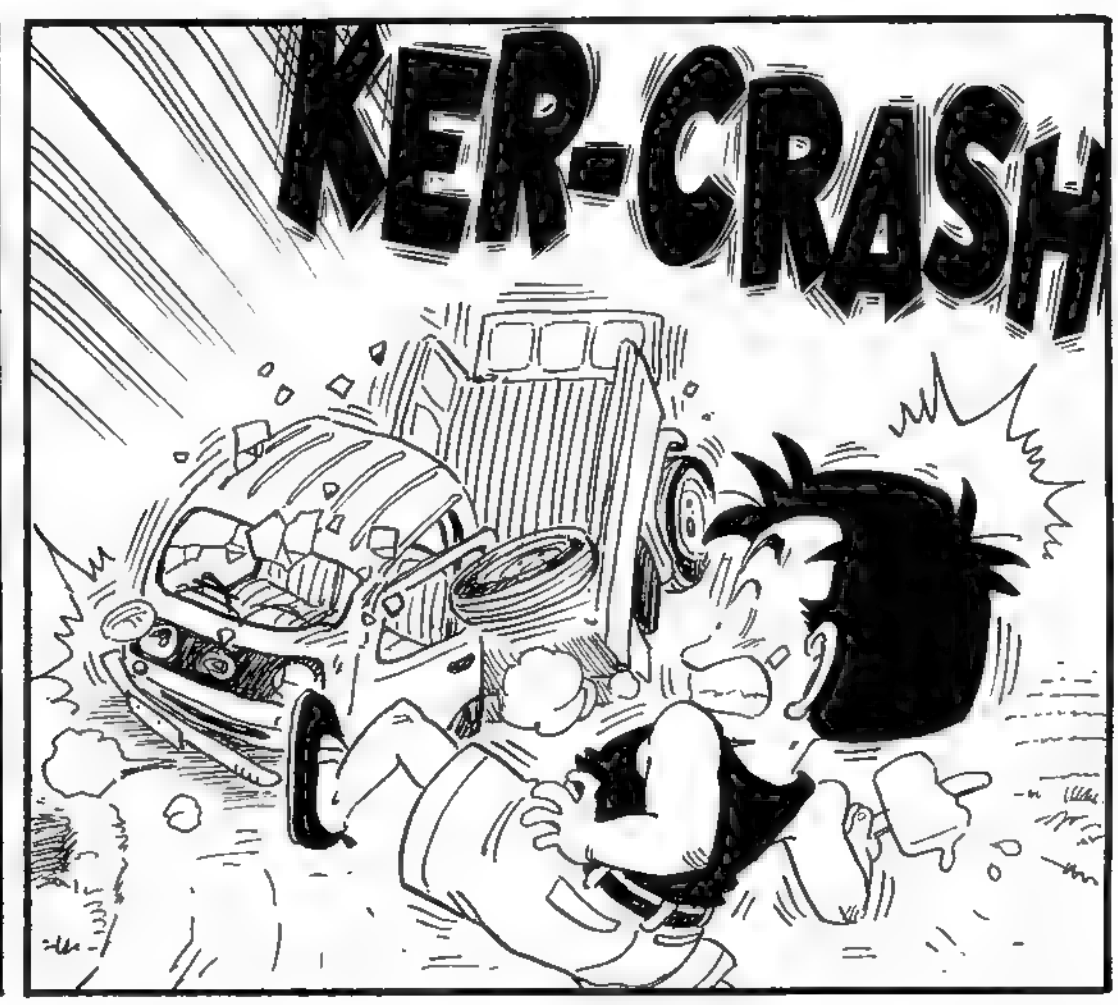
SRRRNK
OH, NO YOU DON'T !!!

VOOSH


KER-CRASH

HMH-
HMM!

ZIP

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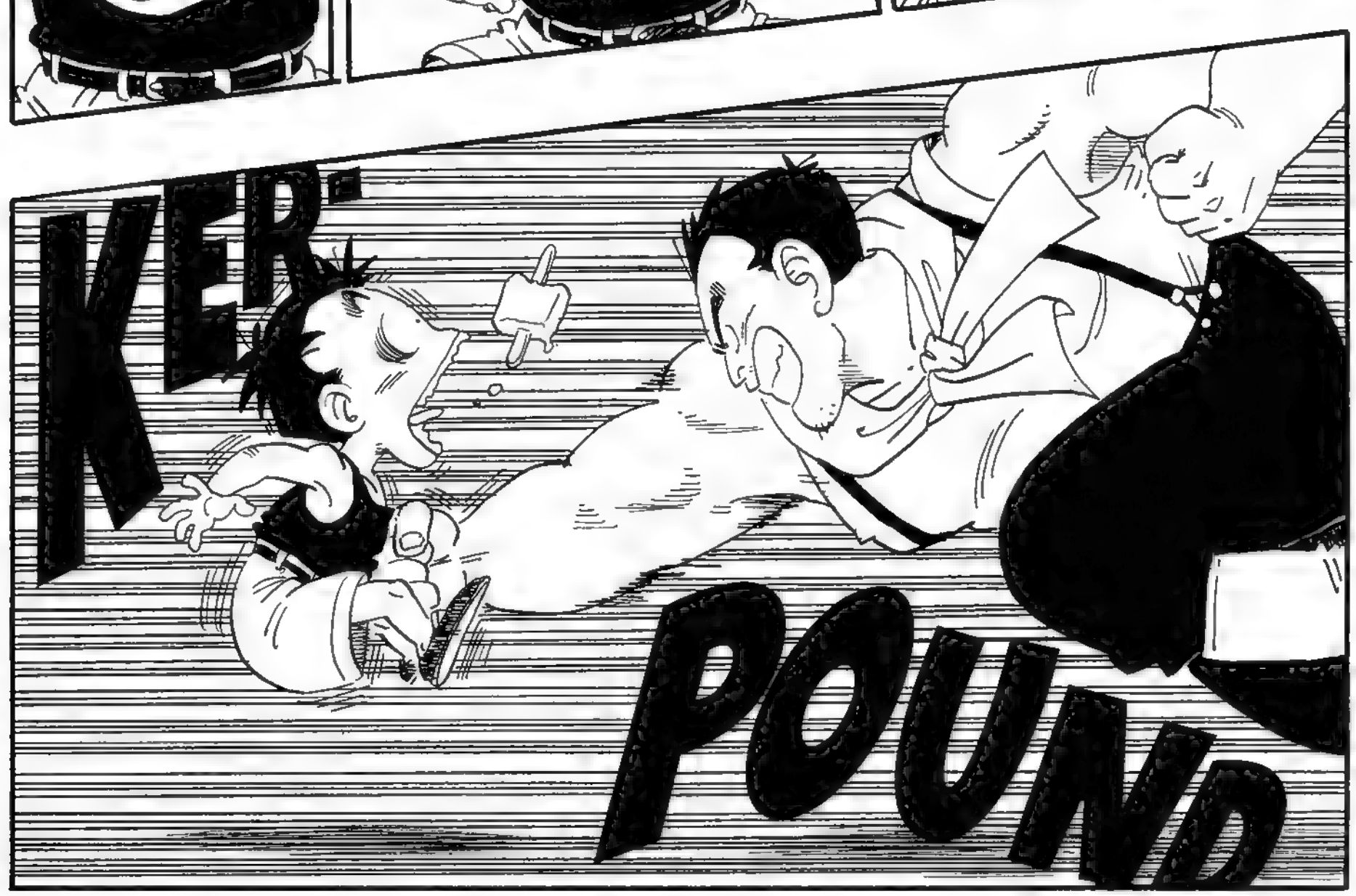
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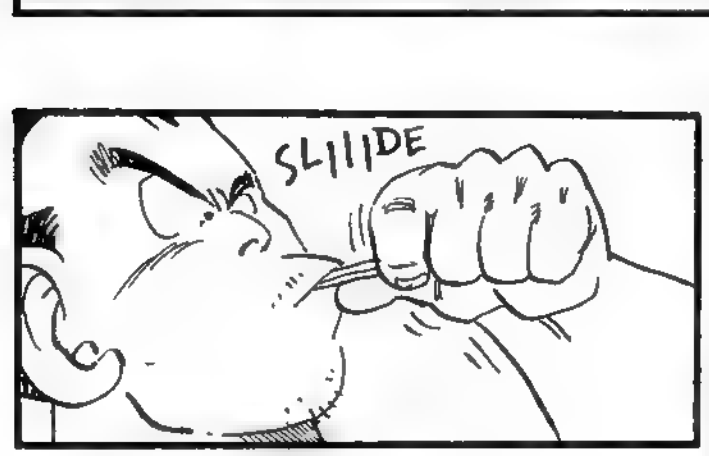
POUND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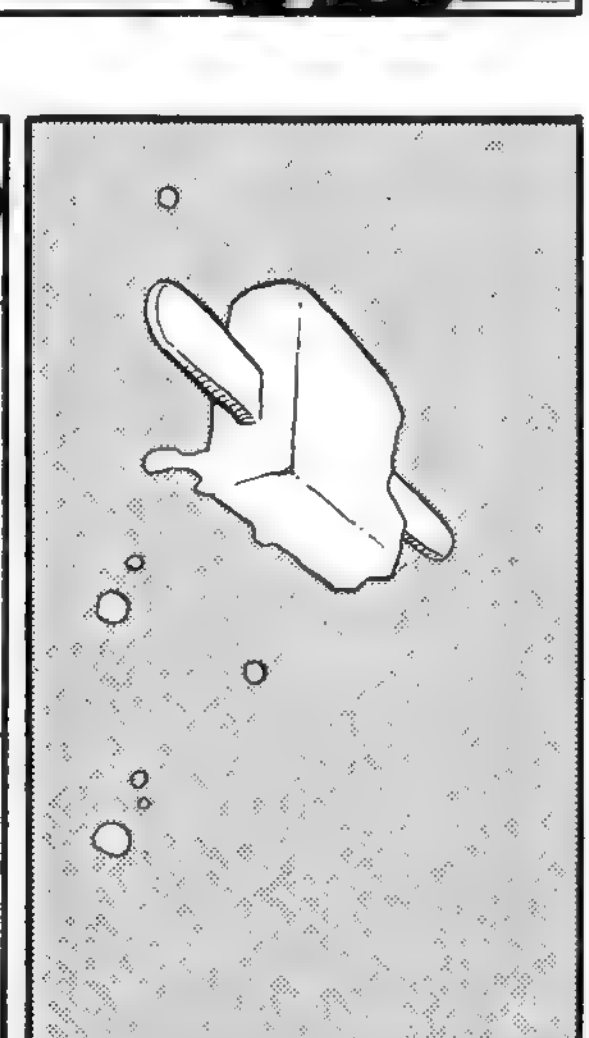
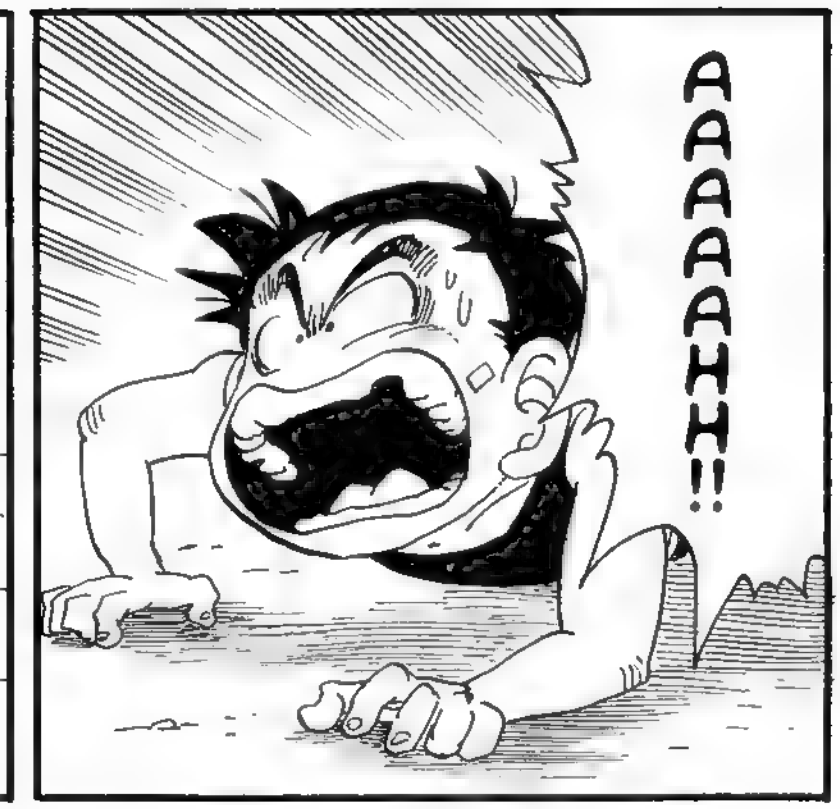
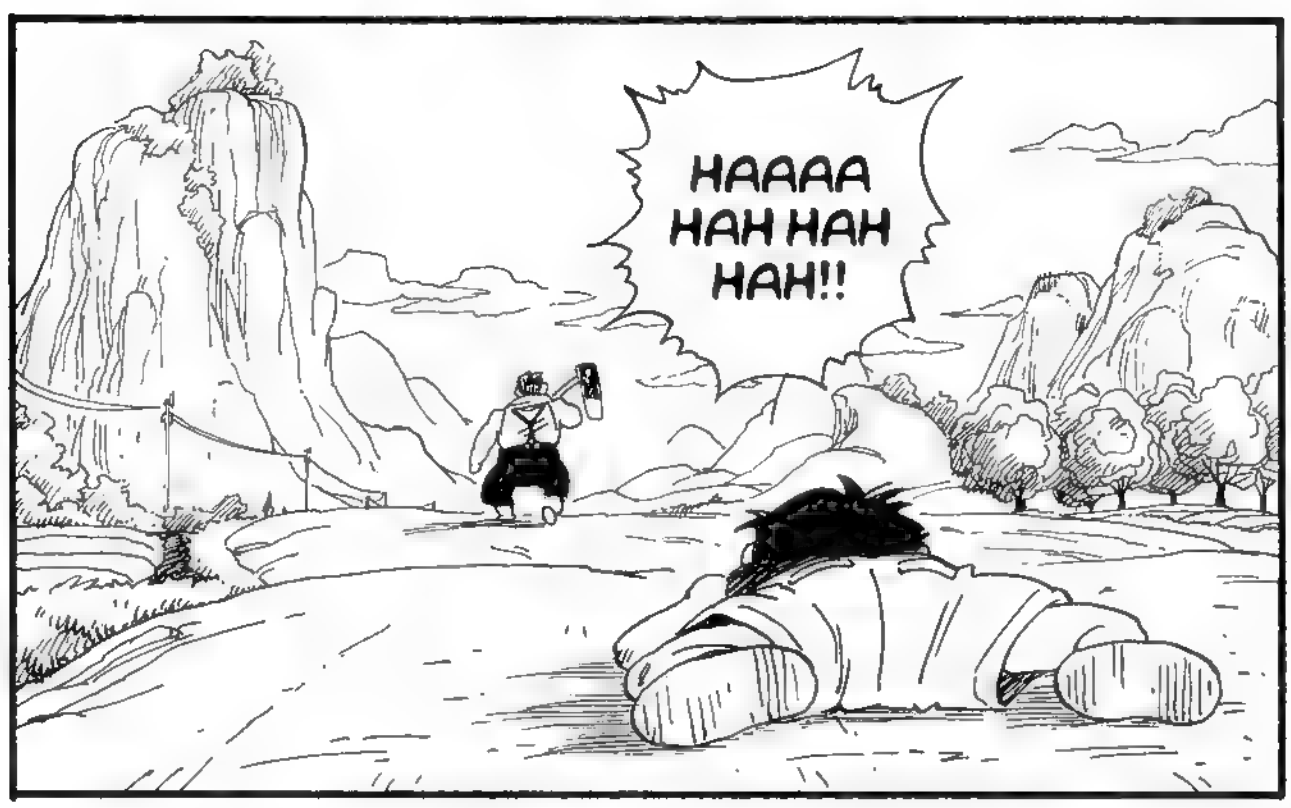


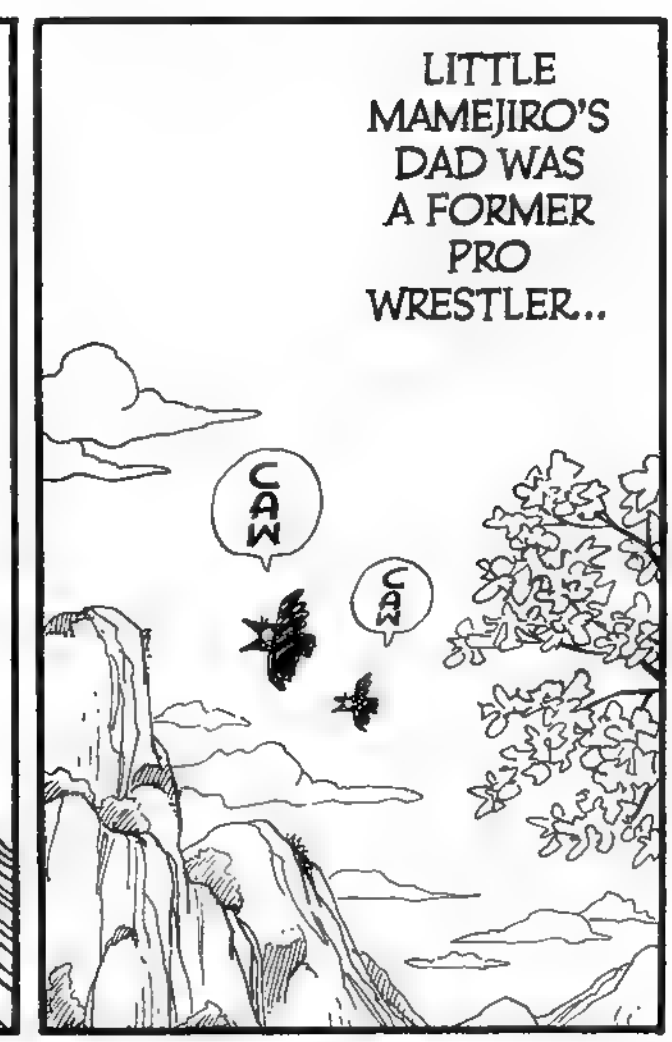
YOU STILL NEED MORE TRAINING...
FLICK
HEH HEH HEH...


AAAAAH!!


HAAAA HAH HAH HAH!!

...!
PLINK

SO PROMISED LITTLE MAMEJIRO (AGE 6) IN HIS HEART OF HEARTS.
OOOH, HE MAKES MY BLOOD BOIL!!! SO, THAT'S HOW IT IS, HUH?! GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO... BECOME A JUVENILE DELIN-QUENT!!!
THAT'LL SHOW HIM!!!


LITTLE MAMEJIRO'S DAD WAS A FORMER PRO WRESTLER...
CAW
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BUT LITTLE MAMEJIRO (AGE 6) WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY FIGURING OUT HOW TO BECOME A JUVENILE DELINQUENT...

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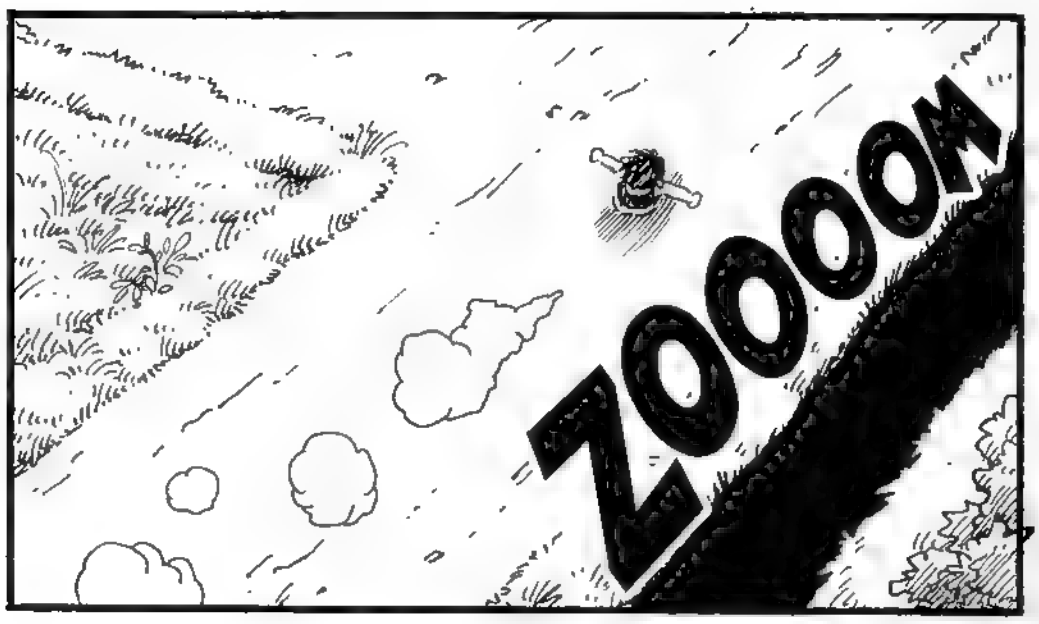
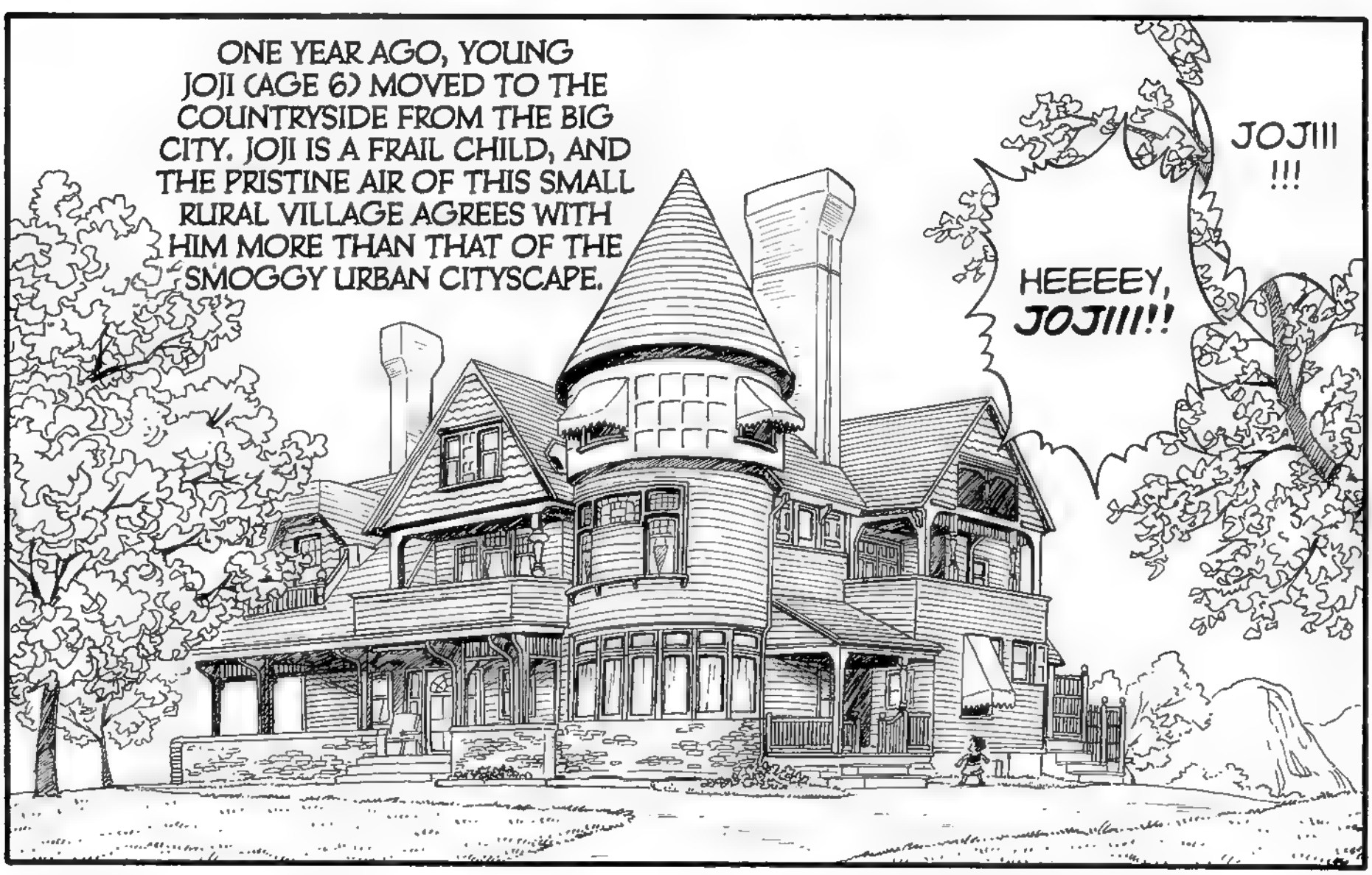
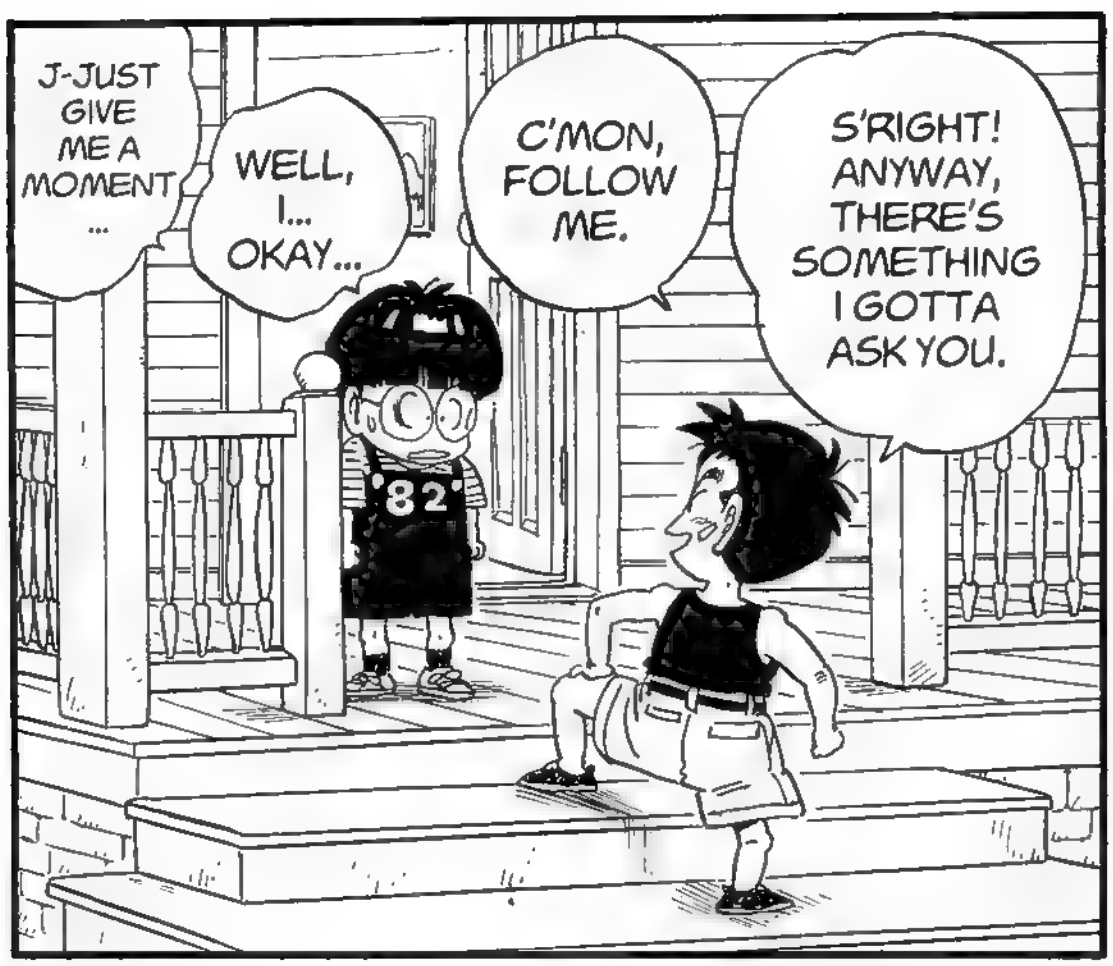
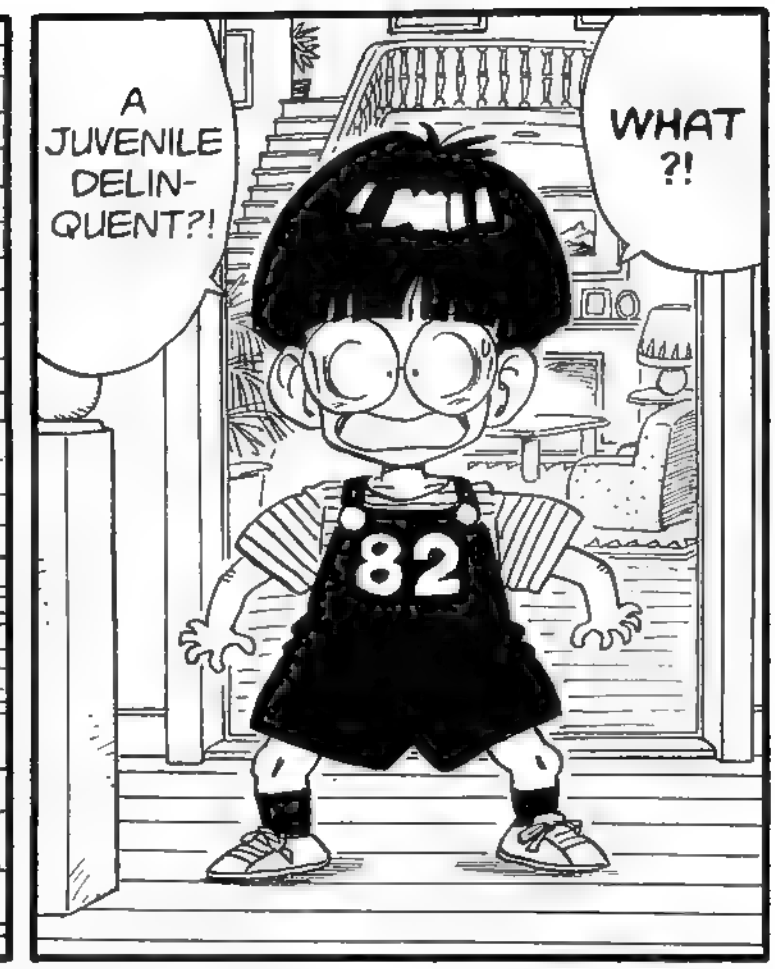
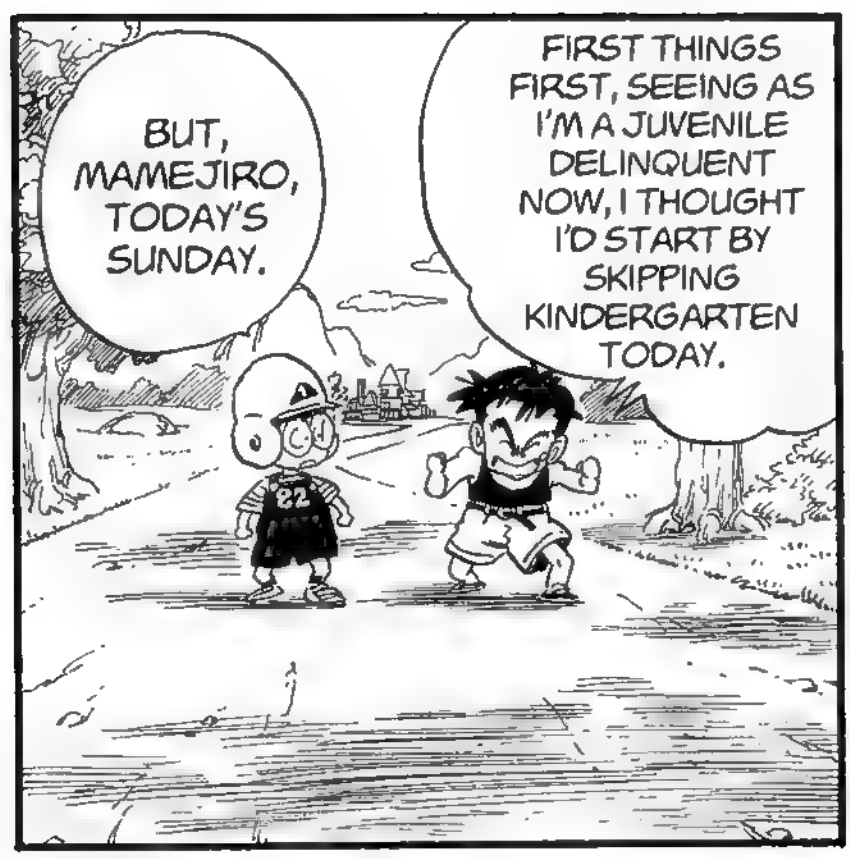





J-JUST GIVE ME A MOMENT ...
WELL, I... OKAY...
C'MON, FOLLOW ME.
S'RIGHT! ANYWAY, THERE'S SOMETHING I GOTTA ASK YOU.

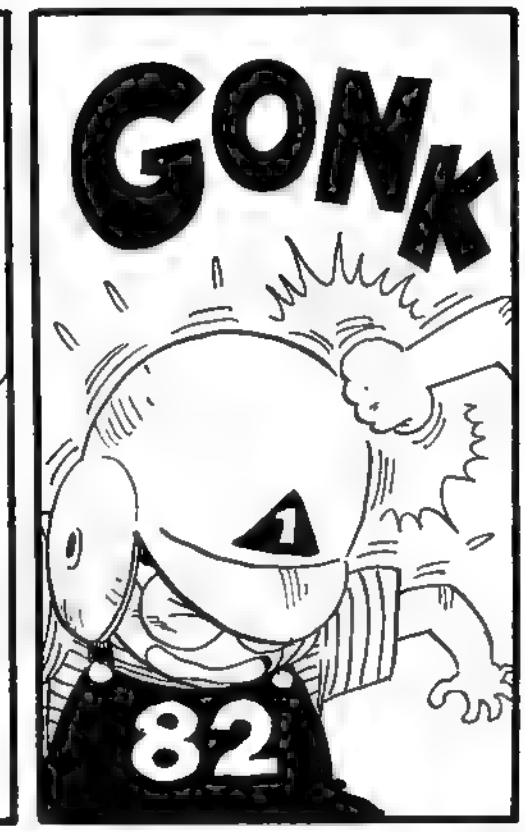

A JUVENILE DELIN-QUENT?!
WHAT ?!


BUT, MAMEJIRO, TODAY'S SUNDAY.
FIRST THINGS FIRST, SEEING AS I'M A JUVENILE DELINQUENT NOW, I THOUGHT I'D START BY SKIPPING KINDERGARTEN TODAY.

IT'S, UH... IN FASHION NOW! YEAH, THAT'S IT!
TH-THIS?!
WHADDAYA NEED THAT HELMET FOR?

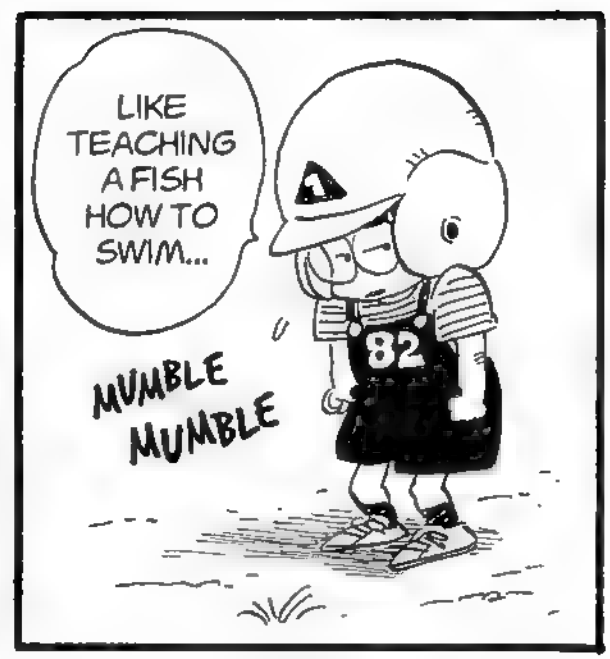
YOU LIVED IN THE BIG CITY, SO YOU GOTTA KNOW ALL ABOUT THAT STUFF.
WHAT'S A DELINQUENT S'POSED TO DO WHEN THEY SKIP KINDER-GARTEN?
SPILL THE BEANS!

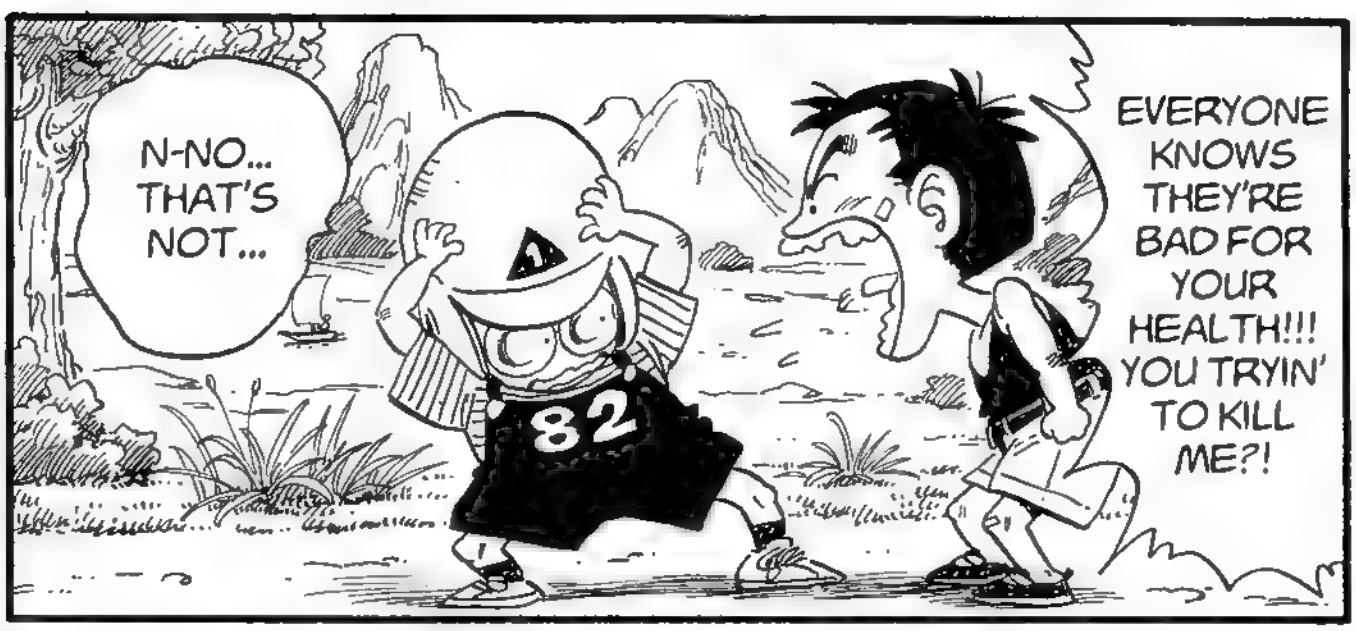
I KNEW THIS WOULD COME IN HANDY...
N-NO MATTER... I GUESS...
SO WHAT IF IT IS?!


GONK

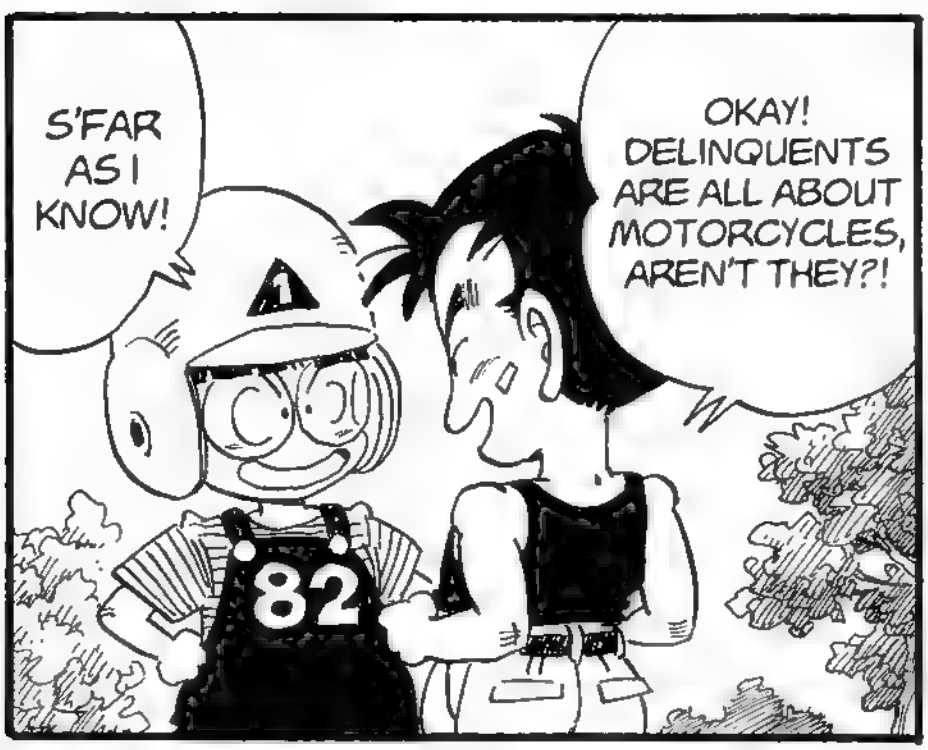
YEAH, DELIN-QUENTS SMOKE CIGA-RETTES!!
ER, UH, CIGA-RETTES!!

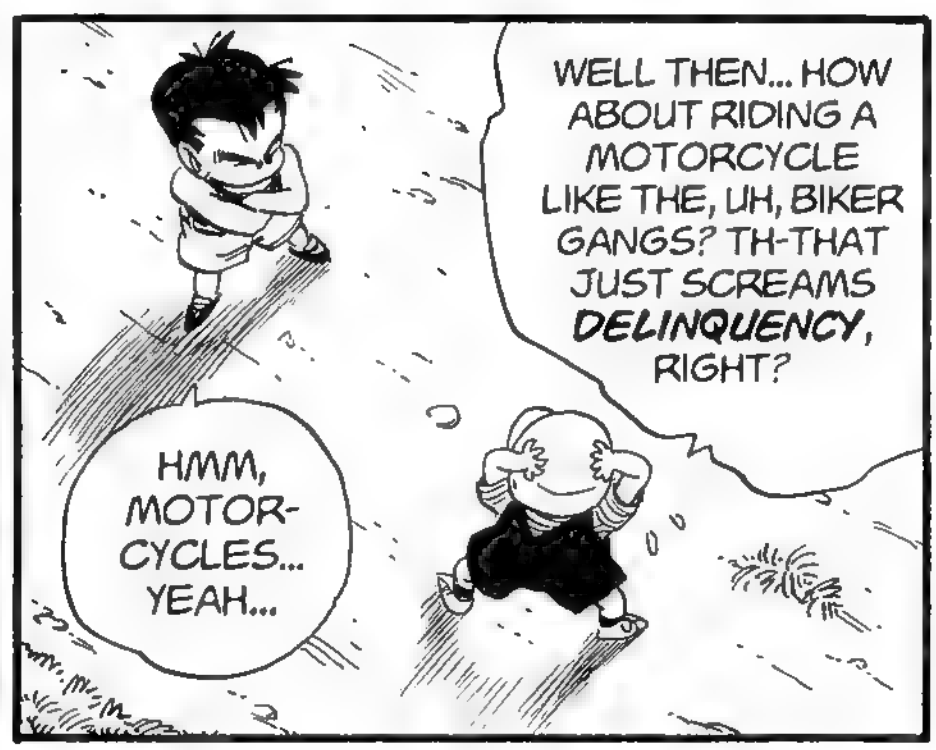
NO, NO! N-NOT AT ALL!
YOU SAY SOME-THING?!

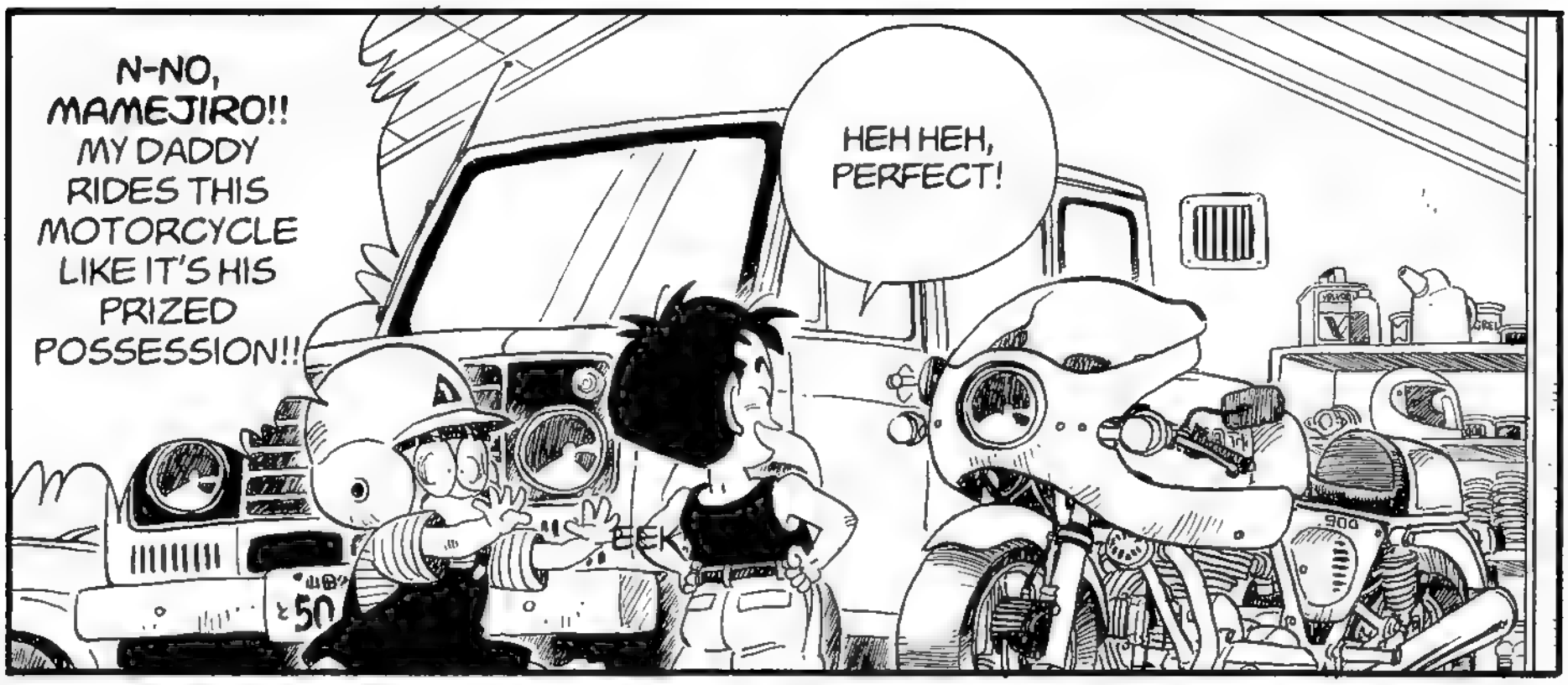

LIKE TEACHING A FISH HOW TO SWIM...
MUMBLE MUMBLE

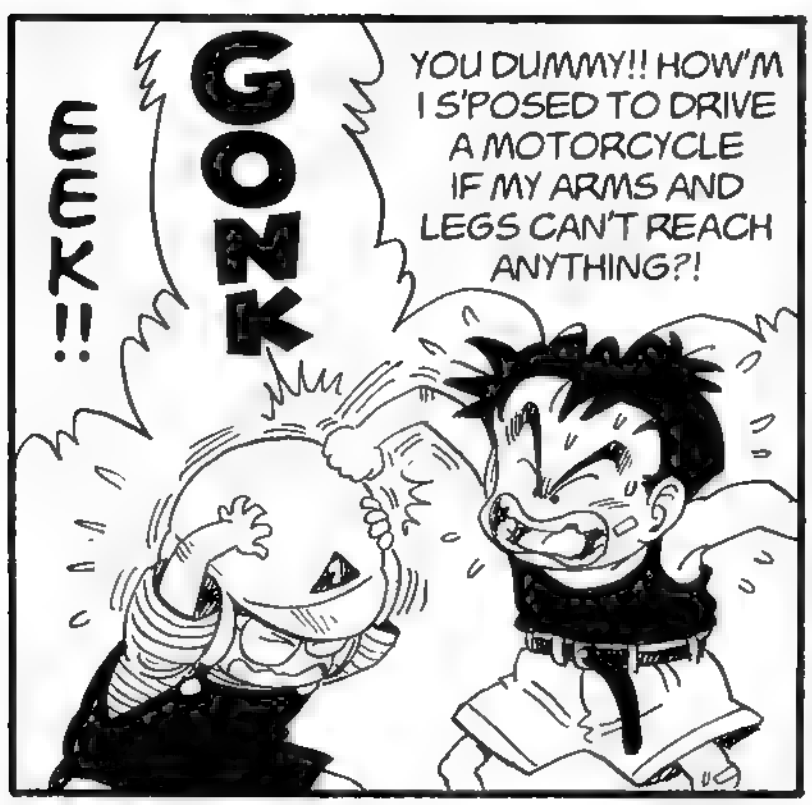

N-NO... THAT'S NOT...
EVERYONE KNOWS THEY'RE BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH!!! YOU TRYIN' TO KILL ME?!

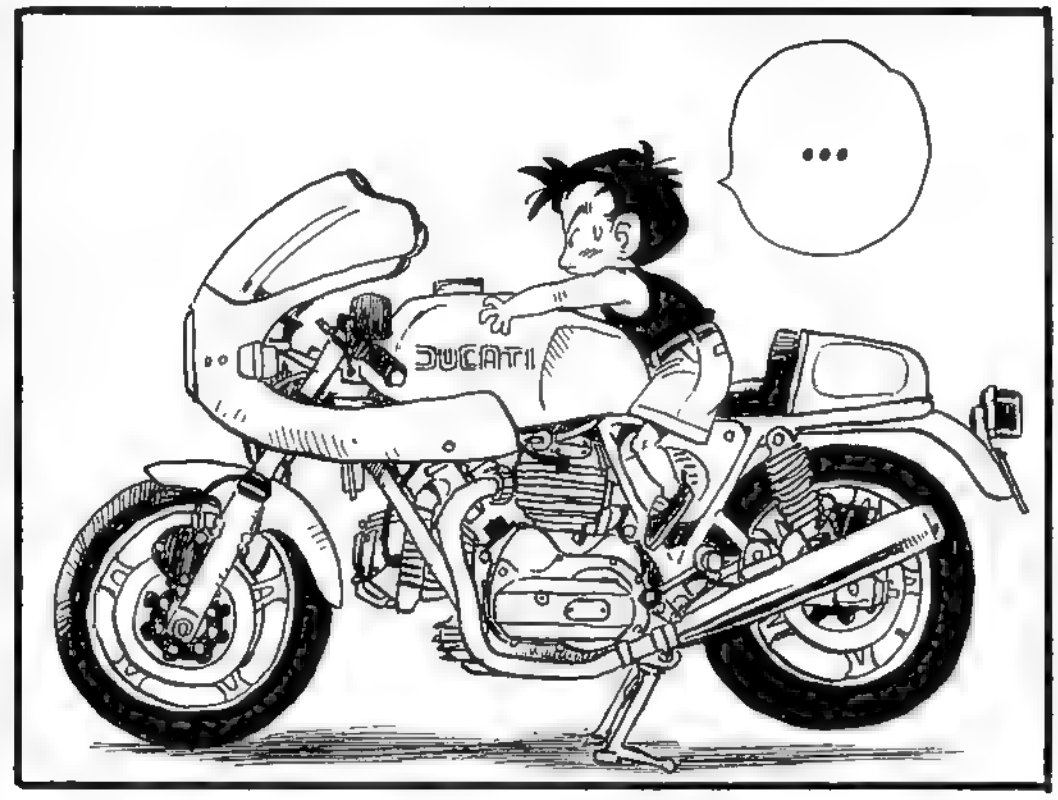
GONK


S'FAR AS I KNOW!
OKAY! DELINQUENTS ARE ALL ABOUT MOTORCYCLES, AREN'T THEY?!


WELL THEN... HOW ABOUT RIDING A MOTORCYCLE LIKE THE, UH, BIKER GANGS? TH-THAT JUST SCREAMS DELINQUENCY, RIGHT?
HMM, MOTOR-CYCLES... YEAH...


N-NO, MAMEJIRO!! MY DADDY RIDES THIS MOTORCYCLE LIKE IT'S HIS PRIZED POSSESSION!!
HEH HEH, PERFECT!
EEK


EEK!!
GONK
YOU DUMMY!! HOW'M I S'POSED TO DRIVE A MOTORCYCLE IF MY ARMS AND LEGS CAN'T REACH ANYTHING?!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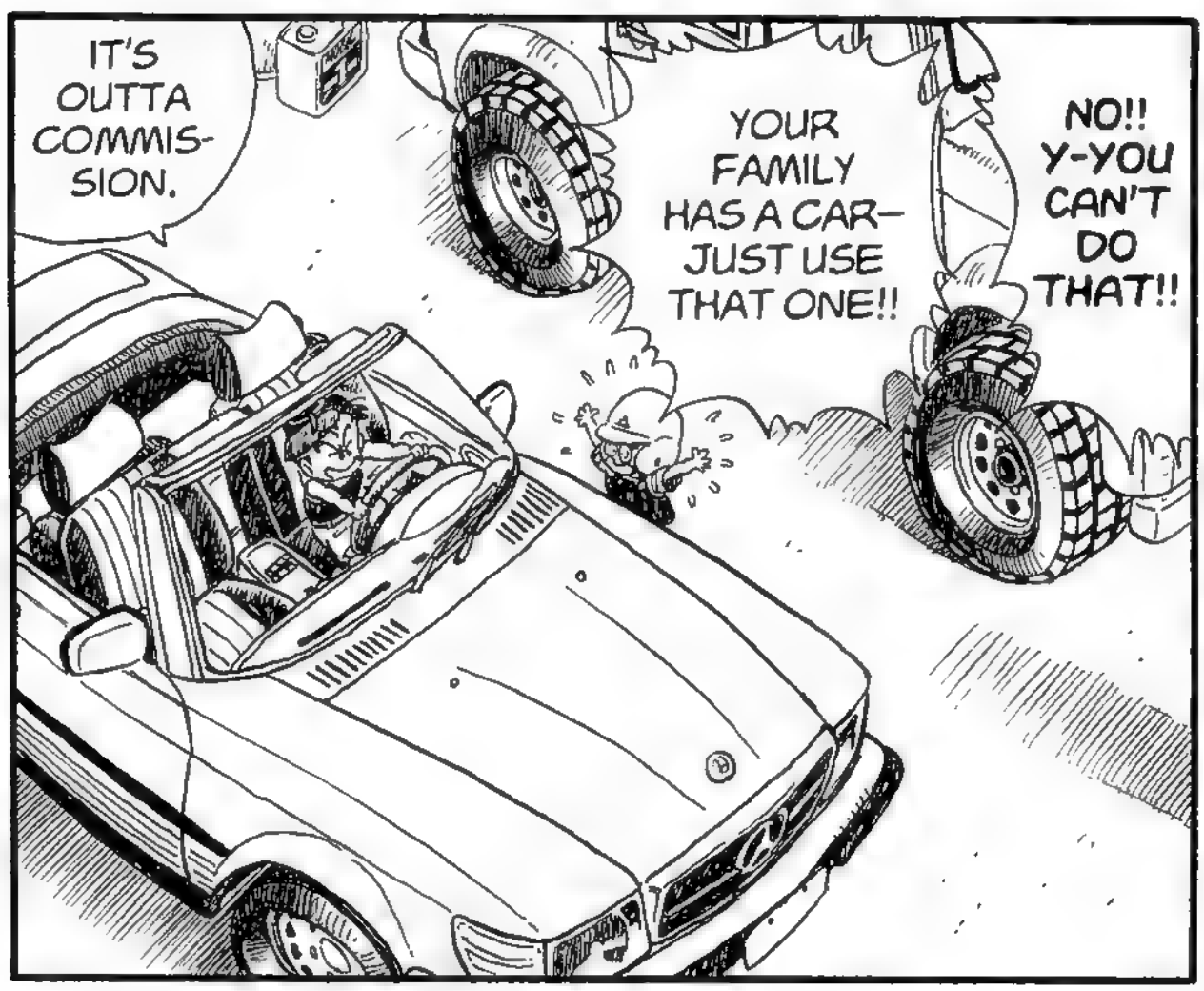
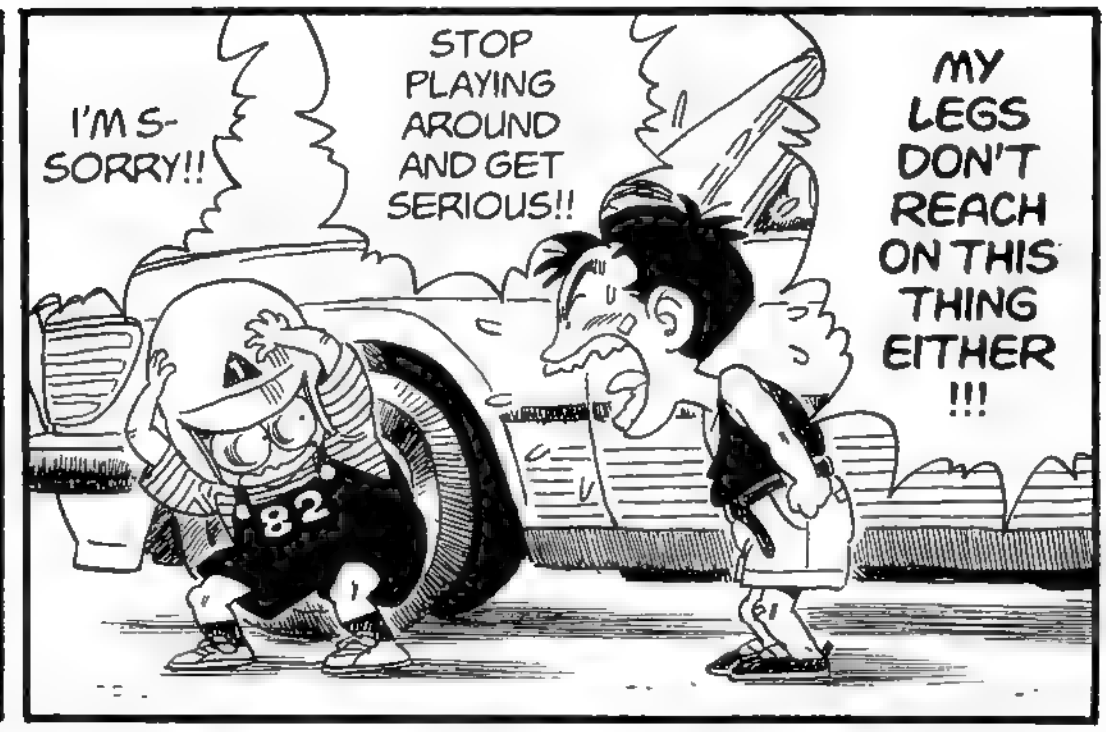
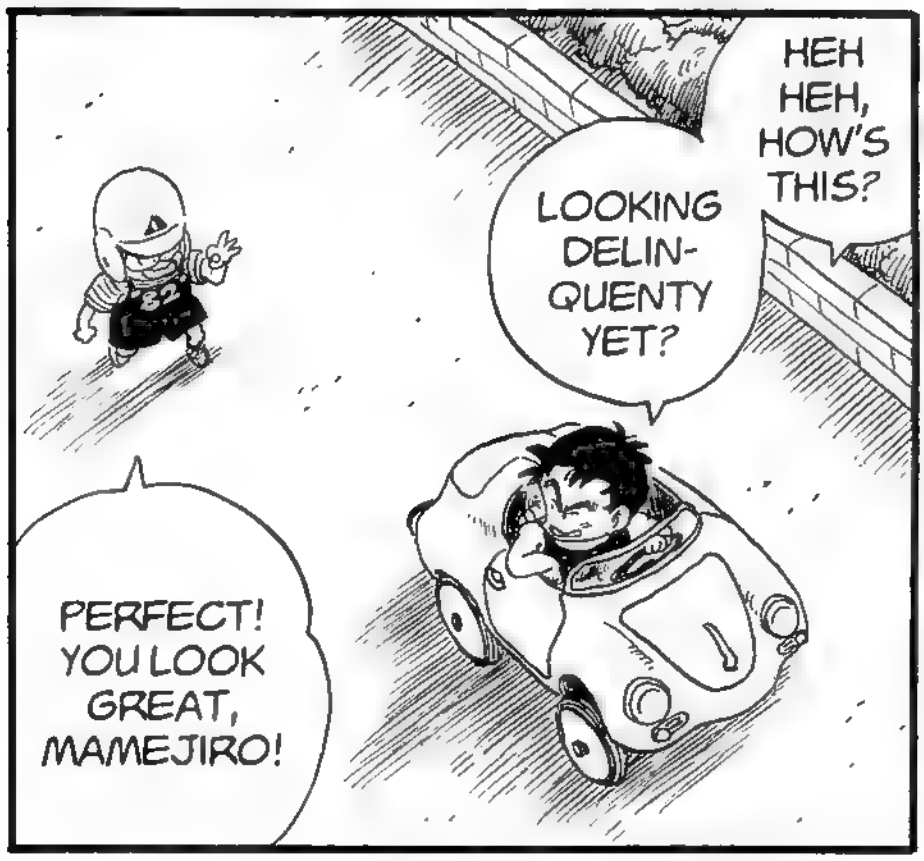
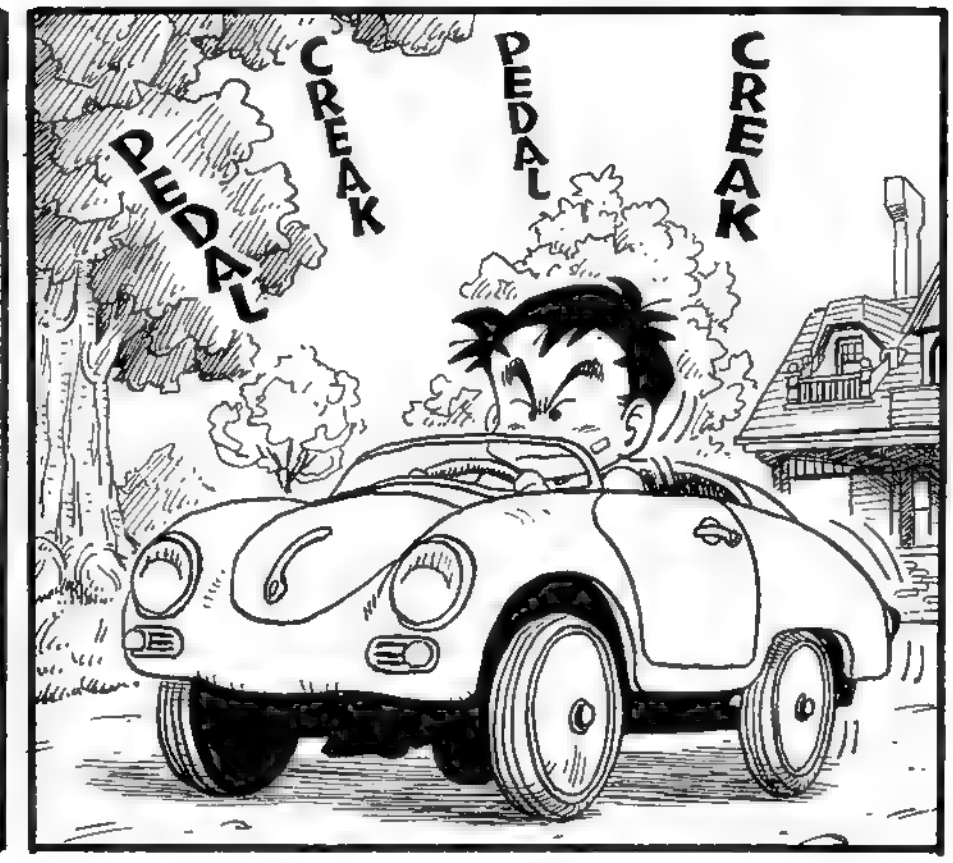

IT'S OUTTA COMMIS-SION.
YOUR FAMILY HAS A CAR– JUST USE THAT ONE!!
NO!! Y-YOU CAN'T DO THAT!!

W-WELL, HOW ABOUT A CAR THEN?!
A CAR, HUH?

...LEND YOU MY VEHI-CLE?
I-I GUESS I COULD ...


I'M S-SORRY!!
STOP PLAYING AROUND AND GET SERIOUS!!
MY LEGS DON'T REACH ON THIS THING EITHER !!!


HEH HEH, HOW'S THIS?
LOOKING DELIN-QUENTY YET?
PERFECT! YOU LOOK GREAT, MAMEJIRO!


PEDAL
CREAK
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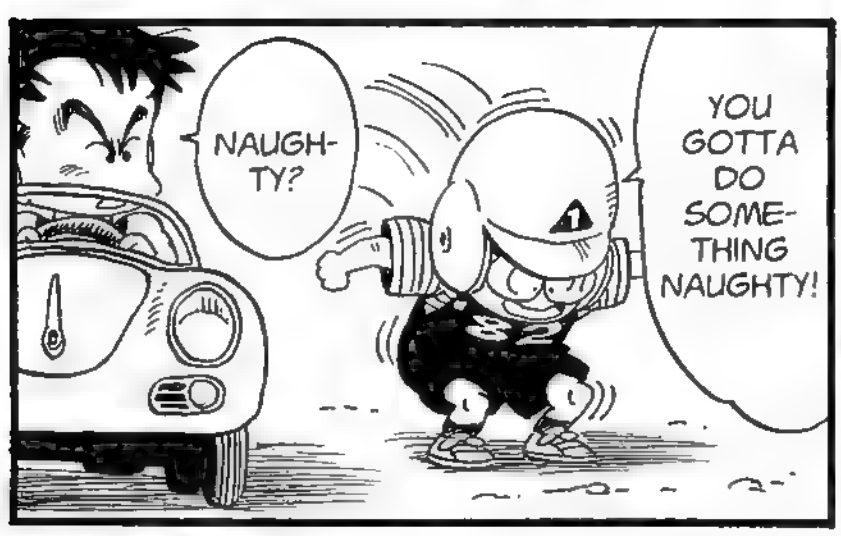
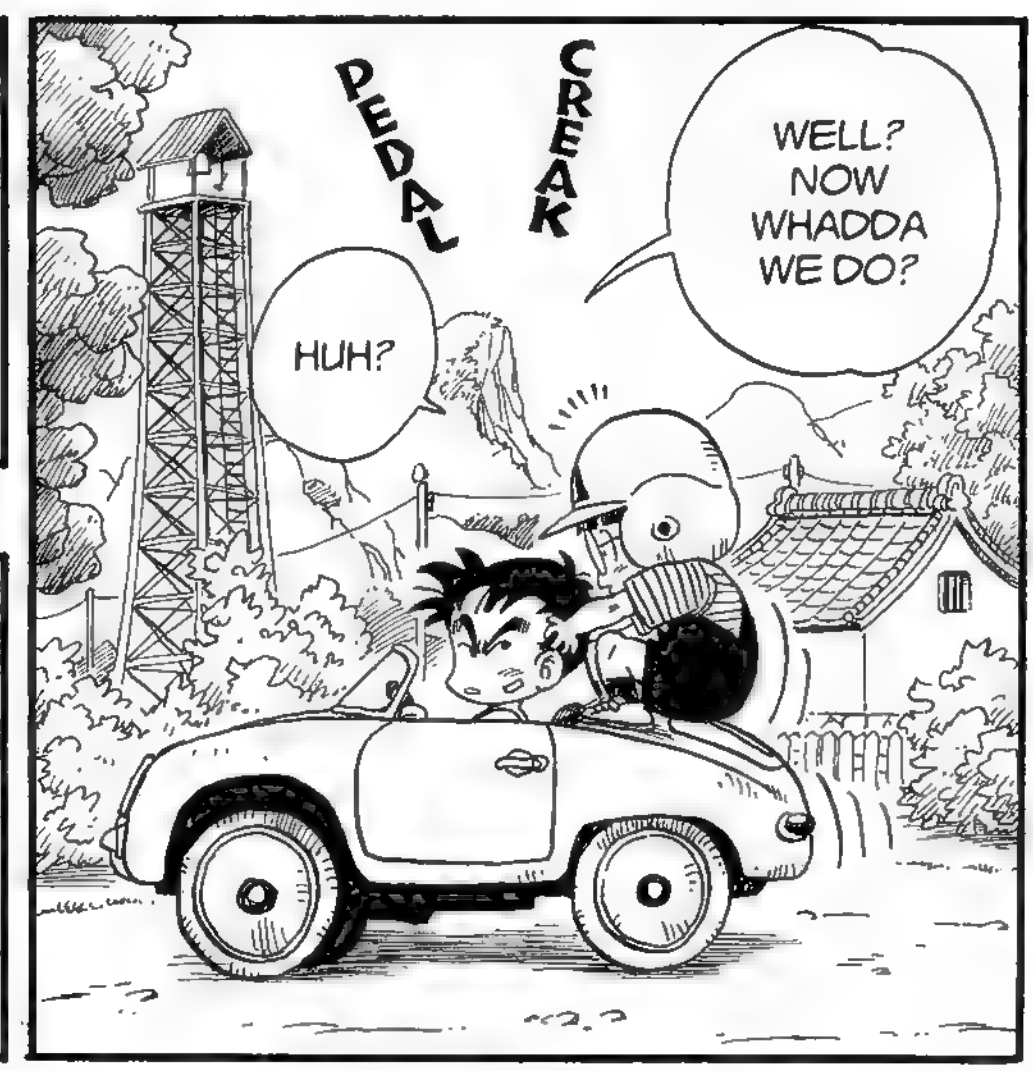
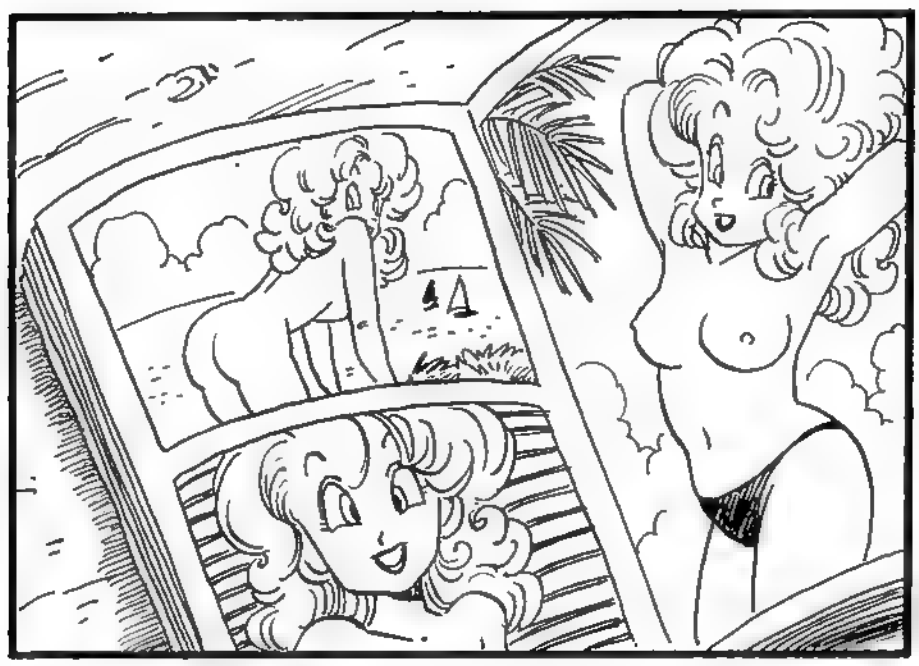
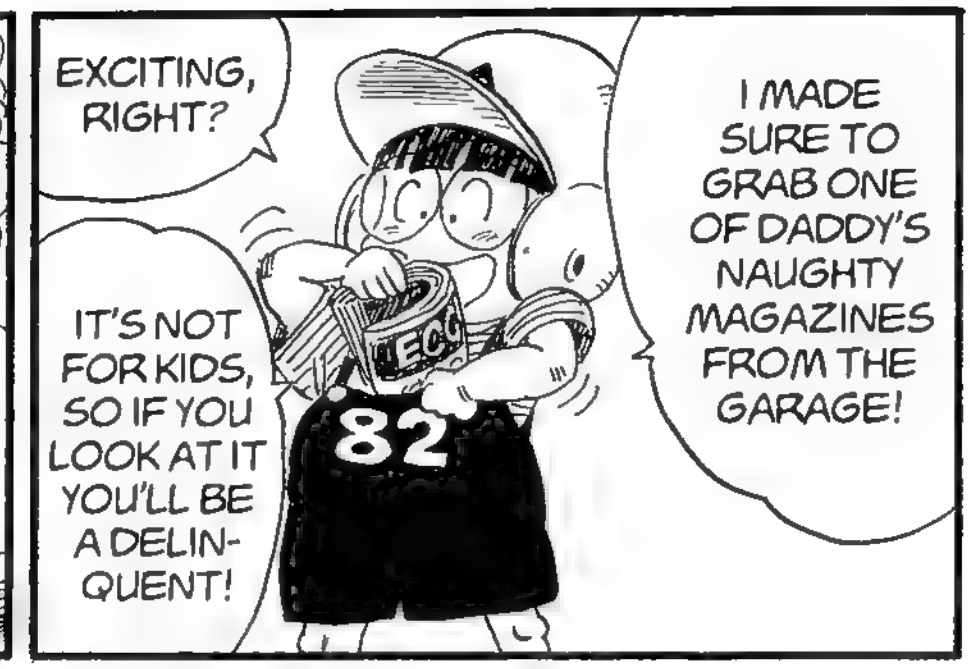
WHAT'RE YOU LAUGH-ING ABOUT?
HEH HEH HEH...


NAUGH-TY?
YOU GOTTA DO SOME-THING NAUGHTY!


PEDAL
CREAK
HUH?
WELL? NOW WHADDA WE DO?




EXCITING, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT FOR KIDS, SO IF YOU LOOK AT IT YOU'LL BE A DELIN-QUENT!
I MADE SURE TO GRAB ONE OF DADDY'S NAUGHTY MAGAZINES FROM THE GARAGE!
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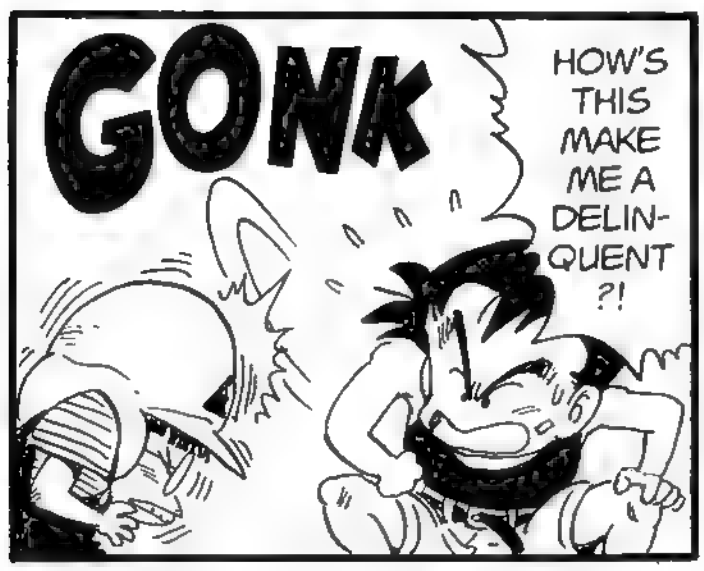
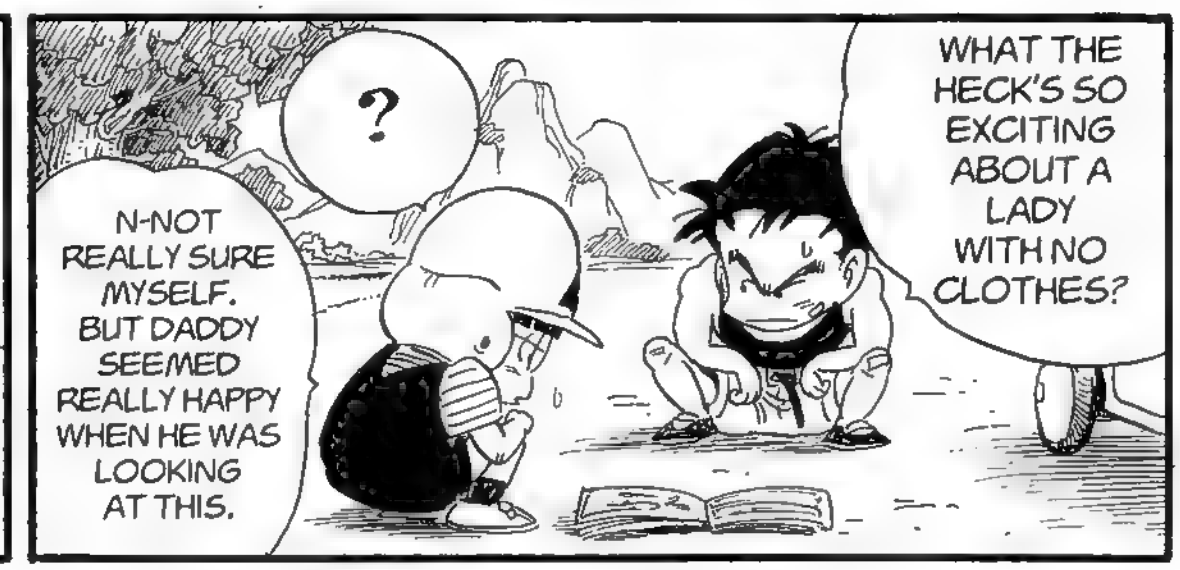

GONK
HOW'S THIS MAKE ME A DELIN-QUENT ?!


?
N-NOT REALLY SURE MYSELF. BUT DADDY SEEMED REALLY HAPPY WHEN HE WAS LOOKING AT THIS.
WHAT THE HECK'S SO EXCITING ABOUT A LADY WITH NO CLOTHES?

"HEY! GIMME ALL YOUR MONEY!"
YOU GOTTA TAKE MONEY FROM SOMEBODY! AND YOU GOTTA SAY IT LIKE...
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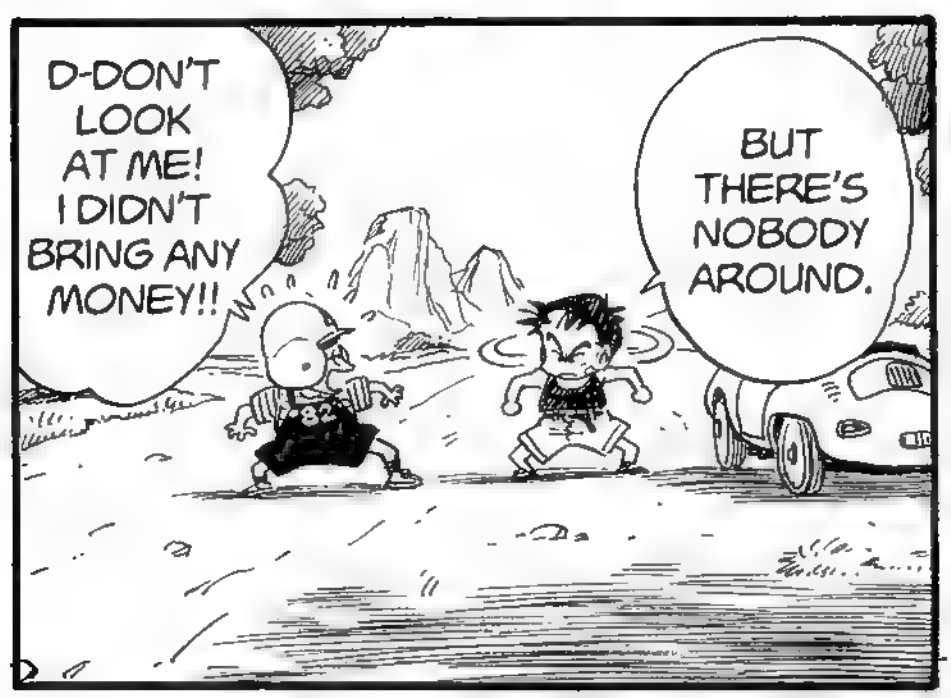
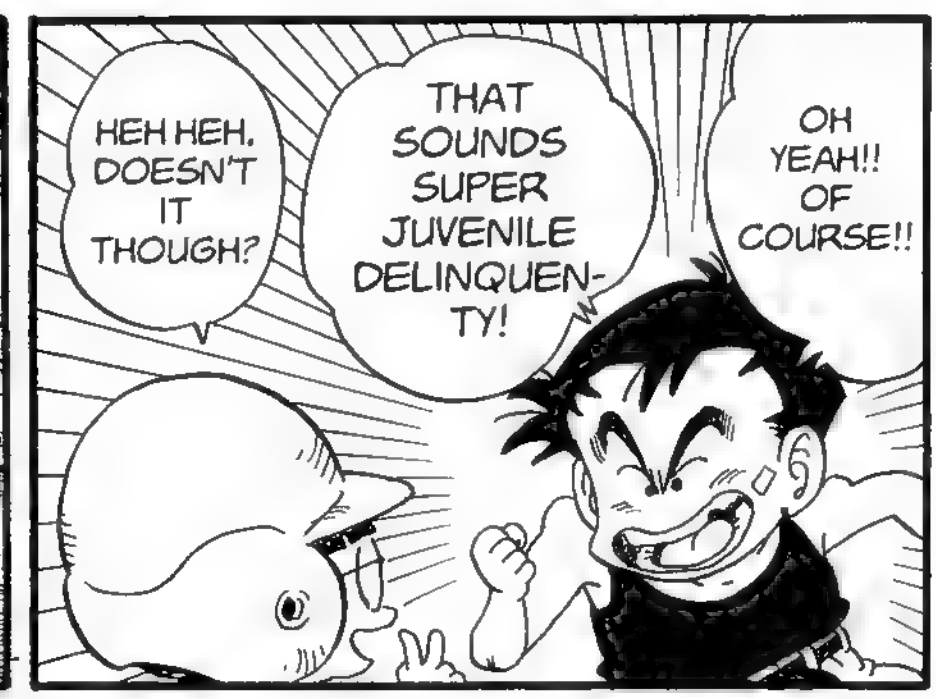
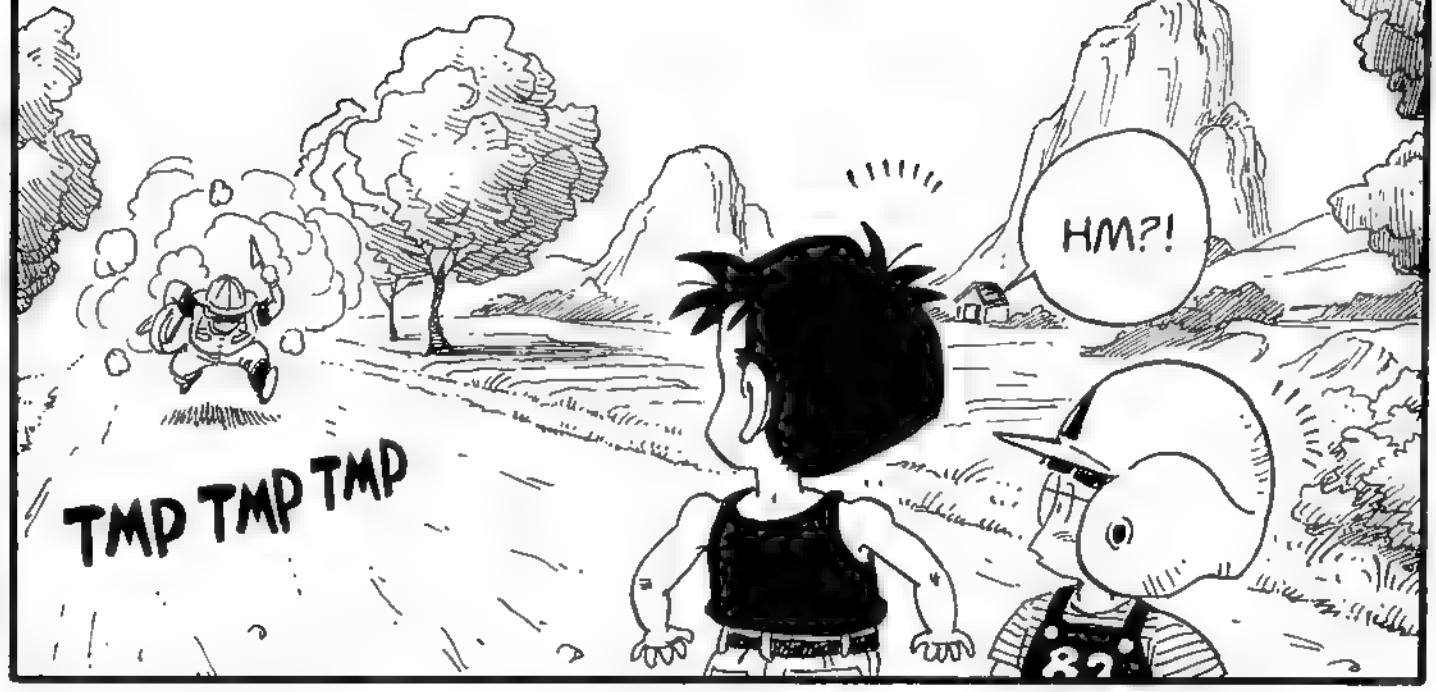
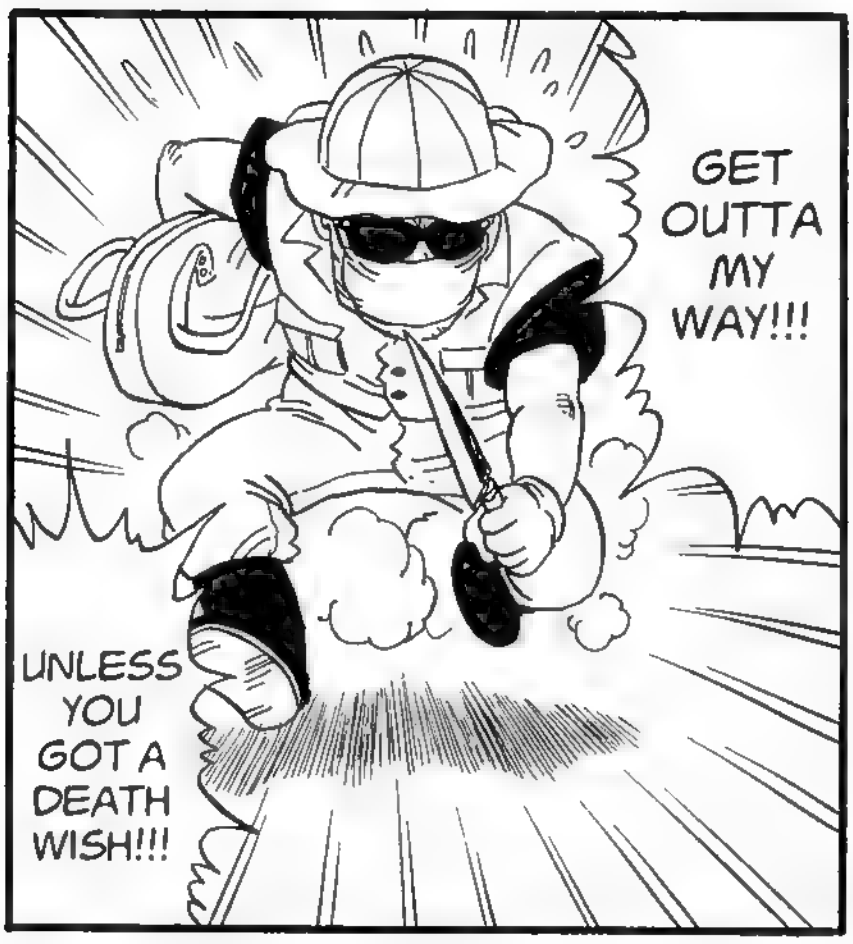
THIS SOUNDS GOOD! FINALLY, WE'RE GETTIN' SOME-WHERE!
O-okay! You've forced my hand! I'll teach you the most juvenile delinquenty thing I know!
Aw, c'mon...

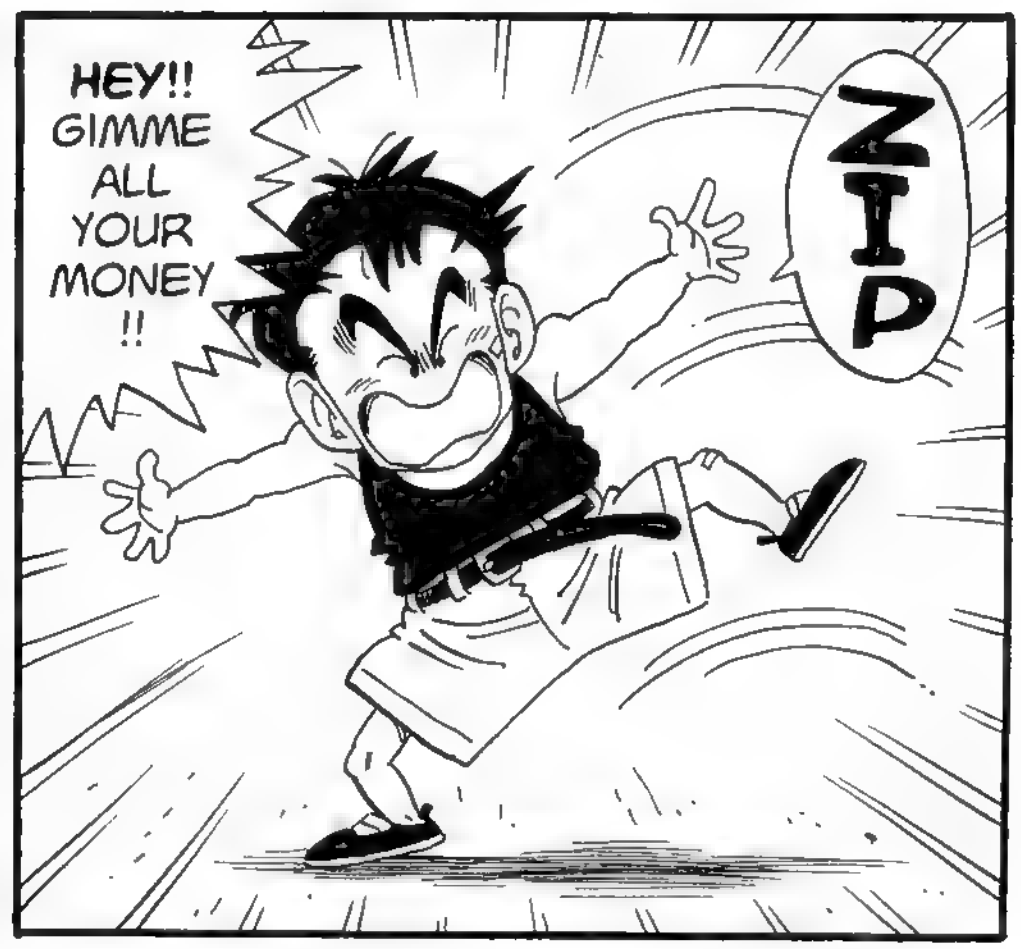

D-DON'T LOOK AT ME! I DIDN'T BRING ANY MONEY!!
BUT THERE'S NOBODY AROUND.

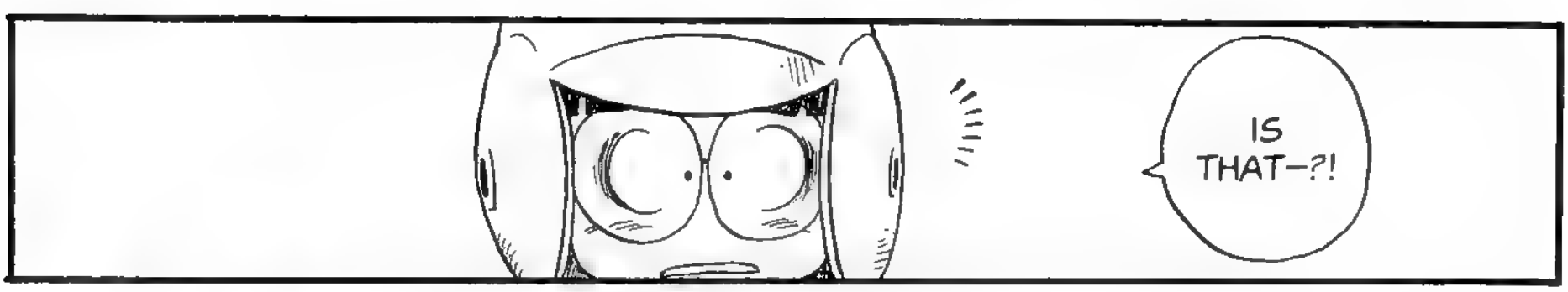

HEH HEH. DOESN'T IT THOUGH?
THAT SOUNDS SUPER JUVENILE DELINQUEN-TY!
OH YEAH!! OF COURSE!!

MY LUCKY DAY !!!


TMP TMP TMP
HM?!


GET OUTTA MY WAY!!!
UNLESS YOU GOT A DEATH WISH!!!


HEY!! GIMME ALL YOUR MONEY !!
ZIP


IS THAT–?!

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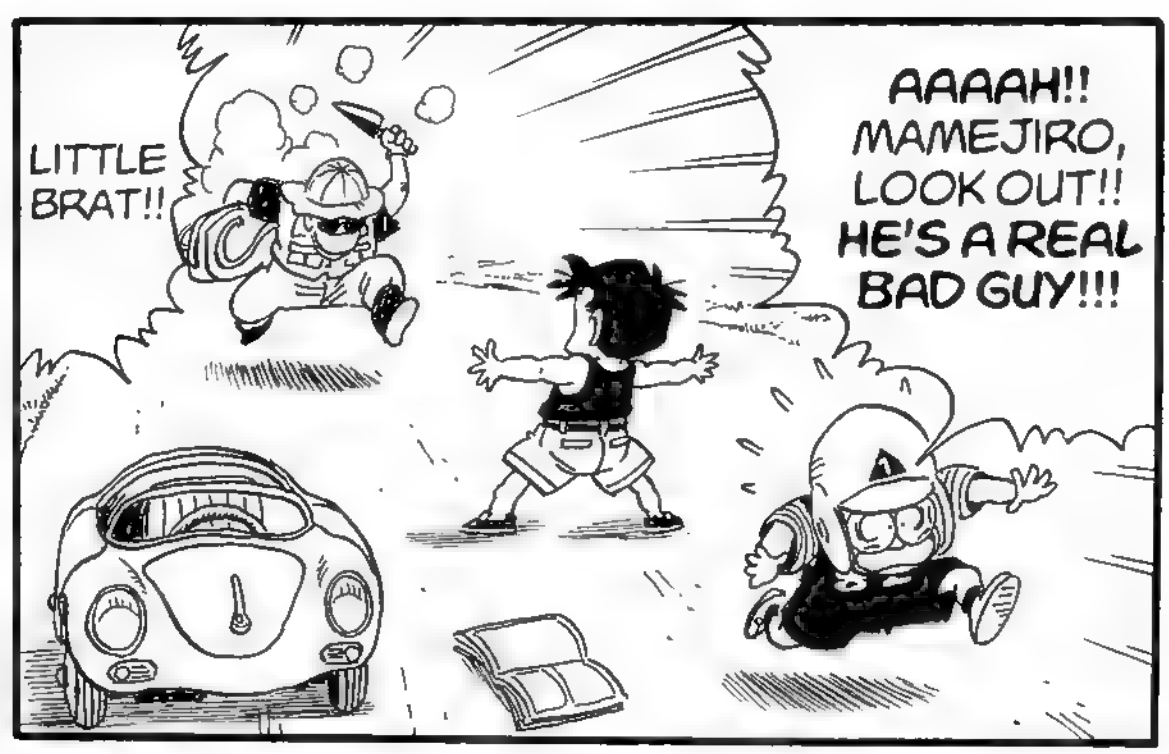
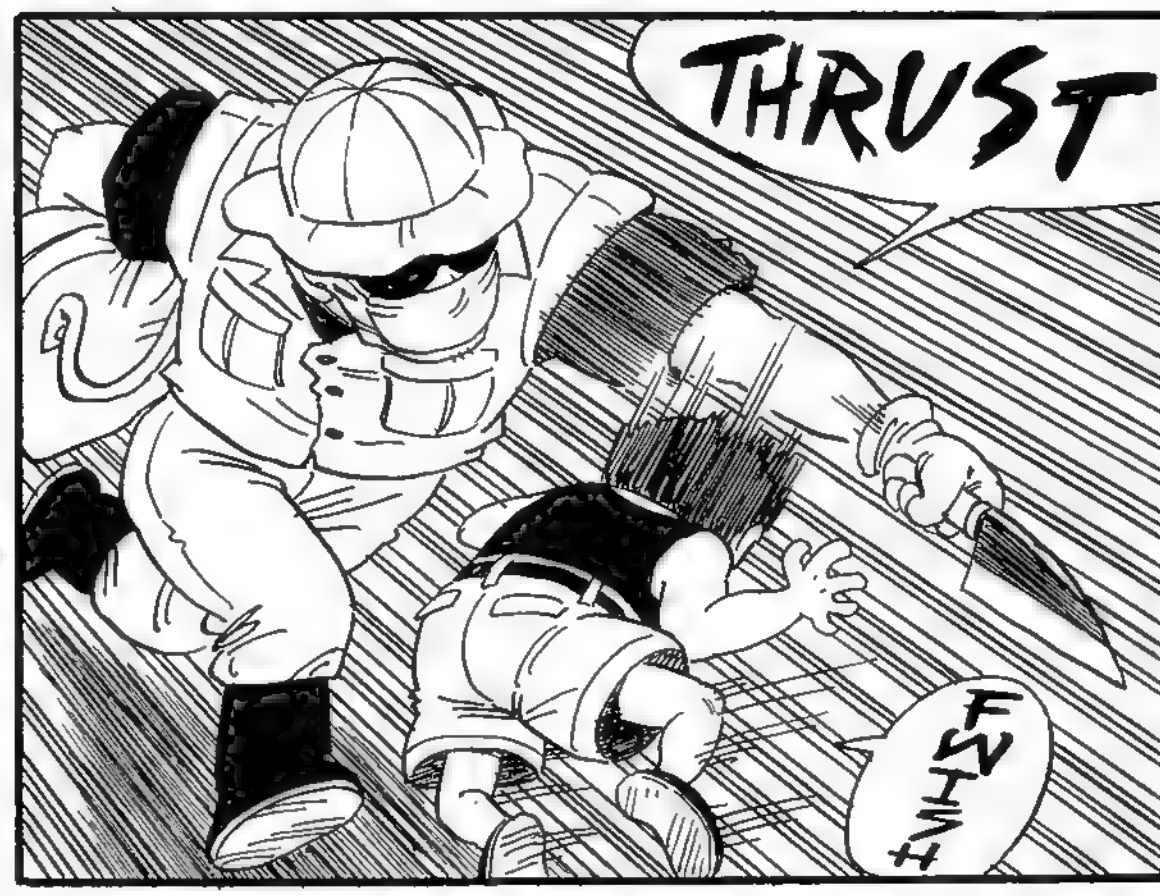

LITTLE BRAT!!
AAAAH!! MAMEJIRO, LOOK OUT!! HE'S A REAL BAD GUY!!!

HEY! GIMME ALL YOUR MONEY!

YOU ASKED FOR IT!!!

HYAAA !!!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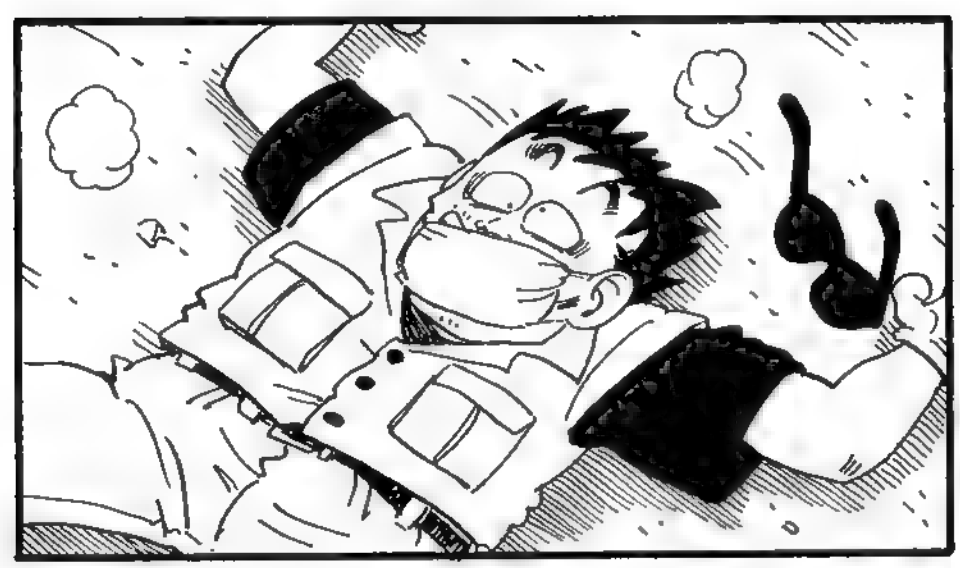
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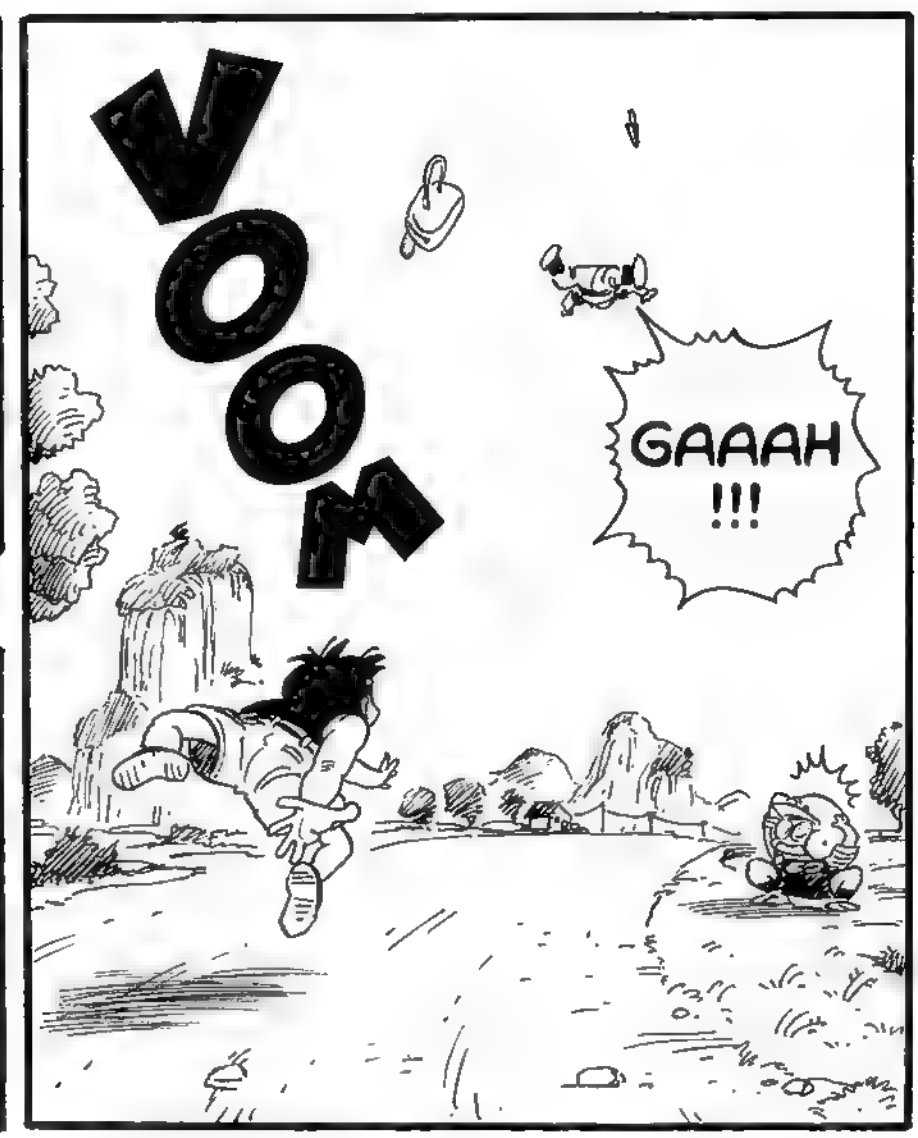
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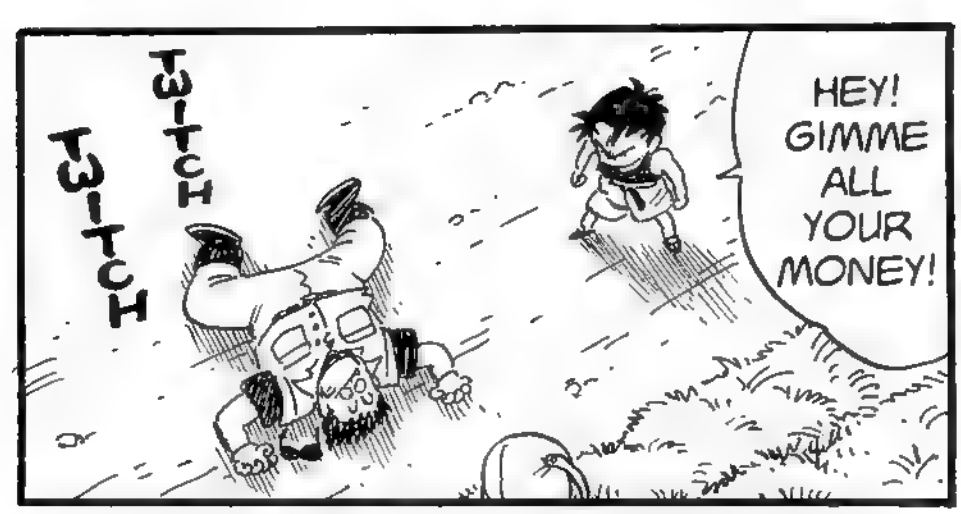
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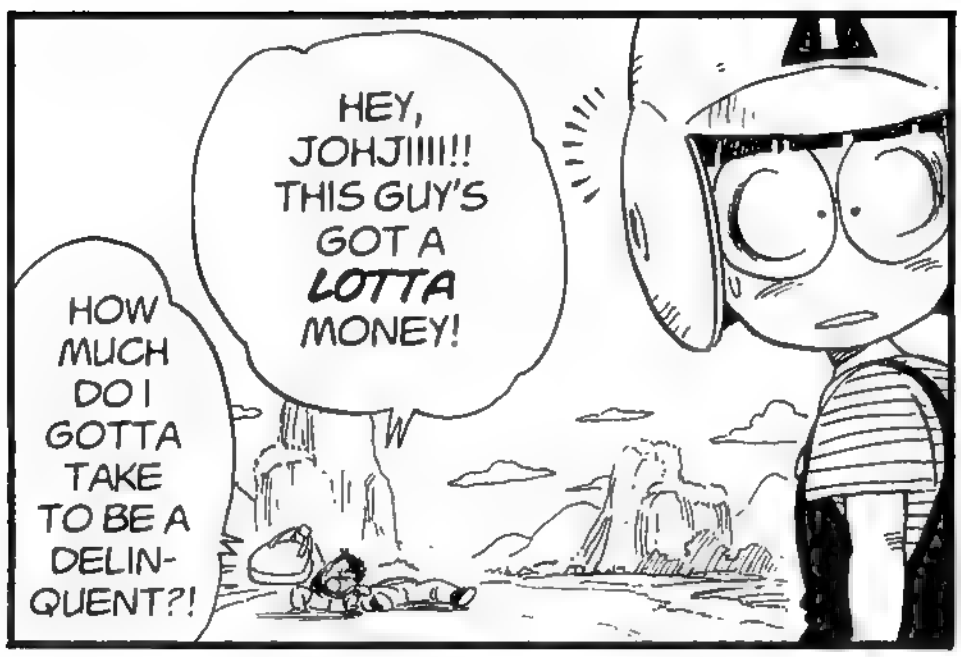

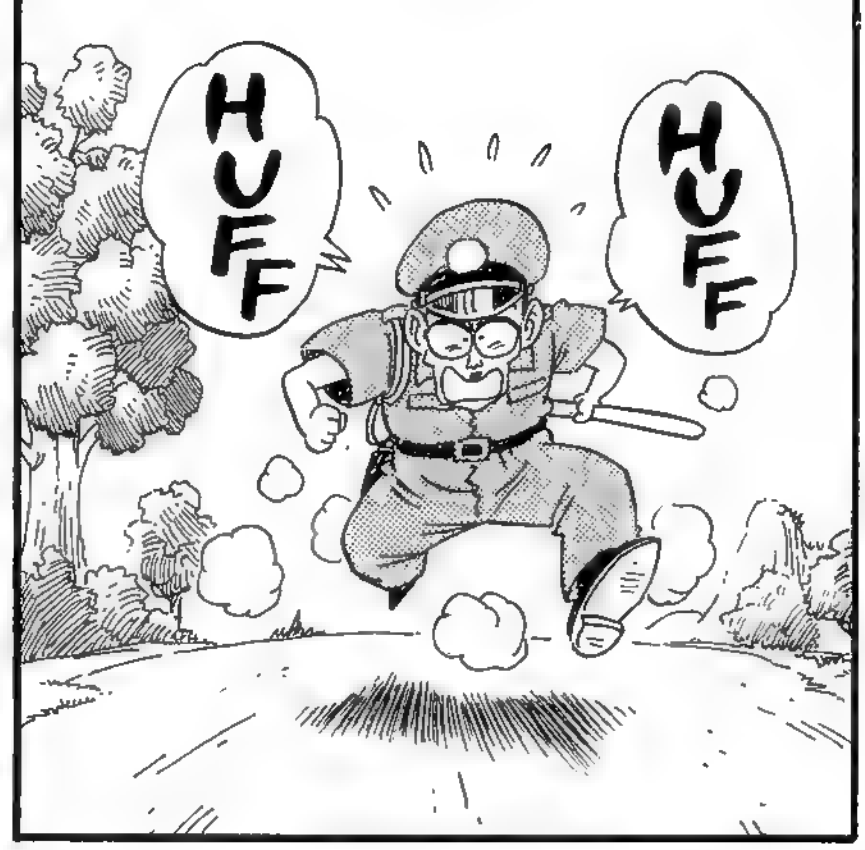

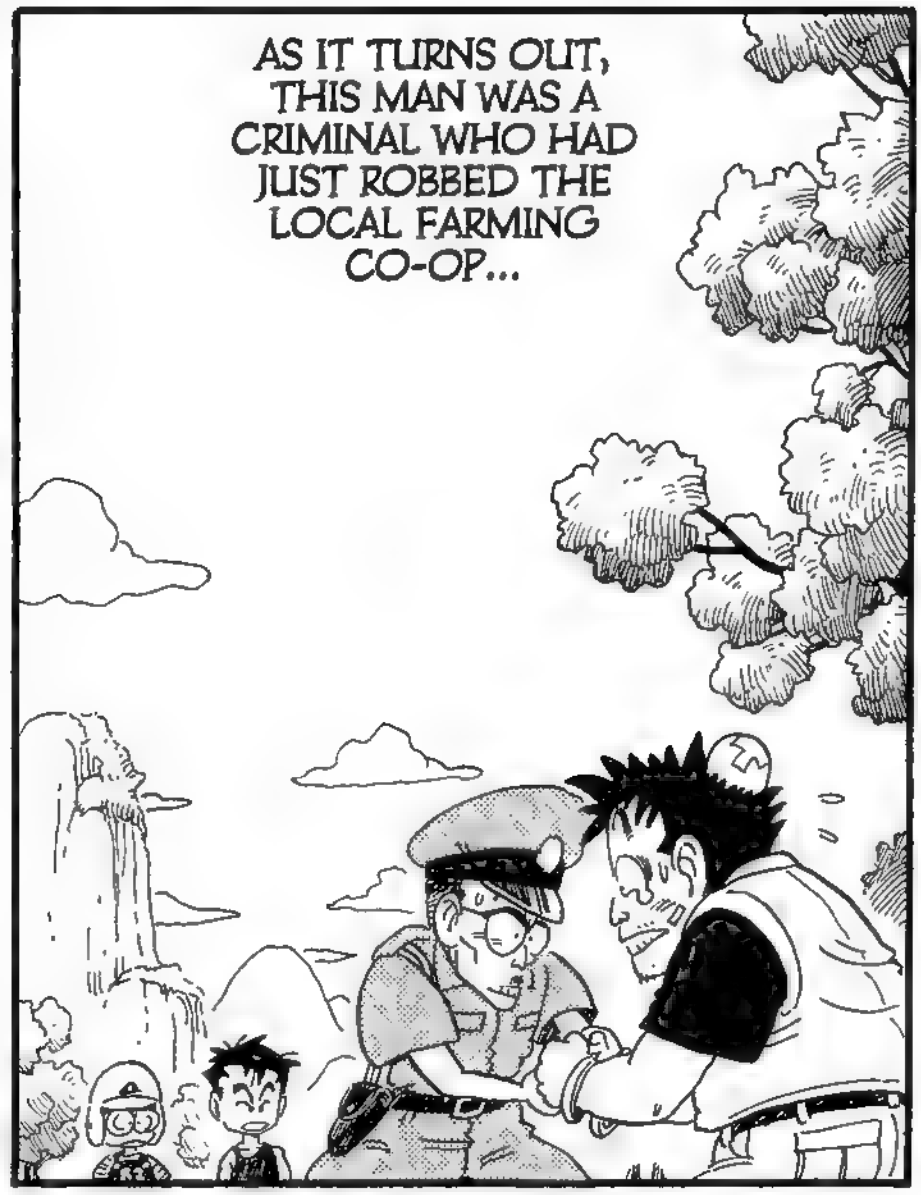

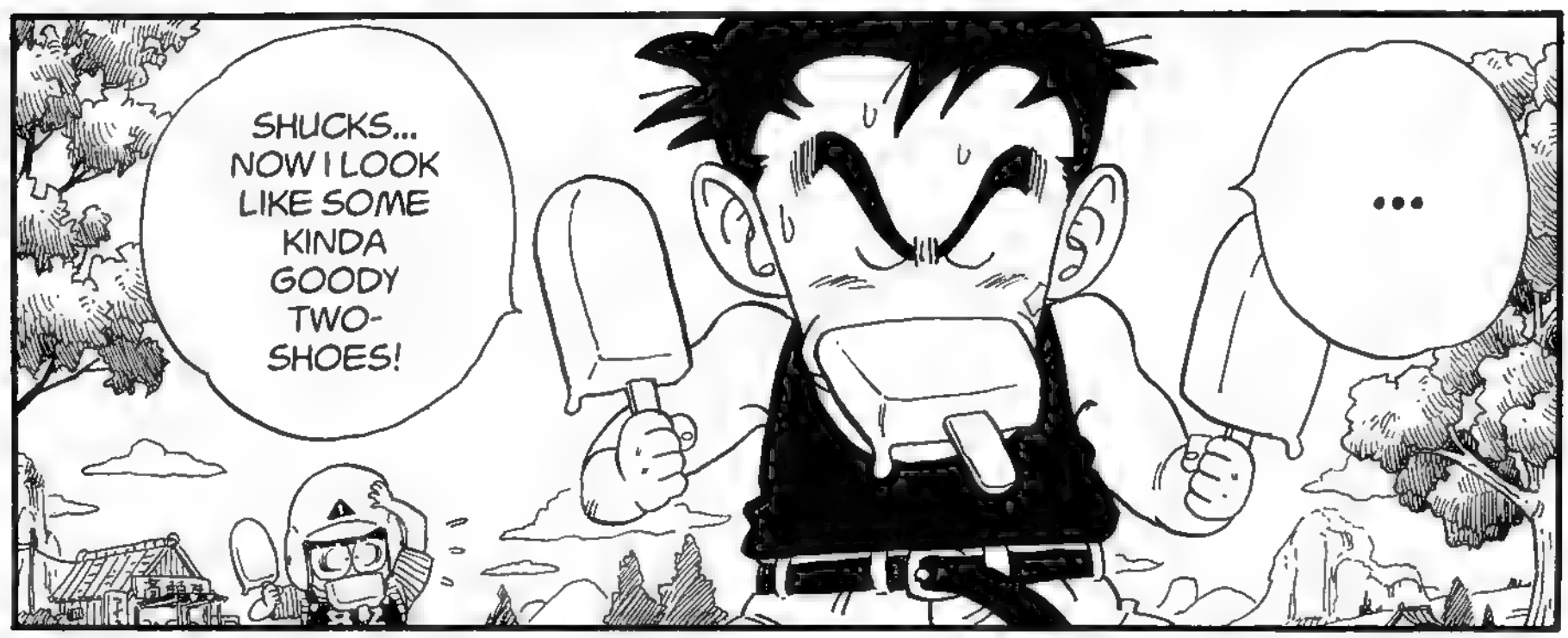

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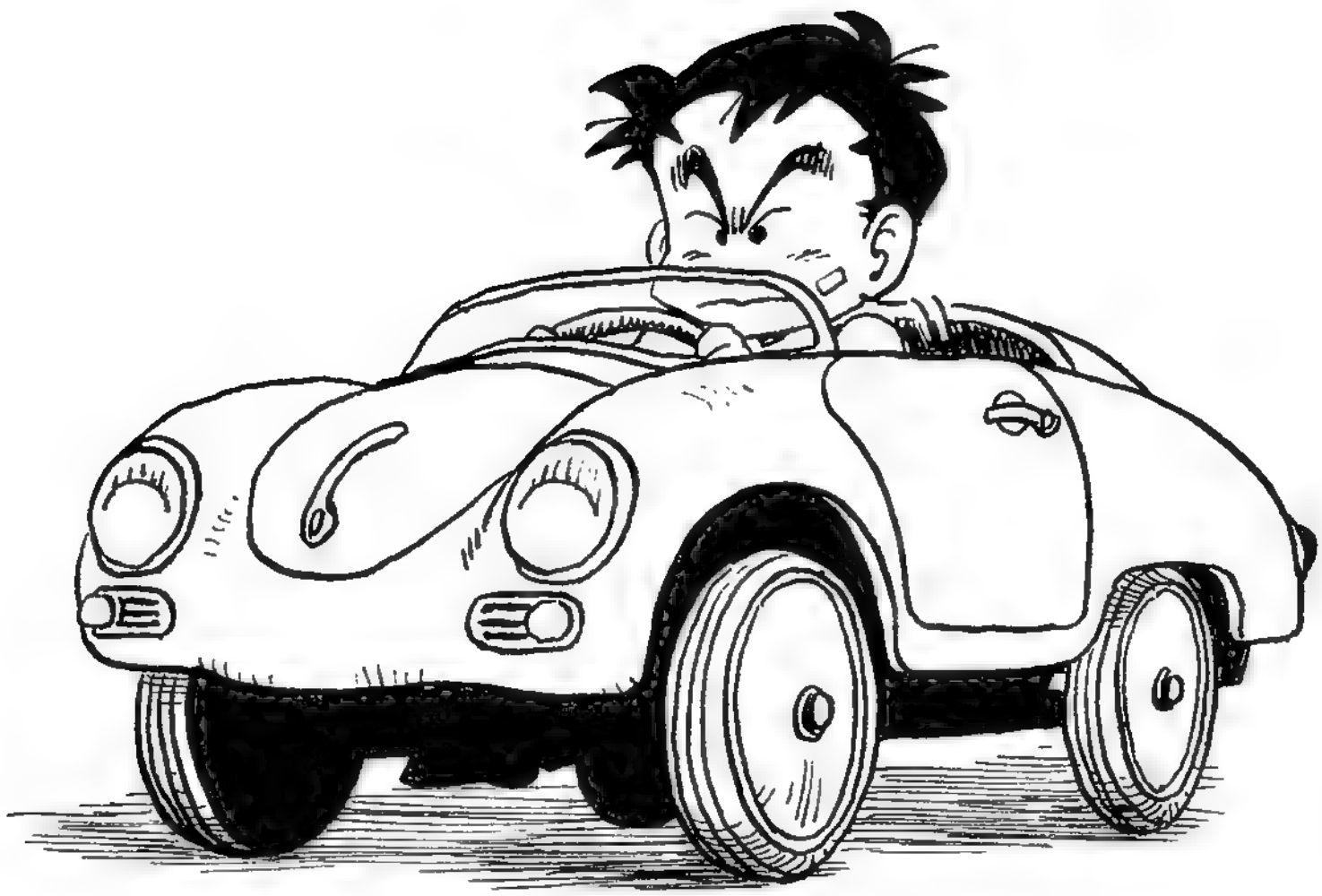
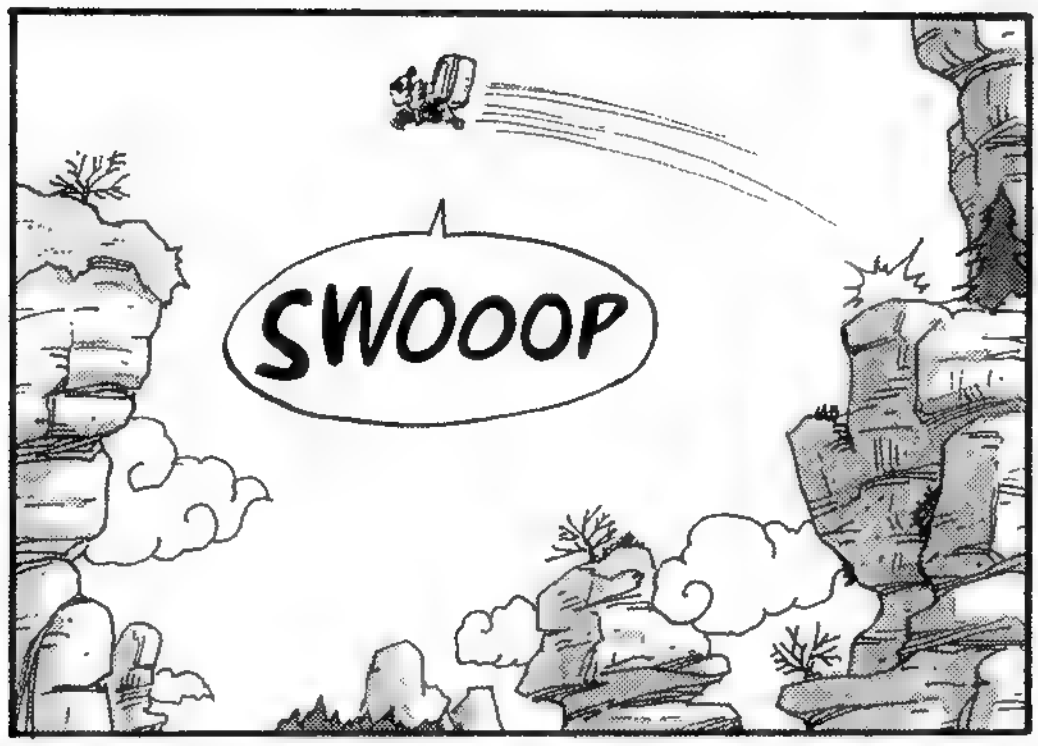
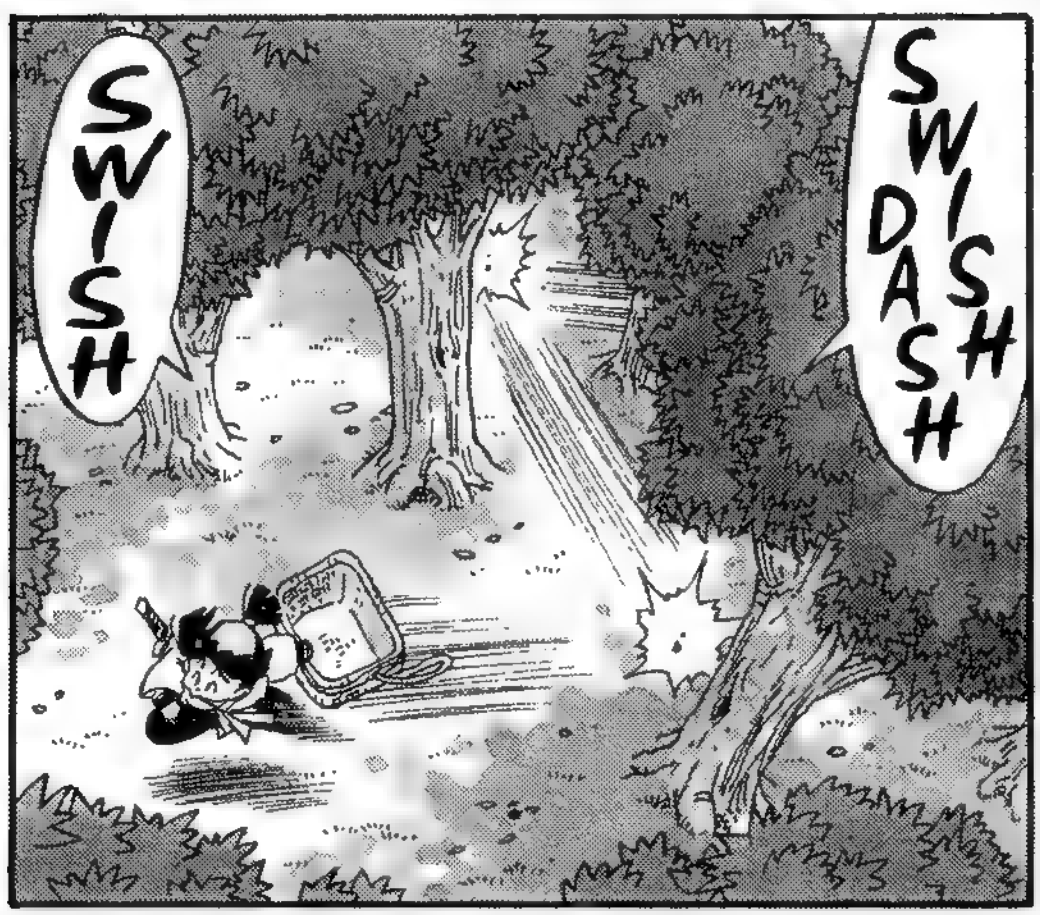


KARAMARU AND THE PERFECT DAY

BIRD AKIRA TORIYAMA STUDIO

IN THE NINTH YEAR OF HANBEI...





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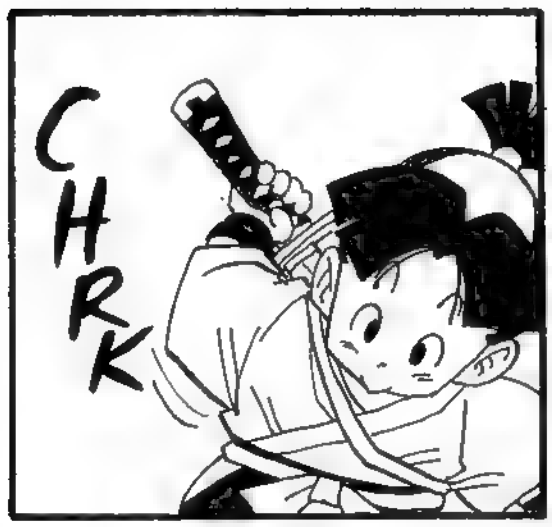
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SHINK

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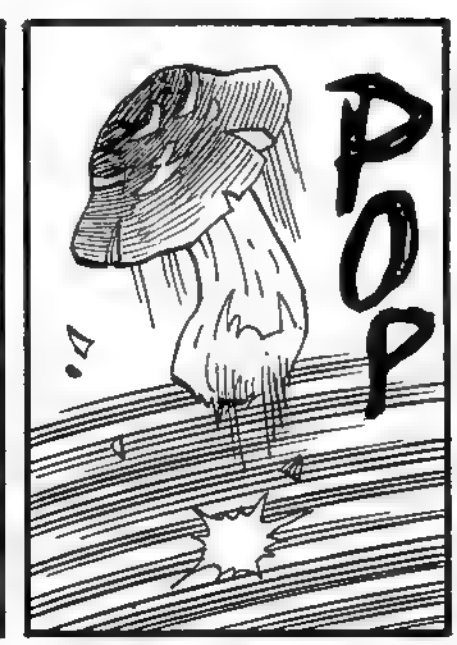
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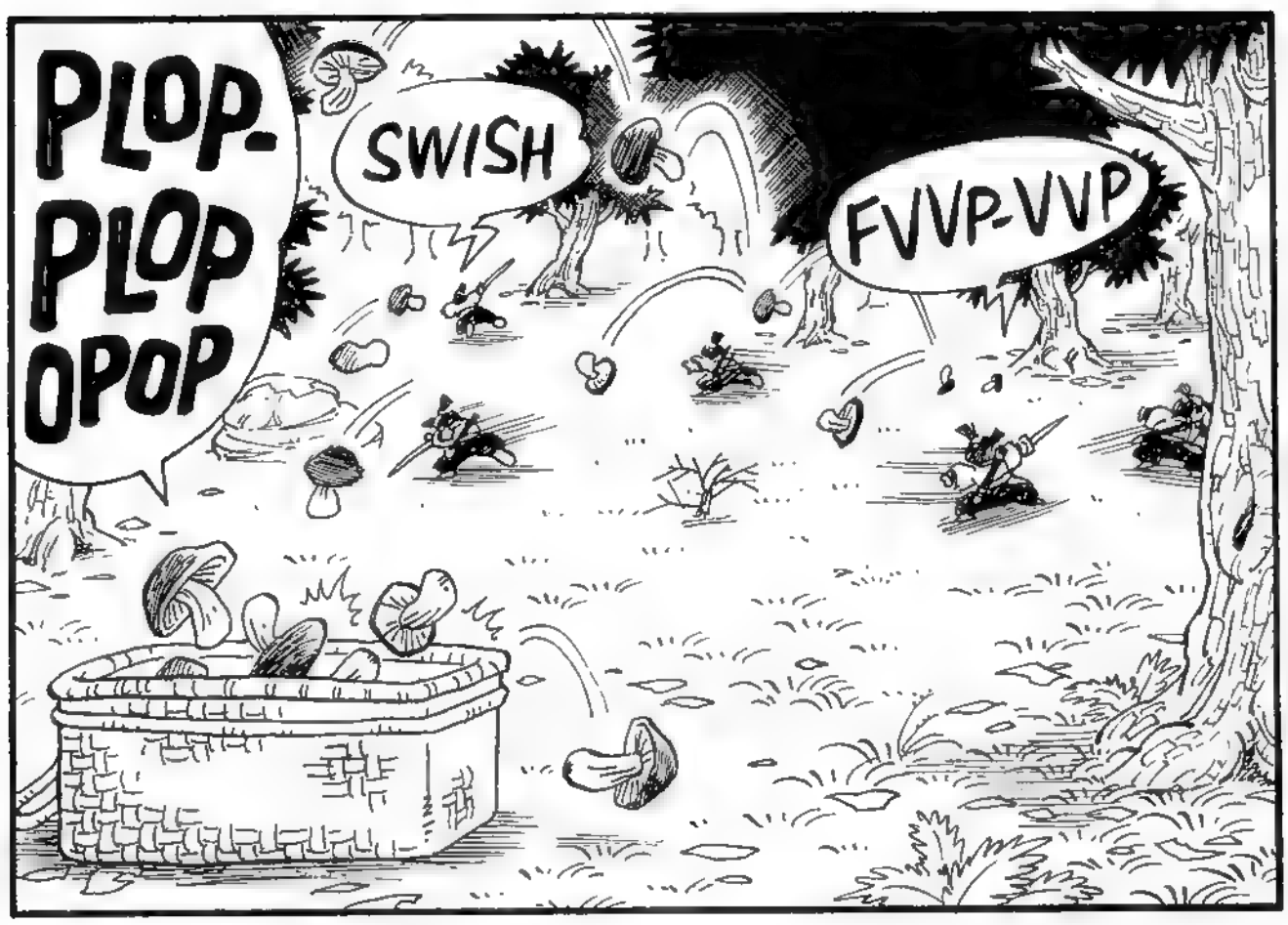
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WHAT A
HAUL!
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KER-
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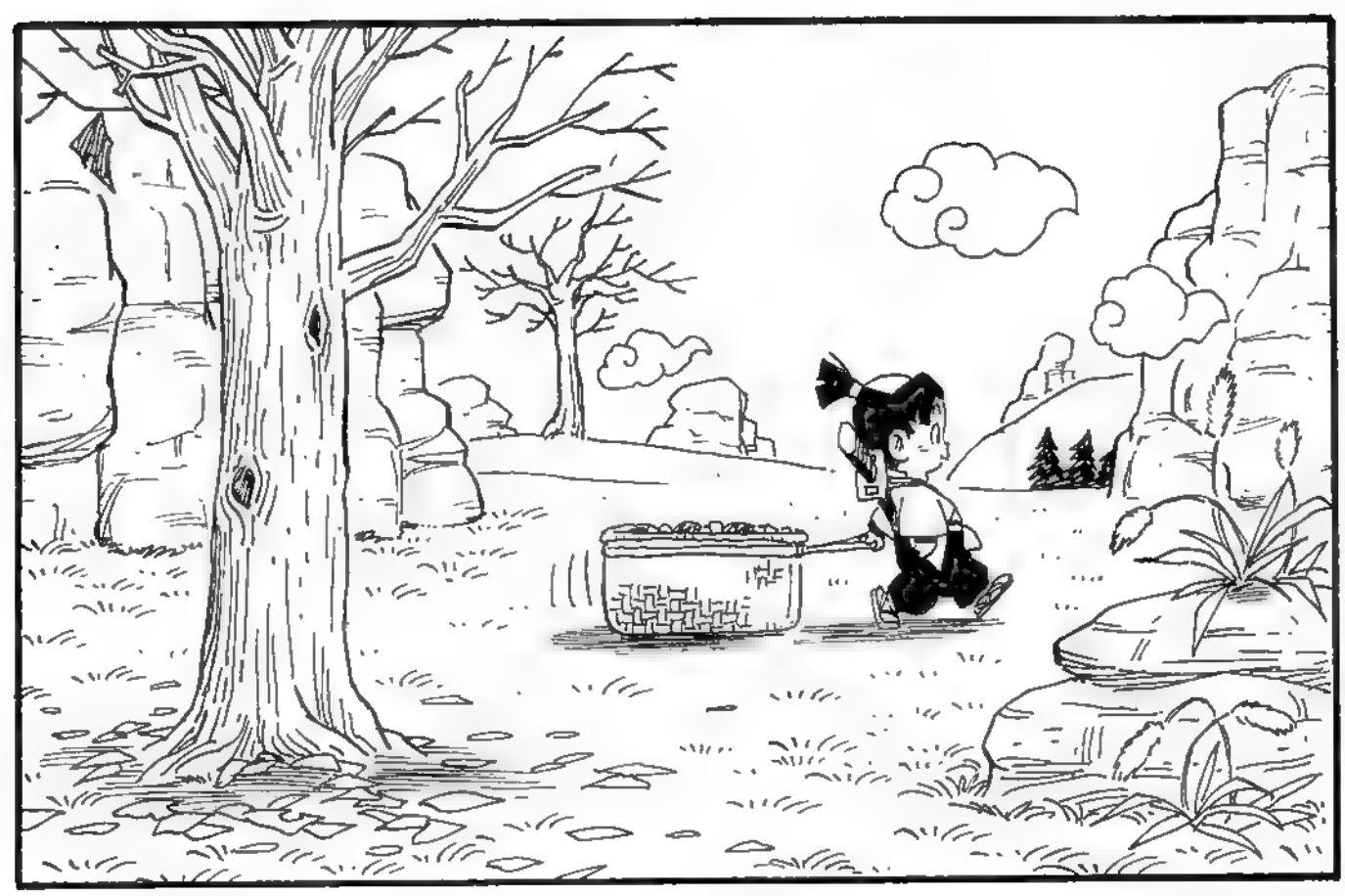

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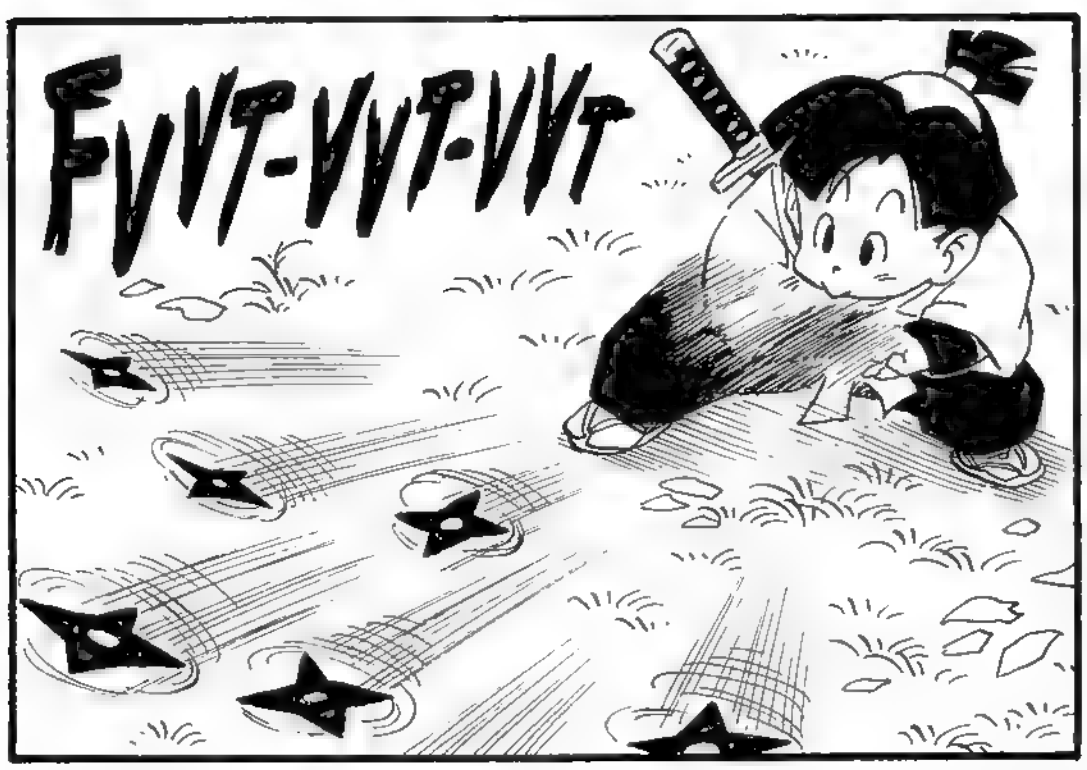
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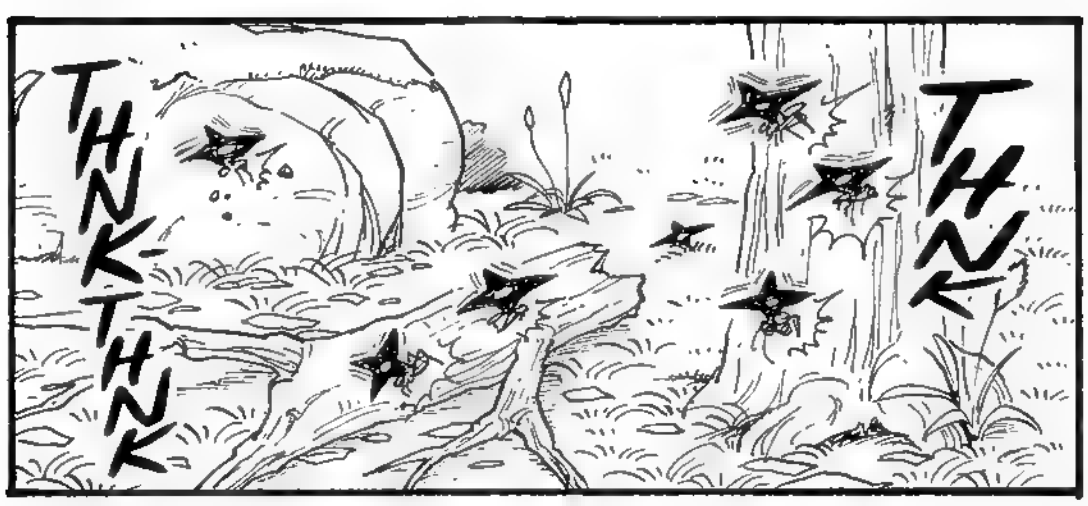
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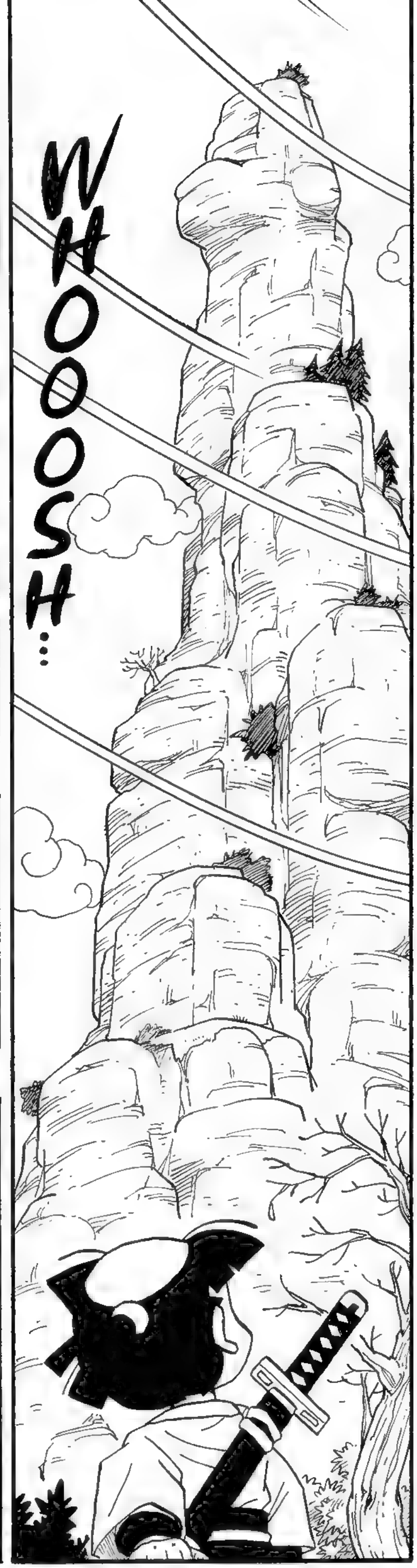
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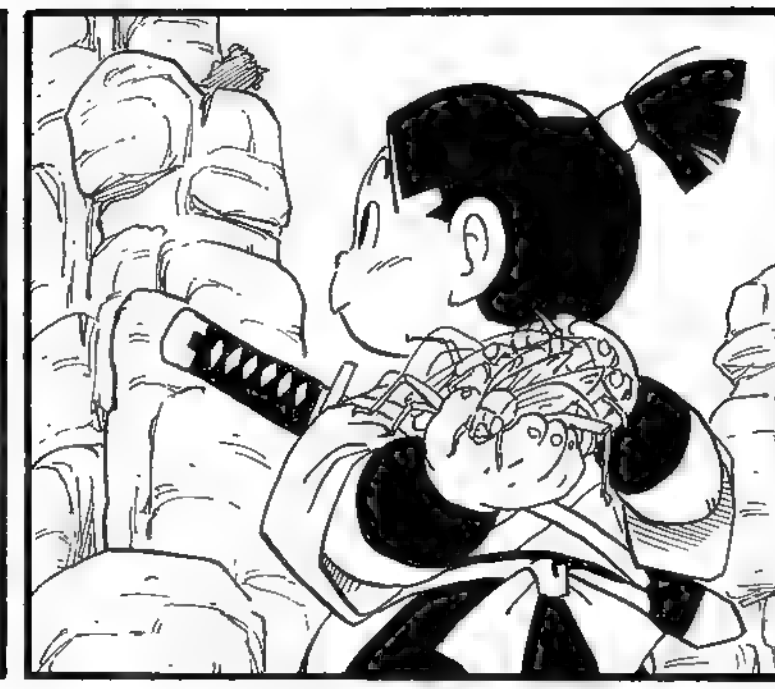
BAM

SCREE



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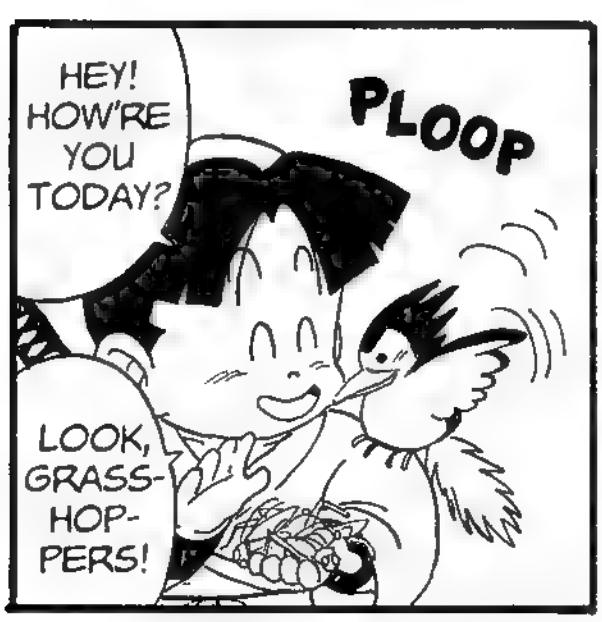
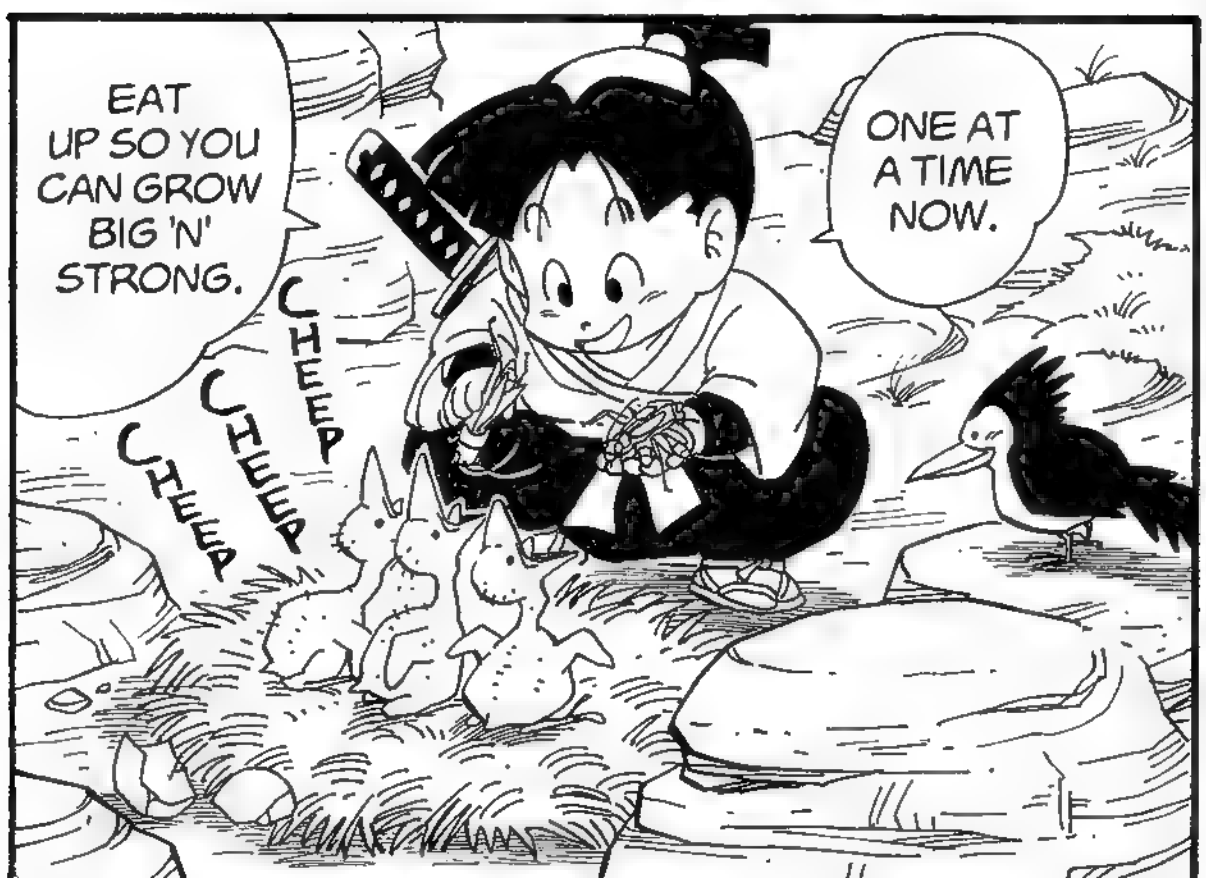
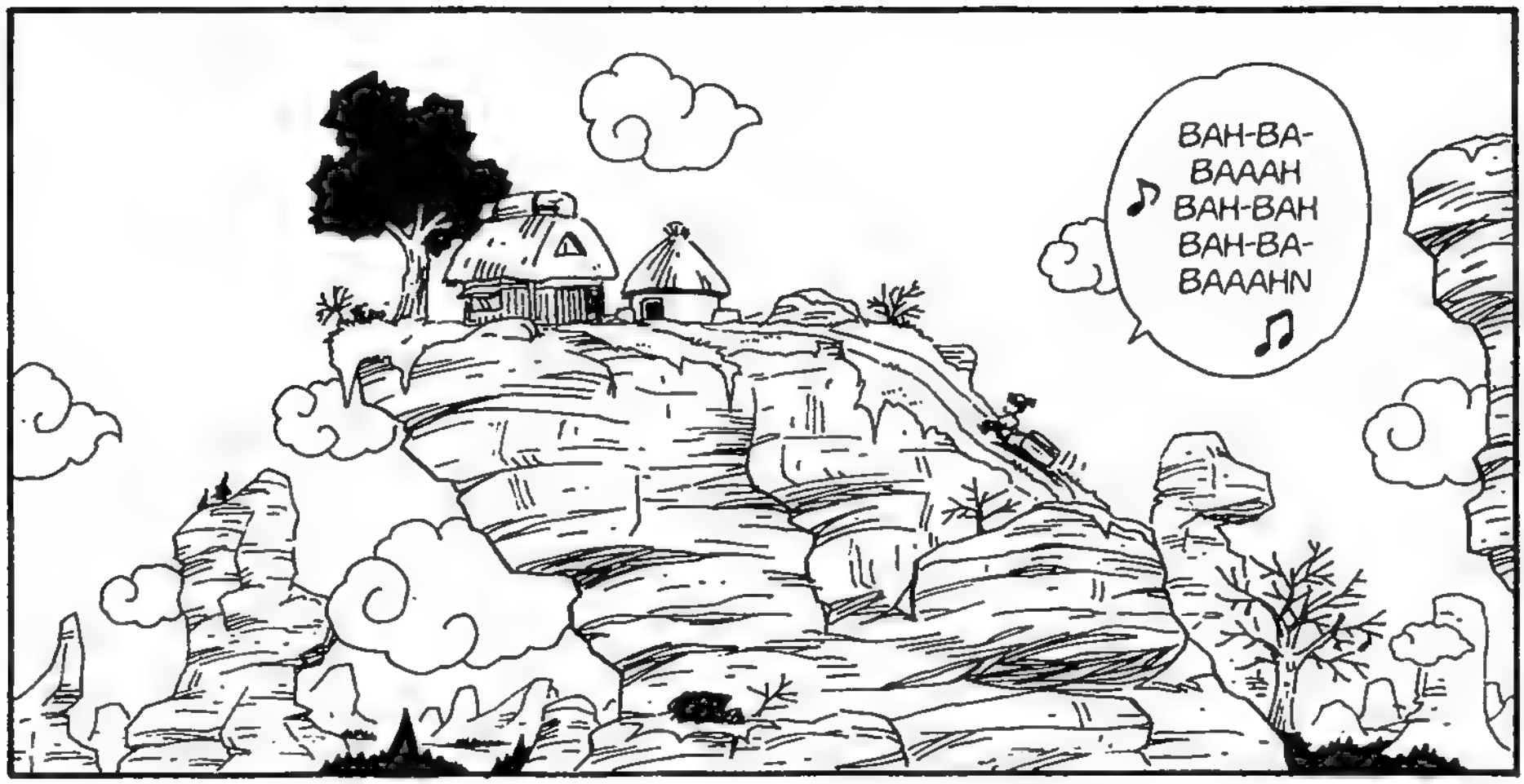
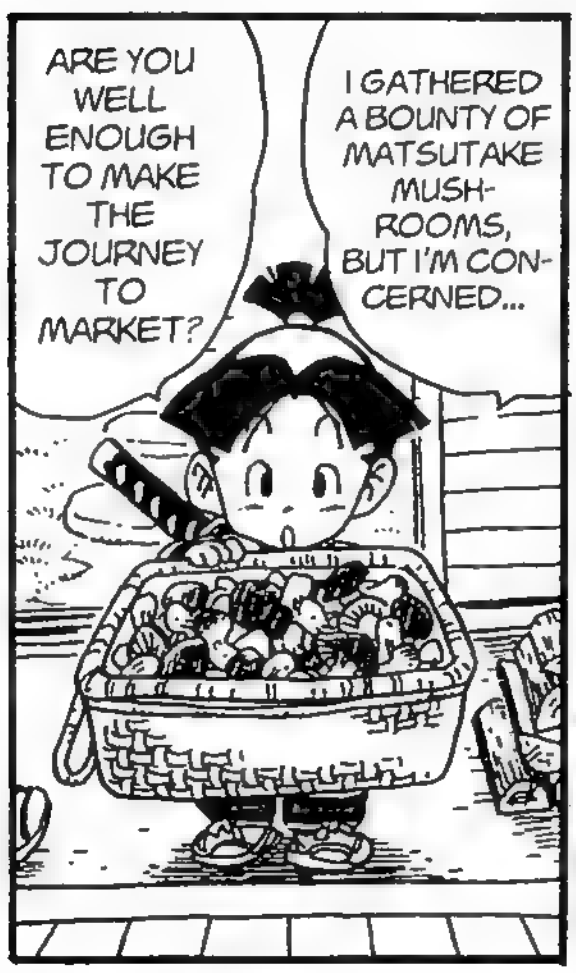
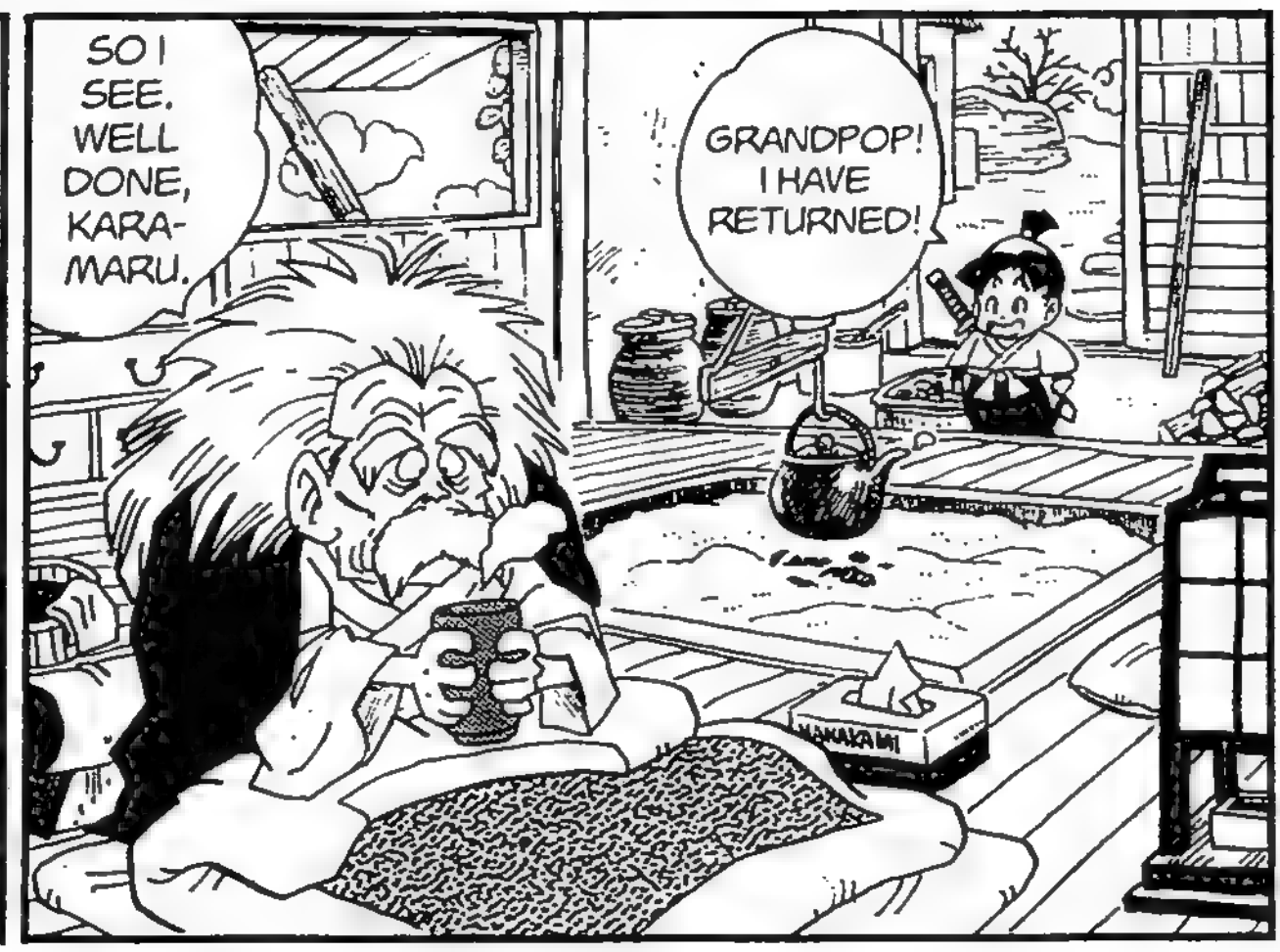

HEY! HOW'RE YOU TODAY?
PLOOP
LOOK, GRASS-HOP-PERS!

CHIRP


EAT UP SO YOU CAN GROW BIG 'N' STRONG.
CHEEP
CHEEP
CHEEP
ONE AT A TIME NOW.

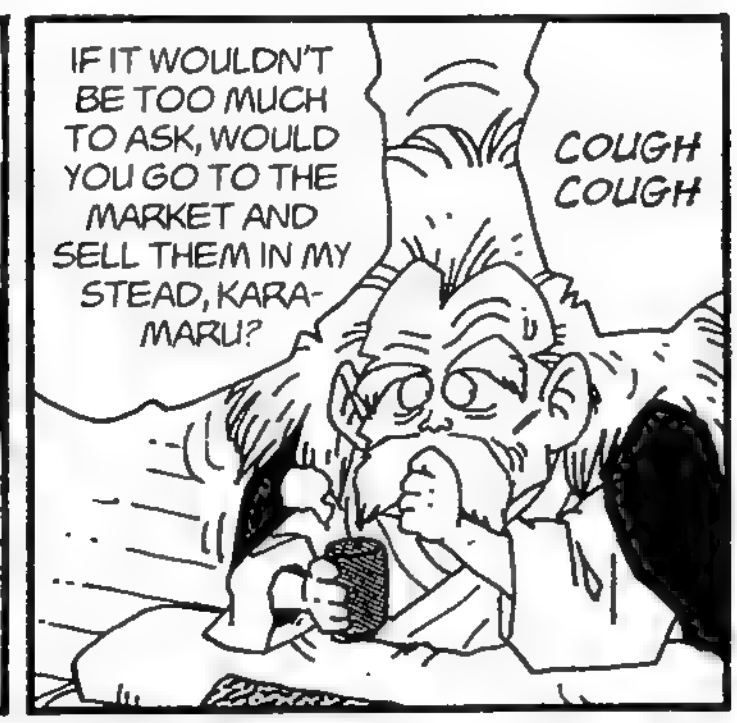

BAH-BA-BAAAH BAH-BAH BAH-BA-BAAAHN

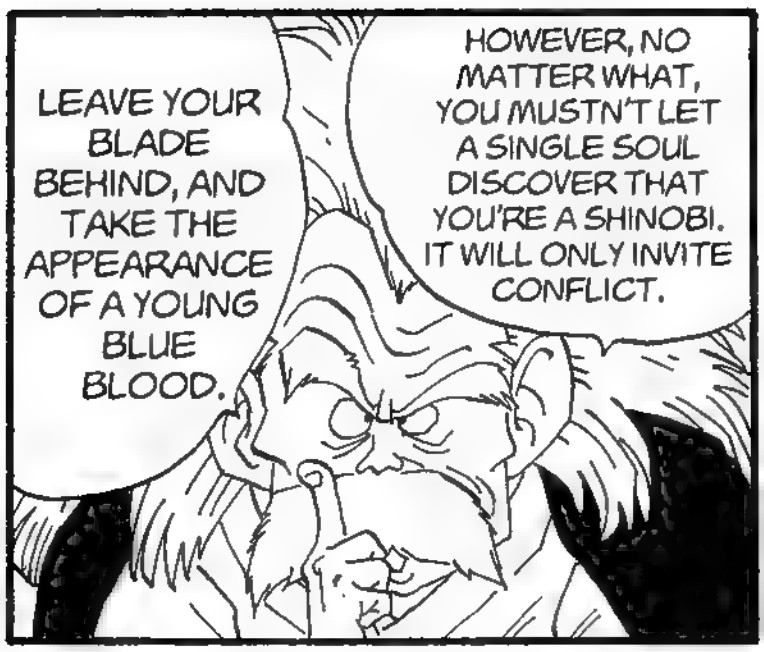

ARE YOU WELL ENOUGH TO MAKE THE JOURNEY TO MARKET?
I GATHERED A BOUNTY OF MATSUTAKE MUSH-ROOMS, BUT I'M CON-CERNED...


SO I SEE. WELL DONE, KARA-MARU.
GRANDPOP! I HAVE RETURNED!

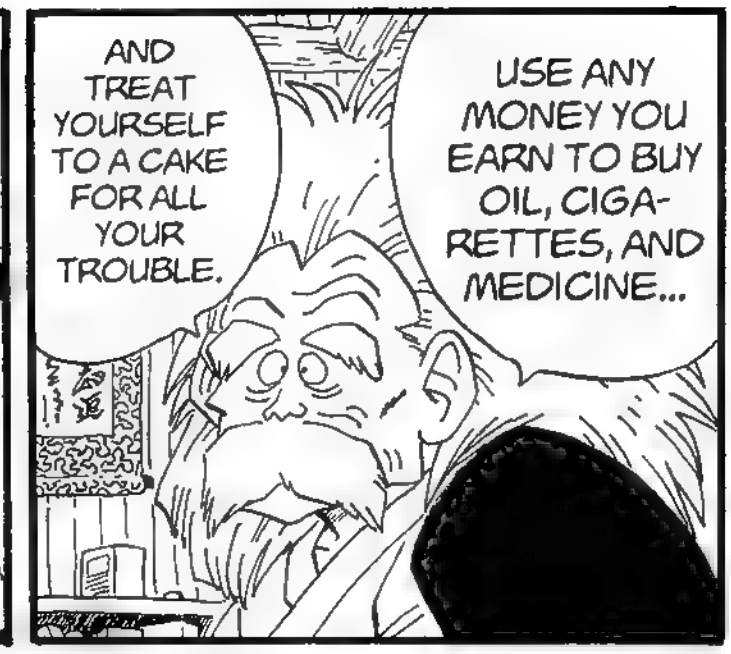
I WOULD... YOU'RE ALREADY FOUR, AND IT'S HIGH TIME YOU EXPERIENCED SOCIETY.
YES, GRAND-POP!!

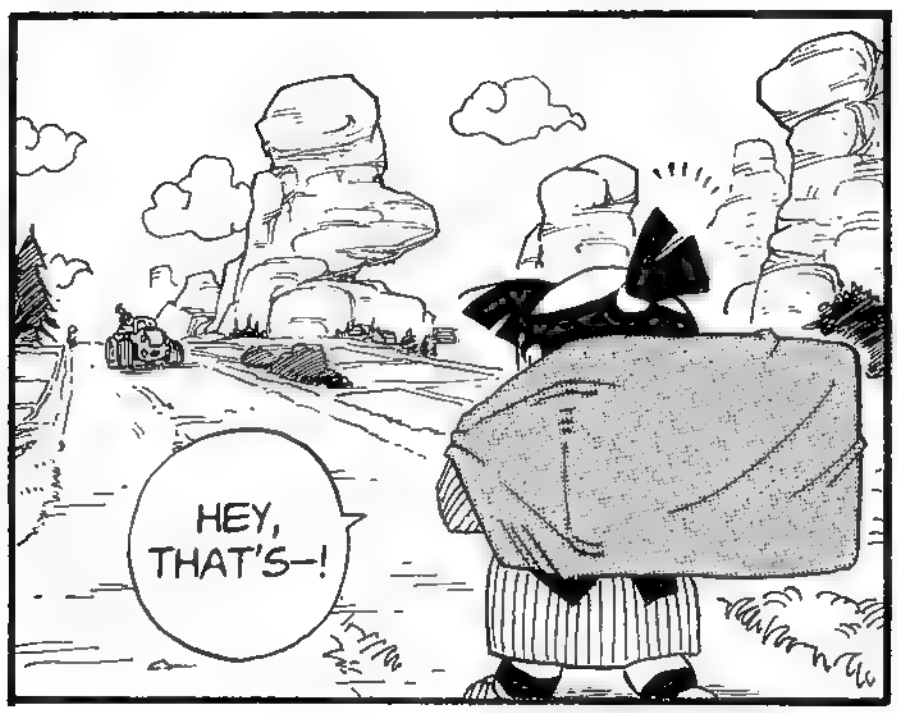
YOU WOULD ALLOW ME THIS?!
TRULY?! GO TO TOWN ALL BY MYSELF?!

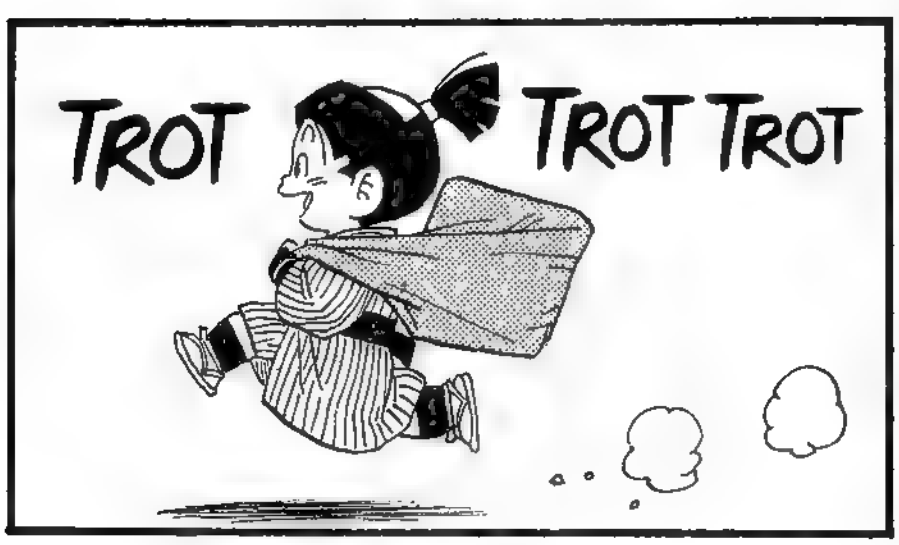

IF IT WOULDN'T BE TOO MUCH TO ASK, WOULD YOU GO TO THE MARKET AND SELL THEM IN MY STEAD, KARA-MARU?
COUGH COUGH


LEAVE YOUR BLADE BEHIND, AND TAKE THE APPEARANCE OF A YOUNG BLUE BLOOD.
HOWEVER, NO MATTER WHAT, YOU MUSTN'T LET A SINGLE SOUL DISCOVER THAT YOU'RE A SHINOBI. IT WILL ONLY INVITE CONFLICT.

UNDER-STOOD!
WOW ...


AND TREAT YOURSELF TO A CAKE FOR ALL YOUR TROUBLE.
USE ANY MONEY YOU EARN TO BUY OIL, CIGA-RETTES, AND MEDICINE...


HEY, THAT'S–!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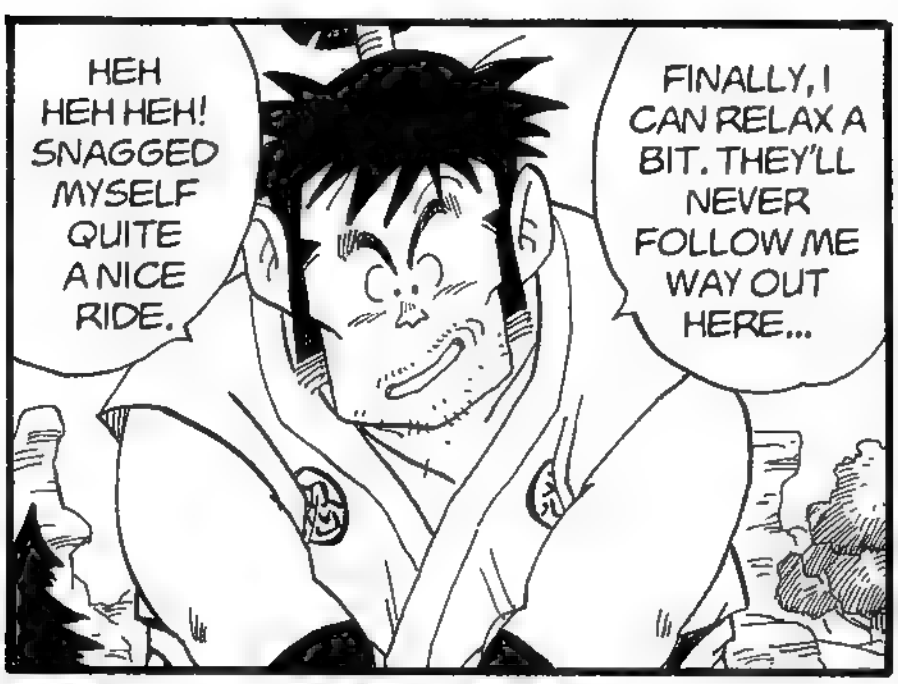
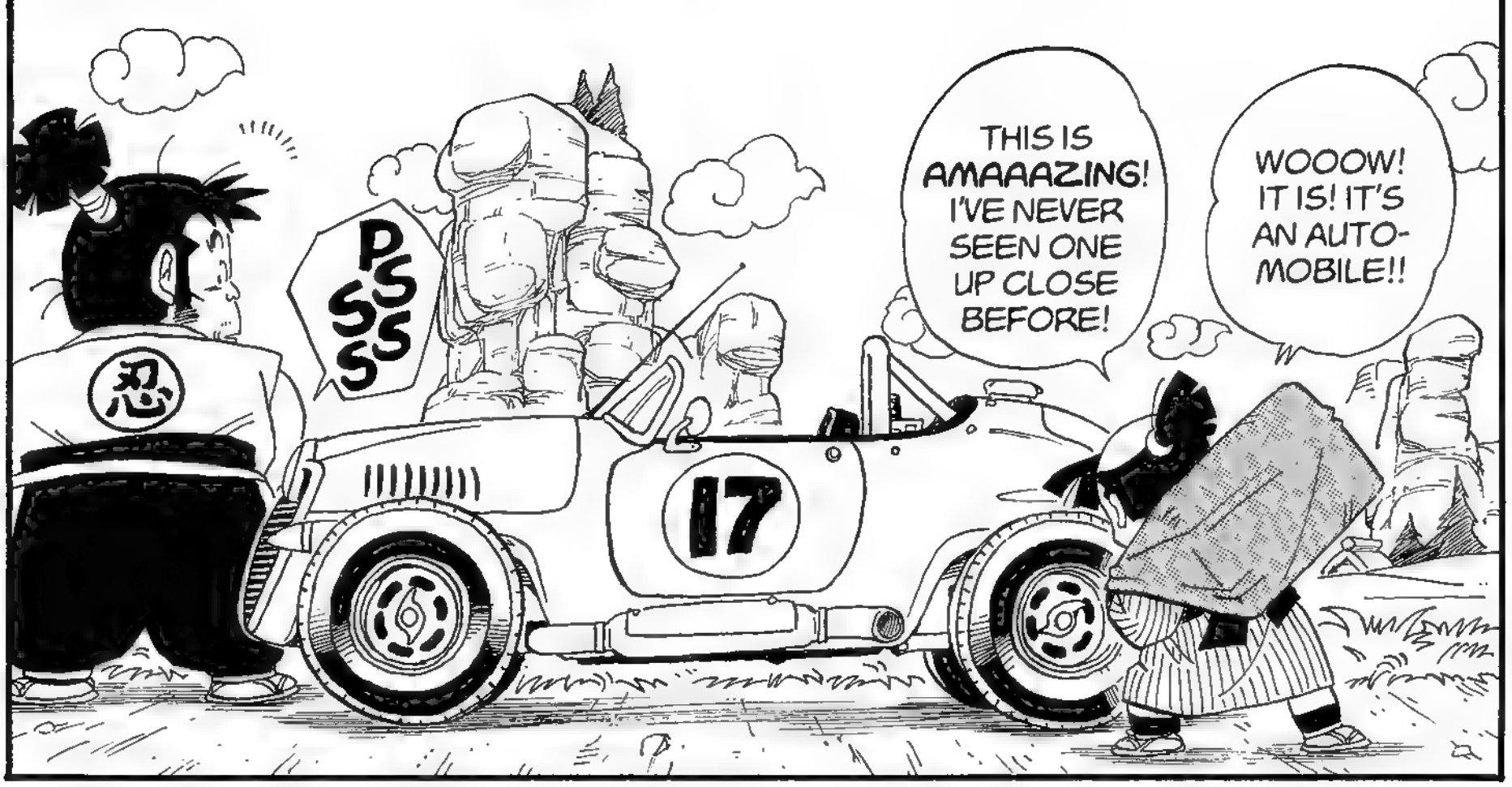
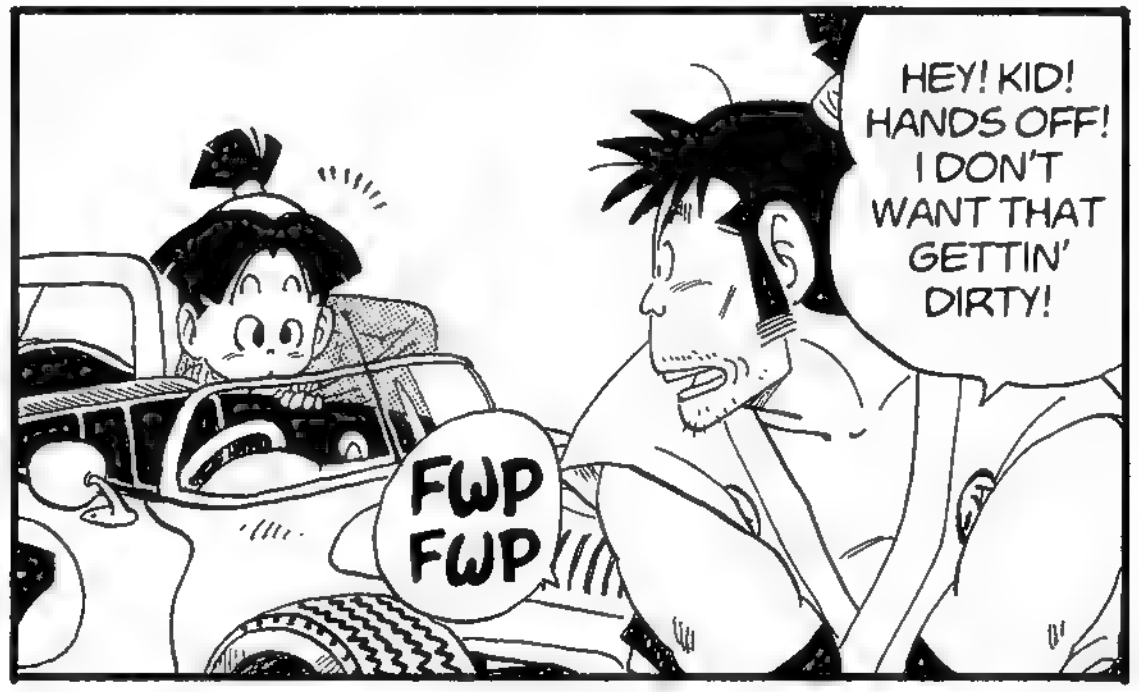
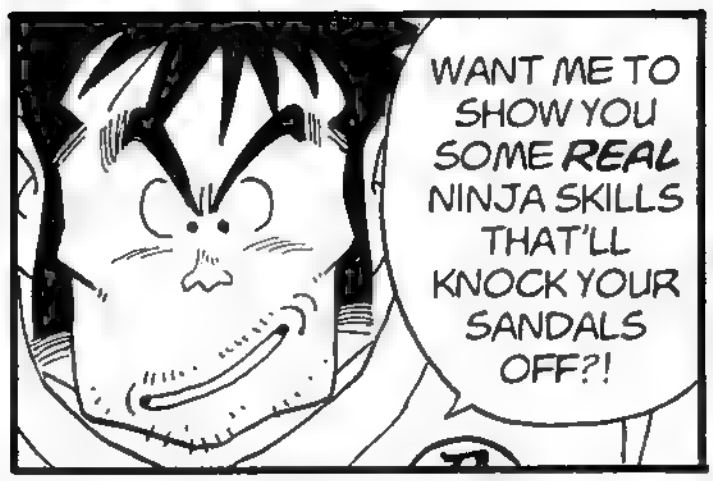

HEH HEH HEH! SNAGGED MYSELF QUITE A NICE RIDE.
FINALLY, I CAN RELAX A BIT. THEY'LL NEVER FOLLOW ME WAY OUT HERE...

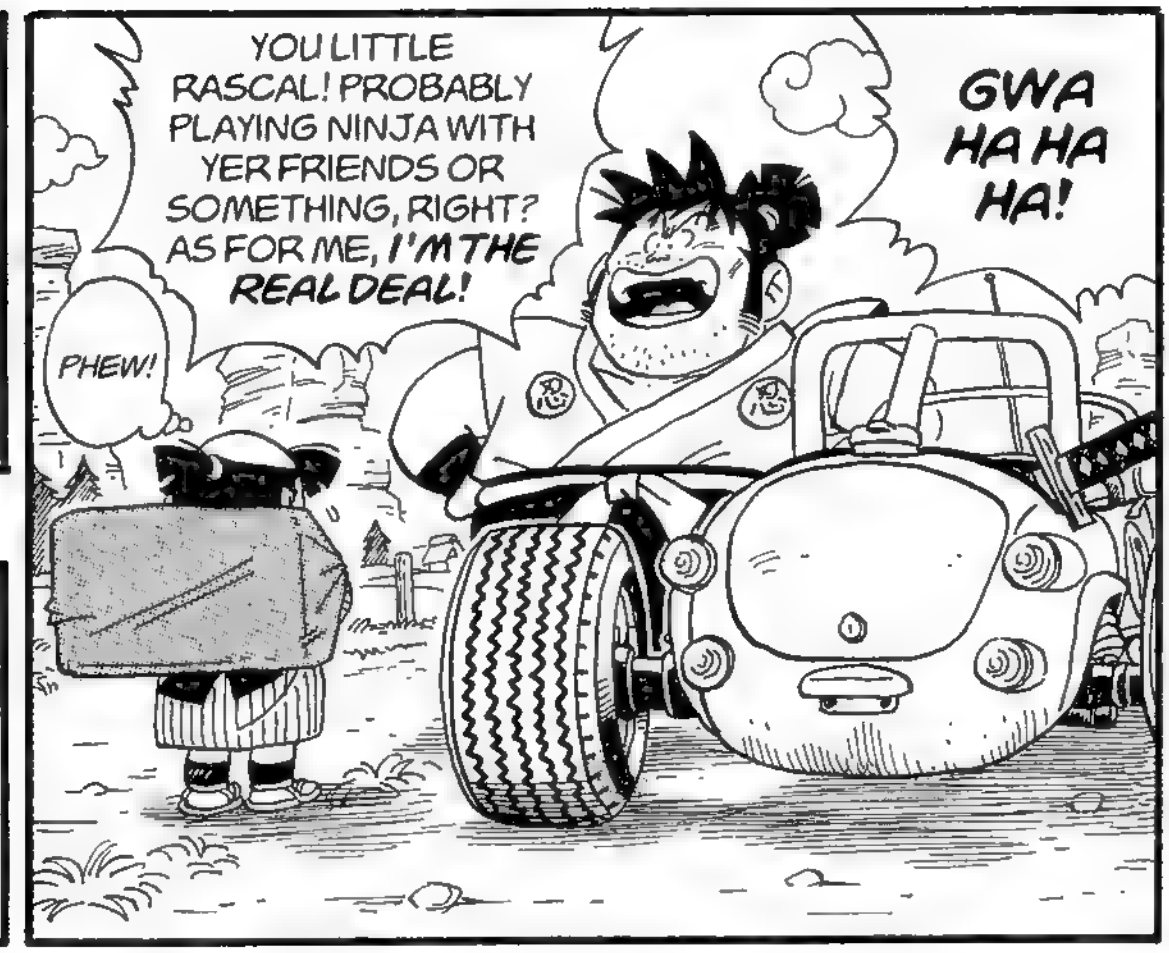
GLANCE GLANCE
STARE STARE



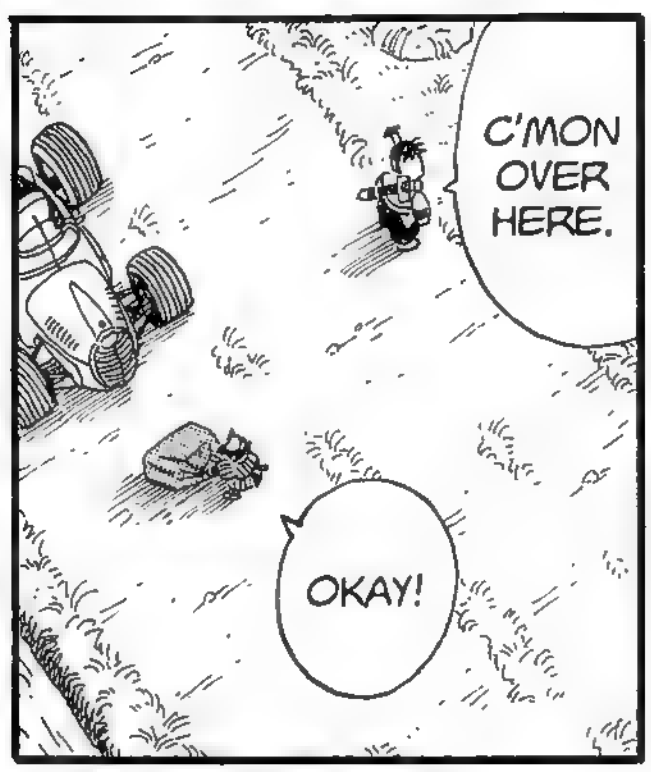


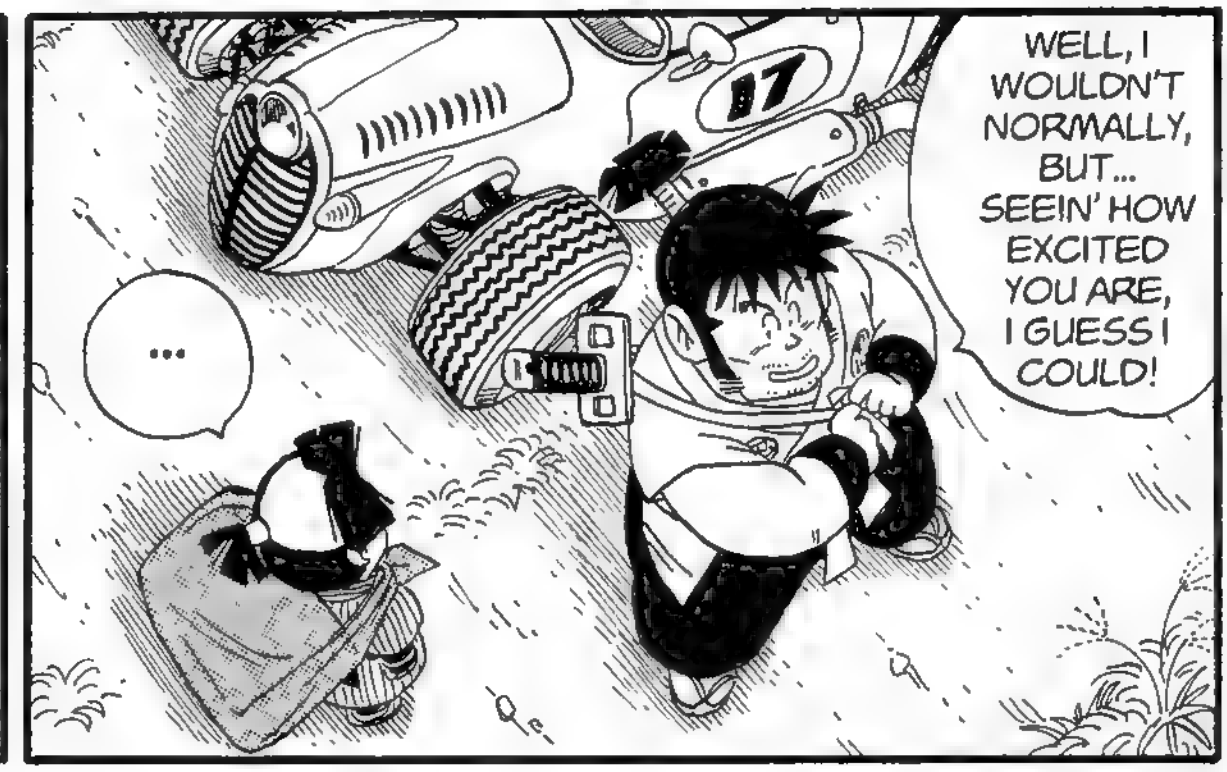
*SYMBOL ON SHIRT SAYS "SHINOBI."


WANT ME TO SHOW YOU SOME REAL NINJA SKILLS THAT'LL KNOCK YOUR SANDALS OFF?!


YOU LITTLE RASCAL! PROBABLY PLAYING NINJA WITH YER FRIENDS OR SOMETHING, RIGHT? AS FOR ME, I'M THE REAL DEAL!
GWA HA HA HA!
PHEW!

OH, W-WOULD YOU?


C'MON OVER HERE.
OKAY!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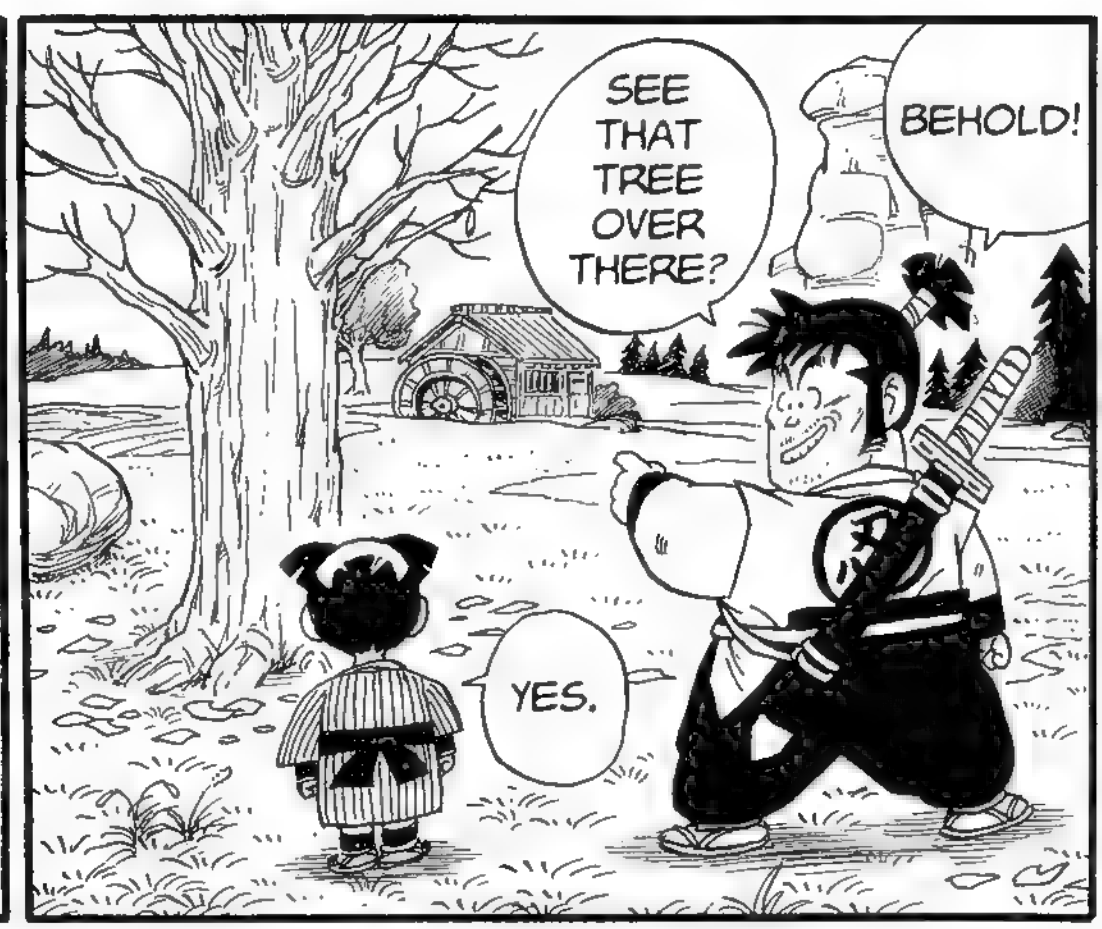
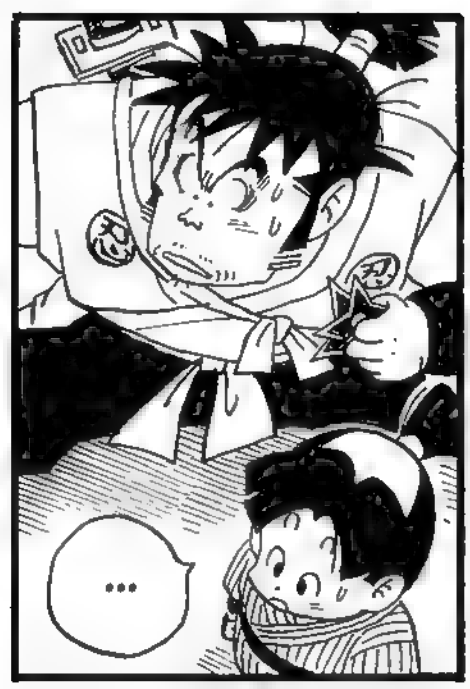
WELL, I WOULDN'T NORMALLY, BUT... SEEIN' HOW EXCITED YOU ARE, I GUESS I COULD!
...

HEH HEH HEH... WATCH THIS!
THESE ARE REAL SHURIKEN!


SEE THAT TREE OVER THERE?
BEHOLD!
YES.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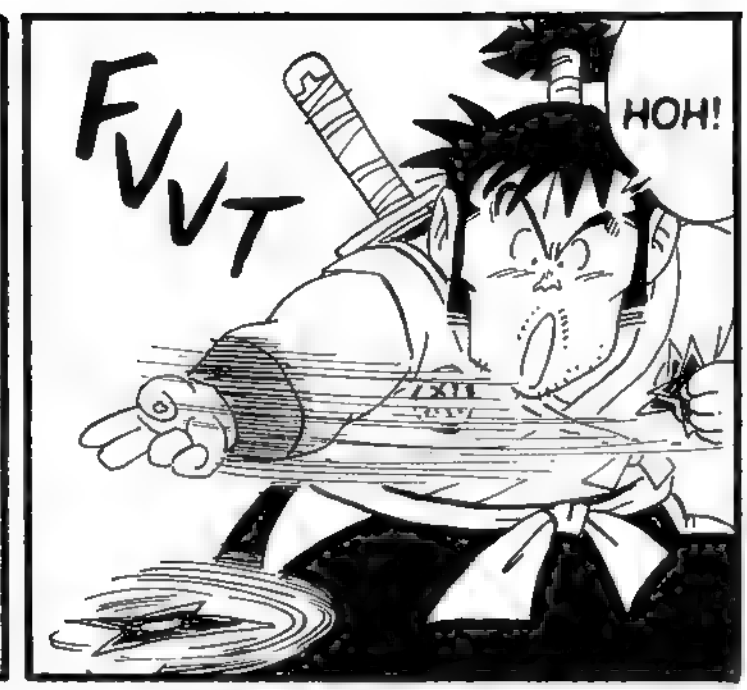
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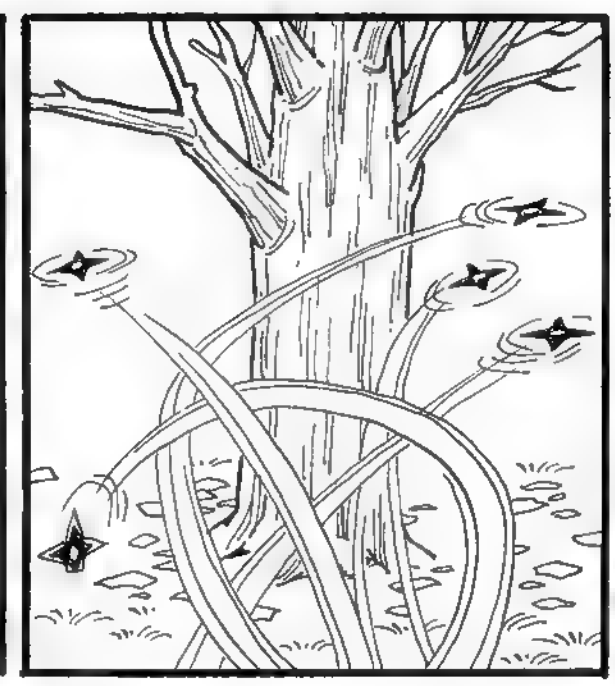

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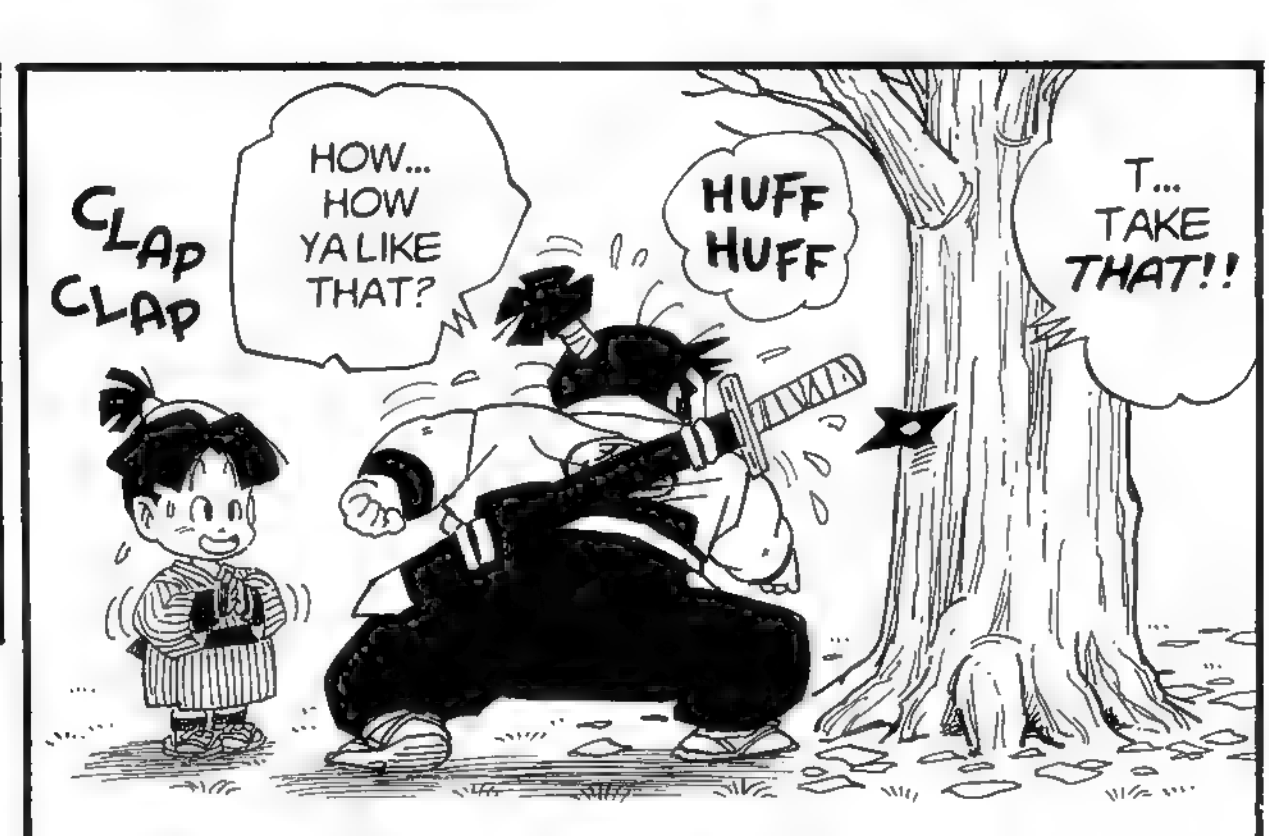
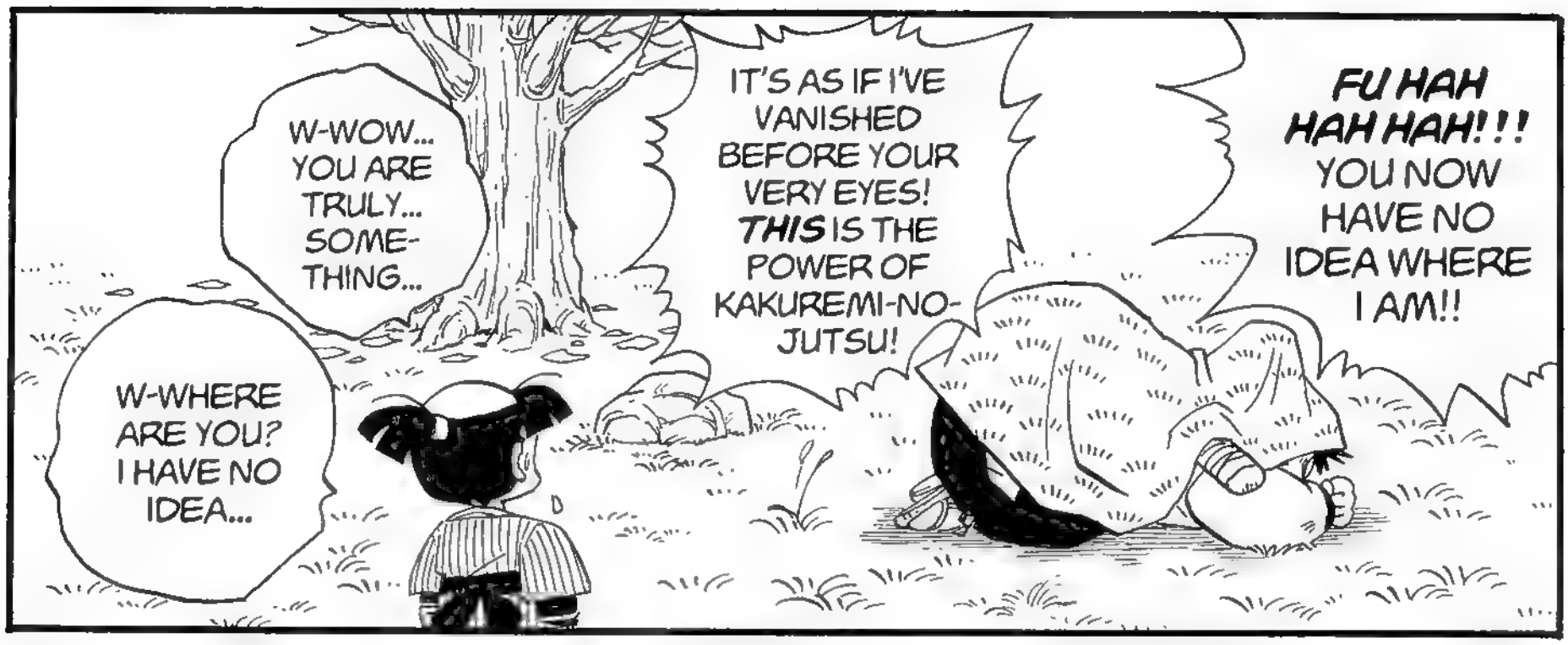
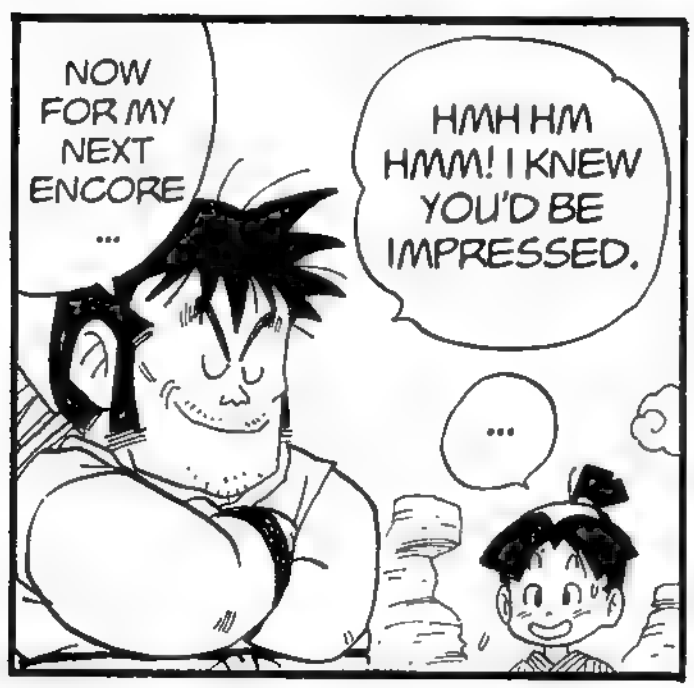
GUOOOOO
!!!!

BEAR WITNESS TO MY CONCEALMENT TECHNIQUE!!
OKAY! ENOUGH WARMING UP! TIME FOR SOME HIGH-LEVEL NINJUTSU!
YOU'RE LUCKY, Y'KNOW?!


CLAP CLAP
HOW... HOW YA LIKE THAT?
HUFF HUFF
T... TAKE THAT!!


W-WOW... YOU ARE TRULY... SOME-THING...
W-WHERE ARE YOU? I HAVE NO IDEA...
IT'S AS IF I'VE VANISHED BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES! THIS IS THE POWER OF KAKUREMI-NO-JUTSU!
FU HAH HAH HAH!!! YOU NOW HAVE NO IDEA WHERE I AM!!


NOW FOR MY NEXT ENCORE ...
HMH HM HMM! I KNEW YOU'D BE IMPRESSED.
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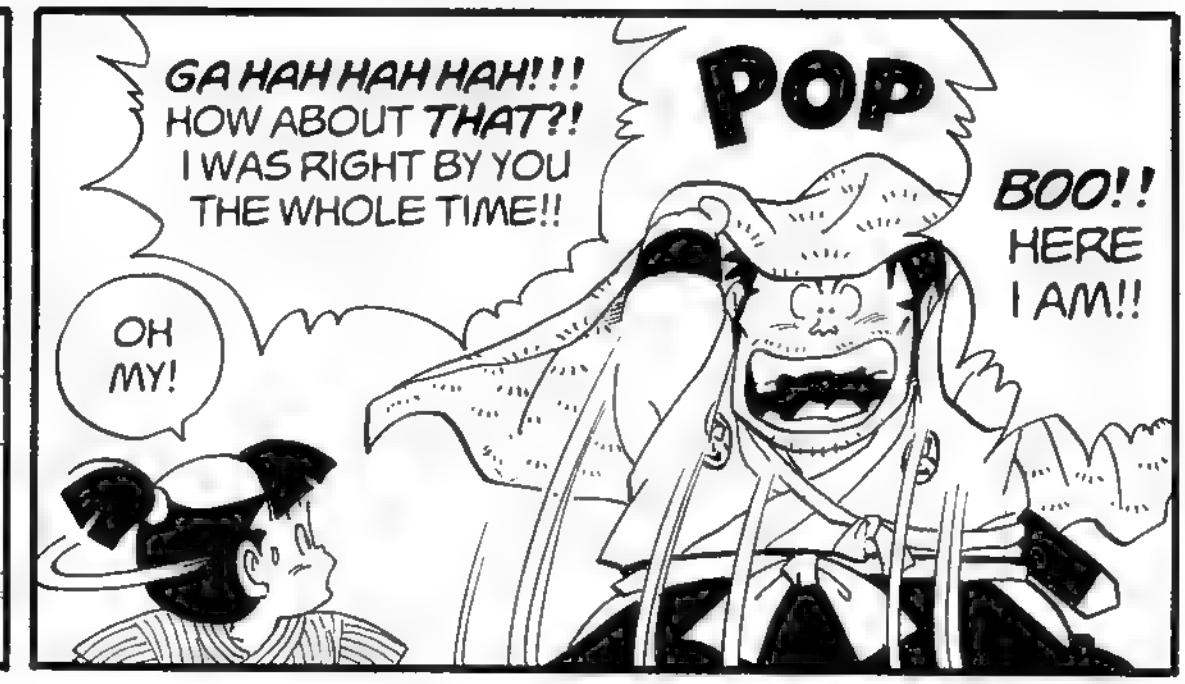
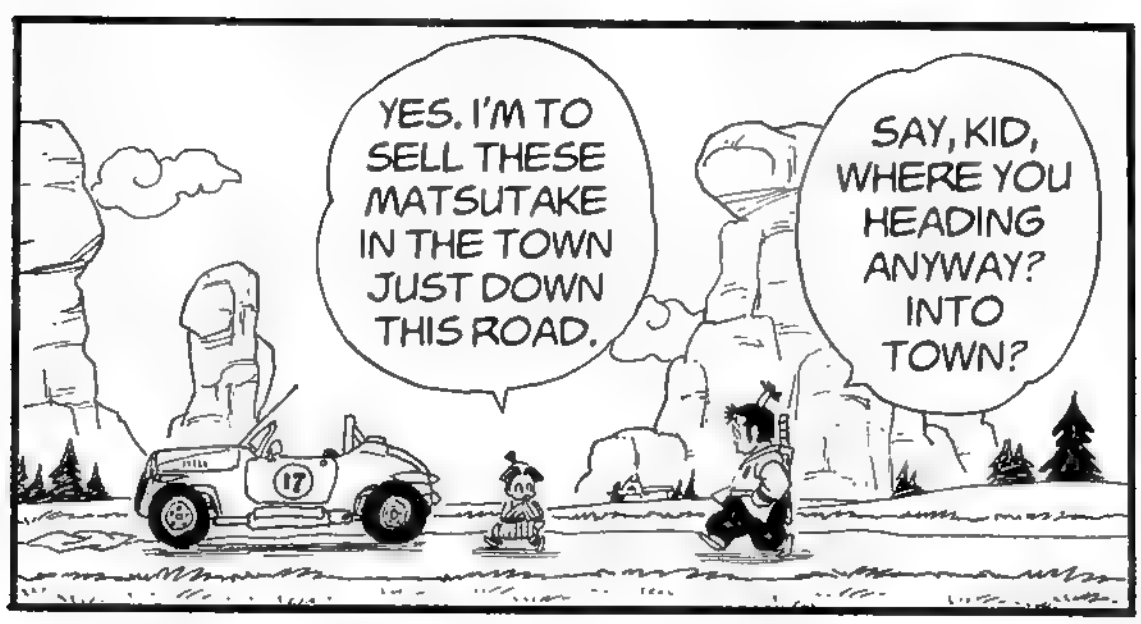
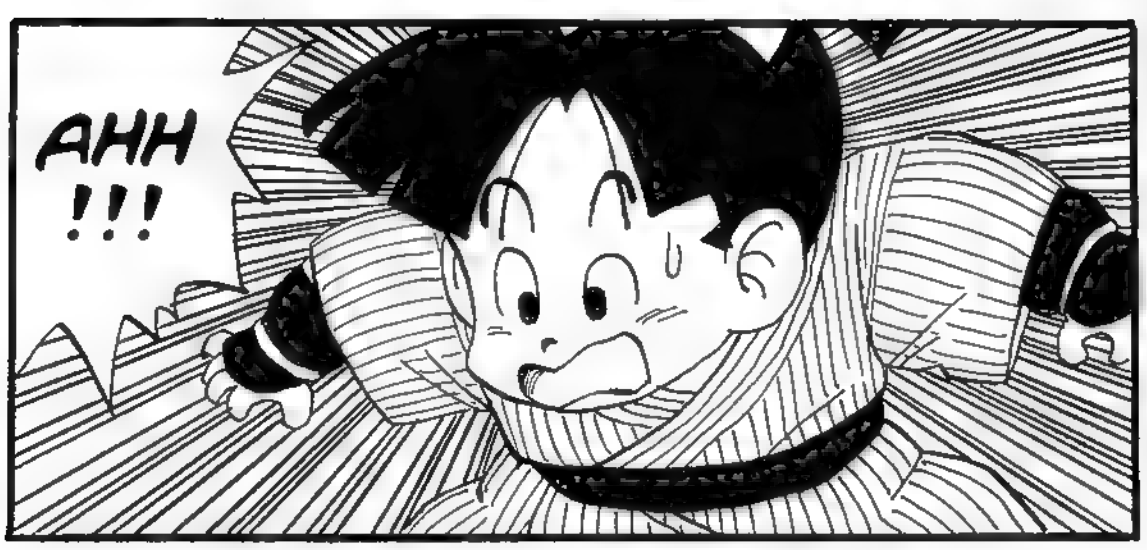

GA HAH HAH HAH!!! HOW ABOUT THAT?! I WAS RIGHT BY YOU THE WHOLE TIME!!
POP
OH MY!
BOO!! HERE I AM!!


YES. I'M TO SELL THESE MATSUTAKE IN THE TOWN JUST DOWN THIS ROAD.
SAY, KID, WHERE YOU HEADING ANYWAY? INTO TOWN?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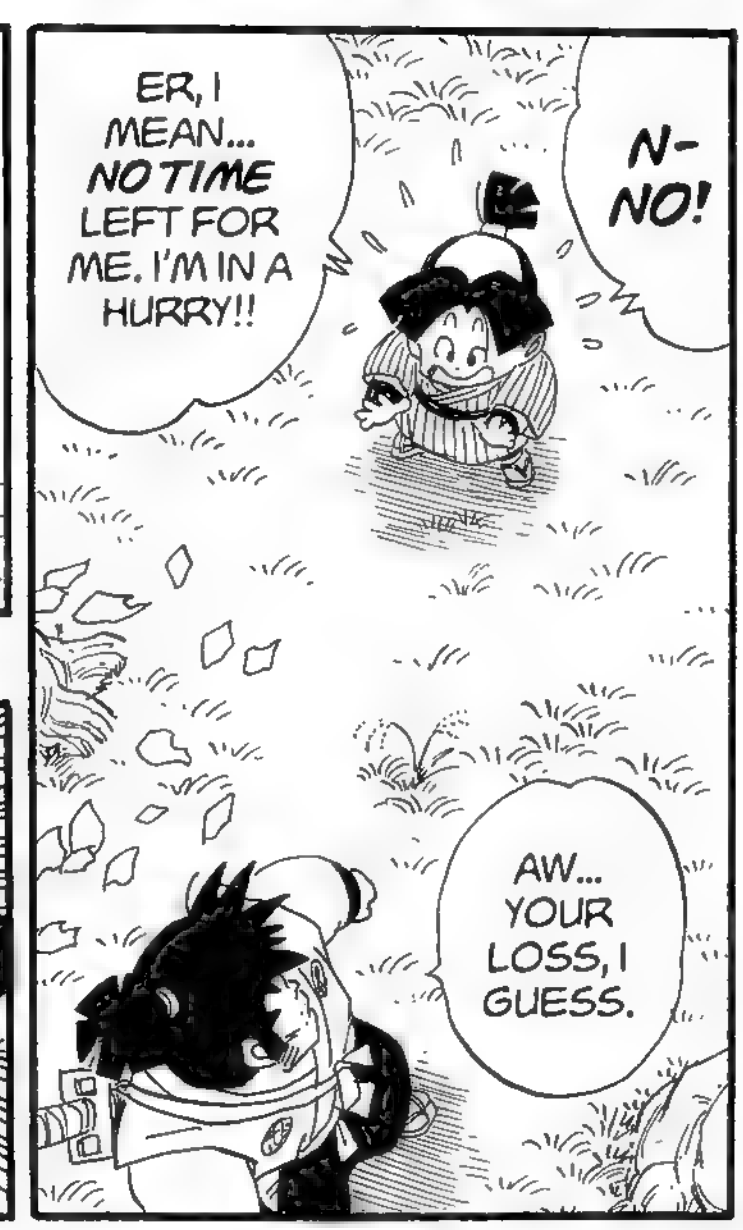
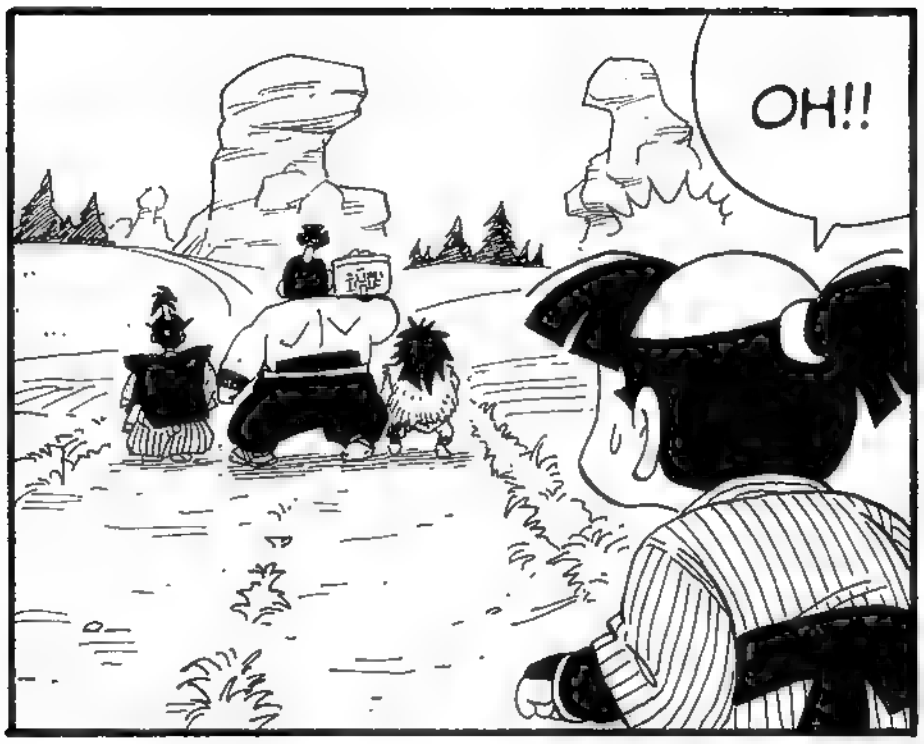

ER, I MEAN... NO TIME LEFT FOR ME. I'M IN A HURRY!!
N-NO!
AW... YOUR LOSS, I GUESS.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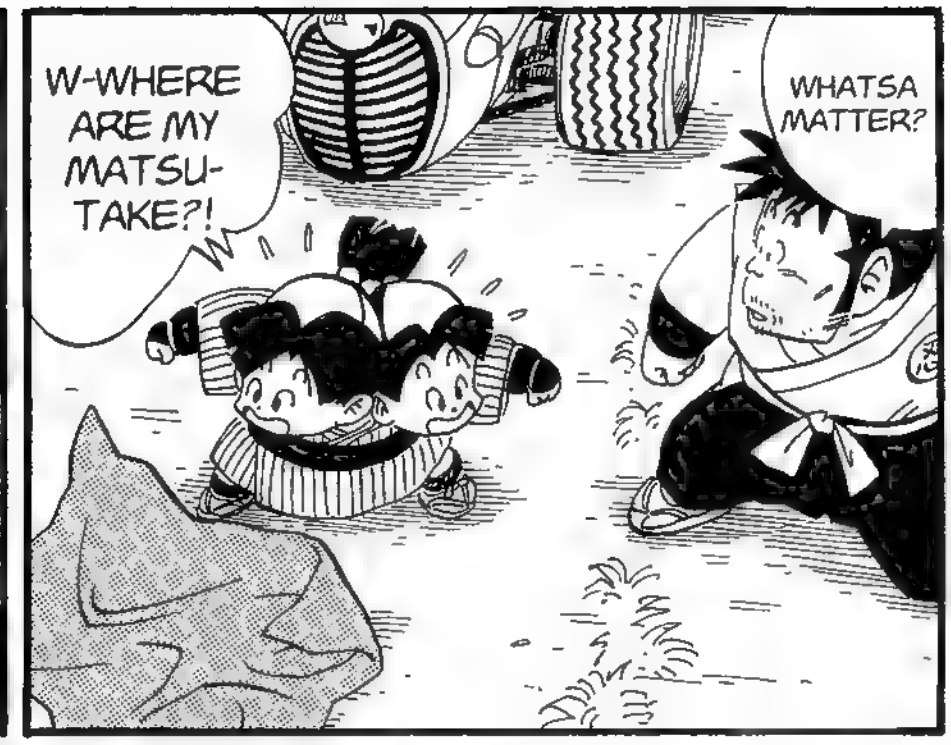

W-WHERE ARE MY MATSU-TAKE?!
WHATSA MATTER?

WOULD YOU KINDLY RETURN THEM?
E-EXCUSE ME!! THOSE ARE ACTUALLY MY MATSUTAKE!!

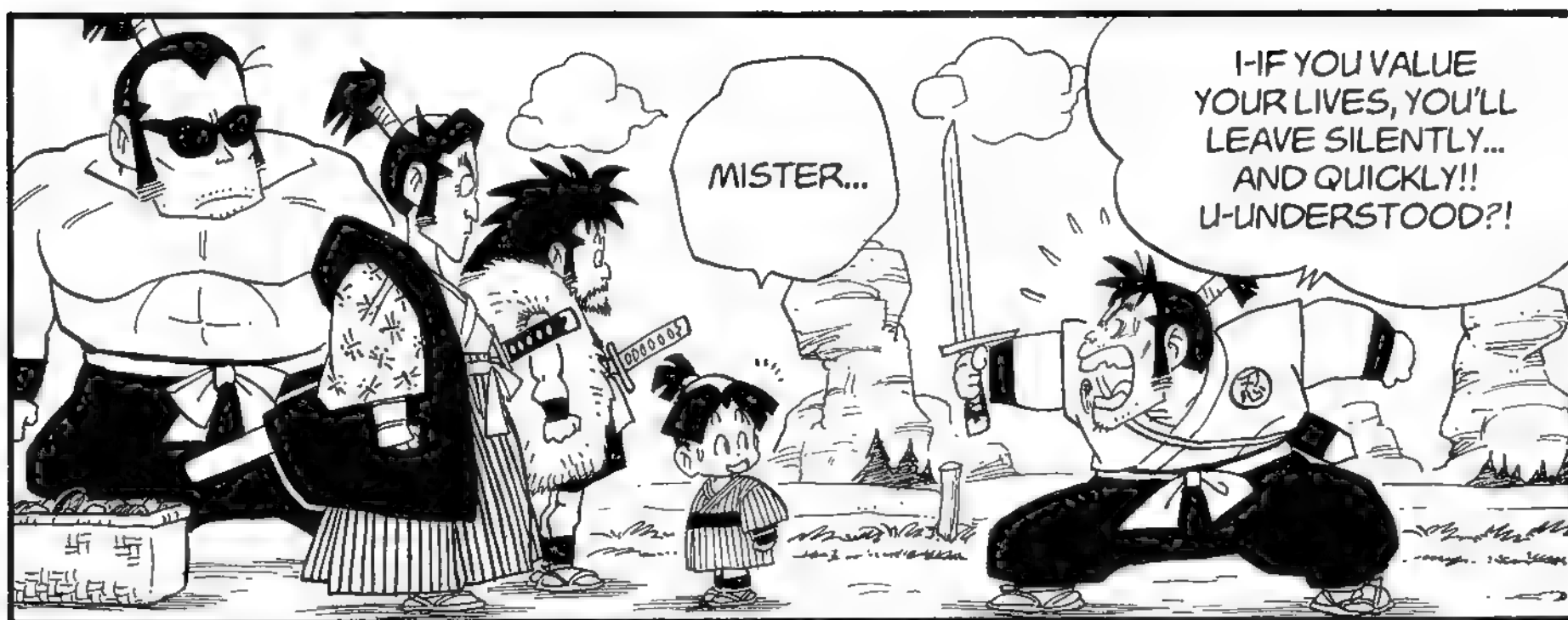
THE MONEY I EARN BY SELLING THOSE MATSUTAKE WILL GO TOWARD PURCHASING MY GRANDPOP'S MEDICINE.
BUT I... I CAN'T AFFORD THAT...
I BEG YOU! PLEASE... RETURN THEM TO ME!

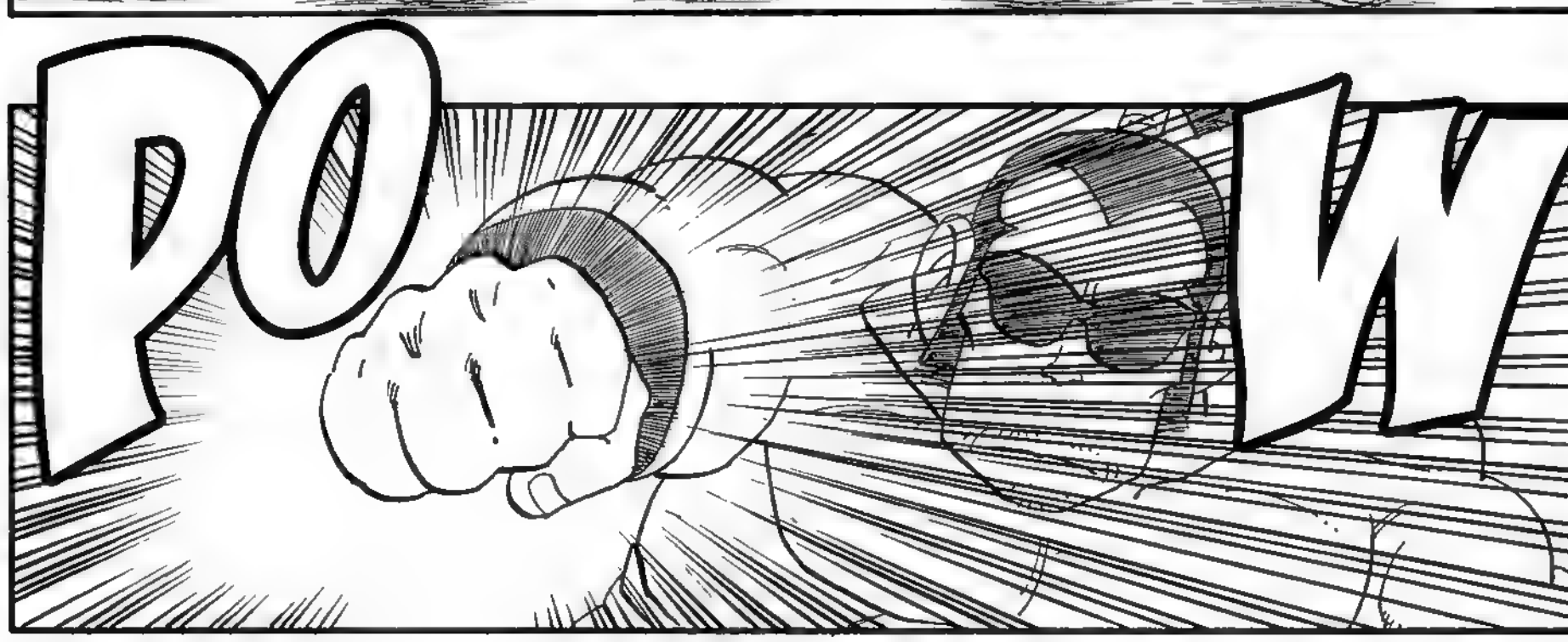
LISTEN, BRAT. THESE UNCLAIMED GOODS WERE JUST SITTIN' THERE. LIKE THAT CAR. WOULD'VE TAKEN THAT TOO, IF ANY OF US KNEW HOW TO DRIVE.
"RETURN 'EM," HE SAYS!
YOU WANT 'EM? THEY'RE A HUNDRED GOLD PIECES.

NOW SEE HERE !!!

NOW, GET LOST! OR DID YOU WAKE UP TODAY HUNGRY FOR A BEATING?
I DON'T CARE WHETHER OR NOT SOME OLD WRETCH GETS HIS MEDICINE!

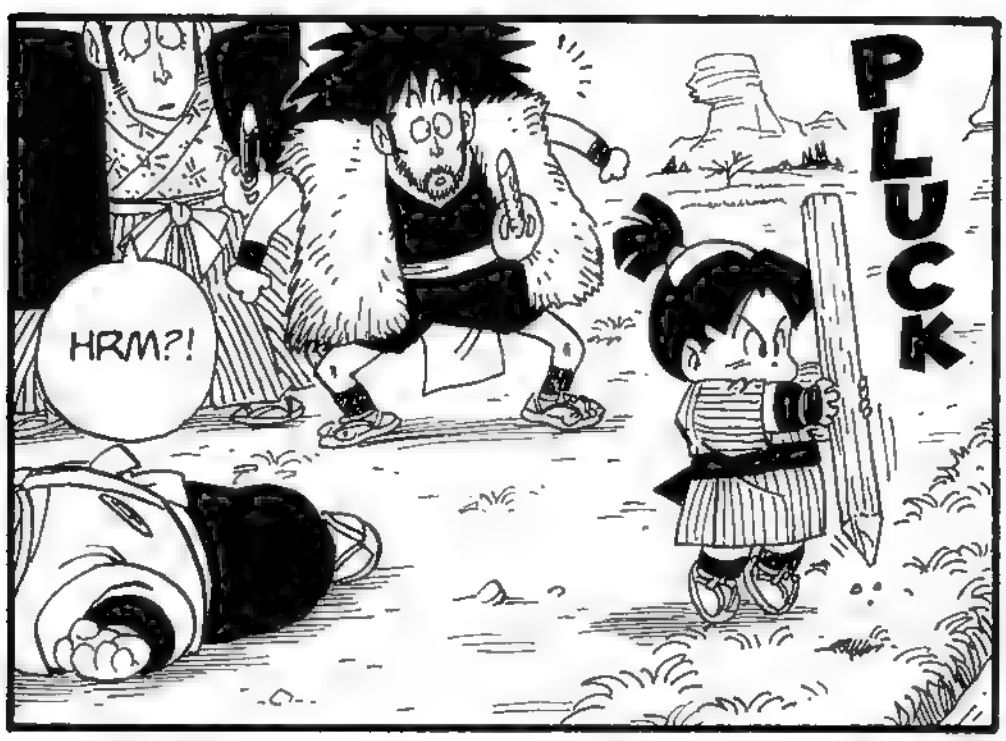
IT IS MY SWORN DUTY TO TEACH FOOLS WHO STRAY FROM THE PATH OF JUSTICE THE MEANING OF UTTER DEFEAT!!
STEALING FROM A KID IN BROAD DAYLIGHT?! YOU'RE LOWER THAN THE DIRT ON MY SANDALS!!!

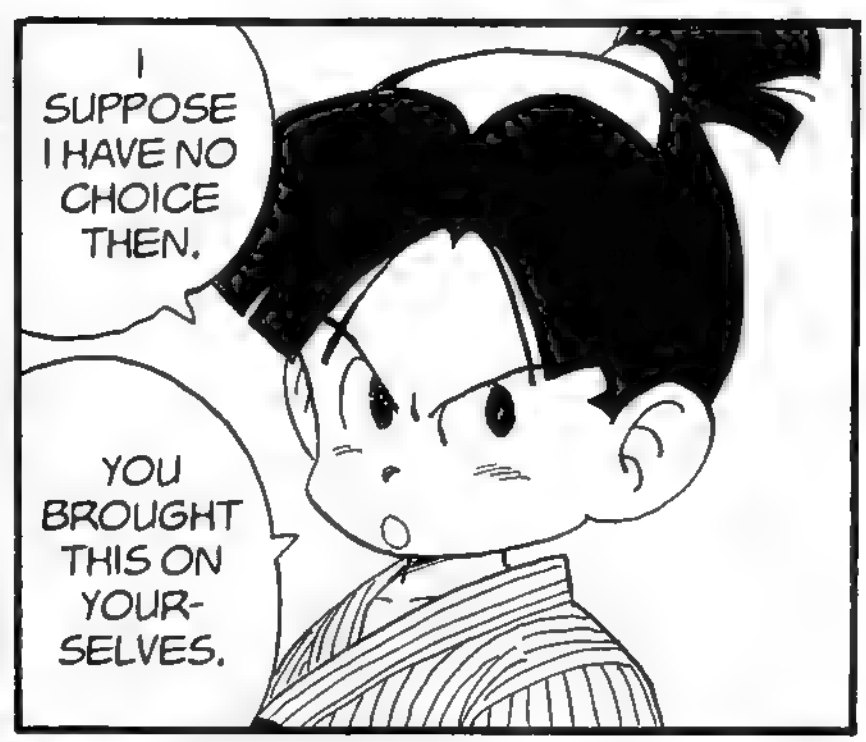

MISTER...
I-IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIVES, YOU'LL LEAVE SILENTLY... AND QUICKLY!! U-UNDERSTOOD?!

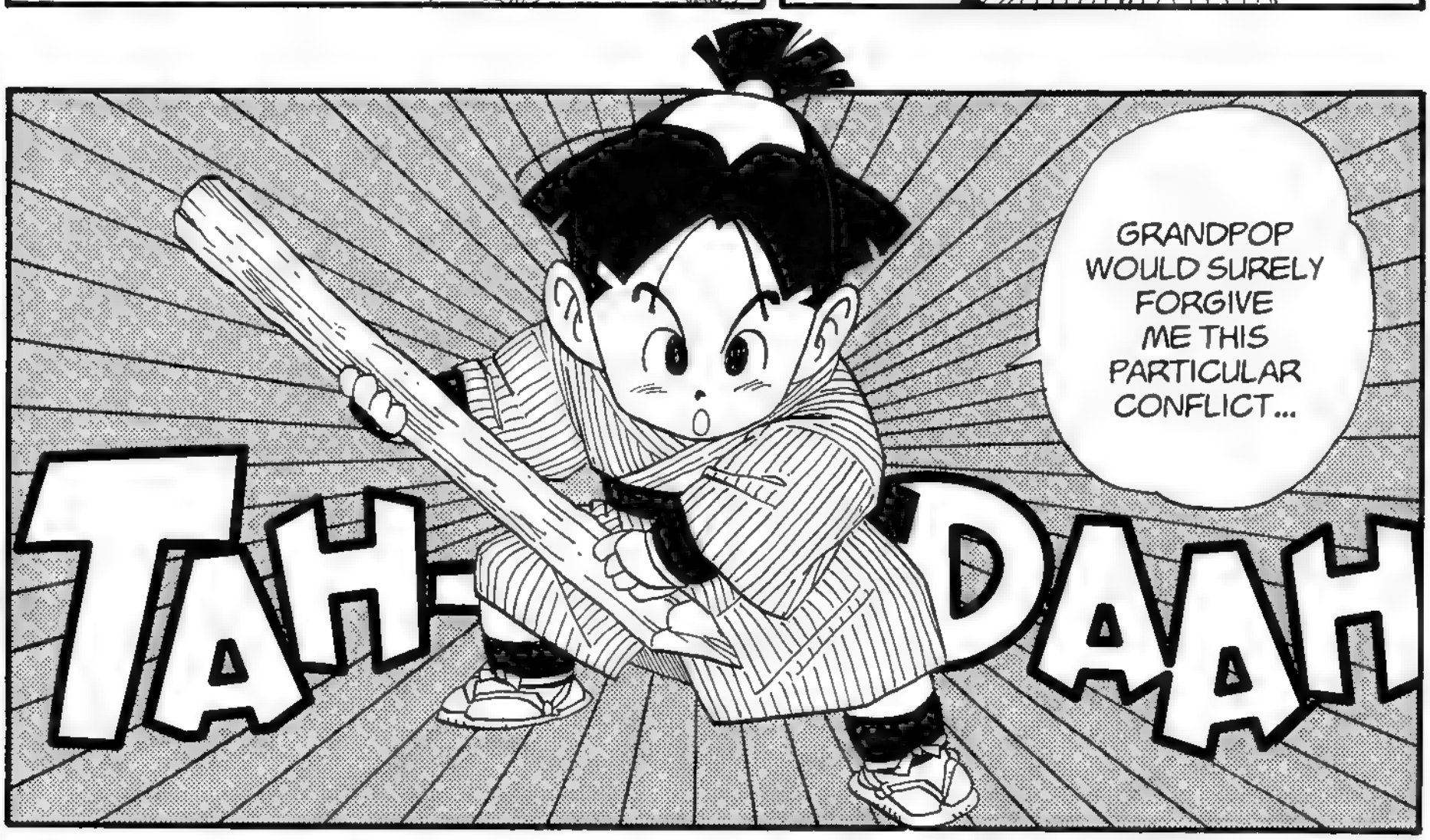

POW

GYAAA HAH HAH HAH!! WHAT A BUFFOON!! A WALKING JOKE!!

HEY, MISTER!!


HRM?!
PLUCK


I SUPPOSE I HAVE NO CHOICE THEN.
YOU BROUGHT THIS ON YOUR-SELVES.


GRANDPOP WOULD SURELY FORGIVE ME THIS PARTICULAR CONFLICT...
TAH-DAAH

OOOH! I'M SOOO SCARED!!

GYAA HAH HAH!! THAT'S RICH!! THE KID WANTS TO TAKE US ON!!

GEH HEH HEH HEH HEH!!

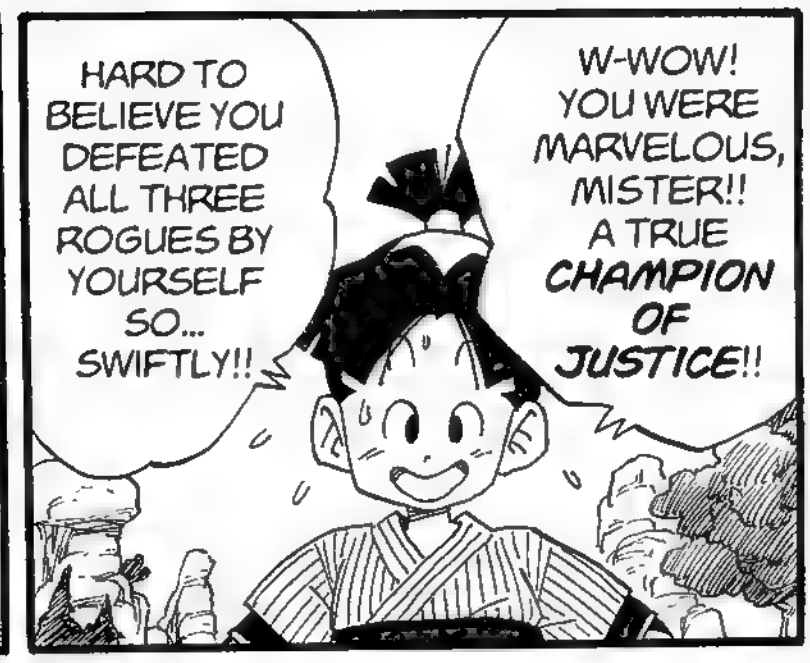
KER-
CRACK
GRR !!!
KER-CHK
SLICE
SWISH
LITTLE PIECE OF-!!!
SWOOSH-SWISH
OOSH

DOOM

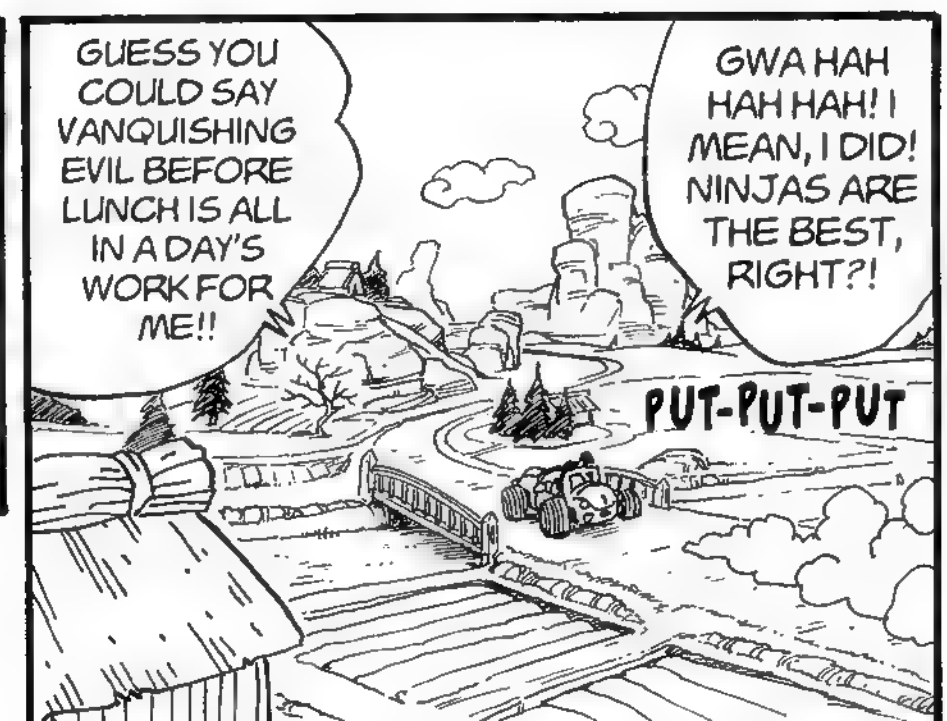
HM?!
OUCH...

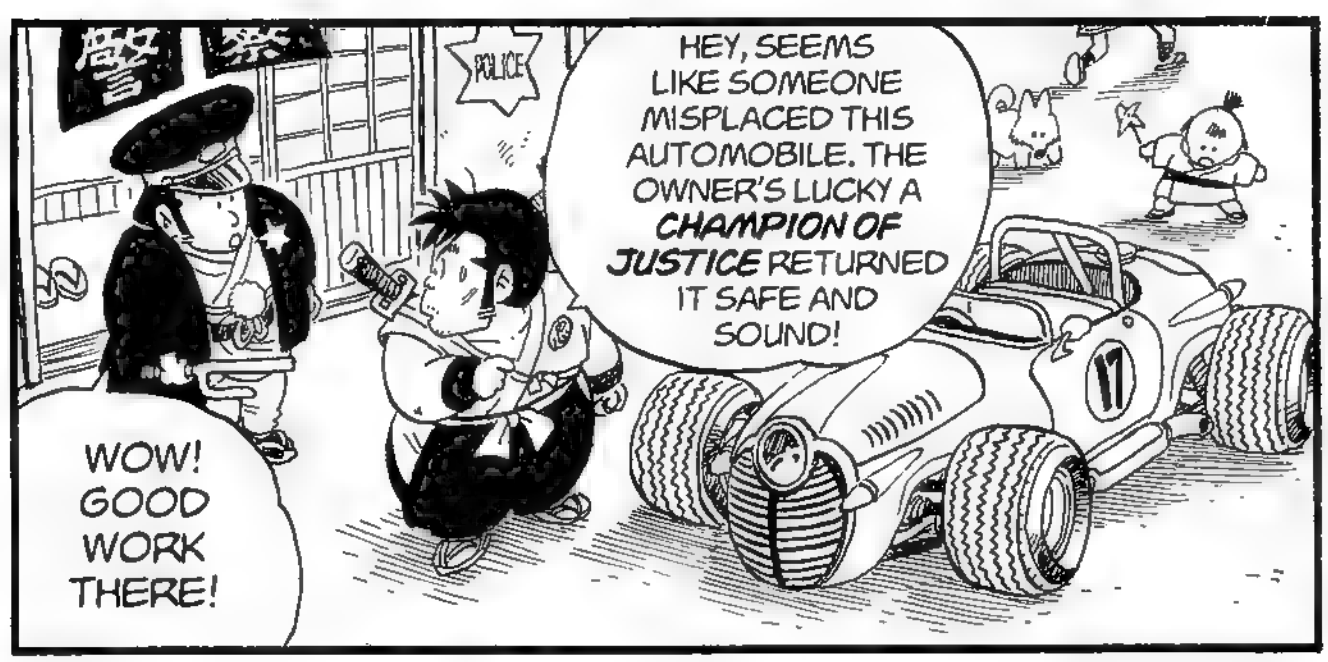
HRR... HRRGH...
TUMBLE

I- I DID?!
HUH ?


HARD TO BELIEVE YOU DEFEATED ALL THREE ROGUES BY YOURSELF SO... SWIFTLY!!
W-WOW! YOU WERE MARVELOUS, MISTER!! A TRUE CHAMPION OF JUSTICE!!

HUH... A CHAMPION OF JUSTICE ...


GUESS YOU COULD SAY VANQUISHING EVIL BEFORE LUNCH IS ALL IN A DAY'S WORK FOR ME!!
GWA HAH HAH HAH! I MEAN, I DID! NINJAS ARE THE BEST, RIGHT?!
PUT-PUT-PUT



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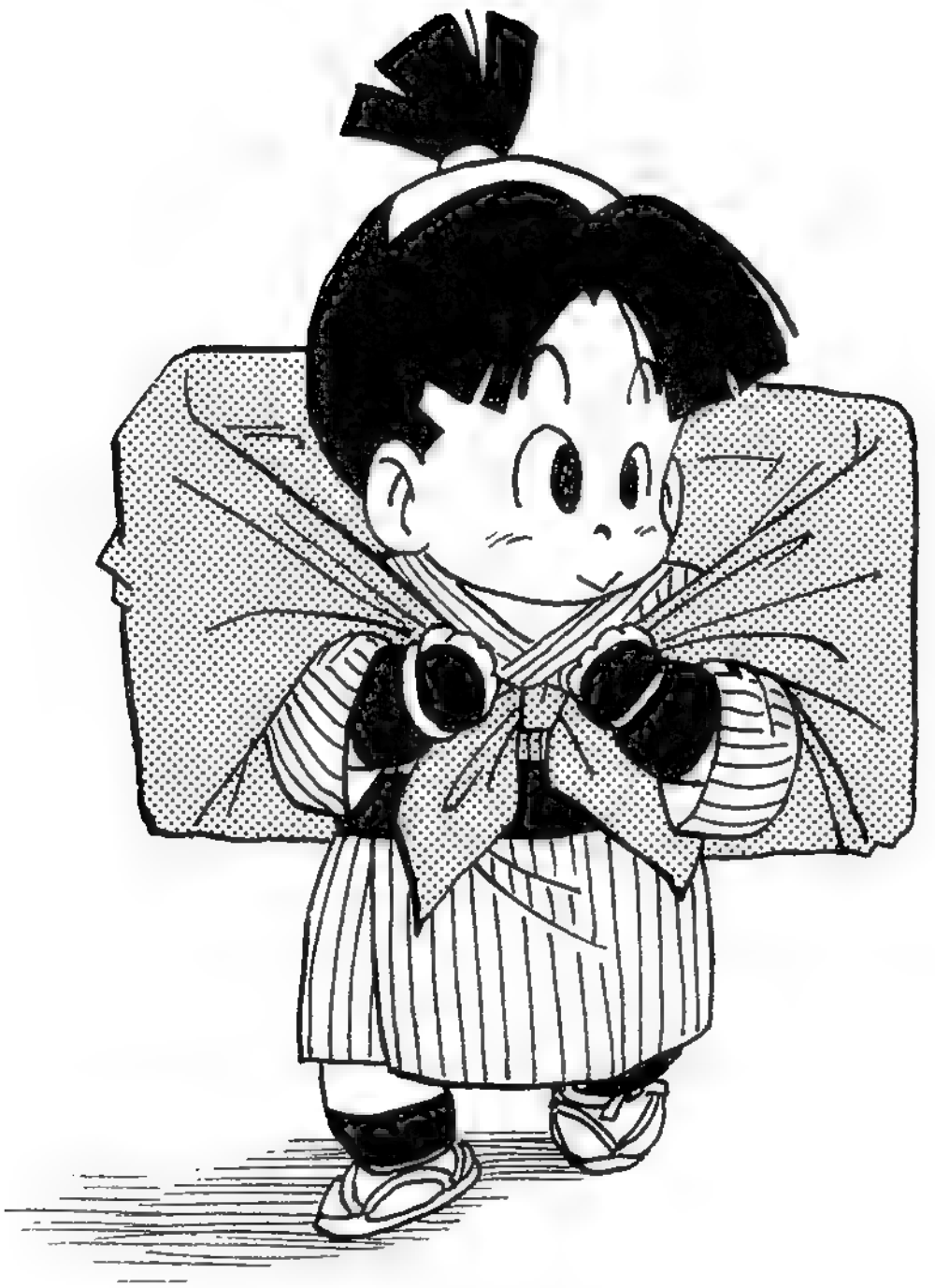
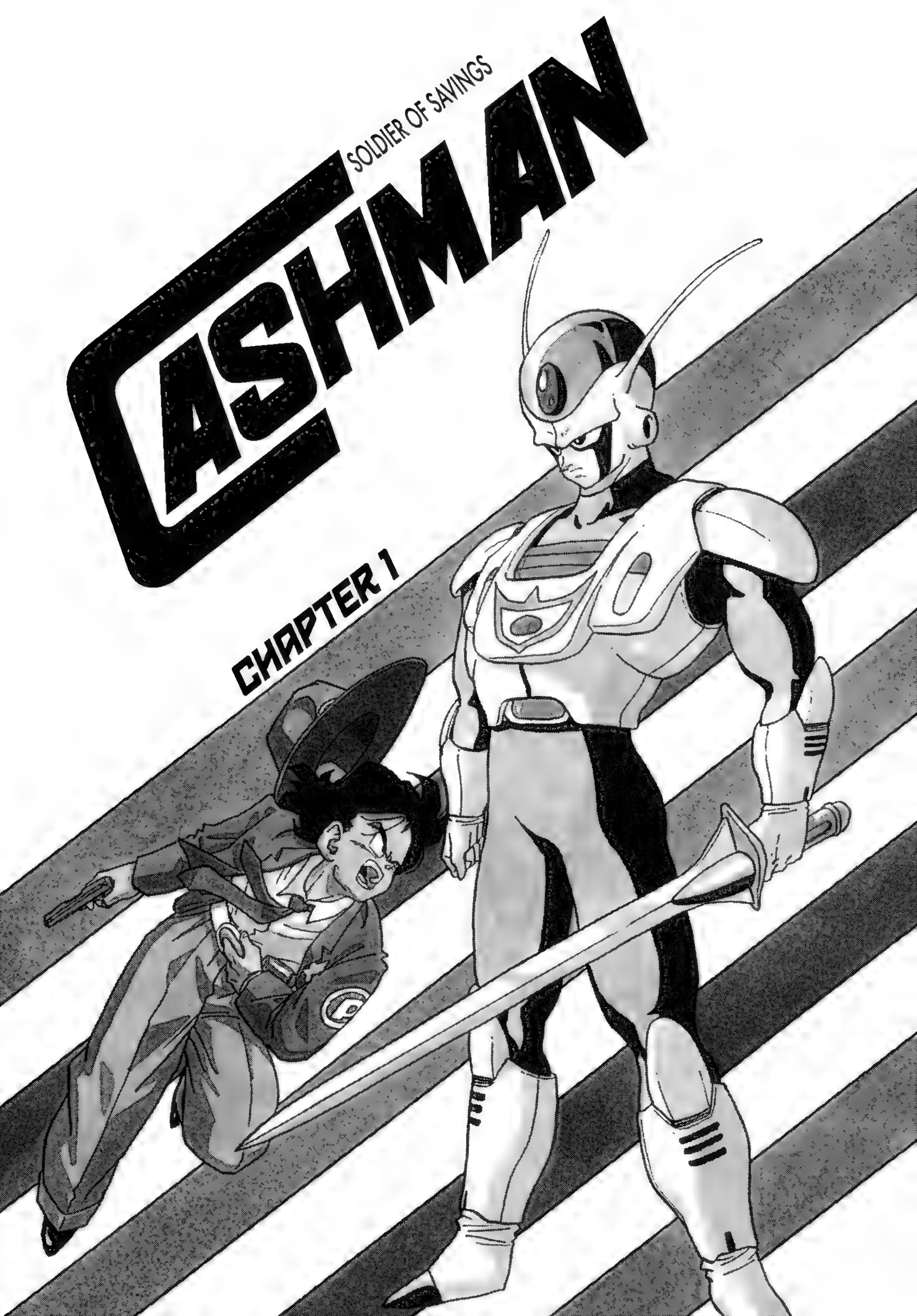
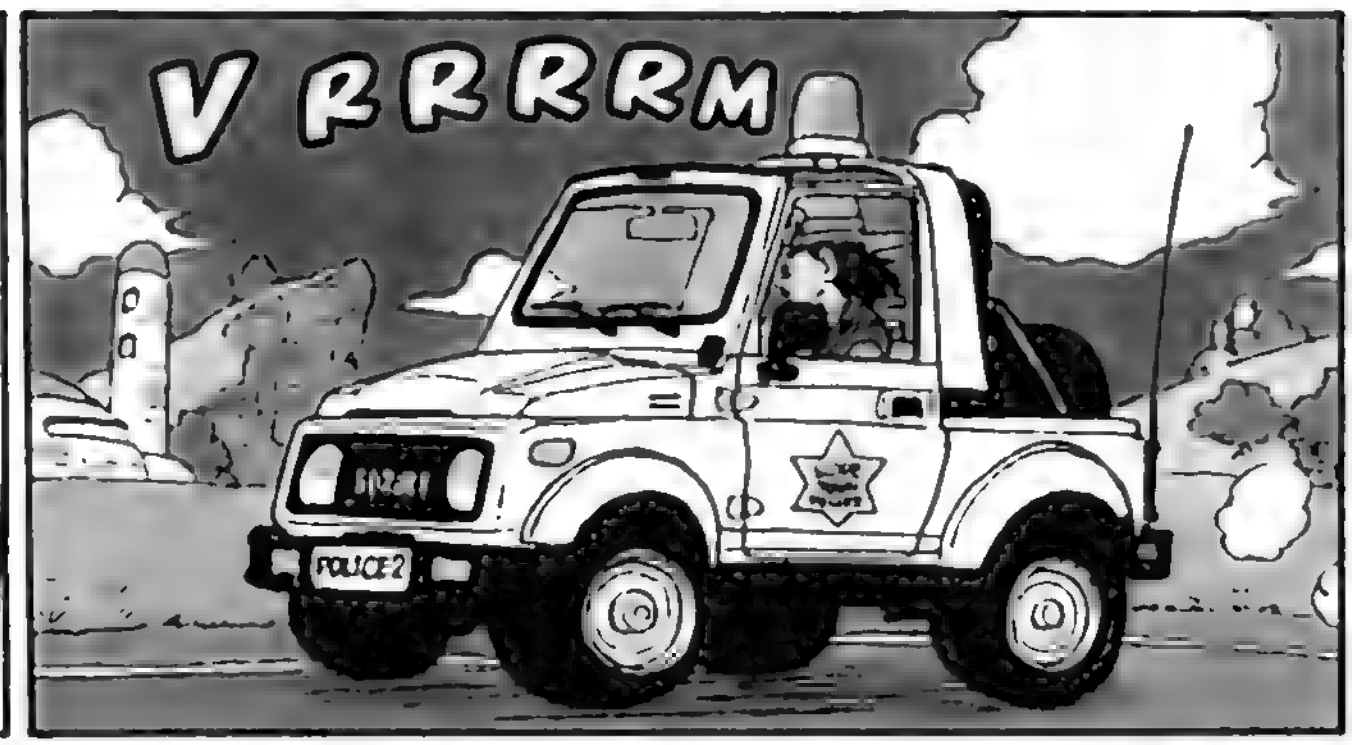
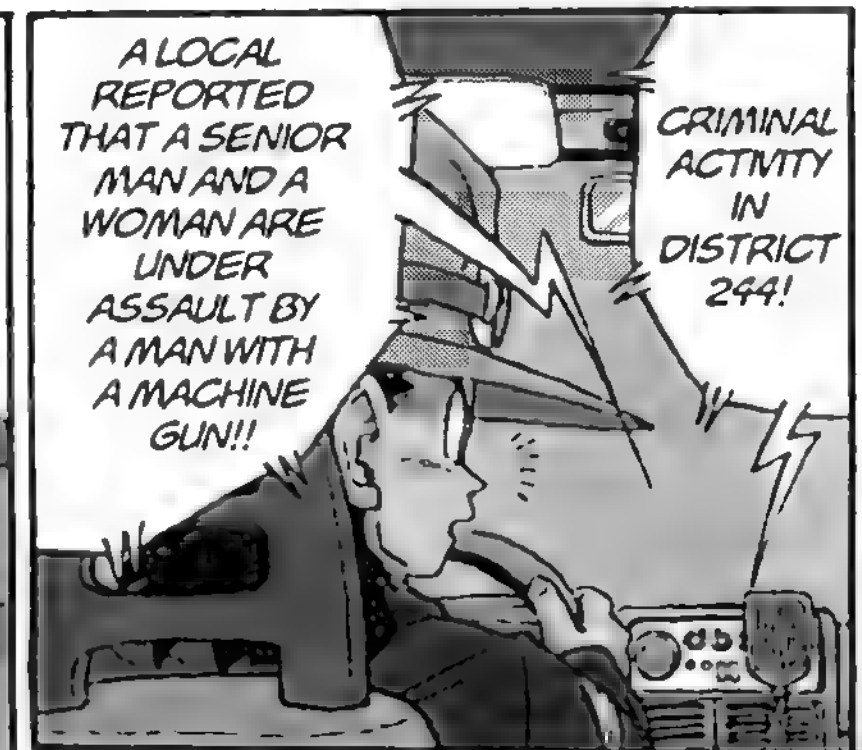
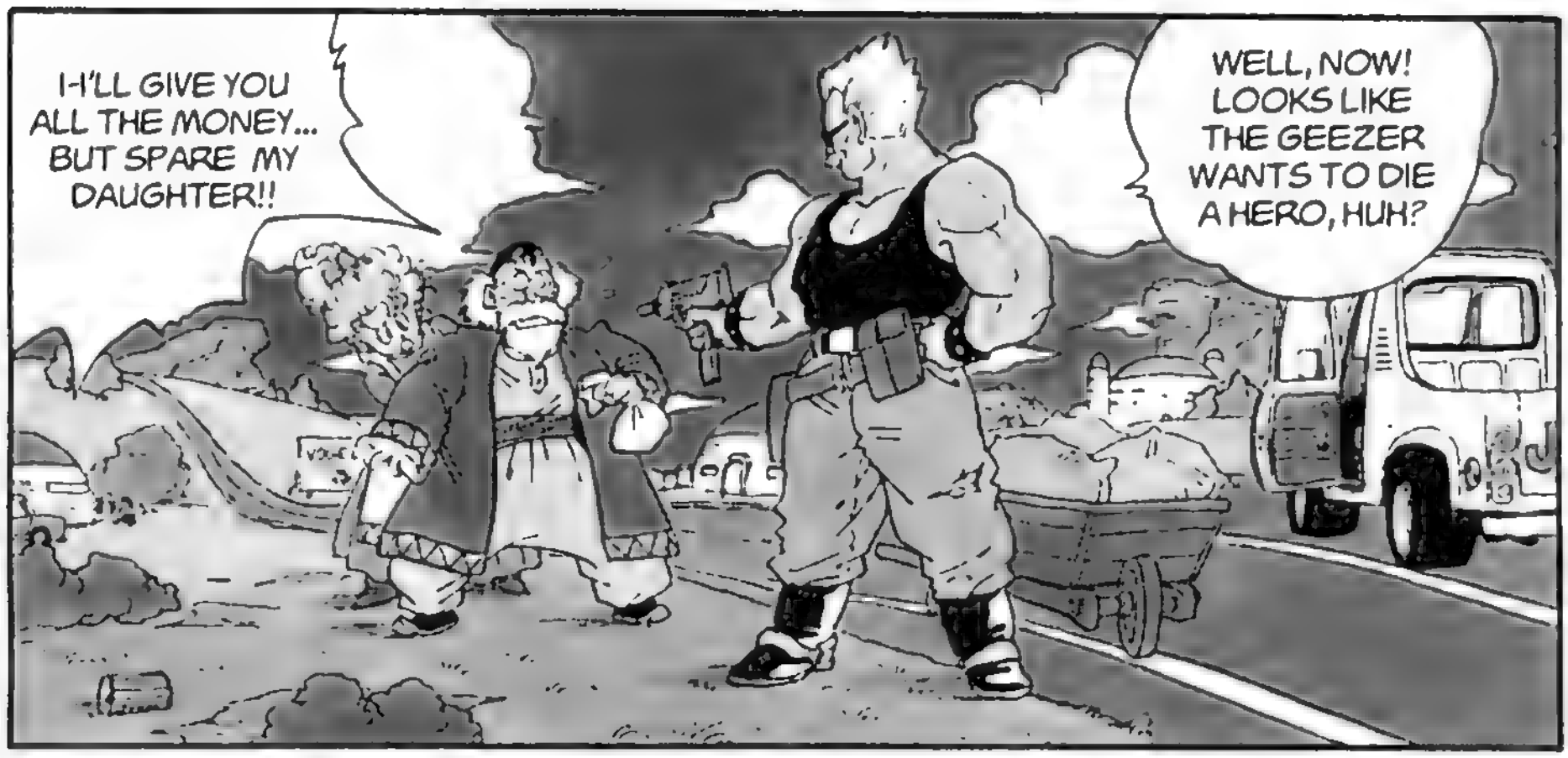



SOLDIER OF SAVINGS
CASHMAN
CHAPTER 1

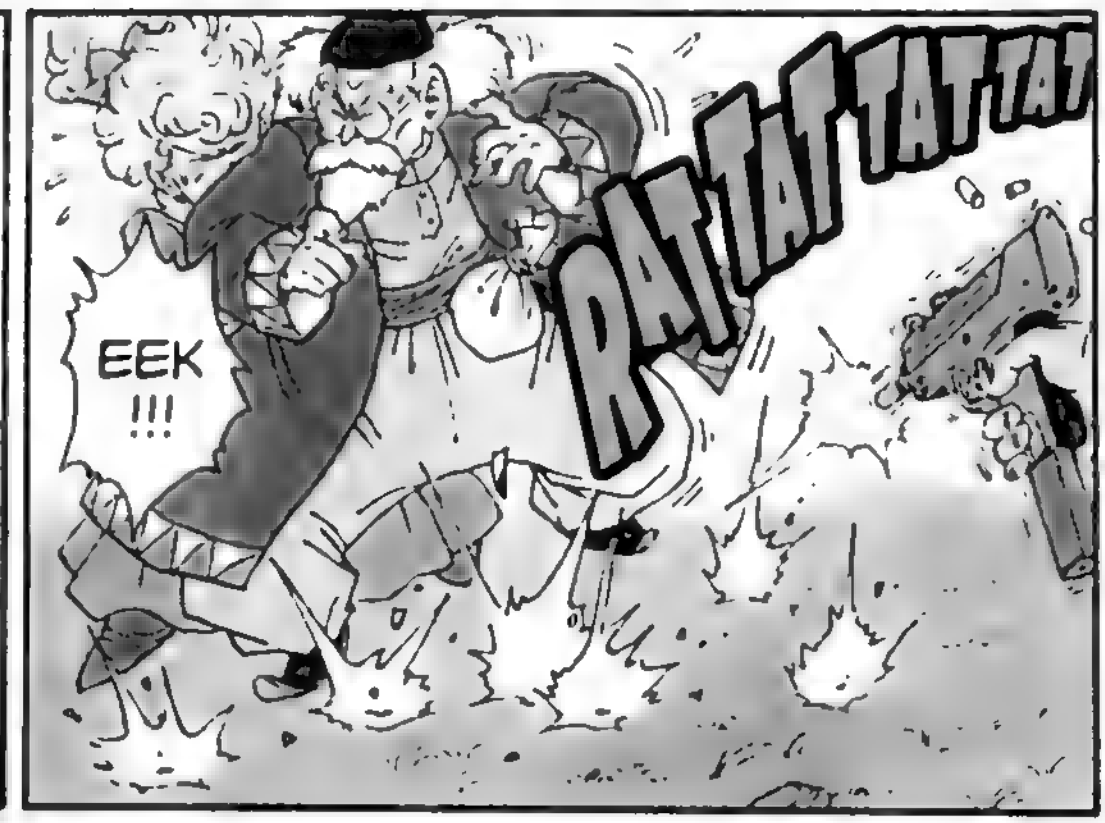
SLOPE TOWN, EARTH

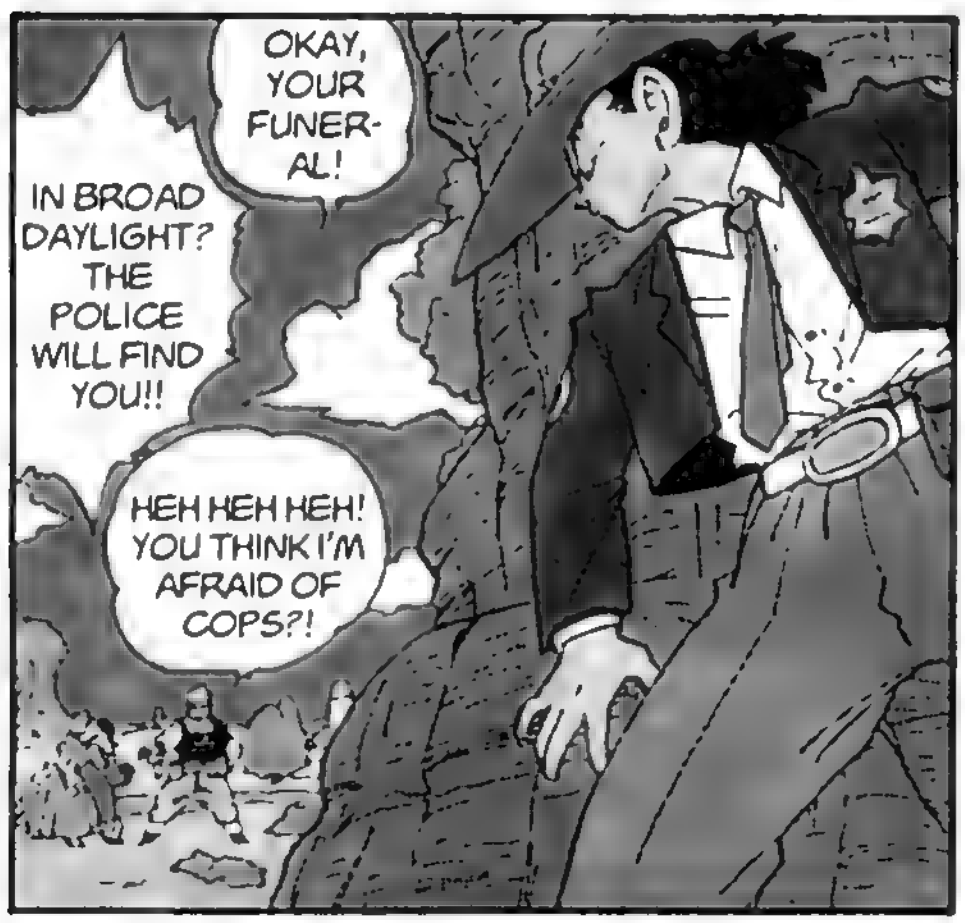


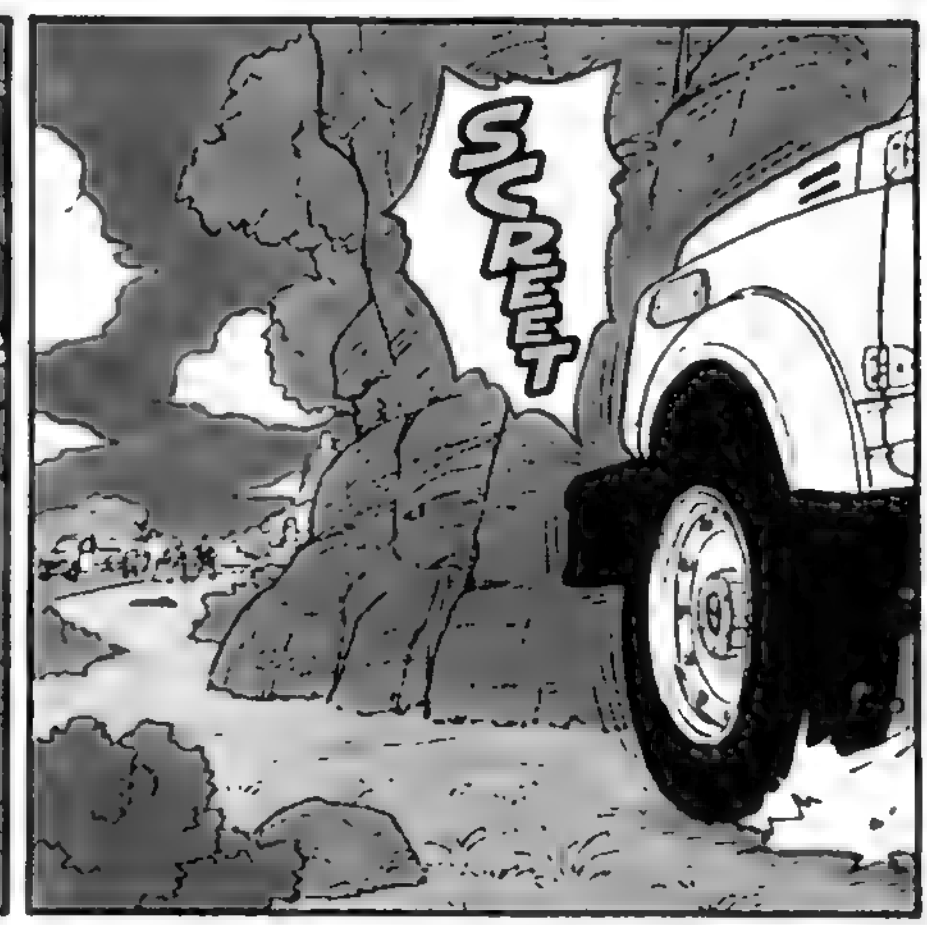



I-I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE MONEY... BUT SPARE MY DAUGHTER!!
WELL, NOW! LOOKS LIKE THE GEEZER WANTS TO DIE A HERO, HUH?

HAND OVER ALL YOUR MONEY AND THE GIRL!
C'MON, IT'S SIMPLE. WE GET THIS DONE FAST OR I KILL YOU.

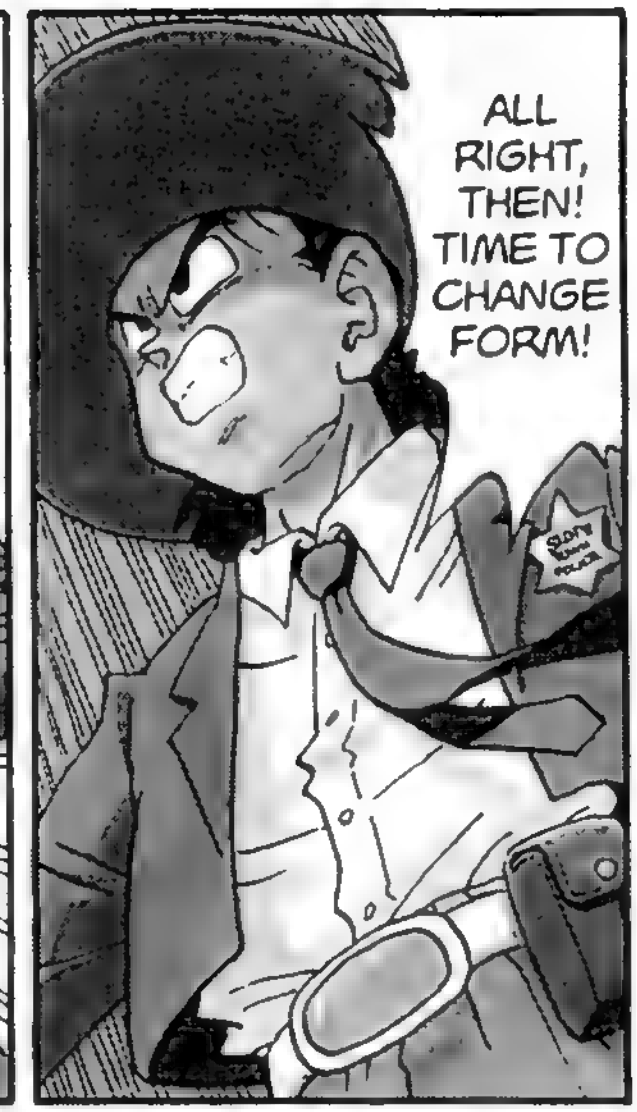

EEK !!!
RAT TAT TAT TAT

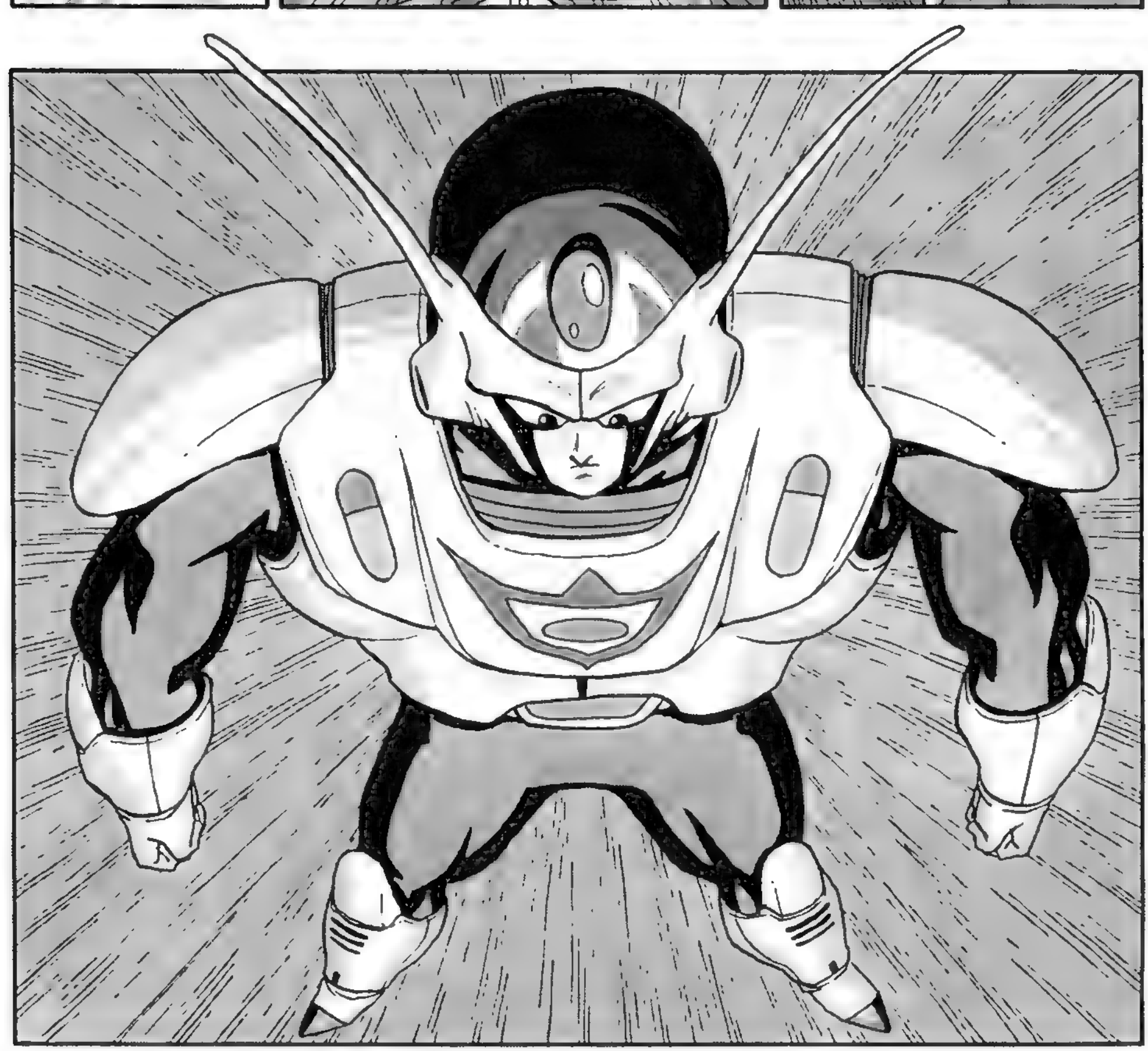

OKAY, YOUR FUNER-AL!
IN BROAD DAYLIGHT? THE POLICE WILL FIND YOU!!
HEH HEH HEH! YOU THINK I'M AFRAID OF COPS?!

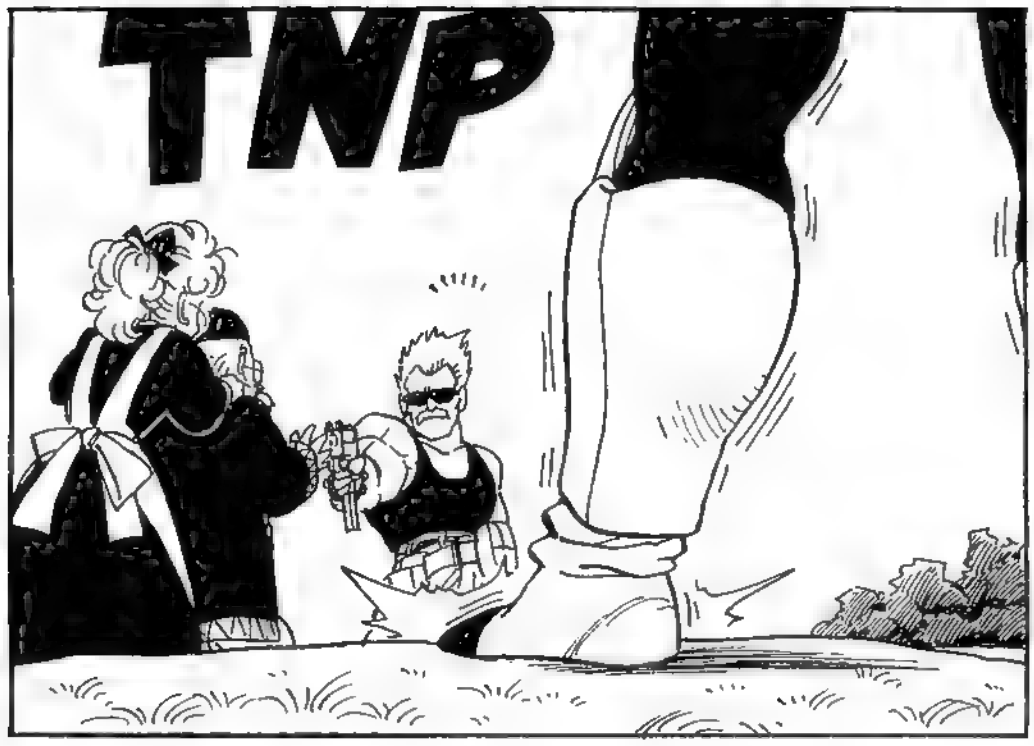

SCREET

YVAA

SHOW TRUE FORM !!!!
P-CHK


ALL RIGHT, THEN! TIME TO CHANGE FORM!

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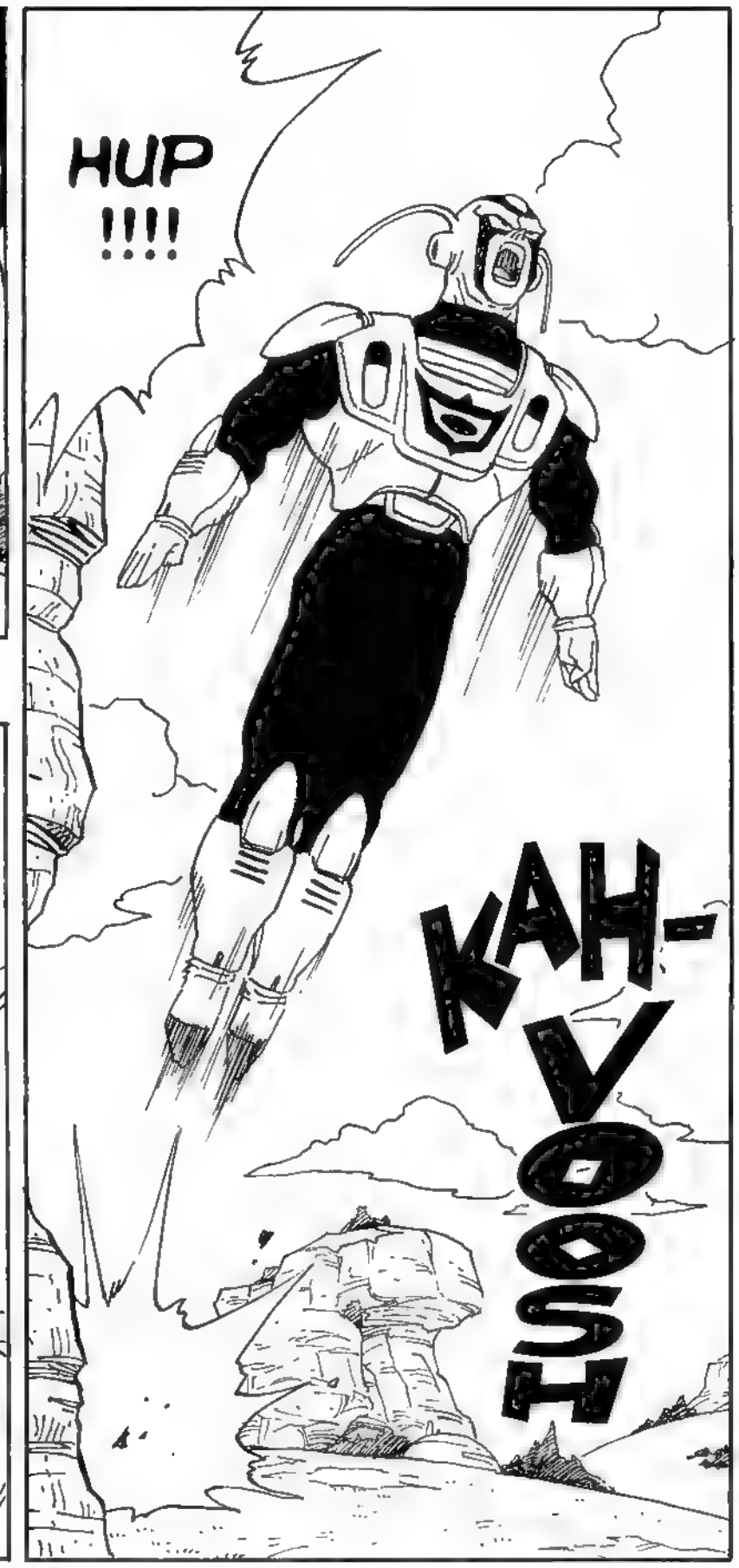
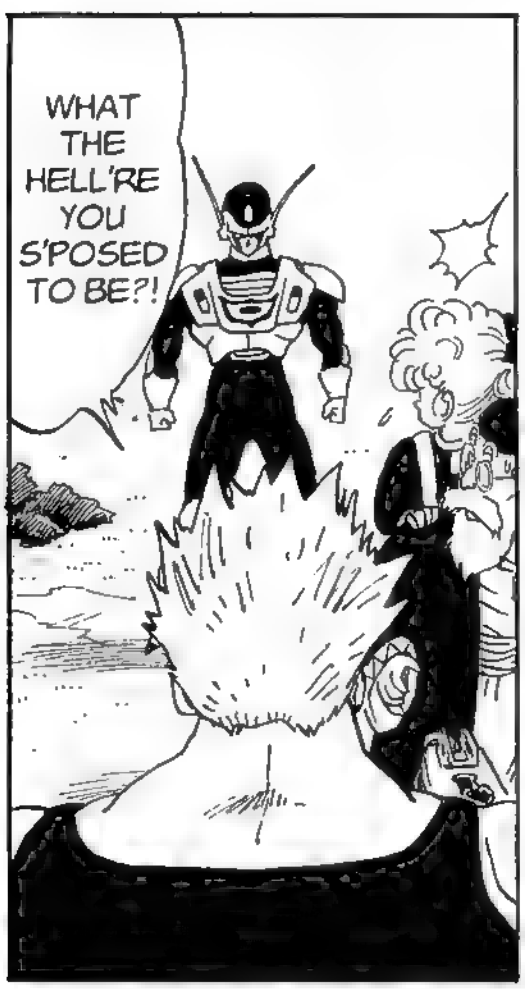
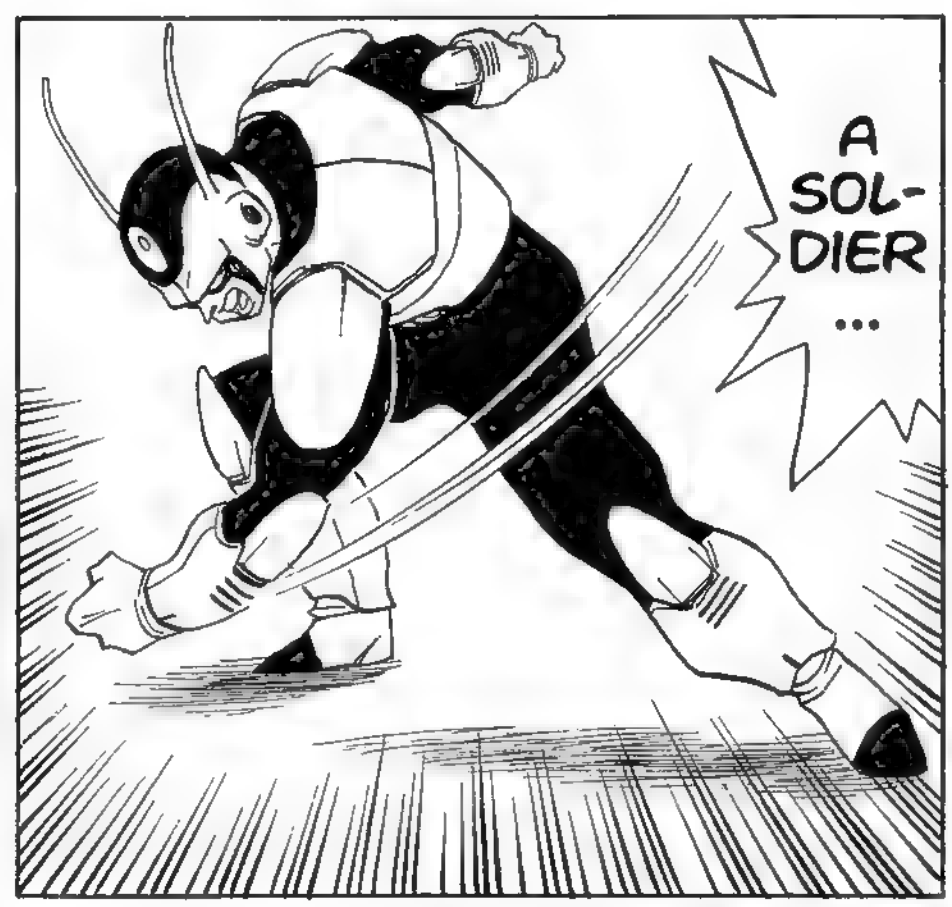

HUP !!!!
KAH-VOOSH

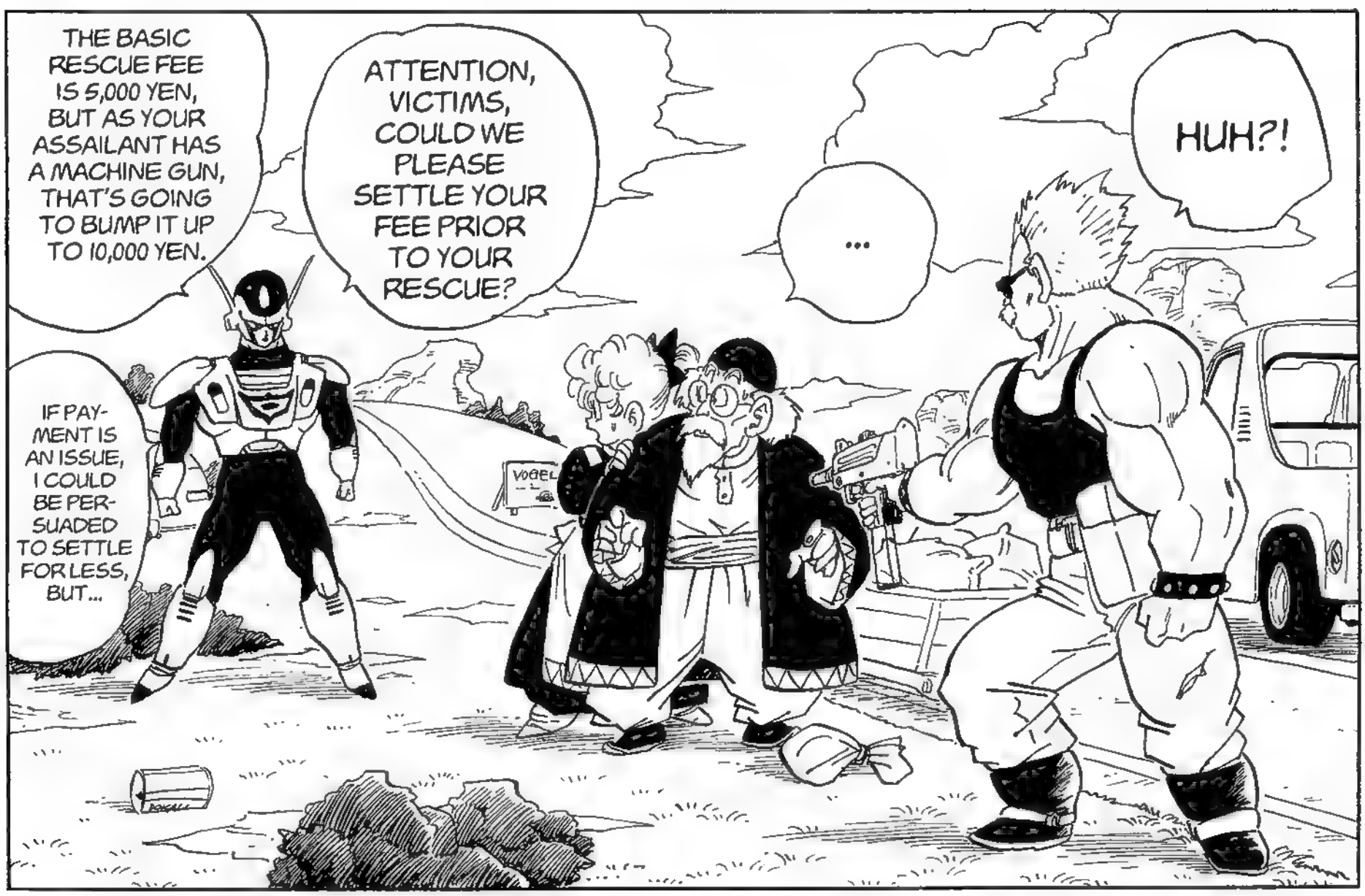

WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU S'POSED TO BE?!

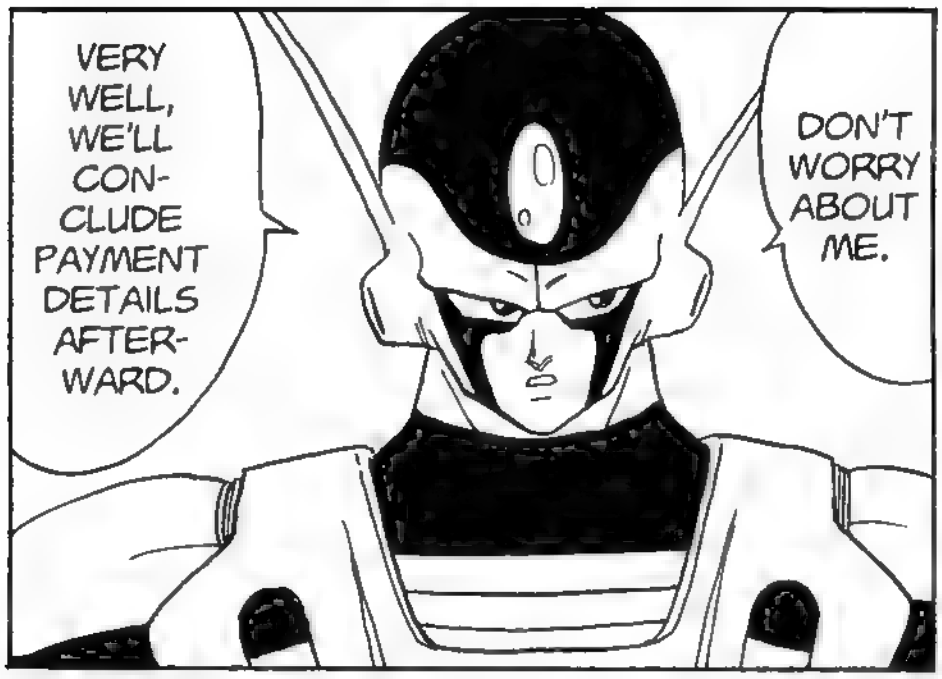
TIME TO CALL IT QUITS.
THAT'S FAR ENOUGH, EVIL-DOER.

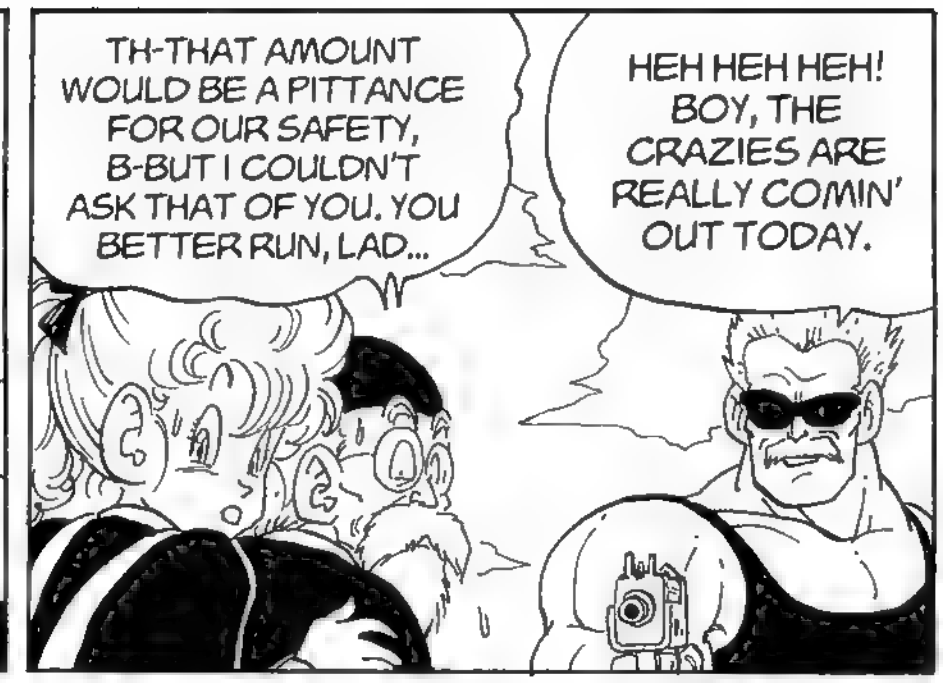
...OF SAV-INGS !!

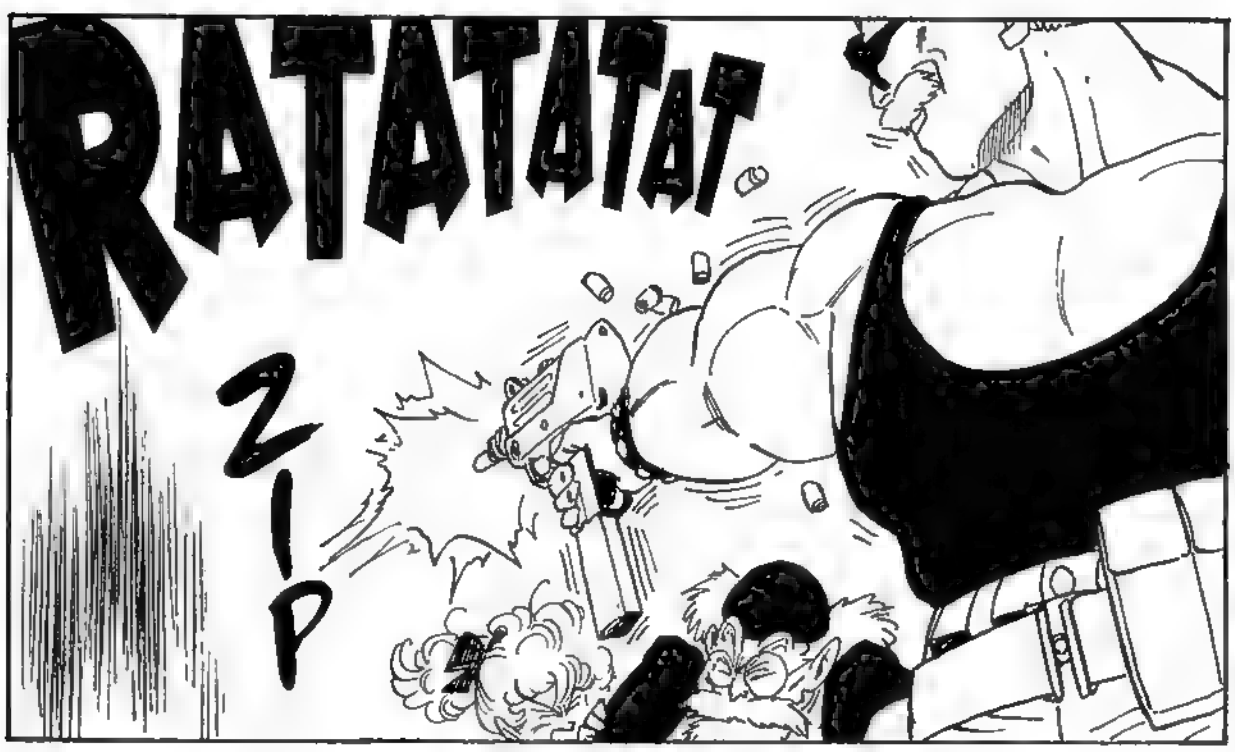

A SOL-DIER ...

CASH-MAN!!


THE BASIC RESCUE FEE IS 5,000 YEN, BUT AS YOUR ASSAILANT HAS A MACHINE GUN, THAT'S GOING TO BUMP IT UP TO 10,000 YEN.
ATTENTION, VICTIMS, COULD WE PLEASE SETTLE YOUR FEE PRIOR TO YOUR RESCUE?
...
HUH?!
IF PAYMENT IS AN ISSUE, I COULD BE PERSUADED TO SETTLE FOR LESS, BUT...
VOGEL


VERY WELL, WE'LL CON-CLUDE PAYMENT DETAILS AFTER-WARD.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.

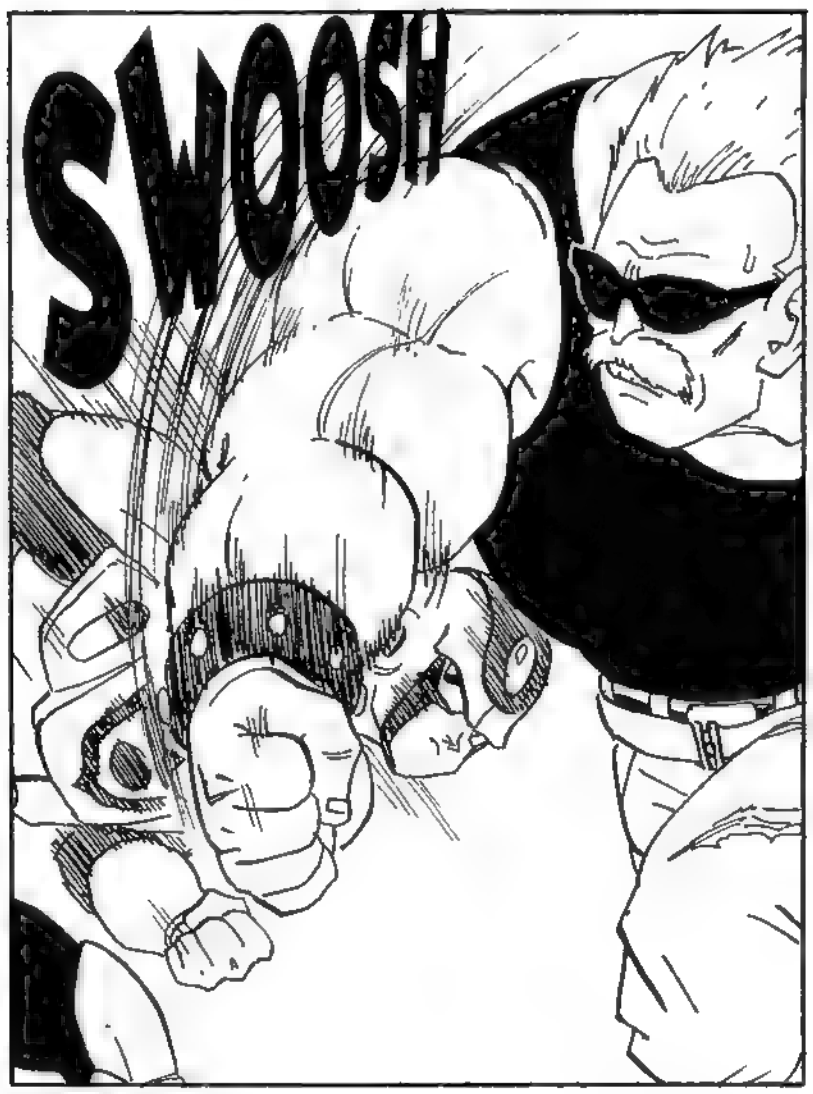

TH-THAT AMOUNT WOULD BE A PITTANCE FOR OUR SAFETY, B-BUT I COULDN'T ASK THAT OF YOU. YOU BETTER RUN, LAD...
HEH HEH HEH! BOY, THE CRAZIES ARE REALLY COMIN' OUT TODAY.

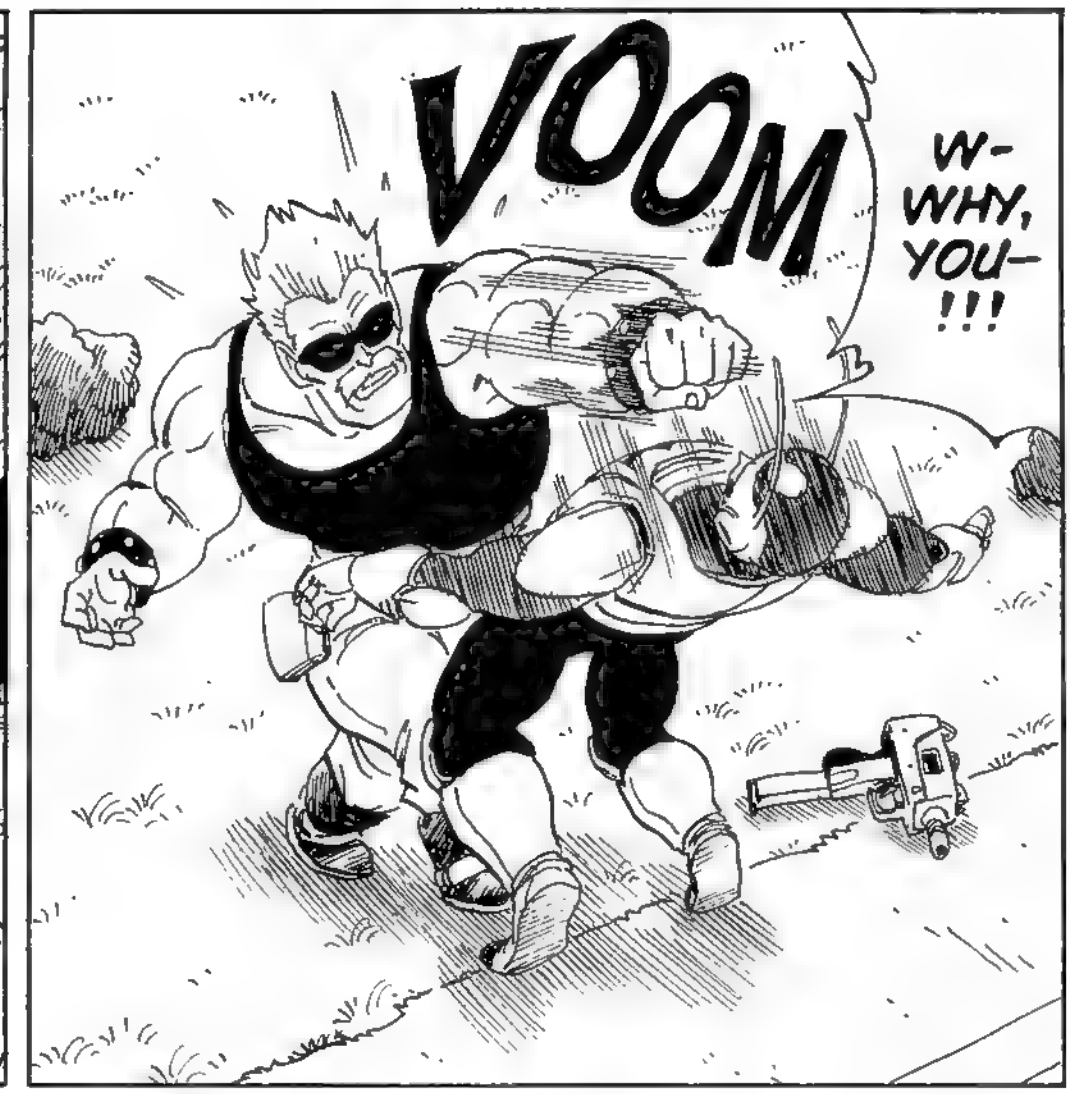

RATATATAT
ZIP

OKAY, FREAK, YOU'RE DONE!

SMACK

HUH ?!

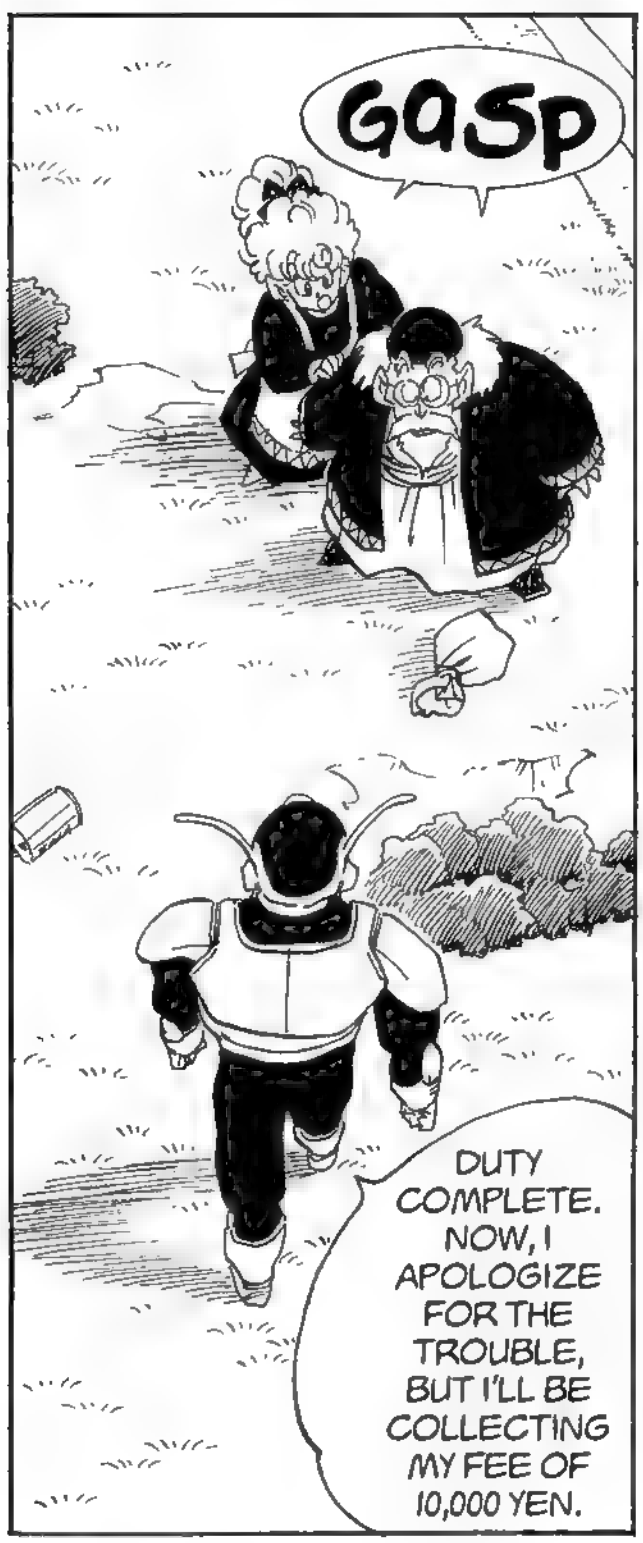

SWOOSH

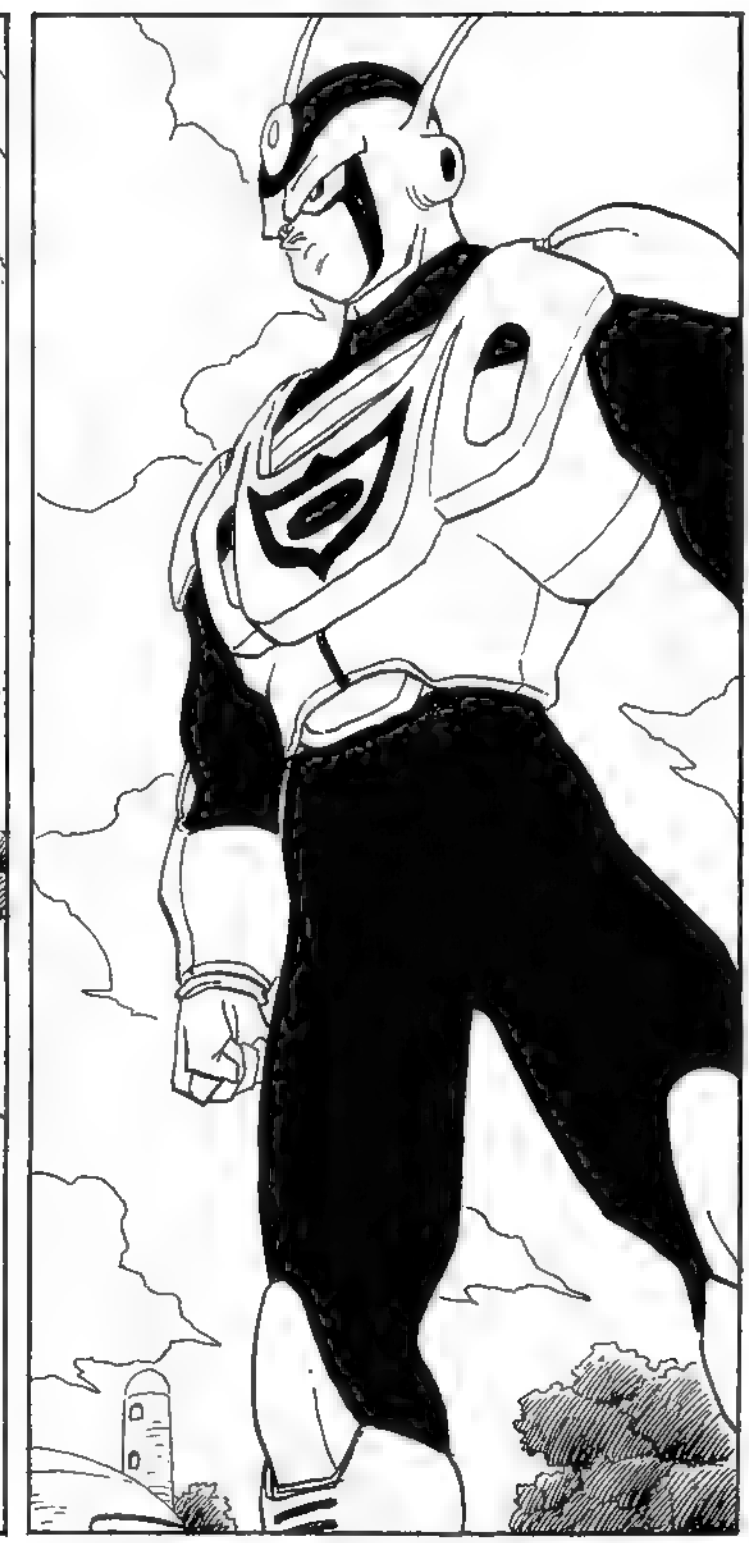

VOOM
W-WHY, YOU-!!!

VDOOM

CRACK
WHAM
BONG

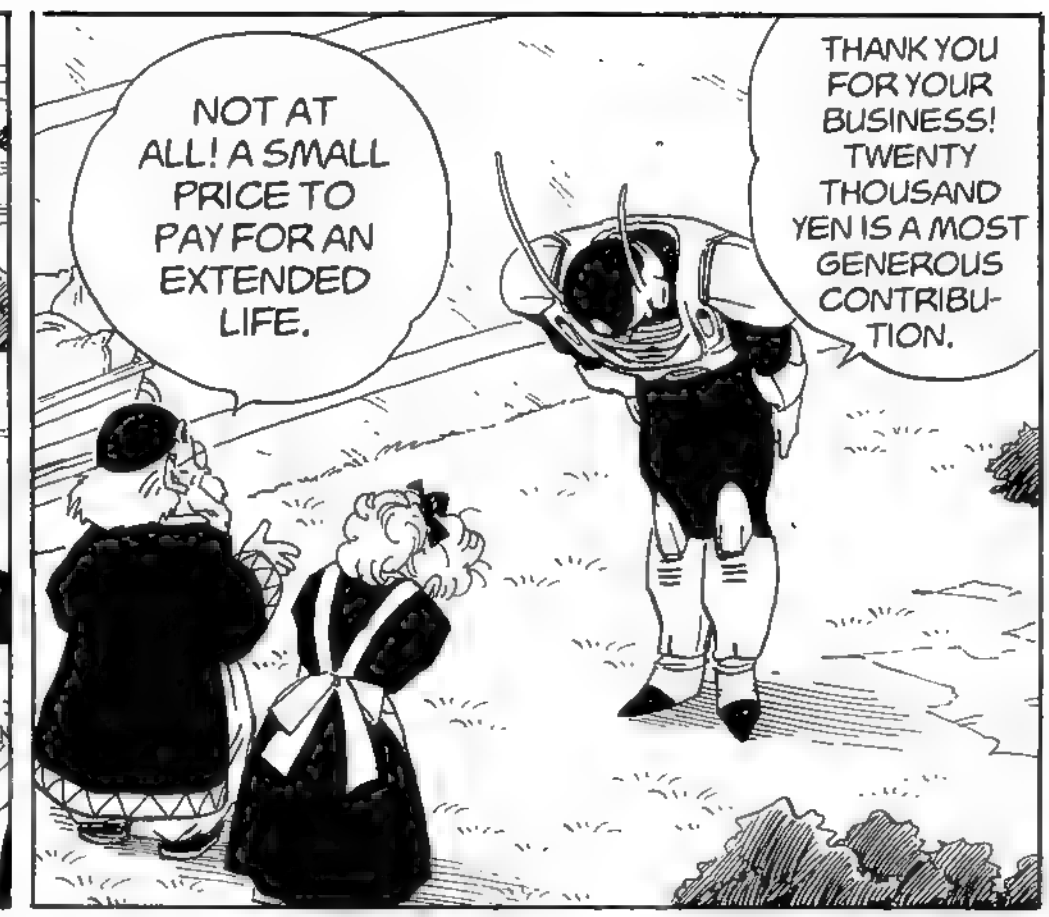
HOK

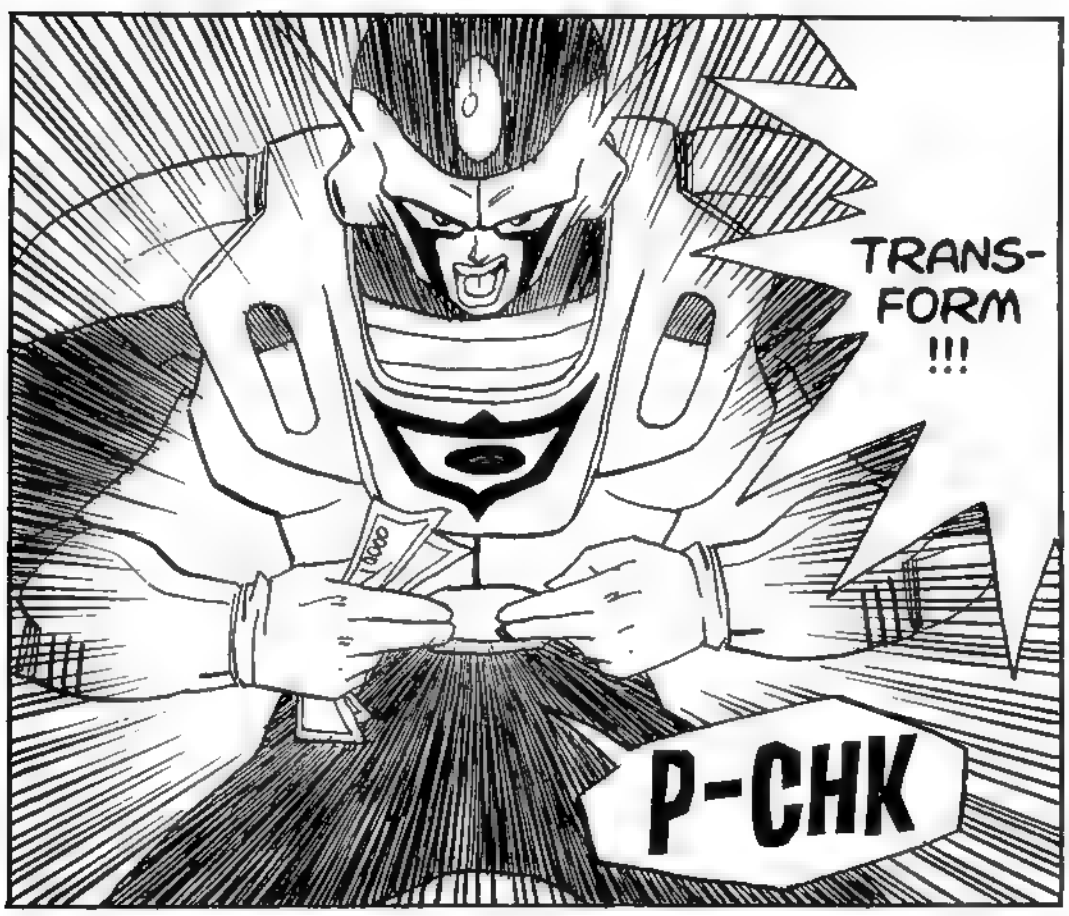

GASP
DUTY COMPLETE. NOW, I APOLOGIZE FOR THE TROUBLE, BUT I'LL BE COLLECTING MY FEE OF 10,000 YEN.

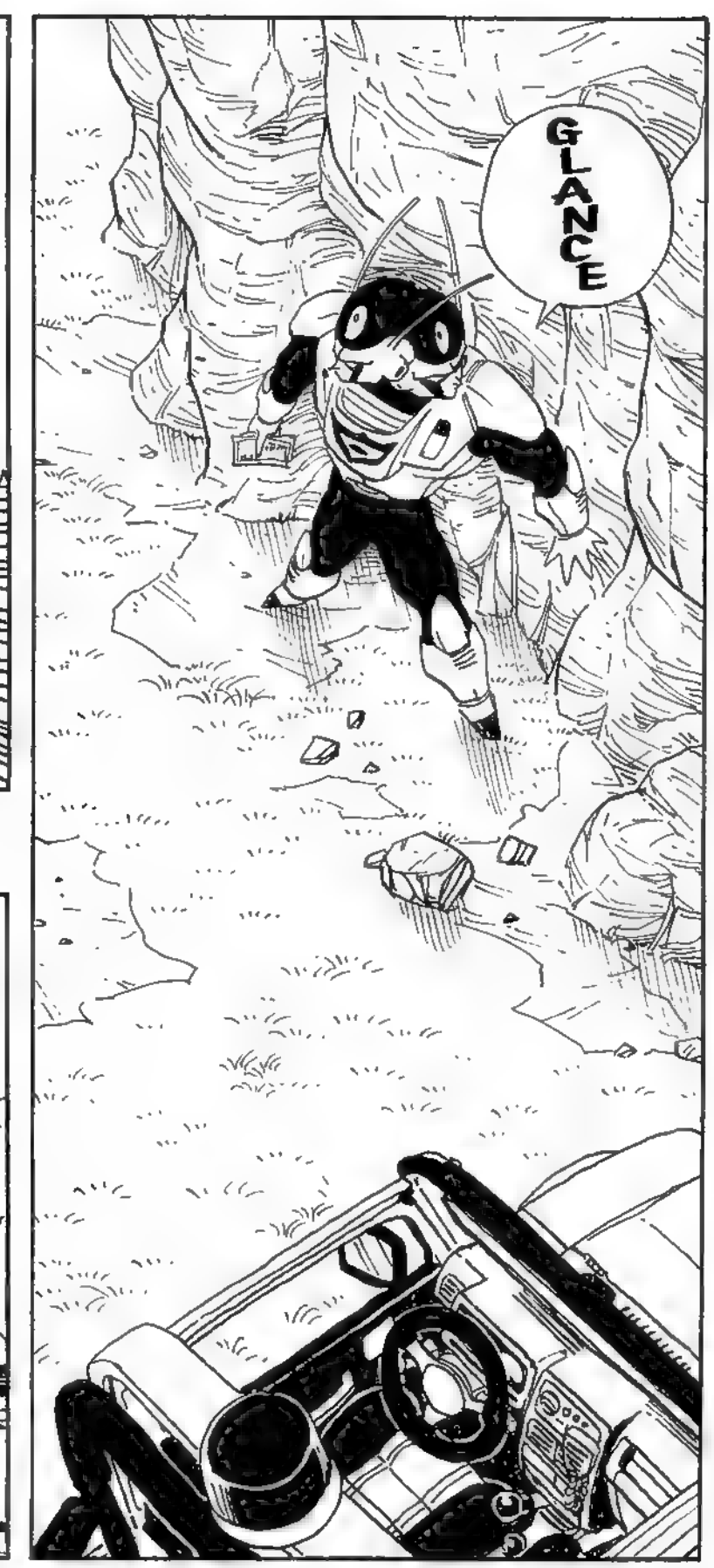


BAM
ZIP

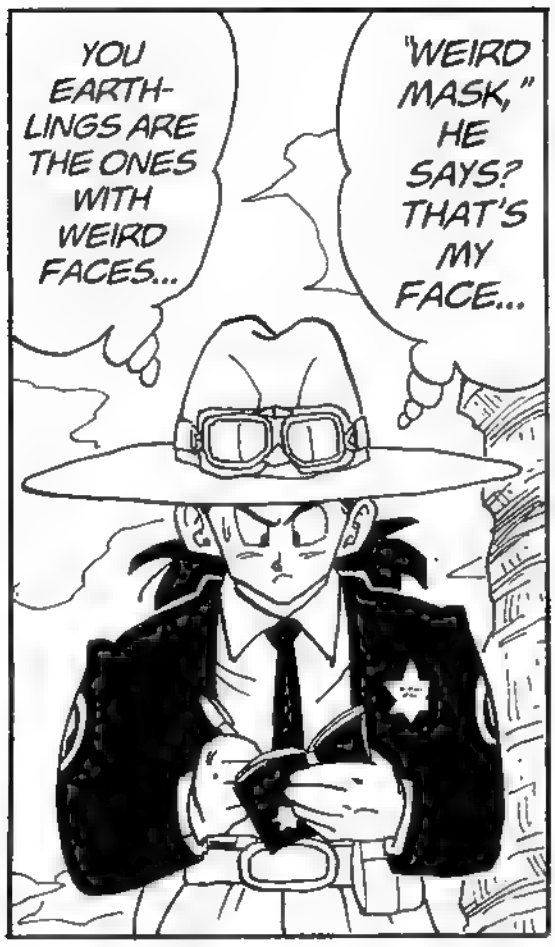
I'M OFF THEN!
DASH

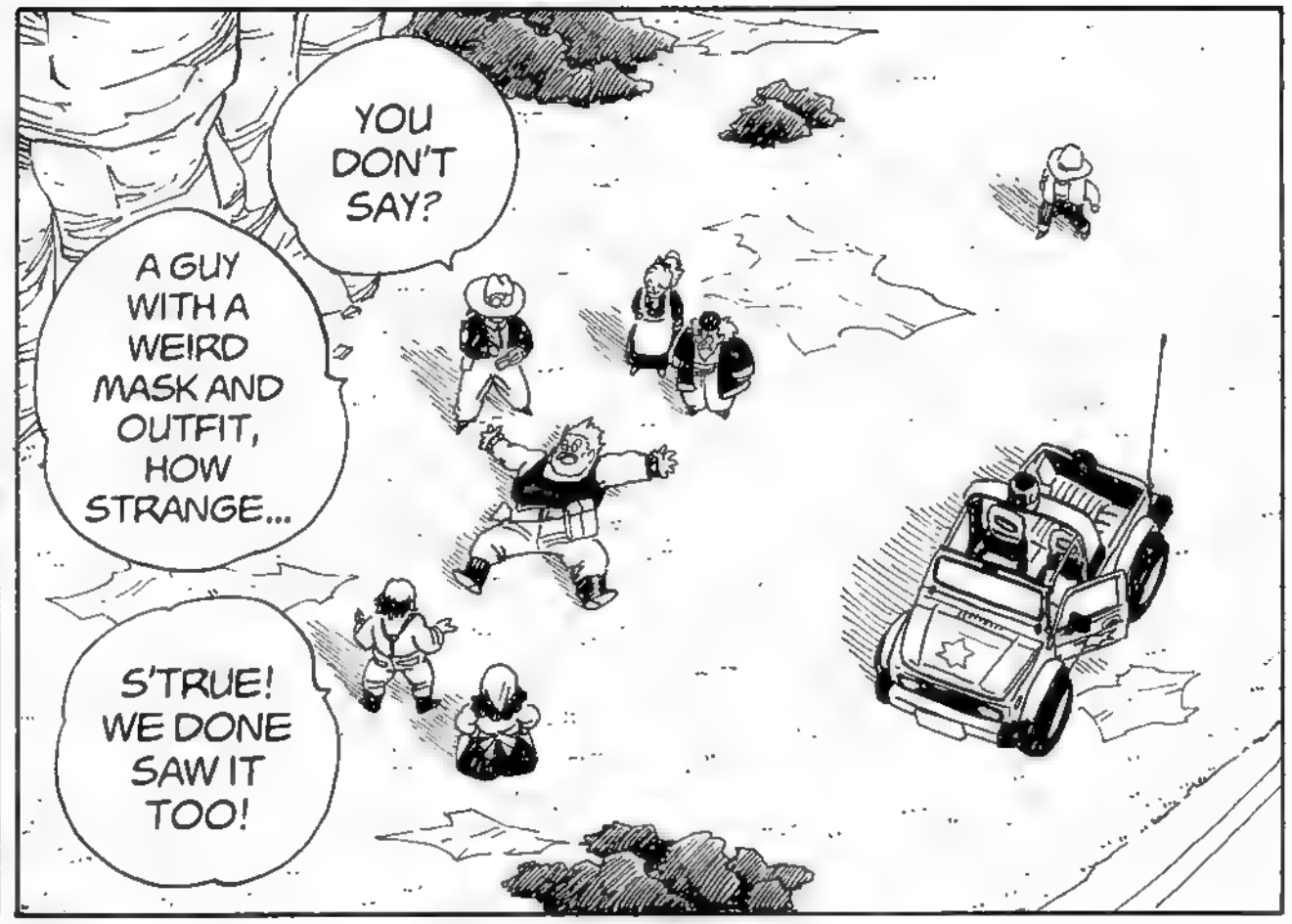

NOT AT ALL! A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR AN EXTENDED LIFE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS! TWENTY THOUSAND YEN IS A MOST GENEROUS CONTRIBU-TION.


TRANS-FORM !!!
P-CHK

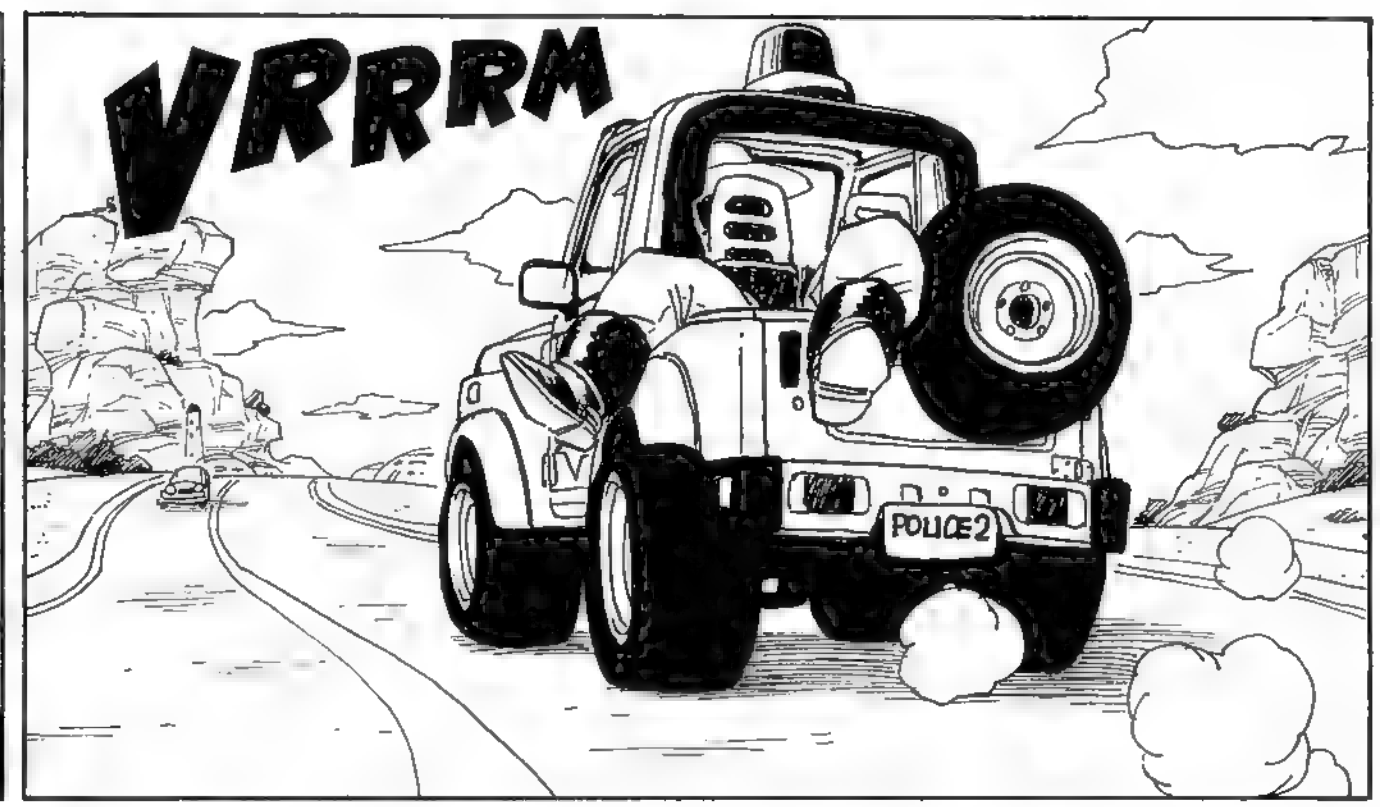

GLANCE

PHEW ...
I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM LIKE THAT...
GRIP

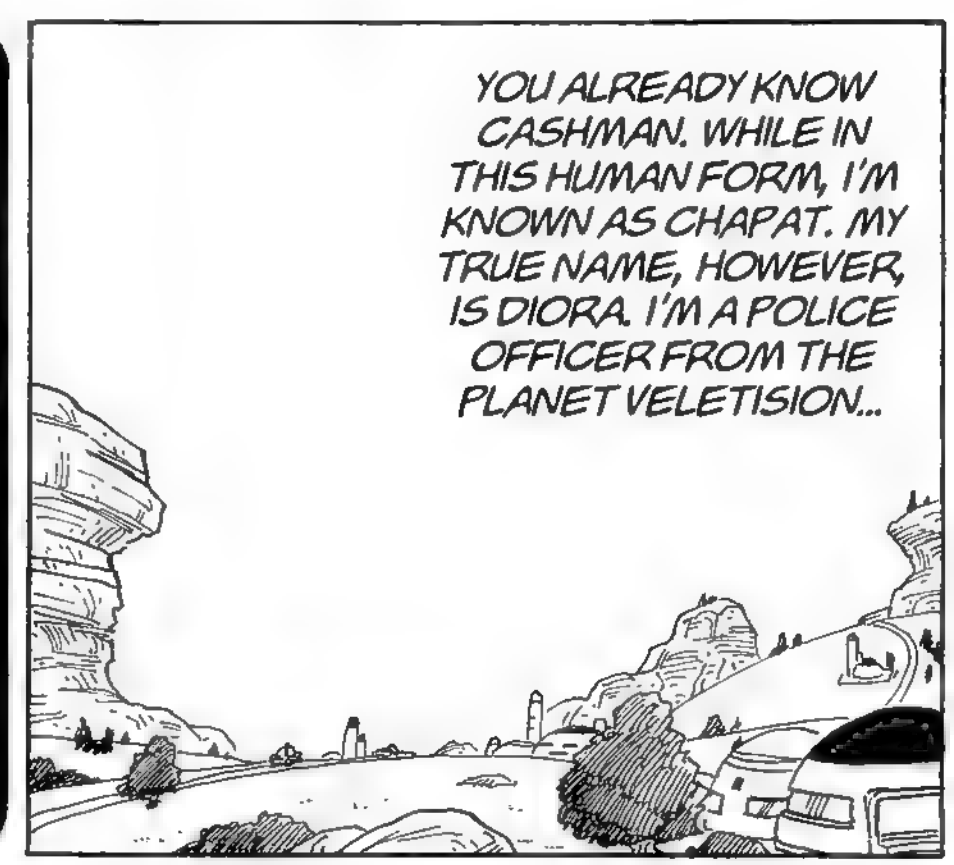

YOU EARTH-LINGS ARE THE ONES WITH WEIRD FACES...
"WEIRD MASK," HE SAYS? THAT'S MY FACE...


YOU DON'T SAY?
A GUY WITH A WEIRD MASK AND OUTFIT, HOW STRANGE...
S'TRUE! WE DONE SAW IT TOO!

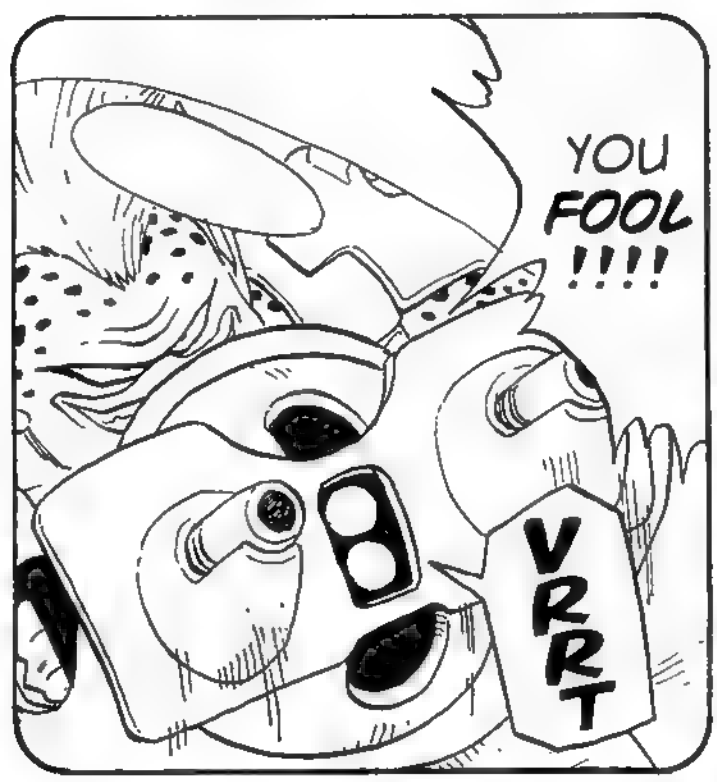
I POSSESS THREE NAMES...

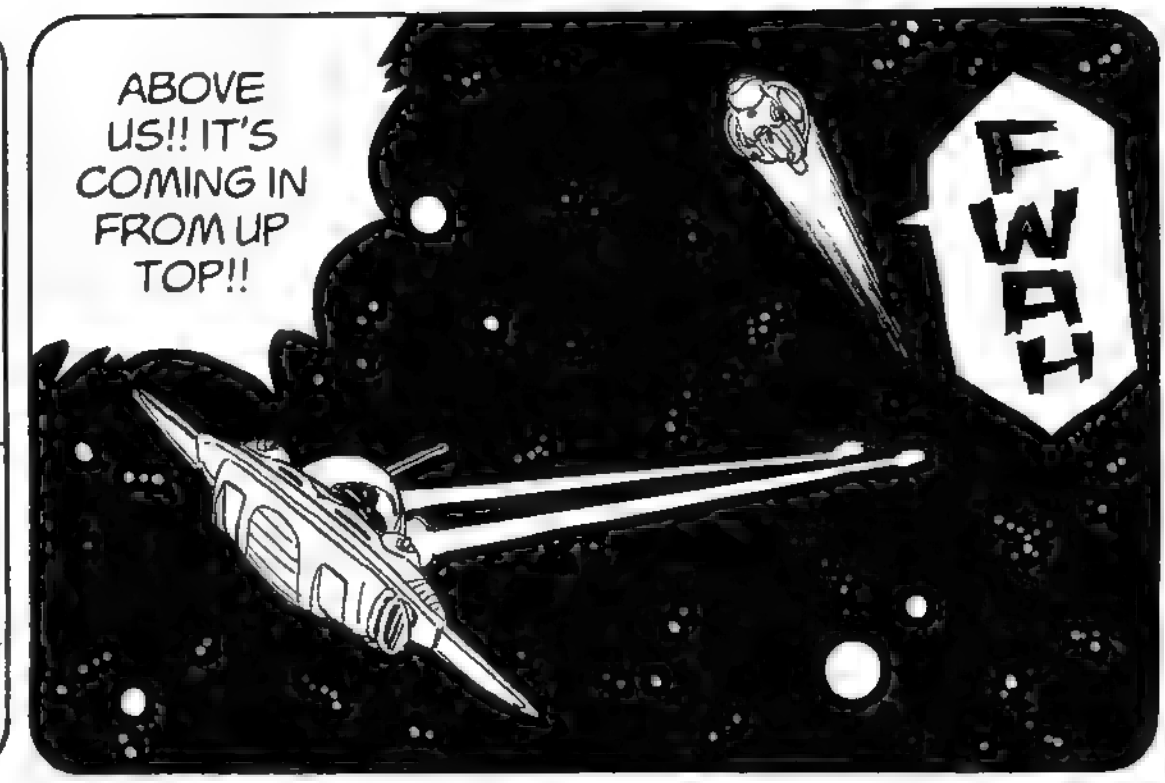

VRRRM
POLICE 2

EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING, IN EARTH TIME, THAT IS, I WAS CHASING A DUO OF WANTED MURDERERS ALL THE WAY TO THE OUTER RIM OF THE MILKY WAY.


YOU ALREADY KNOW CASHMAN. WHILE IN THIS HUMAN FORM, I'M KNOWN AS CHAPAT. MY TRUE NAME, HOWEVER, IS DIORA. I'M A POLICE OFFICER FROM THE PLANET VELETISION...

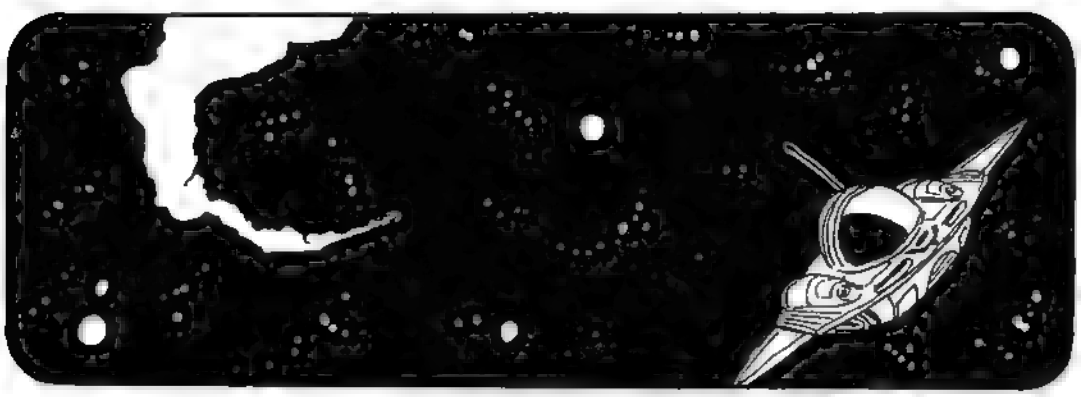
BWEEOOM
BOOM B-B-BOOOM
GUH HEH HEH!! THAT'S THE LAST SHIP!! DO IT!! FINISH IT OFF!!
C'MON! I CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS!!

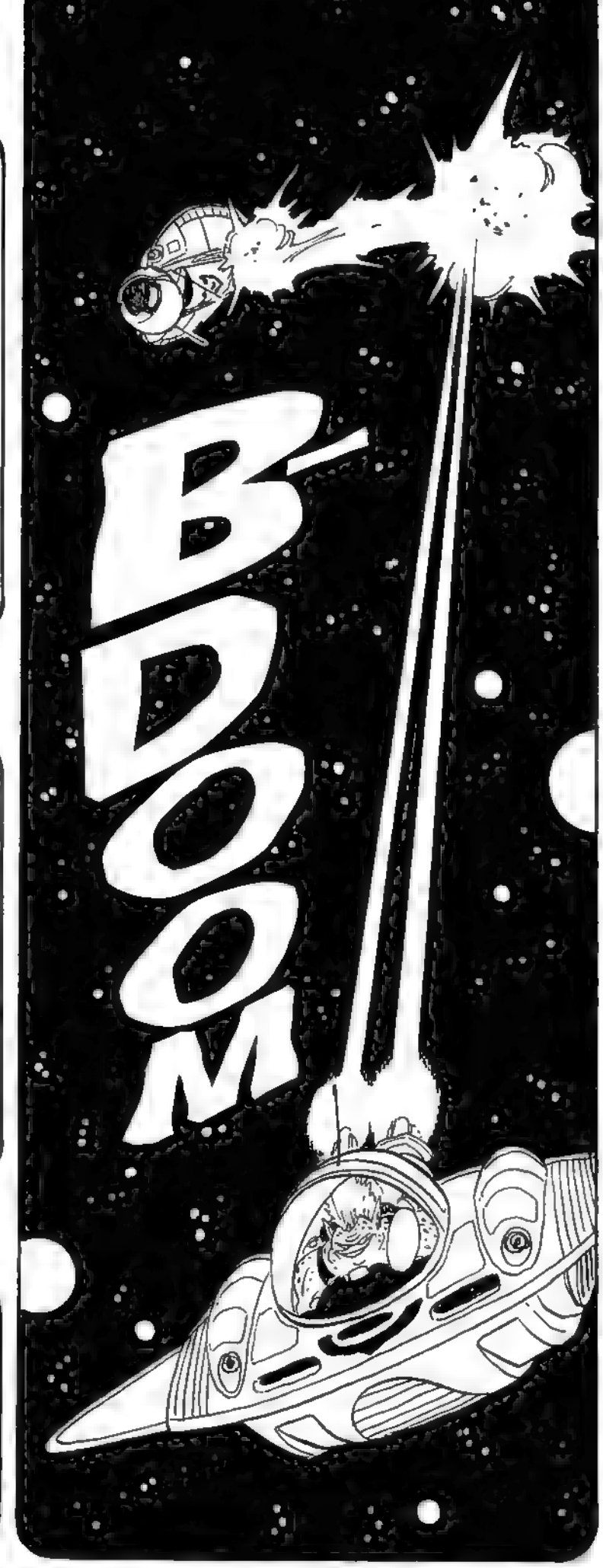

YOU FOOL !!!!
VRRT


ABOVE US!! IT'S COMING IN FROM UP TOP!!
FWAH

NO! THIS CAN'T BE!!!

GYAAAH HAH HAH HAH!!
WE GOT 'IM GOOD!!

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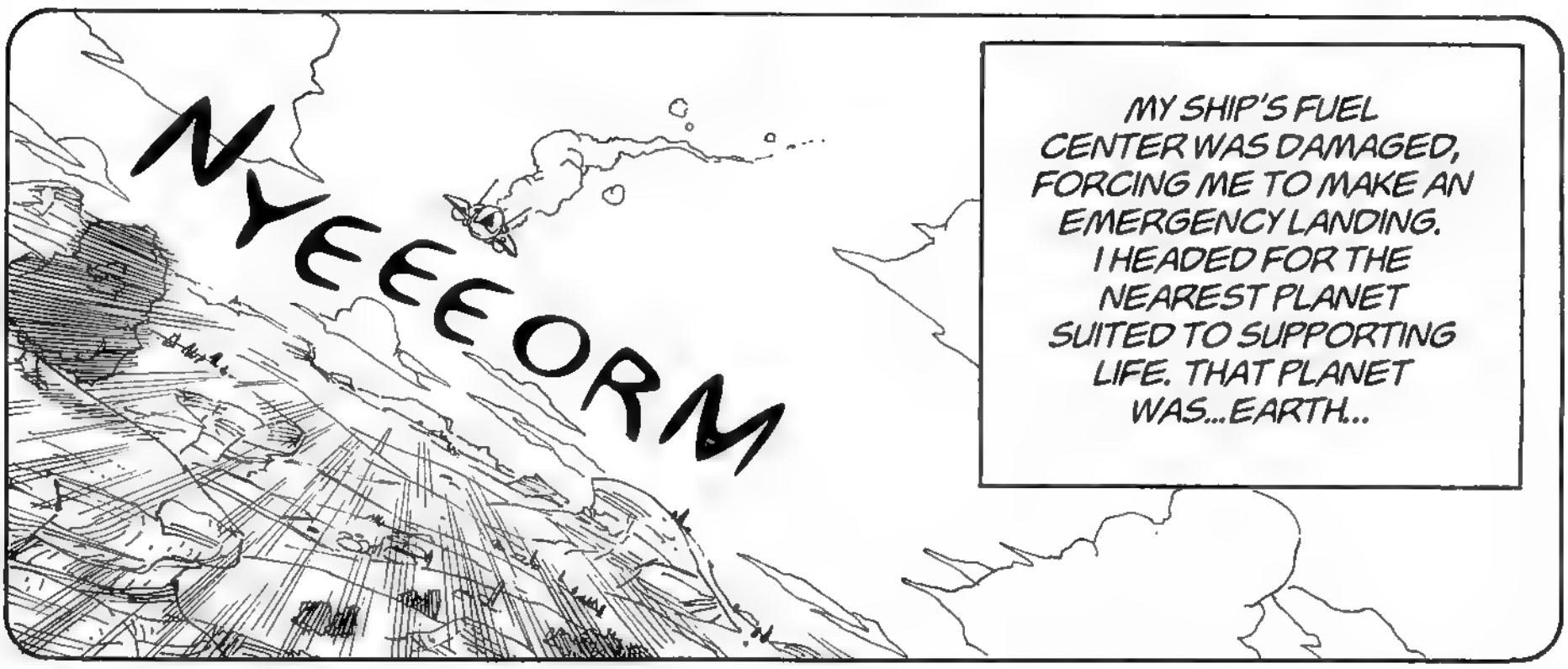
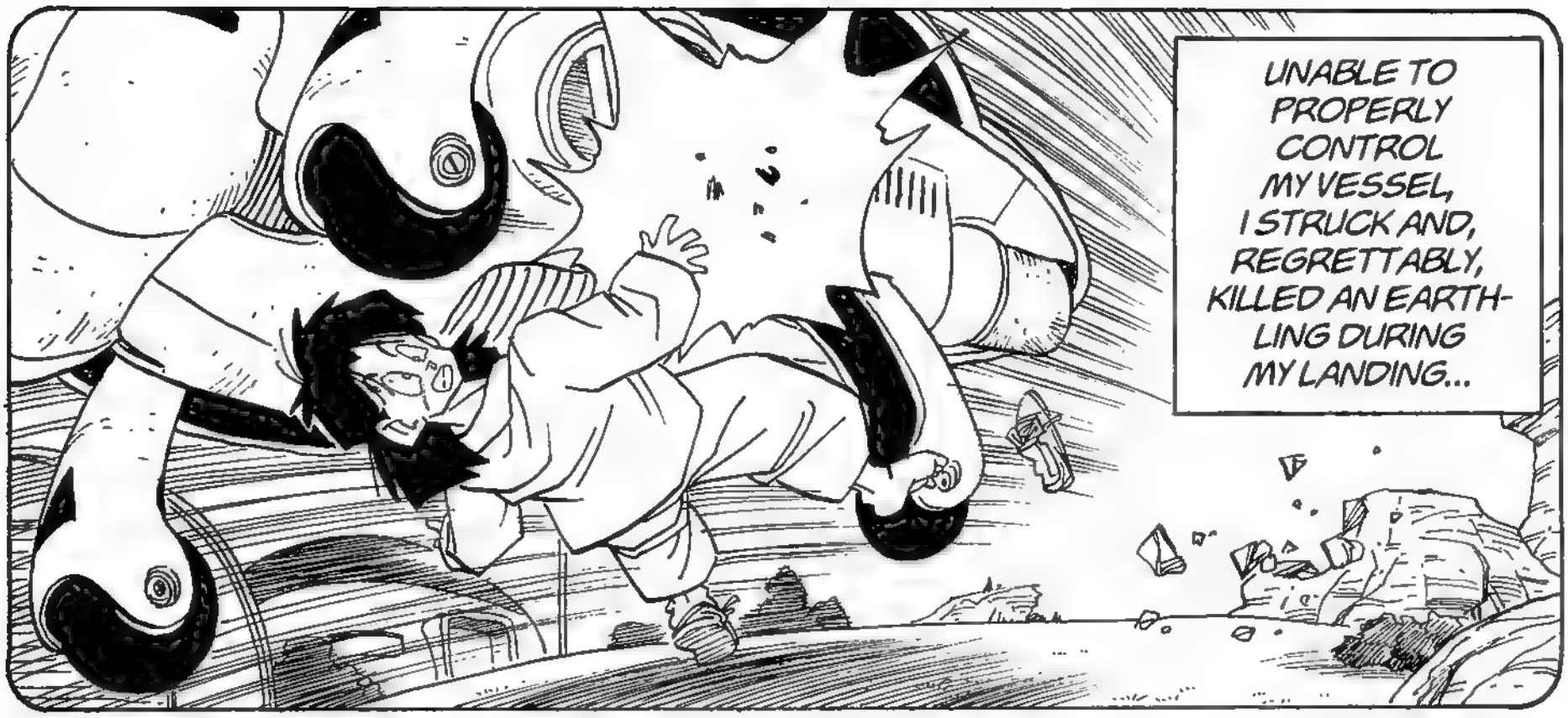
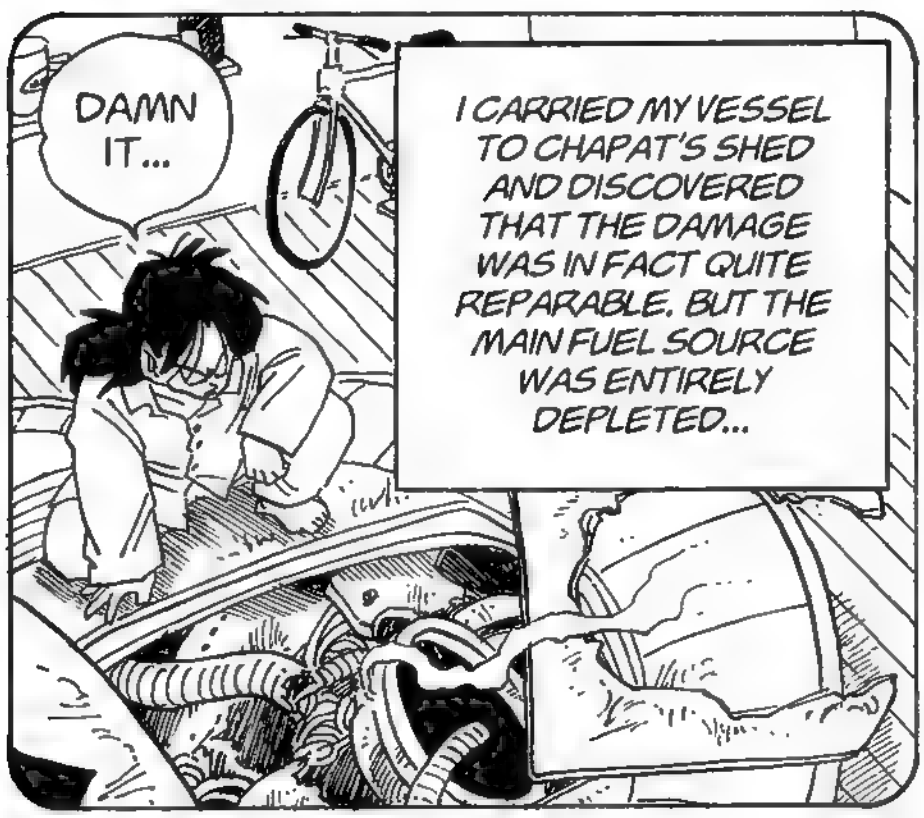
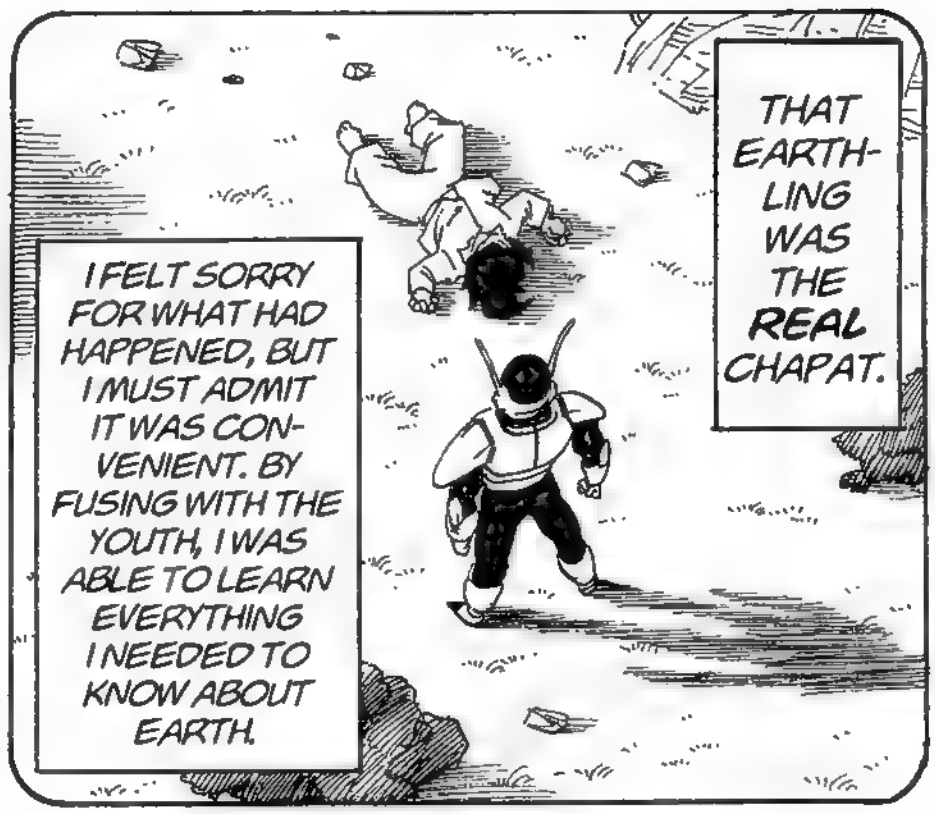
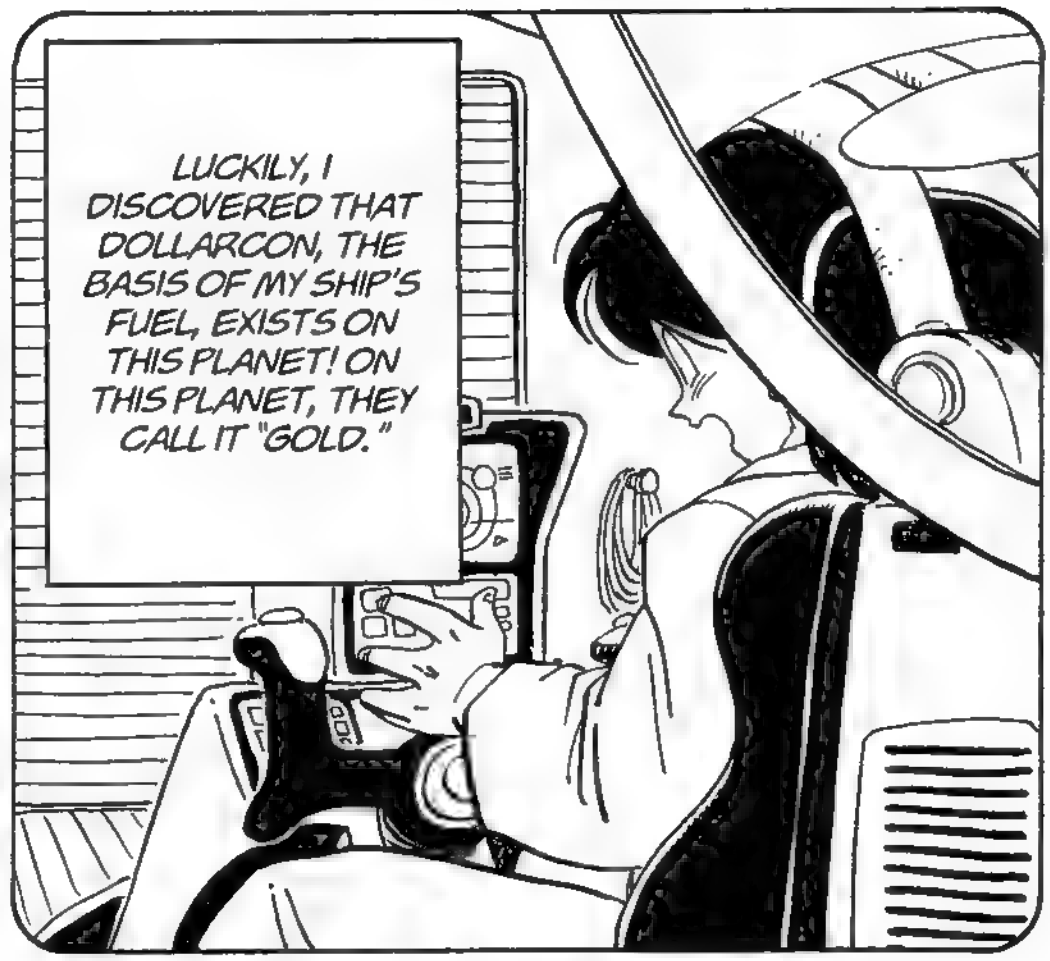

NYEEEORM
MY SHIP'S FUEL CENTER WAS DAMAGED, FORCING ME TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING. I HEADED FOR THE NEAREST PLANET SUITED TO SUPPORTING LIFE. THAT PLANET WAS...EARTH...


UNABLE TO PROPERLY CONTROL MY VESSEL, I STRUCK AND, REGRETTABLY, KILLED AN EARTH-LING DURING MY LANDING...


DAMN IT...
I CARRIED MY VESSEL TO CHAPAT'S SHED AND DISCOVERED THAT THE DAMAGE WAS IN FACT QUITE REPARABLE. BUT THE MAIN FUEL SOURCE WAS ENTIRELY DEPLETED...

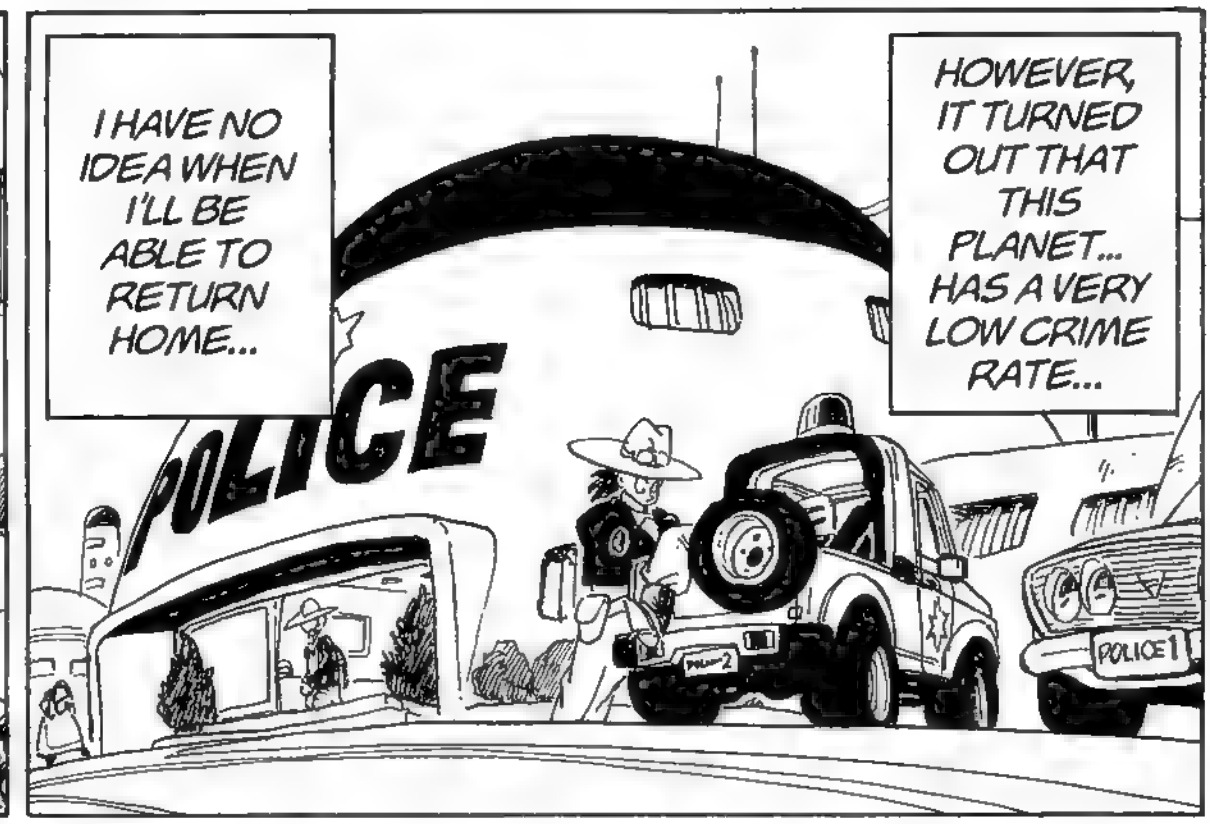

I FELT SORRY FOR WHAT HAD HAPPENED, BUT I MUST ADMIT IT WAS CON-VENIENT. BY FUSING WITH THE YOUTH, I WAS ABLE TO LEARN EVERYTHING I NEEDED TO KNOW ABOUT EARTH.
THAT EARTH-LING WAS THE REAL CHAPAT.

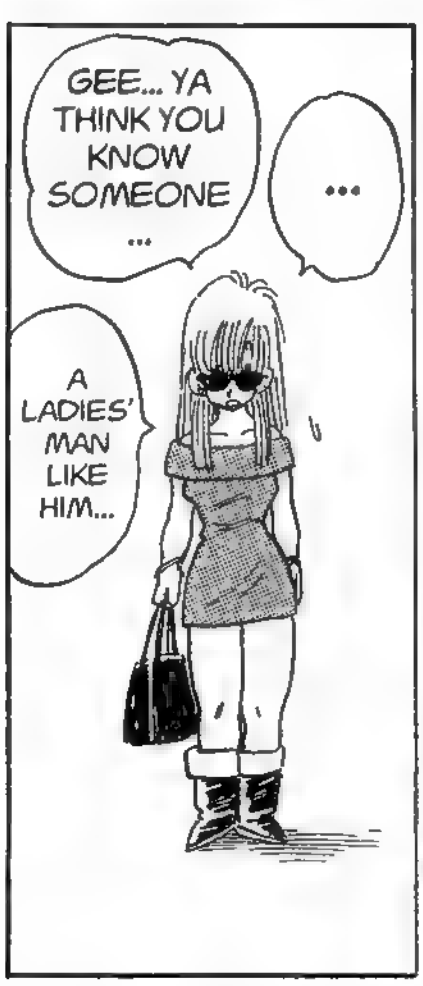
ALAS...GOLD IS EXTREMELY VALUABLE ON EARTH! CHAPAT'S FUNDS WOULDN'T ALLOW ME TO PURCHASE THE 20 POUNDS I NEEDED.
Jewl

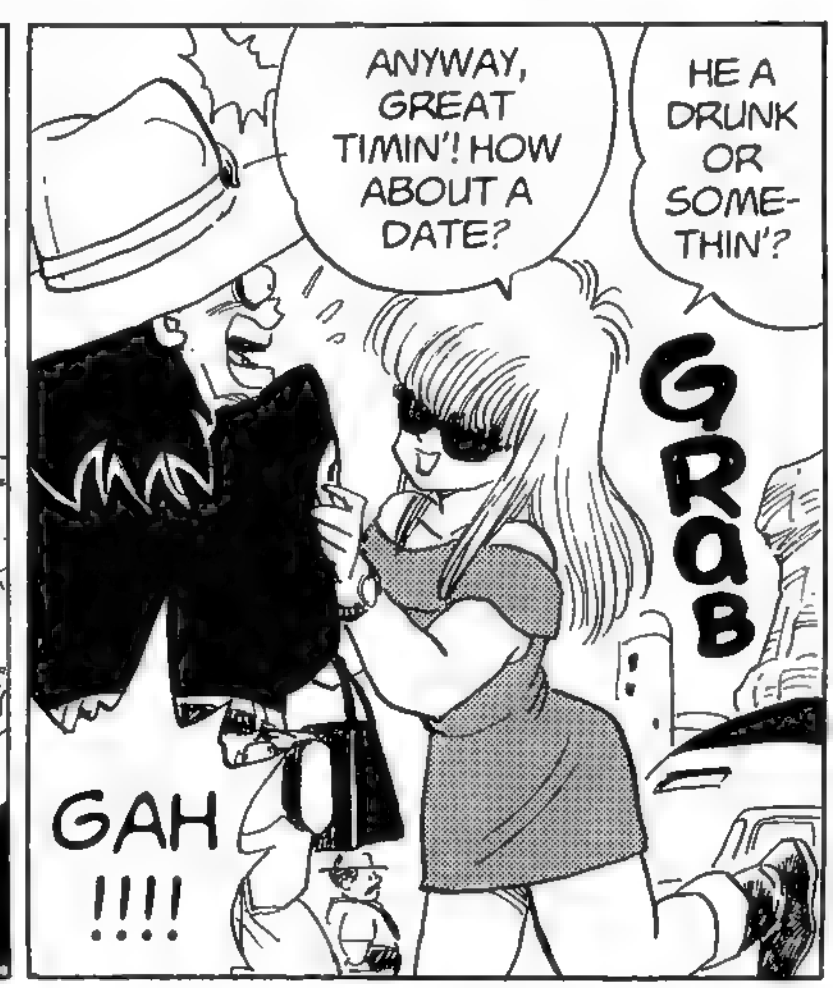

LUCKILY, I DISCOVERED THAT DOLLARCON, THE BASIS OF MY SHIP'S FUEL, EXISTS ON THIS PLANET! ON THIS PLANET, THEY CALL IT "GOLD."

FORTUNATELY, CHAPAT IS ONE OF THIS PLANET'S POLICE OFFICERS!! I WON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS ACCESSING DATA ON CRIMINAL ACTIVITY!!

I'VE GOT THIS!! I'LL WORK HARD AND ***BUY*** THAT GOLD!! TIME TO PUT MY POWERS OF JUSTICE TO THE TEST!!







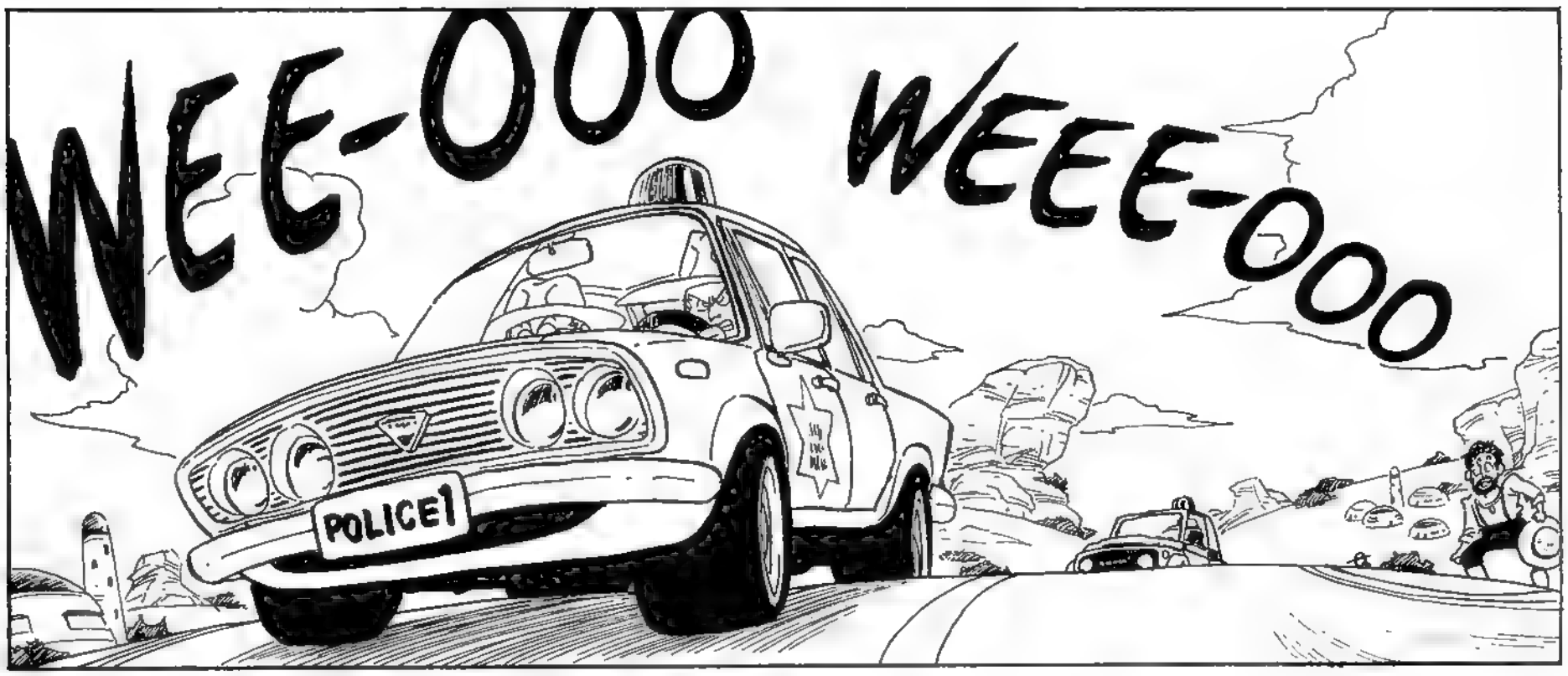
BOOM
AH!!!

OH MY GOSH!! LOOK AT MISTER LAZYBONES HIMSELF ACTUALLY WRITING A REPORT!!
AHA! I KNEW SOMETHING SOUNDED FISHY!
THERE'S NO WAY A GUY LIKE YOU COULD'VE TAKEN DOWN A PERP LIKE THAT ALL BY YOURSELF. ONLY MAKES SENSE THAT YOU HAD SOME HELP.
WANTED

WHERE'S THAT SMOKE COMING FROM?!
SOMETHING'S UP!

W-WHAT THE-?!

BRAHTZ! CHAPAT!! WE'RE MOVING OUT!!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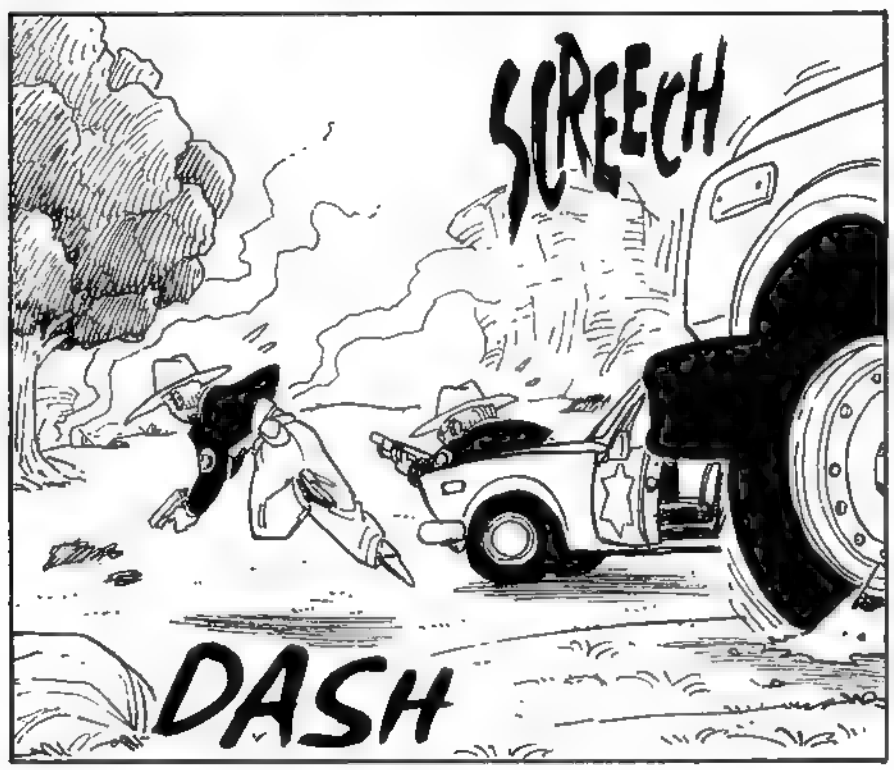
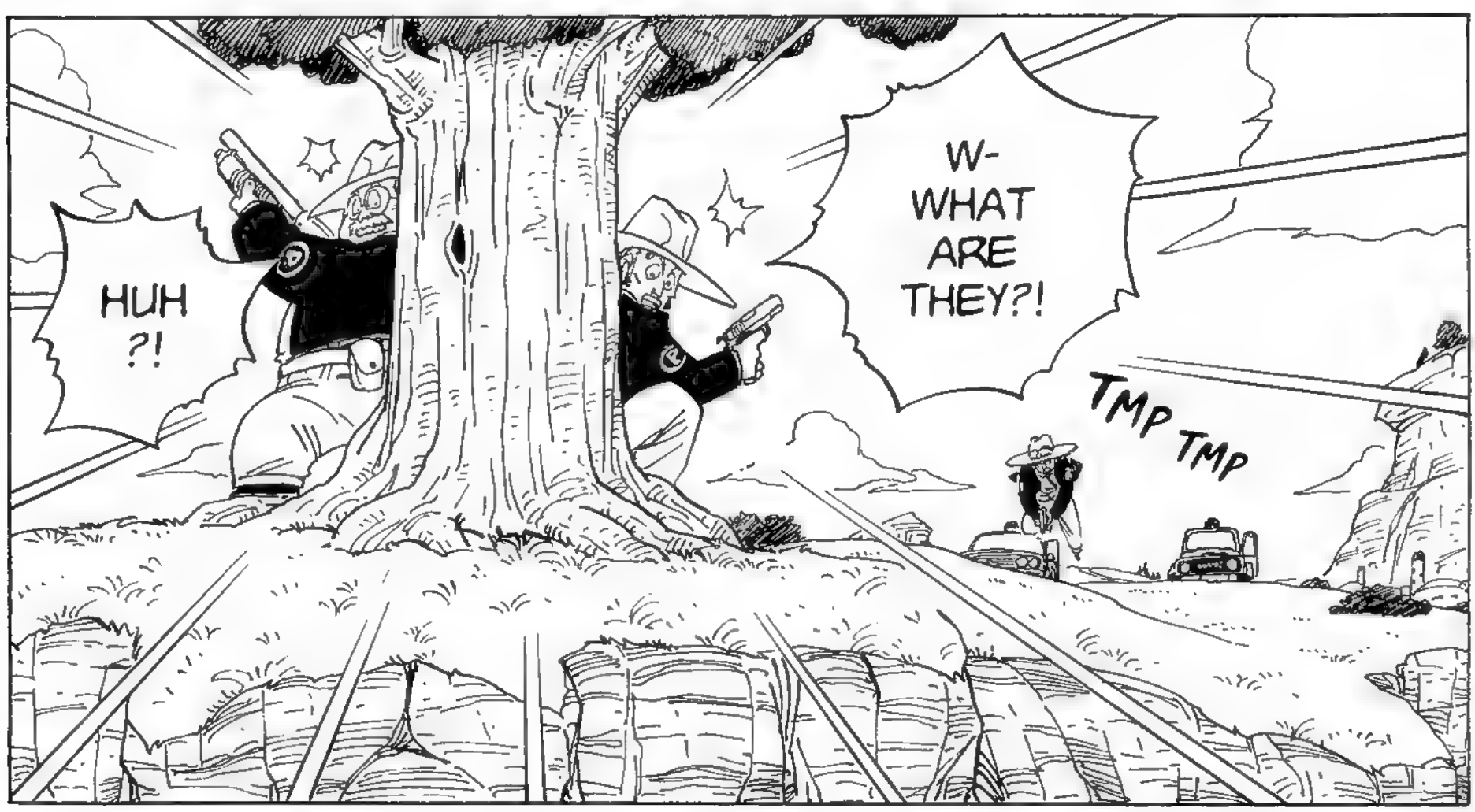
POLICE


SCREECH
DASH

B-BOOOM
ANOTHER ONE!!!
WHAT IS GOING ON?!

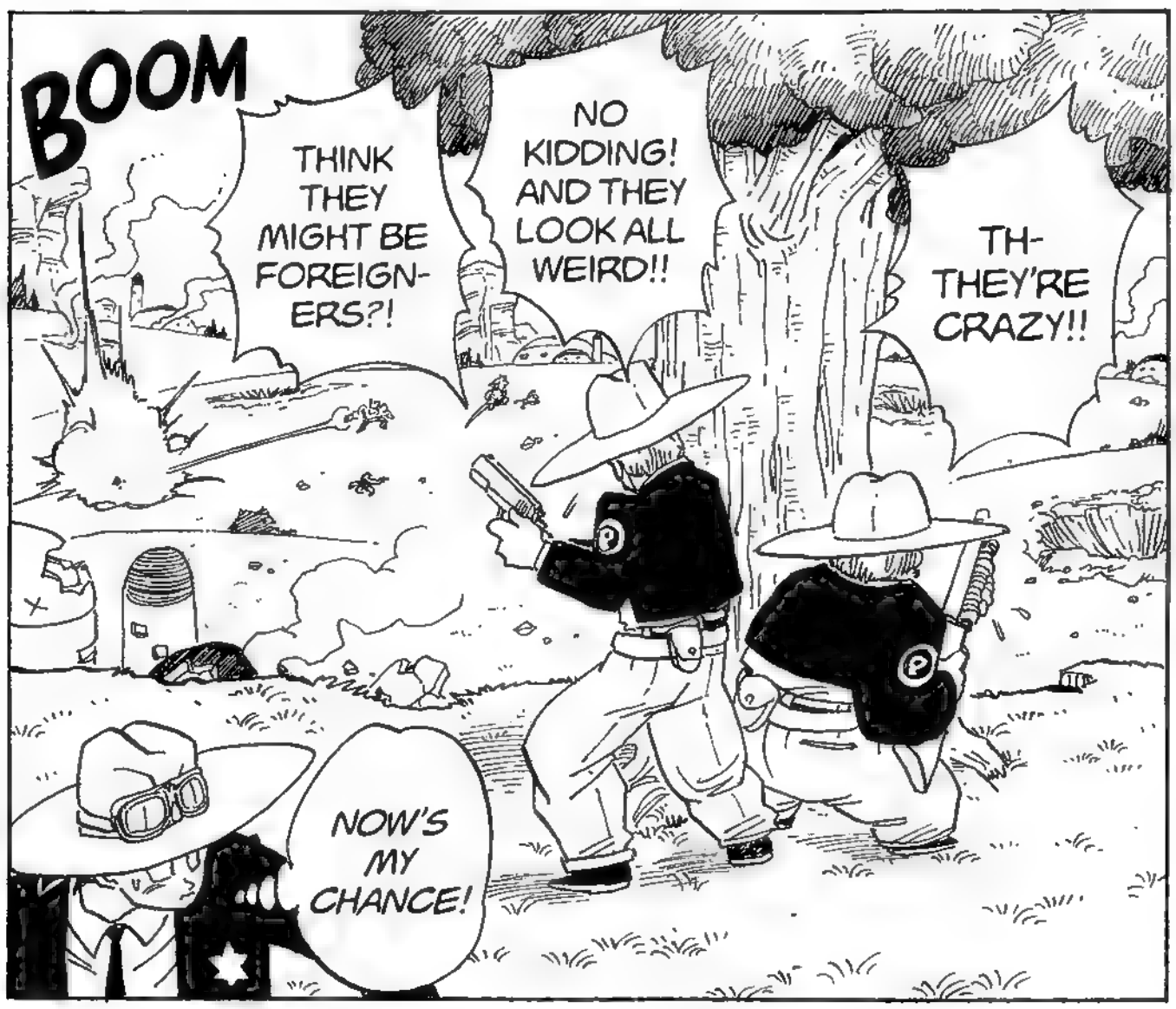

HUH ?!
W- WHAT ARE THEY?!
TMP TMP

BOOOM

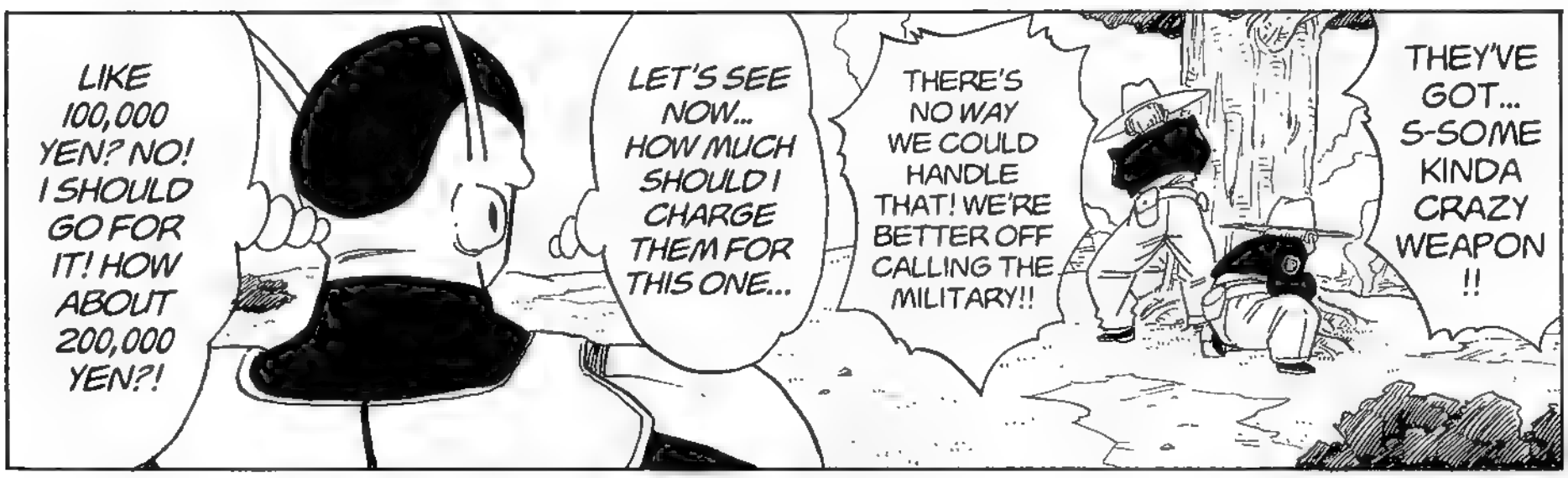
YAAA-HOOO !!!

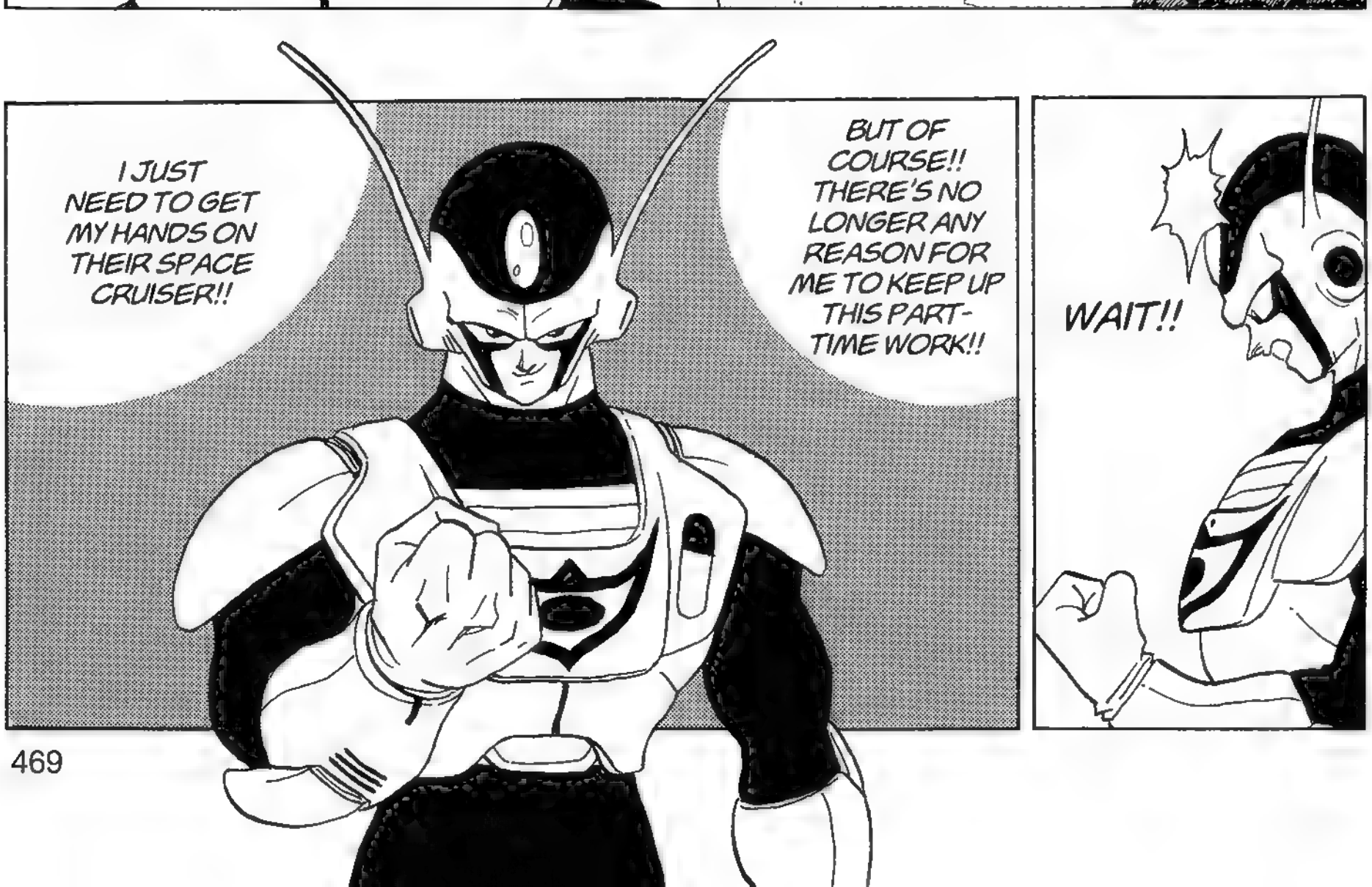
HEY, THERE'S ANOTHER ONE OF 'EM OVER THERE!!

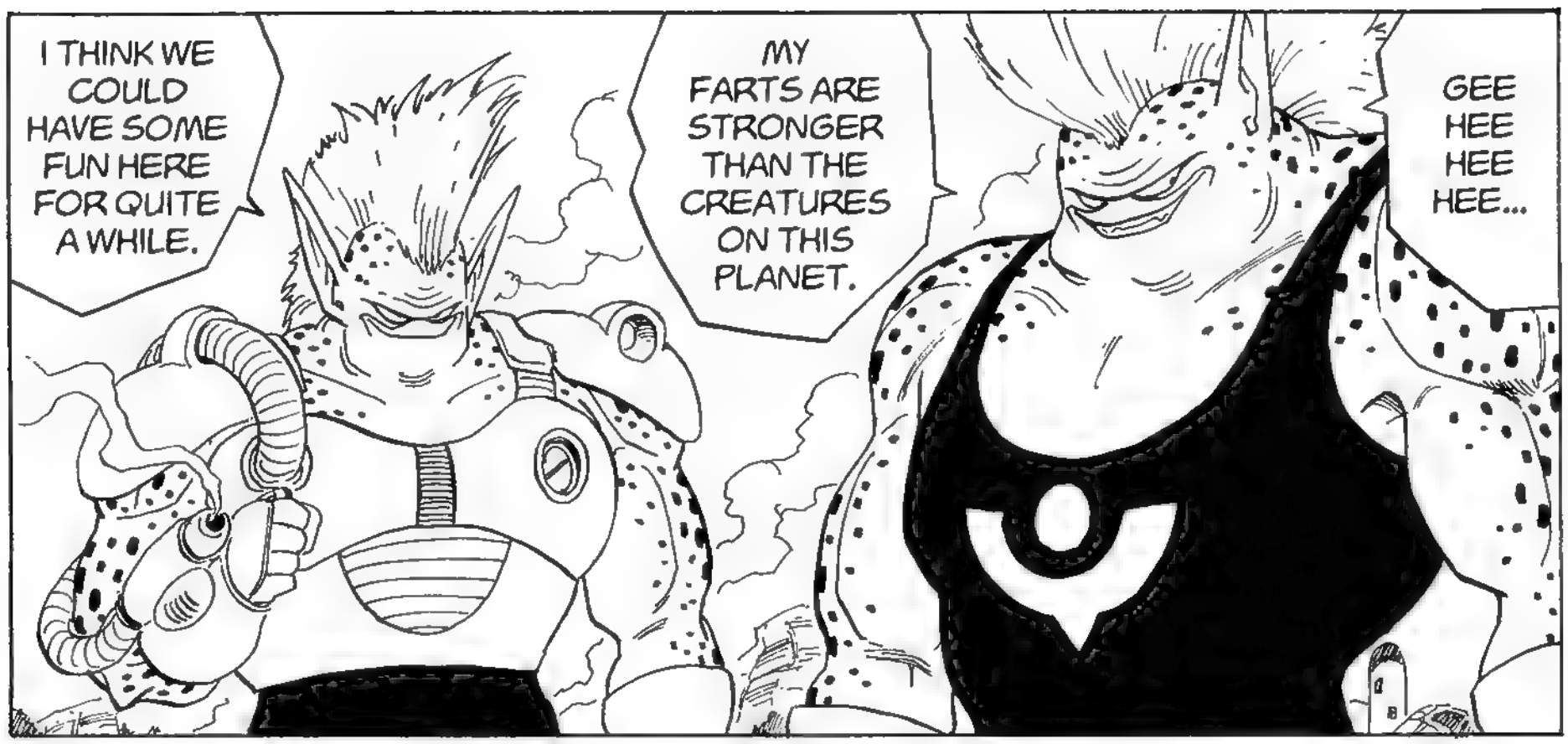
GWEH HEH HEH HEH!!!

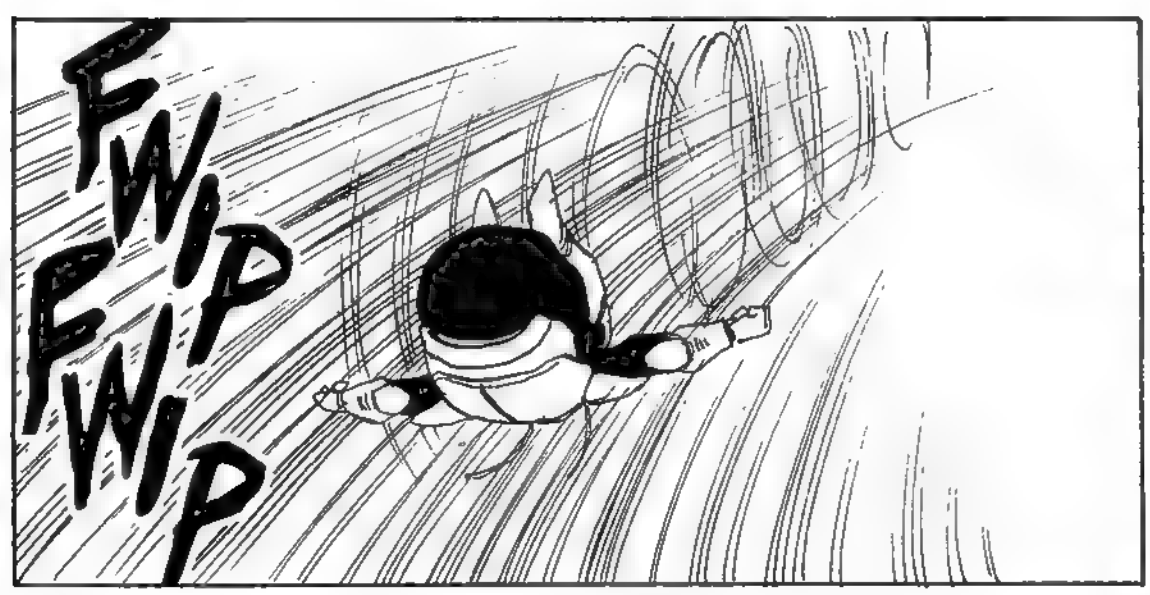


SHOW TRUE FORM!!
PCHK


LIKE 100,000 YEN? NO! I SHOULD GO FOR IT! HOW ABOUT 200,000 YEN?!
LET'S SEE NOW... HOW MUCH SHOULD I CHARGE THEM FOR THIS ONE...
THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD HANDLE THAT! WE'RE BETTER OFF CALLING THE MILITARY!!
THEY'VE GOT... S-SOME KINDA CRAZY WEAPON !!


I JUST NEED TO GET MY HANDS ON THEIR SPACE CRUISER!!
BUT OF COURSE!! THERE'S NO LONGER ANY REASON FOR ME TO KEEP UP THIS PART-TIME WORK!!
WAIT!!


I THINK WE COULD HAVE SOME FUN HERE FOR QUITE A WHILE.
MY FARTS ARE STRONGER THAN THE CREATURES ON THIS PLANET.
GEE HEE HEE HEE...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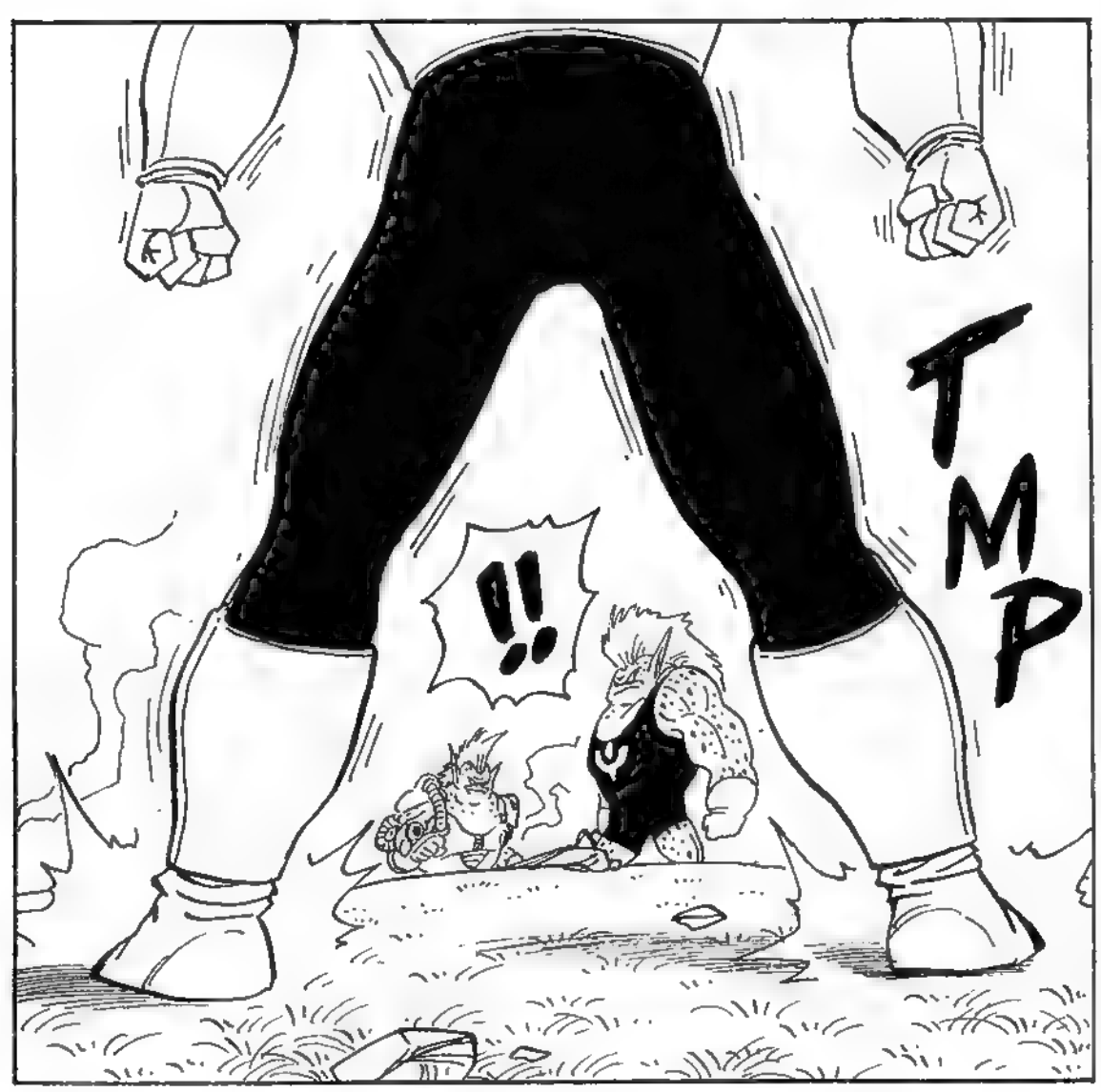
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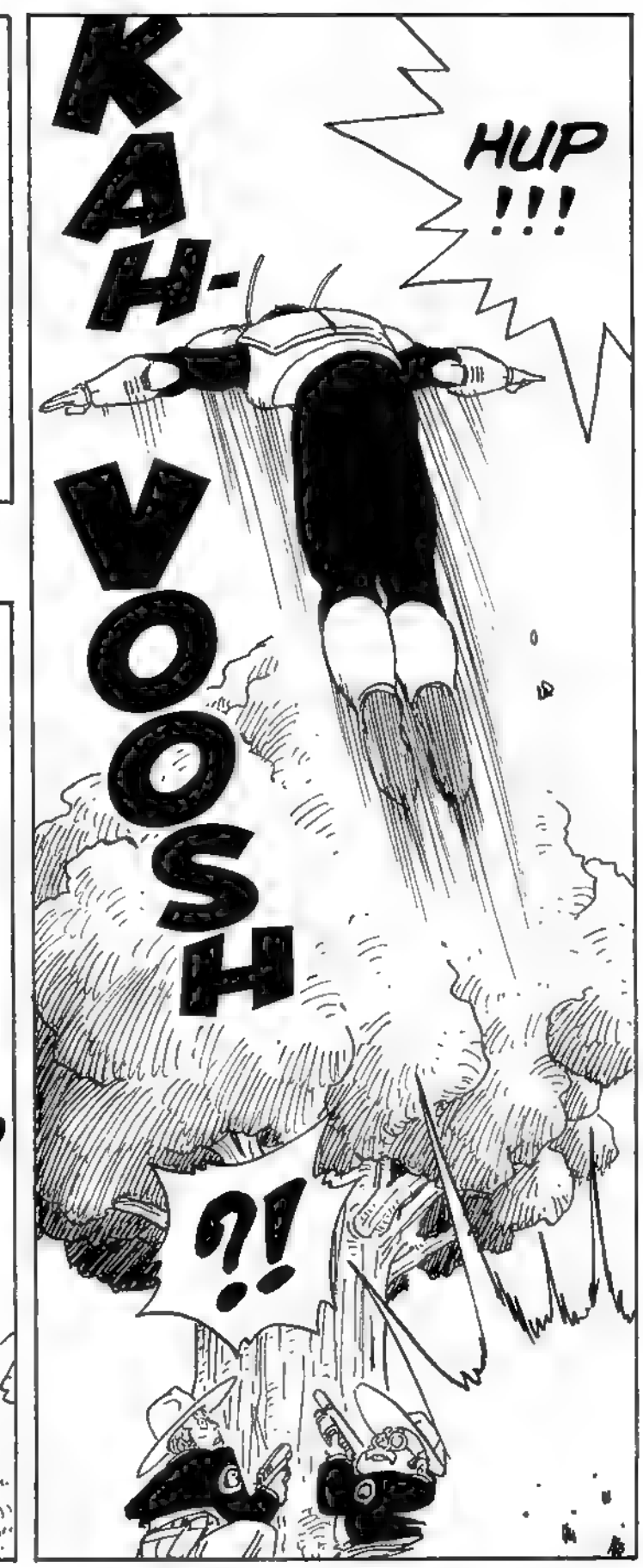
STOMP


KAH-VOOSH
HUP !!!
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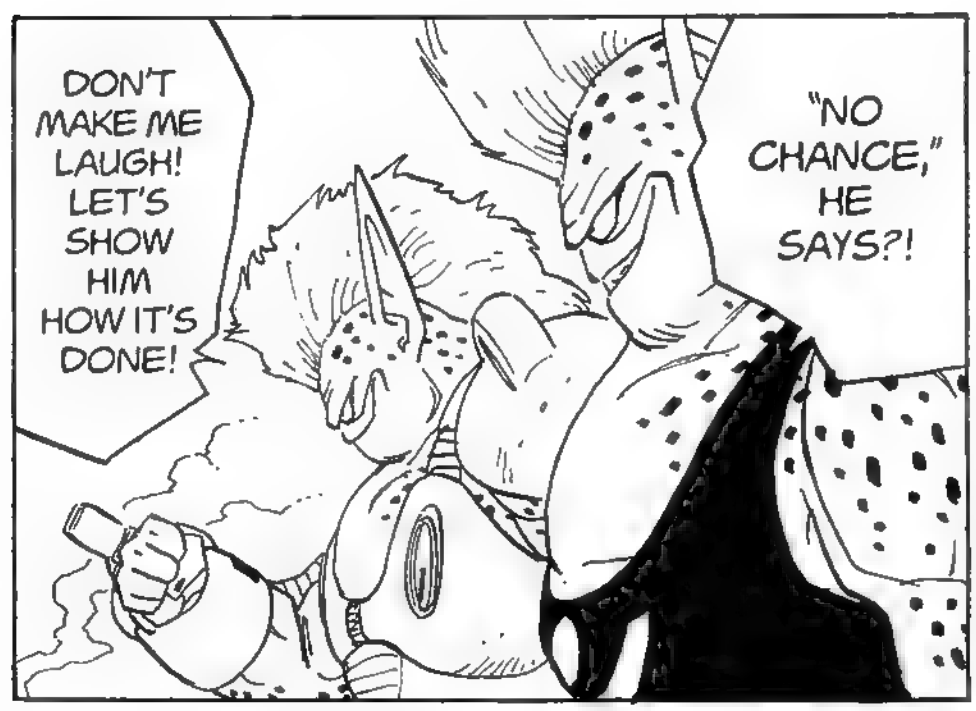
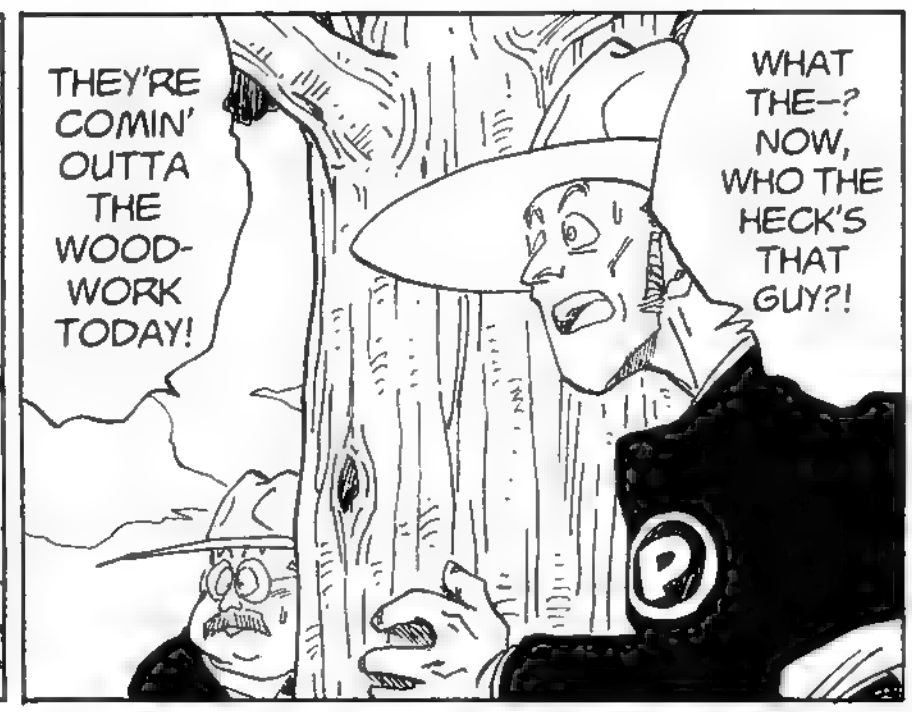
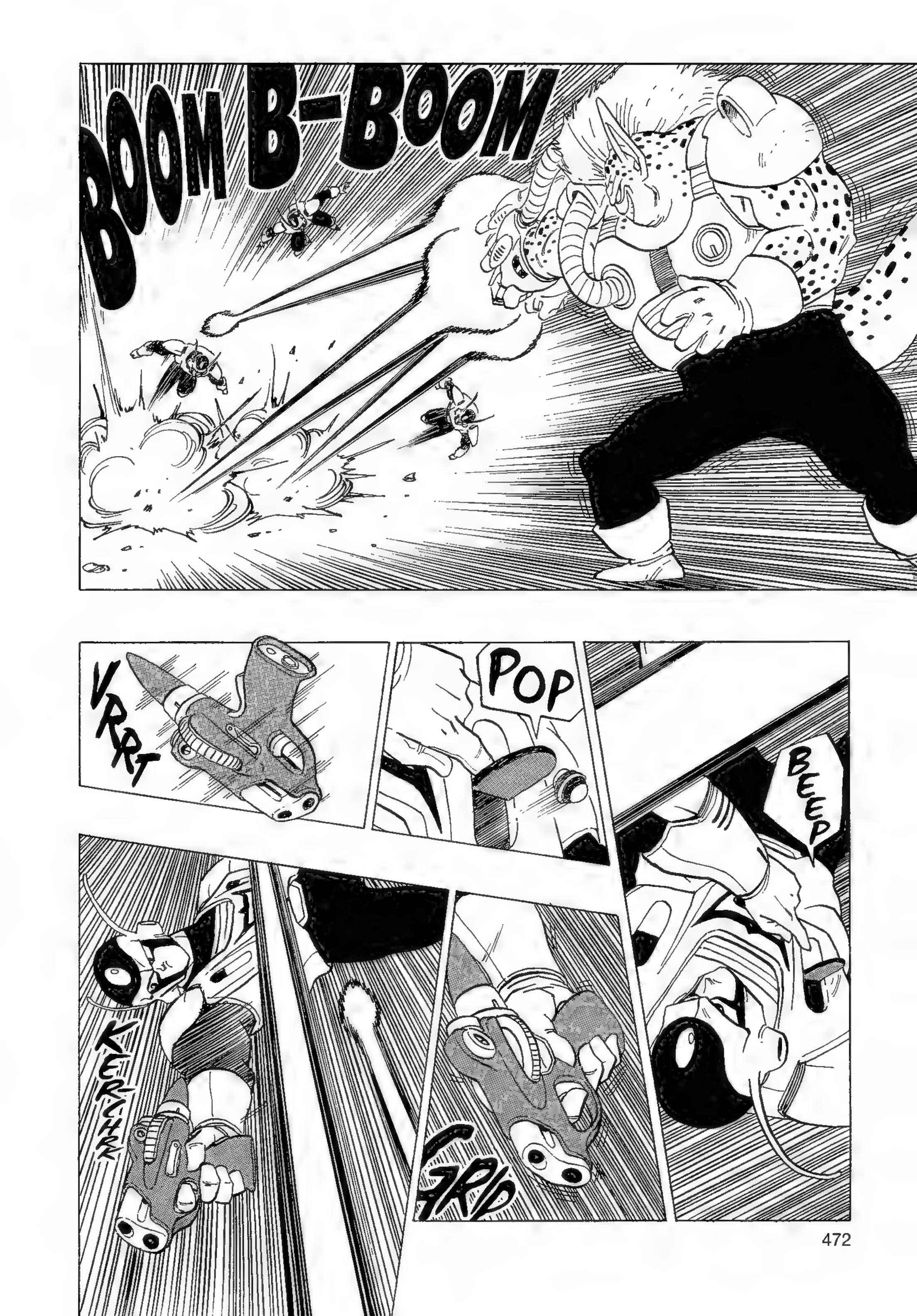
I HOPE YOU TWO KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS. YOU HAVE NO CHANCE OF BESTING ME IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT.

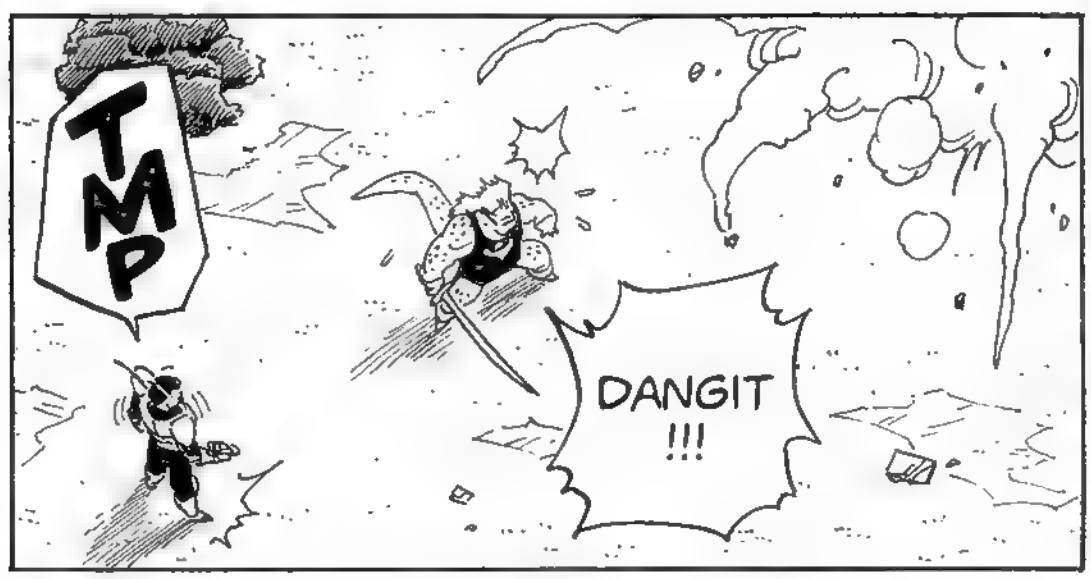
YOU CONTINUE TO ADD TO YOUR ALREADY-LENGTHY LIST OF CRIMES.






BOOM B-BOOM
VRRT
POP
BEEP
KERCHRK
GRD

KER-BOOOM


TMP
DANGIT !!!

BOOM
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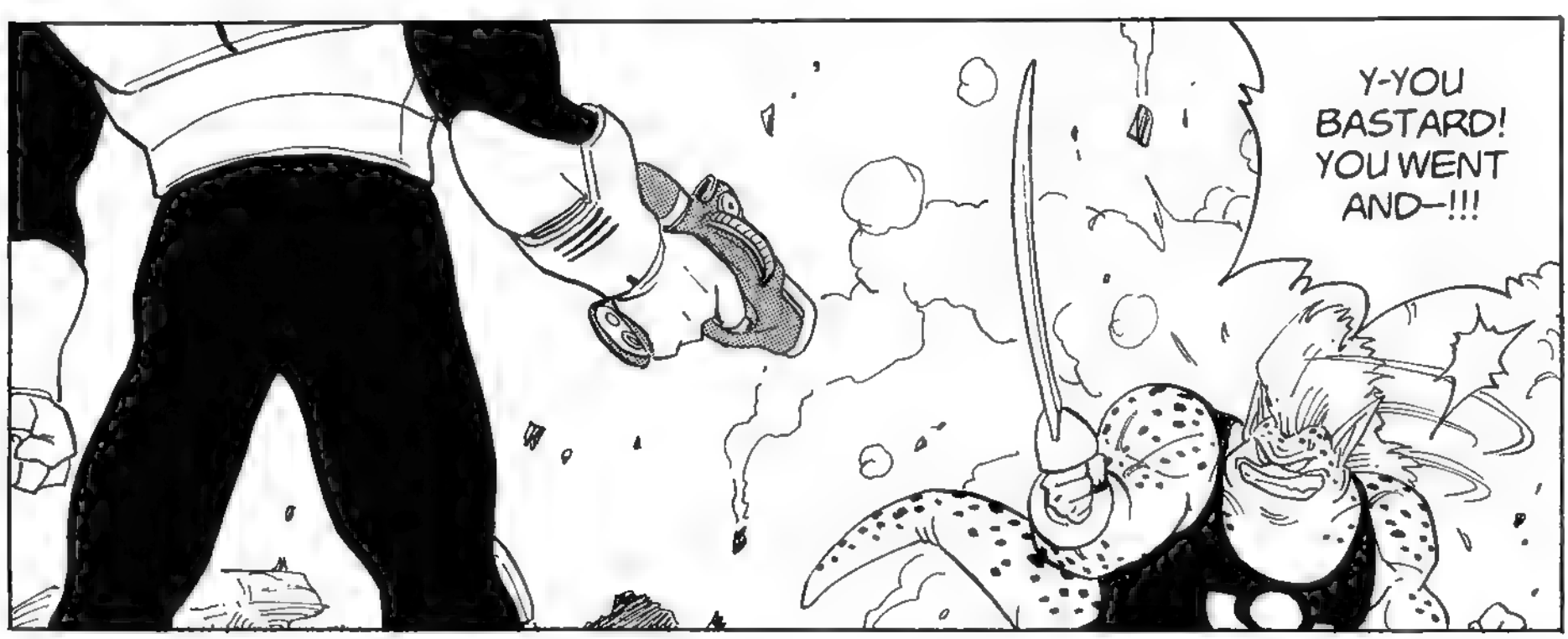
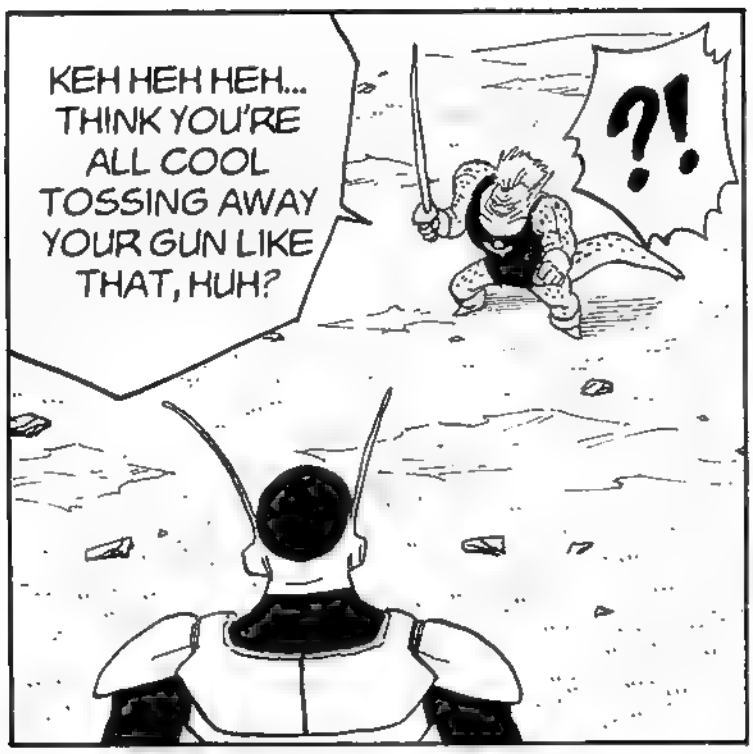
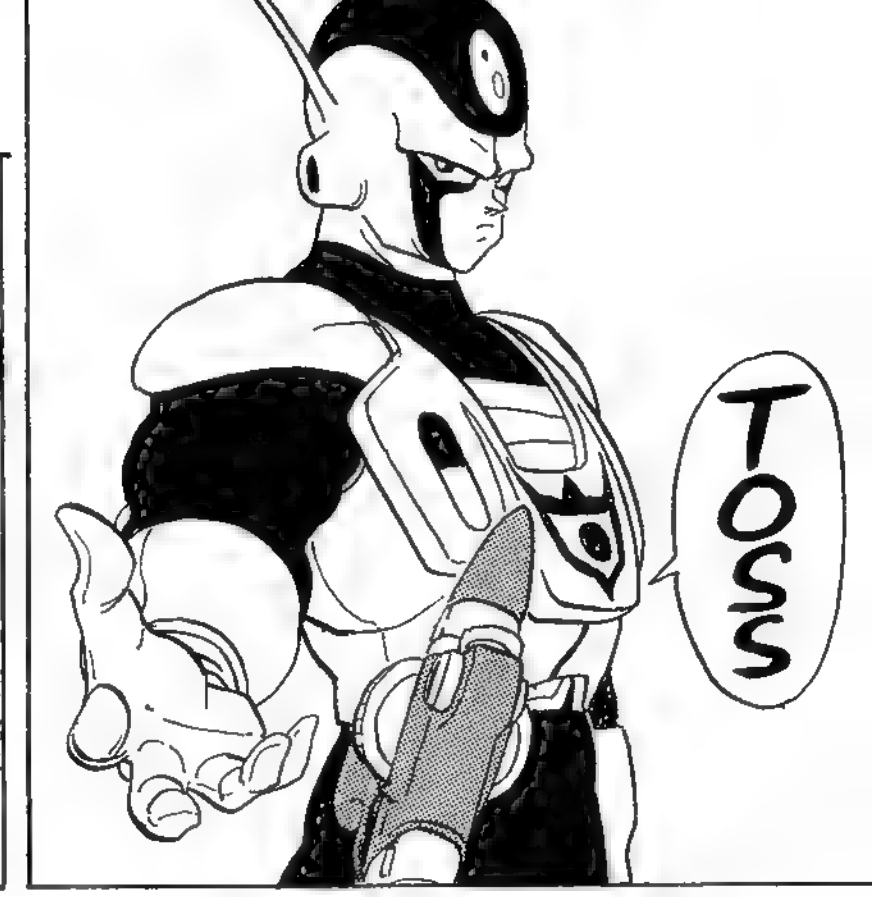

Y-YOU BASTARD! YOU WENT AND–!!!


KEH HEH HEH... THINK YOU'RE ALL COOL TOSSING AWAY YOUR GUN LIKE THAT, HUH?
?!

KLAK

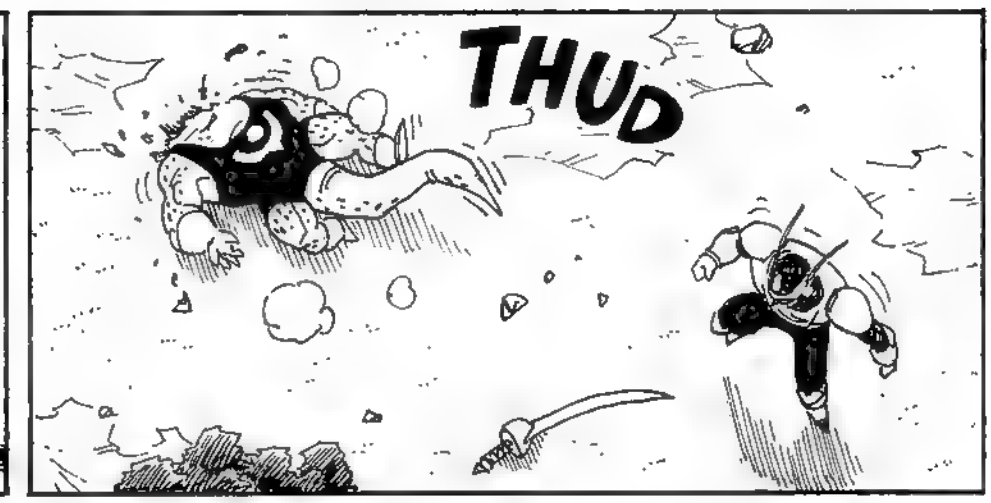

TOSS

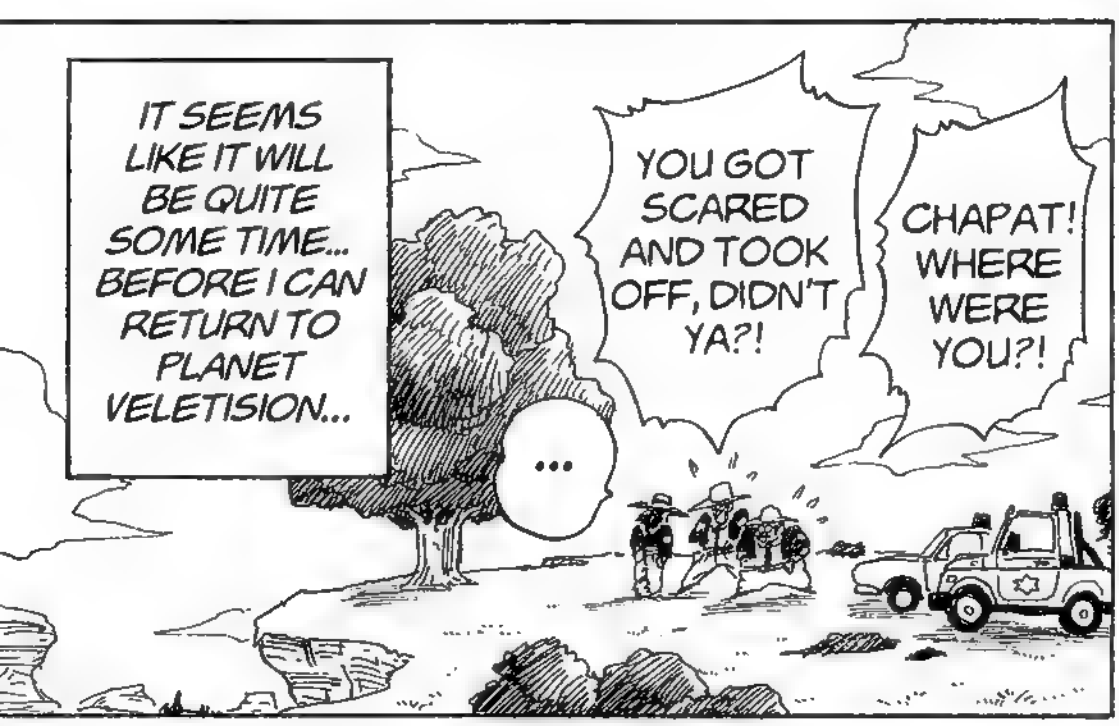
ONLY A FOOL SHOWS OFF BEFORE THEY WIIIIIN!!!
YOOSH

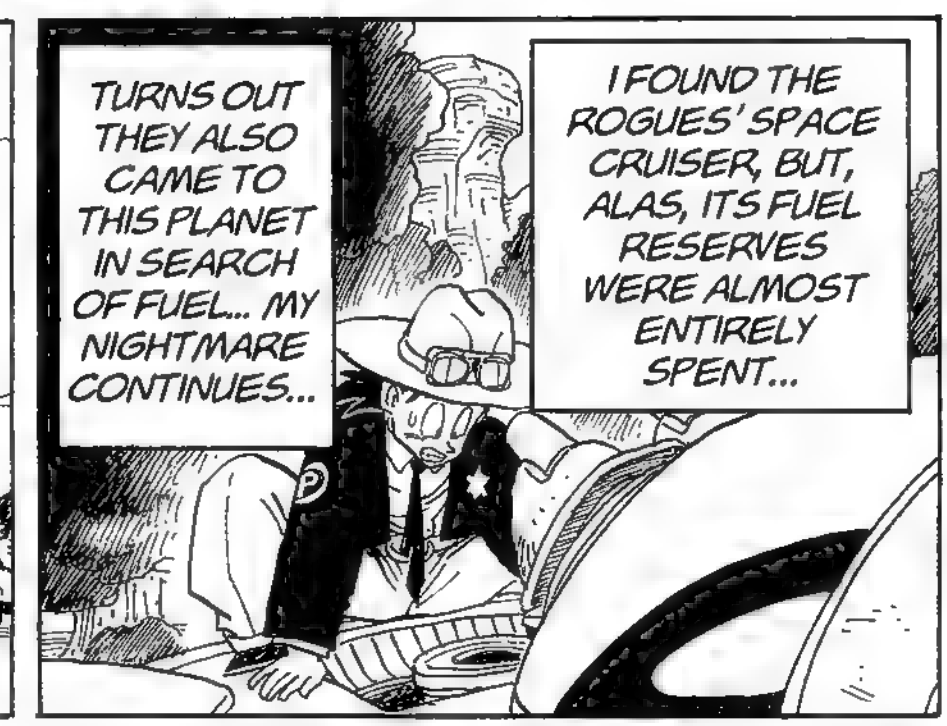
BIG BAAAANG ATTA-AAACK!!

FOR YOU? I DON'T NEED A GUN OR A SWORD.
I ASSURE YOU, I'M NOT THE FOOL HERE!

BOOF







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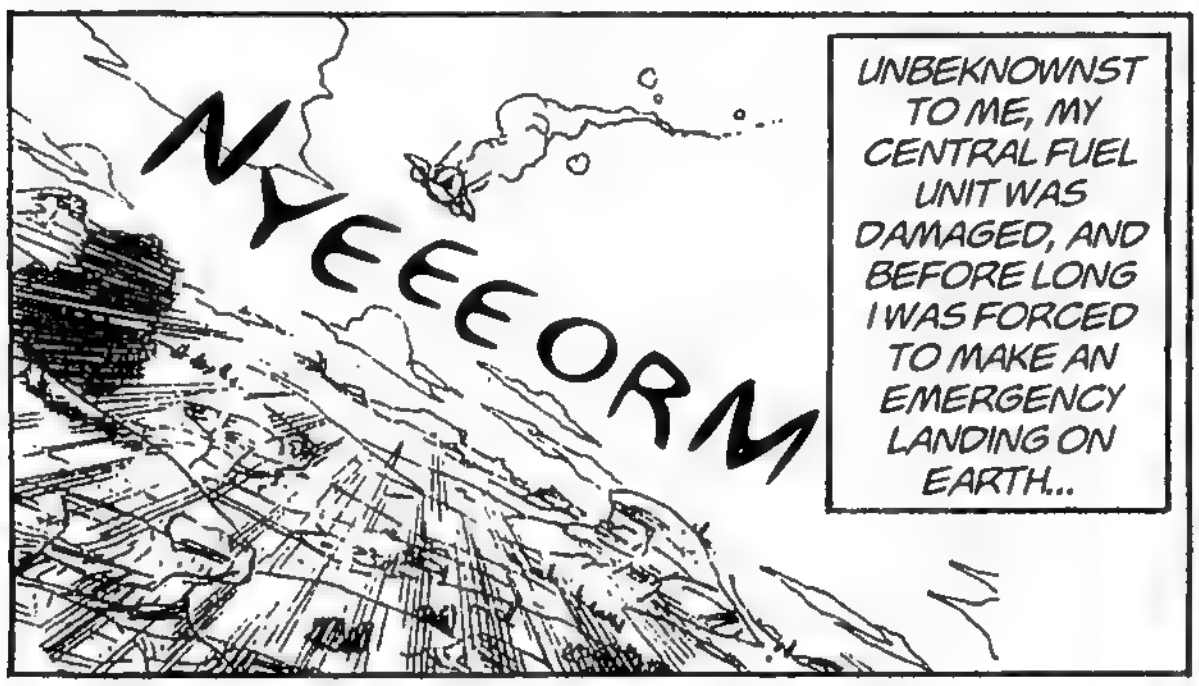
MY TRUE NAME IS DIORA. I'M A POLICE OFFICER FROM THE PLANET VELETISION. MY TROUBLES BEGAN WHEN I WAS CHASING A DUO OF MURDEROUS CRIMINALS THROUGH SPACE IN THE VICINITY OF PLANET EARTH.

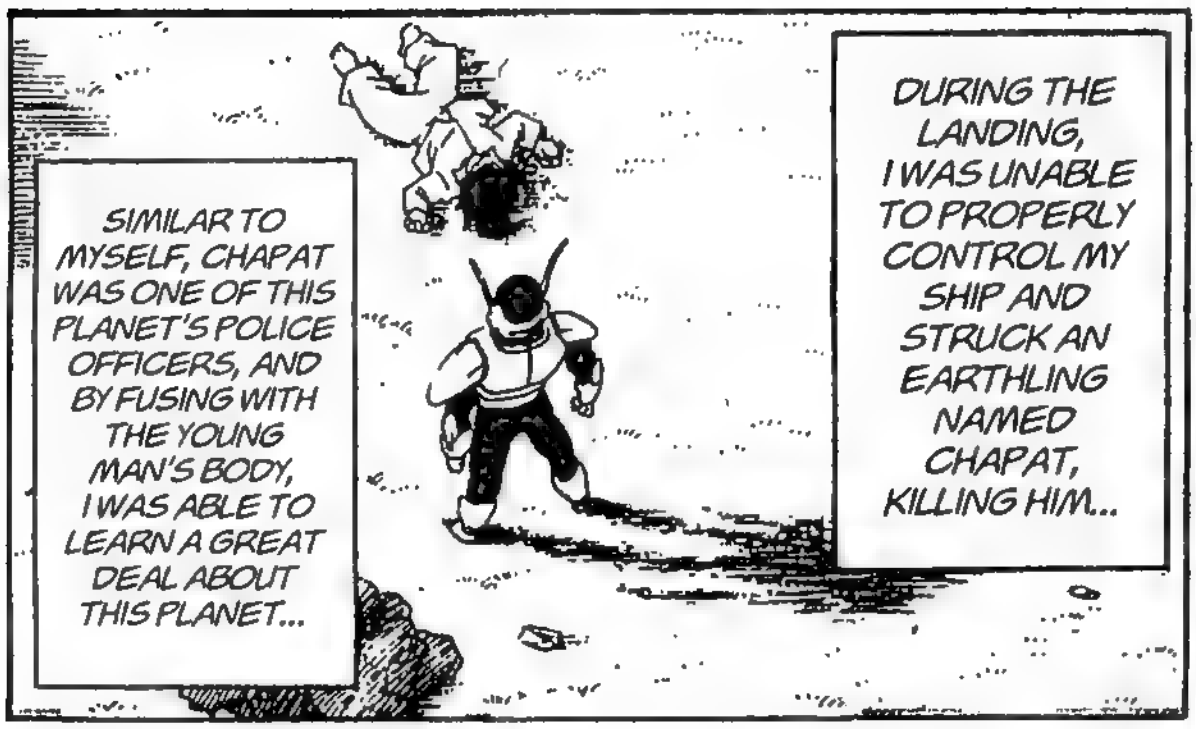
I AM CASHMAN. IF YOU'RE UNAWARE OF MY PREVIOUS EXPLOITS OR ARE SIMPLY AN IGNORANT EARTHLING WHO SOMEHOW FORGOT THEM ALREADY, I'LL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND YOU OF MY DEEDS. LUCKY YOU.

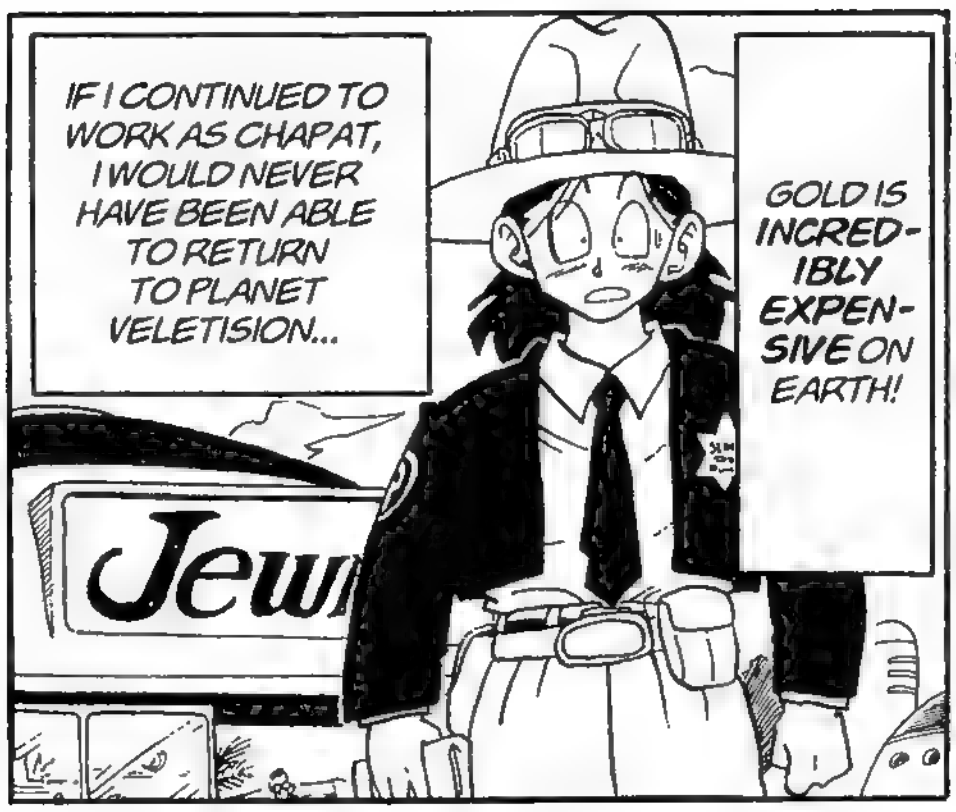
SOLDIER OF SAVINGS

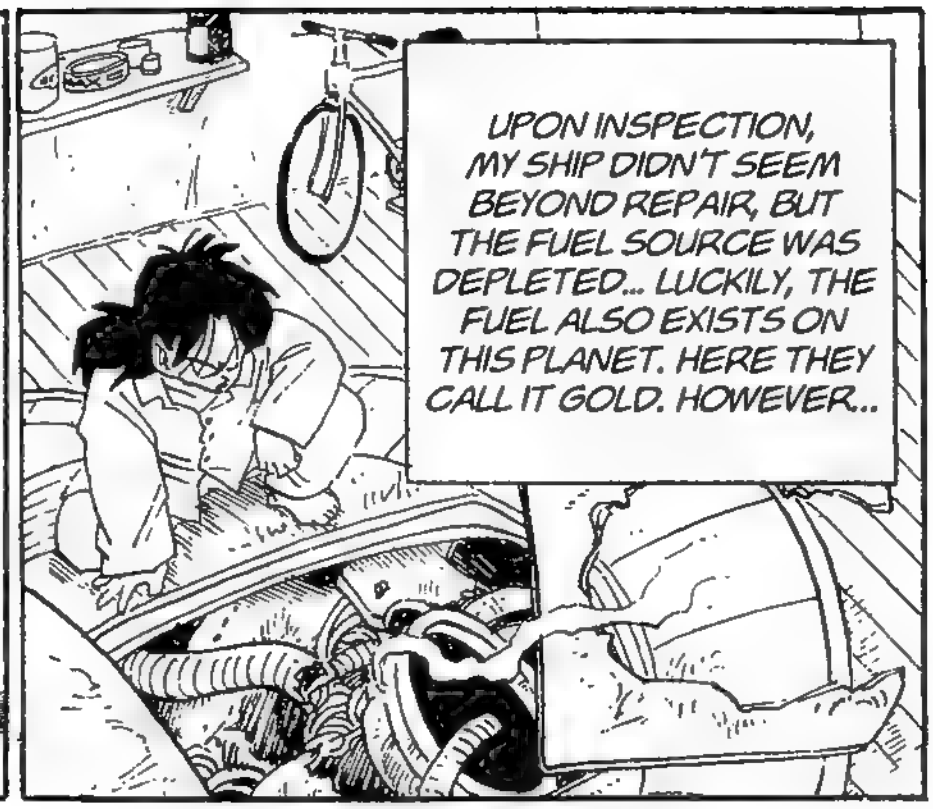
CASHMAN

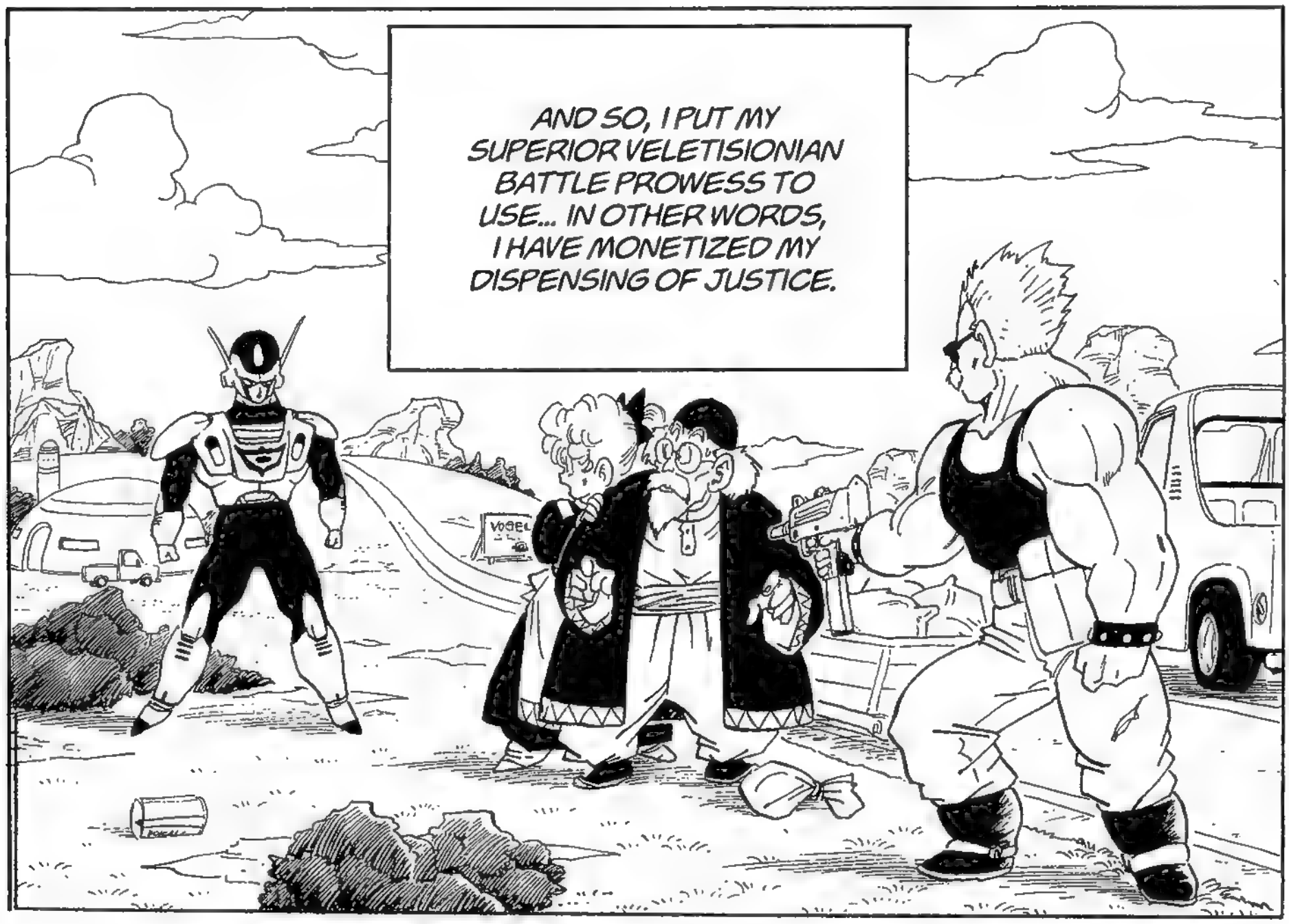
CHAPTER 2





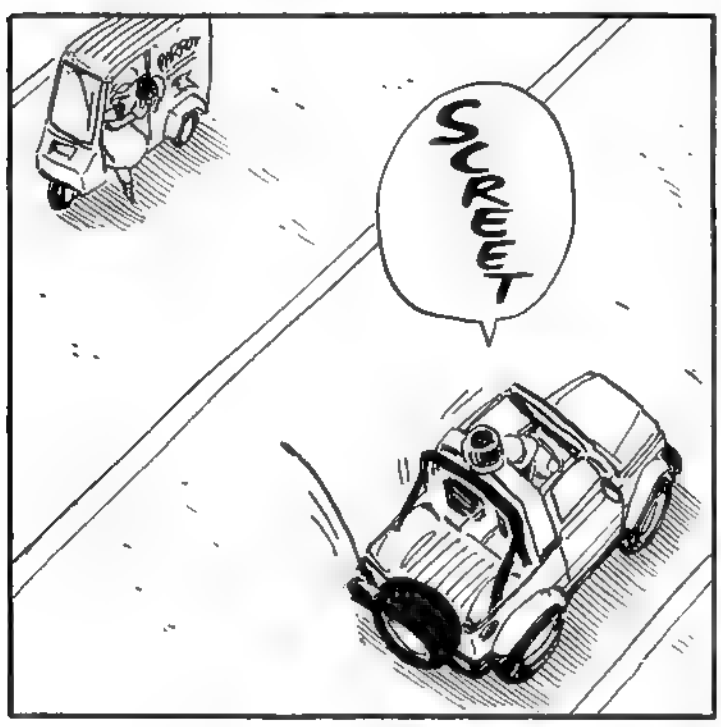

IF I CONTINUED TO WORK AS CHAPAT, I WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RETURN TO PLANET VELETISION...
GOLD IS INCRED-IBLY EXPEN-SIVE ON EARTH!
Jewl


UPON INSPECTION, MY SHIP DIDN'T SEEM BEYOND REPAIR, BUT THE FUEL SOURCE WAS DEPLETED... LUCKILY, THE FUEL ALSO EXISTS ON THIS PLANET. HERE THEY CALL IT GOLD. HOWEVER...


AND SO, I PUT MY SUPERIOR VELETISIONIAN BATTLE PROWESS TO USE... IN OTHER WORDS, I HAVE MONETIZED MY DISPENSING OF JUSTICE.

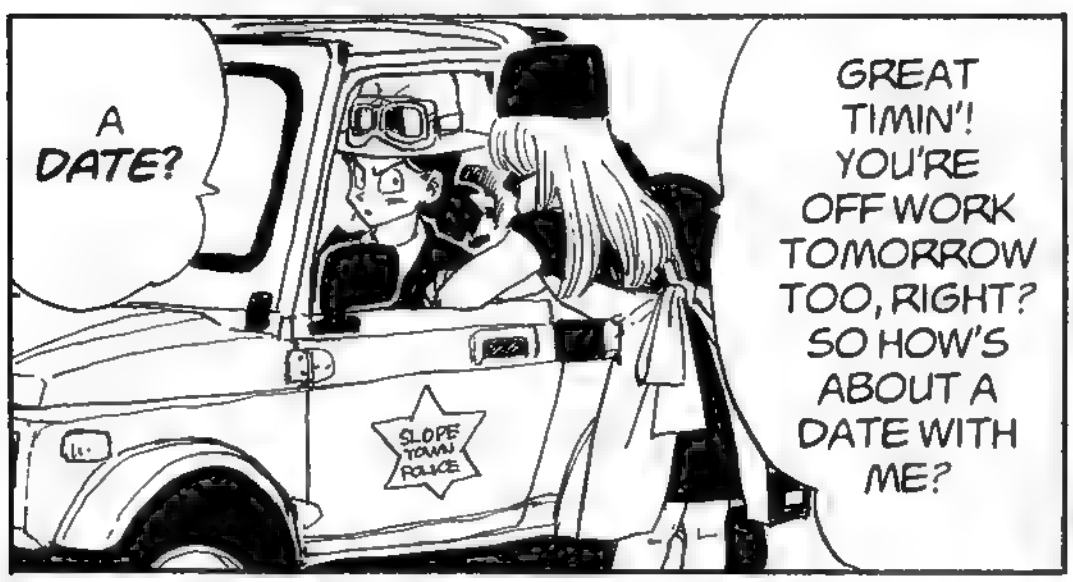
THIS MAY TAKE SOME TIME...
RETURNING TO PLANET VELETISION WILL REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 20 POUNDS OF GOLD, WHICH COSTS ROUGHLY 17 MILLION YEN... MY CURRENT SAVINGS STAND AT...336,000 YEN...

AND SO, HOLDING ON TO THE DREAM OF MY HOMELAND, I CONTINUE TO PATROL THE STREETS DAY IN AND DAY OUT, SEARCHING FOR CRIME WHEREVER IT MAY LURK...
SUZUKI
POLICE 2
SLOPE TOWN POLICE


SCREEET

IT'S... IT'S THAT WOMAN AGAIN!
...!!

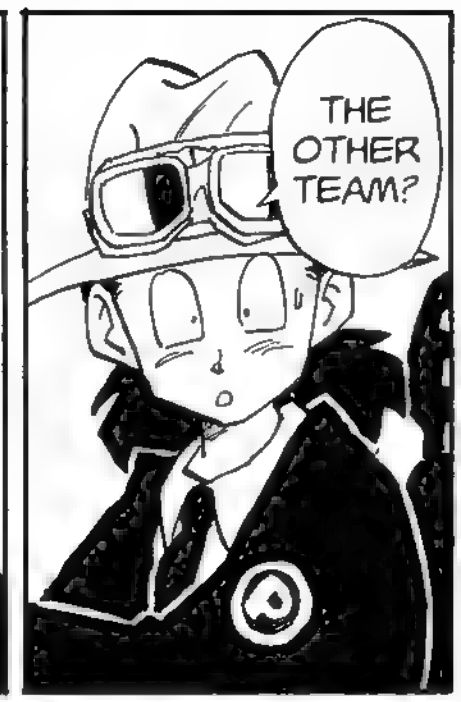
HEY, CHA-PAAAT!!
CHA-PAAAT!!
PARROT ICE CREAM SERVICE
PARROT

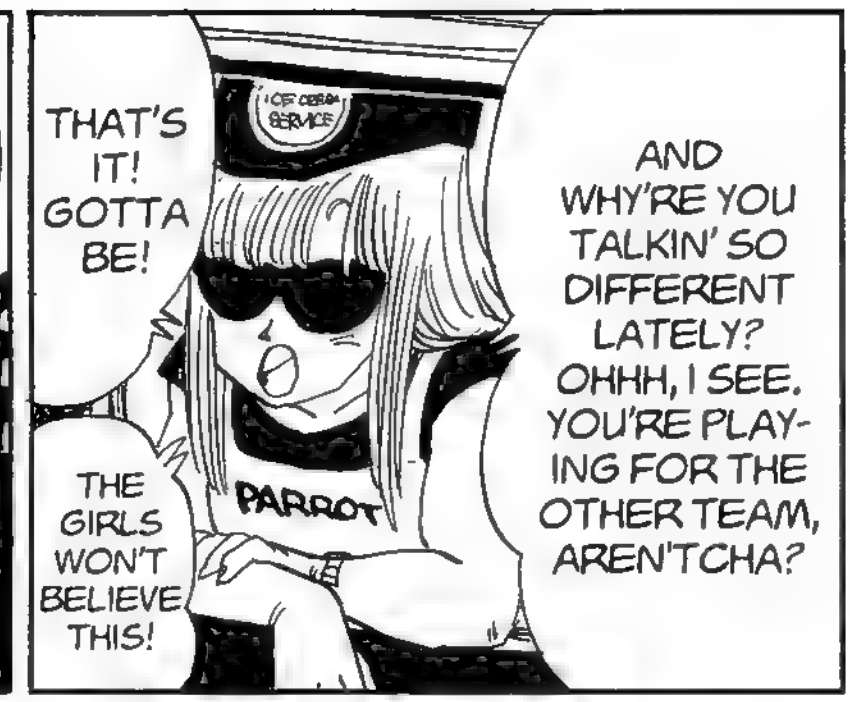

A DATE?
GREAT TIMIN'! YOU'RE OFF WORK TOMORROW TOO, RIGHT? SO HOW'S ABOUT A DATE WITH ME?
SLOPE TOWN POLICE

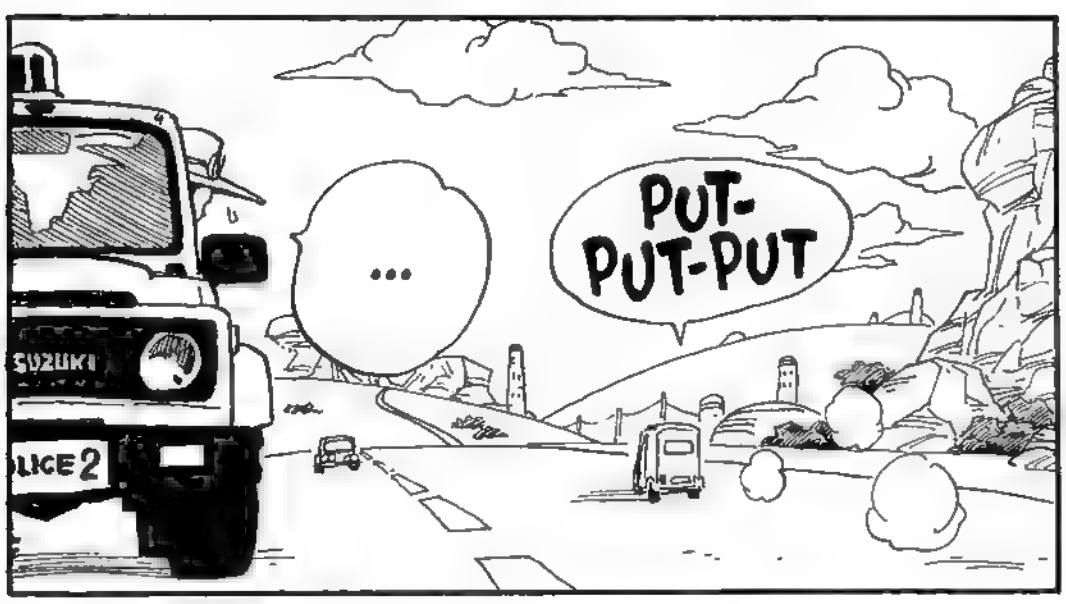
A THING? WHADDAYA TAKE ME FOR, HUH?! YOU'RE BEIN' A REAL PARTY POOPER!
I, UH... WELL, I'VE GOT A...THING... SO, UM... THAT I MUST, ERM... SOOO, YEAH! I'M BOOKED!

W-WHAT DO YOU WANT?
PARROT ICE CREAM SERVICE
P

I QUICKLY SEARCHED CHAPAT'S MIND FOR WHAT THIS COULD POSSIBLY BE ABOUT...


THE OTHER TEAM?


THAT'S IT! GOTTA BE!
THE GIRLS WON'T BELIEVE THIS!
PARROT
AND WHY'RE YOU TALKIN' SO DIFFERENT LATELY? OHHH, I SEE. YOU'RE PLAYING FOR THE OTHER TEAM, AREN'TCHA?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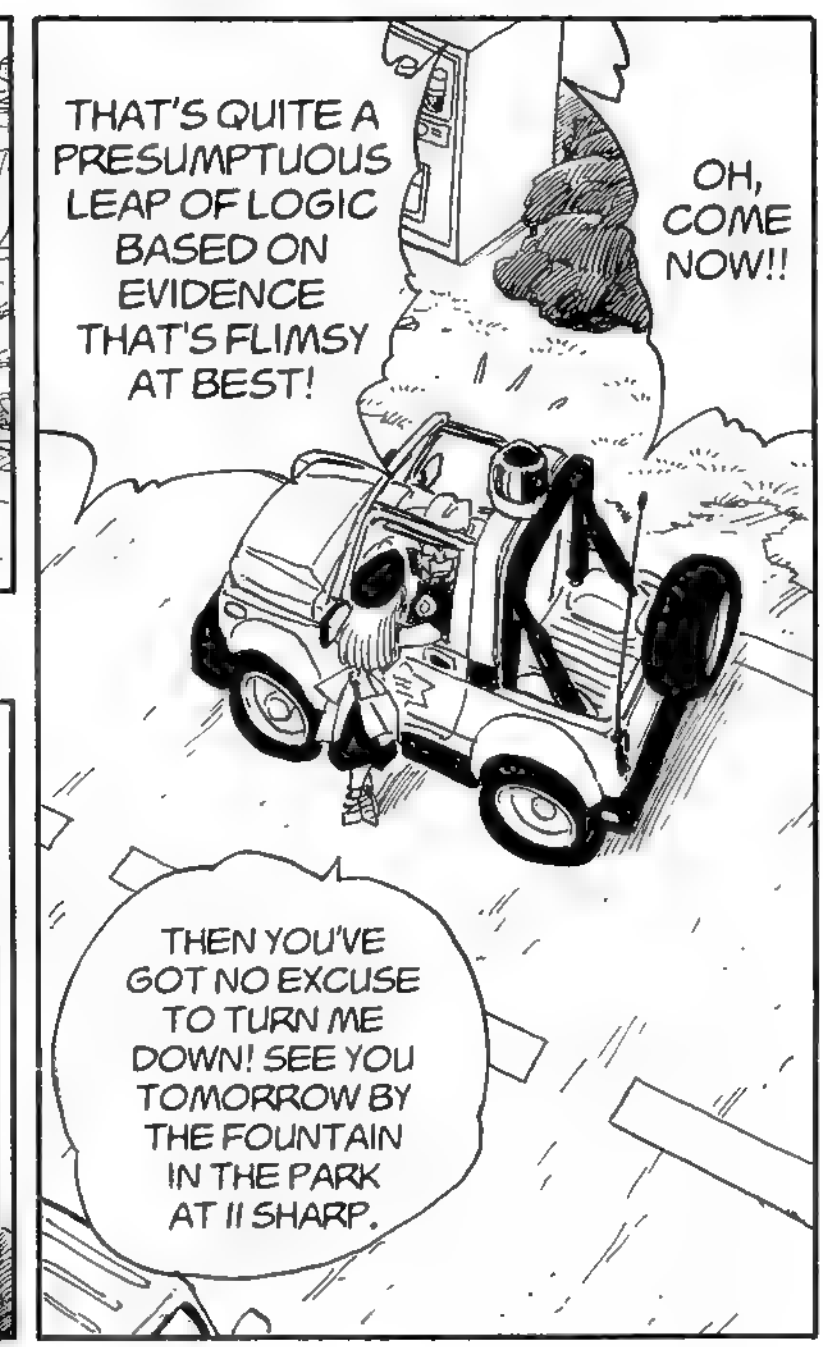
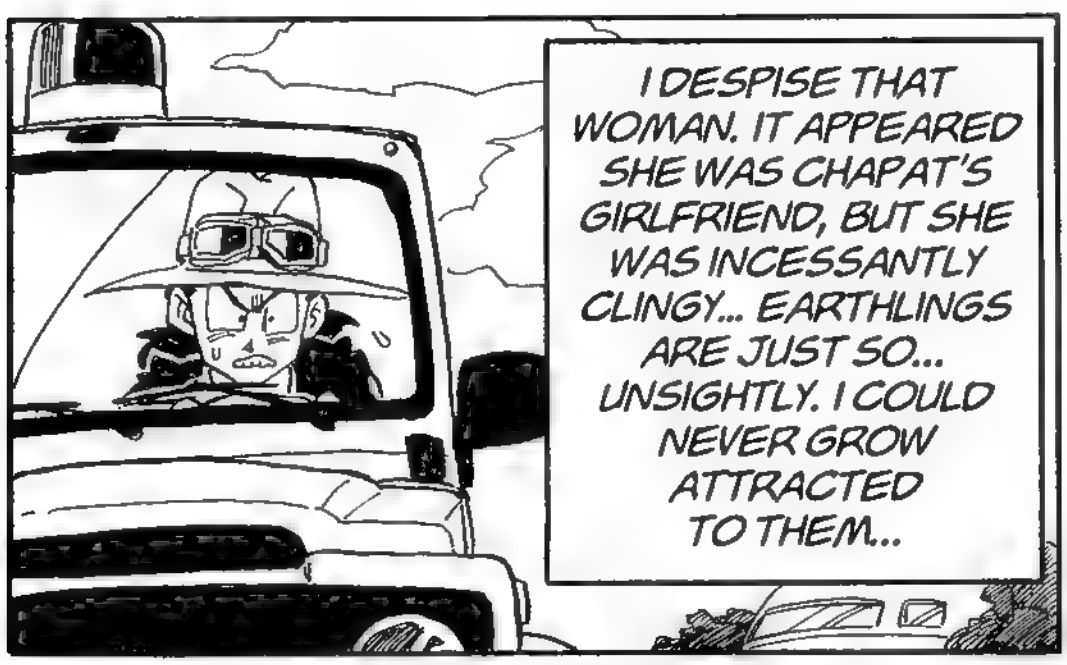
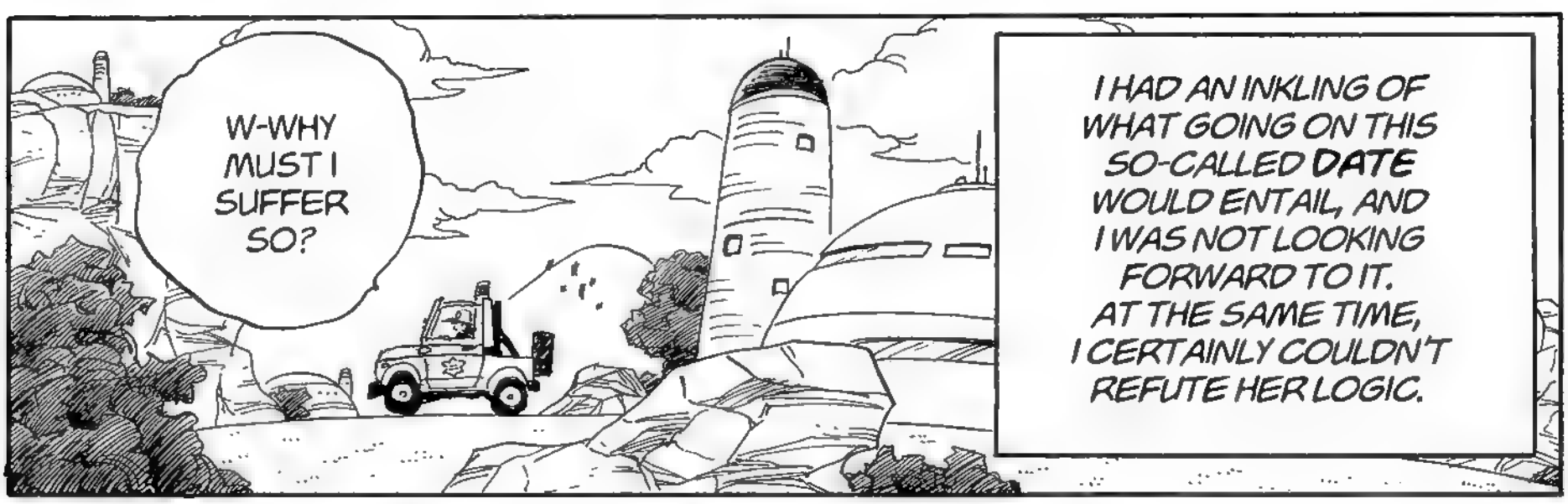
SUZUKI
LICE 2


THAT'S QUITE A PRESUMPTUOUS LEAP OF LOGIC BASED ON EVIDENCE THAT'S FLIMSY AT BEST!
OH, COME NOW!!
THEN YOU'VE GOT NO EXCUSE TO TURN ME DOWN! SEE YOU TOMORROW BY THE FOUNTAIN IN THE PARK AT 11 SHARP.


I DESPISE THAT WOMAN. IT APPEARED SHE WAS CHAPAT'S GIRLFRIEND, BUT SHE WAS INCESSANTLY CLINGY... EARTHLINGS ARE JUST SO... UNSIGHTLY. I COULD NEVER GROW ATTRACTED TO THEM...

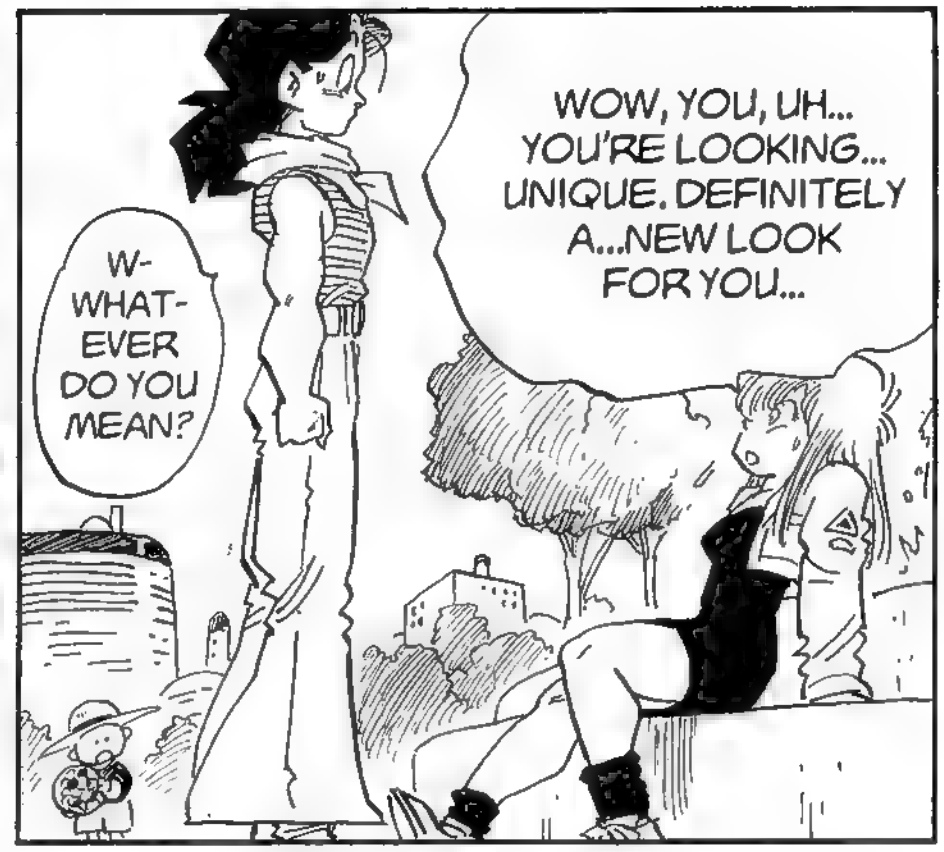

W-WHY MUST I SUFFER SO?
I HAD AN INKLING OF WHAT GOING ON THIS SO-CALLED DATE WOULD ENTAIL, AND I WAS NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. AT THE SAME TIME, I CERTAINLY COULDN'T REFUTE HER LOGIC.

THE NEXT DAY...

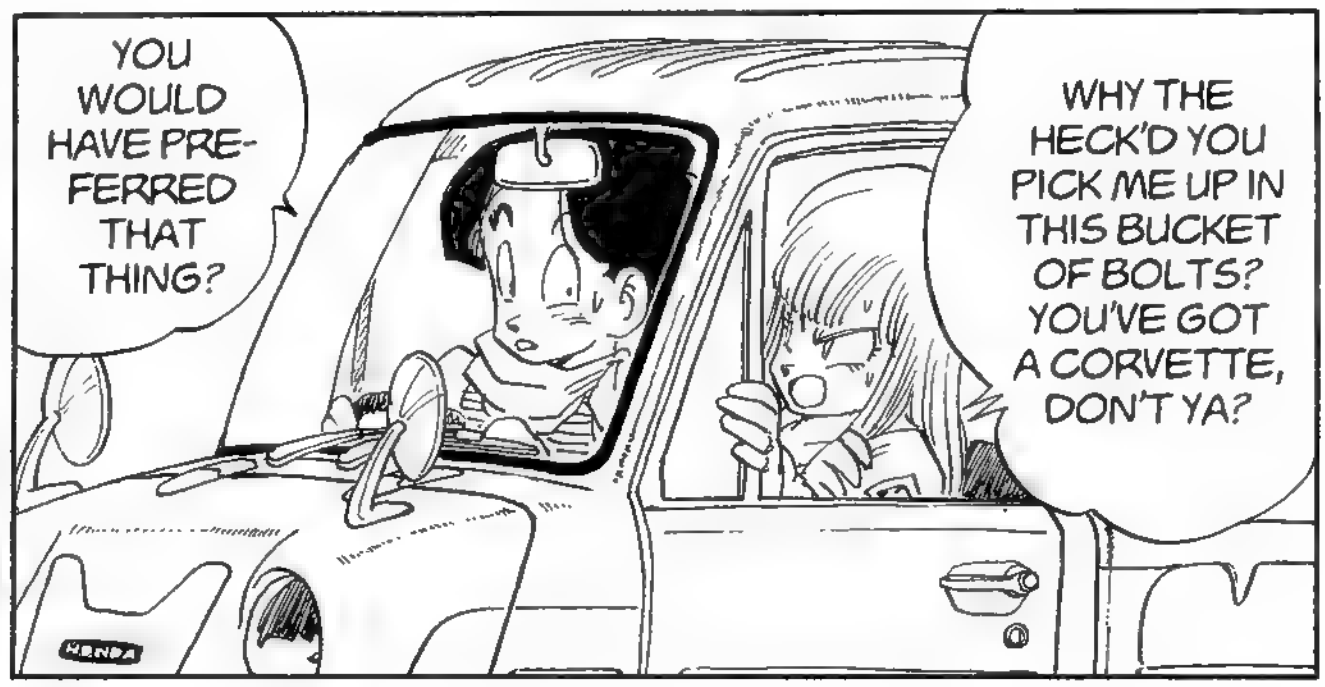
H- HELLO...

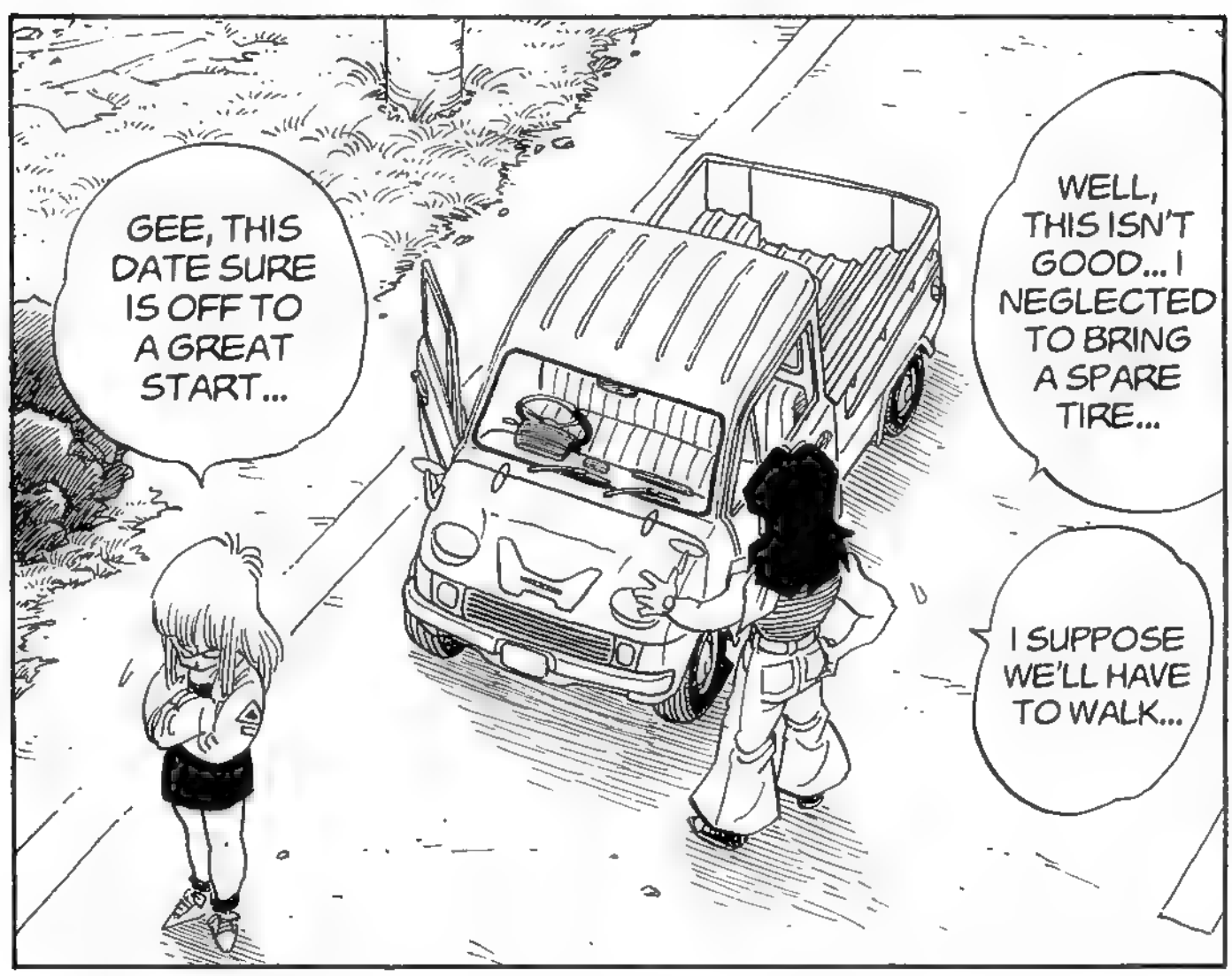
WHA-?

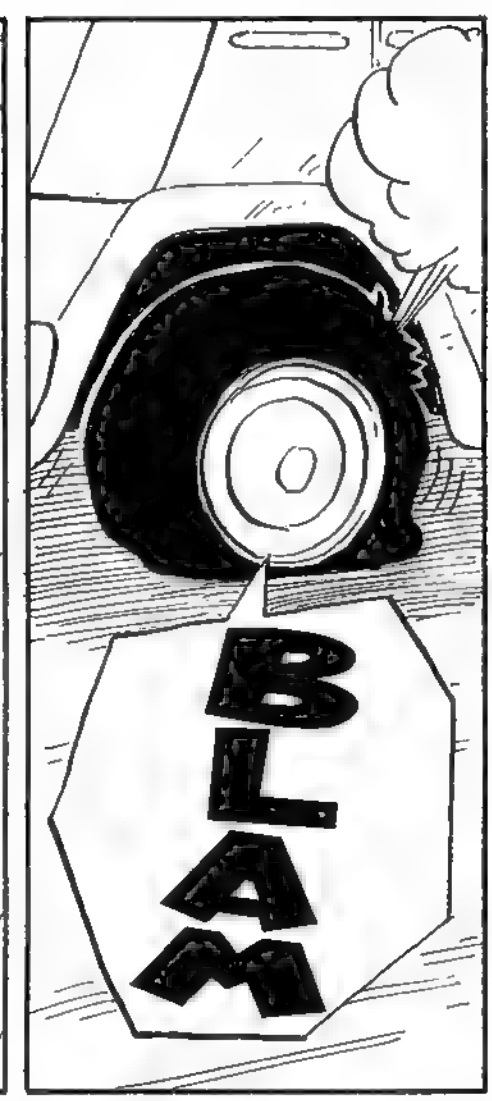
VROOOOOM
CLATTER
BUMP
RATTLE


W-WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN?
WOW, YOU, UH... YOU'RE LOOKING... UNIQUE. DEFINITELY A...NEW LOOK FOR YOU...

LET'S GET LUNCH AT THAT RESTAURANT ON THE EASTERN CAPE.
WHAT'S DONE IS DONE, I SUPPOSE... SO, WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?


YOU WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT THING?
WHY THE HECK'D YOU PICK ME UP IN THIS BUCKET OF BOLTS? YOU'VE GOT A CORVETTE, DON'T YA?


GEE, THIS DATE SURE IS OFF TO A GREAT START...
WELL, THIS ISN'T GOOD... I NEGLECTED TO BRING A SPARE TIRE...
I SUPPOSE WE'LL HAVE TO WALK...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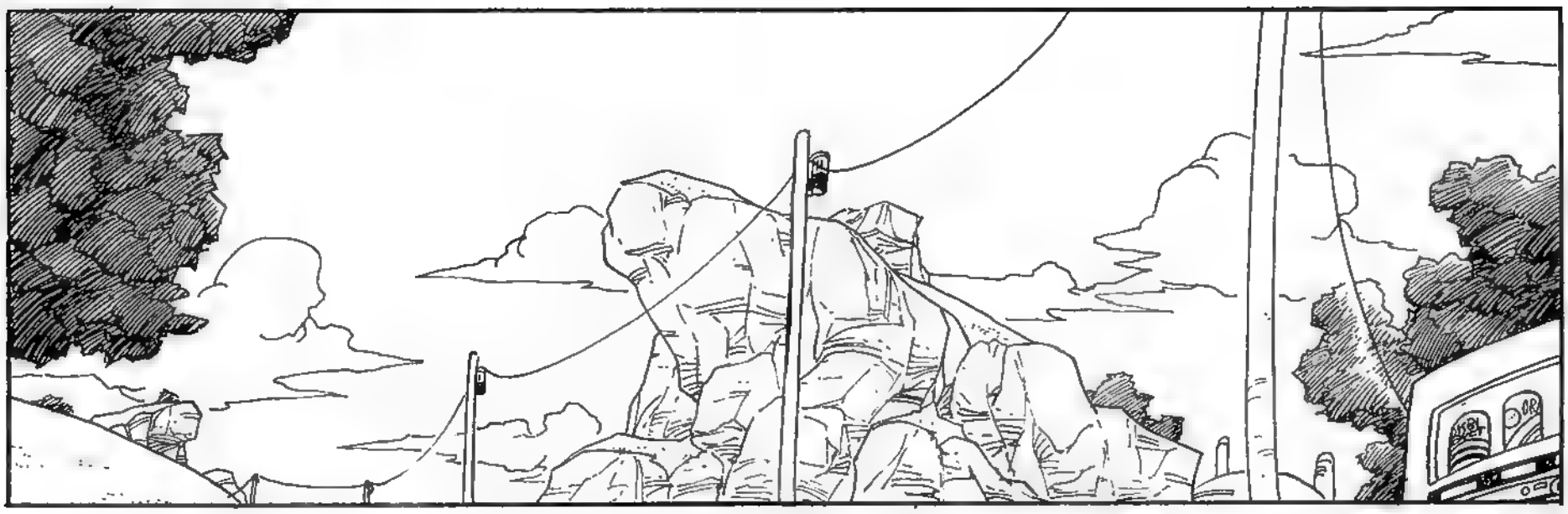
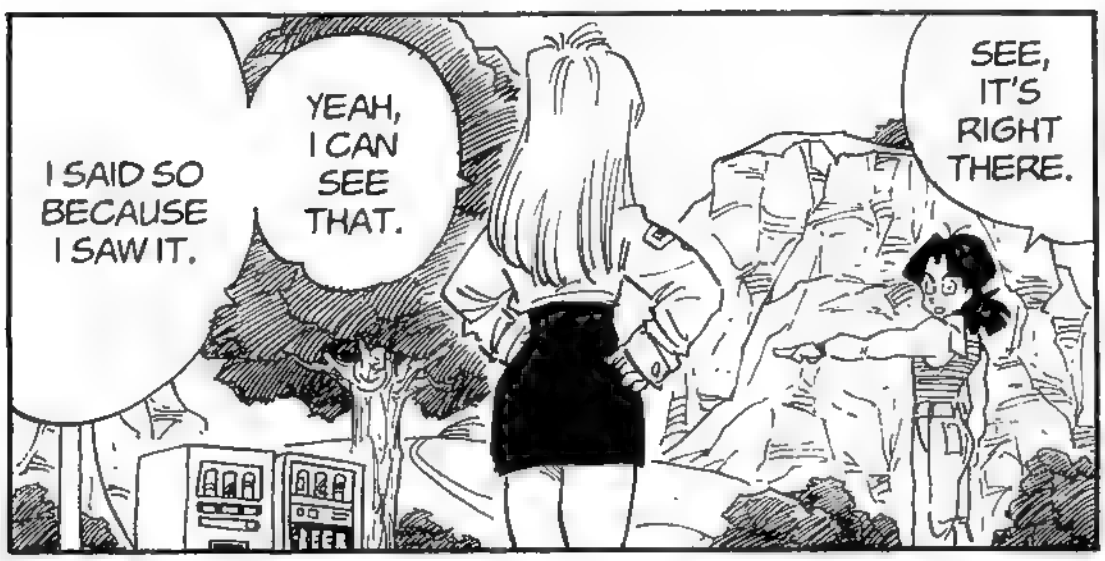
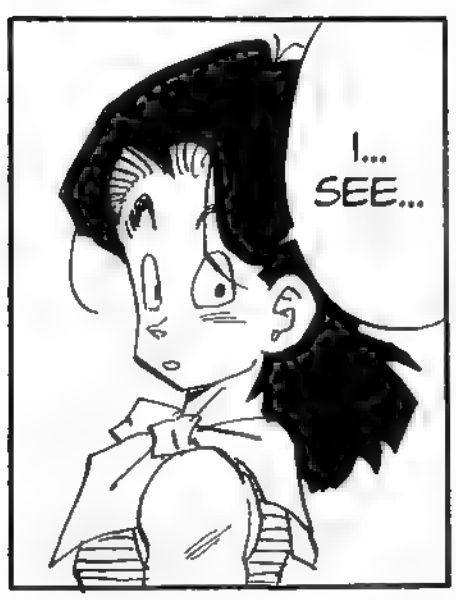
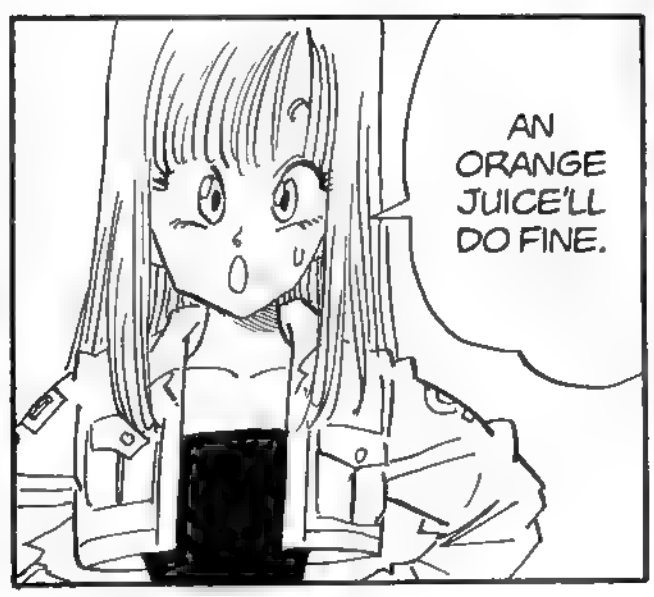
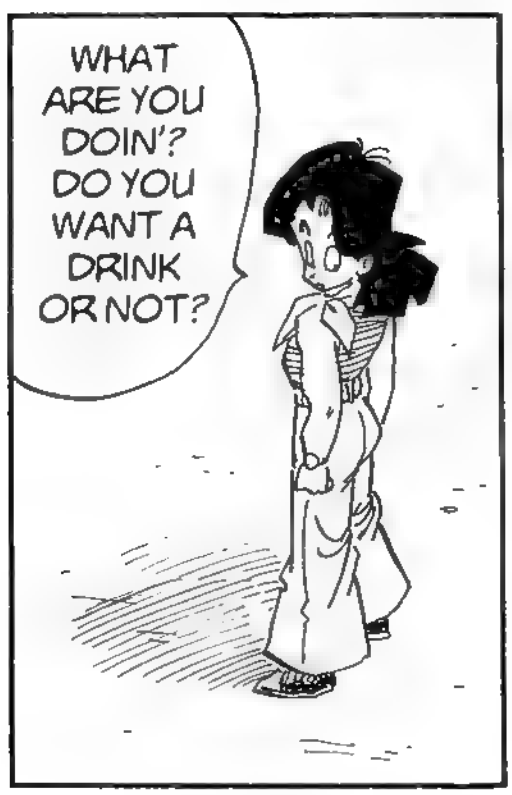
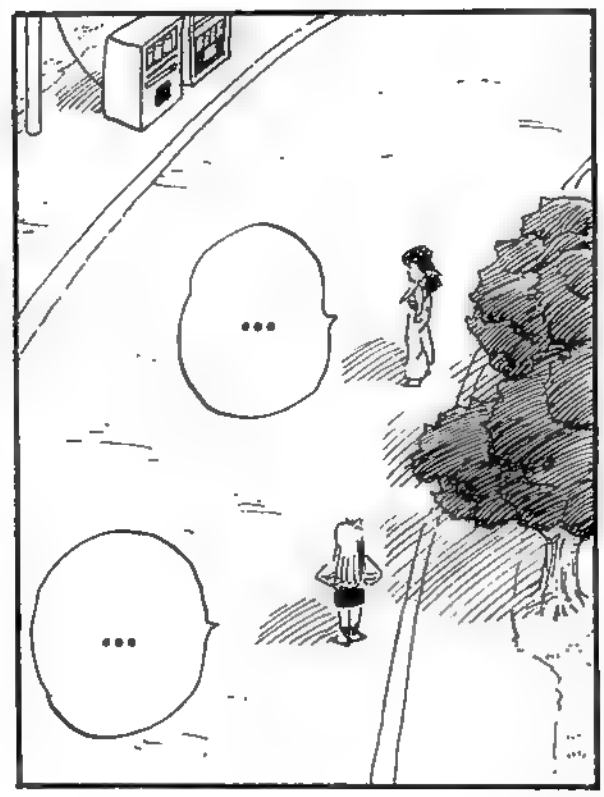



I SAID SO BECAUSE I SAW IT.
YEAH, I CAN SEE THAT.
SEE, IT'S RIGHT THERE.
BEER


I... SEE...


AN ORANGE JUICE'LL DO FINE.


WHAT ARE YOU DOIN'? DO YOU WANT A DRINK OR NOT?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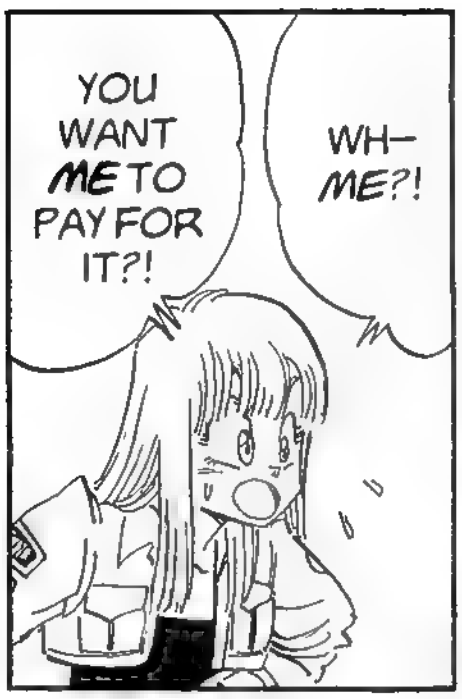
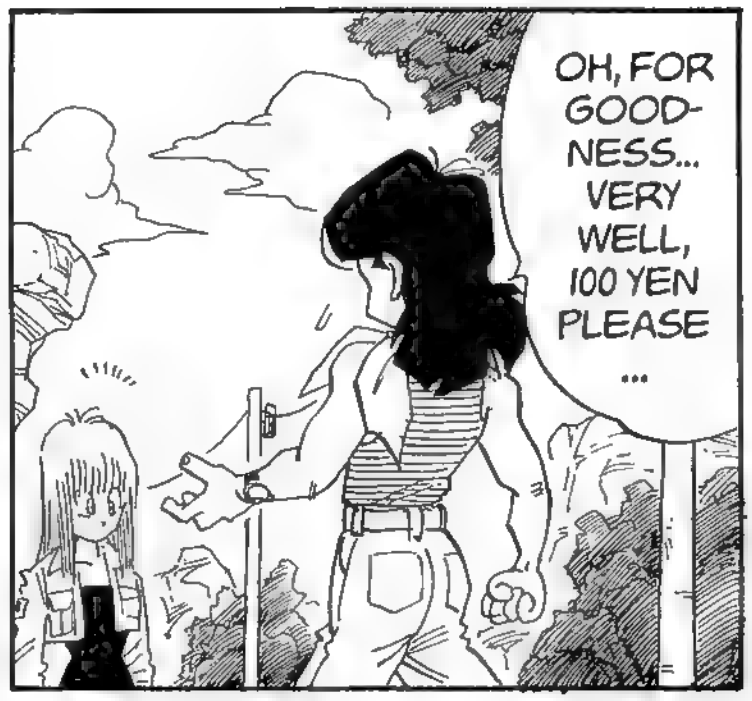
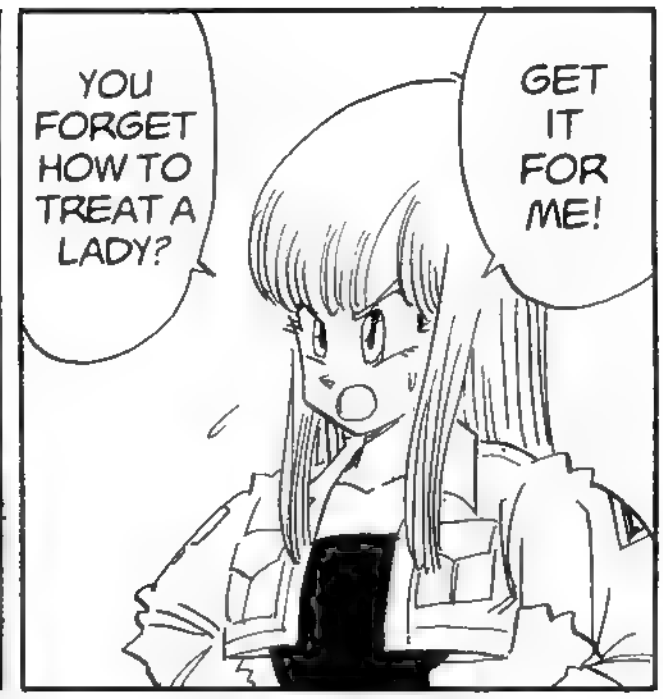
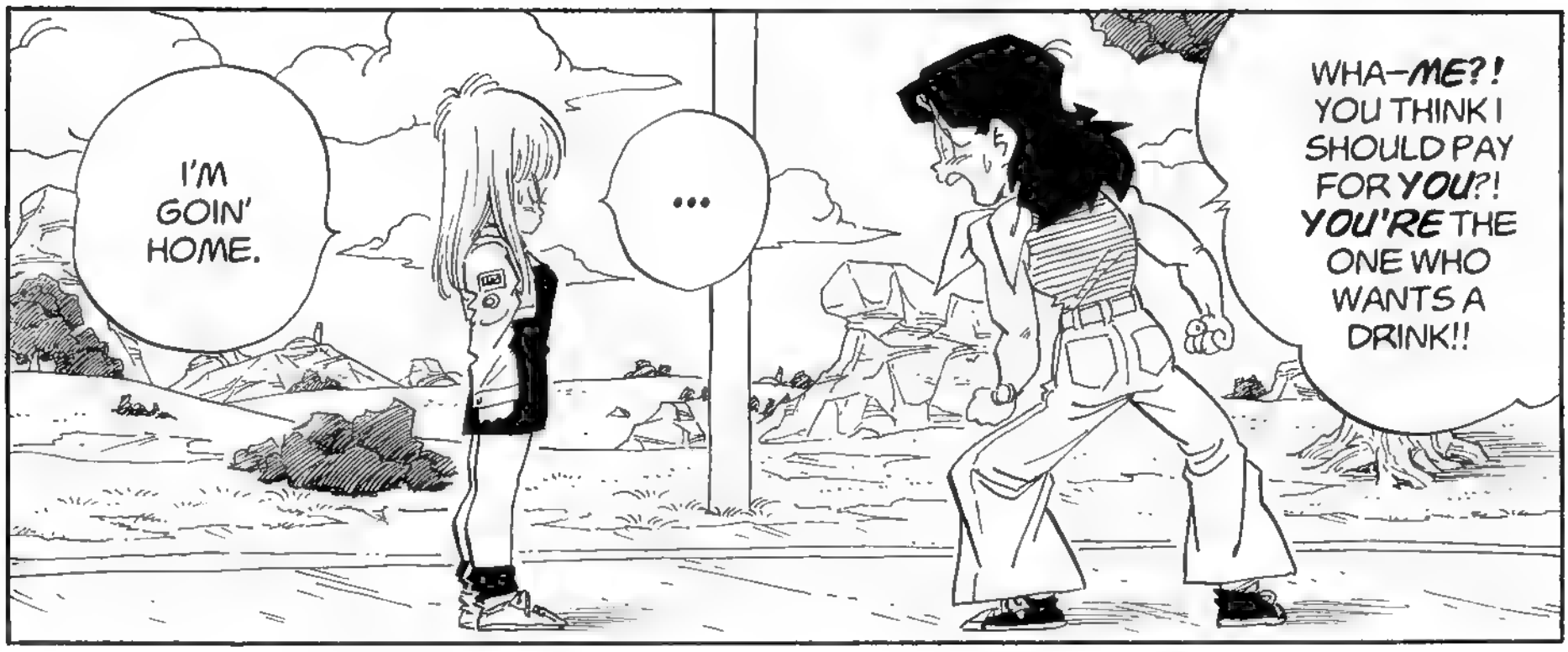
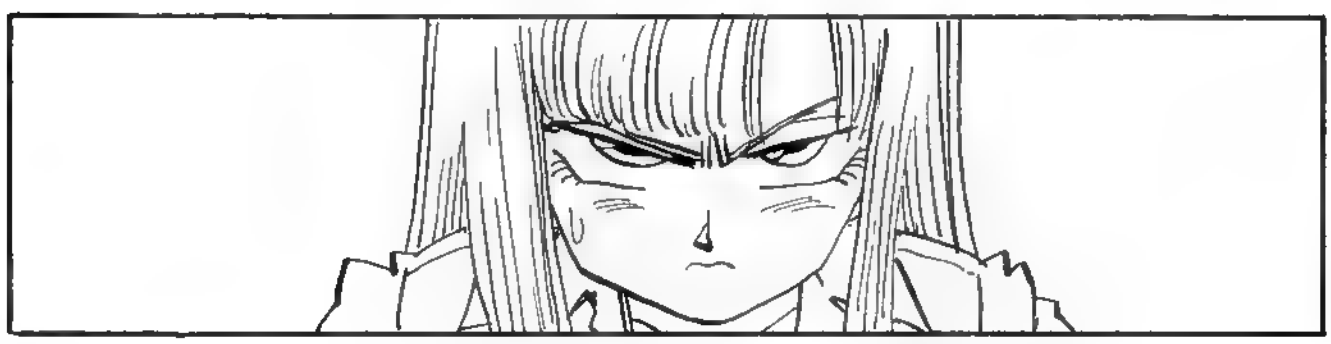
CHA-PAAAT!
I'M THIIIRSTY!
IS THAT SO? FORTUNATELY, THERE APPEARS TO BE A VENDING MACHINE UP AHEAD.


YOU WANT ME TO PAY FOR IT?!
WH– ME?!

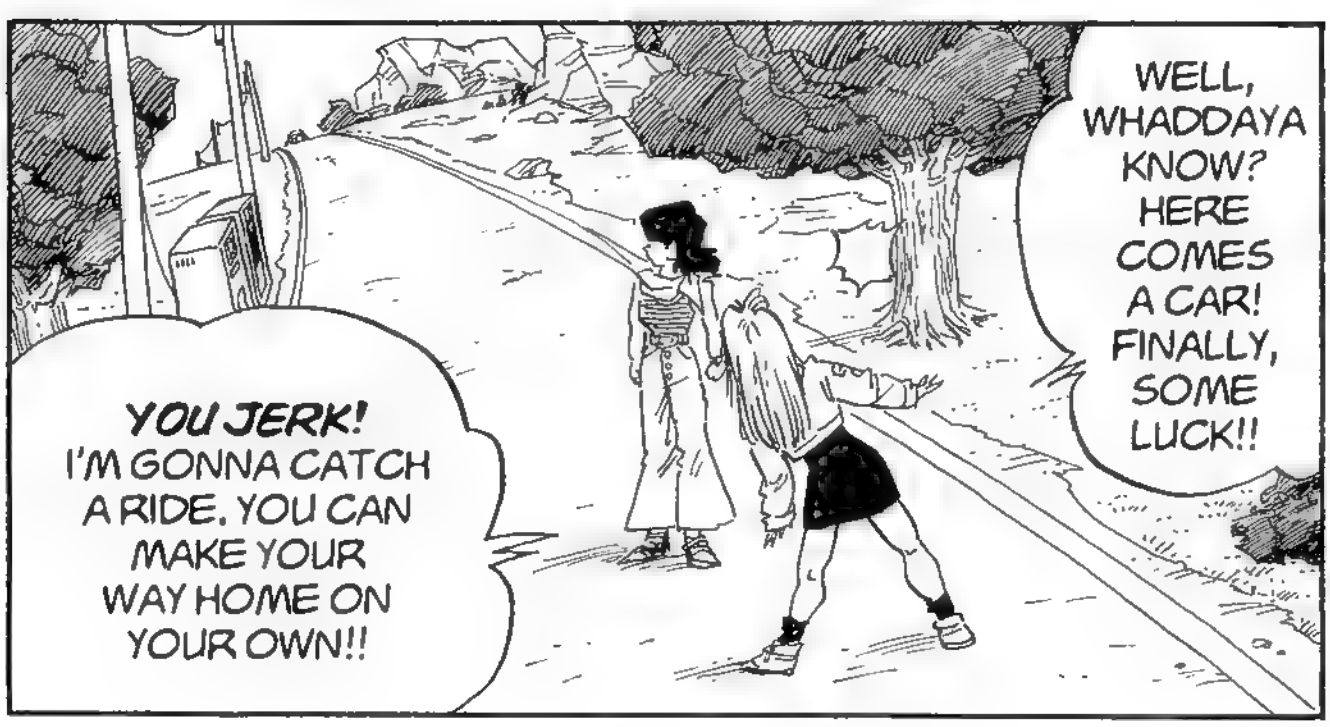

OH, FOR GOOD-NESS... VERY WELL, 100 YEN PLEASE ...

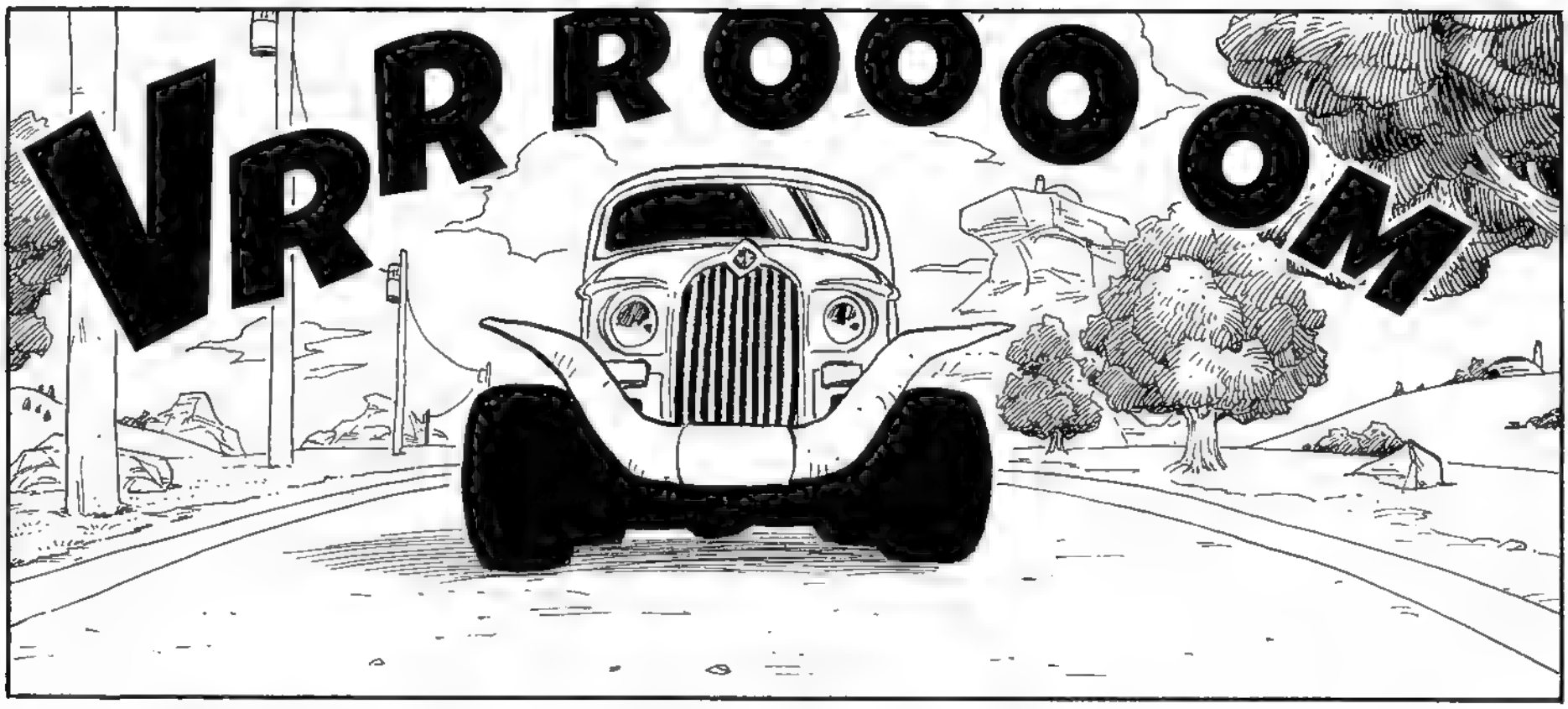

YOU FORGET HOW TO TREAT A LADY?
GET IT FOR ME!

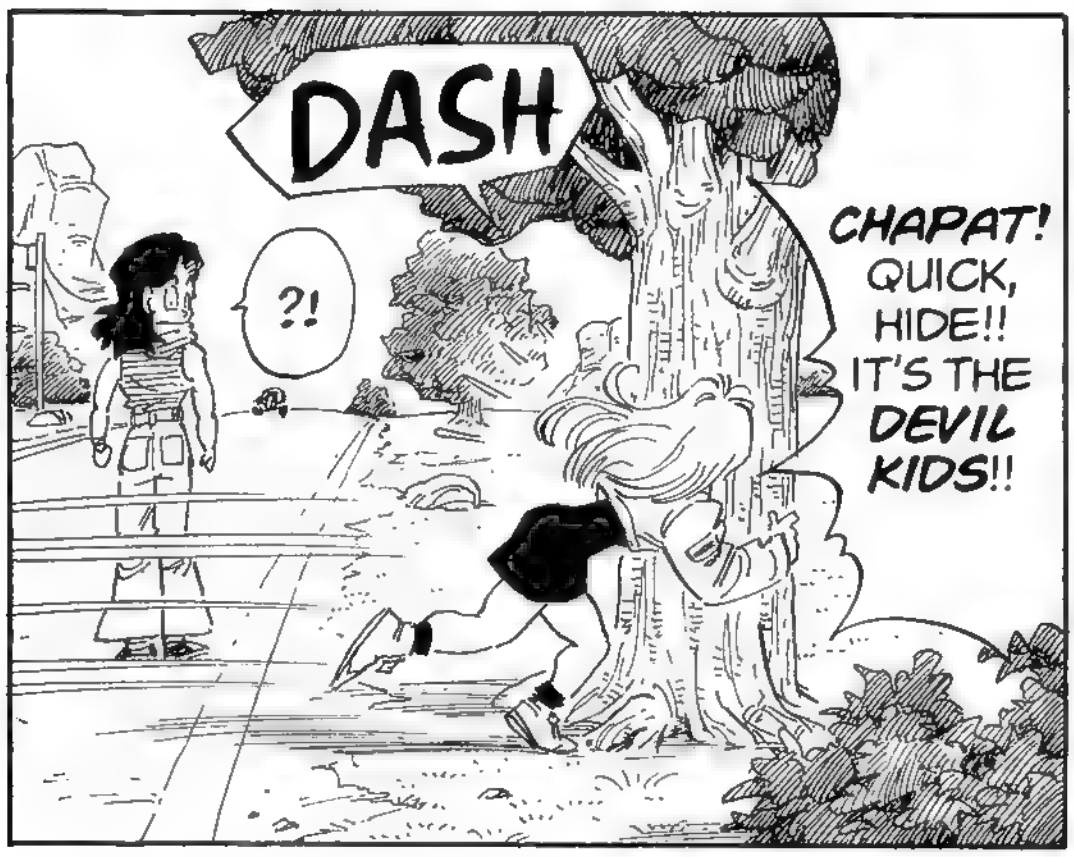

I'M GOIN' HOME.
...
WHA–ME?! YOU THINK I SHOULD PAY FOR YOU?! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WANTS A DRINK!!



OH?!
REALLY?! WOW, THAT'S GREAT! WHY?!


WELL, WHADDAYA KNOW? HERE COMES A CAR! FINALLY, SOME LUCK!!
YOU JERK! I'M GONNA CATCH A RIDE. YOU CAN MAKE YOUR WAY HOME ON YOUR OWN!!


VRROOOOM


DASH
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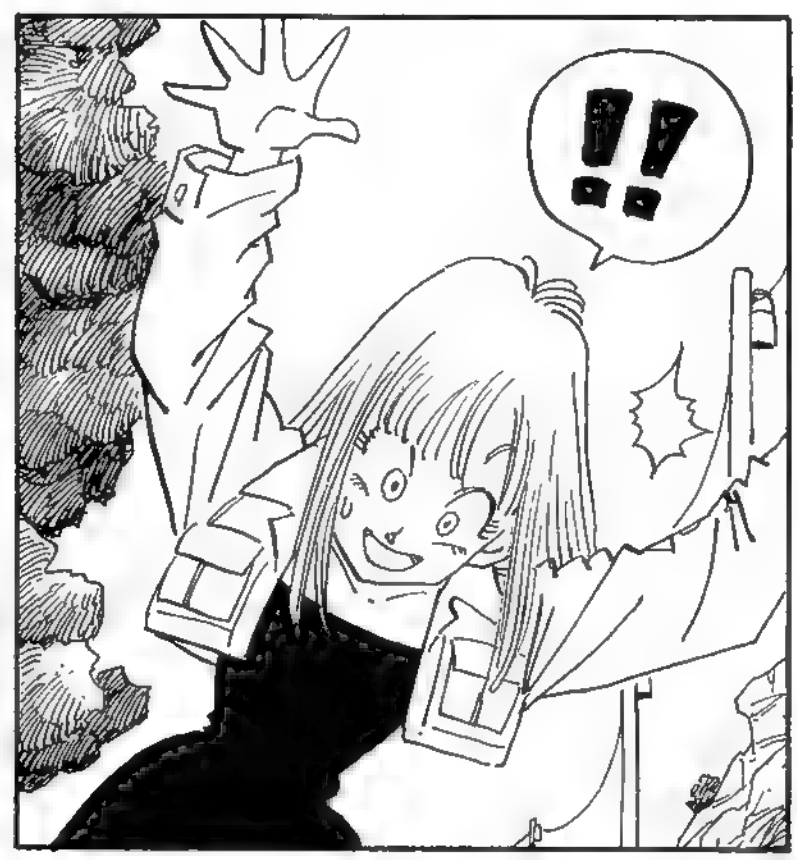
CHAPAT! QUICK, HIDE!! IT'S THE DEVIL KIDS!!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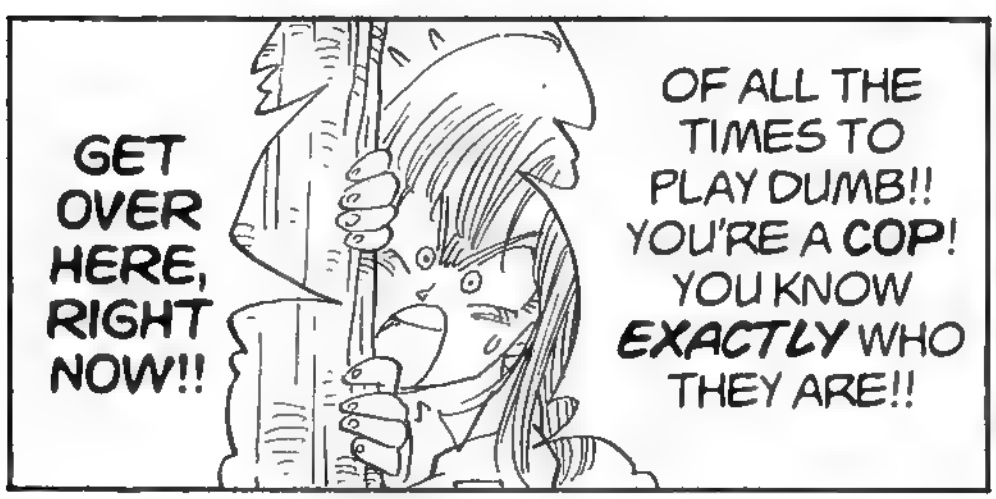
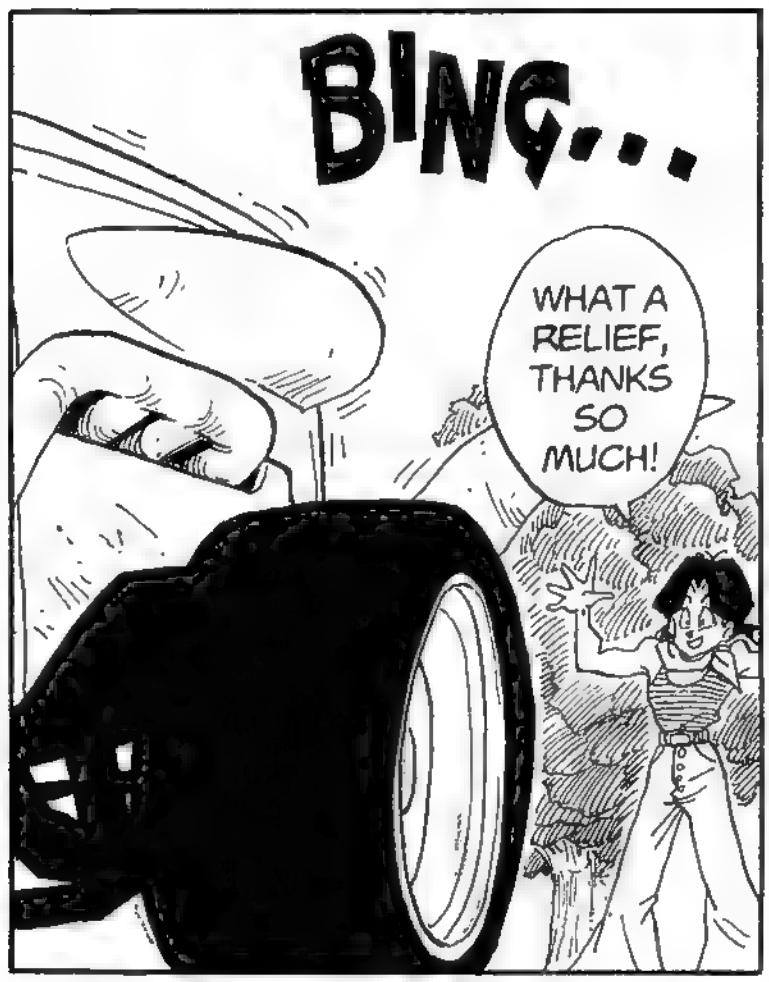
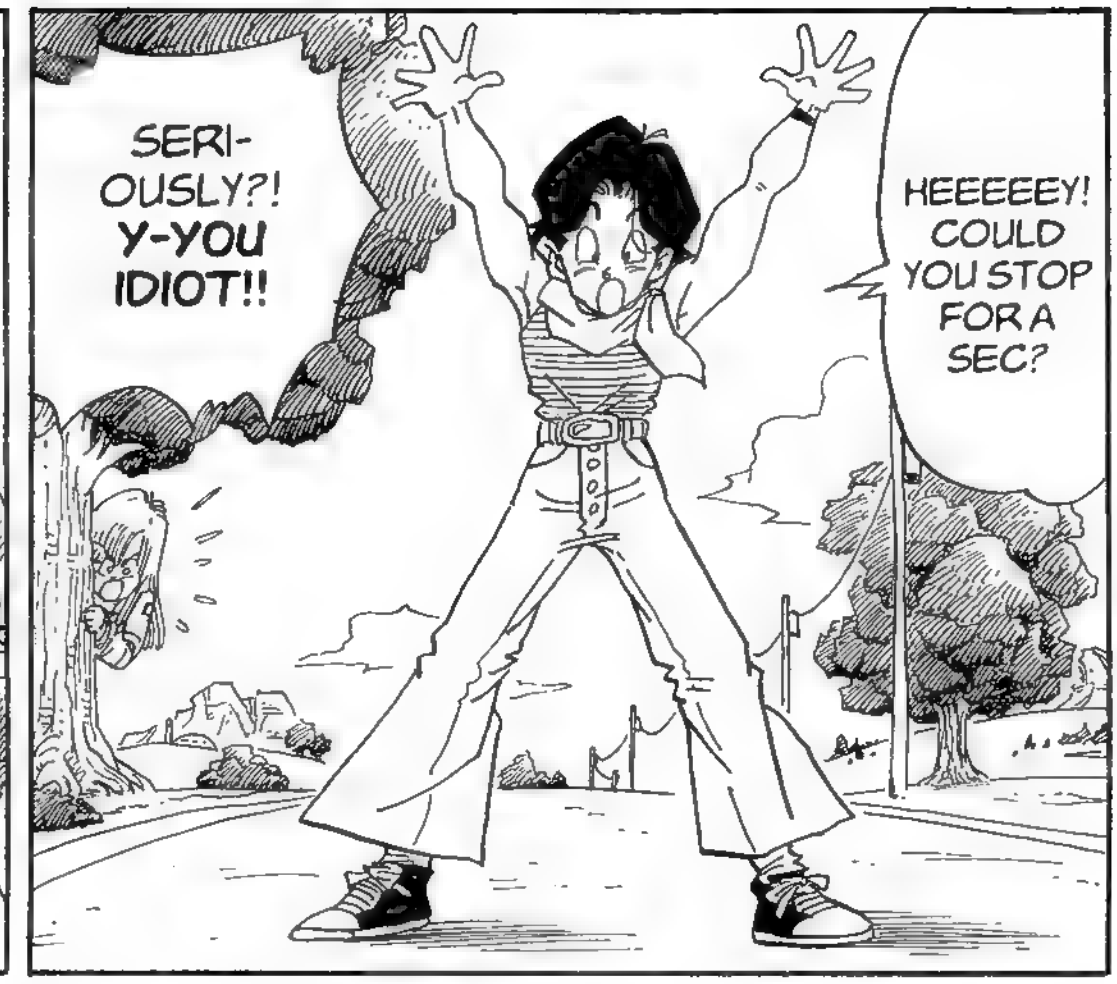
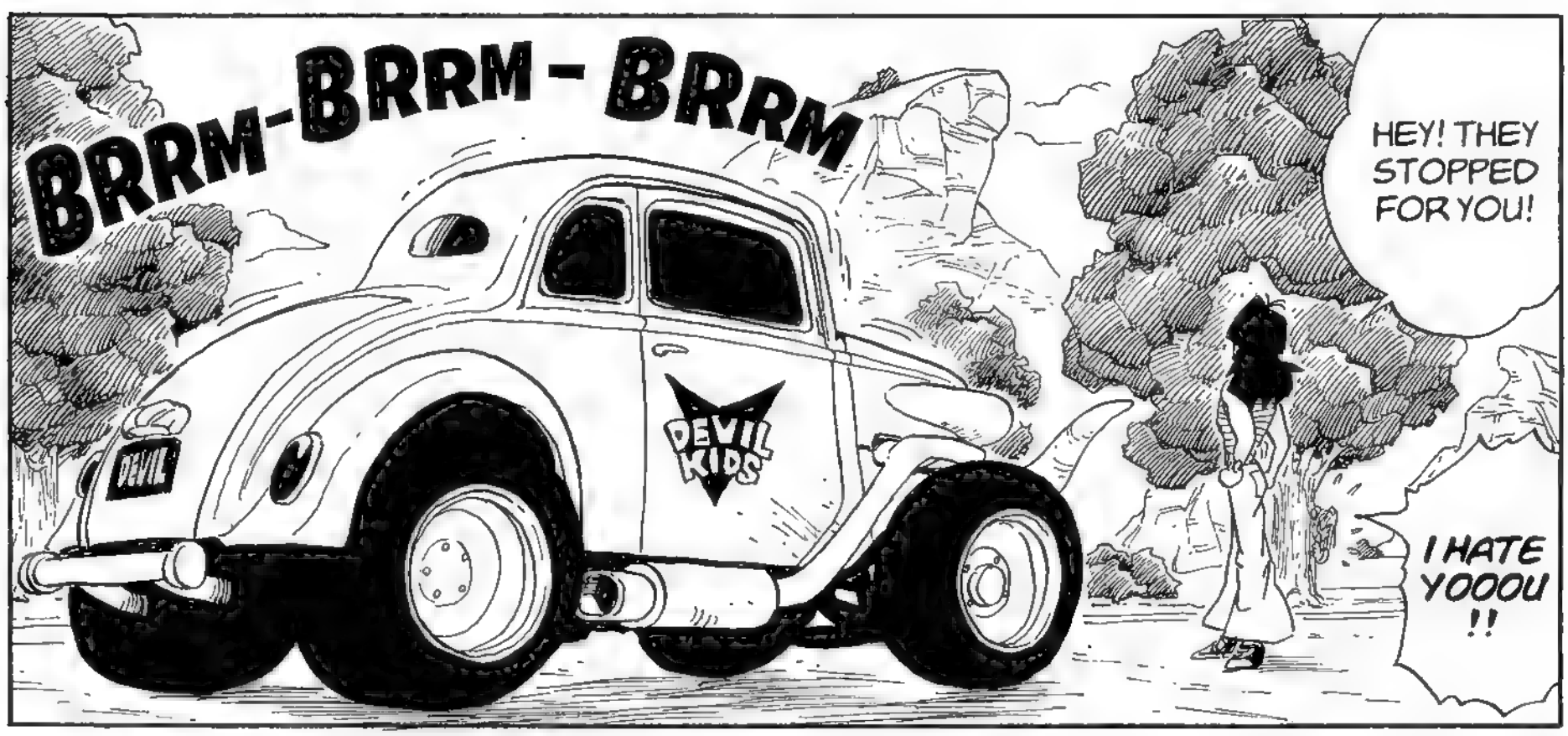

GET OVER HERE, RIGHT NOW!!
OF ALL THE TIMES TO PLAY DUMB!! YOU'RE A COP! YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHO THEY ARE!!

I HAVE NO REASON TO HIDE!
I'M A POLICE OFFICER.

WHAT'RE YA DOIN'? C'MON, MOVE!! DO YOU WANNA GET KILLED?!
WHAT EXACTLY IS A DEVIL KID?

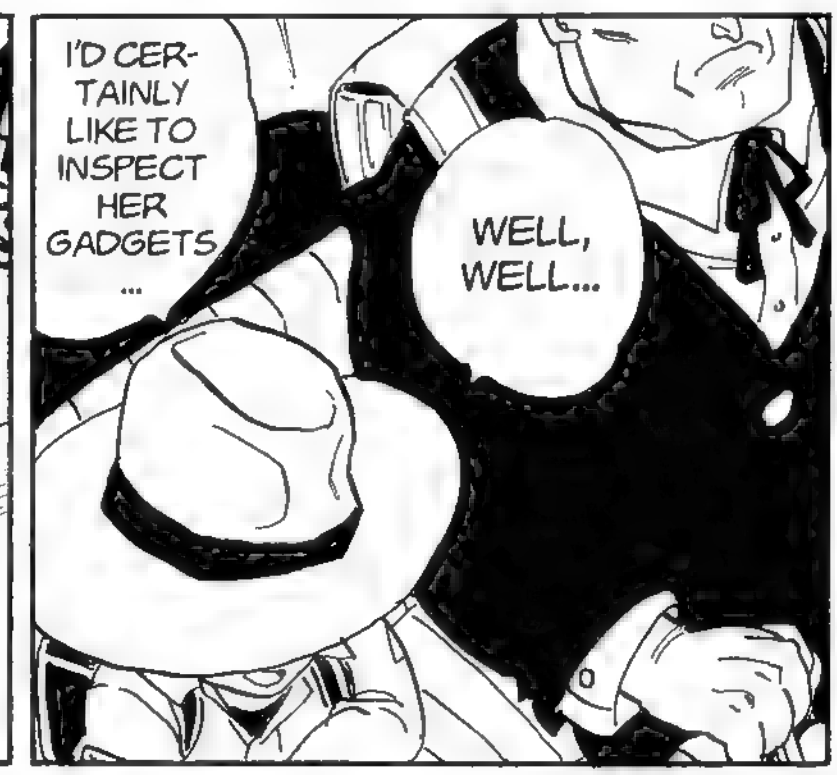

BING...
WHAT A RELIEF, THANKS SO MUCH!


SERI-OUSLY?! Y-YOU IDIOT!!
HEEEEEY! COULD YOU STOP FOR A SEC?

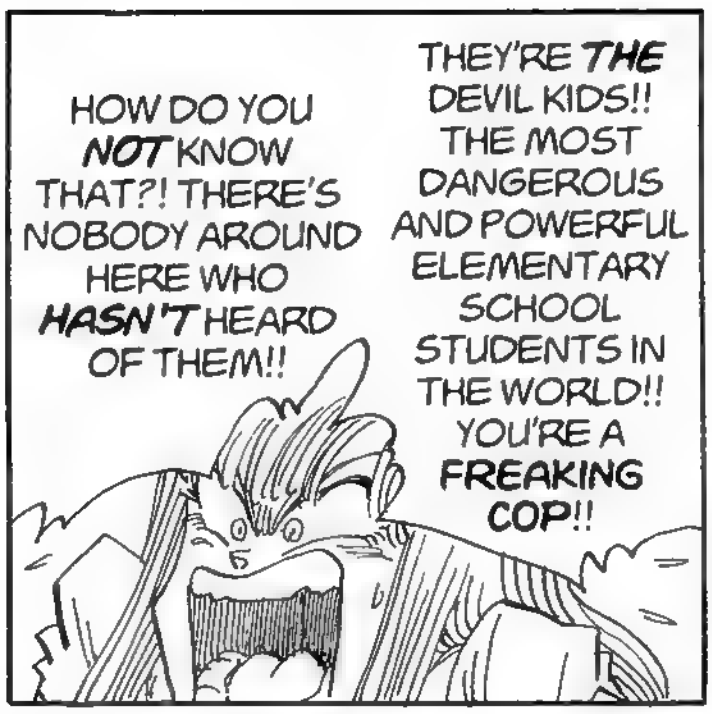

BRRM-BRRM-BRRM
HEY! THEY STOPPED FOR YOU!
DEVIL
DEVIL KIDS
I HATE YOOOU !!

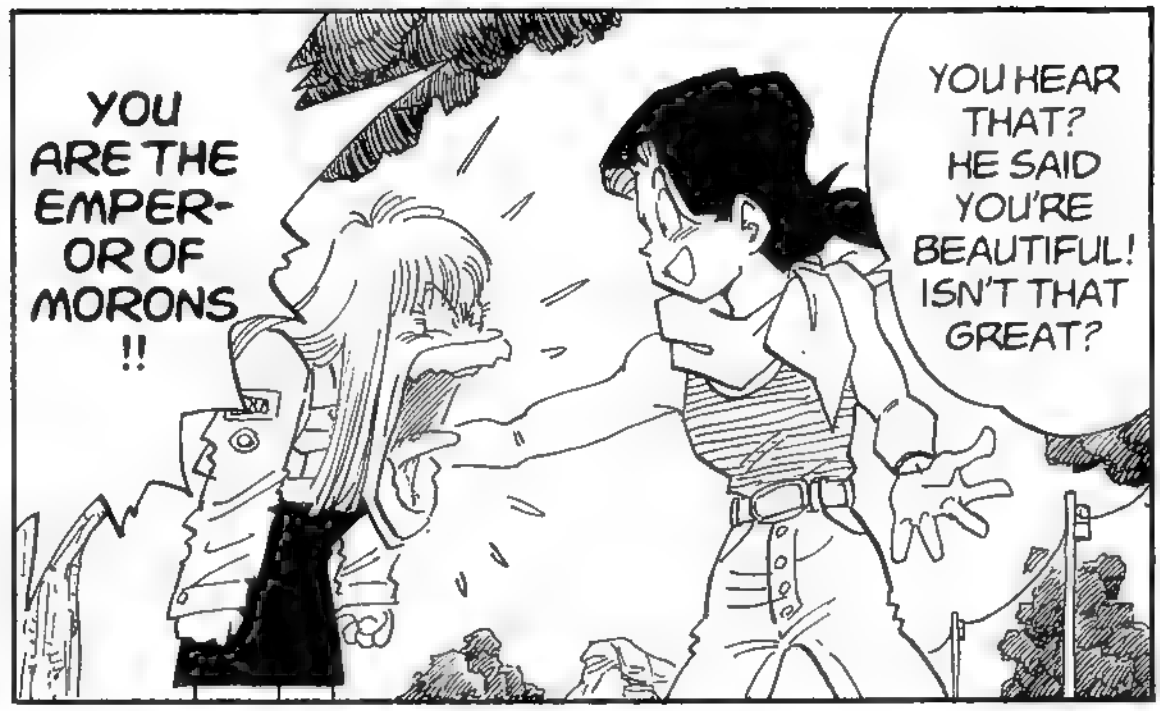
DOES CHAPAT ACTUALLY THINK HE'S GOT A CHANCE TRYING TO ARREST THOSE TWO?!
I-IS HE FOR REAL?! I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!!

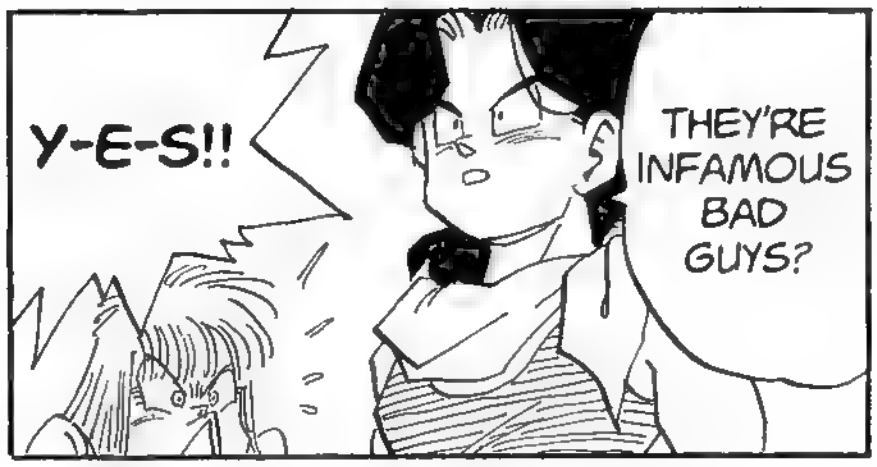
DEVIL KIDS
STEP

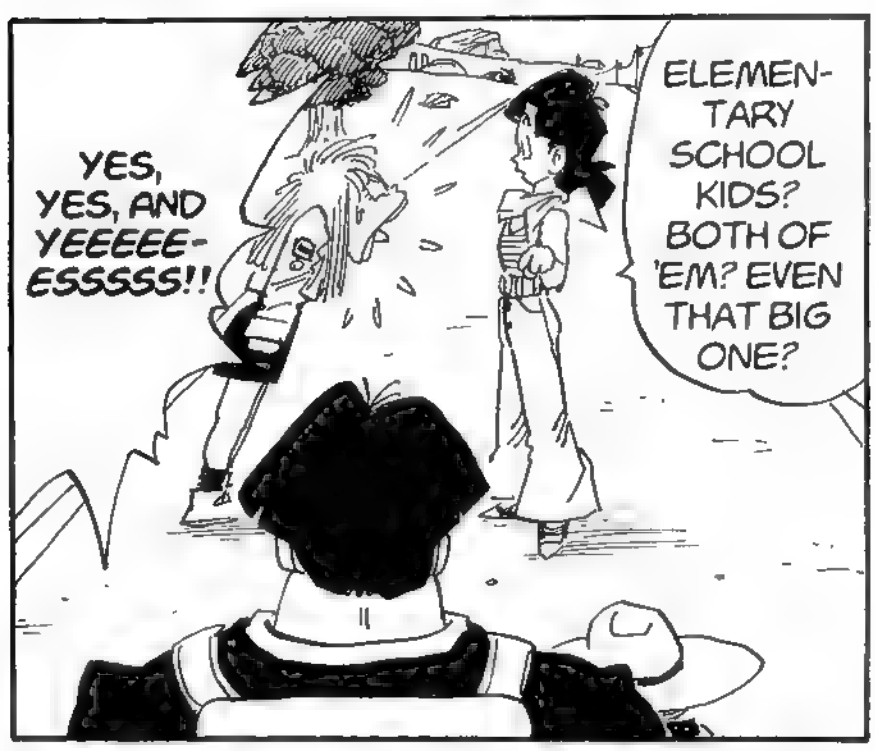

I'D CER-TAINLY LIKE TO INSPECT HER GADGETS ...
WELL, WELL...

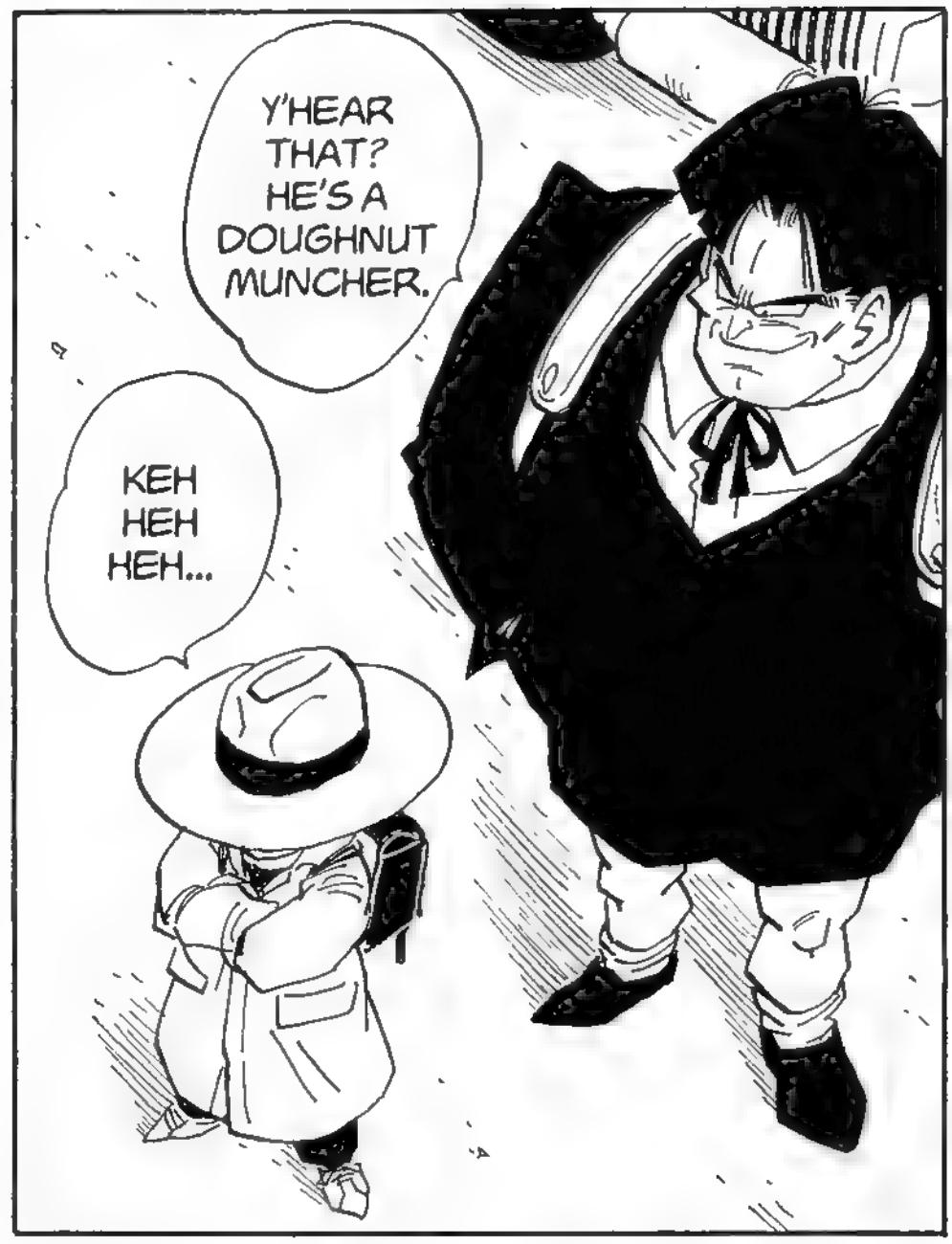
YOU NEED SOME-THING?

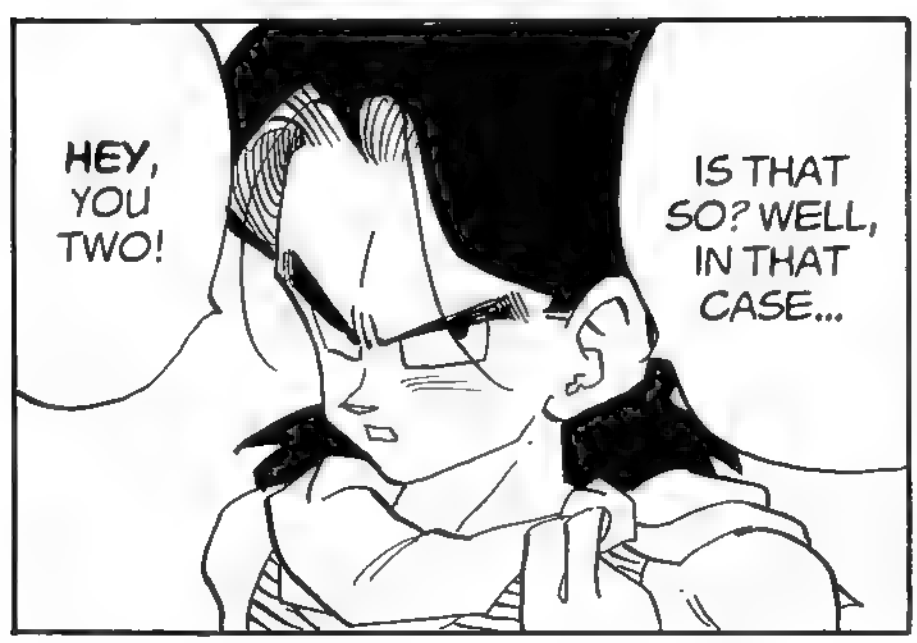

HOW DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT?! THERE'S NOBODY AROUND HERE WHO HASN'T HEARD OF THEM!!
THEY'RE THE DEVIL KIDS!! THE MOST DANGEROUS AND POWERFUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE WORLD!! YOU'RE A FREAKING COP!!

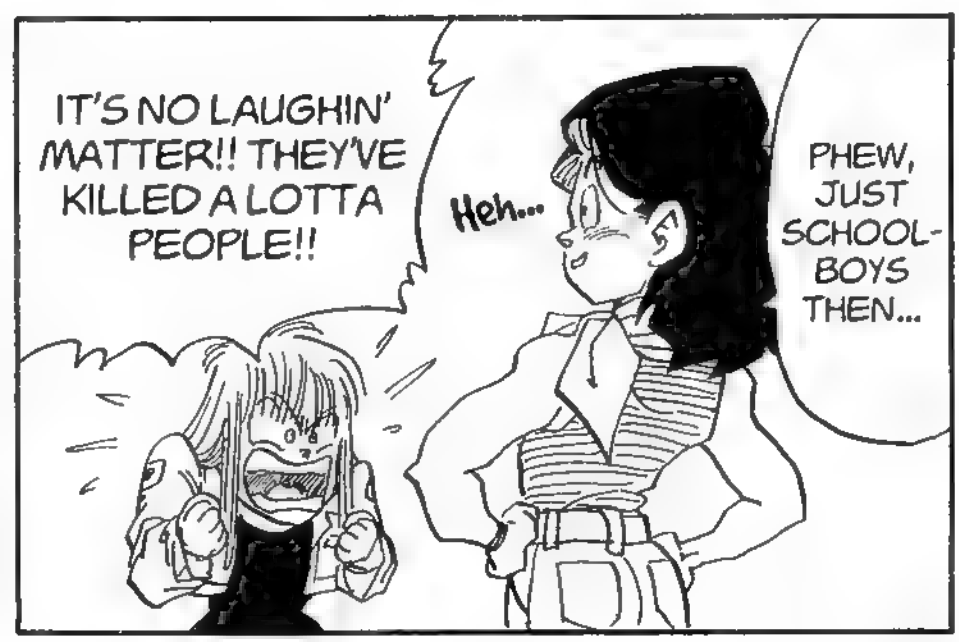

YOU ARE THE EMPER-OR OF MORONS !!
YOU HEAR THAT? HE SAID YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL! ISN'T THAT GREAT?


Y-E-S!!
THEY'RE INFAMOUS BAD GUYS?


YES, YES, AND YEEEEE-ESSSSS!!
ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL KIDS? BOTH OF 'EM? EVEN THAT BIG ONE?

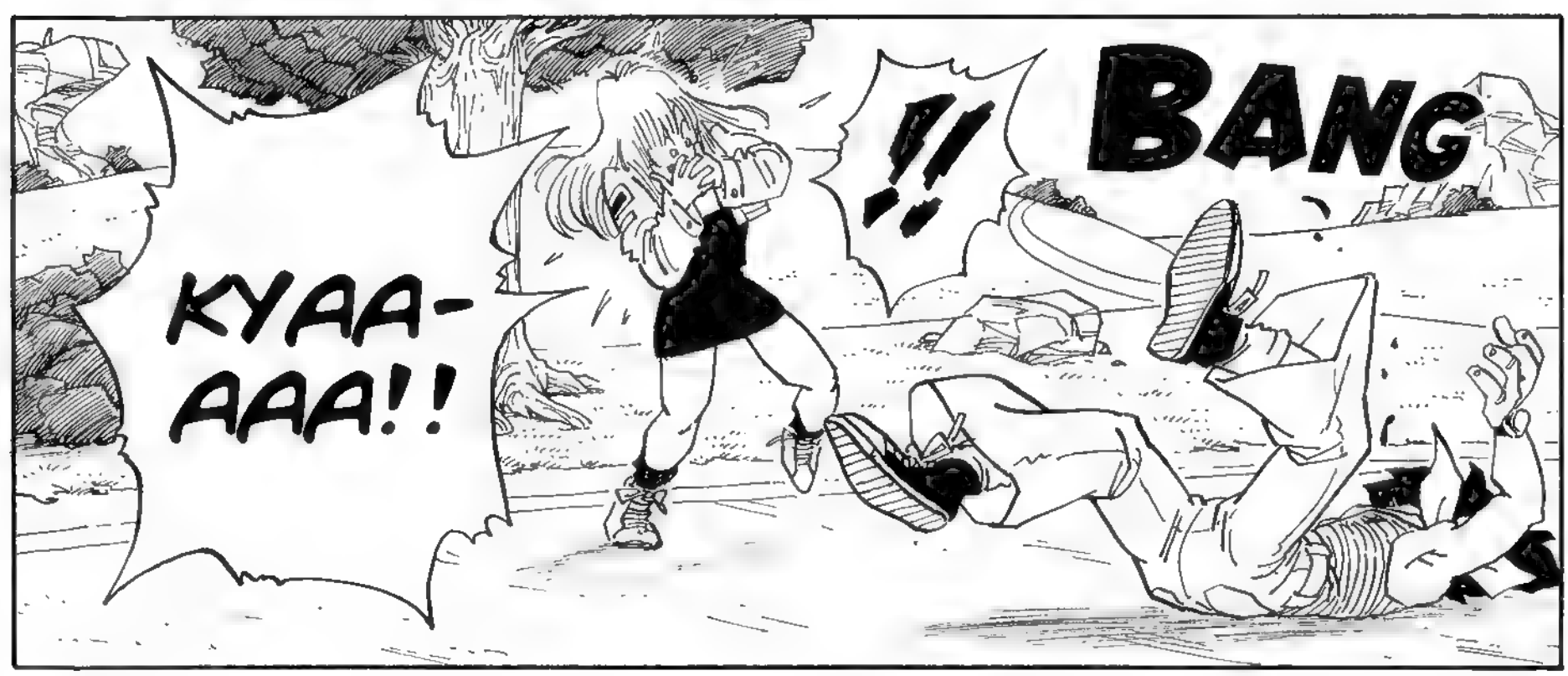

Y'HEAR THAT? HE'S A DOUGHNUT MUNCHER.
KEH HEH HEH...


HEY, YOU TWO!
IS THAT SO? WELL, IN THAT CASE...


IT'S NO LAUGHIN' MATTER!! THEY'VE KILLED A LOTTA PEOPLE!!
Heh...
PHEW, JUST SCHOOL-BOYS THEN...

...
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
IT'S ILLEGAL FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO OPERATE AN AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE!!

BLAM


KYAA-AAA!!
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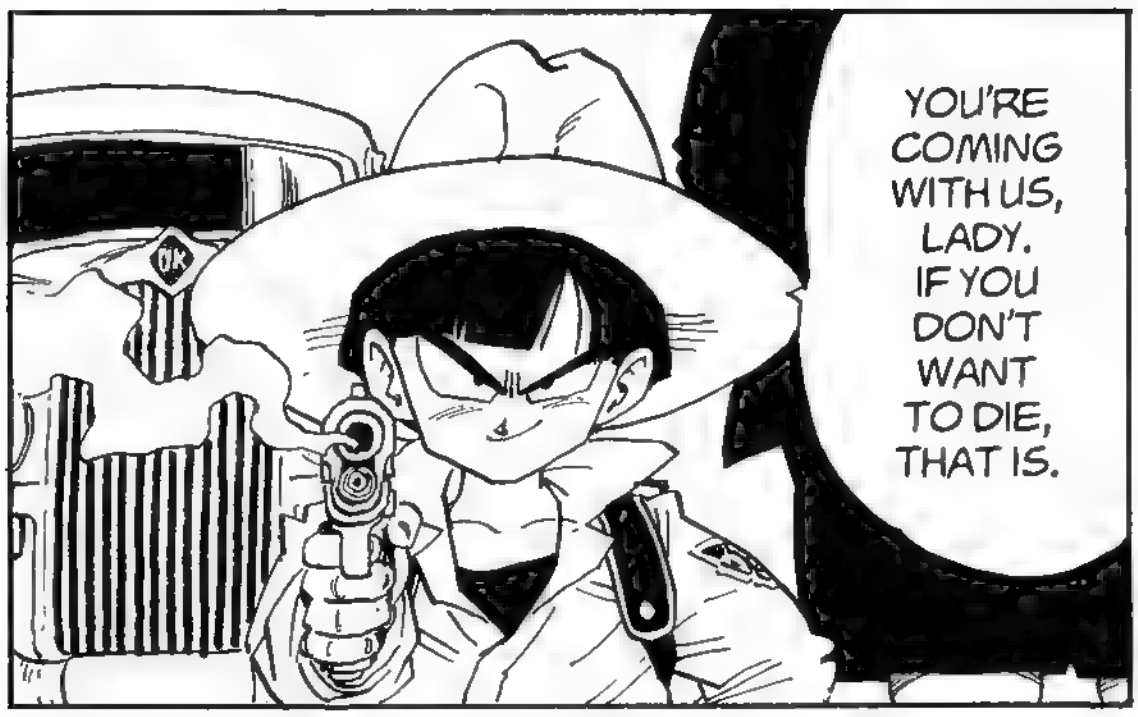
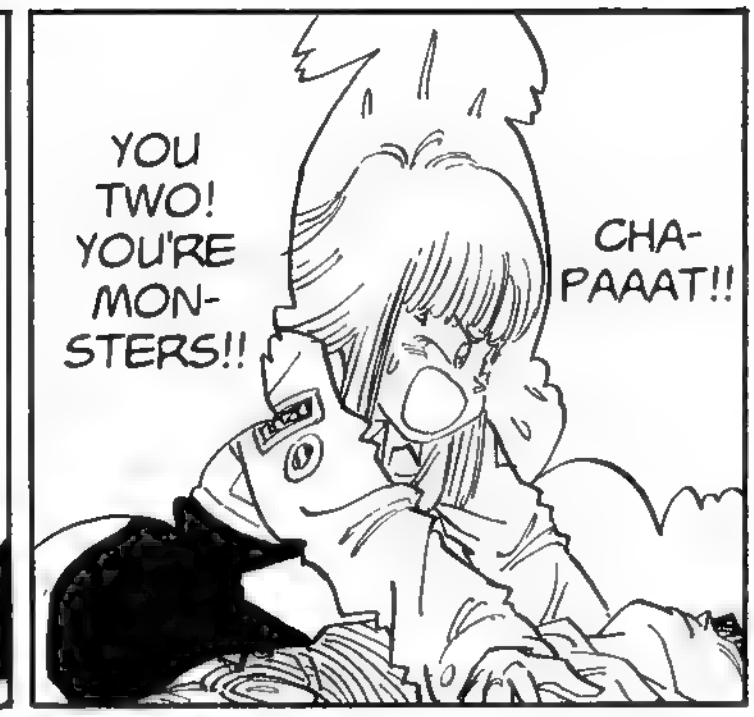
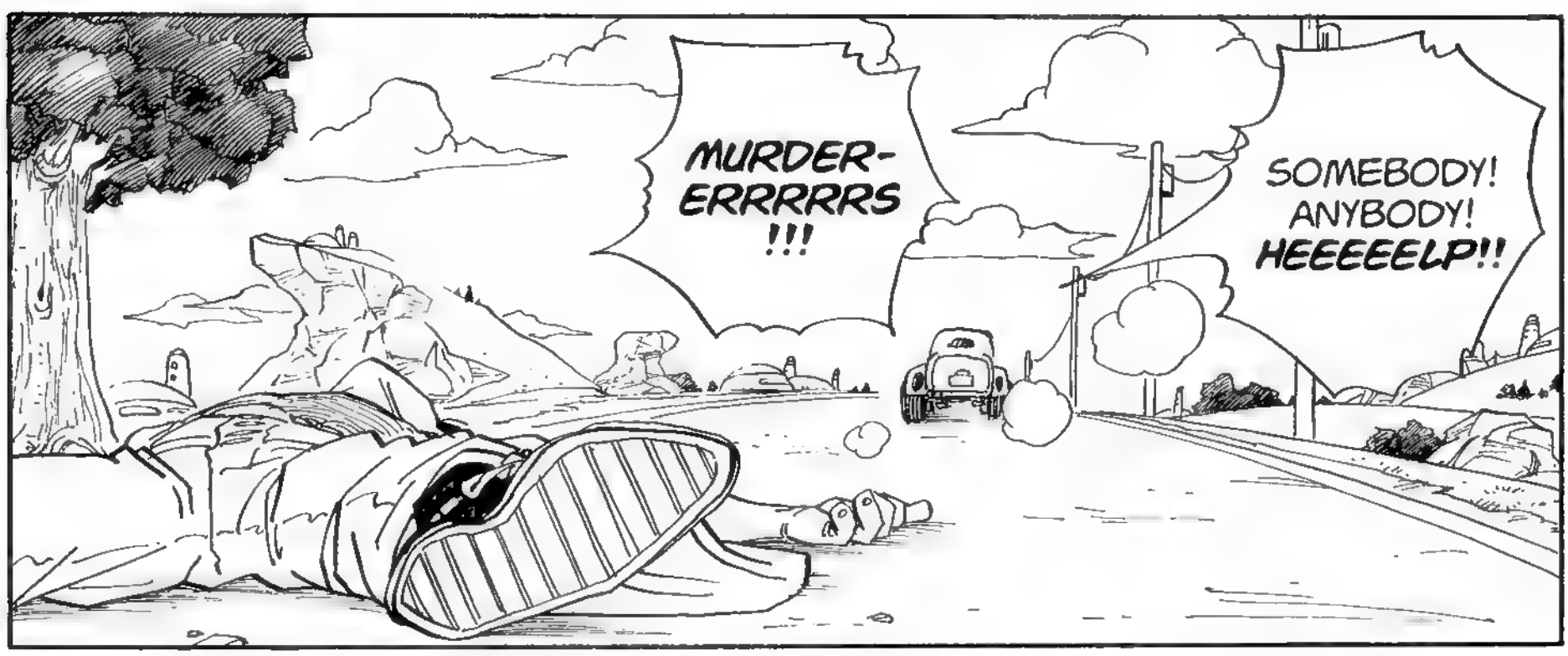
BANG

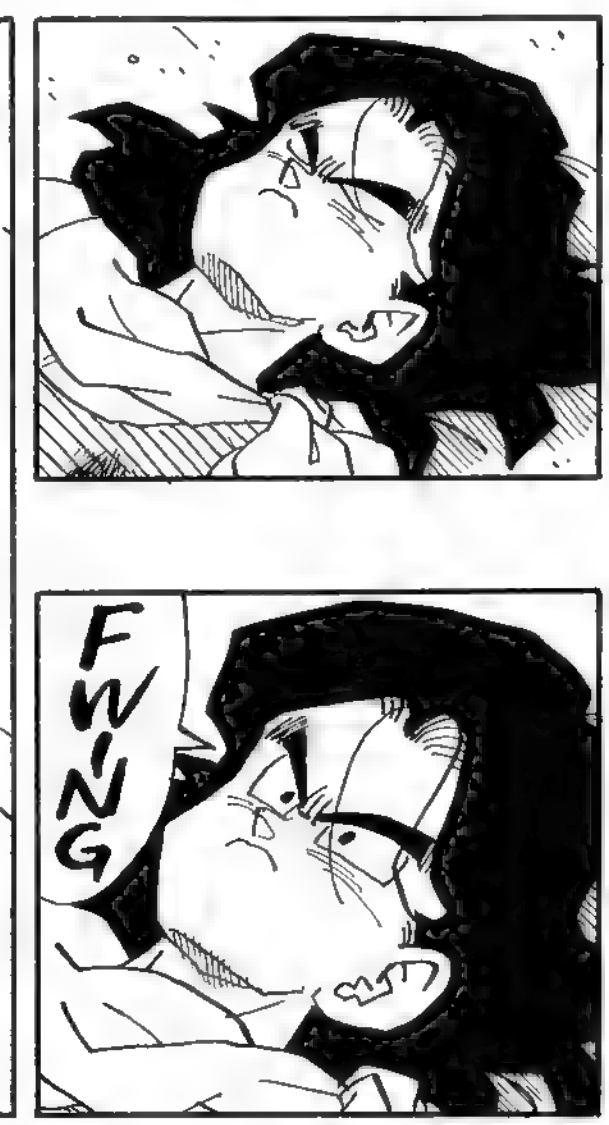

YOU'RE COMING WITH US, LADY. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, THAT IS.


YOU TWO! YOU'RE MON-STERS!!
CHA-PAAAT!!


MURDER-ERRRRRS !!!
SOMEBODY! ANYBODY! HEEEEELP!!

GUESS THEY REALLY ARE NAUGHTY BOYS...
OKAY, THEN!

RUSTLE
THEY SHOT CHAPAT IN THE HEART...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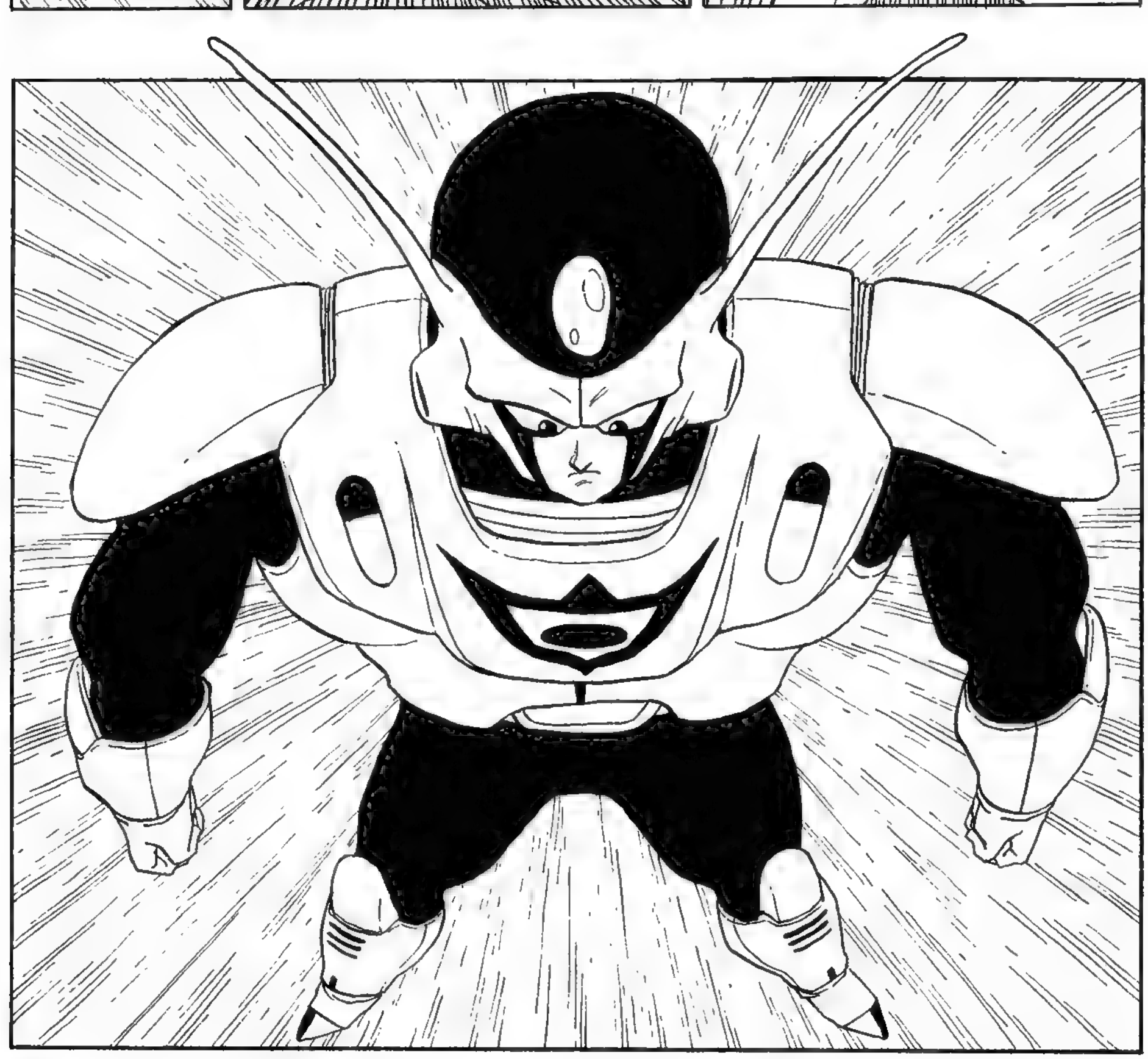
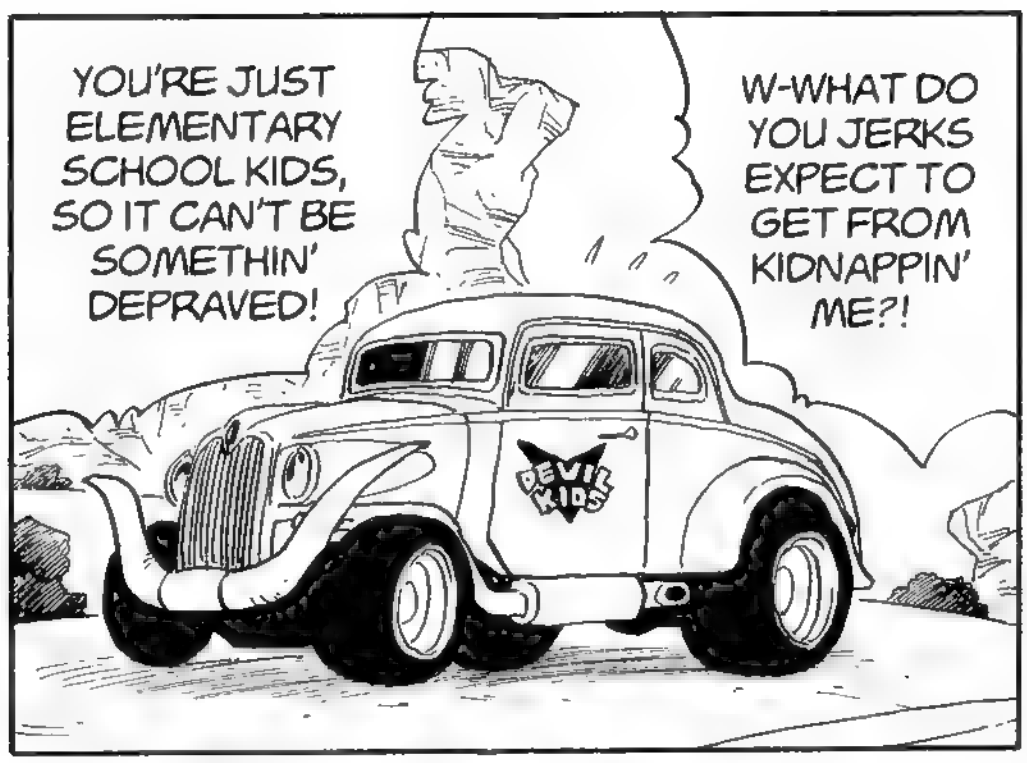
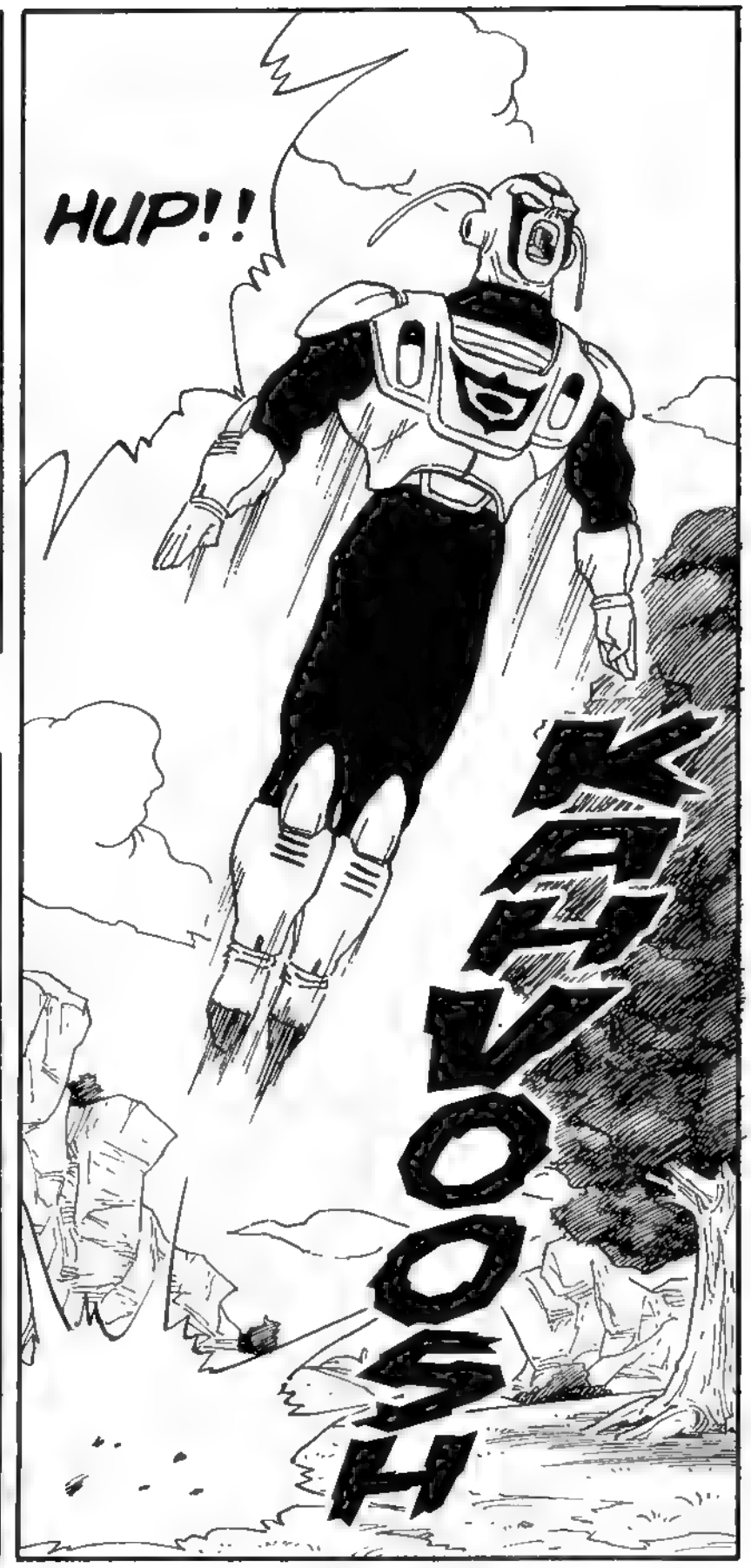
Yoosh

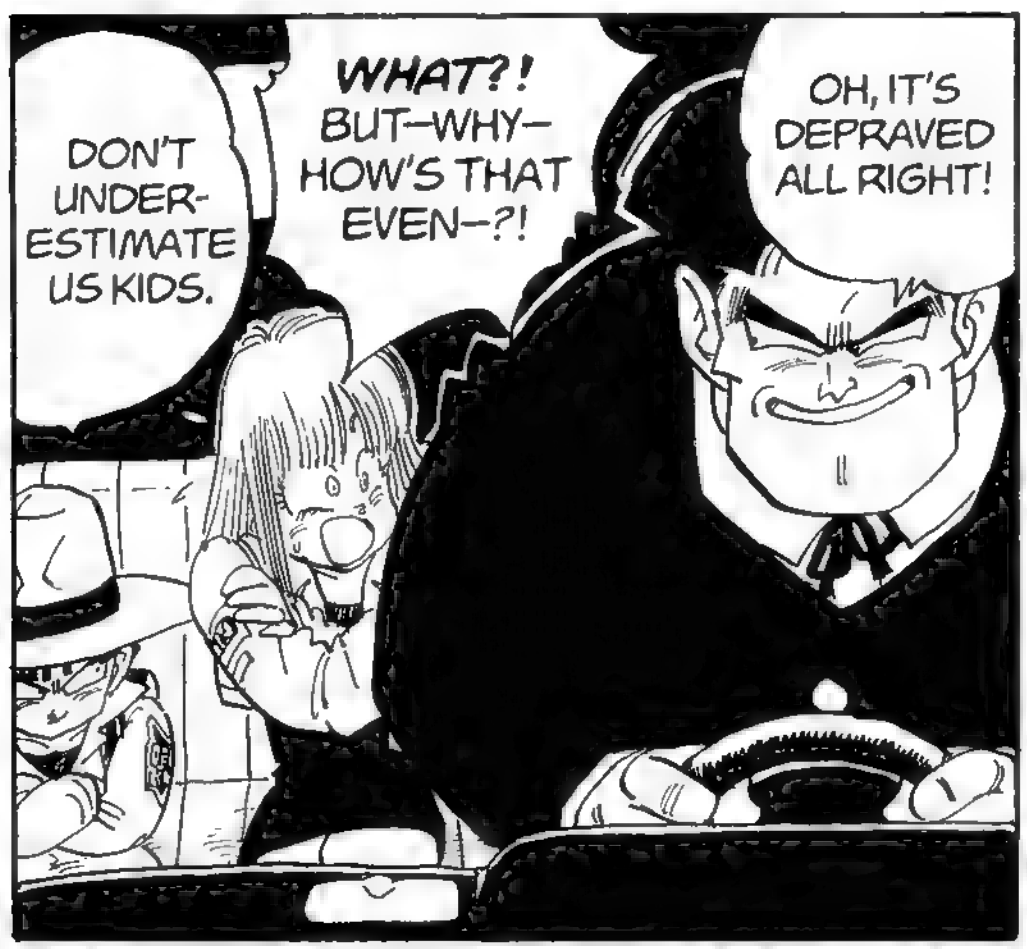
SHOW TRUE FORM!!
P-CHIK

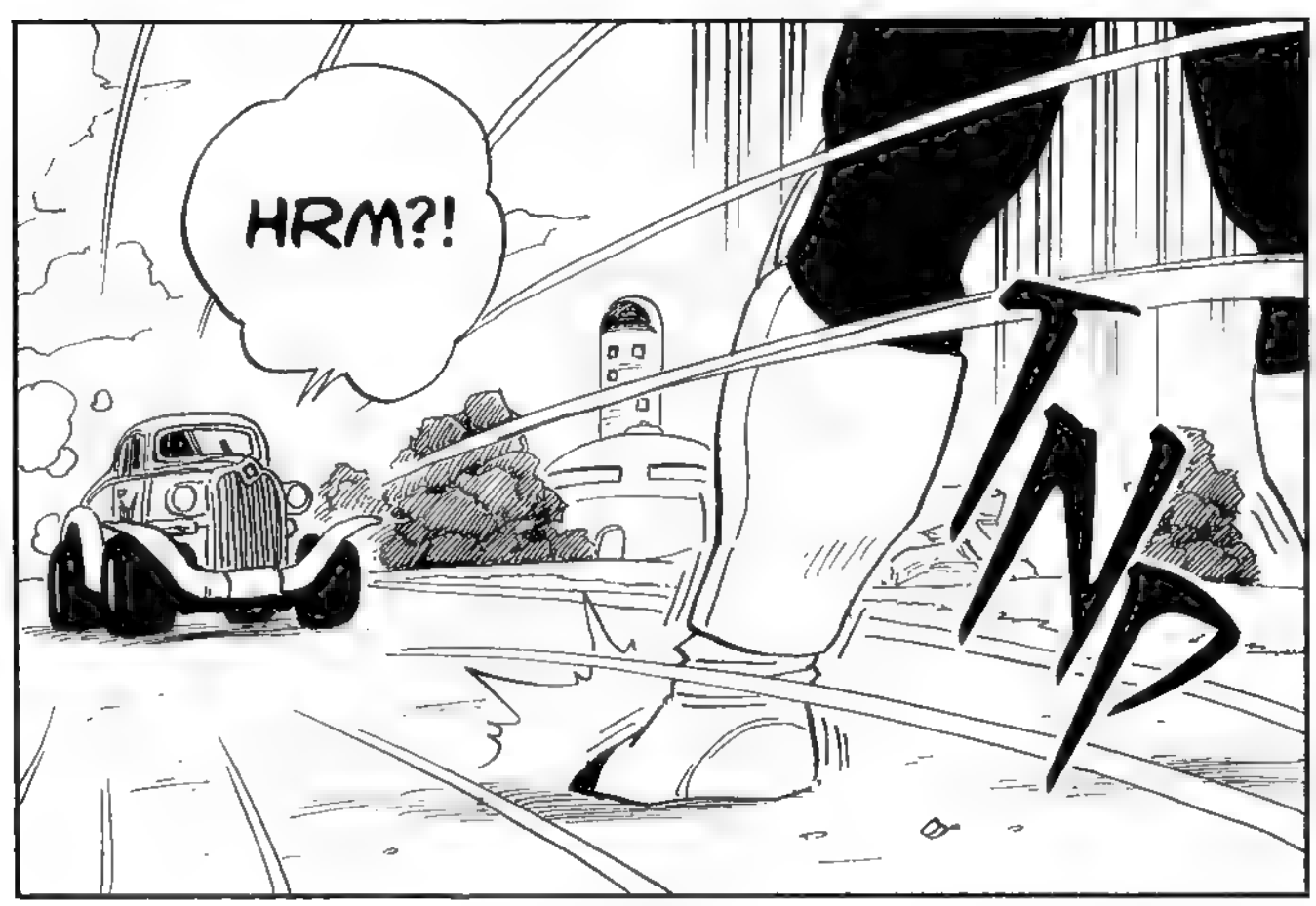
TIME TO CHANGE!!




YOU'RE JUST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS, SO IT CAN'T BE SOMETHIN' DEPRAVED!
W-WHAT DO YOU JERKS EXPECT TO GET FROM KIDNAPPIN' ME?!
DEVIL KIDS

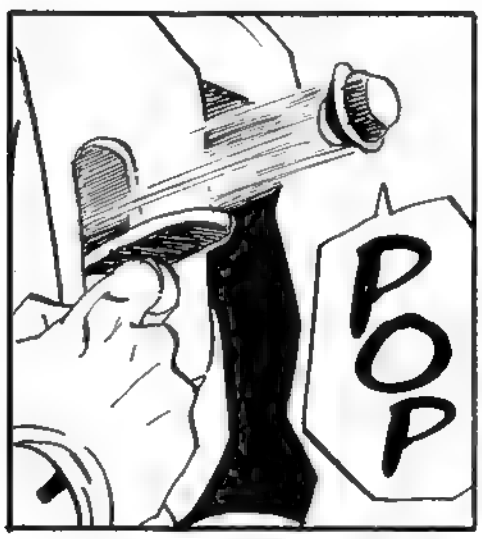

HUP!!
KAHVOOSH

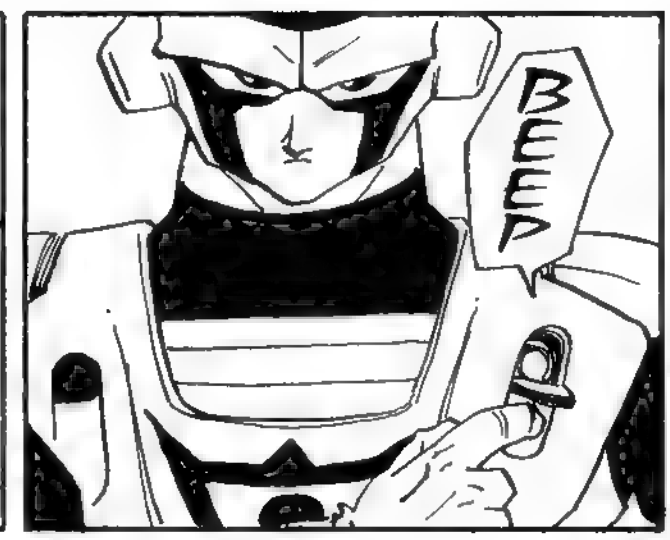

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE US KIDS.
WHAT?! BUT—WHY—HOW'S THAT EVEN—?!
OH, IT'S DEPRAVED ALL RIGHT!

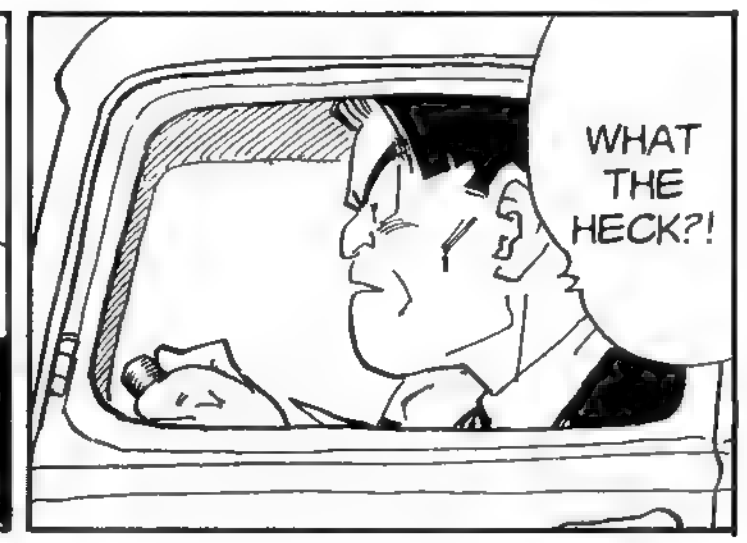

HRM?!

WE MIGHT GO ALL THE WAY AND... TOUCH A BOOB!
HEH HEH HEH...
OR MAYBE EVEN... YOUR BUTT!

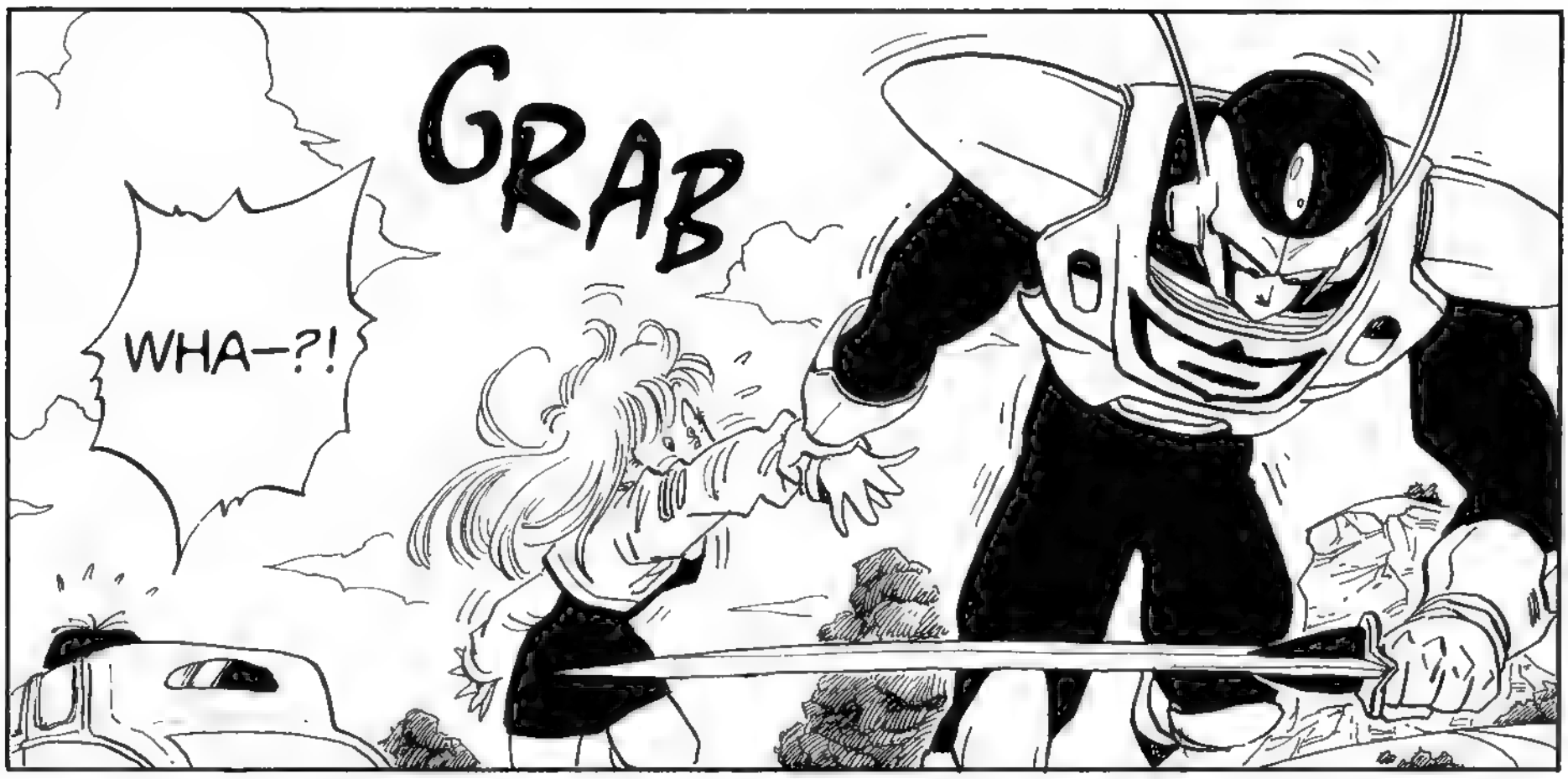
SCREET



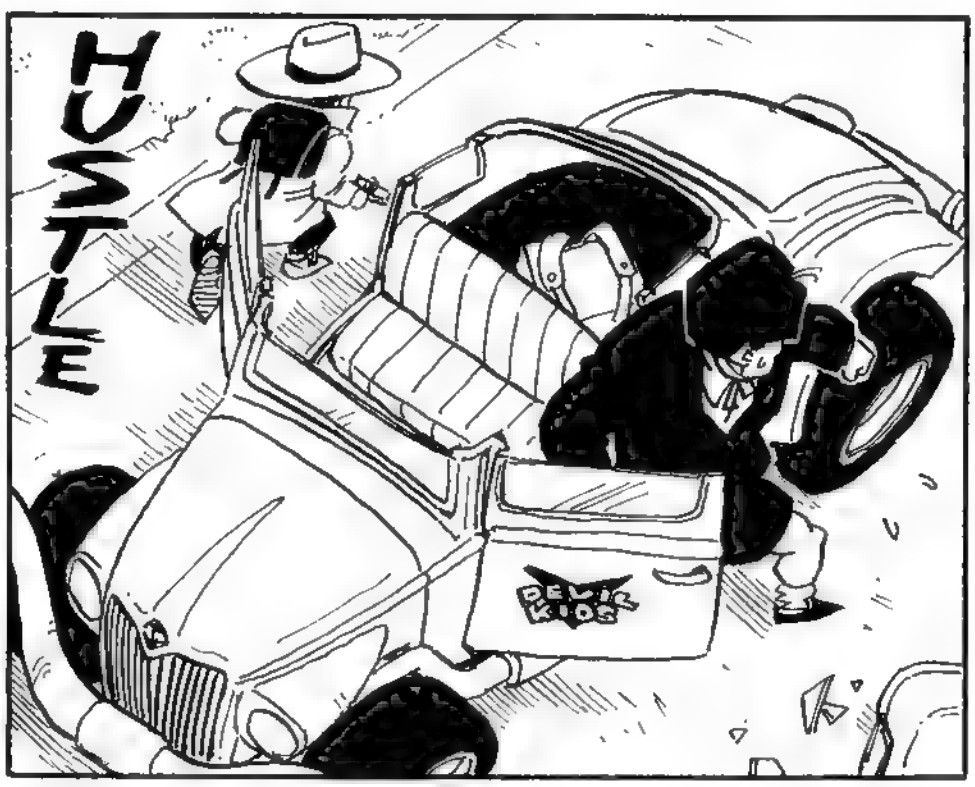




Vwp!
FWOOSH
SLAM
?!
DEVIL KIDS


GRAB
WHA–?!

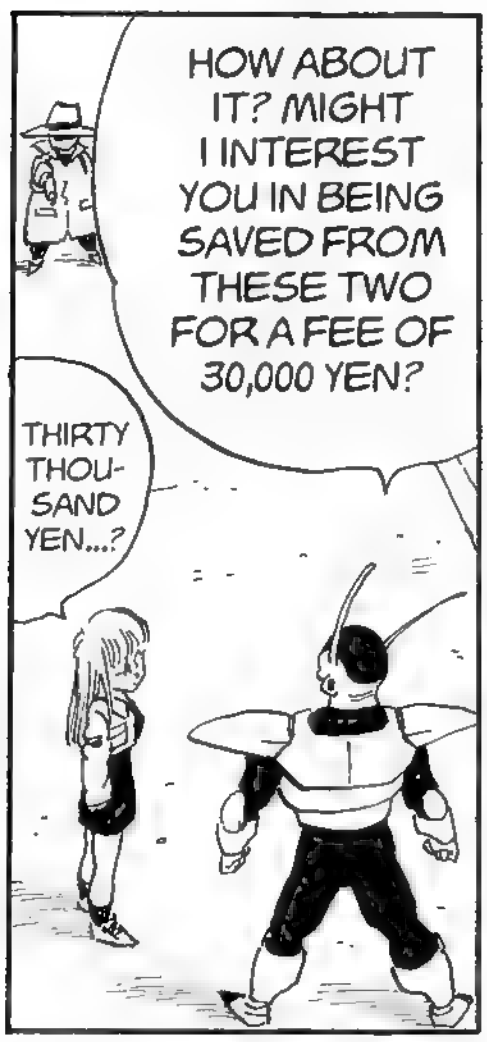
WHO THE HECK D'YOU THINK YOU ARE?!


HUSTLE

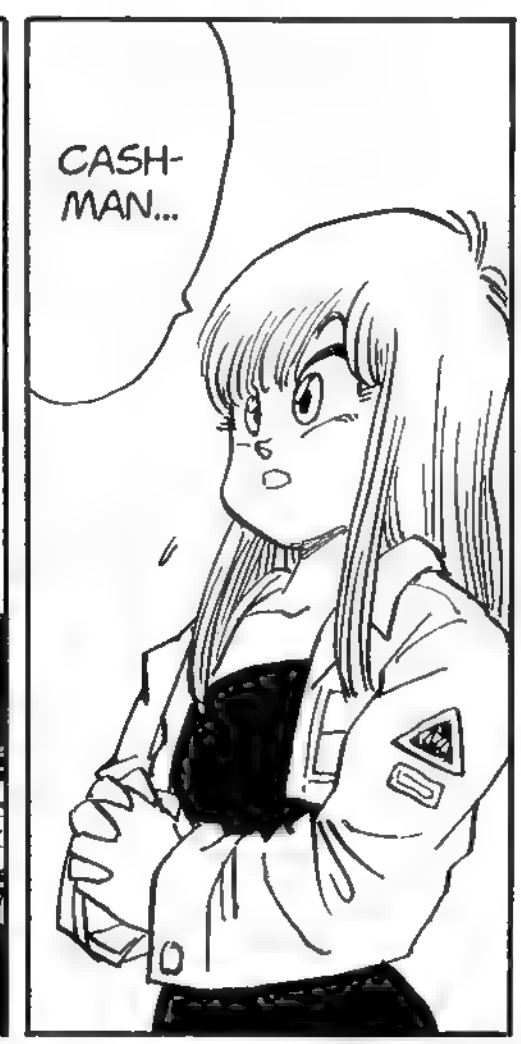
...OF SAV-INGS!!

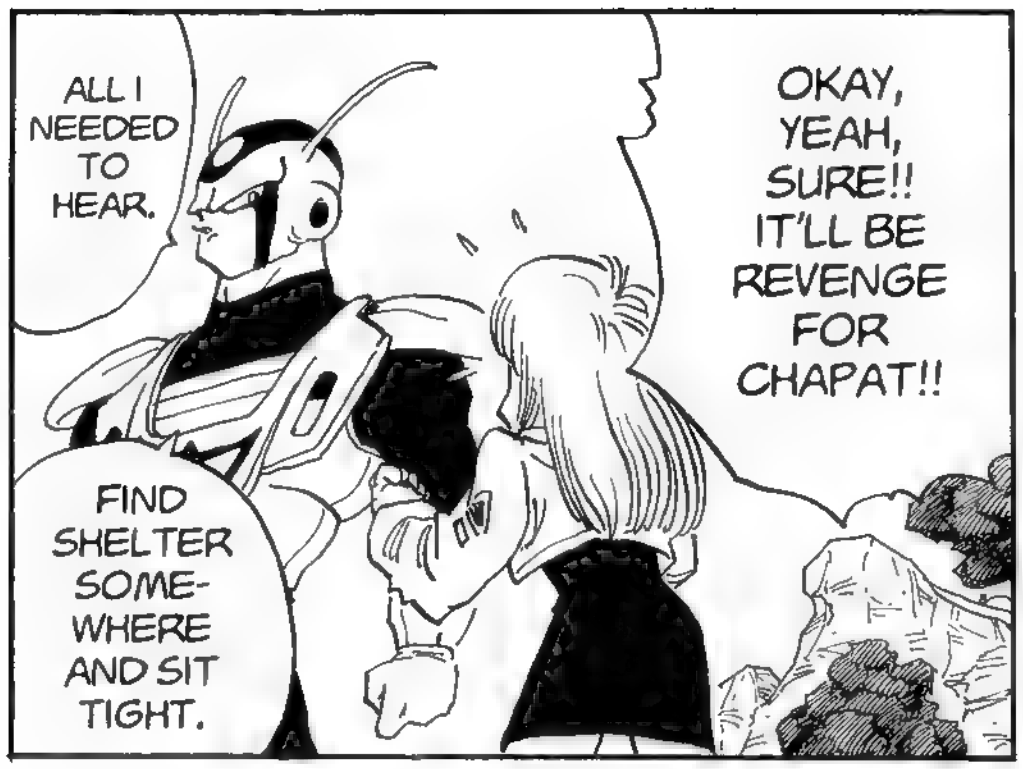
A SOL-DIER ...

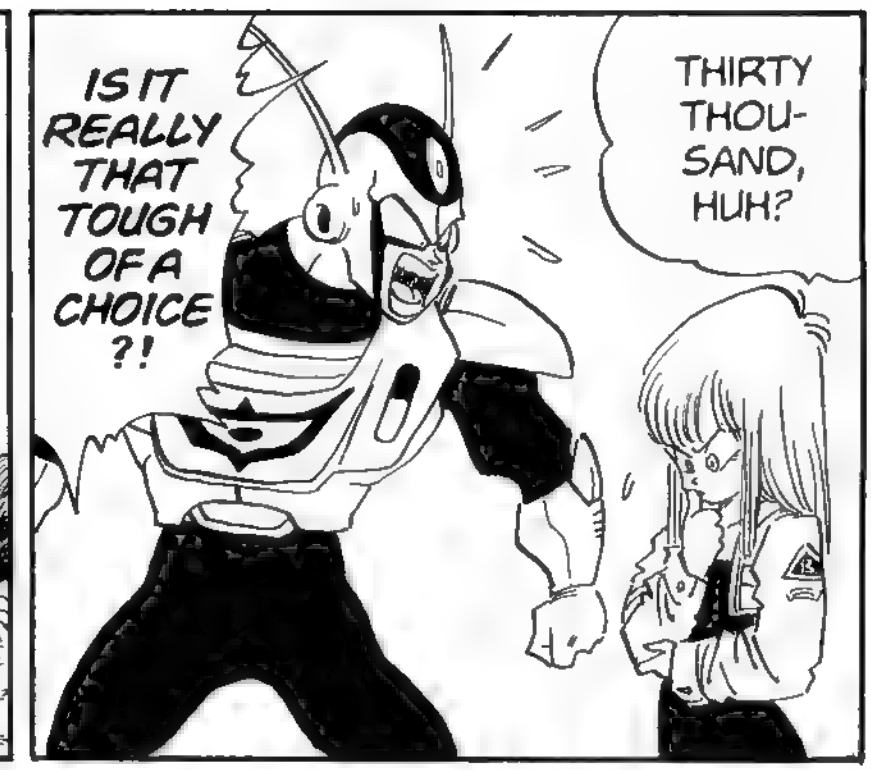
CASHMAN!!


HOW ABOUT IT? MIGHT I INTEREST YOU IN BEING SAVED FROM THESE TWO FOR A FEE OF 30,000 YEN?
THIRTY THOU-SAND YEN...?

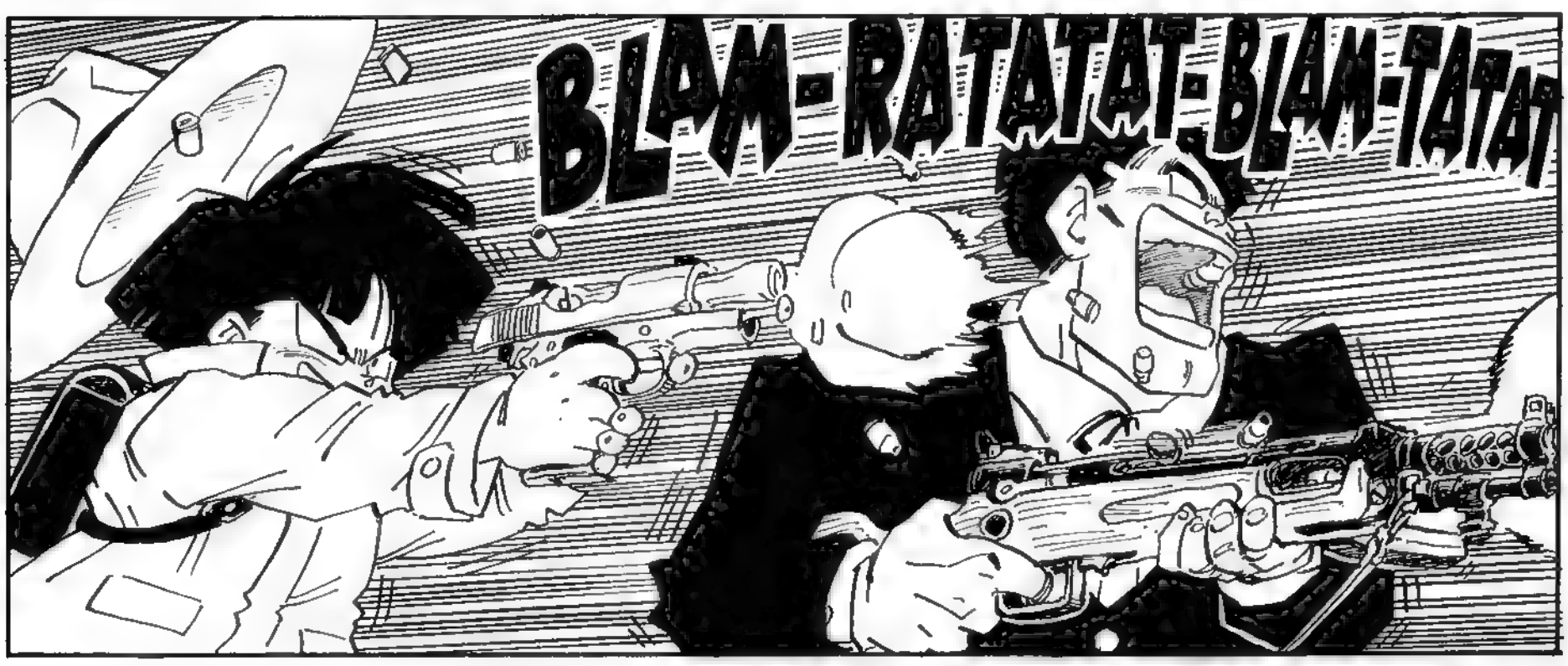
SO YOU'RE THE ONE... THE FREAK WHO'S BEEN BOUNCING HERE AND THERE TAKING OUT EVILDOERS EVERYWHERE FOR A FEE... YOU'VE BEEN A REAL MENACE, YOU KNOW THAT?


CASH-MAN...


ALL I NEEDED TO HEAR.
FIND SHELTER SOME-WHERE AND SIT TIGHT.
OKAY, YEAH, SURE!! IT'LL BE REVENGE FOR CHAPAT!!


IS IT REALLY THAT TOUGH OF A CHOICE ?!
THIRTY THOU-SAND, HUH?

LET'S SEND YOU...TO THE NEXT DIMENSION!
SAYS THE GUY IN THE FUNNY COSTUME... FORGET US, YOU'RE THE PROBLEM CHILD HERE.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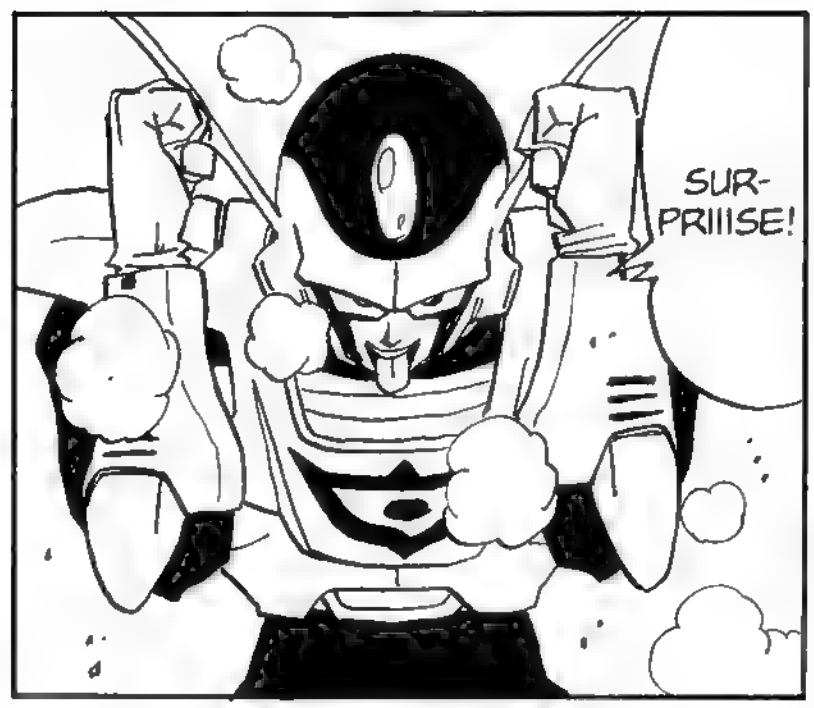
KAPWING
KCHINK
KAPWING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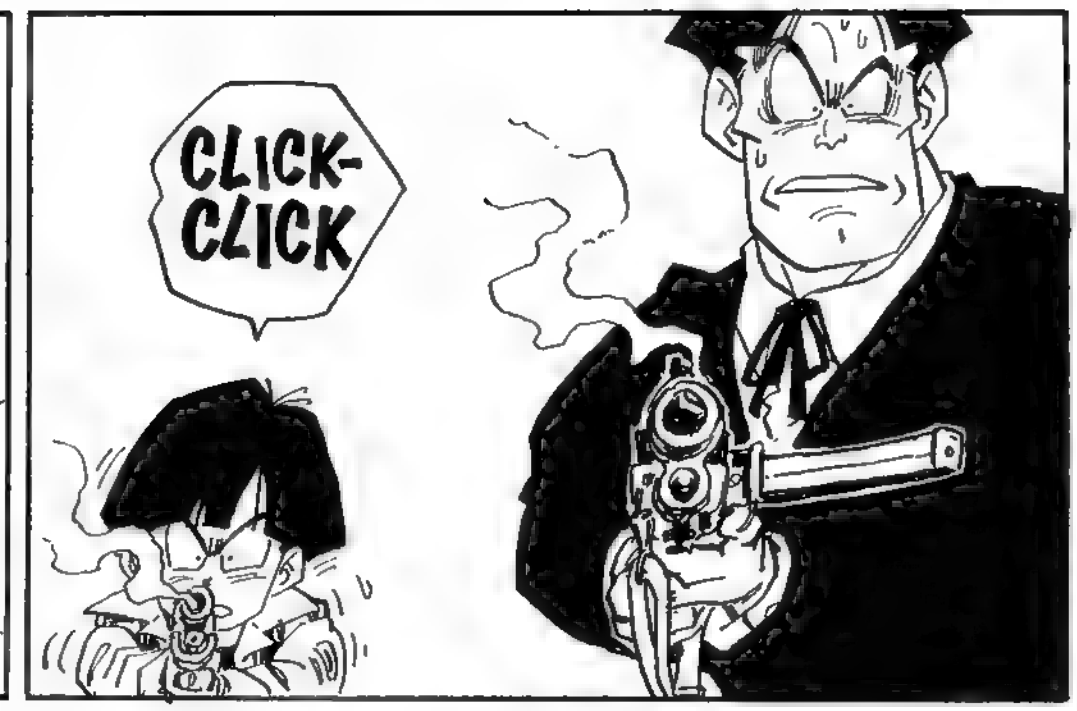
PRIIISE!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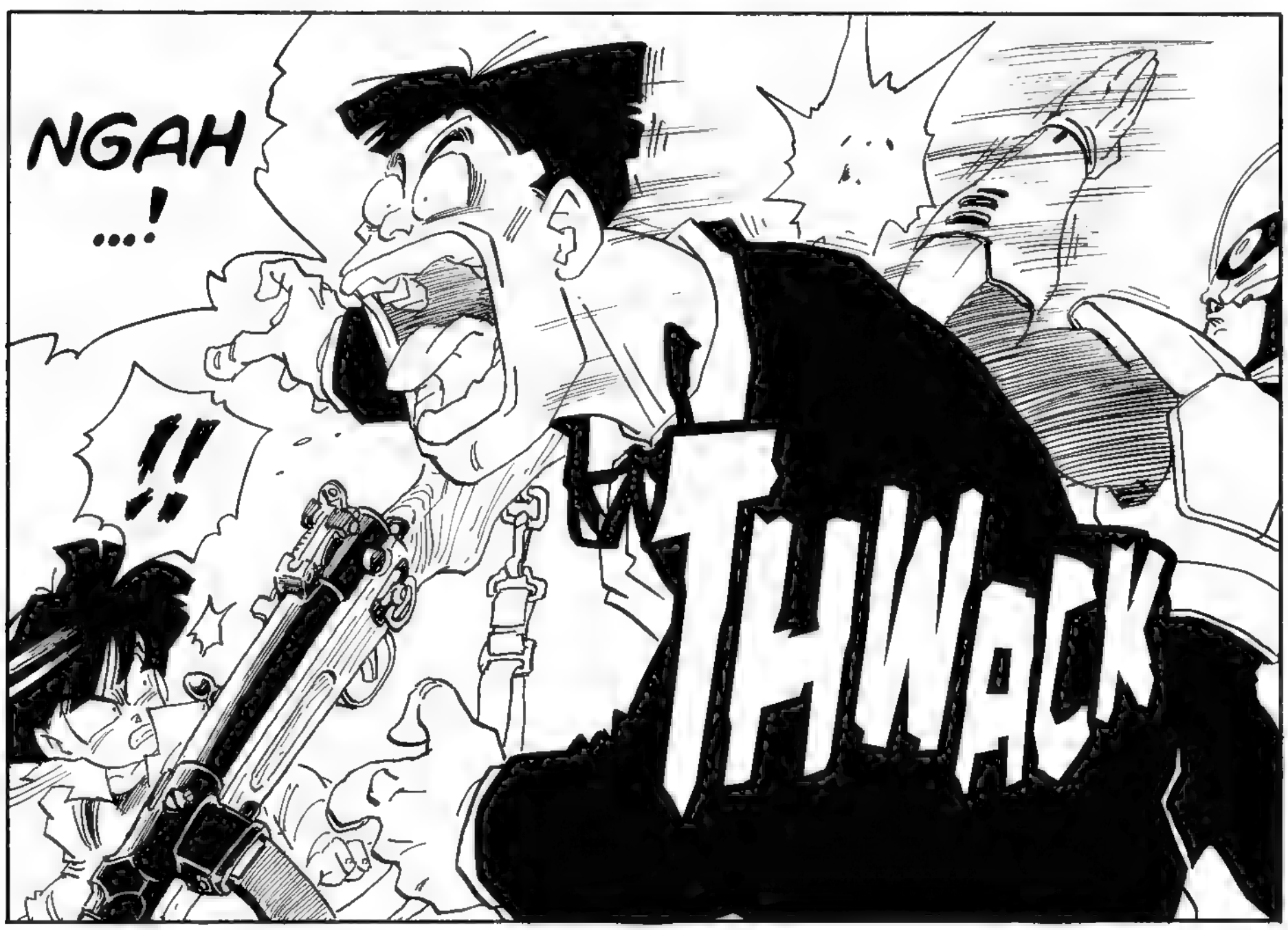
NGAH
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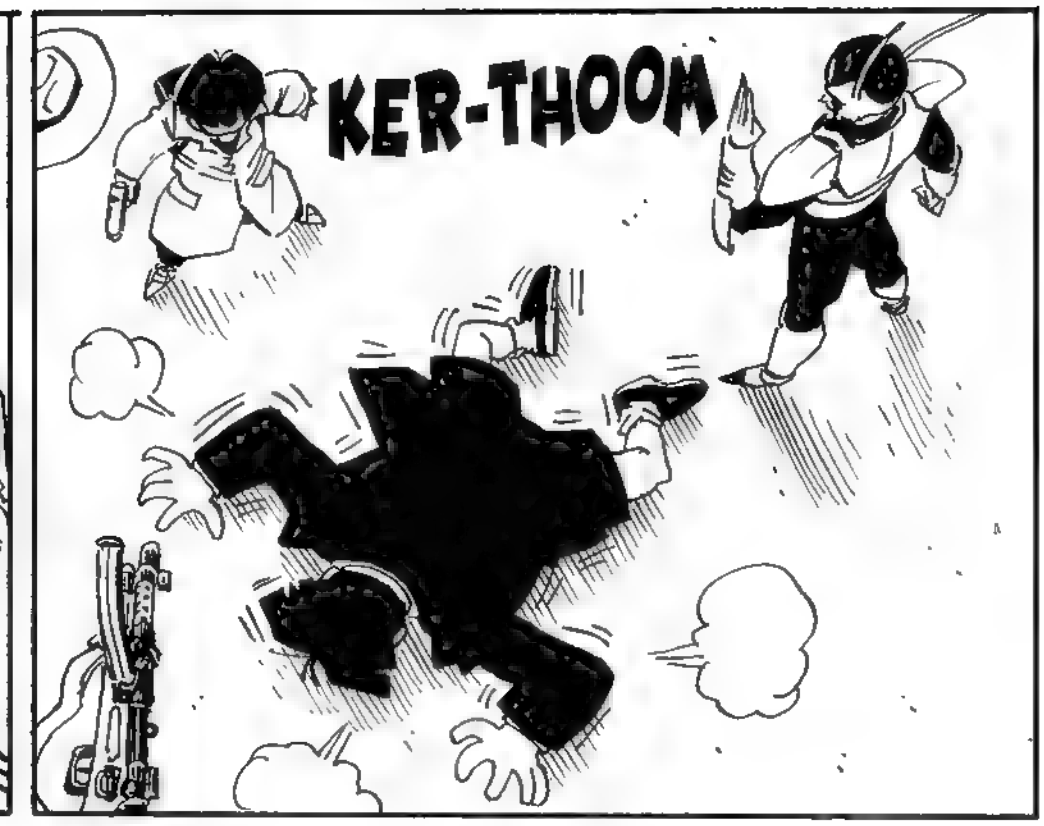
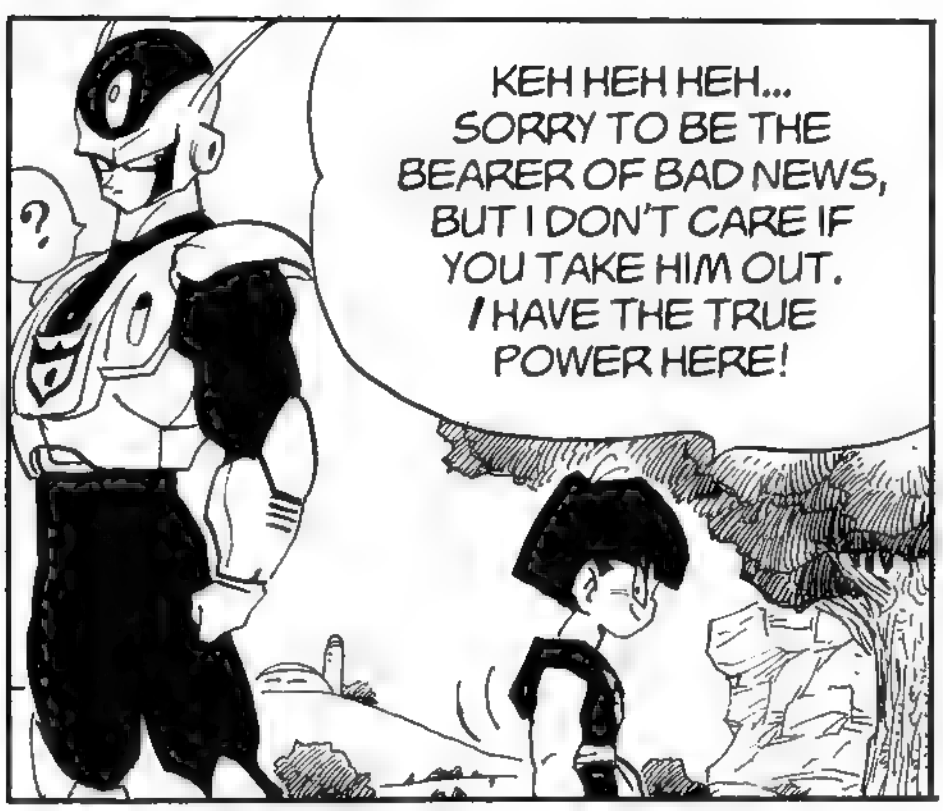
THWACK

MISTER FREEDOM FORCE HAS SOME SPEED, HUH?
OH, I SEE NOW.


KER-THOOM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KEH HEH HEH... SORRY TO BE THE BEARER OF BAD NEWS, BUT I DON'T CARE IF YOU TAKE HIM OUT. I HAVE THE TRUE POWER HERE!

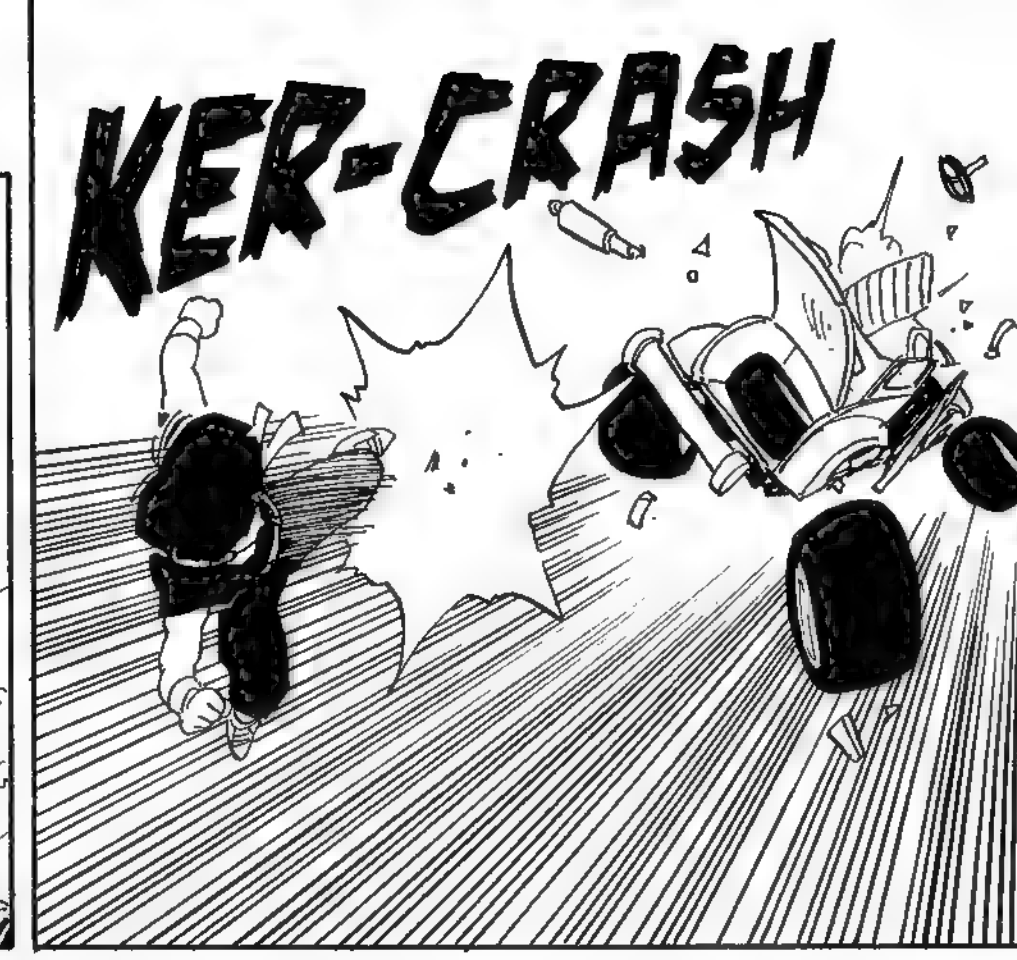
TOSS
DEVIL KIDS

HAH !!

DEVIL KIDS

I SEE... IT APPEARS THAT YOU TRULY ARE THE STRONGEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT ON EARTH...
BUT...

NOT SO BRAVE NOW, ARE YA, STAR-SHINE?


KER-CRASH

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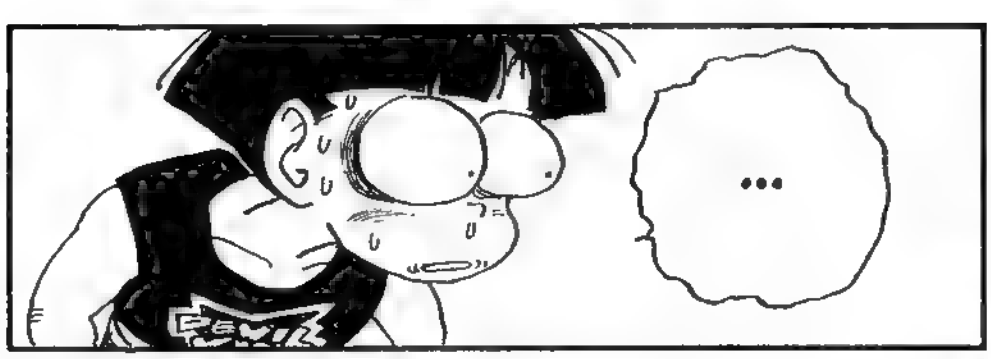
CRUMBLE...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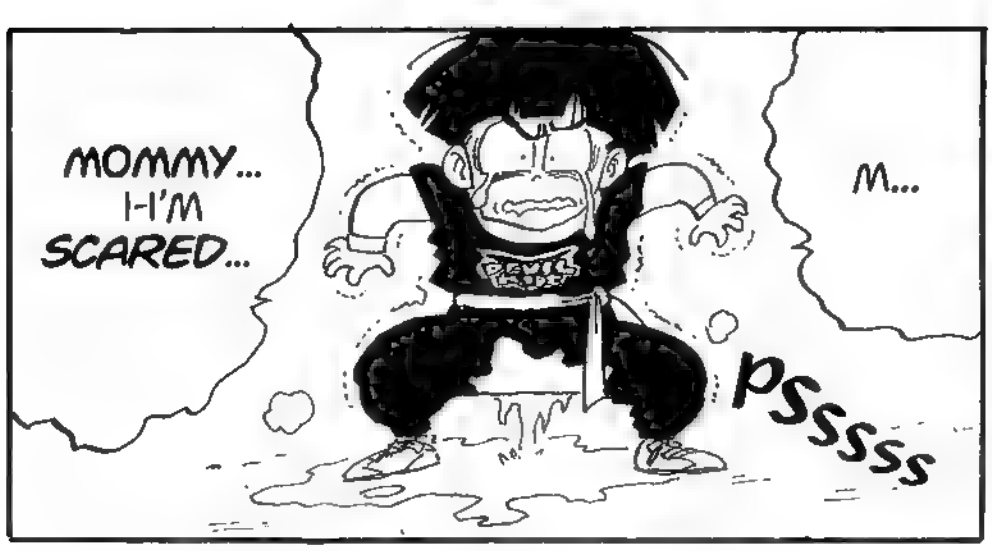
MOMMY... I-I'M SCARED...
M...
PSSSSS

BOOM

V FOR VICTORY!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE JUST A KID AFTER ALL.
I'M THE STRONGEST ADULT ON THIS PLANET!!

IT SEEMS LIKE IT WILL STILL BE QUITE SOME TIME...BEFORE I CAN RETURN TO PLANET VELETISION...
I AM CASHMAN... A TRUE CHAMPION OF JUSTICE WHOSE SAVINGS CURRENTLY STAND AT 366,000 YEN... AND YET...

ANYWAY, I BELIEVE YOUR BALANCE IS 30,000 YEN...
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO PREPARE A RECEIPT?
WOW, MISTER! YOU'RE SOMETHIN' ELSE! AND I'M NOT EASILY IMPRESSED!

CH-CHAPAT'S... G-G-GHOST!
OH, RIGHT...

GYAA-AAAA!!

EVEN TODAY, I'M OUT THERE ON THE STREETS... SEARCHING FOR EVIL, WHEREVER IT MAY LURK...

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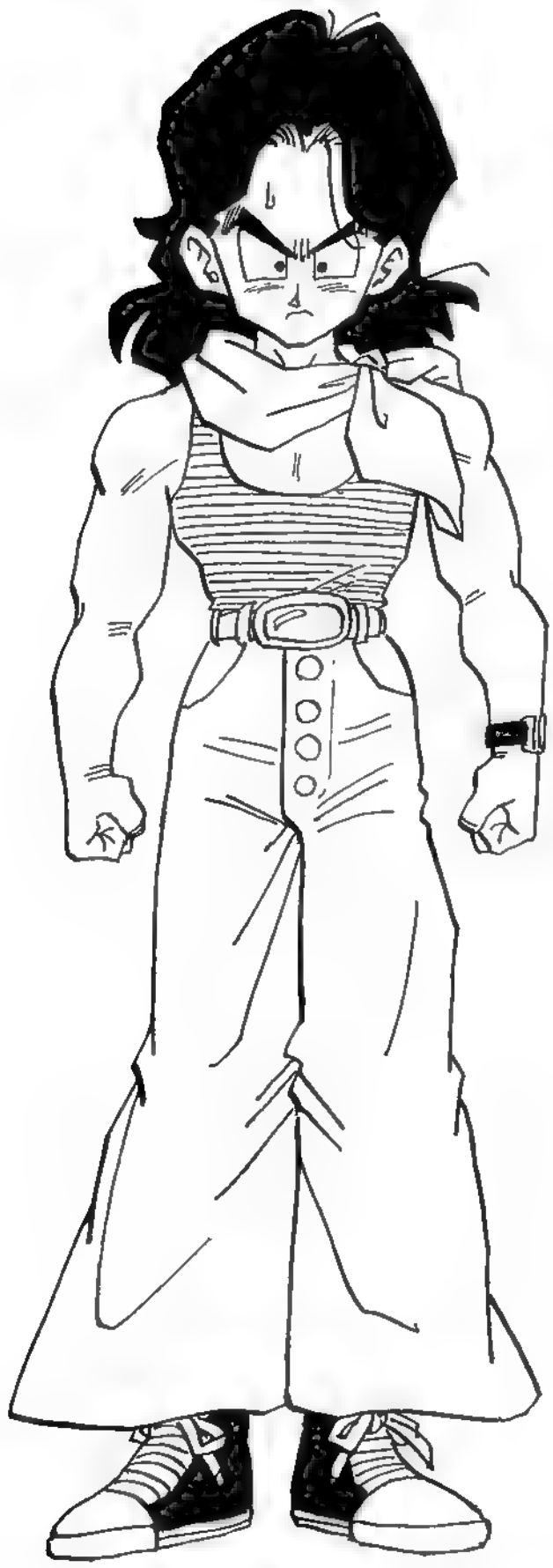
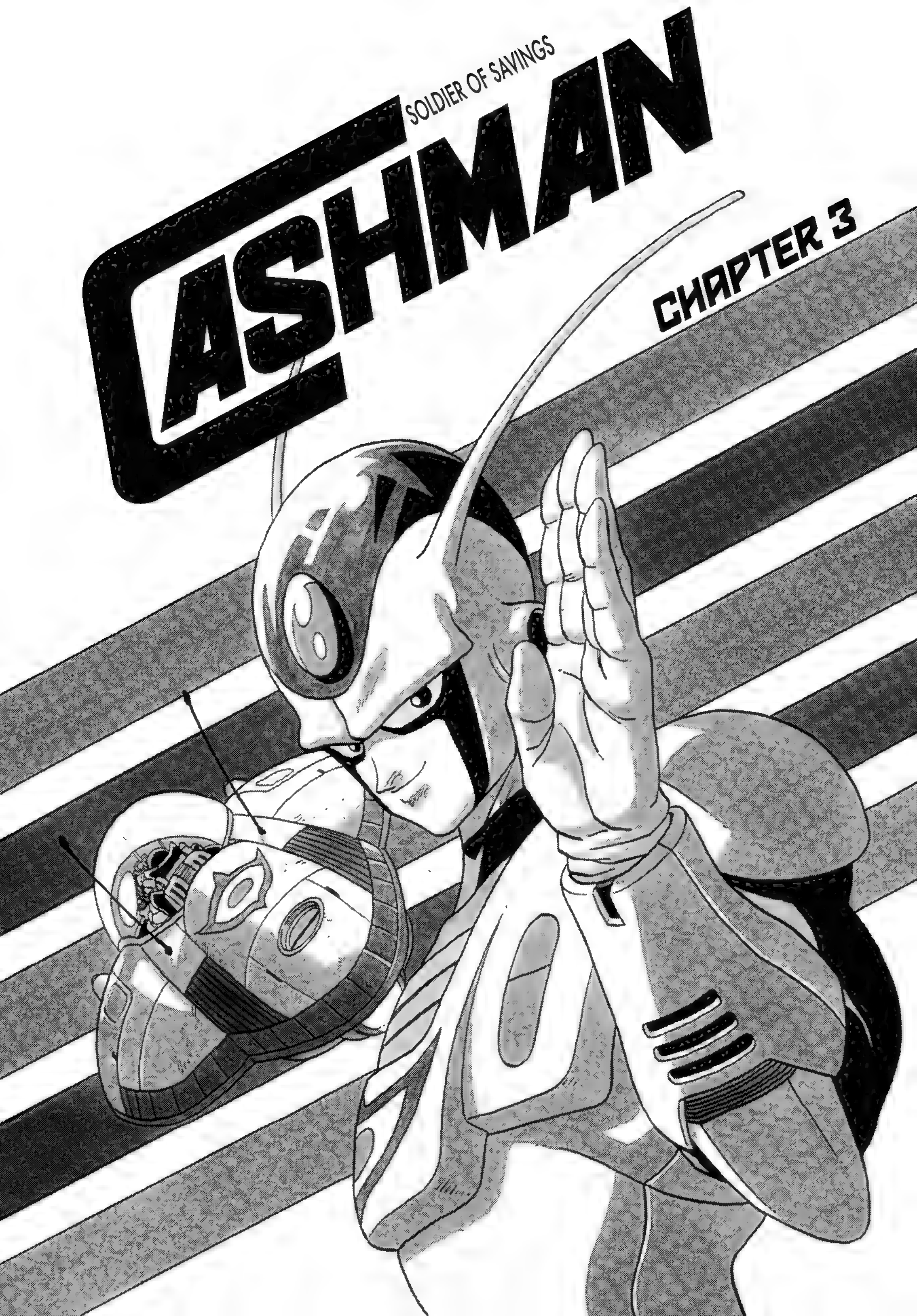


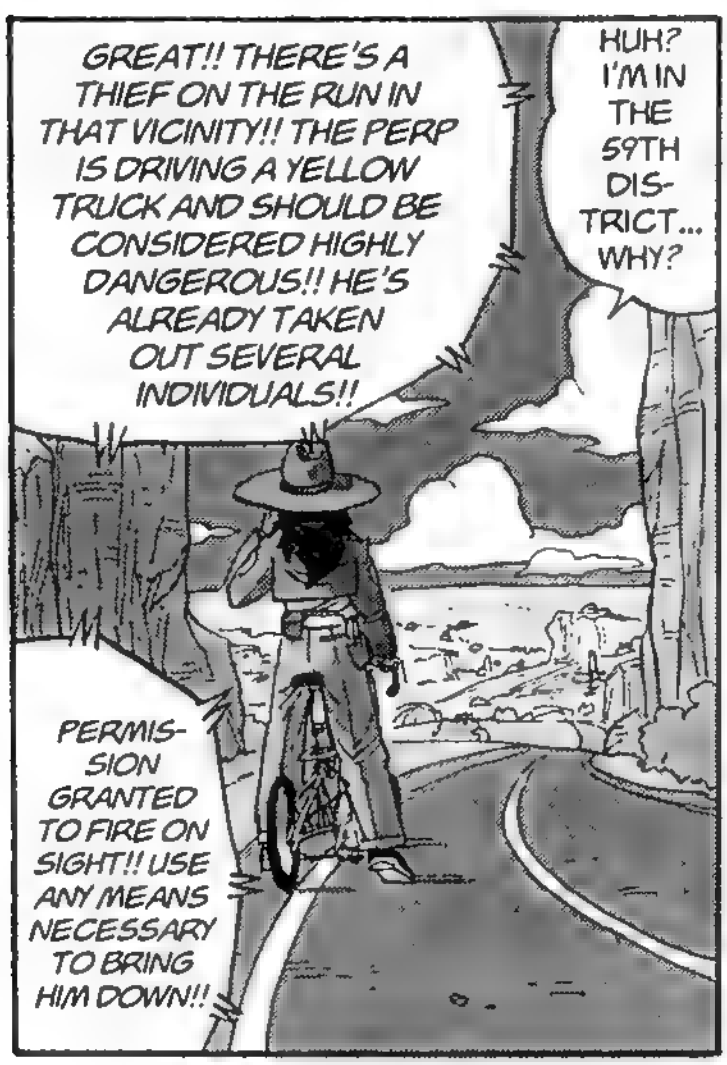

SOLDIER OF SAVINGS
CASHMAN
CHAPTER 3

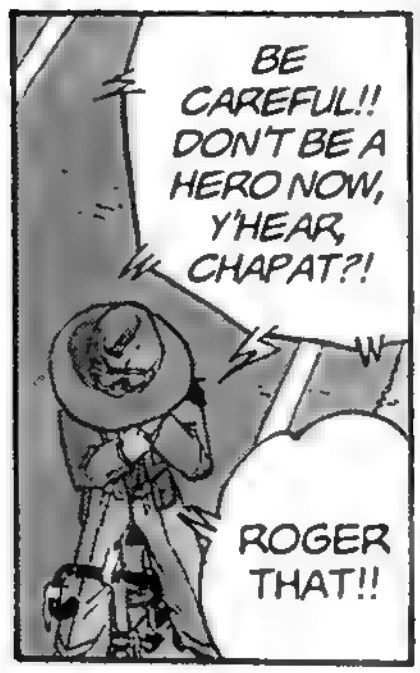
MY SPACESHIP RUNS ON GOLD, OR DOLLARCON AS I KNOW IT, AND IN ORDER TO PURCHASE ENOUGH GOLD TO REACH MY HOME PLANET, I MUST ACCUMULATE 17 MILLION YEN. AFTER A YEAR OF TOILING, I HAVE EARNED A GRAND TOTAL OF 506,000 YEN. I ONLY HAVE 16,494,000 YEN LEFT TO GO... THIS SUCKS...

IT'S BEEN ONE YEAR SINCE I WAS FORCED TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING ON EARTH... FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR I'VE WORKED DILIGENTLY TO ENSURE THAT ONE DAY I WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO MY HOME PLANET OF VELETISION...

I RESCUE PEOPLE IN A PINCH, IN EXCHANGE FOR A FEE.

I CONTINUE TO USE THE BODY OF THE EARTHLING CHAPAT (A POLICE OFFICER IN LIFE) WHILE I PATROL FOR CRIMES...




BE CAREFUL!! DON'T BE A HERO NOW, Y'HEAR, CHAPAT?!
ROGER THAT!!

TEN BILLION YEN?!

ARE THERE ANY HOSTAGES? WHAT WAS STOLEN?
NO HOSTAGES! THE PERP MADE OFF WITH TEN BILLION YEN IN CASH!!

THIS IS IT!!!
IT'S THE CHANCE OF THE CENTURYYYY !!!!

SHOW TRUE FORM !!!!
P-CHK

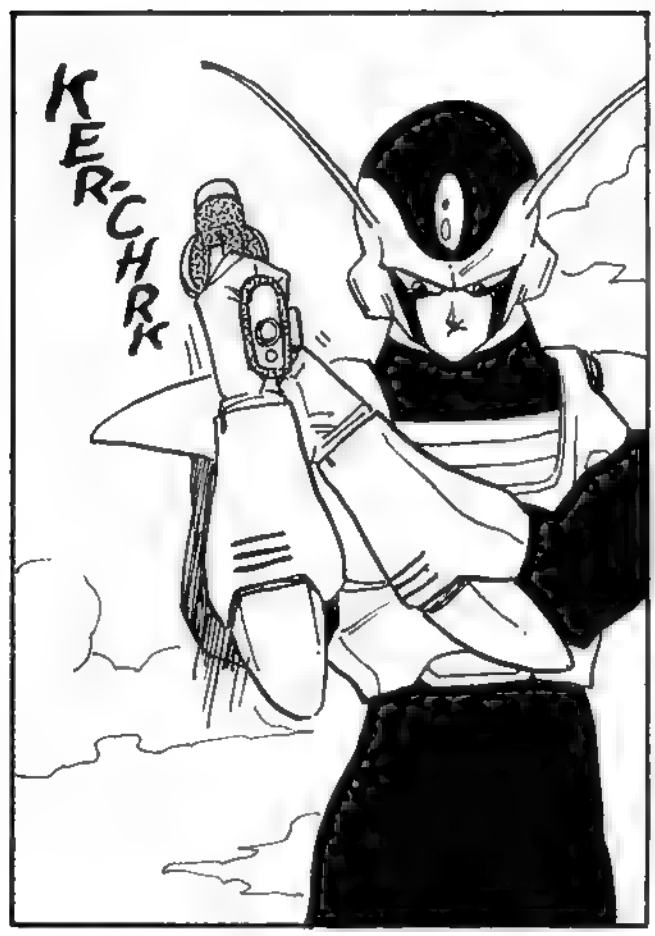
AT LAST I CAN RETURN TO VELE-TISION !!!

AND NO WIT-NESSES TO BOOT?!
NOBODY WILL EVEN FLINCH IF 16,494,000 YEN GOES MISSING FROM THAT!

RUN!

HAH !!
LEAP

SCREECH-SCREE
THERE!! THAT'S GOTTA BE HIM!!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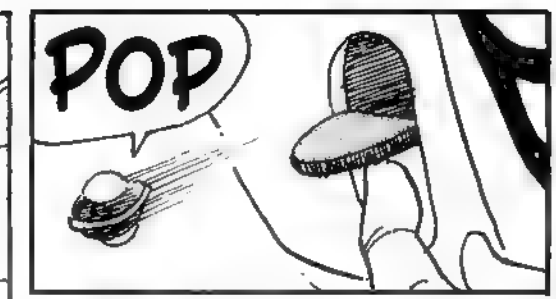
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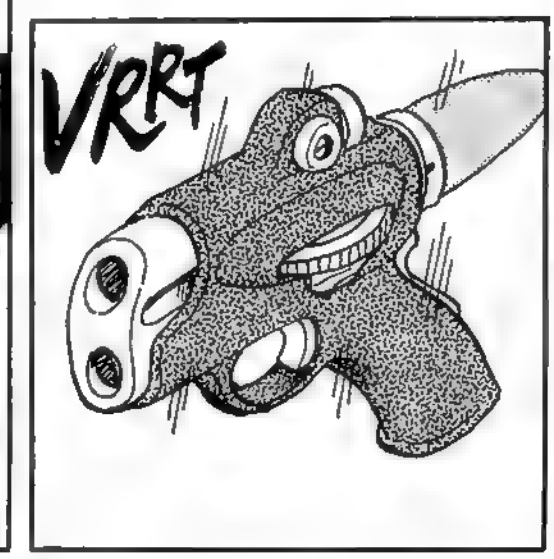
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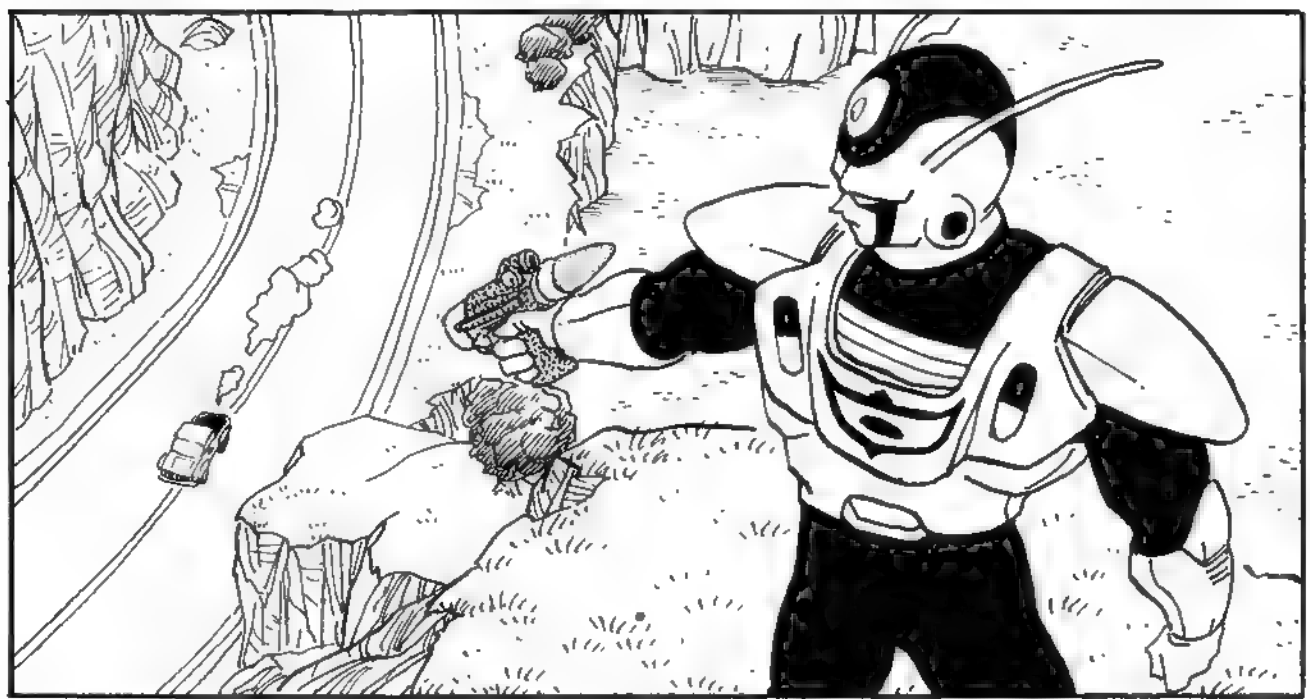

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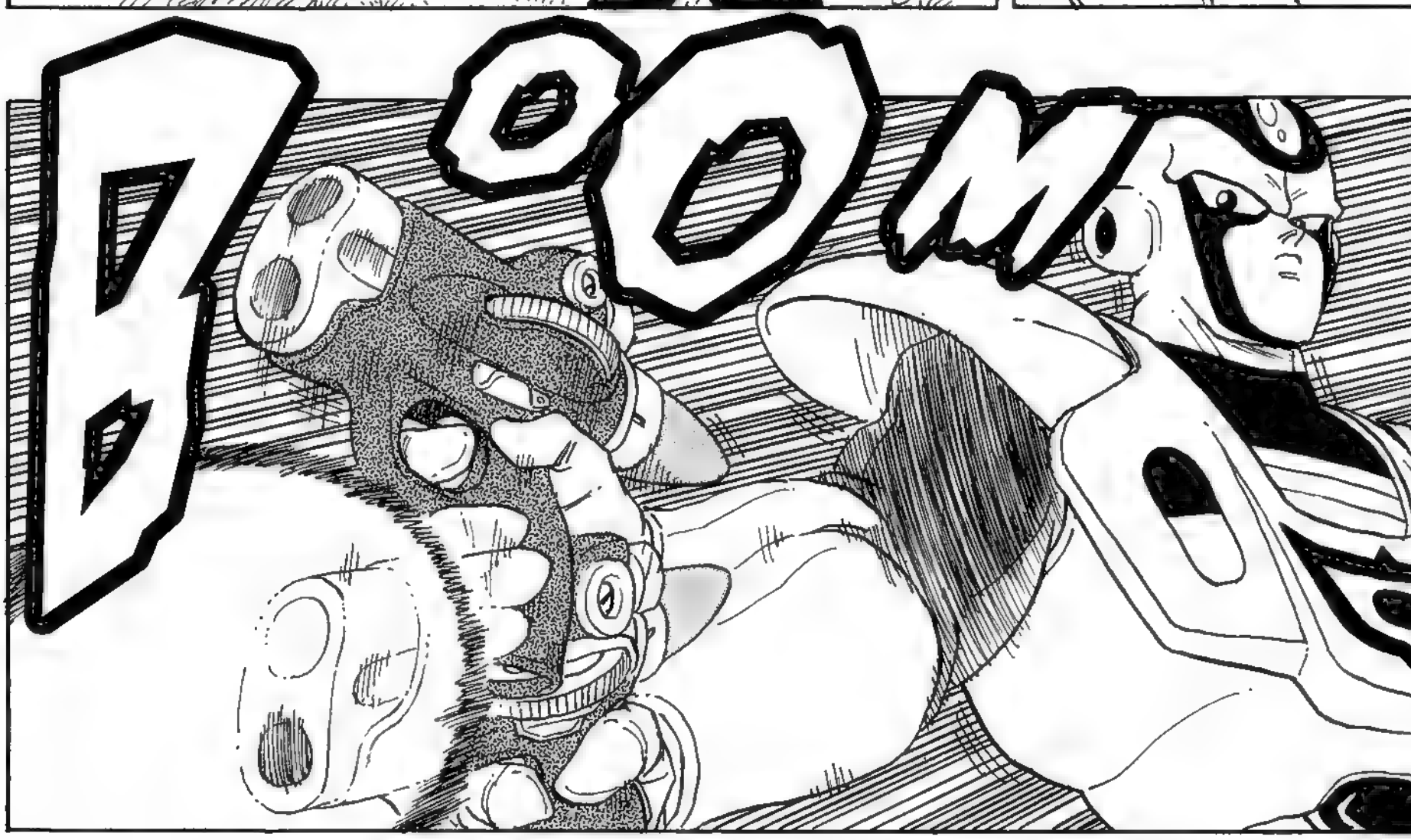
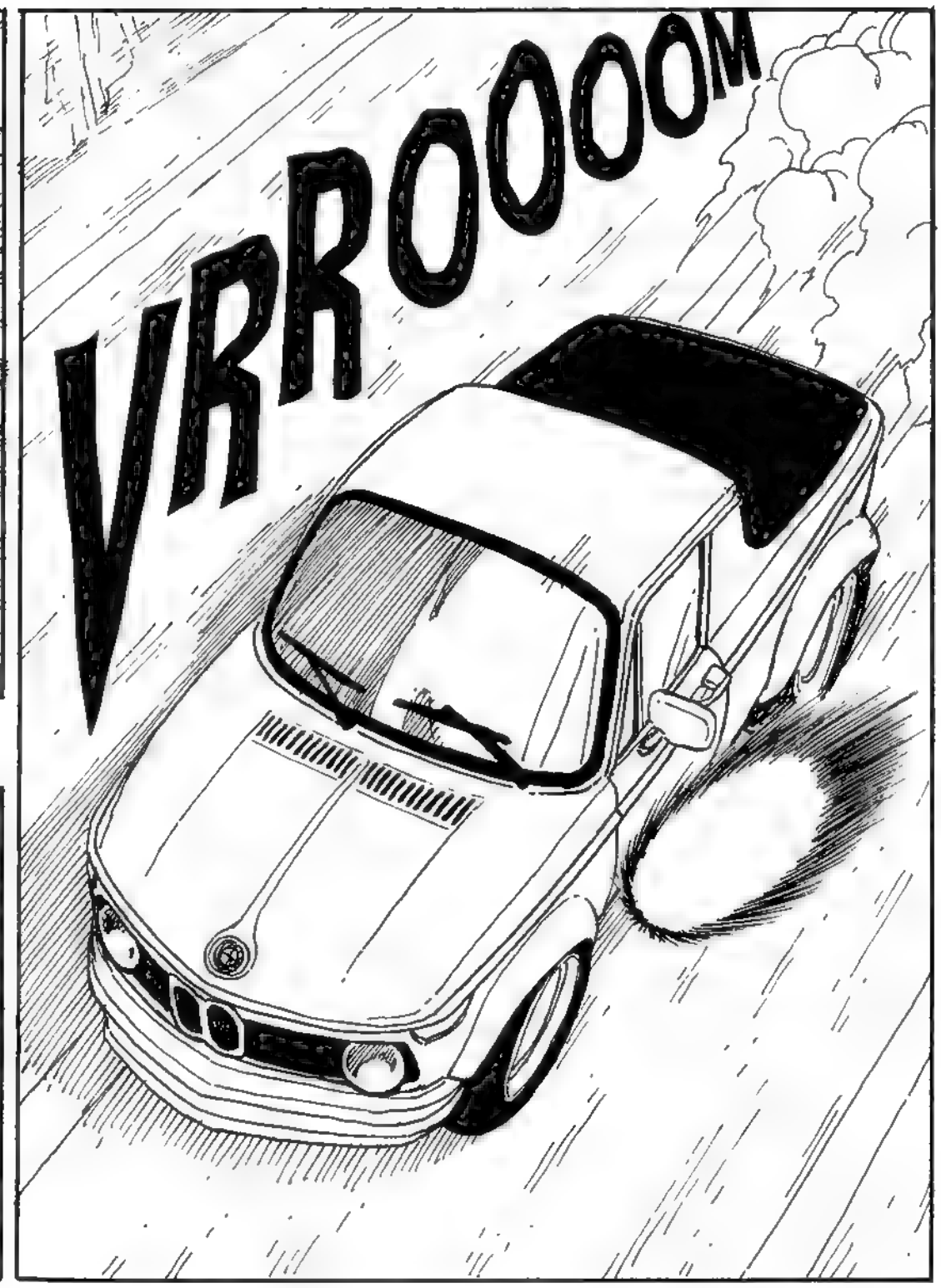
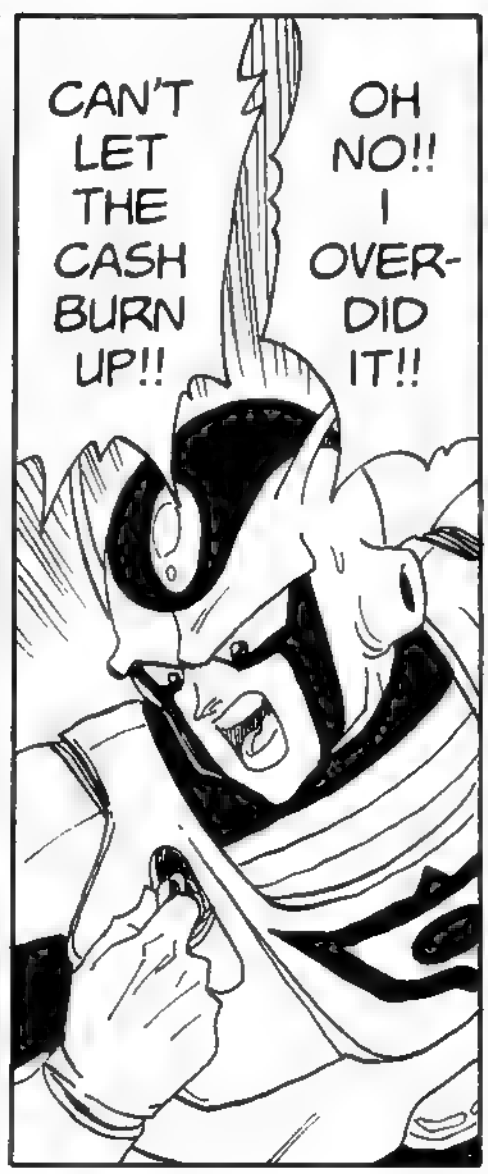

BOOM

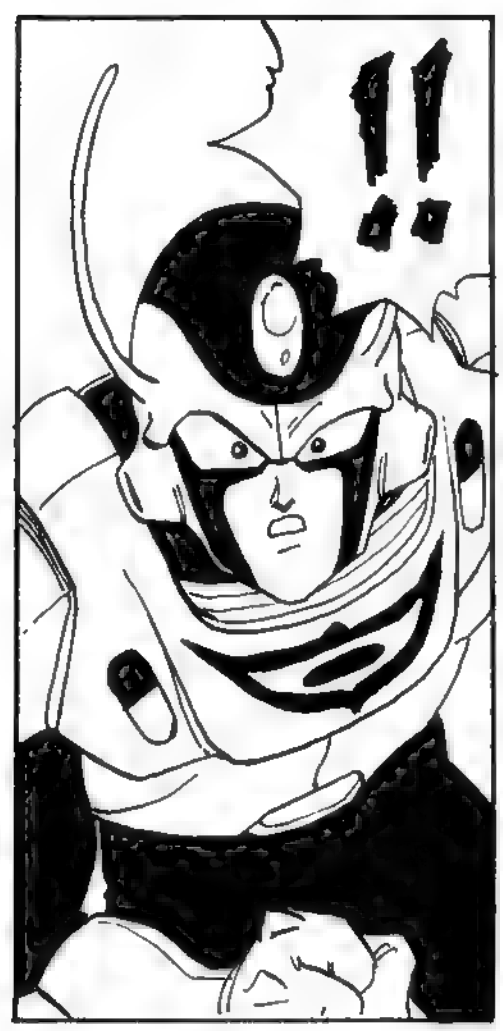
KER-BLAM


VRROOOOM

SCREET-SCREE-SCREET


CAN'T LET THE CASH BURN UP!!
OH NO!! I OVER-DID IT!!

FWOOSH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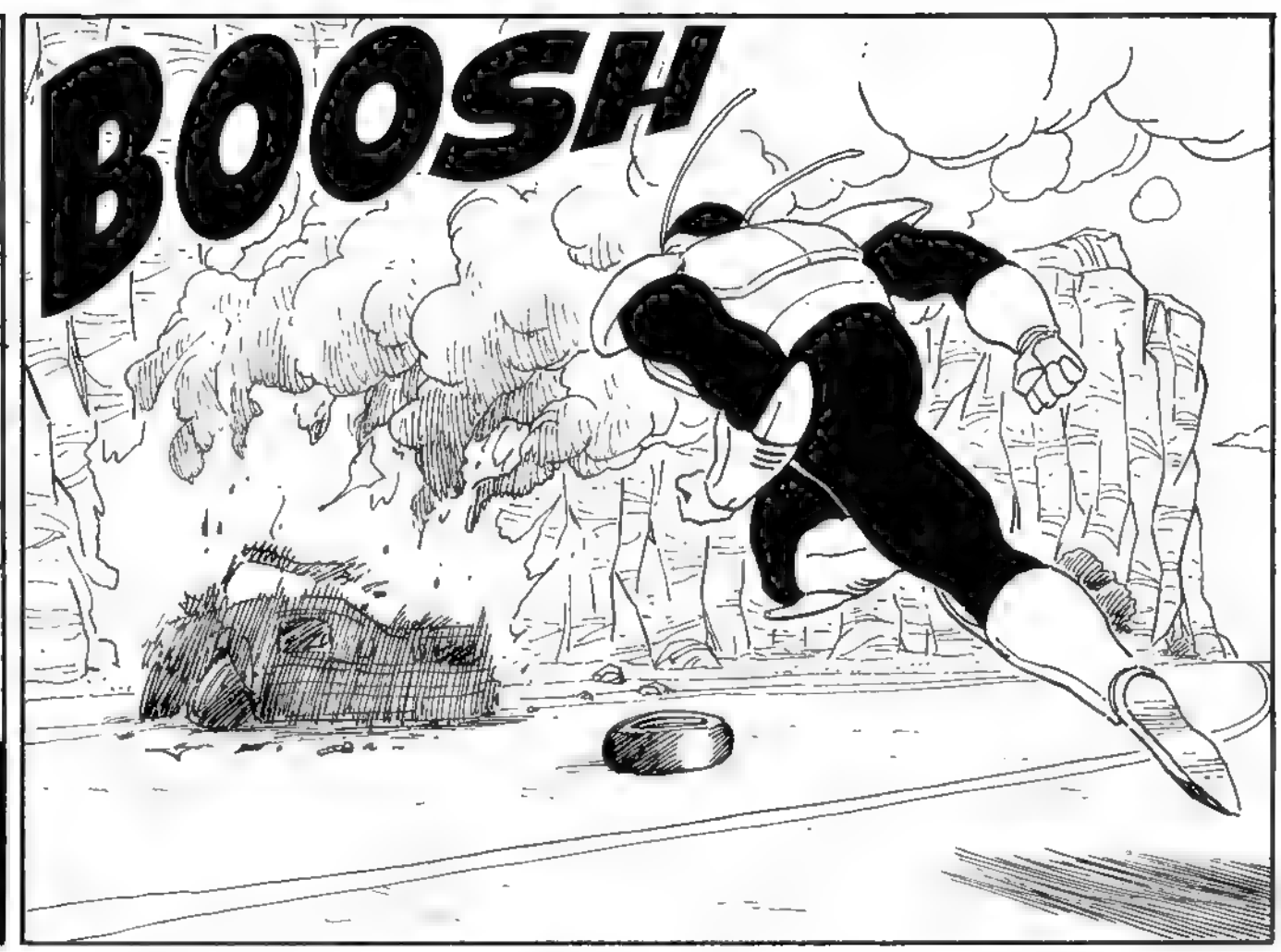
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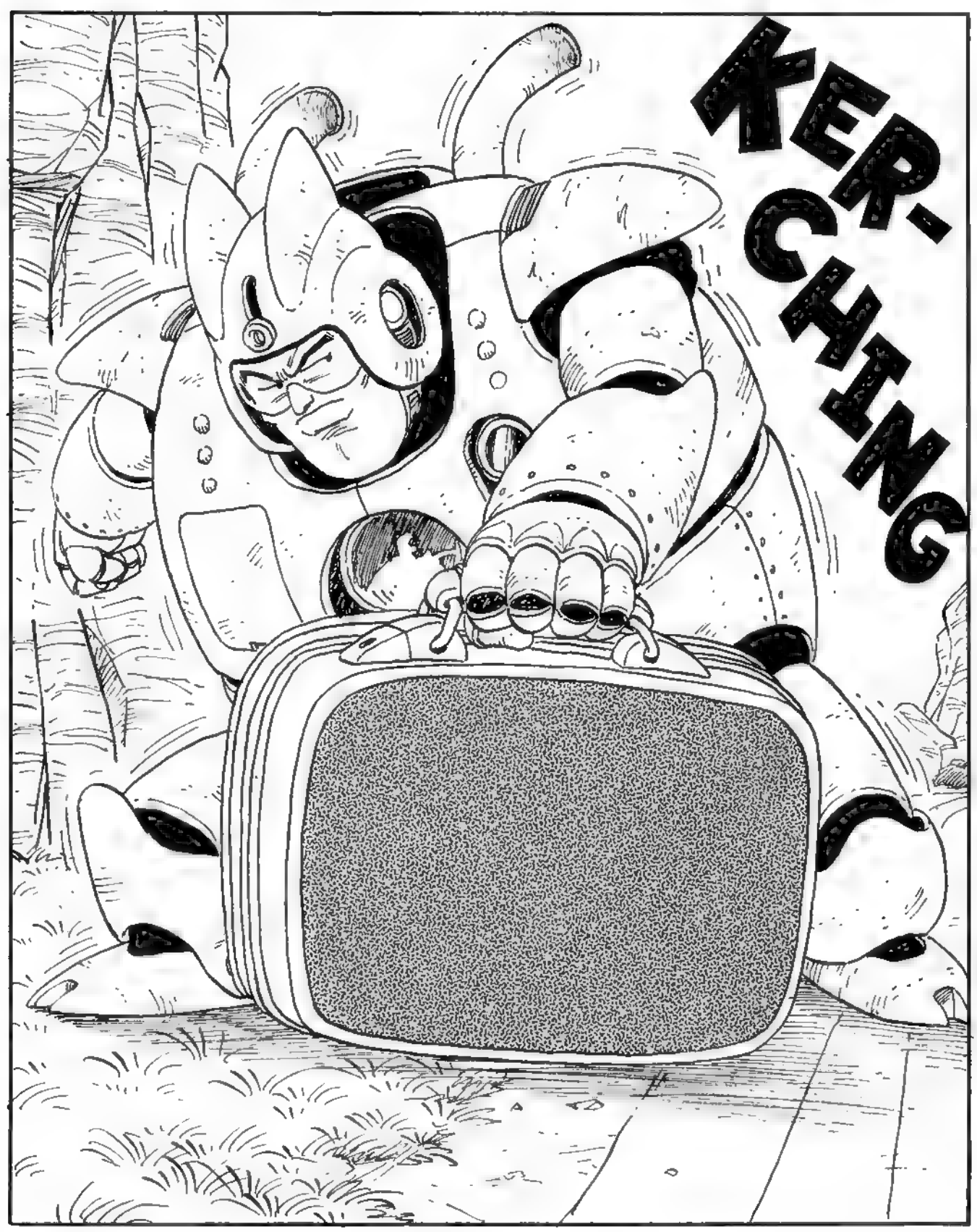
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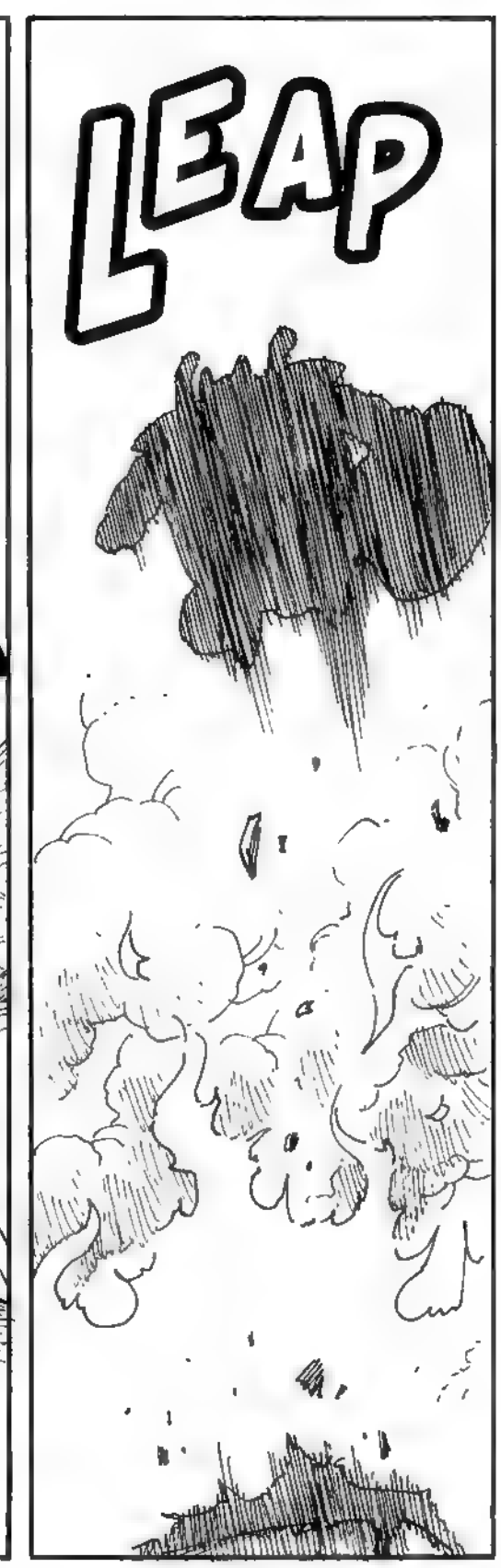
LEAP

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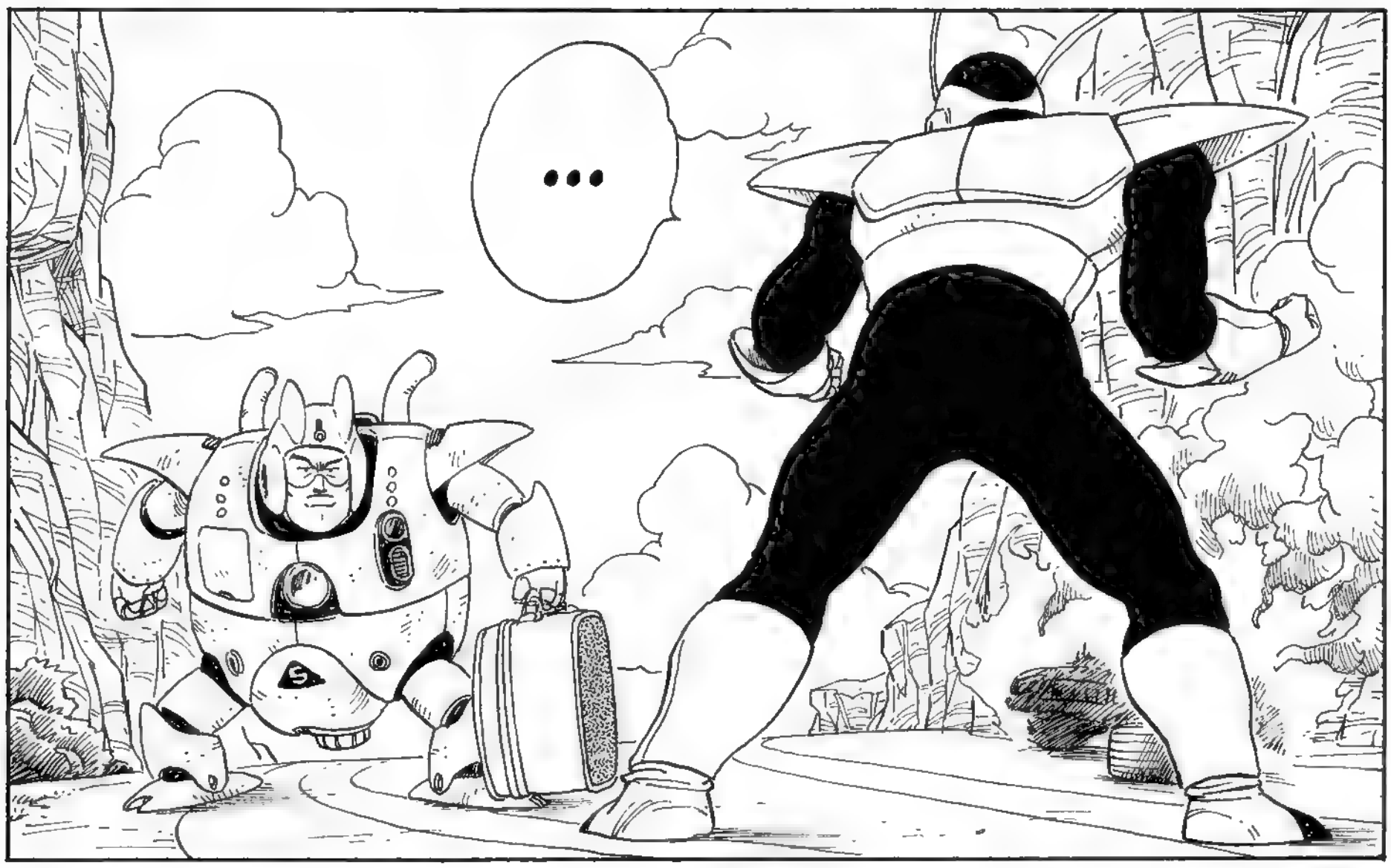
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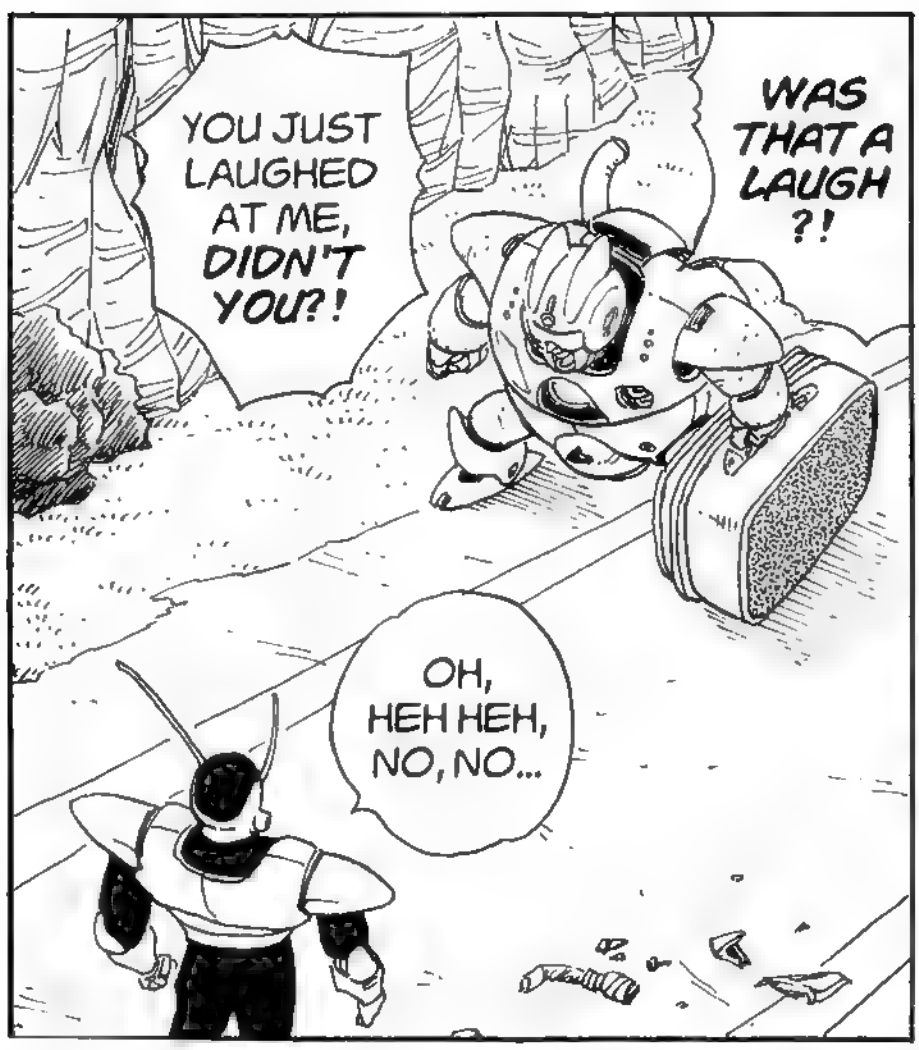
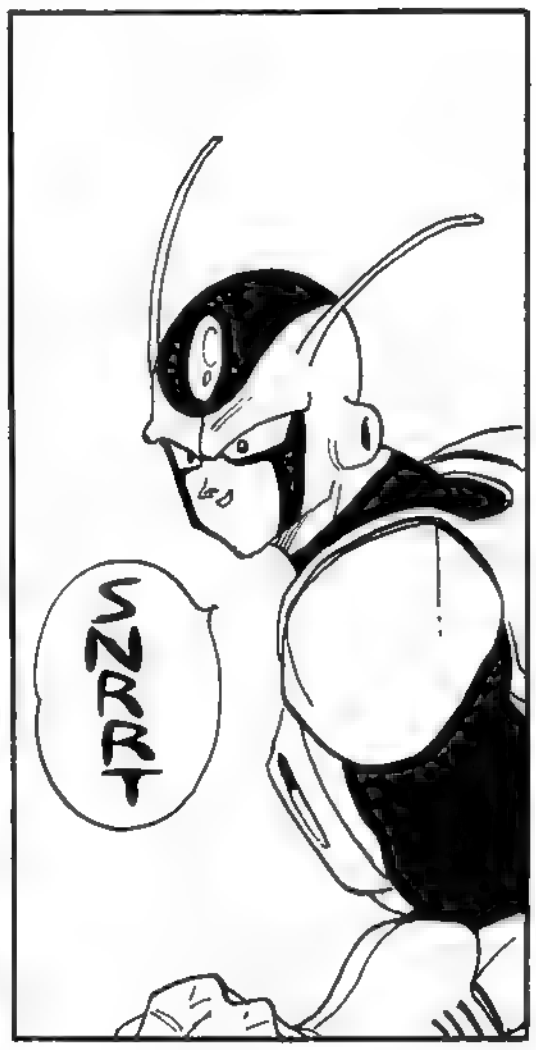

YOU JUST LAUGHED AT ME, DIDN'T YOU?!
WAS THAT A LAUGH ?!
OH, HEH HEH, NO, NO...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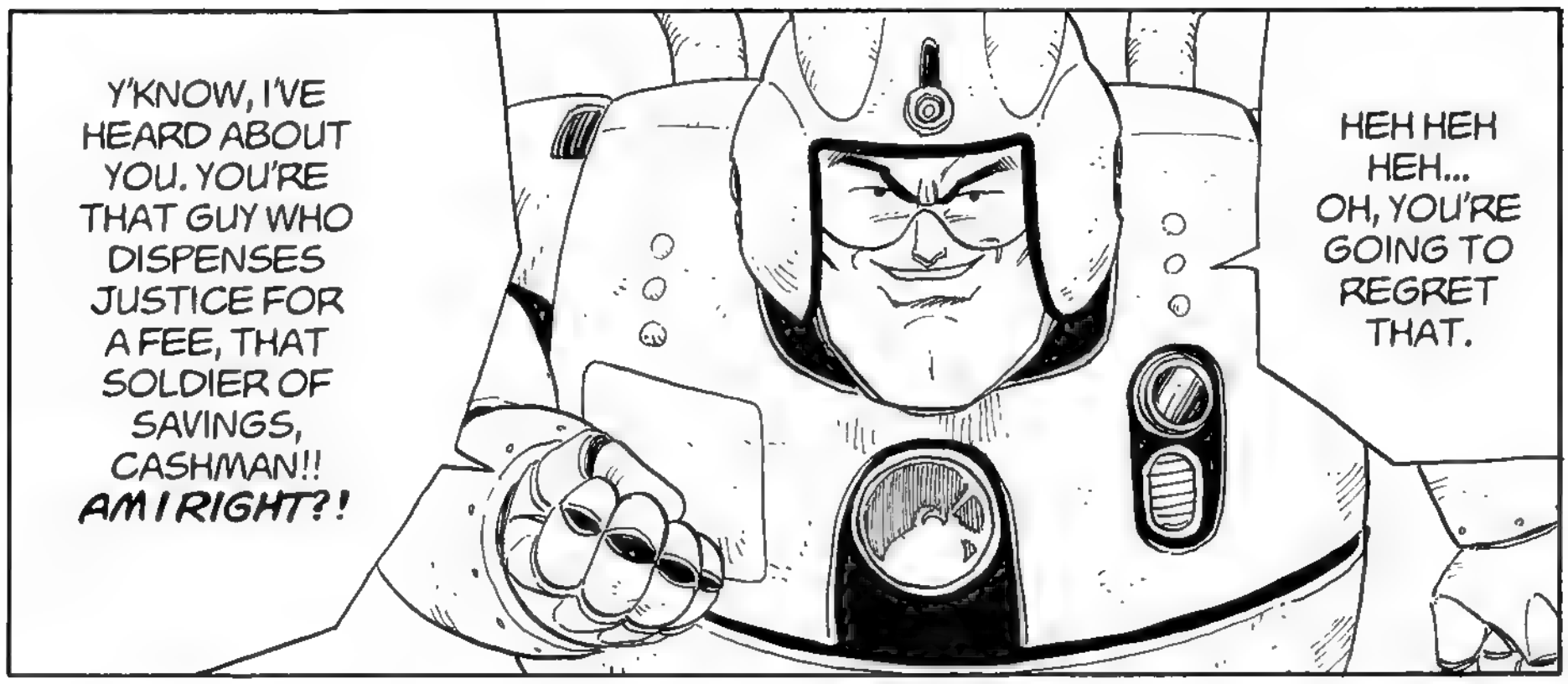
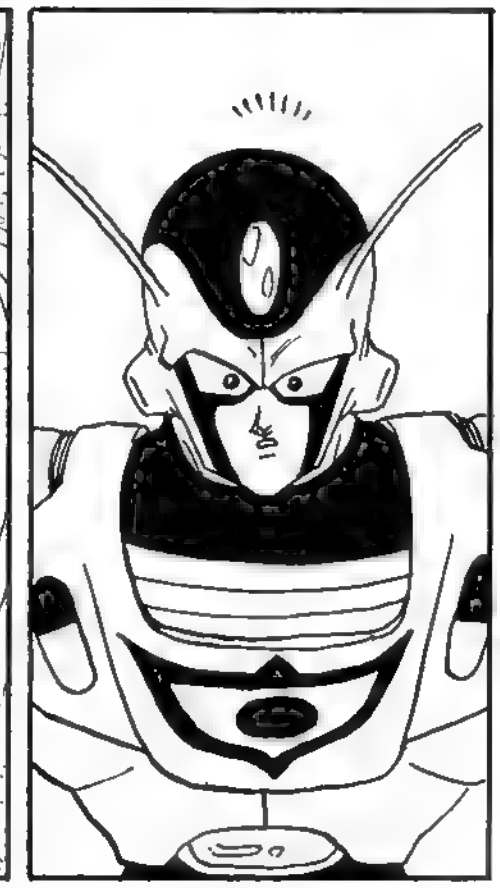

Y'KNOW, I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU. YOU'RE THAT GUY WHO DISPENSES JUSTICE FOR A FEE, THAT SOLDIER OF SAVINGS, CASHMAN!! AM I RIGHT?!
HEH HEH HEH... OH, YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET THAT.

I AM !!!

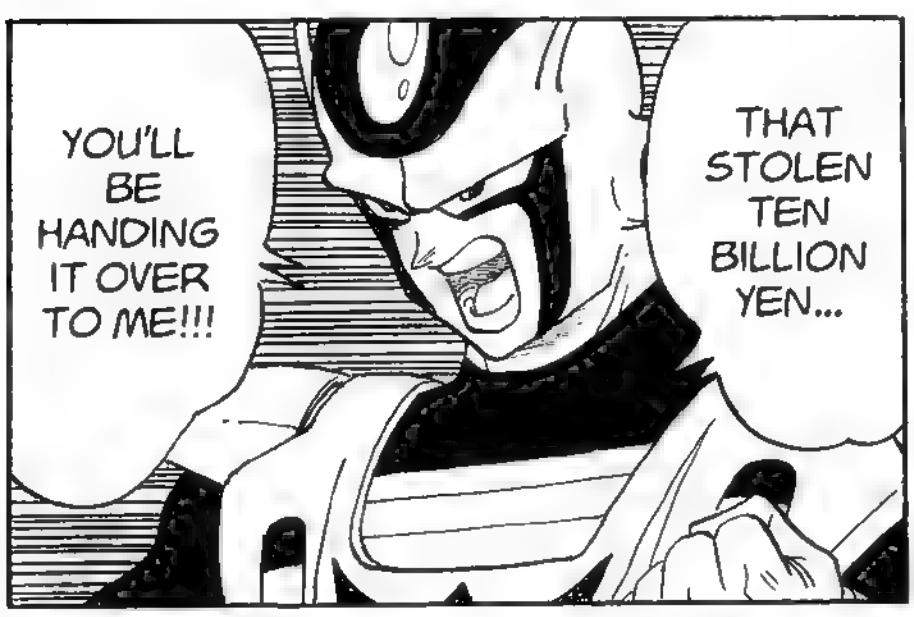
AH-HAH!! SEE, I KNOW AAAAALL ABOUT YOU!!
WELL, I...



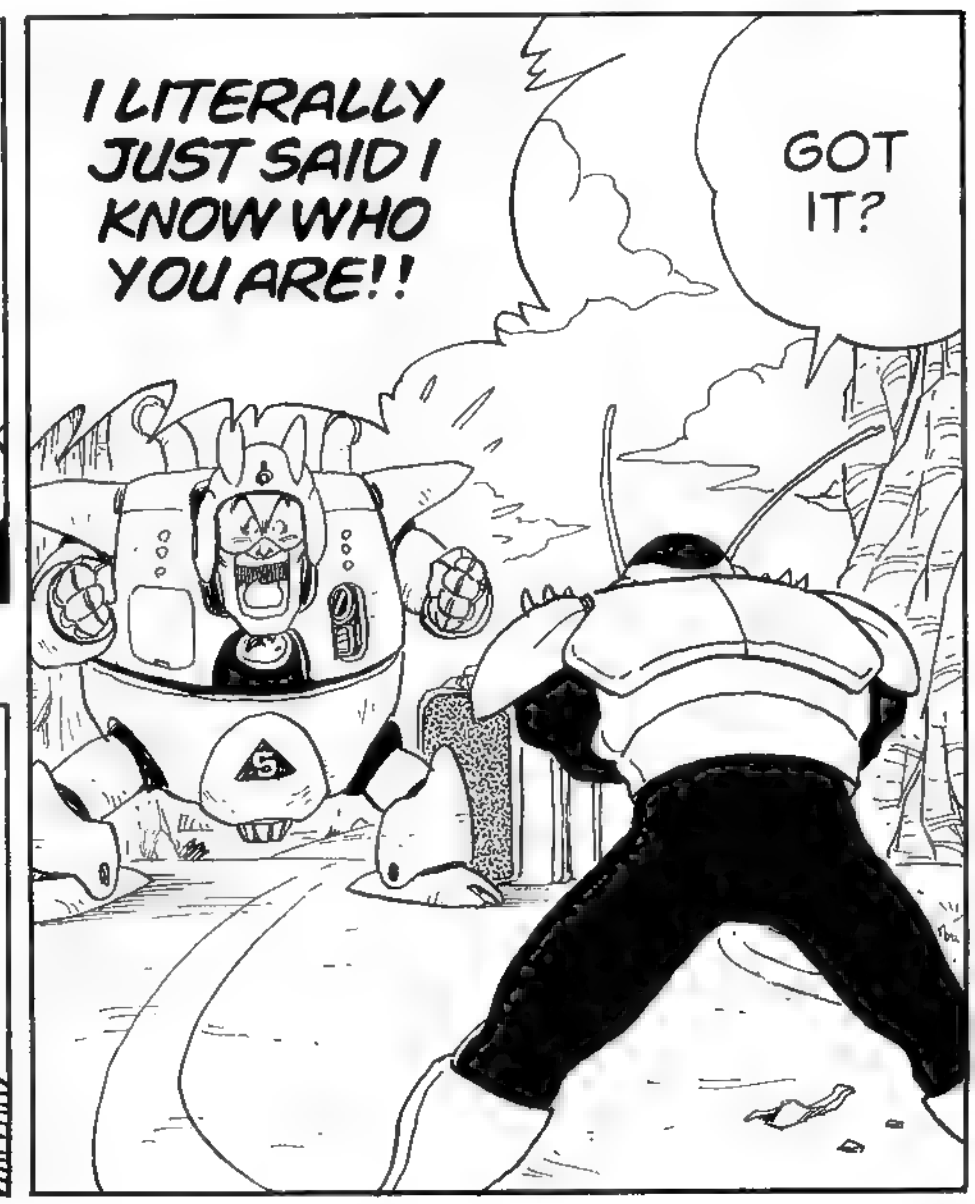
...OF SAV-INGS!

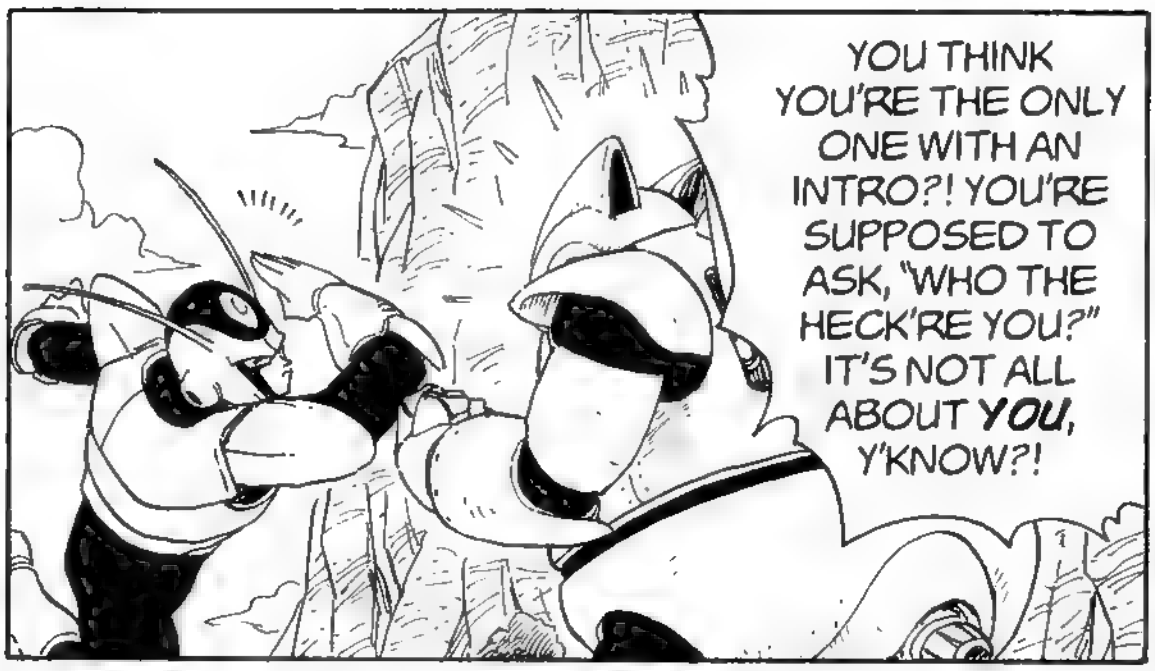
A SOL-DIER ...

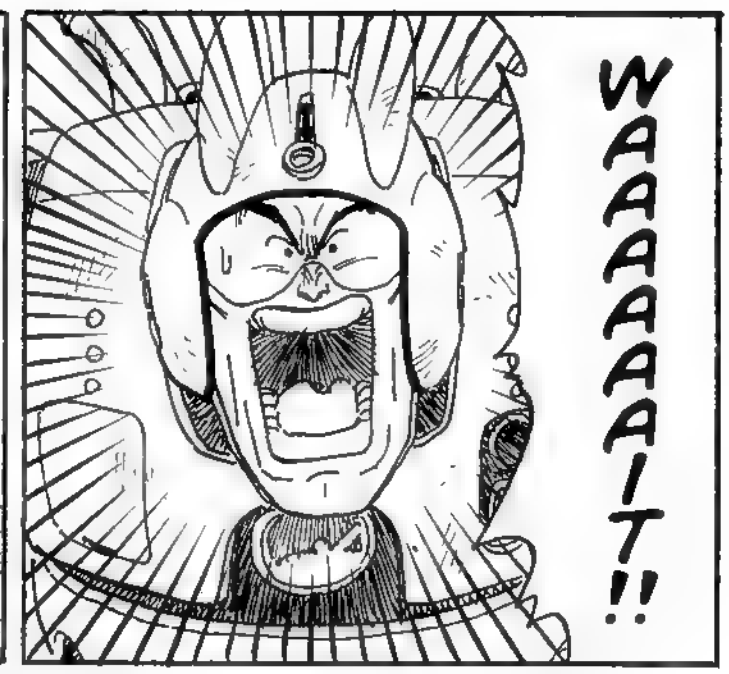
CASHMAN!!


YOU'LL BE HANDING IT OVER TO ME!!!
THAT STOLEN TEN BILLION YEN...

HUP !!!

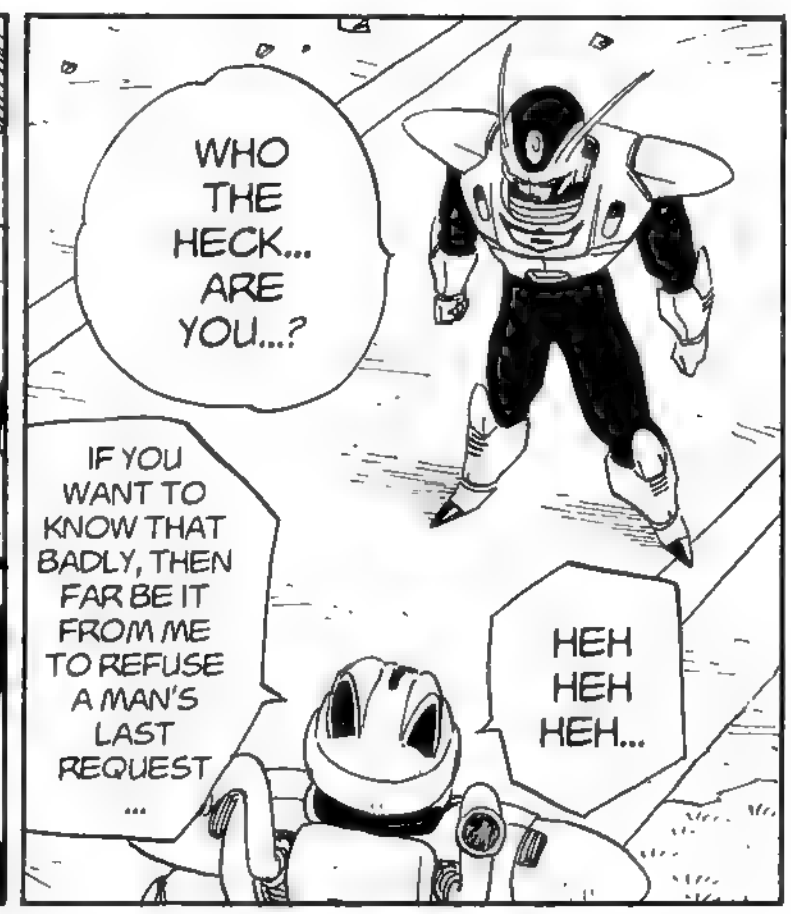

I LITERALLY JUST SAID I KNOW WHO YOU ARE!!
GOT IT?

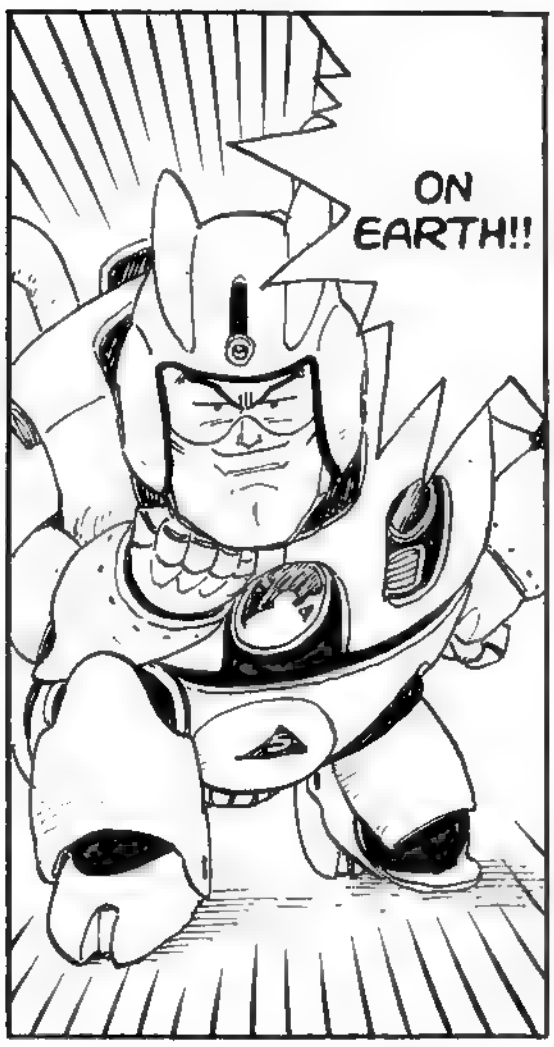

YOU THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WITH AN INTRO?! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO ASK, "WHO THE HECK'RE YOU?" IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT YOU, Y'KNOW?!


WAAAAAAT!!

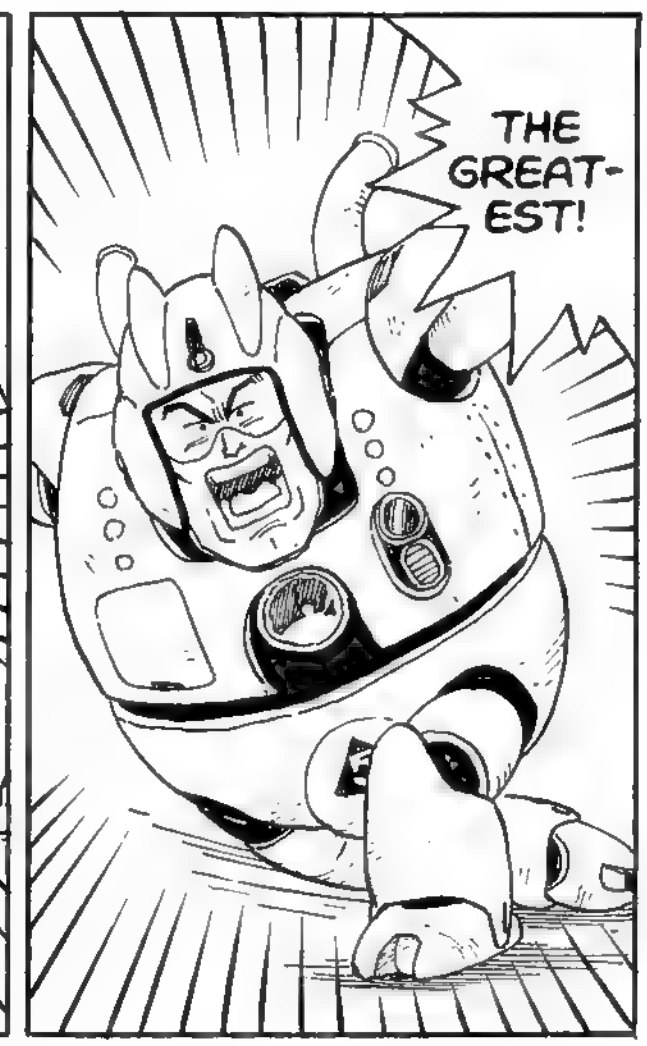
FW SH FSH FSH
FWSH

I AM !!!

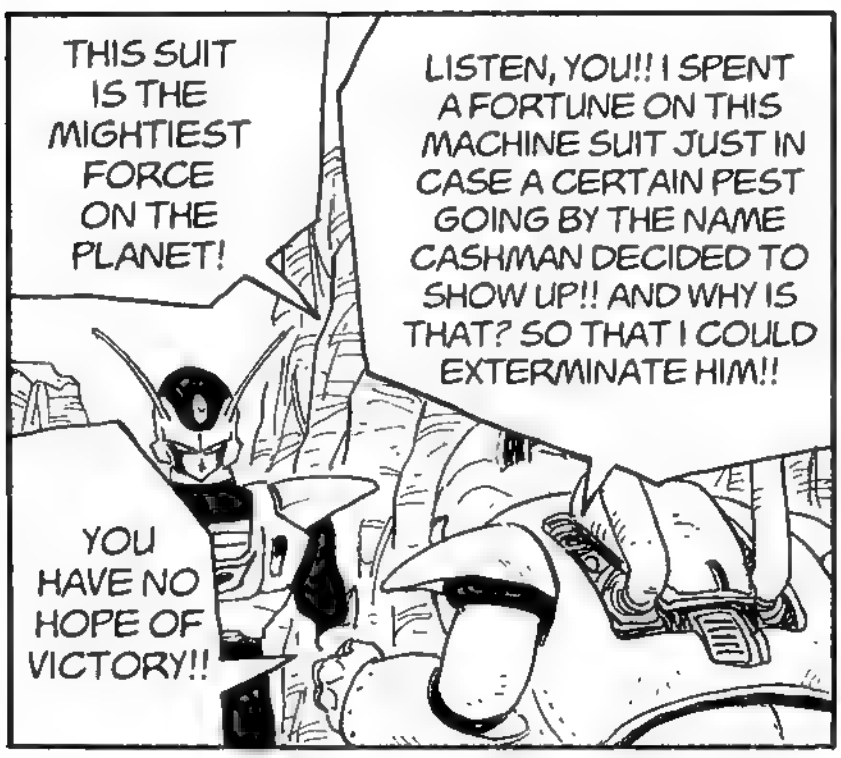

WHO THE HECK... ARE YOU...?
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THAT BADLY, THEN FAR BE IT FROM ME TO REFUSE A MAN'S LAST REQUEST ...
HEH HEH HEH...


ON EARTH!!

CRIMI-NAL!


THE GREAT-EST!

KAZUO KURI-YAMA !!!!!

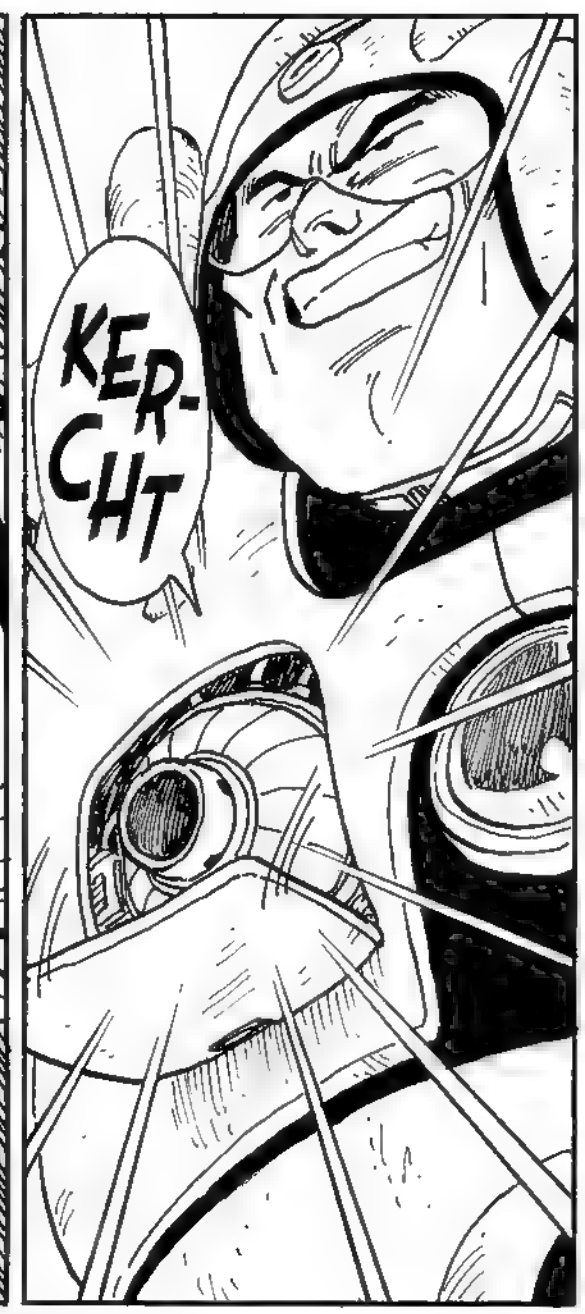


LET US DO BATTLE THEN!

THE SUBJECT DOESN'T APPEAR WILLING TO TURN HIMSELF IN TO THE AUTHORITIES. PERFECT.

WHO'D BE SCARED OF YOU?!

HEH HEH HEH... SCARED, HUH?



KR-BOOM

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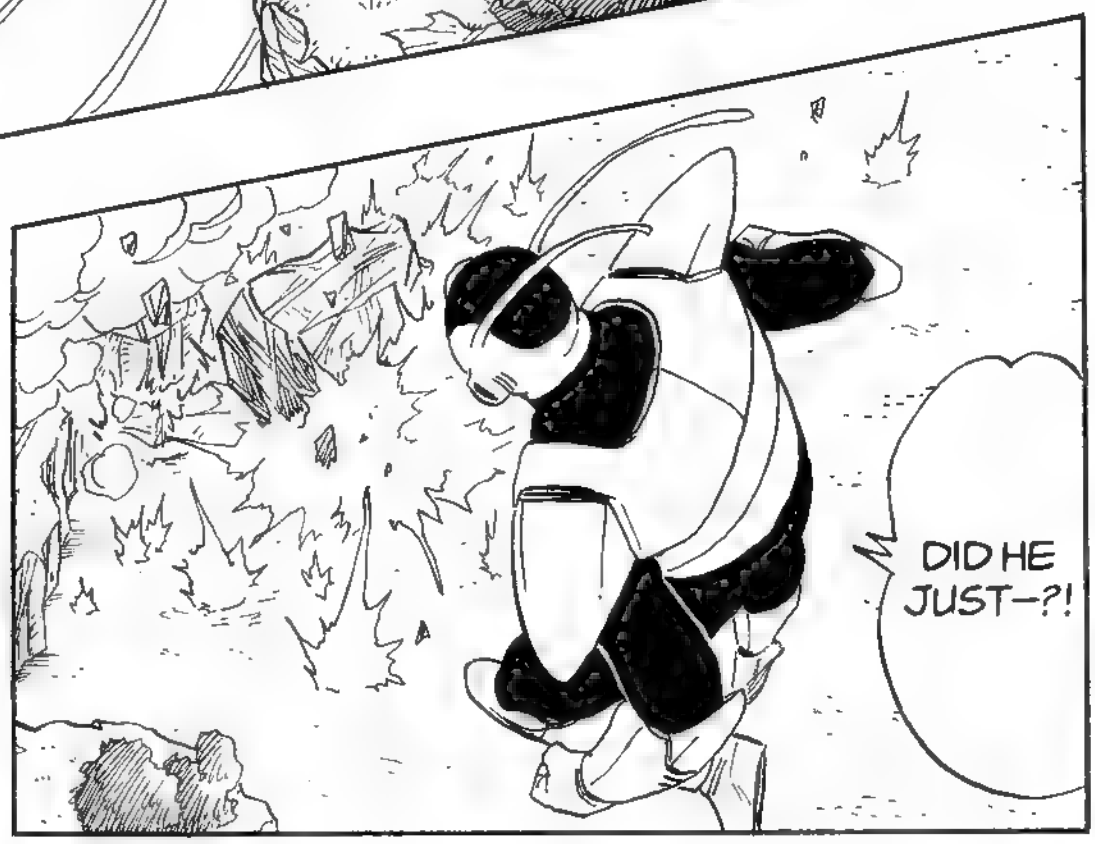
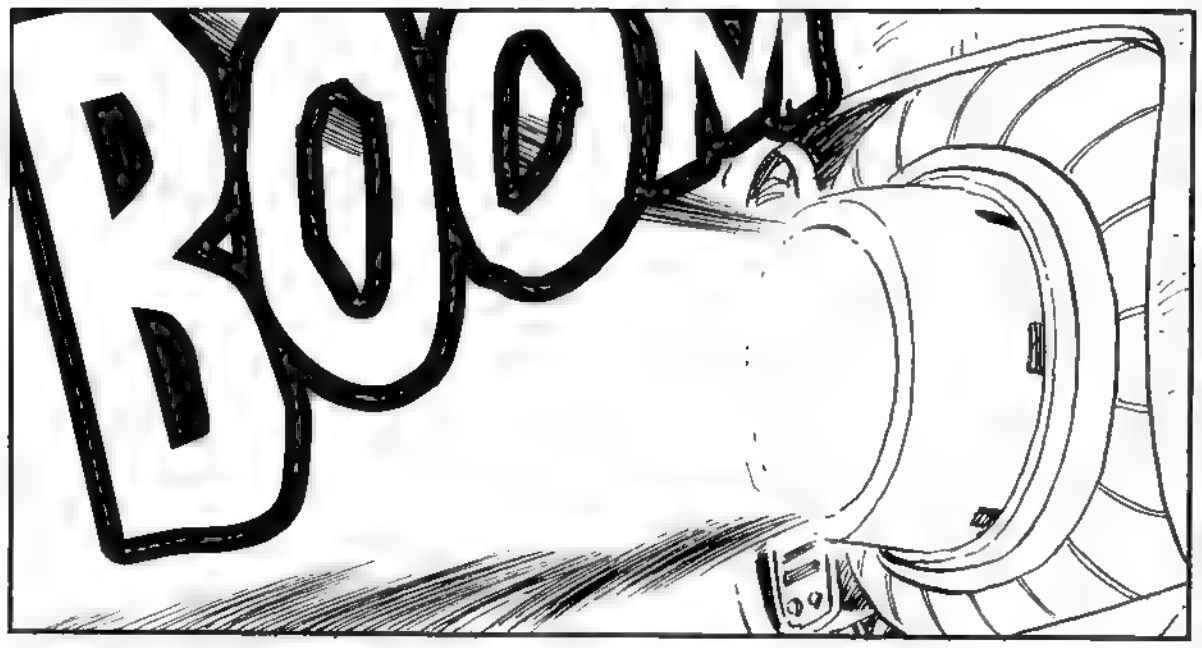
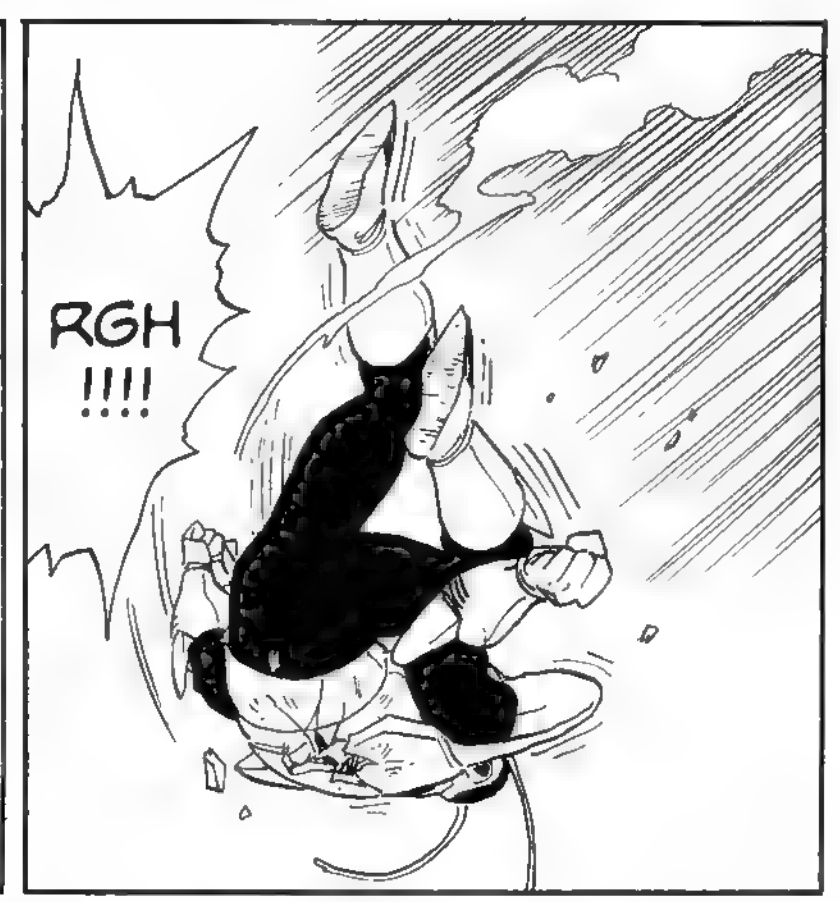

DID HE JUST–?!

WOOSH

WHAT'S THIS? SUR-PRISED ?!


BOOM

Y-YOU FIEND!!


RGH !!!!

CRA
ATTACK
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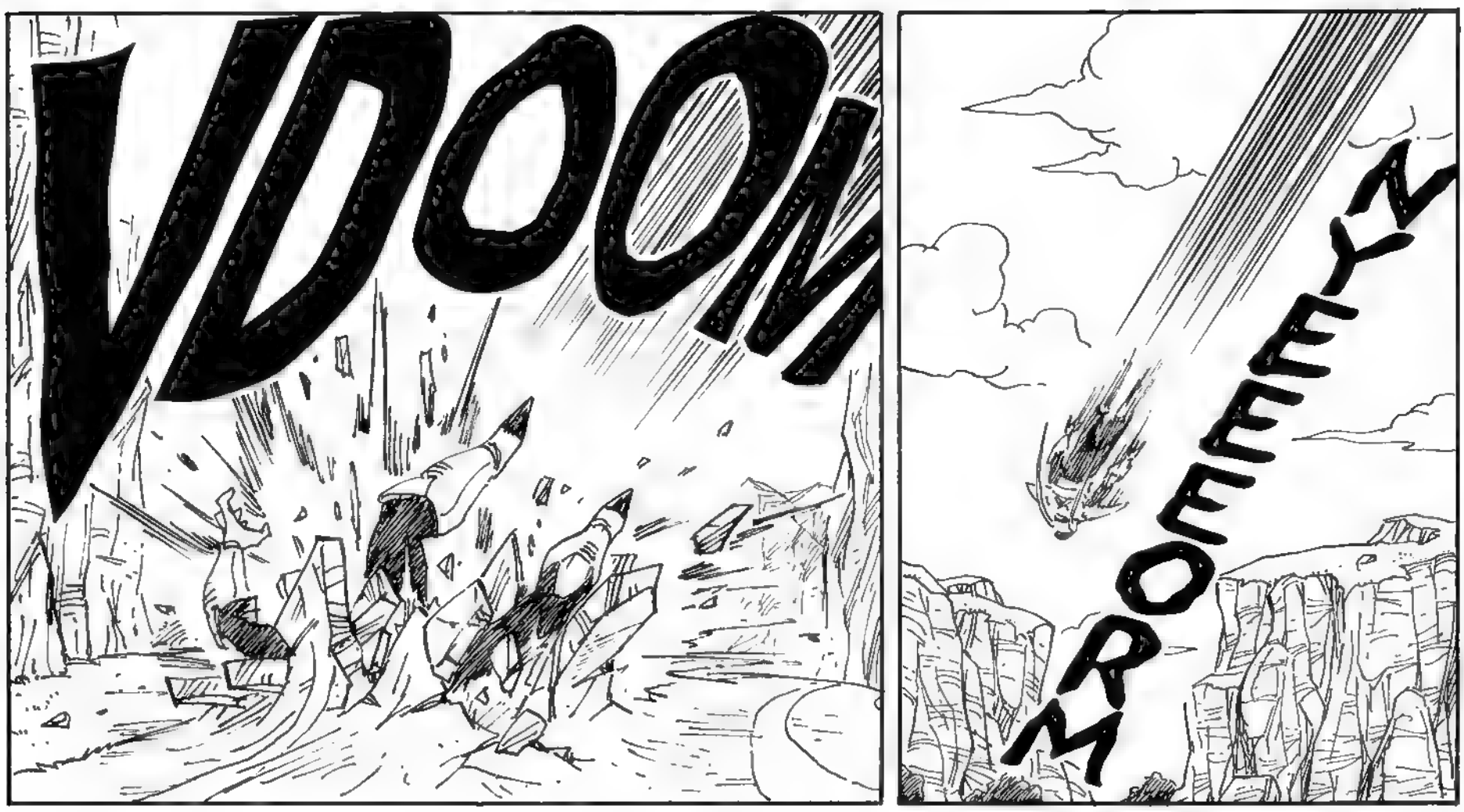
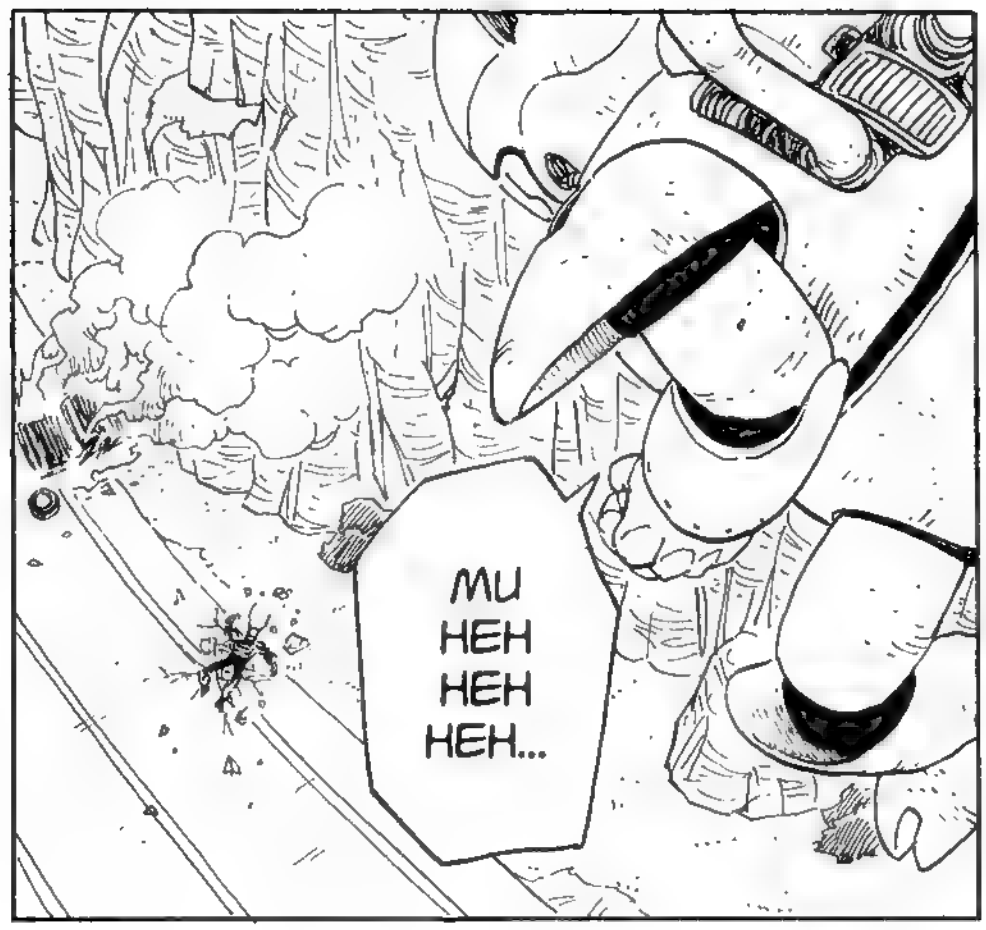
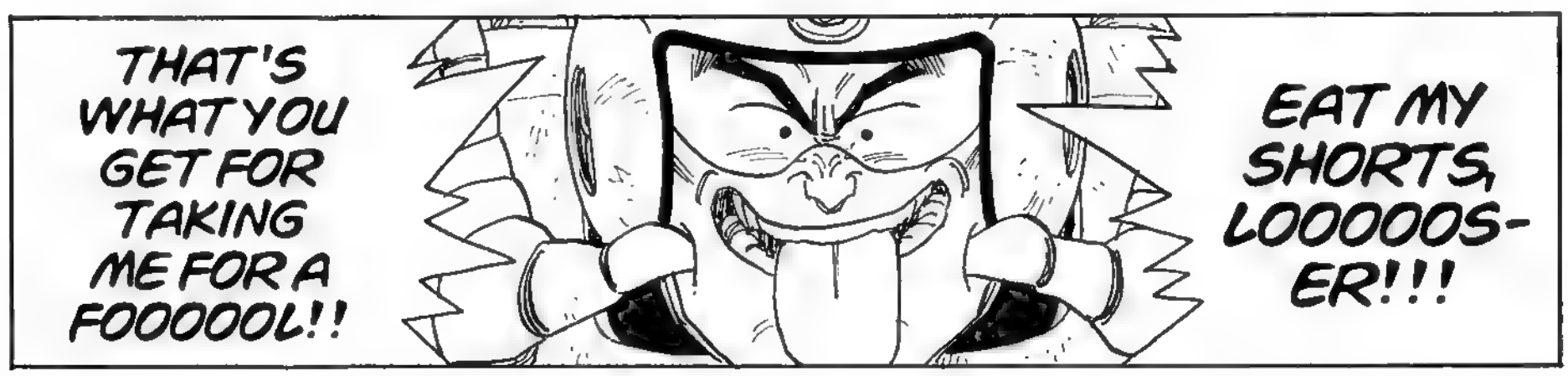

BOOM
ROMMMM


MU HEH HEH HEH...


THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR TAKING ME FOR A FOOOOOL!!
EAT MY SHORTS, LOOOOOS-ER!!!

FWING

AND NOW, THE FINAL BLOW !!
VOOOSH

BOOST

FUT
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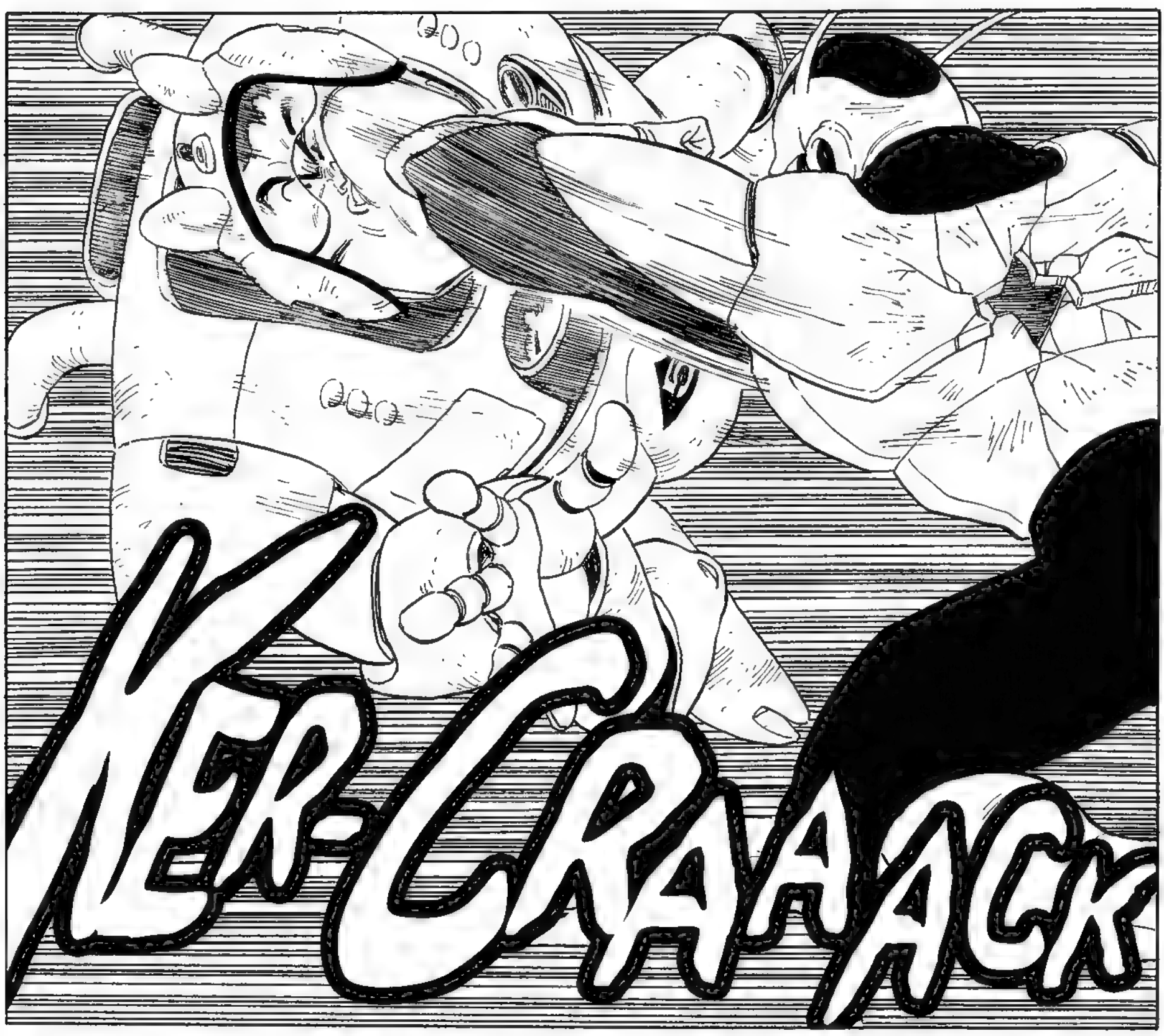
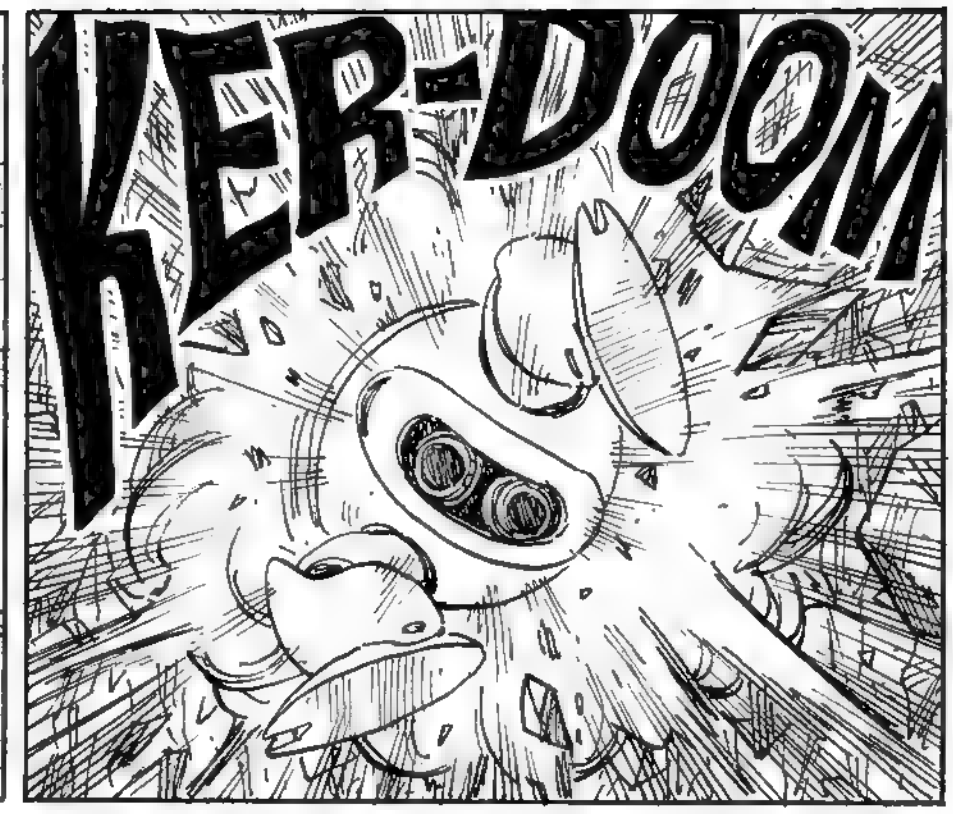
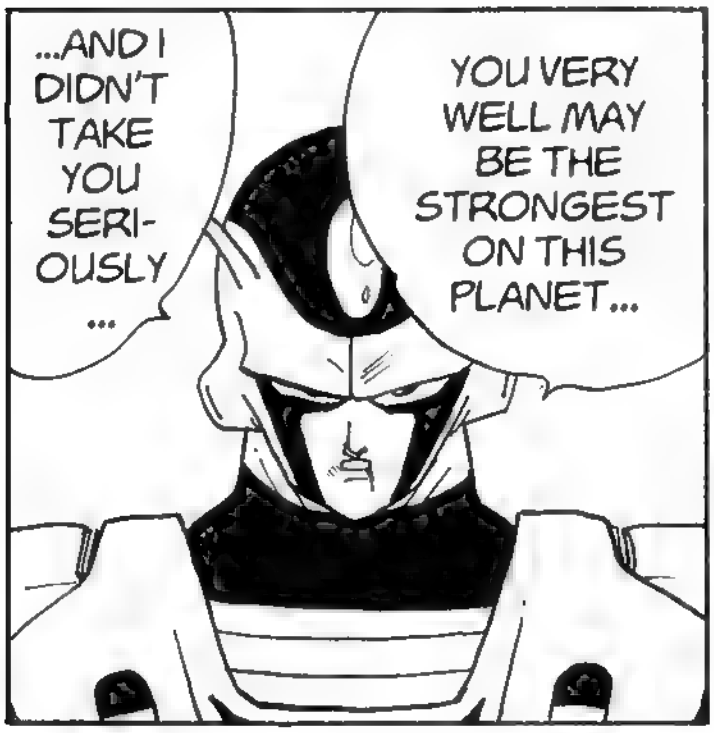

KER-CRAAACK

CRUMBLE RUBBLE


KER-DOOM


...AND I DIDN'T TAKE YOU SERI-OUSLY ...
YOU VERY WELL MAY BE THE STRONGEST ON THIS PLANET...

YOU TOOK THAT ATTACK FROM ME AND STILL ...
IMPOS-SIBLE...

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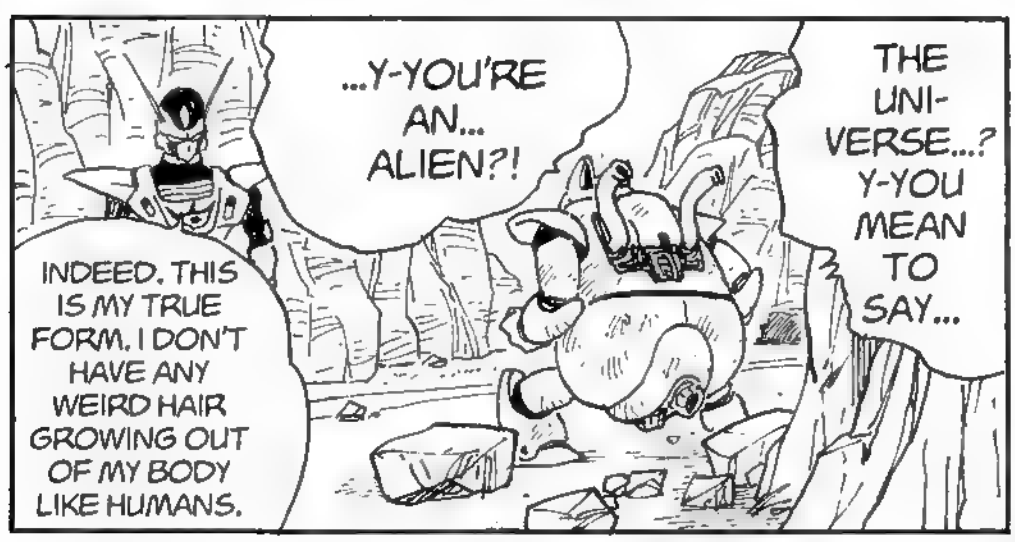
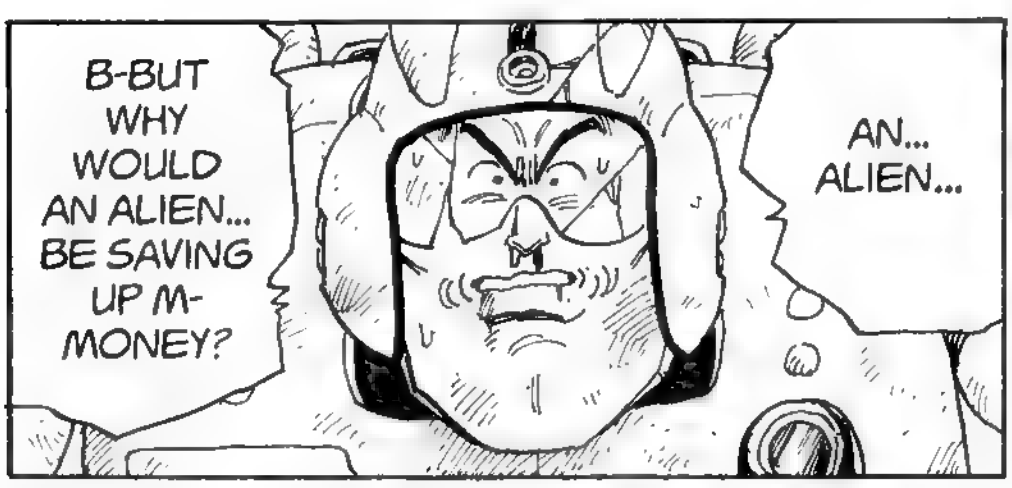

...Y-YOU'RE AN... ALIEN?!
INDEED. THIS IS MY TRUE FORM. I DON'T HAVE ANY WEIRD HAIR GROWING OUT OF MY BODY LIKE HUMANS.
THE UNI-VERSE...? Y-YOU MEAN TO SAY...

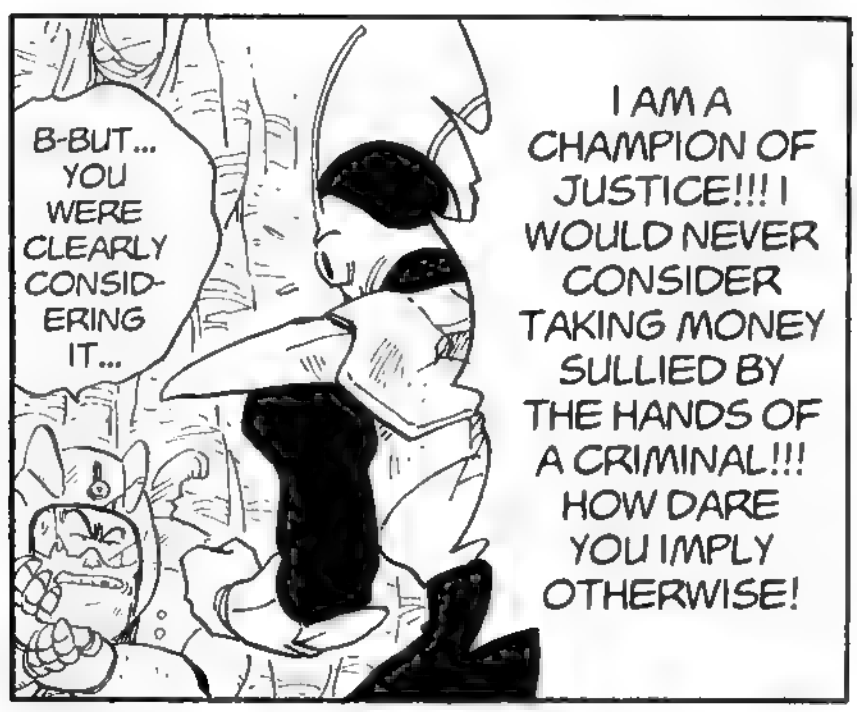

B-BUT WHY WOULD AN ALIEN... BE SAVING UP M-MONEY?
AN... ALIEN...

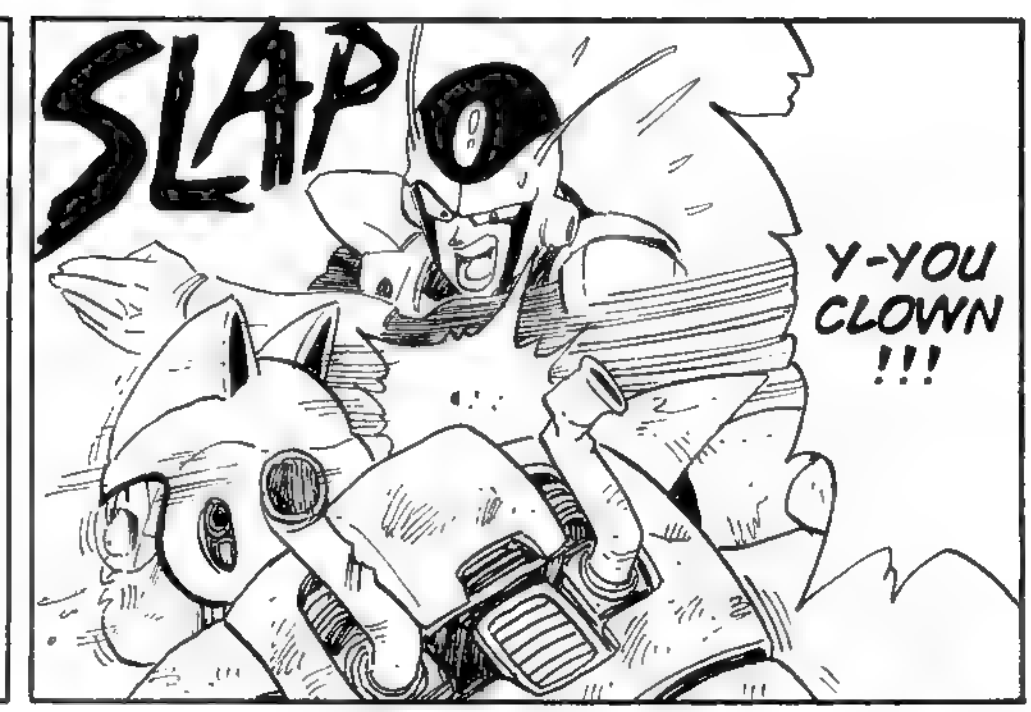
I HAVE FACED OFF AGAINST MANY FRIGHTENING OPPONENTS WHOSE POWERS ARE FAR, FAR SUPERIOR TO YOUR OWN.
HOW-EVER... YOU'D DO WELL TO KNOW THAT THIS IS A VAST UNIVERSE.

I'VE BEEN DILIGENTLY SAVING UP FUNDS IN ORDER TO PURCHASE THE NECESSARY AMOUNT OF GOLD.
MY SPACESHIP WAS DAMAGED, AND I CRASH-LANDED ON THIS PLANET. I FIXED THE DAMAGE, BUT I NEED GOLD FOR FUEL.

F-FIVE BILLION YEN... FIVE... BILLION... YEN...

W-WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?! W-WE SHOULD JUST SPLIT THAT TEN BILLION YEN! FIVE BILLION EACH! WHADDAYA SAY?! HUH?!


B-BUT... YOU WERE CLEARLY CONSID-ERING IT...
I AM A CHAMPION OF JUSTICE!!! I WOULD NEVER CONSIDER TAKING MONEY SULLIED BY THE HANDS OF A CRIMINAL!!! HOW DARE YOU IMPLY OTHERWISE!


SLAP
Y-YOU CLOWN !!!

CHOP
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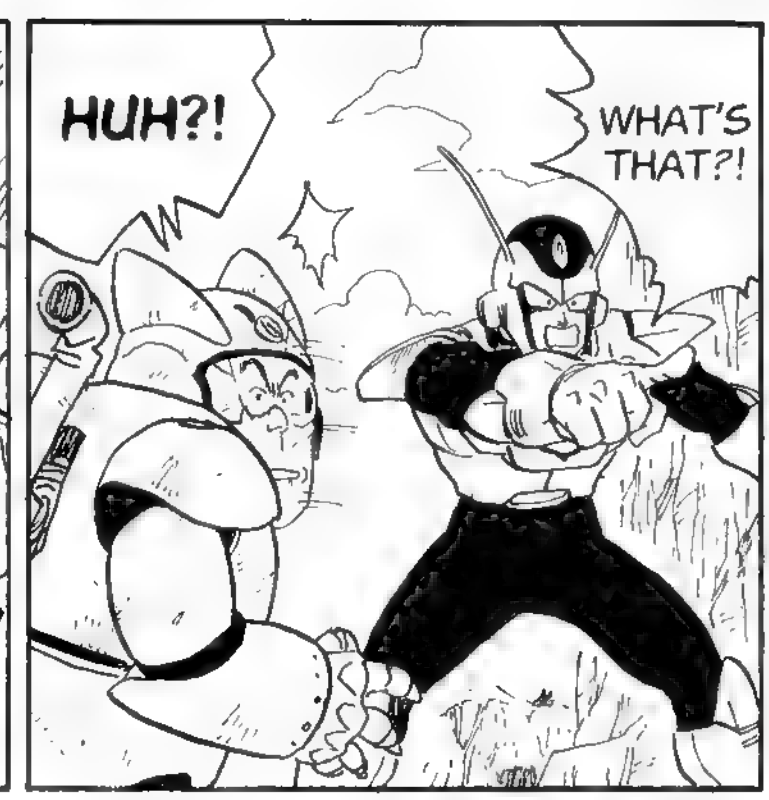
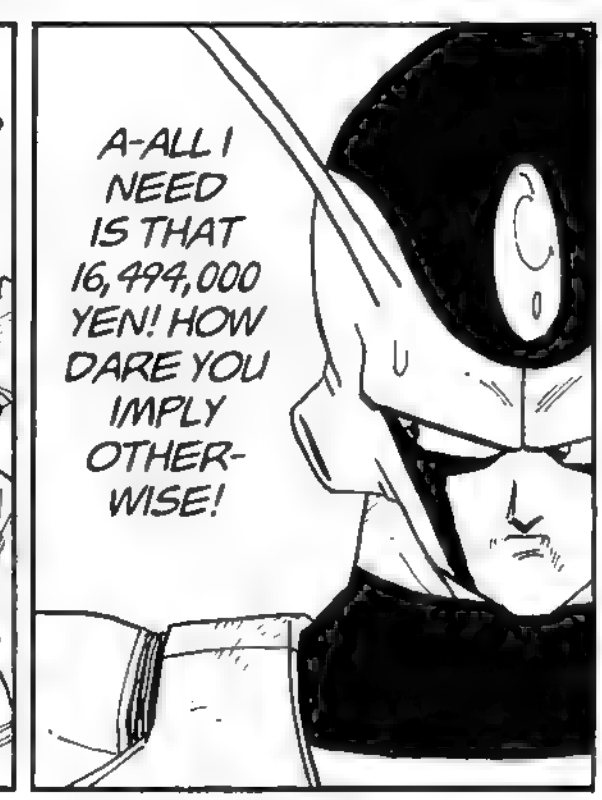
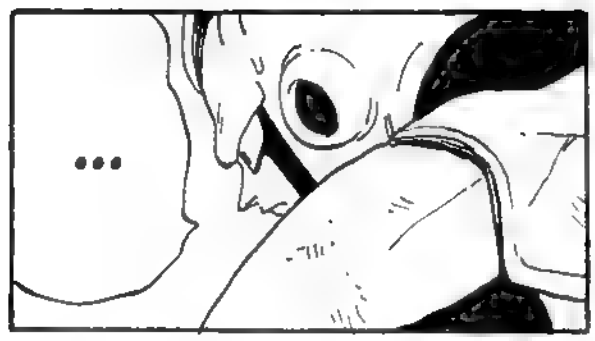
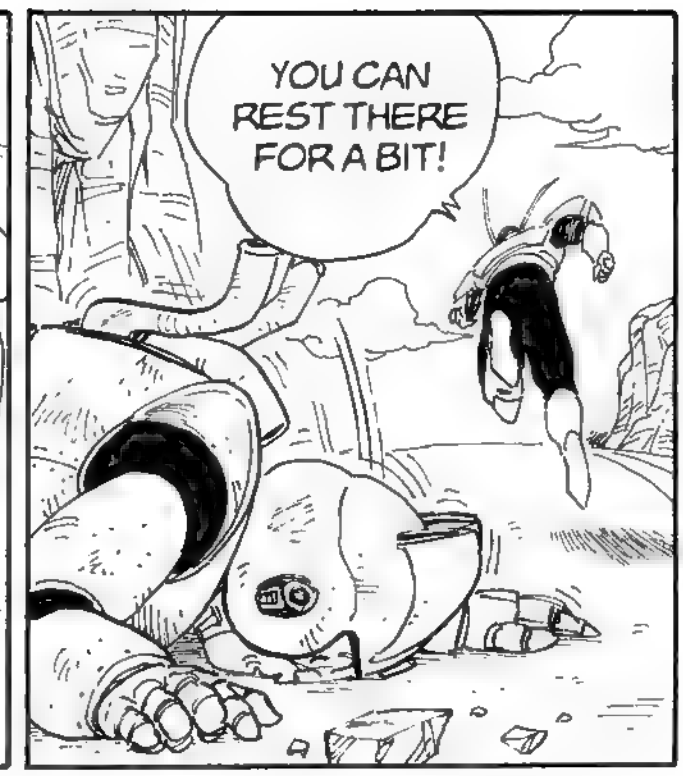
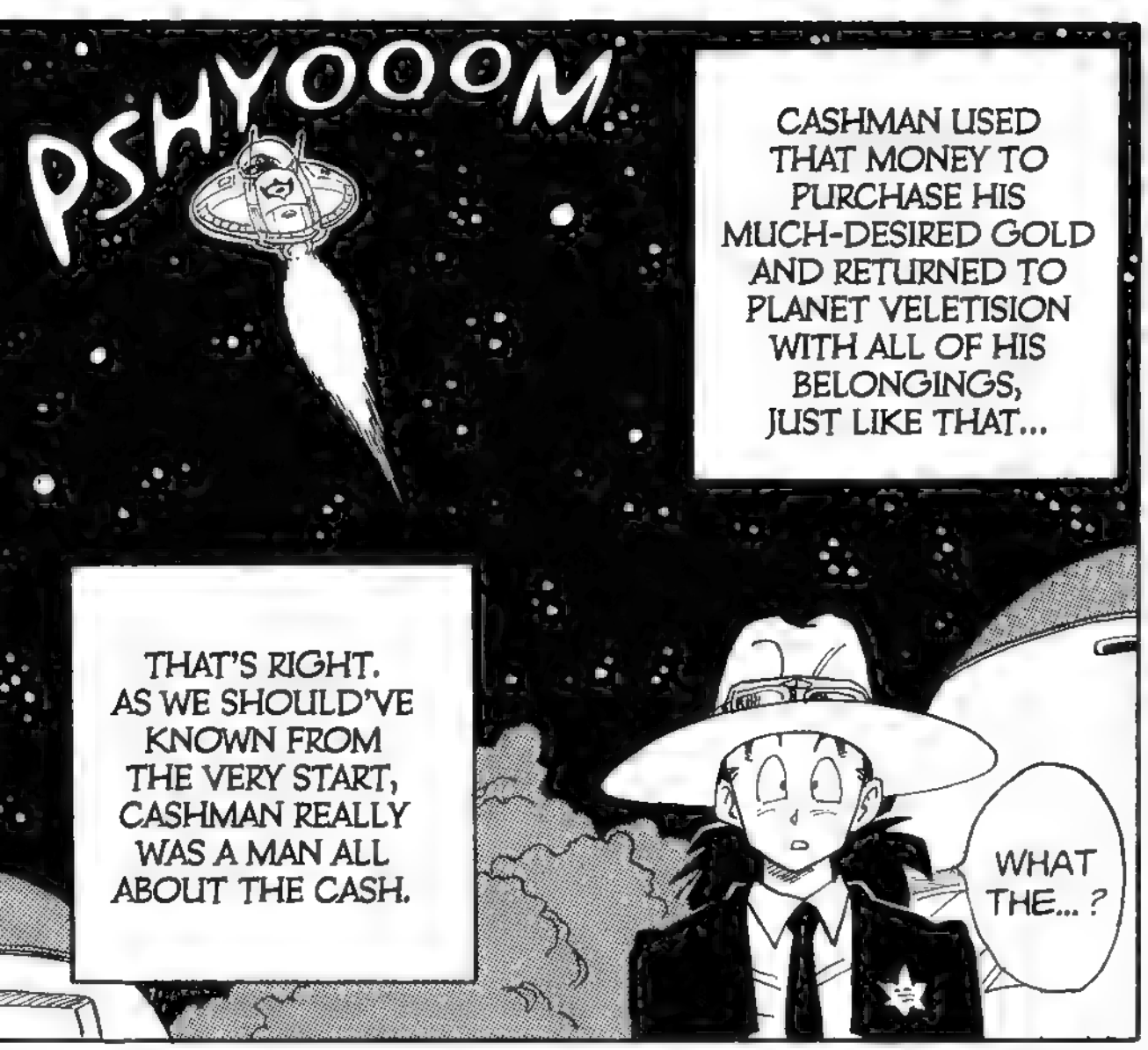

HUH?!
WHAT'S THAT?!


A-ALL I NEED IS THAT 16,494,000 YEN! HOW DARE YOU IMPLY OTHER-WISE!







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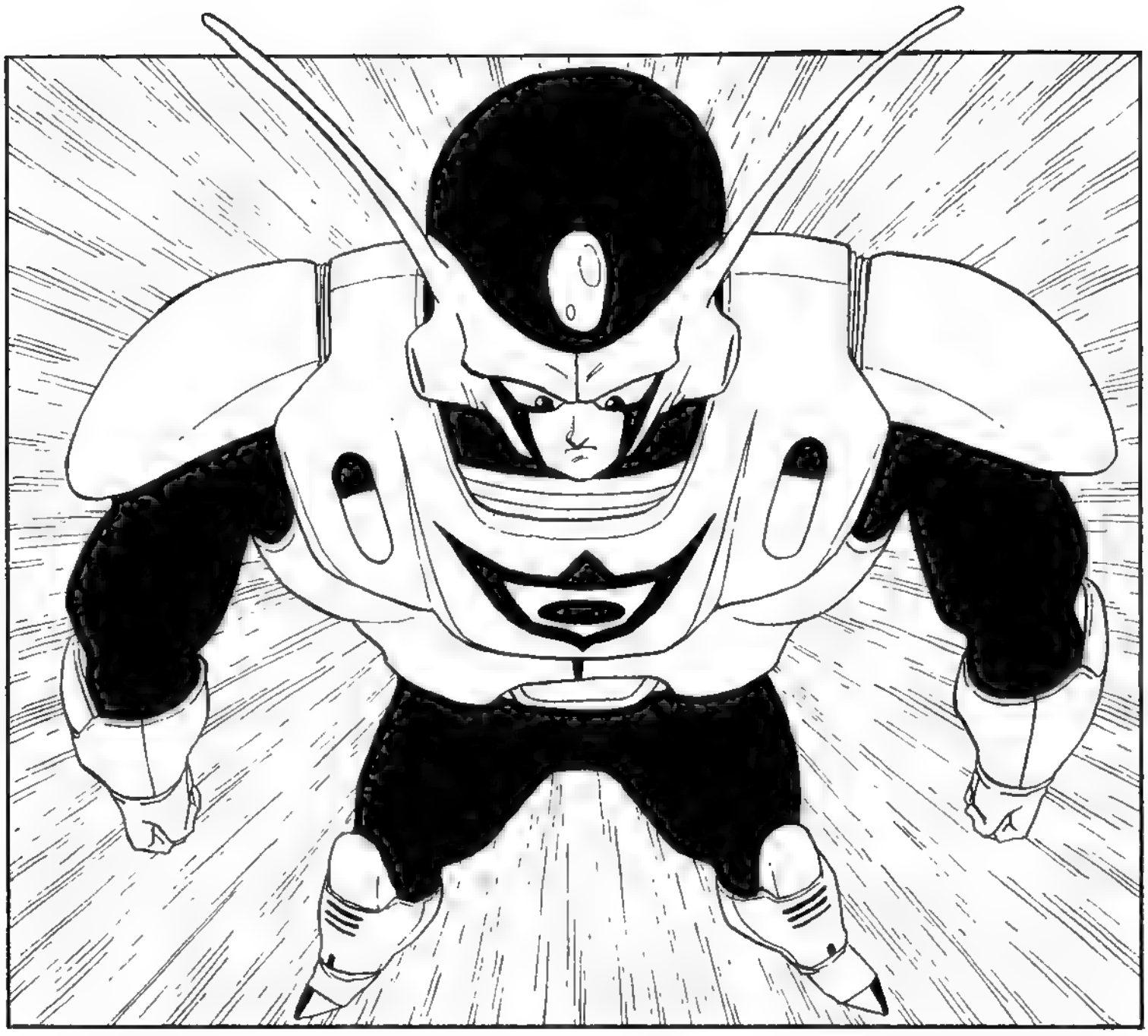
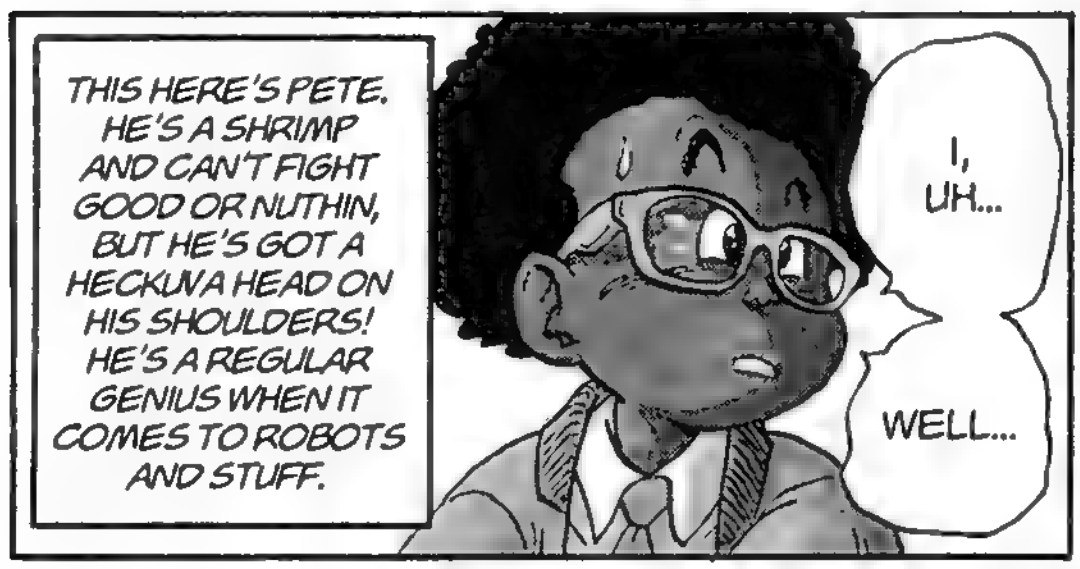
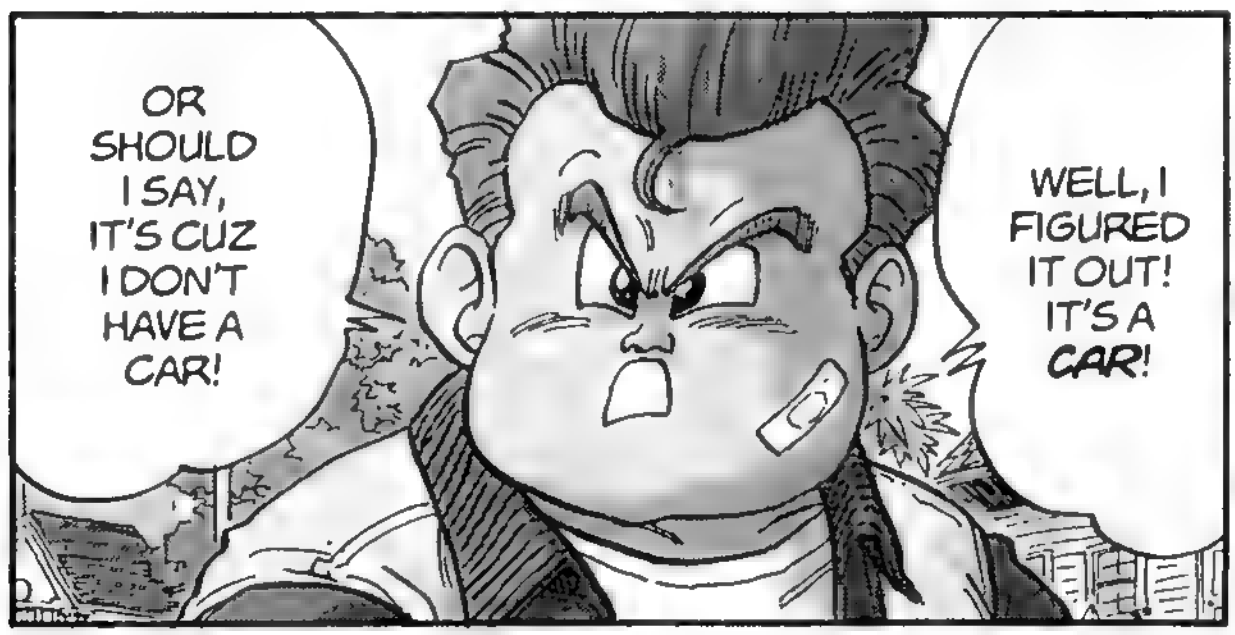


DUB & PETER 1
CHAPTER 1

YOU WANNA KNOW IF I'M ATHLETIC? PSH! FORGET ABOUT IT, I WAS BORN ATHLETIC! AND I'VE NEVER, EVER LOST A FIGHT.

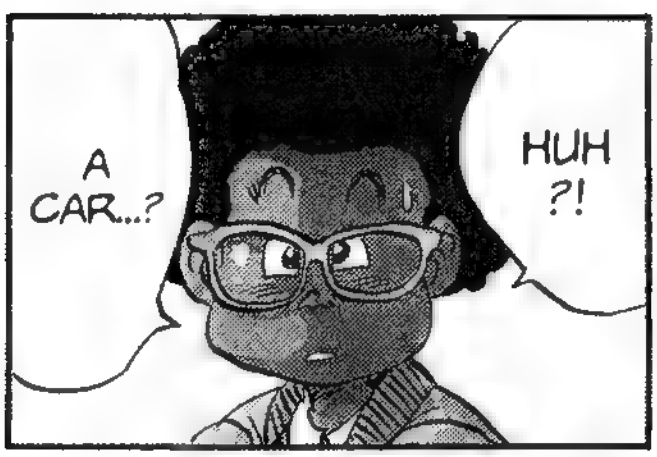
THE NAME'S DUB. I GUESS I'M YOUR AVERAGE ALL-AROUND DASHING, DEBONAIR, AND SUAVE KINDA FELLA.



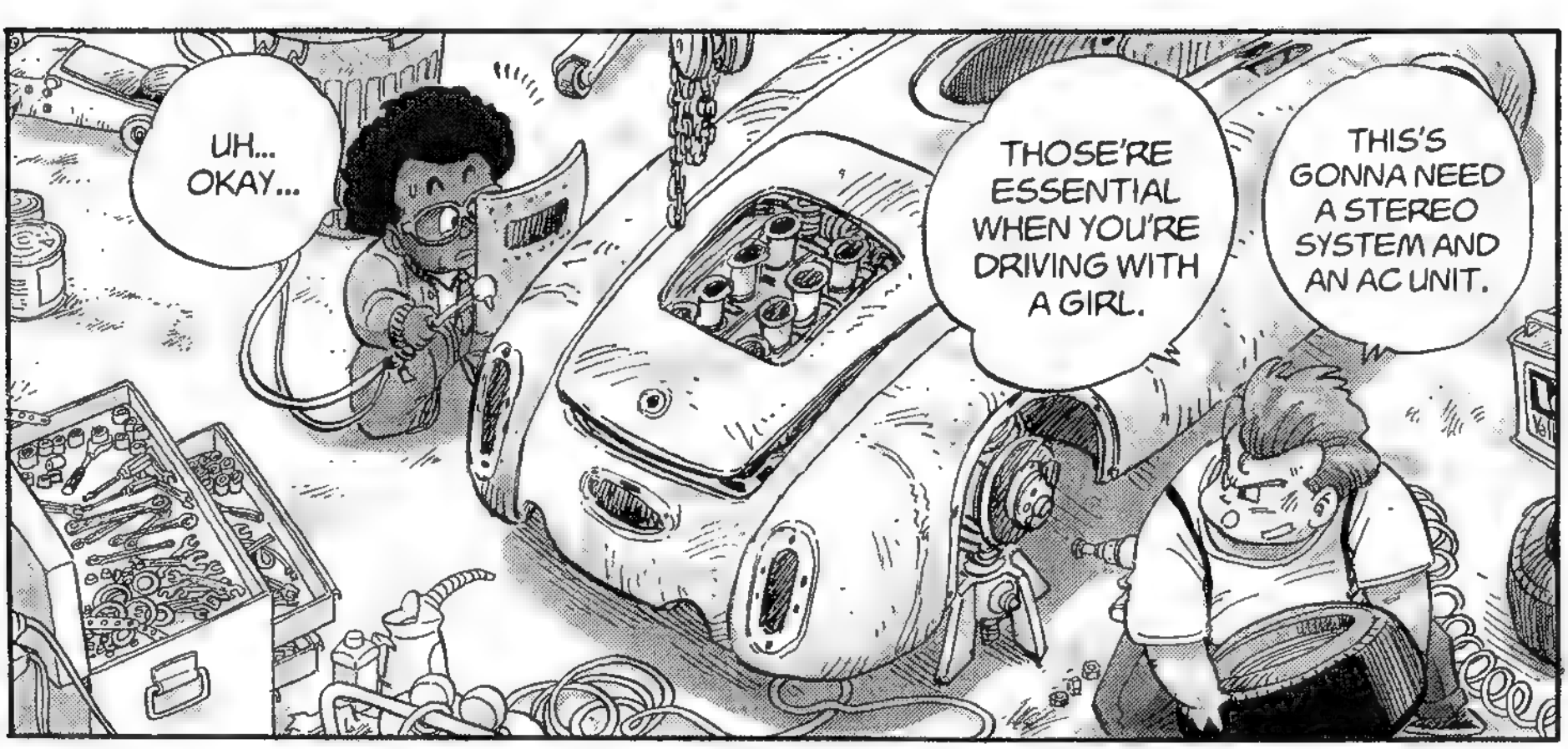


YOU GOTTA BUILD ME A CAR, PETE! A LIGHTNING-FAST ONE!
SO Y'KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS, RIGHT?

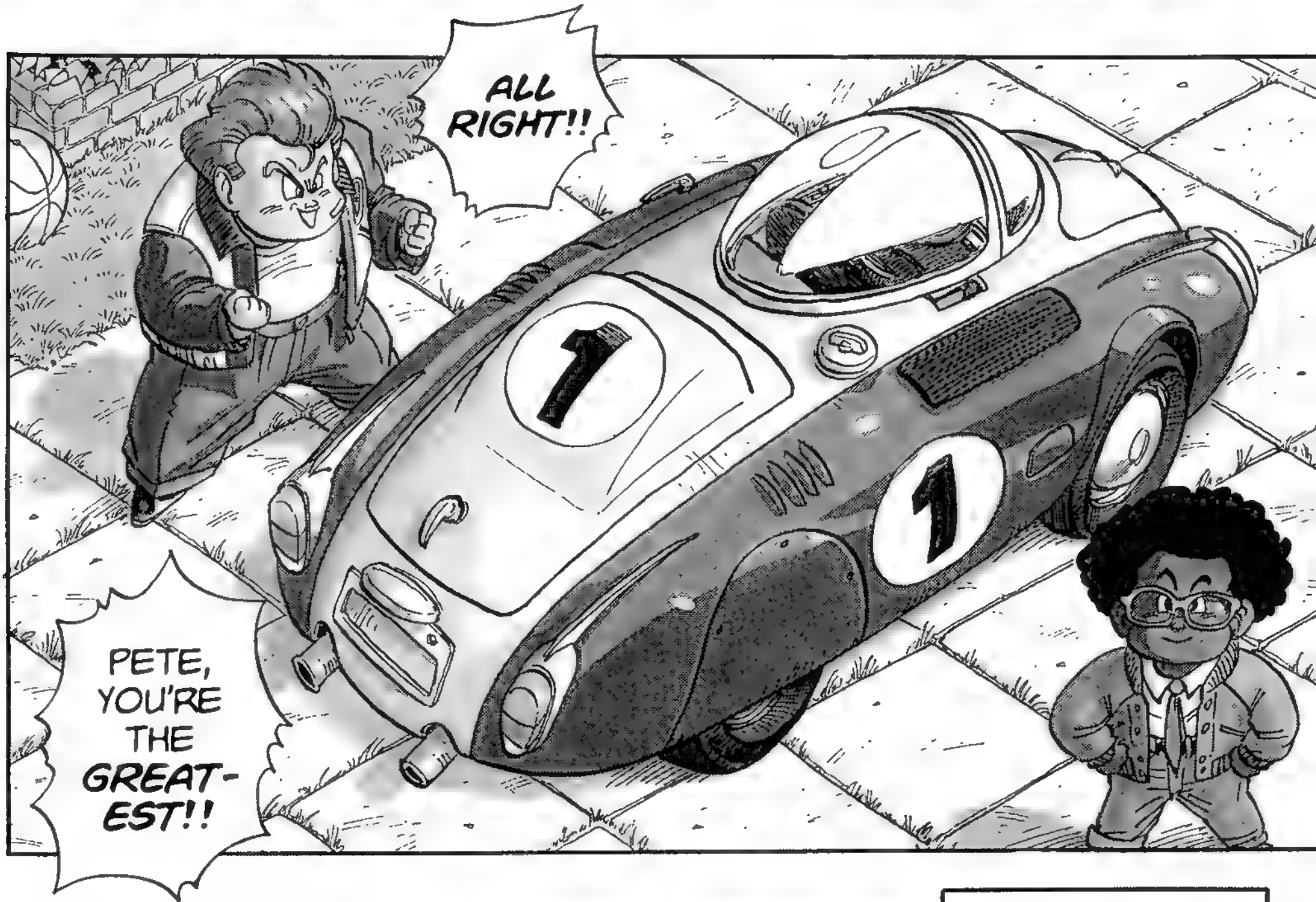
WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, I SUPPOSE SO!
THINK ABOUT IT! IF WE ASK OUT A GIRL, HOW'RE THEY GONNA FIT ON THESE THINGS, RIGHT?

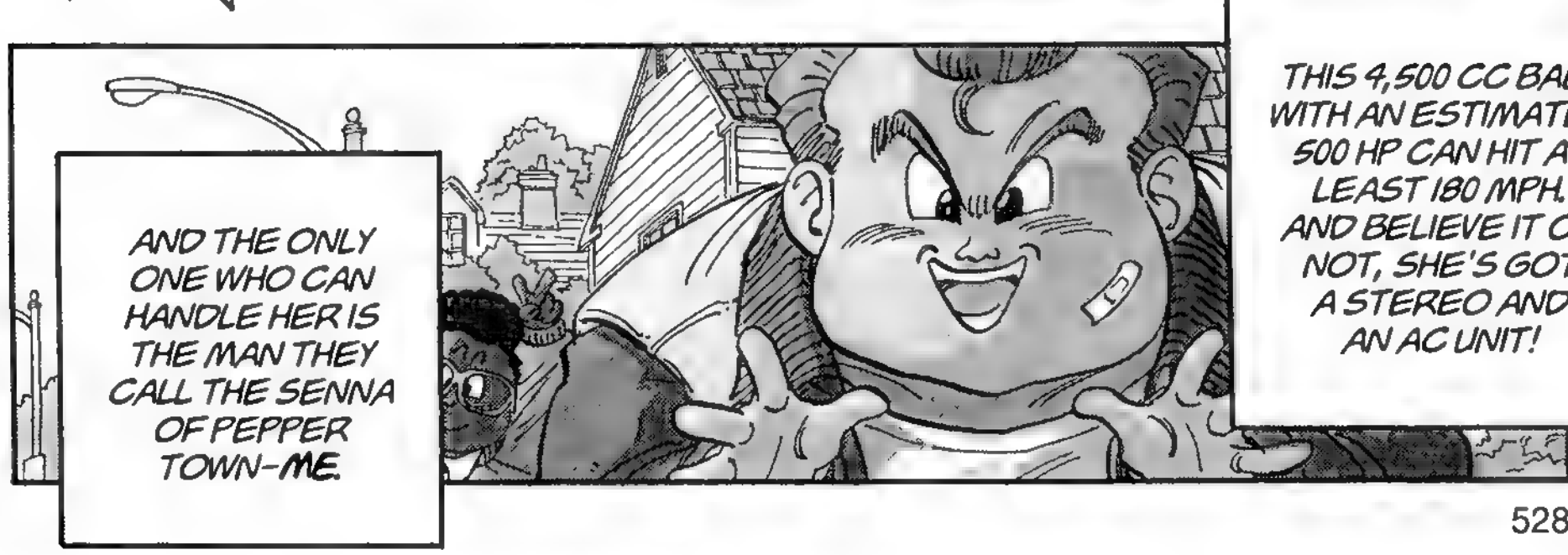

A CAR...?
HUH ?!

HEY, PETE! YOU CAN SPOT THE EXPENSES, RIGHT?
KER-CHK
AND THIS ISN'T TOO BAD EITHER.
THIS'D BE PRETTY USEFUL, ACTUALLY.
WE WENT STRAIGHT TO THE SCRAP-YARD AND GOT ALL THE PARTS WE NEEDED ON THE CHEAP.


UH... OKAY...
THOSE'RE ESSENTIAL WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING WITH A GIRL.
THIS'S GONNA NEED A STEREO SYSTEM AND AN AC UNIT.

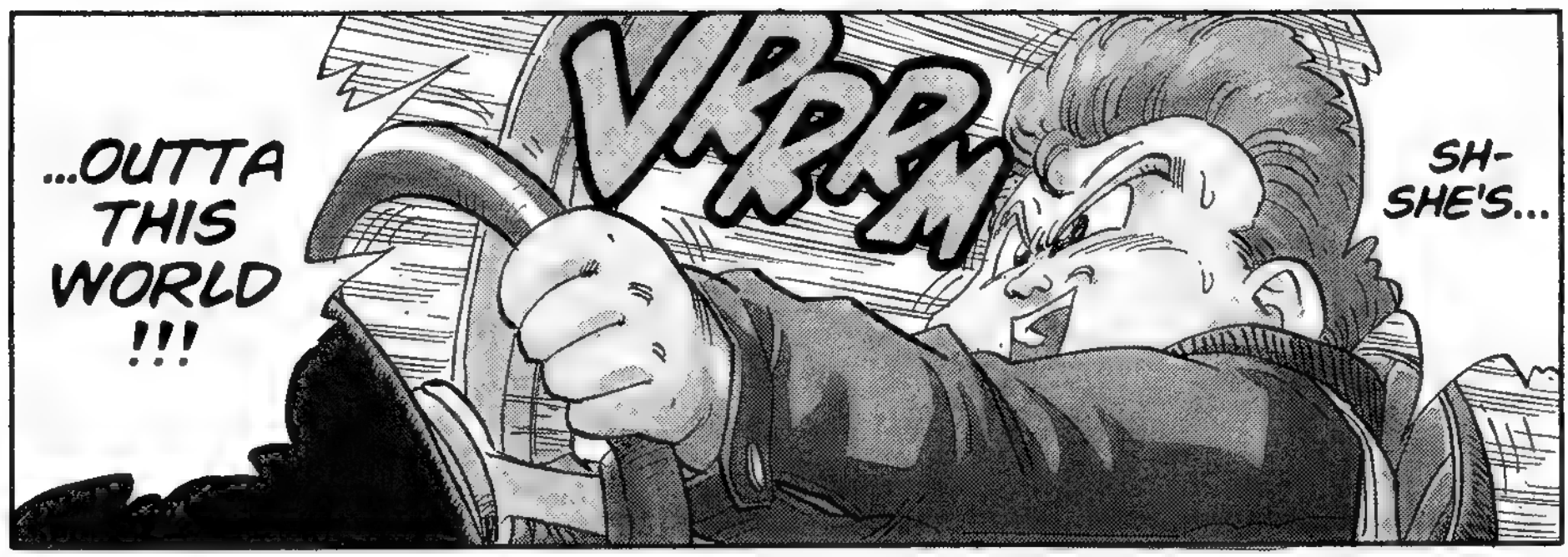
SINCE PETE'S A TOTAL GENIUS, IT ONLY TOOK US THREE HOURS TO BUILD THE CAR!


ALL RIGHT!!
PETE, YOU'RE THE GREAT-EST!!

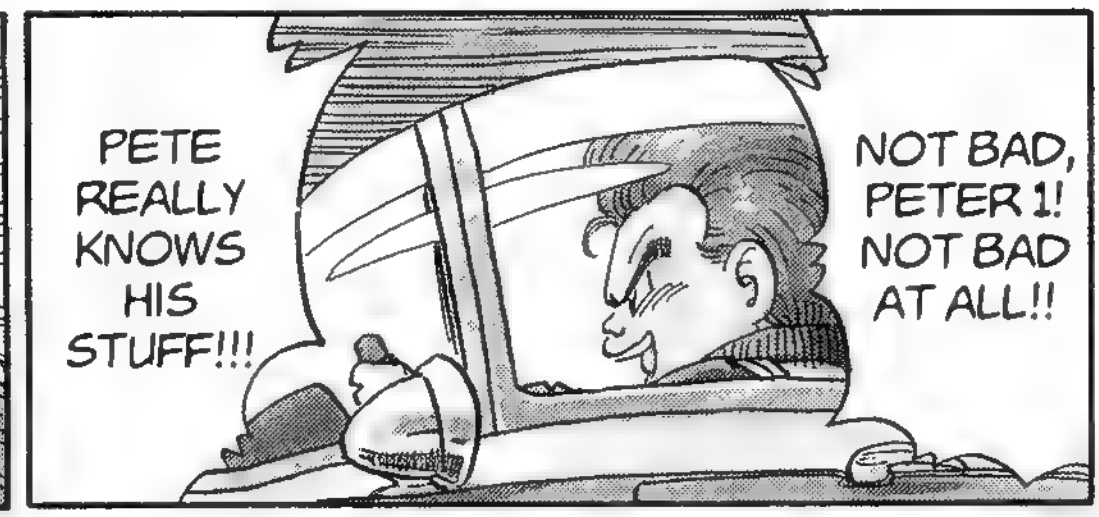

AND THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HANDLE HER IS THE MAN THEY CALL THE SENNA OF PEPPER TOWN-ME.
THIS 4,500 CC BABY WITH AN ESTIMATED 500 HP CAN HIT AT LEAST 180 MPH. AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, SHE'S GOT A STEREO AND AN AC UNIT!

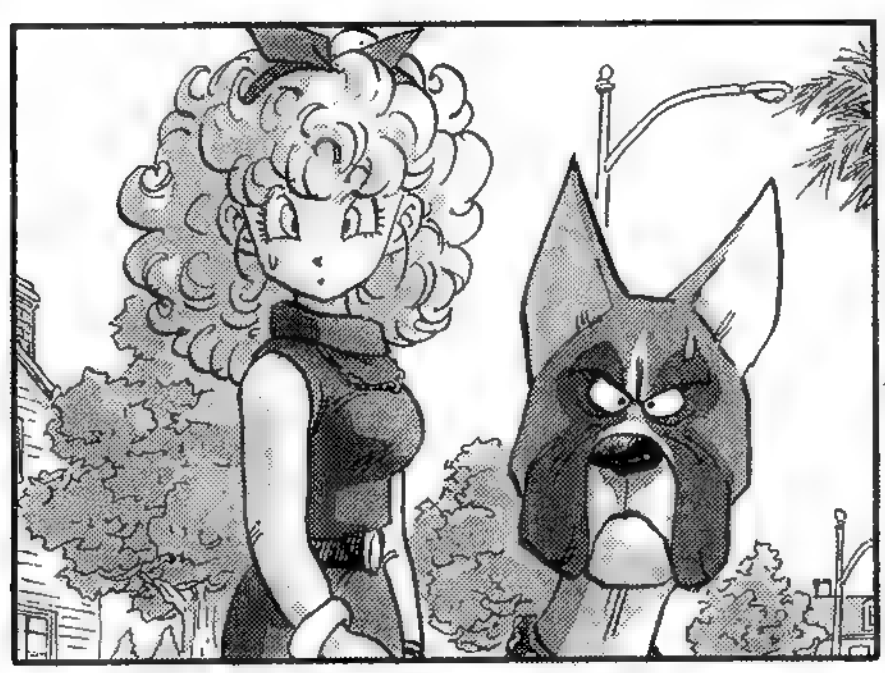
I PAID PETE FOR HIS HARD WORK, AND I EVEN NAMED THE CAR AFTER HIM, PETER 1.
WAIT, WHAT?
THIS IS SOME-THING ELSE!
HEH HEH HEH...
KER-CHK
BWOOM
BWOOM
CHK
SO ANYWAYS, NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT TO TRY HER OUT!!
I'M GONNA GO PICK UP EVERY GIRL IN TOWN!!
SEE YA IN A WHILE, PETE!!
IN THIS CAR? I DON'T DOUBT IT, DUB!!

SCRREEE
LET'S RIDE!!
YA-HOOOOO !!
VRROOM
TAP
VRRRT RRRT
BAM


...OUTTA THIS WORLD !!!
VRRRM
SH-SHE'S...

OH-HOO!!


PETE REALLY KNOWS HIS STUFF!!!
NOT BAD, PETER 1! NOT BAD AT ALL!!



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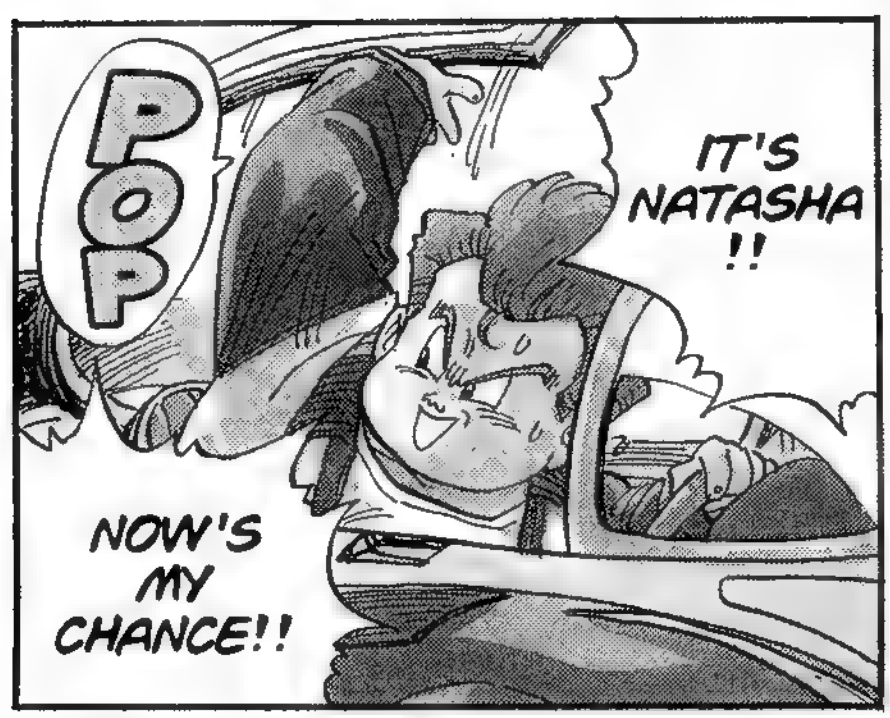
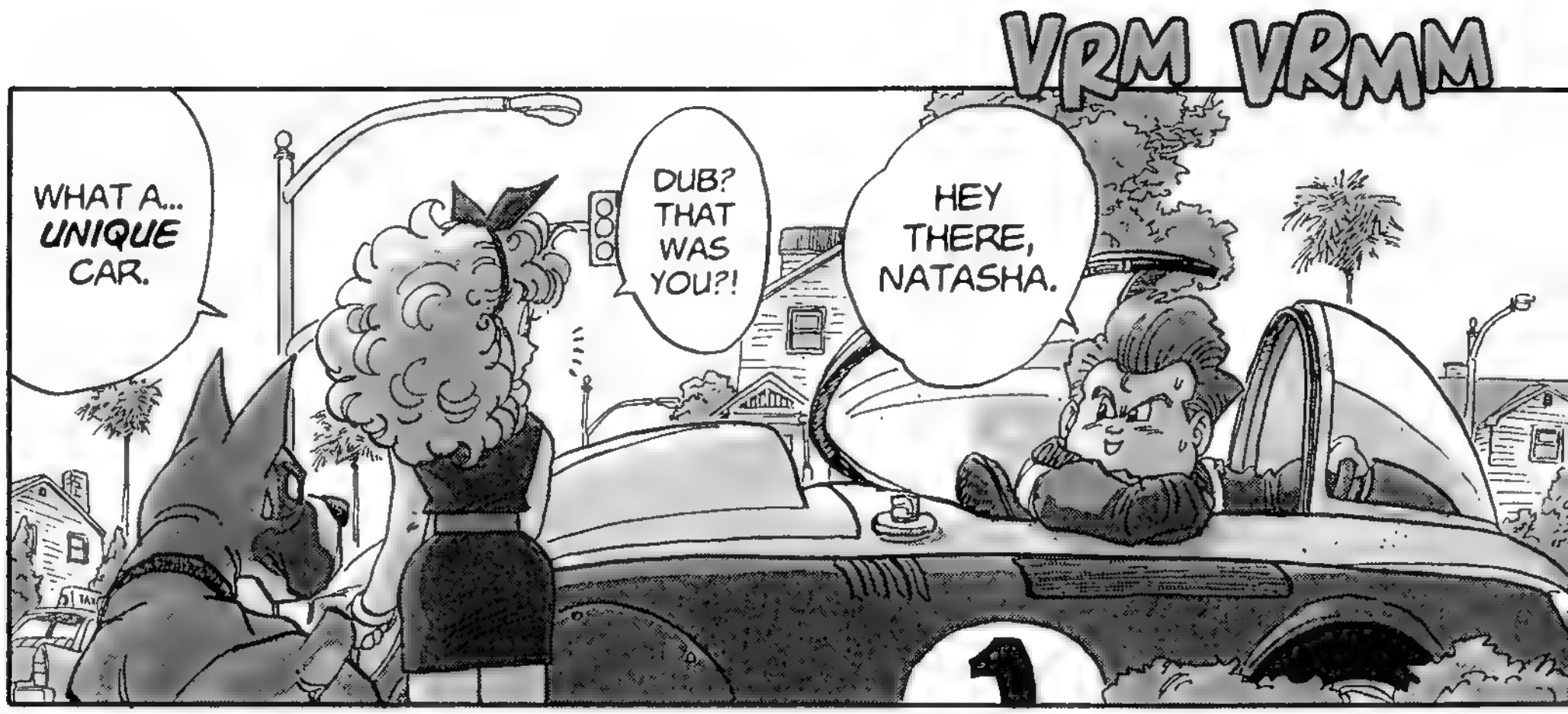
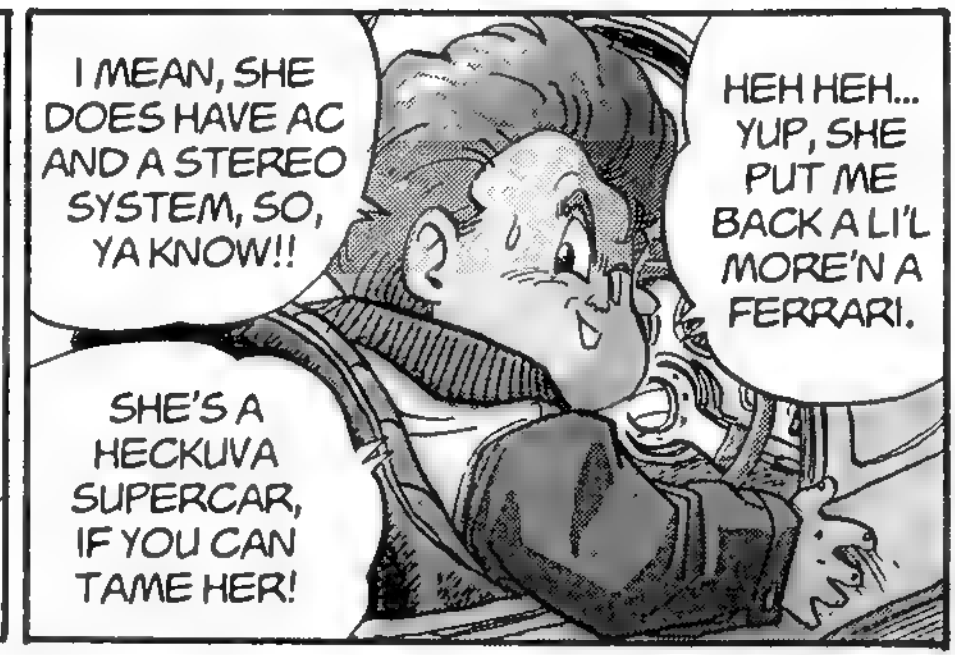
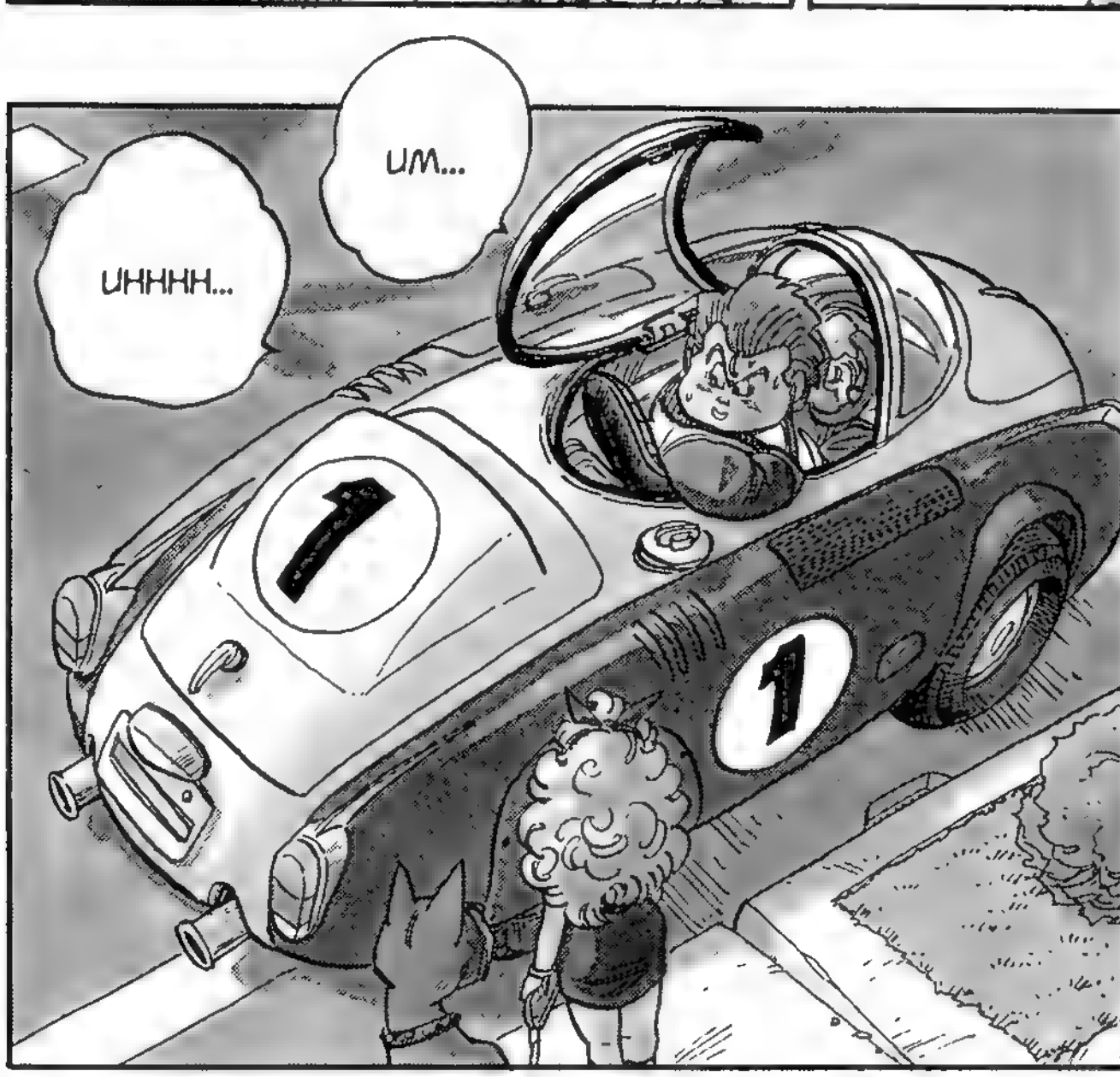

POP
IT'S NATASHA !!
NOW'S MY CHANCE!!


VRM VRMM
WHAT A... UNIQUE CAR.
DUB? THAT WAS YOU?!
HEY THERE, NATASHA.

IT'D BE MY PLEA-SURE.
I-IF YOU'D LIKE, I COULD TAKE YOU FOR A SPIN.


I MEAN, SHE DOES HAVE AC AND A STEREO SYSTEM, SO, YA KNOW!!
HEH HEH... YUP, SHE PUT ME BACK A LI'L MORE'N A FERRARI.
SHE'S A HECKUVA SUPERCAR, IF YOU CAN TAME HER!


UM...
UHHHH...

...SIT?
AND WHERE EXACTLY WOULD I, UH...

HUH?!

HOW'M I S'POSED TO PICK UP ANYONE IN A SINGLE-SEATER?!

YOU THICK OR SOME-THIN'?!

I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT!!!

TH-THERE'S NO NEED FOR VIOLENCE...

FIX IT *RIGHT NOW!!!* YA HEAR?!

I MADE A FEW HIGH-CLASS MODIFICA-TIONS. I ADDED AN ONBOARD ULTRA-COMPUT-ER.

ALSO...

YOU ADDED A WHAT-NOW COMPUT-ER?

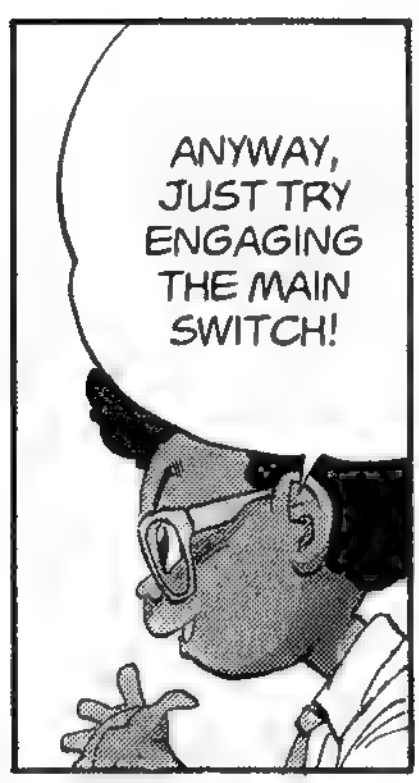
HUH?

AN ULTRA-COMPUT-ER!

IF YOU MADE THIS FROM THE START, I WOULD'NA HAD TO ROUGH YOU UP.

NOW *THIS*, THIS IS WHAT I'M TALKIN' ABOUT.

I HAD TO EXTEND THE BODY A BIT...



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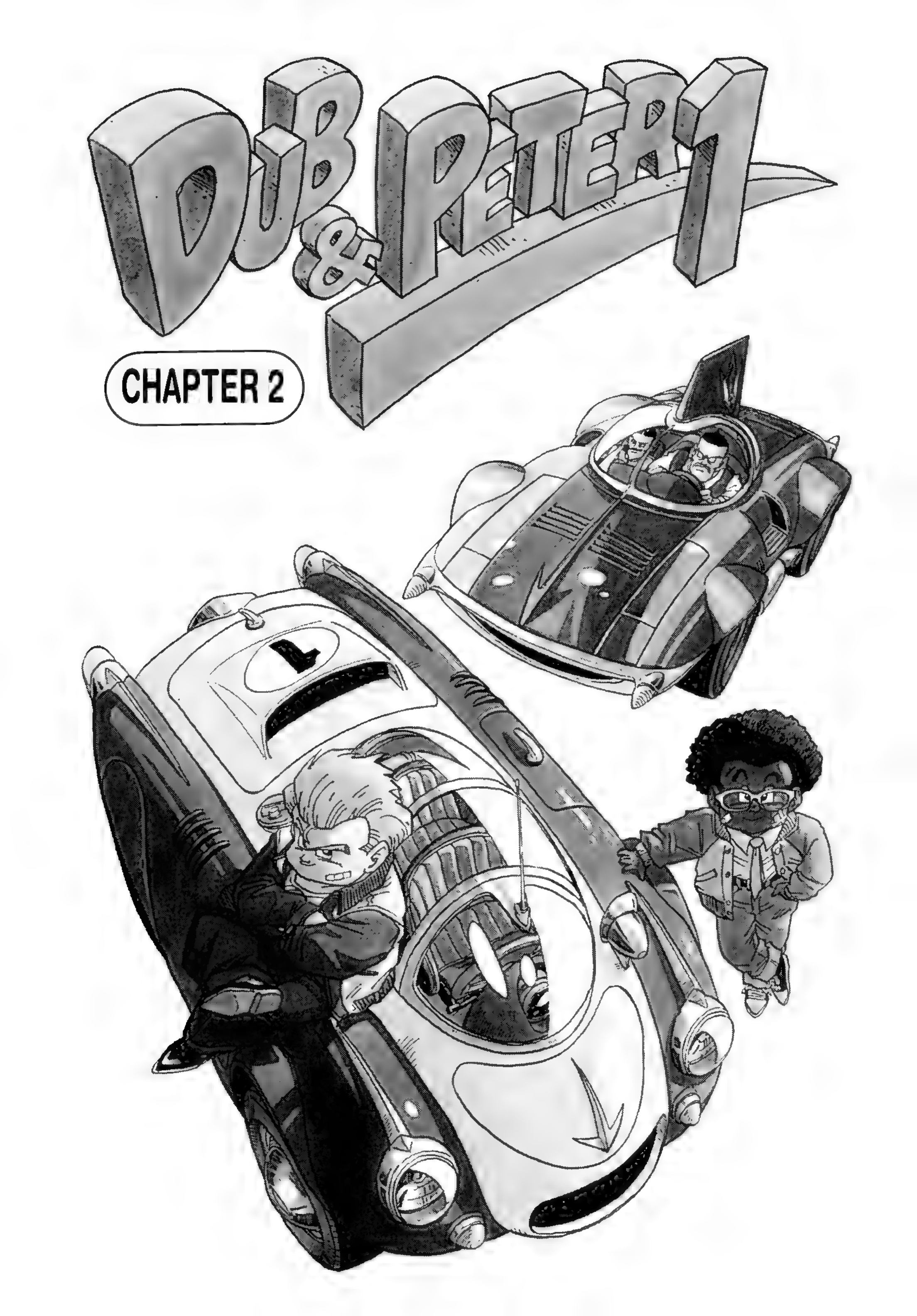
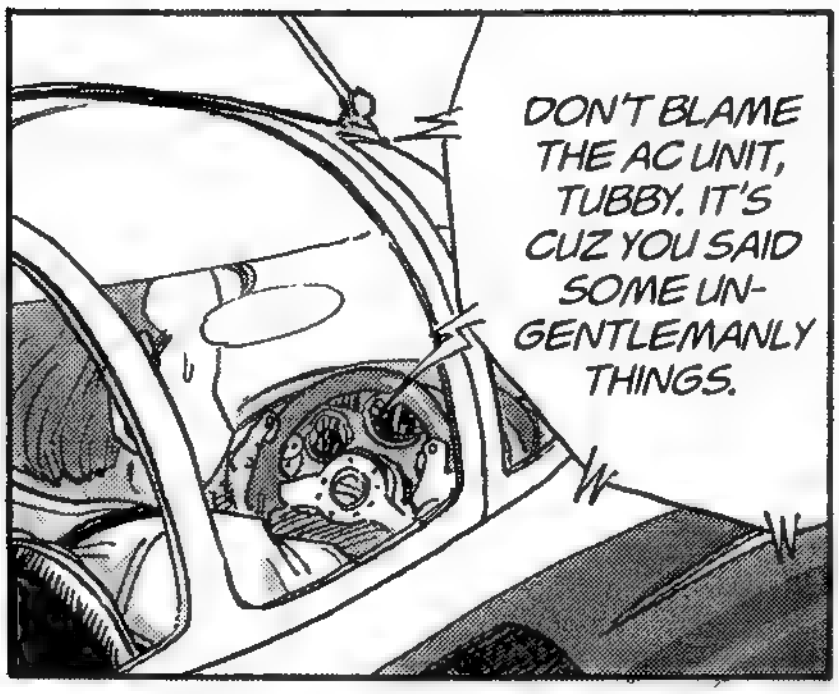
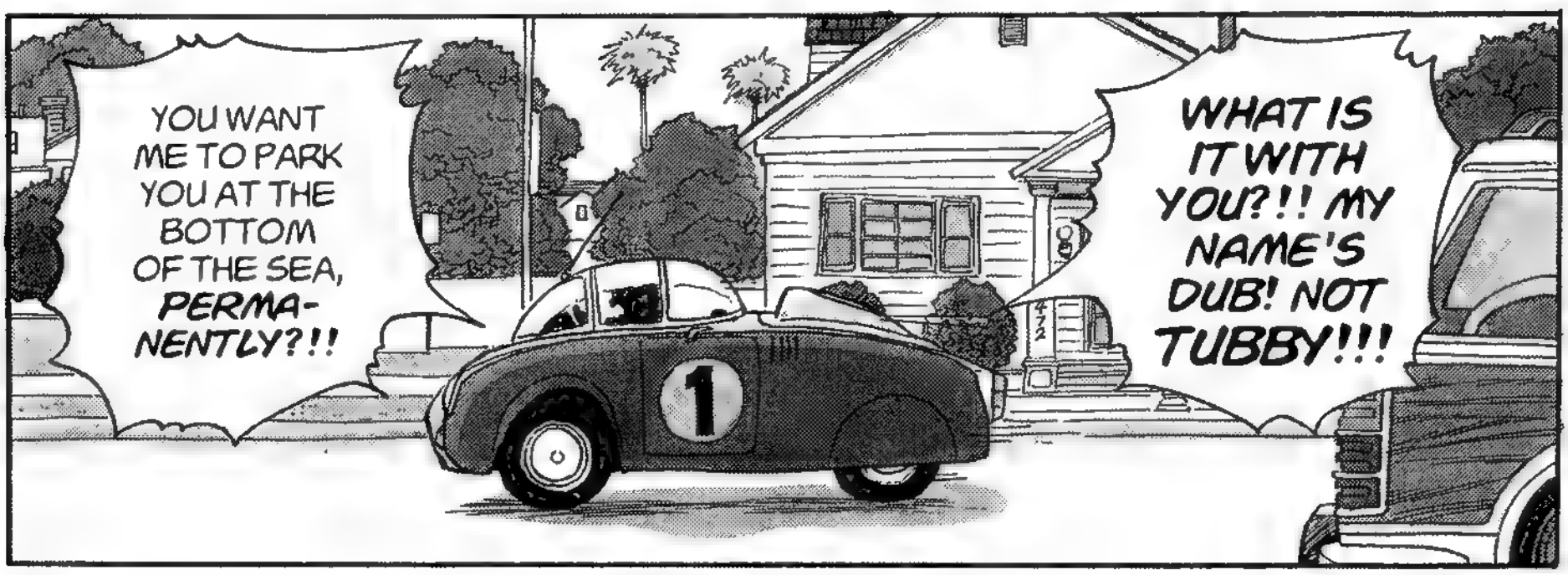
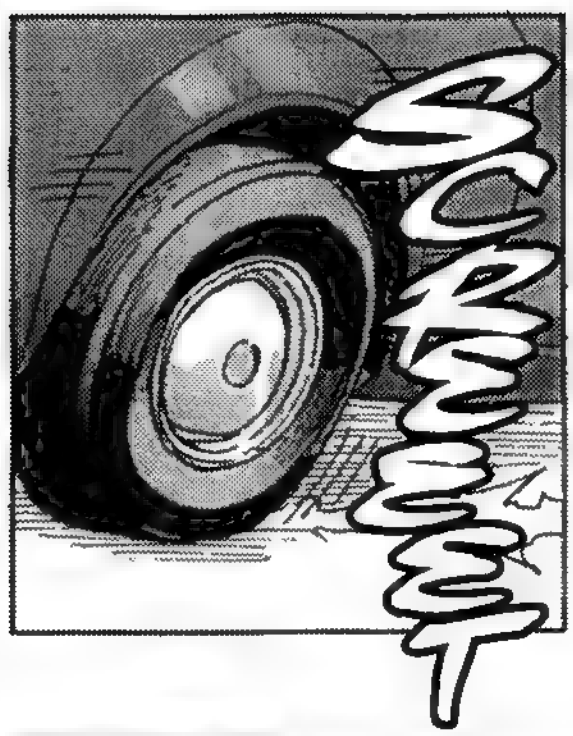

DUB & PETER
CHAPTER 2

THE NAME'S DUB. AND HER? SHE'S MY PRIDE AND JOY, PETER 1! A SUPERCAR BUILT BY MY GENIUS PAL, PETE. ISN'T SHE GREAT? SHE'S EVEN GOT SOME KINDA FANCY BUILT-IN COMPUTER!

VRRRM



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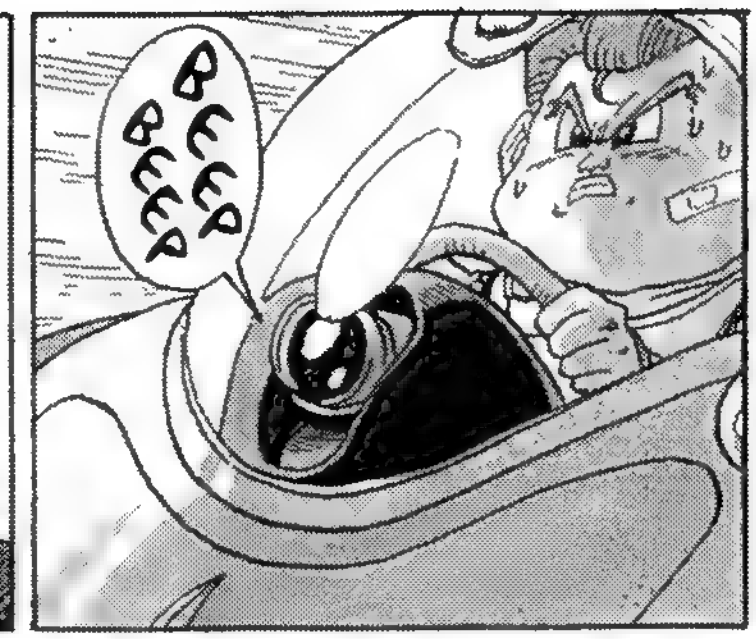
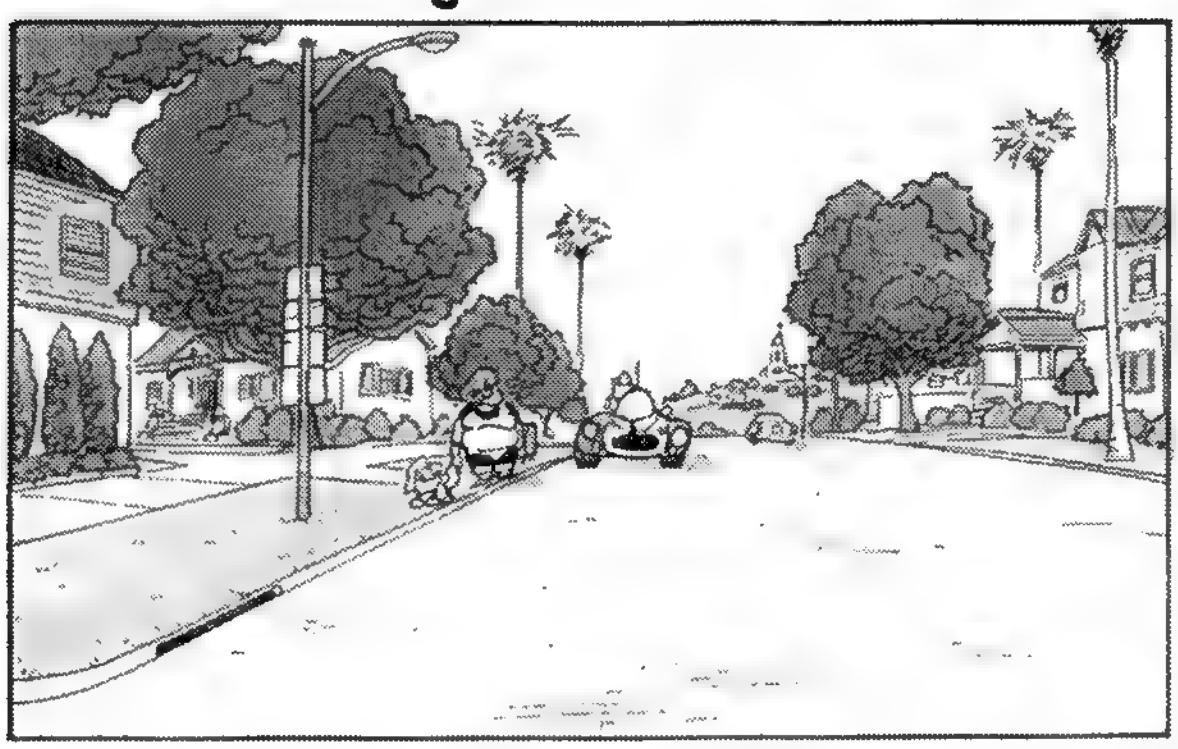
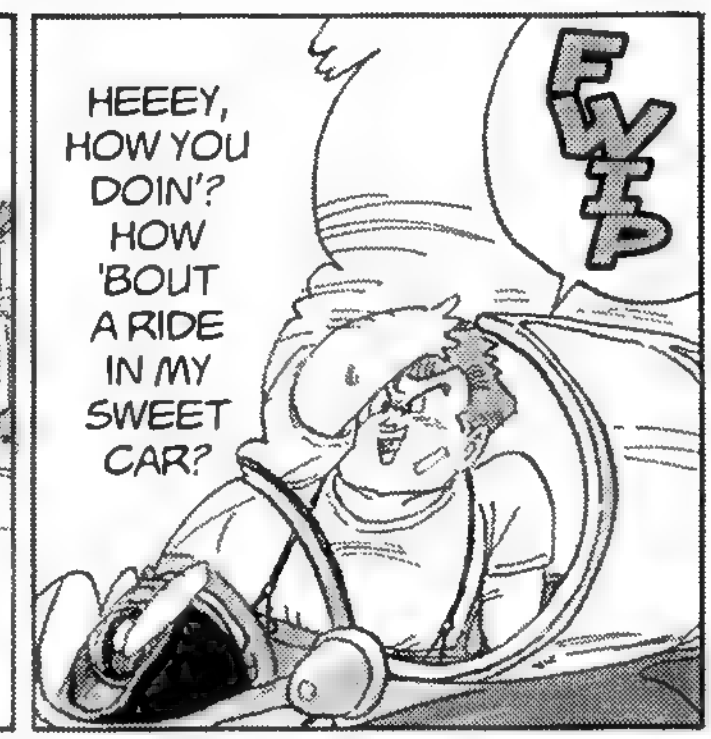
HEY, TUBBY!!! I FOUND A REALLY CUTE GIRL!!!
WHAT?! WHERE?!


BEEP BEEP BEEP

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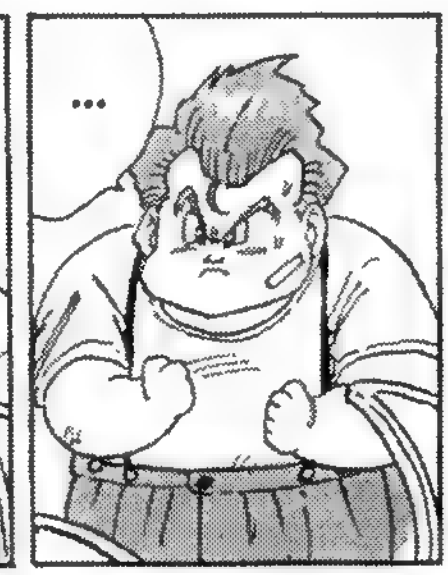
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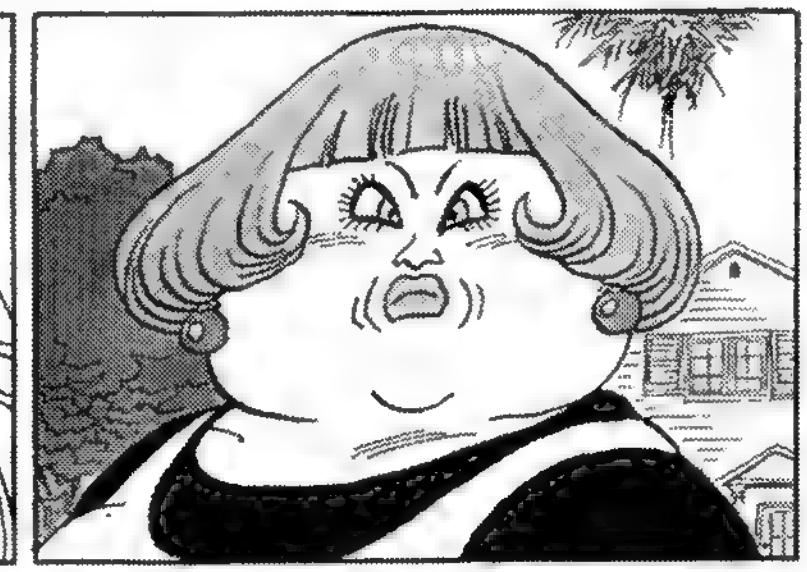

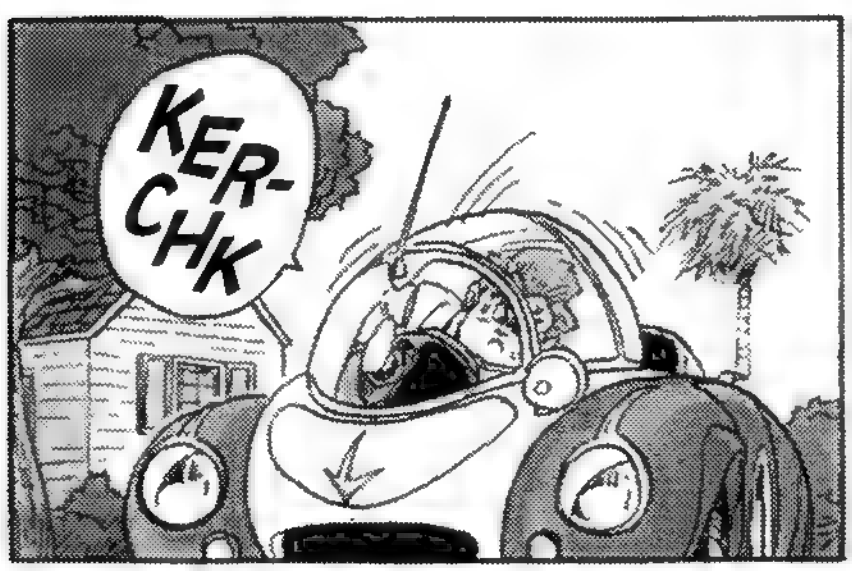
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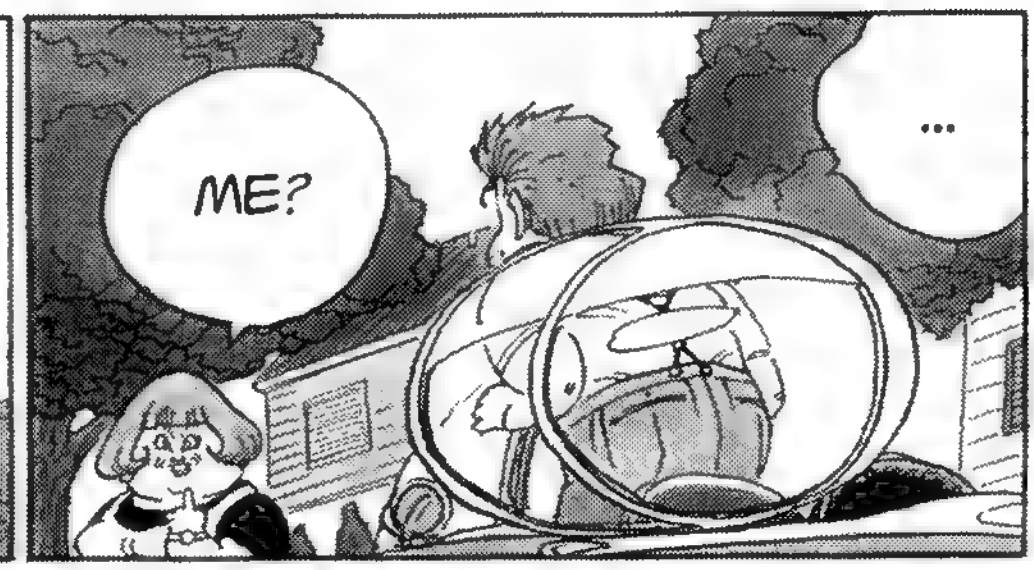
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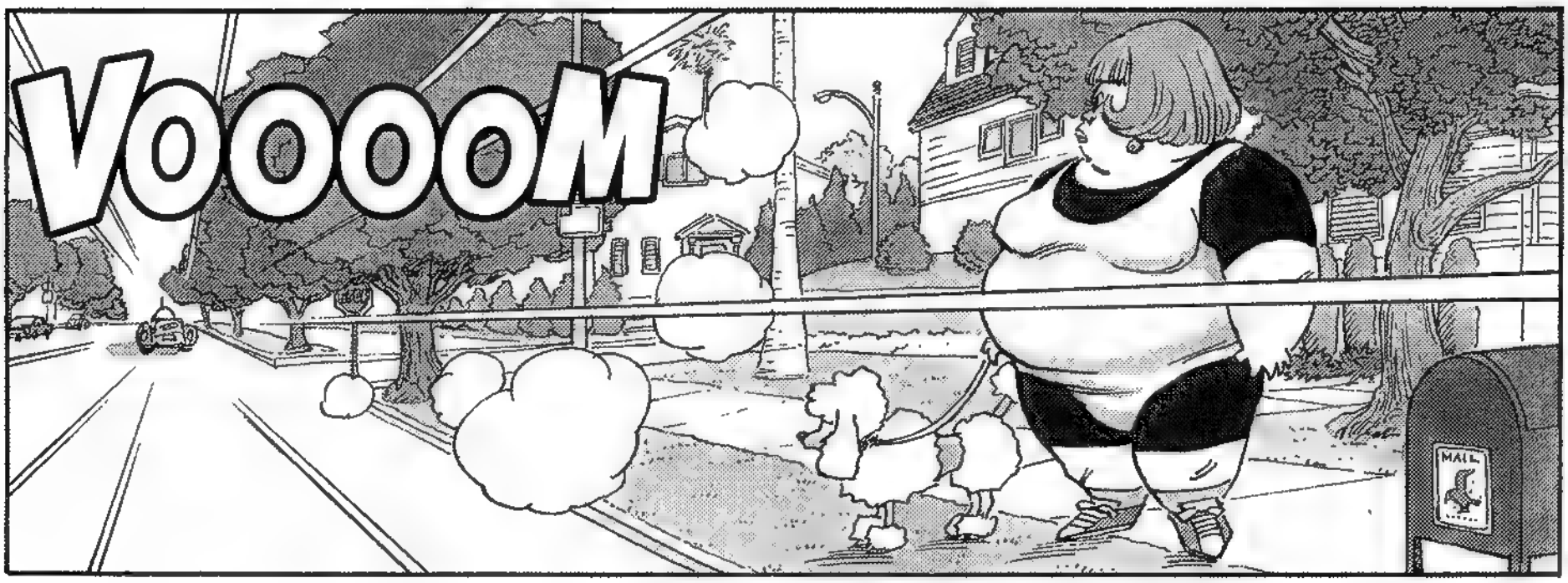
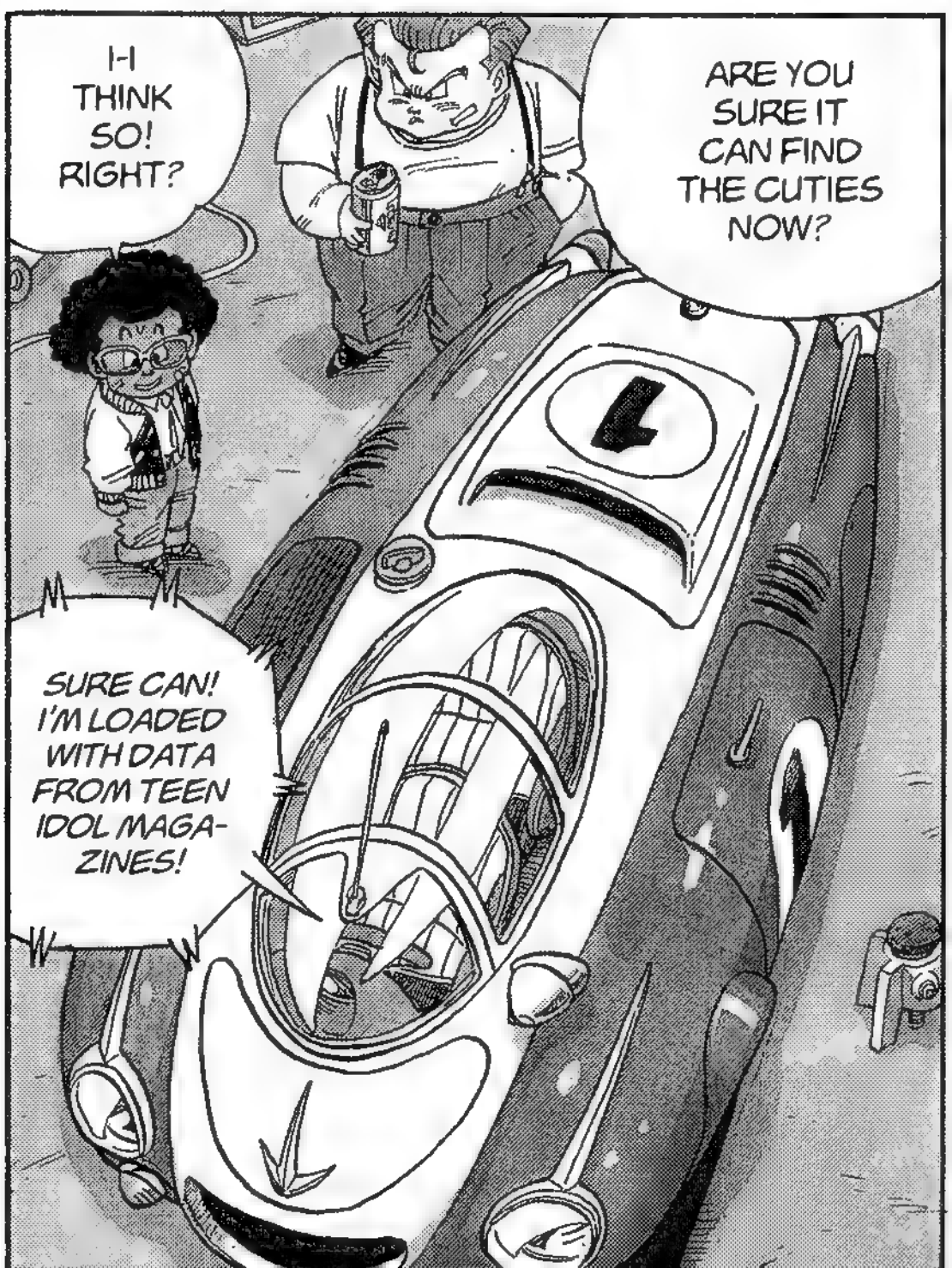
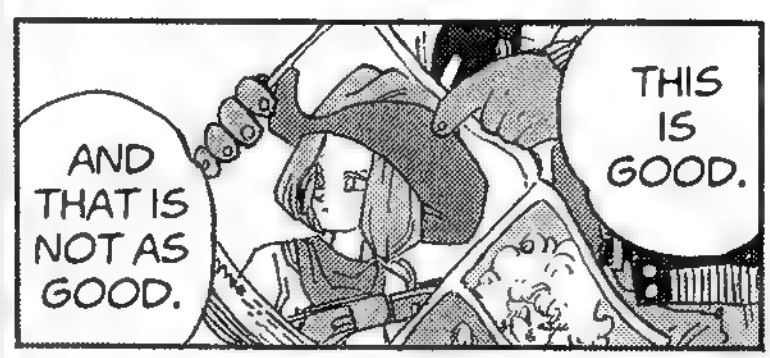

VOOOOOM
MAIL

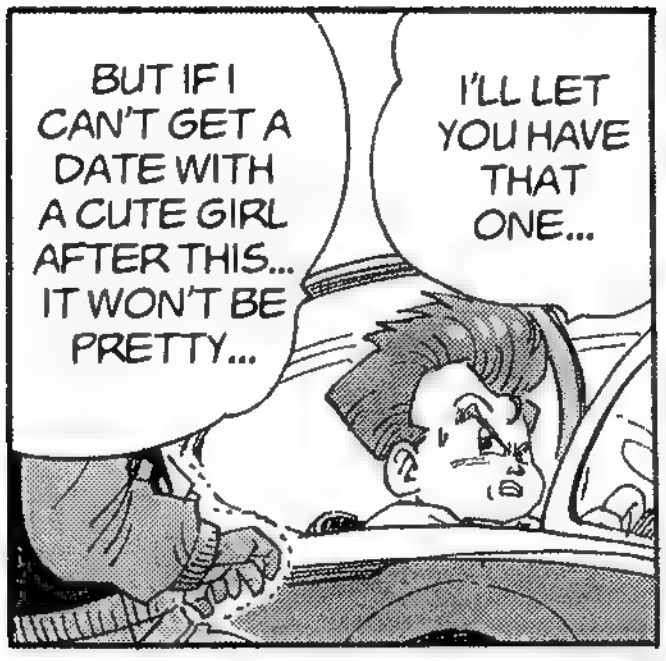
I'M THROUGH WITH THAT DUMB COMPUTER! DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT OR YOU'RE CRUISIN' FOR A BRUISIN'!!
PEEE-EETE... WHY, YOUUU-!!!

CLAK-CLIK-CLAK

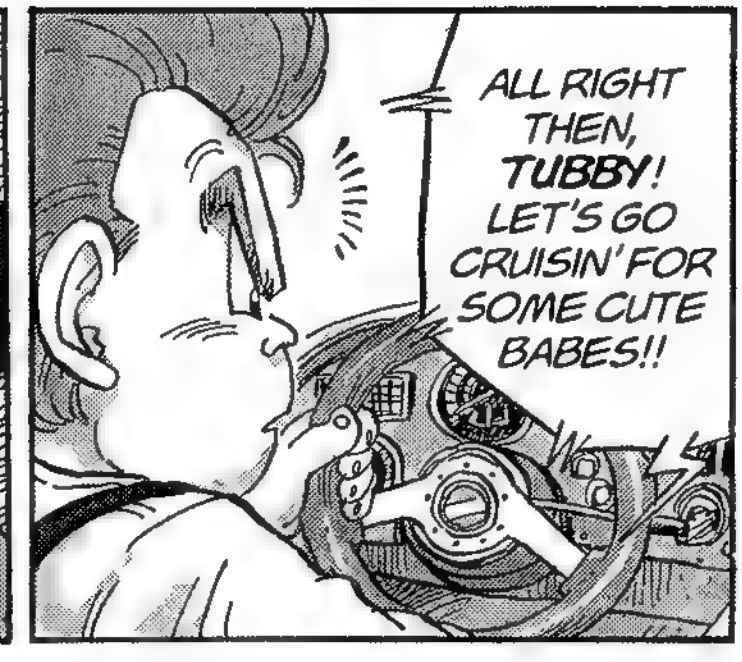

I-I THINK SO! RIGHT?
ARE YOU SURE IT CAN FIND THE CUTIES NOW?
SURE CAN! I'M LOADED WITH DATA FROM TEEN IDOL MAGAZINES!

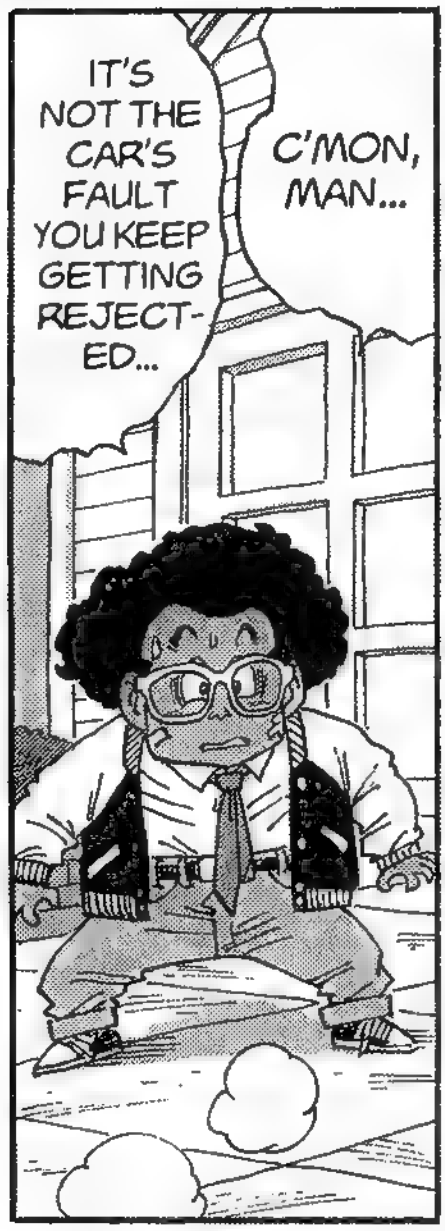

AND THAT IS NOT AS GOOD.
THIS IS GOOD.

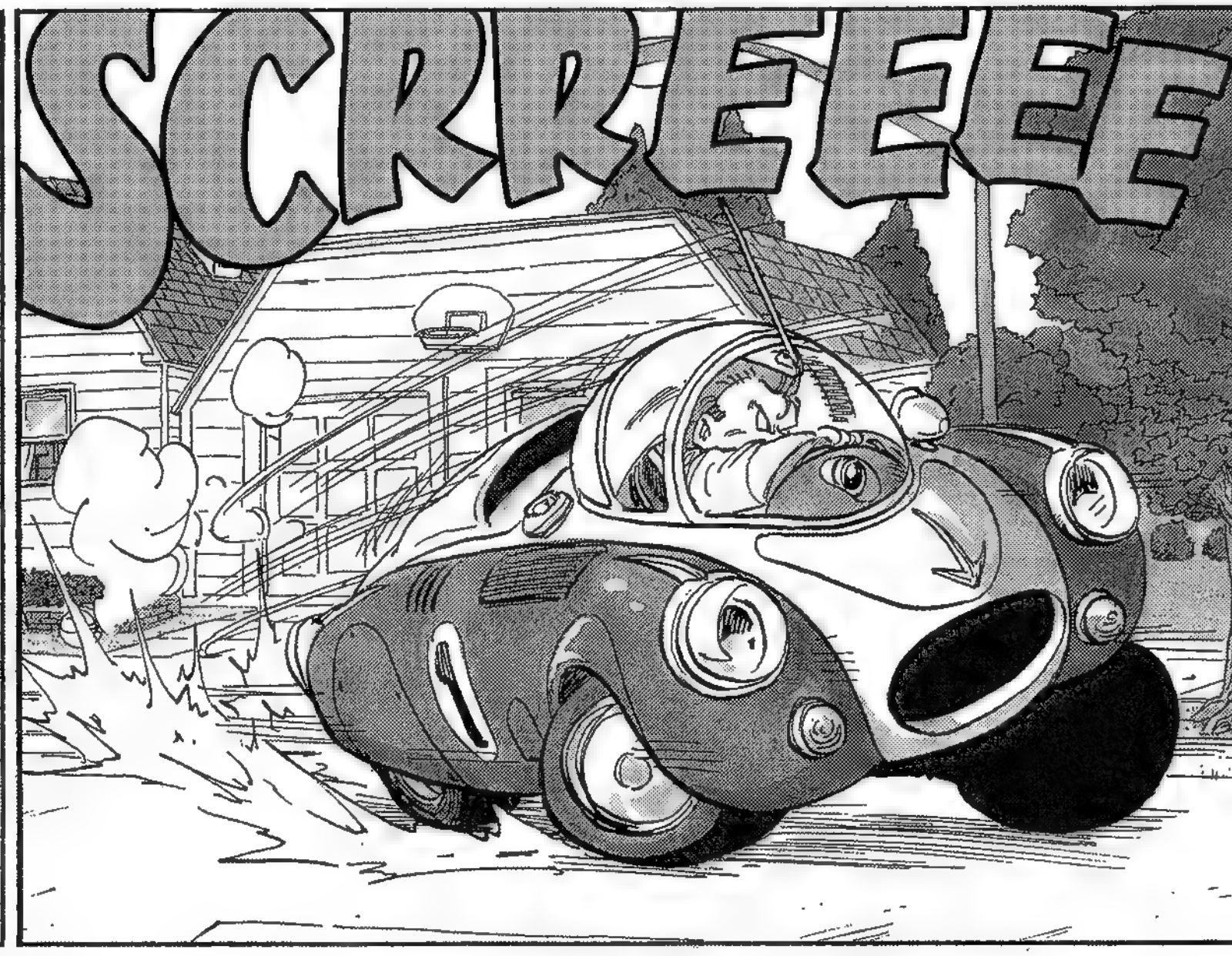
IT'S WHAT WE CALL GLAMOROUS. THAT'S DUB'S TYPE.
INTERESTING. I SEE.


BUT IF I CAN'T GET A DATE WITH A CUTE GIRL AFTER THIS... IT WON'T BE PRETTY...
I'LL LET YOU HAVE THAT ONE...

OH NO...


ALL RIGHT THEN, TUBBY! LET'S GO CRUISIN' FOR SOME CUTE BABES!!


IT'S NOT THE CAR'S FAULT YOU KEEP GETTING REJECT-ED...
C'MON, MAN...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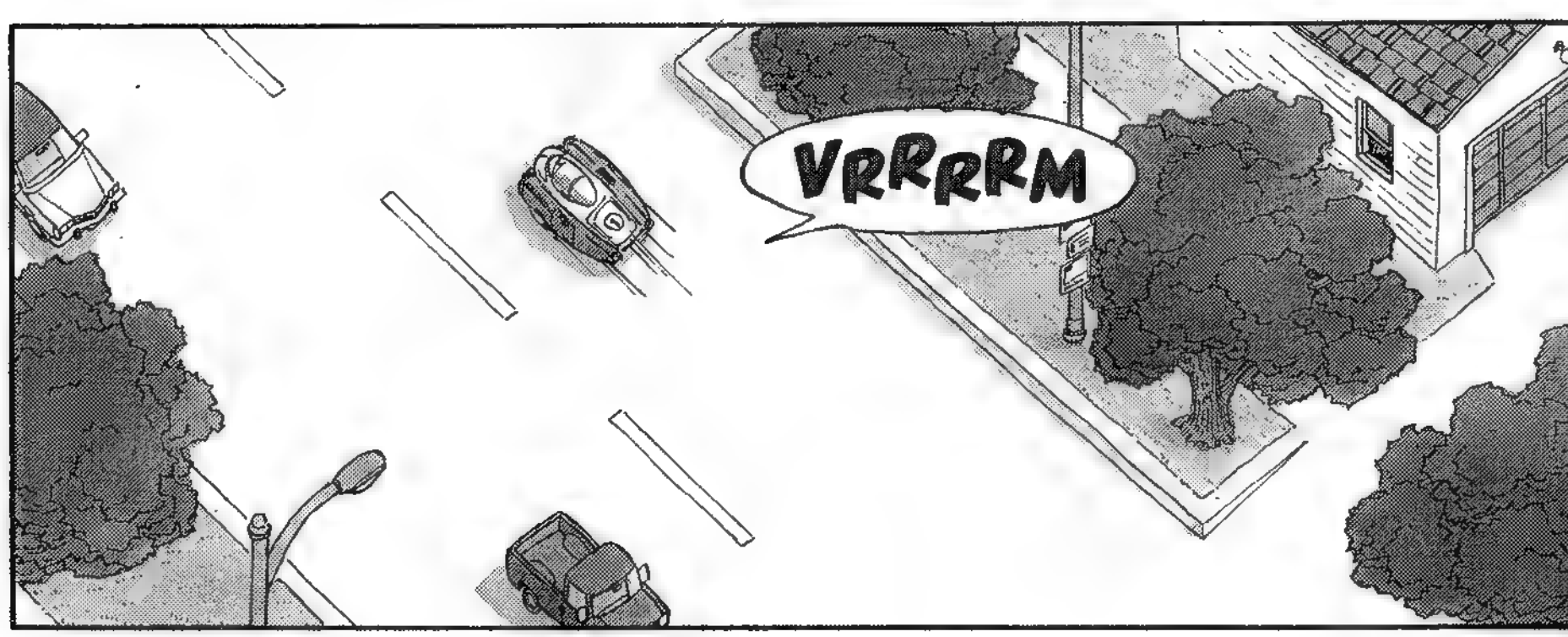
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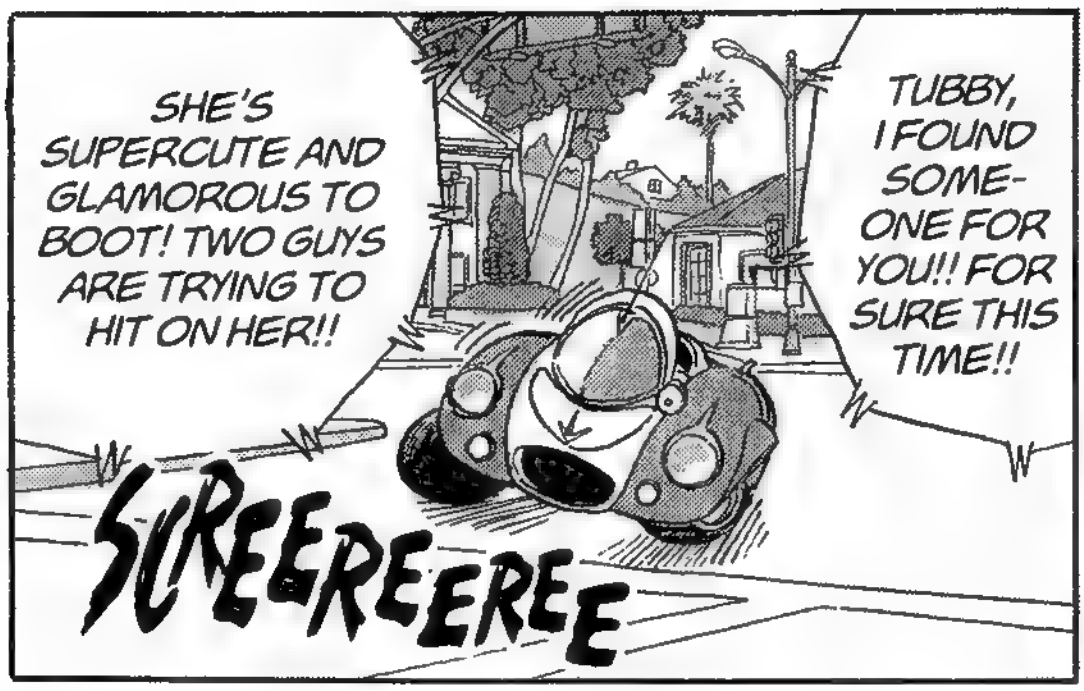
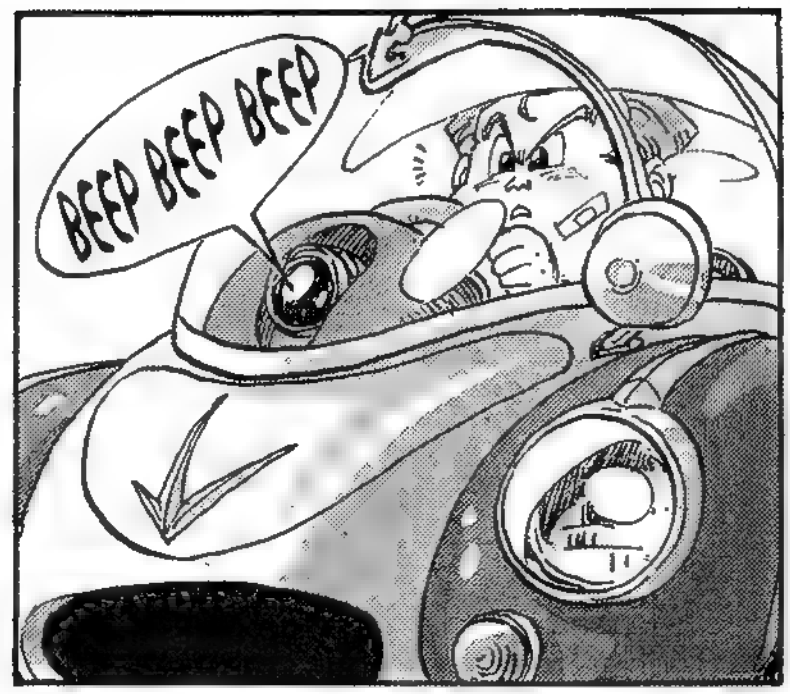

SHE'S SUPERCUTE AND GLAMOROUS TO BOOT! TWO GUYS ARE TRYING TO HIT ON HER!!
TUBBY, I FOUND SOME-ONE FOR YOU!! FOR SURE THIS TIME!!
SCREEREEREE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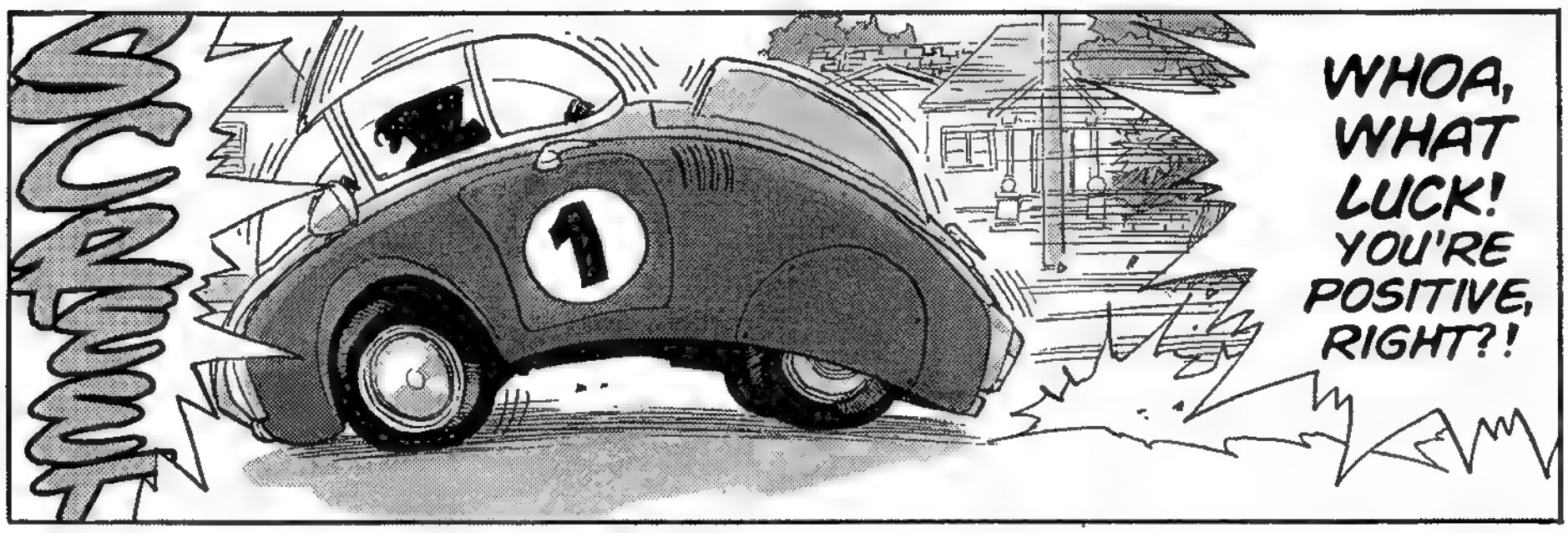
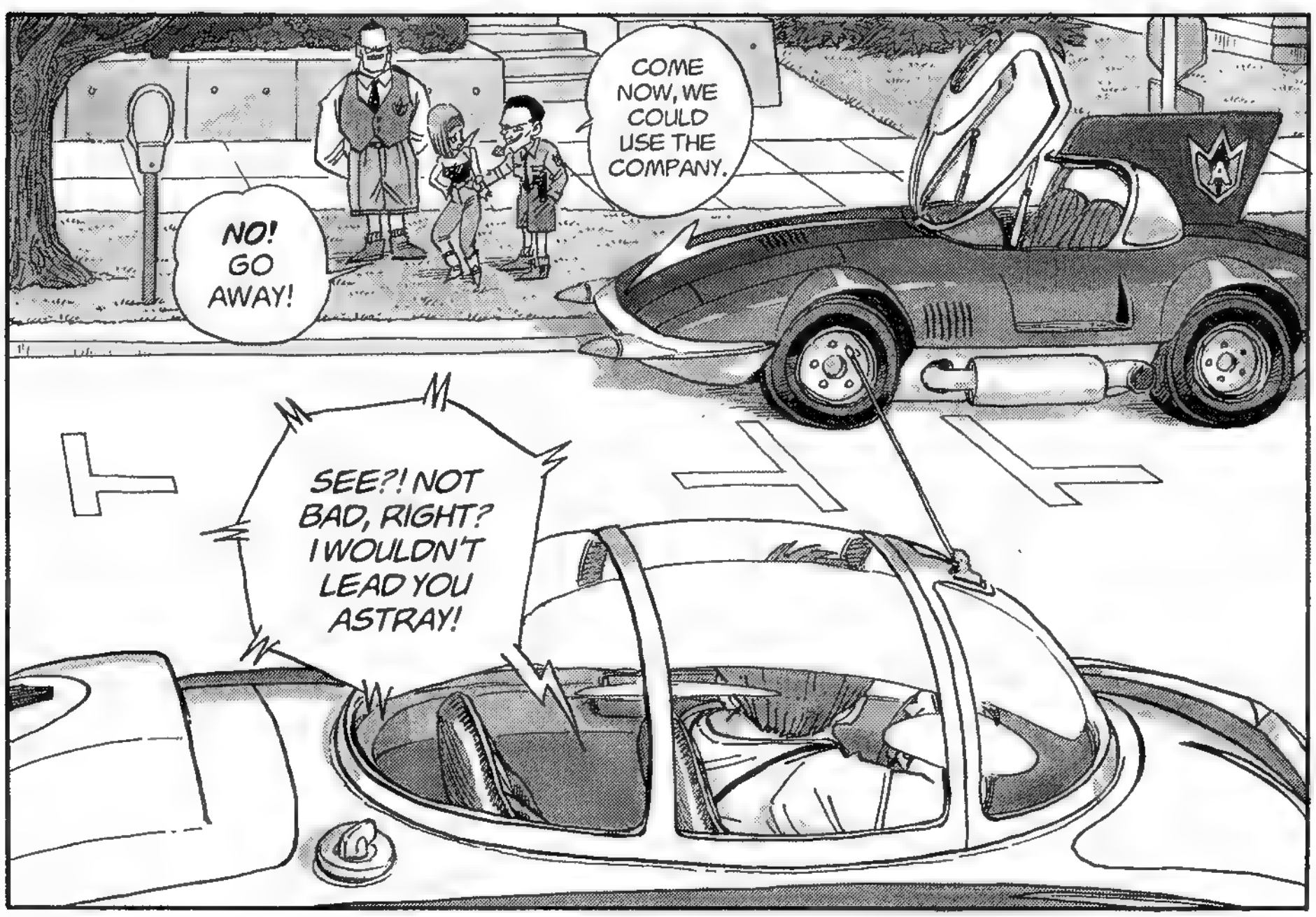
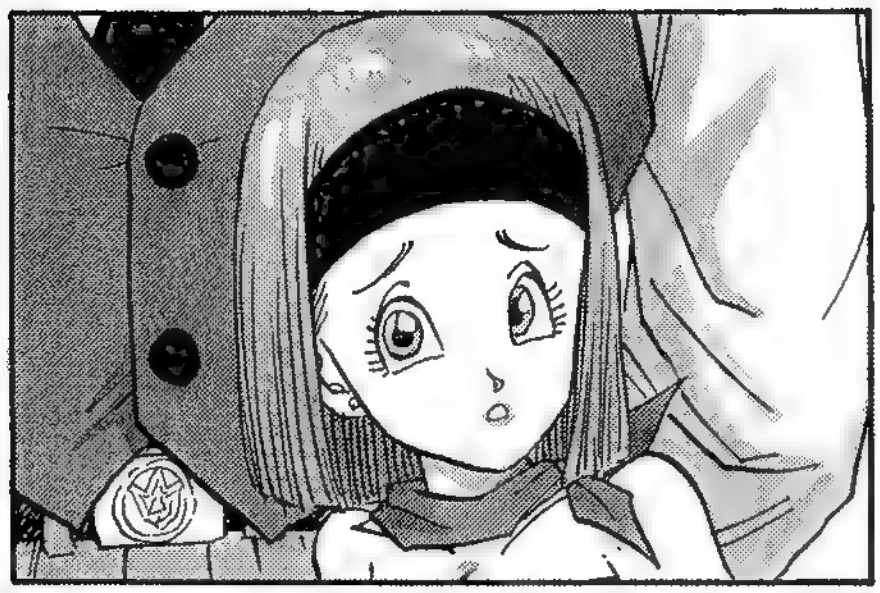
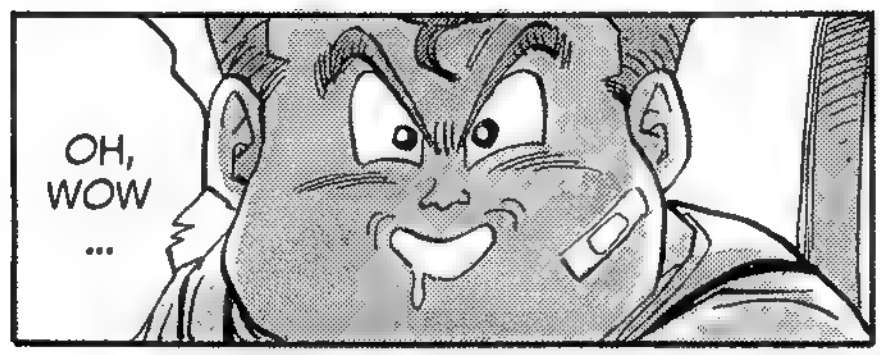

SCRAUNCH
WHOA, WHAT LUCK! YOU'RE POSITIVE, RIGHT?!

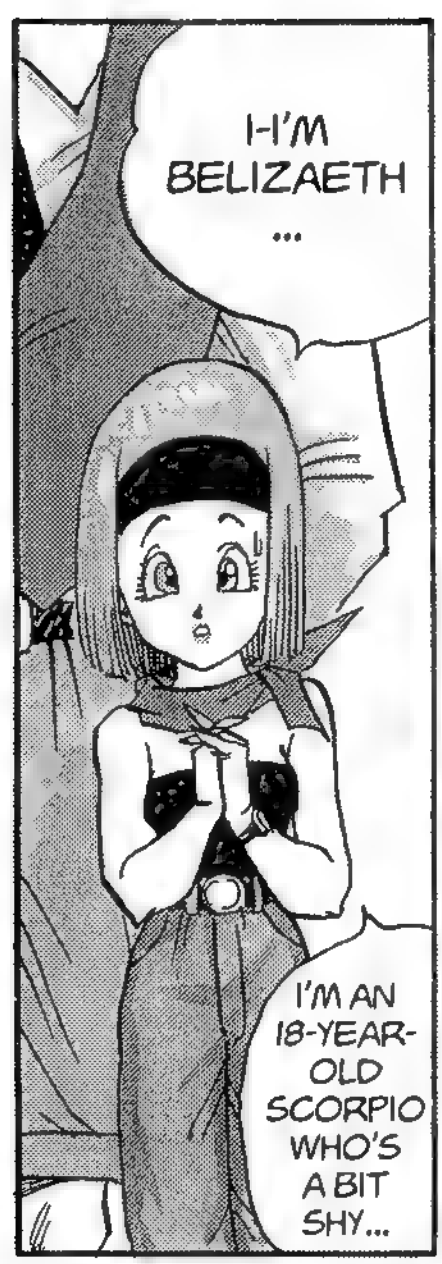

COME NOW, WE COULD USE THE COMPANY.
NO! GO AWAY!
SEE?! NOT BAD, RIGHT? I WOULDN'T LEAD YOU ASTRAY!




OH, WOW ...

KER-CHK

HRM?


I-I'M BELIZAETH ...
I'M AN 18-YEAR-OLD SCORPIO WHO'S A BIT SHY...

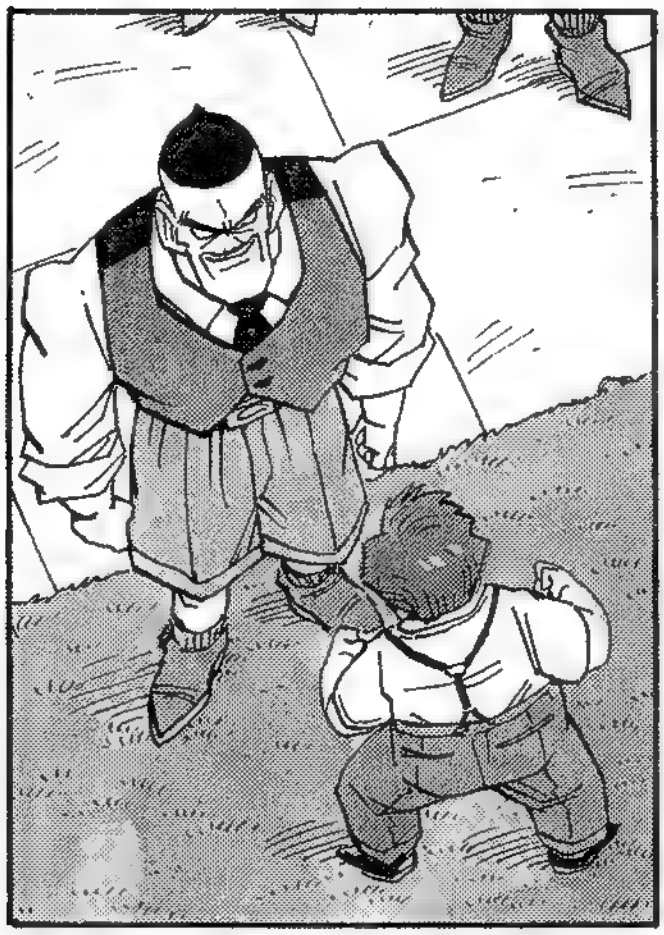
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MISS?
UM, HI THERE. THE NAME'S DUB.

YOU'RE A GOOD PETER 1! YES, YOU ARE! YES, YOU ARE!♡
H-HEY!! CUT THAT OUT! GET OFF!!

HEH HEH HEH... AND THEY WONDER HOW FOOLS GET INTO SO MUCH TROUBLE.
SNAP

HEH HEH HEH. YOU'D BETTER SCRAM WHILE YOU STILL CAN.
BELIZAETH, LEMME HELP YOU OUT HERE.

LITTLE PEST.
RUN ALONG, PIP-SQUEAK.

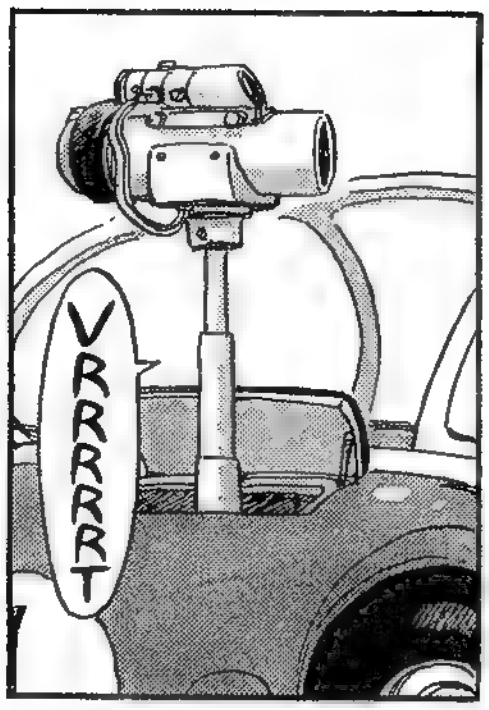


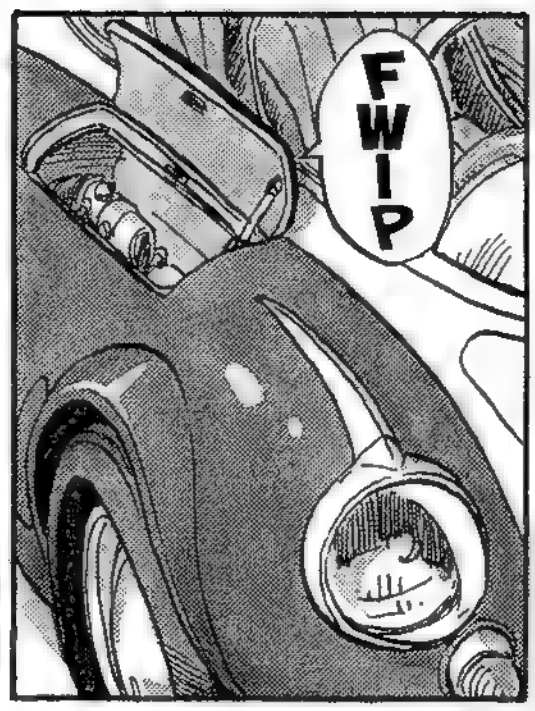
THIS ONE'S ACTUALLY GONNA TRY ME, HUH?!
OH!

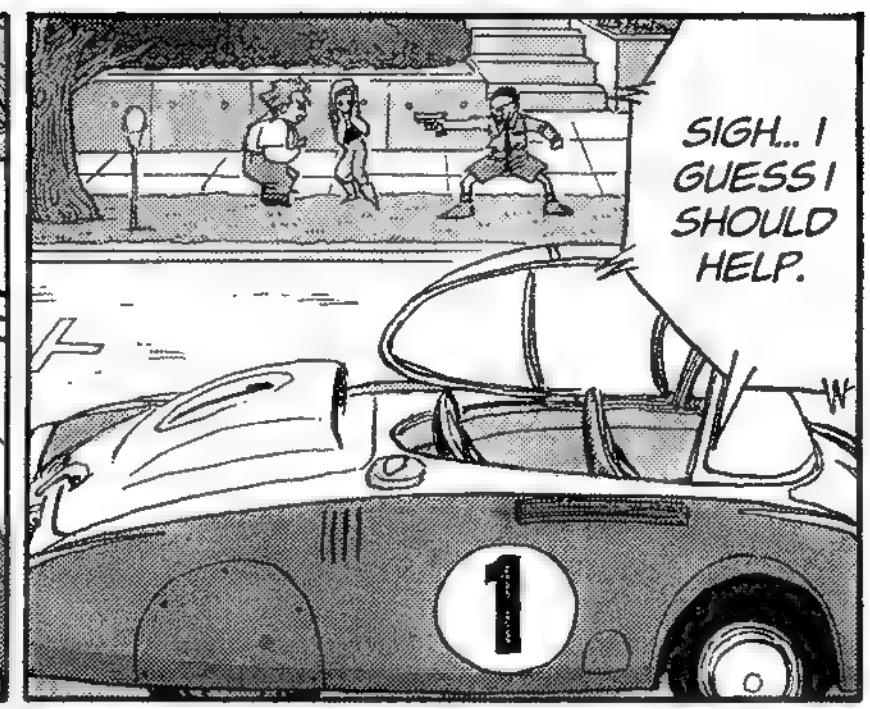
WHAT A NUISANCE ...

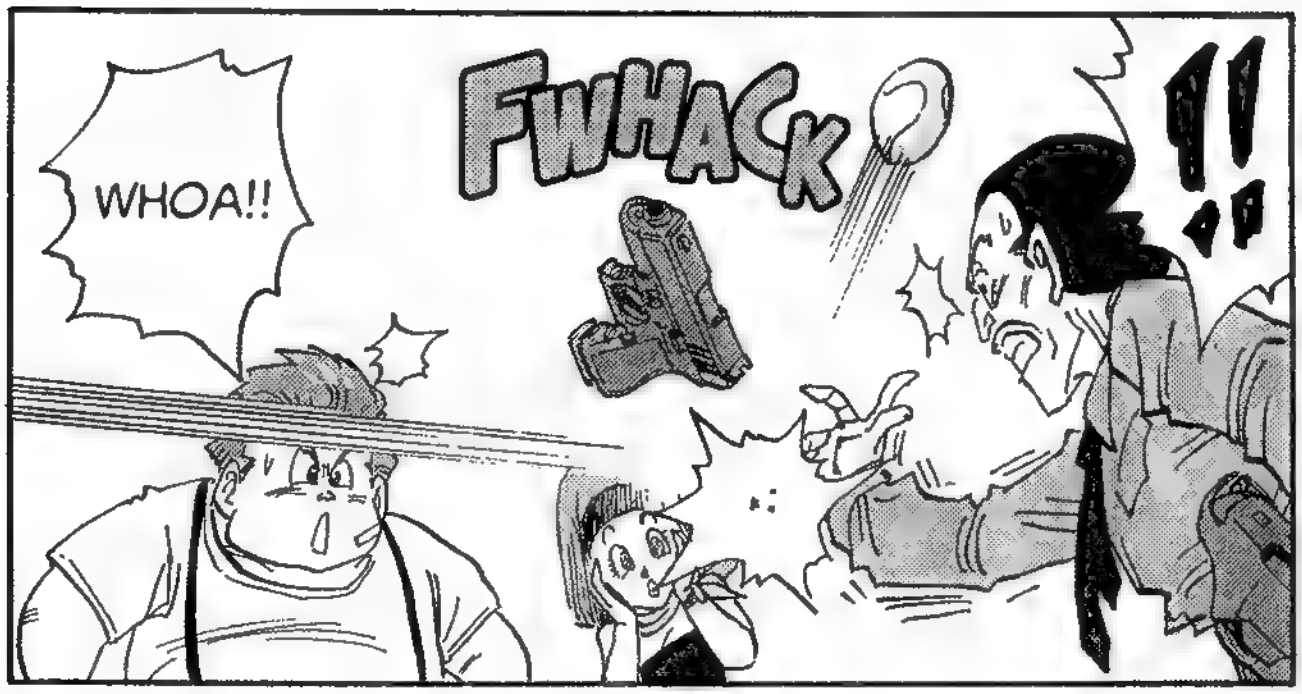
FFFFT
WOOSH

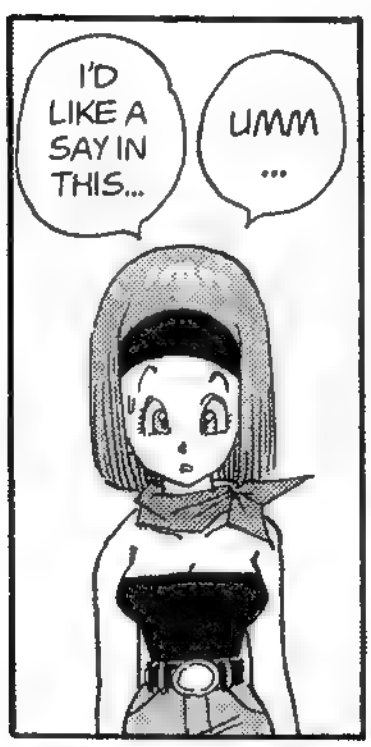
DOOM
CRAK
FOOL! THE GREAT DUB DOESN'T LOSE A FIGHT!
TNP
!!
DA HA HA HA!!
TH-THAT'S JUST DIRTY!!
HUH?!











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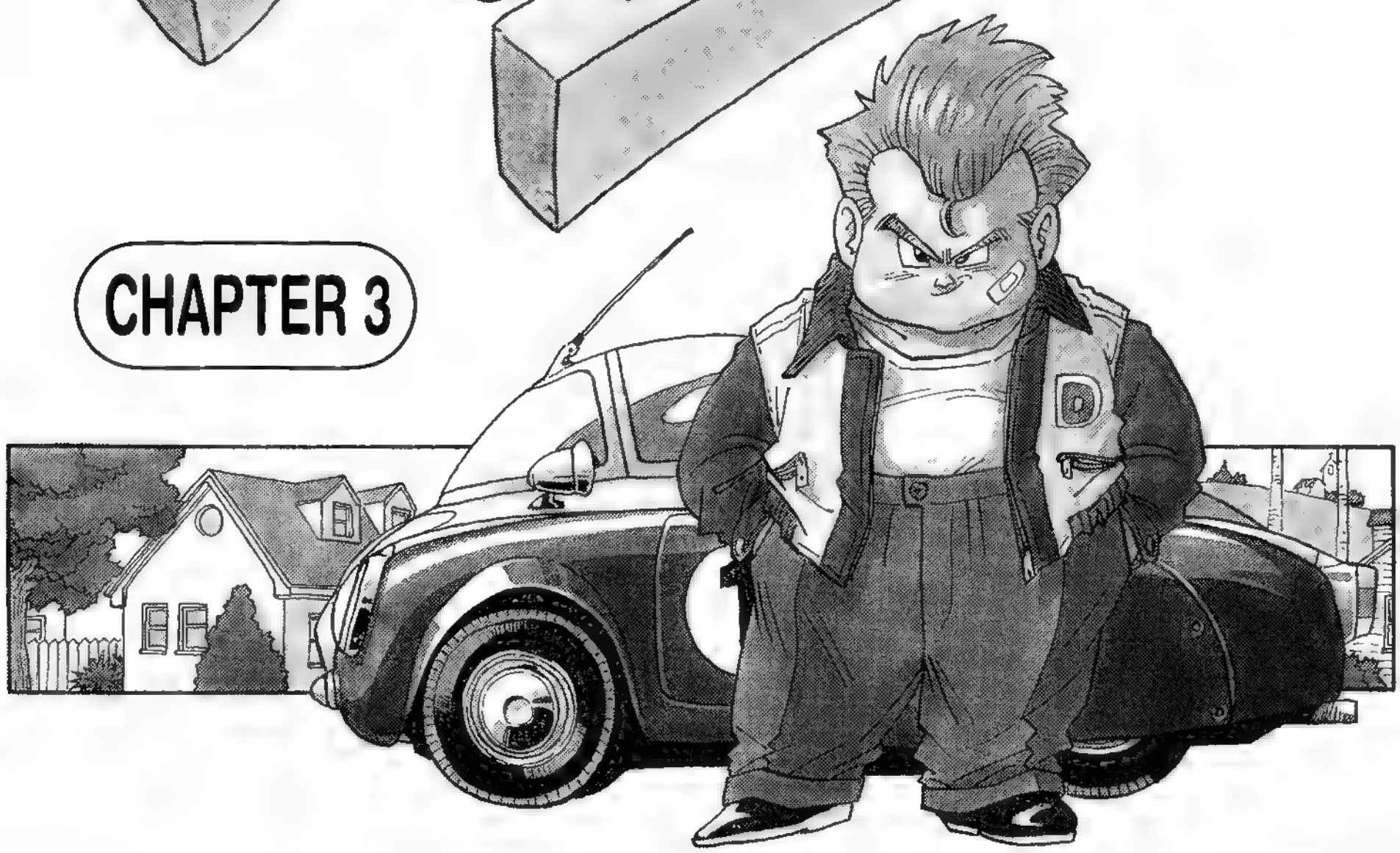
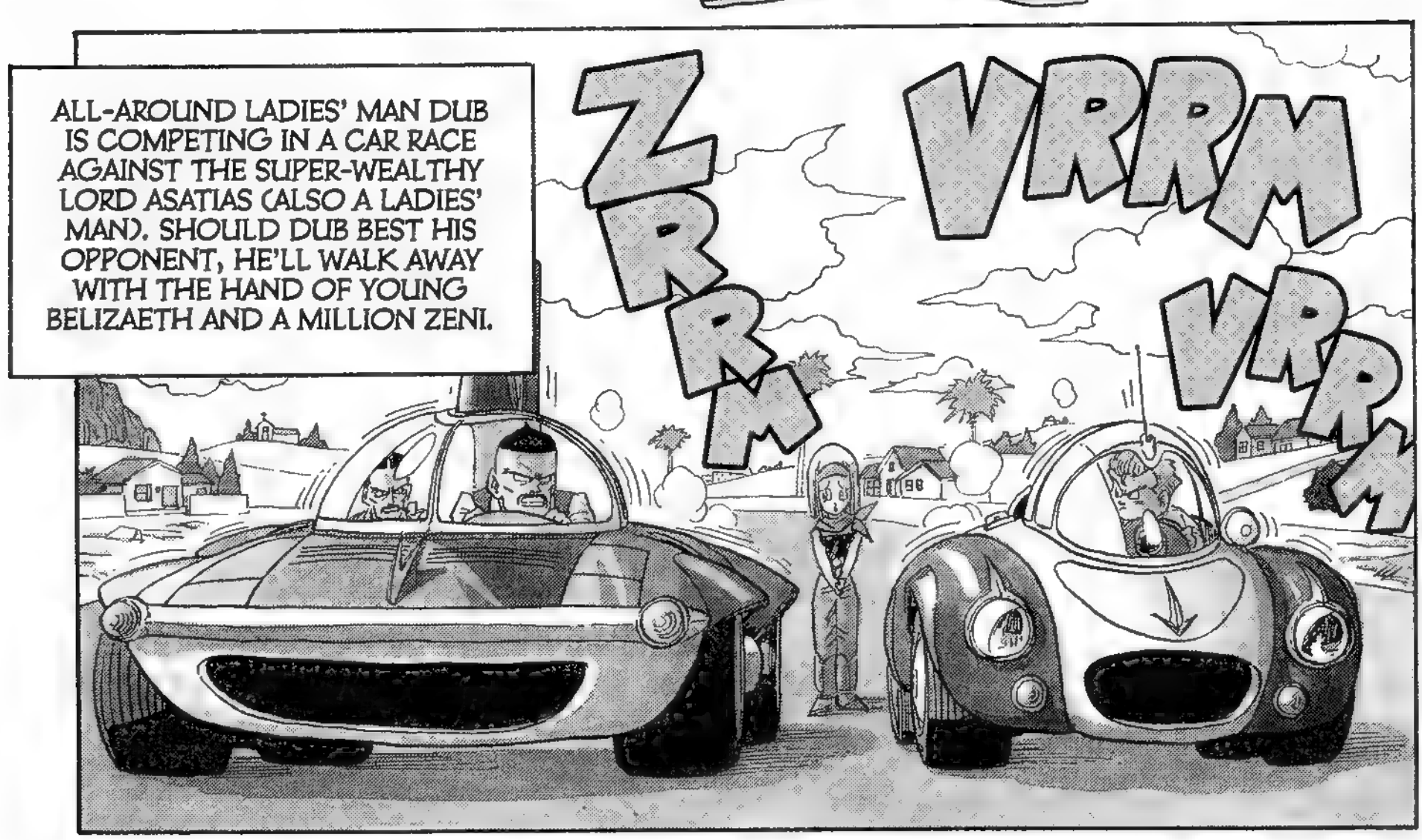


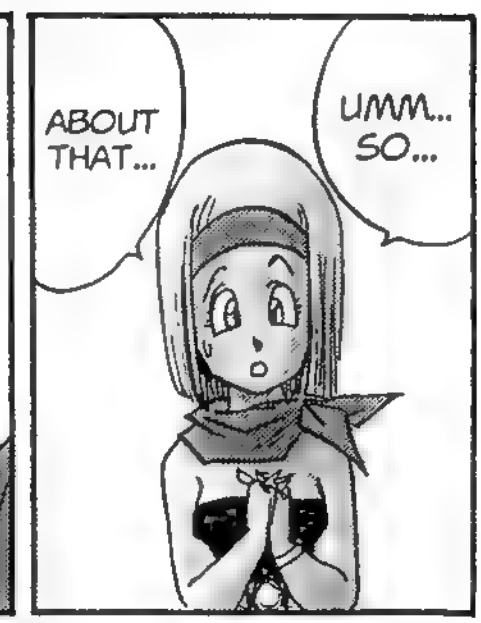


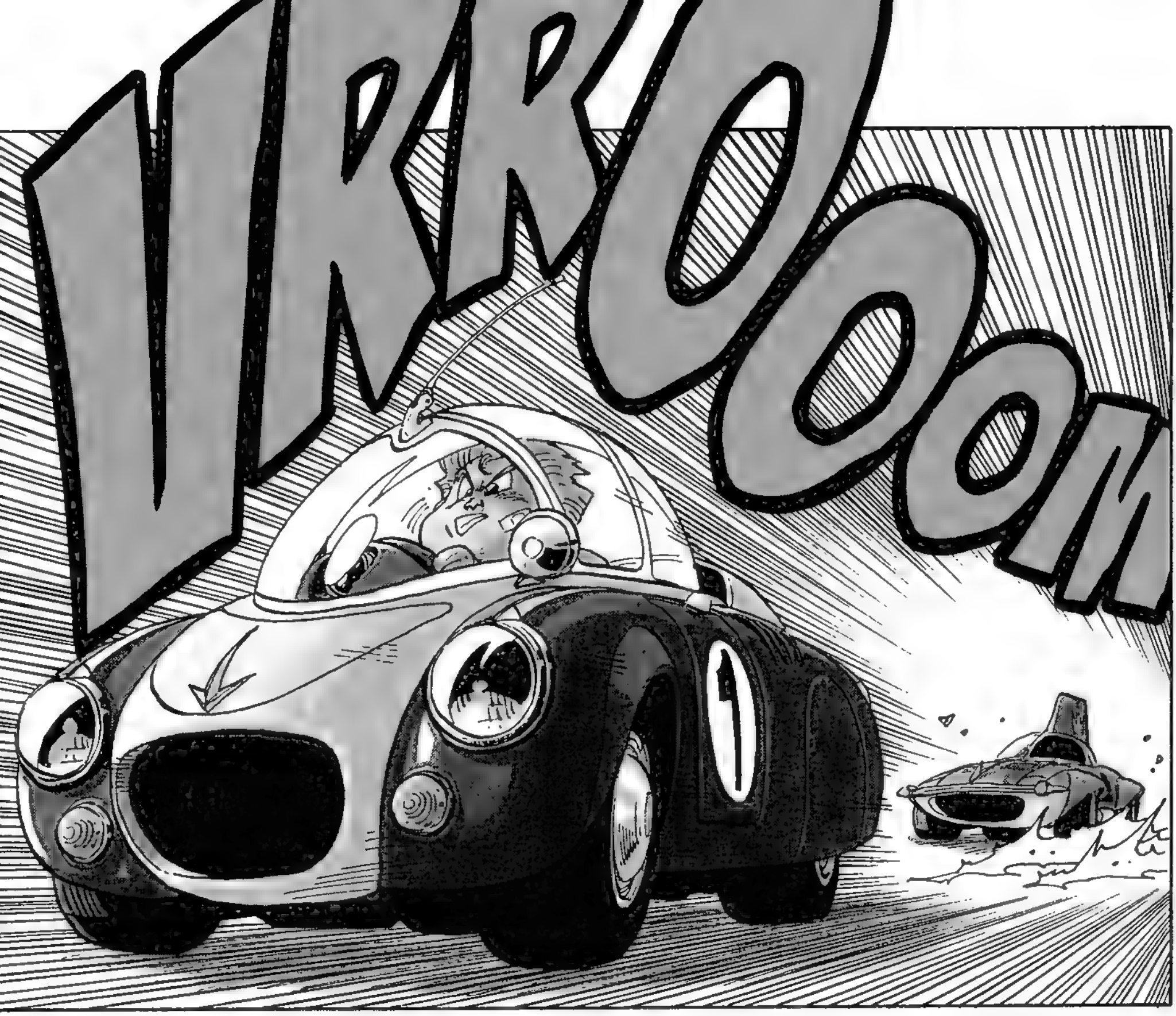
HAH!! YOU'RE EVEN DUMBER THAN YOU LOOK IF YOU THINK I'M WALKING AWAY FROM HERE WITHOUT BELIZAETH!!

LISTEN UP!! FIRST ONE TO TOWER'S ROCK WINS!

YRRRRM

ZZRRM




VRROOM

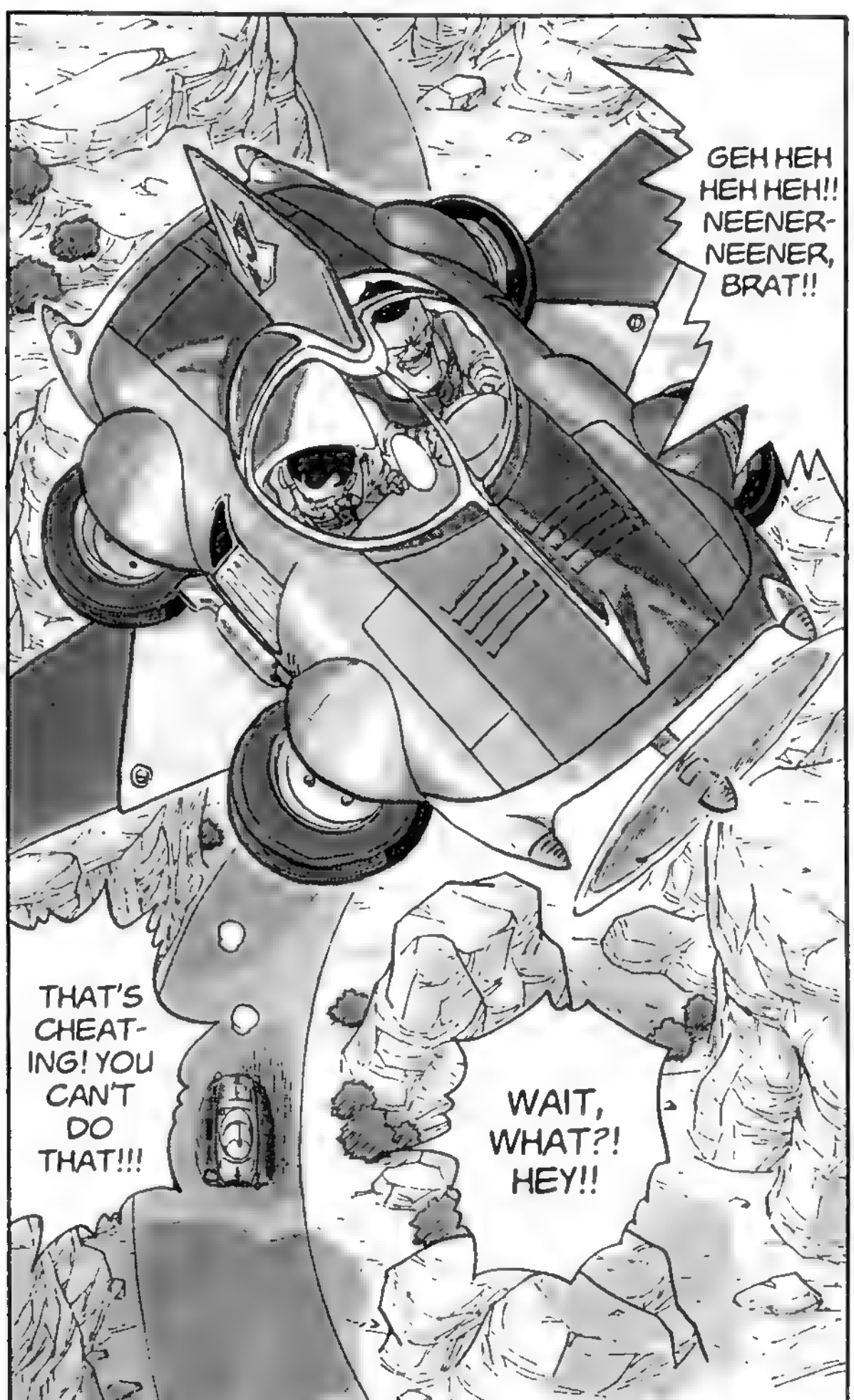
W-WHAT THE HELL?! WHAT'S WITH THAT CAR?!

SCREEE

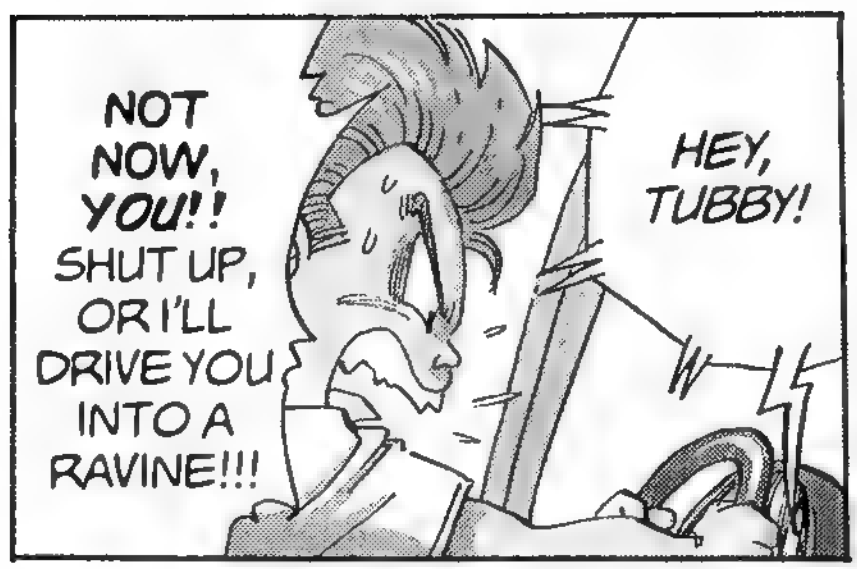
YOU SEE THAT, TURD-WADS ?!
DAAAA HAH HAH HAAAH!!

VROOOMM
HOW D'YOU LIKE THAT?! I'M NOT EVEN TRYIN' OVER HERE!!!
YA-HOOO WHOO-WHOO!!

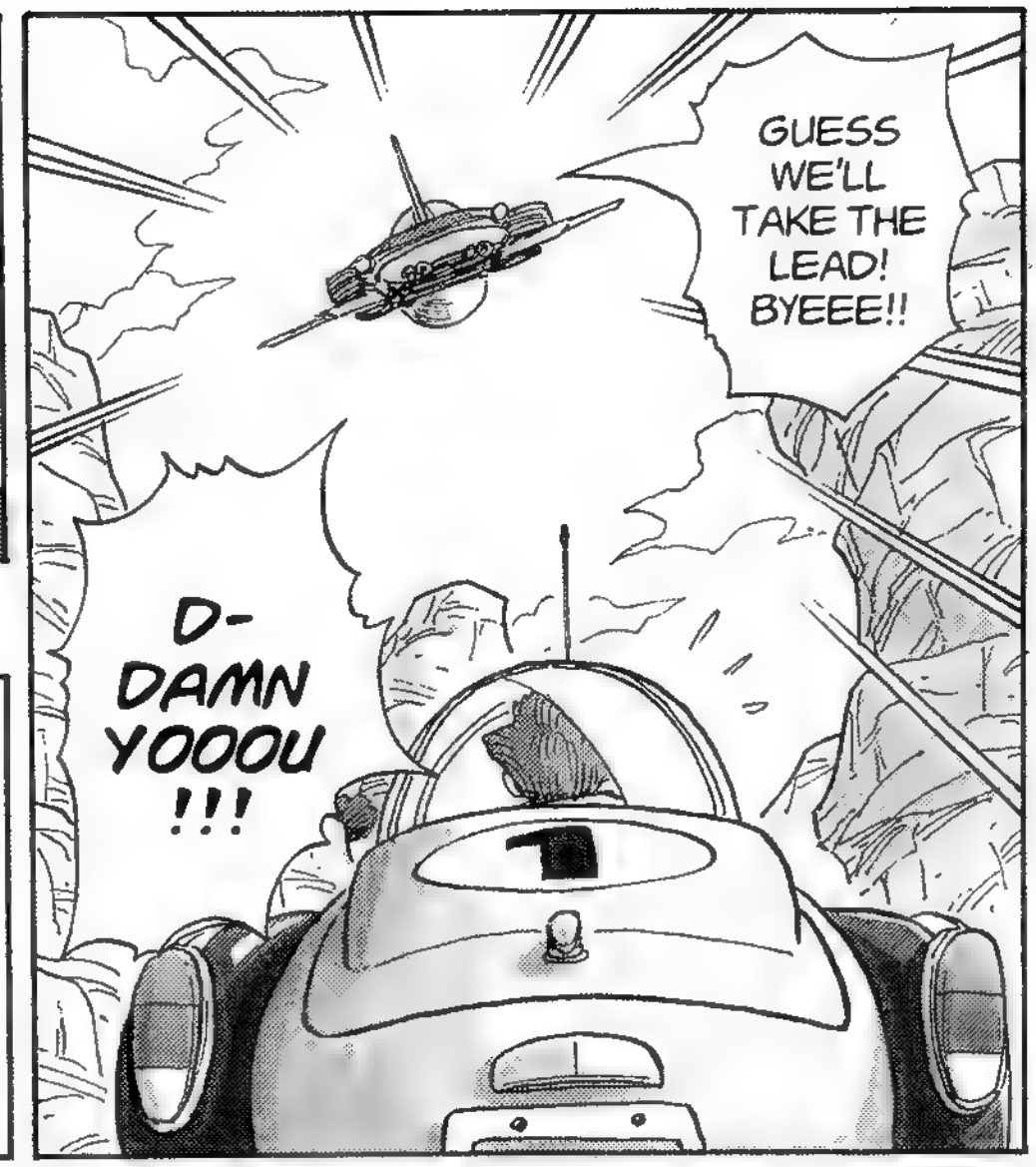
IF THAT'S HOW HE'S PLAYING... SHOW HIM EXACTLY WHY WE'VE NEVER LOST A RACE!!
WELL, OKAY THEN!!

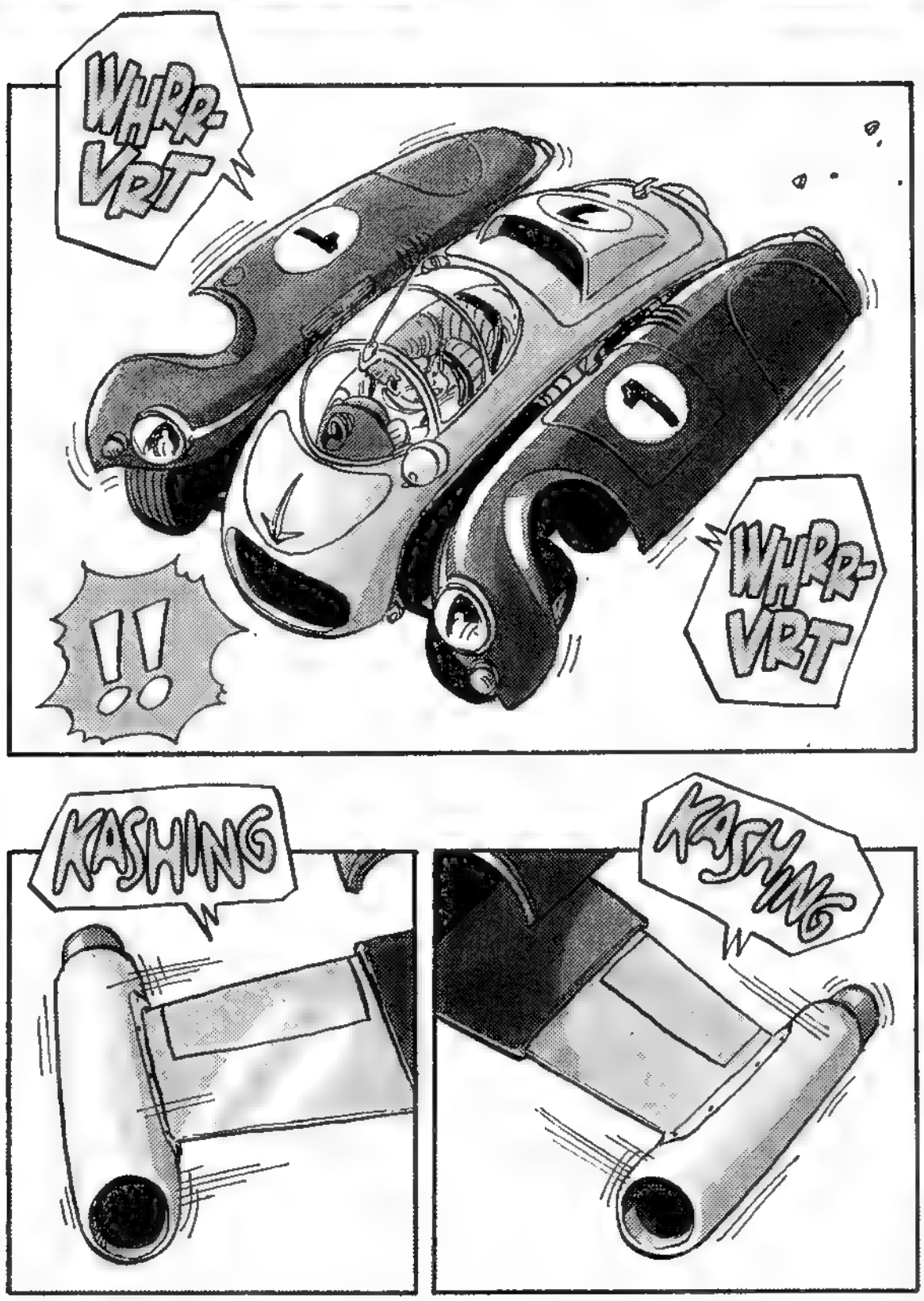

GEH HEH HEH HEH!! NEENER-NEENER, BRAT!!
THAT'S CHEAT-ING! YOU CAN'T DO THAT!!!
WAIT, WHAT?! HEY!!

NYRRRMM
HM?


NOT NOW, YOU!! SHUT UP, OR I'LL DRIVE YOU INTO A RAVINE!!!
HEY, TUBBY!

WHAT ?!
WELL, WELL. QUITE A MOUTH YOU'VE GOT. AND HERE I WAS GOING TO TELL YOU THAT I CAN FLY TOO...


GUESS WE'LL TAKE THE LEAD! BYEEE!!
D-DAMN YOOOU !!!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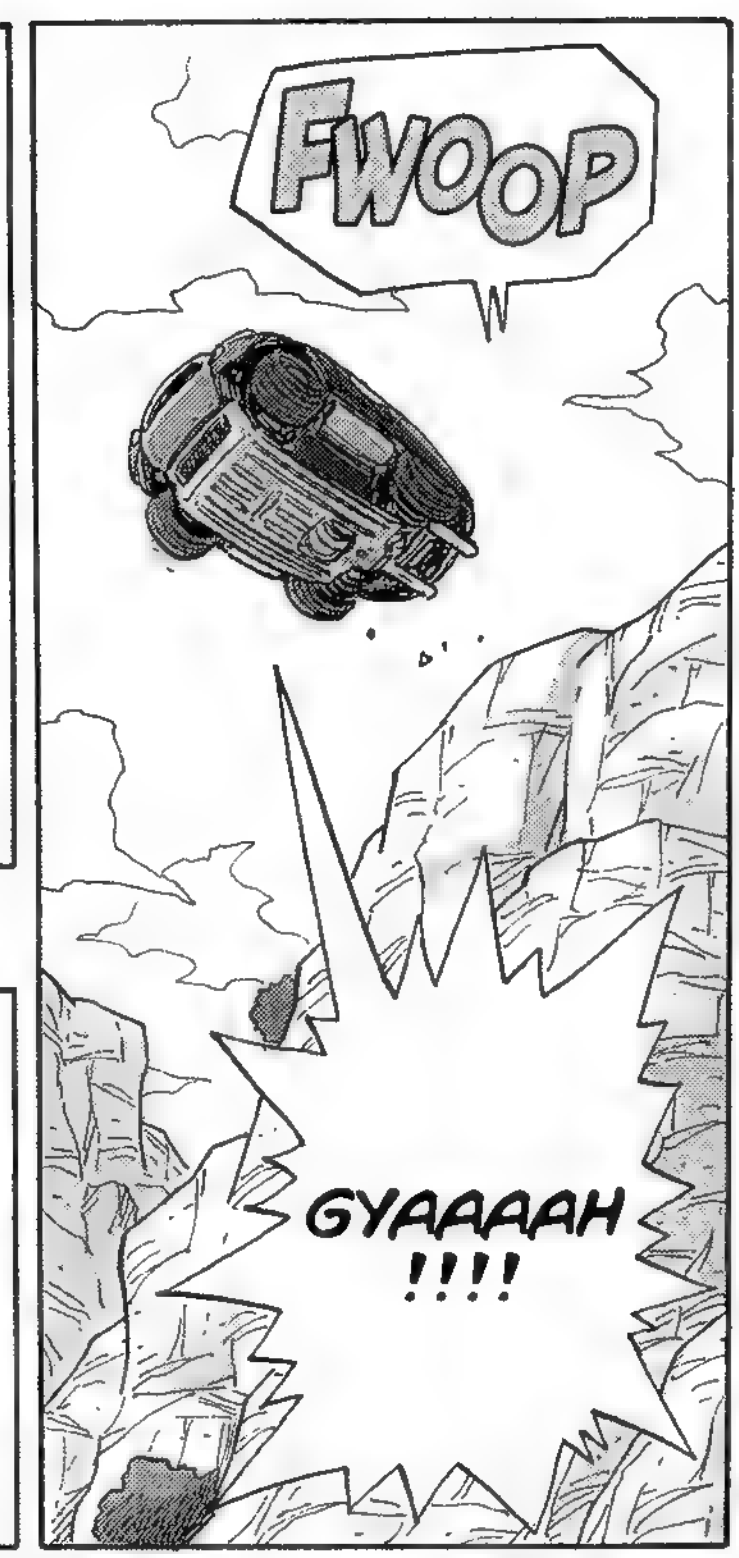
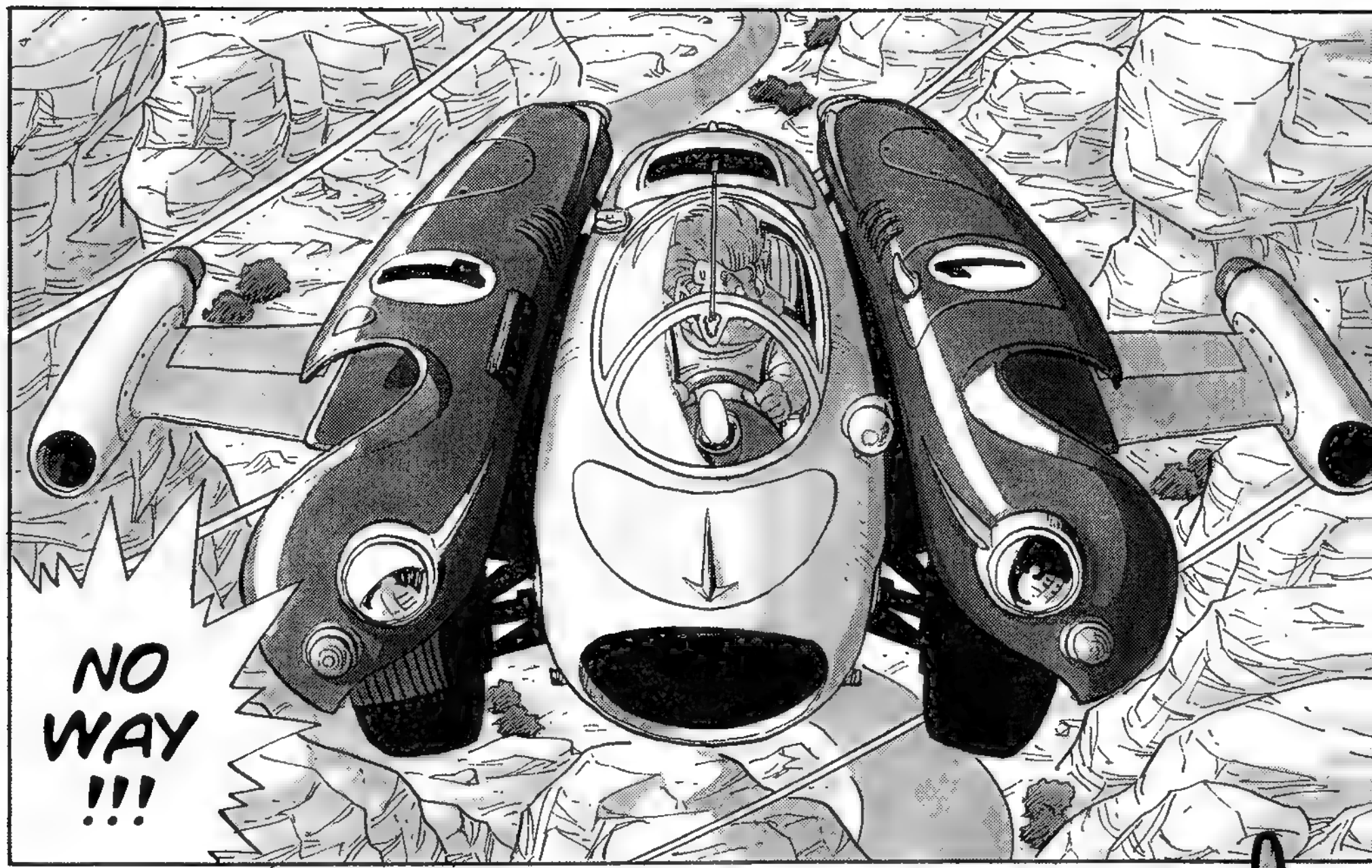
WHRR-VRT
KASHING
KASHING


FWOOP
GYAAAAH !!!!



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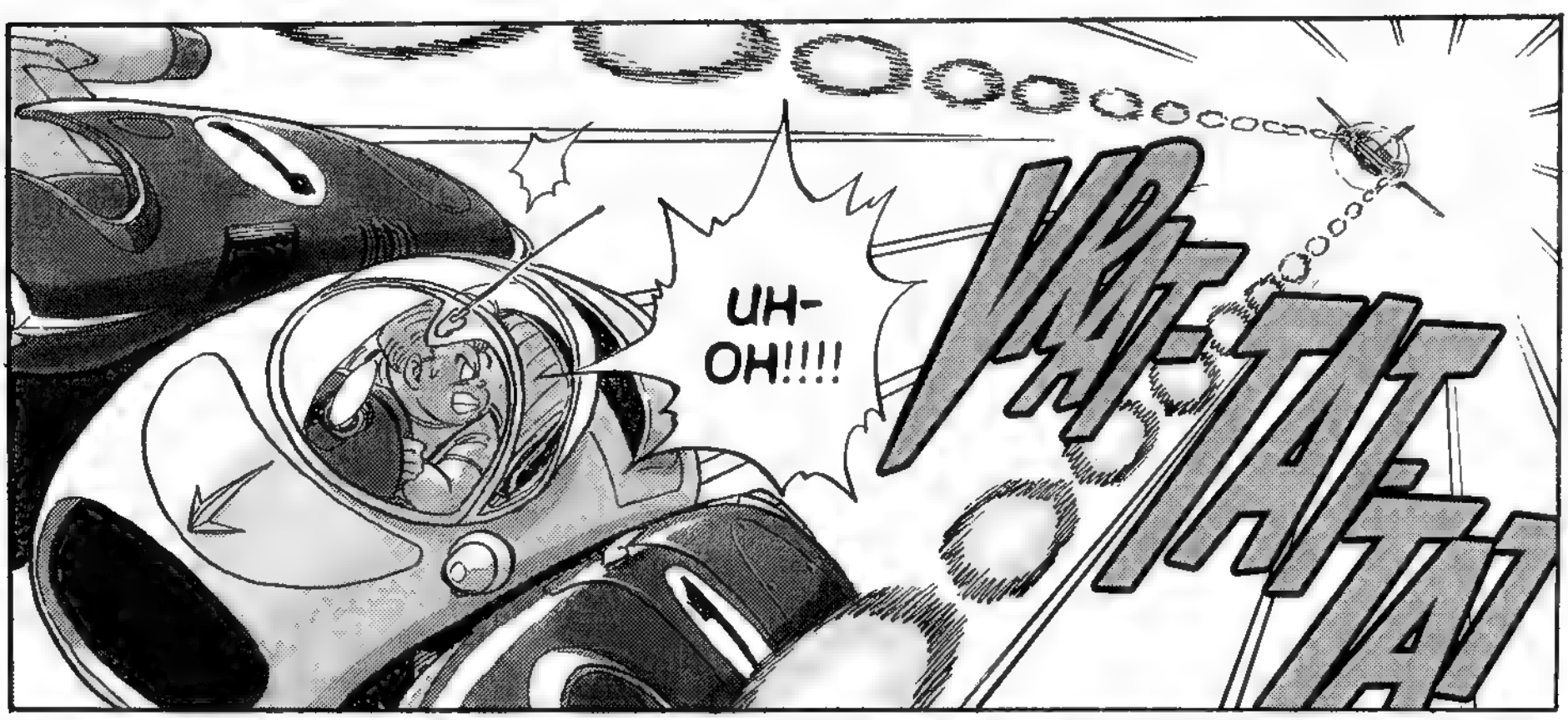
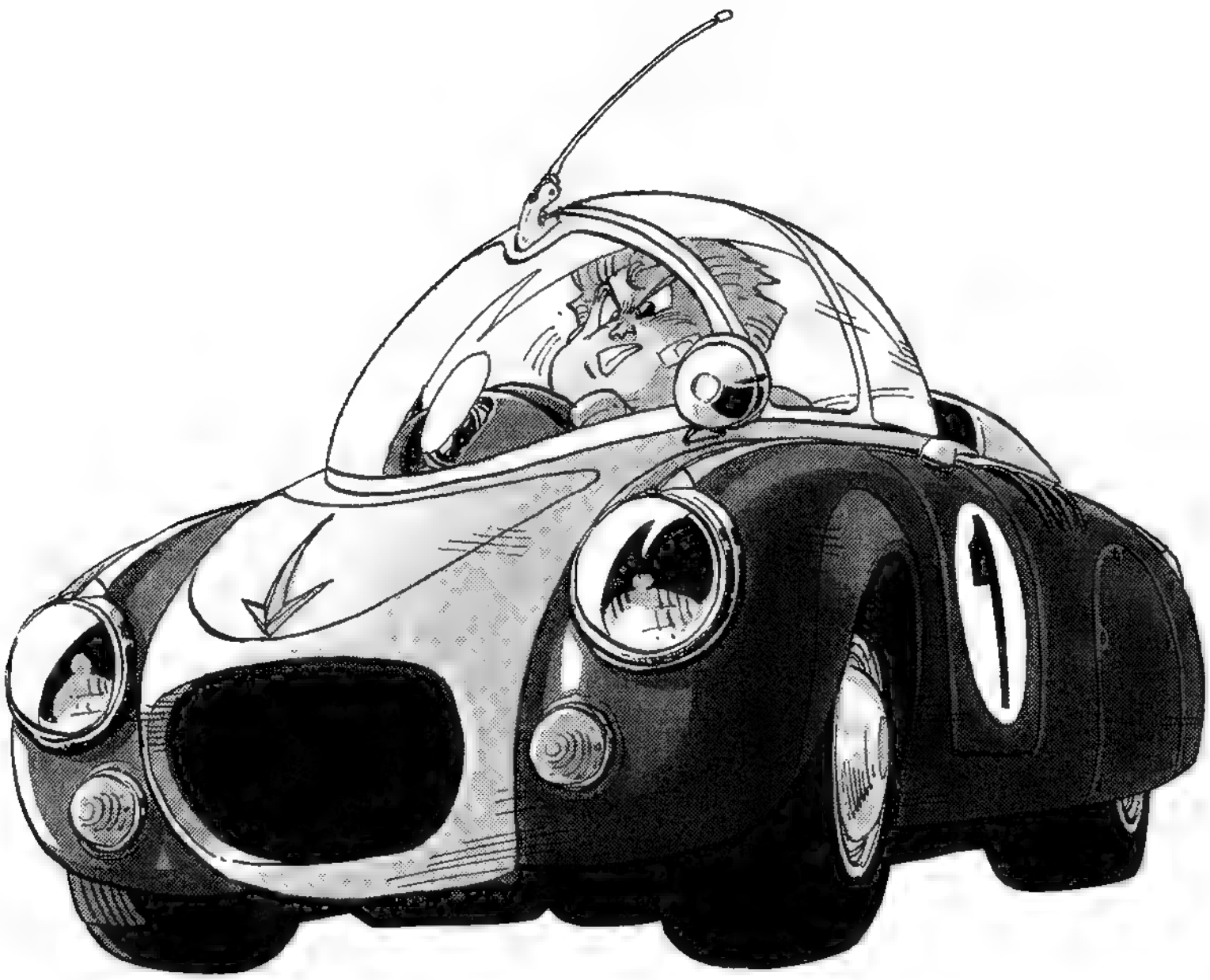
WOOOM

HAH HAAAAH!! KISS MY BUTT, YA JERKS!!!

IMPOS-SIBLE!!



THERE'S STILL MORE TO COME! LOOK FORWARD TO THE EMOTIONAL FINAL CHAPTER!!



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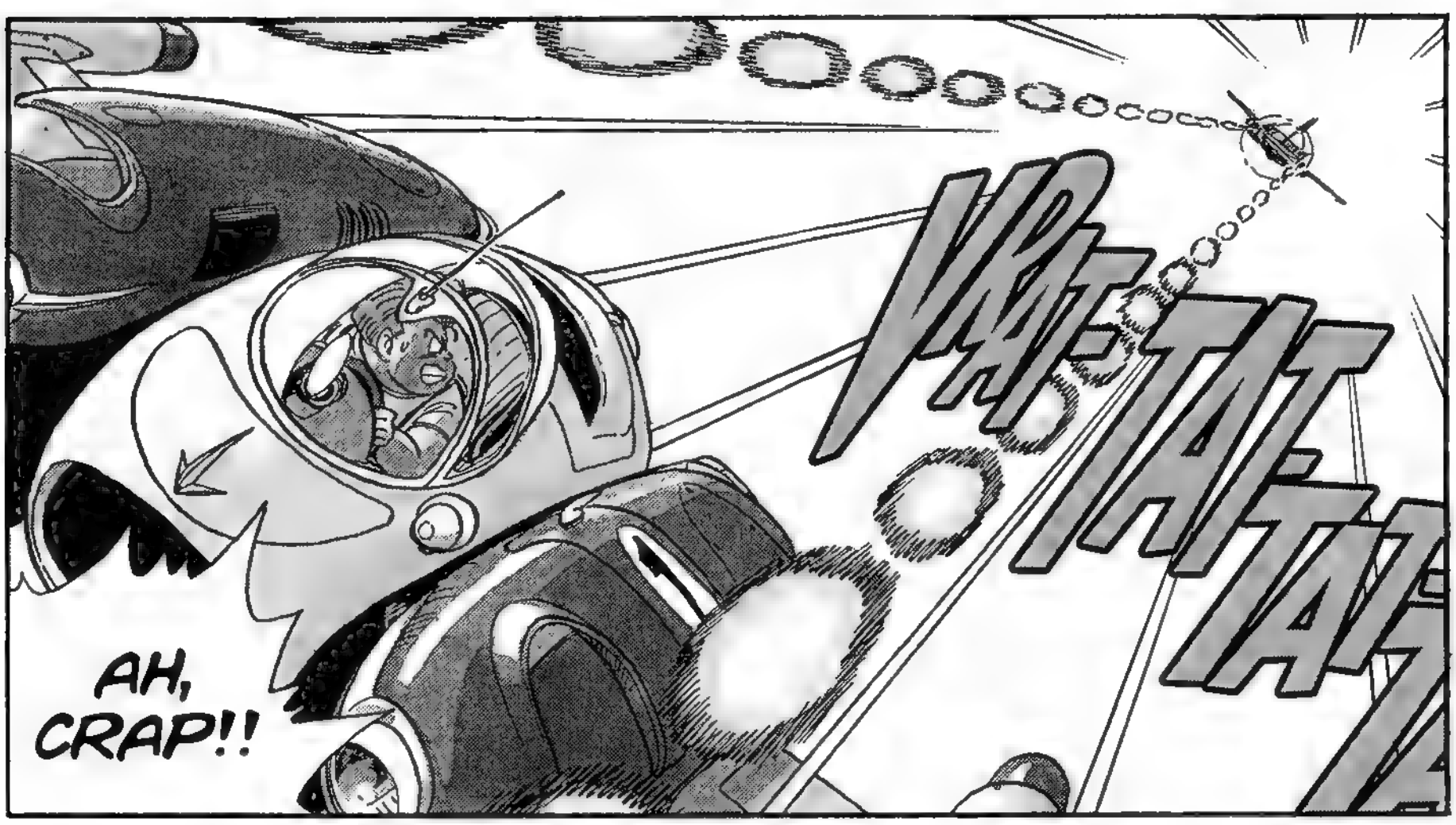

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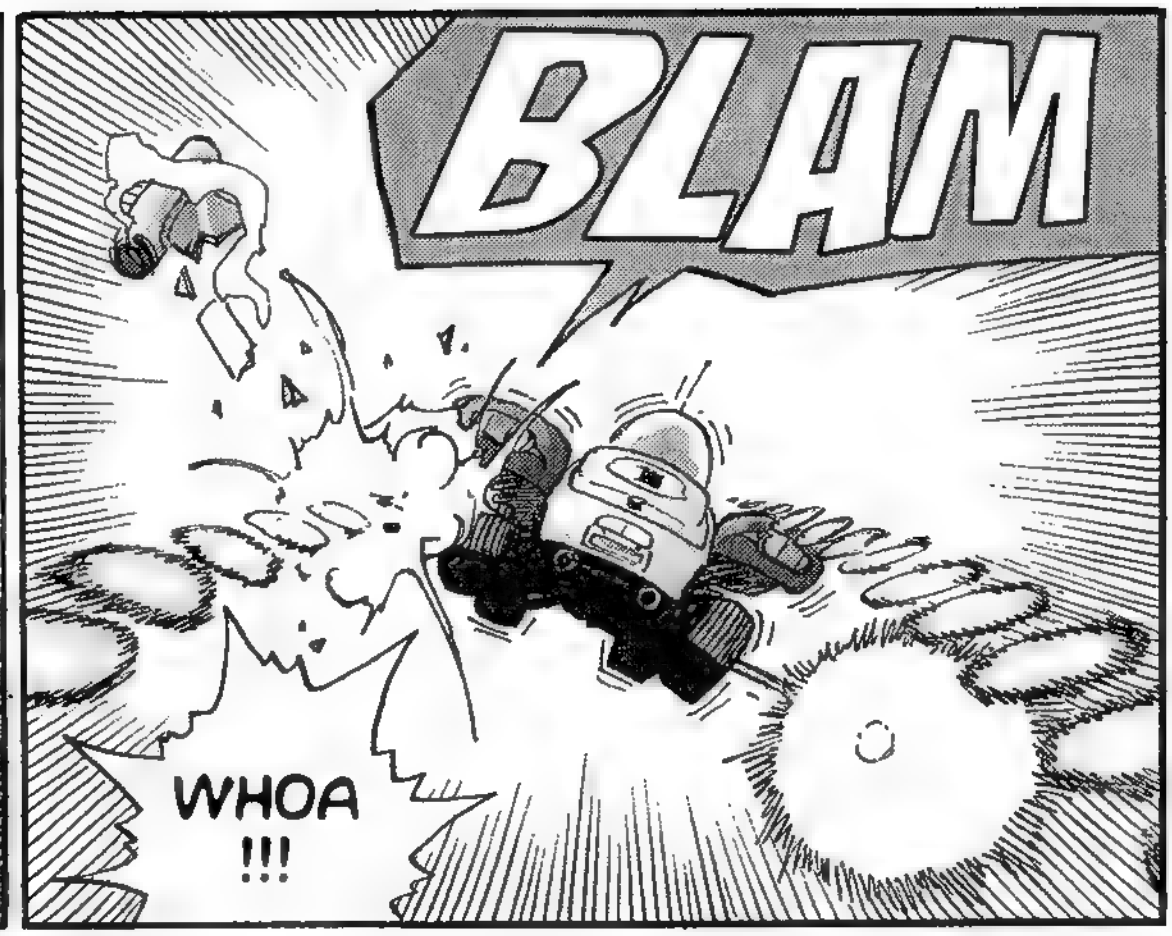
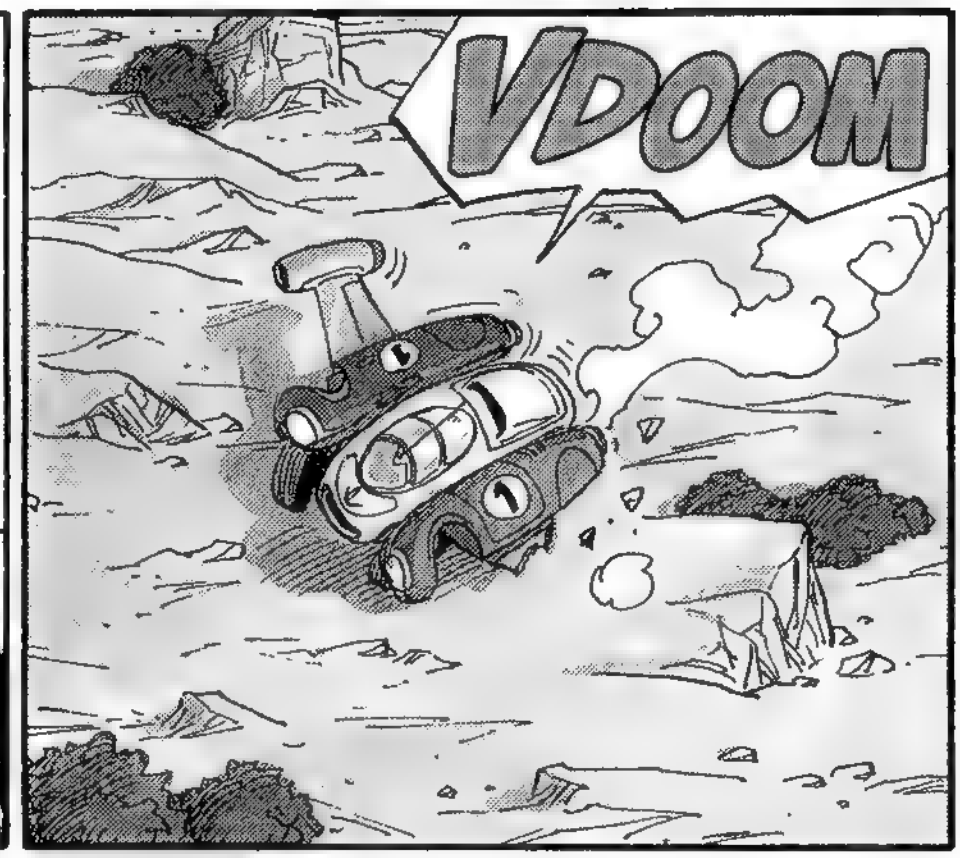
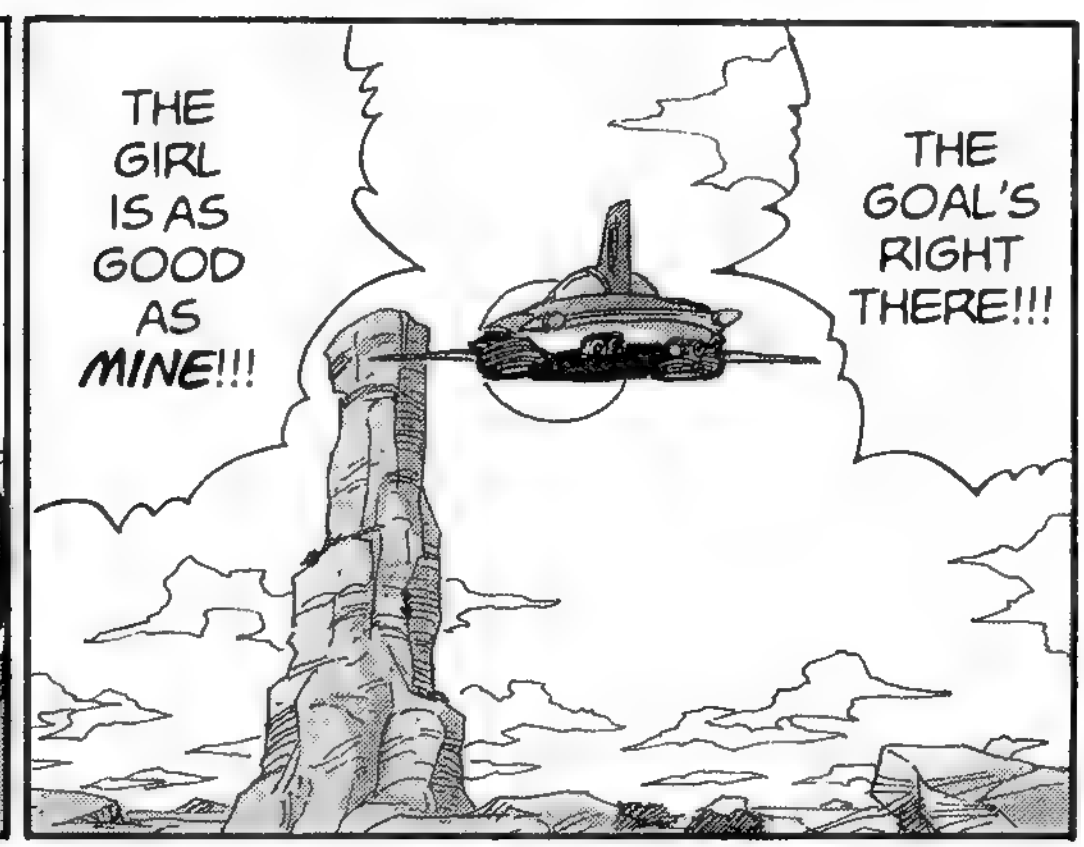
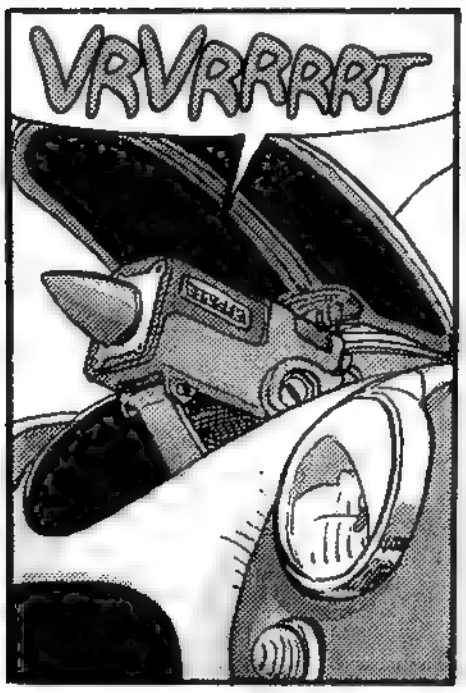

BLAM
WHOA !!!

DAAA HAH HAH HAH HAH HAAAAH !!!
GOT HIM!! TAKE THAT !!!


VDOOM

I'M GONNA LOO-OOSE !!!
WHY, YOU-!!! DIRTY! ROTTEN! SCHEM-ING! NO GOOD-!!!
BAM


THE GIRL IS AS GOOD AS MINE!!!
THE GOAL'S RIGHT THERE!!!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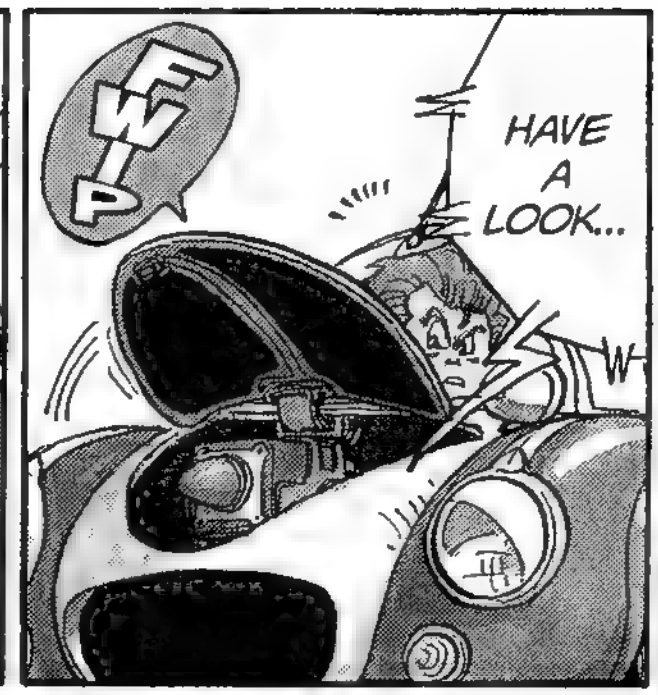
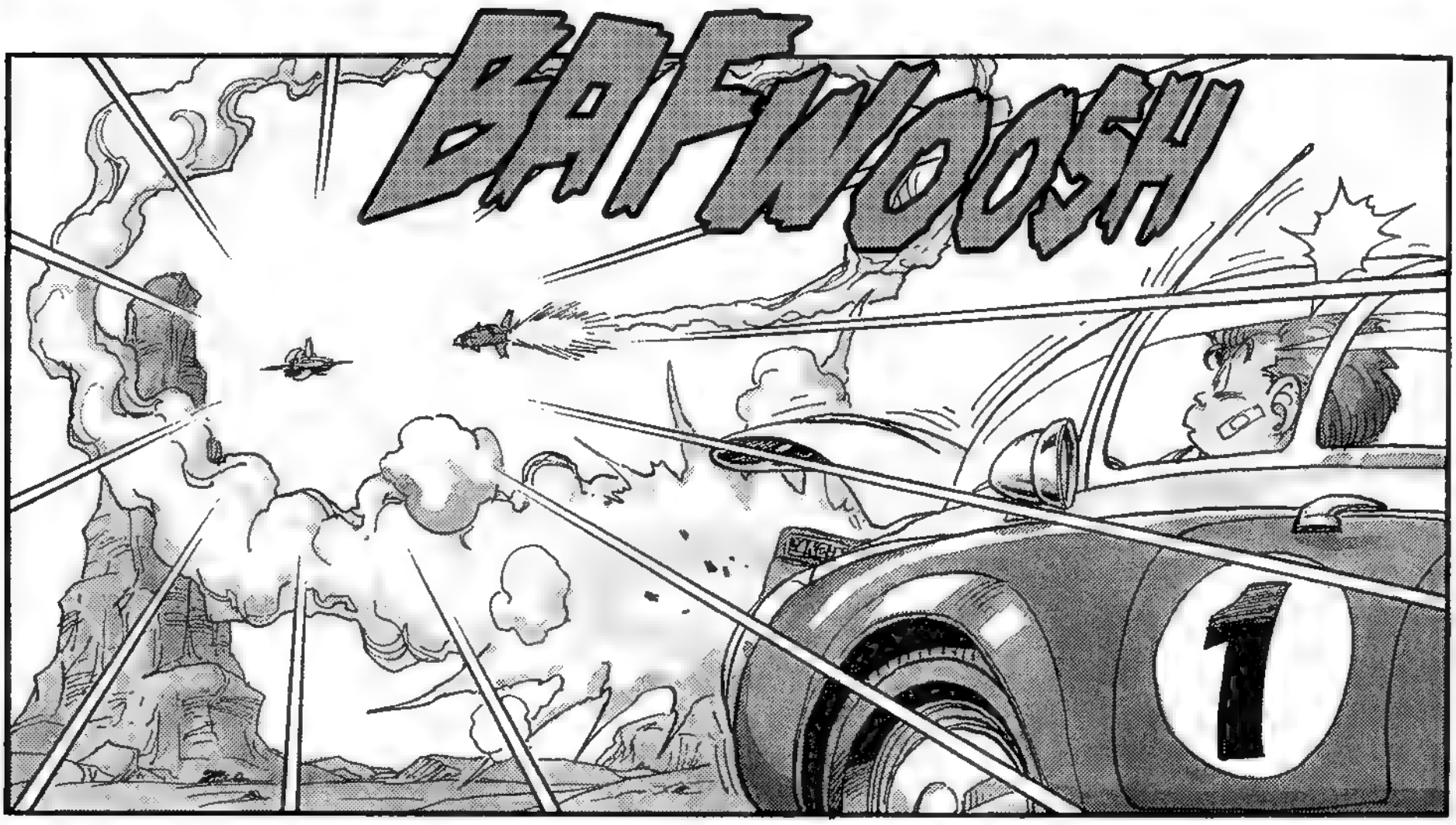

FWP
HAVE A LOOK...

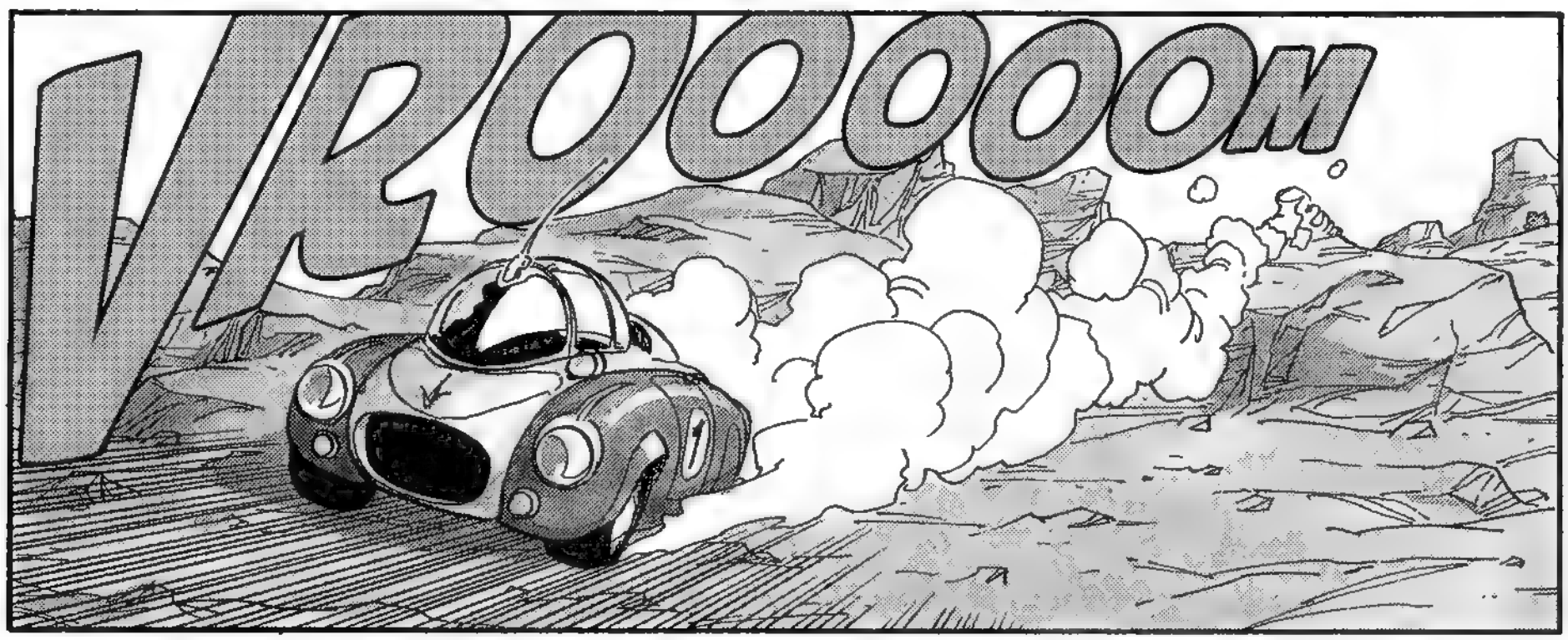
WHAT NOW?
MWA HAH HAH HAH... YOU DOUBT THE MAGNIFICENT PETER 1?!


BHFWOOSH
1

BOOOOW

HAAAH HAH HAH! MY SWEET, BELIZA-ETH!!!

GREAT JOB, PETER 1 !!!!
YOU DID IT!!!!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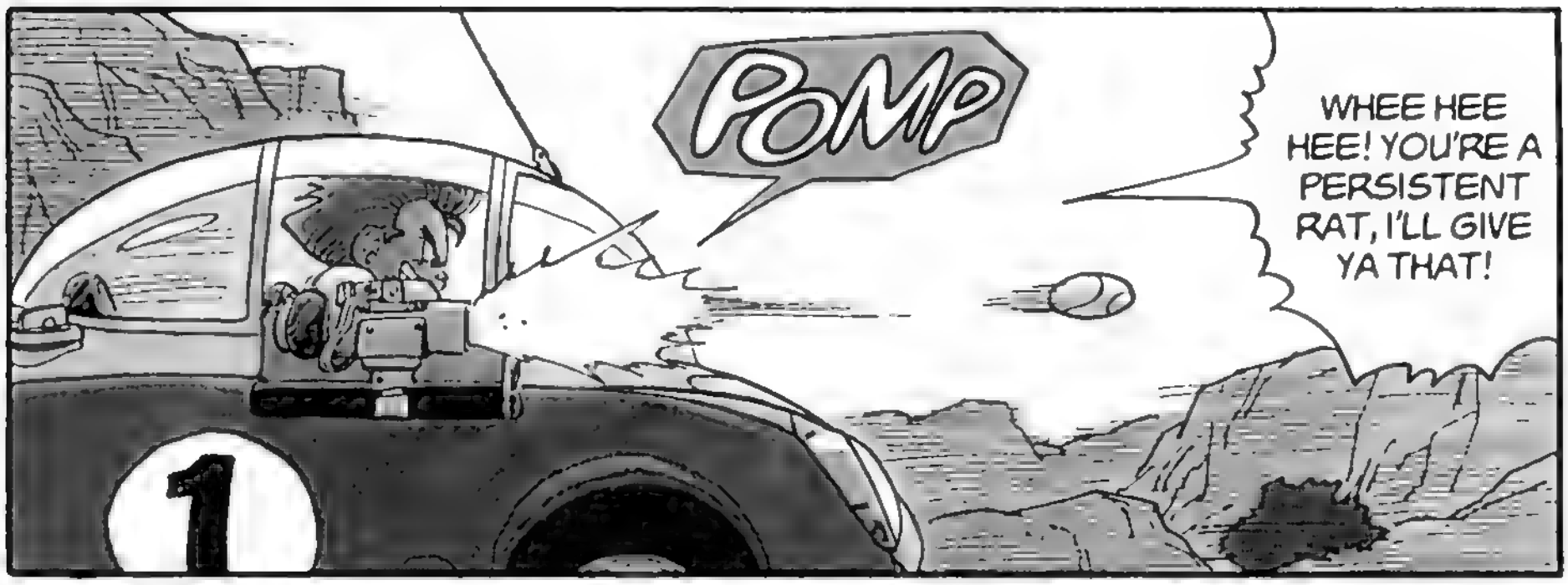
I WILL NOT LOSE, I CANNOT !!!!
D-DAMN HIM!!!
DASHDASH

OH NO!!
HRRG... GRRGRR ...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WHEE HEE HEE! YOU'RE A PERSISTENT RAT, I'LL GIVE YA THAT!
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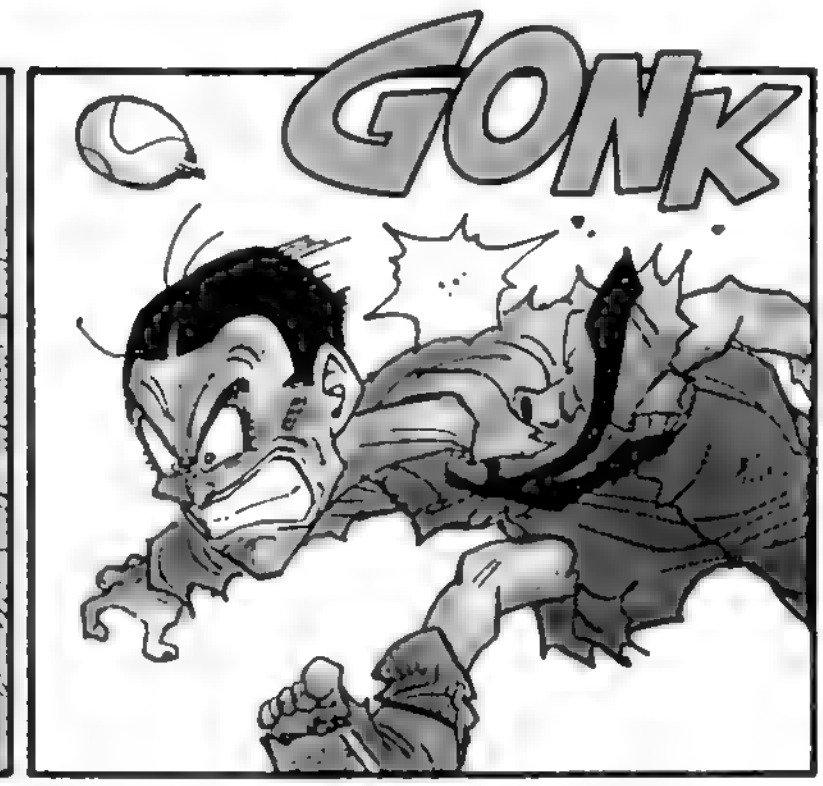
COMIN' THROOO-OUGH!!
KER-SPLAT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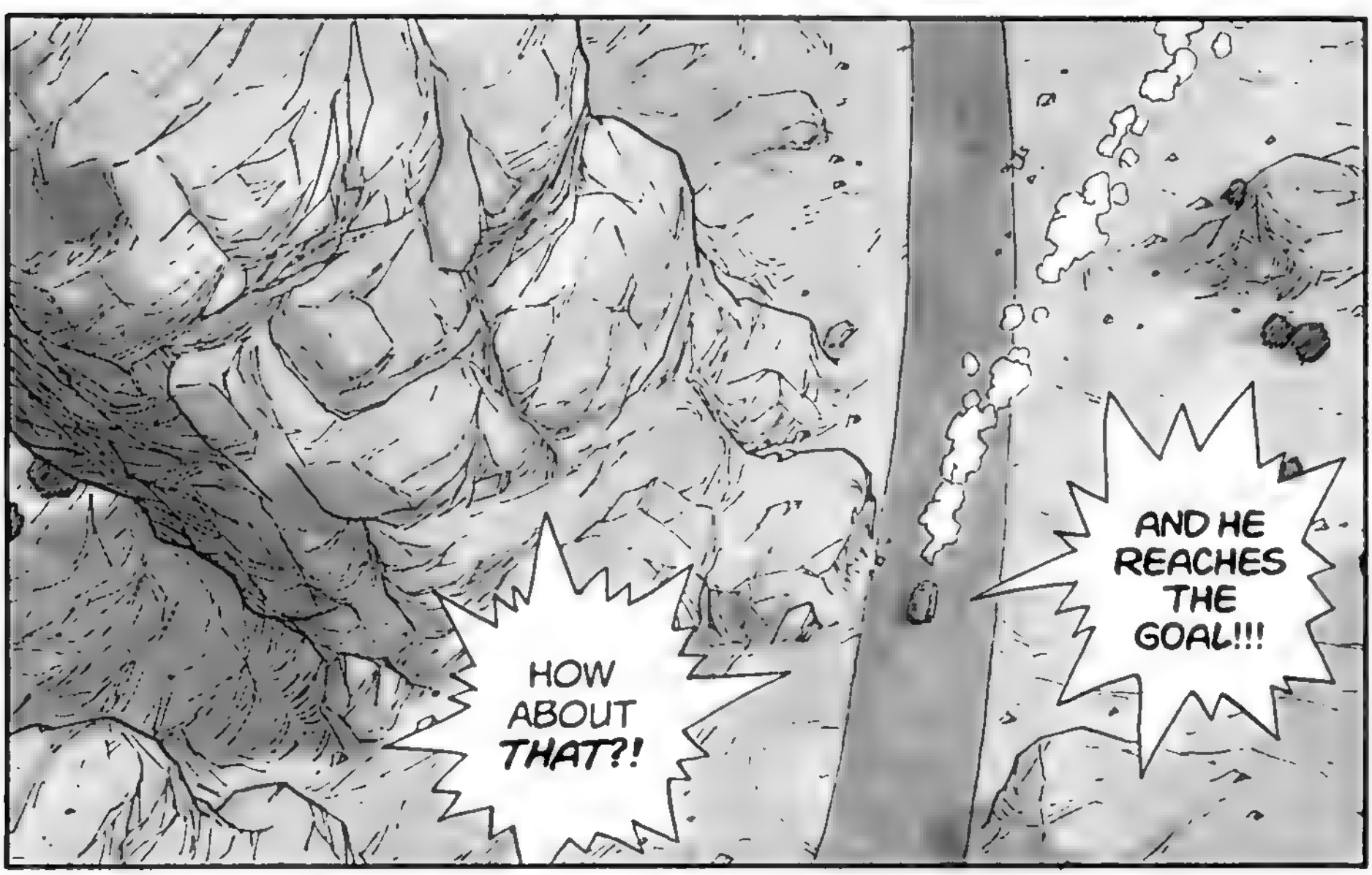
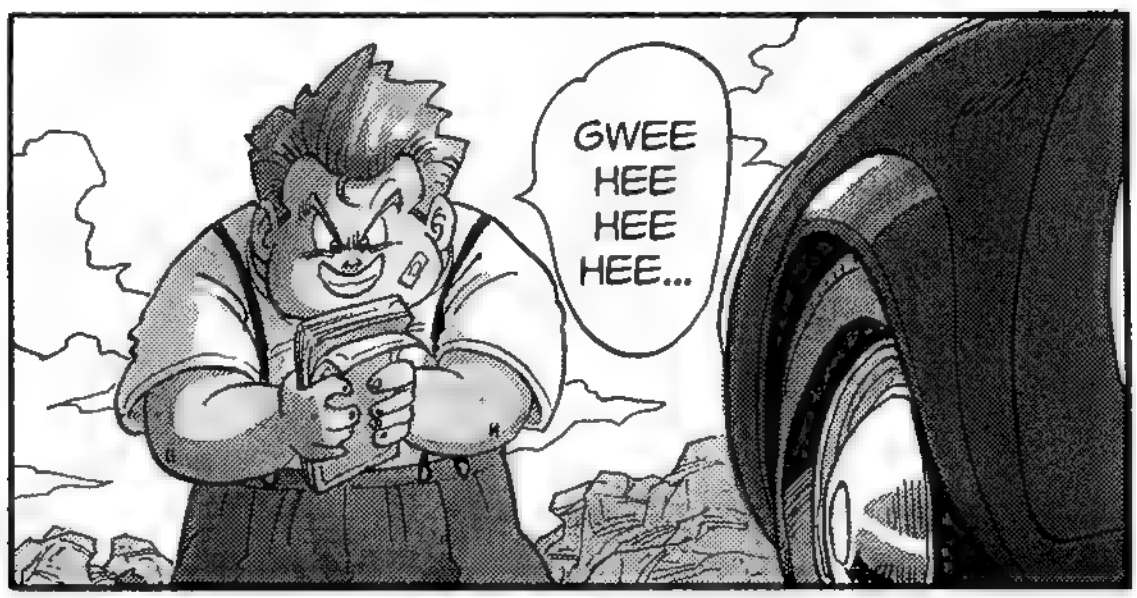
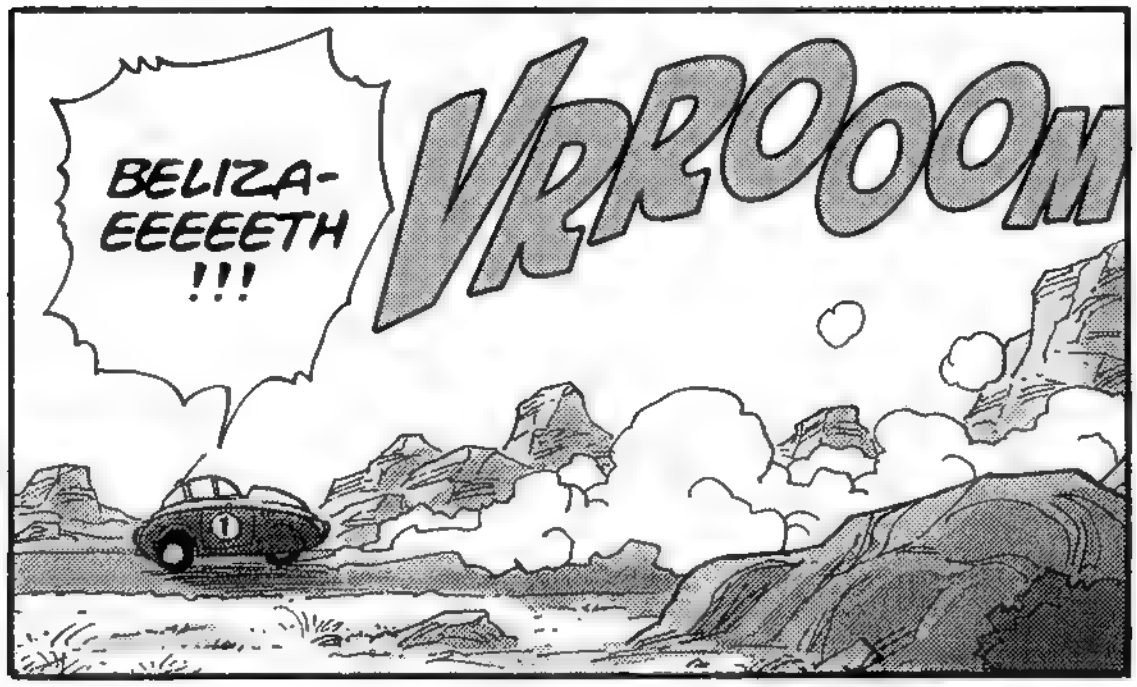

HOW ABOUT THAT?!
AND HE REACHES THE GOAL!!!


GWEE HEE HEE HEE...

SO, ABOUT BELIZA-ETH AND THAT ONE MILLION ZENI...
DA... DABBIT...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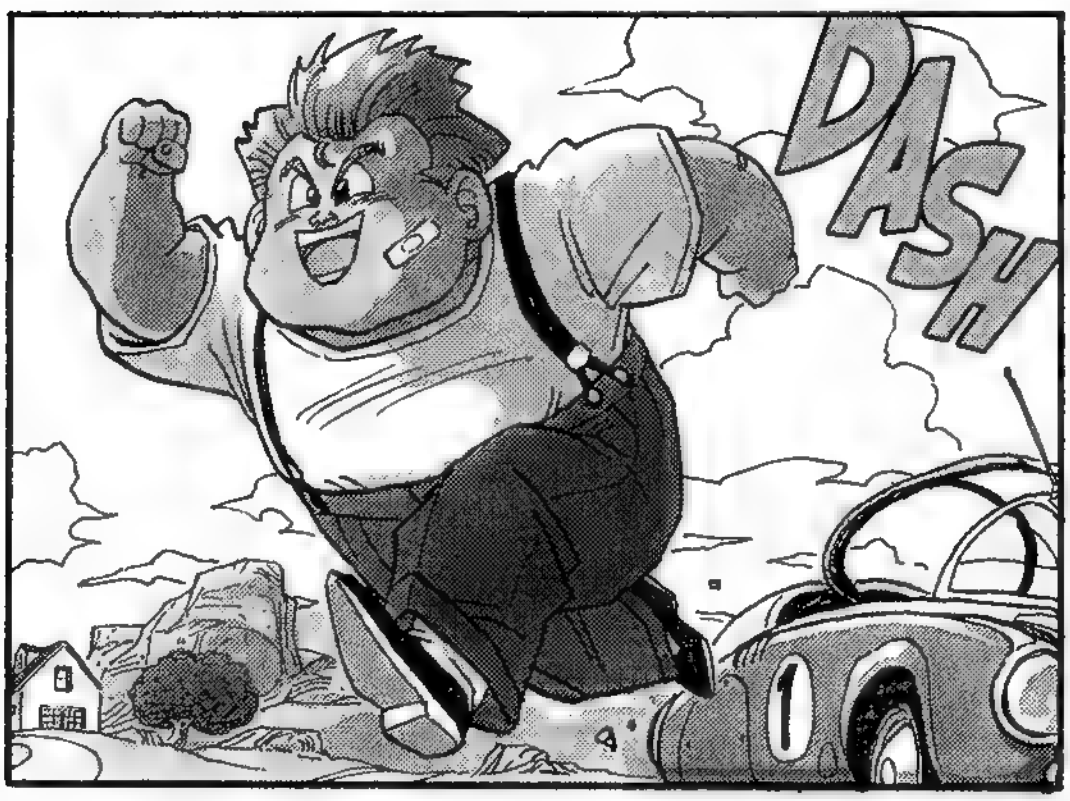
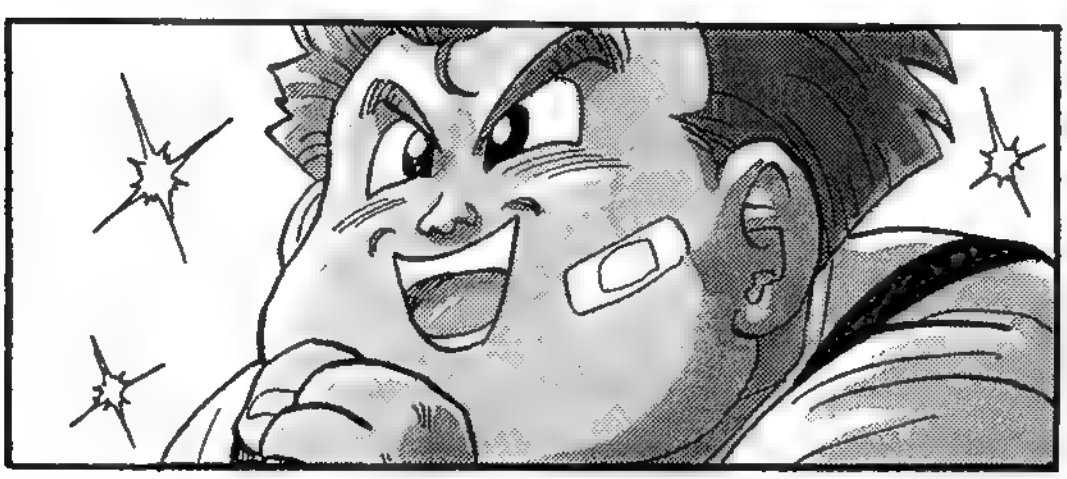
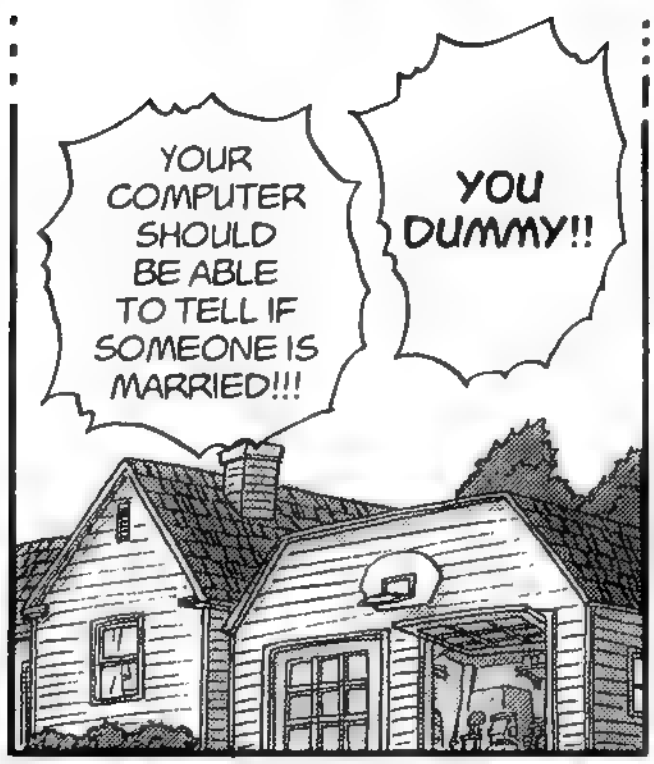
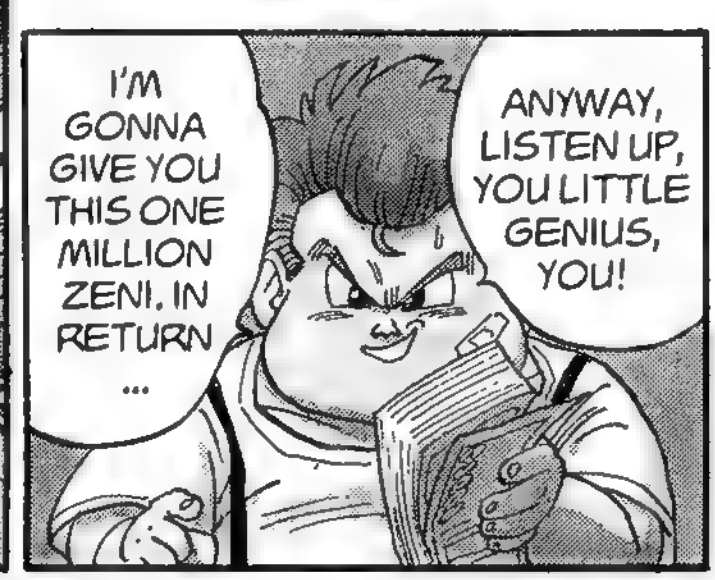
VRROOOM


DASH

BUT YOUR DEAREST DUB WON THE RACE, AND HE'S HERE FOR YOOOOU!!
YOU MUST'VE BEEN WAITING SO LONG!!







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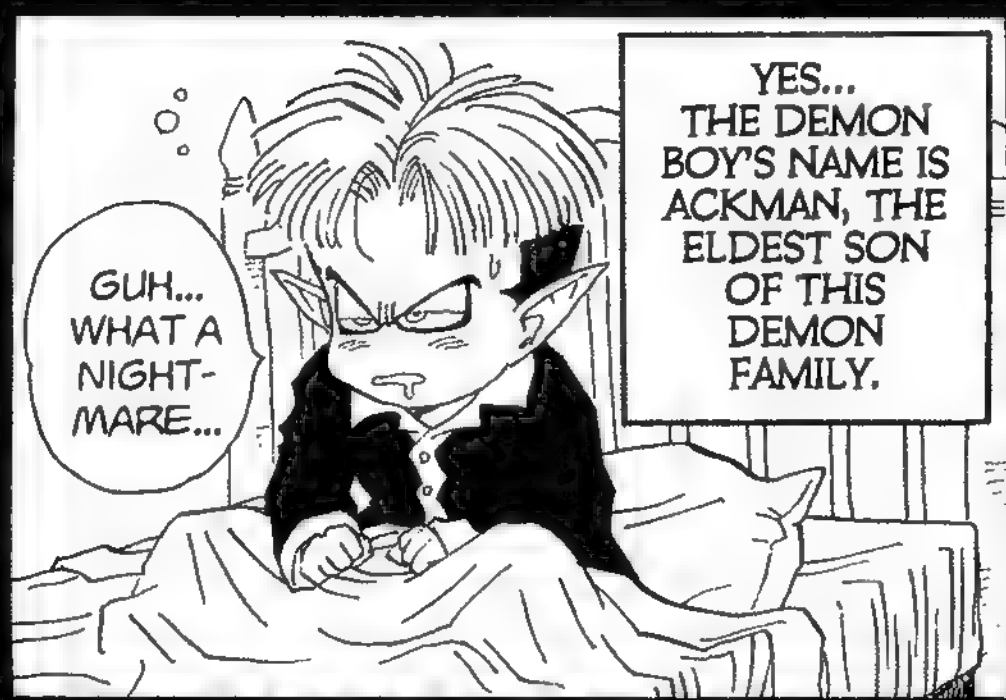
GO! GO! GOHAN!

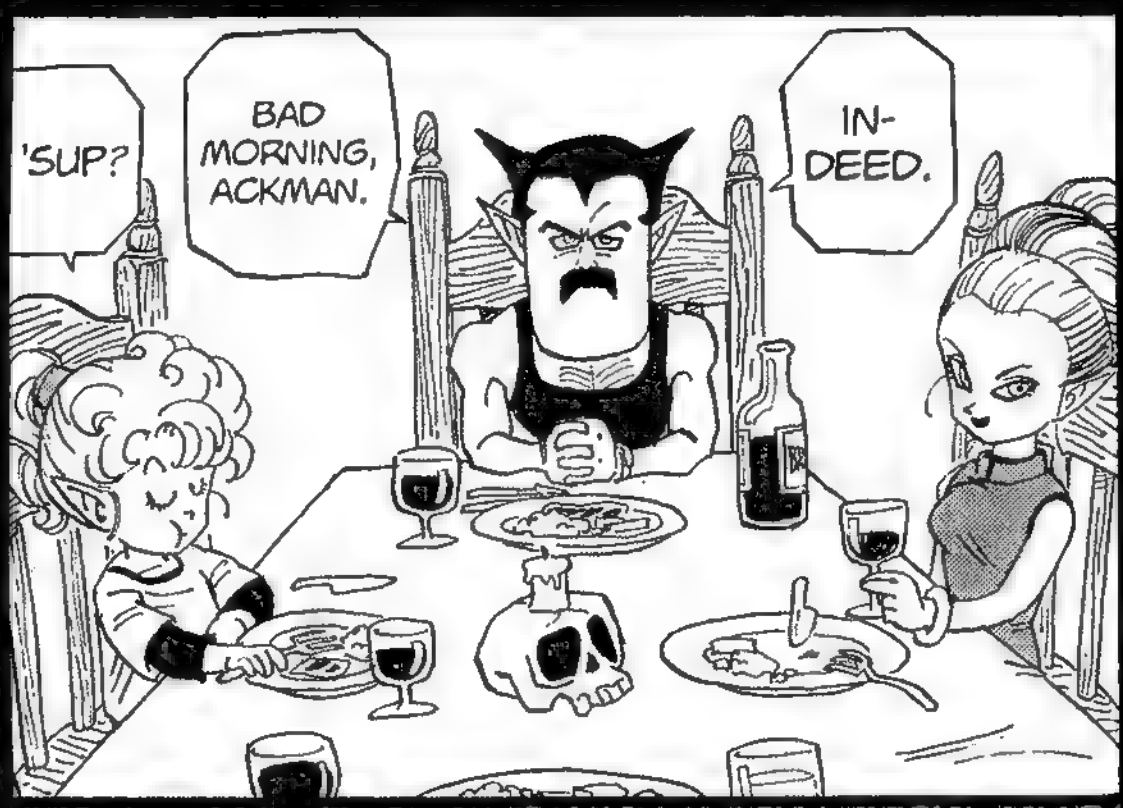
CHAPTER 1


GUH... WHAT A NIGHT-MARE...
YES... THE DEMON BOY'S NAME IS ACKMAN, THE ELDEST SON OF THIS DEMON FAMILY.

RISE AND GRIME, SLEEPY-HEAD!!
GOOD TO SEE YOU, YOUNG MASTER ACKMAN!!

PSSS
I WONDER WHY THEY WOKE ME SO EARLY...

I BELIEVE SO OR SO!
HOW MANY YEARS WAS MY NAP?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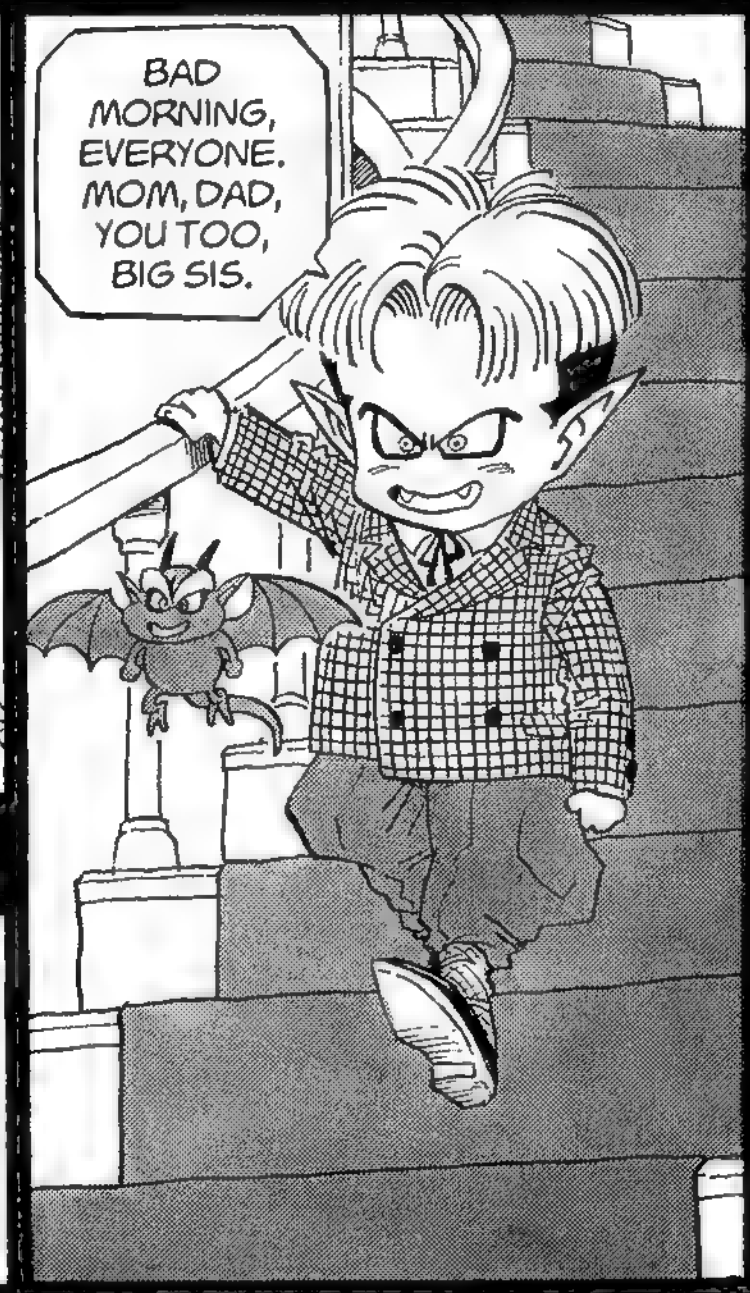
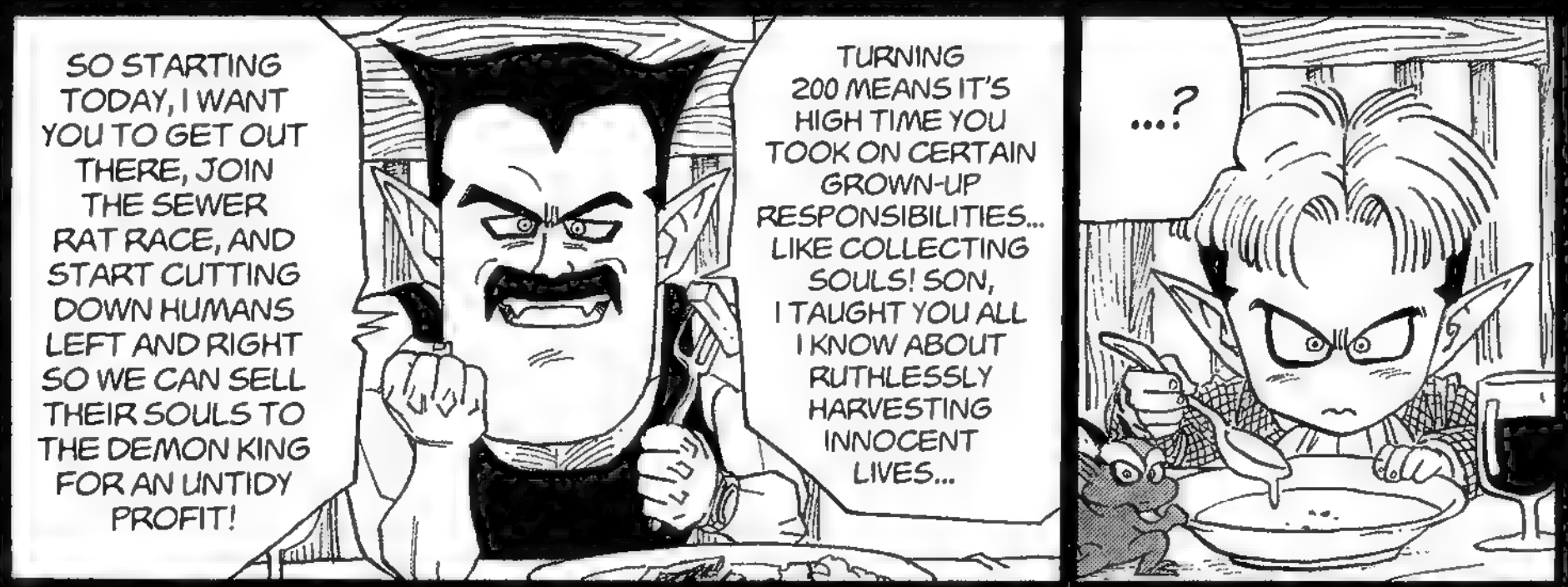
BAD MORNING, ACKMAN.
IN-DEED.


BAD MORNING, EVERYONE. MOM, DAD, YOU TOO, BIG SIS.

TODAY IS YOUR 200TH BIRTHDAY.
WE WOKE YOU TODAY FOR A VERY SPECIAL REASON, SON.

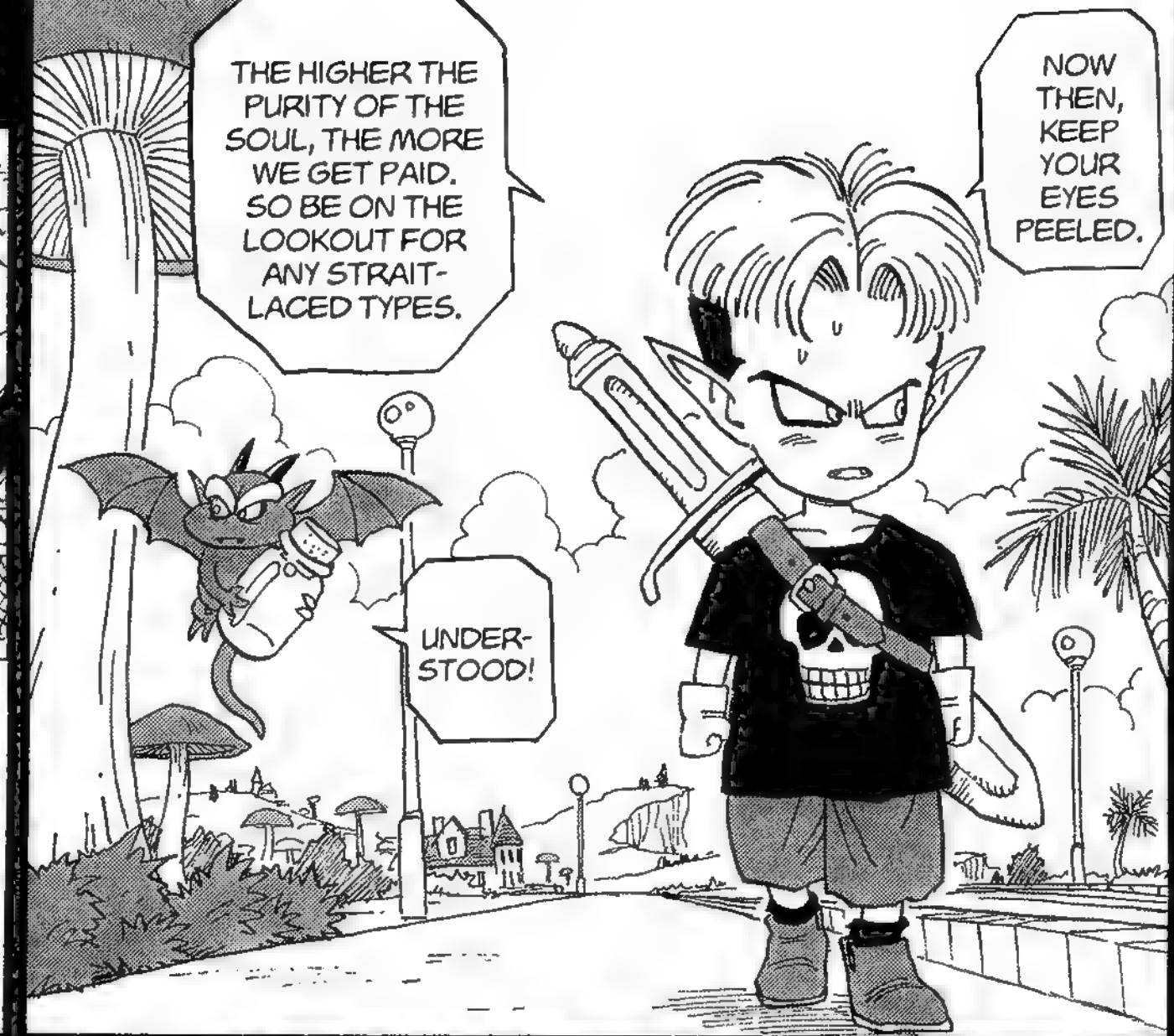

SO STARTING TODAY, I WANT YOU TO GET OUT THERE, JOIN THE SEWER RAT RACE, AND START CUTTING DOWN HUMANS LEFT AND RIGHT SO WE CAN SELL THEIR SOULS TO THE DEMON KING FOR AN UNTIDY PROFIT!
TURNING 200 MEANS IT'S HIGH TIME YOU TOOK ON CERTAIN GROWN-UP RESPONSIBILITIES... LIKE COLLECTING SOULS! SON, I TAUGHT YOU ALL I KNOW ABOUT RUTHLESSLY HARVESTING INNOCENT LIVES...
...?

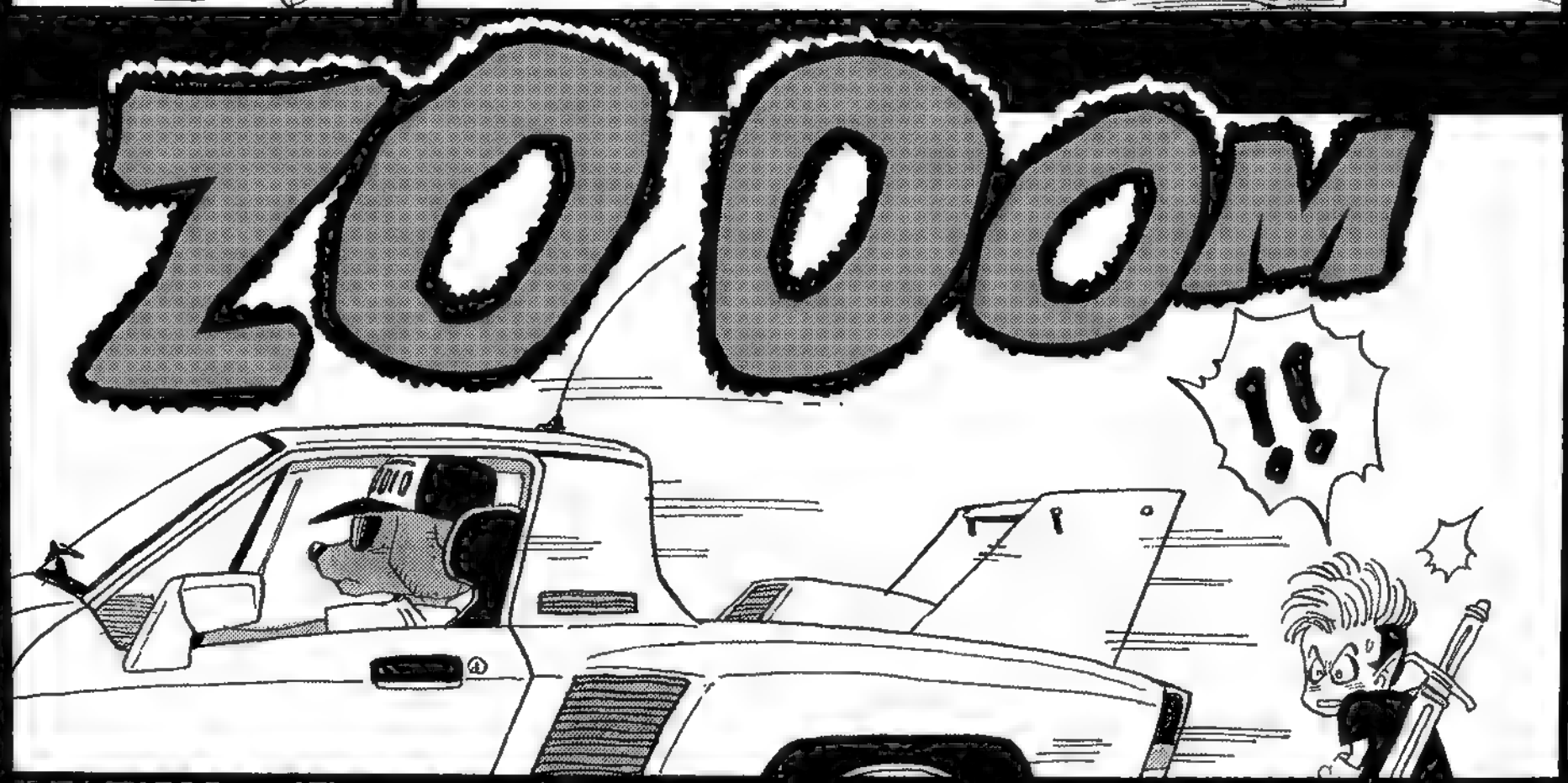
I'VE BEEN WAITING SO LONG FOR THIS DAY!!
I UNDER-STAND, FATHER!!
OH, C'MON. DAD DIDN'T KILL THEM, HE JUST POCKETED ALL THE SOULS OF WAR VICTIMS.
WHY, JUST THREE DECADES AGO I MANAGED TO GET 70,000 SOULS IN A SINGLE GO. WE MADE OUT LIKE BANDITS ON THAT DEAL, I'M TELLING YOU...

MY LITTLE DEMON ...
HE IS... REALLY INTO THIS, HUH?
REALLY? IN THAT MOLDY OLD THING?
AND IT'S, LIKE, THE MIDDLE OF SUM-MER. C'MERE.
'KAY! ALL SET TO GO!!

GO! GO! LET'S GOOOOO!!!
ALL RIGHT! MURDER, MAYHEM, AND MASSACRE!

HEY! GORDON! WHAT'S THIS THING?!
THAT WOULD BE A SODA MACHINE.


THE HIGHER THE PURITY OF THE SOUL, THE MORE WE GET PAID. SO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ANY STRAIT-LACED TYPES.
NOW THEN, KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED.
UNDER-STOOD!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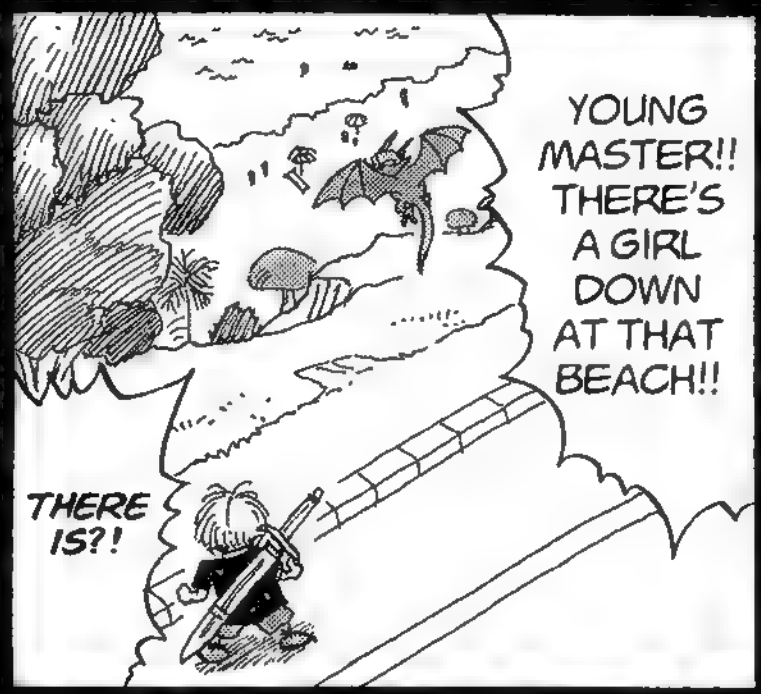
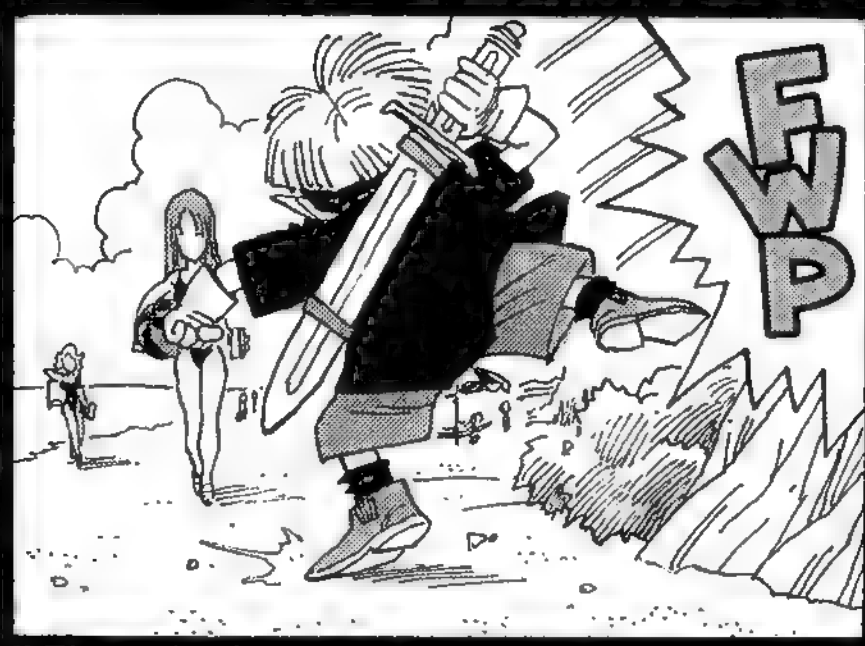

YOUNG MASTER!! THERE'S A GIRL DOWN AT THAT BEACH!!
THERE IS?!

AH!

WAS THAT...AN AUTO-MOBILE...
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?
...OR AN AERO-PLANE ?!

AND I'M HERE FOR YOUR SOOOUL !!!
YOU THERE!! I AM THE DEMON ACKMAN!!

EXCELLENT!! A MAIDEN'S PURE SOUL WILL FETCH A FINE PRICE!!!
FWA HAH HAH HAH!!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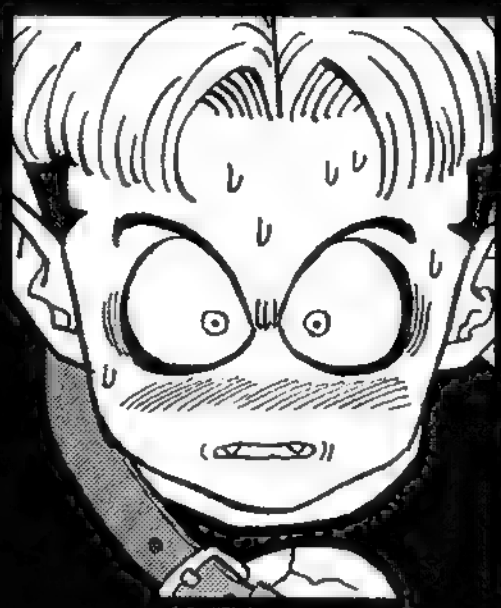

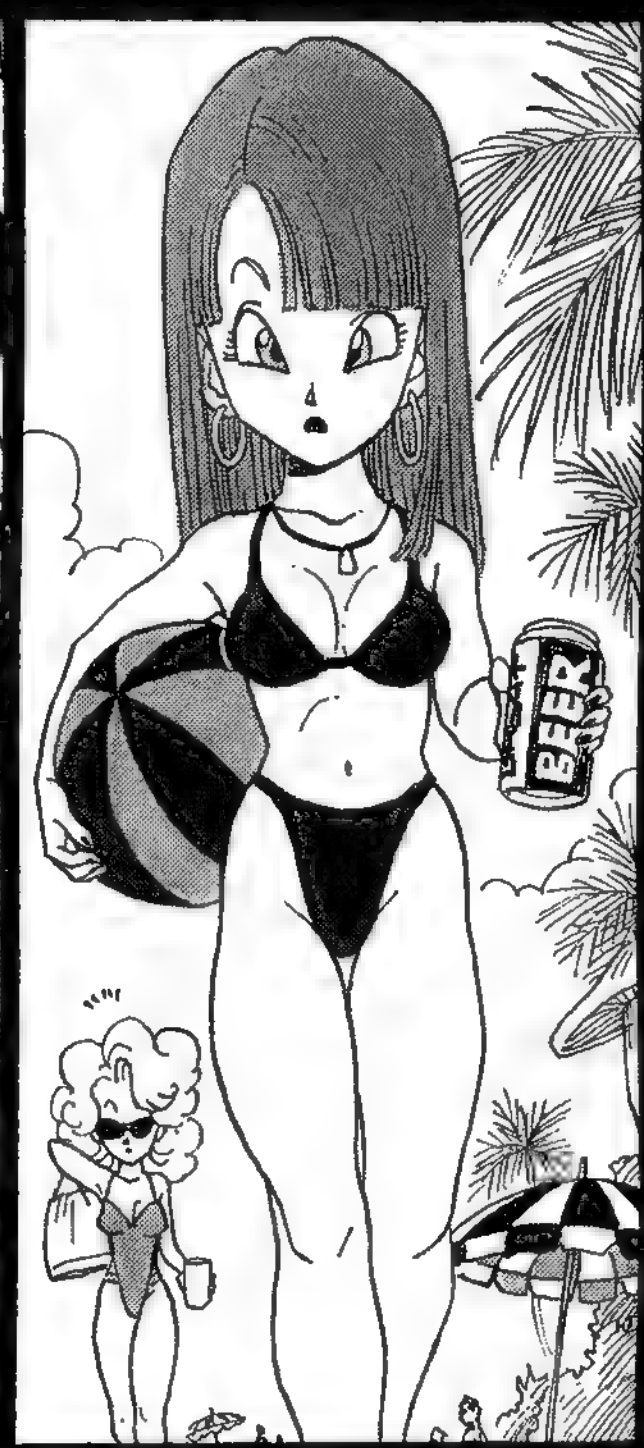
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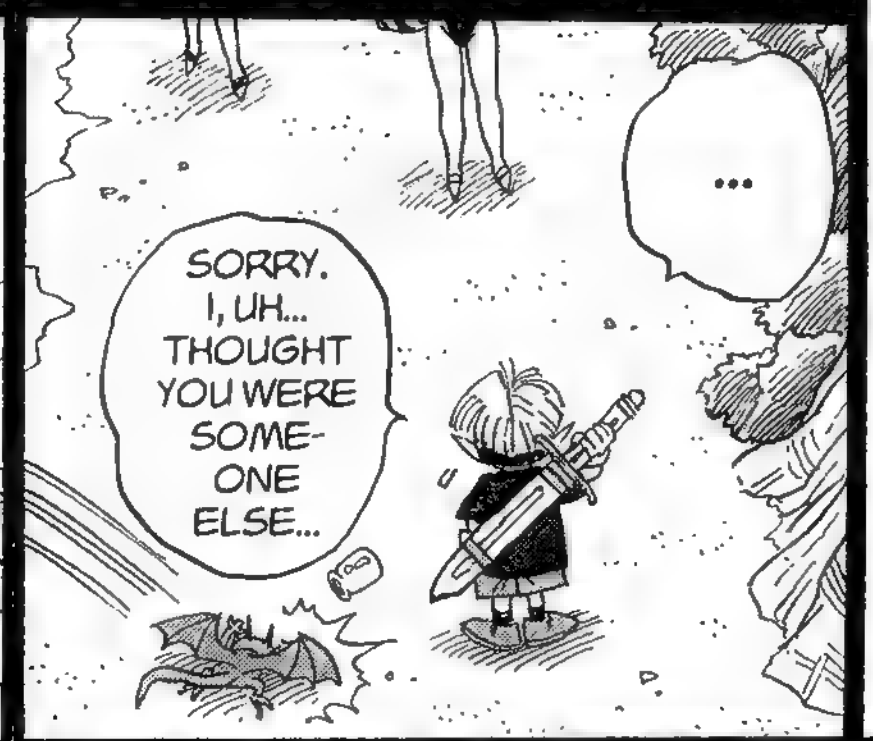
WHO WALKS AROUND IN BROAD DAYLIGHT DRESSED LIKE THAT AT A BEACH?
THOSE ARE CALLED HIGH CUT SWIMSUITS.

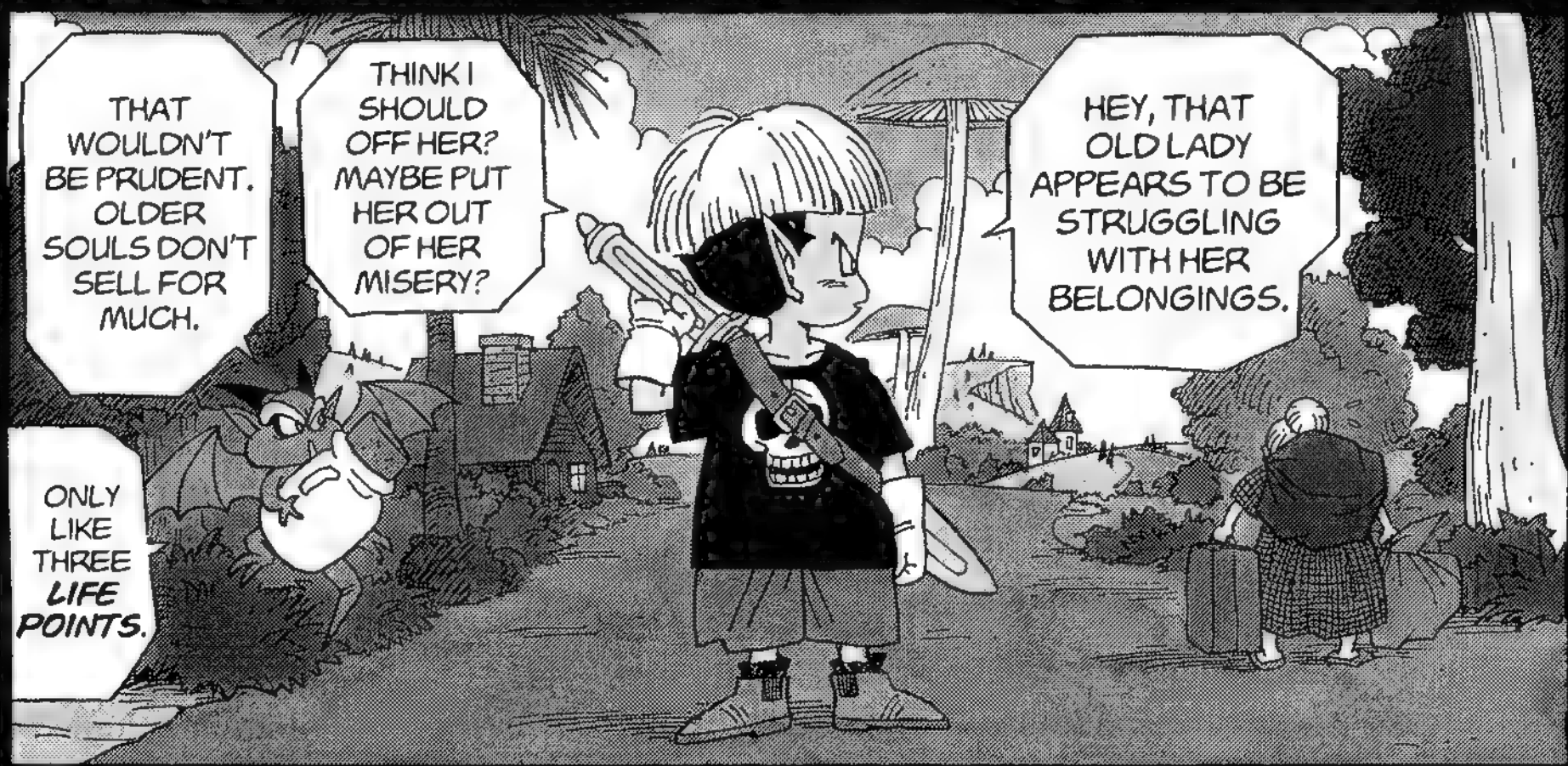

SORRY. I, UH... THOUGHT YOU WERE SOME-ONE ELSE...
...

GO!
GO!
GO!

CHAPTER 2

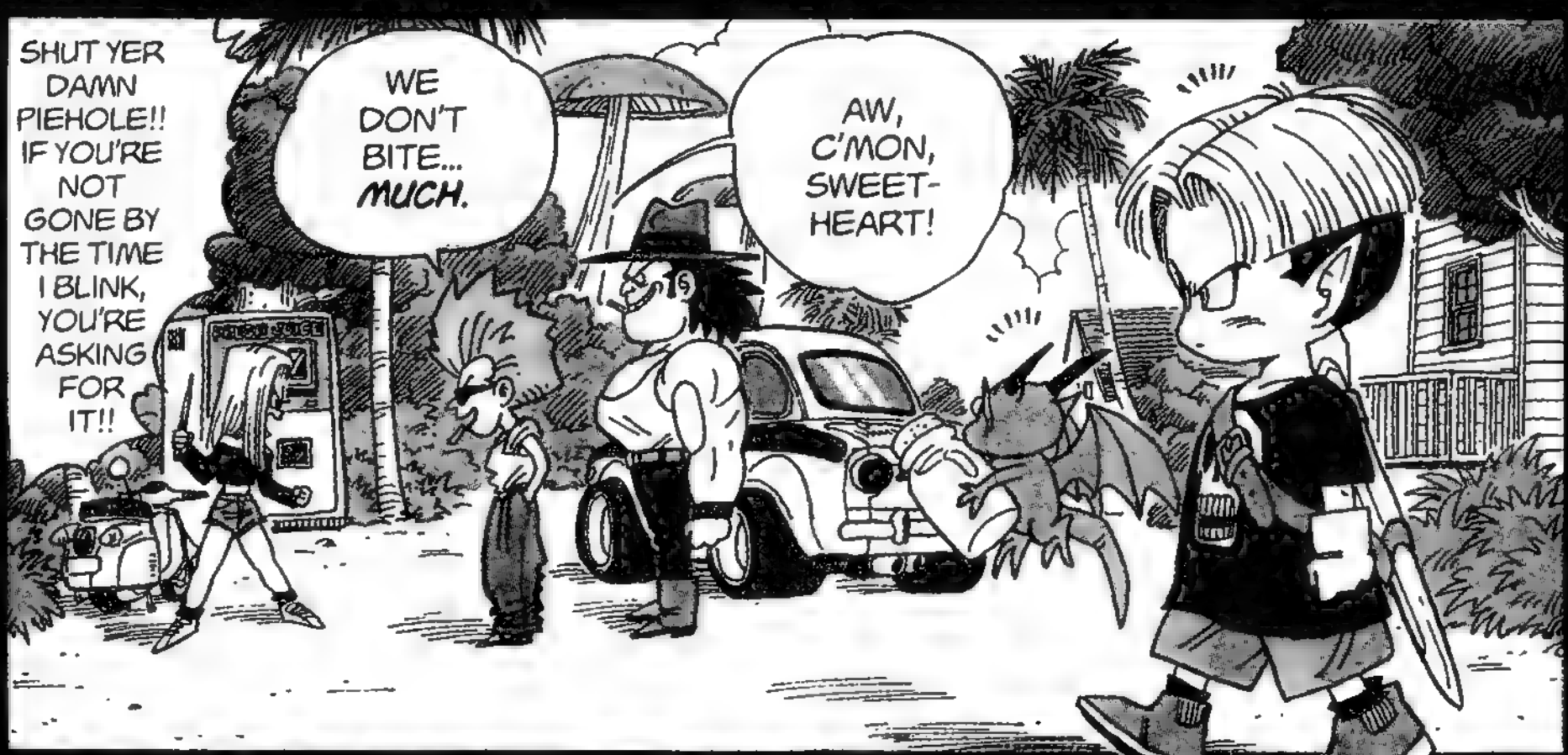
I'LL KILL 'EM AAAALL!!

HUR-RAAAY !!!

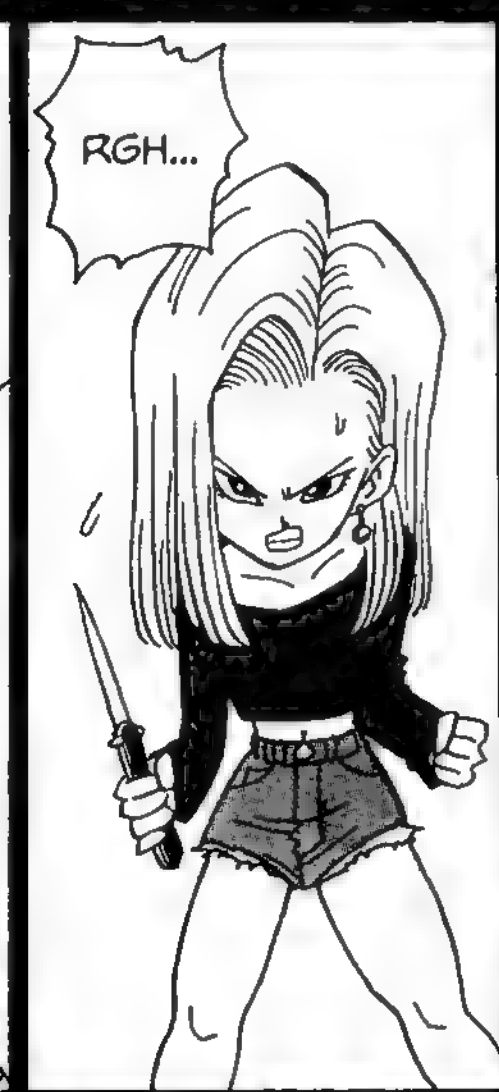


OH! I SUPPOSE THAT'S TRUE.
DON'T BE A FOOL. IF I WANTED A TOY, I'D JUST KILL A TOY-STORE OWNER.

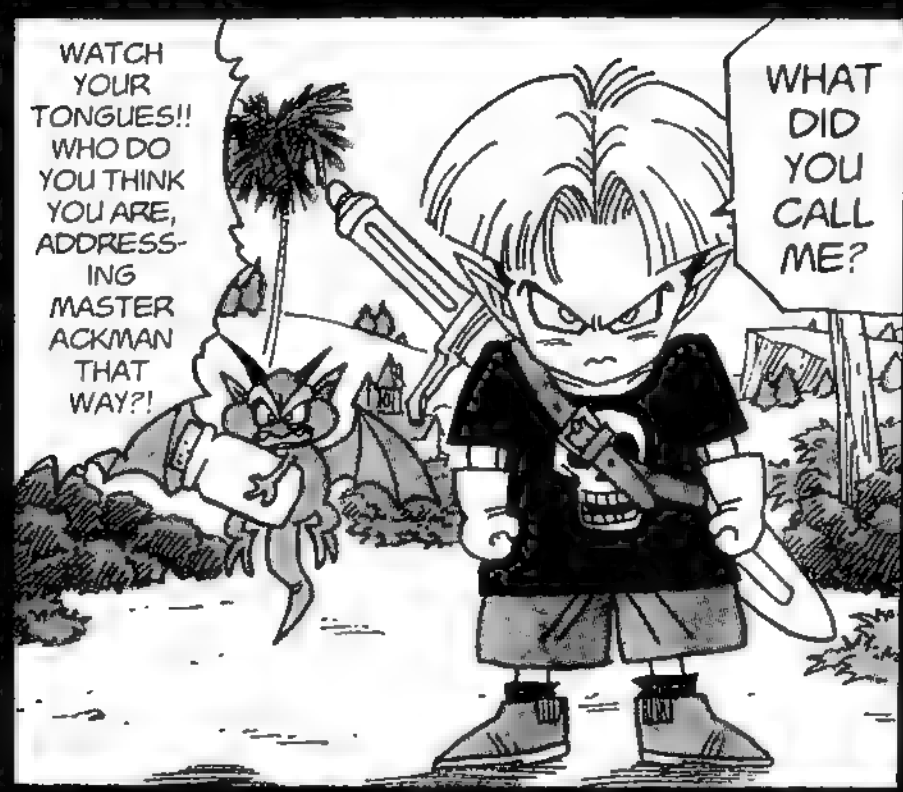
TEN? THAT WOULD NET YOU ENOUGH TO PURCHASE A RATHER EXPENSIVE NEW TOY IF THEY'RE DECENT PEOPLE.
I'D REALLY LIKE TO KILL AT LEAST TEN PEOPLE BEFORE SNACK TIME.


SHUT YER DAMN PIEHOLE!! IF YOU'RE NOT GONE BY THE TIME I BLINK, YOU'RE ASKING FOR IT!!
WE DON'T BITE... MUCH.
AW, C'MON, SWEET-HEART!

HEY, YOU! IF YOU'RE GOING TO KILL HER, I CAN HELP.


RGH...

COME WITH US, OR WE'LL KILL YA.
FWIP


WATCH YOUR TONGUES!! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, ADDRESSING MASTER ACKMAN THAT WAY?!
WHAT DID YOU CALL ME?

GET OUTTA HERE, YOU LITTLE TURD!
WHO THE HELL'S THIS FREAK ?

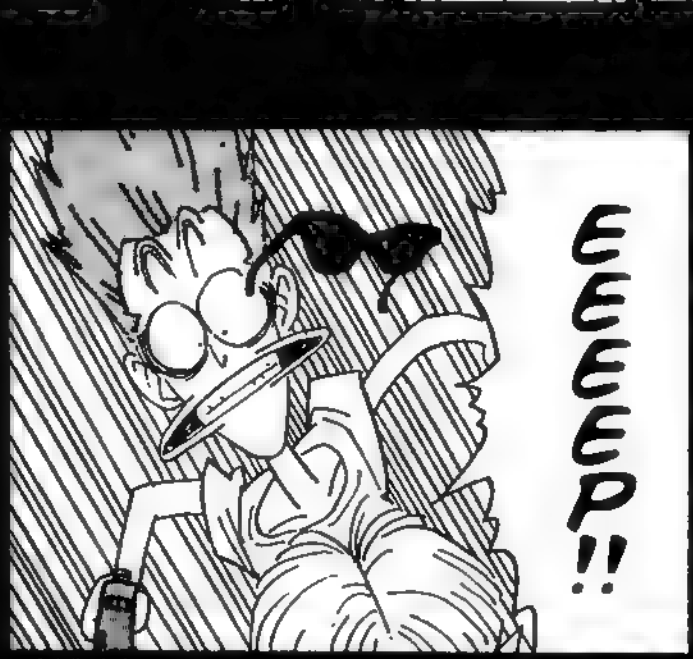
CRACK
KER

AND GET THE HELL OUTTA HERE!!!
SHUT YOUR DAMN TRAP !!!

BANG

YOU LITTLE- !!!

!!
THUD



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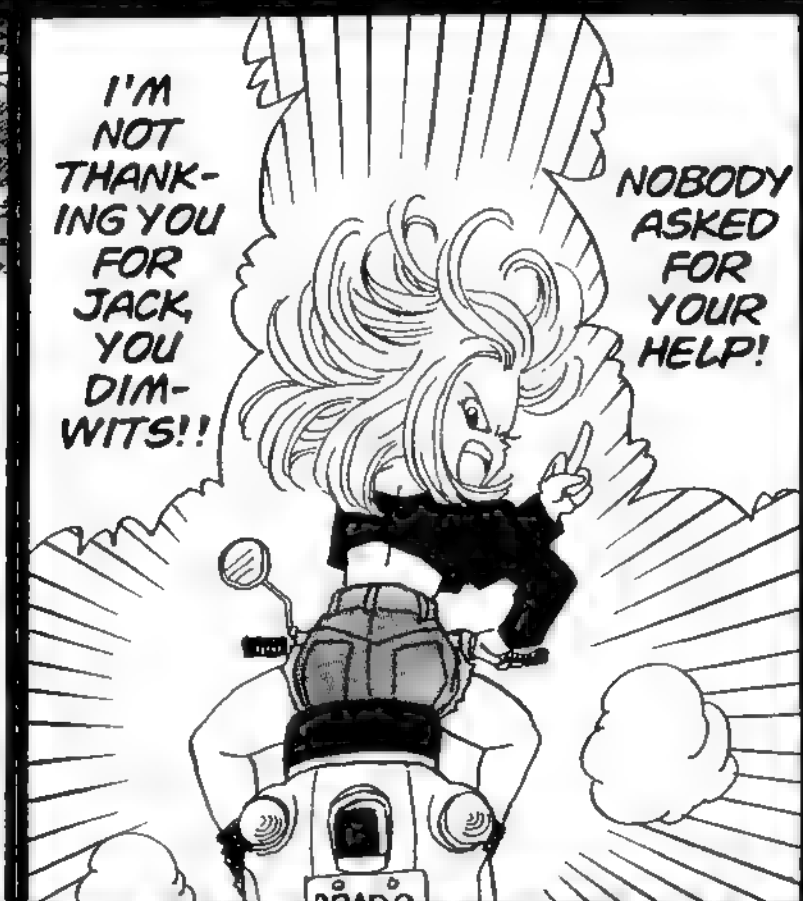
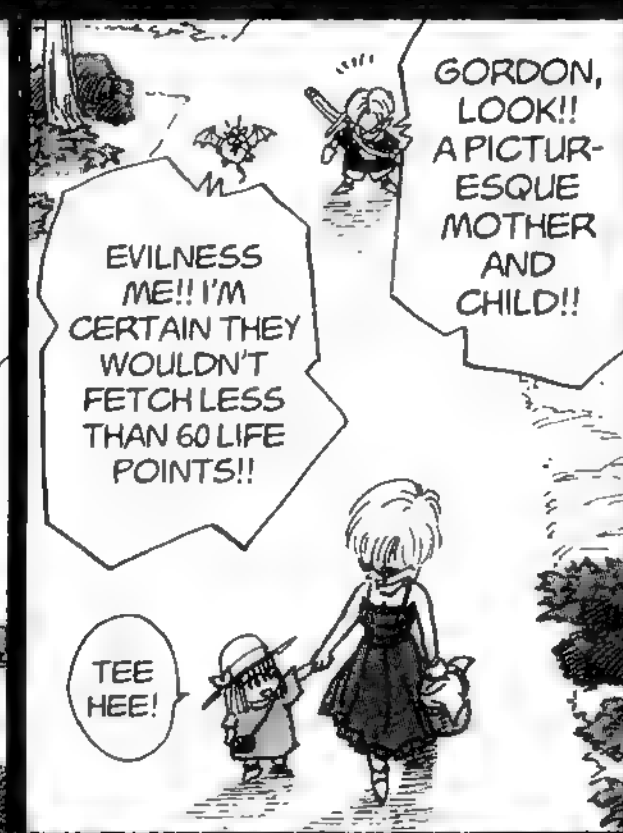
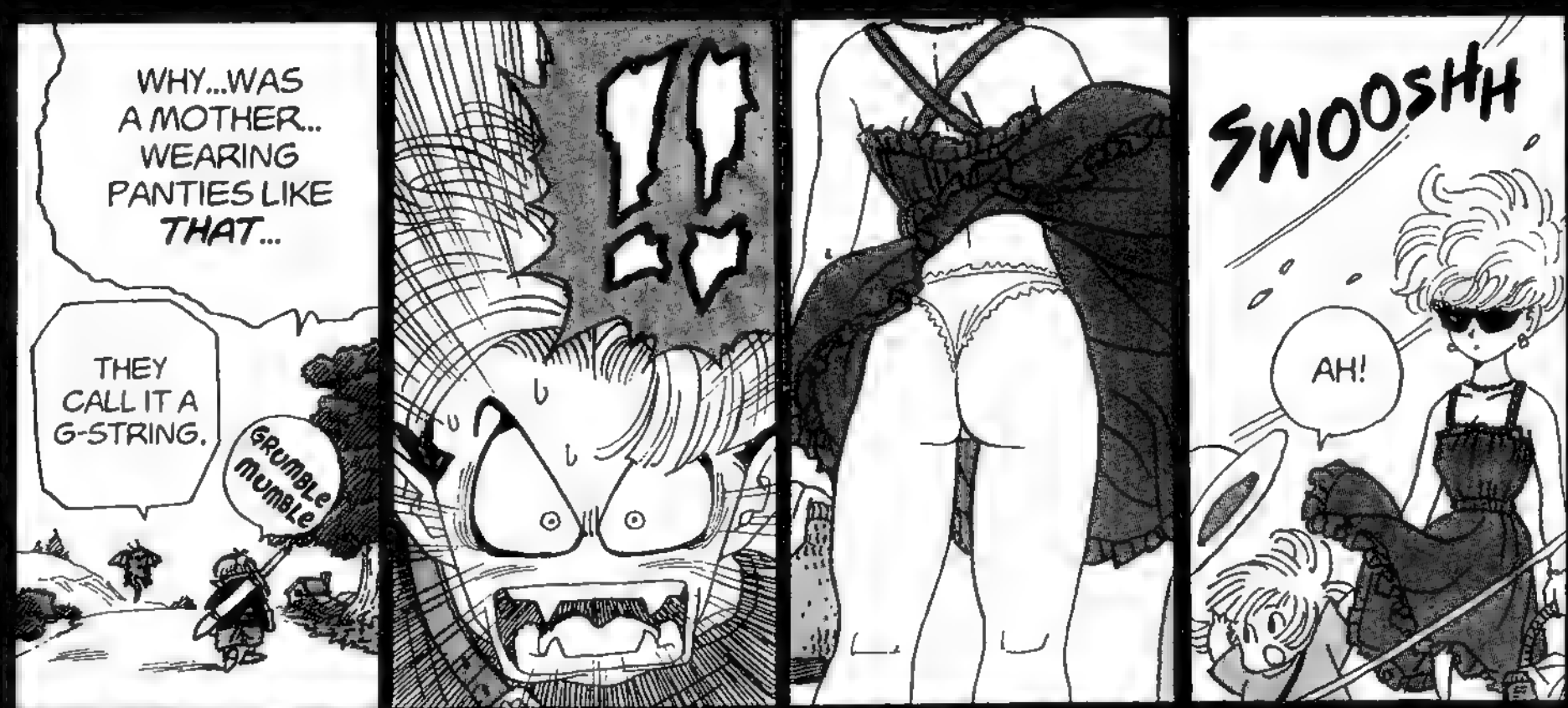






YUP, JUST LIKE THE LAST CHAPTER.

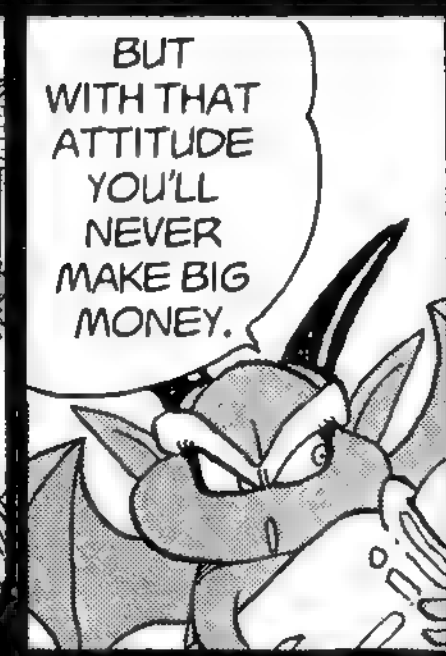
TO BE CONTINUED

CHAPTER 3
GO! GO!
ACKMAN
HELL DRIVER
ACKMAN
DEVIL Racing
JUMP
JUMP

IF I MAY, PERHAPS YOU'RE BEING A BIT TOO PICKY ABOUT YOUR TARGETS?

YOU MIGHT STAND TO BENEFIT FROM SLAUGHTERING AT RANDOM.

CURRRRSES! KILLING HUMANS IS HARDER THAN I THOUGHT...

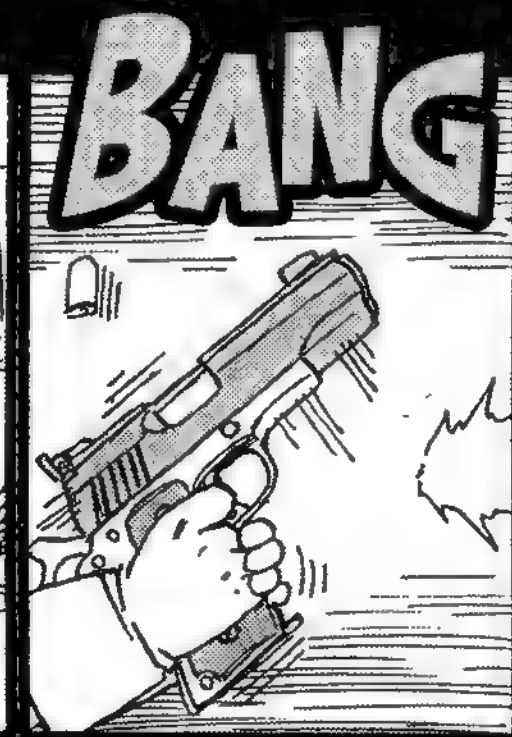


GOOD HEAVENS!! THIS MUST MEAN YOU'VE BEGUN KILLING!!
THAT SWORD ...

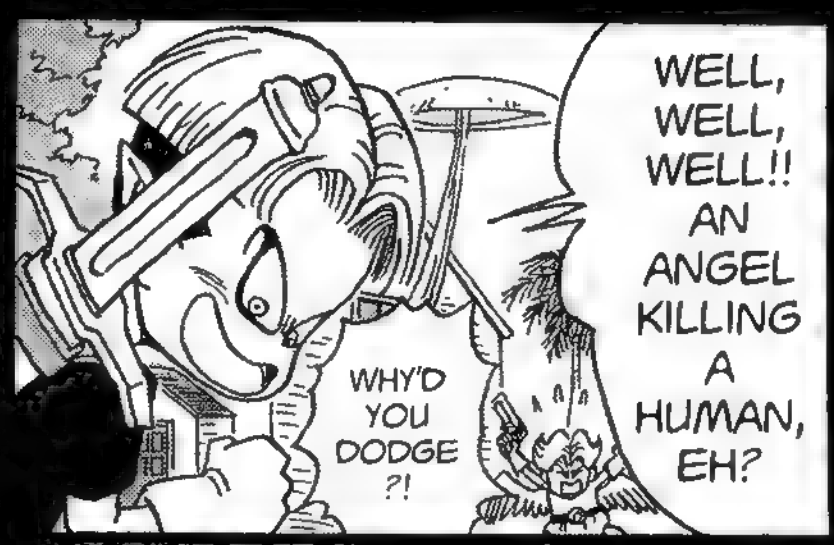
I'LL PLUNGE THIS PLANET INTO THE DEPTHS OF FEAR ITSELF!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT MEANS!!

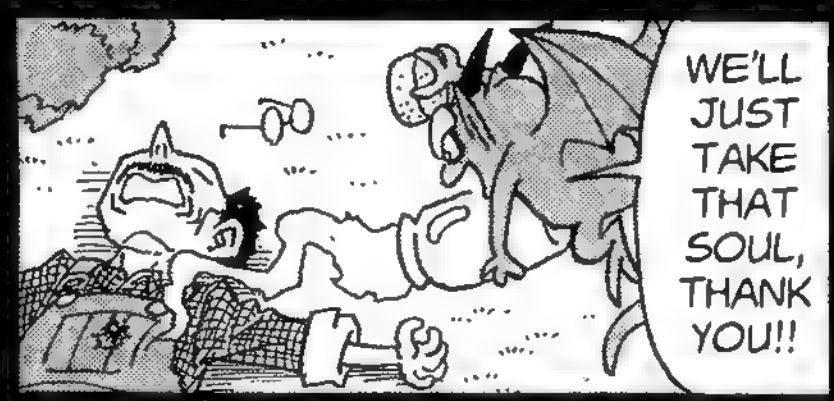
DEMON! DEFILER!! I HADN'T SEEN YOU FOR A WHILE, SO I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!
UNFORTU-NATELY, I WAS WRONG!!
AS IF I'D JUST UP AND DIE LIKE THAT. DUMBASS !!

SWISH
?!

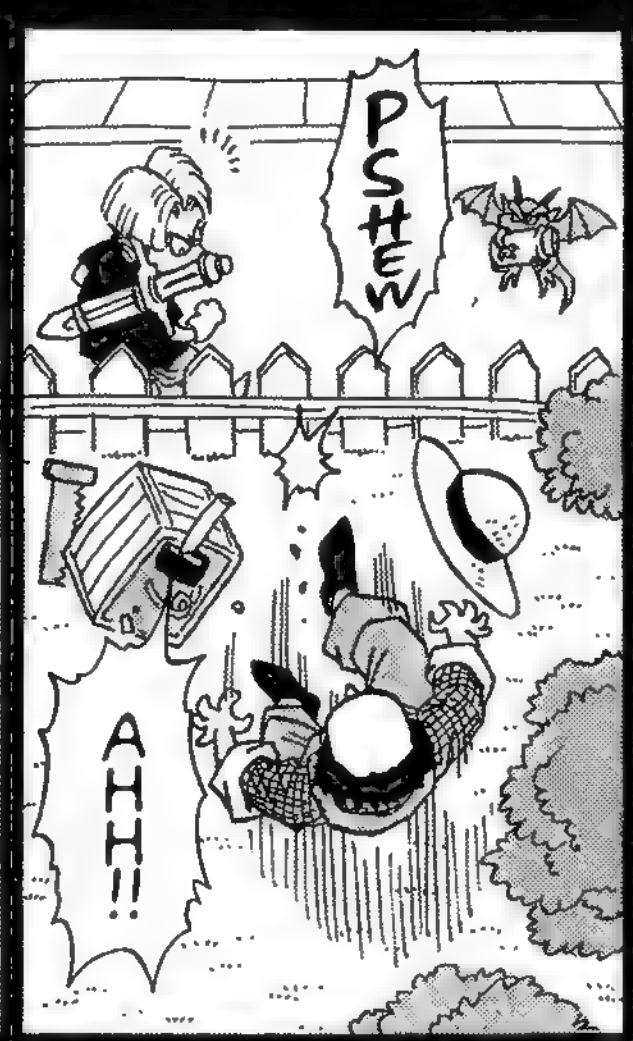

BANG

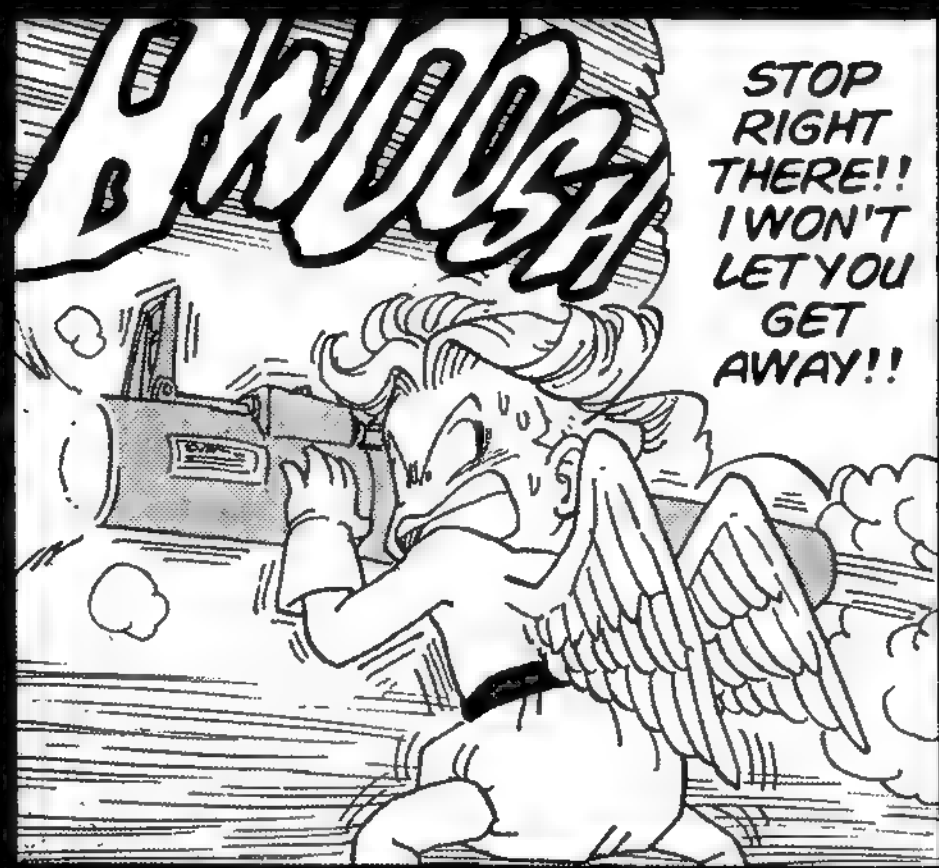
I CANNOT PERMIT DEMONS TO DISTURB THE FRAGILE PEACE OF THIS WORLD!!
I WILL NOT ALLOW THAT!!
FWIP


WELL, WELL, WELL!! AN ANGEL KILLING A HUMAN, EH?
WHY'D YOU DODGE ?!


WE'LL JUST TAKE THAT SOUL, THANK YOU!!

OH NO!


PSHEW
AHH!!


BWOOSH
STOP RIGHT THERE!! I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY!!

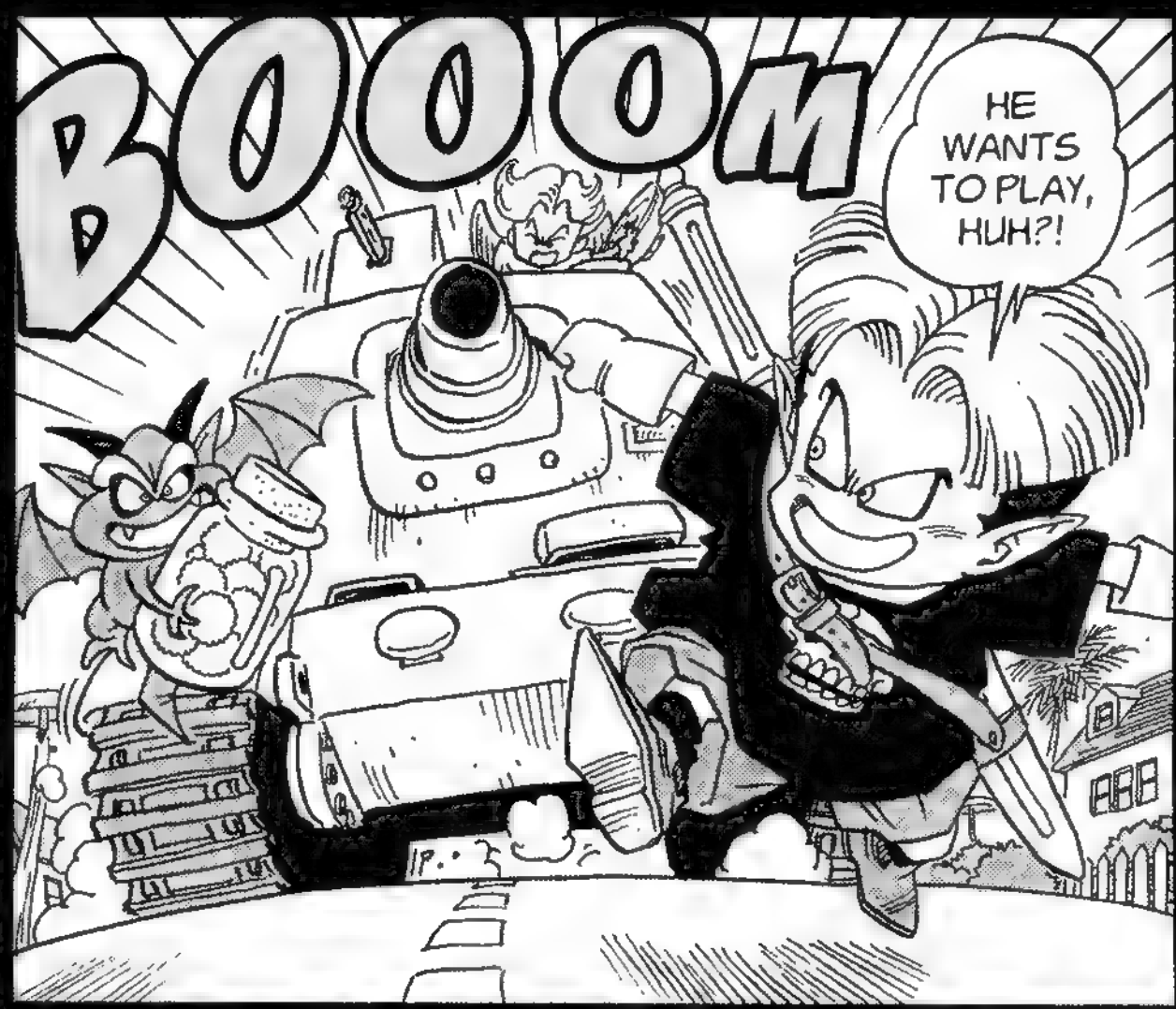
HE'S SUUUU-PER SCARY!!
HUMAN-KILLING ANGEL OVER HERE!
HEY, EVERY-BODY!
WHY, YOU-!!

KABOOM

NEEOOORM
OH!!!
HONK HOOONK
OOPSIE DAISY.

OH GOD, NOOO!!

LOOK AT ALL THESE SOULS YOU HELPED ME GET!!
CHEERS, BUDDY!!
WHT


BOOOM
HE WANTS TO PLAY, HUH?!

EVEN IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DOOO !!!
I... WILL... KILL... YOU...

MASTER ACKMAN, I DON'T THINK I CAN FIT ANY MORE SOULS IN HERE!
Y'KNOW, WITH YOU AS A PARTNER, I COULD PROBABLY RETIRE IN NO TIME!
...

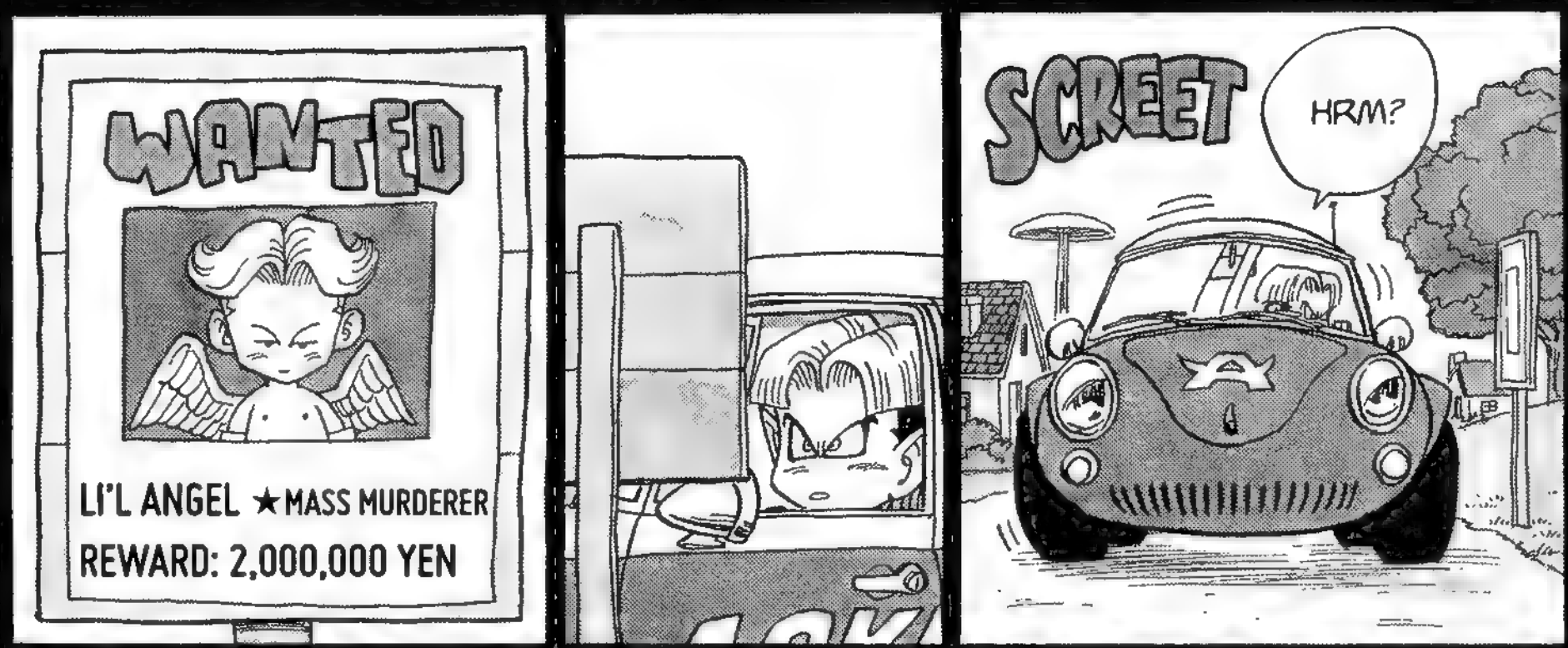
KA-BOOM
BAH-
BOOOM

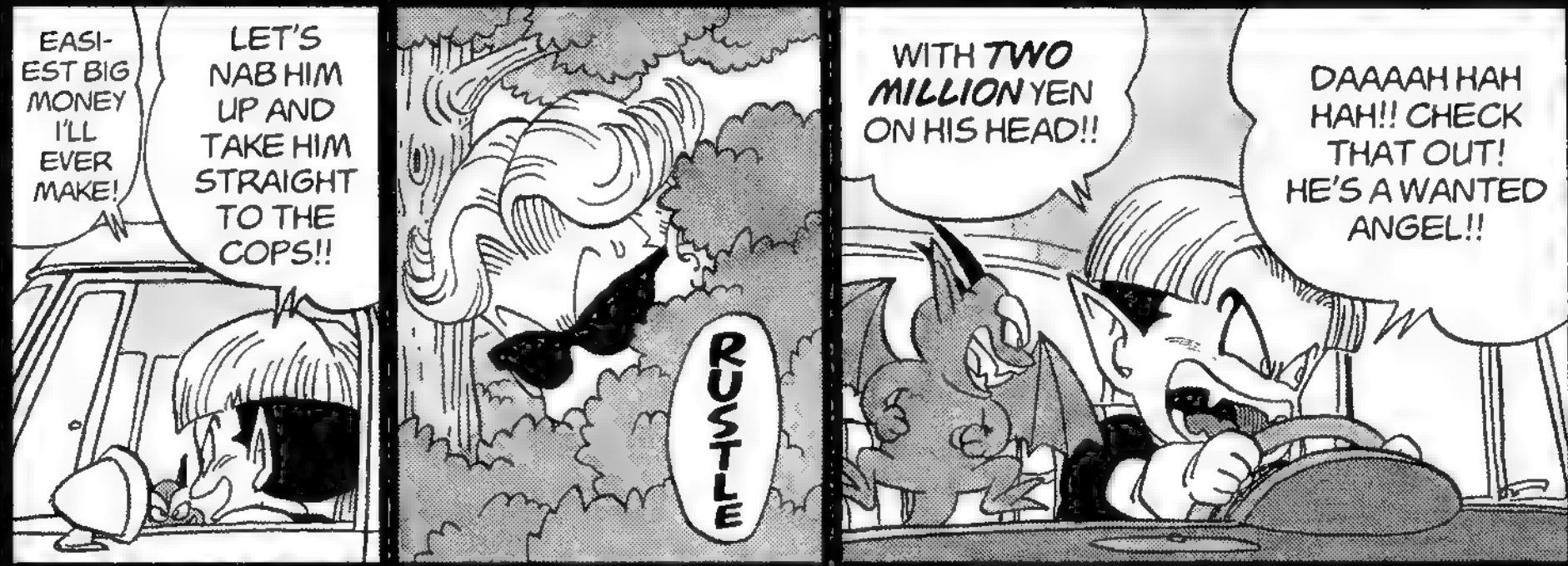
CHAPTER 4

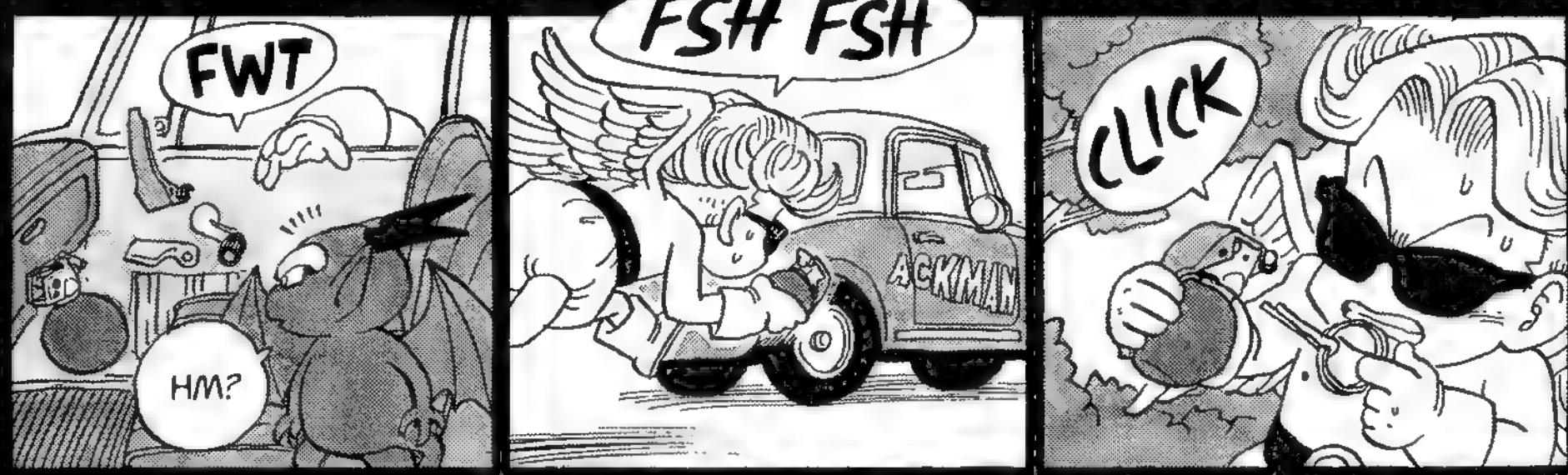
GOLDMAN

I GOT A CAR THANKS TO THAT STUPID SERAPH!
GEH HEH HEH HEH! WHAT A HAUL!

BRRRM
ACKMAN

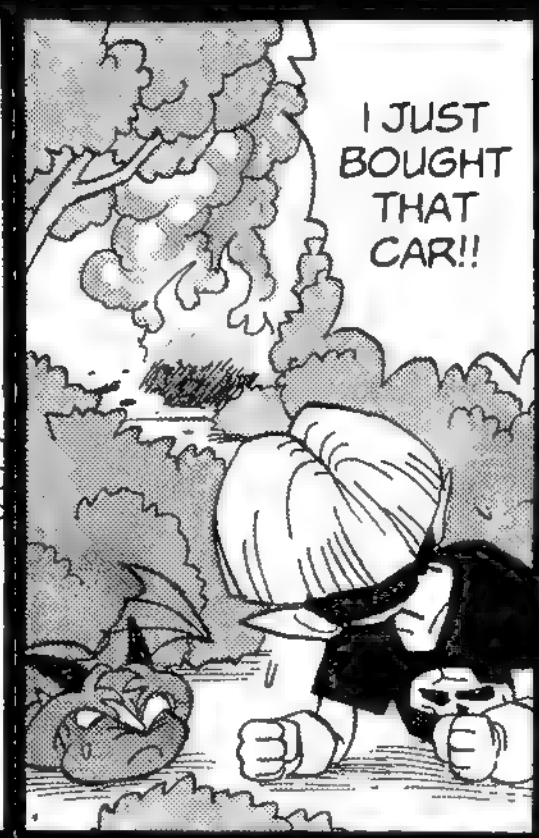

WANTED
LI'L ANGEL ★MASS MURDERER
REWARD: 2,000,000 YEN
SCREET
HRM?


EASI-EST BIG MONEY I'LL EVER MAKE!
LET'S NAB HIM UP AND TAKE HIM STRAIGHT TO THE COPS!!
RUSTLE
WITH TWO MILLION YEN ON HIS HEAD!!
DAAAAH HAH HAH!! CHECK THAT OUT! HE'S A WANTED ANGEL!!

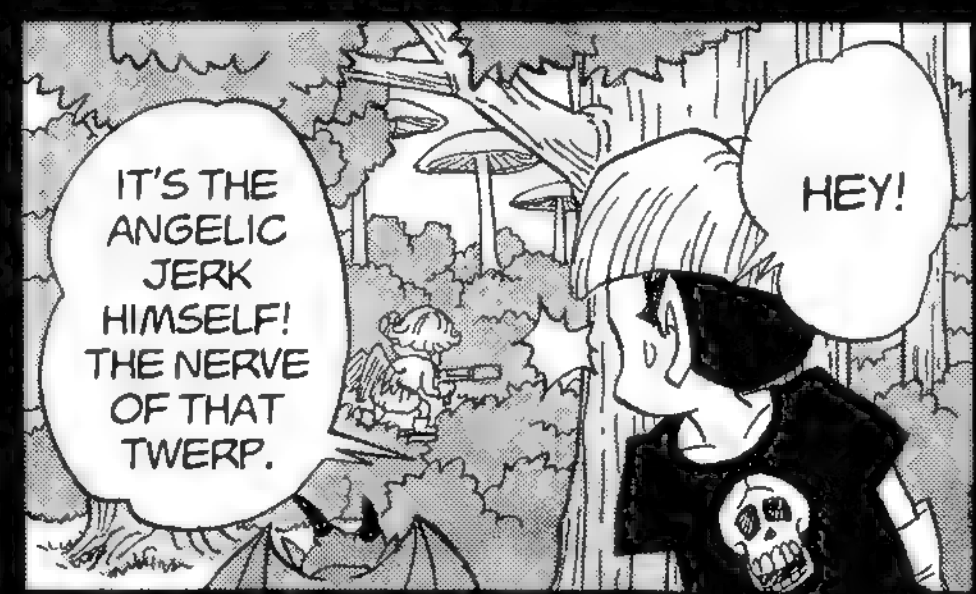

FWT
HM?
FSH FSH
ACKMAN
CLICK

FWP
IT'S A GRE-NAAADE !!!

HE RAN OFF!!
RRGH !!
CHK-CHK


I JUST BOUGHT THAT CAR!!

KABOOM


IT'S THE ANGELIC JERK HIMSELF! THE NERVE OF THAT TWERP.
HEY!

WHERE... WHERE ARE YOU...
CURSE YOU, ACK-MAN...

WITH THAT BOUNTY OF YOURS!!
YOU'RE GONNA PAY ME BACK FOR MY CAR... AND THEN SOME!!

WHOA, LADY! THERE'S A DANGEROUS CRIMINAL LURKING AROUND HERE! YOU SHOULD GET OUTTA HERE NOW!
OH MY!! HOW TER-RIBLE!

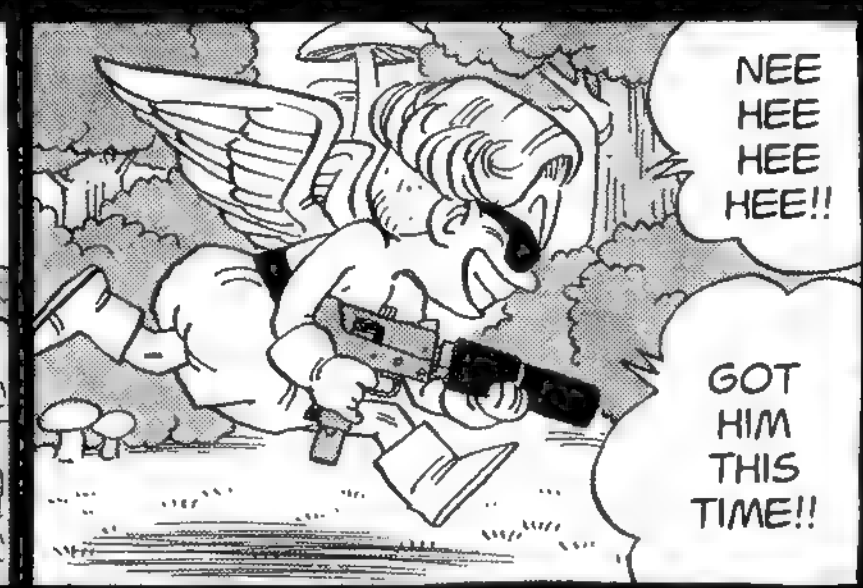
YOU THERE! DID YOU HEAR THAT LOUD BOOM JUST NOW?!
WHAT THE DEVIL WAS THAT ?!

RATATAT
GOT YOU NOW, ACK-MAN !!!

RUSTLE RUSTLE
AHA !!

BLESS YOU, CHILD!!
BUSTLE RUSTLE

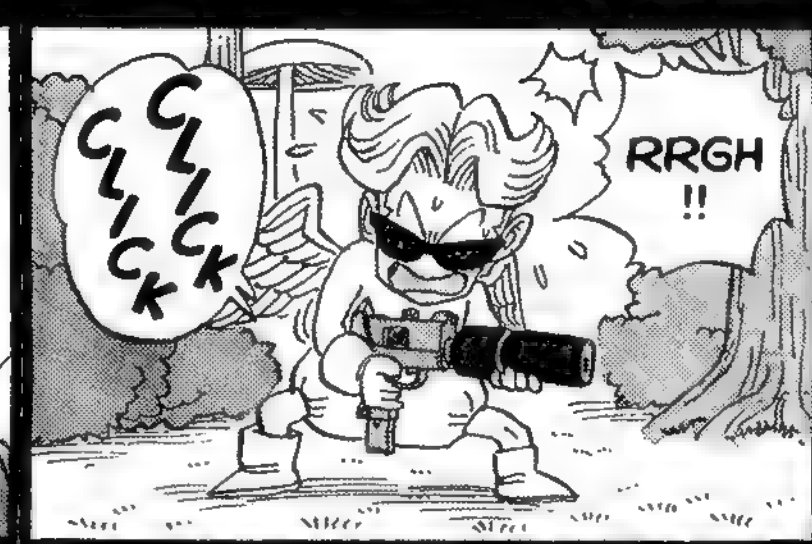
IT'S NOT HIM!! B-BUT HOW?!
AAH !!


NEE HEE HEE HEE!!
GOT HIM THIS TIME!!

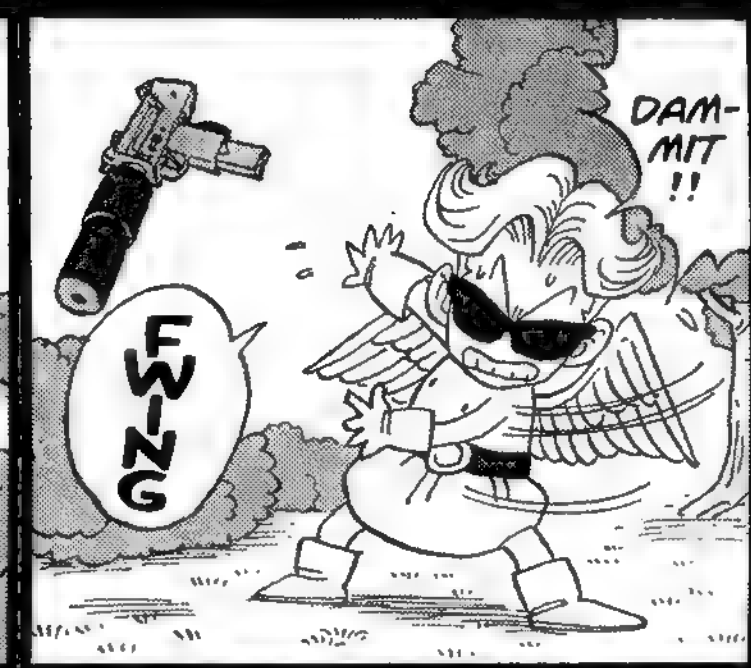
Y-YOU FIEND!!! THIS IS ALL-! BECAUSE OF YOU, I'VE-!!!

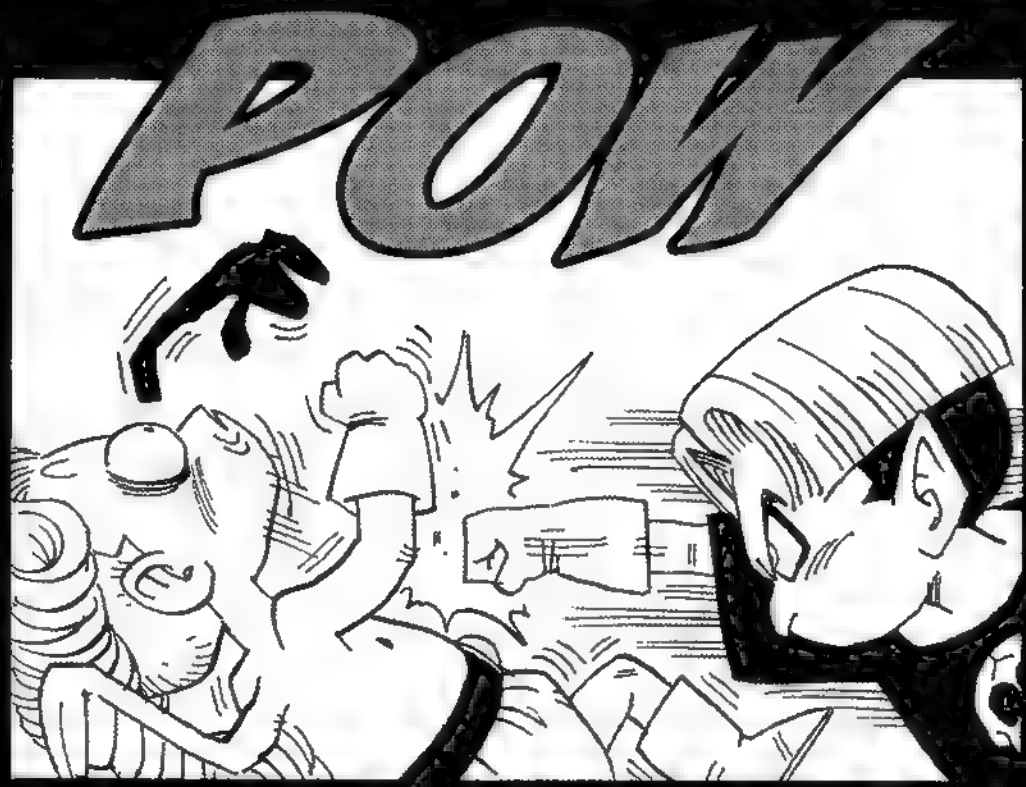
A REGULAR ANGEL OF DEATH!
OH DEAR! YOU JUST KILLED ANOTHER HUMAN!
HEY!!

HRK !!
AWWW, ALL OUTTA AMMO FROM SHOOTING THAT POOR LADY?


CLICK CLICK CLICK
RRGH !!

YOU WANNA GO?
I'LL SHOW YOU MY FIST OF DIVINE PURGING!
I DON'T NEED A GUN JUST TO KILL YOU!!


FWING
DAM-MIT !!


POW

ULTRA-MAGNUM SUPER-ANGEL PUUUNCH !!!

THIS... ISN'T OVER...
CURSE YOU, ACKMAN!

POLICE

TWITCH TWITCH

HOW 'BOUT I HELP HIM ESCAPE, THEN TURN HIM IN AGAIN FOR MORE?
BACK IN THE GAME, EH, MASTER?

GO! GO! ACKMAN

CHAPTER 5

BANG

FVT

FLIT
?

PSHEW

ZOOM

...?

FVT

CLATTER
CLRNK
I ALSO HAVE...

FLIK
ONCE I TAKE AIM, I NEVER MISS MY TARGET.
WOW !!!

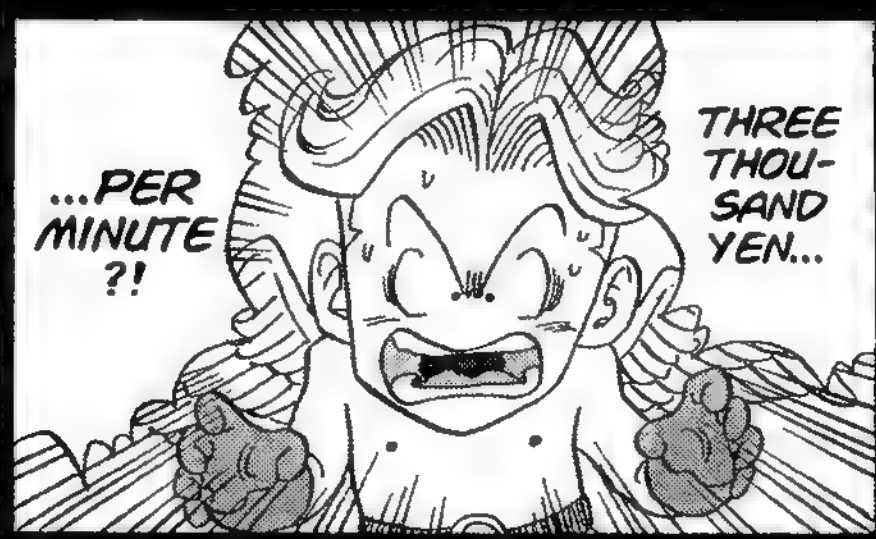
DAAAH !!!

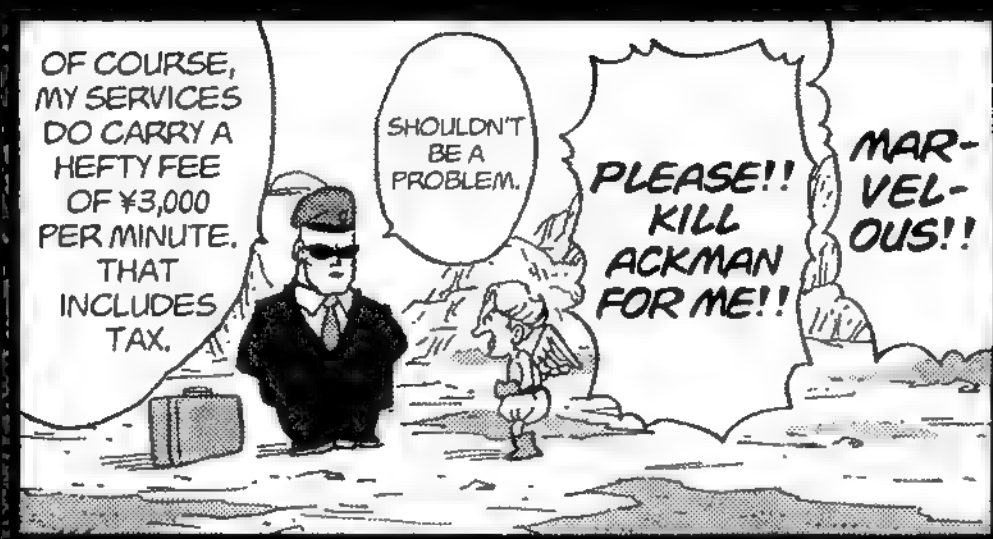
...FIRST-CLASS MARTIAL ARTS SKILLS WITH DEVASTATING POWER.
WOWIE !!!!

SWASH

YOWZA !!!!
I HAVE A LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATION IN CALLIGRAPHY!!

WHAT'S MORE...

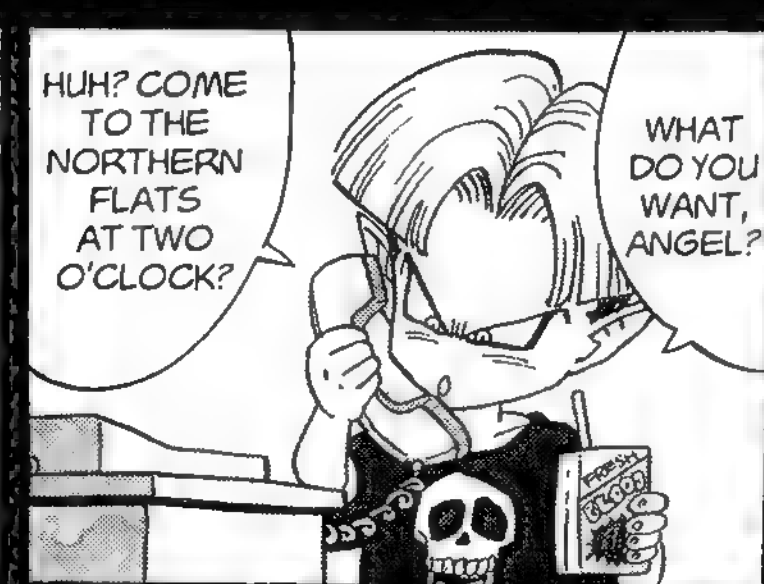

...PER MINUTE ?!
THREE THOUSAND YEN...


OF COURSE, MY SERVICES DO CARRY A HEFTY FEE OF ¥3,000 PER MINUTE. THAT INCLUDES TAX.
SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM.
PLEASE!! KILL ACKMAN FOR ME!!
MARVELOUS!!

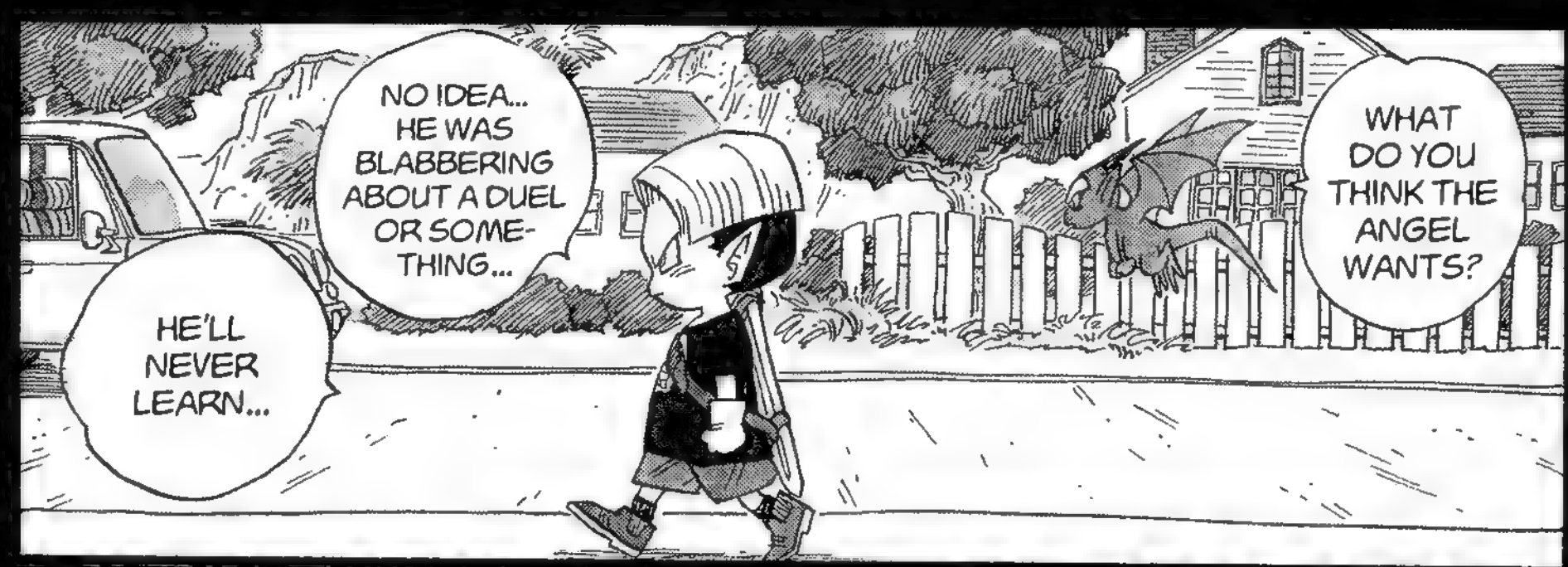
RING RING

NO MATTER. I ACCEPT.
A BIT STINGY, AREN'T YOU...?
FROM 2:00 TO 2:05!
V...VERY WELL! I'LL HIRE YOU FOR FIVE MINUTES.

AND YOU BETTER COME ON TIME!!
NOT ONE MINUTE LATE, YOU HEAR?! TWO O'CLOCK!! TWO!!!

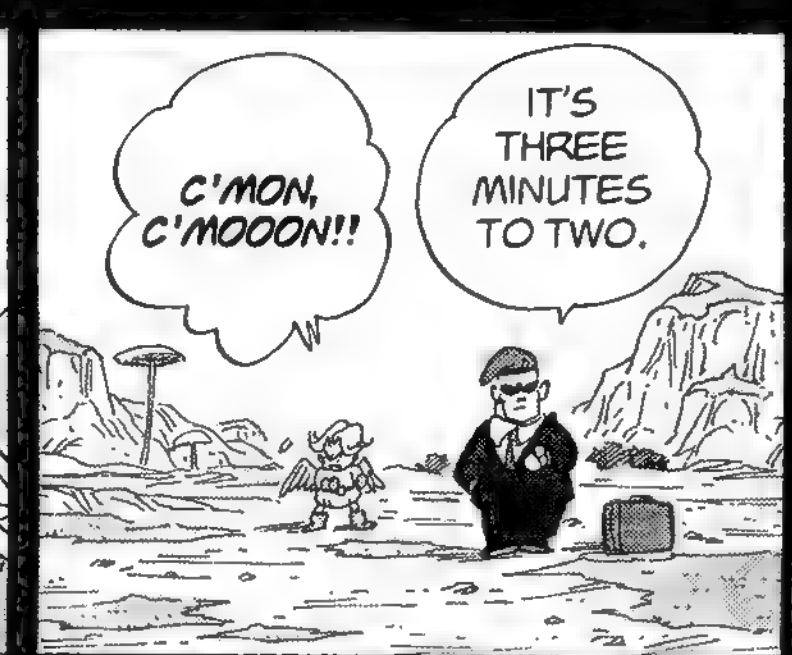

HUH? COME TO THE NORTHERN FLATS AT TWO O'CLOCK?
WHAT DO YOU WANT, ANGEL?

ACK-MAAAN! PHO-OONE!


NO IDEA... HE WAS BLABBERING ABOUT A DUEL OR SOME-THING...
HE'LL NEVER LEARN...
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE ANGEL WANTS?

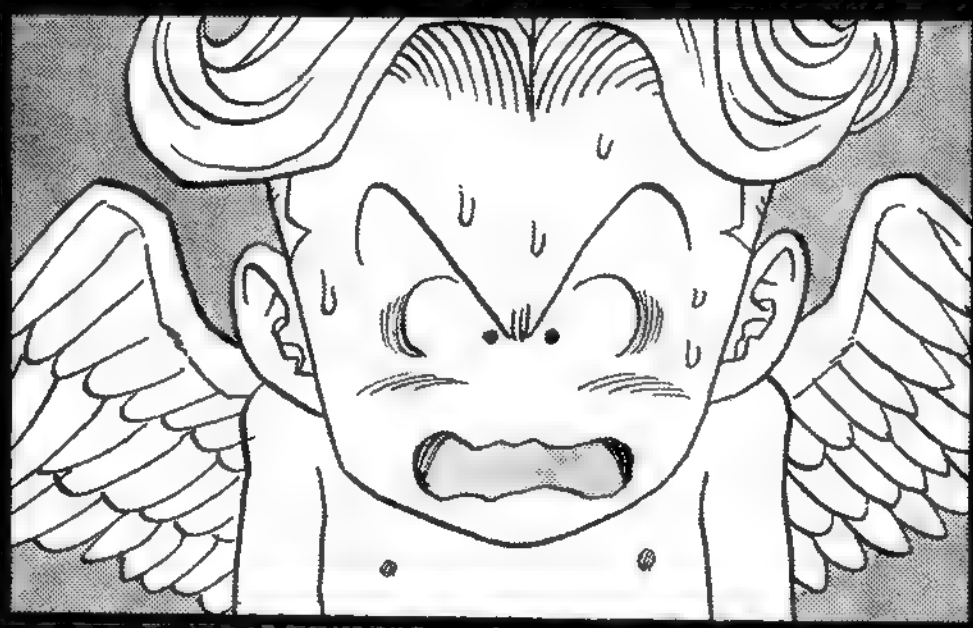
HEY!

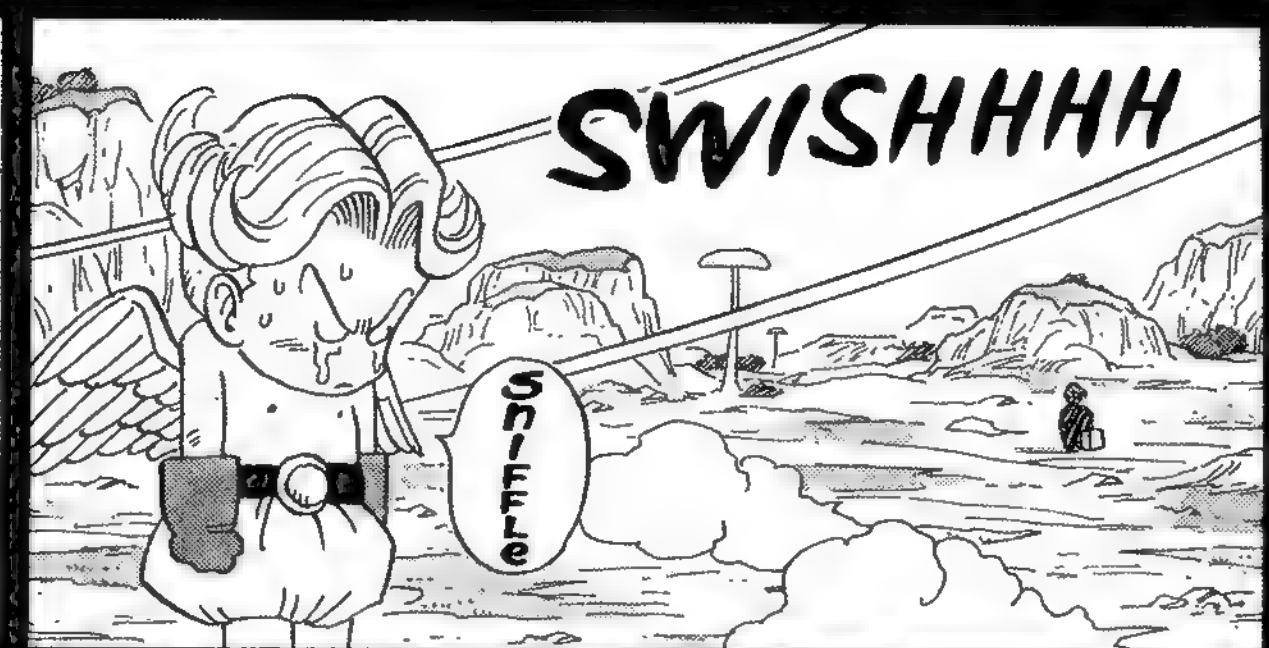
HURRY UP!! I'M ENTIRELY OUT OF MONEY!!
W-WHAT THE HEAVENS IS HE DOING?!
B-DMP B-DMP

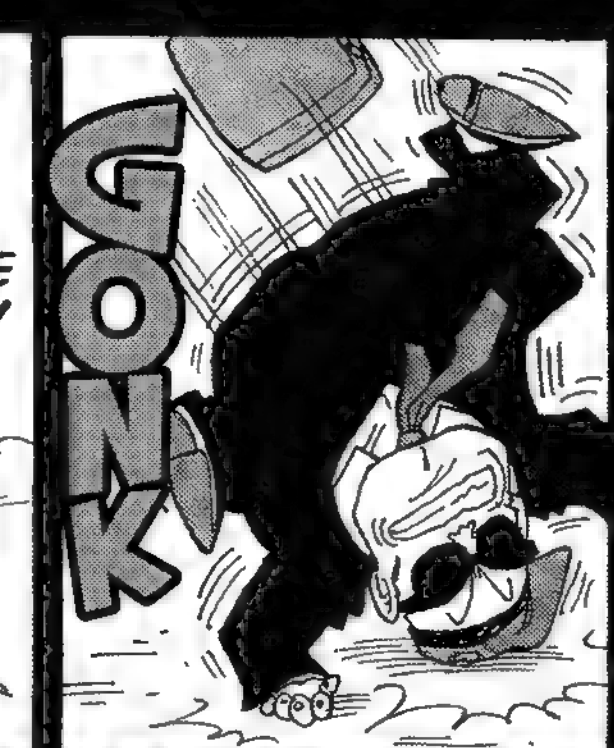

C'MON, C'MOOON!!
IT'S THREE MINUTES TO TWO.

IT'S 2:04...

SOUNDS GOOD.
DELICIOUS TAKOYAKI
THAT TAKOYAKI LOOKS GREAT! LET'S GET SOME TO GO!







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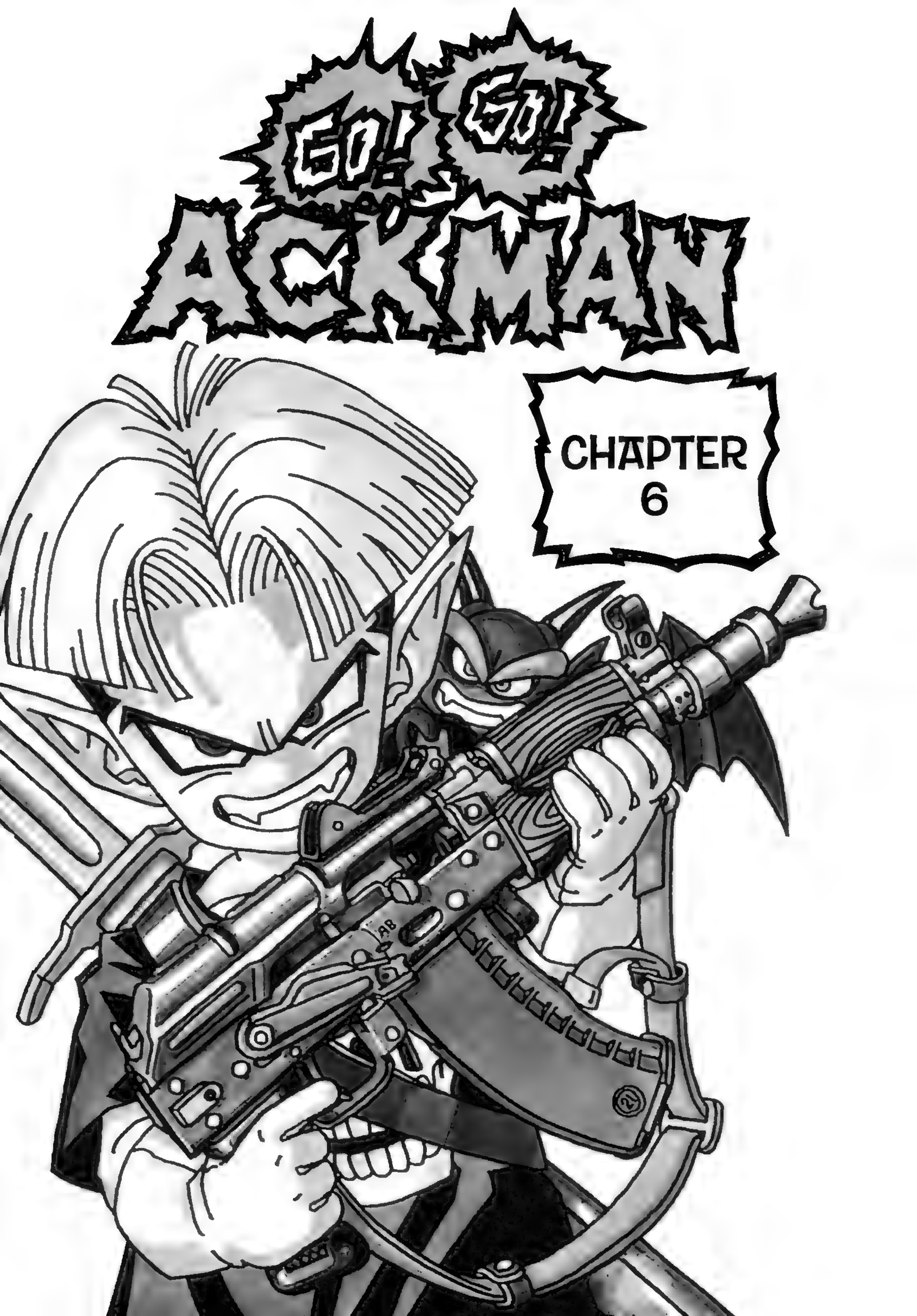
GO! GO!
ACKMAN
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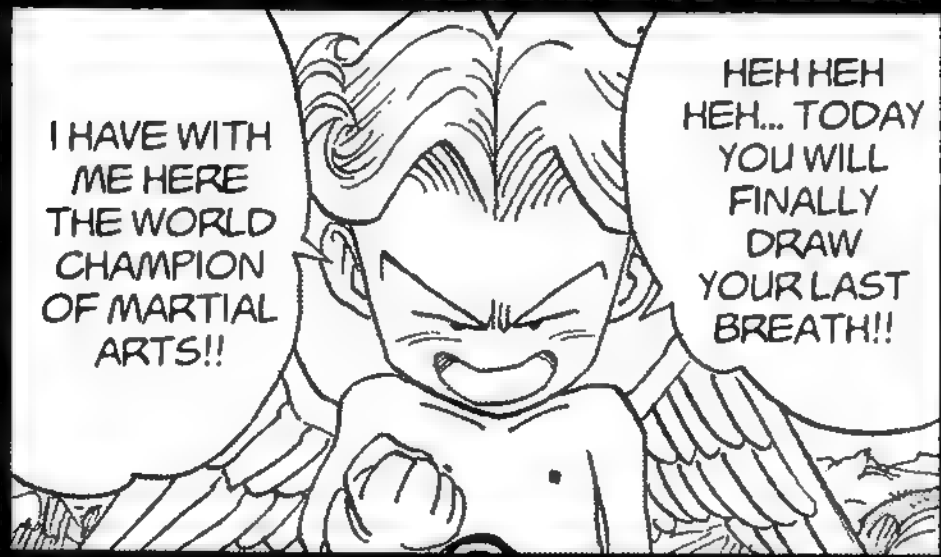


*HIS NAME SOUNDS LIKE "POTATOES MAKE YOU FART."

THE SHEER POWER I POSSESS!
KEH HEH HEH. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE IN FOR, DO YA?

HAH HAH HAH! HE TALKS BIG, DOESN'T HE, MASTER?

LET'S SEE IF YOU STILL TALK BIG AFTER YOU SEE THIS...

YES, SIR!
BEST YOU STAND WAY BACK.
ZZIP

WHIP
SWISH

SHYAAA !!!!

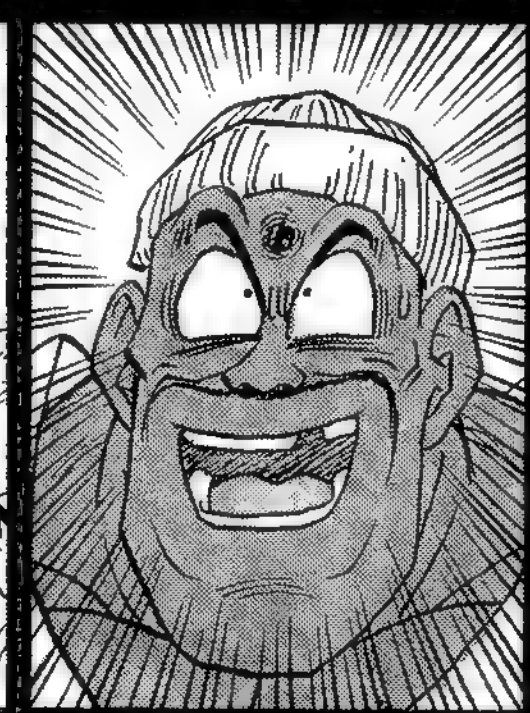
ESH
WOSHWOSH
HYAAAA!!!
TMP
HRRK !!!
GRRSH
RAAA-AAAH!!

HOW YOU LIKE THAA-AAT ?!!

HE'S PER-FECT !!!

CRRUUSH

MASTER !!!
THUD



BLAM
GAAH HAH HAH HAH!!

WHO THE HELL LEAVES ONE OF THOSE JUST LYING AROUND ?!
SATAN H. LUCI-FER!

WHOOO-AAA!!!

TREMBLE
SO STUPID... C'MON, LET'S GO HOME.

I FINALLY DID IT... I FOUND ACK-MAN'S... WEAK-NESS!!
NEH HEH HEH...

?

ARE YOU OKAY, MASTER?
HUFFF HUFFF

SHYAAA
!!!!

GO! GO! ACKMAN

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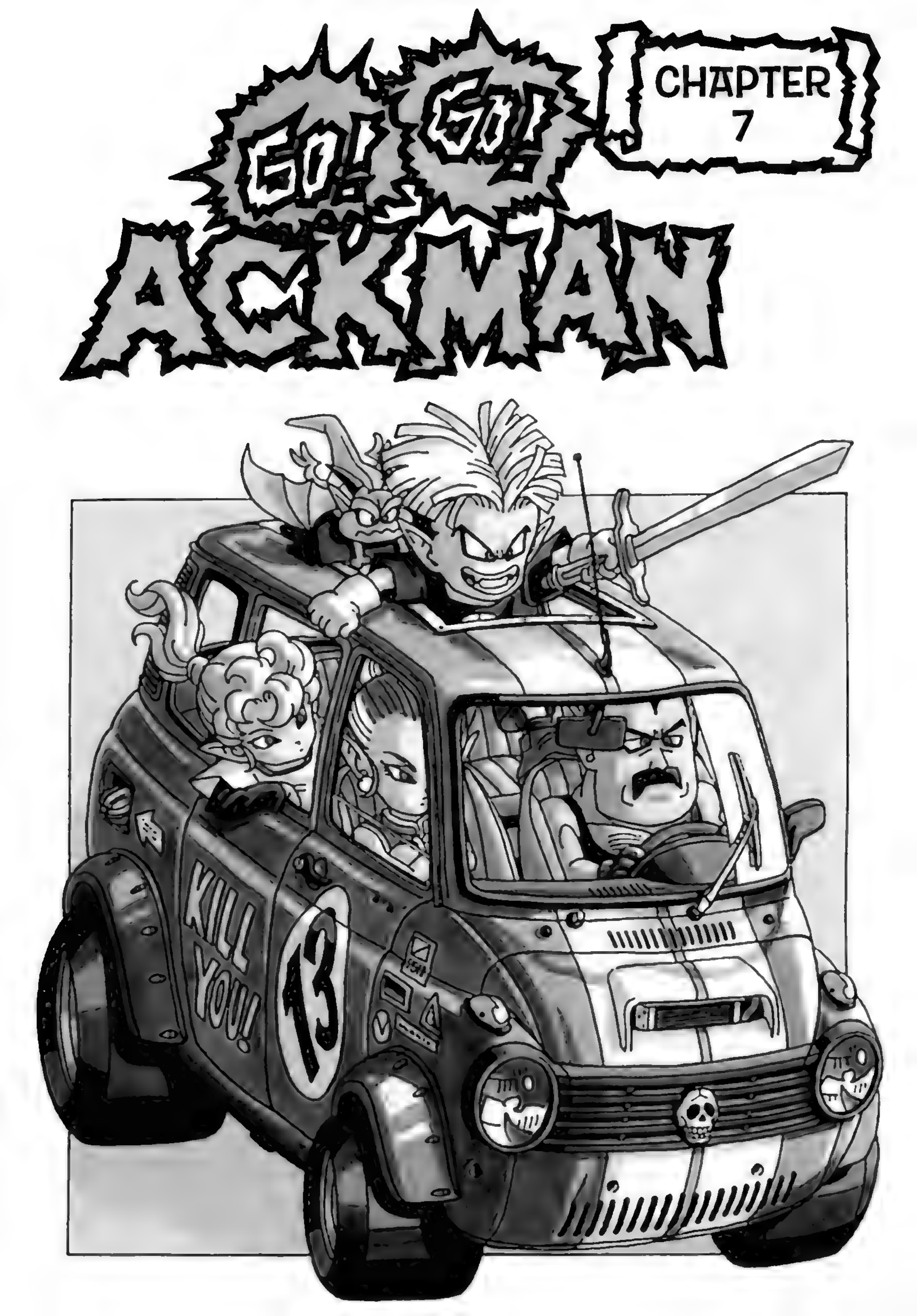
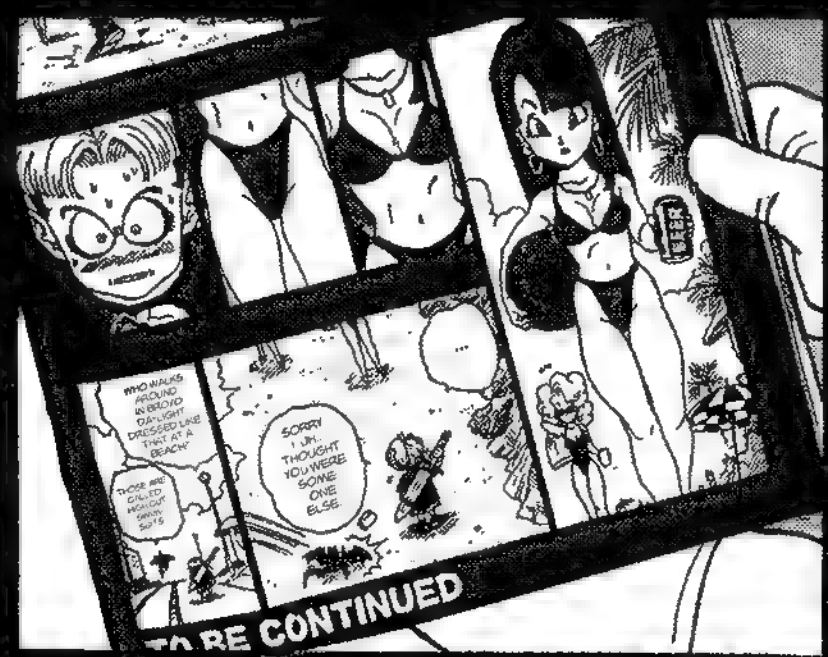



WHO WALKS AROUND IN BLOND DAYLIGHT DRESSED LIKE THAT AT A BEACH?
THOSE ARE CALLED HIGH-CUT SWIM SUITS
SORRY I UH, THOUGHT YOU WERE SOMEONE ELSE
TO BE CONTINUED

ACKMAN CAN'T HANDLE BAWDINESS!!!
I FINALLY FOUND HIS WEAKNESS!!!

JUST AS I SUSPECTED ...
HEH HEH HEH...

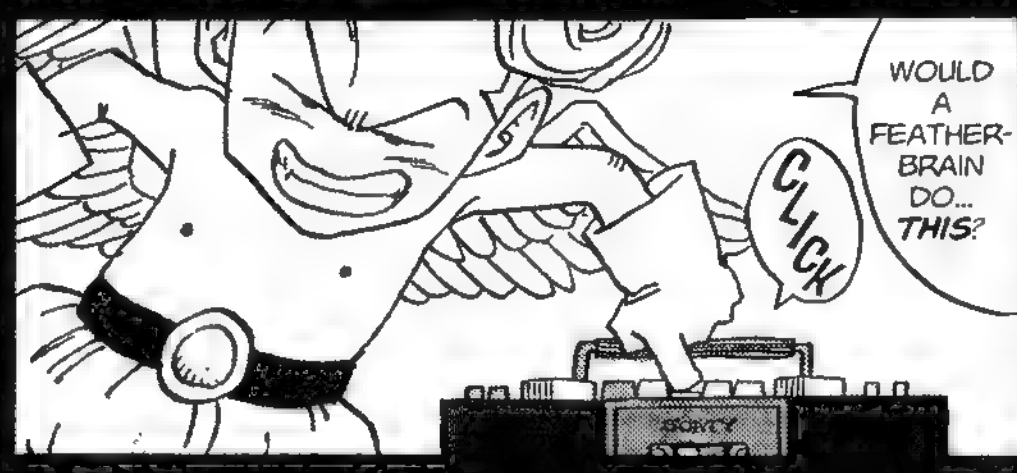
MIGHT AS WELL TOY WITH HIM A BIT—NOTHIN' BETTER TO DO.
WILL THAT DIVINE DUNDERHEAD EVER LEARN? CALLING ME OUT TO DO BATTLE AGAIN?

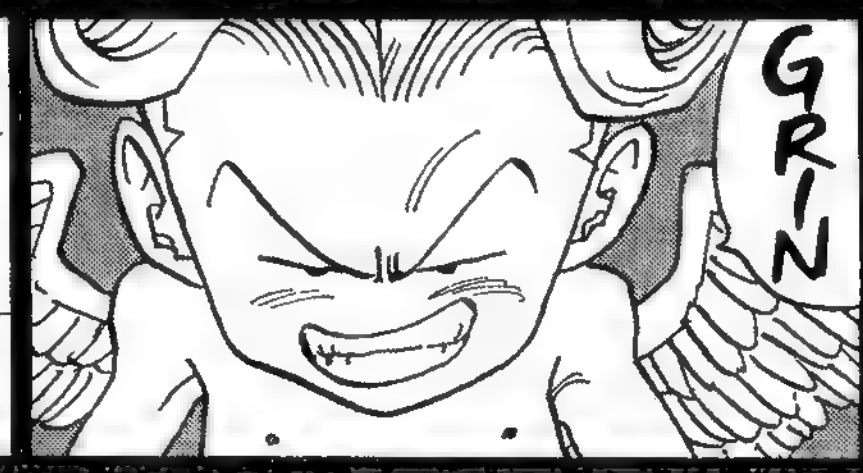
VICTORY IS MINE!

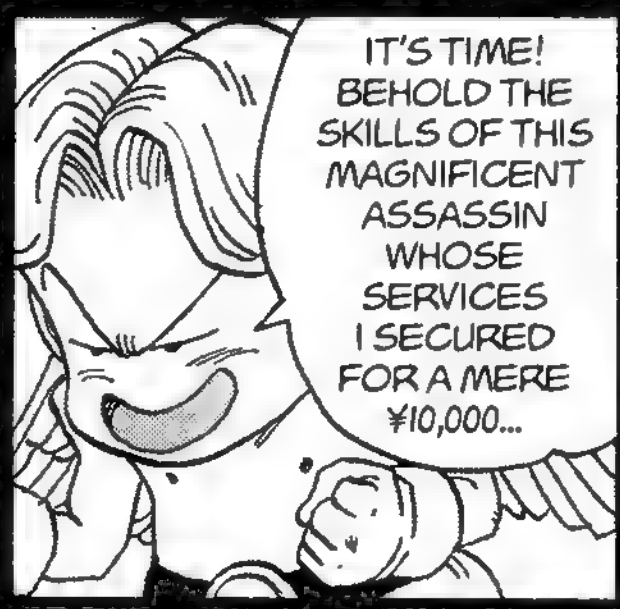
FUNERAL? MY FUNERAL? HAH HAH HAH! DO YOU HAVE FEATHERS FOR WINGS AND BRAINS?

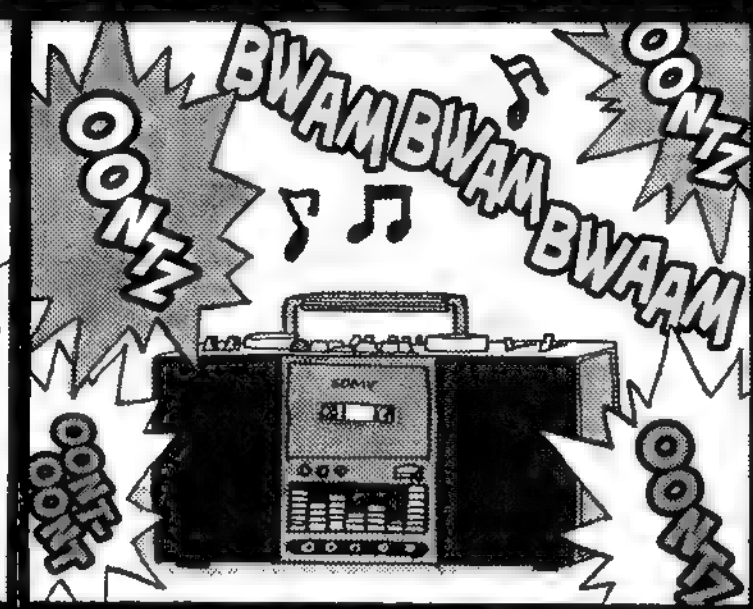
...TO YOUR OWN FUNERAL.

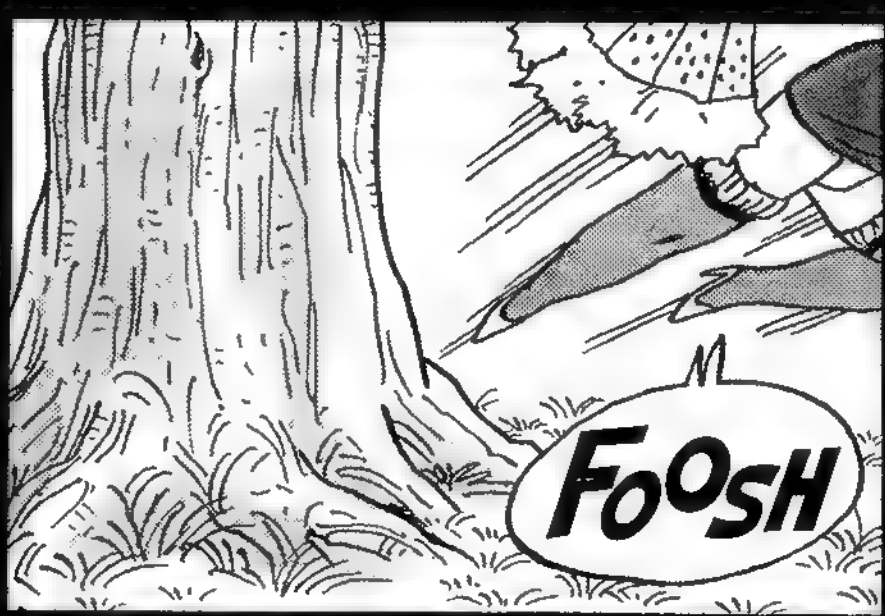
HEH HEH HEH... SO GOOD OF YOU TO COME, ACKMAN...

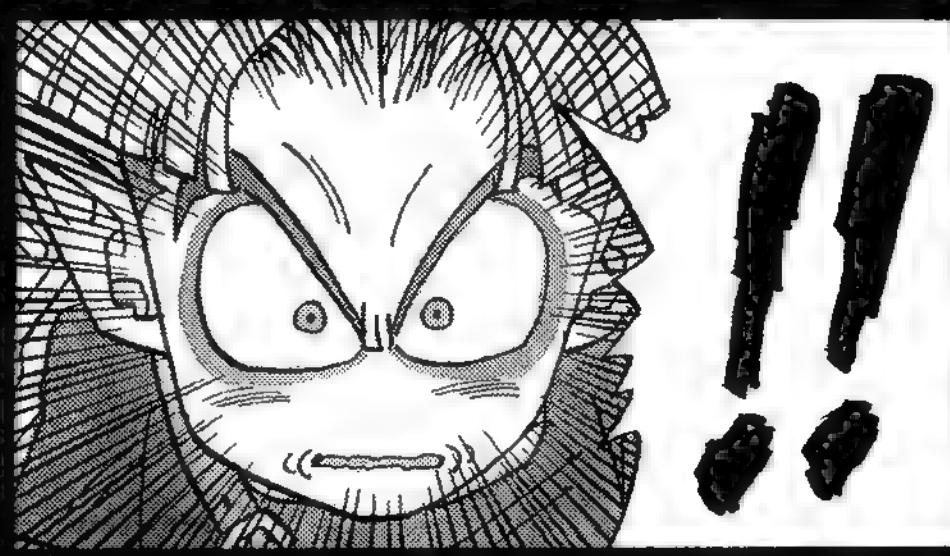








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DANCE TRANCE
OONTZ
OONTZ
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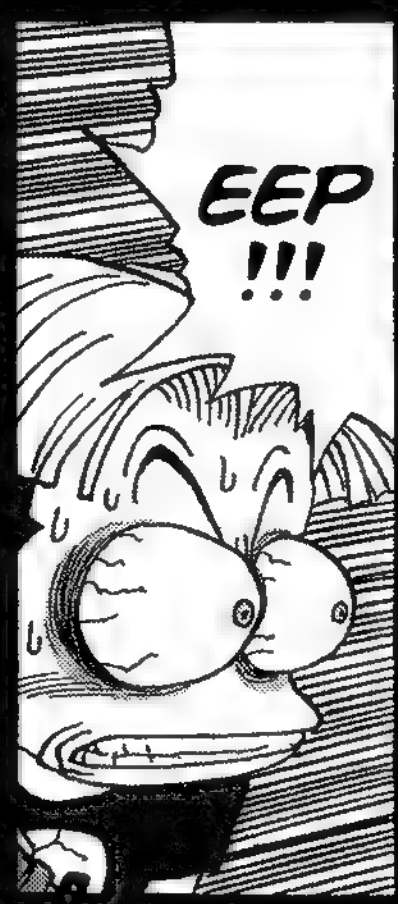
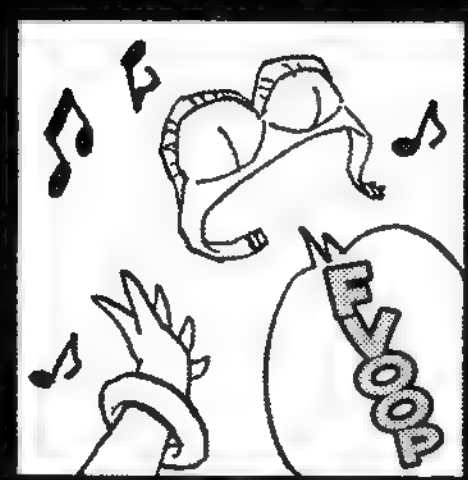
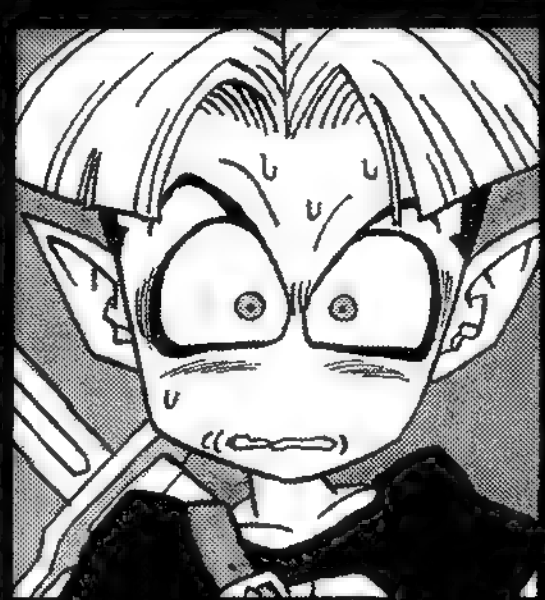
TRANCE
BEAT-BEAT
OONTZ
OONT-OONT


EEP !!!

HEEEEEY!!
FWOOP


EVOOP

GIVE IT TO HIM, MISS YAMA-MOTO !!!
MORE, MOO-OORE!!



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BEAT-BEAT-BEAT
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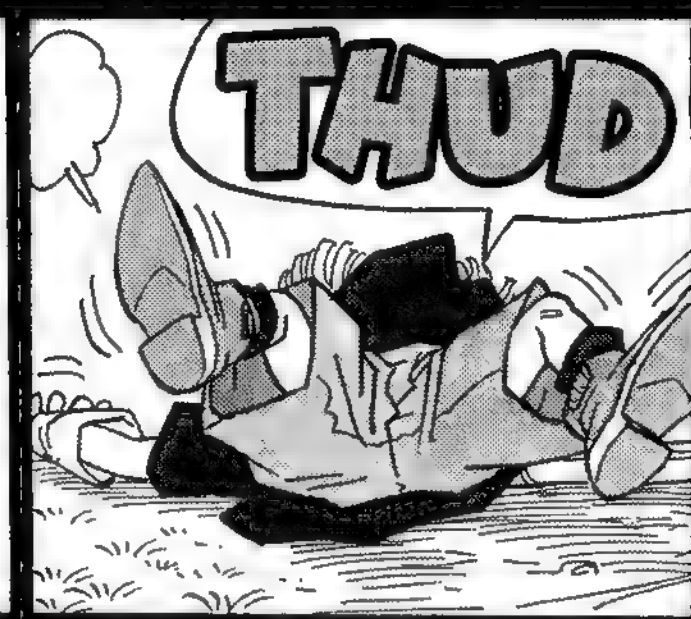

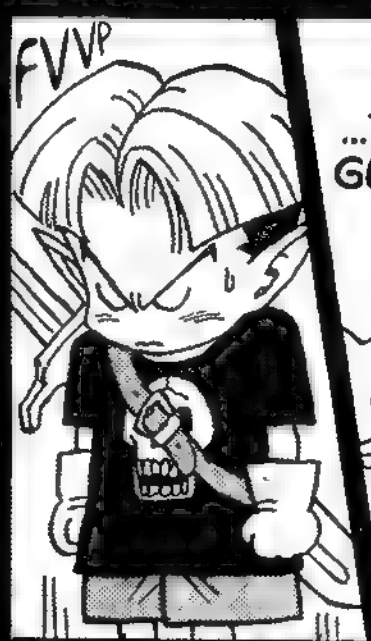

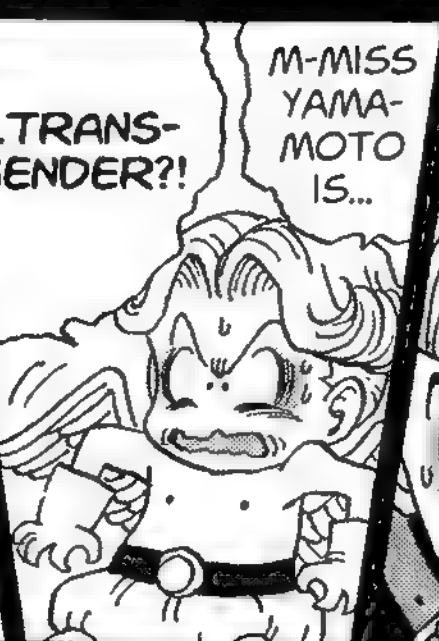

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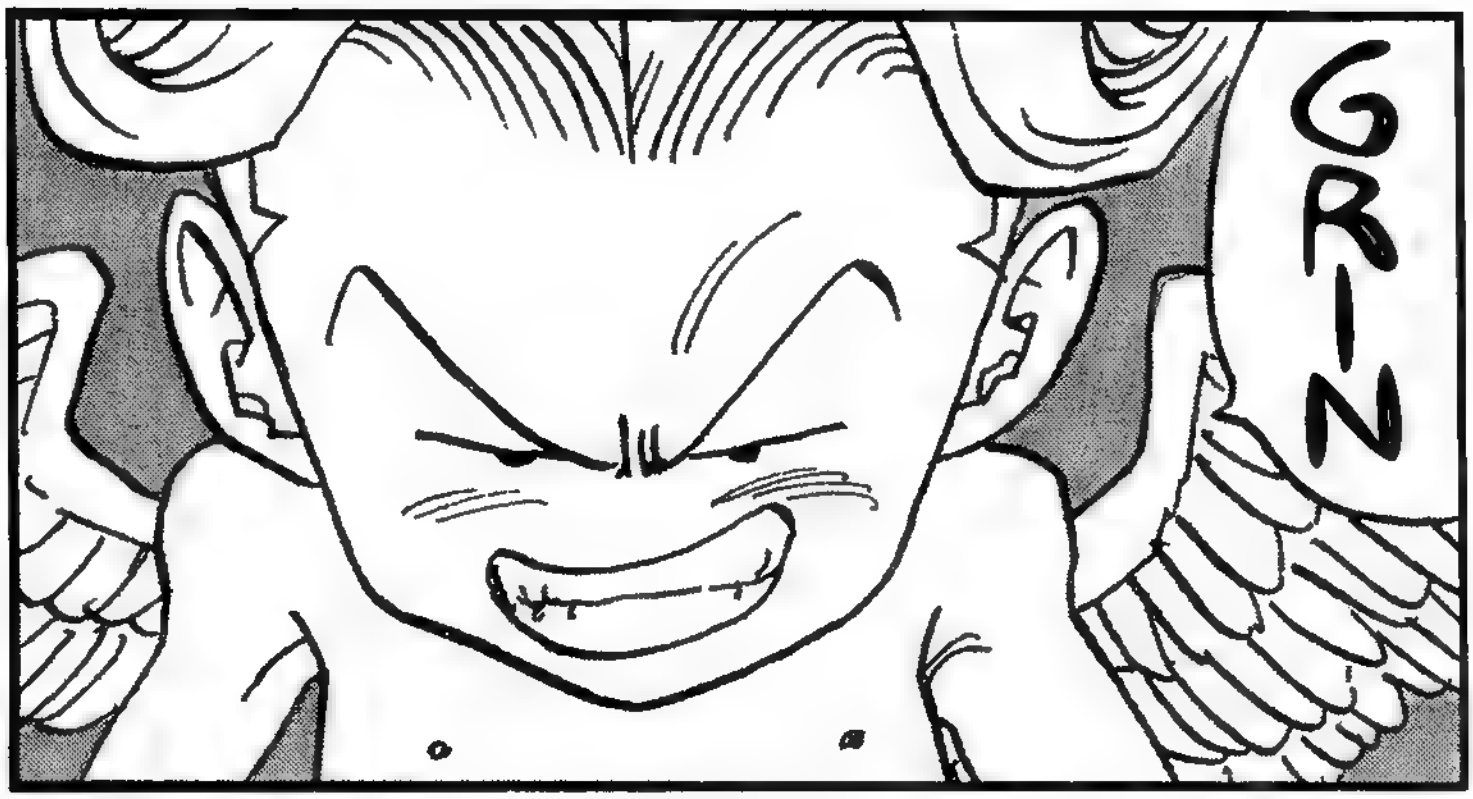
GRIN

GO! GO! ACKMAN

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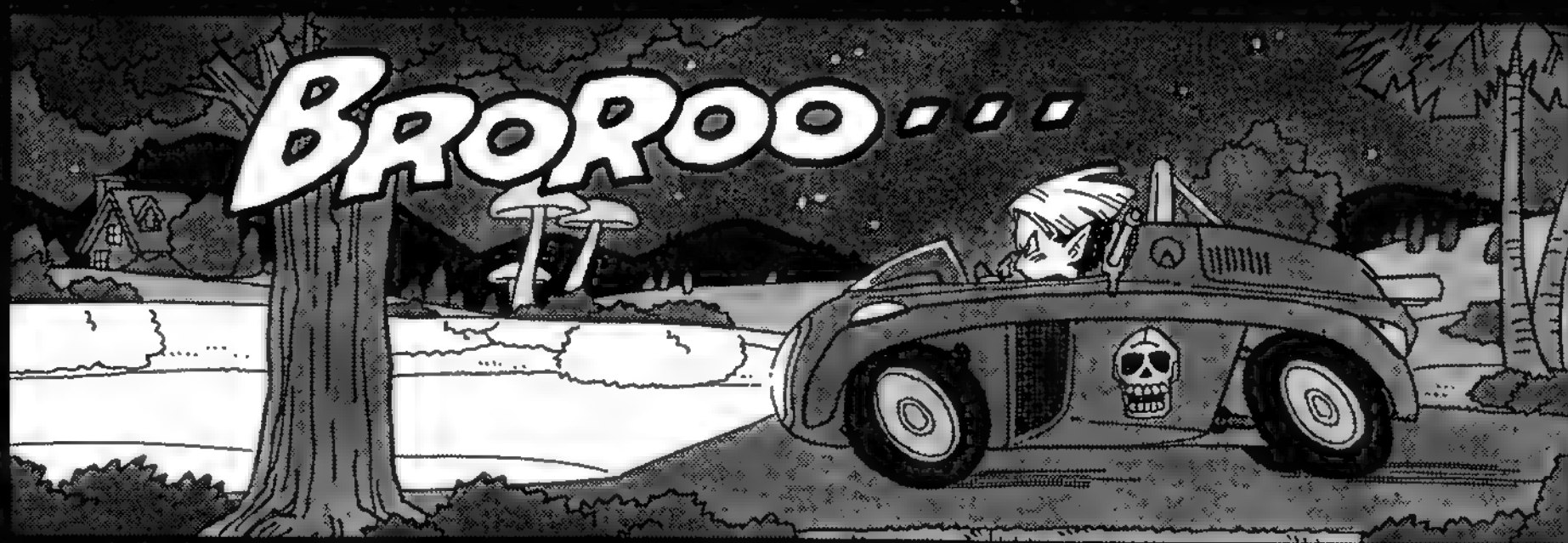
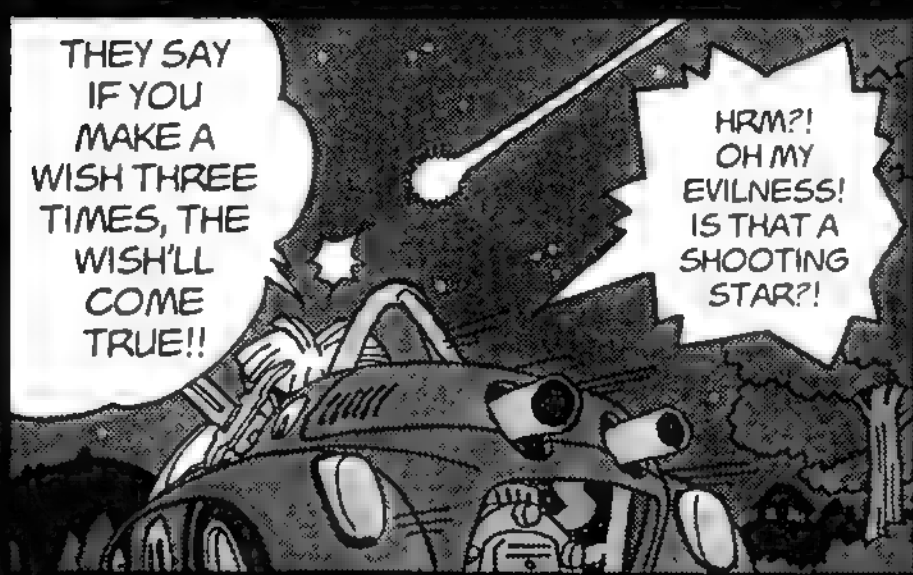
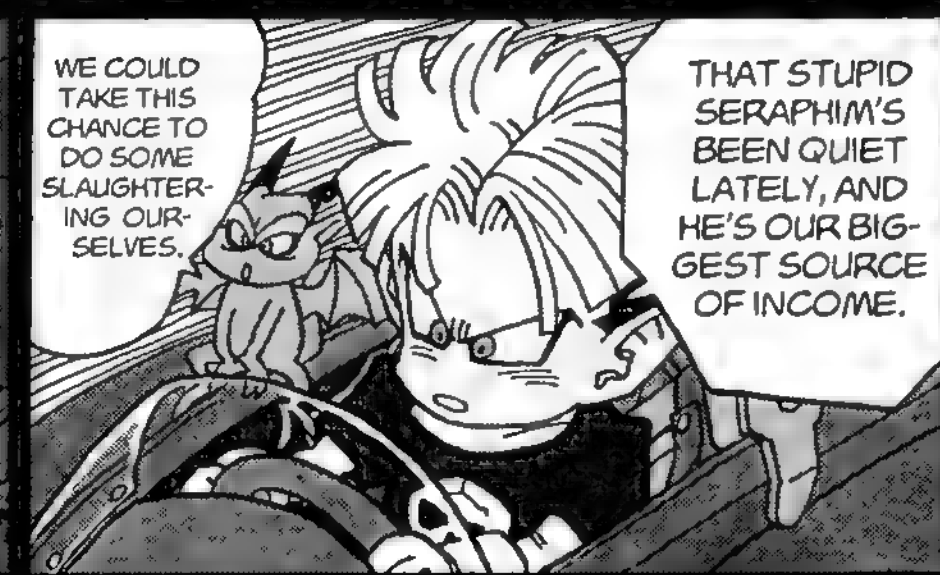
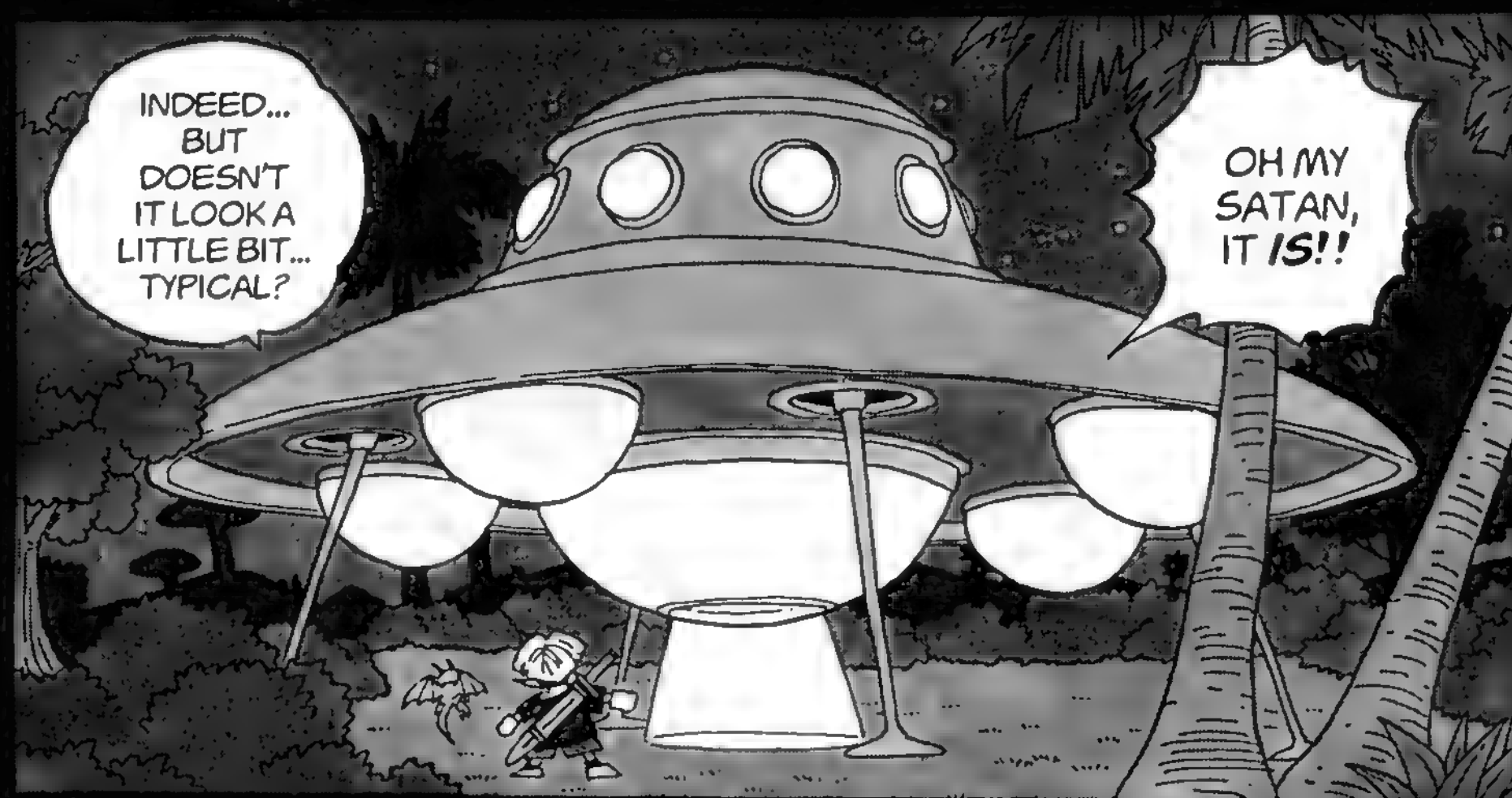


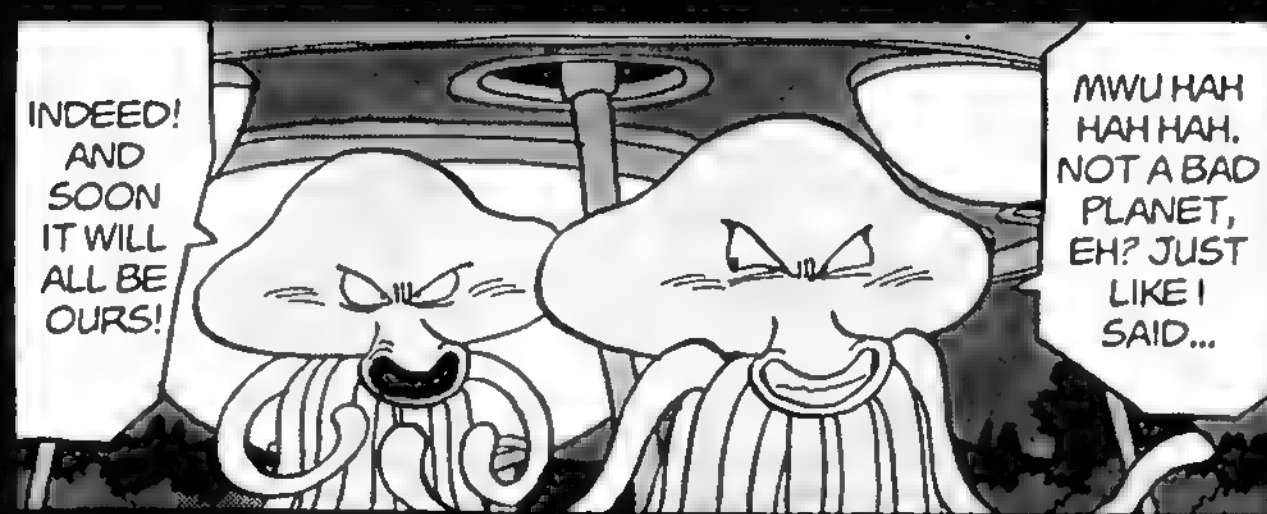




B-DMP B-DMP
Y-YOU REALLY THINK SO?!
IT MUST BE A UFO!!!

LET'S INVESTI-GATE!!
IT LANDED NEAR-BY!!


INDEED... BUT DOESN'T IT LOOK A LITTLE BIT... TYPICAL?
OH MY SATAN, IT IS!!


INDEED! AND SOON IT WILL ALL BE OURS!
MWU HAH HAH HAH. NOT A BAD PLANET, EH? JUST LIKE I SAID...

VRMM
WHOA!! ALIENS ARE COMING OUT!!

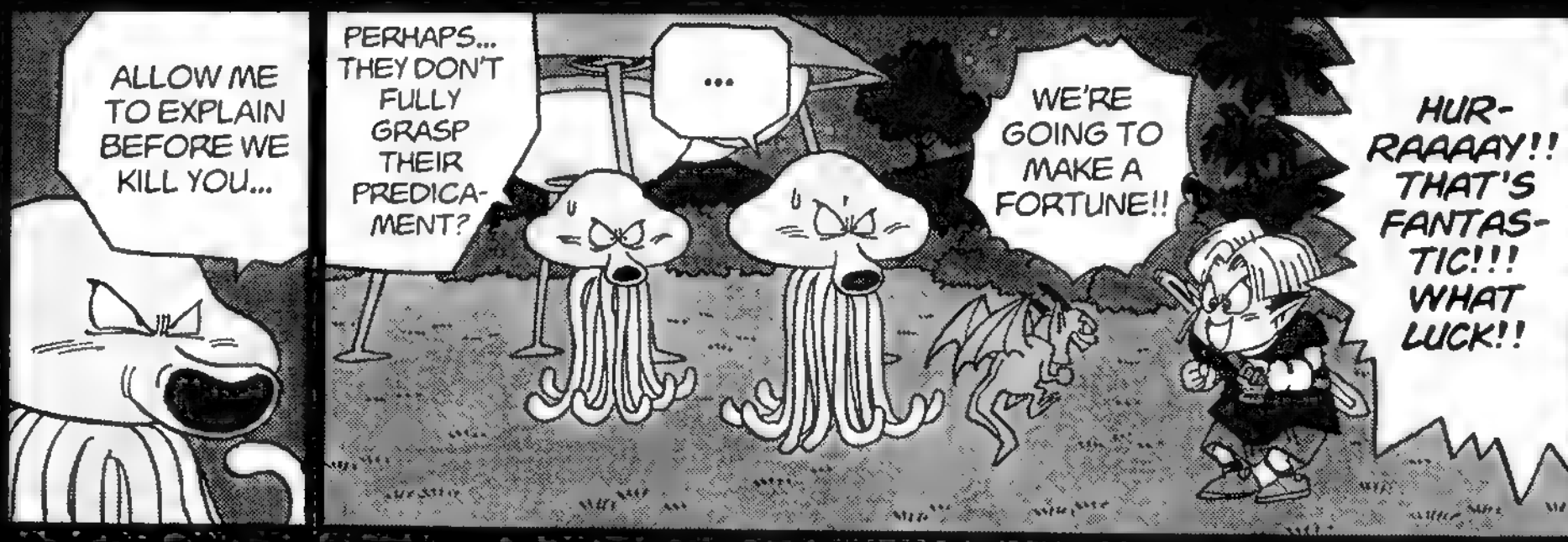
AAAH!!
HEY.
...

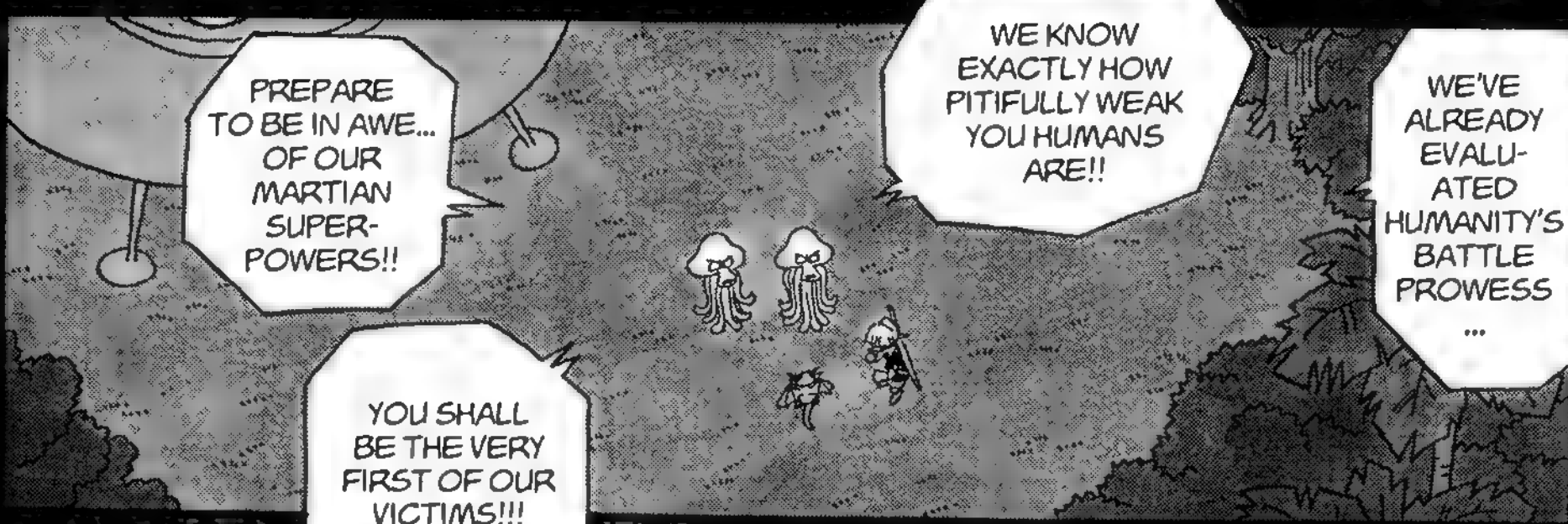
AREN'T YOU A SHARP ONE?
WELL ...
AS I SUS-PECTED ...

MARTIANS, PERHAPS?
MEH HEH HEH... WE ARE!!

PANT
HUFF
SO, LIKE, ARE YOU ALIENS OR WHAT?
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?! HON-ESTLY !!!
SNEAKING UP ON SOMEONE IN THE DARK LIKE THAT?! NOT COOL.

WE ARE HERE TO SLAUGHTER EVERY LAST HUMAN AND TAKE THIS PLANET FOR OURSELVES!!!
PRECISELY!! MEH HEH HEH... UNFORTU-NATELY FOR YOU, YOU'RE RIGHT!!
...WIPE OUT HUMAN-ITY, WOULD YOU?!
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE HERE TO...


ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN BEFORE WE KILL YOU...
PERHAPS... THEY DON'T FULLY GRASP THEIR PREDICA-MENT?
...
WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A FORTUNE!!
HUR-RAAAAY!! THAT'S FANTAS-TIC!!! WHAT LUCK!!


PREPARE TO BE IN AWE... OF OUR MARTIAN SUPER-POWERS!!
YOU SHALL BE THE VERY FIRST OF OUR VICTIMS!!!
WE KNOW EXACTLY HOW PITIFULLY WEAK YOU HUMANS ARE!!
WE'VE ALREADY EVALU-ATED HUMANITY'S BATTLE PROWESS ...

NOW, DIE!! MARS PUUUNCH !!!

PLEADING IS FUTILE!!! WE'RE FREE FROM THE CHAINS OF HUMAN SYMPATHY!

I'D LOVE TO HELP YOU GUYS OUT. LET'S DO THIS TO-GETHER.

YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG.

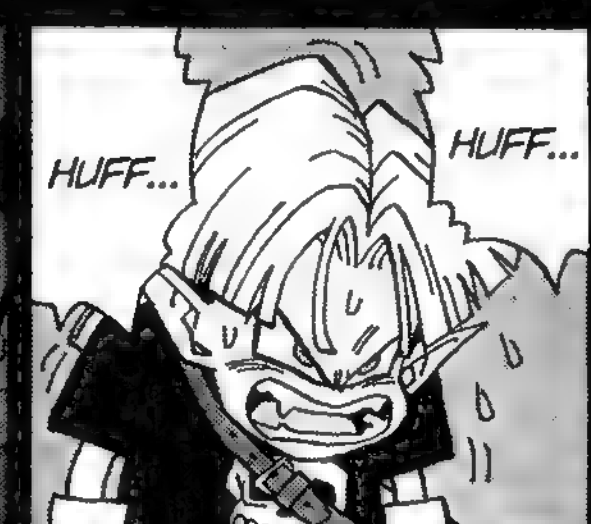
INFERIOR WEAKLING! MWA HA HA! COULDN'T EVEN TAKE A SINGLE PUNCH!

MAS-TER ACK-MAN !!!

M-MASTER ACKMAN!!

FWIP

WHAT ?!



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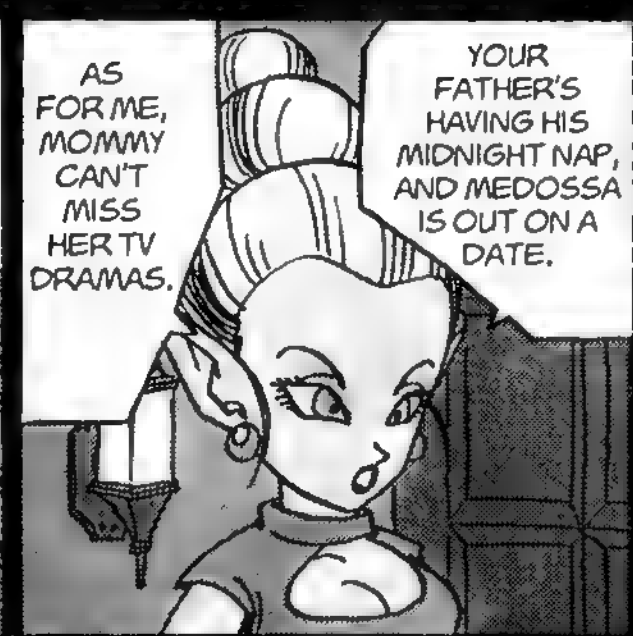
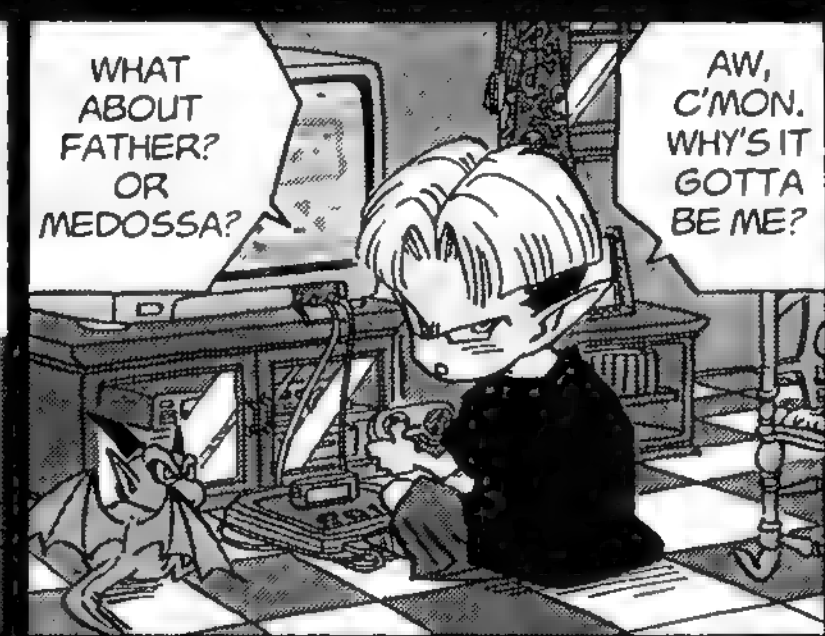
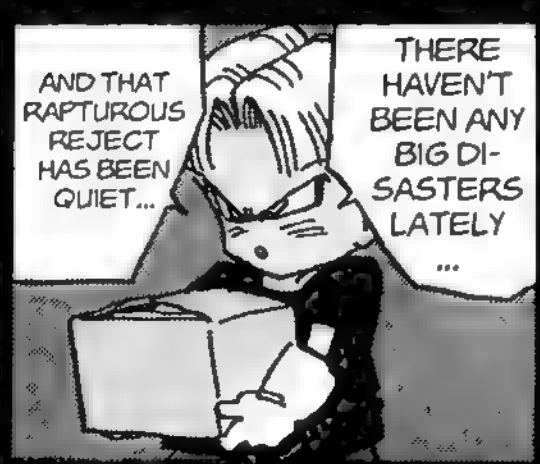
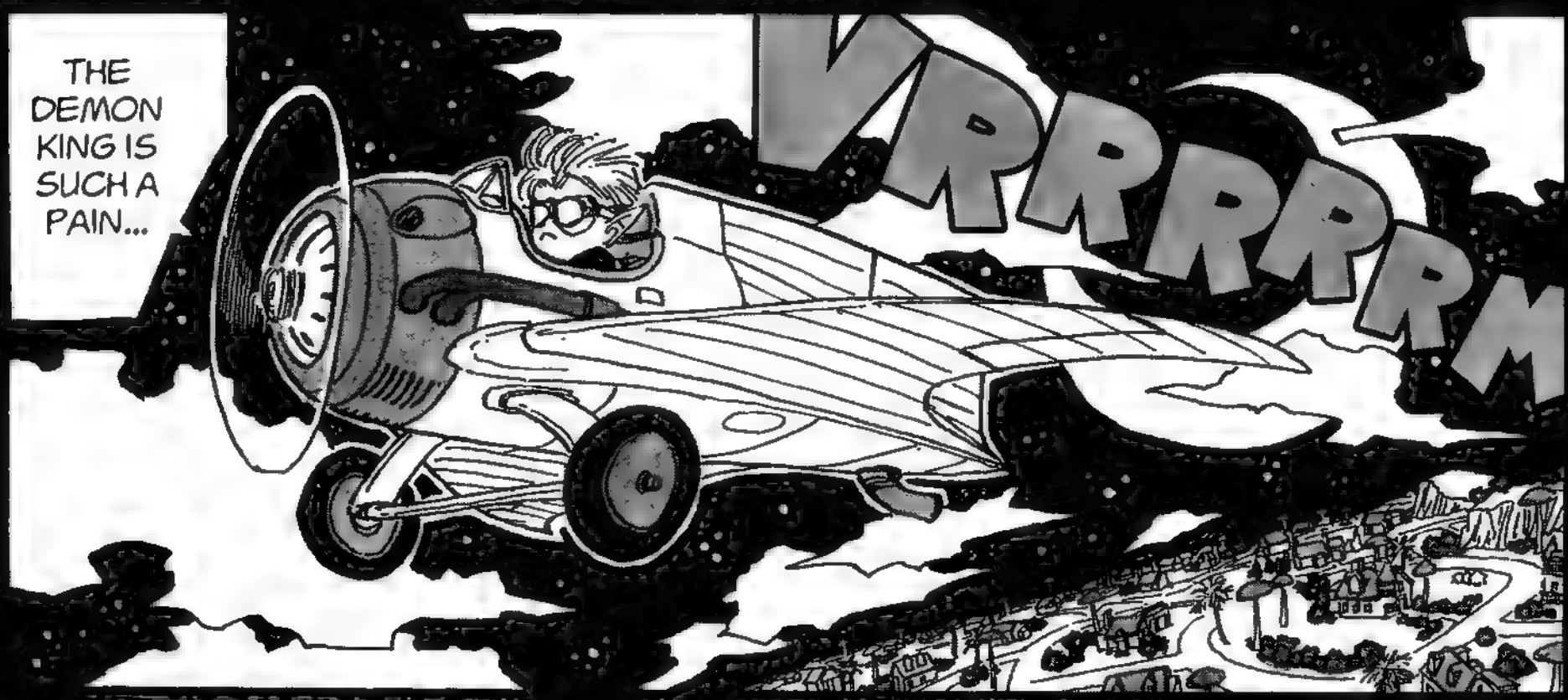
GO! GO! ACKMAN

CHAPTER 9








THE DEMON KING IS SUCH A PAIN...
VRRRRRM

ALWAYS DRONING ON ABOUT "THE GHOUL OLD DAYS."
VRRRRM

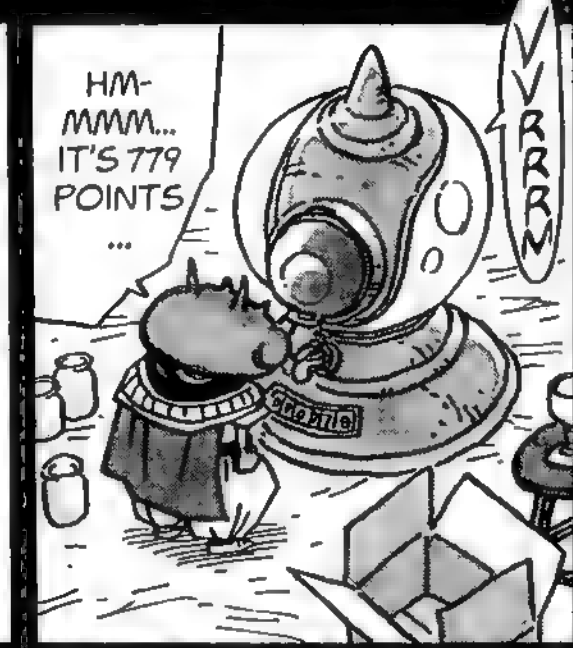
I PRESENT TO YOU... ACK-MAN.
OH, GREAT DEMON KING!

SPLIT SPLAT
SPLIT SPLAT

SO, WHADDAYA GOT FOR ME TODAY, HUH?! ANOTHER 5,000 POINTS' WORTH OF SOULS?! HUH? HUH?!
ER... NOT EXACT-LY...
LET'S WEIGH THEM, SHALL WE?

BEEN WAITIN' FOR YA, ACKMAN !!
WELL, HEY THERE! C'MON IN!!

WILT


HM-MMM... IT'S 779 POINTS ...
VRRRM

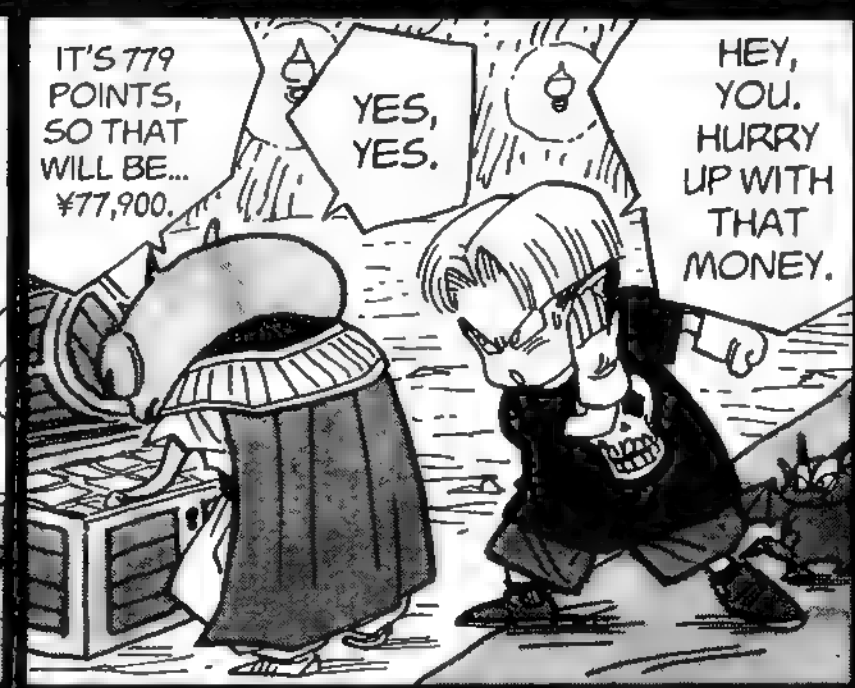
PLOOP PLOOP

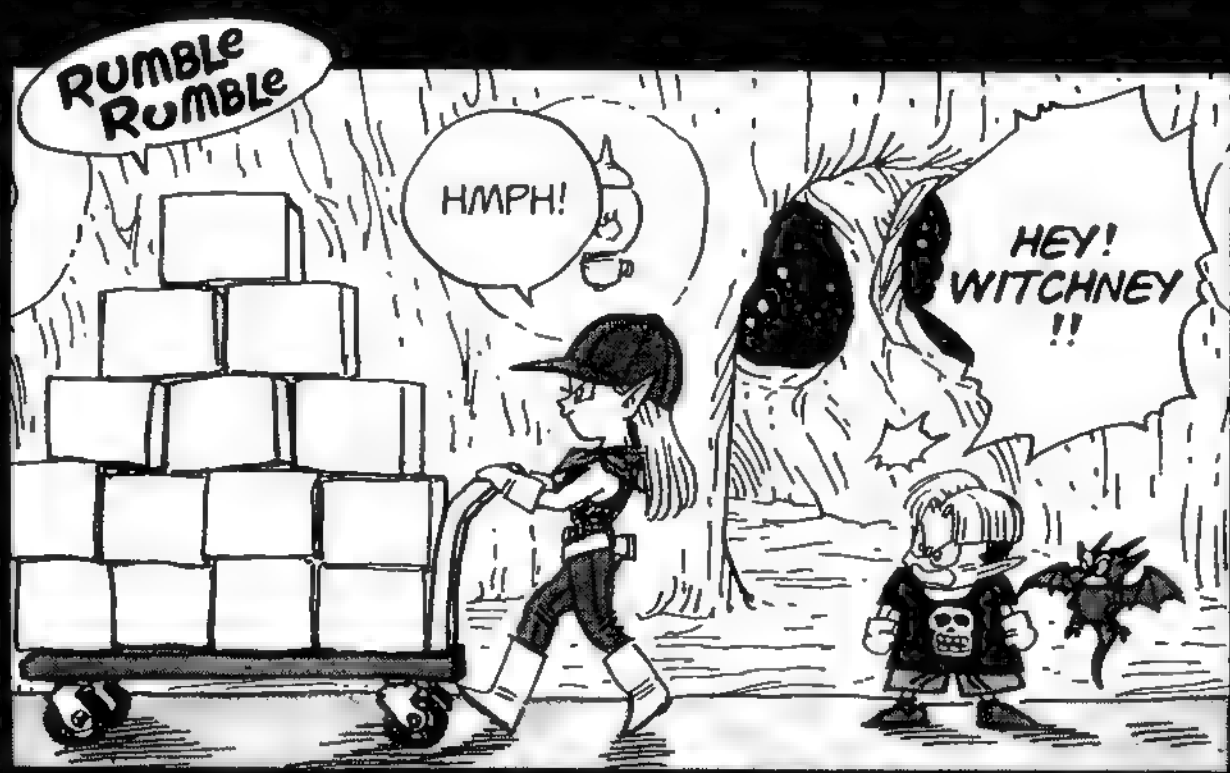
AHHH, TO GO BACK TO THE GHOUL OLD DAYS! WHEN THOSE DAMN HUMANS WERE ALWAYS AT WAR LEFT AND RIGHT.
UH-OH! HERE WE GO!

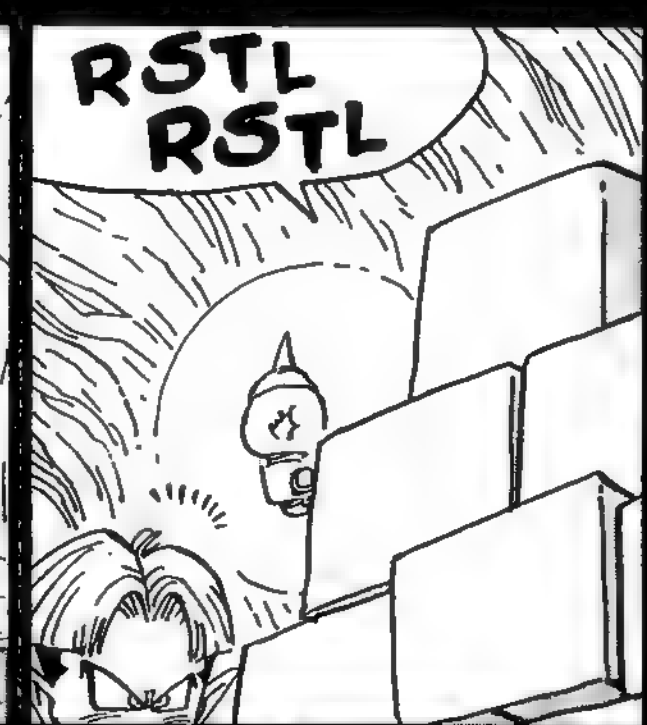
SSSIP...
BARELY EVEN A SNACK...

GLUP GLUP

BACK THEN I HAD MORE SOULS THAN I COULD DRINK! OHH, I WAS A STRAPPING SIGHT TO BEHOLD!
RSTL RSTL


IT'S 779 POINTS, SO THAT WILL BE... ¥77,900.
YES, YES.
HEY, YOU. HURRY UP WITH THAT MONEY.


RUMBLE RUMBLE
HMPH!
HEY! WITCHNEY !!


RSTL RSTL

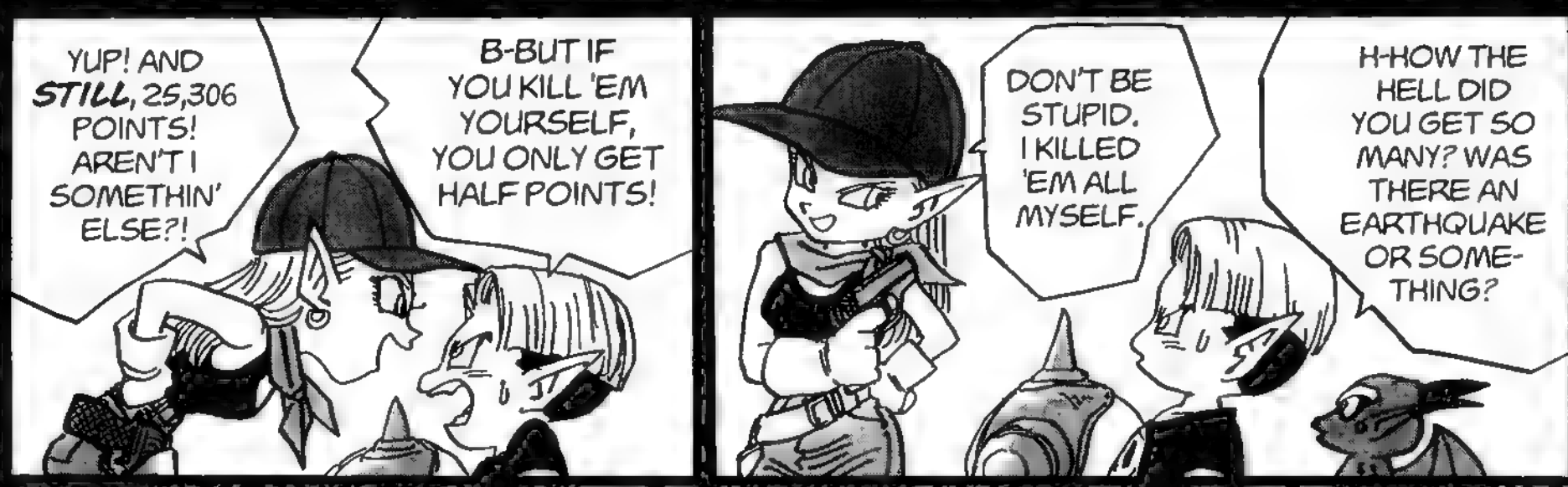
MY WORD... THAT'S MORE THAN 1,000 HUMANS' WORTH!

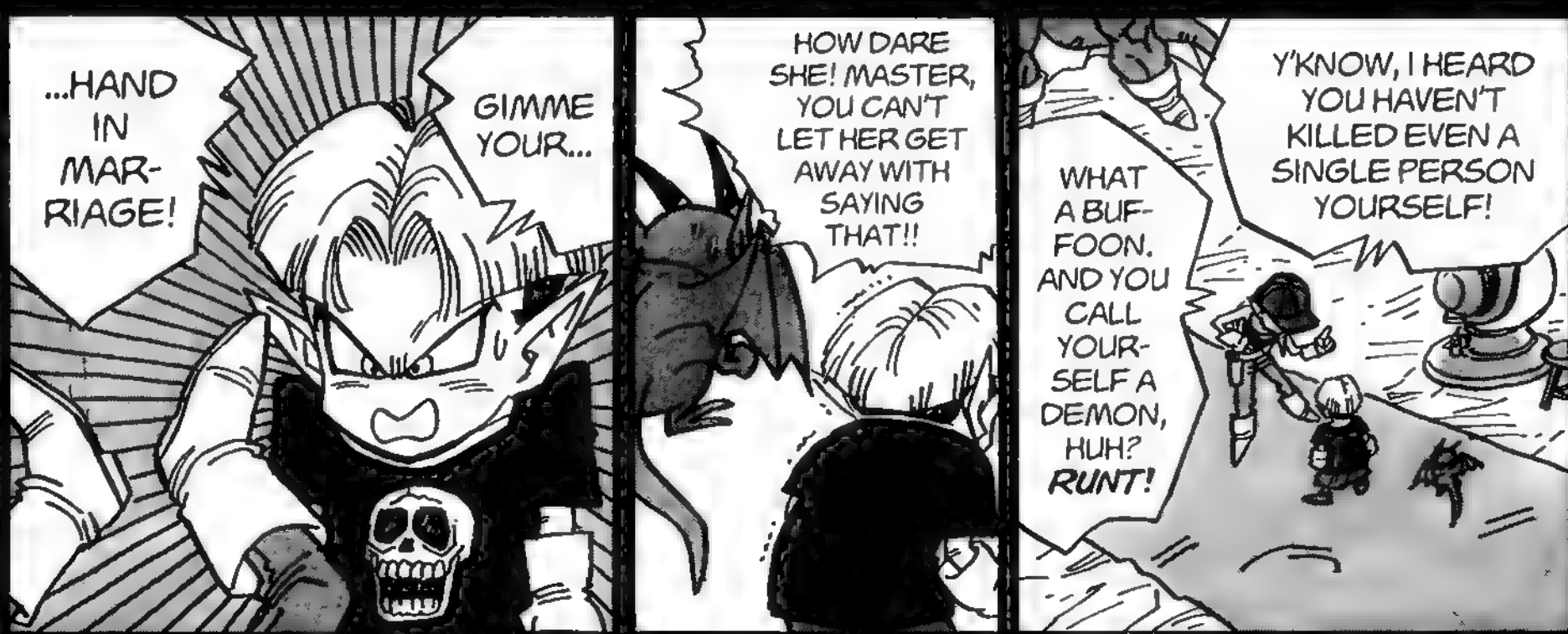
H-HEY!!! ARE THOSE ALL SOULS?!
THEY SURE AS HELL ARE.

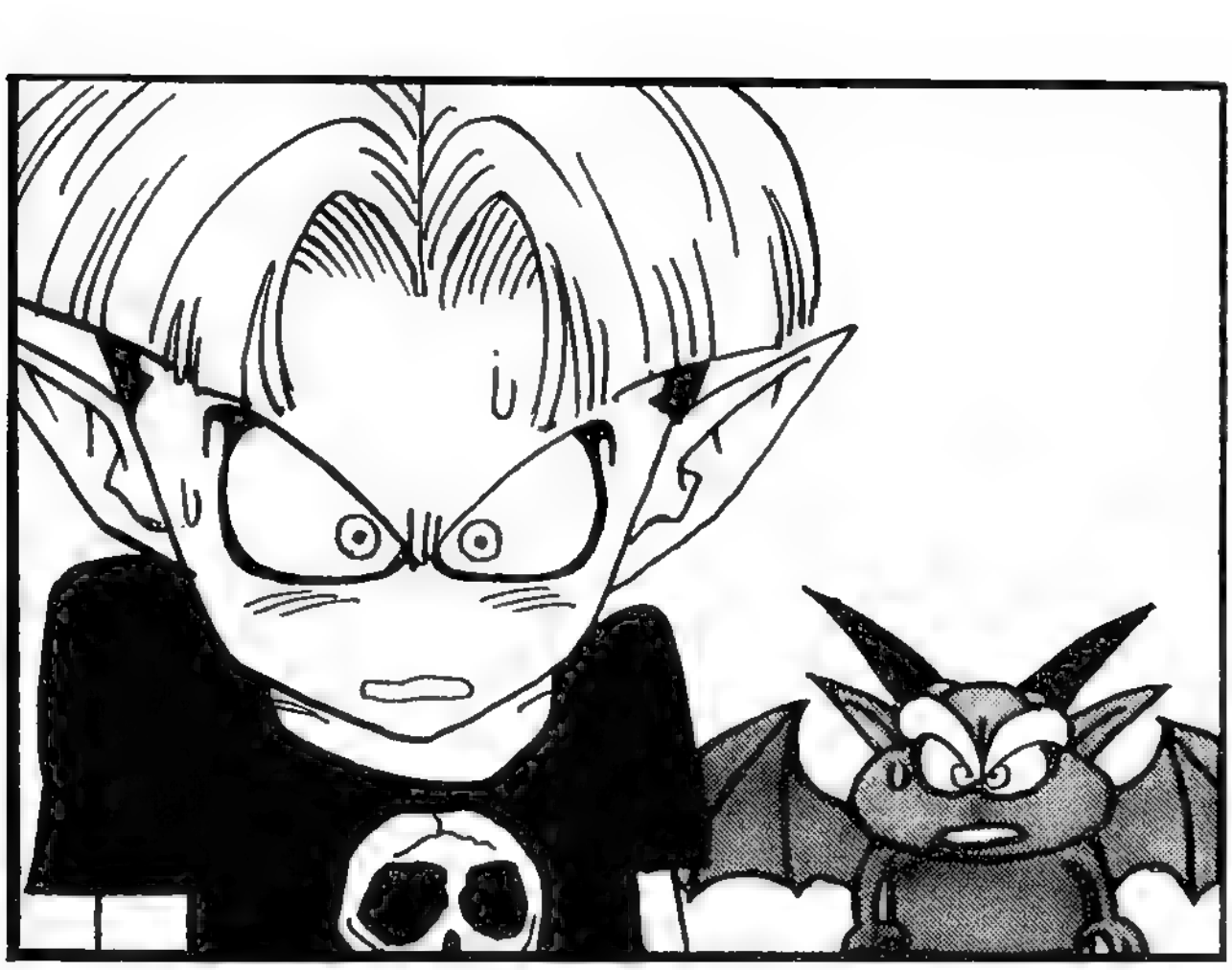
!!
G-GUH ?!
UNHOLY CRAP! THAT'S 25,306 POINTS!

DAAA HAH HAH HAH! WELL DONE, WITCHNEY!! BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I COULD HOLD THIS FORM!! I'LL PUT A LITTLE SOMETHING SPECIAL ON TOP. GIVE HER ¥5,000,000!!

IT WAS MY PLEASURE.





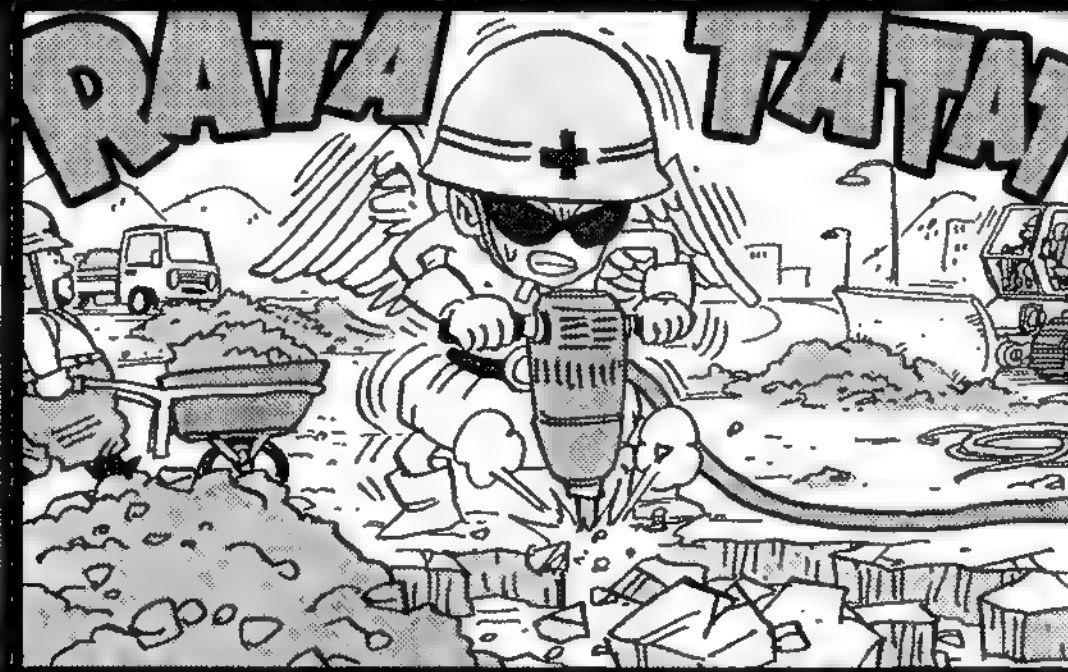


GO! GO! ACKMAN

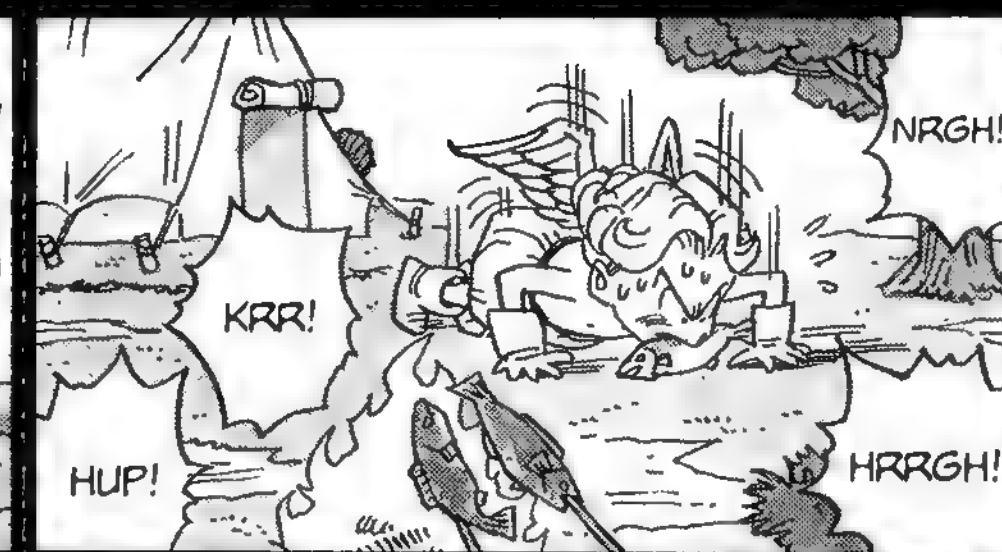
CHAPTER 10

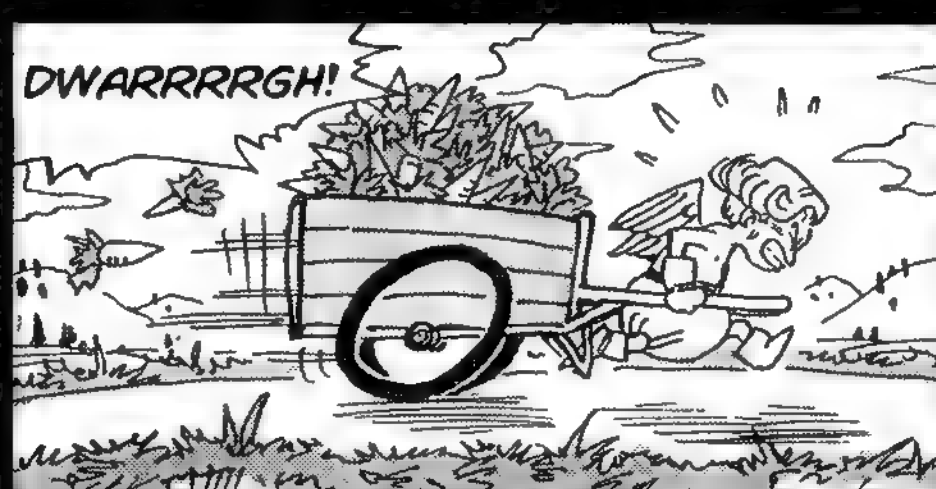
HUFF
WEEZ
PANT
HUFF

THUNK
TAKE THAT!

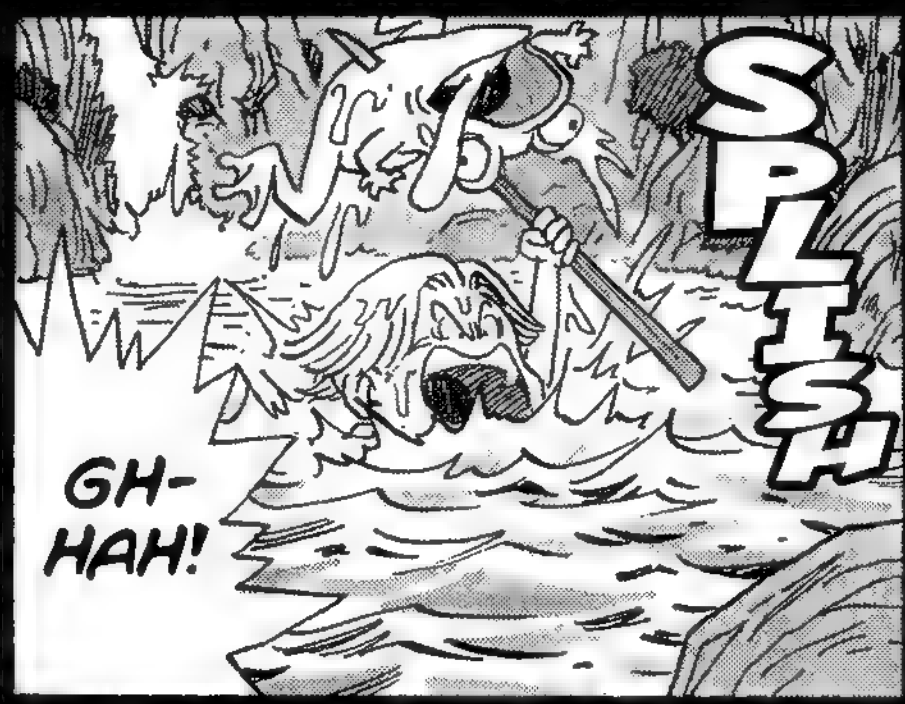

RATA TATA

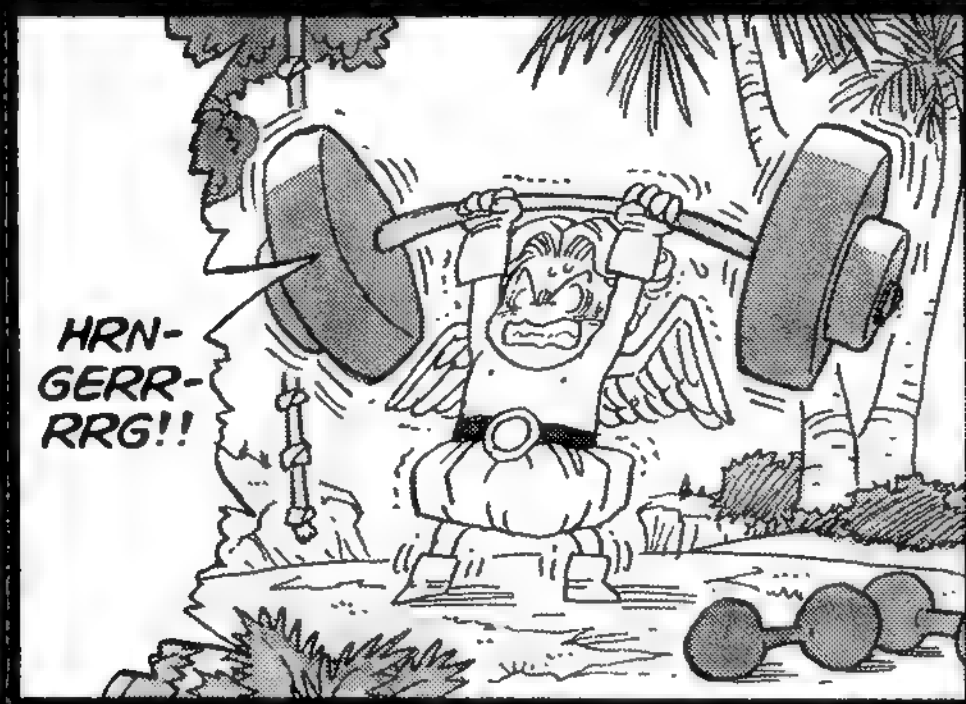
URGHHHH!
ZRRRRRT

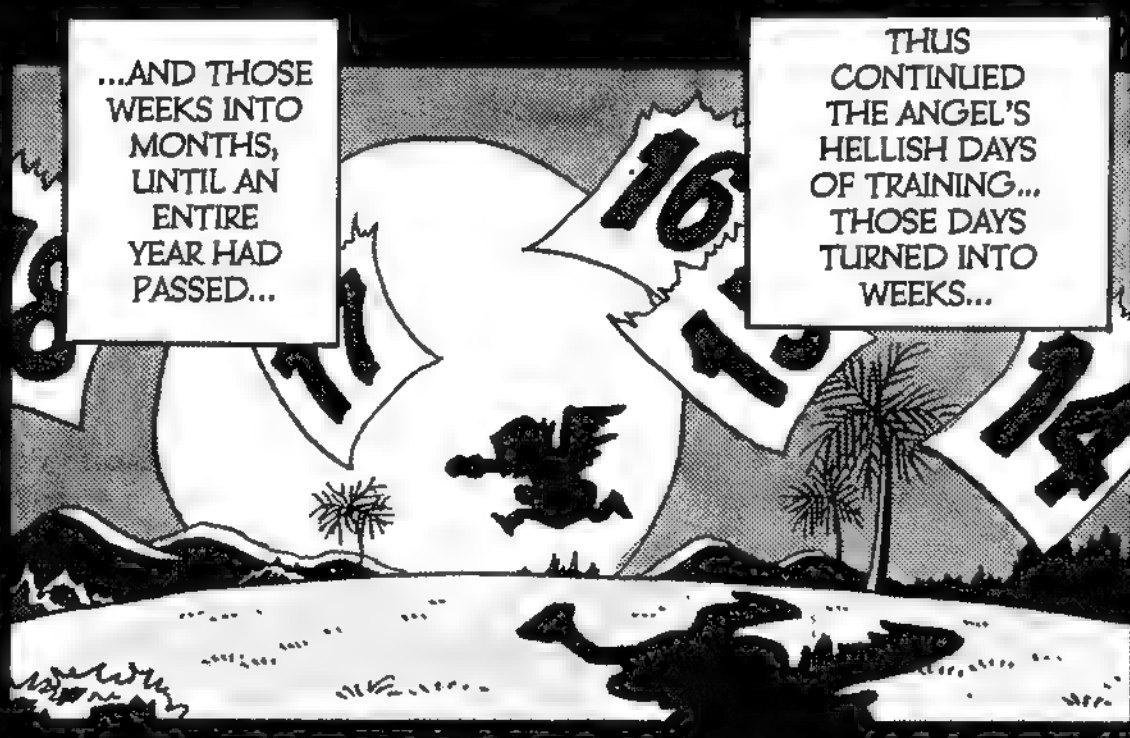

NRGH!
KRR!
HUP!
HRRGH!


DWARRRRGH!

THUNK
THUNK

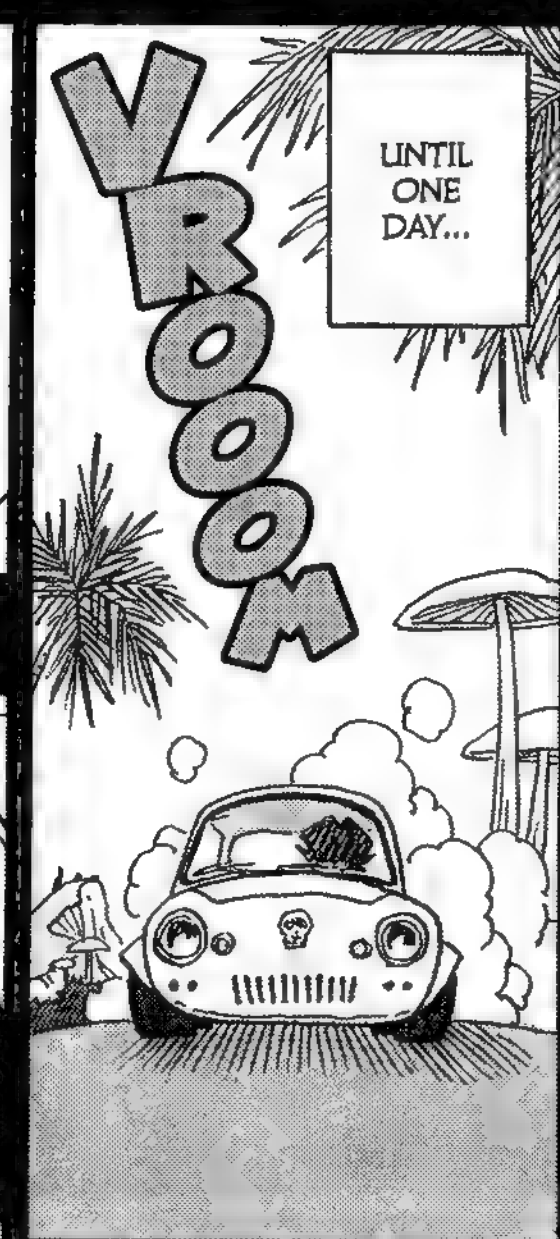

SPLISH
GH-HAH!


HRN-GERR-RRG!!


...AND THOSE WEEKS INTO MONTHS, UNTIL AN ENTIRE YEAR HAD PASSED...
THUS CONTINUED THE ANGEL'S HELLISH DAYS OF TRAINING... THOSE DAYS TURNED INTO WEEKS...
16
15
14

BAM
BAM

HE'S GOING TO MAKE US WEALTHY WITH ALL THE HUMANS HE SLAUGHTERS!
DAAH HAH HAAAH! BEEN A WHILE SINCE THAT HEAVENLY HAS-BEEN HAS CALLED ME OUT FOR A CHALLENGE! FINALLY!!


UNTIL ONE DAY...
VROOOM

KA-CHK

WHAT HAVE I BEEN... UP TO?
I'D LOVE NOTHING MORE THAN TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT...

WELL MET, ACK-MAN...
HEH HEH HEH...
OH, HOW I HAVE WAITED FOR THIS DAY...

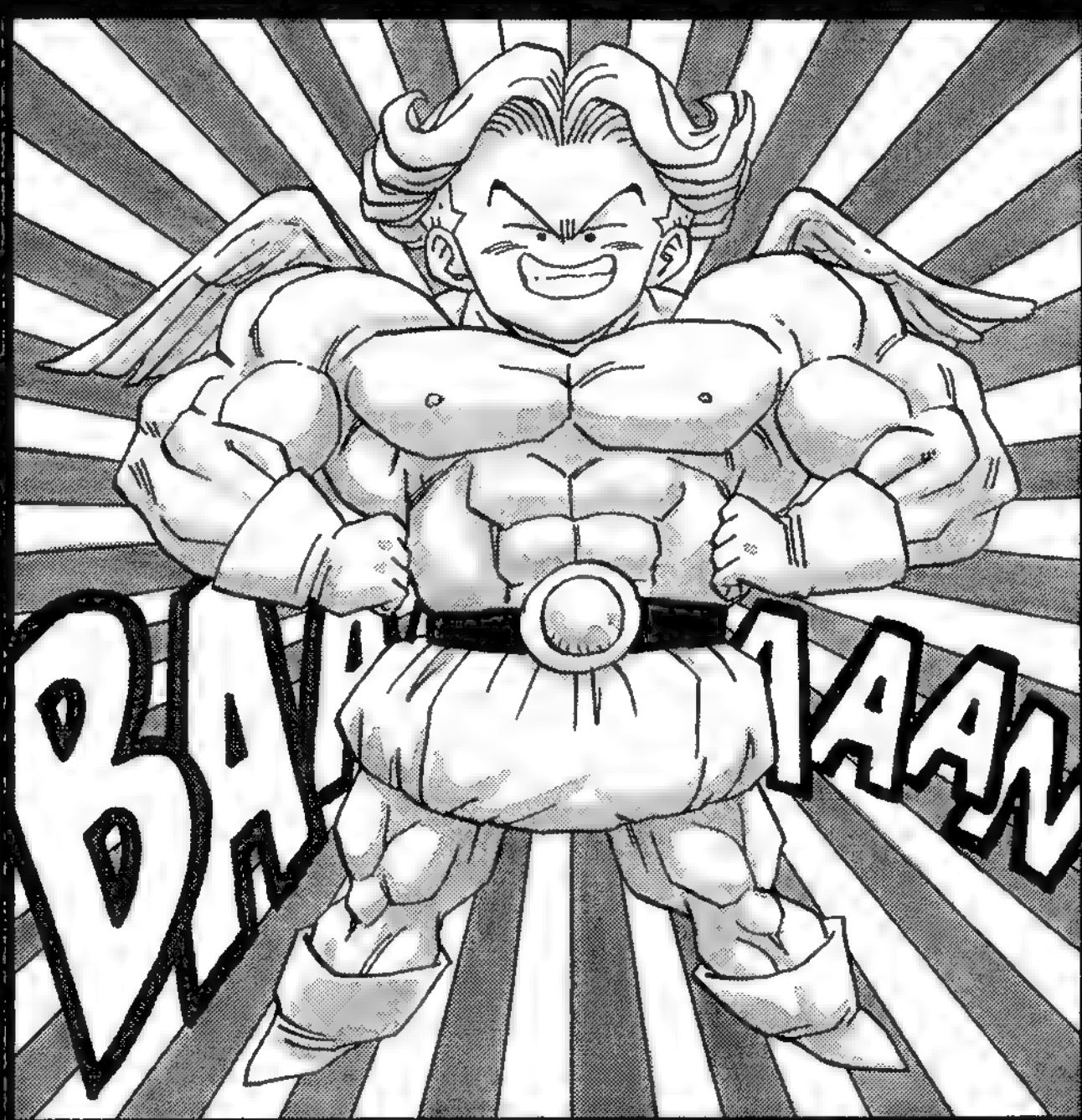
WHATCHA BEEN UP TO? I ACTUALLY MISSED YA, YA FALLEN FREAK!
HEY, ANGEL! LONG TIME NO SEE!

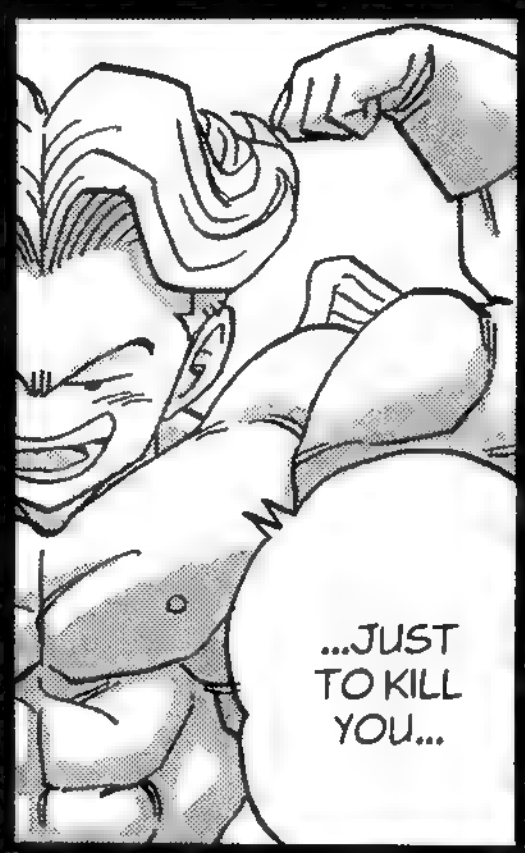
FWIP

IT WILL SUFFICE FOR A THOU-SAND WORDS !!!
BUT JUST ONE LOOK!

EEP!

RE-VOLT-ING!
W-WHAT'S WITH HIS BODY?!


BA-AAN


...JUST TO KILL YOU...

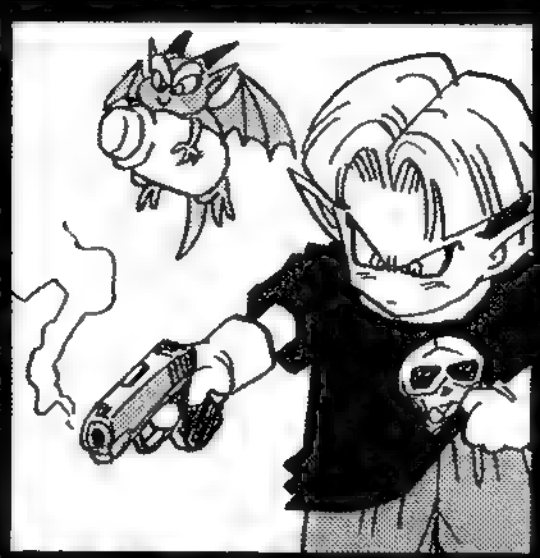
...TRAINING MY BODY BEYOND ITS LIMITS...

I'VE SPENT THE PAST YEAR...
HOW 'BOUT IT? SCARED?

NOW DIE !!!!

PLEASE, ACKMAN, YOU NEEDN'T FRONT.
NOT THAT IT MATTERS ANYMORE. YOU'RE FINISHED...

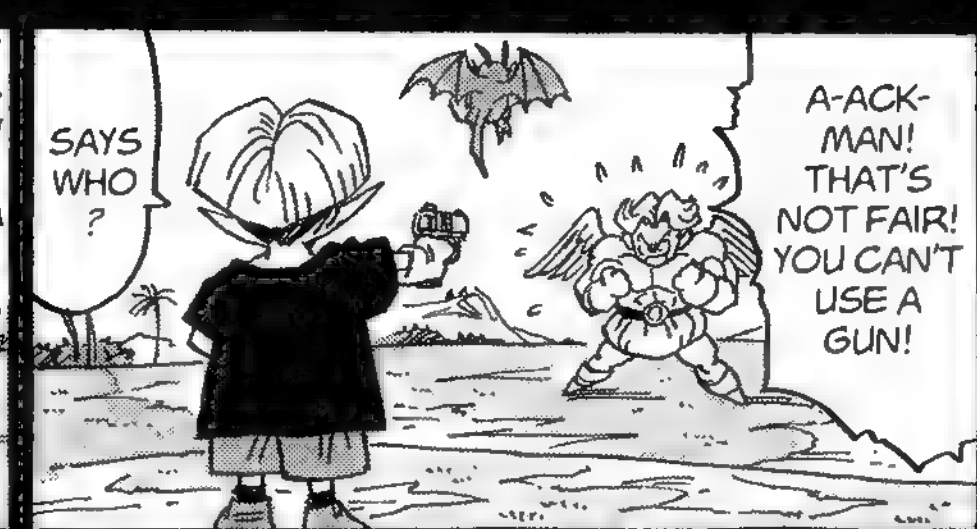
GUESS THEY'LL LET ANYONE IN THE GYM.
HUH...



DRIP
...

BLAM

N-NEXT I'LL TRAIN TO BE A GUNSLING-ER!!
I WON'T FORGET THIIIIS!!
WAA-AAAH!!
SIGH...

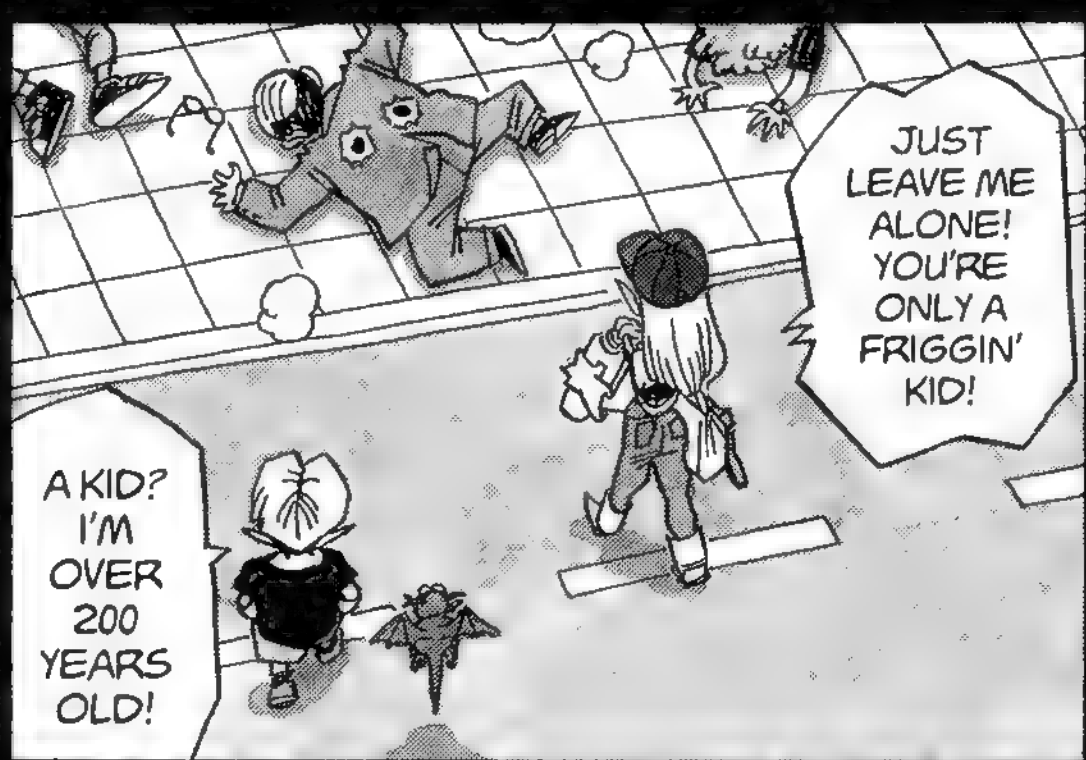

SAYS WHO ?
A-ACK-MAN! THAT'S NOT FAIR! YOU CAN'T USE A GUN!

GO! GO! ACKMAN

CHAPTER 11

LET'S JUST GET HITCHED ALREADY!
WITCHNEY, I'M ASKING NICE!
Yaaah!
Eeeeek!

VVRRATATATAT
Aaah!
ARE YOU EVEN LISTEN-ING?!
Oh God!
C'MON! YOU JUST GOTTA MARRY ME!
Noooo!
Gyaaaaa!


JUST LEAVE ME ALONE! YOU'RE ONLY A FRIGGIN' KID!
A KID? I'M OVER 200 YEARS OLD!

VRATATATAT
STOP SCREWING WITH ME, HALF-PINT!!!
WHY NOT ?

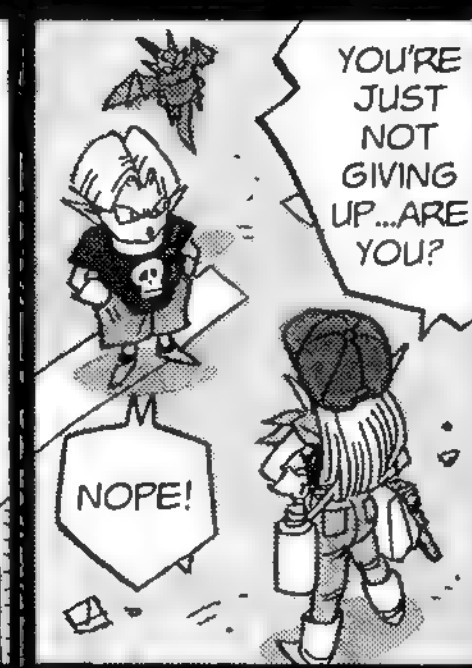
HEY, YOU! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST !!
WELL, I MEAN, CUZ YOU'VE GOT LOTSA MONEY.
WHY'RE YOU SO STUCK ON THIS THING ANYWAY ?!

AND I'M 455!!

KA-BOOM
FINE BY ME.
WELL, TOO BAD! I'M ALREADY SEEING SOME-ONE!

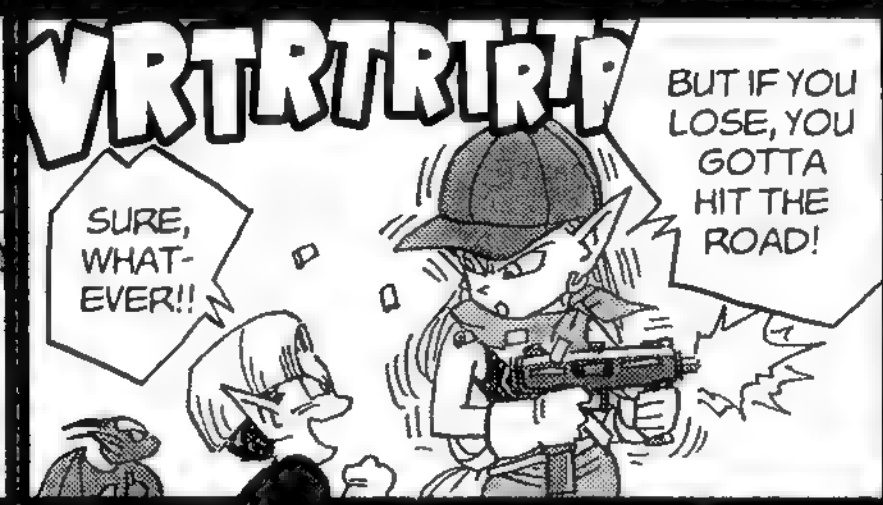
THIS LITTLE TURDBALL ACTUALLY SHOOTS PRETTY STRAIGHT ...
BITE

I'LL MARRY WHO-EVER WINS!
HEH HEH HEH... IN THAT CASE, CHAL-LENGE MY SQUEEZE TO A DUEL!


YOU'RE JUST NOT GIVING UP...ARE YOU?
NOPE!

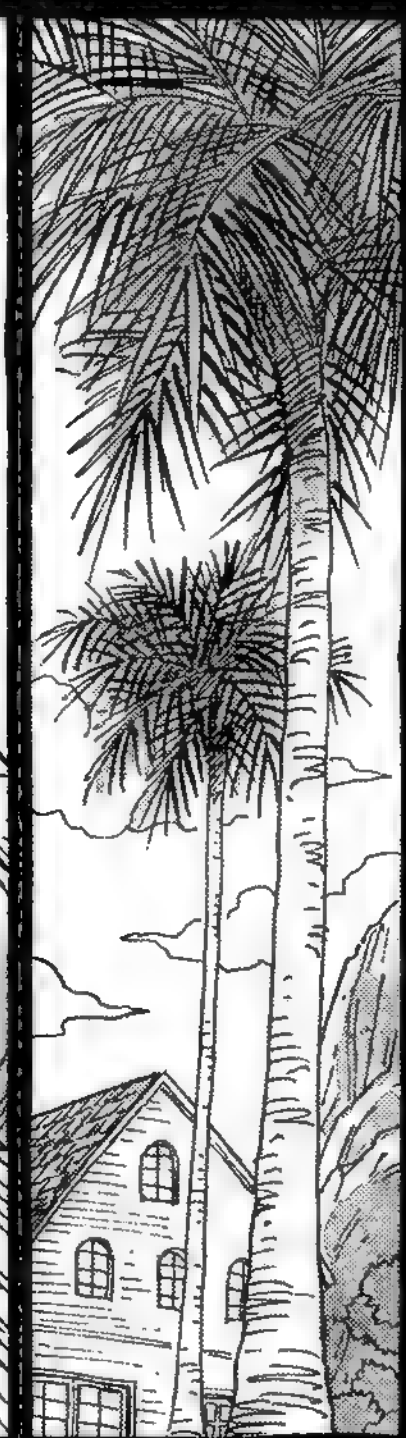
IT'S NOT FINE BY ME!!!
WHY NOOOT? C'MOO-OON...

HEE HEE HEE...

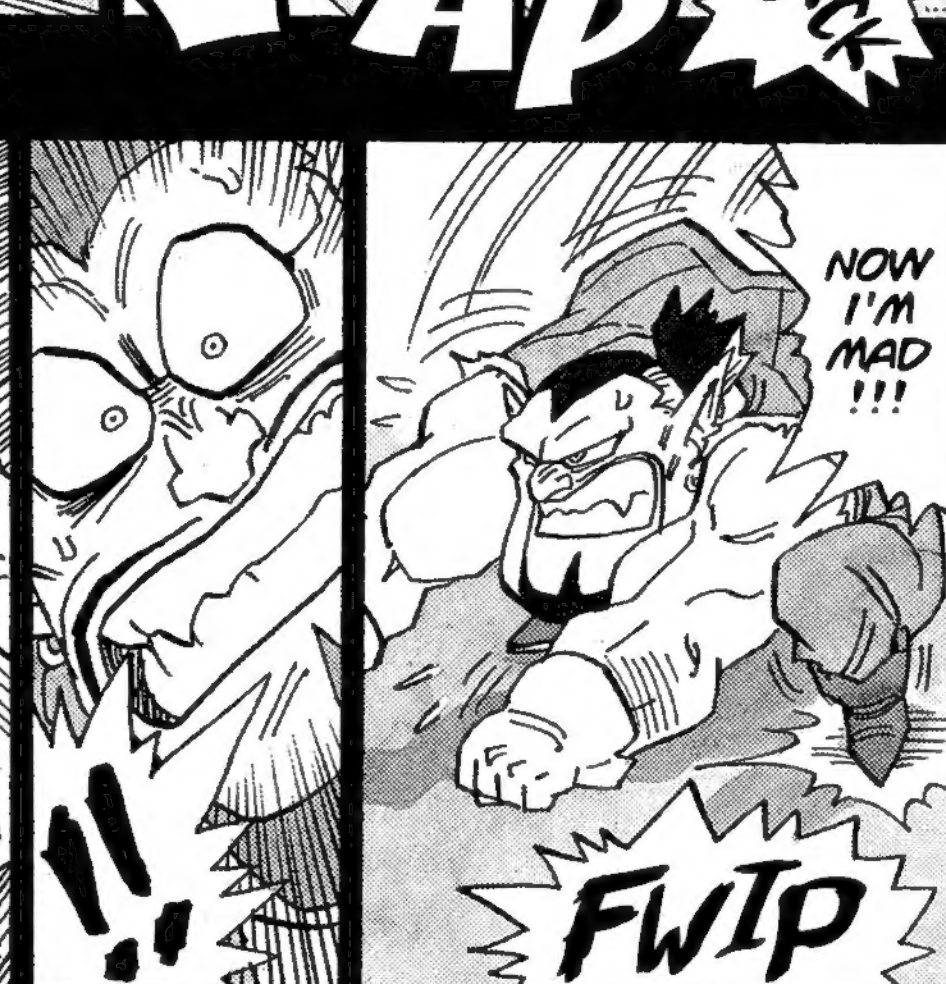

VRTRTRTRTP
SURE, WHAT-EVER!!
BUT IF YOU LOSE, YOU GOTTA HIT THE ROAD!

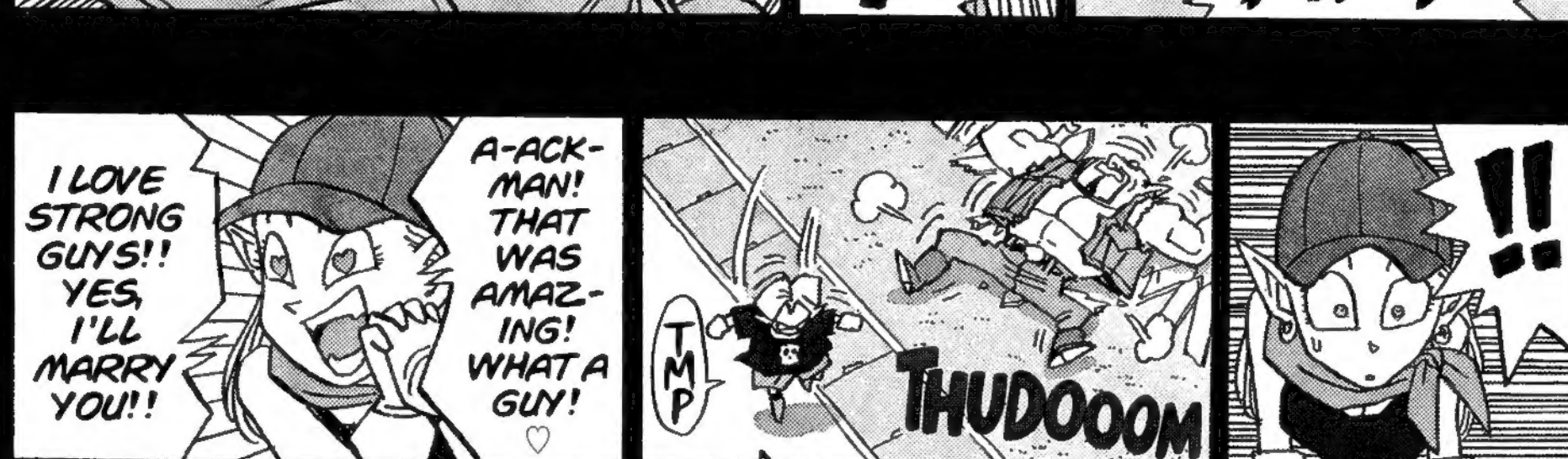
YES!! BRING HIM ON!!
RE-ALLY ?!

HE THINKS HE CAN TAKE ON THE GREAT DEDEVIL AND SURVIVE?! THAT'S RICH!!
GRAH HAH HAH!!! HE'S JUST A PIP-SQUEAK WITH A BIG MOUTH !!!



HEY, DEDEVIL, DON'T HOLD BACK JUST CUZ HE'S A RUNT!
W-WHAT?! SAY THAT AGAIN!!
HYUK!
HYUK!
DUUH!
NOT EXACTLY THE SHARPEST SCYTHE IN THE SHED, IS HE?
...
WOSH
YOU KNOW I WOOON'T !!!
FVP
FVOOM
WHAT THE-?!
HUP !!!
GRIP





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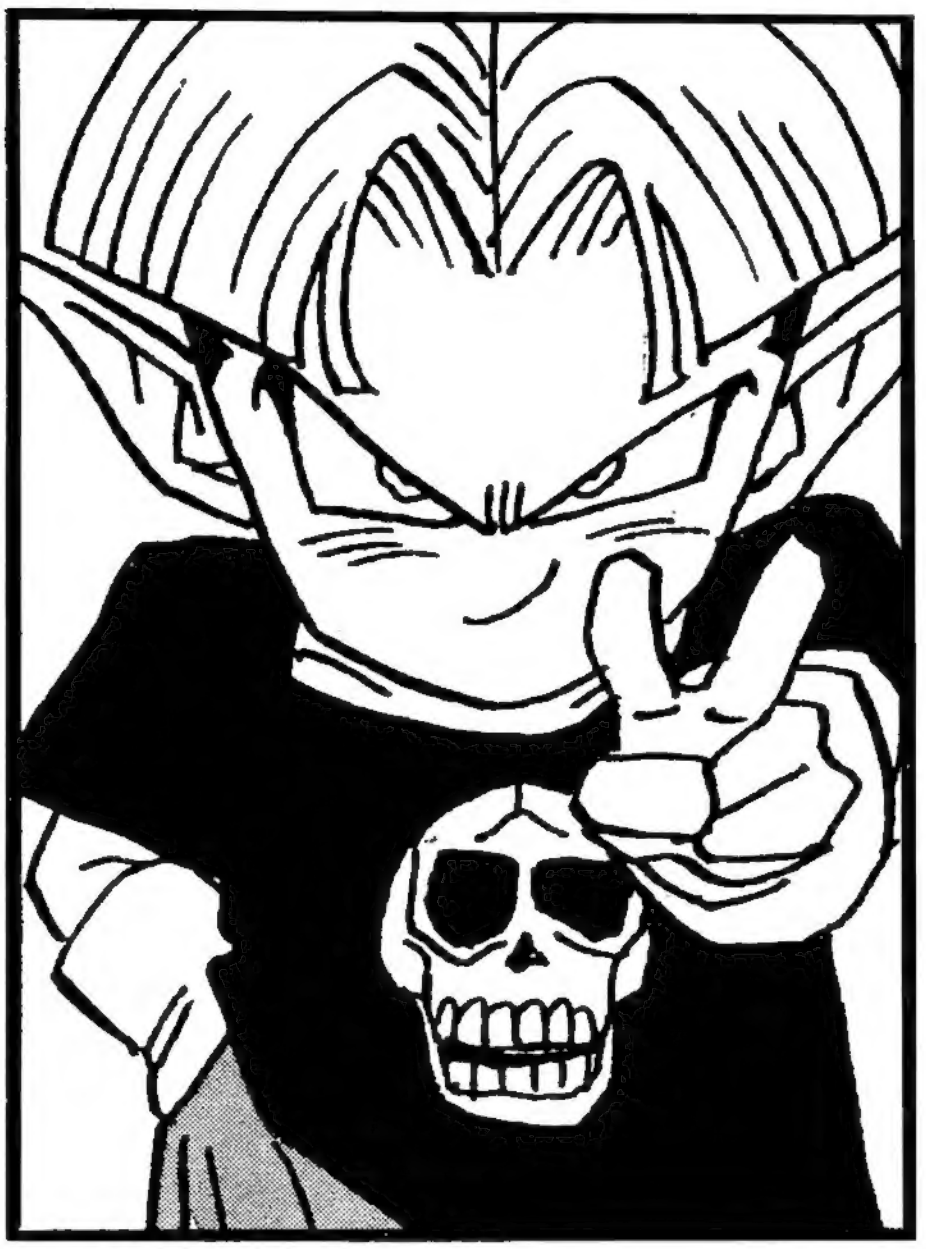

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VOLUME 1

It's hard to believe they're releasing a collection of my short manga works. Frankly, my older manga—particularly the ones from around the start of my professional career—are pretty embarrassing, and I don't think they're worth reading. But I guess you could casually flip through them and be like, "So this is the kinda stuff he used to draw?" The Japanese title of this book is *Akira Toriyama's _____piece Theater*. So feel free to fill in the blank with whatever you like. Say, for example, with "*Master*" or possibly "*Disaster*." "*Buttocks*" would also suffice. Anyway, it might not be to your taste, but I hope you'll find some semblance of enjoyment from it…

VOLUME 2

We finally managed to release a second volume of *Manga Theater*! It was a trickier task than you might think. Even though I've completed a fair number of one-shots, their page counts are lower than a standard chapter, which makes it tough to fill an entire volume. I'm the very definition of a sloth when it comes to this stuff, and anything more than 15 pages will wind up with me begging on my knees, "No more, please!" At this pace it looks like volume 3 will still be a ways off.

VOLUME 3

At long last, I have a bit of free time to enjoy since I've been unfettered from the incredibly taxing weekly serialization. In addition to our pet lineup of the canine, bunny, and carp variety, I can finally explore a new venture I've been looking forward to for a long time—raising tropical and saltwater fish as well as aquatic plant life. I purchased oodles of books on how to raise fish and pored over the material day and night, but perhaps I studied the books a little too well. The aquatic life is, unexpectedly, thriving, and it's getting tough to take care of the aquarium properly. And now my son is asking me to buy a chipmunk… There's no way I can go back to doing a serialized manga…