PHOENIX BALL Z *(1990)*

BACK IN 1990, I COMPLETED MY VERY FIRST FULL COMIC: **PHOENIX BALL Z**. AND YES, WITH A TITLE LIKE THAT, YOU CAN PROBABLY GUESS IT WAS HEAVILY INSPIRED BY **DRAGON BALL Z**. THE STORY FOLLOWS **ALEX** AND **MATHIEU**, TWO FRIENDS LIVING THEIR LIVES PEACEFULLY—UNTIL, OF COURSE, DISASTER STRIKES. OUT OF NOWHERE, THREE RIDICULOUSLY POWERFUL WARRIORS DESCEND FROM THE SKY AND TOUCH DOWN ON EARTH. THEIR MISSION? TO LOCATE THE THREE SACRED PHOENIX BALLS, MYSTICAL ARTIFACTS THAT GRANT A WISH TO WHOEVER GATHERS THEM. AND WHAT DO THESE GUYS WANT? ULTIMATE POWER. WORLD DOMINATION. YOU KNOW, THE CLASSIC VILLAIN STARTER PACK.

TO BRING *PHOENIX BALL Z* TO LIFE, I USED NOTHING BUT MY TRUSTY EVERYDAY BLUE INK PEN; THE SAME ONE I USED FOR SCHOOL. YES, MY HOMEWORK AND MY COMIC PAGES WERE CREATED WITH THE EXACT SAME TOOL. PRIORITIES, RIGHT?

THE STORY? EXTREMELY BASIC. I WAS MAKING IT UP AS I WENT, LITERALLY DRAWING AND STORYTELLING AT THE SAME TIME. BUT WHERE I DID TRY TO GET CREATIVE WAS WITH THE PANEL BORDERS; NONE OF THEM WERE STRAIGHT, THEY ALL HAD UNIQUE, DYNAMIC SHAPES TO ADD SOME FLAIR.

AS FOR THE ARTWORK... WELL, LET'S JUST SAY IT HAD PERSONALITY. PROPORTIONS? QUESTIONABLE. ANATOMY? A WORK IN PROGRESS. HANDS? AN ABSOLUTE NIGHTMARE, AS ALWAYS. BUT DESPITE ALL THAT, I WAS INCREDIBLY PROUD: THIS WAS MY FIRST COMPLETE COMIC, AND IT SPANNED A WHOPPING **54 PAGES!** NOT BAD FOR A TEENAGER ARMED WITH JUST A BLUE PEN AND A LOT OF ENTHUSIASM.

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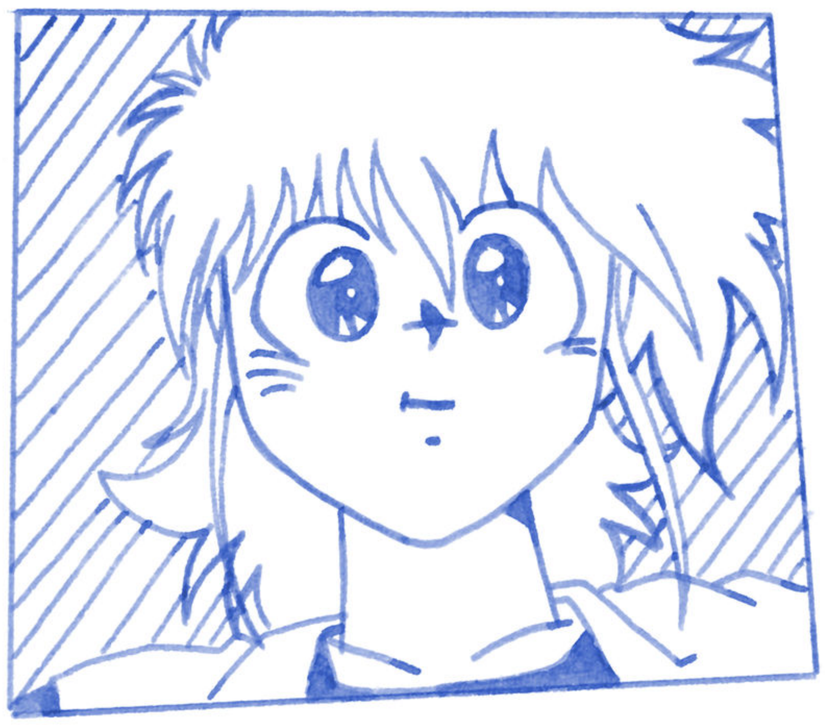
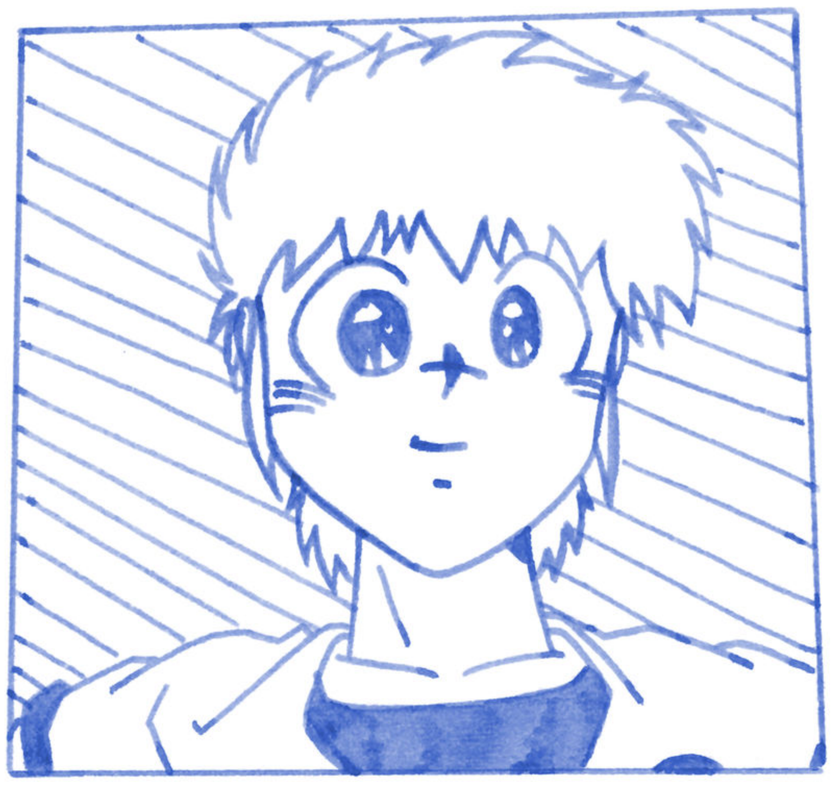
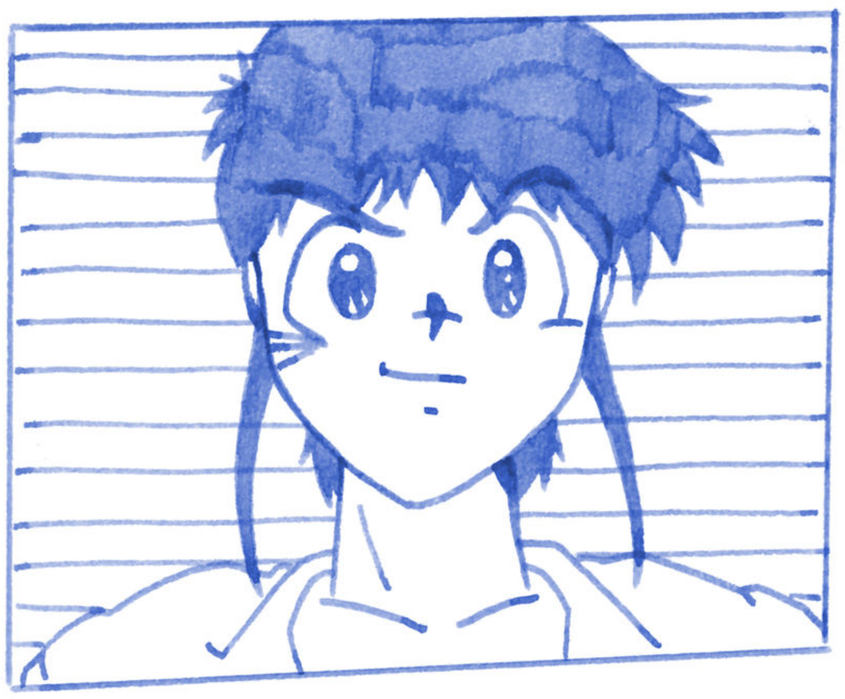


ALEX IS THE HERO OF THIS STORY. ALWAYS READY FOR A GOOD, FULL-ON BRAWL, HE HANDLES HIMSELF REMARKABLY WELL WHEN IT COMES TO FIGHTING. HE'S CONSTANTLY ACCOMPANIED BY HIS LOYAL SIDEKICK, *MATHIEU*.

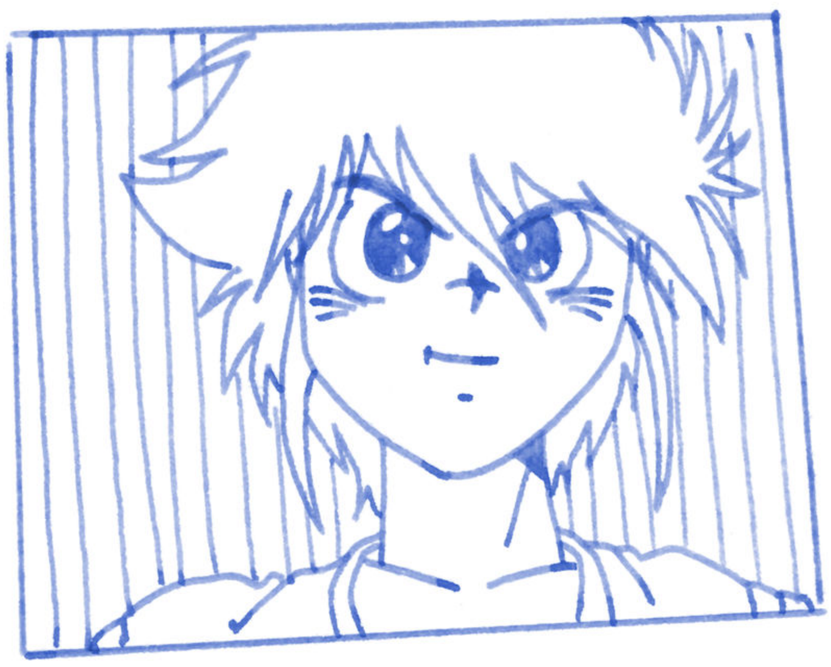


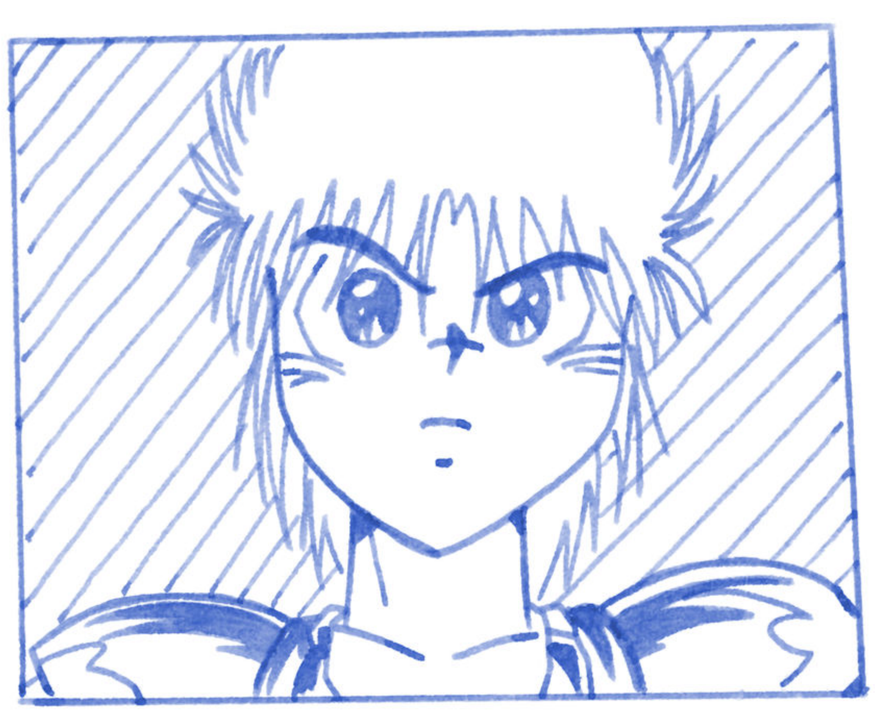
MATHIEU IS *ALEX'S* INSEPARABLE FRIEND. IN FACT, HE'D BE READY TO GIVE HIS LIFE FOR HIM. HE'S A BRAVE WARRIOR—A LITTLE HOT-HEADED AT TIMES—BUT ALWAYS FUNNY AND ENDEARING. YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON HIM.



CHINESEMAN IS A WARRIOR IN SEARCH OF THE *PHOENIX BALLS*. POSSESSING EXTRAORDINARY POWER, HE WILL ULTIMATELY SWITCH SIDES DURING THE DECISIVE BATTLE OF HIS LIFE.

SOLARMAN IS ALSO AN EXCEPTIONAL WARRIOR. ARROGANT AND FULL OF HIMSELF, HE WILL DIE WITHOUT EVER LEARNING THE TERRIBLE TRUTH: HIS TRUSTED COMPANION, *ELEVATORMAN*, IS NOTHING MORE THAN A TRAITOR DRIVEN BY A THIRST FOR ABSOLUTE POWER.





ELEVATORMAN IS THE MOST POWERFUL WARRIOR OF THE GROUP. CRUEL AND ENIGMATIC, HE SEEMS INDESTRUCTIBLE, TIRELESS, AND INVINCIBLE. ONE THING IS CERTAIN: HE HAS NO EQUAL ON EARTH... AND PERHAPS NOT EVEN IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE.

PEACE REIGNS OVER THE EARTH.
OUR TWO HEROES STAND READY TO PROTECT IT.

BUT WITHOUT WARNING,
A TERRIBLE THREAT TEARS
THROUGH THE SKIES...

...AND CRASHES
DOWN WITH A
DEAFENING ROAR.

PHOENIX BALL

HERE WE ARE,
ON EARTH.

BOOO

MEANWHILE,
A FEW KILOMETERS AWAY...

...OH!

DID... DID YOU
FEEL THAT?
A TERRIFYING ENERGY
JUST APPEARED...

ALEX?
WHAT'S WRONG?

...YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
I CAN FEEL IT TOO.
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING
NOT FAR FROM HERE...

I WONDER WHAT IT IS...
I'M GOING TO
CHECK IT OUT.

HERE! TAKE THIS WALKIE-TALKIE.
THAT WAY WE CAN STAY IN TOUCH.

ALRIGHT. AH, WAIT! IT MUST
BE AROUND HERE
SOMEWHERE...

!?

THANKS!

THE EARTH IS SURELY IN DANGER...

OH!? THERE'S SOMEONE OVER THERE!

YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

!?

AND... WHO ARE YOU!?

WHAT!? THE PHOENIX BALLS!? THE ULTIMATE RULERS!?

HEH HEH HEH... WHAT AN INTERESTING ENCOUNTER. I'LL ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, JUST FOR YOU:

ALONG WITH MY TWO COMPANIONS, WE'RE SEARCHING FOR THE THREE **PHOENIX BALLS**. ONCE WE FIND THEM, WE'LL AWAKEN THE SPIRITS THAT HAVE BEEN SLEEPING INSIDE THEM FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS. THEN, WE'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE A WISH.

AND WHAT WE WANT IS VERY SIMPLE: TO BECOME THE **ULTIMATE RULERS!!**

I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS!!

...AND TO STOP YOU, I SEE ONLY ONE SOLUTION:

RESORTING TO VIOLENCE!!!

I HOPE THIS ATTACK WILL BRING HIM BACK TO HIS SENSES AND PUT AN END TO THEIR DARK QUEST.

...ASSUMING HE SURVIVED, THAT IS...

WHAT!?

YOUR ATTACK WAS PATHETIC. LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT REAL POWER LOOKS LIKE!

DON'T WORRY, YOU WON'T SUFFER...

...BECAUSE YOU'LL DIE INSTANTLY!!

SWAM!

AAARGH!!

THERE. IT'S OVER. NOW, LET'S GET BACK TO FINDING THE PHOENIX BALLS. MAYBE THE OTHERS HAVE ALREADY FOUND ONE OR TWO...

MEANWHILE...

ALEX!? I... I CAN'T FEEL HIS PRESENCE ANYMORE!

SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM!! I'M GOING TO CHECK IT OUT.

A LITTLE FURTHER AWAY...

WELL, WHERE WERE YOU? I HOPE YOU FOUND A PHOENIX BALL?

WELL, NO.

BUT, A MOSQUITO GOT IN MY WAY. I DEALT WITH IT.

PERFECT! LET'S GET BACK TO SEARCHING.

...ALEX!! WHERE ARE YOU?!

...HUH? WHAT'S THAT LIGHT?

WHAT IS IT? IT LOOKS LIKE A BALL...

YOU'VE JUST FOUND A PHOENIX BALL.

!?

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I'M A WARRIOR! I CAME TO EARTH TO COLLECT THE THREE PHOENIX BALLS AND BECOME THE ULTIMATE RULER! HERE'S ONE OF THEM, HEHE. NOW, HAND IT OVER!

WHAT!? YOU'RE TALKING NONSENSE! I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS!!

GET READY!

PFF, HOW SLOW!

YOU'RE FAST... BUT NOW I'LL GIVE IT EVERYTHING I'VE GOT. PREPARE TO DIE!!

YOUR WEAKNESS IS PATHETIC...

WELL, I'VE HAD ENOUGH FUN. NOW IT'S MY TURN TO ATTACK. GOODBYE.

BOOOUM!

HAHAHAHA!! JUST A LITTLE GUST OF WIND, AND LOOK AT THE RESULT.

THE PHOENIX BALL IS MINE NOW.

W- WAIT...

LET GO OF THAT... RIGHT NOW...

YOU'RE NOT DEAD YET? MAYBE YOU'RE A BIT TOUGHER THAN YOUR FRIEND AFTER ALL.

WHAT!? YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ALEX?? WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIM??

ME? NOTHING AT ALL. ONE OF MY COMPANIONS TOOK CARE OF HIM. I HEARD HE DIDN'T PUT UP MUCH OF A FIGHT...

MONSTER!!!

!?

BUT... WHAT IS HE DOING?

BEAM SHOWER!!!

WAH!

I... I USED UP THE LAST OF MY STRENGTH...

ARGH... I'M FINISHED...

MAGNIFICENT ATTACK. WELL DONE! I'M ACTUALLY QUITE IMPRESSED...

...BUT IN THE END, I DON'T EVEN HAVE A SCRATCH. THAT SAYS A LOT ABOUT YOUR PATHETIC LEVEL...

I-IT'S IMPOSSIBLE... HE'S WAY TOO STRONG FOR US...

SINCE YOU MANAGED TO IMPRESS ME, I'LL LET YOU LIVE! I'M OFF—THERE ARE STILL TWO PHOENIX BALLS TO FIND...

FAREWELL! HAHAHA!

I... I CAN'T EVEN MOVE ANYMORE. ALL I FEEL IS EMPTINESS... AND DEATH...

MEANWHILE...

NO SIGN OF A PHOENIX BALL AROUND HERE...

...HUH? WHAT'S THAT OVER THERE?

A HUMAN DWELLING? IN A PLACE LIKE THIS? THERE'S NOT A SOUL LIVING AROUND HERE...

SOME PEOPLE REALLY ARE OUTCASTS...

NO MATTER. I'M GOING TO HAVE SOME FUN!

HOW ABOUT I DESTROY THIS HOUSE WITHOUT EVEN LIFTING A FINGER?

IT'LL BE A GOOD WAY TO TEST THE EXTENT OF MY POWER!

BOOOOOOOMM!

HEH HEH HEH, THAT WAS CHILD'S PLAY. ALRIGHT... LET'S GET BACK TO SEARCHING.

!?

TAP TAP TAP

I... I CAN HEAR... SOMEONE... COMING CLOSER...?

COULD IT BE THAT WARRIOR FROM EARLIER, COMING BACK TO FINISH ME OFF?

MATHIEU? CAN YOU STAND UP?

!?

A... ALEX? IS IT REALLY YOU? YOU'RE ALIVE... I'M SO HAPPY...

I... I CAN'T EVEN STAND ANYMORE...

COME ON, HANG IN THERE! WE'RE HEADING HOME. WE'LL GET OUR STRENGTH BACK AND COME UP WITH A PLAN.

HUH? I CAN SENSE TWO FORCES MOVING AT HIGH SPEED...

I FEEL THEM TOO!

THEY'RE HEADED TOWARD THE HOUSE I JUST DESTROYED...

NO MATTER. THEY DON'T POSE ANY THREAT. LET'S STAY FOCUSED ON THE PHOENIX BALLS.

ALEX... I REALLY THOUGHT THEY HAD KILLED YOU... I COULDN'T SENSE YOUR PRESENCE ANYMORE...

YEAH... I'M LUCKY TO BE ALIVE. MY OPPONENT WAS INCREDIBLY POWERFUL! HIS ATTACK WAS SO DEVASTATING THAT I BLACKED OUT...

WHEN I CAME TO, I COULD FEEL THAT YOU NEEDED HELP.

HERE WE ARE...

OH!!!

THOSE BASTARDS!! THEY DESTROYED OUR HOUSE!!

ALRIGHT, PLAN B:
I'LL DIG A CAVE FOR YOU...
GET SOME REST INSIDE.

ALRIGHT...

WHILE YOU'RE REGAINING YOUR STRENGTH, I'LL HEAD OUT TO SEARCH FOR THE PHOENIX BALLS.

I'LL TRY TO FIND AT LEAST ONE.

BE RIGHT BACK!

IS THIS SPOT OKAY?

YES

I'M GOING TO TRY SOMETHING. THE PHOENIX BALLS MUST GIVE OFF SOME KIND OF ENERGY. I'LL TRY TO LOCATE ONE USING THAT...

HUH? I'M PICKING UP SOMETHING OVER THERE.

MAYBE IT'S A PHOENIX BALL!

THE CLOSER I GET, THE MORE OBVIOUS IT FEELS...

...IT'S DEFINITELY A PHOENIX BALL!

HERE WE GO!
IT MUST BE RIGHT THERE!

MMMH, I DON'T SEE IT...
COULD IT BE
UNDERGROUND?

THAT'S ANNOYING...
I'M NOT GOING TO WASTE HOURS
DIGGING AT RANDOM...

ALRIGHT, LET'S TRY
THIS WAY.

I CAN FEEL AN ENERGY
BUILDING UP...

CHINESEMAN, CATCH MY
PHOENIX BALL. I NEED TO
CHECK SOMETHING.

!?

THIS GROWING ENERGY IS SUSPICIOUS...
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING BEHIND IT!
I NEED TO FIND OUT FOR SURE—
I'M HEADING OVER THERE
TO SEE FOR MYSELF.

HUH? WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

AH!!

A TREMENDOUS FORCE IS HEADING THIS WAY!!

I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT!! COME ON, GET OUT OF THERE!

AAAH, THERE IT IS!

I CAN SEE SOMEONE NOW. BUT... WHAT IS HE DOING?

WHAT?? HE'S ALREADY MADE IT THIS FAR??

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WAIT—WHAT'S THIS?

YOU FOUND A PHOENIX BALL!? HAHAHA, THANKS FOR FINDING IT FOR ME!

NOW... DIE!!

... WHAT SHOULD I DO? HE'S WAY TOO STRONG FOR ME...

I... I WASN'T HURT?? THIS IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!

!?

I'LL USE IT TO HIDE AND ERASE MY PRESENCE!

THIS SPOT IS PERFECT! I WON'T MOVE.

MEANWHILE...

ALEX!? I CAN'T SENSE HIS PRESENCE ANYMORE! I HOPE HE'S OKAY...

I CAN'T SEE THE PHOENIX BALL!!

GRRR! BUT WHERE IS IT??

WHAT IF... WHAT IF I DESTROYED IT?

WITH THE POWER OF MY ATTACK, MAYBE IT DISINTEGRATED?

YEAH, THAT MUST BE IT... I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER EXPLANATION...

THIS IS TERRIBLE! HOW AM I GOING TO BREAK THIS NEWS TO THE OTHERS?

...

PHEW, HE'S GONE... IT WORKED!

TIME TO GO BACK TO MATHIEU. I'LL WALK THERE, NICE AND SLOW. THAT WAY, THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SENSE MY PRESENCE. I JUST HOPE THEY'LL GIVE UP LOOKING FOR THE PHOENIX BALLS...

WELL?

I RETURN TO YOU IN SHAME... I DESTROYED A PHOENIX BALL...

AH, HERE HE COMES BACK.

WHAT!?

YOU FOOL!!

YOU SHOULD KNOW PHOENIX BALLS ARE INDESTRUCTIBLE!! YOU GOT TRICKED! HOW SHAMEFUL INDEED!!

WHAT? YOU CAN'T DESTROY THEM?

ARGH, THAT BASTARD!!

I'LL FIX MY MISTAKE. I'M GOING BACK!!

HE MUST HAVE HIDDEN DURING MY ATTACK, THEN PATIENTLY WAITED FOR ME TO LEAVE. CLEVER... BUT NOW, HE'LL TASTE **MY WRATH!!!**

!?

I CAN SENSE A PRESENCE IN THIS DIRECTION!!

...HUH!?

HE'S COMING BACK HERE!?

HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? I SHOULD BE UNDETECTABLE...

OH!!! I GET IT NOW!!

IT'S MATHIEU'S PRESENCE!!!

HURRY!! I DON'T HAVE A MINUTE TO LOSE!!

I SENSE ANOTHER PRESENCE THAT JUST ACTIVATED!

IT'S HIM!!!

ARGH!! HE'S CLOSING IN AT A BREAKNECK SPEED! AND HIS AURA IS FULL OF RAGE!!

TAKE THIS!!

YOU'RE GOING TO DIE!!

I MUST AVOID THE ATTACK AT ALL COSTS!!

PHEW, I BARELY MANAGED TO AVOID IT!!

ALEX!!!

MATHIEU!! IT'S DANGEROUS, STAY SAFE!!

ALEX!! WATCH OUT!!!

AAAH!!!

N... NO! THE PHOENIX BALL! I MUST...

FORGET IT!! I'M GOING TO CRUSH YOU!

AAAARGH!!

ALEX... NO... THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING...

AND TAKE THIS TOO!!

AAAARRHH...

A... ALEX...

BAAAAMMM!

IT'S YOUR TURN NOW!! YOU'RE GOING TO JOIN YOUR FRIEND!

AAAARRGH!!

HAHAHA!!

THAT'S IT, IT'S OVER.

OUCH!?

BUT... WHAT'S HAPPENING?
THE PHOENIX BALL HAS BECOME SCORCHING HOT!

IT'S... IT'S STRANGE...
IT'S AS IF IT WERE TRYING TO...
TRANSFER ITS OWN ENERGY!

WHAT A PLEASANT FEELING!

I CAN FEEL ITS ENERGY COURSING THROUGH MY BODY.
SUCH POWER!!!
I'VE NEVER FELT ANYTHING LIKE IT!

I FEEL ALIVE AGAIN!
THE REAL FIGHT CAN FINALLY BEGIN!

THIS IS ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE!
I'VE NEVER FELT THIS STRONG!!

I DON'T GET IT... COULD THE PHOENIX BALLS HAVE A WILL OF THEIR OWN? WELL, NO MATTER: THOSE TWO HAVE FULLY RECOVERED. I'LL HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN...

MATHIEU! HOW ABOUT WE CHANGE OUR LOOK AND TAKE HIM DOWN?

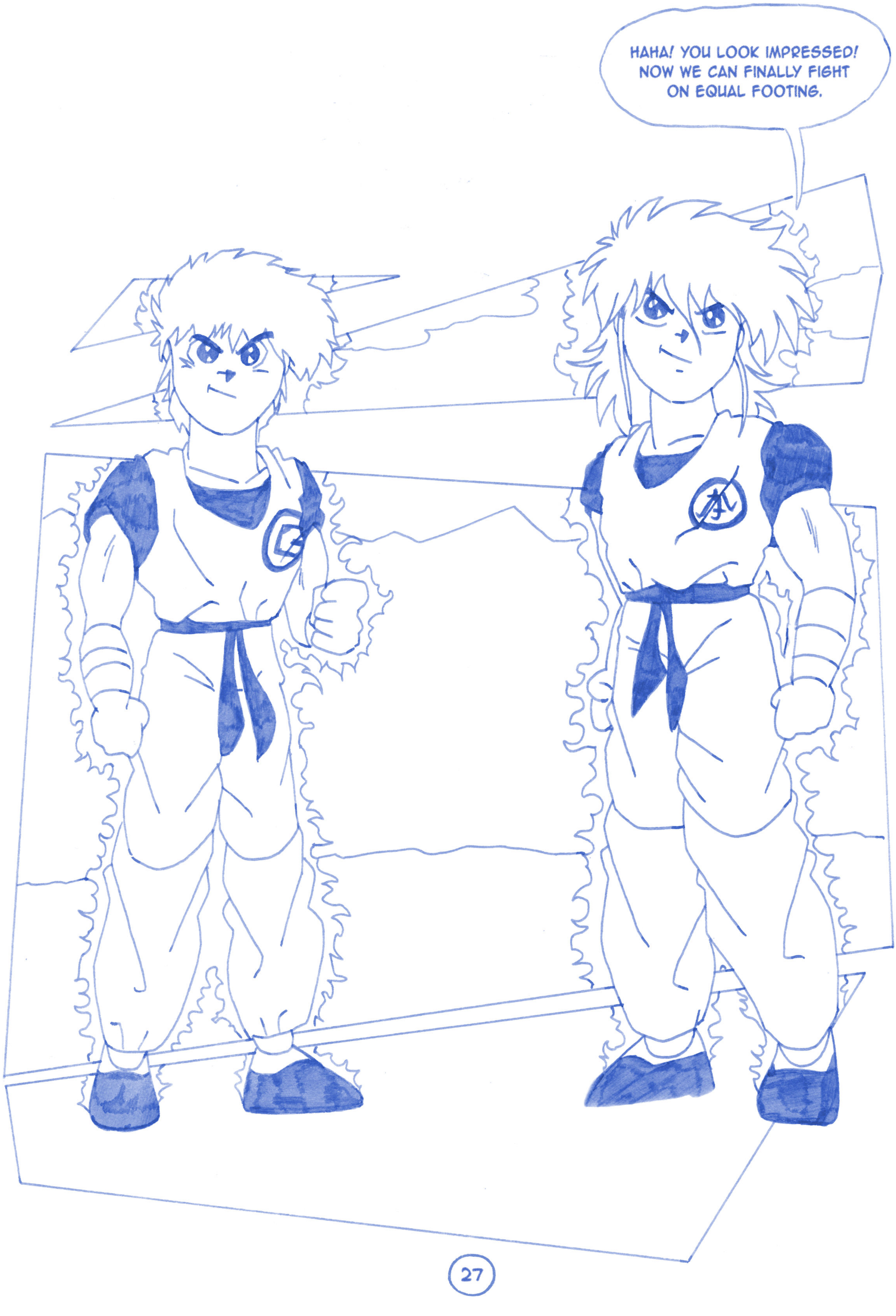
YEAH, GOOD IDEA!

LET'S DO THIS!

HUH?
WHAT'S THAT?

THERE!!
WE'RE READY!

UNBELIEVABLE! THAT'S INCREDIBLE!!
WHAT KIND OF MAGIC IS THIS?


HAHA! YOU LOOK IMPRESSED! NOW WE CAN FINALLY FIGHT ON EQUAL FOOTING.

I REPRESENT THE SOURCE.

AND I, THE SUN.

ALEX, LET ME BE THE ONE TO FIGHT HIM.
I HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE... I'LL MAKE HIM
PAY FOR WHAT HE DID TO ME EARLIER.

ALRIGHT.
MAKE HIM
EAT DUST.

GET READY!!

COME ON, BRING IT!

YAAAAAAHHH!!

WHAT'S HE DOING?

!?

NOW'S MY CHANCE!!

HERE!! TAKE THIS!!

OH?!

EXCELLENT TIMING, MATHIEU.

IT'S WAY TOO SLOW!!
I'M GOING TO DEFLECT YOUR ATTACK!

!?

I MANAGED TO HIT HIM!!

IT WAS JUST A LUCKY SHOT!
NOW IT'S MY TURN TO ATTACK!!

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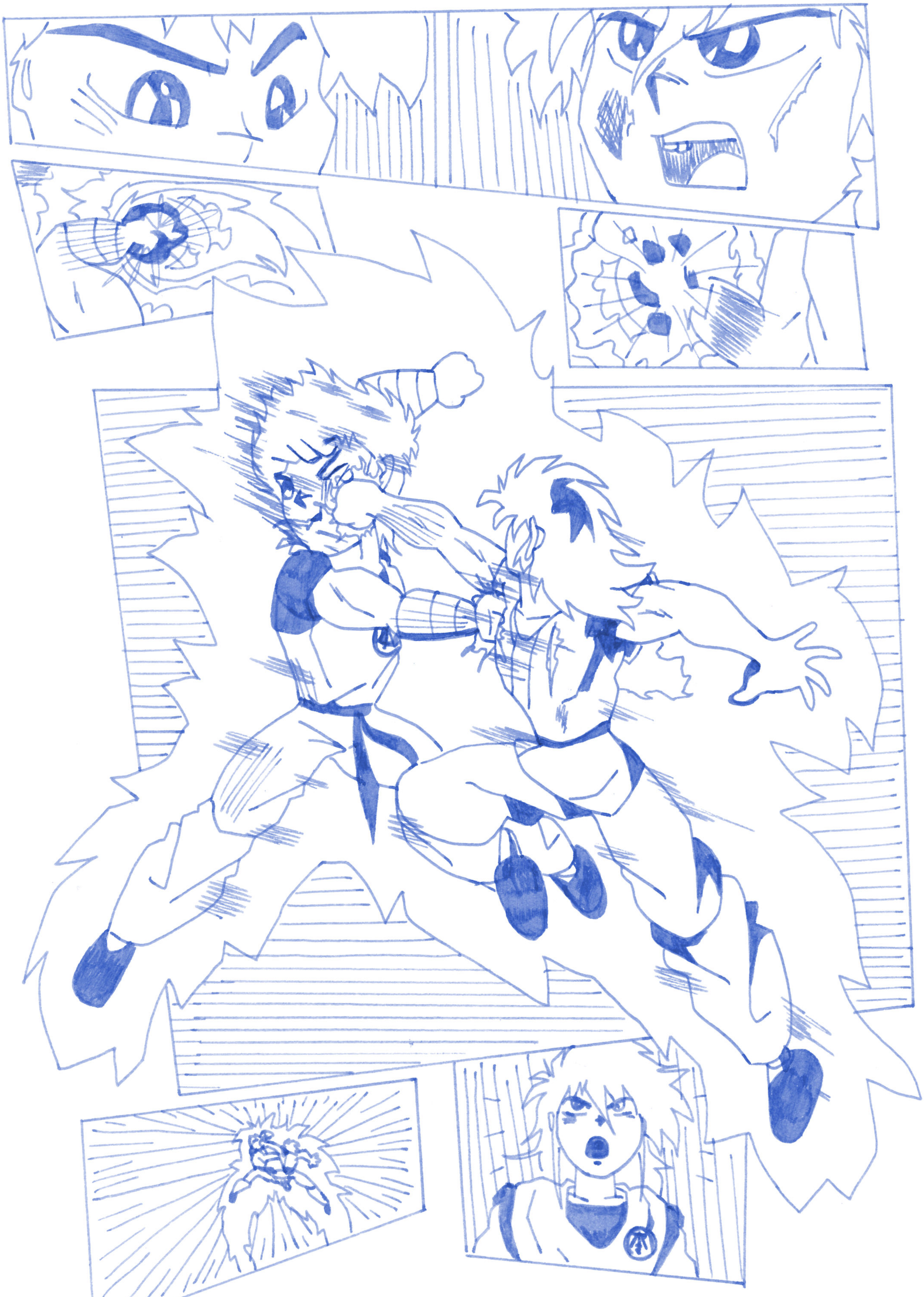
RAAAAAAHH!!

YAAAAAHH!!



BUT—!? THEY'RE GOING TO CRASH!!

MATHIEU, NO!!

I'M COMING!

ARE YOU OKAY?

YES, THANKS!

VERMIN!! YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET THIS!

HMPH... SINCE THAT'S HOW YOU WANT IT, I'LL KICK THINGS UP A NOTCH!

I SUMMON THE **FIREBALL!!**

AAAAAAHHHHH!!

MY NEXT ATTACK WILL FINISH YOU OFF!!

ARGH! WHAT'S HAPPENING??

AND THERE WE GO, IT'S OVER. I MADE HIM **EXPLODE.**

FARTHER AWAY...

WOW, THAT EXPLOSION WAS AMAZING!

OUR COMPANION SEEMS TO BE HAVING A GREAT TIME! I WISH I COULD BE IN HIS PLACE...

WELL DONE, MATHIEU. BUT LET'S STAY ALERT. THERE ARE STILL TWO ENEMIES NEARBY.

WITH OUR CURRENT POWER, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO WIN...

YEAH. LET'S GO !!

W-WAIT...!

WAAAH!

WHAT RESISTANCE! AND YET I PUT ALL MY ENERGY INTO THAT!

COUGH YOUR ATTACK WAS SPECTACULAR. I HAVE VERY LITTLE STRENGTH LEFT... BUT BEFORE I DIE, I WANTED TO WARN YOU...

THE TWO OTHER WARRIORS... THAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO FACE... ARE MUCH STRONGER THAN I AM... COUGH!!

ENJOY YOUR... VICTORY... BECAUSE IT WON'T LAST LONG... COUGH, COUGH...

AAARGH!

HE WAS A FORMI-DABLE WARRIOR...

CAN YOU FEEL IT TOO? THE OTHER TWO ARE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY...

HEHE...

OUR COMPANION'S LIFE FORCE SUDDENLY VANISHED. WE'RE HERE TO—

CHINESEMAN!! I'LL STOP YOU RIGHT THERE!!

I'VE WASTED ENOUGH TIME DEALING WITH DEAD WEIGHT LIKE YOU!!

!?

WHAT!? ARE YOU INSANE?? WHAT ARE YOU DOING??

HERE, TAKE THIS!!

AAAARRHH!!

IT'S OBVIOUS... GET READY TO DIE, MY DEAR "COMPANION"!

I WILL BE THE MASTER OF THE WORLD— AND ME ALONE!!

WOOUOOOH!!

ARGH... YOU TRAITOR! YOU JUST USED US TO FIND THE PHOENIX BALLS, DIDN'T YOU? I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS!

YEAH, I'M WITH YOU!

I SUMMON THE **FIREBALL!!**

PFF, HAHAHA! WHAT A PATHETIC ATTACK. I DON'T EVEN NEED TO DODGE IT...

HAHAHAHAHAHA!!

AND JUST LIKE THAT... HE BLEW UP.

THAT WAS NOTHING BUT A LITTLE BREEZE!

GRRR! I'M NOT DONE YET!

WAIT, MATHIEU...

YOU'VE ALREADY DONE SO MUCH. LET ME TAKE OVER THE FIGHT, AND YOU USE THIS TIME TO REST.

FINE... IN THAT CASE, YOU'LL BE MY FIRST VICTIM. HERE'S A LITTLE SAMPLE OF MY POWERS!

HUH?

YAAAAAARGH!!

BUT!? HE DIDN'T EVEN MOVE!

IT WAS JUST ONE OF MY MANY TECHNIQUES.

I CAN DO THIS TOO!!
YAAAAHH!!

AAARGH... THIS BEAM IS INCREDIBLY SHARP...!

ARE YOU OKAY??

RAAAAH!! HE'S REALLY GETTING ON MY NERVES!!! I'LL MAKE HIM PAY!!

YYYYYYYYYAHHH!!

DEADLY PUNCH!!

!?

GGHHH...

MATHIEU!! WATCH OUT!!!

AARRRHH... HEHE, YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THAT...

TAKE THIS!!!

ALEX!!

!?

WAOUF! YOU CAN SAY THAT'S EXPLOSIVE!

CHINESEMAN!! GO AHEAD, ATTACK HIM!!

YEAH!! BY ATTACKING HIM ALL TOGETHER, WE'LL SURELY DEFEAT HIM!!

DESTRUCTIVE BEAM!!

I SUMMON THE FIREBALL!!

SCBAOOUUUM!

HUH!? WHAT'S THAT??

WATCH OUT! HE...
AAARGH!!

AAAAAH!!

AARRRH!!

HAHAHA!!
MISERABLE WORMS!!

HAHAHAHA!

EVEN BY UNITING YOUR FORCES,
YOU CAN DO NOTHING AGAINST ME.
I WILL CRUSH YOU LIKE FLIES!!

IT'S...
IMPOSSIBLE!! IS HE
INVULNERABLE??

WHAT CAN
WE DO??

THIS IS INCREDIBLE!
SUCH STRENGTH,
SUCH ENDURANCE...
WE'RE FACING
A SUPERHUMAN!!

I WOULD EVEN
SAY MORE!!
A DIVINE
BEING!?

WITH SUCH POWER,
HE WOULDN'T EVEN
NEED THE PHOENIX
BALLS TO RULE!!

FIRST YOU, CHINESEMAN! GET READY!!

WATCH OUT, CHINESEMAN! BEHIND YOU!!

I'M COMING!!

AAARGH!!

HOW SLOW! THIS ISN'T EVEN FUNNY!!

YAAAH!!

STOP!

THAT'S ENOUGH! THIS CRUELTY IS POINTLESS!

YOU DARED INTERRUPT ME? IN THAT CASE, I'LL DEAL WITH YOU RIGHT NOW... I'LL PARALYZE YOU... THEN DESTROY YOU.

YOU CAN'T MOVE ANYMORE... YOU'RE PARALYZED... YOU'RE GOING TO DIE...

!?

WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME??

I... GGGAAAAAAAAAAHHHH!!

MATHIEU??

SUCH POWER... GAH...
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE...

IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP IT.
THE STONE WILL BREAK SOON.

NO, WAIT!

DON'T HURT HIM!
ENOUGH!!

SPARE ME YOUR WORDS.
IT'S ALREADY OVER
FOR HIM, ANYWAY.

...HUH? WHAT!?

CRRR!!

CRRRRRR...

CRRR

N... NO!! THE STONE!
IT'S CRACKING!!

CRRRR!

CRRRR
CRR

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
THIS IS A NIGHTMARE!!
MATHIEU!!

HAHA!! HAHAHA!! HAHAHA!! HA!! HA!! HAHA!! HAHAHAHA!!

THIS... THIS MAN IS A TRUE MONSTER...

THIS IS THE END.

AAAAAARGHHH... NOOOOO!!!

YOU!!! YOU... YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR THIS!!

SILENCE! THESE SCREAMS ARE UNBEARABLE! IT'S YOUR TURN TO DIE.

I... I WILL UNLEASH ALL MY POWER!!

YOU'RE PARALYZED...

DIE!!

ALEX!! LISTEN TO ME!!

PROMISE ME YOU'LL DEFEAT HIM!!

Y-YEAH!

WE... WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!! AND FAST!!

I... I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT...

CHINESEMAN?

...MY FRIEND.

!!

THIS TIME... THIS REALLY IS THE END.

CHINESEMAN!!

Y-YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET THIS!!!
GRRRAHH! YOU JUST SIGNED YOUR DEATH WARRANT!!
GGGHHH...

RRRAAAAAHH!!

H-HE JUST UNLEASHED A GIGANTIC POWER!!

!?

RAAAH! I CAN'T CONTROL ANYTHING ANYMORE!!!

YYAAAAAHHH!!!

TORRENT OF RAGE!!!

IT'S... IT'S DANGEROUS!
I MUST AVOID THAT ATTACK AT ALL COSTS!

!?

WHAT!?

IT'S... IT'S FOLLOWING ME!?
WWWAAAAAAHHHHHHHH!!

THAT SINISTER GUY'S
PHOENIX BALL...

AND...
HERE'S MINE...

I can sense the third one... It's close to you.

MATHIEU!?

Yes, it's me. My soul will soon be completely extinguished... The Phoenix Ball is right over there, behind that rock.

THANK YOU... THANK YOU, MY DEAR FRIEND.

THERE IT IS! WE FINALLY GATHERED THEM ALL!

...Make a wish, Alex...

I... I WISH...

I... I JUST WANT TO SEE MY FRIENDS AGAIN!!

ALEX!

WE... WE'RE ALIVE!

MY FRIENDS!!

I'M SO HAPPY
TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

OH, LOOK!

JUST AS I THOUGHT... AFTER MAKING
A WISH, THE PHOENIX BALLS DISAPPEAR.

...THAT MEANS I HAVE NOTHING
LEFT TO DO HERE. IT'S TIME TO
LEAVE THIS PLANET.

I... I CAN FEEL A PRESENCE! BEHIND THAT ROCK!

!?

WHAT!? HE'S STILL ALIVE??

HE... HE'S LEAVING?

IT'S LIKE HE'S FULFILLED HIS MISSION...

...JUST LIKE WE HAVE. SHALL WE GO HOME?

STILL, WHAT AN INCREDIBLE CHARACTER. COULD HE BE INDESTRUCTIBLE? I EVEN WONDER IF HE'S REALLY REAL...

ALL I HOPE IS THAT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE PHOENIX BALLS BRINGS PEACE BACK TO EARTH... FOREVER.

...AND IF NOT, WE'LL ALWAYS BE HERE TO PROTECT IT!

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*THIS TEXT MEANS "WITCH KUMI." IT COMES FROM A VIDEO GAME TITLED
MAGICAL STORY SERIES: MAJOKKO KUMI, RELEASED IN 1991
ON THE *PC-98*, A COMPUTER MADE BY *NEC*, AVAILABLE ONLY IN JAPAN.
I HAD MOST LIKELY REUSED THE GAME'S TITLE WITHOUT KNOWING ITS MEANING...
I JUST THOUGHT IT LOOKED COOL TO END THE STORY WITH SOME JAPANESE TEXT.
IT THEREFORE HAS NO DIRECT CONNECTION TO PHOENIX BALL Z.