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Now in his Perfect Form, Cell is stronger than any creature alive--even the muscled-out new form of the mighty Saiyans. Finding no competition on Earth, Cell invades a TV studio and gives the world an ultimatum: produce a fighter who can beat him in one-on-one combat, or he will methodically slaughter every living thing! But does the human race...or even the Saiyan race...have a champion who can go up against Cell? Plus the alternate-timeline story of Trunks' origin!

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Matthew says

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Previously on Dragon Ball Z

(I) During a battle with Vegeta, Cell finally found Android #18 and was able to absorb her meaning he finally achieved his final form.

(II) Goku & Gohan are now in training inside the Room of Spirit and Time hoping they can successfully be able to achieve Super Saiyan 1 & 2 in order to beat Cell.

(III) Trunks has come to the past in order to save the gang and Goku and now he will have to fight Cell as Vegeta was utterly defeated.

That is what you missed on **Dragon Ball Z!**

This manga leaves right where Trunks is transforming to Super Saiyan 2 and I can remember this vividly because I believe that is the episode that I caught up with in the anime show and its identical to the mangas. That is one of the major reasons why I love mangas is because when they adapted to anime you get to see the characters in color and be able to see these epic scenes animated.

Even though Trunks is a Super Saiyan 2, his powers means nothing because he is only thinking about brute force and not any martial arts training. While his ass is getting beaten, we get to see Gohan transform into a Saiyan and for Goku to achieve Super Saiyan 2. Since Goku is always two steps forward, he made the connection with Super Saiyan 2 that while it makes you stronger, it diminishes your speed making it purpose to be used as a last resort. With that idea, Goku decides that Gohan and him are going to train extra hard in order to be able to make Super Saiyan the normal form of battle.

As Cell is about to kill Trunks, he wants to figure out how they get stronger which clearly Trunks is not going to reveal and since he is an intelligent evil being, he realizes that if you give these Saiyans some time they are able to get stronger and he wants to be the best fighter in the planet so he gives mercy to Trunks and tells him that in 10 days there will be the Cell Games which is exactly like tournaments we have witness in Dragon Ball except that every player will fight with Cell until they either A.) Give up B.) Die or C.) They step out of bounds.

Trunks spreads the news to the gang and they immediately begin to train for this tournament. Goku on the other hand is taking a break and doing some investigating about something that he is not telling the audience. He wants the Dragon Balls to be created again after Cell destroys an entire army that went and tried to kill him. Piccolo cannot separate with Kami-Sama again so Goku needs to find another Namekian which turns out to be Dende who becomes Kami-Sama. He tells them that he is able to create the same Dragon Balls but unfortunately if you have already died then you cannot be resurrected again.

After all this jumping around, the Cell Games has arrived and everyone heads off to the Tournament including this human named Hercules who is martial arts champion but a total idiot since he hasn't realized

that Cell and everyone is not human. He loses within 2 minutes and everyone is grateful for Cell. I reacted exactly like the gang with rolling their eyes and wanted Hercules to finally disappeared because he kept dragging on and on about destroying Cell and everyone knows about the outcome of this battle.

I got really absorbed into this storyline and I felt like throwing my book at the wall because I wanted to know what was going to happen next especially after Hercules. Unfortunately the battle between Goku and Cell will begin in the next volume. The reasoning behind it was they featured a mini-story about Trunks in the future and how he got into the time machine to go into the past. You meet Gohan as a young adult missing a hand which I have never seen before and sadly how he died because of the androids.

It was an interesting story which could have been a little bit longer and it was creative to show how crazy these androids wreak havoc on planet Earth without Goku. Will Goku be able to defeat Cell? Find out until next time on Dragon Ball Z...

Sharon Mariampillai says

Actual Rating: 4.55

This was a fantastic read. The story just gets better and better. Also, the characters are amazing and I love reading about the heroes that are in the Dragon Ball franchise. In the volume, Cell announces that he will be holding the Cell Games, which people try to defeat Cell. Goku and Gohan are in Full-Power Super Saiyan mode. Also, I enjoy seeing Goku and Gohan spend time with Chi Chi. I missed her character, so it was nice to see her again. I loved her reaction when she saw Gohan's blond hair. It still cracks me up. I did not like Mister Satan. I do not really care for his character. However, I can't wait to see his daughter, Videl, aka Gohan's high school girlfriend. Can't wait to see Cell get defeated. This was another amazing installment to the series. I can't wait for Volume 18. Overall, an incredible read.

Rodrigo says

Very awesome book.

Travis says

Nothing happens in this volume. Just a bunch of setting up for the finale of the Cell Arc.

Heath Patel says

This book is about how this green man whose name is cell is terrorising the earth and its up to the z fighters to stop Goku, Piccolo, Gohan, Krillin, TN, Yamcha and the prince of all saiyan Vegeta. Cell is not to be underestimated he is a powerful being. Will the Z fighters when the battle find out in The cell games begin.

Bryan says

Excellent volume. In the wake of Vegeta and Trunks' failure to become powerful enough to defeat Perfect Cell (even after their training in the Chamber of Spirit and Time), Cell decides to recreate the Tenka'ichi Budokai, the Strongest Under the Heavens tournament. One of the most iconic events in the series, and a favorite of mine when watching the anime years ago. This volume includes the return of Dende, the introduction of Hercule (perhaps the funniest part of the series), and Goku and Gohan's revelation in maintaining the Super Saiyan state full-time.

This volume also contained a small short story at the end that takes place during Future Trunks' original timeline where he is trained by Gohan to defeat the Androids. Very cool, and something I did not expect to see.

Denisa says

Another rating: 9,5/10

Kurami Rocket says

This vol starts off with Trunks preparing to fight against Cell. And although his power has indeed surpassed his opponent's, Trunks has made a huge error in his judgement, which causes him to lose the fight! This error is shown to be a huge and important lesson and factor in this particular volume.

And so, having been intrigued by our heroes huge increase in power in such a short amount of time, Cell proposes a tournament, which will be held in 10 days! Meanwhile, Goku and Gohan emerge from the RoSaT. And Goku quickly hatches several plans to revive the power of the dragon balls and bring Earth a new God! Also, at the end of the vol, we get to see a little of Trunks' back story!

All in all, this was a fun enough vol. There were several parts which were funny due to the characters interactions with one another and their different relationships with each other. We also get introduced to a new character, Hercule, who brings in quite the humor with his goofyness.

Now, what really shined was the planning Goku showed, in both fighting and just overall strategy, such as understanding that brute strength is nothing and can be a liability in a fight, especially if your opponent has any kind of speed. As Goku later on says, all the power in the world won't do u any good, if u can't even hit your opponent. This is a lesson Trunks learns the hard way!

Goku also makes an important point to allow yourself to relax and rest. As he himself said, 'There's a point where stressing your body more is just torture, not training.' This is also true in real life! A person will benefit more from training if you give yourself the time to rest your body, than if u were to train everyday without resting at all. This is part of the reason why Goku has always grown stronger and why he is usually a step ahead of Vegeta.

And now that Goku has mastered ssj form, due to his time spent in the RoSaT, he has shown excellent progress as a warrior. Now when he will battle Cell, he won't lose any precious speed or stamina; He won't tire himself out on the transformation itself and won't put unessecary strain on his body. All this truly shows his growth as a fighter and shows just how smart our saiyan warrior is when it comes to battling and strategy!

All these factors also proves that DBZ DOES have planning and strategy!! It is NOT just brute strength or transformations!!

Our heroes have put in excellent thinking for the upcoming tournament. They can't make a single error against an opponent like Cell, otherwise they, along with the Earth, will suffer the consequences!

Loren Dillon says

I appreciate hercule a lot more than I did when I first watched the anime. He kept the people hopeful and that in turned ensured that chaos wouldn't consume the world. He is still a braggadocios clown but in a good way.

G-E says

Cell organise un tournoi d'arts martiaux afin de s'amuser un peu et de voir la nouvelle puissance de Sangoku. En sortant de la salle de l'esprit du temps, Goku et Gohan prennent congé en attendant le tournoi. Dendé est ramené sur Terre afin de devenir le nouveau Dieu et de réactiver les Dragon Balls. Nos huit héros arrivent au lieu donné par Cell. Le tournoi va débuter.

Peter Chow says

I learned that power is not only about transformation, but smart thinking as well.

Sam Quixote says

So it's pretty clear what Akira Toriyama's doing at this point: recycling the hits. And, to be fair, it actually works! And, of course, it's his series, his characters, he can do whatever the hell he wants.

Cell is essentially Freeza, what with his many transformations unlocking higher levels of power, not to mention his lizard-like appearance. And then Toriyama goes back even deeper into the well (is that a thing?), by reviving the classic Strongest Under the Heavens tournament from the original Dragon Ball series!

Trunks goes Super Super Saiyan (Toriyama is imaginative in all but names!) and fights Cell before realising that he's sacrificed speed for strength and Cell is still undefeatable. Like Vegeta in the last volume, Cell bizarrely decides to back down and let everyone power-up to their full strength to take him on in a one-on-one Royal Rumble-type match: everyone vs Cell! If they lose, everyone on Earth dies!

Even though readers of the series at this point shouldn't need to know that the only saviours in this world are the Dragon Ball characters, Toriyama acknowledges the wider world by sending the army (there's only one, just as there's only one King of the World!) against Cell. Predictably, it doesn't work, but it spurs Son Goku on to reinstating a new Kami-Sama of Earth.

When Piccolo merged with Kami-Sama, the world lost its god and all of the Dragon Balls, so Son Goku decides to remedy that by bringing a new Namekian to Earth. The kid from earlier in the series, Dende, reappears to become the new Kami-Sama and once more there are Dragon Balls on Earth!

There's a funny new character introduced called Hercule who's the martial arts champion of Earth, and who becomes the self-appointed hero who'll beat Cell and save the world. He's there for yuks but also to show how beyond human ability the Dragon Ball cast have gone. Kuririn's expression when Hercule brings out some tiles to smash as a show of his strength says it all - "I don't believe this..."

It's a little detail but I really liked that Gohan chose Piccolo's outfit as his battle dress. Piccolo was Gohan's mentor when he was even younger and it's a nice show of respect from Gohan to honour Piccolo's role in the person he has become. Piccolo seems to like it too, grinning slightly at the gesture (he's the Demon King, he can never smile or show emotion!).

For the first time this volume has a backup story focusing on Trunks' life in the future. We see an adult Gohan training Trunks to become Super Saiyan as well as the destruction wrought by the androids. It doesn't really add anything to what we already know about Trunks so it feels superfluous and dull - filler, basically. All we're seeing is what he told us before in earlier volumes. Maybe if we'd seen this when he first appeared it'd be more interesting but not at this point in the story. Especially when we know that nothing they do in the past affects this future anyway, so they're all doomed no matter what!

So, at Volume 17 (or Volume 33, counting the original 16 volumes), we've come full circle to once more have another martial arts tournament. And, actually, I'm kinda looking forward to it! These were always the best parts of the Dragon Ball series and, now everyone's been training and has new powers, the fights look like they're going to be a lot of fun.

Volume 17 is a lot of prepping for the next couple volumes but it's still a really entertaining read. We get to see a lot more of Goku than we have in previous volumes, and there's more focus on the world outside of the fights. Excellent stuff from Toriyama - Dragon Ball Z is back on track!

Adolf Muller says

I couldn't stop reading this part, gohan fight with his new transformation.

Adriana says

This volume had our heroes basically just training for the real fight with Cell. He's much stronger than they anticipated even when they've reached beyond super Saiyan. Goku is oddly calm about where he stands even though he admitted Cell is still stronger than him. This confidence is what I usually see in him before he gets really excited about fighting a strong person and defeating them. The Cell Game so far has been a bit dumb

but funny because there is a hero that the Earth has cast who is anything but. I'm excited to see how everything plays out and who ends up defeating Cell.

Gustavo says

Este tomo vuelve a tener un poco de la variedad que tiende a entretenerme de Dragon Ball, Cell se siente un poco defraudado del poder de los Saiyajines (compartiendo genes con Vegeta y Goku no es una sorpresa), entonces decide darles un tiempo más para que terminen de entrenar e intentar vencerlos en un torneo al estilo Tenkaichi Budokai.

Entre otras cosas, Goku sale del entrenamiento y en vez de irse corriendo a pegarle a Cell decide tomarse unos días y descansar con Chichi y Gohan, el rey del mundo decide mandar al ejército a encargarse de Cell, y busca a un nuevo Kami-sama para la tierra. Me gustó mucho como Toriyama hace que Gokú sea diferente en estado Super Saiyajin, aunque no esté haciendo nada fuera de lo común se lo siente poderoso y confiado.

Con la presentación de Mr. Satán, este volumen tiene definitivamente un toque más de Toriyama que los anteriores, y me hizo disfrutarlo mucho más.
