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The Lord of Lords, mightiest of the deities, has come to Earth--and he needs the help of Goku, Gohan and Vegeta! From across aeons of time, from across the stars, the evil wizard Bobbidi has returned, gathering chi energy to resurrect the imprisoned djinn Boo, the most powerful creature that ever existed. Beneath the ground in a buried spaceship, Bobbidi has assembled a menagerie of vicious beasts from across the galaxy, ready to defeat our heroes and feed their power to the djinn. But the most vicious enemy of all is already standing in the heroes' ranks...

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Sam Quixote says

In this, the 38th Dragon Ball book, Son Goku, Buu, and the rest of the cast sit down to calmly and rationally debate the pros and cons of their goals. Buu wants to take over the world, Son Goku (standing in for everyone else on Earth) doesn't want him to do this. After many chapters of reasoned, thoughtful discussion, a mutual decision is made for the benefit of both parties - all without resorting to physical violence.

JUST KIDDING!

It's Dragon Ball Z - of course it's nothing but fighting! Talking's for boring people! One guy - who looks like Satan - spits at Kuririn and Piccolo and turns them to stone - you don't want to kiss this dude! Then Vegeta blew up another guy with a fireball - wicked cool! Son Goku and Vegeta have a rematch - boy, I hope one of them dies again! Fight fight fight and the evil genie Buu returns. The planet's doomed unless Goku and co. can fight him harder!!

It sounds like I'm taking the piss (and I kind of am albeit in a good natured way) because Dragon Ball is soooo one note. Of course it is, it's a martial arts comic, fighting is the whole point, you say. But how can it still be good 38 books down the line? It's just fun! Lord help me, it's just fun watching Son Goku, Vegeta, and Son Gohan fight a bunch of alien monsters in a series of fights. For 38 books. It is!

It's also because the fighting is so well told. Compare DBZ to Marvel/DC and their fights are a handful of pages - maybe 4 or 5 pages per issue max - which are quickly over with. Superman punches a bad guy, Spidey hurls some webs at someone, and it's done. They're there to keep things from getting too stale, maybe there's been a lot of dialogue, add some excitement, and that sort of thing. On the other hand, DBZ fights take up entire books!

There's the parry, the joust, one level of power giving way to another, surprises thrown in, faster action, another level of power, one fighter gets the upper hand, then the next, more surprises, an even higher level of power, stakes raised further and further; it takes time to build up to a fight's finale and it's really involving for the reader, which is only partly due to the length. Akira Toriyama takes what sounds brainless - a comic full of fights between superheroes - and elevates it as an art form and its own distinct narrative style.

Even the side story of Son Goten and Trunks (posing as the fighter Mighty Mask), #18 and Hercule in a battle royale at the Strongest Under the Heavens tournament is full of tension and its own surprises!

DBZ Volume 22 is Toriyama on his way to cooking at full power once again, perfect timing for the closeout to the title. The series has definitely picked up with this book, it's full of drive and purpose, and (yeah!) it's a lot of fun. Buu is back and the guys face their biggest challenge yet - don't stop fighting, guys!

Logan Simpson says

LMAO. I love how Vegeta and Goku just blew away those villains like nothing. And, I'm so excited! Majin Vegeta vs. Goku was one of my favorite parts from the anime! :D

WH says

Dragon Ball Z by Akira Toriyama. In the volume of "Dragon Ball Z" (I will now refer to the modern versions of the manga as Dragon Ball Z to avoid confusion). Goku and the others find out that the reason why Majin Buu can be resurrected is because of the energy collected by the people is enough to resurrect him. In order for Majin Buu to awake he needs help from a Wizard named "Babi-Di." Babi-Di, having no use for the people anymore blows them up (the reason for this is because he's crazy and doesn't like wasted space). Then one of his most powerful henchman, Evil King Darbura. Darbura senses that Goku and the others are there and kills one of them, then turns Piccolo and Kulinin. If they break then the dragon Piccolo can't come back since a long time ago he fused with the ruler of the earth. Kulinin can't come back because he's already been revived by the Dragon. After some fighting Vegeta becomes one of Babi-Di's henchman. Goku and Vegeta start fighting somewhere else and because of that fight. Buu comes back to life...

The message in this volume is evil is forever, you can't out run who you are, no matter what. This is a 8/10. This one is for mature people. The Author did a good job with this, but at the same time if you don't know all the story you'll be lost for hours on end. Also if you didn't watch the anime and you only read the manga you'll be lost to. Over all, this was a good "real" opinion to the Buu saga.

Shaun says

This is the "newest" volume of Dragon Ball Z that I have read. The style of art has slightly changed from what I have been accustomed to from the earlier volumes. The features of the characters look sharper and more defined. I love that Vegeta ignores the impending threat of Boo and becomes a Majin to only fight with Goku. This is what I love about the character he will stop at nothing to get a great fight in with his rival. To add to the greatness of the fight, Goku seems to be enjoying the battle just as much as Vegeta. For a single issue that I have read in the Boo arc, I am glad that I read this particular one.

Kereesa says

:D 5/5

Matthew says

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Previously on Dragon Ball Z

(I) Goku is on Earth for 1 full day to compete in the Tenkaichi Budokai Tournament.

(II) Gohan fights to avenge Videl after this opponent beats the living daylights out of her. Unfortunately

when Gohan turn Saiyan the opponent used a lamp and suck his chi.

(III) Goku and the gang are now racing the clock to capture these villains because a new evil may awaken and destroy this Earth as we know it.

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

Previously on Dragon Ball Z, we witness the Tenkaichi Budokai tournament in full swing until these two bad guys suck Gohan's chi into a lamp and escape to give it to their master Bobbidi who is a powerful alien wizard who wants to awaken this djinn aka genie called Boo who will destroy the Earth and the galaxy.

Kaio-Shin believed he could retrieve this lamp before Bobbidi but sadly it was too late. Now the gang has to defeat Bobbidi and his henchmen. Immediately Bobbidi realizes that Goku and this group of fighters are not ordinarily human and decides to trap them in his ship where each floor involves a stronger fighter. If his henchmen beat Goku and everyone it will accept their chi and help awaken Boo at full power.

Goku and his team are able to beat every opponent quite quickly but as always Vegeta comes along and f@%ks everything up because he wants to be the greatest fighter of all time. So Vegeta technically join forces with Bobbidi to gain his full potential power which usually means that Bobbidi has full control of Vegeta but Vegeta is far superior in mental power that Bobbidi cannot control him but it doesn't matter because Vegeta is essentially accomplishing his wishes by fighting Goku and using chi that can power up Boo and sure enough the ending is left with Boo's egg cracked.

While all that drama is going on we get some side-action with at the Tenkaichi Budokai tournament because Goten and Trunks are still competing and I don't want to get into details because it is extremely short and simple and not majorly important. I enjoyed this volume very much and I believe it set the tone for what is to come in this series as we are approaching the grand finale. I remember this story arc vividly and didn't realize until reading this manga that when we meet Boo it will be the end of Dragon Ball Z...

Sharon Mariampillai says

Actual Rating: 4.65

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, Goku, Supreme Kai, and the gang follow the people who beat up Videl to Bodiddi and Darbura. There was also a battle royale. There was a battle between Vegeta and Goku. I wonder how Vegeta got this way. It was interesting to see. Now, the introduction of Buu is upon them. This was another amazing installment to the series. I can't wait for Volume 23. Overall, an incredible read.

Jodie Rosenbaum says

Ah, the near start of the Majin Buu saga. Once again Goku and company find themselves fighting for the fate of the universe, but this is bound to be their greatest challenge yet. One thing's for sure, Dragon Ball and all it's renunciations, must be doing something right to have stood the test of time for over 3 decades. My

personal favorite character has always been the temperament and arrogant prince of all Saiyans, Vegeta. I just feel there's so much his story as a character, plus he's a redemption character, so added points. Fans of any of the Dragon ball franchise or any other action manga, are sure to enjoy the start of this series.

Kurami Rocket says

A good vol. In this, our heroes follow Spopovich and Yamu who are under the control of the wizard Babidi. Their intention - to awaken the long dormant demon - Majin Buu!

This vol was pretty funny due to the fact that Goku and Vegeta easily blew away Babidi's fighters, despite all of the Lord of Lords fears and worries.

For the 1st time, the heroes treat these matches as a game; especially because they were easily able to read the Chi of their opponents from their movements, giving them a good impression of just how powerful their opponents are. So, they knew from the start they had nothing to worry about. I like how this shows how far the heroes have progressed in strength and ability. Though they appear foolish and arrogant being so laid back and treating everything like a game; our heroes still paid close attention to the enemies techniques and movements, making it easier to know what they need to do in order to win. Even in one match, Goku showed they don't need or require eyesight to battle, they can simply tell what their opponents are doing by feeling the flow of tiny air currents!

Despite all these fun and games, however, things quickly take a bad turn when one of the heroes turns on the group! It is a surprising and selfish twist as the demon Majin Buu is about ready to awaken!

Travis says

Vegeta makes another grave mistake by letting the evil warlock Bobbidi take control of him just so that he can gain enough power to fight Goku. With so much overflowing power of pure evil and good coming from the two saiyans, Buu is finally ready to awaken.

Denisa says

Another rating: 10/10

Annchan Maulana says

Duh duh duh Songoku, Trunks, Bezita, BuLma ... dah lama banget ga baca and nonton Dragon Ballz. Salah satu kartun jepang favoritku dulu nie, selain Sailor Moon and Doraemon ^^

Amanda Lila says

Oh, how I love this story!

Gustavo says

Goku, Vegeta y Gohan se enfrentan a los subditos de Babidi, para intentar evitar que despierte Majin Boo. A esta altura, no es ninguna noticia que Toriyama recicla sus ideas una y otra vez, y en este caso vemos la torre de la Patrulla Roja de Dragon Ball, solo que ahora es una nave, y en vez de tener pisos tiene niveles. Como he dicho varias veces ya, al fin y al cabo la repetición no importa porque las peleas y las interacciones entre los tres saiyajines y Kaioh Shin son geniales, y las peleas son interesantes y creativas.

Dony Grayman says

Edición argentina, tomo 38. Tercero de la saga de Boo.
