

# Dragonball Saga of the Dragon-Warrior

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## Introduction: Dragonball

#### Narrator:

Long ago, a being named Piccolo came to the planet Earth's Guardian with the intention of succeeding him. The Guardian, however, sensed an evil in Piccolo that ran deep like a river in a mountain crevice and threatened his ability to guard the planet. He told Piccolo, atop the tower sanctuary that stretched into the deep azure, that to become Kami he must first vanquish the evil from within. Piccolo took this to heart, and through long meditation was able to split into two beings: Demon Piccolo and Kami (Guardian).

When he became Guardian, he created a set of seven Dragonballs: perfect, orange spheres each with a special set of red stars in each one of them, numbering one through seven. With them he created a dragon that inhabited a dimension of fire and everlasting time.

When one brought the seven balls together, he could call forth the Eternal Dragon Shenlong. The dragon would grant a wish of anything within his creator's power to do, then return to his lair, allowing the balls to scatter, to be separated for a year or more before one could make another wish from him again.

Throughout the travels of a Saiyan named Goku, the balls were used over and over again to restore life, gain power, and fulfill desires: good or evil. When Kami fused with Demon Piccolo's offspring, Piccolo, the balls turned to stone, awaiting a new master. Goku then found a new Guardian, named Dende, from the same planet as the original Piccolo. Reincarnating the dragon and the Dragonballs, Dende also upgraded their power to grant two, and eventually three wishes.

After many more adventures, some involving the Dragonballs and some not, Goku merged with Shenlong and thus ended his legend. The friends he had come to know in life eventually all passed away, to further inhabit the realm of the dead. Goku separated from Shenlong after 100 years, coming back to Earth for a last look, before finally moving on to somewhere else, passing on the touch of Heroism to a new face...

#### Prologue: Foreshadows of Pain

#### Narrator:

It was seen among the great guardians that many terrible things lay in the future for the Universe, and that the wick to such destruction and horrendous pain would be lit by two of the most powerful warriors.

After the Great War, only one son from each of the two Saiyan lineages remained. Both had left for the war with love in their hearts for the same woman. Upon returning from the last battle, weary from terrible fights and mass carnage, they both discovered that their love had given birth. One might suppose that love and women are the causes of many great conflicts, and this became true yet again. The great-grandson of Trunks, Centura, was enraged with this unexpected occurrence for he knew whom the father must be – the resemblance of the child was uncanny. Enraged by hatred and jealousy, hurt by his once close friend, Goken, and lastly driven by deep inward pride, Centura hired a loathsome criminal to steal the child from the hospital nursery where it slept and meet him later on somewhere for payment and the child.

Goken, his love so great for his newfound family, was heart-broken. In his dreams he learned of the heinous crime, and its perpetrator. The wretch Centura, insane and driven to evil desires, knew too by visions in a dream that he had been caught. By some distant force they met silently out in the open-fields near Goken's mountain home. Goken demanded from Centura that he deliver his son to him. Yet Centura did not yield the boy to him. Instead he accused Goken of stealing away his love: the truth was out. Somewhere along the course of bitter and emotional dialogue, the object of their affections, Mei-ling, arrived on the field, weeping for her lost son.

The rogue offered the boy in return for her hand in marriage and her love, yet the guardians knew all too well she could offer neither. In his anger, he fought Goken viciously and ruthlessly. Centura killed him that dreadful day, and kneeling in a pool of both their bloods, Goken strewn out across the grass, he again asked for her consent. Mei-ling denied him, and so spoke to him with hatred in her words that she sent his anger higher, until it exploded at last, burning the field of dreams and once-lovely summer walks with fiery rage. All three dead, they went to their respective realms.

The kidnapper, some short time later, stood with the baby in arms at the meeting spot. He grew worried of a setup, and treachery. Across the street, people were beginning to stare and wonder what he was waiting for with the baby in his hands. At last, his anxiety overthrew his patience as he ran to an alley behind a home, dropped the baby uncaringly into the dumpster and fled never to be caught.

Fortunately, the guardians had seen the events unfold. In their own way and by the will of a greater force, they led the homeowner, Chen Ngyu, outside to empty his garbage. He of course found the child and took him in. The old man did not know where the parents were or how the child had come to his attention; most notably, he did not know how the child would one day become the most important player of the great and terrible events that would cripple the Universe so mightily. This is that baby's story; this is the Saga of the Dragon-Warrior.