

JUMP COMICS



ワンピース ONE PIECE

DIGITAL

DIGITAL COLORED COMICS

卷十八 "エース登場"



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SHUEISHA

THAT WAS ONLY
THE ITTY BITTY
BITS STUCK TO
THE BOTTOM
OF THE LID!

But you ate
some too.

HOW DO
YOU
EXPECT US
TO CATCH
ANYTHING
WITH NO
BAIT!?

LUFFY!
IT'S BECAUSE
YOU KEEP
EATING OUR
BAIT!

The ship
sails onward
to Alabasta,
albeit with
some slight
troubles.

It has been
5 days since
the crew left
Drum Island.

第156話 “オカマ日和”

Chapter 156 : “A Nice Weather for an Okama”

WHAT'RE
YOU TWO
DOING TO
CARLIE!?

グゴン!!

AGHH!

QUACK!

CARLIEEE!!!

いやあああああ

Gonna
catch me a
sea king.

Think we can
catch a shark
with this?

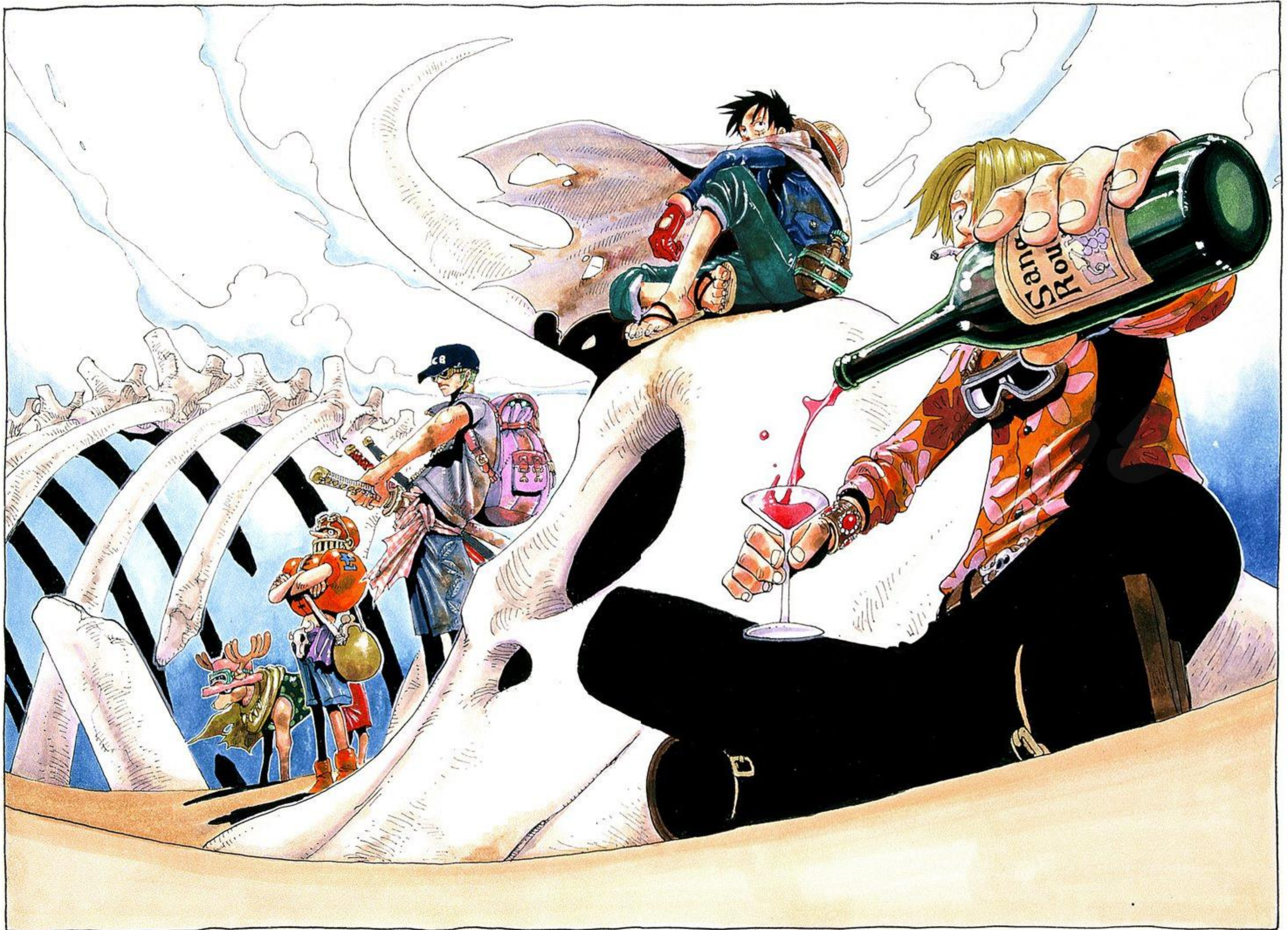
ガガーン!!

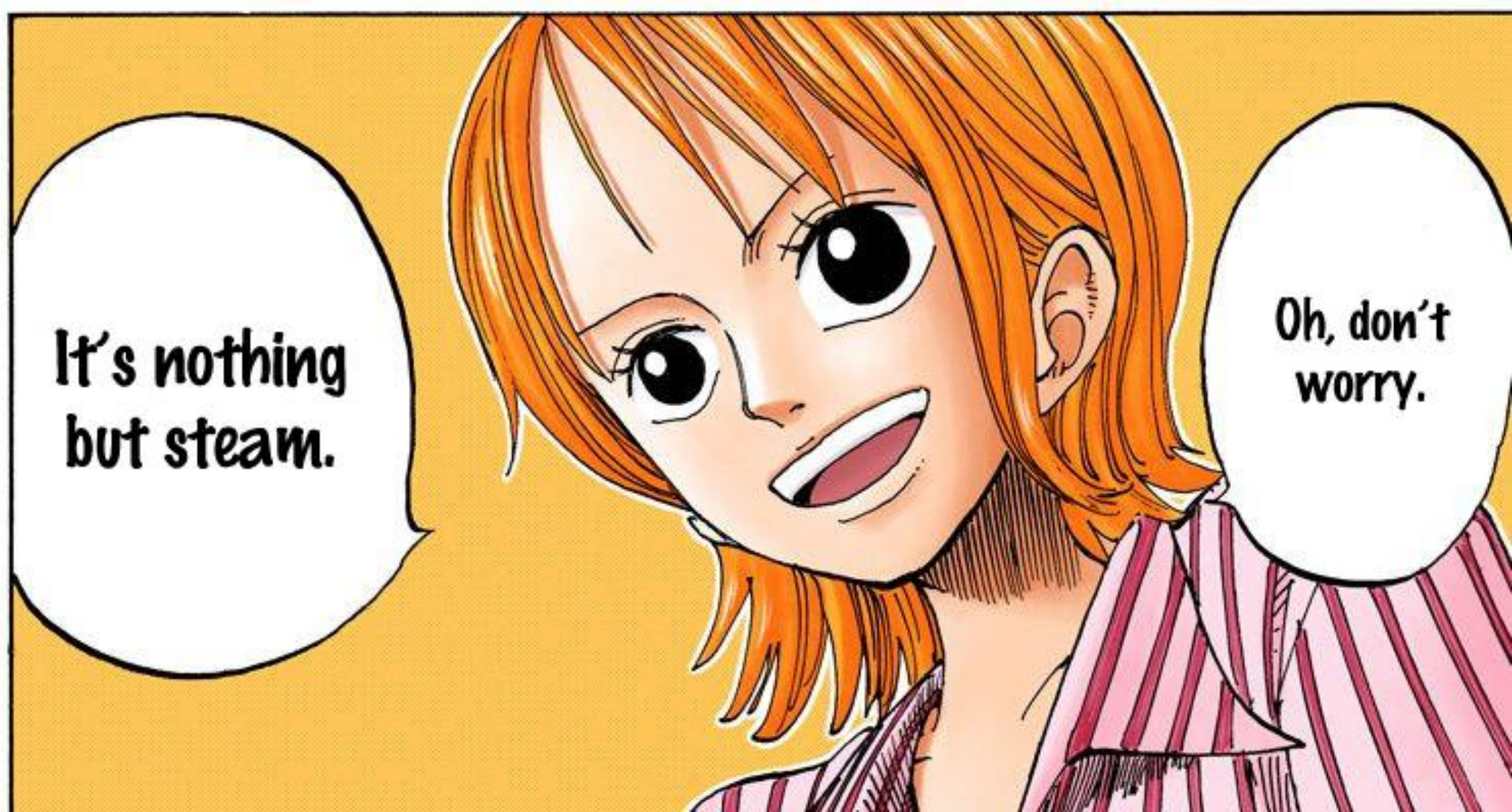
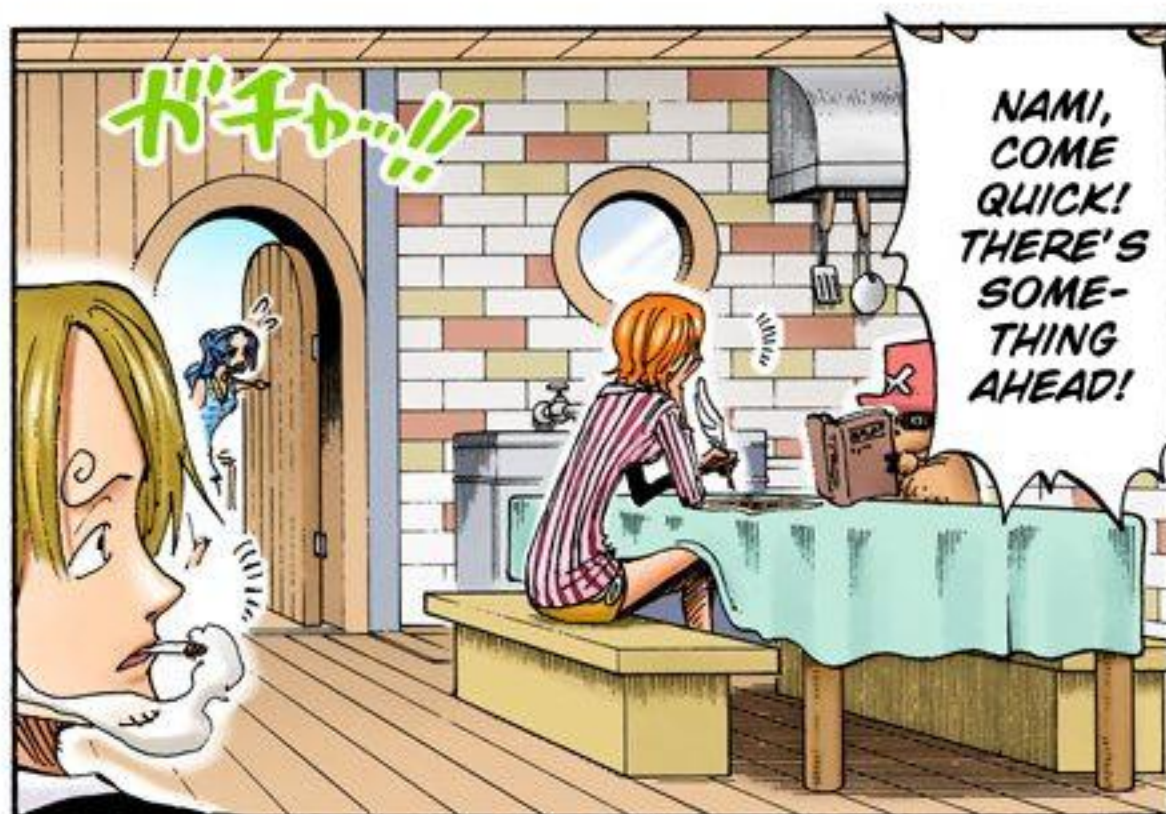
Luffy, Usopp!
Have you caught
anything y-

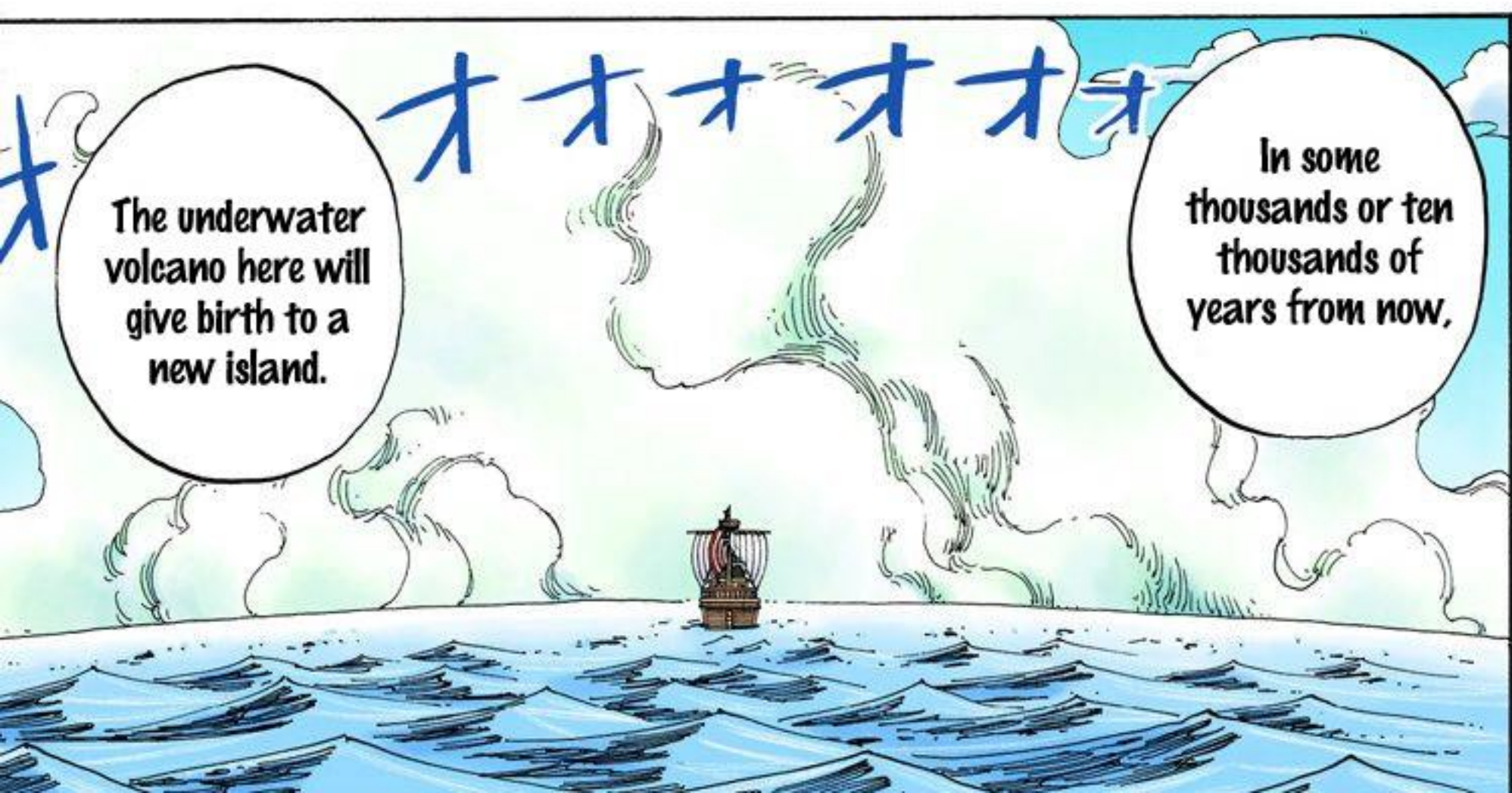
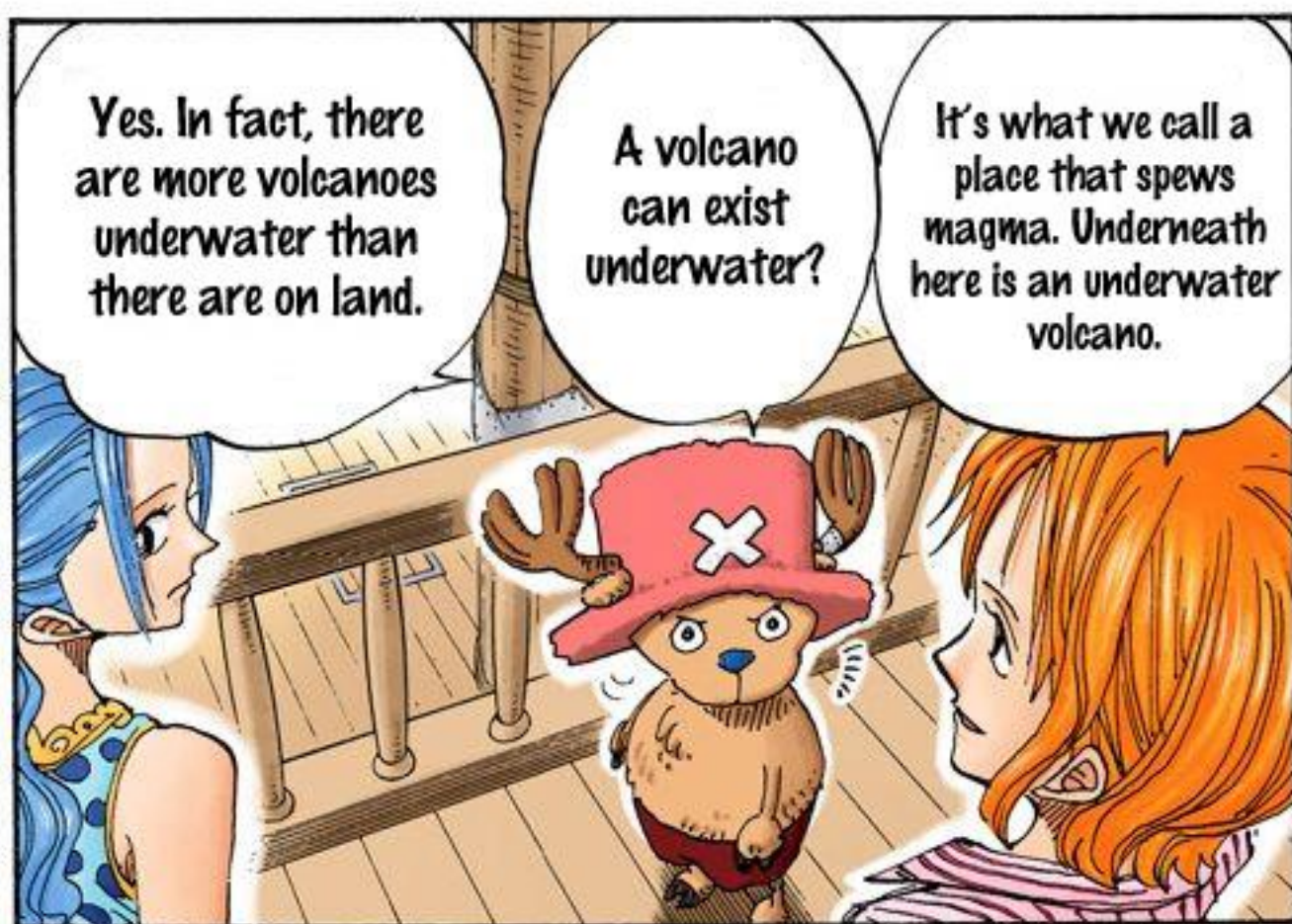
What's
that?

QUACK!

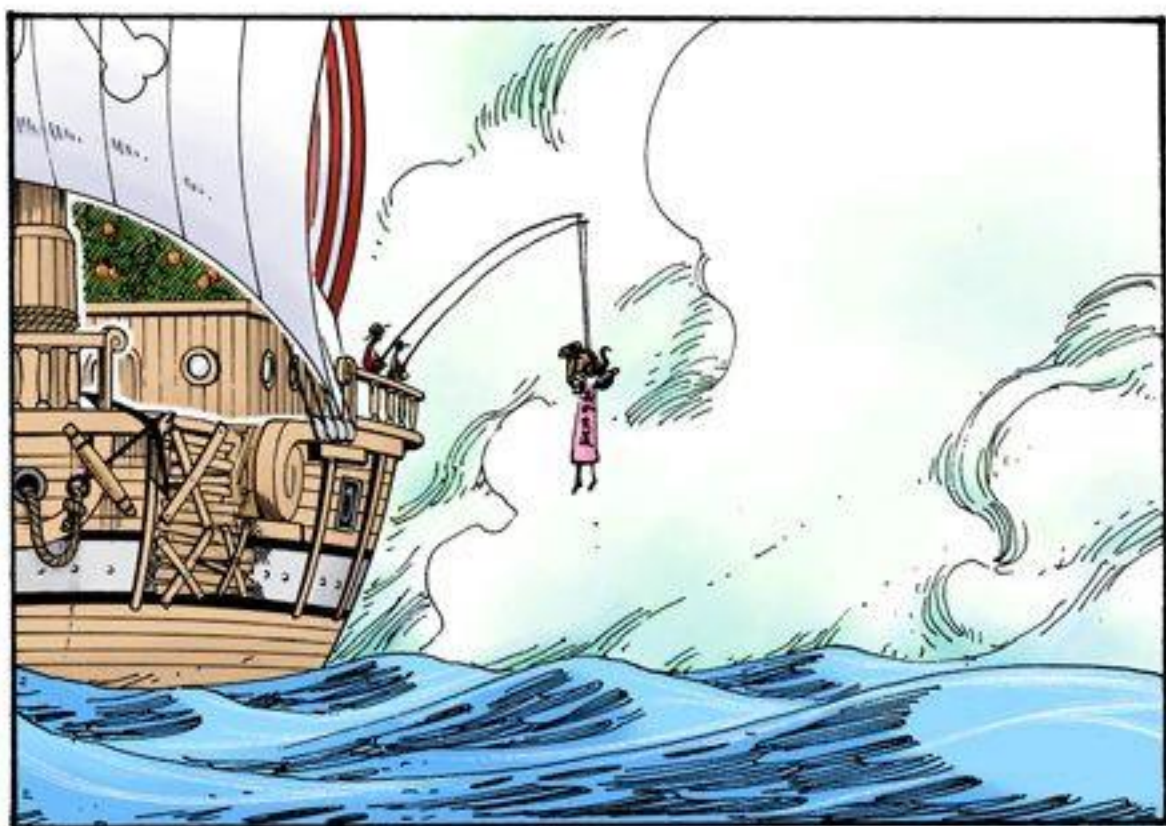
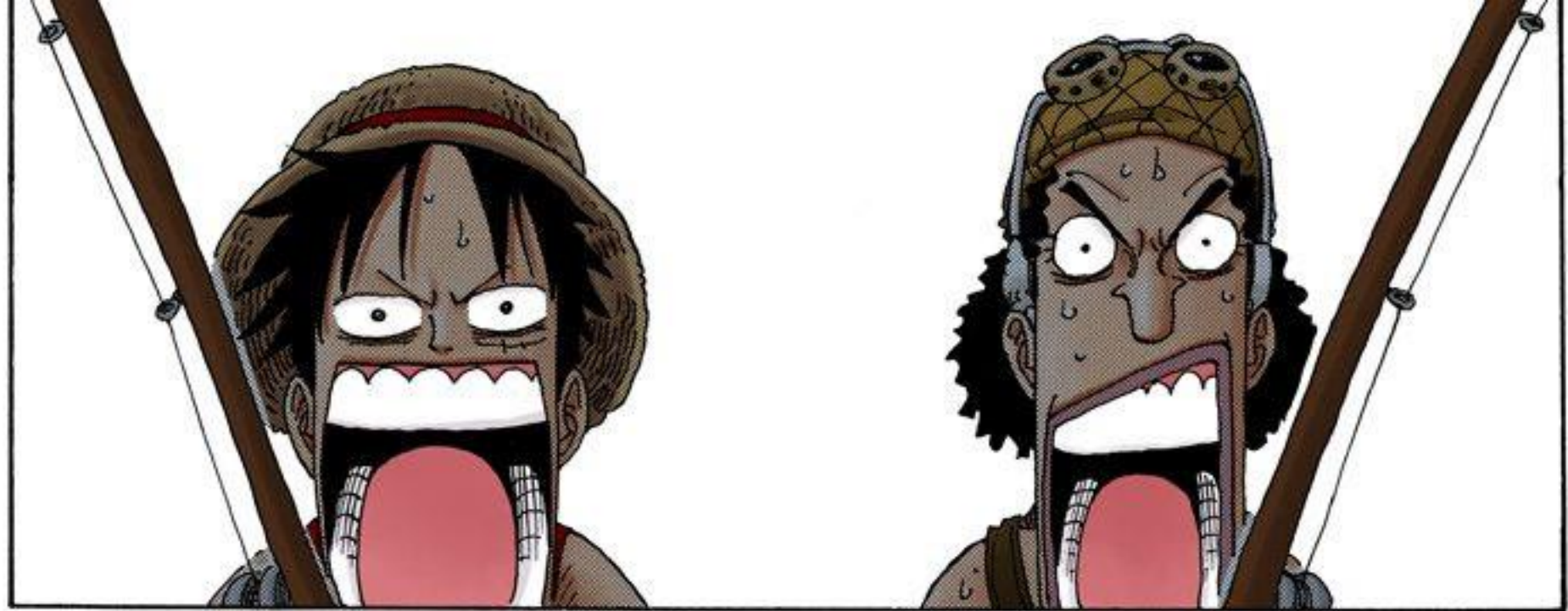
Chapter 156 "A Nice Weather for an Okama"

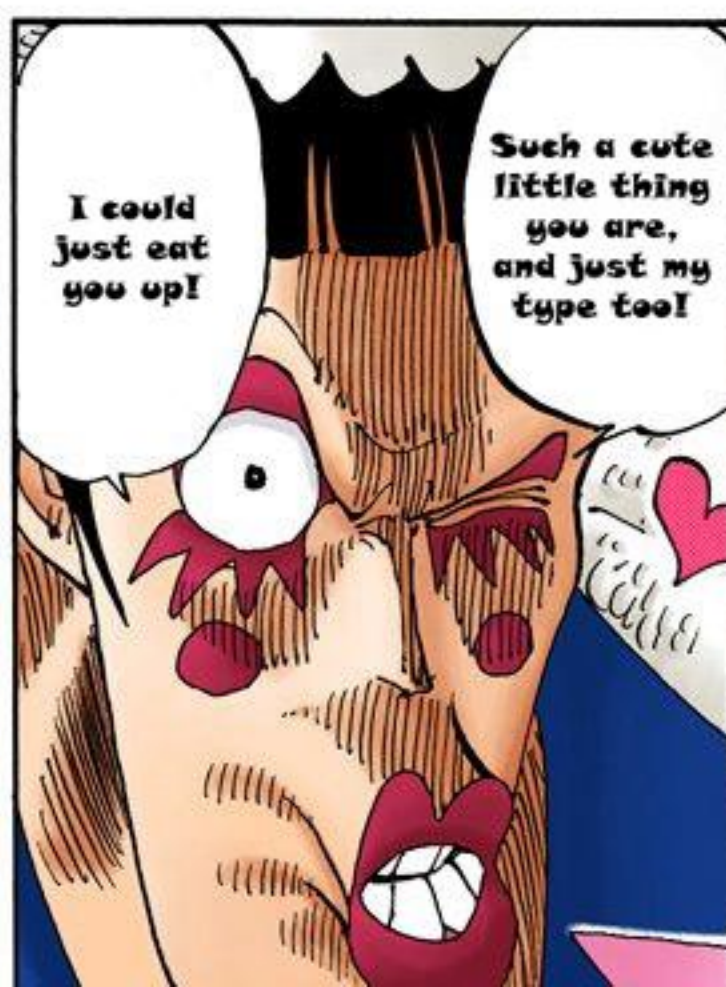
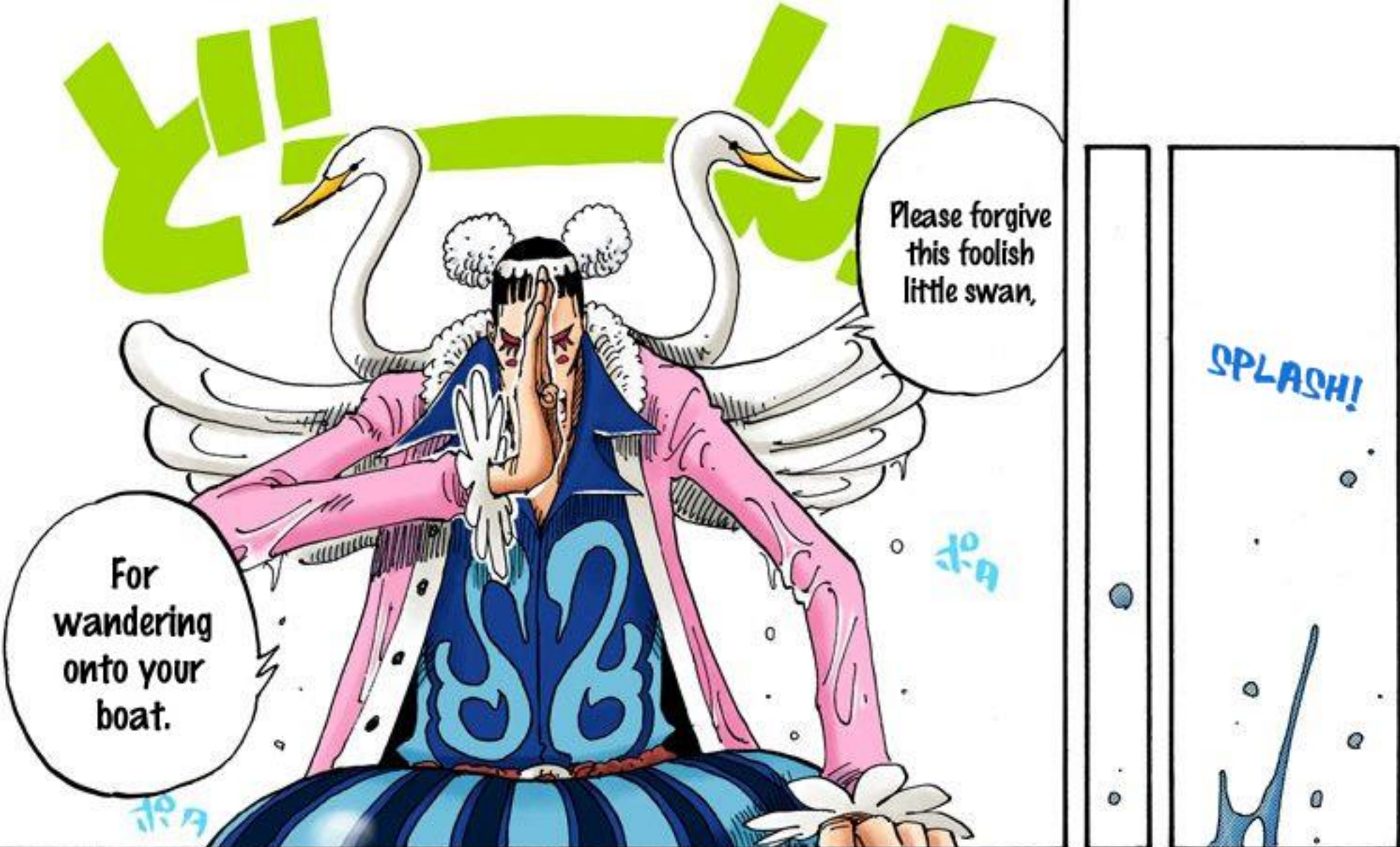


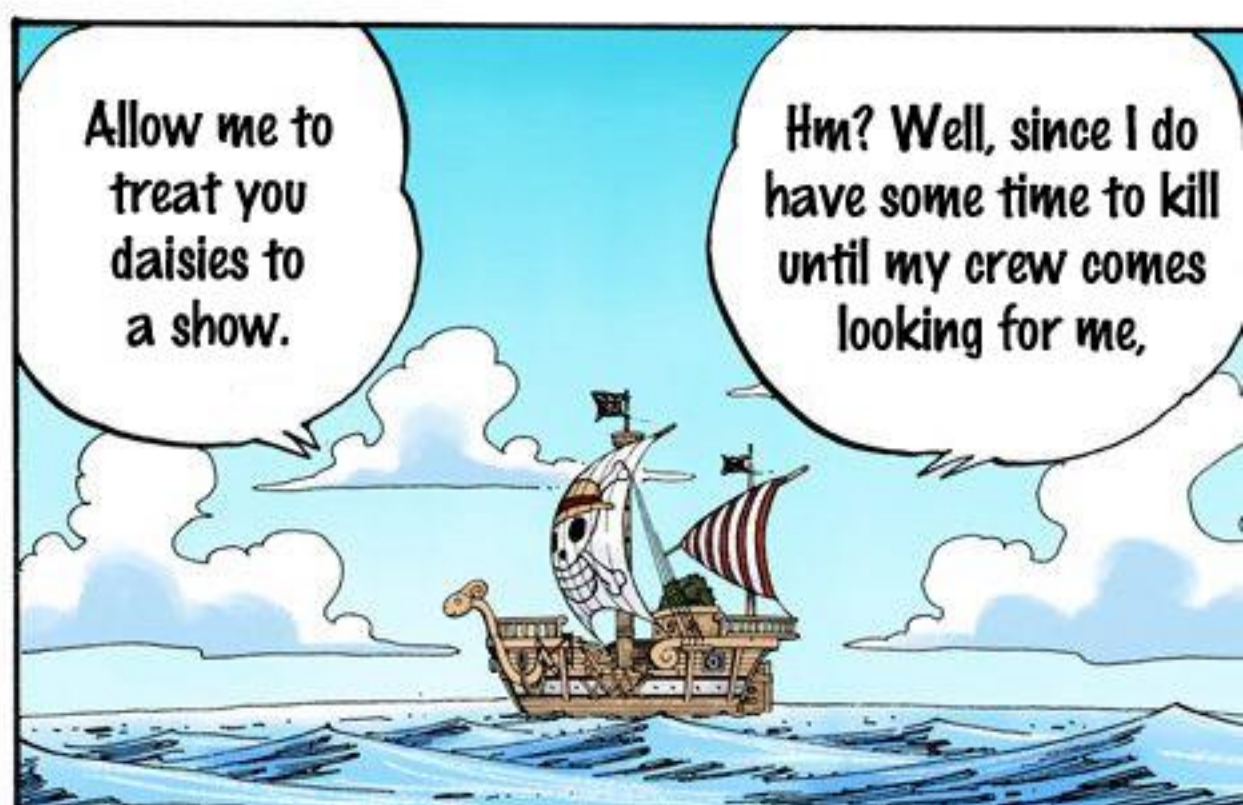
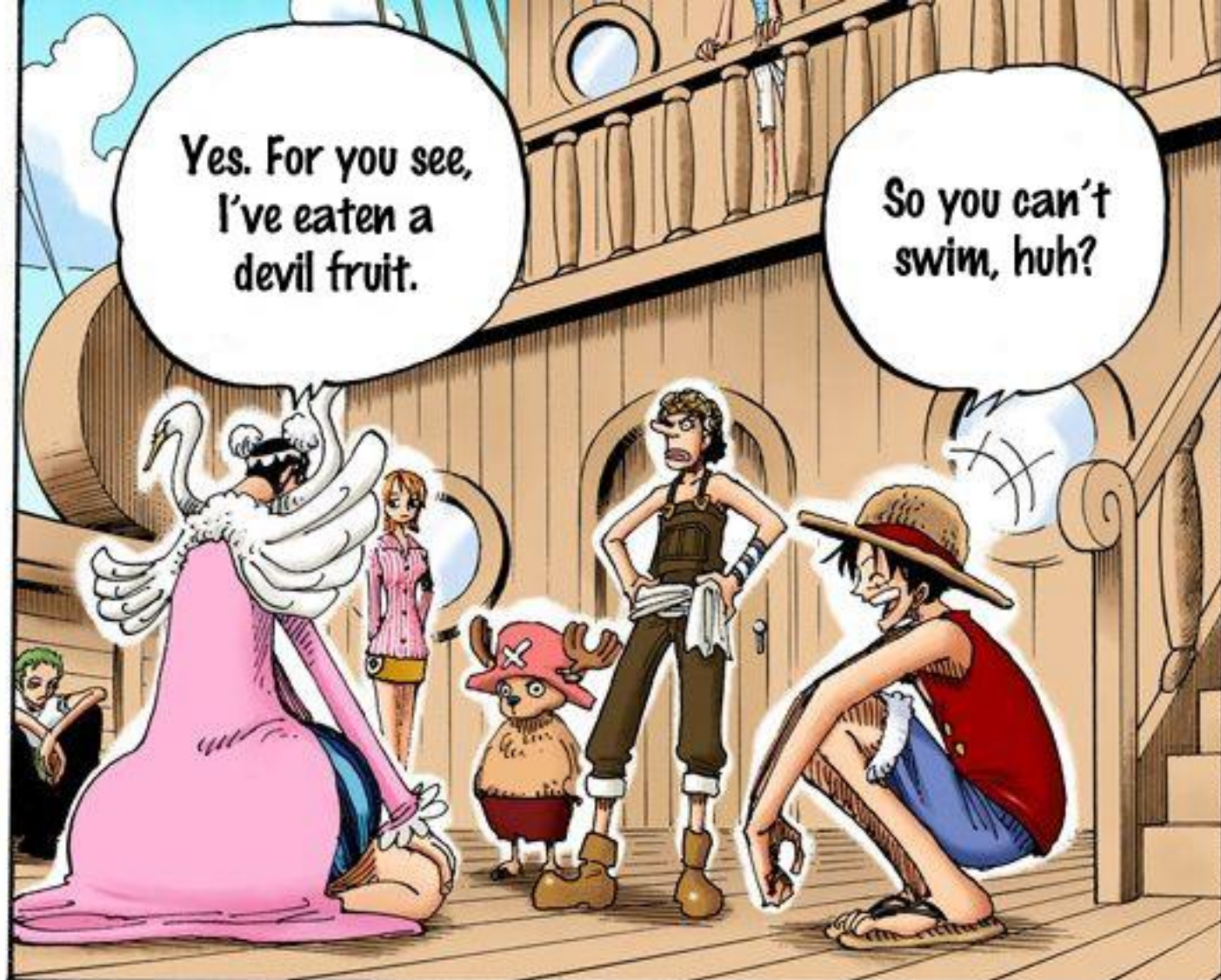


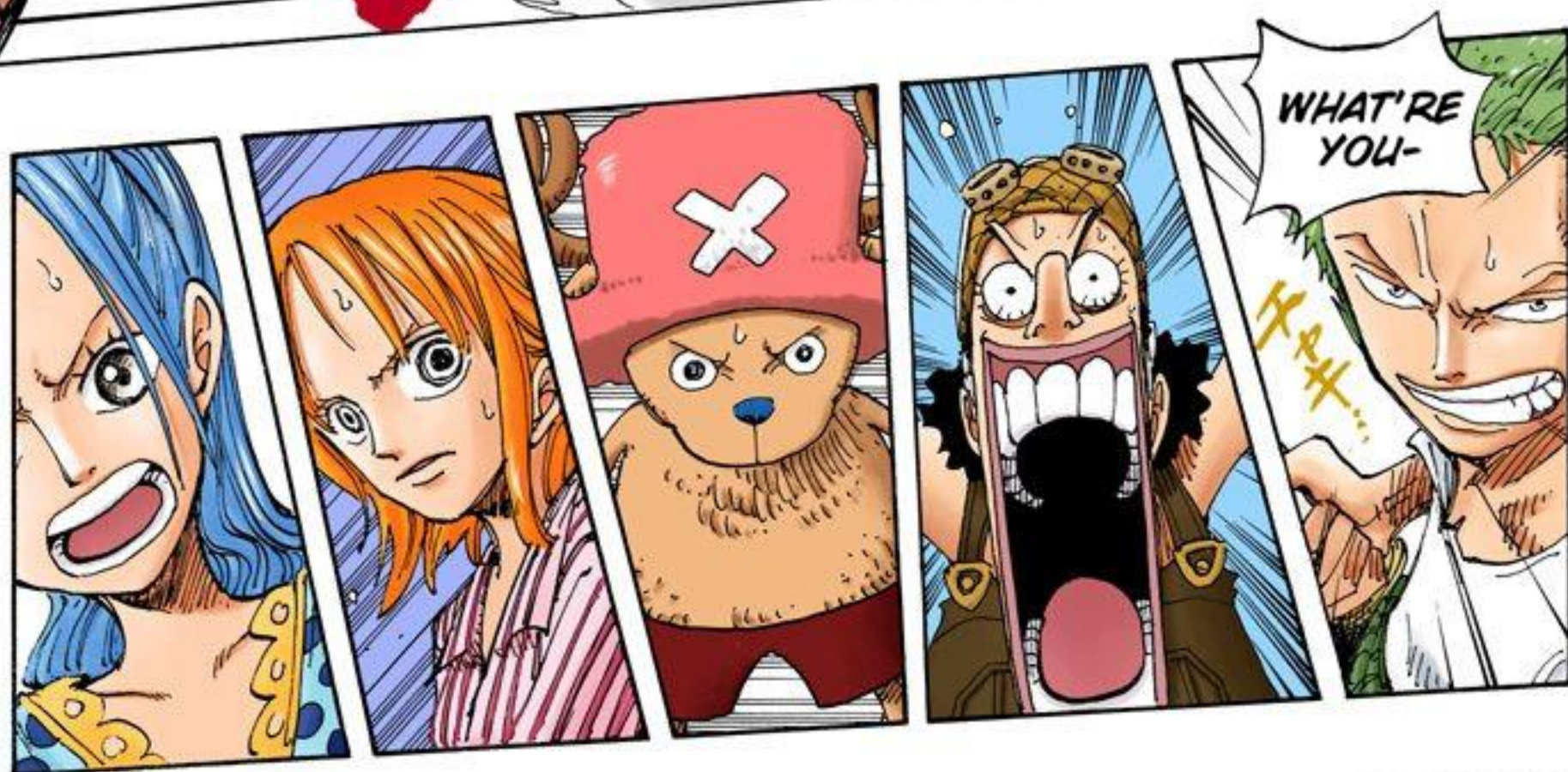




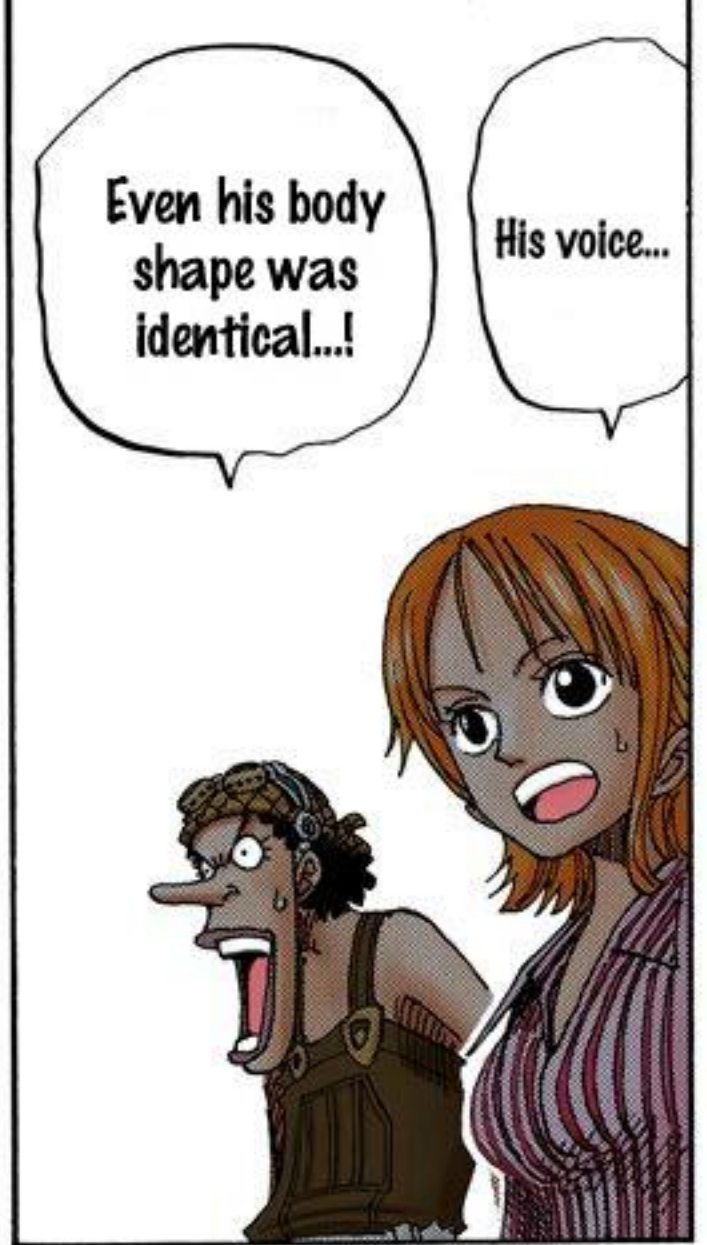


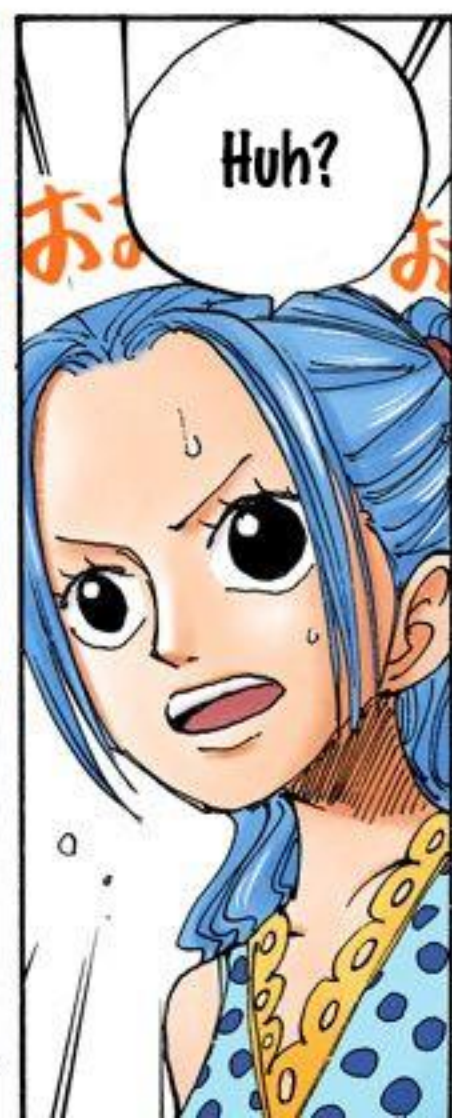
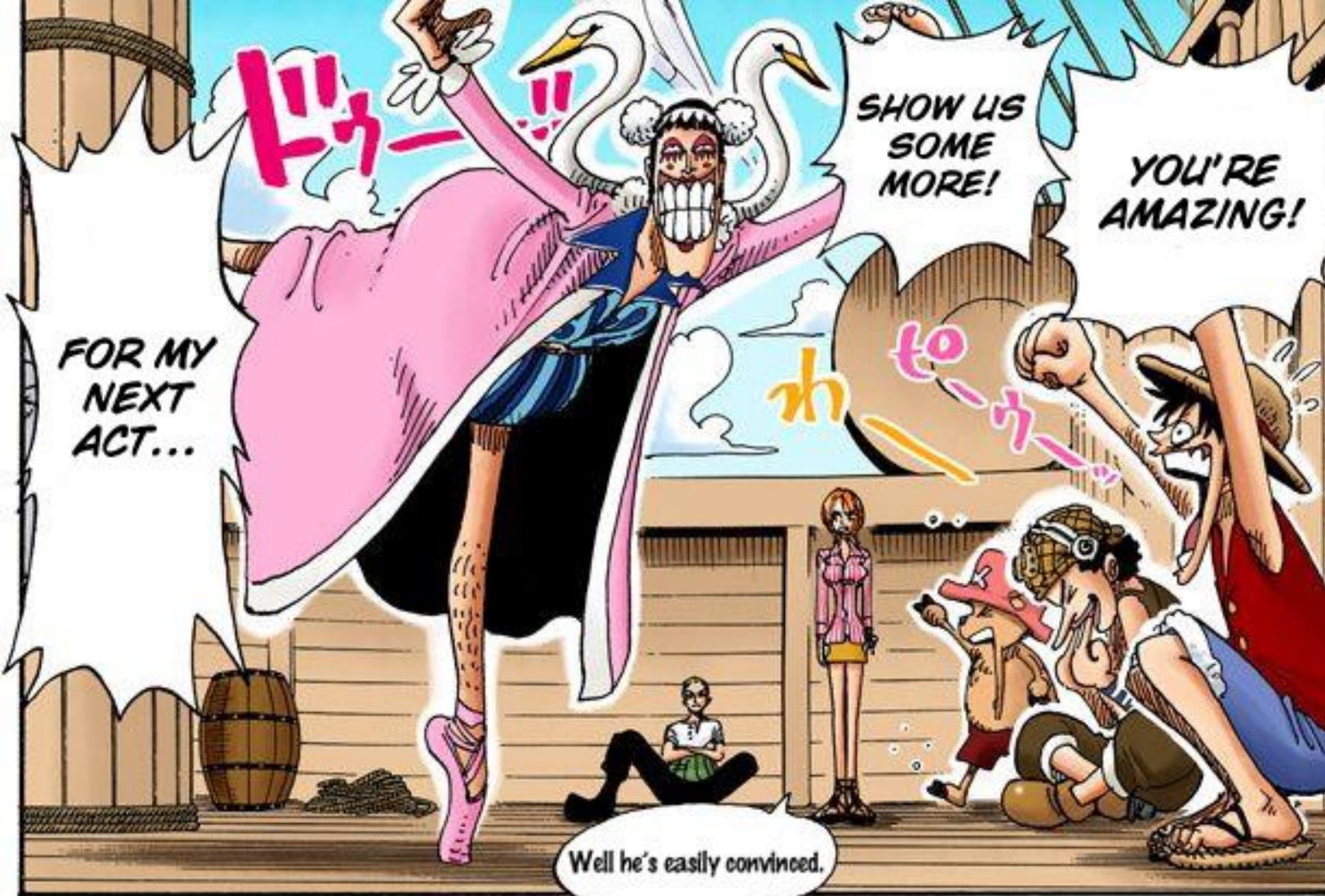


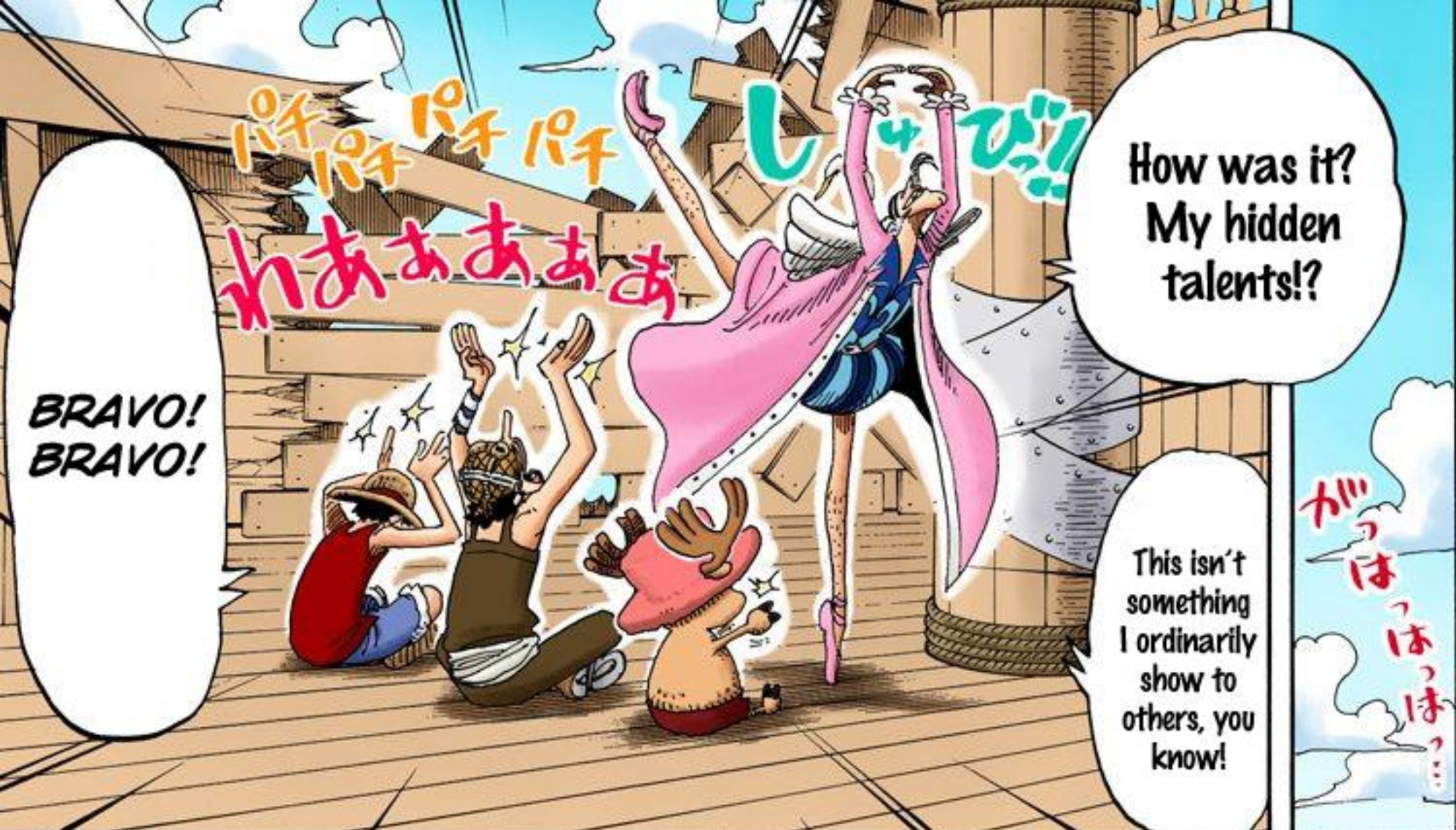


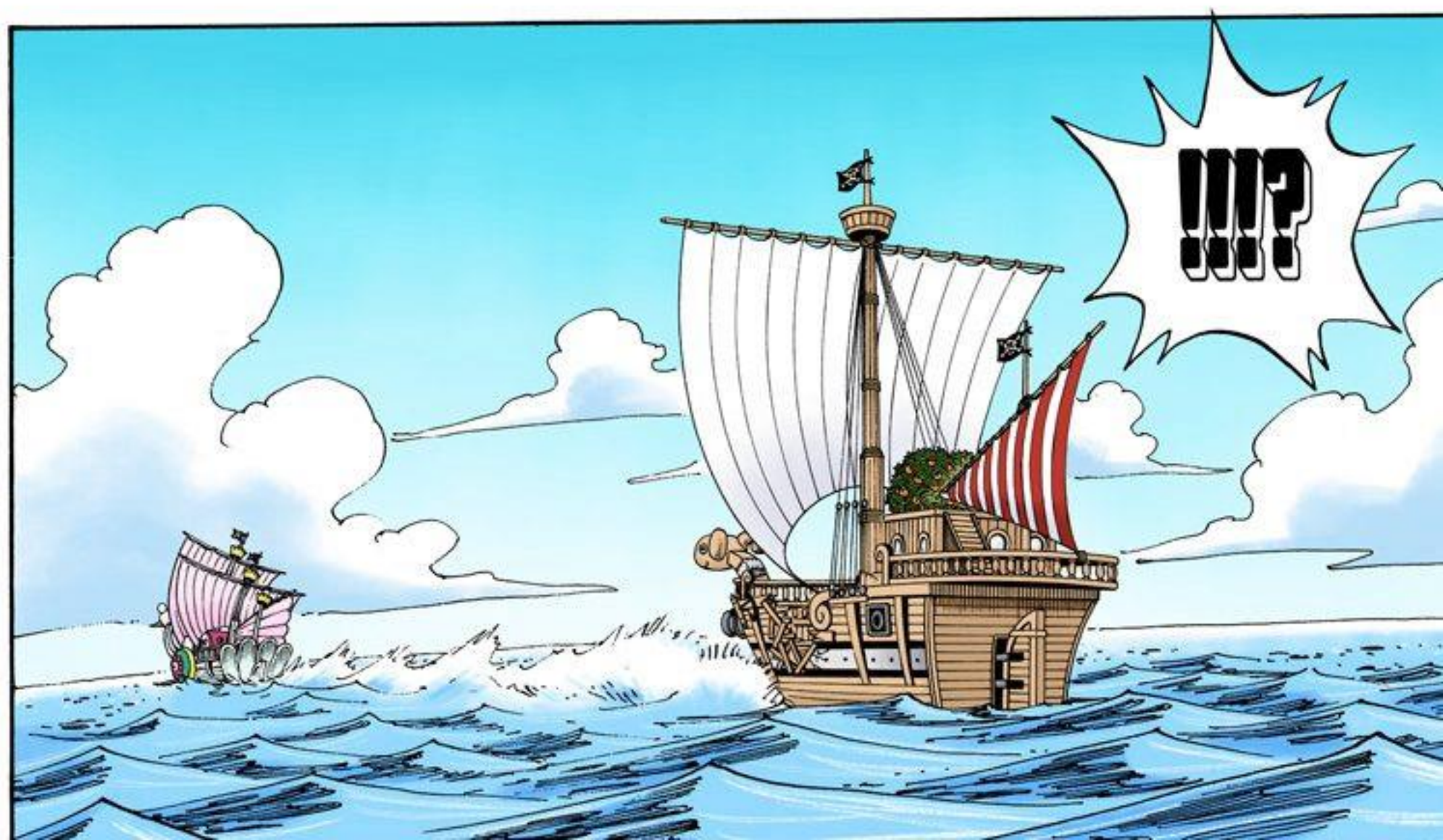














MR. 2!?

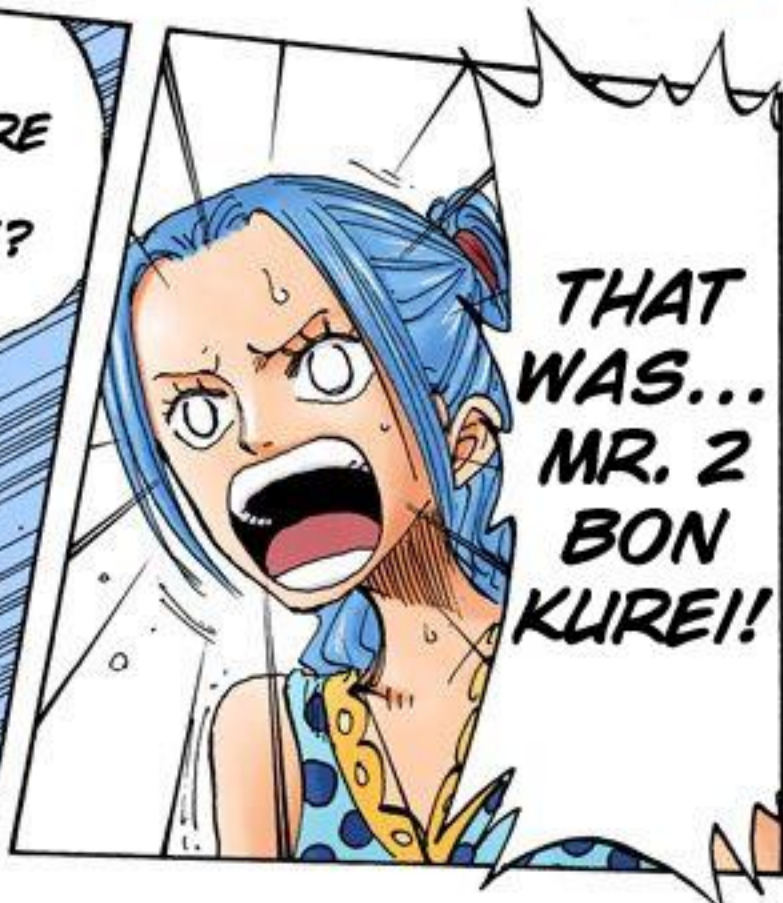


I'm afraid not...
I've never met
Mr. 2 or Mr. 1
and his partner...

I also don't
know about
their
abilities...



VIVI! YOU
WEREN'T AWARE
OF HOW HE
LOOKED LIKE!?



THAT
WAS...
MR. 2
BON
KUREI!

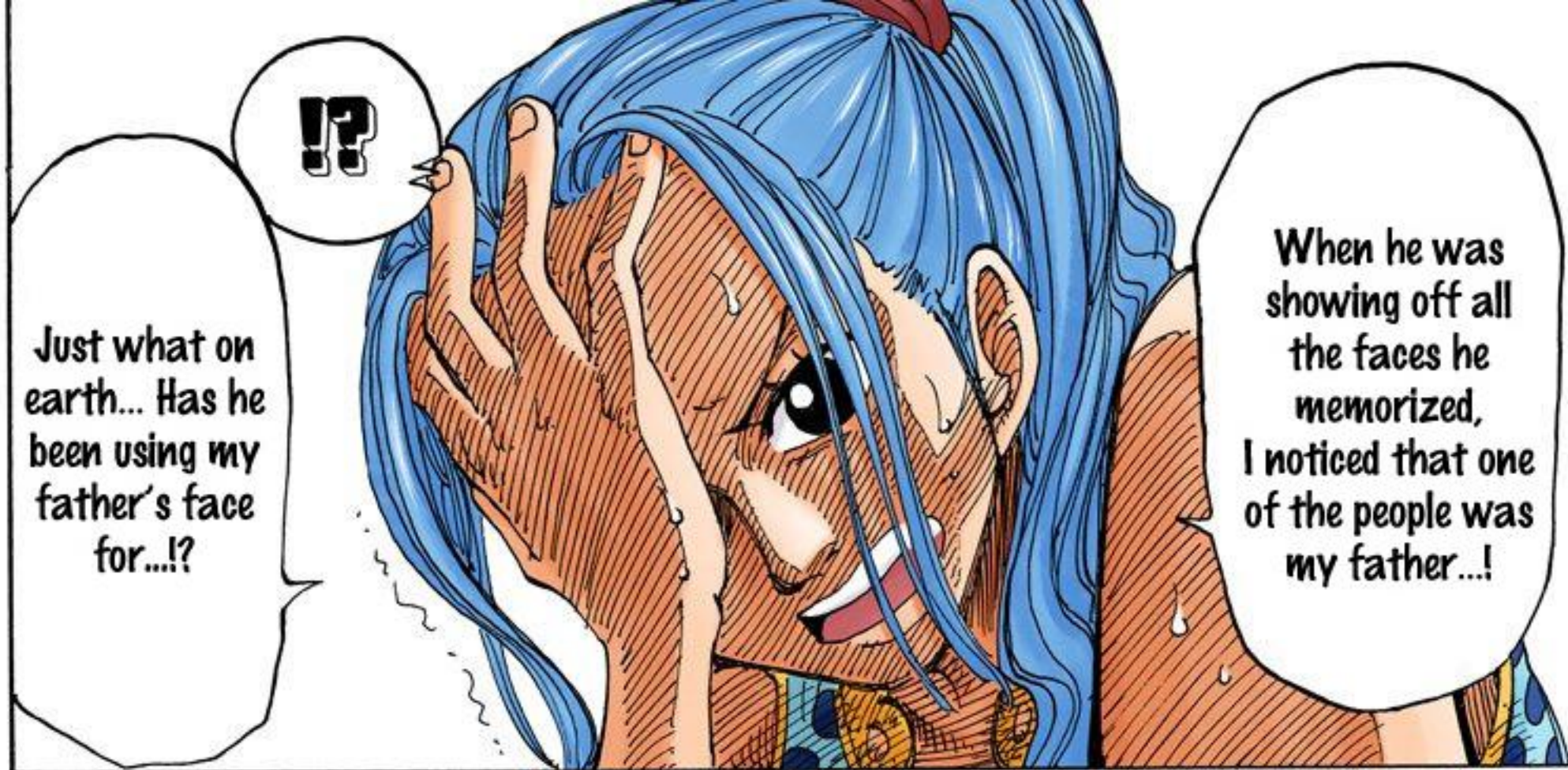


You really,
really, really
should've
realized it
sooner.

That he looks and talks like
an extremely flamboyant
okama, and wears a swan
coat that reads "Okama
Way" on the back...



But I have
heard
rumours
about
Mr. 2...



Just what on earth... Has he been using my father's face for...!?

When he was showing off all the faces he memorized, I noticed that one of the people was my father...!



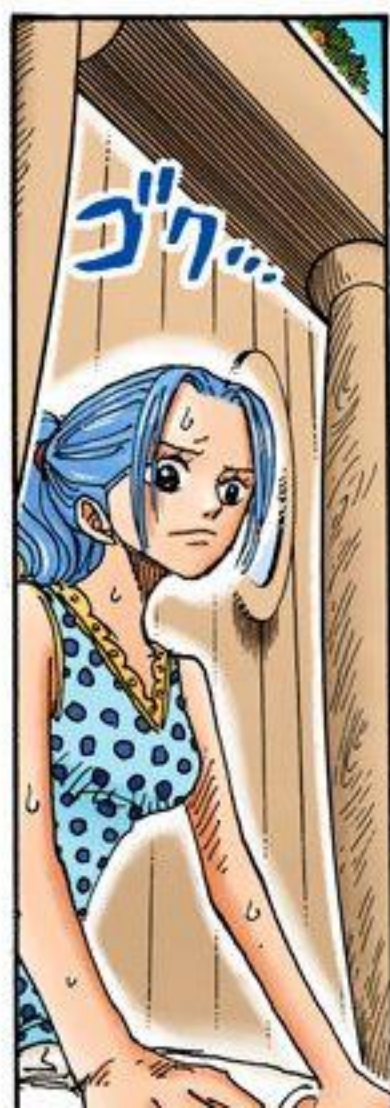
He was an enemy...?

Seems we let a dangerous one slip past our fingers.



Then there's a whole lot of damage he could do...

...If a guy like him could transform into the King of Alabasta,



If he realizes that we were his enemies...

Then with that memory skill, he'll be able to change into any one of us... Making us unable to trust each other anymore.



Yes... He's quite a troublesome enemy to face...

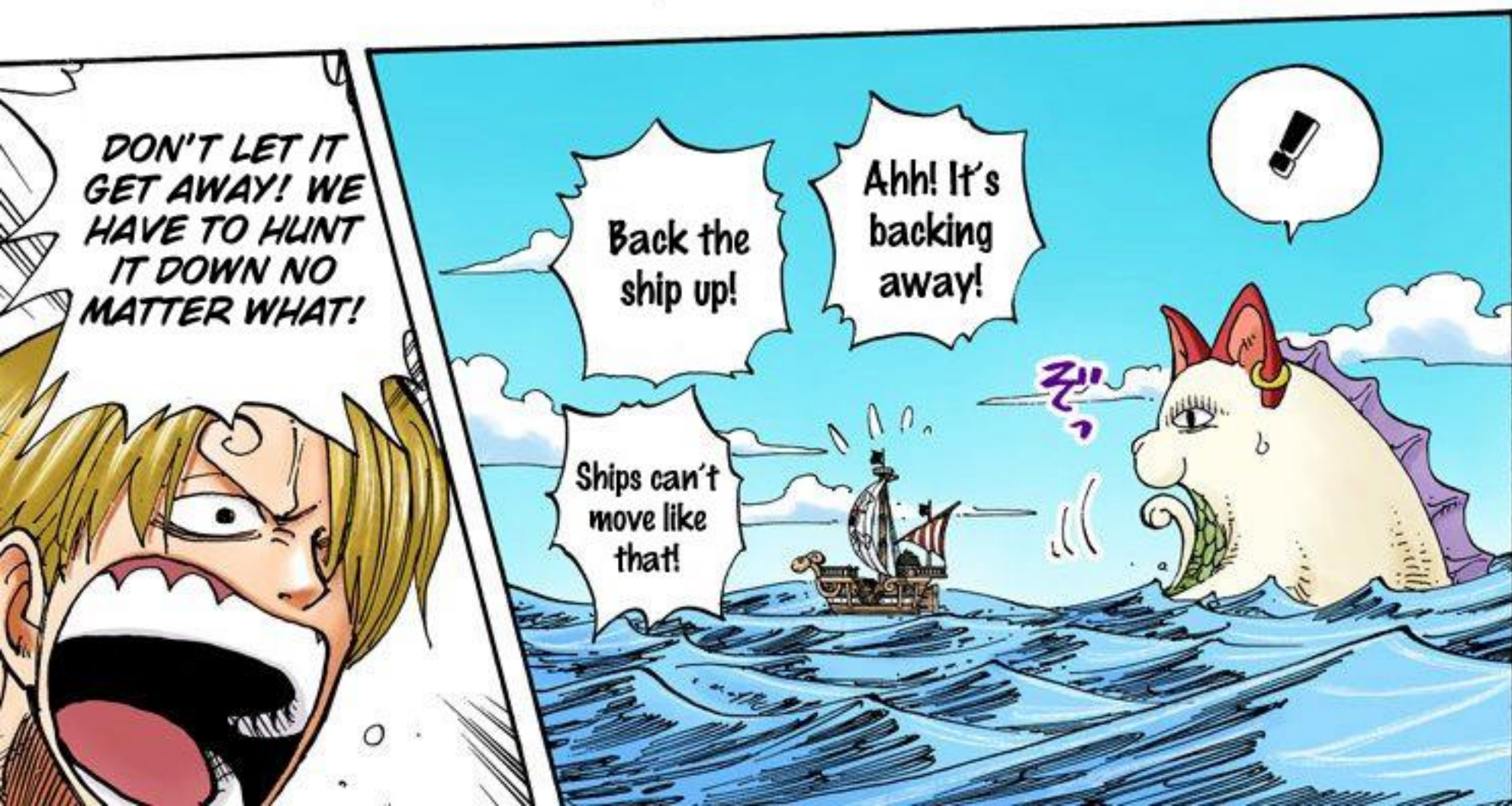
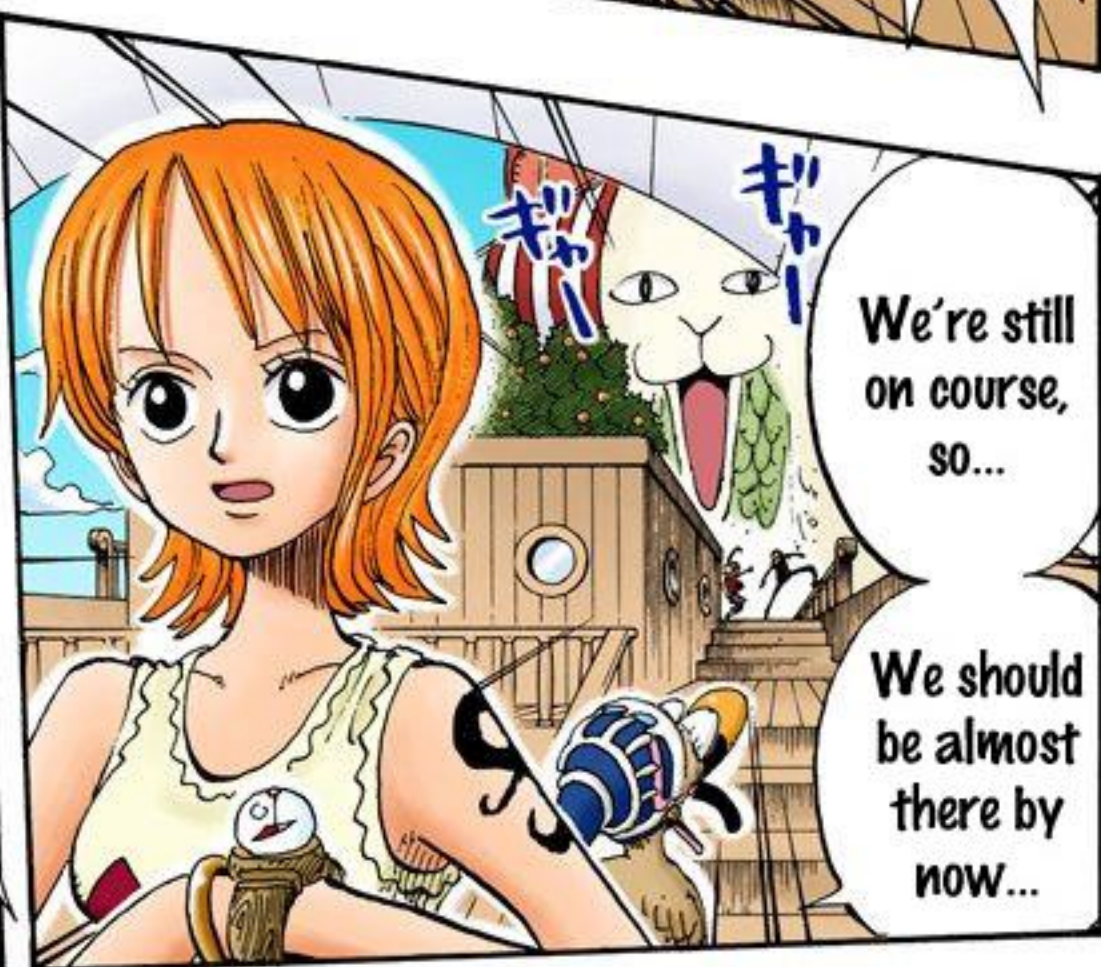


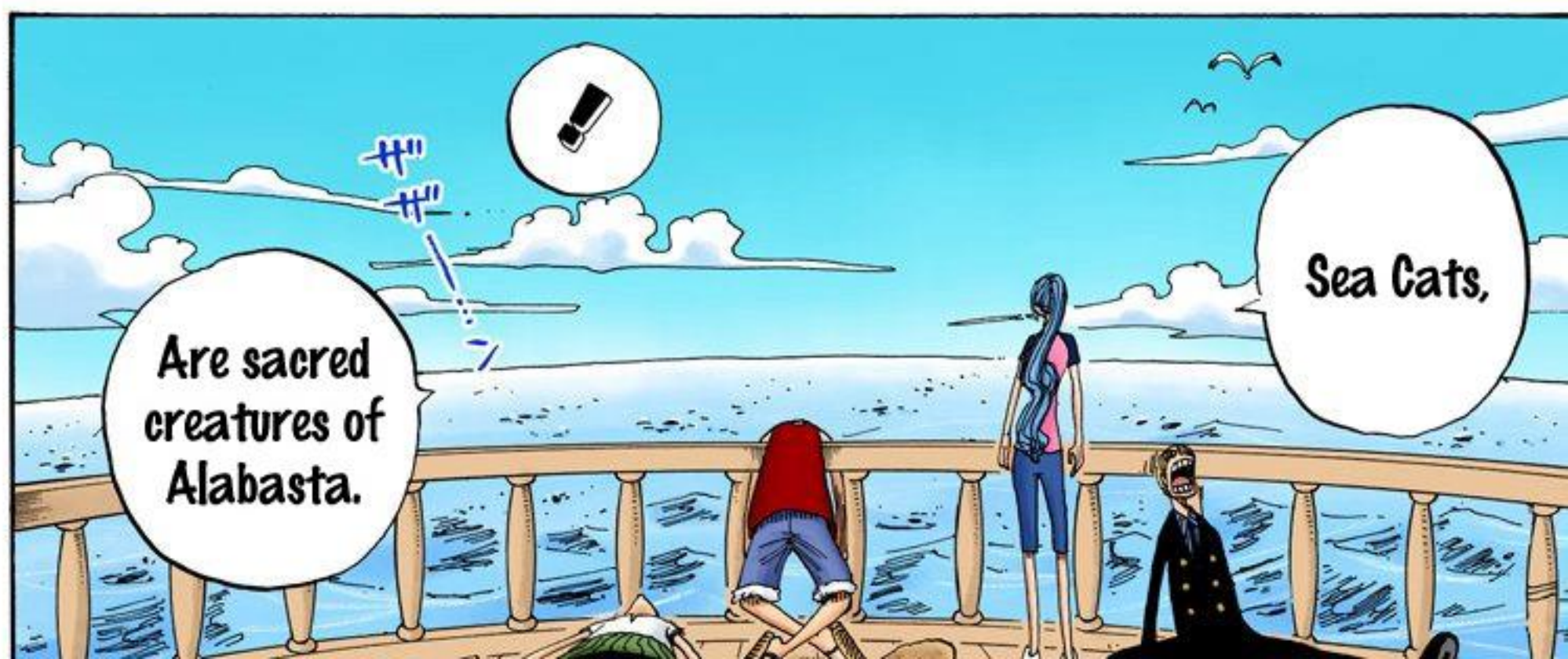
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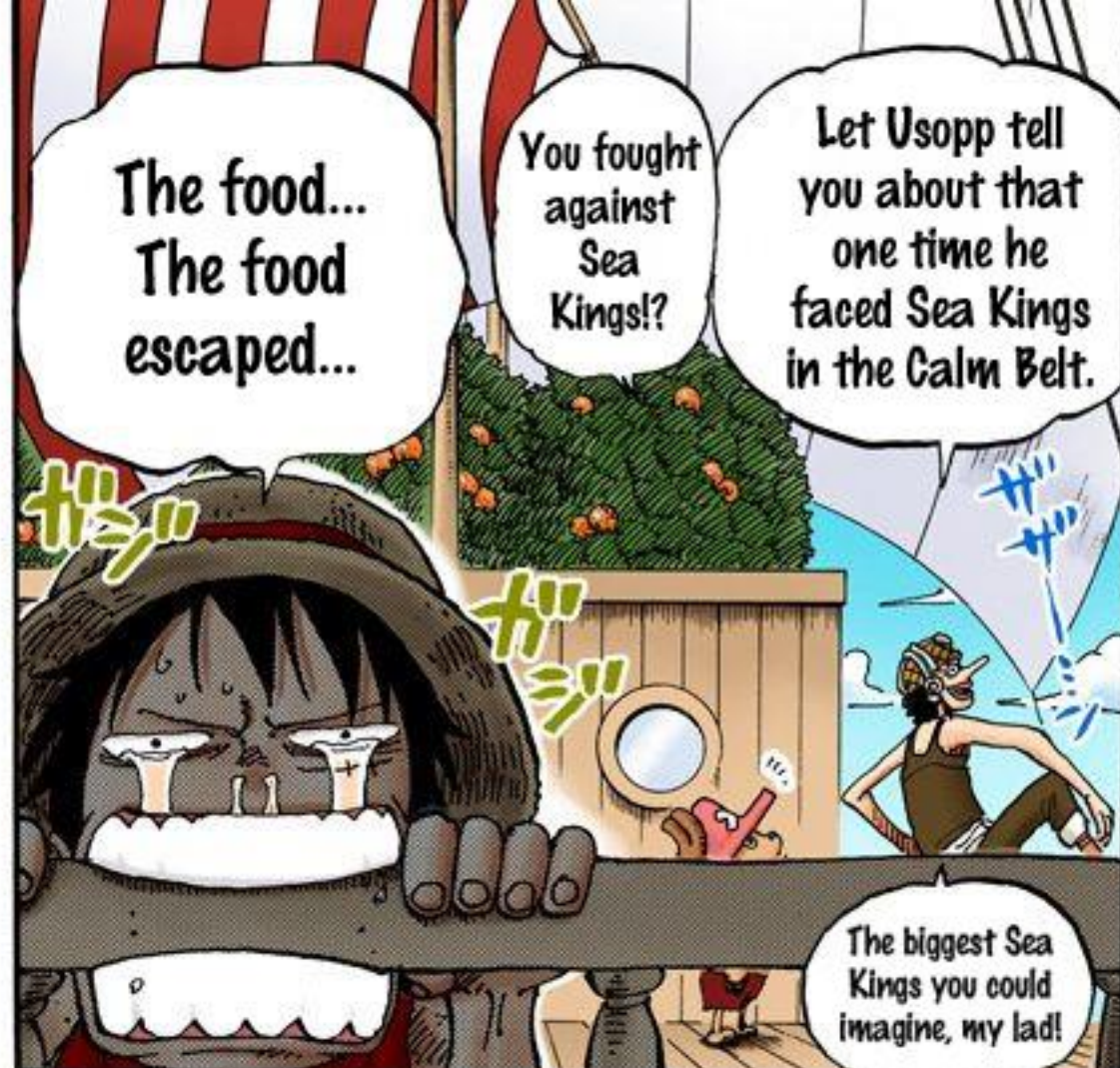


JANGO'S DANCE PARADISE VOL. 24 "A GIRL TAKEN HOSTAGE"









The food...
The food
escaped...

You fought
against
Sea
Kings!?

Let Usopp tell
you about that
one time he
faced Sea Kings
in the Calm Belt.

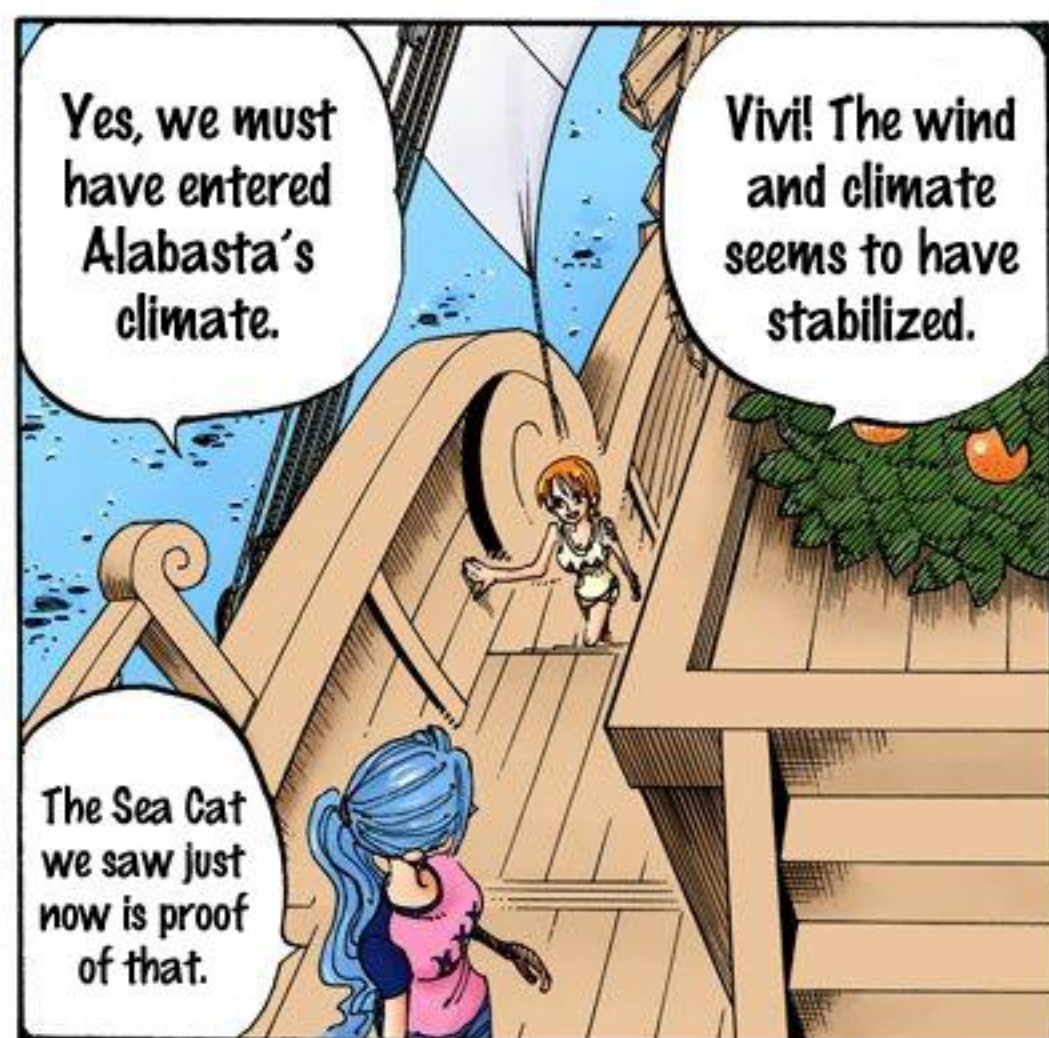
The biggest Sea
Kings you could
imagine, my lad!



PANT PANT...

Heh, looks like
you've still got a
long ways to go if
you get scared at
something like
that.

There sure
are a lot of
strange
creatures in
the sea.



Yes, we must
have entered
Alabasta's
climate.

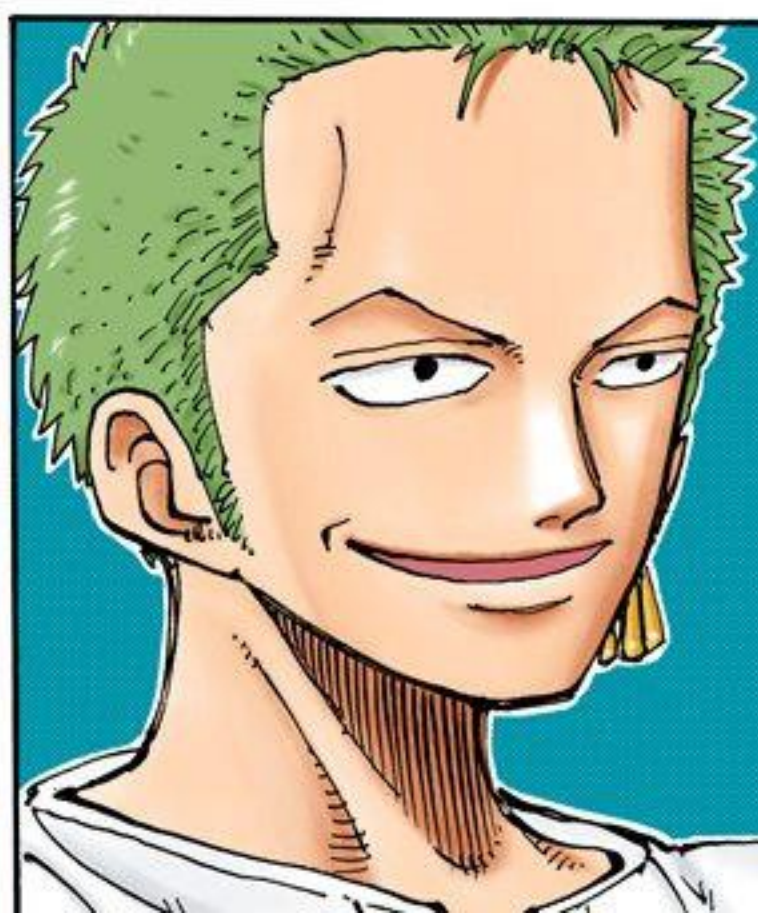
Vivi! The wind
and climate
seems to have
stabilized.

The Sea Cat
we saw just
now is proof
of that.



REALLY!?
WHAT KIND
OF CAT'LL
COME OUT
FROM THE
SEA THIS
TIME!?

Don't worry,
you'll soon be able
to eat as much
as you want.



And I guess
a sight like
"that" is
another proof
that we've
reached
Alabasta.

ゴォォォォン!!!

SHIPS!



Don't lose your nerves, idiots. They're nothing but small fries.



Wait, no! Eating comes first right now!

Nah, it'll be faster if I just go over and personally kick their asses!

S-s-should we... Pre-emptively attack them while we have the chance?

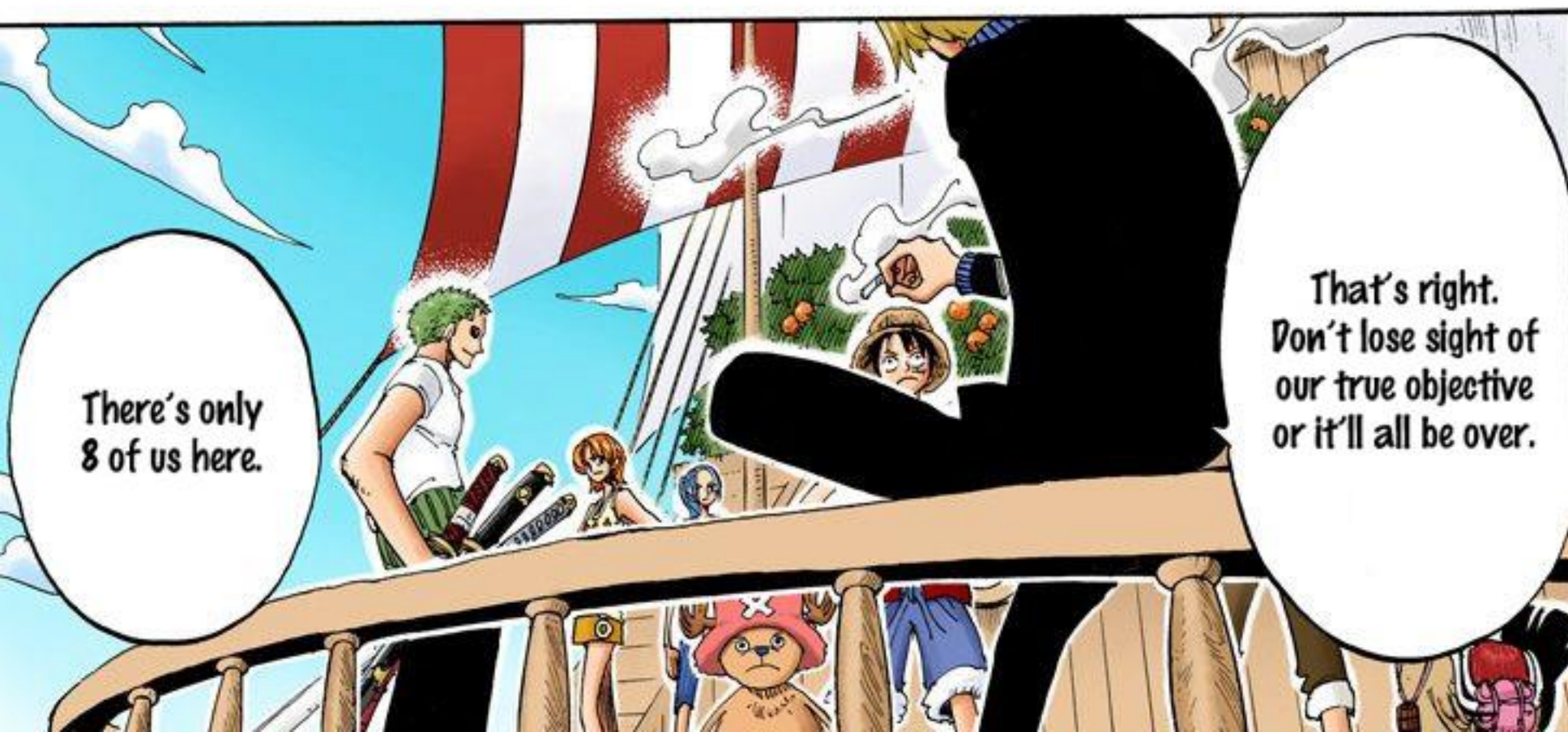


ALL OF THE ORGANIZATION'S UNDERLINGS MUST HAVE STARTED TO GATHER HERE...!

AND THEY ALL HAVE B.W.'S MARK ON THEIR SAILS!

オオオ...

SO MANY SHIPS!! WHERE'D THEY COME FROM ALL OF A SUDDEN!?

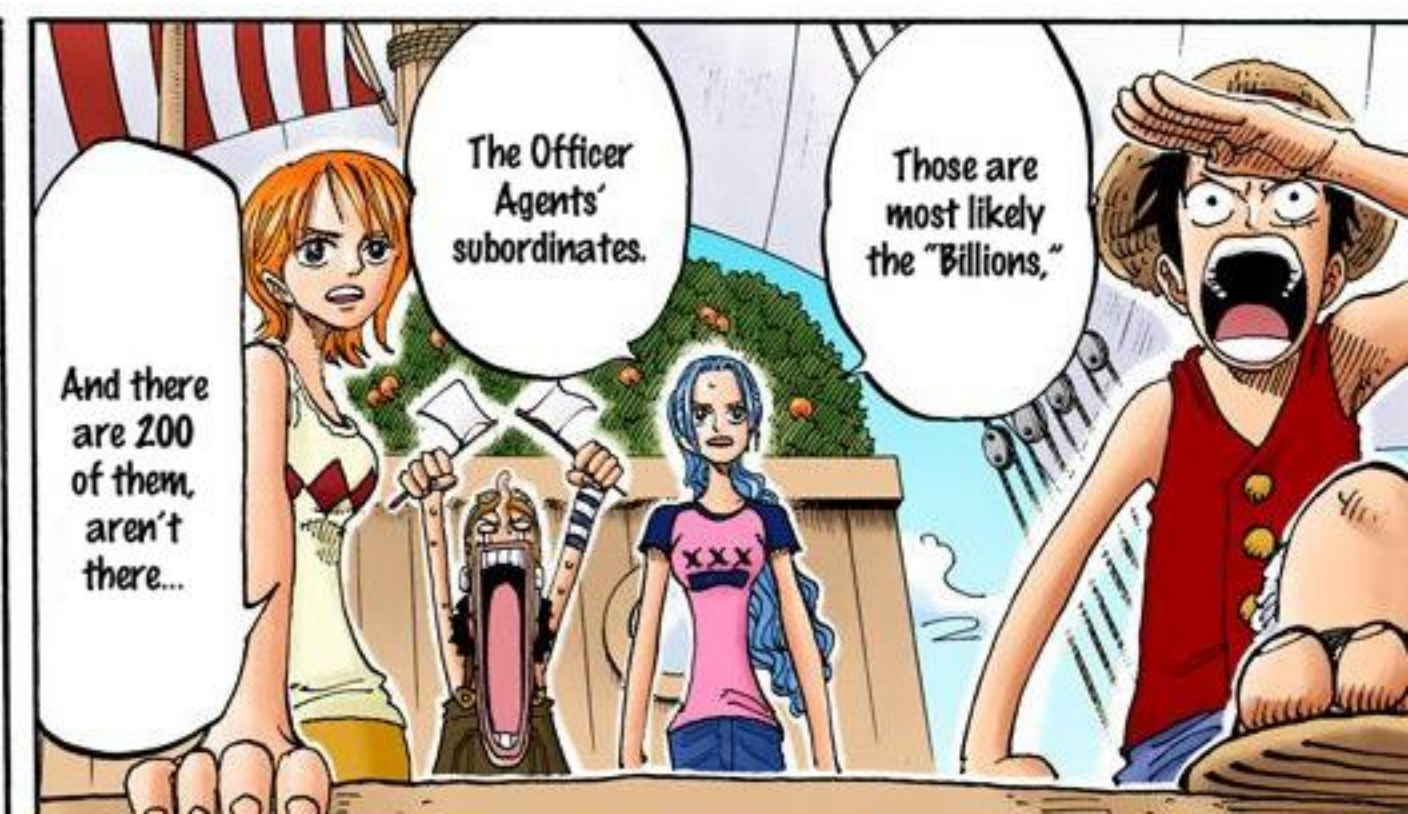


There's only 8 of us here.

That's right. Don't lose sight of our true objective or it'll all be over.



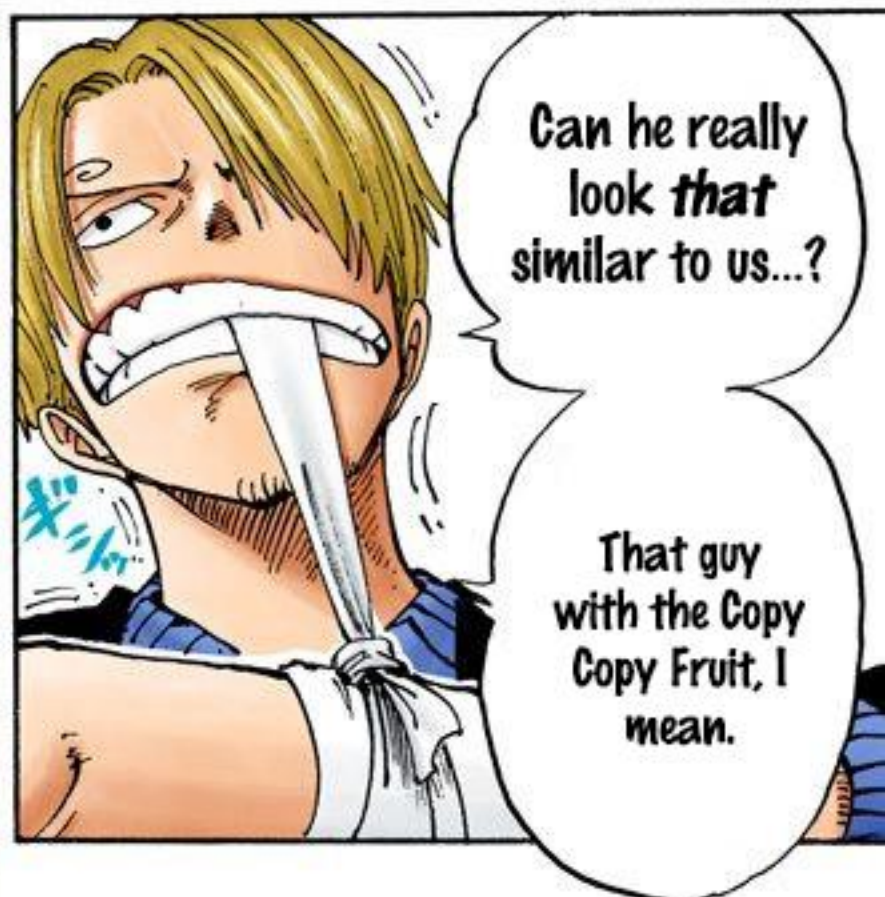
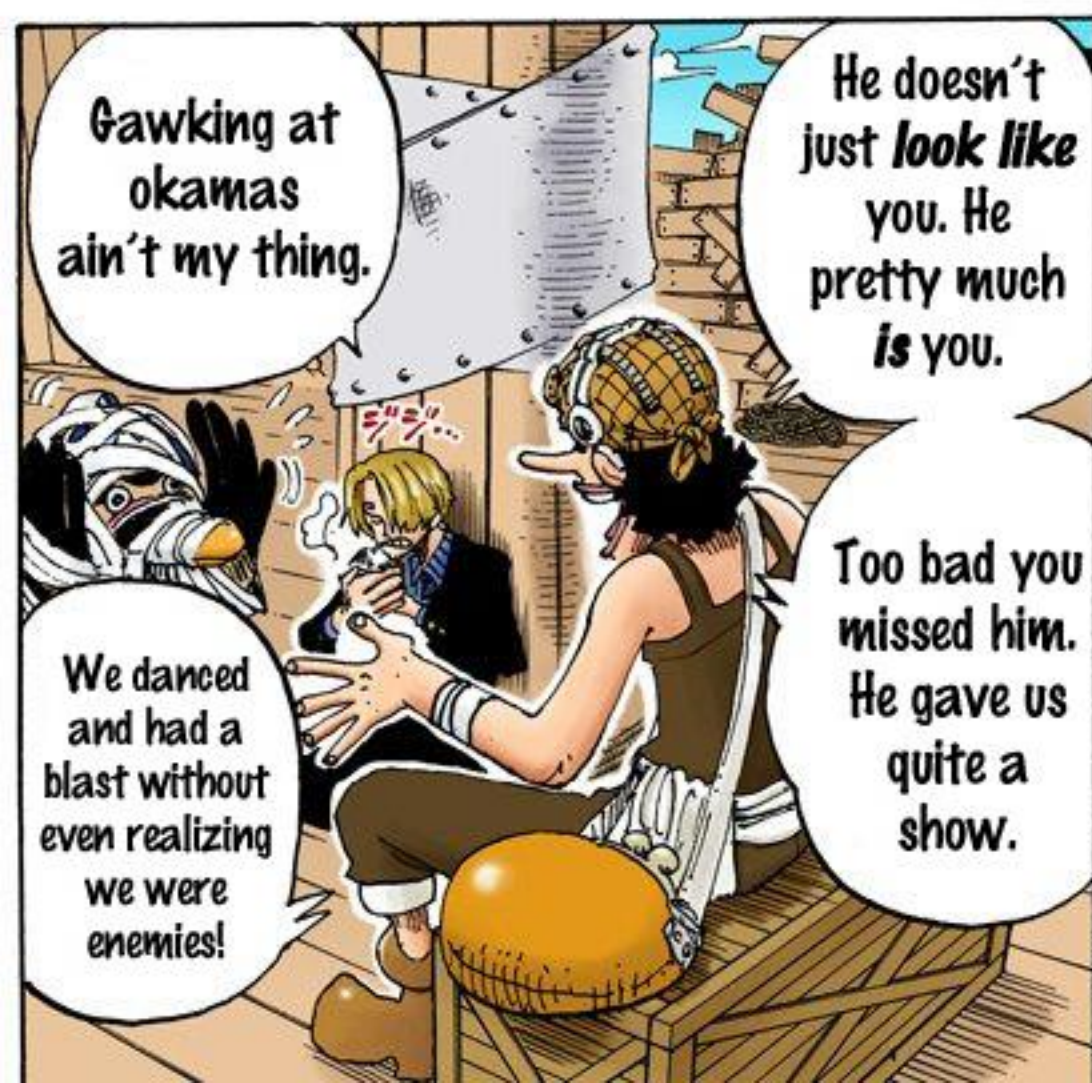
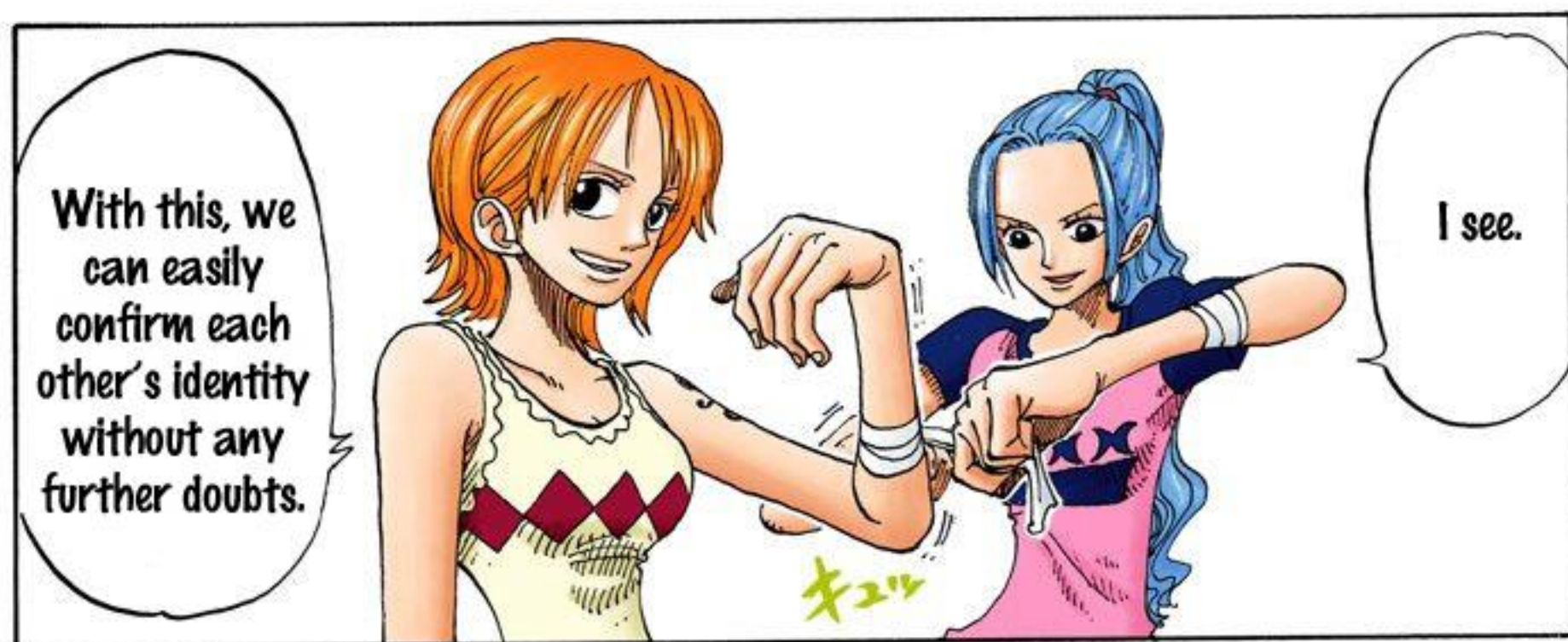
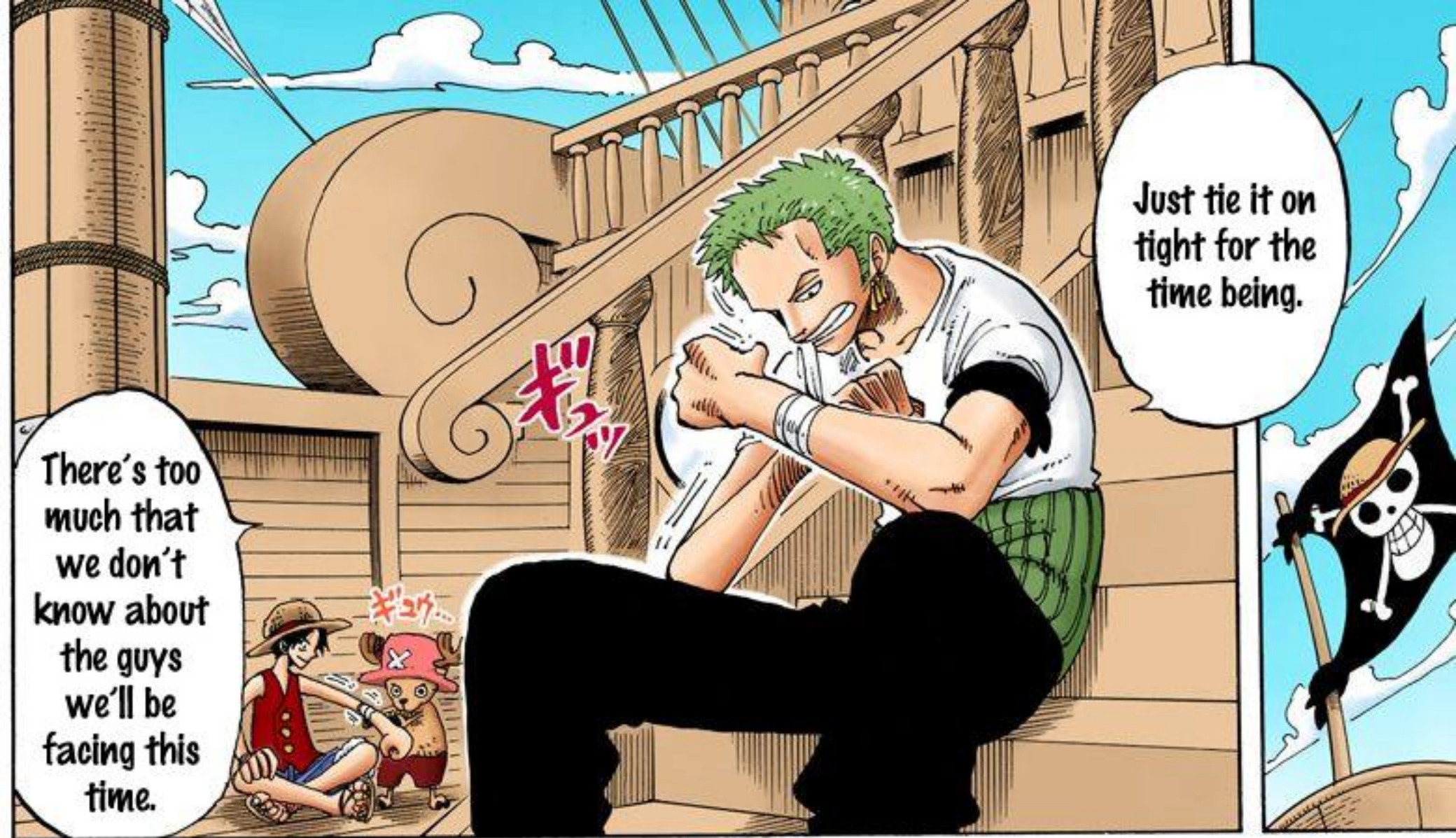
Not only that, they're elite agents who're completely on another level from the regular bounty-hunters you came across in Whiskey Peak.

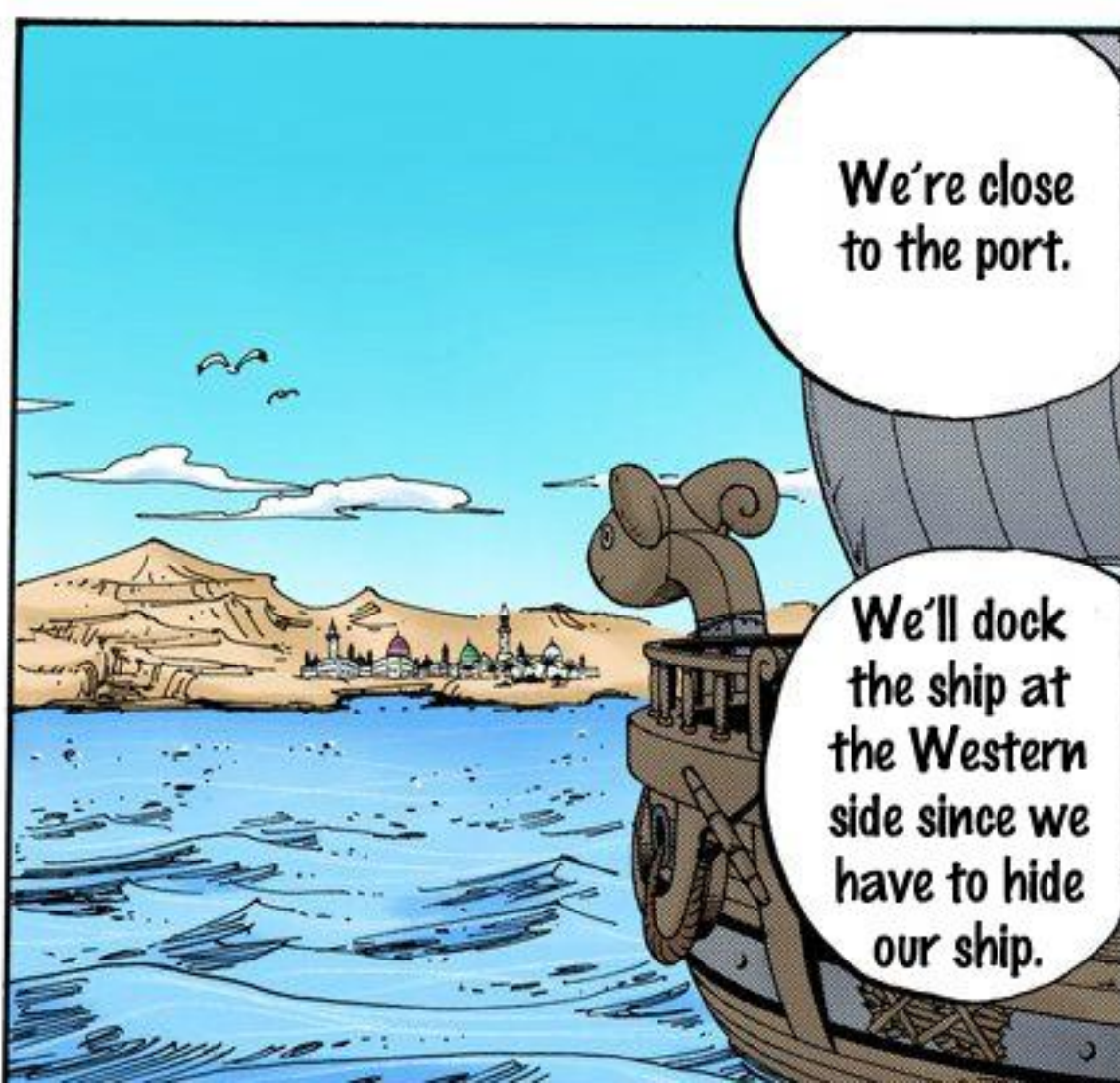
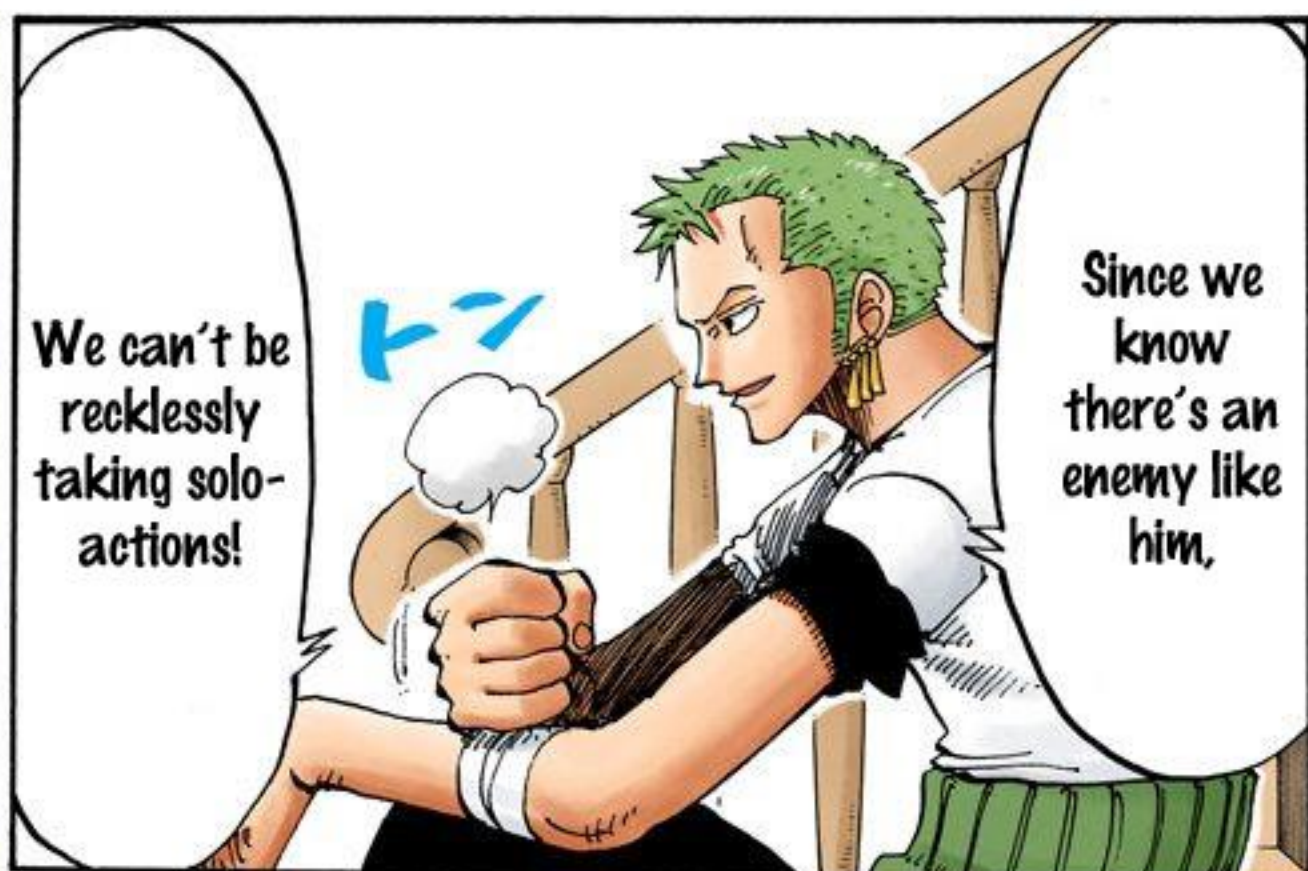


The Officer Agents' subordinates.

Those are most likely the "Billions,"

And there are 200 of them, aren't there...





Now then...

WILL BE THE
MARK OF OUR
FELLOWSHIP!

Let's head
onshore!

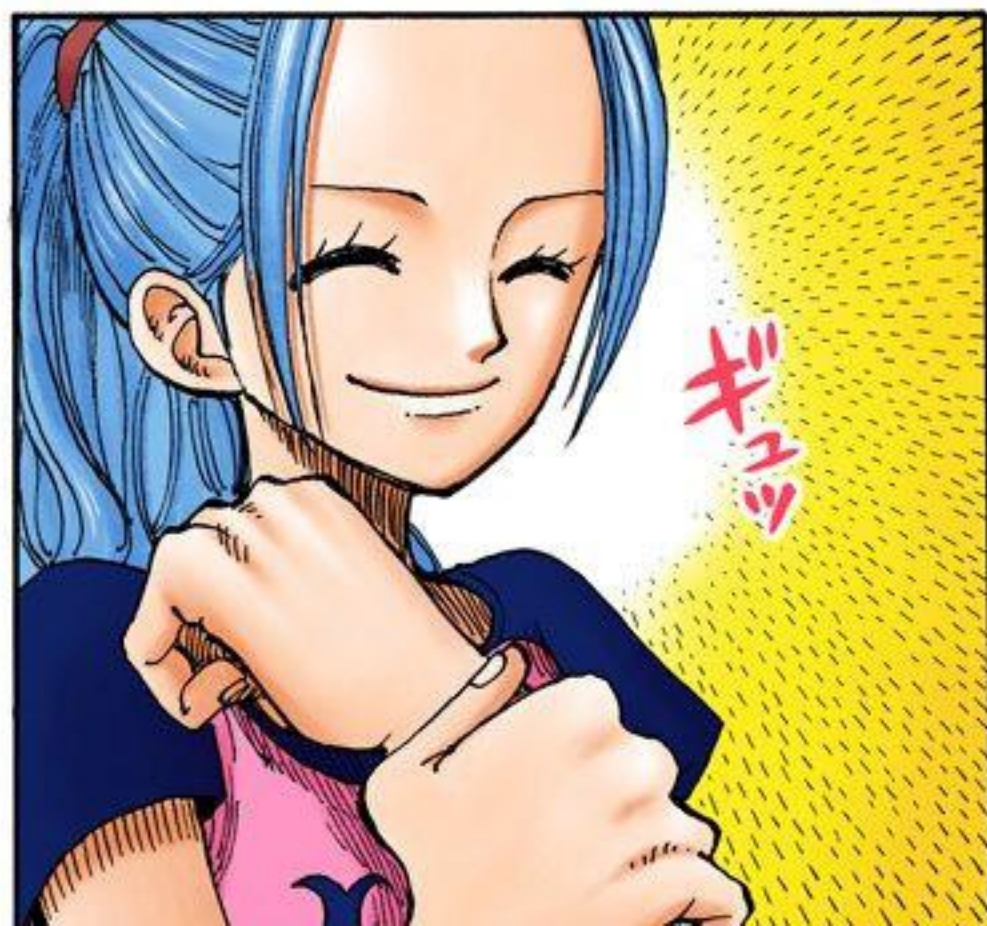


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...And then to
Alabasta.

TO A RES-
TAURANT
WE GO!!!

SORT
OUT
YOUR
PRIORI-
TIES!



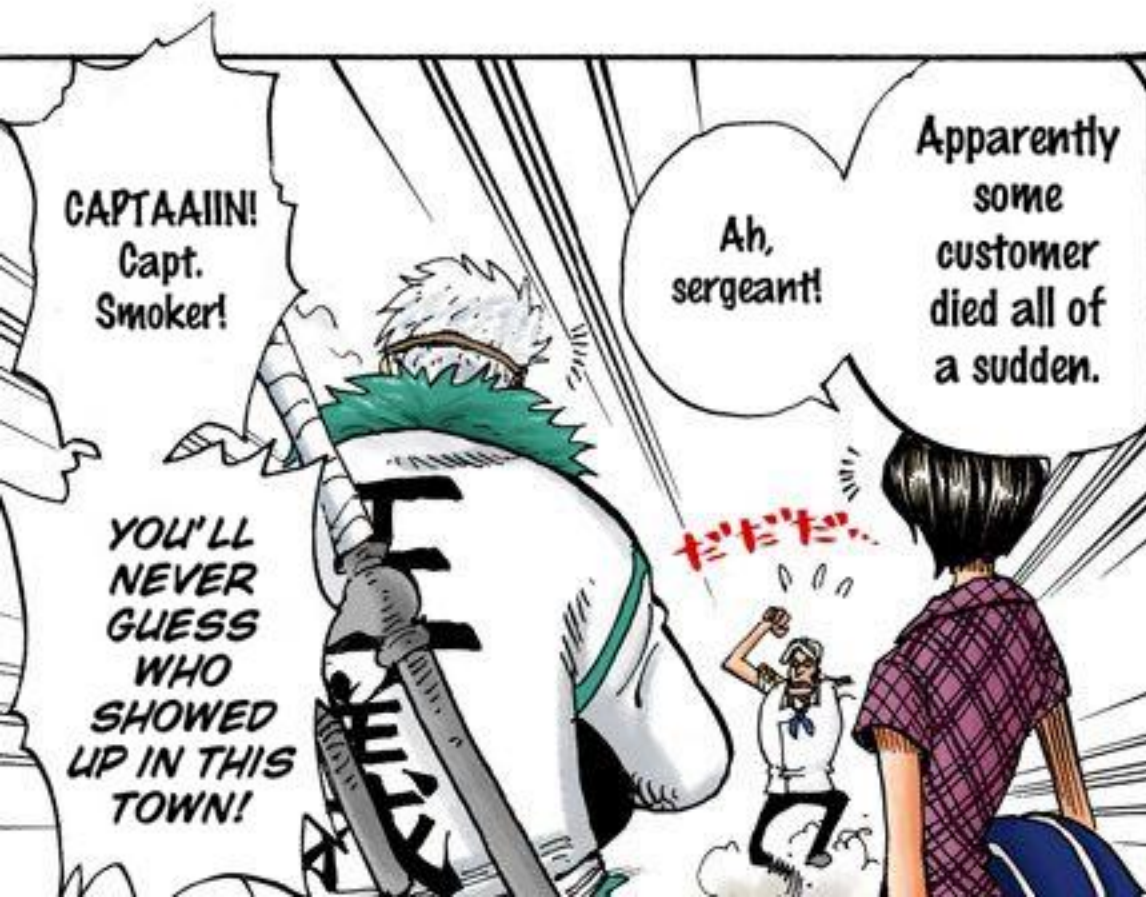
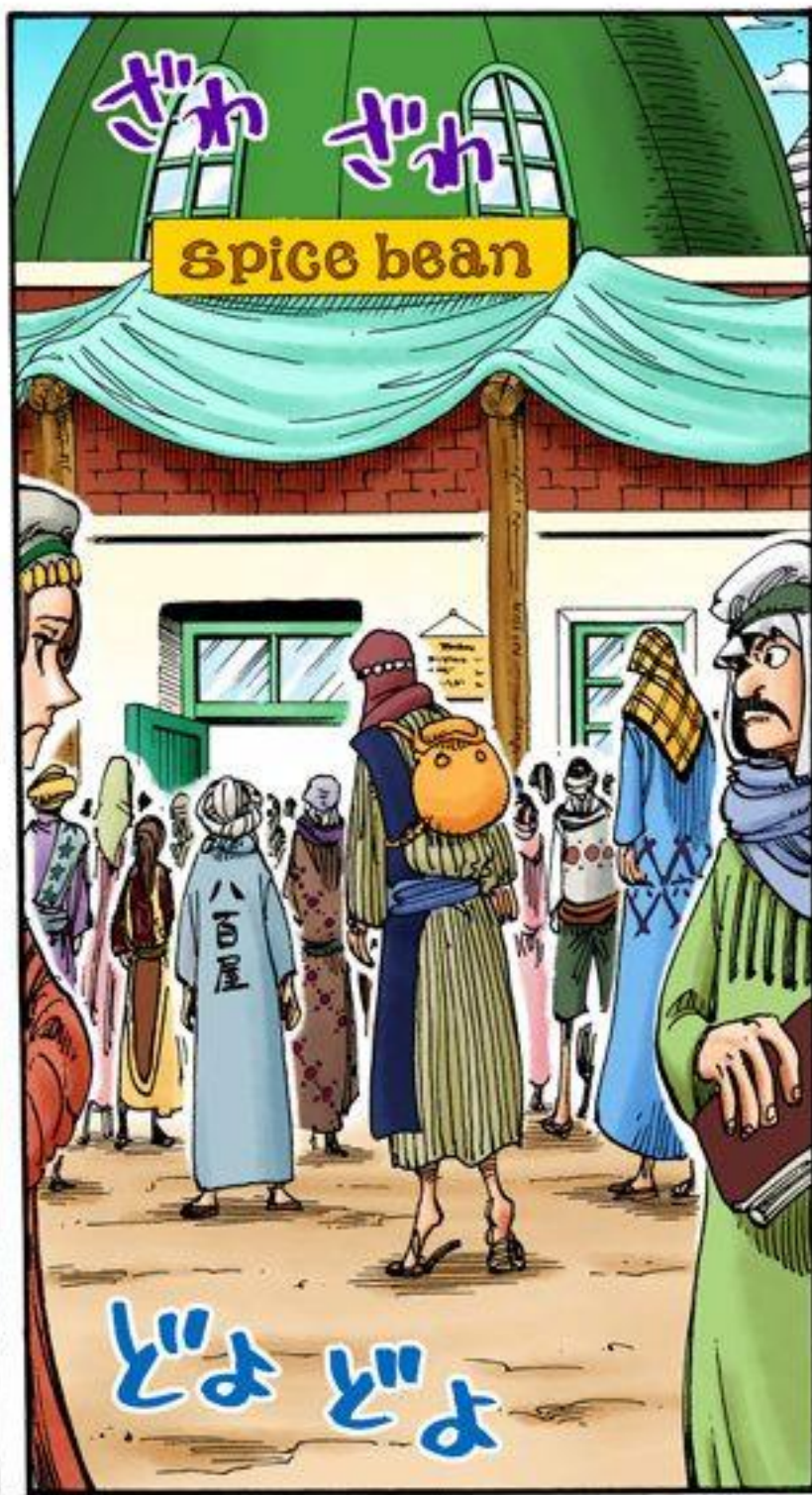
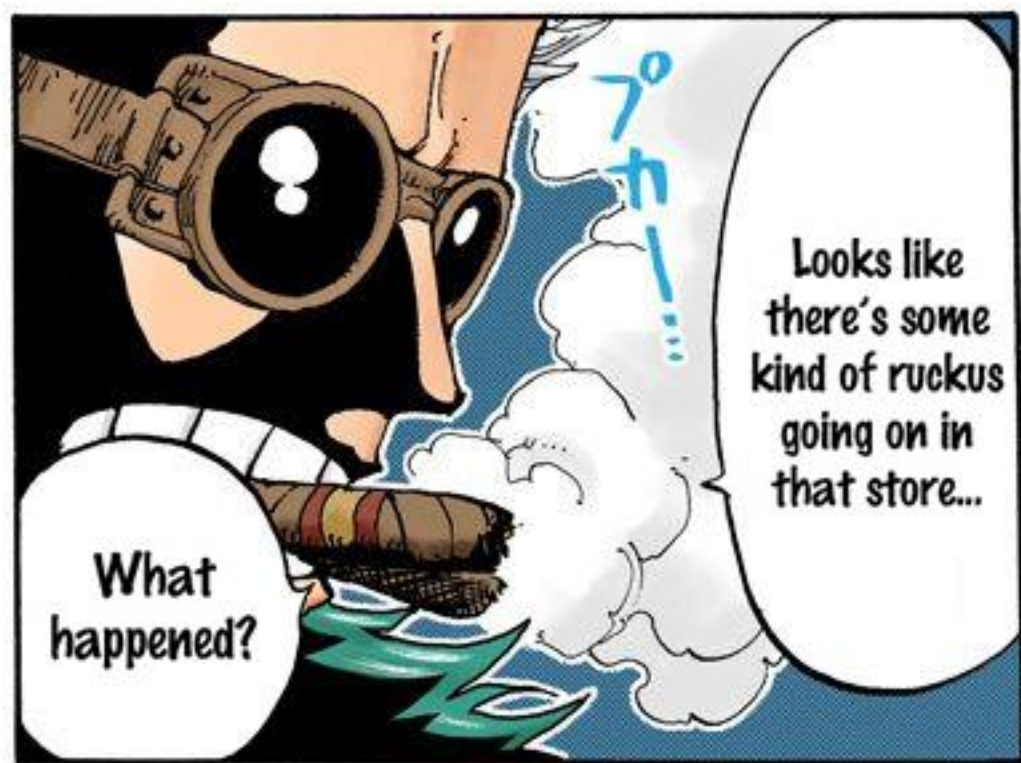
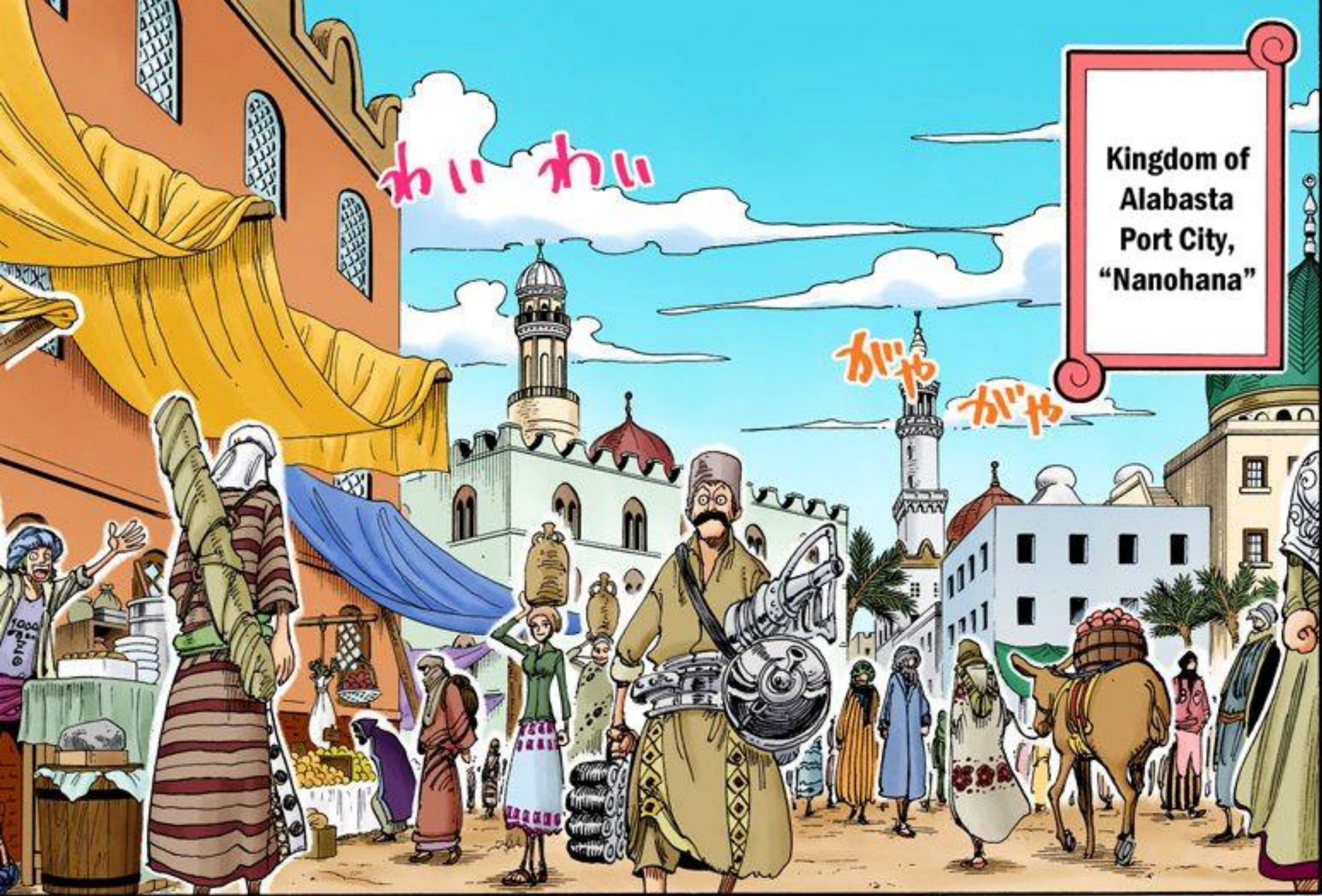
Yup!
Got it!

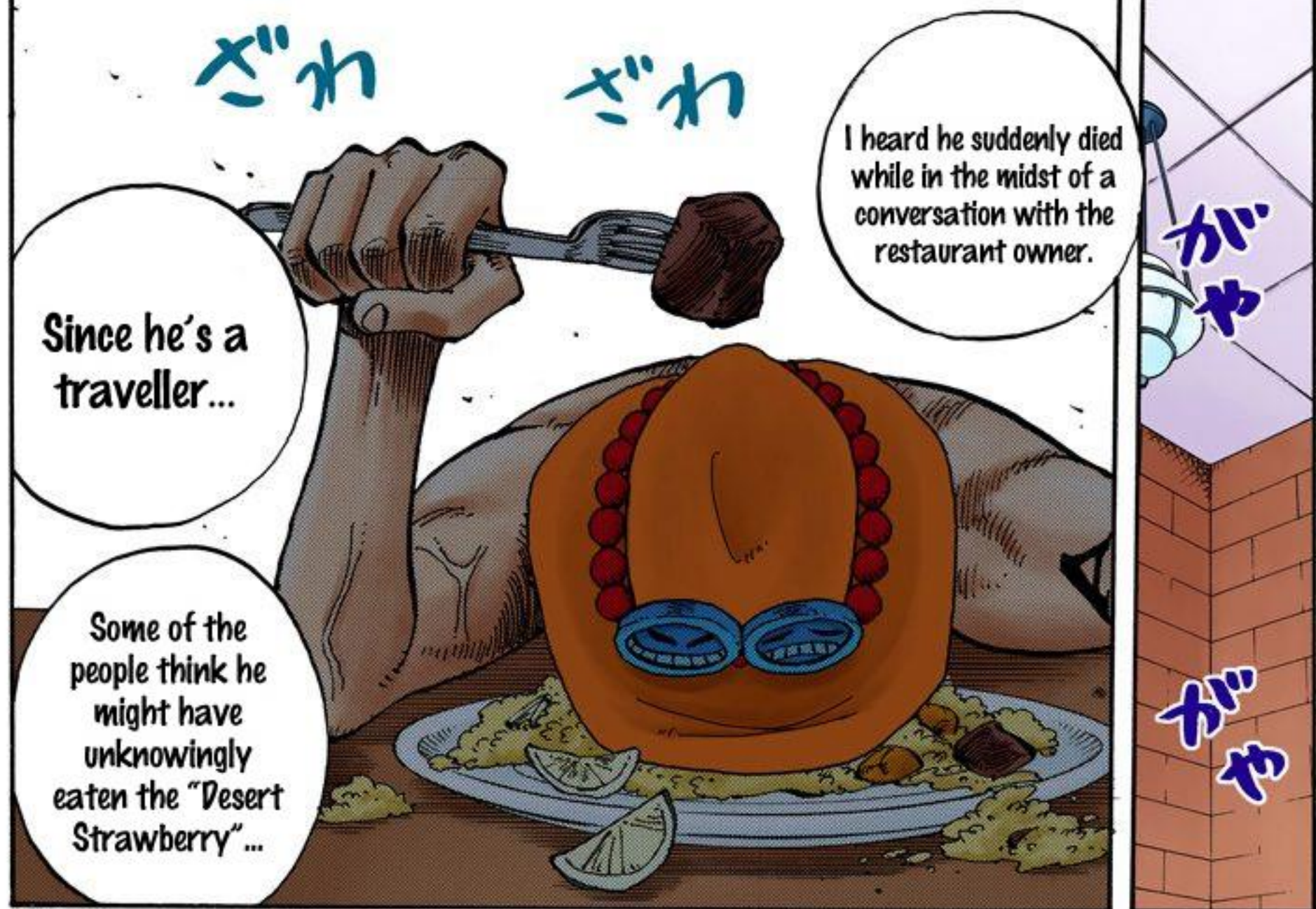
So try not to
just blindly
act on
instinct alone,
got that!?

Right,
right.

We're up
against an
organiza-
tion of
assassins,
Luffy!

.....

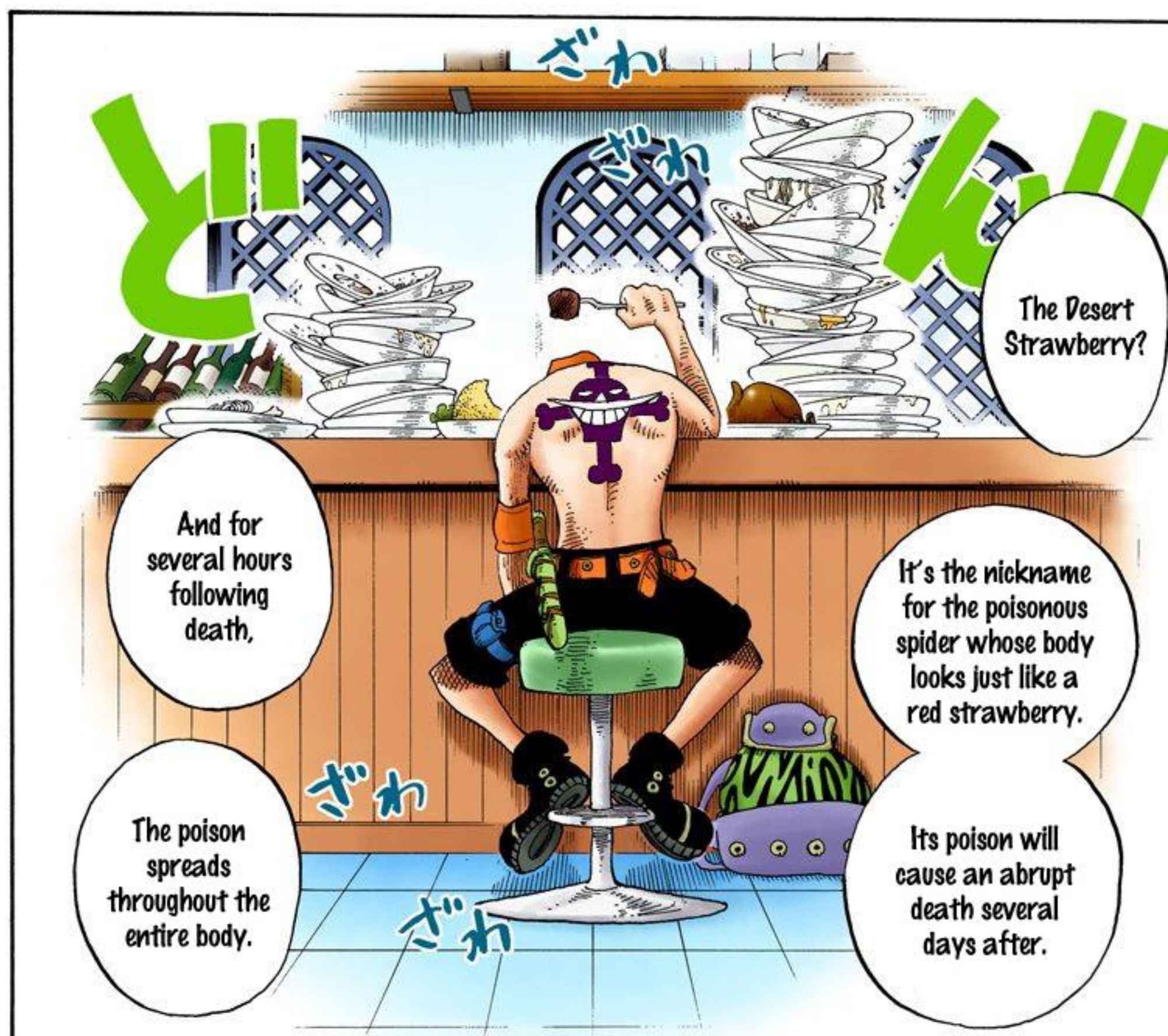




Since he's a traveller...

I heard he suddenly died while in the midst of a conversation with the restaurant owner.

Some of the people think he might have unknowingly eaten the "Desert Strawberry"...



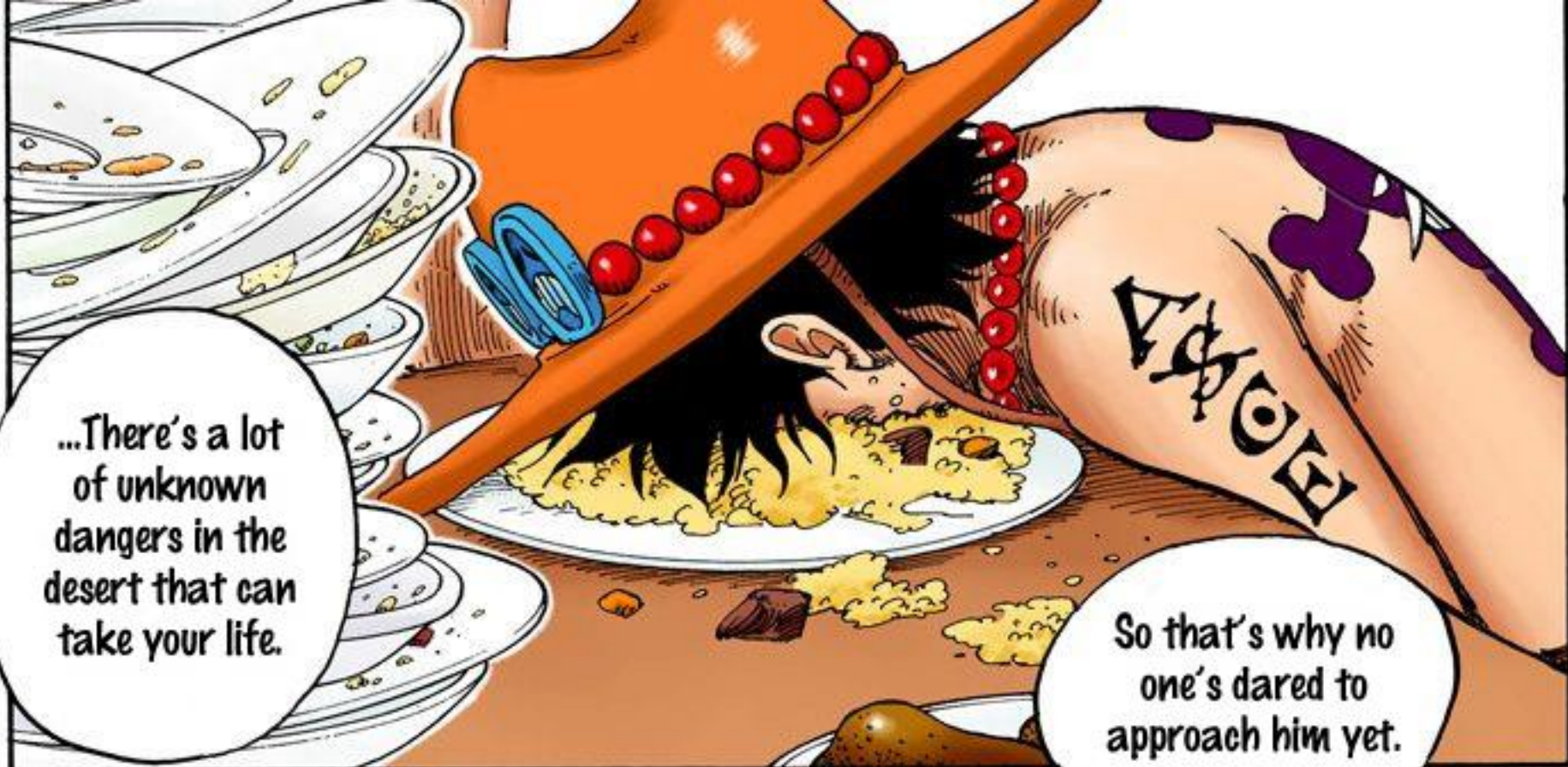
The Desert Strawberry?

And for several hours following death,

It's the nickname for the poisonous spider whose body looks just like a red strawberry.

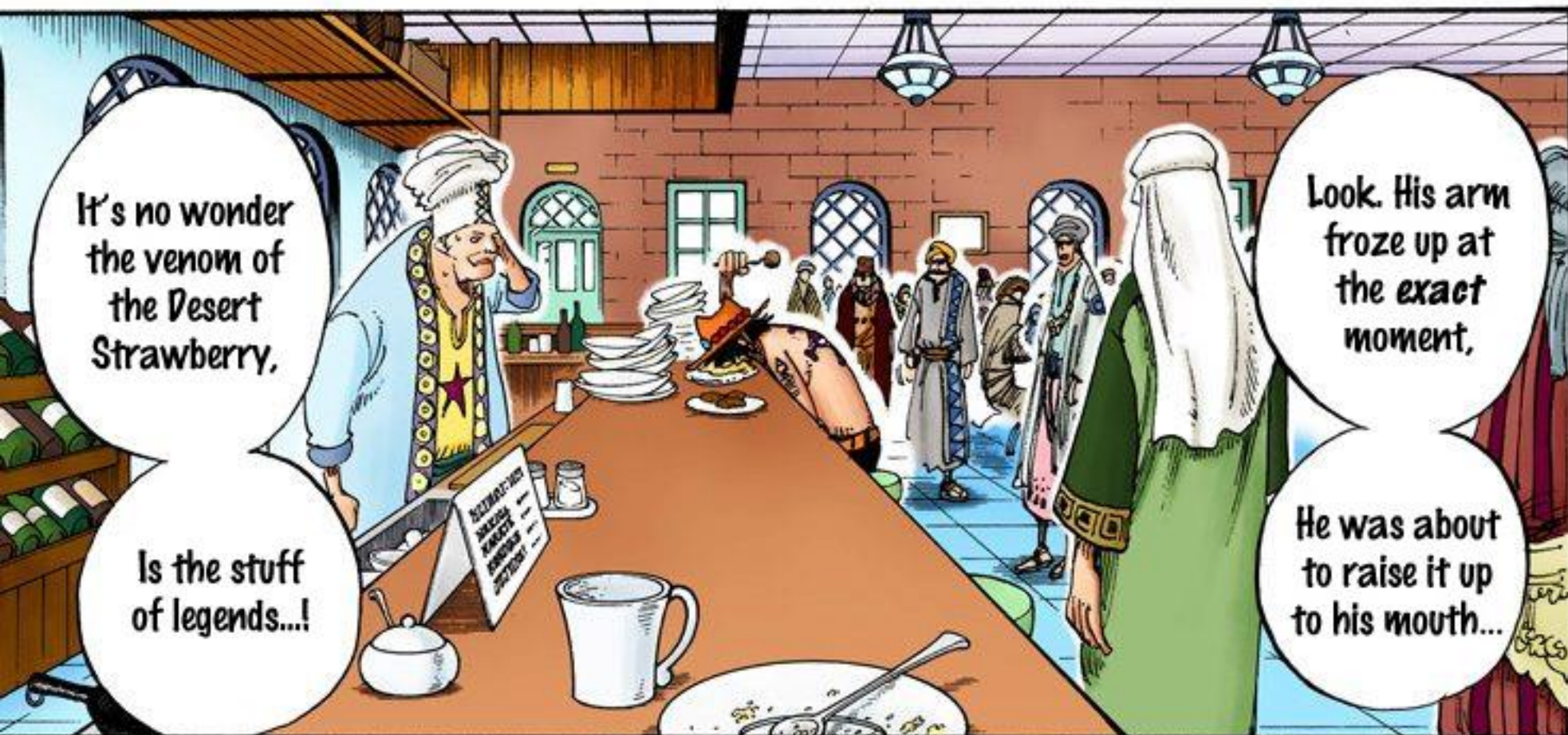
The poison spreads throughout the entire body.

Its poison will cause an abrupt death several days after.



...There's a lot of unknown dangers in the desert that can take your life.

So that's why no one's dared to approach him yet.



It's no wonder the venom of the Desert Strawberry.

Is the stuff of legends...!

Look. His arm froze up at the exact moment,

He was about to raise it up to his mouth...



Hmm?

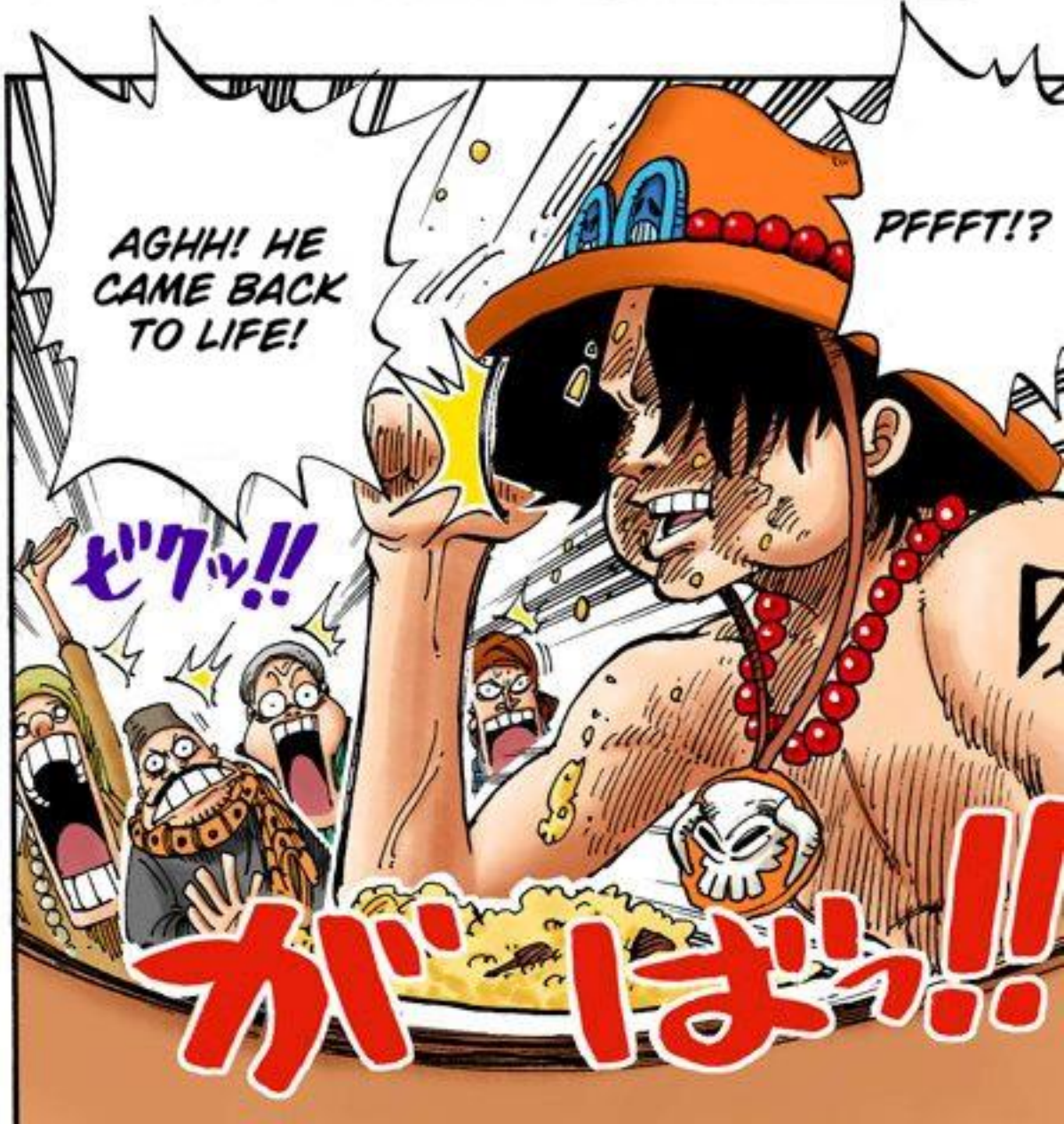
A-are you alright?



KYAAA!

Mmm.

!?

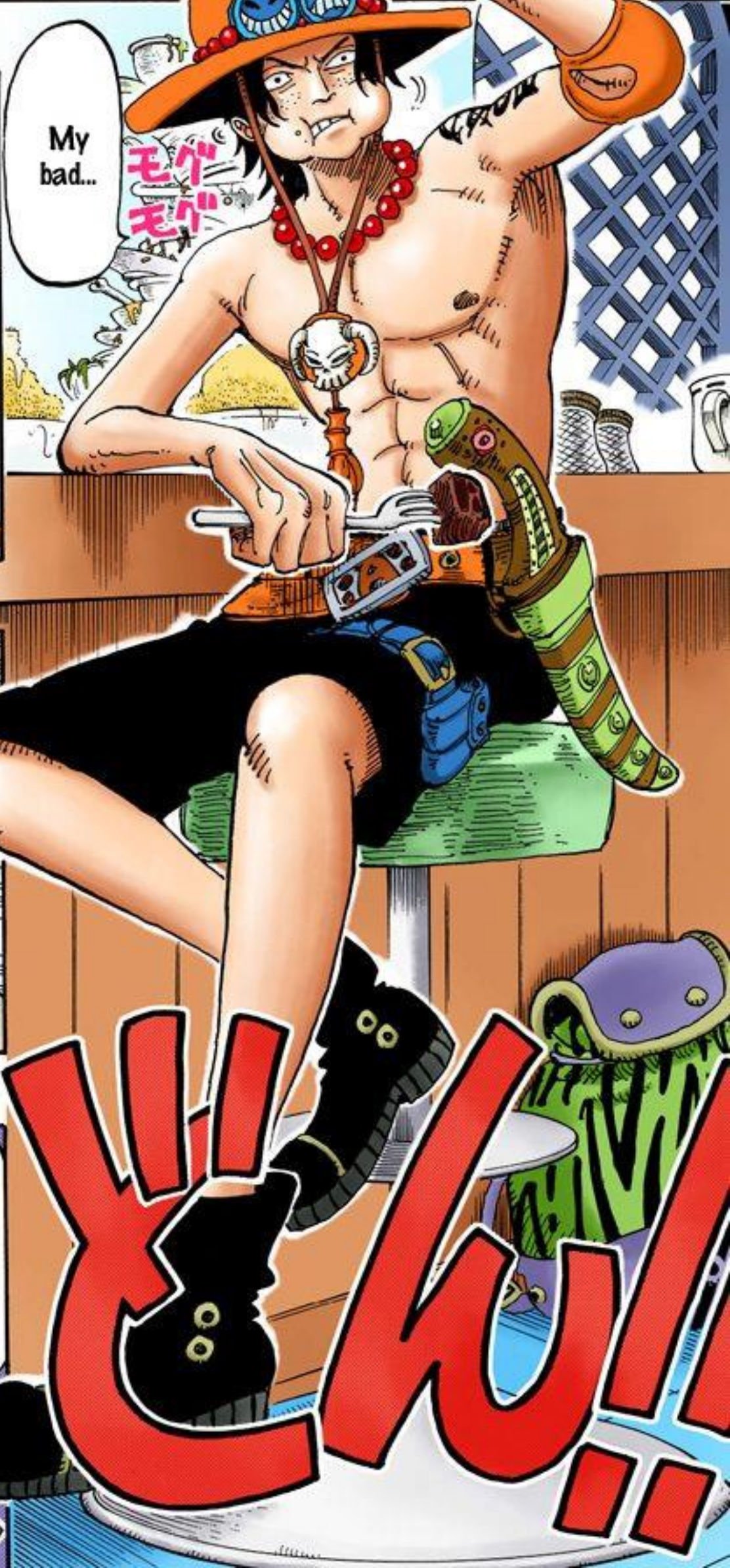


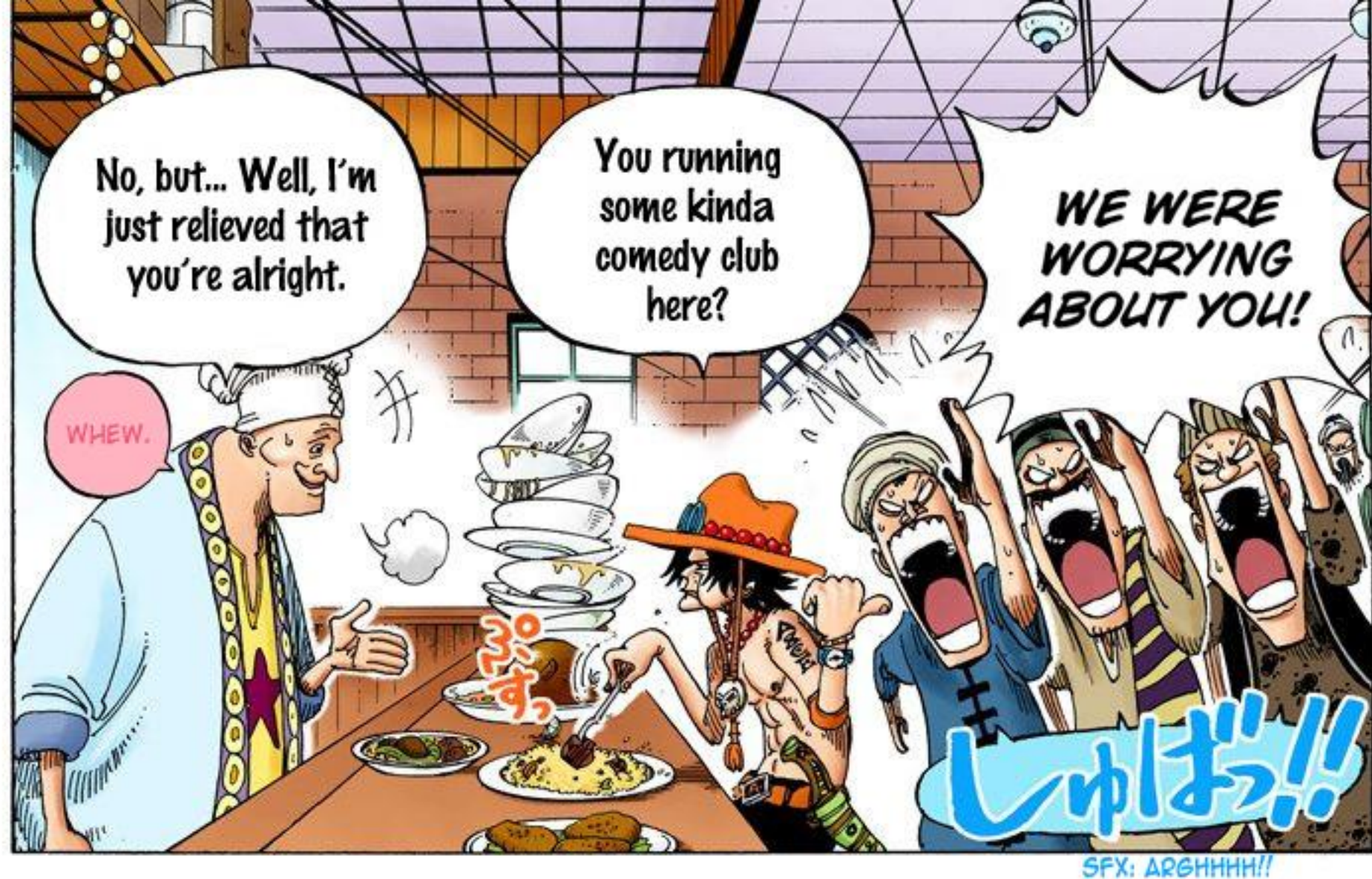
AGHH! HE CAME BACK TO LIFE!

PFFFT!?

ギョッ!!

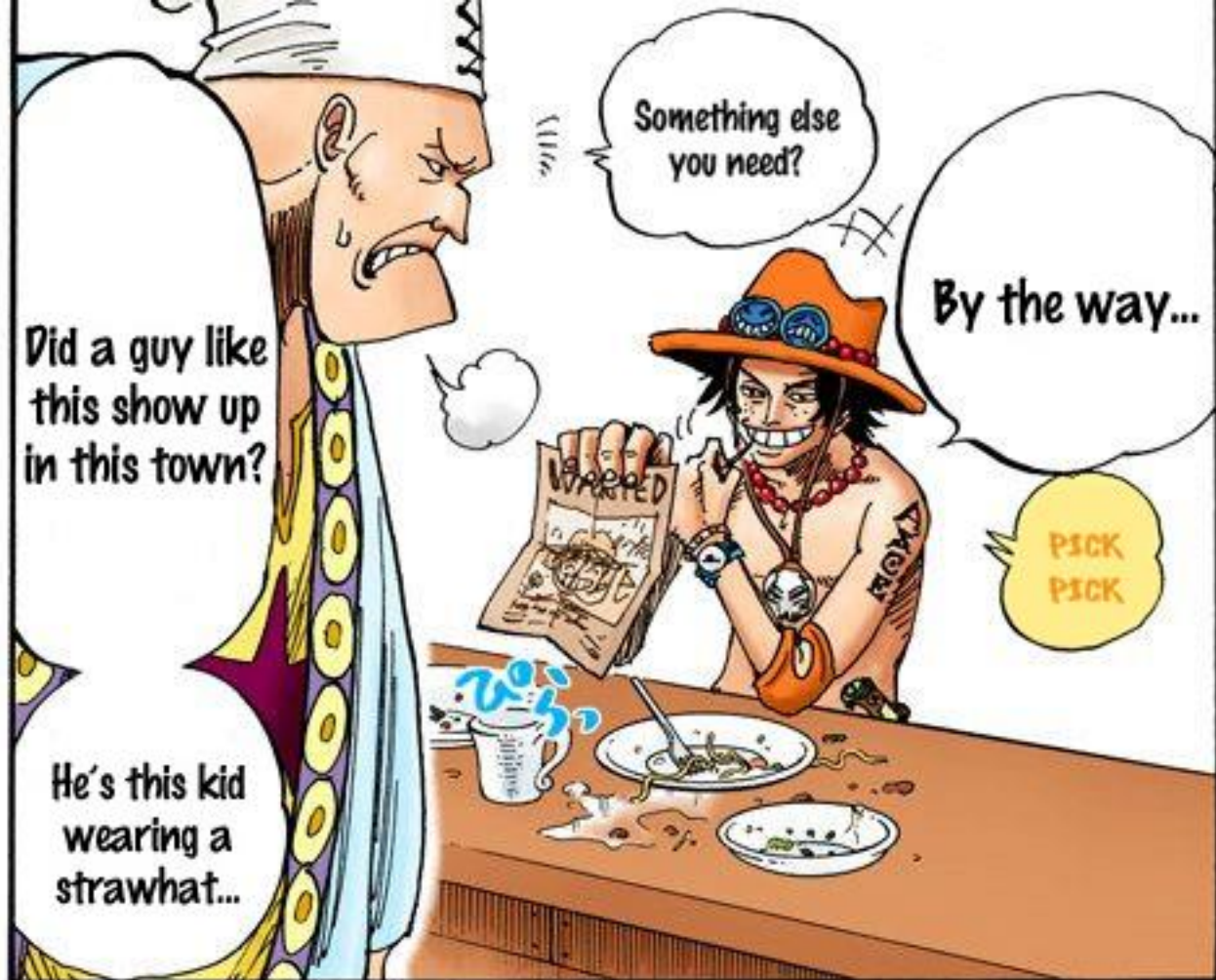
がばっ!!







You seem to be eating without a care in the world, despite all the attention you're drawing.



Did a guy like this show up in this town?

He's this kid wearing a strawhat...

Something else you need?

By the way...

PICK PICK



Well, Portgas D. Ace...?

What brings the Whitebeard Pirates' 2nd division commander to this kingdom?



WHAT'S HE DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!?

GAH!
AHH! NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I'VE SEEN THAT MARK ON HIS BACK BEFORE!

DOYO!!

W-WHITE-BEARD!? HE'S ONE OF THEIR CREWMEMBER...!?

AHHH!

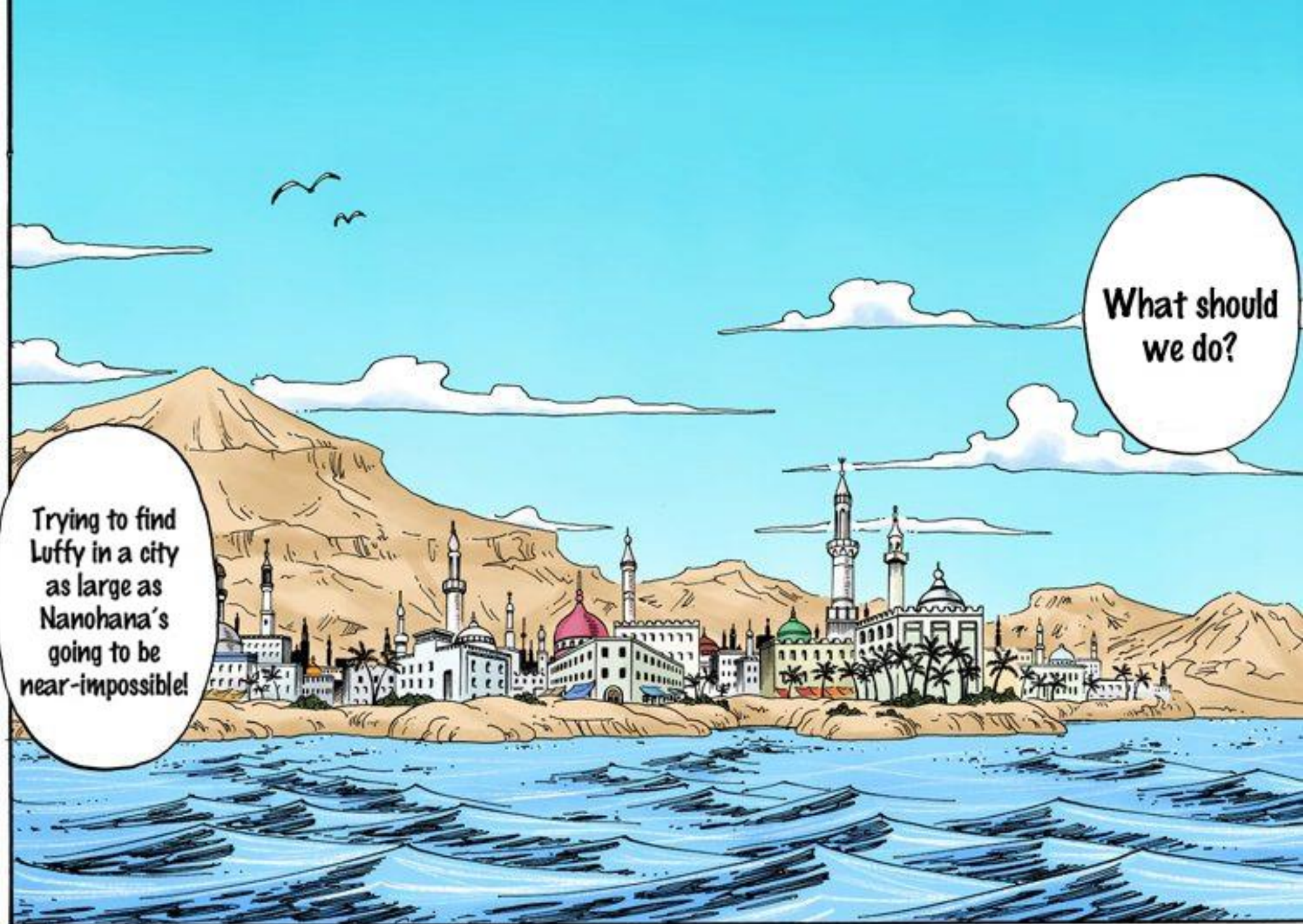


Chapter 158

“Docking at Alabasta”



JANGO'S DANCE PARADISE VOL. 25 "THE FRAGILE FANG CALLED JUSTICE"



Trying to find Luffy in a city as large as Nanohana's going to be near-impossible!

What should we do?



If there's something to worry about,

Hahaha, so true.

And he'll be there for sure.

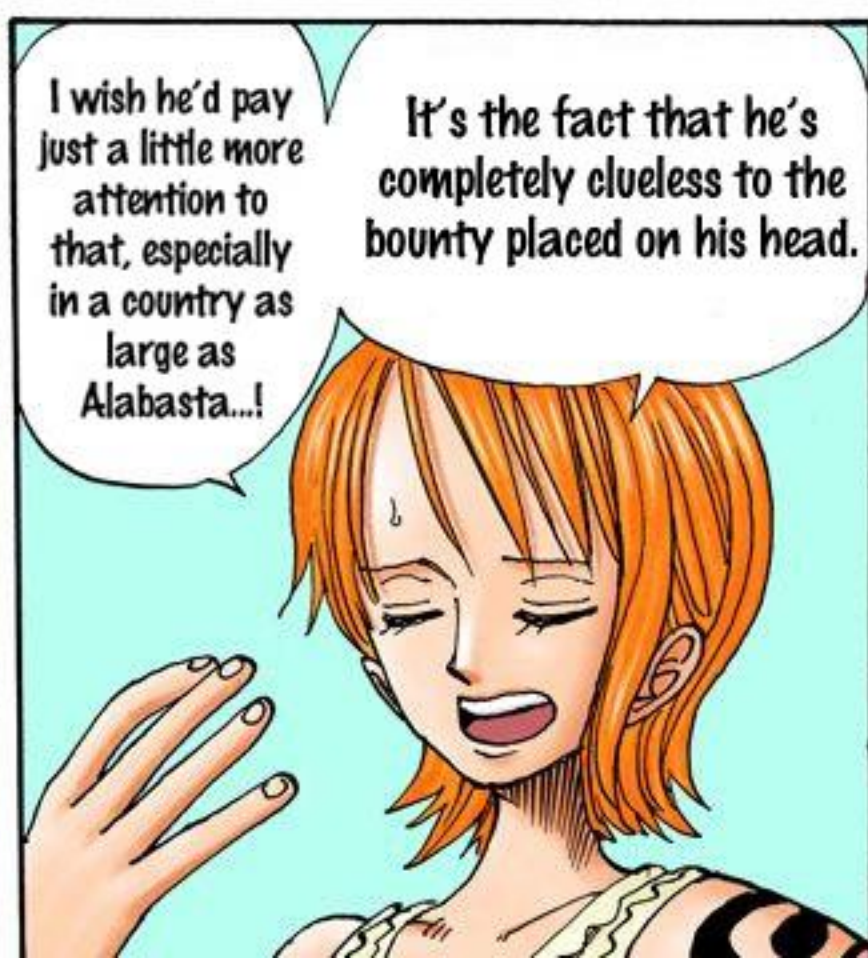
Don't worry, Vivi.

All we have to do is look in the noisiest part of town,



For now, we should go and eat something as well. We can think about all that stuff later.

Just leave him be.



I wish he'd pay just a little more attention to that, especially in a country as large as Alabasta...!

It's the fact that he's completely clueless to the bounty placed on his head.



THAT'S
MR. 3'S
SHIP!

WHAT!?

はぁん!!



Wait, look...!



So he must
be here in
this
country...



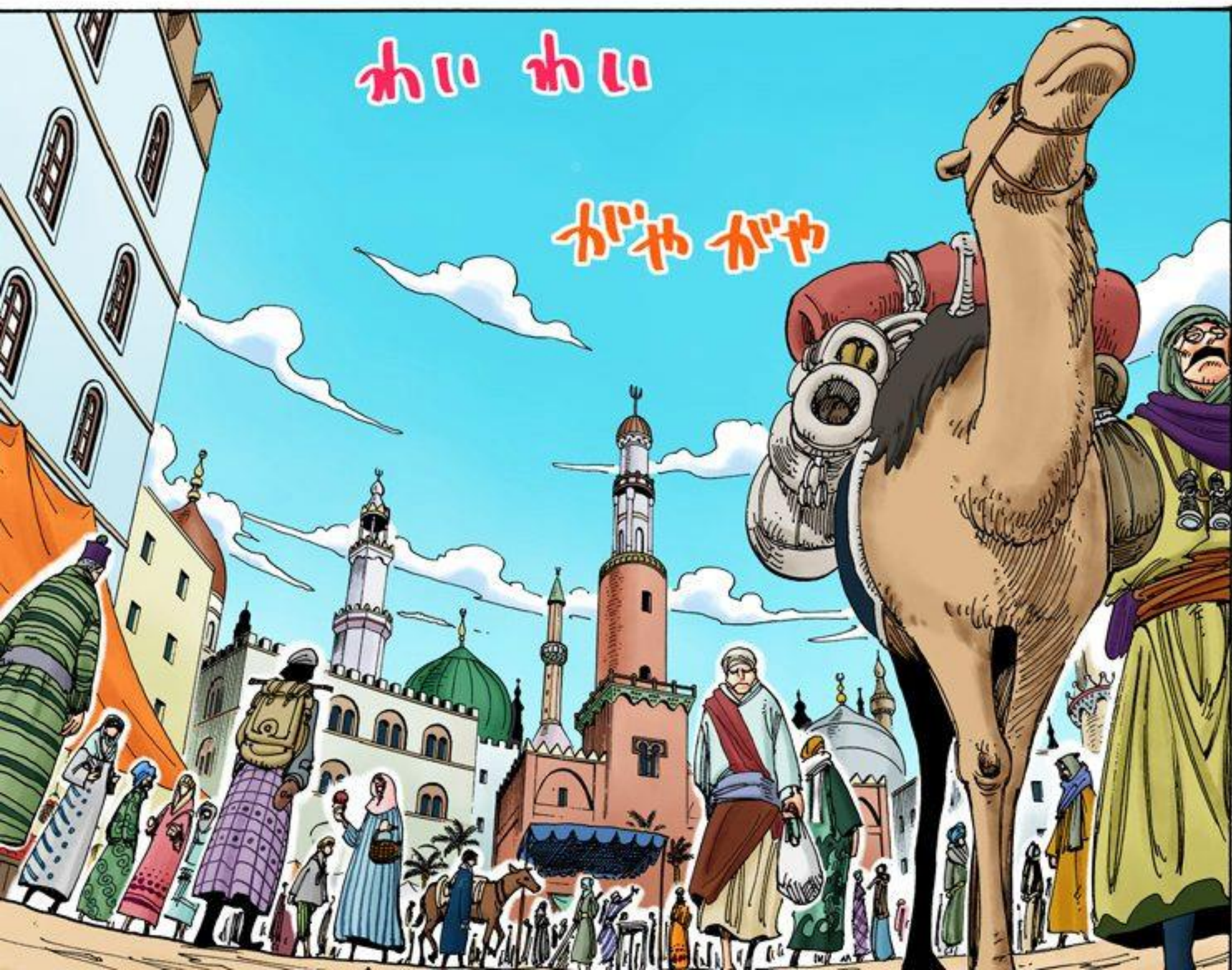
That ship
can only be
operated by
the power of
the Doru doru
fruit...



Quack.

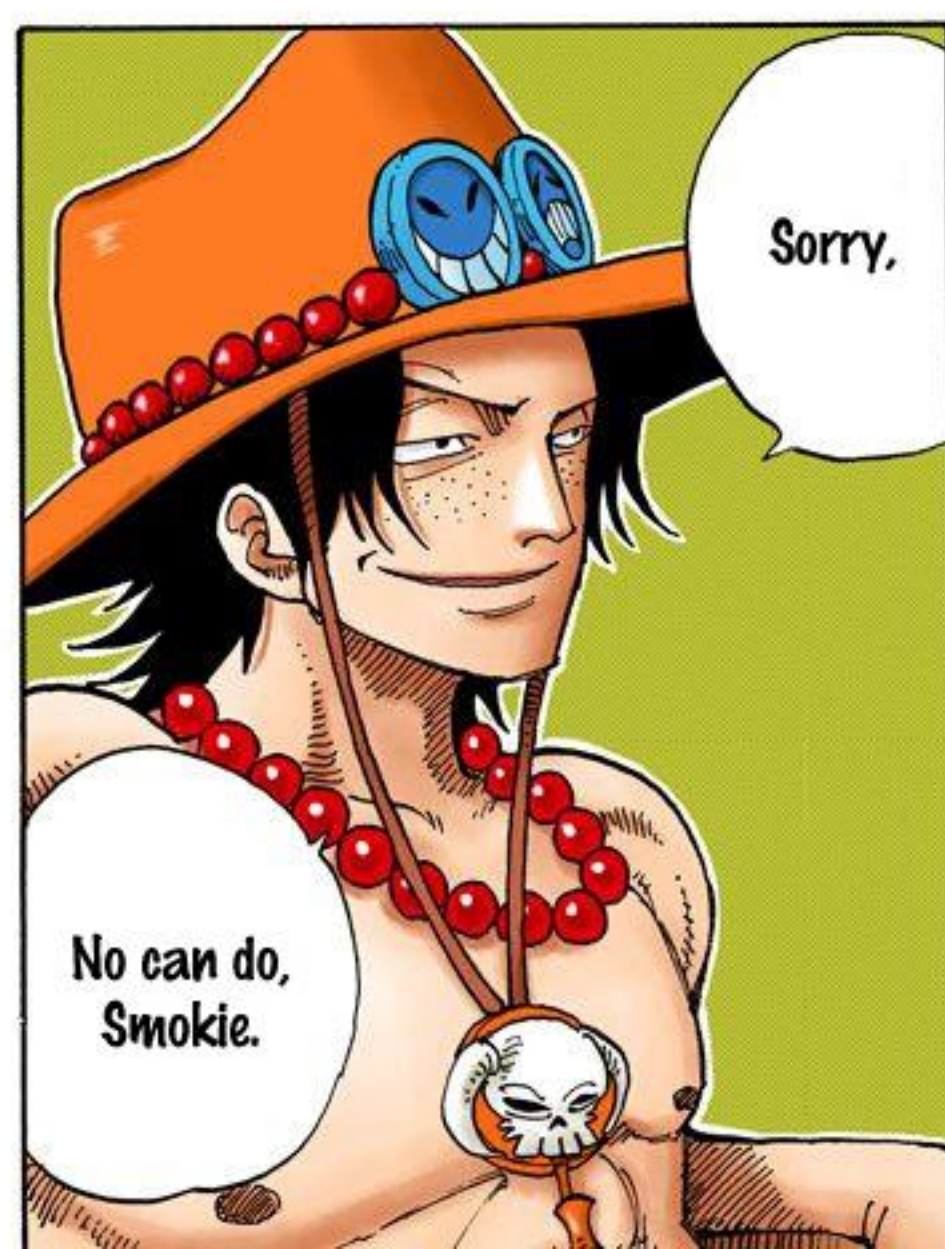
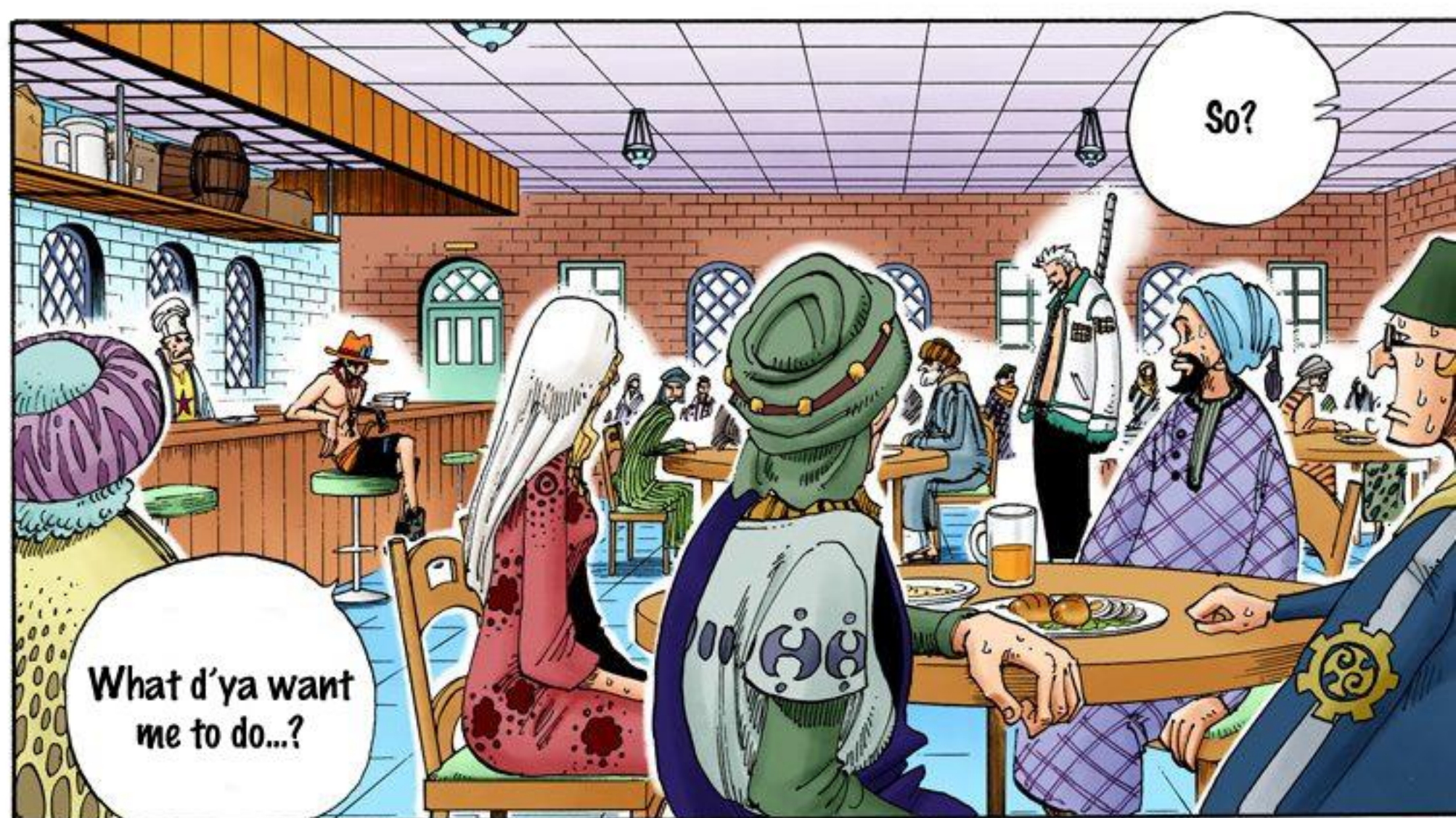


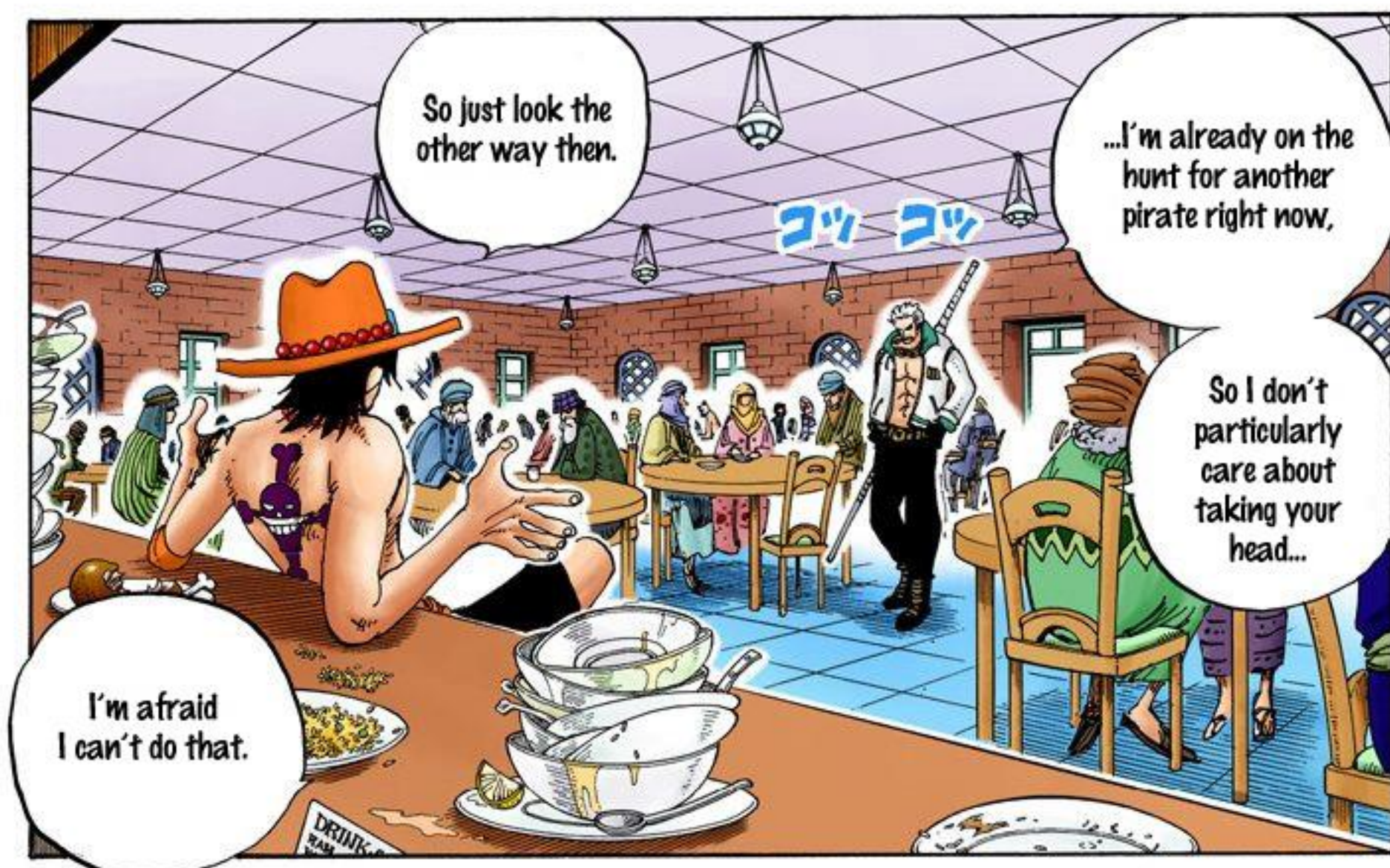
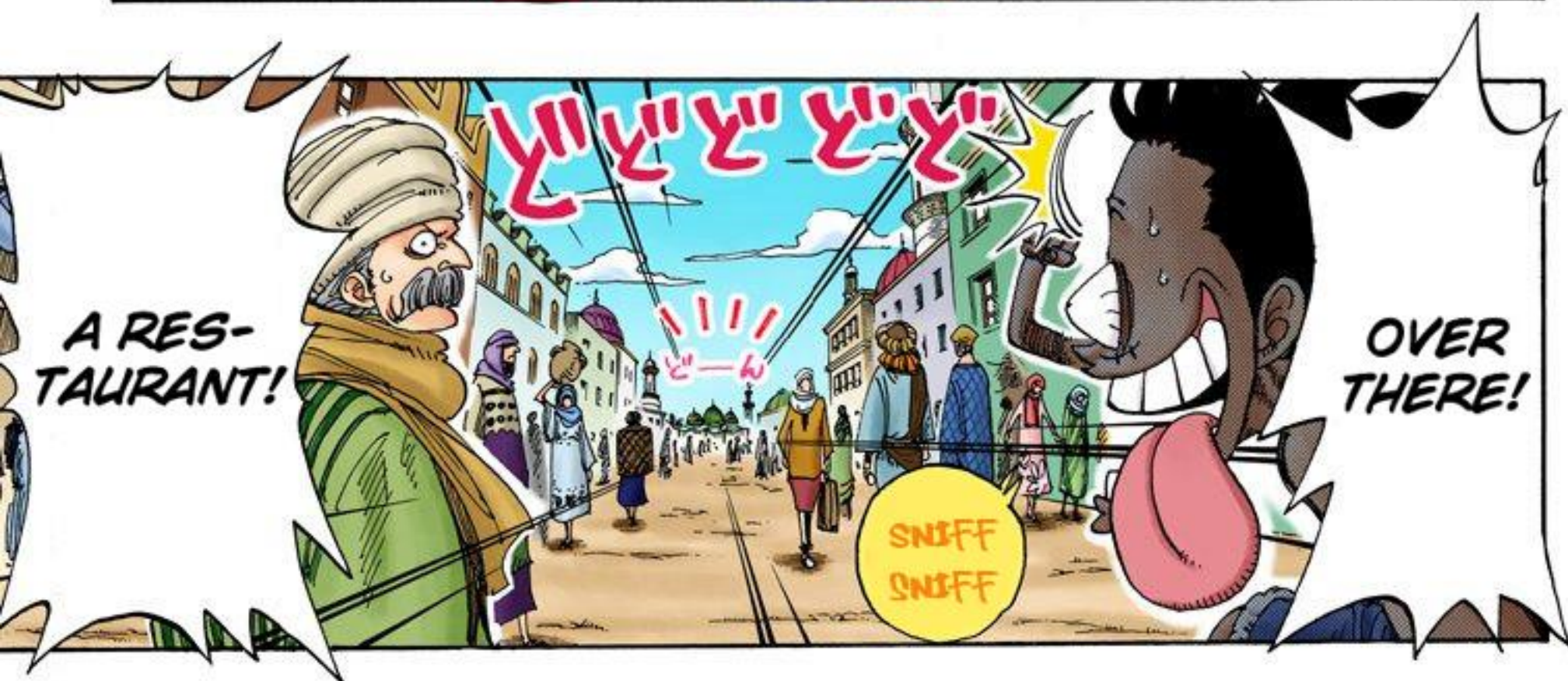
Don't tell
me... He
survived...!?



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AND YOU'RE
A PIRATE,
THAT IS...!

AS LONG
AS I'M A
MARINE,

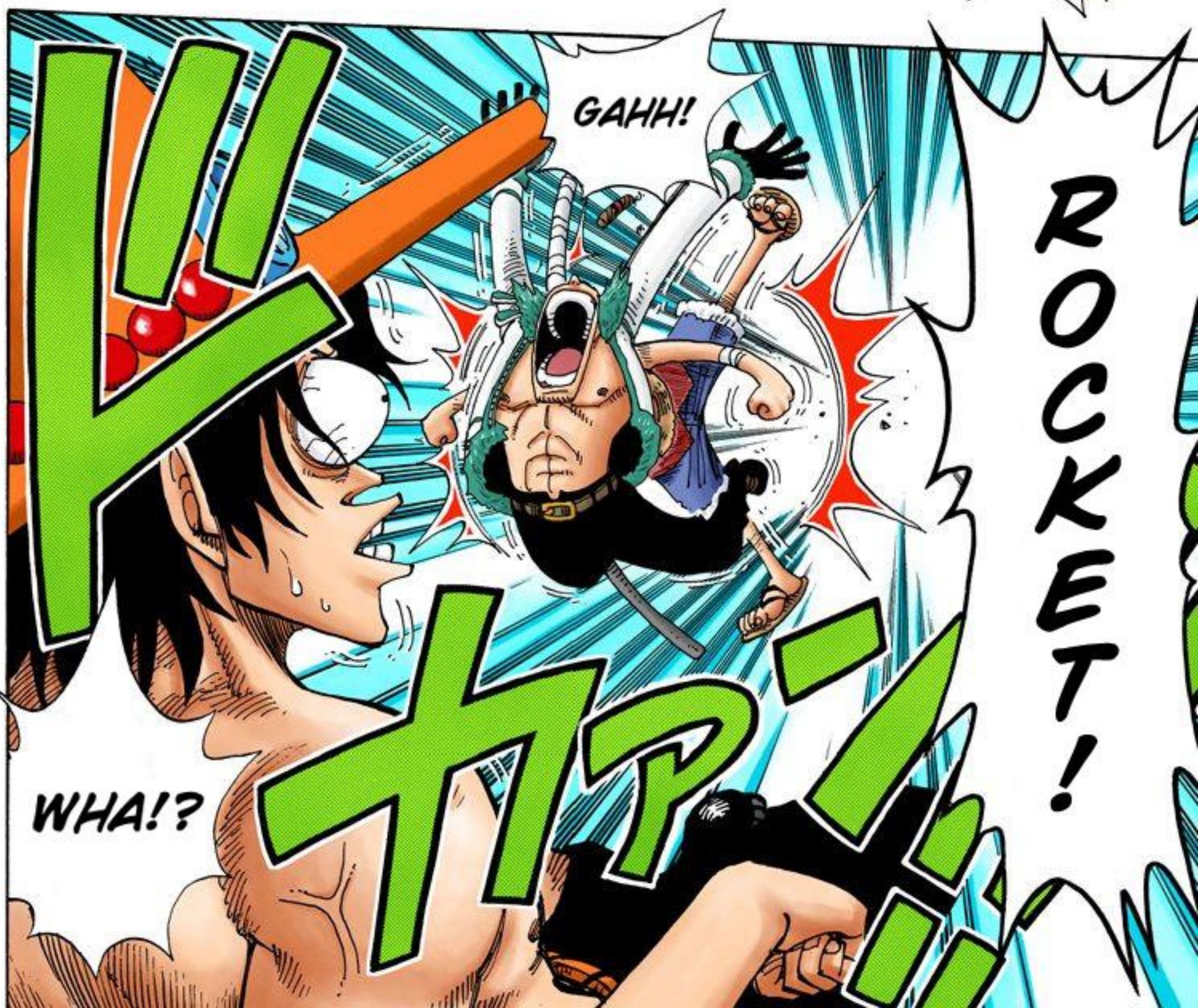
モウ...



Well, let's
see what
ya got.

What a dull
reason...

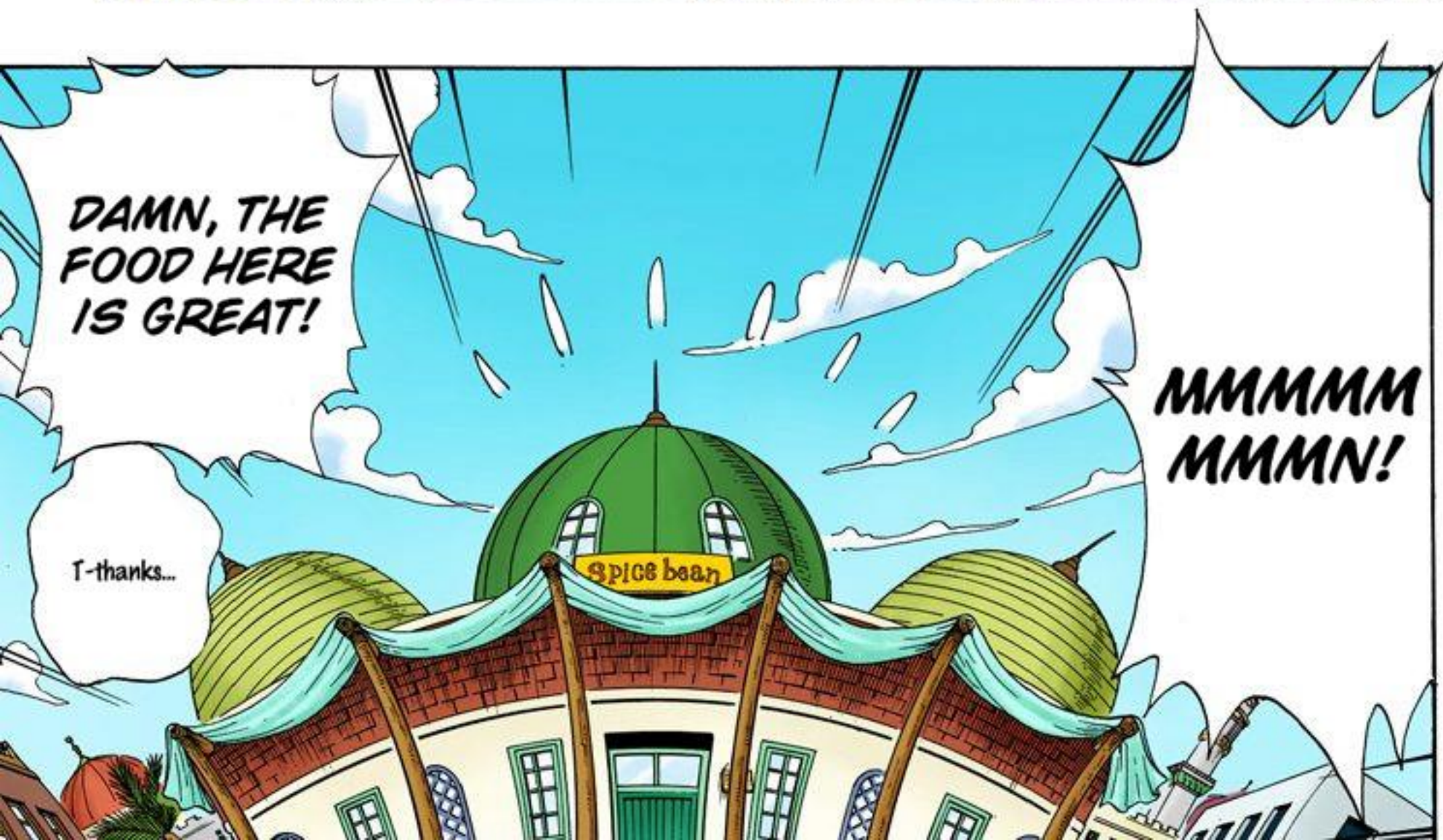
YAHOO!

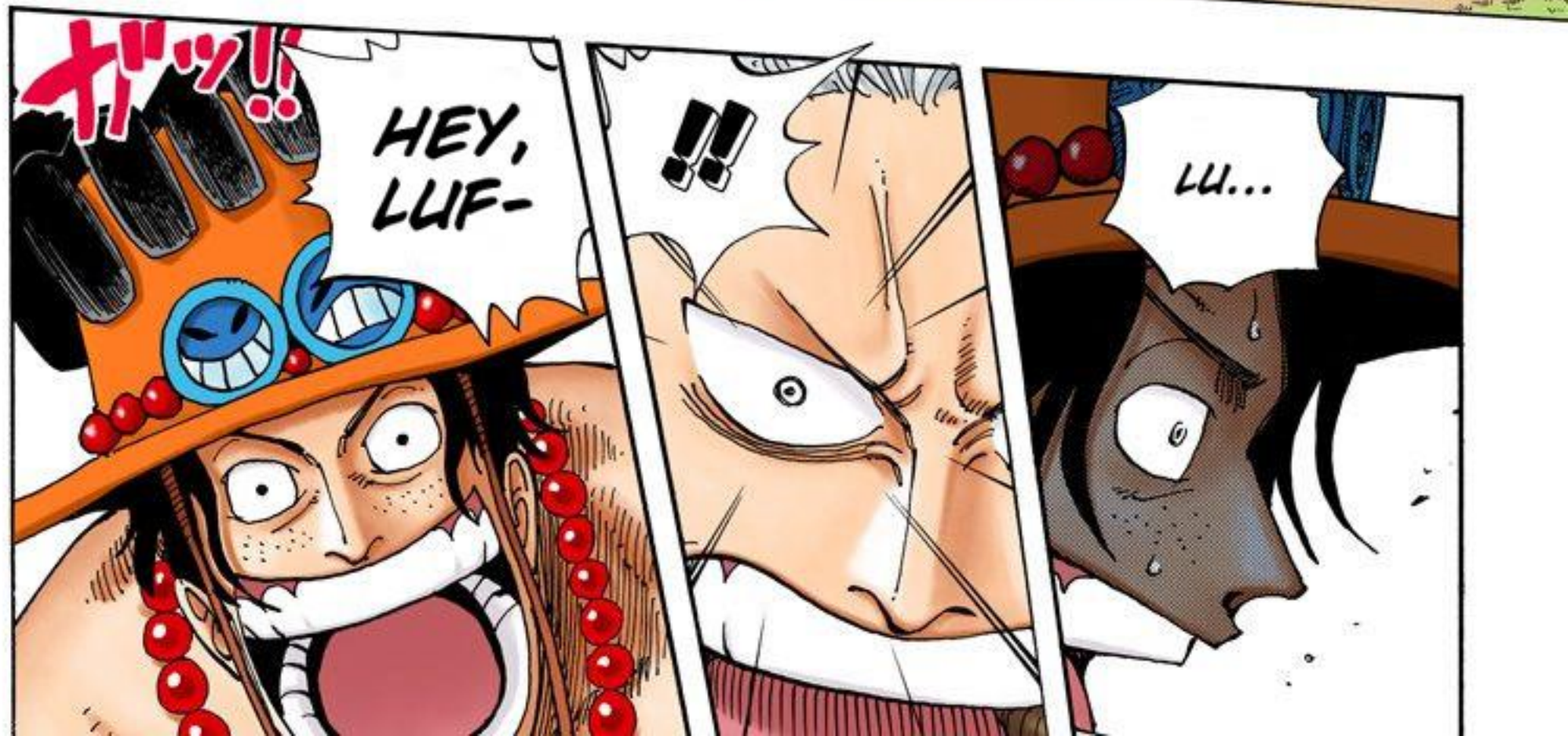
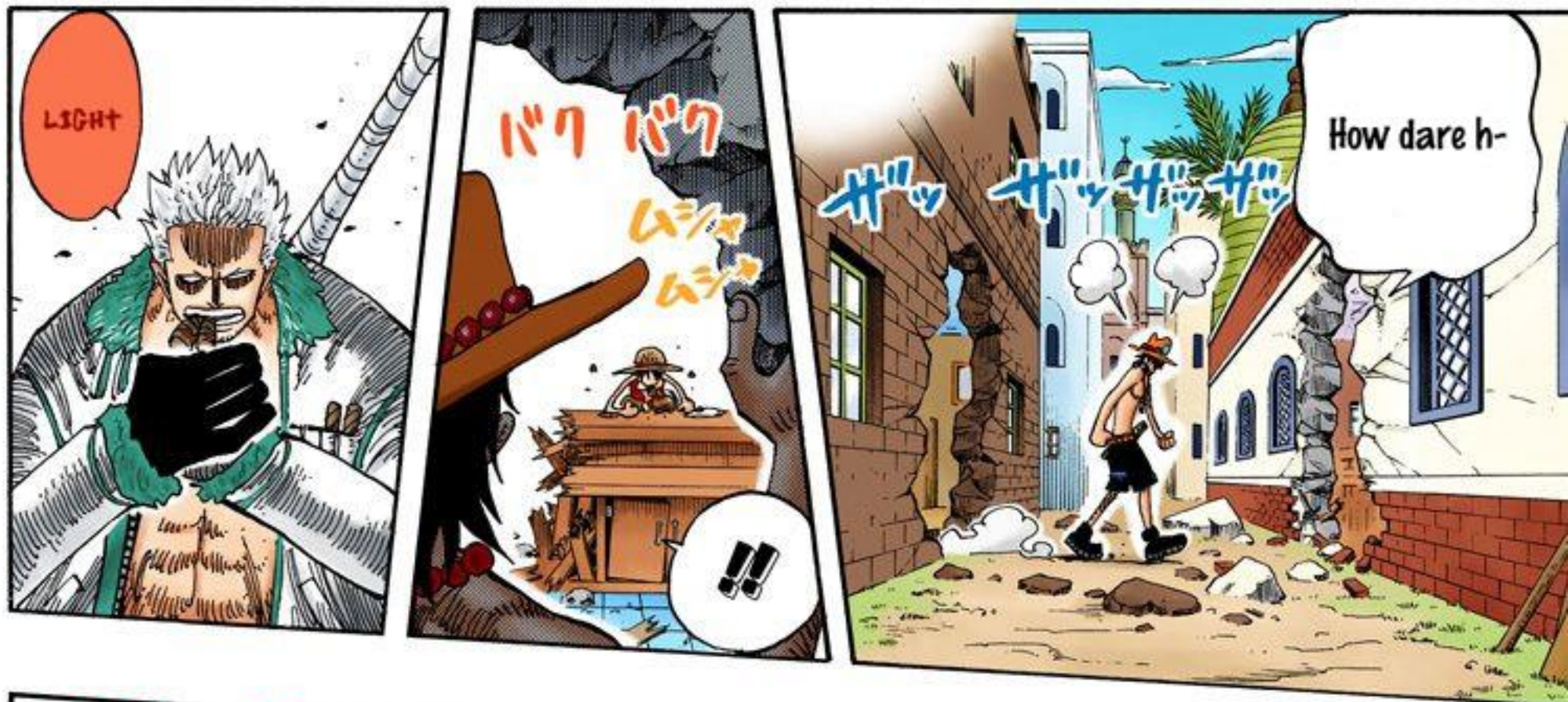
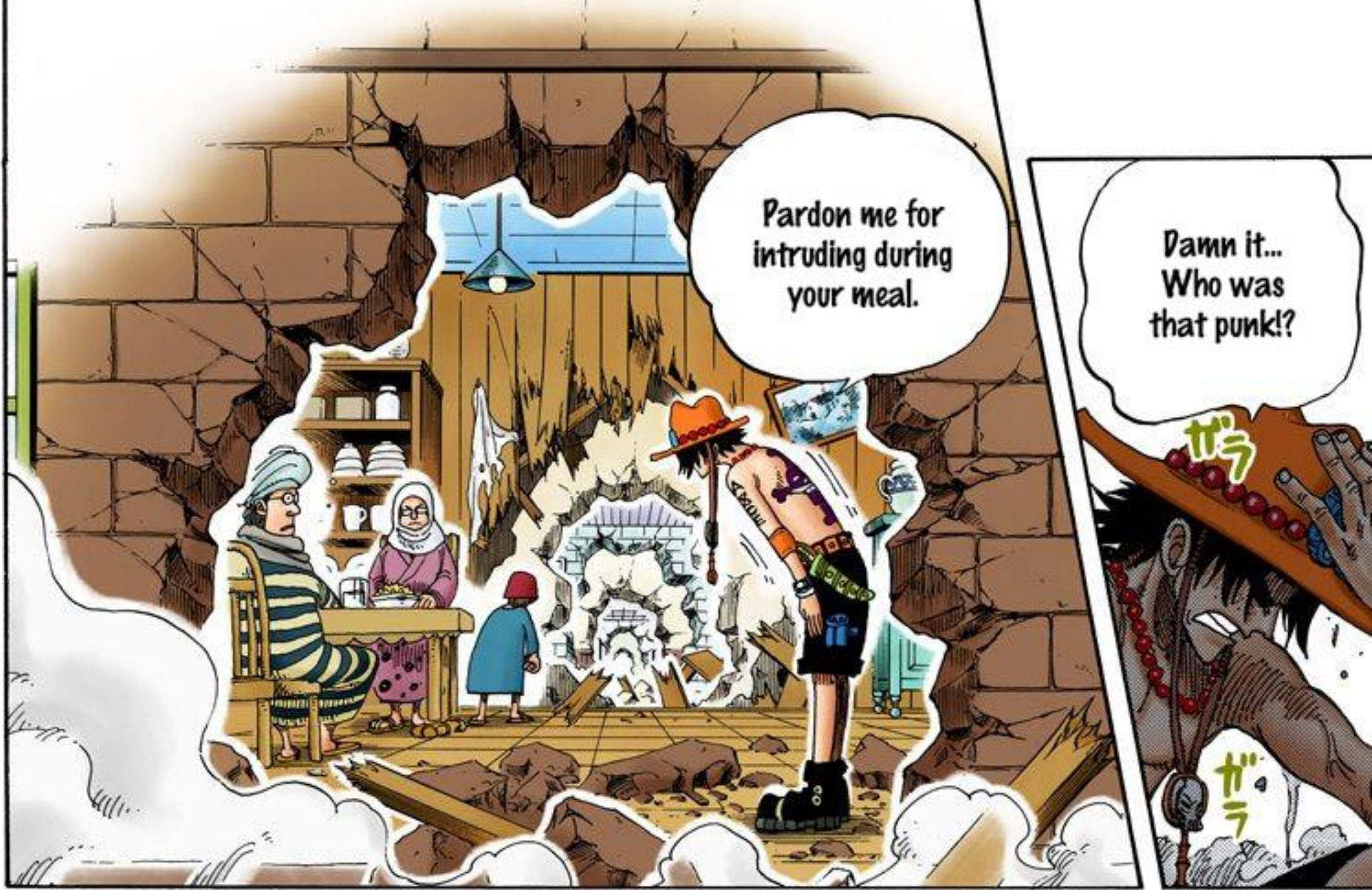


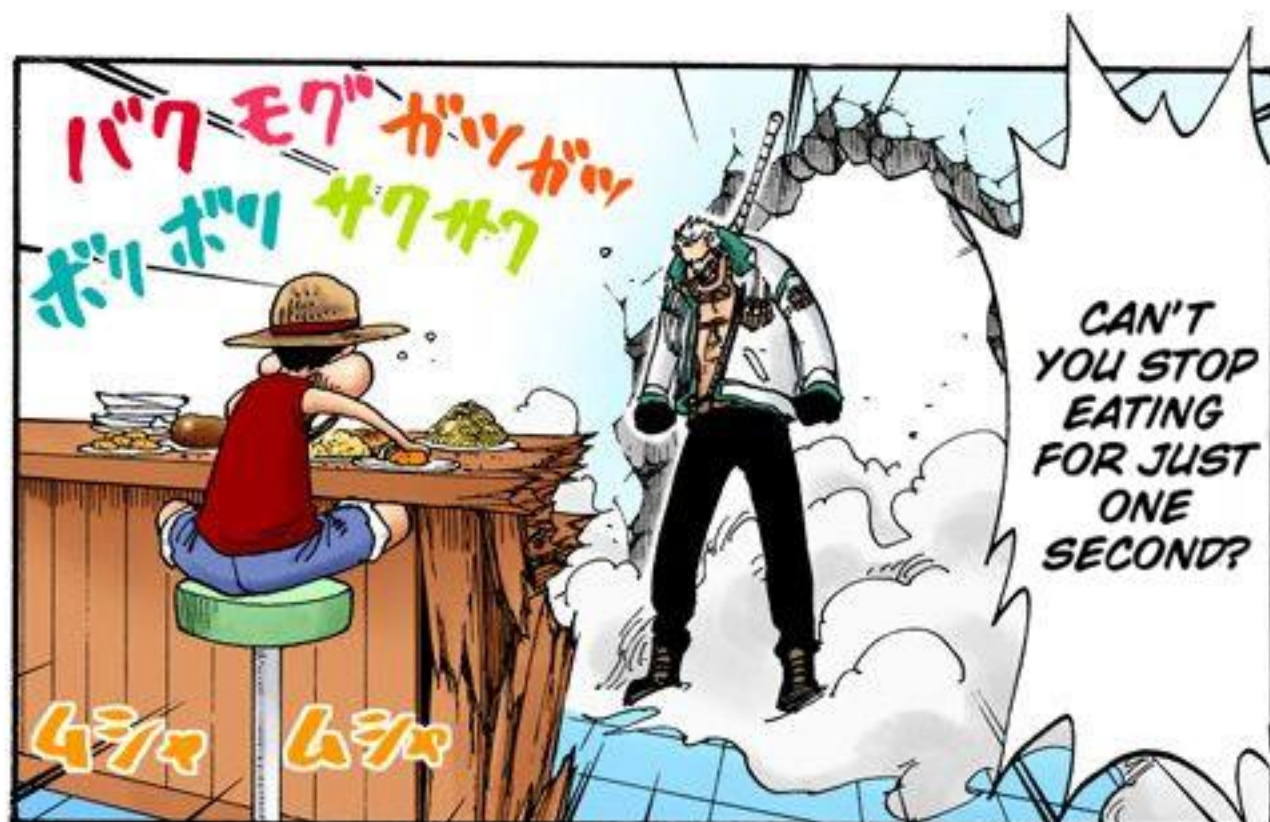
GAHH!

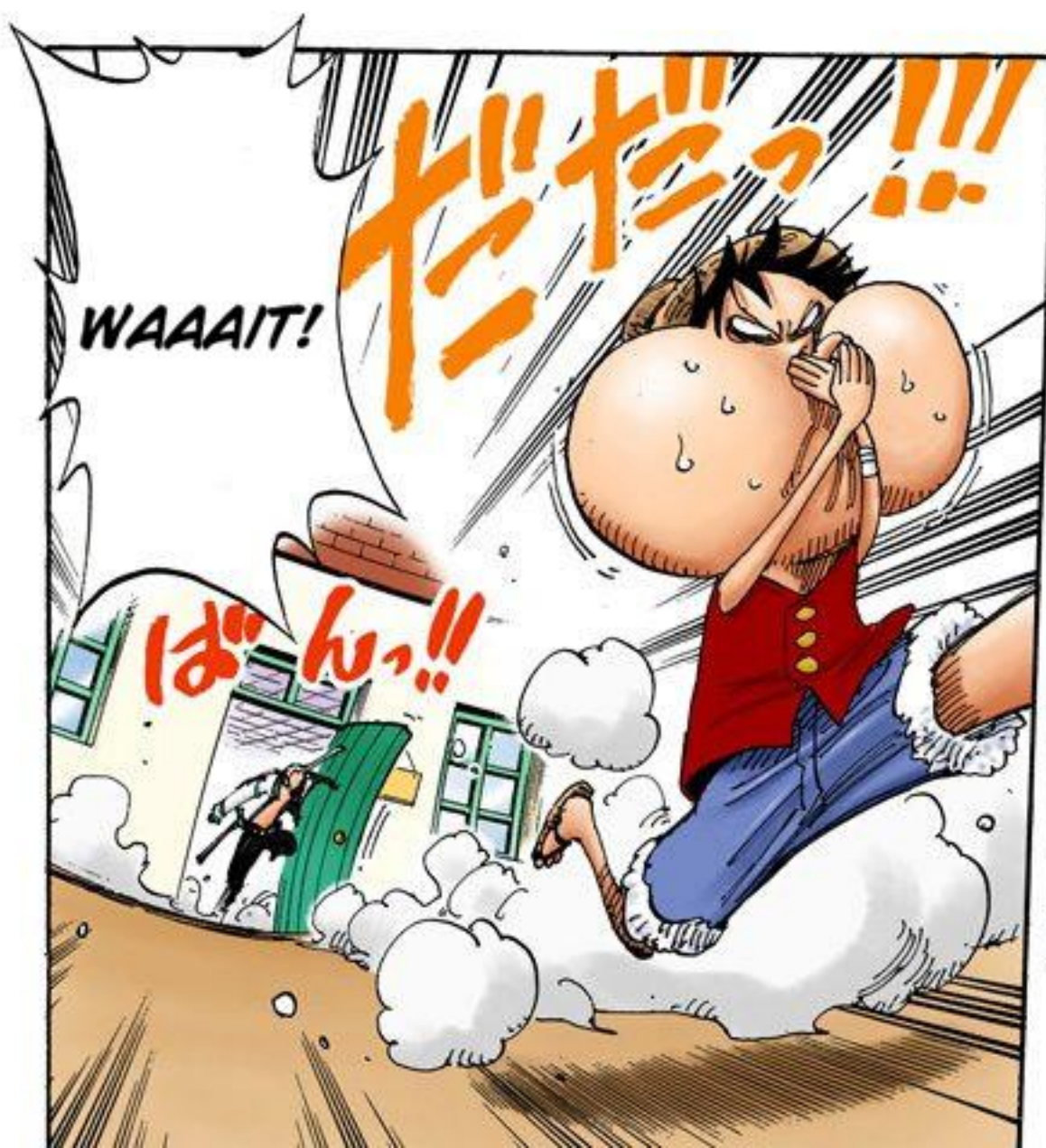
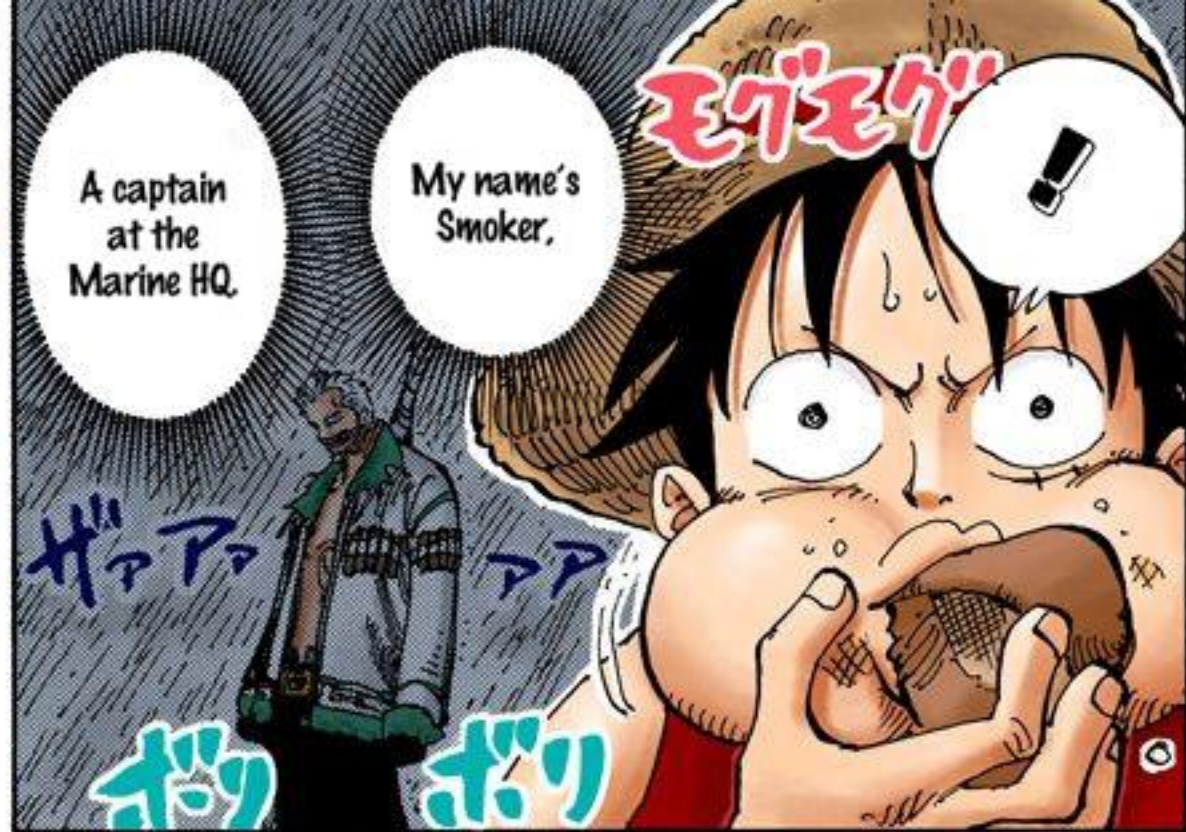
ROCKET!

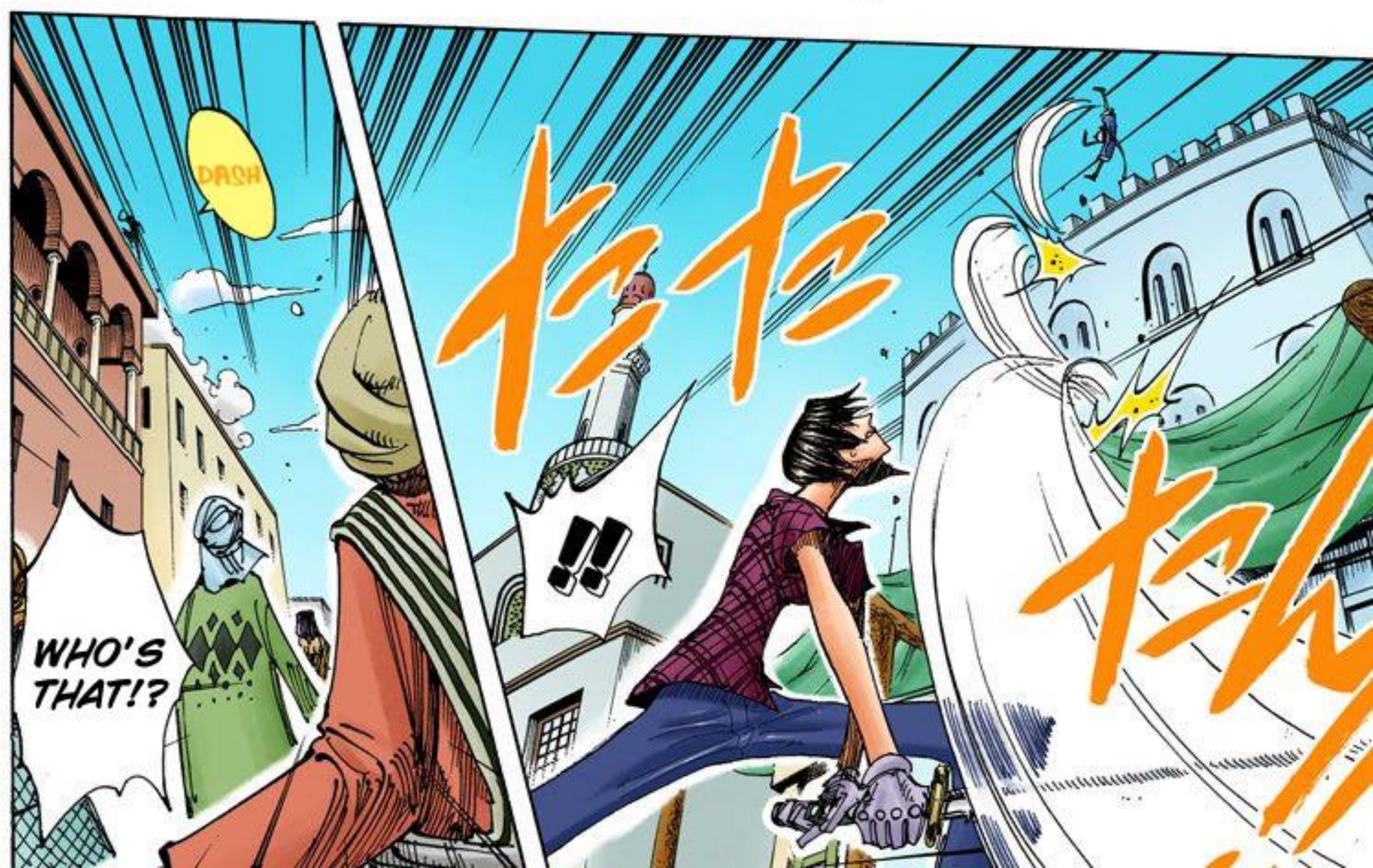
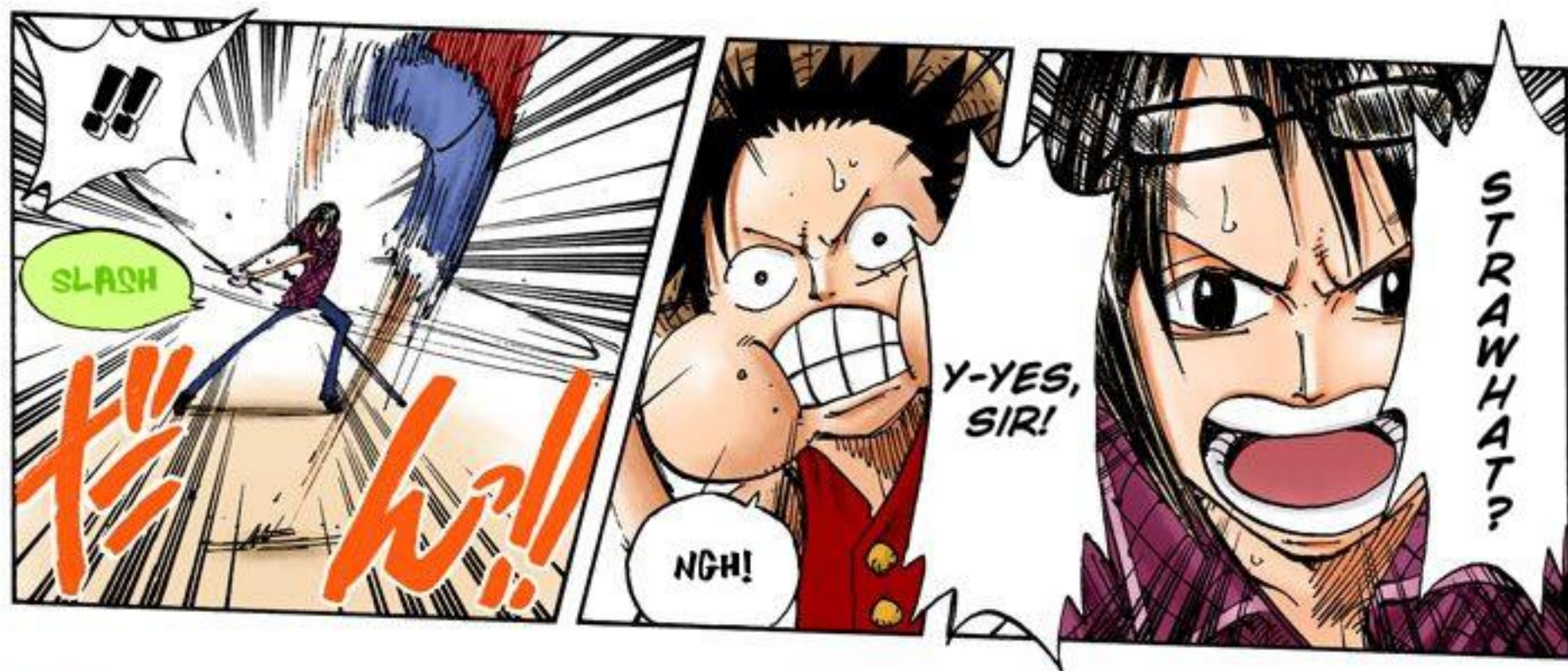
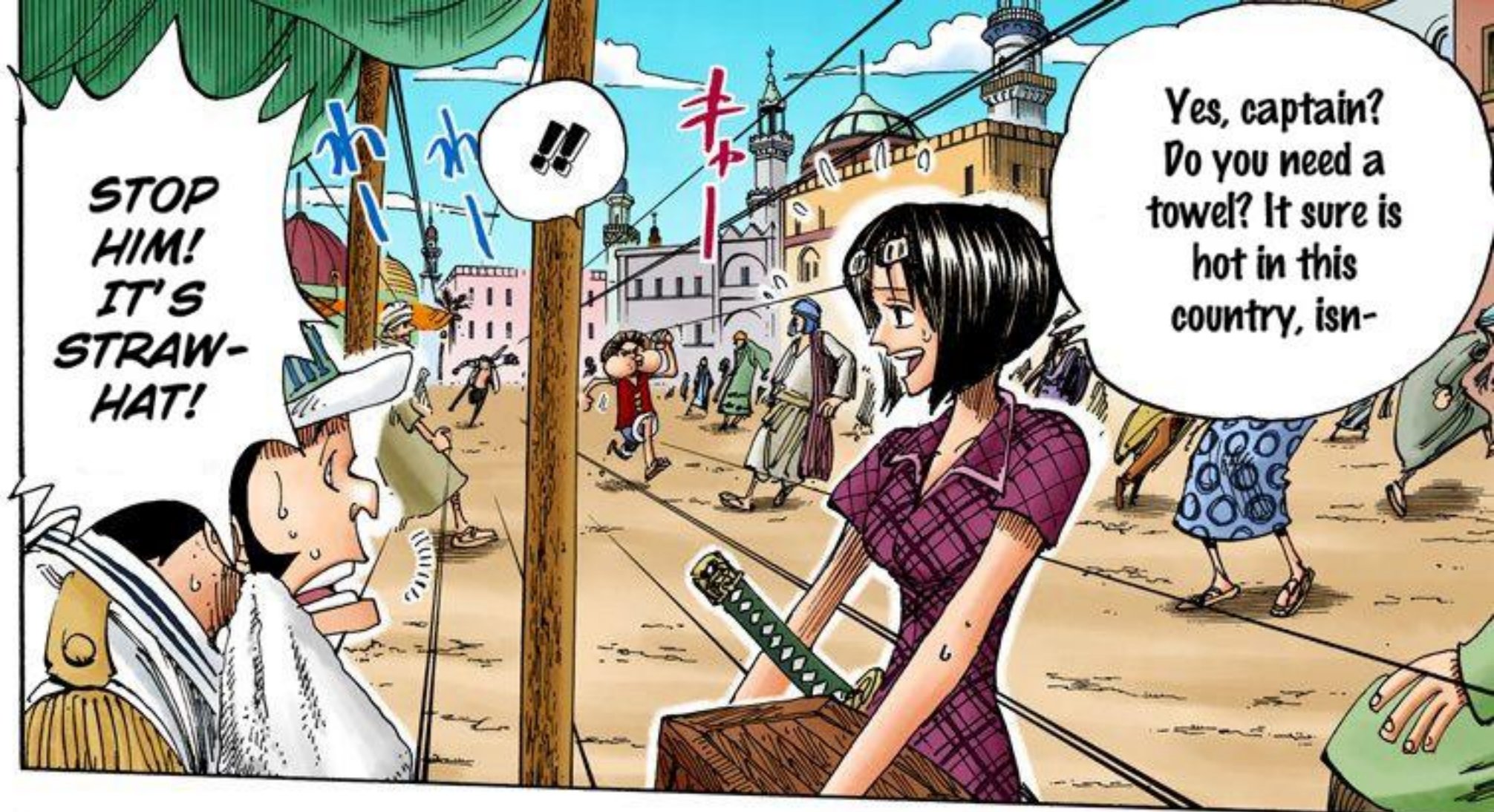
WHA!?

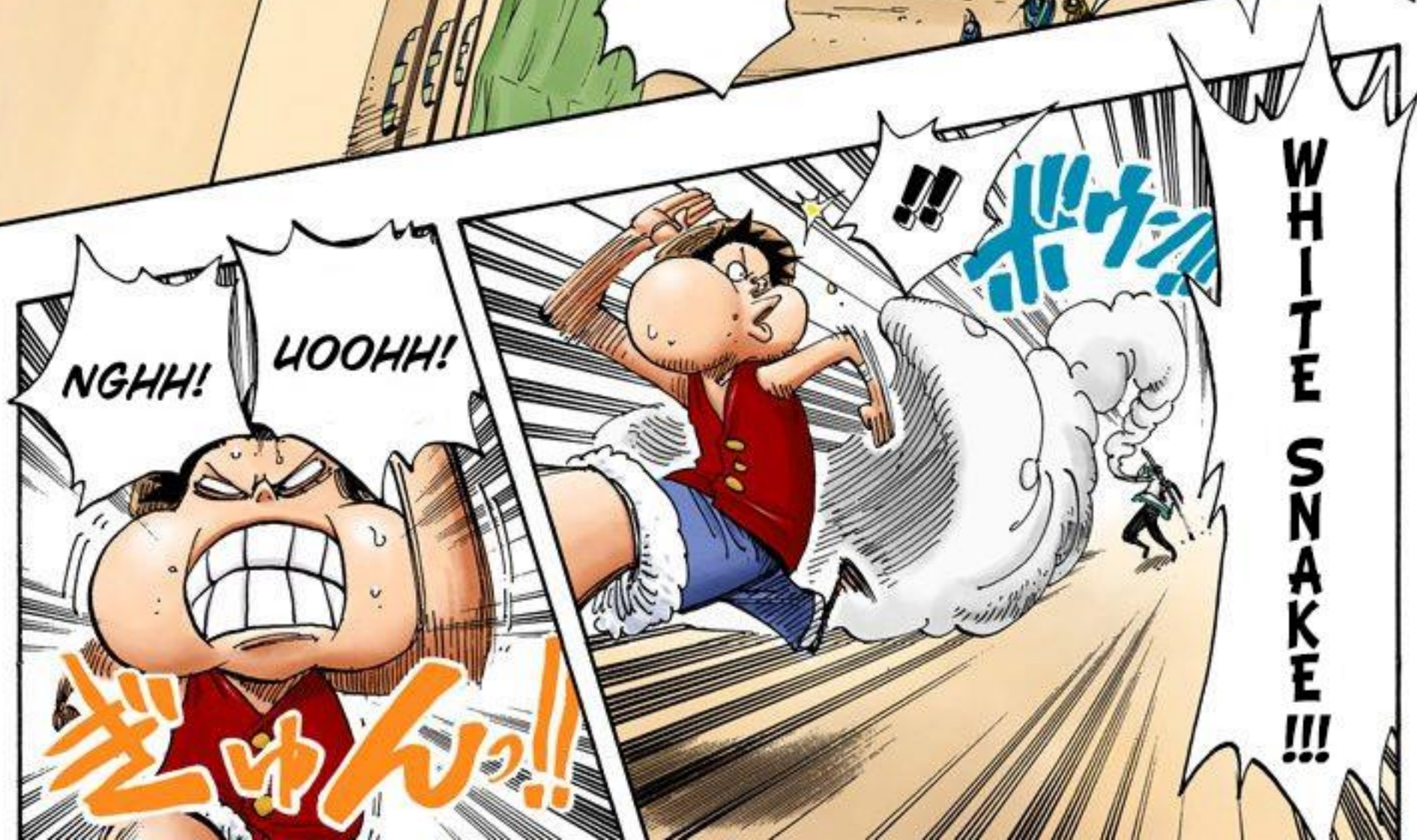
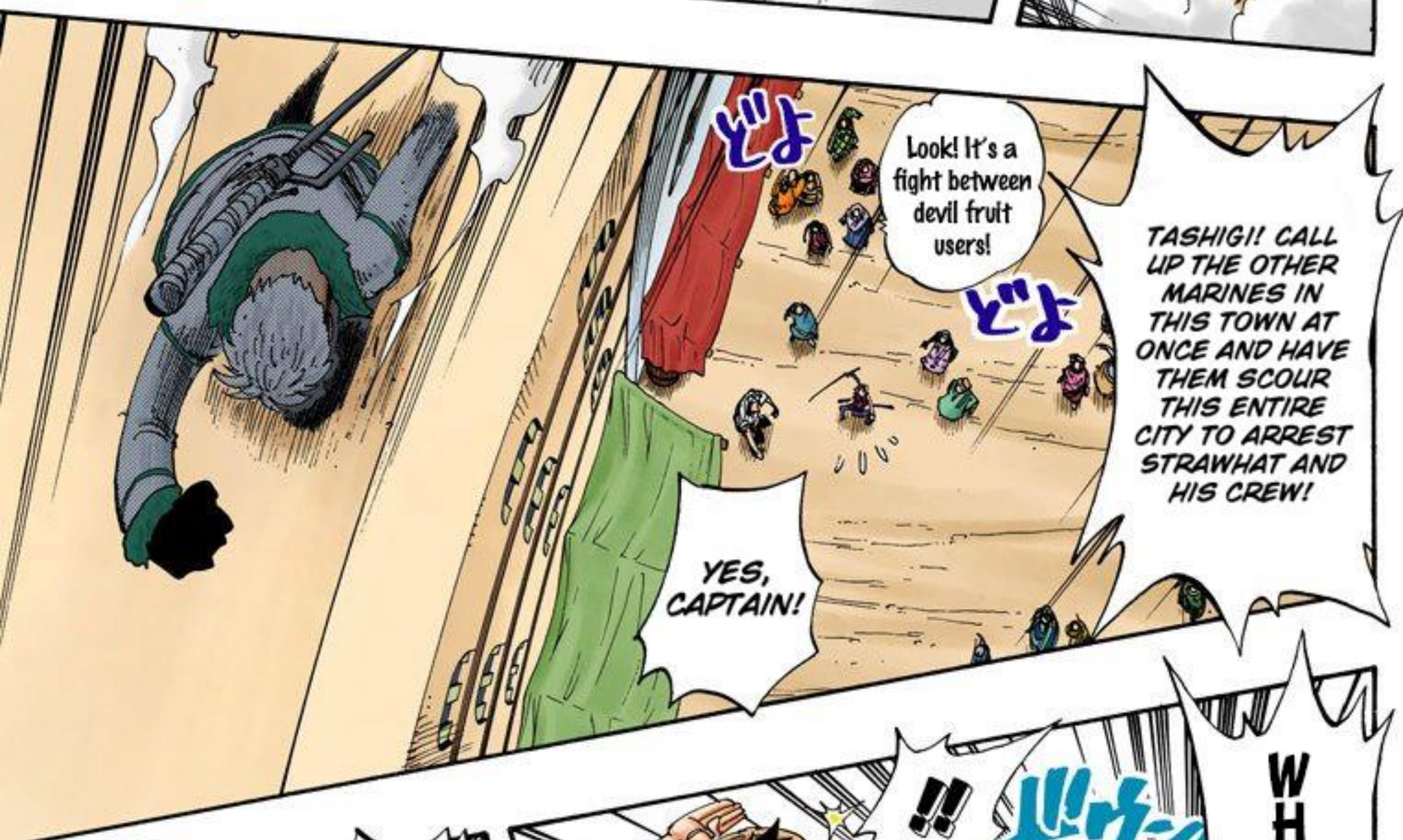


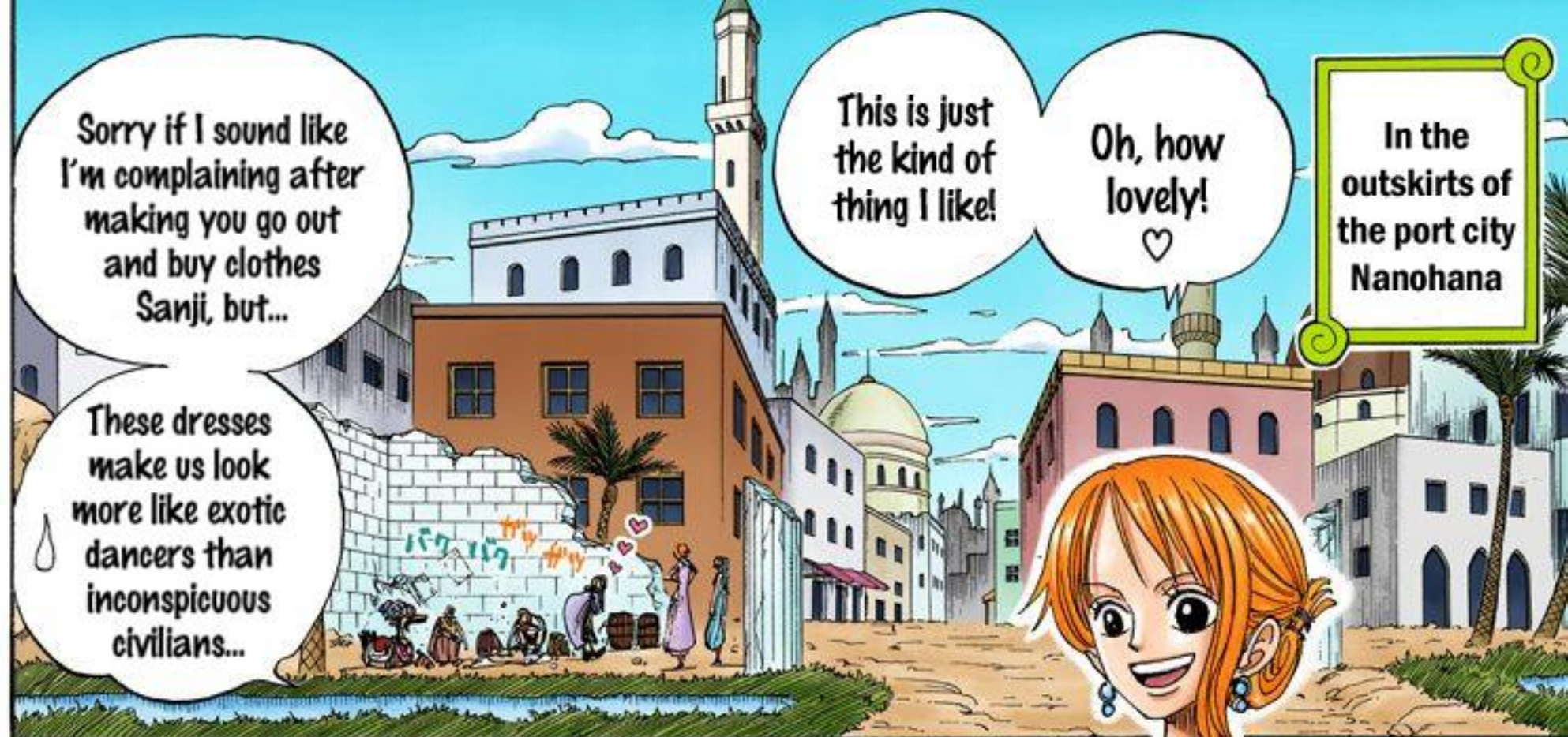












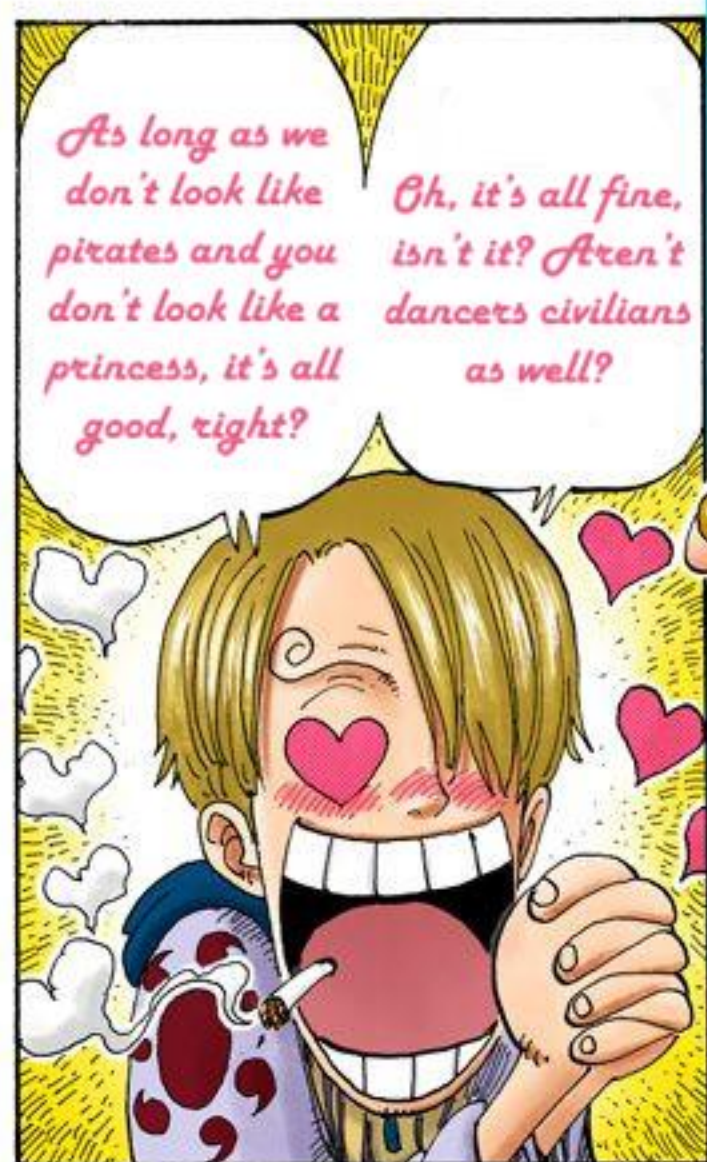
Sorry if I sound like I'm complaining after making you go out and buy clothes Sanji, but...

This is just the kind of thing I like!

Oh, how lovely! ♡

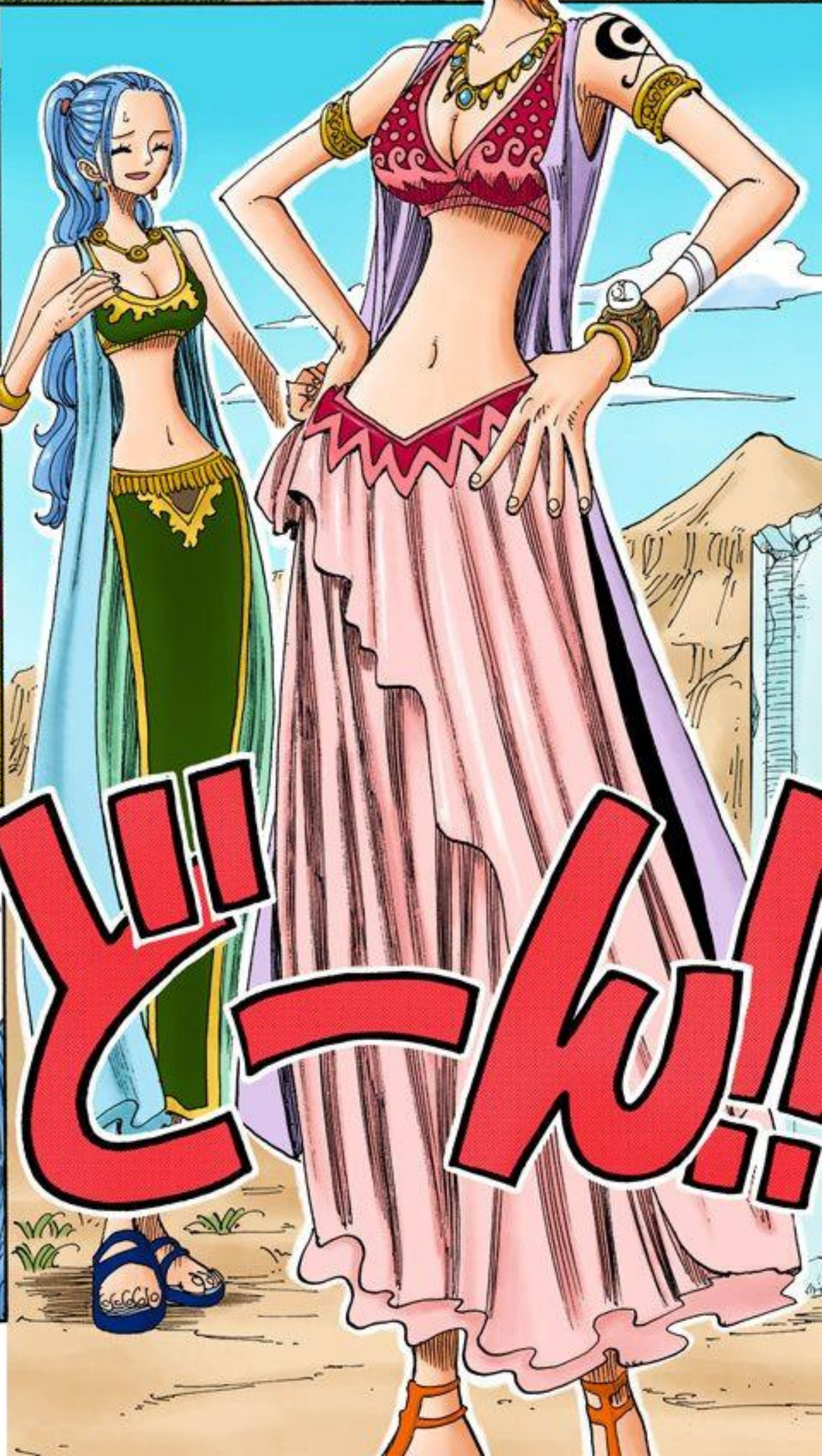
In the outskirts of the port city Nanohana

These dresses make us look more like exotic dancers than inconspicuous civilians...



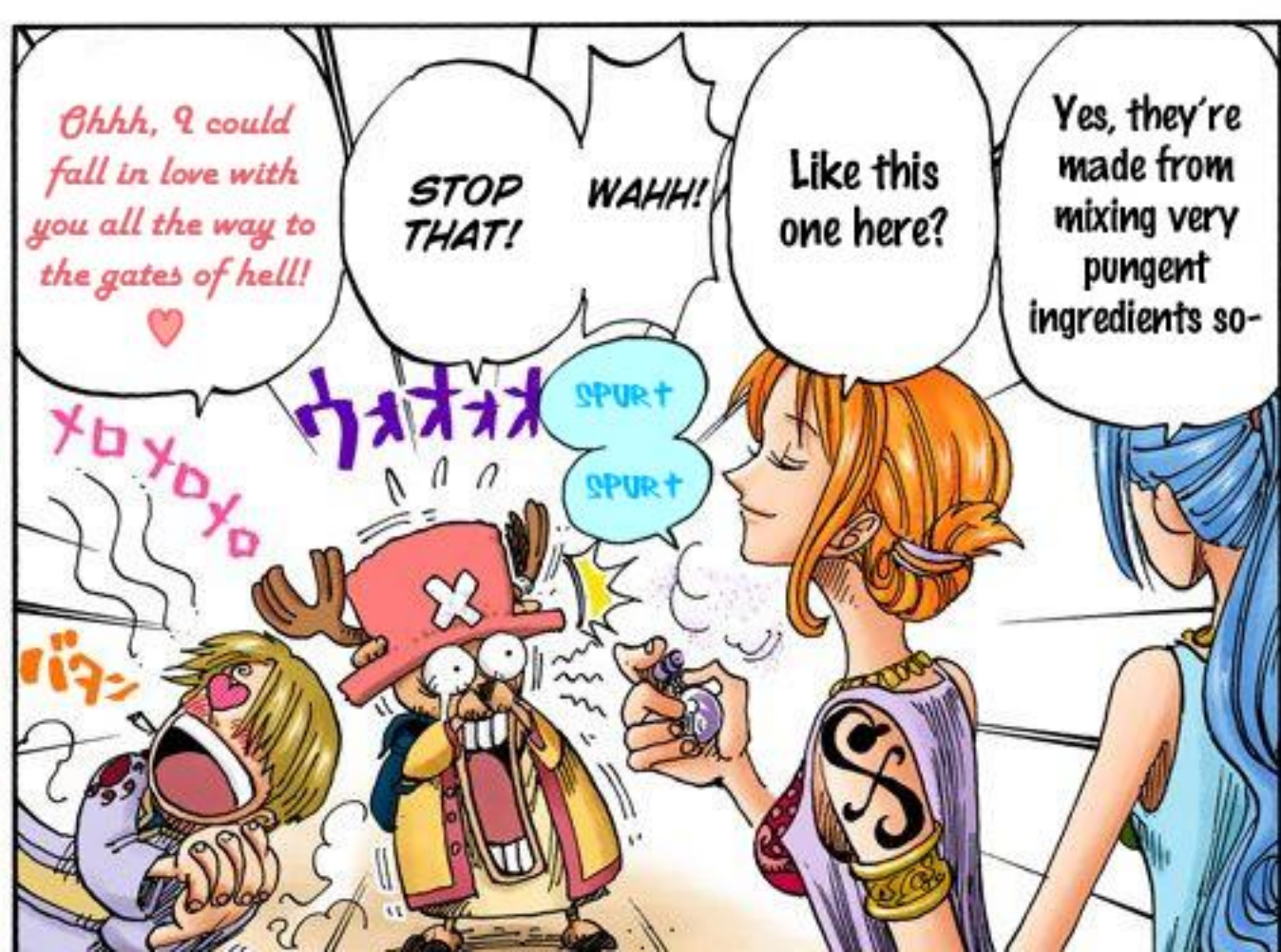
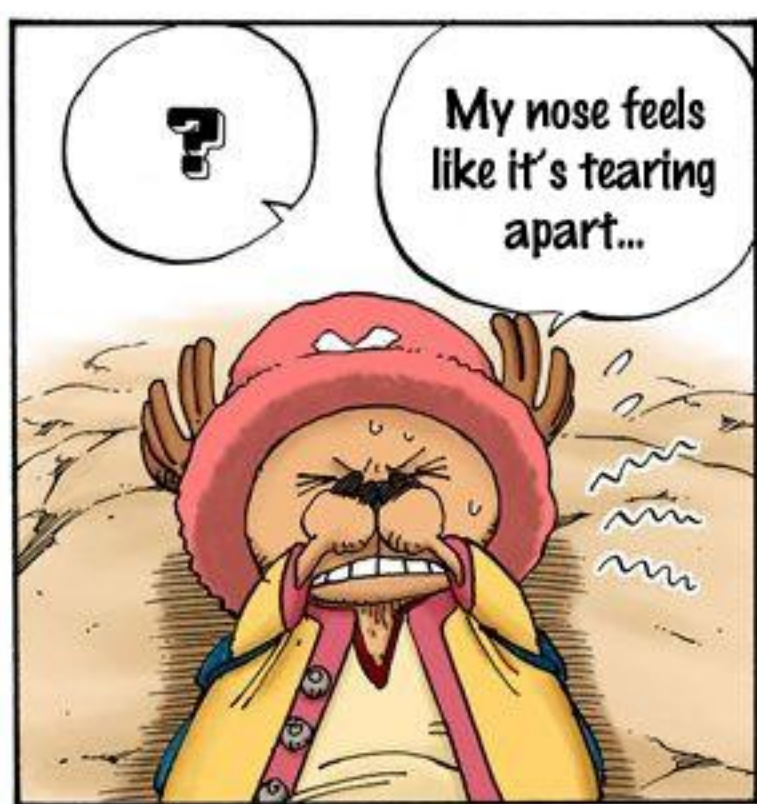
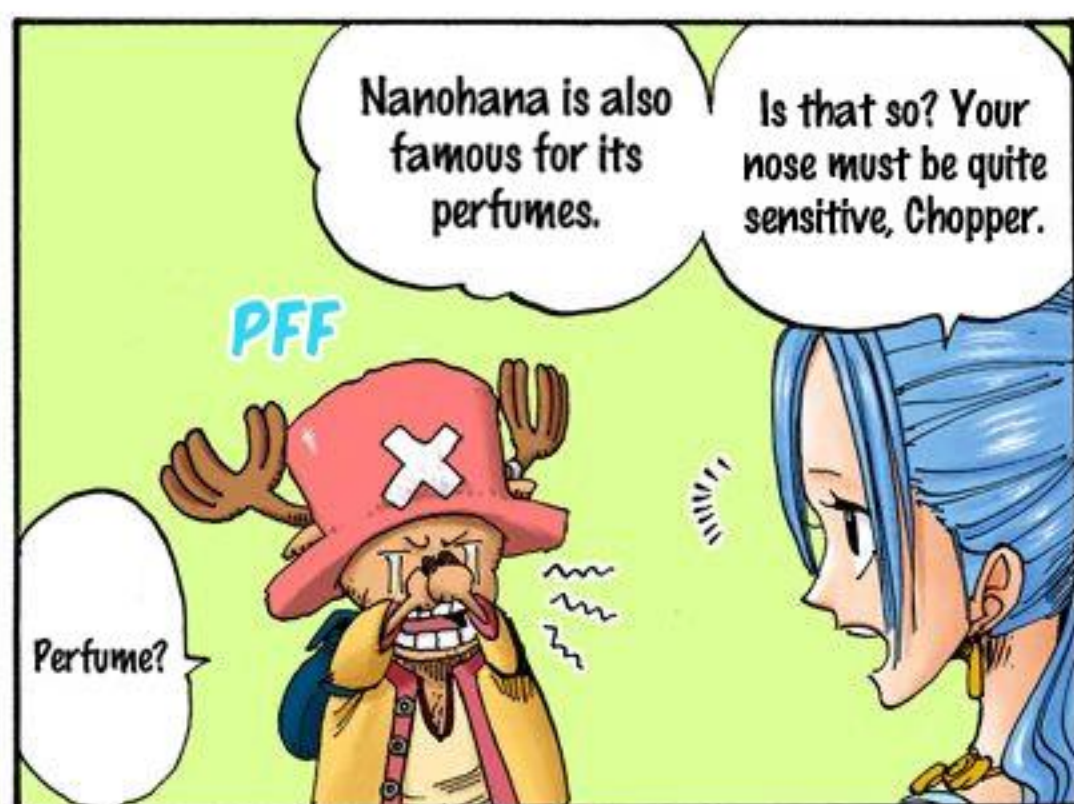
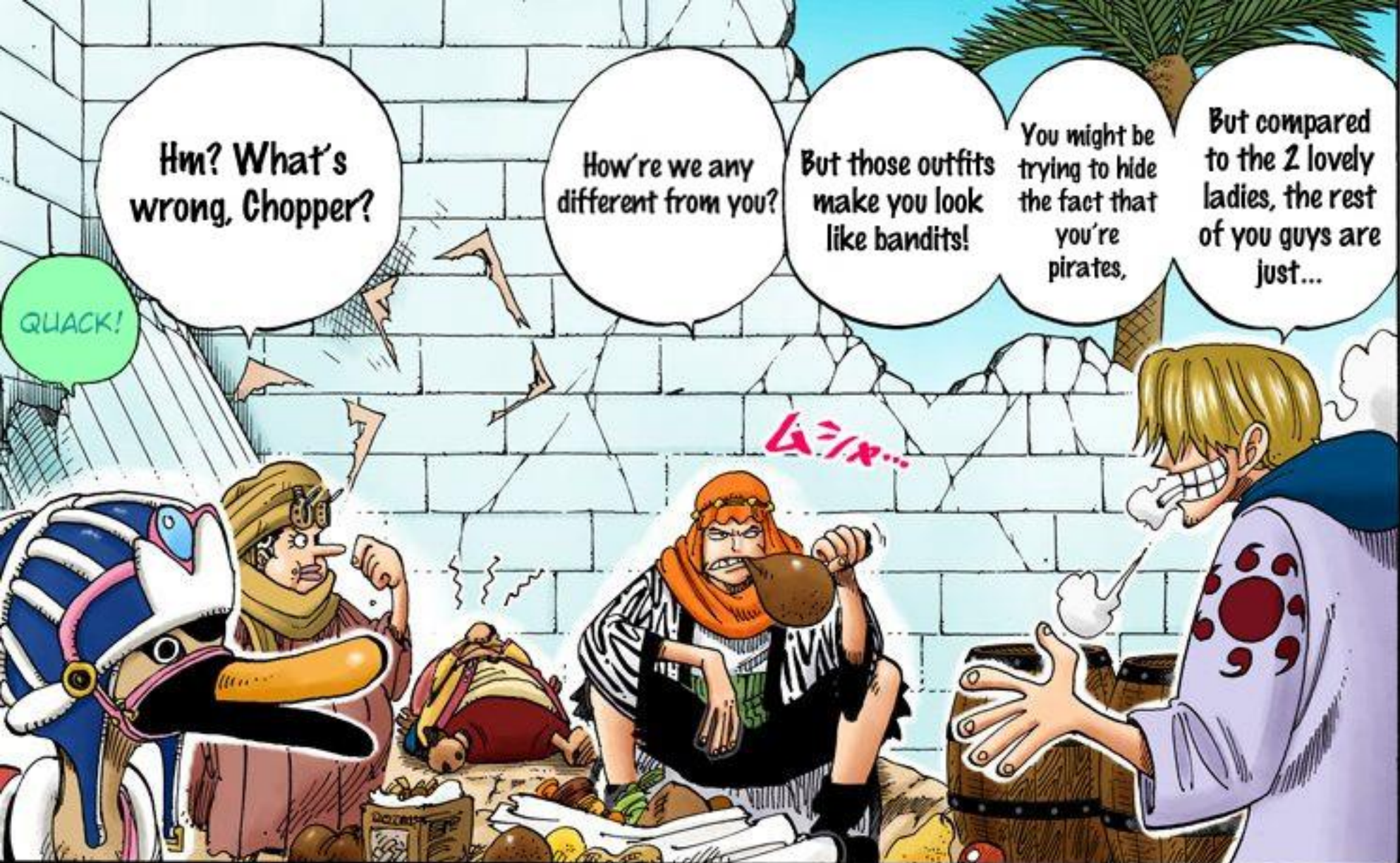
As long as we don't look like pirates and you don't look like a princess, it's all good, right?

Oh, it's all fine, isn't it? Aren't dancers civilians as well?



Don't worry, I'll carry you if you get tired. Ohoho!

But to walk across the desert in this is...



So Vivi, where do we head from here?

In any case, we now have all the supplies we need to cross the Alabastan desert...



So we'll head over to the oasis town called Yuba,

Which is being used as the base of operation by the leader of the rebel forces.



Well... First, we have to stop the rebel forces!

I can't predict when they'll start rampaging and needlessly shedding blood.

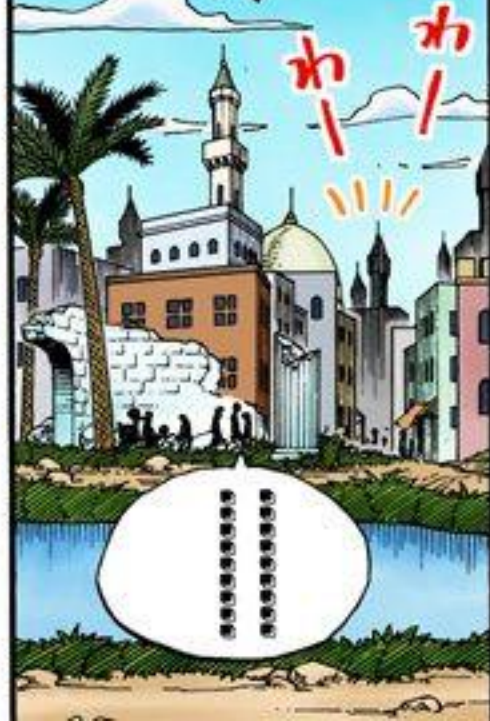


What're they doing here...!?

Marines.



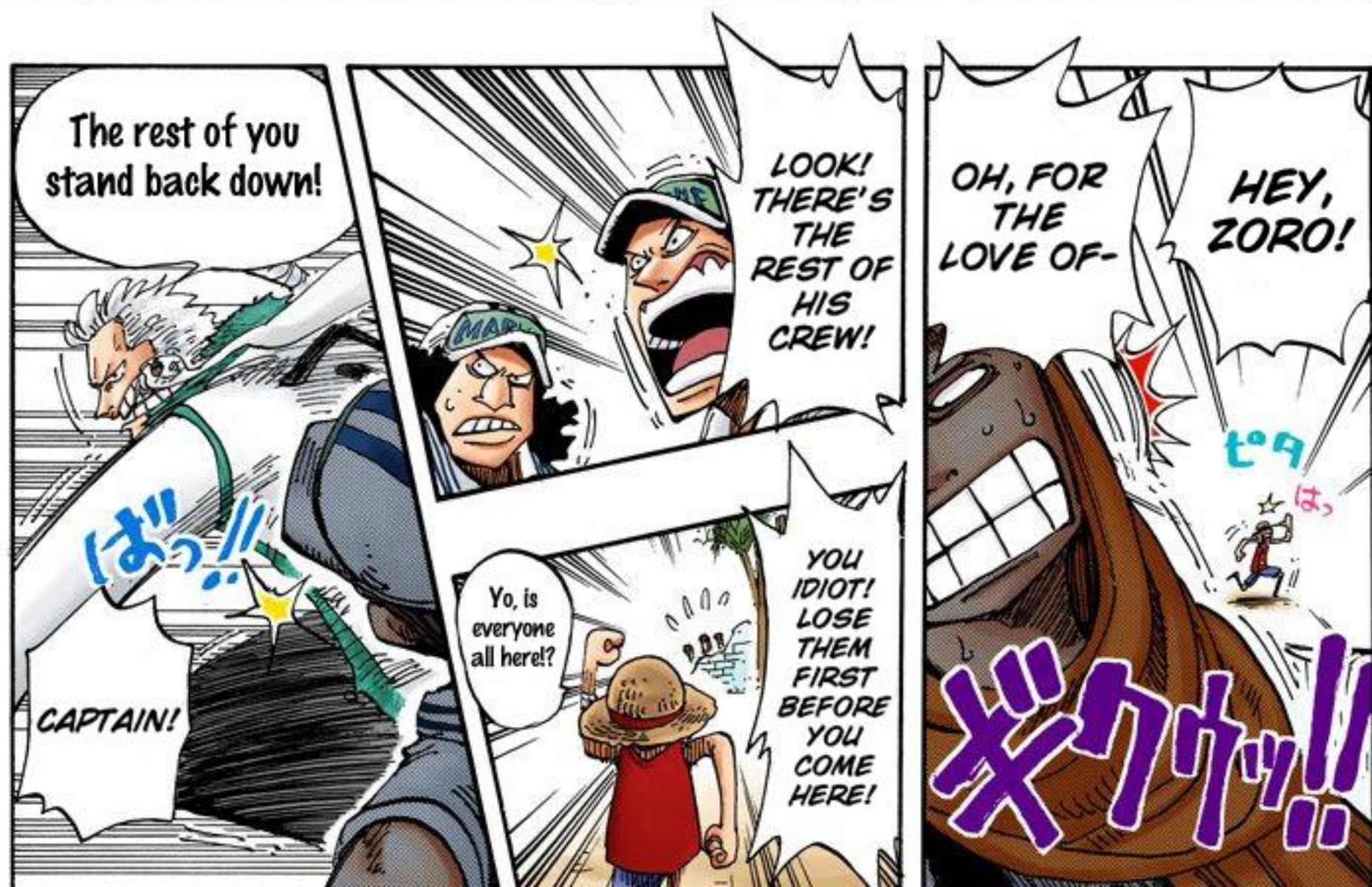
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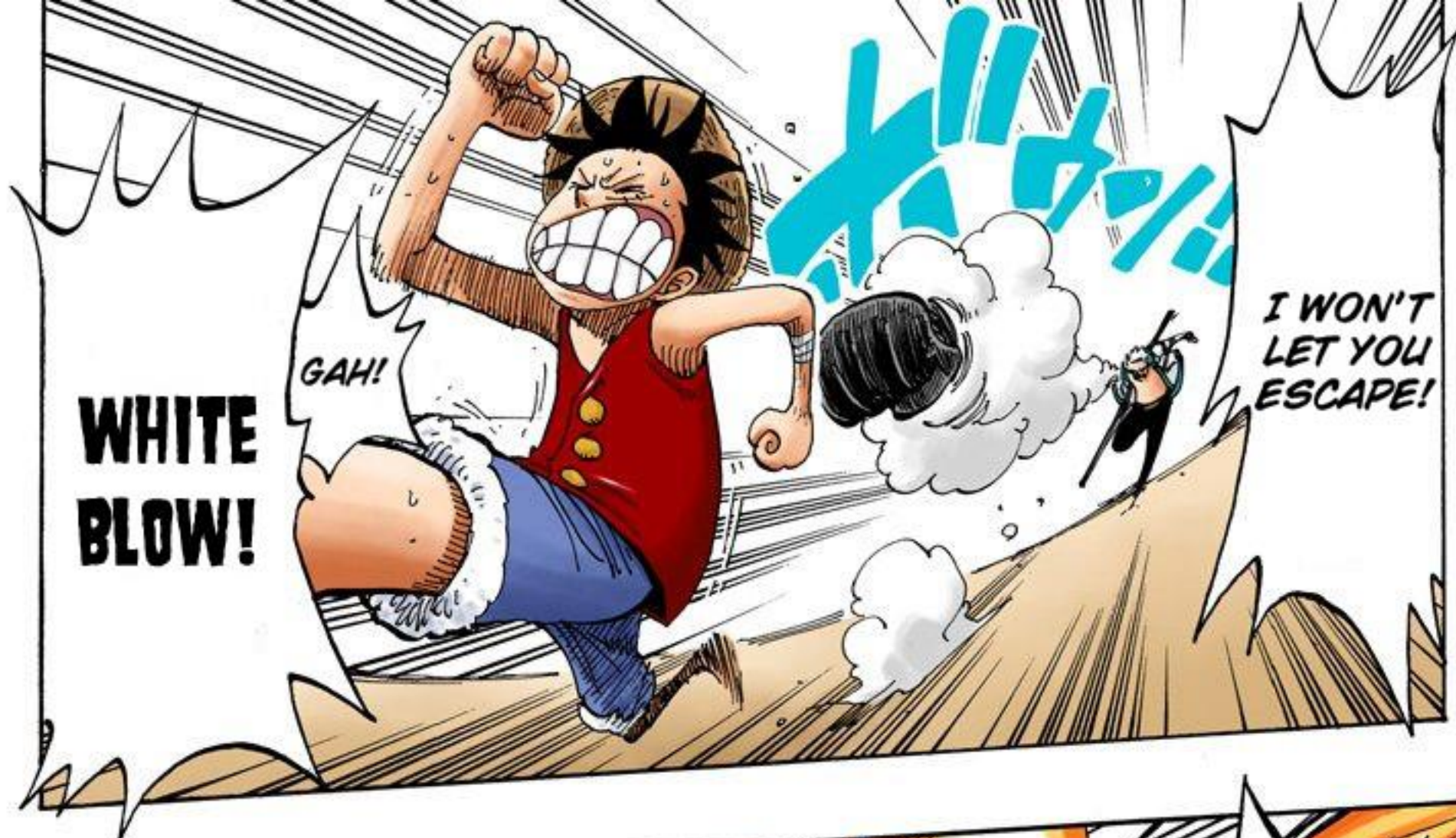


GET DOWN!

And to go to Yuba, we-



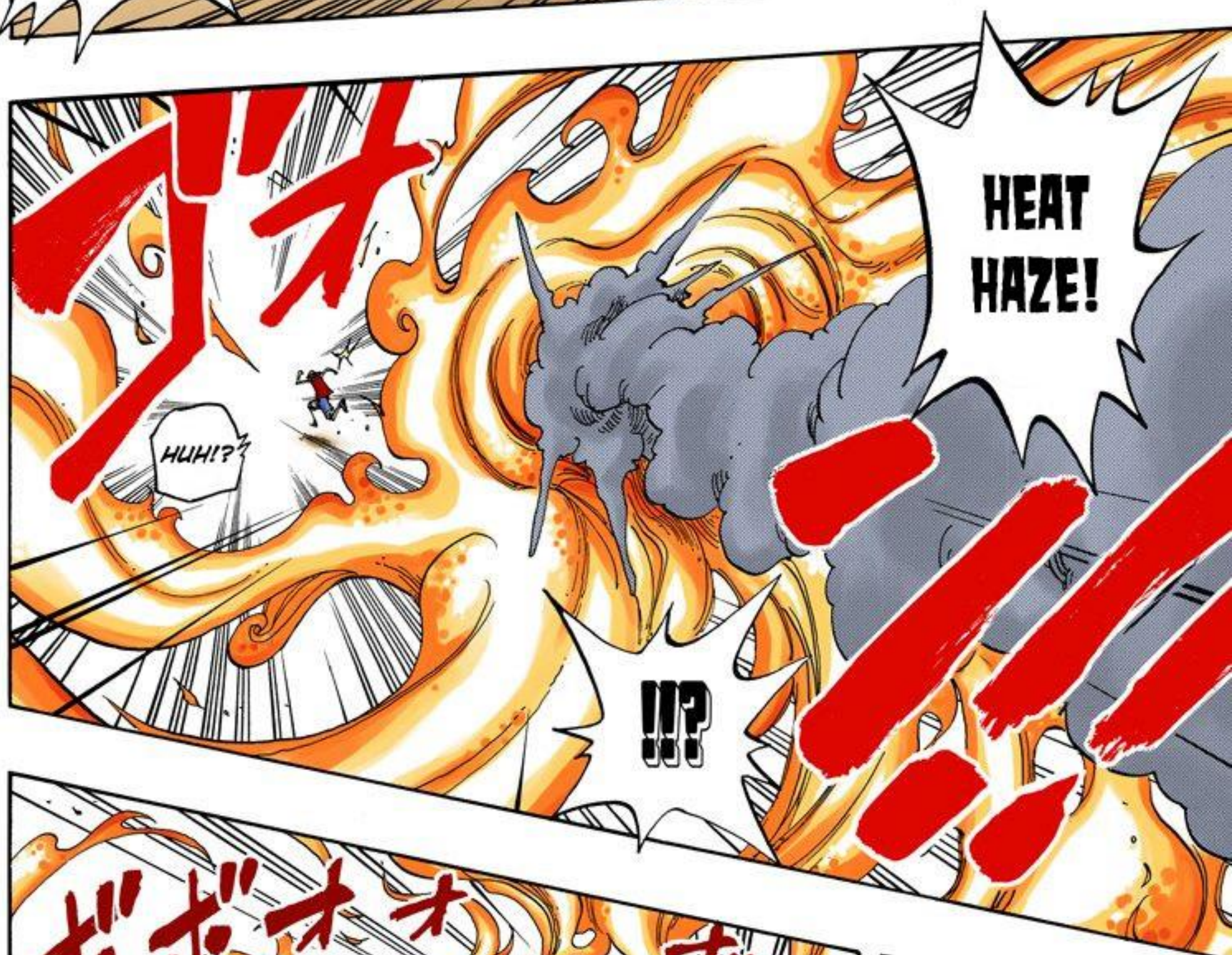




**WHITE
BLOW!**

GAH!

I WON'T
LET YOU
ESCAPE!



**HEAT
HAZE!**

HUH!?

!!?



Give it
a rest.

So it's
you.



!!?



You might be smoke,
but I'm fire.

A match between
our abilities won't
get us anywhere.

You haven't
changed at all,

Have you, Luffy?

ACE...!?

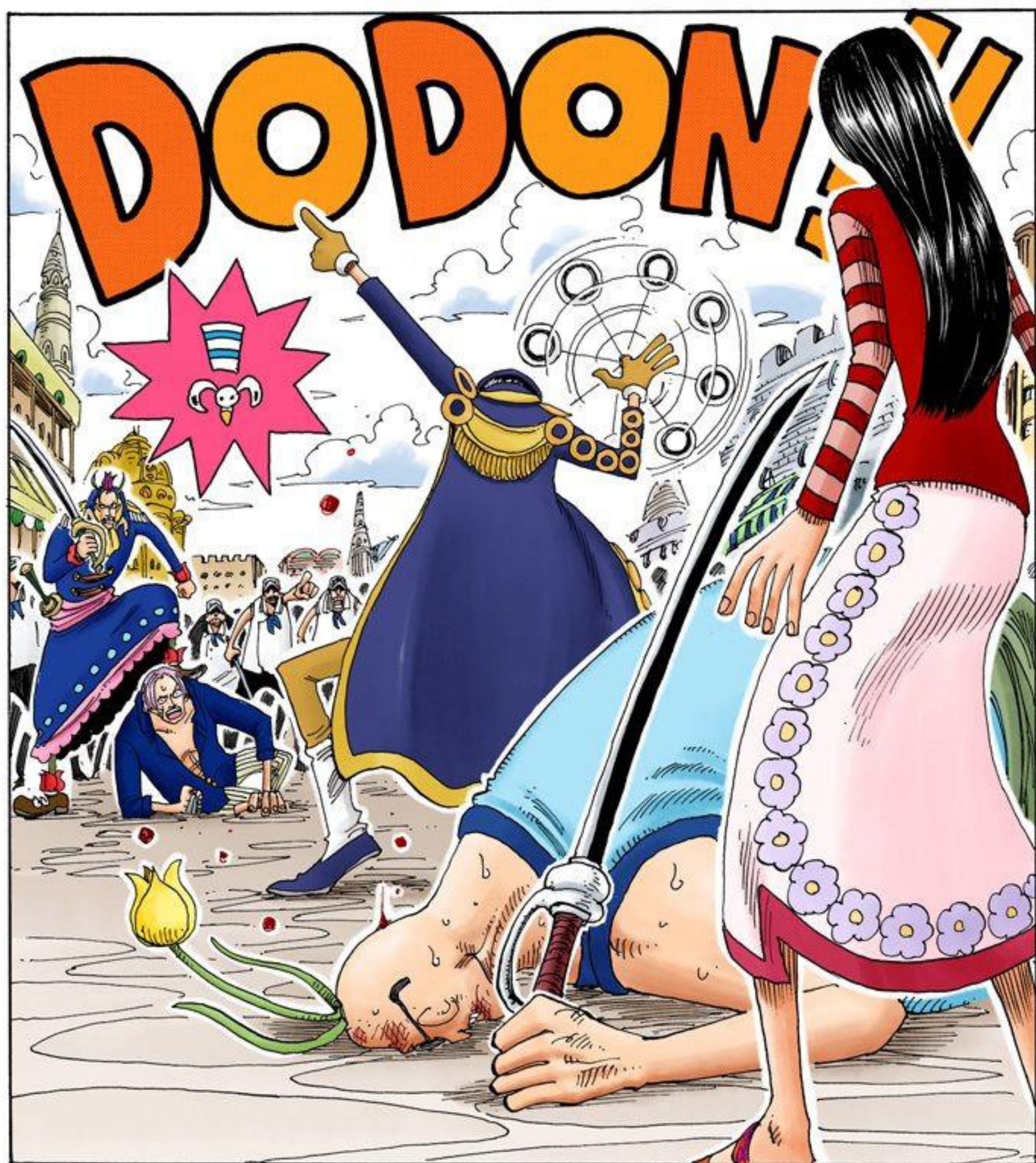
GRIN

WHO'S
THAT...!?

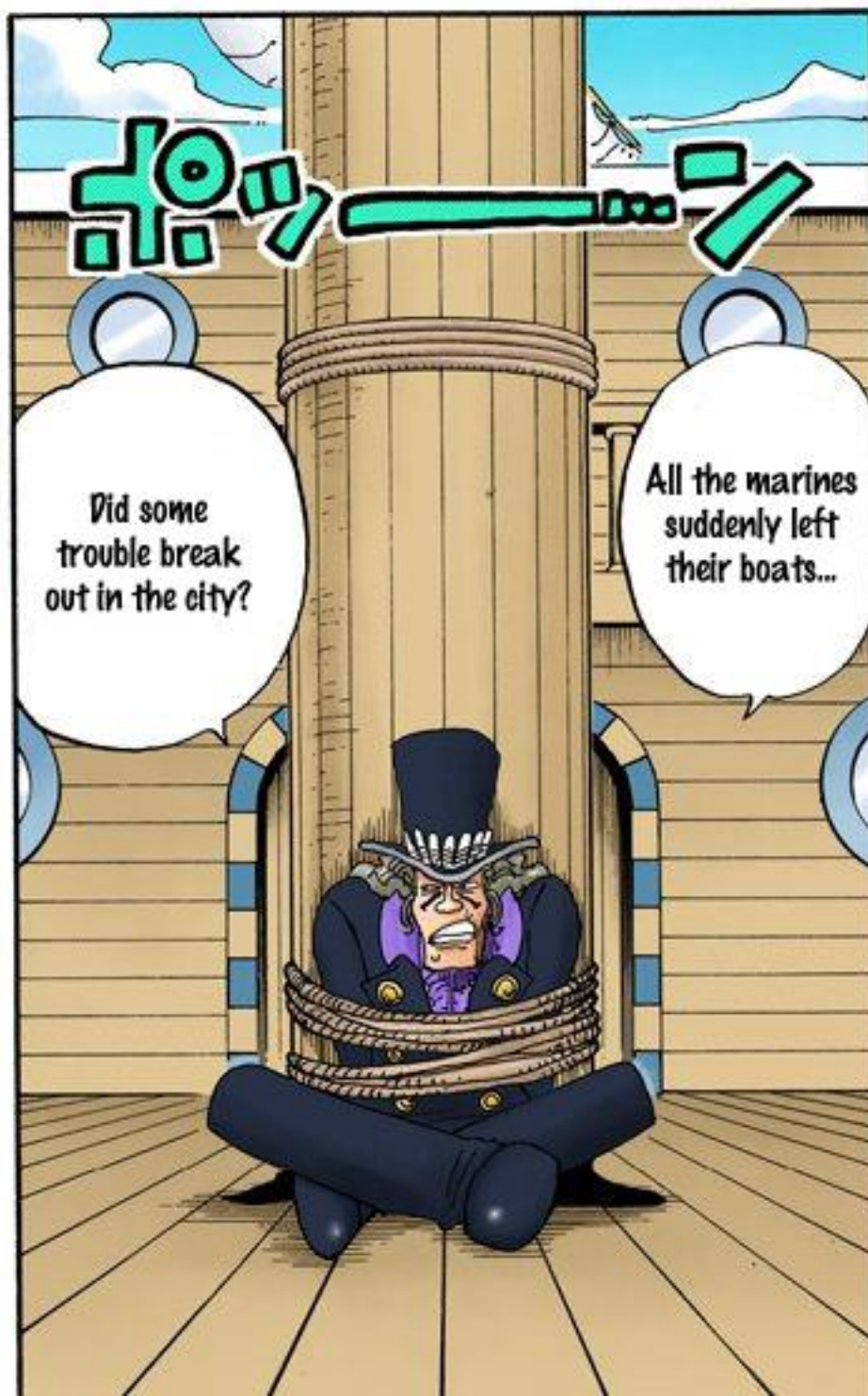
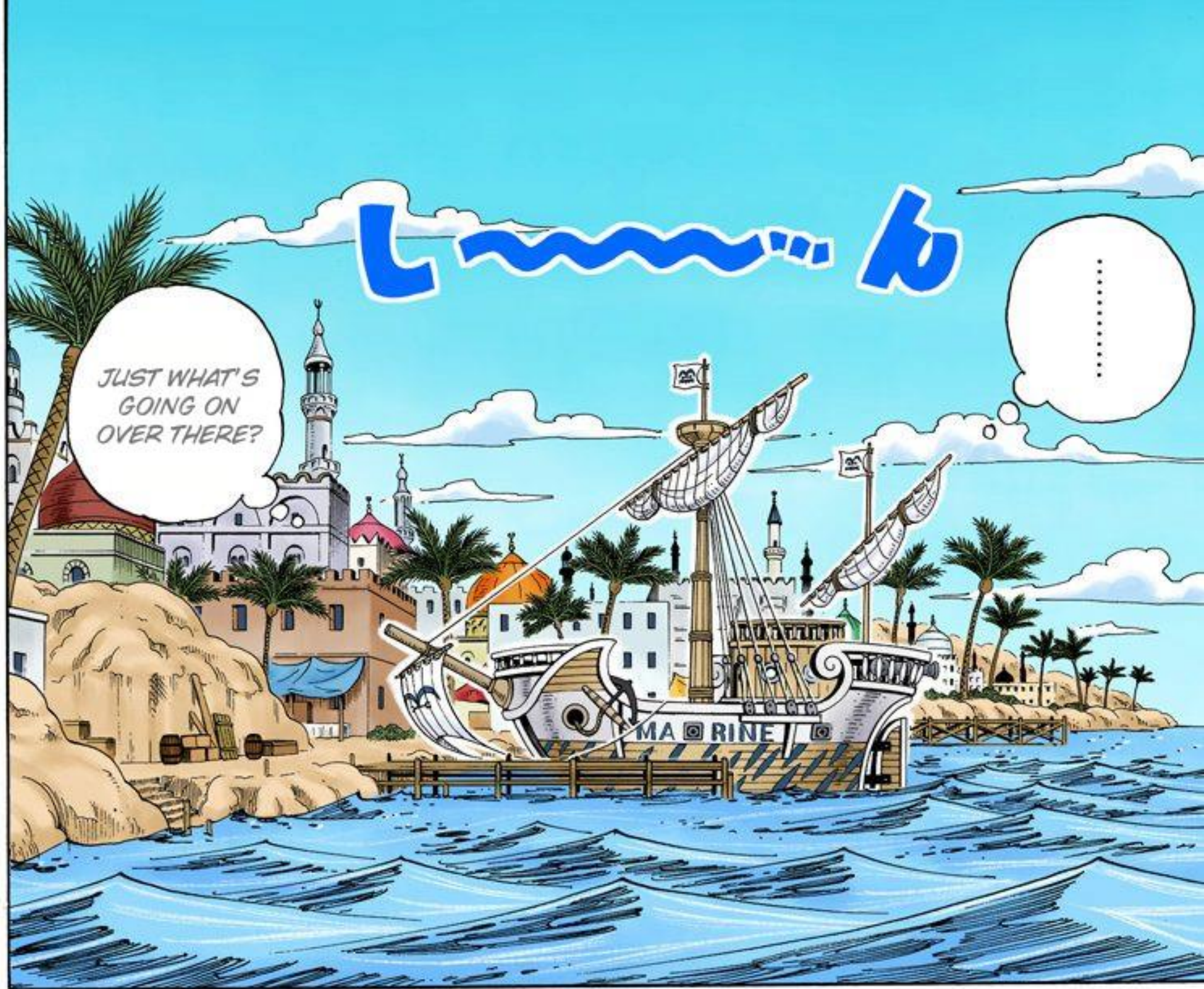
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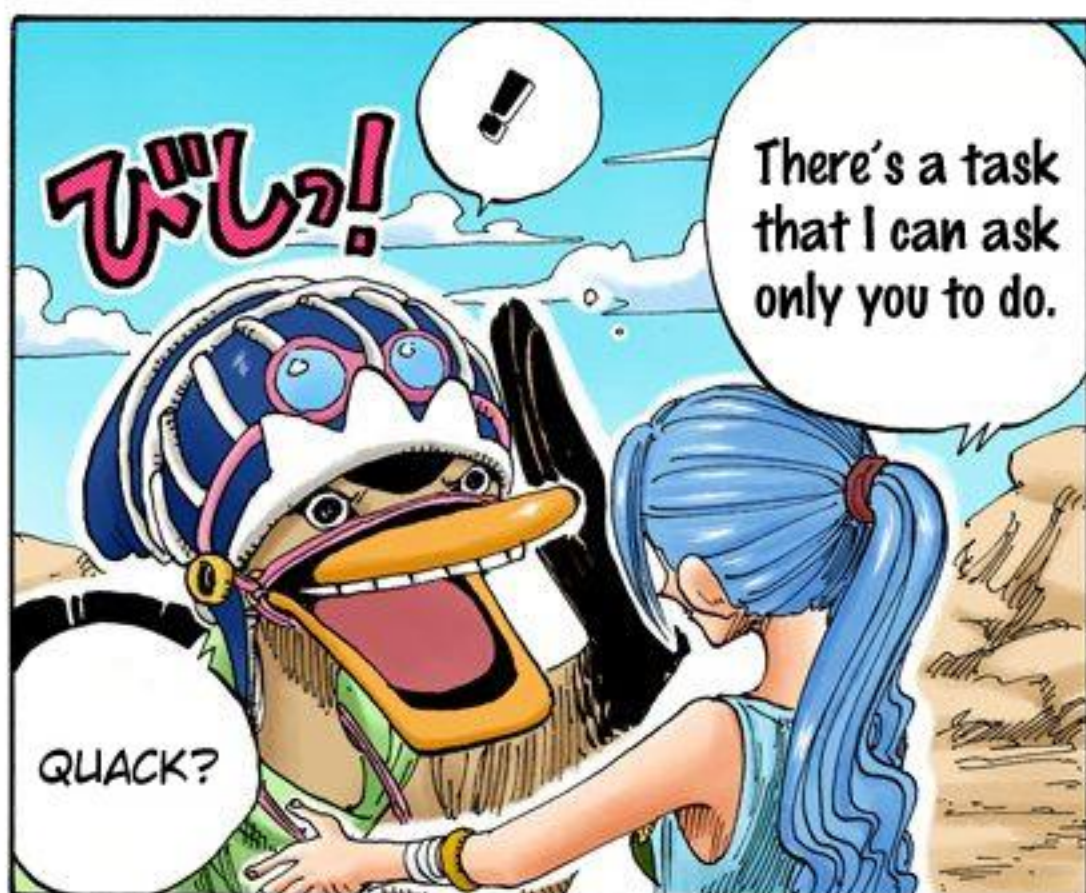
Chapter 159 "Come Up"

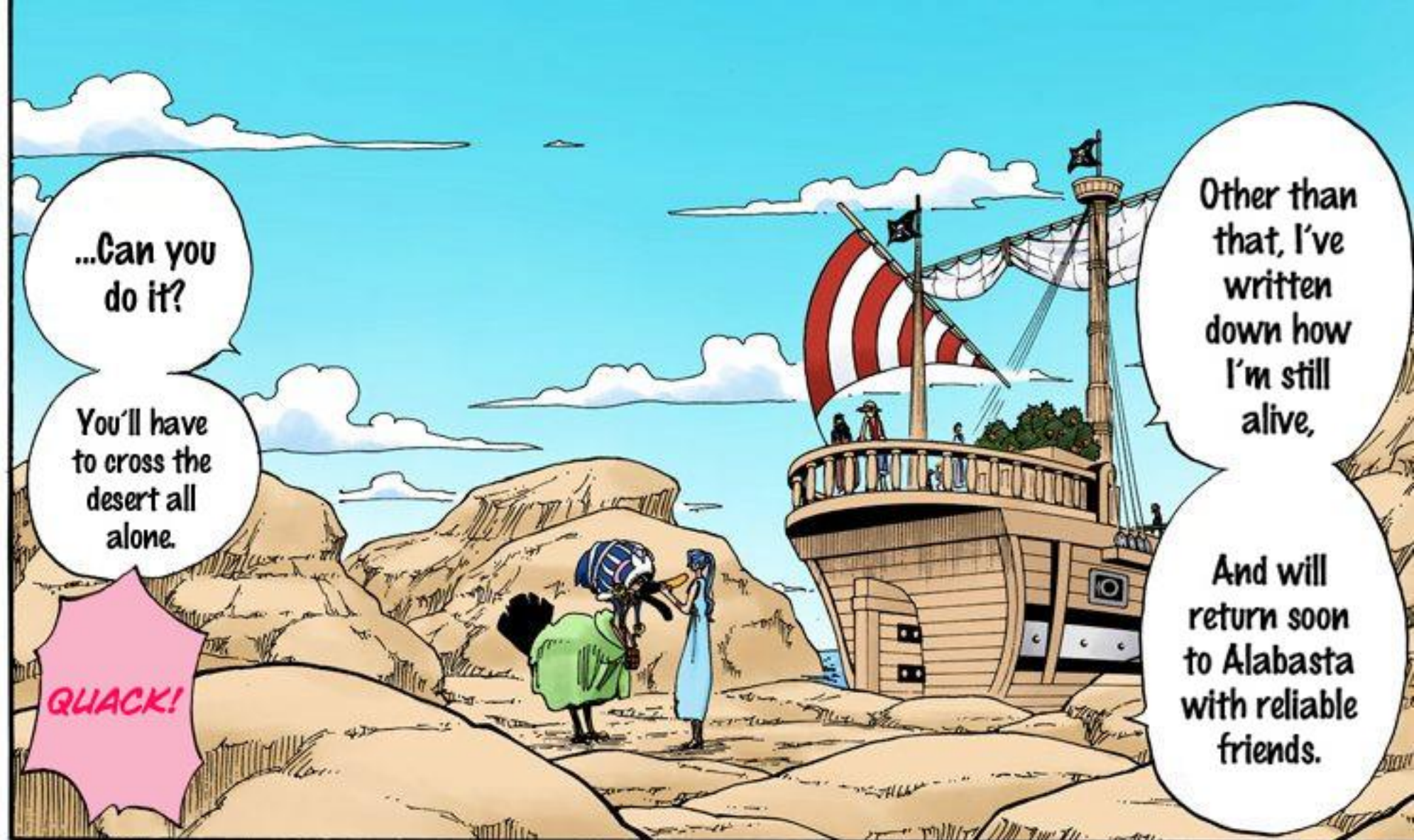


JANGO'S DANCE PARADISE VOL. 26 "THE MAN WHO CAME BACK"









...Can you do it?

You'll have to cross the desert all alone.

QUACK!

Other than that, I've written down how I'm still alive,

And will return soon to Alabasta with reliable friends.



QUAAAACK!

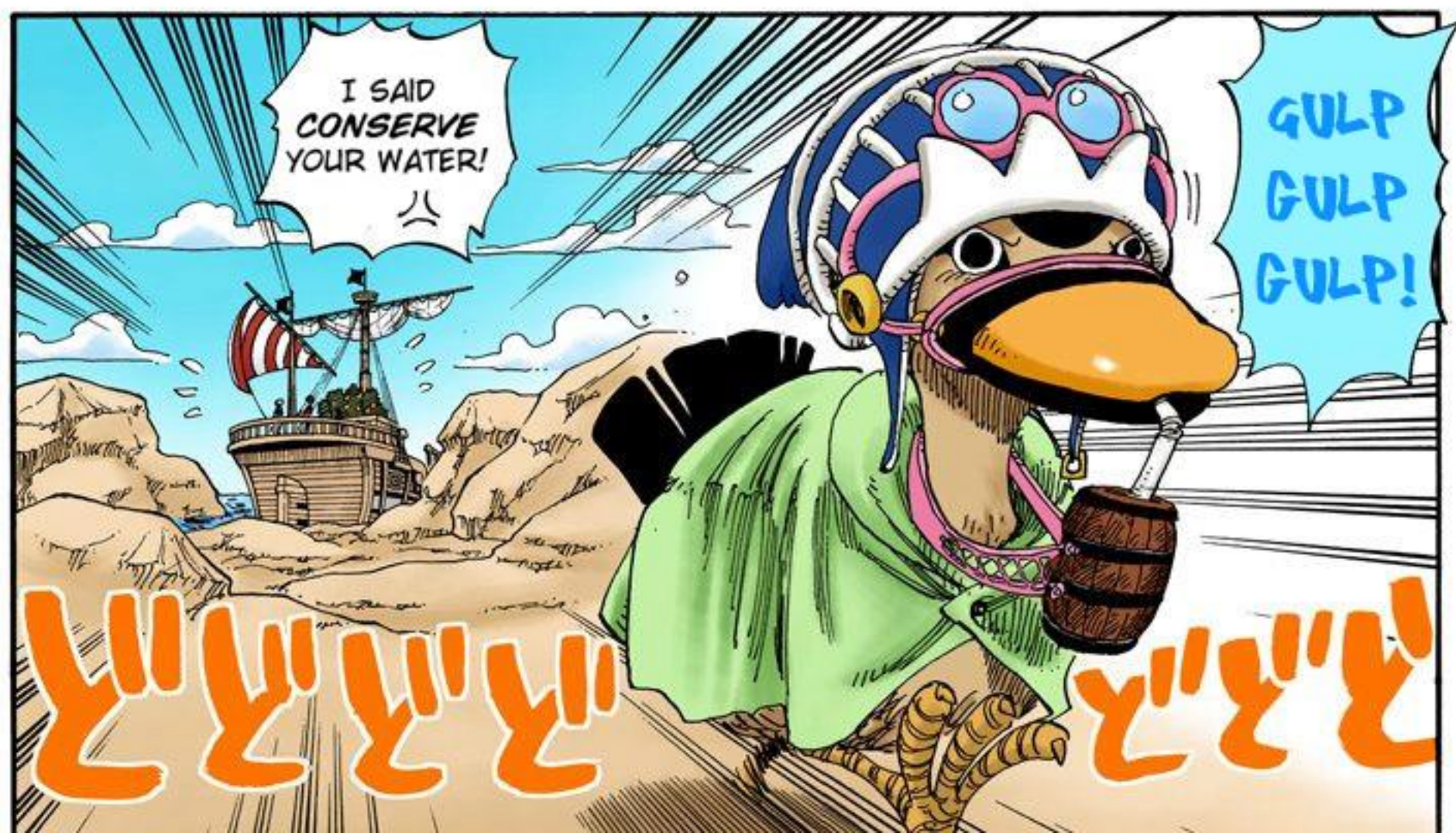
That we can still save this country!

Then hurry up and send the word to my father!

Good, just remember to conserve your water in the desert.



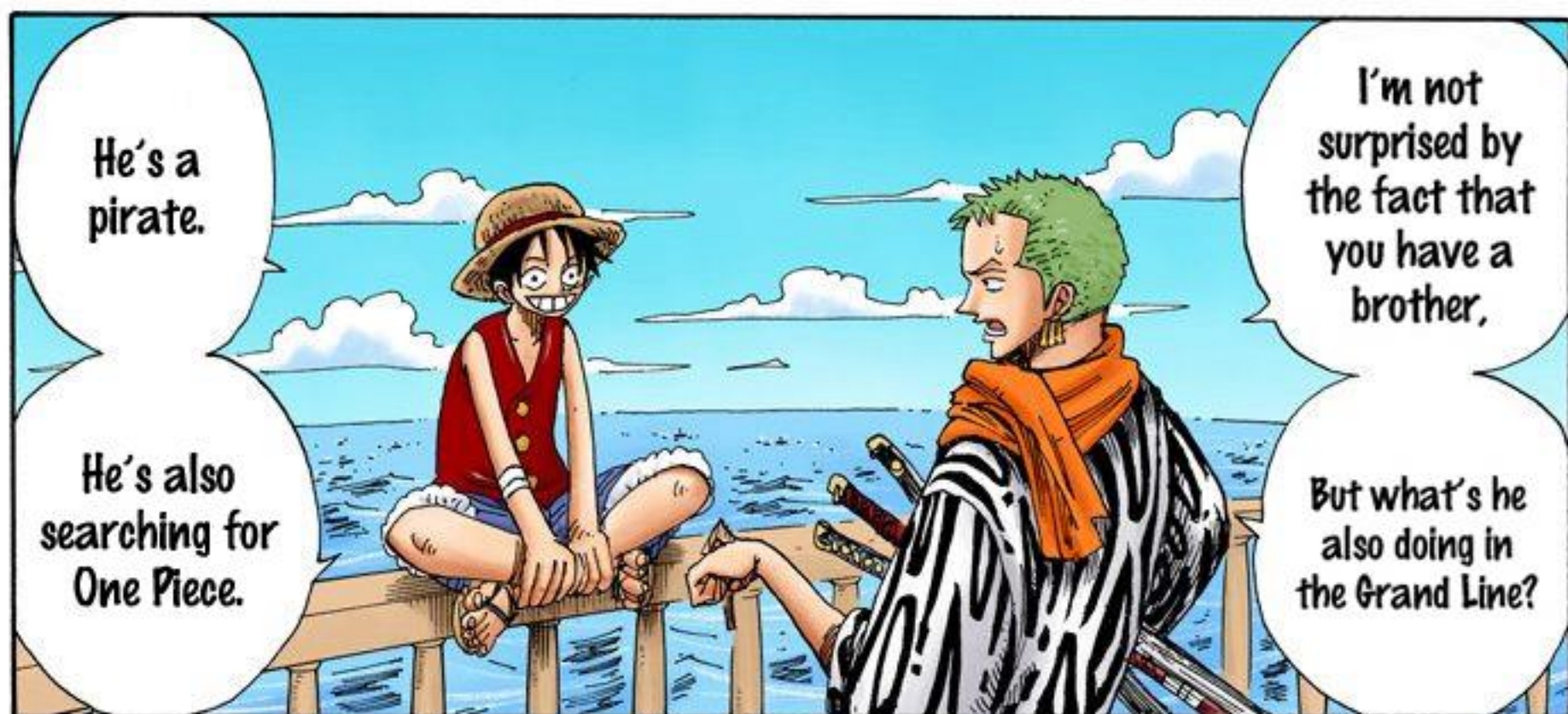
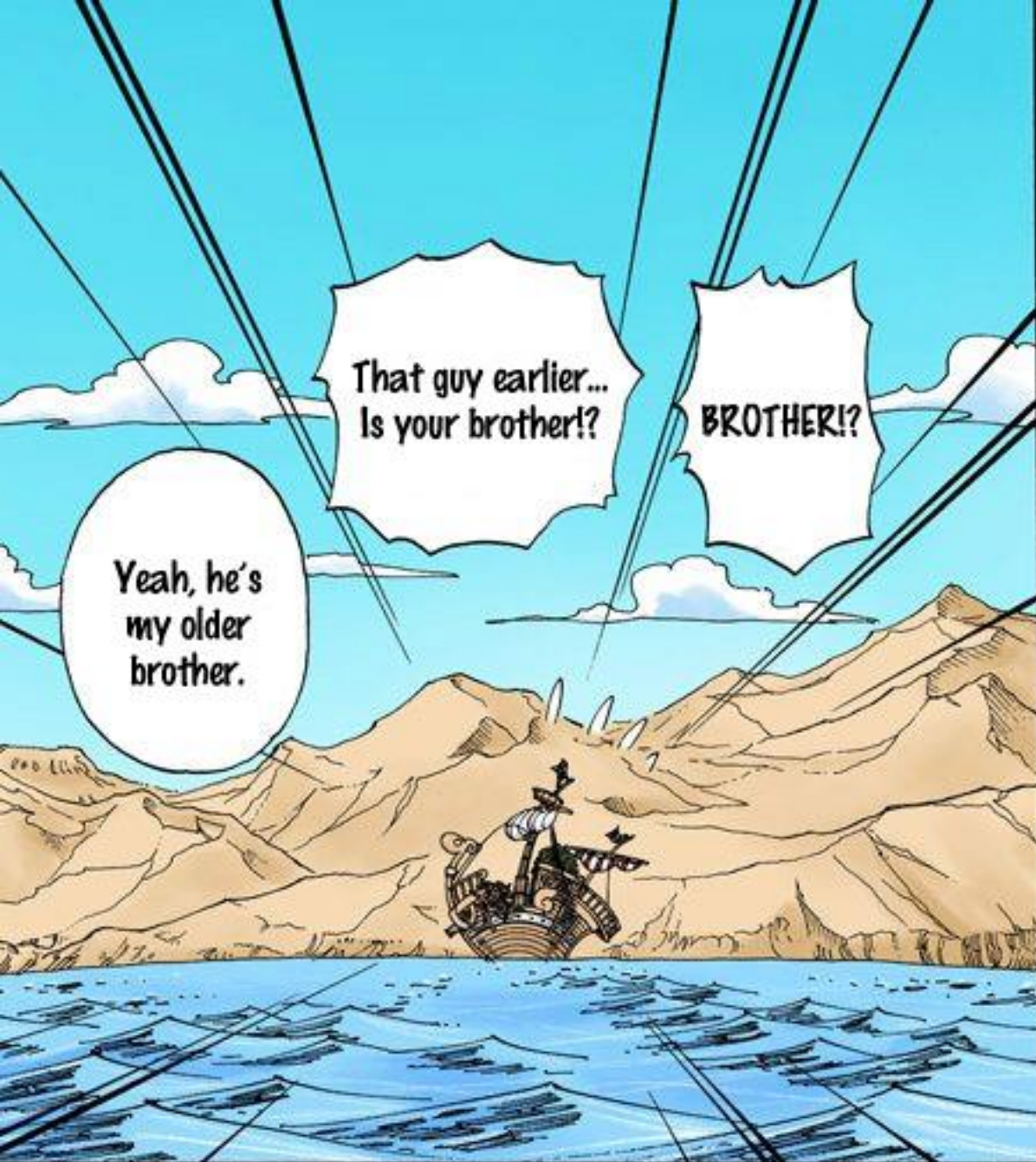
QUACK

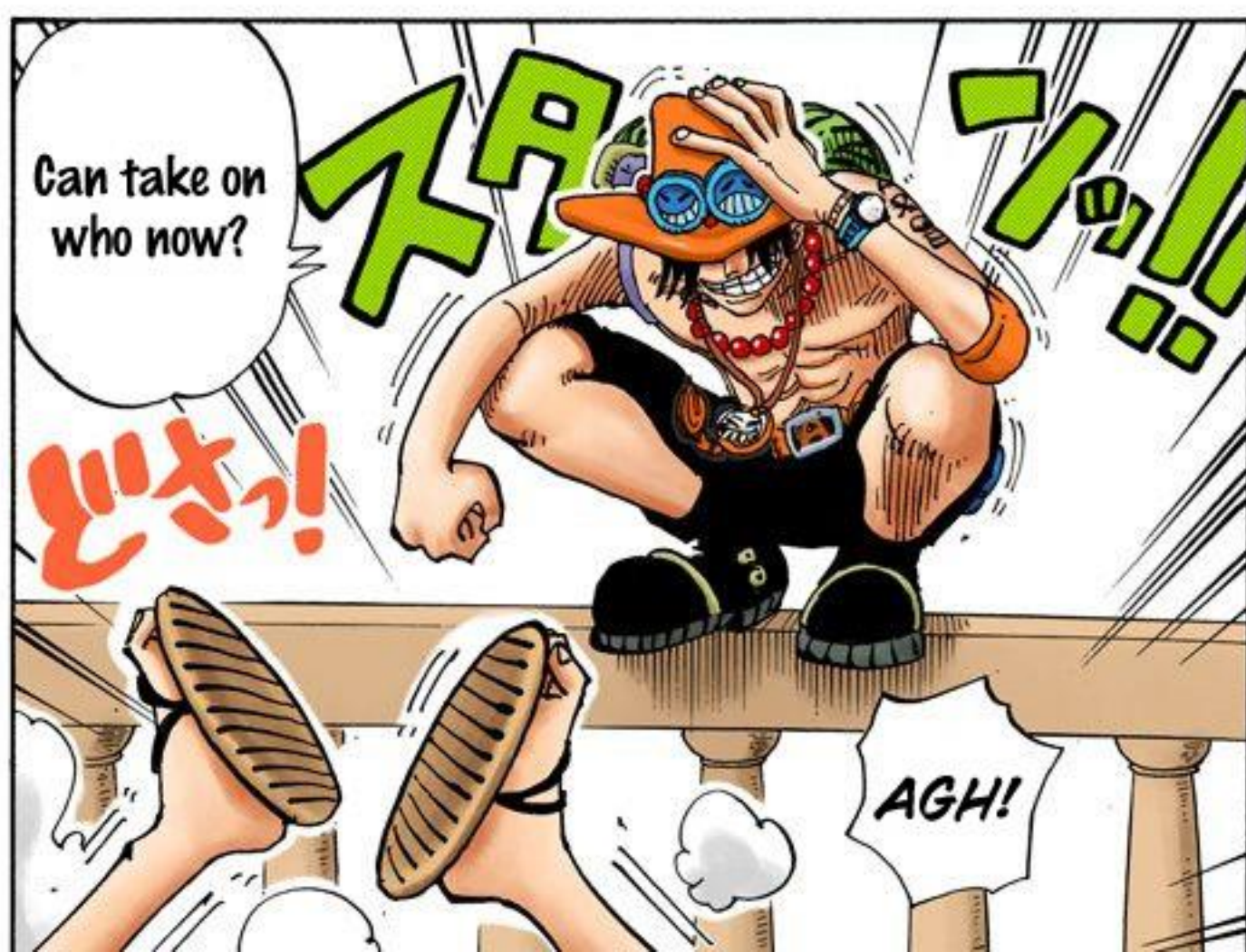


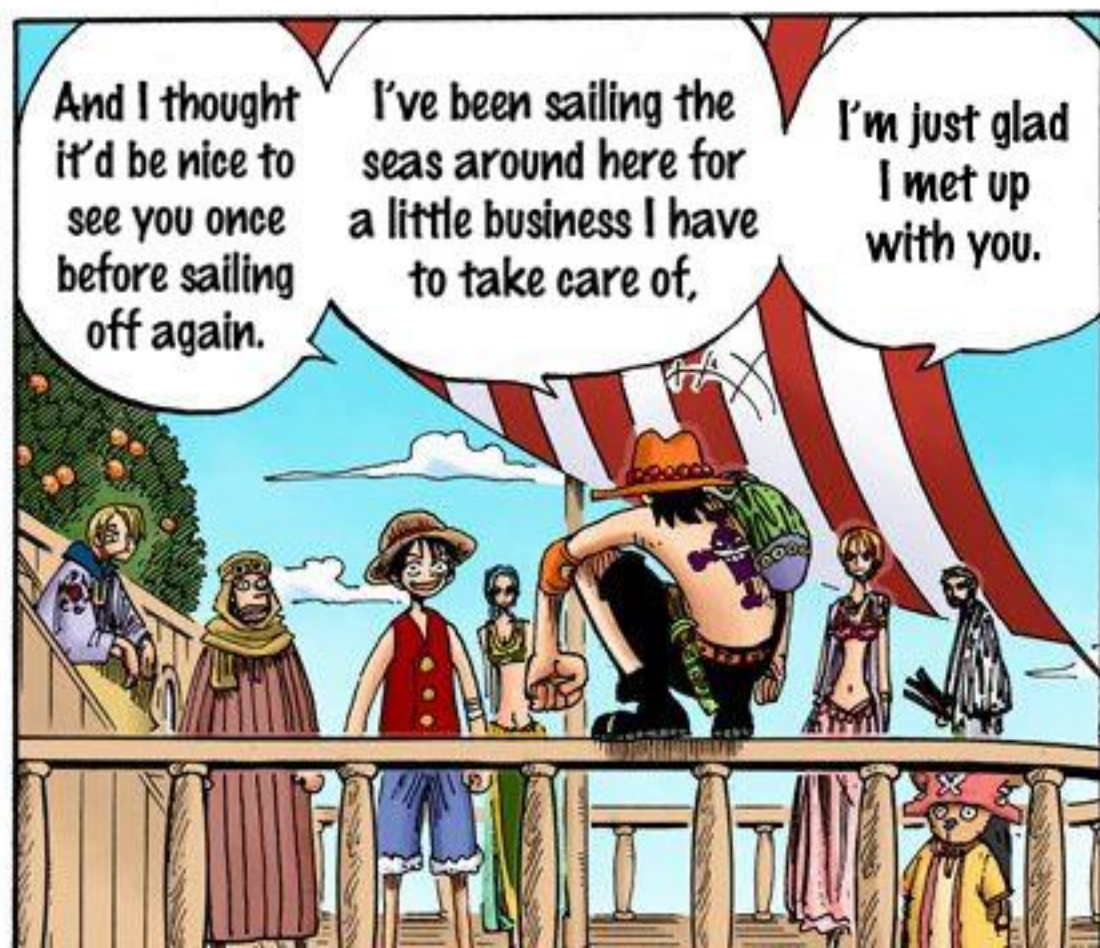
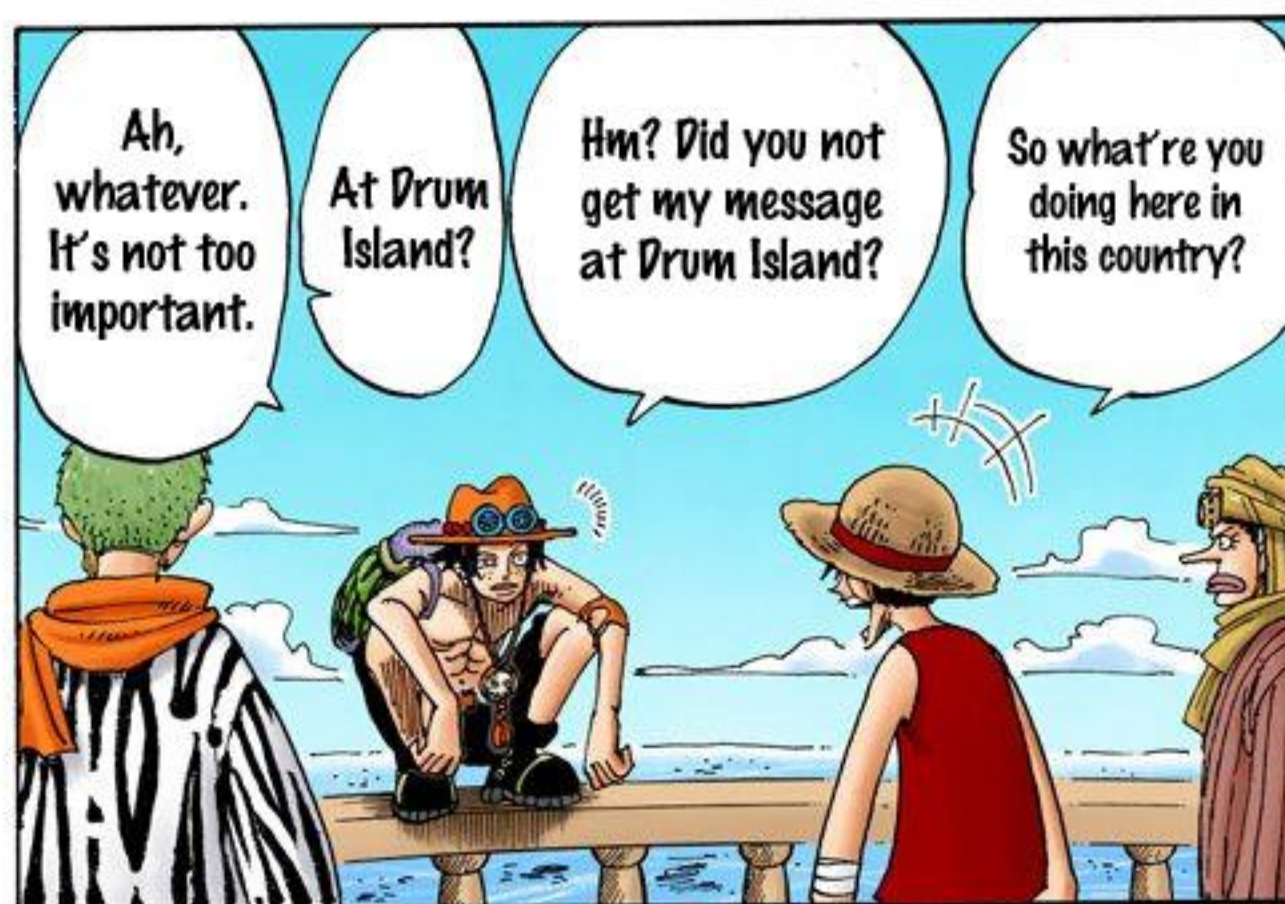
I SAID CONSERVE YOUR WATER!

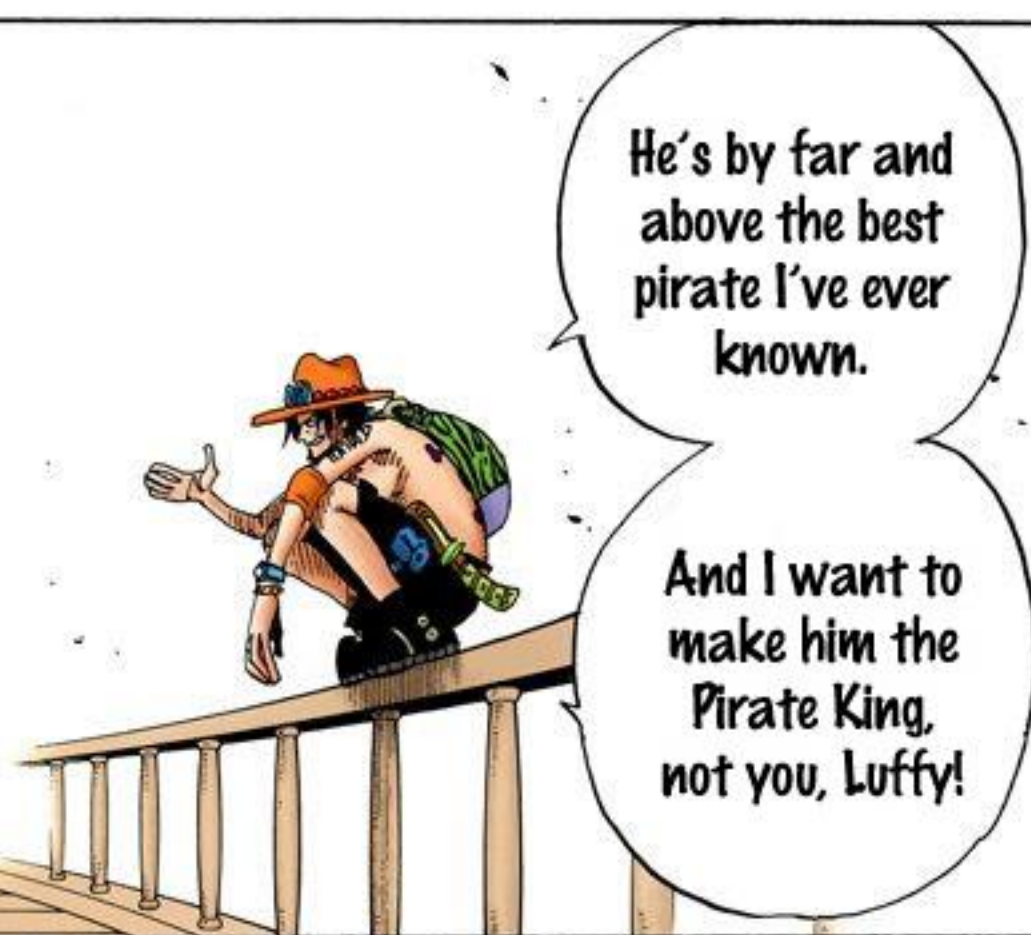
GULP GULP GULP!

ギョギョギョ



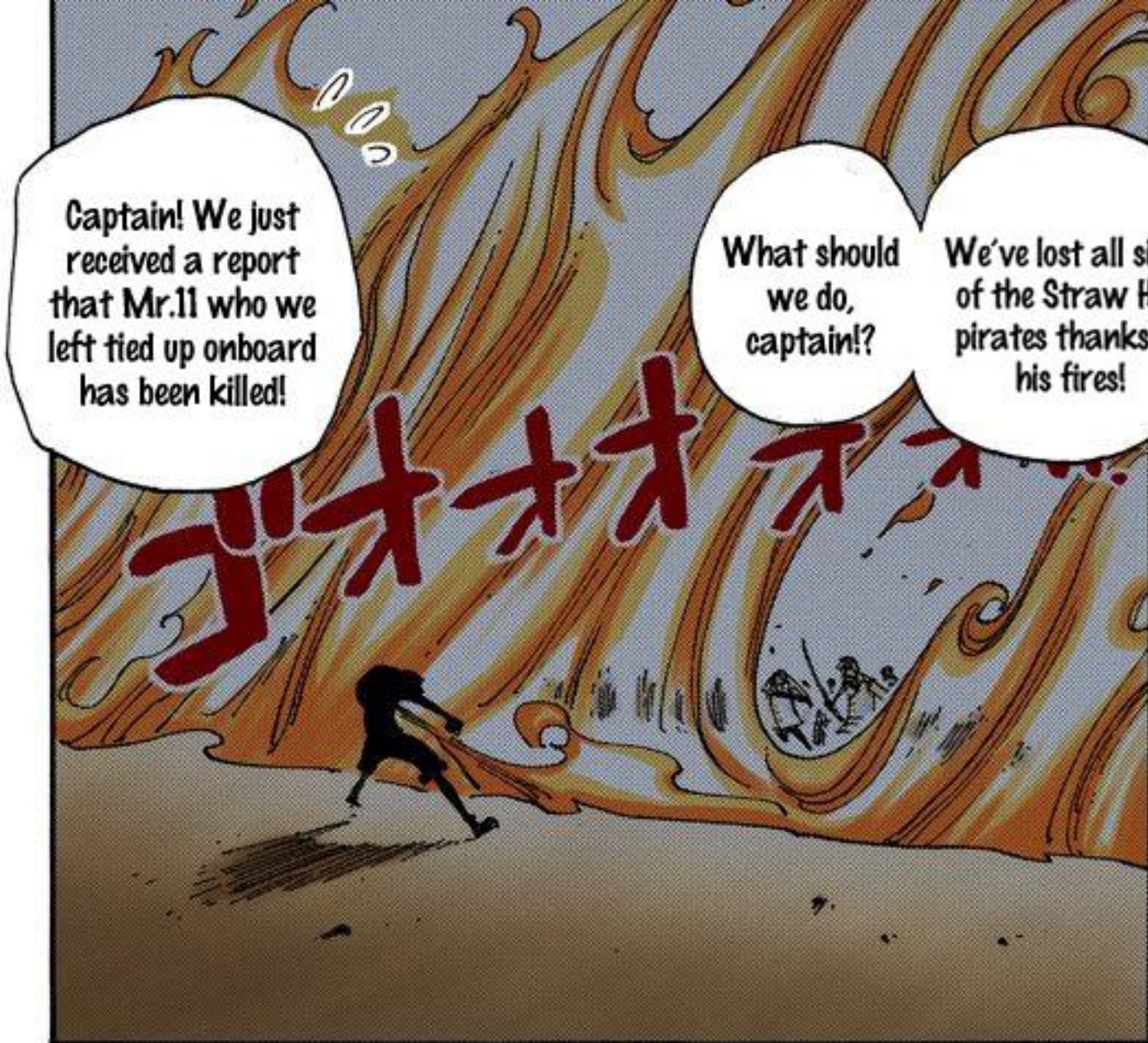






*mera mera is the Japanese onomatopoeia for a burning flame





Captain! We just received a report that Mr.11 who we left tied up onboard has been killed!

What should we do, captain!?

We've lost all sight of the Straw Hat pirates thanks to his fires!

DAMN IT! THERE'S A HUGE WALL OF FIRE!



What happened to the Straw Hat Pirates!?

Capt. Smoker! Forgive me for arriving late!

Alabasta's a large country... It's gonna be tough to find them again after letting them get away once.

Damn that Portgas...!



What do you make of this...?

Vivi was with them...

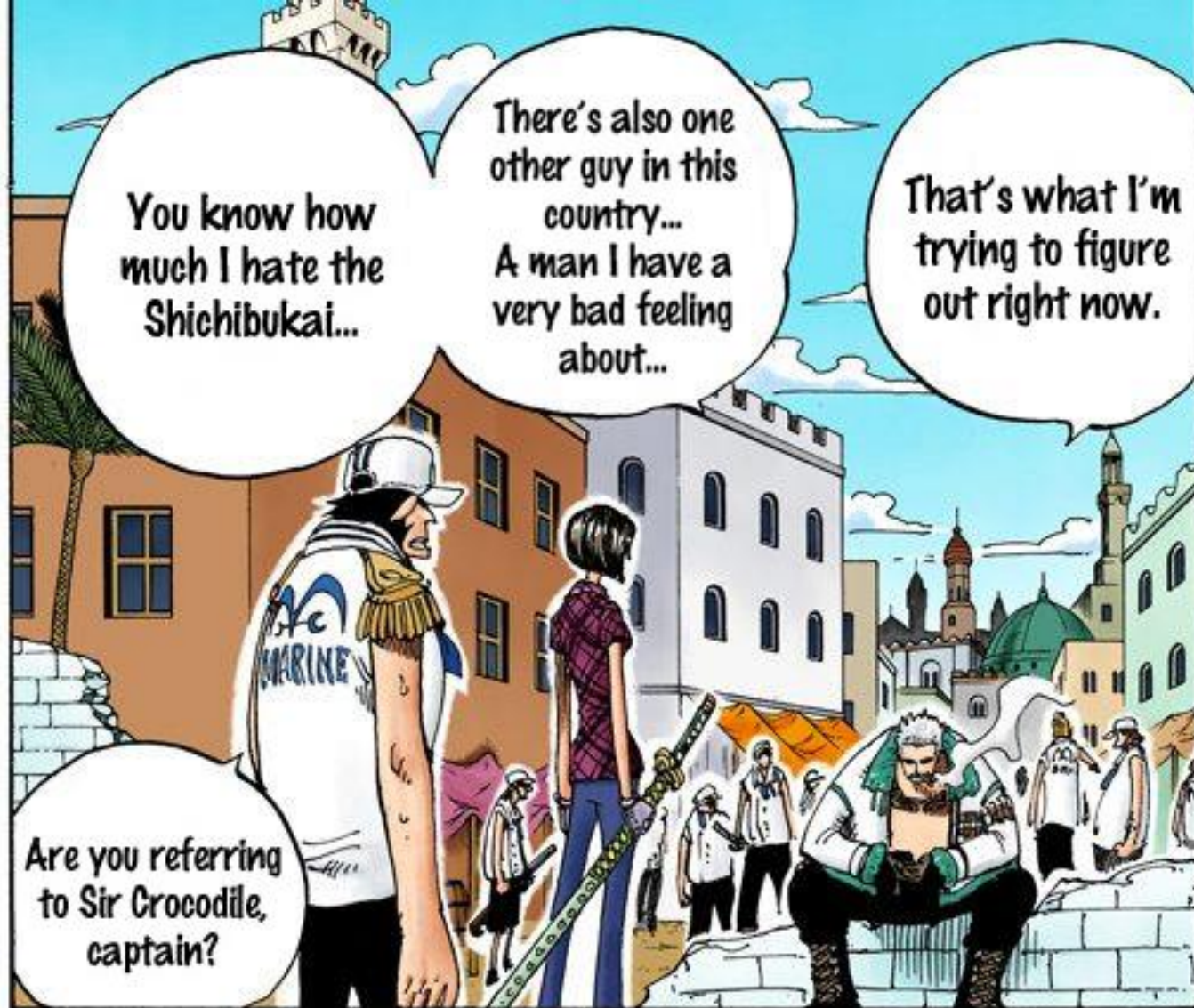


Well, in the other side of town...

Just where the hell have you been all this time, Tashigi...

Sssh!

Sseargent, please!



You know how much I hate the Shichibukai...

There's also one other guy in this country... A man I have a very bad feeling about...

That's what I'm trying to figure out right now.

Are you referring to Sir Crocodile, captain?



You mean Princess Nefertari Vivi...!? What would she be doing with the Straw Hat pirates!?

VIVI?



He's always been a cunning one, since his pirate days...

He's definitely not the type to quietly follow the Government's orders.

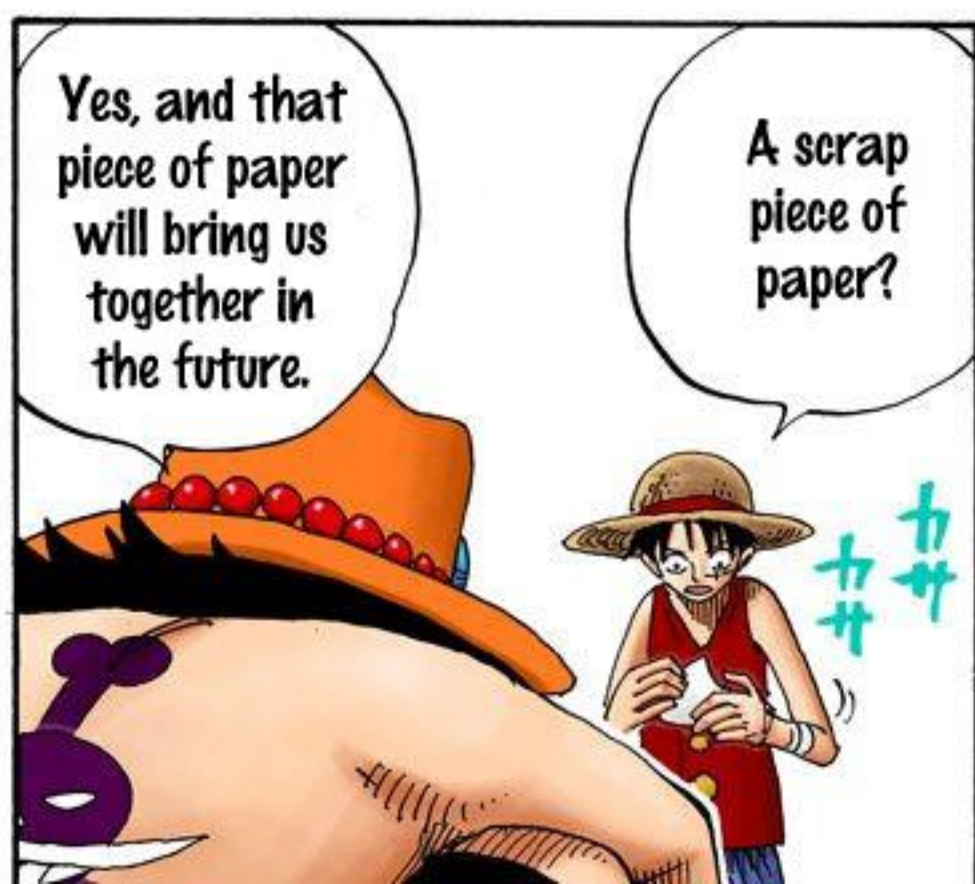
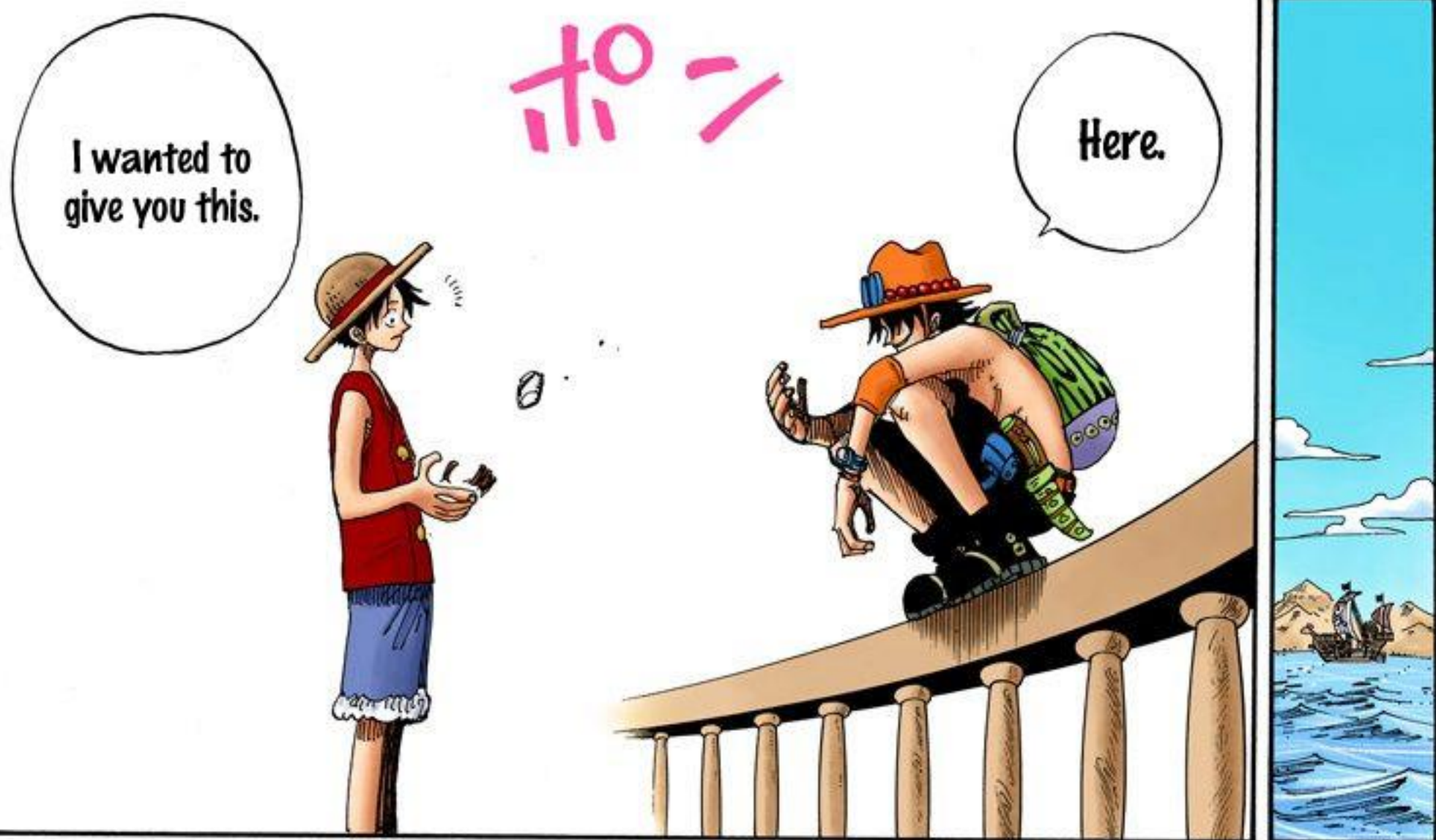
But as a Shichibukai,

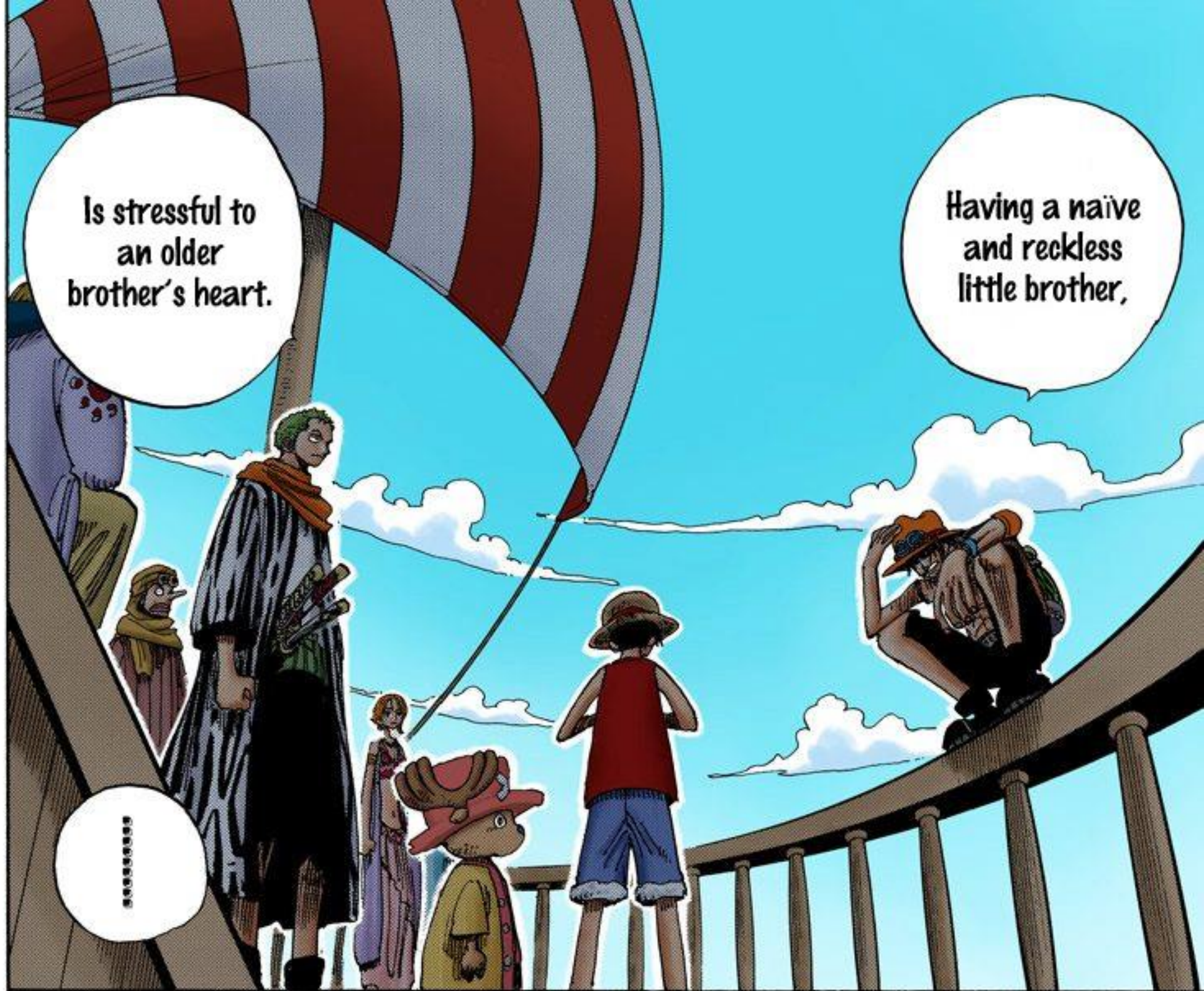
He's technically on the same side of the World Government and us marines.

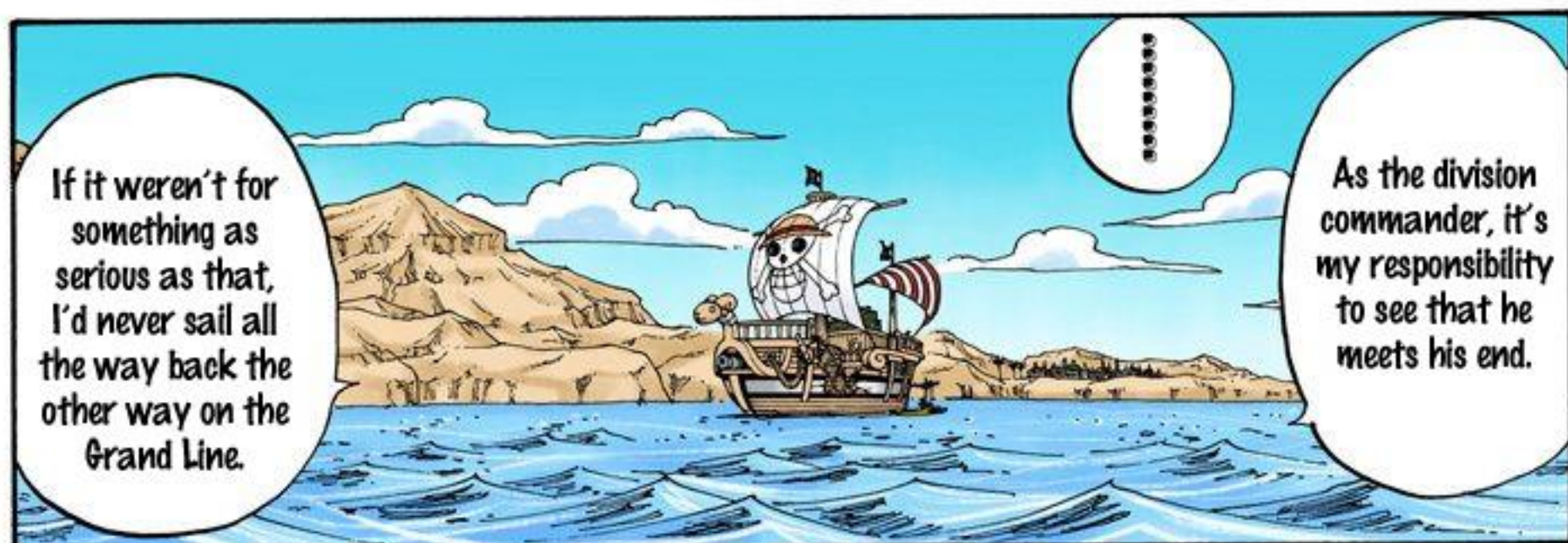
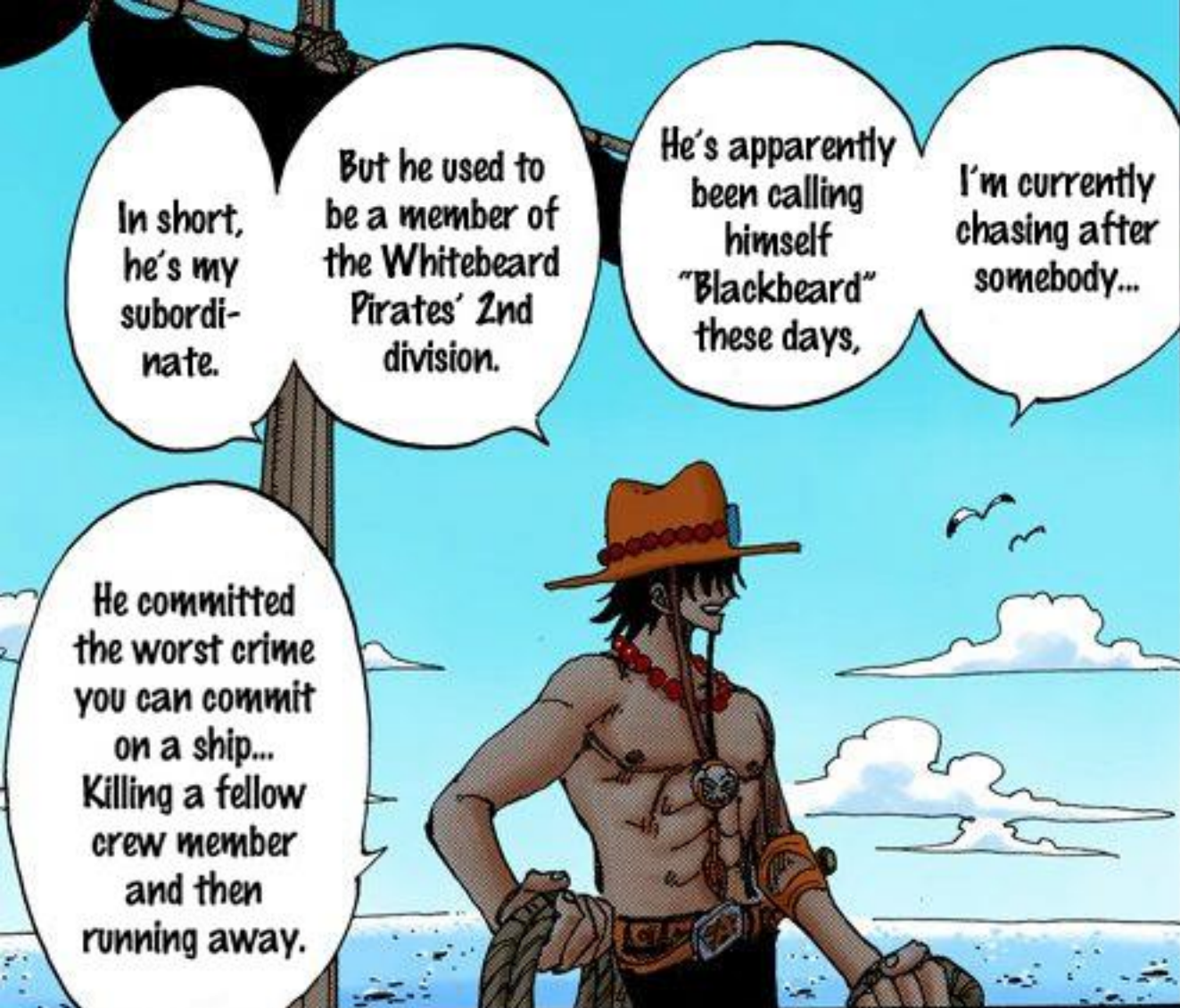


A pirate... Will always **BE** a pirate!

Tashigi... Remember this well...!







IF WE CAN KILL HIM, THEN
OUR PROMOTION TO
NUMBERED AGENTS IS
ALL BUT GUARANTEED!

うおおおおお

GET BACK TO
THE SHIP!
WE'LL FINISH
HIM OFF ON
THE SEAS!

I AIN'T
KIDDING!
I SAW
"FIRE
FIST ACE"
WITH MY
OWN TWO
EYES!

THE 2ND
DIVISION
COMMANDER
OF THE
WHITEBEARD
PIRATES IS
HERE!?

うおおおおお

Well, whaddya
know... The
world's a
strange and
mysterious
place.

He's... Such
a good older
brother!

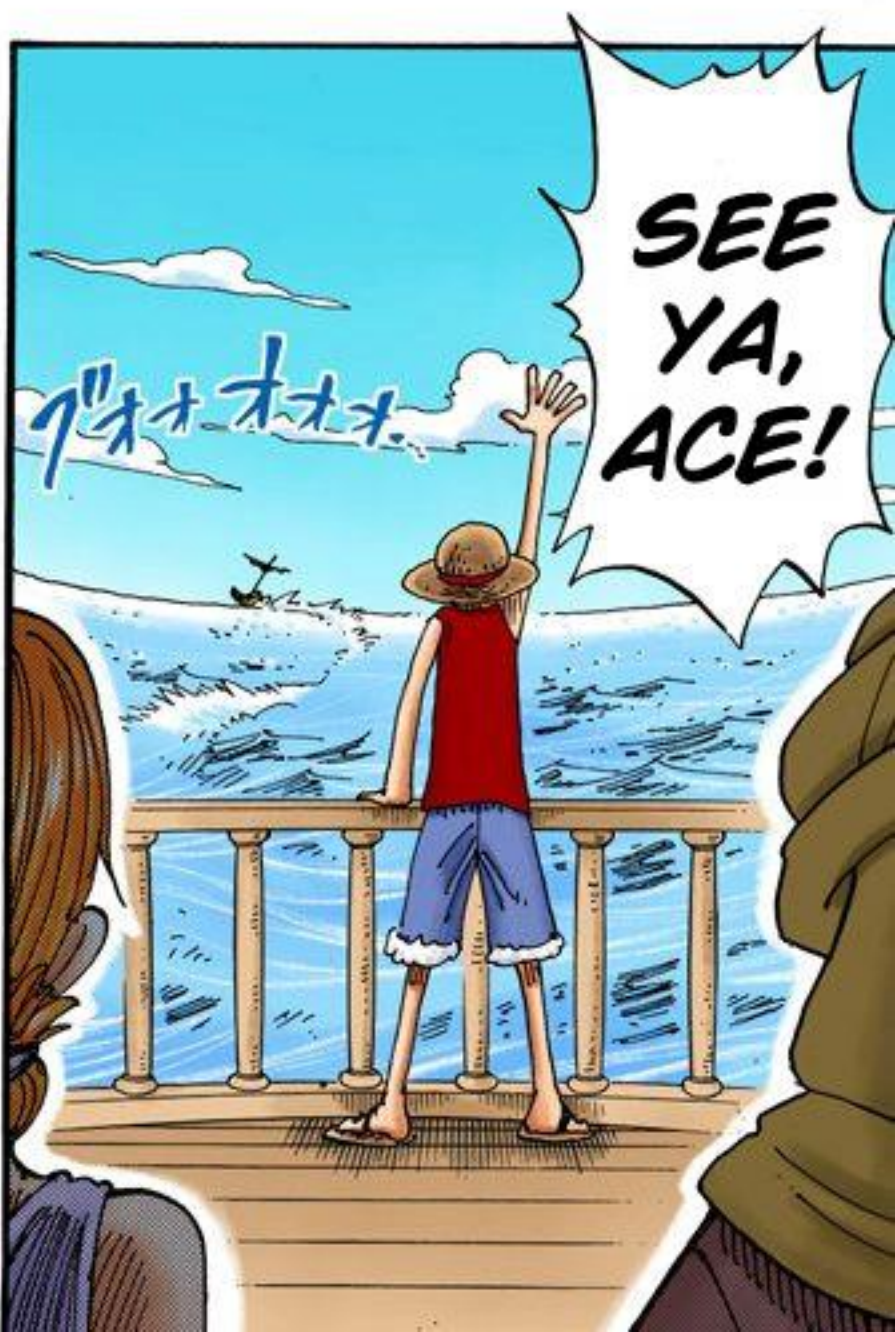
I always imagined if Luffy
had an older brother, he'd
be even more "Luffy" than
Luffy, if you know what I
mean.

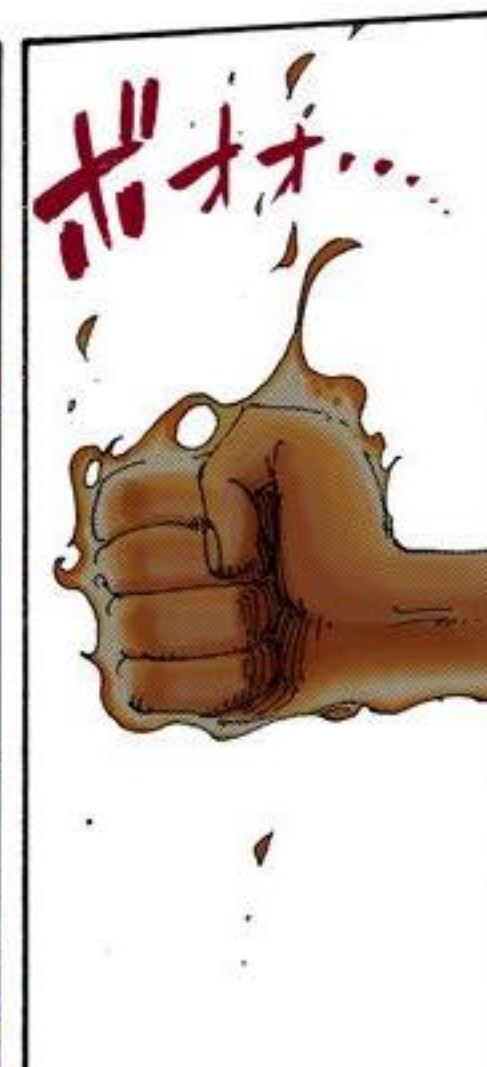
N-now,
now...

What...!? There's
no way such a
polite and
rational guy,

Could actually
be Luffy's
older brother!

Brother-
hood's a
wonderful
thing,
isn't it?



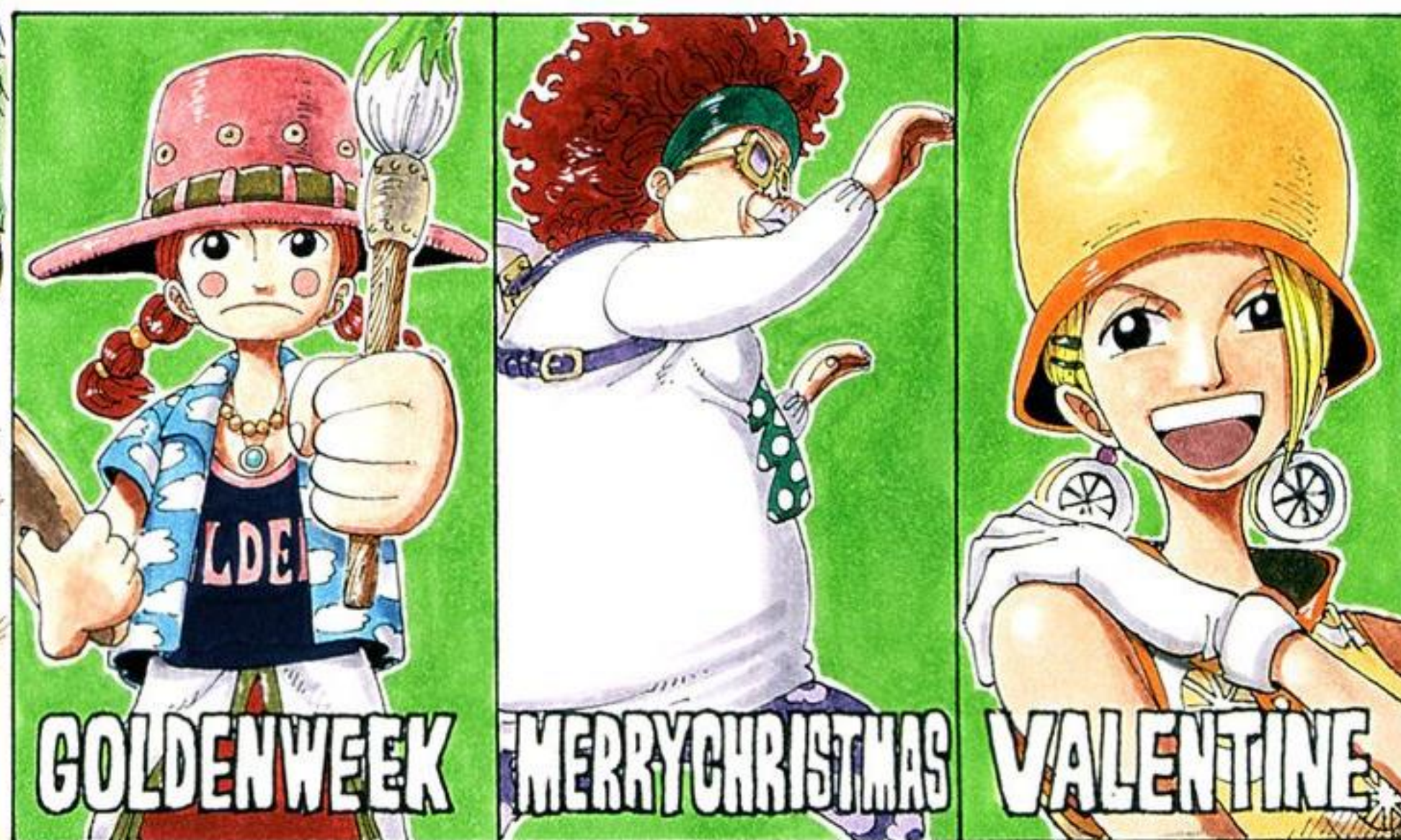
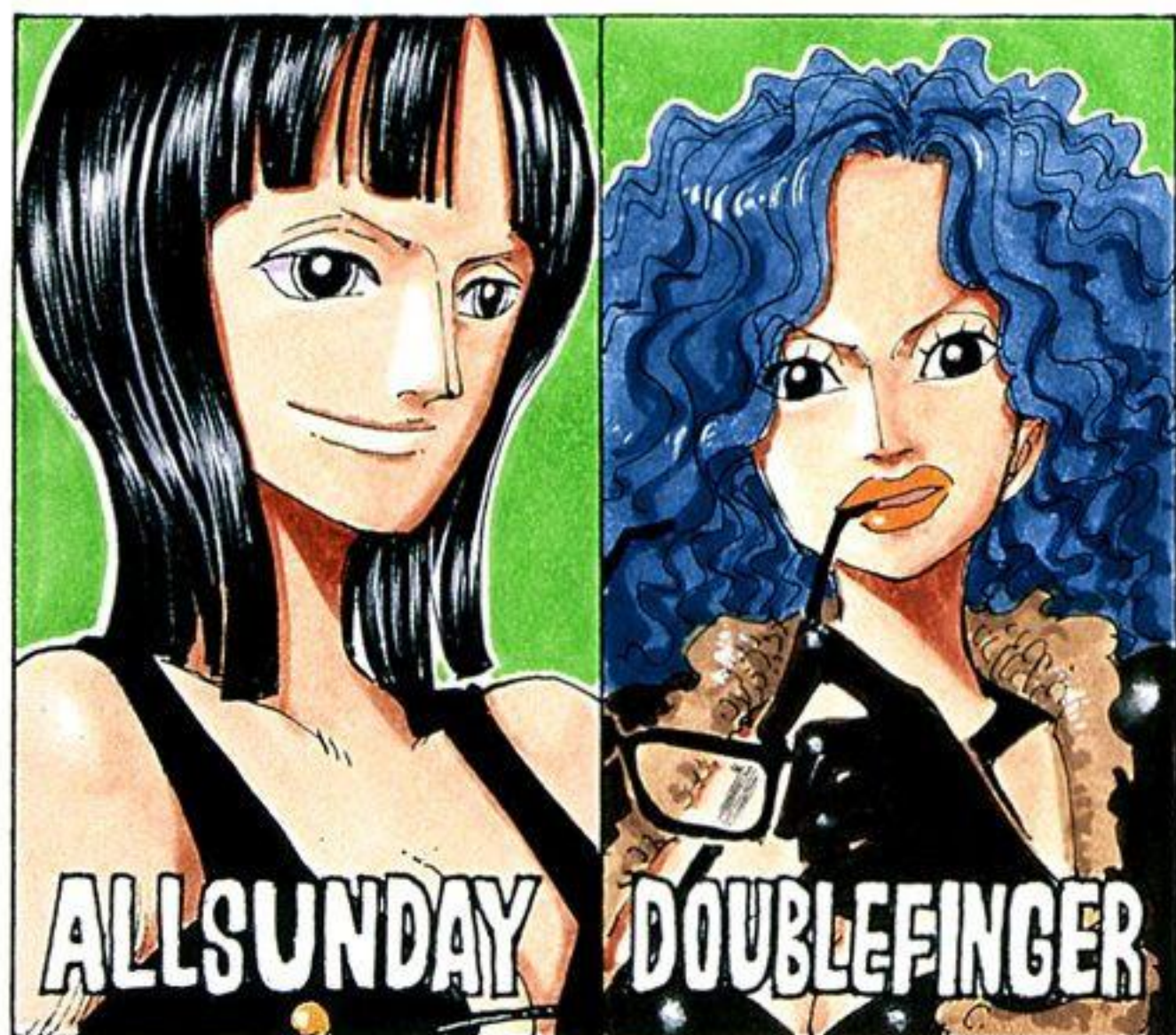




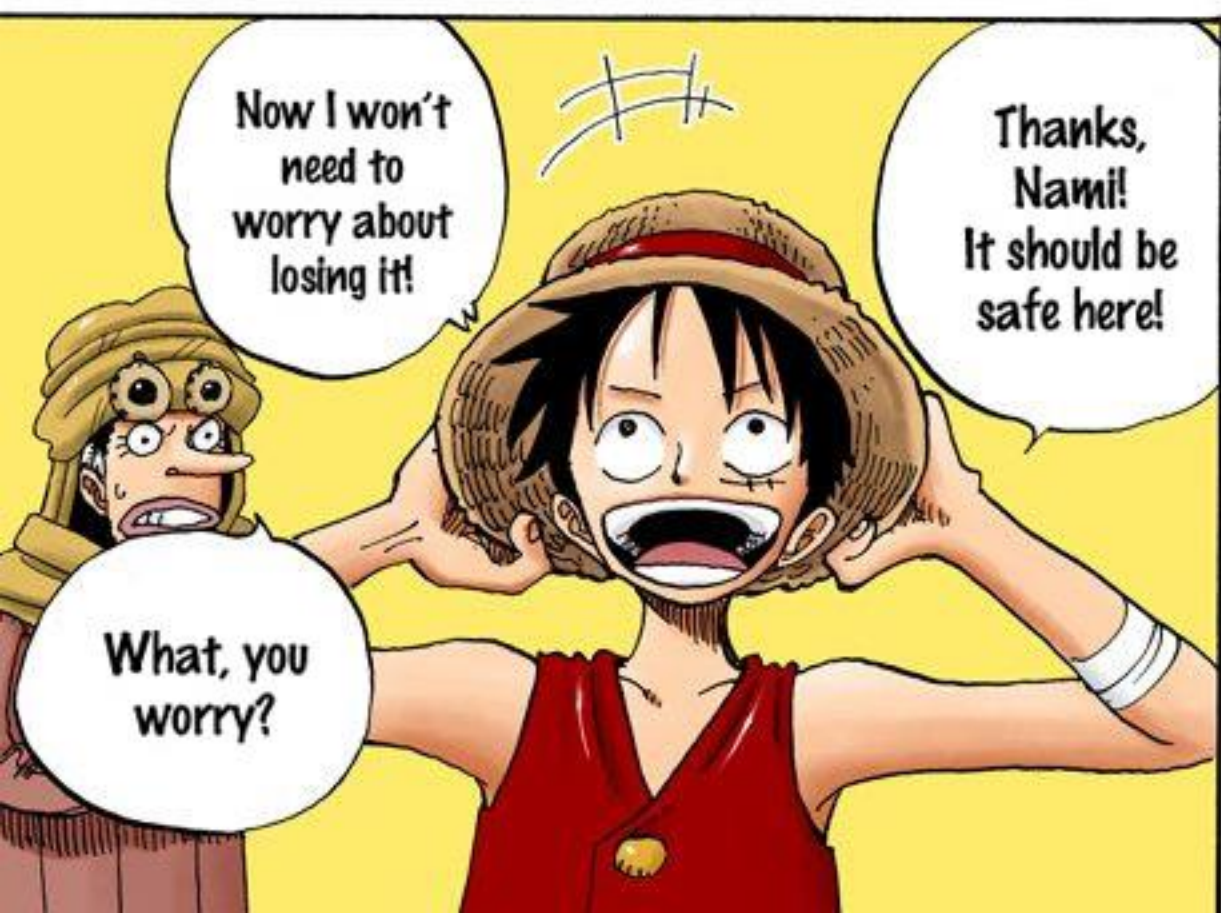
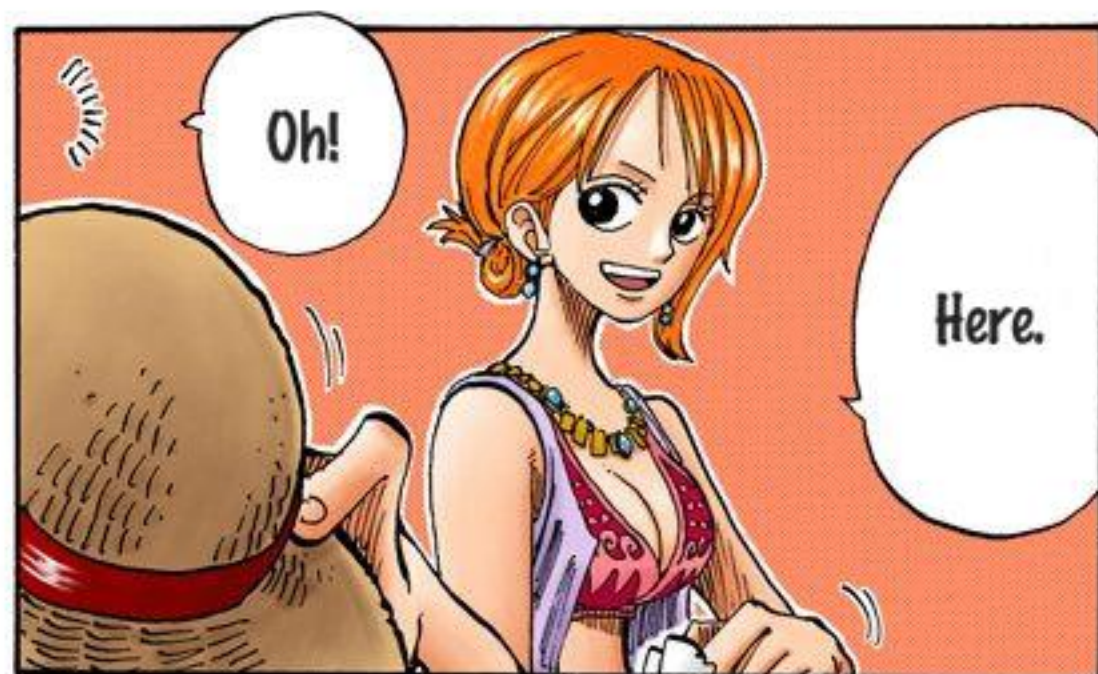
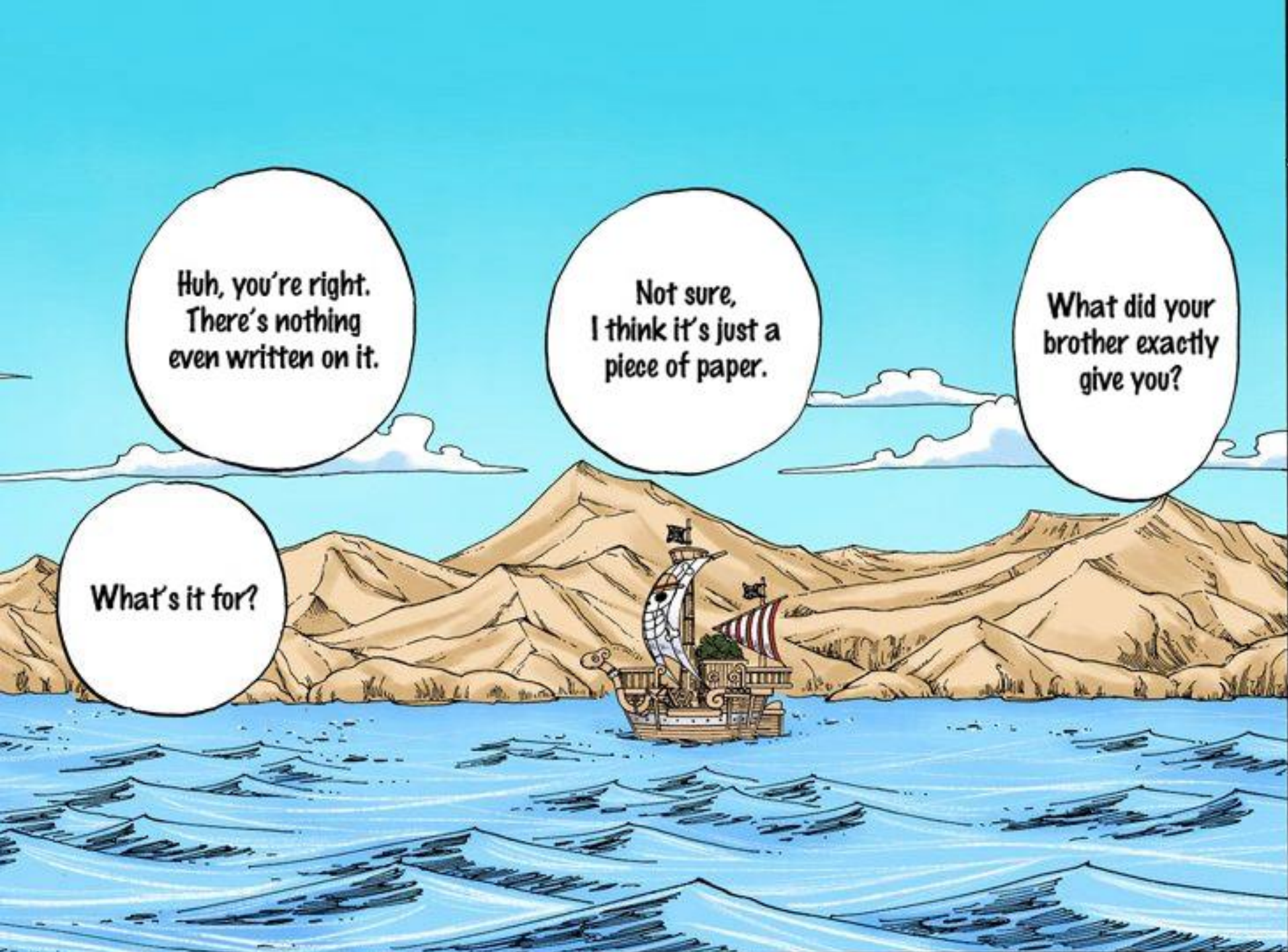
ONE PIECE

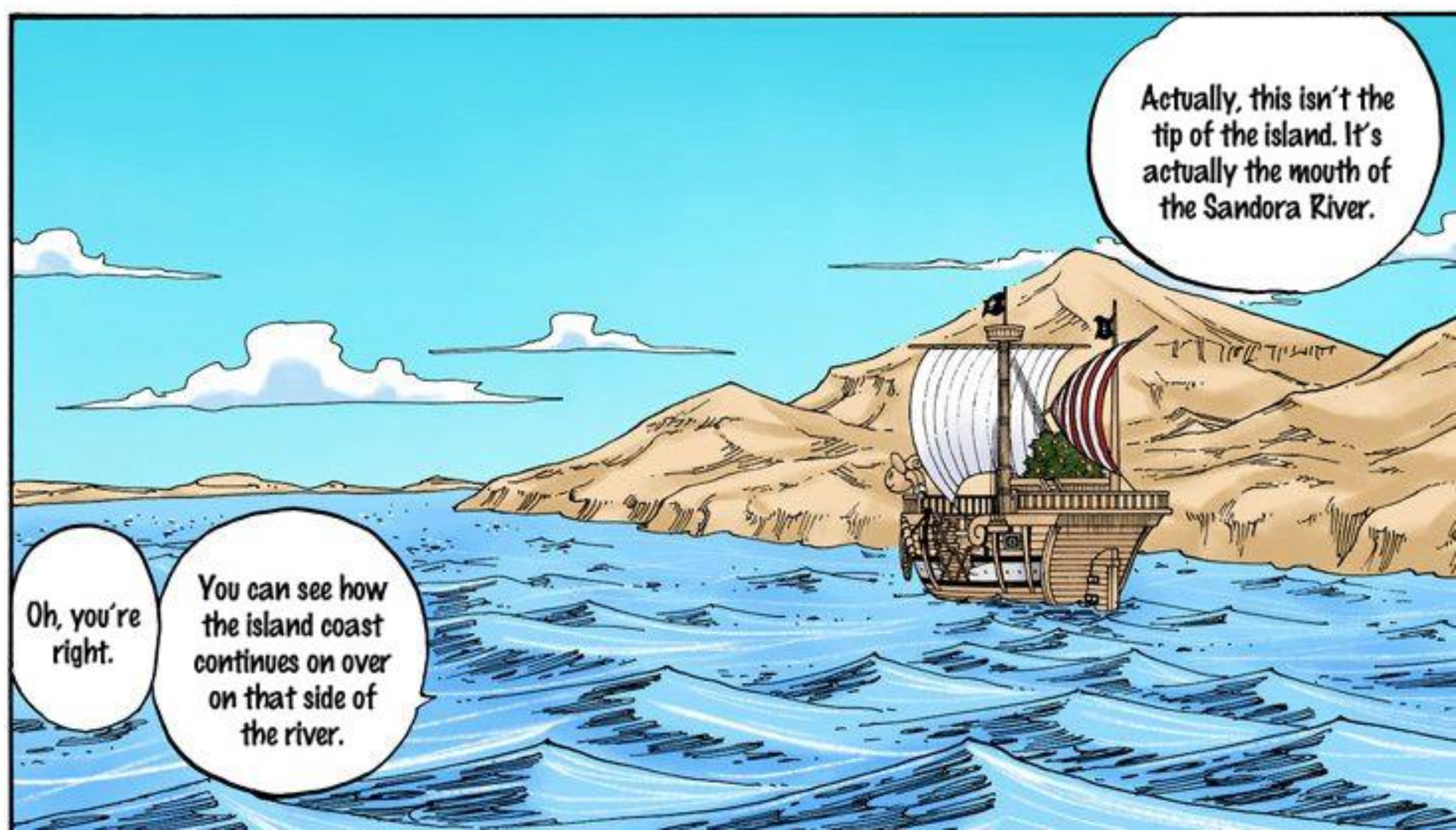
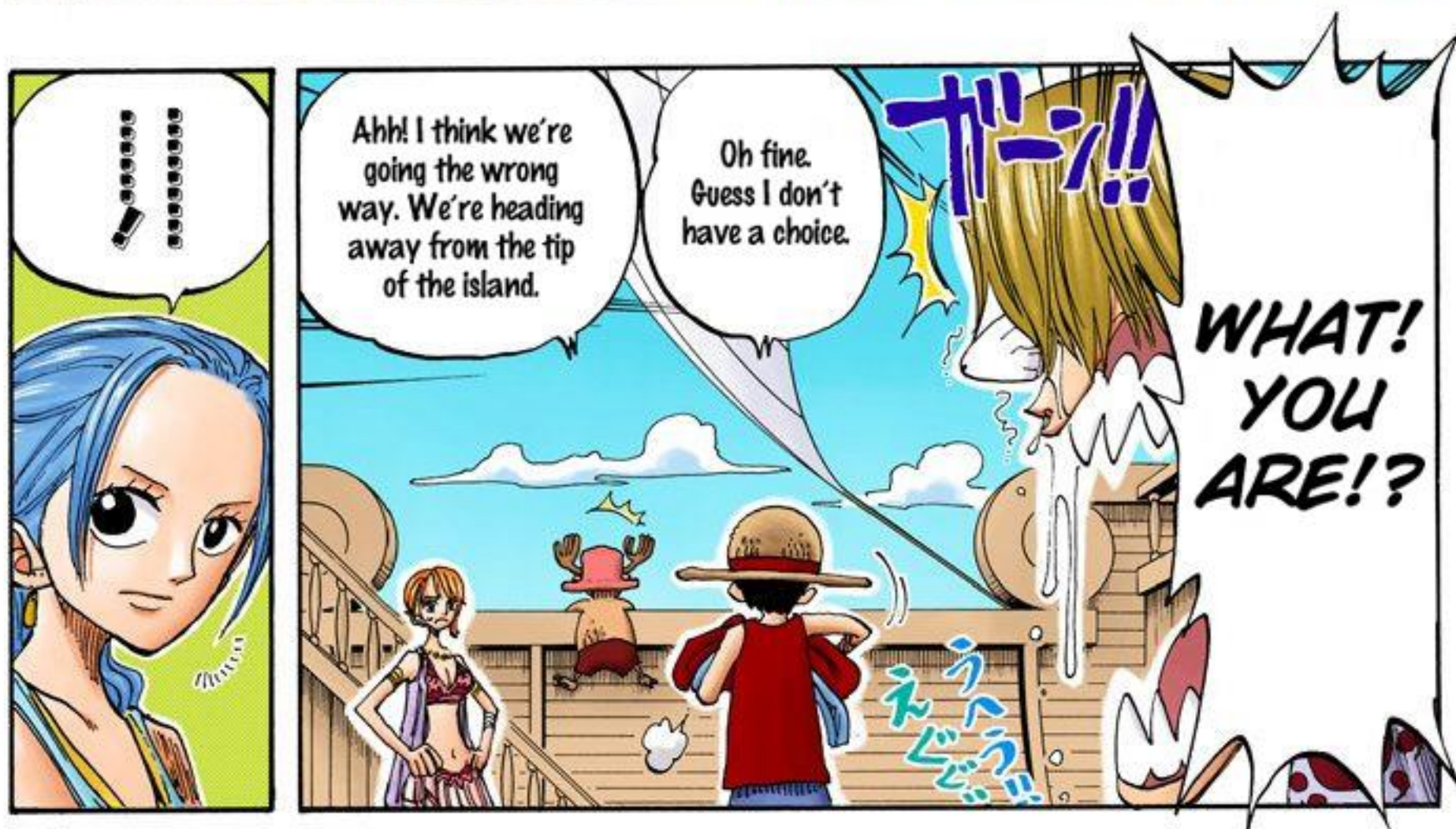
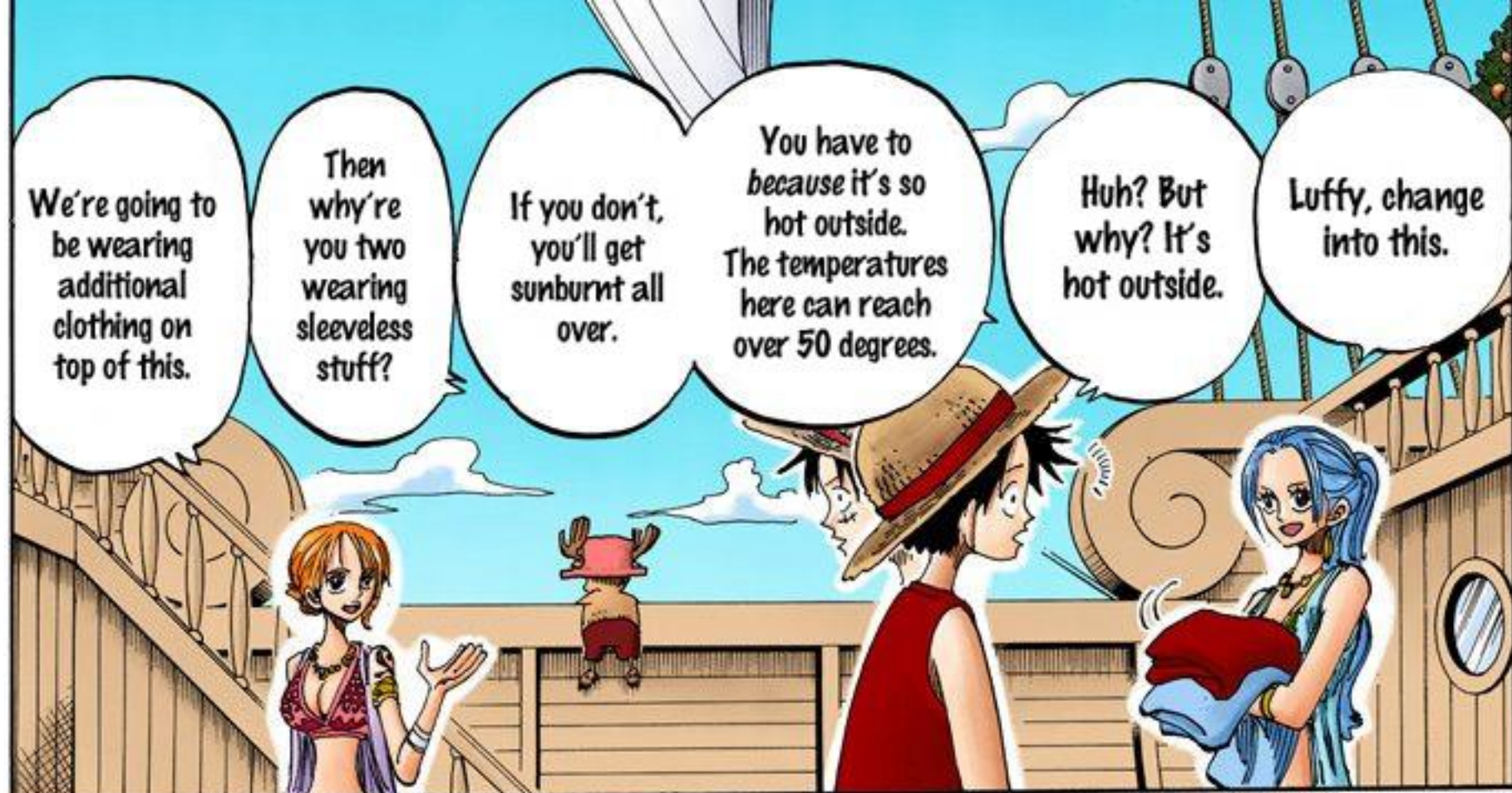
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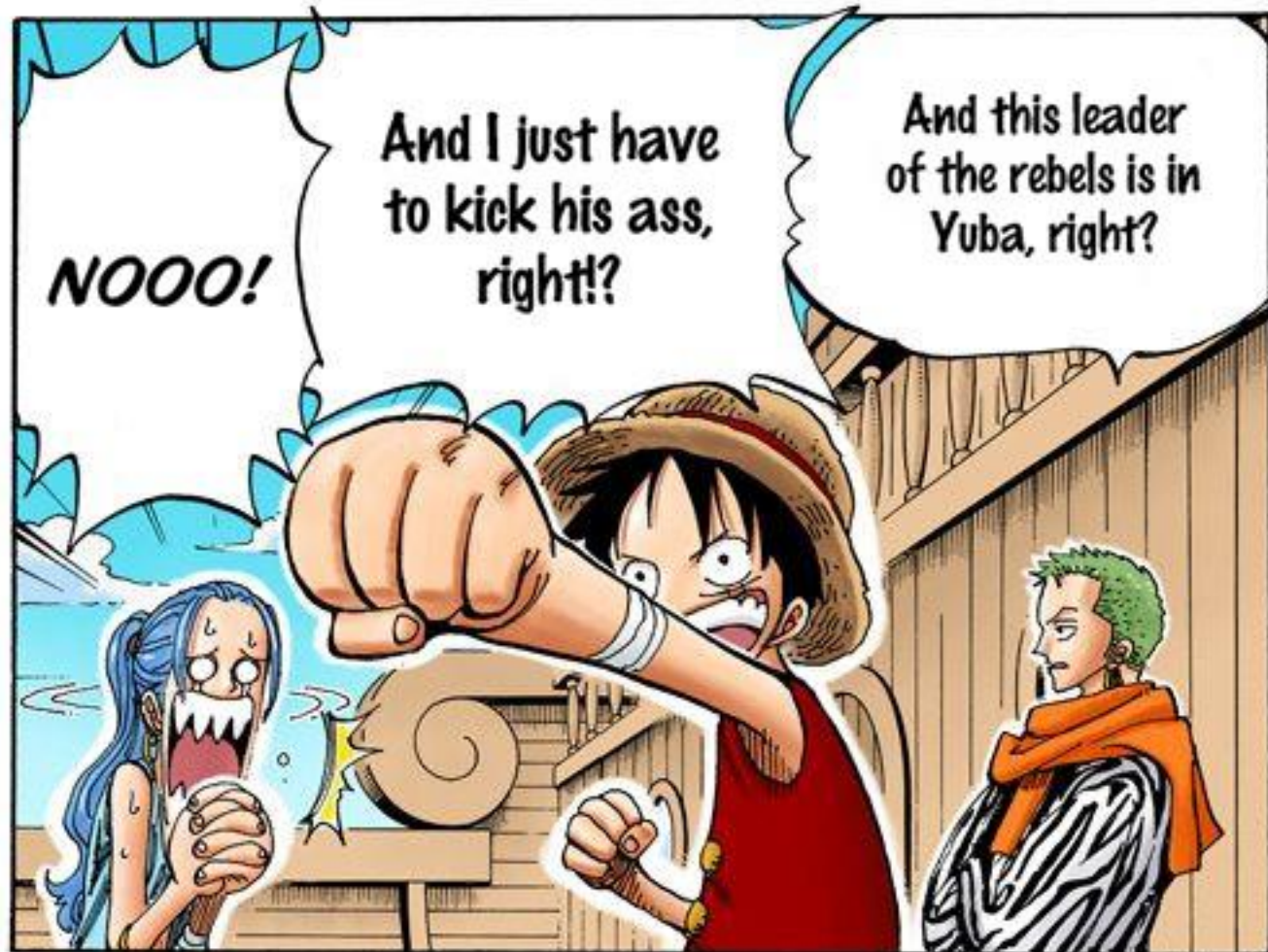
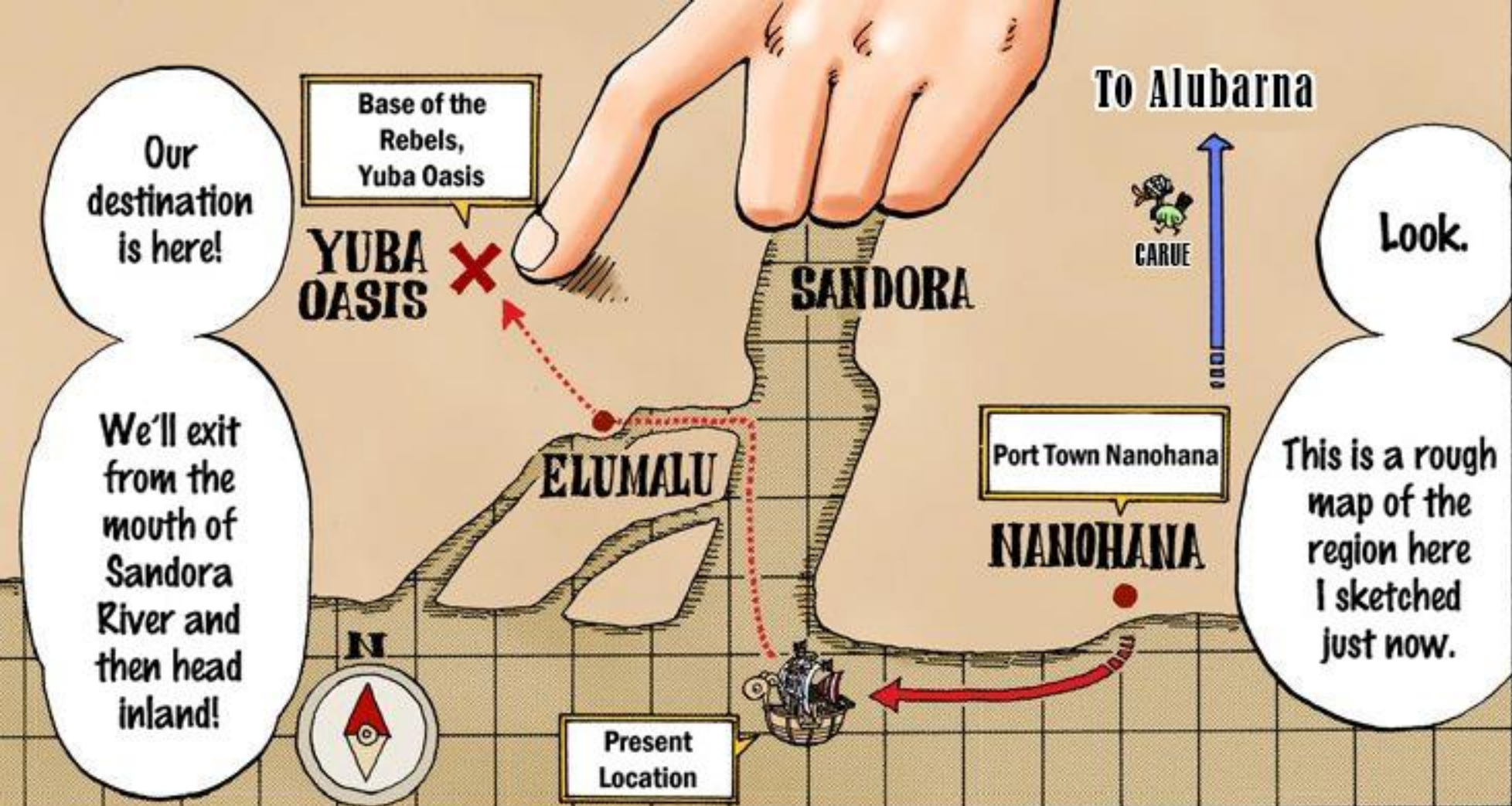
“8 o’clock at Spider’s Café”



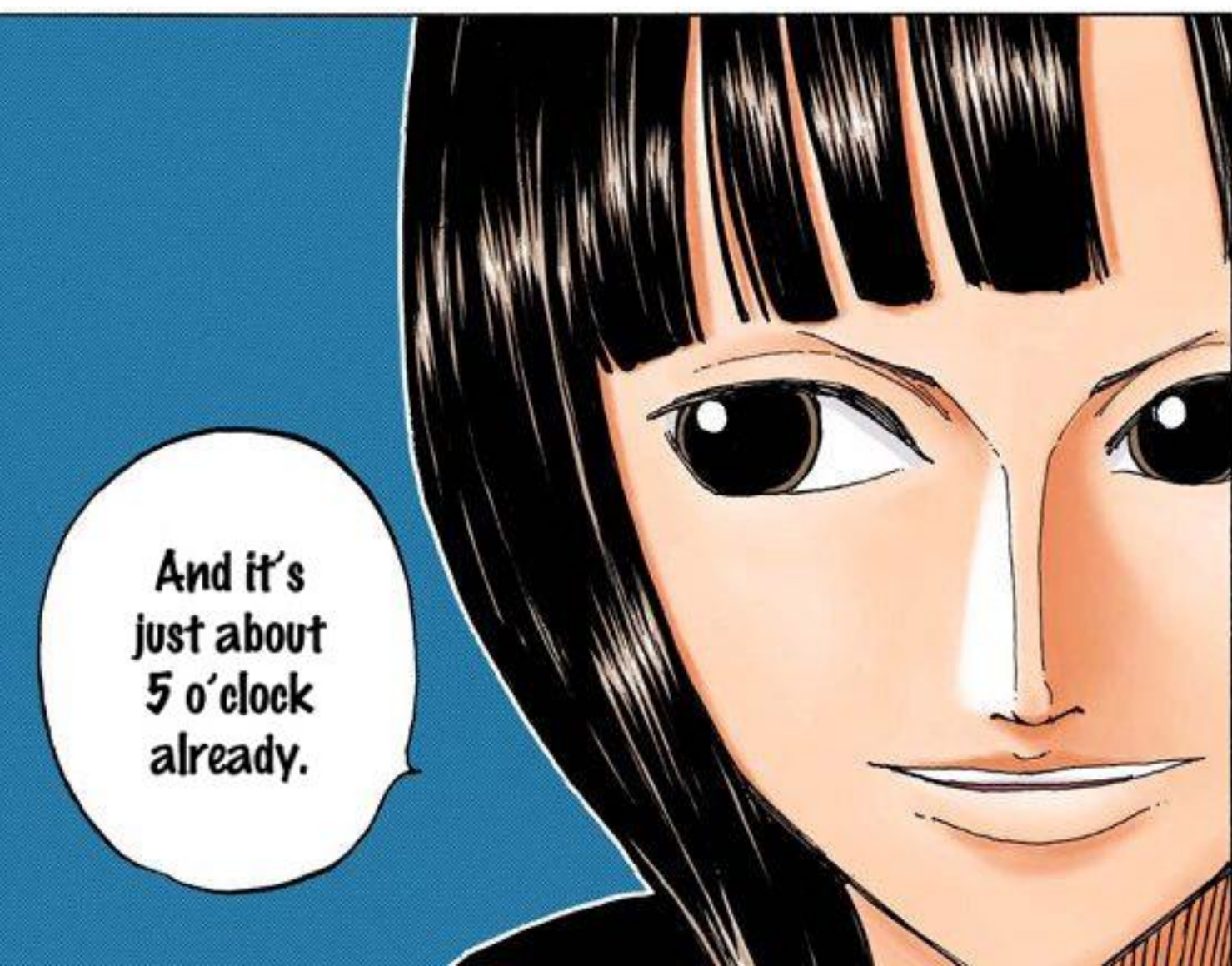


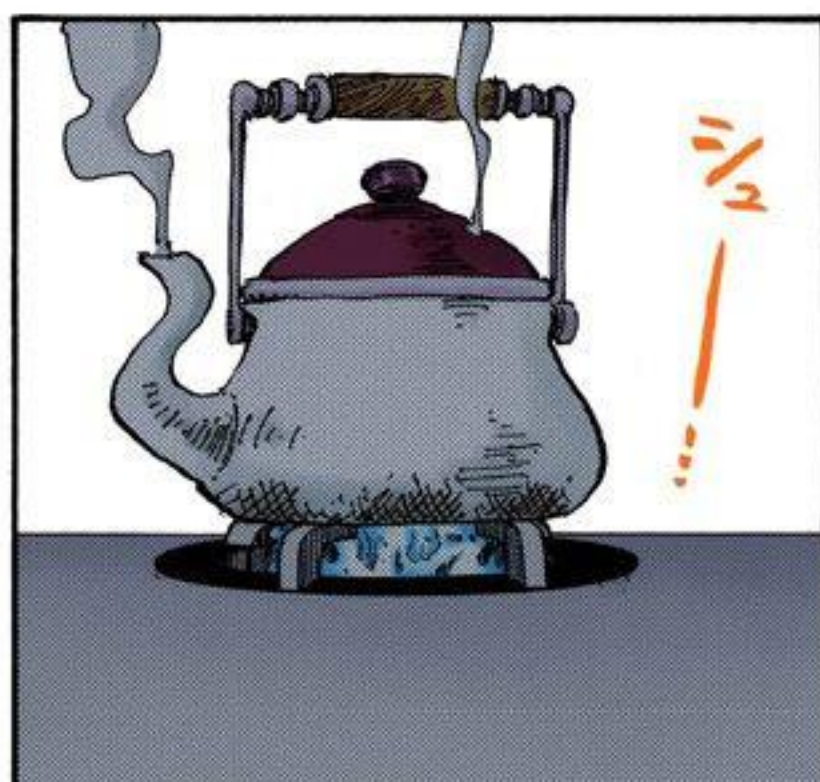
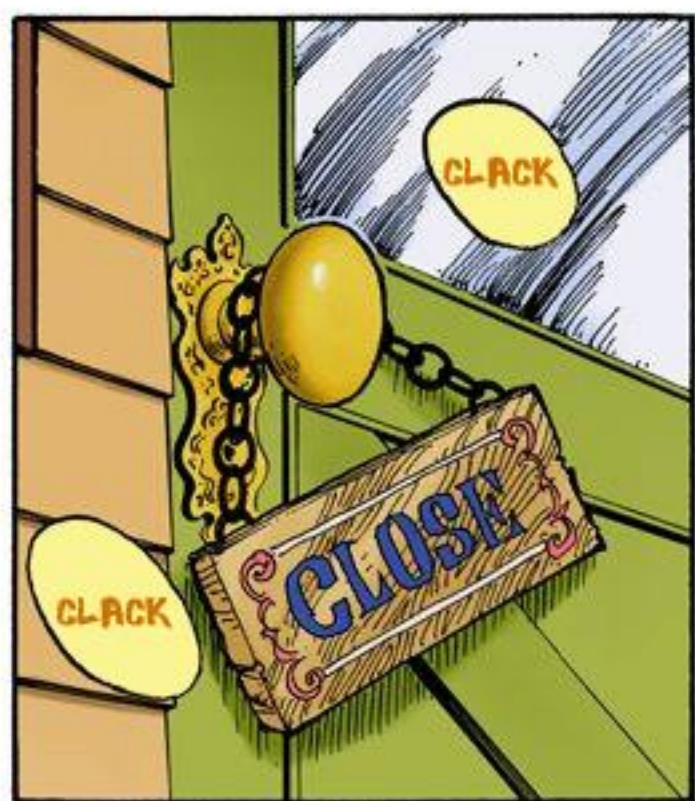
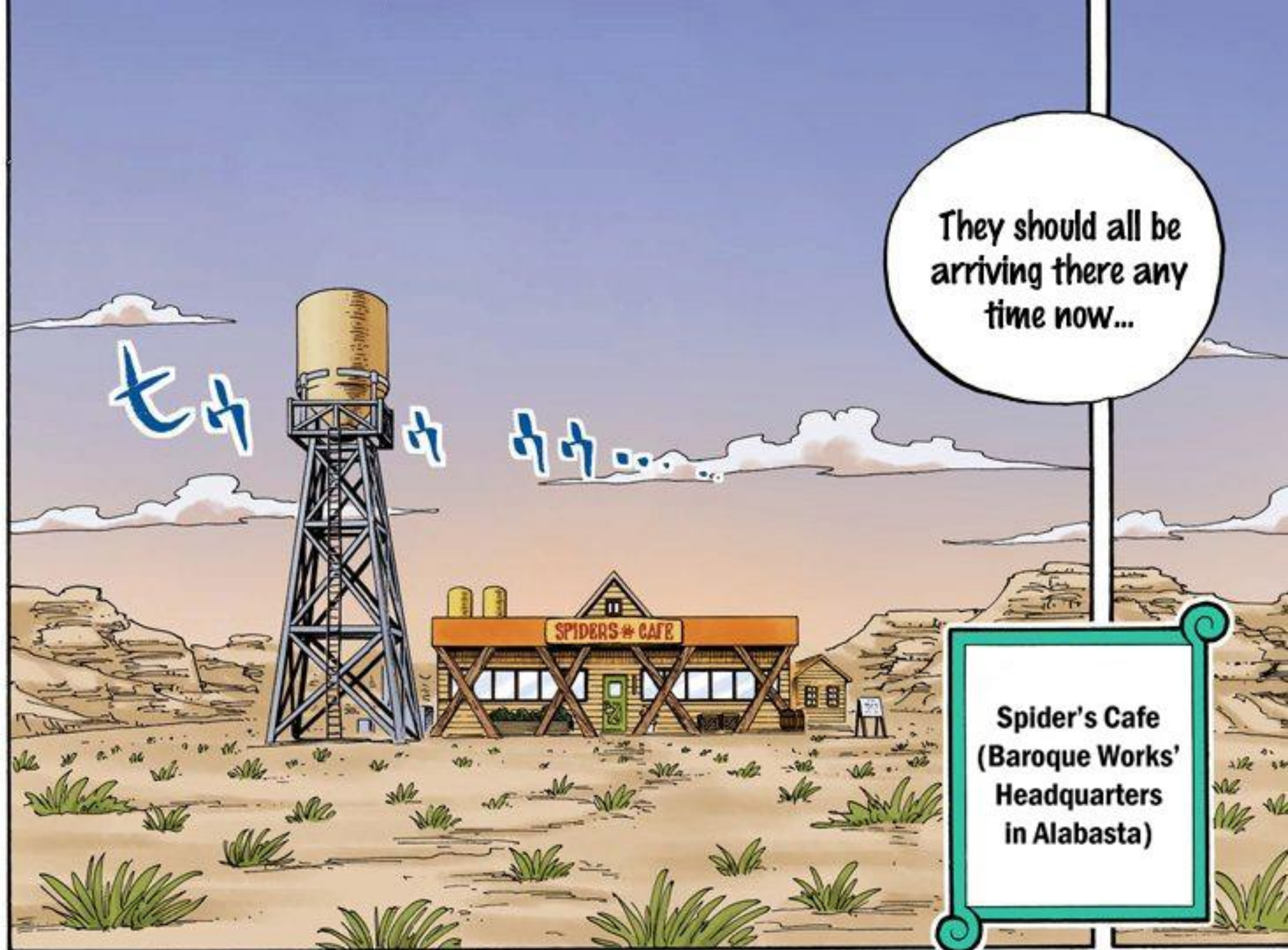












ONEHECKOFA
LONGTRIP
ITELLYAWHAT!
OWWOWWOWW!
MYHIPHURTS!
THISISALLYER
FAULTMR.4!

ばいんっ!!

OPEN

THUMP

YEAHYEAH,
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
MERRY
CHRISTMAS!
DAMMIT
I'MTIRED!

Baroque Works
Officer Agent
Mr. 4

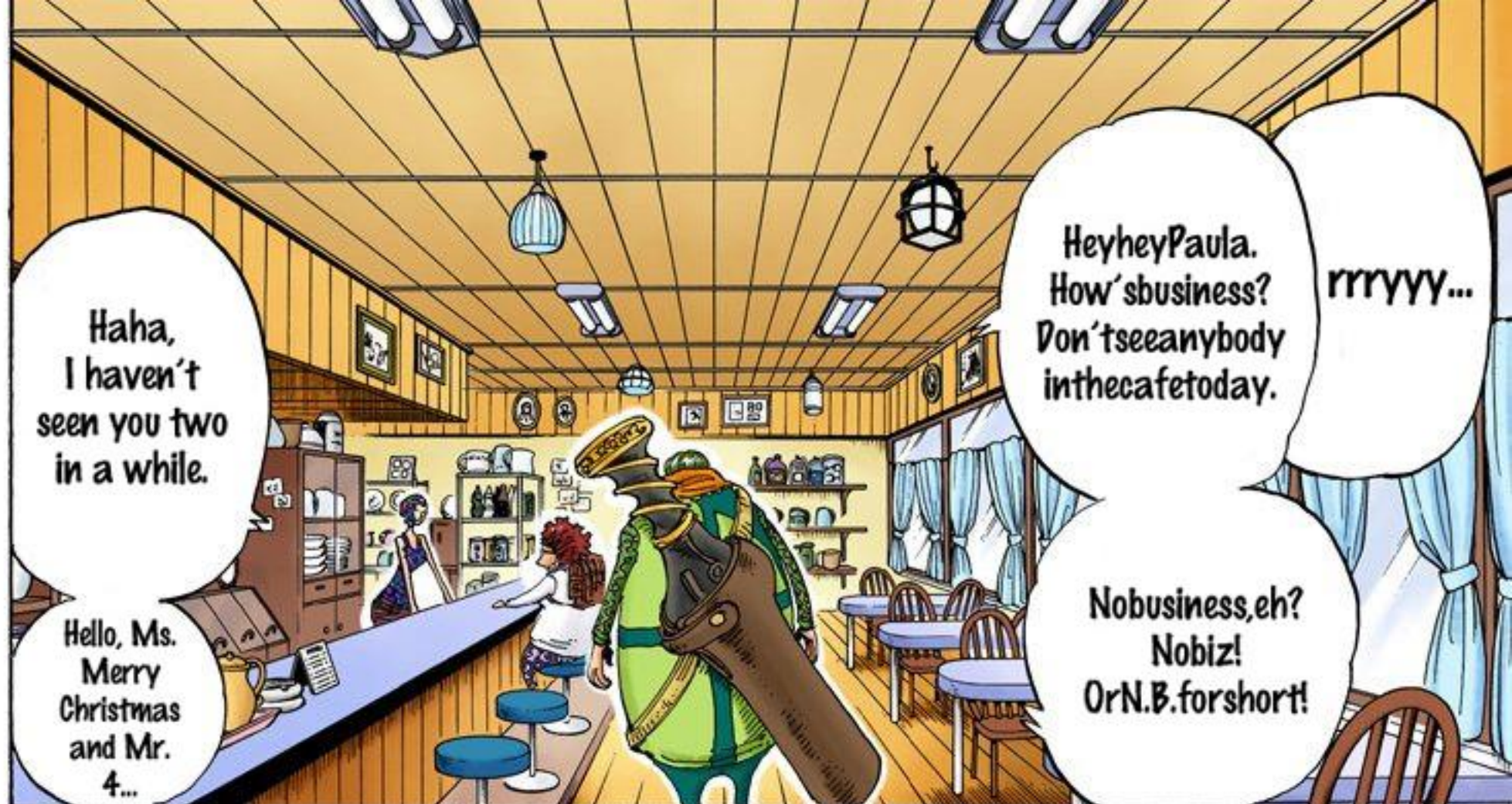
Baroque Works
Officer Agent
Ms. Merry Christmas

Yerslowness
ismakingmy
hipsache!

Yabigidiot!

Oooooorrrrr...

Uhh...
S...



Haha,
I haven't
seen you two
in a while.

Hello, Ms.
Merry
Christmas
and Mr.
4...

HeyheyPaula.
How'sbusiness?
Don'tseeanybody
inthecafetoday.

rrrryy...

Nobusiness,eh?
Nobiz!
OrN.B.forshort!



Let me guess. An
orange pekoe tea
for Ms. Merry
Christmas and...

An apple tea
for Mr. 4...?

The cafe's
specifically
reserved for
your people
tonight.

Owner of
Spider's Cafe
Paula



So how's
work these
days?

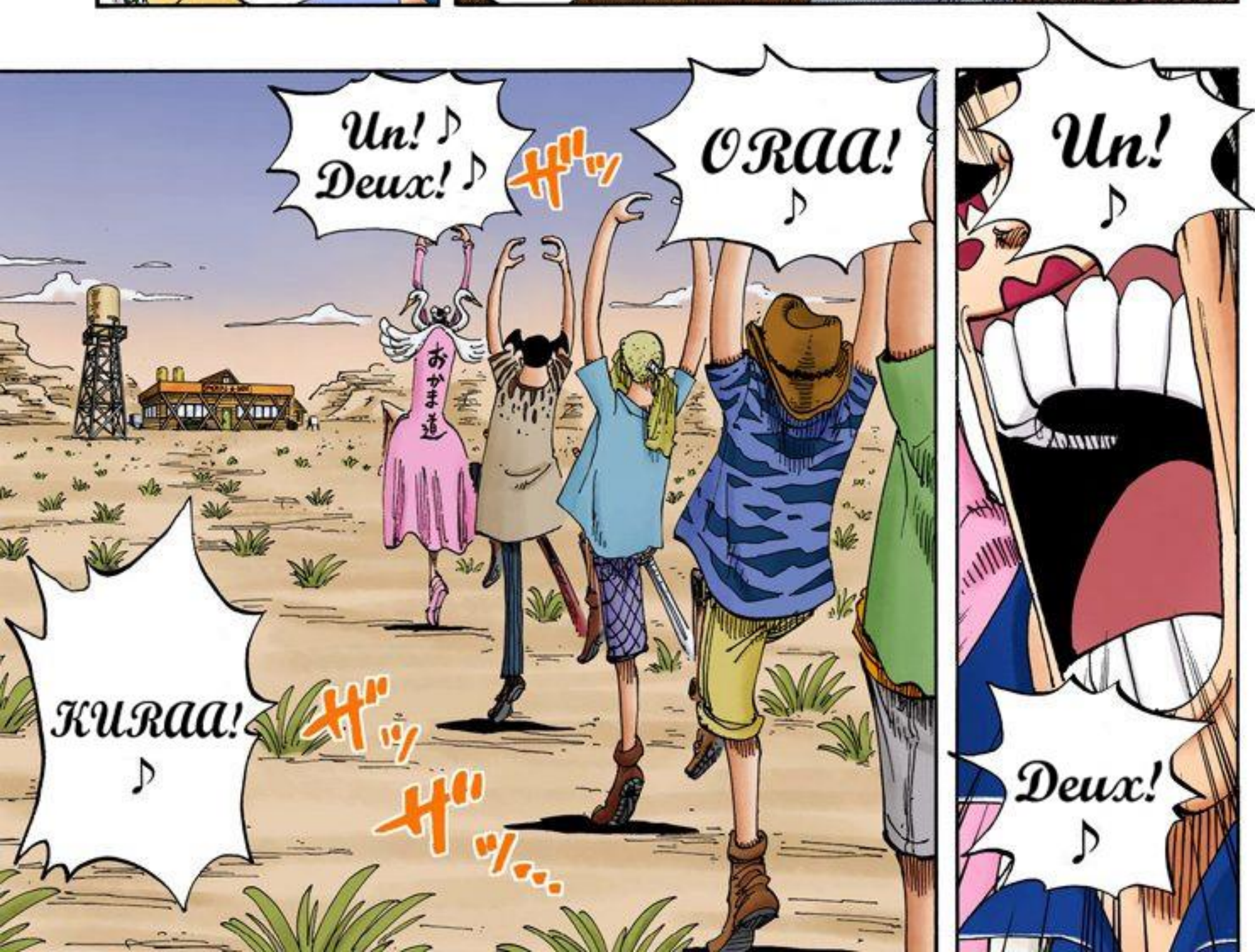
You're as
spirited as
always.

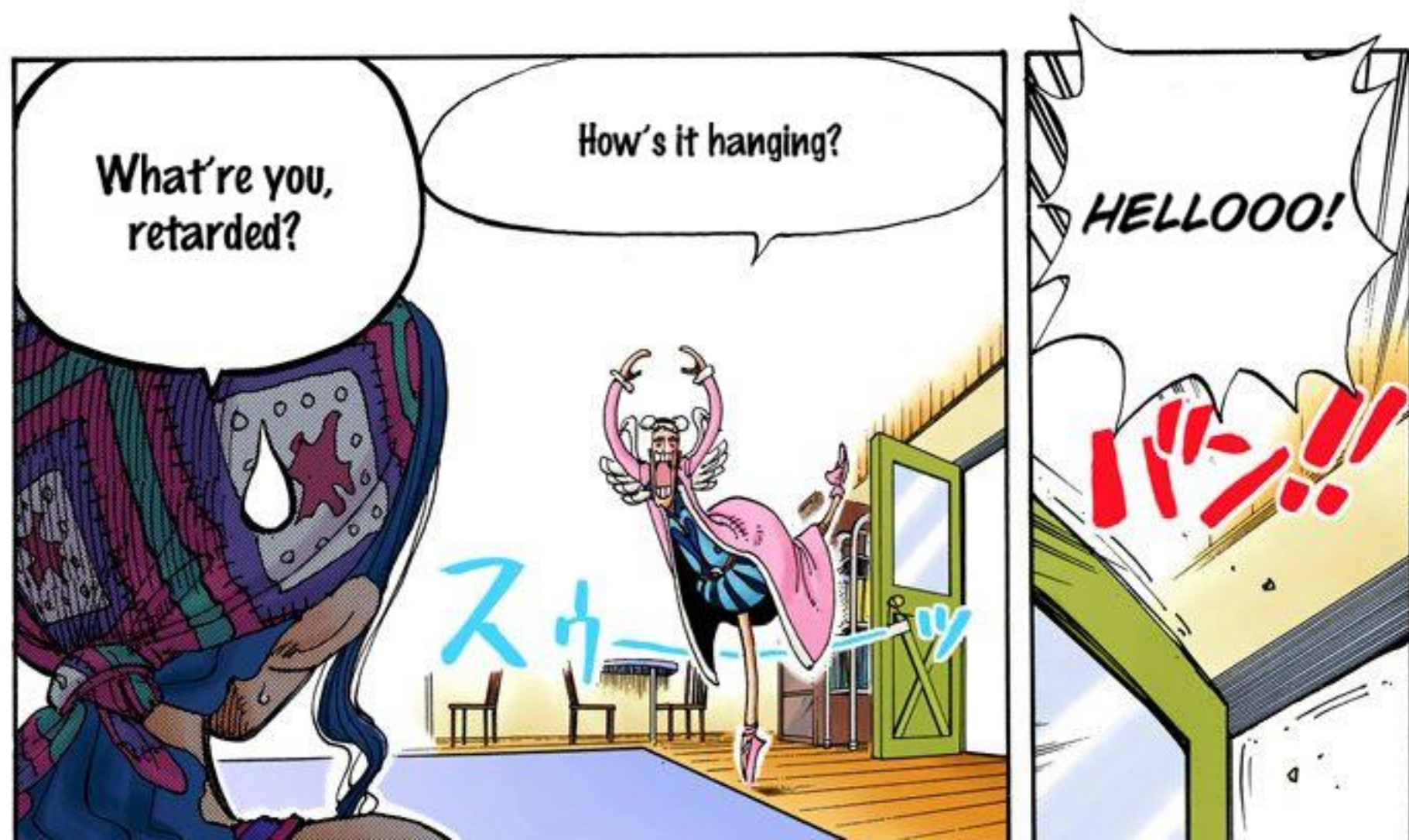
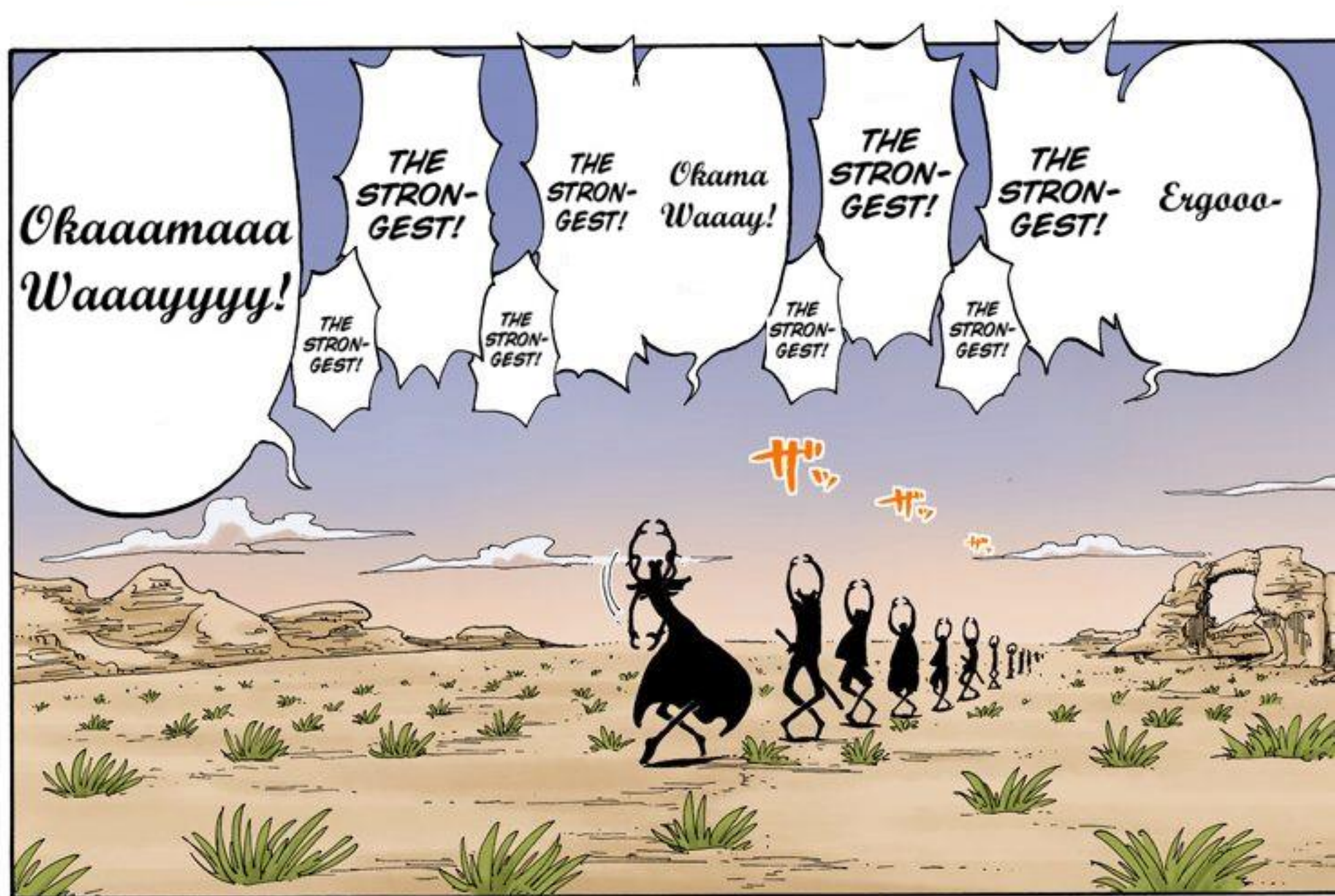
Giveitgiveit
giveitgiveit!

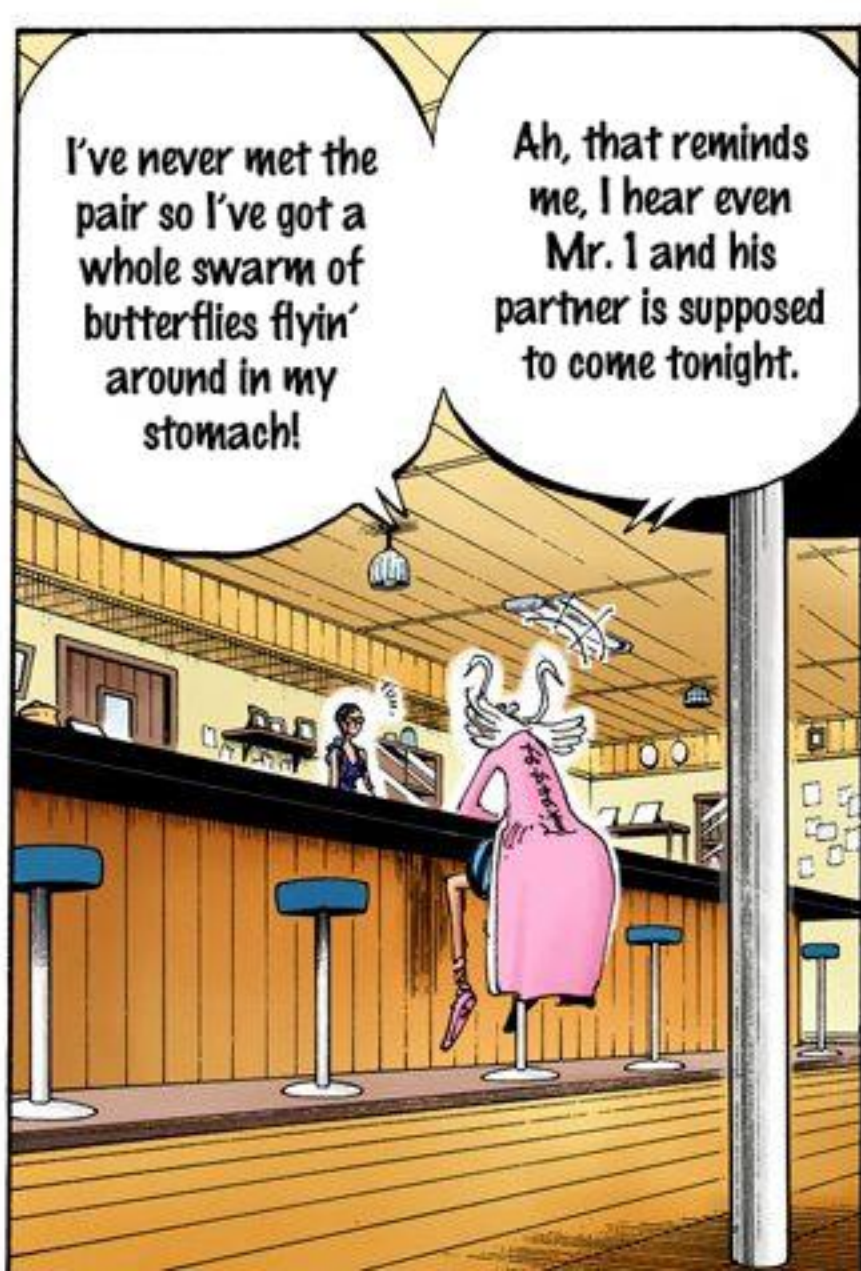
ババババ!!

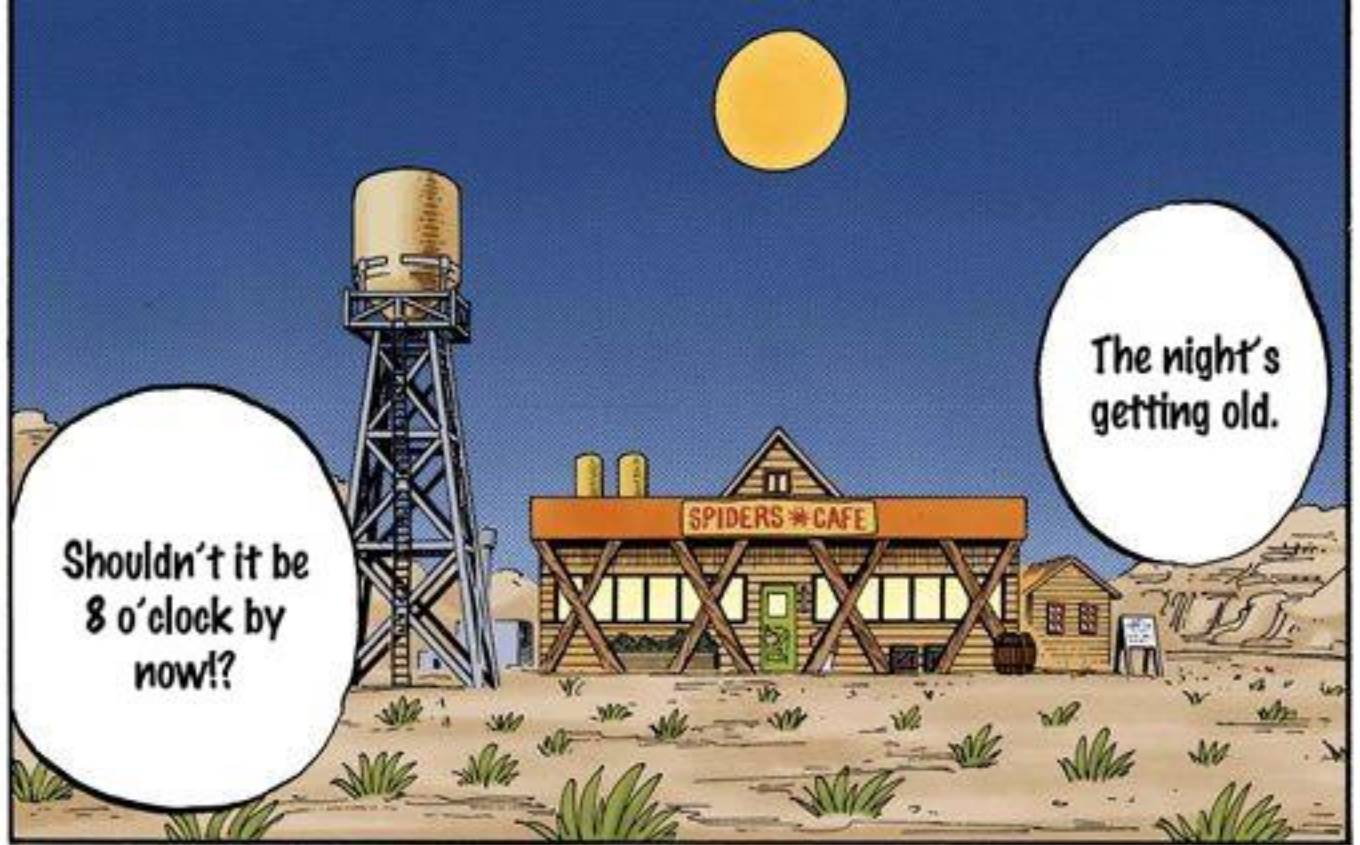
C'mon
then!

Nothin'too hot!
Make it cool enough
so I can drink it right
away, y'hear!?



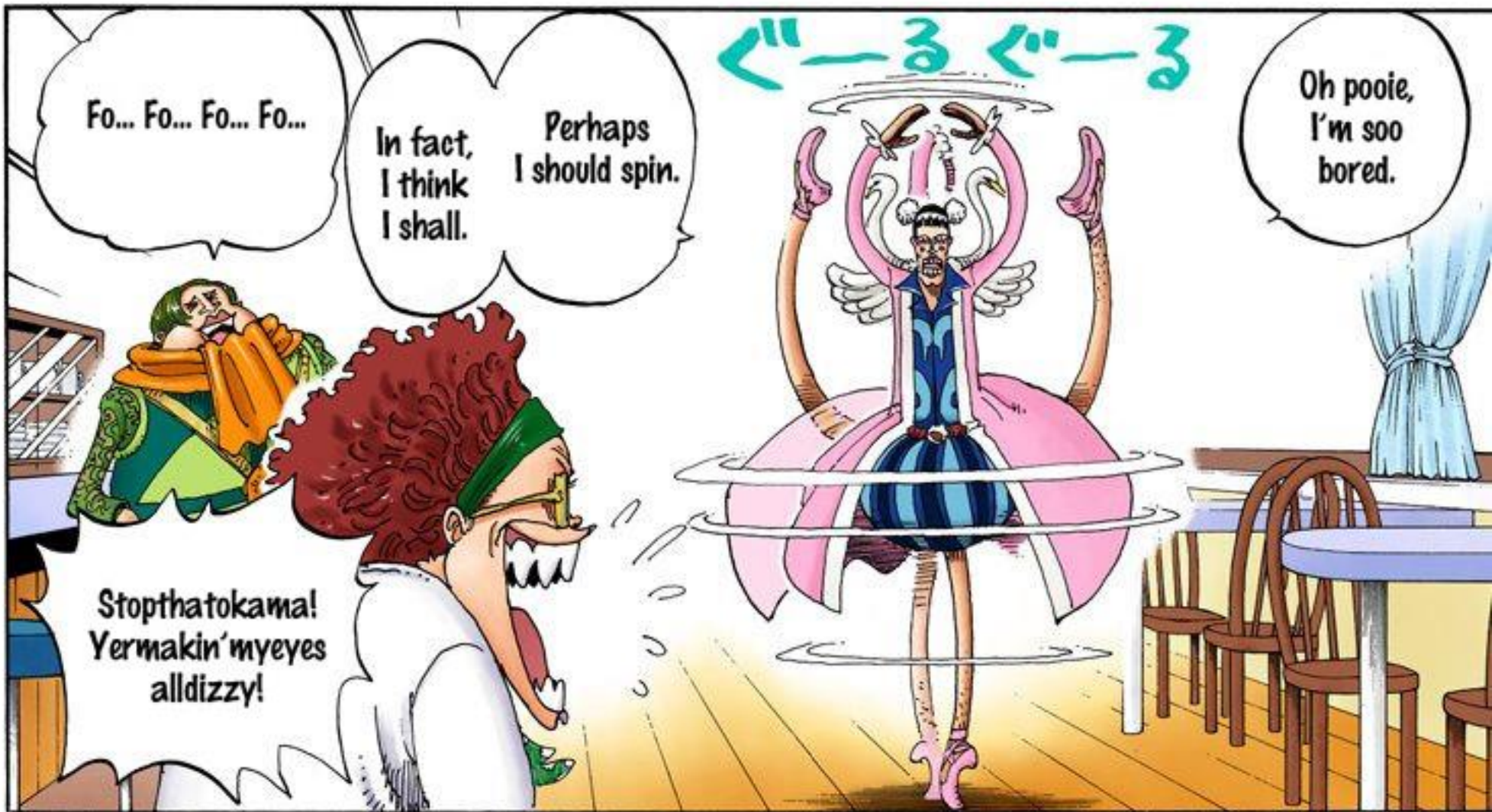






Shouldn't it be
8 o'clock by
now!?

The night's
getting old.



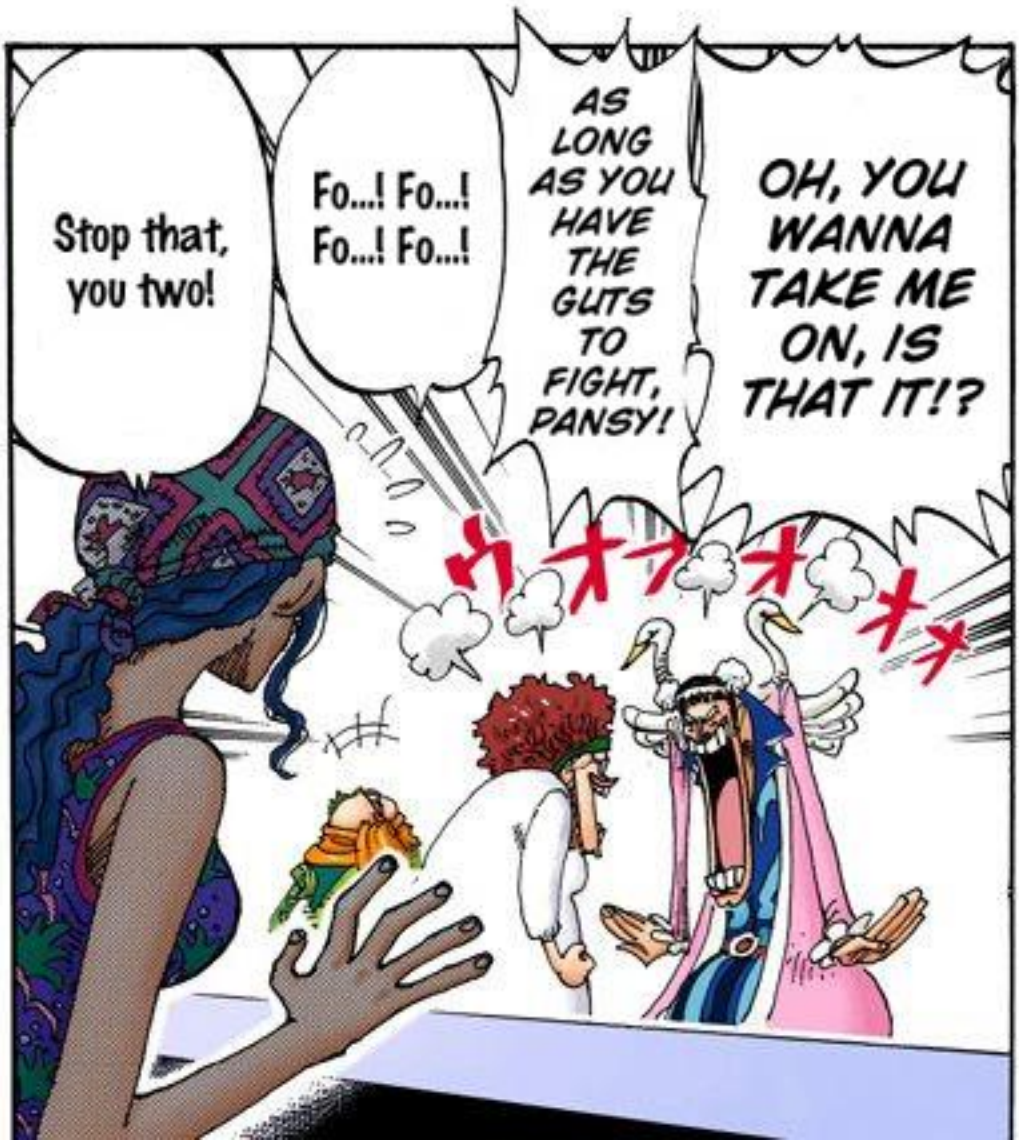
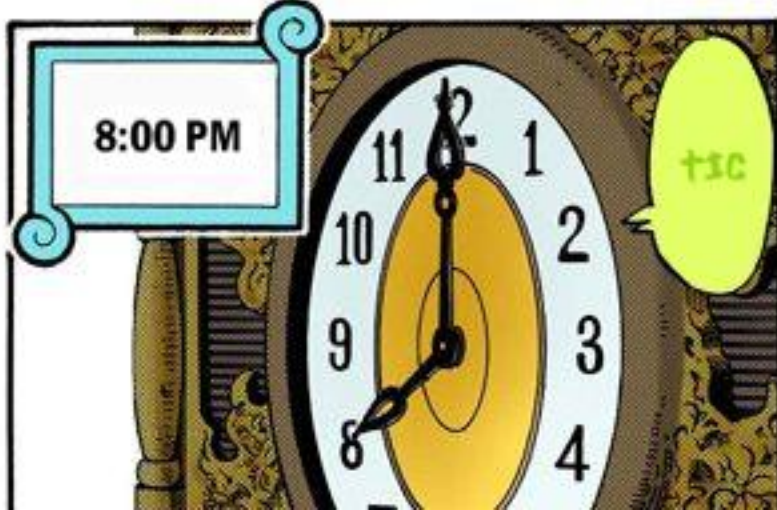
Fo... Fo... Fo... Fo...

In fact,
I think
I shall.

Perhaps
I should spin.

Oh poie,
I'm soo
bored.

Stop that okama!
Yermakin' myeyes
alldizzy!




Stop that,
you two!

Fo...! Fo...!
Fo...! Fo...!

AS
LONG
AS YOU
HAVE
THE
GUTS
TO
FIGHT,
PANSY!

OH, YOU
WANNA
TAKE ME
ON, IS
THAT IT!?





Don't worry,
they're not
dead.

They were
moving
suspiciously
across the
desert so
I taught them
a lesson.

*character on his chest reads "1"

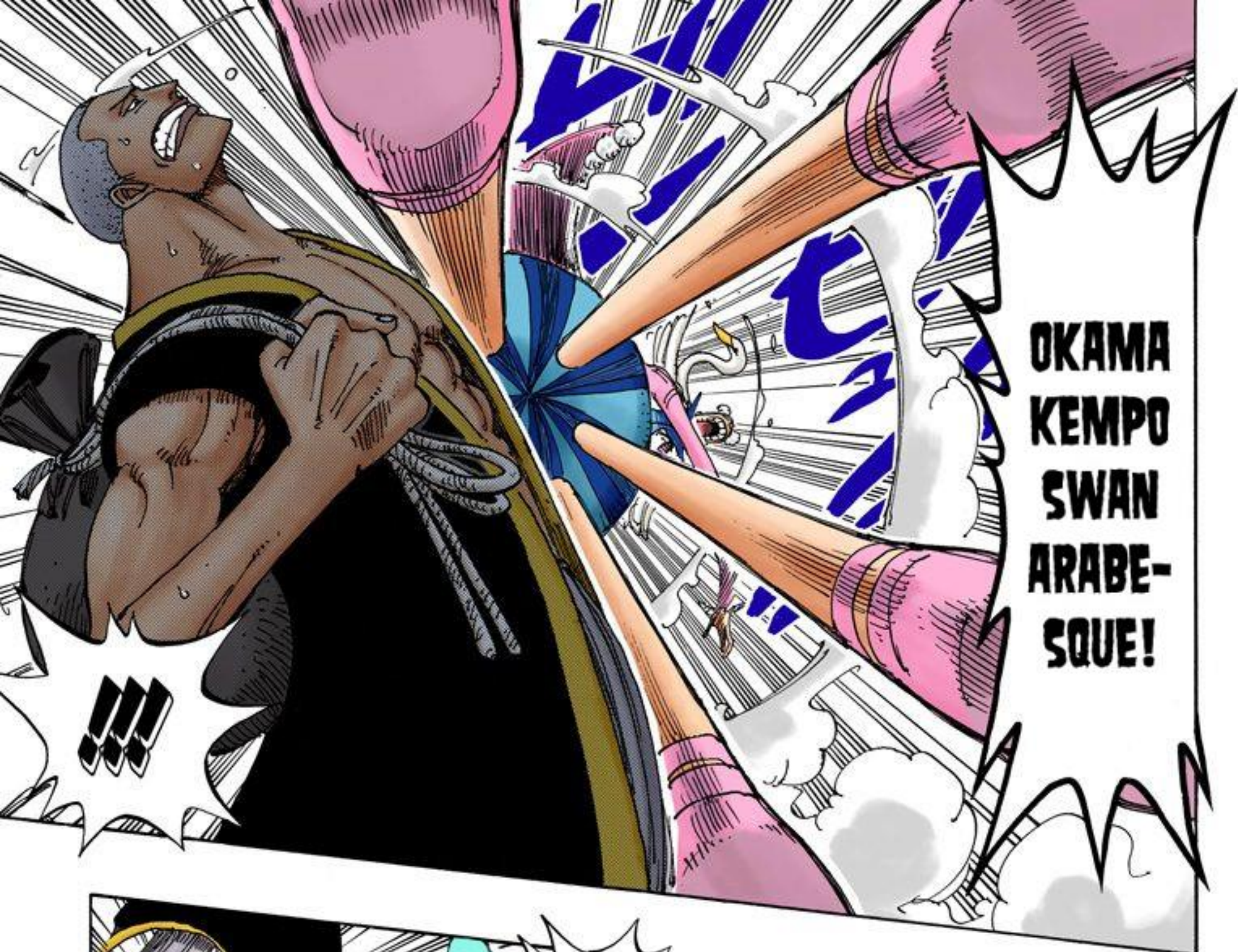
**THEY'RE MY
SUBORDI-
NATES!**

Seems like
you're quite
attached to
them,

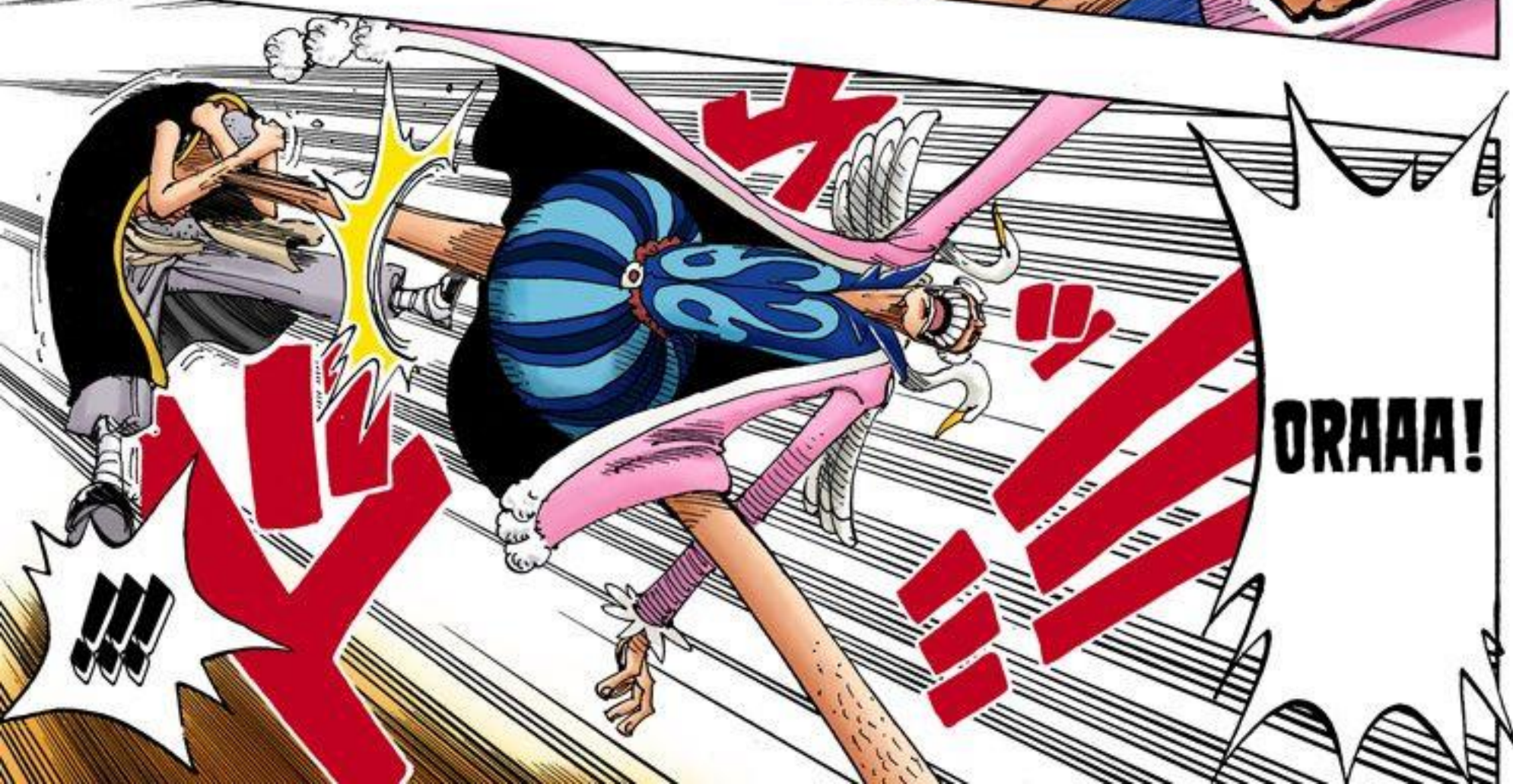
**NO,
MR. 2!
STOP!**

So let me just
warn you that
hanging around
with freaks like
them is only going
to bring your own
self down too.

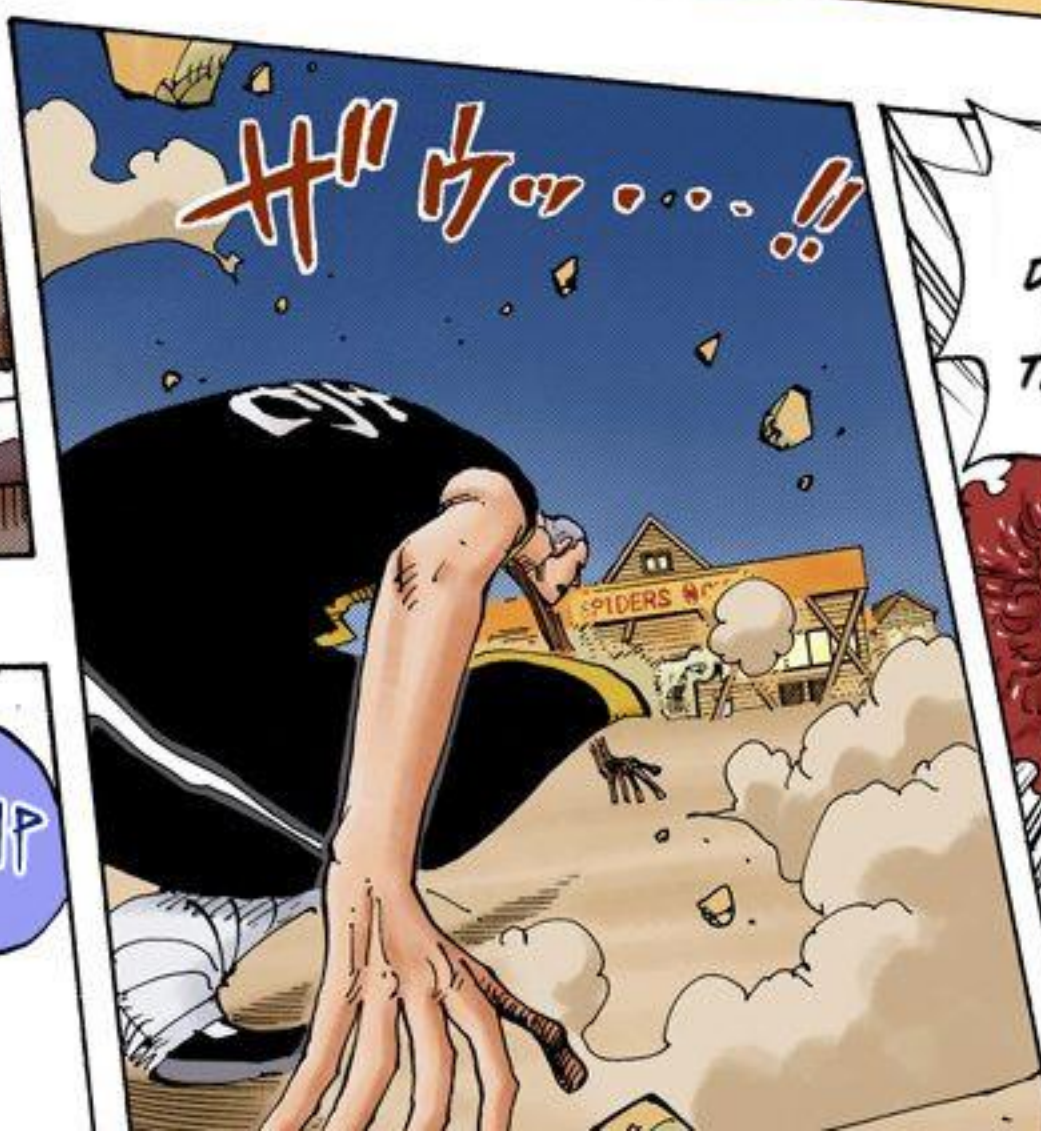
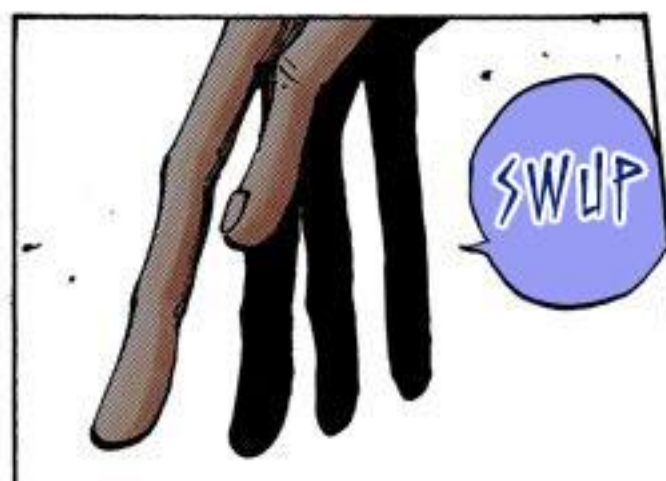
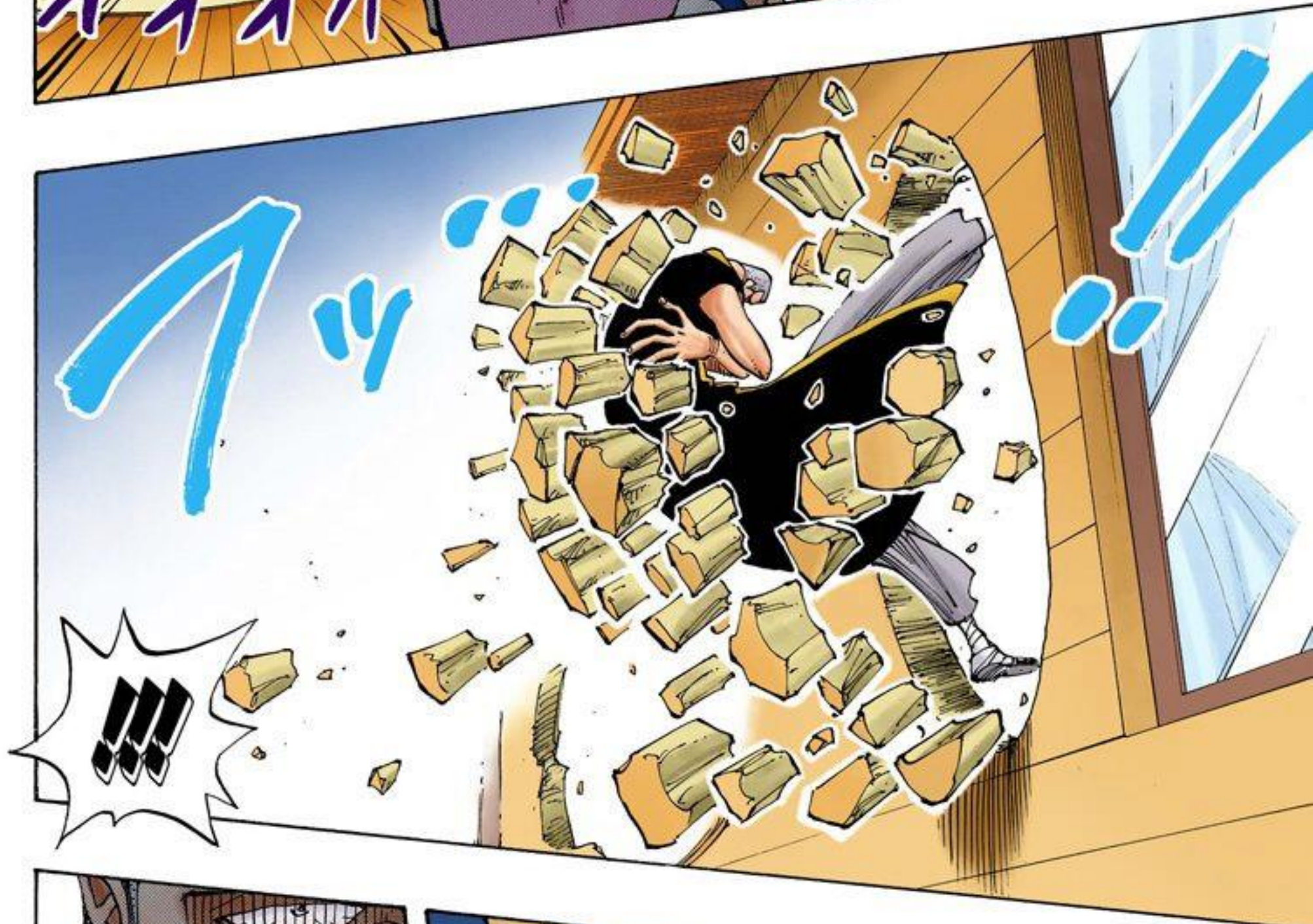
**Baroque Works
Officer Agent
Mr. 1**

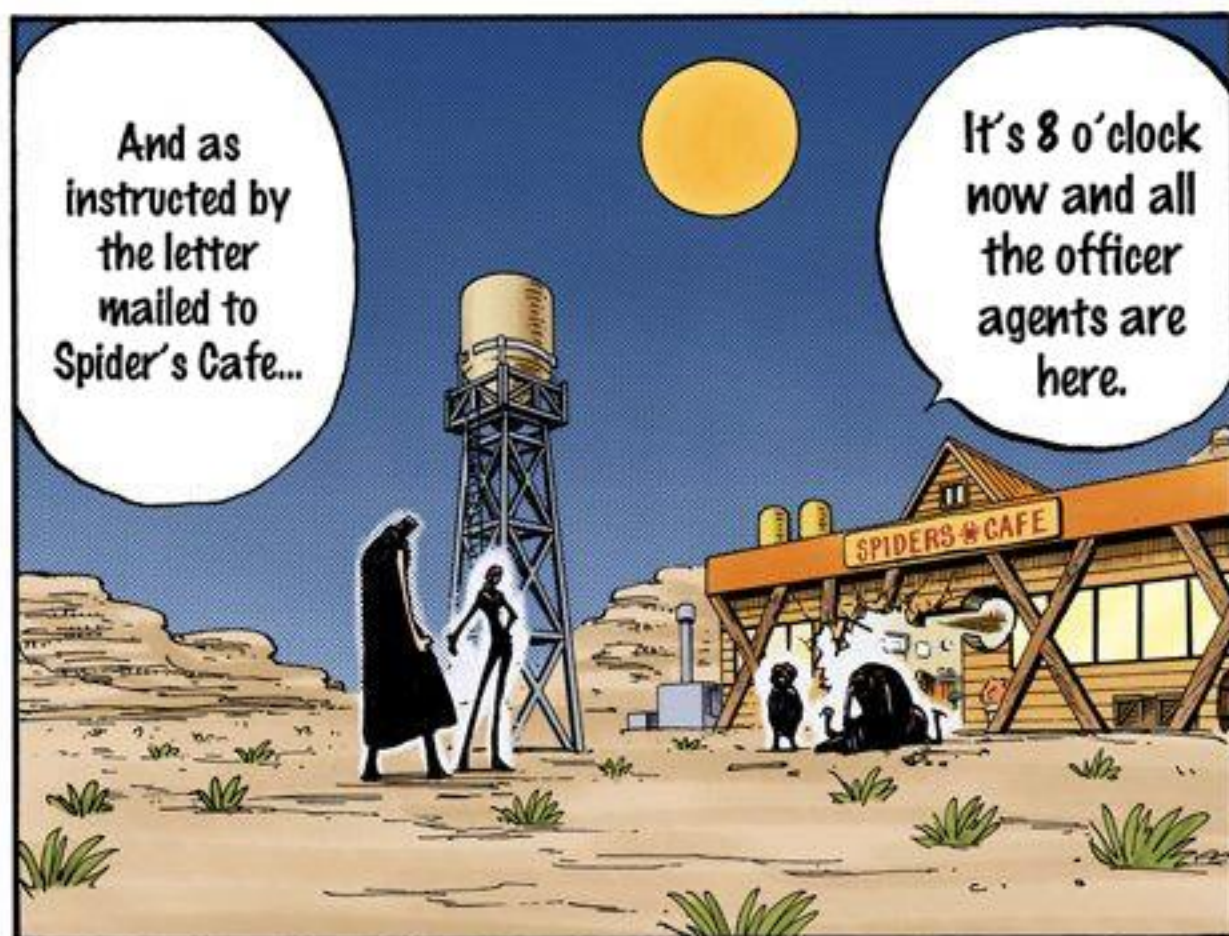


**OKAMA
KEMPO
SWAN
ARABE-
SQUE!**



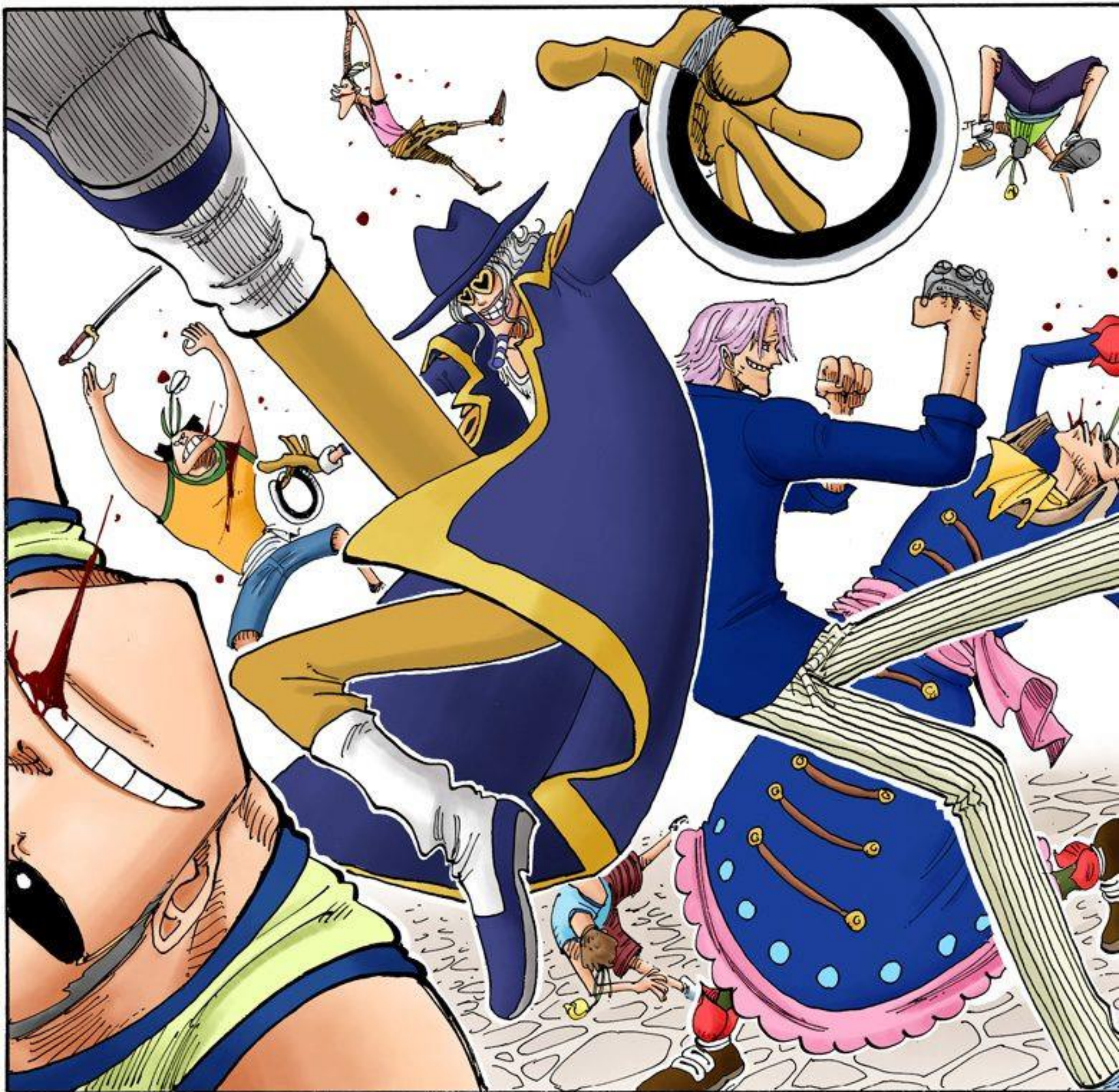
ORAAA!





Chapter 161

“The Green City, Elumalu”



JANGO'S DANCE PARADISE VOL. 27 "SHALL WE DANCE?"

I sent Banchi to pick them up so they should arrive here by... Early morning tomorrow.

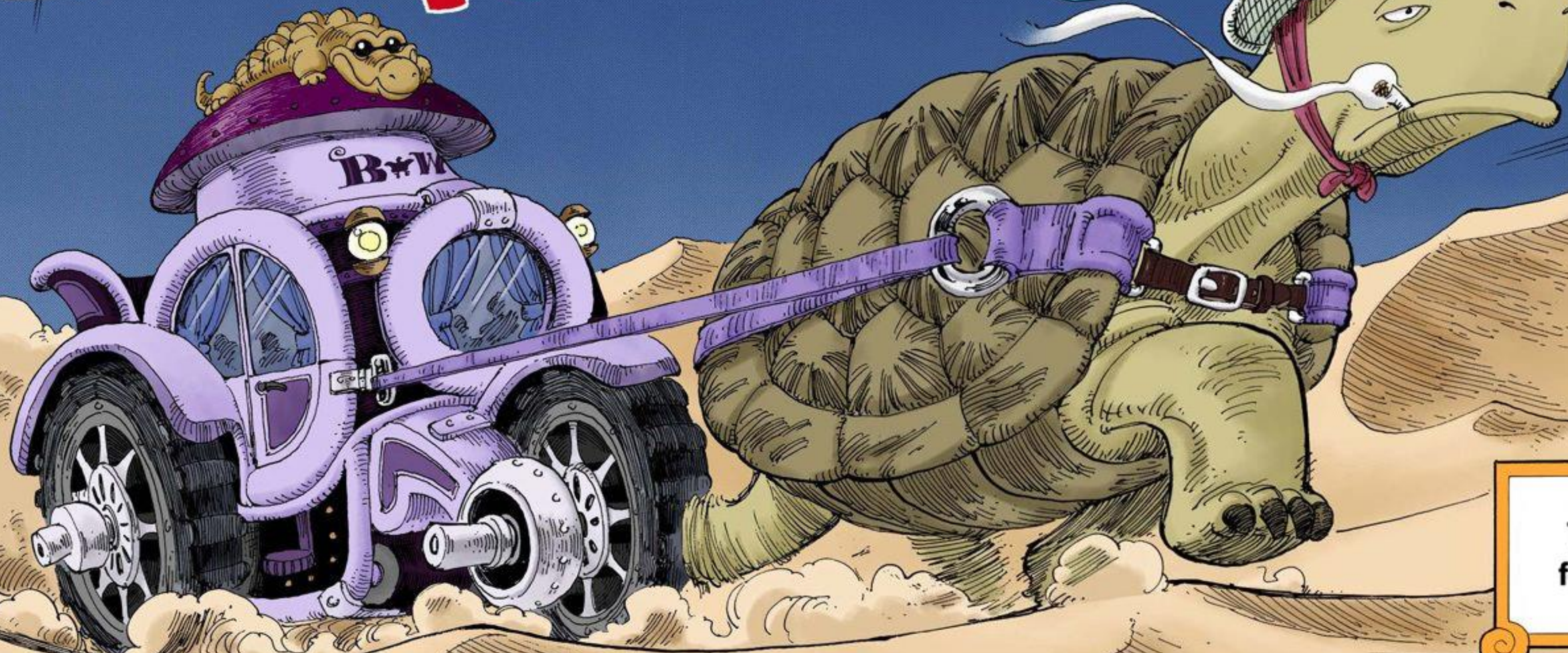
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They should be heading here to Rainbase right about now...

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Baroque Works
Transport-Turtle
for Officer Agents
"Banchi"

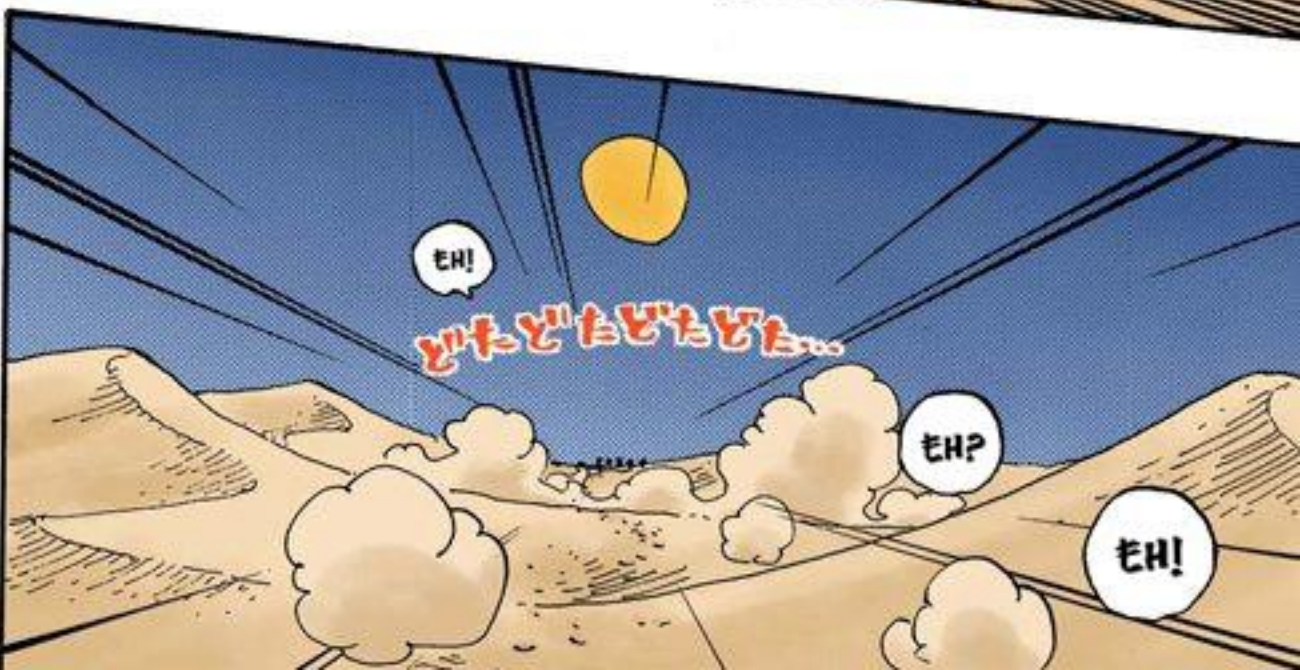
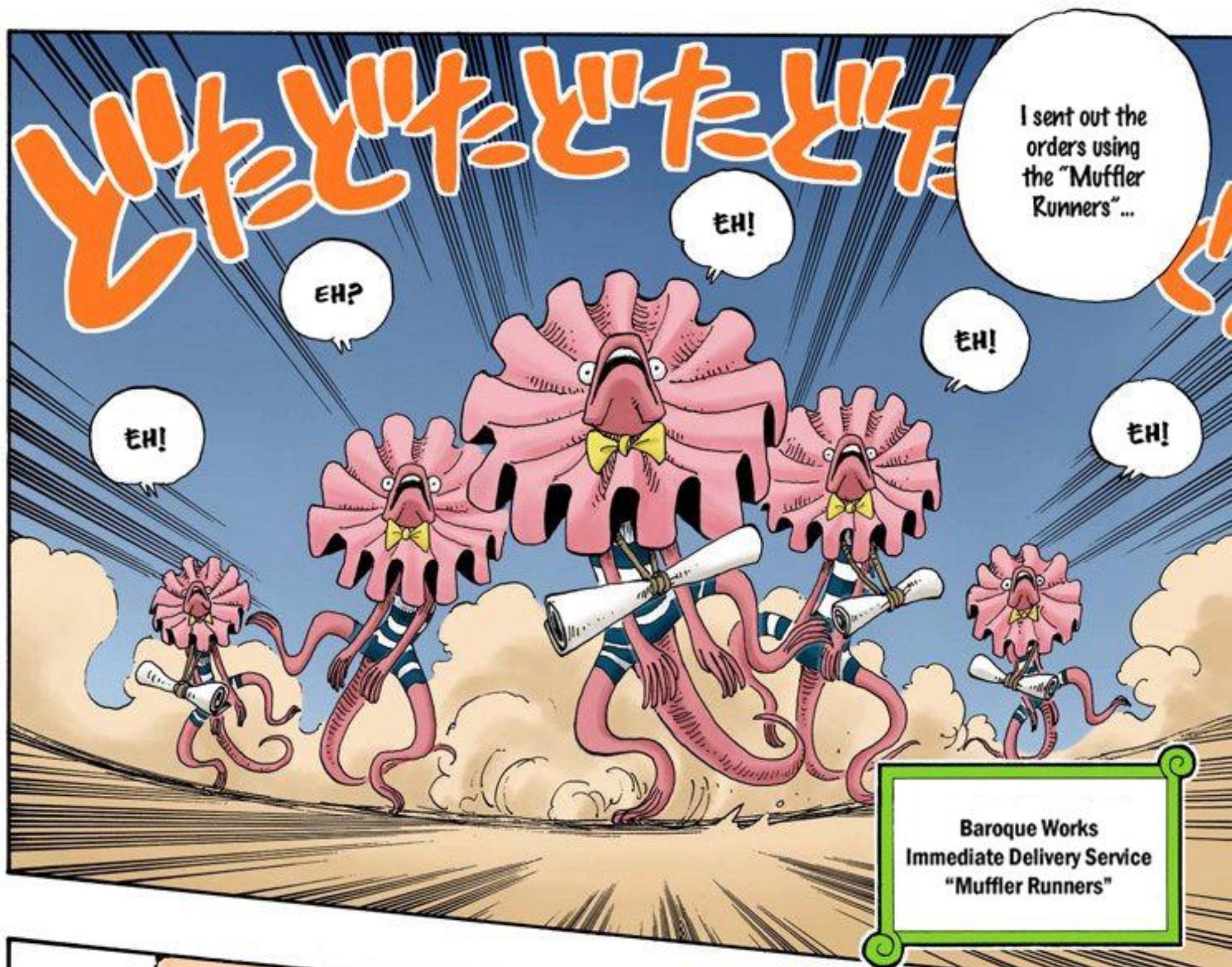
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Haha... Well,
I never said
I "wasn't,"
did I?

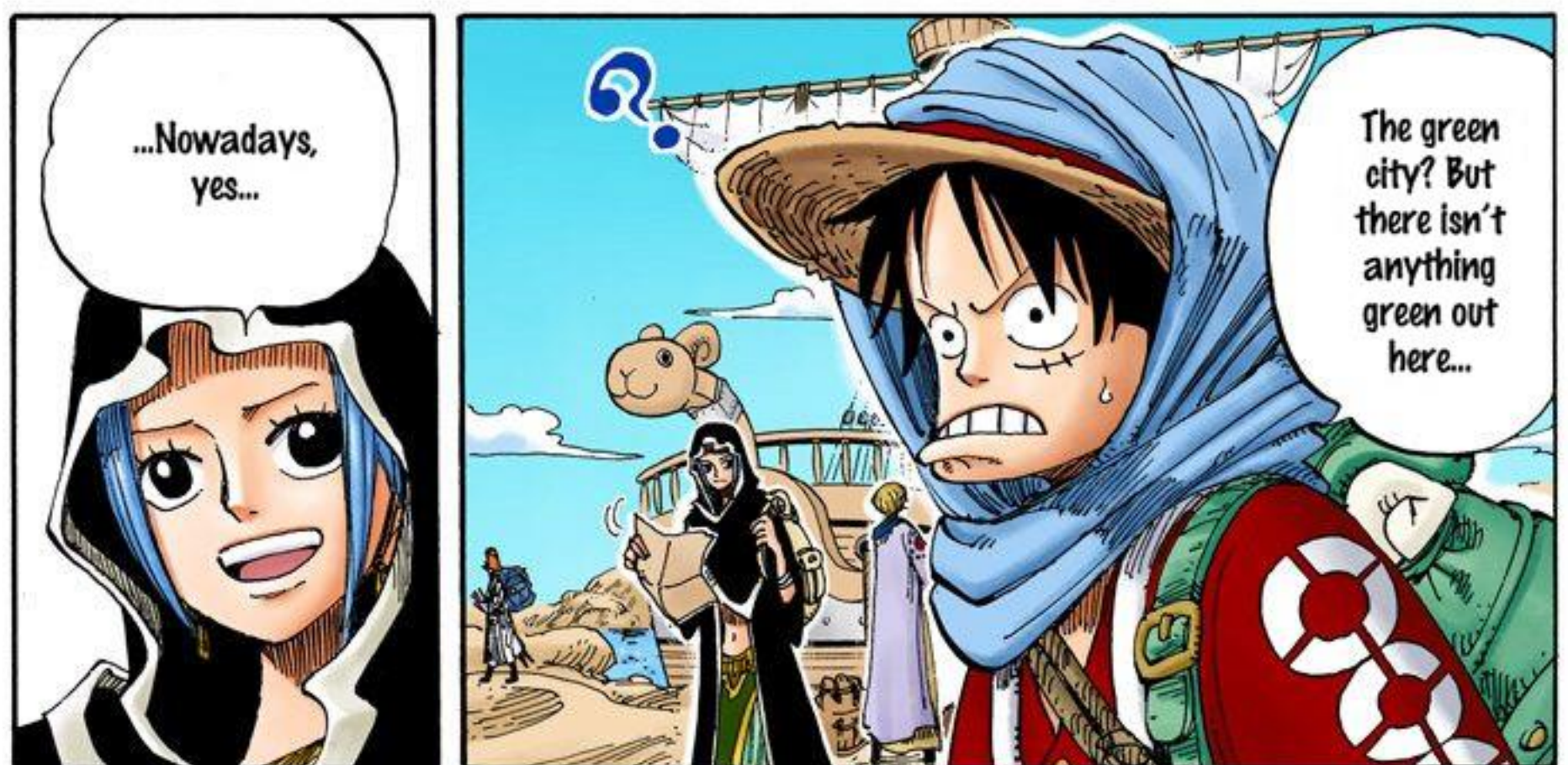
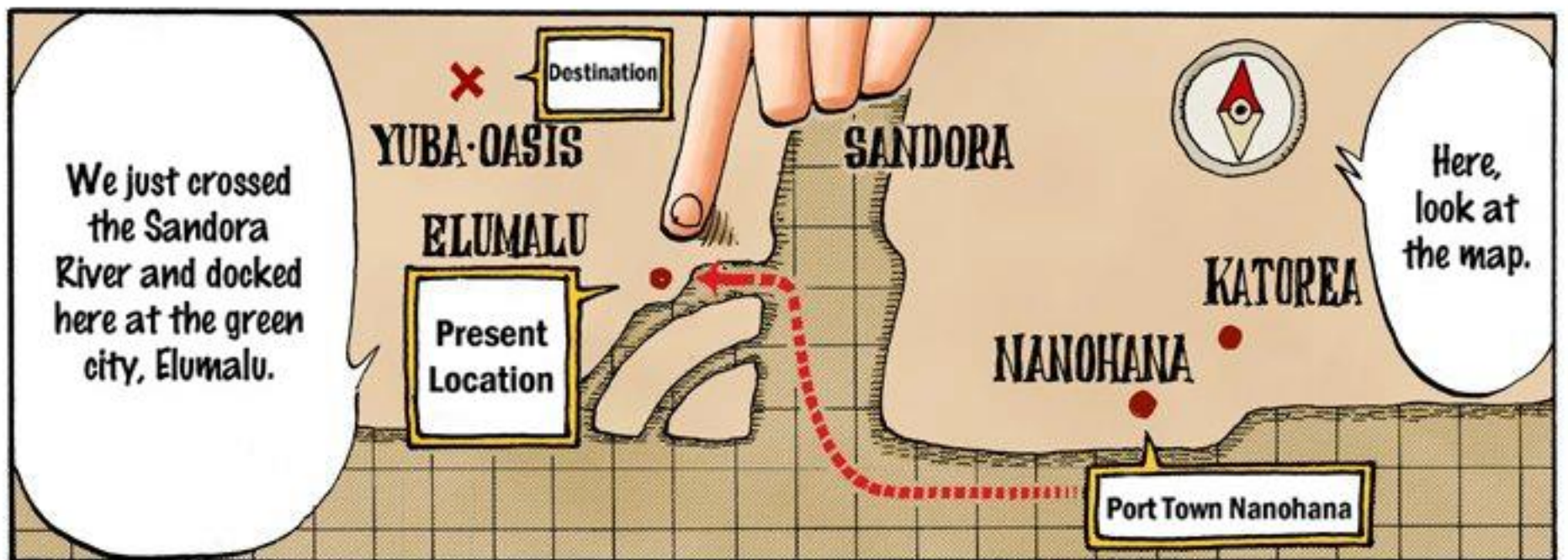
I never would've
imagined you'd
be Ms. Double-
Finger, Paula!

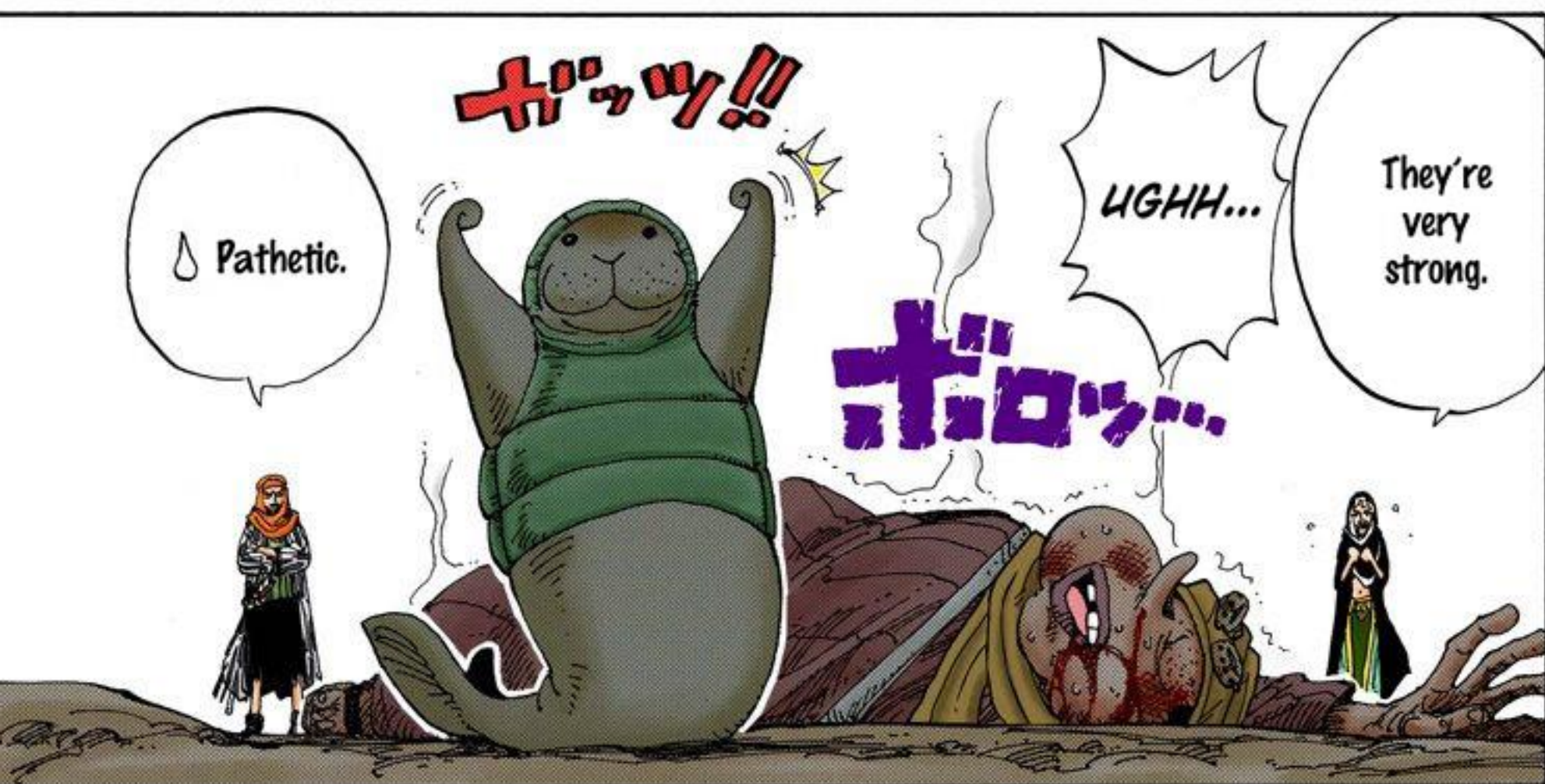
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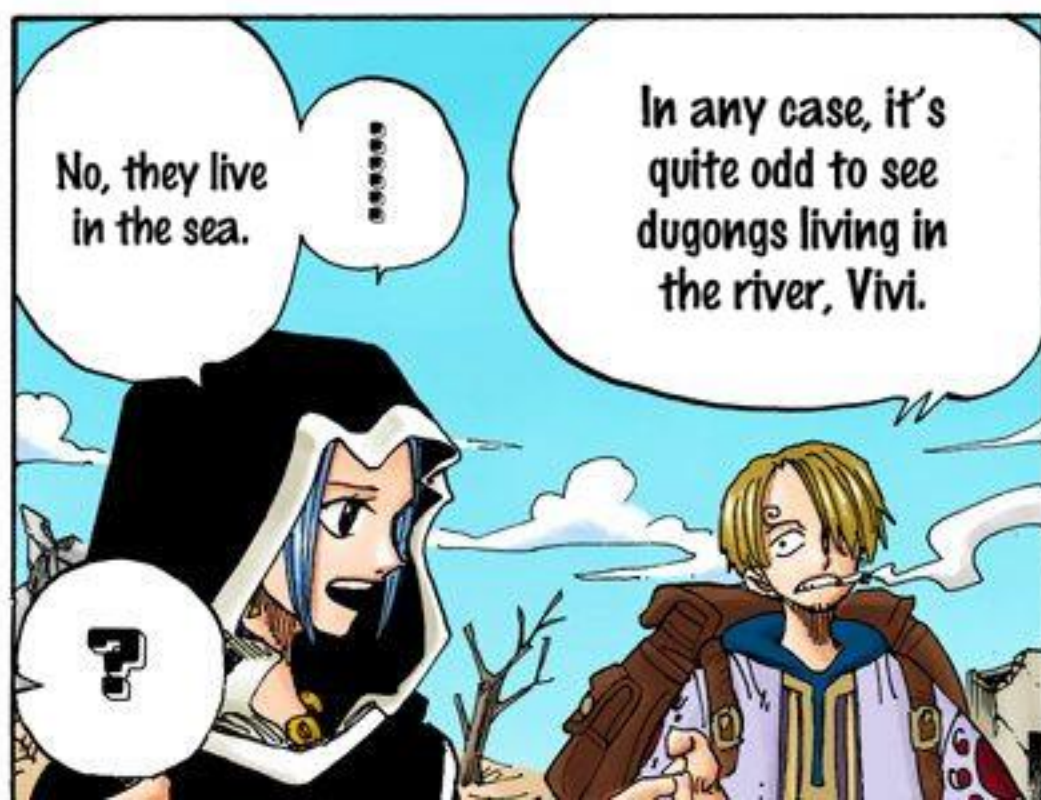


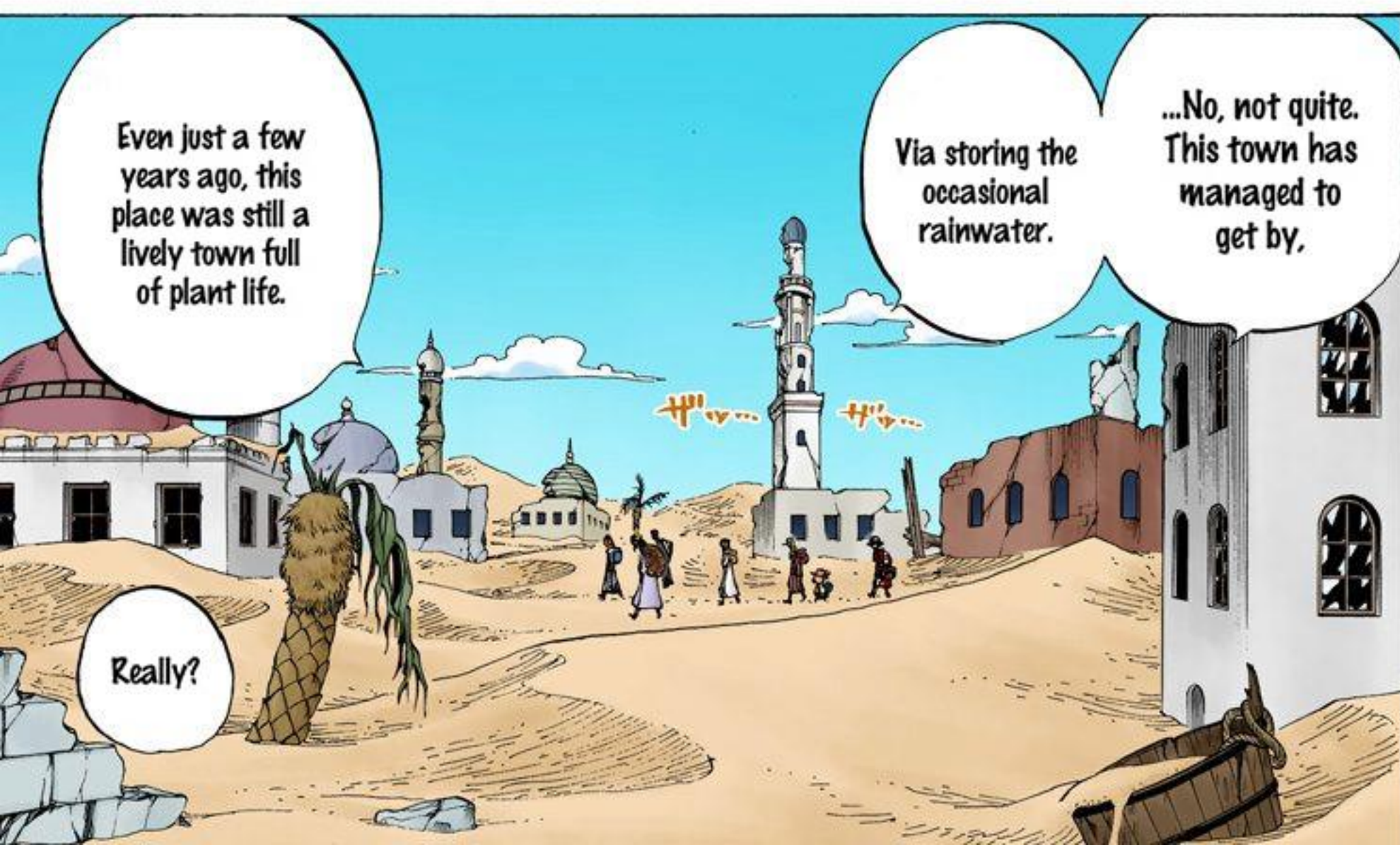
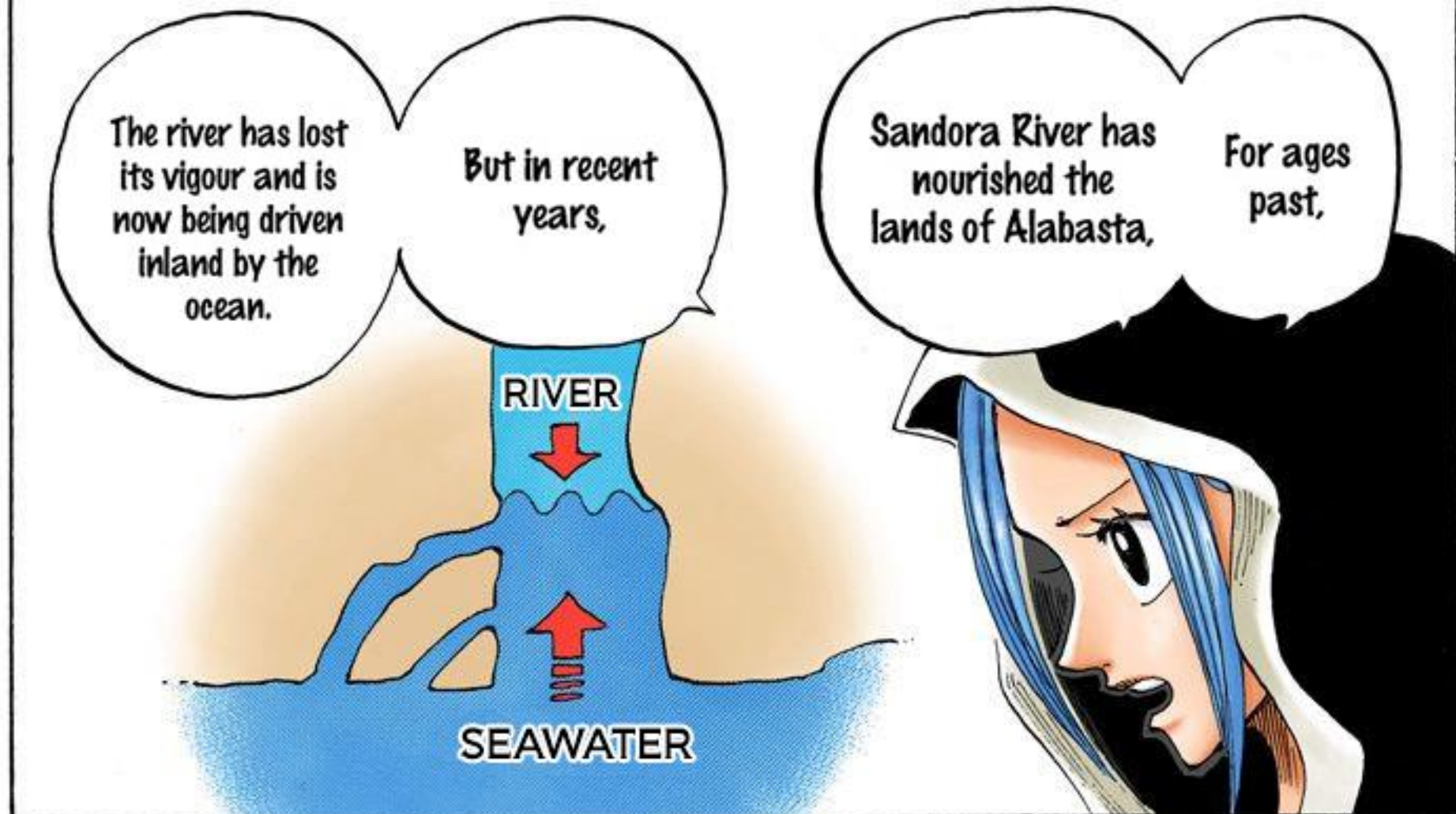


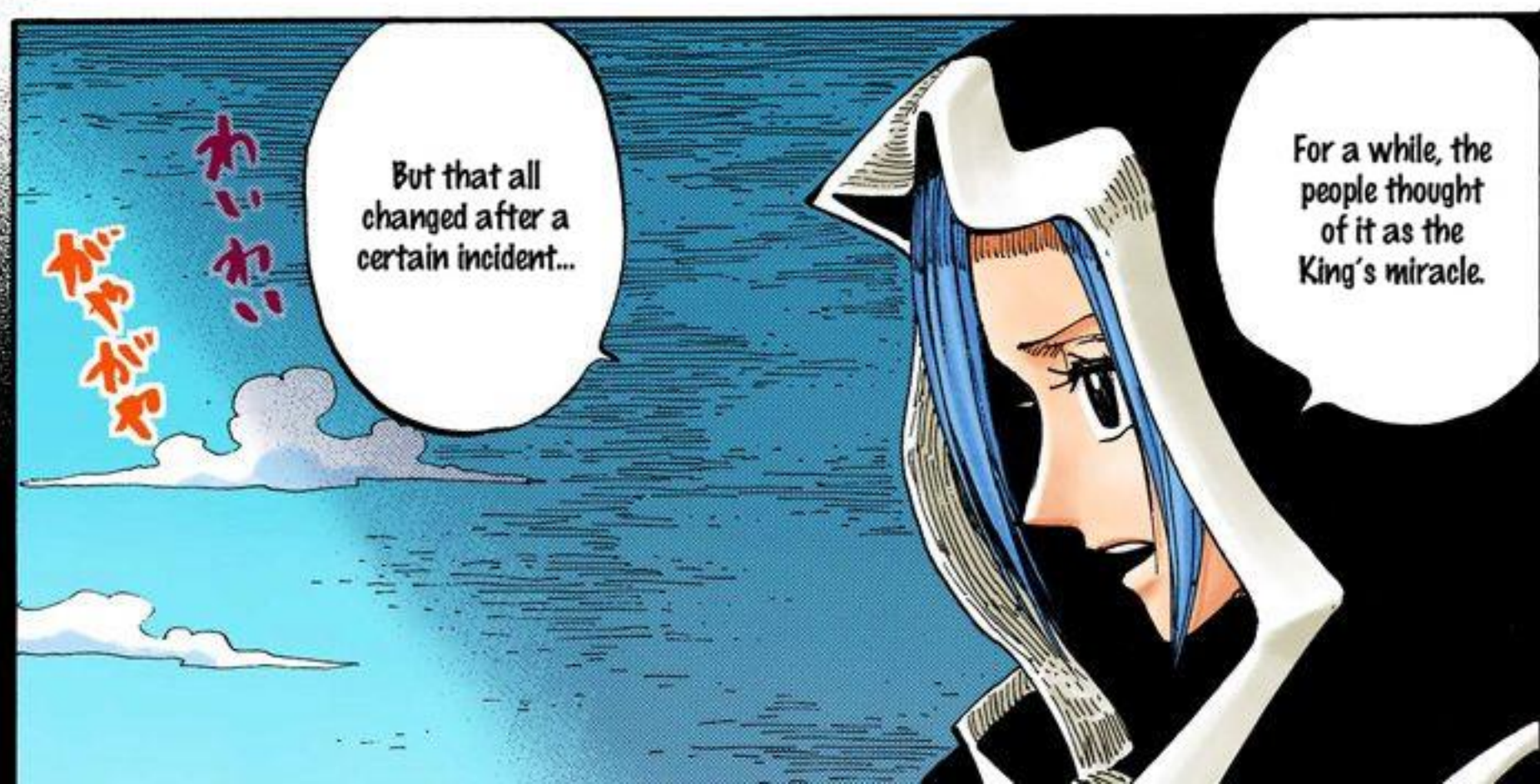
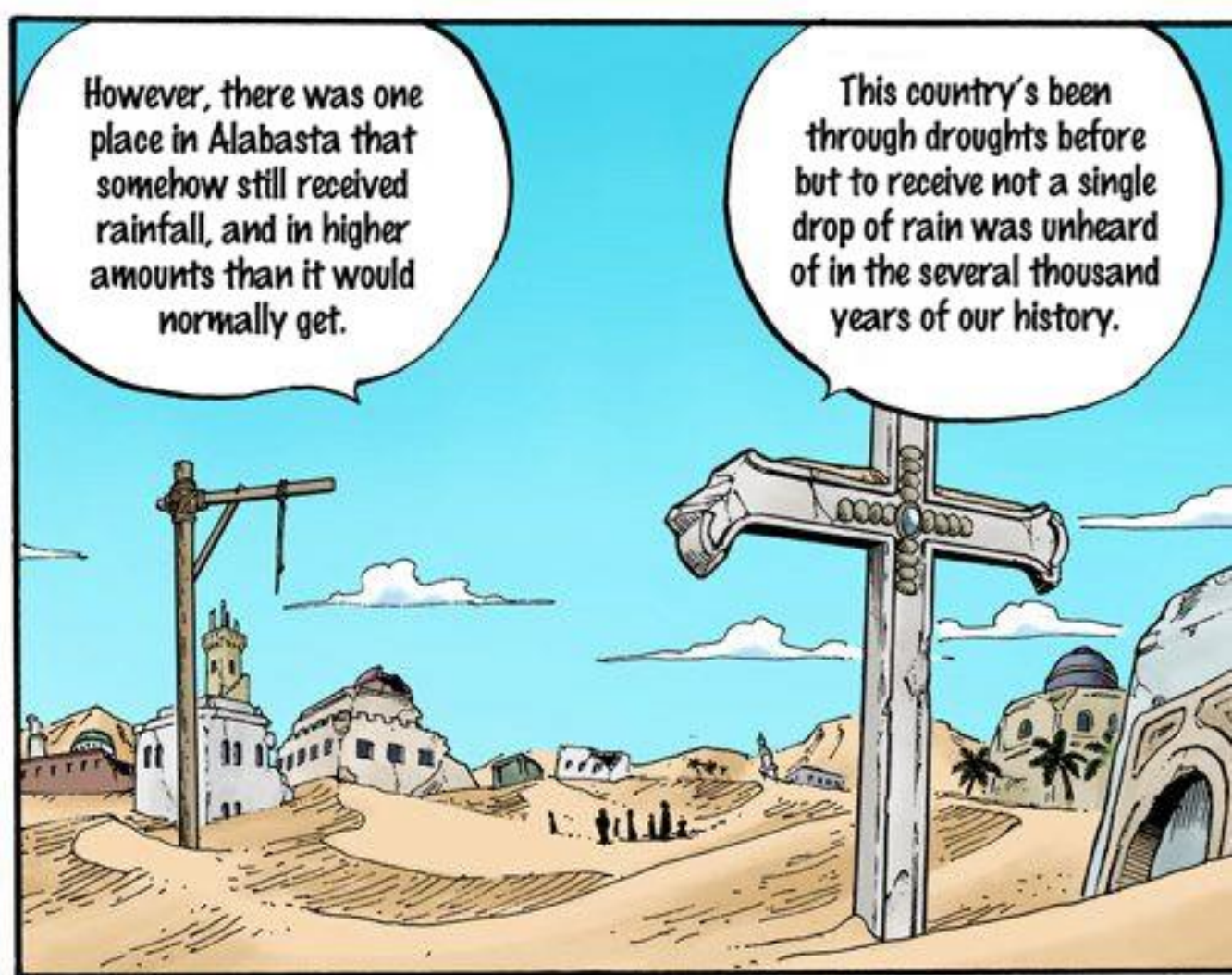
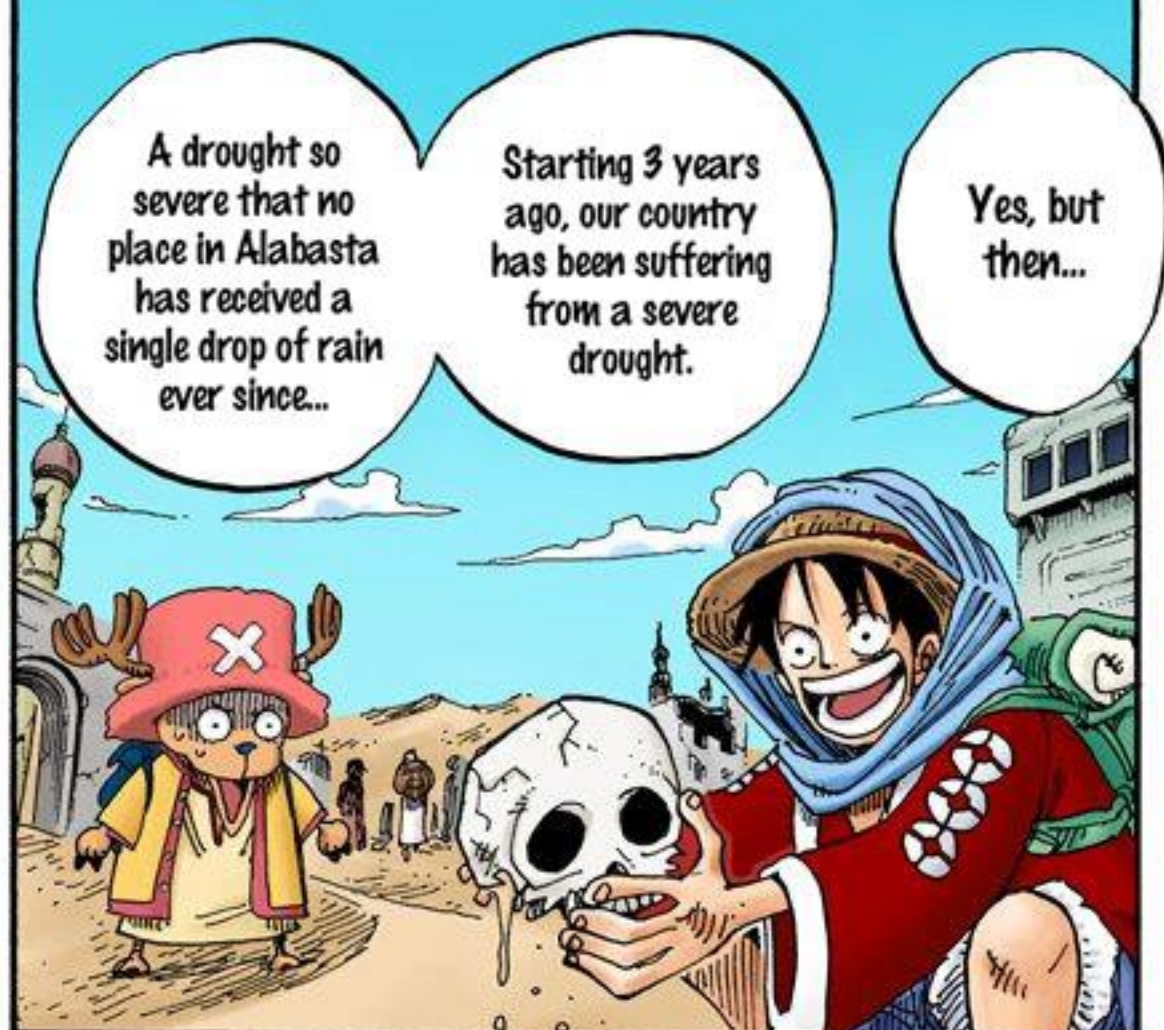
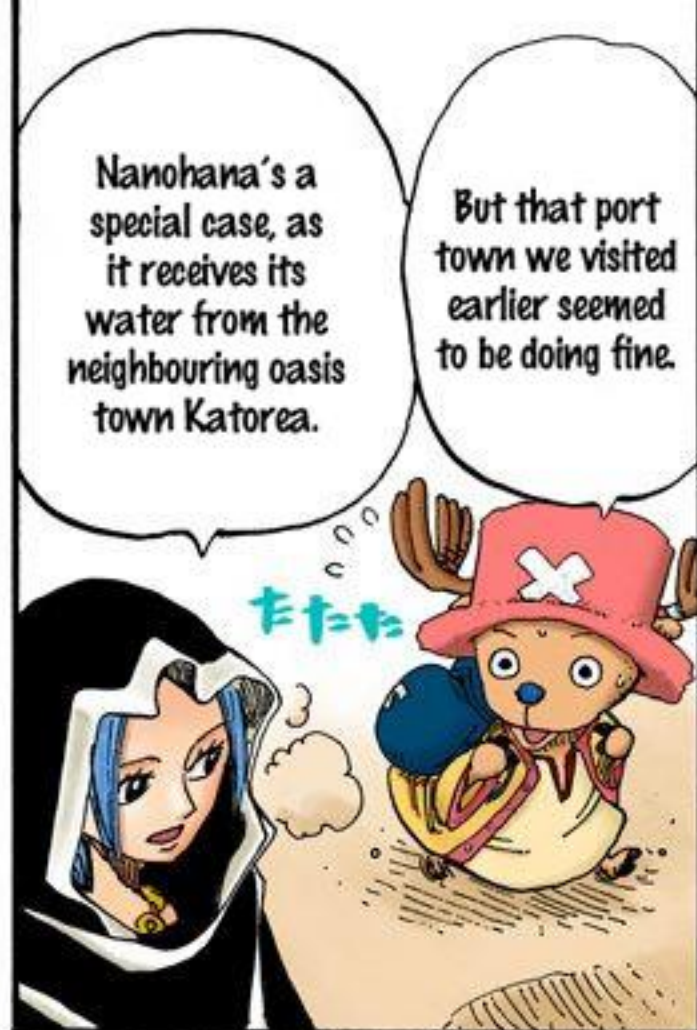


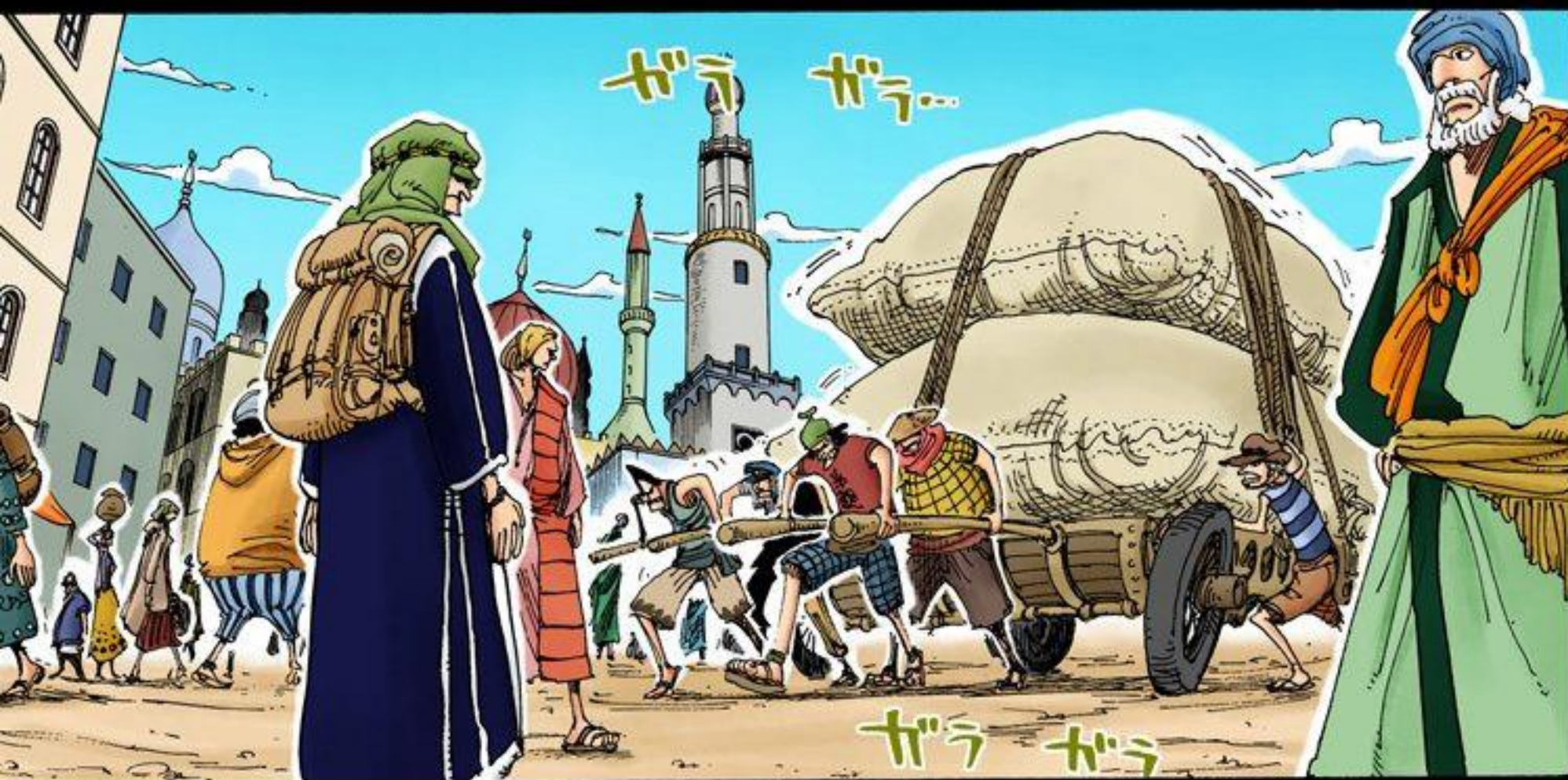
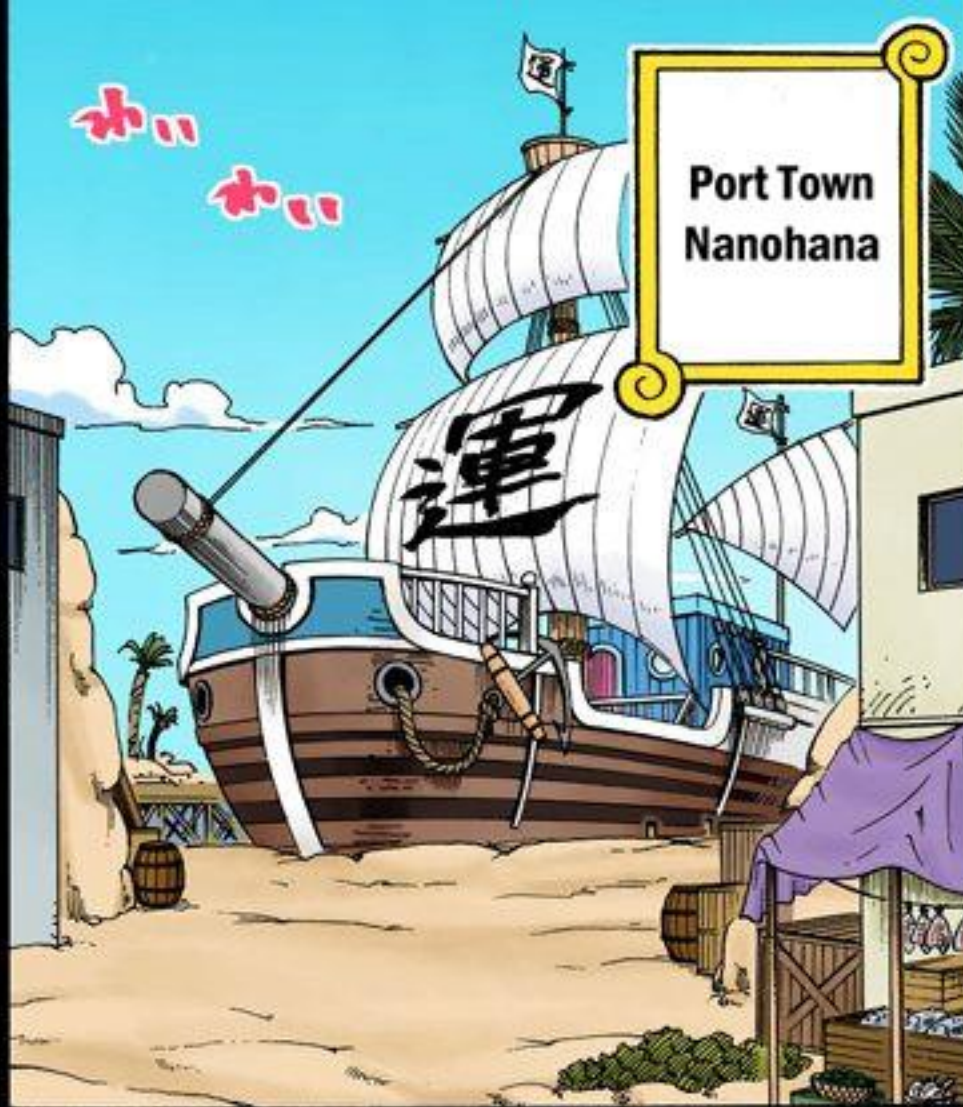


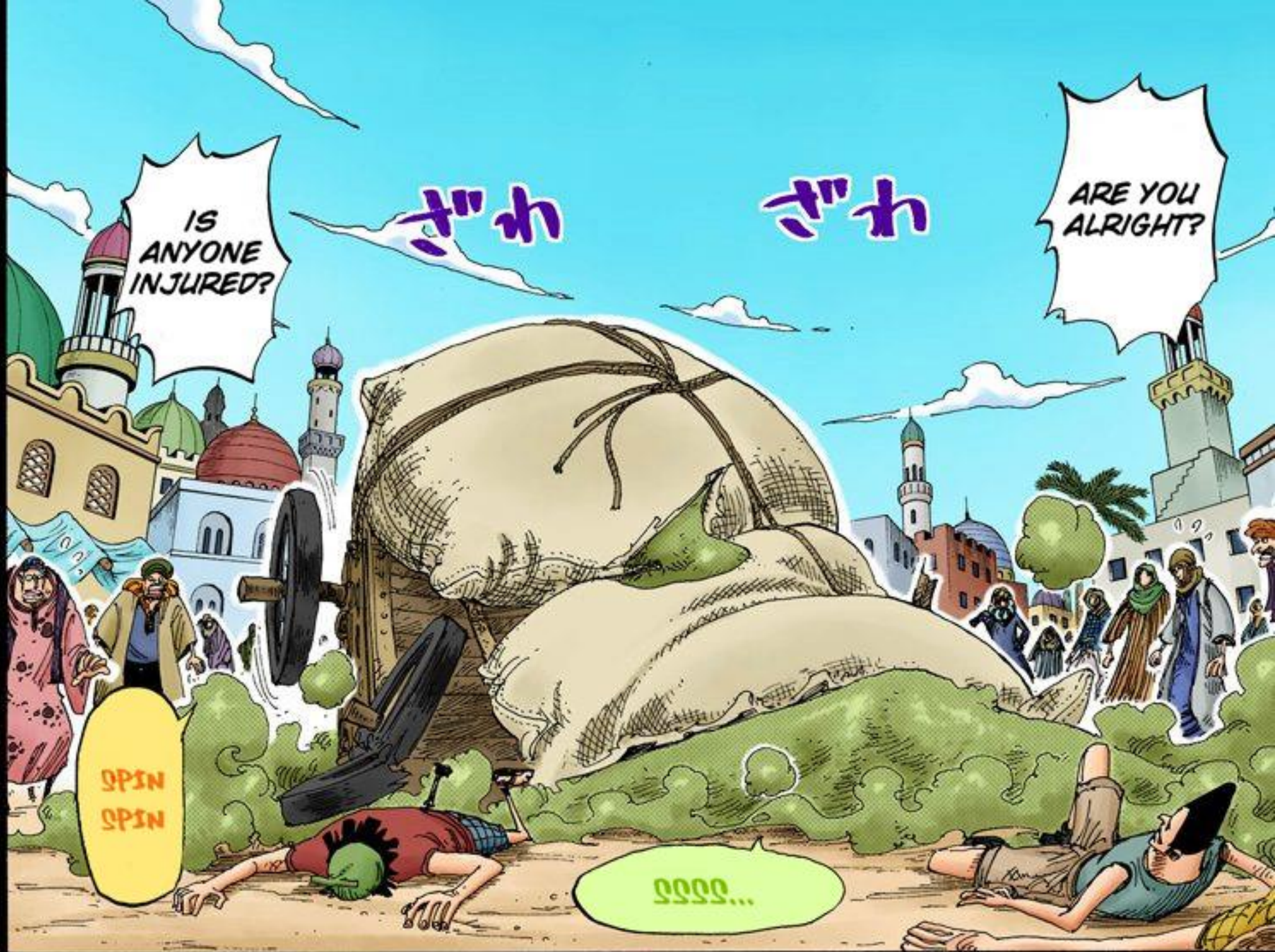


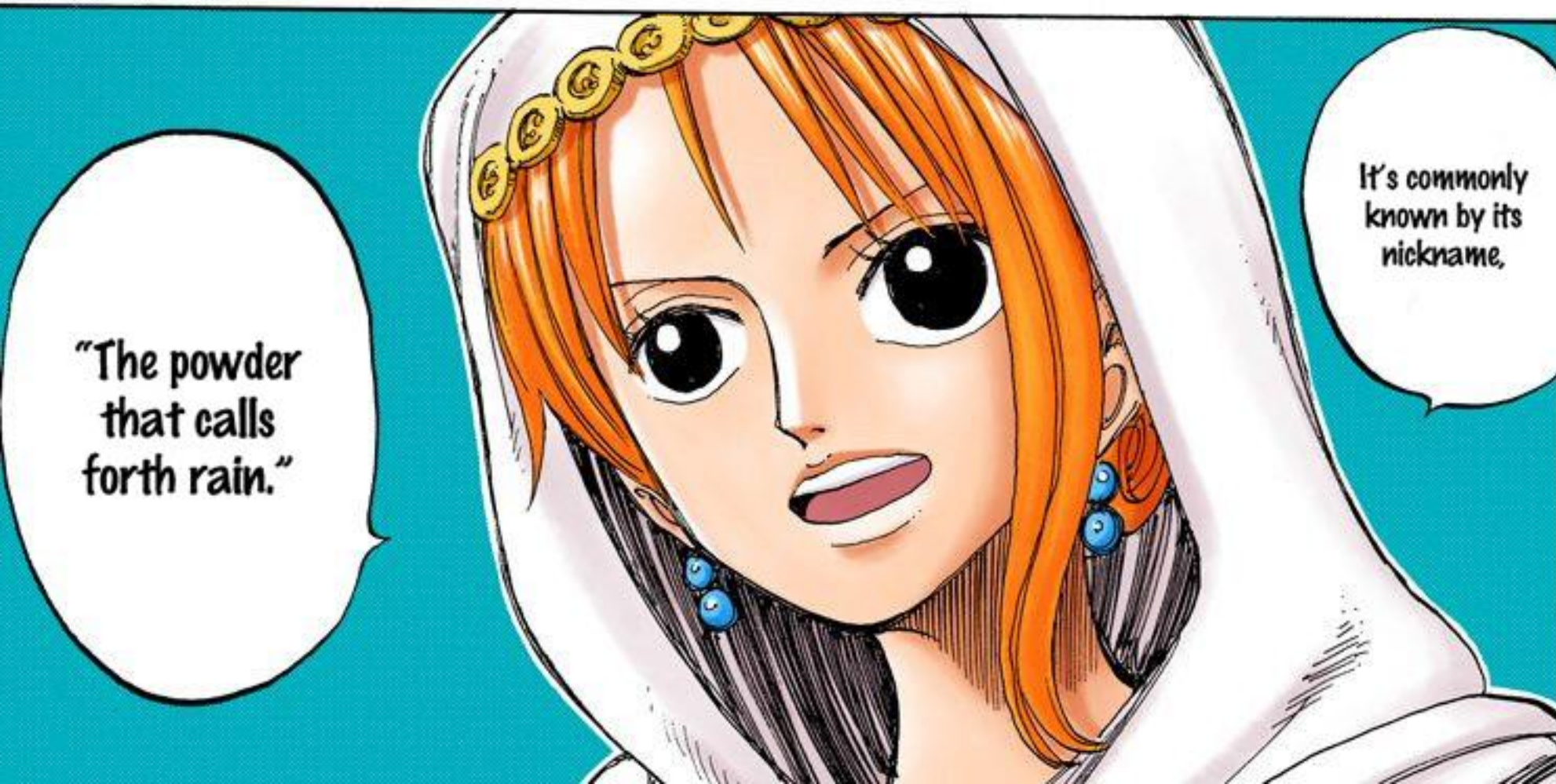


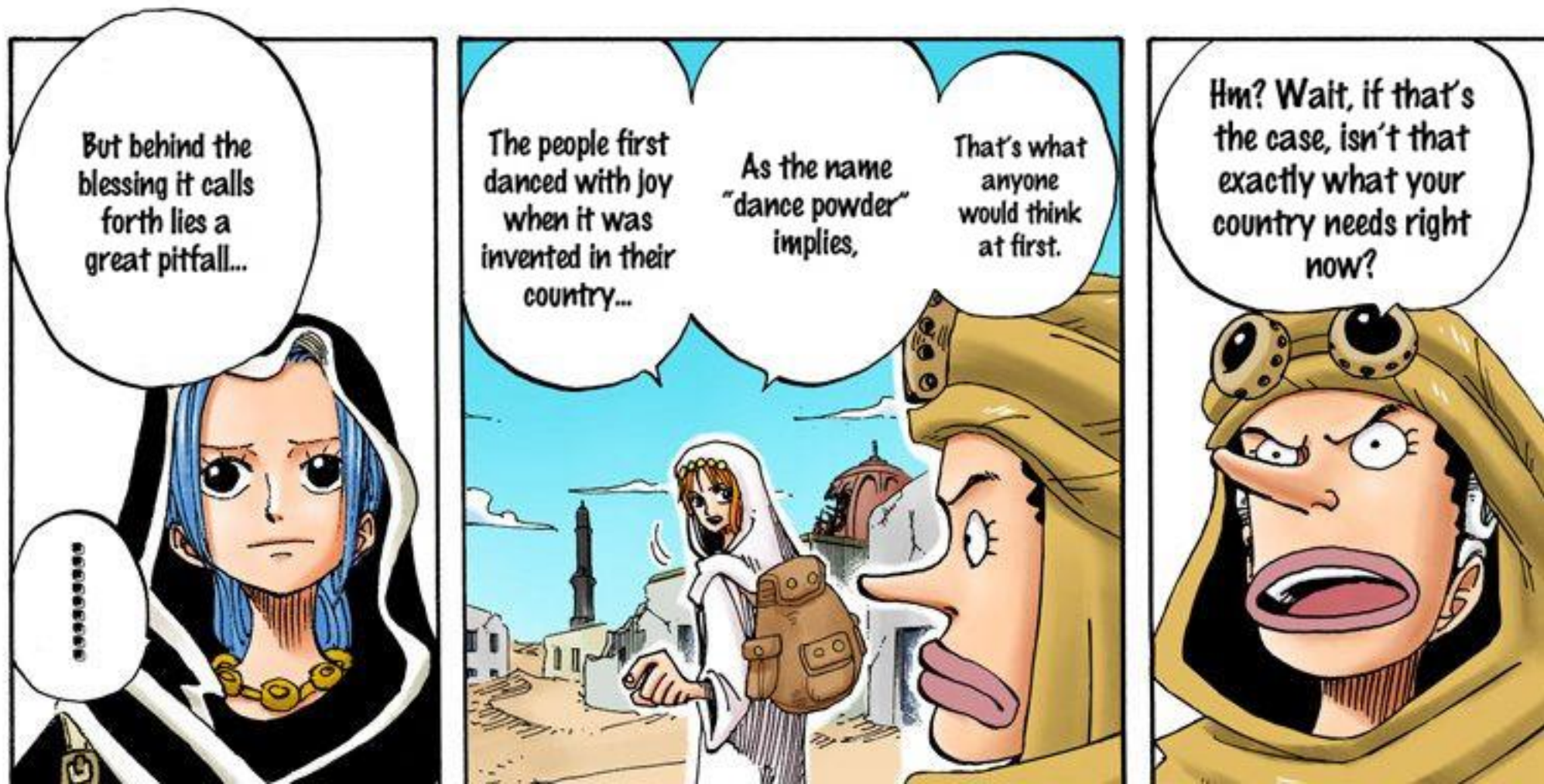
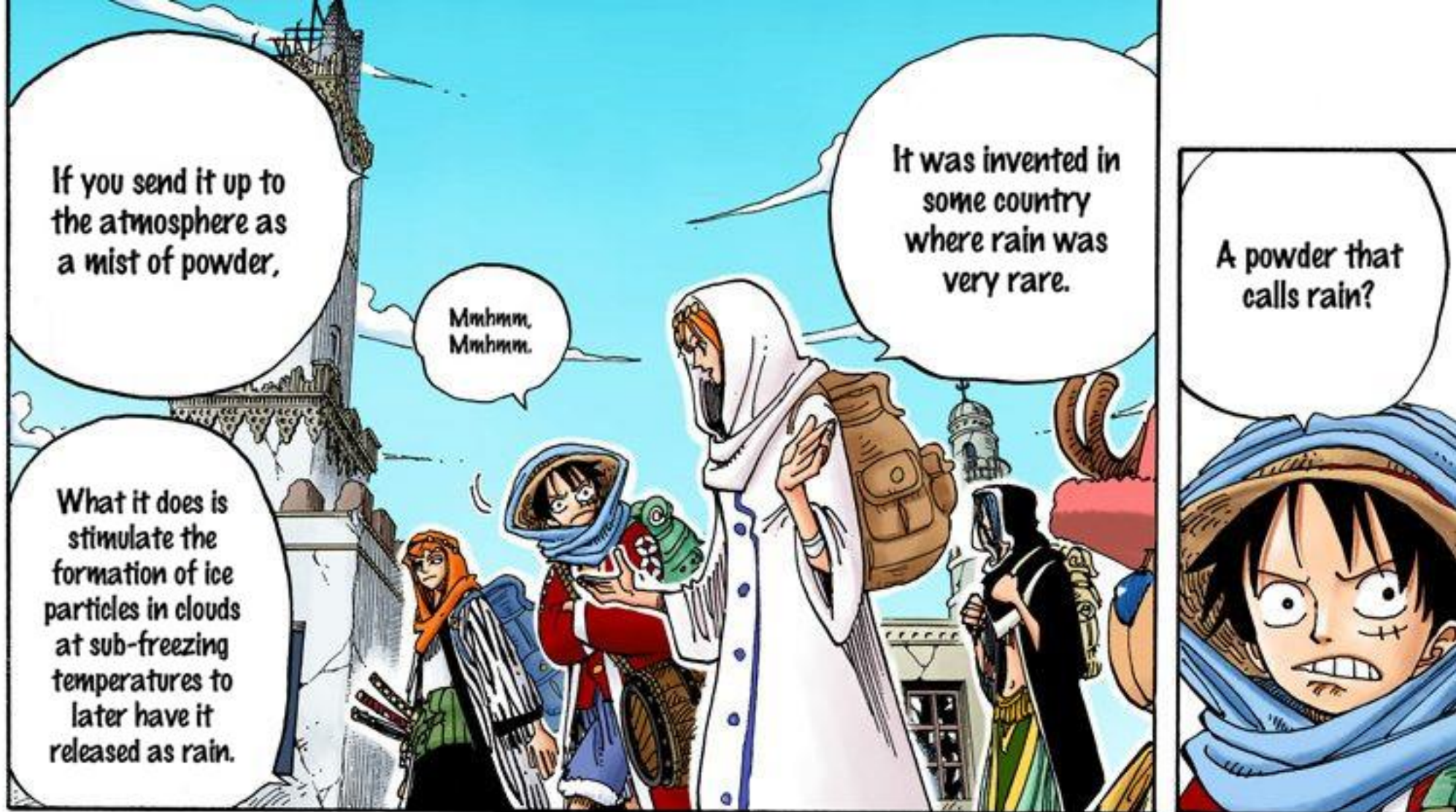


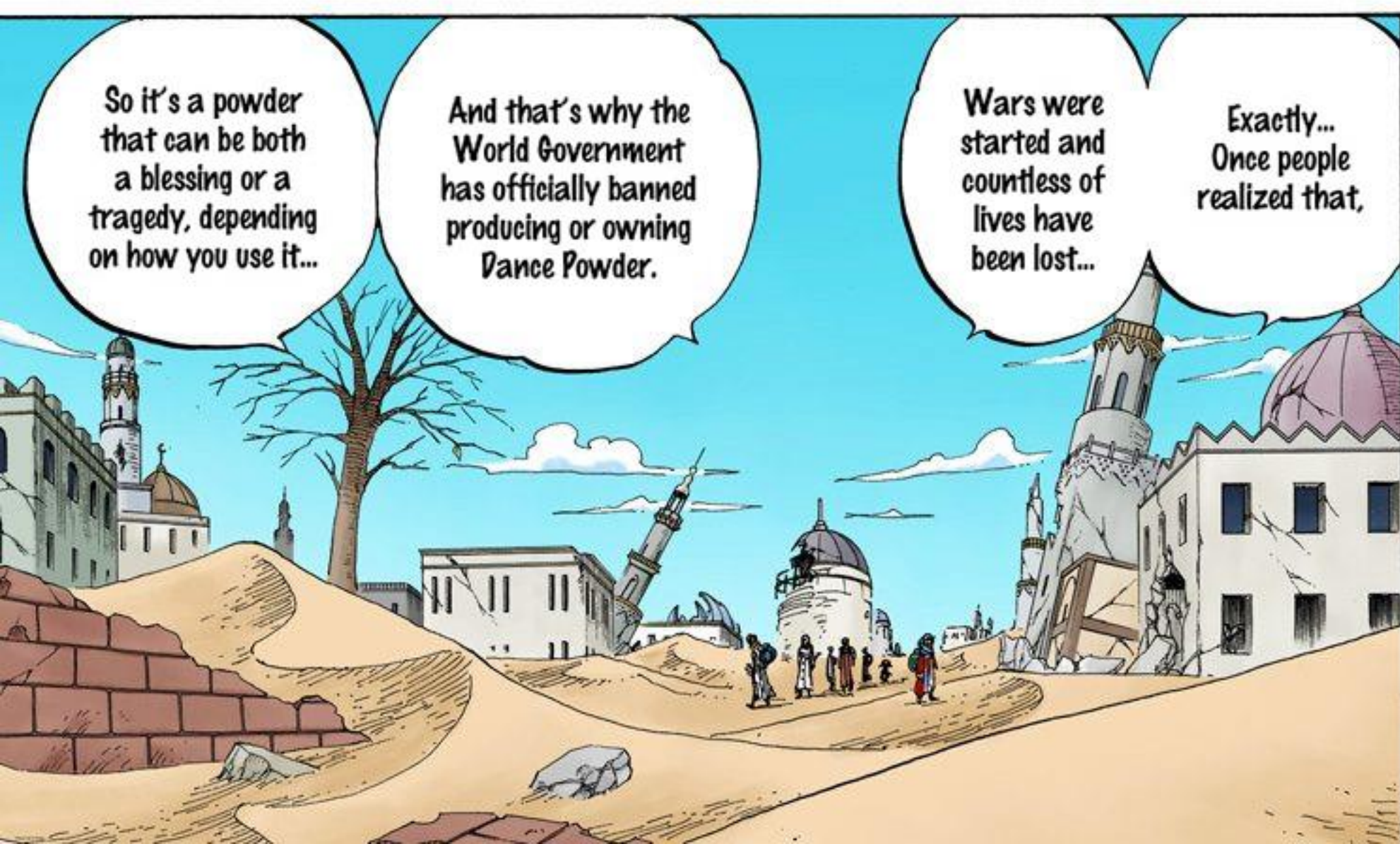
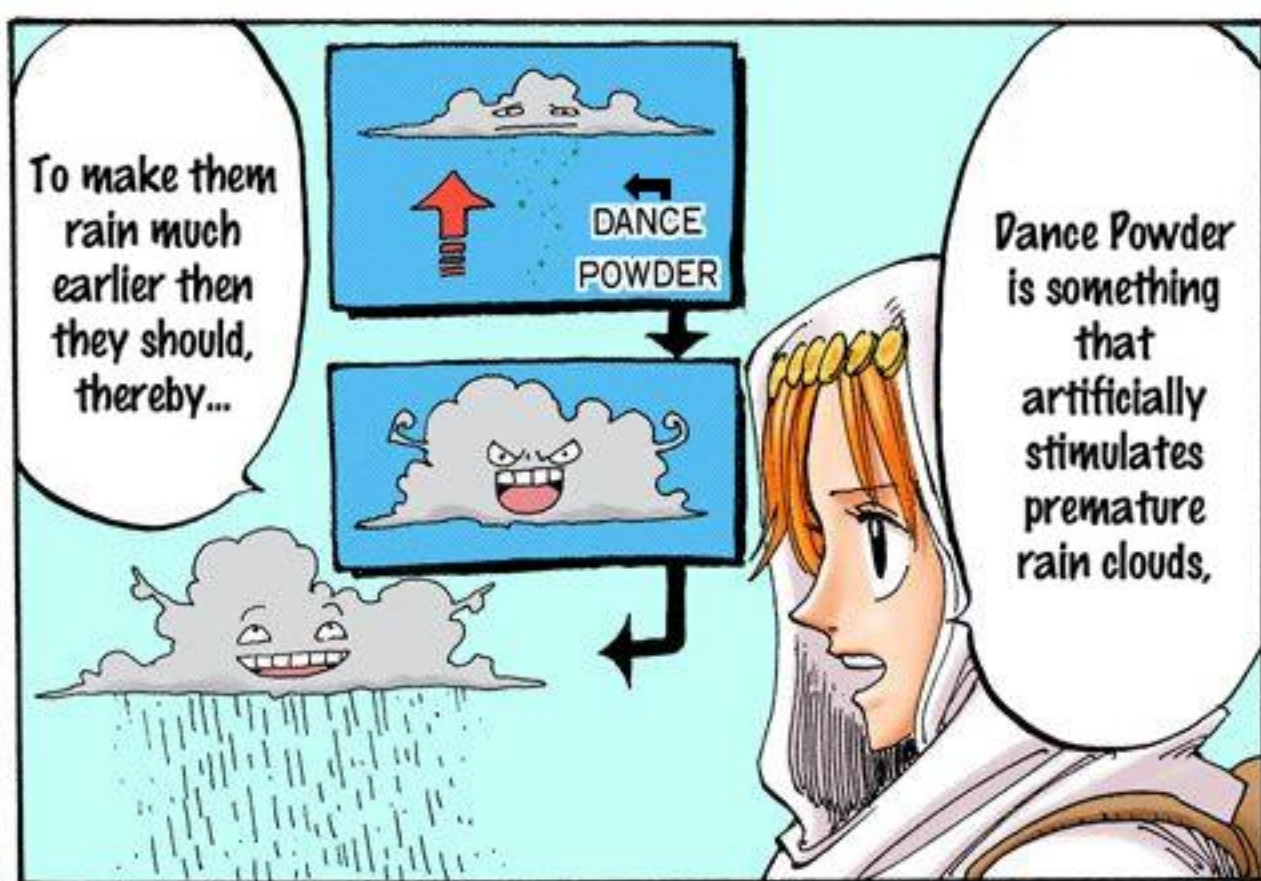
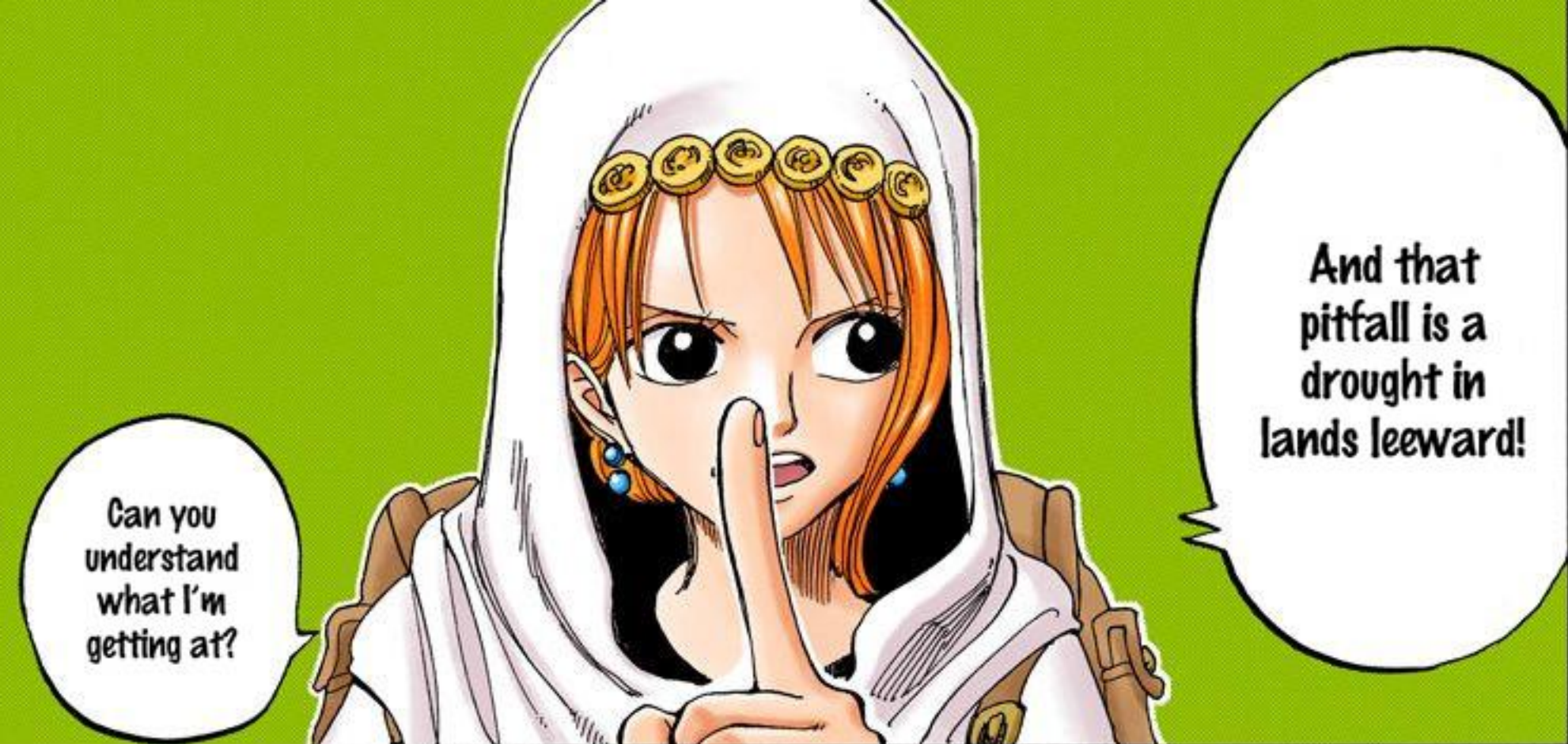














That the people would suspect the king, after an incident like that...

I guess it's only expected,



The truth behind the capital's abnormally abundant rainfall...

The entire nation finally realized,

Once that huge amount of dance powder was uncovered at the port of Nanohana,



Thinking about it now, Crocodile's plans must have already been well under way back then...

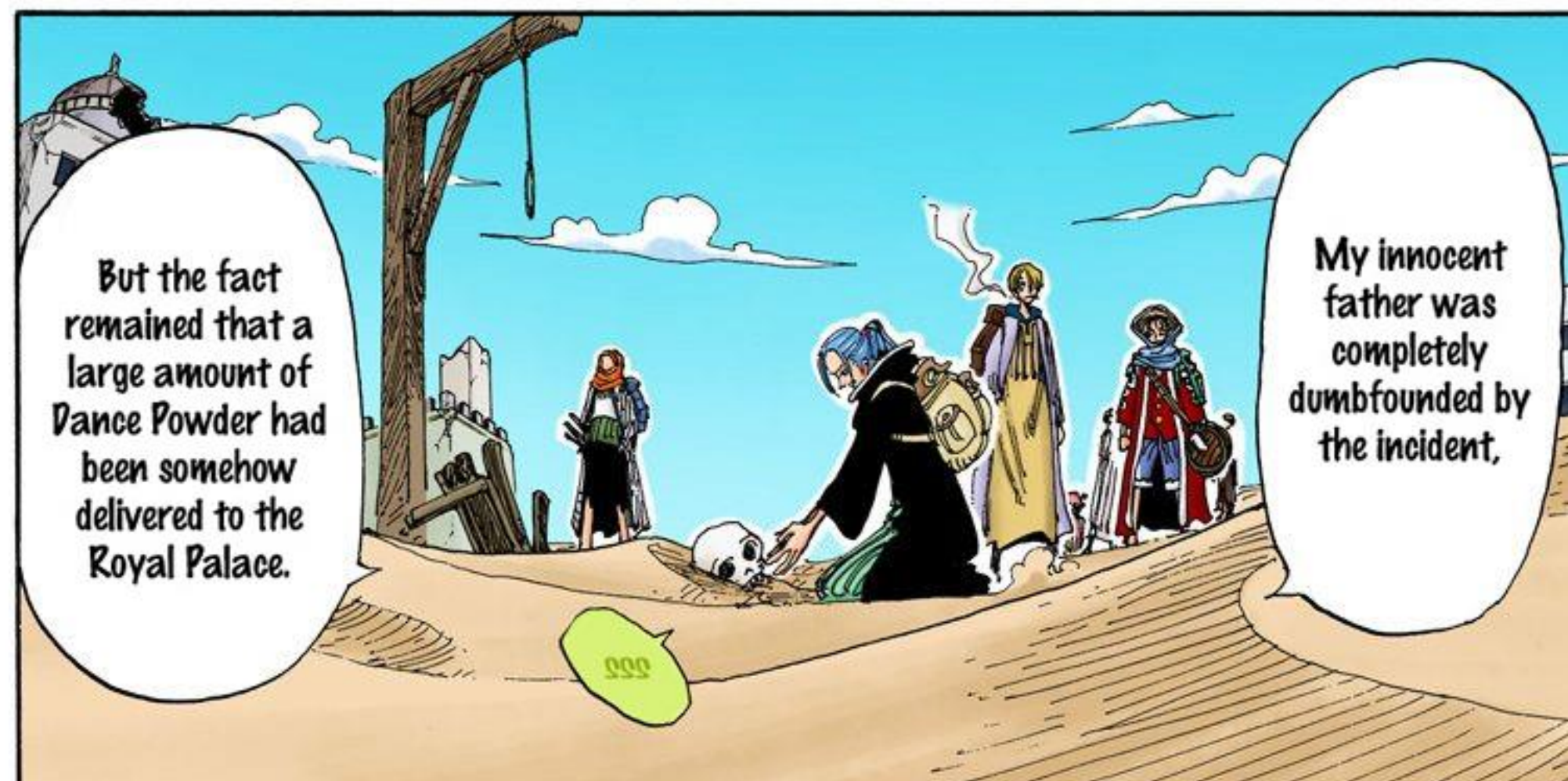
THERE'S NO WAY HE'D ACTUALLY DO SUCH A THING!

YOU IDIOT! HE WAS OBVIOUSLY SET-UP!

HOLY CRAP, VIVI! YOUR DAD IS EVIL!

FLAP

ゴッ!



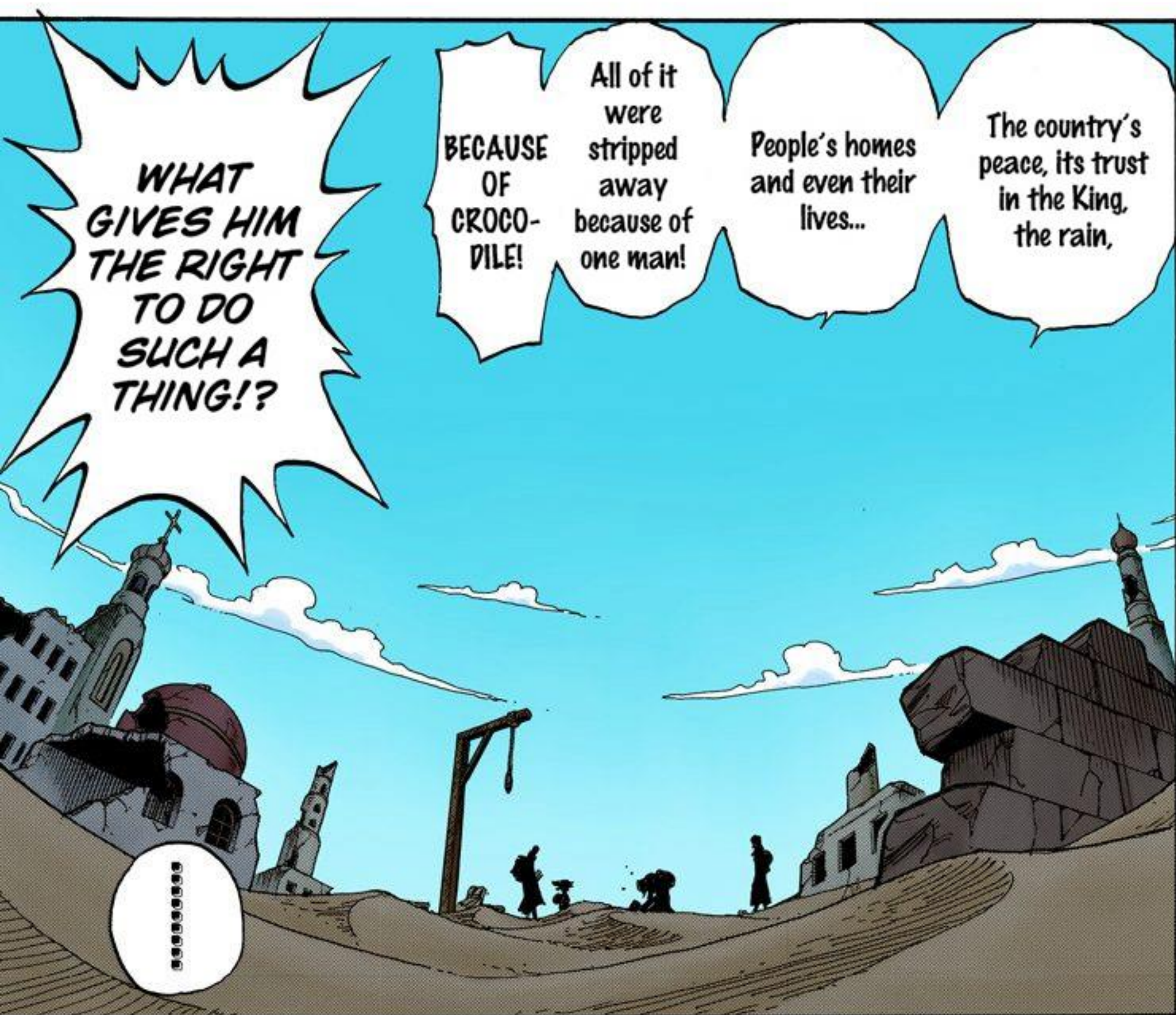
But the fact remained that a large amount of Dance Powder had been somehow delivered to the Royal Palace.

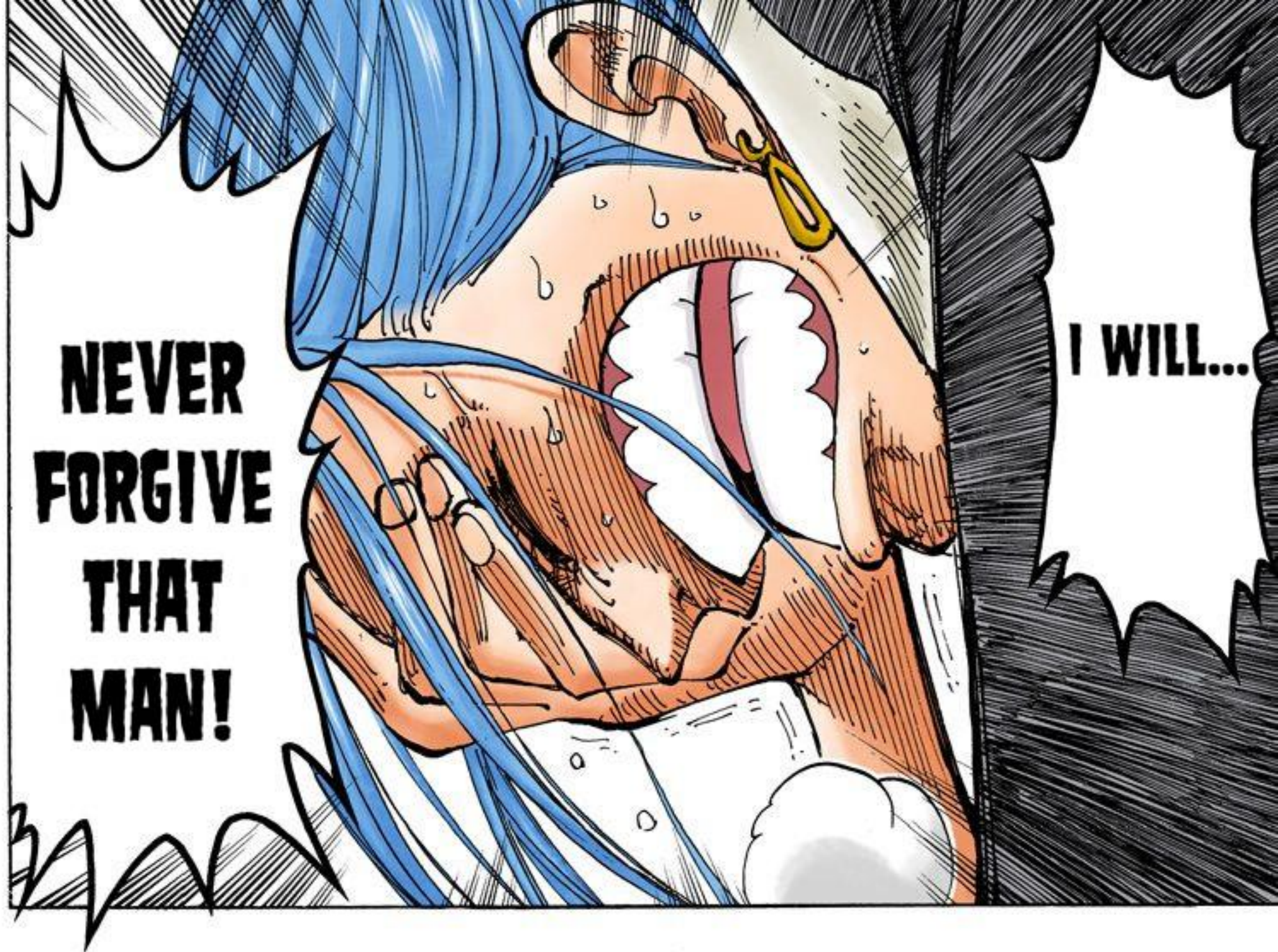
My innocent father was completely dumbfounded by the incident,

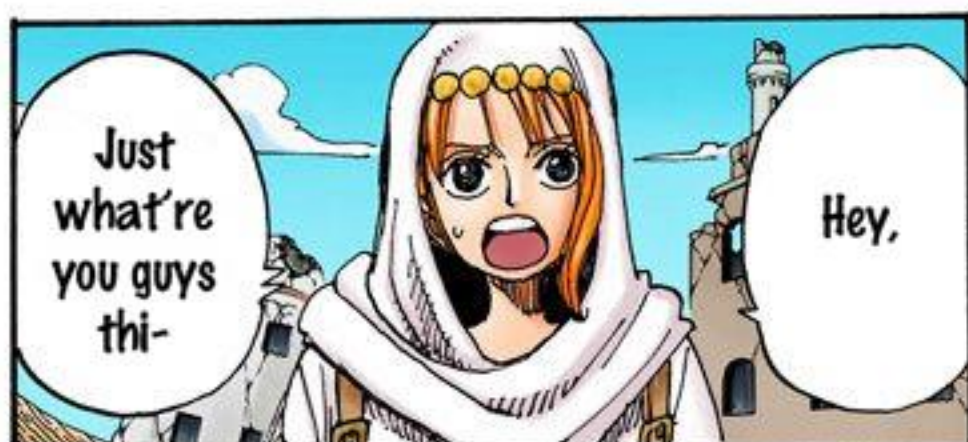


The start of a bloody conflict between the angry citizens who had lost their homes to the drought, and the innocent government...!

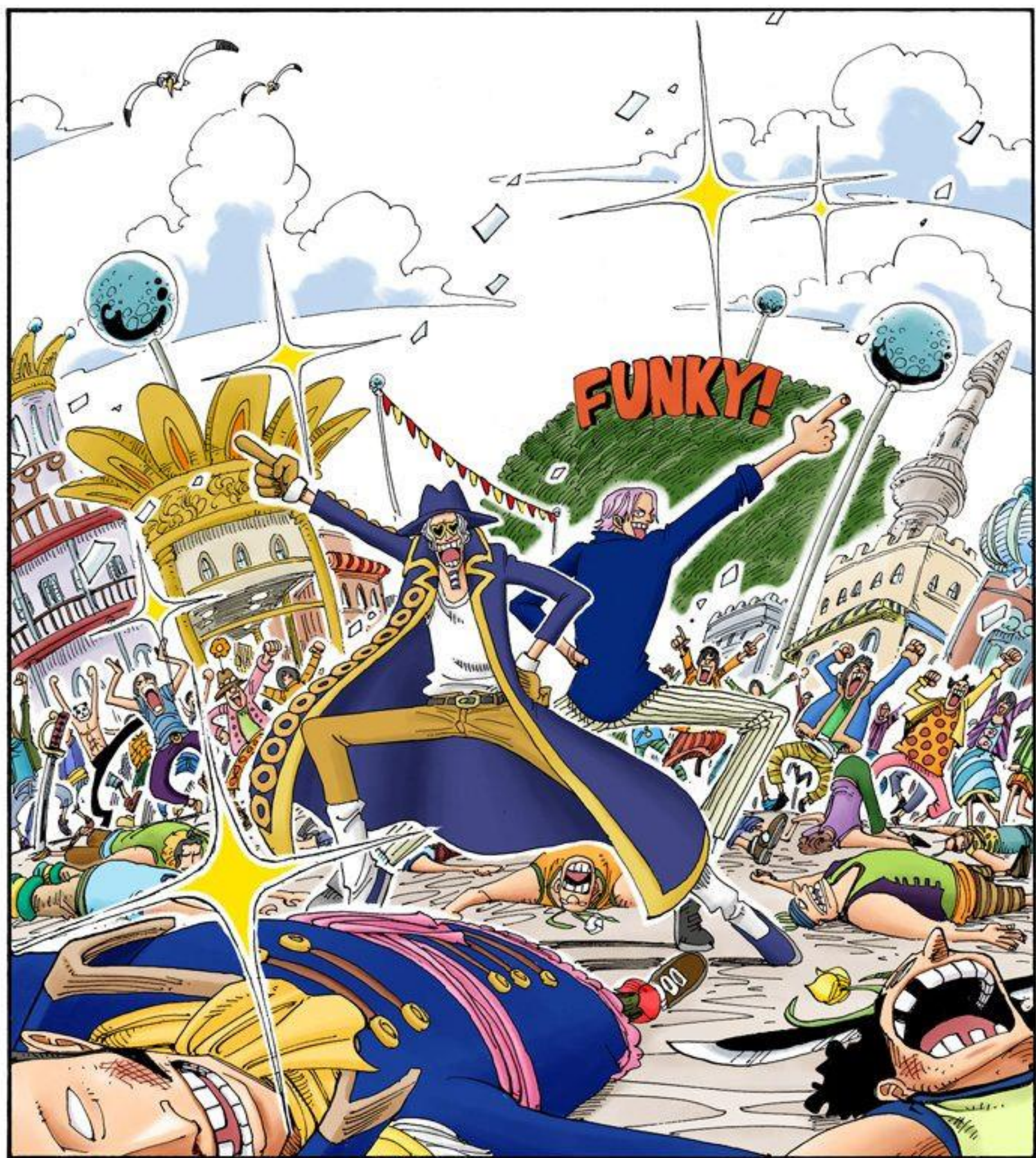
It was all a trap laid out by Crocodile... And just as he intended, a rebellion arose!



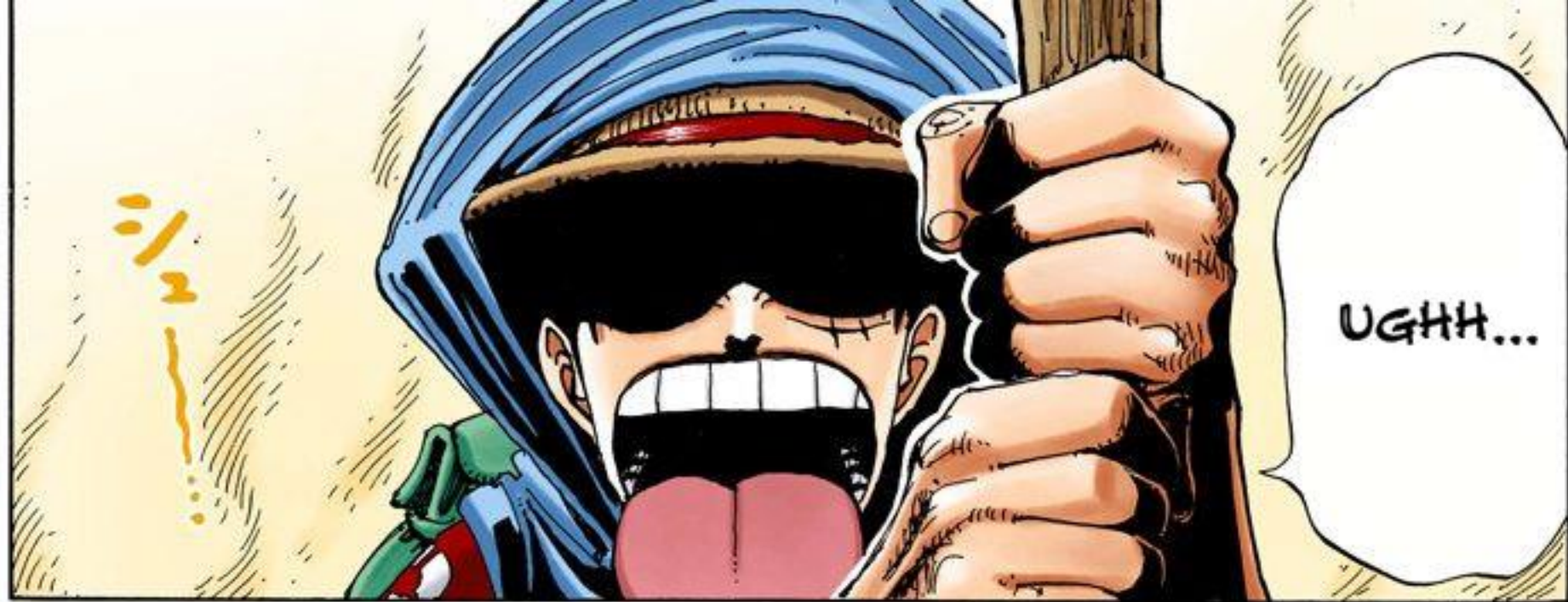


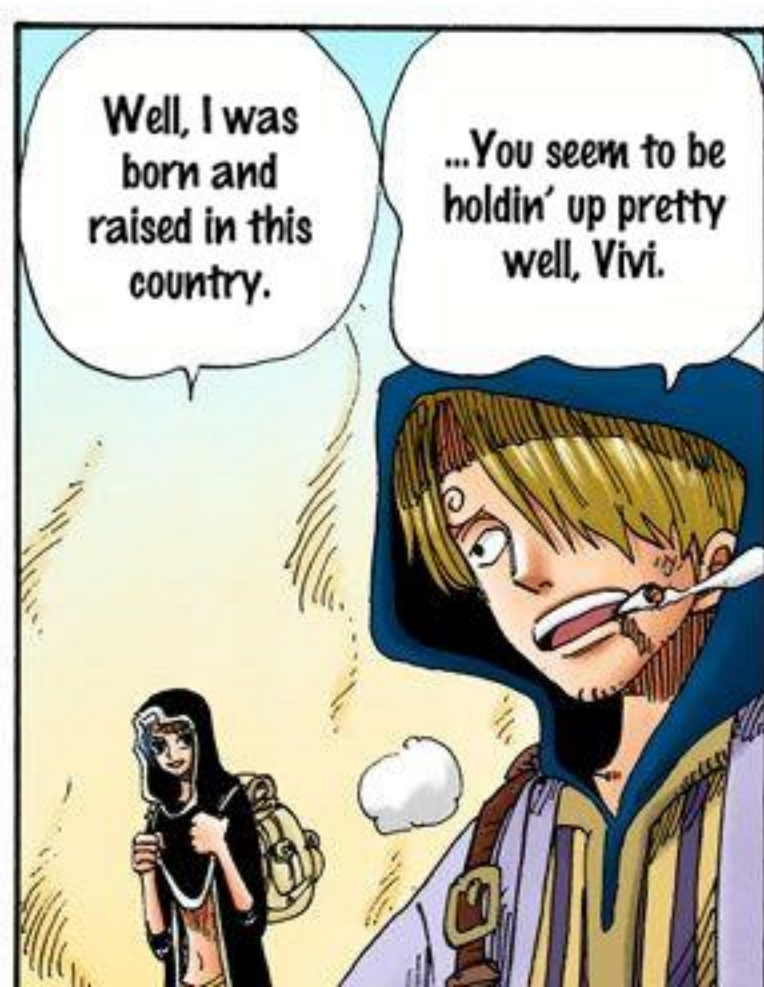
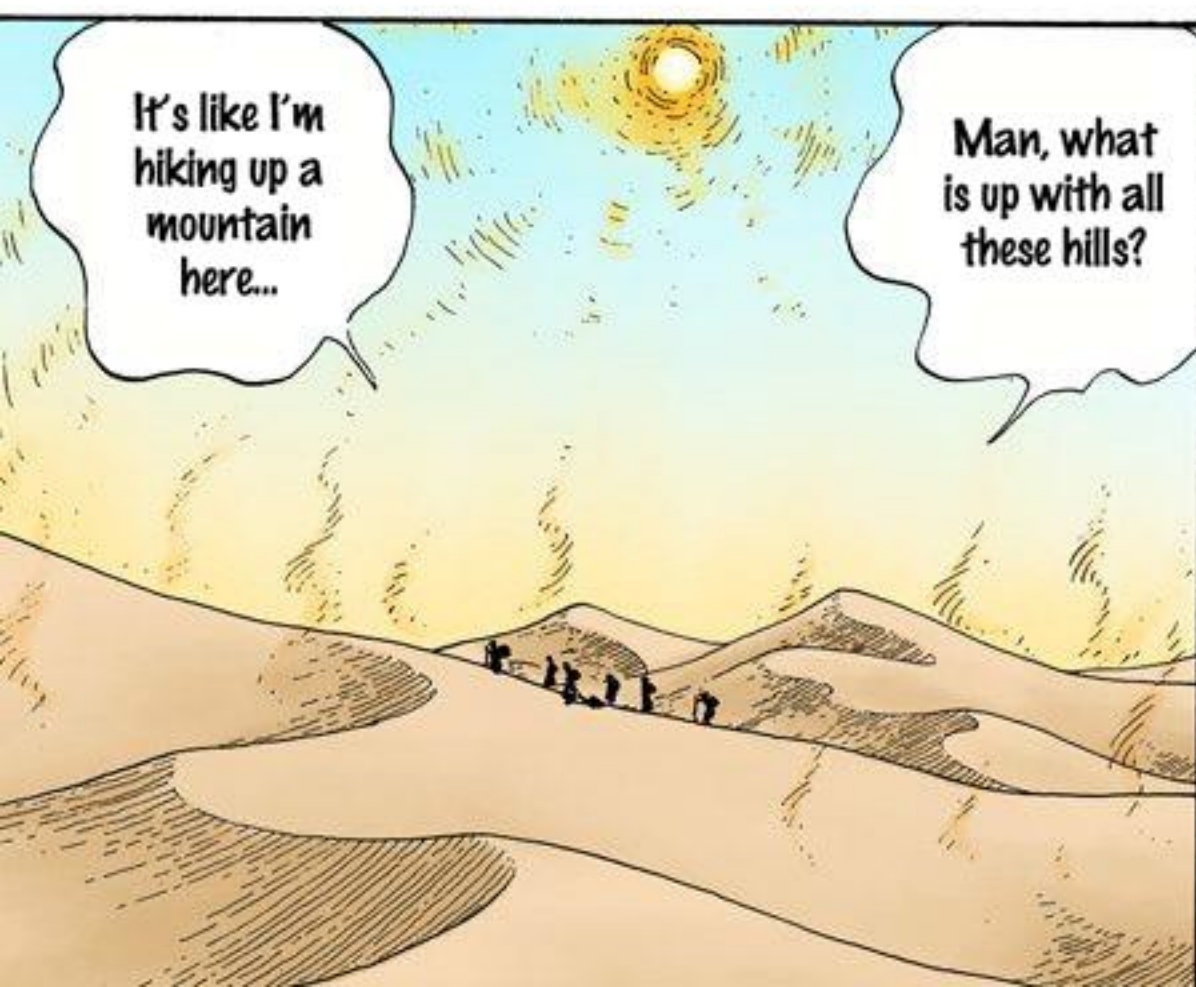
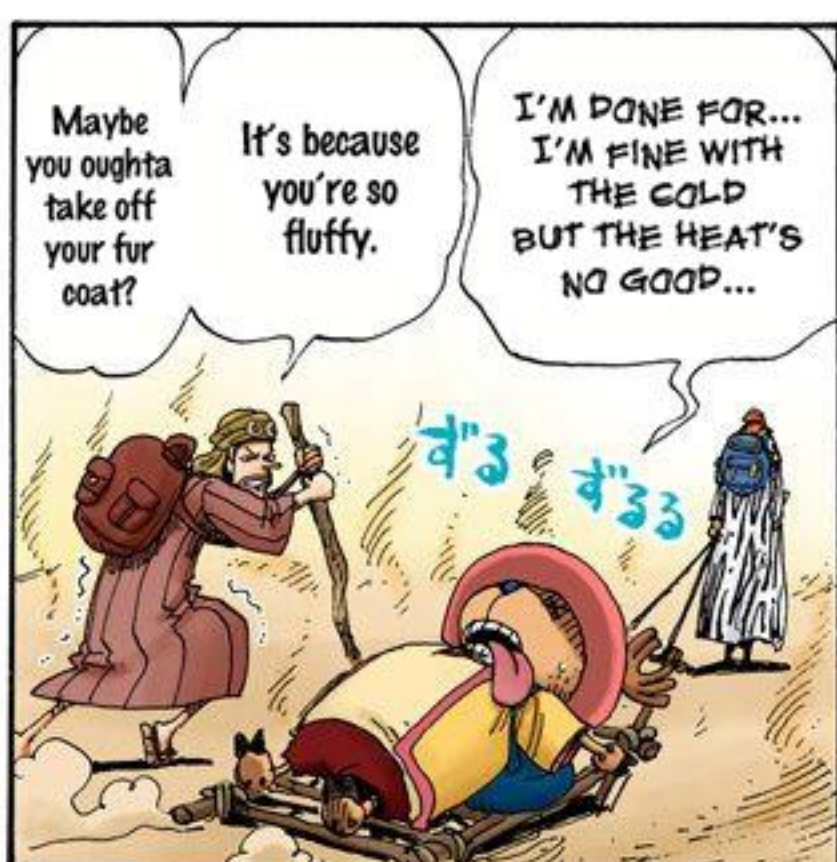


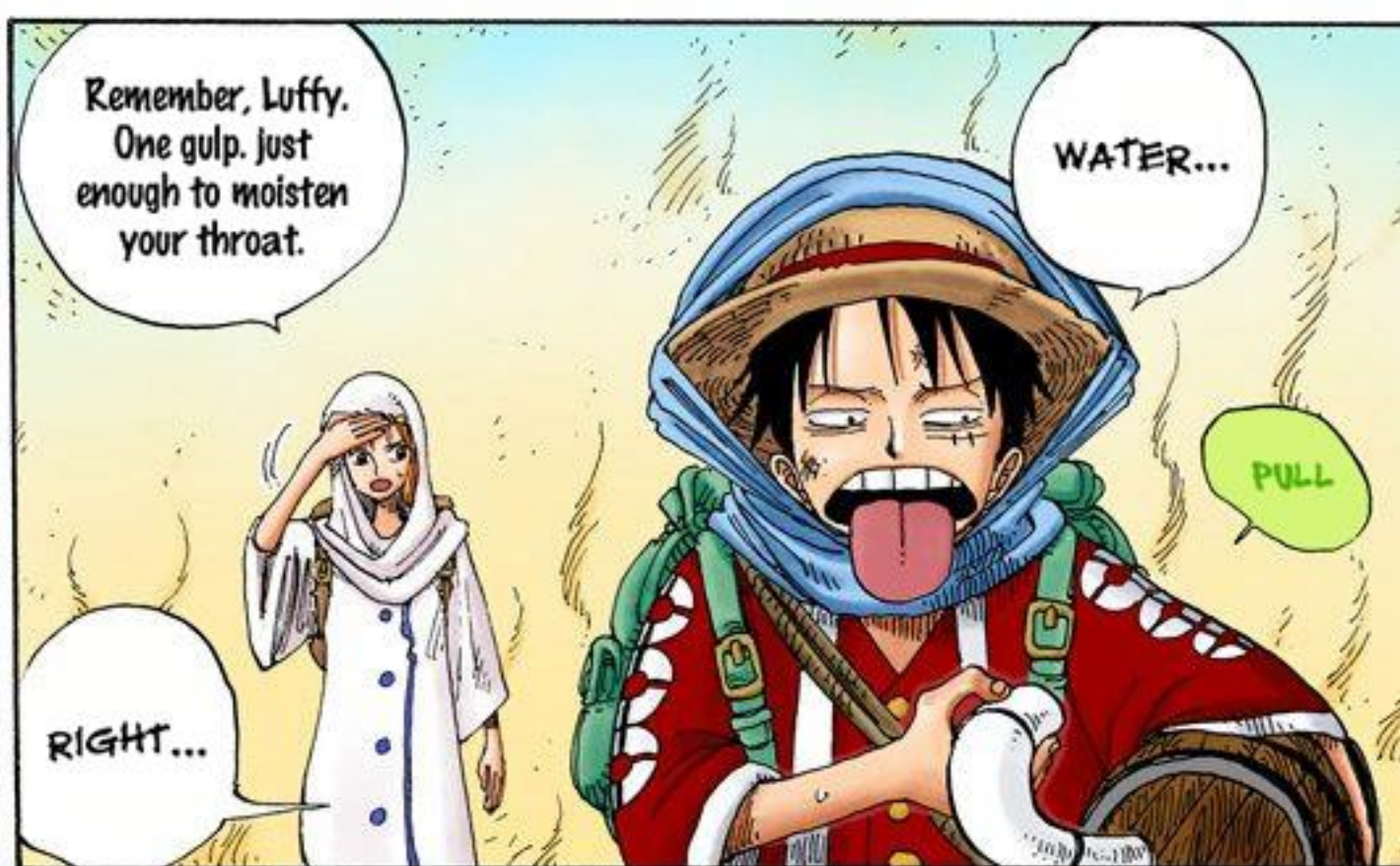
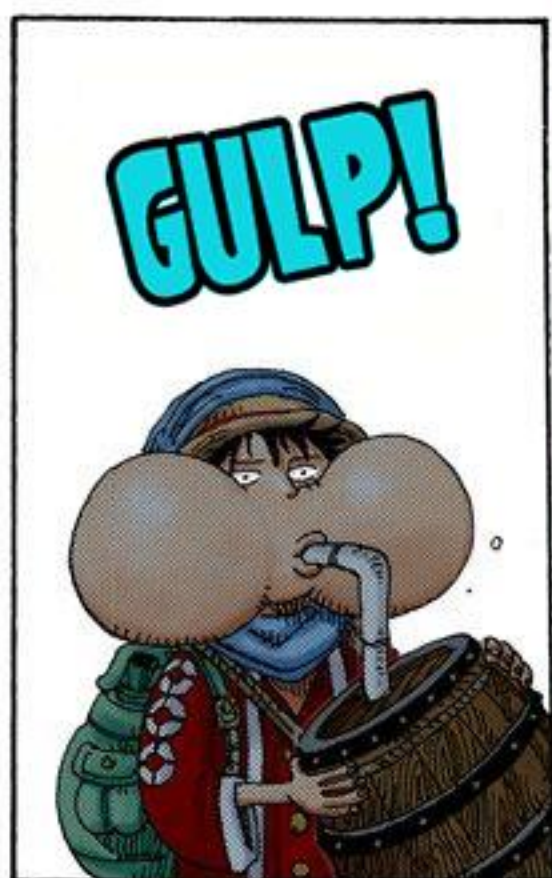
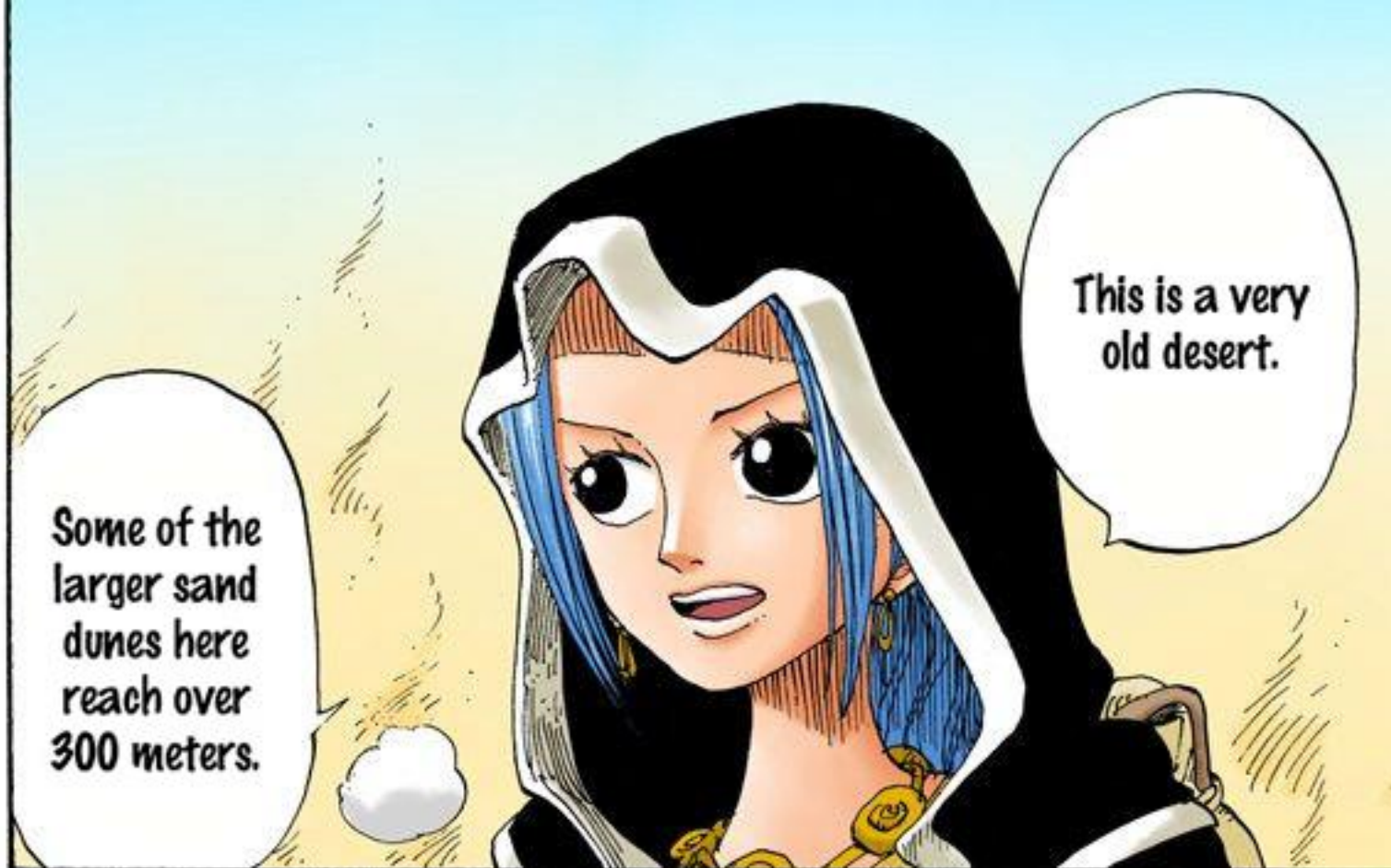
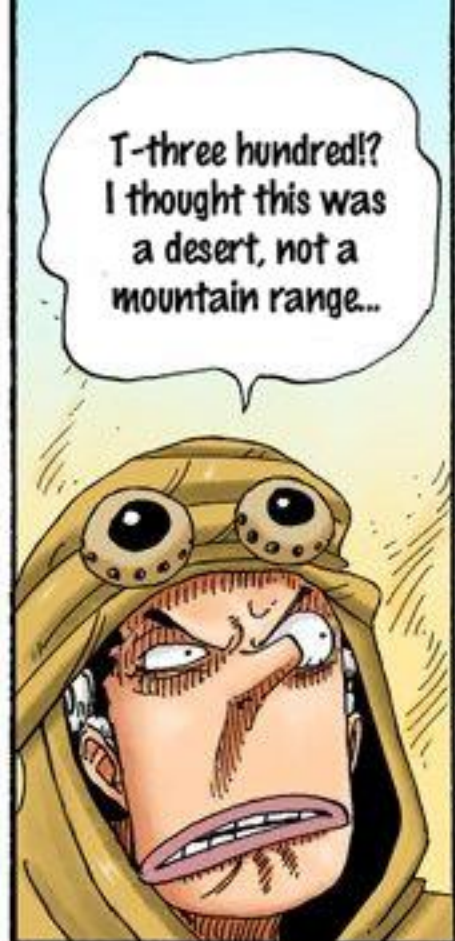
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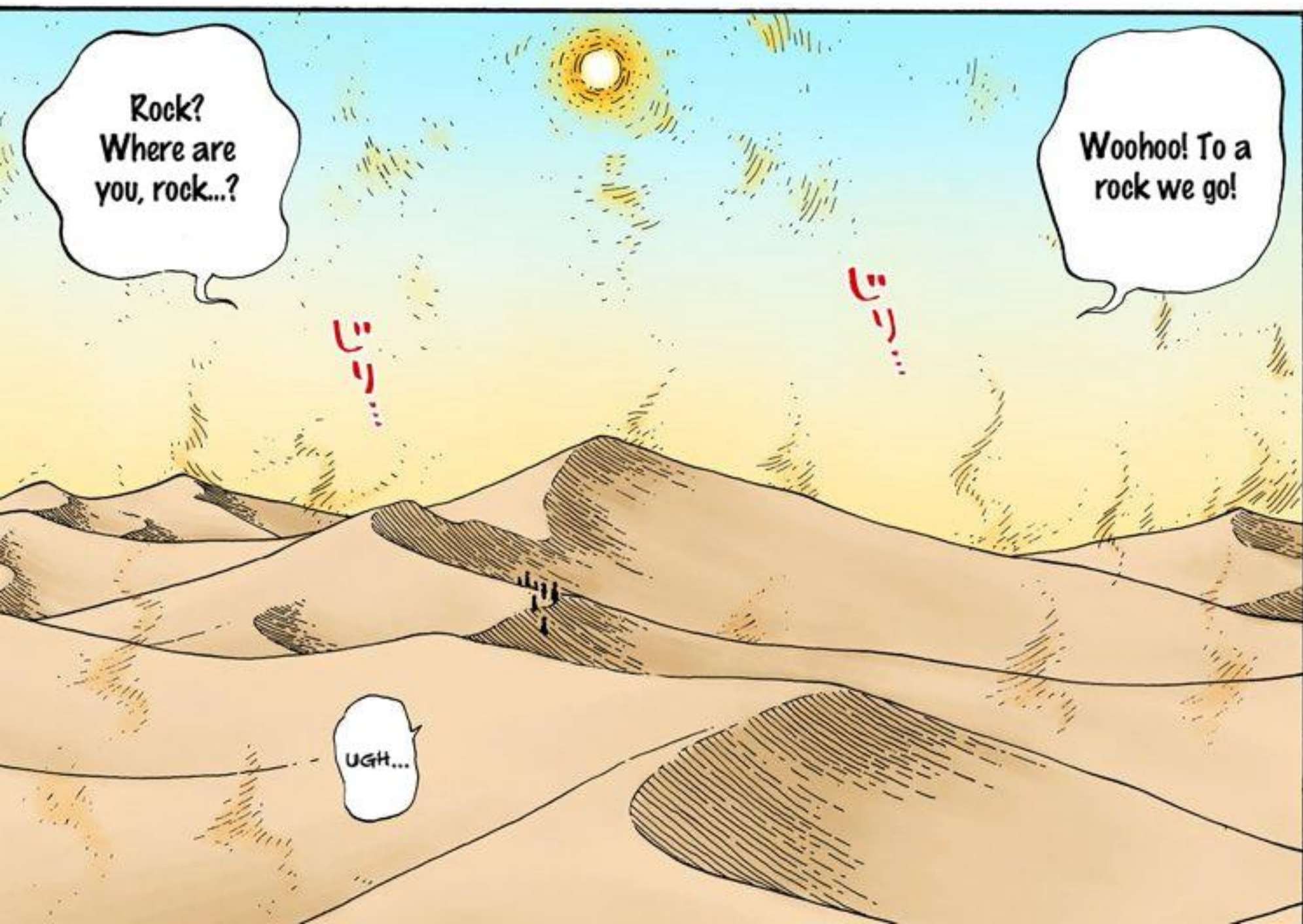
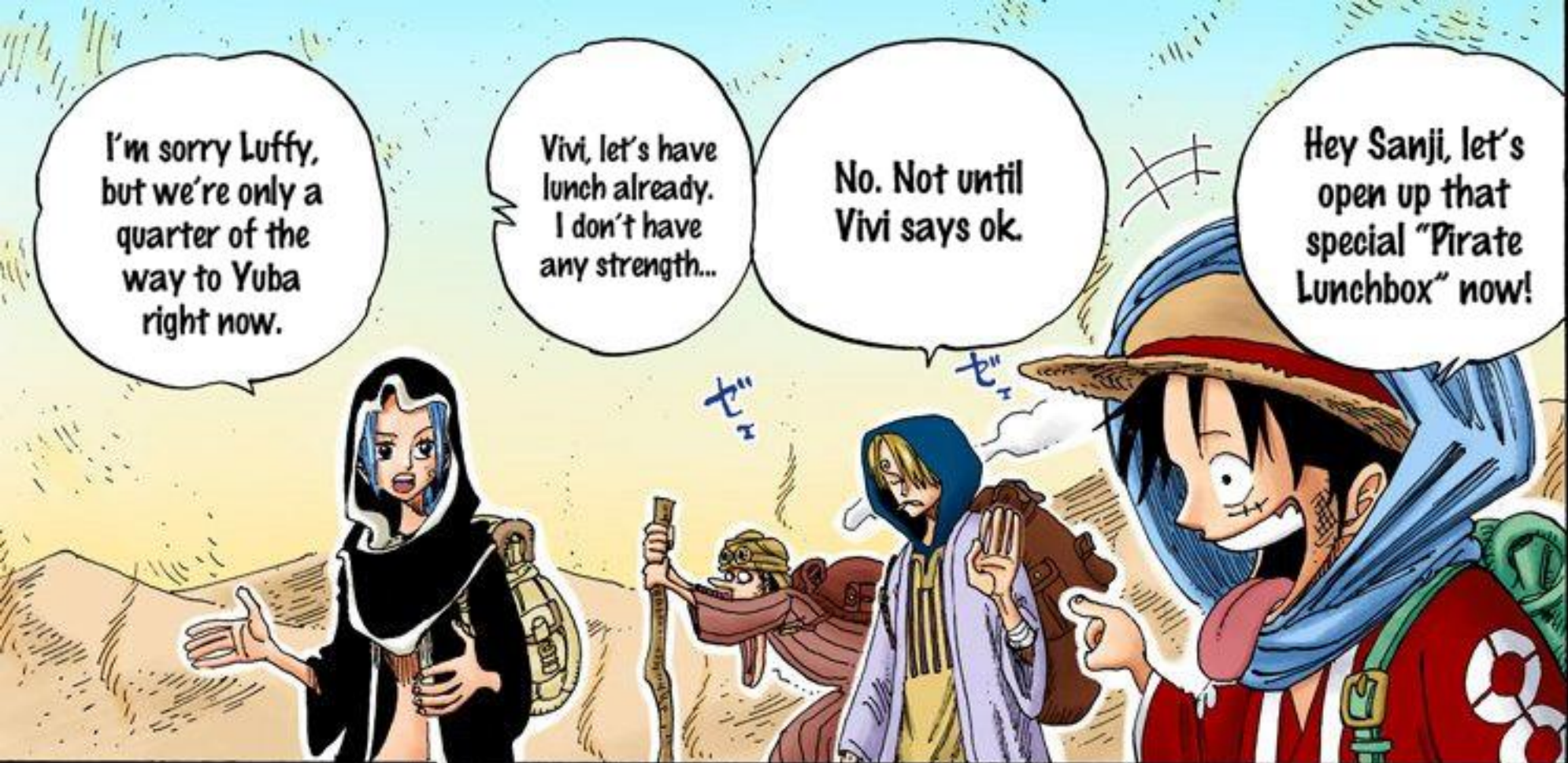


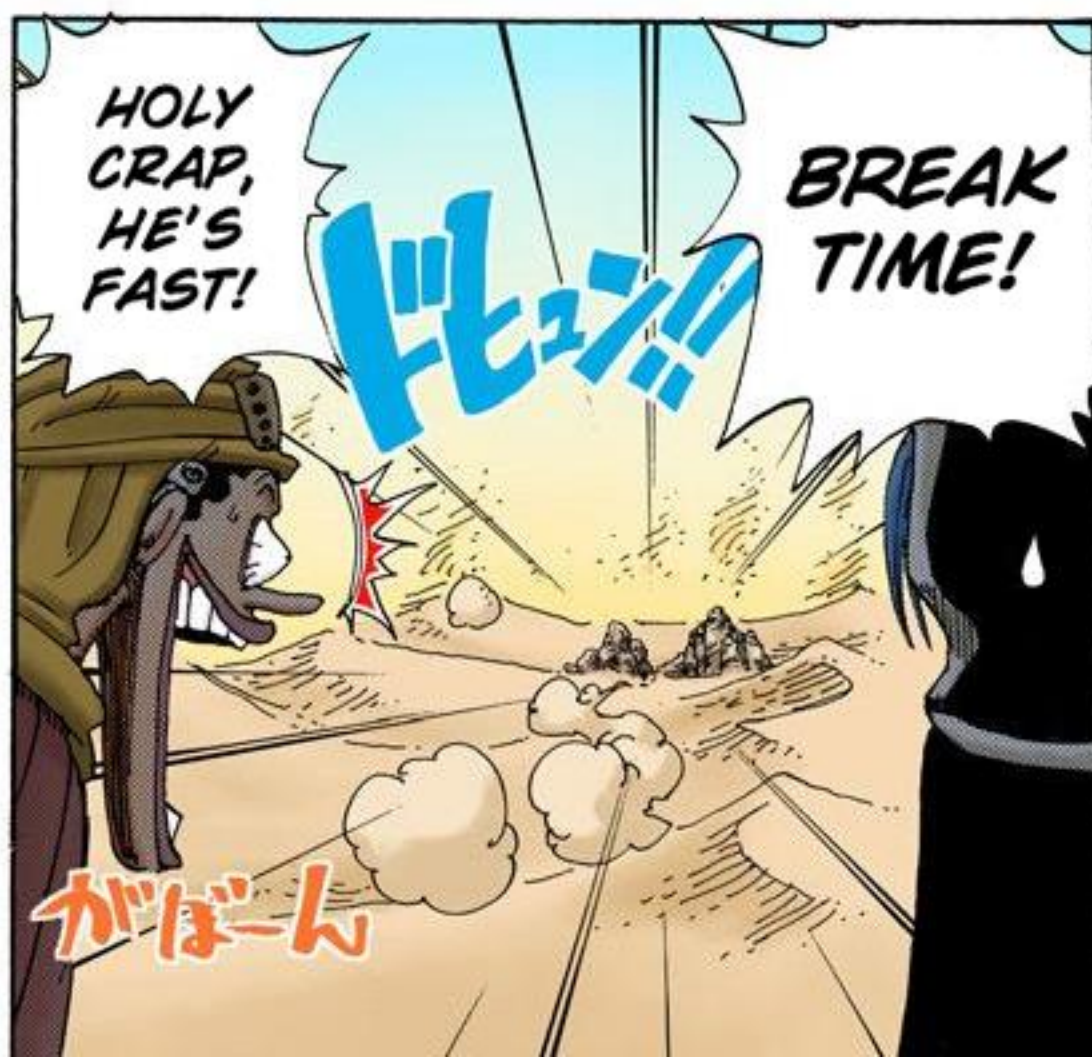
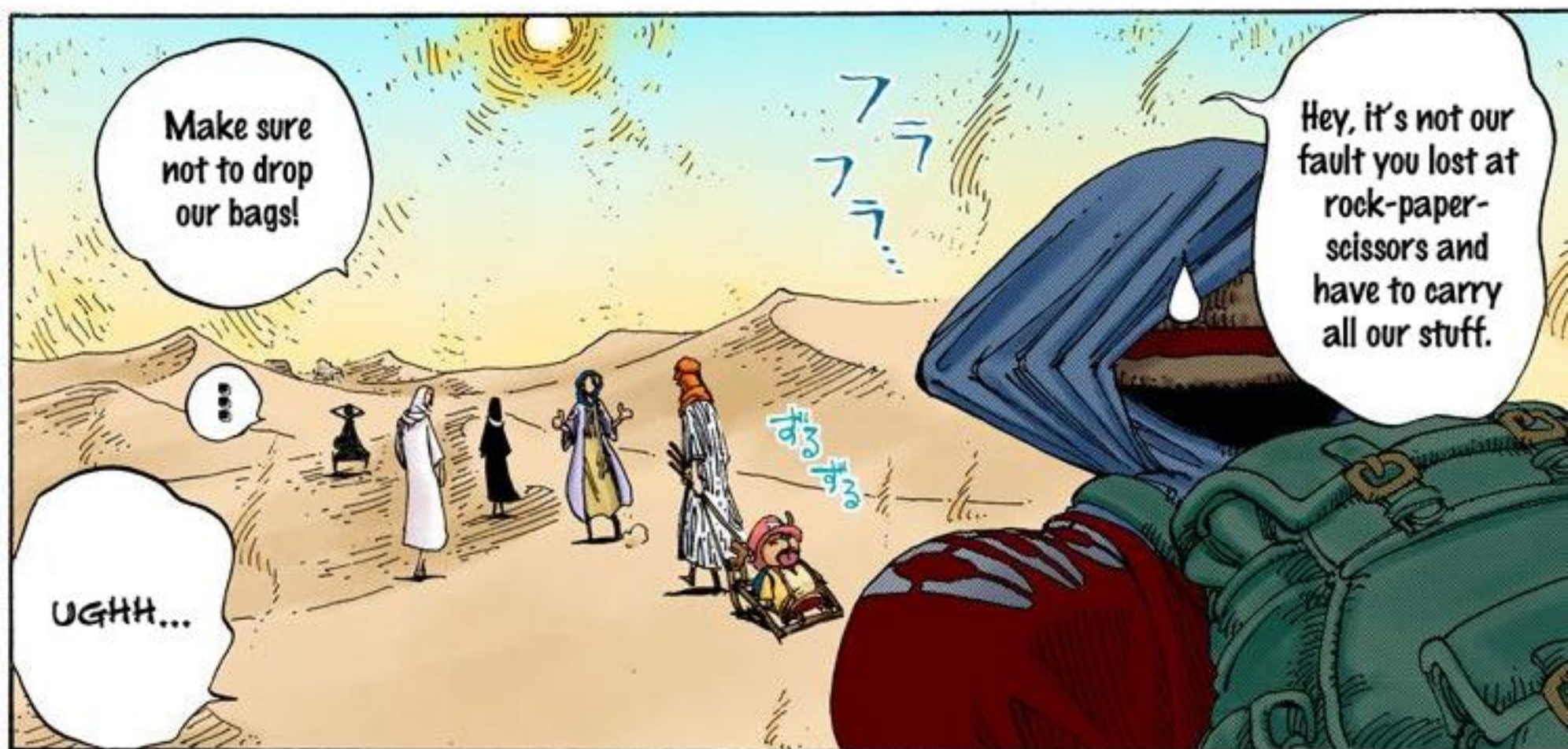
JANGO'S DANCE PARADISE VOL.28 "THE TWO DANCING HEROES, BABY~!"

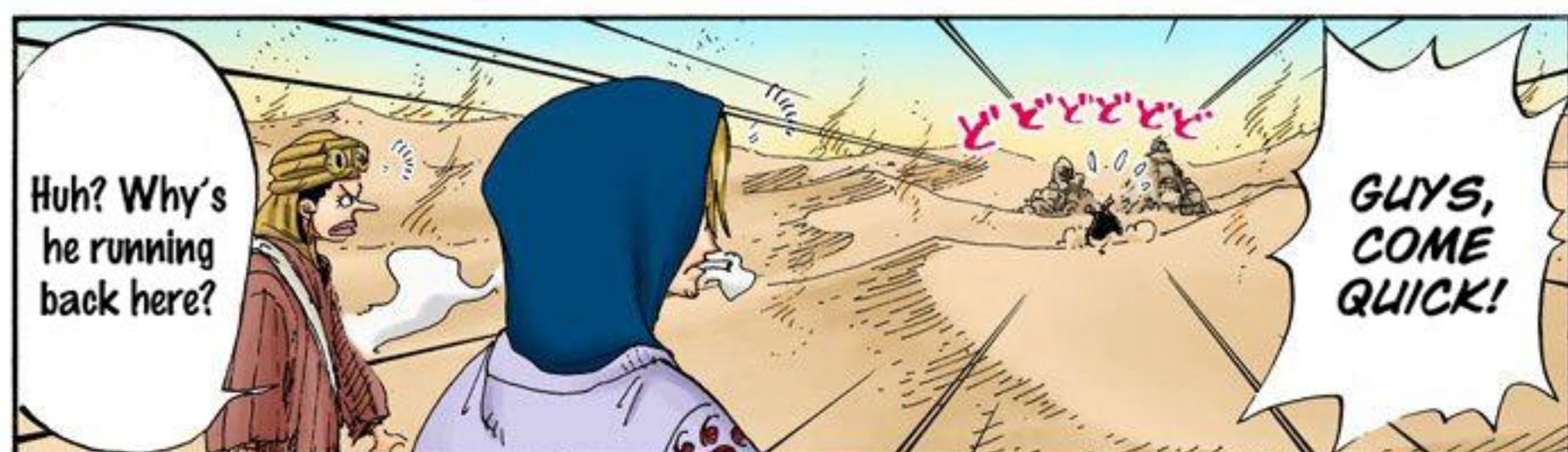
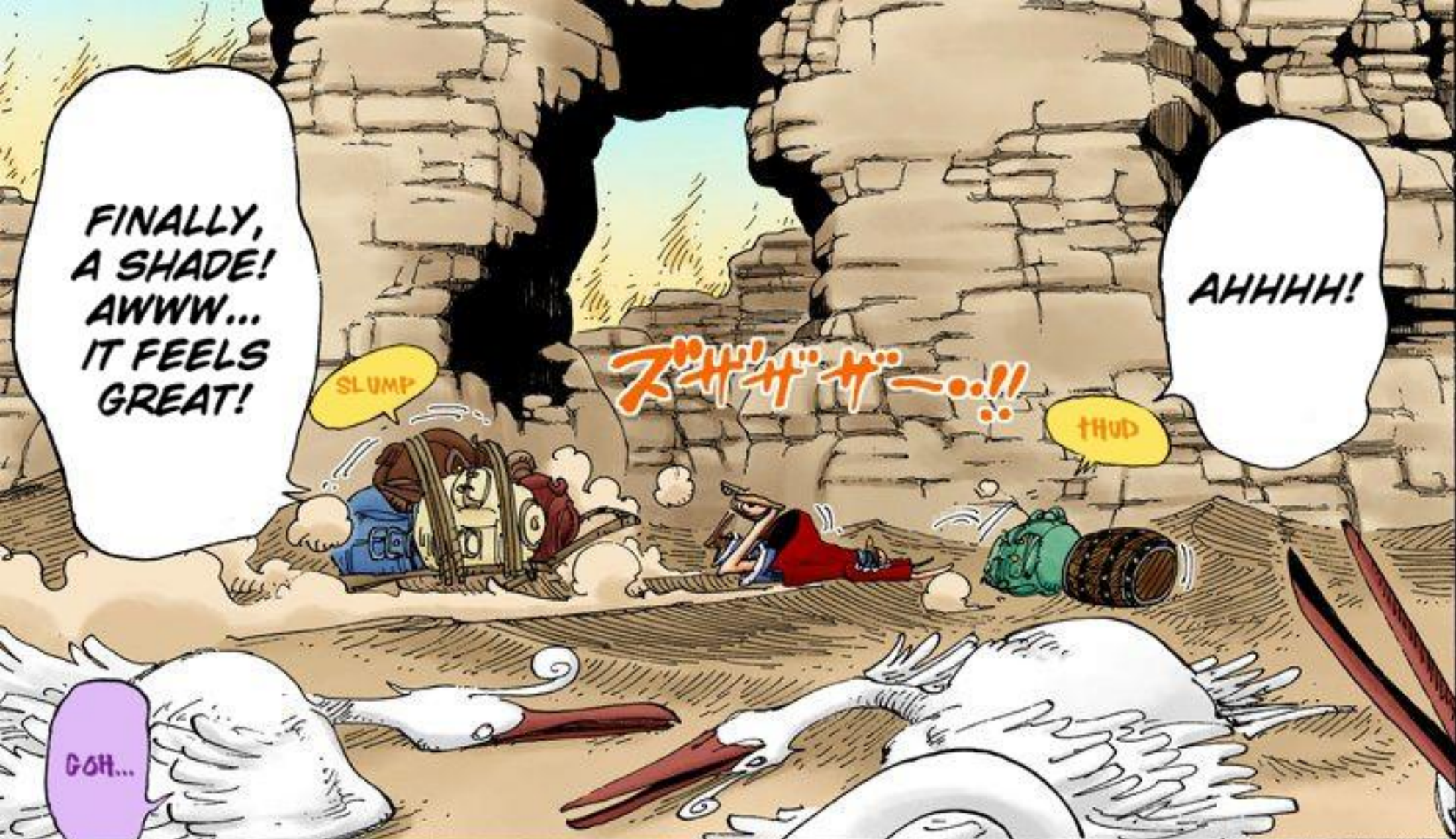












We've
been
had...

ガラン...!!

AGHH!
OUR
STUFF
IS ALL
GONE!

AND ALL THE
BIRDS THAT
WERE HERE
JUST A
MOMENT AGO
ARE GONE
TOO!

SPOM

*heron in japanese is a homonym with swindle, which makes for a joke in the last panel

Hence the
name.*

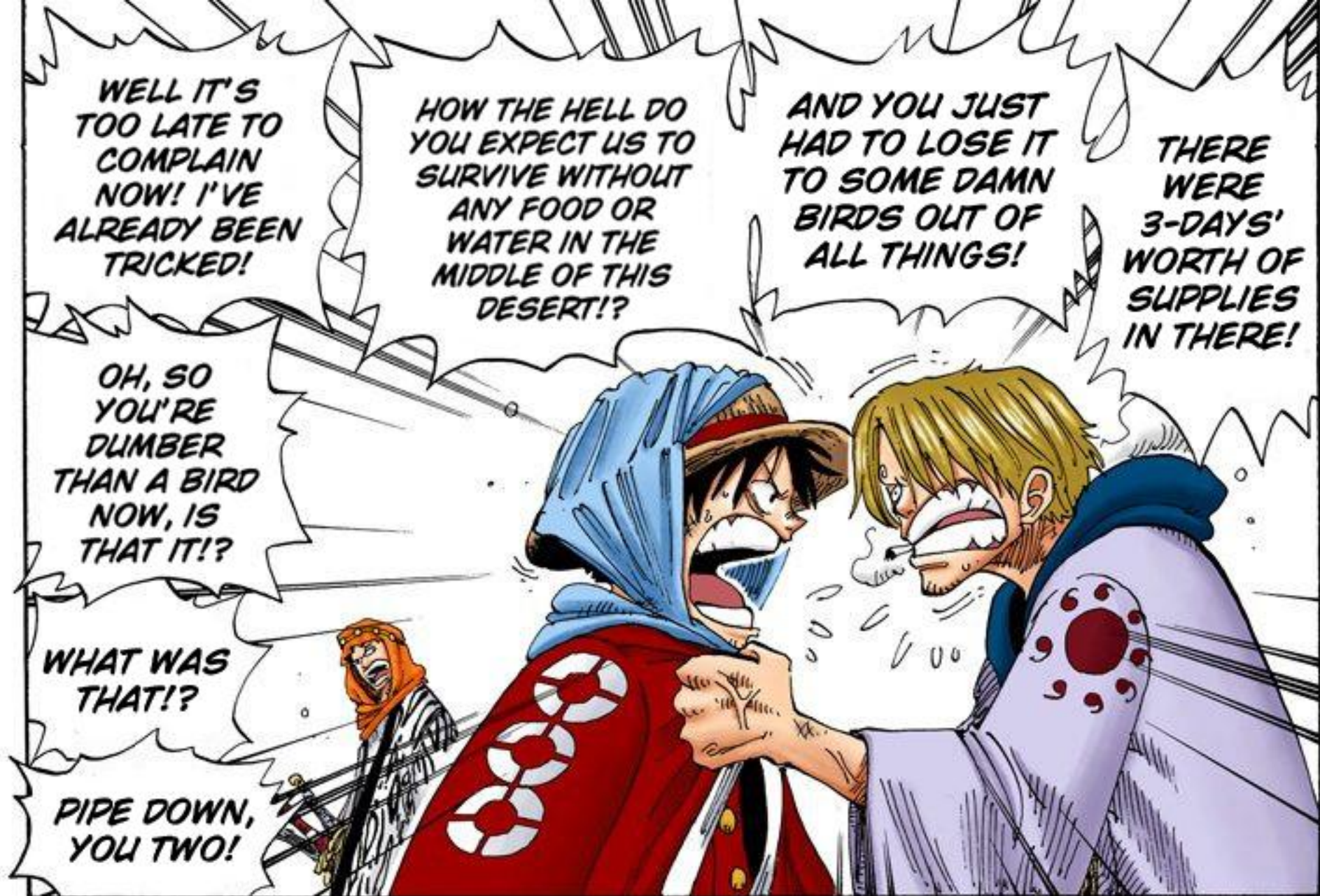
Yes,

HERONS
PRETENDING TO
BE HURT...!?
WHAT A FLOCK
OF SWINDLERS!

It's my
fault for
not
warning
you
earlier...

Those were
swindle-herons.
They trick passing
travellers to steal
their luggage for
food and water.

ガラン



WELL IT'S
TOO LATE TO
COMPLAIN
NOW! I'VE
ALREADY BEEN
TRICKED!

HOW THE HELL DO
YOU EXPECT US TO
SURVIVE WITHOUT
ANY FOOD OR
WATER IN THE
MIDDLE OF THIS
DESERT!?

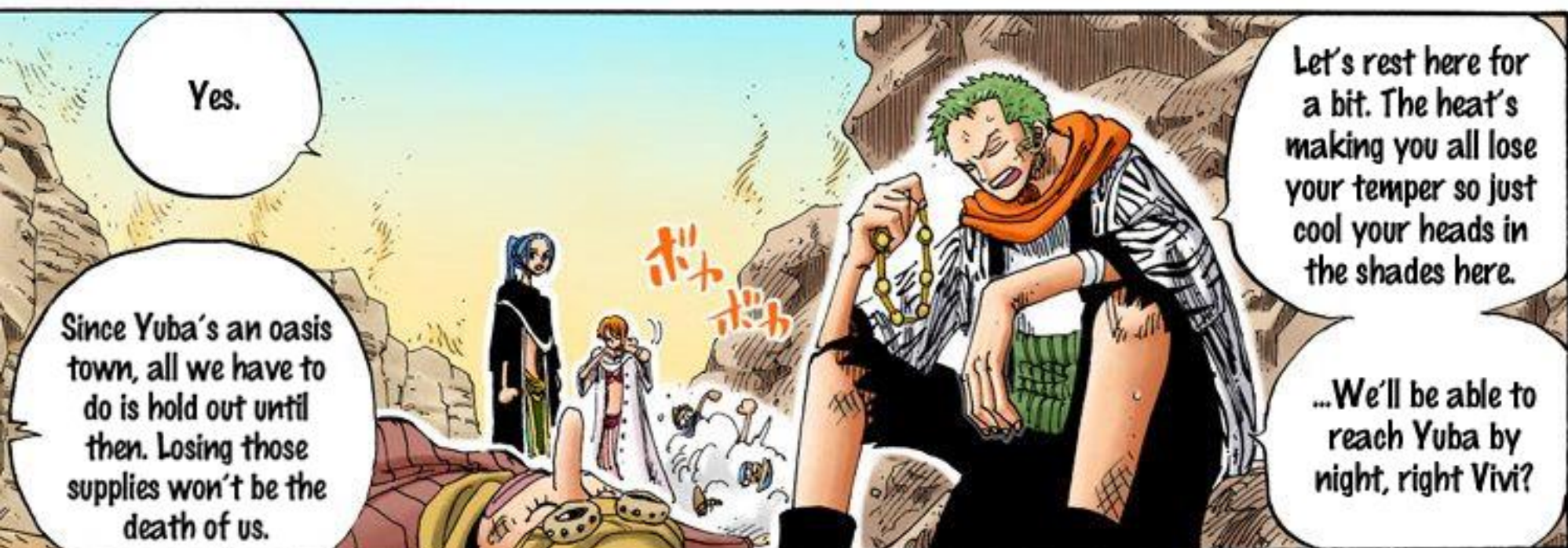
AND YOU JUST
HAD TO LOSE IT
TO SOME DAMN
BIRDS OUT OF
ALL THINGS!

THERE
WERE
3-DAYS'
WORTH OF
SUPPLIES
IN THERE!

OH, SO
YOU'RE
DUMBER
THAN A BIRD
NOW, IS
THAT IT!?

WHAT WAS
THAT!?

PIPE DOWN,
YOU TWO!

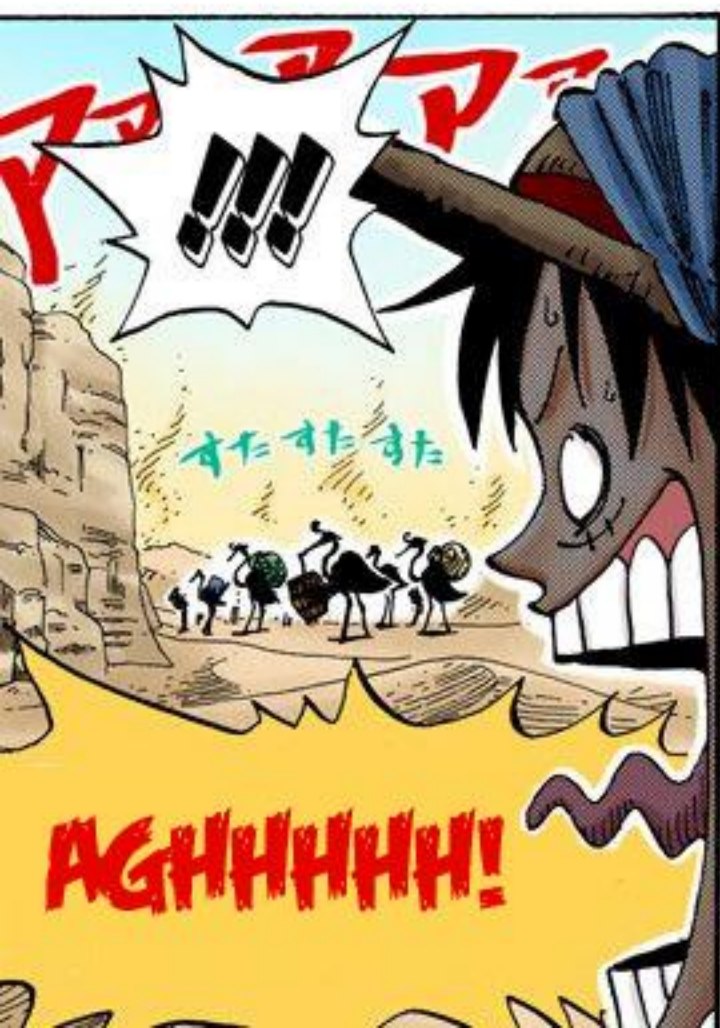


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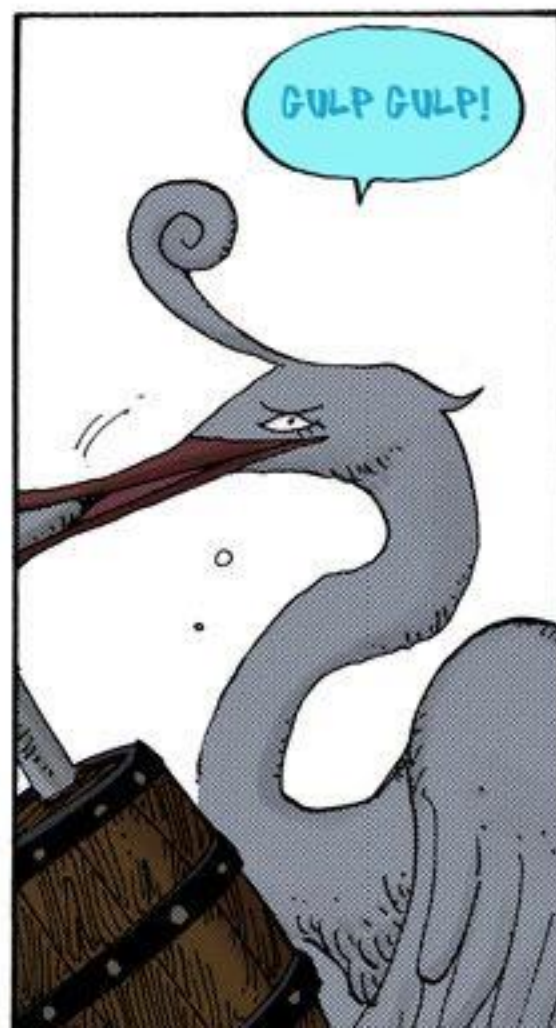
Since Yuba's an oasis
town, all we have to
do is hold out until
then. Losing those
supplies won't be the
death of us.

Let's rest here for
a bit. The heat's
making you all lose
your temper so just
cool your heads in
the shades here.

...We'll be able to
reach Yuba by
night, right Vivi?



AGHHHHH!



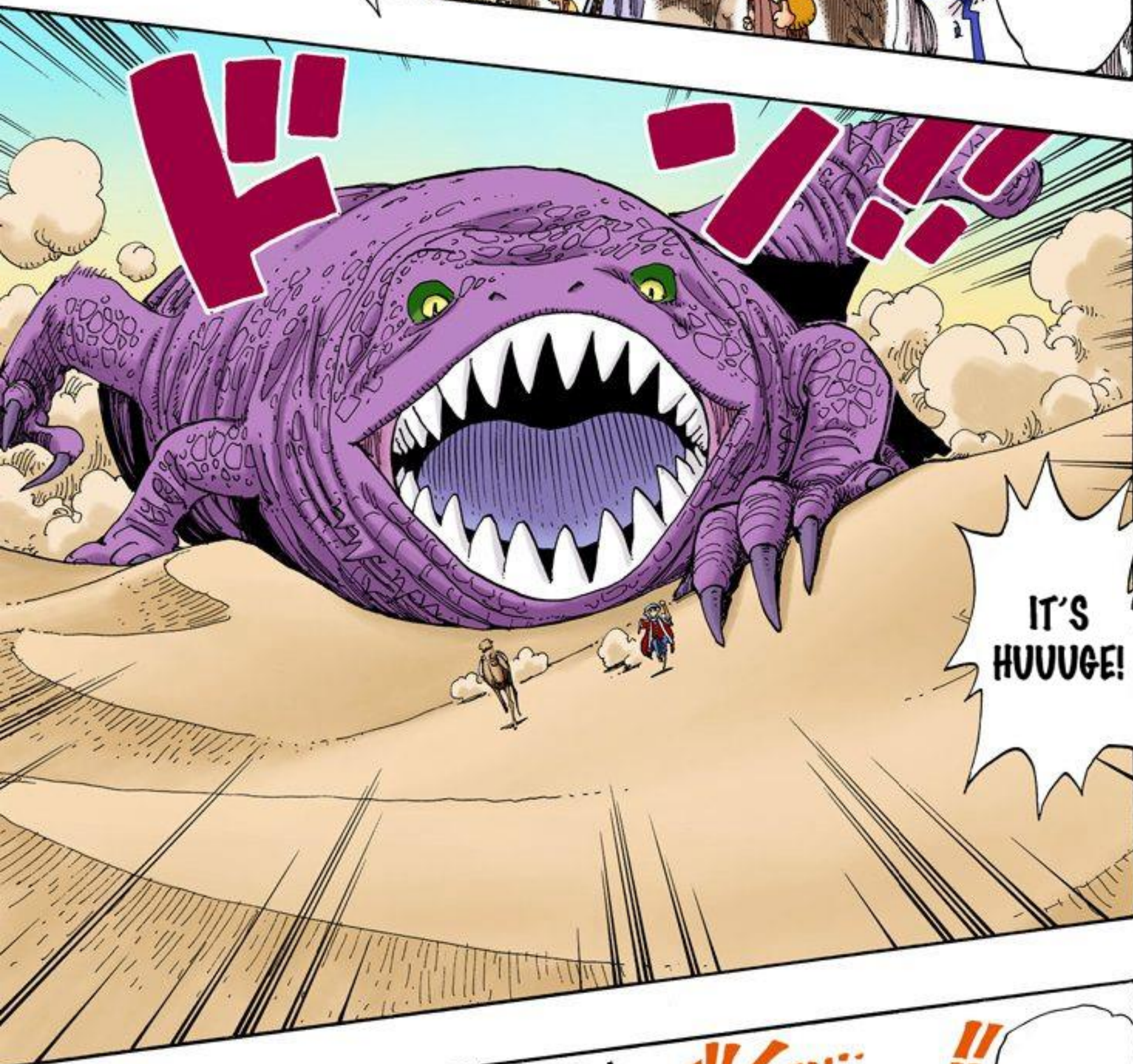
GULP GULP!

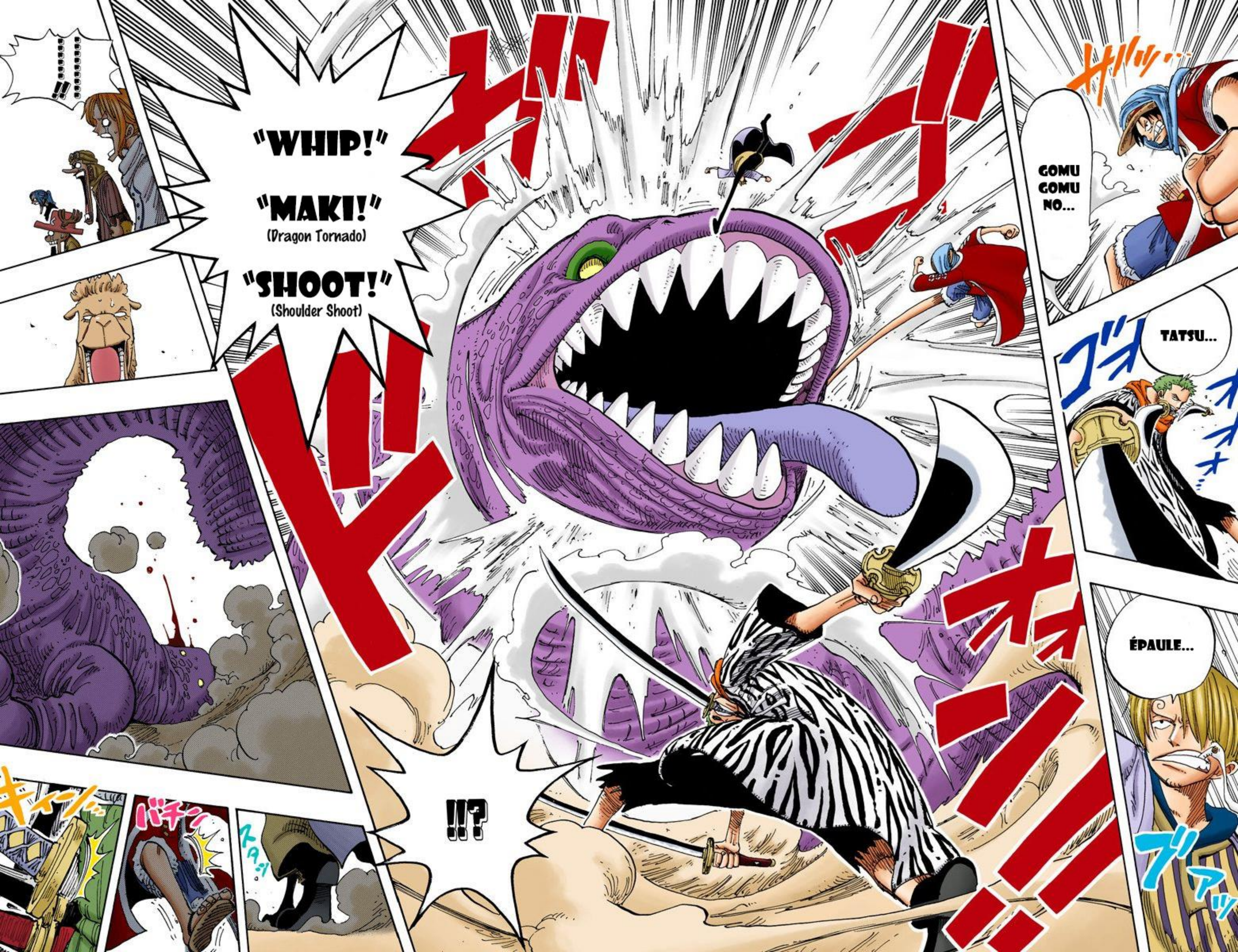


We'll head
out again
after 10
minutes of
rest.

So let's just forget
about what
happened, lest we
tire ourselves out
even more.







"WHIP!"

"MAKI!"

(Dragon Tornado)

"SHOOT!"

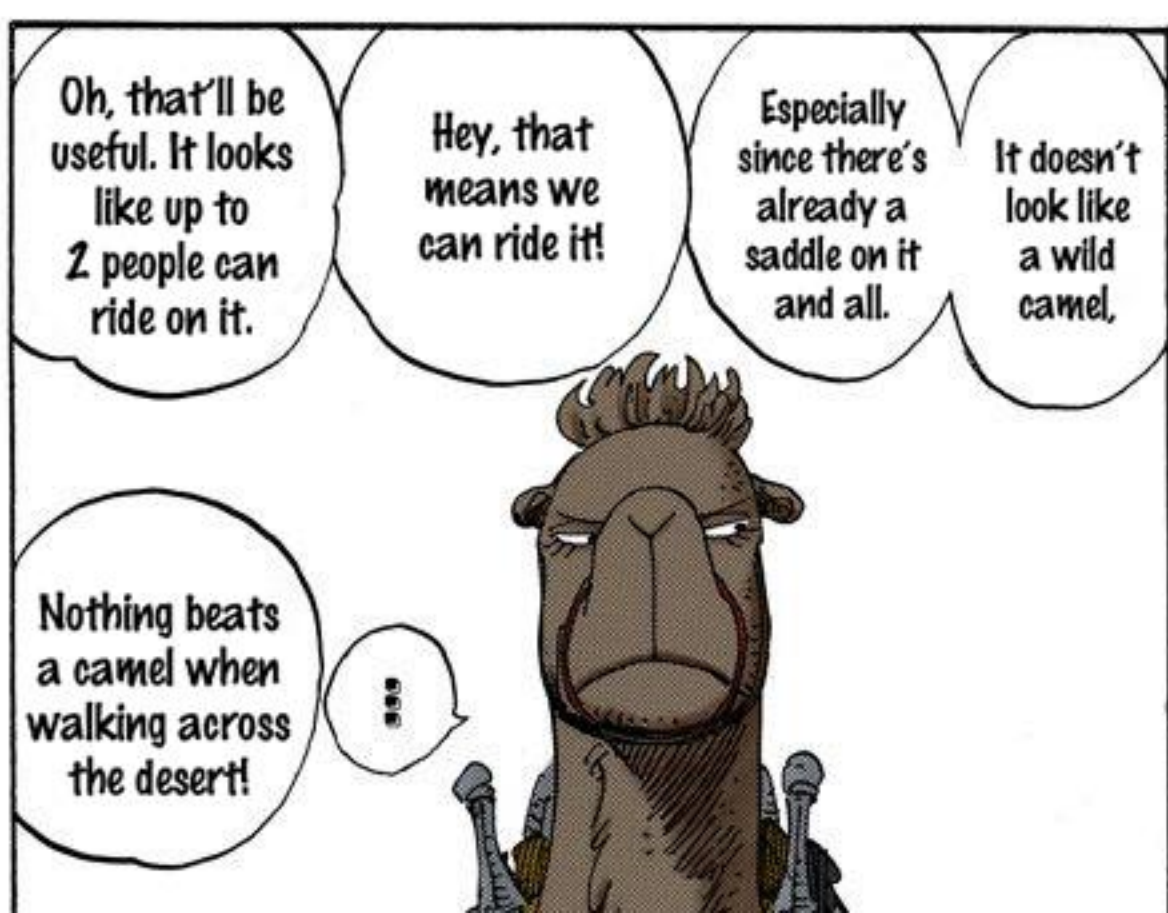
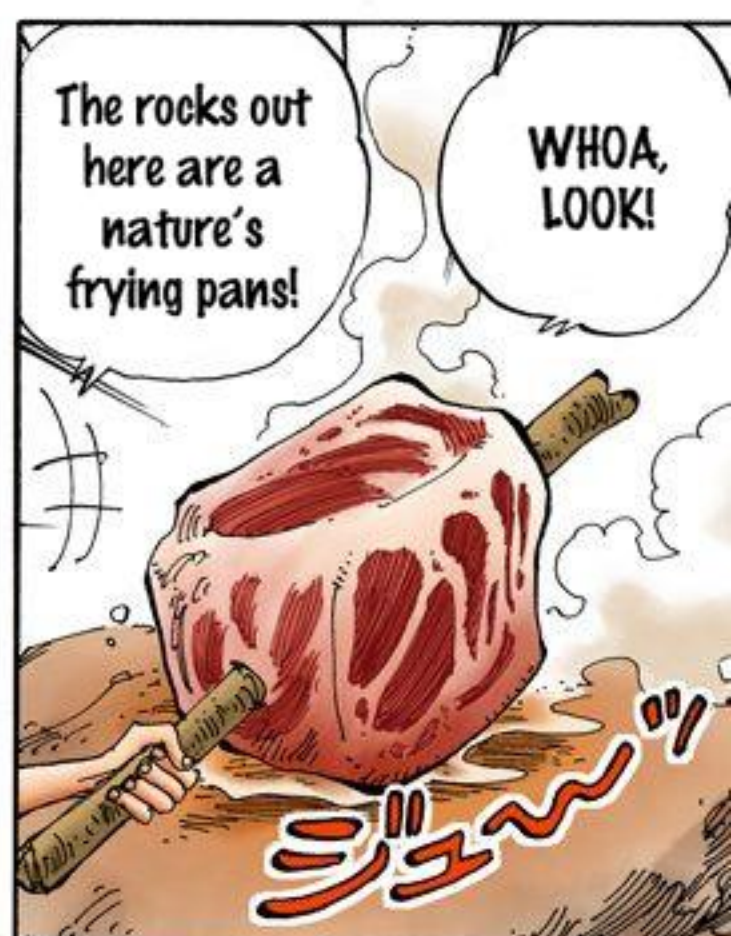
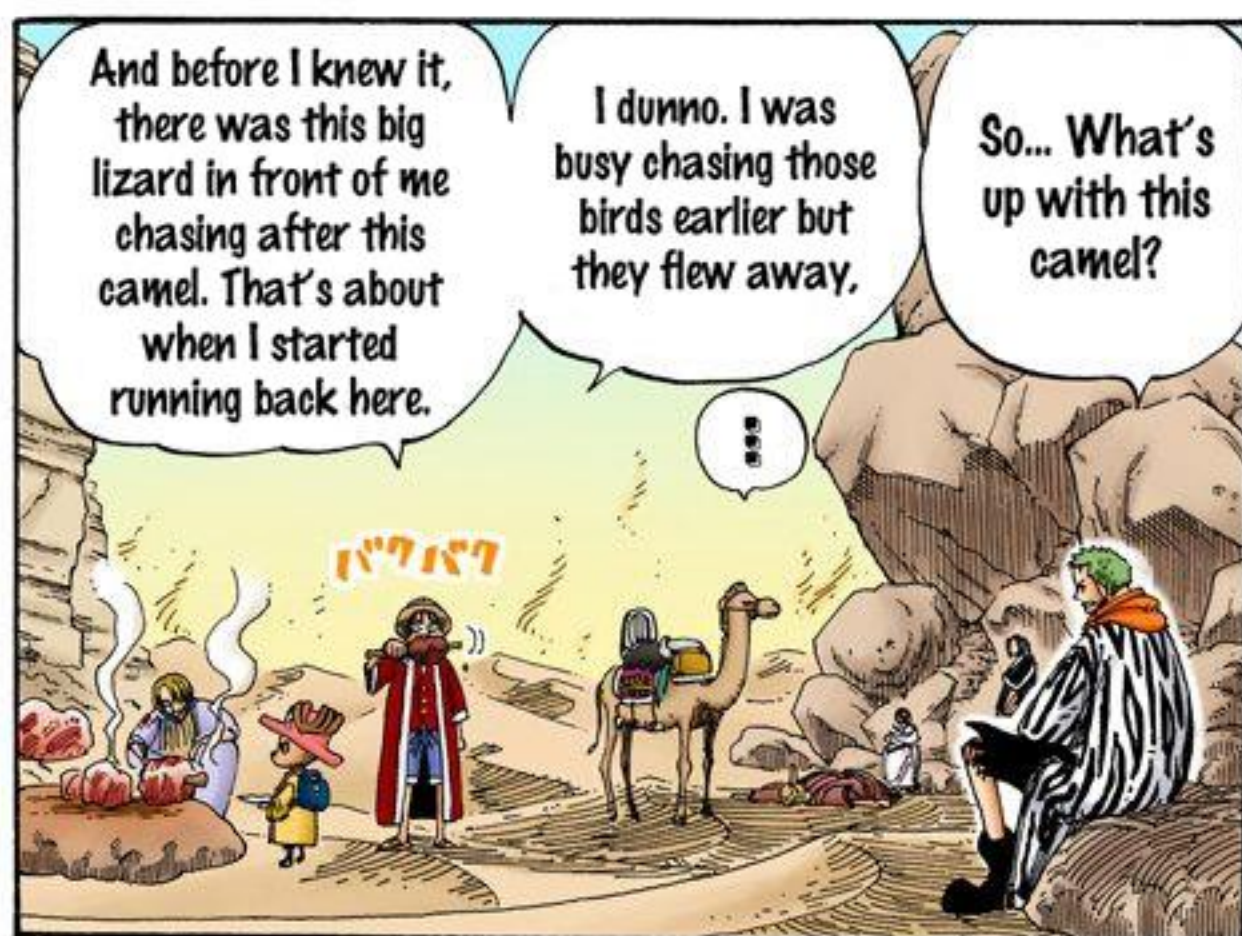
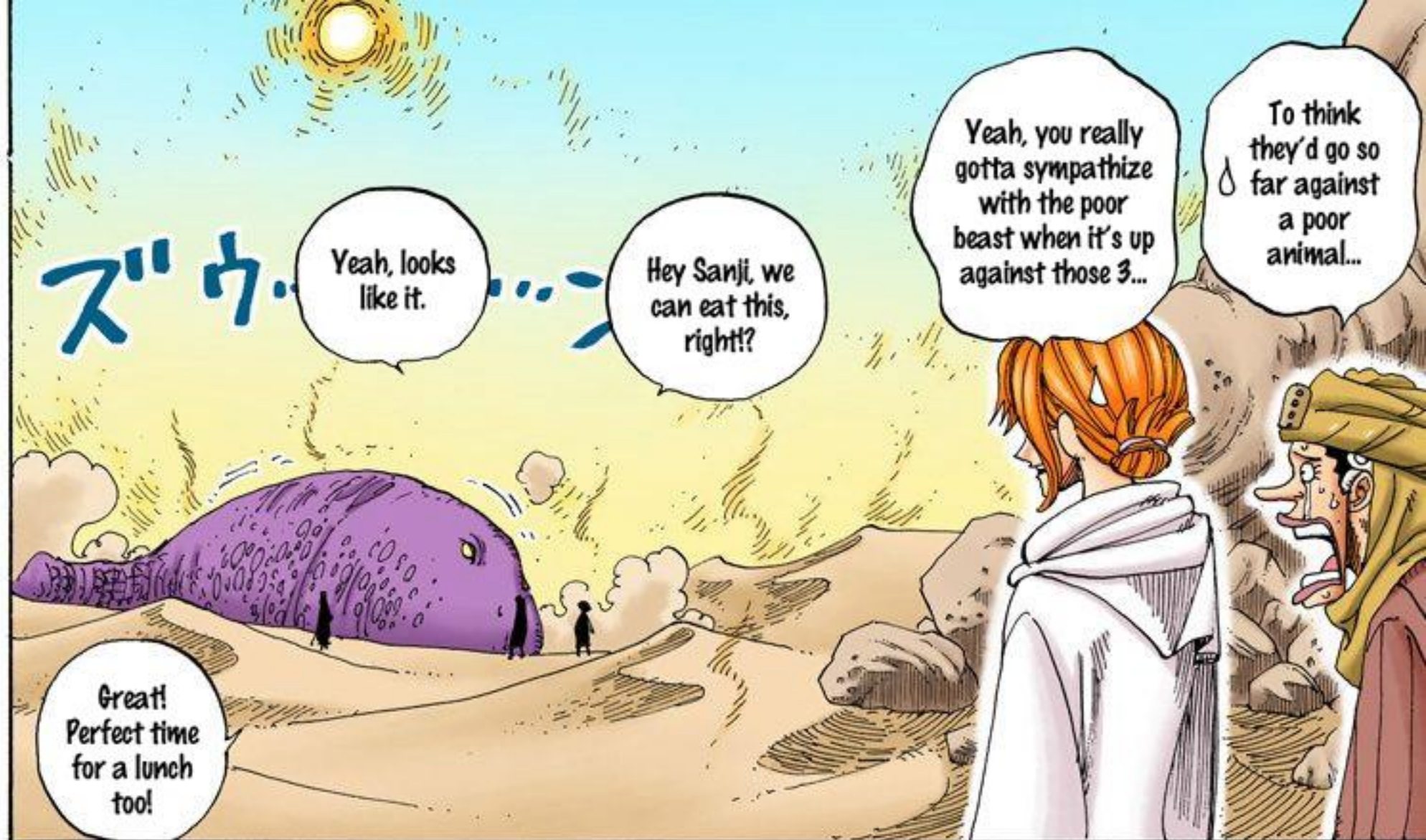
(Shoulder Shoot)

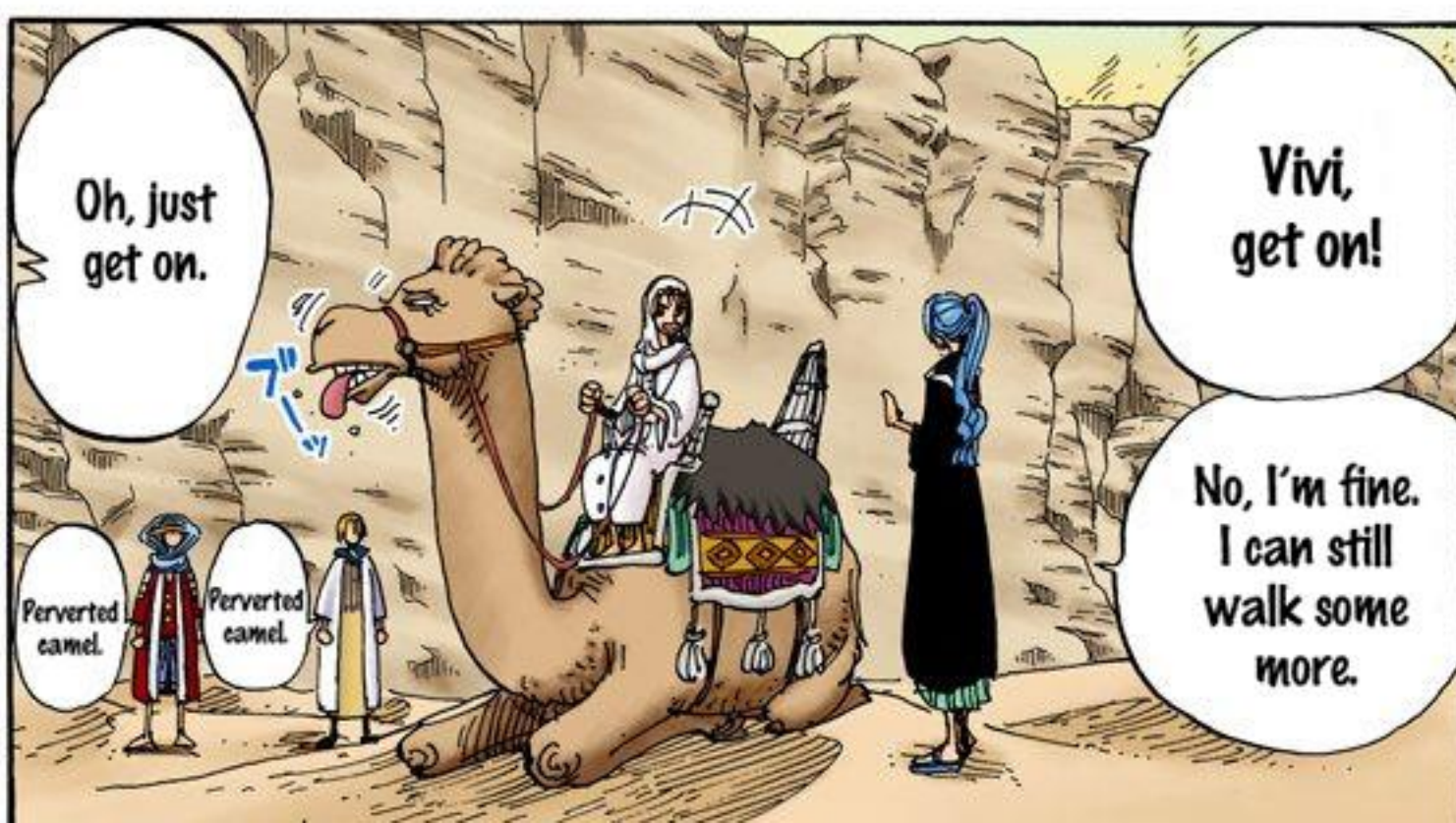
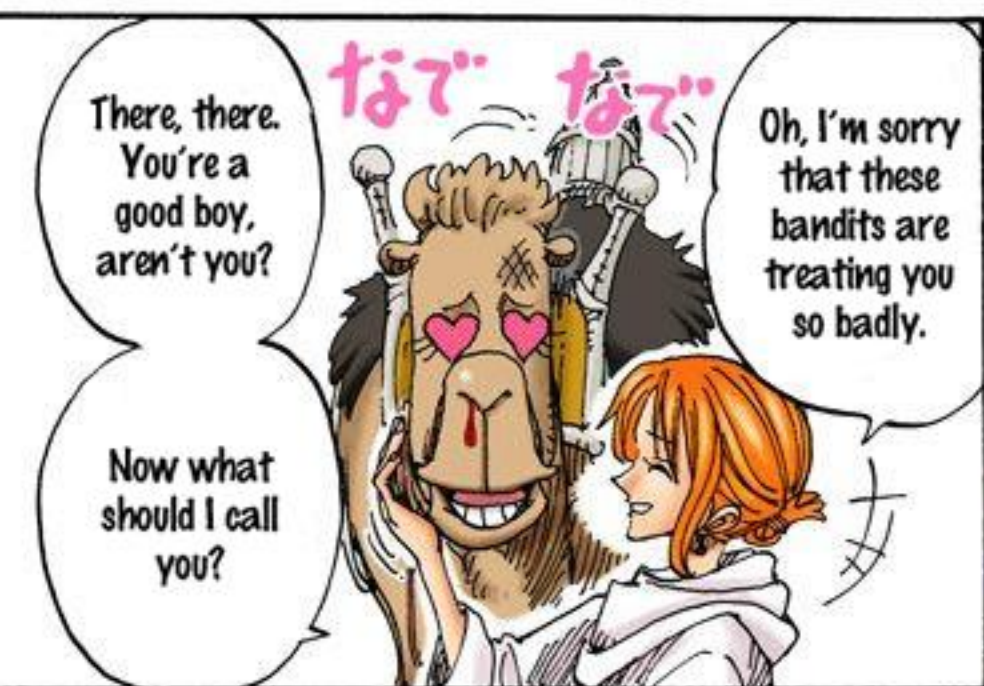
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COMU
NO...

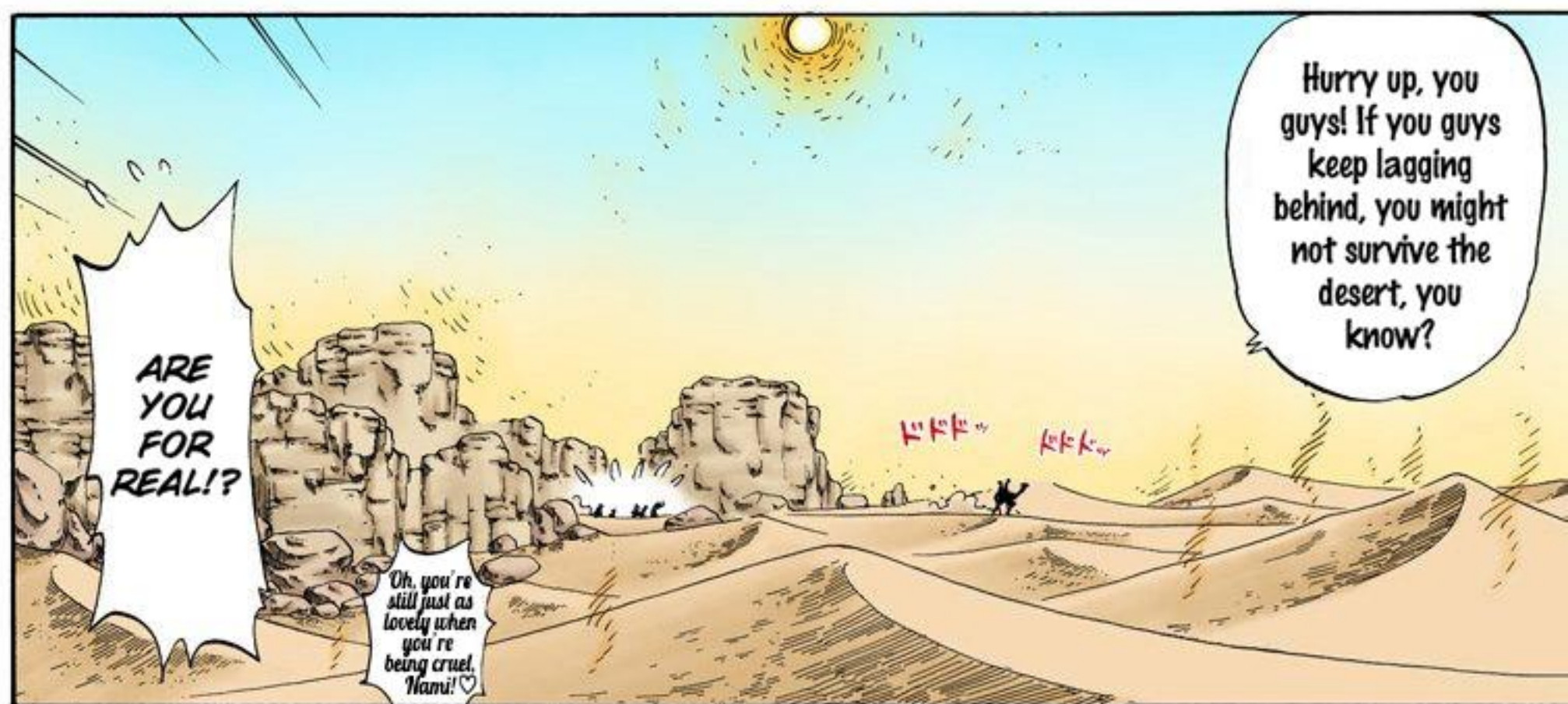
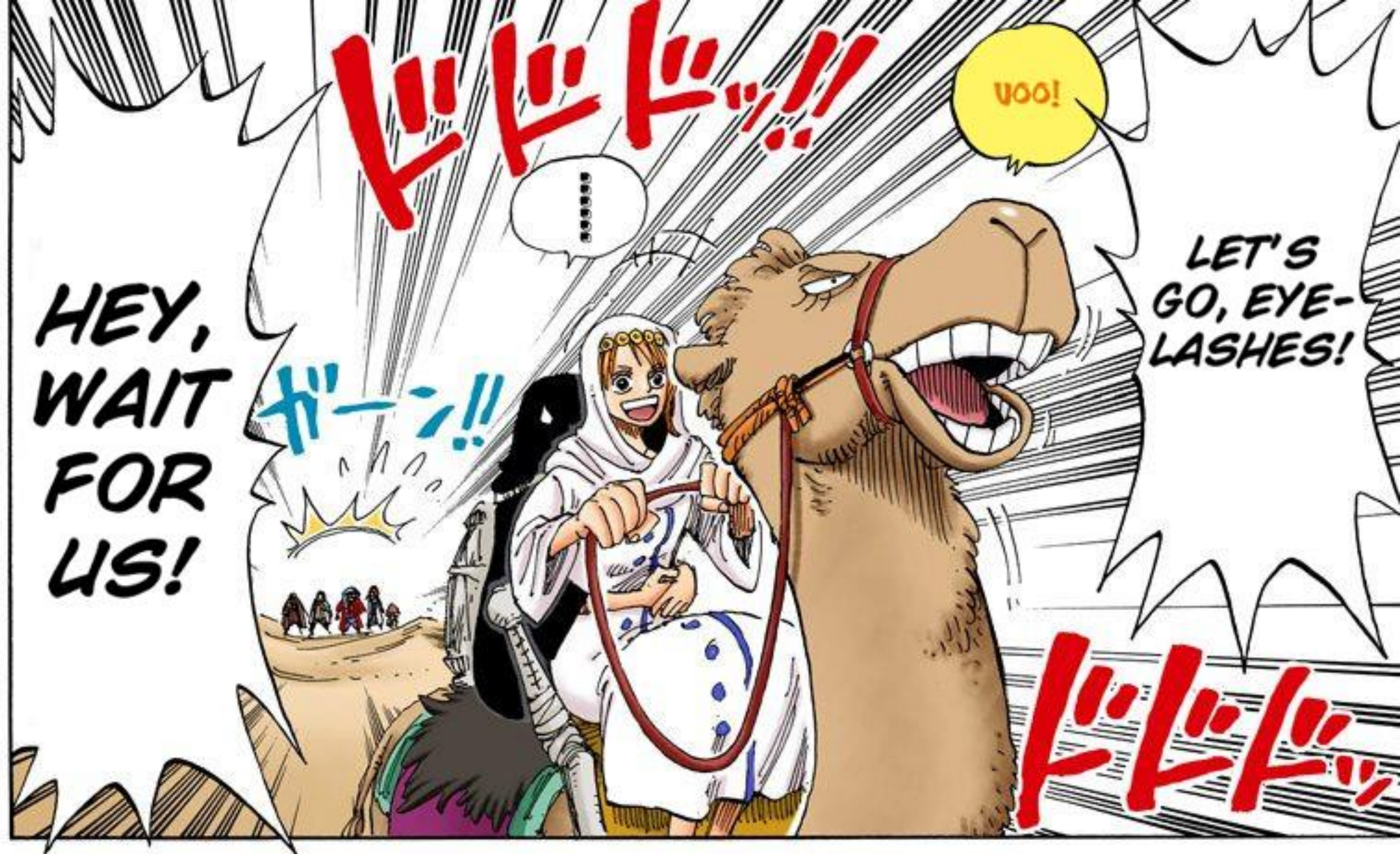
TATSU...

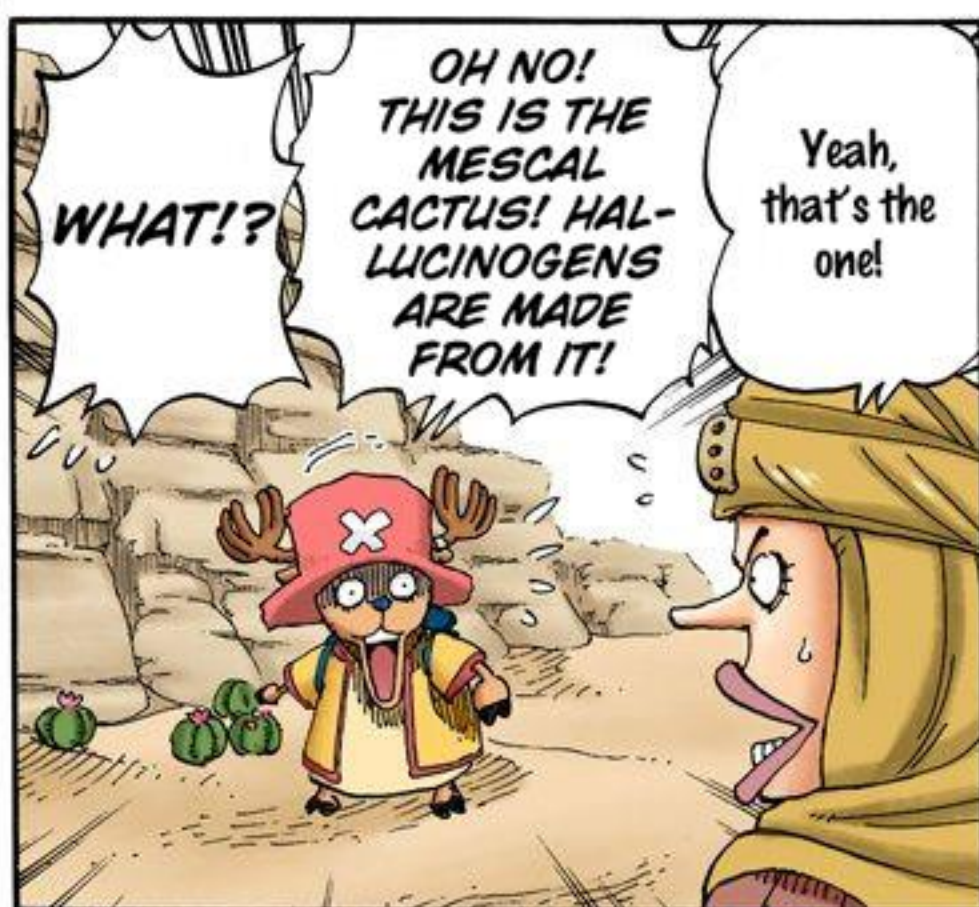
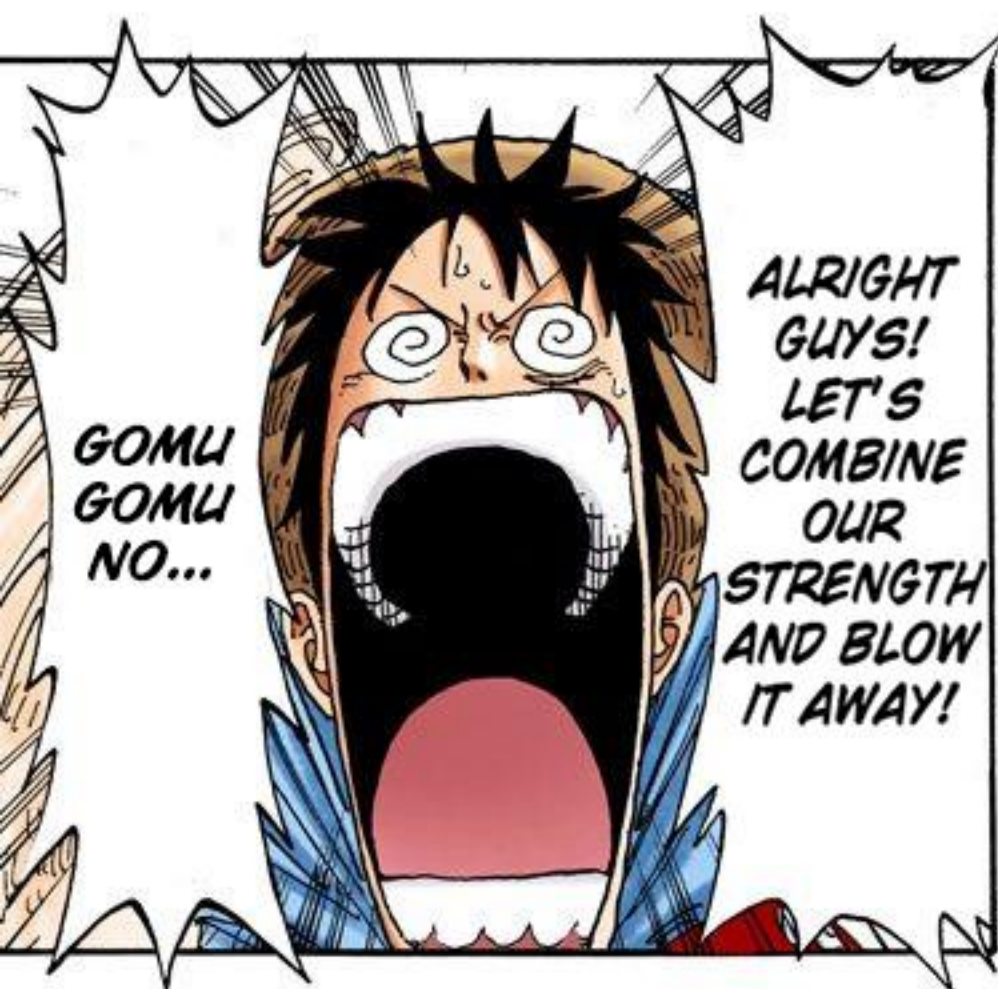
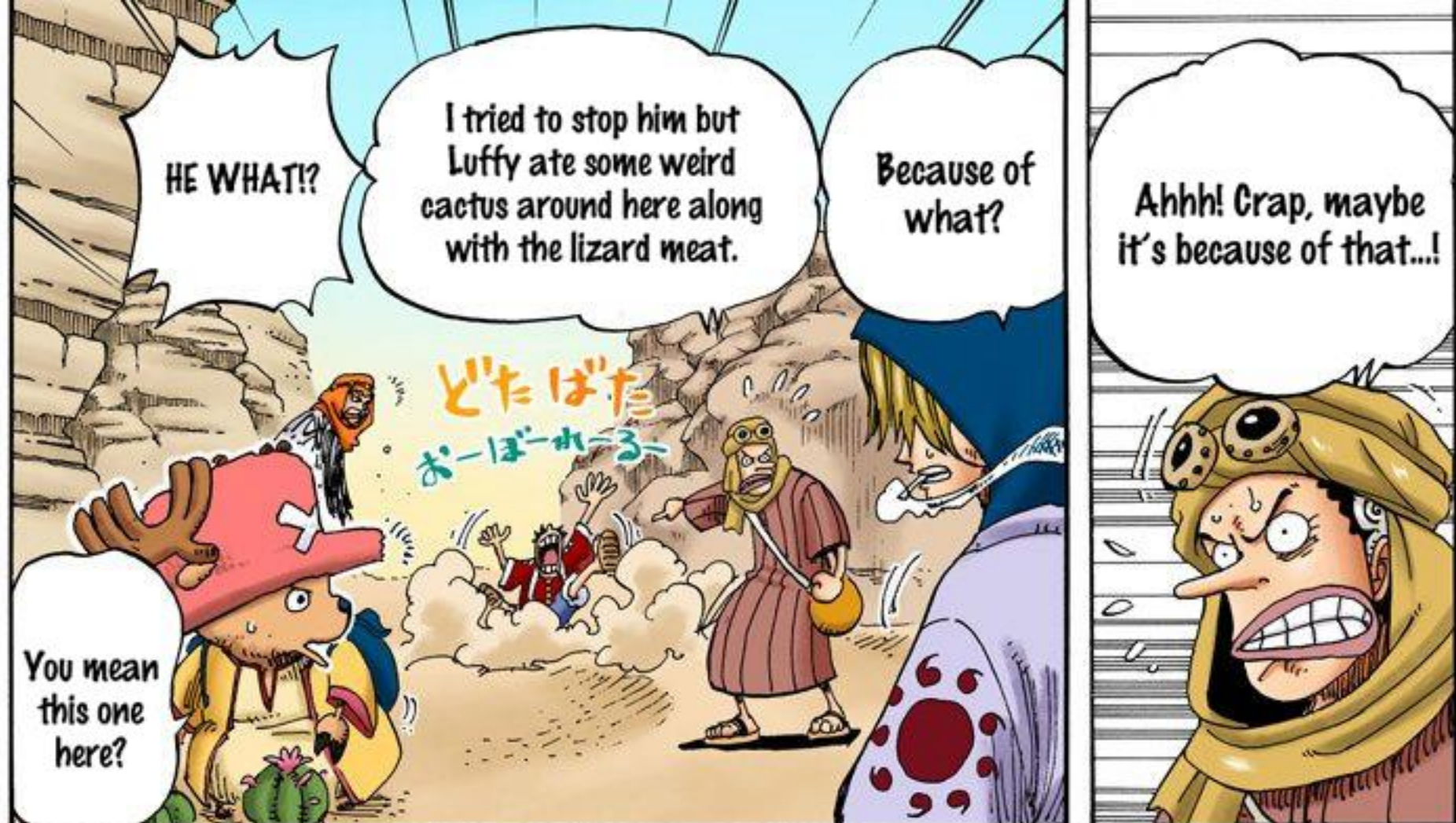
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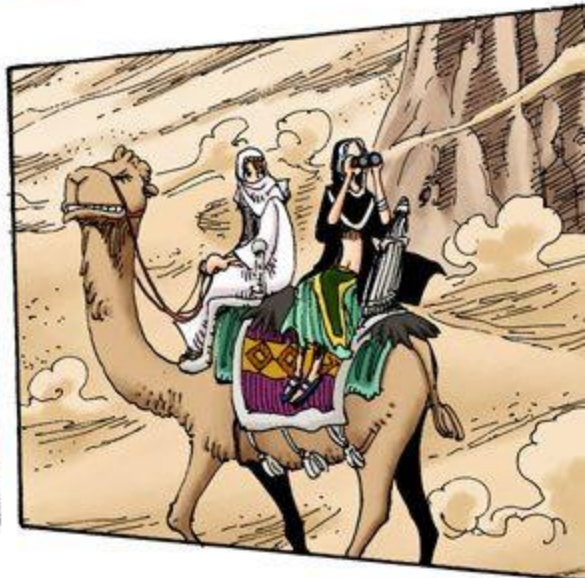
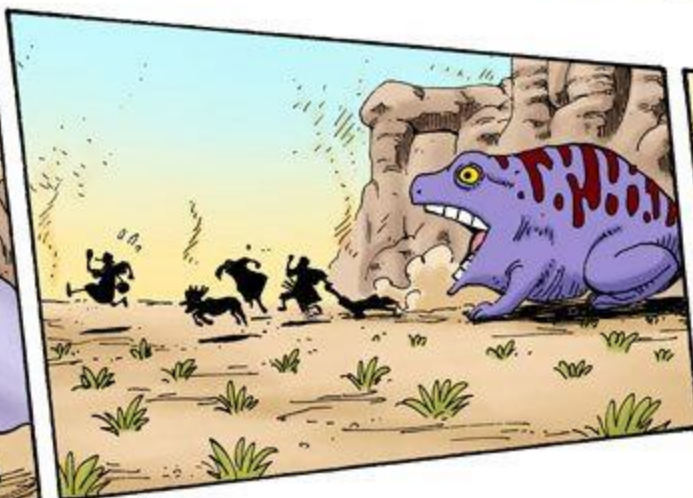
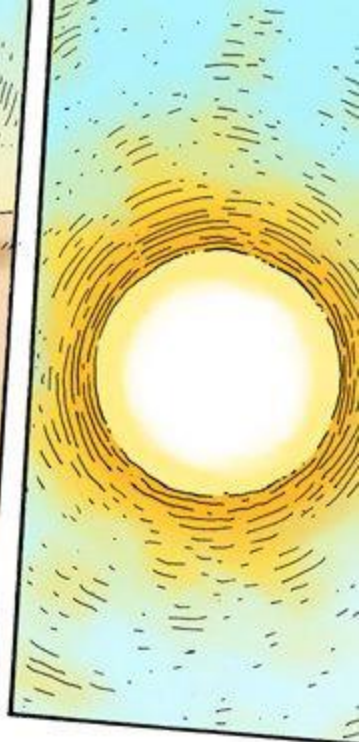
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CHAPTER 163

“Yuba, Base of the Rebel Forces”



JANGO'S DANCE PARADISE VOL. 29 "CRIME, FRIENDSHIP, AND DUTY"

oooooooooooo

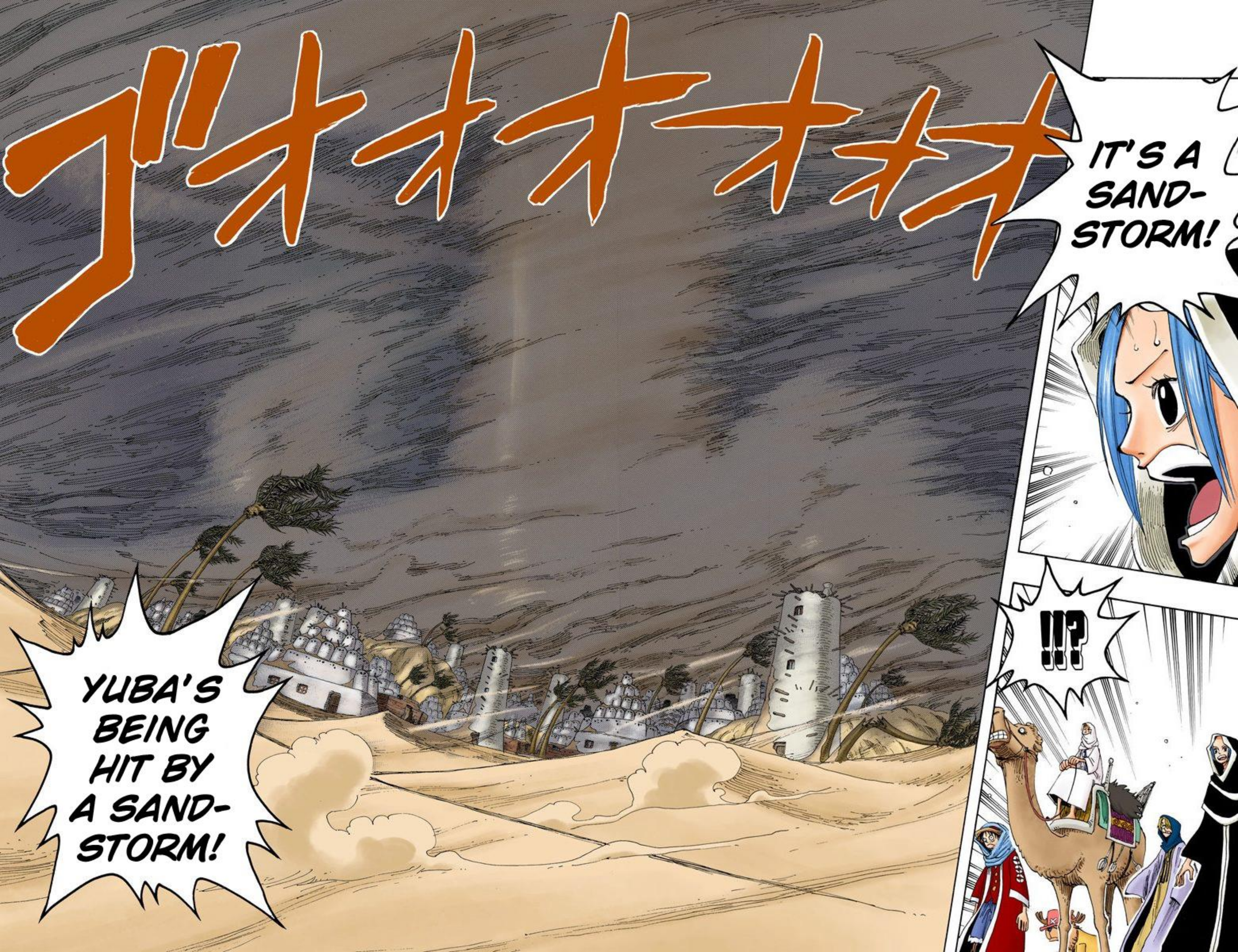
IT'S A
SAND-
STORM!



!!?



YUBA'S
BEING
HIT BY
A SAND-
STORM!



Travellers, eh?
...Well then,
you must be
awfully tired.

!?

**Kingdom of
Alabasta,
Yuba Oasis**

Oh my
god...

**Sorry to tell you
folks this town's
a little bit dried
up right now.**

**It's swallowed
the oasis up!**

Look at all
this sand...

Where's the water!?

Wasn't this supposed to be an oasis town, Vivi?

Frankly speaking,
there ain't much a
difference between
here and that
abandoned town
Elumalu!

What a mess...!

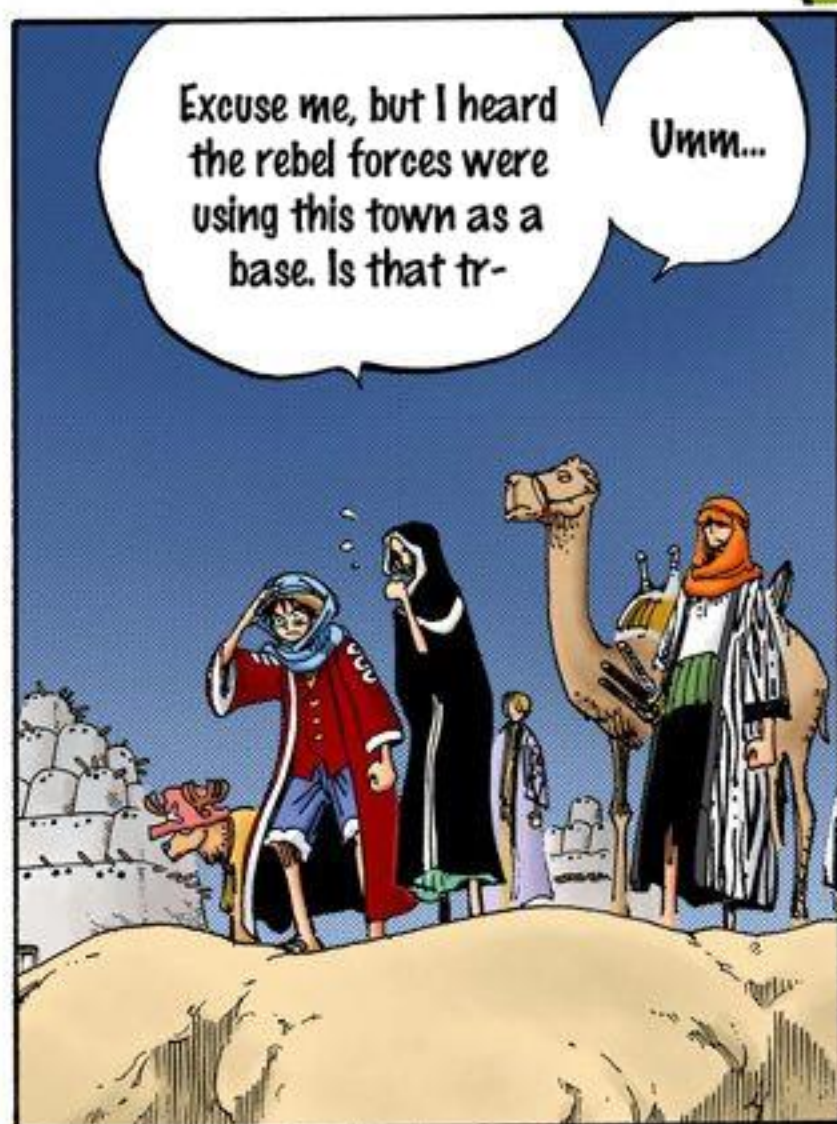


We've got plenty of inns and rooms to spare... That's one of the things Yuba's known for.

But you folks still ought to rest here for the night.

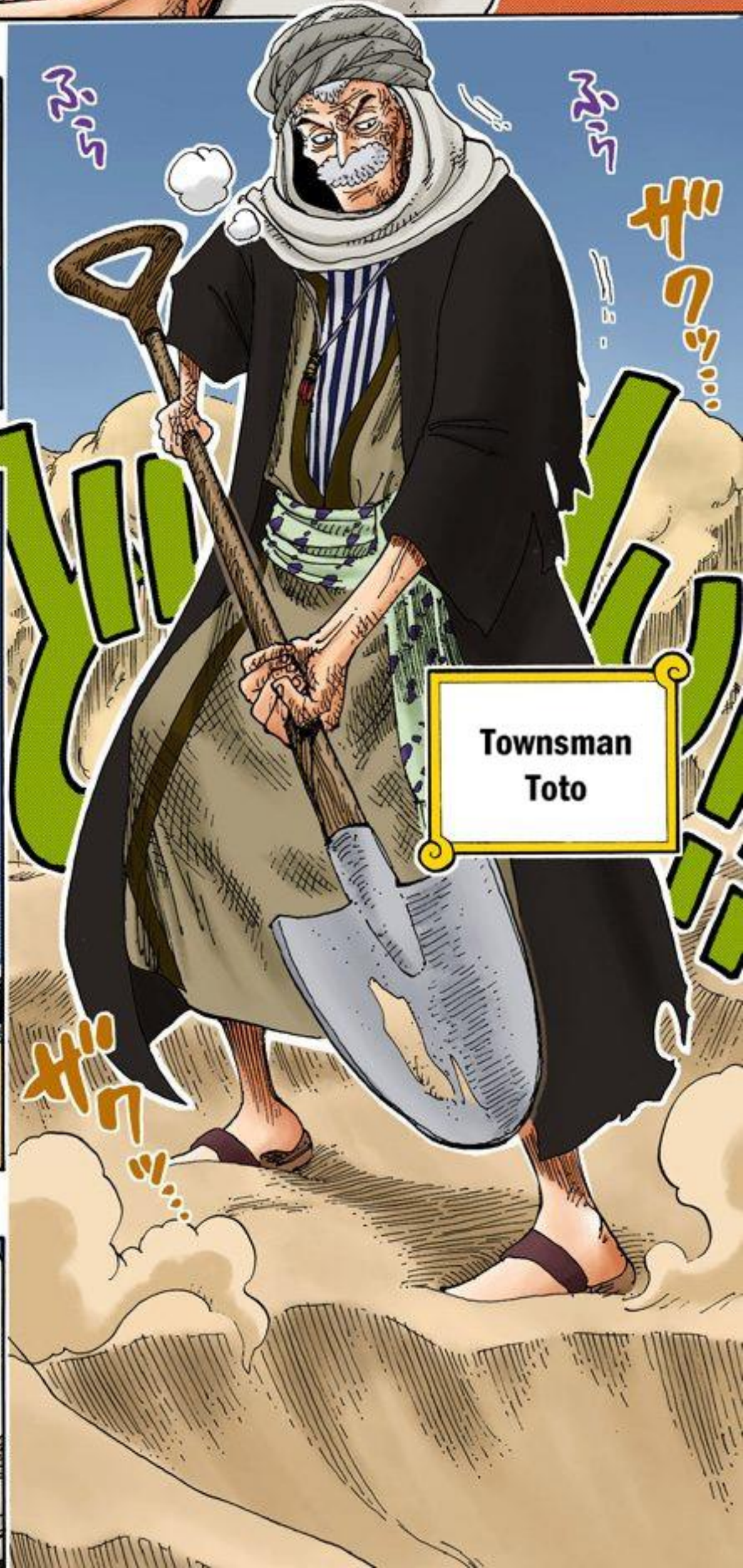


GRAB



Excuse me, but I heard the rebel forces were using this town as a base. Is that tr-

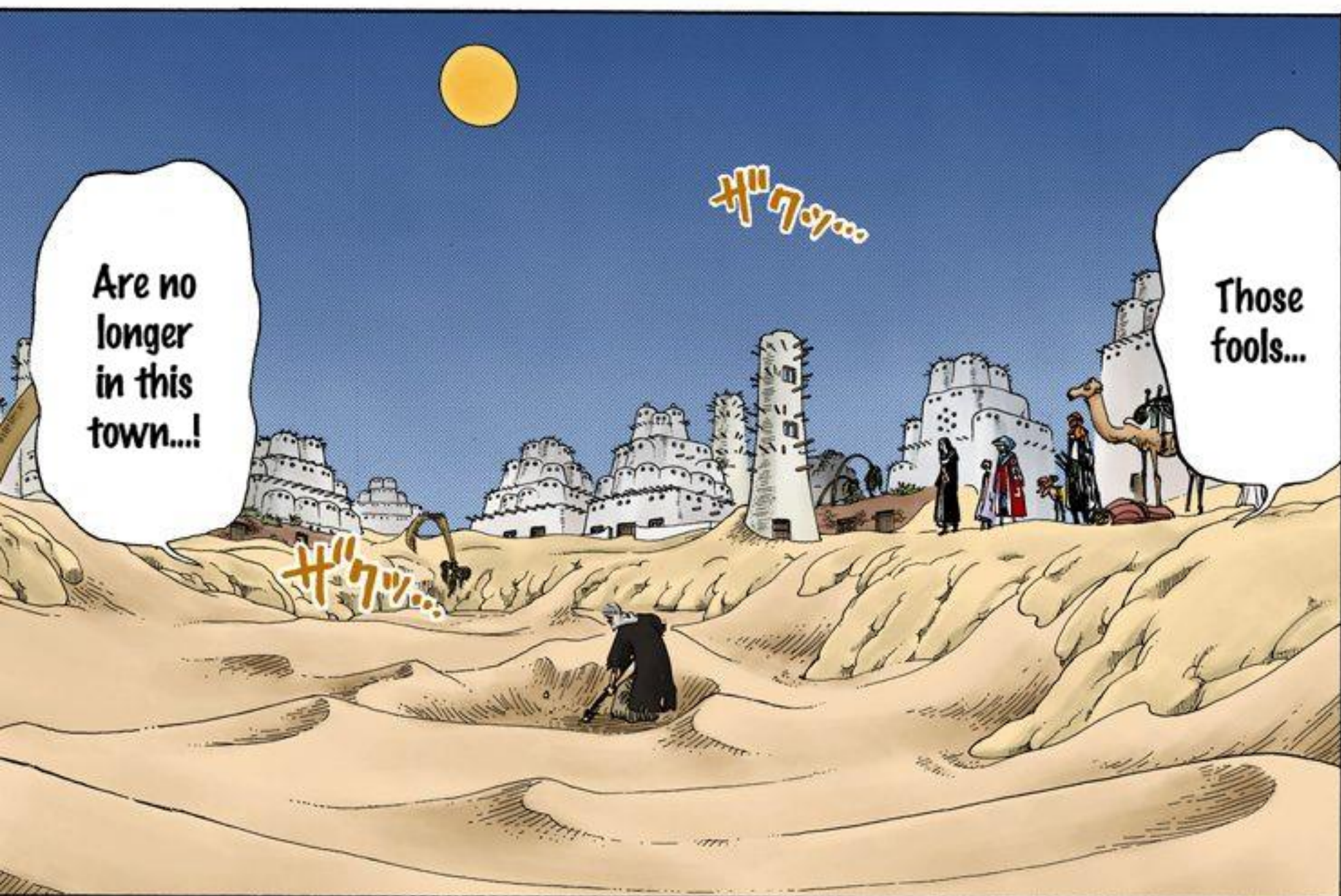
Umm...

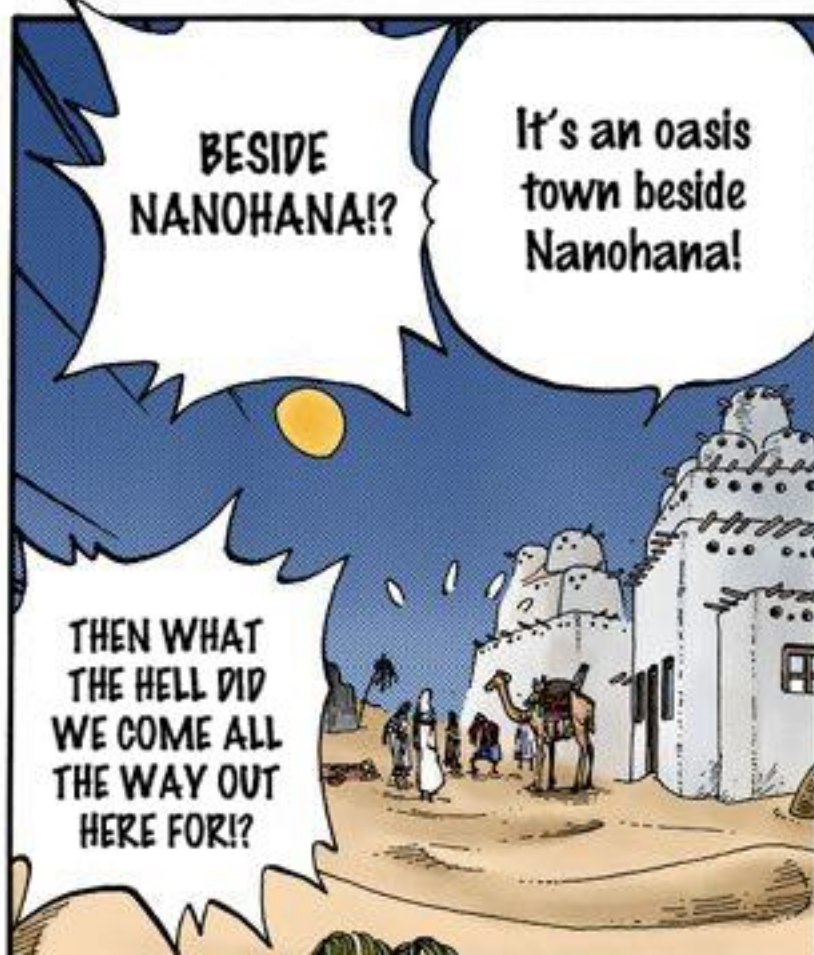


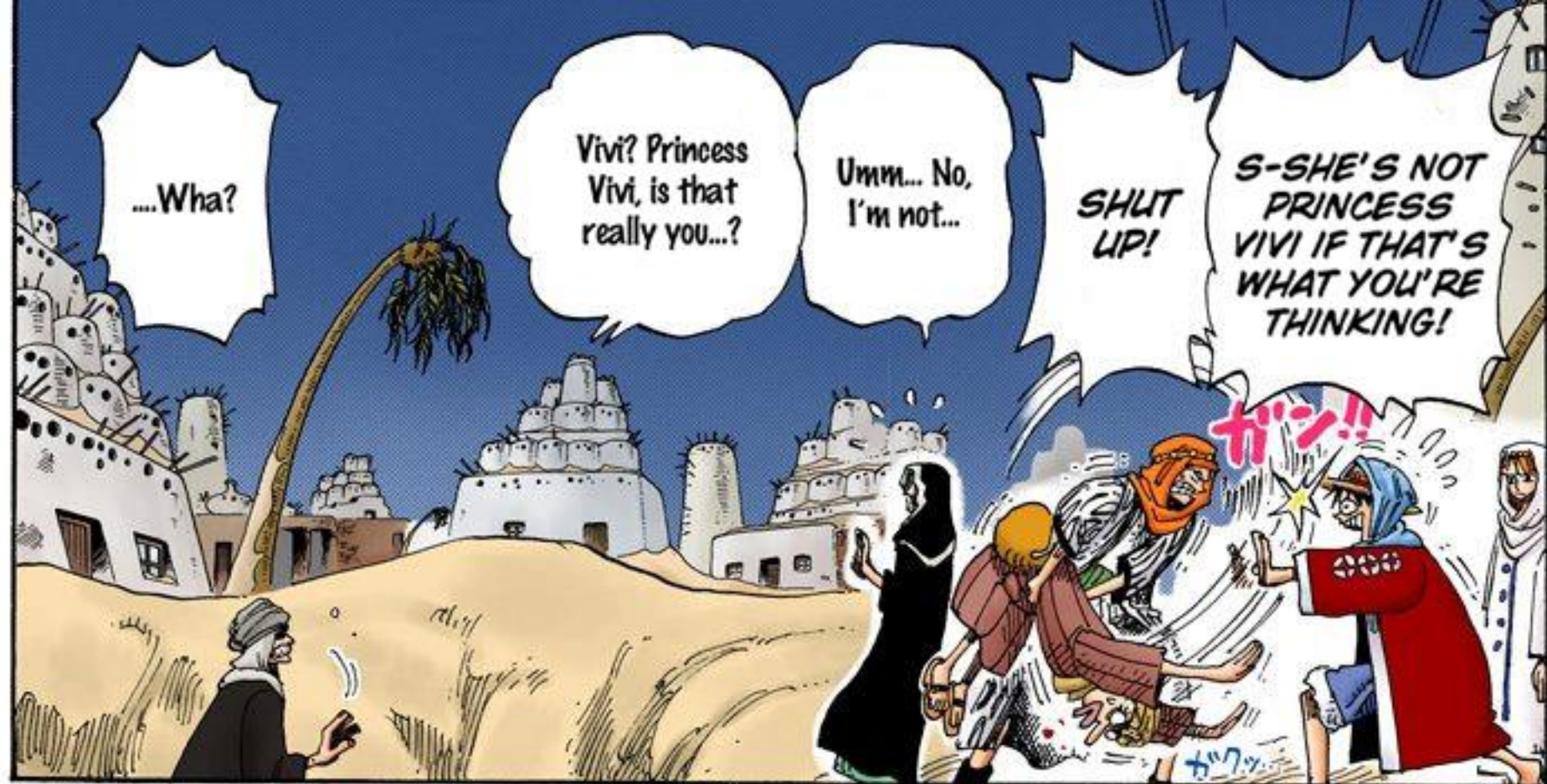
Townsmen
Toto



You have business with the rebels?







...Wha?

Vivi? Princess
Vivi, is that
really you...?

Umm... No,
I'm not...

**SHUT
UP!**

**S-SHE'S NOT
PRINCESS
VIVI IF THAT'S
WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING!**



GASP!



Yes...!

じゃあ...



Is...
Is that
you, Toto?

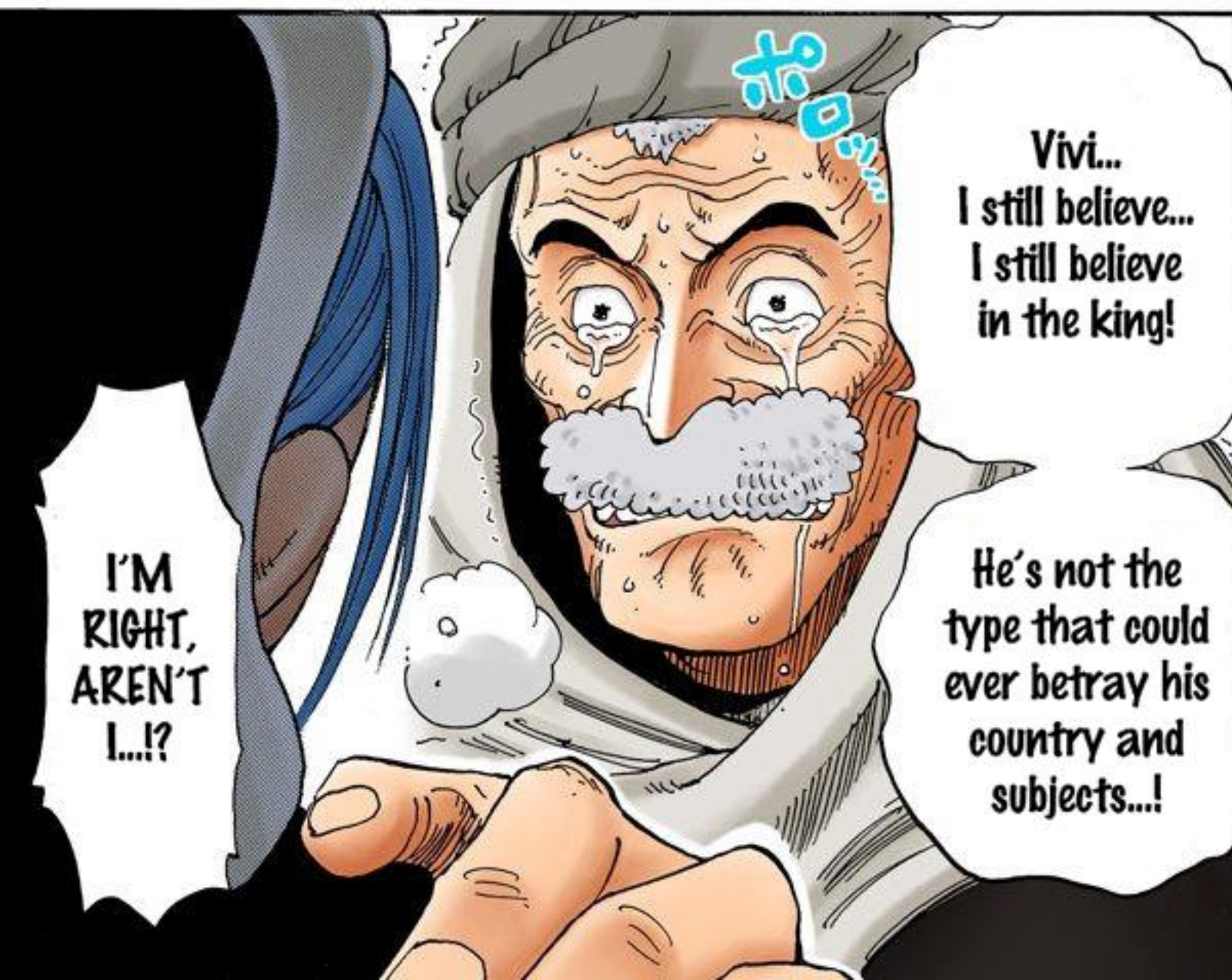
.....!!



**I'M SO GLAD TO SEE
YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!
IT'S ME! DON'T YOU
RECOGNIZE ME!?**

Guess I can't
blame you,
I did lose
quite a bit
of weight...

がばっ!!



**I'M
RIGHT,
AREN'T
I...!?**

Vivi...
I still believe...
I still believe
in the king!

He's not the
type that could
ever betray his
country and
subjects...!



Toto?

PLEASE!
YOU HAVE
TO STOP
THEM...!

THOSE
REBELS
ARE ALL
OUT OF
THEIR
MINDS!



Alubarna,
11 years
ago

...Vivi, you
better grow up
to be a good
princess!

YOU'RE
THE
ONLY
ONE
WHO
CAN!

Toto...



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The town
dried up...!

WHY
DIDN'T
YOU HELP
US!?

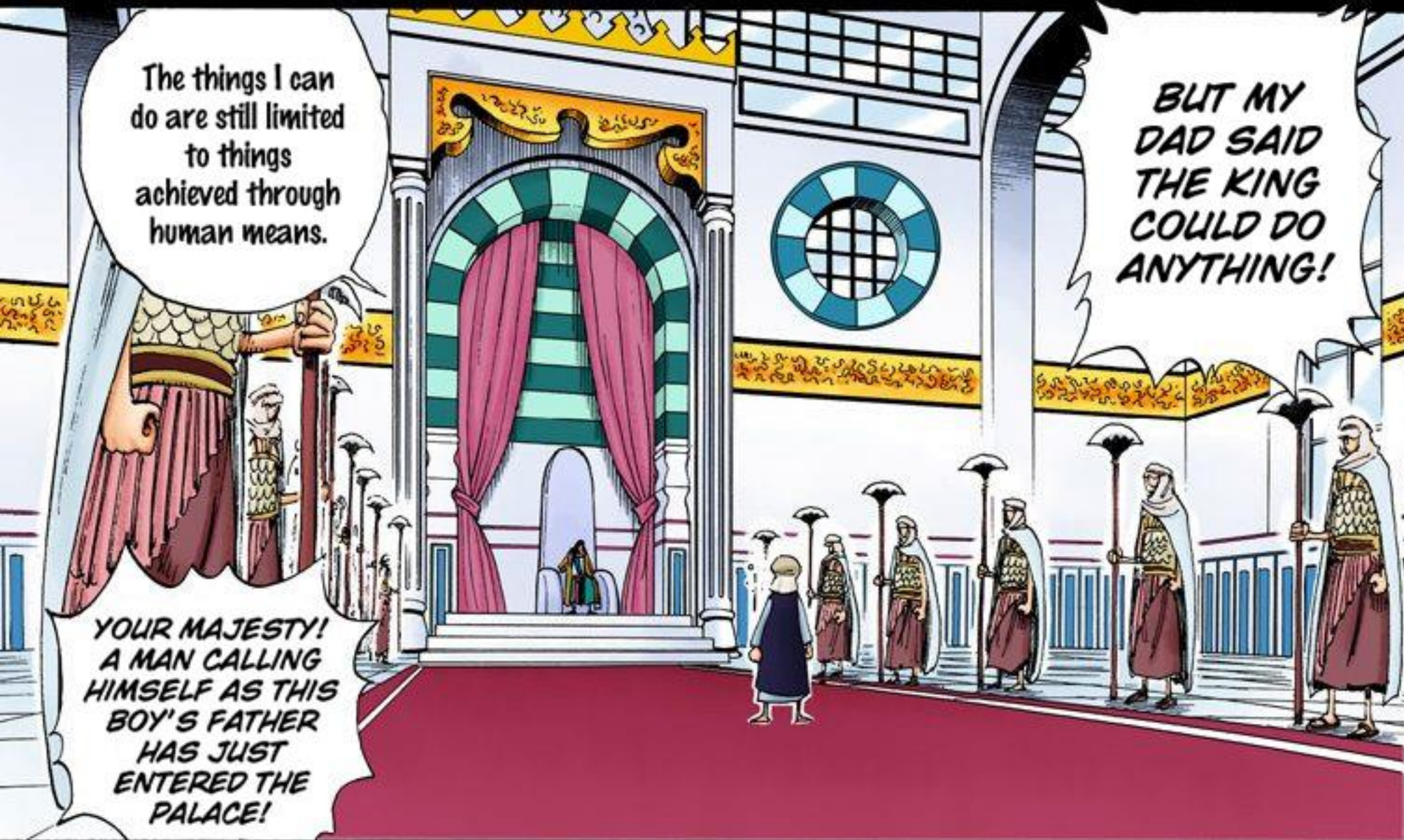
Village boy,
Kouza





Even as a king, there's nothing I can do about it.

I'm afraid the weather is the domain of gods.




The things I can do are still limited to things achieved through human means.

BUT MY DAD SAID THE KING COULD DO ANYTHING!

YOUR MAJESTY! A MAN CALLING HIMSELF AS THIS BOY'S FATHER HAS JUST ENTERED THE PALACE!

I ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS ACTIONS SO PLEASE PUNISH ME AS YOUR MAJESTY SEES FIT!

FORGIVE THE INSOLENCE MY MANNERLESS SON HAS SHOWN, YOUR MAJESTY!



The village boy's father, Toto



You said
your
name is
Toto,
correct...?

Yes, your
majesty!

You idiot, you
idiot, you idiot!
Lower your
head this
instant and
apologize!



In the
meanwhile, they
are permitted to
move here to the
capital and
think about
what to do with
their lives from
now on.

The state will
provision all
homeless
villagers
affected by the
recent draught.



I SAID
COME
BACK!

KOUZA,
COME
BACK!

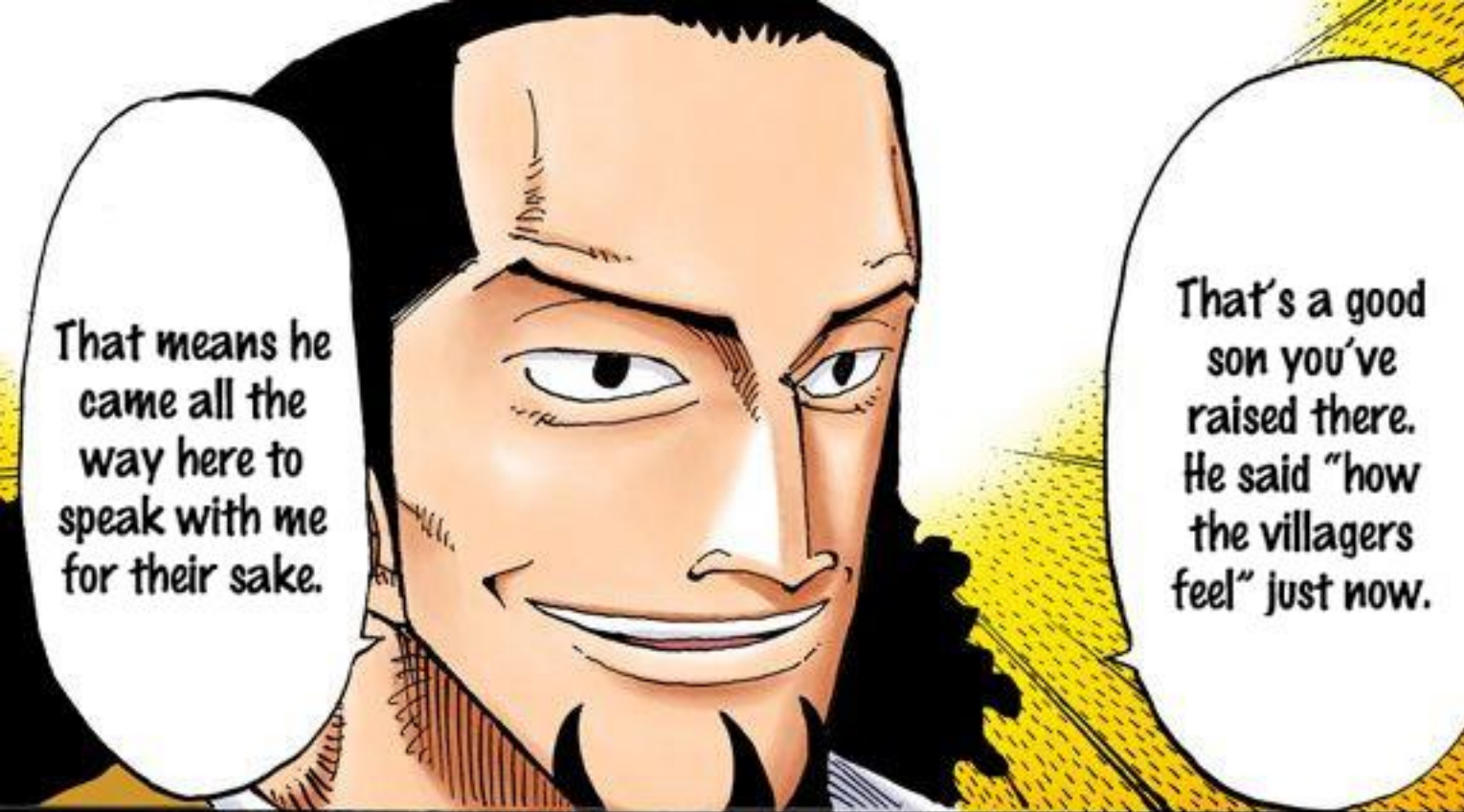


YOU THINK THAT'S
SUDDENLY GONNA
FIX EVERYTHING?
YOU DON'T HAVE
A CLUE HOW THE
VILLAGERS FEEL!



Your majesty's
benevolence is truly
astounding! We are
grateful from the
bottom of our hearts!

がばっ!!



That means he came all the way here to speak with me for their sake.

That's a good son you've raised there. He said "how the villagers feel" just now.



Y-yes, your majesty!?

Toto...

がばっ!!!



What did you call me, pipsqueak?

ぐいっ!!!



!!

Crybaby!

たーた...!



.....

As you wish...



YOU FOOL! Wring out the money from the royal family's personal spendings if you have to!

キンクン!!!

SMACK!

OWW!



I'm afraid I must inform you that we...

Yes, Igaram?

Your majesty.

Currently do not have enough funds to fully provision all the villagers...



PRINCESS
VIVI HAS
BEEN...!

YOUR
MAJESTY!
THE
PRINCESS
...!

ガッ—ん!!

...And I lost.

SNIFF

I got in
a fight.

IGARAM,
CALM
DOWN!

HOW
DARE
THAT
BRAT
HARM
THIS
KING-
DOM'S
PRIN-
CESS!

PRIN-
CESS
VIVI!

VIVI!

I SHALL
COMMIT
RITUAL
SUICIDE TO
ATONE FOR
HIS SINS!

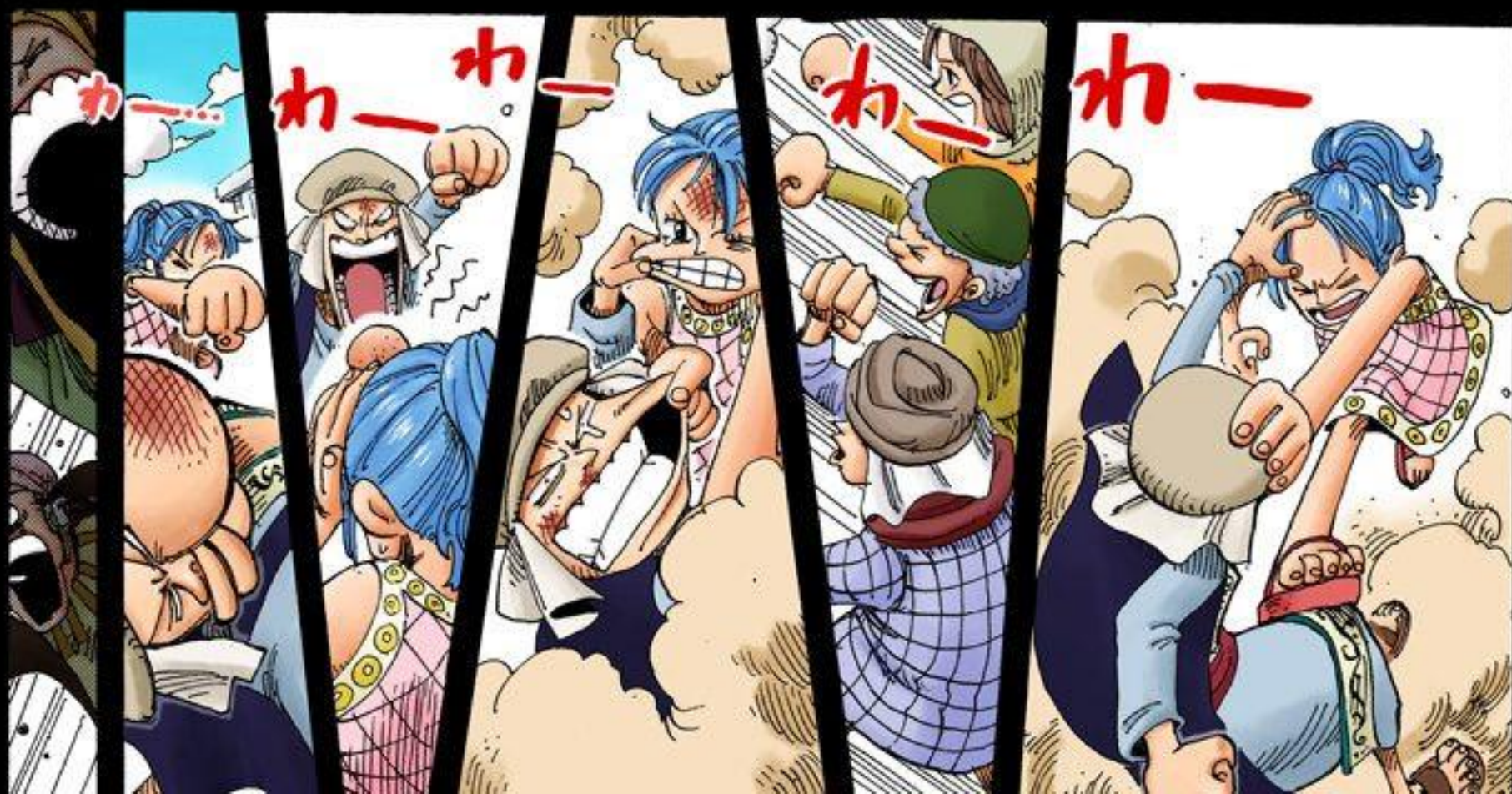


PLEASE
FORGIVE MY
SON, YOUR
MAJESTY!

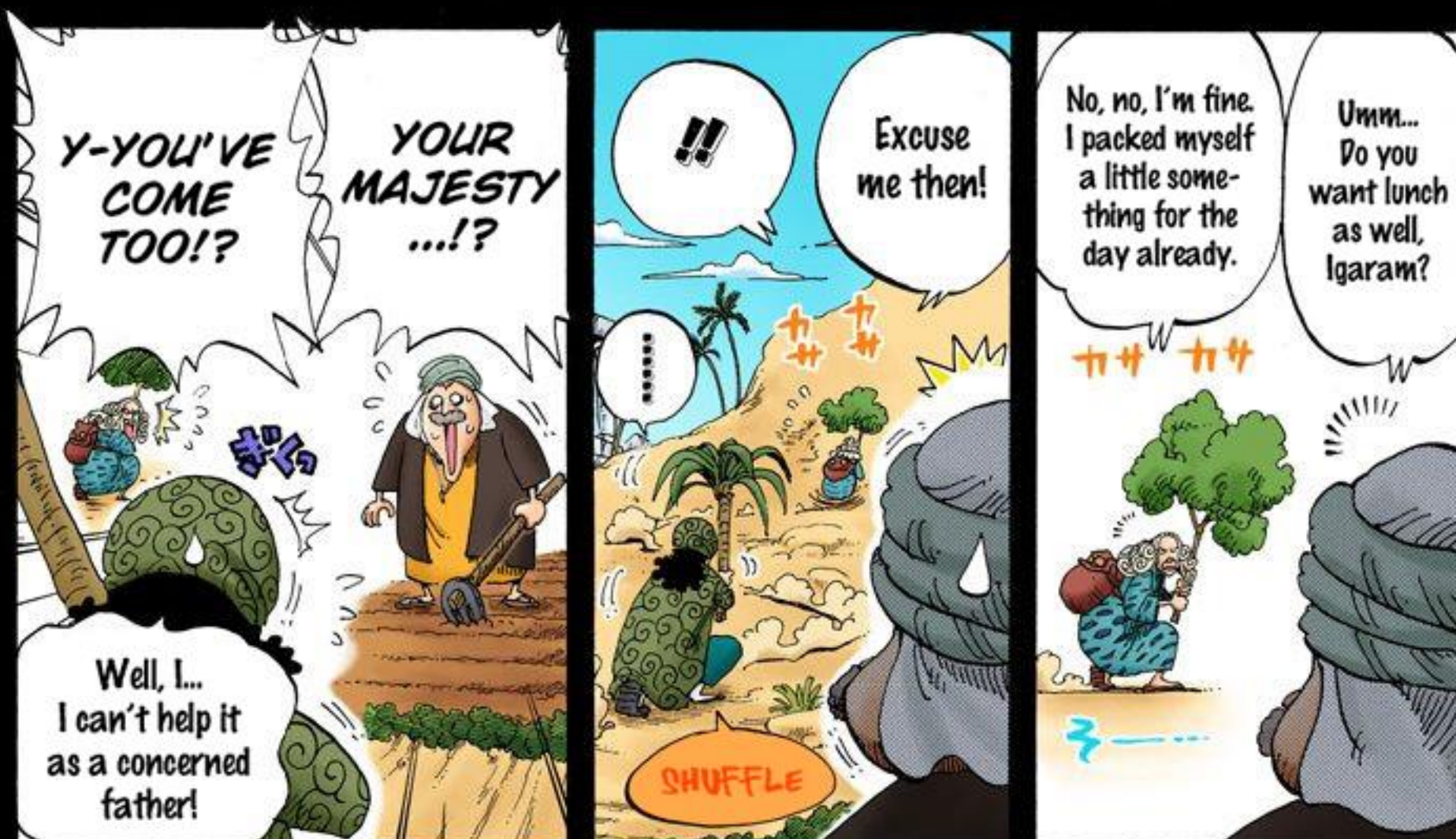
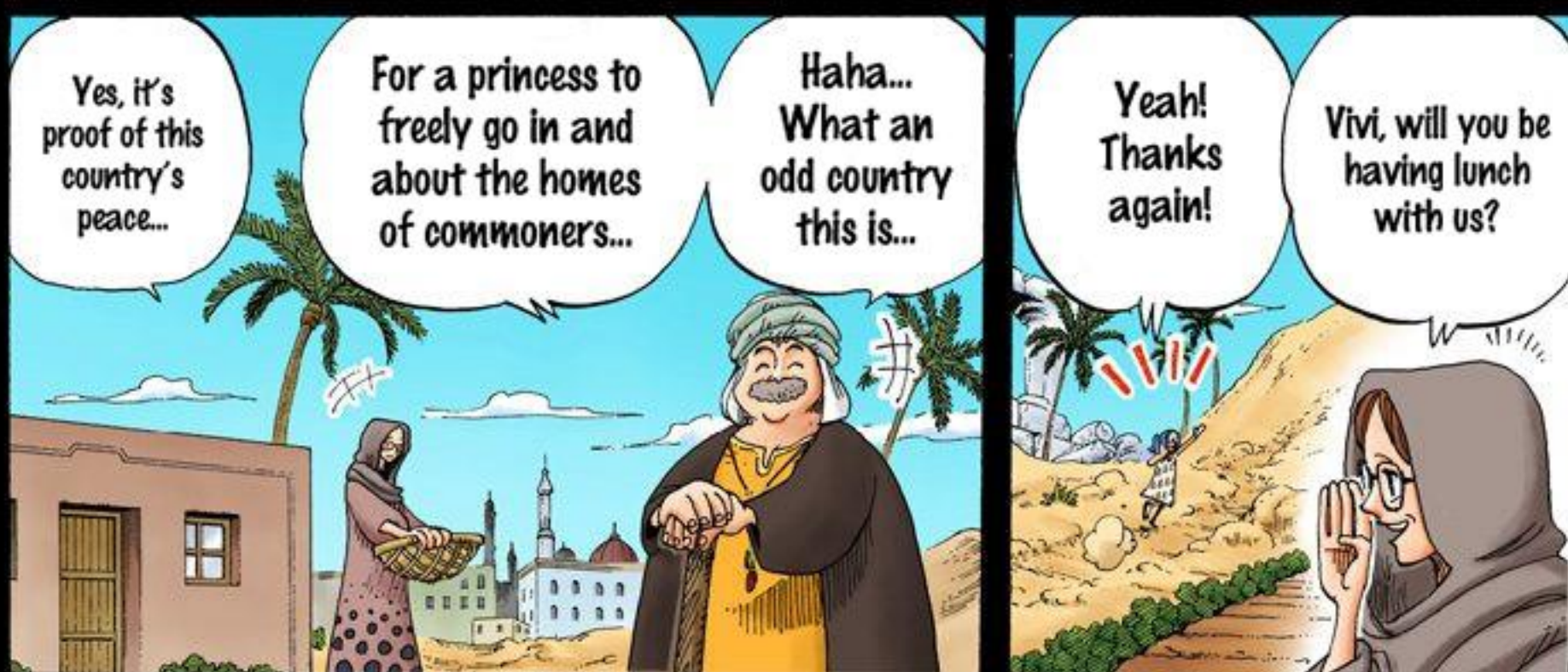
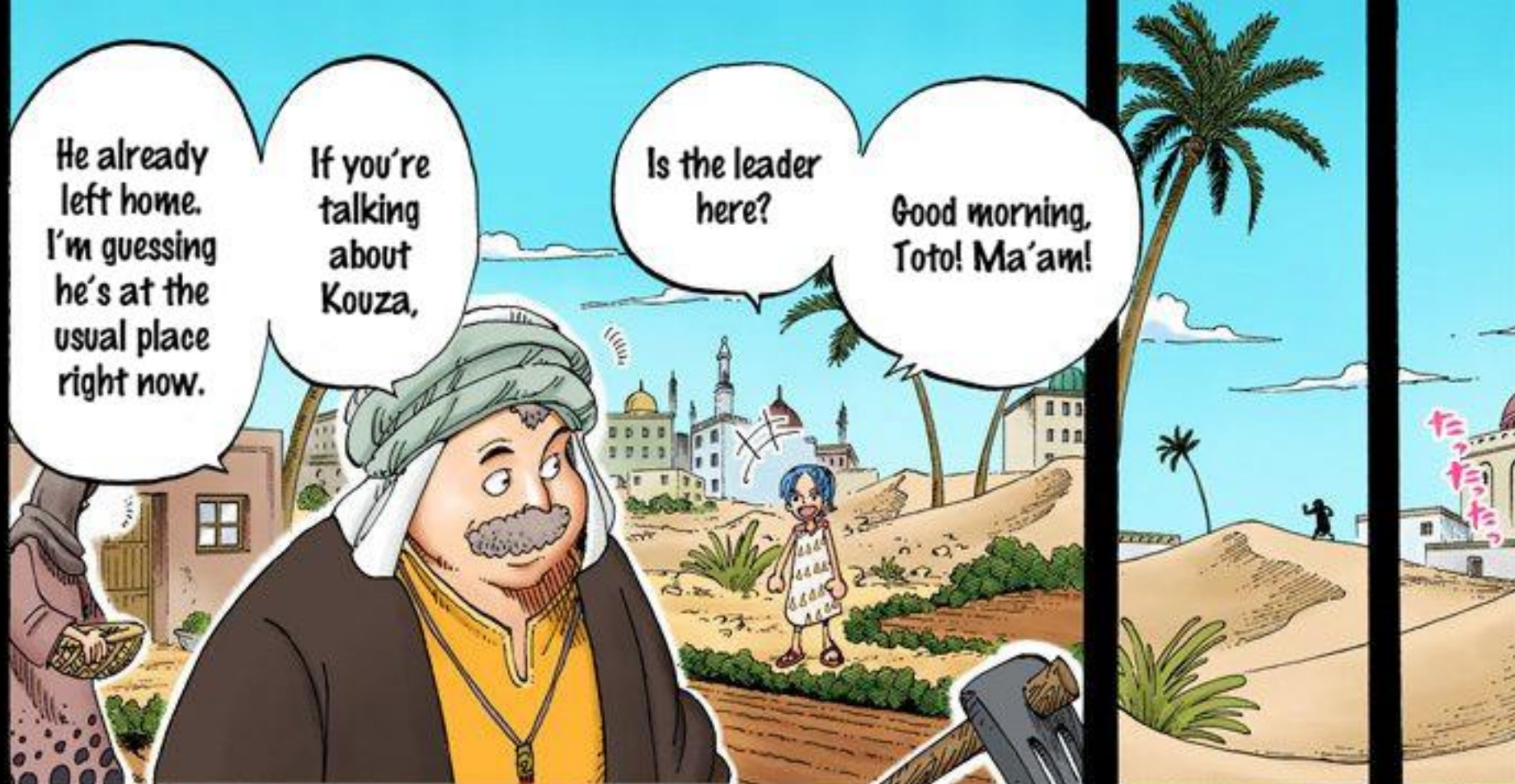


SFX: DOUBLE KING CHOP











Chapter 164 “Love My Country”



わあああ!!!

HURRY
UP AND
RUN,
VIVI!

OR
THEY'LL
KILL
YOU!

!!

ALL WE'RE
GONNA DO
IS RANSOM
YOU FOR
MONEY!

AHAHAHA!
DON'T
WORRY,
WE WON'T
KILL YA!

B-BUT...

LEADER!



バキッ!!!

NOW
C'MERE,
PRIN-
CESS!

OOF!

GUYS!
WE'LL DIE
PROTECT-
ING VIVI
IF WE
HAVE TO,
RIGHT!?

ばーん!!!

AS IF
WE'D
JUST
HAND
HER
OVER!

THAT'S
RIGHT!



THEY
HAVE
ANOTHER
GUY!?

ボシッ

AH!

HAHAHA!
SOME
GUARDS
YOU
TWERPS
ARE!

!!!



DON'T
LET THEM
CHASE
HER!



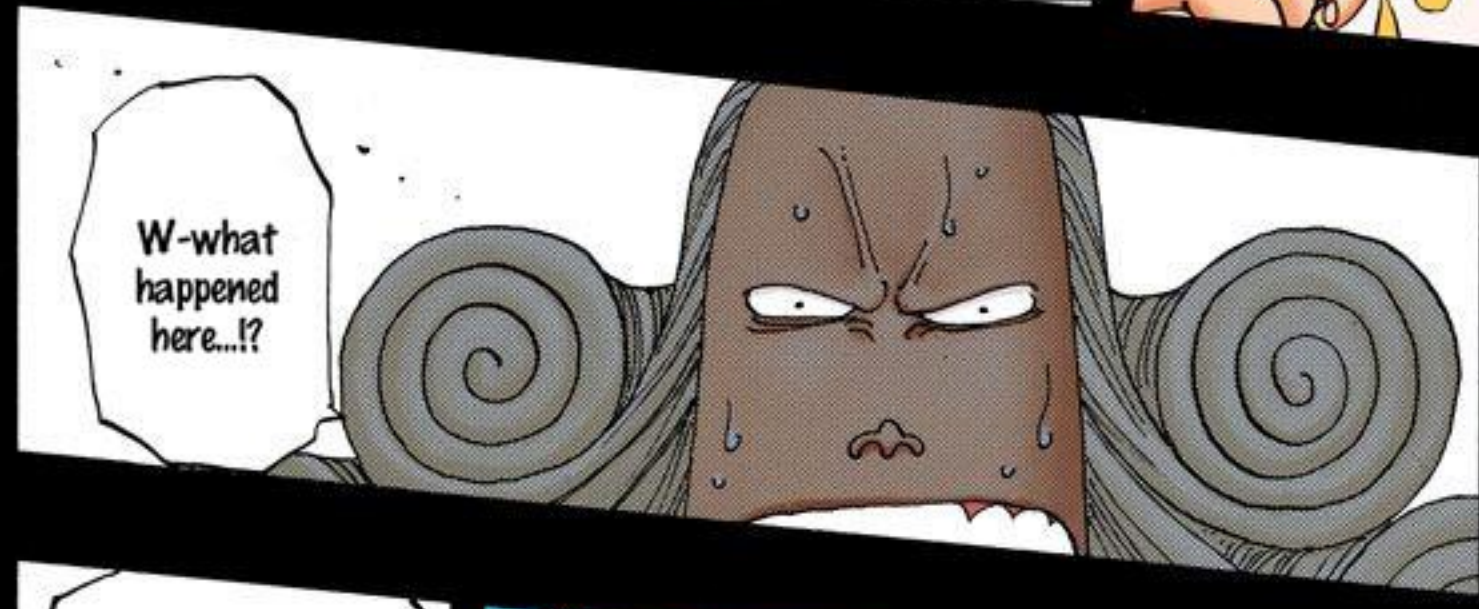
SHE'S HEADED
FOR THE
RUINS! CHASE
AFTER HER!



OH CRAP!
SHE GOT
AWAY FROM
ME!

はっ!!

W
A
H
H
H
H
!

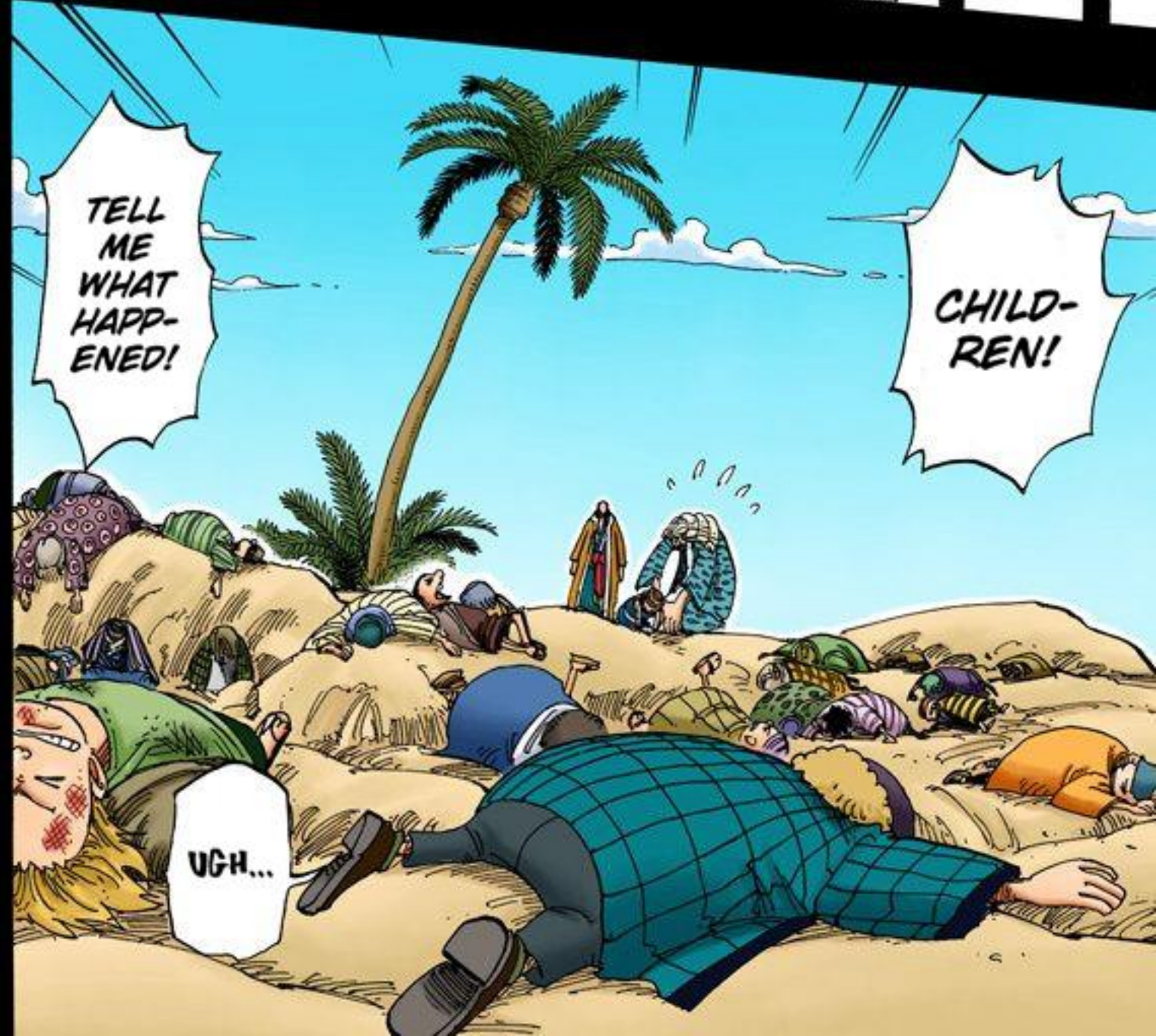


W-what
happened
here...!?



THERE WERE
THESE BAD
GROWN-UPS WITH
KNIVES TRYING TO
TAKE VIVI AWAY...

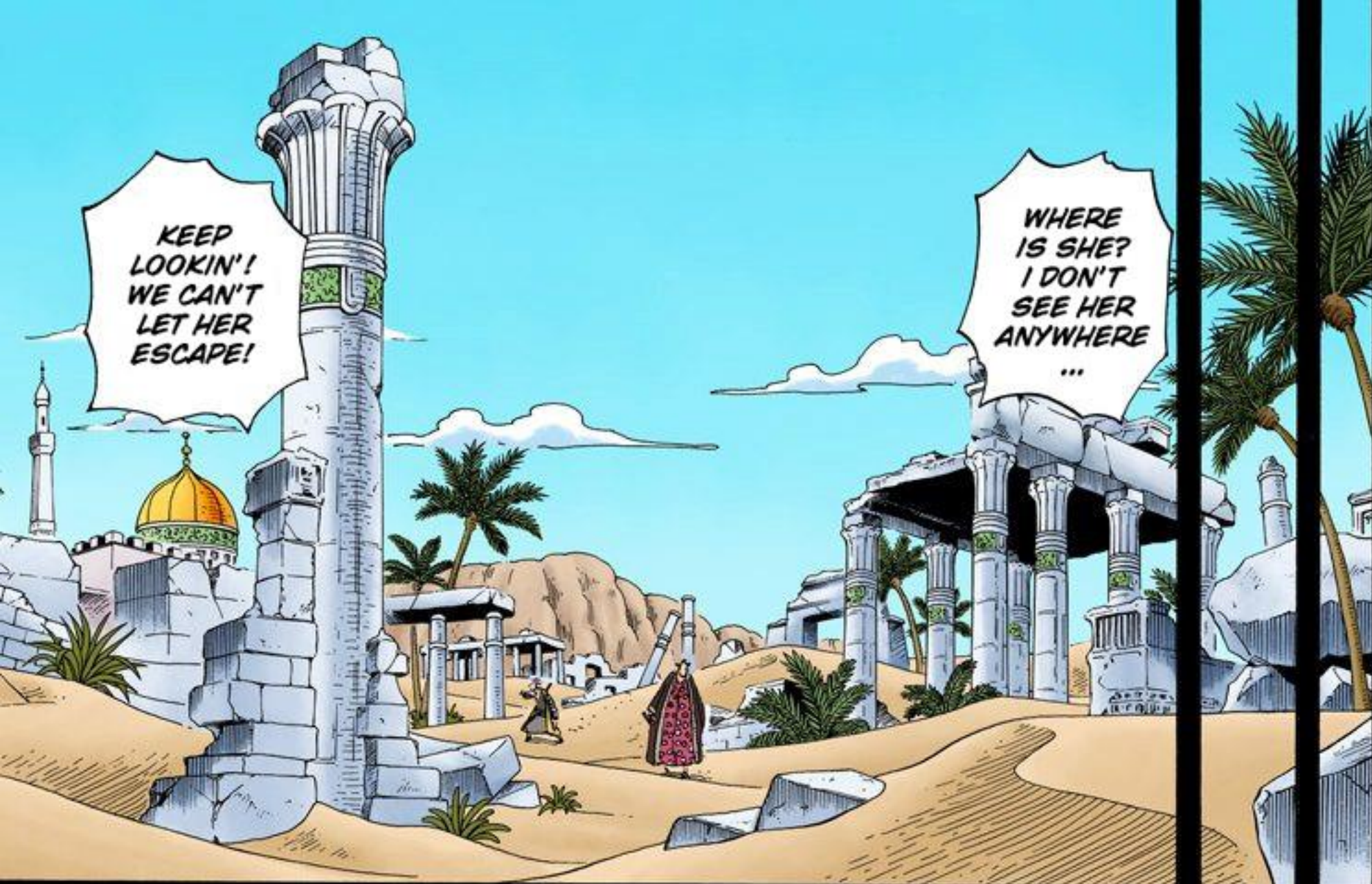
SHE RAN AWAY
TO THE RUINS
BUT SO DID
THEY AND
KOUZA...



TELL
ME
WHAT
HAPP-
ENED!

CHILD-
REN!

UGH...





NOW GET
OUT OF
THIS CITY
AND NEVER
COME
BACK!

DON'T YOU
DARE LOOK
DOWN ON
THE SAND-
SAND GANG!

LEADER!

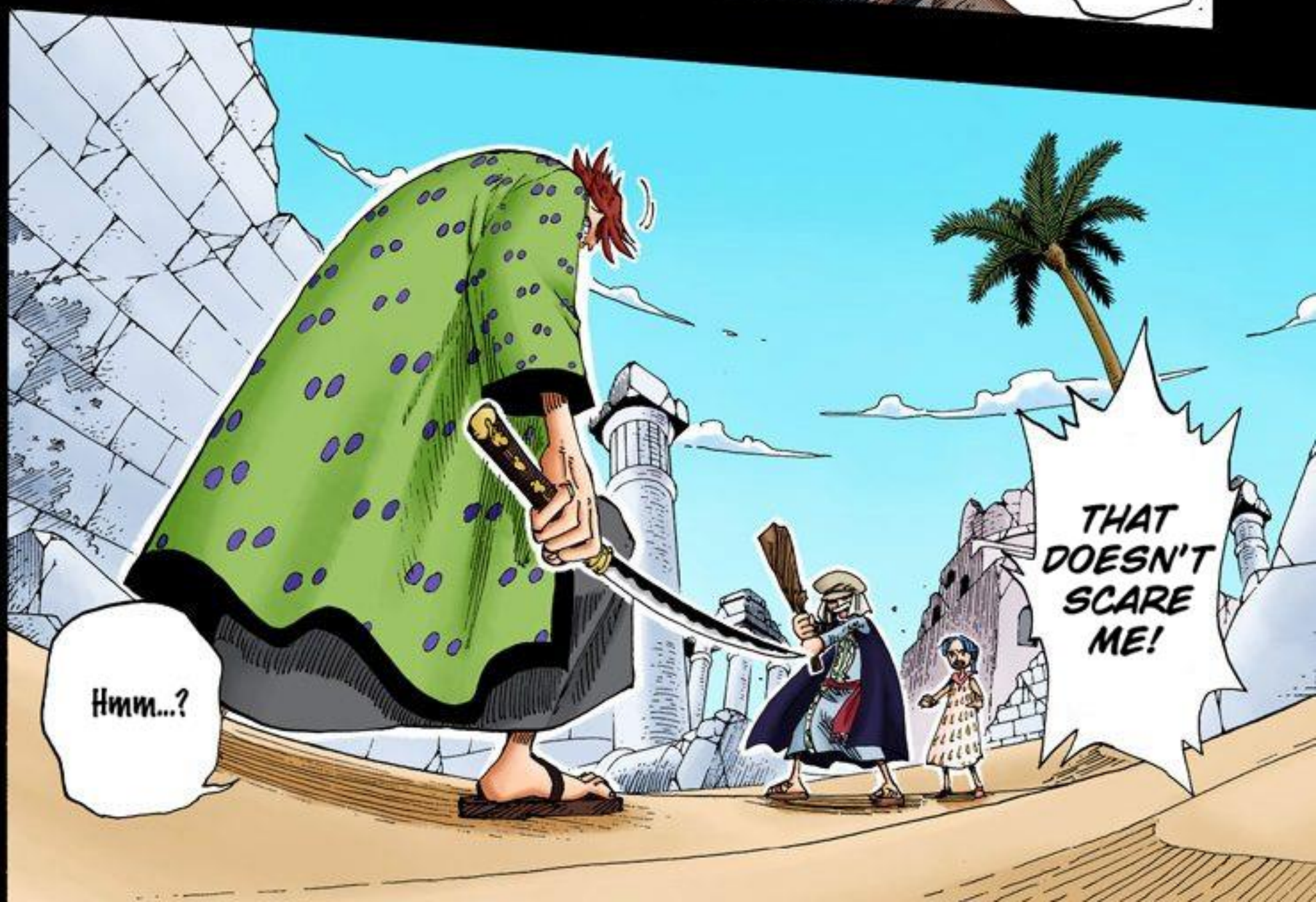


RUN
AWAY,
LEADER! A
KNIFE?



YOU WOULDN'T
WANT TO ANGER
A GROWN-UP IF
YOU KNOW
WHAT'S GOOD
FOR YA...

THAT'S
ENOUGH, KID.
PIPE DOWN
AND HAND
OVER THE
GIRL...



Hmm...?

THAT
DOESN'T
SCARE
ME!

WE'LL DIE
PROTECTING
VIVI IF WE
HAVE TO!



NO,
LEADER!
STOOOP!

YOU EVER
BEEN CUT,
BOY...?



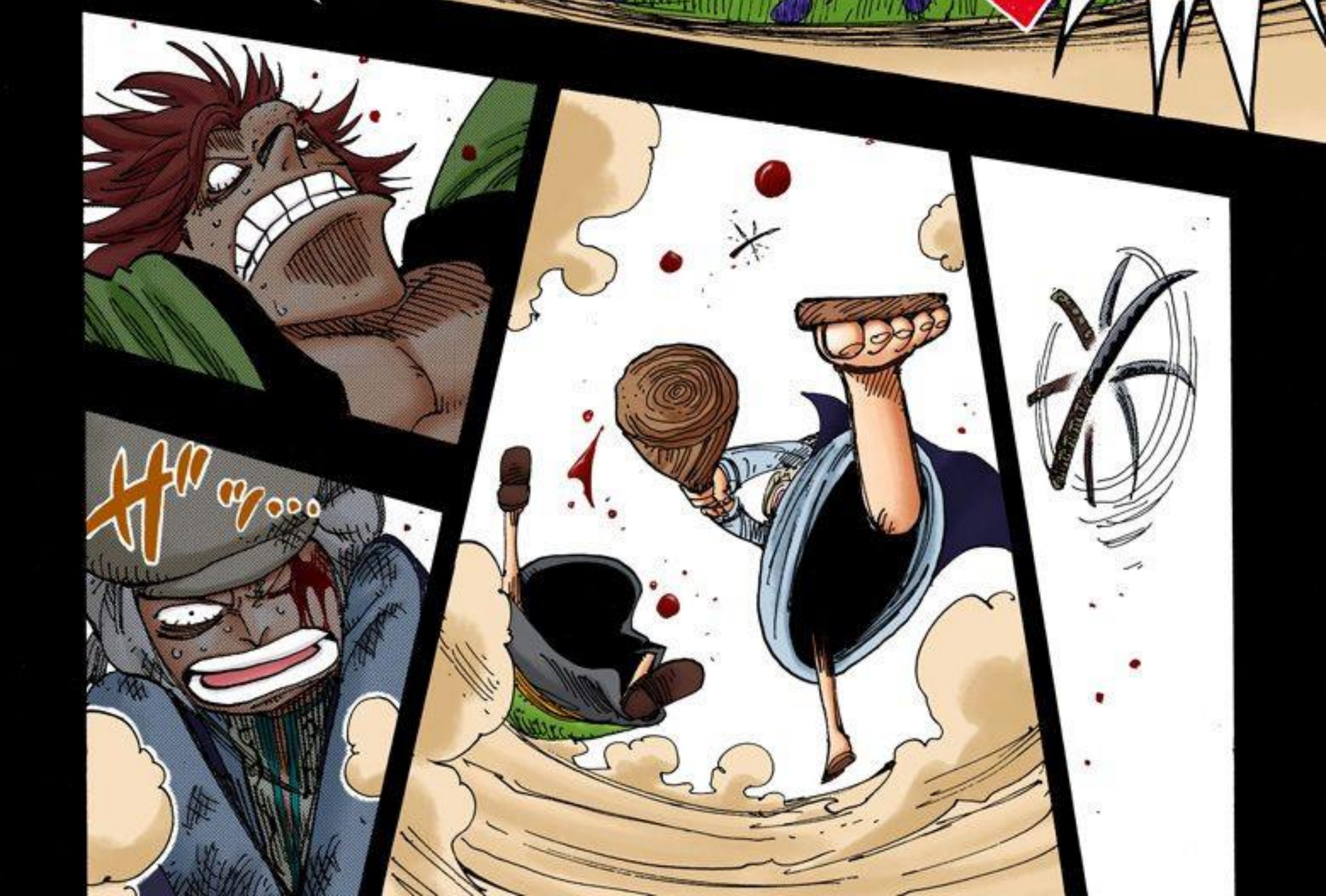
PANT...
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PANT...



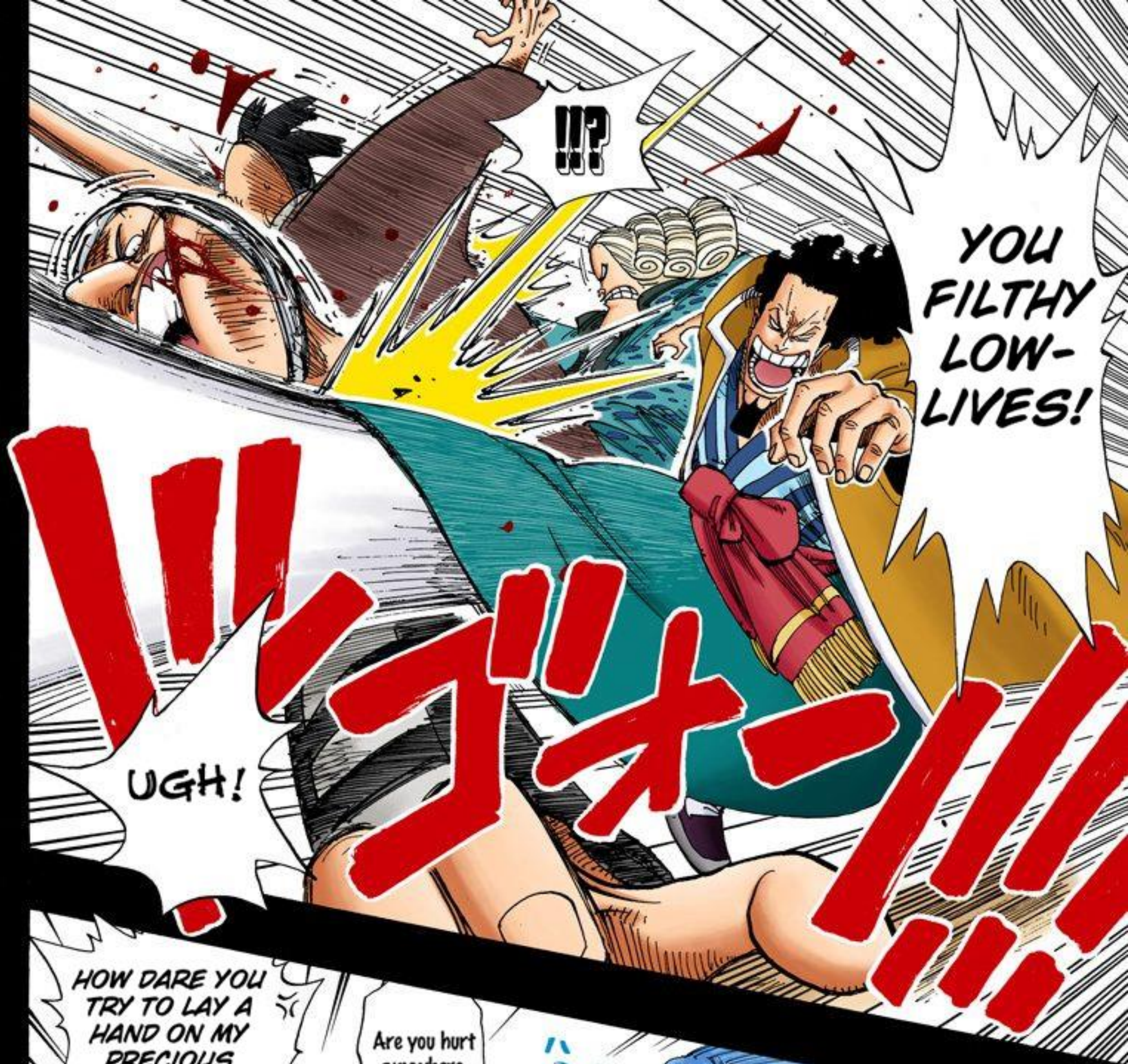
IT
HURTS,
YOU
KNOW...



UGH!







What brings the king of a country so far away from his palace?

We should be asking your majesty the same question.

We beg your majesty to refrain from personally taking these matters into your hands when we're around.

What brave little children, they are...

Yes, sir!

Chaka! Pell!
Go call a doctor!

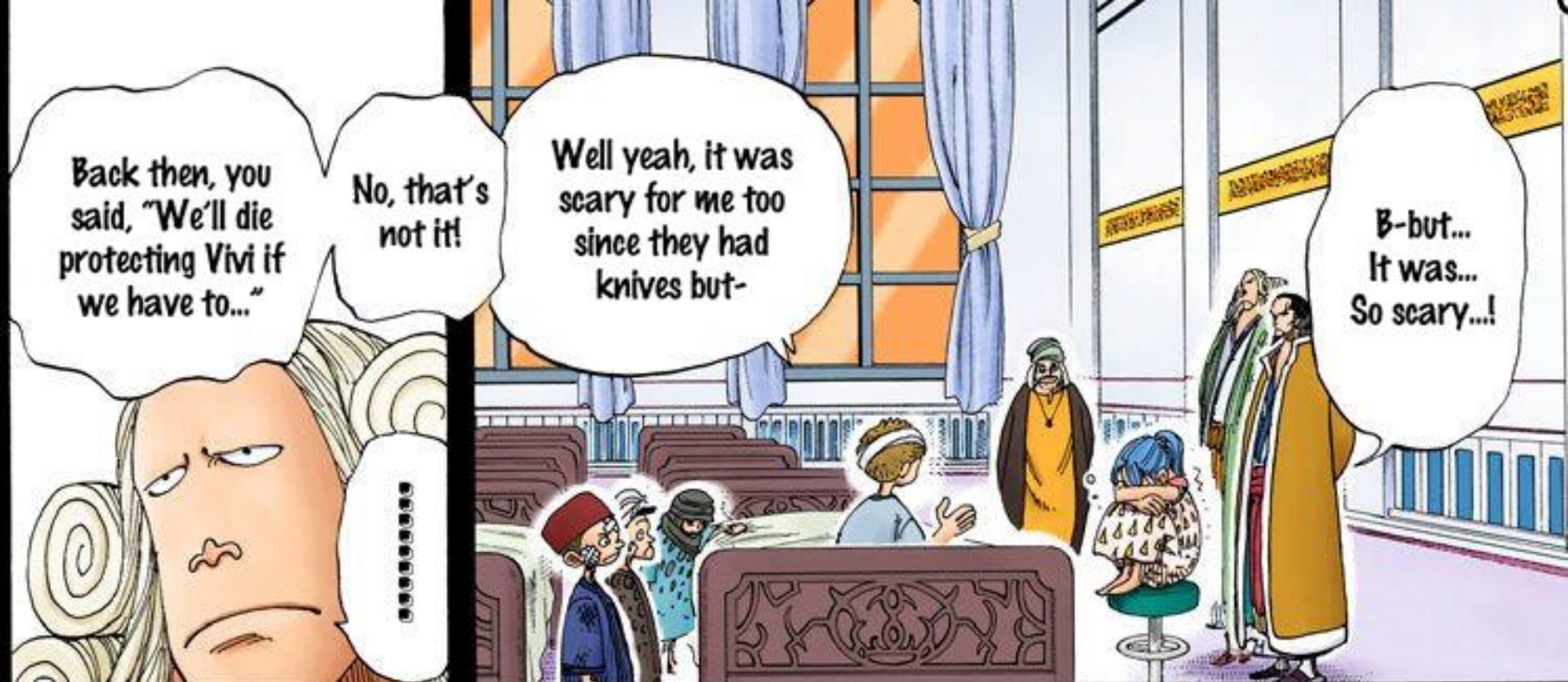
As well as the other members of the Sand-Sand gang.

Yes, I'll bring a doctor immediately to treat Kouza.

Igaram!
Kouza is...!

What's wrong, Vivi? How long are you gonna keep on crying?

.....



Back then, you said, "We'll die protecting Vivi if we have to..."

No, that's not it!

Well yeah, it was scary for me too since they had knives but-

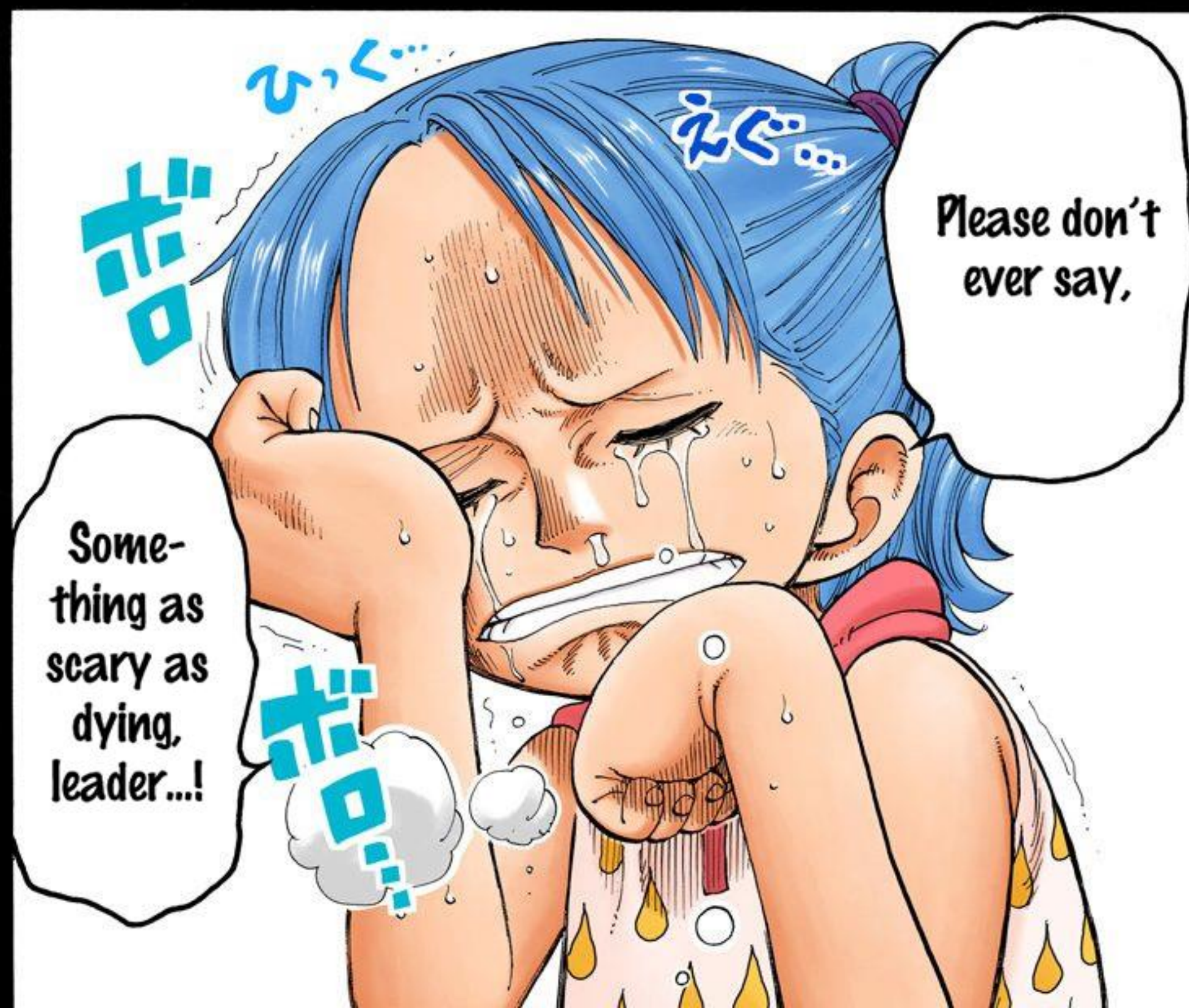
B-but... It was... So scary...!



!!



WE'LL DIE PROTECTING VIVI IF WE HAVE TO!



Something as scary as dying, leader...!

Please don't ever say,



So she was
scared most
by the idea
of losing her
friends...



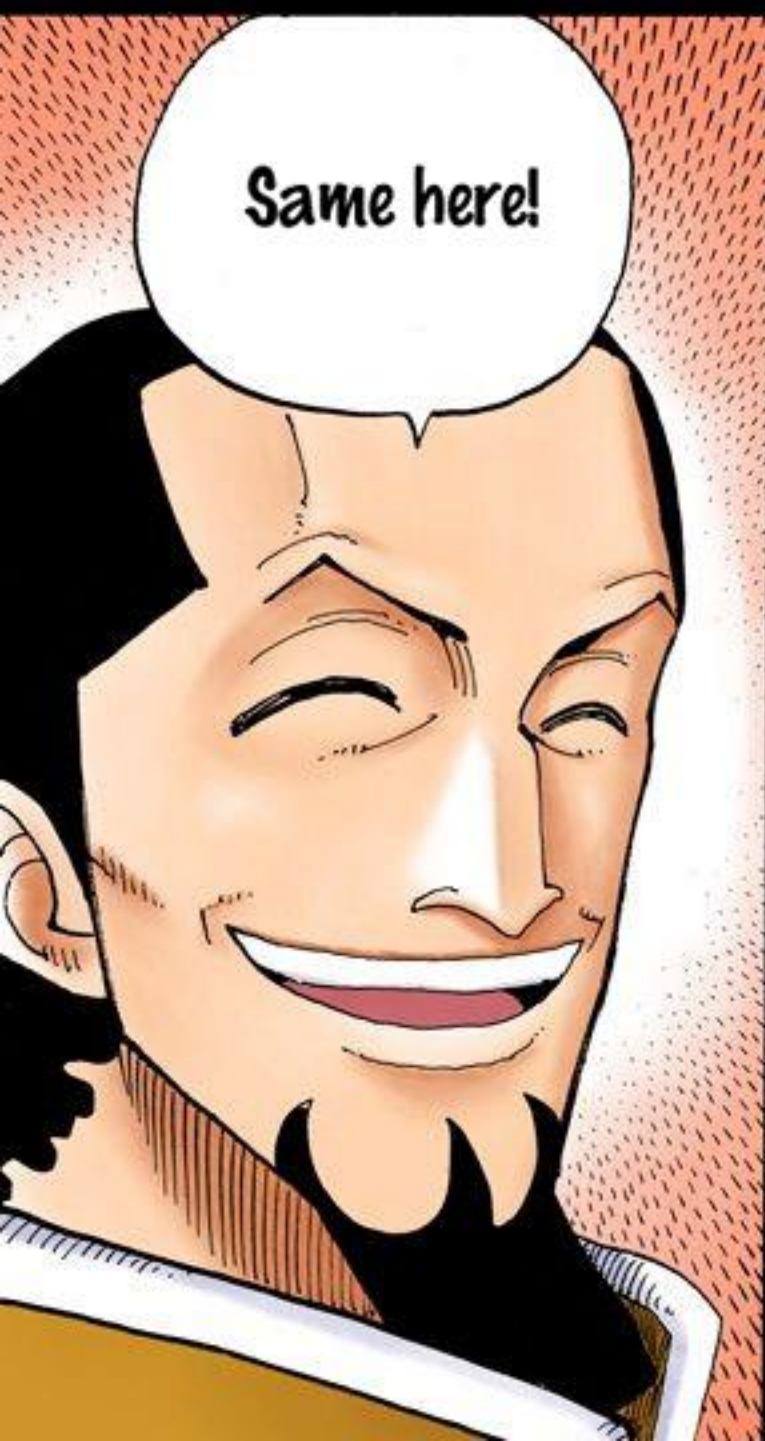
I see...

...Vivi's our
friend so it's
only natural
I did what I did.

It appears the
next generation
of Alabasta led
by children like
you will be quite
dependable...

Vivi may still be just
a little girl but she's
also the princess.
Kouza, what you did
today was very
commendable.

For that,
I must give
you a proper
thank-you.



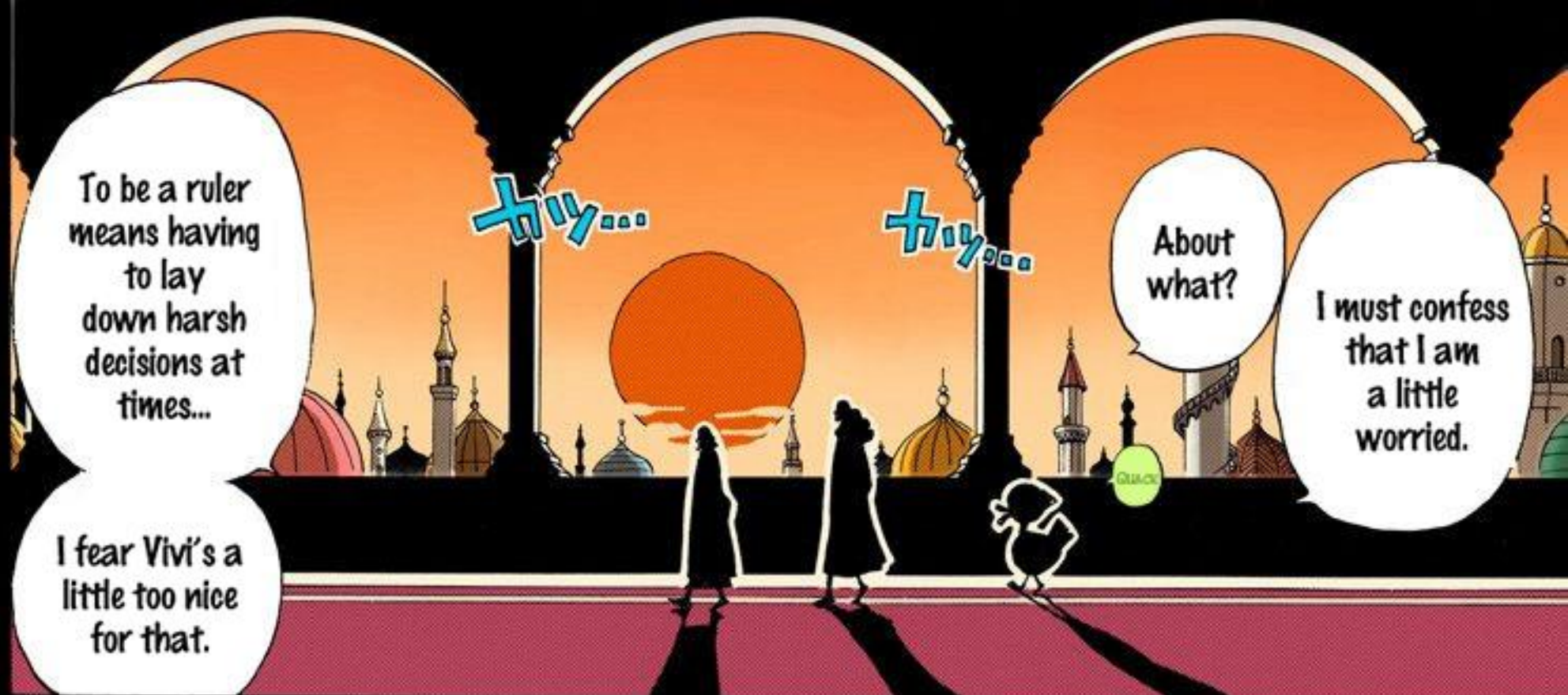
Same here!



Yup! It's the
country I was
born in, after all!



...Do you love
this country,
Kouza?



To be a ruler
means having
to lay
down harsh
decisions at
times...

About
what?

I must confess
that I am
a little
worried.

I fear Vivi's a
little too nice
for that.



Alabasta
is just fine
like this...

It's fine...



Yes?

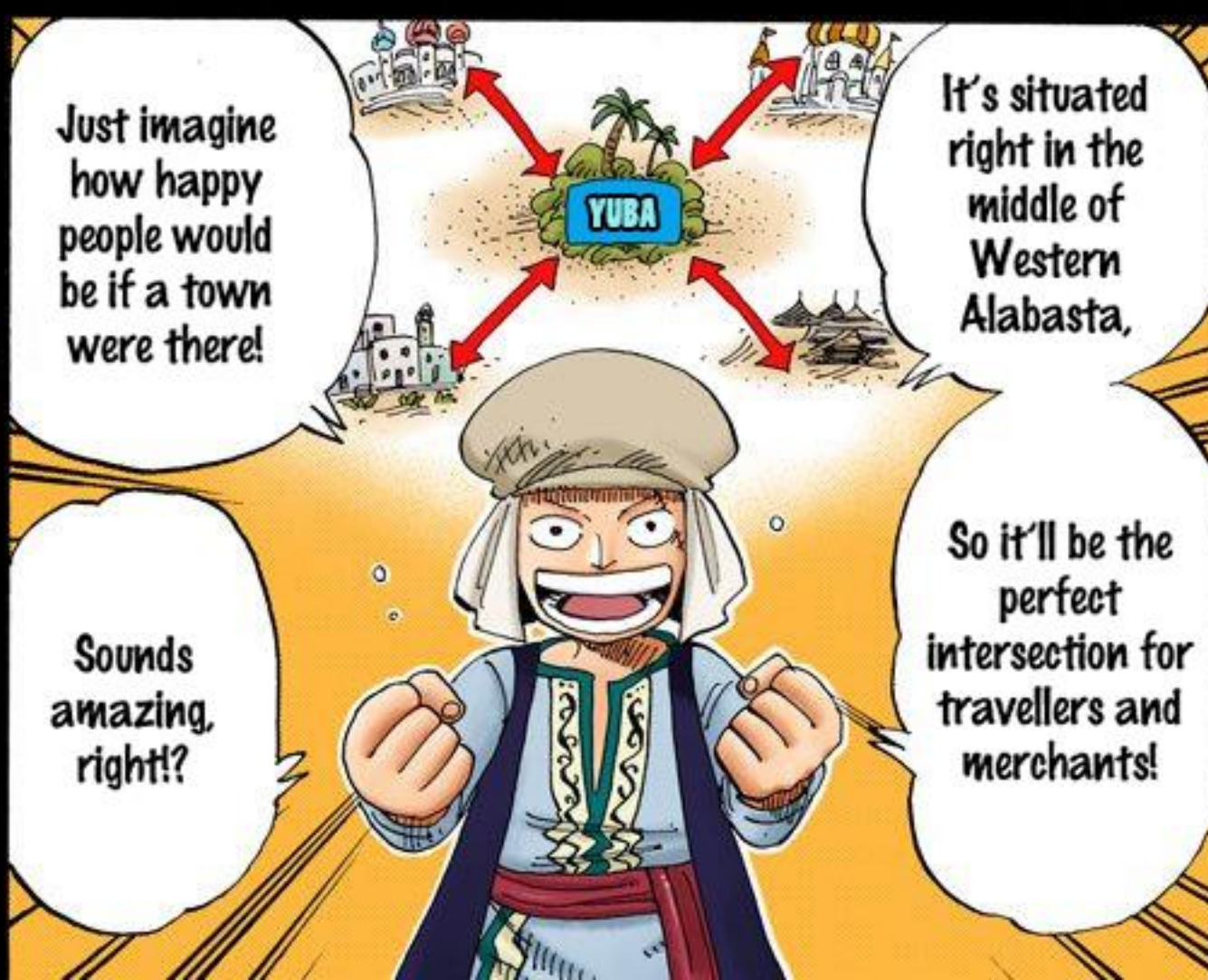
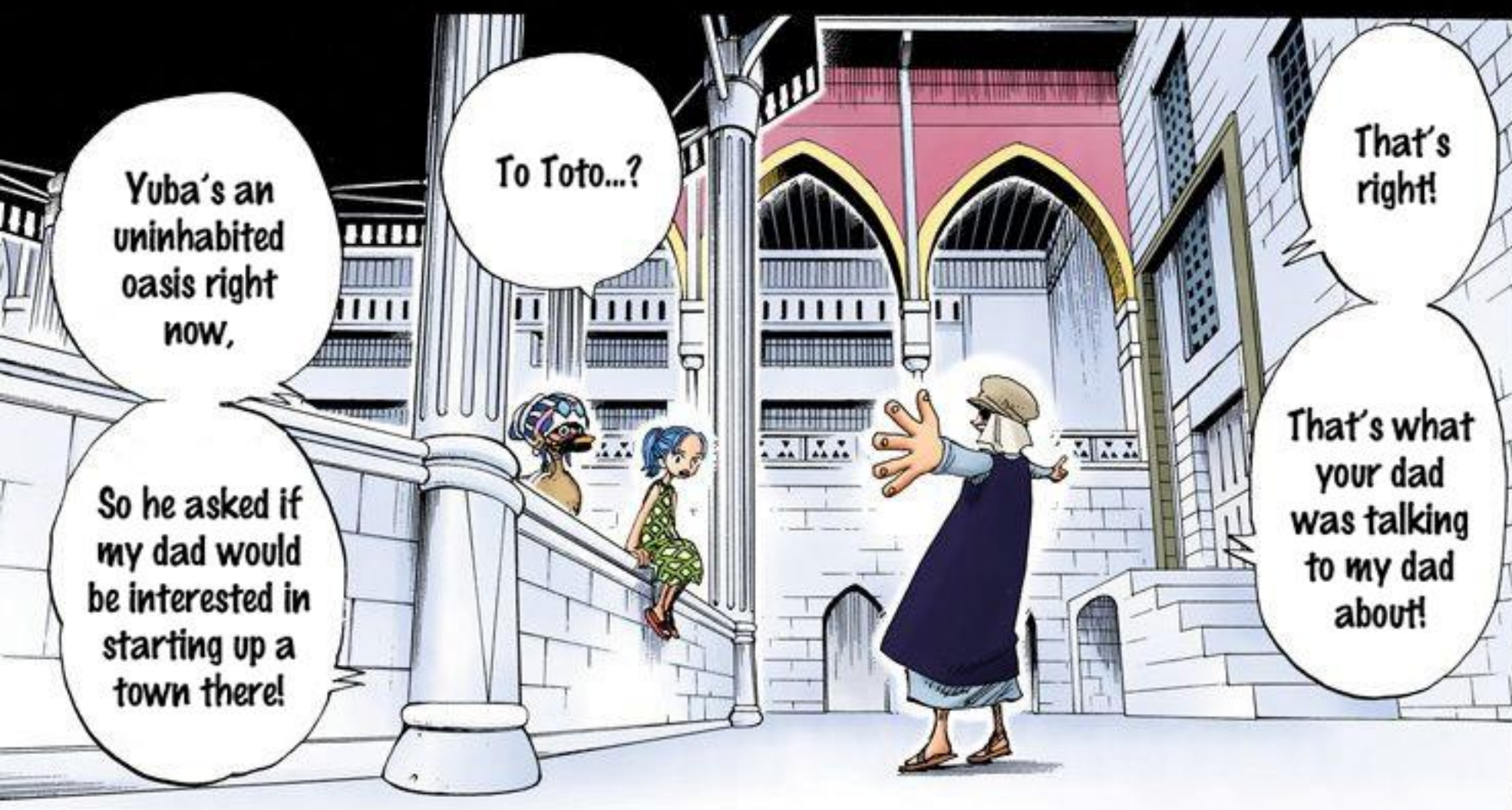
Igaram...

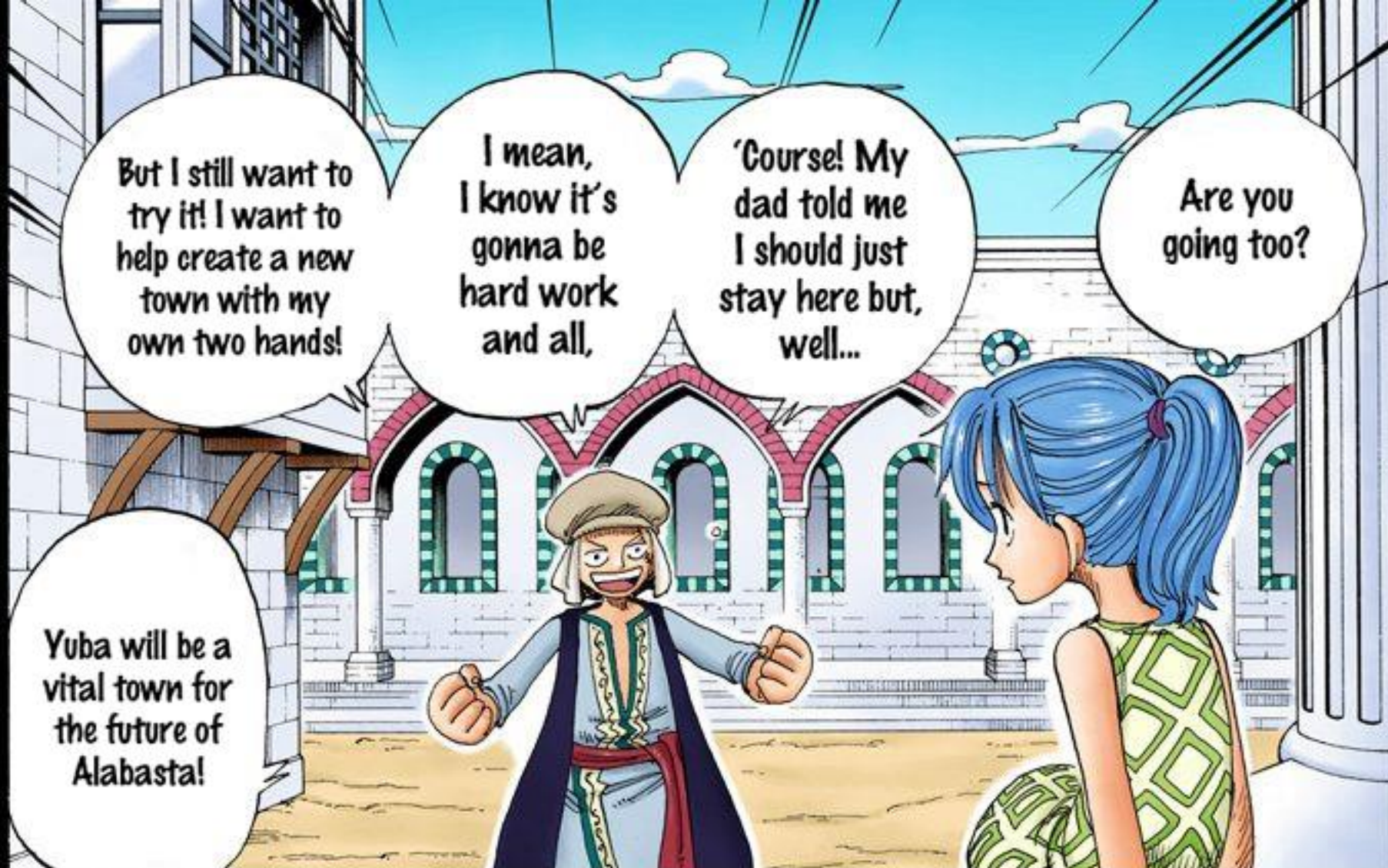


'Til the end
of my life.

I'll accompany
your majesty,

...





But I still want to try it! I want to help create a new town with my own two hands!

I mean, I know it's gonna be hard work and all,

'Course! My dad told me I should just stay here but, well...

Are you going too?

Yuba will be a vital town for the future of Alabasta!



Thank you, your majesty. I promise the new town will be something to see!

ガッパッパッ!!

I'll leave it all in your care, Toto.

ガッ

ガッ



I'll build that town so it'll help make this country better than before!

Just you wait!

Sure thing, Toto!

Please do come visit once the town is set up.

Well, I guess we should say good-bye for now, Vivi.

ガッ

ガッ

You better grow up to be a good princess!

See ya then, Vivi! In the meanwhile...

Okay!



I still believe in the king! And I'm sure most of the other citizens still do too!

...So what if there hasn't been any rain for the past 3 years!?

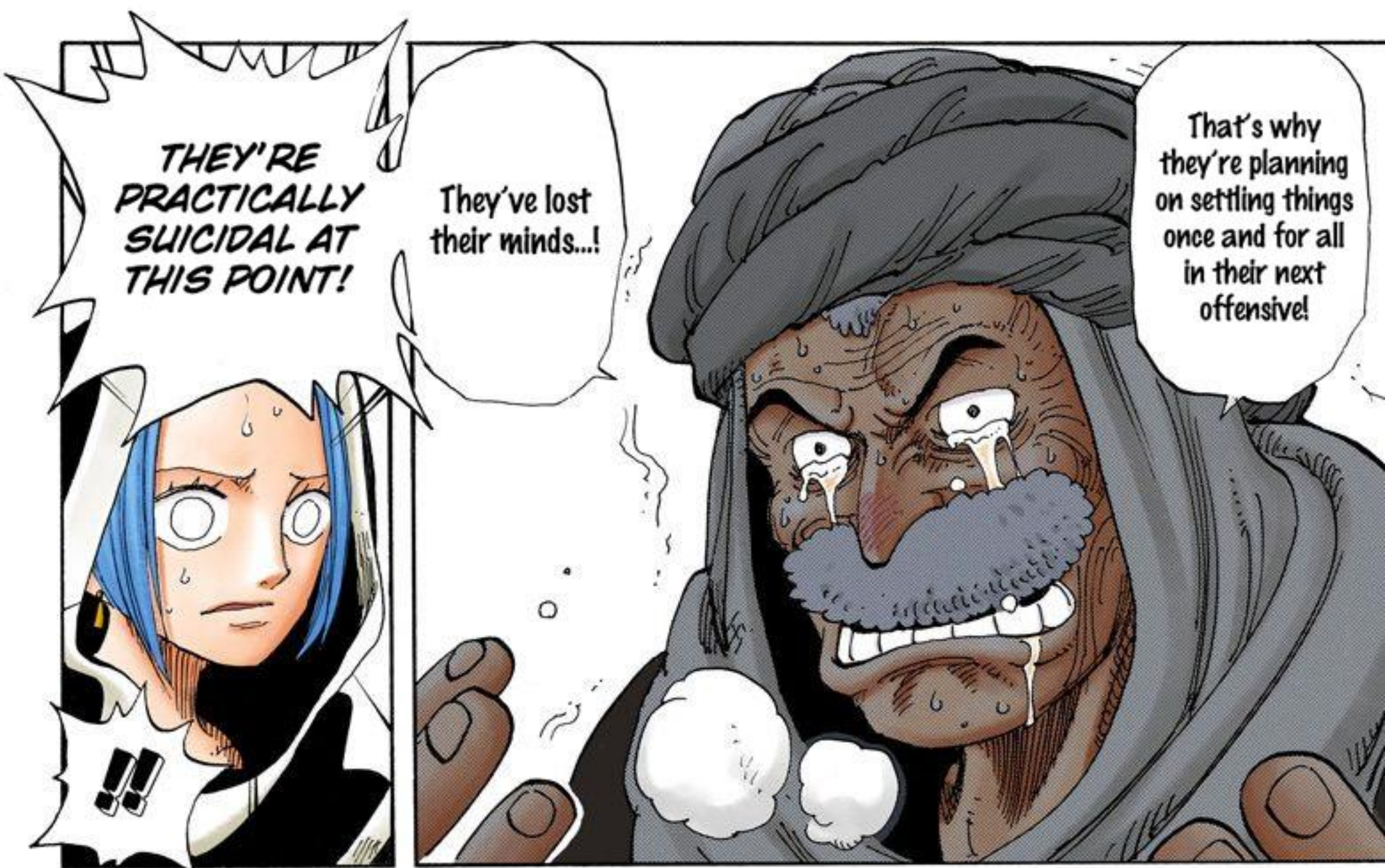




But nothing I said
was of any use...
Those rebels just
won't stop...

But their supplies are
running low and they
know they can't hold
out for much longer...

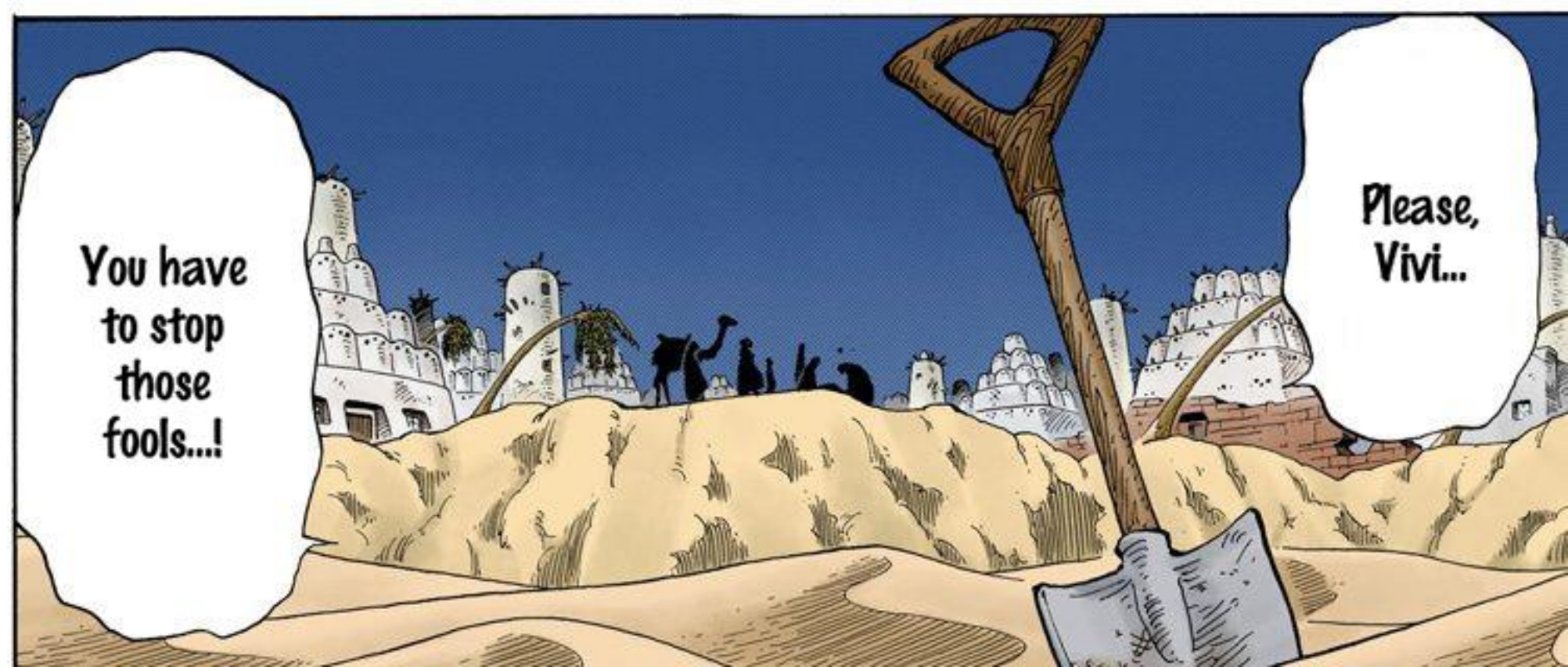
I tried and
tried... Honest
to god, I tried
so hard to
stop them...



**THEY'RE
PRACTICALLY
SUICIDAL AT
THIS POINT!**

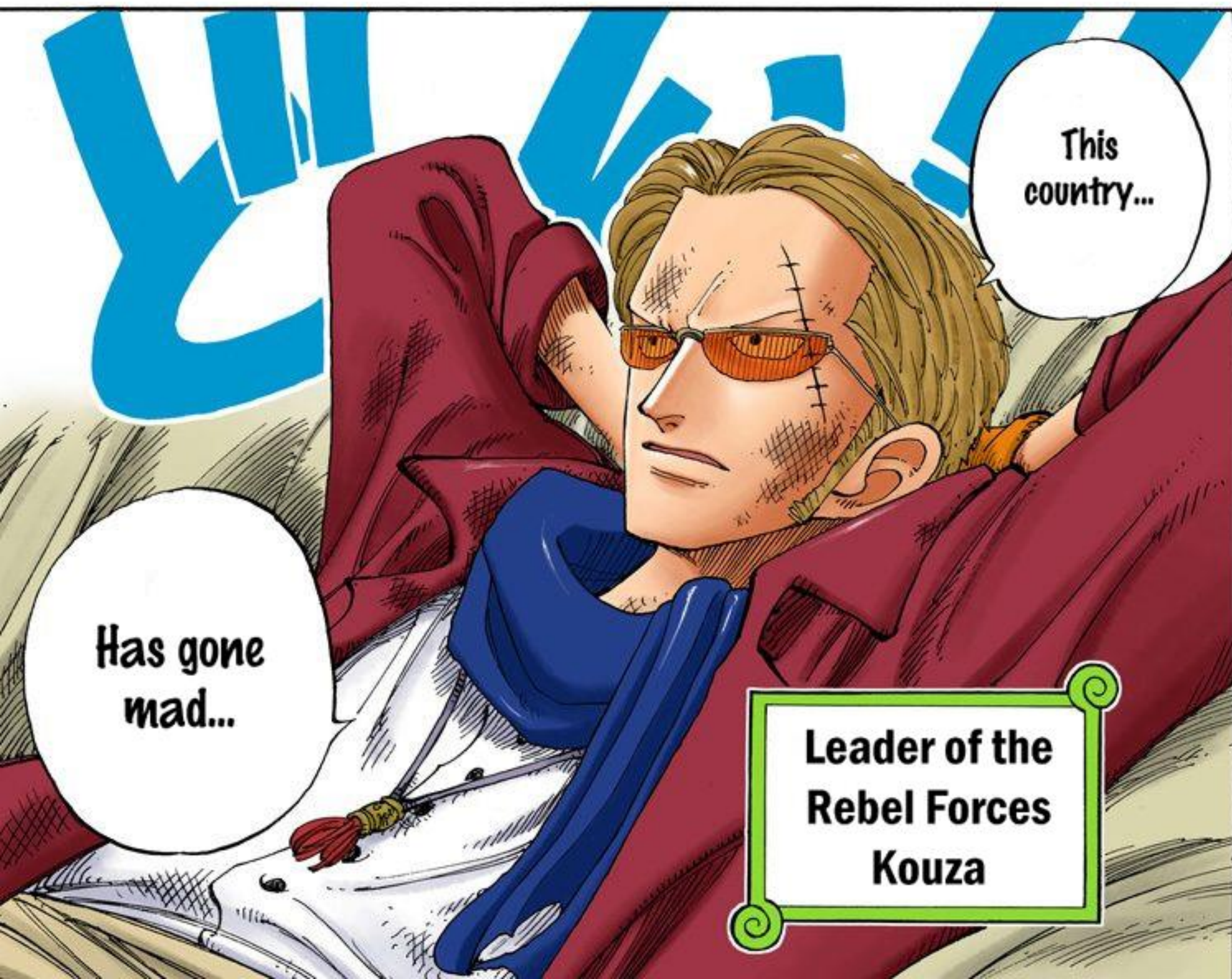
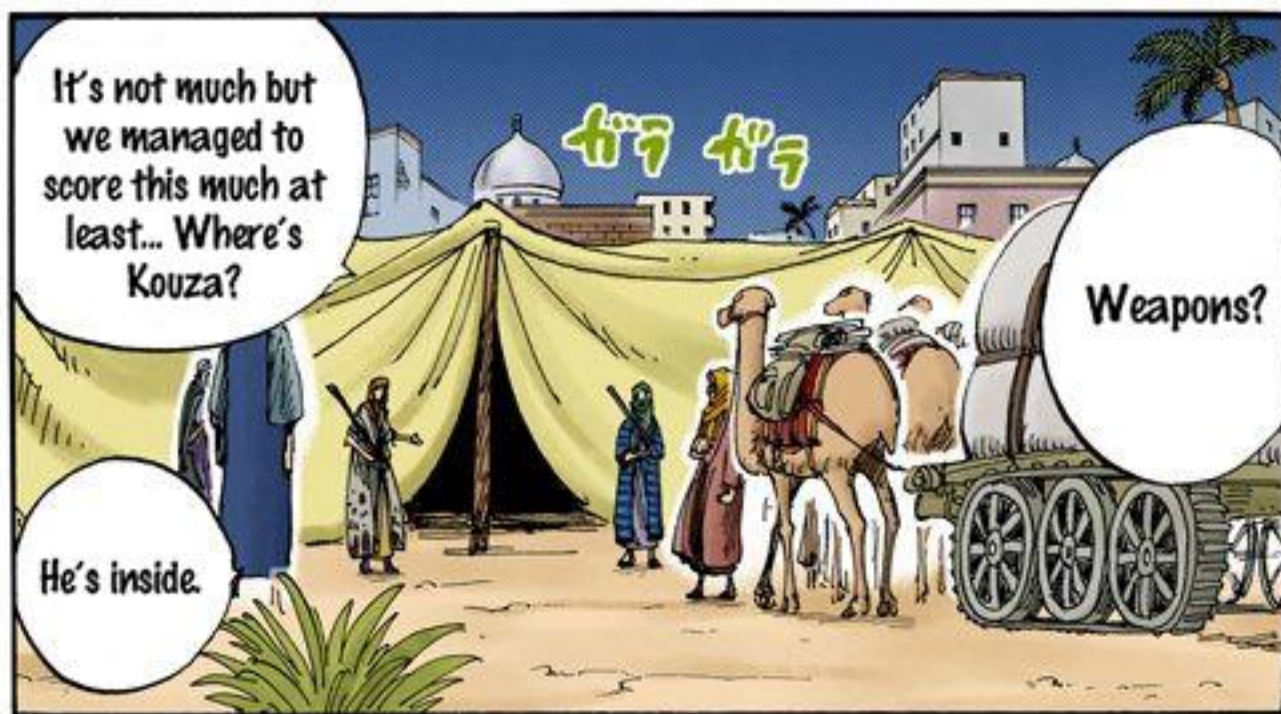
They've lost
their minds...!

That's why
they're planning
on settling things
once and for all
in their next
offensive!



You have
to stop
those
fools...!

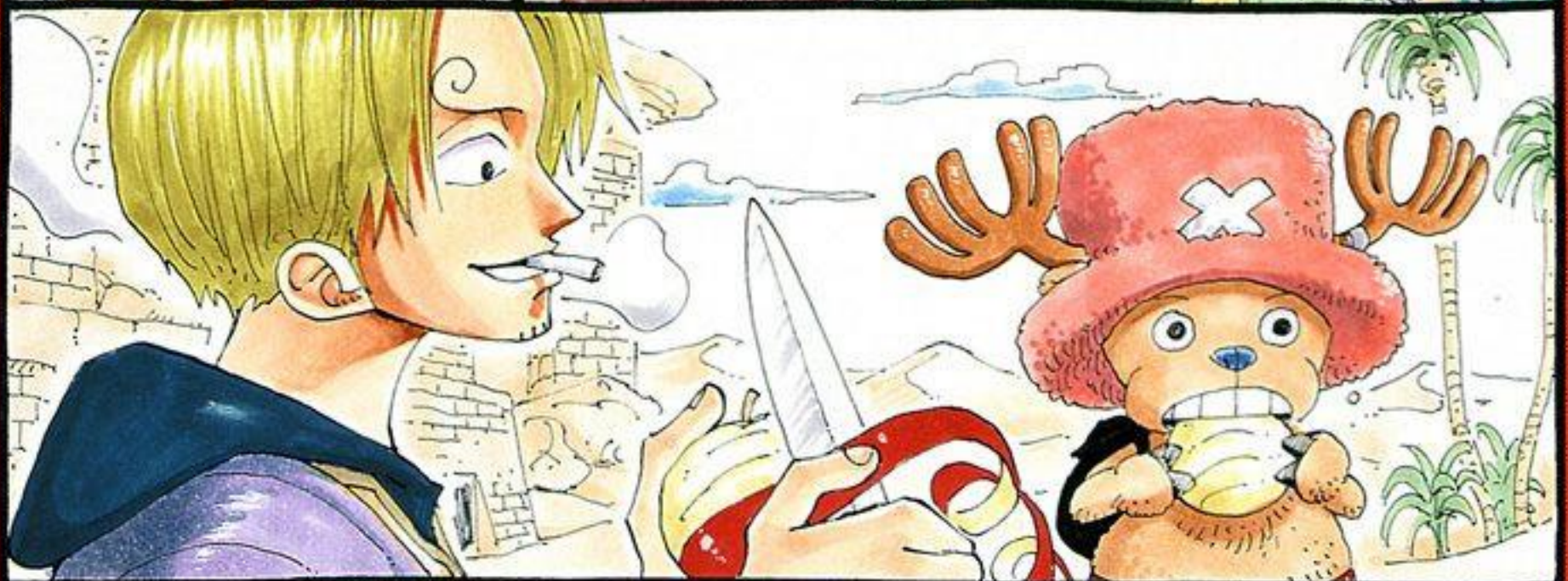
Please,
Vivi...



"Operation Utopia"

**ONE
PIECE**

Flavor
of
Sand.





Sure thing!



Please do come visit once the town is set up!

Well, I guess we should say good-bye for now, Vivi.

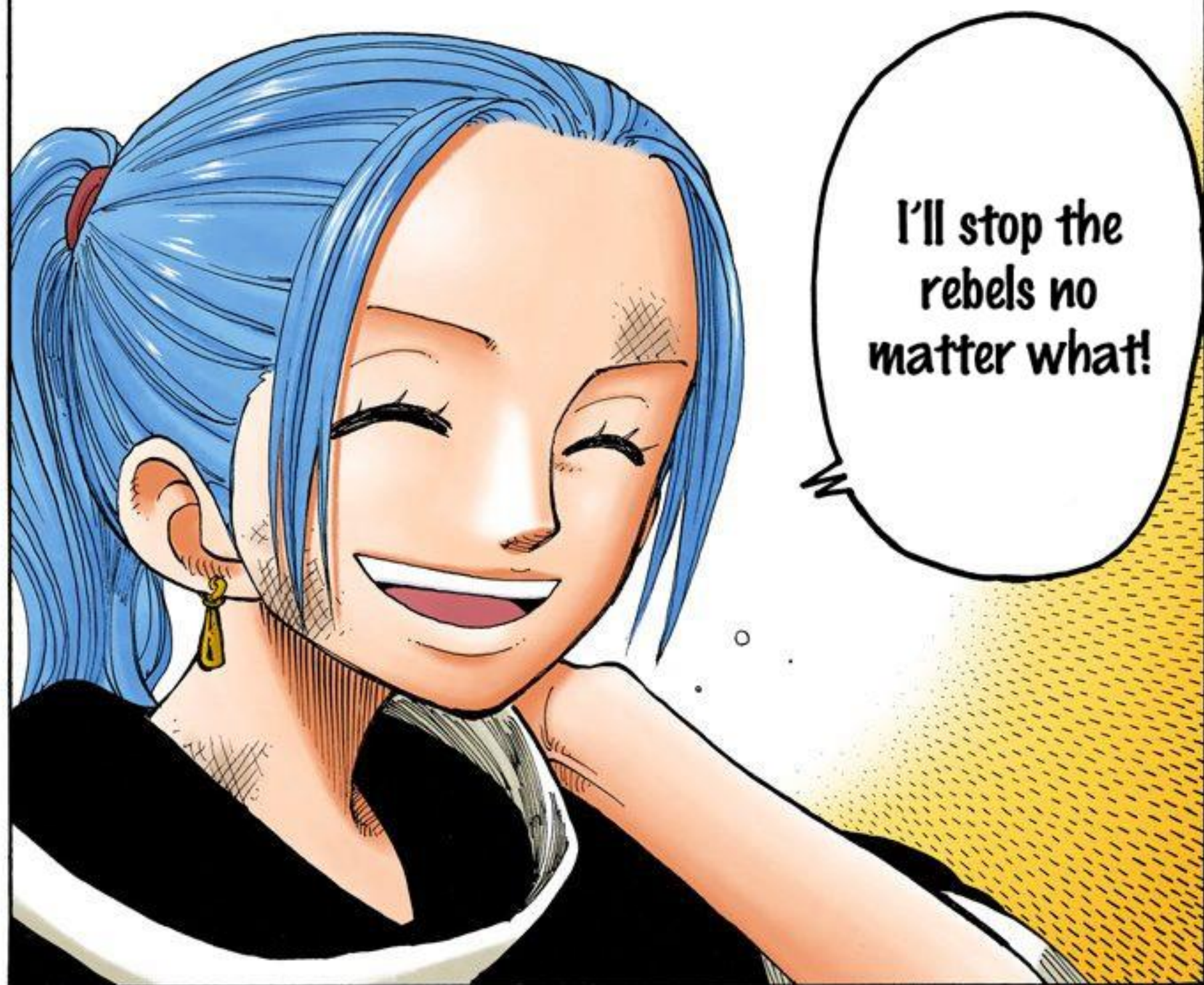


Vivi...



Please don't worry anymore.

Toto...







The water
will come...

The Yuba
Oasis is
still alive.

Yo old man!
I still don't see
any water!
Ugh, my throat's
soooo dry.

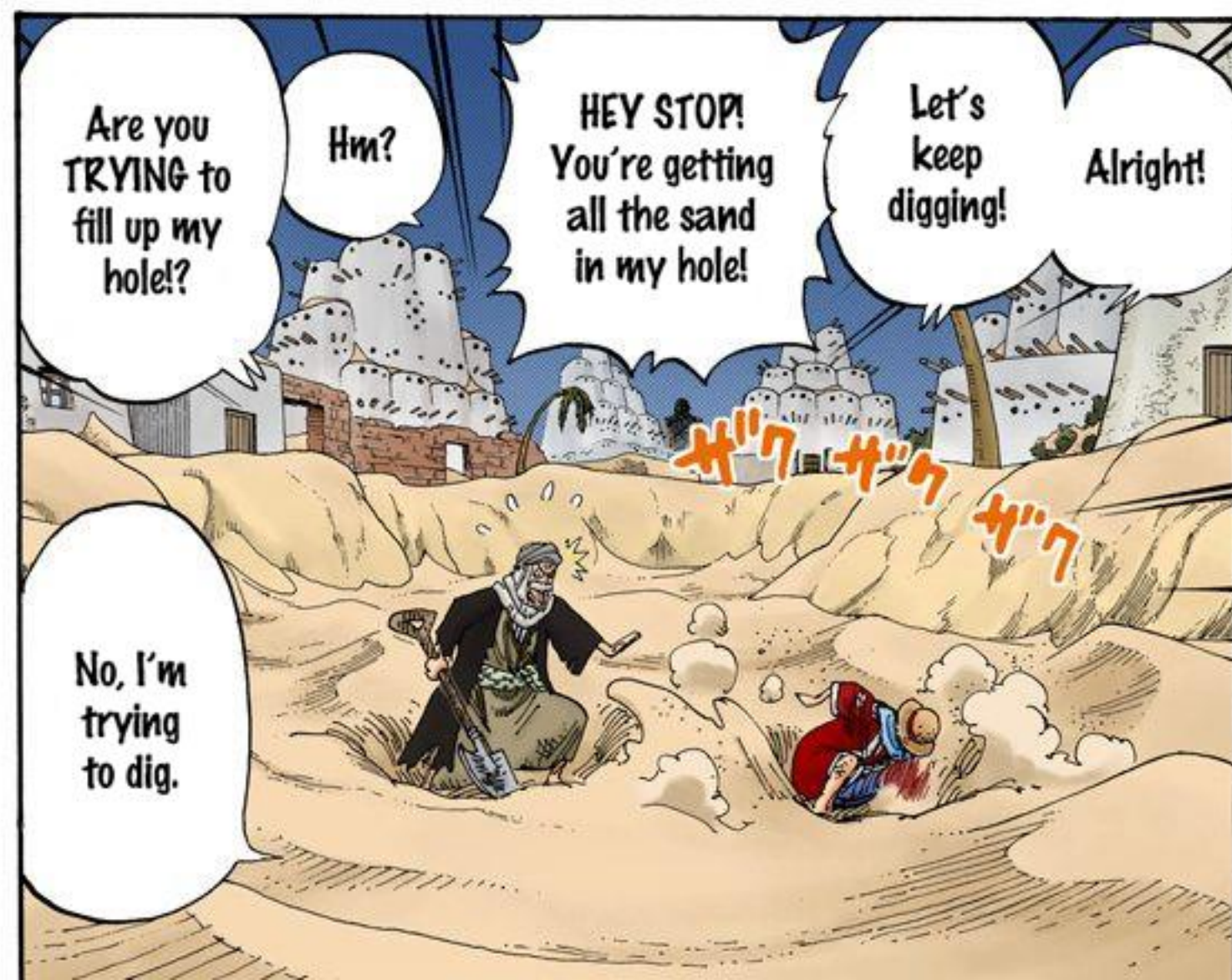
I'm surprised you
can manage to
survive in a place
like this.



I'll dig the
oasis back up
as many times
as it takes...

Because this is the
land the king
himself specially
entrusted to me...!

Yuba won't
be defeated
by the likes
of sand...



Are you
TRYING to
fill up my
hole?!

Hm?

HEY STOP!
You're getting
all the sand
in my hole!

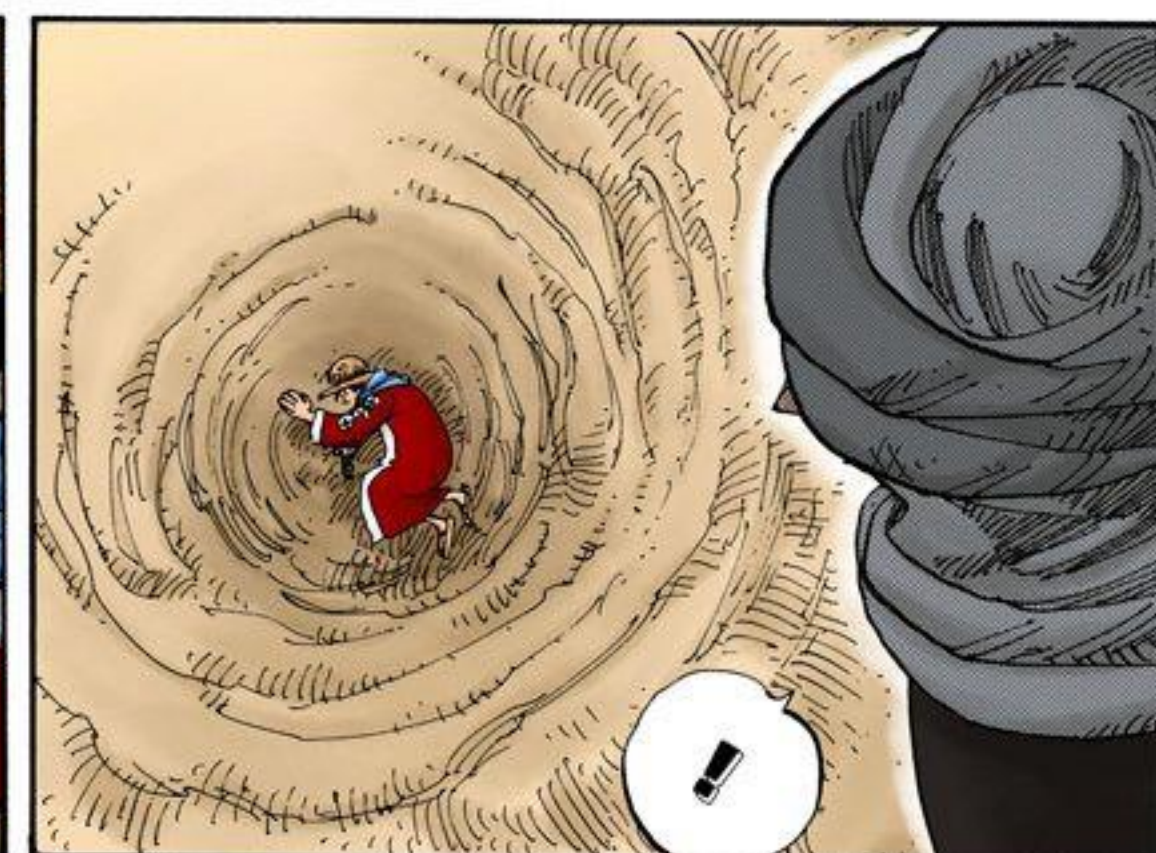
Let's
keep
digging!

Alright!

No, I'm
trying
to dig.



Hmm...



JOOOKING
AROUND!

STOOOP,

That's right!
Allyer'yappin'is
makin'myhips
achetohell!

Mr. Z, could
you please
just wait
quietly?

Well, I'm just
going to stand
here and spin!
Spin, spin, spin
like a beauuutiful
swan!

The least
he could do
is give us
an
octofait in
the mean-
while!

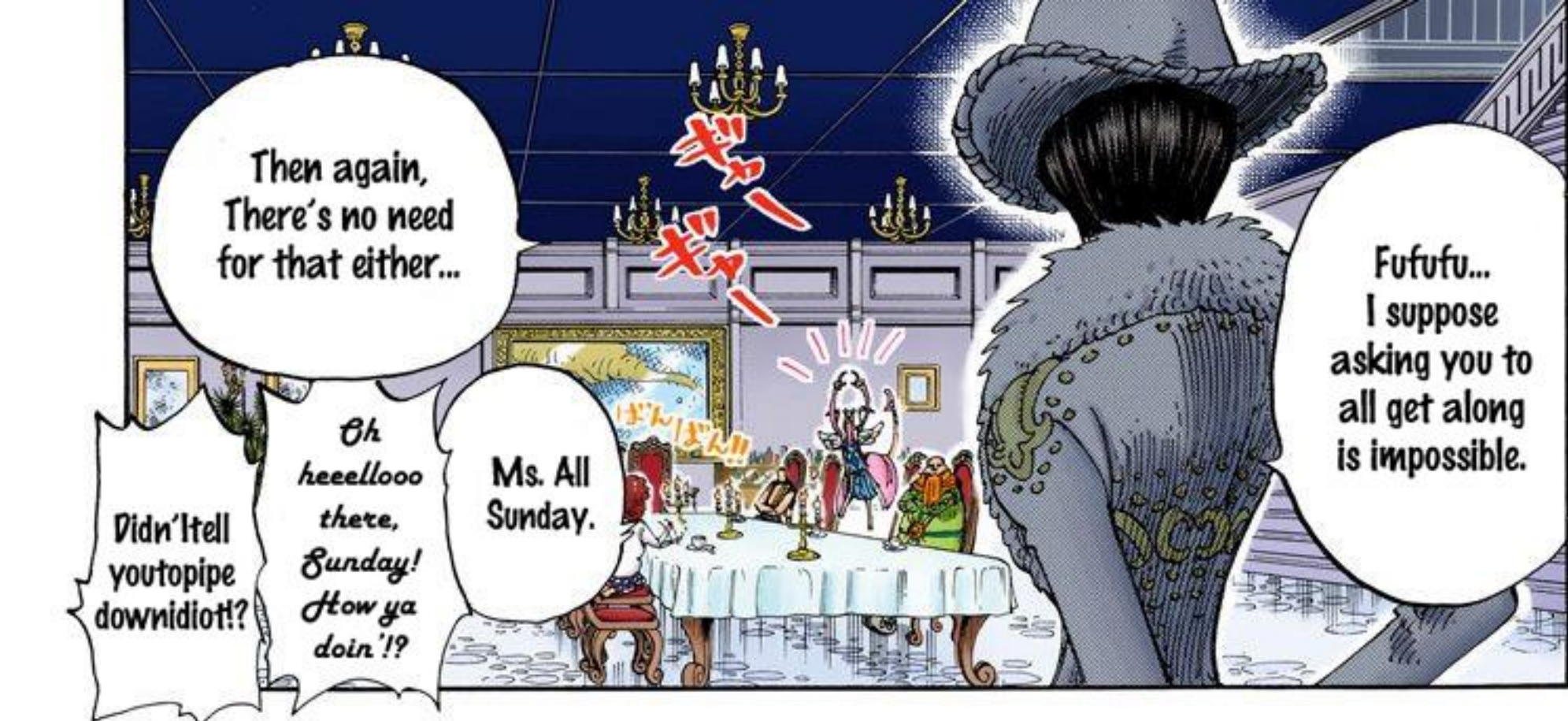
How long is
he planning
on making
us wait!?

ばんばんばんばん!!

ばんばんばん!!

That goes for
you too,
Ms. Merry
Christmas.

Fo... Fo...
Fo... Fo...



Then again,
There's no need
for that either...

Didn't tell
you to pipe
down idiot!?

Oh
heelloo
there,
Sunday!
How ya
doin'!?

Ms. All
Sunday.

Fufufu...
I suppose
asking you to
all get along
is impossible.



Where exactly
are we,

Ms. All
Sunday...?



It's quite a
sight seeing
you agents
all gathered
in one place.

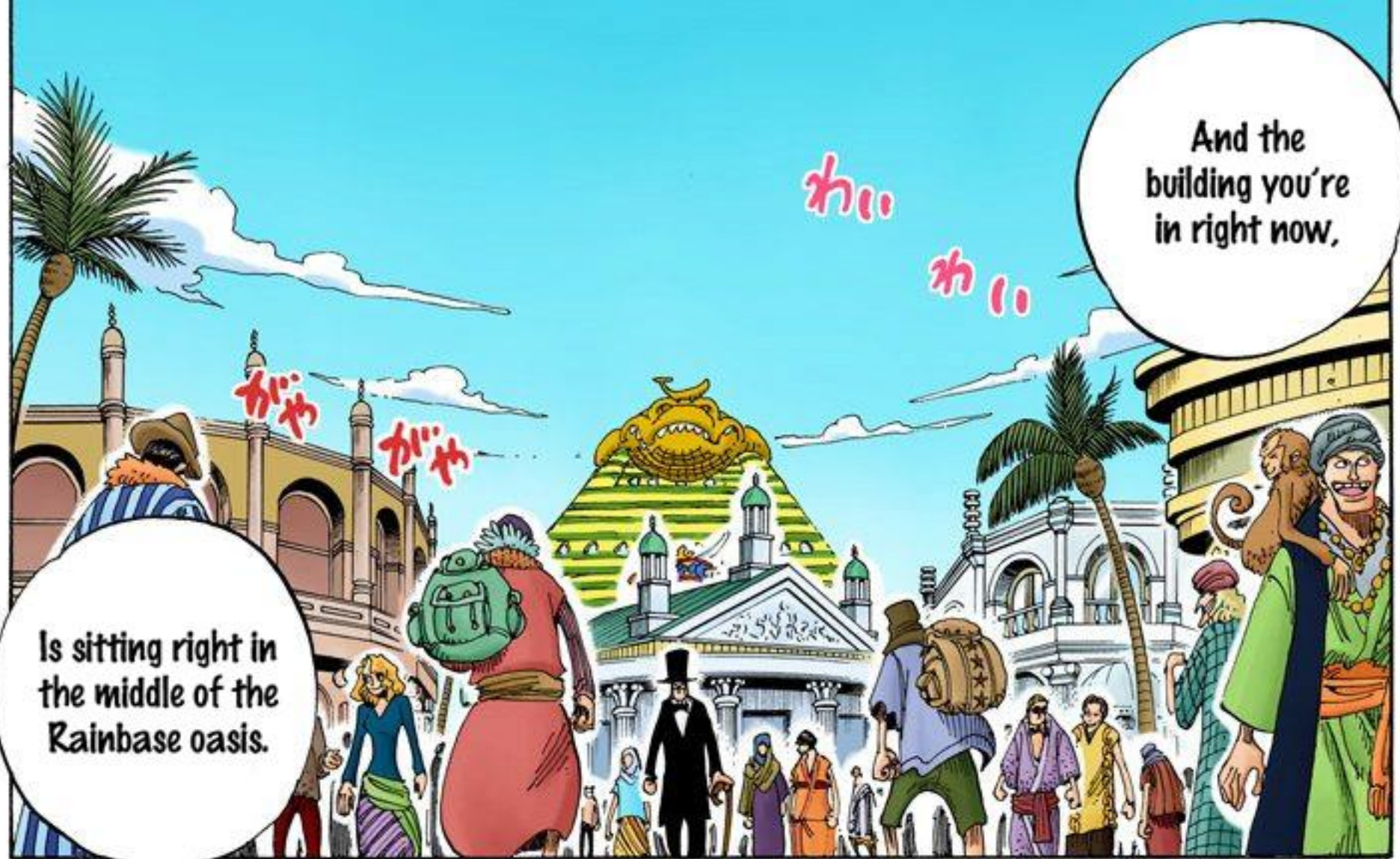
Thank you
all for
taking the
long trip out
here for this
meeting.



I'm sure you've all
heard of it before
though. The city where
travellers come to
gamble in hopes of
getting rich...

I welcome you
officer agents to
Rainbase, the
city of dreams...

Oh that's right.
You don't know
because Banchi
brought
you here using
the back door...



!!

But of course,
there's someone
I must introduce to
you before that...



The boss whom
you've known nothing
about except his
codename...

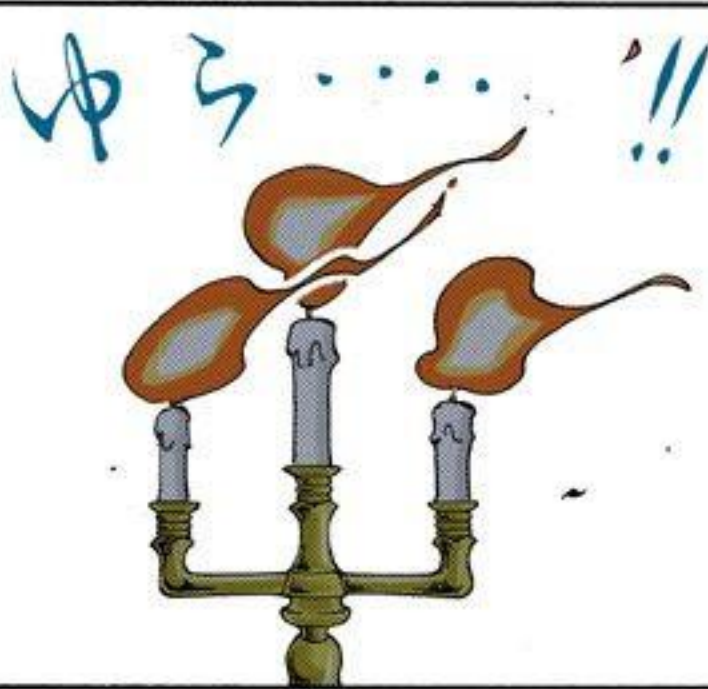
Start the damn
meeting already!
Start! Begin! Go!

Fine by me!

If you have
no further
questions, then
let's get the
meeting
underway.



But there's no
longer a need
for that...
You under-
stand why,
don't you...?



Until now, I've
been acting on his
behalf to keep his
identity a secret,



!!!

The end is
near, that's
why...

WHA!?



UTOPIA.

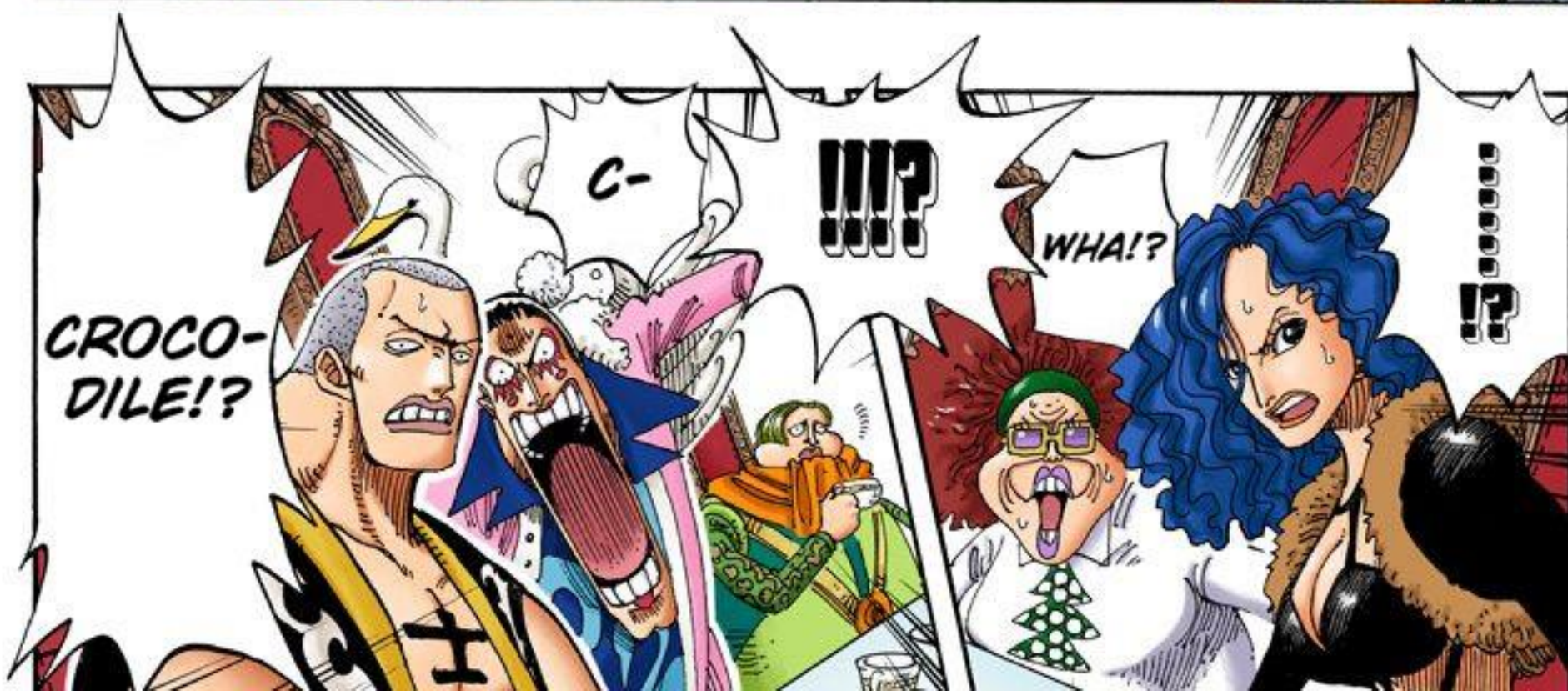
ぐる...

OPERATION,



We the
Baroque
Works shall
carry out.

That is the
name of the
final plan,



CROCO-
DILE!?

C-

!!!?

WHA!?

!!!?
!?



Of course we know him! But more importantly, why would one of the Shichibukai be...



We've got a real big-name here now...



Ah, good...

So you're all already familiar with the man himself.



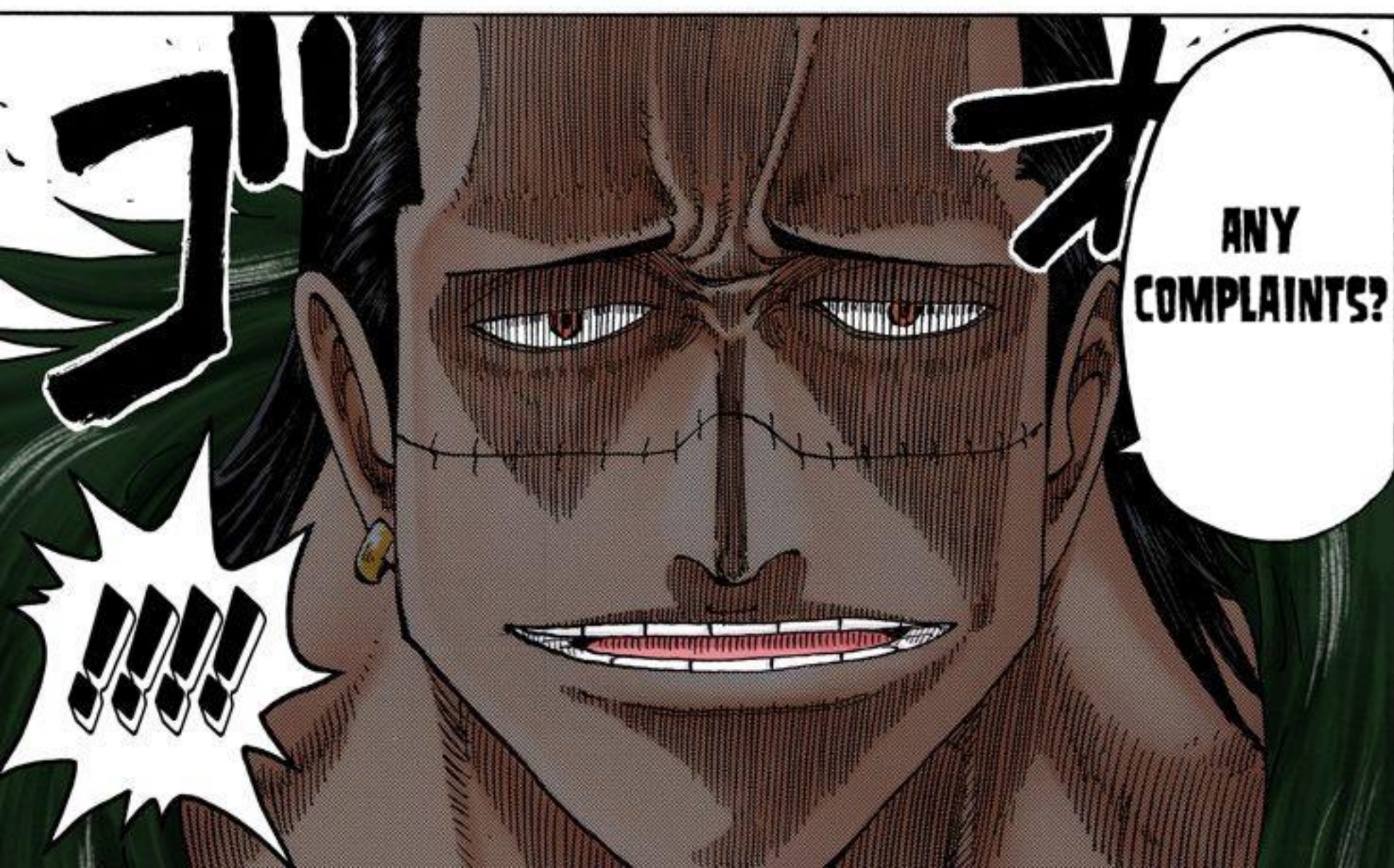
"You're" our boss...?



FQ...



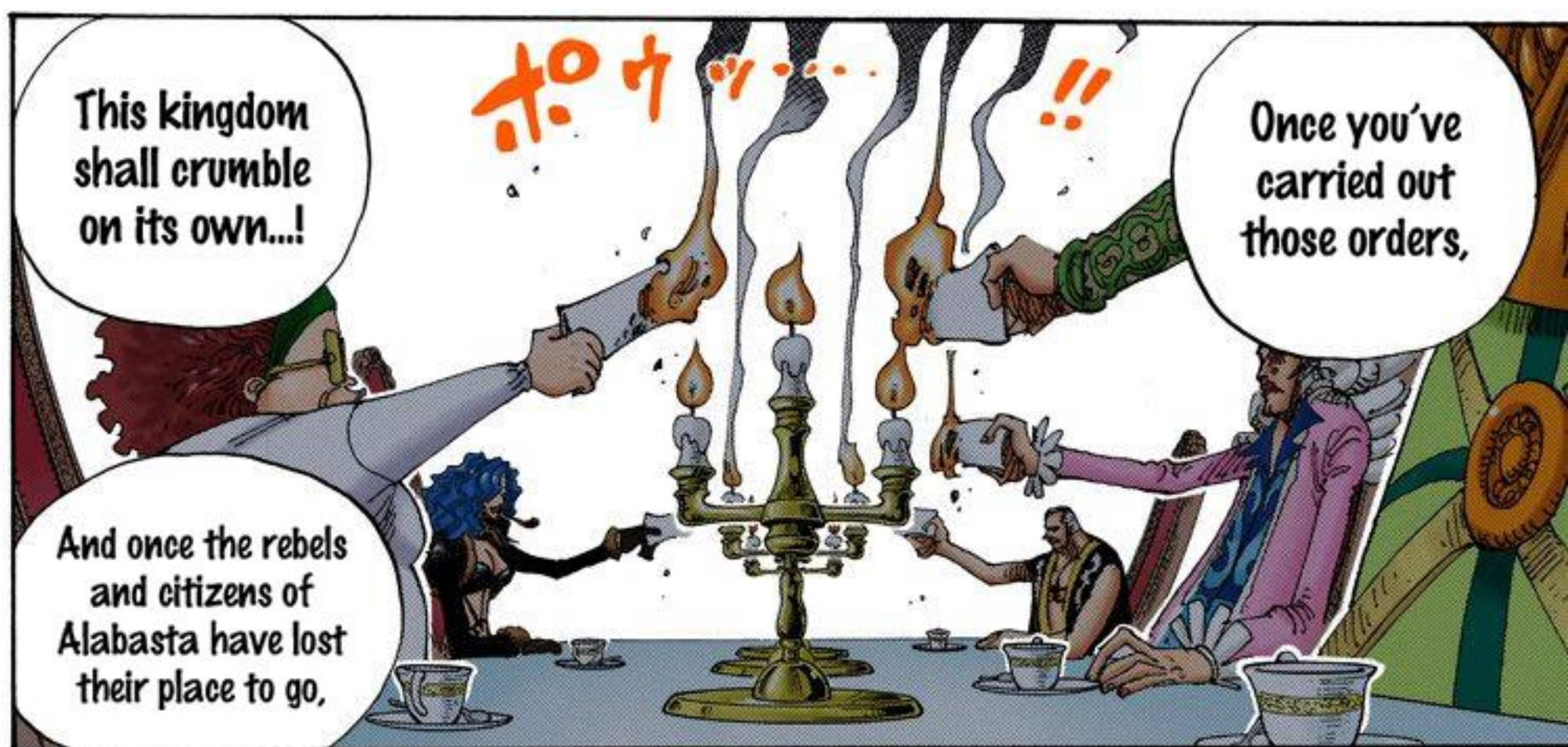
So we were following a pirate's orders all along!?



ANY COMPLAINTS?







This kingdom
shall crumble
on its own...!

Once you've
carried out
those orders,

And once the rebels
and citizens of
Alabasta have lost
their place to go,

This country
shall become
our "Utopia!"

Within a
single night,

They too, will
fall into the
hands of
Baroque
Works!



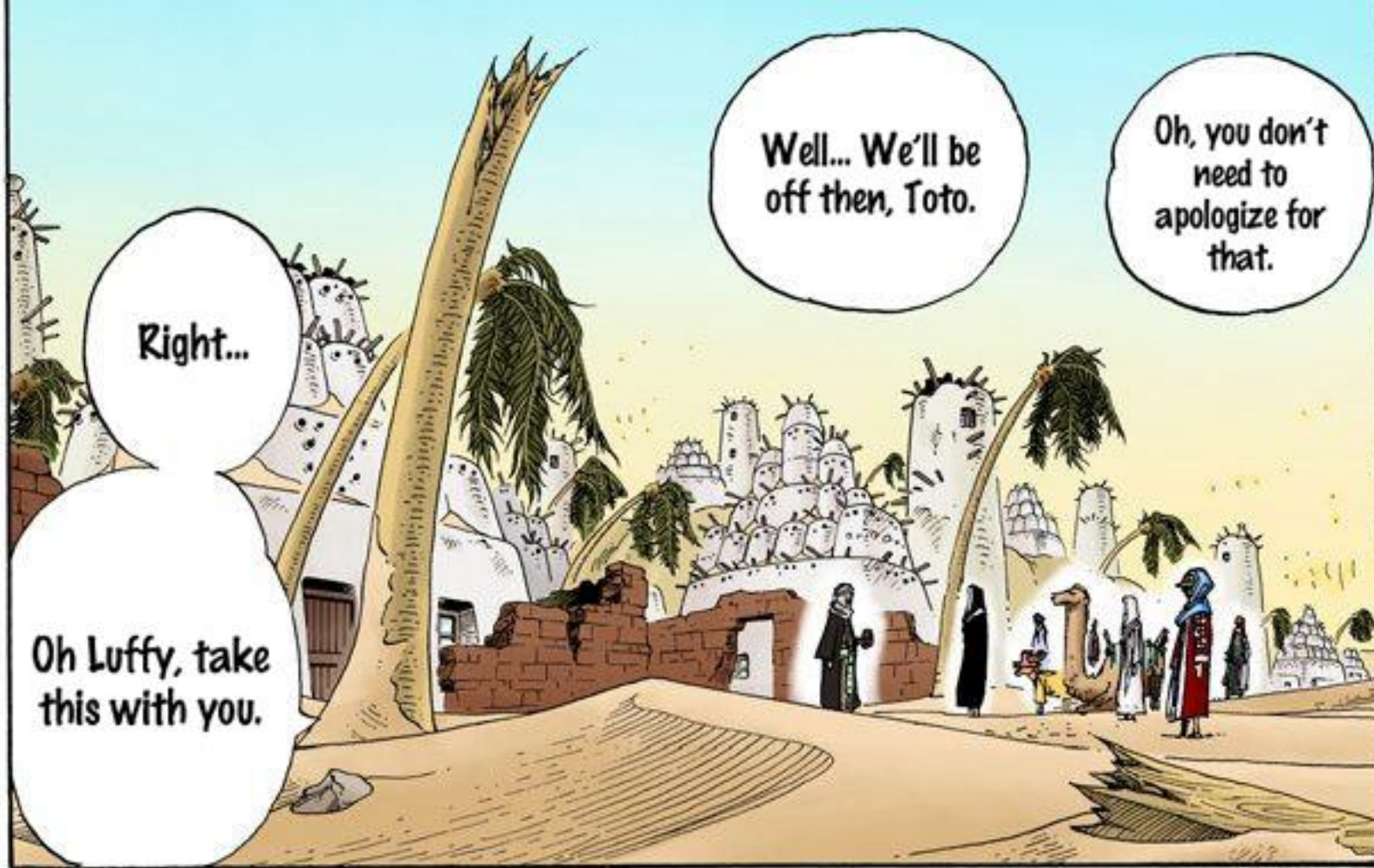
The operation
will begin
tomorrow
morning at 7!

Operation
Utopia will be
the last and
greatest plan
carried out by
Baroque Works!

Failure will
not be
tolerated.

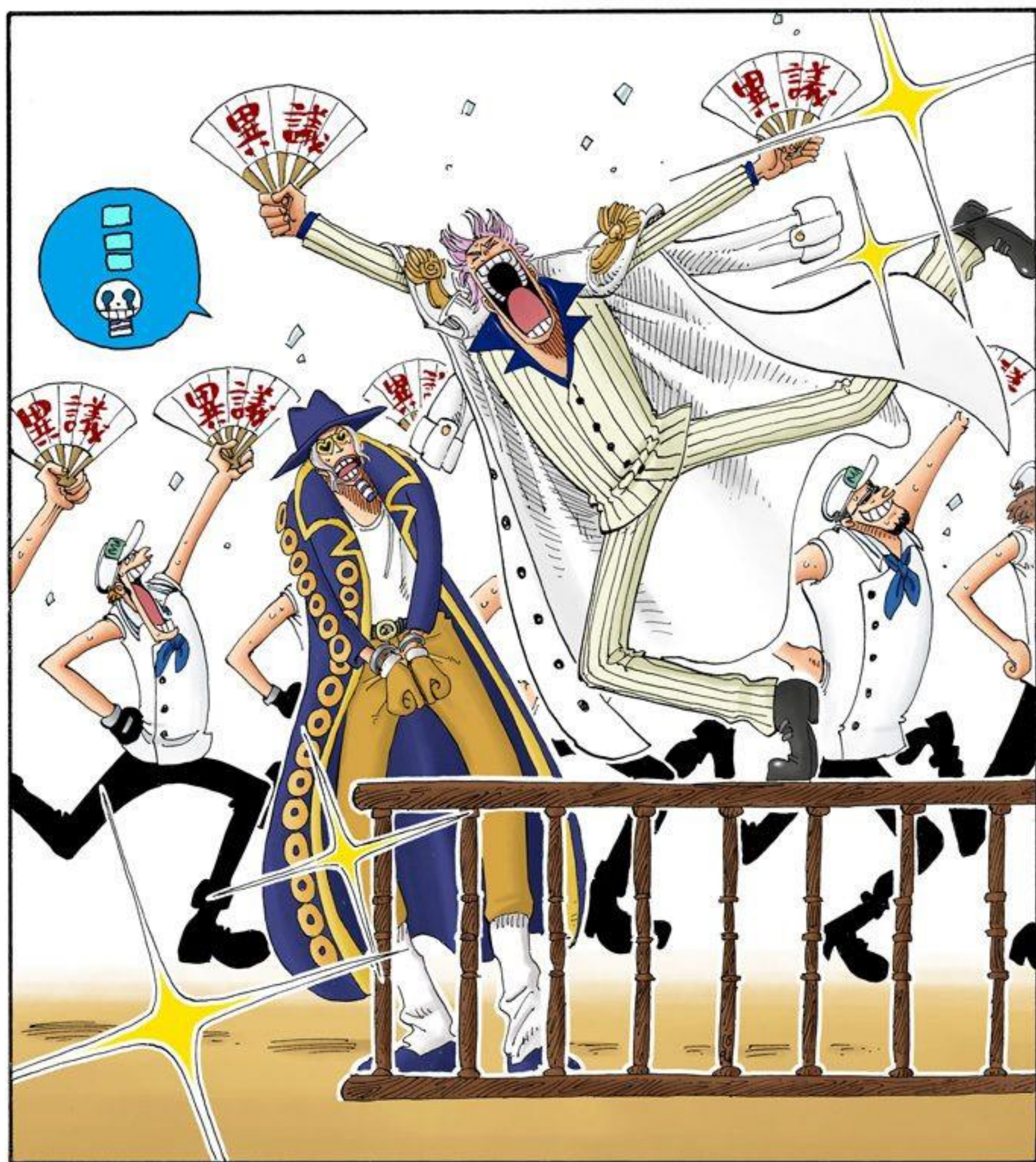
Roger...!

I PRAY
FOR OUR
SUCCESS.





Chapter 166 “Luffy vs. Vivi”



JANGO'S DANCE PARADISE VOL. 31 "FULLBODY'S TEARFUL DANCE OF OBJECTION!"





I hitched onto the back of Banchi's carriage, you see...

I've been trailing you ever since at Spider's Cafe, you know...?

Where did I "spring from?" How rude...

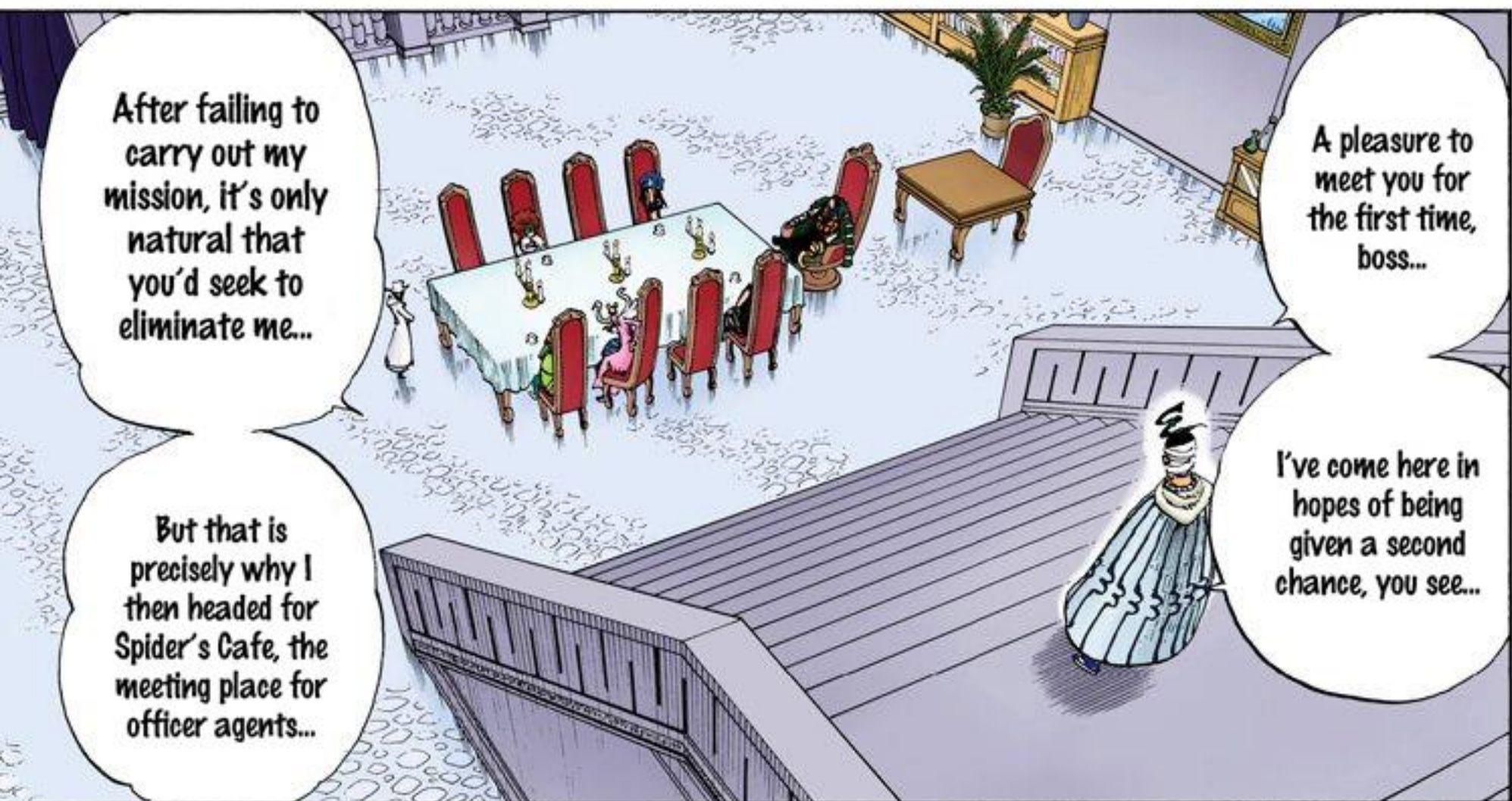


LET HIM TALK, MR. 2!



MR. 3! WHERE DID YOU SPRING FROM!?

I WAS CERTAIN I FINISHED YOU OFF!

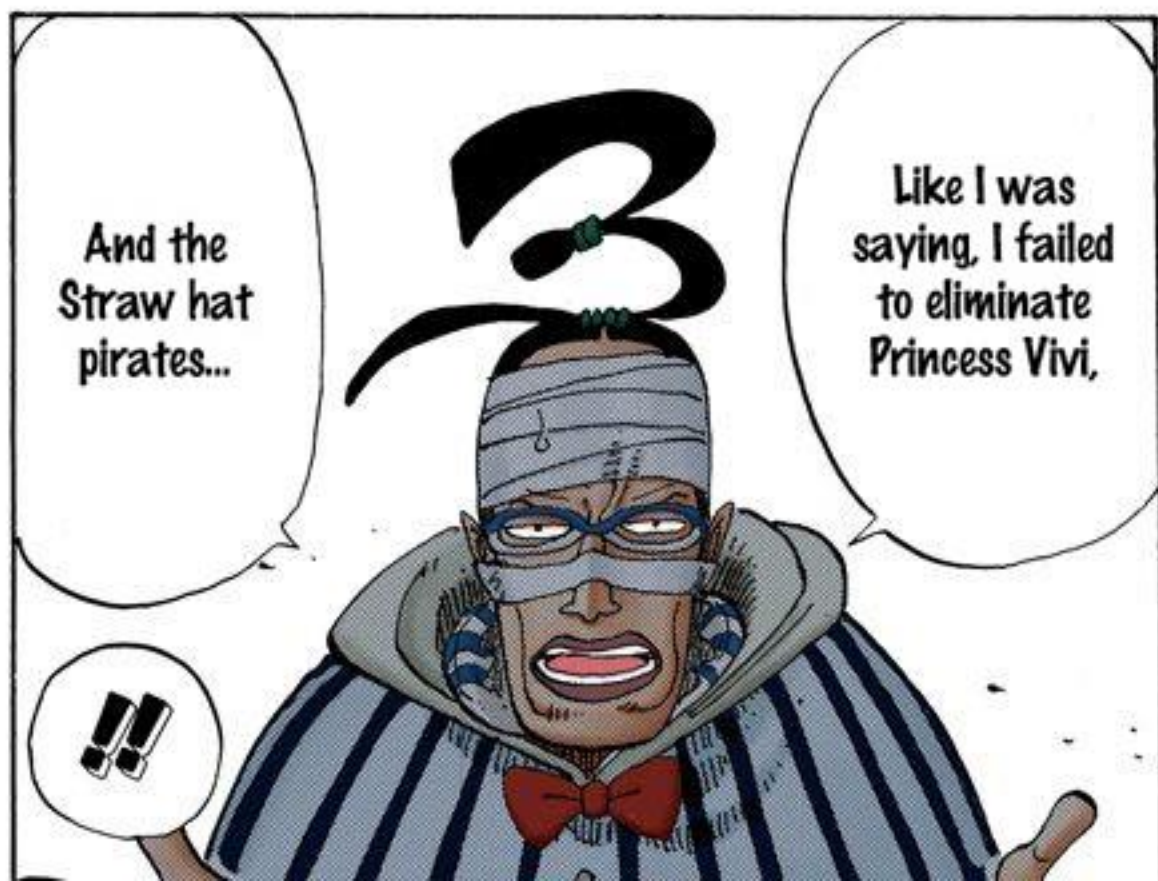


After failing to carry out my mission, it's only natural that you'd seek to eliminate me...

But that is precisely why I then headed for Spider's Cafe, the meeting place for officer agents...

A pleasure to meet you for the first time, boss...

I've come here in hopes of being given a second chance, you see...



And the Straw hat pirates...

Like I was saying, I failed to eliminate Princess Vivi,



What're you talking about!?

You failed... To carry out your orders...?

YOU
MEAN TO
TELL ME
THEY'RE
STILL
ALIVE!?

YOU
DIDN'T
KILL
THEM!?



You told me
over the
phone that
Vivi and the
pirates had
been taken
care of!

Then what
the hell was
that Den Den
Mushi call
about?!

Umm...



Would you like
to make a
reservation?

Hello, this is
the shitty
restaurant.

!!!?

WHAT!



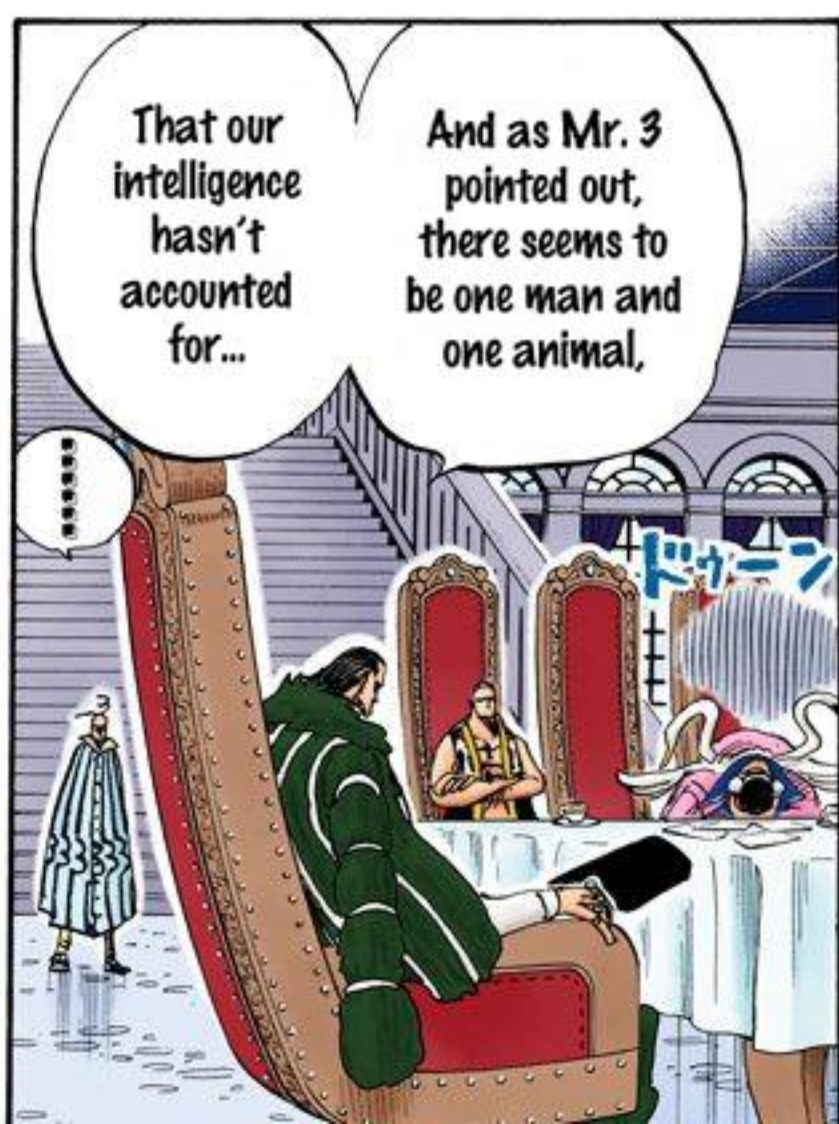
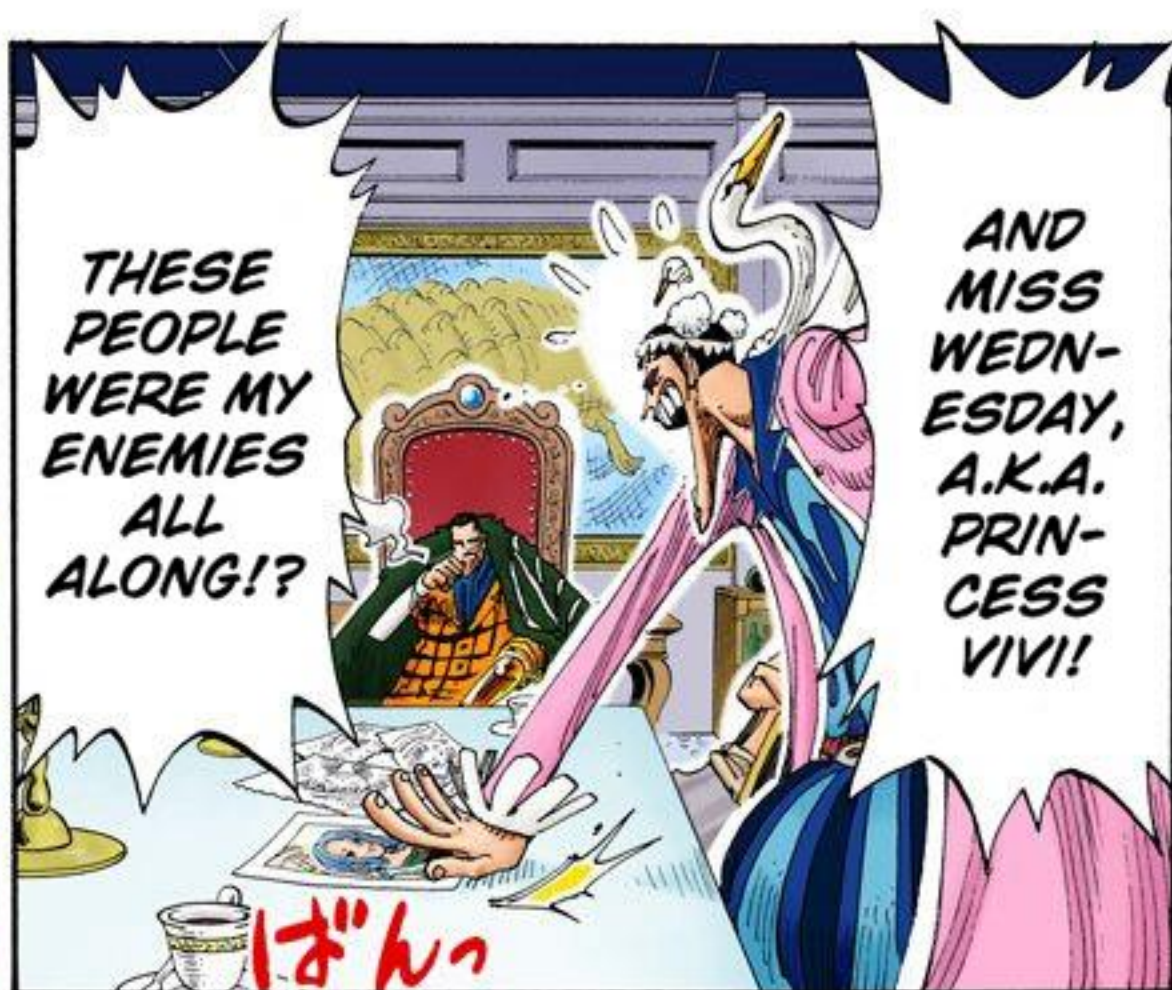
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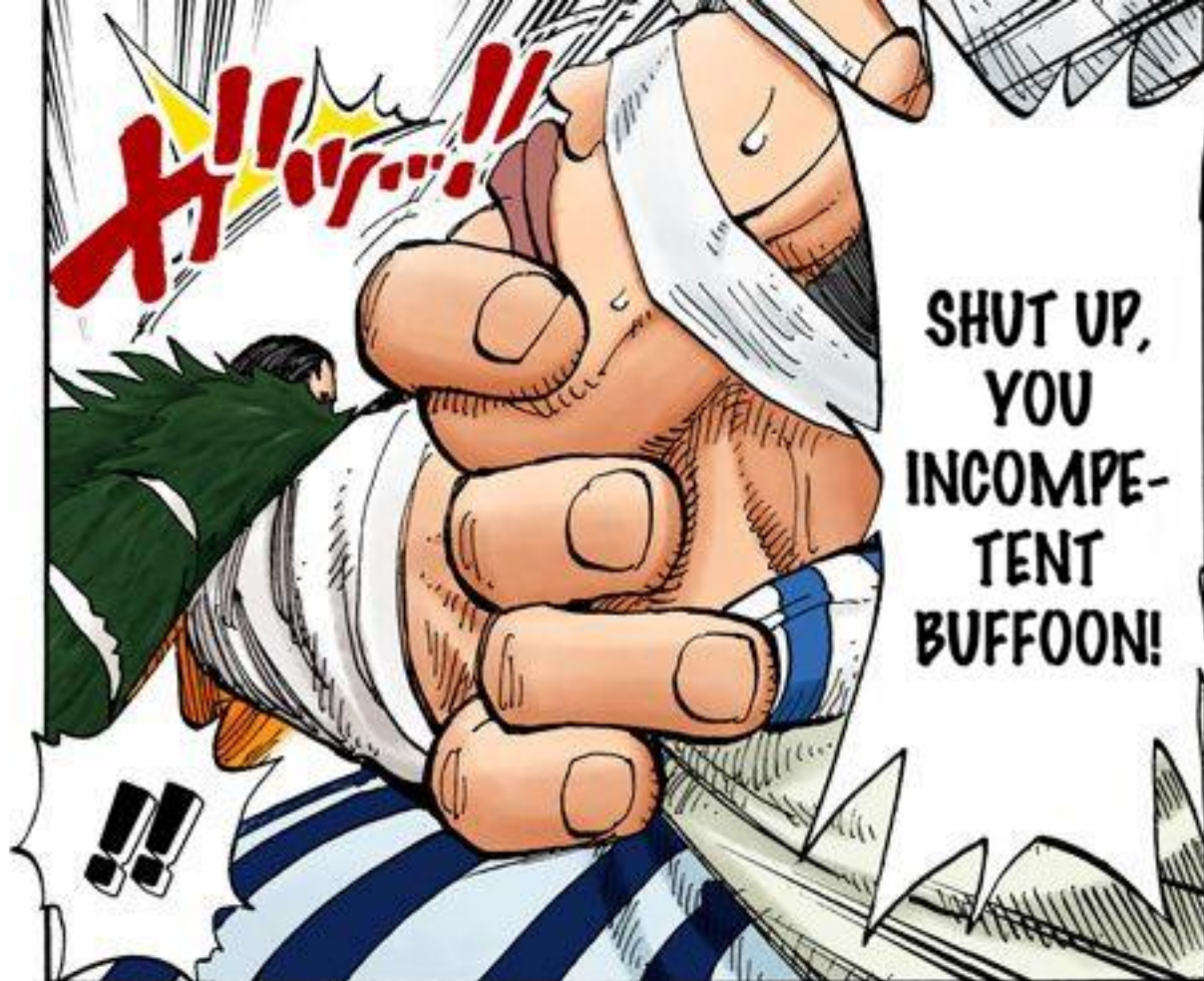
Den Den Mushi call?
I'm afraid I don't
follow? I never used
the Den Den Mushi
while on Little
Garden, you know!











SHUT UP,
YOU
INCOMPE-
TENT
BUFFOON!

IF YOU
GIVE
ME A
2ND
CHA-

PLEASE,
BOSS!
I SWEAR
TO YOU
THAT THIS
TIME I'LL
FINISH
THEM OFF,



Despite the fact
that you're inferior
to Mr. 4 in terms
of combat ability!?

Mr. 3...

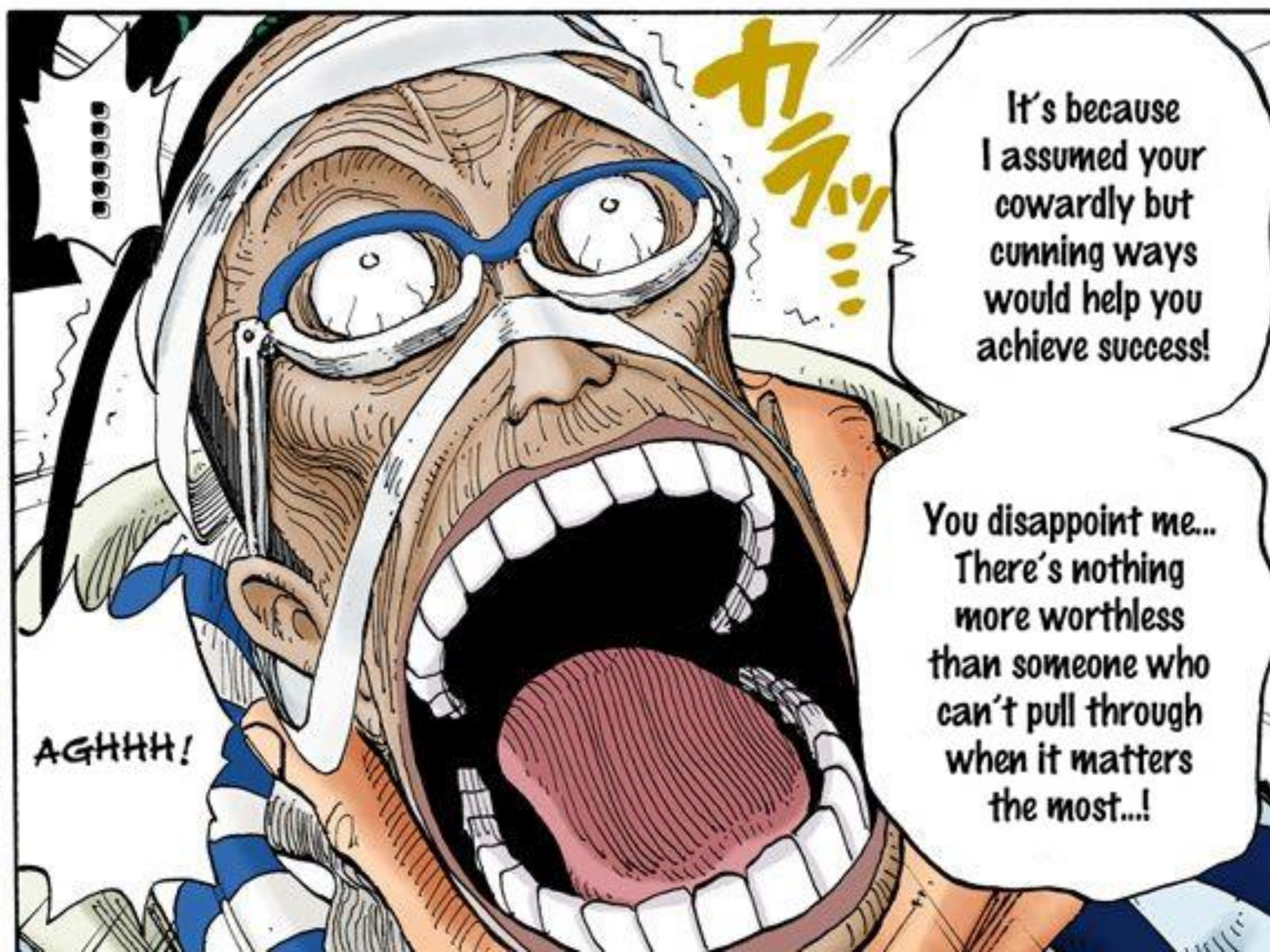
Do you
know why
I made you
Mr. 3,

KAH...



W-what's
happening
to him!?

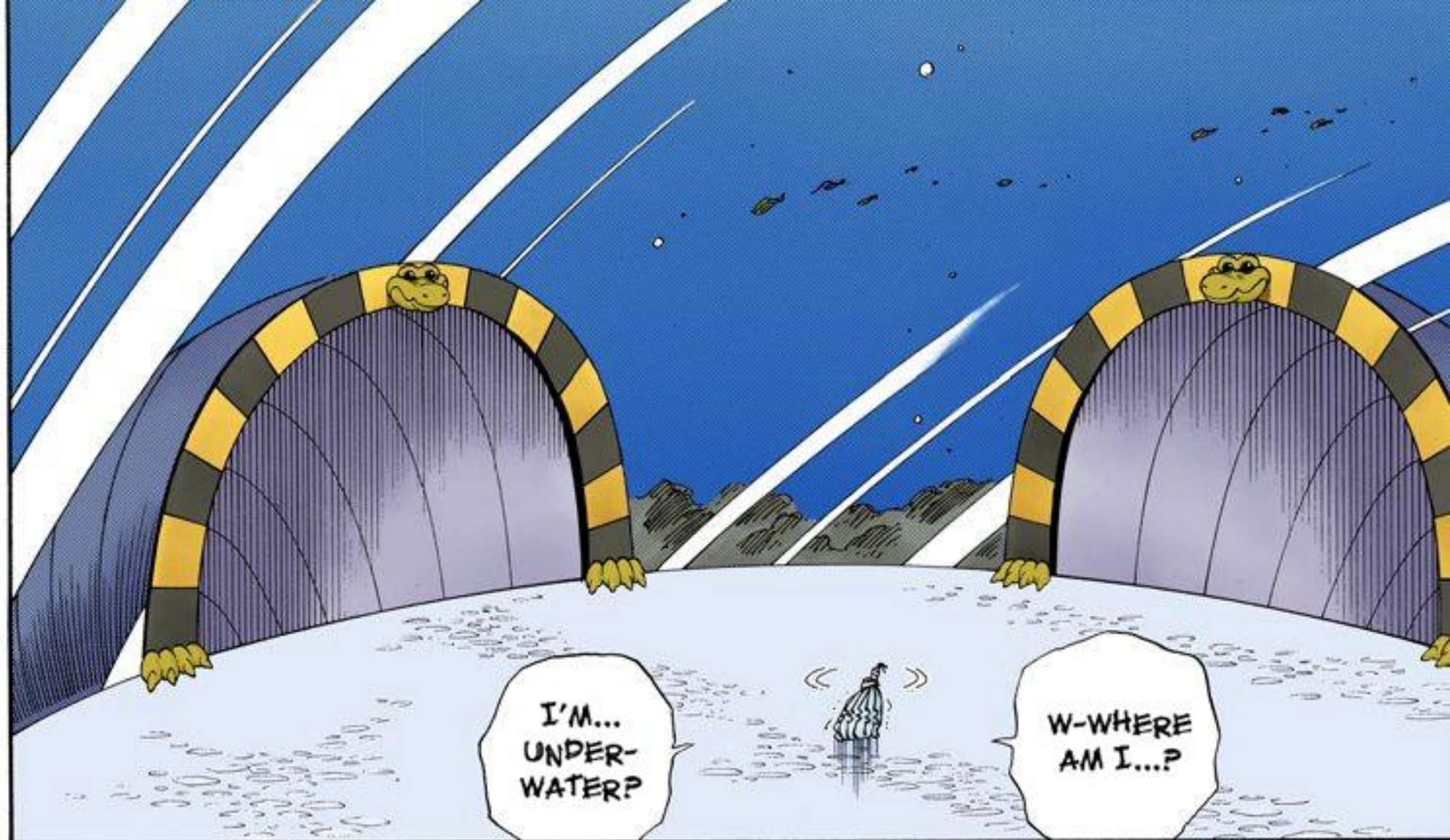
He's drying
up...!



It's because
I assumed your
cowardly but
cunning ways
would help you
achieve success!

You disappoint me...
There's nothing
more worthless
than someone who
can't pull through
when it matters
the most...!

AGHHH!





Killing him once
isn't enough!

That damned
idiot...!



Their objective
is to stop the
rebellion! They'll
definitely show
up in the middle
of the action
even if we don't
look for them!

In any case,
I want you all
to etch these
5's faces into
your brains!



And Kouza,
leader of the
rebels, were
close childhood
friends.

It's complicated...
My intelligence
tells me that
princess
Nefertari Vivi,



Do you really
think one
little girl can
stop the
rebels?

Even if the
princess
were free
to do as
she
wanted,

But
Zero...



We can't
afford to
let those
two meet...!

There's a
good chance
she'll cause
the rebels to
hesitate...

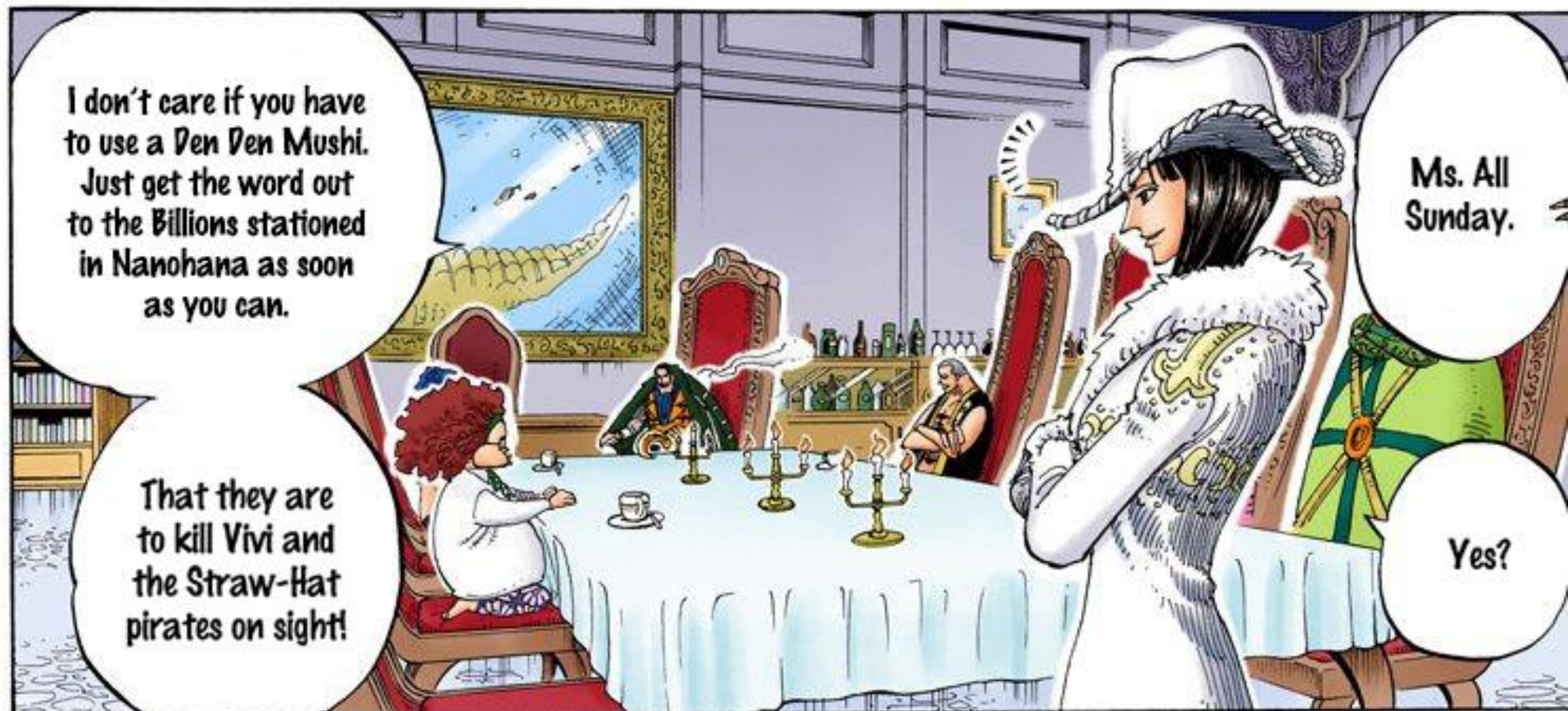
Even if she
can't stop
the swarm
of 700,000
rebels,



We have to ensure it stays that way by keeping Vivi away from the rebels!

Many of our Billions have already infiltrated the rebel forces.

The fact that I haven't received any updates from them yet means that Vivi and the Straw-Hat pirates have yet to take decisive action...!



I don't care if you have to use a Den Den Mushi. Just get the word out to the Billions stationed in Nanohana as soon as you can.

Ms. All Sunday.

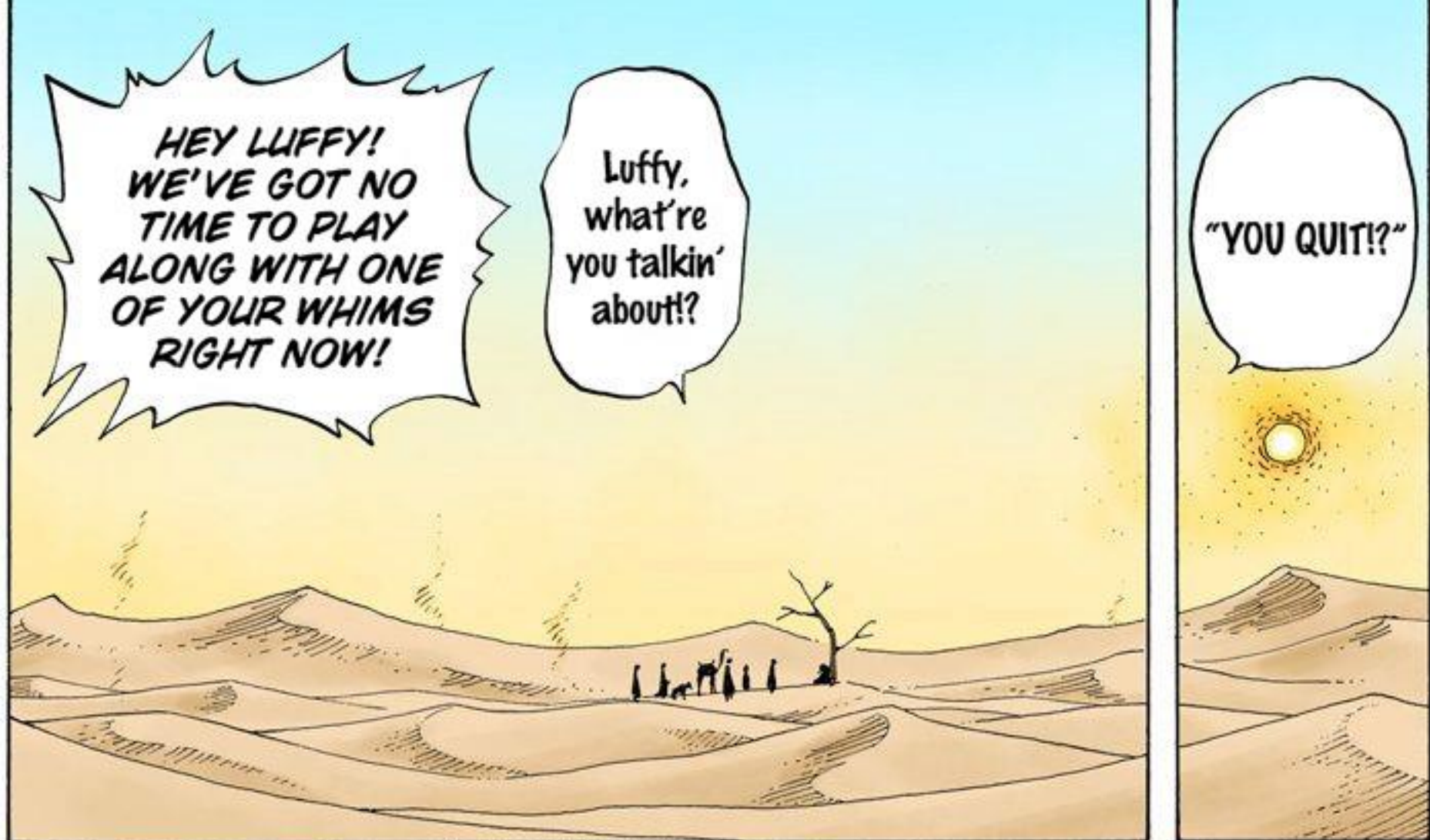
That they are to kill Vivi and the Straw-Hat pirates on sight!

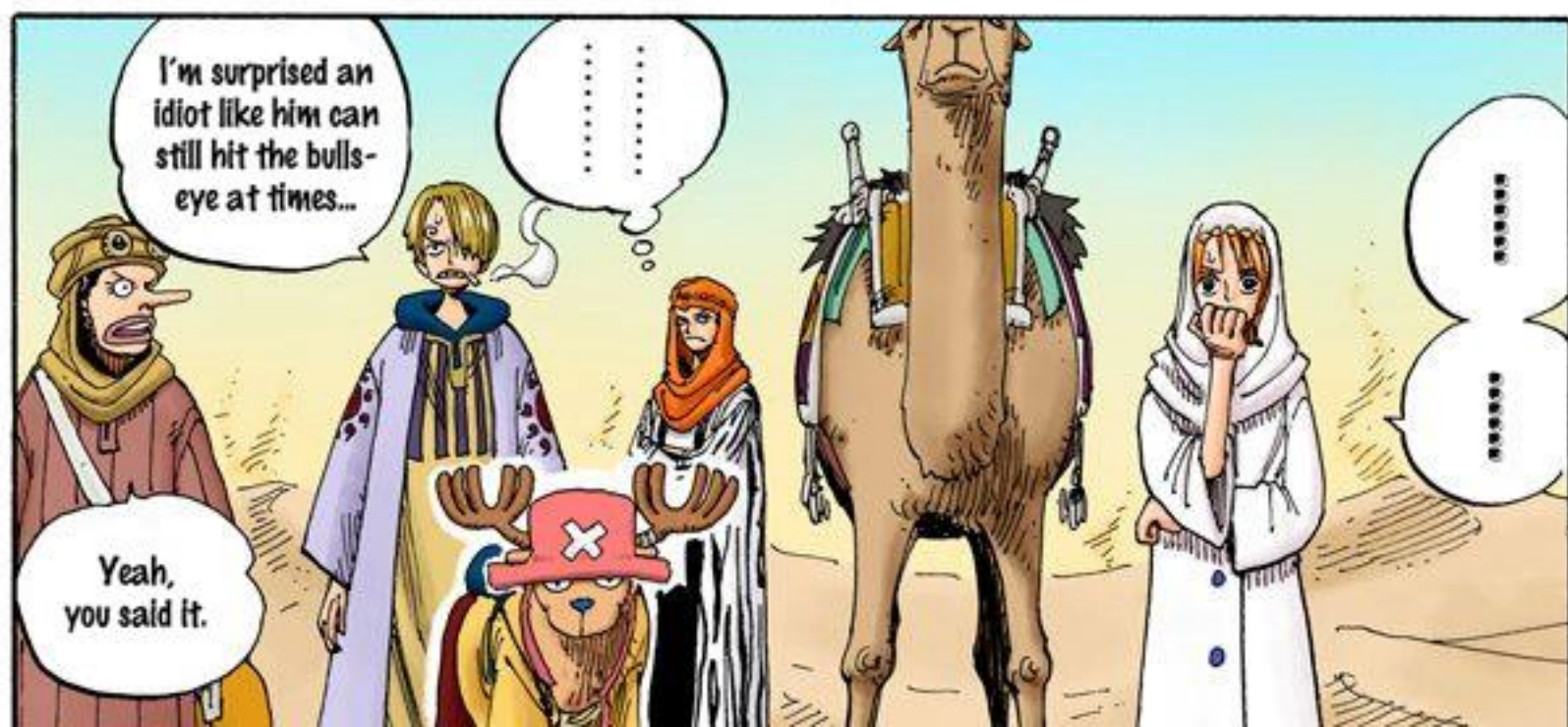
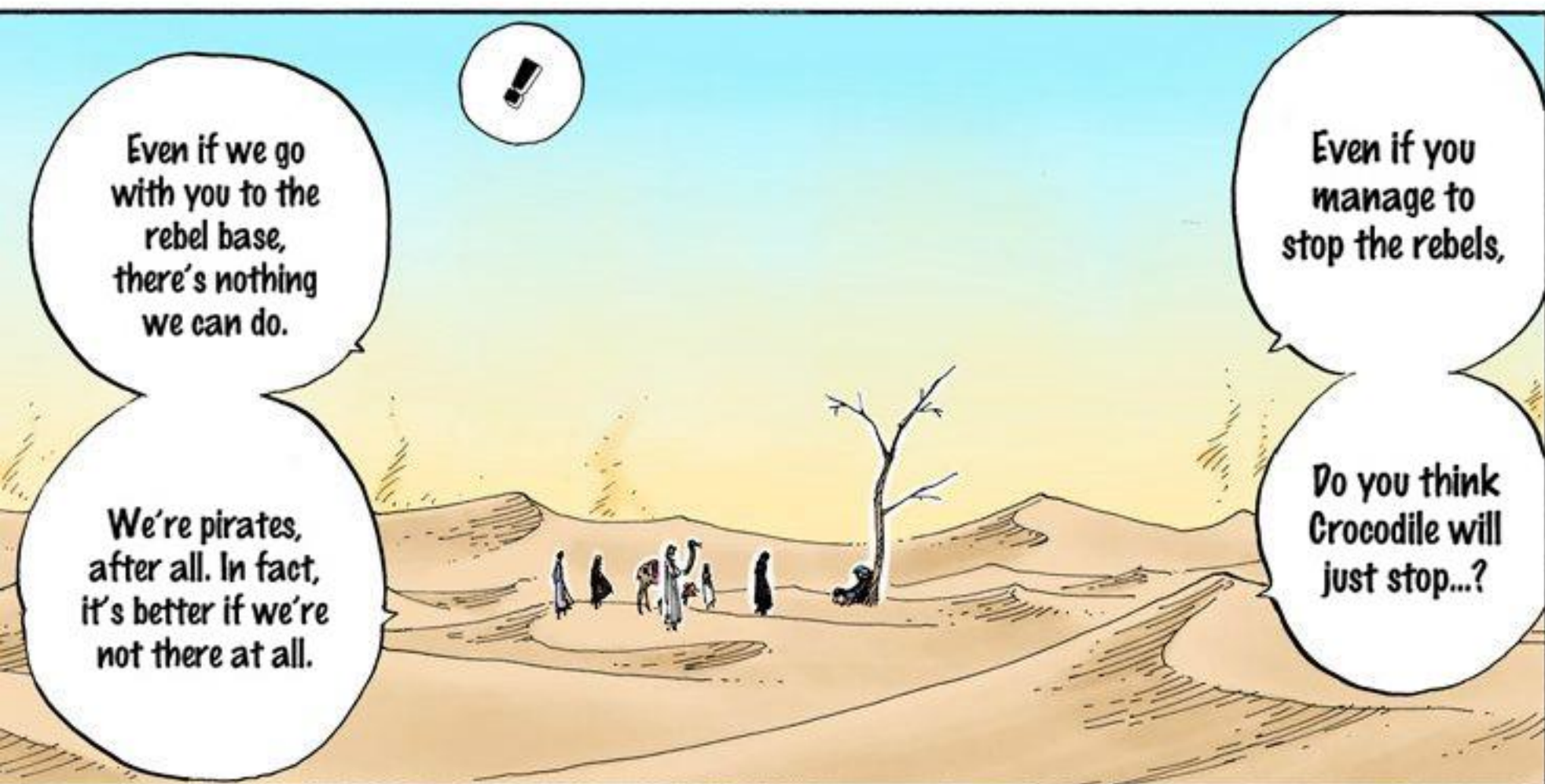
Yes?

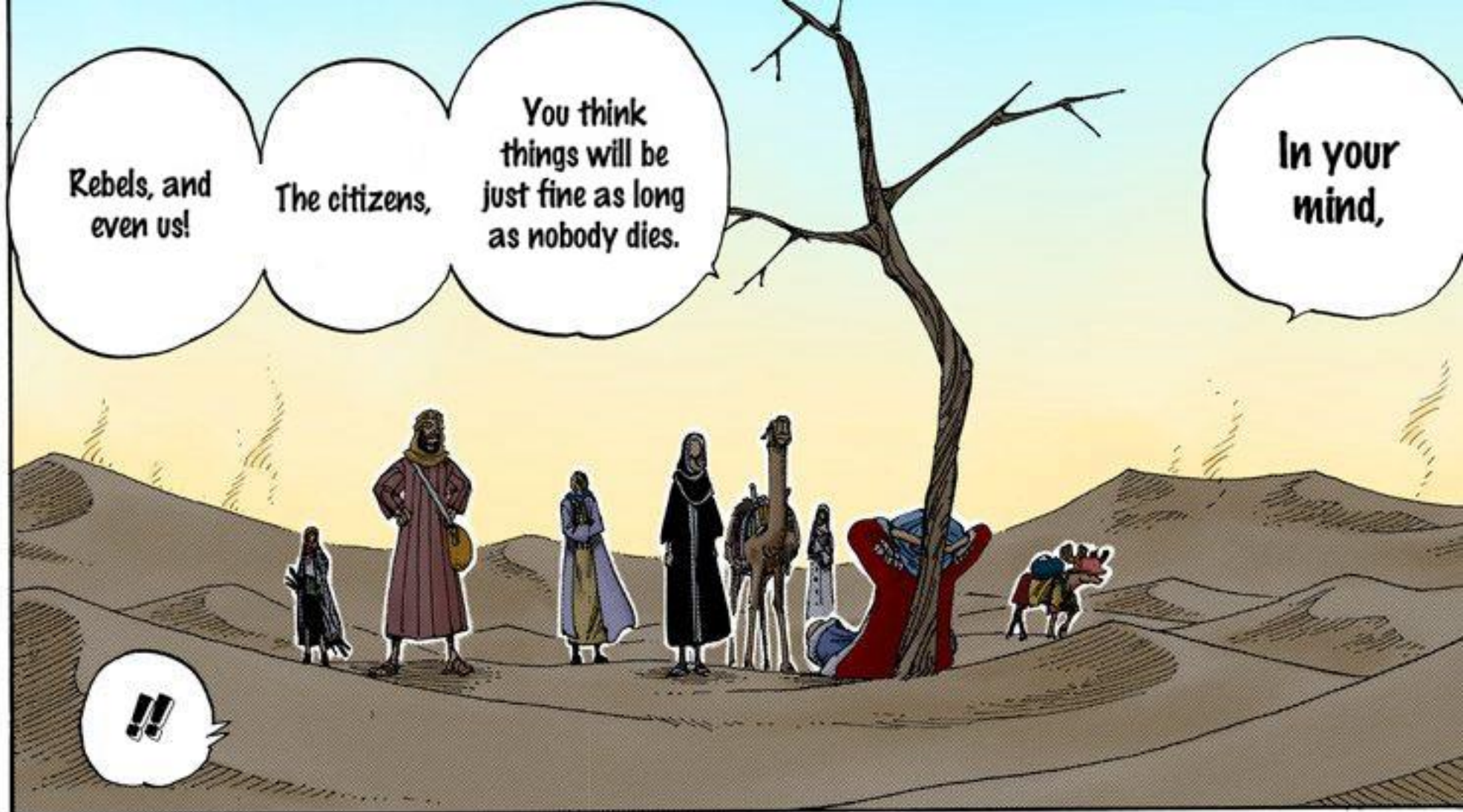


AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, VIVI CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO MEET KOUZA!

THEY CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER KATOREA NO MATTER WHAT!







THAT'S
EXACTLY
WHAT I'M
TRYING SO
HARD TO
PREVENT!

DON'T YOU
EVER SAY
THAT TO ME
AGAIN OR
I WON'T
FORGIVE
YOU!



UGH!

THEN WHY
THE HELL
ARE YOU
WILLINGLY
PUTTING
YOUR OWN
LIFE AT
RISK!?



THE ONLY
ONE AT
FAULT
HERE IS
CROCODILE!

THE REBELS! THE
ROYALIST FORCES!
AND EVEN THE
CITIZENS! NONE OF
THEM DID ANYTHING
WRONG SO WHY DO
THEY HAVE TO DIE!?



ABOUT WHAT
NEEDS TO
BE DONE
THE MOST
IN THIS
COUNTRY!

WHAT DID
YOU SAY!?

EVEN I
CAN TELL
FROM A
SINGLE
GLANCE,

LUFFY,
YOU
SON OF A-

HEY LUFFY!
YOU'RE
GOING TOO
FAR!





I DON'T
HAVE
ANY-
THING
ELSE
TO RI-

I will...
Never forgive
that man!

THEN WHAT
ELSE CAN
I RISK!?

YOU THINK
RISKING
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ALONE IS
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!!!?

ポロッ!!

I THOUGHT
WE WERE
FRIENDS!

YOU COULD AT
THE VERY
LEAST RISK OUR
LIVES TOO!



You still do
have some
tears left
in you.

I'll stop the
rebels no
matter what!



...So you were
hiding it all
along,
weren't you...?



You're the
one who
most wants
to beat him
up, right...?

Truth be
told,



**TELL ME
WHERE
CROCODILE
IS...!**

**SO TELL
ME...**

