

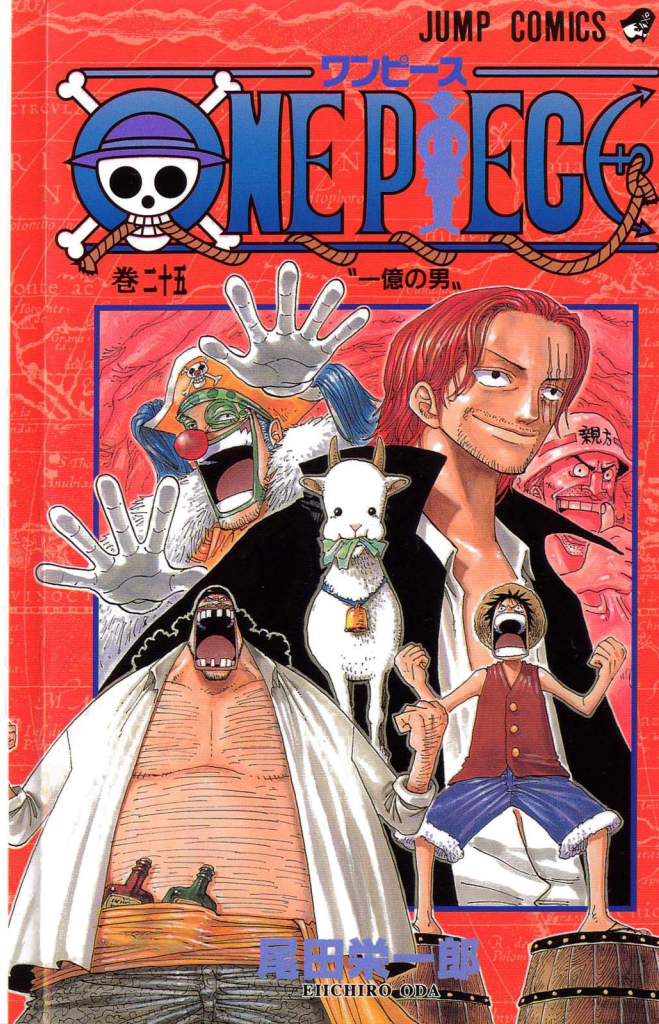
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THE TITLE PAGE FOR CHAPTER 233 WAS COLOURED WITH A BLACK BACKGROUND TO MOURN THE PASSING OF MY MANGAKA FRIEND, "SHINGAGIN."

A PERSON ONCE SAID THAT EVEN IF A MANGAKA DIES, HIS CHARACTERS WILL LIVE ON. IN RESPONSE, I THOUGHT THAT WE MANGAKA MAY BE IN A TRULY WONDERFUL PROFESSION.

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「空」は本当にあるのか!? 期待と不安を抱えながら
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ジャヤ島のはみ出し者・クリケットの許を訪ねる
事になったルフィ達。そこで明かされた「空」への可能性
とは!? 「ひとつなぎの大秘宝」を巡る海洋冒険ロマン!!



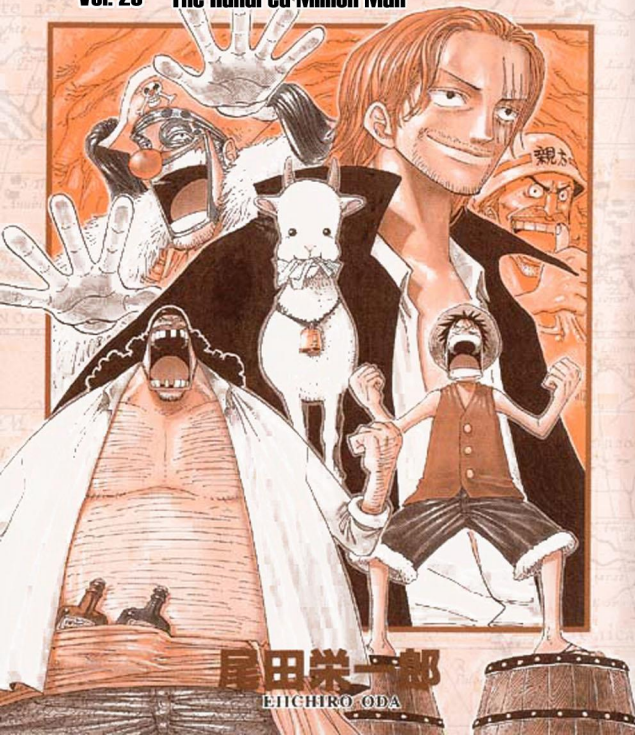
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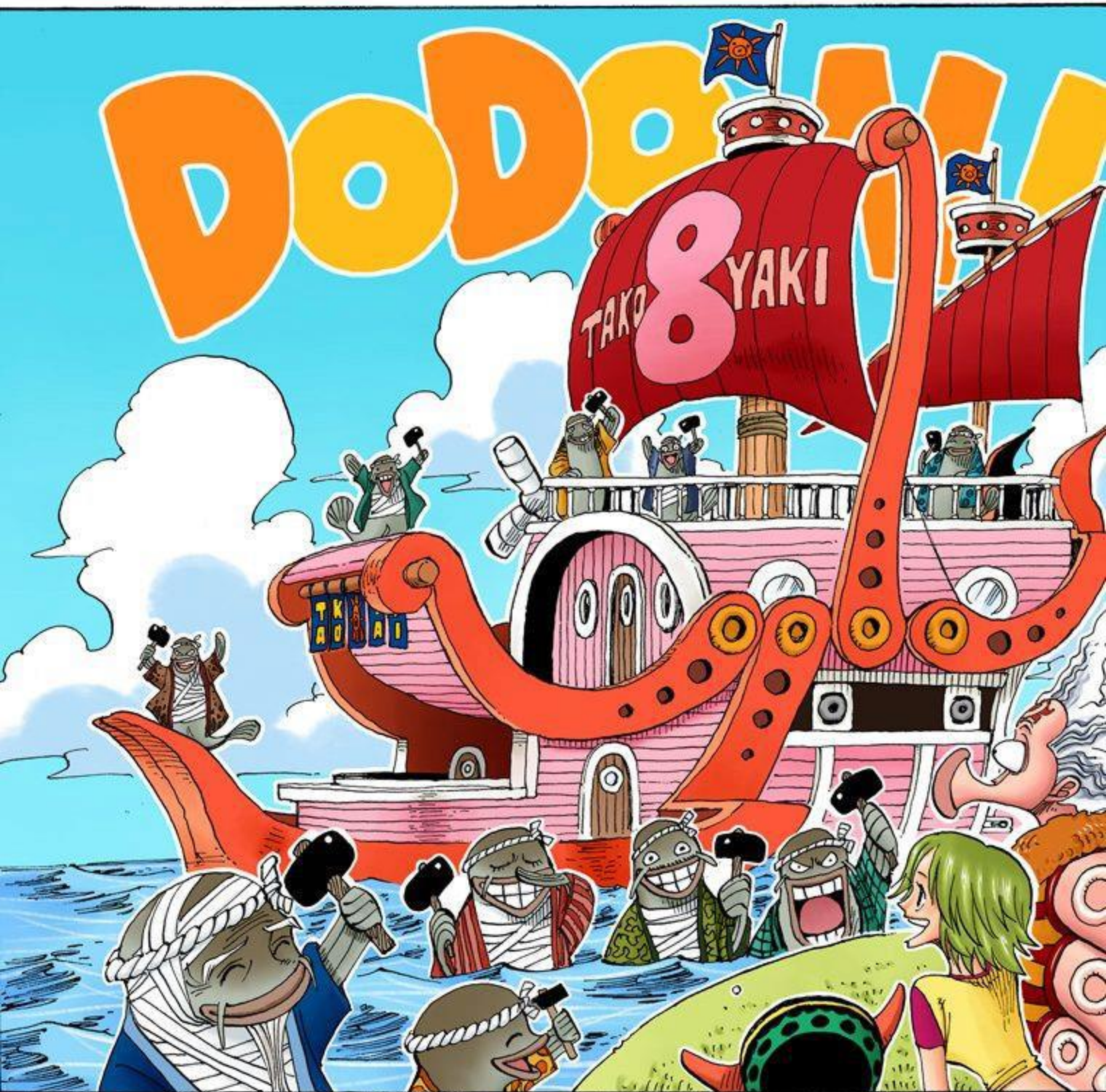


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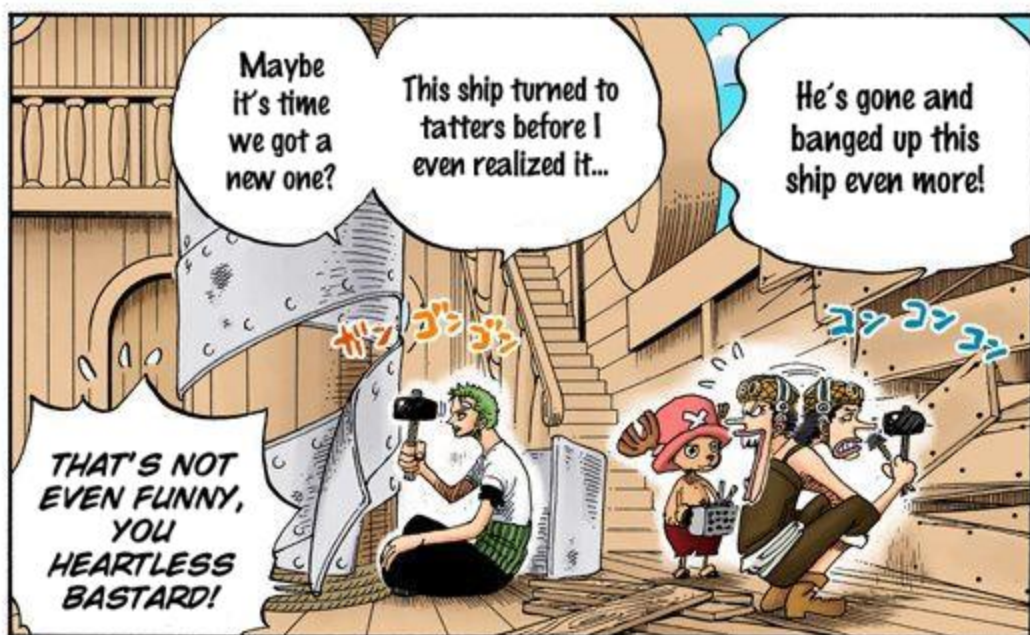
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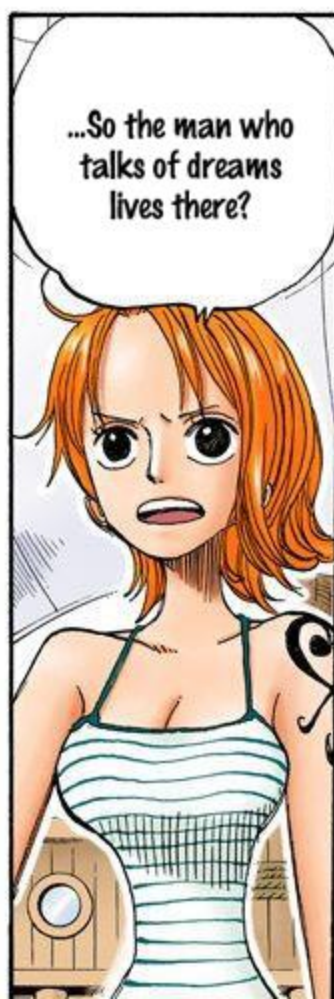
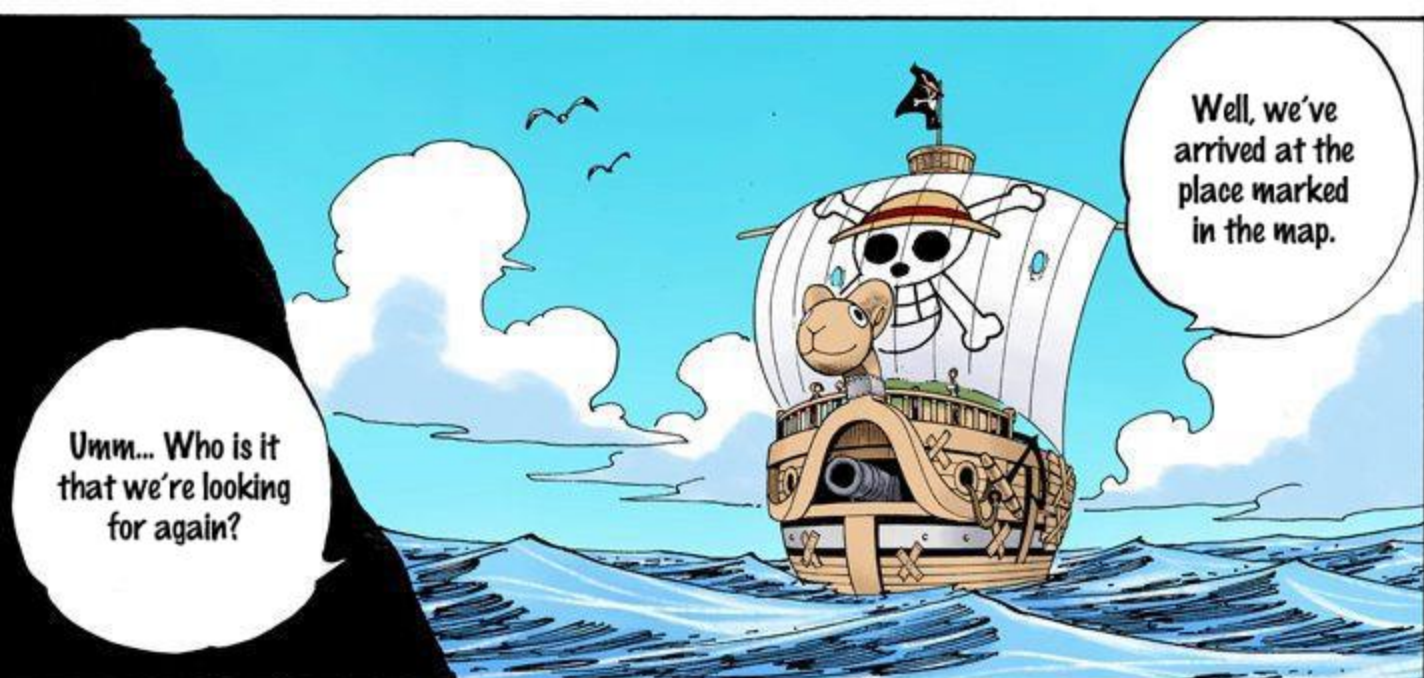
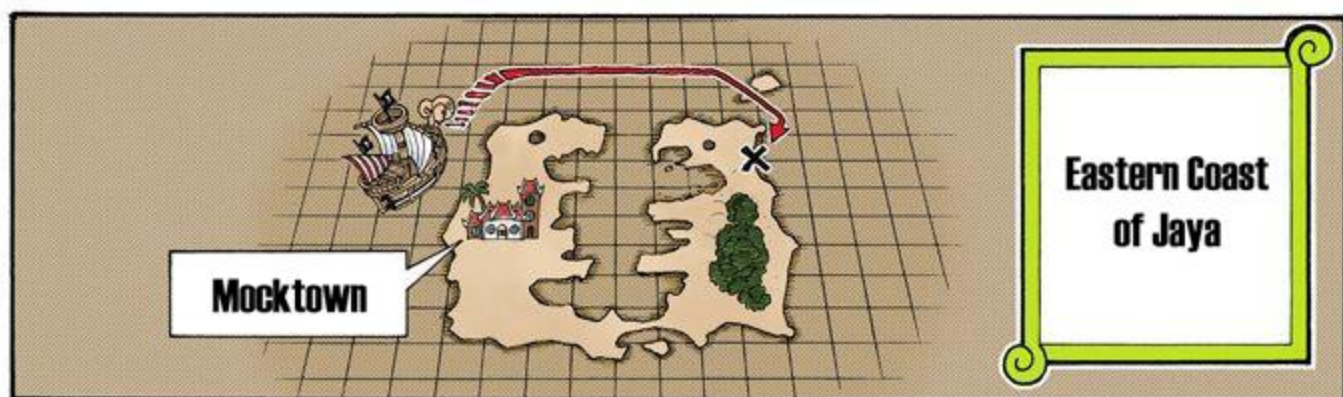
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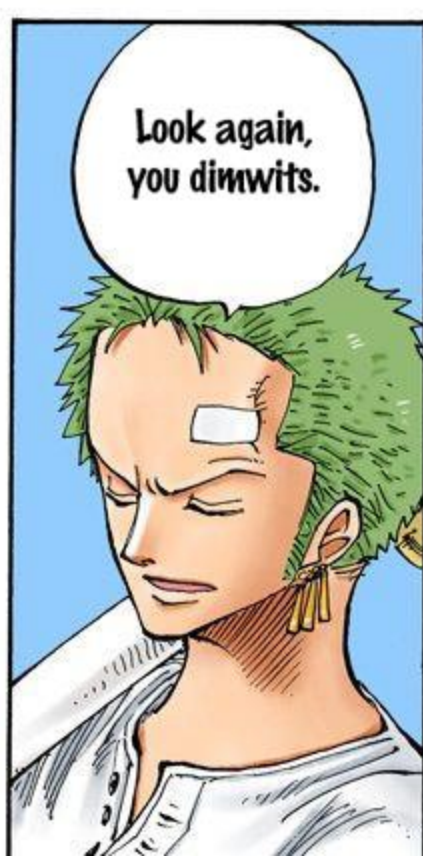
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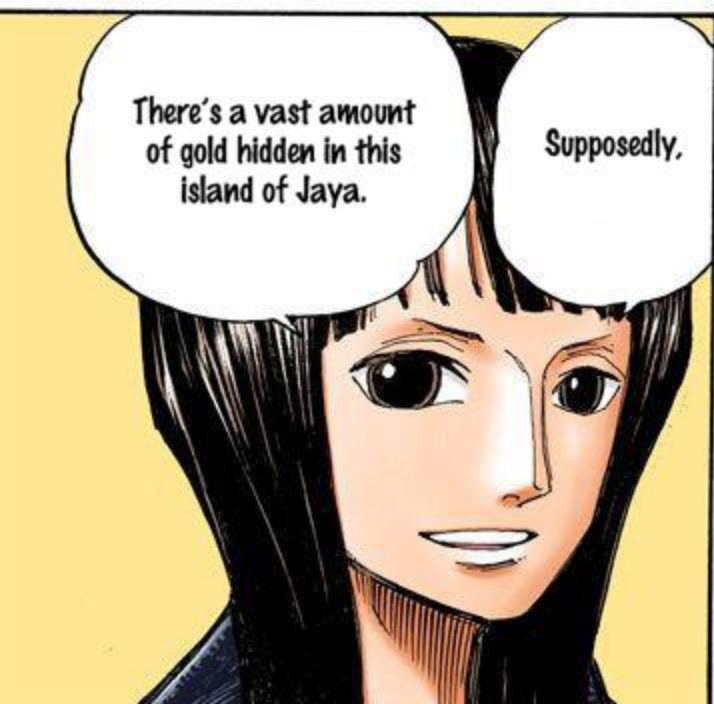
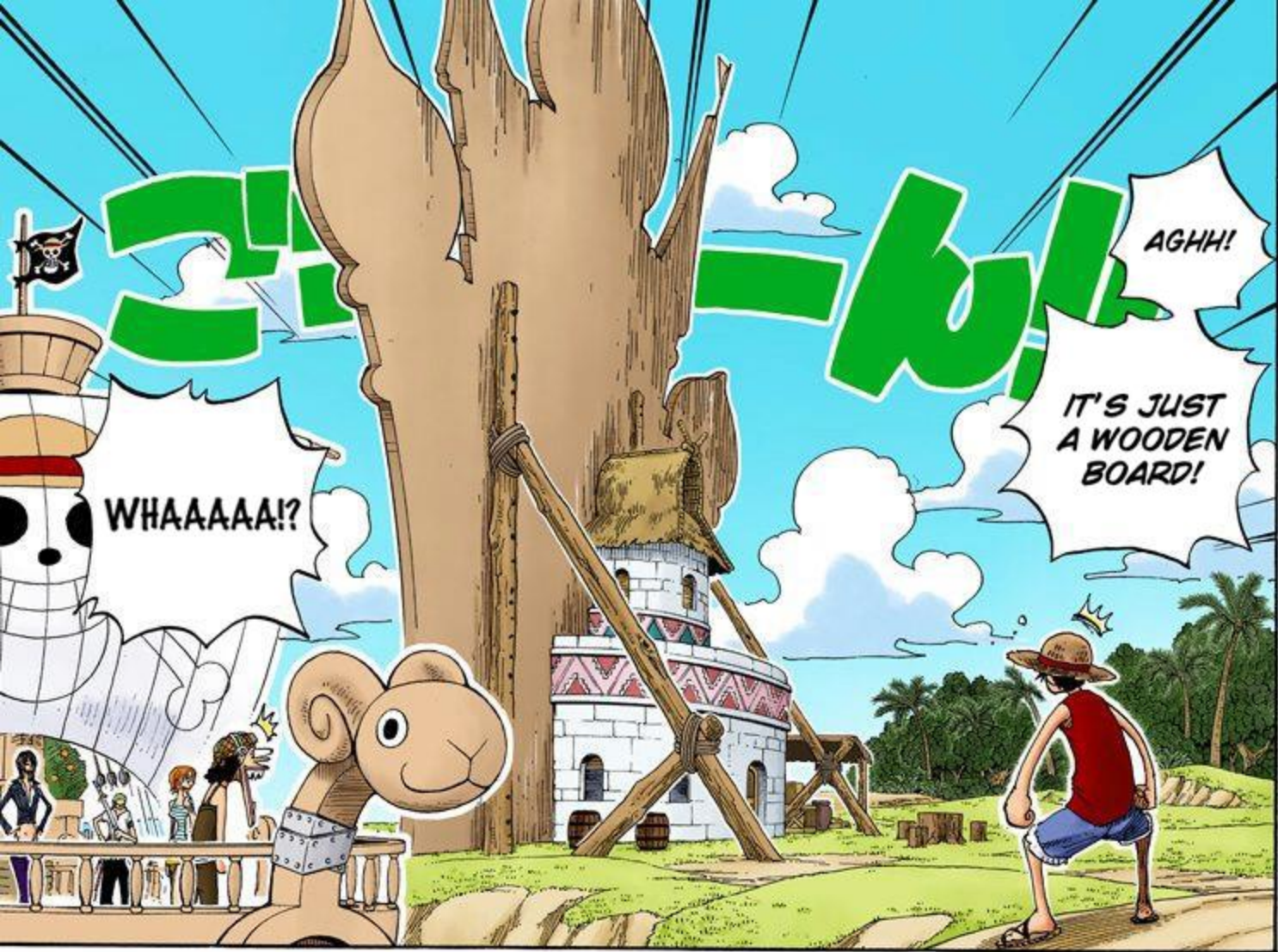


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"CATFISH VILLAGE EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE"

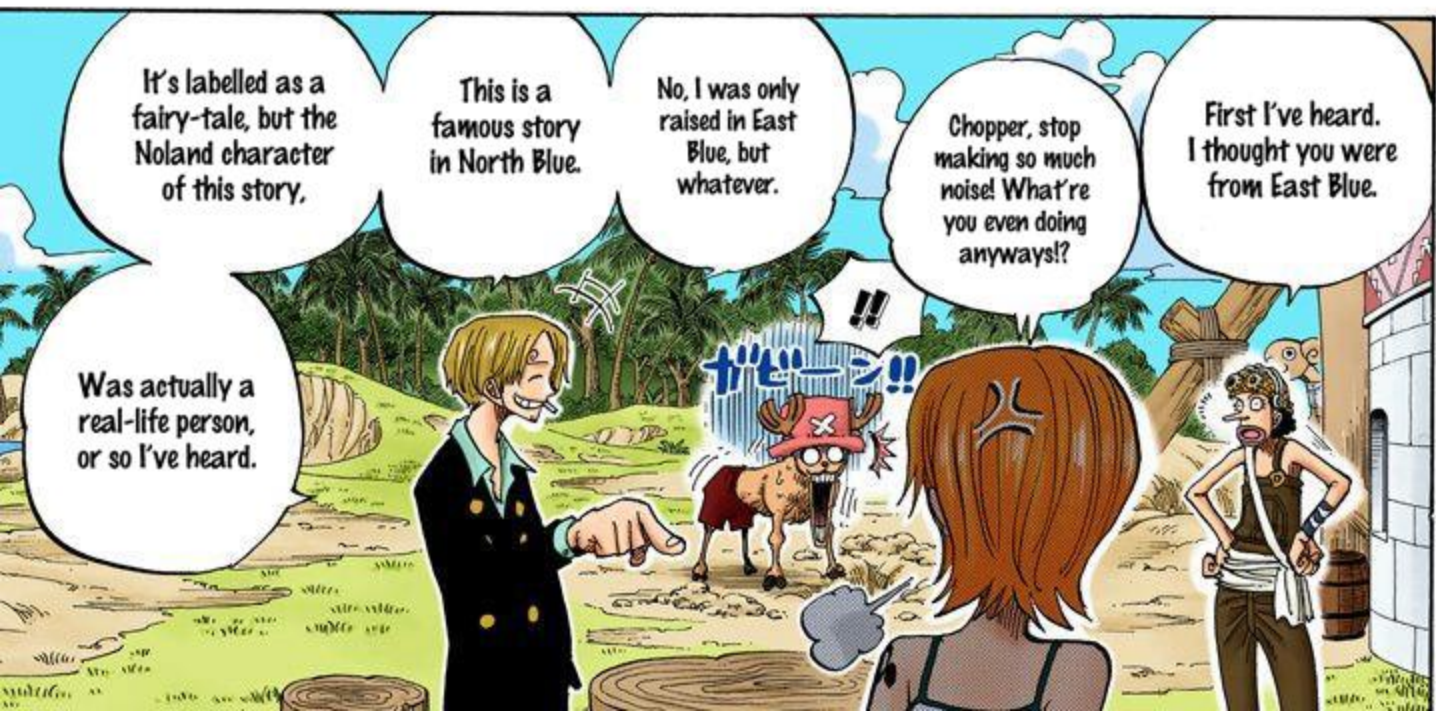
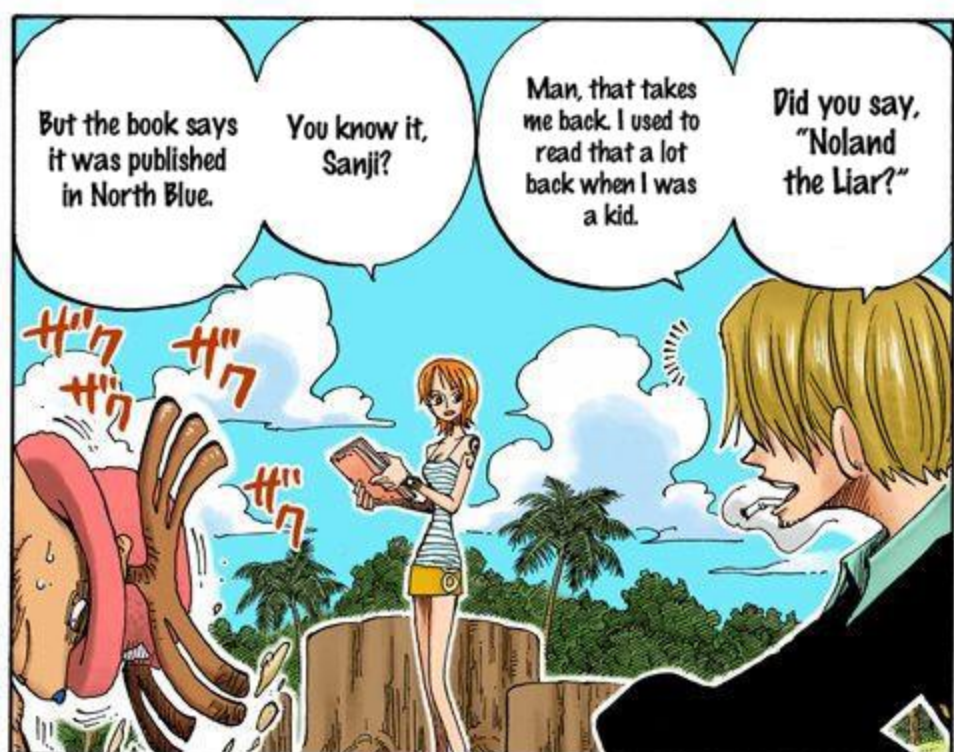
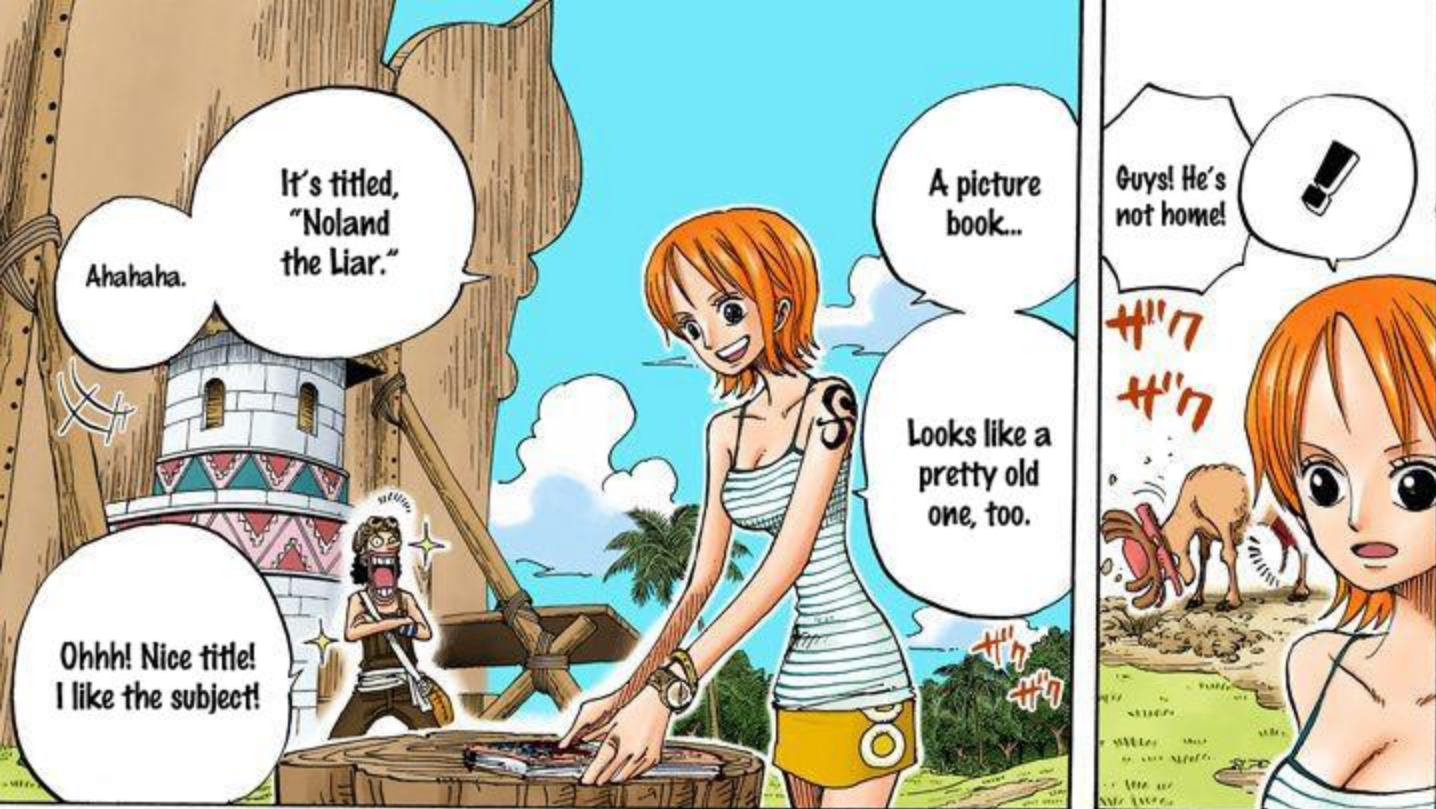














*A story from
over 400 years
from now...*

*This is a story
from long,
long ago,*

Hm...

***NOLAND THE LIAR**



*There lived a
man named
Montblanc
Noland.*

*In a certain
kingdom in
North Blue,*



*The towns-
people had
no idea
whether
Noland's
tales were
truth or
fiction.*

*Noland the
explorer was
always speaking
of his great
adventures so
grand and
unbelievable
that they
seemed like
lies.*

Noland
reported
to the
king thus:

One day,
upon
returning
from another
voyage,



To verify
Noland's
claim, the
brave king
took 2000
soldiers
with him,

On an island
in the Grand
Line, there is
a pile of
gold stacked
as high
as the
mountains.



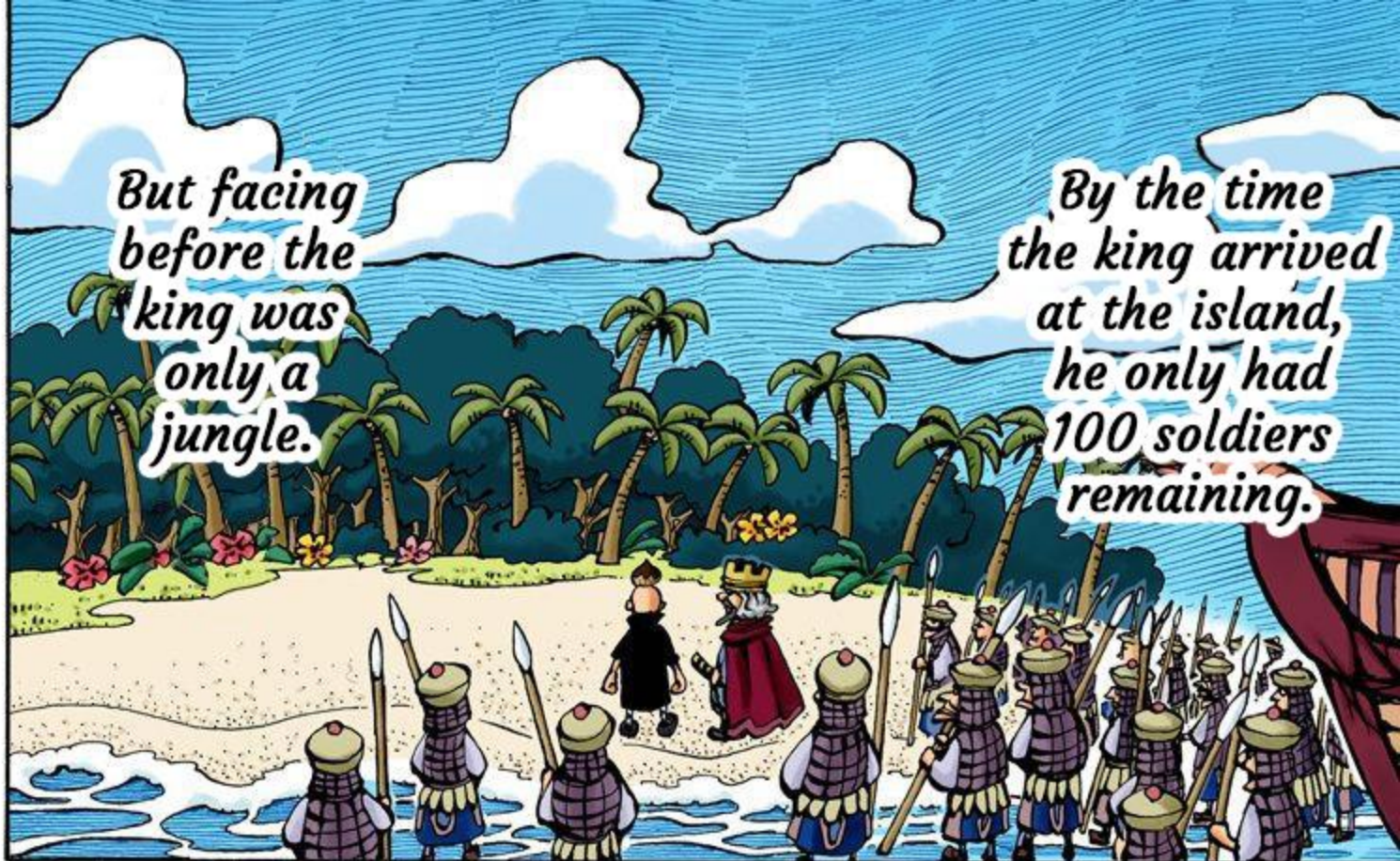
On his way
he battled
many sea
monsters and
overcame
fierce storms.

And
sailed
for the
Grand
Line.



But facing
before the
king was
only a
jungle.

By the time
the king arrived
at the island,
he only had
100 soldiers
remaining.



His final
words before
his execution
went like so...

Noland
put to death
for lying to
the king.

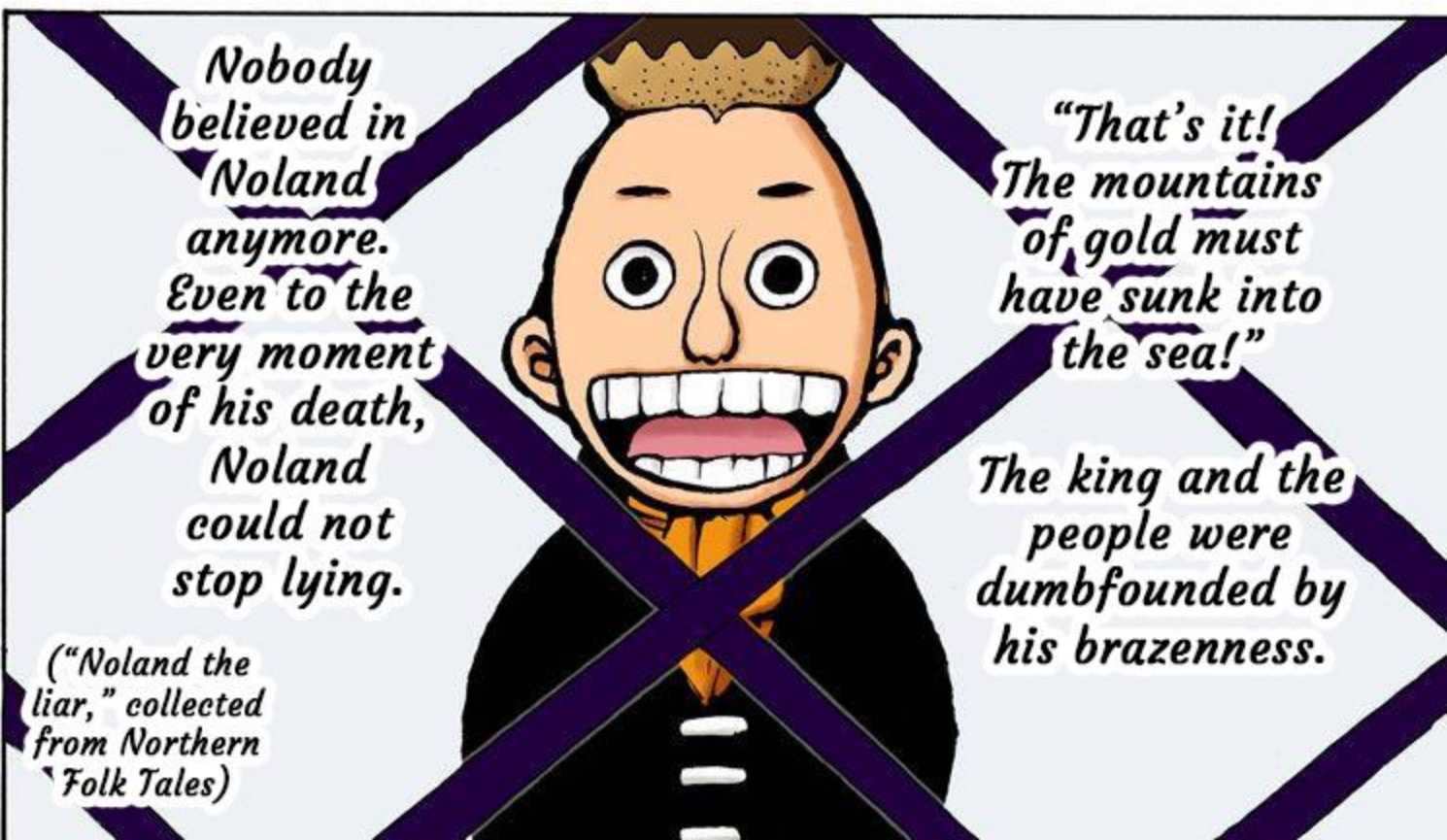


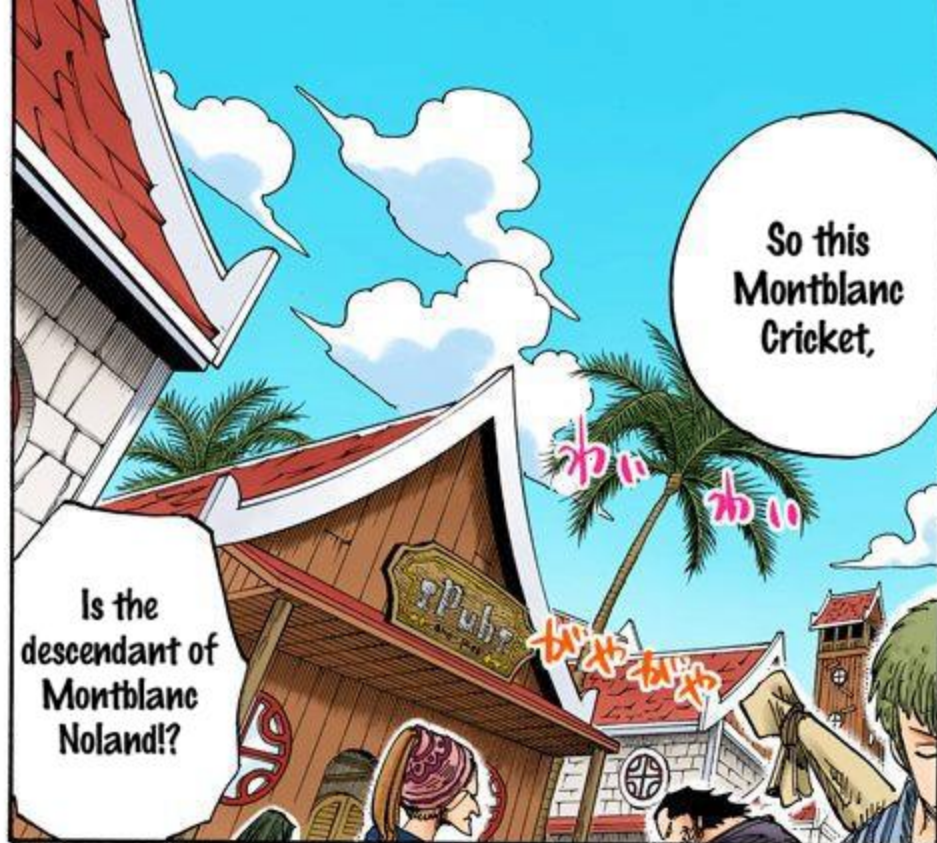
Nobody
believed in
Noland
anymore.
Even to the
very moment
of his death,
Noland
could not
stop lying.

"That's it!
The mountains
of gold must
have sunk into
the sea!"

The king and the
people were
dumbfounded by
his brazenness.

("Noland the
liar," collected
from Northern
Folk Tales)



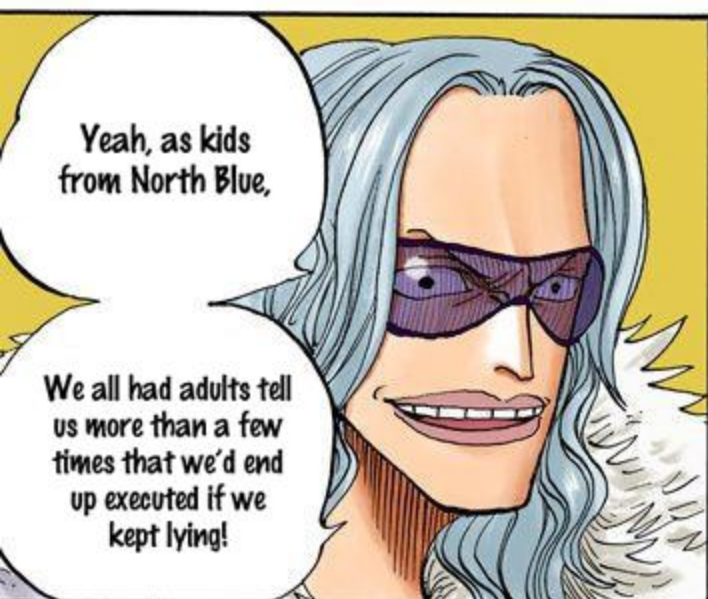


Is the descendant of Montblanc Noland!?

So this Montblanc Cricket,

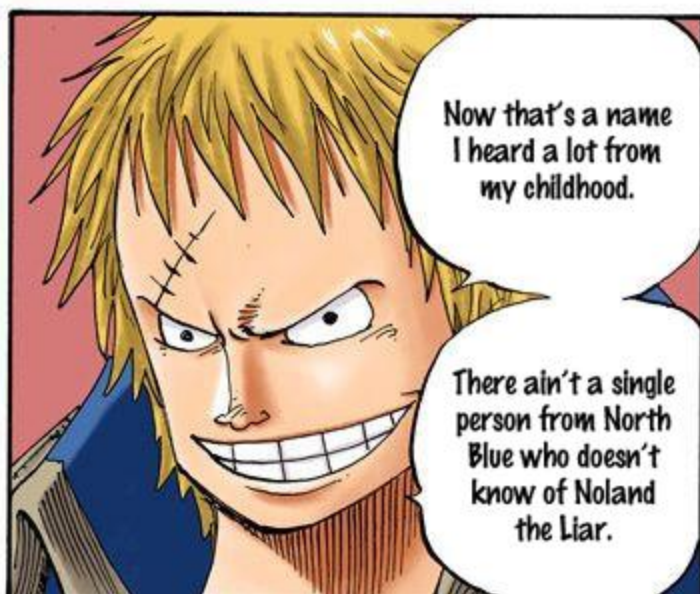
Mocktown

HAHA
HAHA
HAHA!



Yeah, as kids from North Blue,

We all had adults tell us more than a few times that we'd end up executed if we kept lying!



Now that's a name I heard a lot from my childhood.

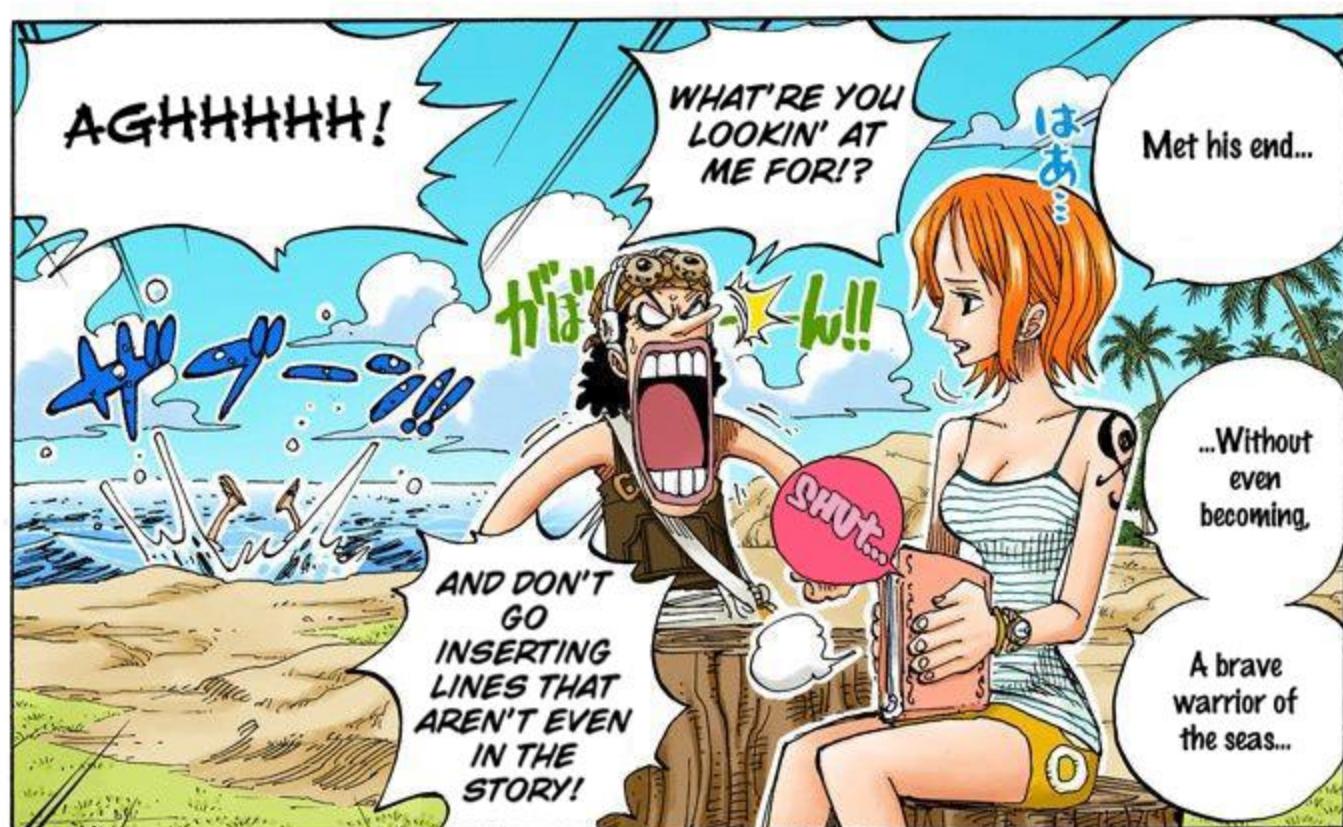
There ain't a single person from North Blue who doesn't know of Noland the Liar.



To think that Jaya was the famous island from the story!

Things are gettin' even more interesting!

HAHA
HAHA!





**USOPP! GET
LUFFY OUTTA
THE WATER!**

The seas
around here are
my territory.

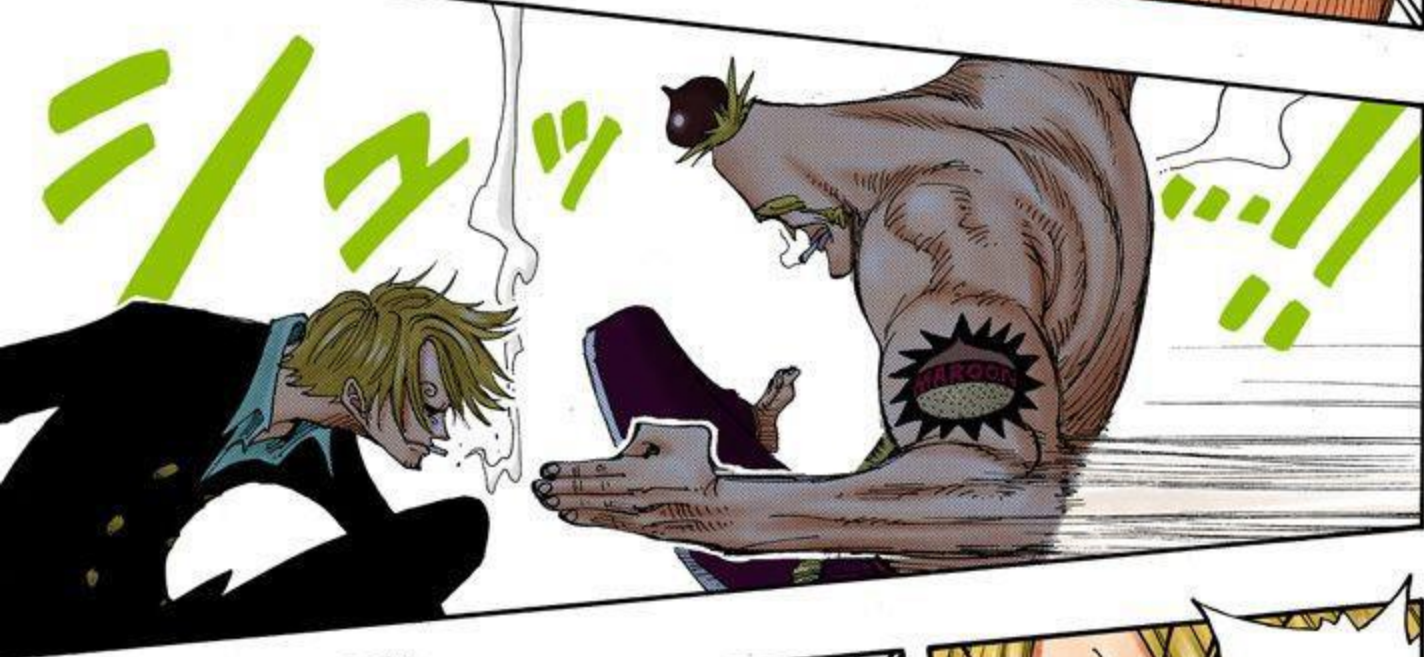
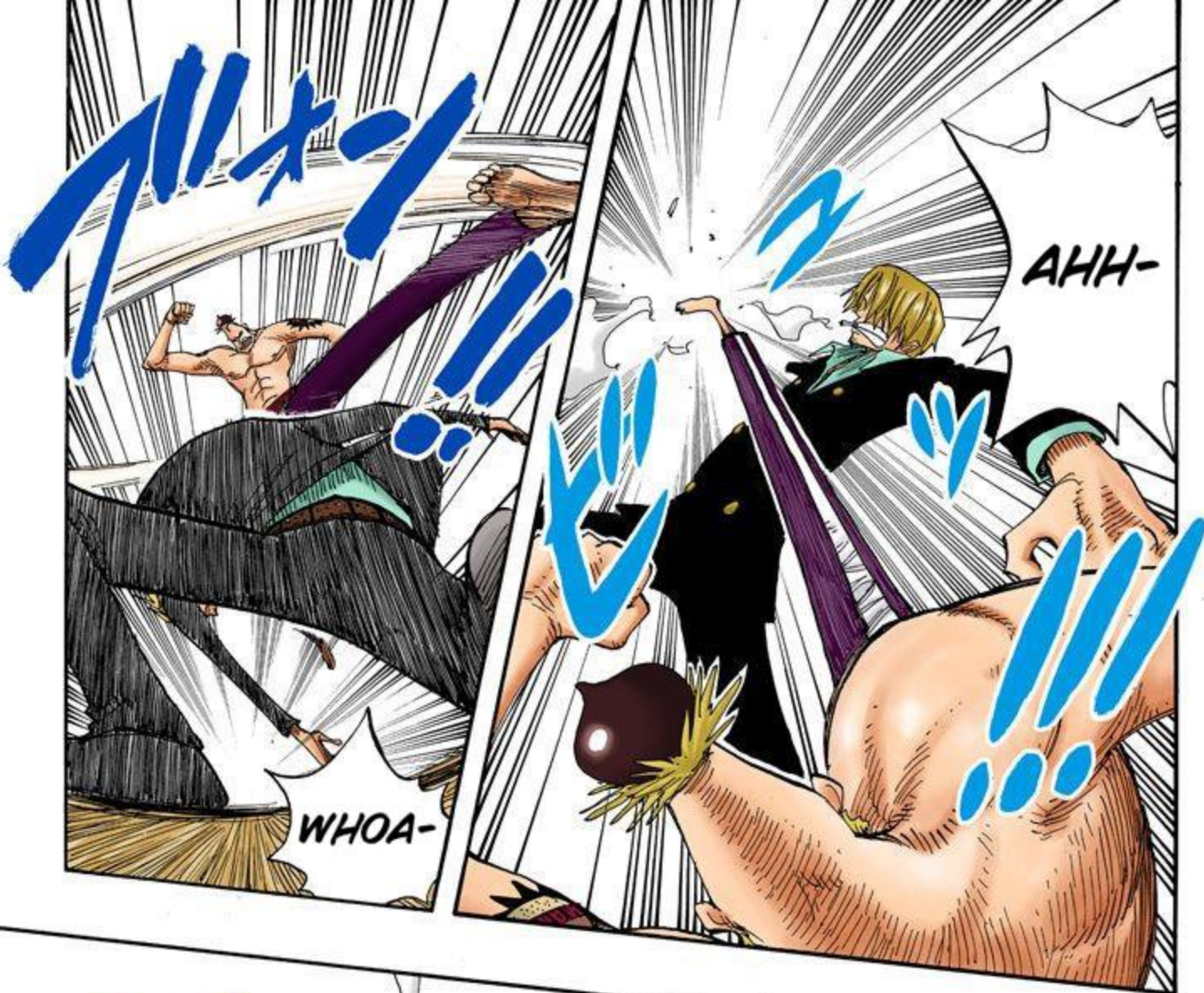
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You've got some guts
barging in another
man's house and
making yourself at
home.

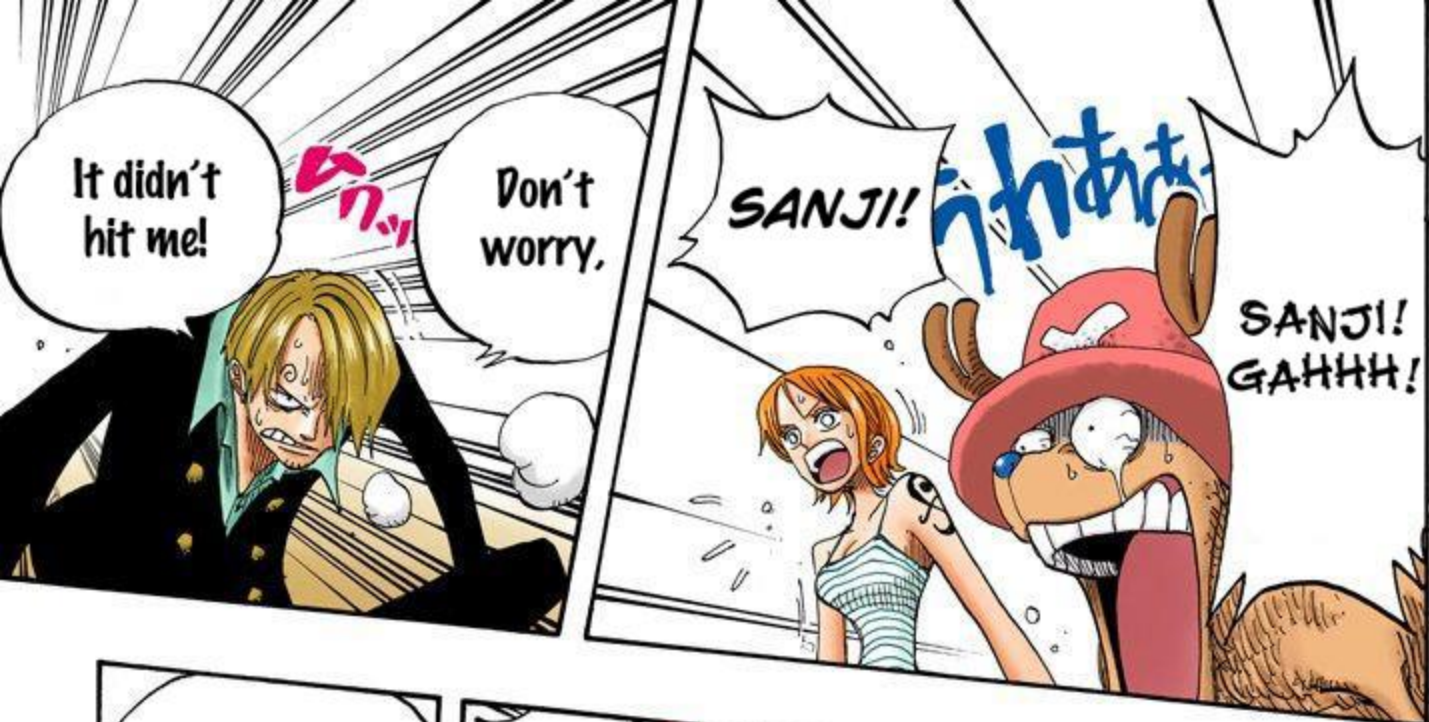
**Last Boss
Of the "Saruyama Alliance"
Montblanc Cricket**

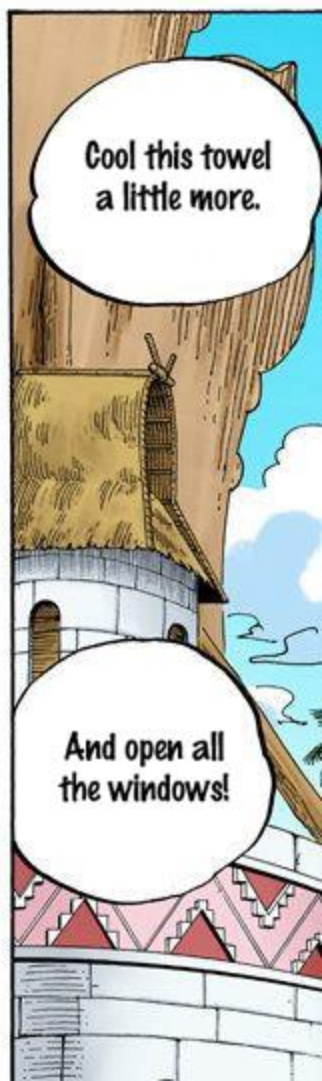
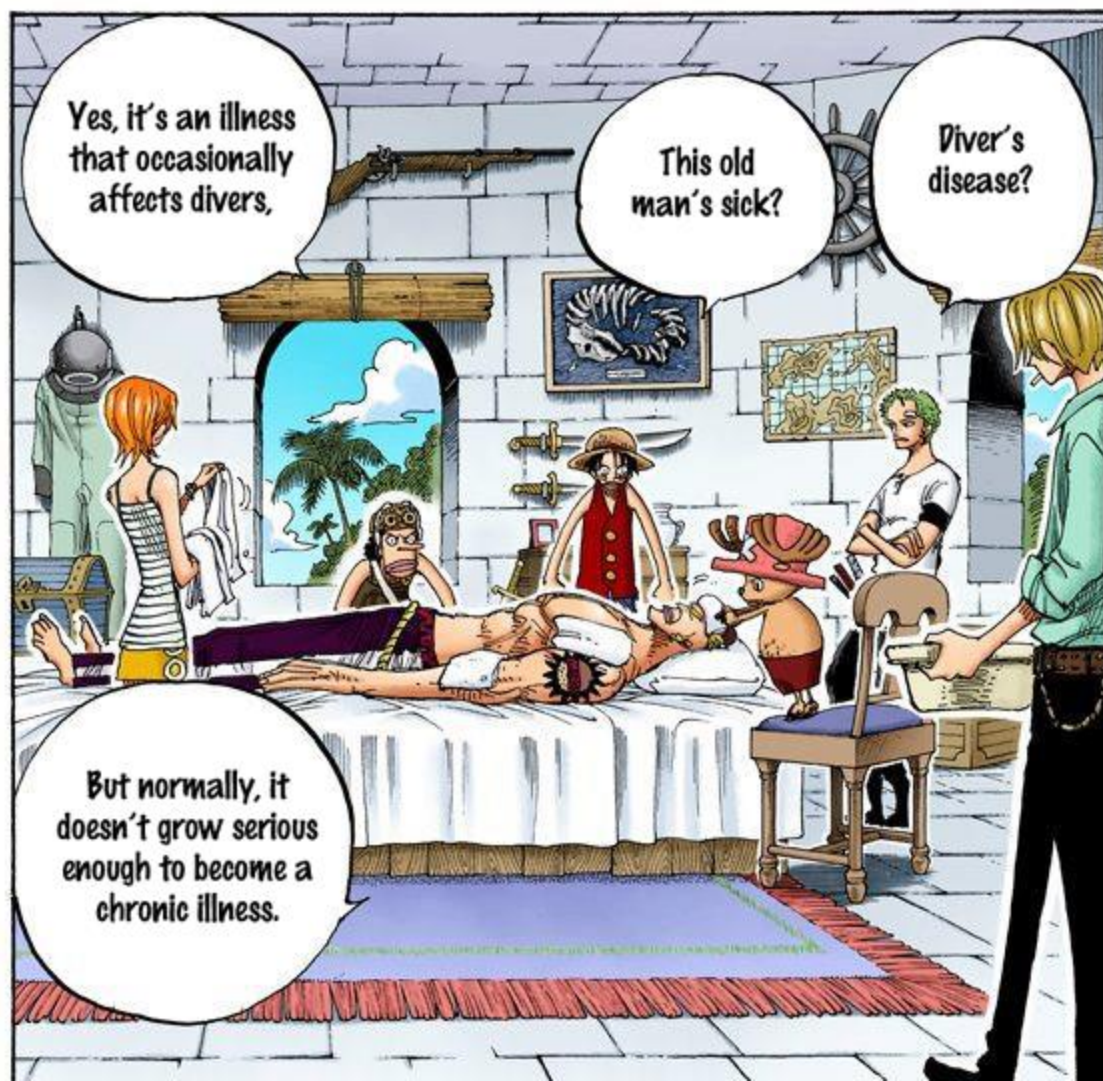
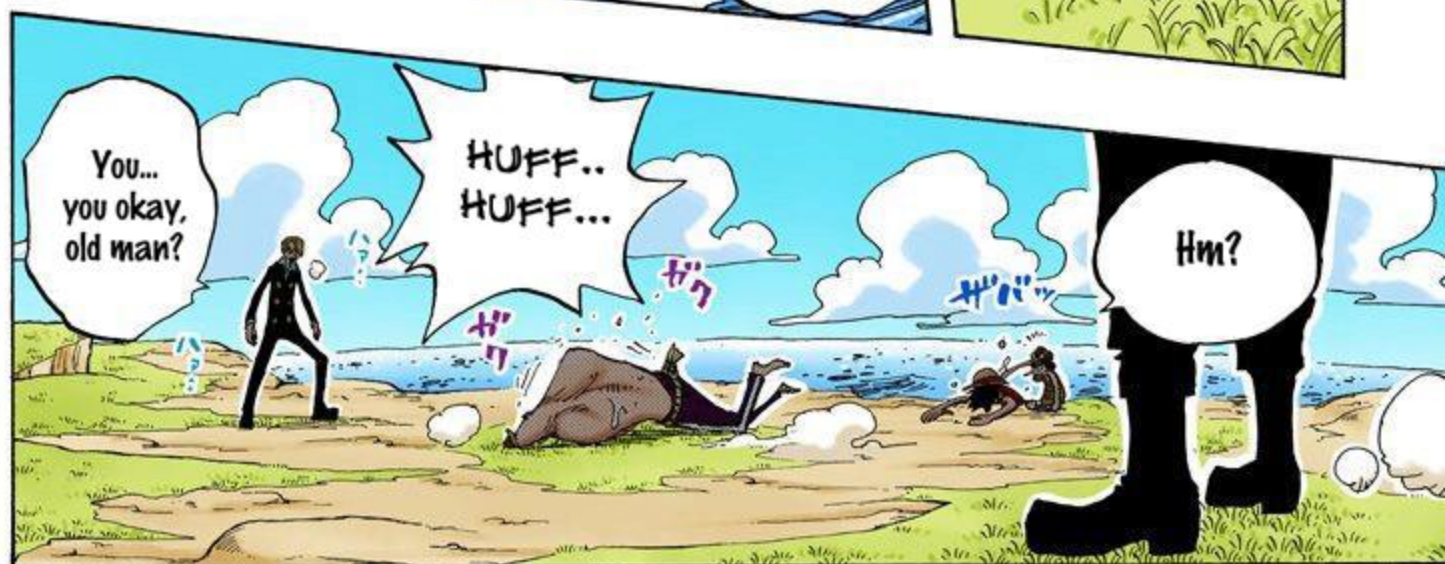
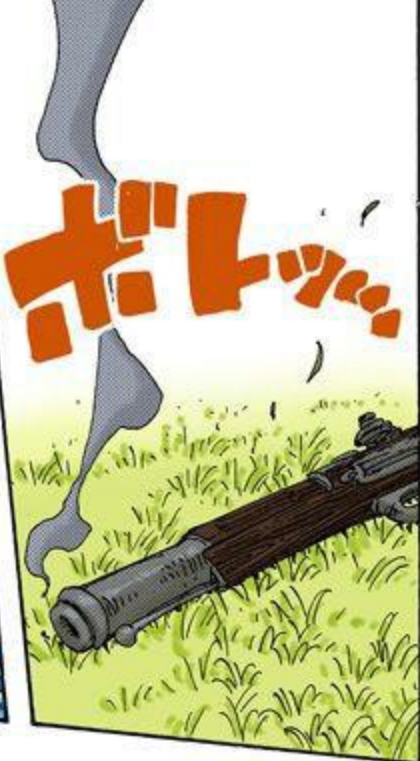
**OVER MY
DEAD BODY,
YOU WILL...**

**YOU'VE
COME FOR
MY GOLD,
HAVEN'T
YOU?**









As the formed bubbles collect in blood streams and tissues, they cause pain and distress in the muscles, joints, and blood vessels.

Oh, so it's sort of a magic disease.

The cause is the sudden drop in pressure when rising from deep below the sea to the surface.

This drop in pressure destabilizes the dissolved gases in the human body, forming bubbles.

What could have driven him to this?

That the bubbles didn't have enough time to disappear naturally.

This person must have been diving so frequently,

Diver's disease can even lead to death.

I don't know... but it's very dangerous.

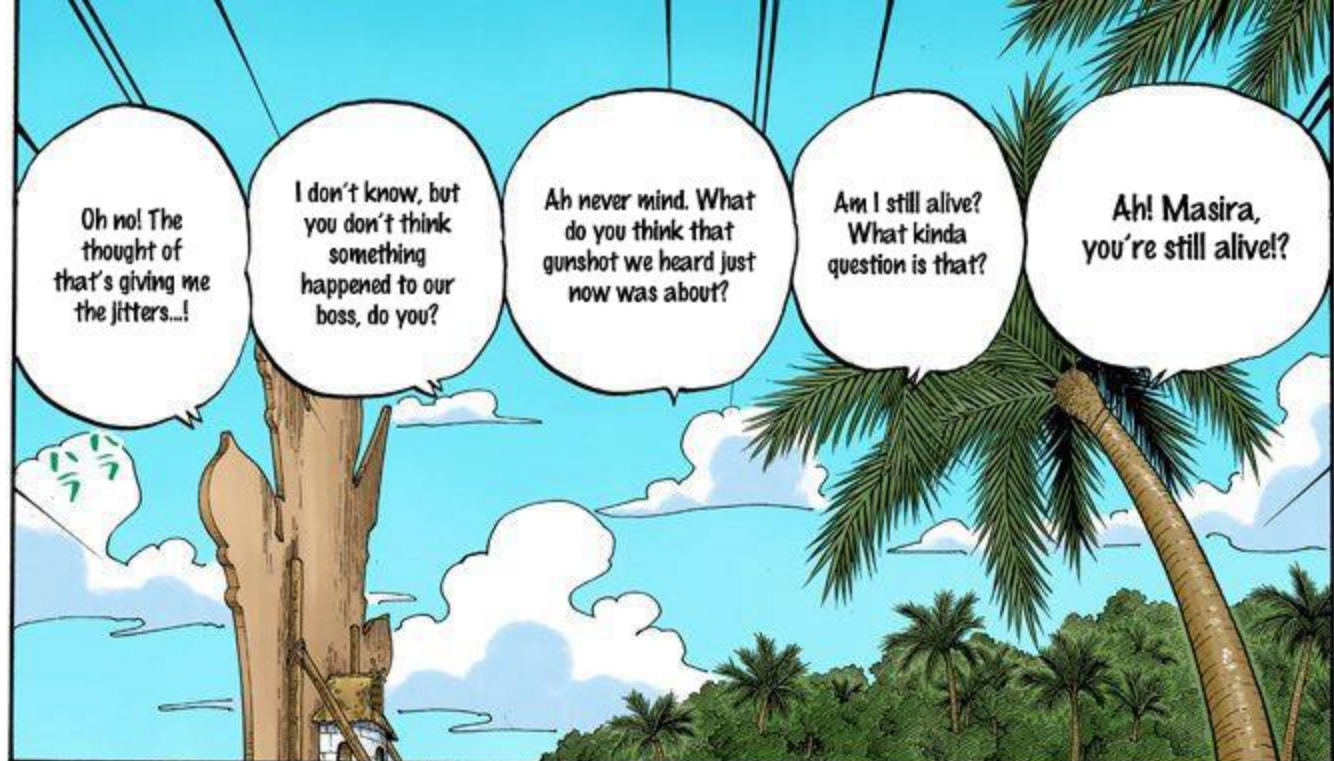
Depending on the severity,

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Last Boss of the Saruyama Alliance, Montblanc Cricket



HATCHAN'S SEA-FLOOR STROLL VOL. 40 (END):
"GRAND OPENING OF TAKOYAKI '8"



Oh no! The thought of that's giving me the jitters...!

I don't know, but you don't think something happened to our boss, do you?

Ah never mind. What do you think that gunshot we heard just now was about?

Am I still alive? What kinda question is that?

Ah! Masira, you're still alive!?

BOOOOOSSSS!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?



ばーん!!





LUFFY, YOU IDIOT!
YOU CAN'T REASON
WITH THEM, THEY'RE
WILD BEASTS!
EVERYONE,
EVACUATE THROUGH
THE WINDOWS ASAP!

What, you guys
again? We're
treating the sick
old man so scram.



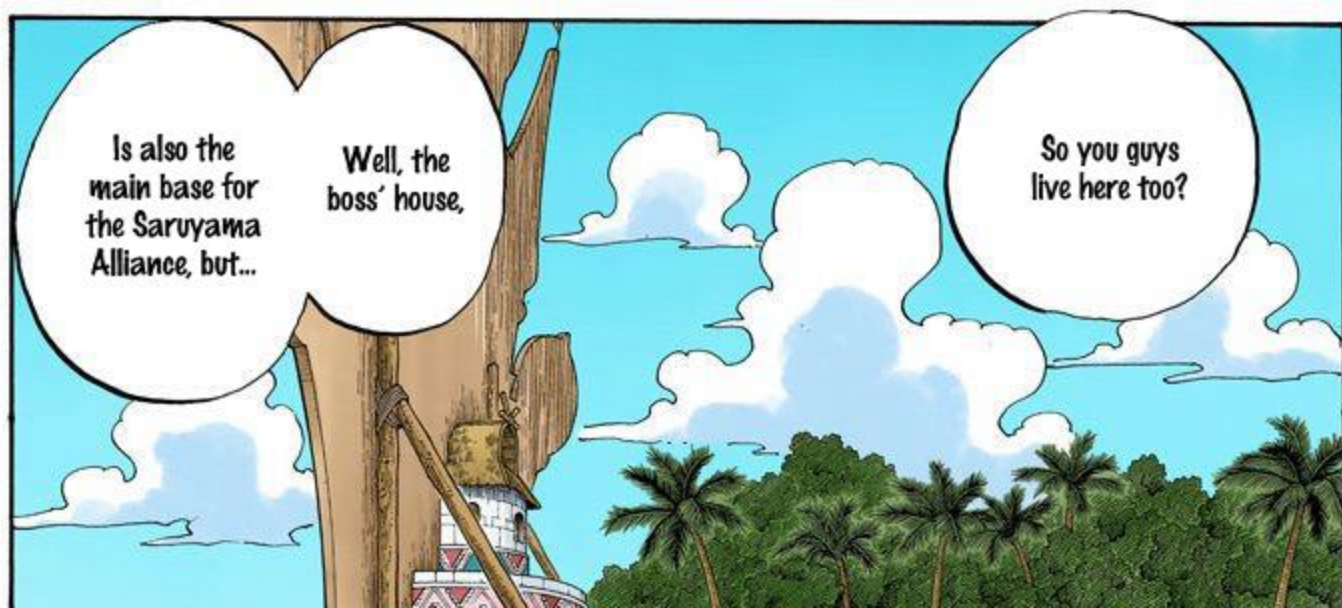
WHAT DID
YOU DO
TO OUR
BOSS!?

JUST
WHAT'RE
YOU DOING
HERE!?



THEY'RE...
THEY'RE GOOD
PEOPLE...!

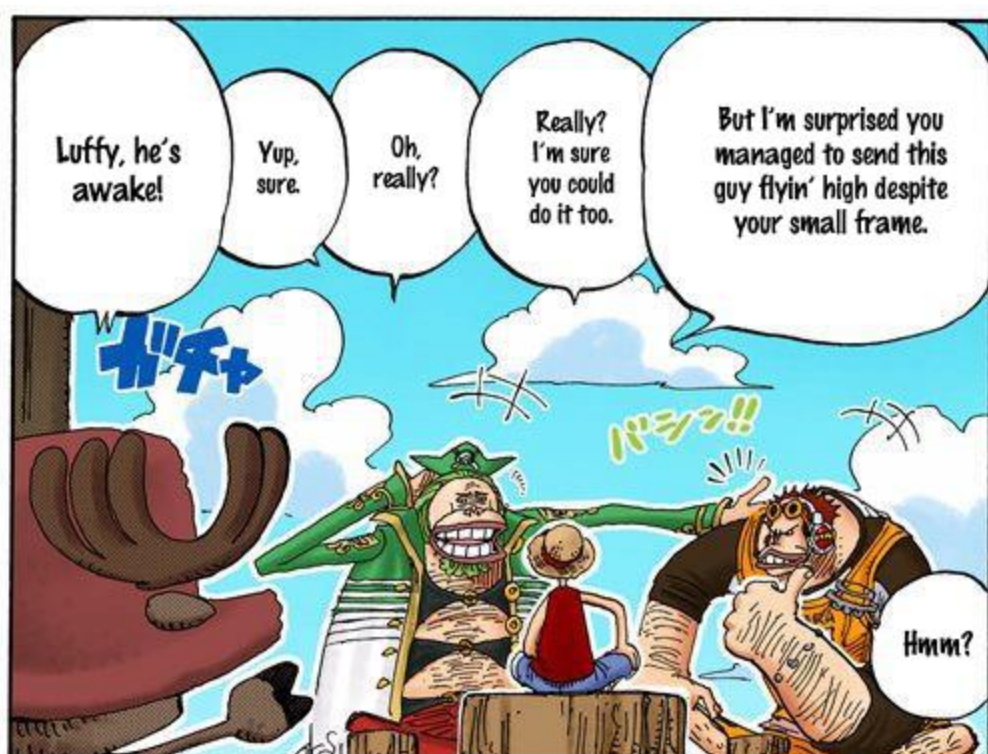
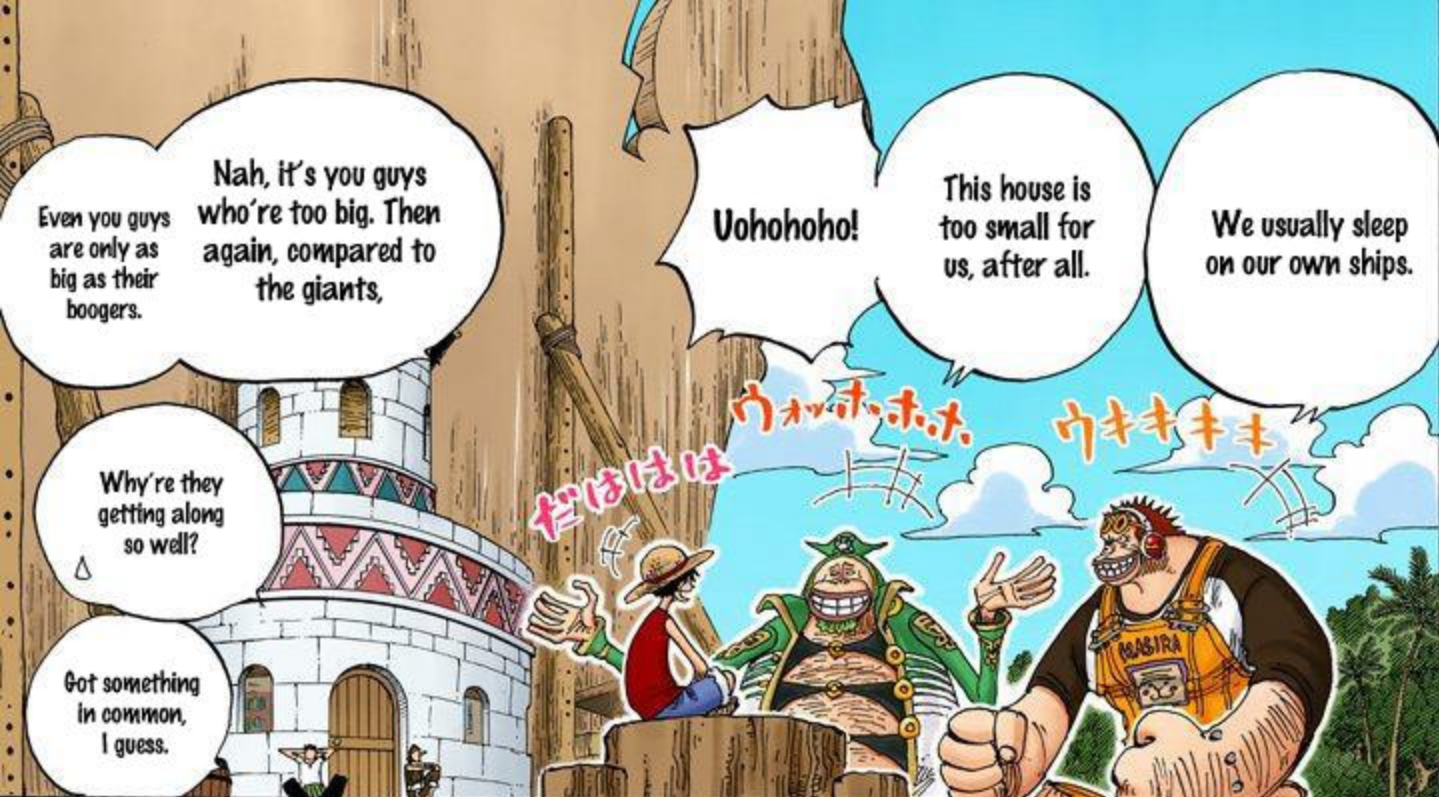
IT
WORKED!?



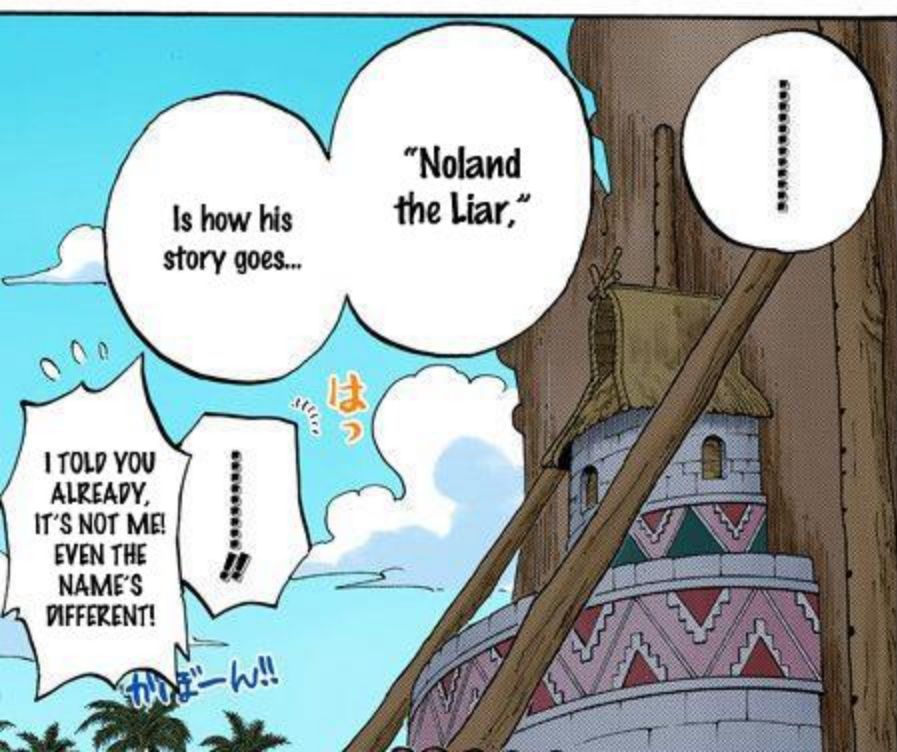
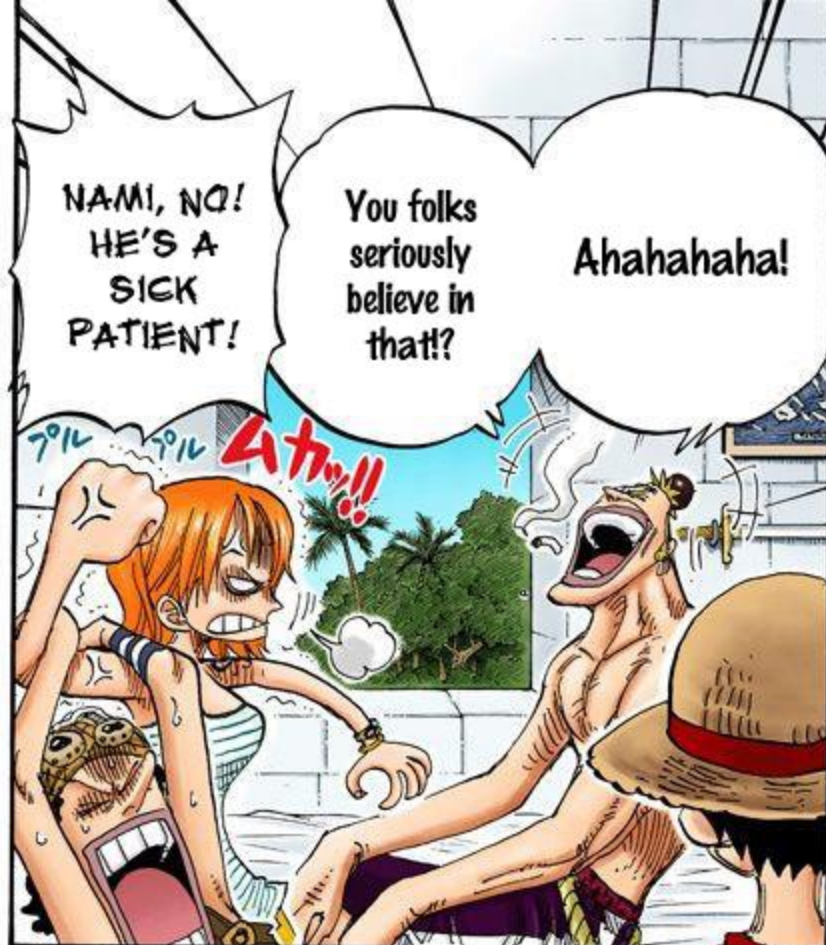
Is also the
main base for
the Saruyama
Alliance, but...

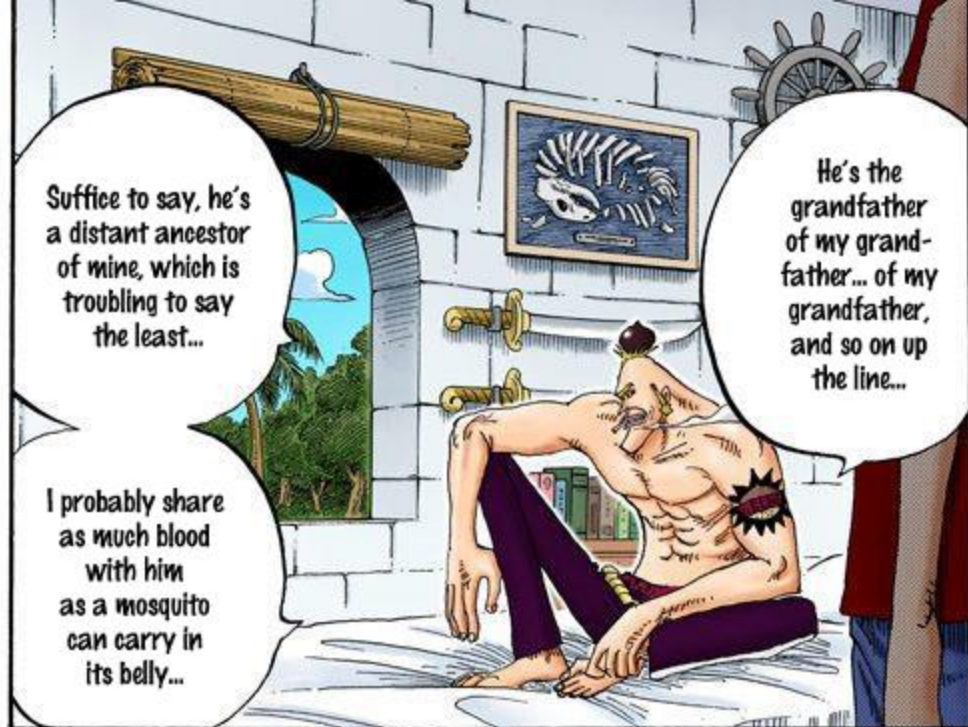
Well, the
boss' house,

So you guys
live here too?









Suffice to say, he's a distant ancestor of mine, which is troubling to say the least...

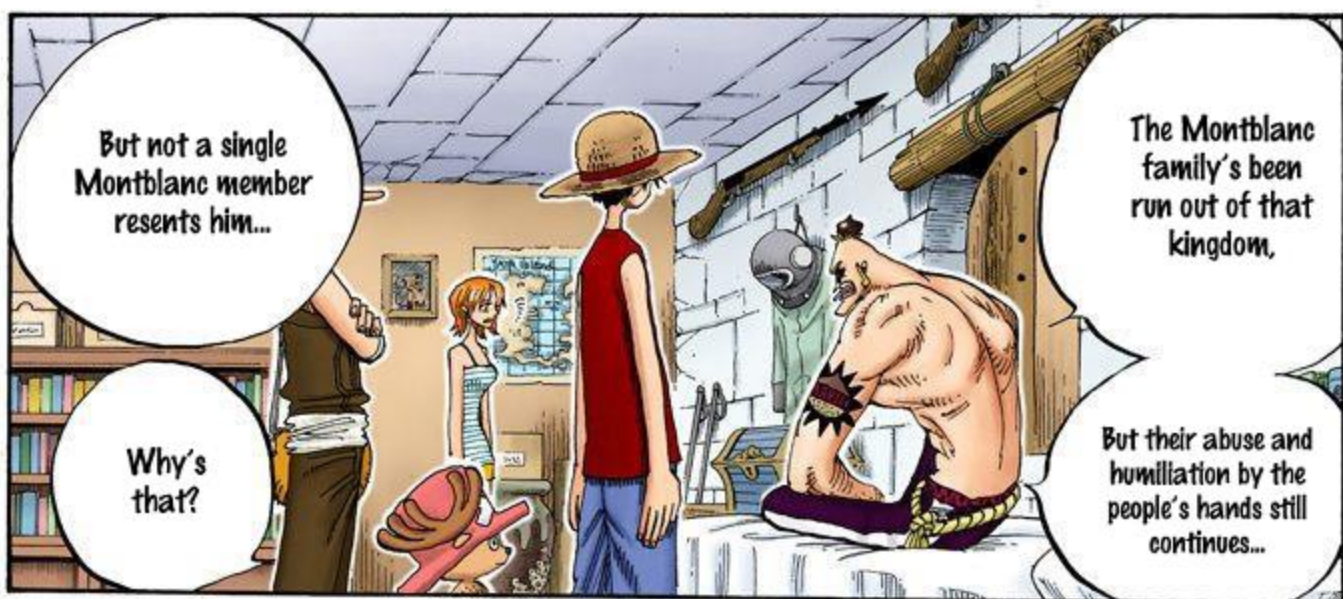
I probably share as much blood with him as a mosquito can carry in its belly...

He's the grandfather of my grandfather... of my grandfather, and so on up the line...



And this island is the very island in the story!?

You're his descendant!?

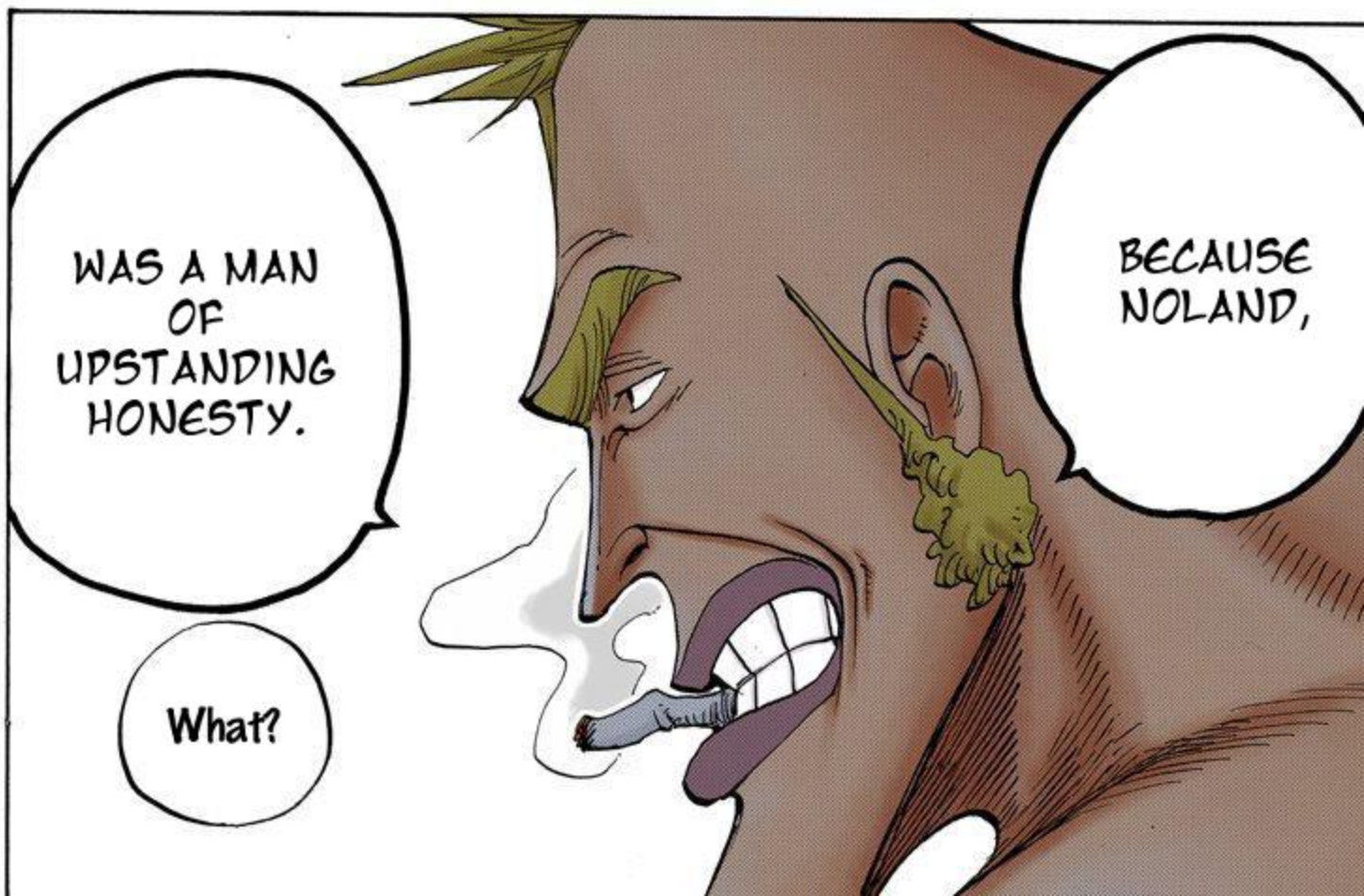


But not a single Montblanc member resents him...

Why's that?

The Montblanc family's been run out of that kingdom,

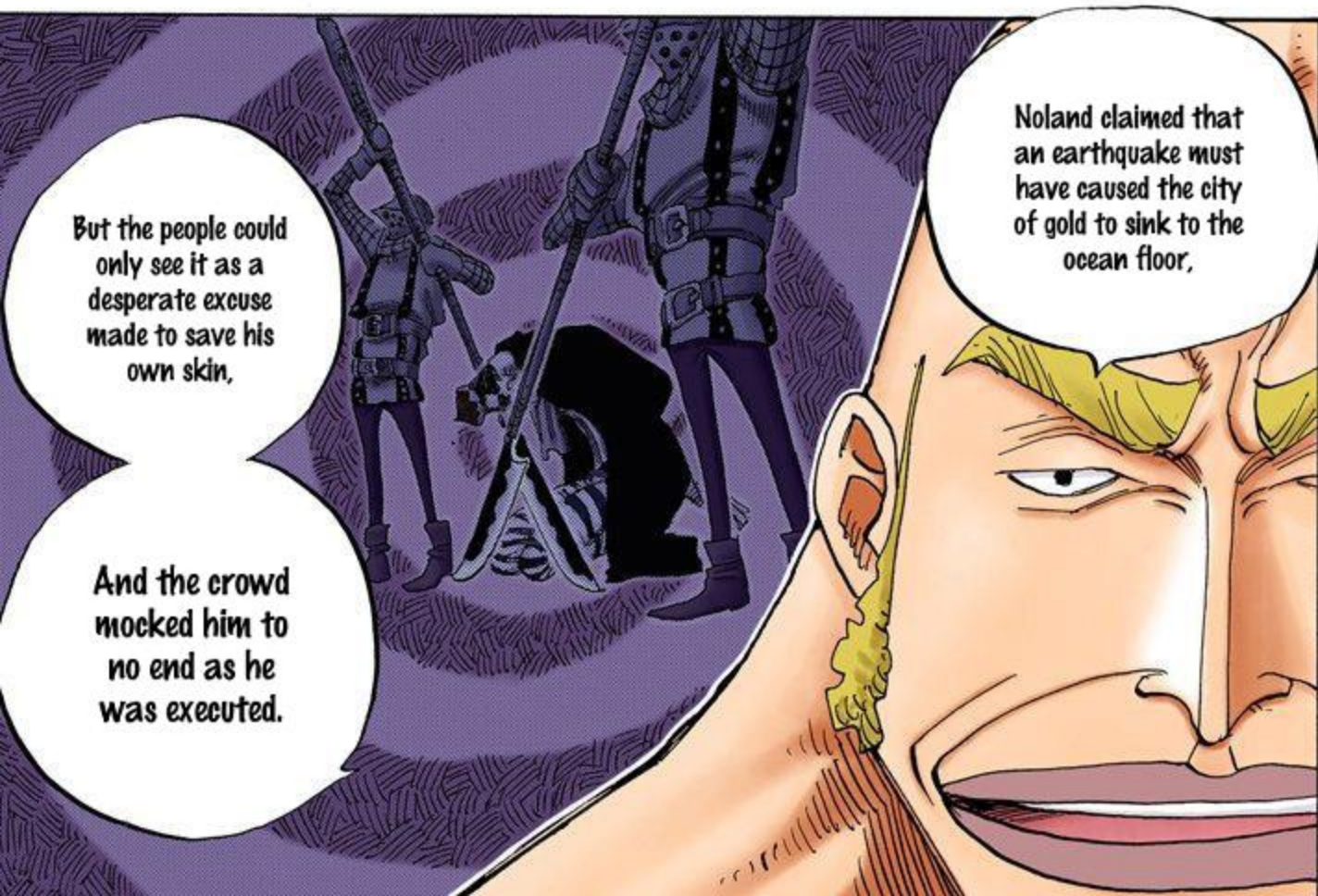
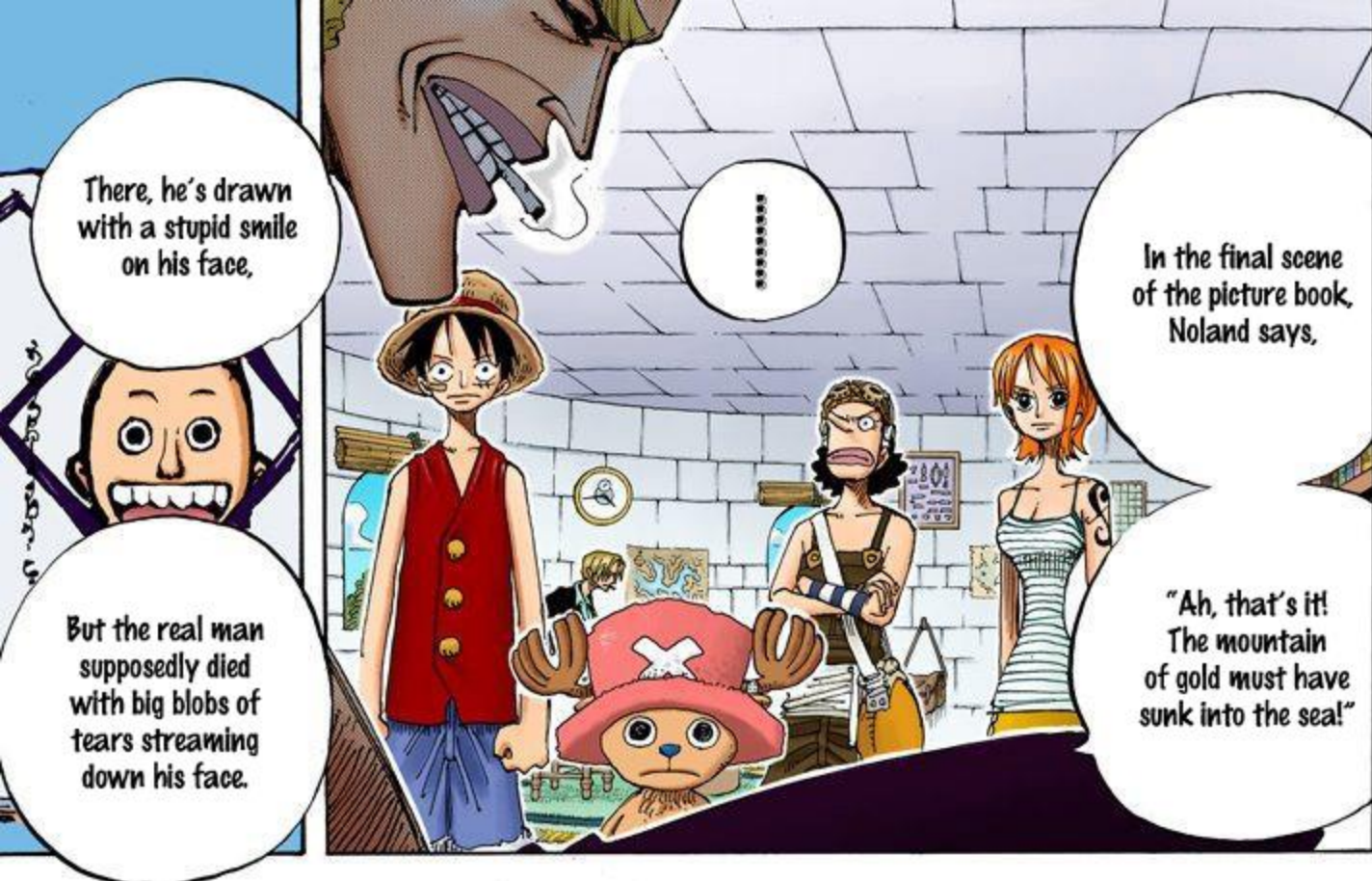
But their abuse and humiliation by the people's hands still continues...

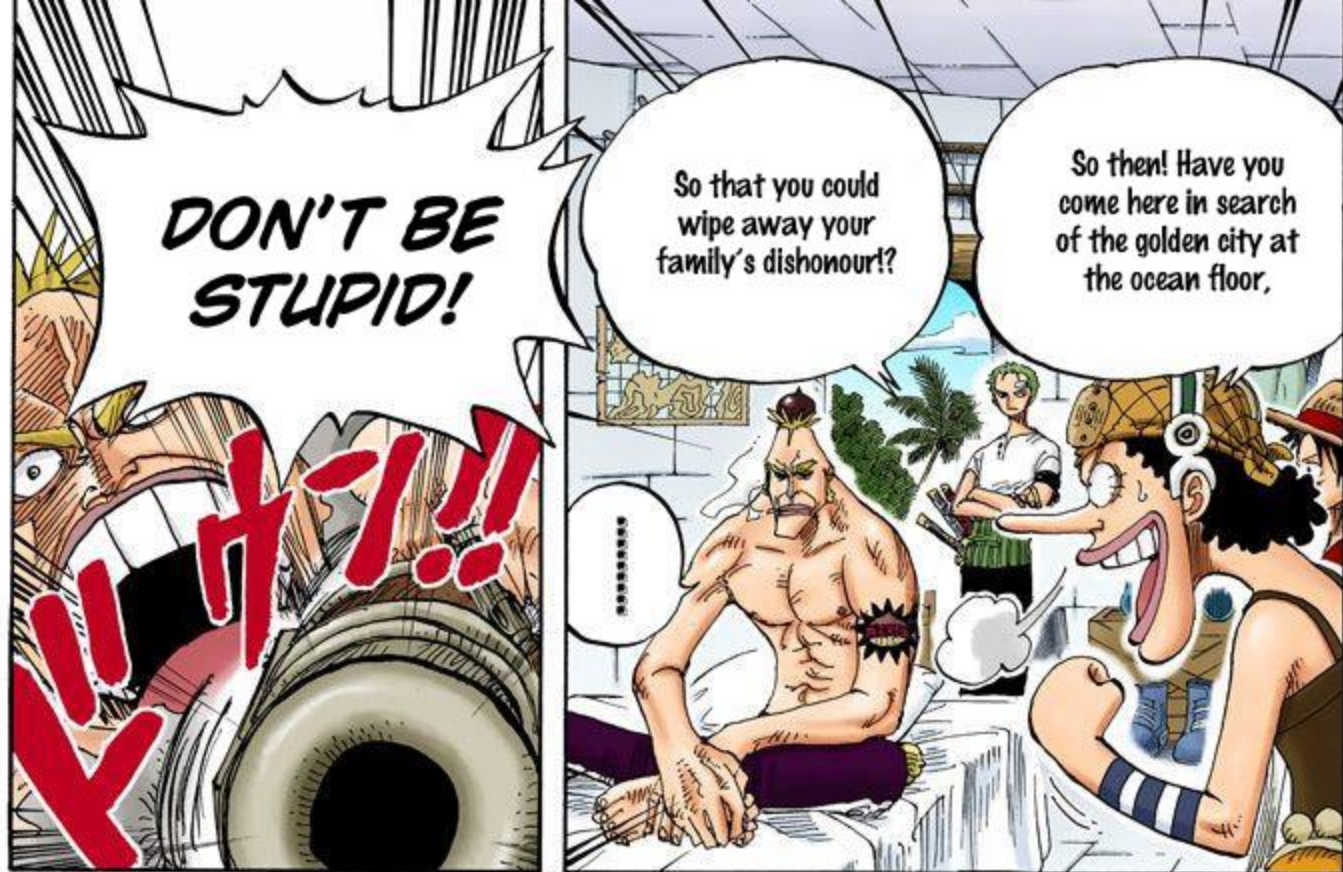


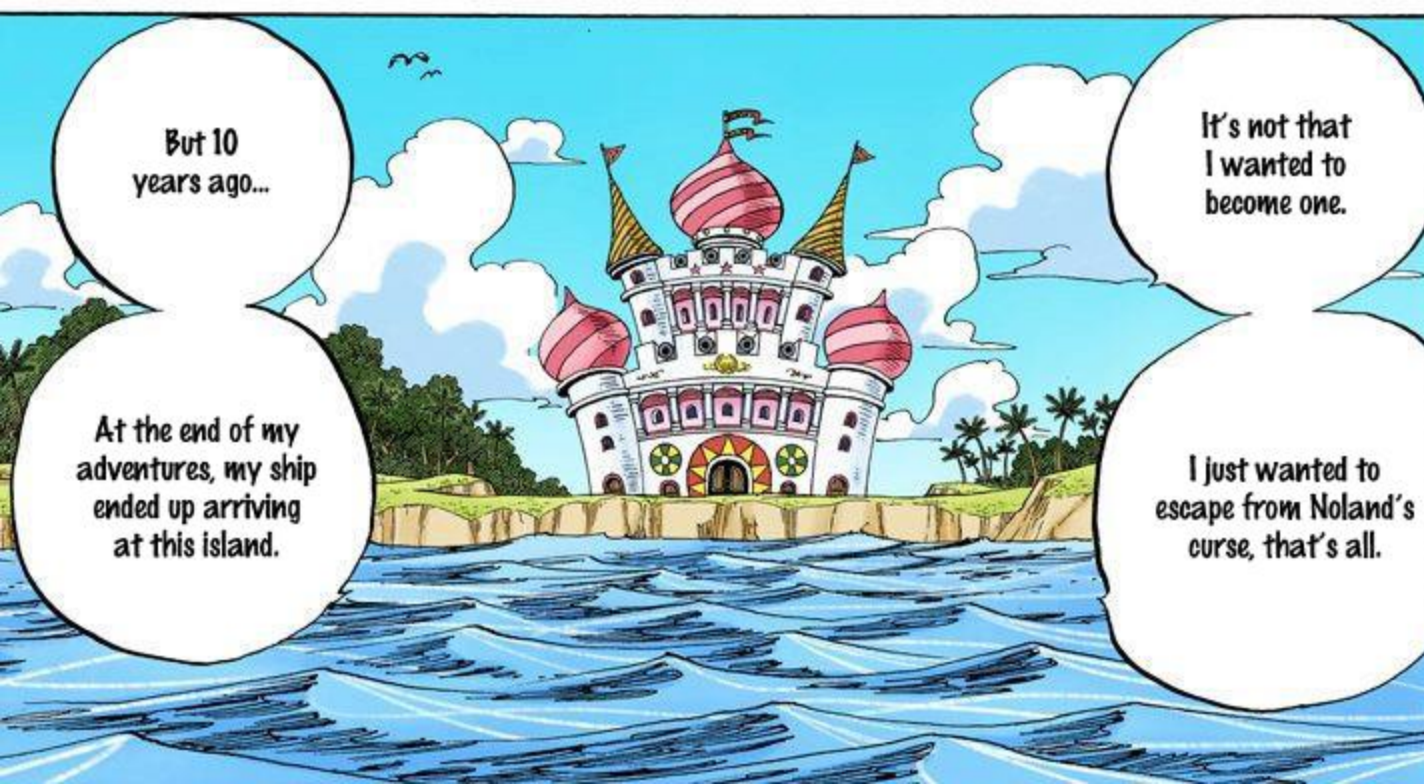
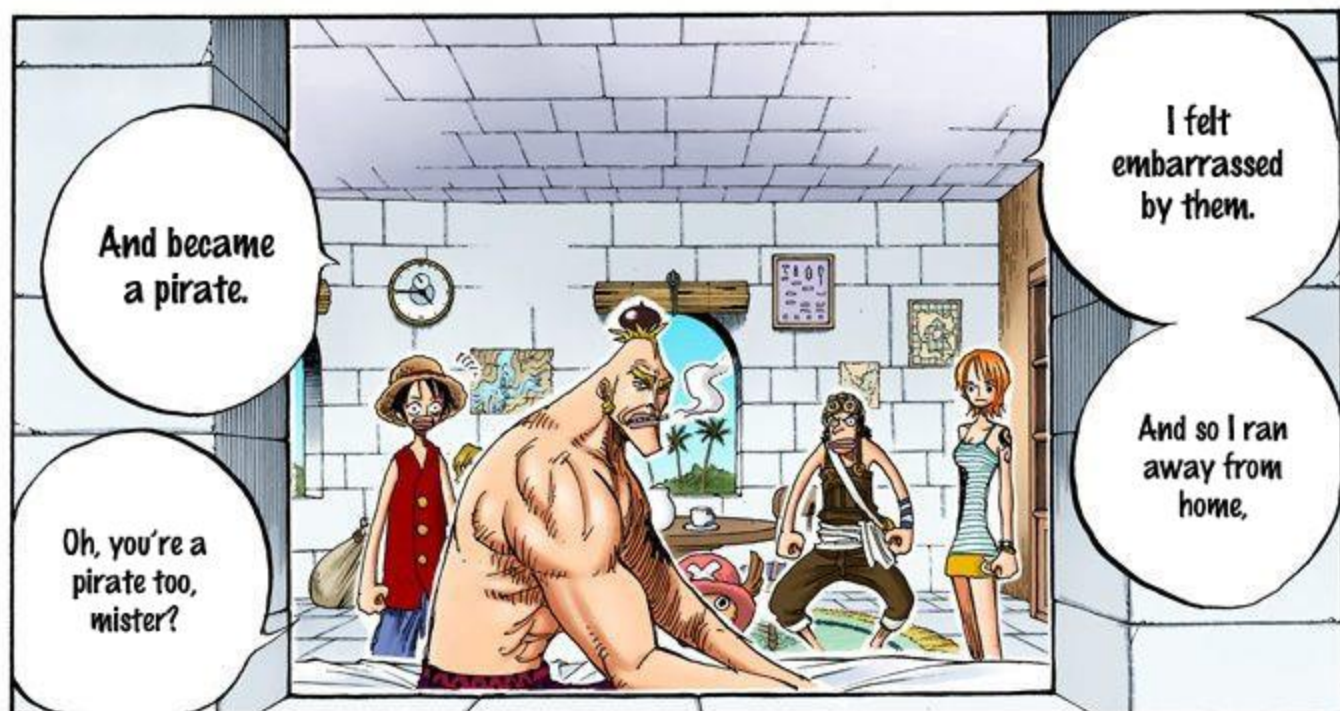
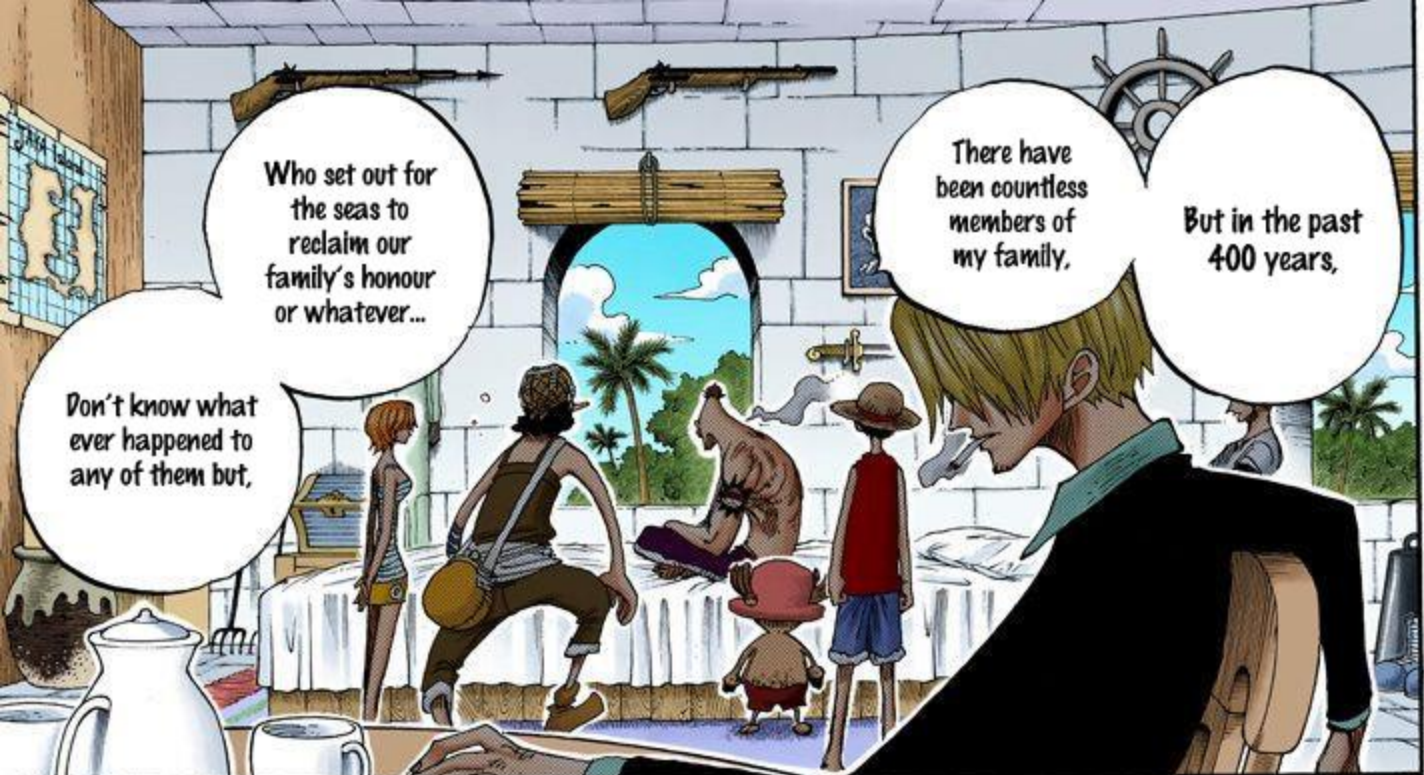
WAS A MAN OF UPSTANDING HONESTY.

What?

BECAUSE NOLAND,









As I stood on the cape of
this island that didn't even
bear the slightest trace of
a golden city,

Oddly enough, me,
the one who
despised Noland
the most in my
family,

I figured it must be
fate... And that I could
run away no longer.

Was the only
one that was
able to arrive
to this island.



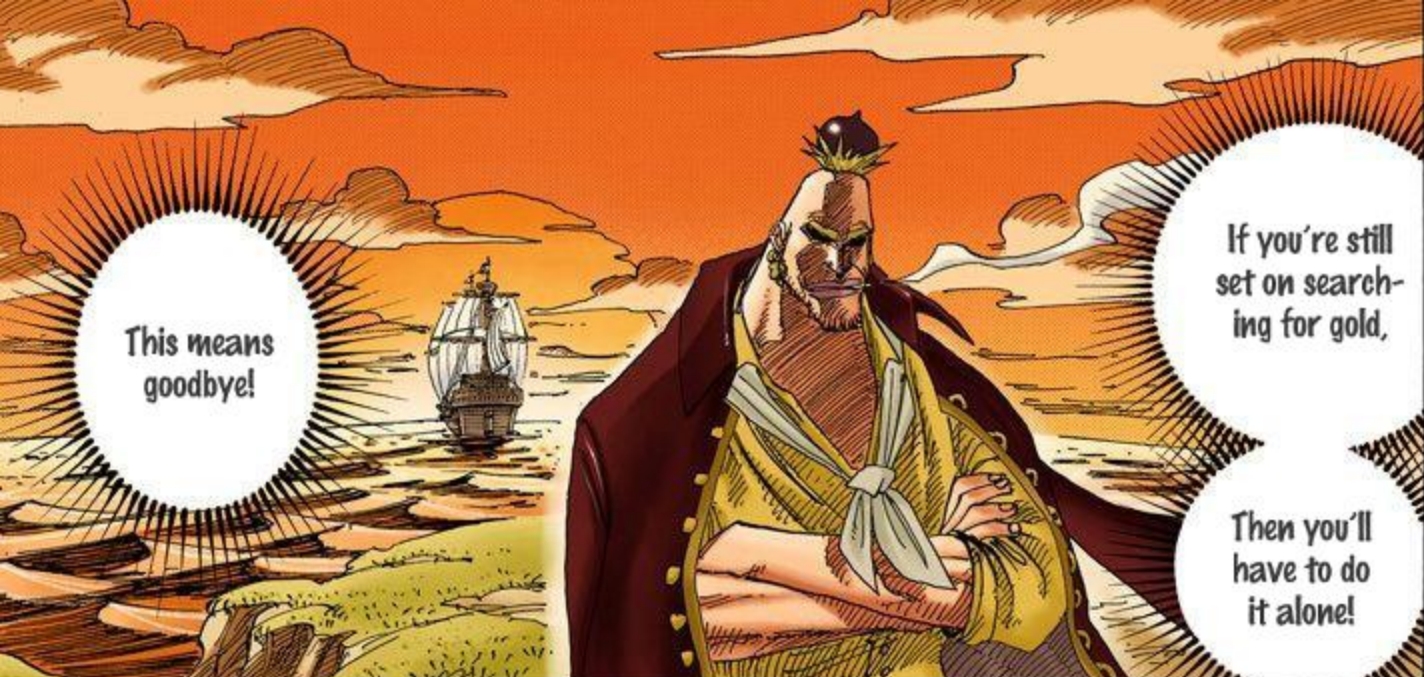
LET'S
SETTLE
THIS,

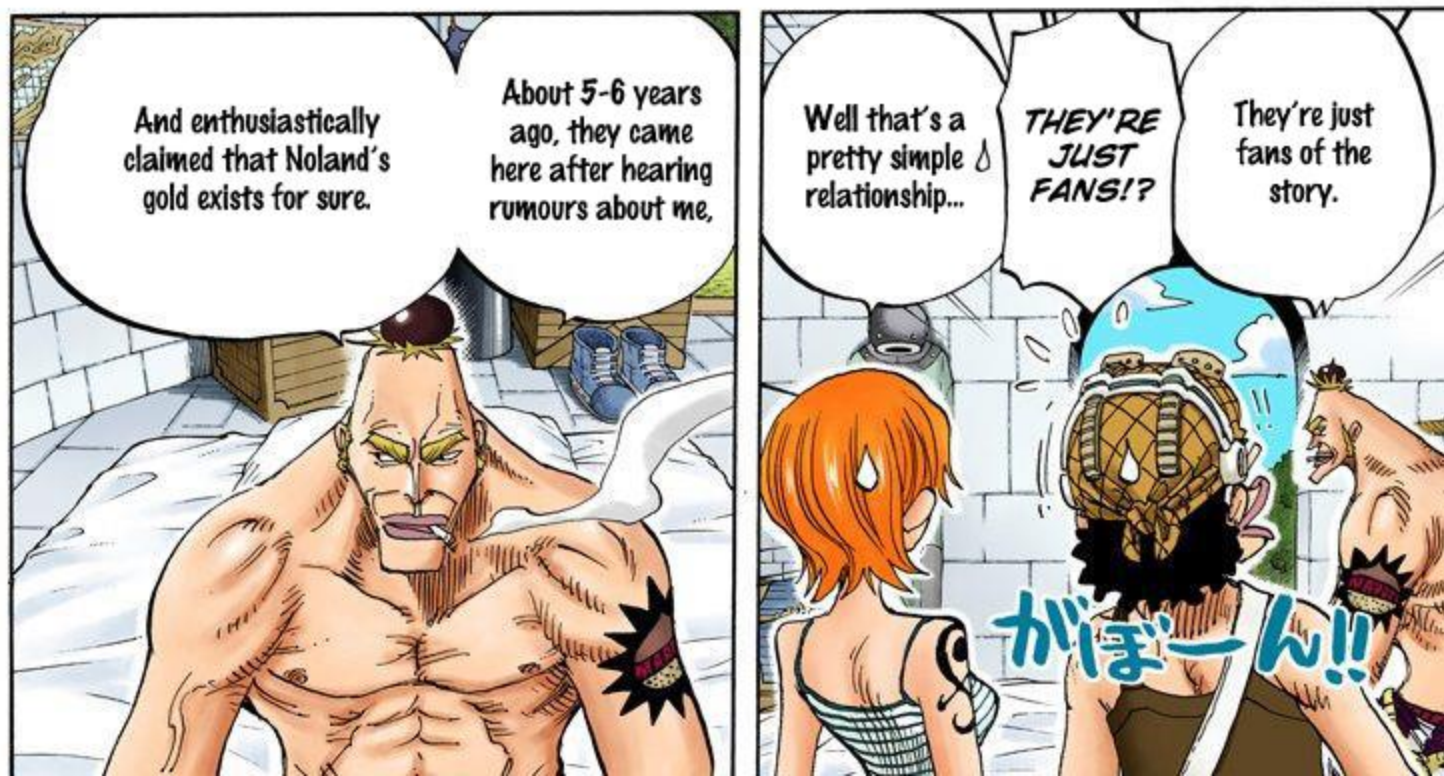
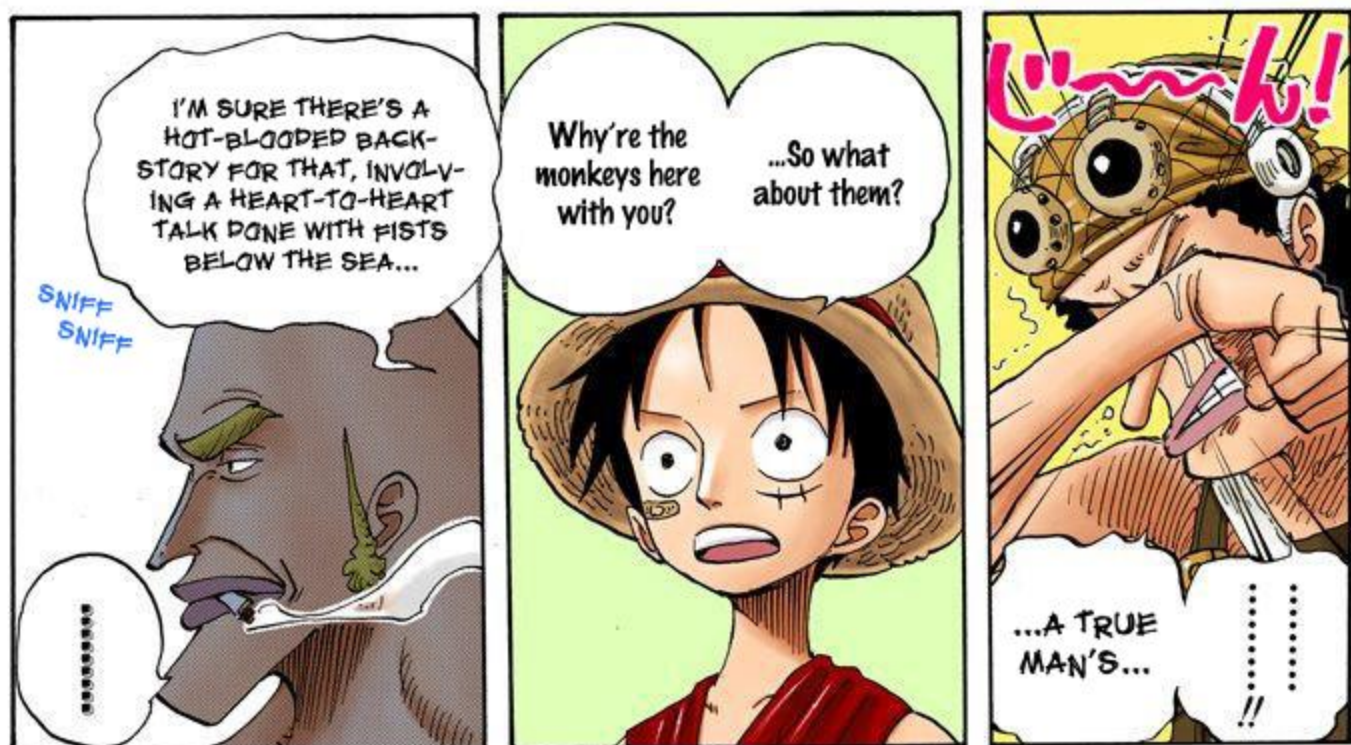
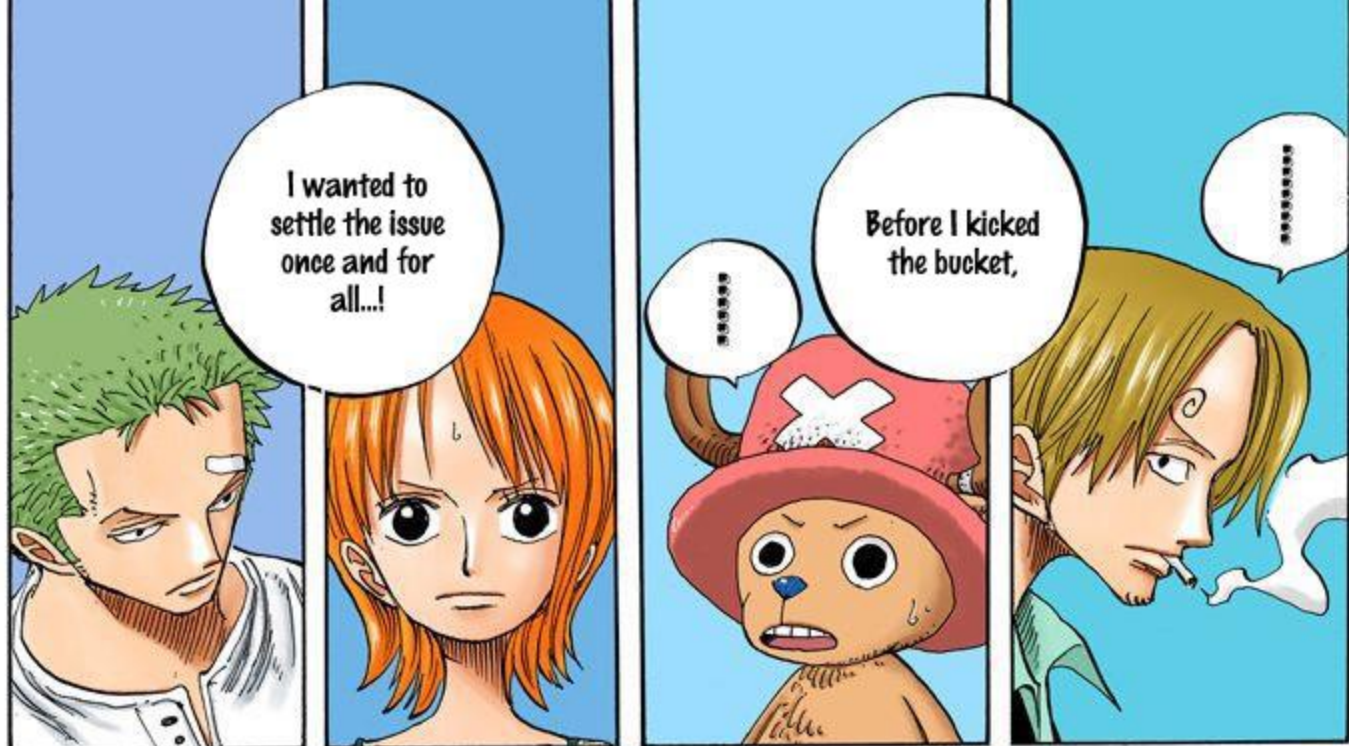
NOLAND.



Captain... We've got
no desire to get
involved with your
family's problems!

What kind of
joke is this!?





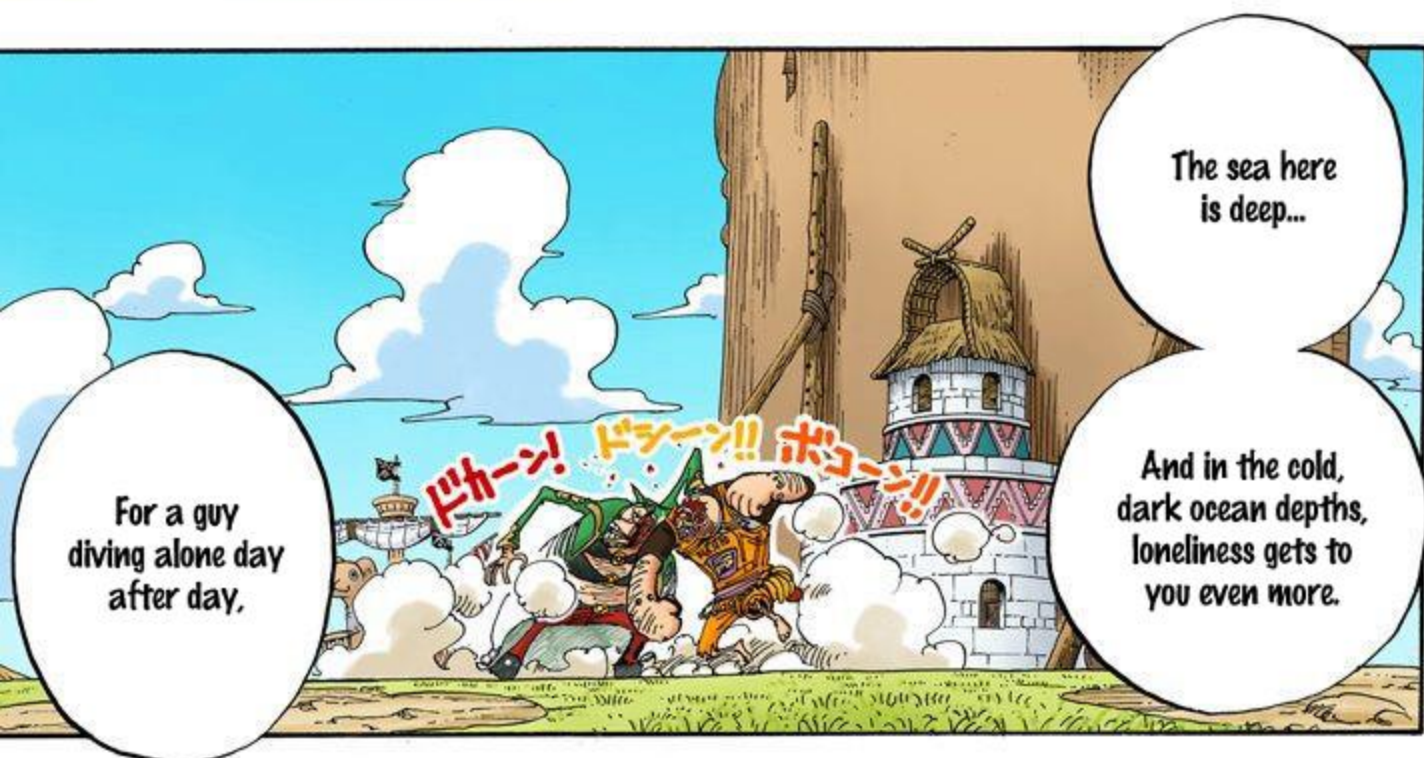


That's some big talk coming from you, but you better watch it if you don't want to make me really mad.

KICKING ME LIKE THAT WITHOUT WARNING... YOU GOT A DEATH WISH OR SOMETHIN'!?



SHOU...
JOU...!



For a guy diving alone day after day,

The sea here is deep...

And in the cold, dark ocean depths, loneliness gets to you even more.

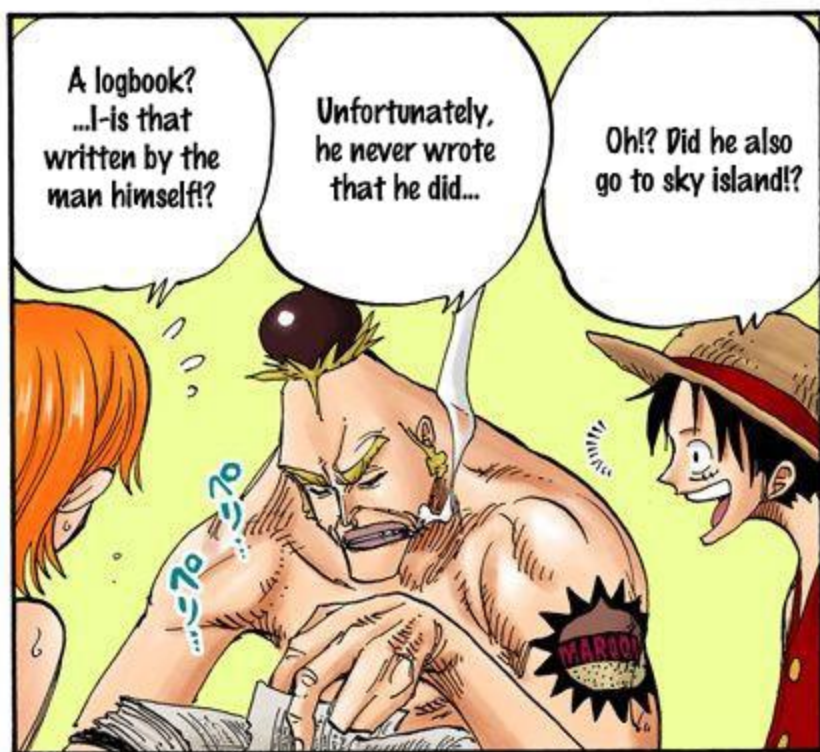


And becoming my followers is...

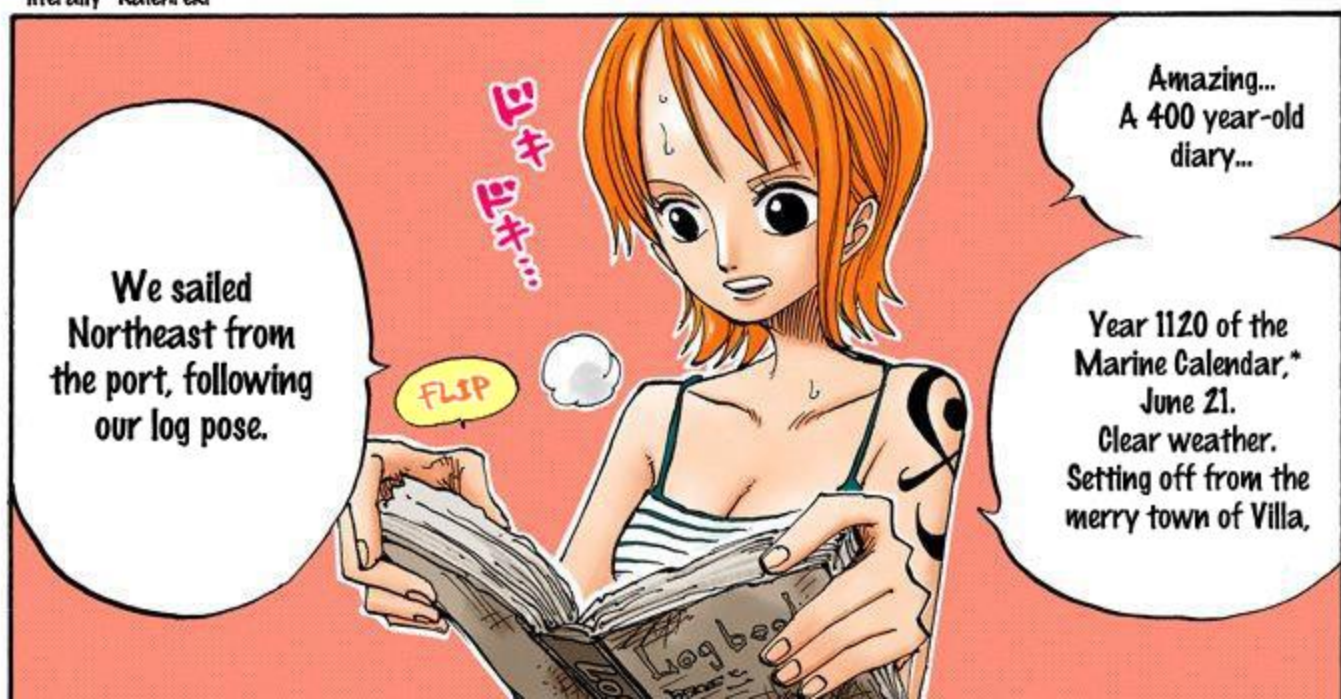
And making a big uproar about calling me boss,

Having these two idiots barge into my life,





*literally "Kaizenreki"



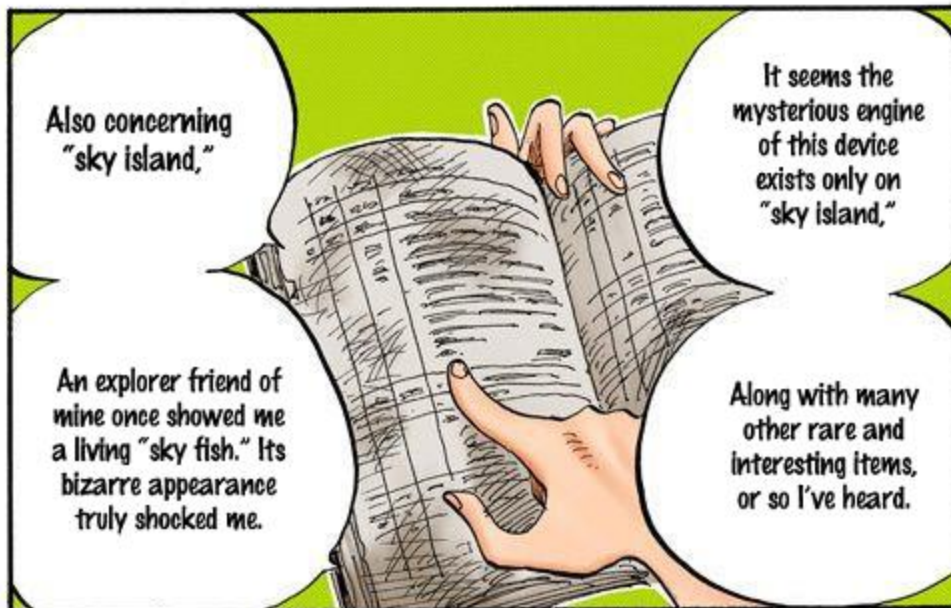


Even on a day without wind, it propels its own wind somehow to sail forwards. A very mysterious ship, though requiring a certain level of skill from the rider. I could not successfully ride it.

It has since become a favourite play-thing among the crew members.

During the day, we obtained a most interesting item from a passing merchant ship.

It's a single-person-use boat called a "Waver," much resembling skis.



Also concerning "sky island,"

An explorer friend of mine once showed me a living "sky fish." Its bizarre appearance truly shocked me.

It seems the mysterious engine of this device exists only on "sky island,"

Along with many other rare and interesting items, or so I've heard.



ENOUGH ABOUT THAT, KEEP READING!

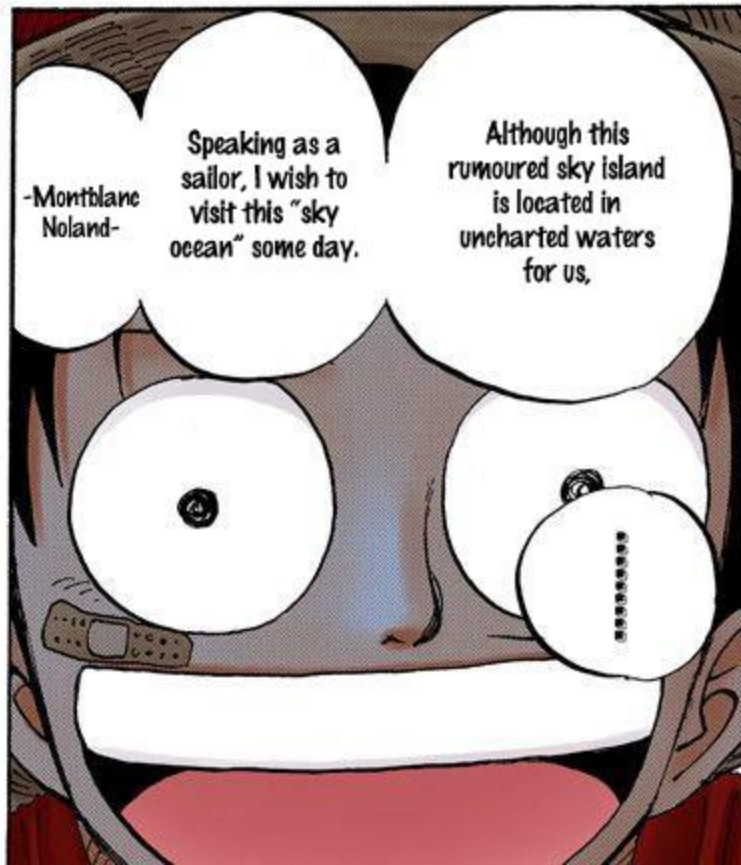
Whoa! What is this!? I want one too!



AND THE PEOPLE BACK THEN TALKED ABOUT IT AS IF THERE WERE NO DOUBTS ABOUT ITS EXISTENCE!

IT'S JUST AS ROBIN SAID!

A sky ocean...?



-Montblanc Noland-

Speaking as a sailor, I wish to visit this "sky ocean" some day.

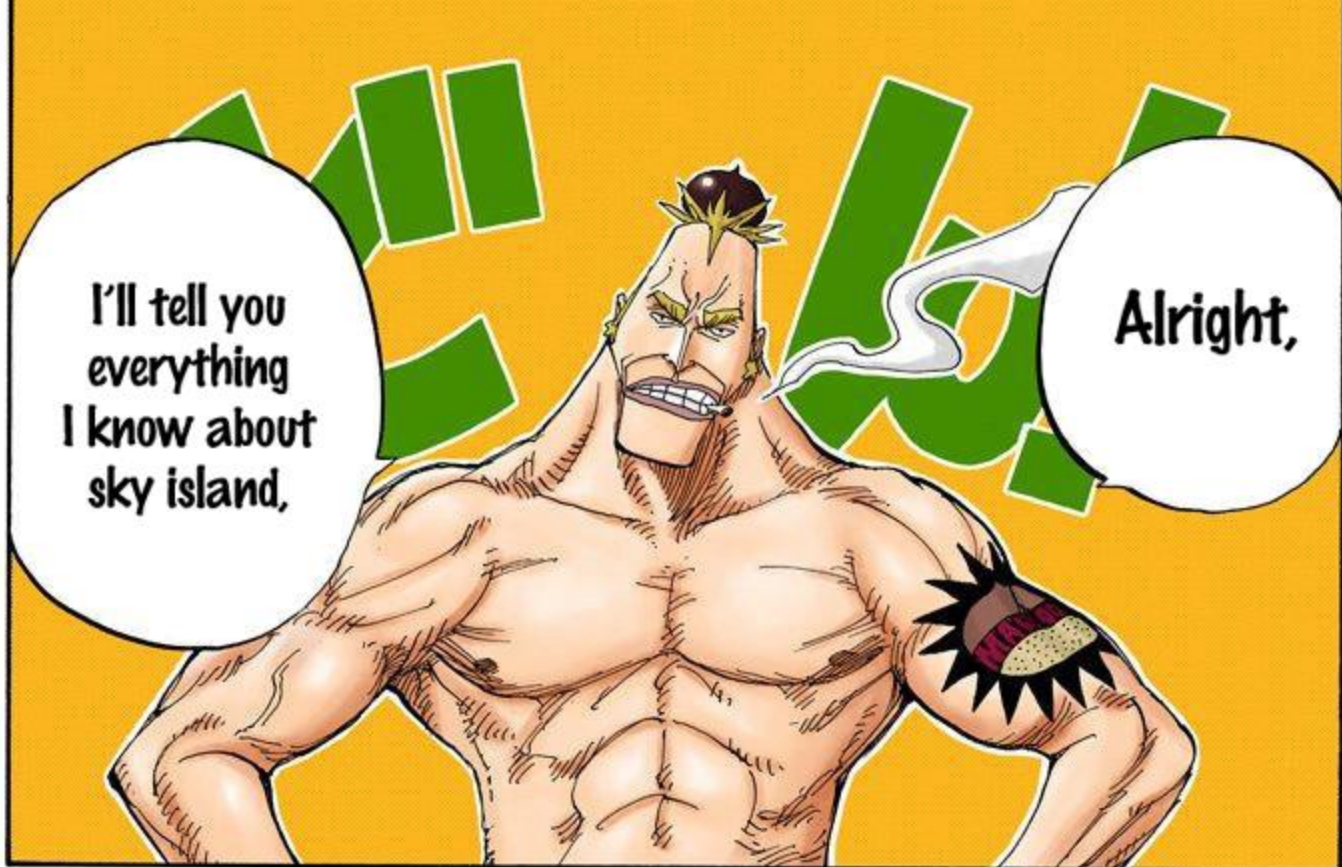
Although this rumoured sky island is located in uncharted waters for us,

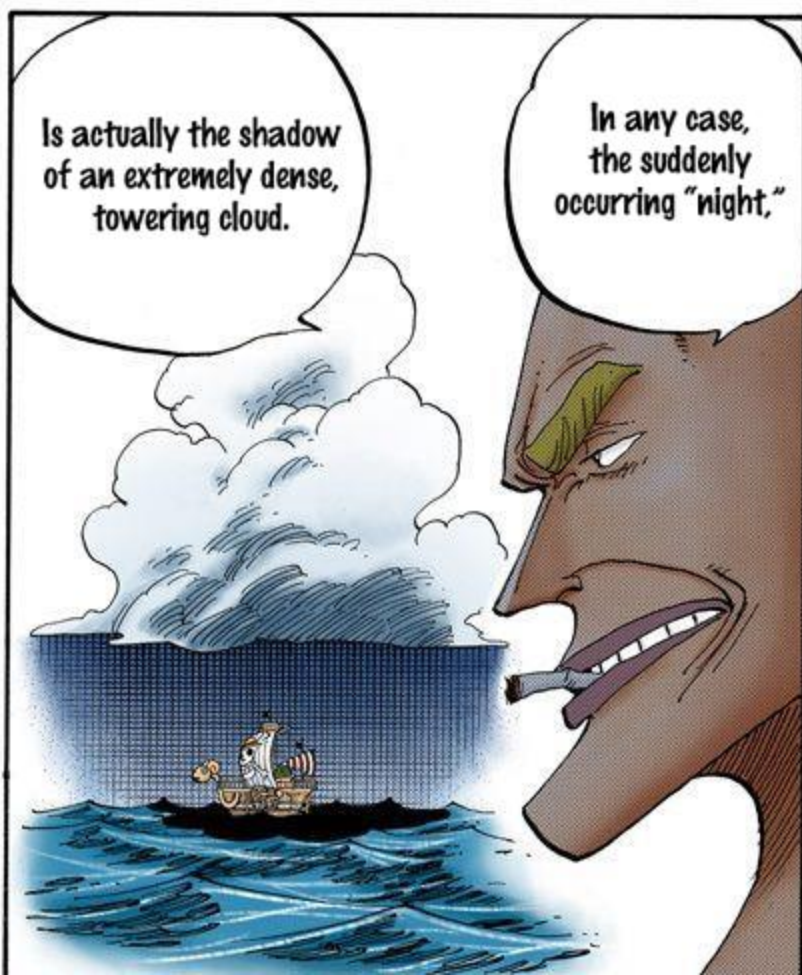


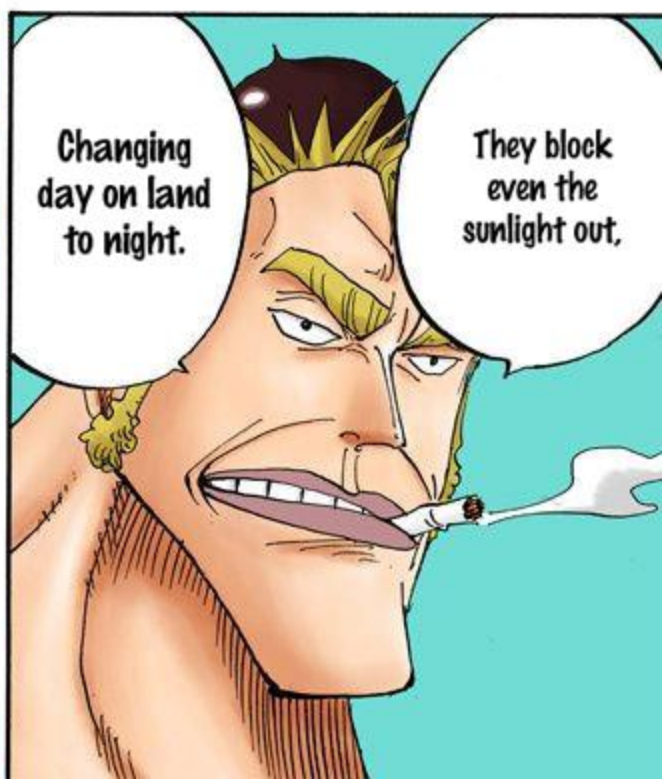
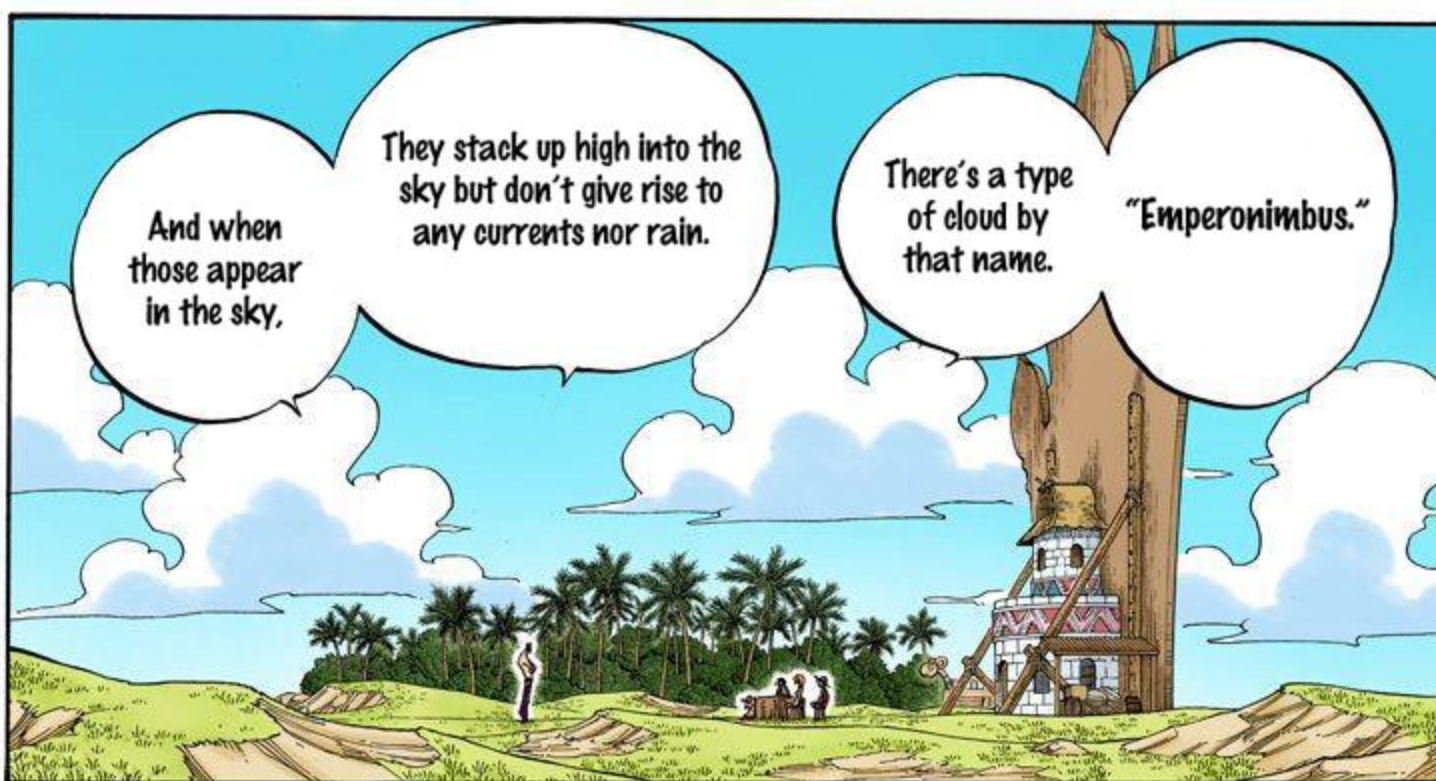
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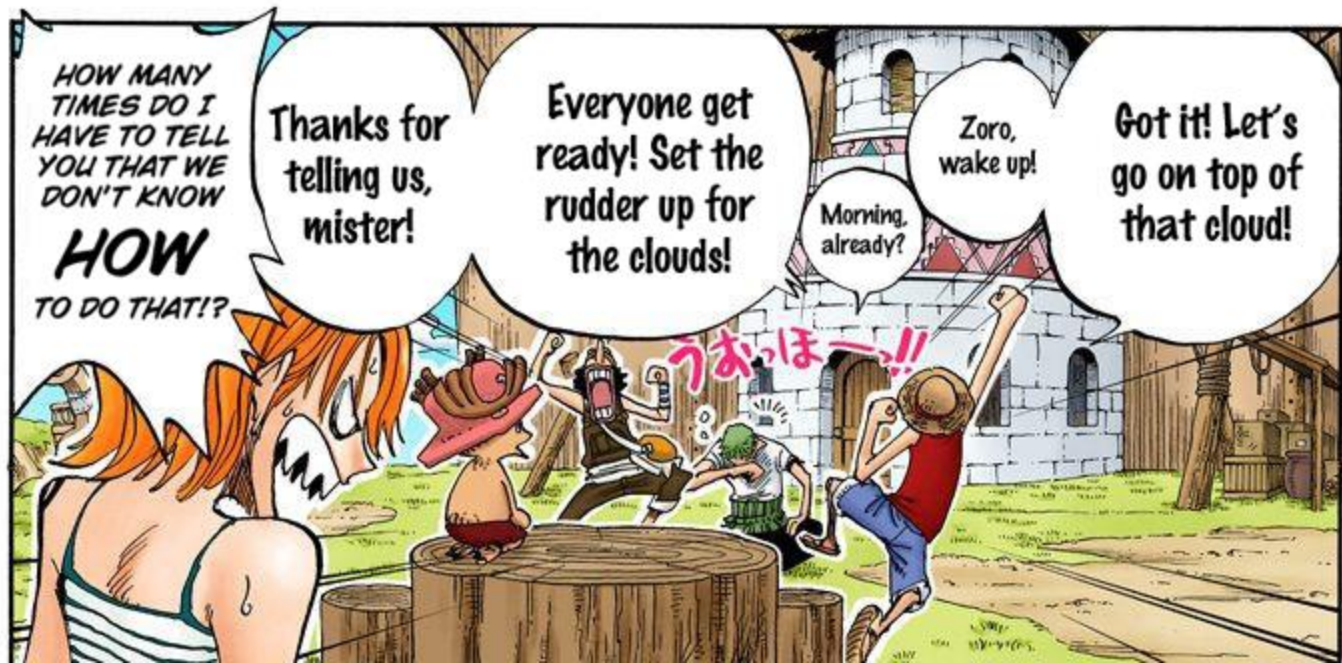
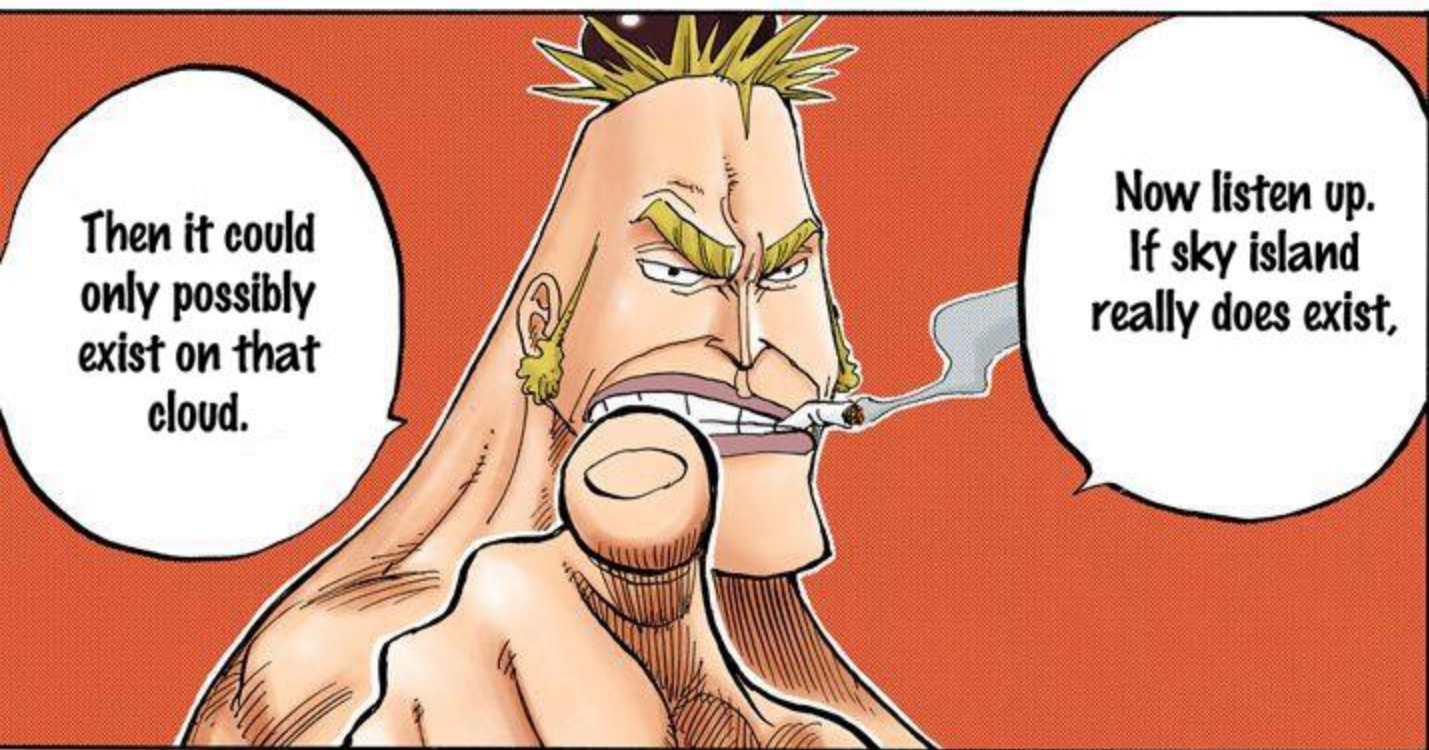
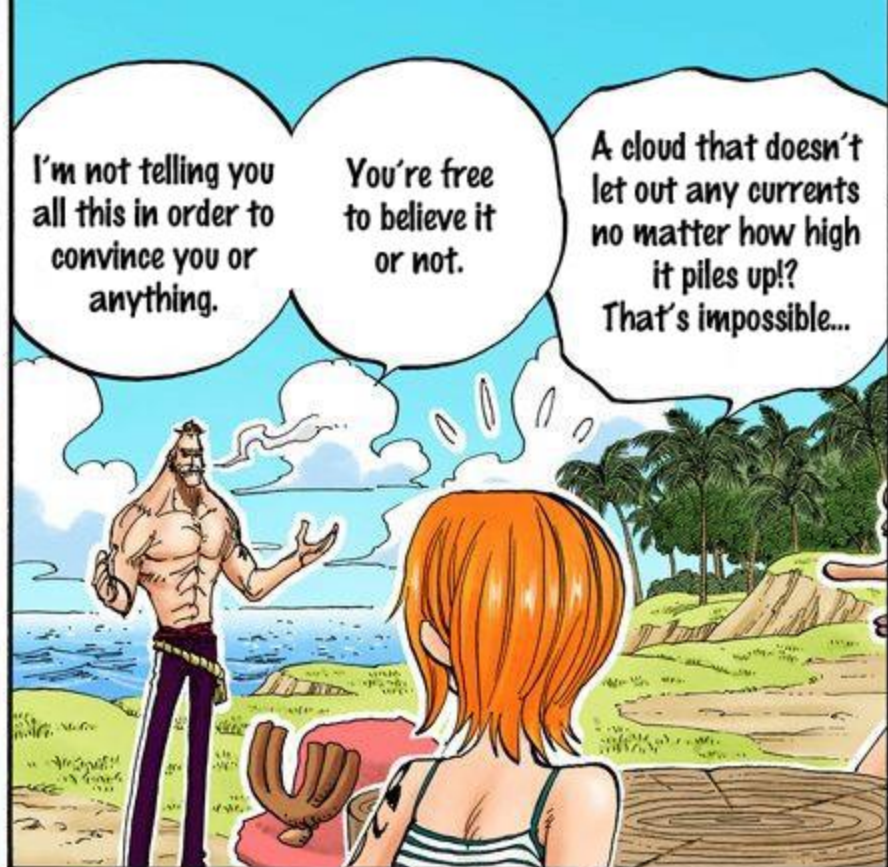
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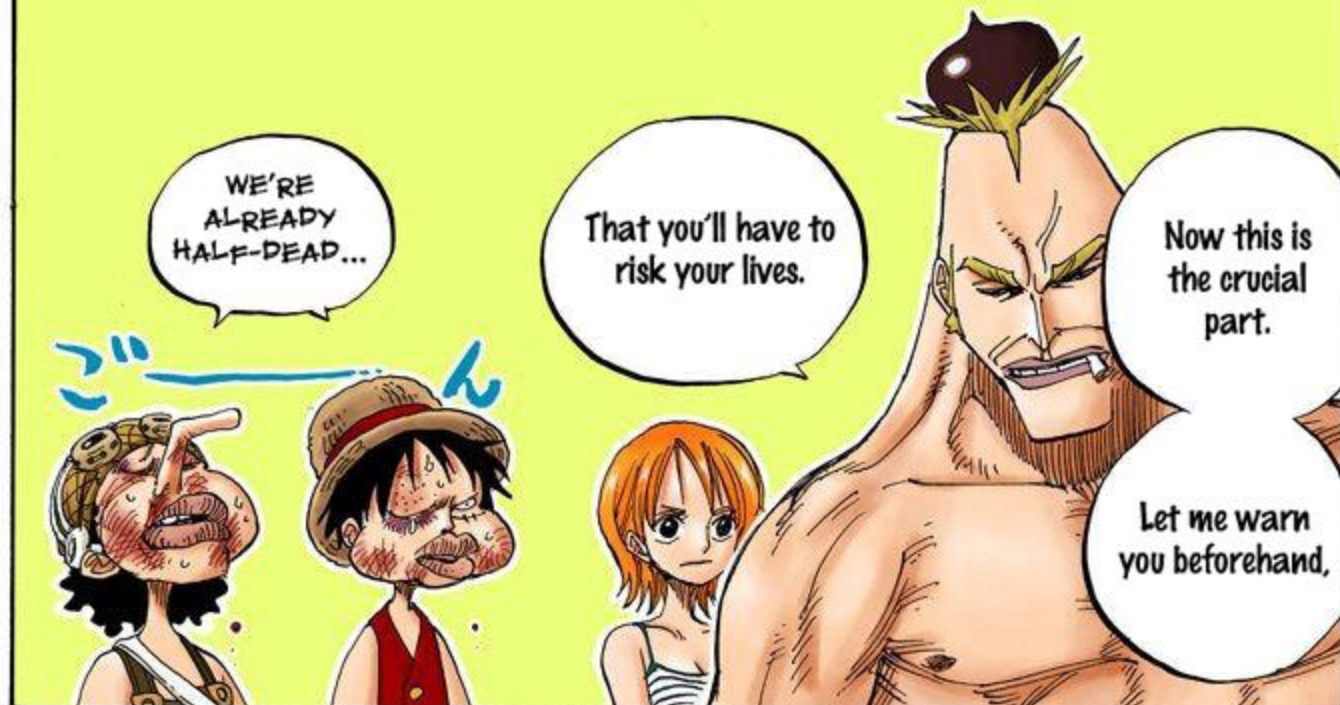


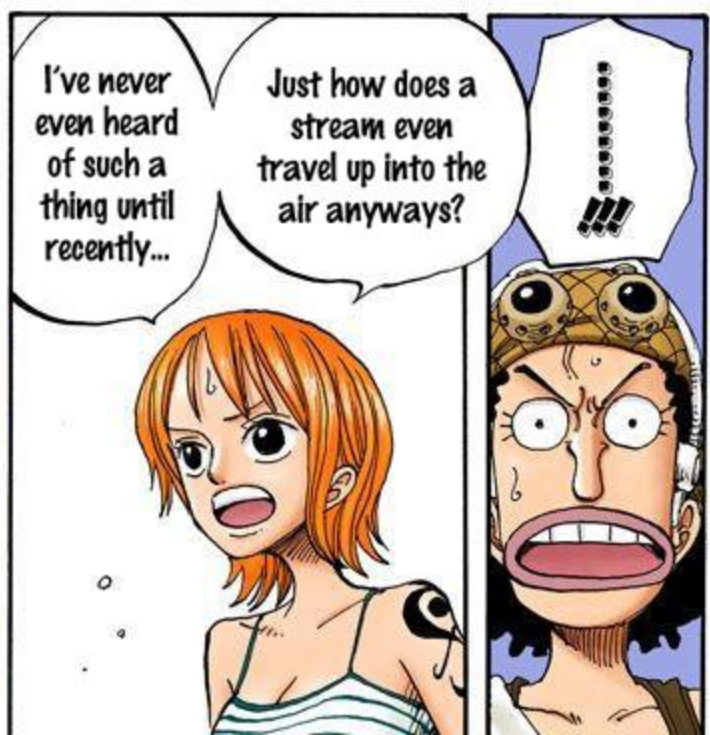
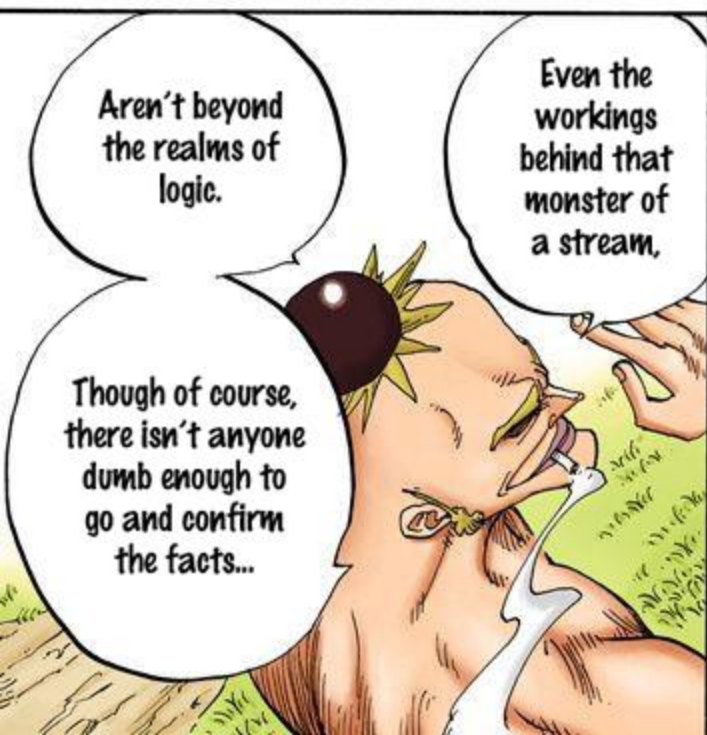
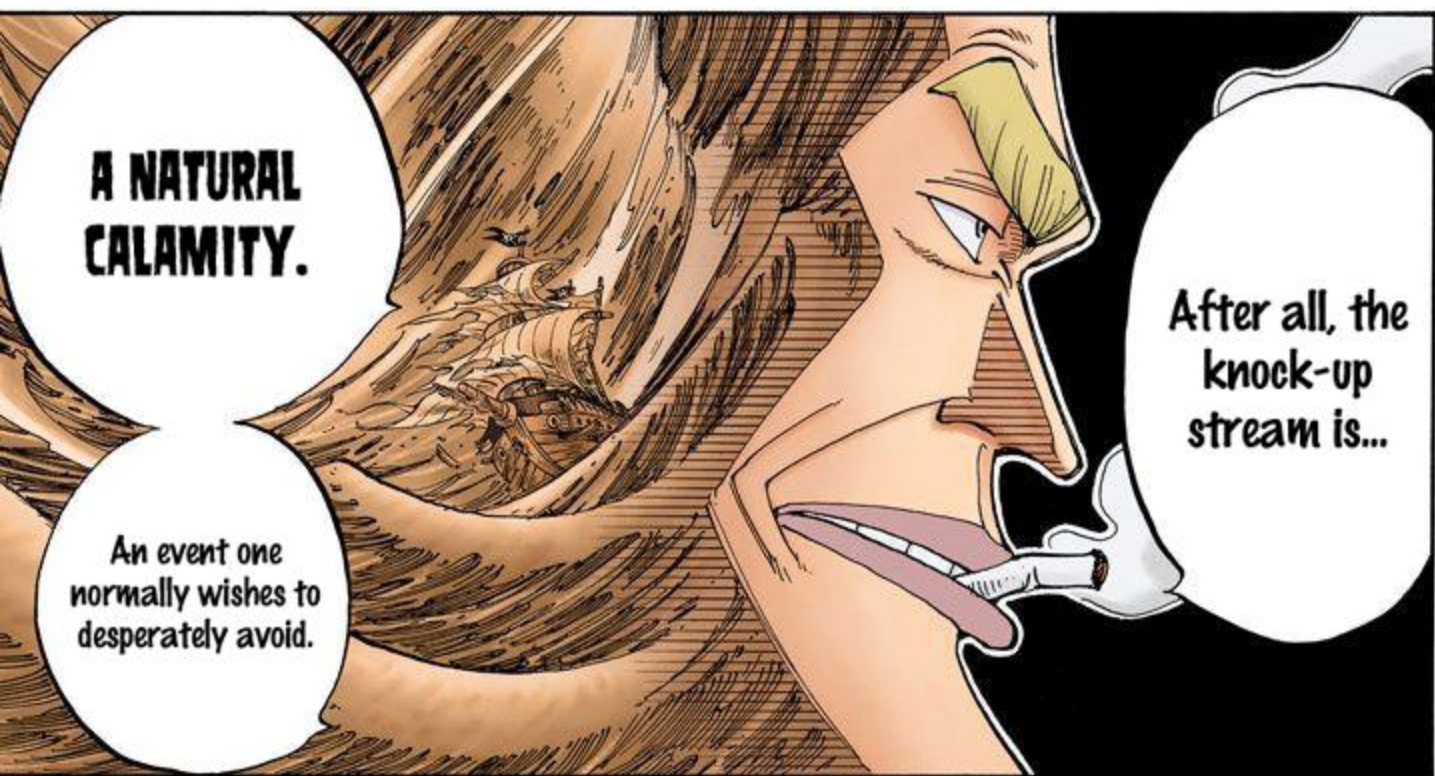
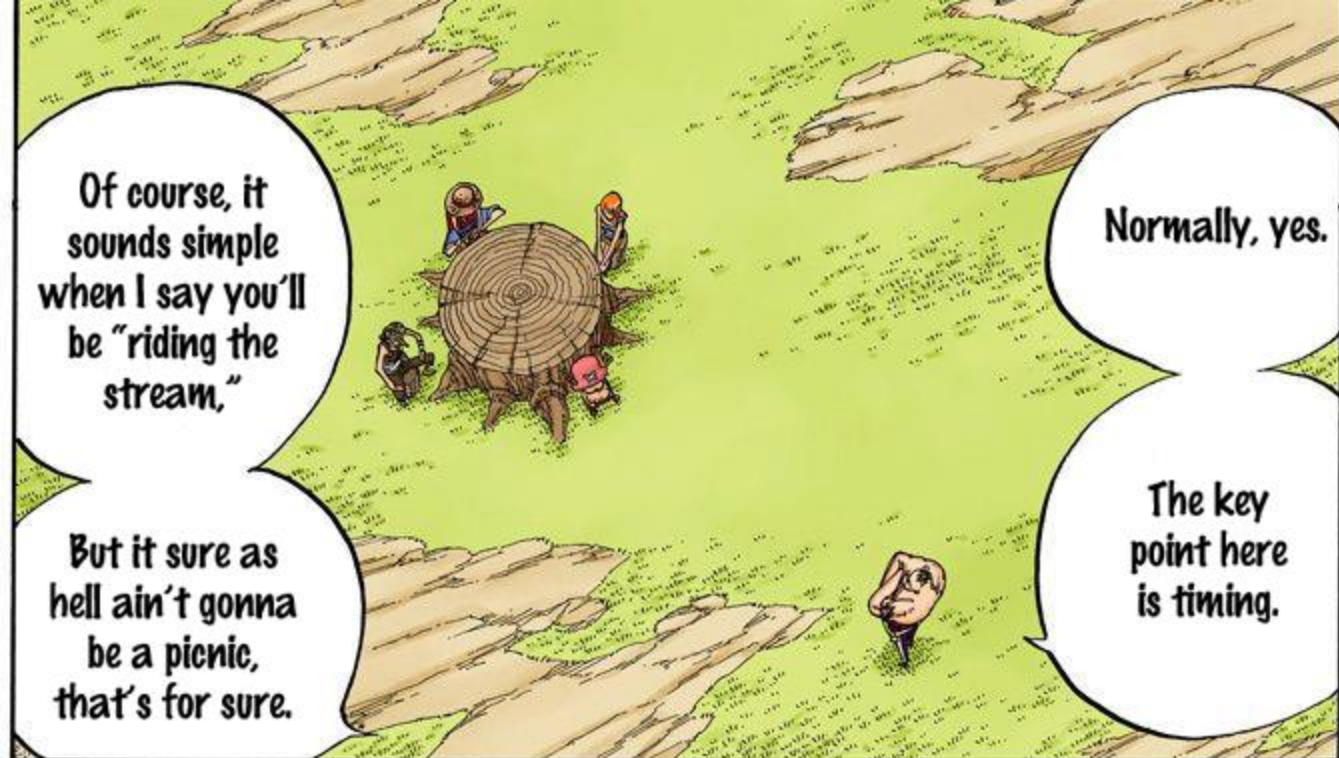


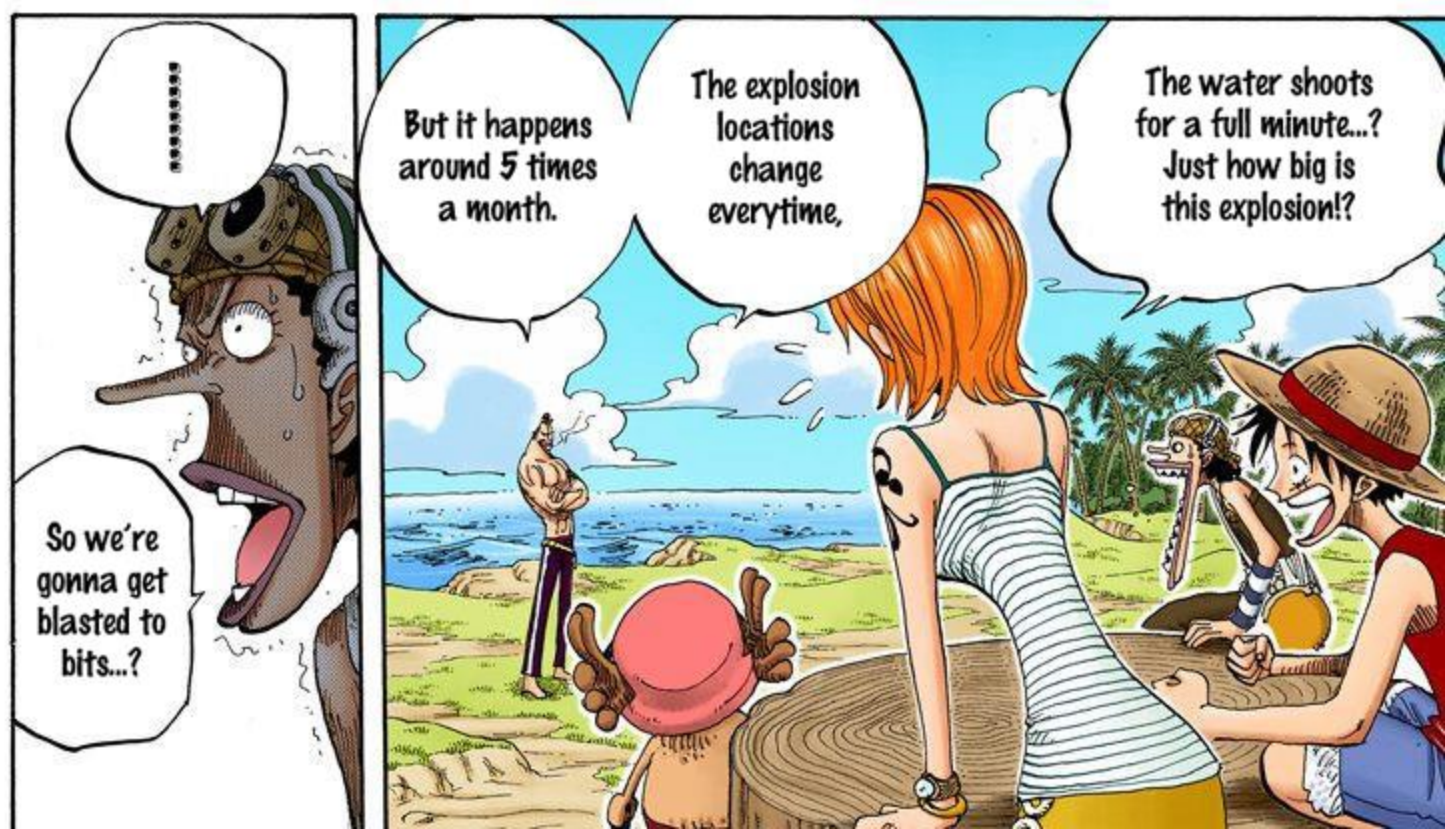
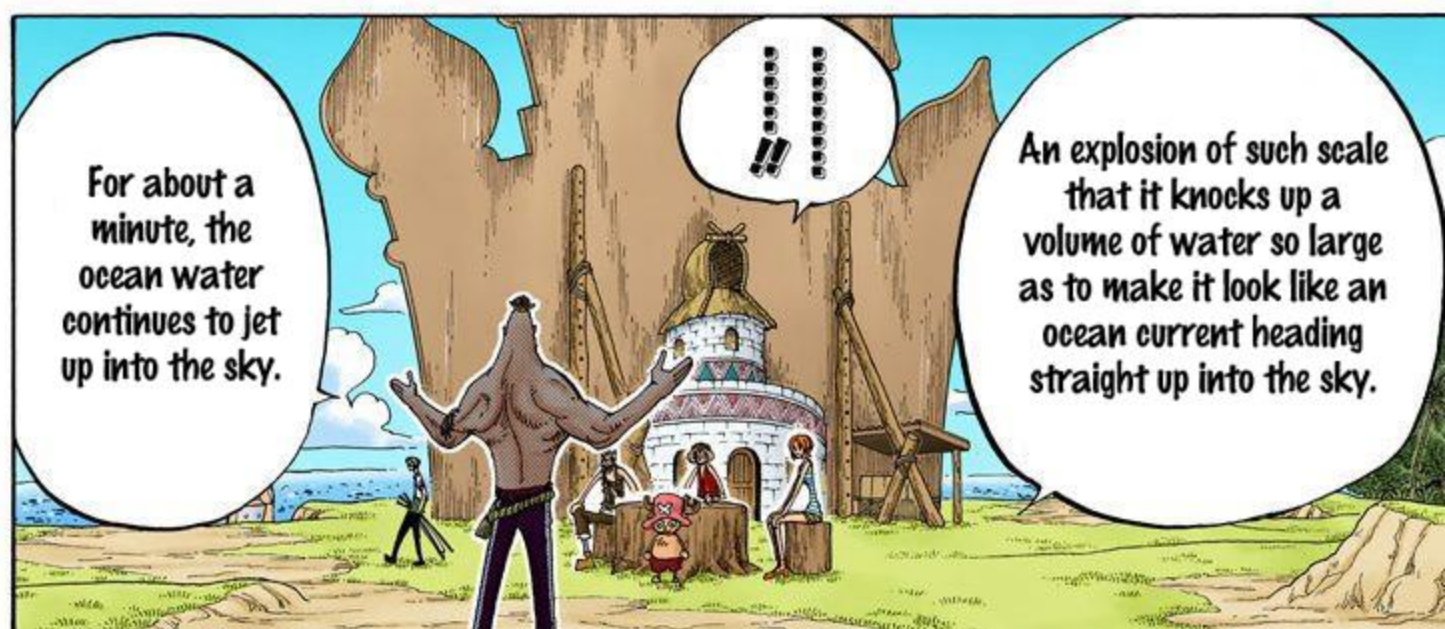
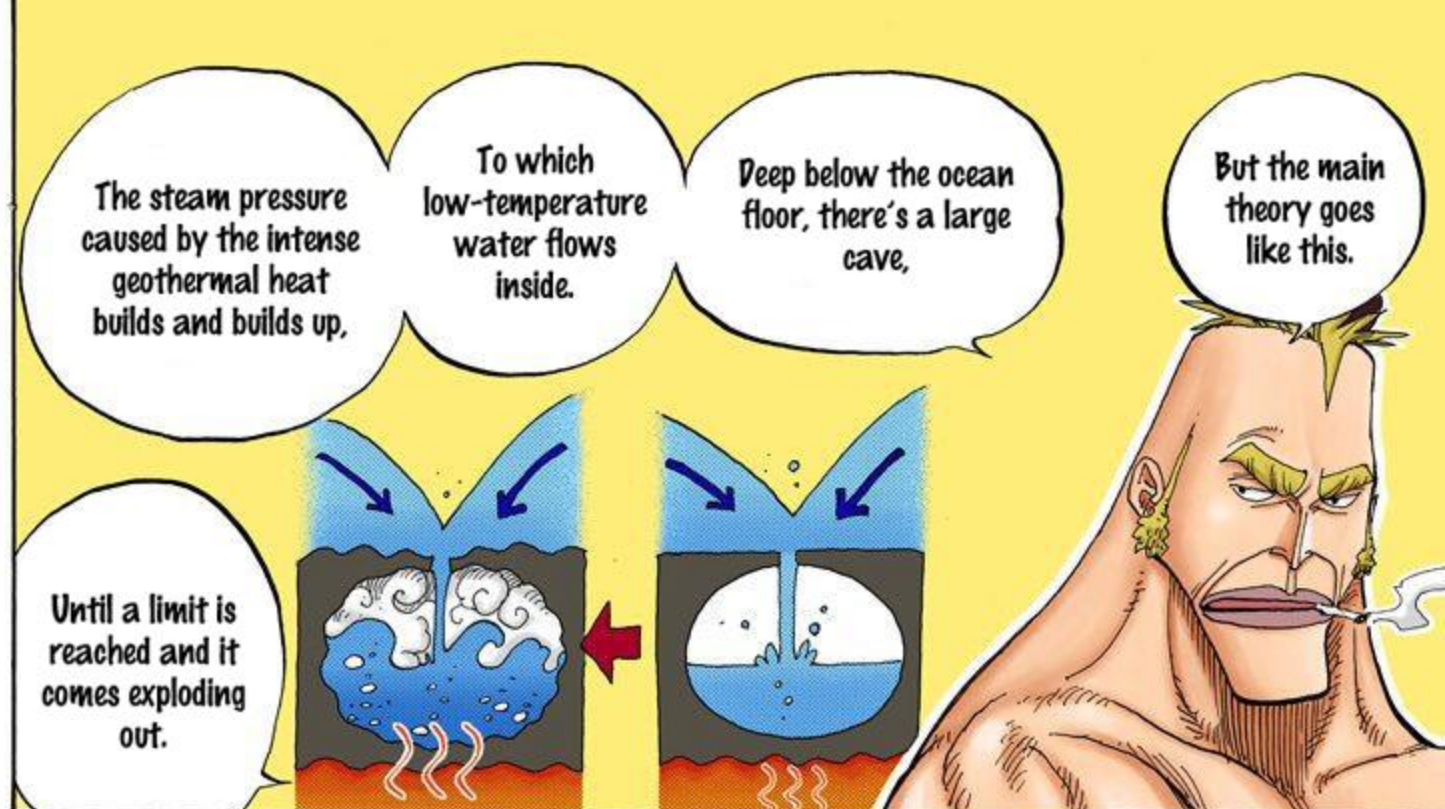


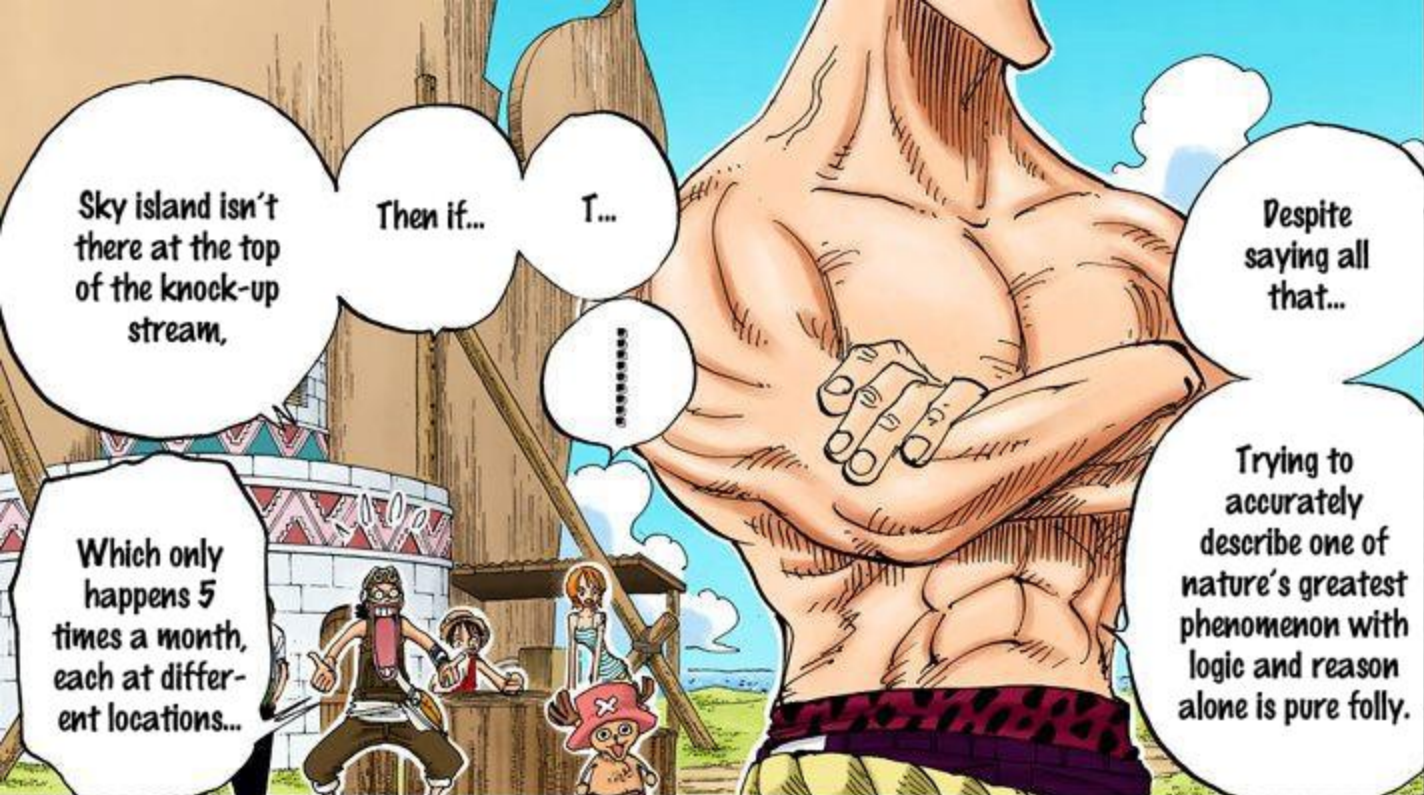














Yes... It would be impossible for your ship, even if she were brand-new.



There's no way she could stand up to one of nature's greatest calamity in her current state.

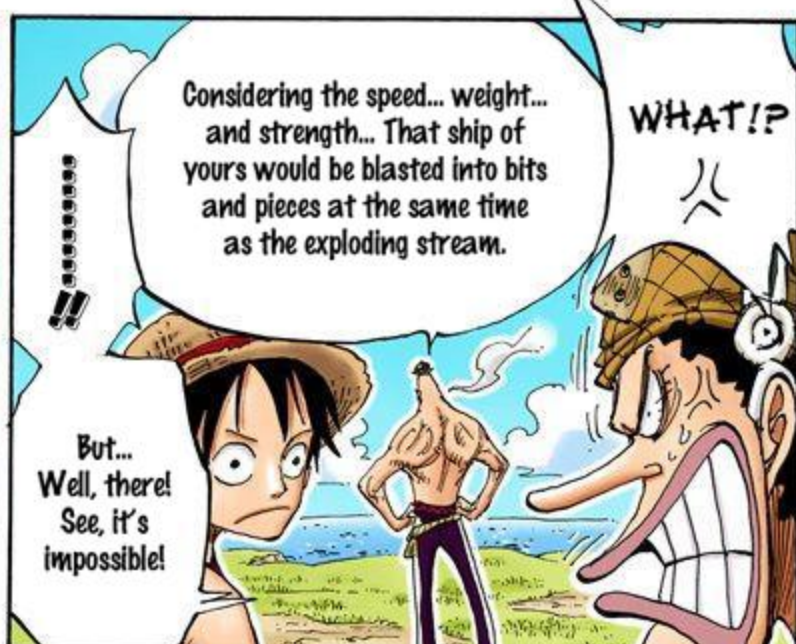
Just take a look at the poor Going Merry for god's sake... Look how beaten and battered she is...!

It'll be fine? There you go again, making light of danger without even a shred of proof...



But don't you worry about that point at least. Masira and Shoujou can guarantee your ship will stay intact on the ride up...

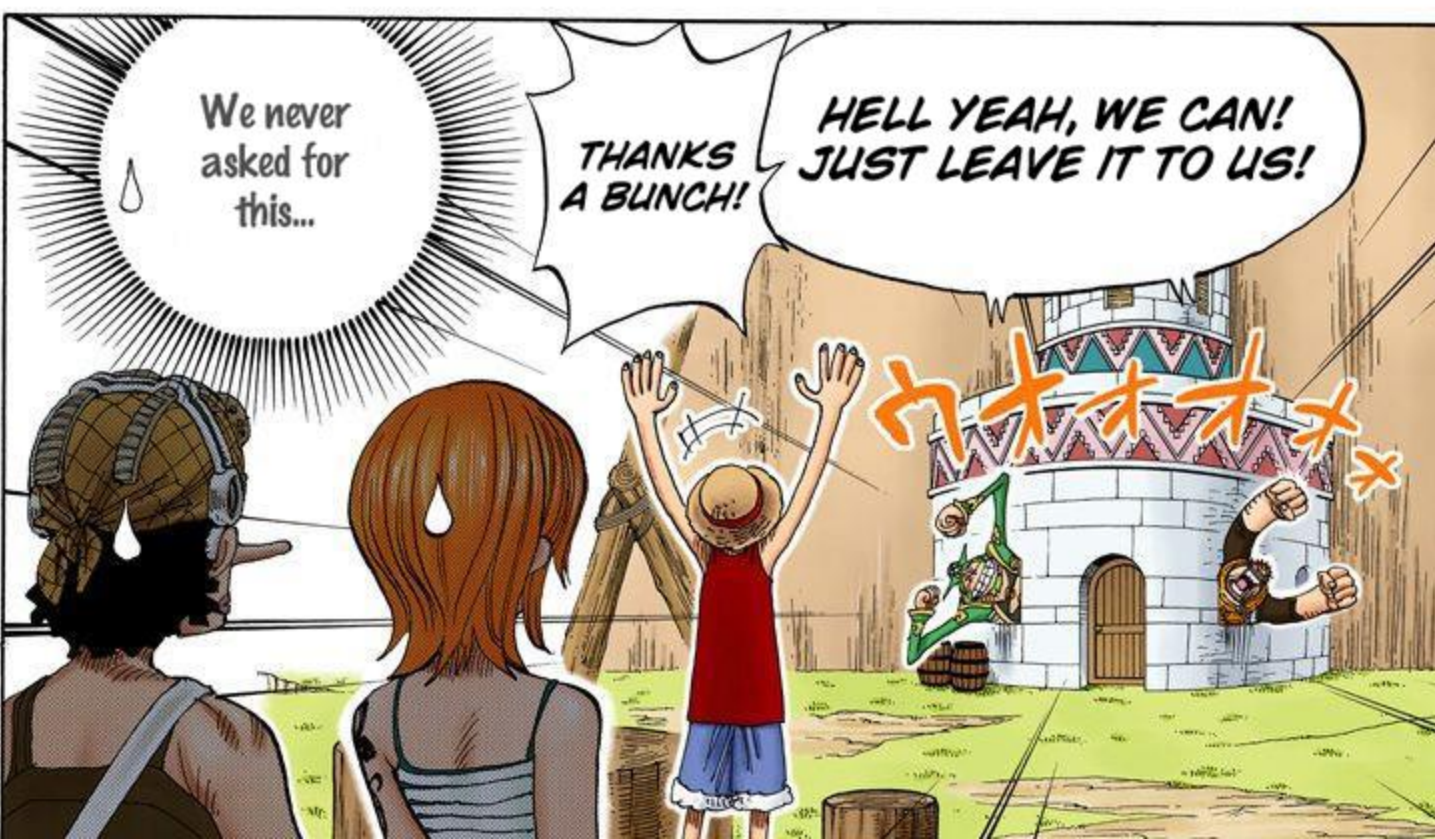
By giving it the needed repairs and strengthening reinforcements, that is.



Considering the speed... weight... and strength... That ship of yours would be blasted into bits and pieces at the same time as the exploding stream.

WHAT!?

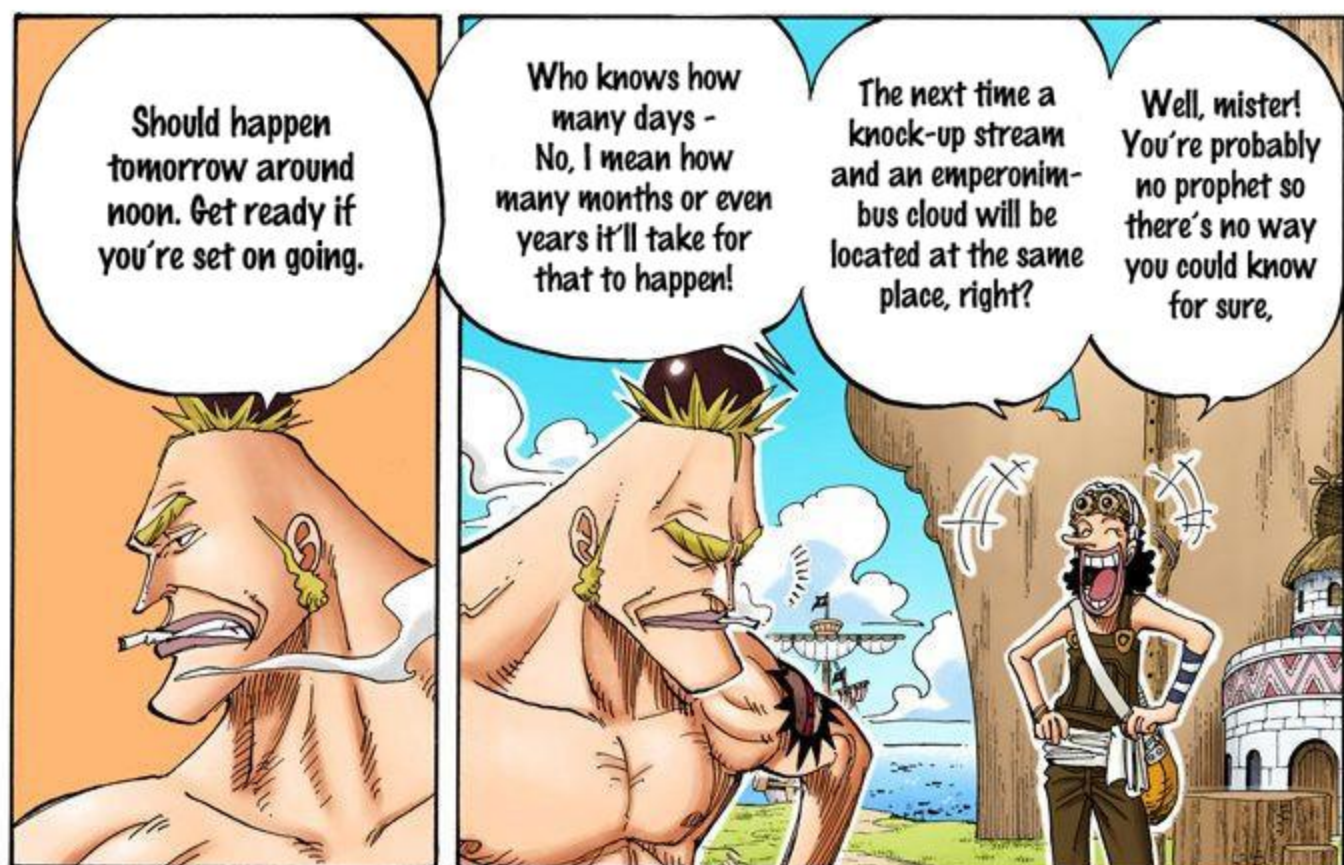
But... Well, there! See, it's impossible!



We never asked for this...

THANKS A BUNCH!

HELL YEAH, WE CAN! JUST LEAVE IT TO US!



THIS IS WAY TOO SUSPICIOUS! WE'VE ONLY MET FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY! AREN'T YOU BEING A LITTLE TOO NICE!?

Hm?

YOU'RE LYING, AREN'T YOU!?

Y...

!!!



It just so happens that the only way to get into the legendary sky island...

YOU JUST STAY QUIET!

Usopp-

NOT ONLY THAT!



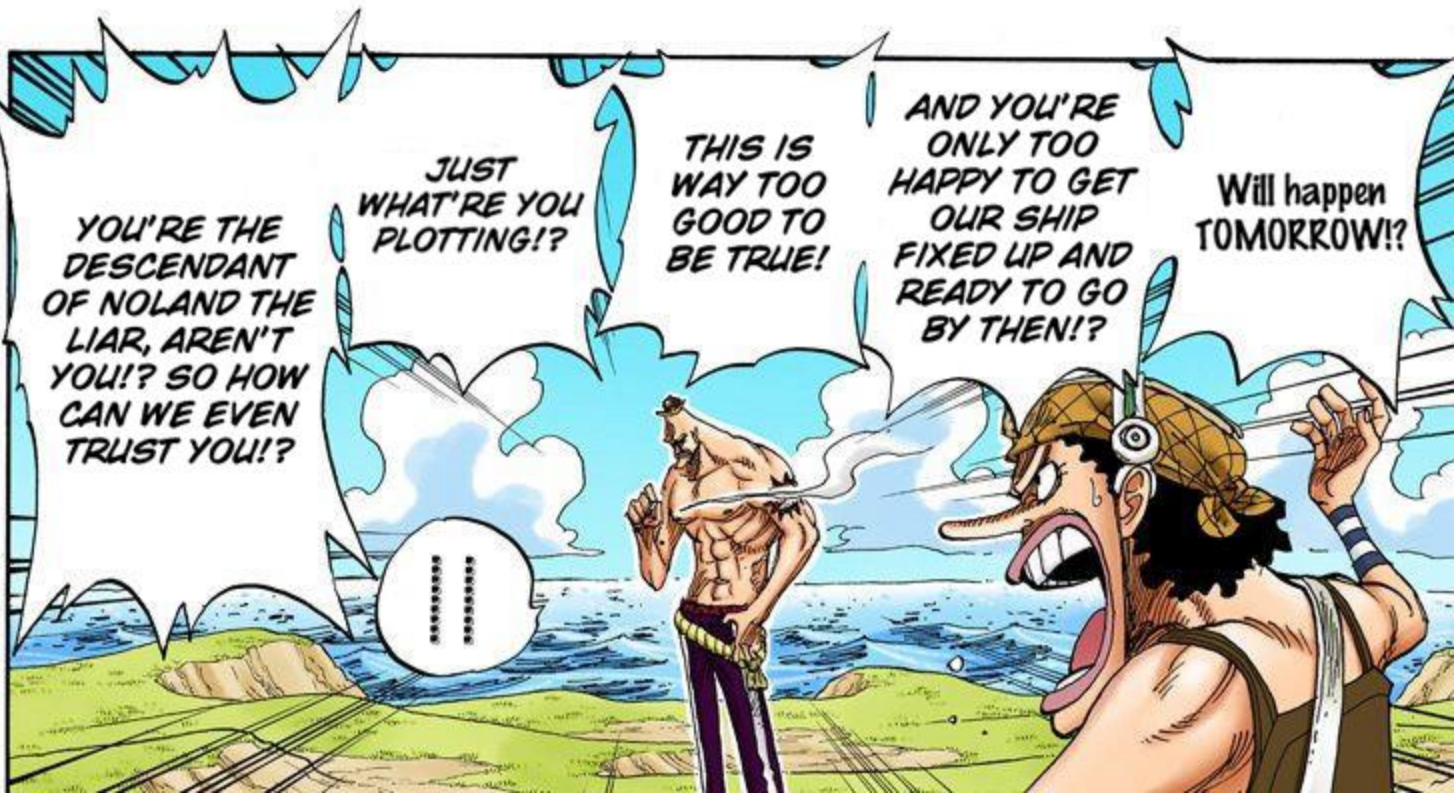
YOU'RE THE DESCENDANT OF NOLAND THE LIAR, AREN'T YOU!? SO HOW CAN WE EVEN TRUST YOU!?

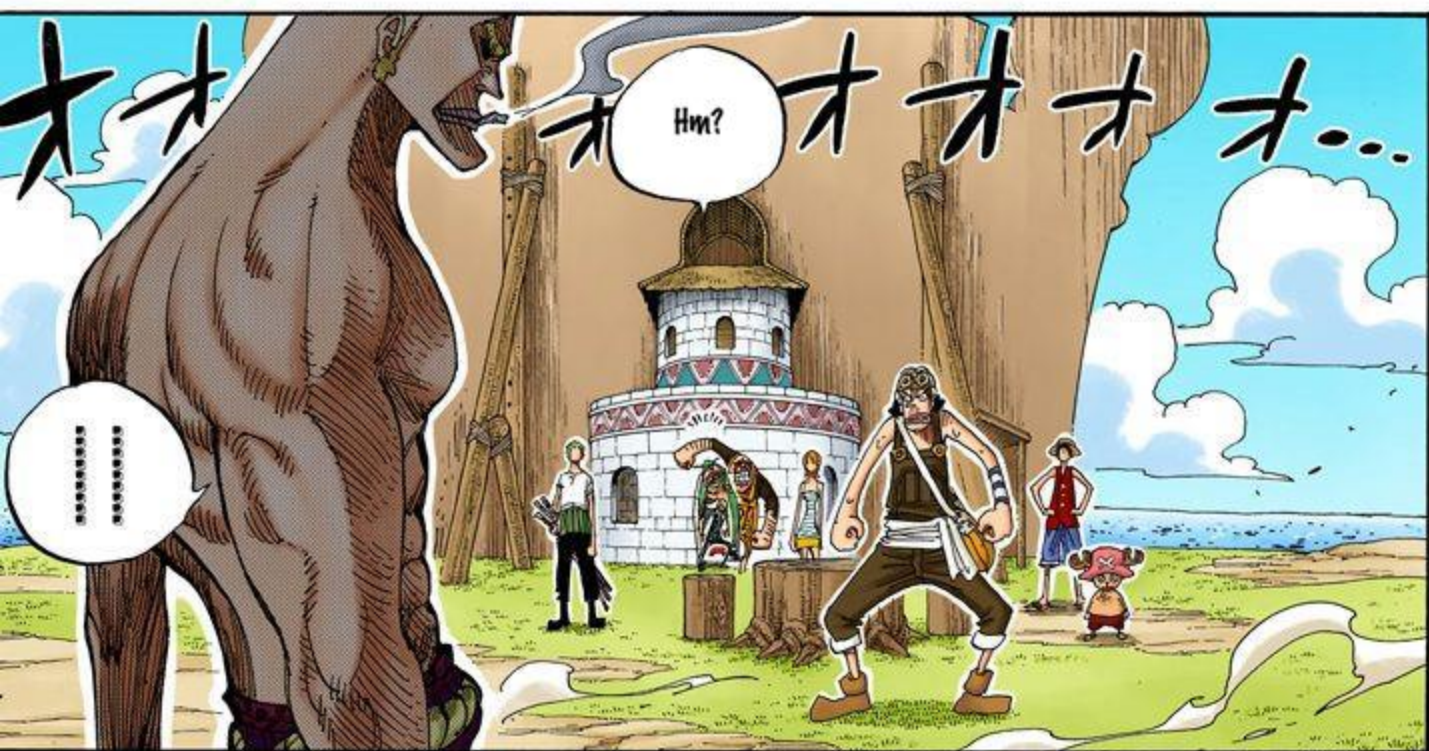
JUST WHAT'RE YOU PLOTTING!?

THIS IS WAY TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

AND YOU'RE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO GET OUR SHIP FIXED UP AND READY TO GO BY THEN!?

Will happen TOMORROW!?





And that too, will probably happen South from here.

And if going by the estimate of a knock-up stream happening 5 times a month, there should be another one tomorrow.

The emperor-nimbus cloud can be seen in the skies south from there...

"Night" is spotted at daytime in Masira's turf,

I can't say any of this with 100% certainty, but there's a good chance of those two events happening together in the same place tomorrow.

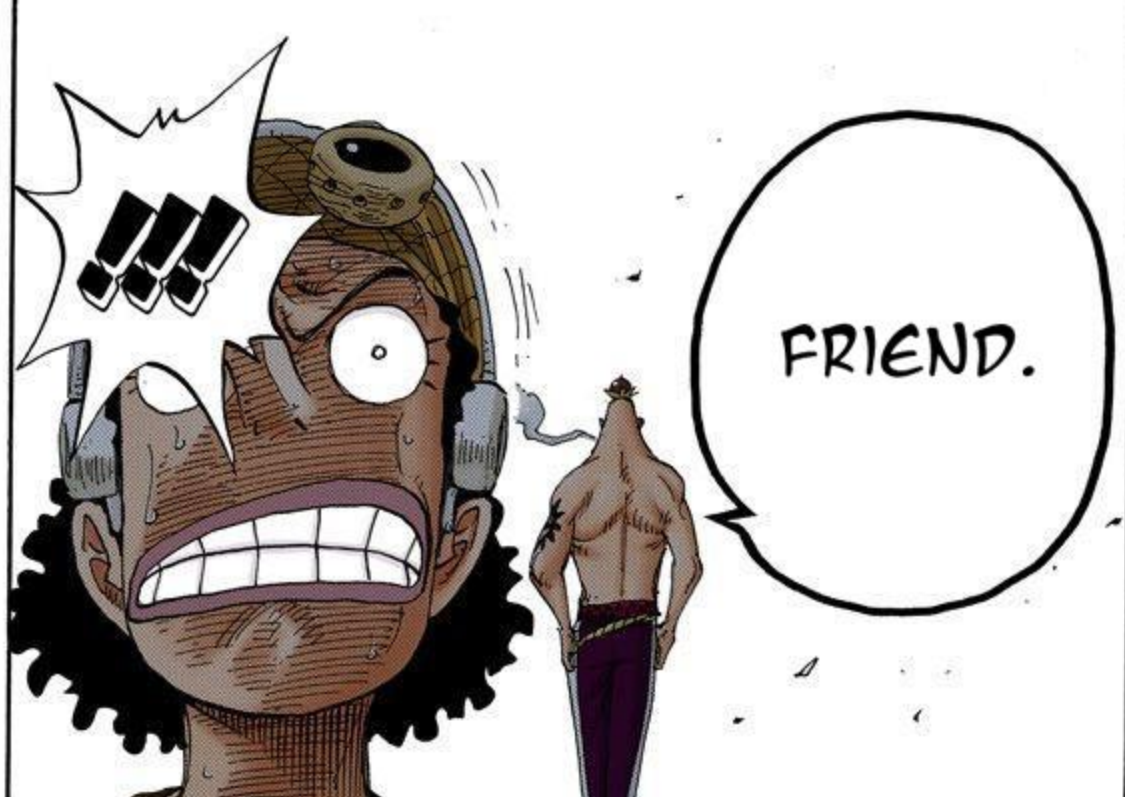
NOW LET'S EAT.

YOU CAN STAY THE NIGHT AT MY PLACE TODAY.

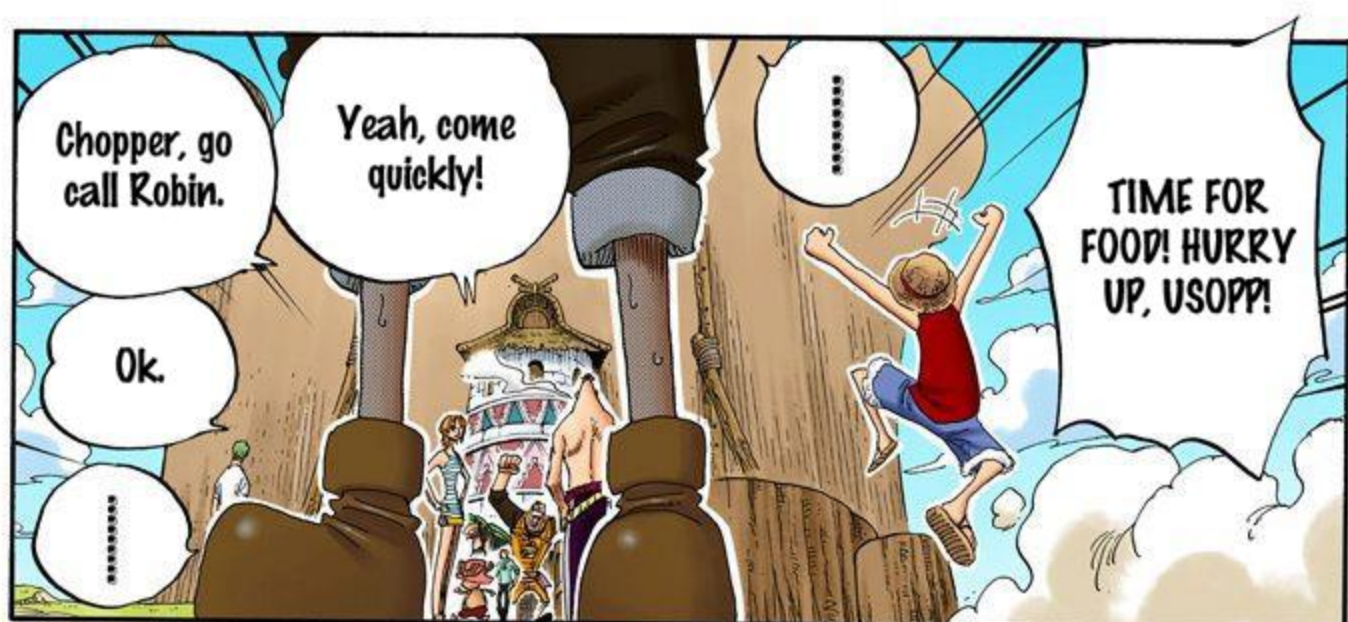
BUT ABOVE ALL, I'M JUST HAPPY MEETING FOOLS LIKE YOU.



Hee hee...



FRIEND.



Chopper, go
call Robin.

Yeah, come
quickly!

Ok.

TIME FOR
FOOD! HURRY
UP, USOPP!



I'M SOOOO
SOOOORRY-
YYY, MISTER!

AGHH!
Don't get
your shot
on me!



Yes, and a bit
of an idiot too...
But I can
understand
how you feel.

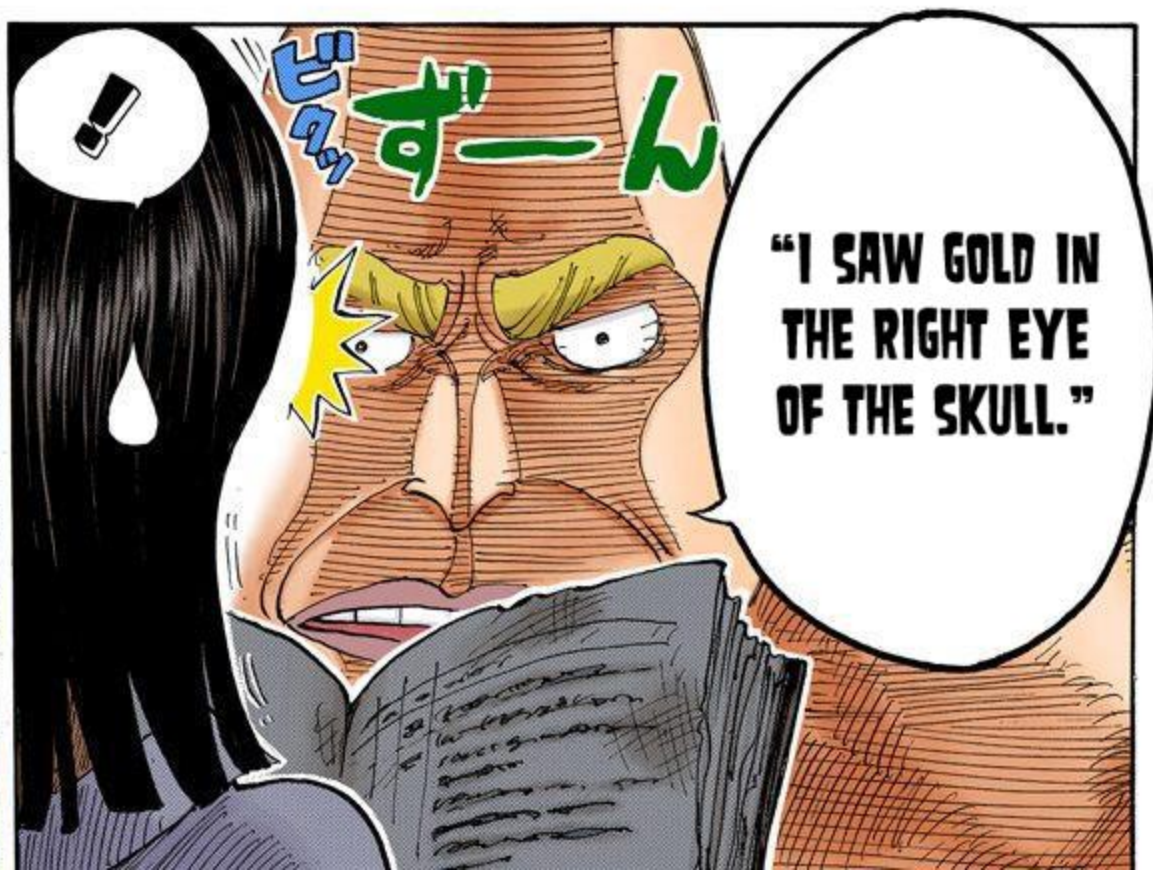
Nami... Am I
a pathetic
coward?

Just make sure
to apologize
properly.



Looks like...
We've got no
choice but to
give this our
best shot.

Of course in
the end, it'll
mainly come
down to luck.



But I see it
now.

The night's
fallen by
now,

Prepare
to land.

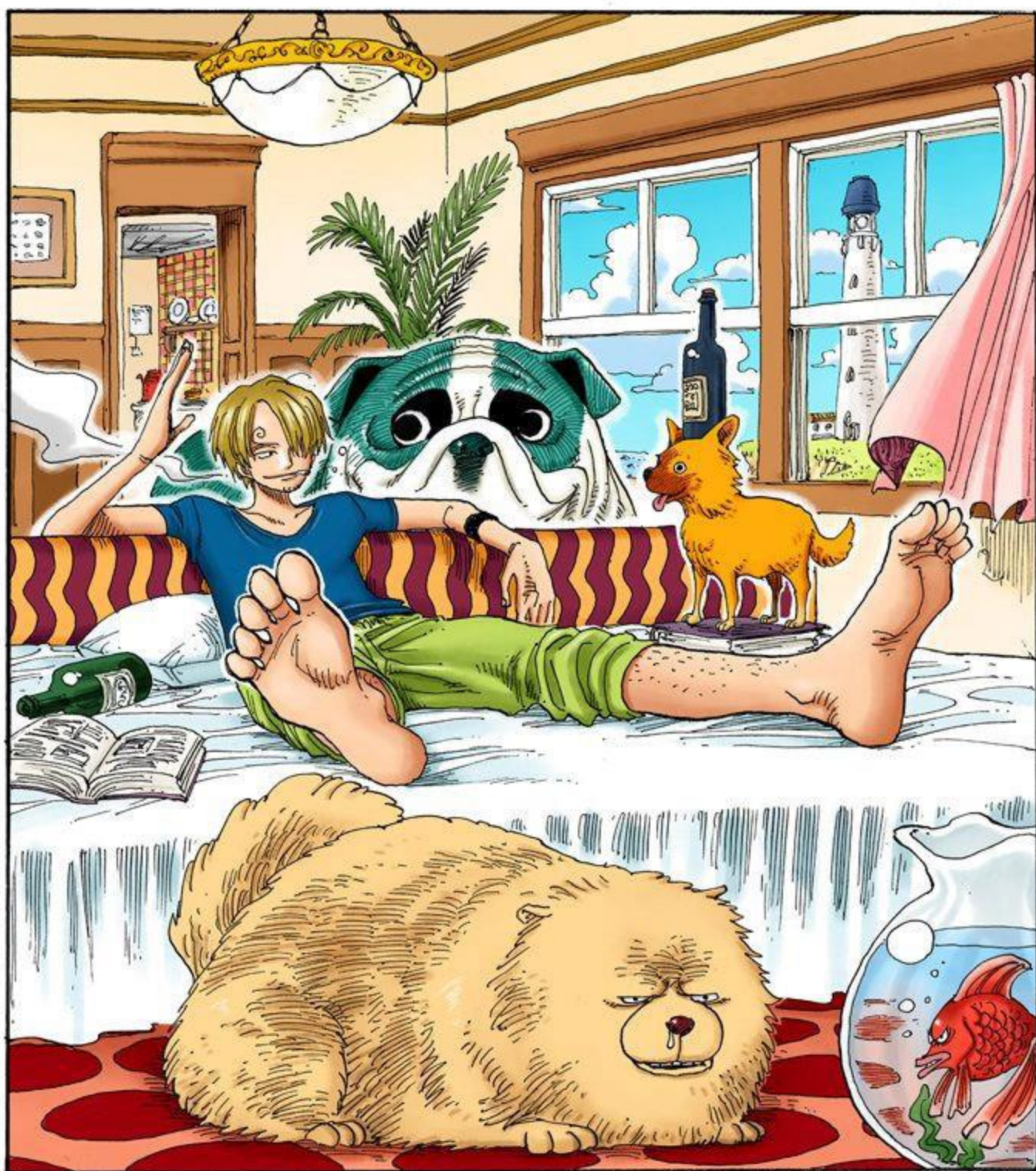
Bellamy.

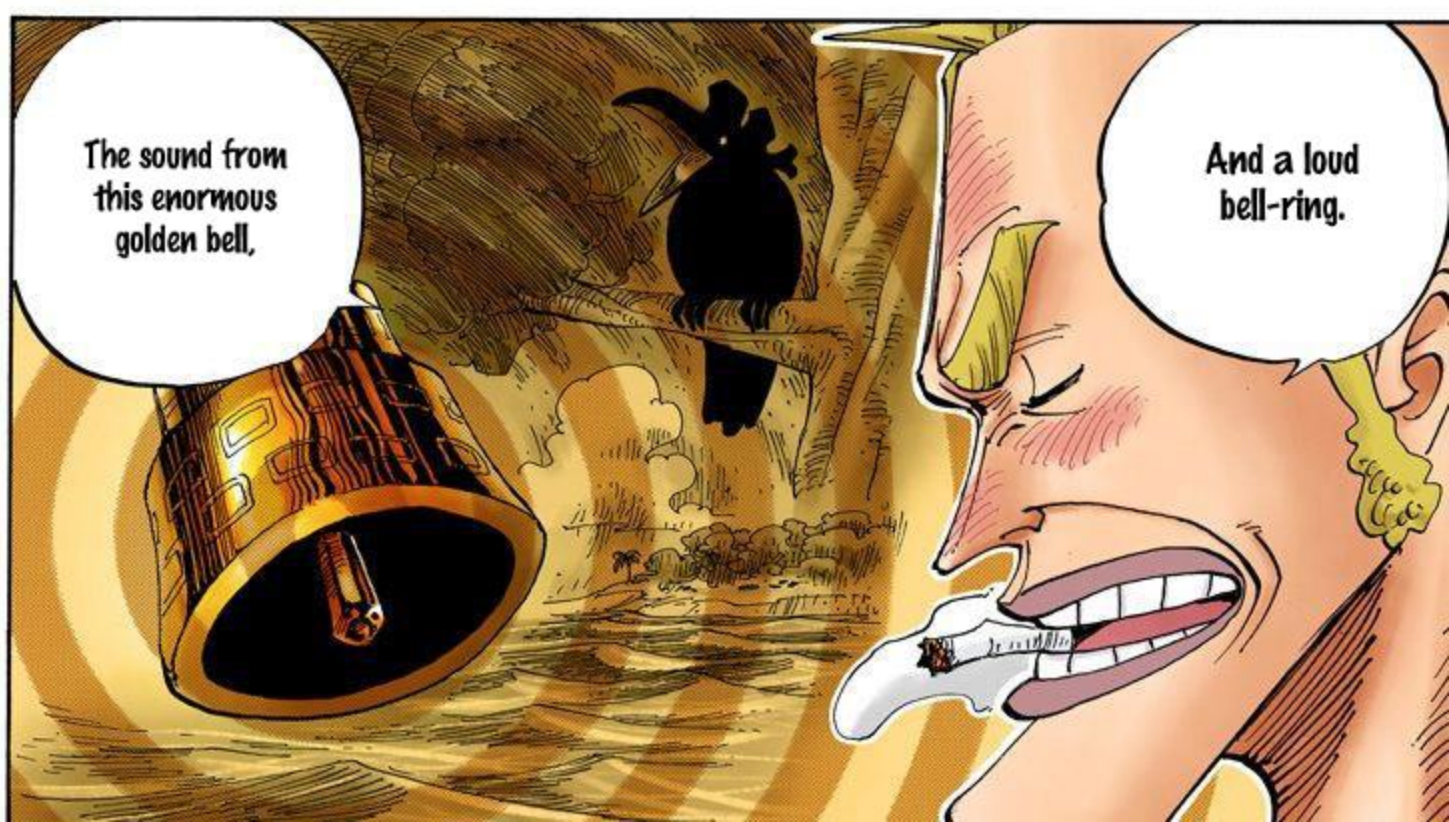
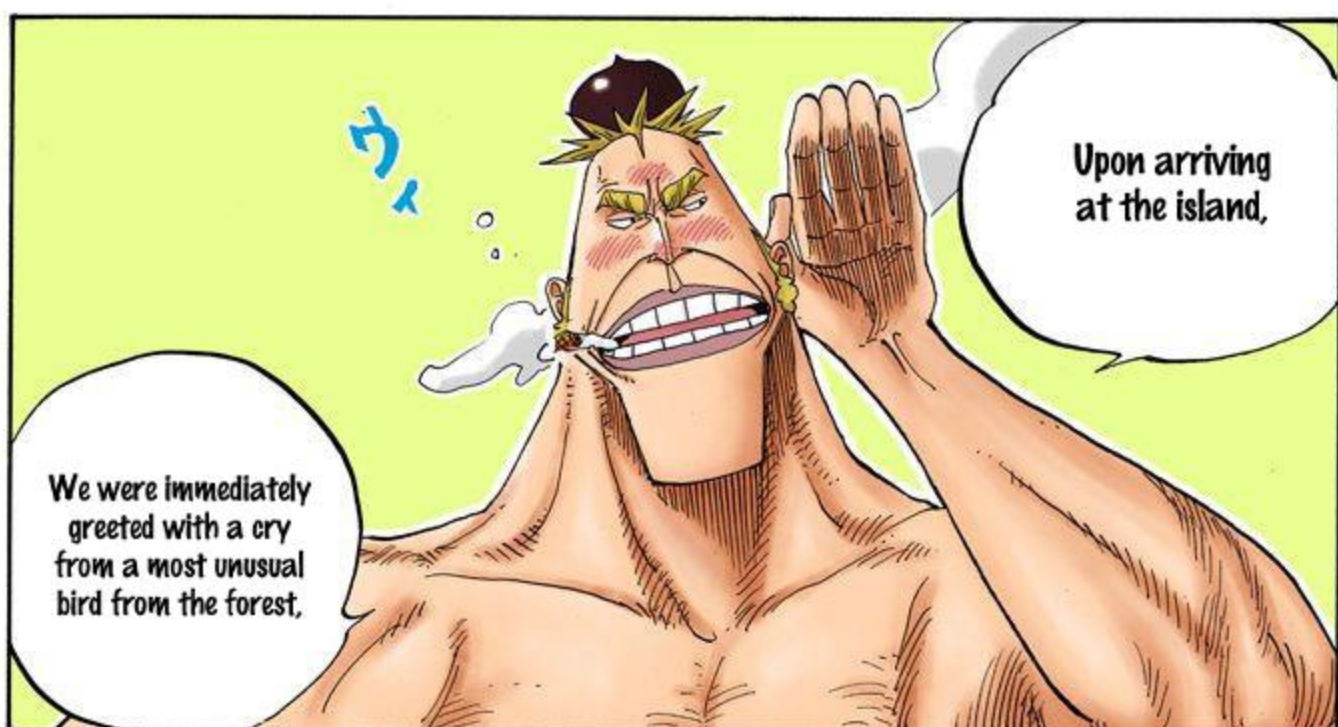
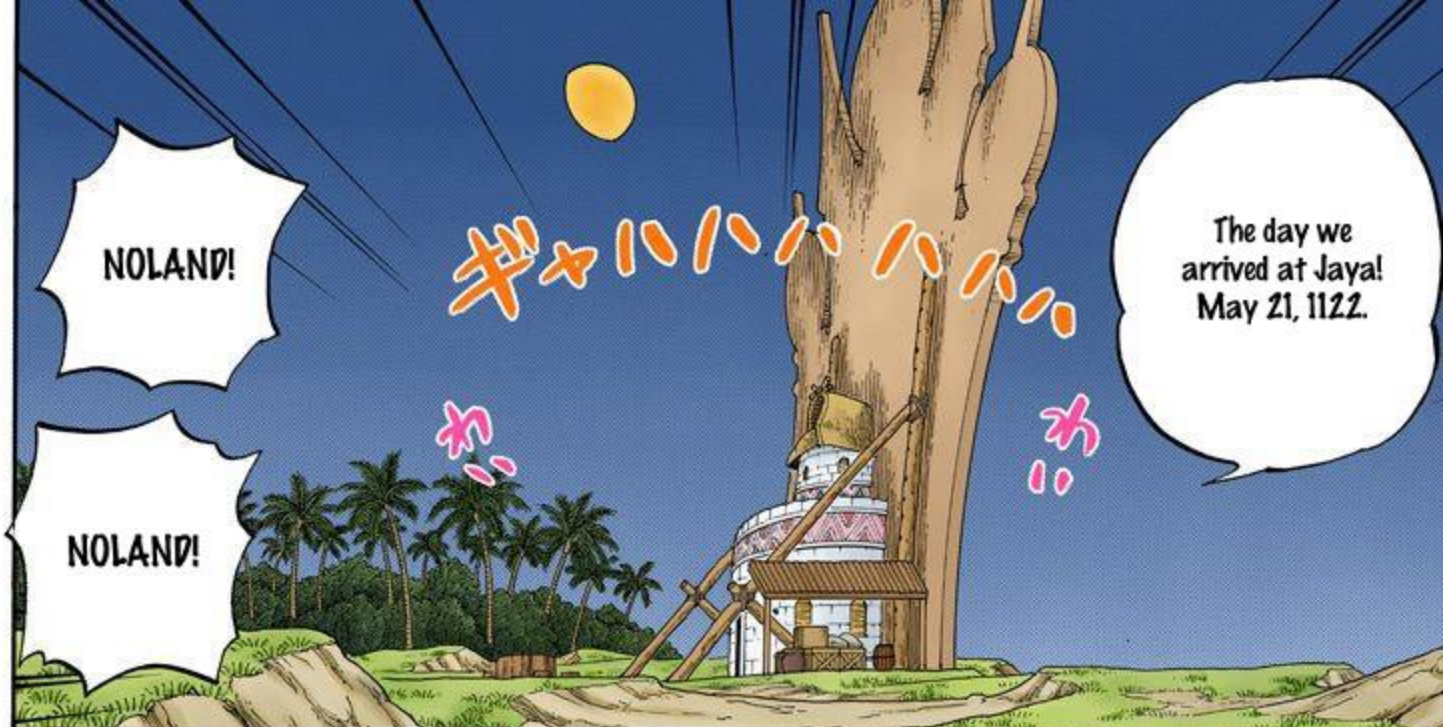
IS WASTED ON
FOOLS WHO CHASE
IMMATERIAL
DREAMS...

MATERIAL
GOLD,

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Catch the Southbird!





When reminded of the civilizations that have risen and fallen throughout the ages across this vast sea,

The former glory of its ancient city.

As if proudly proclaiming,

Reverberated throughout the entire island,

Noland!

Noland!

MUNCH
MUNCH

And so we simply stood there, silently listening to the bell ringing...

Were too awestruck to utter even a single word.

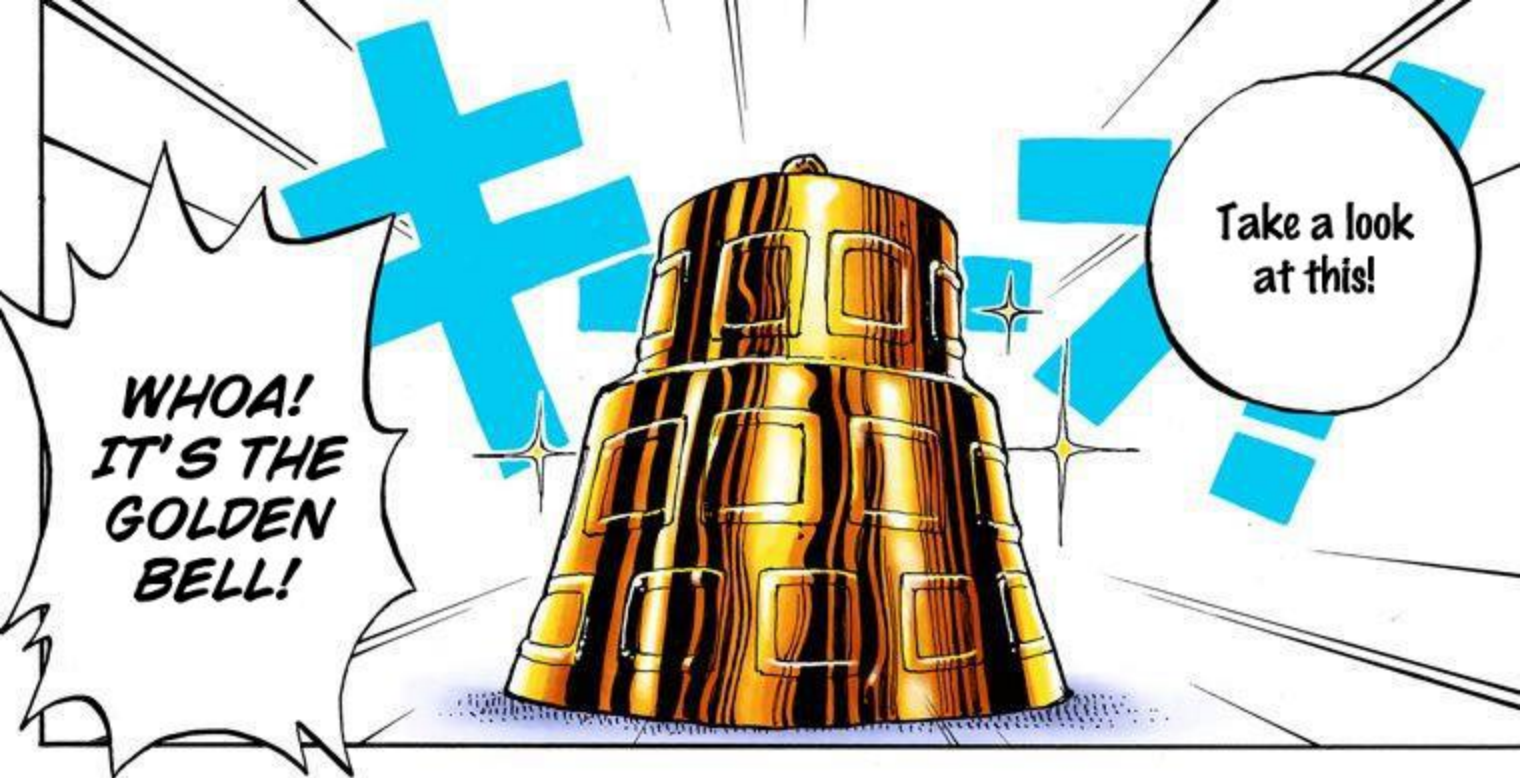
We, who barely live a few decades at most and yet act as if we know all there is to this world,

What a poet, that Noland!

Amazing, a giant bell made from gold!

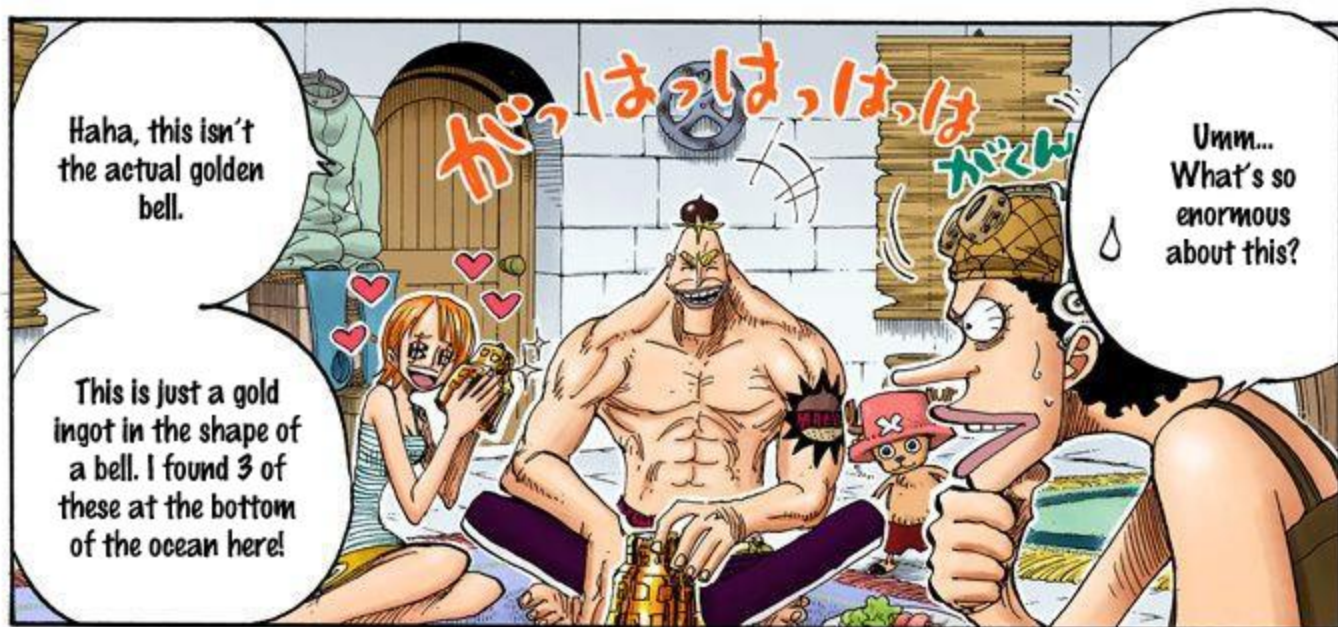
Ha, so you do like Noland after all, don'tcha, mister!?

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WHOA!
IT'S THE
GOLDEN
BELL!

Take a look
at this!



Haha, this isn't
the actual golden
bell.

Umm...
What's so
enormous
about this?

This is just a gold
ingot in the shape
of a bell. I found 3 of
these at the bottom
of the ocean here!



This is enough
proof that a
civilization
existed here in
these parts.

Still,

You can use
it to trade
and sell
goods.

An ingot is a
weight to weigh
out precious
metals.



What's an
ingot?

It's not too hard
to find this much
gold in any old
ruin.

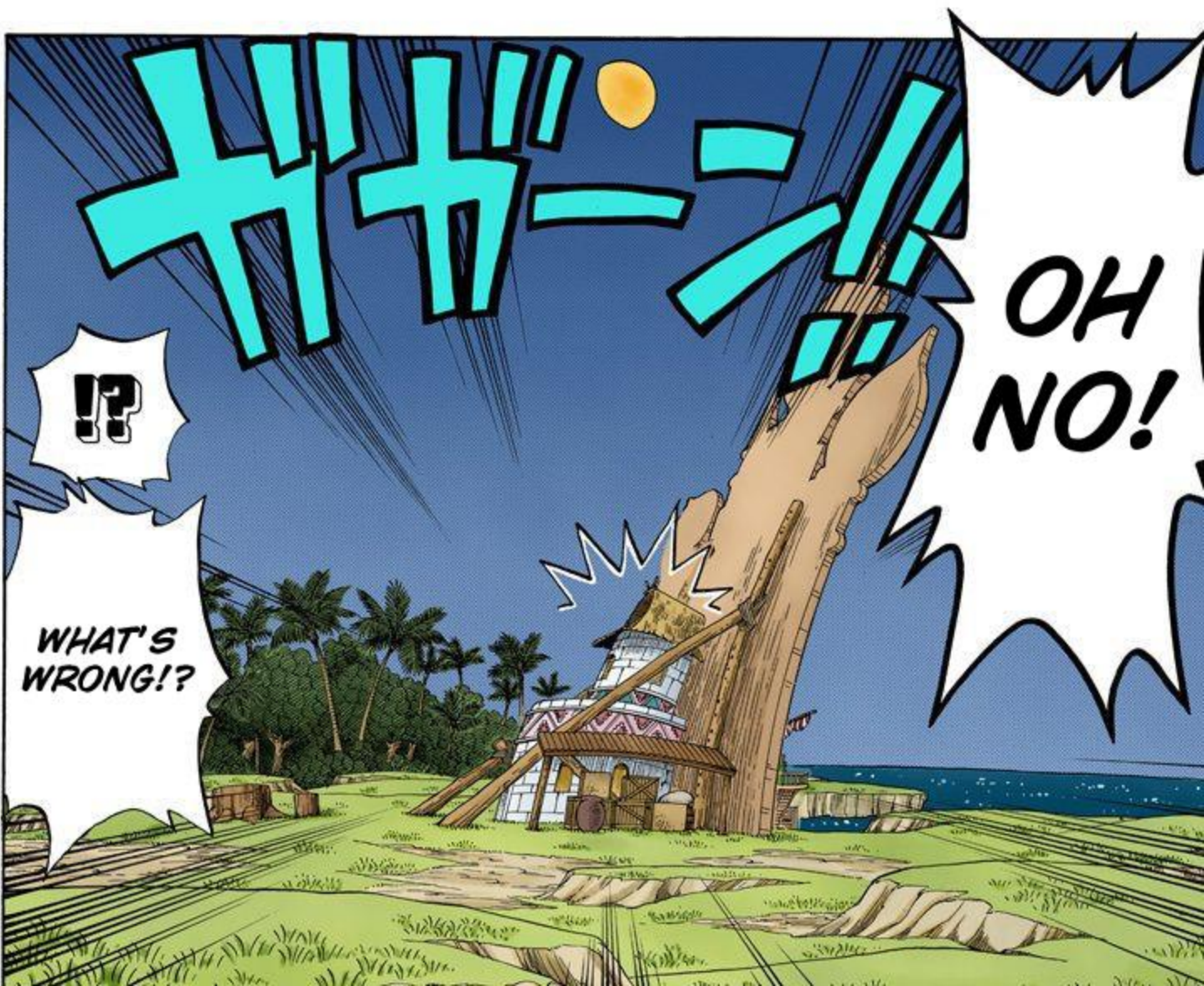
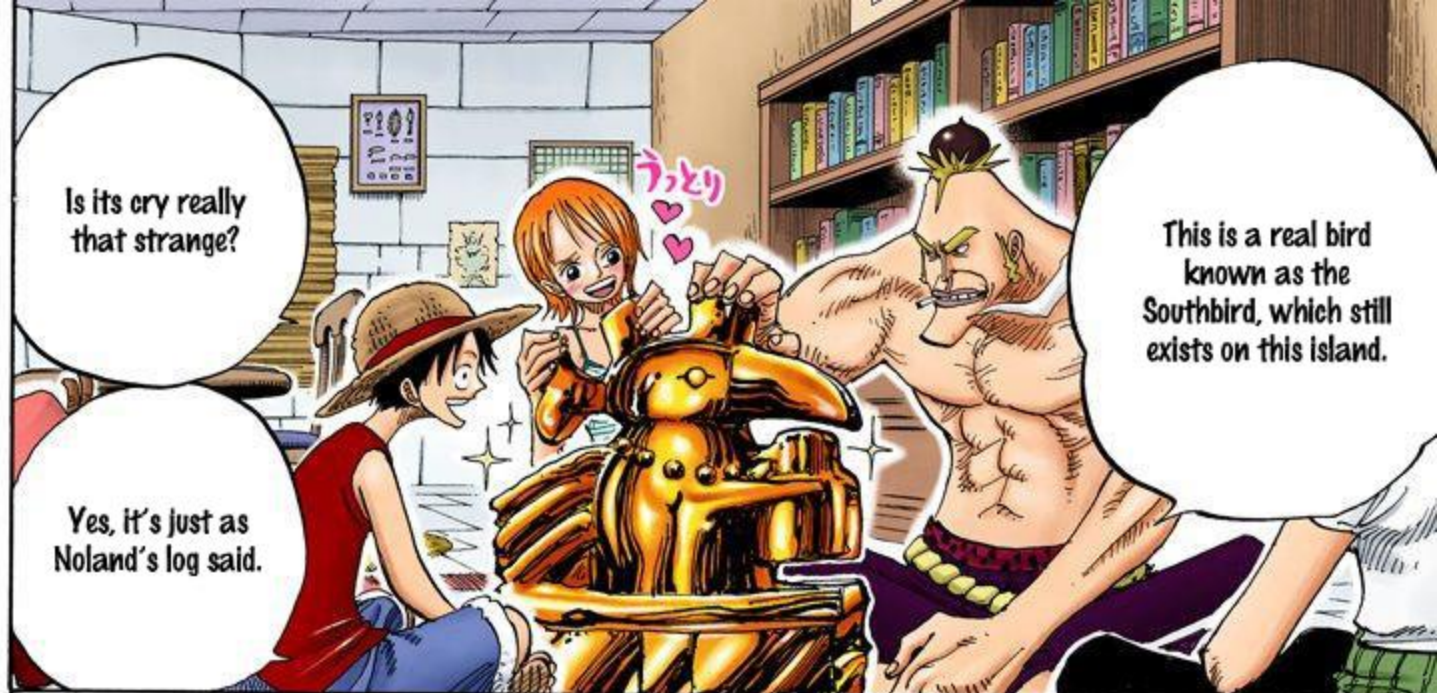
Well, there's
no solid proof
of that.

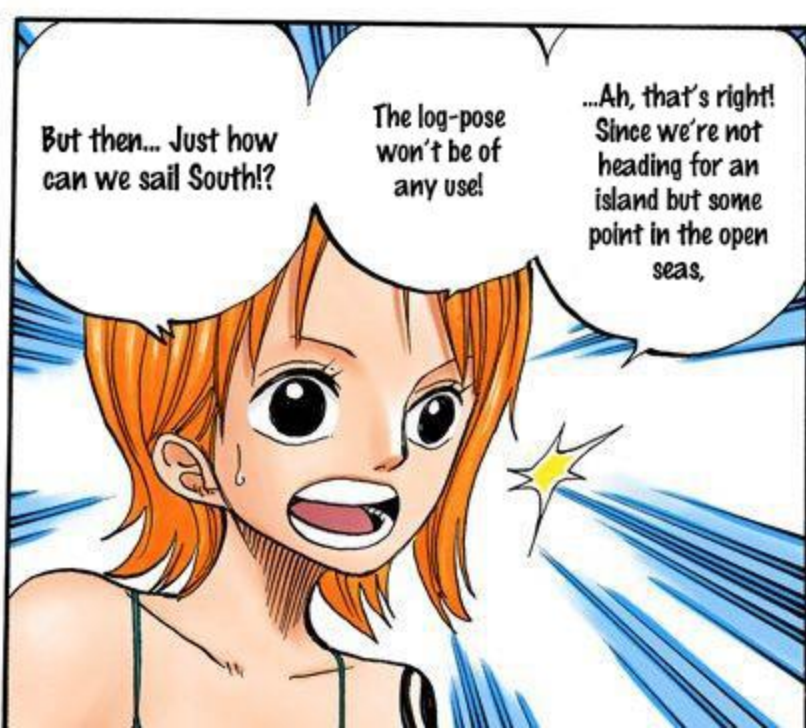
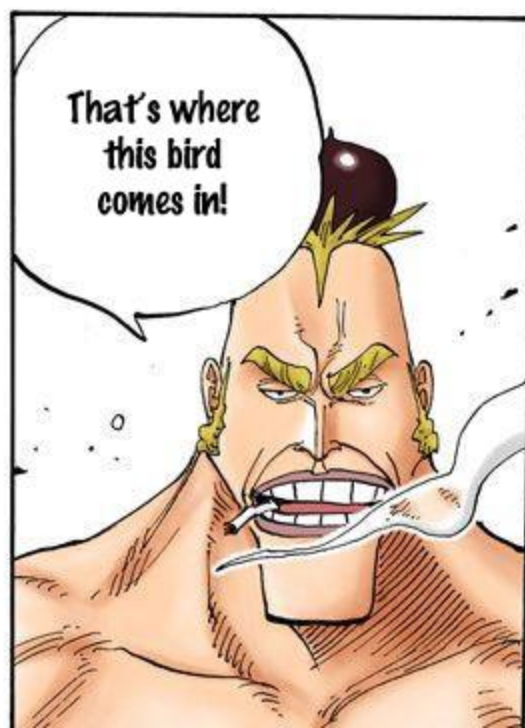
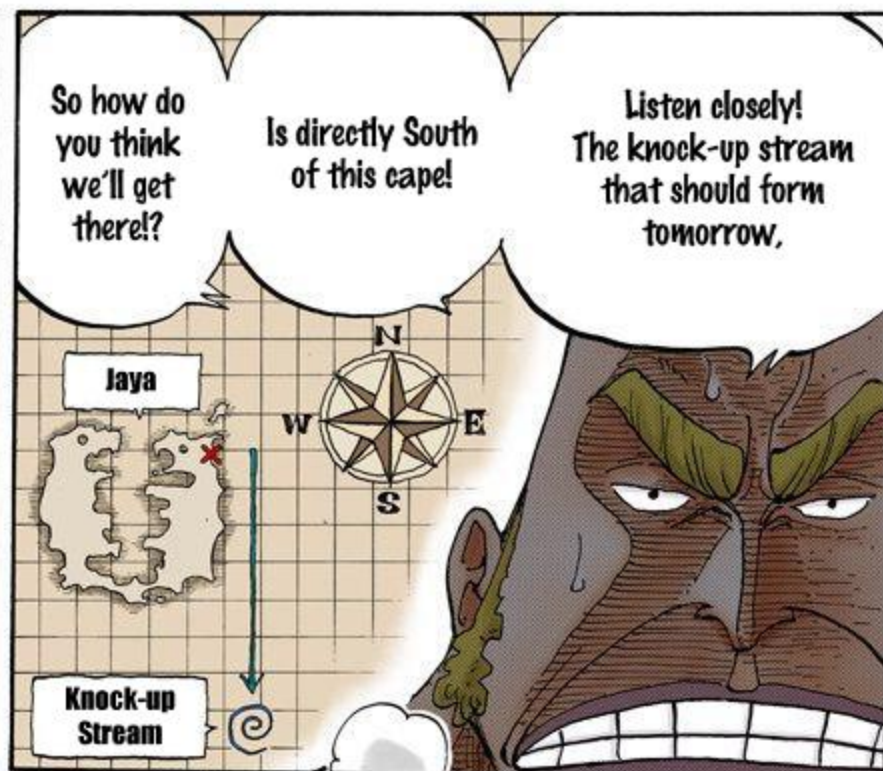
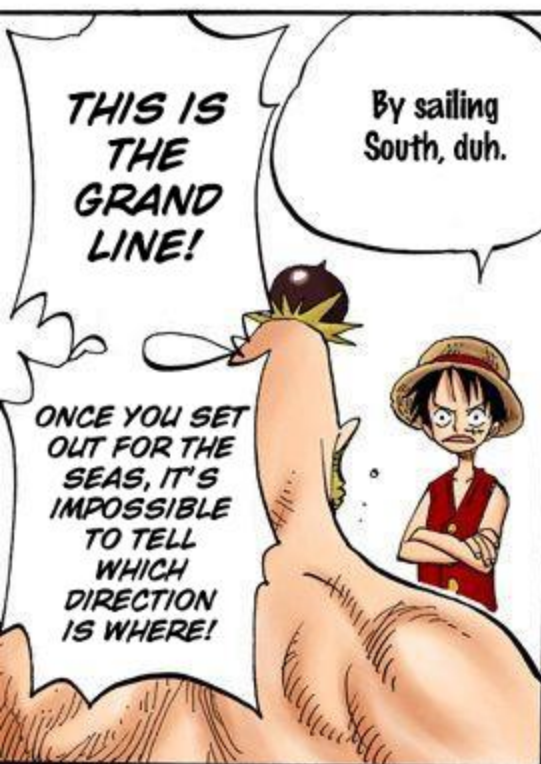
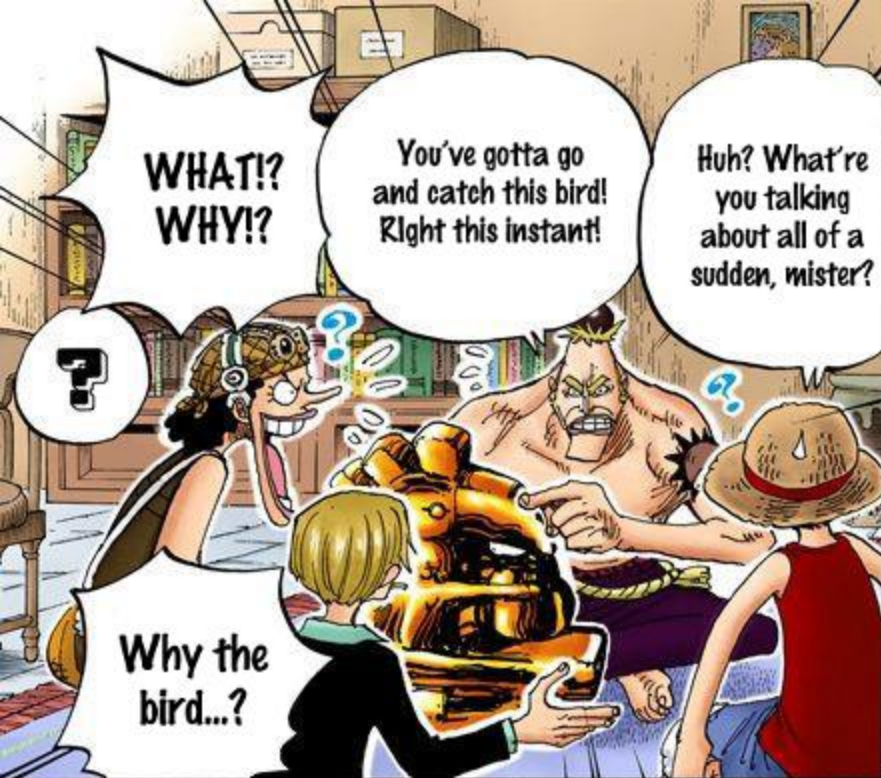
Oh, so the city of
gold does exist!

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What
is this?





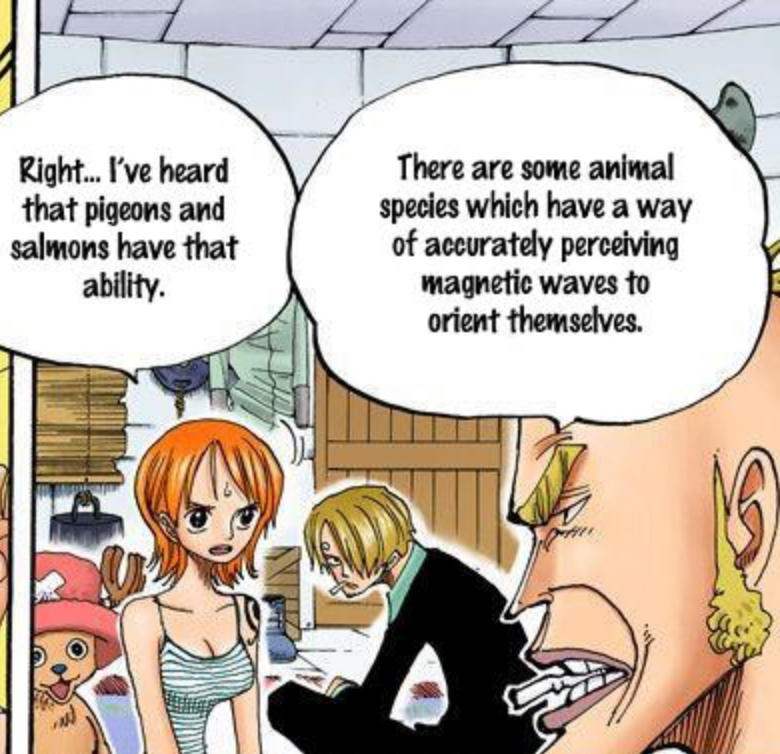




AS IF YOU
CAN TALK!

Guess that
makes you
worse than
even an
animal, Zoro!

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Right... I've heard
that pigeons and
salmons have that
ability.

There are some animal
species which have a way
of accurately perceiving
magnetic waves to
orient themselves.



Forget about going to
sky island, you won't
even be able to have the
chance of going there!

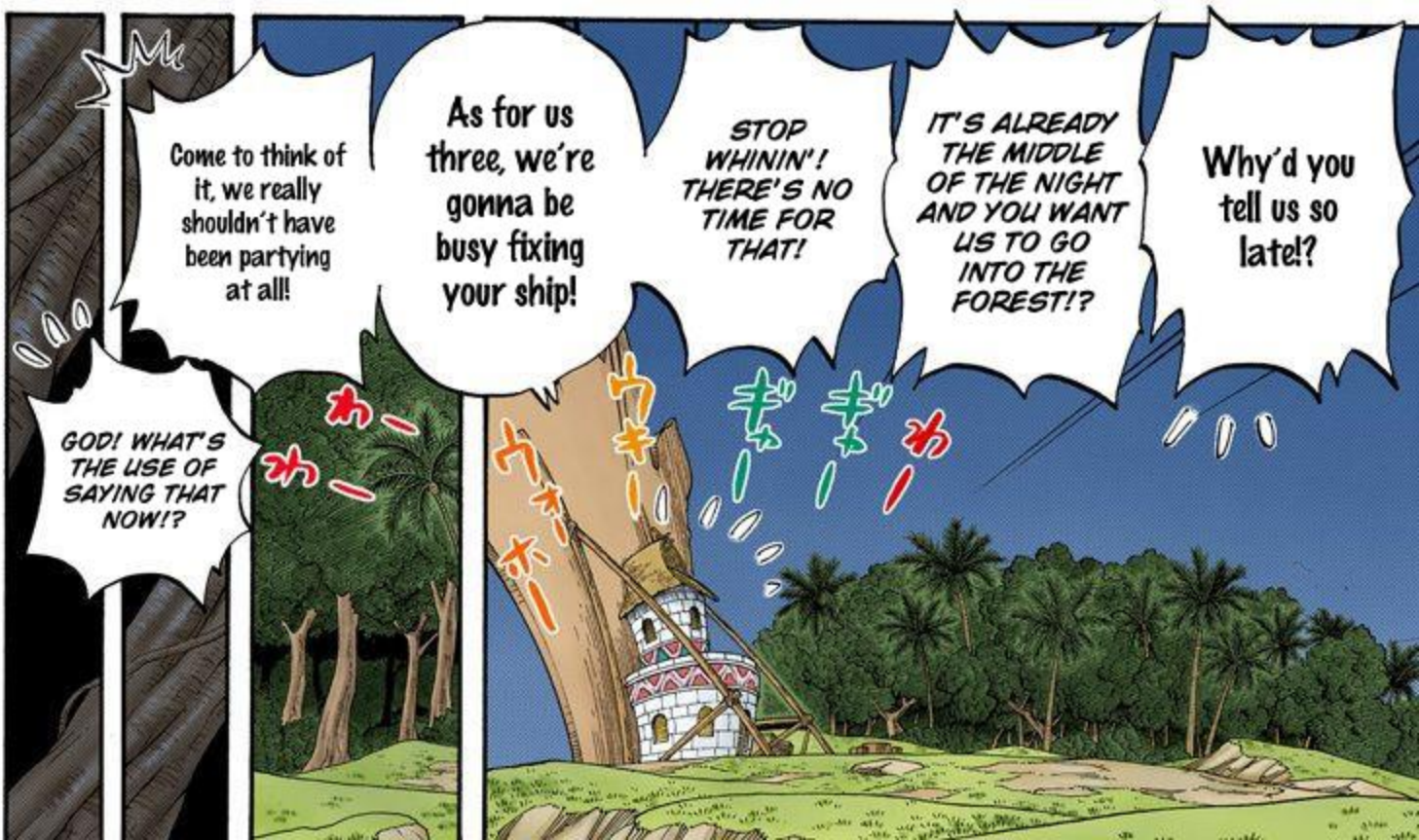
**IN ANY CASE!
WE CAN'T DO
ANYTHING
WITHOUT
THIS BIRD!**

WHAT!?



Even if you were to throw it
out into the middle of a
featureless ocean or desert,
it'll accurately point South.

The Southbird is
the keenest of
such animals.



Come to think of
it, we really
shouldn't have
been partying
at all!

As for us
three, we're
gonna be
busy fixing
your ship!

**STOP
WHININ'!
THERE'S NO
TIME FOR
THAT!**

**IT'S ALREADY
THE MIDDLE
OF THE NIGHT
AND YOU WANT
US TO GO
INTO THE
FOREST!?**

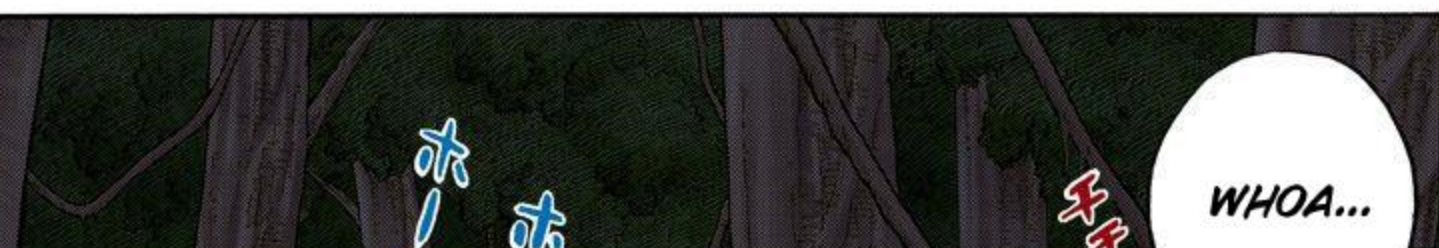
Why'd you
tell us so
late!?

GOD! WHAT'S
THE USE OF
SAYING THAT
NOW!?



BY THE TIME
THE SUN
RISES...!

YOU BETTER
HAVE CAUGHT
ONE
SOUTHBIRD,



WHOA...



IT'S PITCH
BLACK IN
HERE!



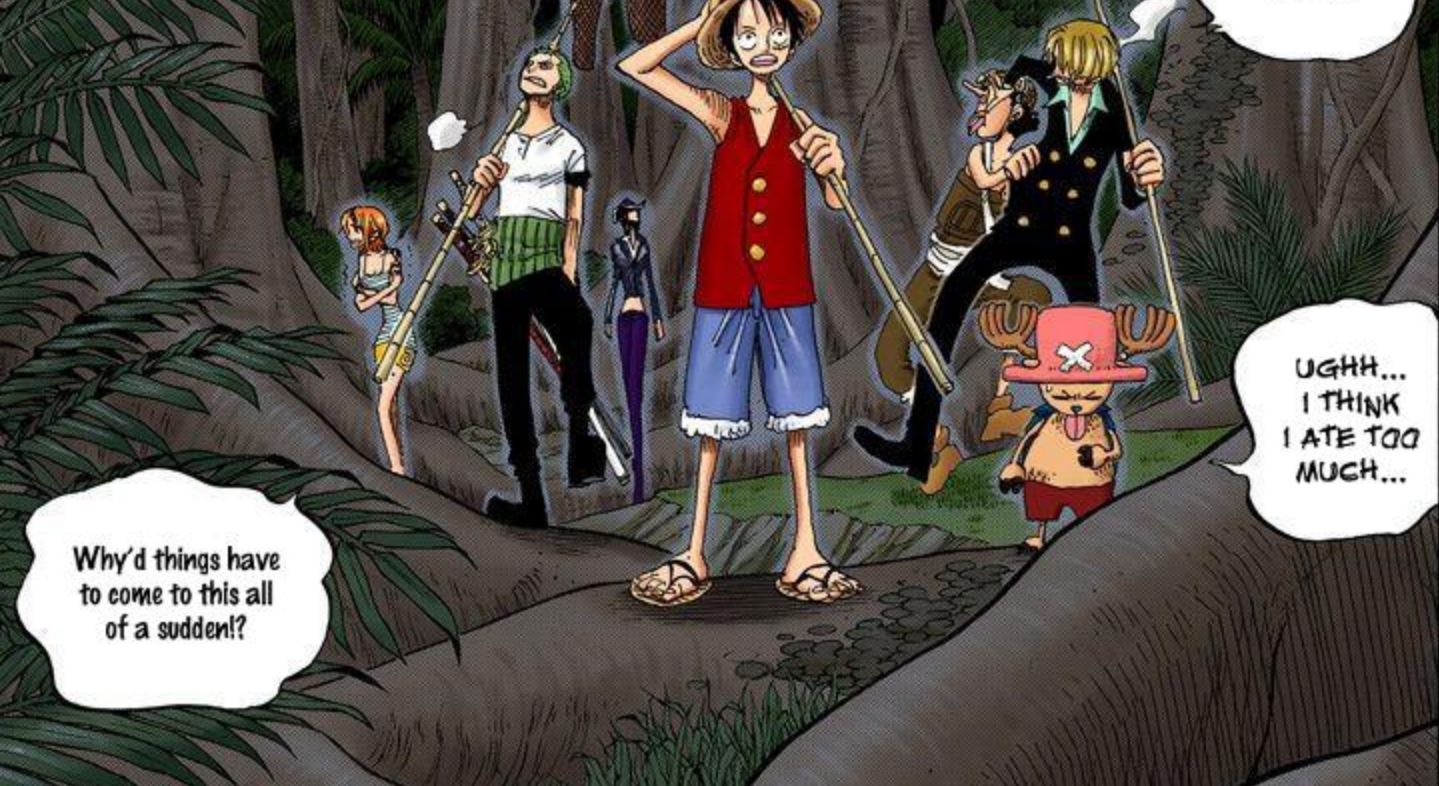
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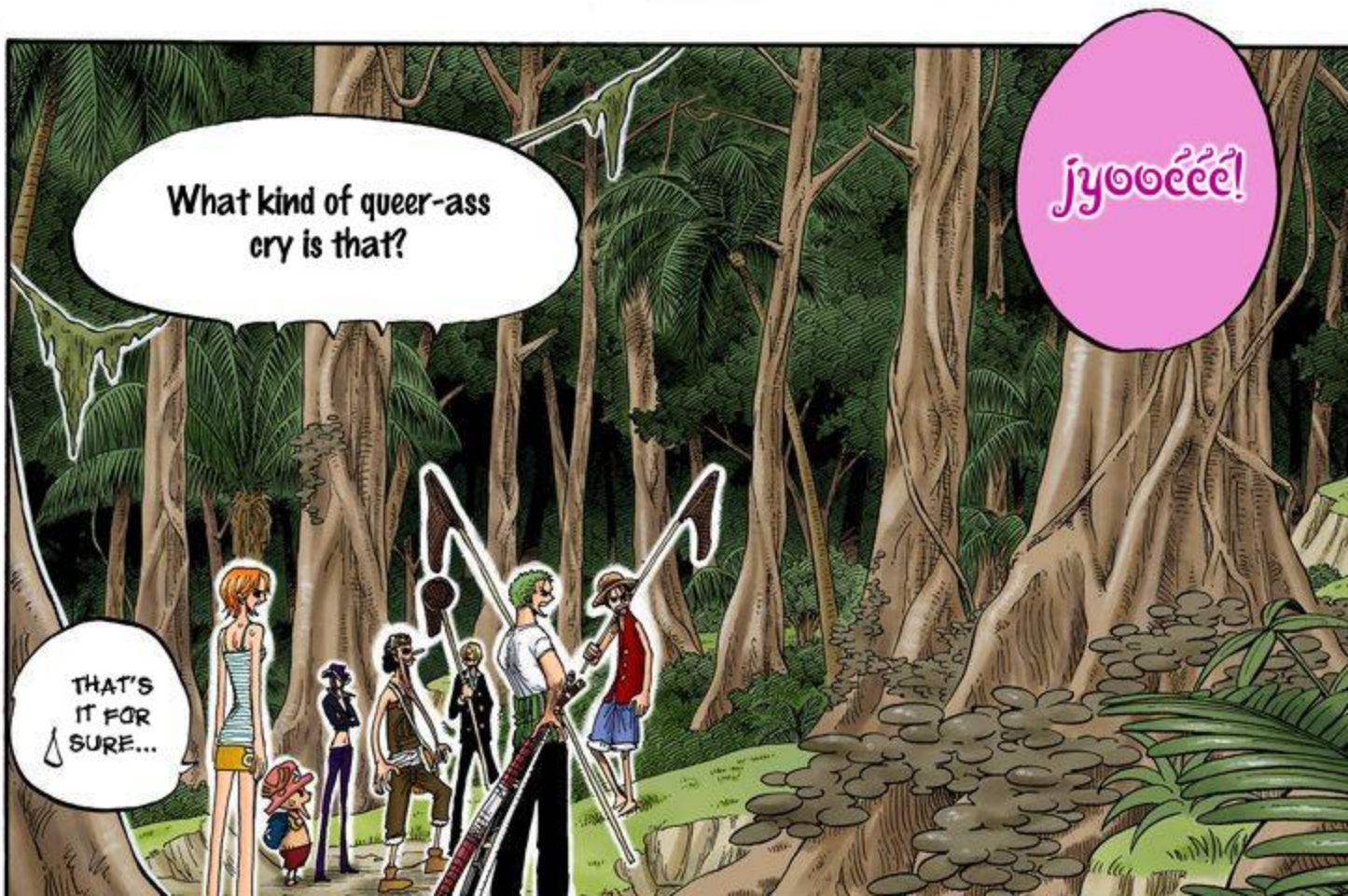
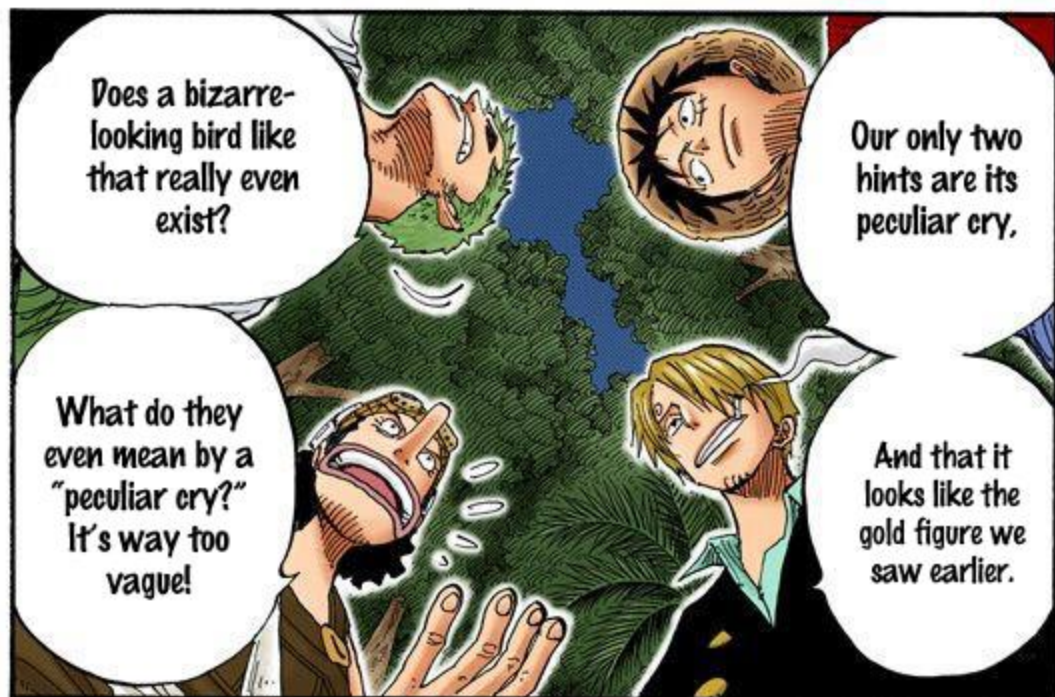
Well, let's catch this
thing quickly so we
can go back and
drink some more...

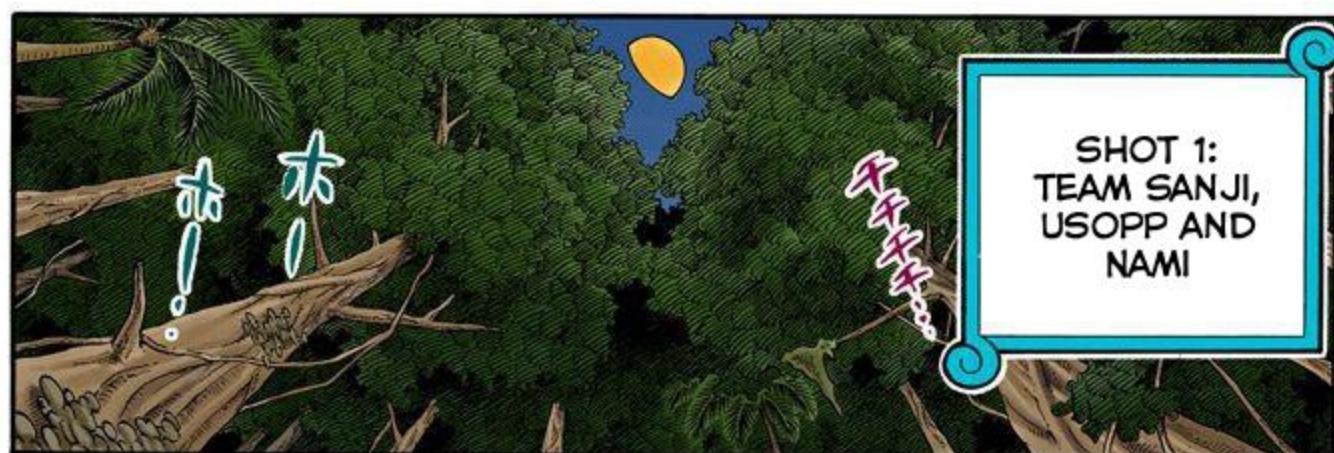
Stop holding
onto me!



Why'd things have
to come to this all
of a sudden!?

UGHH...
I THINK
I ATE TOO
MUCH...







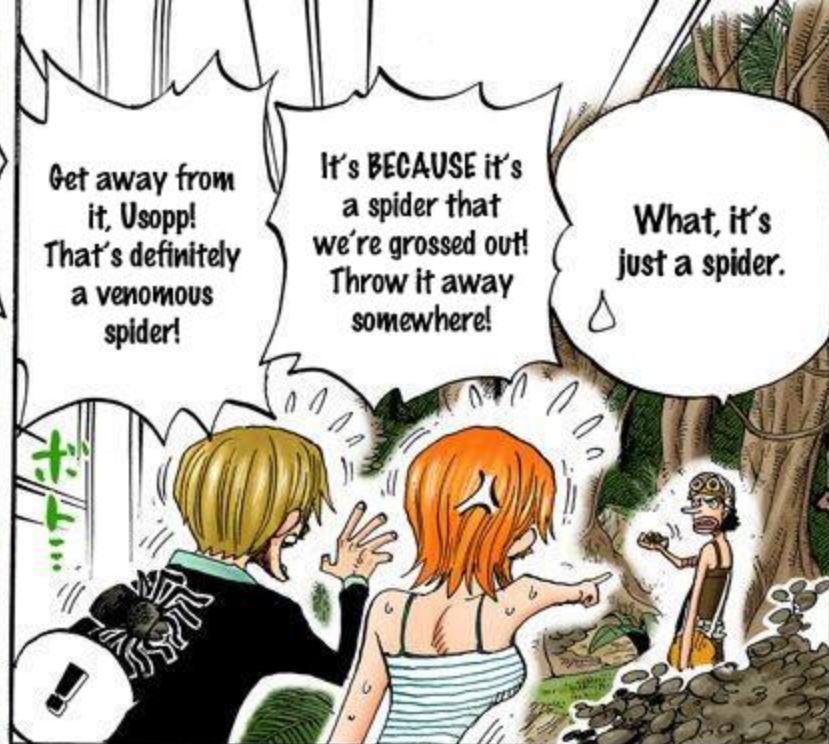
GET IT OFF,
GET IT OFF,
GET IT OFF
OF ME!

AGHHH!
THEY'RE
FALLING
DOWN FROM
THE TREE!

Get away from
it, Usopp!
That's definitely
a venomous
spider!

It's BECAUSE it's
a spider that
we're grossed out!
Throw it away
somewhere!

What, it's
just a spider.



ME
NEITHER!
I HATE
THEM ALL!

WELL I DON'T
WANT ANYTHING
TO DO WITH
THOSE KINDS
OF CREEPY
CRAWLIES!

I used to do stage
a lot of spider-
fights back in
the day...

It's probably
a type of
tarantula.

HURRY
UP AND
TOSS IT
FAR
AWAY!

NO!!!

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CRAWL...

Don't worry,
it won't bite as
long as you
don't hurt it.

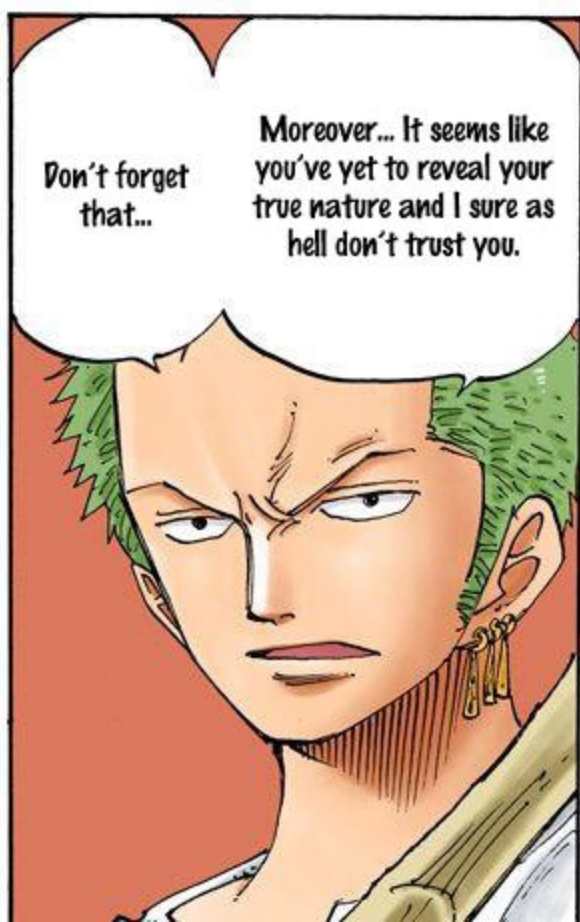
MOTHS AND
CENTIPEDES
ARE NOT OKAY
EITHER!

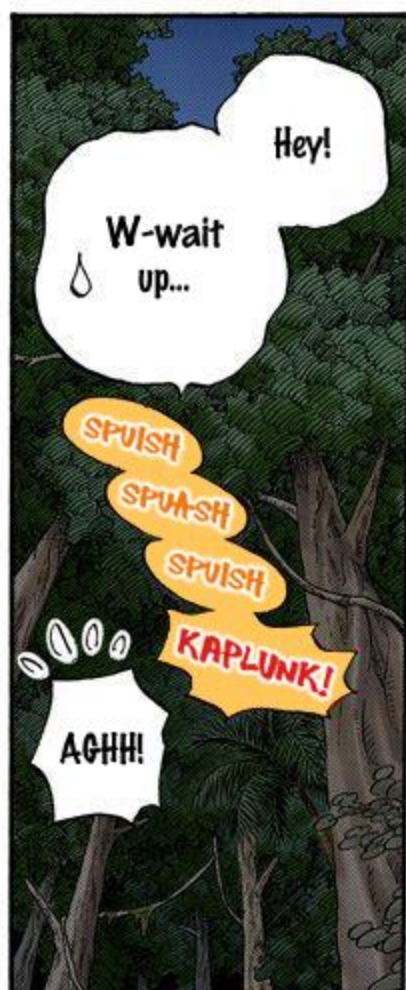


!!!?

Oh... But you're
fine with the
moths and centi-
pedes back there?









CAUGHT
IT!!!

SHOT 3:
TEAM LUFFY
AND
CHOPPER



NGHHH...!
HARD TO
SAY...!

Then what's
greater, an
Atlas beetle or
One Piece?



That's right! Atlas
and Hercules beetles
are every child's
dream in this world!

An atlas?

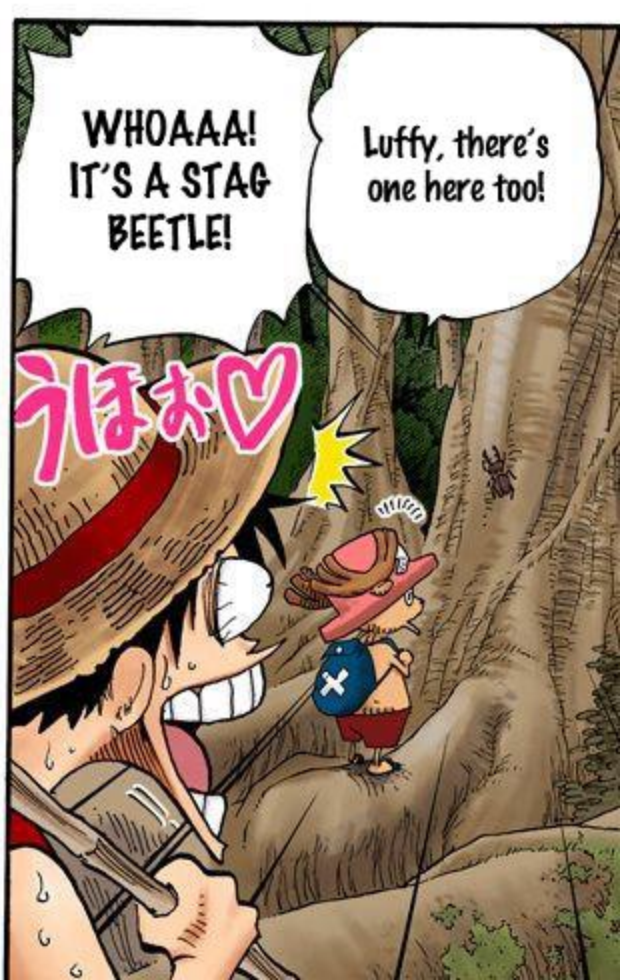
LOOK,
CHOPPER!
AN ATLAS
BEETLE!

What, these
rhinoceros
beetles?

WIGGLE
WIGGLE



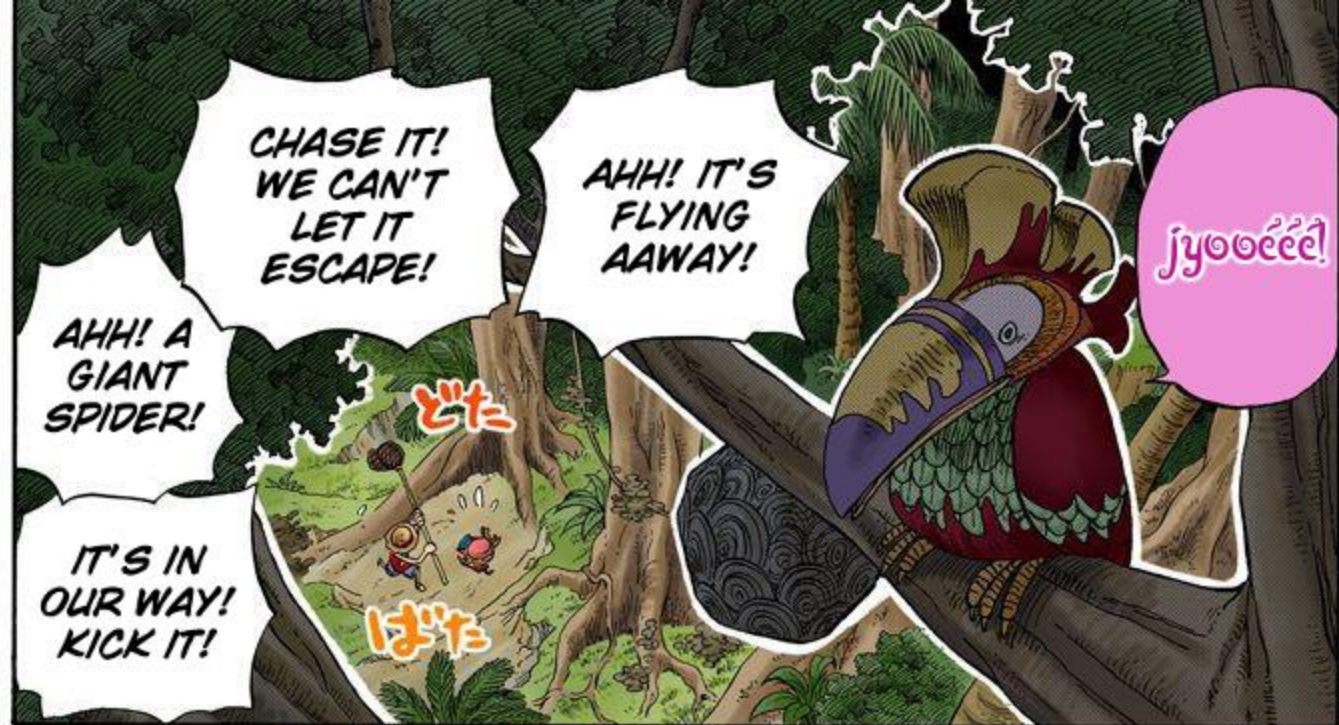
じゅおてえ!



WHOOAAA!
IT'S A STAG
BEETLE!

Luffy, there's
one here too!

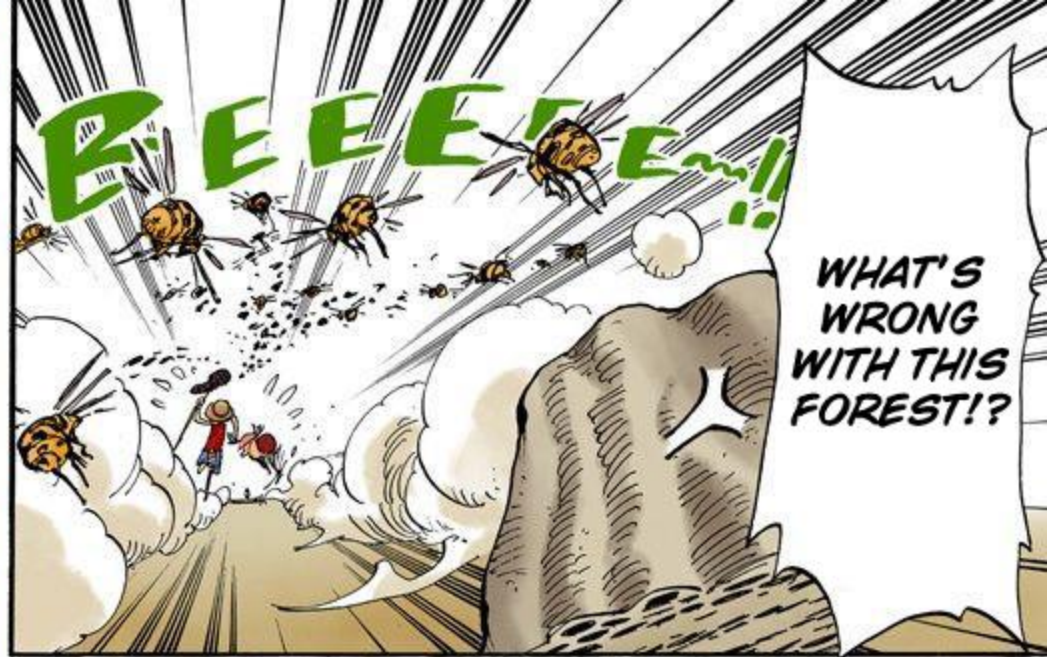
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AH!

LUFFY,
LOOK!



BEEEEEE~!!

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH THIS
FOREST!?



Why, did it say
something!?



...What!?



jyooééé.
jyo jyo
jyooééé!

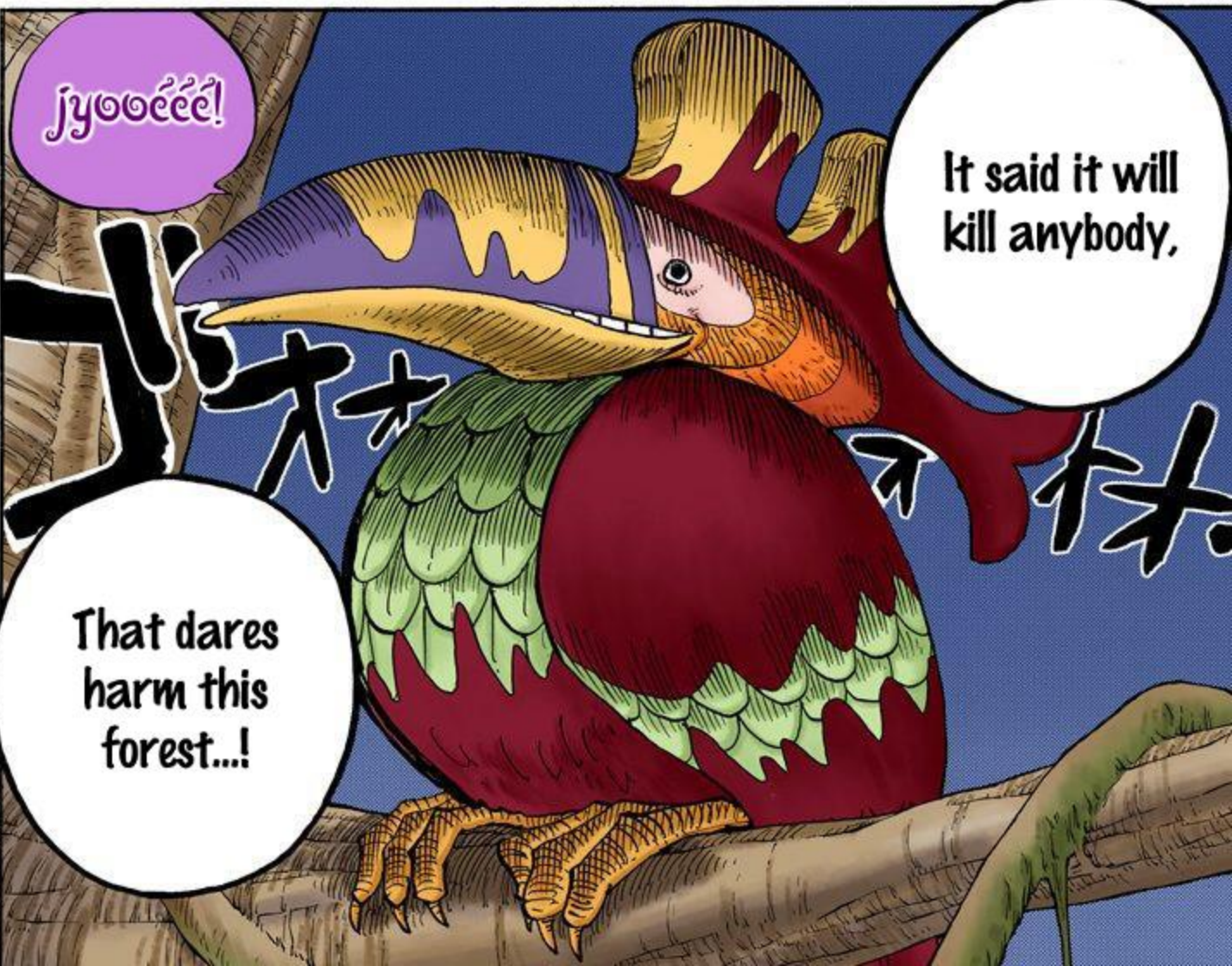


AH! It's the
bird we're
looking for!

A bird?

It must
have
dropped
the hive
on us!

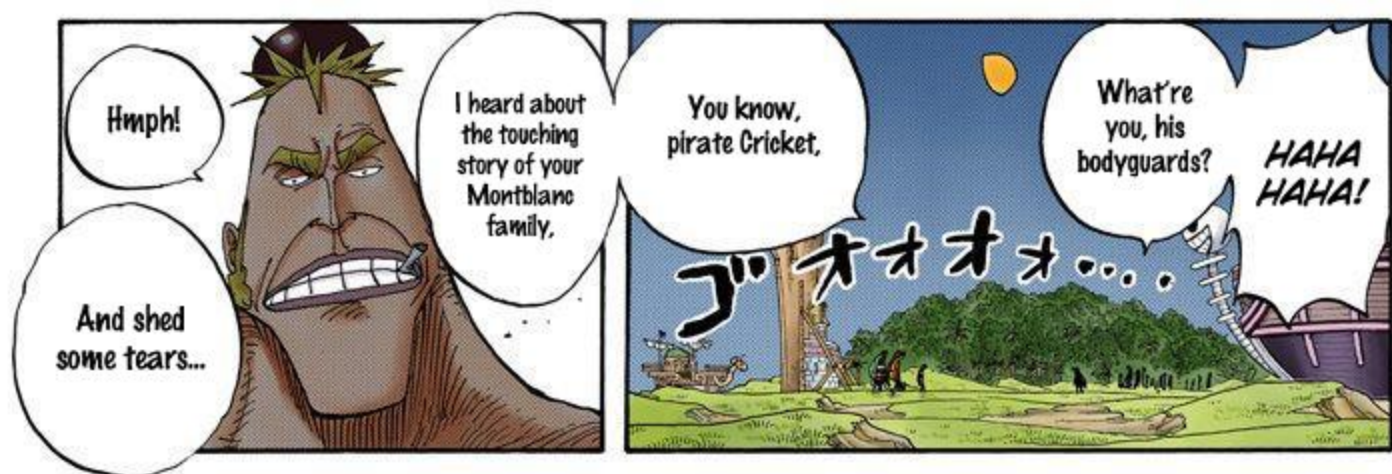
jyo!



jyooééé!

That dares
harm this
forest...!

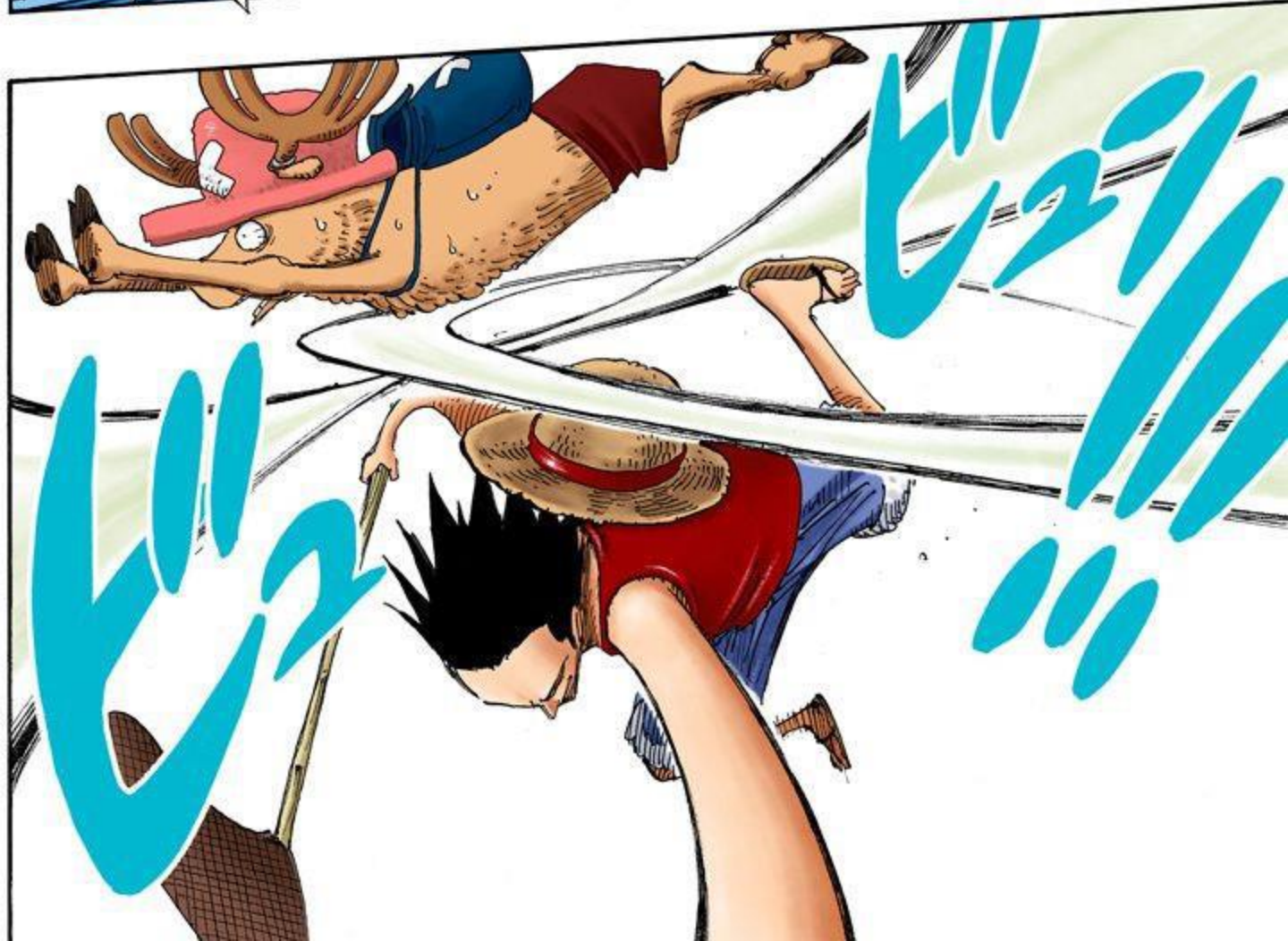
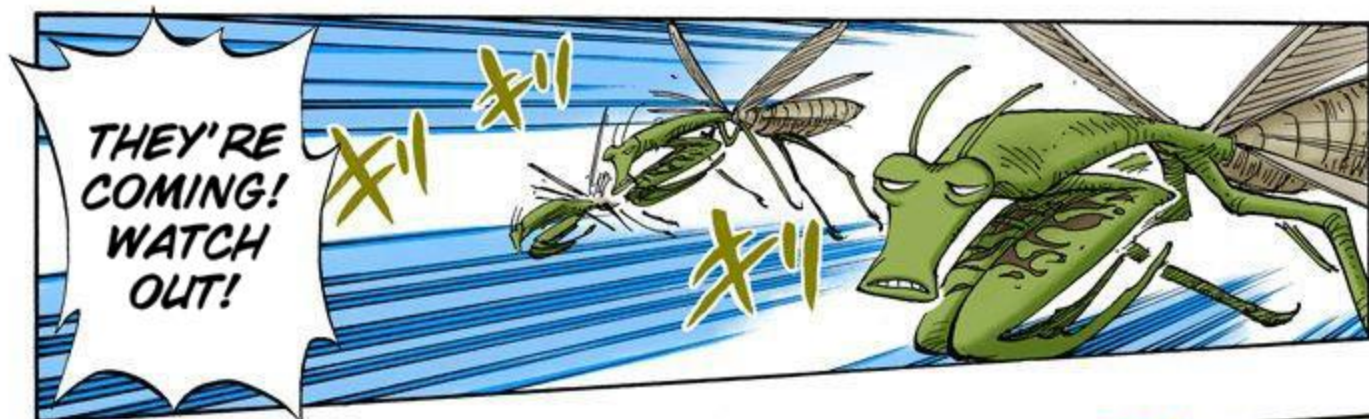
It said it will
kill anybody,

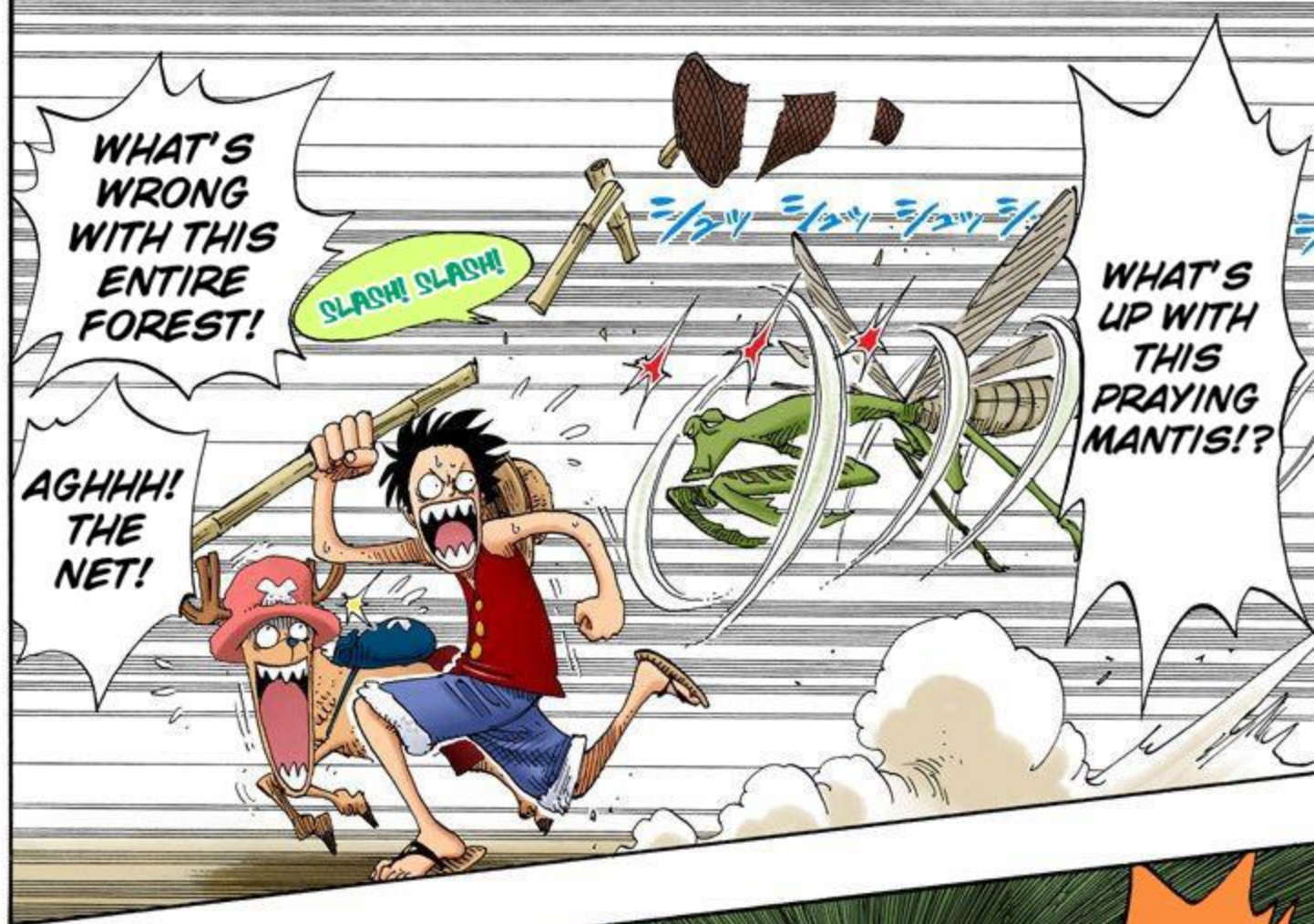


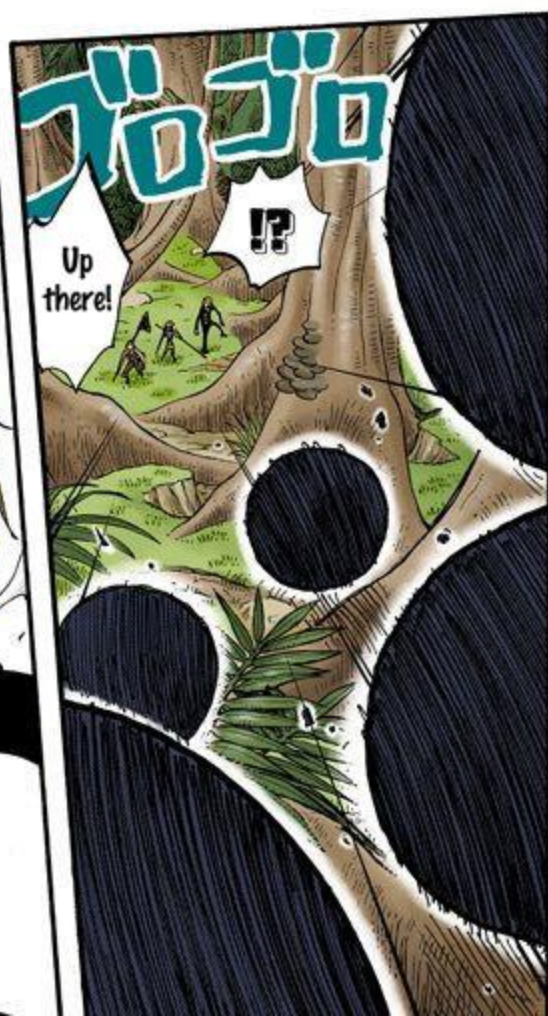
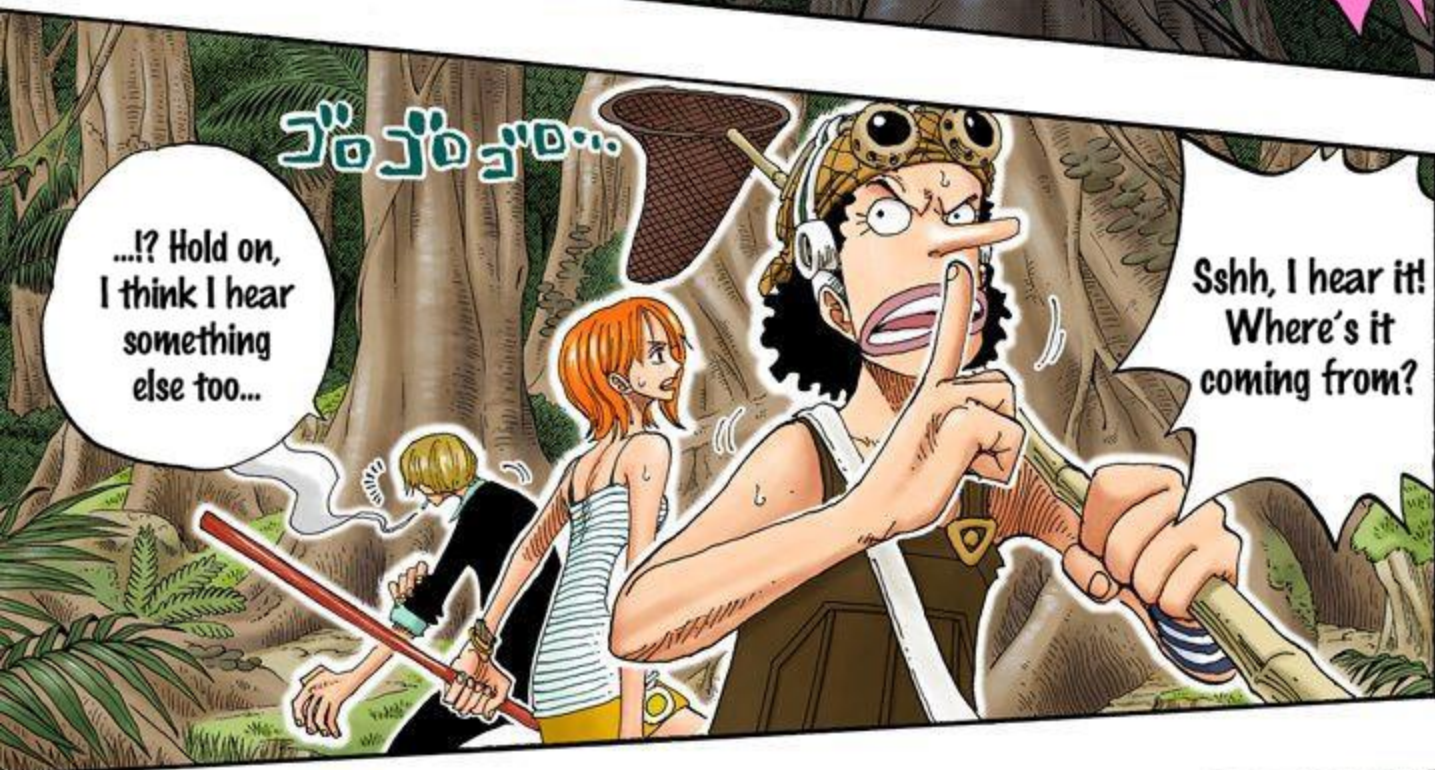
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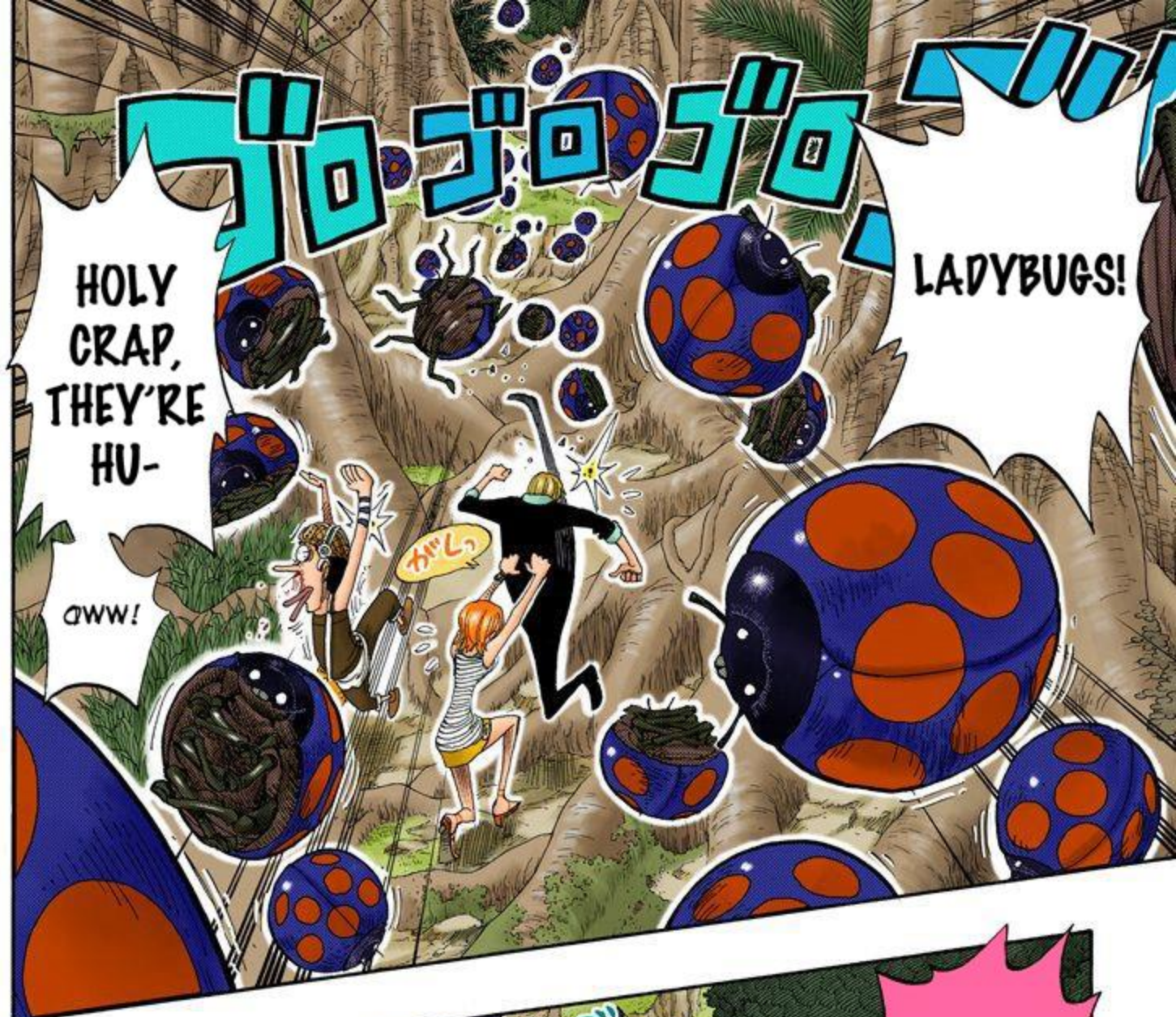
“Bellamy the Hyena”

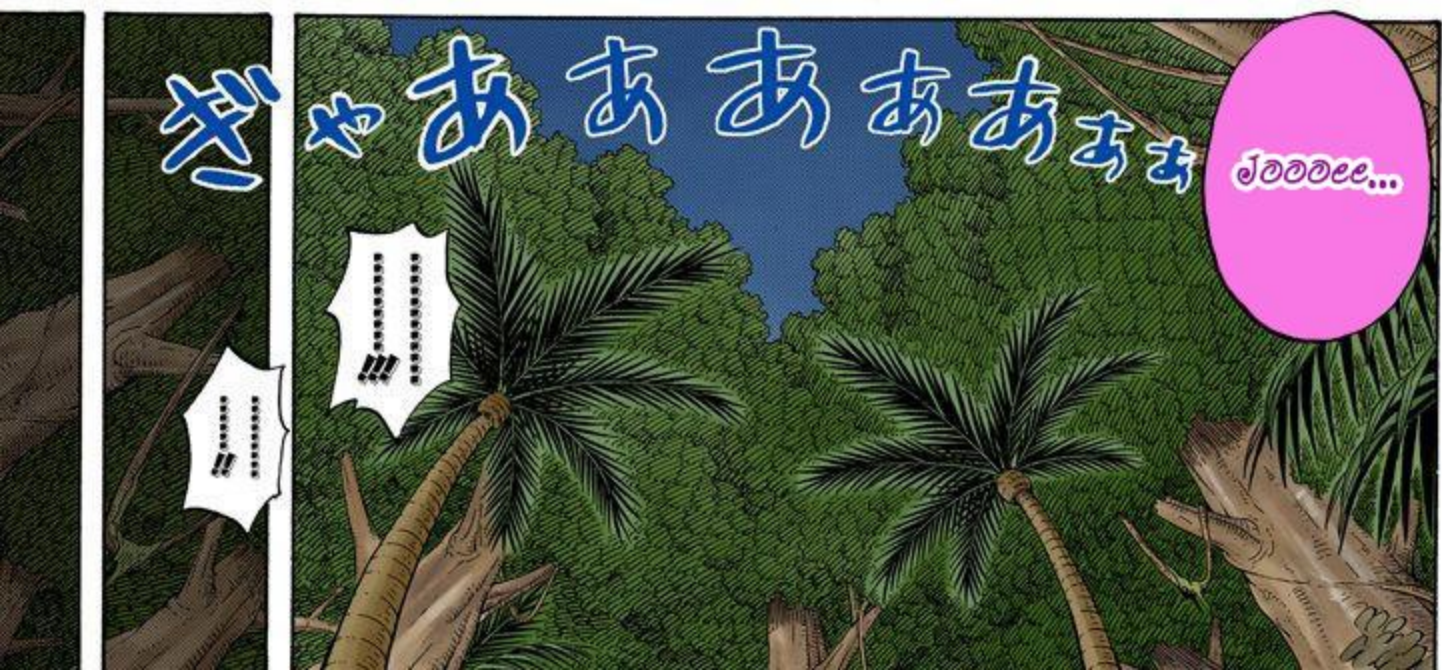


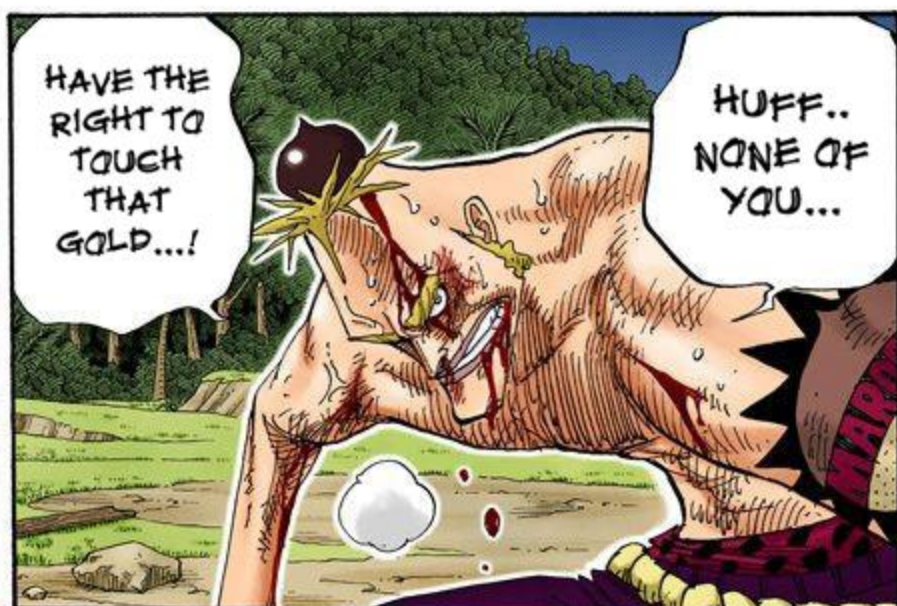
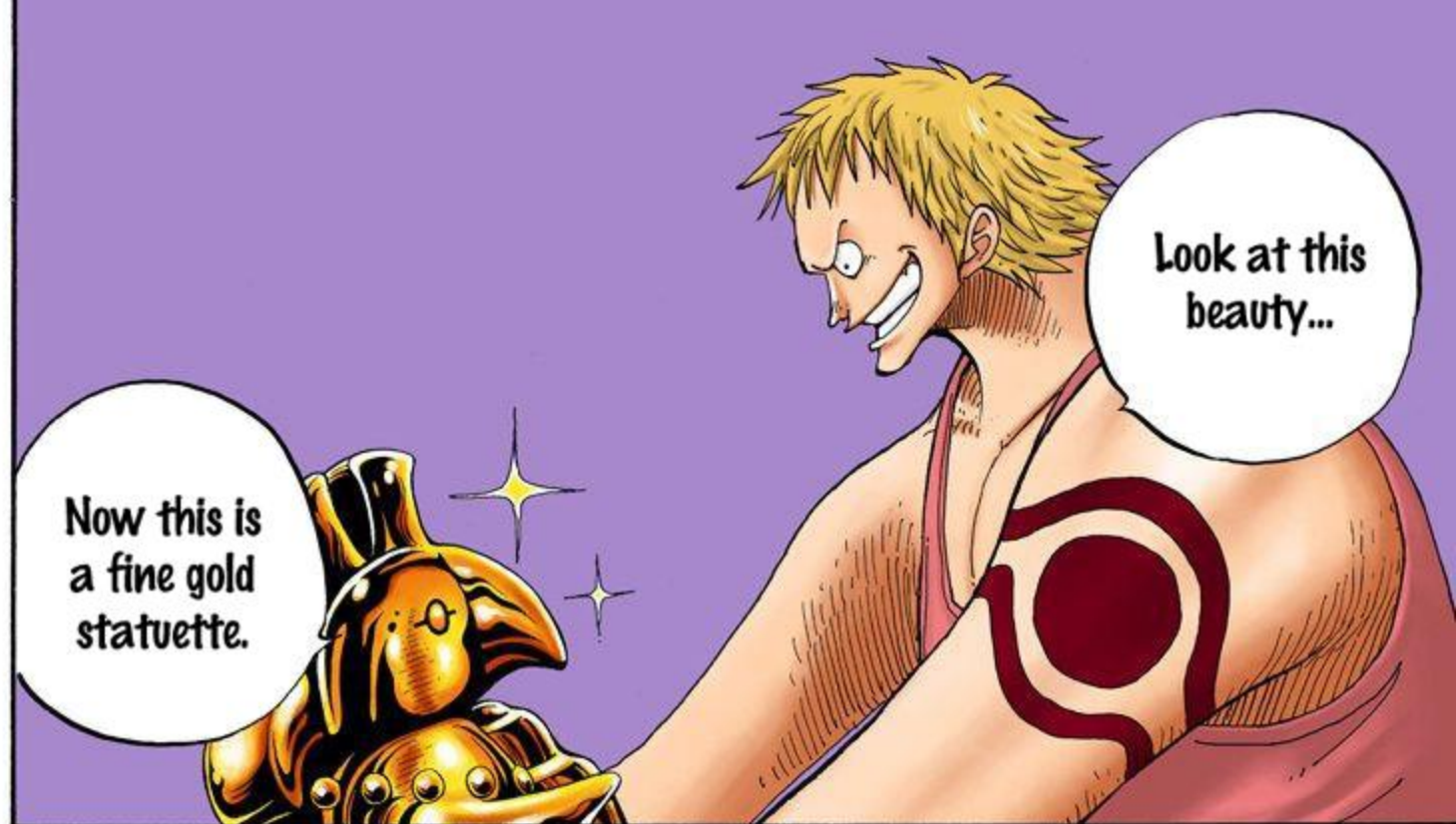




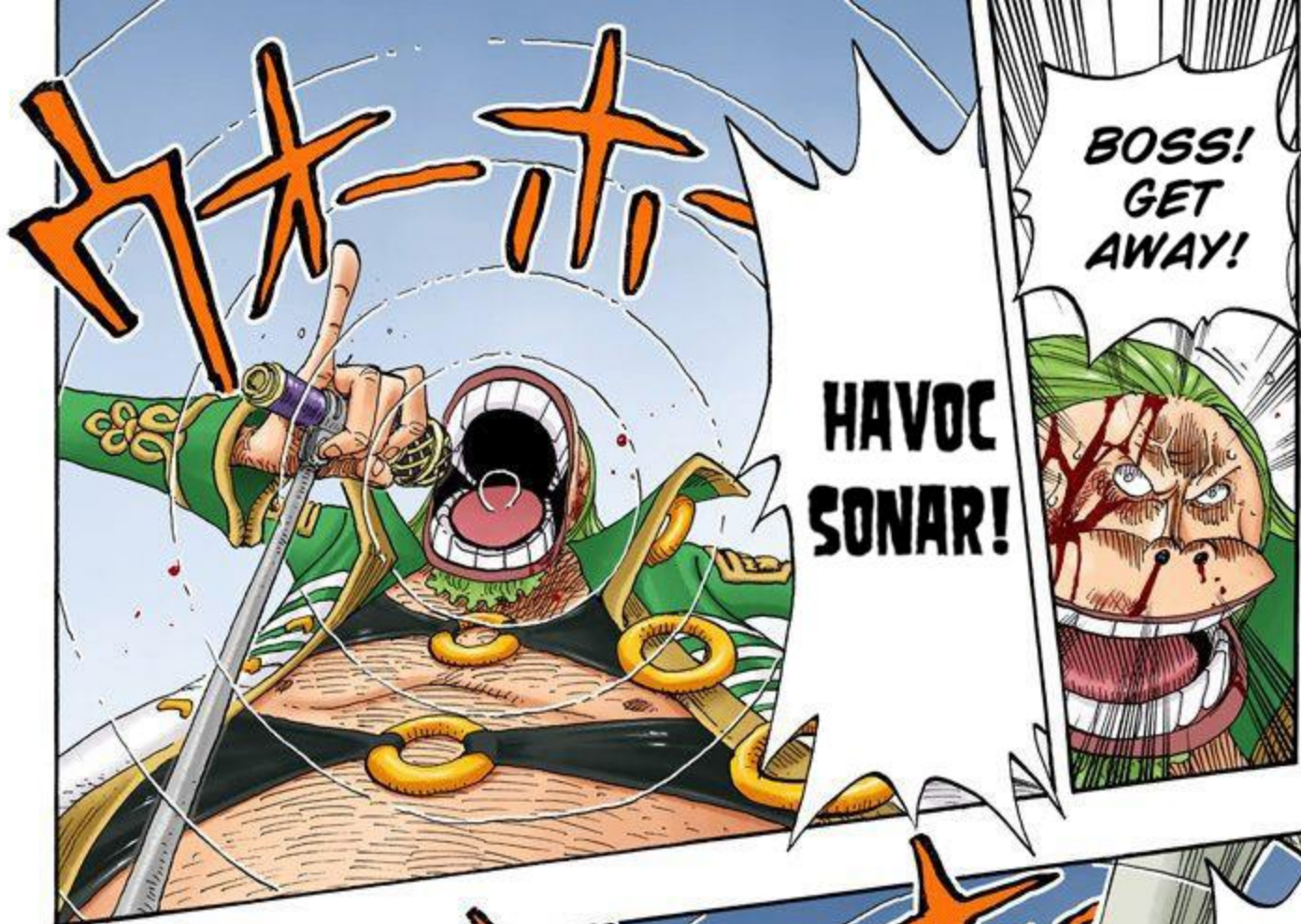






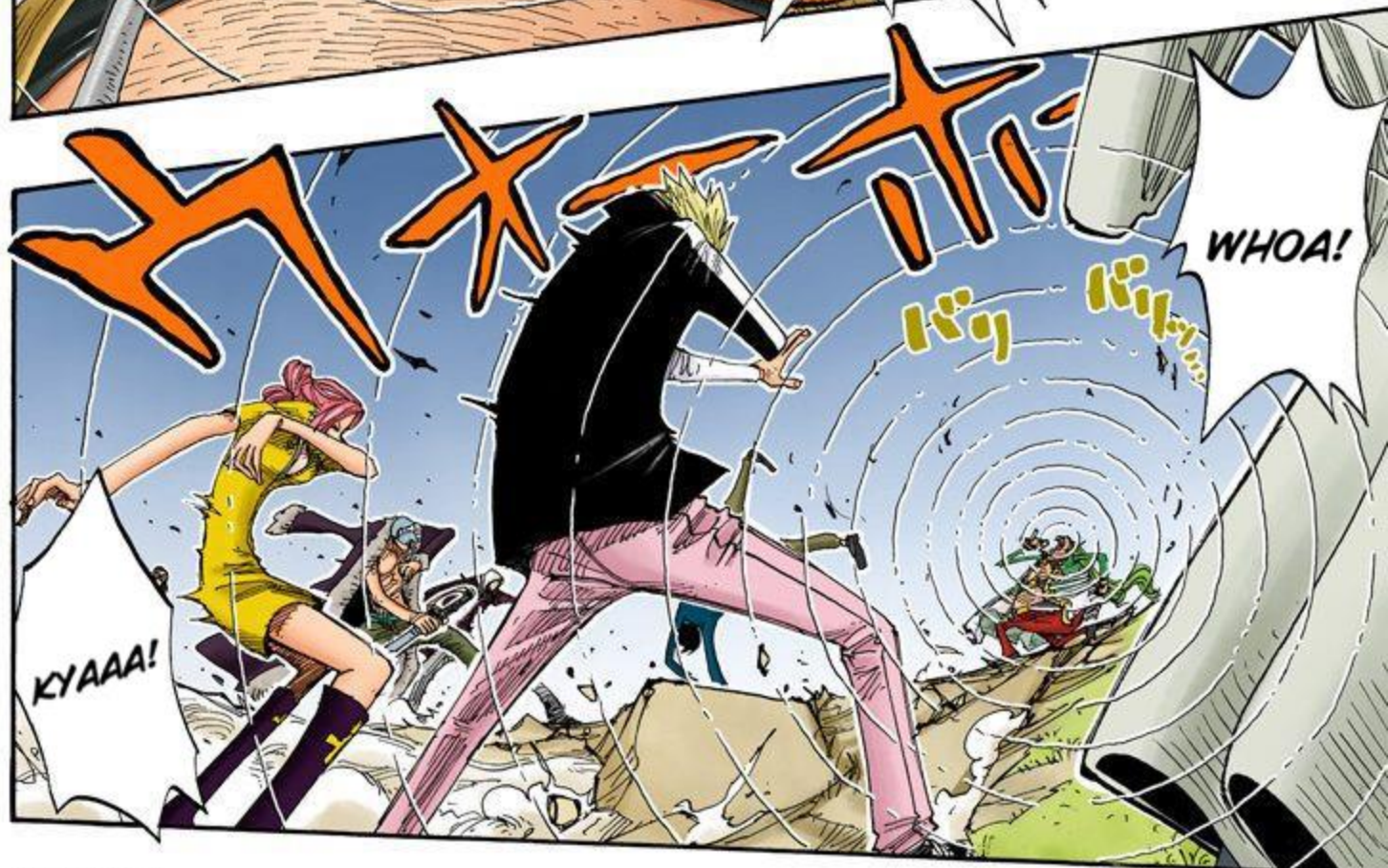






BOSS!
GET
AWAY!

HAVOC
SONAR!



WHOA!

KYAAA!

Spring Spring Fruit

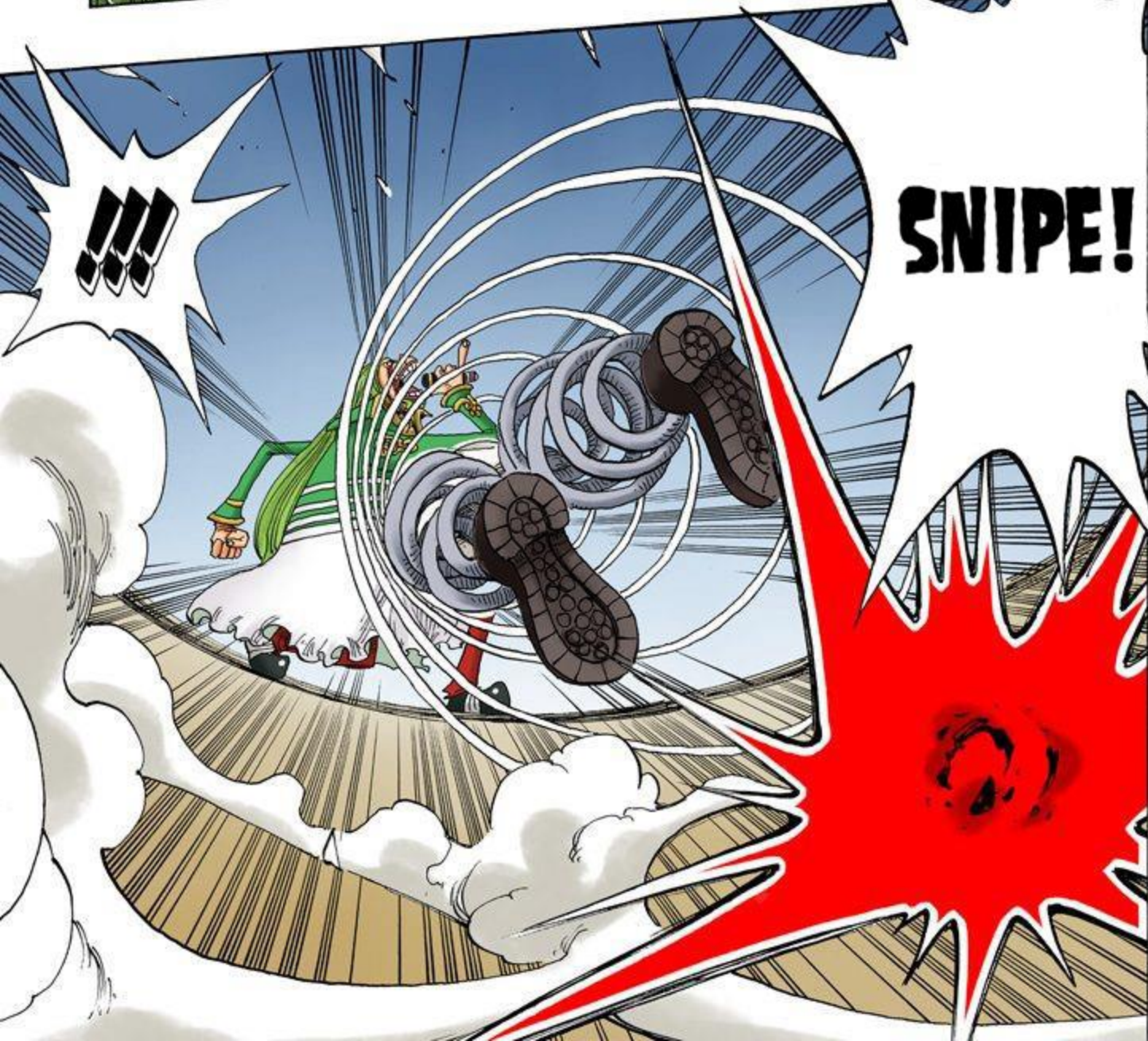
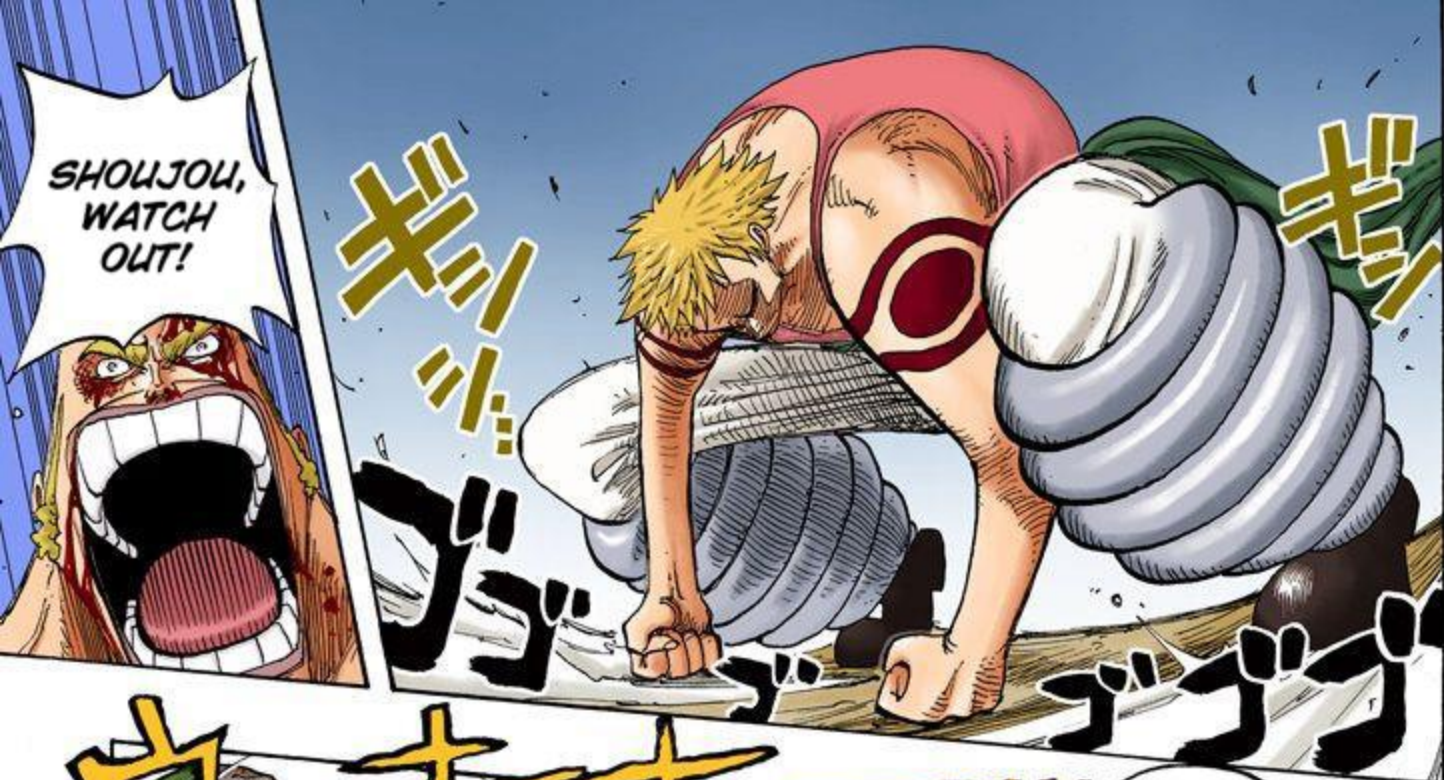
Bane Bane
no Mi's
ability again...

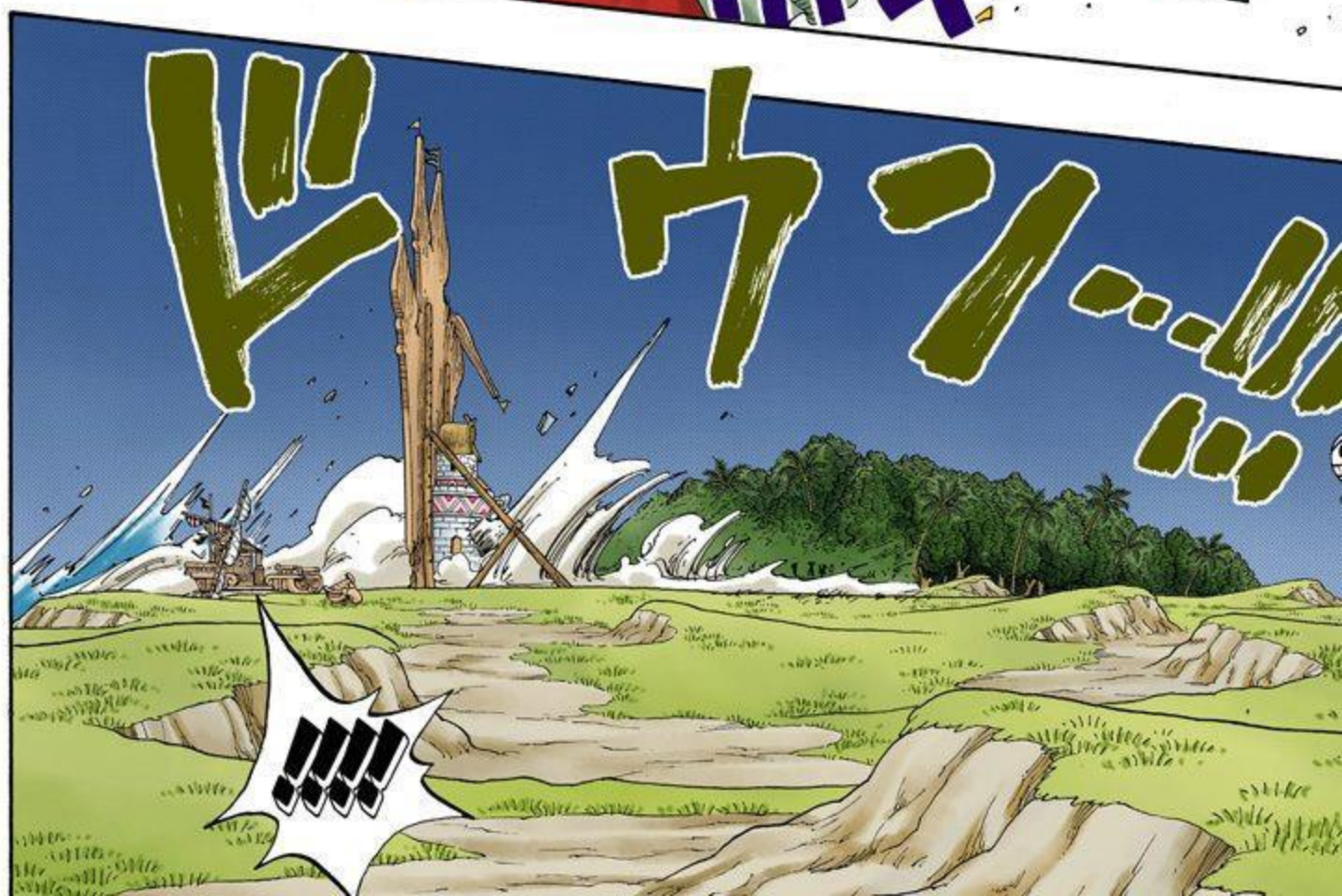
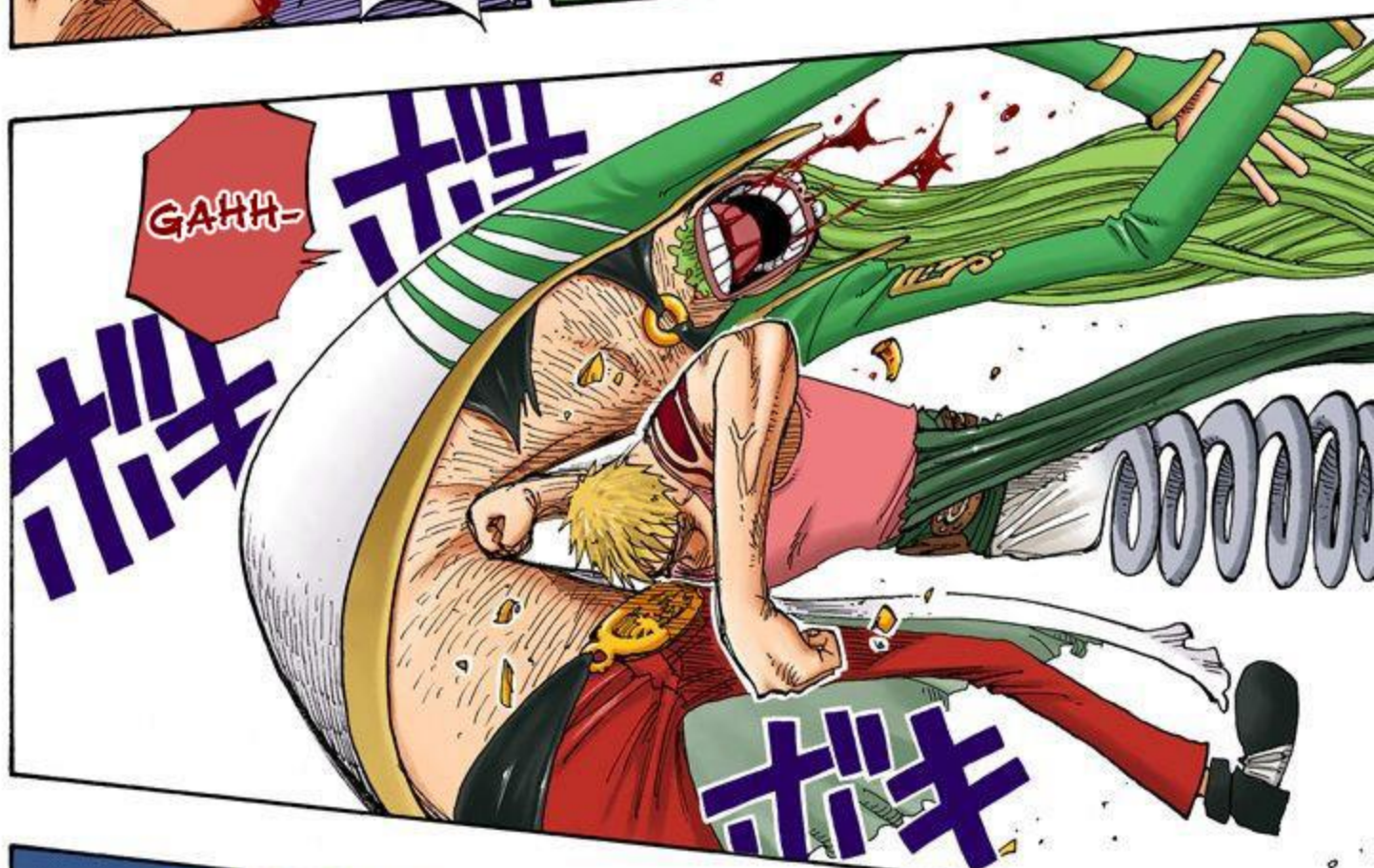
He's using
his...

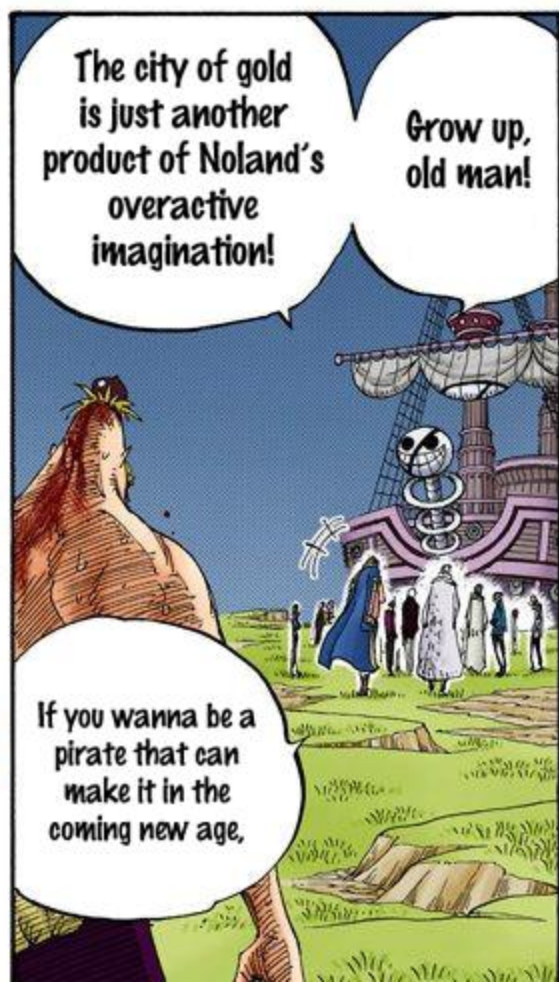
Hold up,
Sarkies.

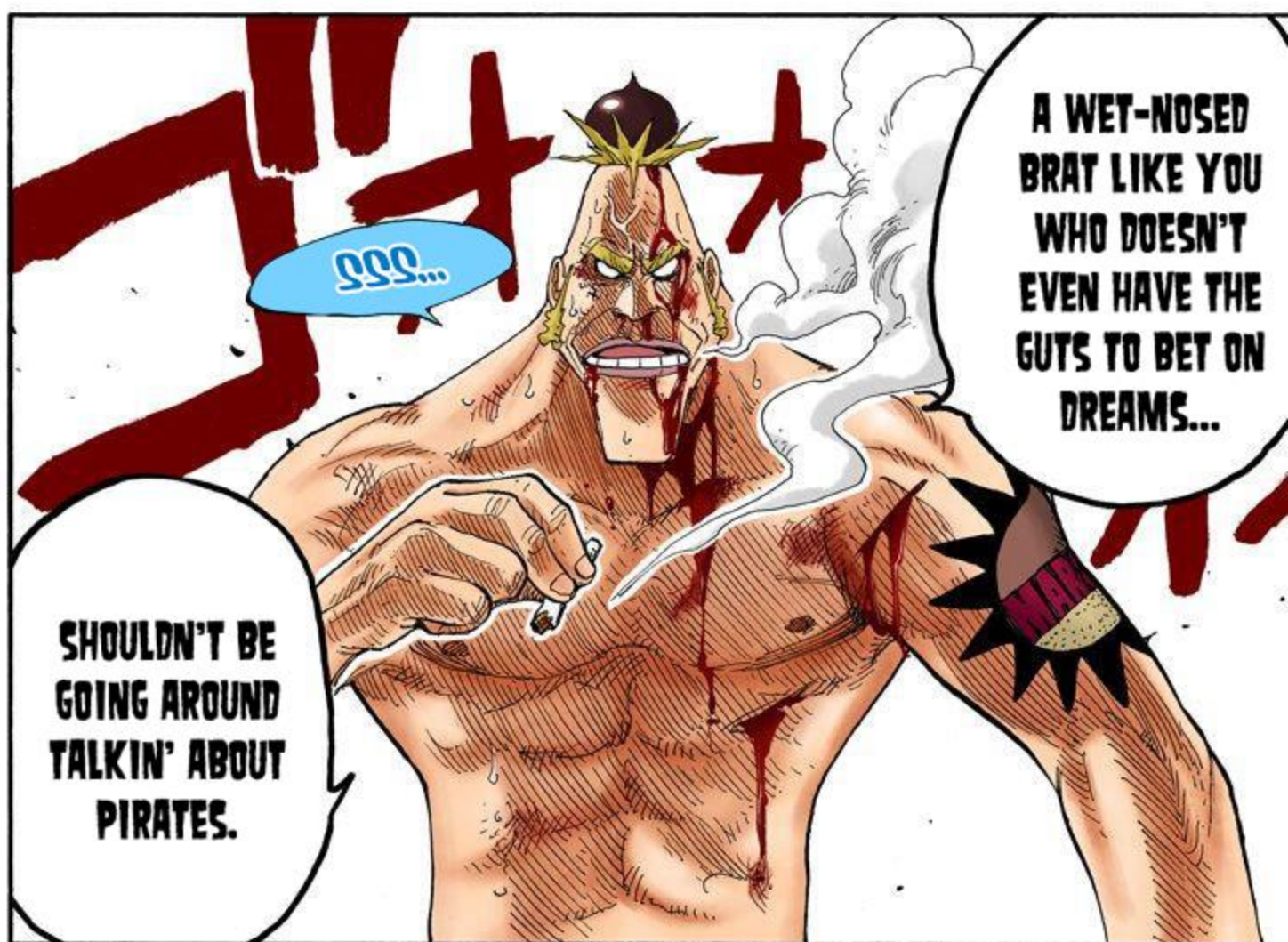
That
son of
a...

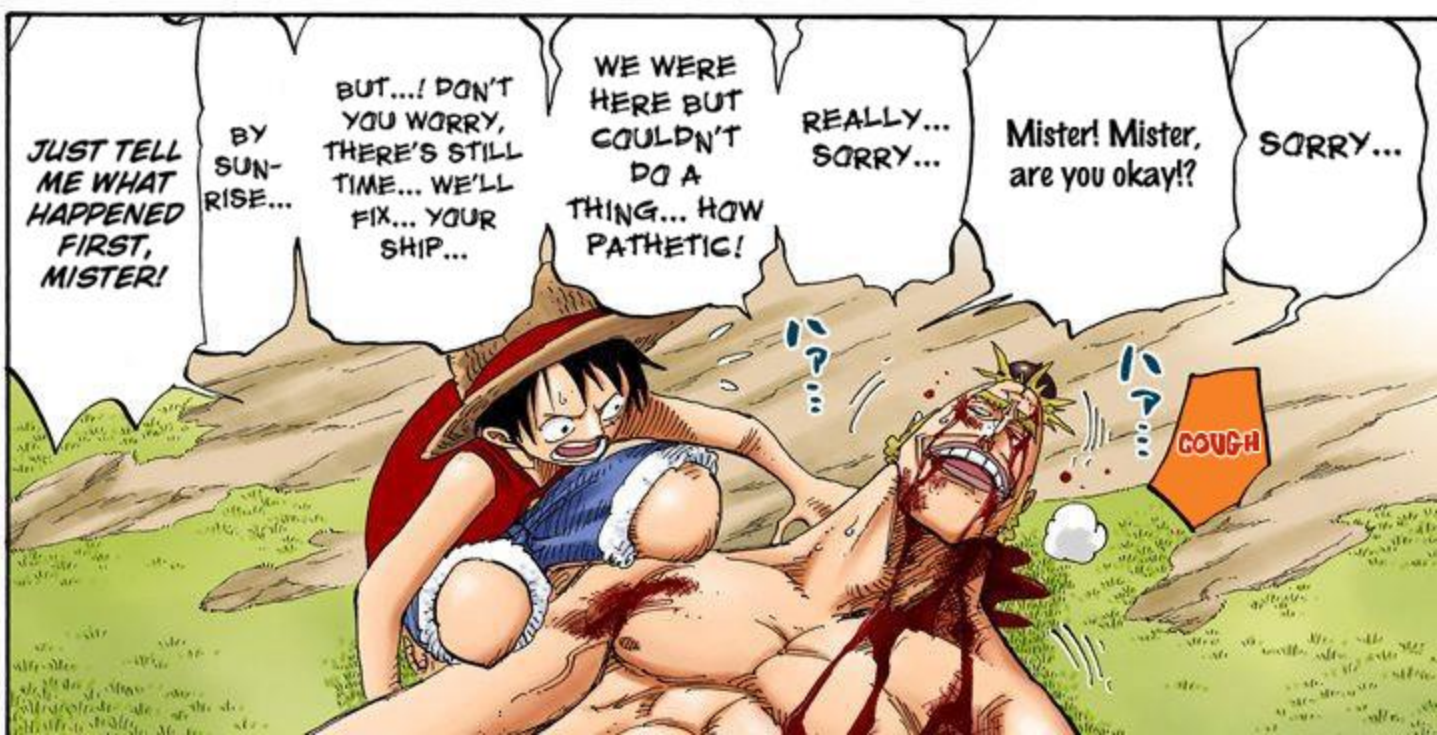
I'll finish
that one off.

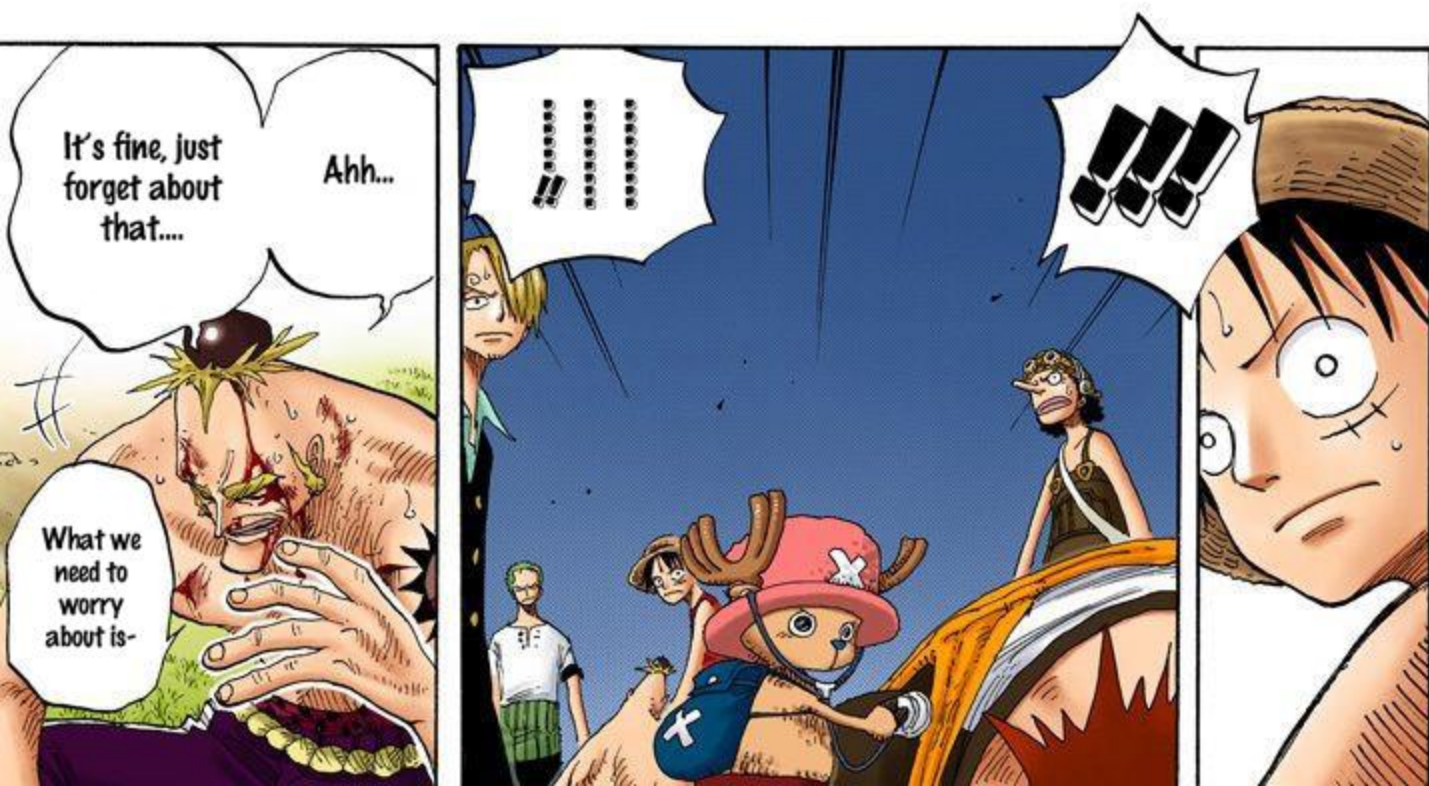
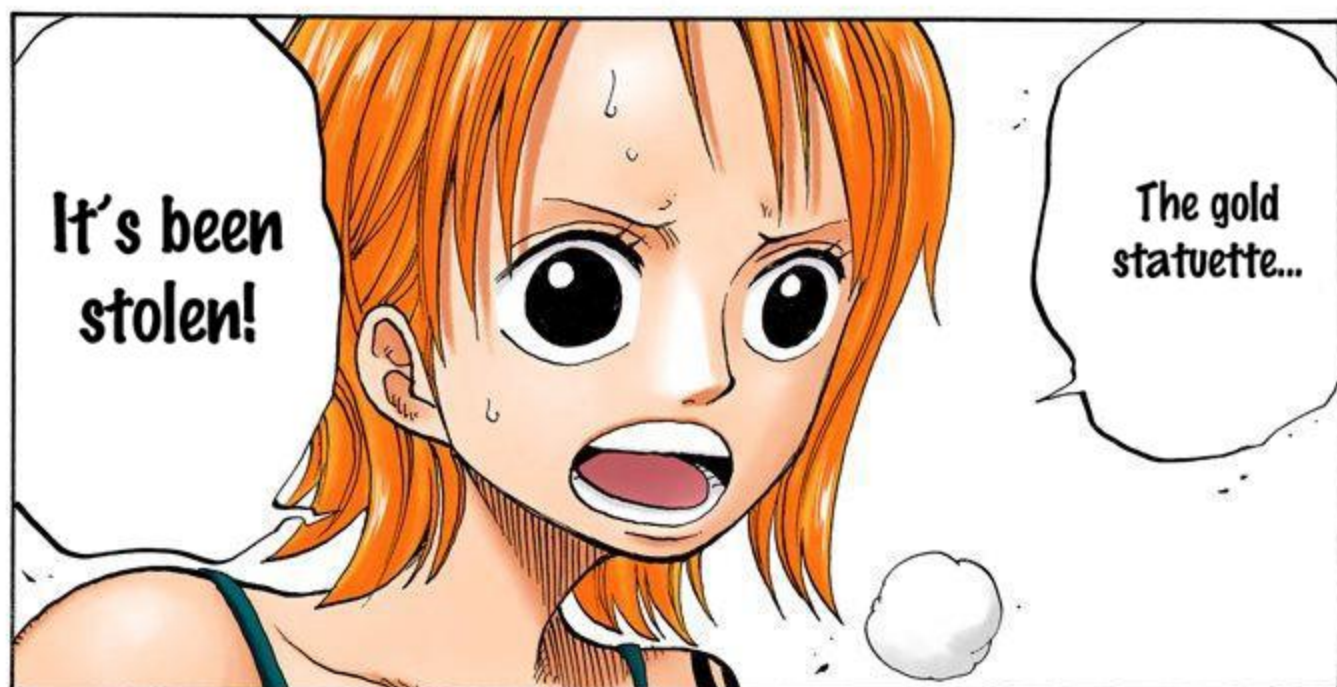


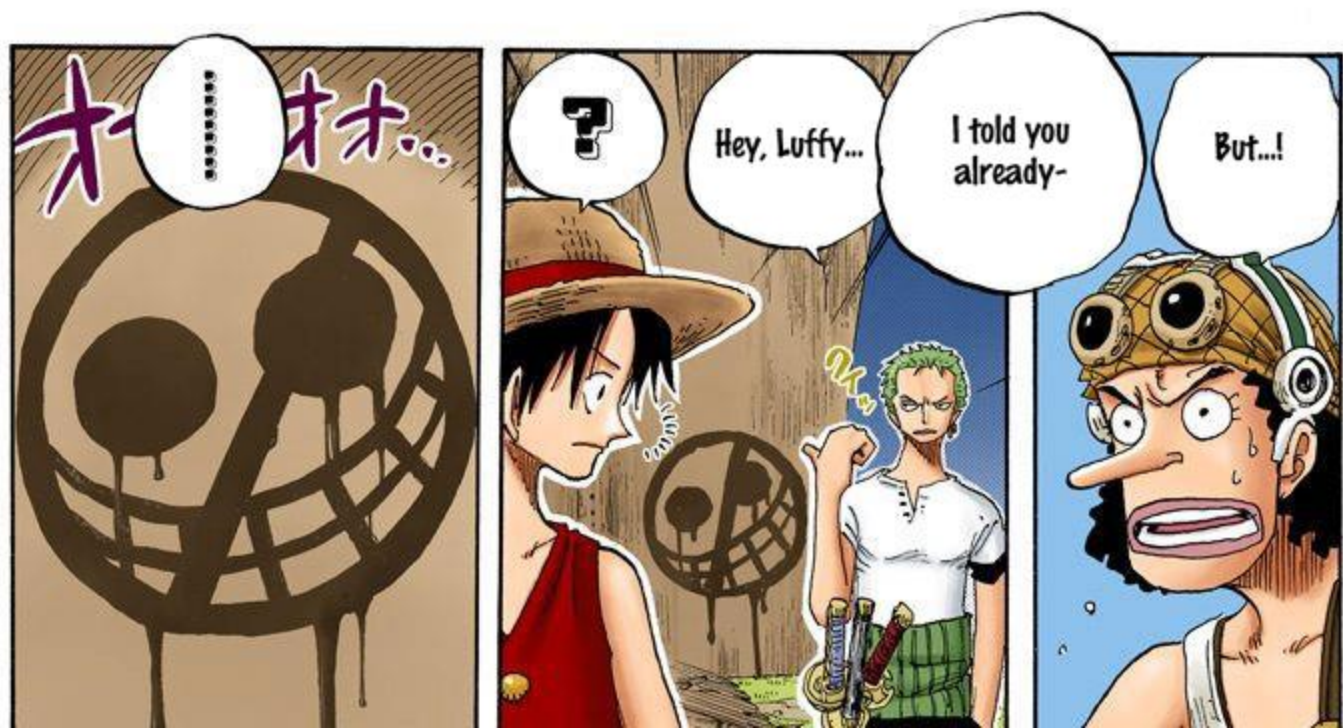
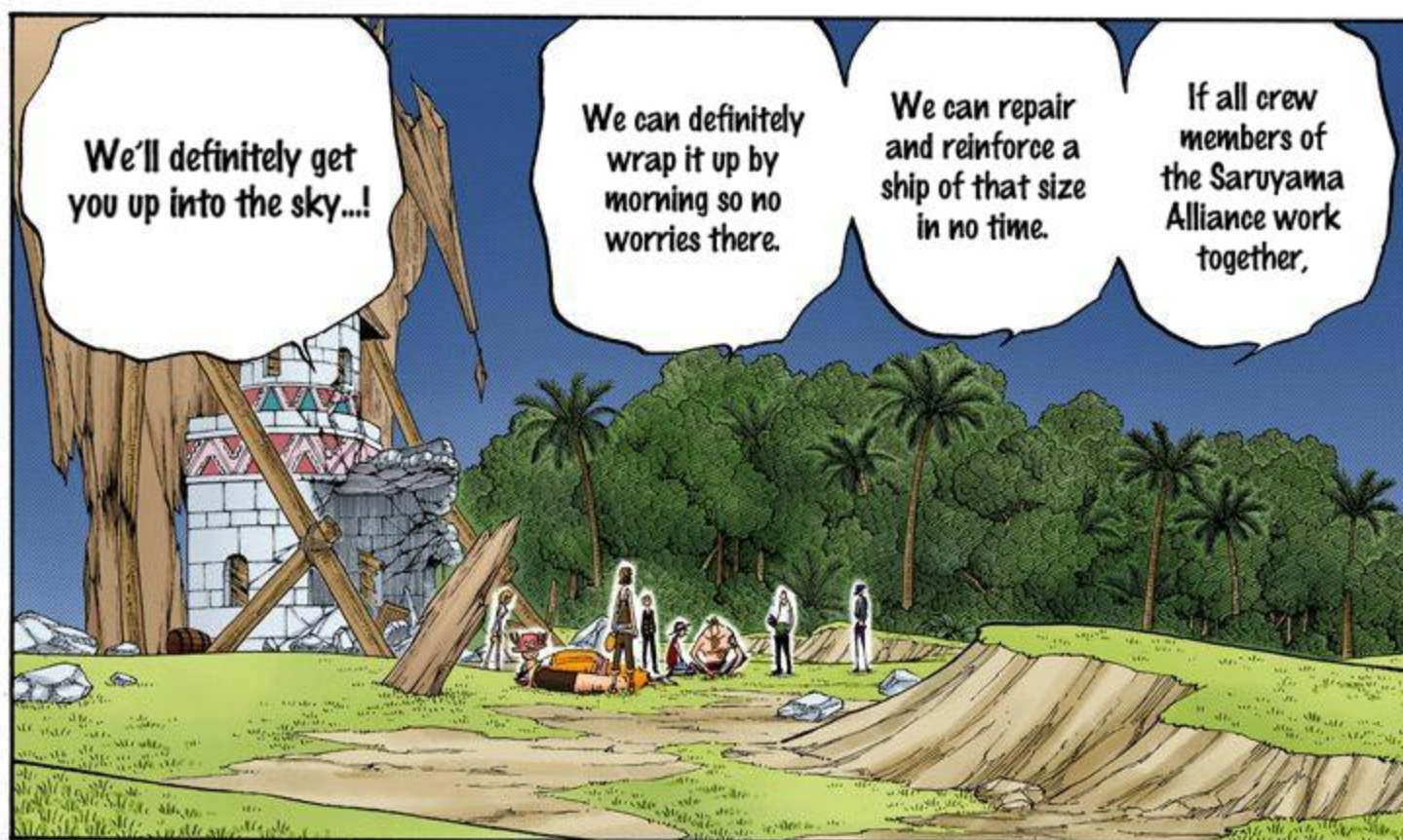














Yes, you should be able to.

If I follow the coastline, can I reach the town we were at yesterday?



NO, LUFFY!
Don't start getting stupid thoughts now!
There's only 3 hours left until we set sail!

Nah, I'm fine alone.

Need help?

That's Bellamy's mark!



Use this if you wanna stop him.



Don't do anything unnecessary!
Do you have any idea who you'd be dealing w-

W-where do you think you're going, kid!?

!?



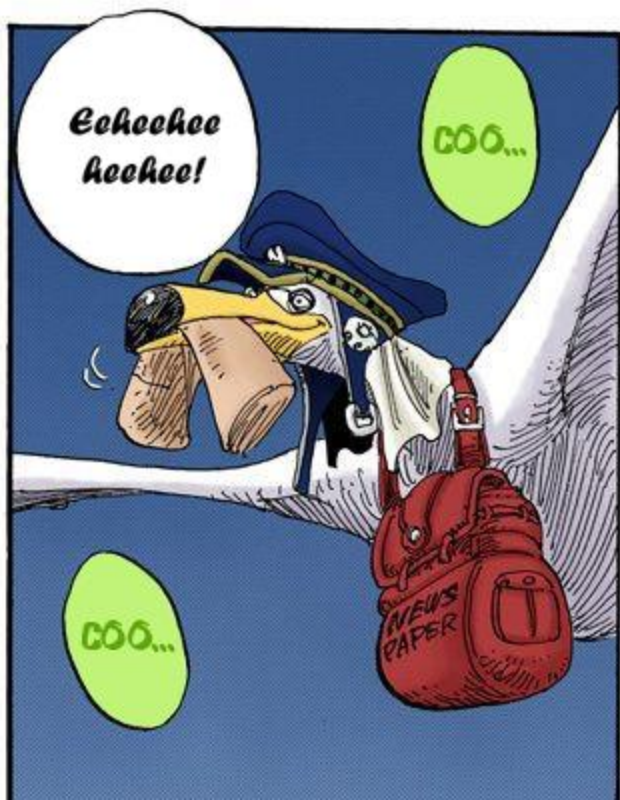
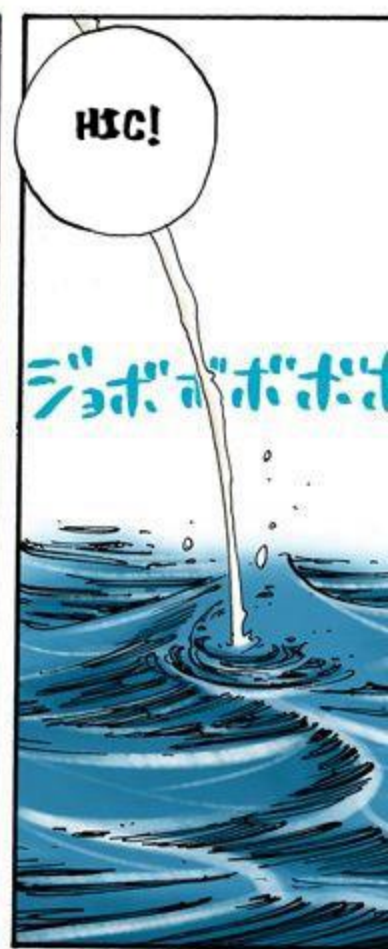
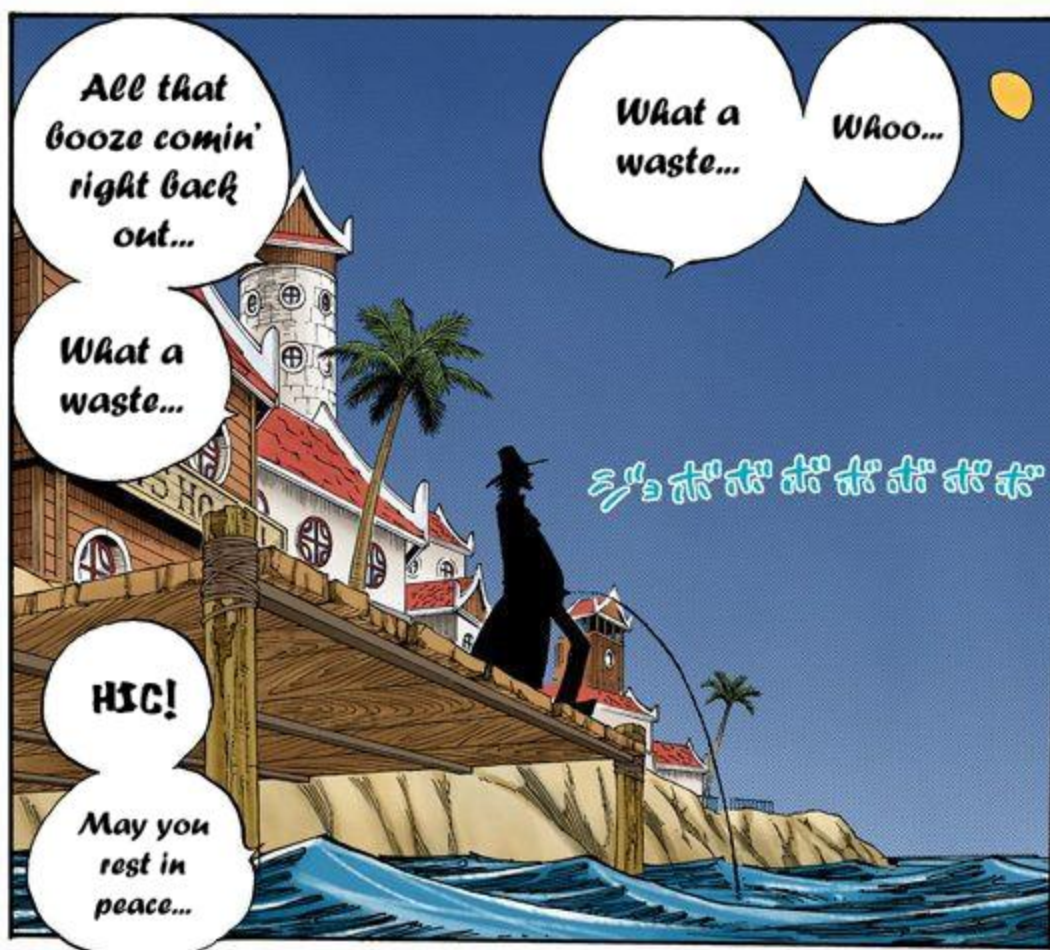
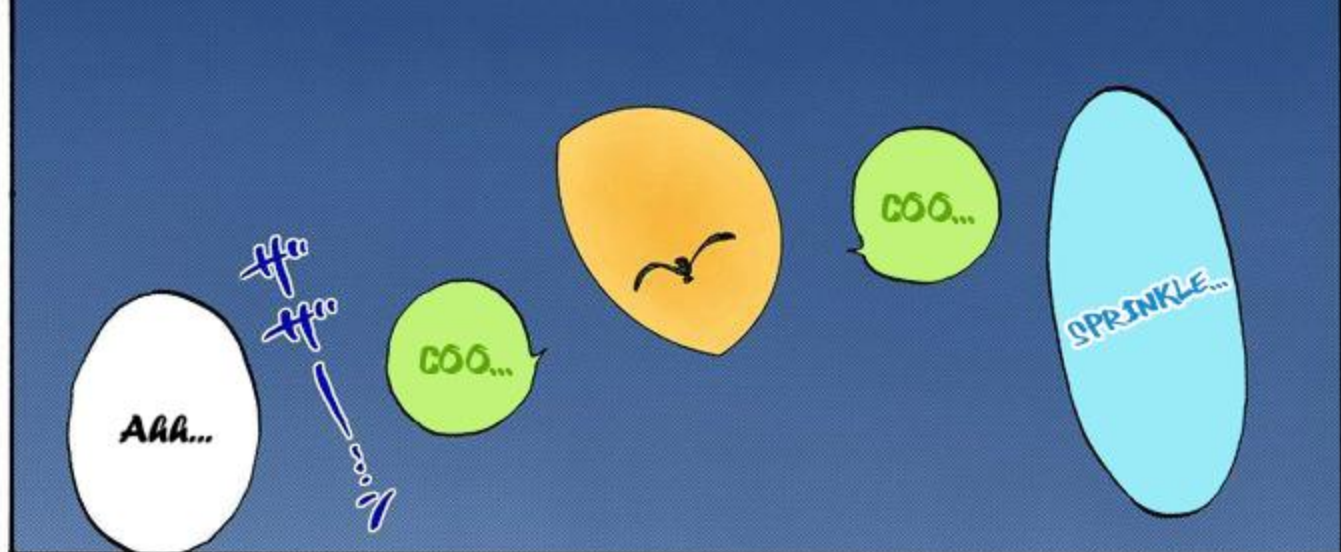
I'LL BE BACK BY MORNING.

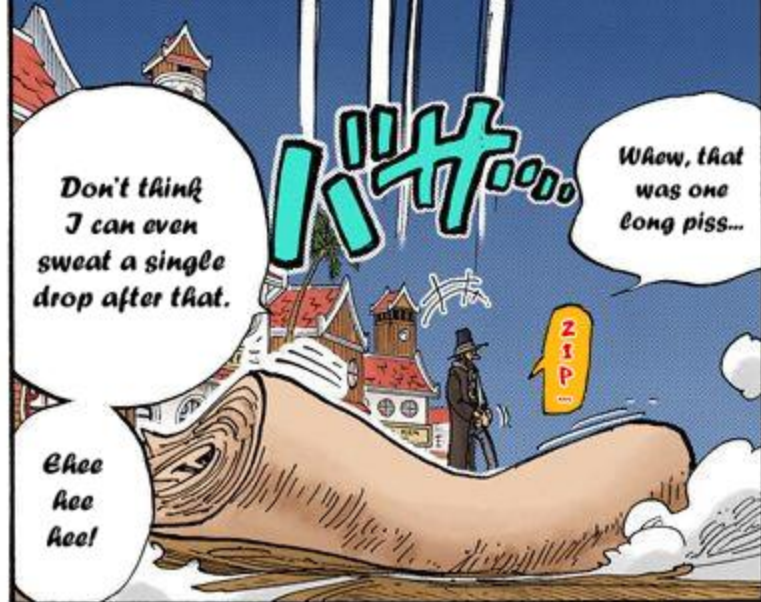
CRACK!

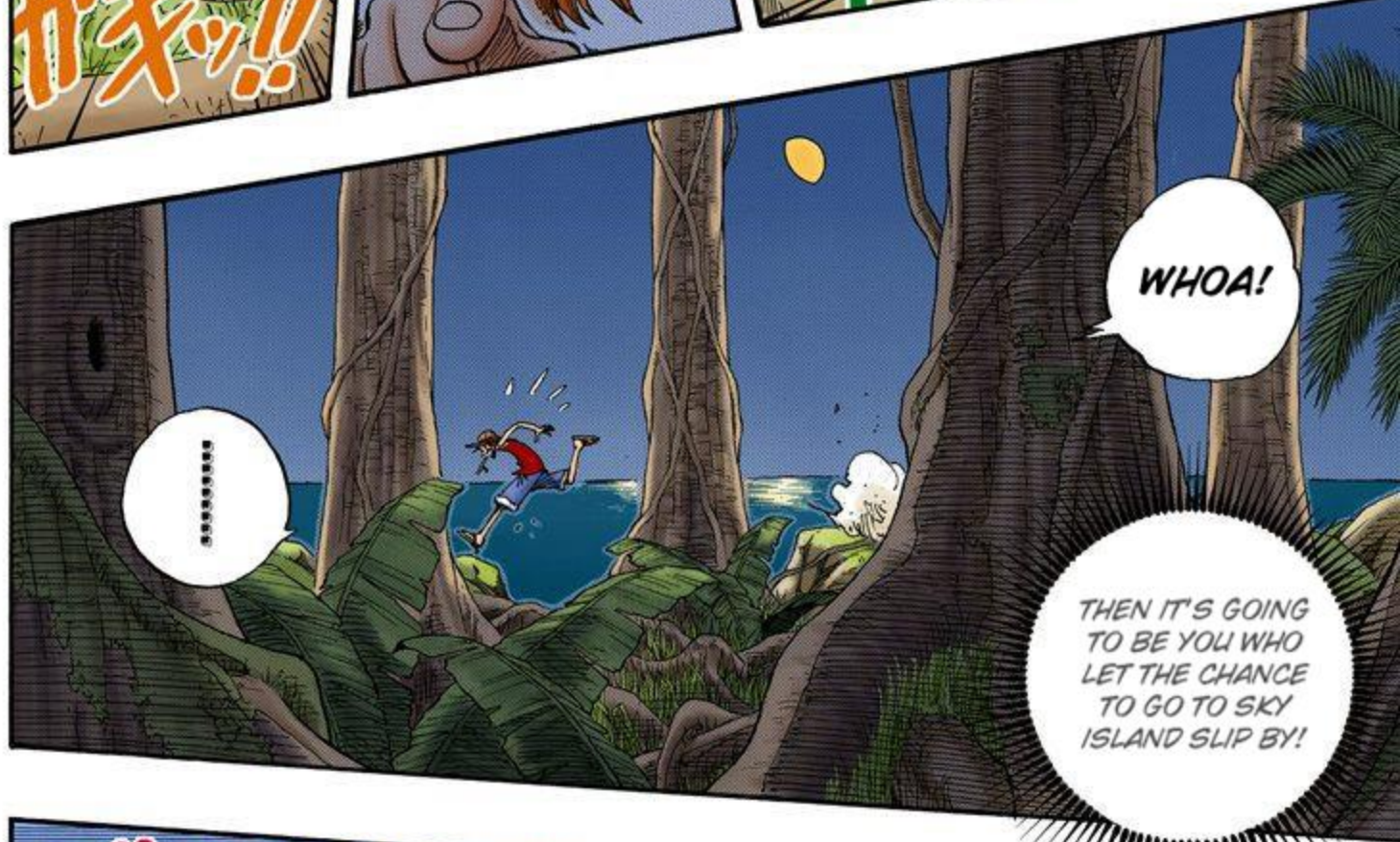
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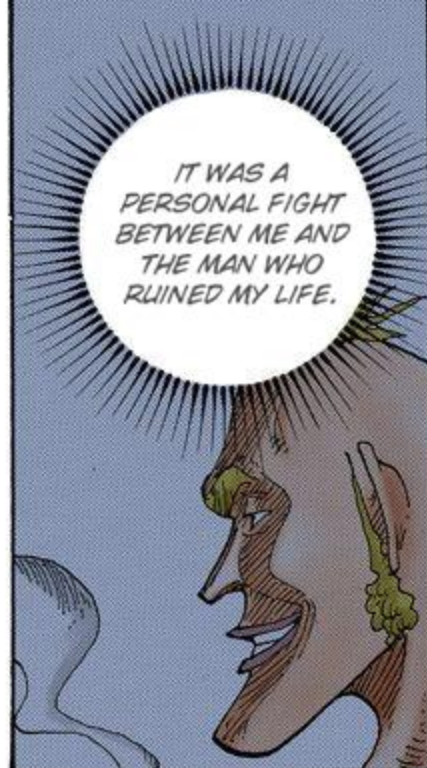
“The 100 Million Man”











IT WAS A
PERSONAL FIGHT
BETWEEN ME AND
THE MAN WHO
RUINED MY LIFE.



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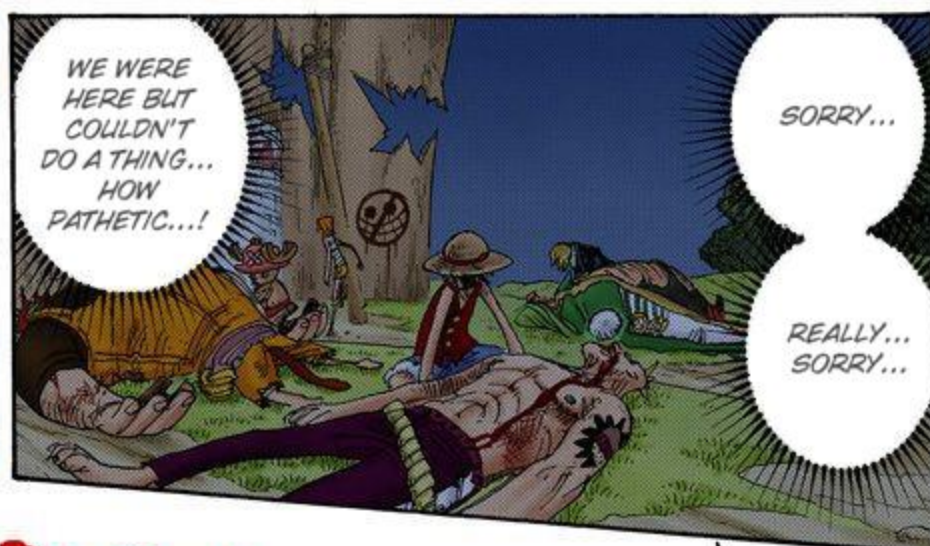


THAT THE BUBBLES
DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH
TIME TO DISAPPEAR
NATURALLY.

THIS PERSON
MUST HAVE
BEEN DIVING
SO FRE-
QUENTLY,

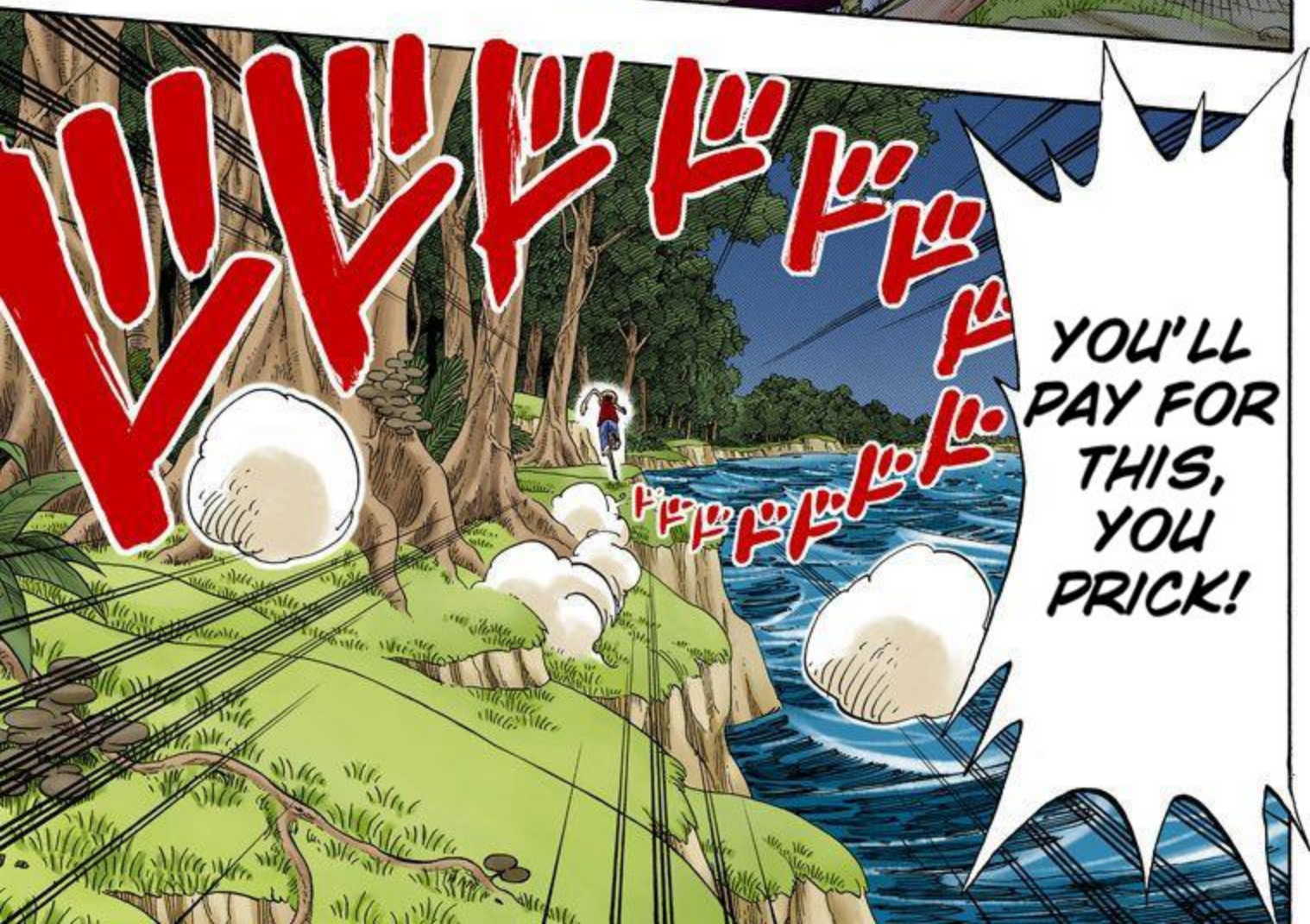


WE WERE
HERE BUT
COULDN'T
DO A THING...
HOW
PATHETIC...!

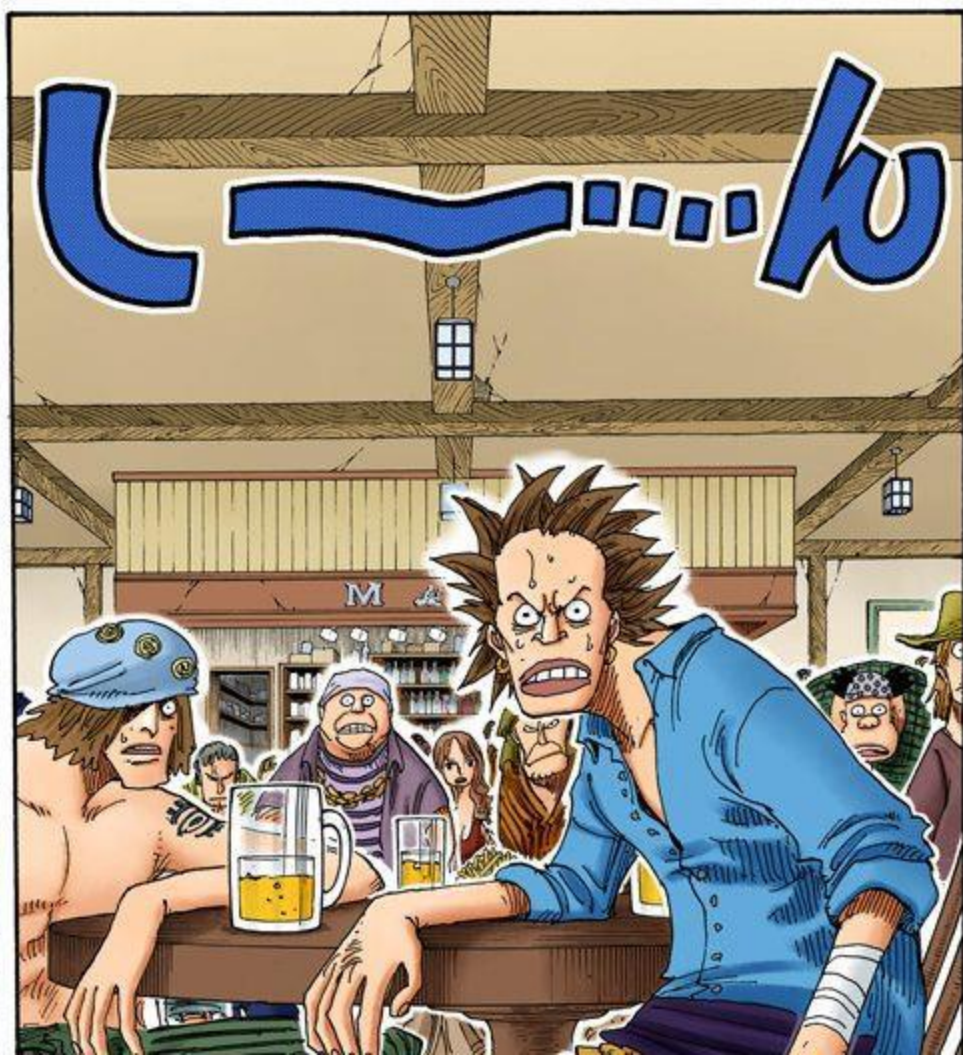


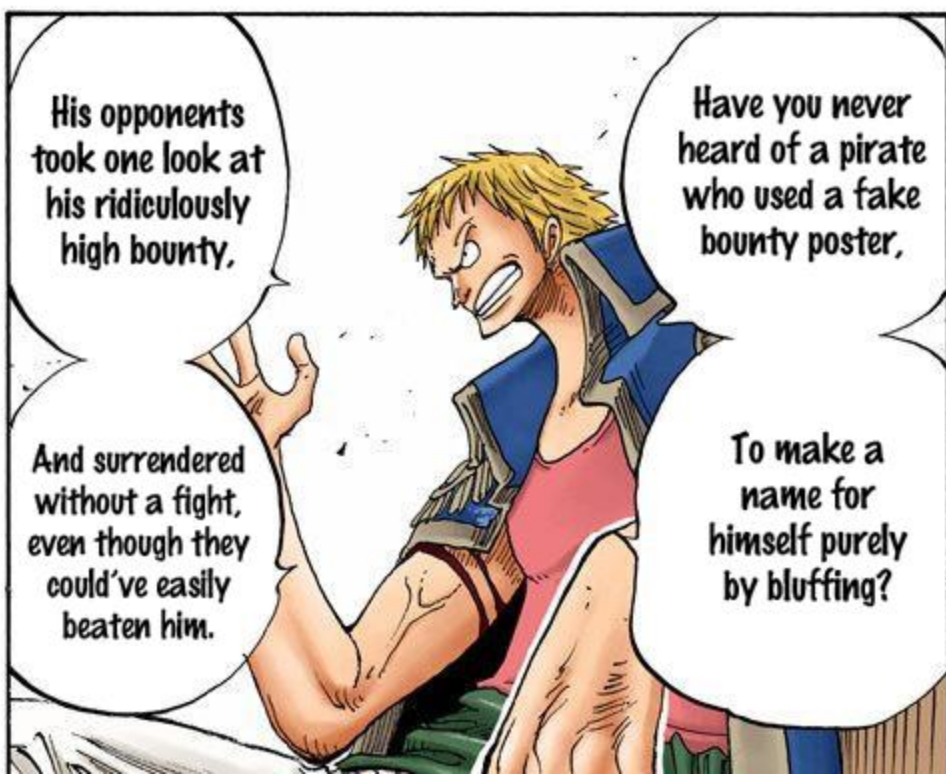
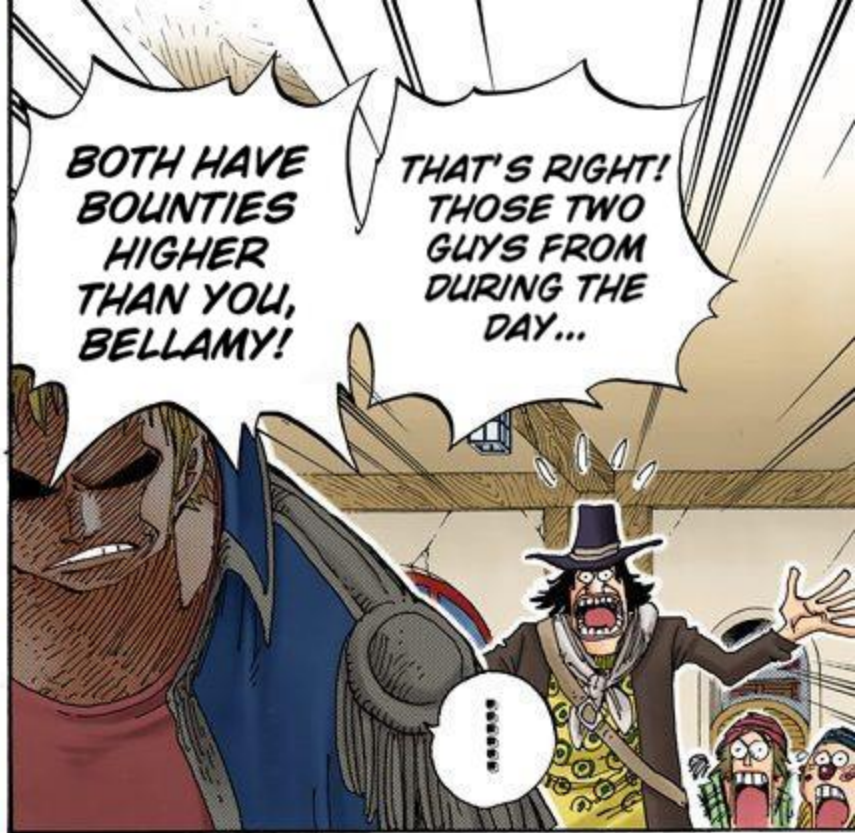
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REALLY...
SORRY...



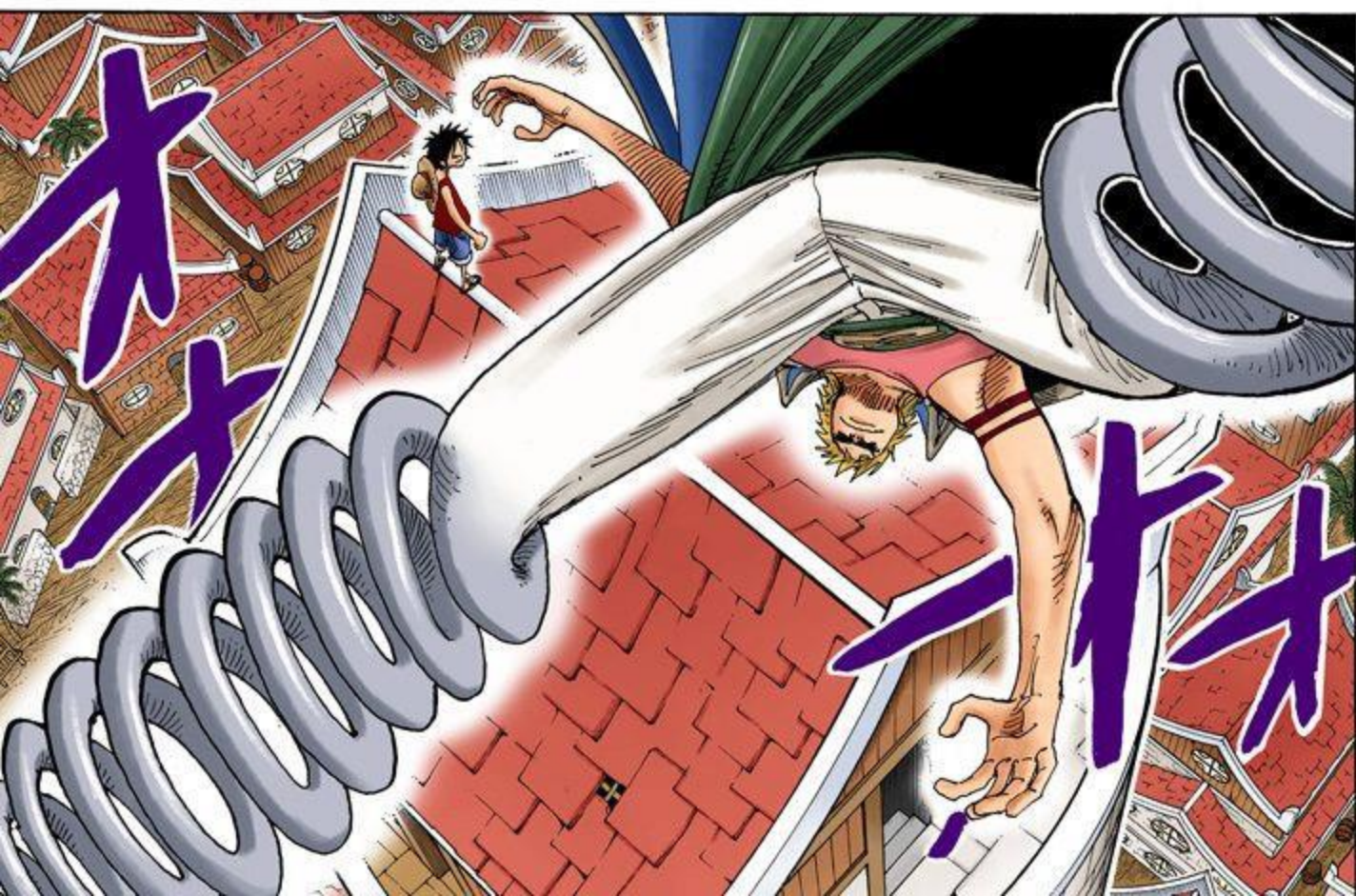
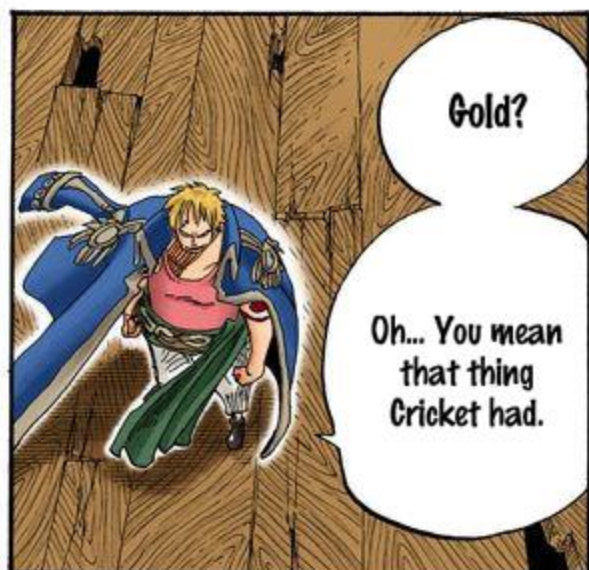
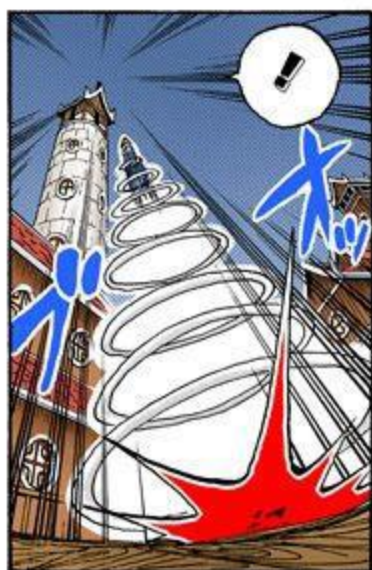
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PAY FOR
THIS,
YOU
PRICK!

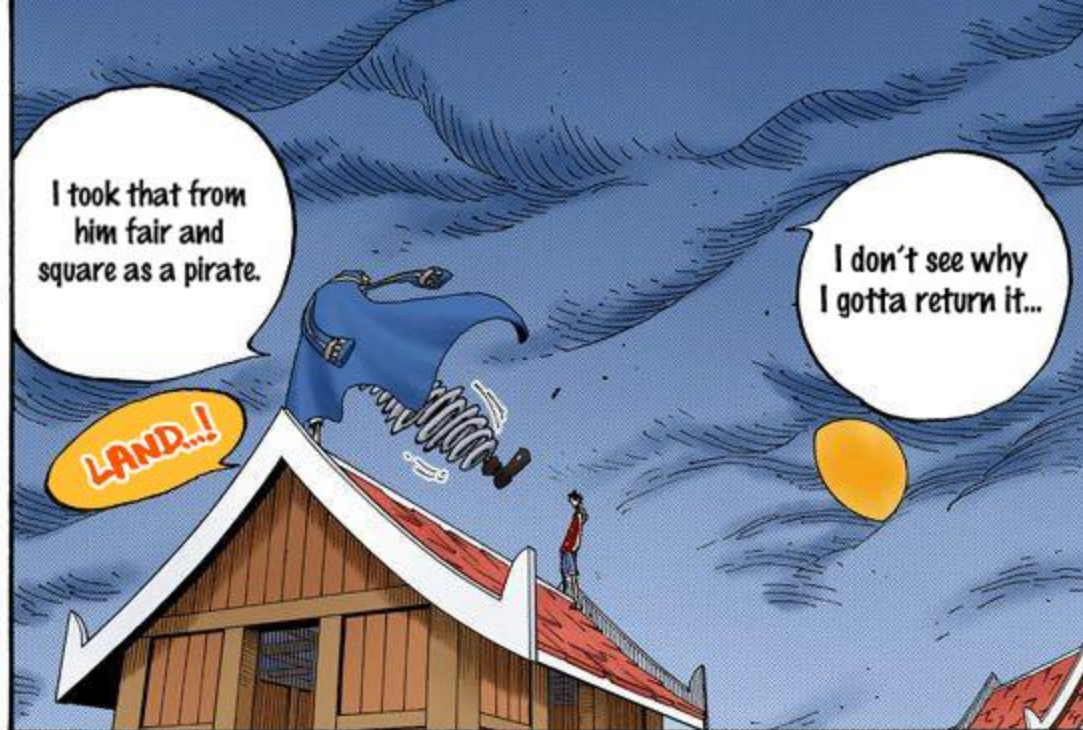














Just what
can a pansy
like you do!?

Know how
to throw a
punch?
Hahaha!

Let me ask
you...
Do you even
know how
to fight!?

HAHAHA
HAHAHA!



But... If this
bounty poster
turns out to
be real...

You still holding onto
that? Tear that
bullcrap right now!

If he's really
worth a hundred
million, then even
Bellamy won't-



That's...

Him,
no doubt
about it.



IF YOU KEEP
STANDIN'
AROUND
PISSING YOUR
PANTS LIKE
YOU DID
DURING THE
DAY!

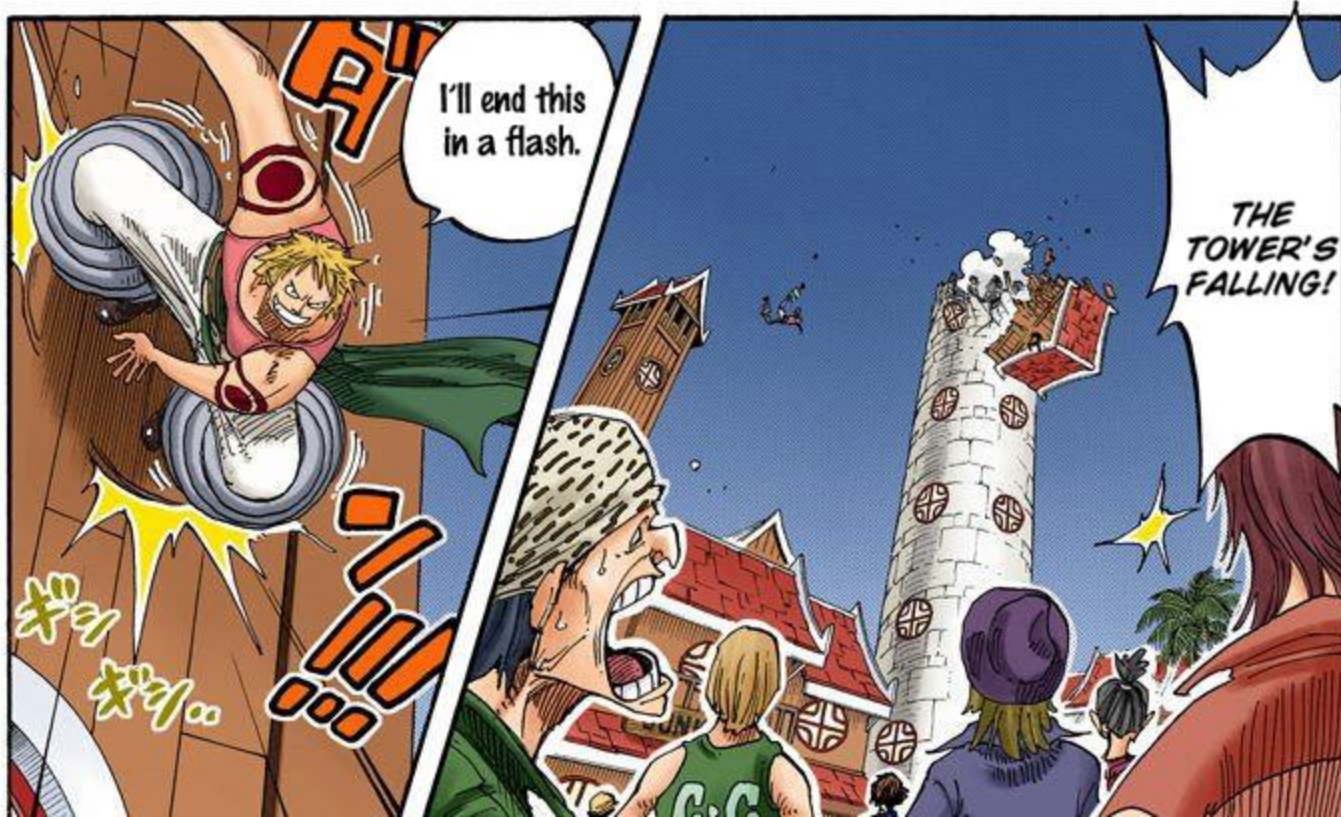
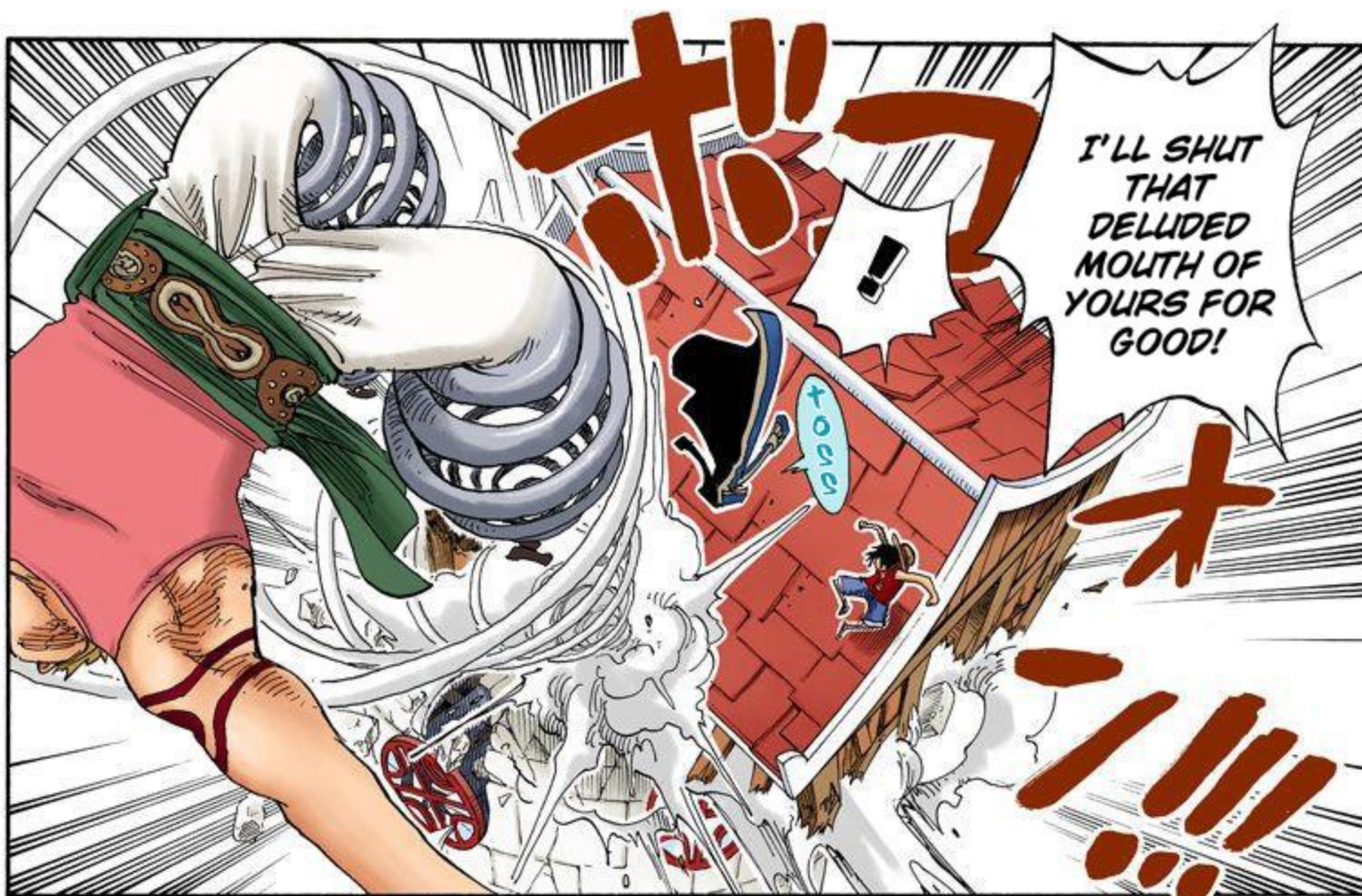
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GONNA TAKE
JACK SHIT
BACK FROM
ME,

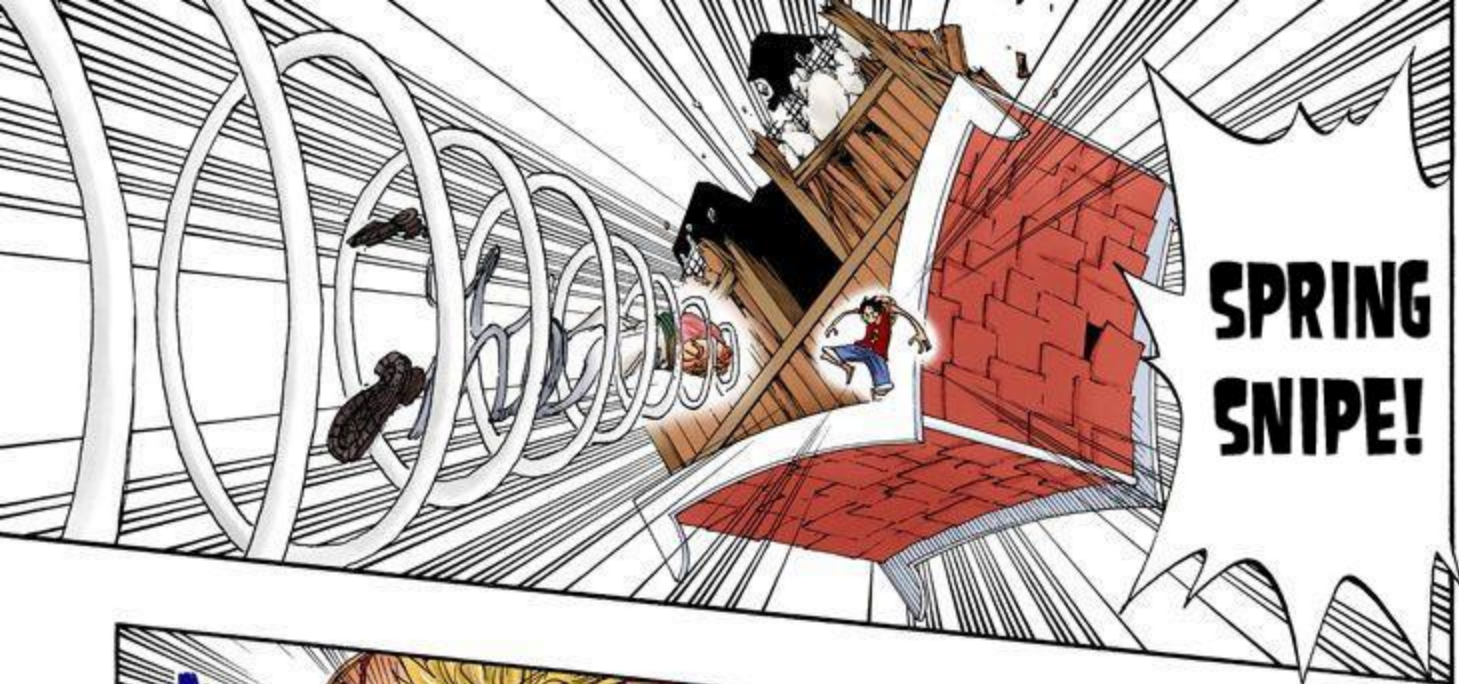


See for yourself...
Does that twerp
look in any way like
a threatening
criminal to you?

Ha, don't
make me
laugh...

Even 30
million is
doubtful
for him.







HAHA
HAHA!

You said
he's your
friend!?

AHH! This is
what he used
to finish off
Koshio the
Executioner!

どよどよ!!

Bellamy...
disappeared!?

SKY
ISLAND!?

THE
CITY OF
GOLD!?

HAHA
HAHA!

OH I SEE!
YOU, THE OLD
MAN, AND HIS
TWO MONKEYS
ARE ALL THE
SAME KIND,
AREN'T YOU?

THE AGE OF
DREAMS IS
OVER, YOU
EMBARRASS-
ING EXCUSE
OF A PIRATE!

A BUNCH OF
RETARDS WHO
GO ON BELIEVING
SOME 400
YEAR-OLD LIE!

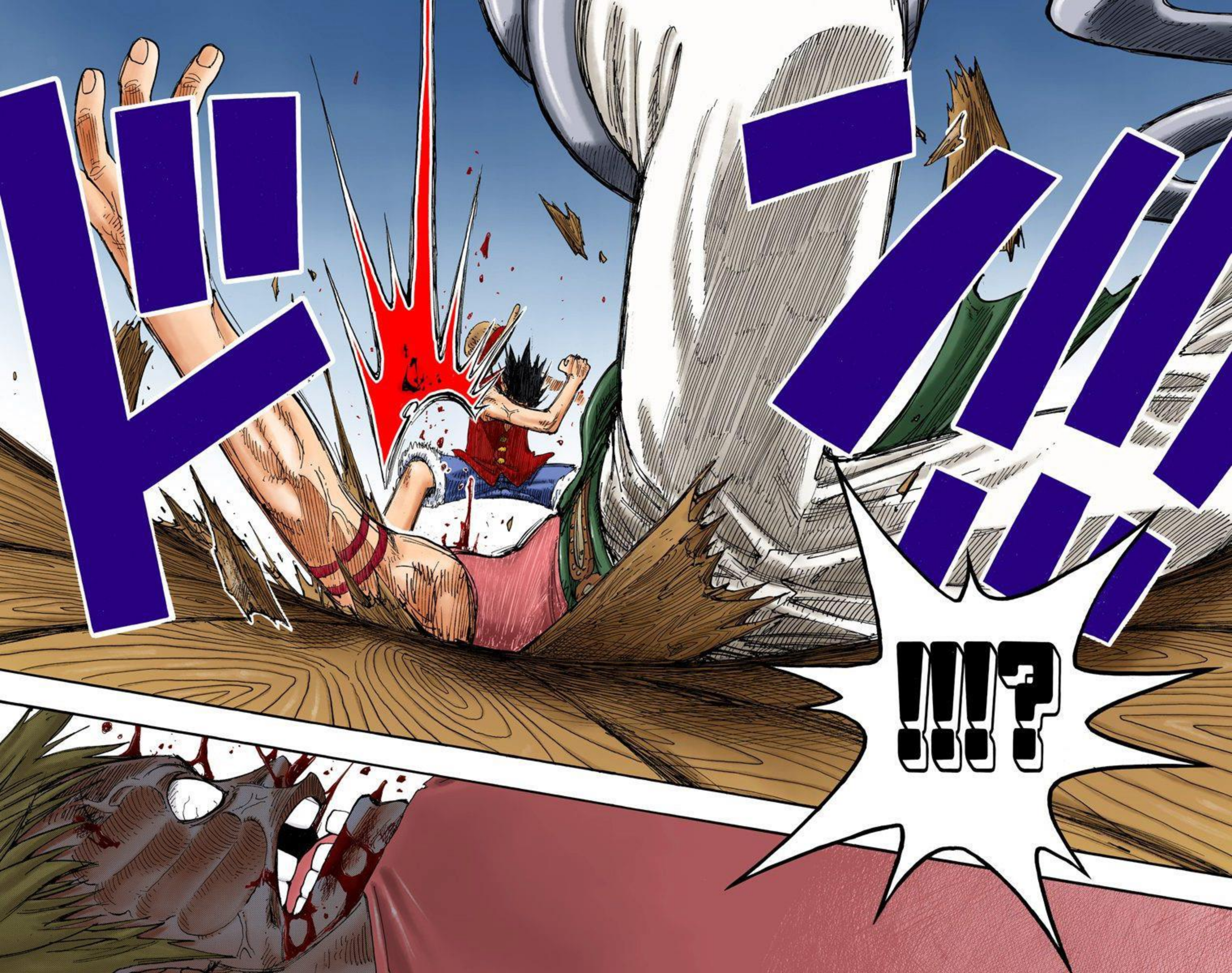
Finish him off, Bellamy!
A dumbass like him
doesn't even have the
right to live!

GOOD-
BYE,

STRAW
HAT!

You asked if
I knew how to
throw a punch...

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バキ
バキ...

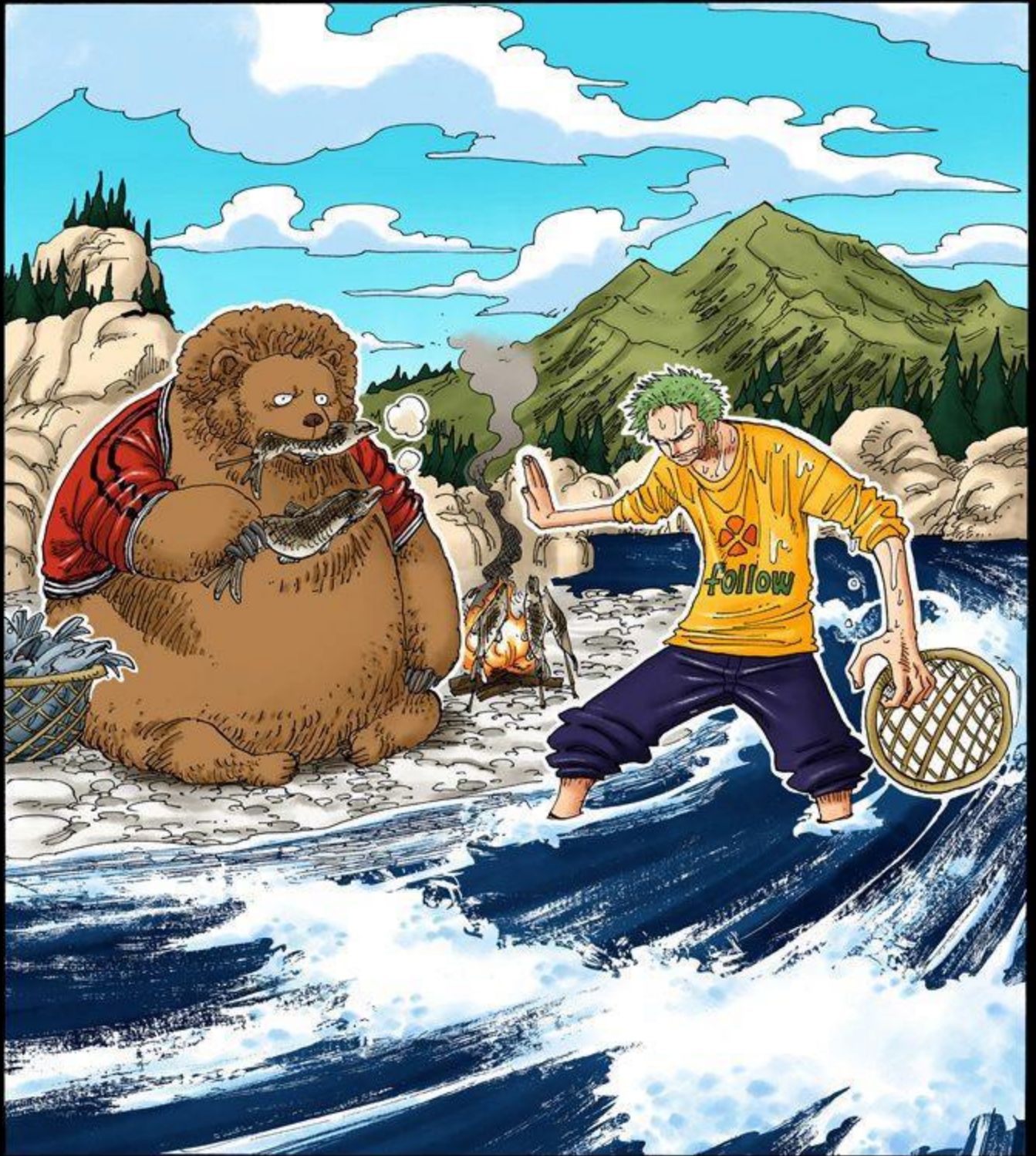


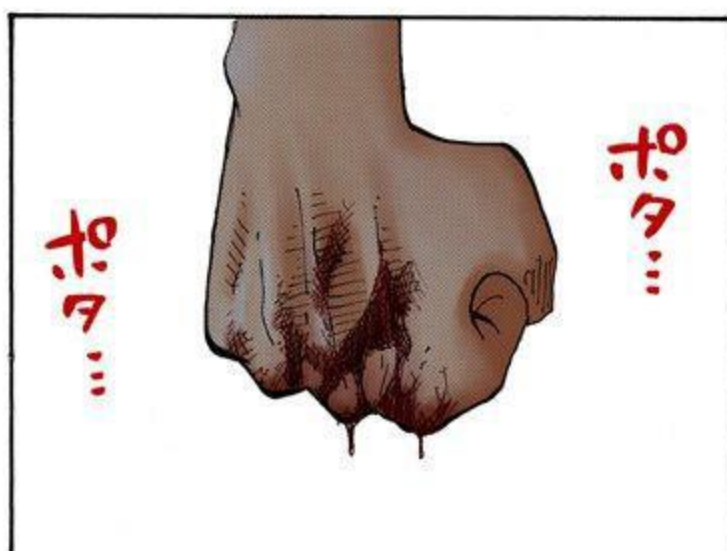
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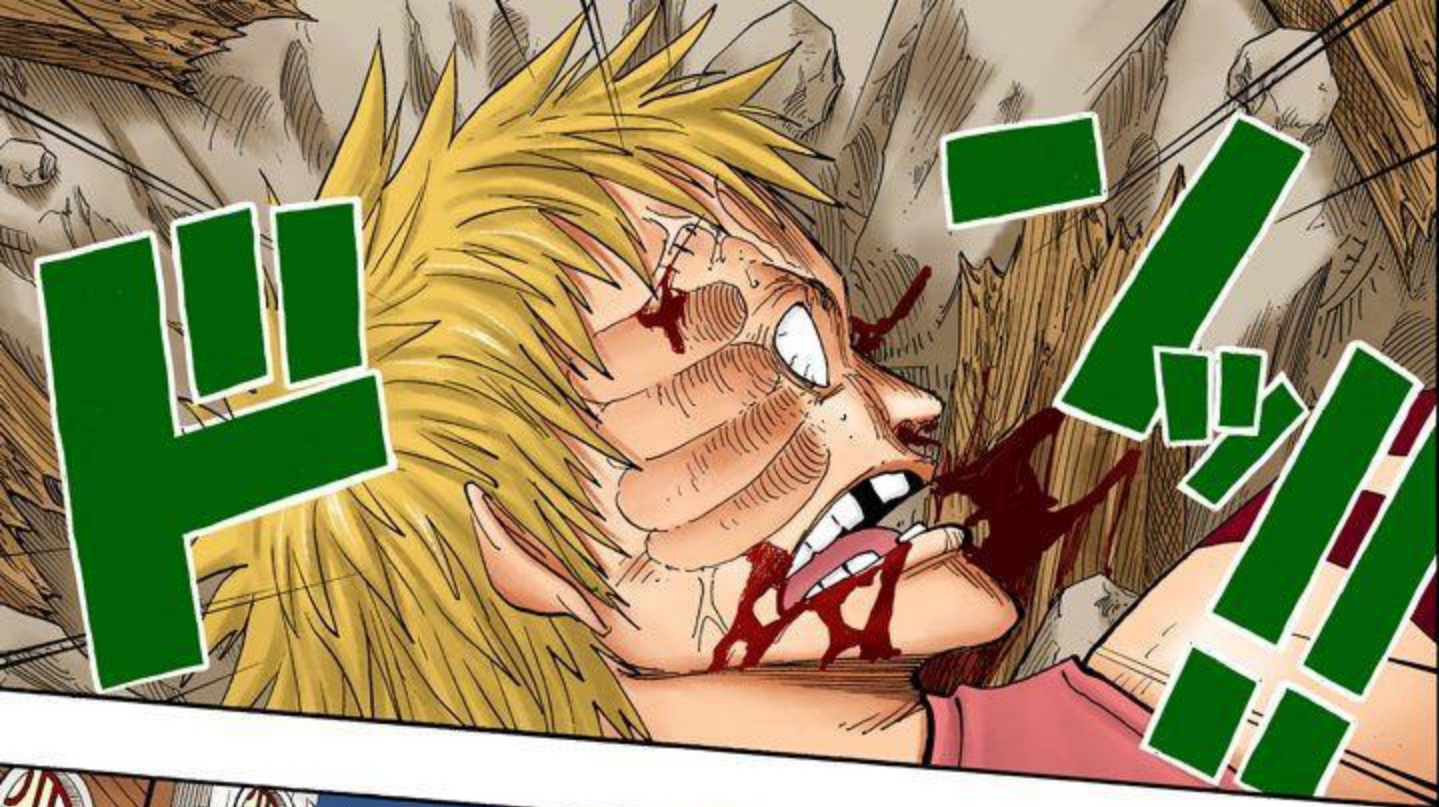
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Chapter 233

“Highest Powers of the World”







CUT IT OUT, BELLAMY!
STOP ACTIN' STUPID
AND PUT ON YOUR
USUAL SHOW FOR US!

AREN'T YOU THE
BIGSHOT ROOKIE
WORTH 55
MILLION!?

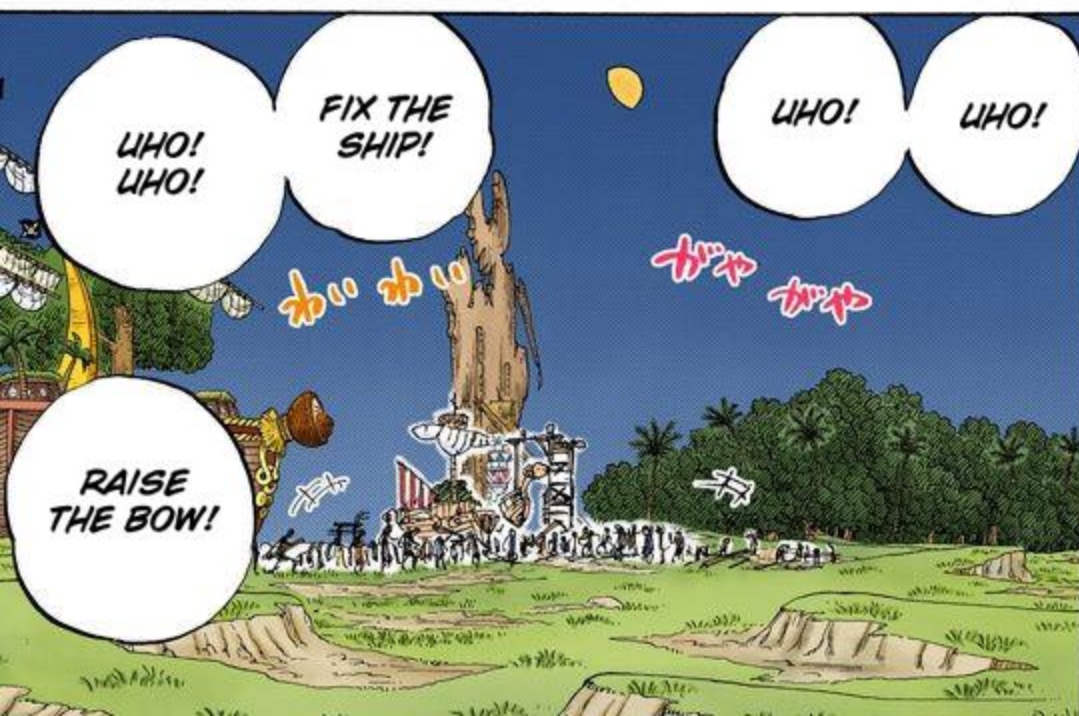
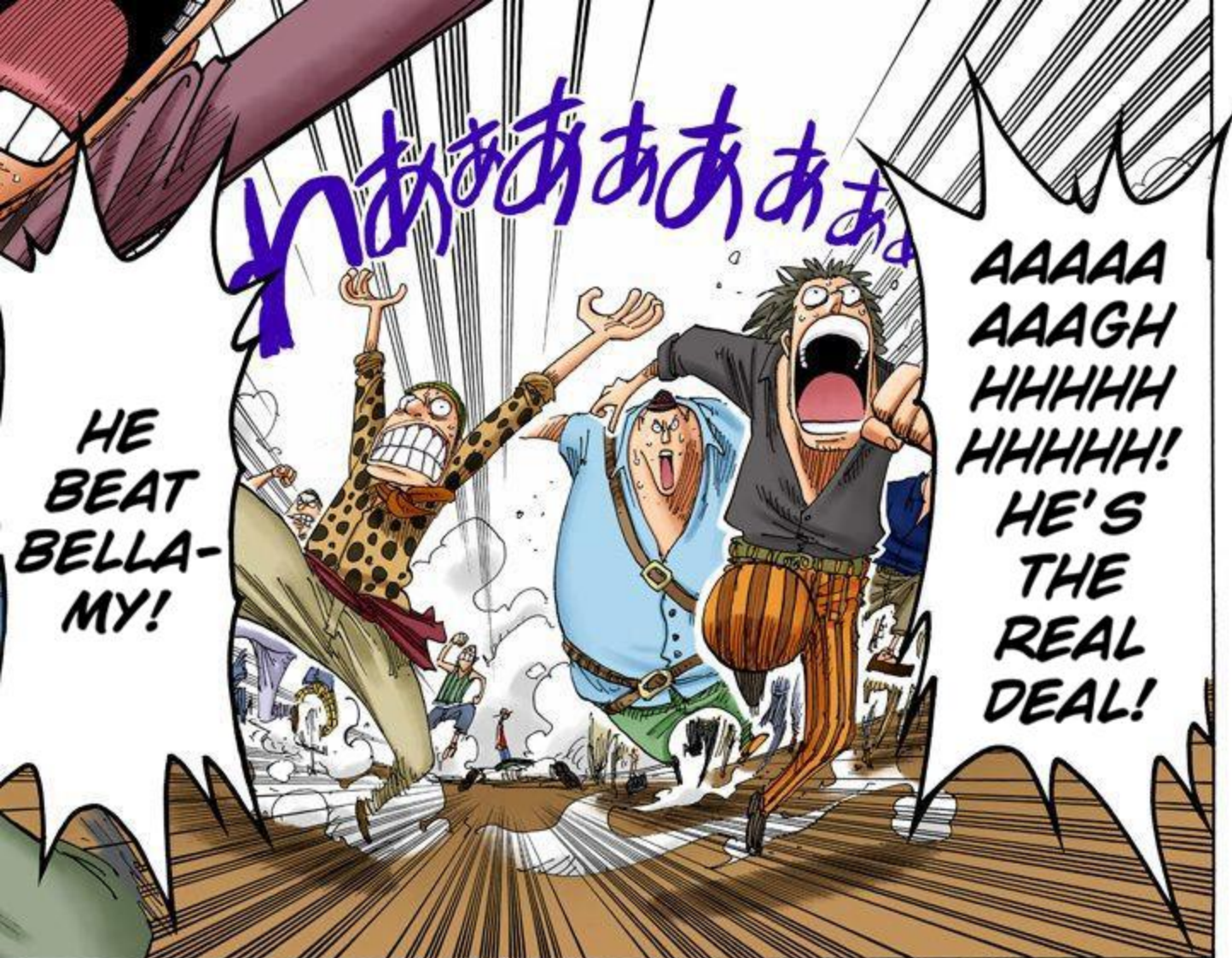
BELLAMY!



Ha... C... come on...
T-this isn't funny,
Bellamy...!

You're just jokin'
around, right...!?
...Say something!









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Previous day
at noon,

At a certain
island in the
Grand Line...

Are you sure this is
the right place?

WHAT!?

Captain!

Captain!

WHO KNOWS JUST WHAT
KIND OF MONSTER MIGHT
COME OUT...!

OR WHAT KIND OF
HELLISH TRAP THAT
MIGHT SPRING
UPON US...!

There's bound
to be guards
or booby
traps around
treasure!

Yes, yes,
just keep
walking!

Is this really the legendary
cave that the notorious
Capt. John who'd do
anything for gold hid his
treasures in?

So don't let your
guard down or
you'll lose your
head!



WHO'S
SAYIN' I
HAVE A BIG
RED-NOSE!?

Are you tryin' to
get our captain
all red-faced?

Hey, show some
more tact, you
idiot! Our captain
just got the wrong
island by mistake!

So there was no
Capt. John's
treasure.

WELL?

When a witch
eats children,
she fattens
them up first...

Consider
a witch!

Huh? What
do you mean
by that,
cap'n?

Hmph! Let those
flashy idiots
dance around as
much as they
want!

They've already
become
full-fledged
pirates of
Grand Line.

With bounties
of 100 million
and 60 million,

See where
I'm going
with this?

?

That's
great,
captain!
Should we
celebrate
then?

GYAHAAAA!
EXACTLY!

YOU BET
YOUR ASS
WE DO!

AHH! I get it!
Then the higher
your bounty will be
when you kill him!

So the higher
Straw-Hat's
bounty rises...

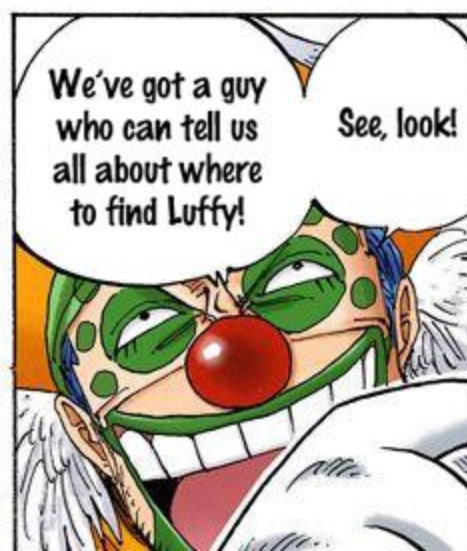


Enough horsing around!



So how do you even plan to kill him!?

You don't even know where Luffy is right now,



We've got a guy who can tell us all about where to find Luffy!

See, look!



Oh, if it's Luffy you wanna see, I can tell you how.

Aww, don't be like that, Alvida! C'mon, have a drink and party with us for a while!

Oh, there's no need for polite introdu-

The smell of good food and drinks lured me here. My name's Ace, it's a pleasure to meet you all.

Woops, my bad for crashing your party without first saying hello.

WAIT, WHO THE HELL ARE YOU!?

どよ!!

Captain! Captain, that's "Fire-fist!"

Fire-fist Ace!

どよ!!

I'M ASKING WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE THAT YOU CAN JUST TRESPASS ON MY SHIP!

ゴズッ!!

I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT YOUR FLASHY NAME!

HE FELL ASLEEP!

Oh, you know about pops?

WHITE-BEARD!?

He's the commander of the Whitebeard Pirates' second division!

Zzz...

モ... モ?モ?

ざわ!!

Remember this one
flashy piece of advice if
nothing else, you fools!
**NO MATTER THE
CIRCUMSTANCES...**

**I SAID
NO!**

Your fame will
sky rocket if you
kill Fire-fist
Ace here and
now!

What do you
mean no!? This
is our chance,
captain!

**NEVER LAY
A HAND ON
WHITEBEARD'S
CREW!**

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A HAND ON
WHITEBEARD'S
CREW!**

THE MAN
CLOSEST
TO ONE
PIECE,
YOU MIGHT
SAY!

WITHOUT A
DOUBT, HE'S
THE WORLD'S
STRONGEST
PIRATE AS
OF NOW!

AN ALMOST
LEGENDARY
MONSTER WHO,
ALONE, FOUGHT
AGAINST THE
PIRATE KING
ROGER TO A
STANDSTILL!

WHITE-
BEARD
IS...

THE MAN
CLOSEST
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STANDSTILL!

WHITE-
BEARD
IS...

You're pretty knowledgeable about him, aren't you...

No matter what! That's the kind of man he is!

And if there's one thing Whitebeard doesn't forgive, it's the death of his crewmates!

You're pretty knowledgeable about him, aren't you...

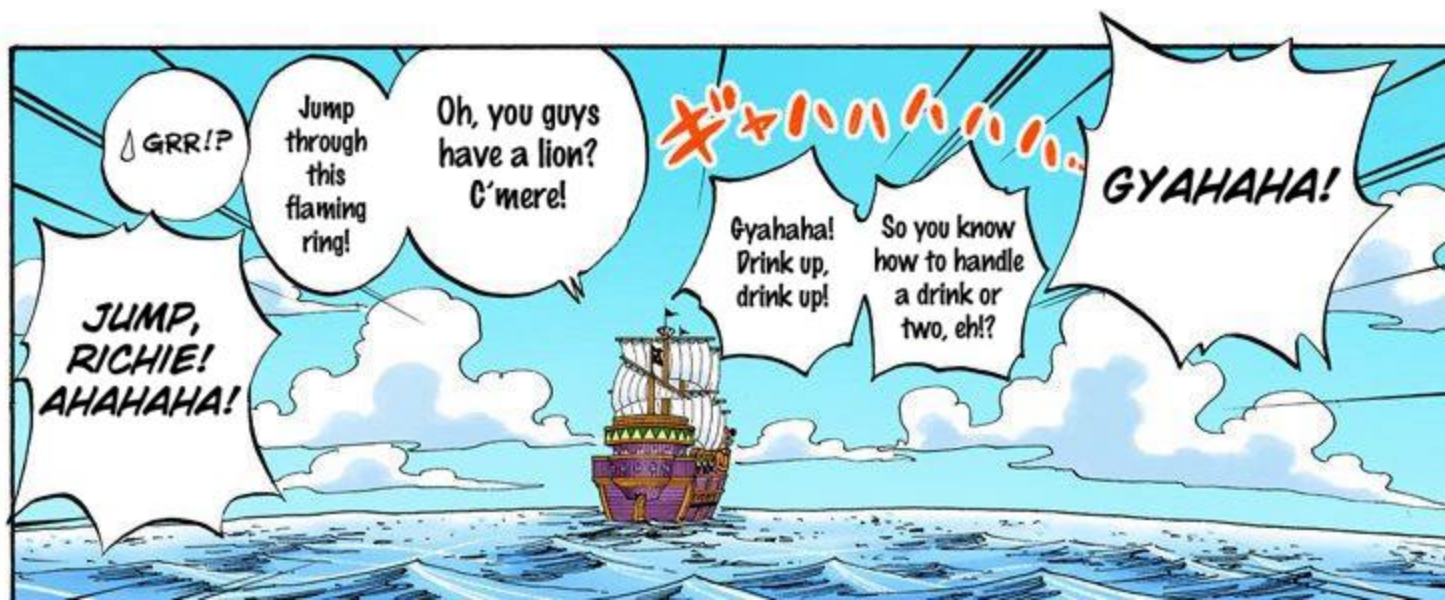
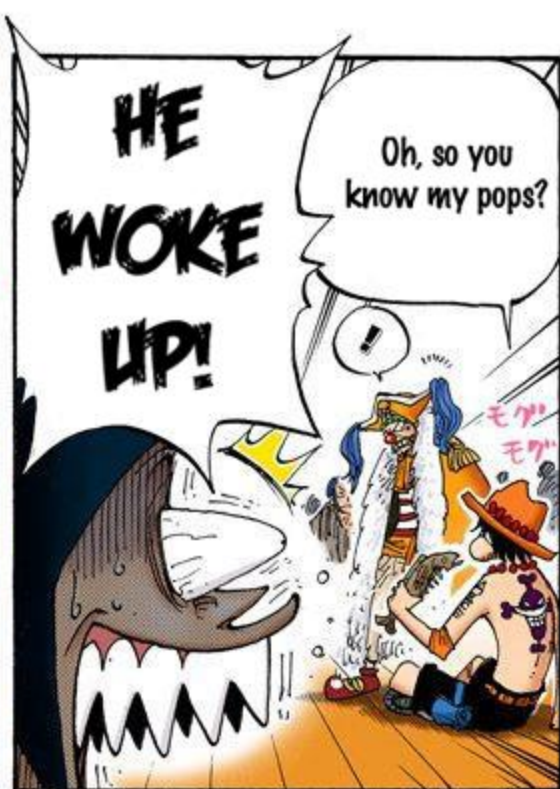
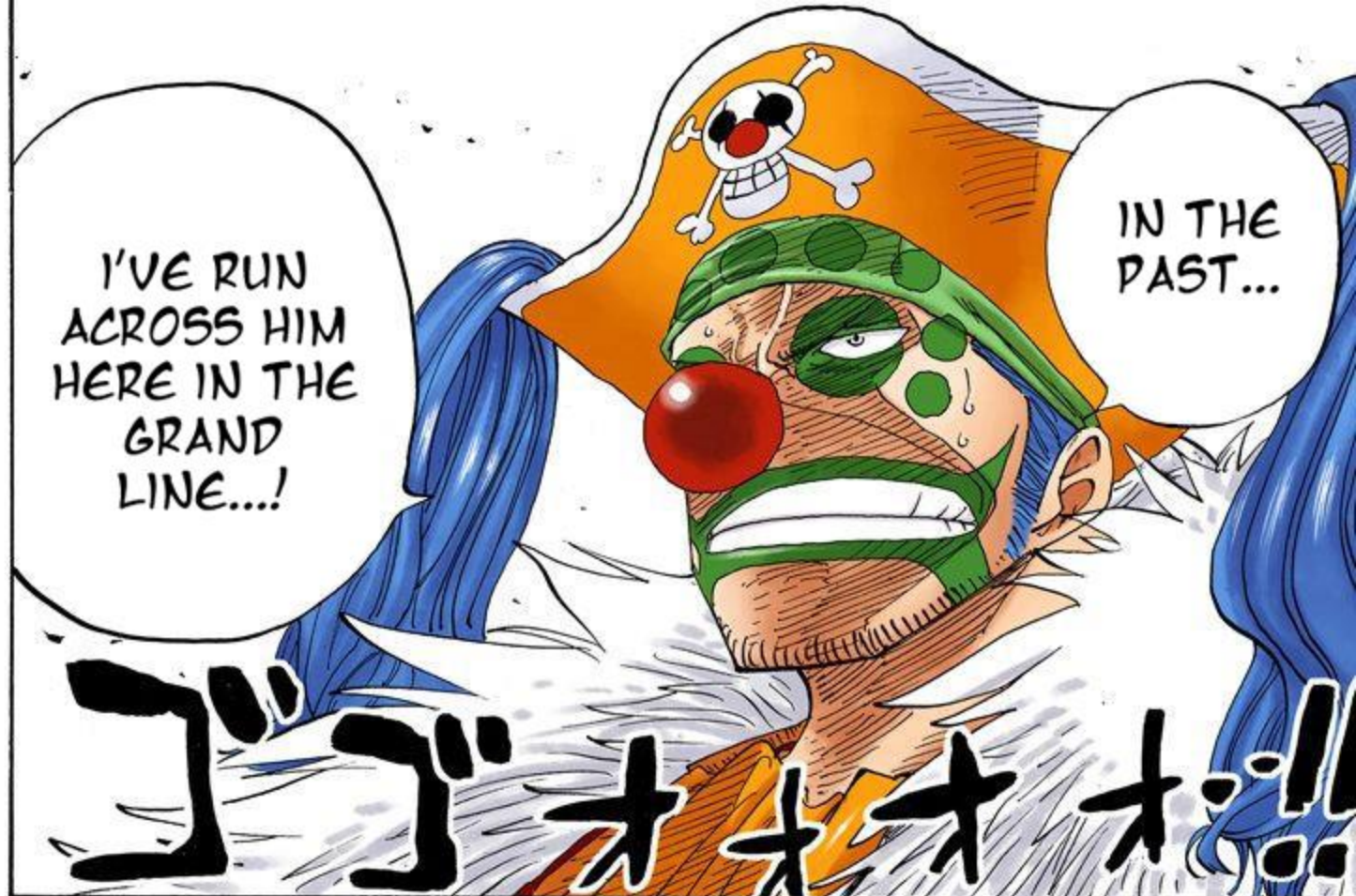
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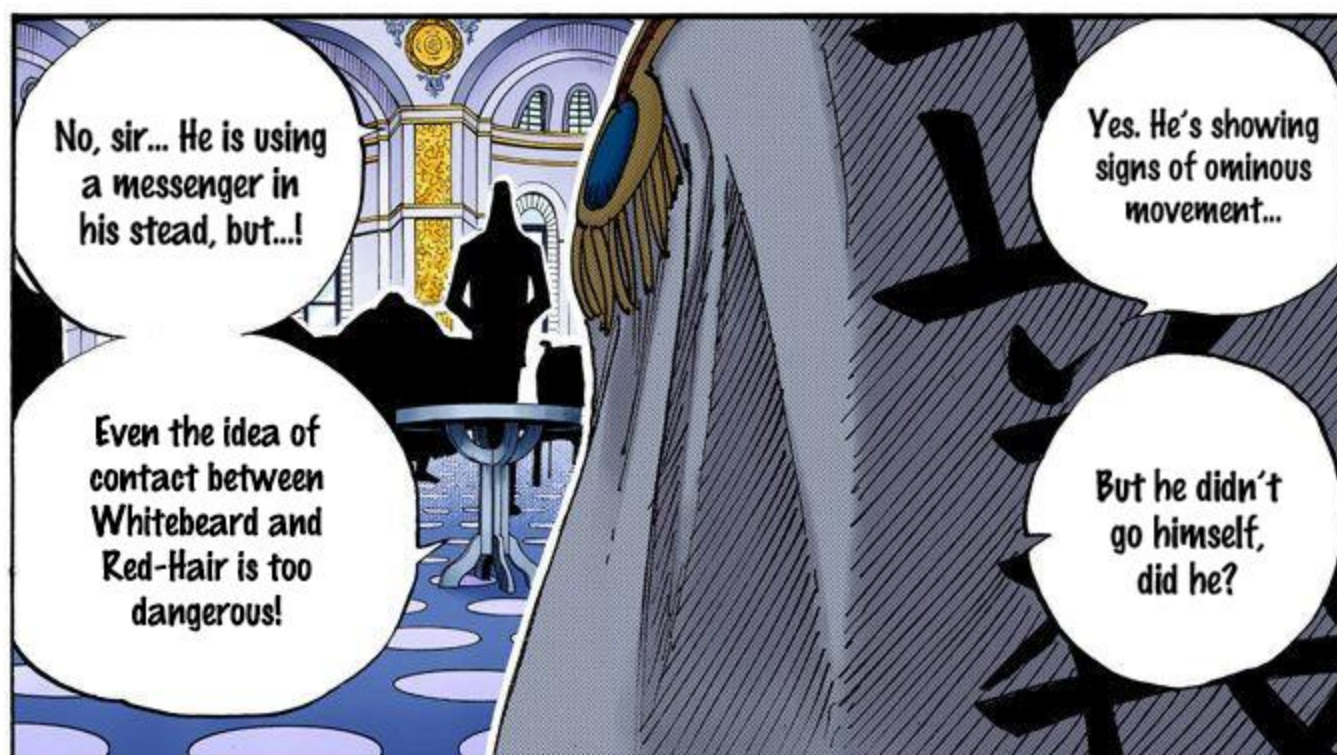
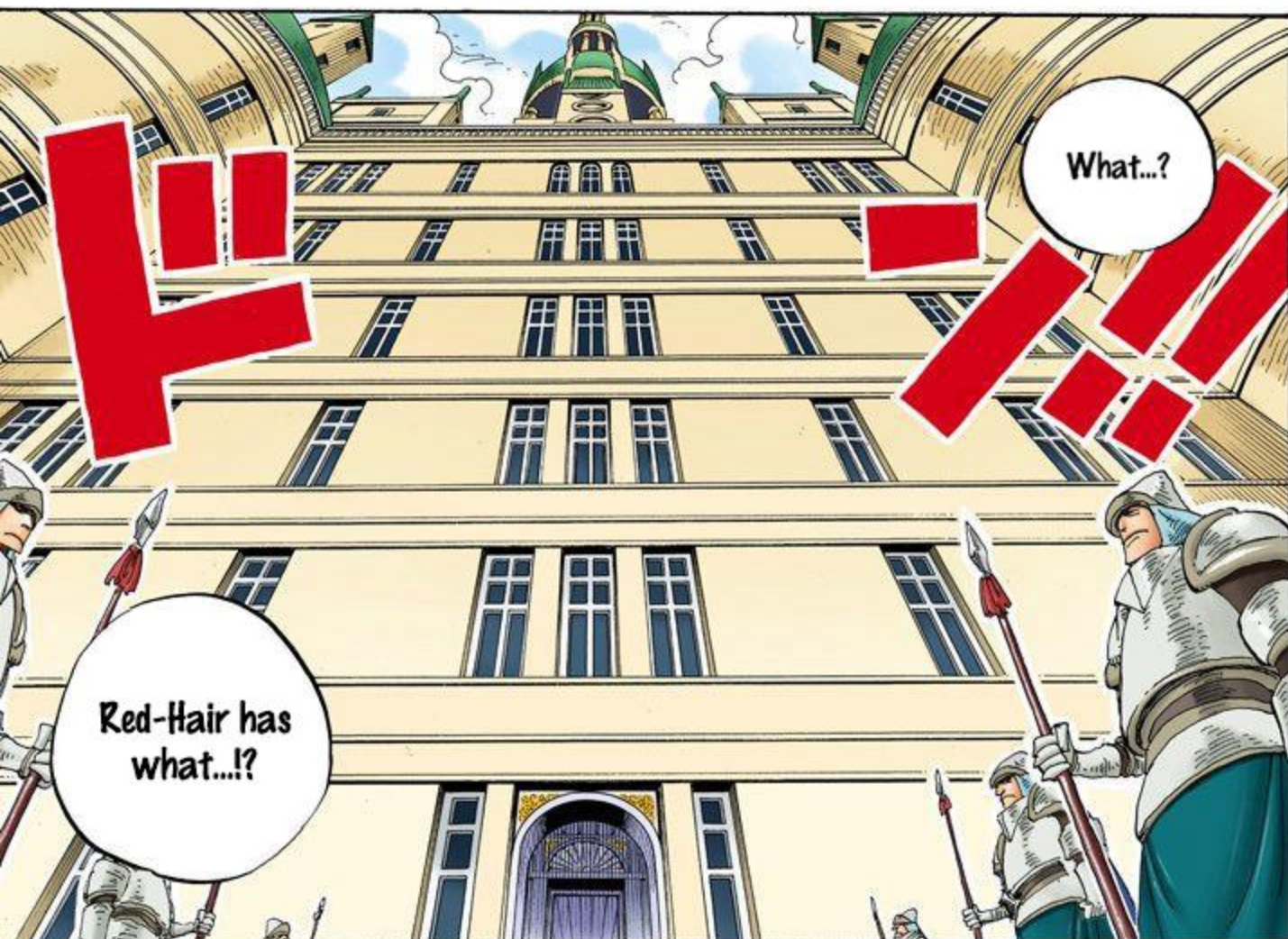
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No matter what! That's the kind of man he is!

And if there's one thing Whitebeard doesn't forgive, it's the death of his crewmates!





Even a single hole must not be overlooked.

More importantly, we must appoint another member to the Shichibukai to fill Crocodile's absence.

We should observe the situation for now instead of acting hastily.

A rupture in the "Three Great Powers" can cause a tremor that will shake the entire world. We must maintain the balance.

**World Government's
Supreme Authority
"Gorousei"
(Five Elder Stars)**

But he's not a man bent on trying to change the world.

If we just allow Red-Hair to run amok unchecked, it will be difficult for us to contain the possible consequences,

Hmm...
True, indeed...



BARTHOLOMEW
KUMA HAVE
ARRIVED...!

AND...

DONQUIXOTE
DOFLAMINGO,

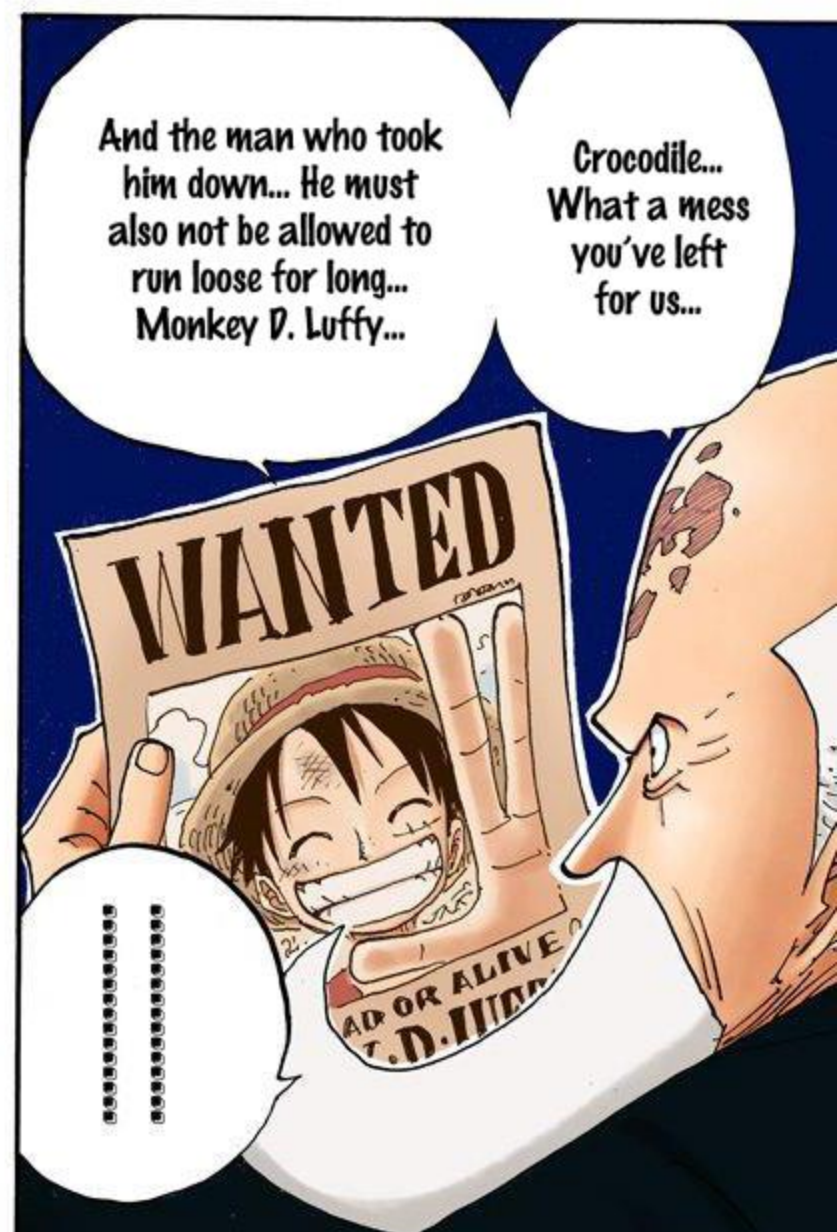
MARINE HQ
REPORTING TO
MARIEJOIS:

THE ROYAL
SHICHIBUKAI
MEMBERS,



It is difficult to say
how many of them
will show... They are
pirates, after all, a
rather unruly and
fickle bunch...

Yes, an invitation
has been sent to all
Shichibukai members
for that purpose, but...



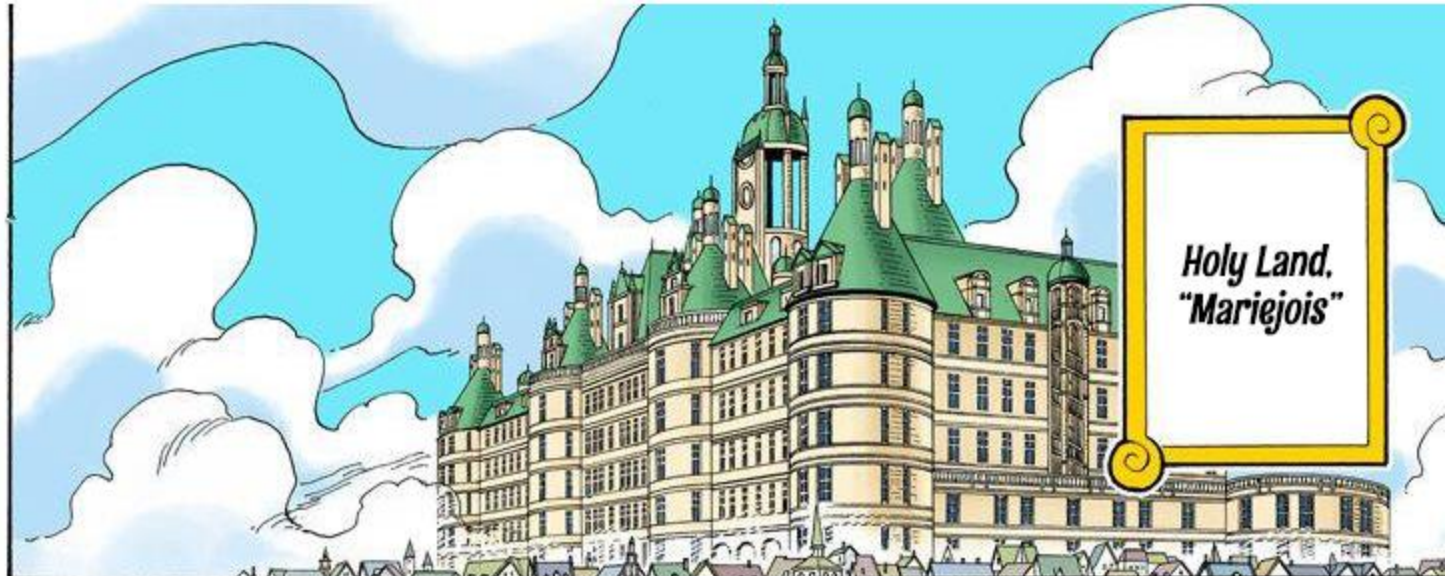
And the man who took
him down... He must
also not be allowed to
run loose for long...
Monkey D. Luffy...

Crocodile...
What a mess
you've left
for us...

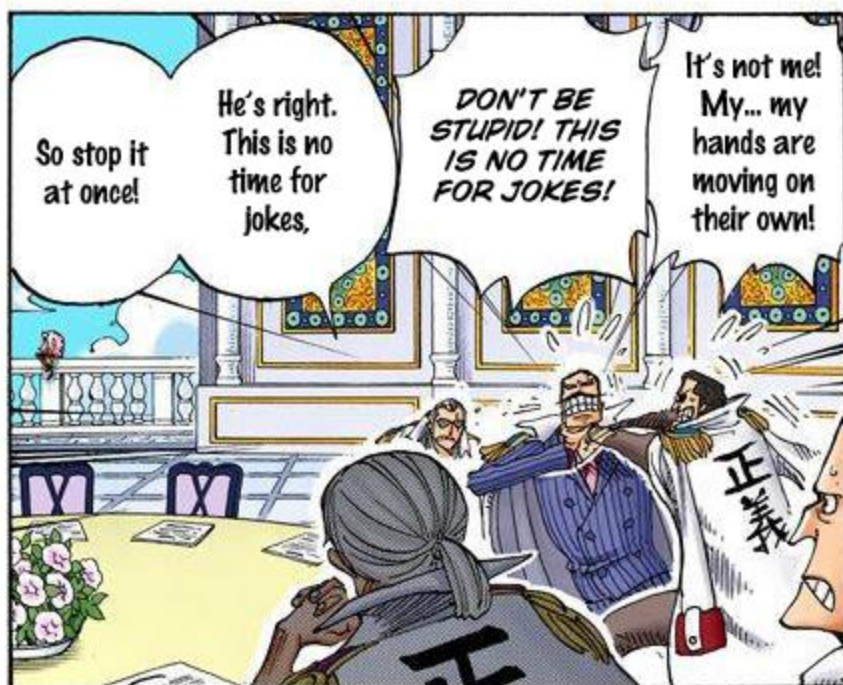
Chapter 234

Please Keep That in Mind





Holy Land,
"Mariejois"



So stop it
at once!

He's right.
This is no
time for
jokes,

**DON'T BE
STUPID! THIS
IS NO TIME
FOR JOKES!**

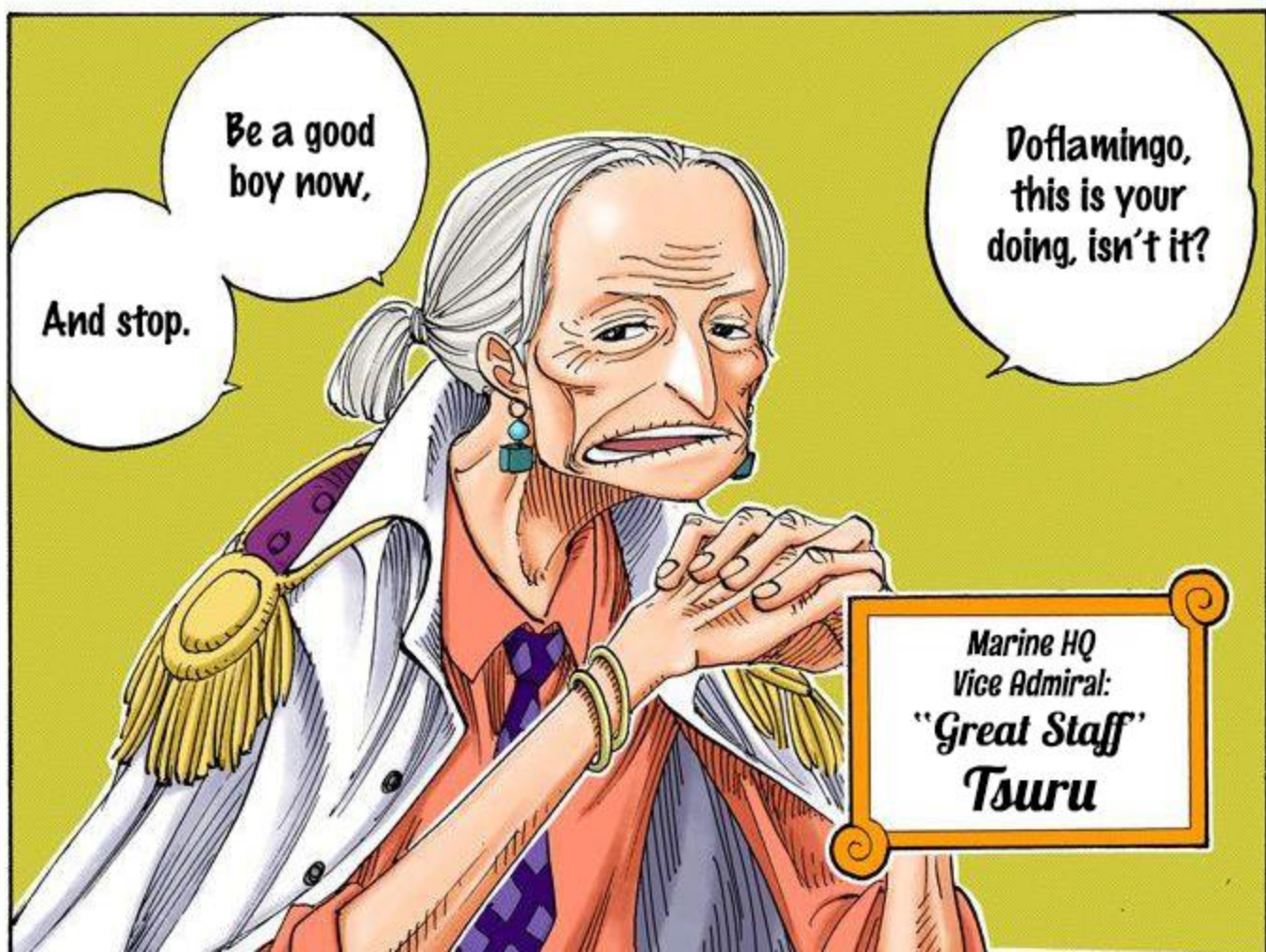
It's not me!
My... my
hands are
moving on
their own!



**WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
DOING!?**

STOP!

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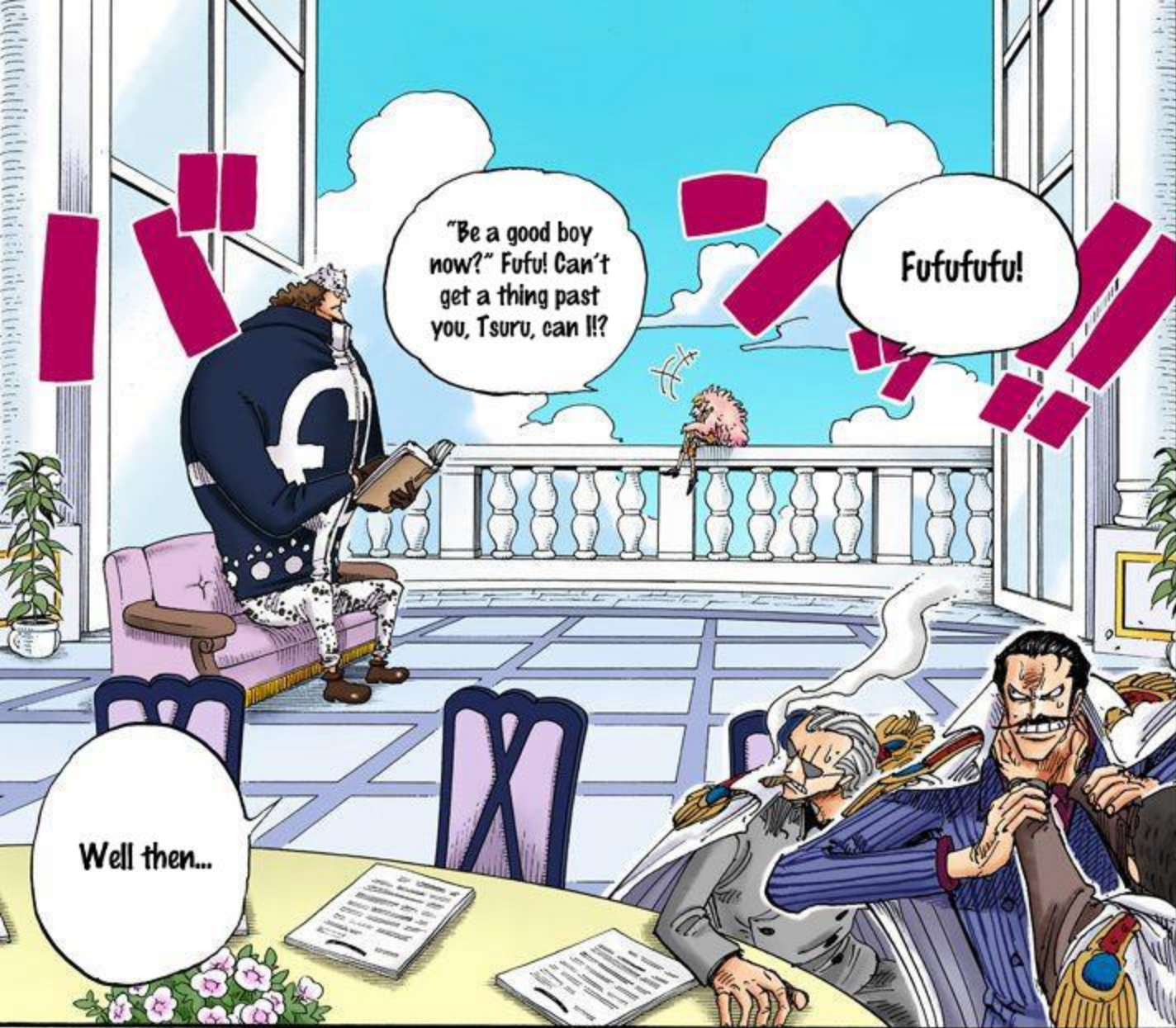


Be a good
boy now,

And stop.

Doflamingo,
this is your
doing, isn't it?

Marine HQ
Vice Admiral:
"Great Staff"
Tsuru



OR HAVE YOU
COME HERE
TODAY TO
WAGE WAR
AGAINST US?

PUT AN END
TO THIS
SILLINESS
AT ONCE.

にっこり...

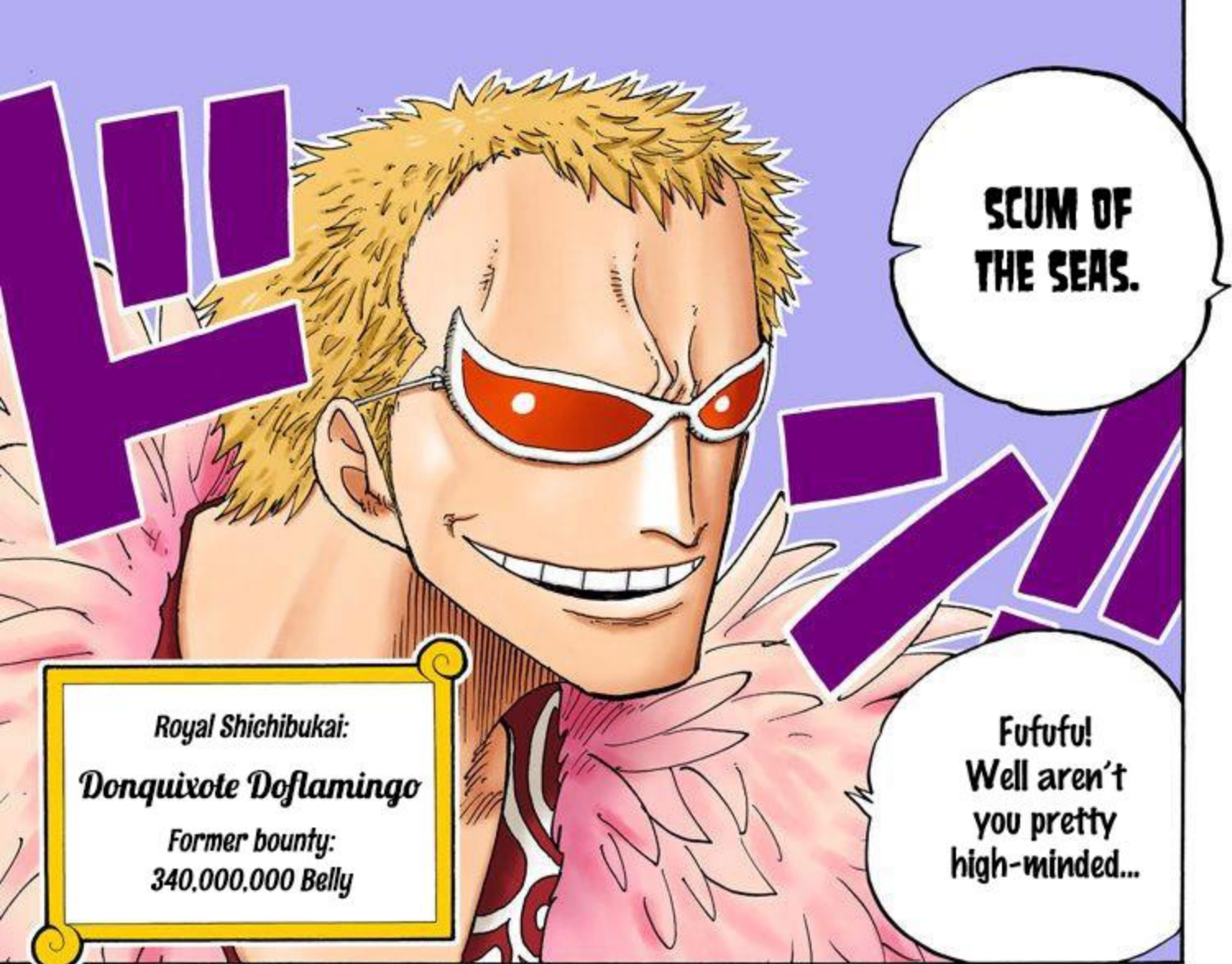
Ah, forgive me
for not greeting
you all first.

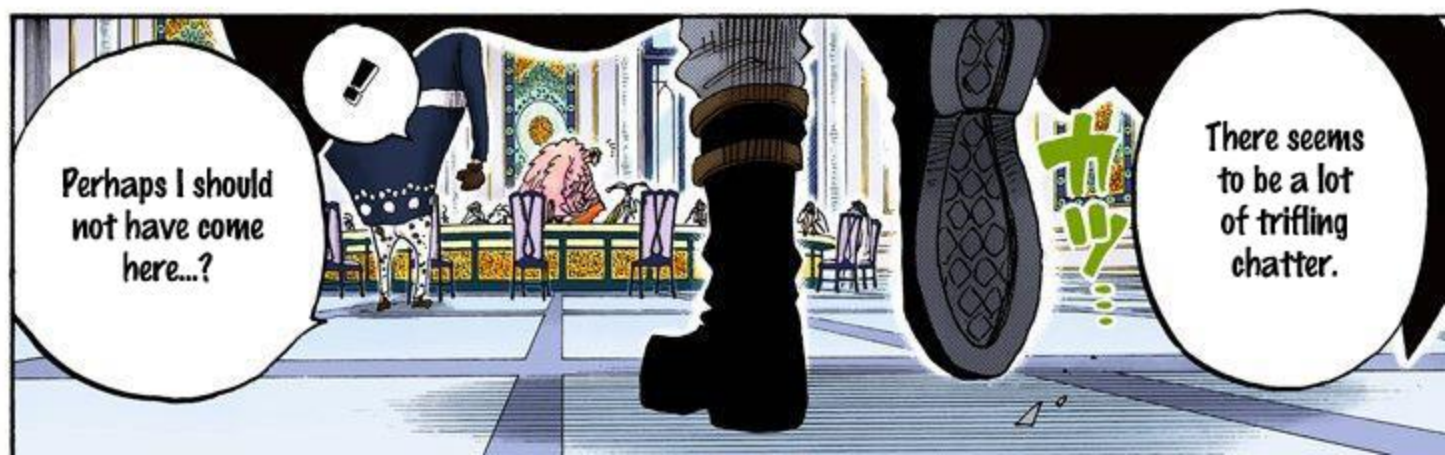
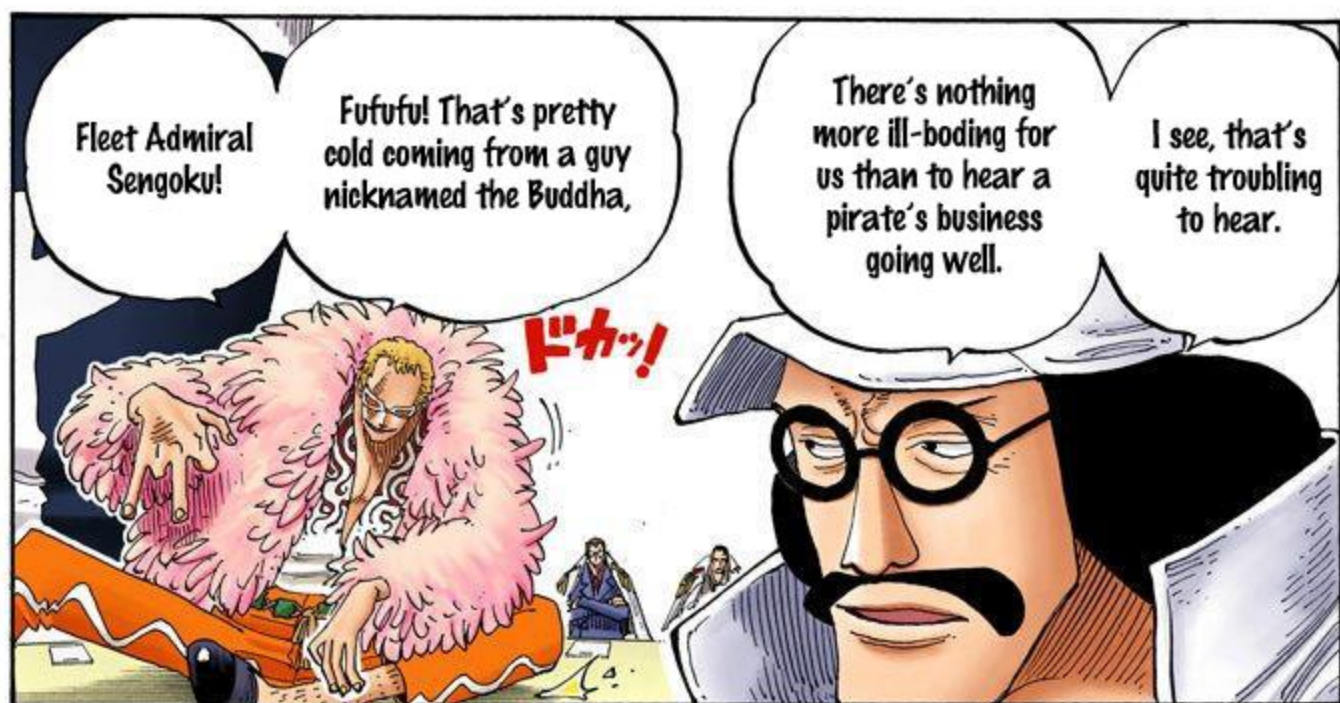
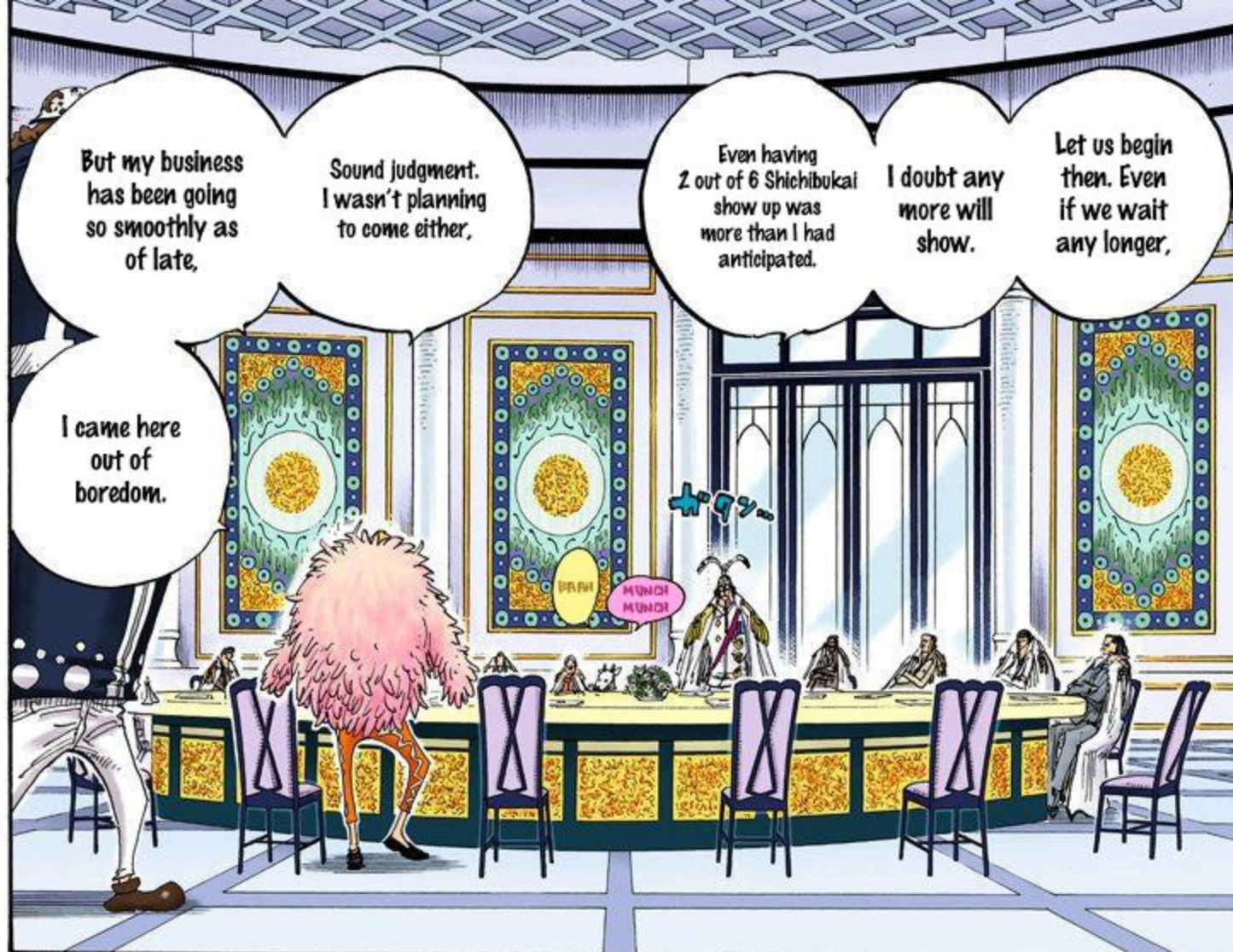
I'd like to
thank you all
for coming
today...

BAAAHH!

Marine HQ
Fleet Admiral:
(Commander-in-Chief of the Marines)

Sengoku
"The Buddah"



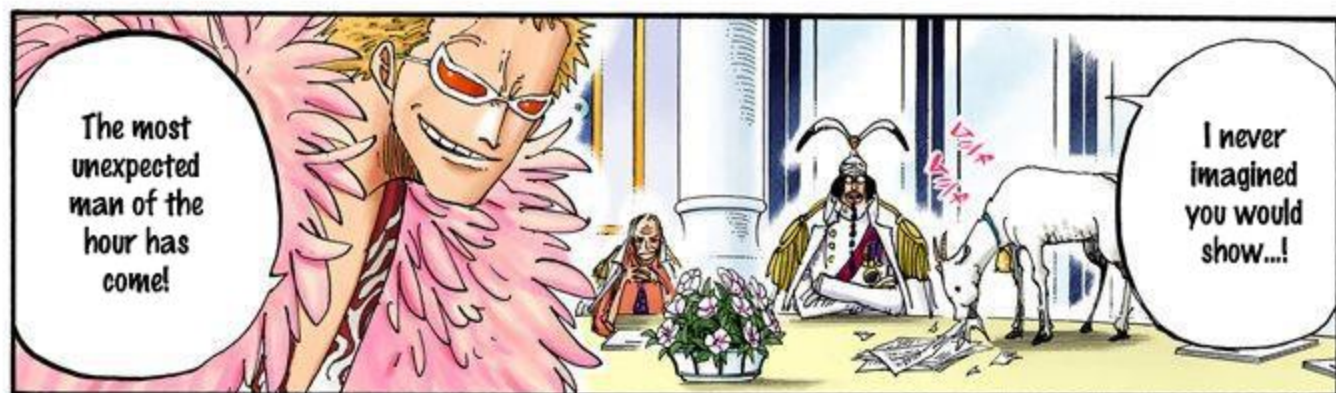




To call the marines and
Shichibukai together
to one table... Two
competing powers...

**HAWK-
EYES!**

I can hardly
expect this round
table yielding
any successful
discussion.



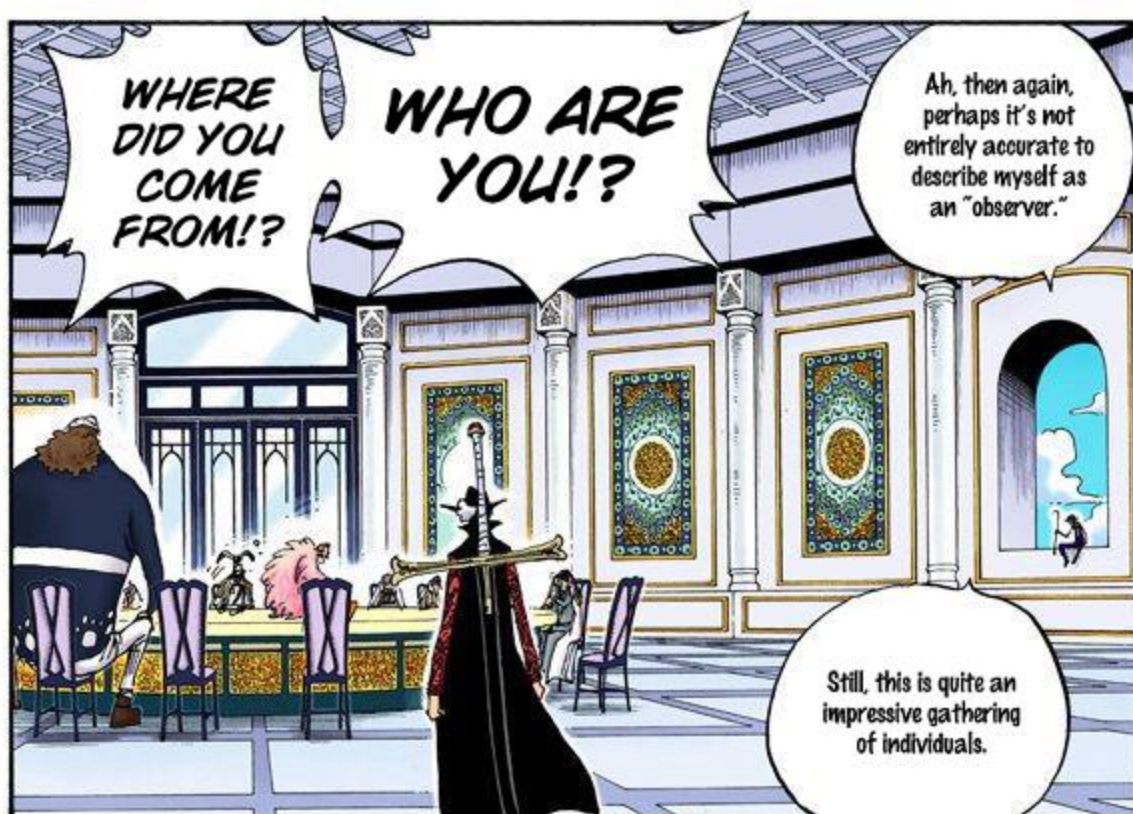
The most
unexpected
man of the
hour has
come!

I never
imagined
you would
show...!



I happen to be
interested in a few
of the pirates at
the center of
today's discussion...
That is all.

Hmph...
I'm merely
an interested
observer.





トッ!

You must be looking for a replacement, are you not...?

That I may be allowed to participate.

Forgive my presumptuousness, but in light of Crocodile's title revocation,

You must be Lafitte, right?

カッ!

An infamous sheriff of West Blue who crossed an acceptable level of violence in his means.

I am most honoured.

Ah, you are aware of my name?

Who is he?

He's since been chased out of his country...

カッ!

I have only come to nominate a certain man to the position of Shichibukai.

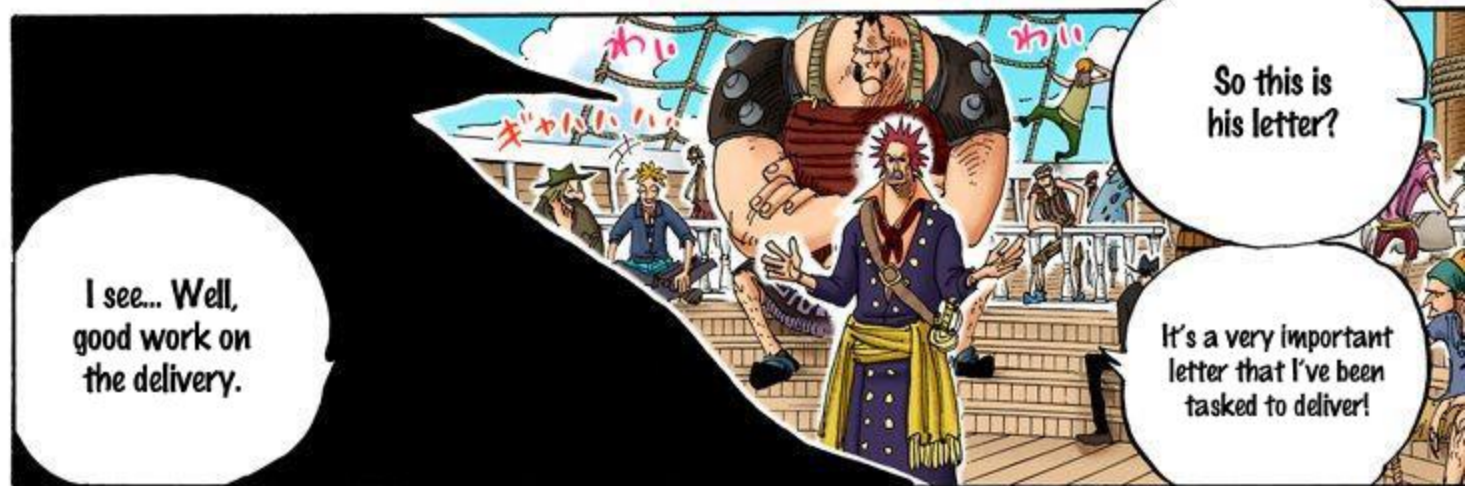
Hoho... All in the past, and of no concern in the current discussion.



That's a name
that takes
me back.

Shanks...

Grand Line



I see... Well,
good work on
the delivery.

So this is
his letter?

It's a very important
letter that I've been
tasked to deliver!



...WHA!?



Hey, you ever
heard of the
name
Rockstar?

Can't say
I have...



Still, I'd like to
think I made a
name for myself.

Hardly, I'm
still just a
new-recruit.

Back when
I was an
independent
pirate...

**Red Hair Pirates
New Recruit:**
Rockstar
Bounty: 94,000,000 Belly

Since when did that brat get so cheeky in treating his elders...?

Passing off a mere letter to me...?

!!?

W-WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE-

Don't be absurd! I'm only drinking what my body demands,

Captain, you should make that your last drink today...

So how could it wreck my health?

AND I'M WHITEBEARD.

DO YOU... HAVE ANY IDEA WHO MY CAP'N IS!? HE'S THE RED-HAIR, Y'KNOW! HAVE YOU LOST IT!?

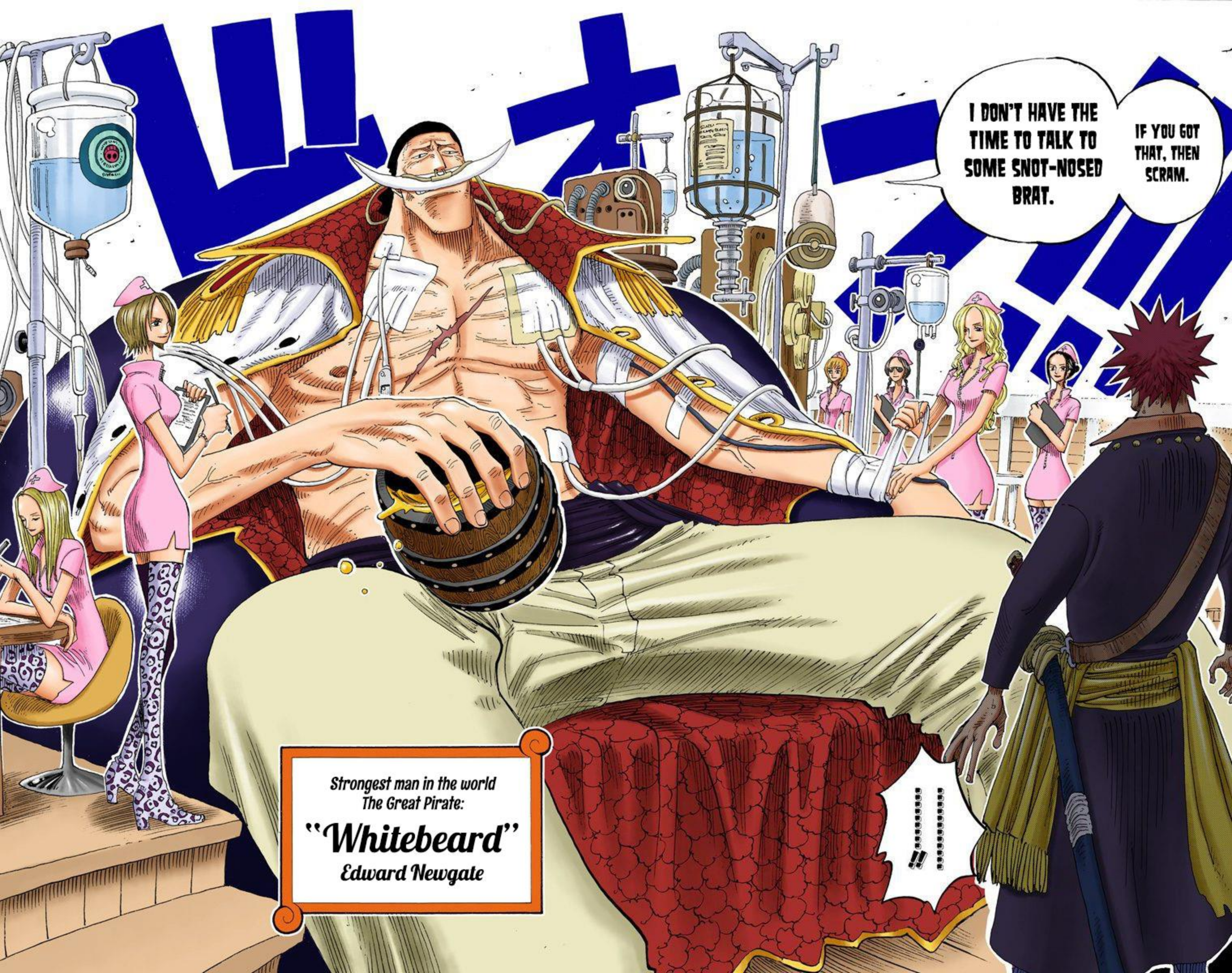
T-THE CAP'N SAID THIS WAS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT LETTER!

IF YOU WANT TO TELL ME SOMETHING, THEN YOU BETTER COME IN PERSON WITH SOME GOOD BOOZE TOO, WHILE YOU'RE AT IT...

Tell that red-haired punk this:

I can already assume the gist of his letter... It's most likely about Ace and Blackbeard...

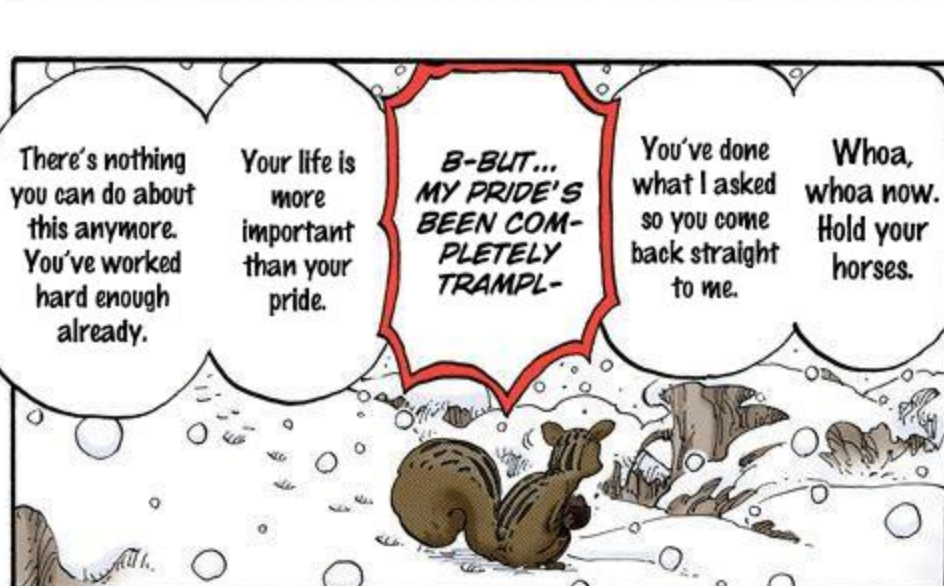
HE TOLD ME THIS LETTER HAD TO BE DELIVERED ASAP!




I DON'T HAVE THE
TIME TO TALK TO
SOME SNOT-NOSED
BRAT.

IF YOU GOT
THAT, THEN
SCRAM.

Strongest man in the world
The Great Pirate:
"Whitebeard"
Edward Newgate





If they try to interfere, then we won't sit by quietly either...!

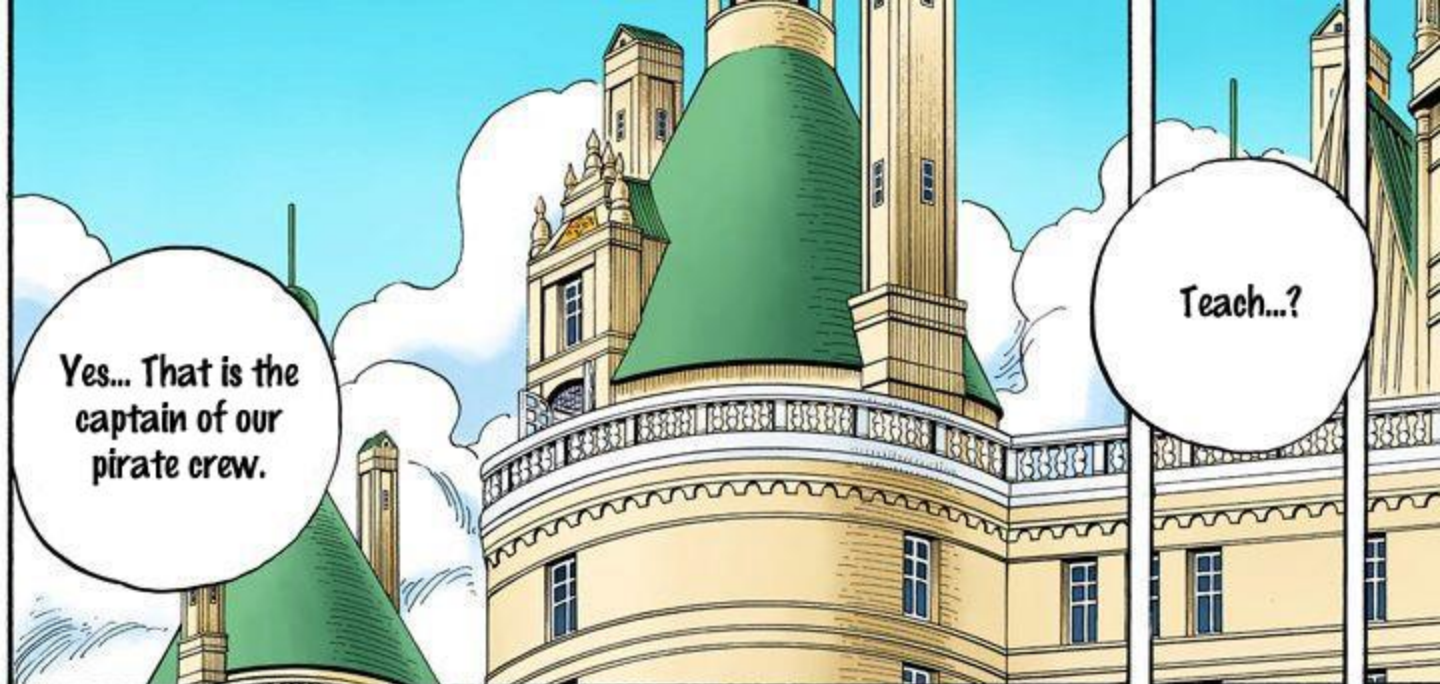
It doesn't matter if the World Government sits by quietly or not...



GET A BOTTLE OF SOMETHING GOOD READY!

WOOHOO! PREPARE FOR BATTLE, SCALLYWAGS!





Yes... That is the captain of our pirate crew.

Teach...?



That is why we are setting up a plan to correct that flaw of his, so I ask for a little more time.

Never heard of him before. Appointing an unknown person to Shichibukai is hardly going to make any pirate tremble.

Fufufu! Now that sounds interesting! I say give 'em a chance, Sengoku!

Yes, I understand completely.



Please keep that in mind.

**THE
BLACKBEARD
PIRATES.**

As for the name of our pirate crew, we are...

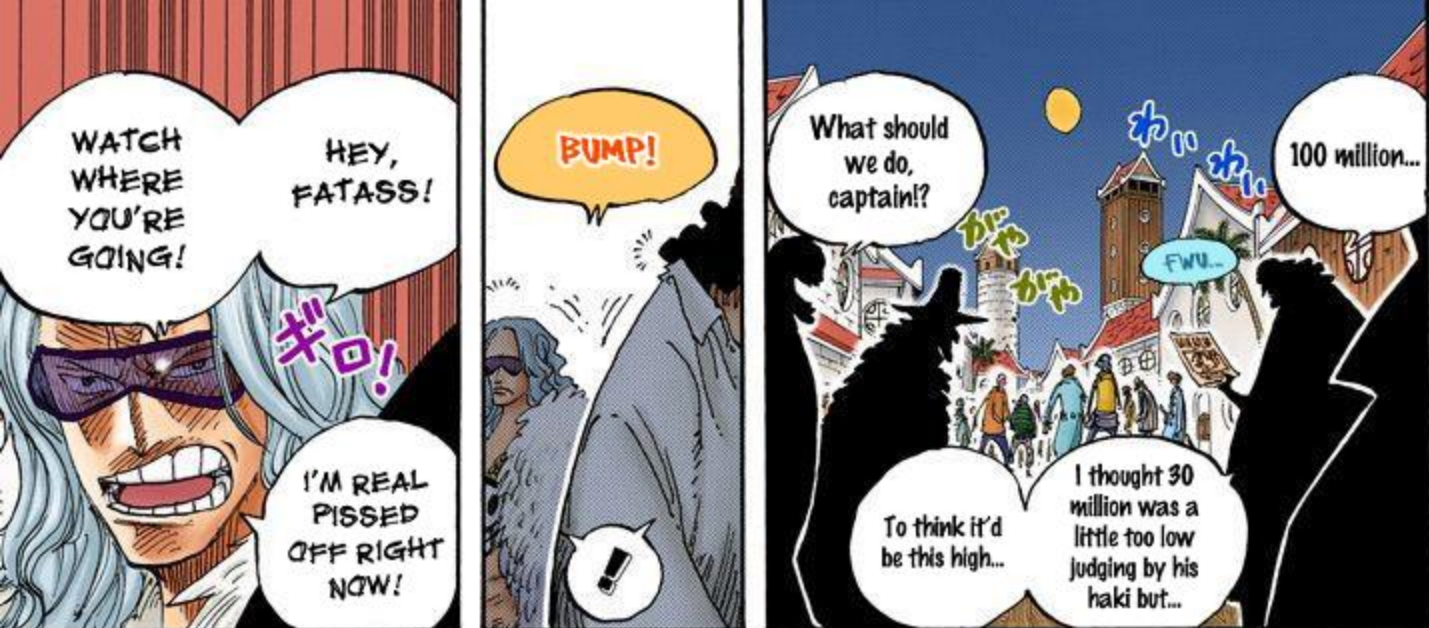


**BELLAMY
GOT
TOTALLY
TRASHED!**

**HEY, DID
YA HEAR!?**

**BY
WHO!?**

**Mocktown,
Jaya**



*Haki: Literally "Ambition"





ZEHAHA
HAHAHA!

Not speaking like your
usual self, Augur! If we
fail to meet up with him
here, then that too is
another act of fate,
ain't it!?

Captain, did we
not plan to meet
up with Lafitte
in this town?

AHAHAHA!
FINALLY TIME
TO HUNT
SOME PREY,
EH!?

EXACTLY...
FATE IS WHAT
MEASURES A
MAN'S WORTH
AT ALL
MOMENTS...
COUGH!

UGHH...

Blackbeard Pirates
Doctor:
"Grim Reaper"
Doc Q

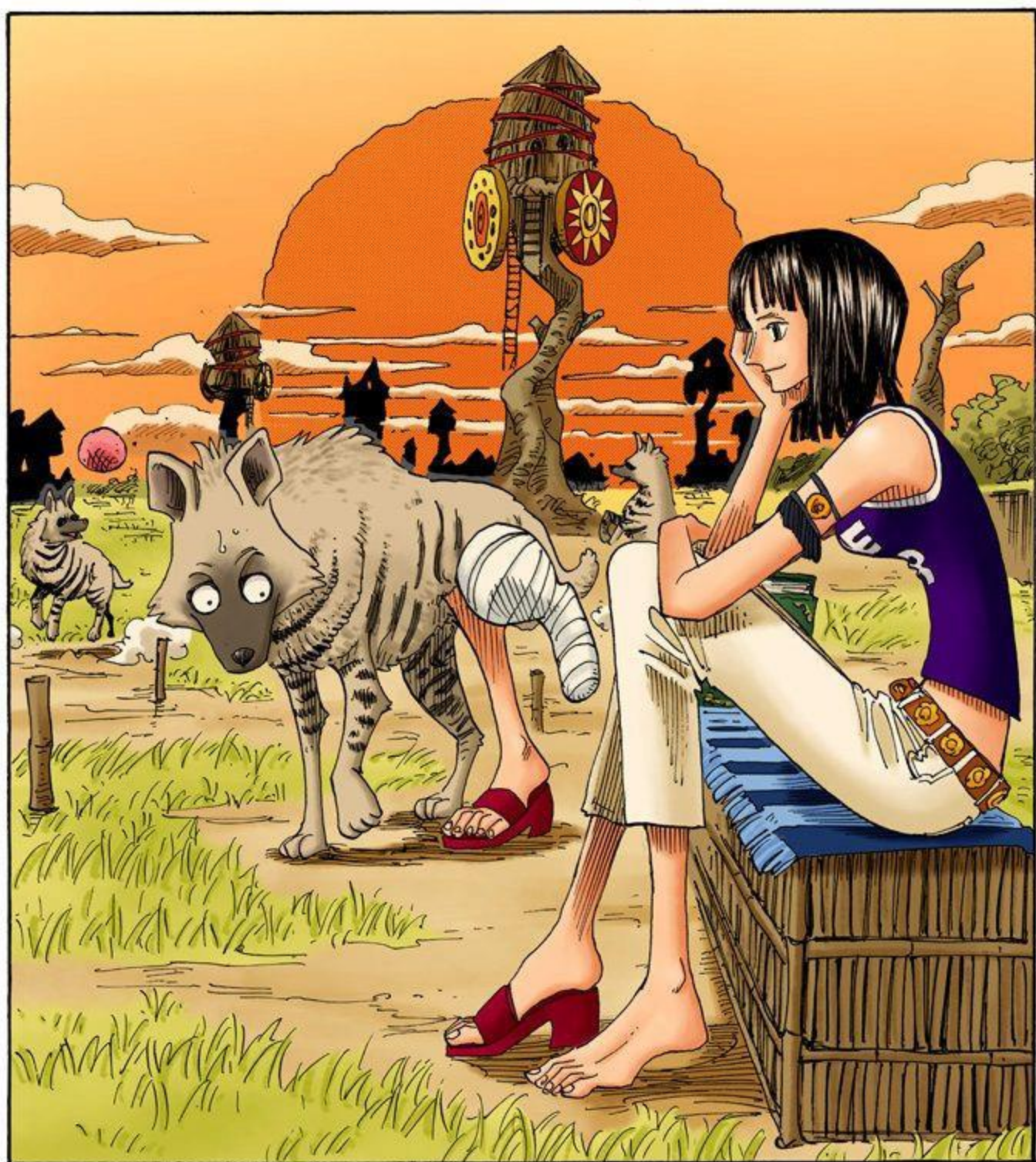
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Captain:
"Blackbeard"
Marshall D. Teach

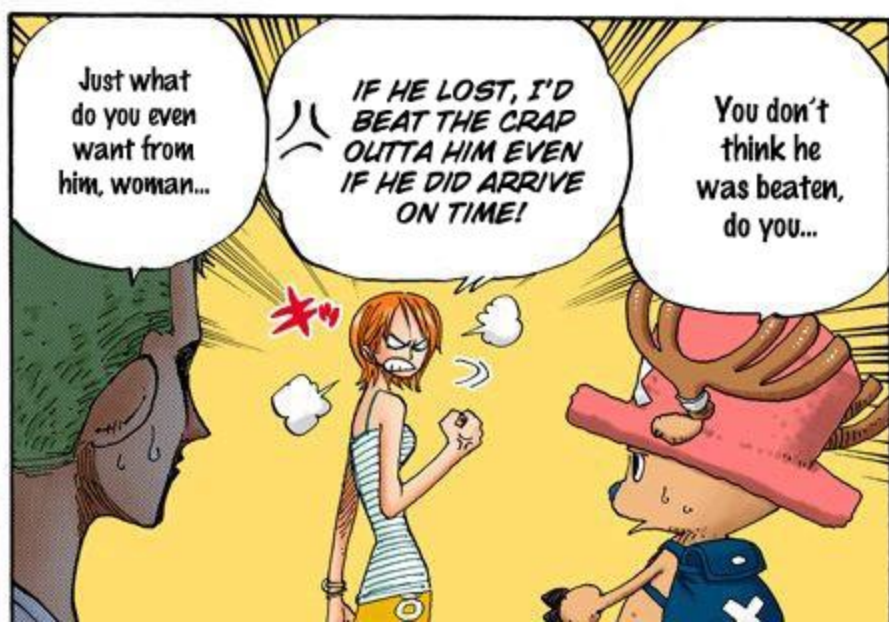
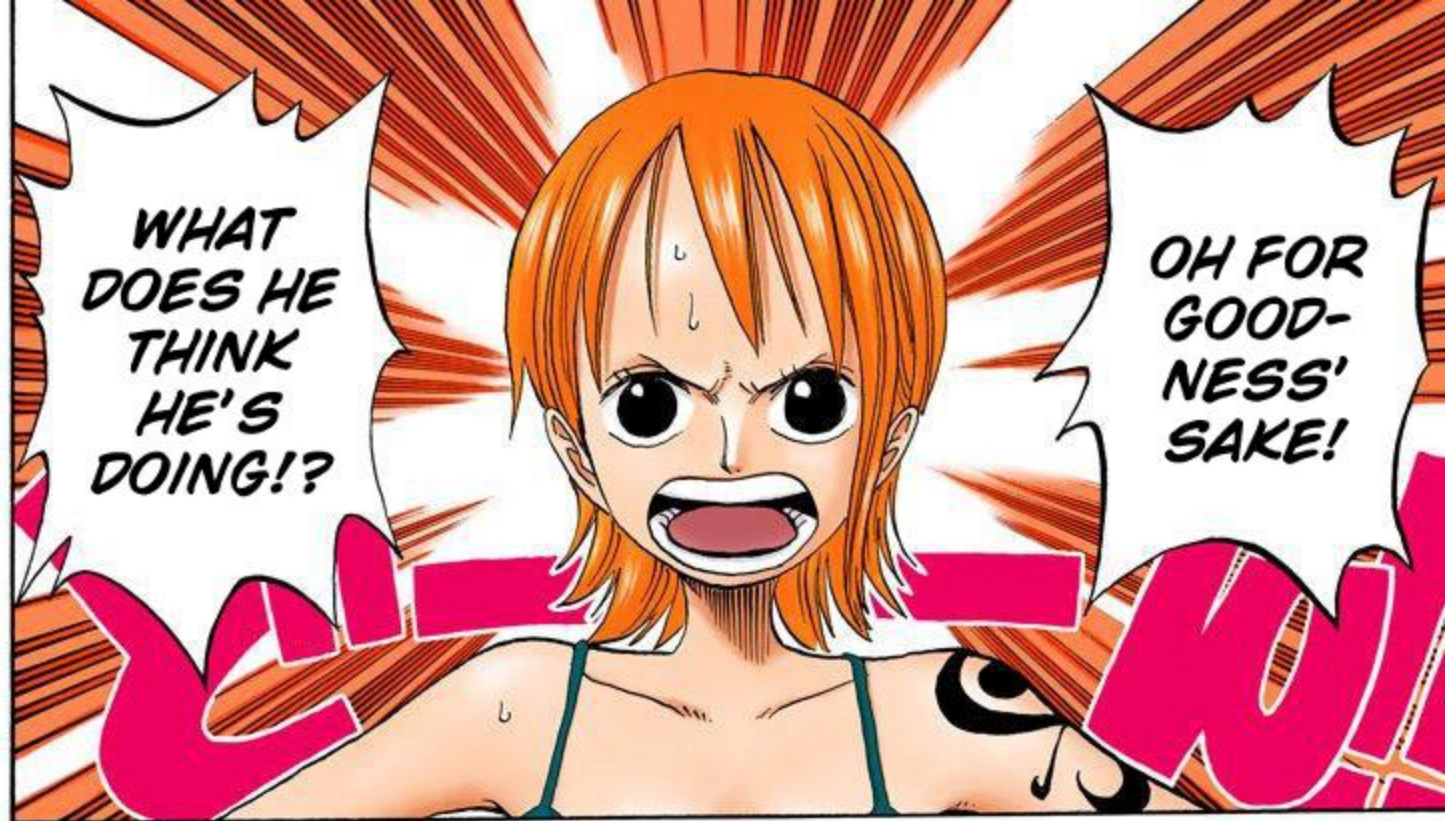
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"The Supersonic"
Van Augur

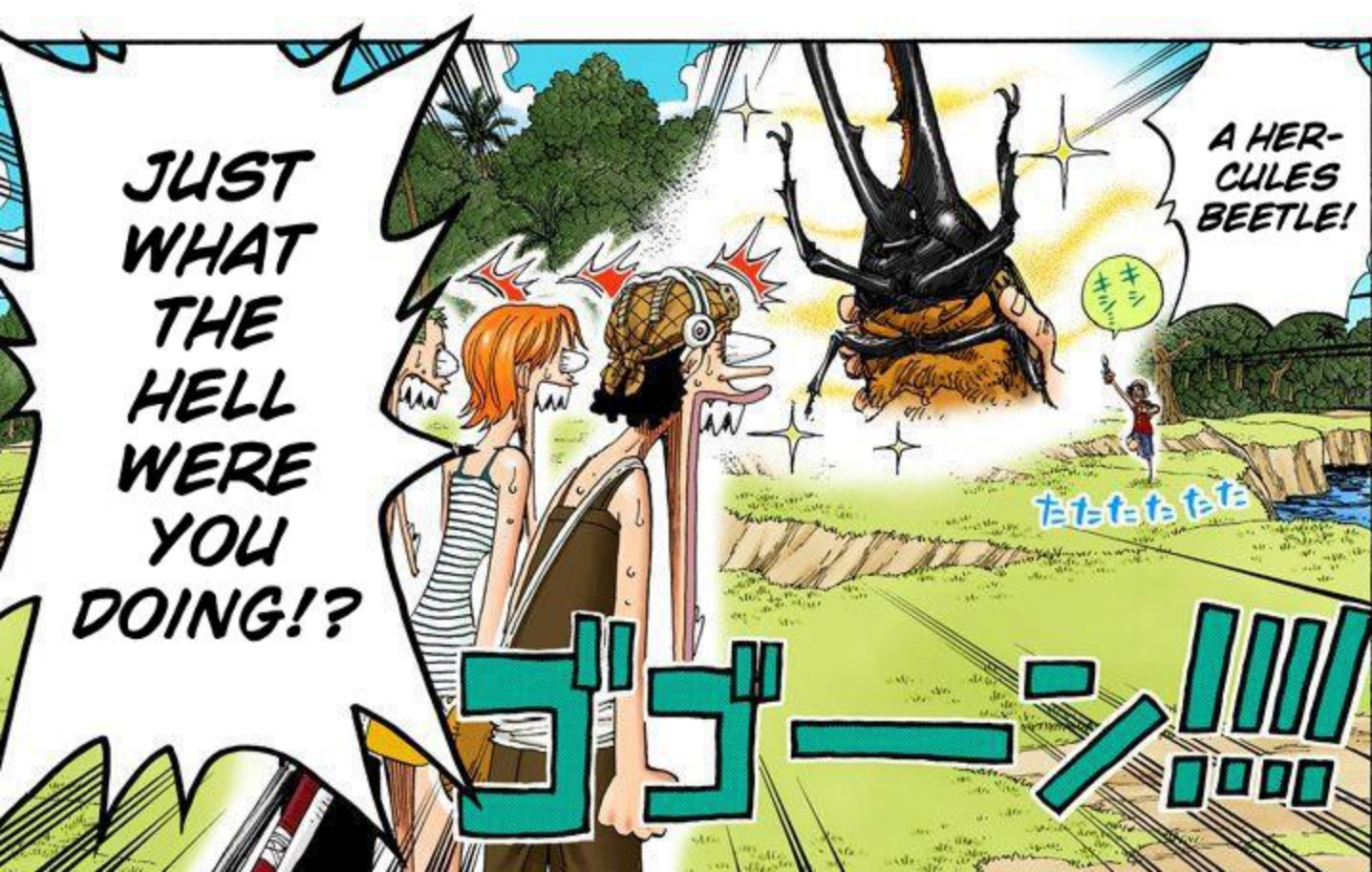
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Helmsman:
"The Champion"
Jesus Burgess

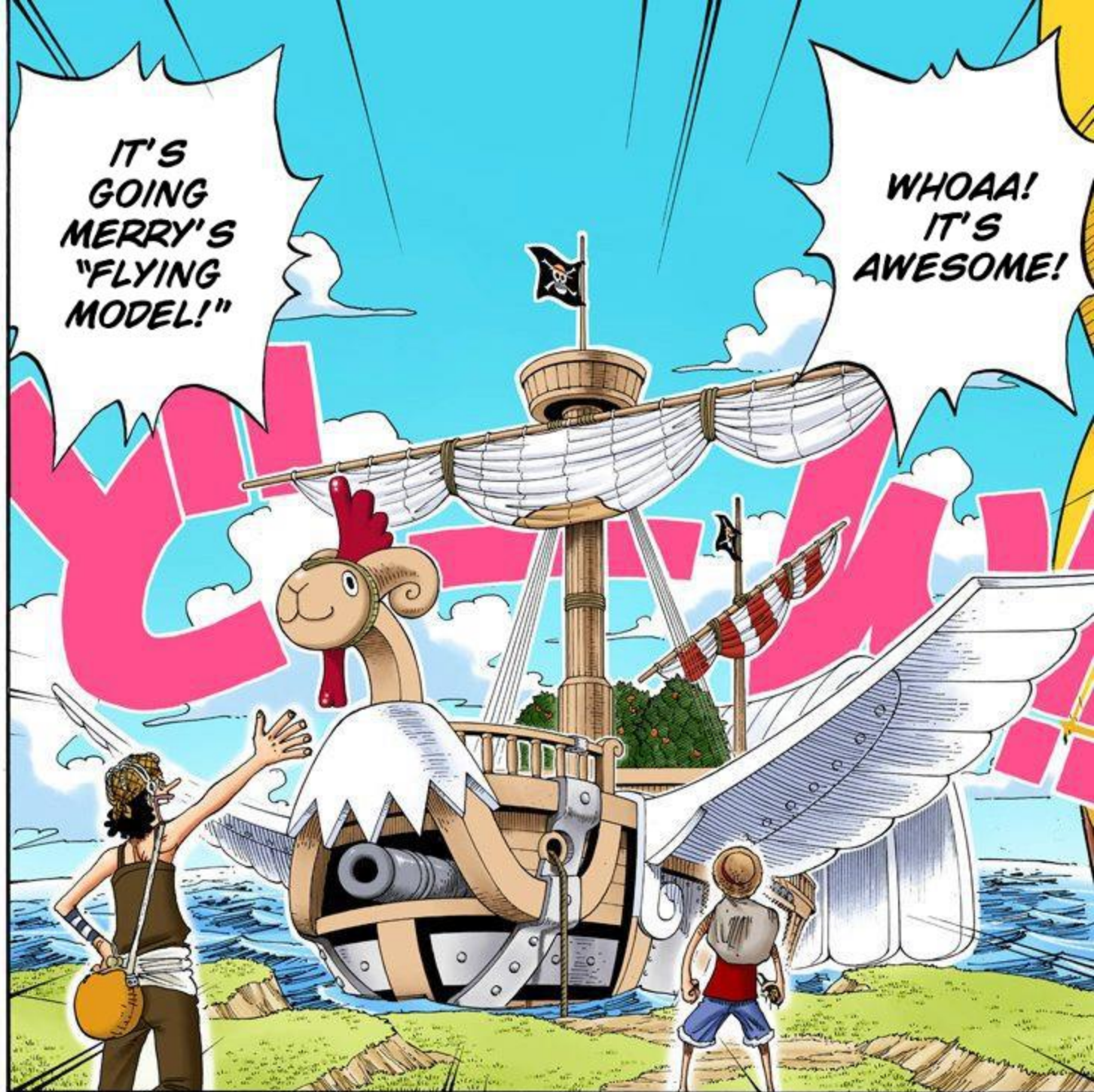
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Knock Up Stream









IT'S
GOING
MERRY'S
"FLYING
MODEL!"

WHOOA!
IT'S
AWESOME!



Yeah, a pigeon's
much better at
flying than a
rooster...

Personally, I'm
getting uneasy
just looking at
that thing.

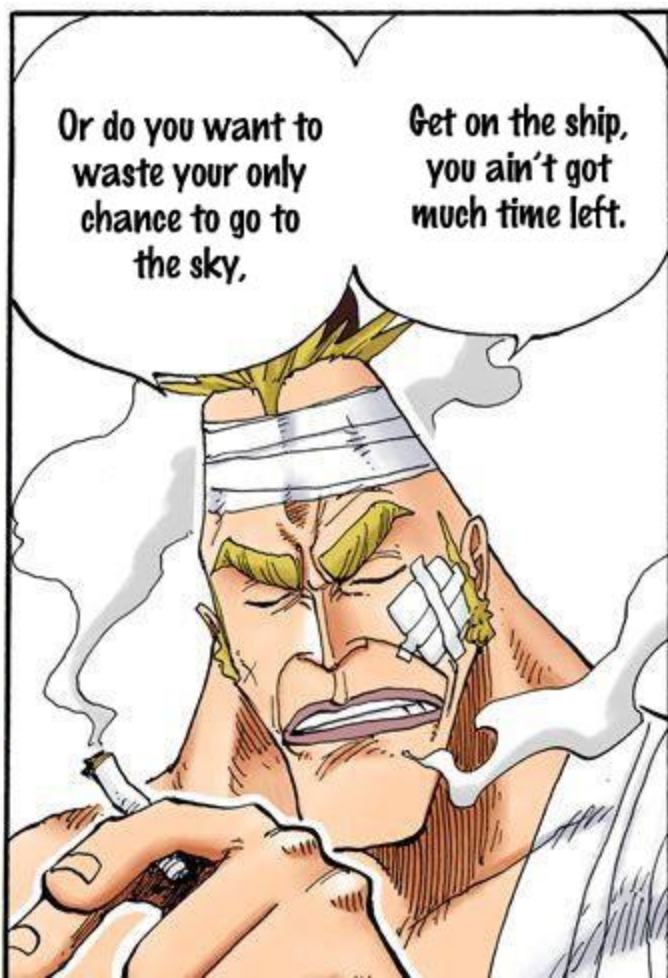
RIGHT!?

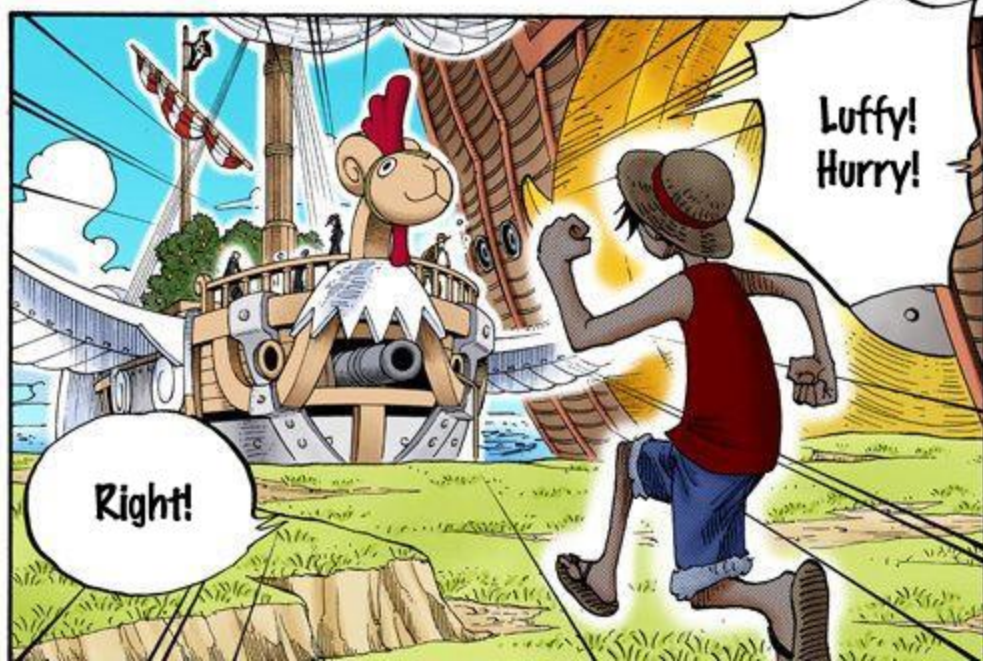
シヤキーン!!

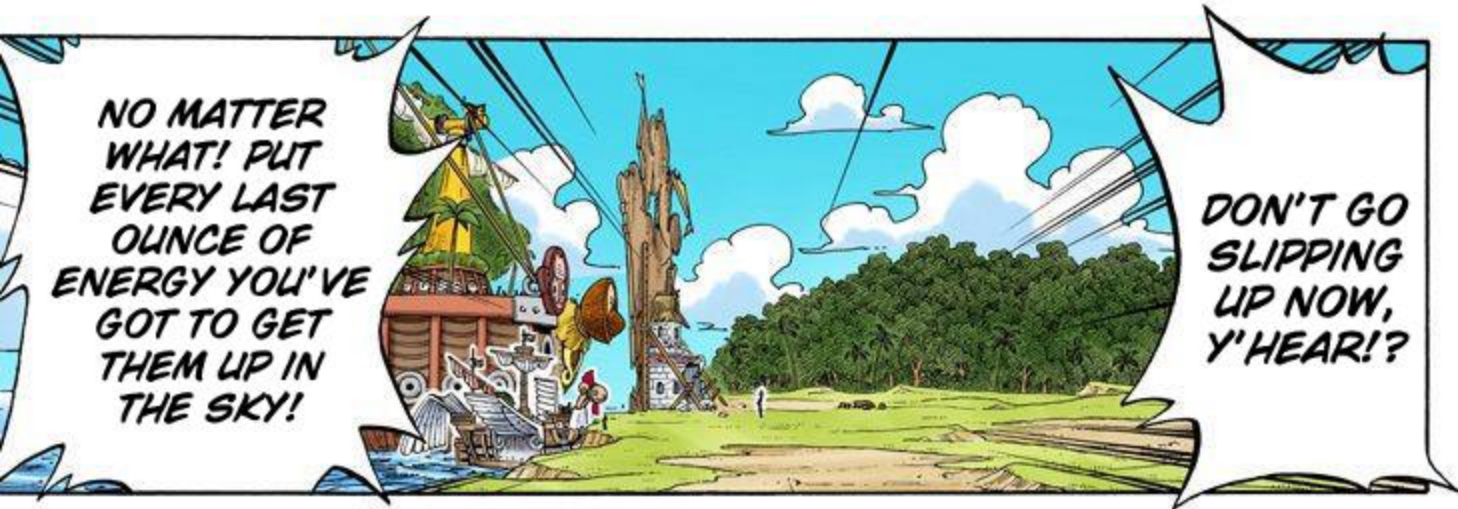
THAT LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
SOOOOOO
GONNA FLY!

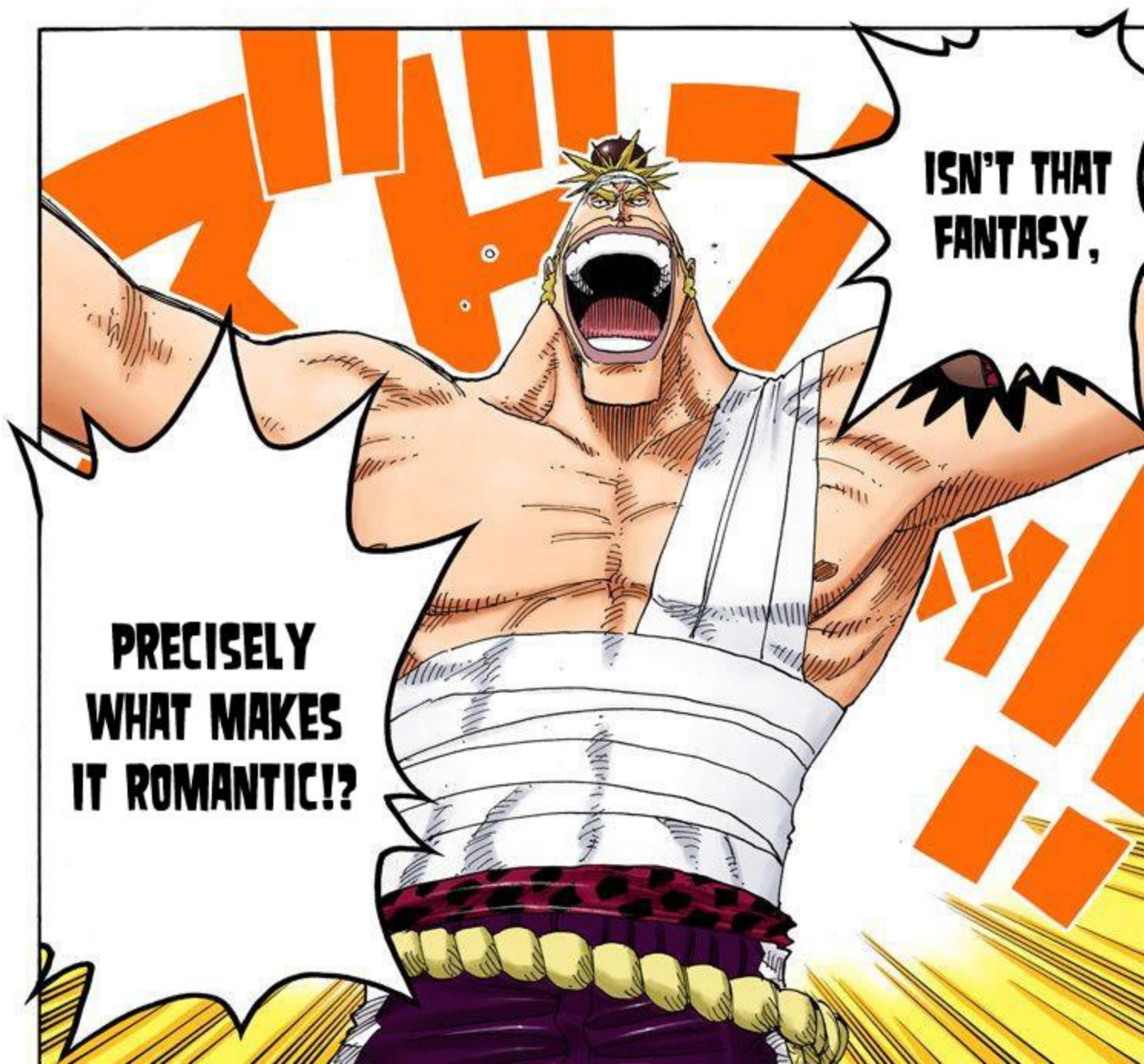
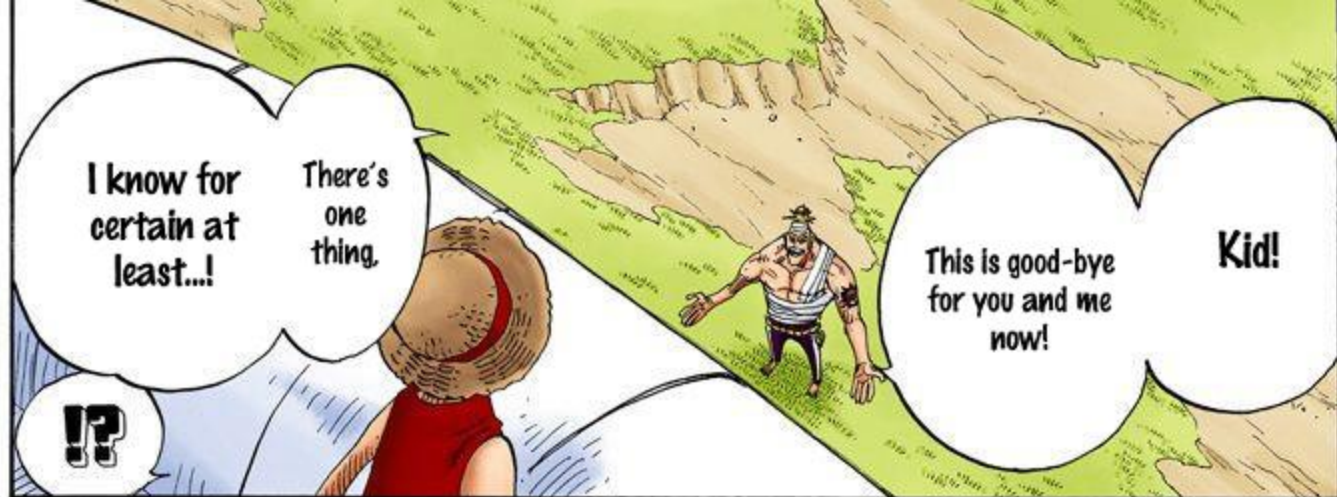
THAT'S NOT
THE PROBLEM
HERE, YOU
BLOCKHEAD!

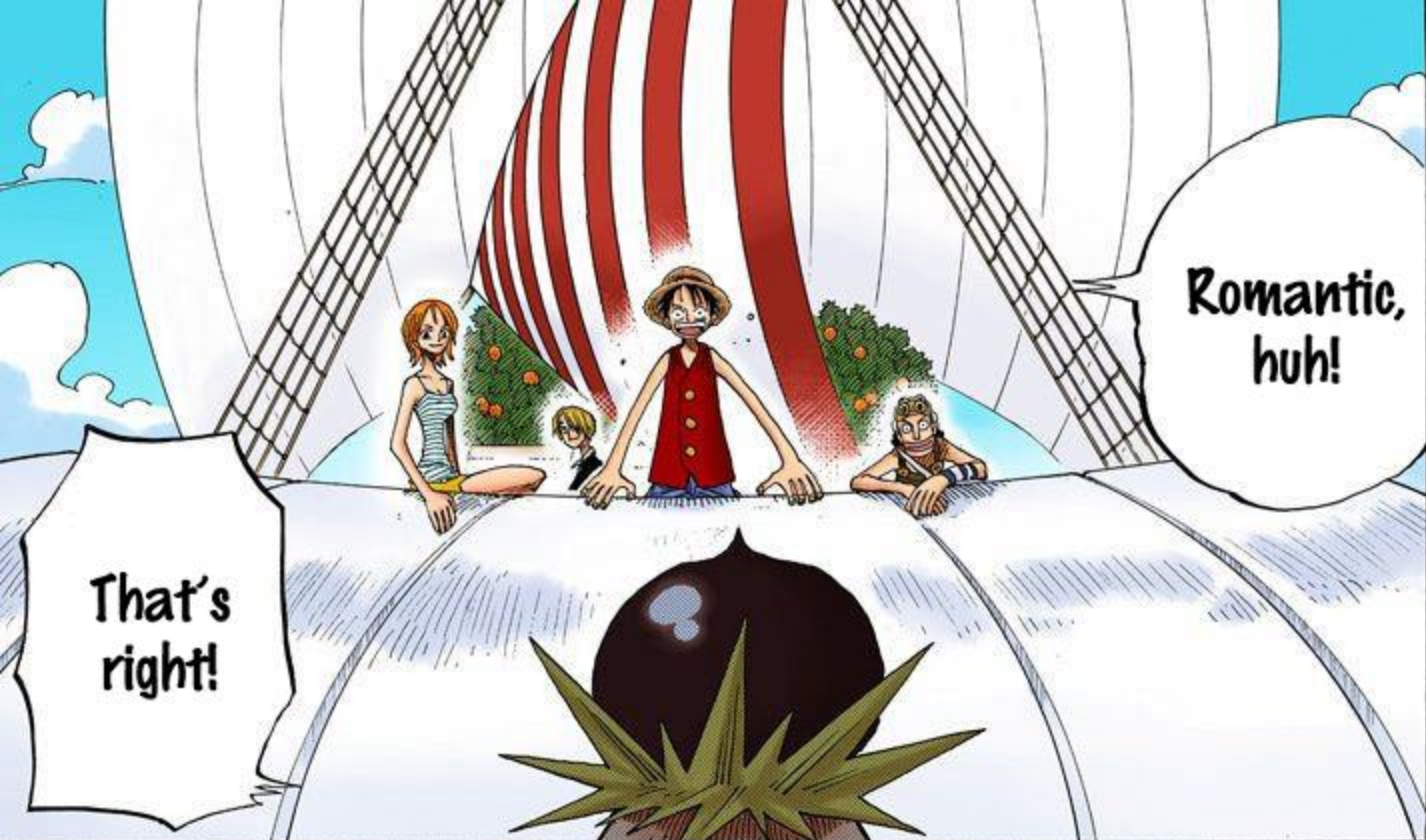
ガチャン...!!













It's already morning.



No, I can't even see the shore's shadow yet.

Are you sure they said they were going to Sky Island?

Well, do you see anything?



So we'll take care of 'em before they can get up there!

Yeah, that's what they said, alright. Chasing them there'll be difficult,

It'll be around
11 by the time
we get to our
destination.

Listen up!
It's 7 in the
morning
right now!

The knock-up
stream changes
location
everytime,

Like our
boss said,

So we'll have to
quickly search for
its exact location
as soon as we
arrive there.

It turned
back around!

Are you
listening to
my expl-

Hey!

Now since we're
a little behind
schedule...

Look, look!



Night's falling...
from the Southwest!

IT'S THE
EMPEROR-
NIMBUS!

WHY,
WHAT
IS IT!?

BOSS!
THIS IS
BAD!

3 hours
later

THIS IS BAD...
SHOUJOU!
YOU THINK
THEY CAN
STILL MAKE
IT!?

IT'S ONLY 10!
IT'S HERE
MUCH
SOONER
THAN WE
THOUGHT!

ALREADY?
WHAT TIME
IS IT!?

ゴゴゴ...

So that's the
emperor-
nimbus...

UOHO!

ドボボボオ...ン!!

UTAN DIVERS!
DIVE AT ONCE
AND FIND
WHERE THE
STREAM IS
FORMING!





WHA!?

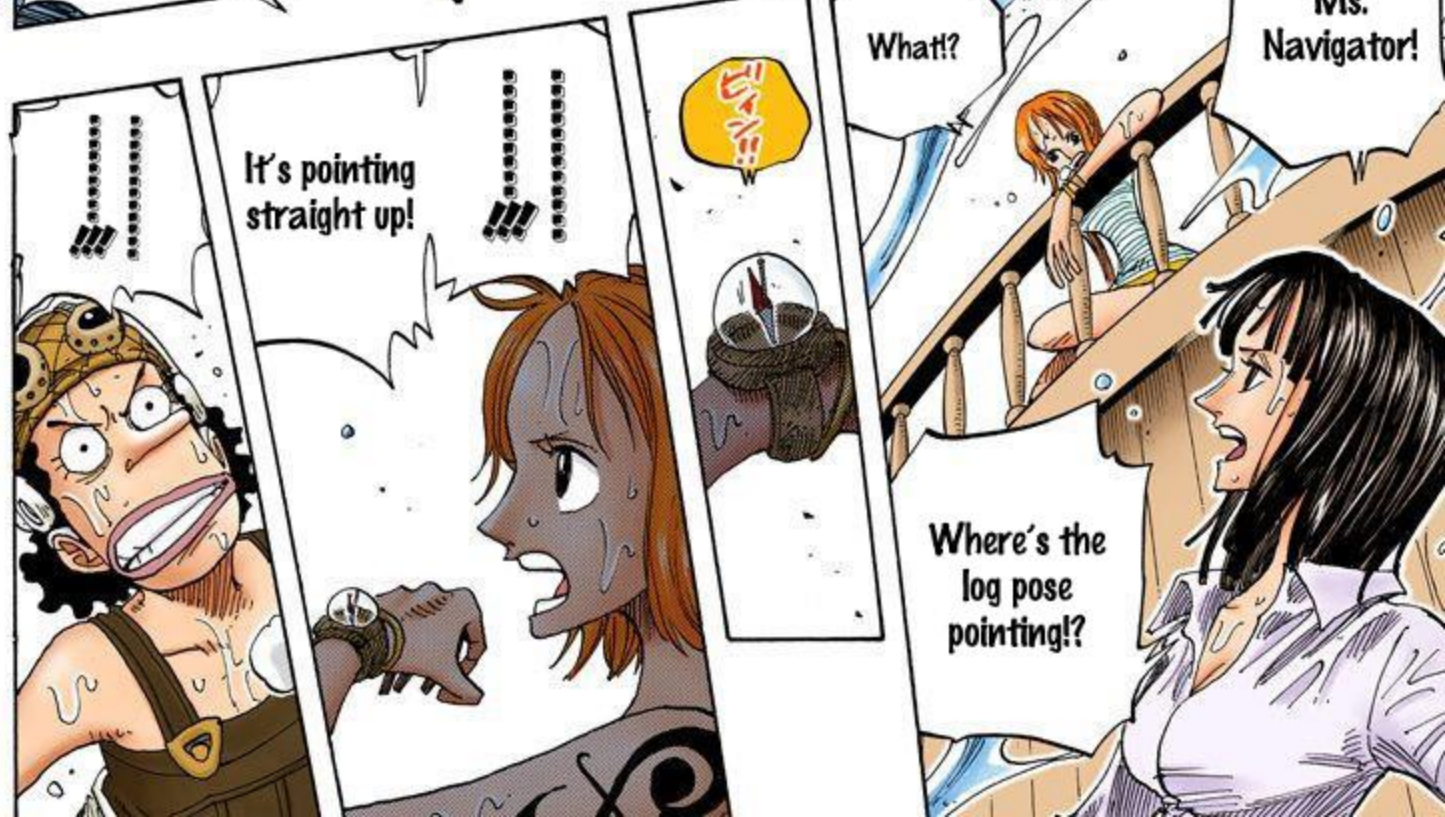
AGHHH!



GAHHH!
WE'RE
GONNA
SINK!

THE
WAVES
GOT
HUGE
ALL OF A
SUDDEN!

IT'S THE
TREMOR
BEFORE THE
BLAST! BE
CAREFUL!



It's pointing
straight up!

What!?

Ms.
Navigator!

Where's the
log pose
pointing!?

ゴゴゴゴ

THE WINDS ARE PERFECT! THEY'RE DIRECTING THE EMPEROR NIMBUS RIGHT ABOVE THE WHIRLPOOL'S EYE!

WHAT WHIRLPOOL!? I DON'T SEE A WHIRLPOOL ANYWHERE!

WE CAN MAKE IT!?

AND THE BLAST SEEMS TO BE JUST THE RIGHT SIZE!

LOOKS LIKE WE GUESSED RIGHT THIS TIME, BRO!

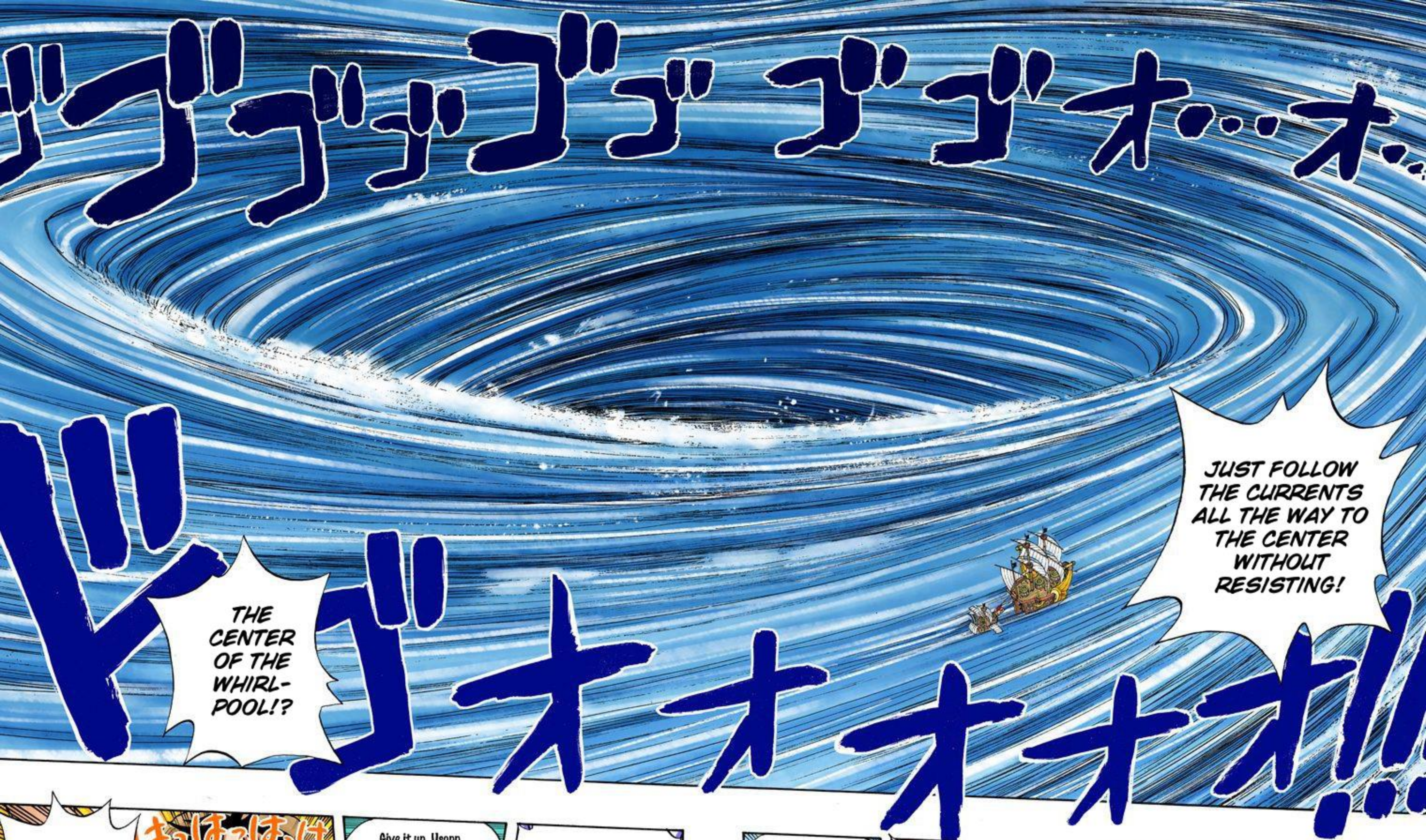
THEN WHAT!? WHAT WE DO AFTER THEN!?

I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE WHIRLPOOL!

Huh!?

YEAH, YOU SHOULD!

ガキイッ!!!



THE
CENTER
OF THE
WHIRL-
POOL!?

JUST FOLLOW
THE CURRENTS
ALL THE WAY TO
THE CENTER
WITHOUT
RESISTING!



LET'S
GO!



Give it up, Usopp...
It's too late.
We've already got one
crew member gung-ho
about all this.



TURN BACK TURN BACK
TURN BACK TURN BACK
TURN BACK TURN BACK
TURN BACK TURN BACK
TURN BACK TURN BACK



Interesting, I've
never seen a
whirlpool of this
size before.



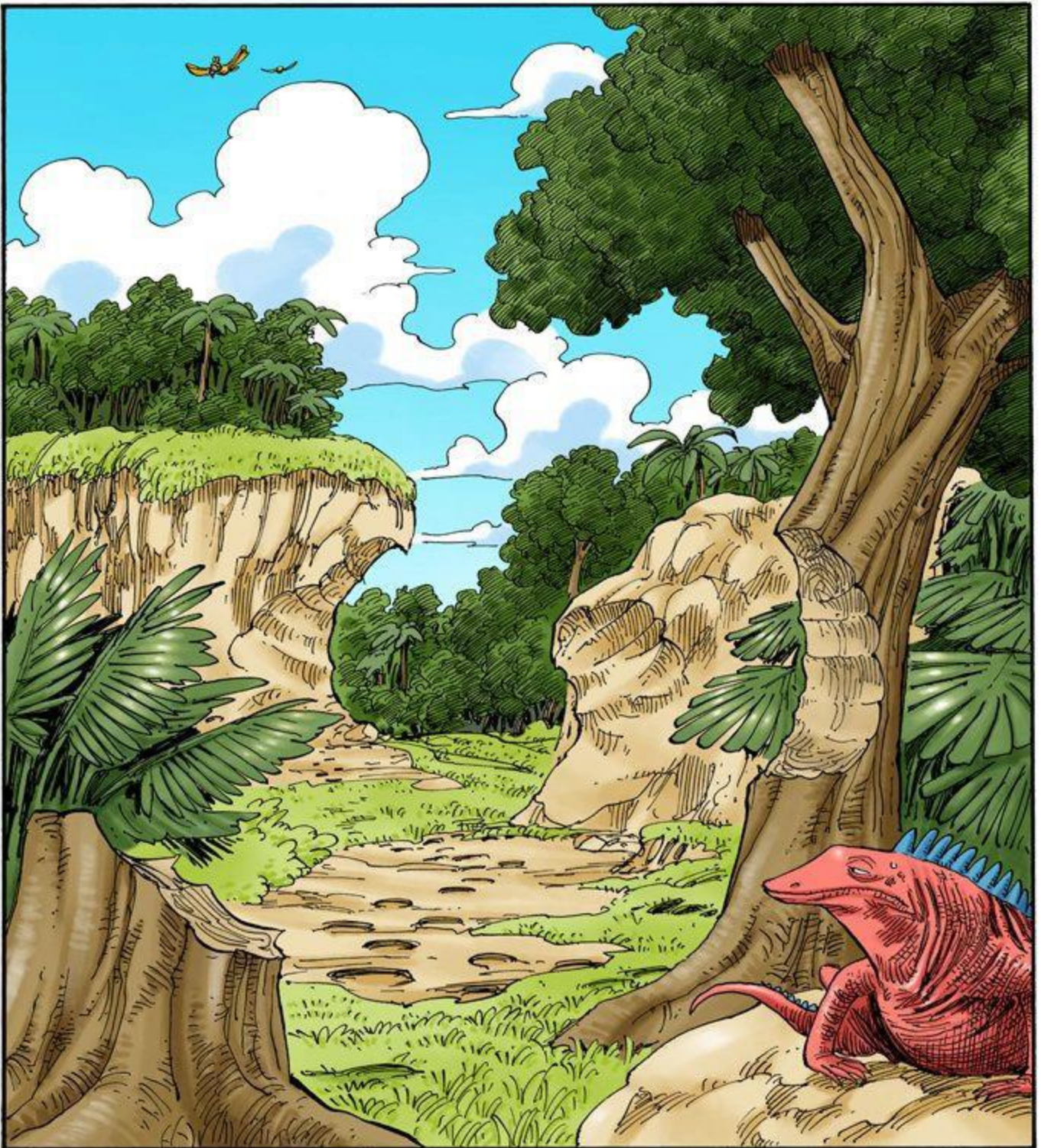
NAMI! ROBIN!
DON'T WORRY,
I'LL PROTECT
YOU TWO!



I NEVER HEARD
ANYTHING ABOUT
GETTING SWAL-
LOWED UP BY A
GIANT WHIRLPOOL!

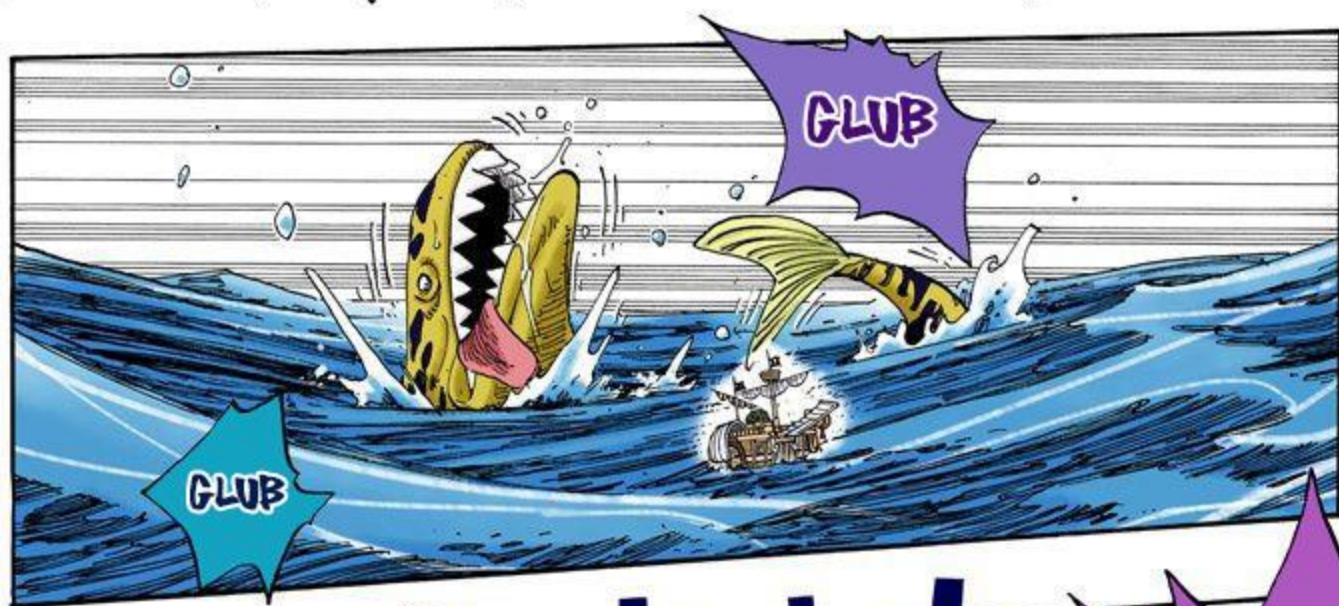
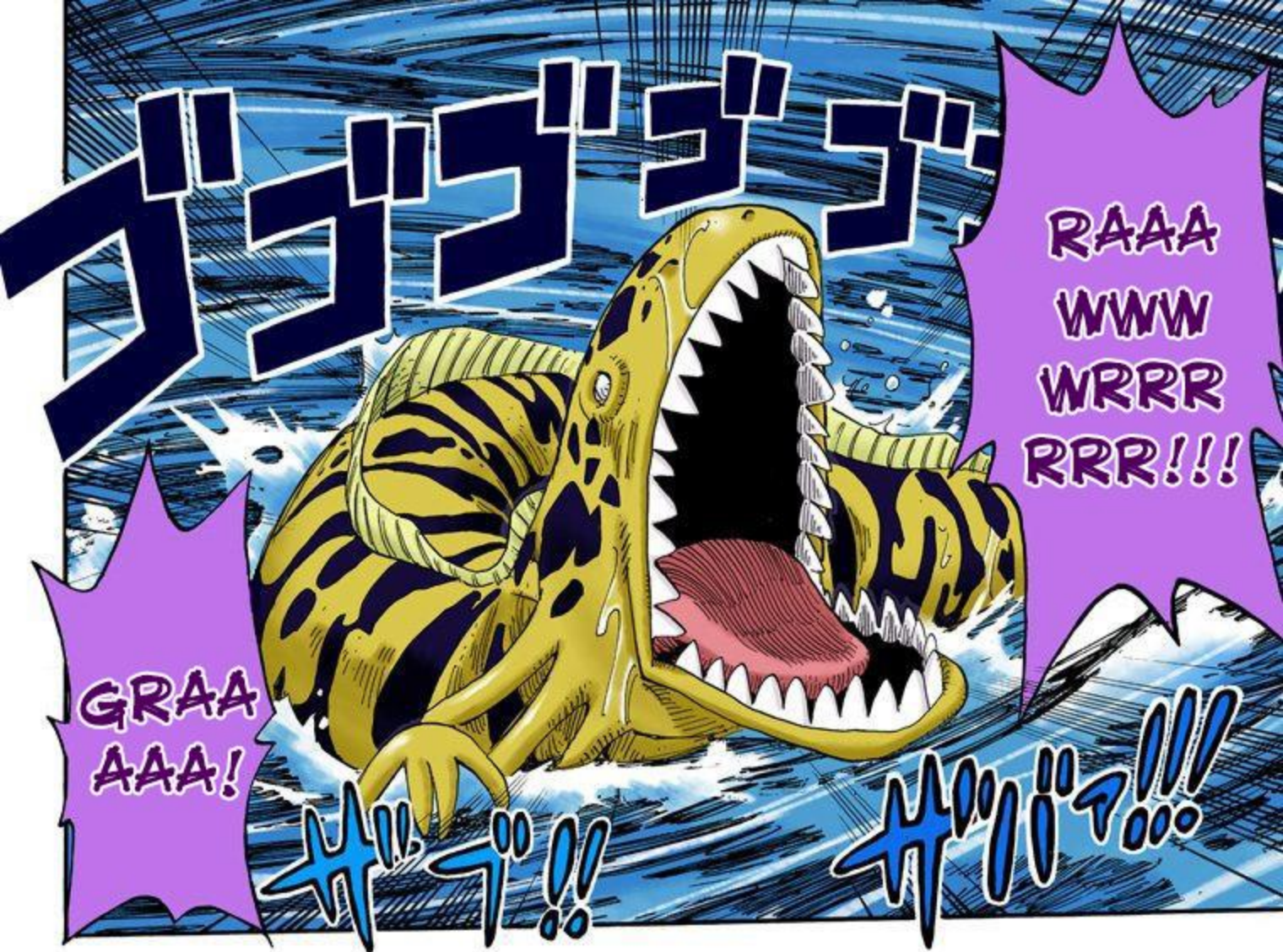
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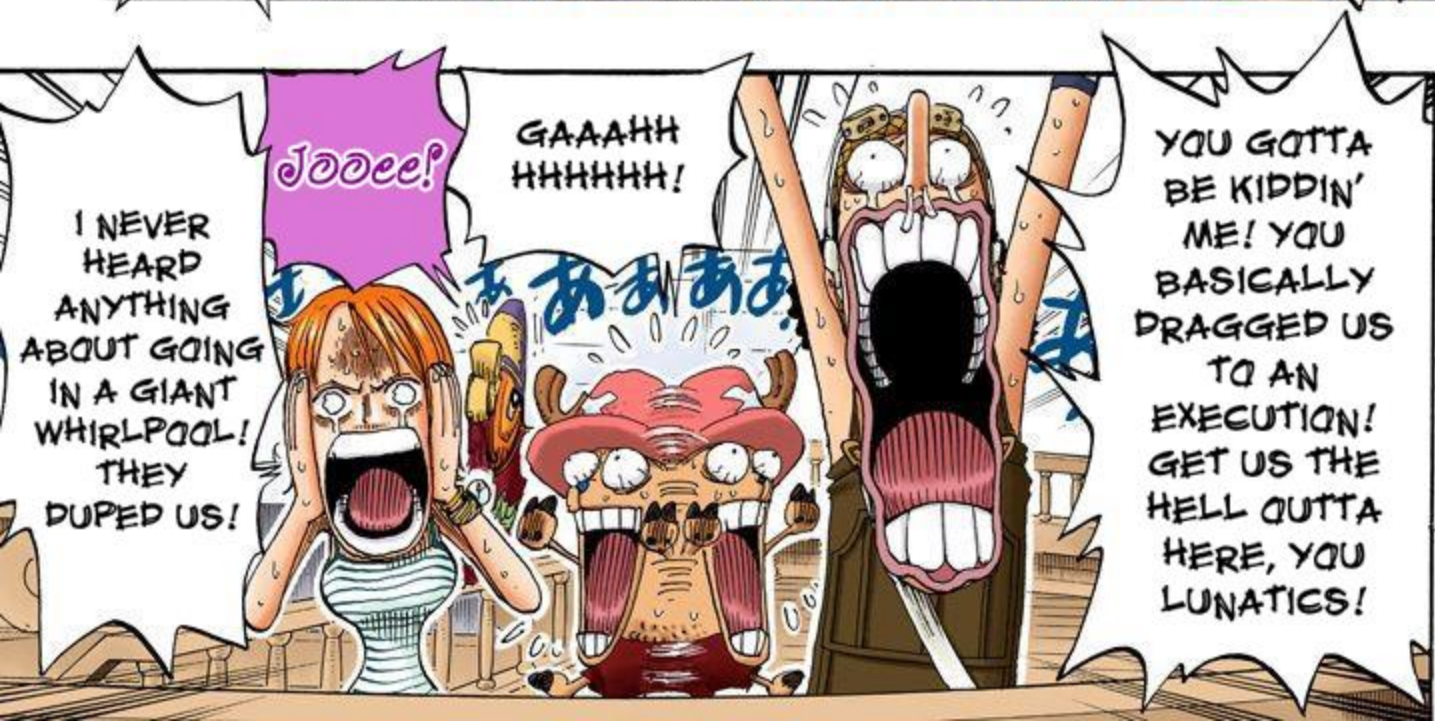
“Sailing into the Sky”



WAPOL'S OMNIVOROUS HURRAH VOL. 1:

"EVEN IF I GET KILLED, A GREAT MAN LIKE ME WILL NOT JUST DIE!"

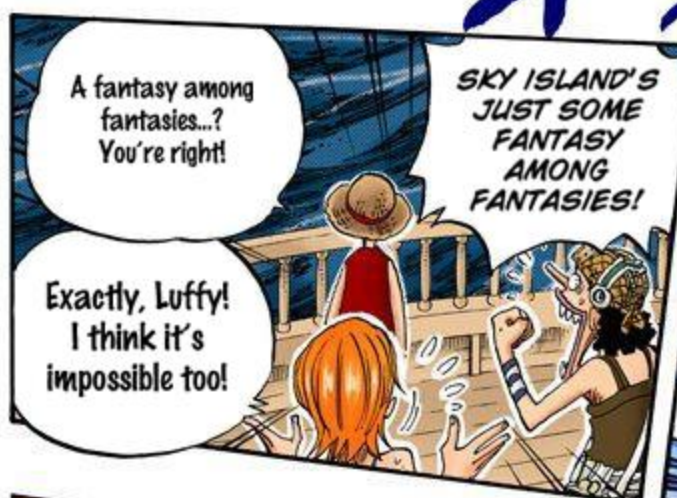






THE WHIRL-
POOL'S
SUUCKING
US IN
CLOSER AND
CLOSER!

AGHHHH!
NIGHT'S
ALREADY
FALLEN
ON US!



A fantasy among
fantasies...?
You're right!

SKY ISLAND'S
JUST SOME
FANTASY
AMONG
FANTASIES!

Exactly, Luffy!
I think it's
impossible too!



YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED
TO THAT SEA KING! THAT
WHIRLPOOL ALONE WILL KILL
US, LET ALONE THE BLAST
FROM THE KNOCK-UP STREAM!

LUFFY, LET'S
TURN BACK!
WE MIGHT
STILL MAKE IT
IF WE TURN
AROUND NOW!



WE'D REGRET IT
FOR THE REST
OF OUR LIVES IF
WE GAVE THIS
CHANCE UP!

AN
ADVENTURE ON
A FANTASY-
ISLAND AMONG
FANTASIES!?

ぞくぞく!!

HE'S
TOTALLY
STOKED....!



HE...



What is
it now?



Guys, while you were
making a futile last-
ditch attempt to
dissuade our captain...

AAAA
AAAA
AAGG
GGHHH



HHHHHHH
HHHHHHH
HHHHHHH!

GAHHH!

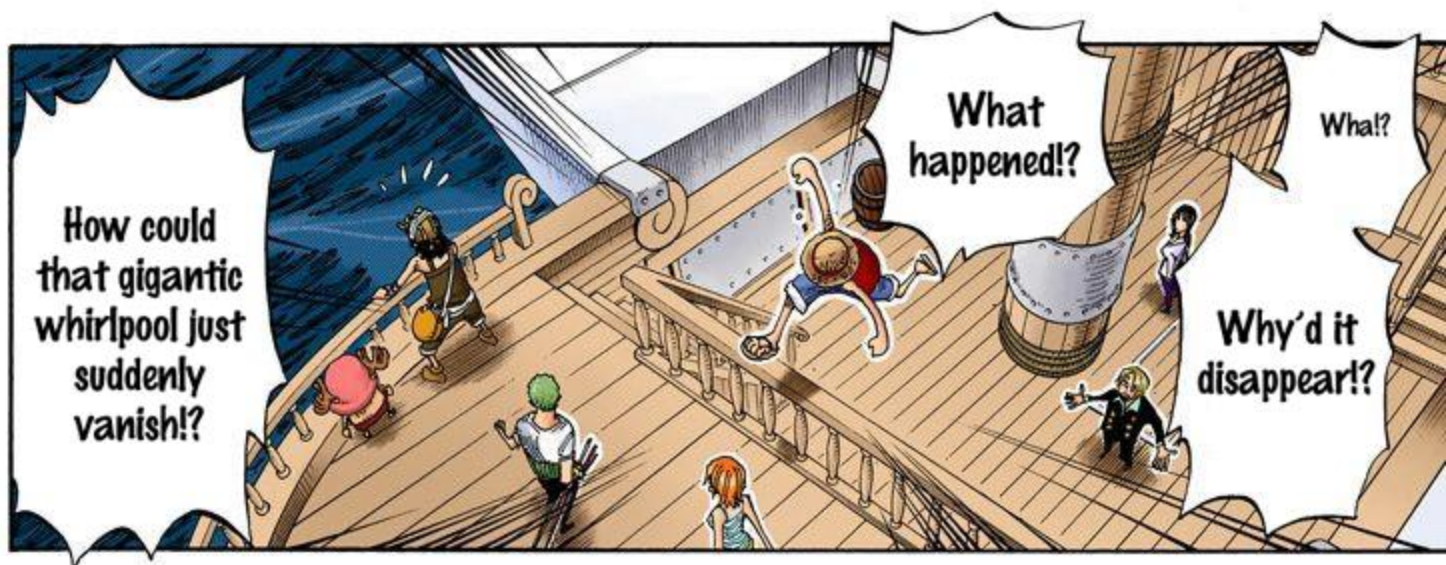
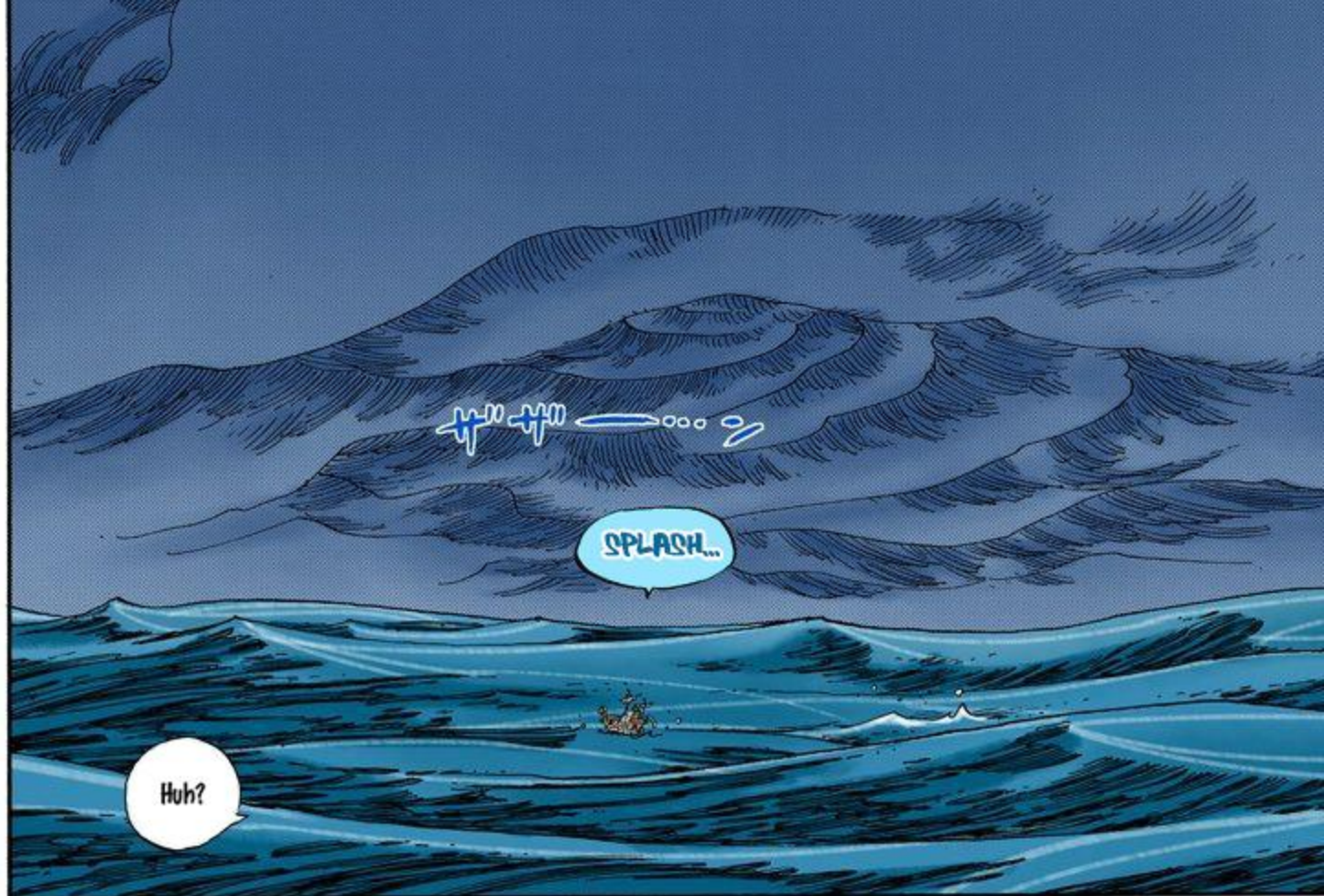
ガーン!!!

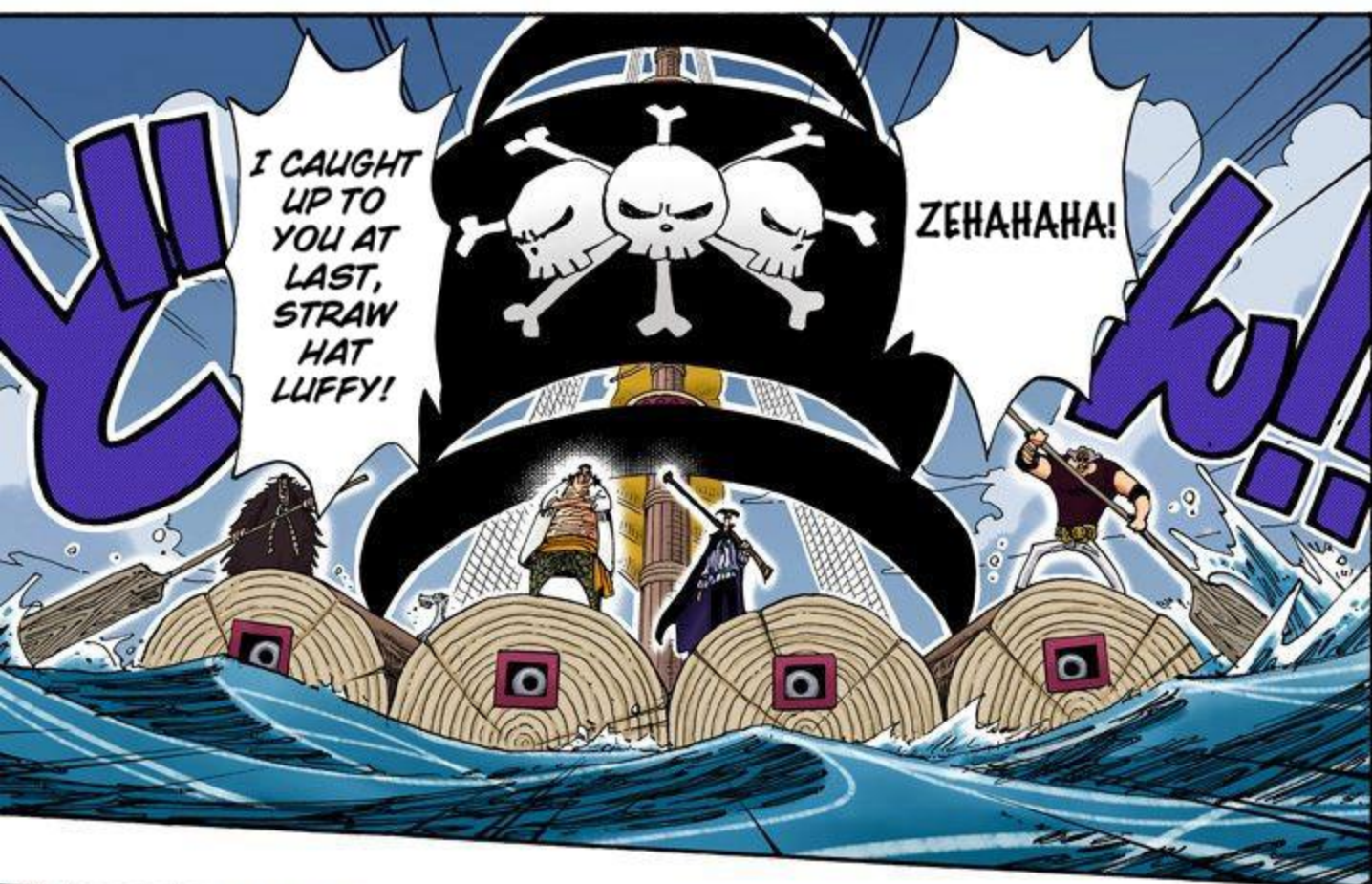
The whirlpool
swallowed us.

Nami,
leap into
my arms!

WE'RE
FAAAAAA
AALLIIINN
NGGGG!

ゴォォォ







THE
KNOCK-UP
STREAM...!

IT'S
COMING...

Don't get
distracted!

Hey!
Hey, guys!

Huh? What's
going on?

Huh?

Prepare
to die!

THE SEA'S
GONNA
BLAST US
INTO
SMITHER-
EENS!

GYAAA!

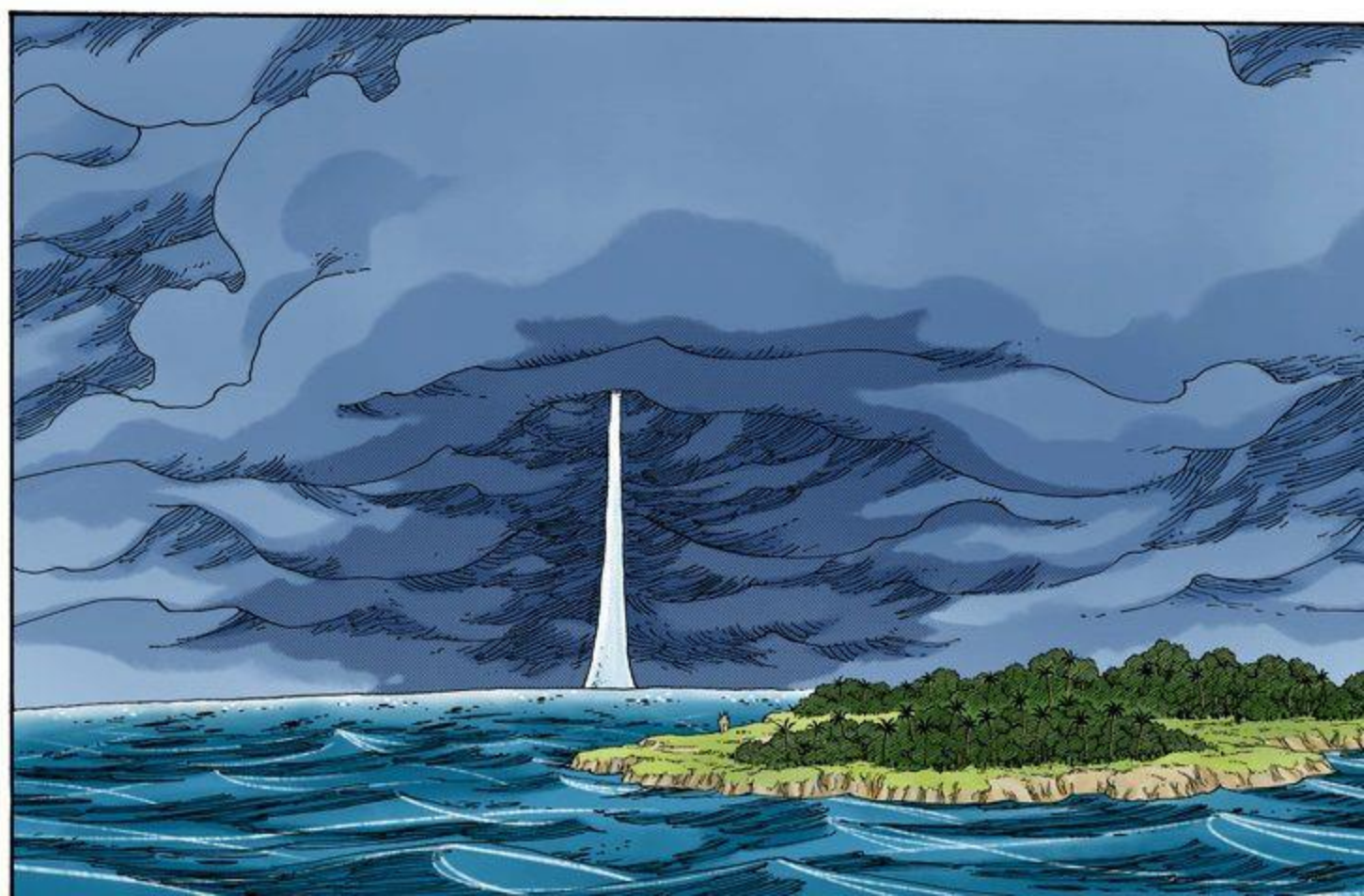
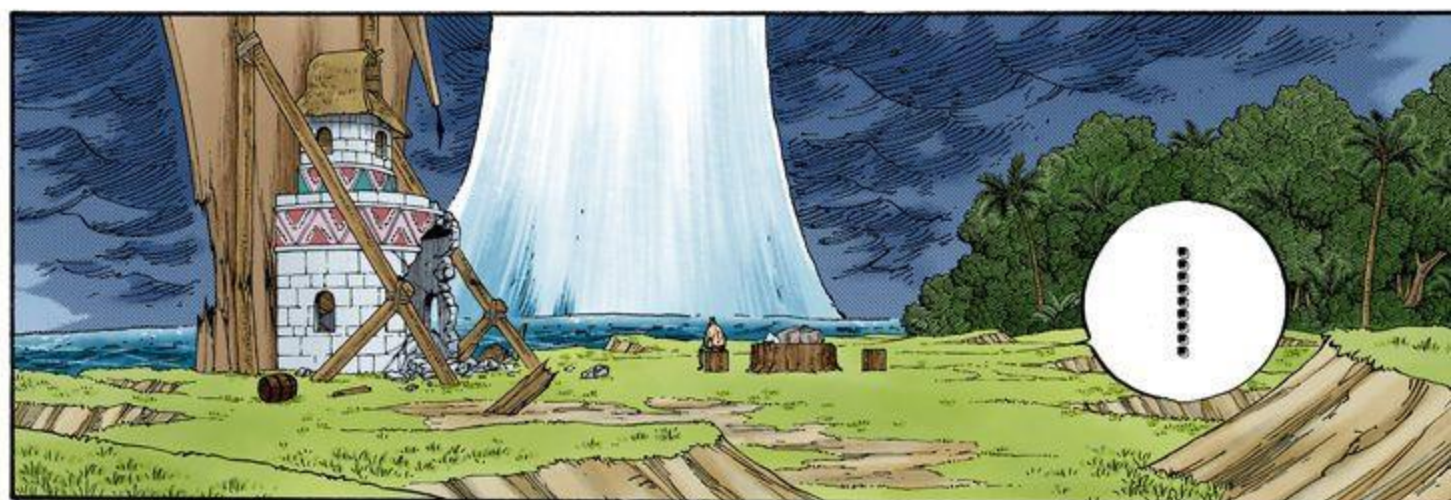
ALL CREW ON
DECK! GRAB ONTO
SOMETHING OR
HEAD INSIDE!

Wha...!?



AAAAGGH
HHHHHHH!

AAAAGG
GHHNNNN
HHHHHHH!



DON'T BE
TOSSED
OFF!

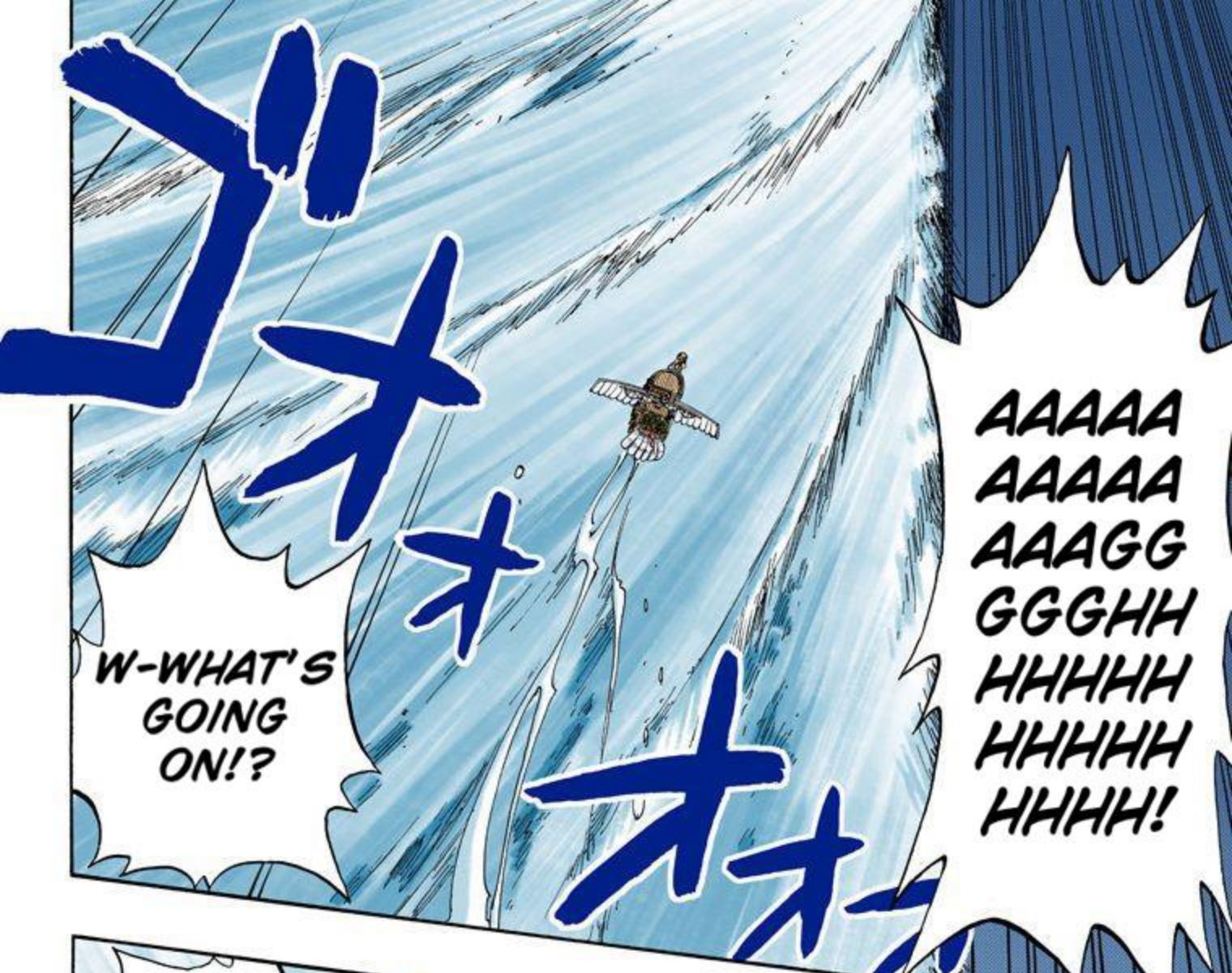
HOLD
STEADY!

OH NO!
OUR SHIP'S
GONNA
CAPSIZE

AAAAA
AAAGH
HHHH!

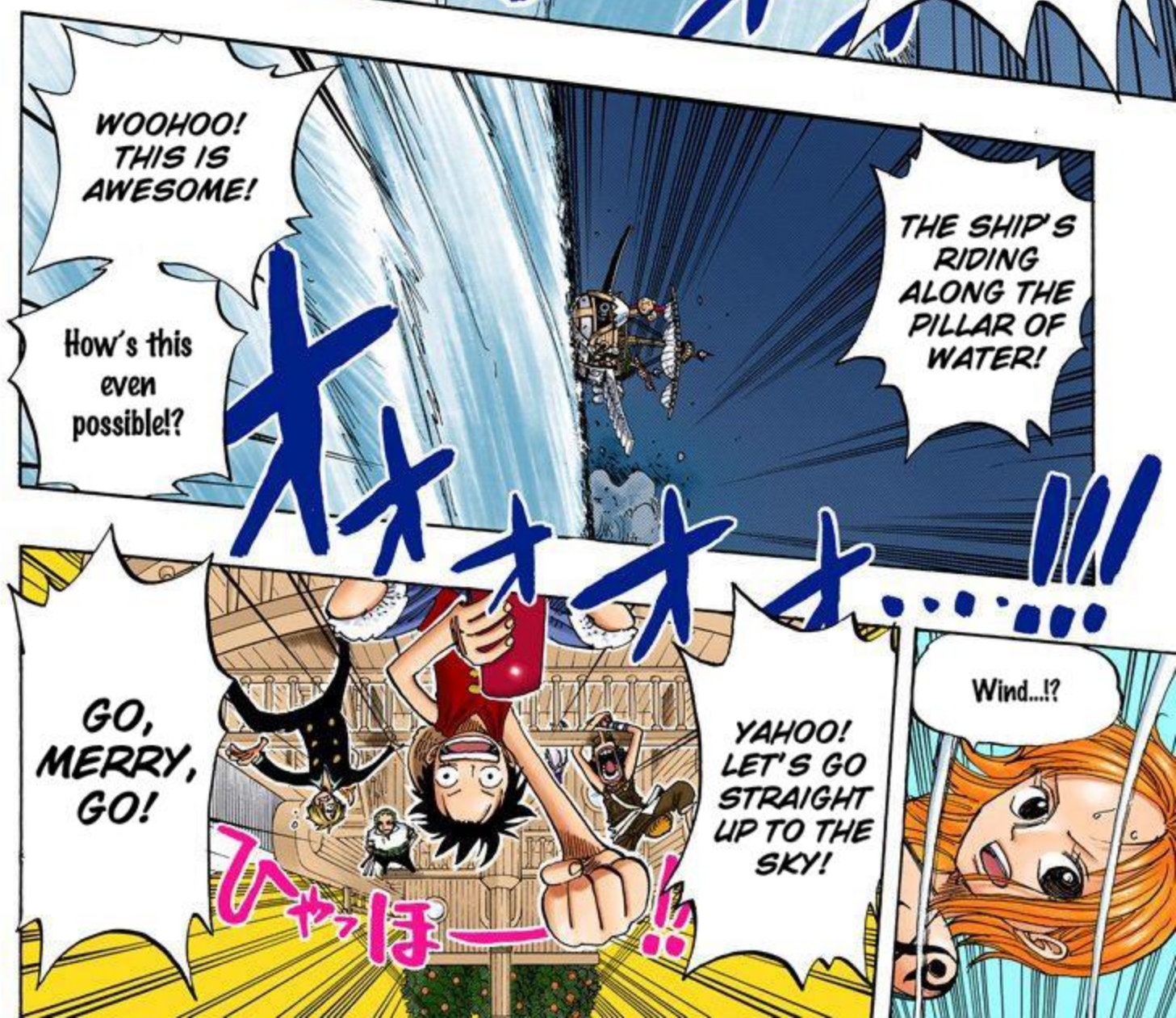
FLY UP TO
SKY ISLAND!





W-WHAT'S
GOING
ON!?

AAAAAA
AAAAAA
AAAGG
GGGHH
HHHHH
HHHHH
HHHH!



WOOHOO!
THIS IS
AWESOME!

How's this
even
possible!?

THE SHIP'S
RIDING
ALONG THE
PILLAR OF
WATER!

GO,
MERRY,
GO!

YAHOO!
LET'S GO
STRAIGHT
UP TO THE
SKY!

Wind...!?

ひゃーほー

What's wrong?
Did you leave
something behind?

Why,
what is it?

THE
ENTIRE
SHIP'S
BEGIN-
NING TO
FLOAT
OFF THE
WATER
STREAM!

I don't think
this is as
good as it
seems...!

Wait a
second...!

AAAHH!
WHAT'S THAT!?

E-e-even if
we know
that,

Just what can
we do!? We're
barely hanging
onto our lives as
it is already!

WHAT!?

AT THIS
RATE,
WE'RE
GONNA
GET
KNOCKED
OFF THE
STREAM
AND FALL
BACK
DOWN!

A SEA
KING!

It must be
the one that
got sucked
in earlier!

It's only a matter of time until that happens to us too!



AGHHHH! All the things that were sucked in by the knock-up stream are starting to fall down!

So this was just a natural calamity after all!?

It's not like we can just fly the rest of the distance from here...

But we're only flying up right now from the impact of the blast!

WE'RE GONNA CRASH DOWN INTO THE SEA AND DIE INSTANTLY!

SO IT'S OVER FOR US THEN!



TO A "SKYWARD WIND!"

AND THE BLAST CREATED BY THE HEAT AND STEAM FROM THE OCEAN FLOOR HAS GIVEN RISE,

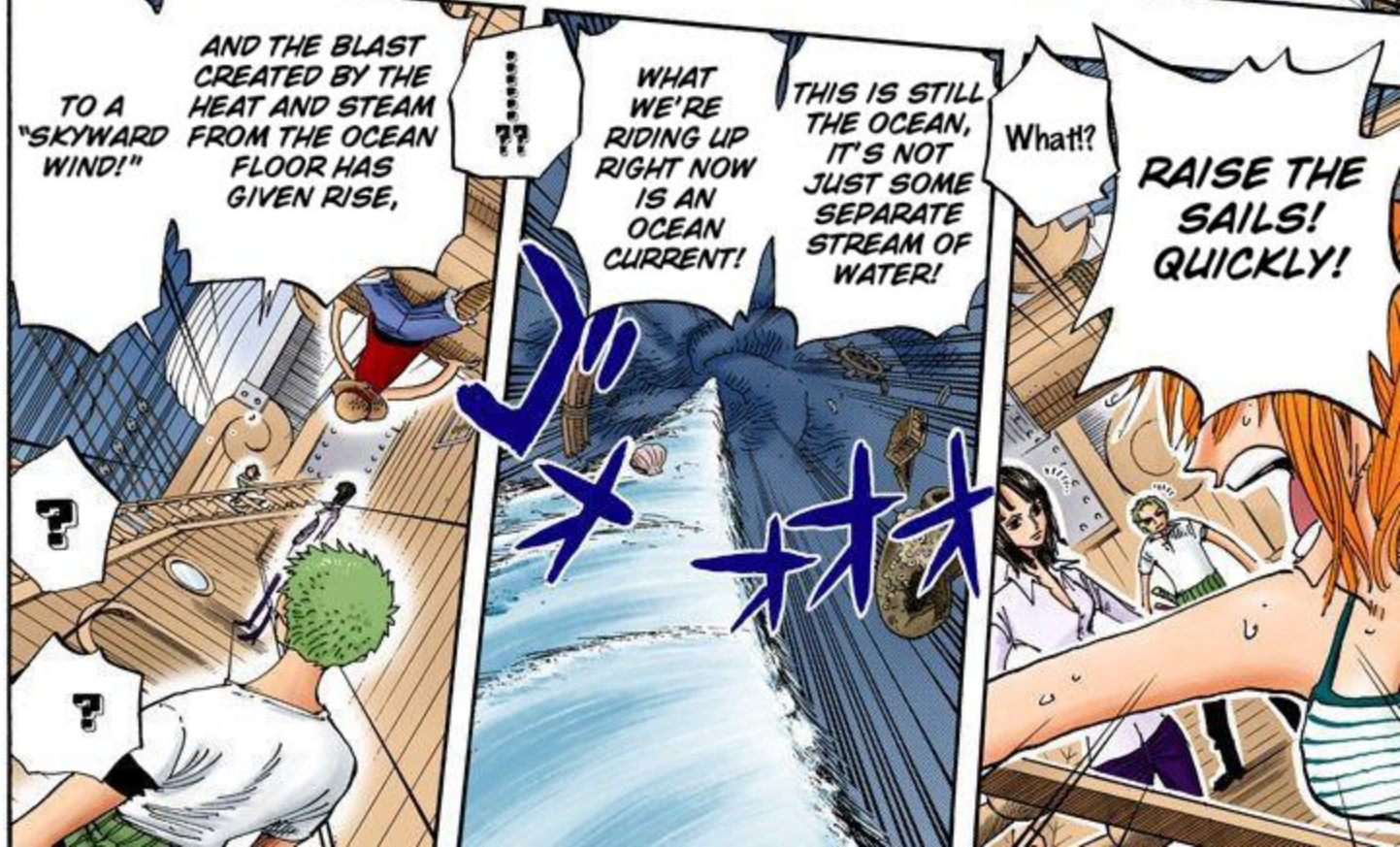
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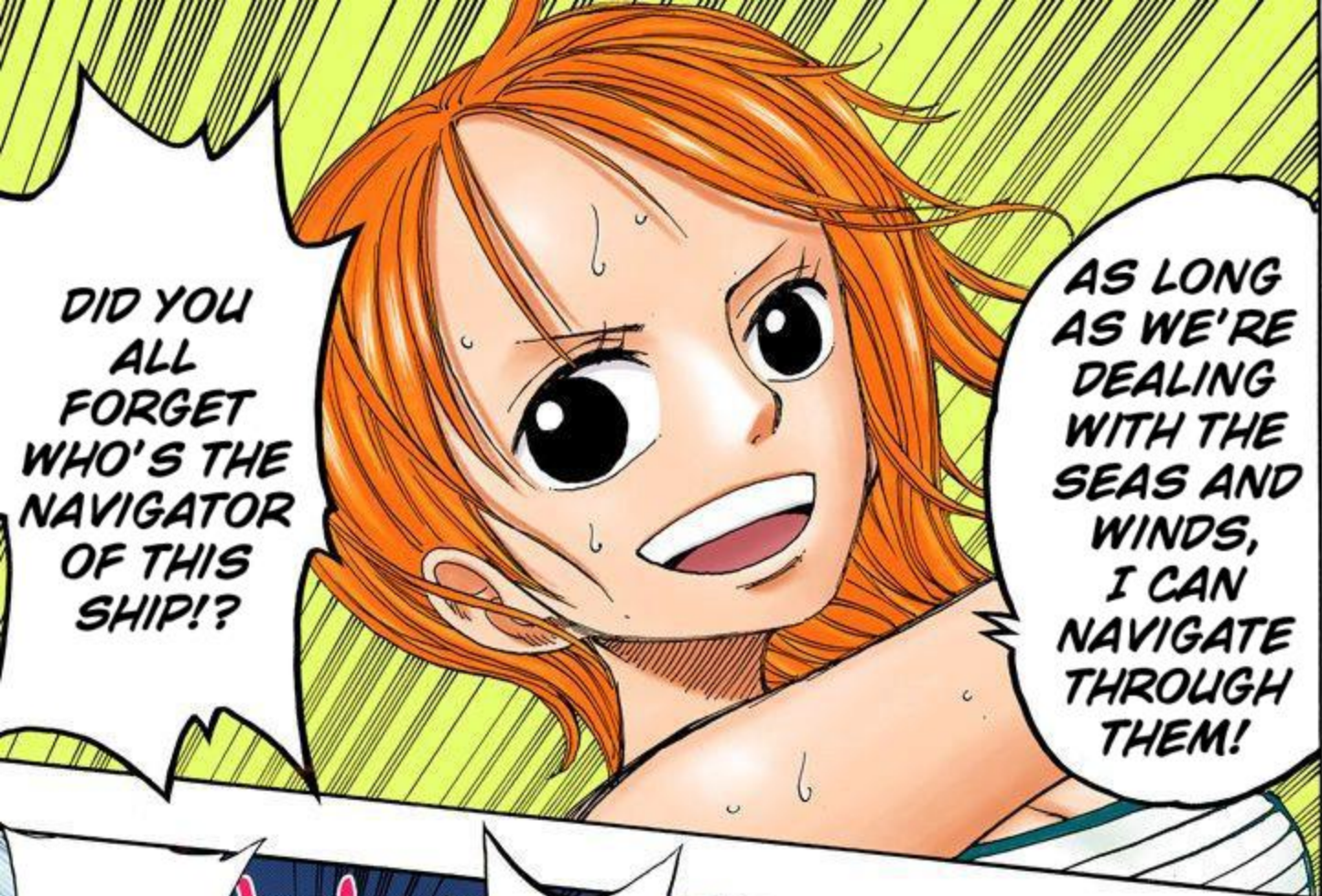
WHAT WE'RE RIDING UP RIGHT NOW IS AN OCEAN CURRENT!

THIS IS STILL THE OCEAN, IT'S NOT JUST SOME SEPARATE STREAM OF WATER!

What!?

RAISE THE SAILS! QUICKLY!





DID YOU
ALL
FORGET
WHO'S THE
NAVIGATOR
OF THIS
SHIP!?

AS LONG
AS WE'RE
DEALING
WITH THE
SEAS AND
WINDS,
I CAN
NAVIGATE
THROUGH
THEM!



Alright, guys!
Let's do as
Nami says!

AYE-AYE!

Naaaa
miiii!!!



WE'RE
GONNA
FALL, WE'RE
GONNA
FALL! DO
SOMETHING,
NAMI!

AHHH! THE
SHIP'S
FLOATING
OFF MORE
AND MORE!



Don't worry,
we can
make it!



YES,
SIR!

We've gotta
match the
ship with
the ocean
current!

Turn the rudder
port-side so we
can catch the
wind from
starboard!

QUICKLY!

カ

WHA!?

WE'RE
FLYING!?

WHOOA!

Is this
for
real!?

HELL YEAH!
WE'RE
FLYING INTO
THE SKY
NOW!

Nami, you're
amazing! ♡

Wow...

We
did it!

