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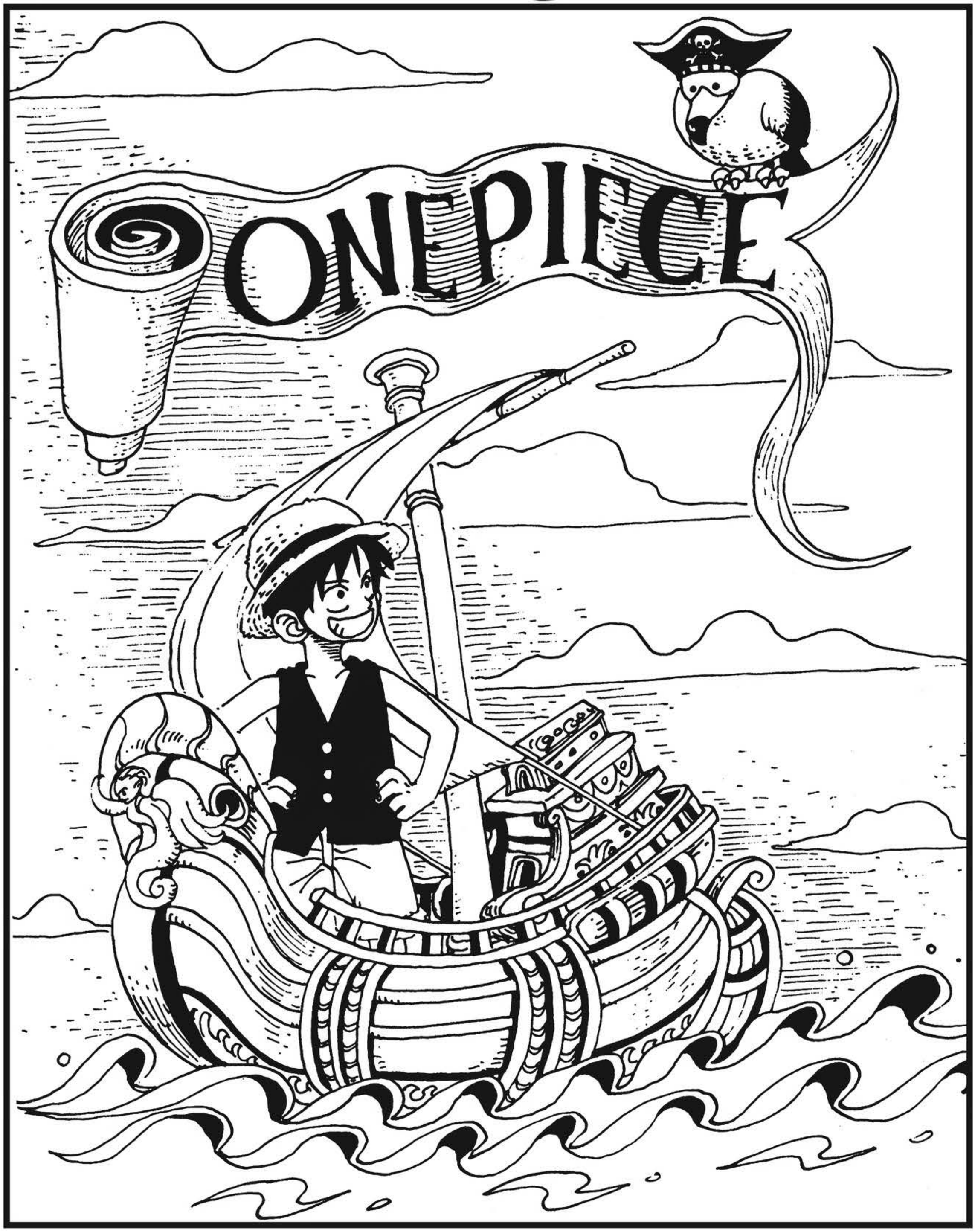

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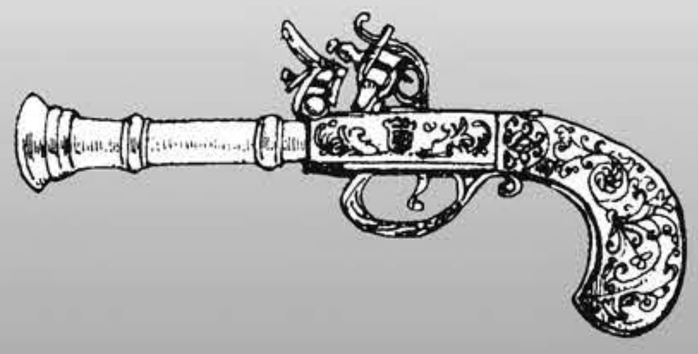

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THE DAWN OF ADVENTURE

A SMALL HARBOR VILLAGE

ONE YEAR AGO...

...A PIRATE SHIP MADE THE VILLAGE ITS BASE.

HMPH!

HEY, LUFFY! WHAT'RE YOU UP TO NOW?!

AND THE VILLAGE IS AT PEACE.

THE WIND BLOWS FROM THE EAST.

THIS IS HOW TOUGH I AM!!!

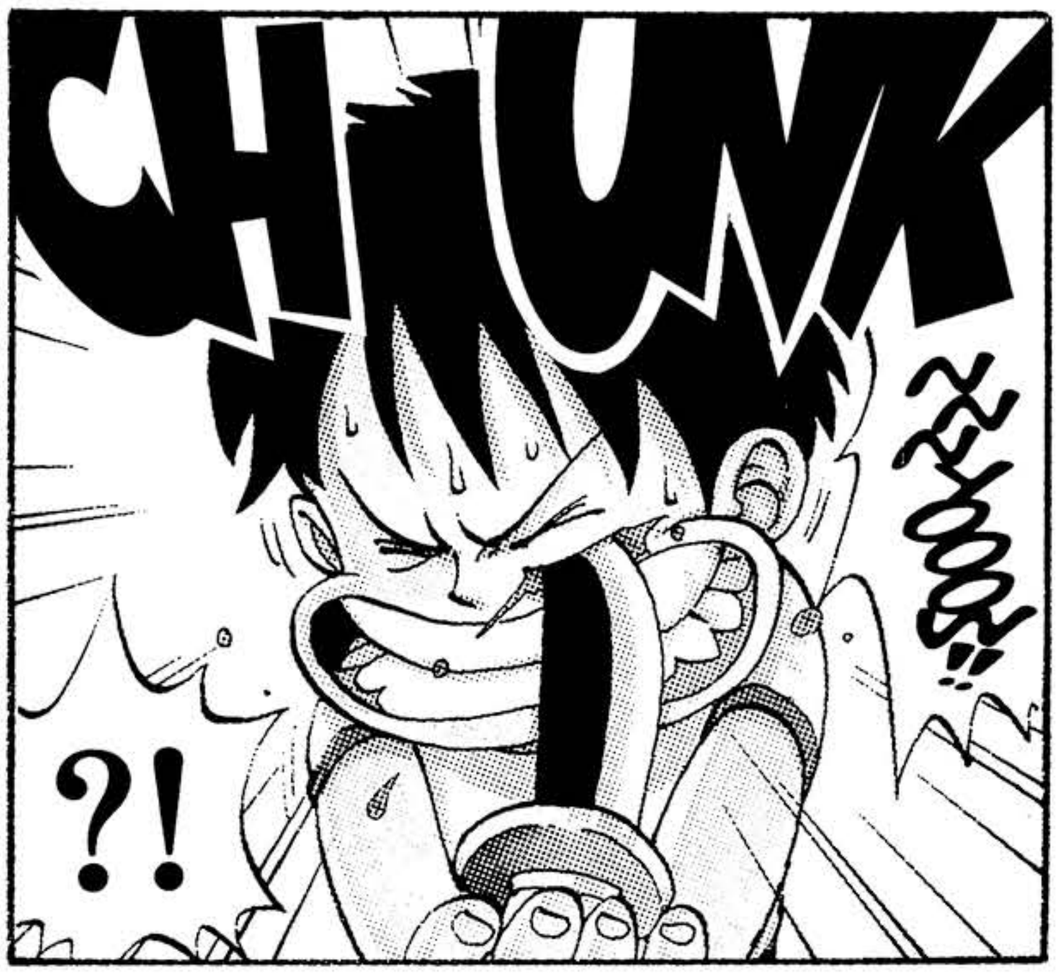
ARRGH!

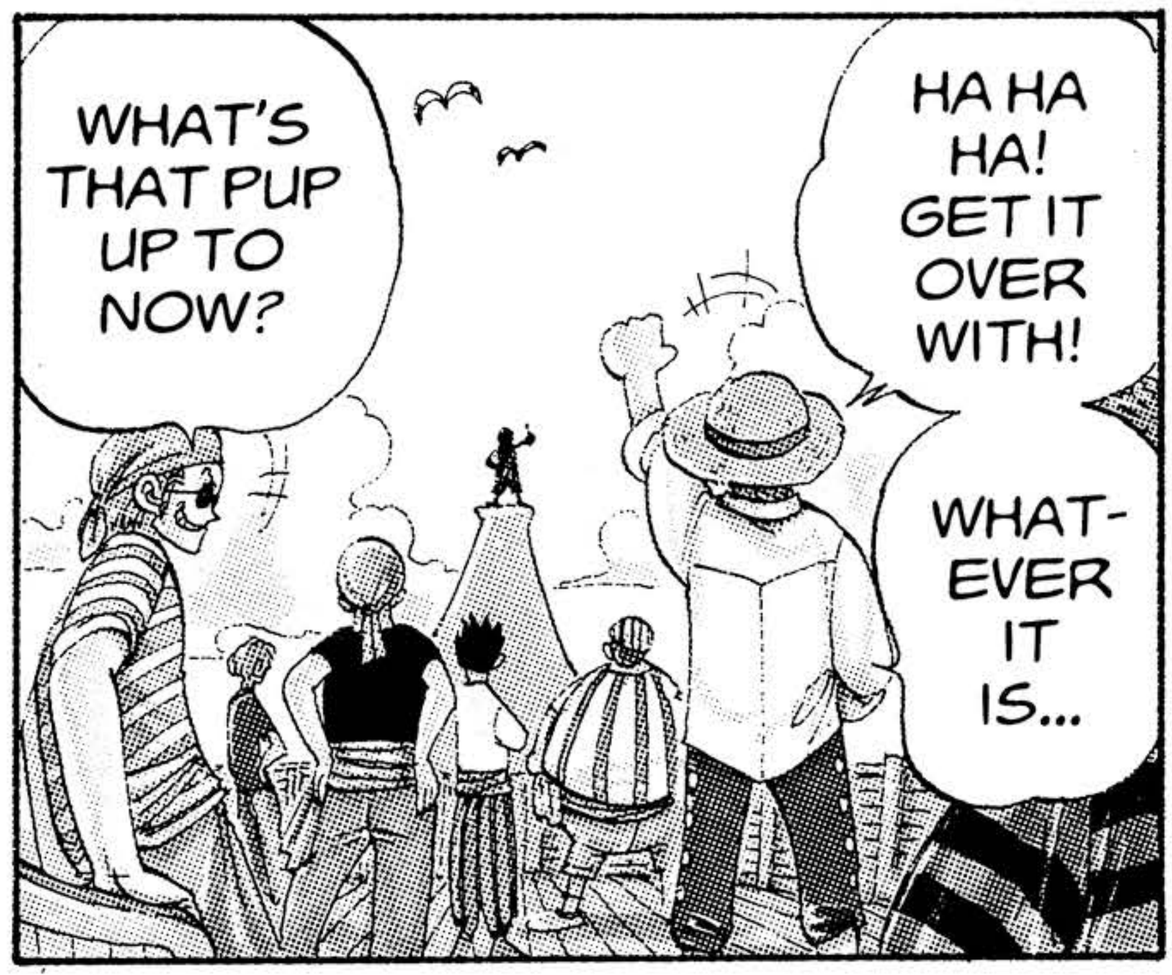
I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU GUYS!! NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE ME SERIOUSLY!!

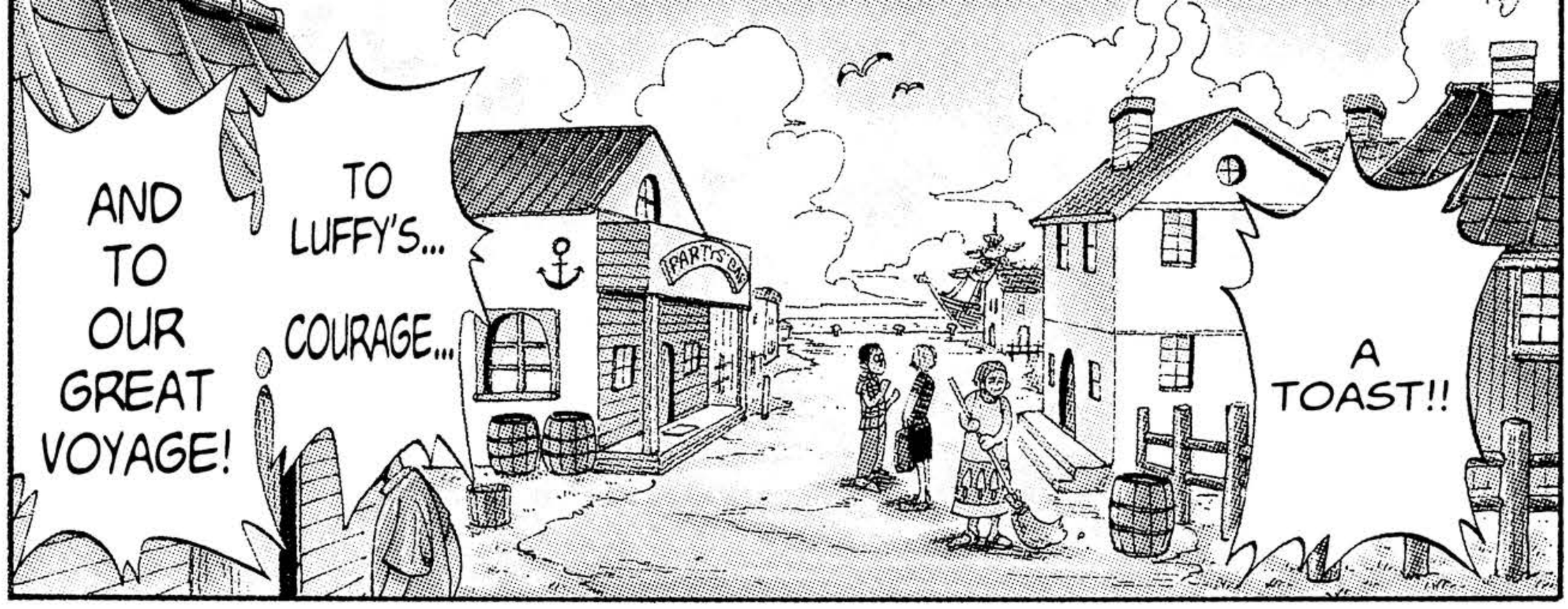
ANCHOR

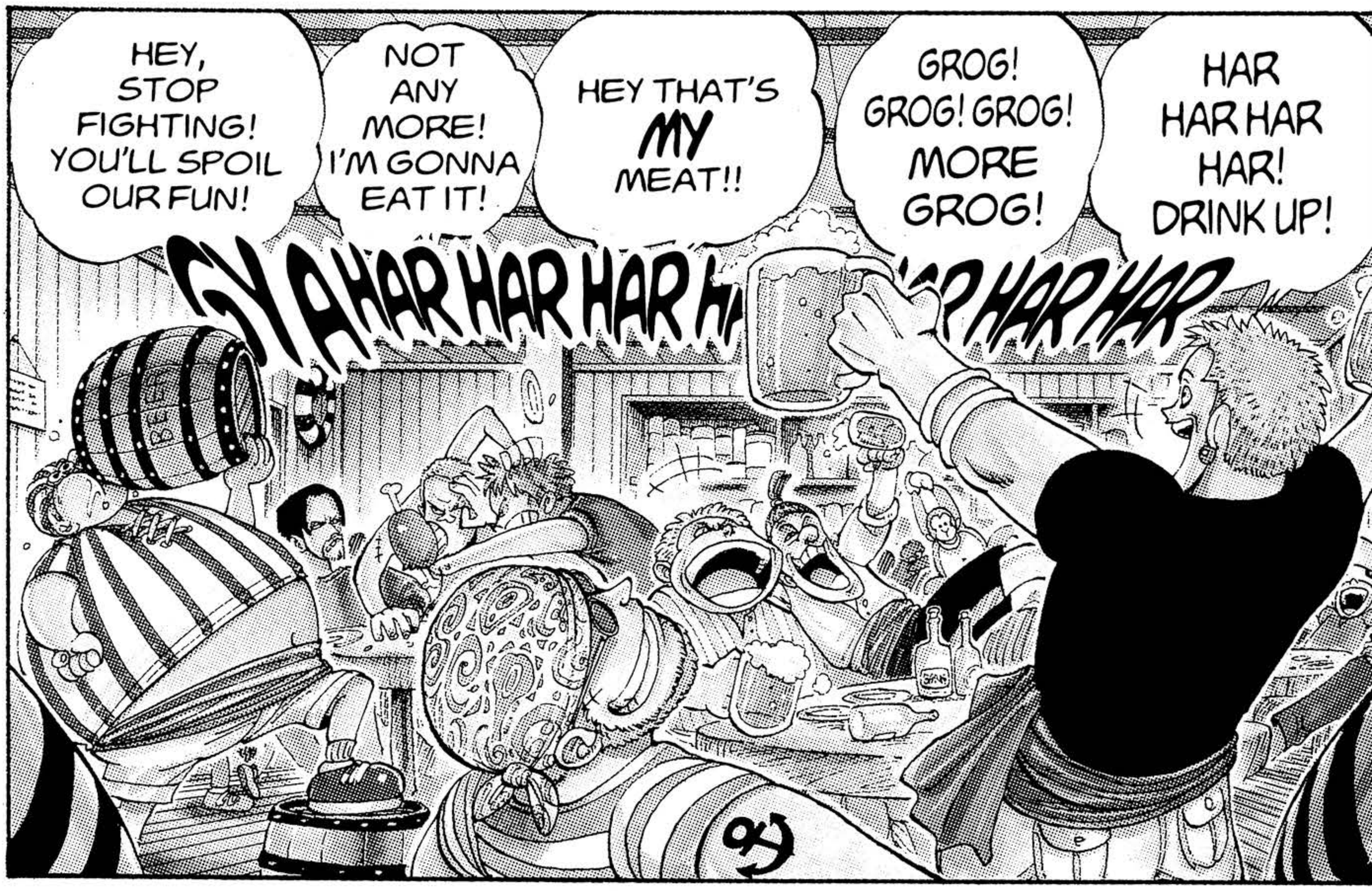
TAP

VILLAGER BOY MONKEY D. LUFFY





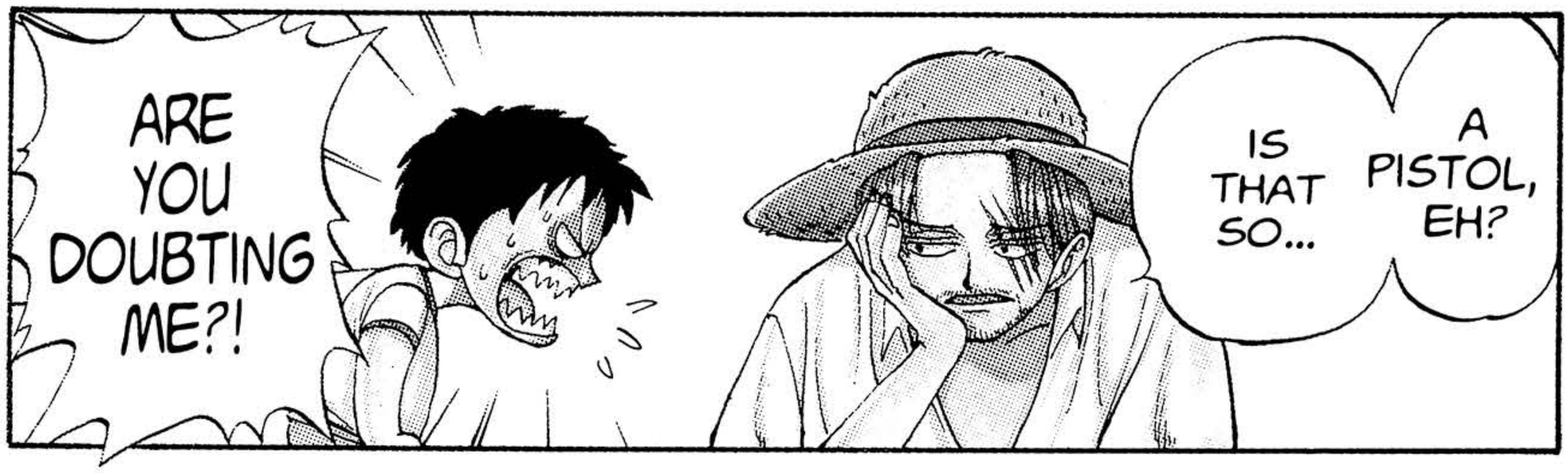

AND TO OUR GREAT VOYAGE!
TO LUFFY'S... COURAGE...
A TOAST!!


HEY, STOP FIGHTING! YOU'LL SPOIL OUR FUN!
NOT ANY MORE! I'M GONNA EAT IT!
HEY THAT'S MY MEAT!!
GROG! GROG! GROG! MORE GROG!
HAR HAR HAR HAR! DRINK UP!
GYAHAR HAR HAR HAR HAR HAR HAR

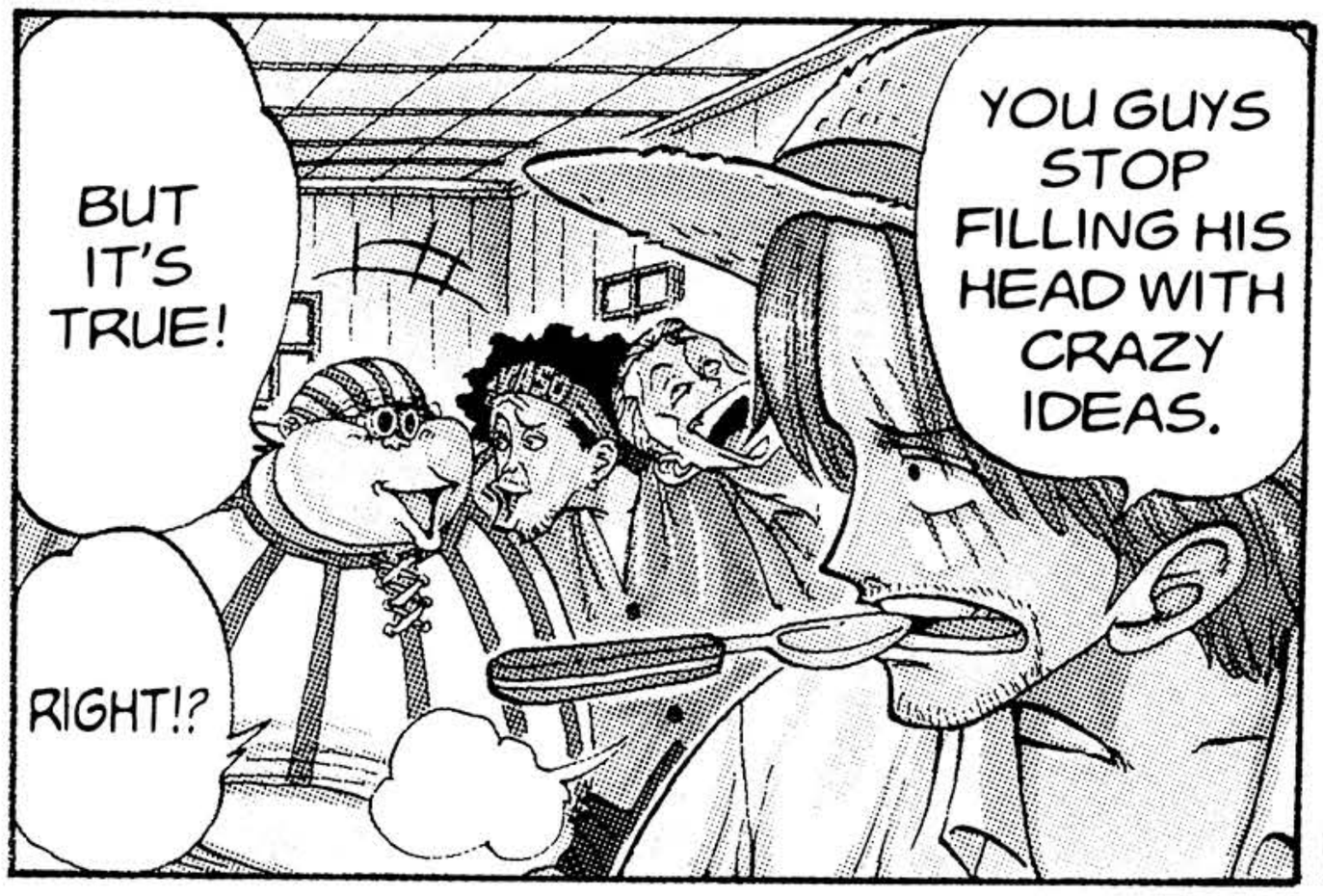
I WANNA BE A PIRATE TOO!!!
I'M NOT THE LEAST BIT AFRAID OF GETTING HURT!! TAKE ME WITH YOU ON YOUR NEXT VOYAGE!!
ANCHOR

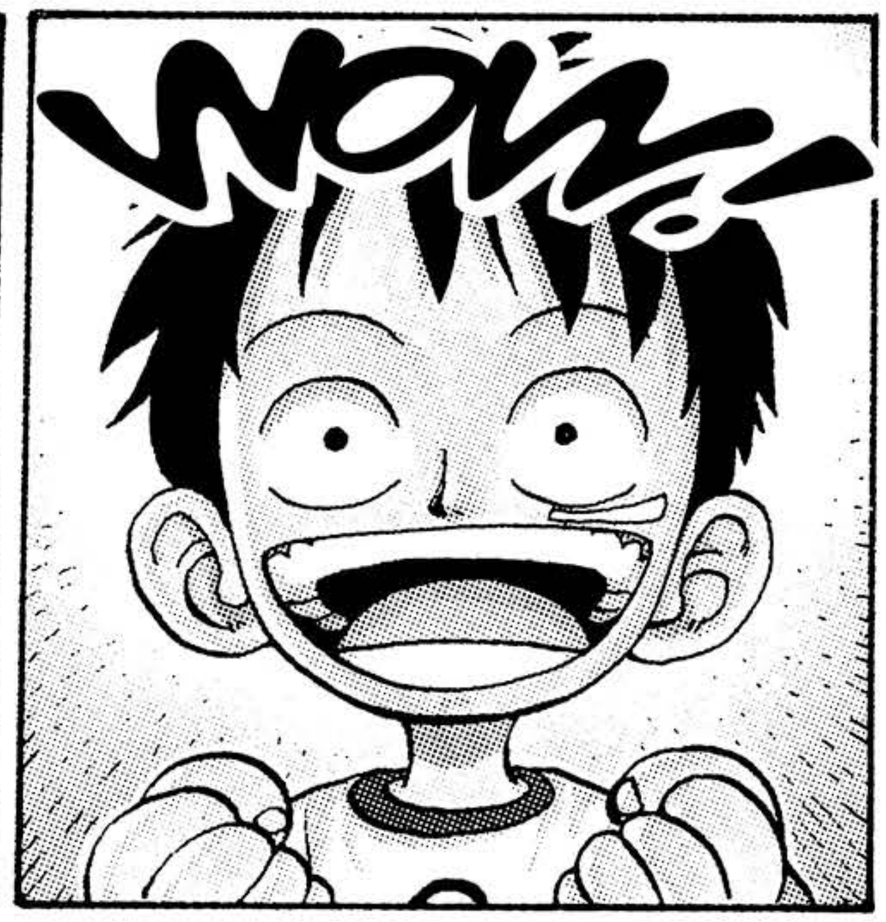
LIAR! THAT WAS A FOOLISH THING TO DO!
IT DIDN'T HURT A BIT!

READ THIS WAY
HAHAHAHAHA
LUFFY, DO YOU KNOW WHY WE CALL YOU "ANCHOR"? BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SWIM-- YOU JUST SINK!! WHAT GOOD IS A PIRATE WHO CAN'T SWIM?
YOU?! A PIRATE?! IMPOSSIBLE!!
AND I'M A STRONG FIGHTER!
BUT IF I DON'T FALL OVERBOARD, THEN IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I'M AN ANCHOR!!
PIRATE CAPTAIN "RED-HAIRED" SHANKS
MY PUNCH IS AS POWERFUL AS A PISTOL!
I'VE BEEN TRAINING!
PAW!
TAKA


ARE YOU DOUBTING ME?!
IS THAT SO...
A PISTOL, EH?

AND BEST OF ALL, PIRATES HAVE FREEDOM!!
THE SEA IS VAST AND THERE'S LOTS OF ISLANDS TO EXPLORE!
YEAH! PIRATES ALWAYS HAVE A GOOD TIME!
LET'S JUST HAVE A GOOD TIME!
CALM DOWN, LUFFY!

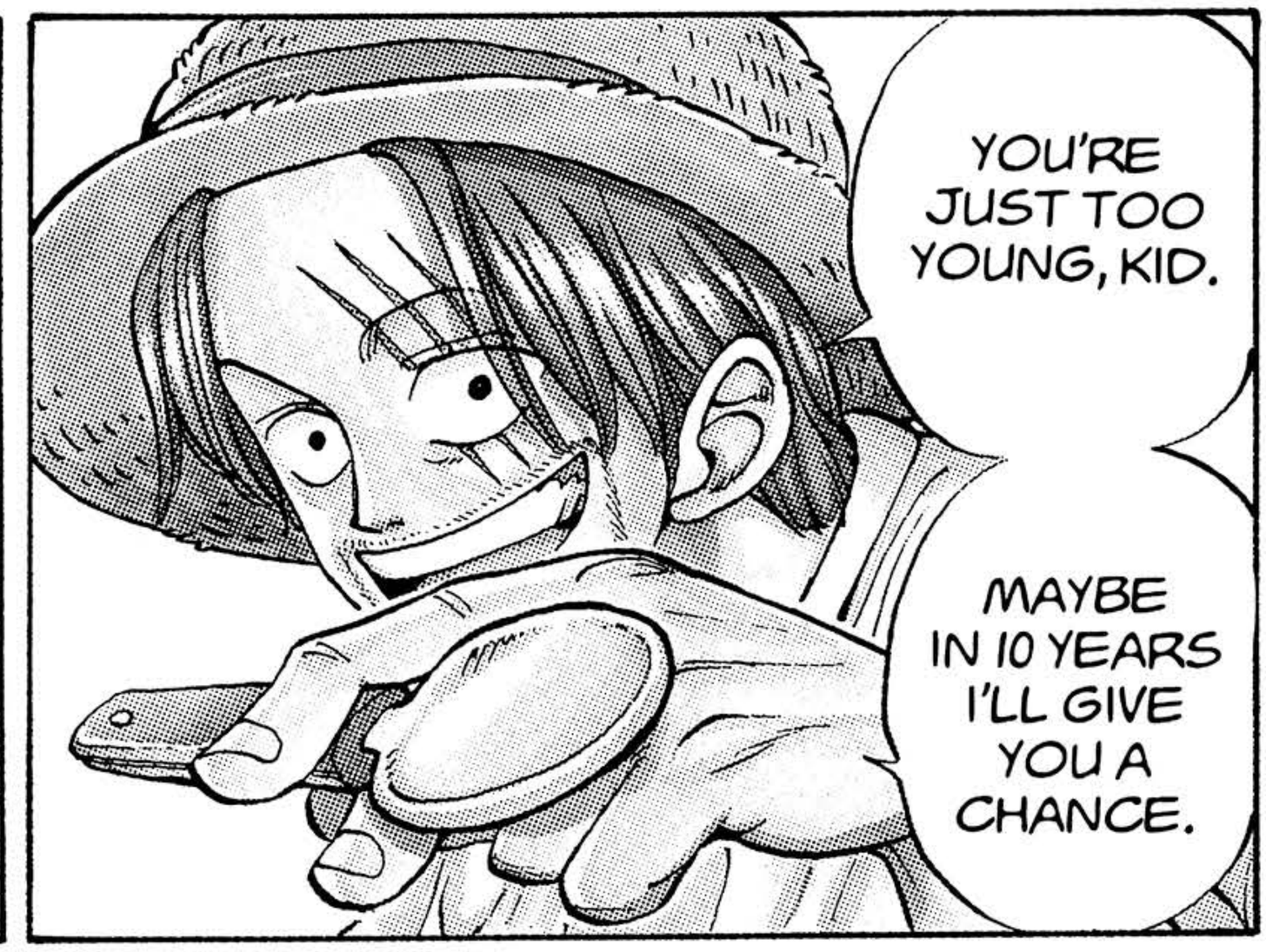

BUT IT'S TRUE!
RIGHT!?
YOU GUYS STOP FILLING HIS HEAD WITH CRAZY IDEAS.



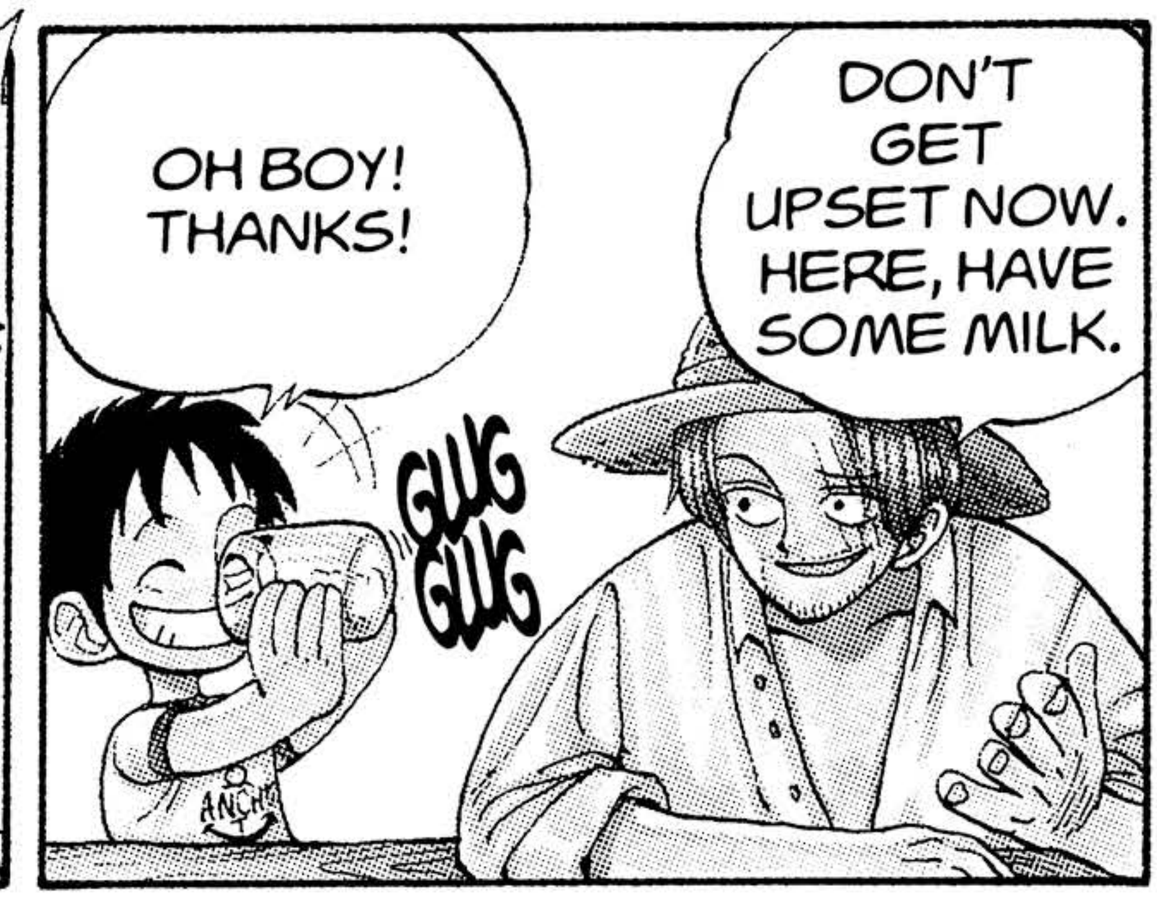
HEY! I THOUGHT YOU GUYS WERE ON MY SIDE!
SORRY, LADDY, YOU'VE JUST BEEN BEACHED! LET'S DRINK!
HAR HAR HAR HAR HAR

OKAY, BUT ONE OF YOU WILL HAVE TO STAY BEHIND...
AYE!
YEAH!
LET'S TAKE THE LAD WITH US JUST THIS ONCE...
C'MON, CAP'N...

I'M NOT A LITTLE KID!!
CAP'N SHANKS! I'M TELLING YOU...


YOU'RE JUST TOO YOUNG, KID.
MAYBE IN 10 YEARS I'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE.

HAR HAR HAR HAR HAR HAR
GRRR!
THAT WAS A DIRTY TRICK!
SEE! A REAL PIRATE WOULD NEVER DRINK MILK!!


OH BOY! THANKS!
GLUG GLUG
DON'T GET UPSET NOW. HERE, HAVE SOME MILK.

THE CAPTAIN'S JUST DOING WHAT'S BEST FOR EVERYONE...

LUFFY...

HOW DO YOU FIGURE, MR. FIRST MATE?

FSSST

I EVEN STABBED MYSELF IN THE FACE SO YOU'D TAKE ME WITH YOU.

HMPH! I'M GETTING TIRED OF THIS.

THERE'S LOT'S OF DUTIES LIKE... PILLAGING, HOSTAGE-TAKING, ***HEAVY*** DRINKING... AND ***SWIMMING!***

THE SAFETY OF THE ENTIRE CREW AND SHIP RESTS ON HIS SHOULDERS.

BEING A PIRATE ISN'T ALL FUN AND GAMES, YOU KNOW...

?

I TOLD YOU!

HEY, ANCHOR!

HAR HAR HAR

SHANKS JUST LIKES TO MAKE ME LOOK DUMB.

WELL I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!

IT'S NOT THAT HE WANTS TO CRUSH YOUR DREAM OF BECOMING A PIRATE.

IT CAN KILL YOU IN A THOUSAND WAYS!

AND THE CAPTAIN KNOWS ALL ABOUT THE DANGERS OF THE SEA, TOO!

HMM... MAYBE THE LAD'S GOT A POINT...
HO BOY... I JUST LOVE MAKING FUN OF THIS KID!
CAPTAIN SHANKS! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU AND YOUR CREW ARE ENJOYING YOURSELVES.
ANCHOR
YEAH! JUST PUT IT ON MY TREASURE TAB!
LUFFY, WOULD YOU LIKE SOMETHING TO EAT?
MAKINO PROPRIETOR OF THE TAVERN
I'M GONNA BECOME A PIRATE, FIND LOTS OF TREASURE, AND THEN I'LL COME BACK AND PAY HER!!
TREASURE TAB? LOOK BOY, DON'T TRY TO SWINDLE THE LADY.
BEER
THUMP
HEE HEE
HA HA
HA HA HA! WE'LL CELE-BRATE TO-GETHER WHEN YOU RETURN.

HOW MUCH LONGER WILL YOU STAY AT THIS VILLAGE?

CHOMP CHOMP

MUNCH MUNCH

YEAH KID...?

SHANKS...

...WE'LL LEAVE HERE FOR GOOD AND HEAD NORTH.

AFTER TWO OR THREE MORE VOYA-GES...

CHOMP

KLNK

ANCHOR

I SEE...

HMM... LET'S SEE...

WE'VE BEEN USING THIS VILLAGE AS OUR BASE FOR ABOUT A YEAR...

THAT'S GOOD KID...

I'M GONNA LEARN HOW TO SWIM BY THE TIME YOU LEAVE!

DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.

...

TWO OR THREE MORE TRIPS, EH?

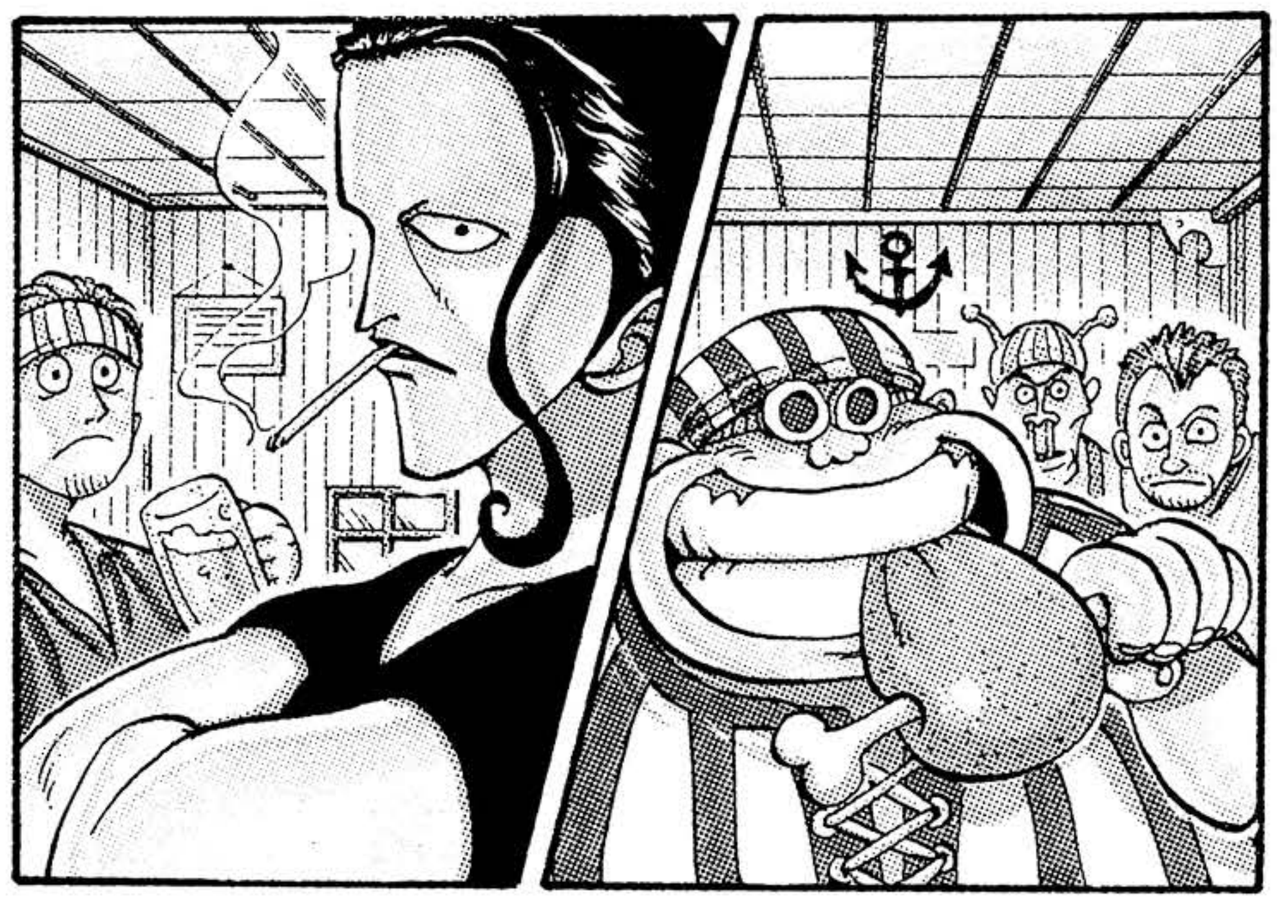
HMM...

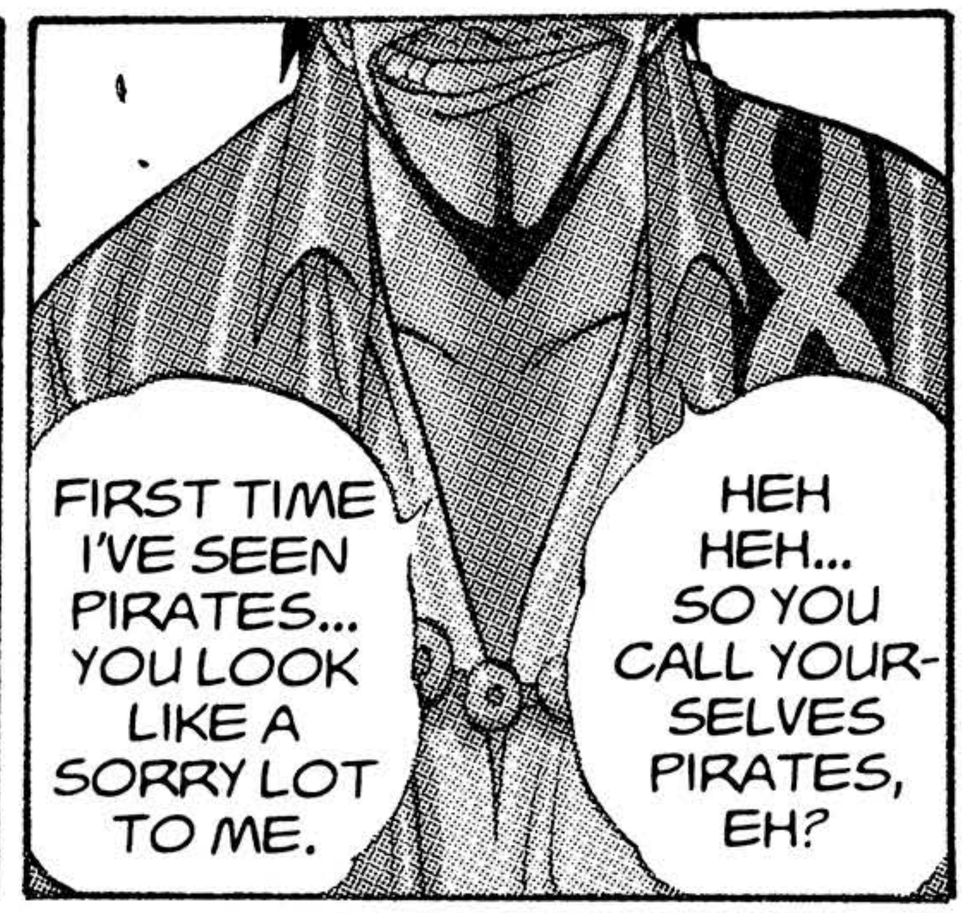
MAKE WAY FOR THE SCOURGE OF THE MOUNTAINS!

KLAK-A-KLAK!!

!

SLAM!





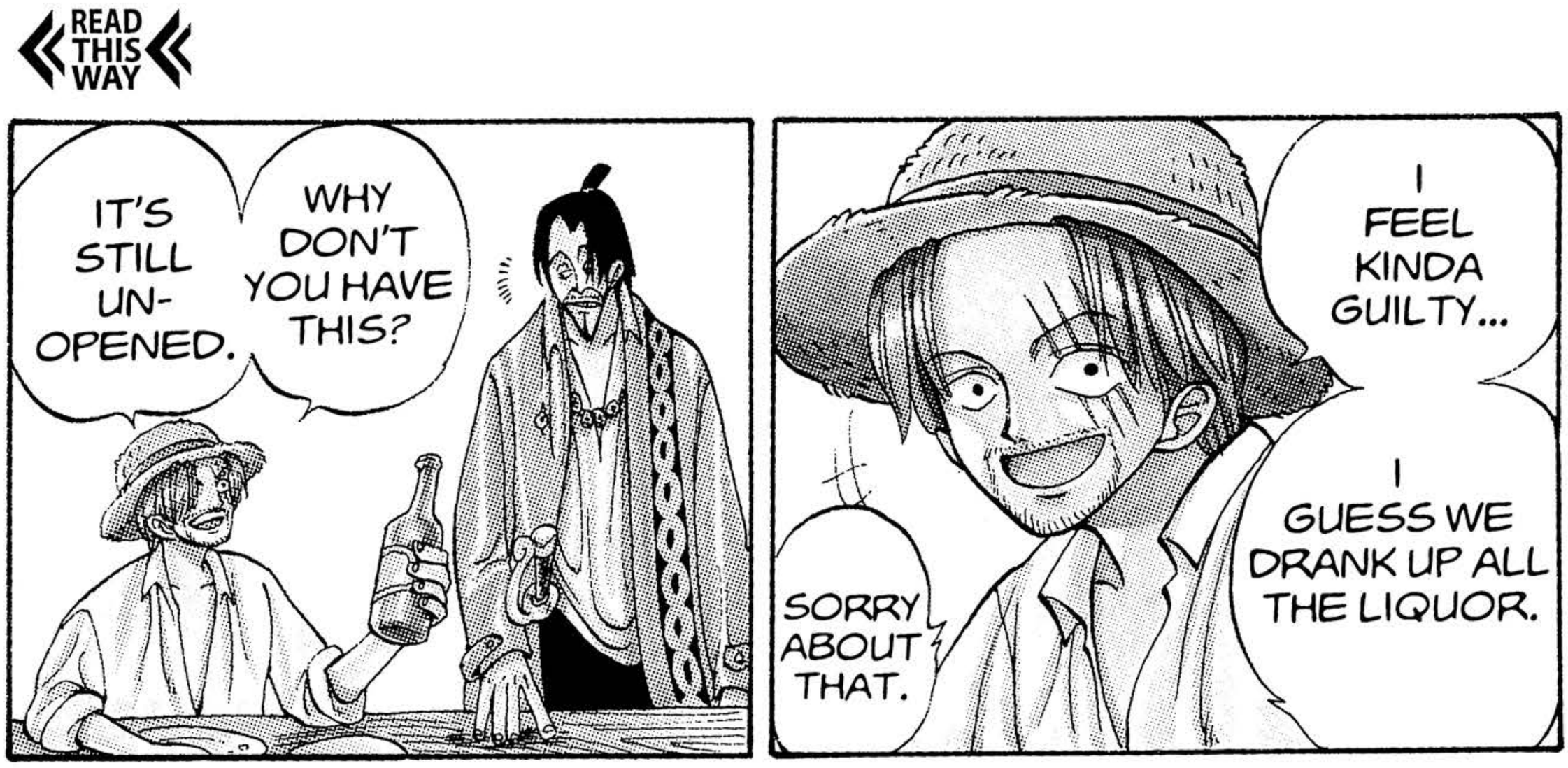
KLOMP

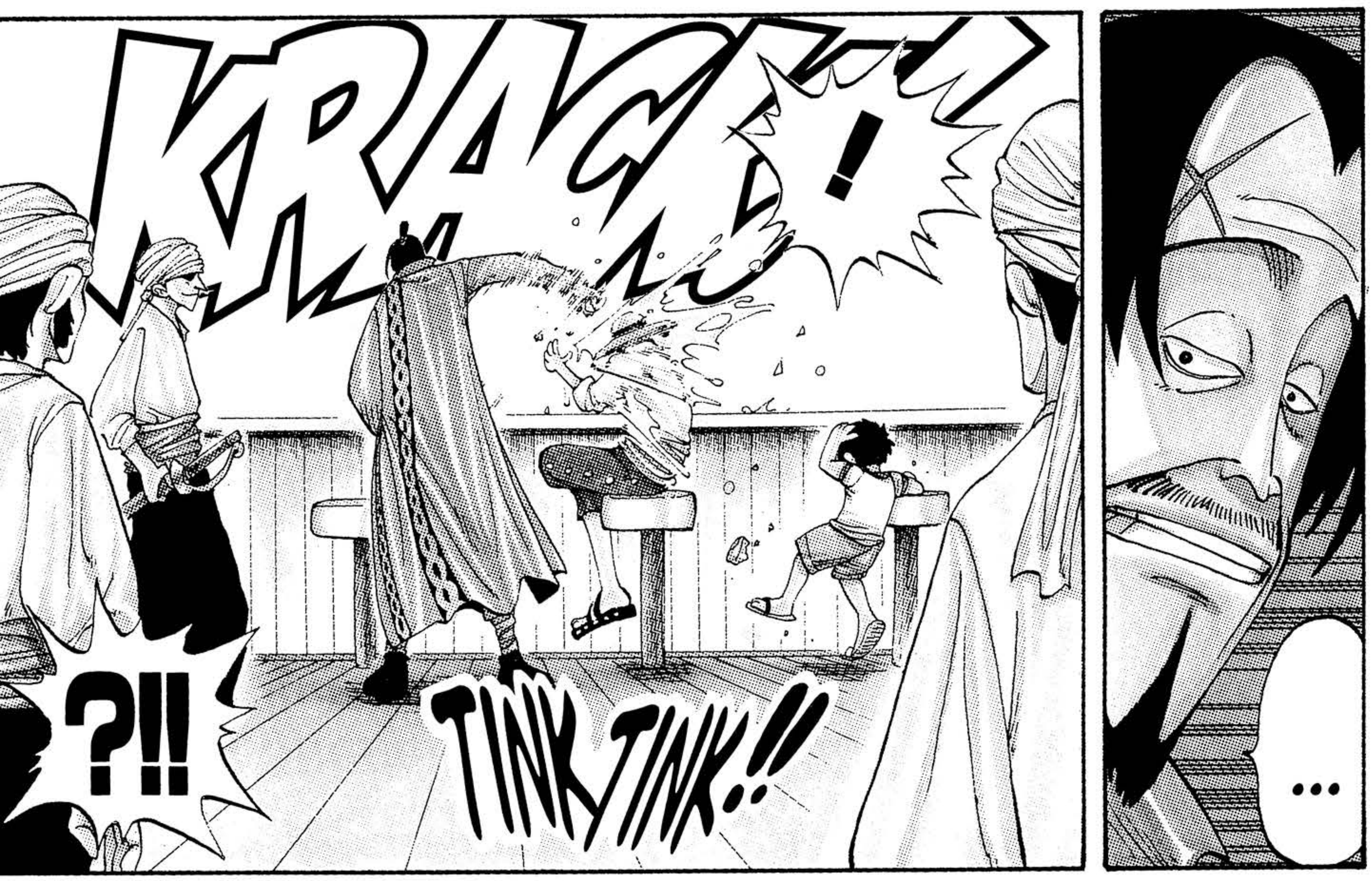
TMP

...!

?

OH, DON'T WET YOURSELVES. WE'RE NOT HERE TO BUST UP THE PLACE. JUST SELL US 10 BARRELS OF GROG, AND WE'LL INJURE ONLY THE BARE MINIMUM.
WE'RE MOUNTAIN BANDITS.
WE JUST RAN OUT OF LIQUOR.
I'M SORRY...
HIGUMA THE BEAR LEADER OF THE MOUNTAIN BANDITS
THAT'S STRANGE. WHAT'RE ALL THESE PIRATES DRINKING?
HMMM...
I JUST SERVED THE LAST OF IT.
IT'S TRUE...
FRUIT JUICE?


READ THIS WAY
IT'S STILL UN-OPENED.
WHY DON'T YOU HAVE THIS?
I FEEL KINDA GUILTY...
I GUESS WE DRANK UP ALL THE LIQUOR.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.


KRACK!
?!!
TINK TINK!!
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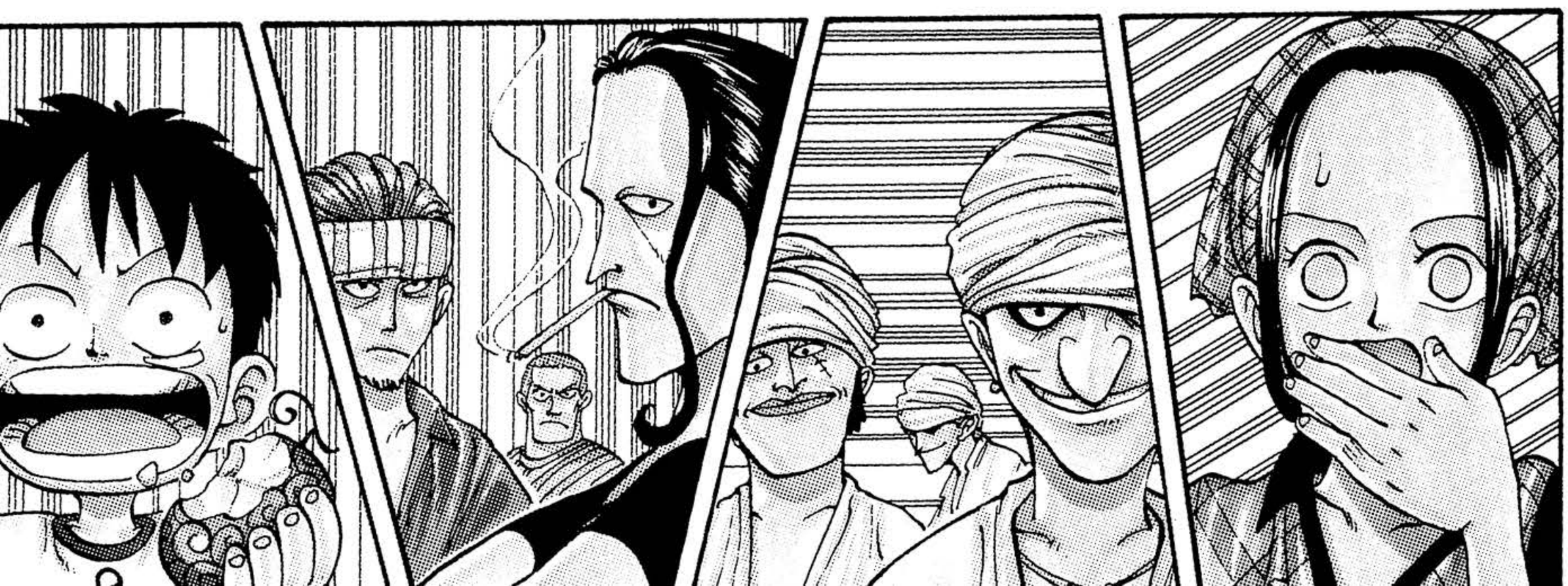


WHAT A MESS.
OH MY...

FWIP
WANTED
$ 8,000,000
LOOK AT THIS.

WHAT GOOD IS ONE BOTTLE OF GROG?
WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?
YOU CAN'T MAKE A FOOL OF ME!

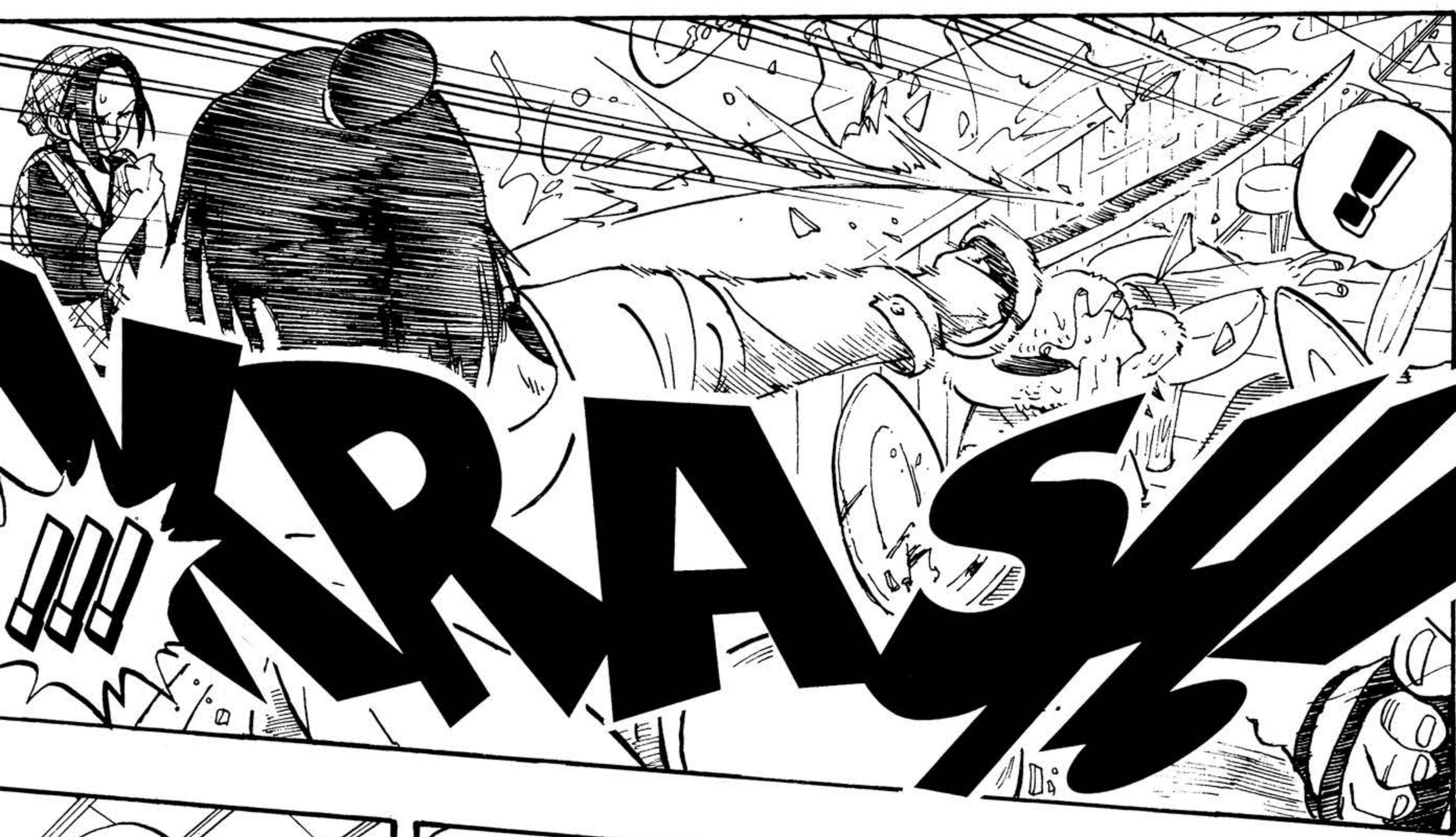
MOSTLY FOOLS LIKE YOU!
I'VE KILLED 56 PEOPLE...
I'M A WANTED MAN.
MY HEAD'S WORTH 8,000,000 BERRIES.

KLINK

IF YOU'RE SMART YOU'LL SAIL AWAY FROM HERE SO I NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN.
WATCH YOURSELF... IF YOU'RE FOND OF BREATH-ING!
WANTED

SHHHK
...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
UH...
SORRY ABOUT THIS MESS, MAKINO.
GIVE ME A RAG AND I'LL CLEAN UP.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!
WRASH

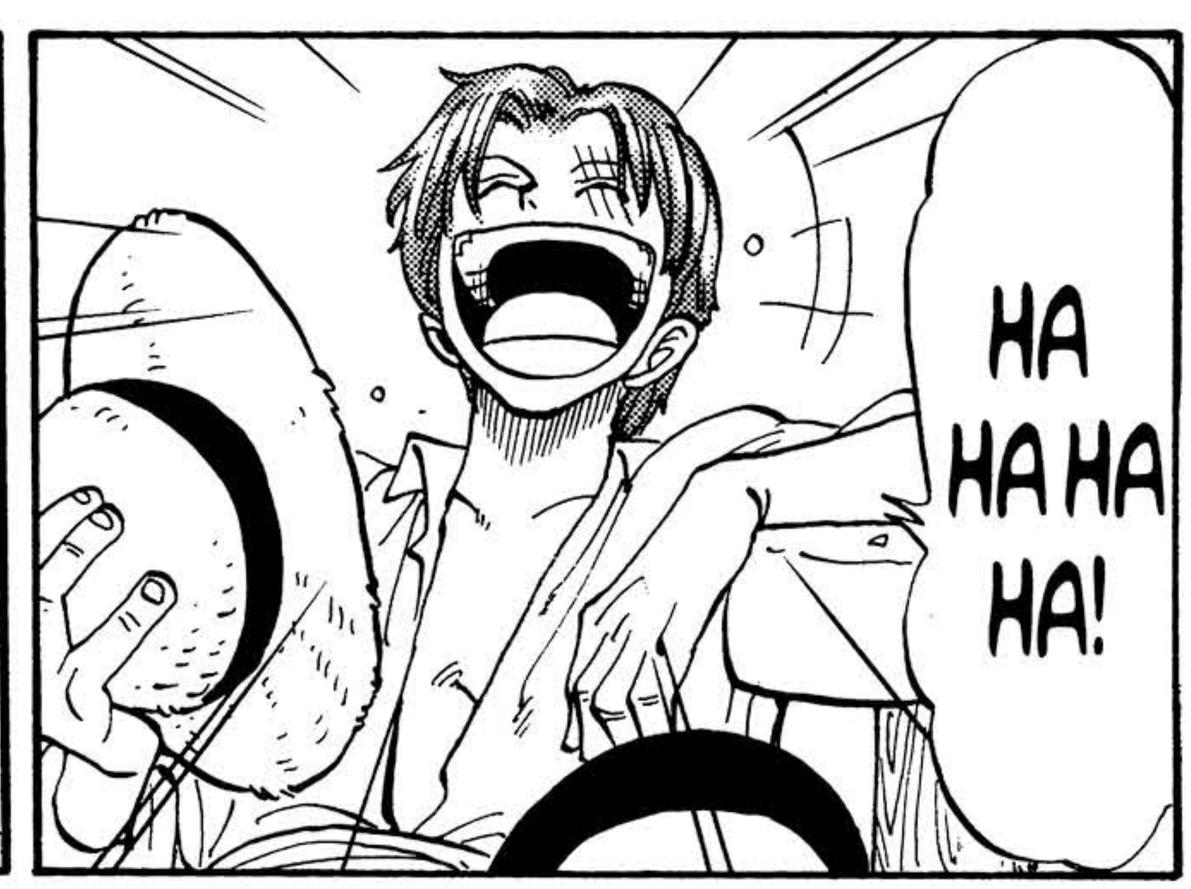
HMPH!

THAT OUGHT TO KEEP YOU BUSY FOR A WHILE.
SO, YOU LIKE TO CLEAN?

...COWARDS.

FAREWELL ...

HUH?
YOU THINK IT'S FUNNY?!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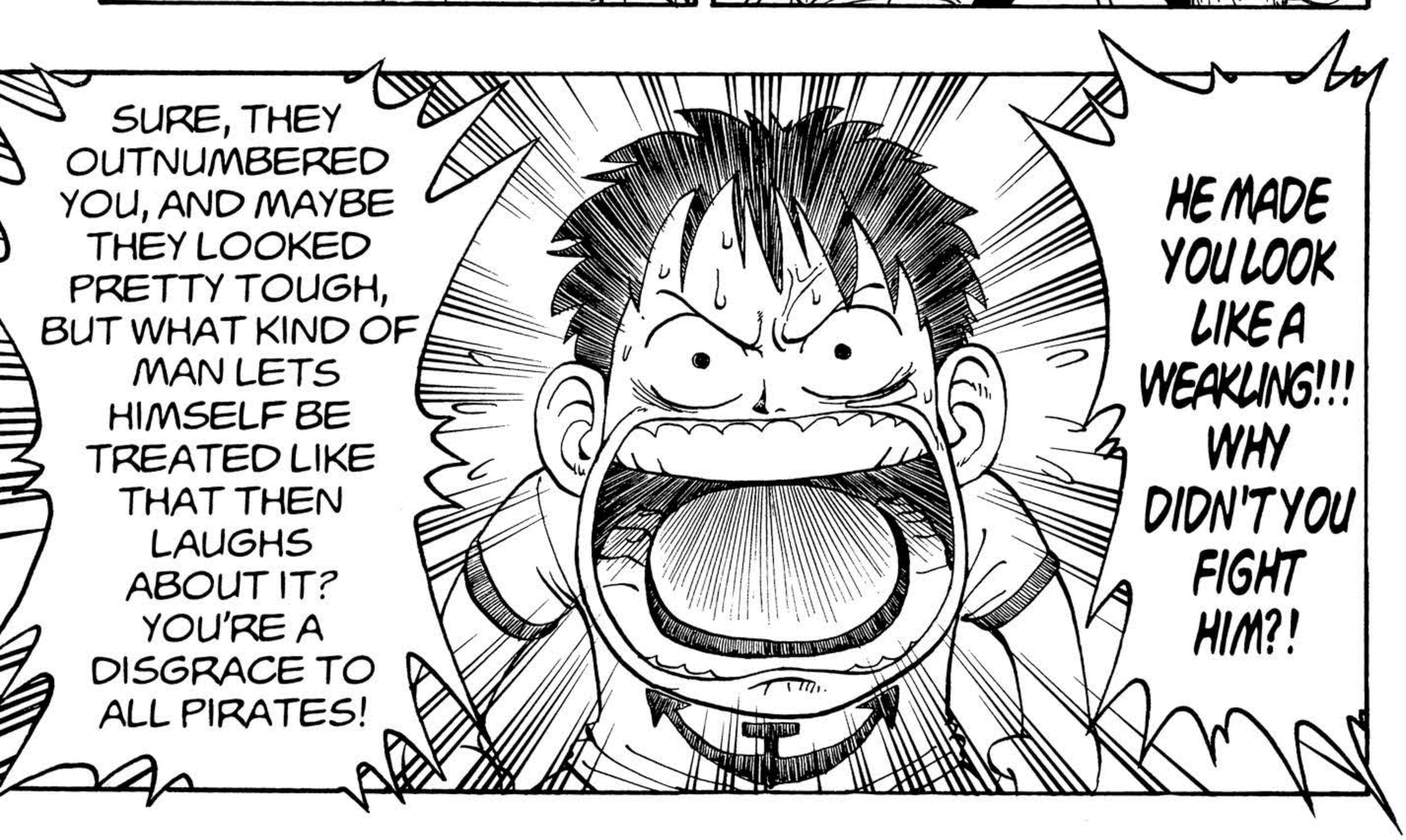
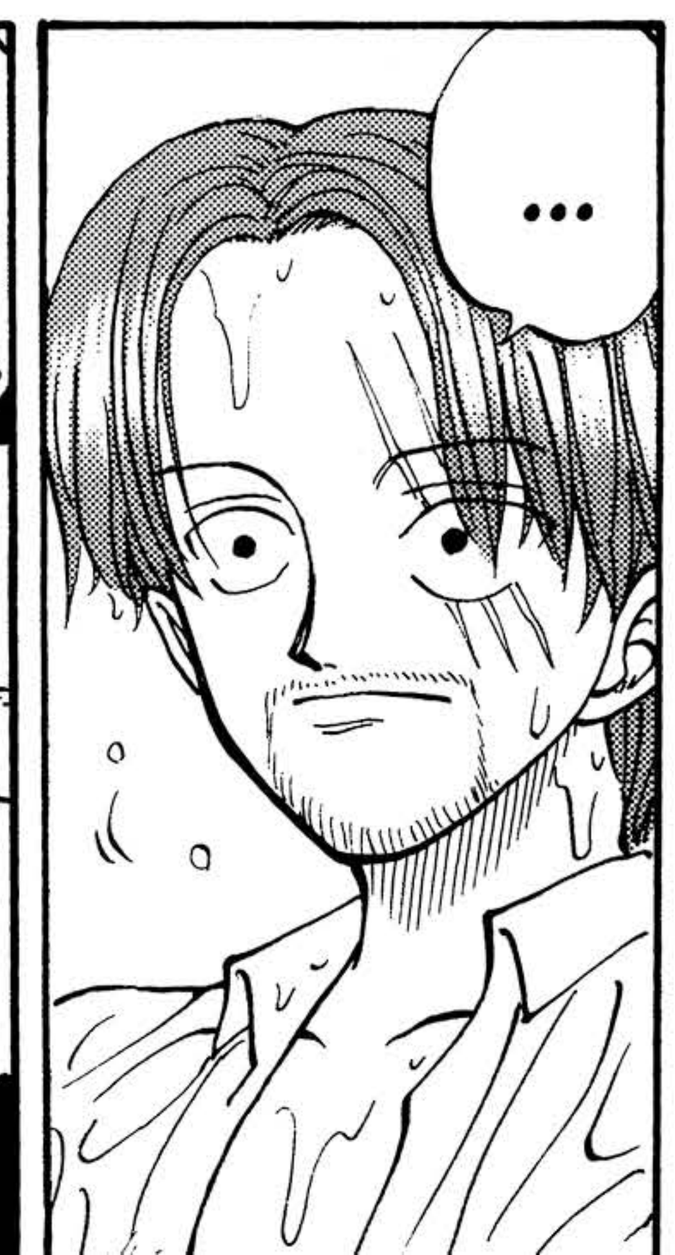

SURE, THEY OUTNUMBERED YOU, AND MAYBE THEY LOOKED PRETTY TOUGH, BUT WHAT KIND OF MAN LETS HIMSELF BE TREATED LIKE THAT THEN LAUGHS ABOUT IT? YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO ALL PIRATES!
HE MADE YOU LOOK LIKE A WEAKLING!!! WHY DIDN'T YOU FIGHT HIM?!

HMPH! TO GO FIND A REAL ROLE MODEL!
HEY, WHERE YOU GOING?
OMP
STOMP
GRAB

HE JUST GOT SOME GROG ON ME, THAT'S ALL. NEEDLESS KILLING DOESN'T MAKE YOU A MAN.
WHEN YOU GROW UP MAYBE YOU'LL UNDER-STAND, KID.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PFFSH!!

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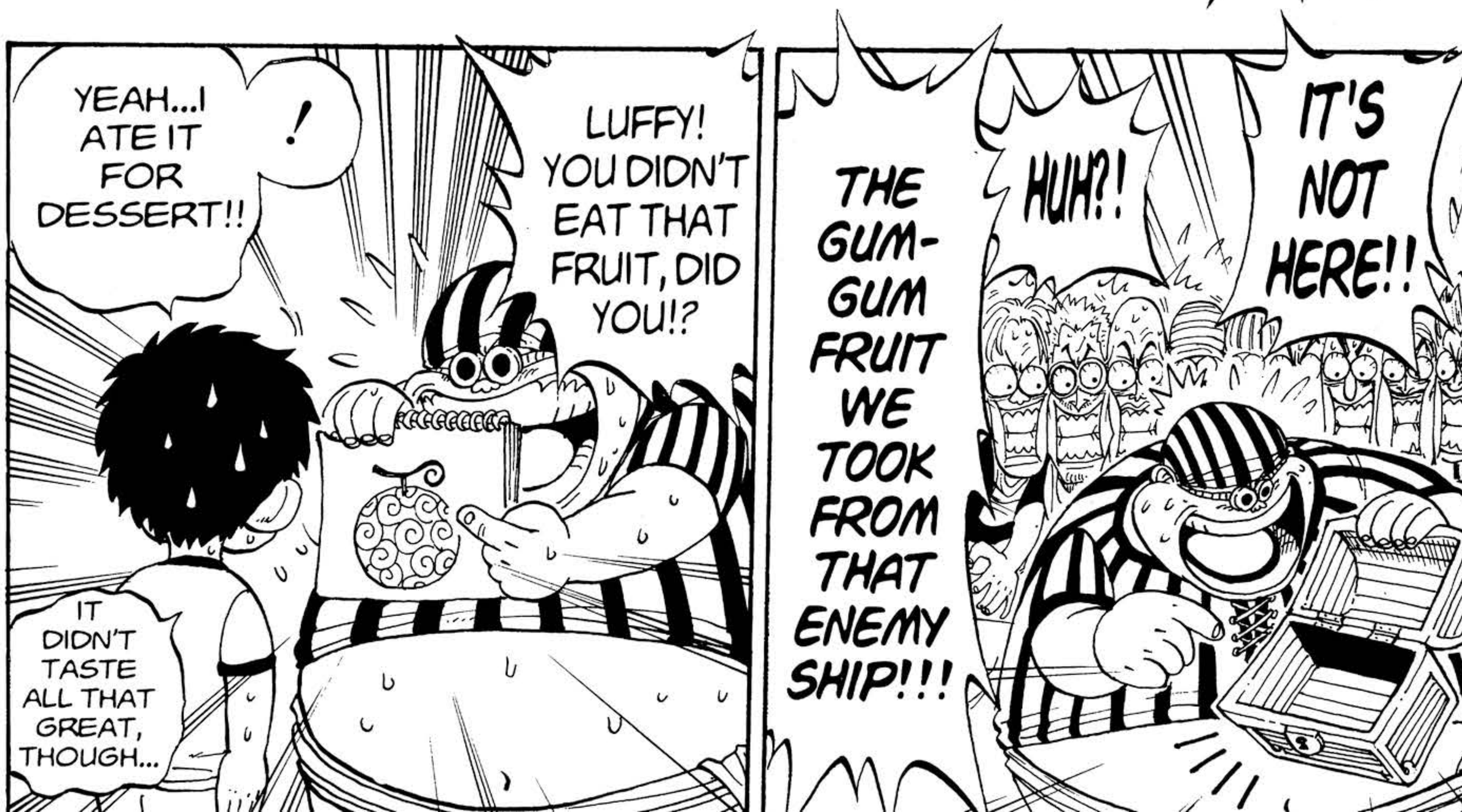
HEY!!!

WHAT!!?

BN

OMG!



WHAAAAAAAAAT!? AAARGH!!

AAAAAAAAAH

YOU IDIOT!!!!

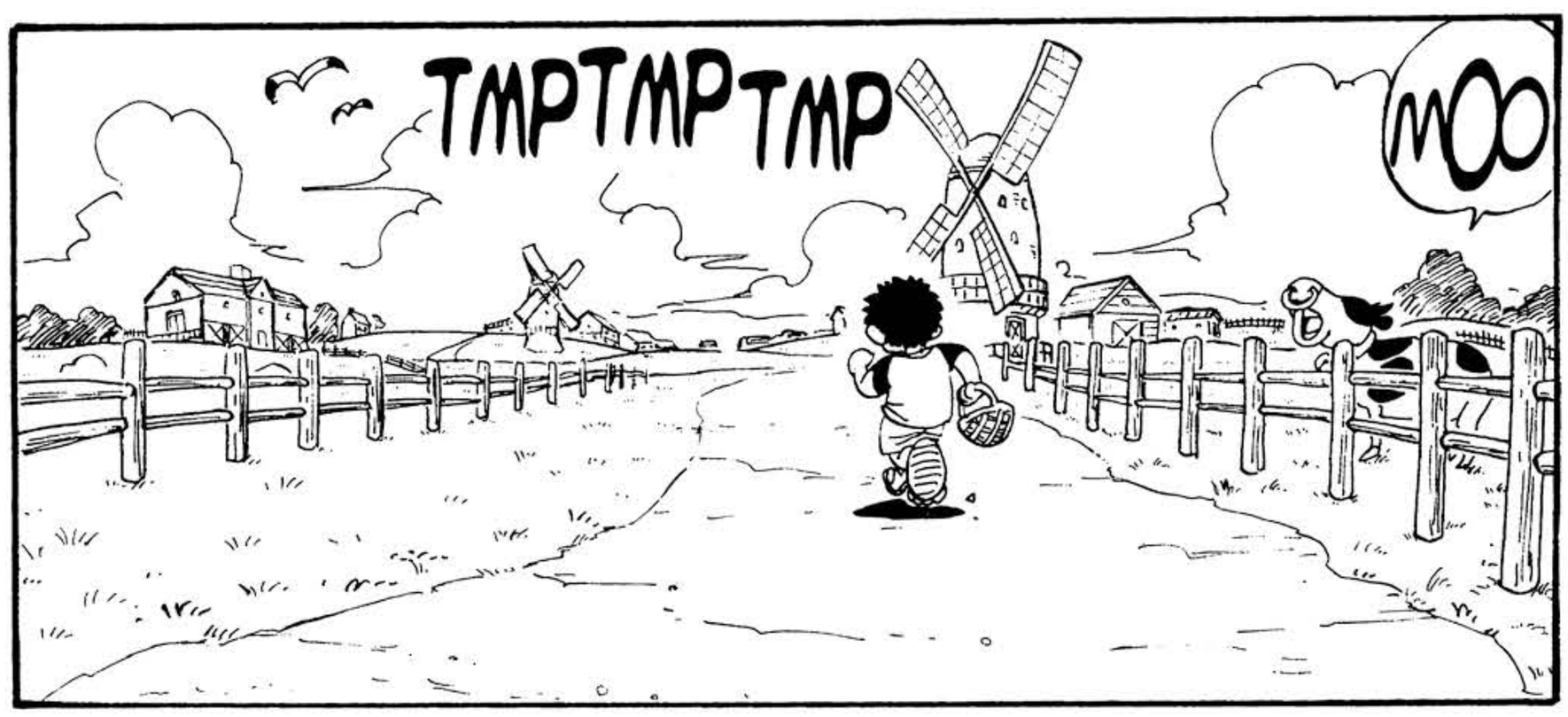
HAA

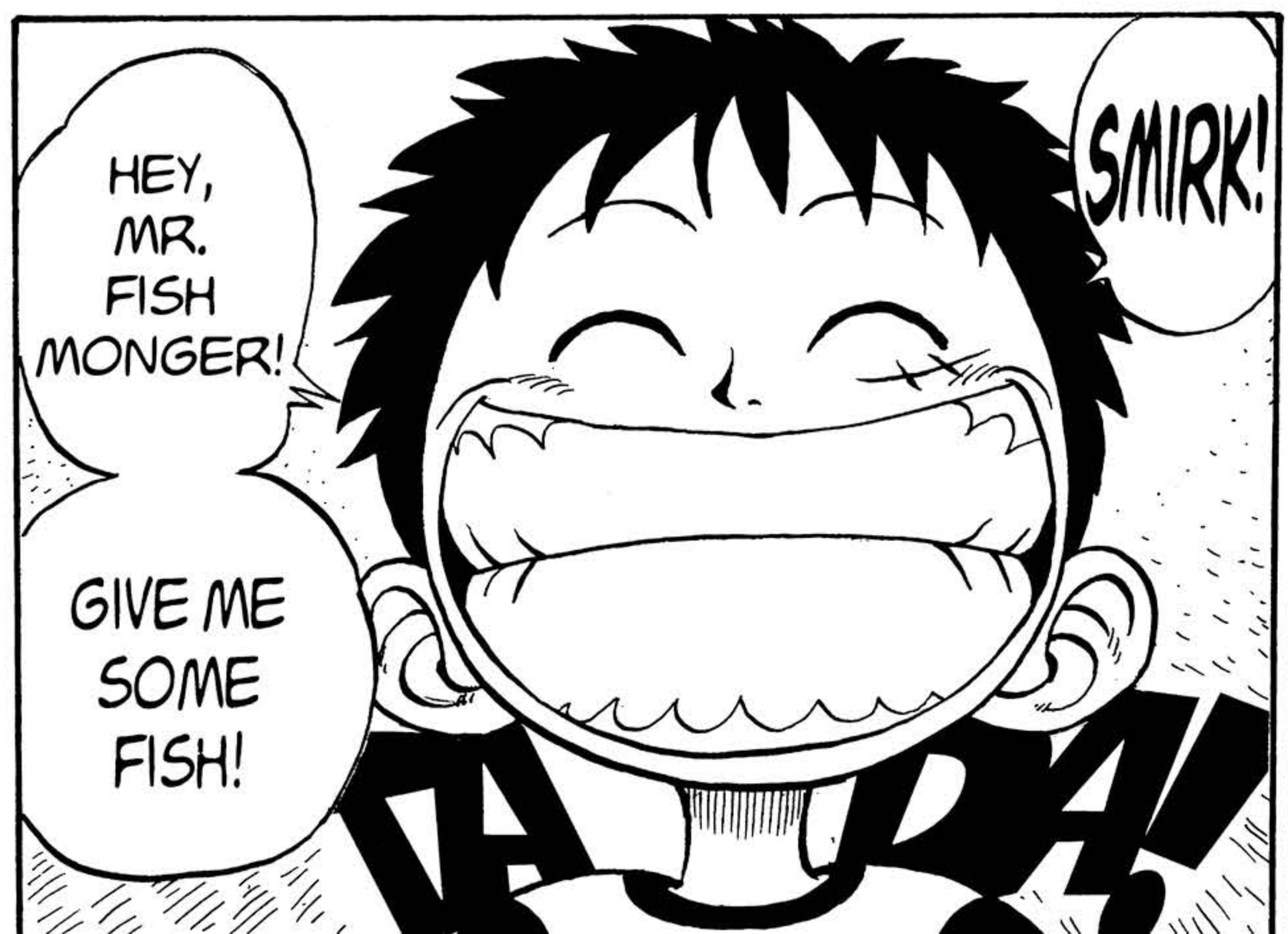
IF YOU EAT IT, YOUR ENTIRE BODY BECOMES LIKE RUBBER! AND YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO SWIM FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!

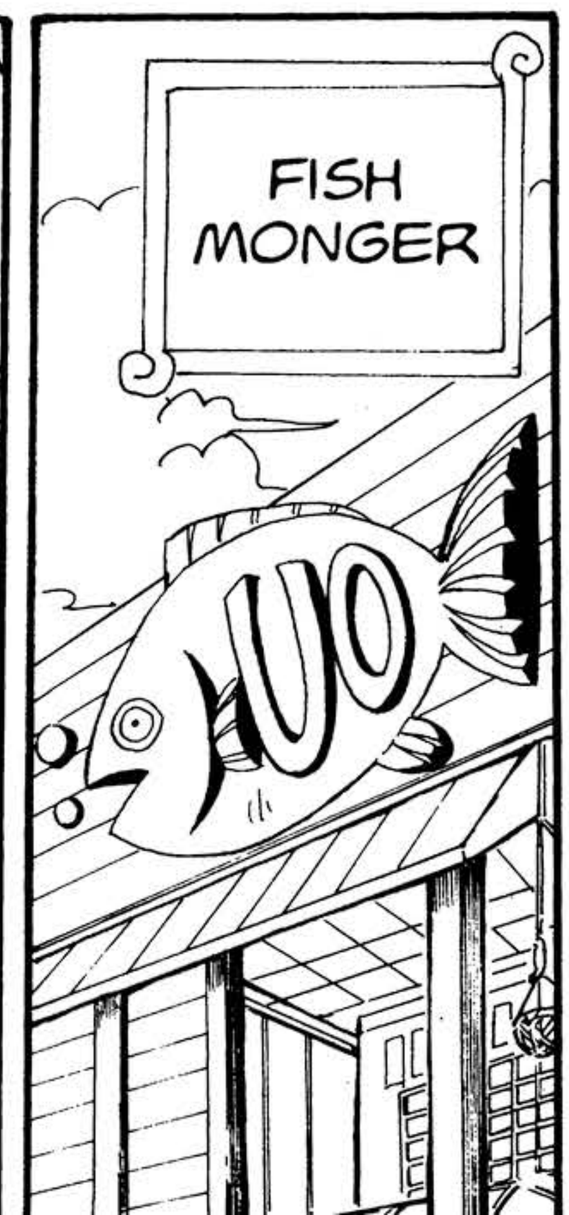
!

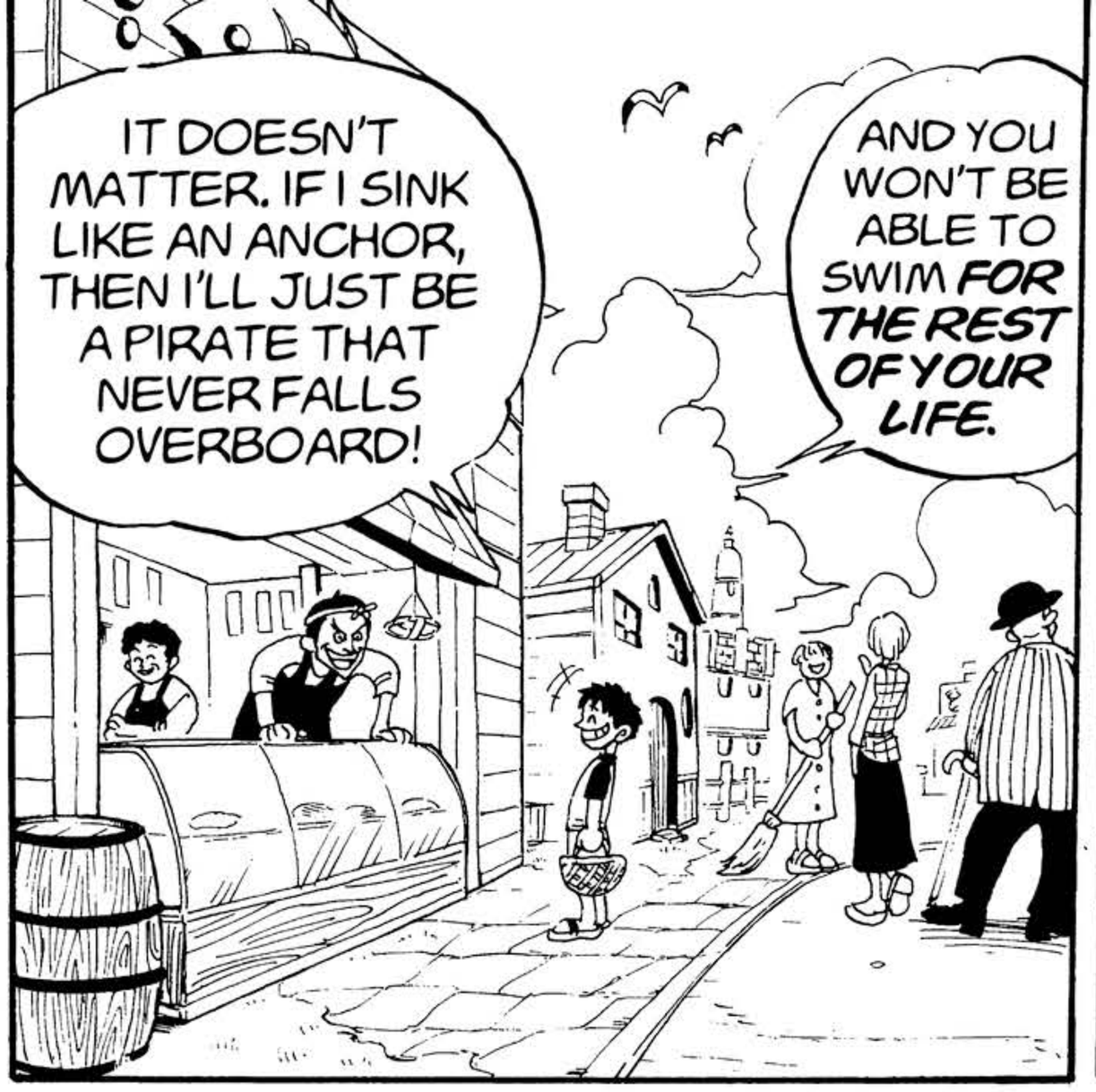
THAT WAS THE GUM-GUM FRUIT!!

THE FRUIT OF THE DEVIL, IT'S ONE OF THE SECRET TREA-SURES OF THE SEA!

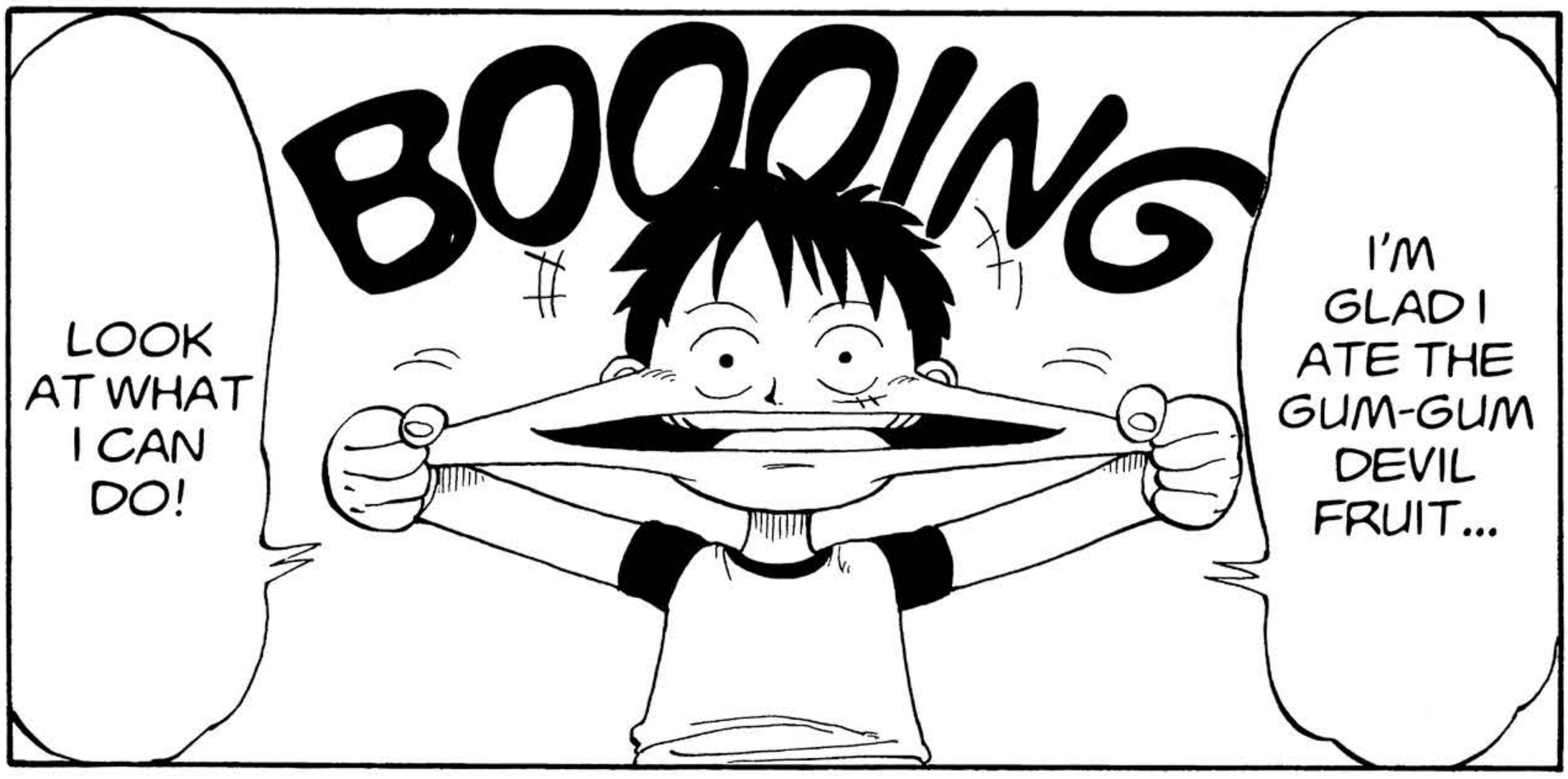




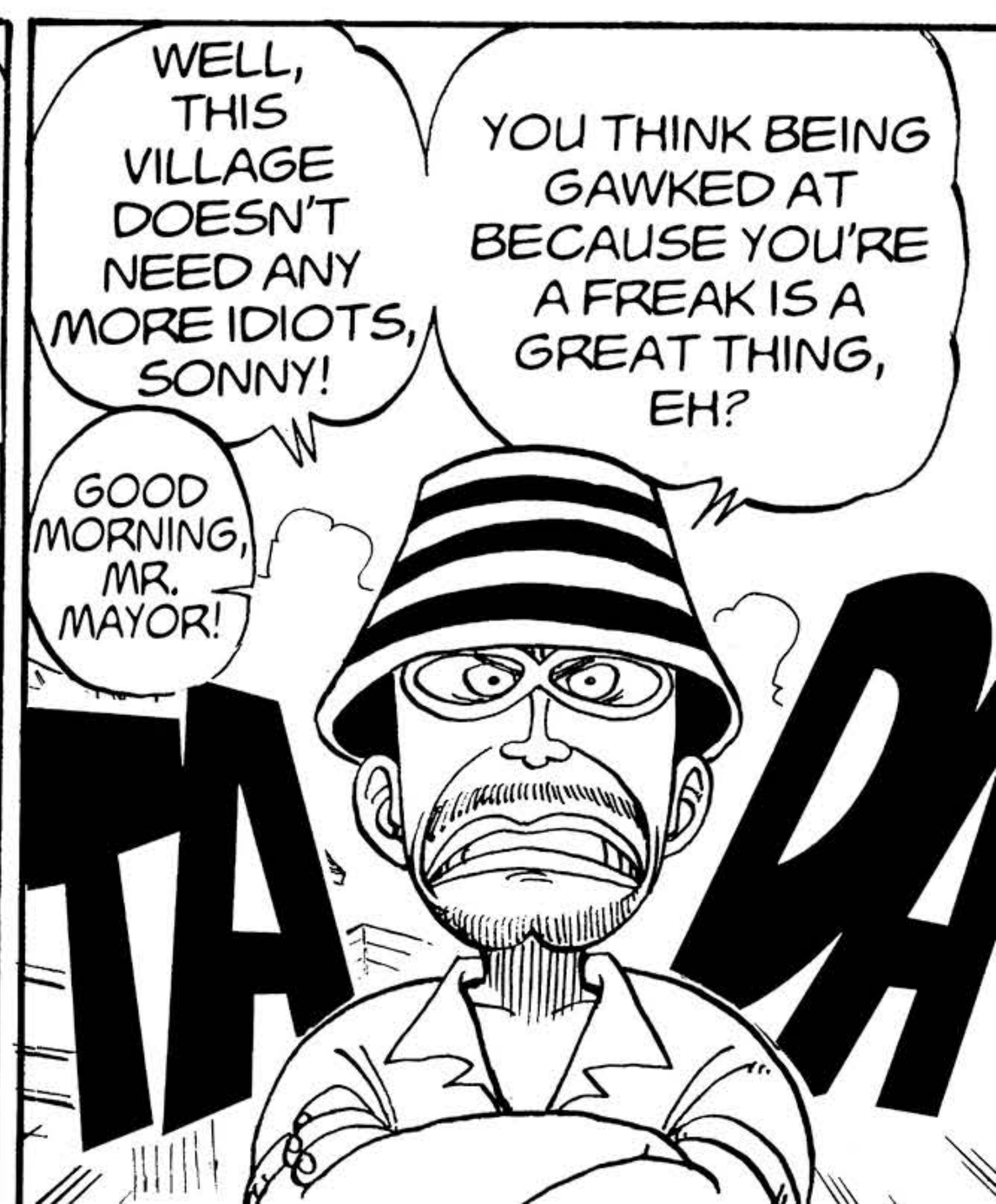


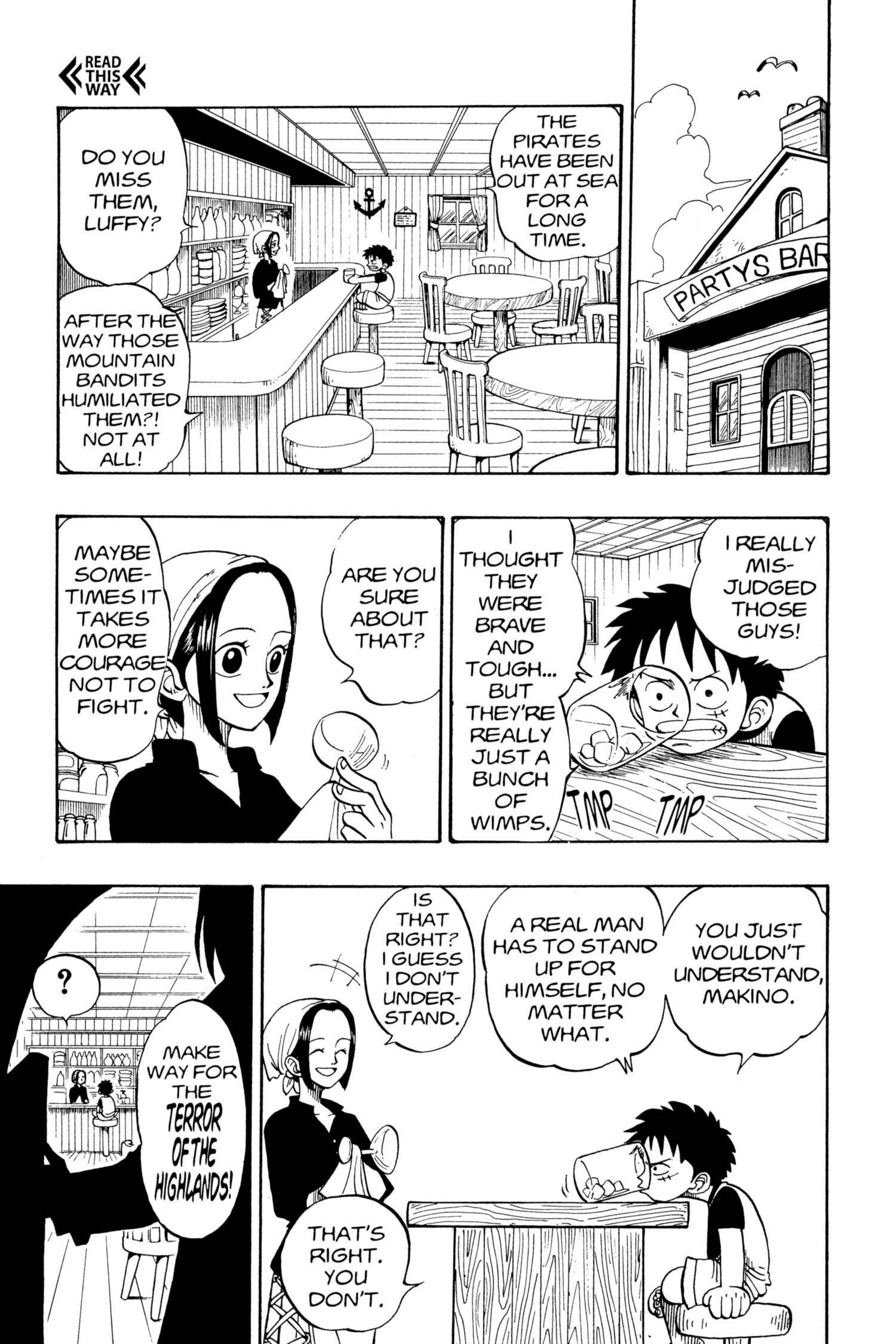

IT DOESN'T MATTER. IF I SINK LIKE AN ANCHOR, THEN I'LL JUST BE A PIRATE THAT NEVER FALLS OVERBOARD!
AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SWIM FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

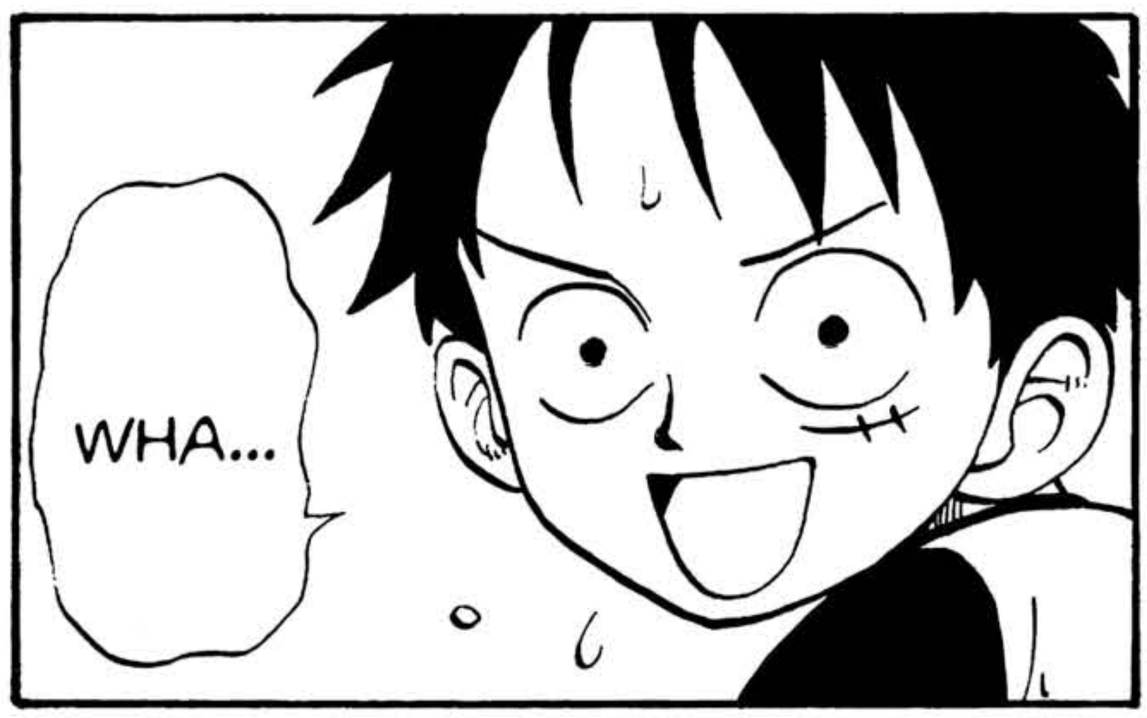
THE PIRATES SET SAIL WITHOUT YOU TODAY, YOU KNOW?
HEY, RUBBER BOY! WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A GOOD MOOD LATELY!

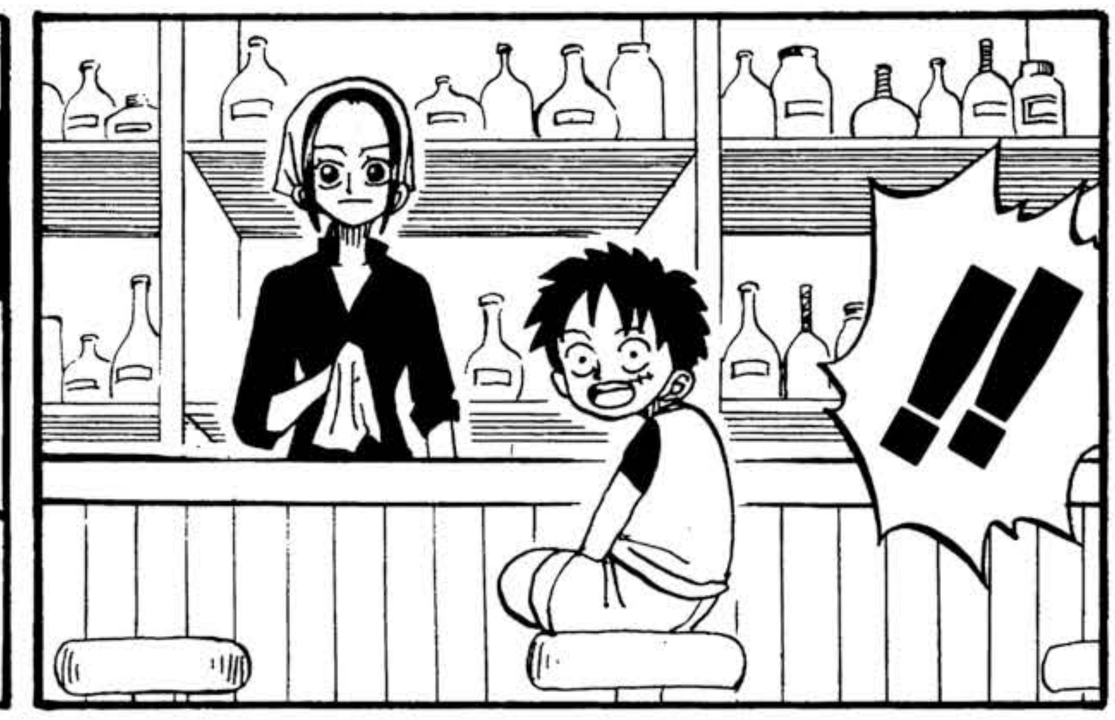

BOOOING
LOOK AT WHAT I CAN DO!
I'M GLAD I ATE THE GUM-GUM DEVIL FRUIT...

NOW, THE CAPTAIN'S NOT SUCH A BAD FELLOW, BUT YOU STAY AWAY FROM THOSE PIRATES!
IT'D MAKE THE VILLAGE LOOK BAD!!
FOR THE LAST TIME, LUFFY, I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO BECOME A PIRATE!
BLAH
BLAHBLAH
BLAH


WELL, THIS VILLAGE DOESN'T NEED ANY MORE IDIOTS, SONNY!
YOU THINK BEING GAWKED AT BECAUSE YOU'RE A FREAK IS A GREAT THING, EH?
GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR!


READ THIS WAY
DO YOU MISS THEM, LUFFY?
THE PIRATES HAVE BEEN OUT AT SEA FOR A LONG TIME.
AFTER THE WAY THOSE MOUNTAIN BANDITS HUMILIATED THEM?! NOT AT ALL!
PARTYS BAR
MAYBE SOME-TIMES IT TAKES MORE COURAGE NOT TO FIGHT.
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
I THOUGHT THEY WERE BRAVE AND TOUGH... BUT THEY'RE REALLY JUST A BUNCH OF WIMPS.
I REALLY MIS-JUDGED THOSE GUYS!
TMP
TMP
?
MAKE WAY FOR THE TERROR OF THE HIGHLANDS!
IS THAT RIGHT? I GUESS I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
A REAL MAN HAS TO STAND UP FOR HIMSELF, NO MATTER WHAT.
YOU JUST WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, MAKINO.
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU DON'T.


WHA...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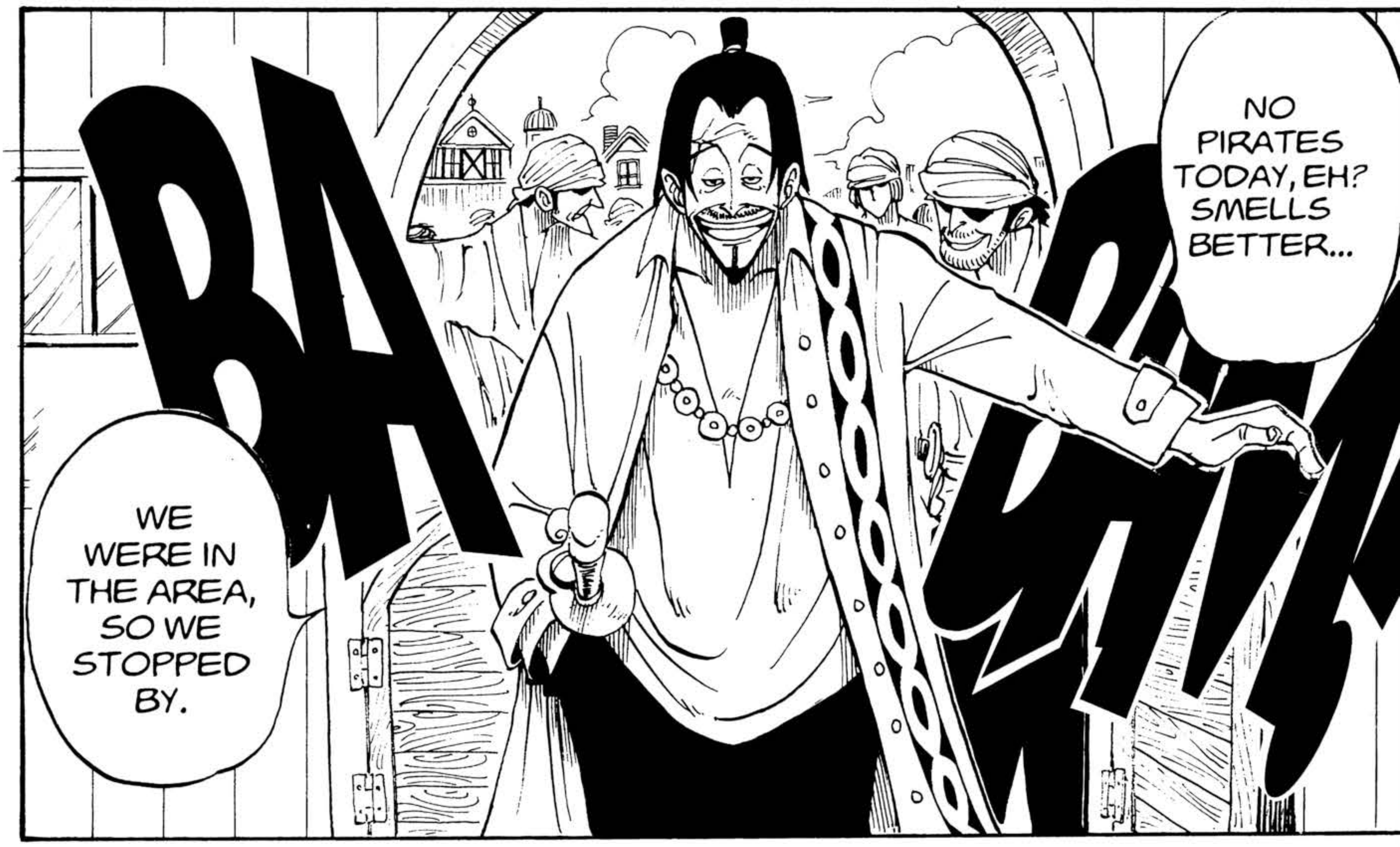
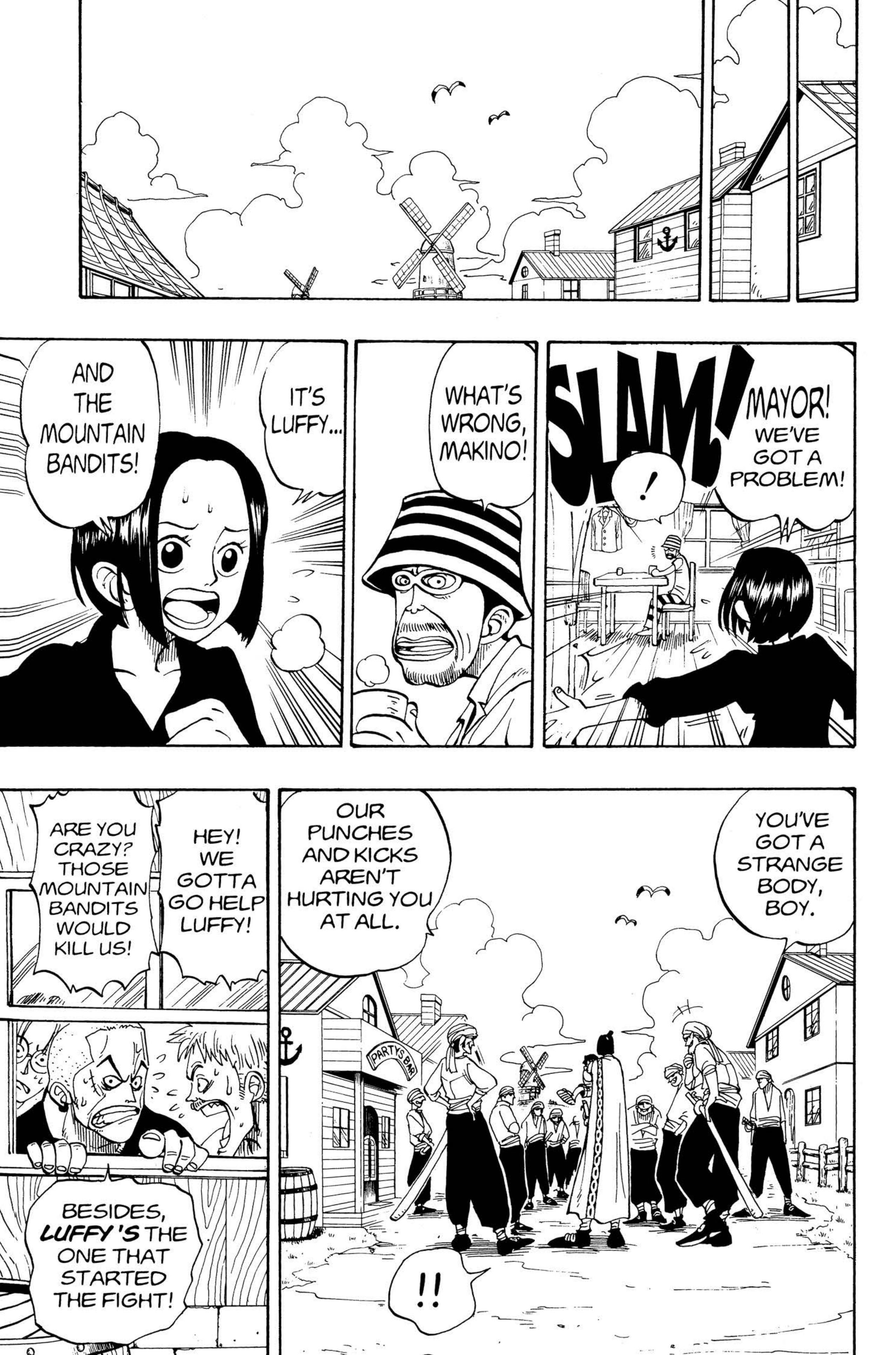

BA
WE WERE IN THE AREA, SO WE STOPPED BY.
NO PIRATES TODAY, EH? SMELLS BETTER...
SUMA

SERVE US DRINKS!!!

WE'RE CUSTOMERS!!
WUMA
!
WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR?
SLAM!


AND THE MOUNTAIN BANDITS!
IT'S LUFFY...
WHAT'S WRONG, MAKINO!
SLAM!
!
MAYOR! WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM!
ARE YOU CRAZY? THOSE MOUNTAIN BANDITS WOULD KILL US!
HEY! WE GOTTA GO HELP LUFFY!
BESIDES, LUFFY'S THE ONE THAT STARTED THE FIGHT!
OUR PUNCHES AND KICKS AREN'T HURTING YOU AT ALL.
YOU'VE GOT A STRANGE BODY, BOY.
PARTY'S BAR
!!

BWOING

YOU JERK!

EH, RUBBER BOY?

THERE SURE ARE SOME WEIRD CREATURES IN THE WORLD...

YOU'D BETTER TAKE IT BACK!!!

DARN YOU!!!

BWOING BWOING!!

OOF!

!

I BET THEY'LL PAY GOOD MONEY FOR YOU.

MAYBE I'LL SELL YOU TO A FREAK SHOW...

I'VE DIS-COVERED A NEW LIFE FORM...

DARN YOU!!!

I'LL MAKE YOU SO SORRY FOR THIS!!

YOU STUBBORN LITTLE...

ROOAR

AAAH!!

!

...BRAT!!

I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING TO OFFEND YOU.

I WAS JUST DRINKING AND TALKING TO MY MEN.

YOU'D BETTER APOLOGIZE !!!

YES YOU DID!!

STOMP

!!!

YOU STINKING MOUNTAIN APE!!!

MOVE YOUR FOOT...

WHY'D HE HAVE TO PICK A FIGHT WITH THOSE GUYS?!

CURSE THAT LUFFY!

!

PLEASE!!

LET THE BOY GO!

YOU KNOW HOW THE WORLD WORKS.

NICE TRY, OLD MAN...

MAYOR!

!

BUT IF IT'S MONEY YOU WANT, YOU'LL GET IT.

BOW

I DON'T KNOW WHAT LUFFY DID...

AND I HAVE NO INTENTION OF FIGHTING YOU PEOPLE...

JUST DON'T HURT THE BOY!

READ THIS WAY
I CAN'T TAKE THAT FROM THIS LITTLE RUBBER-SPINED FREAK!
BWANG BWANG
...
AND HE CALLED ME NAMES.
YOU MOUNTAIN MACAQUE!
YOU STARTED THIS, BANDIT!
HE'S DONE THE UNPARDON-ABLE... HE ATTACKED ME...
BUT I'M AFRAID IT'S TOO LATE.
NO ONE CAN SAVE THIS BRAT NOW.
PLEASE! FORGIVE HIM!
LUFFY!
I'M GONNA KILL YOU!
THAT DOES IT. I'M NOT GONNA SELL YOU.
SHHRR
!
I WAS WONDER-ING WHAT WAS GOING ON...
NOBODY CAME TO GREET US AT THE HARBOR.
!

LUFFY! I THOUGHT YOUR PUNCH WAS AS POWERFUL AS A PISTOL.

CAPTAIN SHANKS!!

OH, IT'S YOU MOUNTAIN BANDITS AGAIN!

COME ANY CLOSER AND WE'LL HAVE TO KILL YOU... COWARDS.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT, BUT YOU'D BETTER BACK OFF BEFORE YOU GET HURT.

...

NOT NOW, CAP'N!!

!!

TAKING A BREAK FROM YOUR CLEANING DUTIES?

HMPH! YOU PIRATES ARE STILL HERE?

READ THIS WAY
HEH HEH HEH HEH!!
HUH?! WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'RE PUTTING YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE BY POINTING THAT AT ME.
KLIK
DIDN'T YOU HEAR HIM?! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER...
...OR I'LL BLOW YOUR HEAD OFF! HA HA HA HA!!
SSH
BOM!
I'M SAYING IT'S NOT SAFE TO POINT GUNS.

...

WHA--!!

...!

YOU'RE NOT DEALING WITH SAINTS HERE.

STOP WHINING LAND-LUBBERS!

FAIR?!

THAT WASN'T FAIR!

WHAT'VE YOU DONE?!

NOW YOU'VE GONE AND DONE IT!

AND WE DON'T PLAY BY THE RULES!

WE'RE PIRATES!

YOU CAN EVEN SPIT ON ME. I'LL JUST LAUGH THAT STUFF OFF.

BUT...

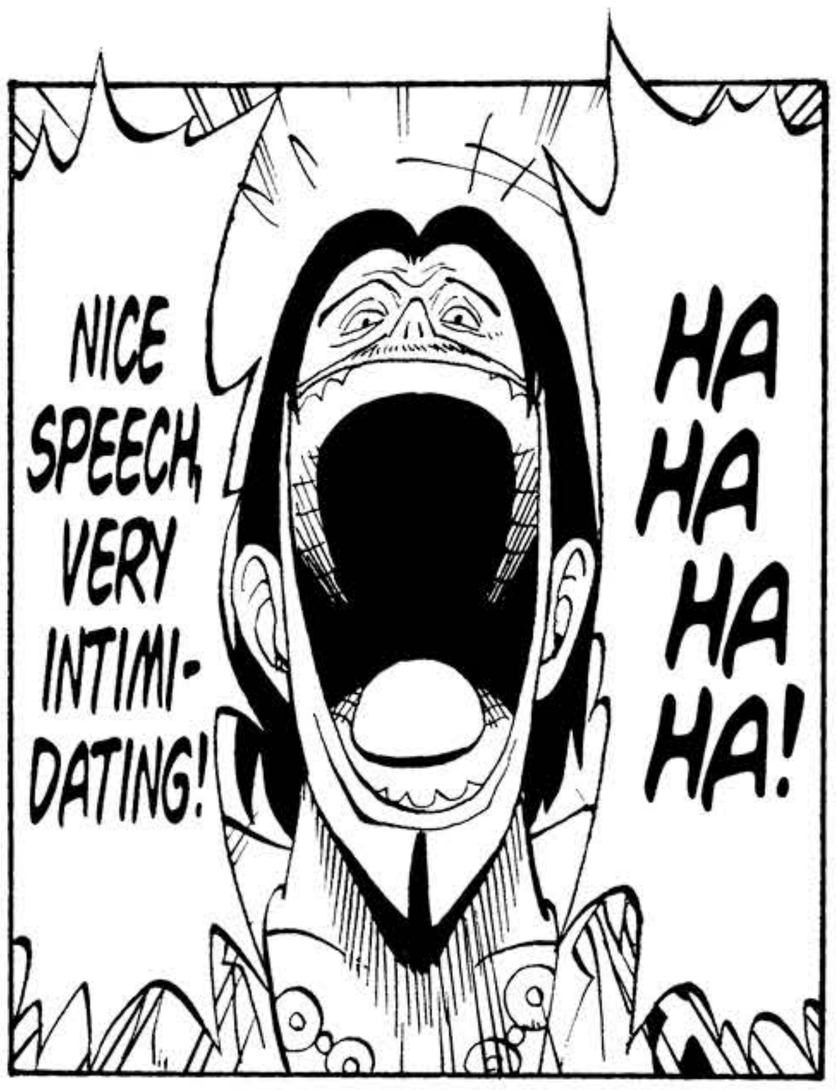
LISTEN UP...

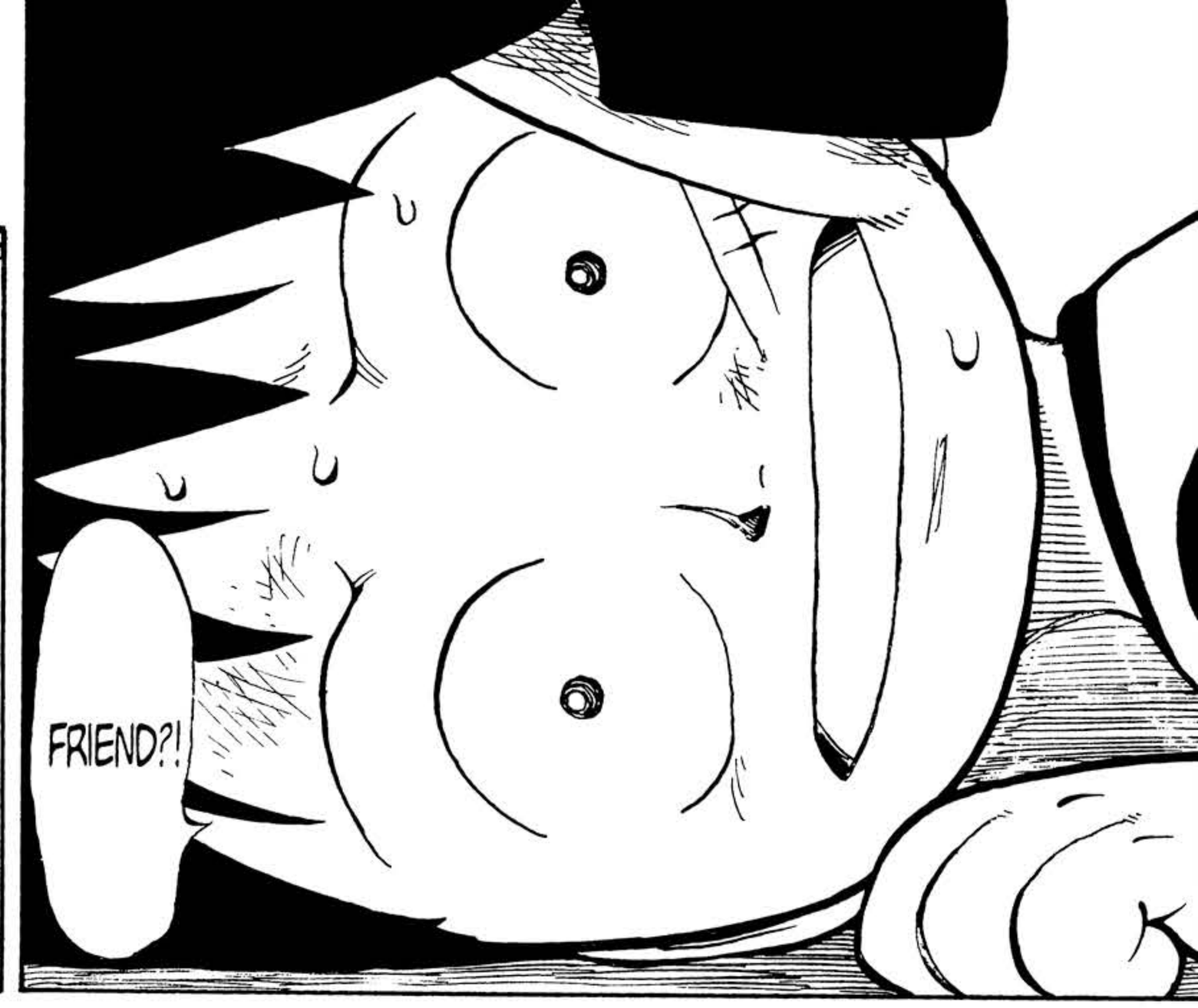
YOU CAN POUR DRINKS ON ME, YOU CAN THROW FOOD AT ME...

THIS WAS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

NOBODY HURTS A FRIEND OF MINE!!!!

GOOD REASON OR NOT...


NICE SPEECH, VERY INTIMI-DATING!
HA HA HA HA!


FRIEND?!

ARRRRGHH!

KILL THEM!
YOU PIRATES SPEND YOUR TIME FLOATING AROUND IN YOUR LITTLE SHIPS.
AND YOU THINK YOU CAN STAND UP TO MOUNTAIN BANDITS? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

ARRRGG
DIE!!!!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.
CAP'N...

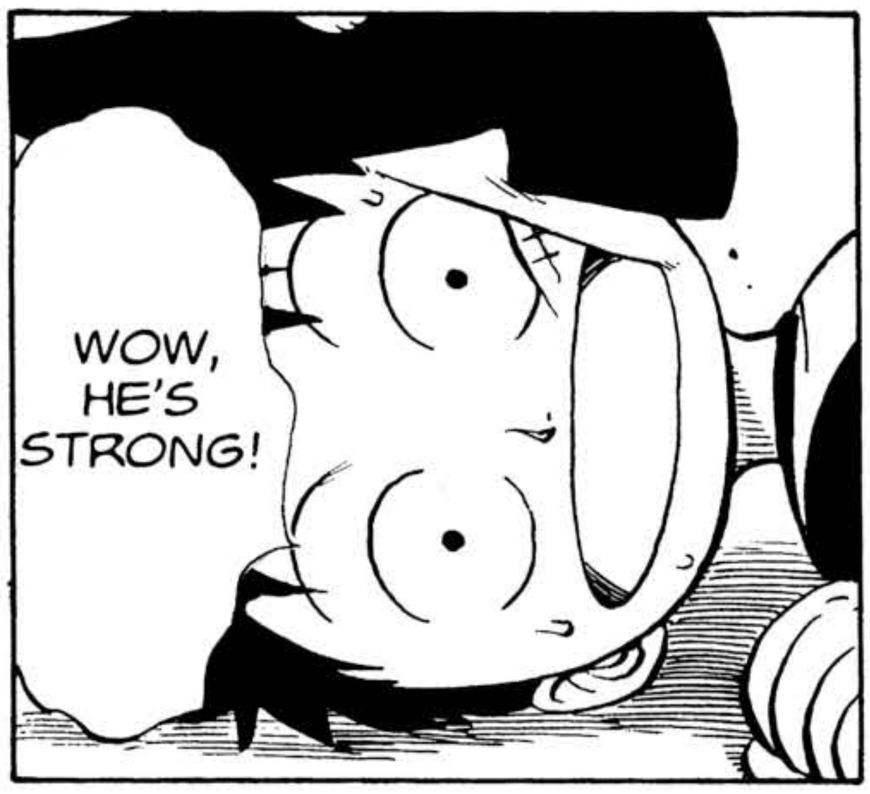
TSSS...!!
!
YAAAAA !!!
NEXT...
YAAAA!!!
WHACK!

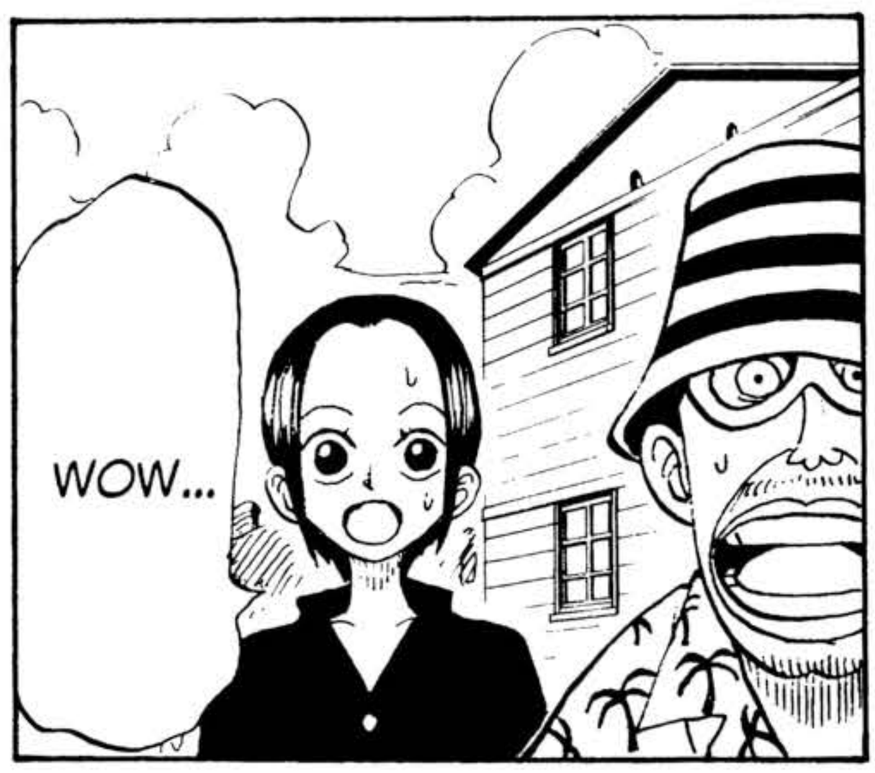
YOU WERE SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT MOUNTAIN BANDITS AND PIRATES?

FSST

KA

KLIK





SMOKE BOMB !!!

!?

HMPH!

POOF!

LUFFY!!

HEY! LET GO!

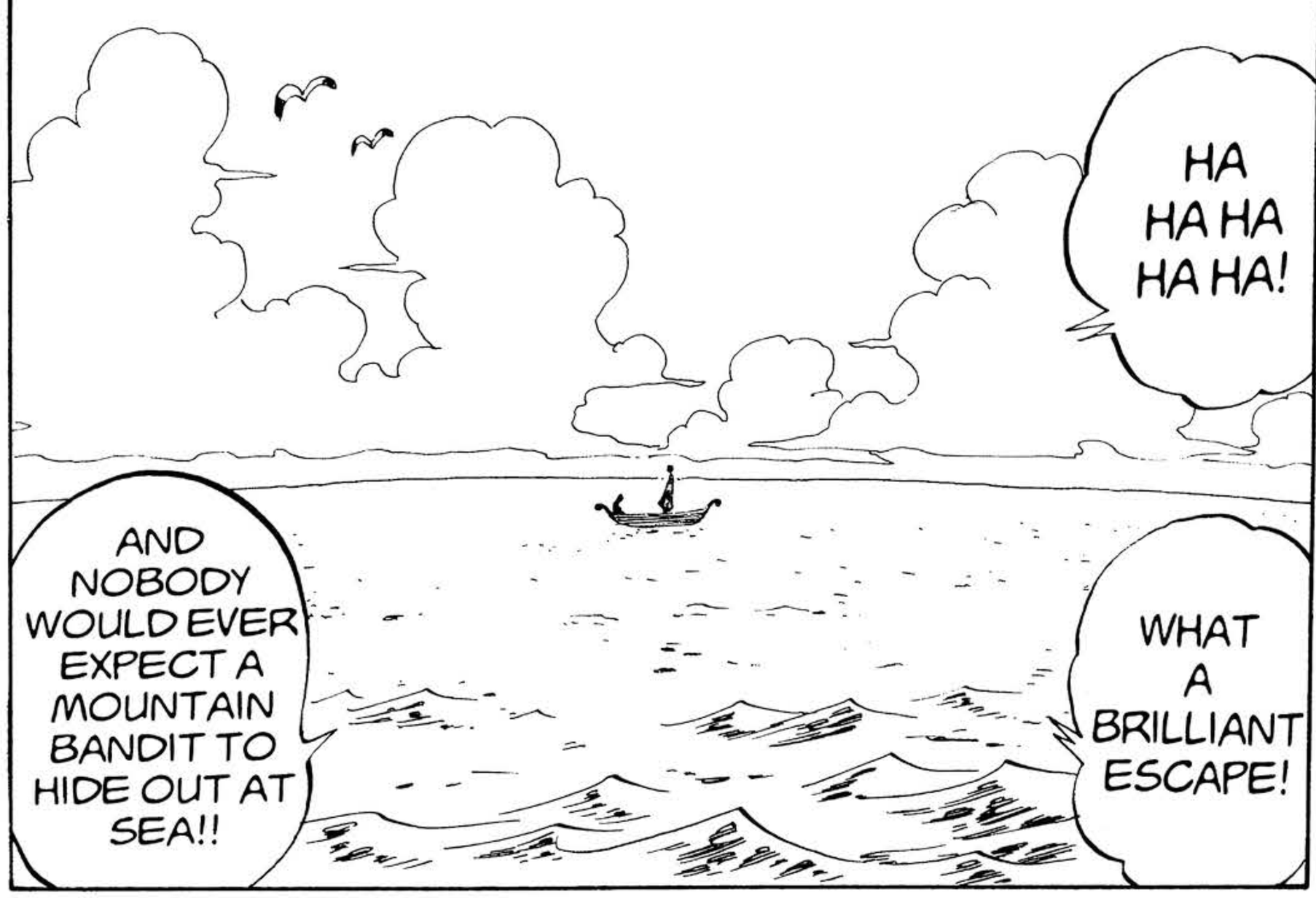
C'MERE KID!!

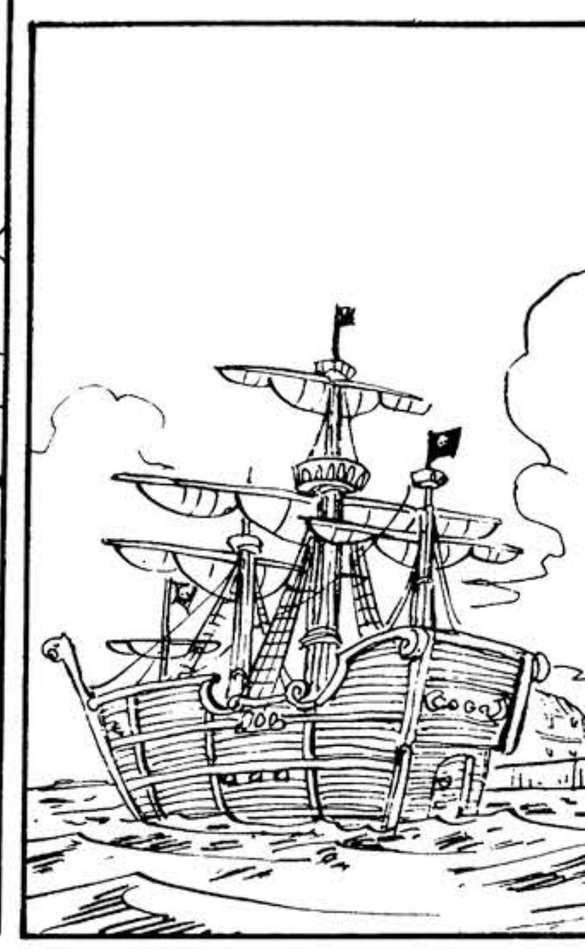
CAP'N ...

HMM...

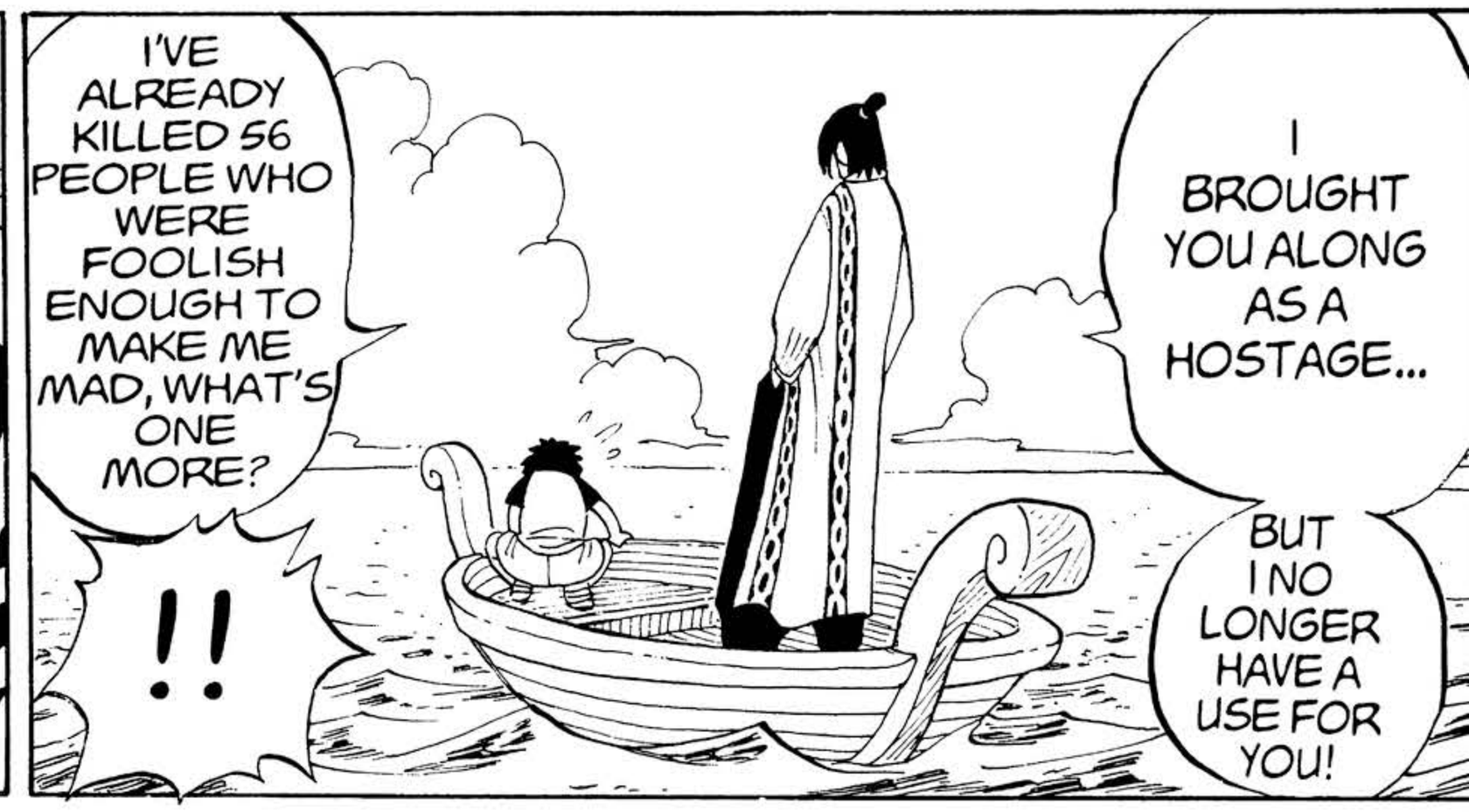
CALM DOWN, CAPTAIN! WE'LL ALL GO OUT AND LOOK FOR HIM! WE'LL FIND HIM!!

OH NO! I LET HIM ESCAPE! WE'VE GOTTA SAVE LUFFY!!


HA HA HA HA HA!
AND NOBODY WOULD EVER EXPECT A MOUNTAIN BANDIT TO HIDE OUT AT SEA!!
WHAT A BRILLIANT ESCAPE!



YOU DIE!
UNH
PWANG


I'VE ALREADY KILLED 56 PEOPLE WHO WERE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO MAKE ME MAD, WHAT'S ONE MORE?
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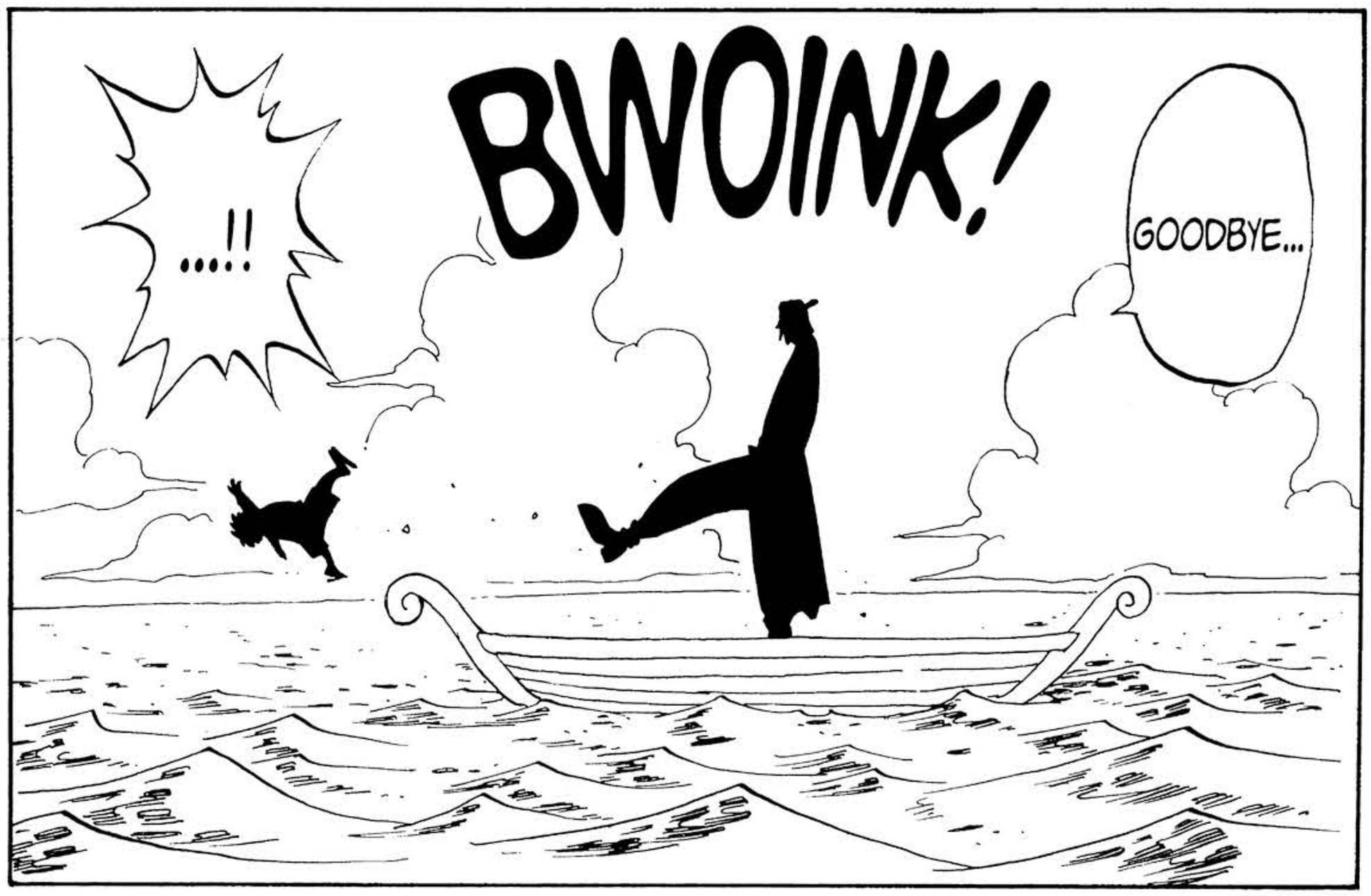
I BROUGHT YOU ALONG AS A HOSTAGE...
BUT I NO LONGER HAVE A USE FOR YOU!


...!!
BWOINK!
GOODBYE...

TSK TSK

&%$#!!!!
!!!
HA HA HA HA HA!!
AND I DIDN'T EVEN GET ONE PUNCH IN! DARN IT!
THAT GUY IS SCUM!
BRAT...
#%&!!
JERK!!
I WANTED TO KILL HIM!
COWARDS LIKE THAT MAKE ME SICK!
I BROKE A BOTTLE OVER HIS HEAD, AND NOT ONE WORD OF PROTEST!!
HOW PATHETIC!! HA HA HA HA!!
HA HA HA HA HA
DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON THOSE PIRATES' FACES?
STOP TALKING BAD ABOUT SHANKS!!!!
TAKE BACK WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT SHANKS!! HE'S NOT A COWARD!!
LUFFY! STOP!
TAKE THAT BACK!
PIRATES ARE ALL TALK.
HUH!?

GLUG GLUG

SPLASH

HA HA HA HA HA HA!!

SPLASH!!

GLUG

SPLASH!!

GRRRRR...

?!!!

WHAT... THE-- AAH!!

HUH?

CHOMP CHOMP

KRUNCH!!

GLAAA!

GLUG! SOMEBODY HELP ME!! GLUG!
SPLASH
SPLASH
YAAAA!! GLUG GLUG!!
GRR RR!!
CHOMP
CHOMP
YAAAA!!!
SHANKS!

GR

GET OUT OF HERE!

AA

SPLASH SPLASH

...!!

SNIF

HRUH

SLOOSH

!!

SPLASHSPLASH

REE REE REE

YOU STOOD UP FOR ME.

SNIF!

SNIFFLE!

LUFFY, I'M SORRY.

MAKINO TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED.

SHANKS!!!

SNIF SNIF

B-BUT...

HEY, STOP CRYING! YOU'RE A TOUGH GUY, REMEM-BER?

WHAT ABOUT YOUR ARM!!?

WAAAAH!

I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE OKAY.

IT'S A SMALL PRICE TO PAY...

JUST AN ARM...

WAAAA

WE'VE BEEN USING THIS HARBOR AS A BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR A LONG TIME. MAYBE TOO LONG.

THAT'S RIGHT.

ARE YOU SAD?

SO YOU WON'T BE COMING BACK TO THIS VILLAGE AFTER THIS VOYAGE?

THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN BECOME A PIRATE!

IT WOULDN'T DO YOU ANY GOOD. YOU'RE STILL TOO LITTLE!

NYAH

I'VE DECIDED TO BECOME A PIRATE ON MY OWN!

YEAH, I'M SAD...

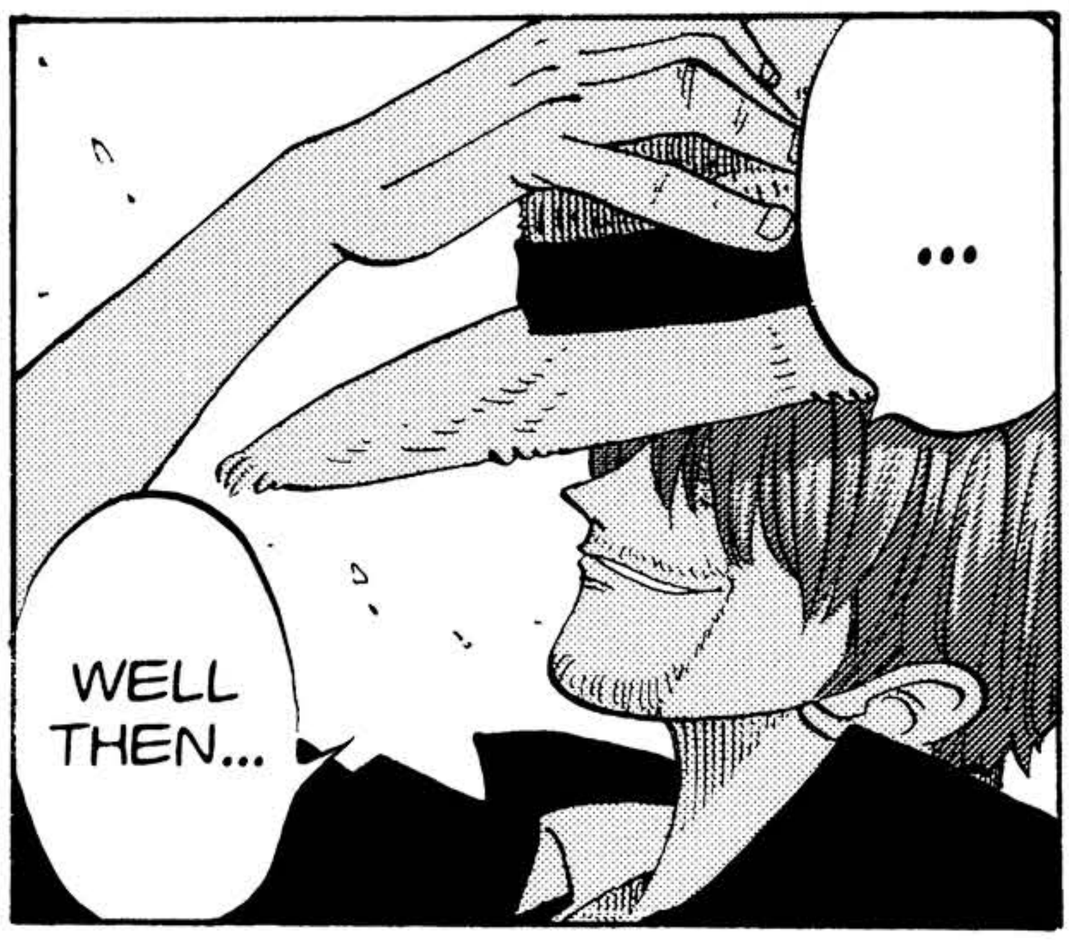
BUT I WON'T ASK YOU TO TAKE ME WITH YOU!

AND WE'LL HAVE THE BIGGEST HOARD OF TREASURE IN THE WORLD!!

ONE DAY I'LL HAVE A SHIP AND CREW BETTER THAN YOURS!!

OH YES I WILL!!!

HMM... YOU'RE GONNA BE BETTER THAN US, HUH?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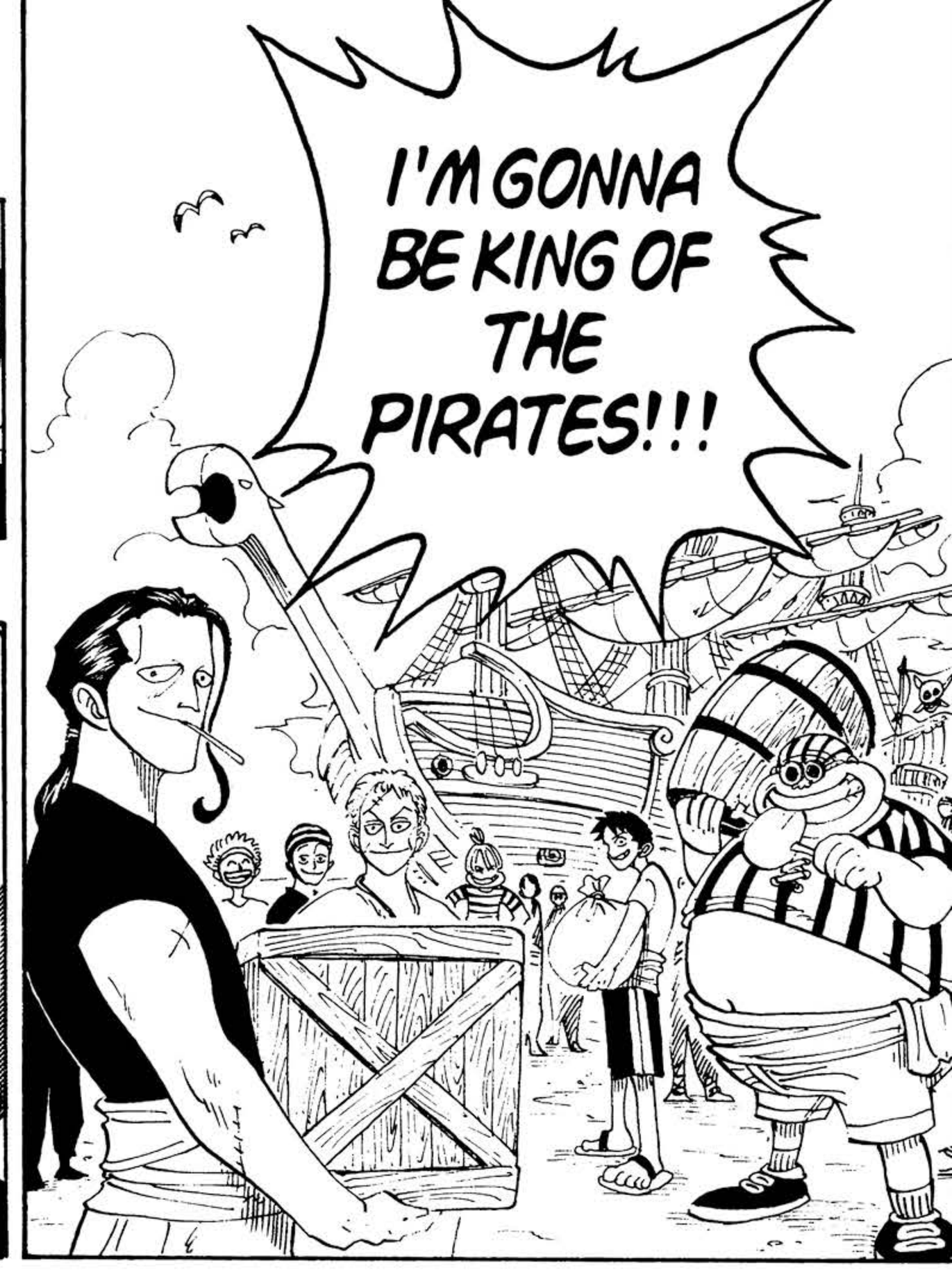
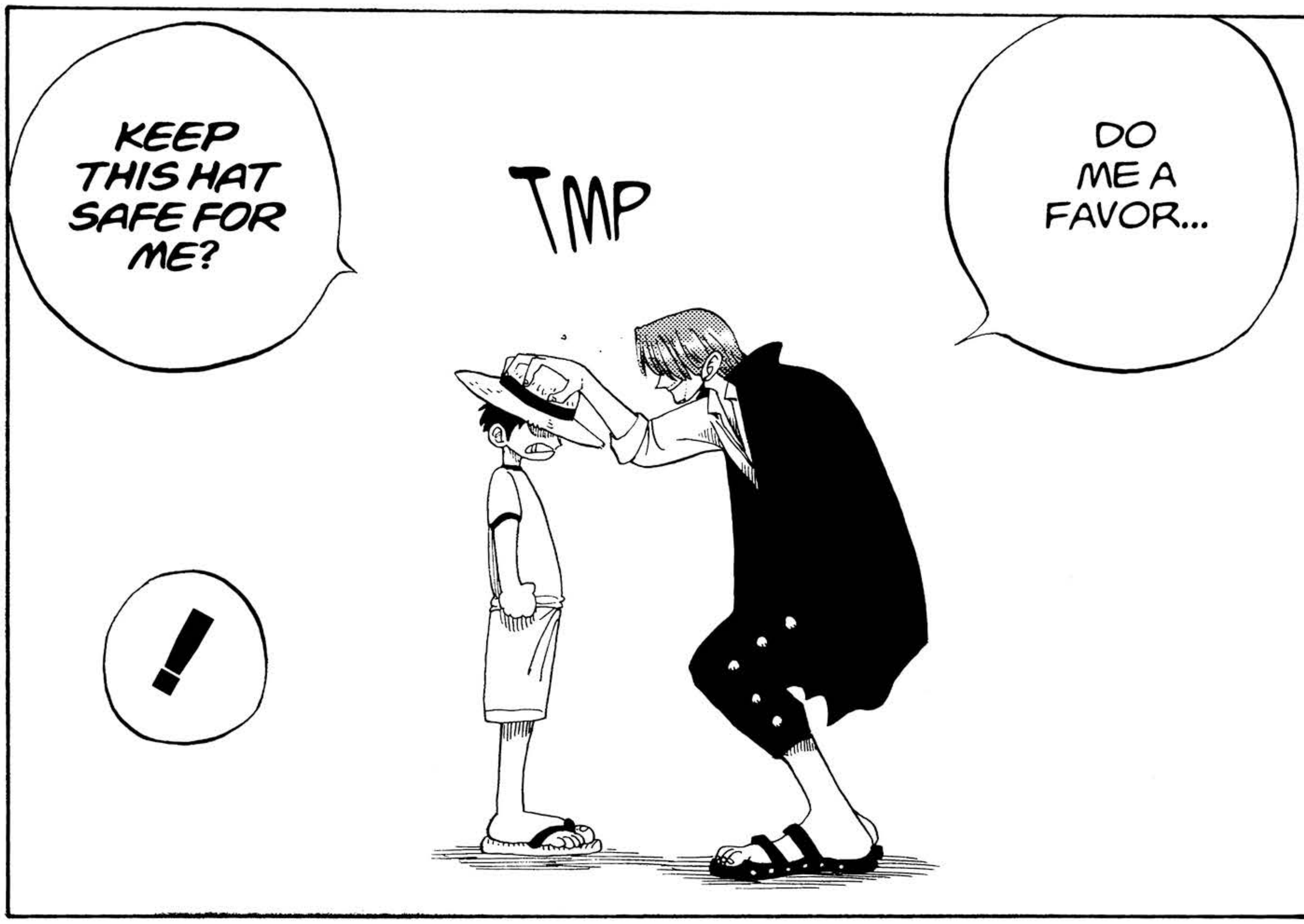
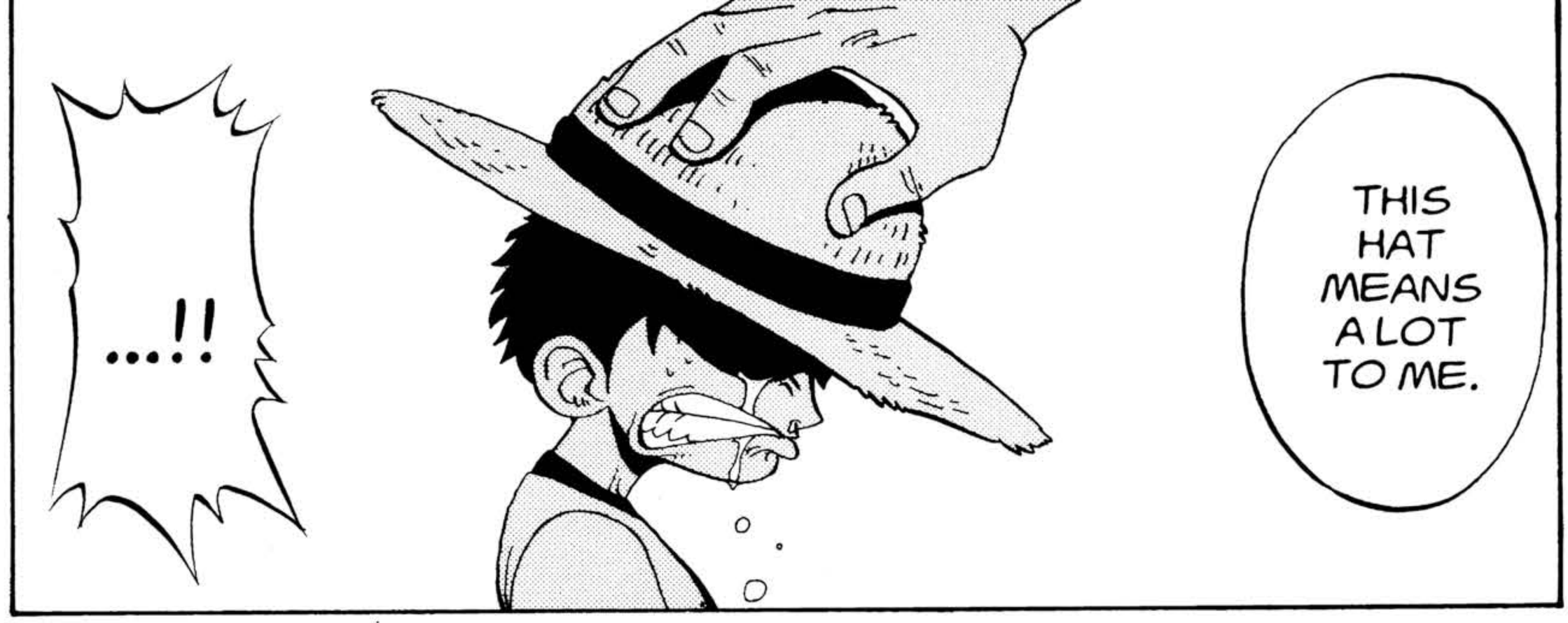
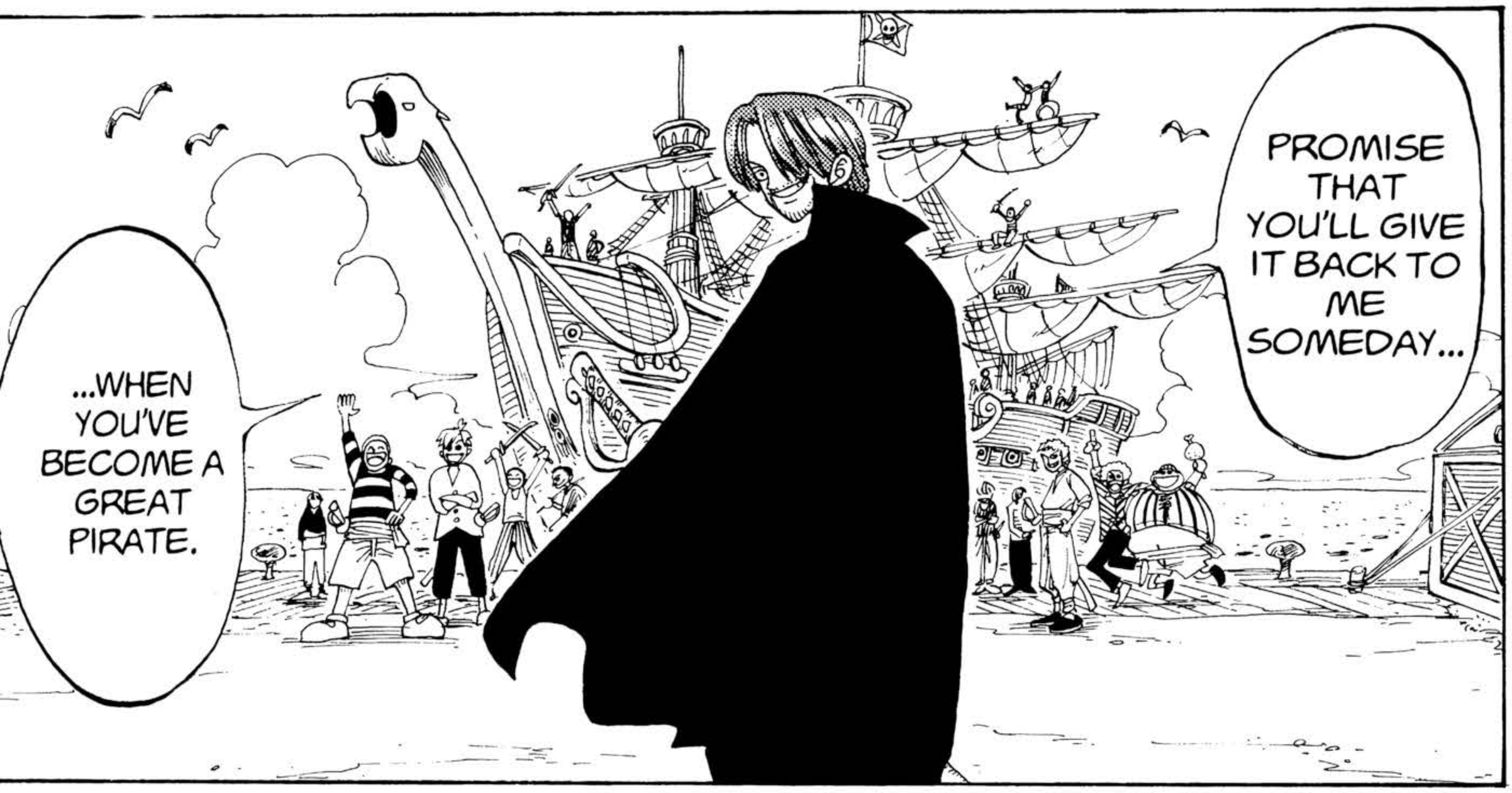
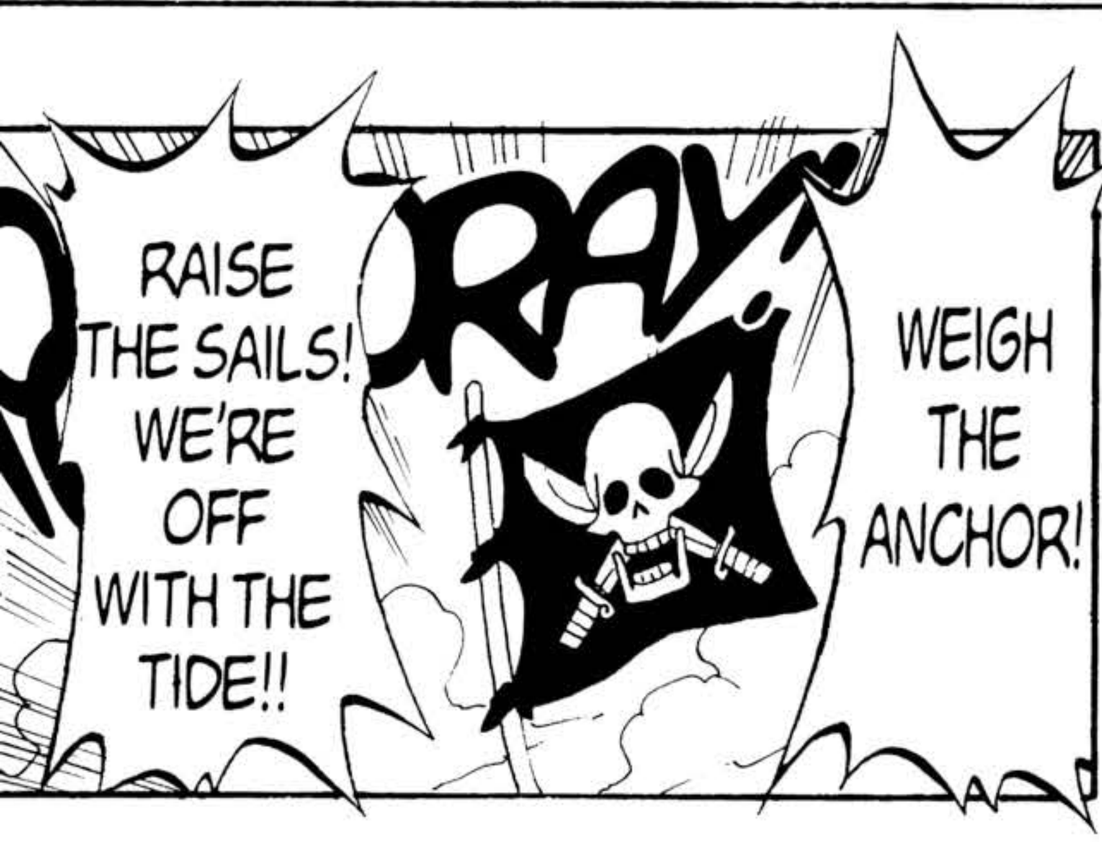
WELL THEN...


I'M GONNA BE KING OF THE PIRATES!!!

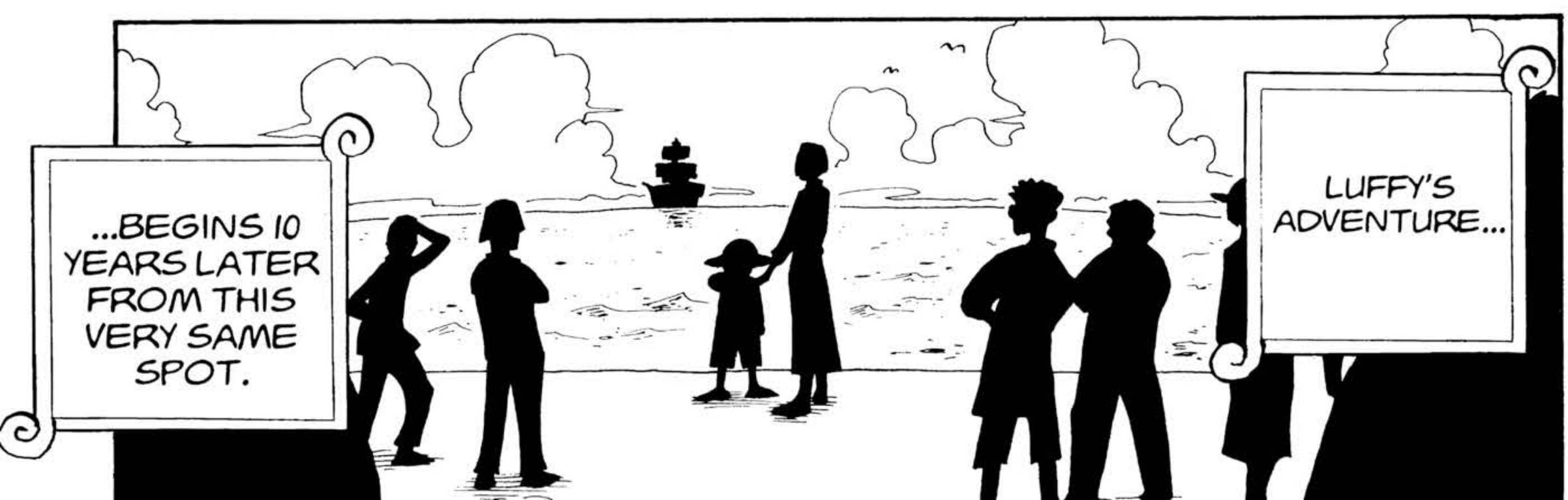

KEEP THIS HAT SAFE FOR ME?
TMP
DO ME A FAVOR...
!

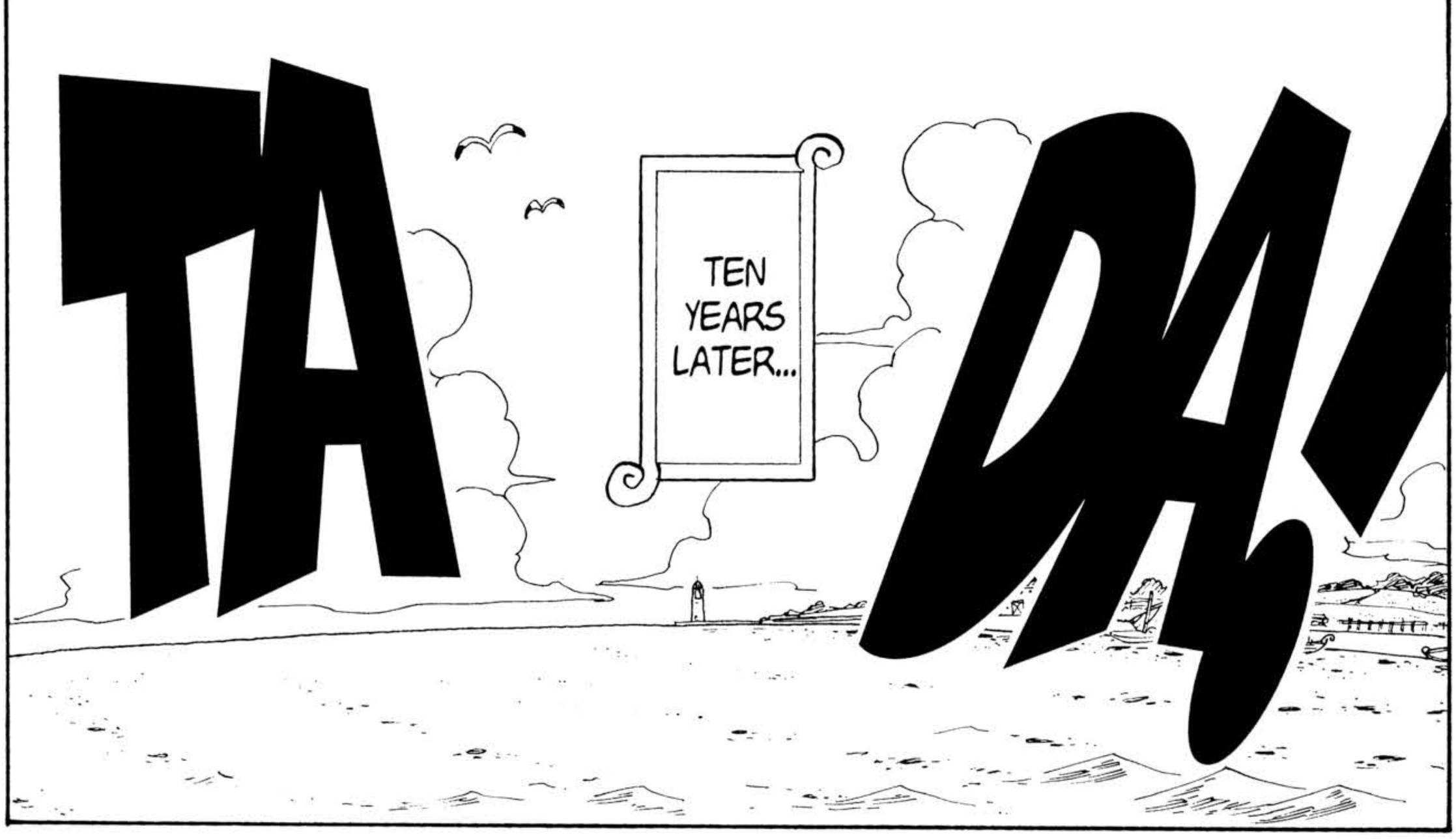

...!!
THIS HAT MEANS A LOT TO ME.


...WHEN YOU'VE BECOME A GREAT PIRATE.
PROMISE THAT YOU'LL GIVE IT BACK TO ME SOMEDAY...


RAISE THE SAILS! WE'RE OFF WITH THE TIDE!!
RAA
WEIGH THE ANCHOR!

HE ACTS JUST LIKE I DID WHEN I WAS A KID.
THAT KID'S GONNA MAKE SOME-THING OF HIMSELF.
YEAH...


...BEGINS 10 YEARS LATER FROM THIS VERY SAME SPOT.
LUFFY'S ADVENTURE...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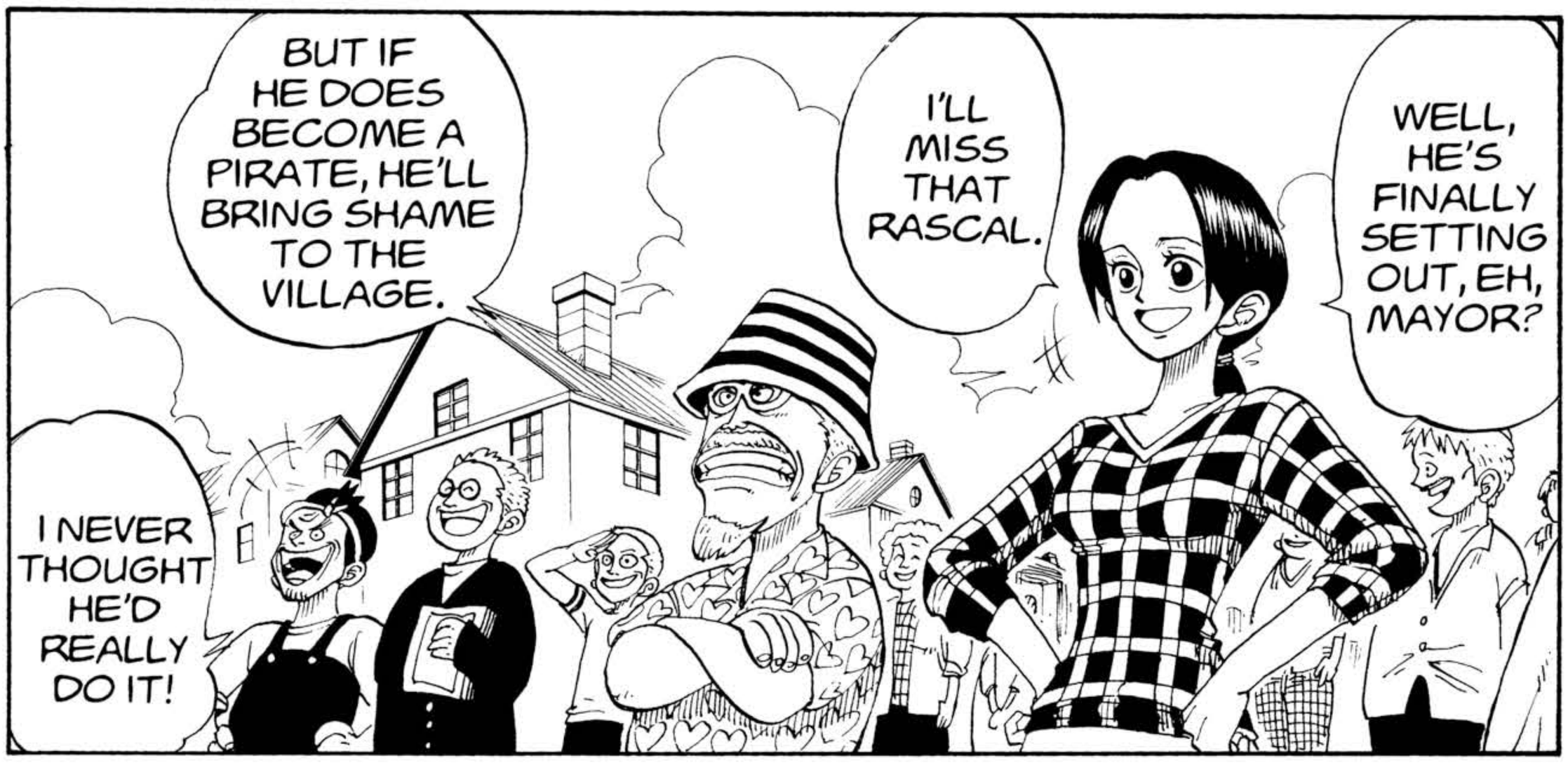
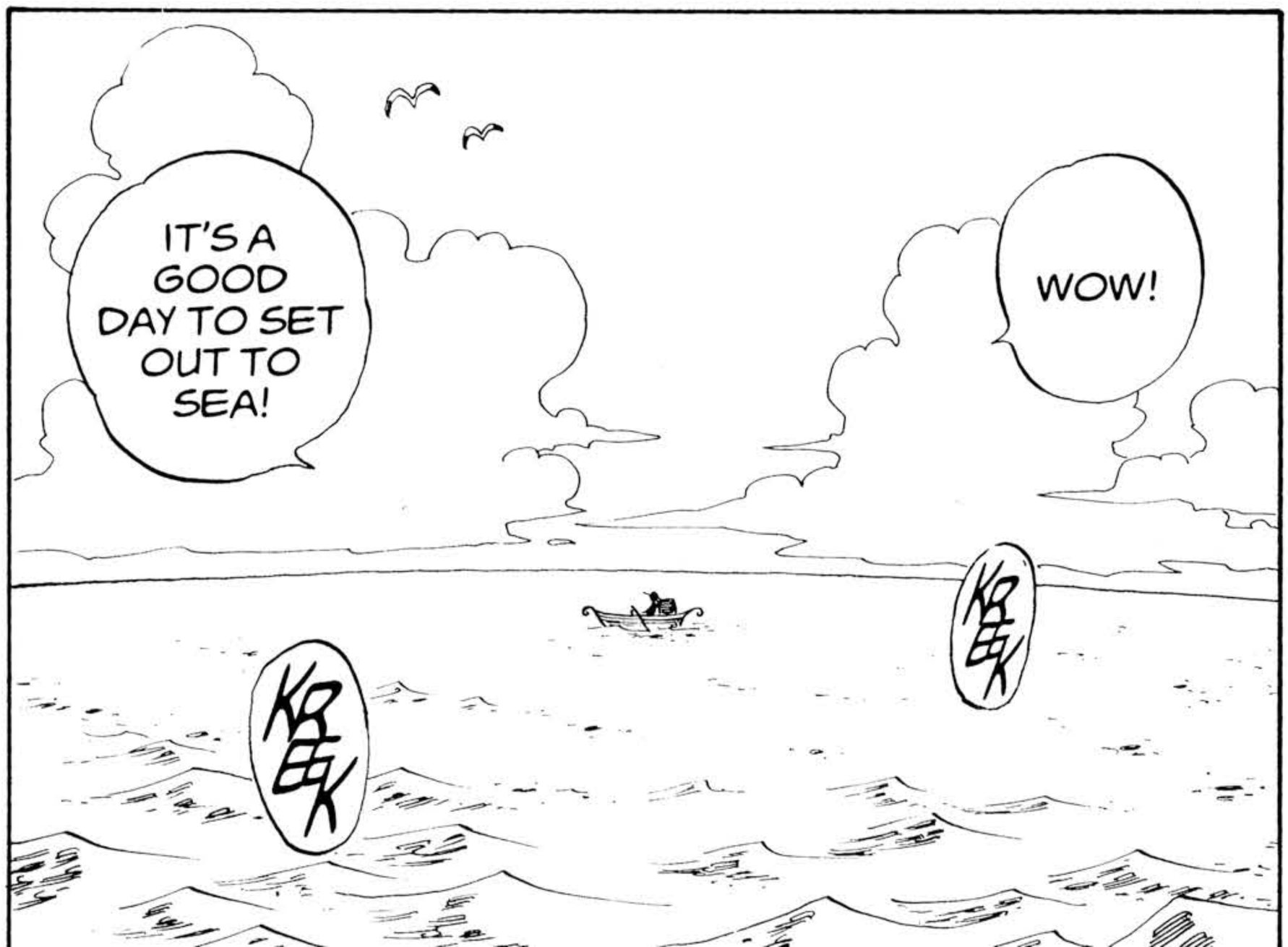
TEN YEARS LATER...
DA!


BUT IF HE DOES BECOME A PIRATE, HE'LL BRING SHAME TO THE VILLAGE.
I'LL MISS THAT RASCAL.
WELL, HE'S FINALLY SETTING OUT, EH, MAYOR?
I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D REALLY DO IT!

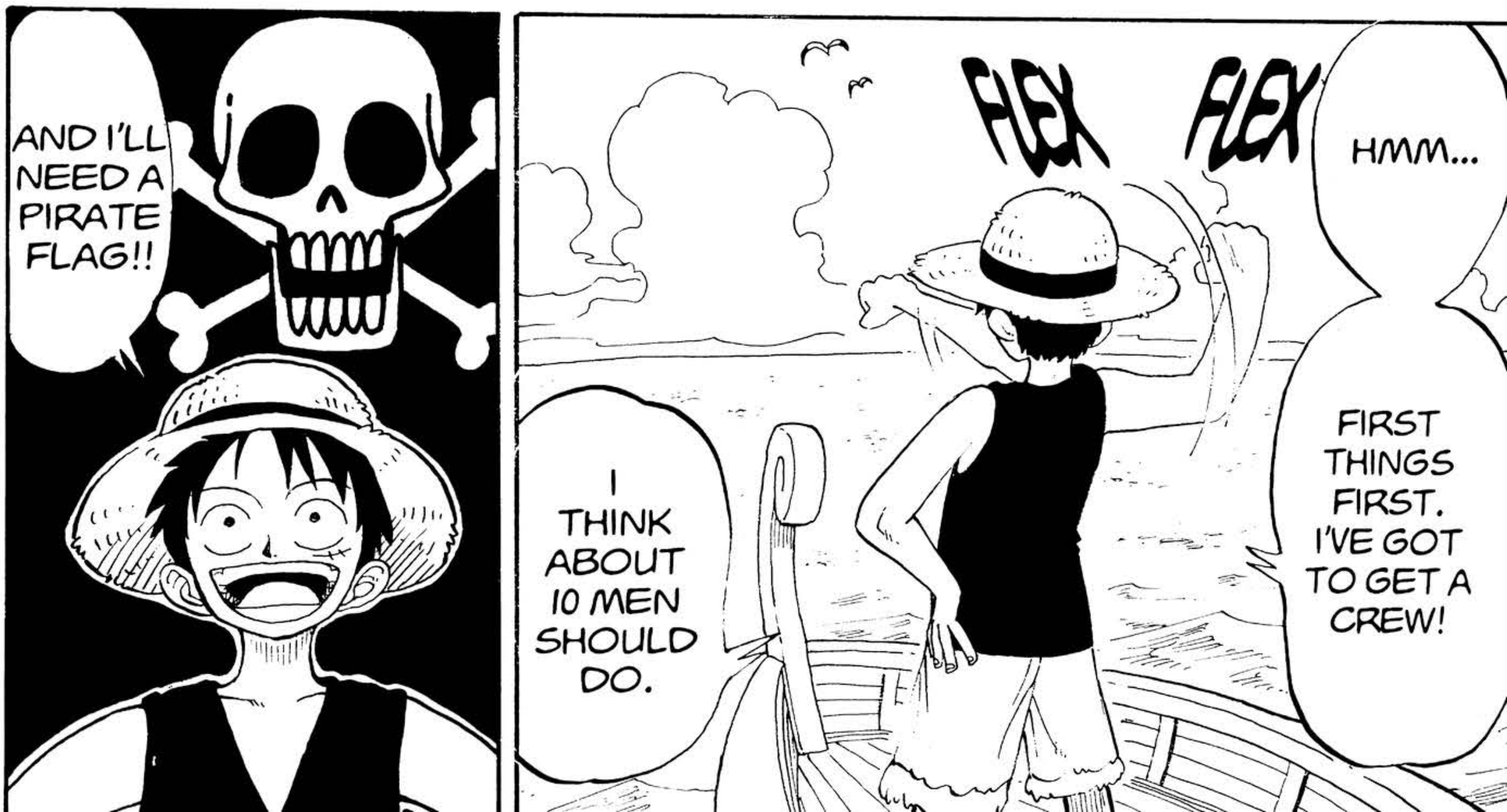

IT'S A GOOD DAY TO SET OUT TO SEA!
WOW!
KREEK
KREEK

SKREE
SKREE

READ THIS WAY
OUR LOCAL SEA MONSTER!
SORRY I HAVE TO DO THIS...
GRRR...
BUT HERE'S AN ATTACK I'VE BEEN PERFECTING SINCE THE LAST TIME WE MET!!
WHOA...
GUM-GUM...

...PISTOL!!!

SLAP
SPLOO
HMPH!
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET, YOU DARN FISH!


AND I'LL NEED A PIRATE FLAG!!
FLEX
FLEX
HMM...
I THINK ABOUT 10 MEN SHOULD DO.
FIRST THINGS FIRST. I'VE GOT TO GET A CREW!

LOOK OUT WORLD, HERE I COME!
I'M GOING TO BECOME...
...THE KING OF THE PIRATES!!!!
LUFFY'S GREAT VOYAGE OF DESTINY HAS BEGUN!!!
LUFFY'S TINY BOAT FLOATS ON, HIS CREW YET TO BE FOUND...

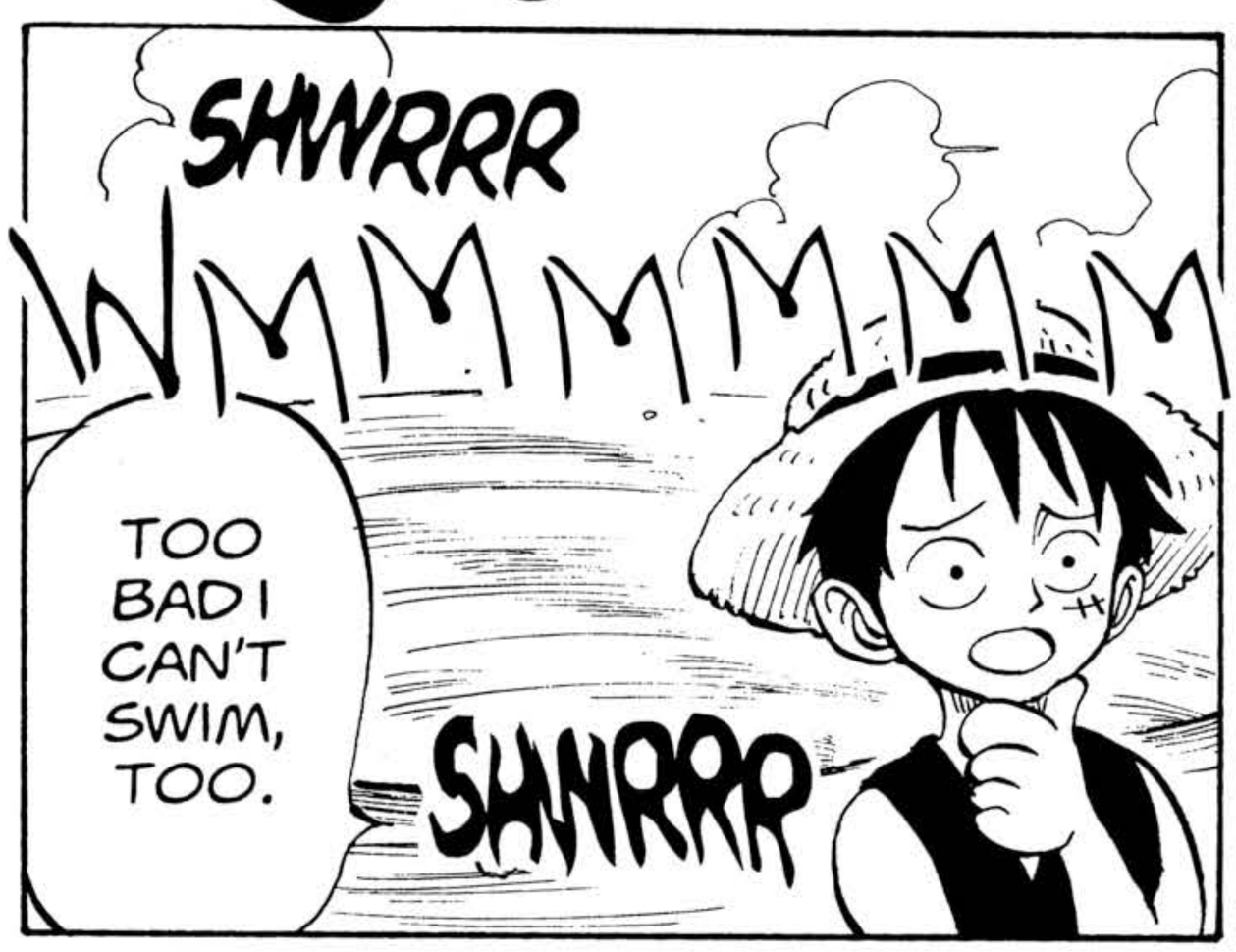
ONEPIECE
PIRATE CAPTAIN
RED-HAIRED SHANKS
FIRST MATE
ANCHOR
LUFFY AS A BOY

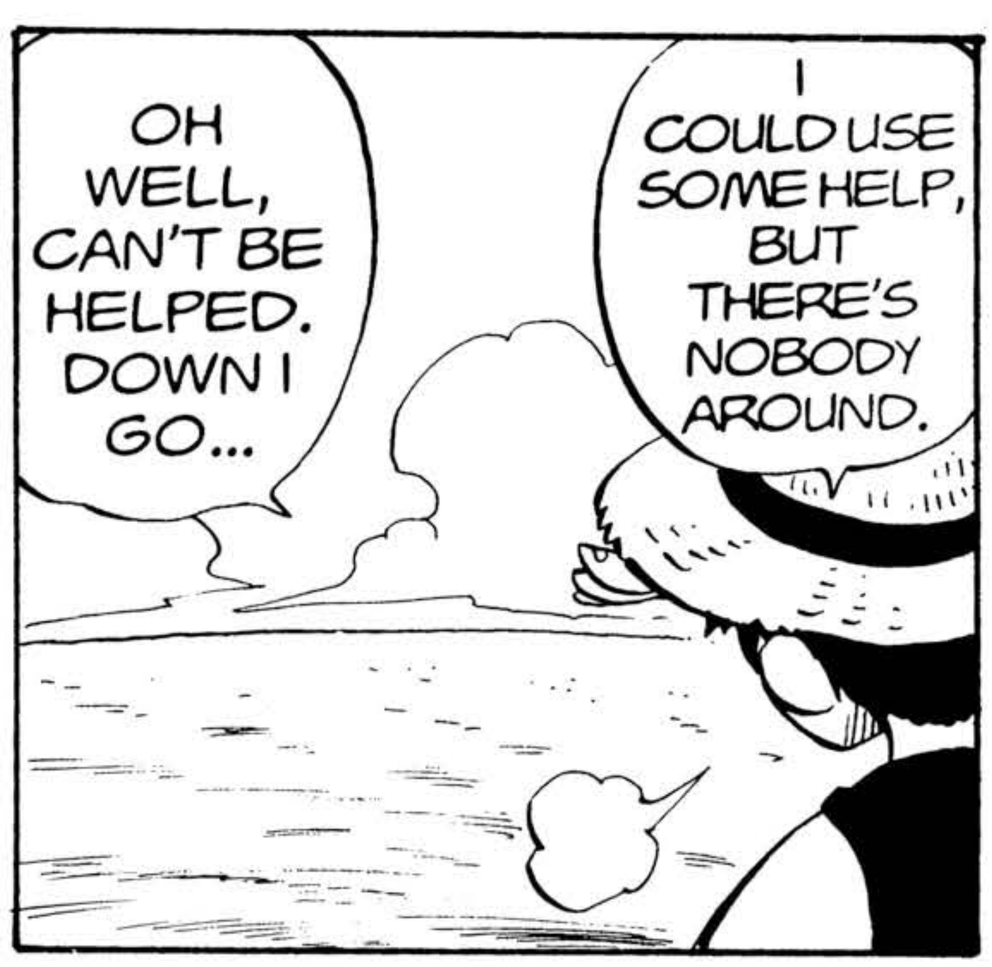
THIS IS NO ORDINARY BOY IN A ROWBOAT. THIS IS A BOY WITH A DREAM, CHALLENGING THE VAST, TREACHEROUS SEAS IN A TINY DINGHY, SEARCHING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MEN FOR HIS PIRATE CREW!
SKREE SKREE
WOW! WHAT A GREAT DAY!
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THIS VOYAGE WOULD END IN DISASTER SO SOON?
THE WEATHER'S SO NICE!
MONKEY D. LUFFY
CHAPTER 2: THEY CALL HIM "STRAW HAT LUFFY"

HARD WHIRRR

HARD TO BELIEVE THAT I'M GETTING SUCKED INTO THIS GIANT WHIRL-POOL...

MAYBE I WAS A LITTLE CARELESS...





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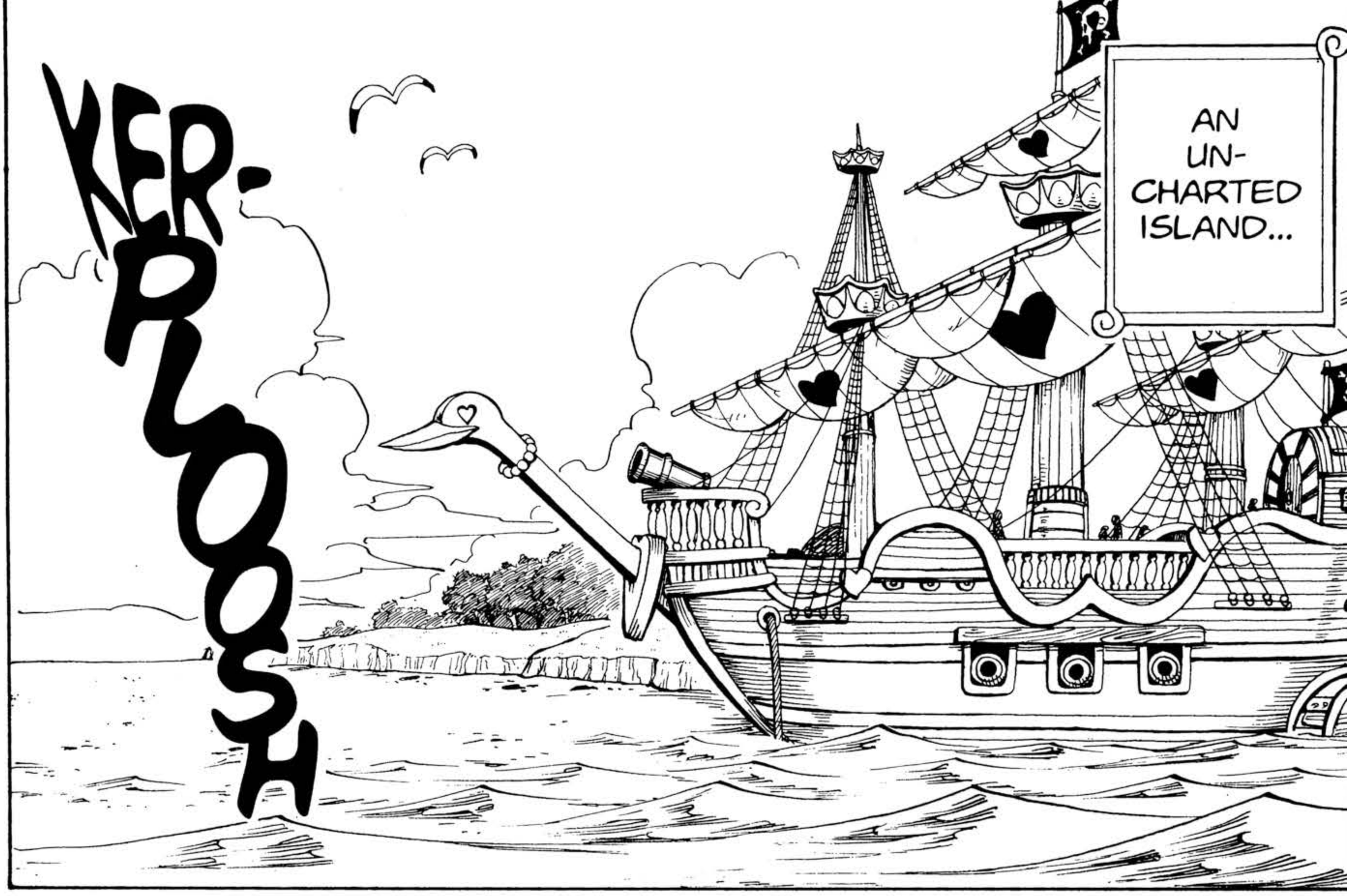
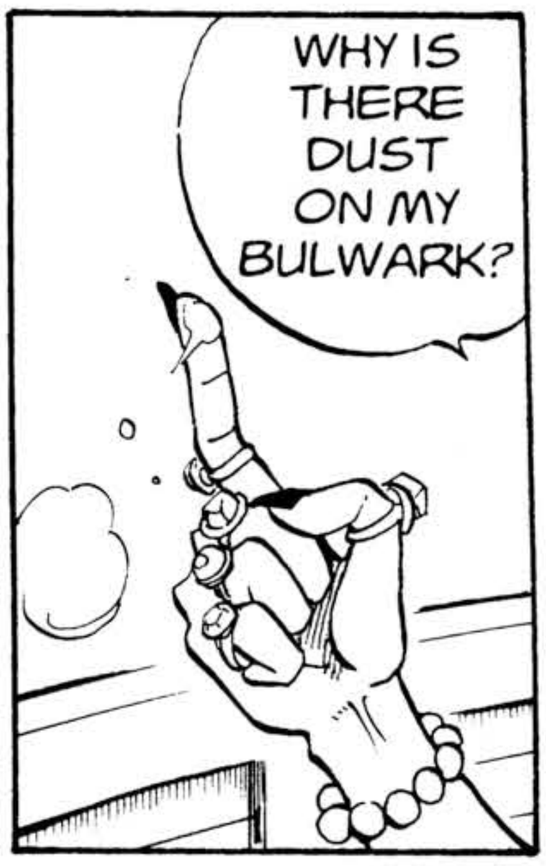
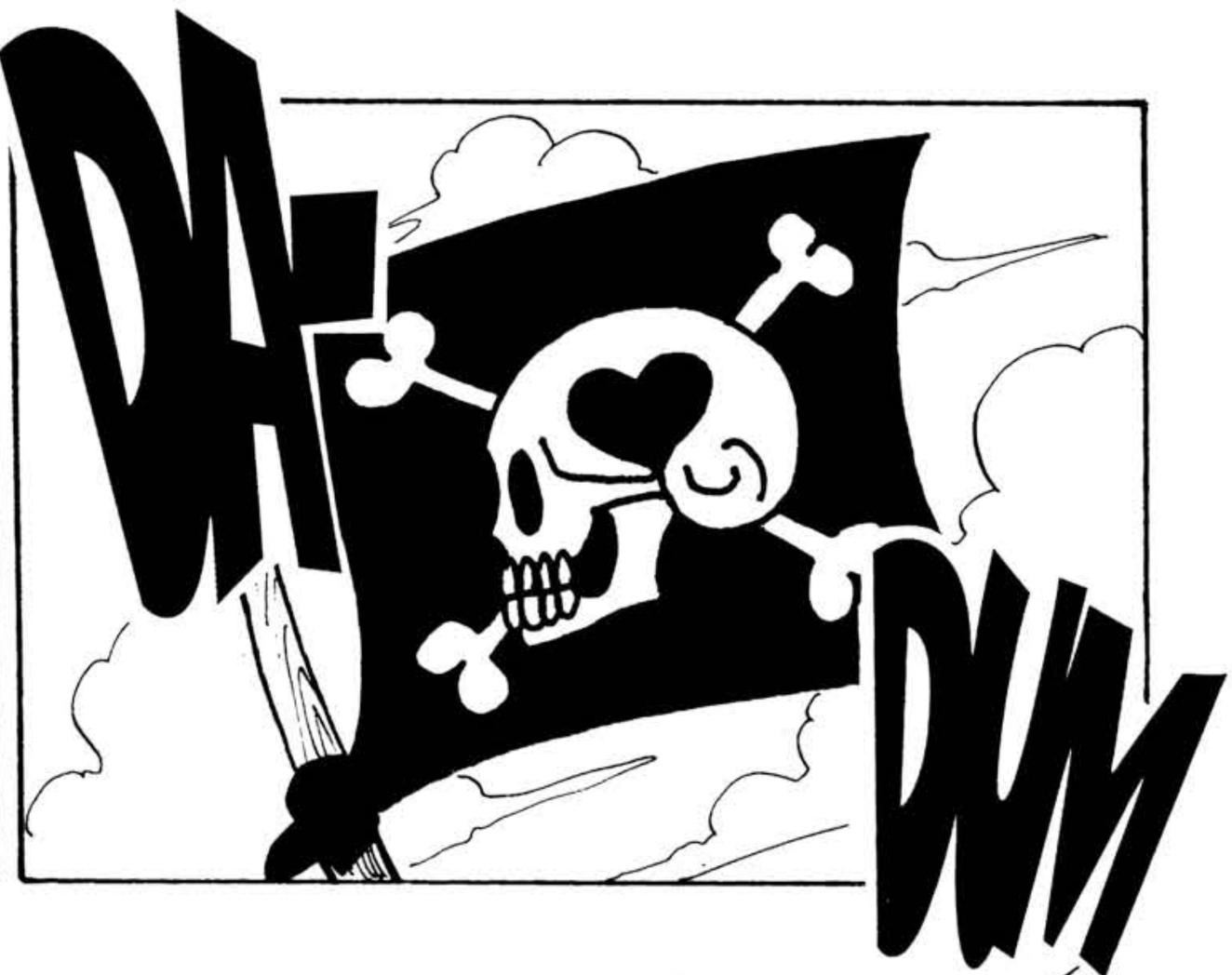

KER-PLOOSH
AN UN-CHARTED ISLAND...


WHY IS THERE DUST ON MY BULWARK?

SHWIK


DH-
DUM

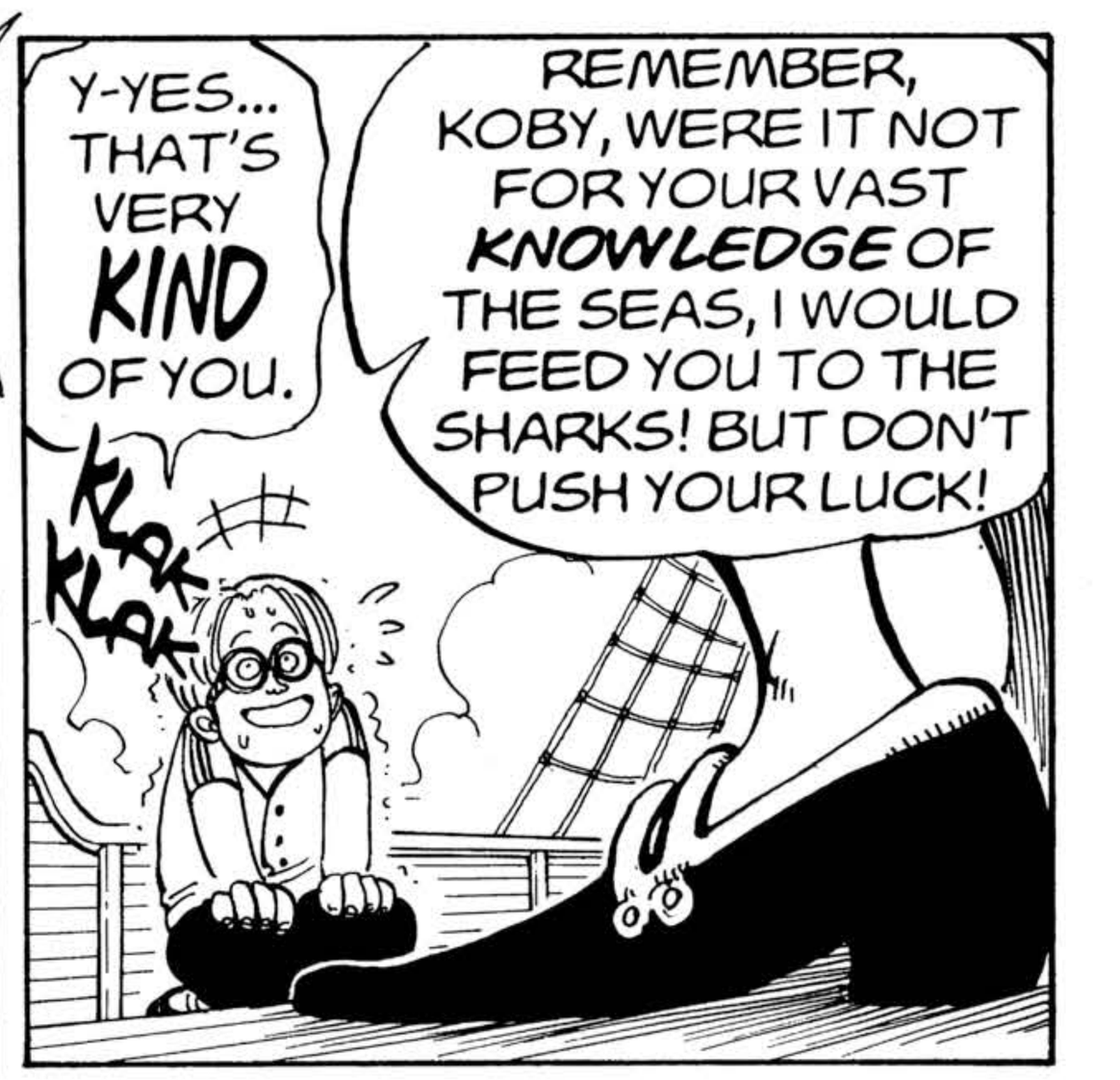
"PLEASE" WHAT...?
I'LL CLEAN EVERY-THING ALL OVER AGAIN! PLEASE--!
A THOUSAND PARDONS, LADY ALVIDA!!
I-I THOUGHT I'D CLEANED EVERY INCH OF THIS SHIP...!!

KOBY! WHO IS THE FAIREST THROUGHOUT ALL THE SEAS?
FWUMP
NO ONE COMPARES TO YOU!!
AHEM... HEH HEH... WHY YOU ARE... LADY ALVIDA!!

I-I DON'T WANNA DIE!!!
PLEASE, NOT THE IRON MACE!!
WOOF!

THE SHIP I SAIL IN MUST BE AS CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL AS I AM. UNDERSTAND?
WHOOOO
CORRECT!! WHICH IS WHY I WILL NOT TOLERATE ANYTHING DIRTY!!

Y-YES, LADY ALVIDA! RIGHT AWAY!
WHAM WHAM
EEEK
OTHER THAN THAT, YOU'RE WORTHLESS! HERE, SHINE MY SHOES!!


Y-YES... THAT'S VERY KIND OF YOU.
KLAK KLAK
REMEMBER, KOBY, WERE IT NOT FOR YOUR VAST KNOWLEDGE OF THE SEAS, I WOULD FEED YOU TO THE SHARKS! BUT DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK!

AYE AYE!

I DON'T WANT TO SEE EVEN ONE SPECK OF DUST ON THIS SHIP!!!

THAT'S ENOUGH!! YOU'RE PATHETIC!!

OOF!

WHAM

THE LADY PIRATE

IRON MACE ALVIDA

YES, MILADY! RIGHT AWAY...

HEH HEH...

IF YOU'VE GOT TIME TO GROVEL, THEN YOU'VE GOT TIME TO SCRUB THE TOILET!!

HEH HEH HEH... SORRY...

...RIGHT AWAY...

...

SLUMP

SHE'LL NEVER FIND OUT!

BUT IF THE CAPTAIN FINDS OUT, SHE'LL HAVE OUR HEADS!

WELL I KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT! LET'S DRINK IT ALL UP!

Y-YEAH. AND IT'S NOT EMPTY! I WASN'T SURE WHAT TO DO WITH IT...

ROLL

WHAT'S *THAT*, KOBY? DID A BARREL OF RUM WASH UP ON THE BEACH?

RIGHT! I-I AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN'! HEH HEH HEH

AND YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN', RIGHT, KOBY?

PLEASE DON'T HIT ME...

GRR

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

JUST KOBY AND THE THREE OF US KNOW ABOUT THIS.

WE'RE THE ONLY ONES HERE.

THAT WAS A GREAT NAP!!!
WHAT THE DEVIL!?
AAAA

Hmm?

...!?

HUH!?

...!?

WOOSH

BACK TO WORK, YOU SCURVY DOGS!!!

WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THERE!?

WHO THE HECK ARE YOU!!?

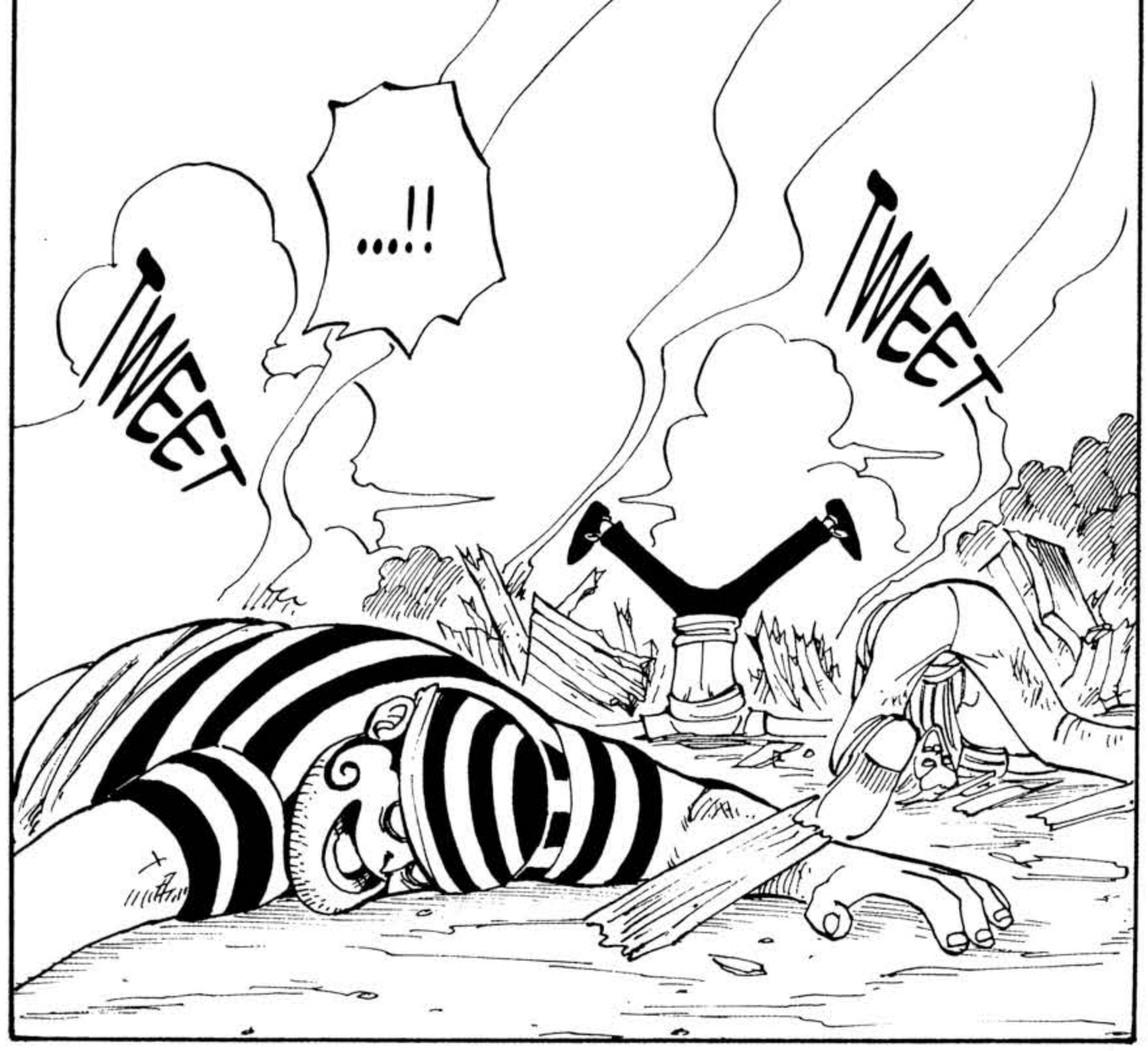
WHO ARE YOU GUYS?

WABBA

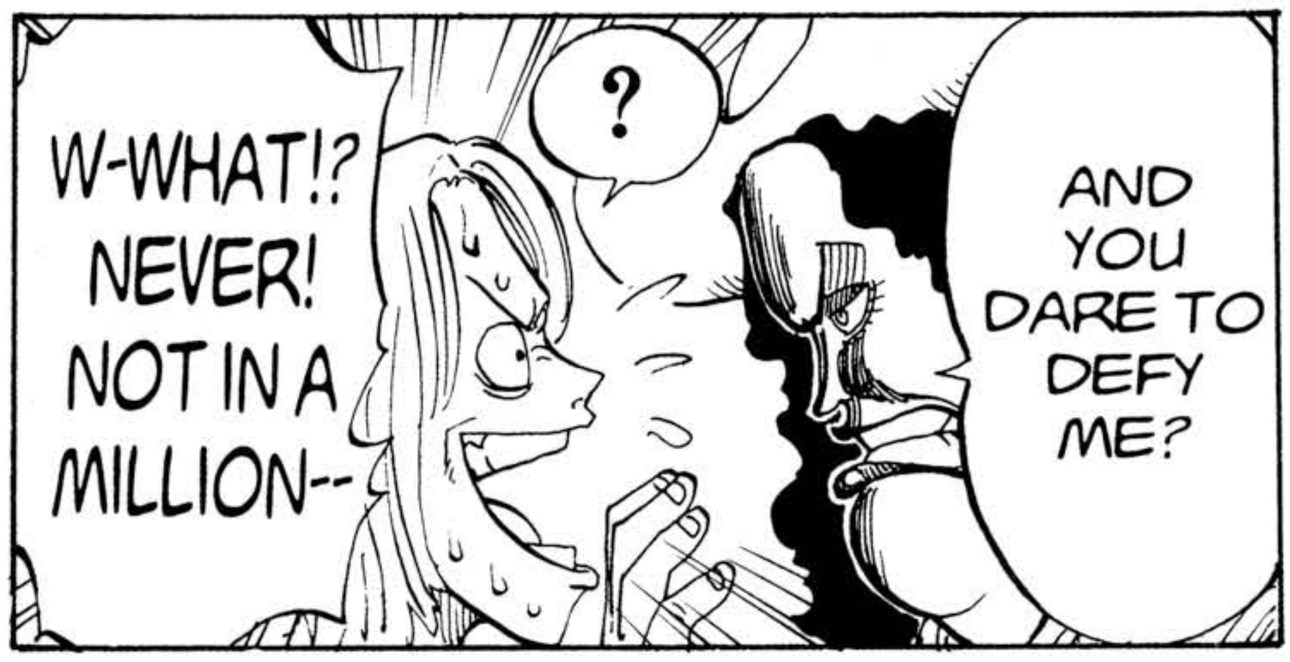
ARRGH!

!!!

ARRGH!

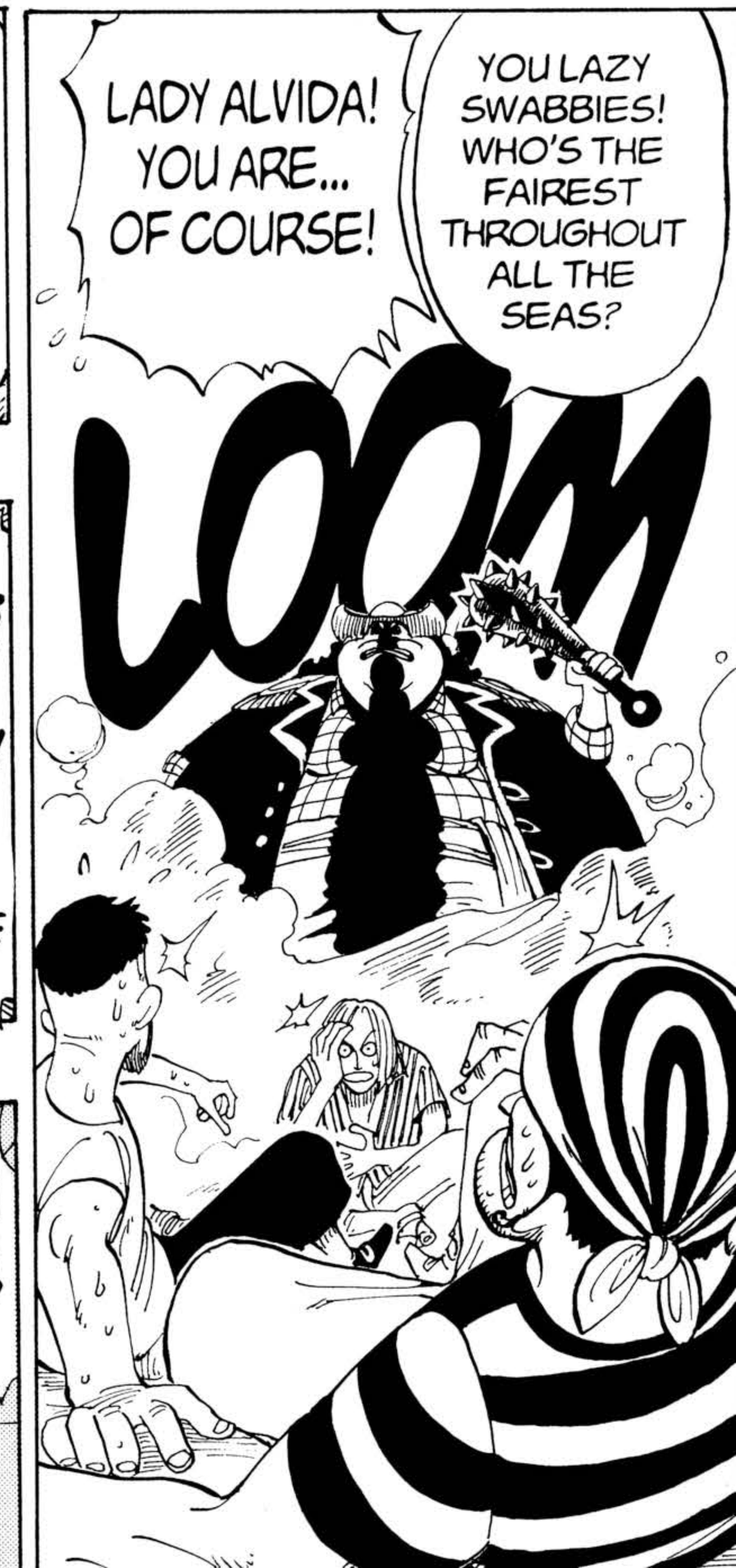

TWEET
...!!
TWEET

WHOOSH
WHOA!
KRASH
OH!


W-WHAT!? NEVER! NOT IN A MILLION--
?
AND YOU DARE TO DEFY ME?

WHICH ONE OF YOU HAD SUCH A "GREAT NAP"!
DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME! I COULD HEAR YOU TALKING ALL THE WAY FROM THE SHIP!

GASP!
THAT WAS A GREAT NAP!!!
TA-DA!!
YAAAAAAAA!!!!


LADY ALVIDA! YOU ARE... OF COURSE!
YOU LAZY SWABBIES! WHO'S THE FAIREST THROUGHOUT ALL THE SEAS?
LOOM!

...AFTER THE PRICE ON MY HEAD?

KOBY! YOU TRAITOR-OUS LITTLE RUNT!

WHAT!? COULD HE BE A BOUNTY HUNTER...

YEAH! THAT GOOD FORNOTHIN' KOBY BROUGHT THAT STRANGE FELLER HERE!

UH... CAPTAIN! WE HAVE AN INTRUDER!!

AND THEY SAY THAT THE INFAMOUS RORONOA ZOLO IS THAT CLEVER!!

BUT IF HE'S AS CLEVER AS THEY SAY... HE MIGHT'VE ESCAPED!

THAT'S RIDICULOUS!! THE NAVY HAS HIM LOCKED UP...

BUT THE ONLY BOUNTY HUNTER BOLD ENOUGH TO COME HERE...

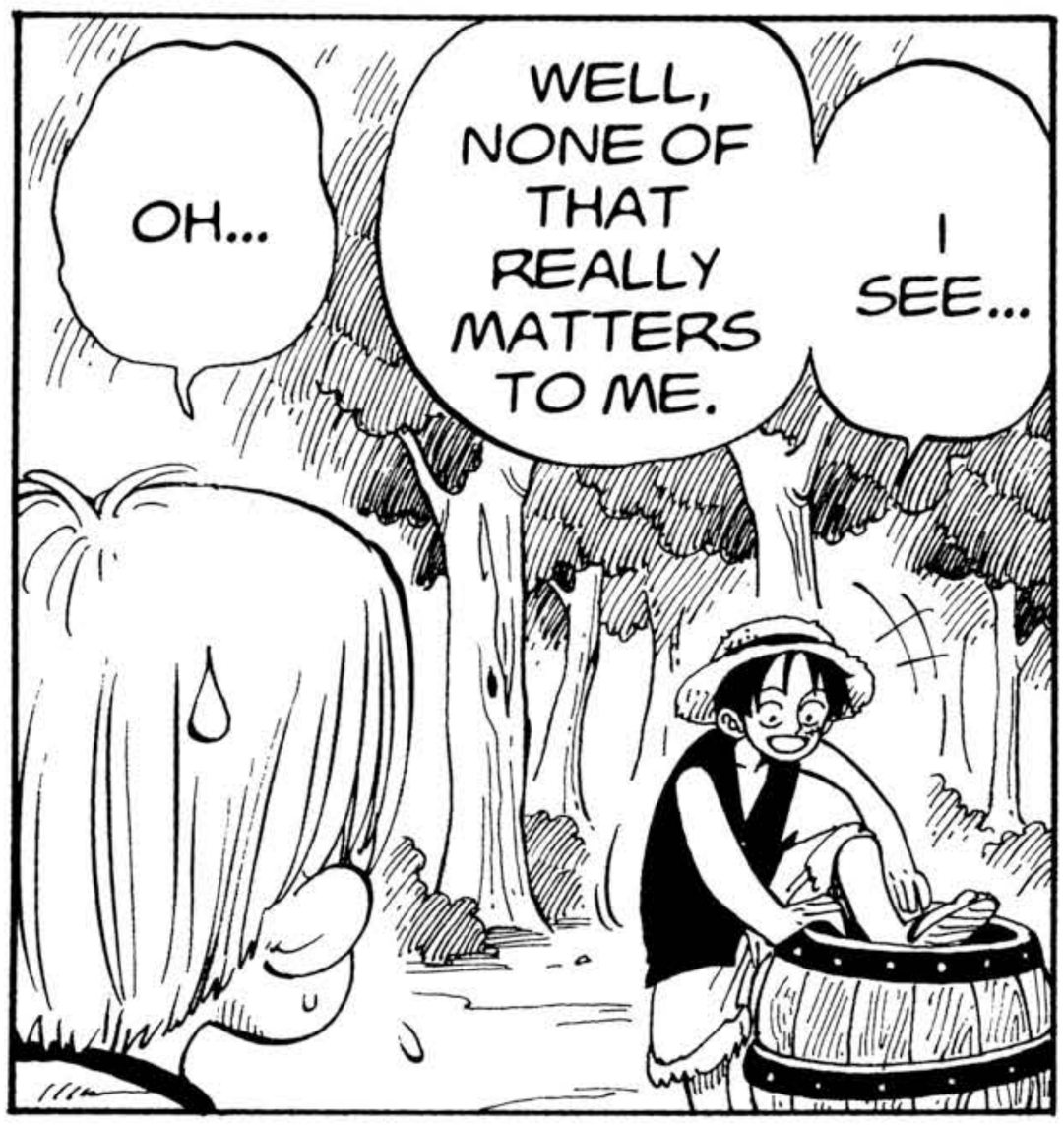
I'M FINE, JUST A LITTLE SURPRISED IS ALL.

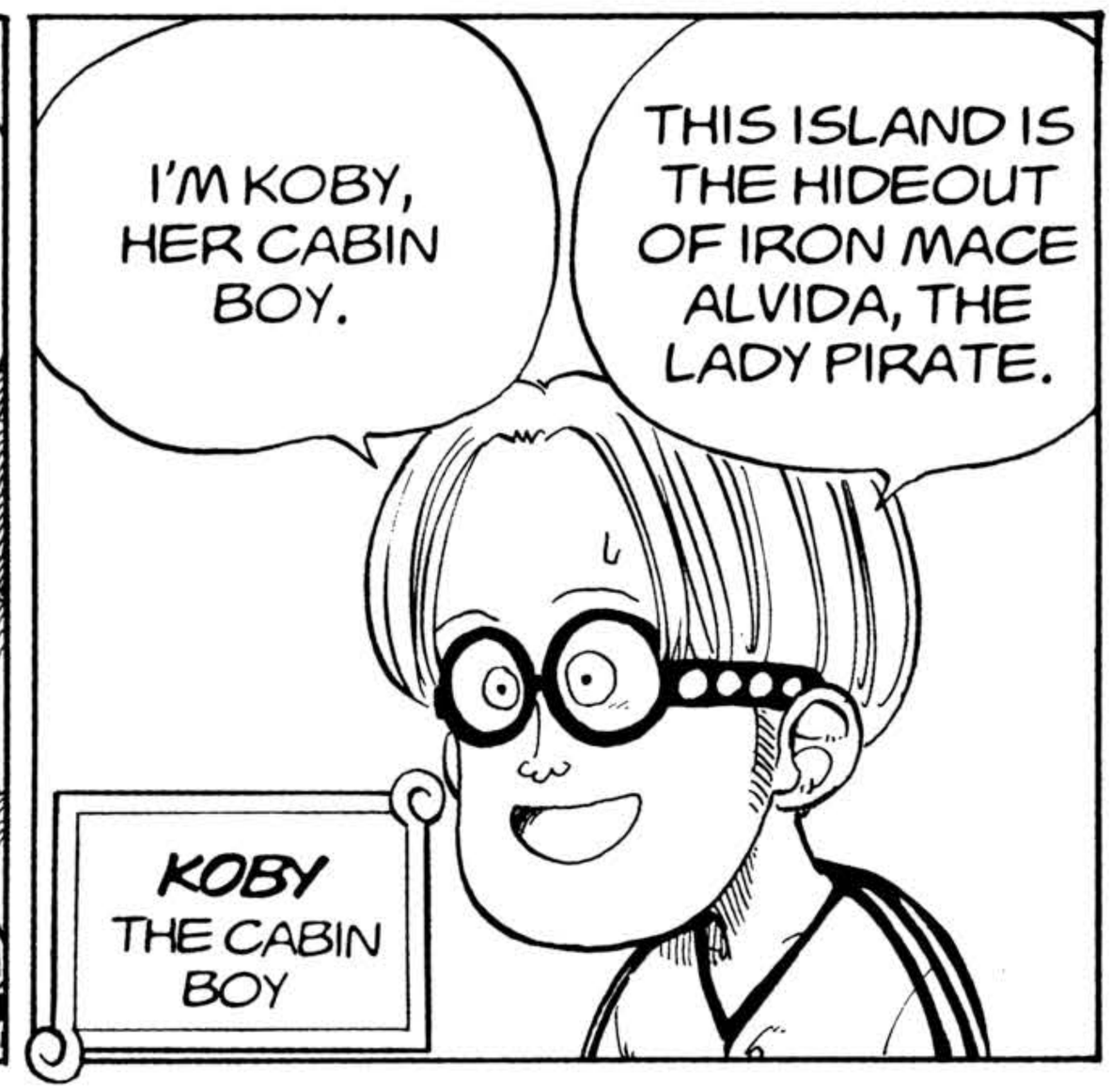
MY NAME'S LUFFY! WHERE AM I?

HA HA HA HA!

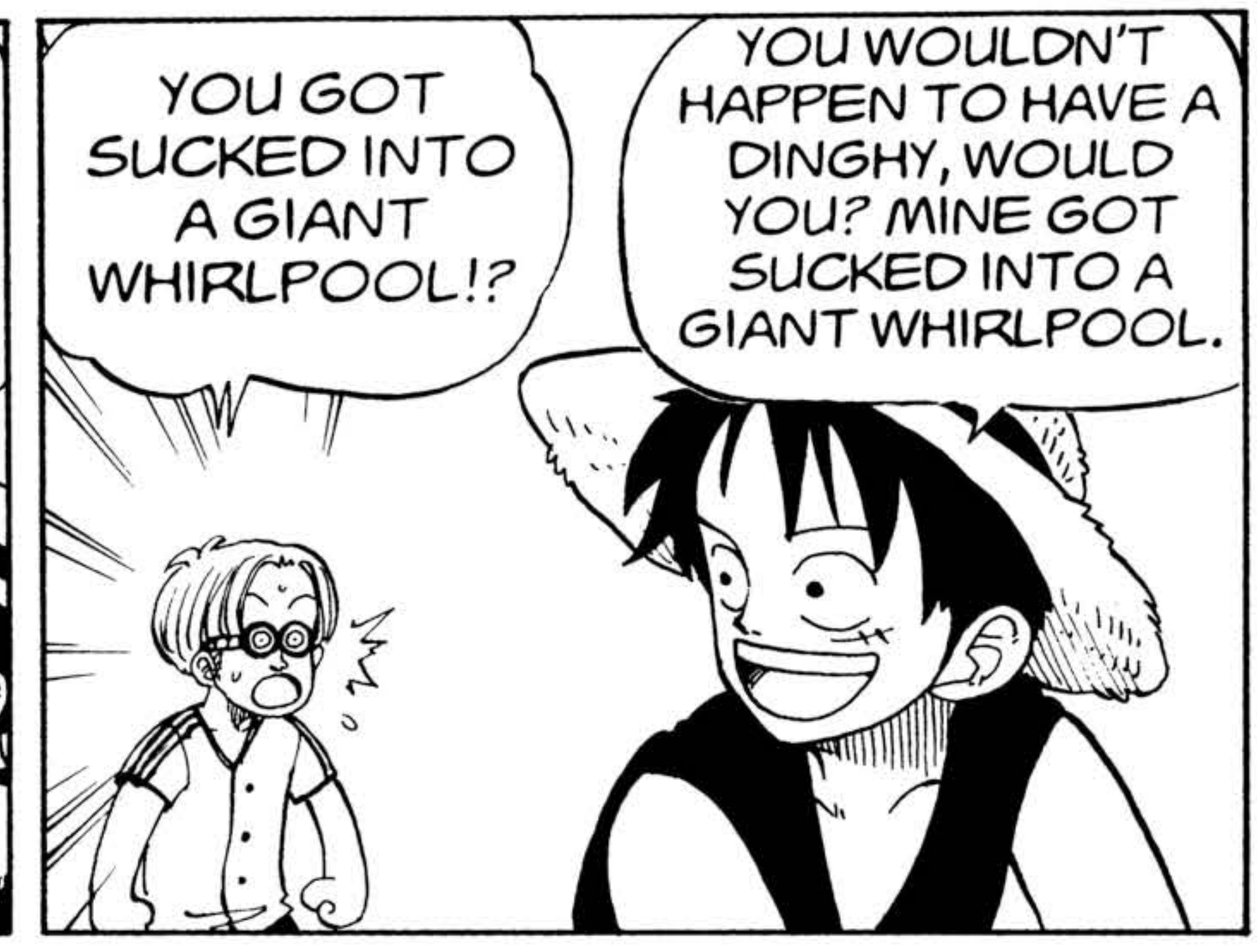
AFTER GETTING KNOCKED AROUND SO MUCH YOU MUST BE—

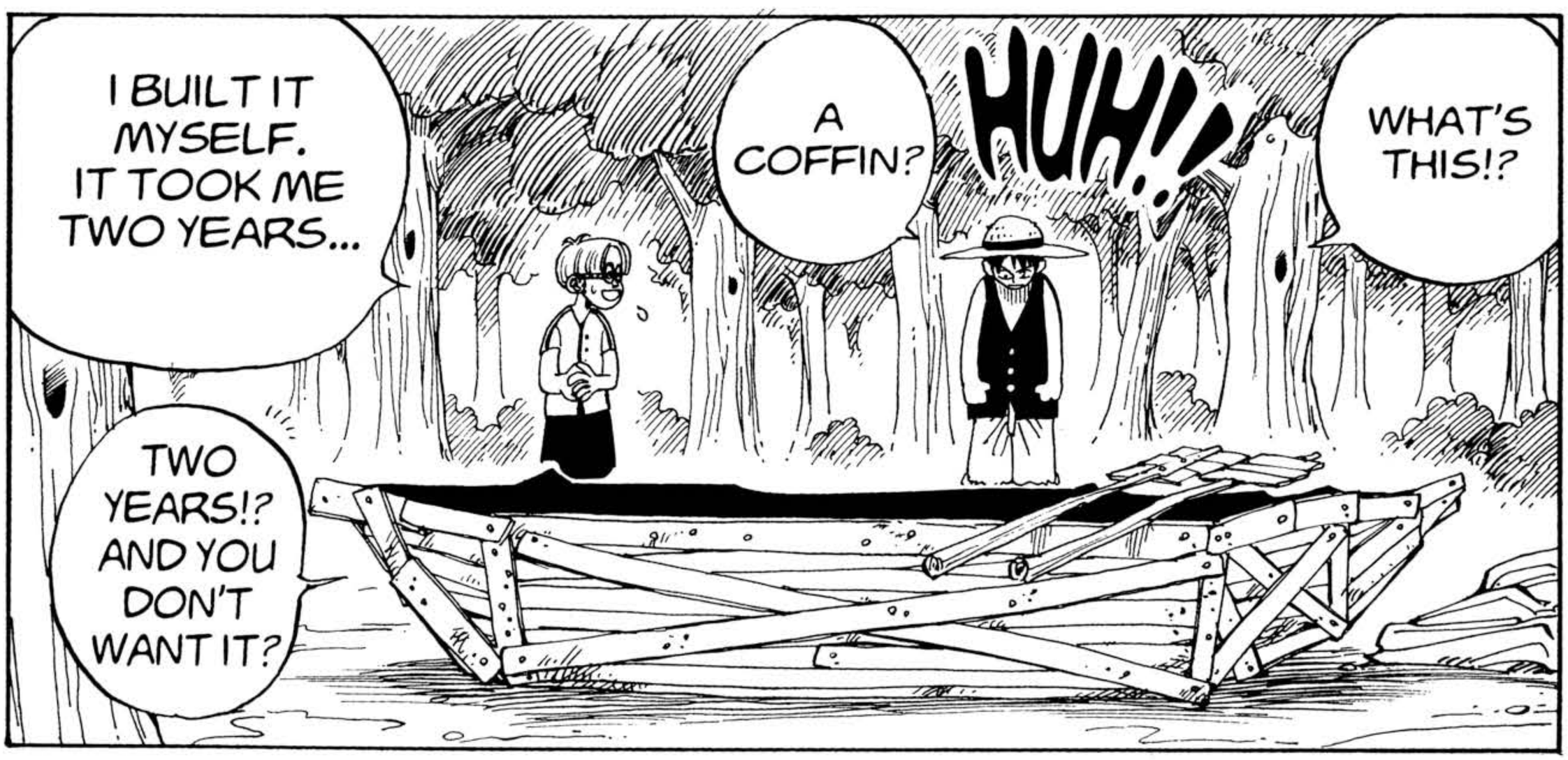
UM... ARE YOU OKAY? ARE YOU HURT?


OH...
WELL, NONE OF THAT REALLY MATTERS TO ME.
I SEE...


I'M KOBY, HER CABIN BOY.
THIS ISLAND IS THE HIDEOUT OF IRON MACE ALVIDA, THE LADY PIRATE.
KOBY THE CABIN BOY

...BUT IF IT'S A DINGHY YOU WANT, I HAVE ONE... SORTA...
YOU'RE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE!
YEAH, IT CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE!
PHEW


YOU GOT SUCKED INTO A GIANT WHIRLPOOL!?
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO HAVE A DINGHY, WOULD YOU? MINE GOT SUCKED INTO A GIANT WHIRLPOOL.


I BUILT IT MYSELF. IT TOOK ME TWO YEARS...
A COFFIN?
HUH!!
WHAT'S THIS!?
TWO YEARS!? AND YOU DON'T WANT IT?

N-NO WAY! JUST THINKING ABOUT WHAT ALVIDA WOULD DO TO ME IF SHE CAUGHT ME MAKES MY BLADDER WEAK...

WHY DON'T YOU JUST ESCAPE?

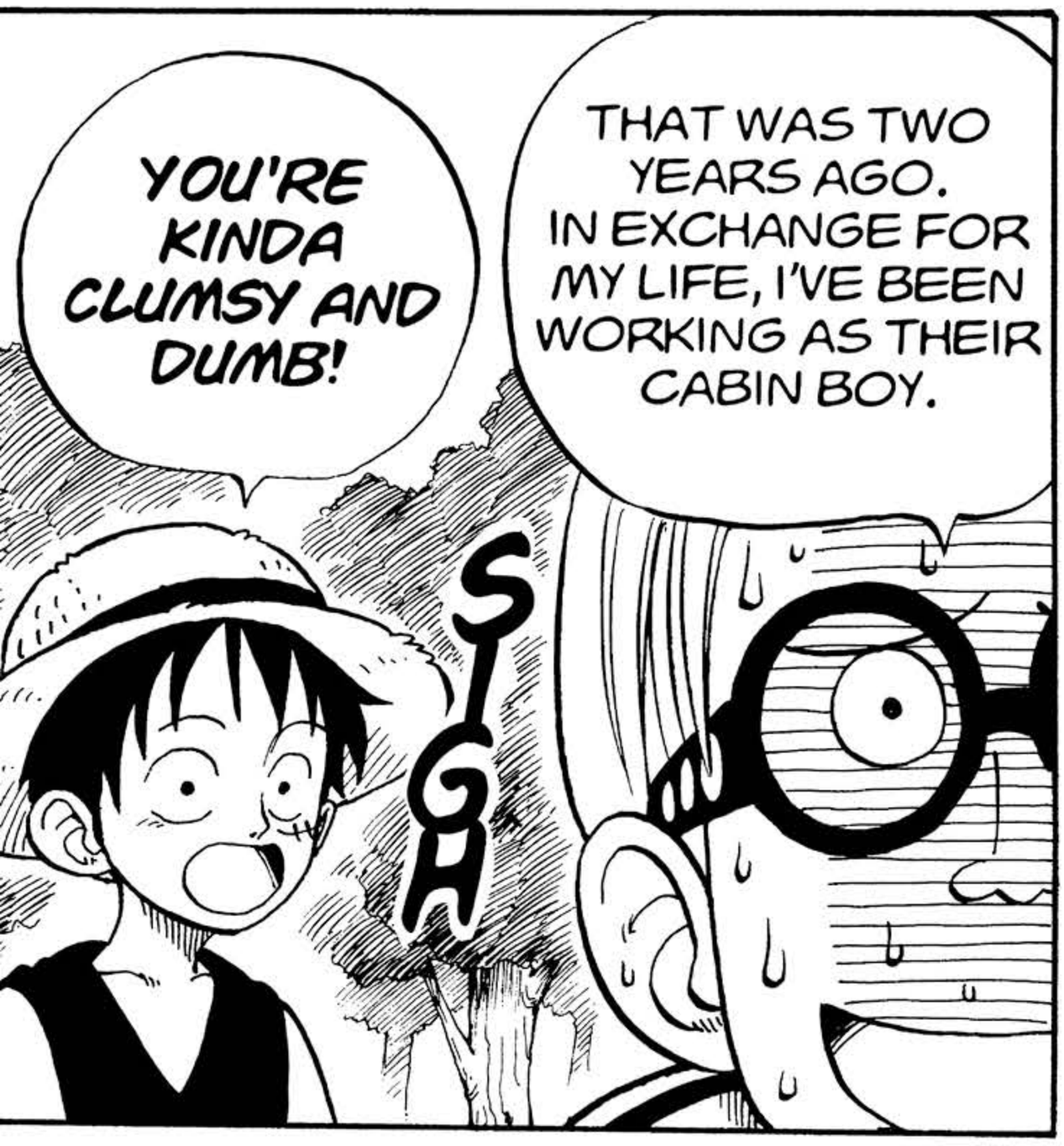
I JUST CAN'T RISK IT...

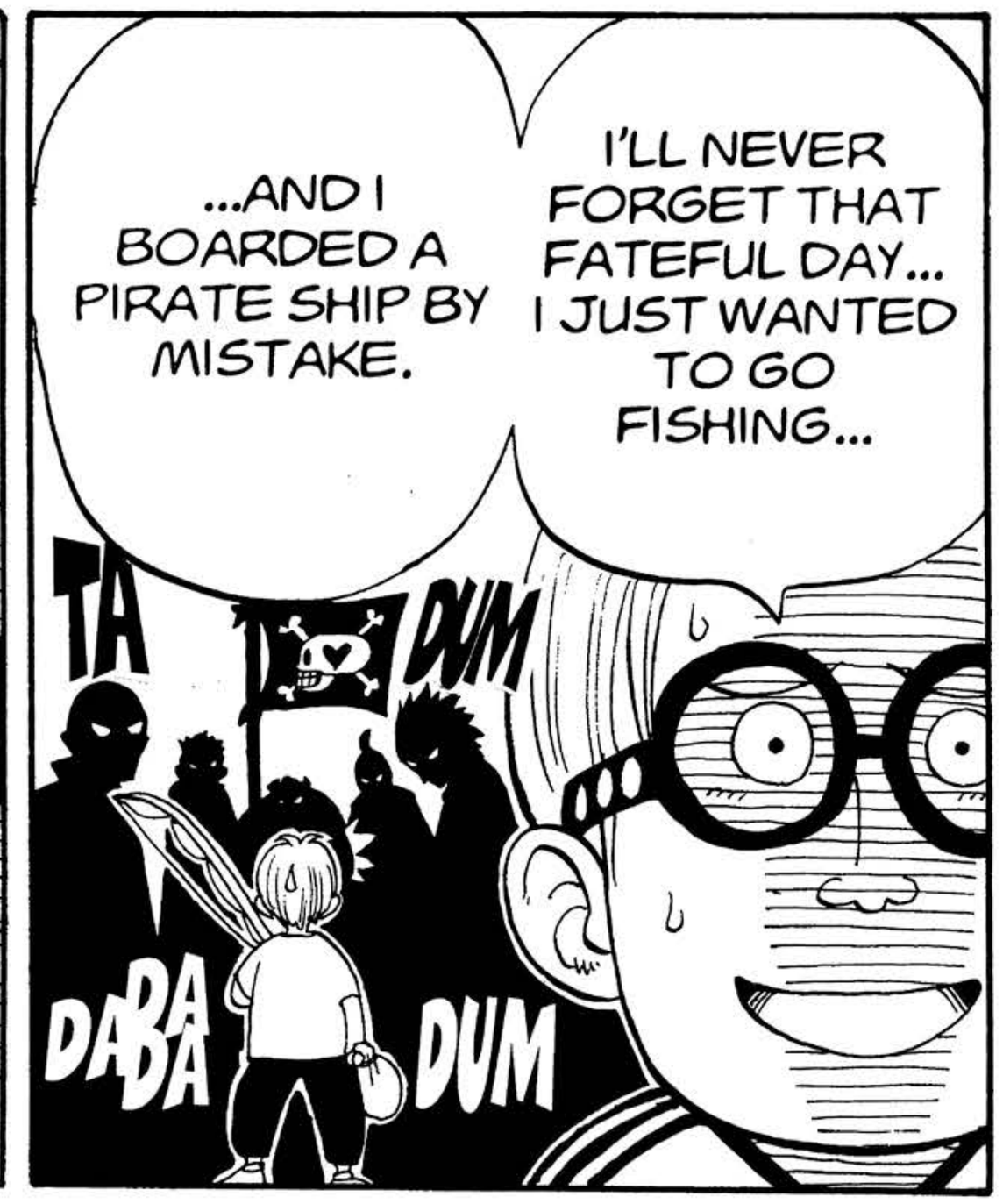
NOPE NOPE NOPE NOPE NOPE NOPE NOPE NOPE

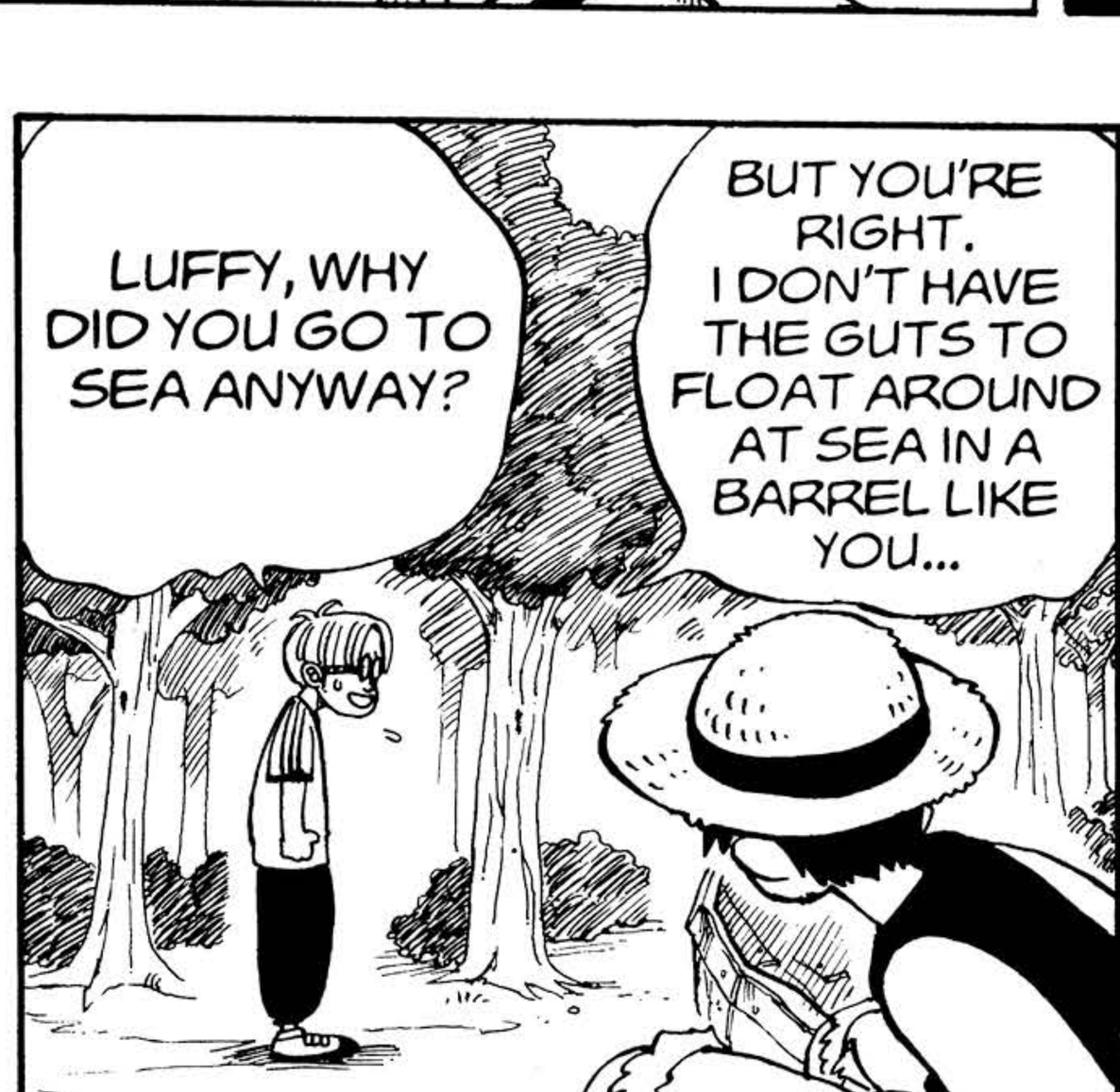
...BUT I DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO TRY IT. I GUESS IT'S MY FATE TO BE A CABIN BOY FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

BUT I *ONCE* HAD A DIFFERENT DREAM.

...I REALLY DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE. I BUILT IT TO ESCAPE FROM THIS PLACE...







I'M GONNA BE THE KING OF THE PIRATES!!!

SMIRK

WELL, YA SEE...

BUT... YOU'D HAVE TO MAKE THE WHOLE WORLD KNEEL TO YOU!!!

K-KING OF THE PIRATES!!!?

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE AFTER GOLD ROGER'S LOST TREASURE, "ONE PIECE"!!!!

WEALTH, FAME, POWER-- YOU'D HAVE TO ACHIEVE IT ALL!!!

YOU WANT TO BE THE KING OF THE PIRATES IN THE GOLDEN AGE OF PIRACY!?

NEVER NEVER NEVER

BUT THE ODDS AGAINST YOU ARE ASTRO-NOMICAL!!?

IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN!!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!

AND SO AM I.

EVERY PIRATE IN THE WORLD IS AFTER THAT!!

DO YOU WANT TO DIE!?

I'M NOT AFRAID TO DIE, KOBY!

HEH HEH HEH...

OKAY, I'M USED TO IT.

HUH!?

YOU WERE HYSTERICAL.

KLONK

W-WHY'D YOU HIT ME!?

HEY!

WHAT GUTS... WHAT DETERMINATION!!

Y-YOU'RE NOT EVEN AFRAID TO DIE!?

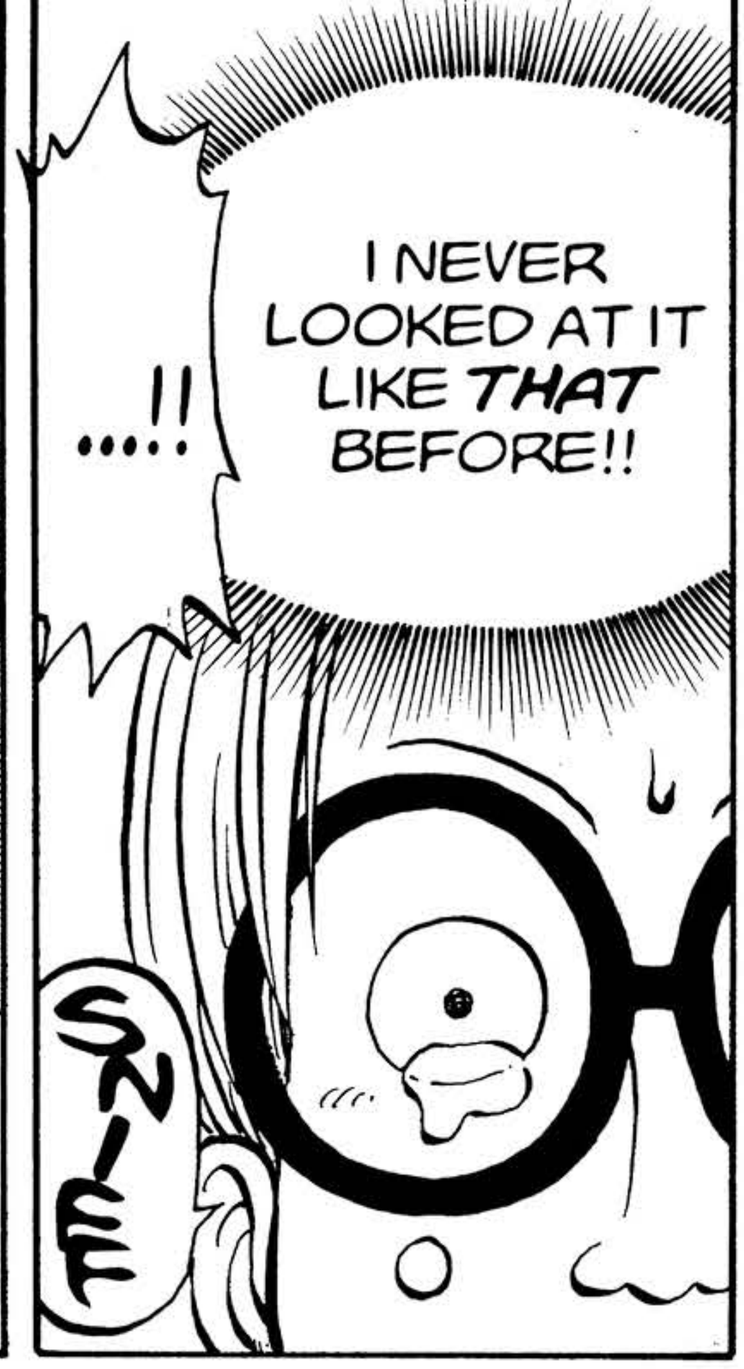
!!!

AND IF I DIE TRYING... THEN AT LEAST I TRIED!

I'VE SET MYSELF TO BECOME THE KING OF THE PIRATES...

HUH?

MAYBE... I CAN BE LIKE THAT!
SNIFF
IF I'M WILLING TO RISK MY LIFE TRYING...


...!!
I NEVER LOOKED AT IT LIKE THAT BEFORE!!
SNIFF

OR AM I JUST DE-LUDING MYSELF...
AND I BELIEVE I'LL SUCCEED, TOO.
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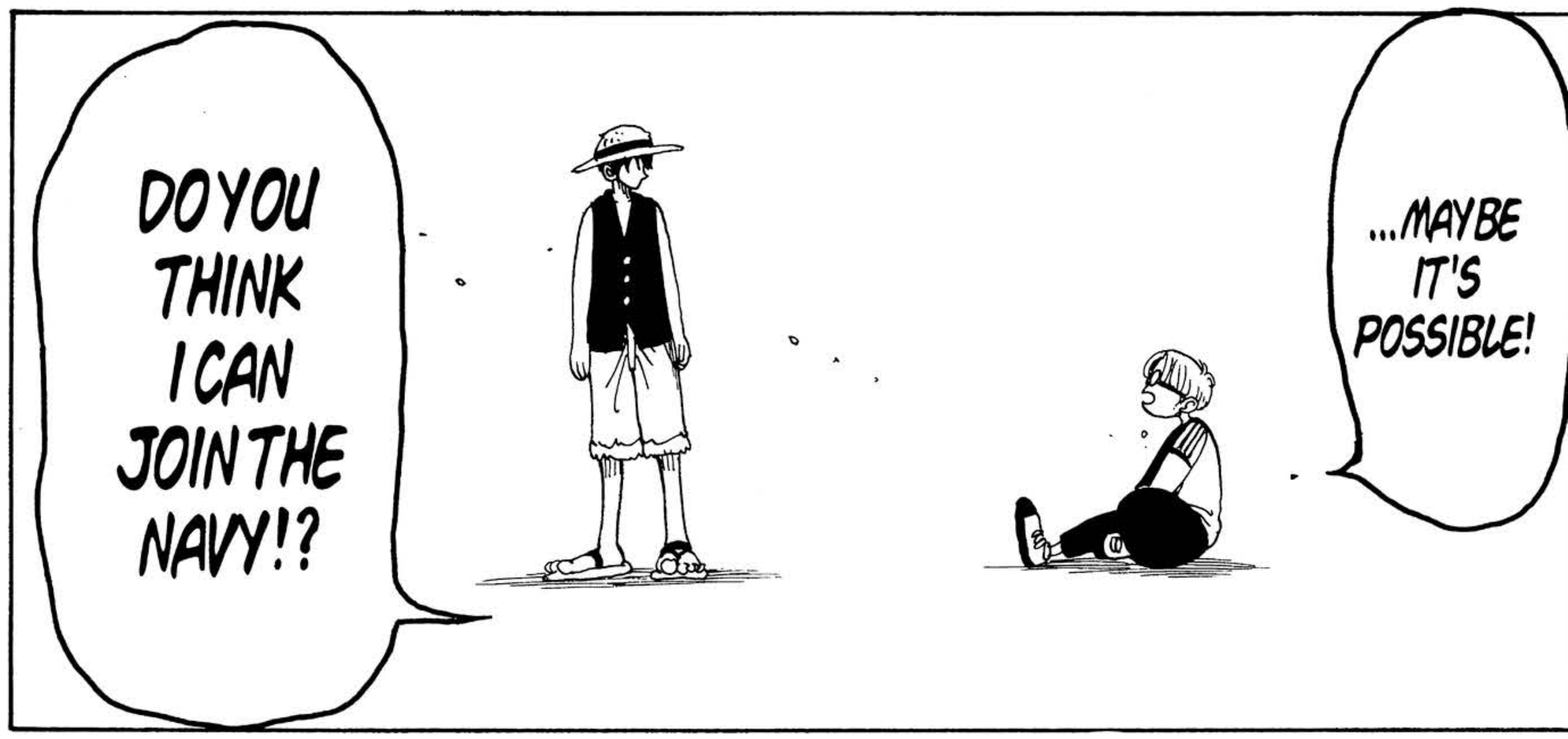
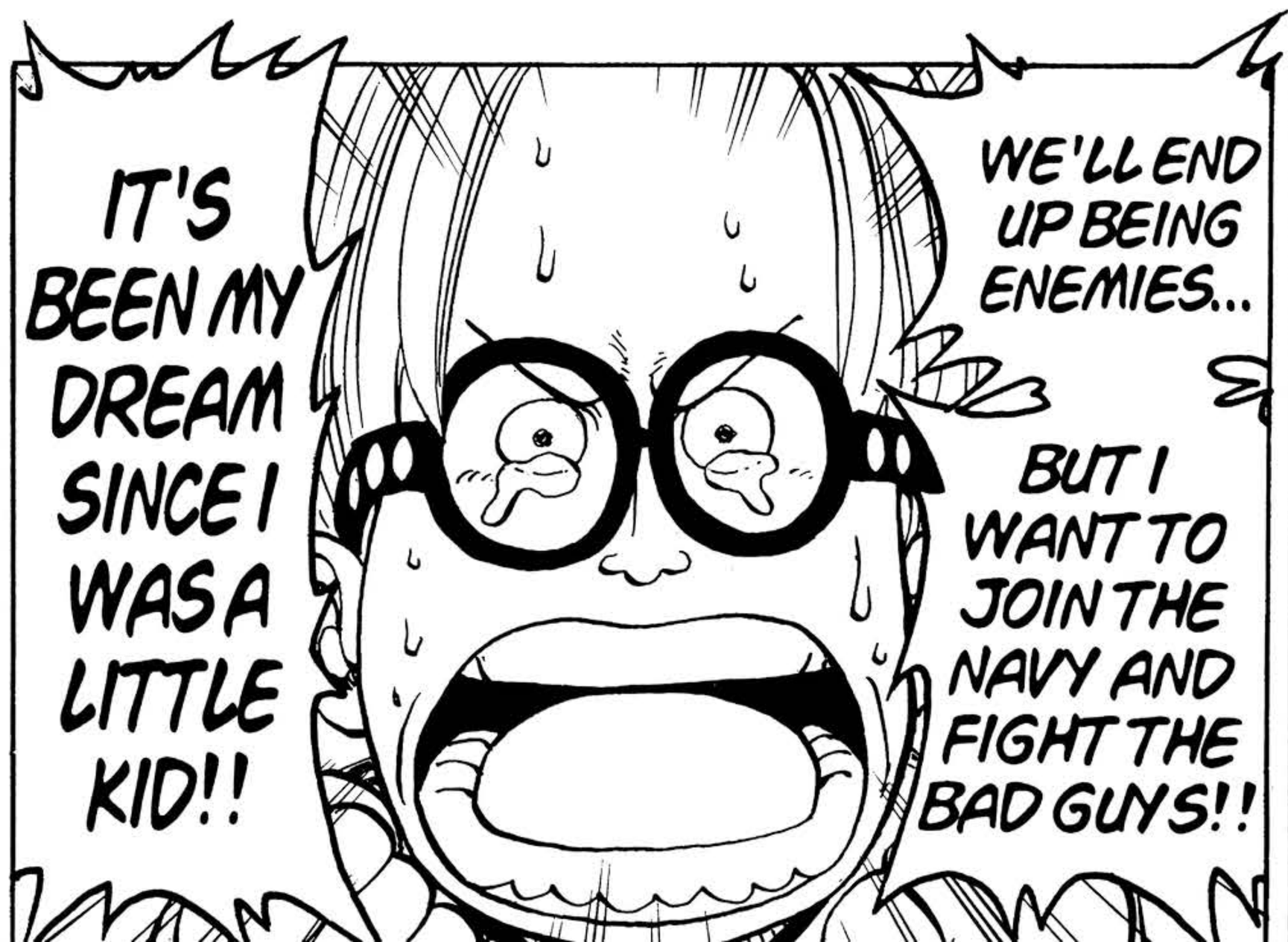

DO YOU THINK I CAN JOIN THE NAVY!?
...MAYBE IT'S POSSIBLE!


IT'S BEEN MY DREAM SINCE I WAS A LITTLE KID!!
WE'LL END UP BEING ENEMIES...
BUT I WANT TO JOIN THE NAVY AND FIGHT THE BAD GUYS!!

THE NAVY!?

BETTER TO RISK MY LIFE TRYING TO ACHIEVE MY DREAM!

I'LL JOIN THE NAVY... AND THEN... I'LL CAPTURE ALVIDA!!

WELL, I'M GONNA DO IT!!!

WHAT'VE I GOT TO LOSE!? I DON'T WANNA BE A MISERABLE CABIN BOY MY WHOLE LIFE!!

HOW WOULD I KNOW?

LUFFY! DO YOU THINK I CAN DO IT?

!

KRESH

WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CAPTURE, RUNT!?

AAAH!!!

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD ESCAPE FROM ME!?

YOU LITTLE SNEAK!

!!

MY BOAT!

DA-DUM...!!

ANSWER ME!!!

WHO IS THE FAIREST THROUGH-OUT ALL THE SEAS?

SO I'LL GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE TO REPENT...

IS THAT THE BOUNTY HUNTER YOU HIRED? WELL, HE CERTAINLY ISN'T RORONOA ZOLO...

ZOLO?

...!

BWA AA

HEY, WHO'S THAT TOUGH-LOOKING OLD BIDDY?

HEH HEH HEH...

LADY ALVIDA, YOU--

THROUGH-OUT ALL OF THE SEAS, LADY ALVIDA IS...

LUFFY!! TAKE IT BACK!!

NO WAY!

HOW DARE...

GRRR

...THE UGLIEST OLD HAG OF ALL!!!

LADY ALVIDA IS...

I'M GONNA BE THE KING OF THE PIRATES...

AND IF I DIE TRYING... THEN AT LEAST I TRIED!

LADY ALVIDA IS...

HA HA HA HA HA HA!

HAHA HAHA

SHAAAOOO

GULP!

EYAAA!

I SAID IT AND I **WON'T** TAKE IT BACK! NO MORE CRINGING FOR ME!! FROM NOW ON, I'LL FIGHT FOR MY DREAMS!!

YOU LITTLE--!!!

YOU'RE BOTH GOING TO DIE!!

FUNK

L-LUFFY...!!

GOOD FOR YOU, KOBY!!

IT MAKES NO DIFFER-ENCE TO ME...

IMPOSSIBLE! NO ONE SURVIVES THE IRON MACE!!

'CAUSE I'M MADE OF RUBBER!

THAT DIDN'T HURT!

!!?

SMIRK

WHAT THE--?
...PISTOL!
GUM-GUM...
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!
!?
!!!?
BOOM!

HE BEAT LADY ALVIDA! HE'S NOT HUMAN!

CAPTAIN!!!

H-HIS ARM STRETCHED LIKE RUBBER...

GIVE KOBY A DINGHY!

HE'S GONNA JOIN THE NAVY!

PLOP PLOP

LUFFY...

HA HA HA!

Y-YESSIR...

THAT MEANS YOU'LL HAVE TO ENTER THE "GRAND LINE."

BUT LUFFY, IF YOU'RE GOING AFTER ***ONE PIECE***...

YEP!

YOU MUST HAVE EATEN THE FRUIT OF THE GUM-GUM TREE...

INCRED-IBLE!

RORONOA ZOLO!

WHAT'S HIS NAME?

THAT GUY IMPRISONED AT THE NAVY BASE...

THAT'S WHY I'M ASSEMBLING A ***SUPER CREW.***

THEY CALL IT THE ***PIRATES' GRAVEYARD...***

NEVER!

HOW DO ***YOU*** KNOW!?

NEVER NEVER NEVER! THAT'LL ***NEVER*** HAPPEN! THAT GUY'S A DEMONIC BEAST!

NOW YOU'RE TALKING CRAZY AGAIN!

AND SO THE TWO YOUNG ADVENTURERS SAIL ON TOWARDS THE NAVAL BASE AND... DESTINY!

IF HE'S A GOOD GUY, I'LL LET HIM JOIN MY CREW!

STEP 1
THE PIRATE FLAG

"THE SKULL AND CROSSBONES" - THE CROSSBONES ARE THIGH BONES.

HERE IS SOME INFORMATION REGARDING THE PIRATE FLAG. THE PIRATE FLAG IS GENERALLY CALLED THE "JOLLY ROGER" AND IS A SYMBOL OF DEATH. SCARY, ISN'T IT?

THERE ARE MANY THEORIES CONCERNING THE ORIGIN OF THE TERM "JOLLY ROGER."

- SOME SAY IT COMES FROM THE FRENCH "JOLIE ROUGE" OR "RED LOVELY," POSSIBLY REFERRING TO BLOOD.

- ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS THAT "ROGER" WAS ORIGINALLY THE WORD "ROGUE," MEANING A THIEF OR VILLAIN.

- AND THEN THERE ARE THOSE WHO SAY IT'S RELATED TO "OLD ROGER," WHICH WAS A NAME FOR THE DEVIL.

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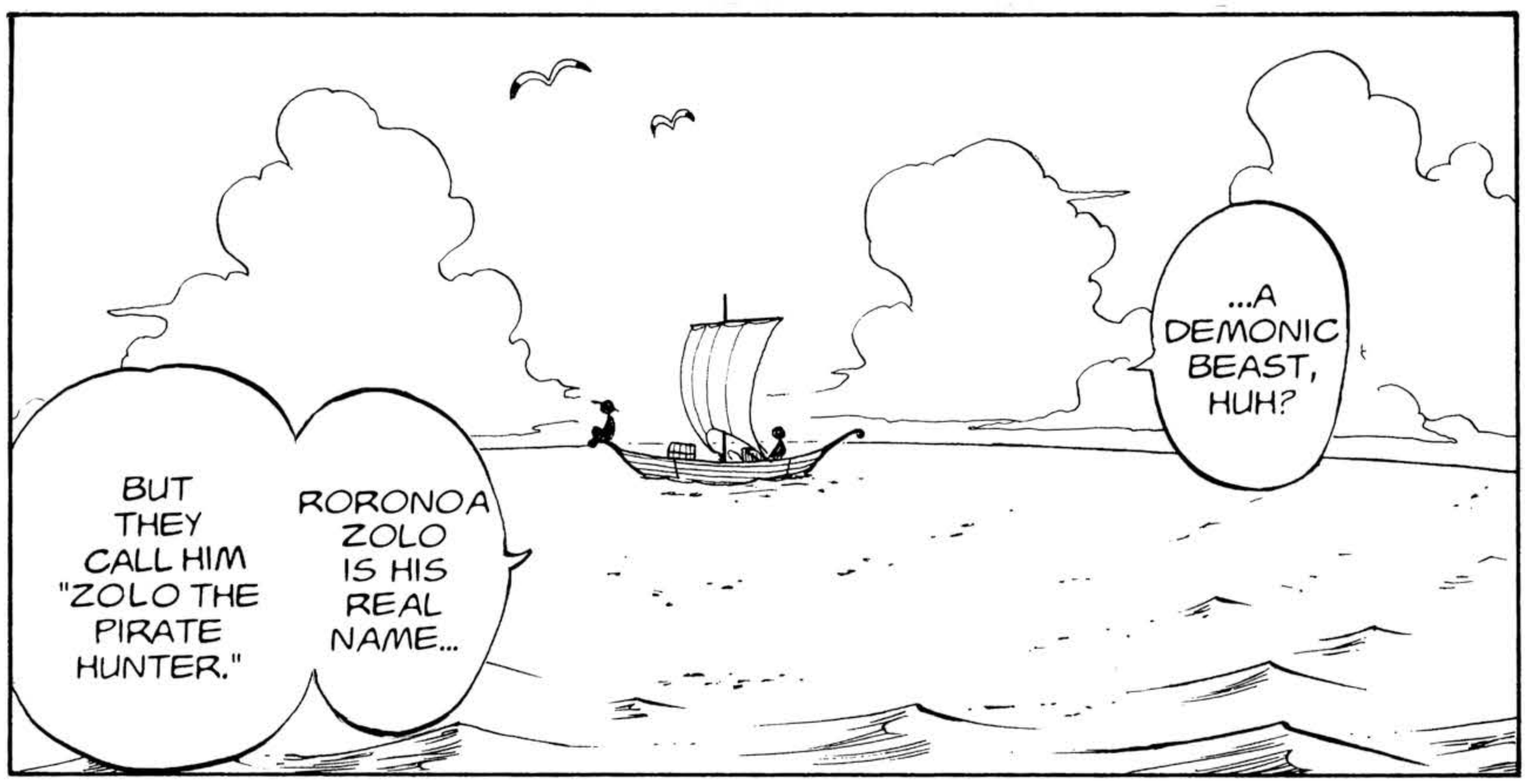

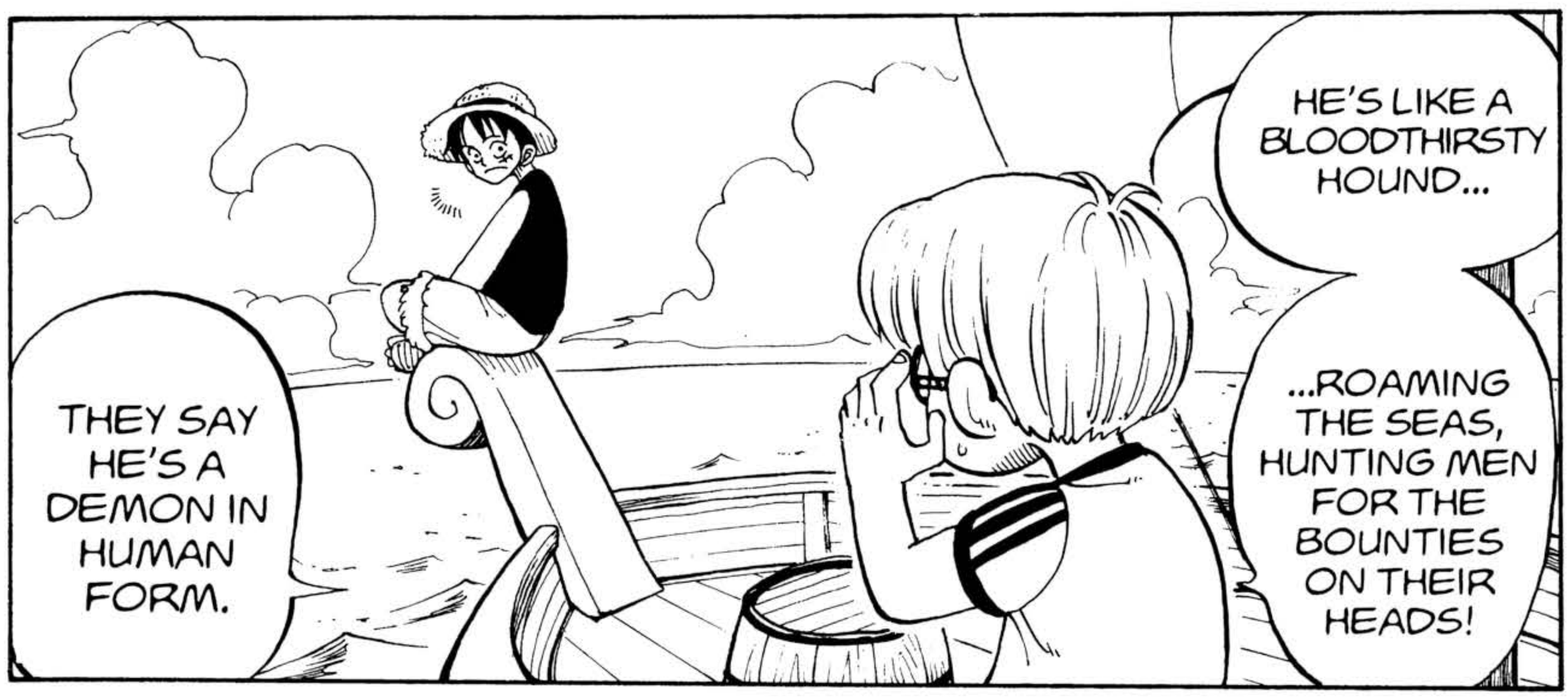

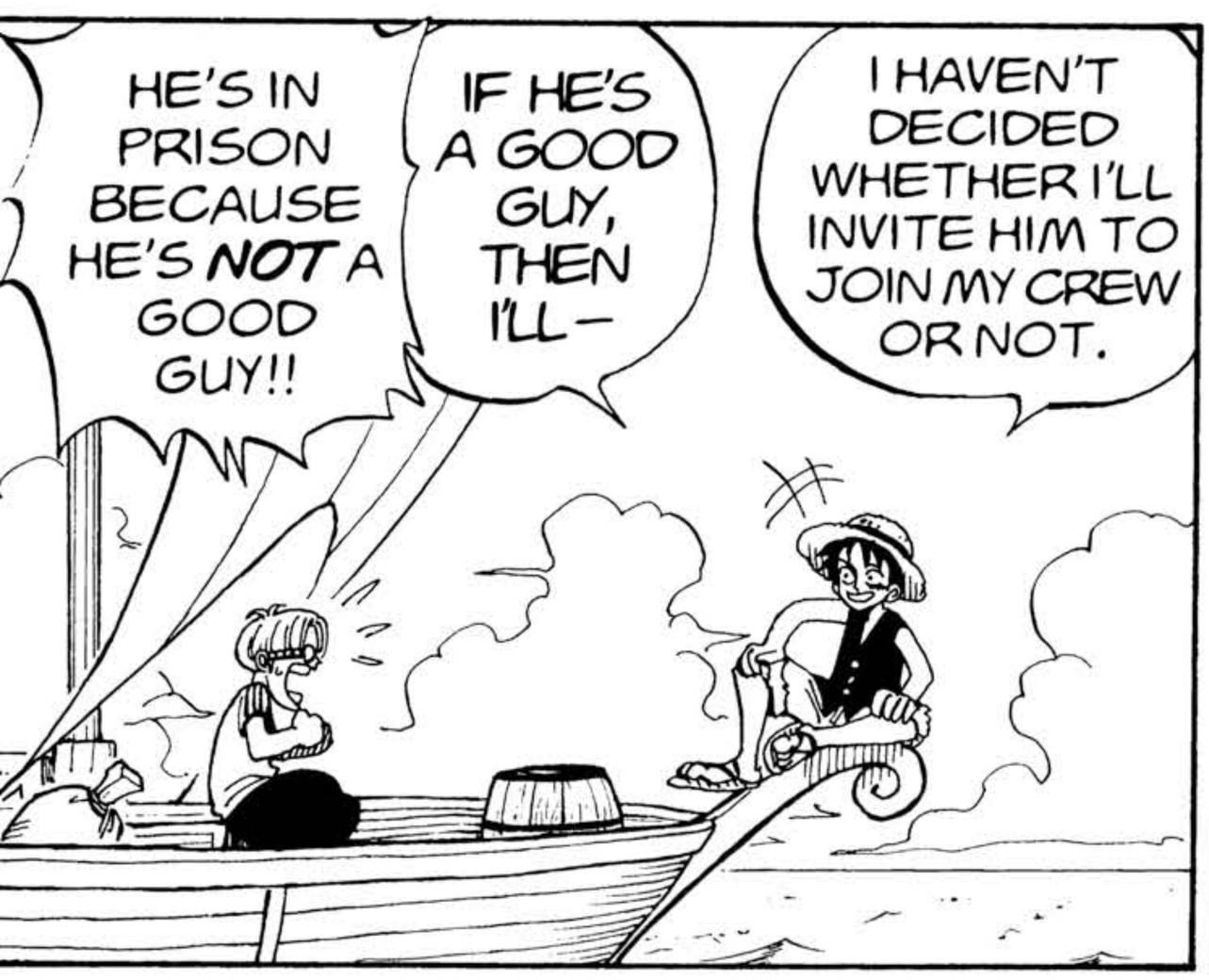

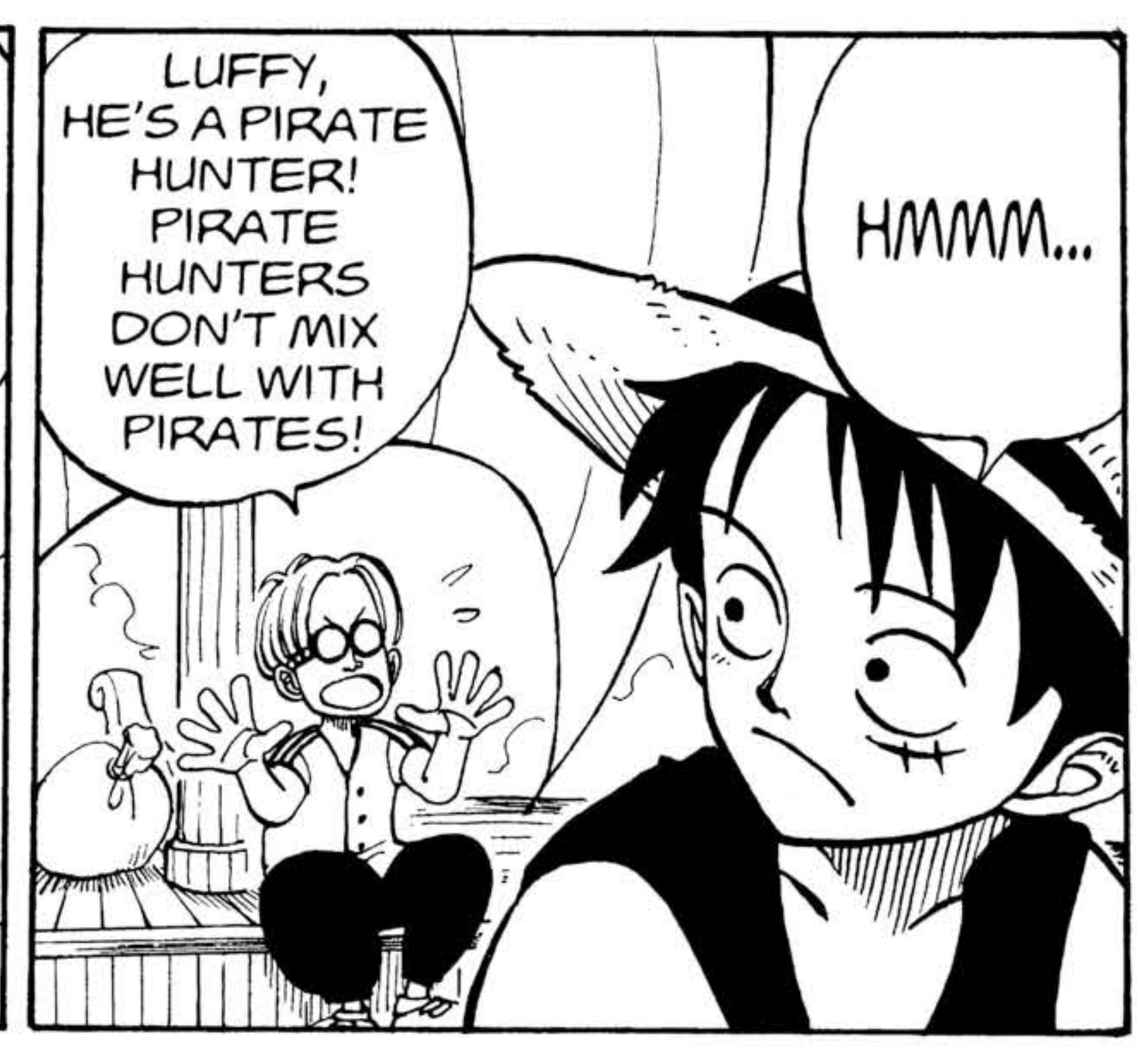

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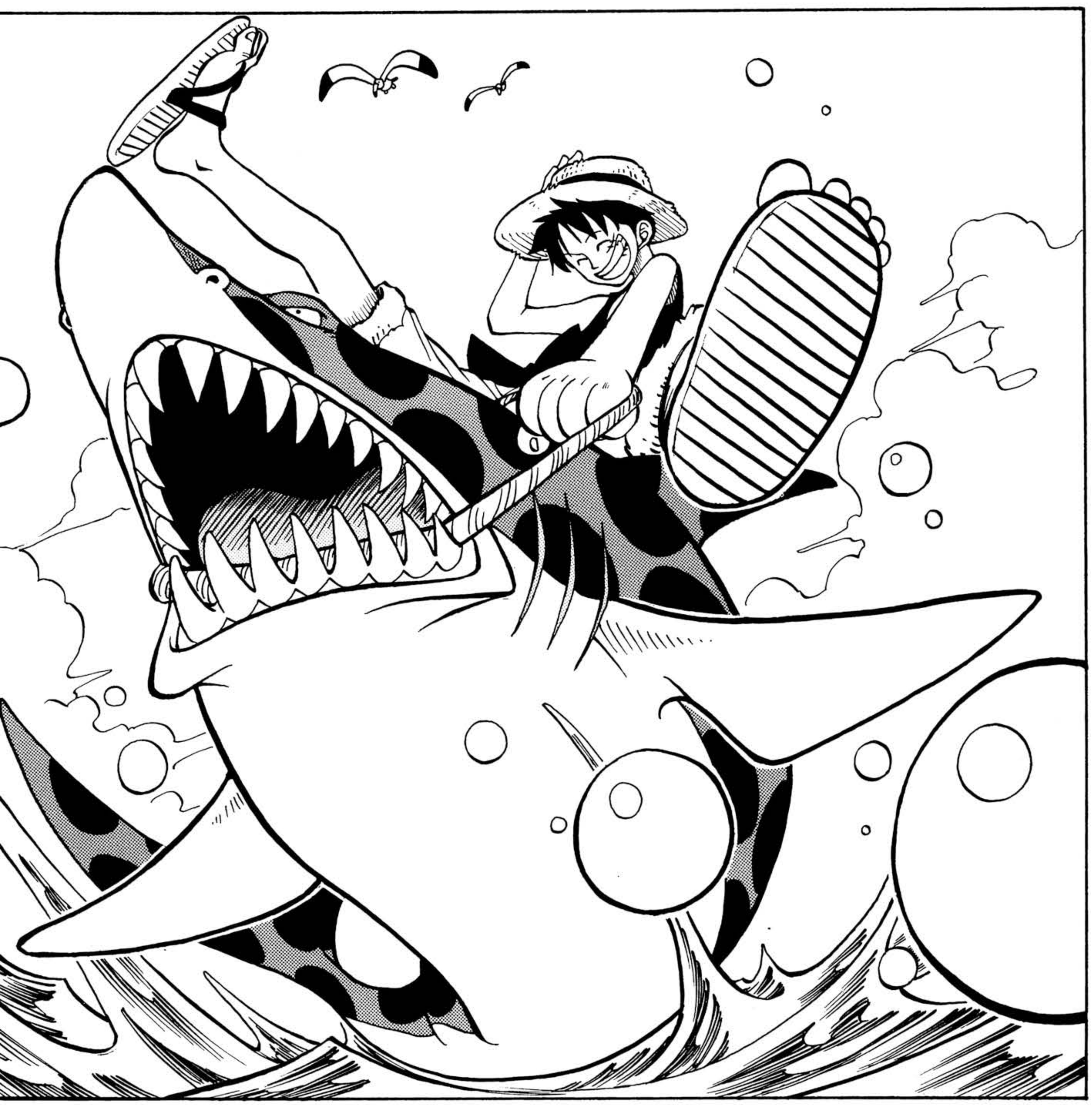

DA—DUM

MARINE

YEAH! WE FINALLY MADE IT!

WE'RE FINALLY HERE! WE MADE IT TO THE NAVAL BASE TOWN.

KOBY, YOU'RE AMAZING!

HUH?

OF COURSE I DID! THAT'S THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR PEOPLE WHO SAIL THE SEAS.

YOU ACTUALLY GOT US TO OUR DESTINATION!

TA-DA

YEAH!! THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO!! NOW, LET'S EAT!!

YOU SHOULD FIND A NAVIGATOR FOR YOUR CREW.

LUFFY, IF YOU KEEP RANDOMLY FLOATING AROUND, YOU'LL NEVER BECOME A PIRATE.

AND I HOPE YOU BECOME A GREAT PIRATE!

TH-THANK YOU, LUFFY!

I HOPE YOU JOIN THE NAVY AND BECOME A GREAT SAILOR!

WELL, KOBY, I GUESS THIS IS WHERE WE GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS.

WANT

I TOO MIKIO

...EVEN IF THAT MEANS WE'LL BE ENEMIES.

KRASH!!!!!!

HEY, I JUST REMEMBERED... THAT GUY IS SUPPOSED TO BE IMPRISONED HERE-- RORONOA ZOLO...

HMMM...

MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THAT NAME OUT LOUD AROUND HERE...

PSST PSST

...?

TRMBL TRMBL

...!!!

KRATA-KRASH

WOW!!

HUH!?

I SAW A POSTER THAT SAID THAT CAPTAIN MORGAN IS AT THIS BASE.

EVERYONE IS SO JUMPY! I'M GETTING A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS!

HAHAHAHA!

HA HA HA HA! WHAT A GREAT RESTAU-RANT!

I WANT TO GO BACK THERE AGAIN!

WHY WOULD THAT HAPPEN!?

WHO KNOWS!? MAYBE THEY JUST GOT CARRIED AWAY!

I'M TRYING TO THINK SERIOUSLY HERE...

BUT WHY DID THEY GET NERVOUS HEARING THE CAPTAIN'S NAME?

I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY THEY GET NERVOUS WHEN THEY HEAR RORONOA ZOLO'S NAME -- HE MIGHT ESCAPE AT ANY MOMENT!

DA-DUM!!

MARINE

NAVY BASE

IT LOOKS SO *BIG* UP CLOSE!

MARINE 海軍

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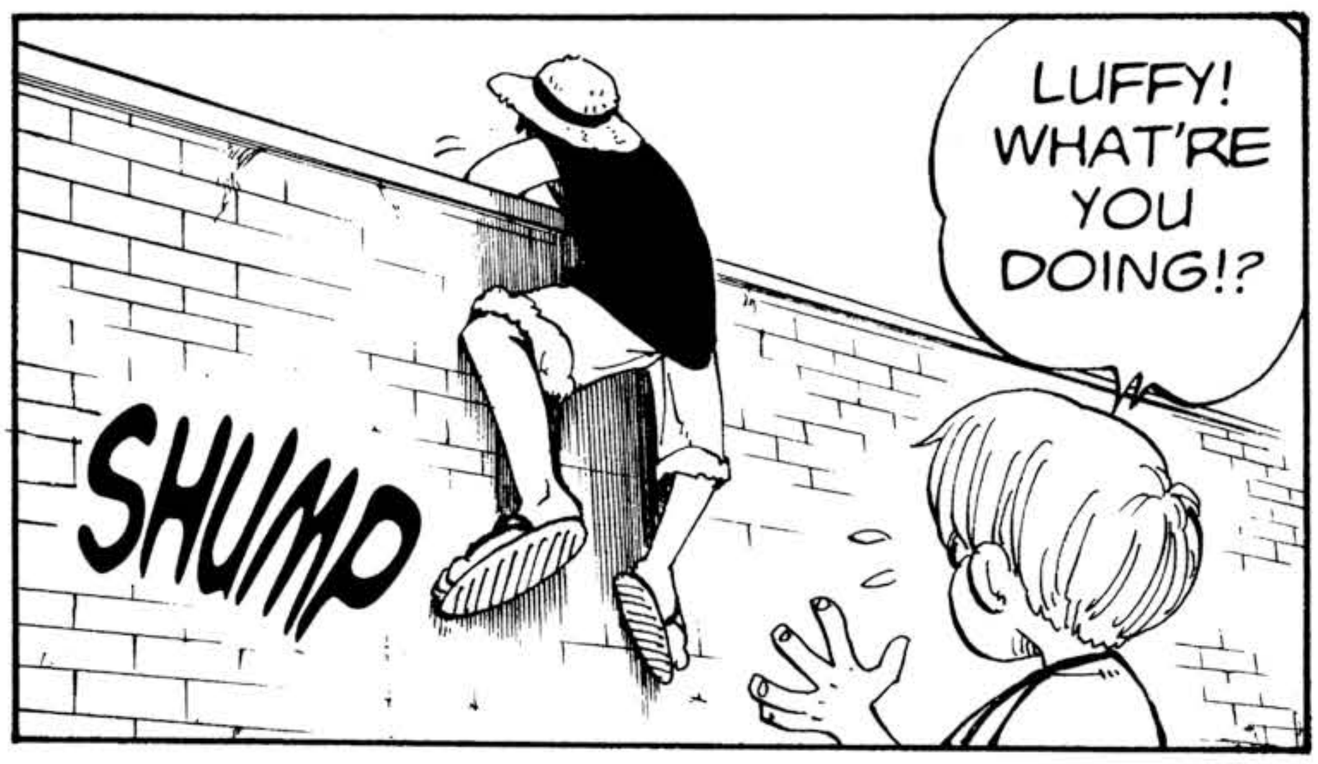
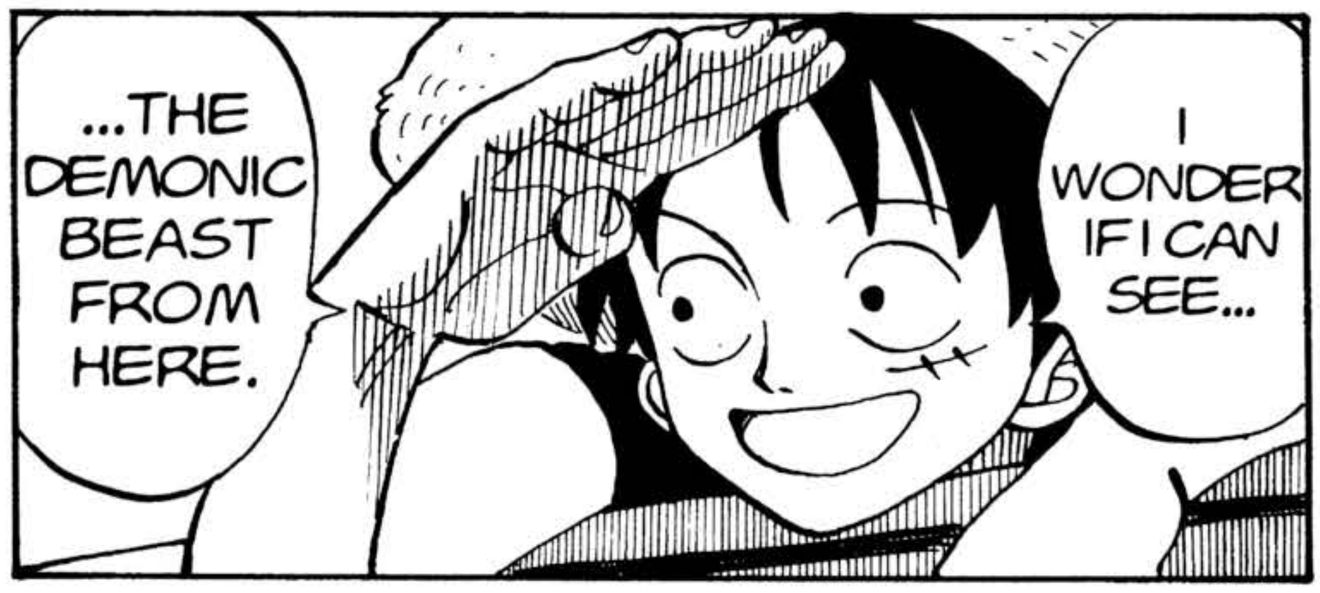
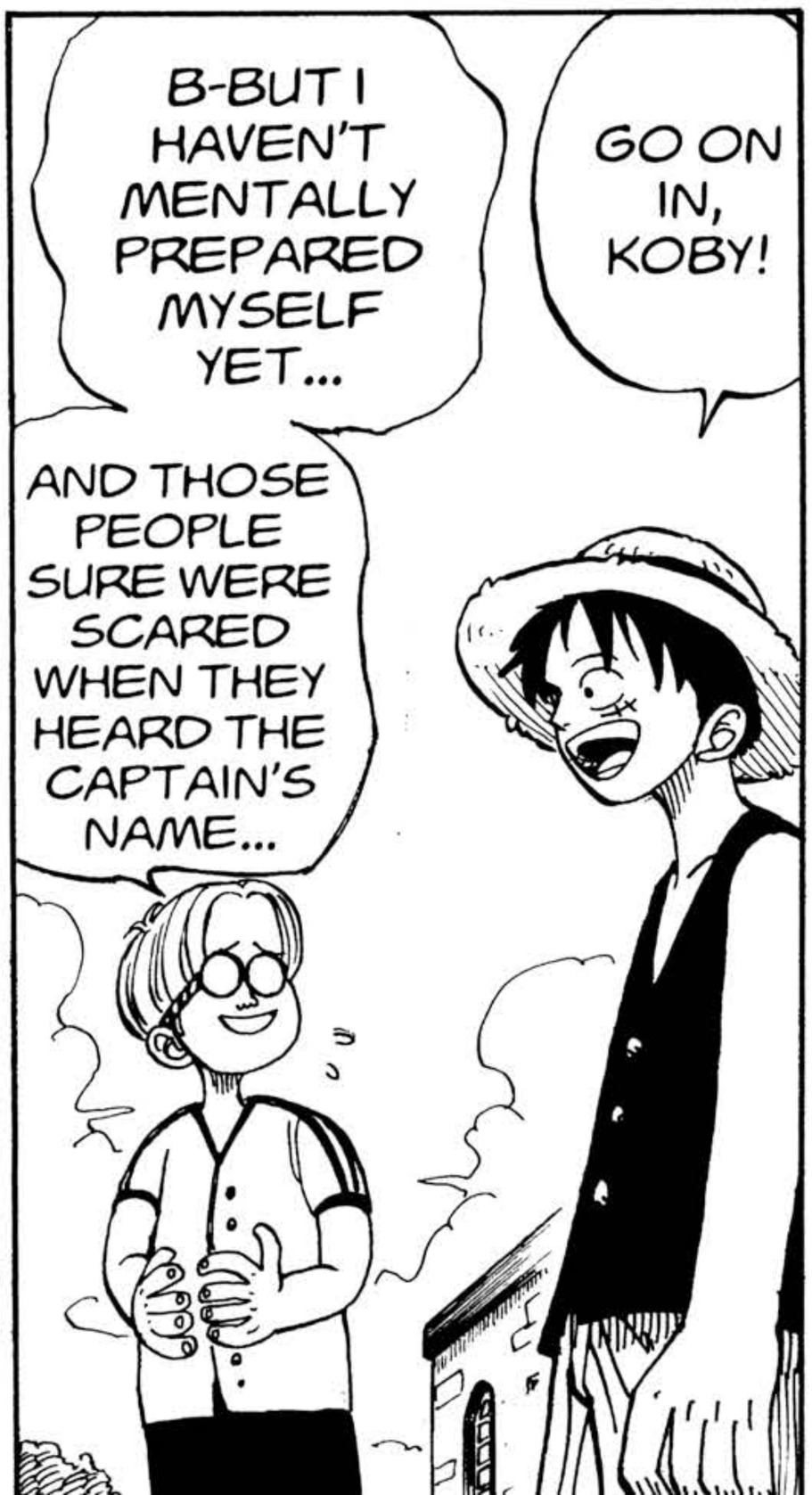






MAYBE IT'S ZOLO!

GULP

WHAT!?

OH YEAH? WELL THERE'S SOMEBODY OVER THERE!

HE'S PROBABLY DEEP WITHIN THE BOWELS OF THE PRISON...

YOU WON'T FIND HIM JUST BY PEEKING OVER THE FENCE.

I-IT'S REALLY HIM! THAT'S RORONOA ZOLO!!!

WHAT'S WRONG!?

LUB-DUB LUB-DUB

A B-BLACK BANDANNA AND A HARAMAKI SASH!!!

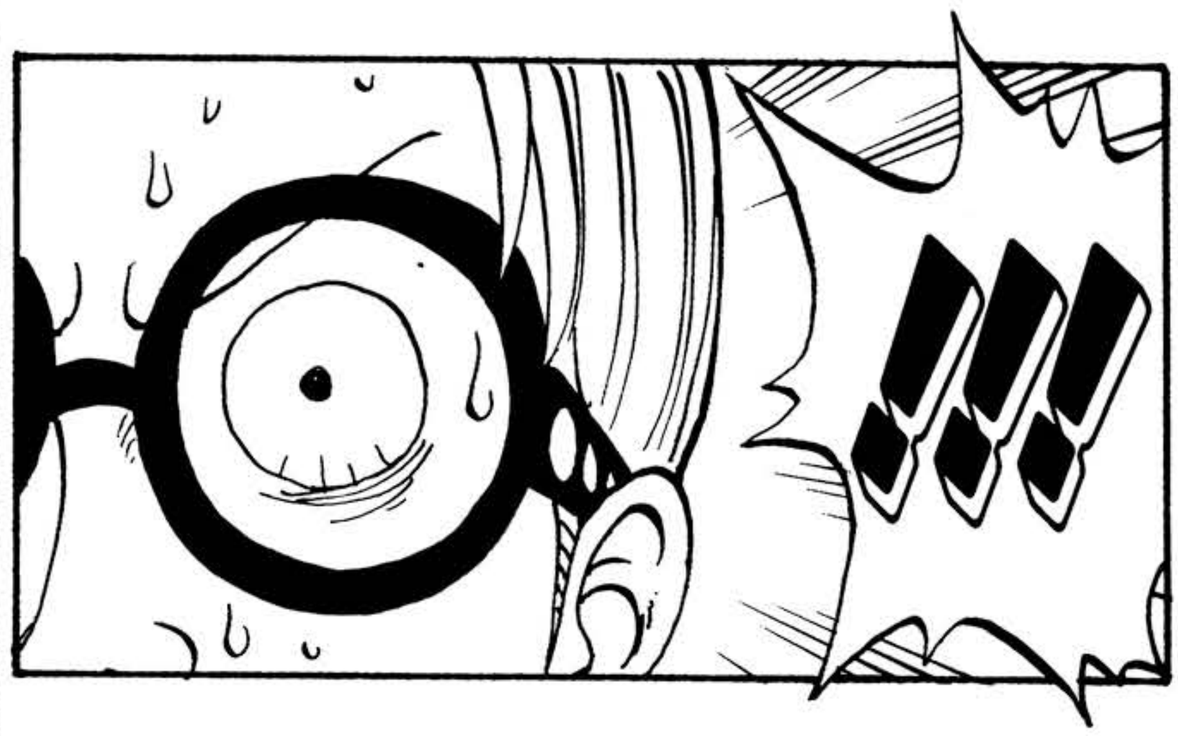
HE LOOKS SO... MENACING!!!

...

LUB-DUB LUB-DUB

SNEAK...

THERE HE IS!

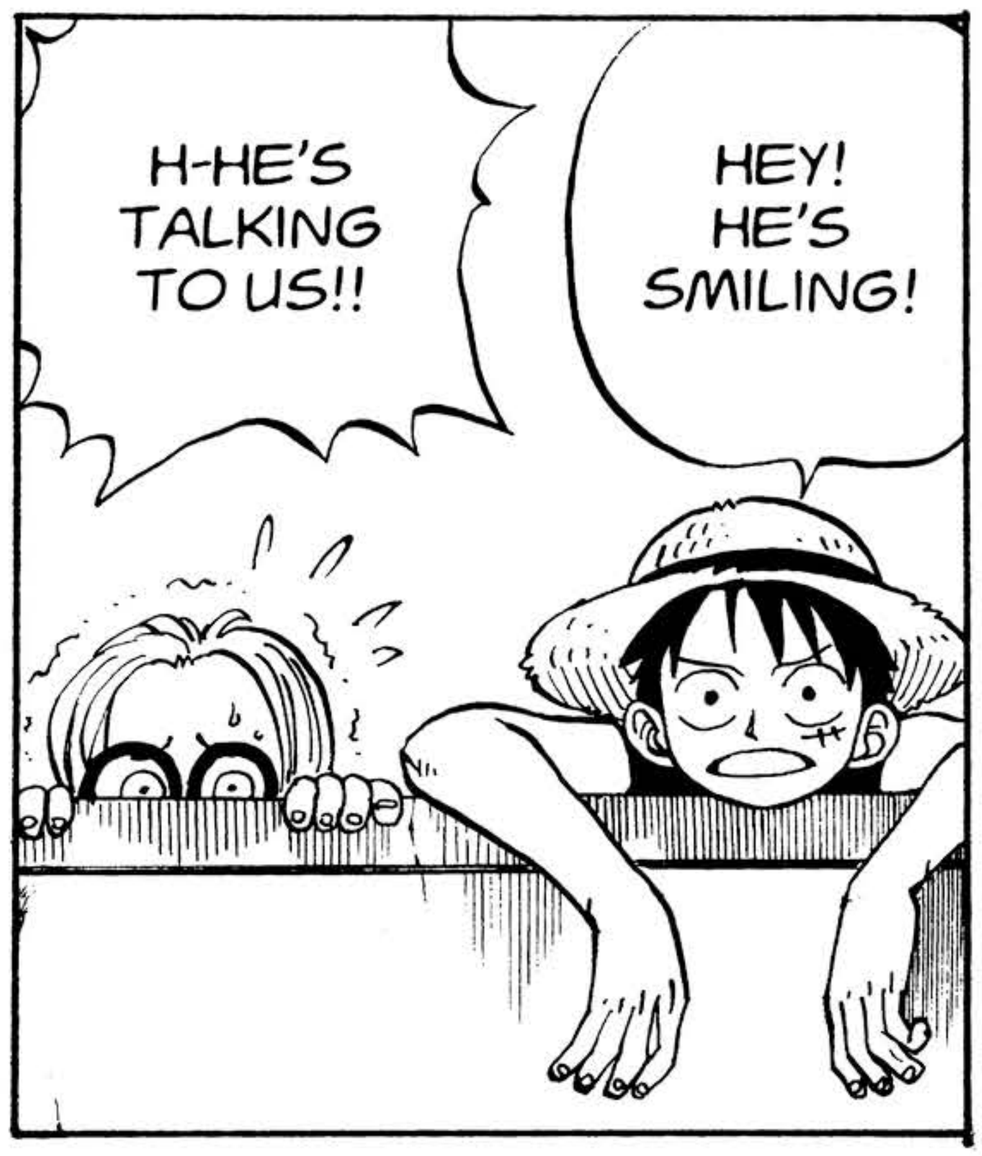


MARINE
SO THAT'S HIM. HMM! I COULD JUST UNTIE THOSE ROPES AND SET HIM FREE...

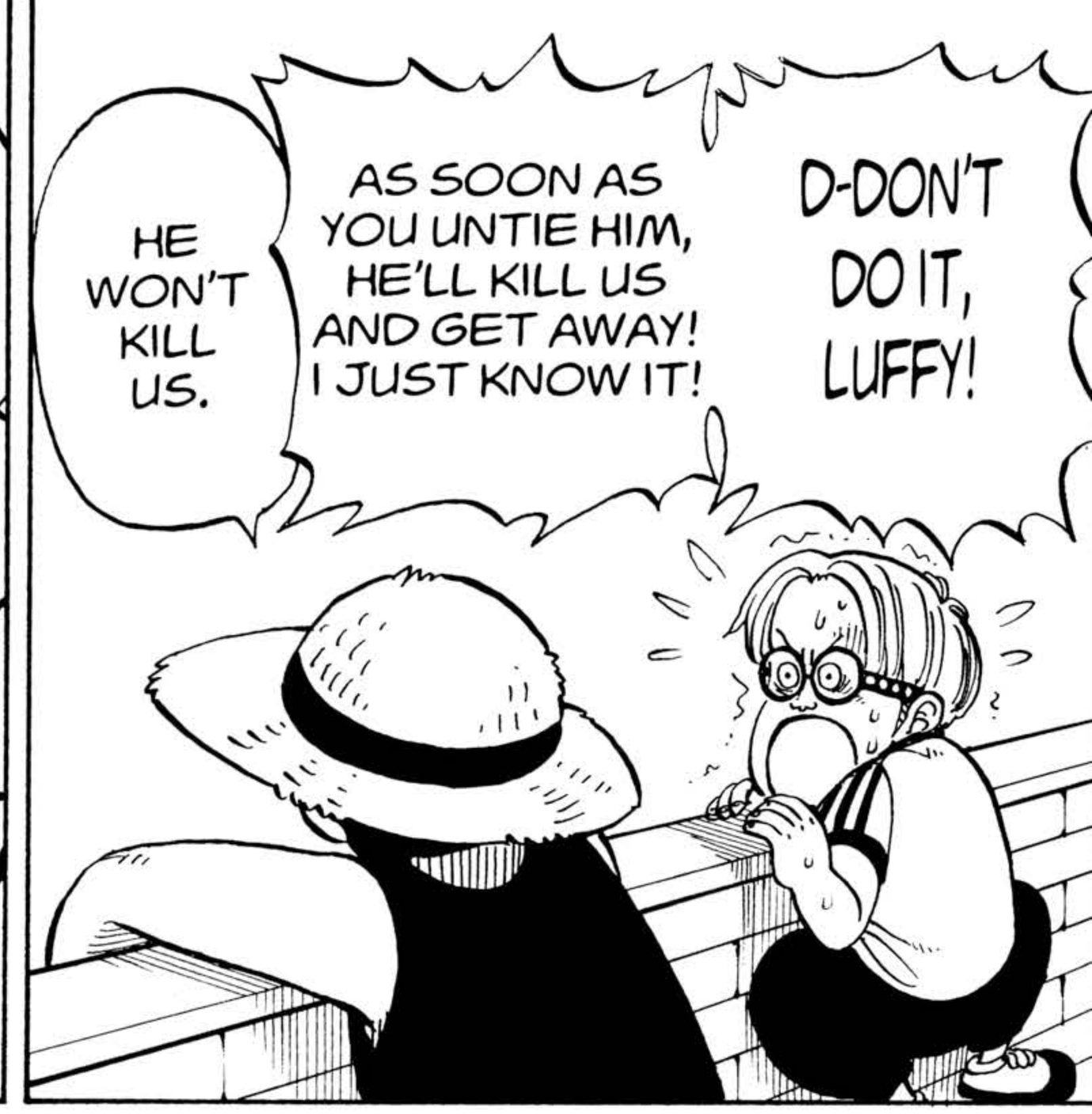
YIKES!
HUH?
HEY, KID!
IF YOU LET HIM LOOSE, HE'LL KILL US THEN WRECK THE TOWN!!
THAT'S SUICIDE!!

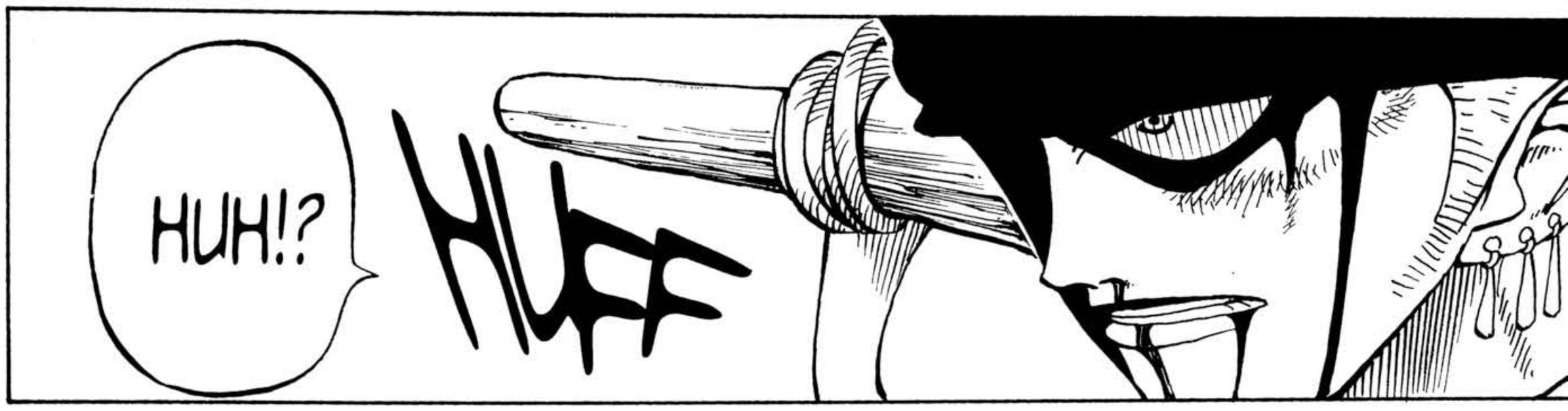
I'VE BEEN HERE FOR NINE DAYS AND I CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE.
SHAAOOG
COME OVER HERE...
...AND UNTIE ME...

I'LL CAPTURE SOMEONE WITH A BIG PRICE ON THEIR HEAD AND GIVE ALL OF THE BOUNTY TO YOU.
YOU CAN TRUST ME. I'M A MAN OF MY WORD.
I'LL MAKE IT WORTH YOUR WHILE.



I WOULDN'T LET HIM!
HE COULDN'T.


HE WON'T KILL US.
AS SOON AS YOU UNTIE HIM, HE'LL KILL US AND GET AWAY! I JUST KNOW IT!
D-DON'T DO IT, LUFFY!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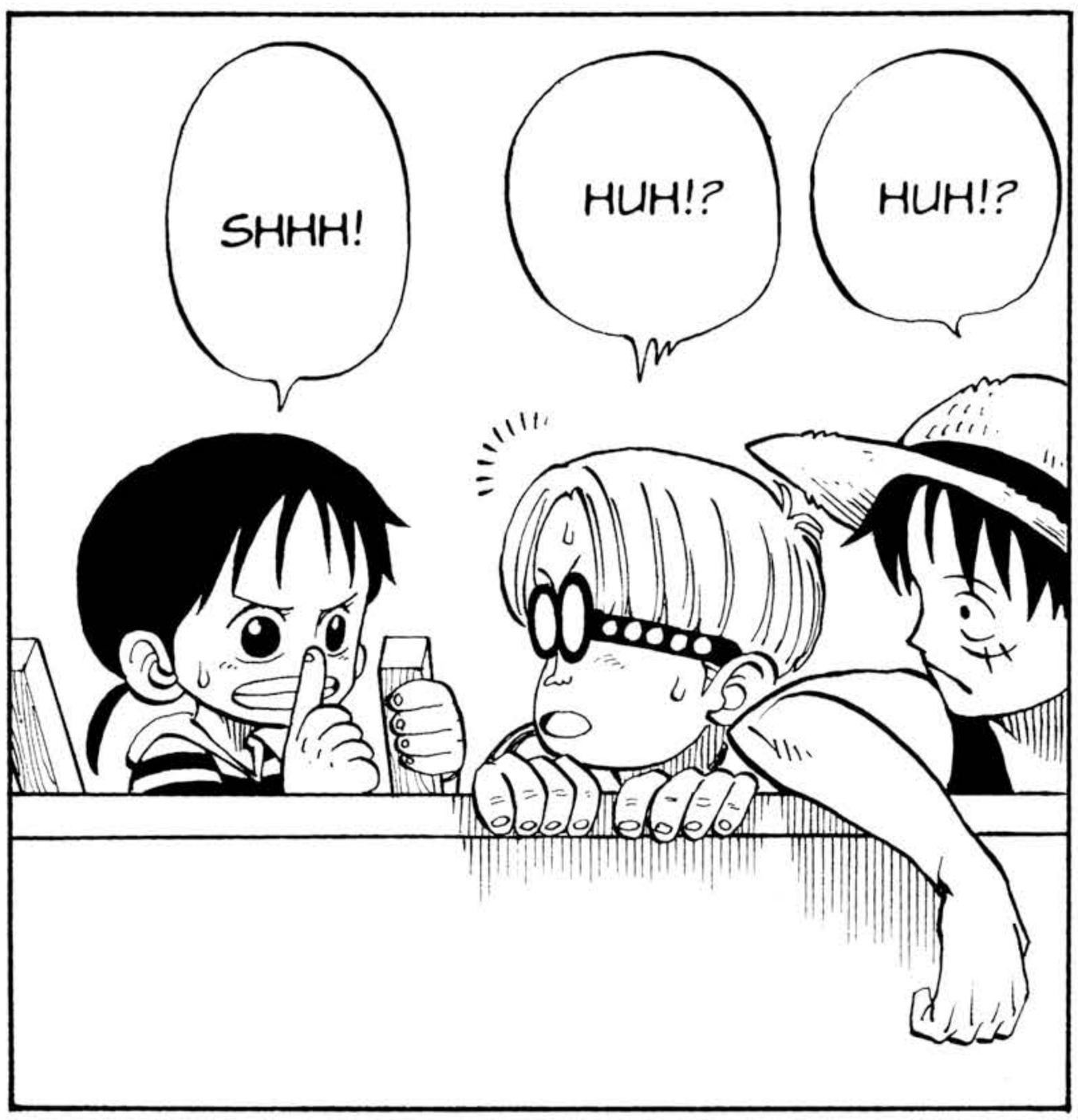
HUFF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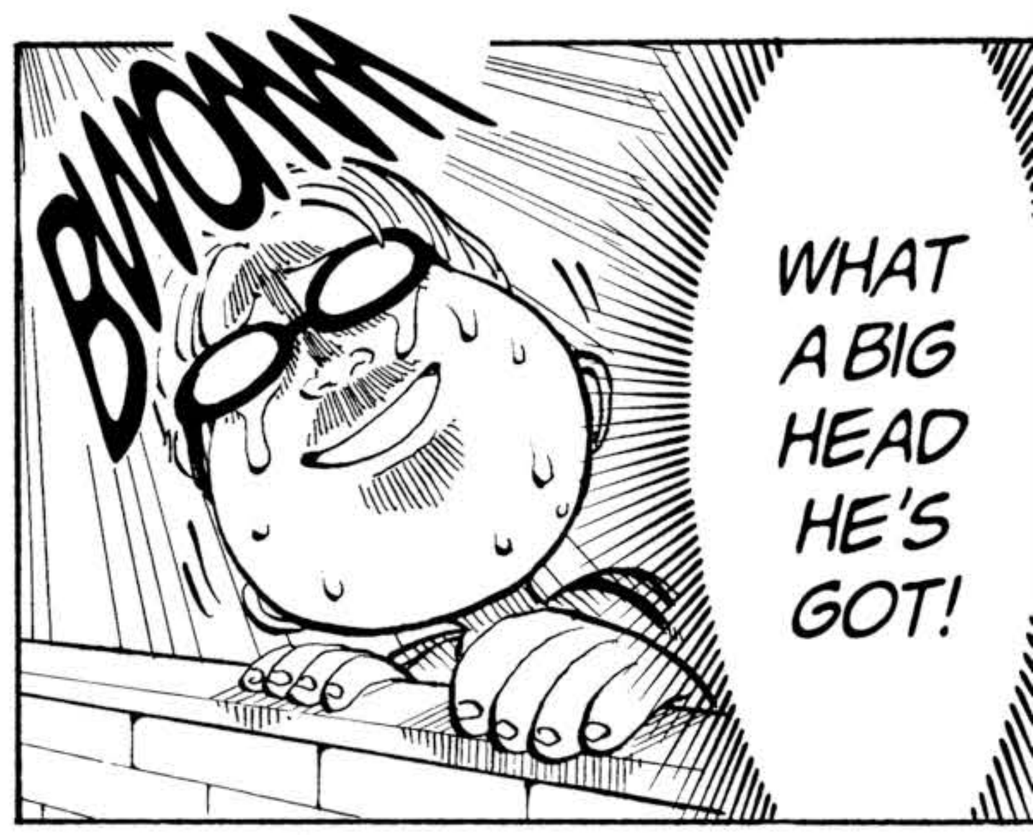
BWOMM
WHAT A BIG HEAD HE'S GOT!

WHAK

WHADDA YOU WANT?

?

HEY! D-DON'T GO DOWN THERE! IT'S DANGEROUS!

TMP TMP...

I MADE THESE RICE BALLS FOR YOU! I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED SOME FOOD!

GET LOST! DO YOU WANT TO GET KILLED!?

WHY DON'T YOU DO IT YOUR-SELF?

LUFFY! DO SOMETHING! SHE'LL BE KILLED!

OR I'LL STOMP YOU TO DEATH!!

I DON'T WANT IT!! NOW GET OUTTA HERE!!

B-BUT...

I'M... NOT HUNGRY!!

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER MADE RICE BALLS. I HOPE YOU LIKE THEM.

NOW BEAT IT AND TAKE THAT STUFF WITH YOU!!

!
I'LL TELL MY FATHER ON YOU!
KLAWK
!
YOU SHOULDN'T PICK ON LITTLE GIRLS.
RORONOA ZOLO!!!
HE MUST BE SOME HIGH RANKING NAVAL OFFICER.
NOW THAT LITTLE GIRL WILL BE SAFE.
WHO'S THAT WEIRDO?
HELMEPPO CAPTAIN MORGAN'S SON
WELL... IF IT ISN'T THE IDIOT SON, LIVING OFF DADDY'S WEALTH.
HMPF!
HUH?
DID YOU JUST CALL ME AN "IDIOT"?
A MAN IN YOUR POSITION SHOULD GUARD HIS TONGUE... OR HE COULD LOSE IT!

DISGUSTING! IT'S SWEET! THERE'S SUGAR ON IT!

BLECH!

RICE BALLS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SEASONED WITH SALT! NOT SUGAR!!

HAK

HEY! GIVE IT BACK!

SNATCH

LITTLE GIRL...

DID YOU BRING THOSE RICE BALLS FOR ME? HOW THOUGHT-FUL.

HOW EVIL... THAT LITTLE GIRL WORKED REALLY HARD TO MAKE THOSE RICE BALLS.

STOP! PLEASE! YOU'RE RUINING THEM!

SPLAK

THESE ARE COMPLETELY INEDIBLE!!

SPLAK

SPLAK

B-BUT I LIKE SWEETS, SO I FIGURED SUGAR WOULD BE BETTER!

...!

OH NO!

HA HA!

SKWISH

HA HA HA!

KWISH KWISH

DON'T WORRY! I'M SURE THE ANTS FIND THEM DELICIOUS!

THAT'S WHY I HATE KIDS!

OH, STOP THAT CRYING!

HMPF!

WHY!!! I WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE THEM!!

PLOP PLOP

IF YOU WERE AN ADULT, YOU WOULD BE PUT TO DEATH!

I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD HOW SCARY MY FATHER CAN BE!

SNFF

IT SAYS, "ANYONE AIDING THIS PRISONER SHALL BE FOUND GUILTY OF THE CRIMES HE HAS COMMITTED. —CAPTAIN MORGAN"

MARINE

ANYONE AIDING THIS PRISONER SHALL BE FOUND GUILTY OF THE CRIMES HE HAS COMMITTED. -CAPTAIN MORGAN

...!!!

IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT!

CAN'T YOU READ THIS SIGN?

I'LL TELL DADDY ON YOU!

I'M ORDERING YOU TO THROW THAT LITTLE BRAT OVER THE FENCE!

Y-YES SIR... RIGHT AWAY!!

ARE YOU GOING TO DISOBEY A DIRECT ORDER!?

B-BUT...

YOU THERE! THROW THAT BRAT OVER THE FENCE!!

MARINE

SPLOTNG

...!!

YAHH!!

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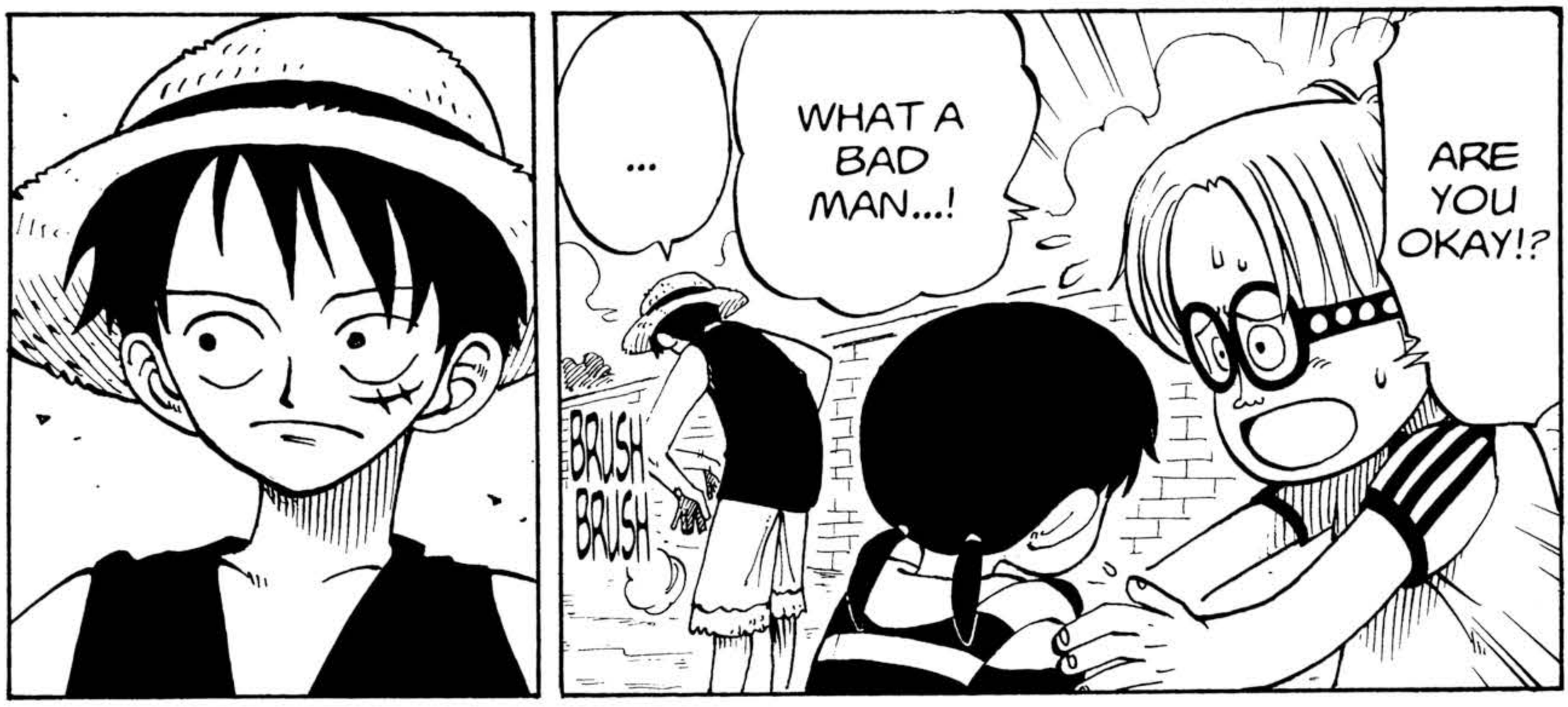

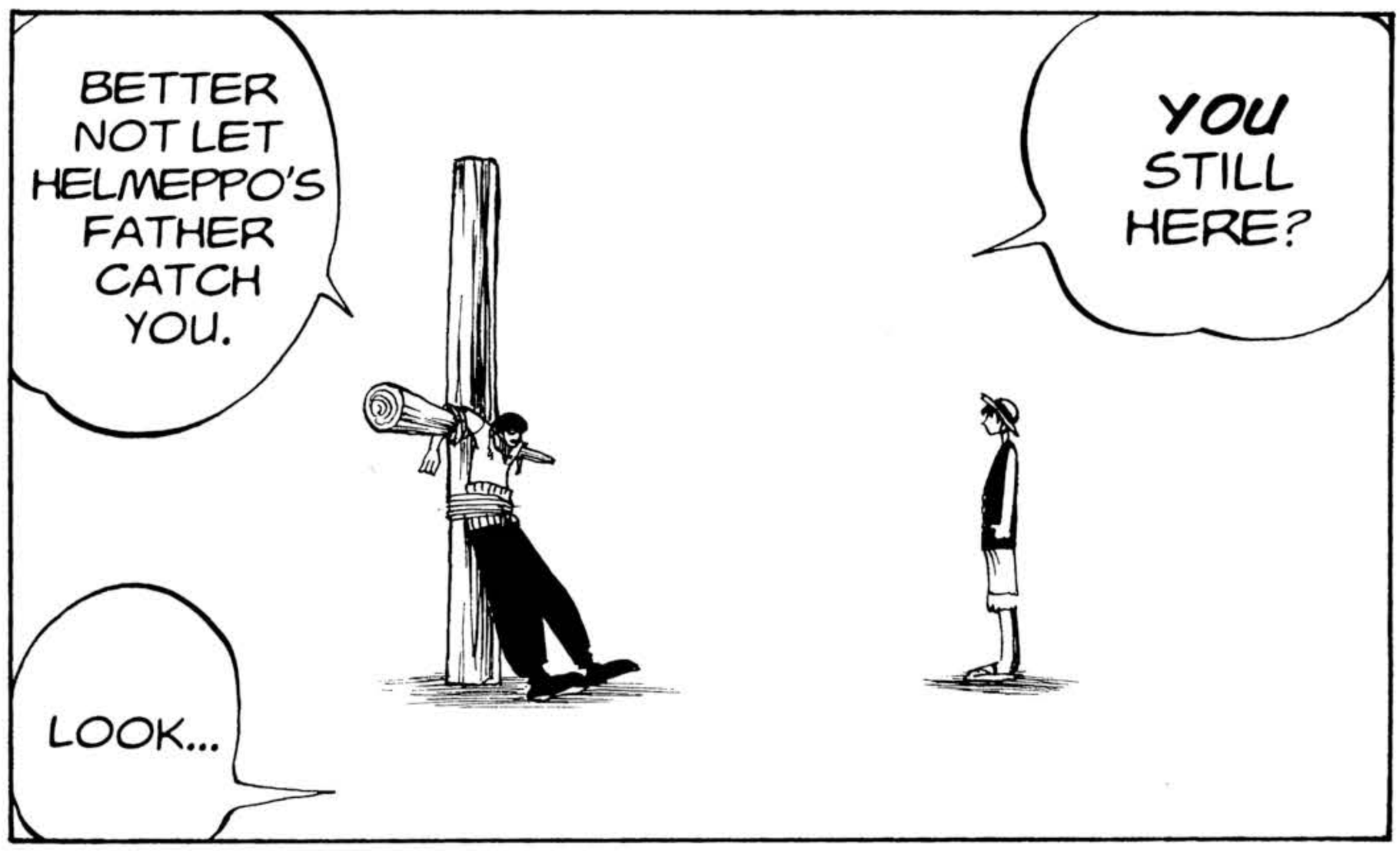
BETTER NOT LET HELMEPPO'S FATHER CATCH YOU.
LOOK...
YOU STILL HERE?

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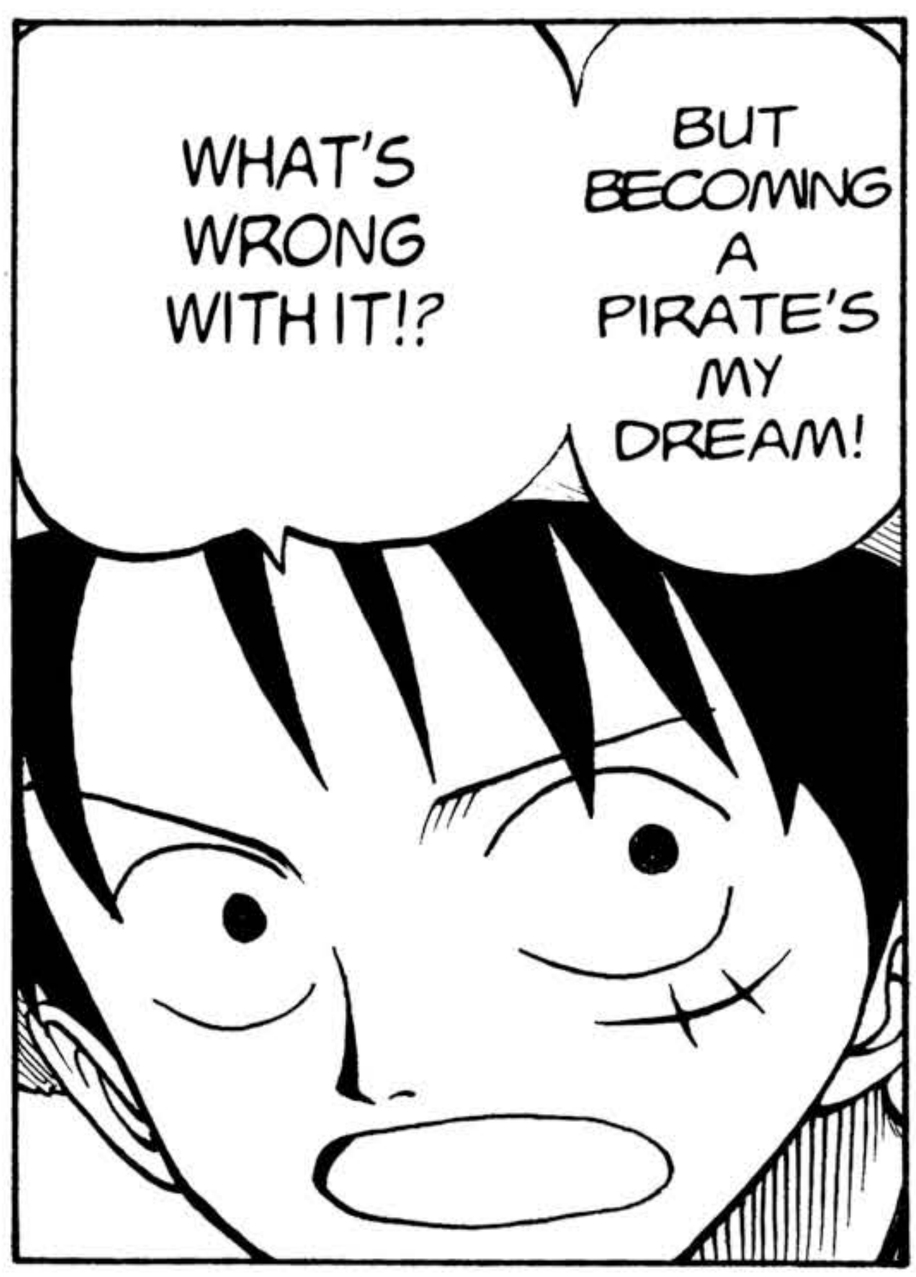
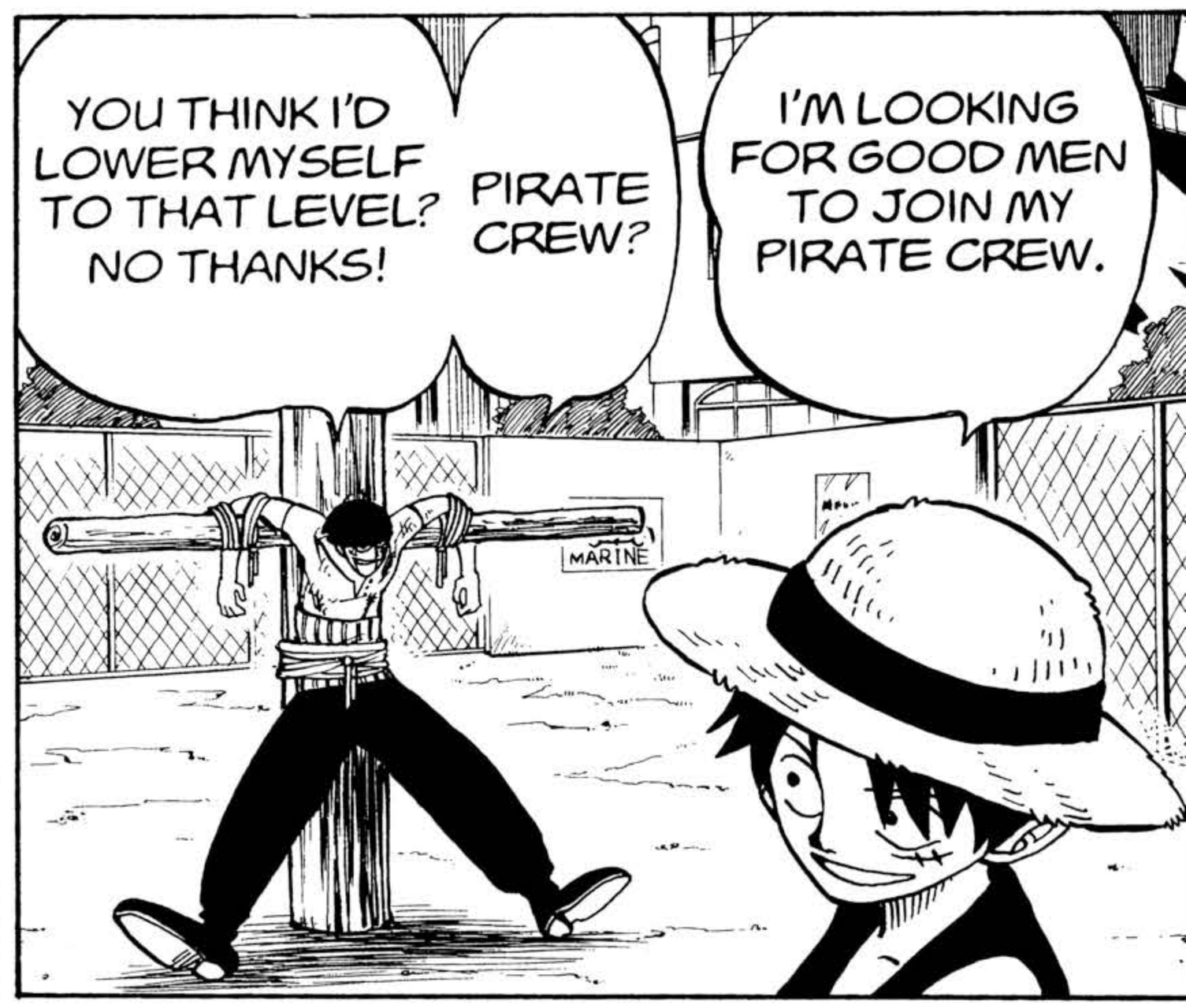

WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT!?
BUT BECOMING A PIRATE'S MY DREAM!


YOU THINK I'D LOWER MYSELF TO THAT LEVEL? NO THANKS!
PIRATE CREW?
I'M LOOKING FOR GOOD MEN TO JOIN MY PIRATE CREW.
MARINE

YOU'VE GOT A PRETTY BAD REPUTATION, YOU KNOW?
I HAVEN'T DECIDED IF I'LL ASK YOU YET...

YOU THINK IF YOU UNTIE ME...
I'M GONNA JOIN YOUR PIRATE CREW?

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS LAST FOR A MONTH HERE, THEN I'M A FREE MAN!

I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP. I CAN GET OUT OF HERE ON MY OWN.

CAPTAIN MORGAN'S IDIOT SON PROMISED ME.

WELL, ANYWAY, I DON'T GO FOR THAT KIND OF DEAL.

I'VE GOT MY OWN PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

BAD REPUTATION, HUH?

THEN I'LL BE FREE TO PURSUE MY DREAM!!!

ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS SURVIVE HERE FOR ONE MONTH.

HUH?

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE...

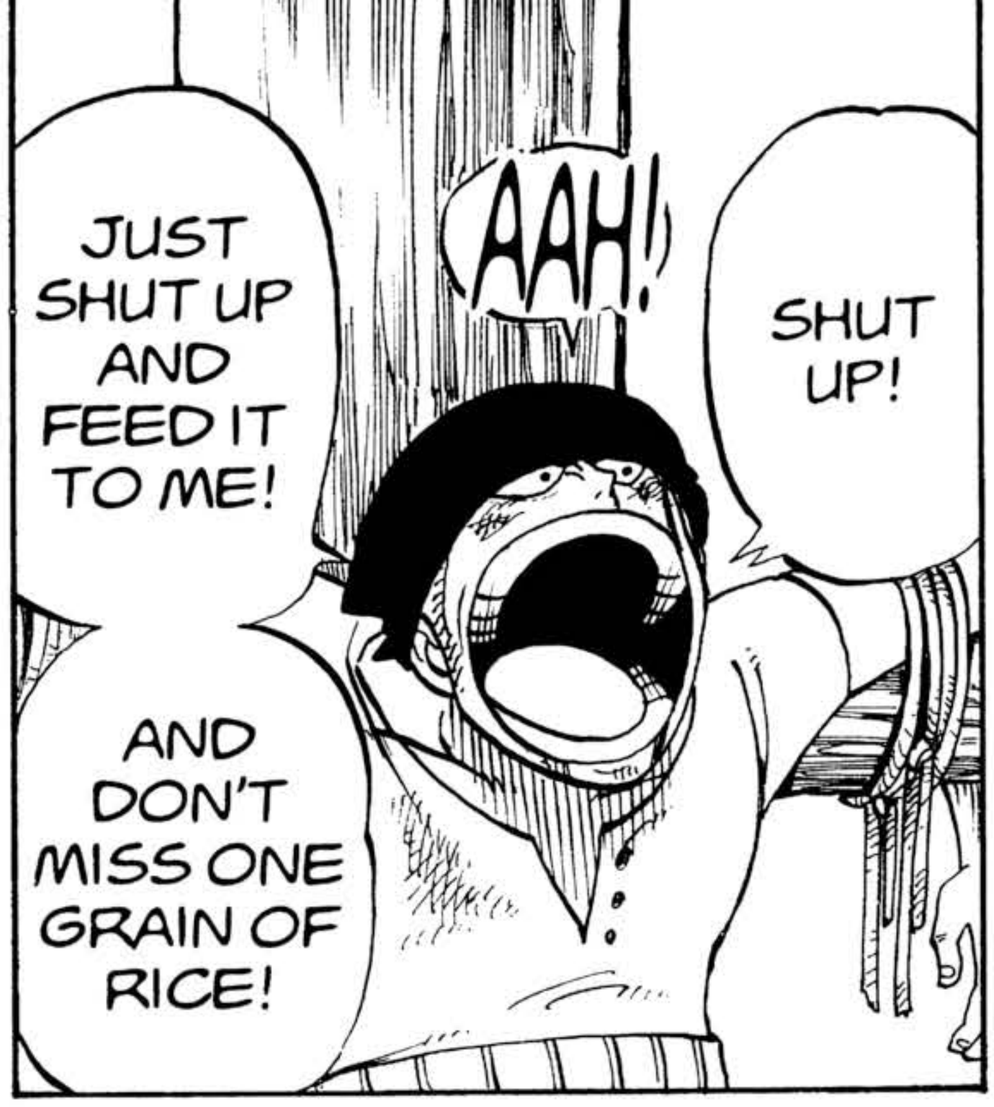
PICK THAT UP FOR ME.

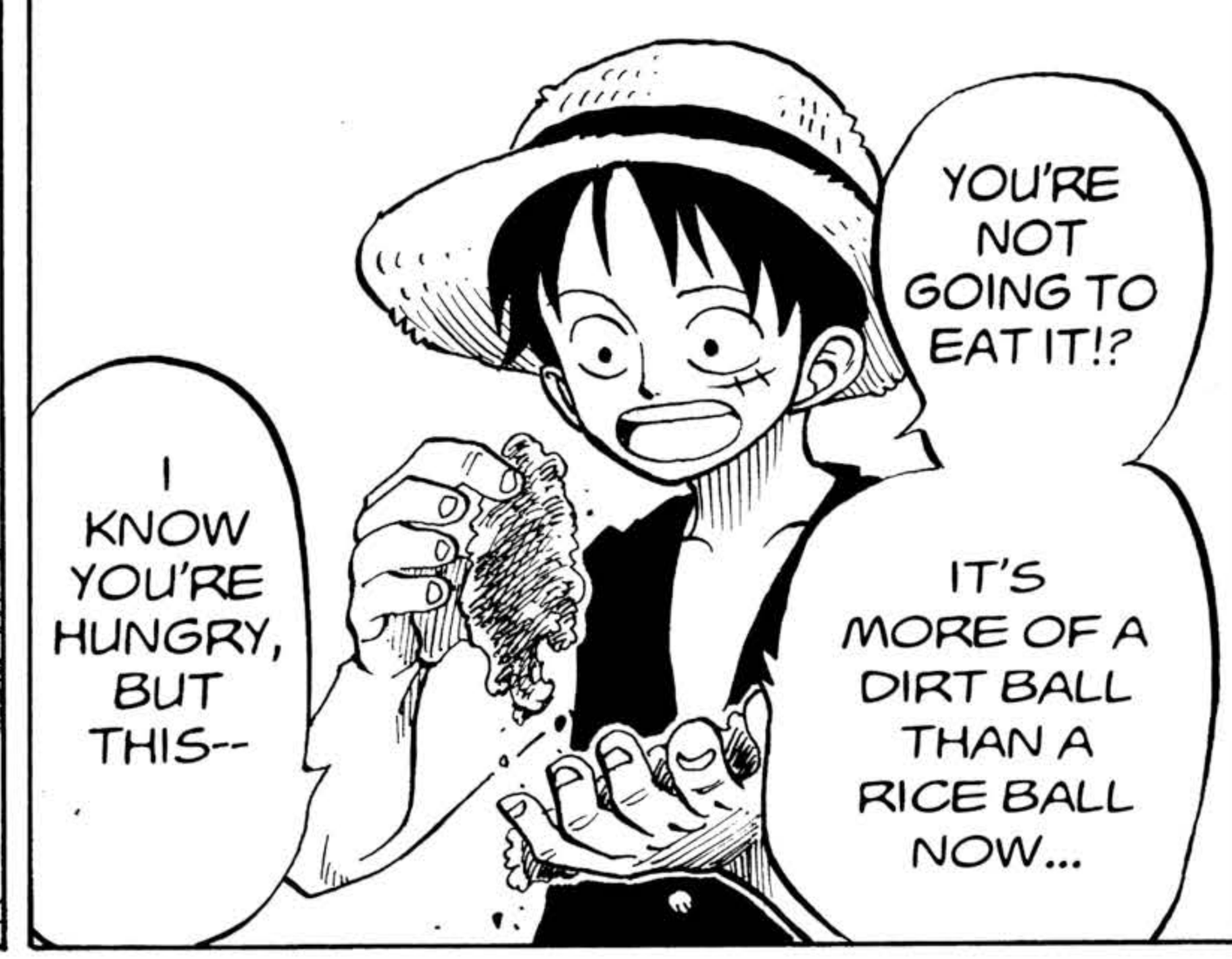
SO GO LOOK FOR A CREW ELSEWHERE...

ME AND YOU ARE DIFFERENT. I'VE GOT MORE WILL POWER.

HMM... I SEE.

I DON'T THINK I COULD LAST ***ONE WEEK*** WITHOUT FOOD.


JUST SHUT UP AND FEED IT TO ME!
AAH!
SHUT UP!
AND DON'T MISS ONE GRAIN OF RICE!


I KNOW YOU'RE HUNGRY, BUT THIS--
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO EAT IT!?
IT'S MORE OF A DIRT BALL THAN A RICE BALL NOW...

KOFF... T-TELL THE KID...
I TOLD YOU. IT WAS MOSTLY DIRT. YOU WANNA KILL YOURSELF?
TWITCH
TWITCH
HUH?

HAK KOFF KOFF!!!
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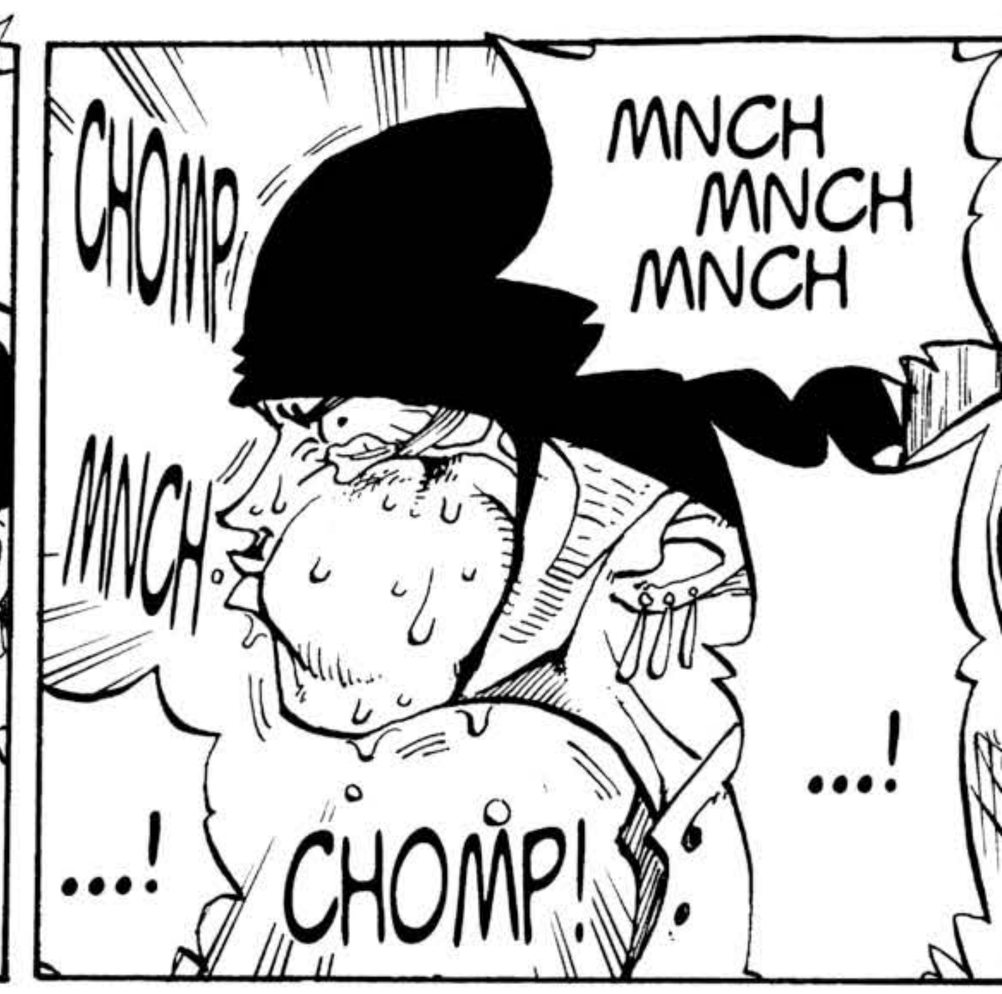
CHOMP
MNCH
MNCH MNCH MNCH
...!
CHOMP!
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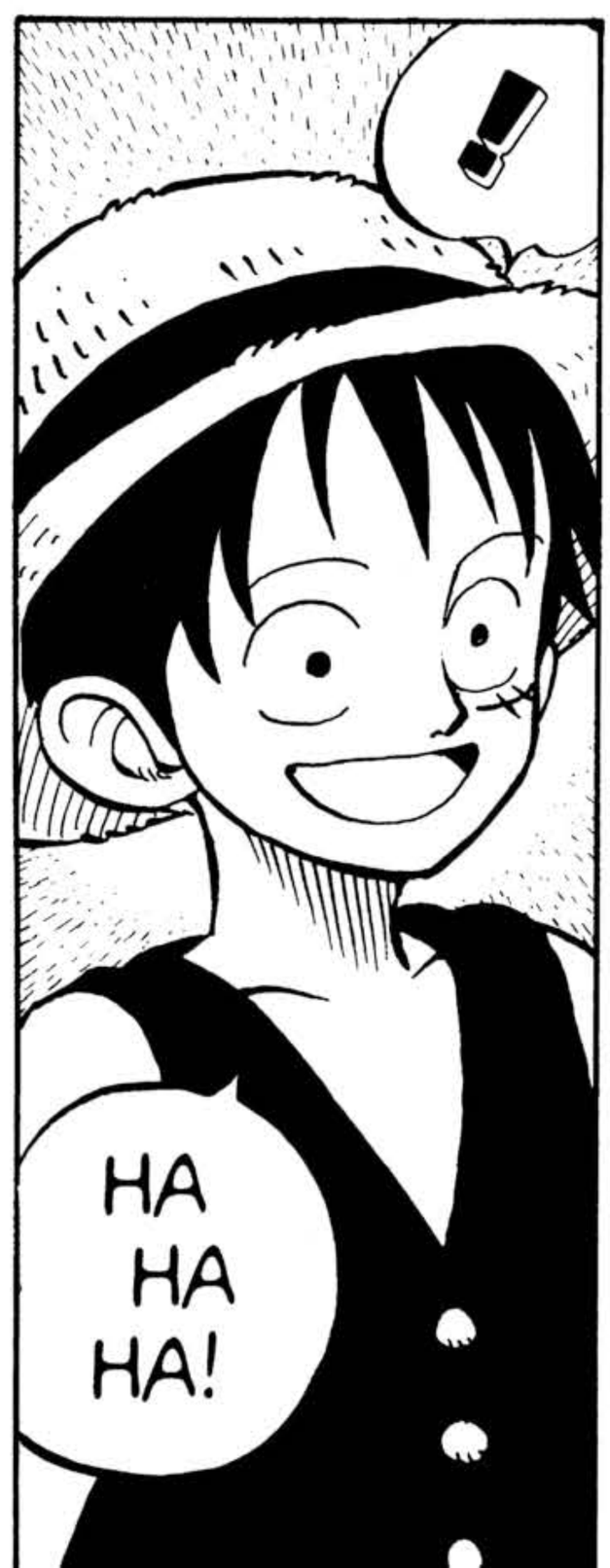
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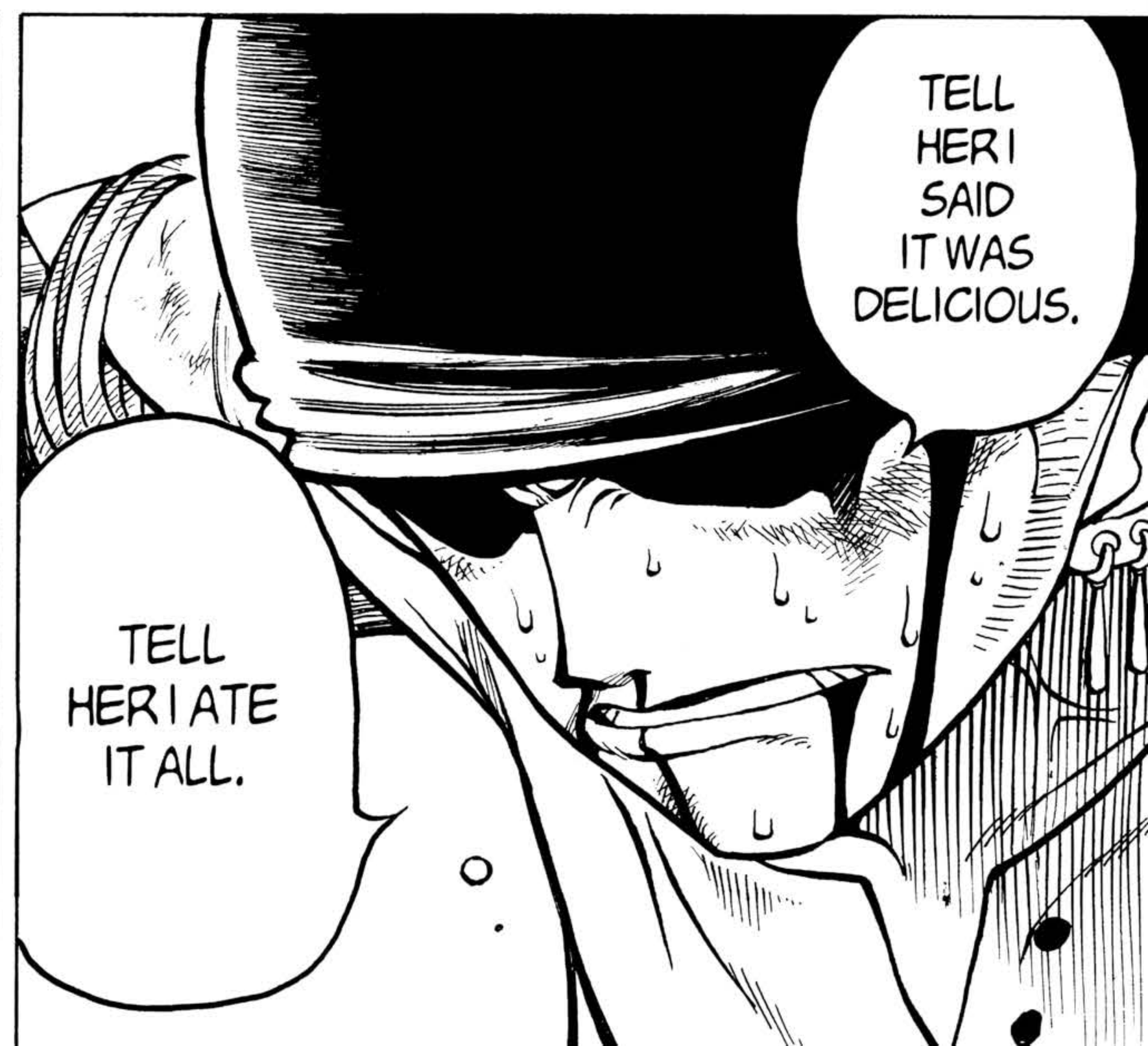
HA HA HA!


TELL HER I SAID IT WAS DELICIOUS.
TELL HER I ATE IT ALL.

COULD THAT GUY REALLY BE AS BAD AS EVERYONE SAYS?

I'M SO GLAD!

HE'S *NOT* A BAD GUY!

YEAH!

HE ATE IT ALL UP!

REALLY!?

RORONOA ZOLO SAVED ME! BESIDES, THOSE DOGS WERE RUNNING LOOSE AND SCARING EVERYBODY IN TOWN!

CAPTAIN MORGAN'S SON HAD A BUNCH OF MEAN DOGS! THEY ATTACKED ME...

HE GOT THROWN INTO PRISON 'CAUSE OF ME.

BUT HE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG!

EVERYBODY IN TOWN IS AFRAID OF HIM...

AND HE WOULDN'T GET THROWN INTO PRISON FOR THAT!

ZOLO'S REALLY SCARY, BUT HE ONLY GOES AFTER PEOPLE WITH A PRICE ON THEIR HEADS.

THAT MAKES SENSE!

YES!

THAT'S WHY ZOLO IS IN PRISON...

BECAUSE HE HURT THAT GUY'S DOG TO SAVE YOU?

HA HA HA! YOU'RE NOT BOWING YOUR HEADS LOW ENOUGH, SCUM! I'LL TELL MY FATHER ON ALL OF YOU!!
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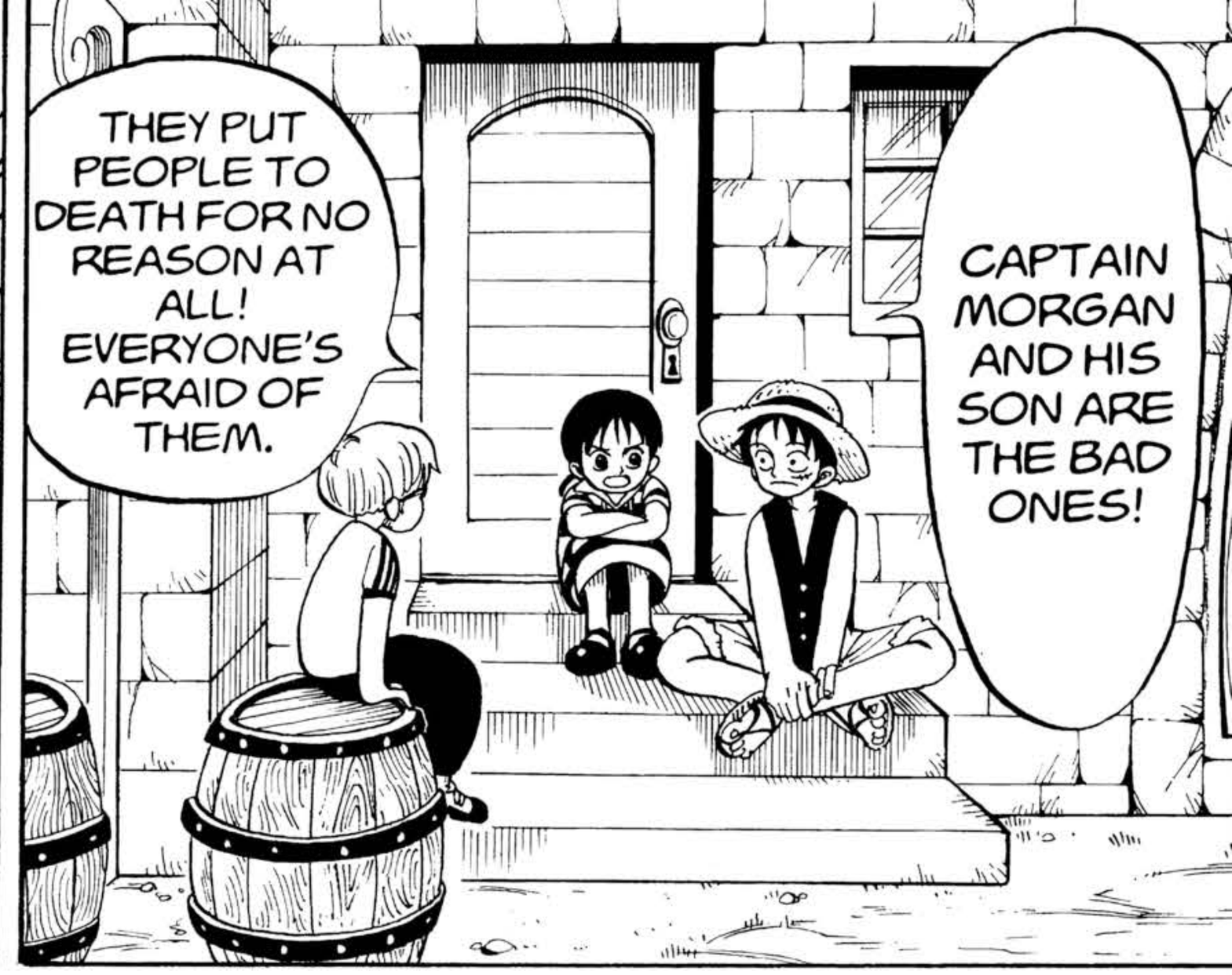
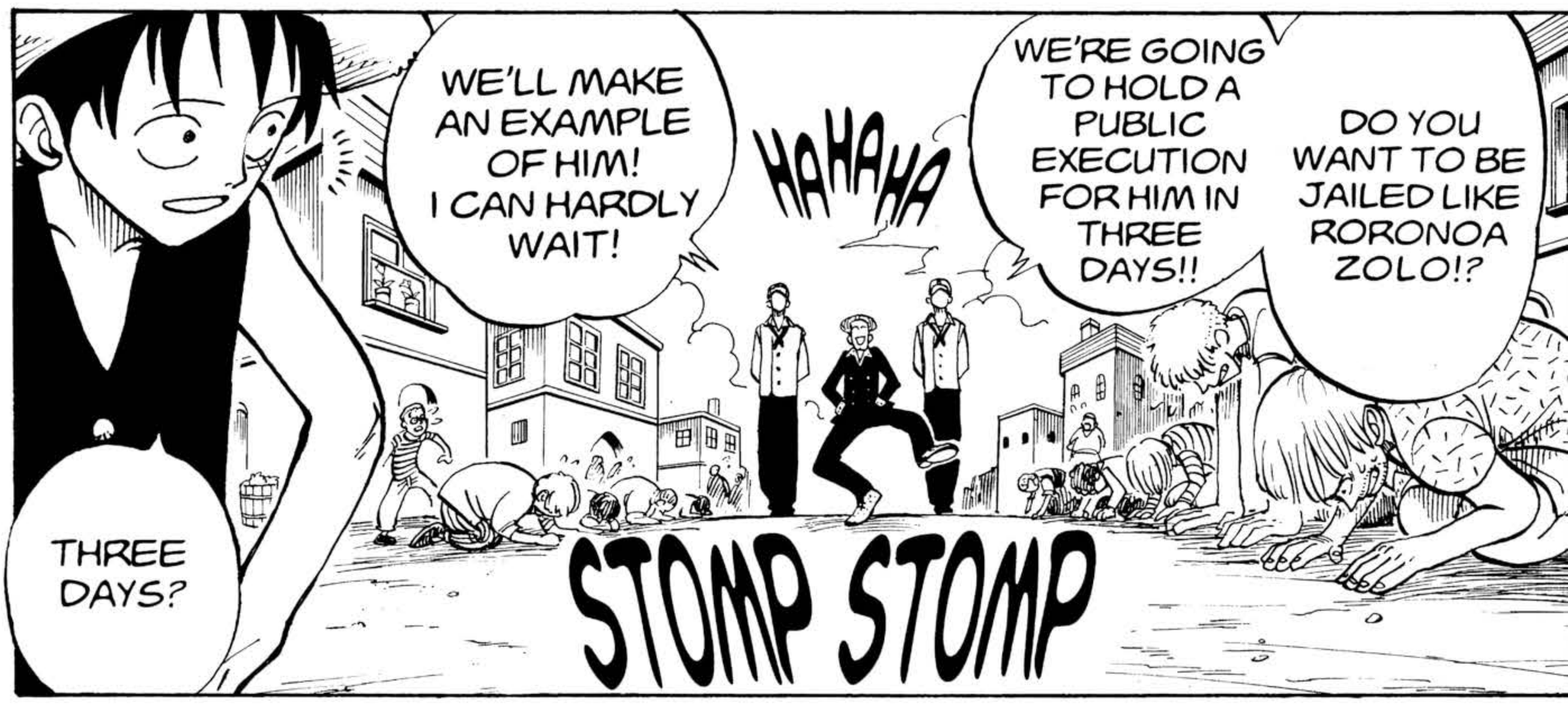

THEY PUT PEOPLE TO DEATH FOR NO REASON AT ALL! EVERYONE'S AFRAID OF THEM.
CAPTAIN MORGAN AND HIS SON ARE THE BAD ONES!


THREE DAYS?
WE'LL MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF HIM! I CAN HARDLY WAIT!
HAHAHA
WE'RE GOING TO HOLD A PUBLIC EXECUTION FOR HIM IN THREE DAYS!!
DO YOU WANT TO BE JAILED LIKE RORONOA ZOLO!?
STOMP STOMP

CAPTAIN MORGAN'S IDIOT SON PROMISED ME. ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS SURVIVE HERE FOR ONE MONTH.

HE'S JUST A STUPID BEAST FOR BELIEVING IT!!
THAT PROMISE WAS JUST A JOKE!!
PFFT~!!
HA HA HA!

WHAT? WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THAT?
BUT... YOU MADE A PROMISE TO HIM!?
GASP
GASP

AAAAH!

BAAH!

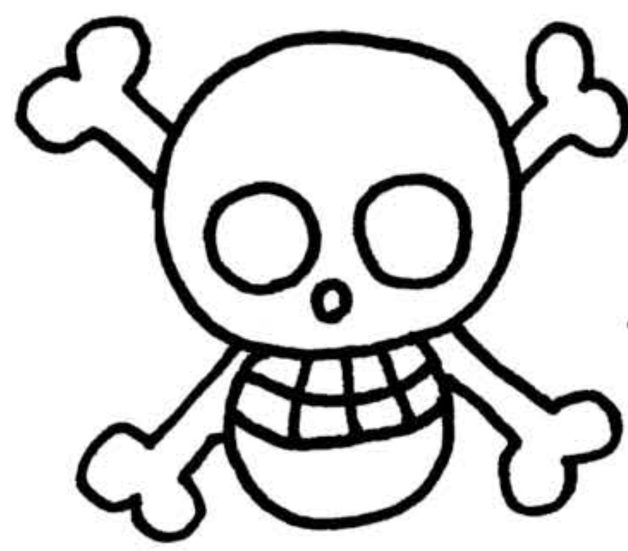
KOBY, I'VE MADE MY DECISION!
HAAH!
WAAA
HUH?
I'M GOING TO ASK ZOLO TO JOIN MY CREW!!!
STOP! CALM DOWN!!
THAT GUY IS SCUM!
LUFFY!!
YOU WANT TO MAKE AN ENEMY OF THE NAVY, DO YOU!?
AAAH!
WAAAH!

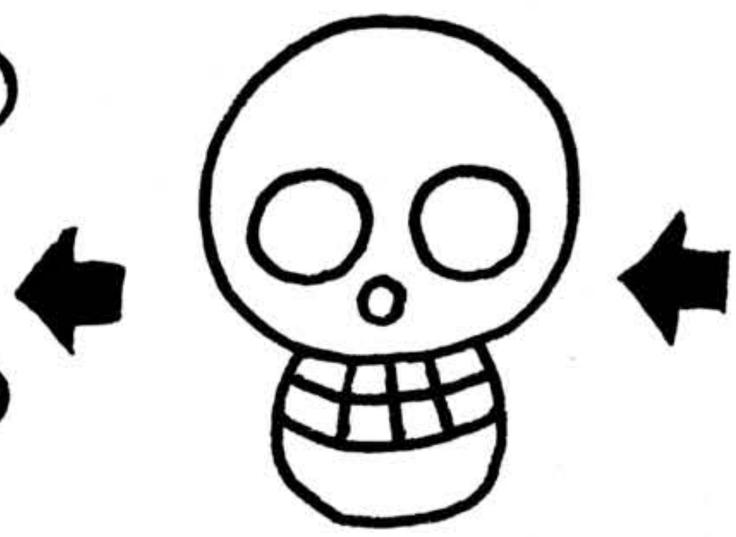
HOW TO DRAW THE SKULL AND CROSSBONES

1. DRAW A CIRCLE.

2. DRAW THREE CIRCLES INSIDE THE CIRCLE.

3. DRAW ANOTHER CIRCLE BELOW THE FIRST CIRCLE.

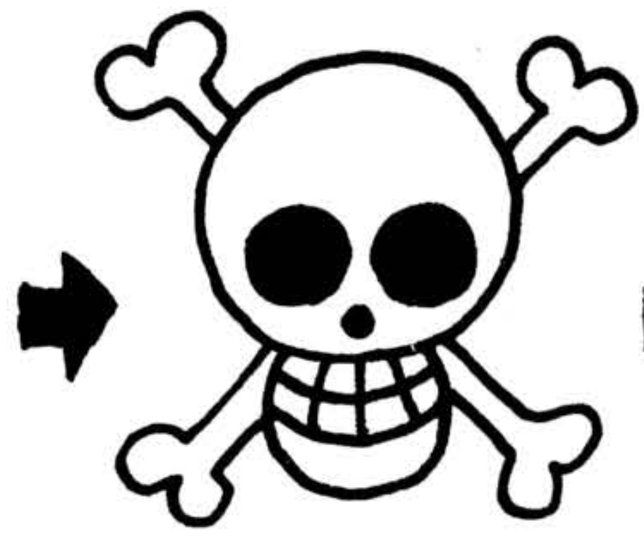




6. DRAW BONES BEHIND THE SKULL.

5. DRAW THREE VERTICAL LINES ALONG THE HORIZONTAL LINES.

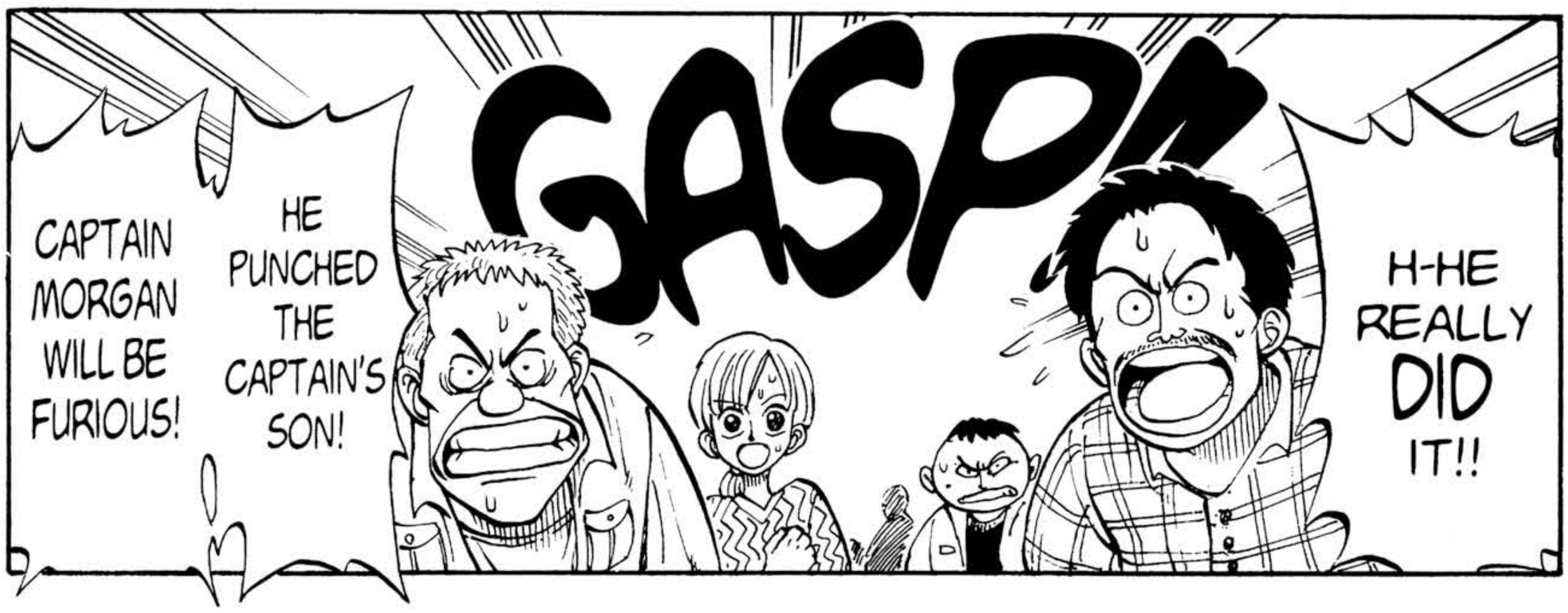
4. DRAW TWO LINES ACROSS THE LOWER CIRCLE.

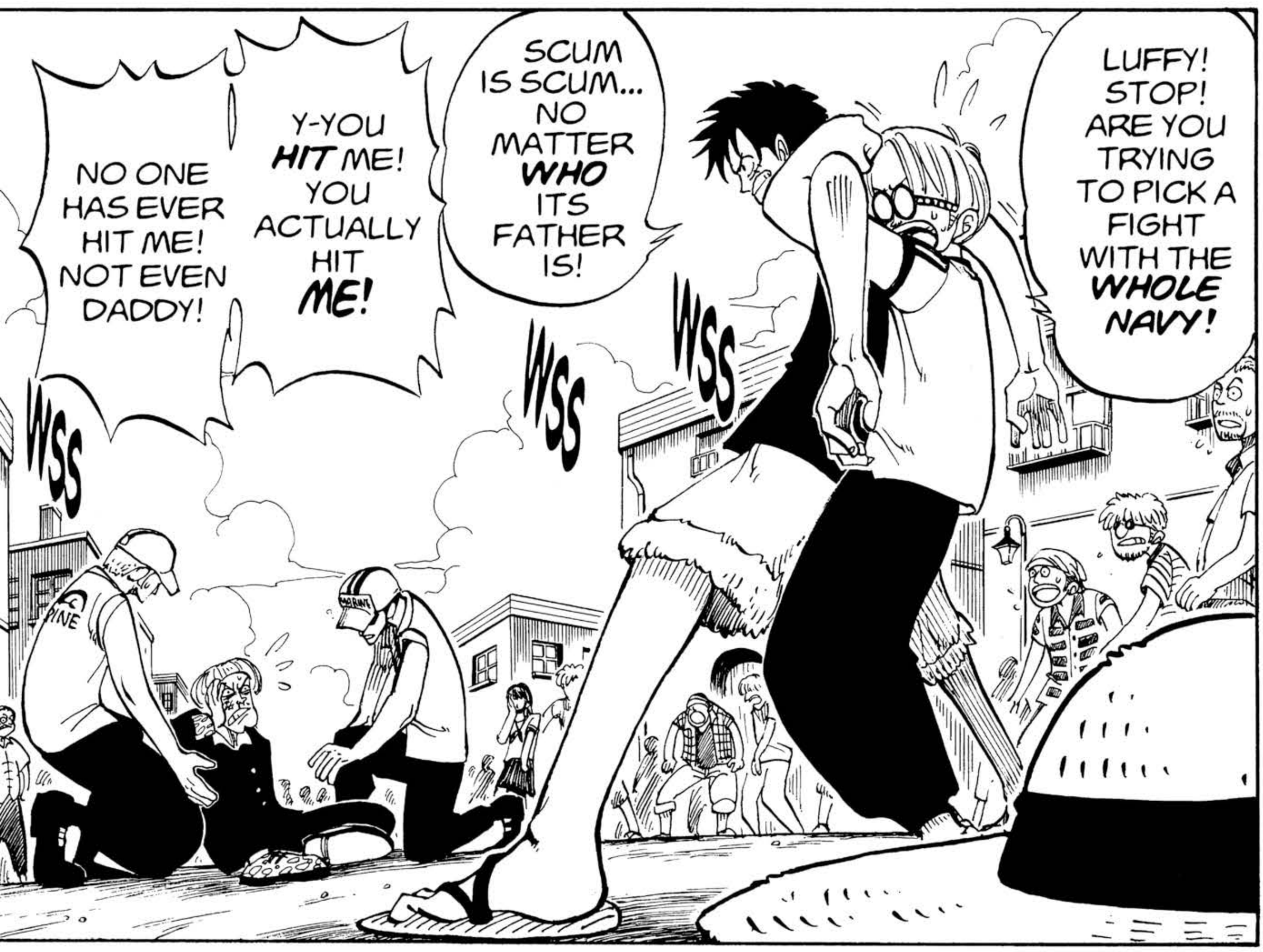


7. AND YOU'RE FINISHED! WHAT!? WAIT A MINUTE...

8. AND YOU'RE FINISHED!

9. AND IF YOU DRAW A STRAW HAT ON IT, YOU GET LUFFY'S FLAG!

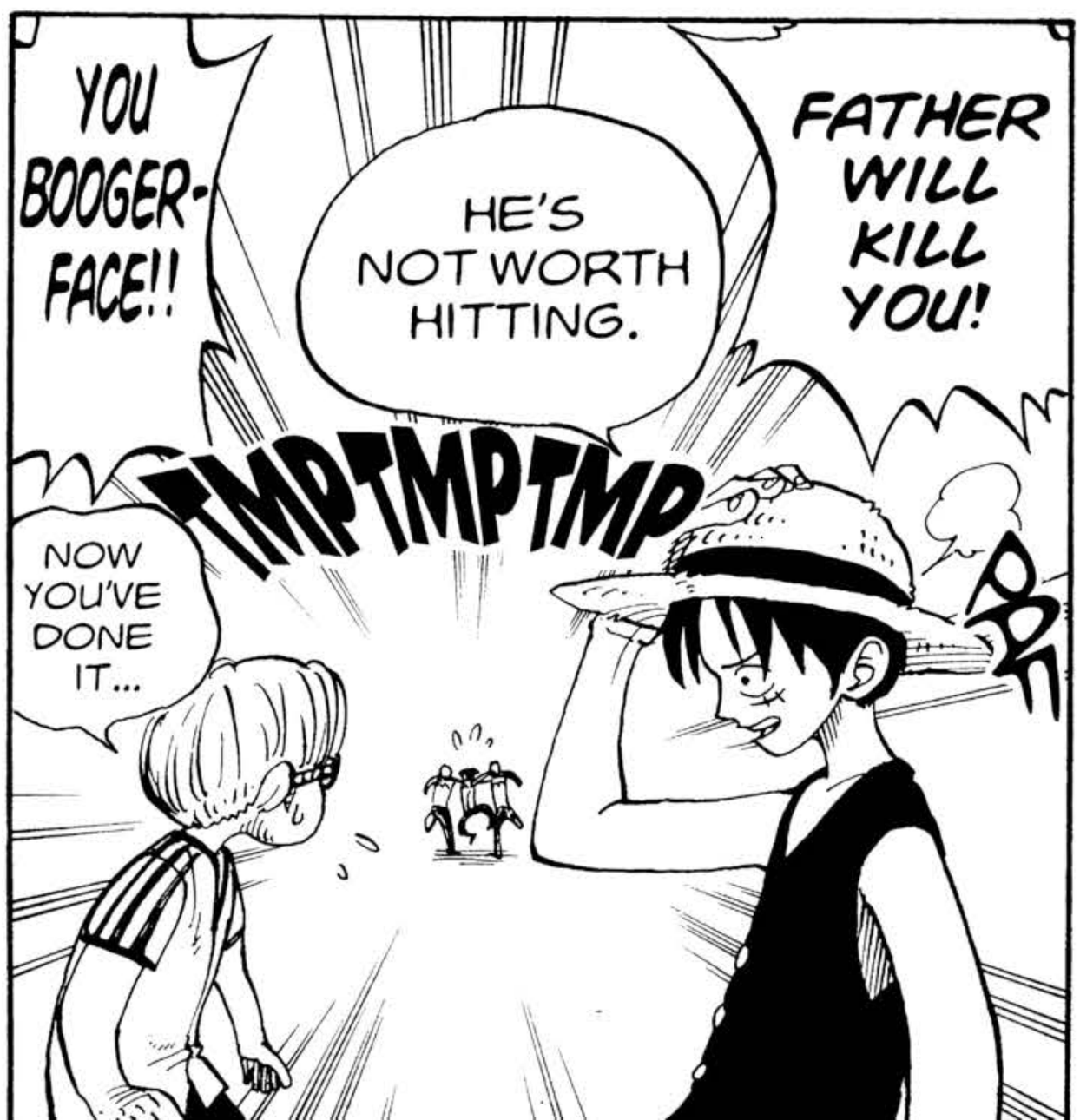


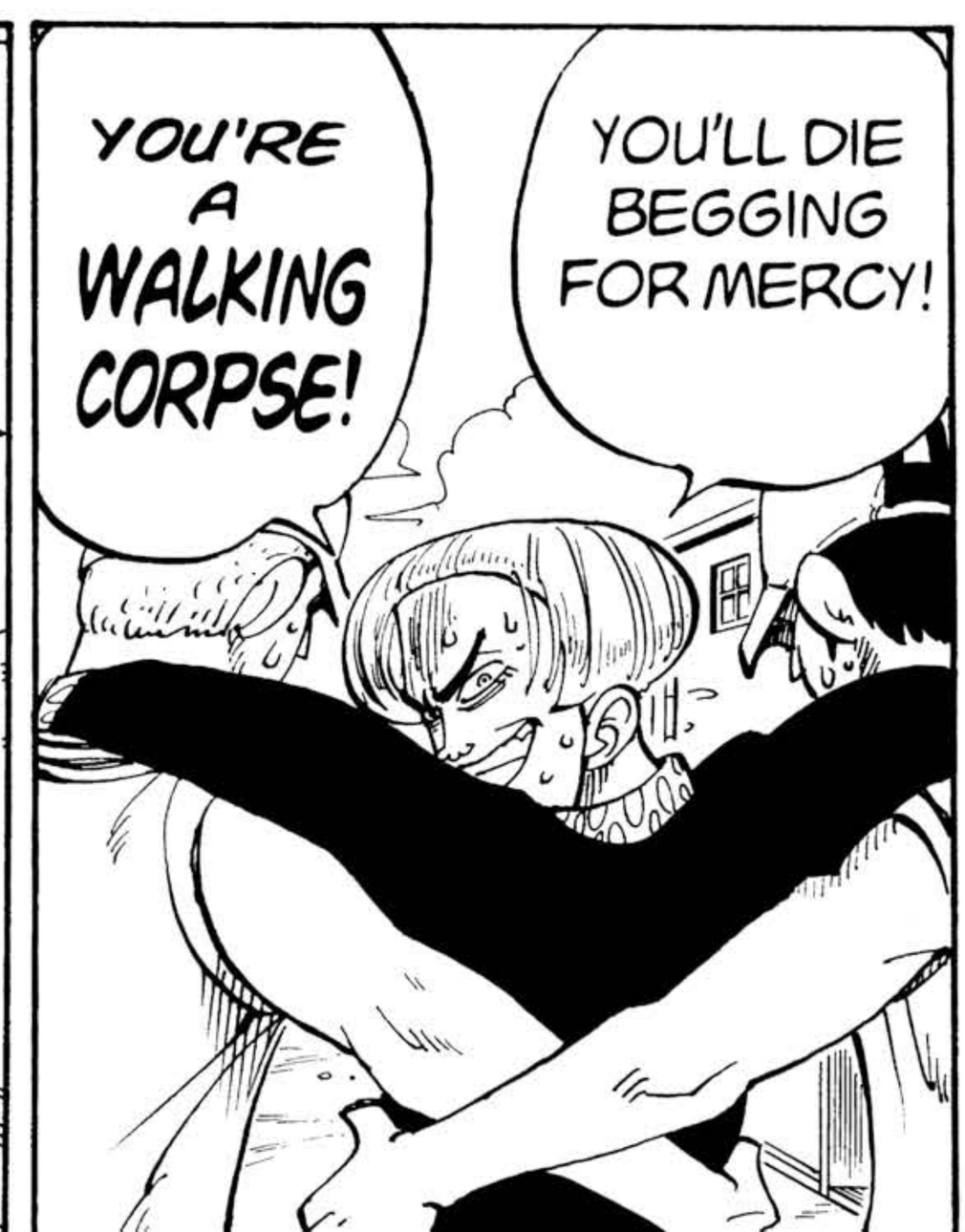


CHAPTER 4:
THE GREAT CAPTAIN MORGAN

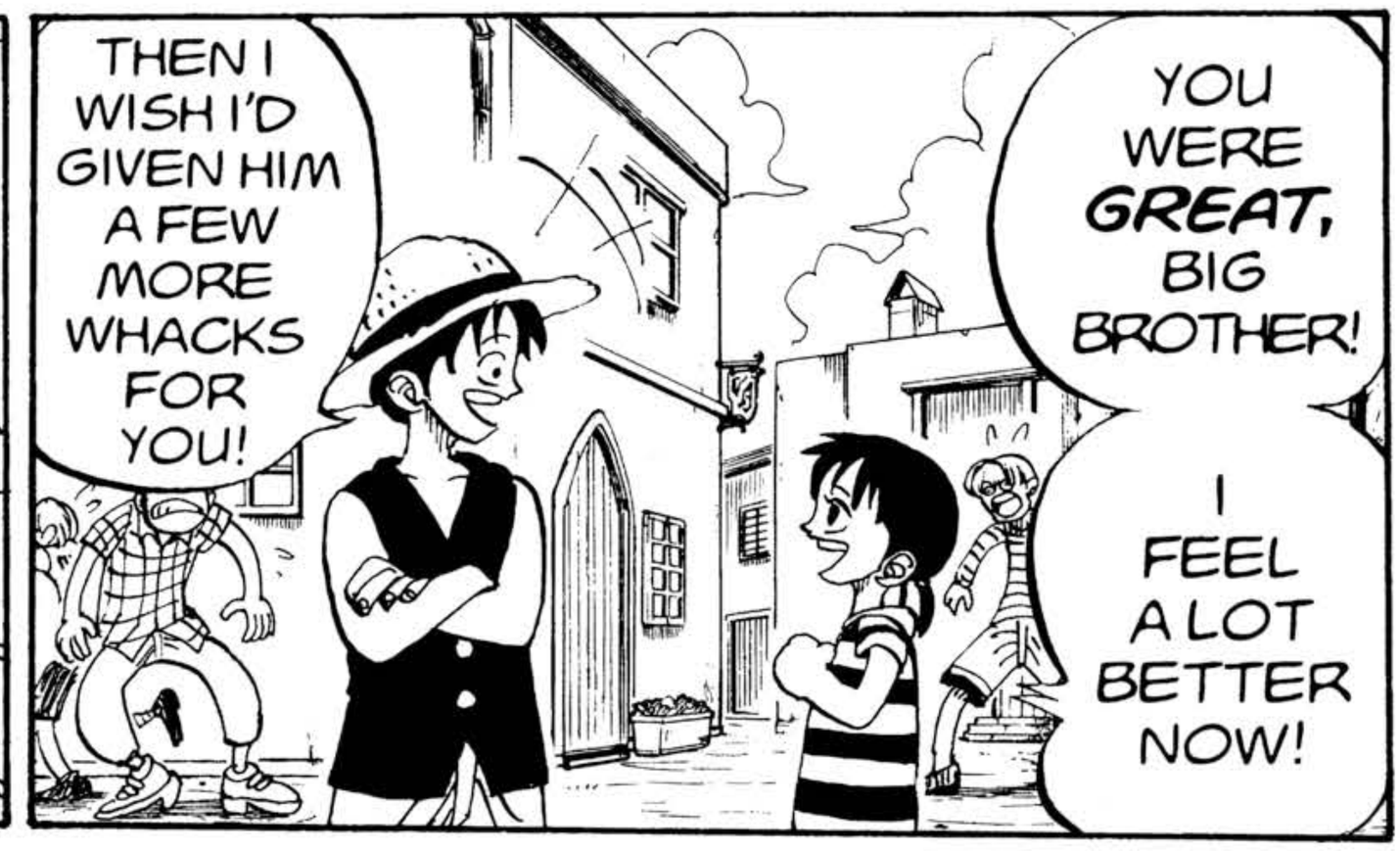
I'M TELLING DADDY ON YOU!

I'M CAPTAIN MORGAN'S BELOVED SON!!!

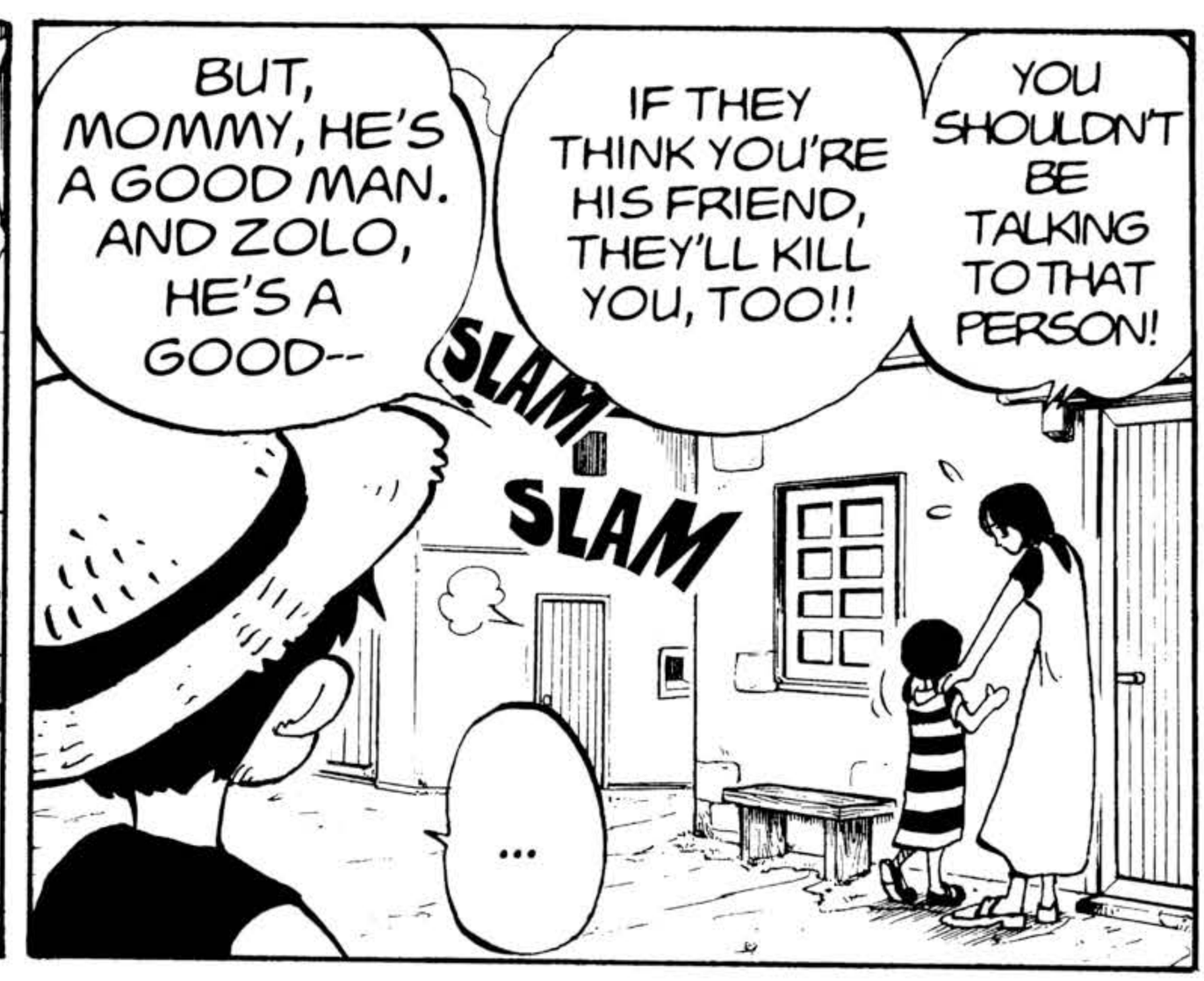




GET OVER HERE!
RIKA!!


THEN I WISH I'D GIVEN HIM A FEW MORE WHACKS FOR YOU!
YOU WERE GREAT, BIG BROTHER!
I FEEL A LOT BETTER NOW!

UM... WELL... NO-O-O...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? YOU DIDN'T GO TO THE PARADE GROUND, DID YOU!?


BUT, MOMMY, HE'S A GOOD MAN. AND ZOLO, HE'S A GOOD--
SLAM
SLAM
IF THEY THINK YOU'RE HIS FRIEND, THEY'LL KILL YOU, TOO!!
YOU SHOULDN'T BE TALKING TO THAT PERSON!
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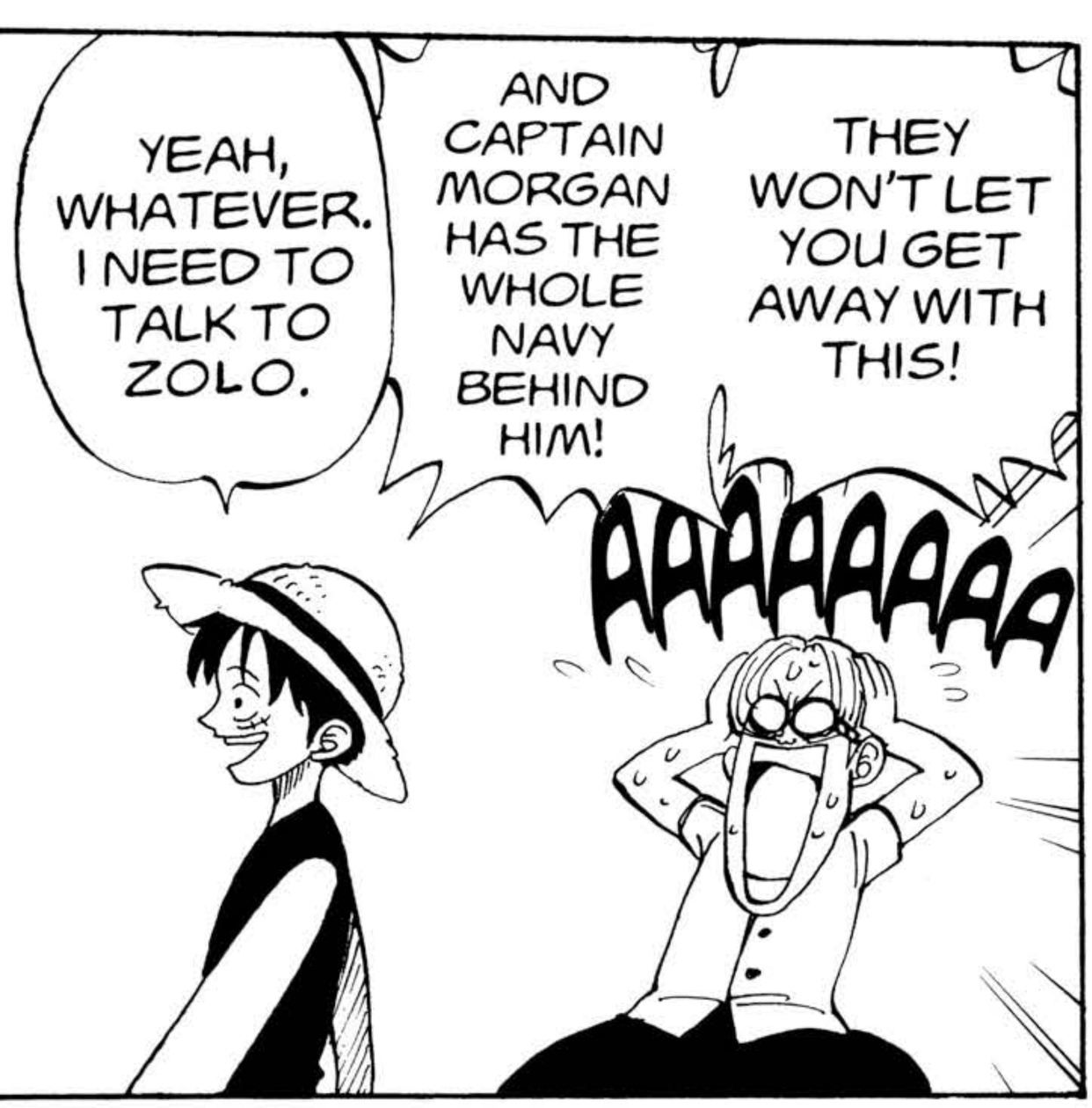
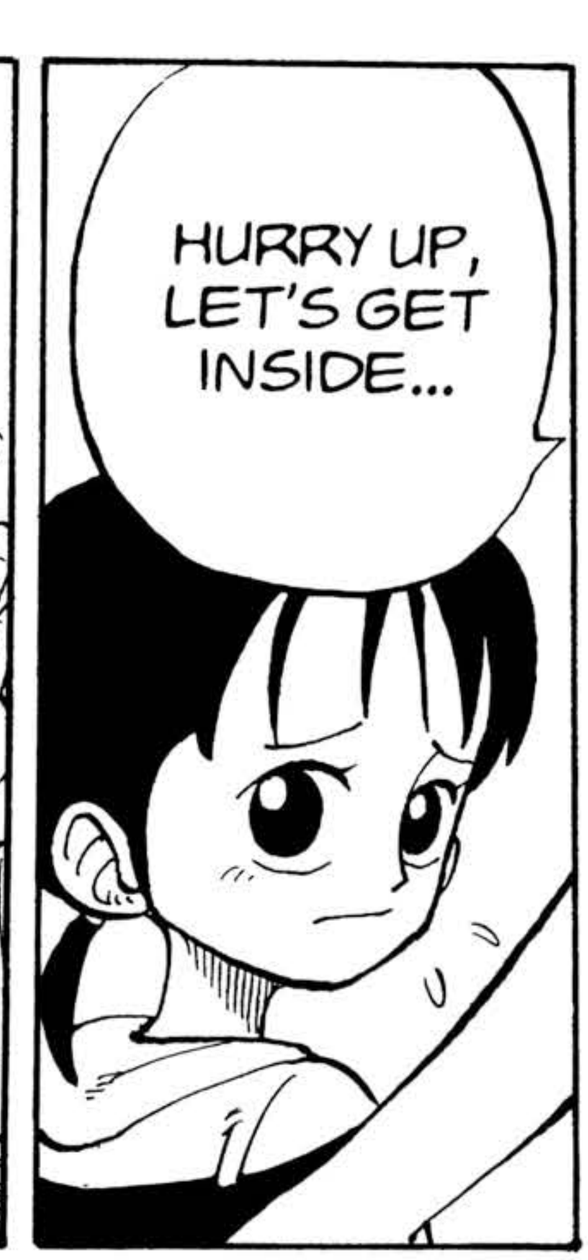
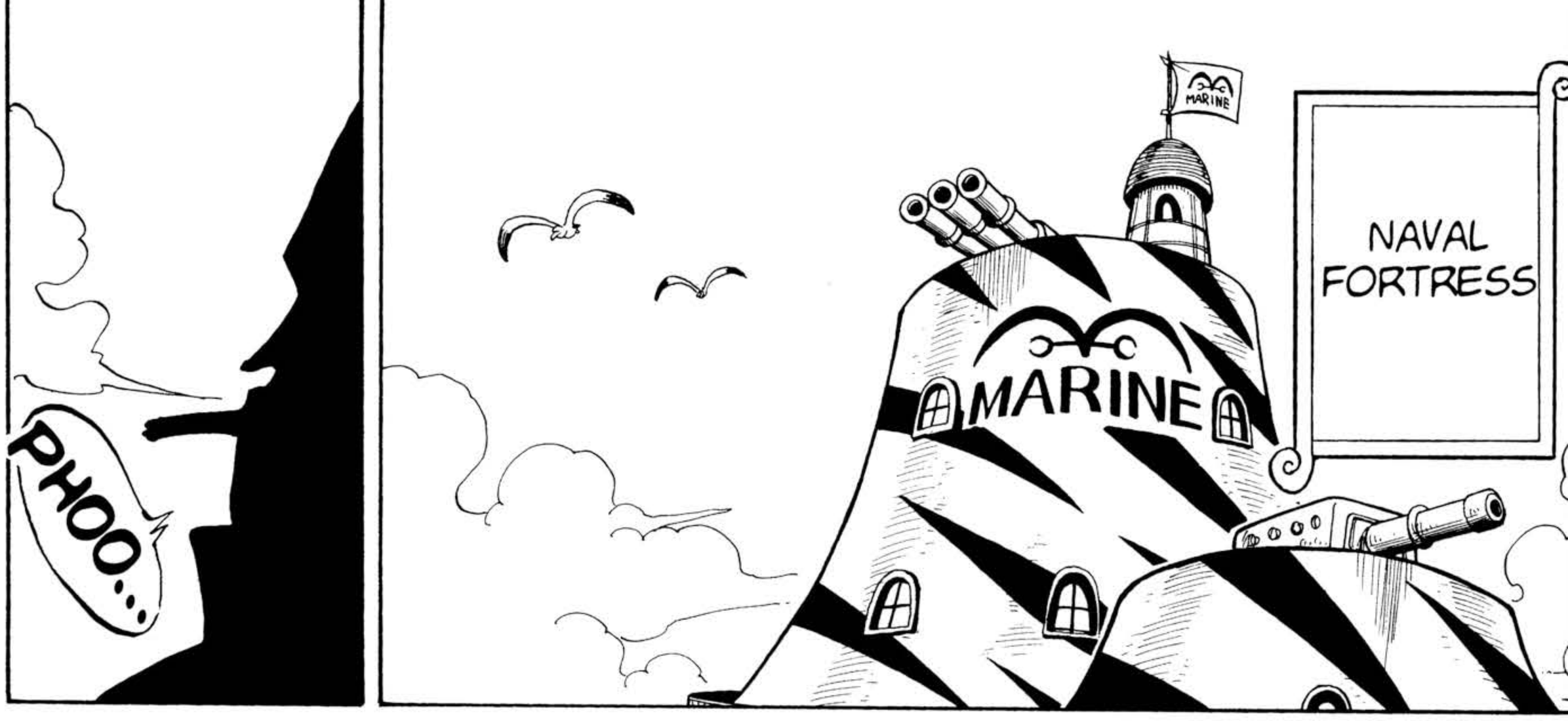
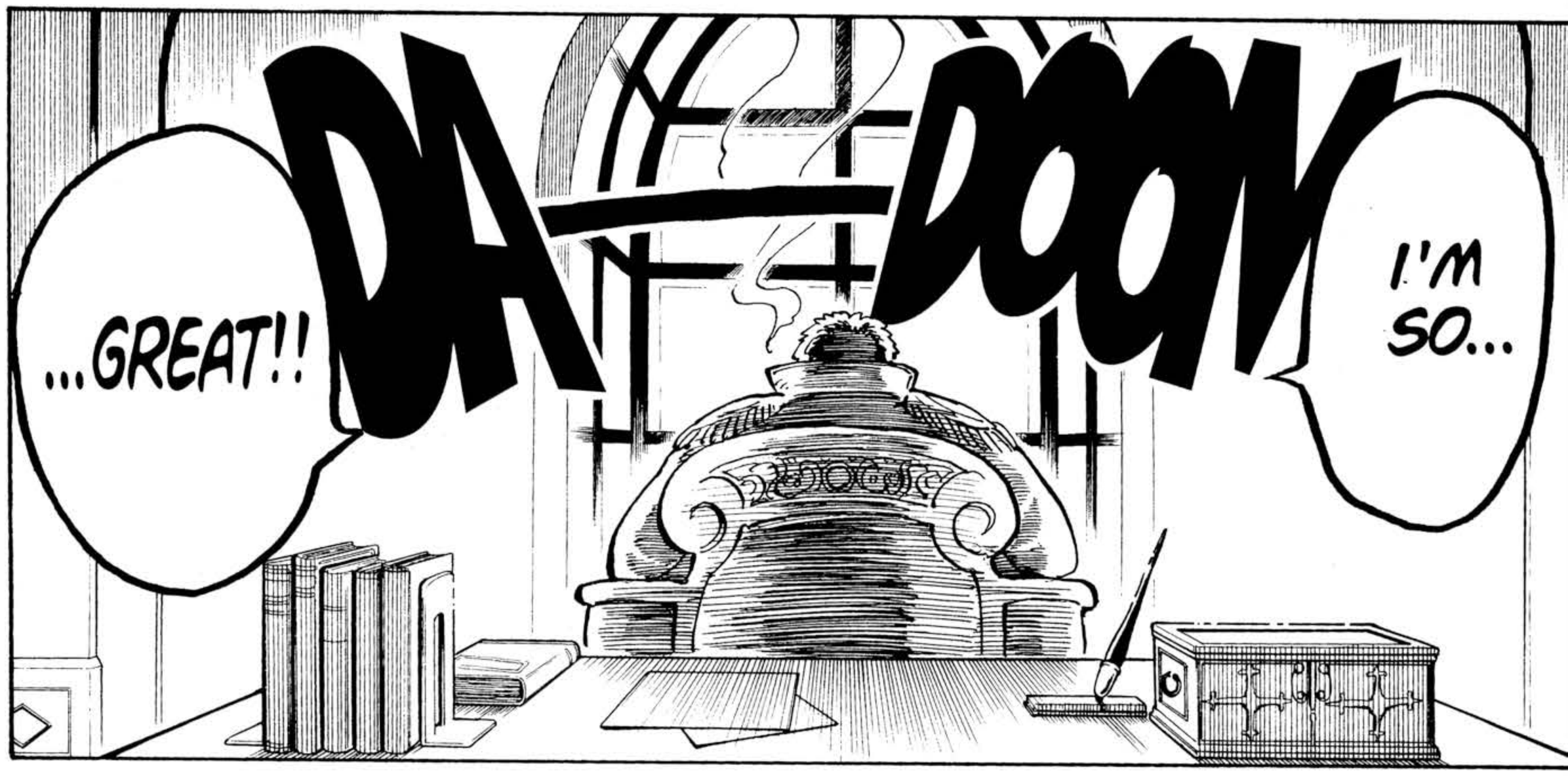
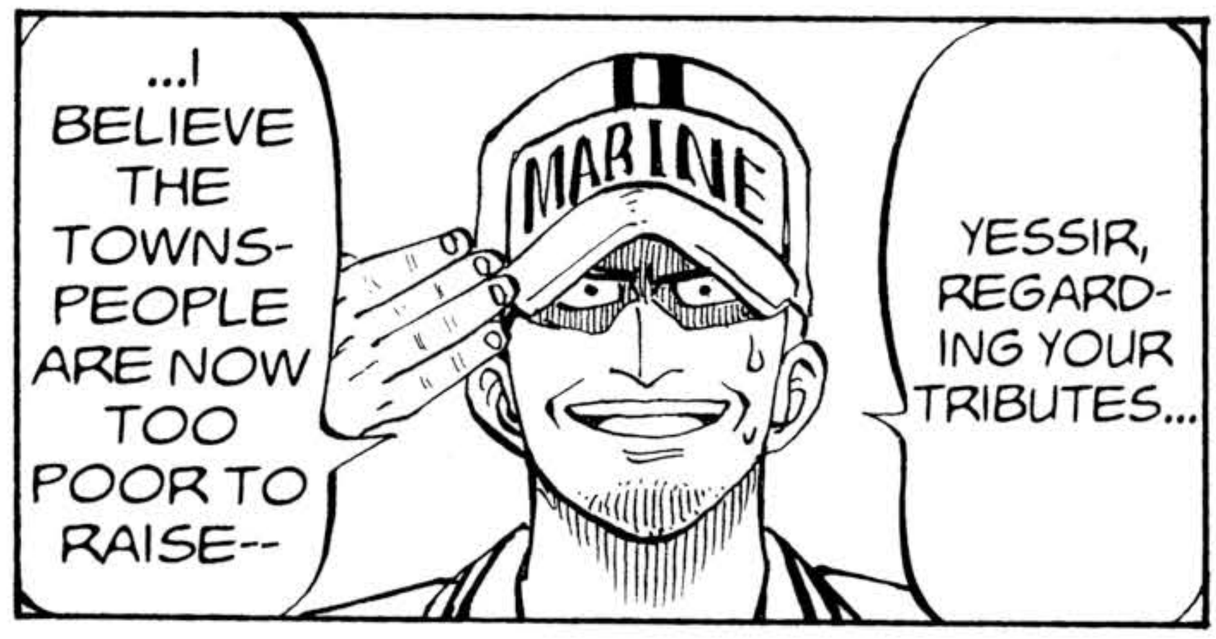

YEAH, WHATEVER. I NEED TO TALK TO ZOLO.
AND CAPTAIN MORGAN HAS THE WHOLE NAVY BEHIND HIM!
THEY WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS!
AAAAAAAAA

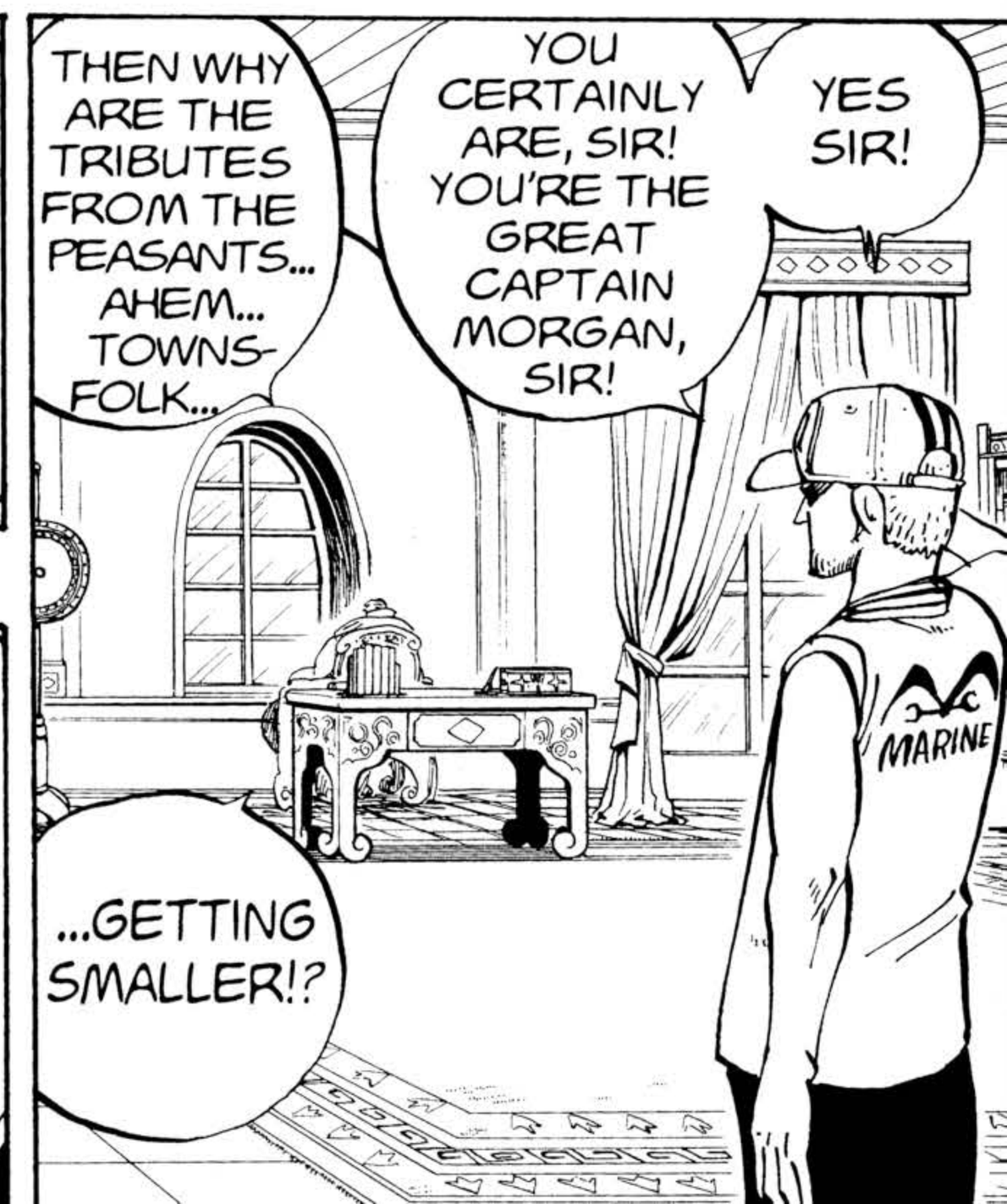
SLAM

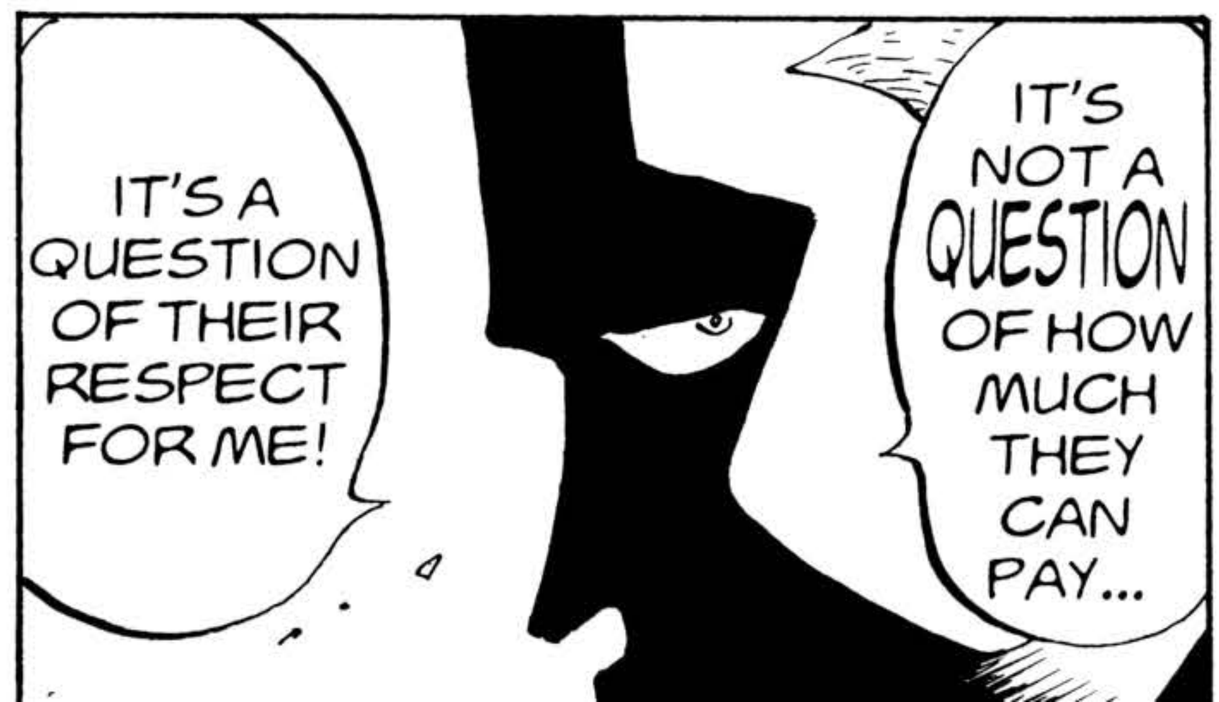

HURRY UP, LET'S GET INSIDE...


PHOO...
MARINE
MARINE
NAVAL FORTRESS


...GREAT!!
DA-DOOM
I'M SO...


...I BELIEVE THE TOWNS-PEOPLE ARE NOW TOO POOR TO RAISE--
MARINE
YESSIR, REGARD-ING YOUR TRIBUTES...


THEN WHY ARE THE TRIBUTES FROM THE PEASANTS... AHEM... TOWNS-FOLK...
YOU CERTAINLY ARE, SIR! YOU'RE THE GREAT CAPTAIN MORGAN, SIR!
YES SIR!
MARINE
...GETTING SMALLER!?


IT'S A QUESTION OF THEIR RESPECT FOR ME!
IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF HOW MUCH THEY CAN PAY...

I WANT YOU TO KILL SOMEONE FOR ME!!

WHAT'S WRONG, HELMEPPO? WHY THE COMMO-TION?

DADDY!!

SLAM!!

YOU AGAIN...

IF THIS IS ABOUT ME JOINING YOUR PIRATE CREW, MY ANSWER IS STILL **NO!**

HEY!

YOU DON'T **LISTEN**, BOY!

CALL ME LUFFY!

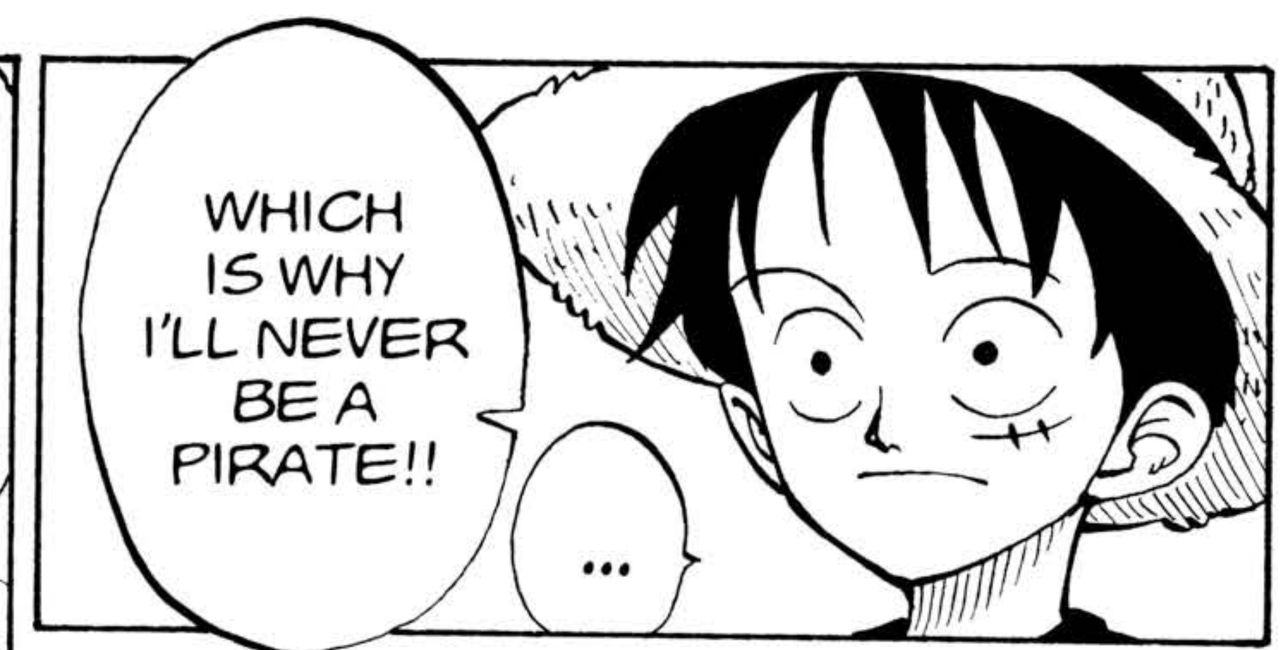
I'LL UNTIE YOU IF YOU'LL JOIN MY PIRATE CREW, OKAY!?

YOU'RE TOO GOOD TO BE A PIRATE?
YOU, A BOUNTY HUNTER? WHO EVERYONE THINKS IS SOME SORT OF DEMON?

I'VE GOT MY OWN MISSION...
...AND IT DOESN'T INVOLVE BECOMING A STINKING PIRATE!

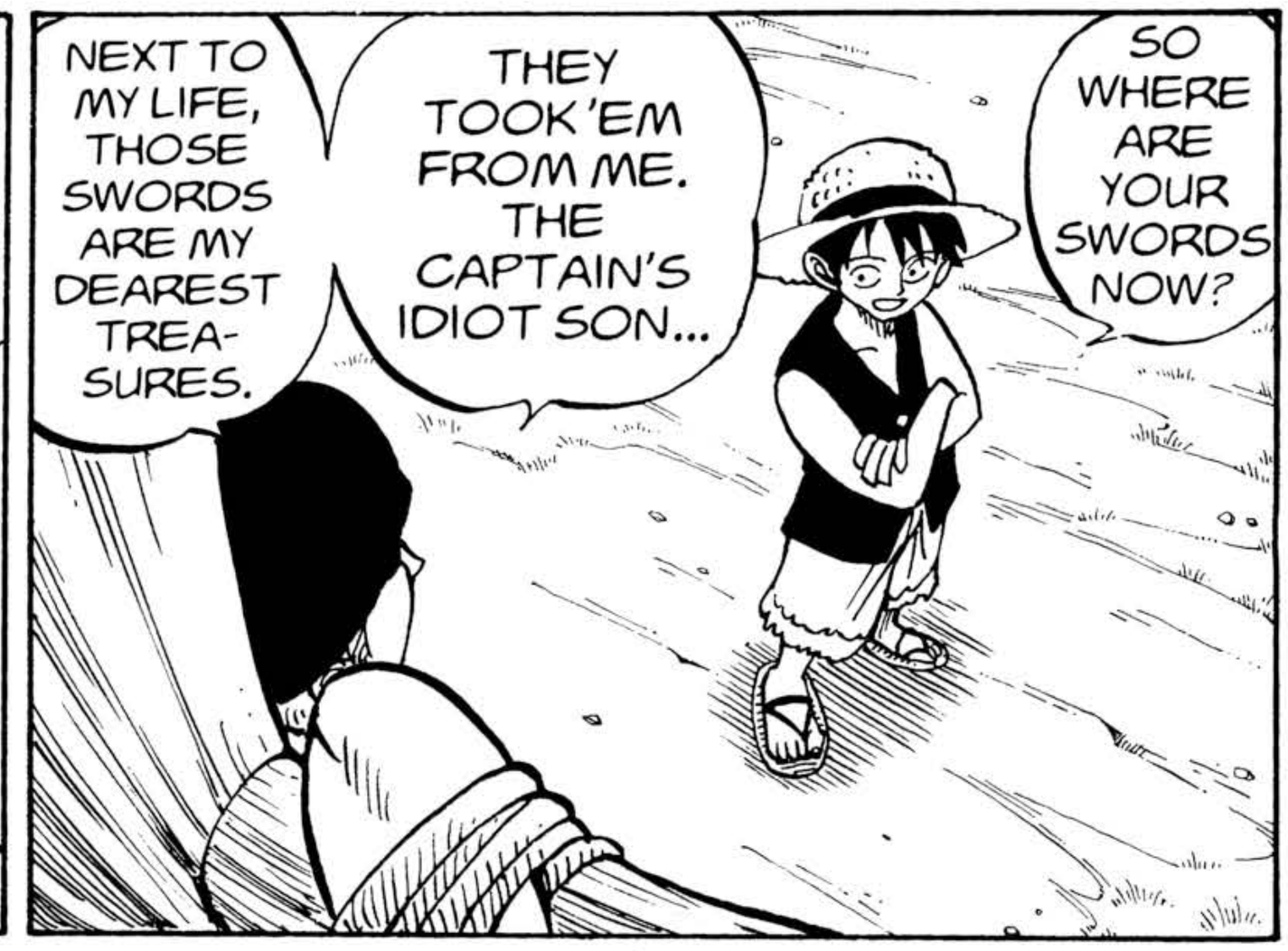
I LIVE BY MY OWN CODE... I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING I REGRET, AND I DON'T INTEND TO IN THE FUTURE.
I DON'T CARE WHAT PEOPLE THINK.

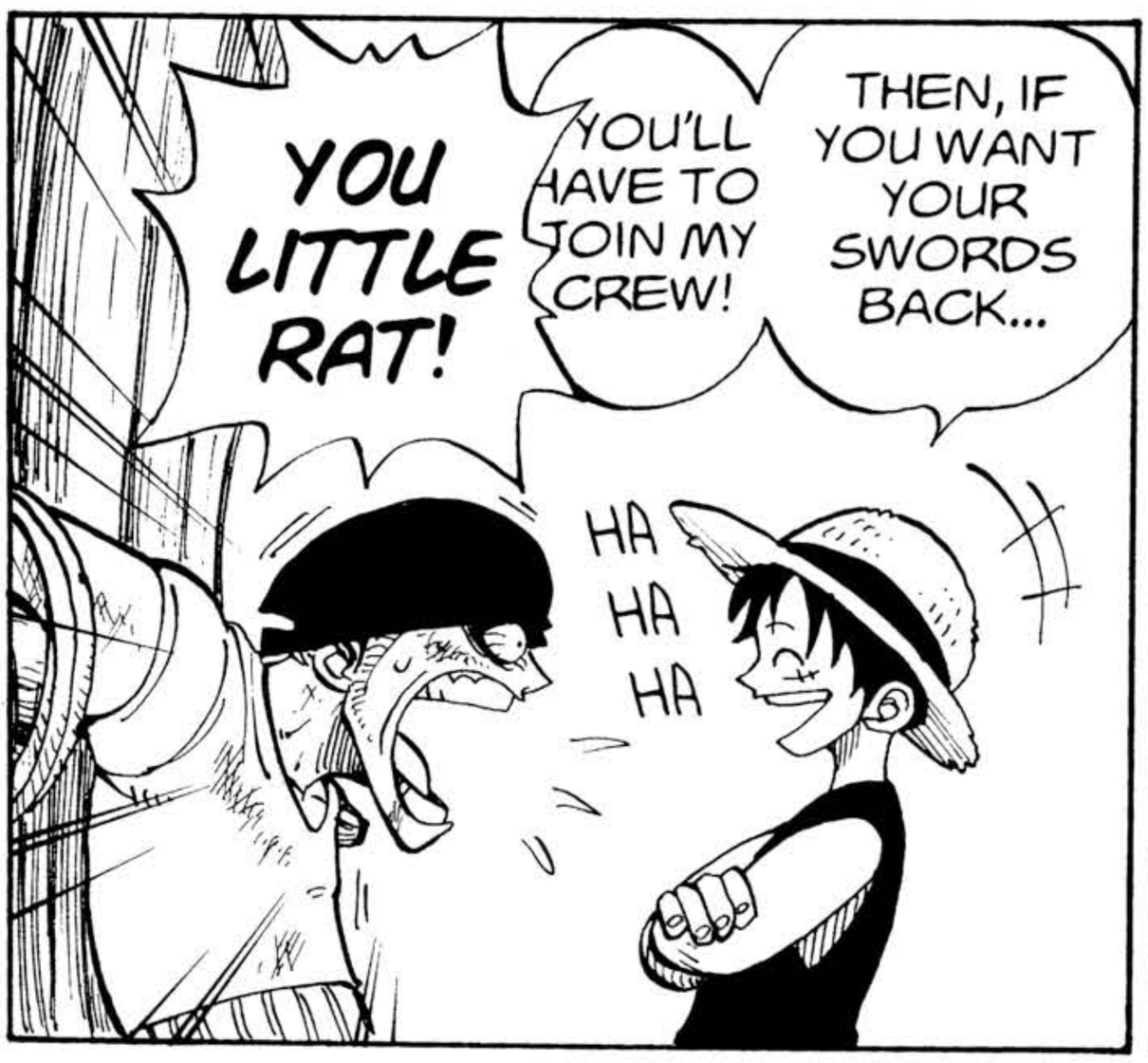
HMPH! IF I WASN'T TIED UP, I'D SHOW YOU...
!...
I HEARD YOU CAN USE A SWORD!


WHICH IS WHY I'LL NEVER BE A PIRATE!!
...

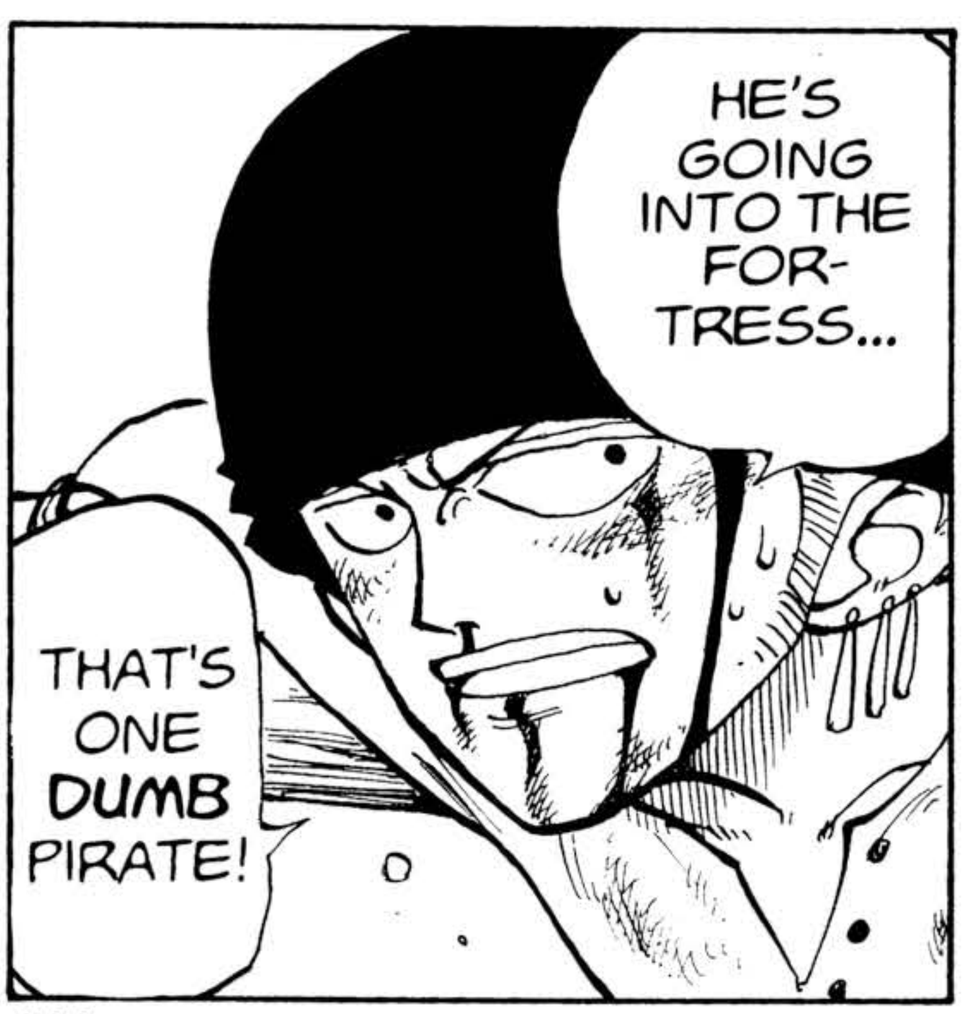
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU'VE DECIDED!!
SORRY, BUT I'VE MADE UP MY MIND! YOU'RE GONNA JOIN MY CREW!!

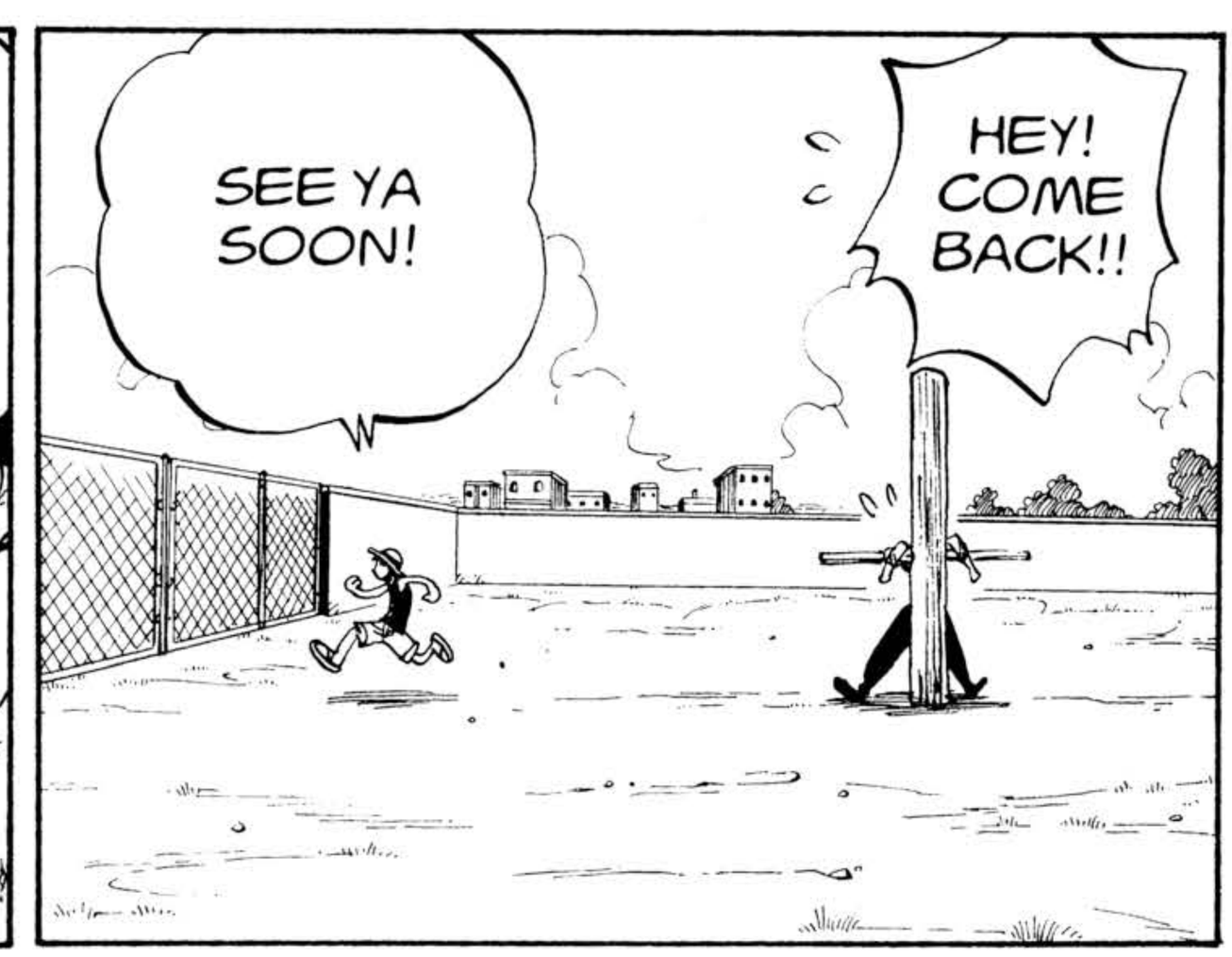
TREASURES, HUH? TOO BAD THEY TOOK 'EM...
HMM...

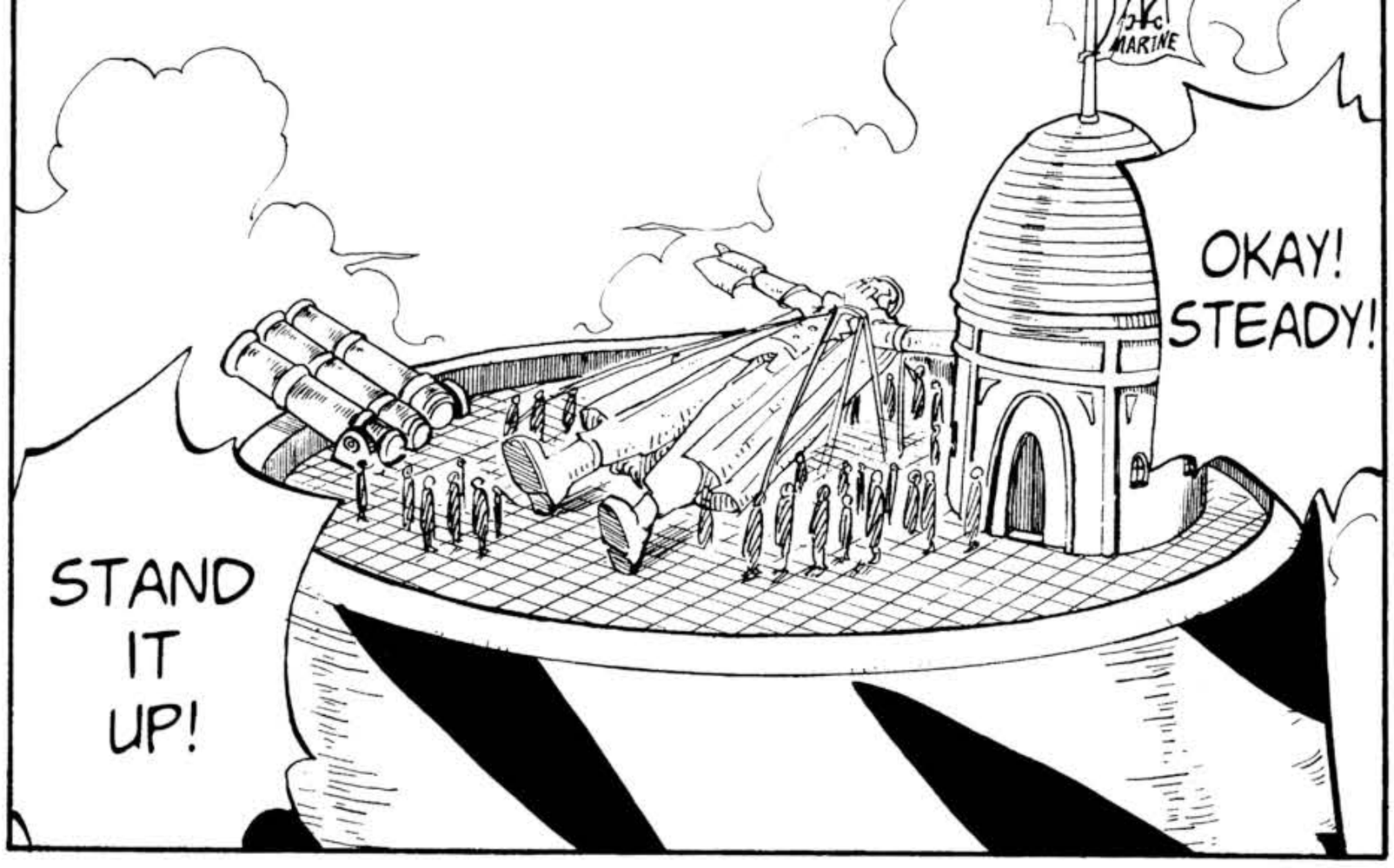

NEXT TO MY LIFE, THOSE SWORDS ARE MY DEAREST TREA-SURES.
THEY TOOK 'EM FROM ME. THE CAPTAIN'S IDIOT SON...
SO WHERE ARE YOUR SWORDS NOW?

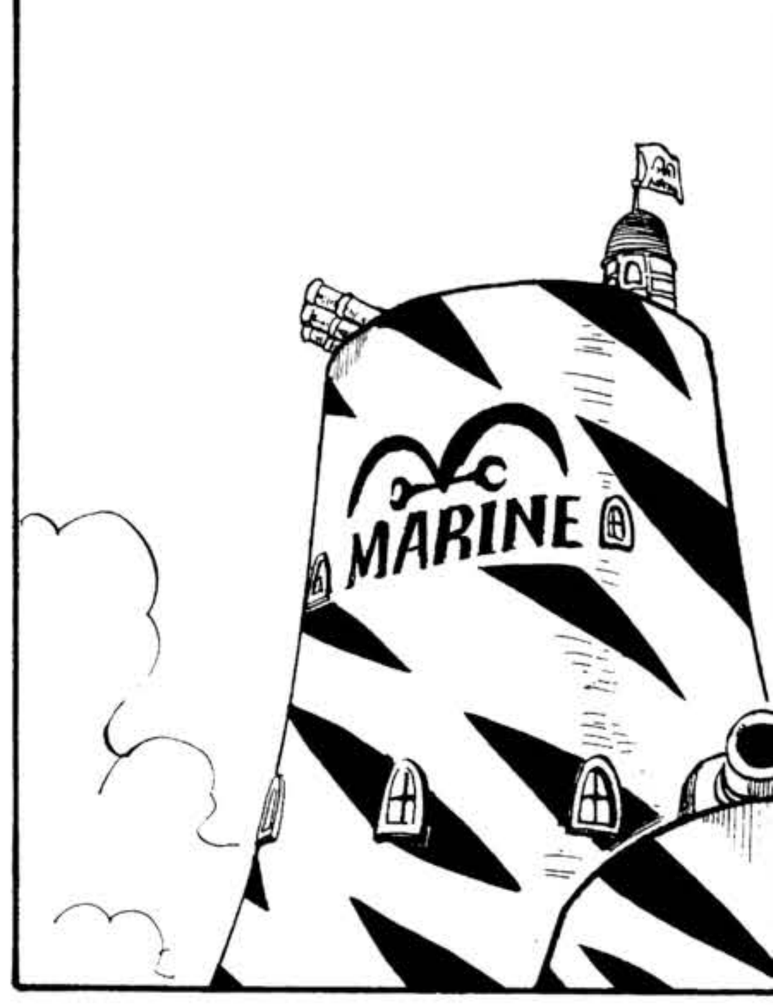

YOU LITTLE RAT!
YOU'LL HAVE TO JOIN MY CREW!
THEN, IF YOU WANT YOUR SWORDS BACK...
HA HA HA

WHAT?
I'LL GET YOUR SWORDS FROM THE IDIOT SON!!
I KNOW!


HE'S GOING INTO THE FOR-TRESS...
THAT'S ONE DUMB PIRATE!


SEE YA SOON!
HEY! COME BACK!!


MARINE
OKAY! STEADY!
STAND IT UP!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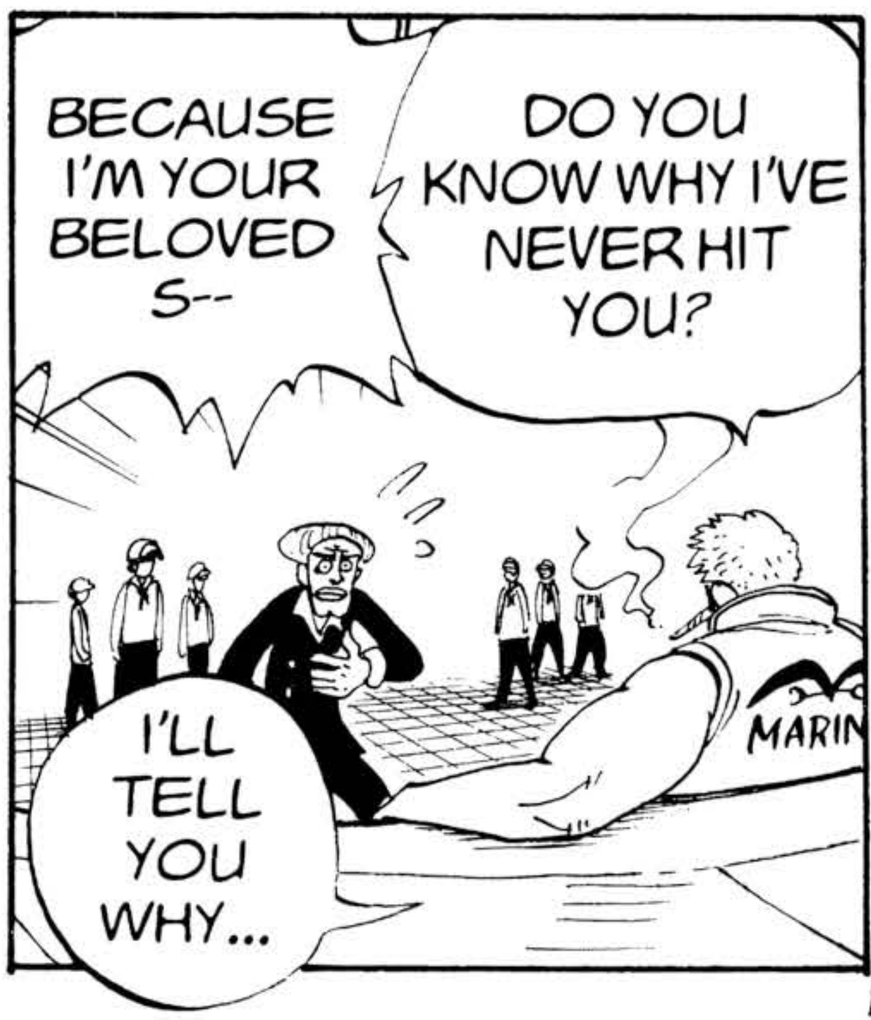

BECAUSE I'M YOUR BELOVED S--
DO YOU KNOW WHY I'VE NEVER HIT YOU?
I'LL TELL YOU WHY...
MARIN

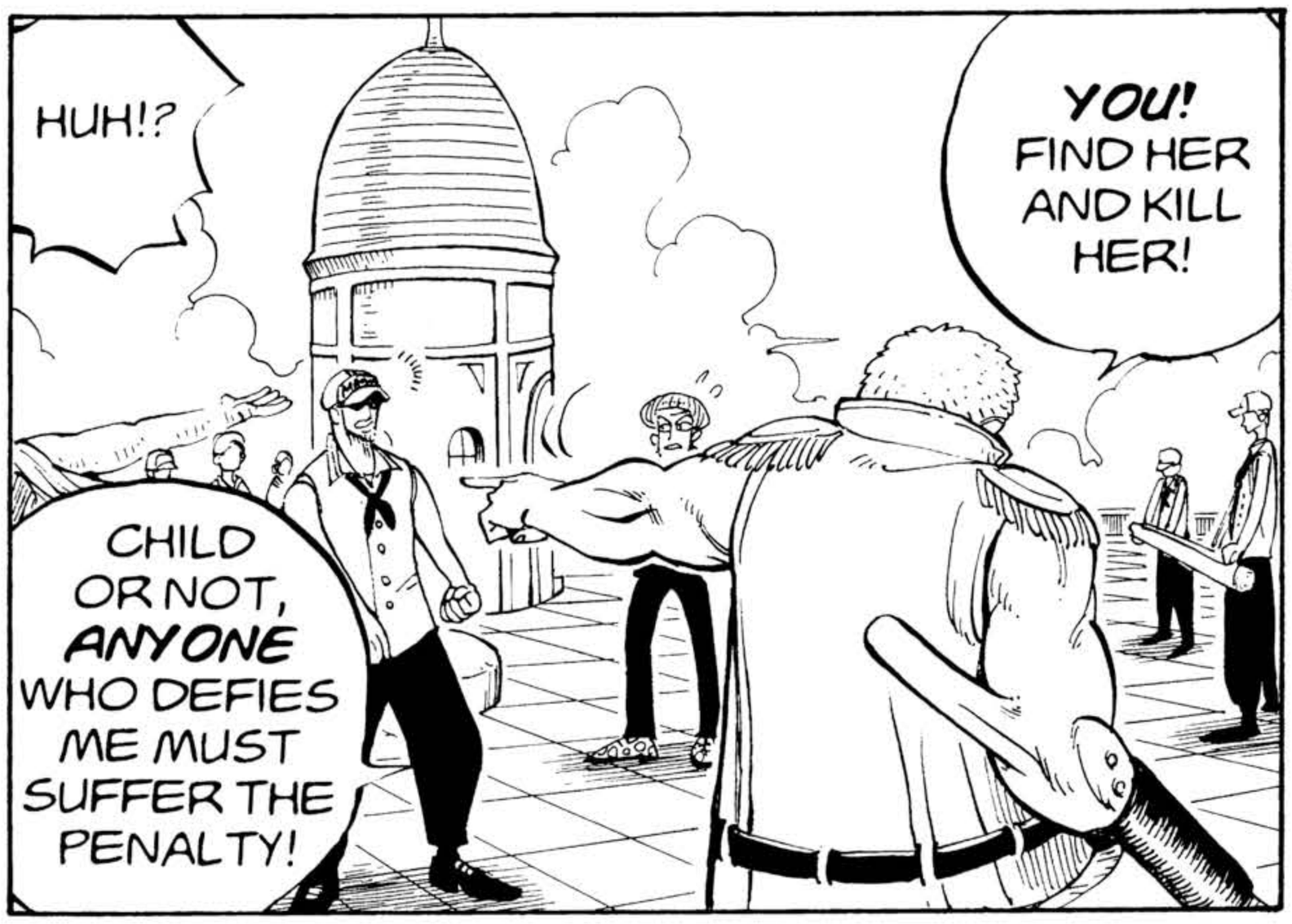
EVEN YOU NEVER LAID A HAND ON MY LOVELY-YET-MASCULINE FACE BEFORE!
FATHER!! WHY AREN'T YOU HUNTING THE BRIGAND WHO HIT ME!!

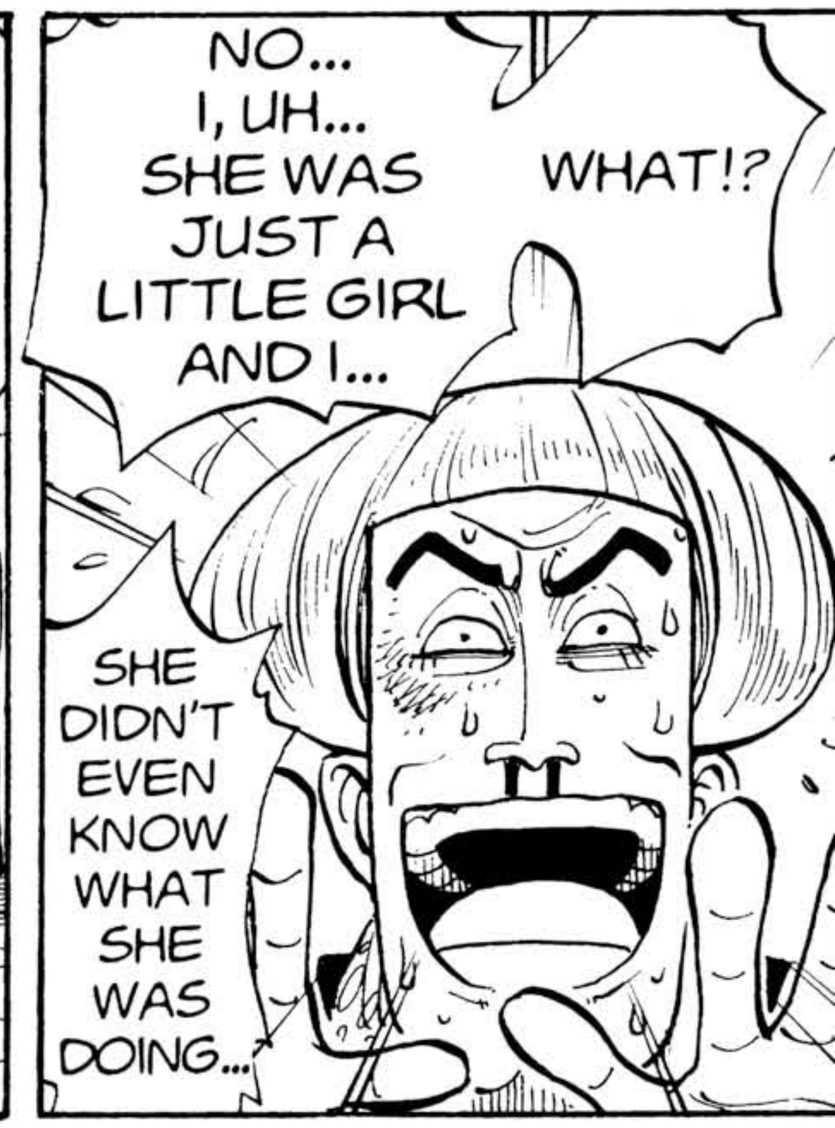
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE AN IDIOT SON WHO'S NOT EVEN WORTH HITTING!!
ARF!!

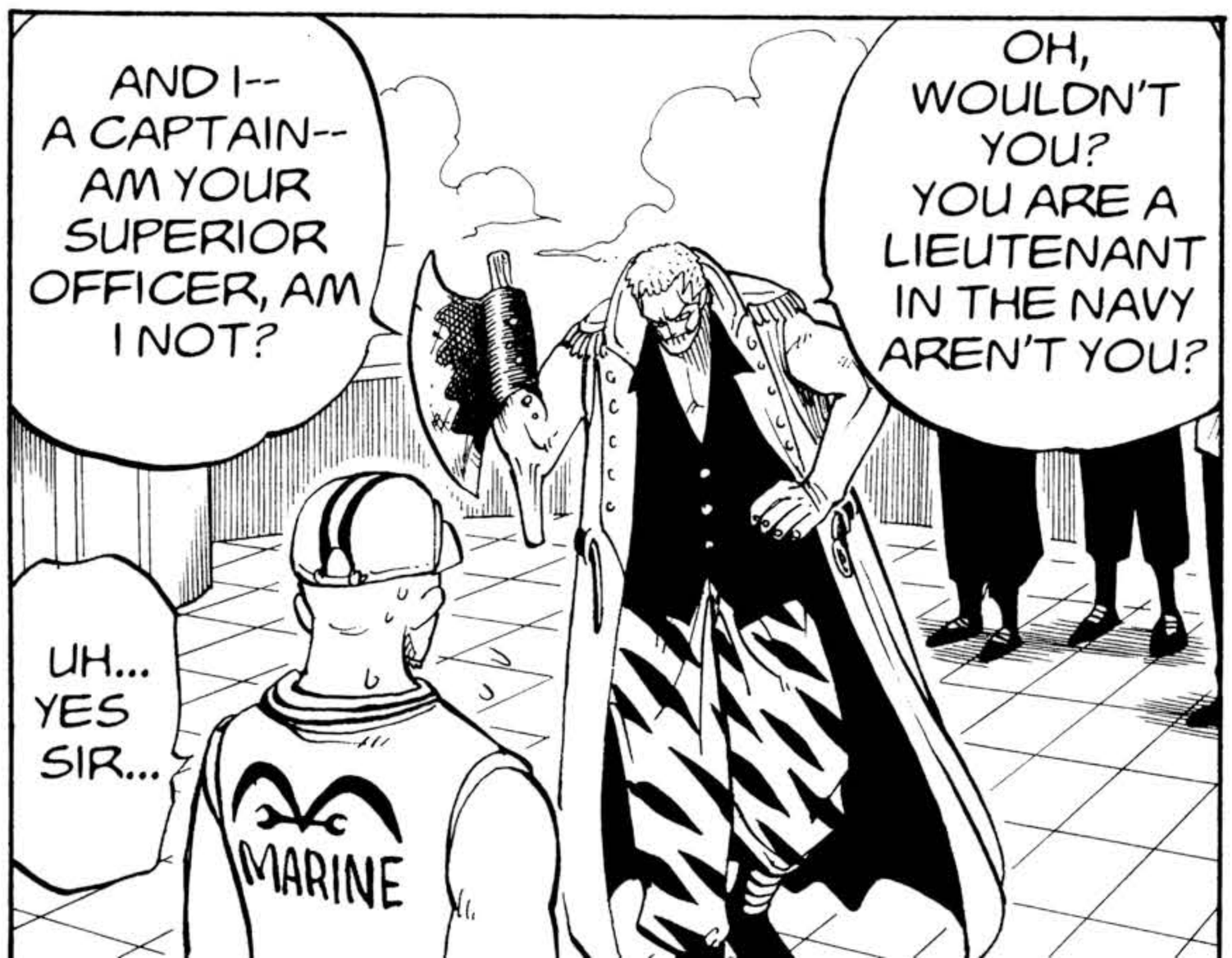
I DON'T MIND IF YOU USE MY STATUS...
BUT I ONLY LAY HANDS ON PEOPLE WHO DEFY ME!!!
YOU'RE BIG ENOUGH TO WIPE YOUR OWN BOTTOM...
WHY SHOULD I FIGHT YOUR BATTLES?
YOU ARE NOT THE GREAT ONE! I AM GREAT!!
DON'T FOOL YOUR-SELF...
...!
I AM THE GREAT ONE.
NAVAL CAPTAIN "AXE-HAND" MORGAN

SO YOU KILLED HER.
Möwe

THE LITTLE GIRL?
I HEARD A LITTLE MOUSE SNUCK INTO MY PARADE GROUND.
I DEALT WITH HER. I--


HUH!?
YOU! FIND HER AND KILL HER!
CHILD OR NOT, ANYONE WHO DEFIES ME MUST SUFFER THE PENALTY!


NO... I, UH... SHE WAS JUST A LITTLE GIRL AND I...
WHAT!?
SHE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT SHE WAS DOING...


AND I-- A CAPTAIN-- AM YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICER, AM I NOT?
OH, WOULDN'T YOU? YOU ARE A LIEUTENANT IN THE NAVY AREN'T YOU?
UH... YES SIR...
MARINE

I WOULDN'T OBEY SUCH A CRUEL ORDER!
BUT, CAPTAIN, SHE'S JUST A LITTLE GIRL...

I WON'T MURDER A LITTLE GIRL!!
I...
IF I SAY KILL HER, THEN YOU WILL KILL HER!!
THEN YOU ARE DUTY-BOUND TO OBEY ME!!
AAAAA!!
MUTINY!
I'LL HANDLE IT PERSONALLY!
NO MATTER. THE TOWNS-FOLK MUST BE TAUGHT RESPECT.
LIEUTENANT!!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO KILL HIM!!
GASP

MY RANK IS THE HIGHEST ON THIS BASE...

WHICH MAKES ME SUPERIOR TO EVERYONE ELSE HERE...

FOR YEARS I LABORED TO ACHIEVE THIS RANK, AND I DID IT BY MY OWN STRENGTH... AT GREAT PERSONAL COST!

RANK MEANS ***EVERYTHING*** IN THIS WORLD, REMEMBER THAT!

IT TOOK YEARS TO BUILD, BUT TODAY IT IS FINALLY COMPLETE.

THIS IS A MONUMENT TO MY RANK AND POWER!!!

BAM!

KREEK

KREEK

RAISE MY STATUE! PUT IT AT THE HIGHEST POINT OF THIS FORTRESS AS A SYMBOL OF MY GREATNESS!!

THAT MEANS EVERYTHING I DO IS RIGHT!!!

IS THAT CLEAR?

YOU ARE THE GREATEST, SIR!

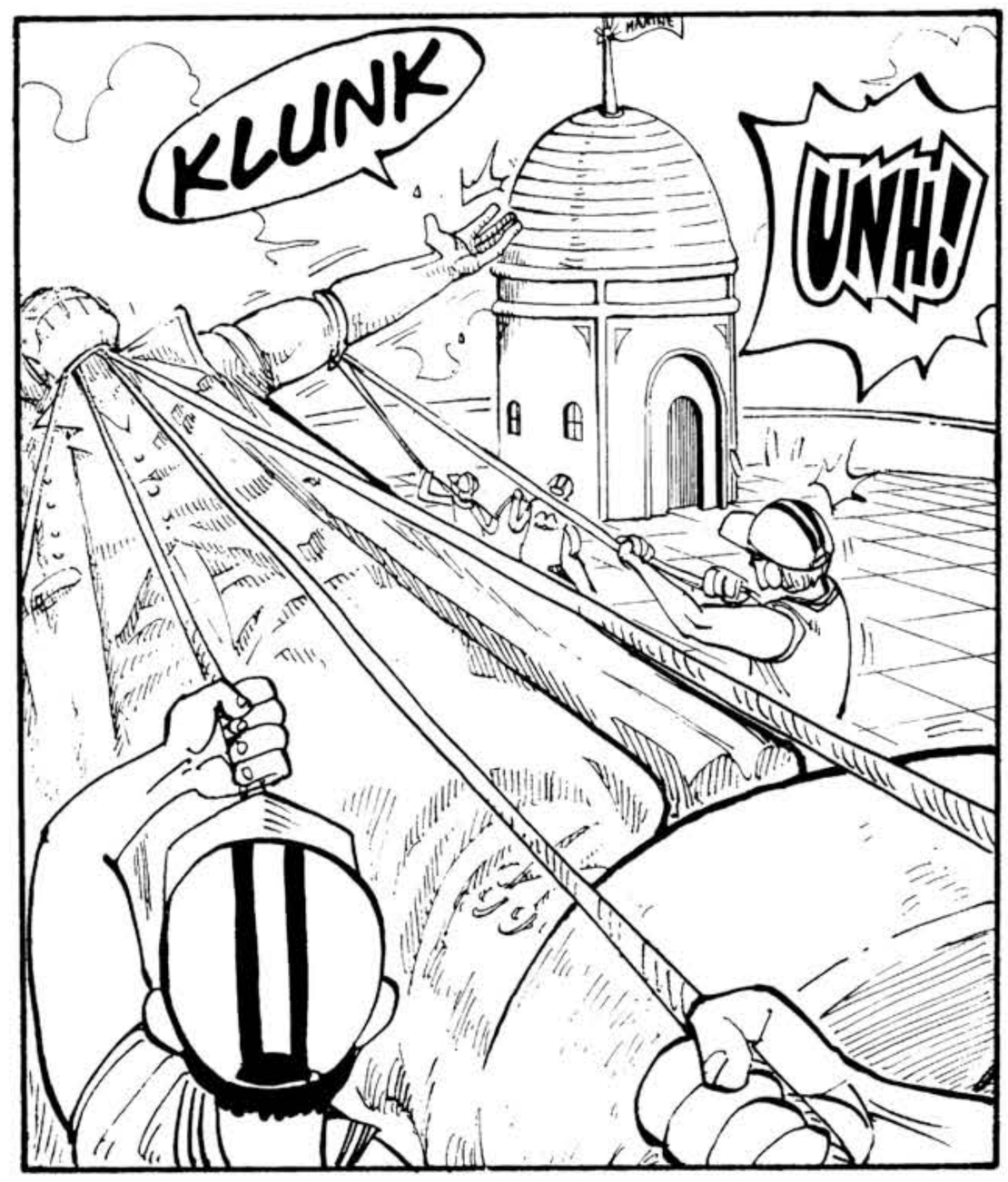
YES SIR!!

FWAP!

...OR THE IDIOT SON...
NO ONE TO HELP ME FIND ZOLO'S SWORDS...

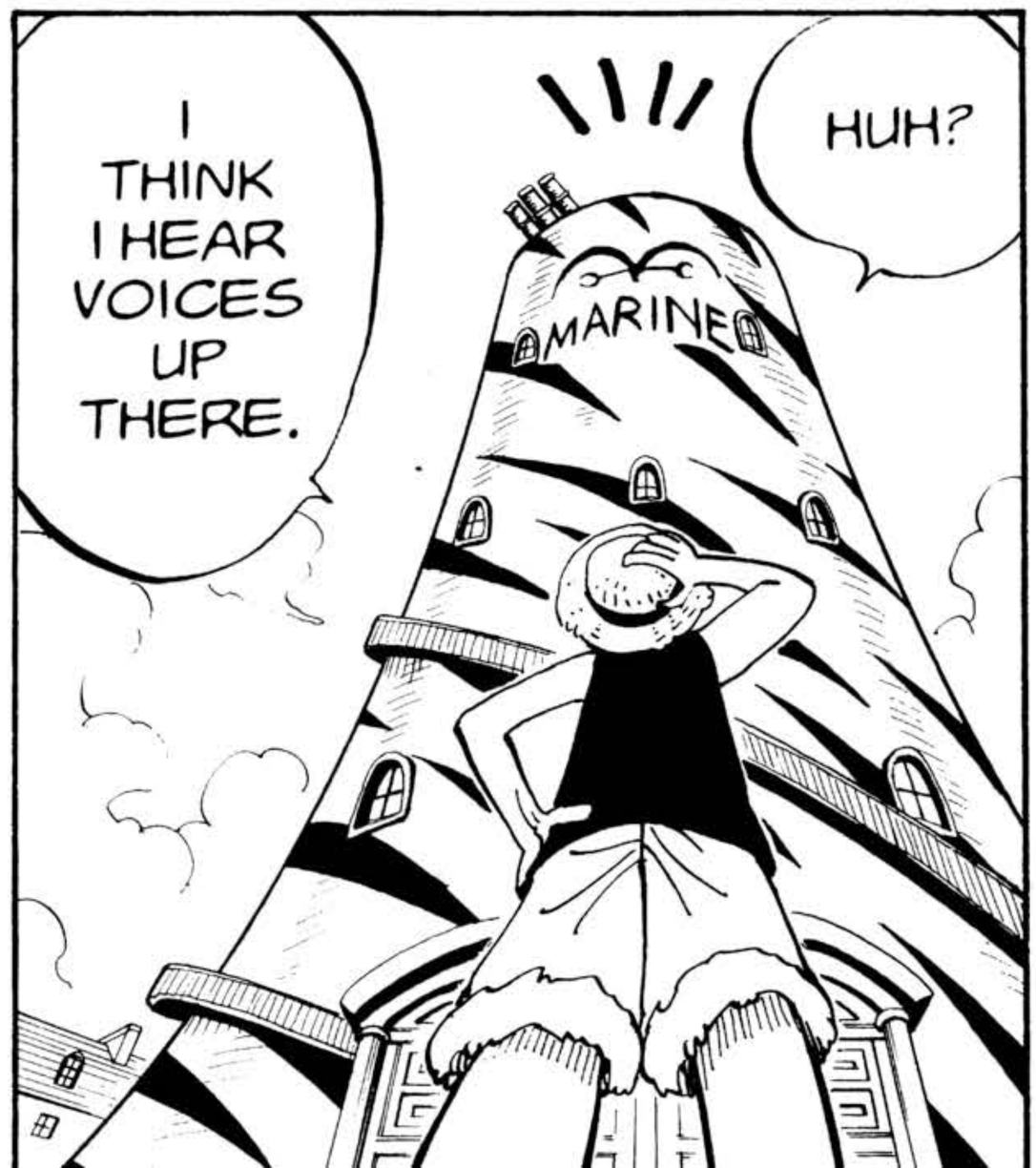
MAYBE THEY'RE HAVING A MEETING OR SOME-THING...
THAT'S FUNNY... THERE AREN'T ANY SAILORS AROUND...
MARINE

DID YOU JUST BUMP IT!?
WHAT WAS THAT!?
SORRY, SIR! WE WERE CARELESS, SIR!

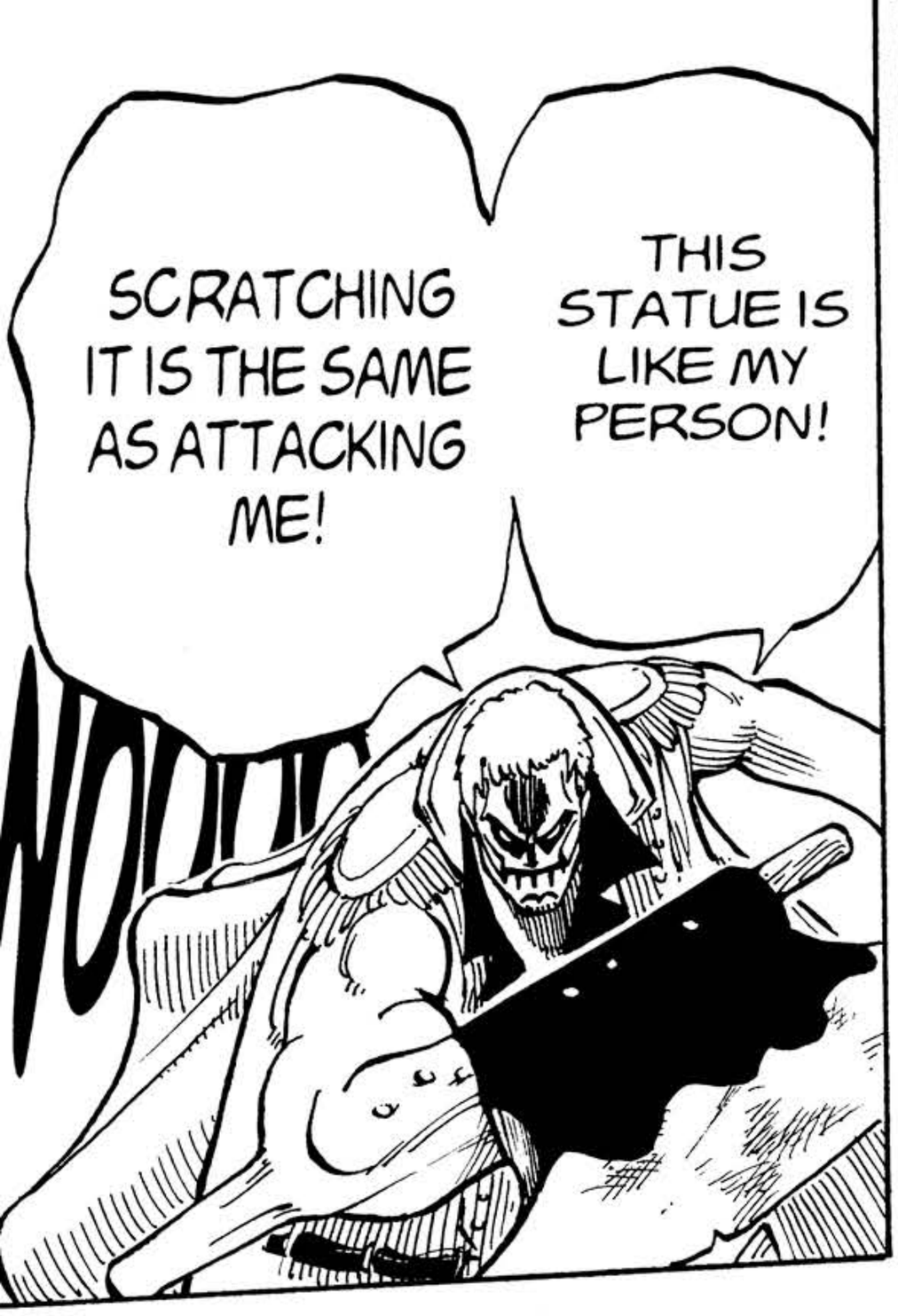

KLUNK
UNH!

HEAVE!! HEAVE!!
OUUUO

RRCH!!
I'LL JUST CHECK IT OUT!


I THINK I HEAR VOICES UP THERE.
HUH?
MARINE

KTCH
GNOING
GUM-GUM...
UNH!
MARINE
...ROCKET!!!


SCRATCHING IT IS THE SAME AS ATTACKING ME!
THIS STATUE IS LIKE MY PERSON!
NO!!!

AND YOU'VE ALREADY SCRATCHED IT!!
SORRY, SIR! I'LL PAY TO HAVE IT FIXED!
SWINE! DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG I'VE WAITED FOR THIS STATUE TO BE FINISHED!?

BWRRRM
FRAP
GOT IT!
HUH!?
!
MARINE
MARINE
MARINE

FOOSH
AAAA!
LET THIS BE A WARNING TO ALL!
I OVER-SHOT!
WHOA!
IT CAME FROM BELOW!!
WHAT'S THAT!?

KRAKOOM

WOW...

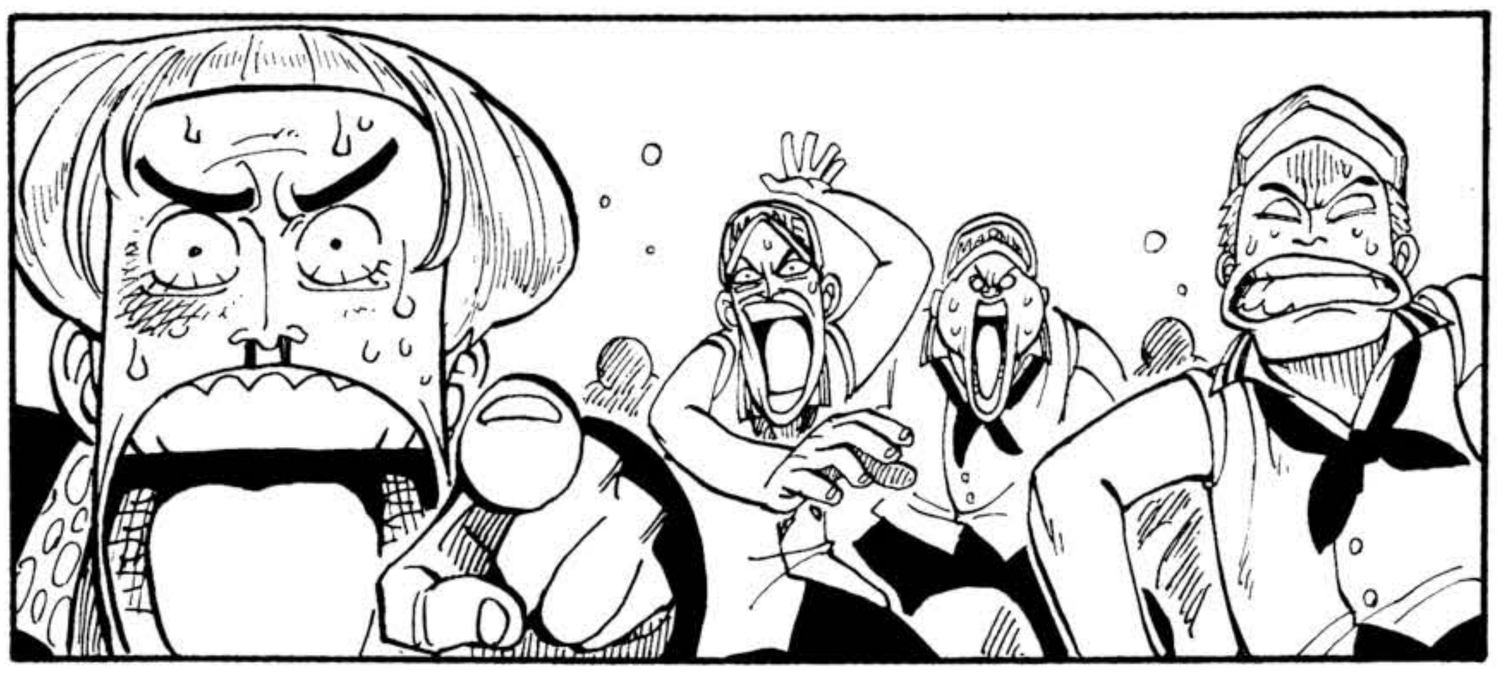
MARINE

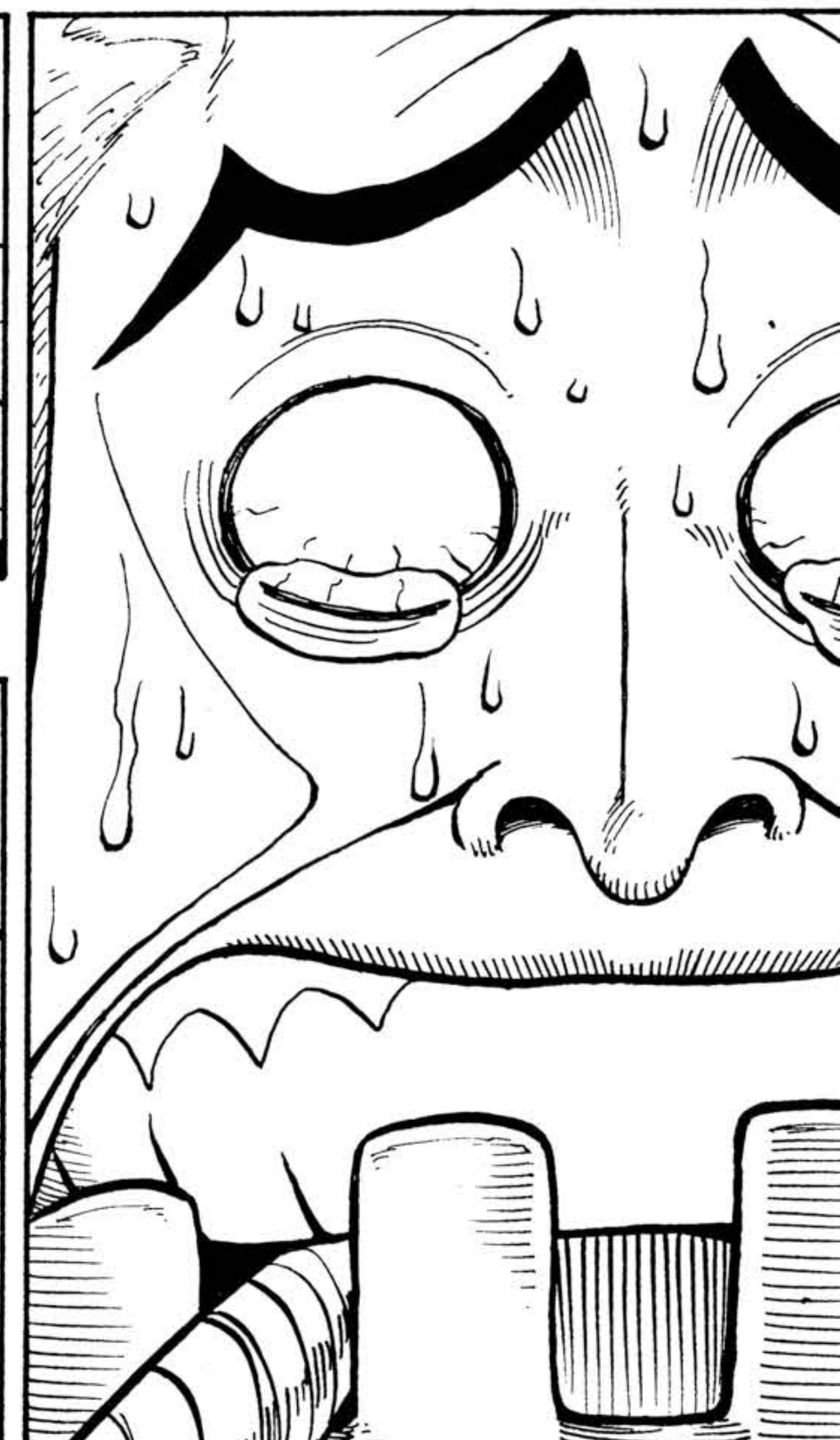
MARINE

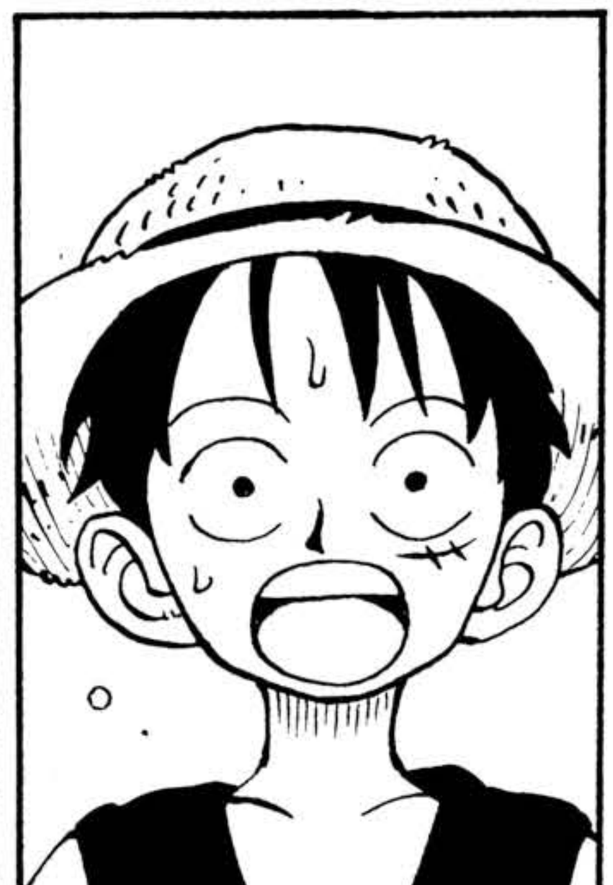
MARINE

!!!!!

MARINE







SORRY.

UM...

KRAKASH

AYE AYE, SIR!!

YES SIR!!

THAT'S THE RUFFIAN WHO HIT ME! IF YOU HAD KILLED HIM THIS WOULD NEVER HAVE--

DADDY!!

ROWRA

SEIZE HIM! I'LL HAVE HIS HEART!!!

GET HIM!

HELP ME!

HE'S ENTERING THE FORTRESS!

MARINE

L-LET ME GO! FATHER! HELP!!

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!!

ALL THESE REBELS DEFYING ME! KILL 'EM ALL!

HFF HFF

WHAT!!?

CAPTAIN! SOMEONE'S IN THE PARADE GROUND!!

I'M GOING TO BECOME A PROPER SAILOR! JUST LIKE LUFFY'S GOING TO BE THE KING OF THE PIRATES!

THEY IMPRISONED YOU UNFAIRLY!

HEY! NOW YOU'RE BEING RECKLESS! IF THEY CATCH YOU FREEING ME, THEY'LL KILL YOU!

I CAN'T STAND TO SEE THE NAVY ACT IMPROPERLY.

WHY IS HE SO RECKLESS!?

WHAT!? LUFFY WENT INTO THE FORTRESS!?

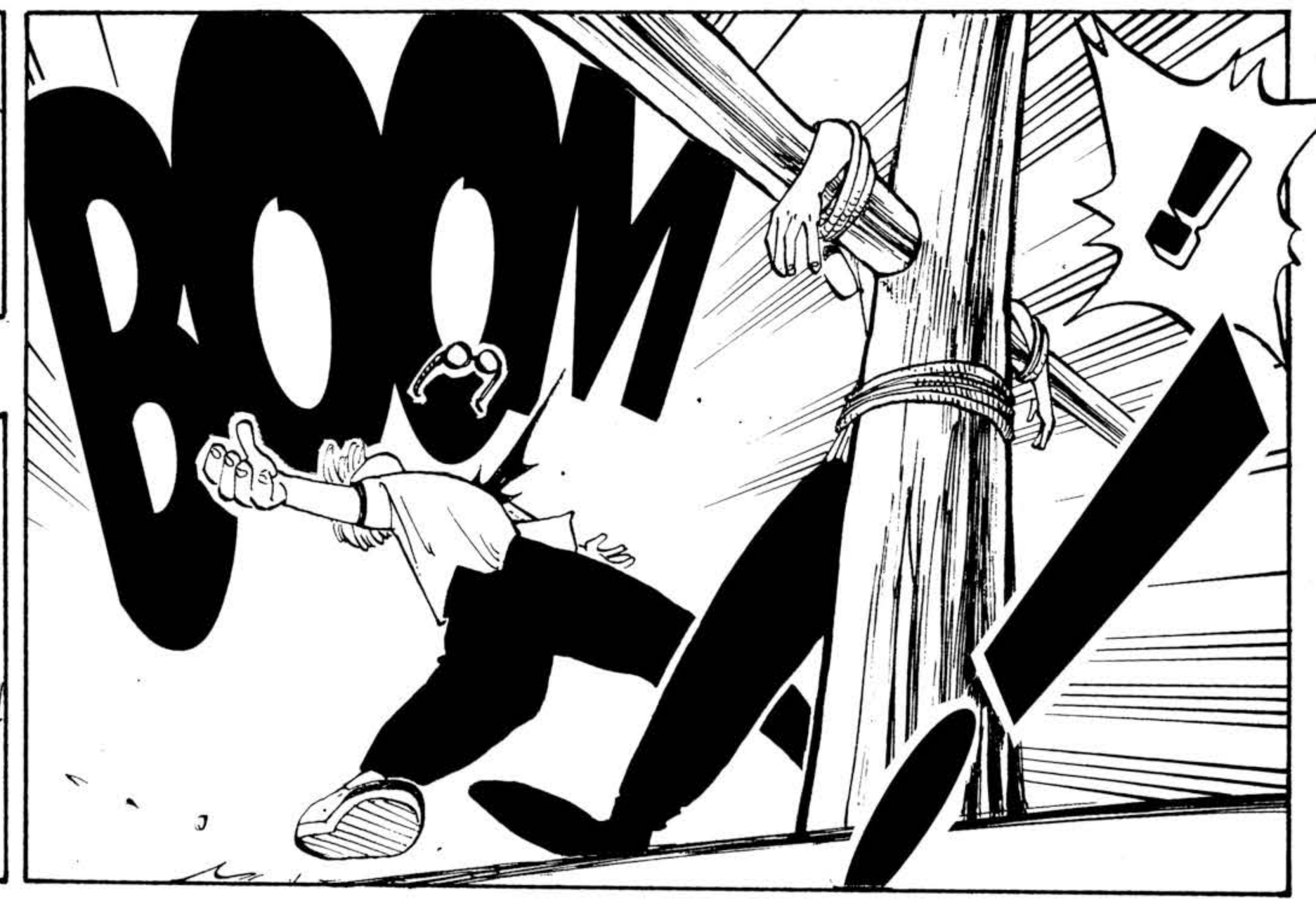
YEAH, I'VE NOTICED. WHO IS HE ANYWAY?

BUT HE'LL SUCCEED OR DIE TRYING! THAT'S HOW HE IS!

HA HA HA... I WAS SHOCKED WHEN HE FIRST TOLD ME, TOO.

KING OF THE PIRATES!? DOES HE KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!?

WHAT!?



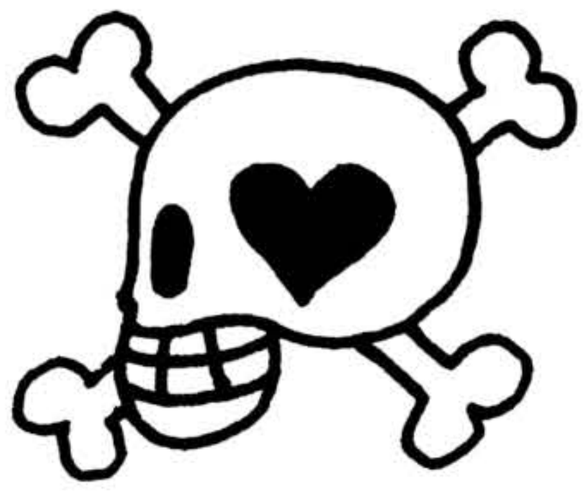
MAKE YOUR OWN ORIGINAL PIRATE FLAG!

HAVE YOU MASTERED THE BASICS OF THE SKULL AND CROSSBONES? NEXT, WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN ORIGINAL DESIGNS!

EXAMPLES

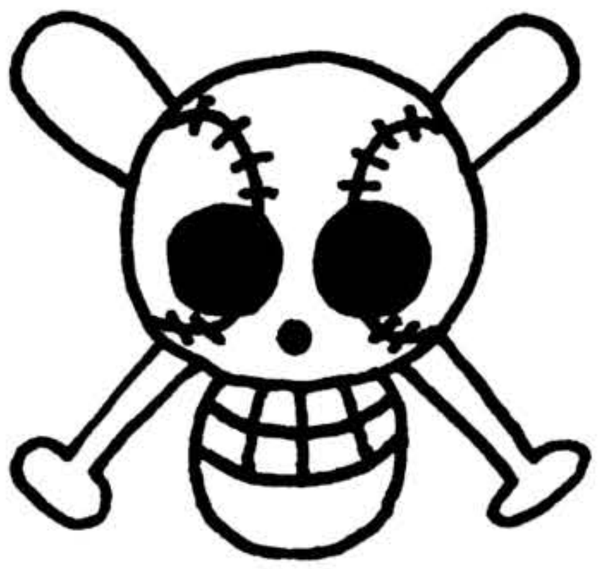
LUFFY'S FLAG
Just add a straw hat!

SHANKS' FLAG
Add three scars on the left eye and replace the cross-bones with swords.



ALVIDA'S FLAG
In profile with a heart symbol.

SUGGESTIONS

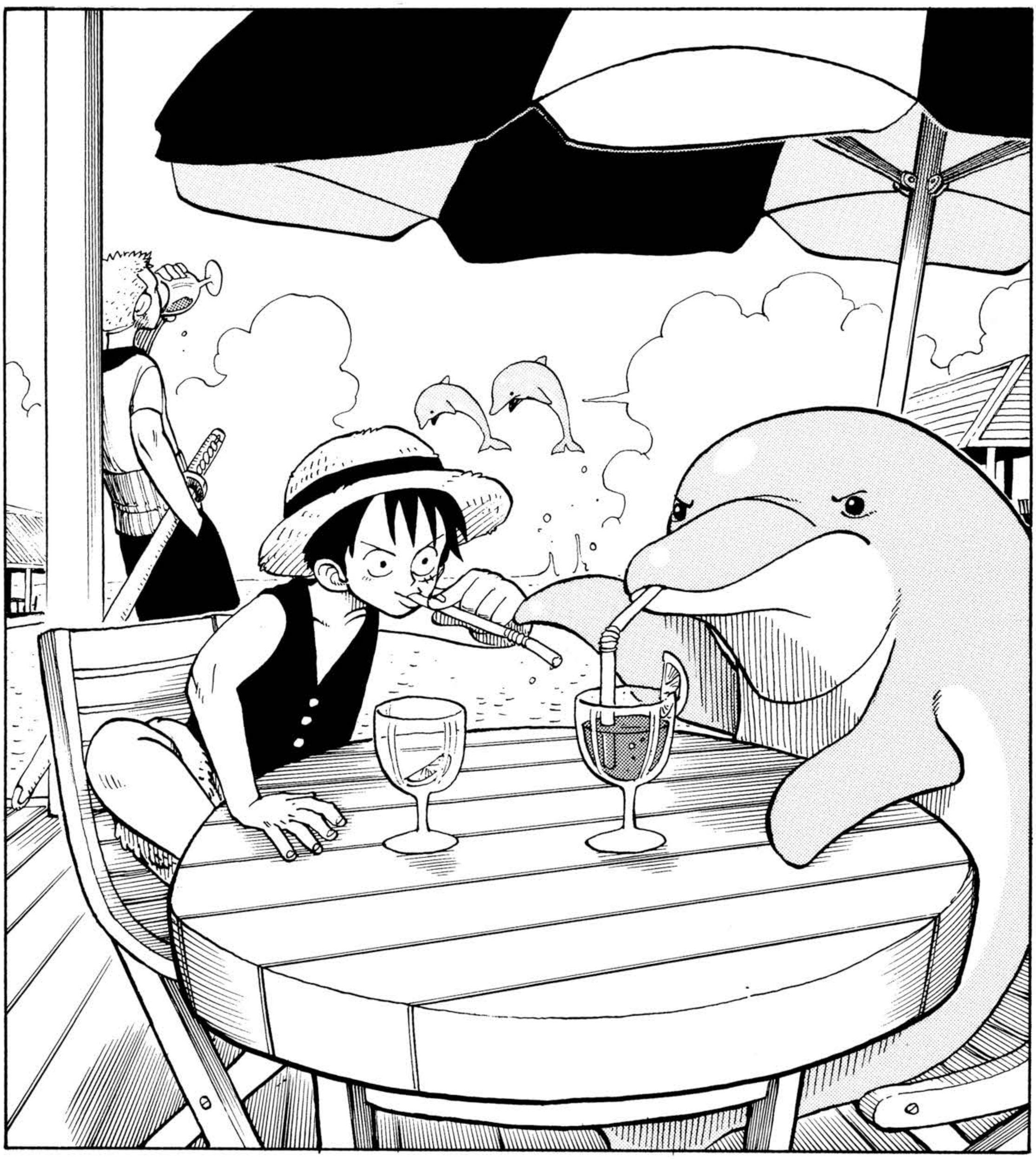


If you like baseball you can do something like this!

...Or like this, if you want to be a cook!

Here's another original design!

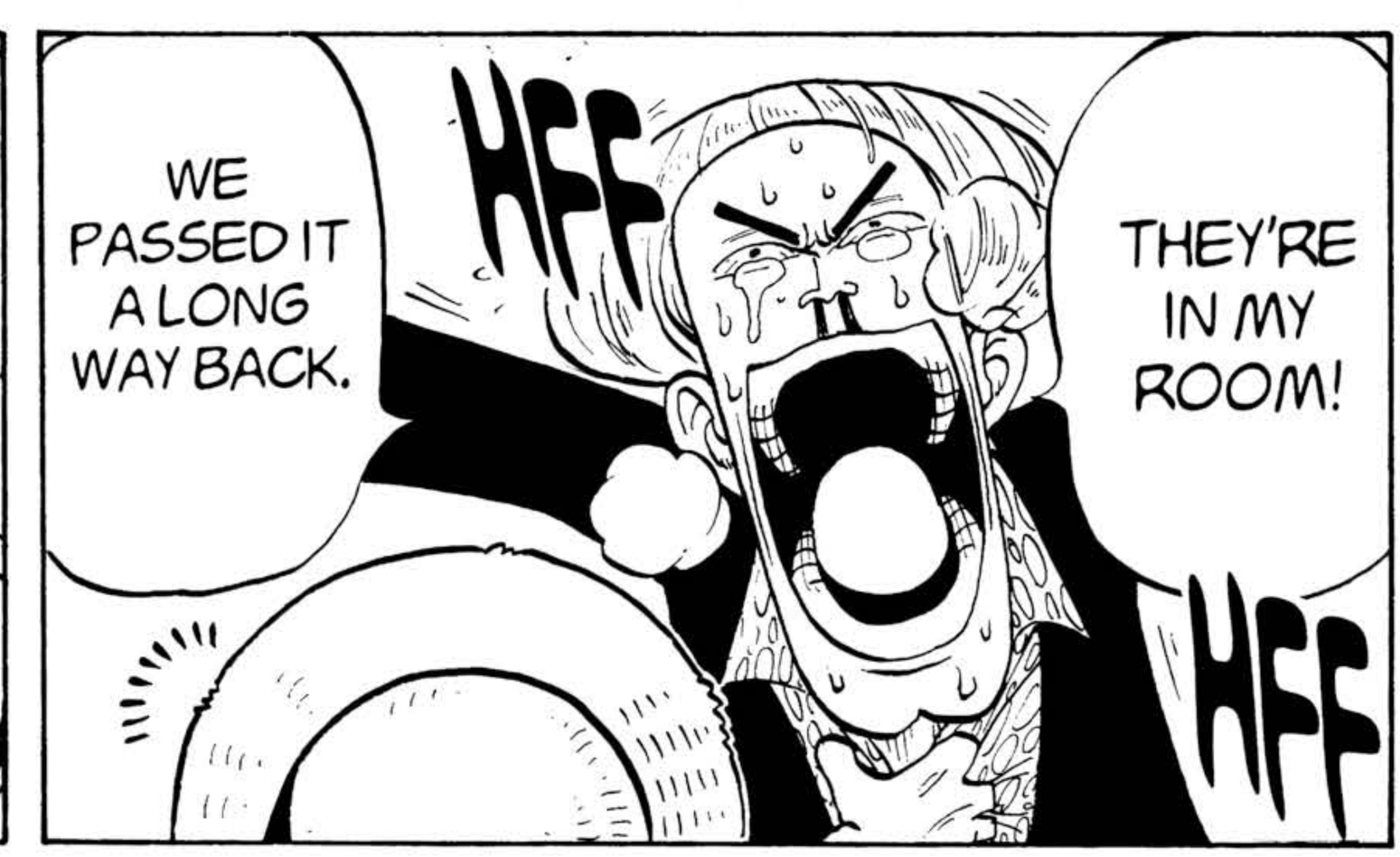
CHAPTER 5: THE KING OF THE PIRATES AND THE MASTER SWORDSMAN



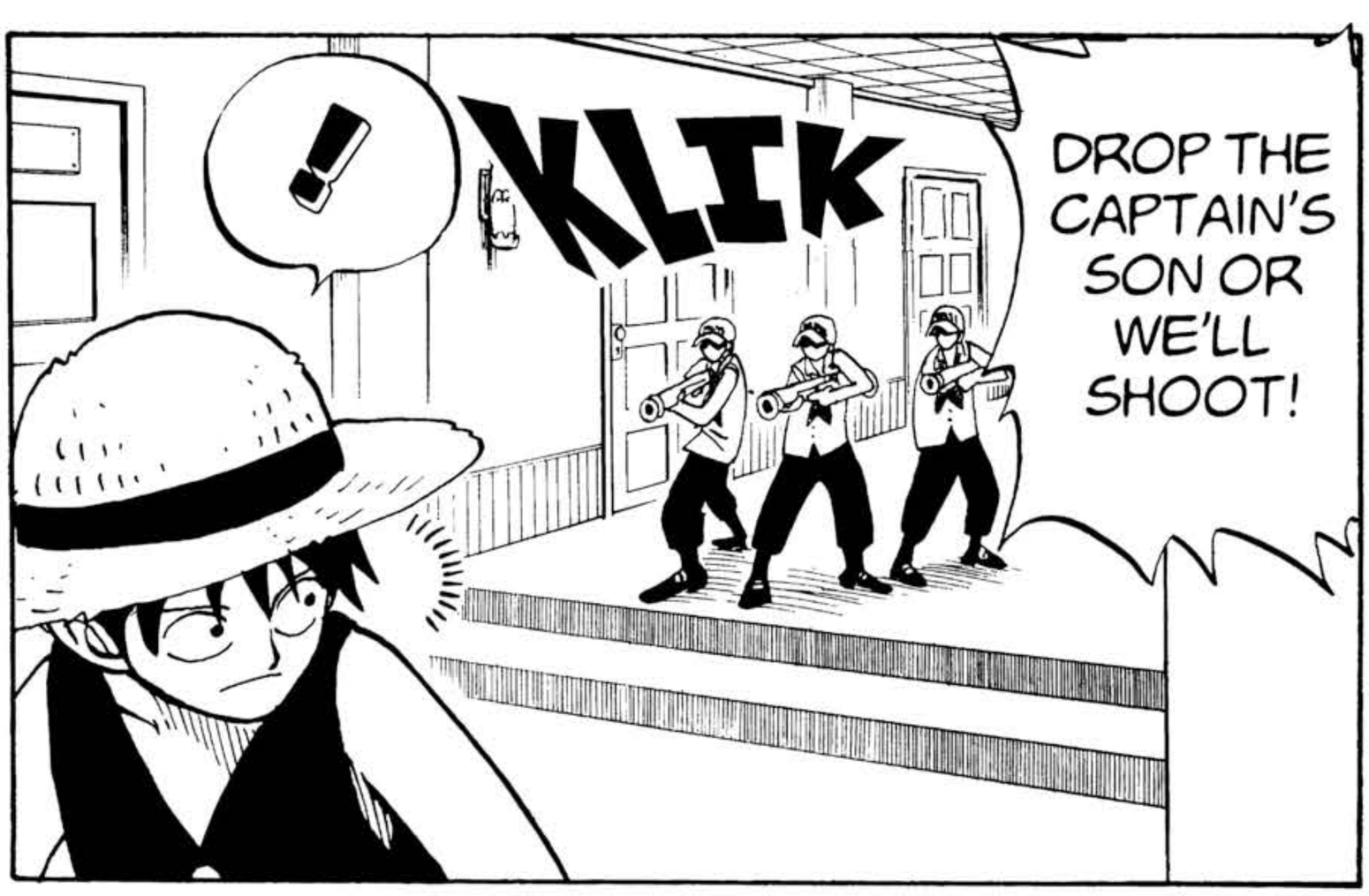
RRK!!
OKAY, TELL ME!

S-STOP DRAGGING ME AND I'LL TELL YOU!
BUMP
TELL ME! WHERE ARE ZOLO'S SWORDS!?
BUMY
BUMP

OUCH! YOU HIT ME AGAIN!
YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME! YOU'RE WASTING TIME!
KA-
WAP!!


WE PASSED IT A LONG WAY BACK.
HFF
THEY'RE IN MY ROOM!
HFF

I DON'T WANT TO.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KLIK
DROP THE CAPTAIN'S SON OR WE'LL SHOOT!

HE'S USING HELMEPPO AS A SHIELD!!

DON'T SHOOT! DON'T SHOOT!

KLOMP KLOMP KLOMP

AAAAH!

OKAY! GO AHEAD AND SHOOT!

AMP

HUH?

WA AA AH!

WA AA AH!

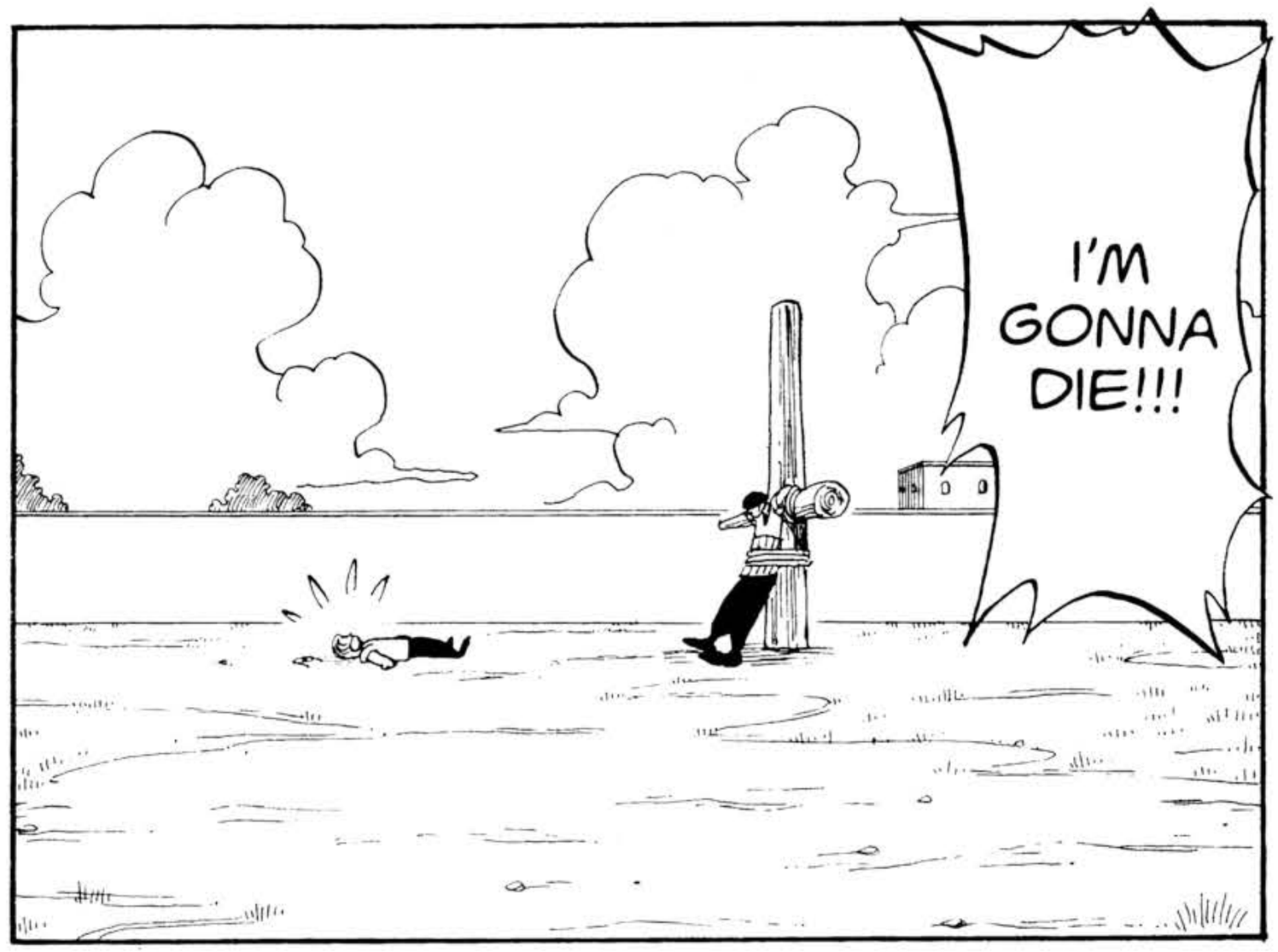
BLOOD! I'M BLEEDING!! AAAH!!

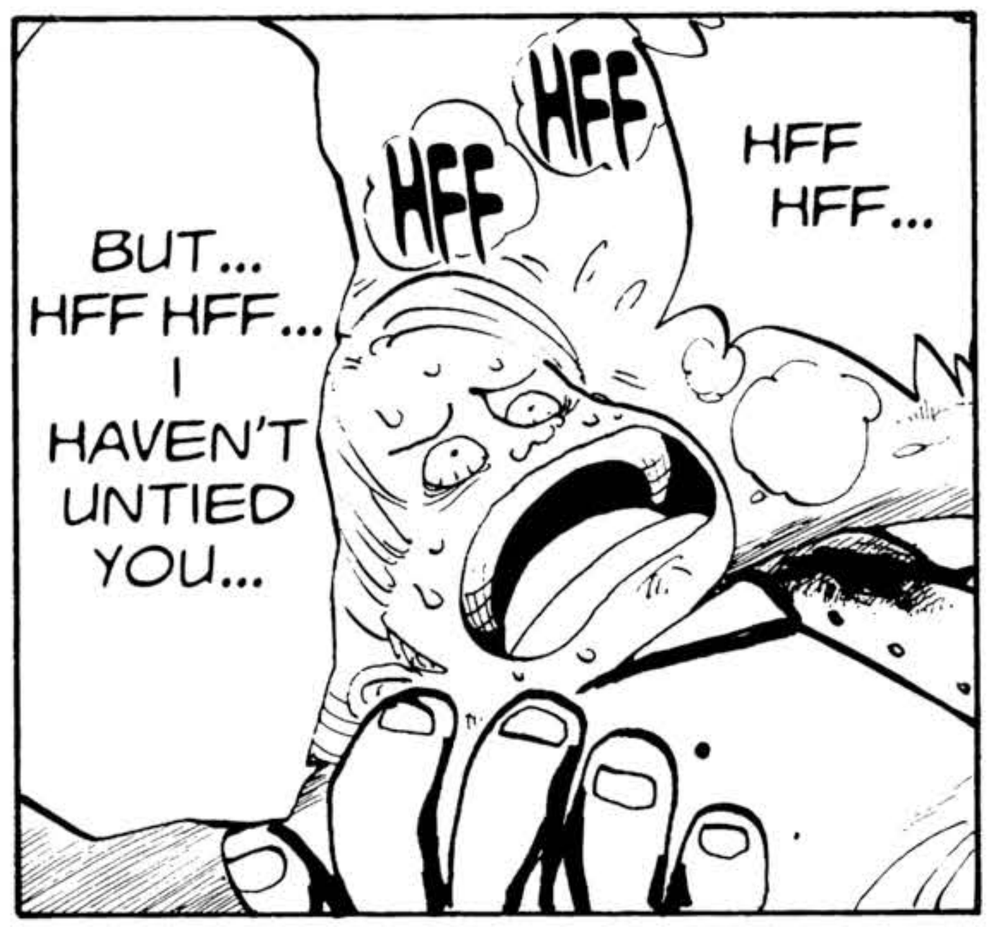
DUB-DUB DUB-DUB

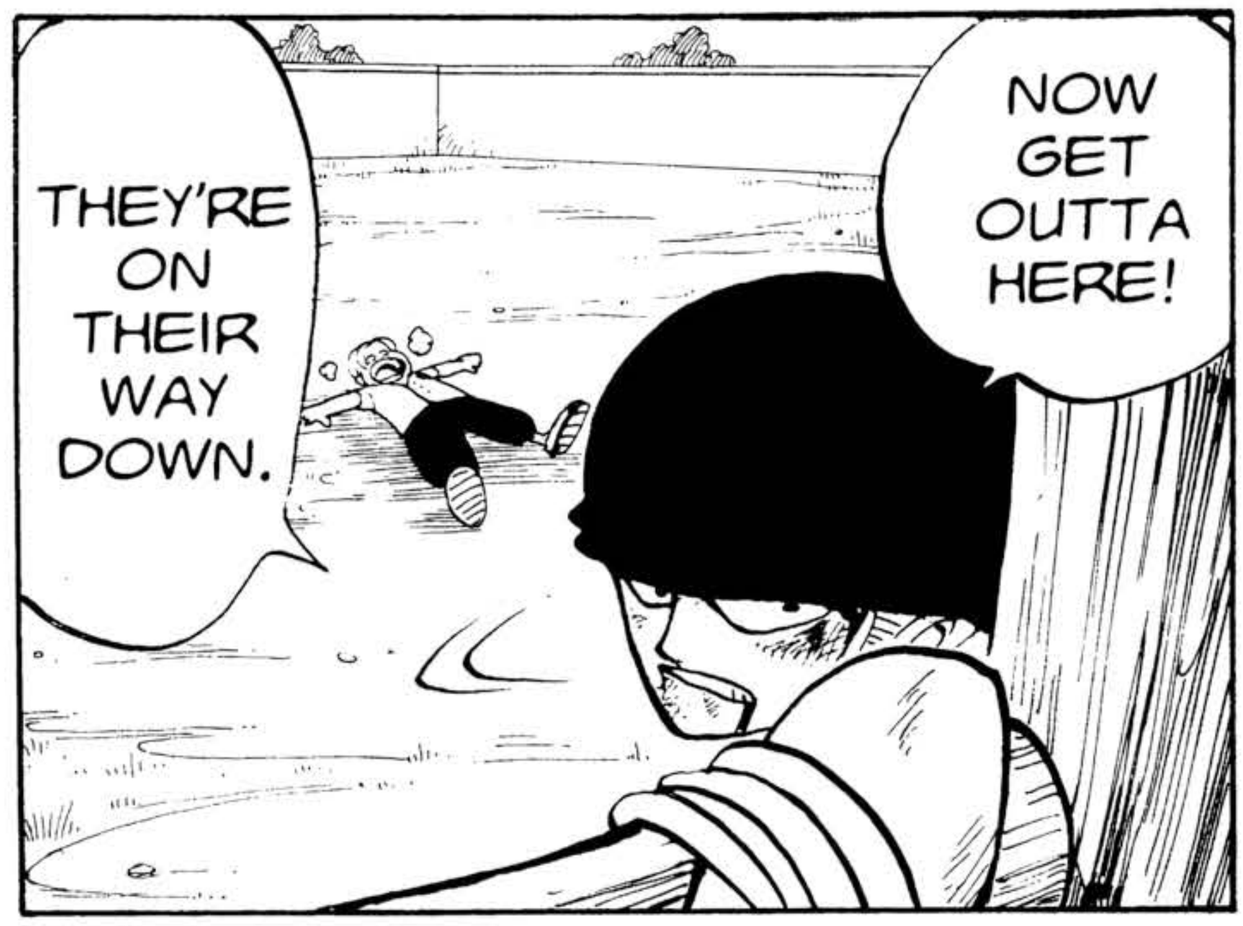
I'VE BEEN SHOT! AAAAH!

AAAA AH!

GOOD! YOU'RE ALIVE!
...
PHEW


I'M GONNA DIE!!!


BUT... HFF HFF... I HAVEN'T UNTIED YOU...
HFF
HFF
HFF HFF...


THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY DOWN.
NOW GET OUTTA HERE!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? THAT IDIOT PROMISED ME! IF I SURVIVE HERE FOR A MONTH, I'LL BE SET FREE!!

YOU'RE GOING TO BE EXECUTED THREE DAYS FROM NOW!!
THEY'RE NOT GOING TO LET YOU GO!
SO JUST BEAT IT--
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. I JUST HAVE TO SURVIVE THE MONTH AND THEY'LL LET ME GO.

HRAH!

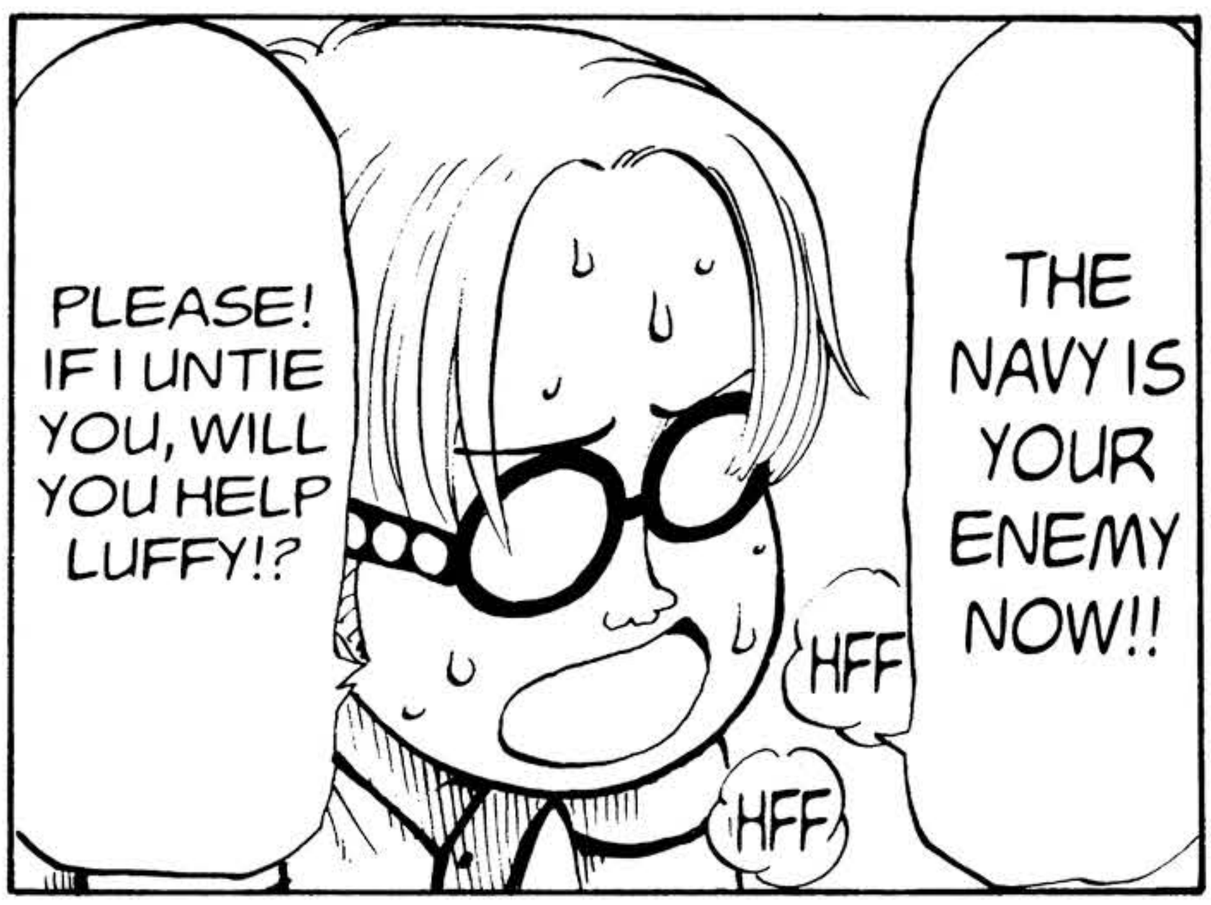
HE NEVER INTENDED TO KEEP THAT PROMISE!

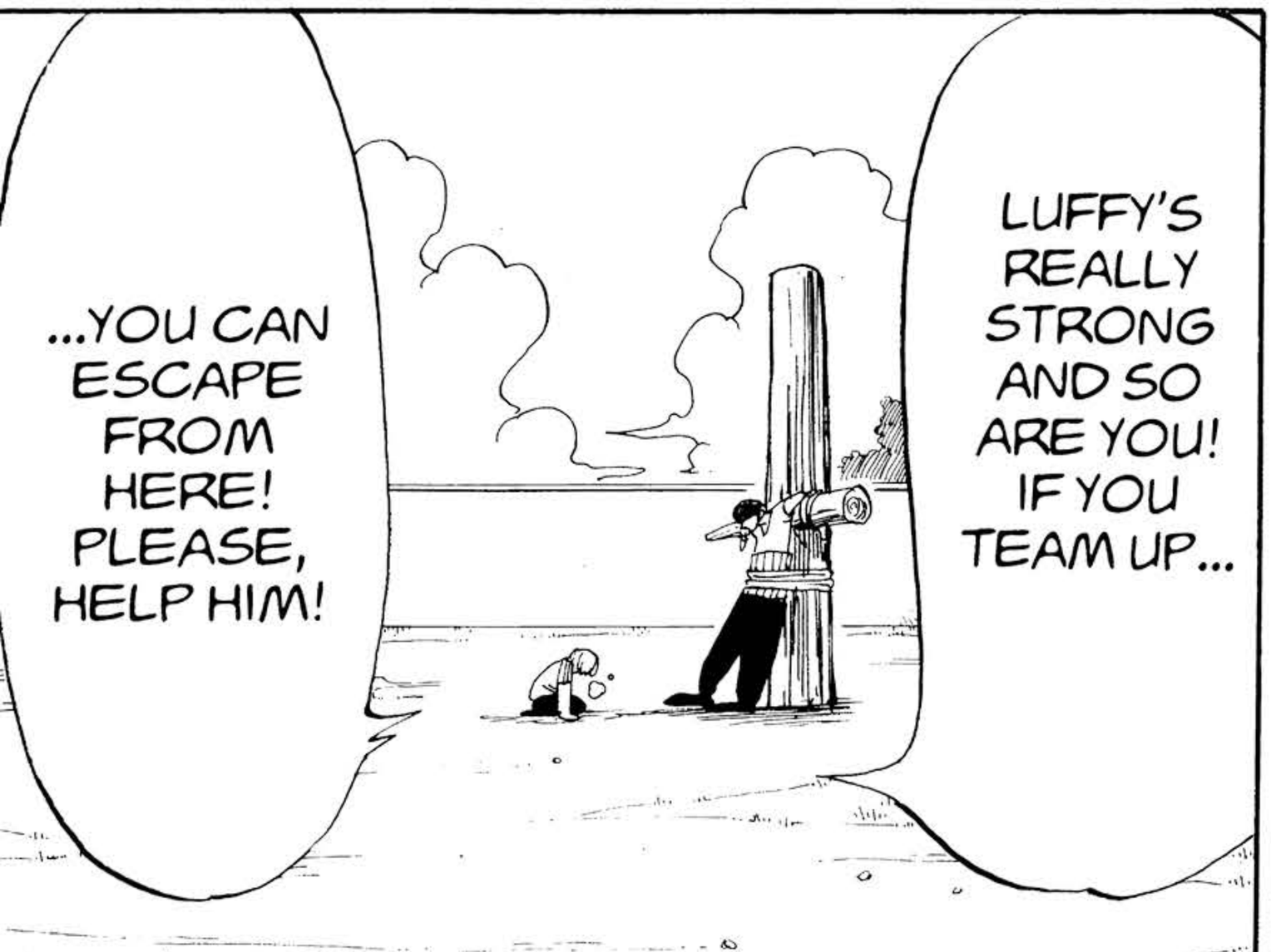
BECAUSE HE FOUND OUT HELMEPPO LIED TO YOU!!

THAT'S WHY LUFFY PUNCHED HELMEPPO!

HFF

HFF





CAPTAIN MORGAN HAS ORDERED YOUR IMMEDIATE EXECUTION!!!

FWIP

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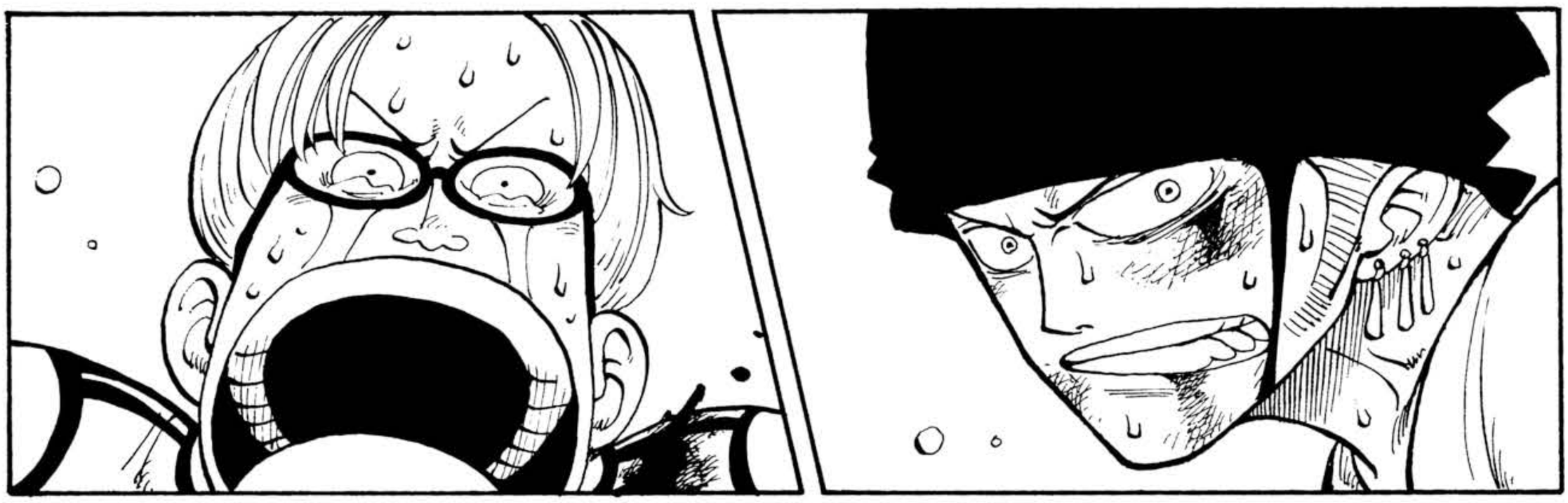
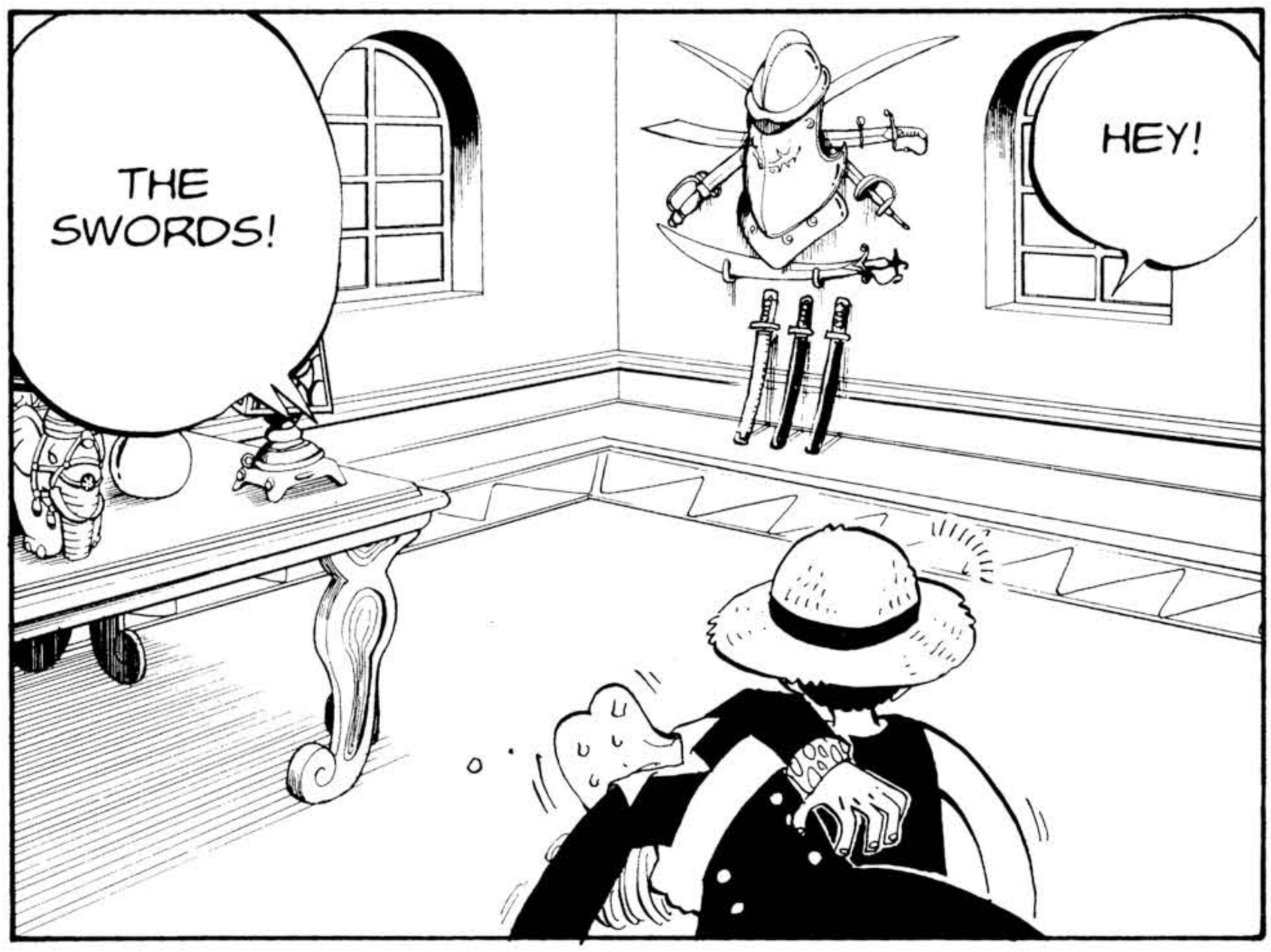
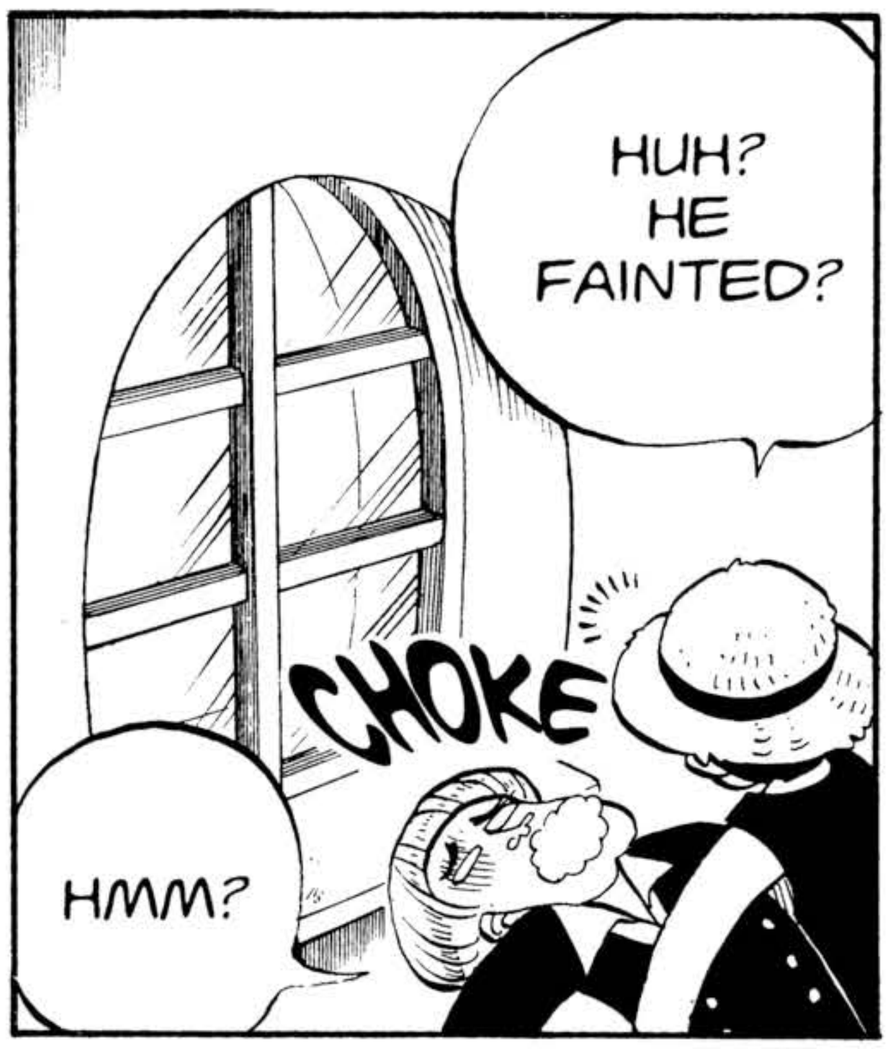
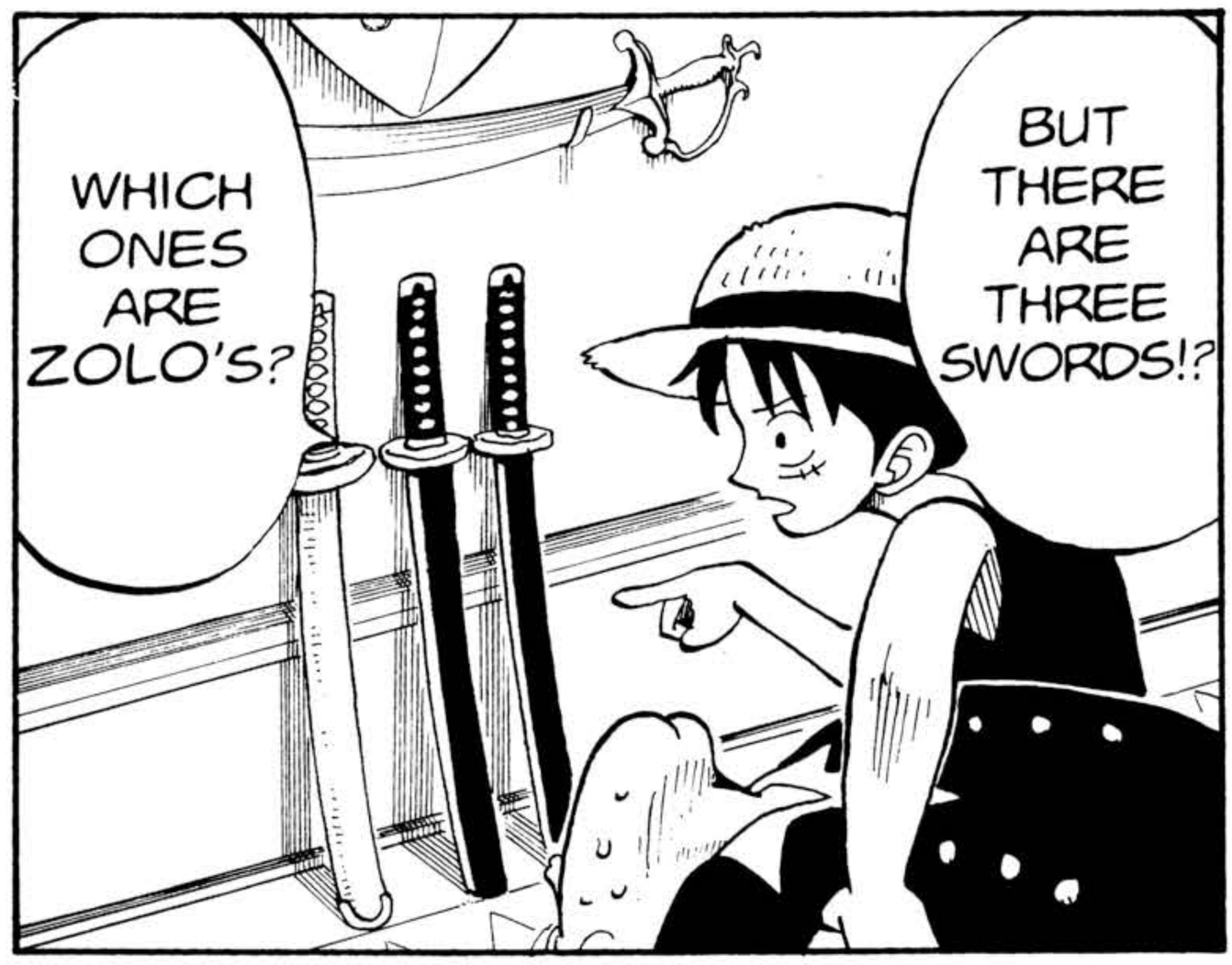
MARINE

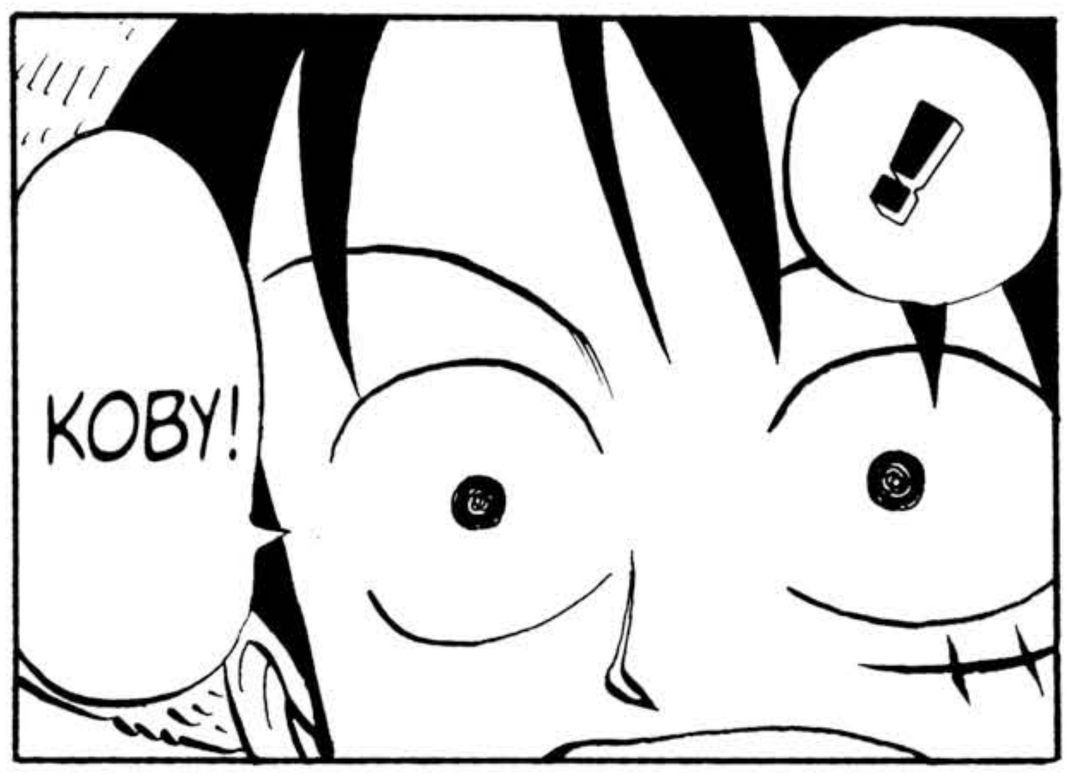
STAY WHERE YOU ARE!






HUH? HE FAINTED?
CHOKE
HMM?


WHICH ONES ARE ZOLO'S?
BUT THERE ARE THREE SWORDS!?


KOBY!
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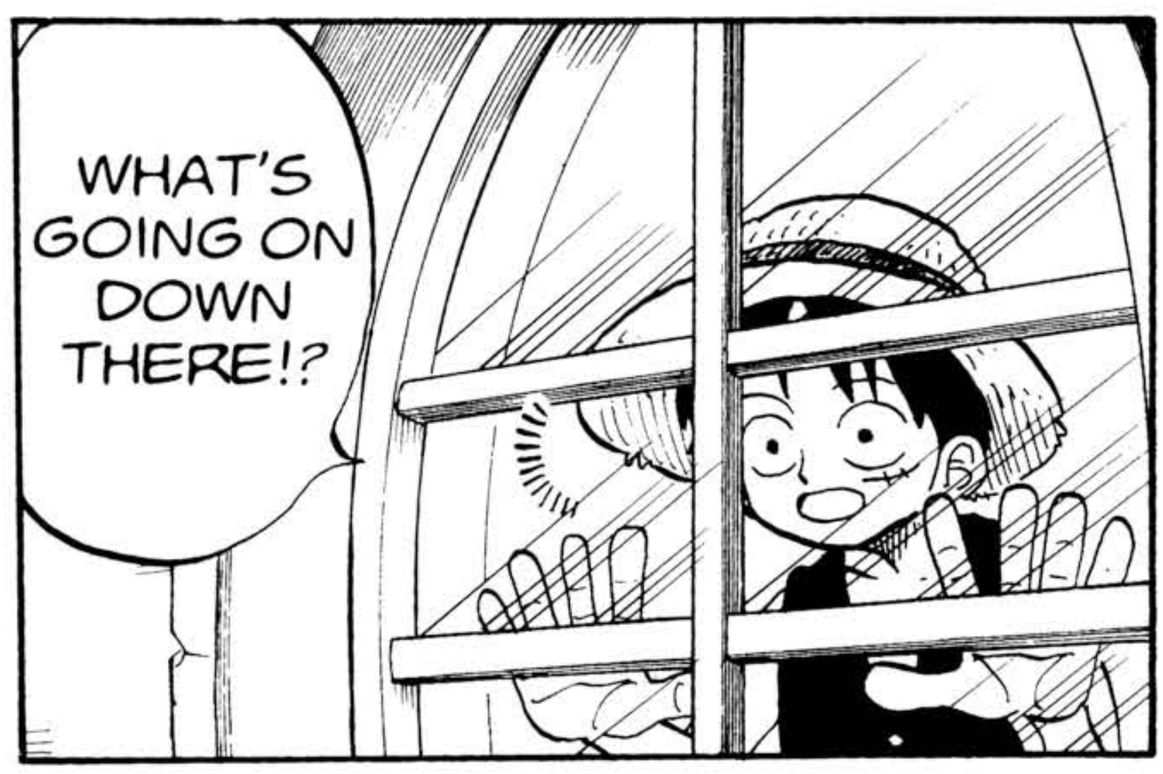

WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE!?

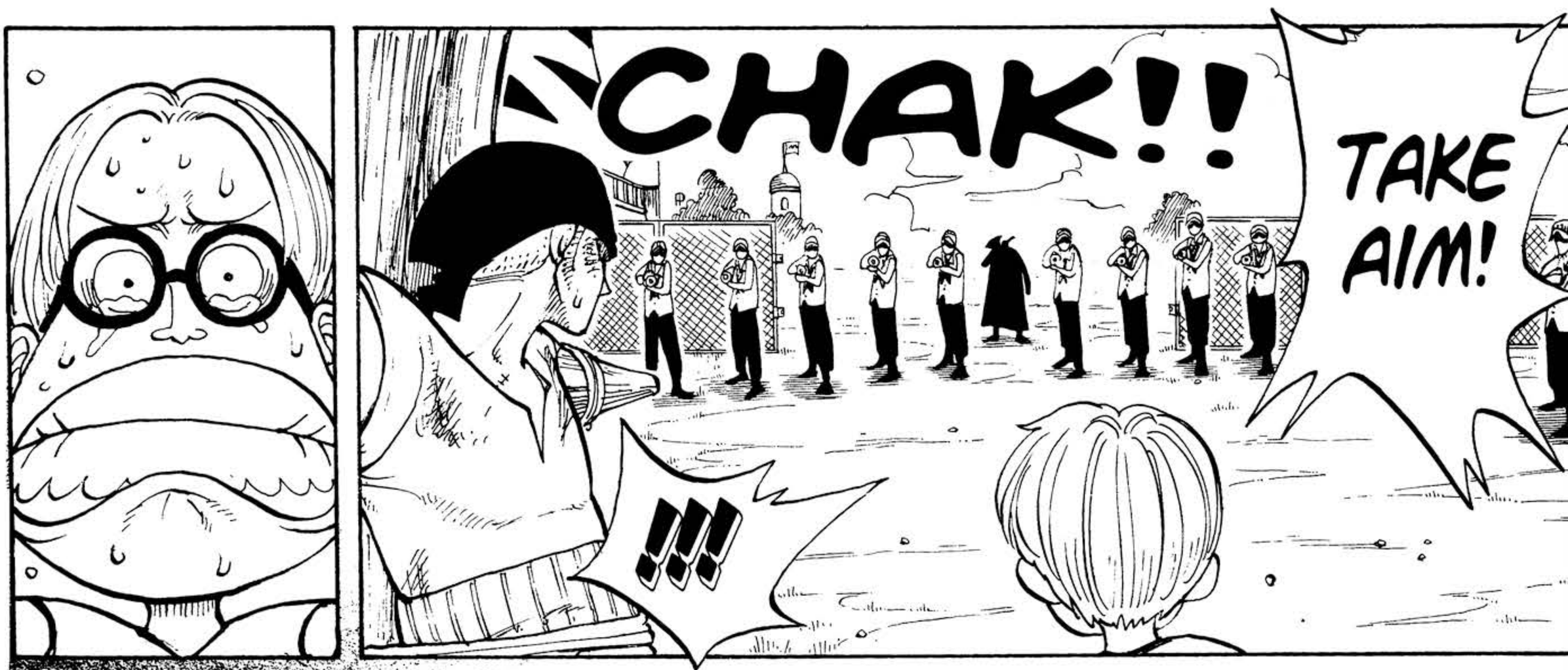
YOU'RE TRYING TO OVERTHROW ME!!
AHA!!
YOU THREE AREN'T SIMPLE OUTLAWS, ARE YOU!?

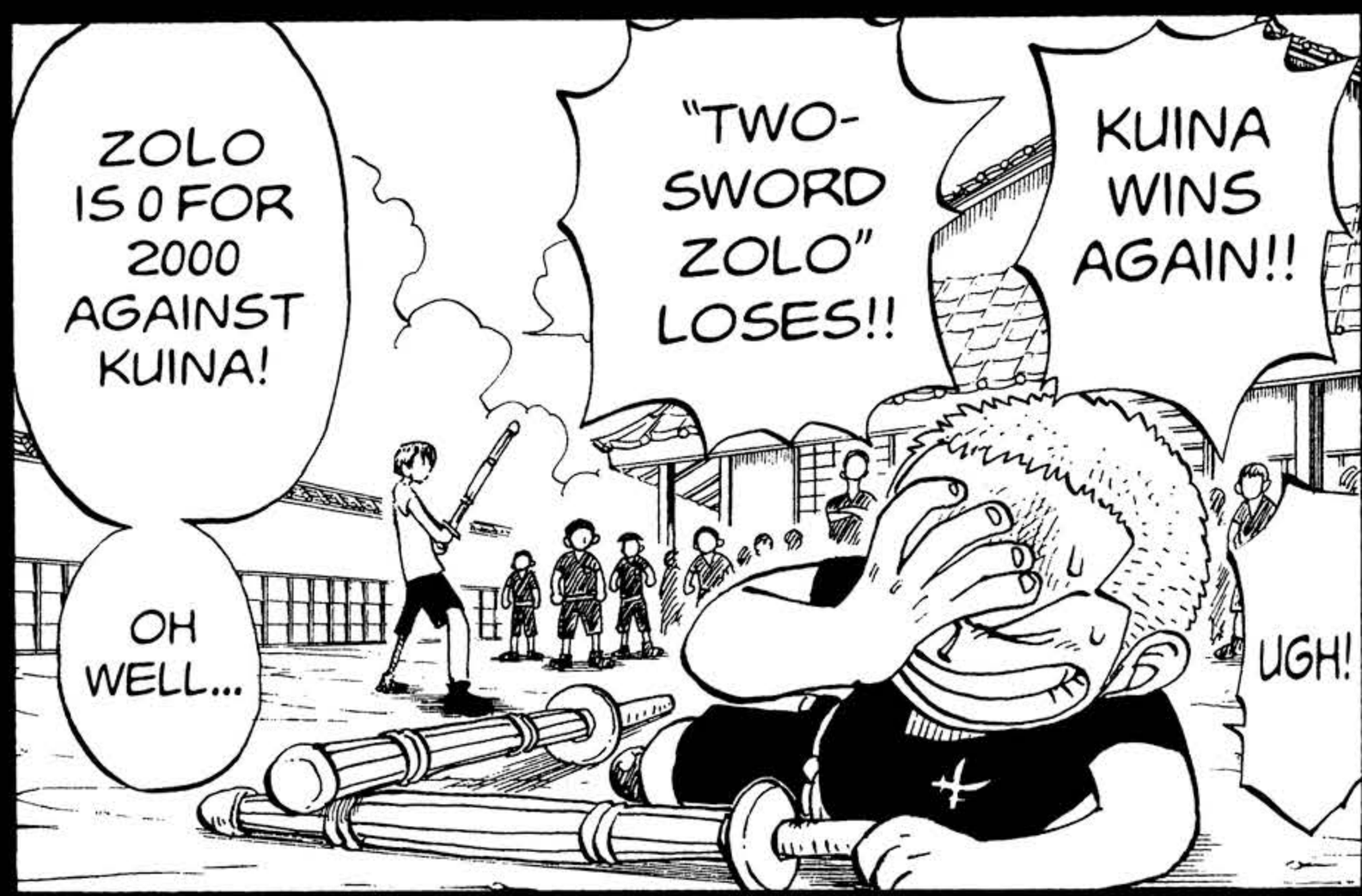
SURROUND THE FORTRESS!! IF THAT RASCAL IN THE STRAW HAT ESCAPES, YOU'LL ALL BE SORRY!!!!

YOU MAY BE A BARRACUDA...

BUT I'M A *GREAT WHITE SHARK!*

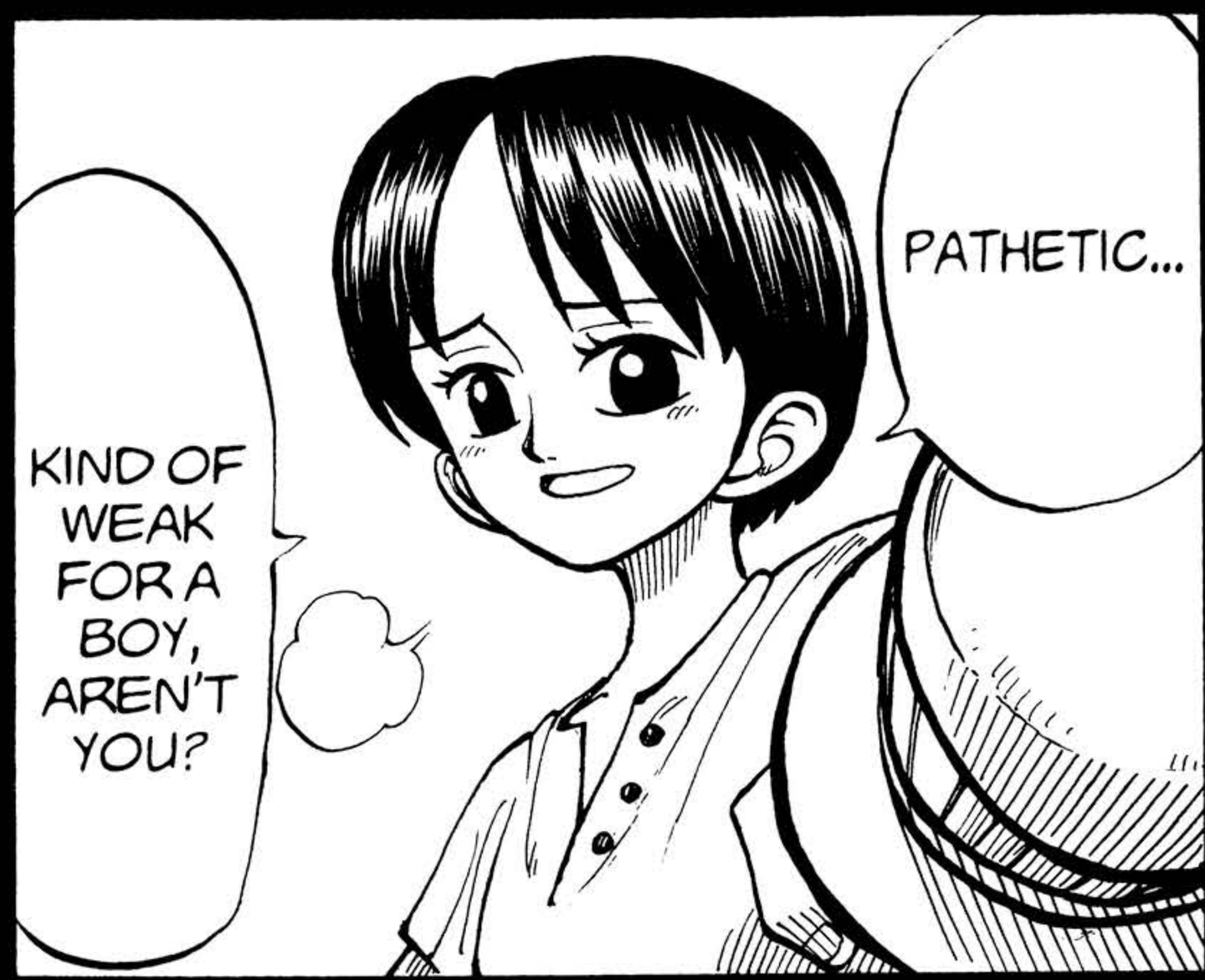
RORONOA ZOLO! PEASANTS AND PIRATES MAY TREMBLE AT YOUR NAME... BUT YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR THE GREAT ONE!



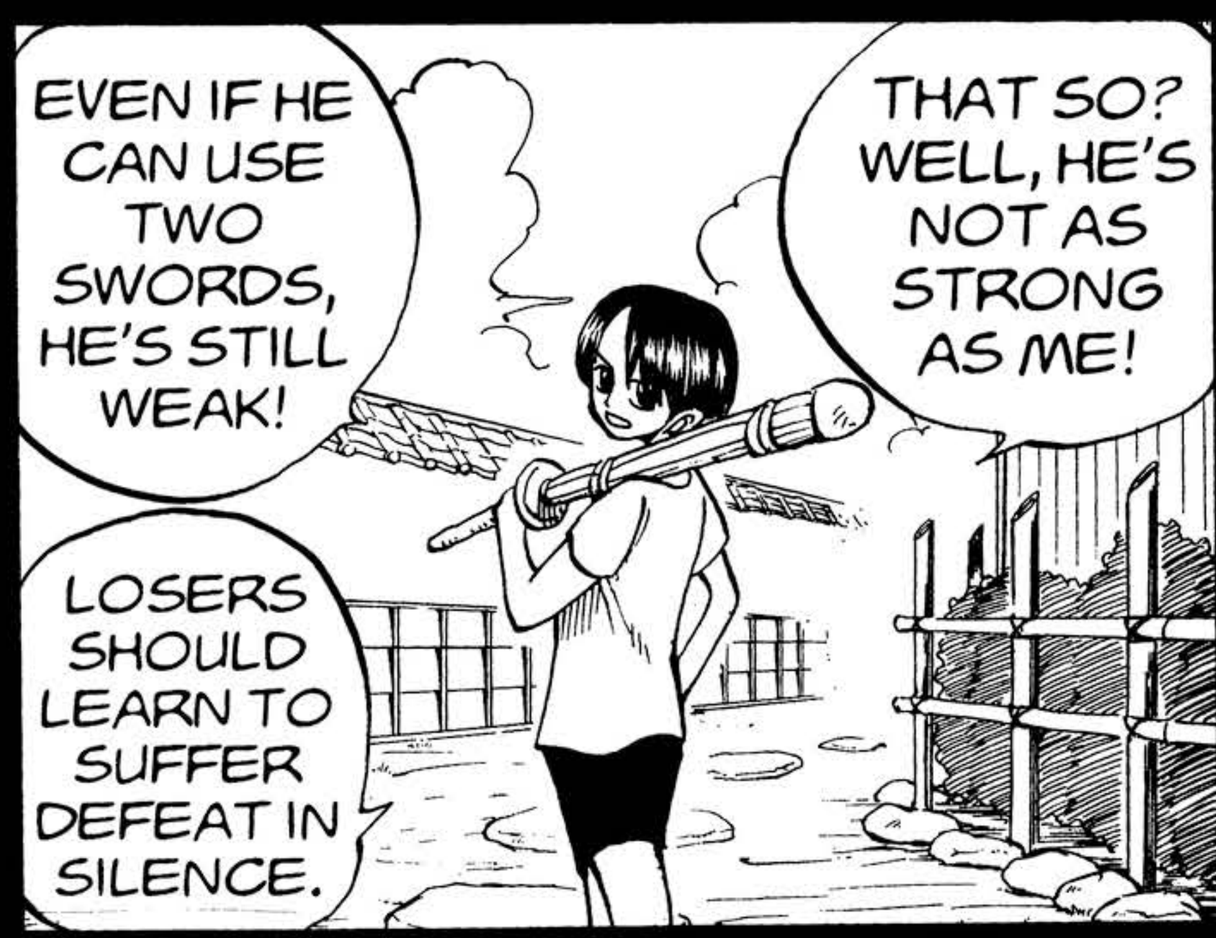

ZOLO IS 0 FOR 2000 AGAINST KUINA!
OH WELL...
"TWO-SWORD ZOLO" LOSES!!
KUINA WINS AGAIN!!
UGH!

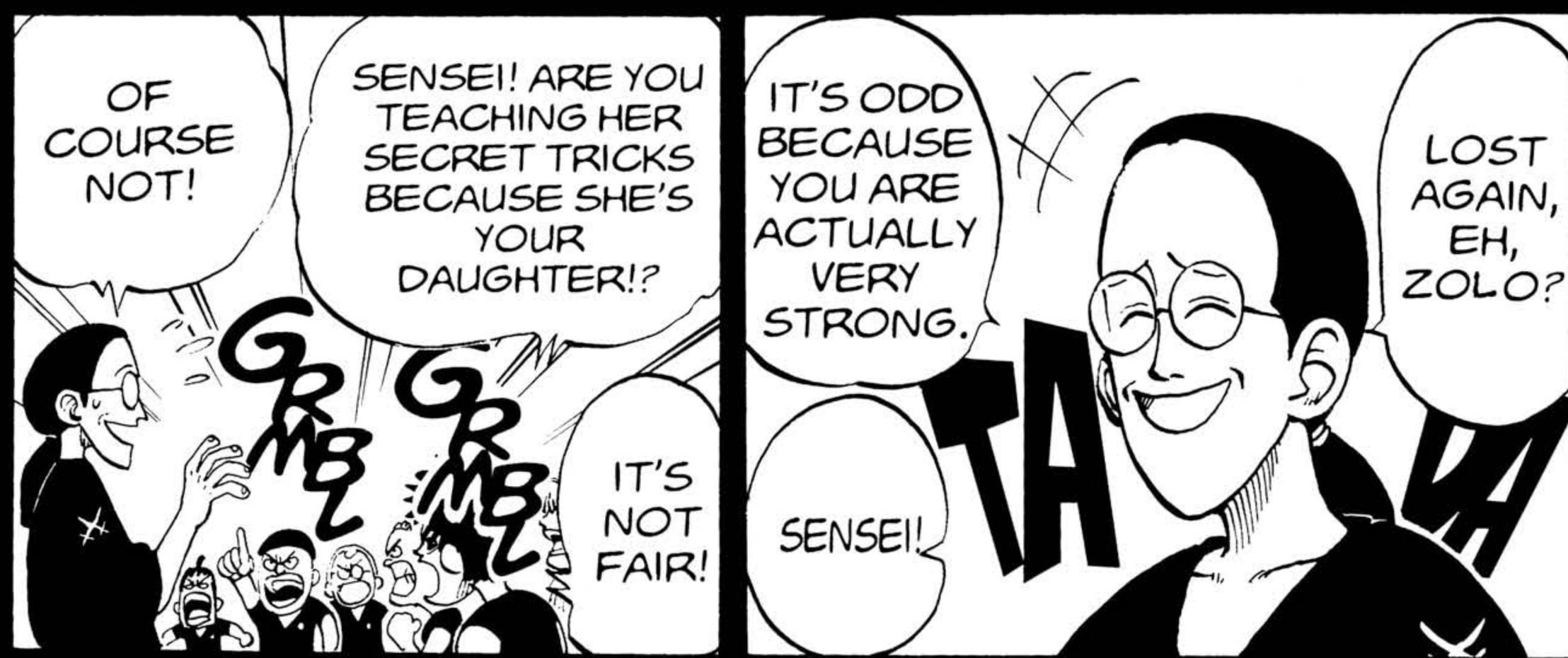
YAAH!
I MADE A PROMISE!
WAP!!

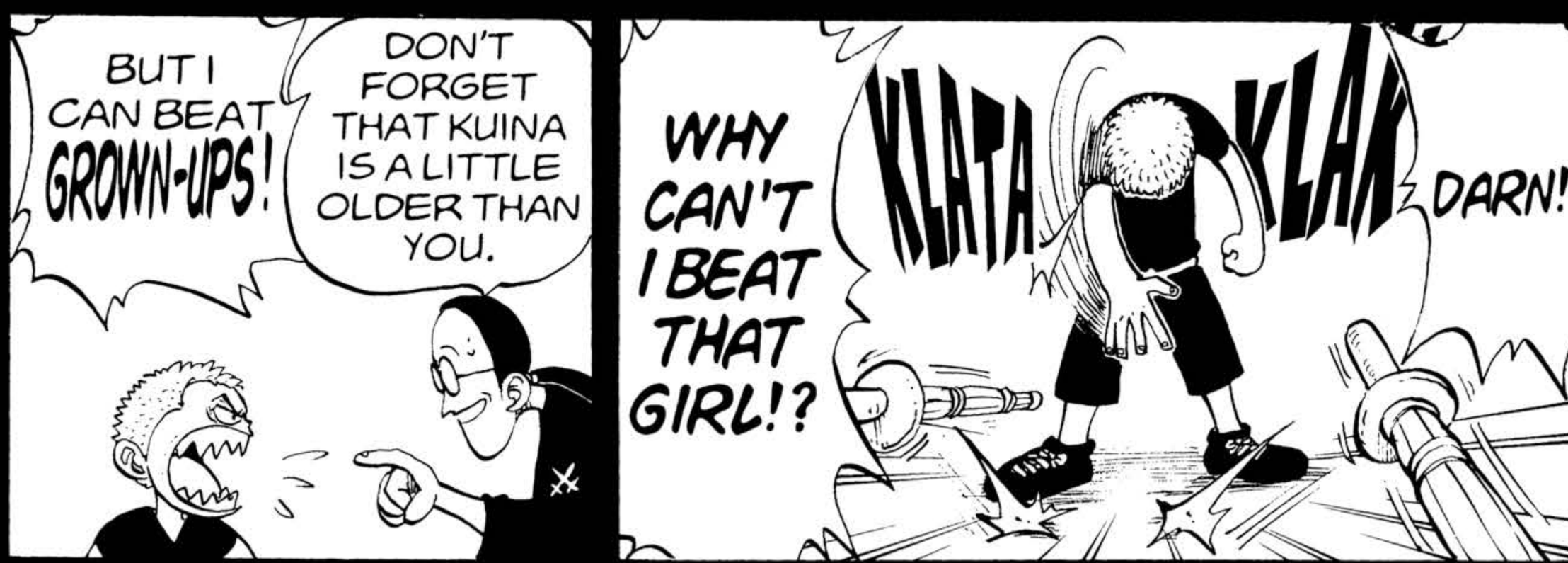
HE'S EVEN STRONGER THAN THE GROWN-UPS!
YEAH! HE'S THE STRONGEST IN OUR DOJO!
HEY! ZOLO'S NOT WEAK!

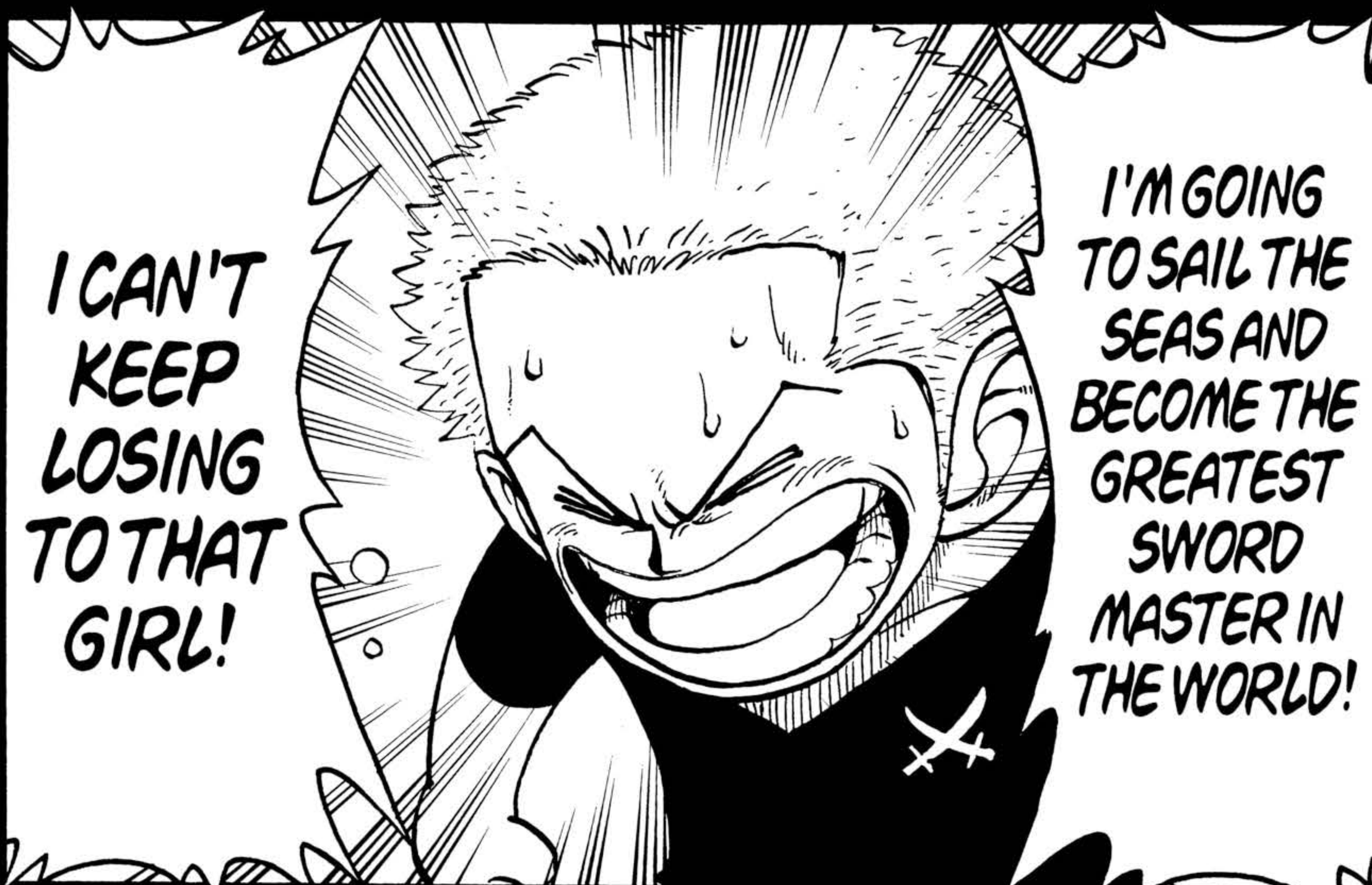

KIND OF WEAK FOR A BOY, AREN'T YOU?
PATHETIC...

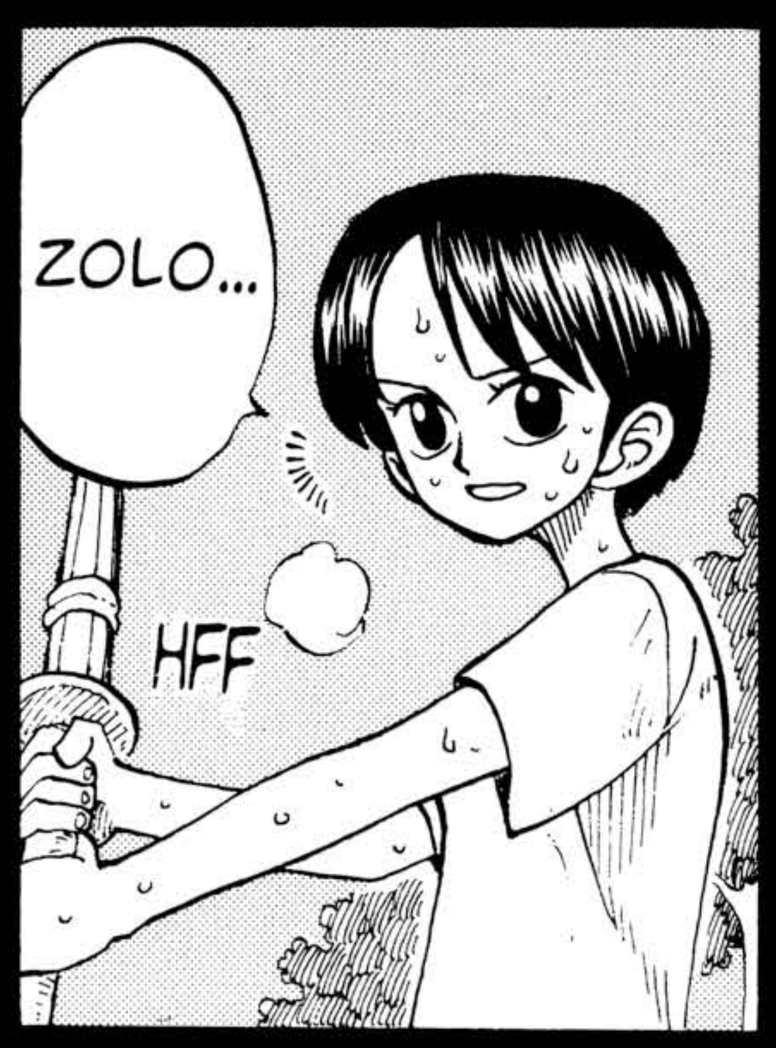
SHE THINKS SHE'S SO GREAT JUST BECAUSE SHE'S THE SENSEI'S DAUGHTER!
KUINA MAKES ME SO MAD!
DARN!
SHE'S KINDA CUTE, THOUGH...

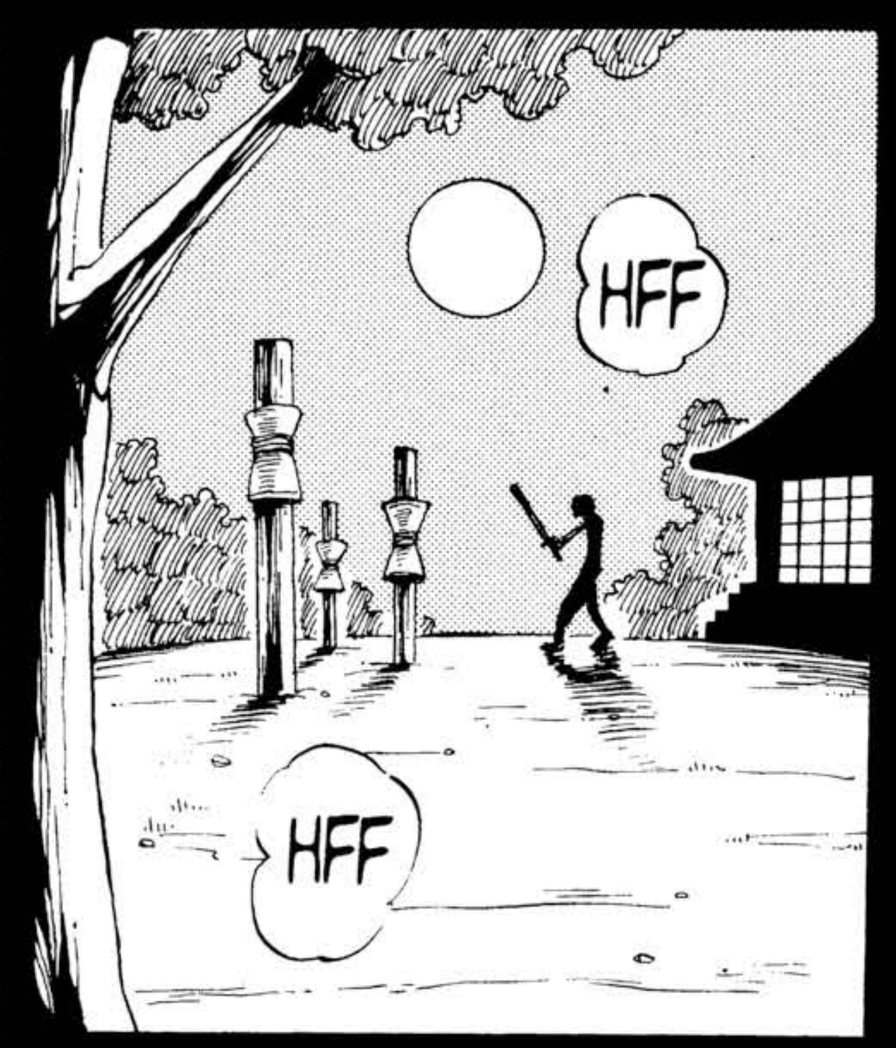

EVEN IF HE CAN USE TWO SWORDS, HE'S STILL WEAK!
THAT SO? WELL, HE'S NOT AS STRONG AS ME!
LOSERS SHOULD LEARN TO SUFFER DEFEAT IN SILENCE.


OF COURSE NOT!
SENSEI! ARE YOU TEACHING HER SECRET TRICKS BECAUSE SHE'S YOUR DAUGHTER!?
GRMBL
GRMBL
IT'S NOT FAIR!
IT'S ODD BECAUSE YOU ARE ACTUALLY VERY STRONG.
SENSEI!
TA
LA
LOST AGAIN, EH, ZOLO?


BUT I CAN BEAT GROWN-UPS!
DON'T FORGET THAT KUINA IS A LITTLE OLDER THAN YOU.
WHY CAN'T I BEAT THAT GIRL!?
KLATA
KLAK
DARN!


I CAN'T KEEP LOSING TO THAT GIRL!
I'M GOING TO SAIL THE SEAS AND BECOME THE GREATEST SWORD MASTER IN THE WORLD!


ZOLO...
HFF


HFF
HFF

KLAK
HYAAH!
KLAK
KLAK
HYAAH!

IT'S YOUR FUNERAL.
REAL SWORDS? OKAY...

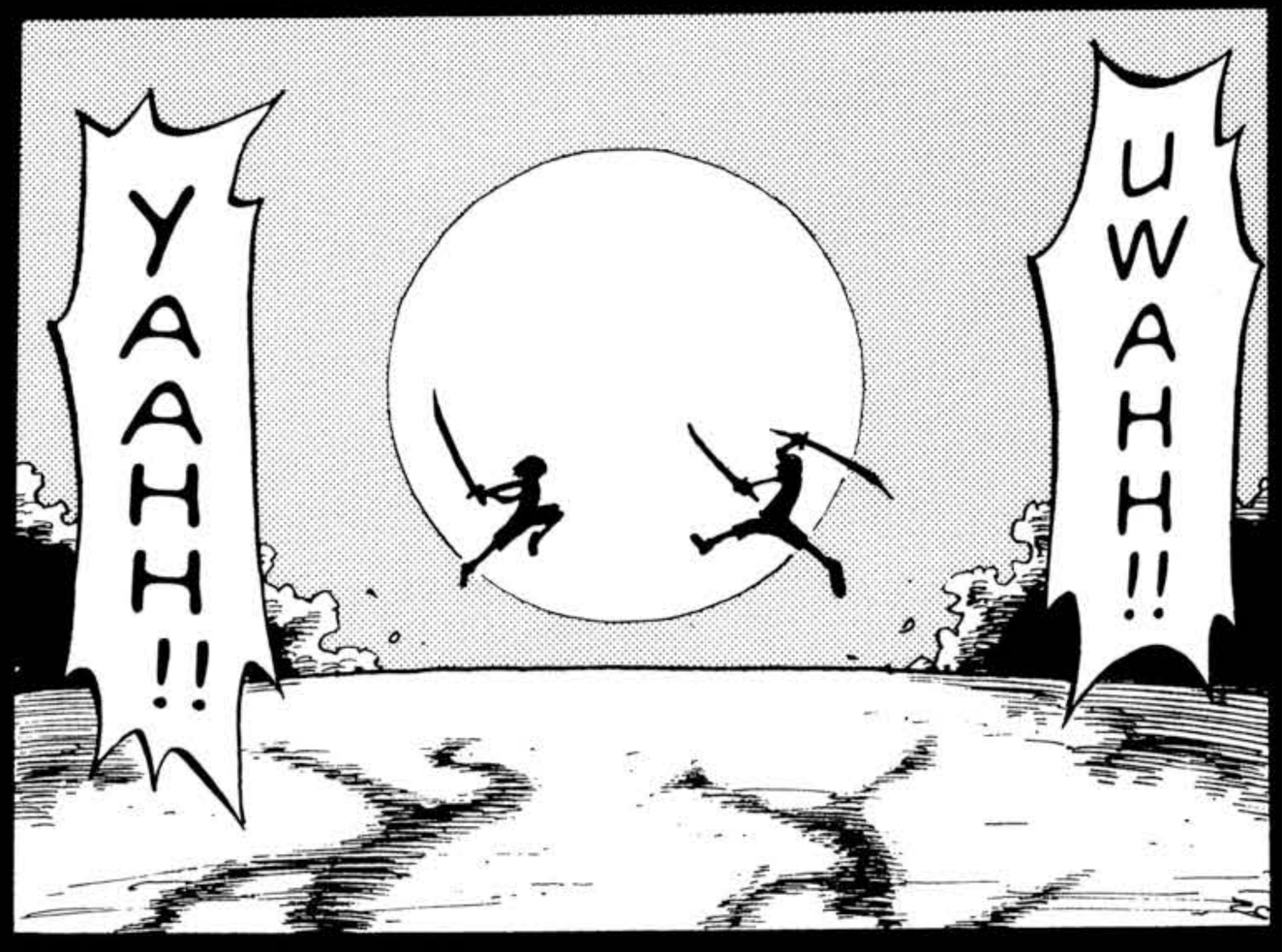
YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF REAL SWORDS, ARE YOU?
KUINA! I CHALLENGE YOU TO A DUEL... WITH REAL SWORDS!!

I'M READY!

ON GUARD!

SKFF SKFF

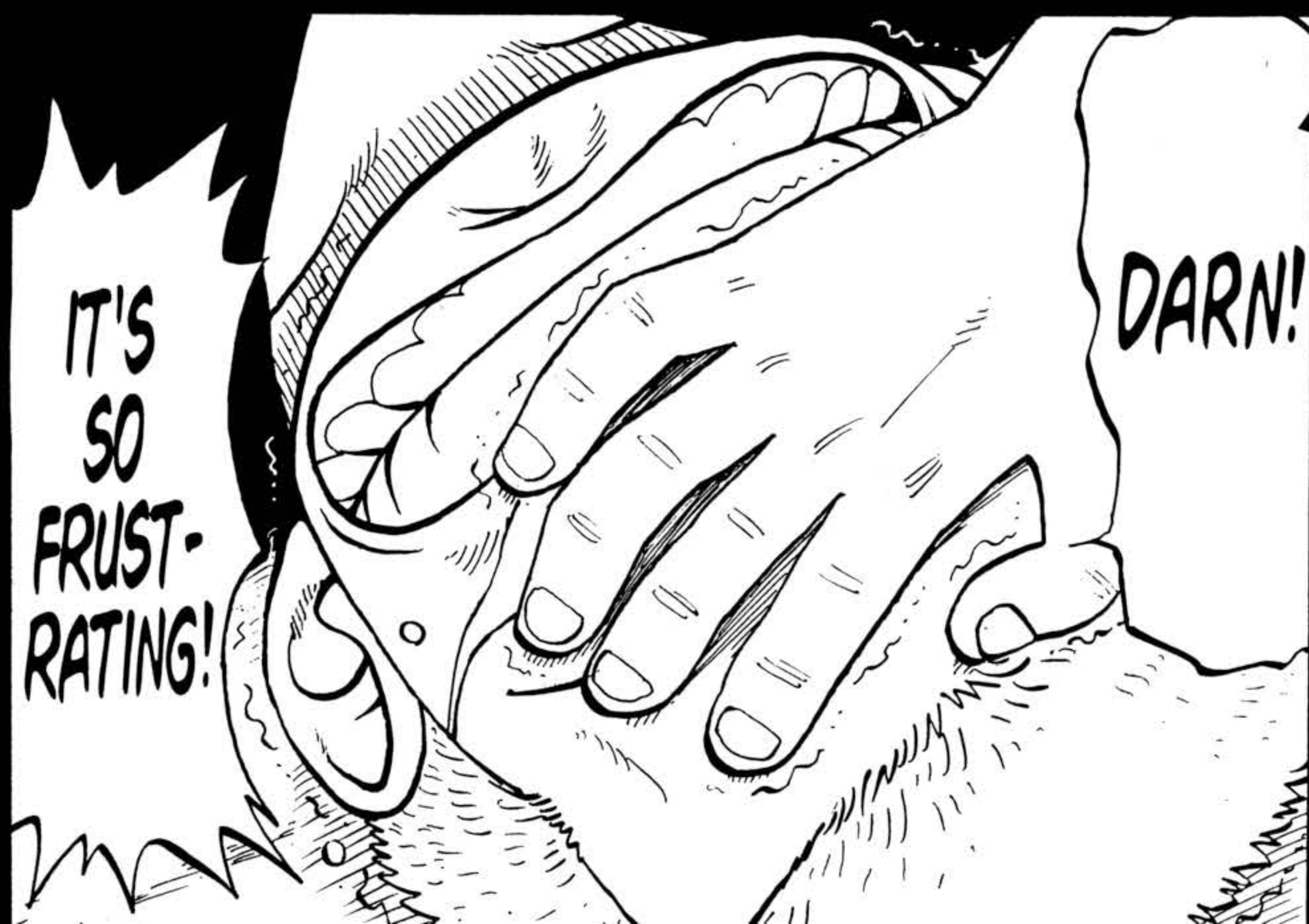
CHING


YAAH!!
UWAHH!!

THAT MAKES 2001 TIMES I'VE BEATEN YOU!

!!!

CHING!
CHING!!


IT'S SO FRUST-RATING!
DARN!

PRETTY SOON YOU'LL ALL BE STRONGER THAN ME.

ZOLO, YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING...

WHEN GIRLS GET OLDER, THEY BECOME WEAKER THAN THE BOYS.

HUH?

I'M THE ONE WHO'S FRUS-TRATED...

YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'RE A BOY, ZOLO...

I WANNA BECOME THE WORLD'S GREATEST SWORDSMAN TOO!!

DAD SAYS THAT GIRLS CAN'T BE MASTER SWORDSMEN...

...THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME THE WORLD'S GREATEST SWORDS-MAN...

...

THAT'S NOT FAIR! BEATING YOU IS MY DREAM!

WHAT ARE YOU CRYING ABOUT! YOU BEAT ME!!

I WISH I WAS A BOY...

BUT I'M STARTING TO GET BREASTS...

I'M TRAINING ALL THE TIME TO BEAT YOU! YOU'RE MAKING ME LOOK BAD!

SOMEDAY I'LL BEAT YOU BECAUSE I WORKED HARD, NOT BECAUSE YOU GOT WEAKER!! IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH BEING A BOY OR A GIRL!!

ZOLO ...

!

WE'LL FIGHT EACH OTHER FOR THE TITLE!

LET'S MAKE A PROMISE TO EACH OTHER!

SOMEDAY, ONE OF US WILL BECOME THE GREATEST SWORDSMAN EVER!!

SWI

IT'S A PROMISE!

HK!

YOU'RE TOO PUNY!

YOU IDIOT!

SNIFF

SHE'S DEAD!!!

SHE FELL DOWN THE STAIRS...

ZOLO! THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT! IT'S KUINA!

...I SUPPOSE SO...

SENSEI! MAY I HAVE HER SWORD?

HUMANS ARE FRAGILE THINGS, ZOLO...

ZOLO! STOP IT!

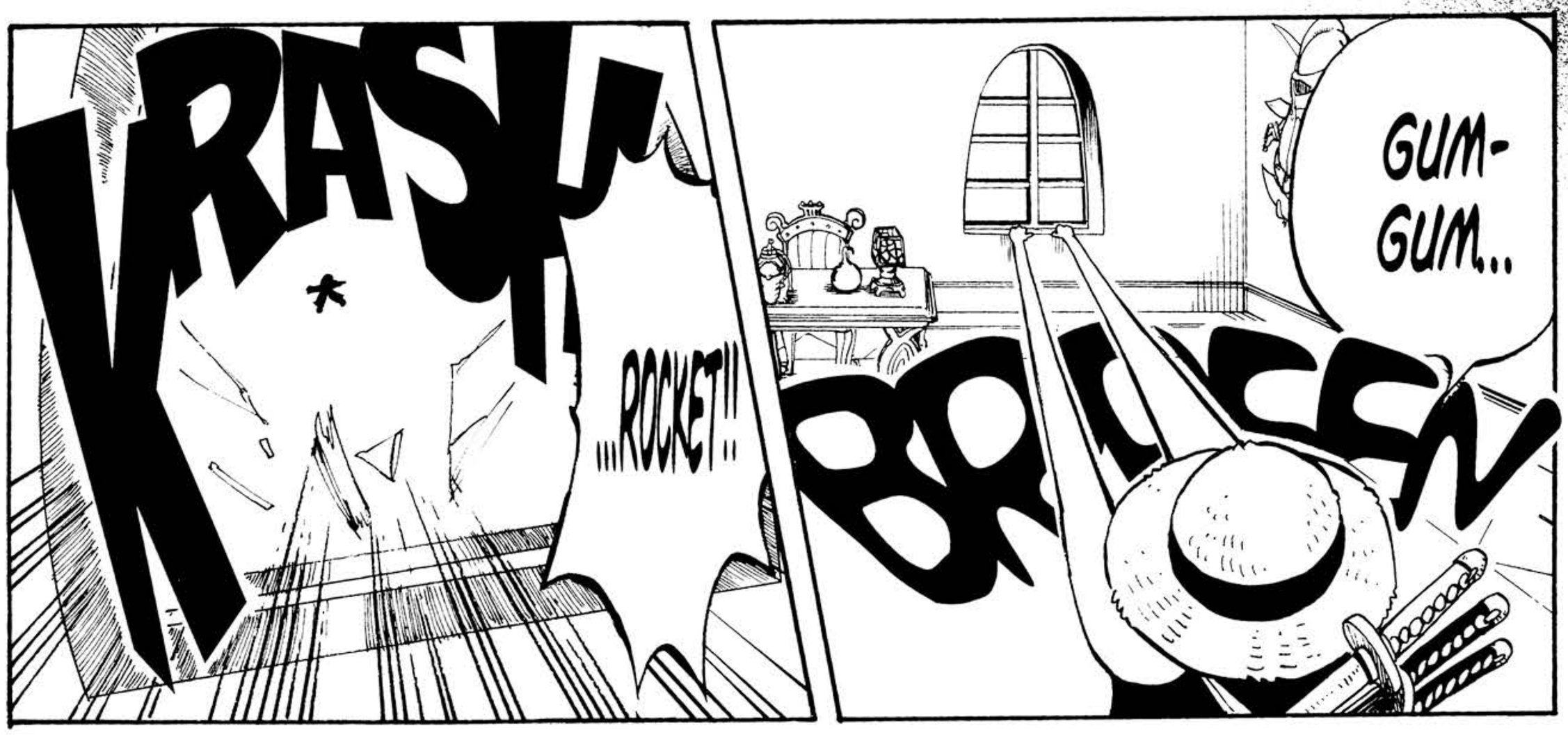
YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM YOUR PROM-ISE!?

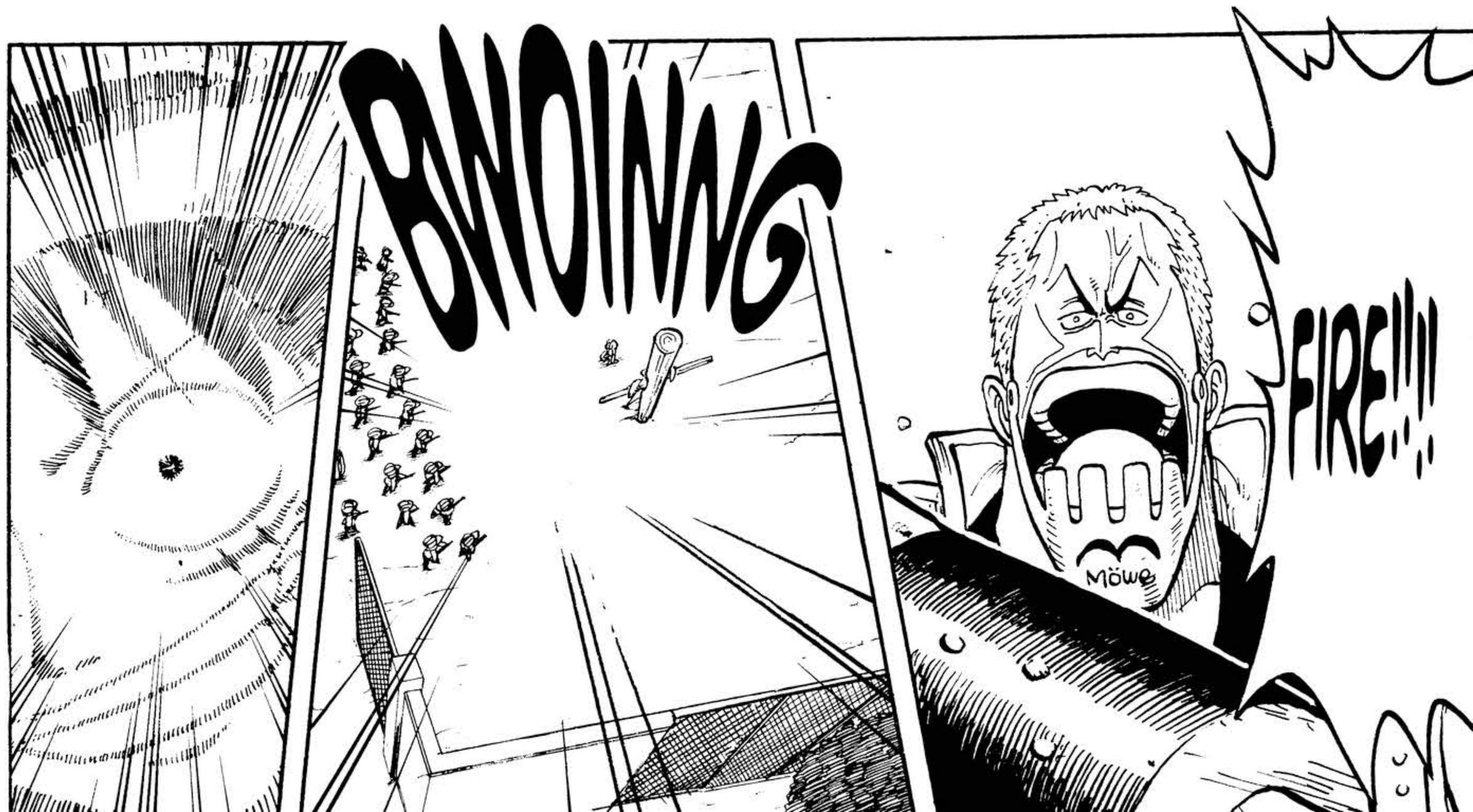
MAN! YOU MADE A PROMISE YESTERDAY!

I'M GOING TO BECOME SUCH A GREAT MASTER SWORDSMAN THAT MY NAME WILL BE KNOWN EVEN IN HEAVEN!!!!

I'LL HAVE TO KEEP THE PROMISE FOR BOTH OF US.

I CAN'T DIE YET!!
I PROMISED HER!
MARINE


KRASH
...ROCKET!!
GUM-GUM...
BRUCE


BOINNG
FIRE!!!!
MÖWE

BOOO

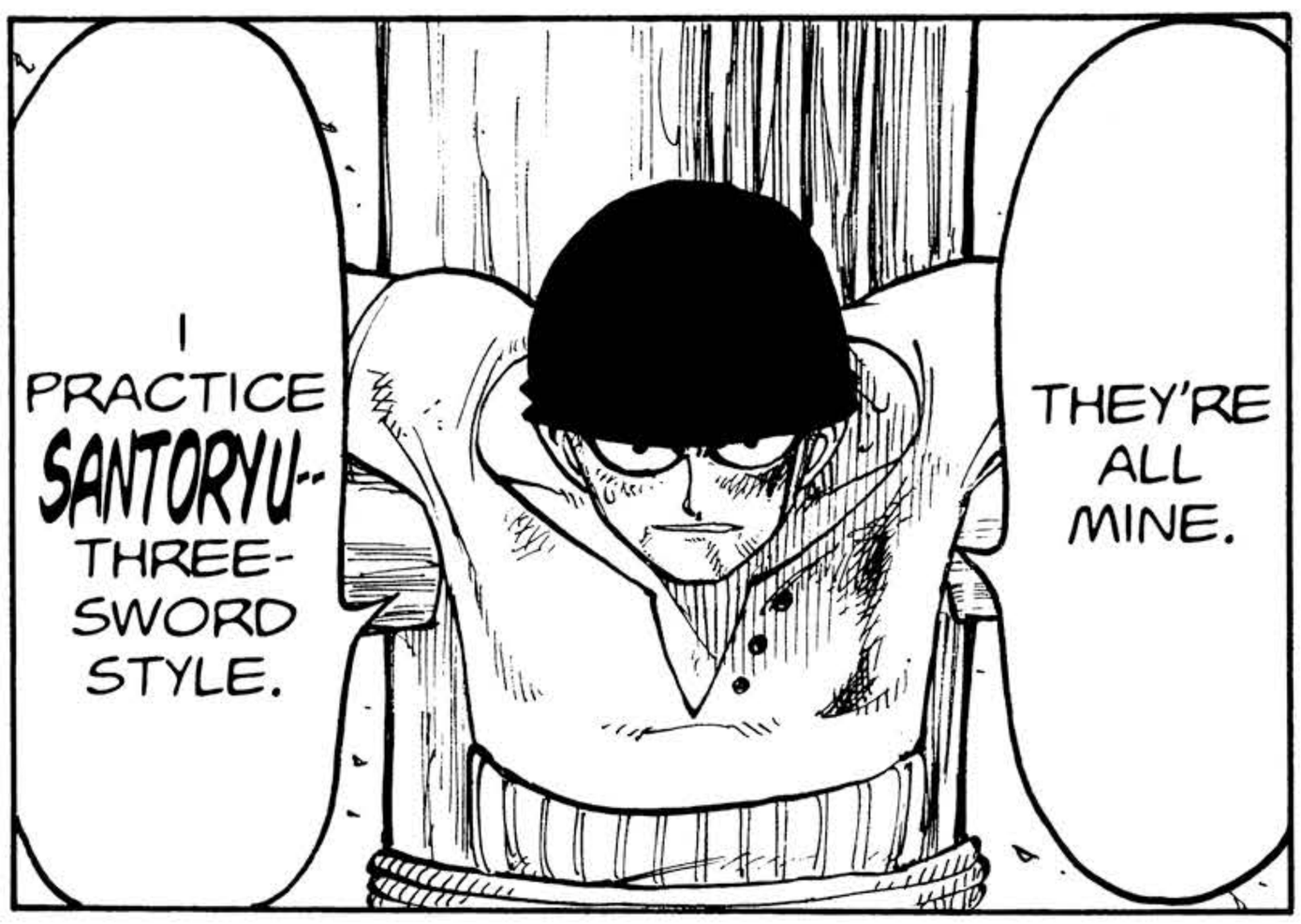
BULLETS CAN'T HURT ME!!

LOOK OUT!!!

HA HA HA HA HA!!!

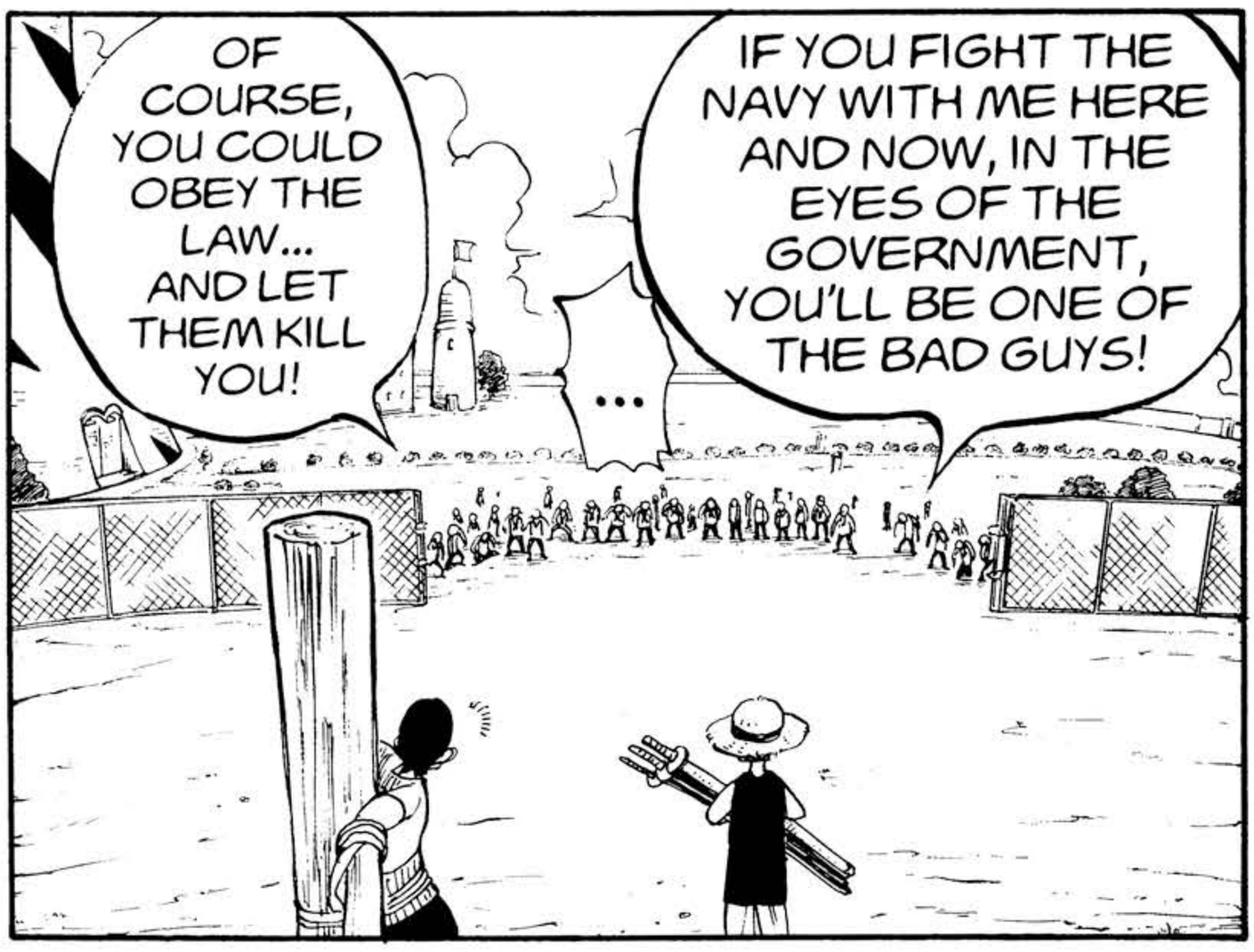
I'M THE GUY...
WHO'S GONNA BE KING OF THE PIRATES!!!
WINK

WHAT ARE YOU!?
GRG
GRG


I PRACTICE SANTORYU-- THREE-SWORD STYLE.
THEY'RE ALL MINE.

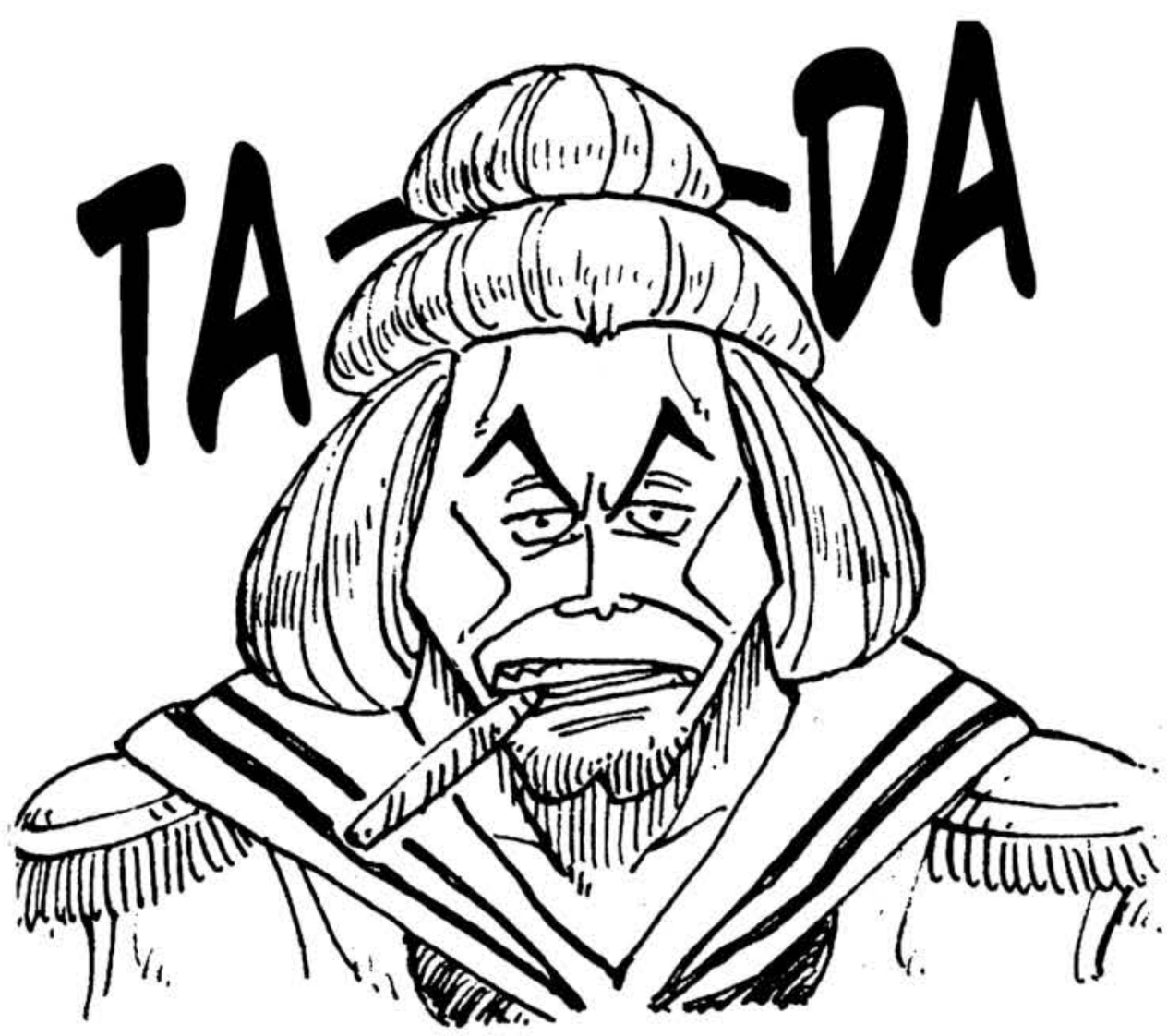
I DIDN'T KNOW, SO I BROUGHT ALL THREE...
SO WHICH SWORDS ARE YOURS?

BUT I'M NOT READY TO DIE WITHOUT A FIGHT! ALL RIGHT!
YOU MUST BE DEMON SPAWN...
YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A PIRATE!!!


OF COURSE, YOU COULD OBEY THE LAW... AND LET THEM KILL YOU!
...
IF YOU FIGHT THE NAVY WITH ME HERE AND NOW, IN THE EYES OF THE GOVERNMENT, YOU'LL BE ONE OF THE BAD GUYS!

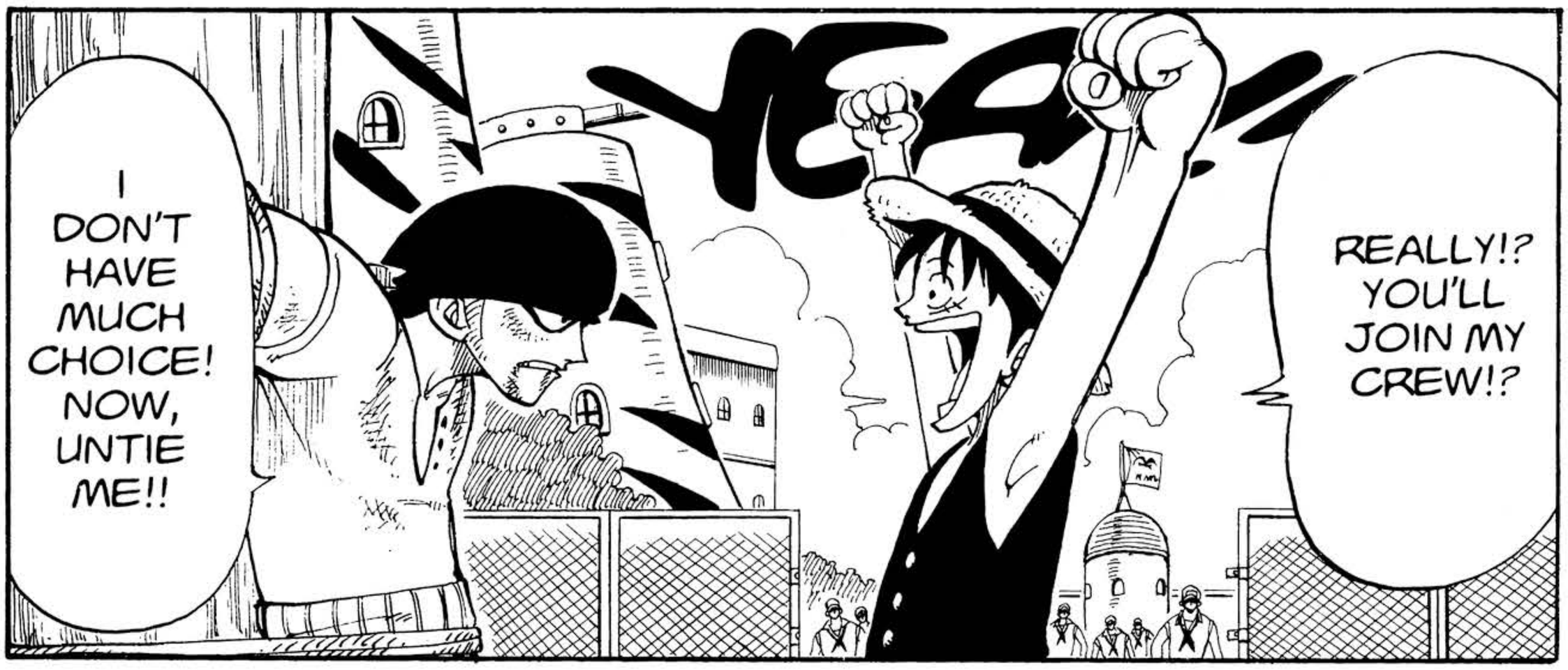
THE ROAD TO AXE-HAND MORGAN'S FIRST APPEARANCE

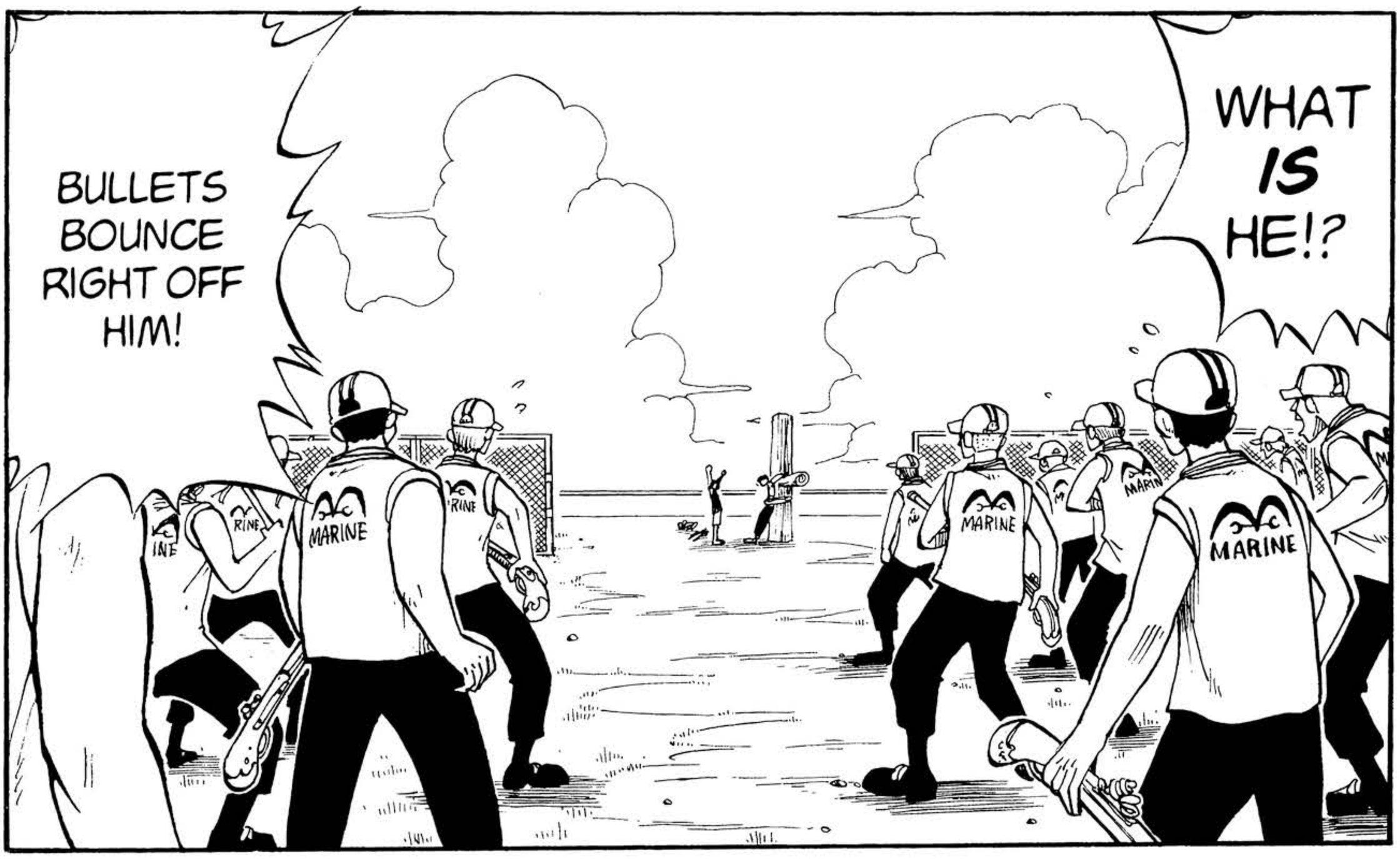
I created Helmeppo's character first, so my first thoughts when creating Captain Morgan were "He has to have a cleft chin and hair like Helmeppo's, only crazier—after all, he is the father."



This is what I came up with. Originally his name wasn't Morgan, it was "Chop." So his full title was "Naval Captain Chop" or "Sailor Chop." What a great name! But even I didn't have the nerve to use this name. [Editor's Note: "Sailor" in Japanese is *suihei*, and *Suihei Chop* is the name of a signature fighting technique used by the famous Japanese pro wrestler Giant Baba.]

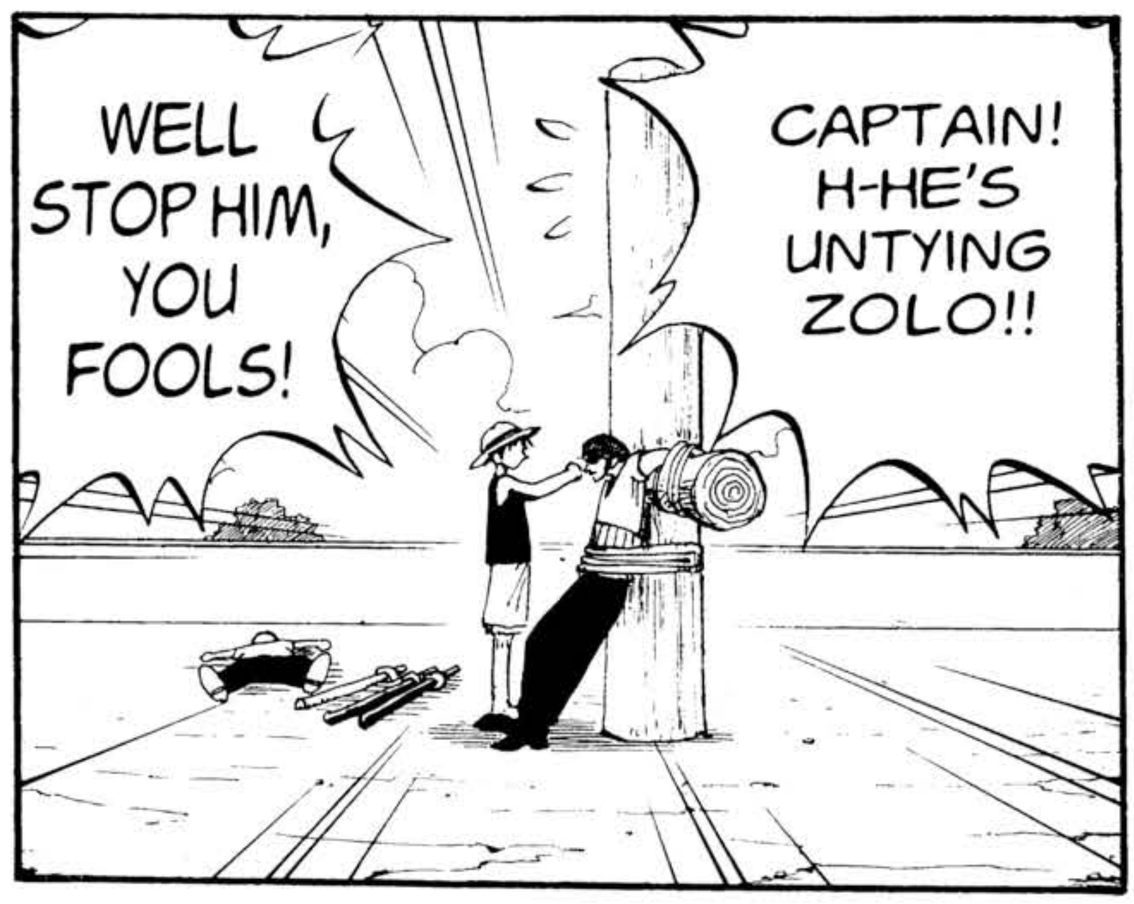
I can't show them all here, but I actually made two or three more versions of Captain Morgan before I settled on the one used in the manga. I redesigned him to look cooler because a certain editor told me he looked lame. I couldn't argue with that, so I changed his look.





CHAPTER 6 : NUMBER ONE

HE'S EATEN ONE OF THE DEVIL FRUIT...
HE'S NO ORDINARY HUMAN!!!

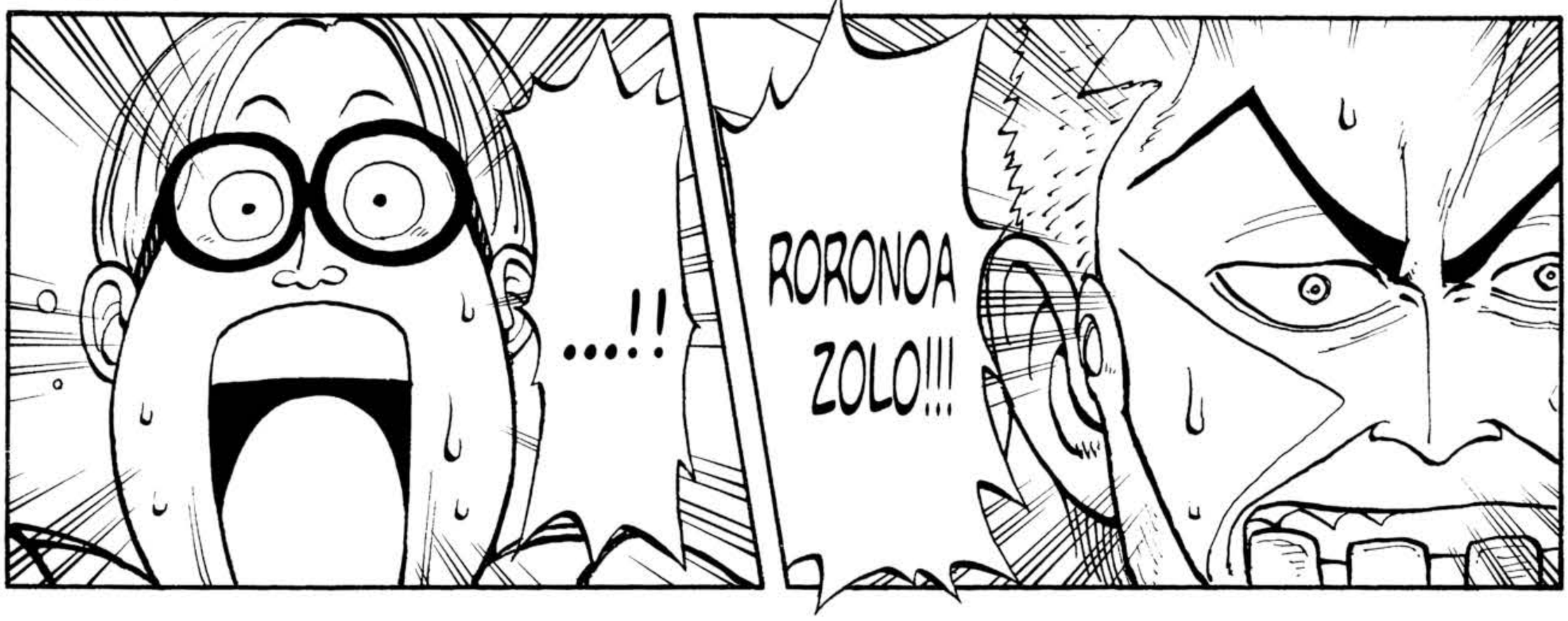

WELL STOP HIM, YOU FOOLS!
CAPTAIN! H-HE'S UNTYING ZOLO!!

NO WAY! SO THAT'S HIS POWER...?
GASP
...THE SECRET TREASURE FROM THOSE SEAS!!?

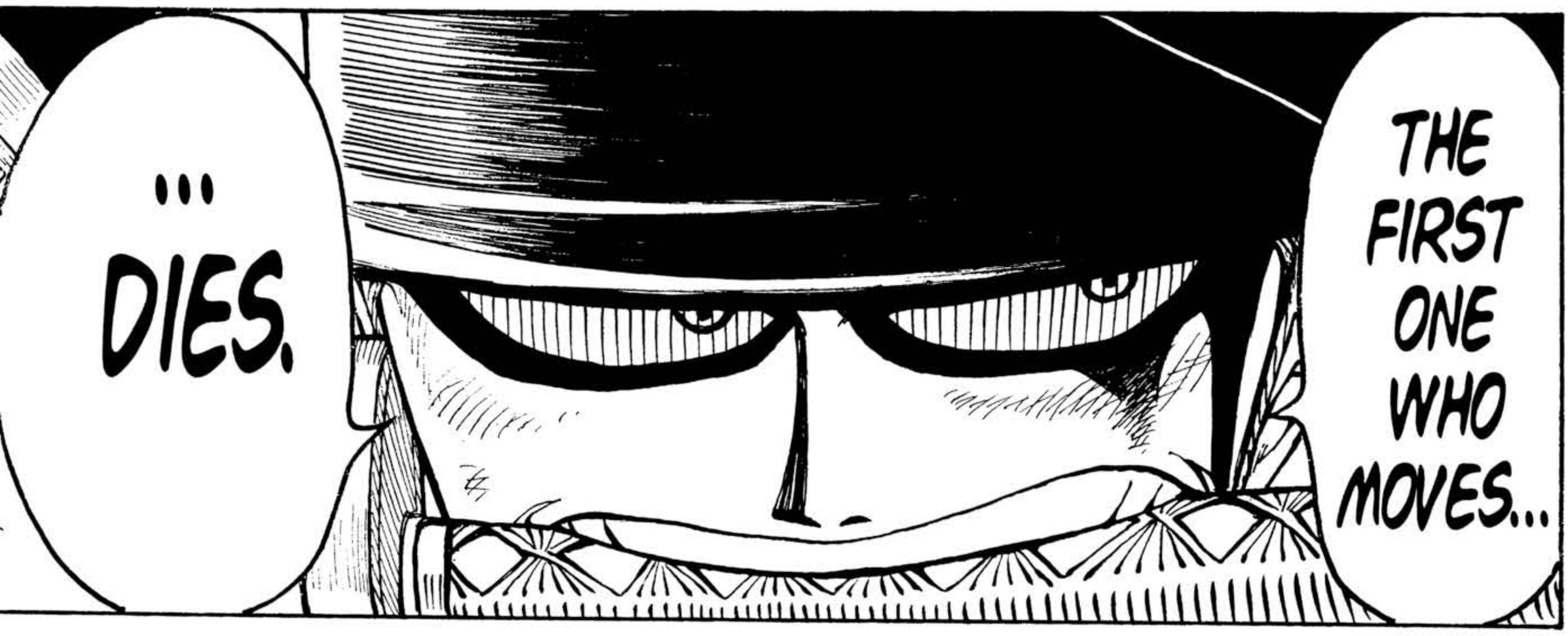
HAAAA!!
IF BULLETS CAN'T HURT HIM, THEN USE YOUR SWORDS!

READ THIS WAY
HUH?
UNH...
OOOH... WHERE AM I?
C'MON! HURRY UP!
HAA
UNH! THESE KNOTS ARE TOO TIGHT...
I CAN'T UNTIE 'EM!
LUFFY!! ZOLO!! WATCH OUT!!!
HAAA
THERE'S NO TIME!!
I'M TRYING. JUST HOLD ON...
GASP
YIKES!
WHAT!!?
...!!!
THOSE WHO DEFY ME MUST DIE!!
HAA
GIVE ME MY SWORDS, MORON!!
THERE! I UNTIED ONE OF YOUR ARMS!
PNIP

READ THIS WAY
KLANG!
MARINE
MARINE
MARINE
MARINE


...!!
RORONOA ZOLO!!!

HE'S COOL!!
WOW!!


... DIES.
THE FIRST ONE WHO MOVES...

HE'S SO SCARY...!
GA-CHEEN
MARINE
MARINE
EEEEK...!

!
BUT, HEAR THIS!! I HAVE A MISSION TO FULFILL!!!
ALL RIGHT, SO I'M A PIRATE. I GAVE YOU MY WORD.
I'VE FOUGHT THE NAVY, THEREFORE I'M OFFICIALLY AN OUTLAW...
ARINE

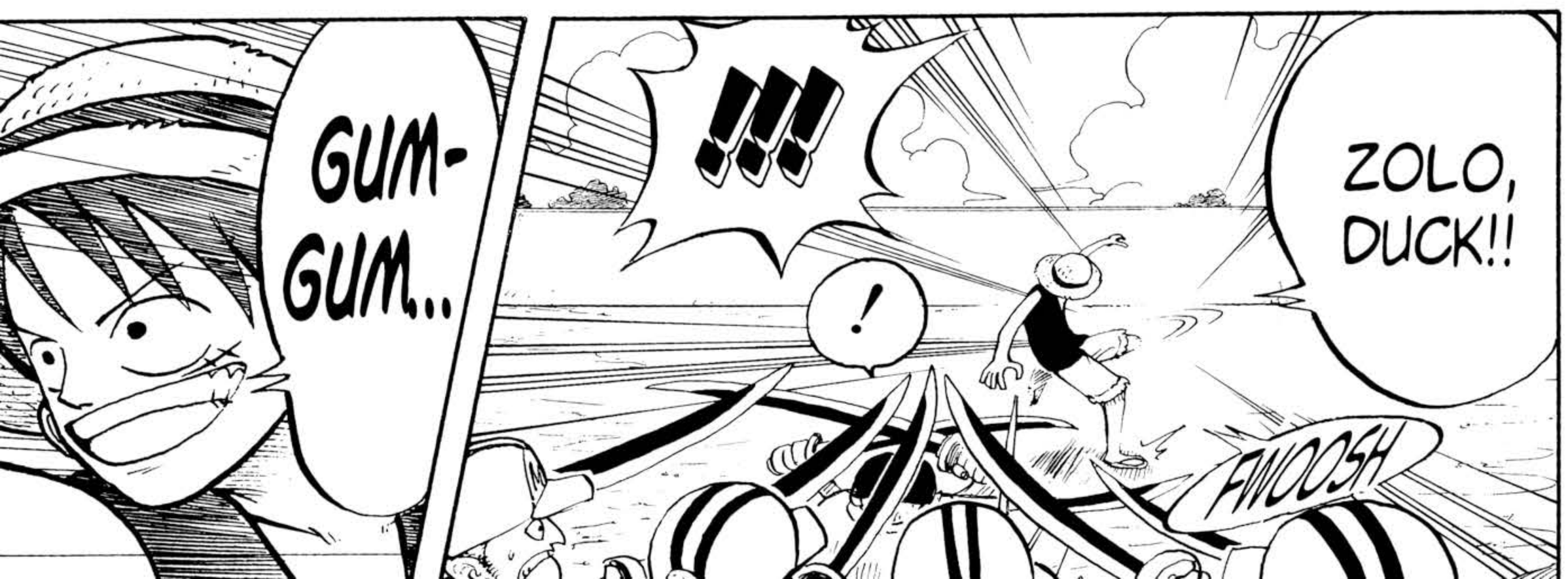
MY NAME MAY BE INFAMOUS...
...BUT IT'S GONNA SHAKE THE WORLD!!!
I'M GOING TO BE THE WORLD'S GREATEST SWORDSMAN!
ALL I HAVE LEFT IS MY DESTINY!

...THEN I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU COMMIT HARA KIRI!!!
BUT YOU ARE MAKING ME BECOME A PIRATE! SO IF I HAVE TO ABANDON MY DREAM FOR ANY REASON...

THE WORLD'S GREATEST SWORDSMAN, THAT'S GREAT!

ANYTHING ELSE WOULD MAKE ME LOOK BAD!

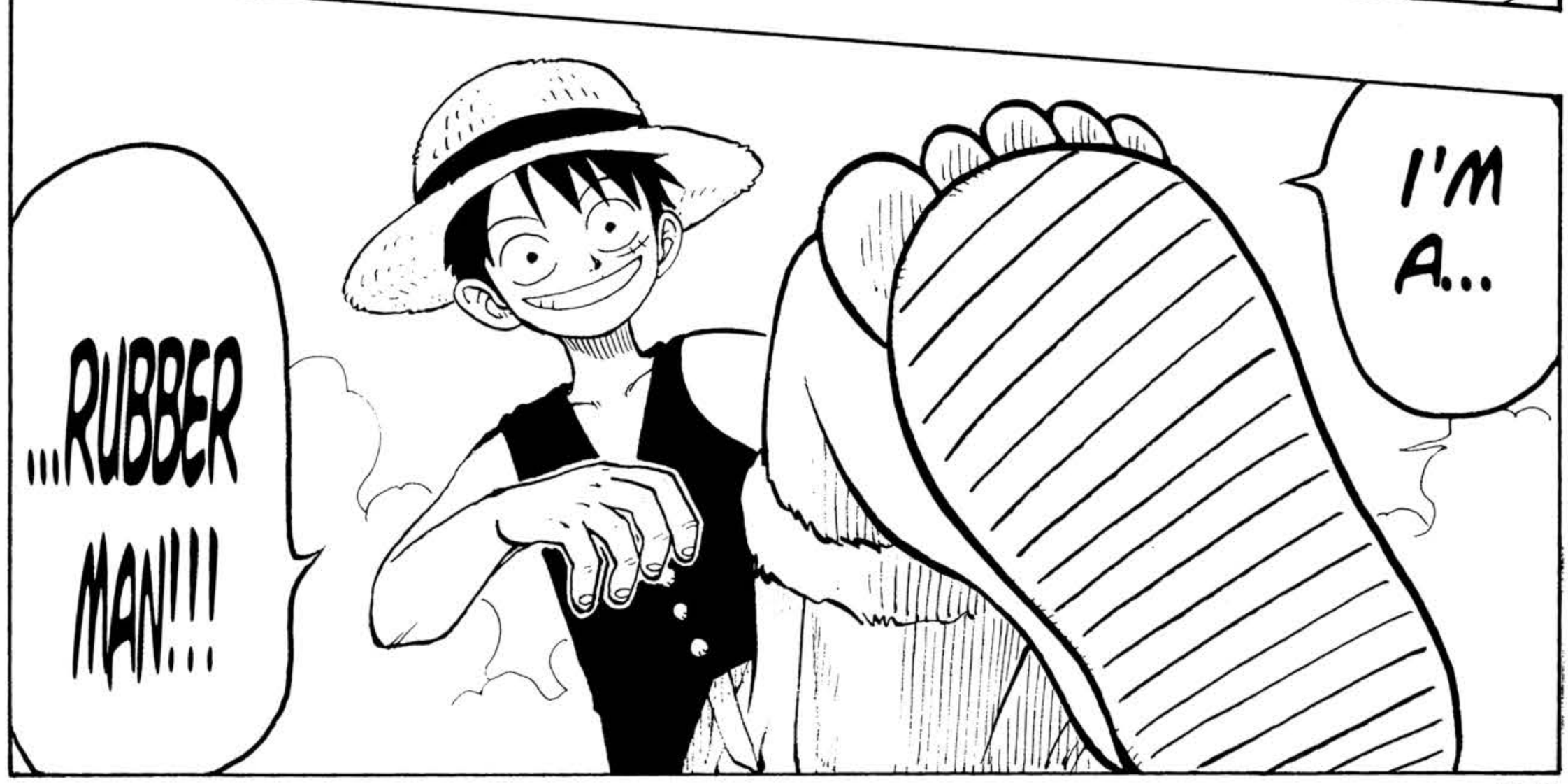
AND IT'S FITTING SINCE YOUR NEW BOSS IS GOING TO BE THE KING OF THE PIRATES!



MARINE
MARINE
...WHIP!!!

!!?
MARINE
MARINE
MARINE

WHAT THE DEVIL ARE YOU!?
HE'S INCRED-IBLE!
WOW!


...RUBBER MAN!!!
I'M A...

READ THIS WAY

...AND THAT DEMON RORONOA ZOLO AT THE SAME TIME!!

IT'S HOPELESS! WE CAN'T FIGHT A RUBBER MAN...

!!

CAPTAIN!! THEY'RE TOO MUCH FOR US!!

A RUBBER-MAN!?

WILL SHOOT YOURSELVES IN THE HEAD!

!!!

ALL YOU COWARDS WHO WERE WHINING JUST NOW...

HEAR ME!

GASP!

ON MY ORDER... FIRE!!

...IN MY OUTFIT!!!

I WON'T TOLERATE DEFEATISTS...

!!!

KACHAK

...!!

TMP TMP TMP!
!
SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THOSE NAVAL MARINES!!!
SMASH
TRY PUTTING ME TO DEATH!!!
HEY! I'M YOUR ENEMY...
!!

DESTROY THIS LOUSY NAVY!!!

LUFFY!!!

...!

MARINE

MARINE

MARINE

I'LL TEACH YOU TO DEFY YOUR BETTERS!

FWSH

HMPH! YOU HAVE NEITHER RANK NOR STATUS!

I'M STRAW HAT LUFFY!

NICE TO MEET YOU!

TA DA!

POWA

I'M CAPTAIN AXE-HAND MORGAN!!!

WHOOSH
!
DIE!!
SLASH...!
!!!
THAT'S SHARP!!
WOW!

WMP...
UNGH!
SKKK!!
...!!
TH-THE CAPTAIN...
MARINE
MARINE

GW
BOY...
WHAM
!
I SENTENCE YOU TO DEATH!
FWOOSH

I'M NOT GONNA DIE.

!?

KA

WA

!!!!

HE'S GETTING PUMMELED!!

MARINE

MARINE

MARINE

CAPTAIN MORGAN...

HE'S JUST TOO STRONG!!

ARE RUINING KOBY'S DREAM!

YOU AND YOUR NAVY...

GRB

STOP!!

...

I SAID **STOP**, YOU IDIOT!!

BANG

HELMEPPO...!!

IF YOU EVEN BLINK, I'LL SHOOT!

HEH HEH HEH!

ONE FALSE MOVE AND FOUR EYES GETS IT!!!

DON'T LET THEM WIN BECAUSE OF ME!

HEY, LUFFY!!

YOU'RE A GOOD GUY, KOBY!

LET HIM KILL ME!!

LUFFY!! BEHIND YOU!

FINE! I'LL JUST SHOOT HIM THEN!

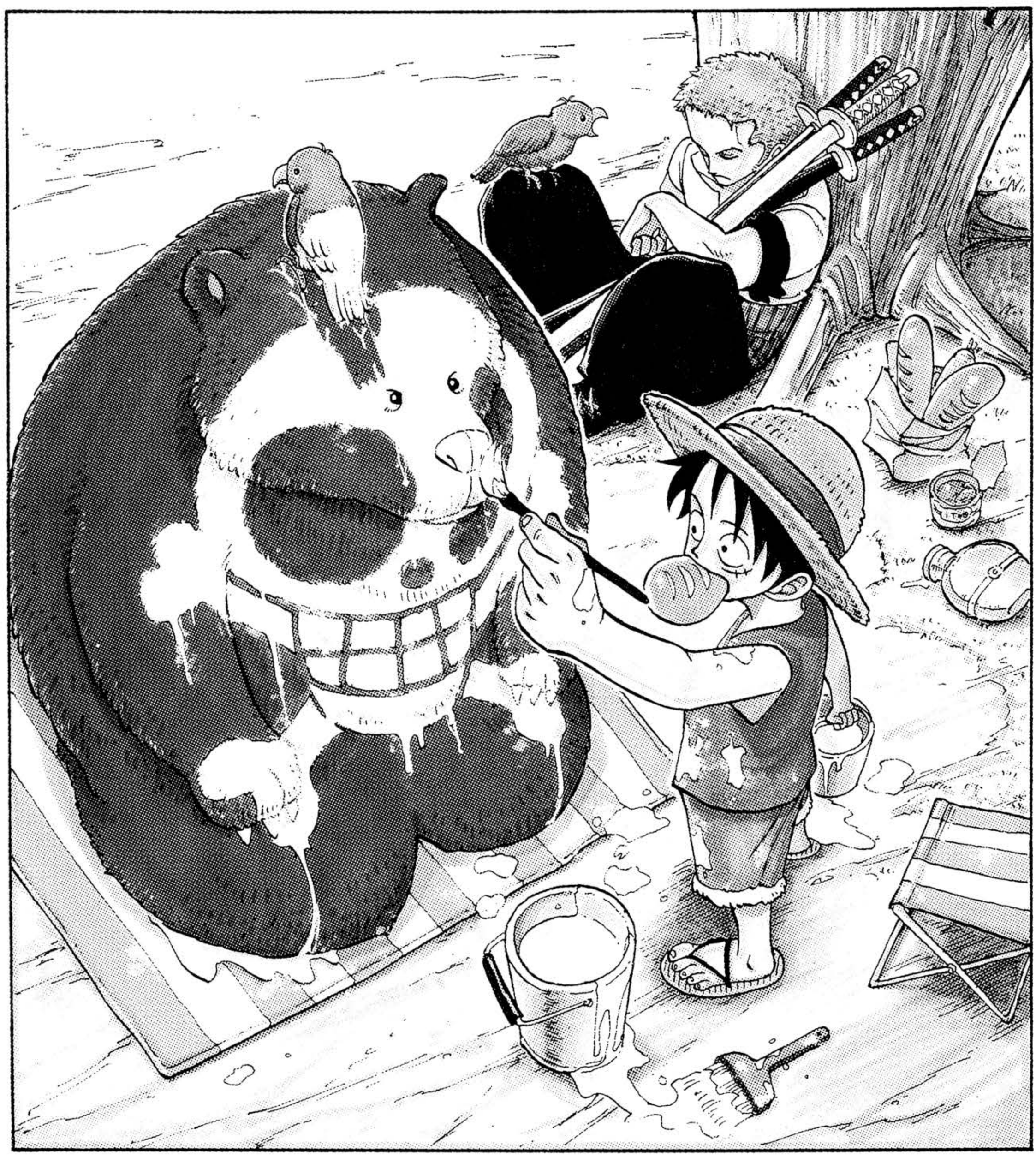
HEY! I TOLD YOU NOT TO MOVE OR I'D SHOOT!

HEY, IDIOT-SON-OF-THE-CAPTAIN! KOBY MEANS IT!

WAK
OOF!!!
NICE...
Möwe

...ZOLO!
...CAPTAIN!
SMIRK
NO SWEAT...

CHAPTER 7 :
FRIENDS



CAPTAIN MORGAN'S BEEN DEFEATED!!!

THE CAPTAIN LOST!!!

MA—

DA

CHEEN

...?

ANY OF YOU STILL WANT TO CAPTURE US!?

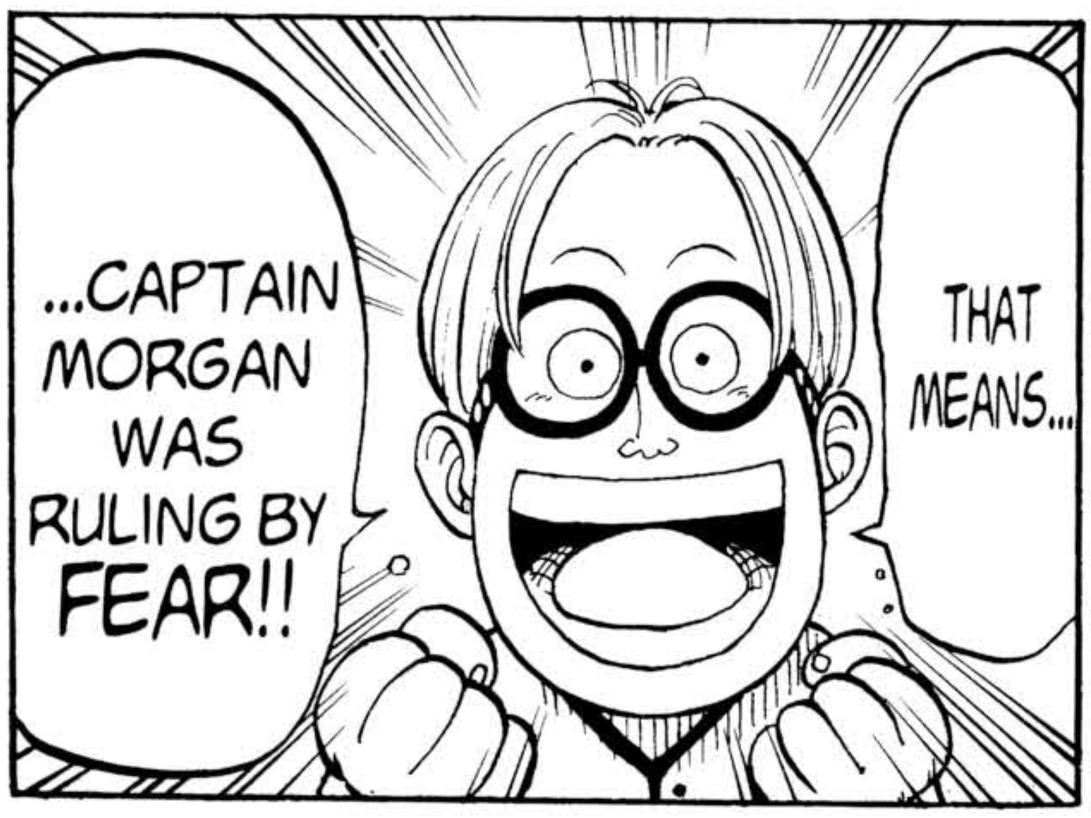
BANZAI FOR THE NAVY!!

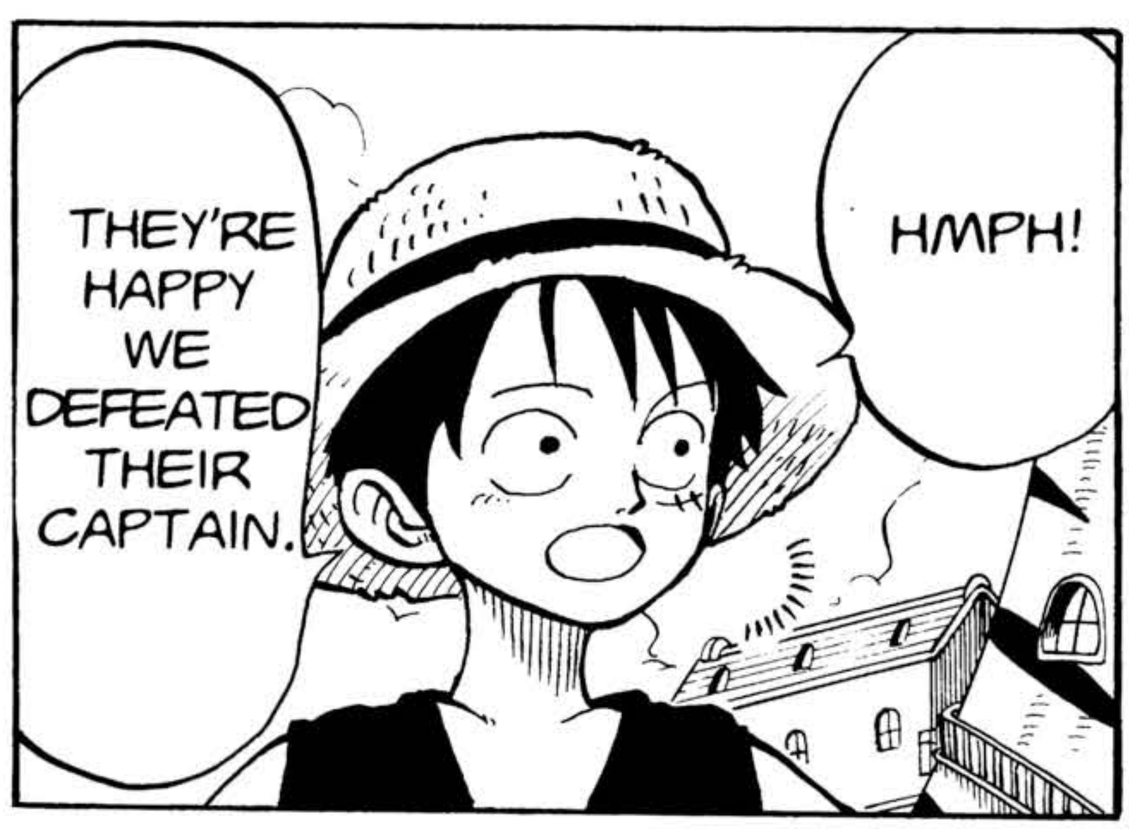
MORGAN'S REIGN OF TERROR IS OVER!!

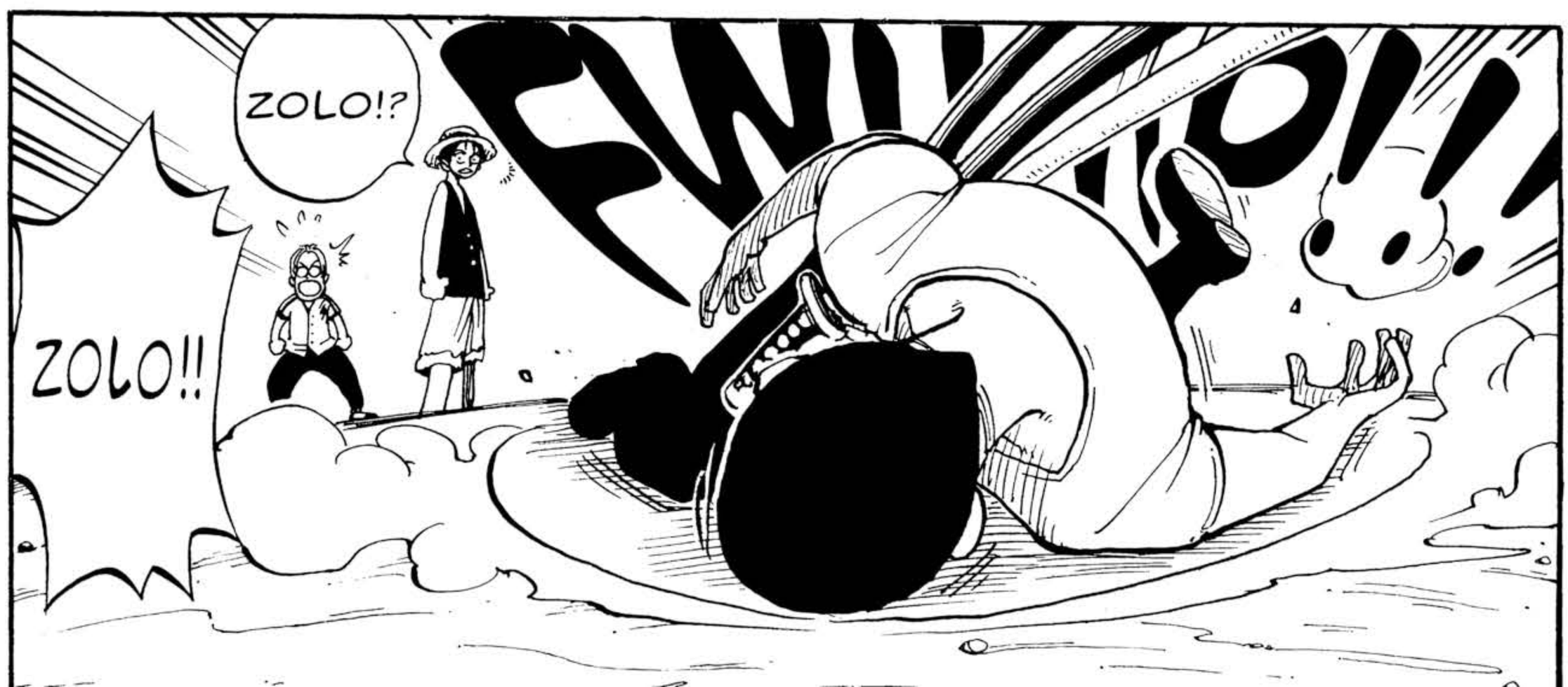
WE'RE FREE!!

HOORAY!!

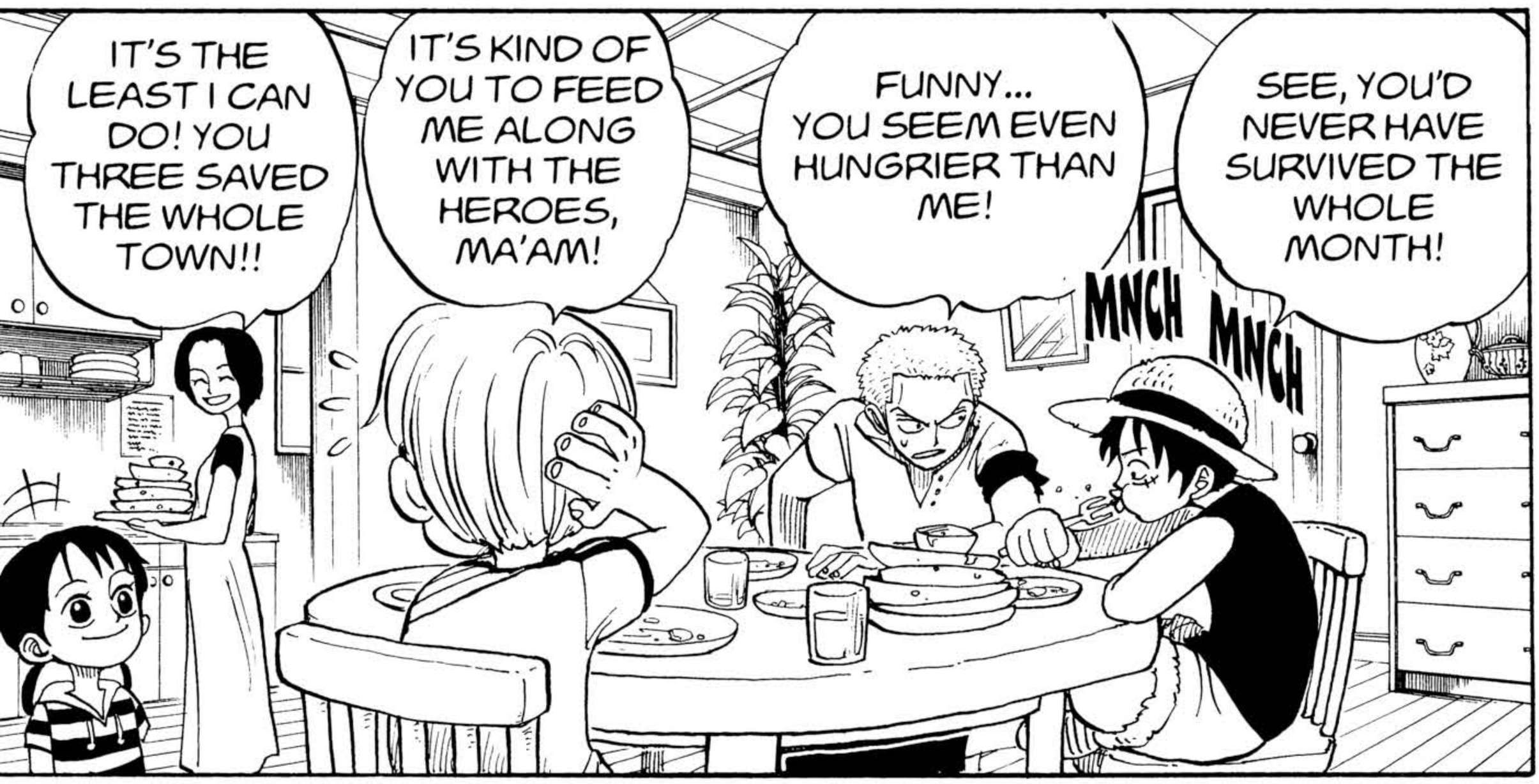
YEAAAAAH!!!

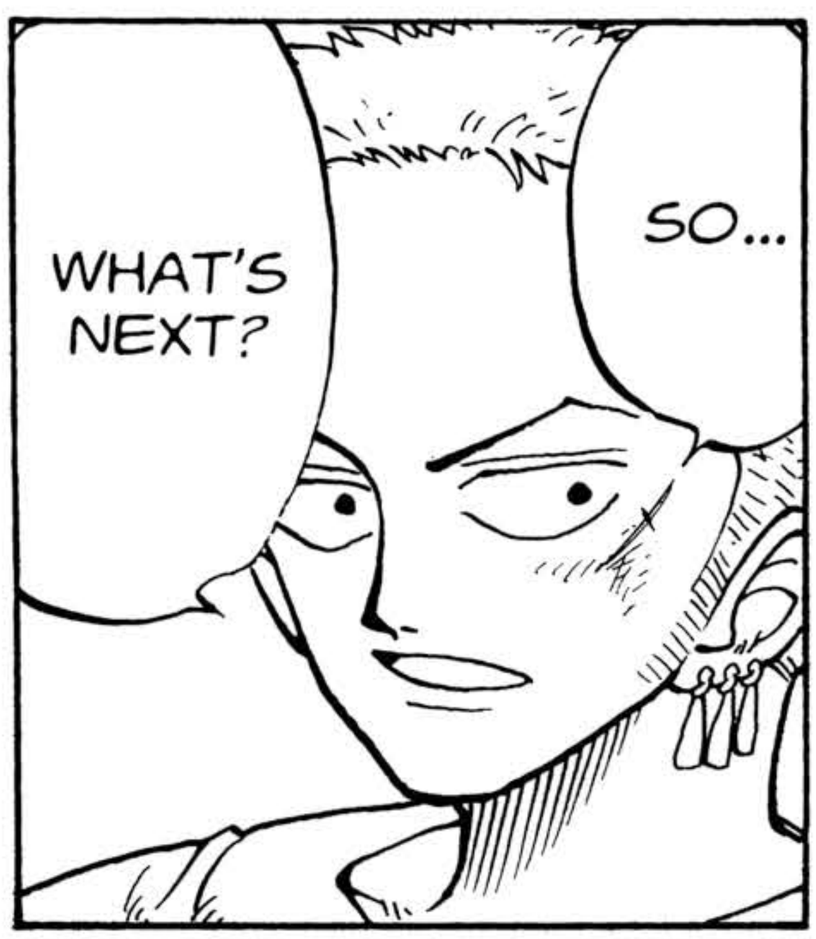


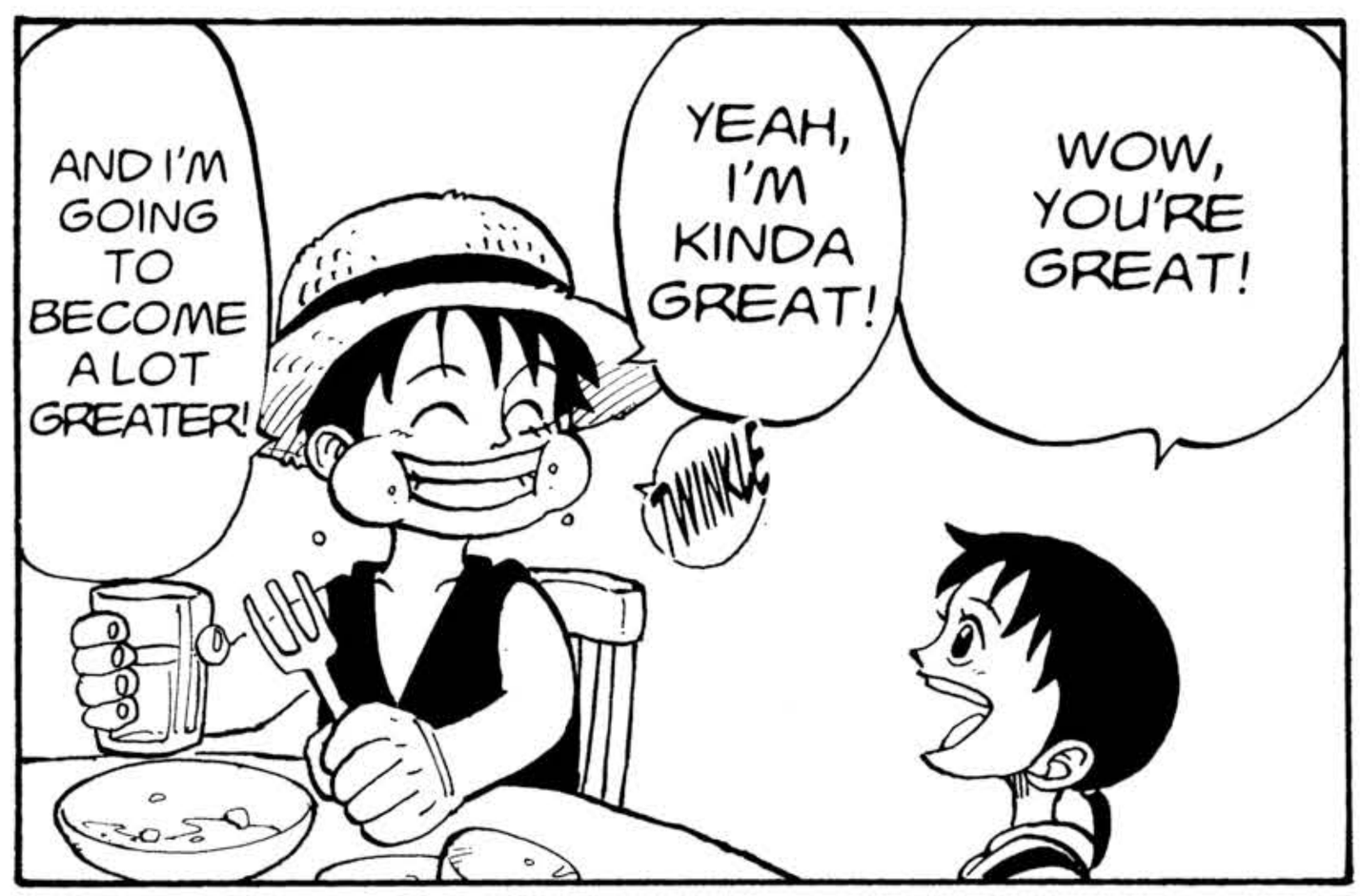




NOT EATING FOR NINE DAYS WAS WORSE THAN I THOUGHT!!!
PHEW!
UMPH! I'M STUFFED!!
STARE
STARE
HAHA HA!
MNCH MNCH

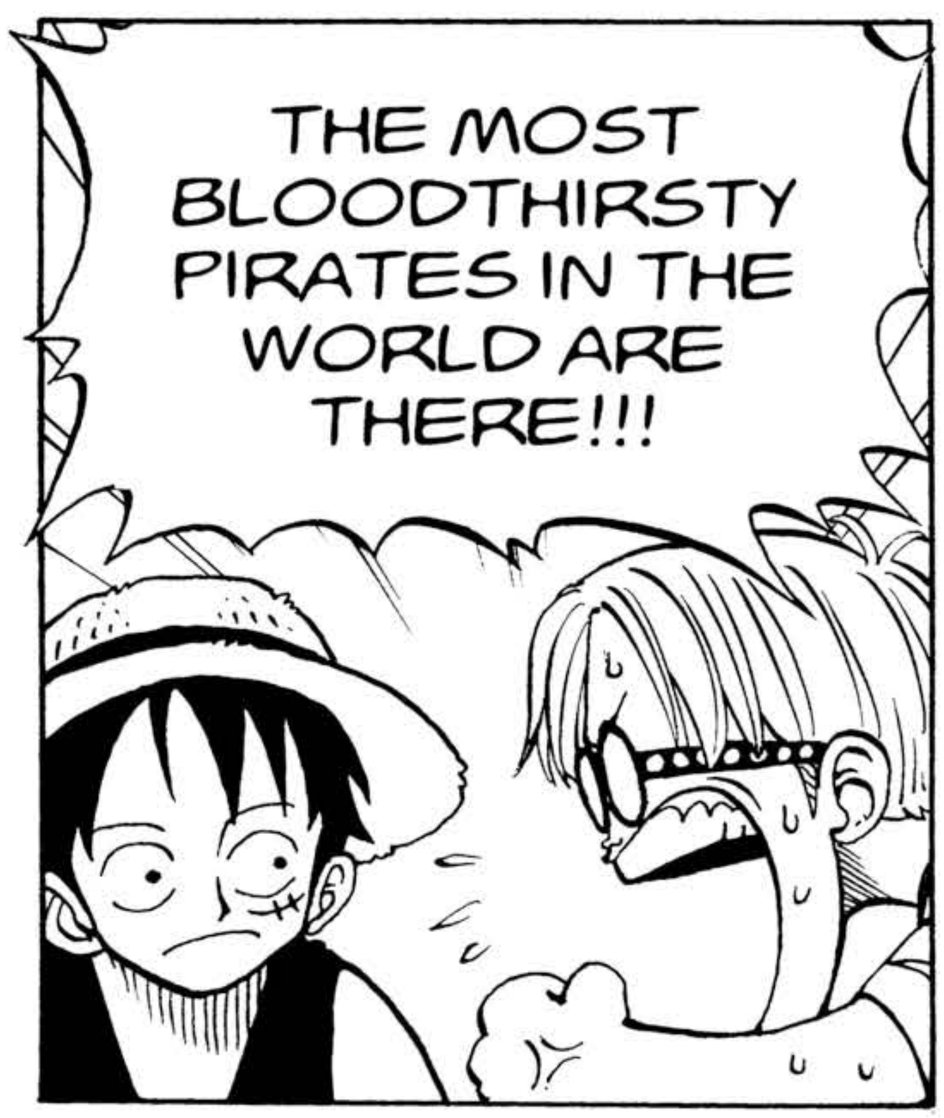

IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO! YOU THREE SAVED THE WHOLE TOWN!!
IT'S KIND OF YOU TO FEED ME ALONG WITH THE HEROES, MA'AM!
FUNNY... YOU SEEM EVEN HUNGRIER THAN ME!
SEE, YOU'D NEVER HAVE SURVIVED THE WHOLE MONTH!
MNCH MNCH

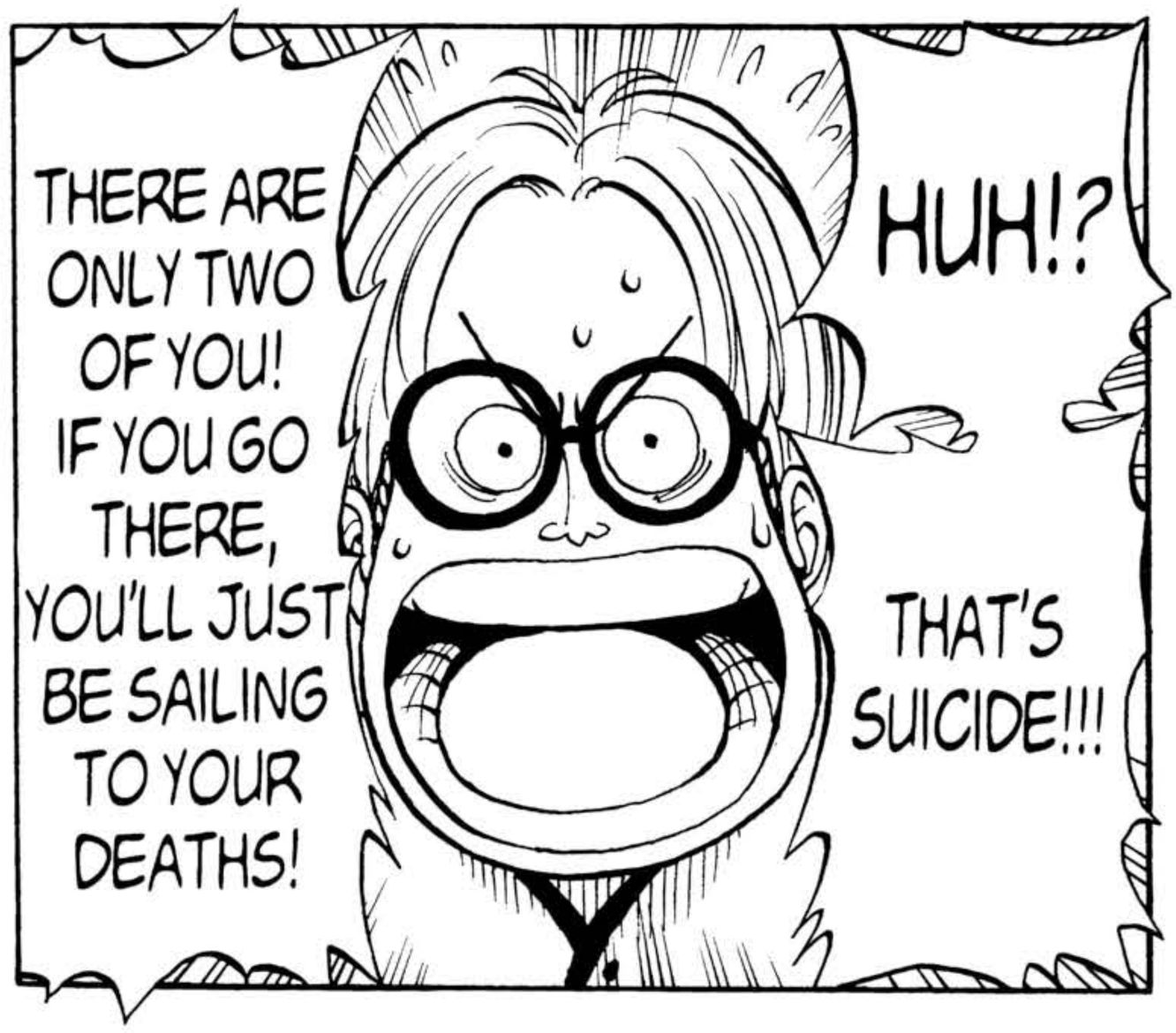

WHAT'S NEXT?
SO...

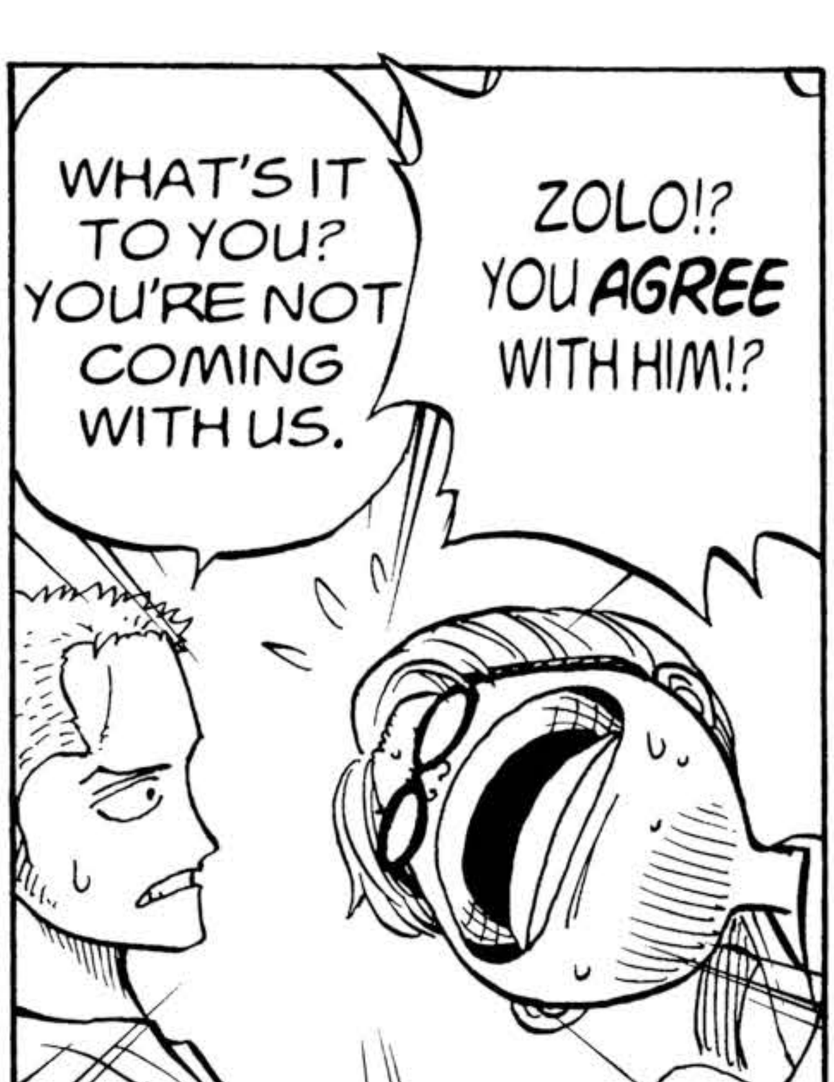

AND I'M GOING TO BECOME A LOT GREATER!
YEAH, I'M KINDA GREAT!
WOW, YOU'RE GREAT!
TWINKLE

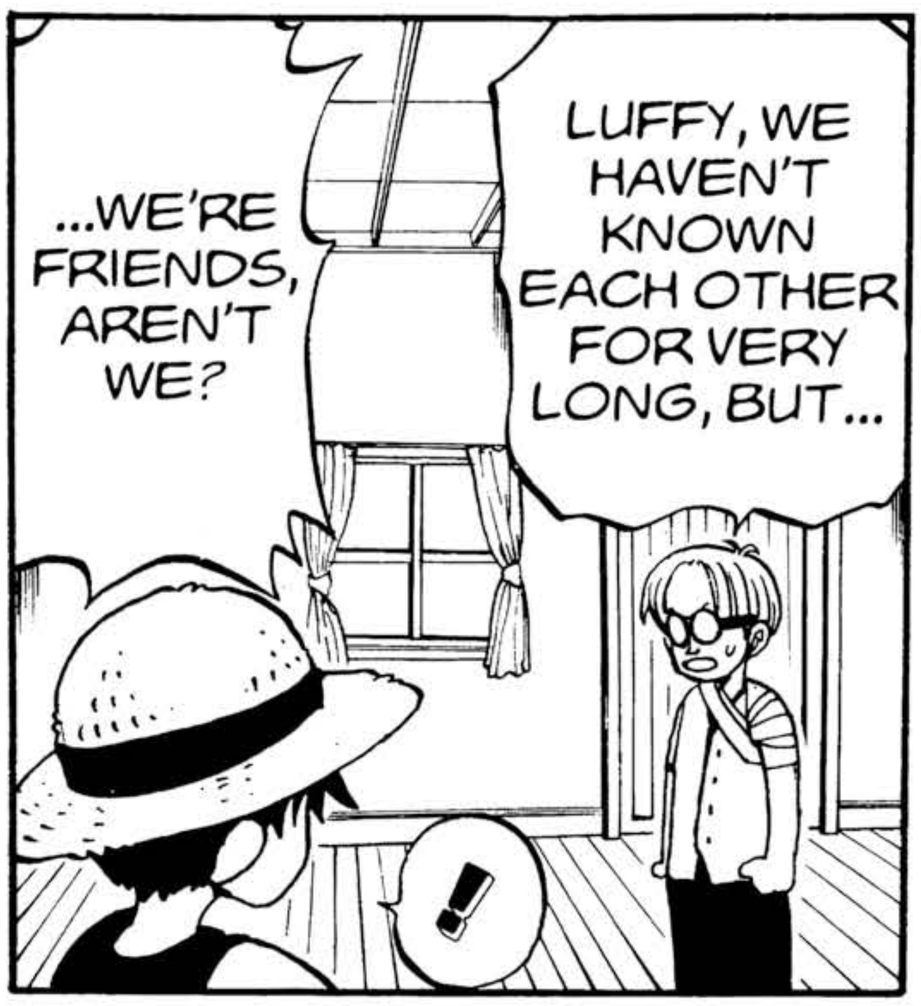
!!!?

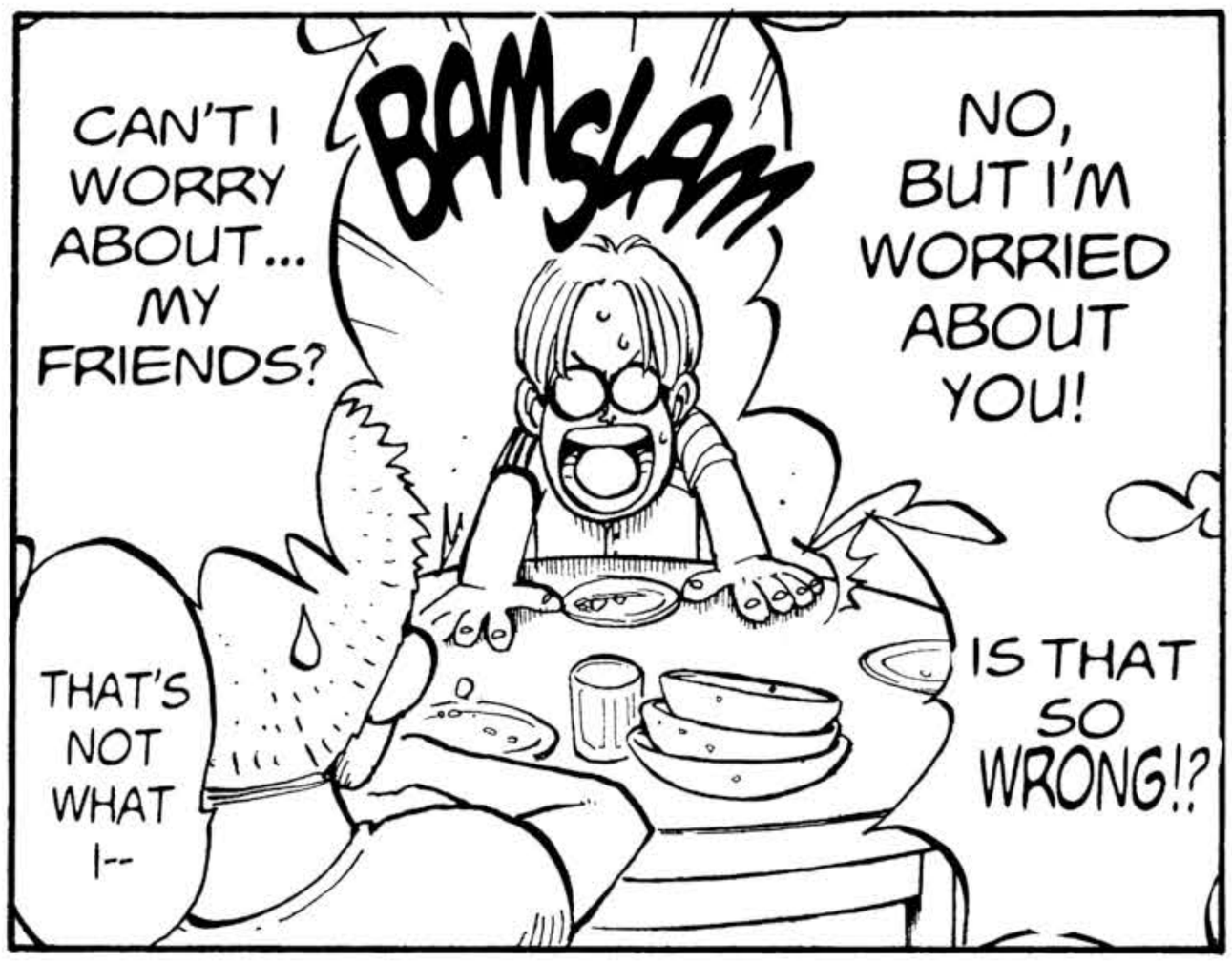
WE'RE HEADED FOR THE GRAND LINE!

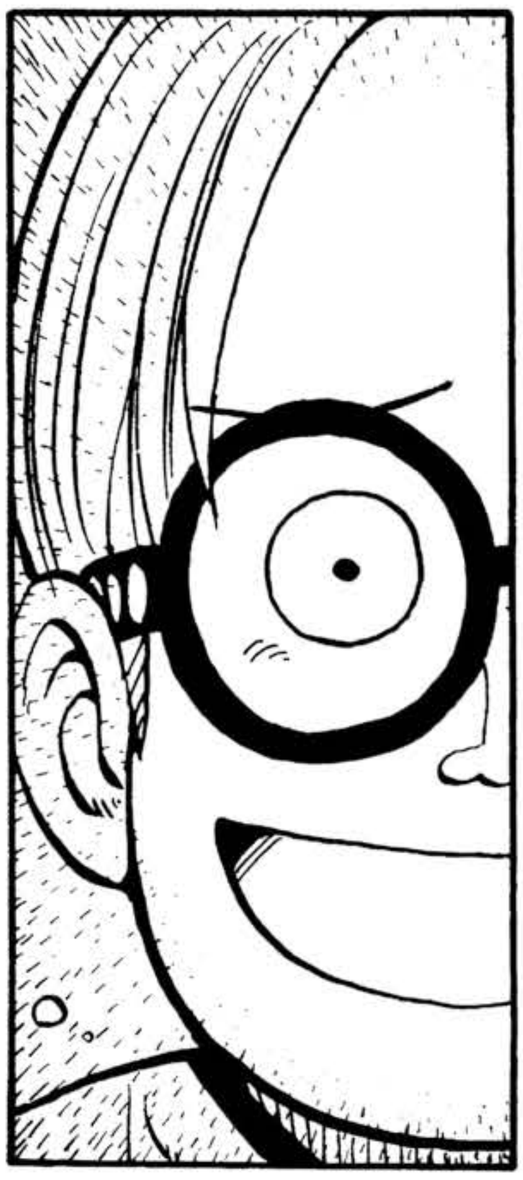






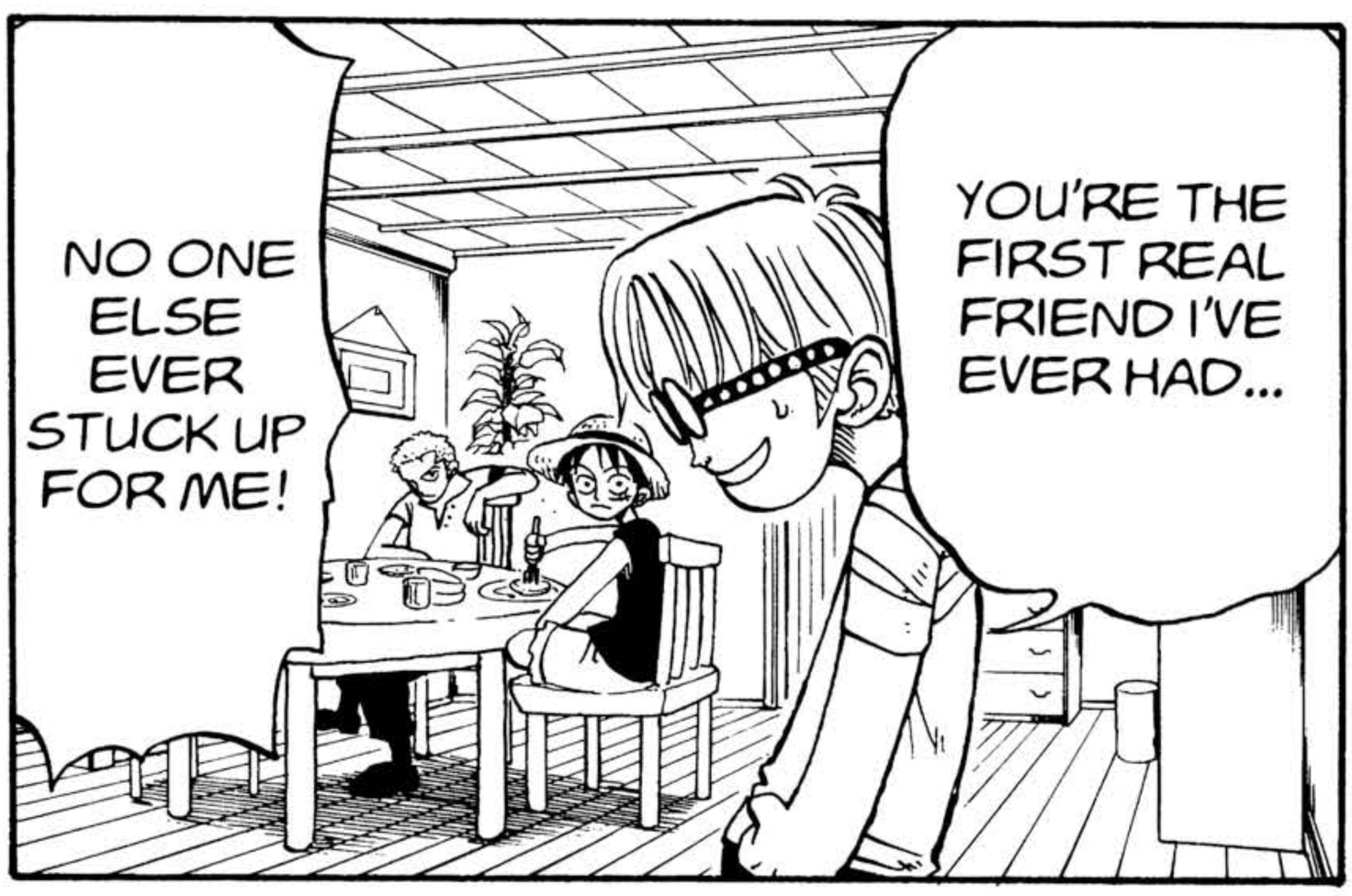

...WE'RE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?
LUFFY, WE HAVEN'T KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR VERY LONG, BUT...
!


CAN'T I WORRY ABOUT... MY FRIENDS?
BAMSLAM
NO, BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I--
IS THAT SO WRONG!?



...BUT WE'LL ALWAYS BE FRIENDS!!
WE'RE GOING OUR SEPARATE WAYS...

EVEN I WOULDN'T STICK UP FOR ME!


NO ONE ELSE EVER STUCK UP FOR ME!
YOU'RE THE FIRST REAL FRIEND I'VE EVER HAD...

YOU TAUGHT ME TO FIGHT FOR WHAT I BELIEVE IN!!!

BUT THE TWO OF YOU...

I'M TRYING TO CONVINCE YOU THAT IT'S TOO RECKLESS!!

WAIT! THAT'S NOT WHAT I--

MAKES SENSE TO ME.

THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO THE GRAND LINE!

WATCH OUT FOR THE NAVY'S INTELLIGENCE.

IF THEY FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND, THEY WON'T LET YOU ENLIST.

YOU WERE CABIN BOY ON ALVIDA'S PIRATE SHIP FOR TWO YEARS.

HUH?

WHAT ABOUT *YOUR* PLANS?

HUH?

KREEK!!

!

EXCUSE ME...

WHICH MAKES ME A GENUINE PIRATE CAPTAIN!

THAT'S RIGHT. I EVEN HAVE A CREWMAN NOW!

...COR-RECT?

YOU GENTLE-MEN ARE PIRATES...

HOWEVER. WE'RE STILL NAVAL MARINES...

...AND WE CAN'T SHELTER PIRATES.

UM... YOU SAVED OUR BASE AND THIS TOWN...

...AND WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL TO YOU.

YOU HATED MORGAN AS MUCH AS WE DID!!!

NAVY PIGS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

GRR GRR

THEY'RE YOUR SAVIORS, TOO!

BUT TO SHOW OUR GRATI-TUDE, WE WON'T REPORT YOU TO THE NAVY.

MARINE

I'M SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE.

YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?

LUFFY...

...

I GUESS WE'LL BE GOING, THEN...

MA'AM, THANKS FOR THE MEAL...

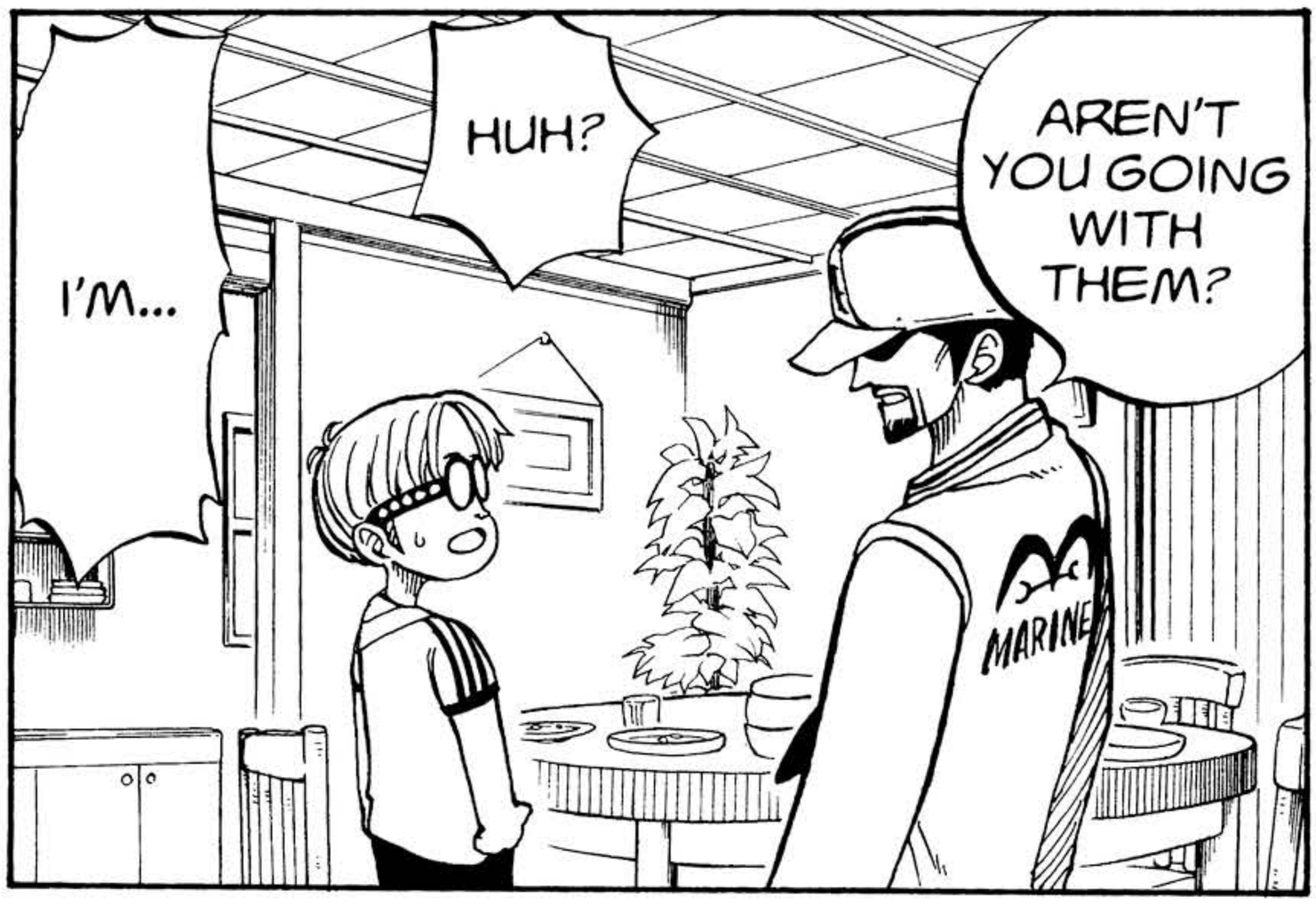
...!!

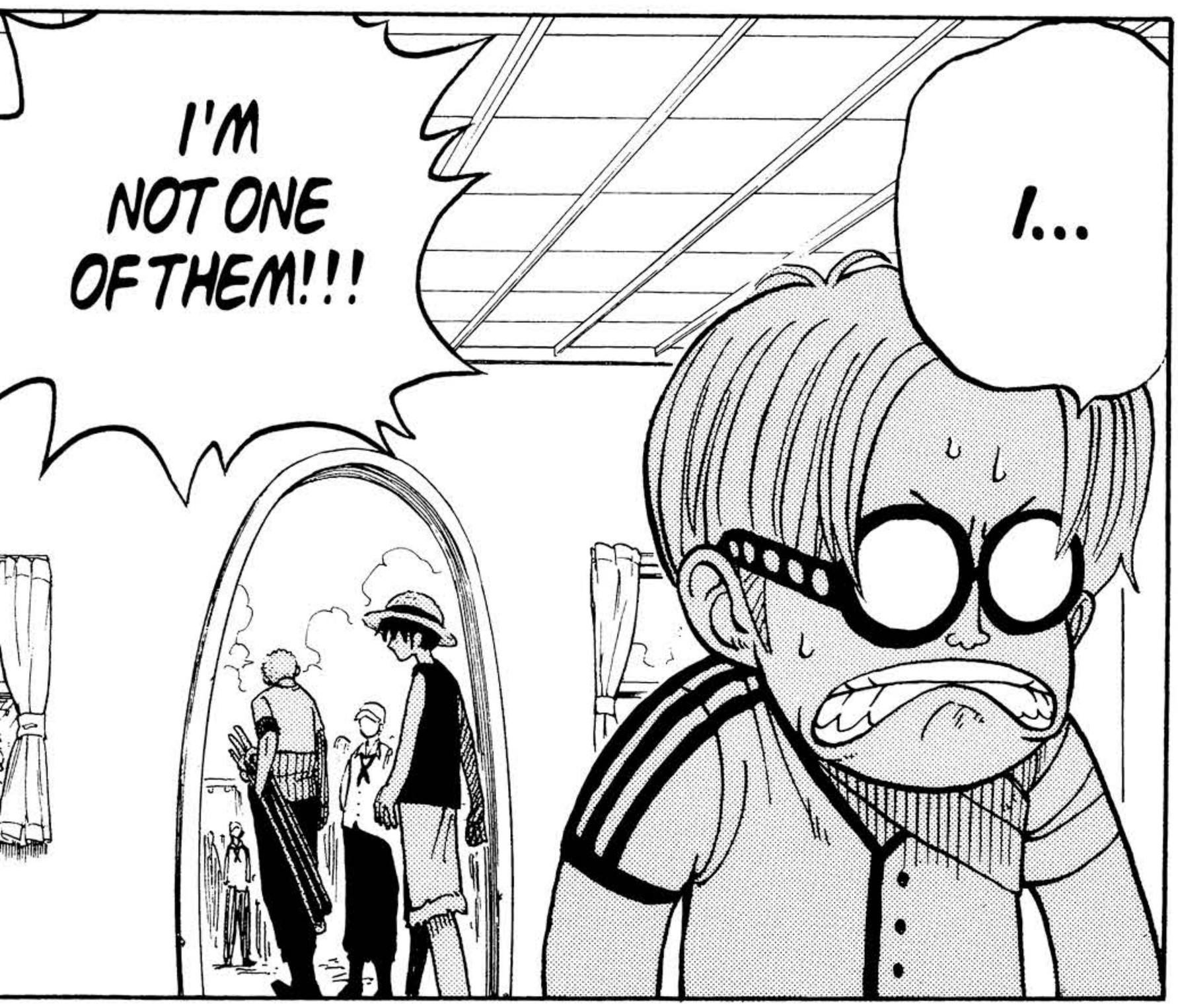
WSH...

!

!

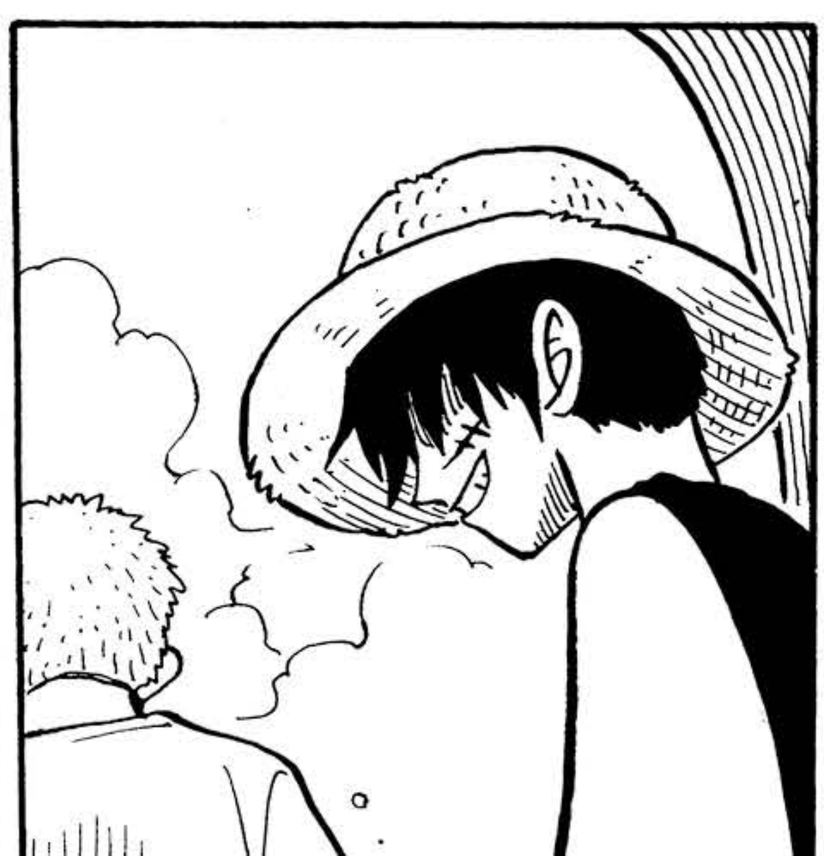
I'M...


I'M...
HUH?
AREN'T YOU GOING WITH THEM?
MARINE


I'M NOT ONE OF THEM!!!
I...

WE'RE GOING OUR SEPARATE WAYS, BUT WE'LL ALWAYS BE FRIENDS!

EXCUSE ME, PIRATES?
...!



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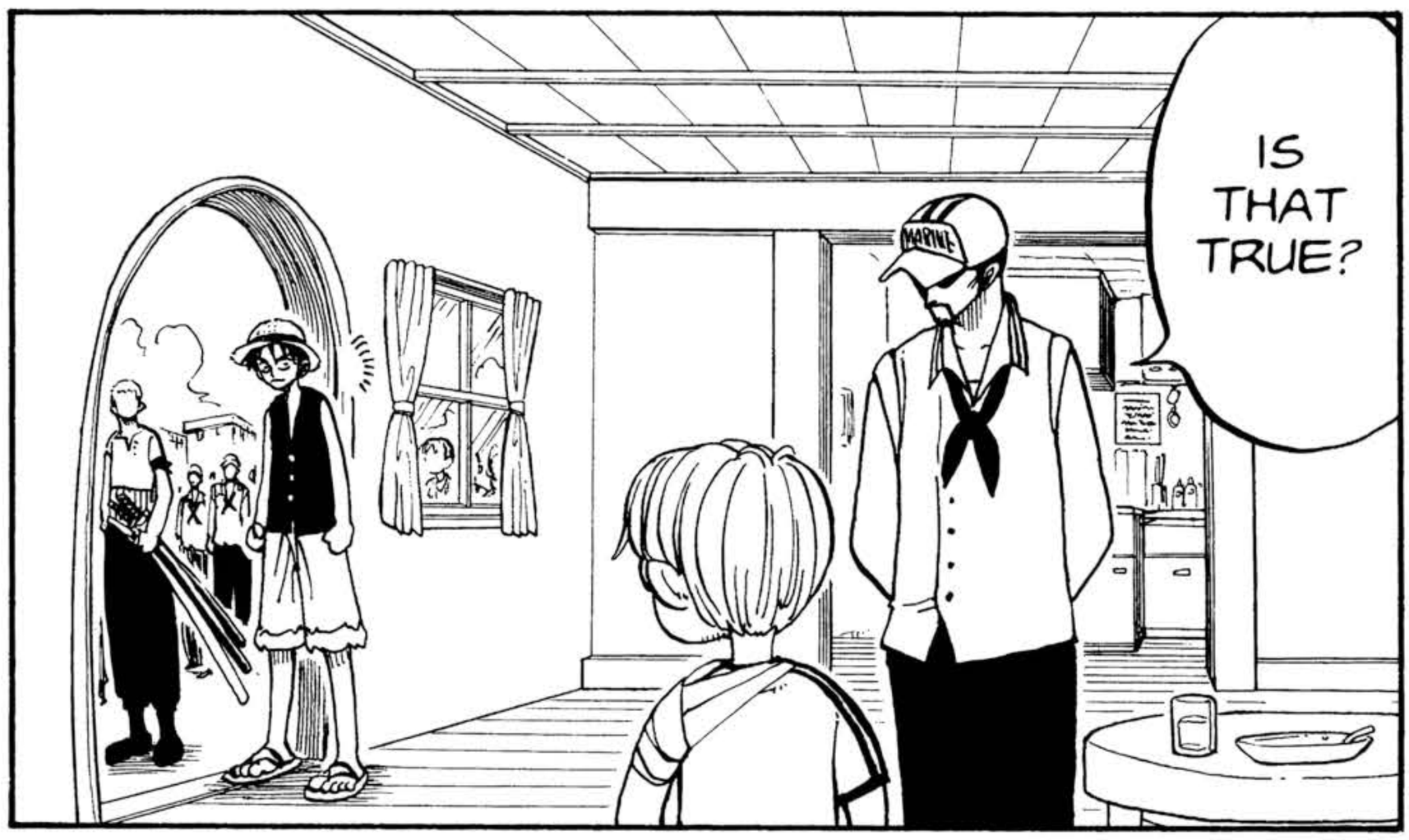
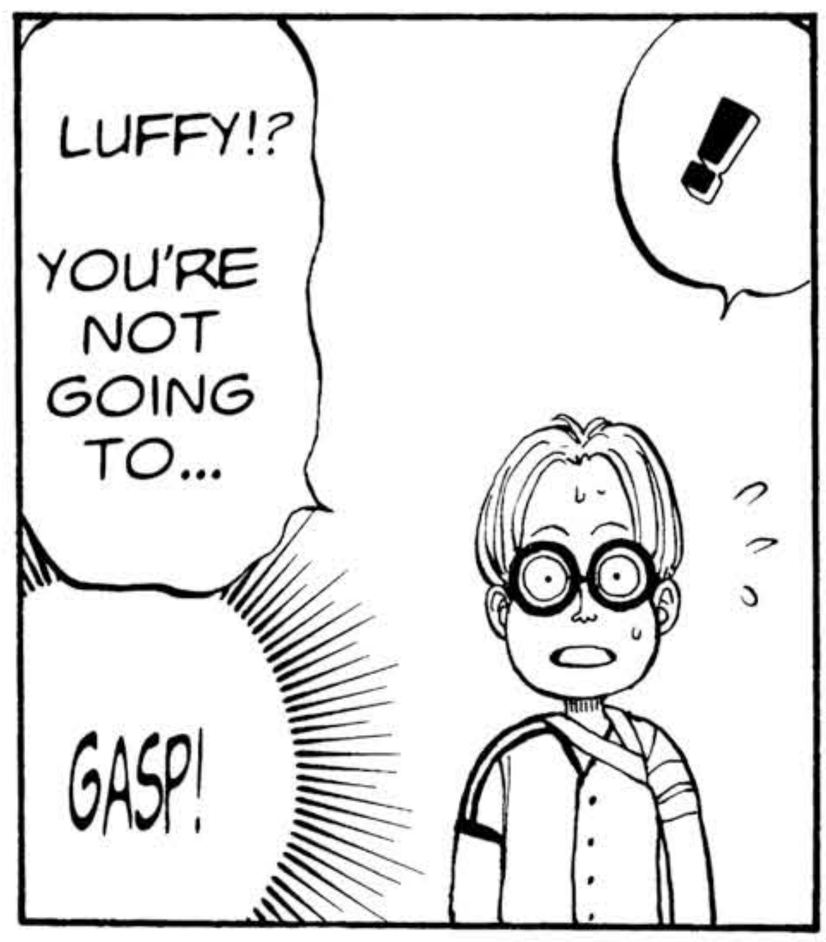
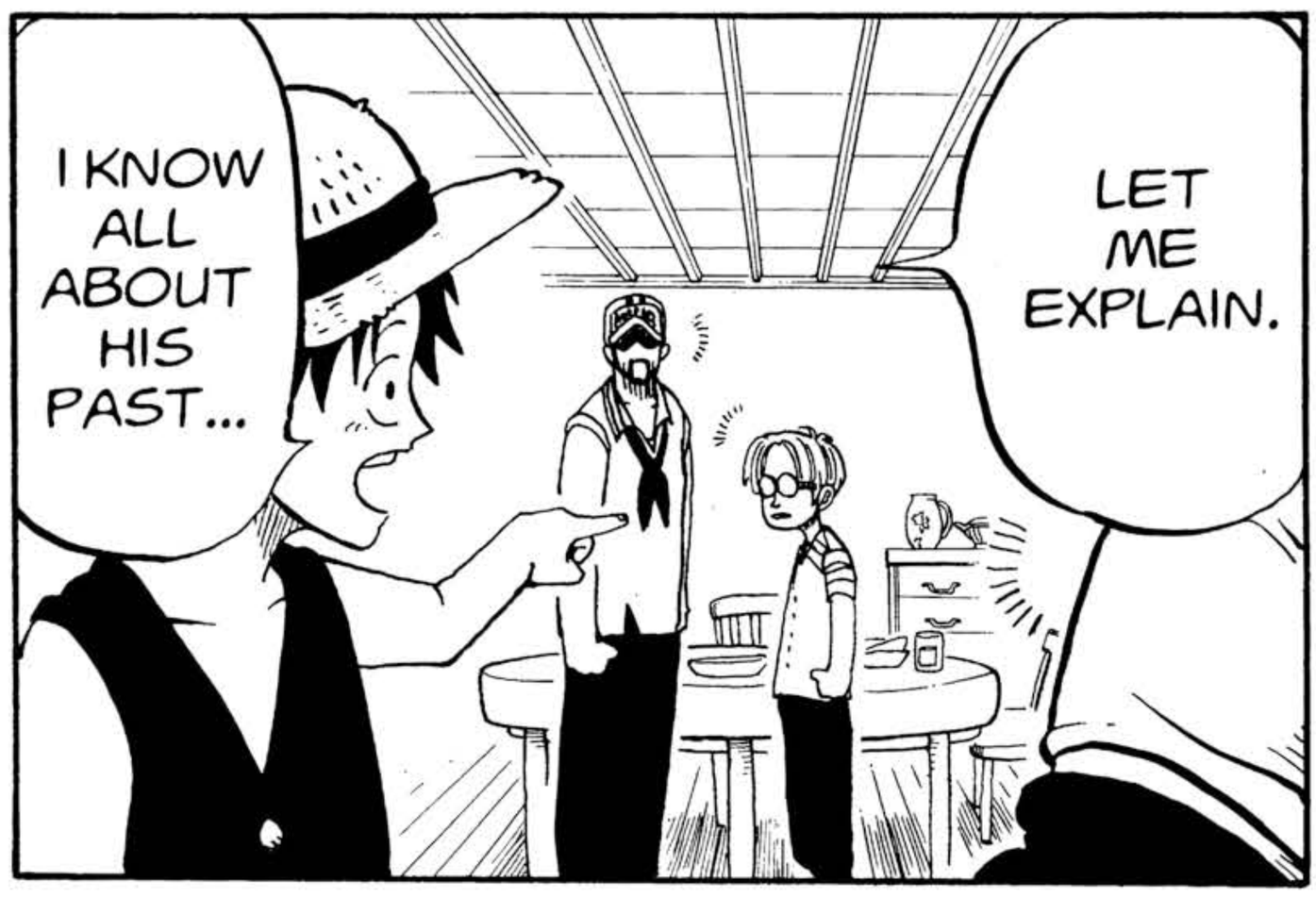
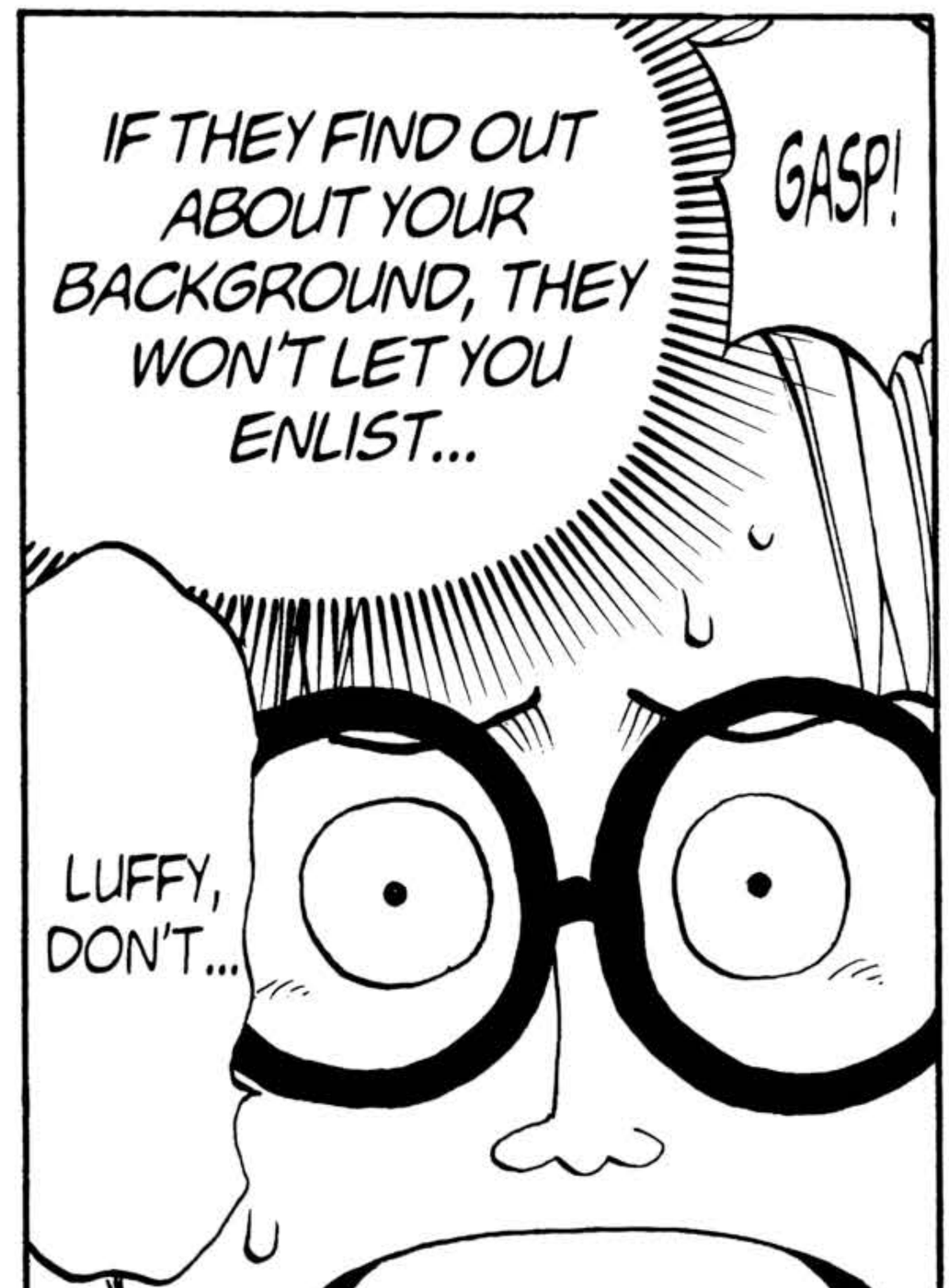

IS THAT TRUE?
MARINE


LUFFY!?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO...
!
GASP!


I KNOW ALL ABOUT HIS PAST...
LET ME EXPLAIN.


IF THEY FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND, THEY WON'T LET YOU ENLIST...
GASP!
LUFFY, DON'T...

AND A BIG PIRATE WOMAN...
SEE, THERE WAS THIS SECRET ISLAND...
...HER NAME WAS ALVIDA...

LUFFY!! DON'T!!

SHE WAS REALLY MEAN...

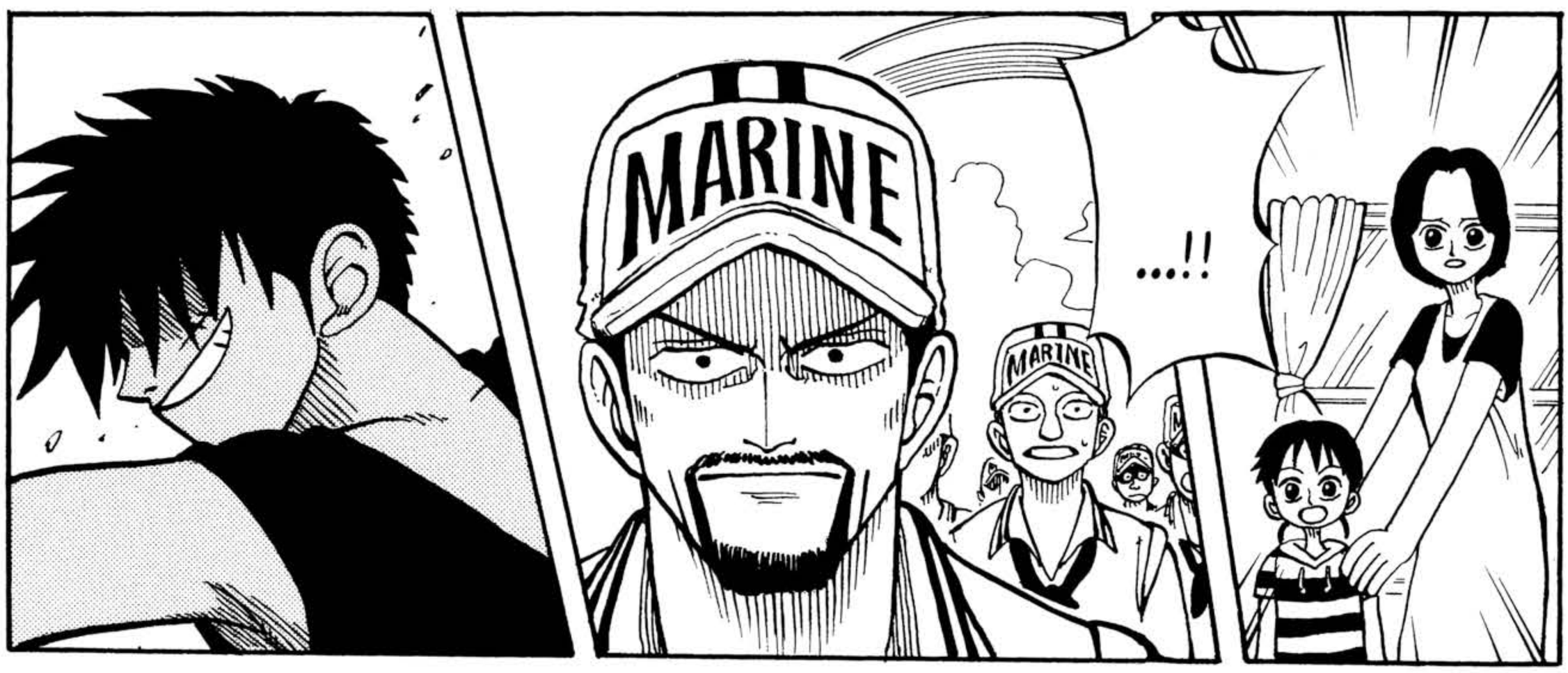
AND FOR TWO YEARS, THIS GUY...

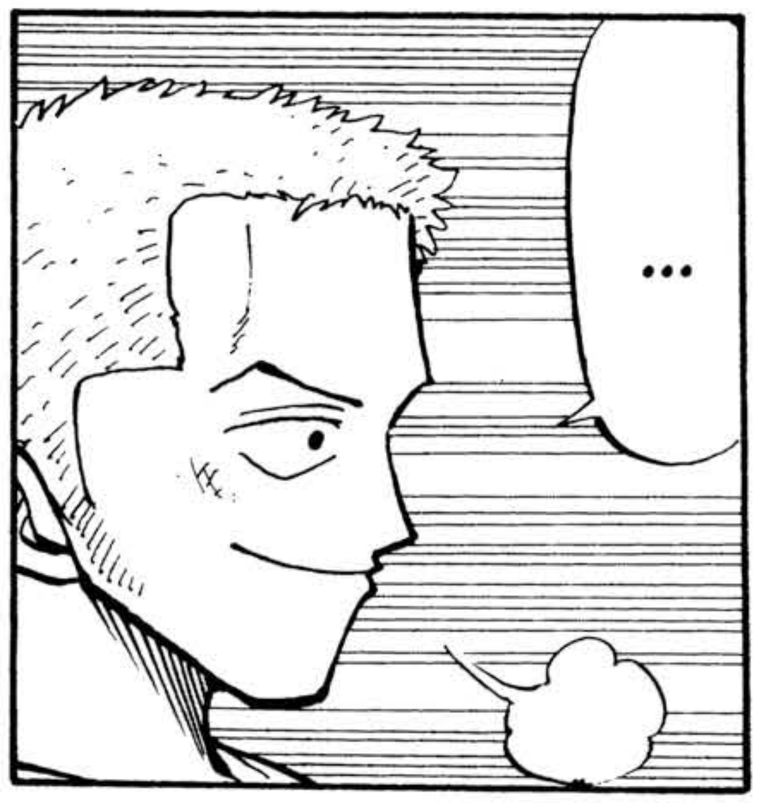
MARI

...

SHUT UP!!!

!!?


MARINE
MARINE
...!!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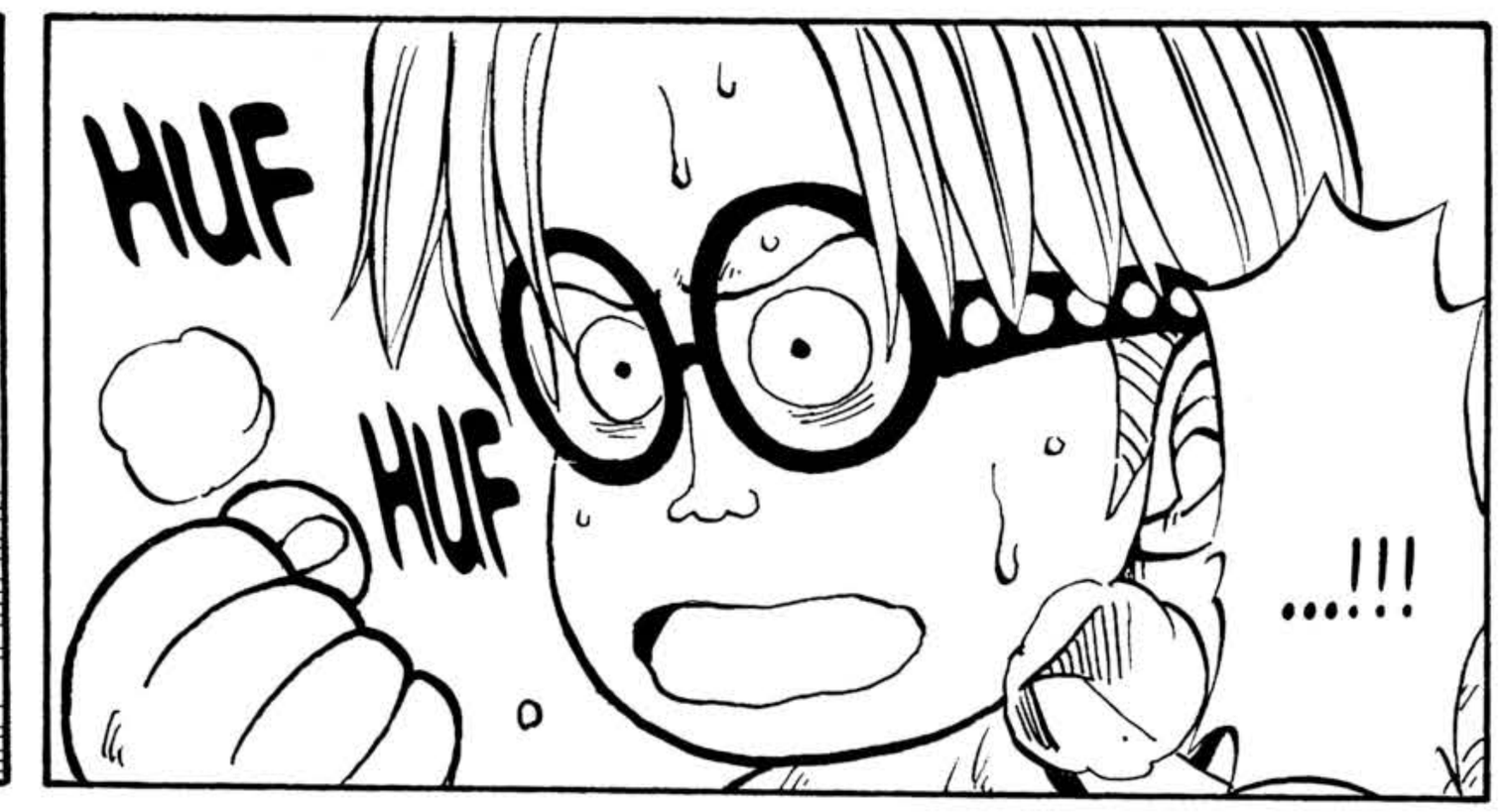
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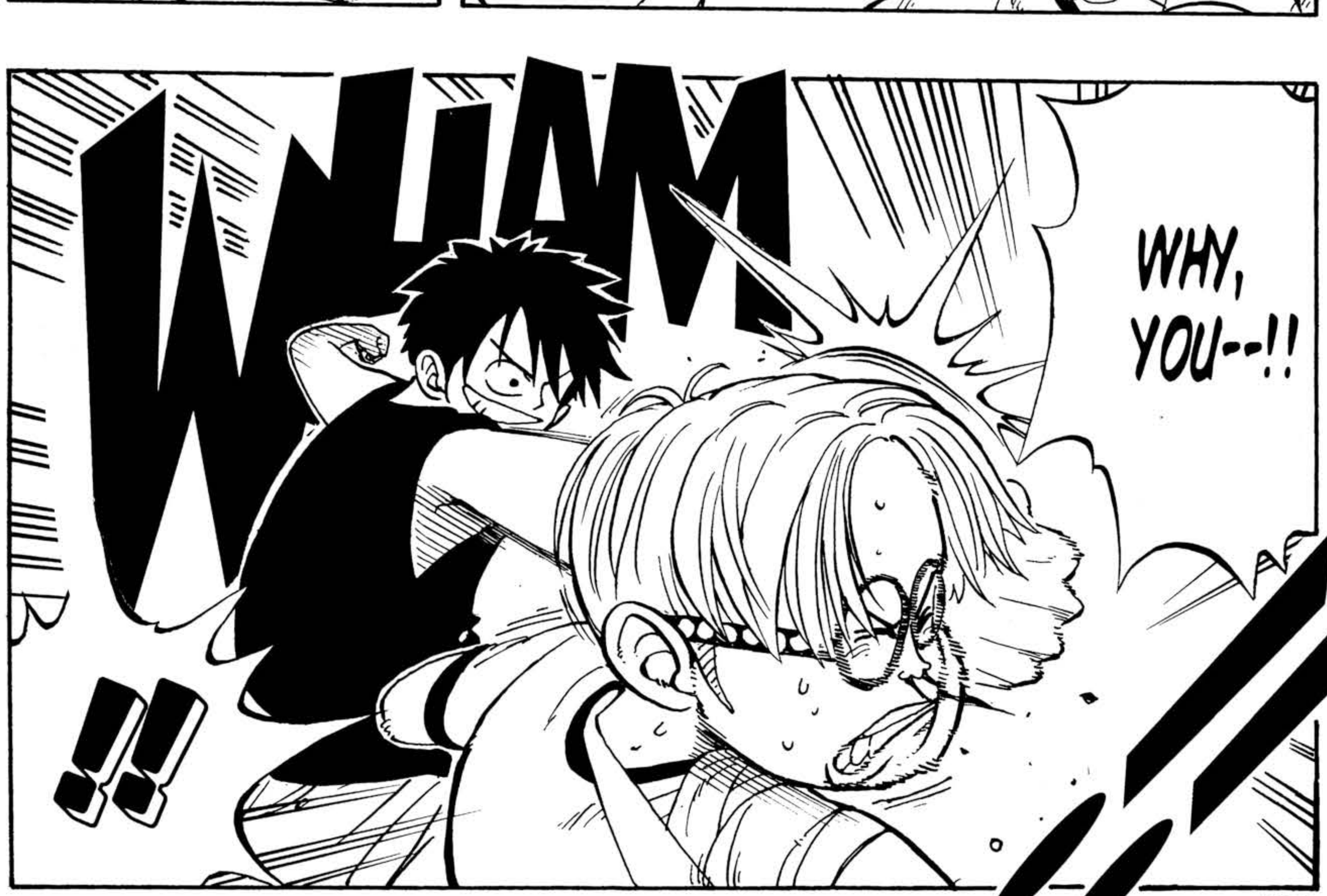
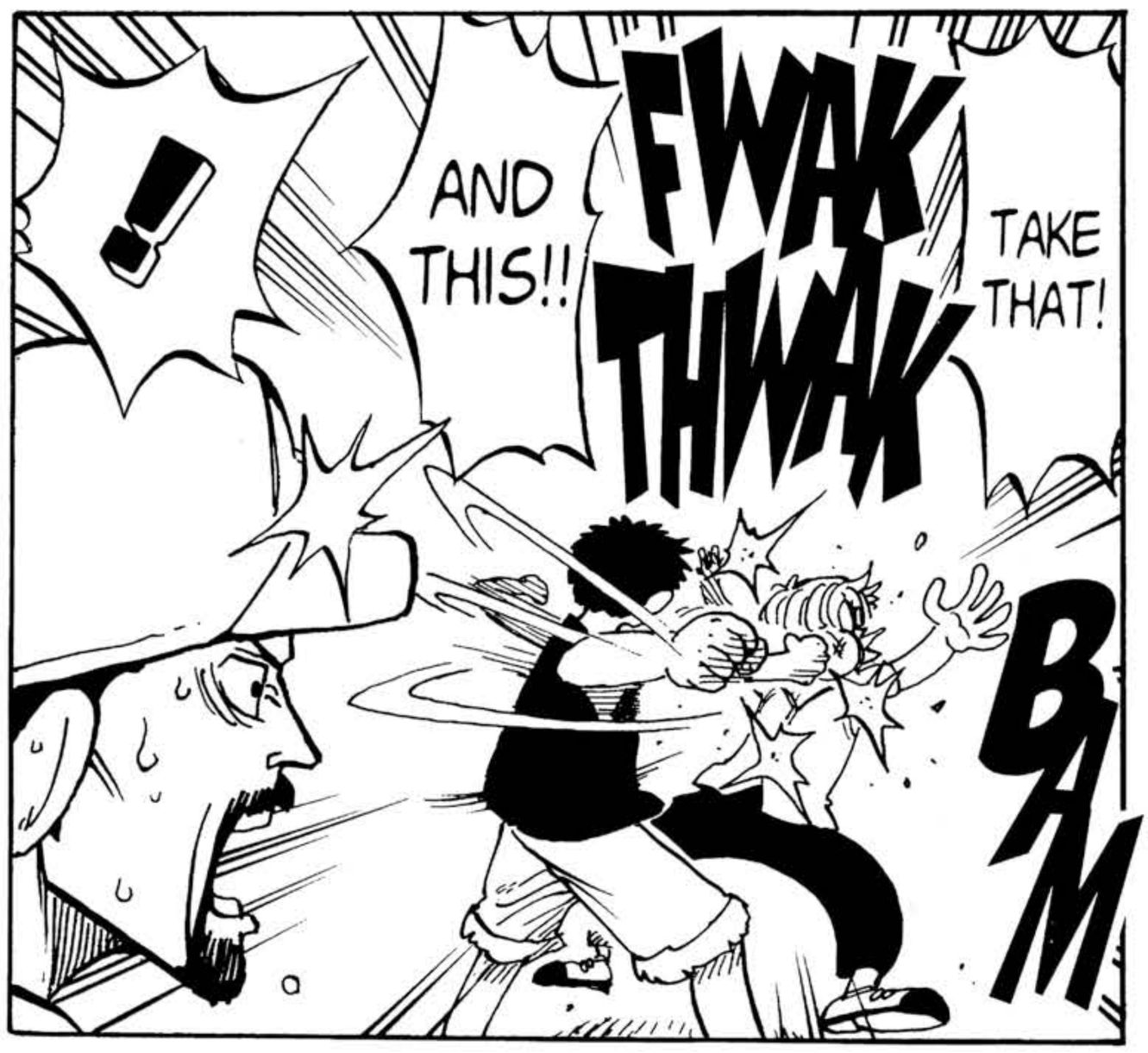
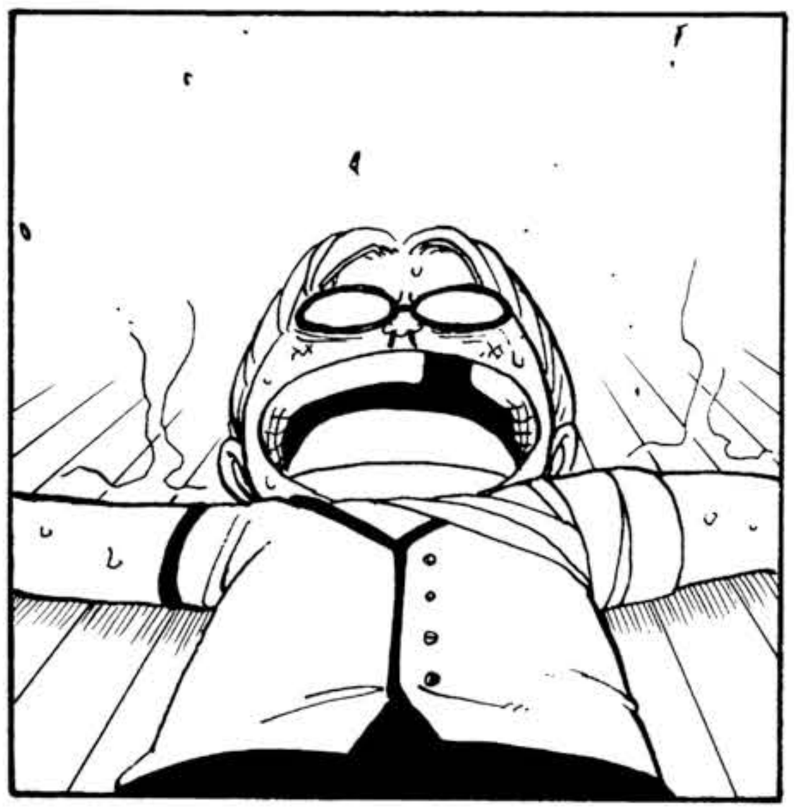
HUF
...!!!

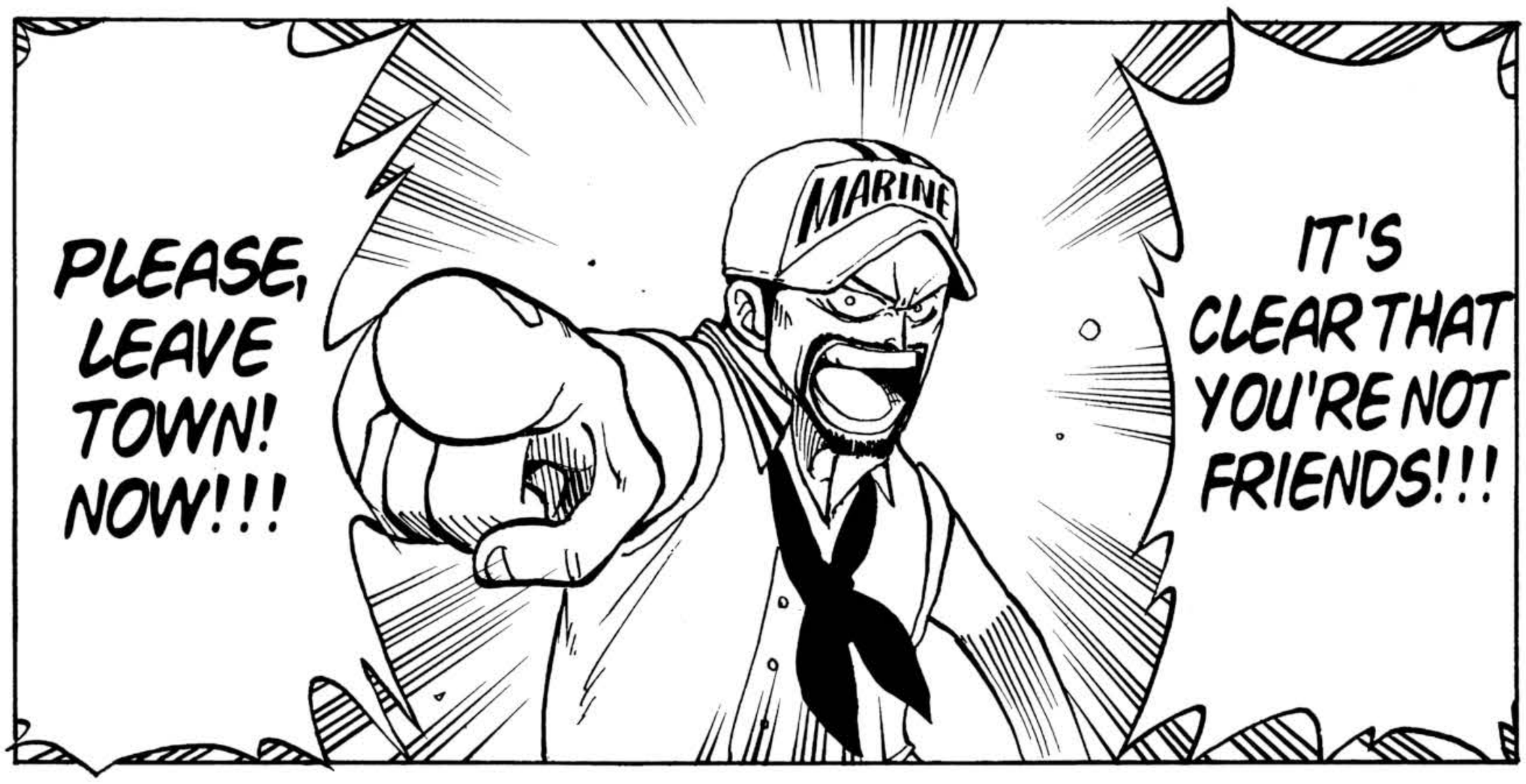

WHAM
WHY, YOU--!!

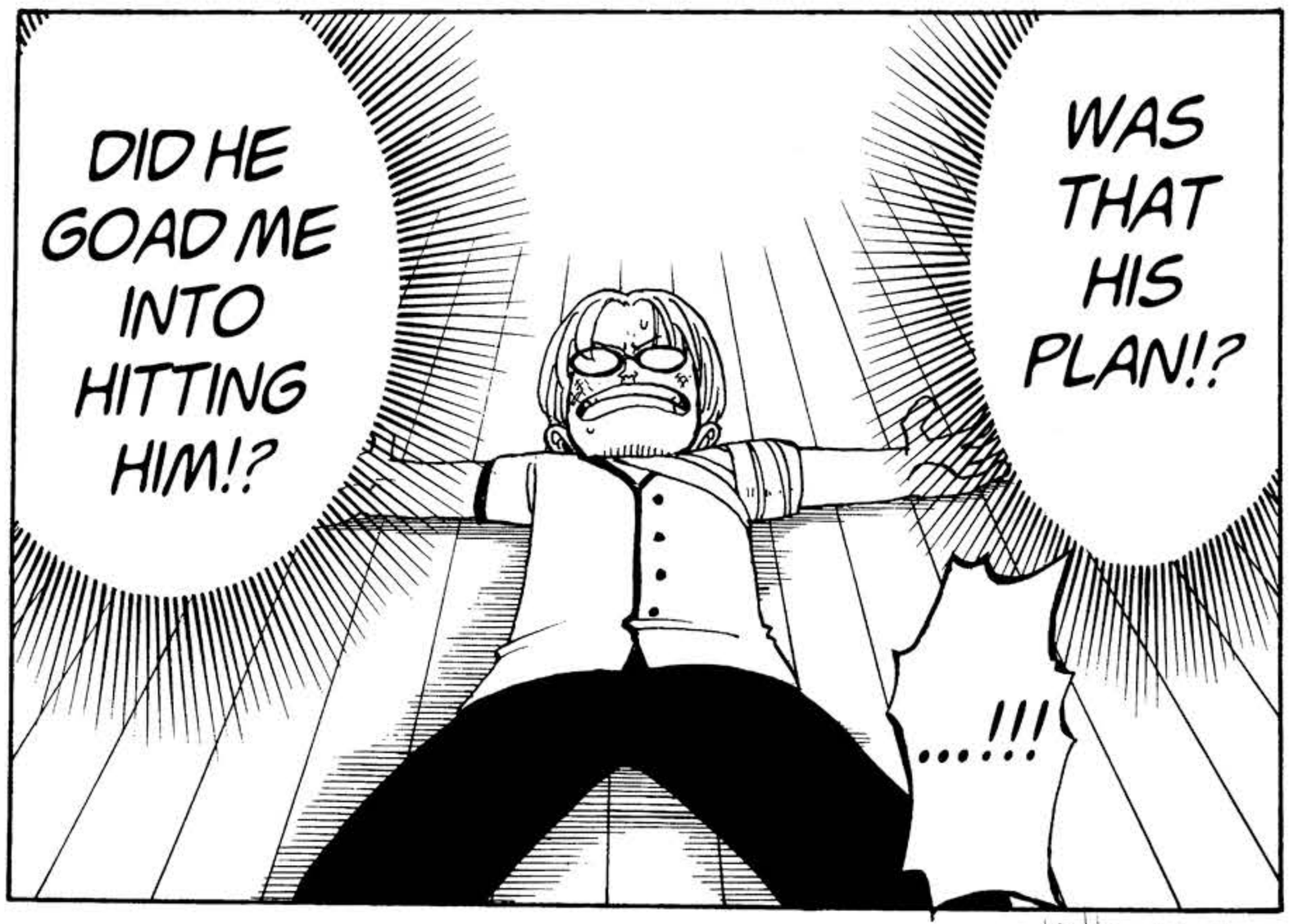
STOP DISTURBING THE PEACE!!
ENOUGH!


!
AND THIS!!
FWAK
THWAK
TAKE THAT!
BA
M

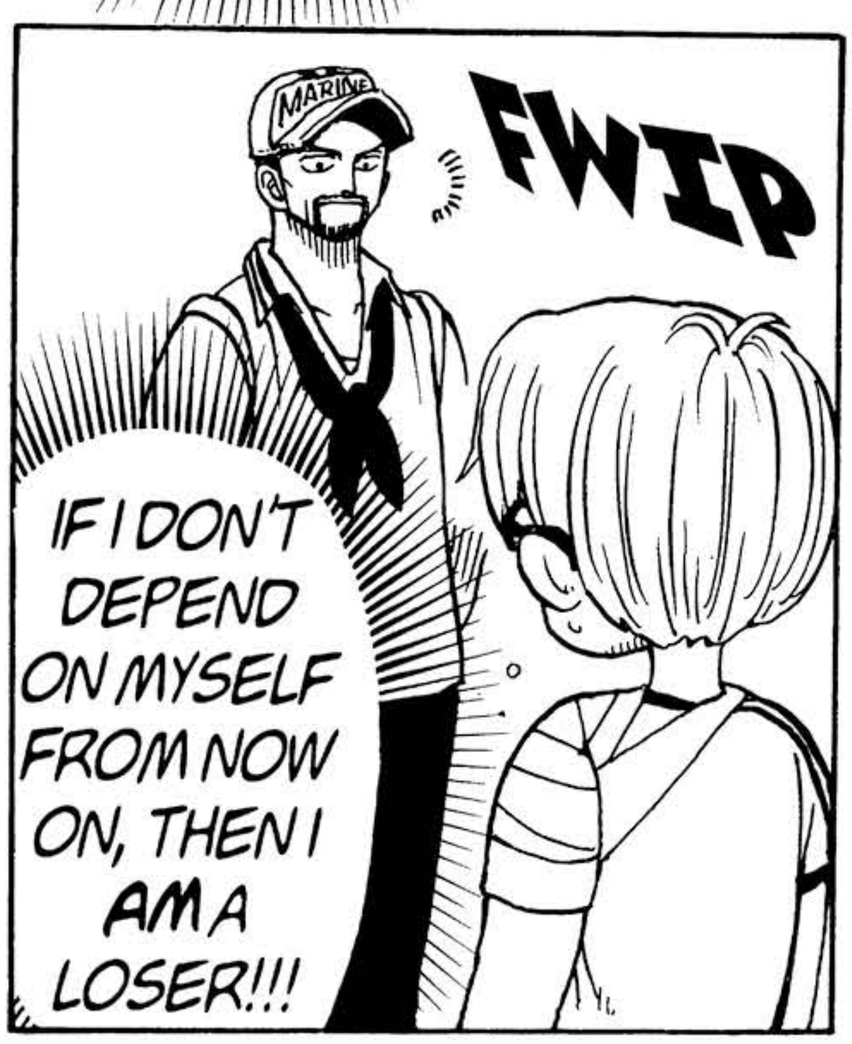


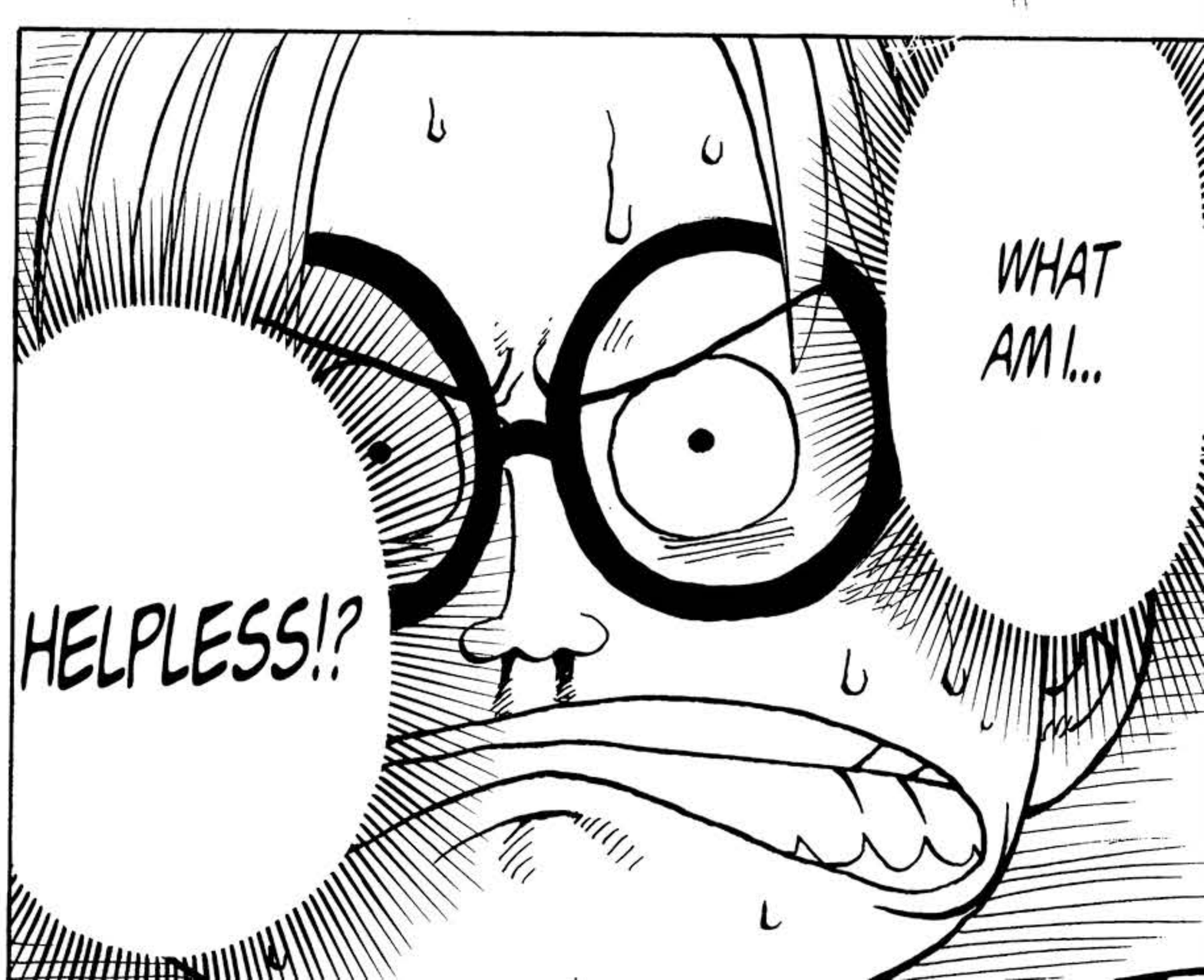
RSSk
THAT'S ENOUGH.
HEY, HEY...


MARINE
PLEASE, LEAVE TOWN! NOW!!!
IT'S CLEAR THAT YOU'RE NOT FRIENDS!!!


DID HE GOAD ME INTO HITTING HIM!?
WAS THAT HIS PLAN!?
...!!!

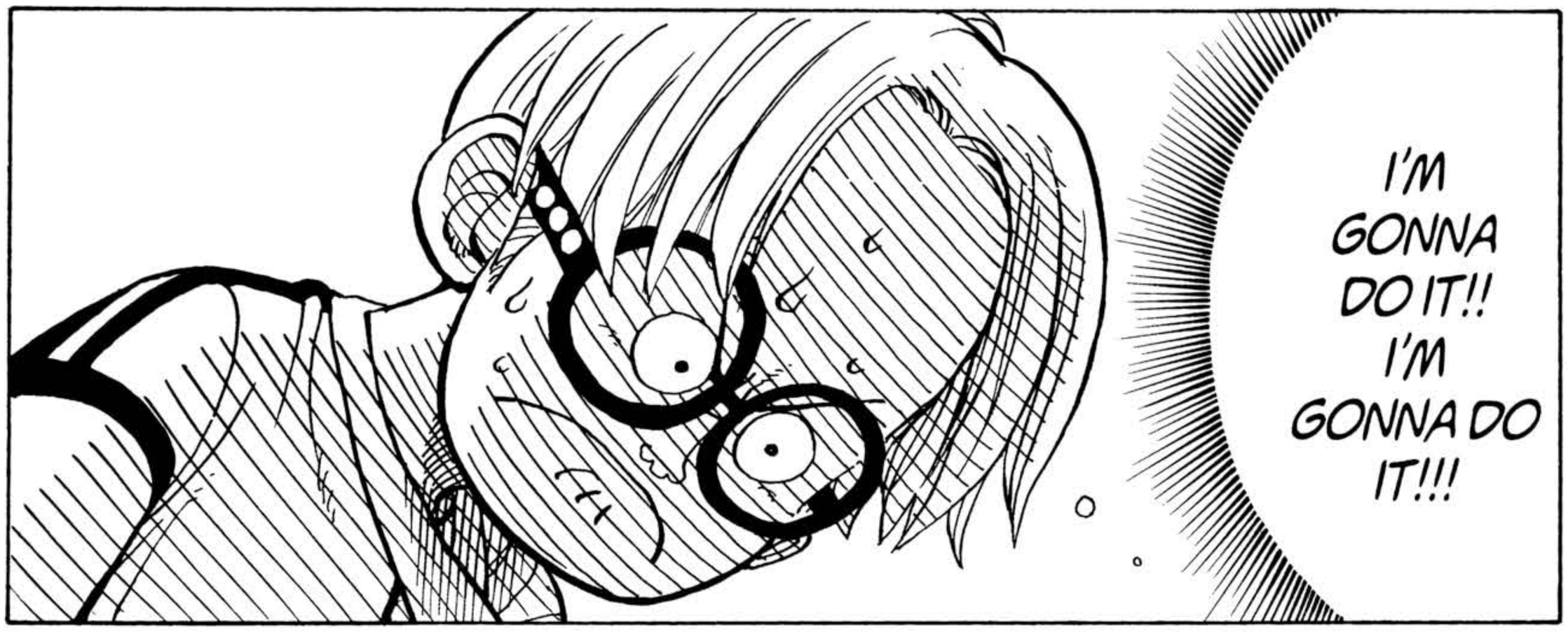
SWISH
CATCH US IF YOU CAN!
SWISH
GASP!
...I STILL DEPEND ON HIS HELP!!!
HE DID IT AGAIN!! IN THE END...

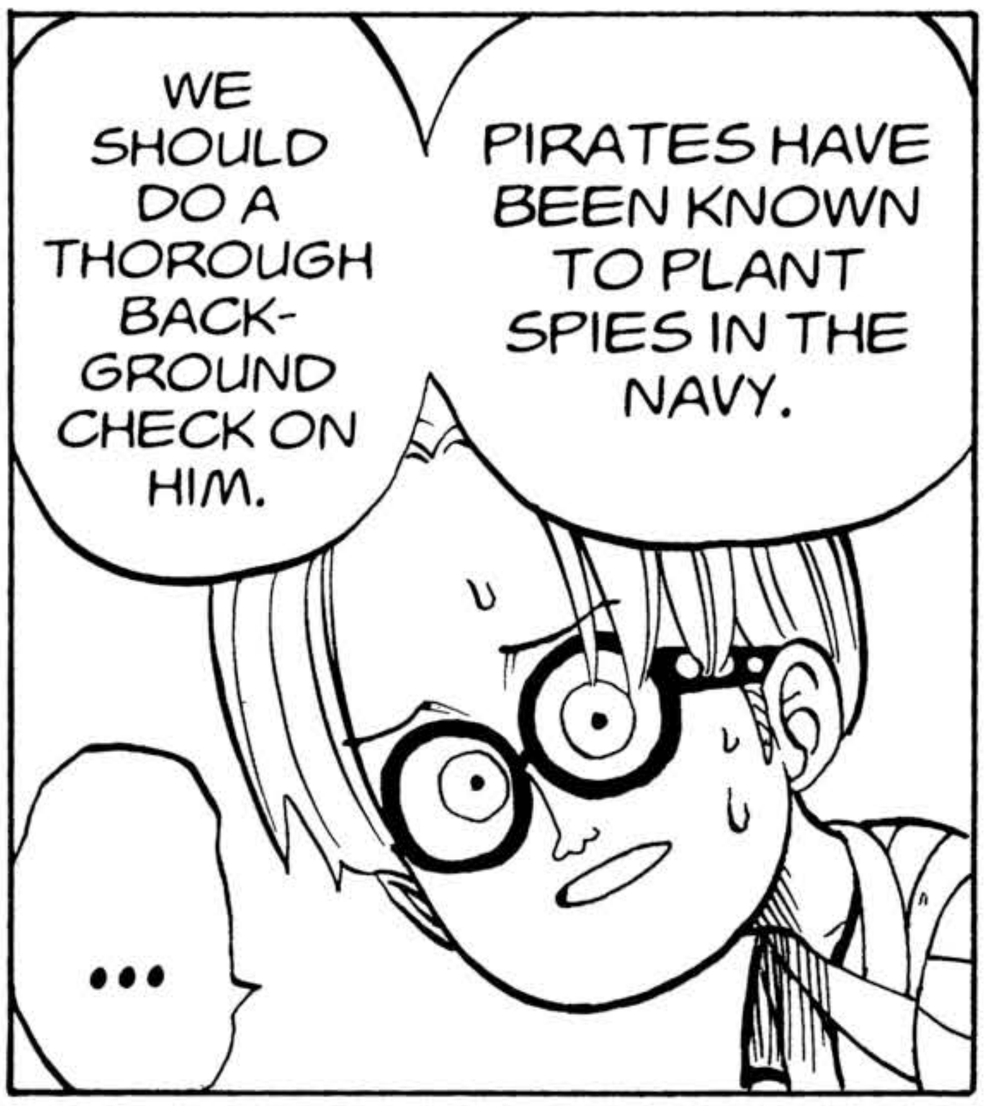

MARINE
FWIP
IF I DON'T DEPEND ON MYSELF FROM NOW ON, THEN I AM A LOSER!!!

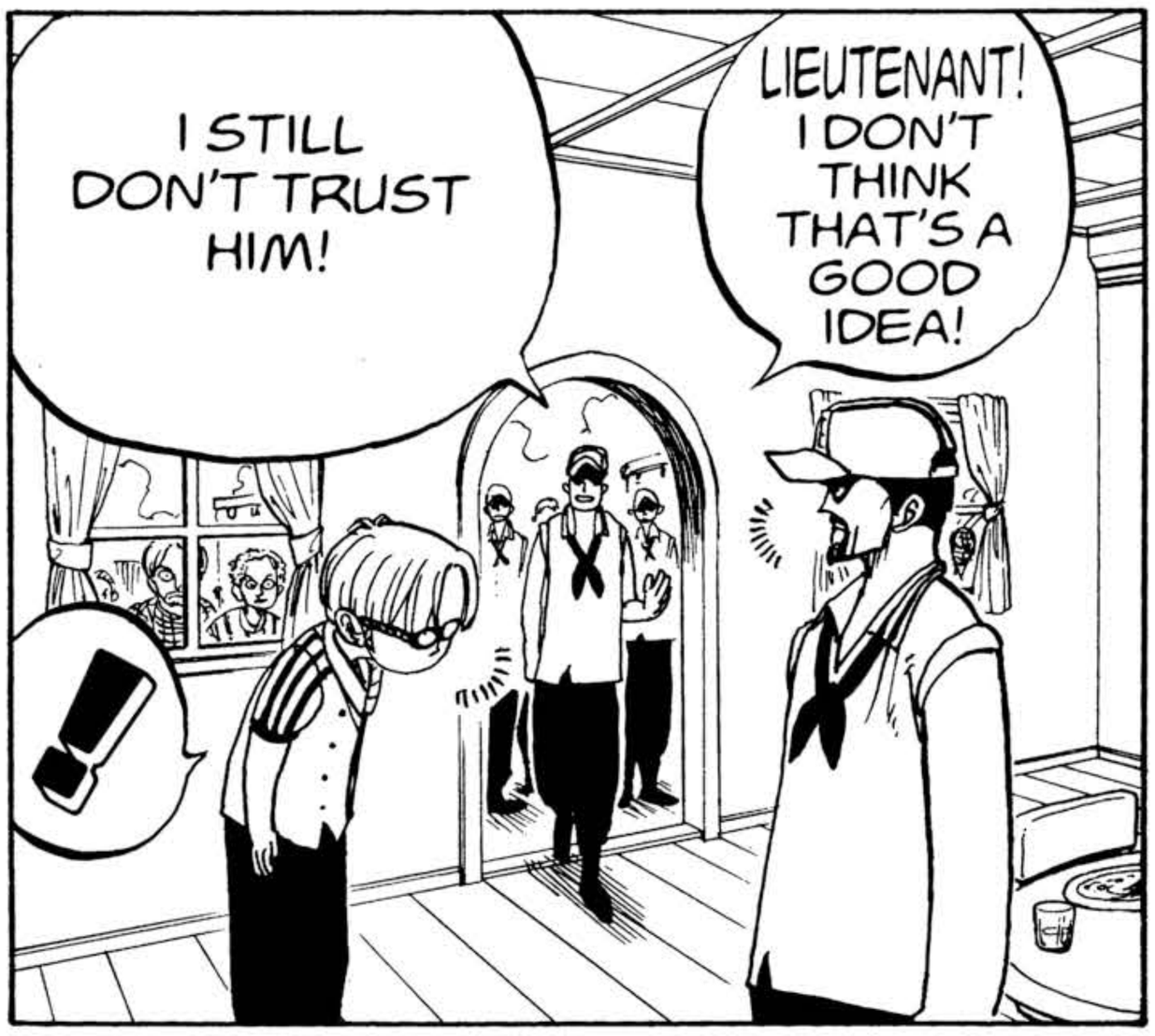

HELPLESS!?
WHAT AM I...

I'LL BE A CABIN BOY, OR ANYTHING, BUT JUST LET ME JOIN!!!

PLEASE LET ME JOIN THE NAVY, SIR!!!

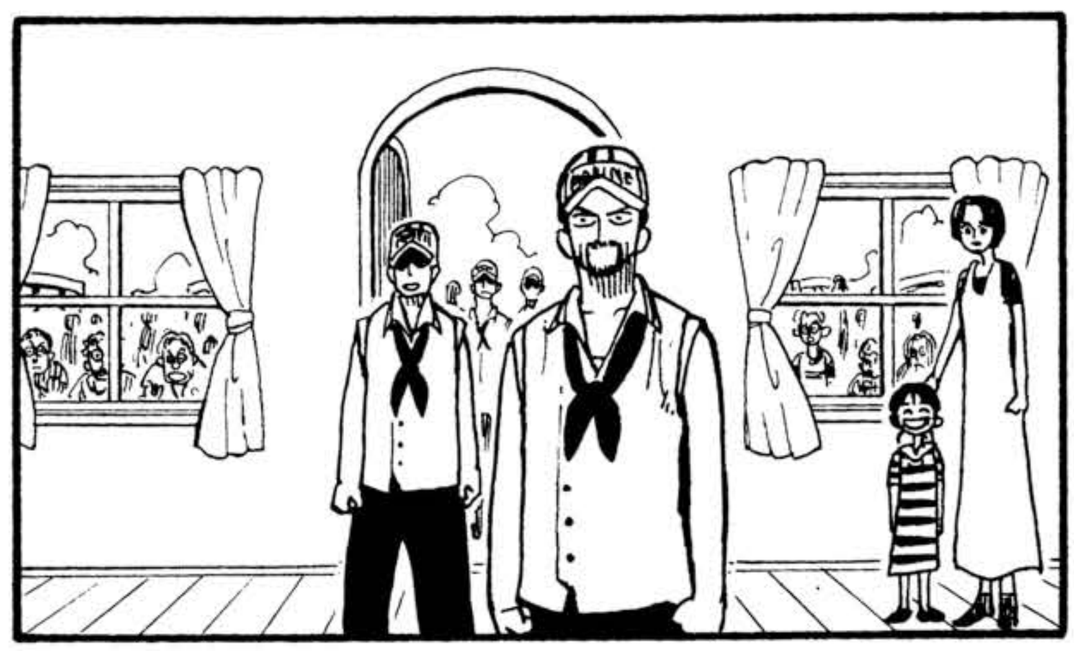


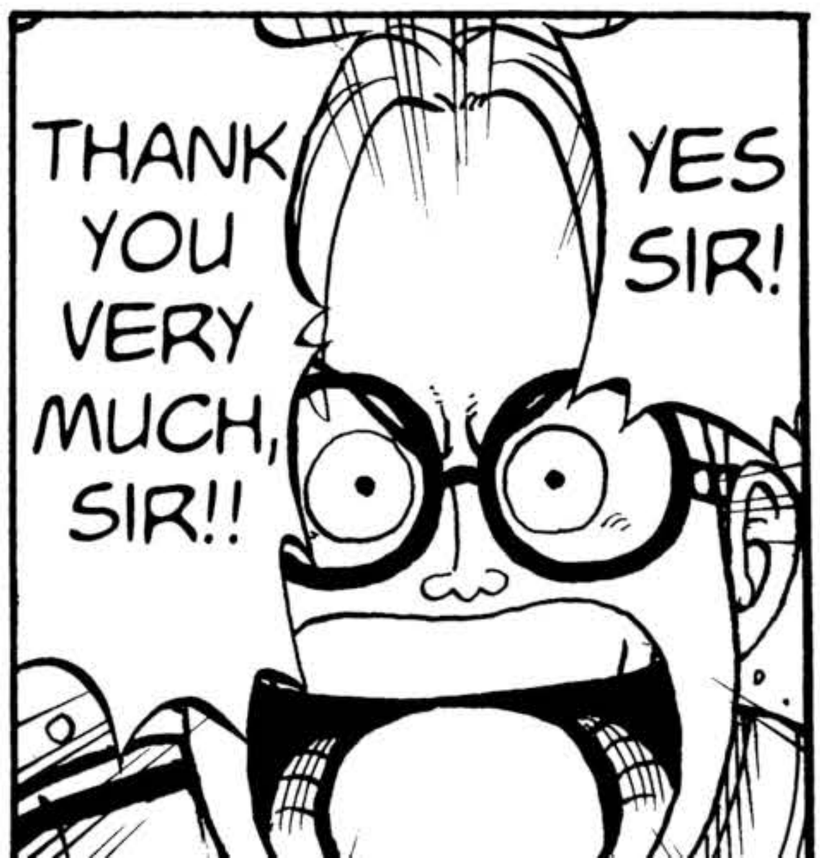


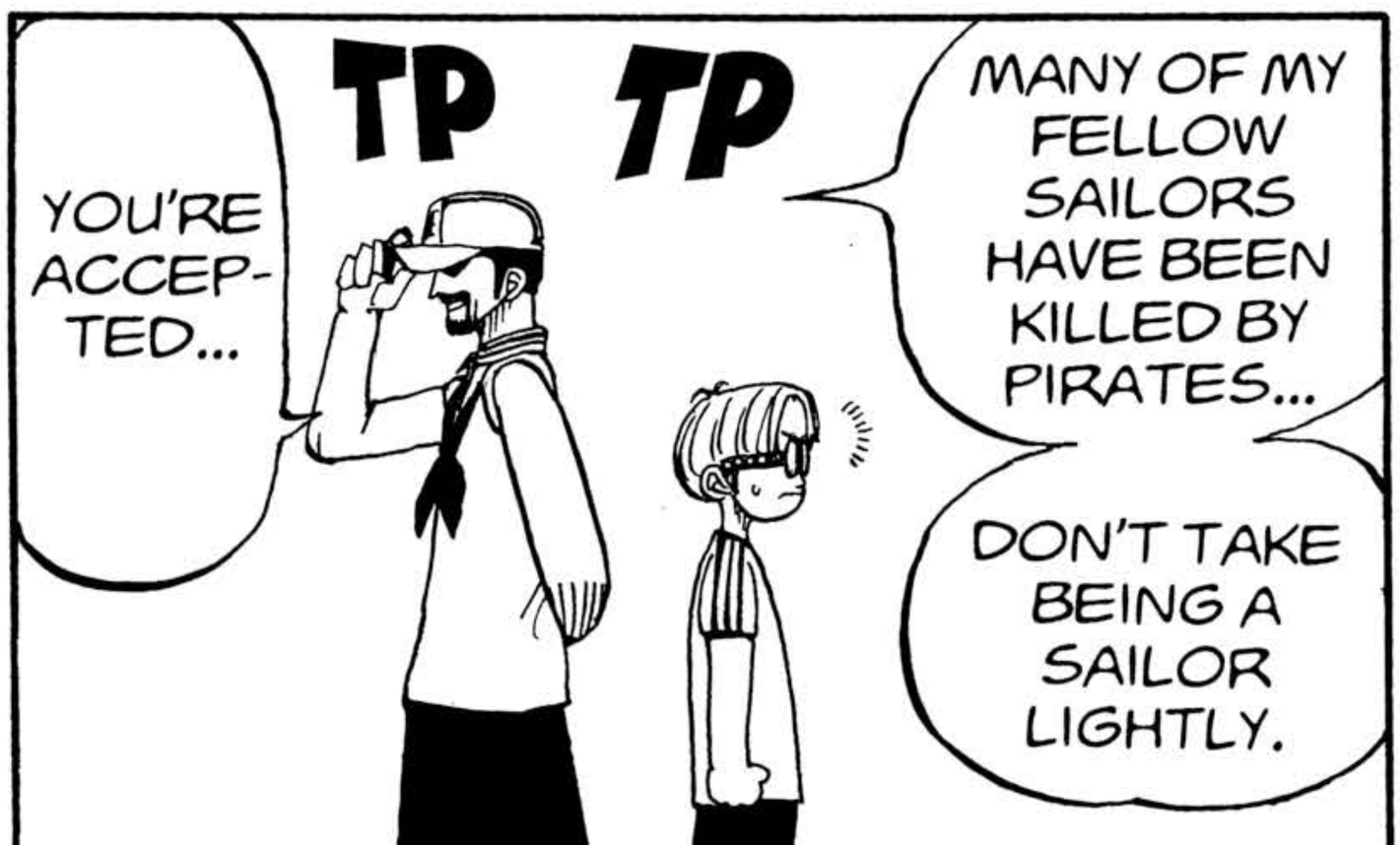


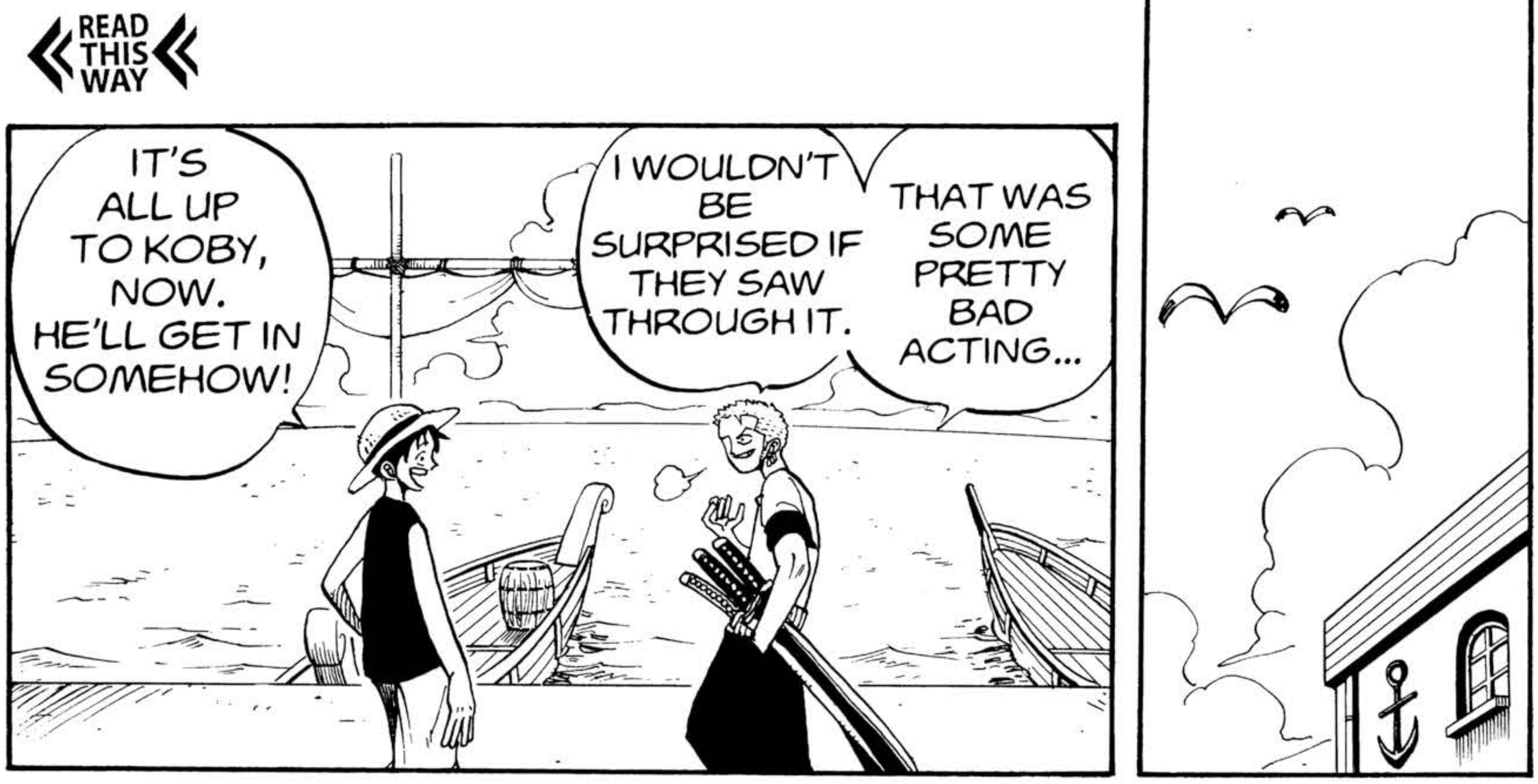
I'M GONNA BE A NAVY OFFICER!!!

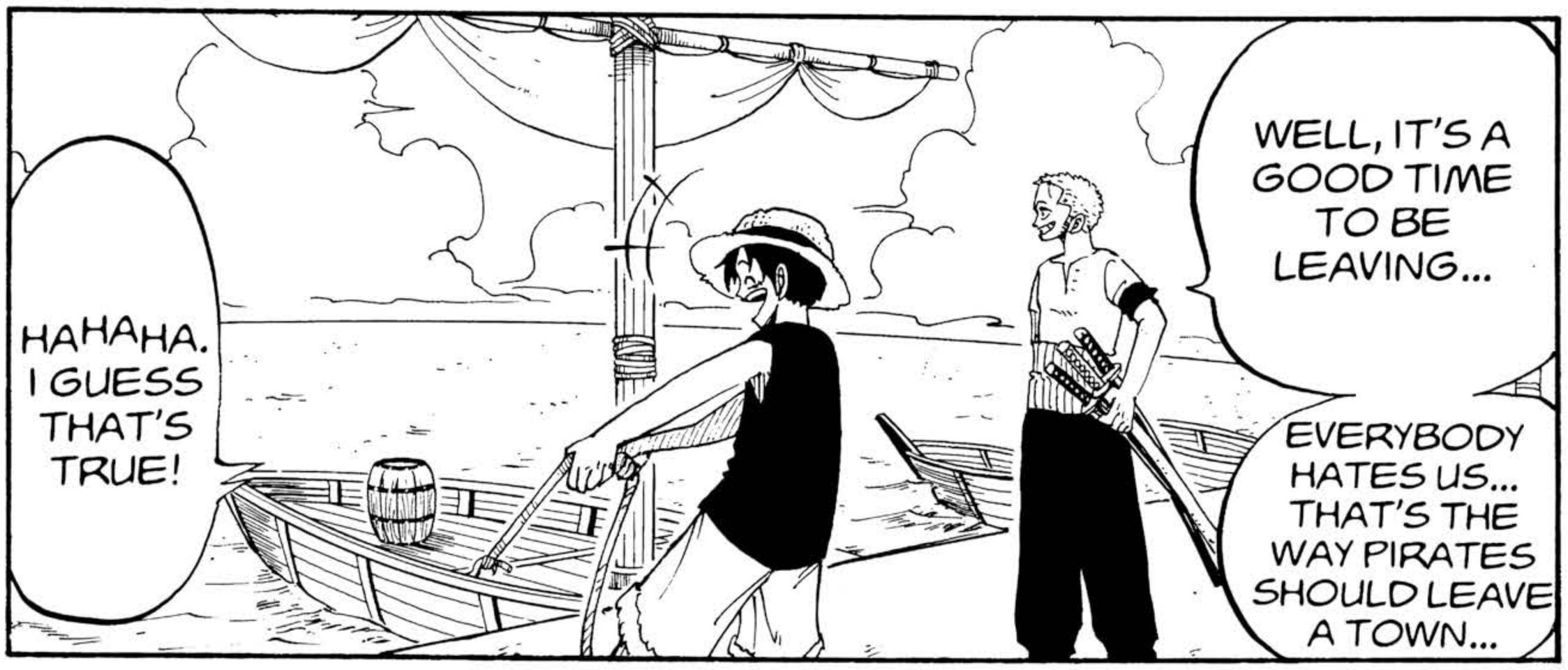
I'M NO PIRATE!!

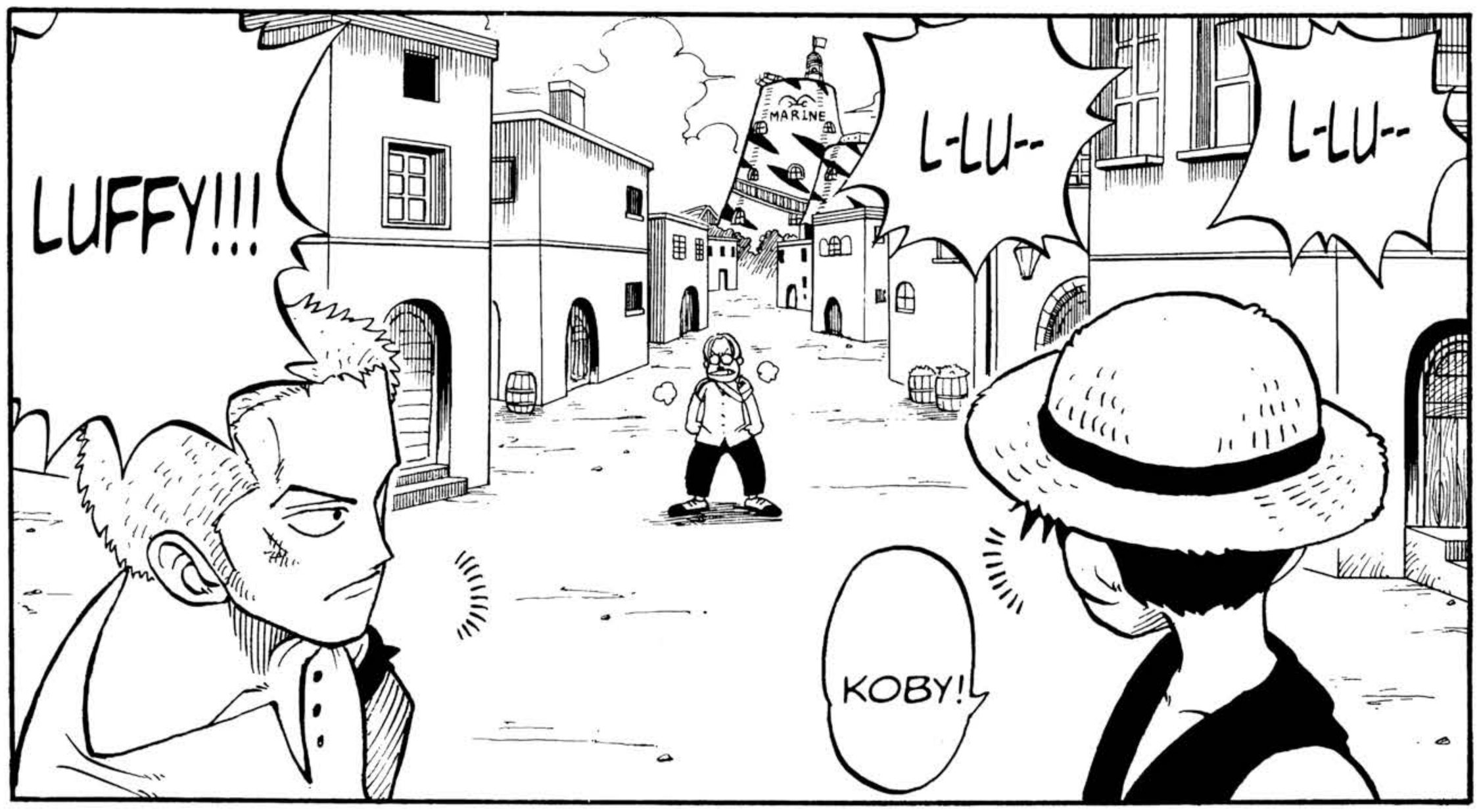


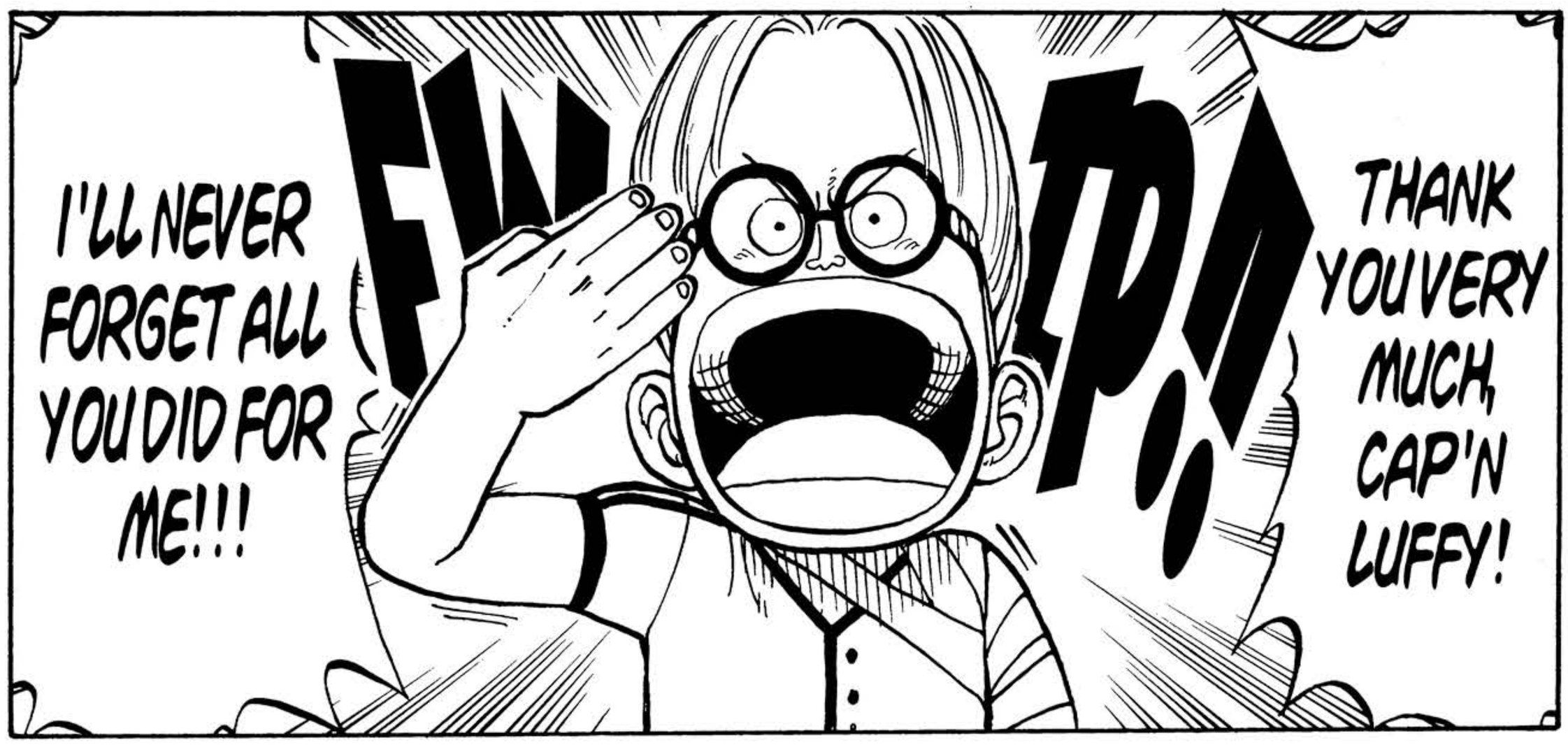


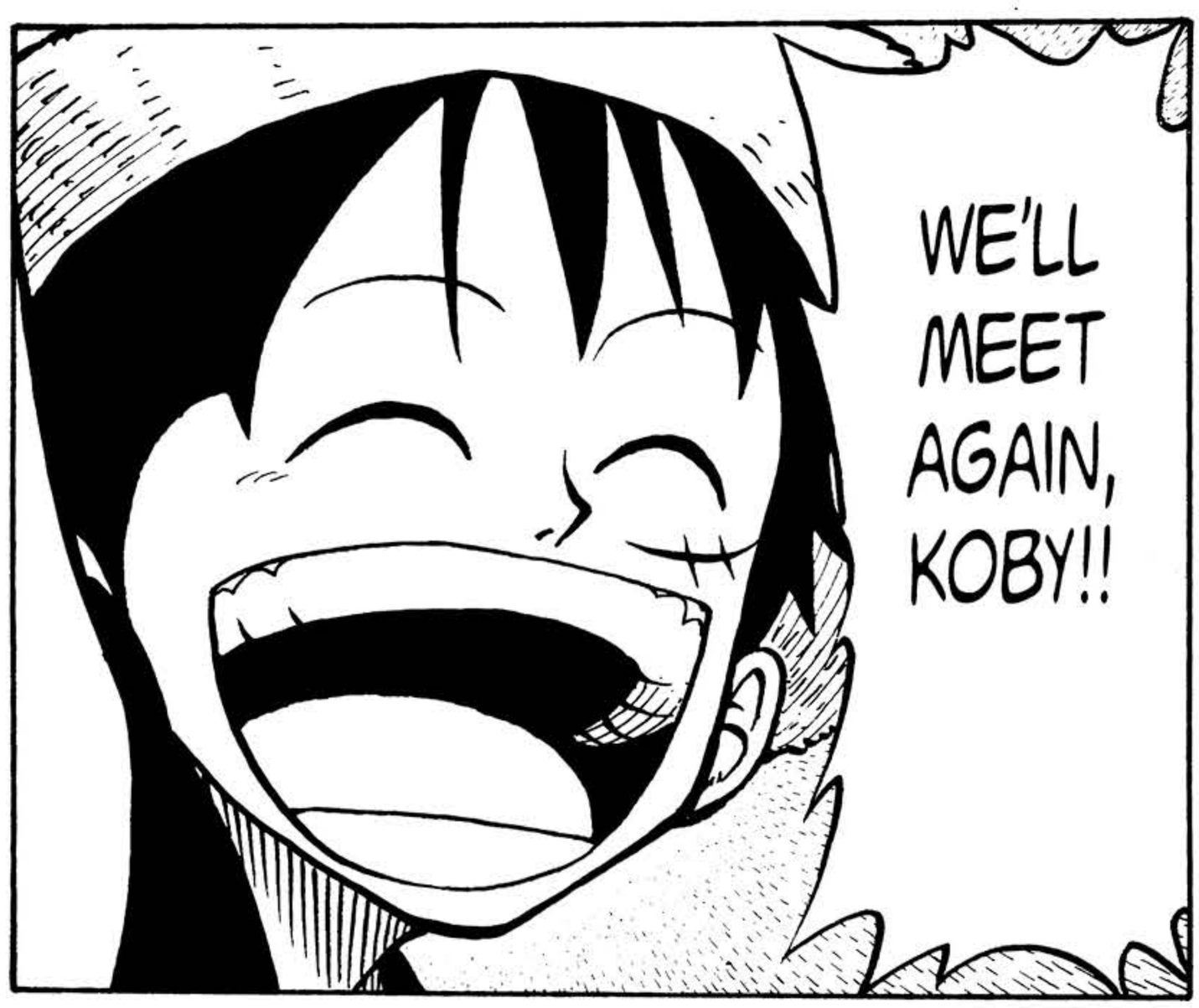


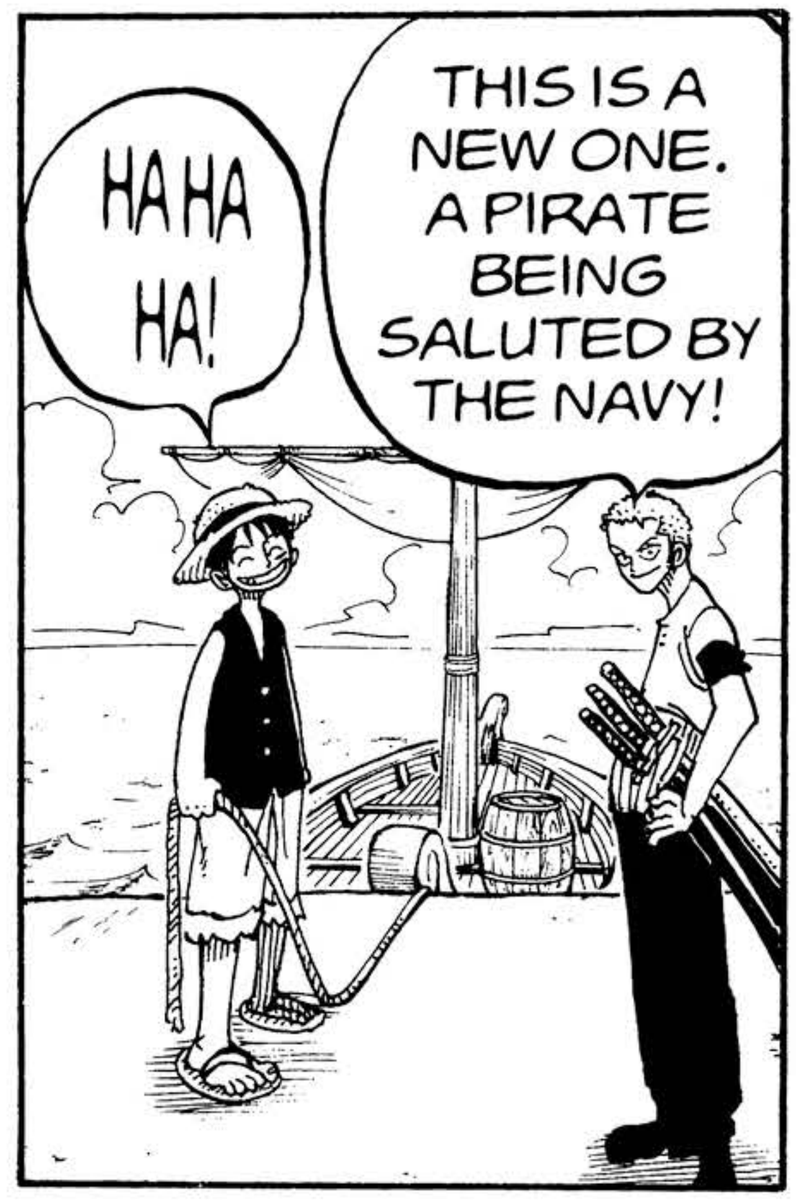

READ THIS WAY
IT'S ALL UP TO KOBY, NOW. HE'LL GET IN SOMEHOW!
I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THEY SAW THROUGH IT.
THAT WAS SOME PRETTY BAD ACTING...


HAHAHA. I GUESS THAT'S TRUE!
WELL, IT'S A GOOD TIME TO BE LEAVING...
EVERYBODY HATES US... THAT'S THE WAY PIRATES SHOULD LEAVE A TOWN...


LUFFY!!!
MARINE
L-LU--
L-LU--
KOBY!


FWIP!!
I'LL NEVER FORGET ALL YOU DID FOR ME!!!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CAP'N LUFFY!

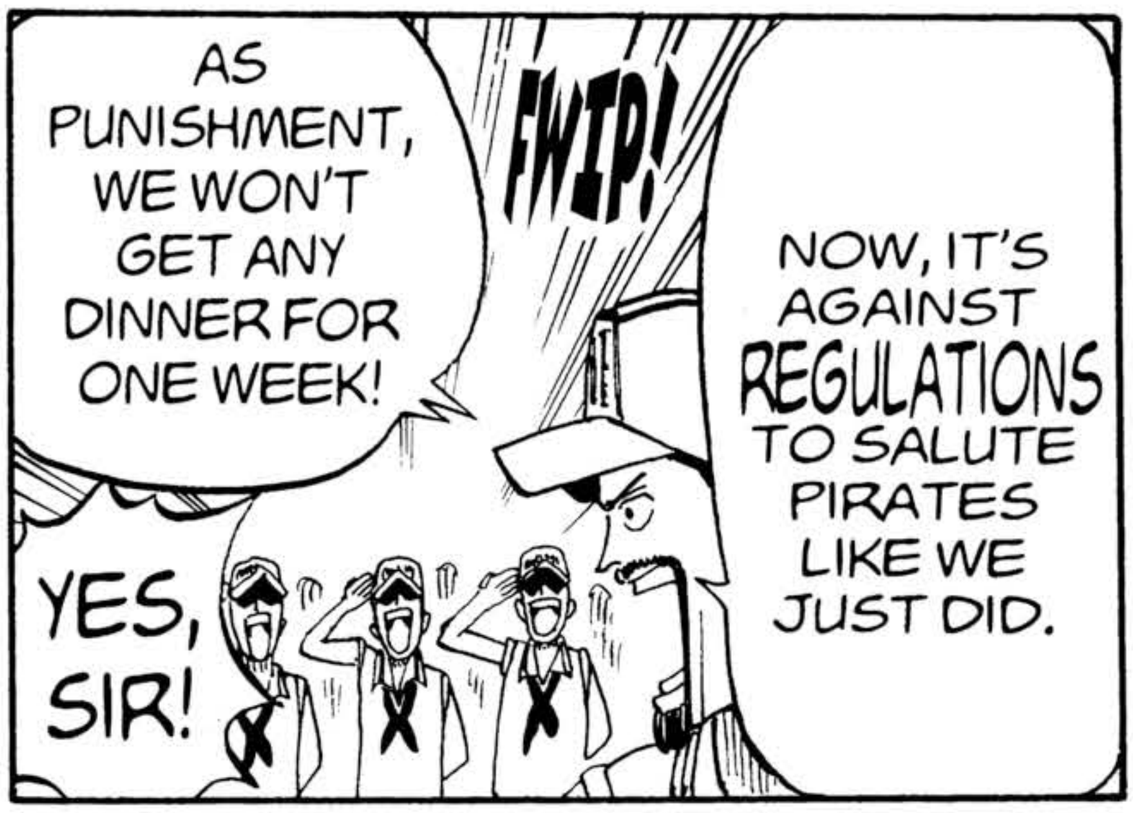

WE'LL MEET AGAIN, KOBY!!


HA HA HA!
THIS IS A NEW ONE. A PIRATE BEING SALUTED BY THE NAVY!

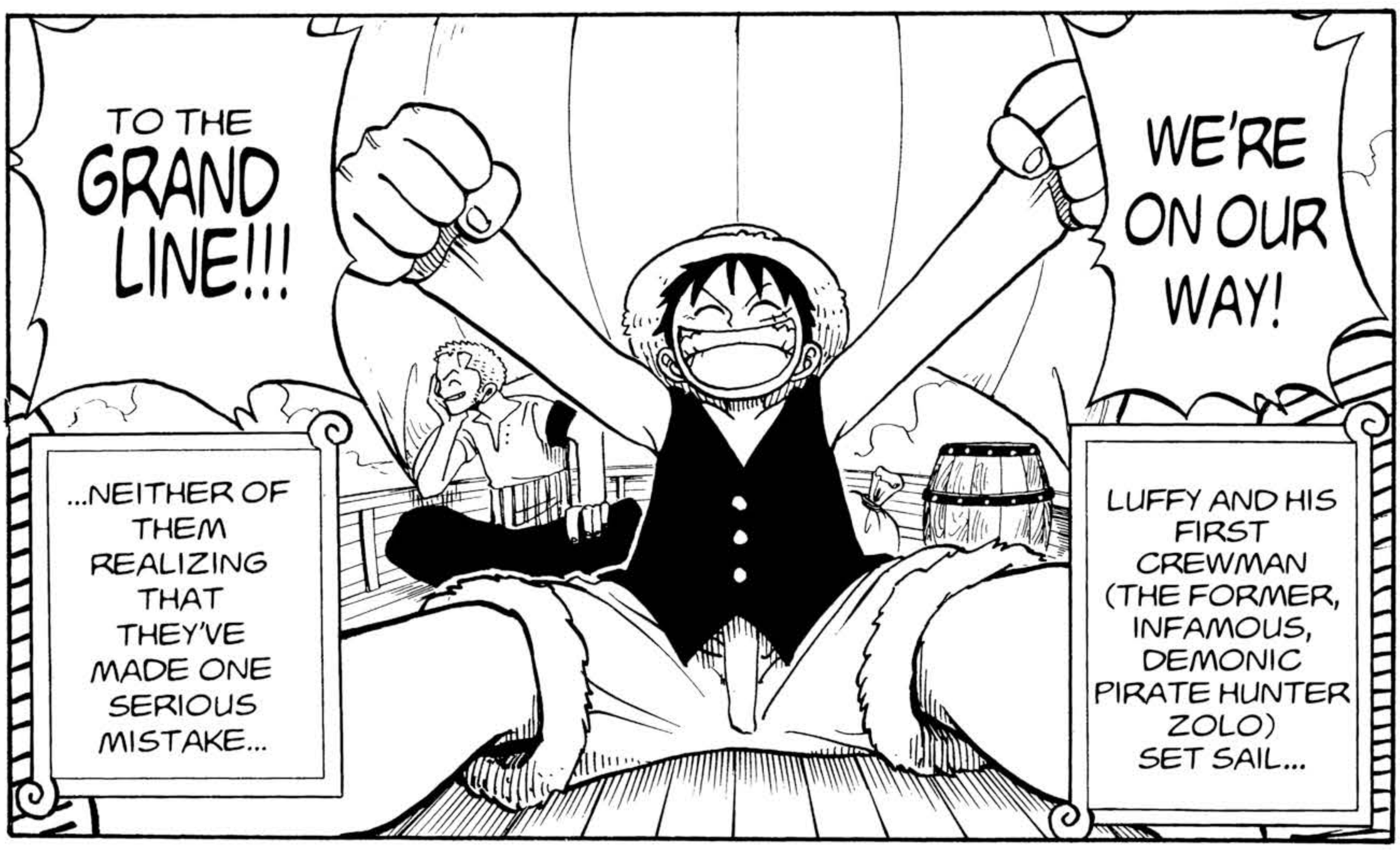
FWIP!!
MARINE
HUH!?

MARINE
'TEN-SHUN!

HOORAY!!!


AS PUNISHMENT, WE WON'T GET ANY DINNER FOR ONE WEEK!
FWIP!
NOW, IT'S AGAINST REGULATIONS TO SALUTE PIRATES LIKE WE JUST DID.
YES, SIR!

!
YOU'VE GOT SOME GOOD FRIENDS, SAILOR.
YES, SIR.


TO THE GRAND LINE!!!
WE'RE ON OUR WAY!
...NEITHER OF THEM REALIZING THAT THEY'VE MADE ONE SERIOUS MISTAKE...
LUFFY AND HIS FIRST CREWMAN (THE FORMER, INFAMOUS, DEMONIC PIRATE HUNTER ZOLO) SET SAIL...

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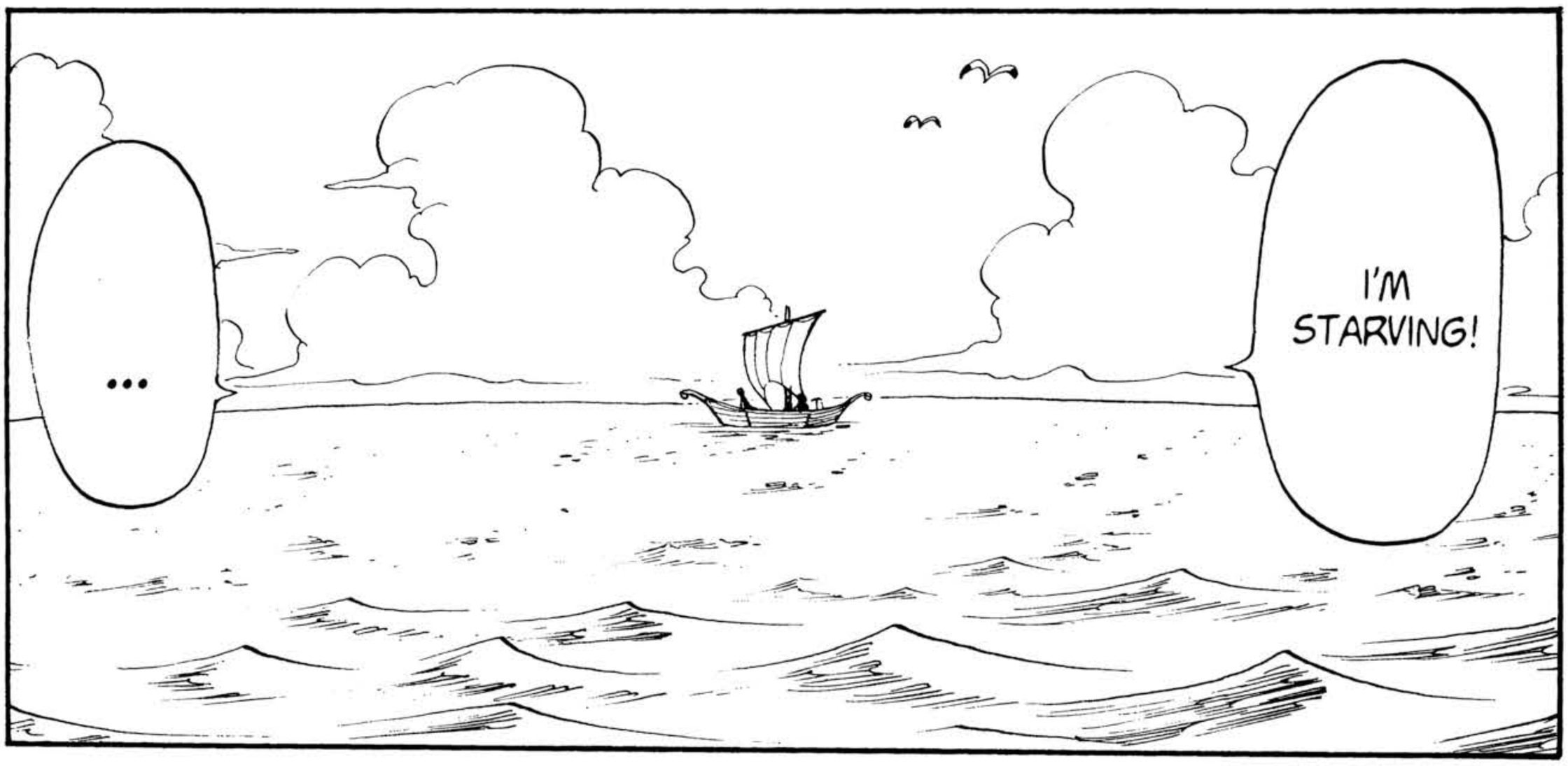
NAMI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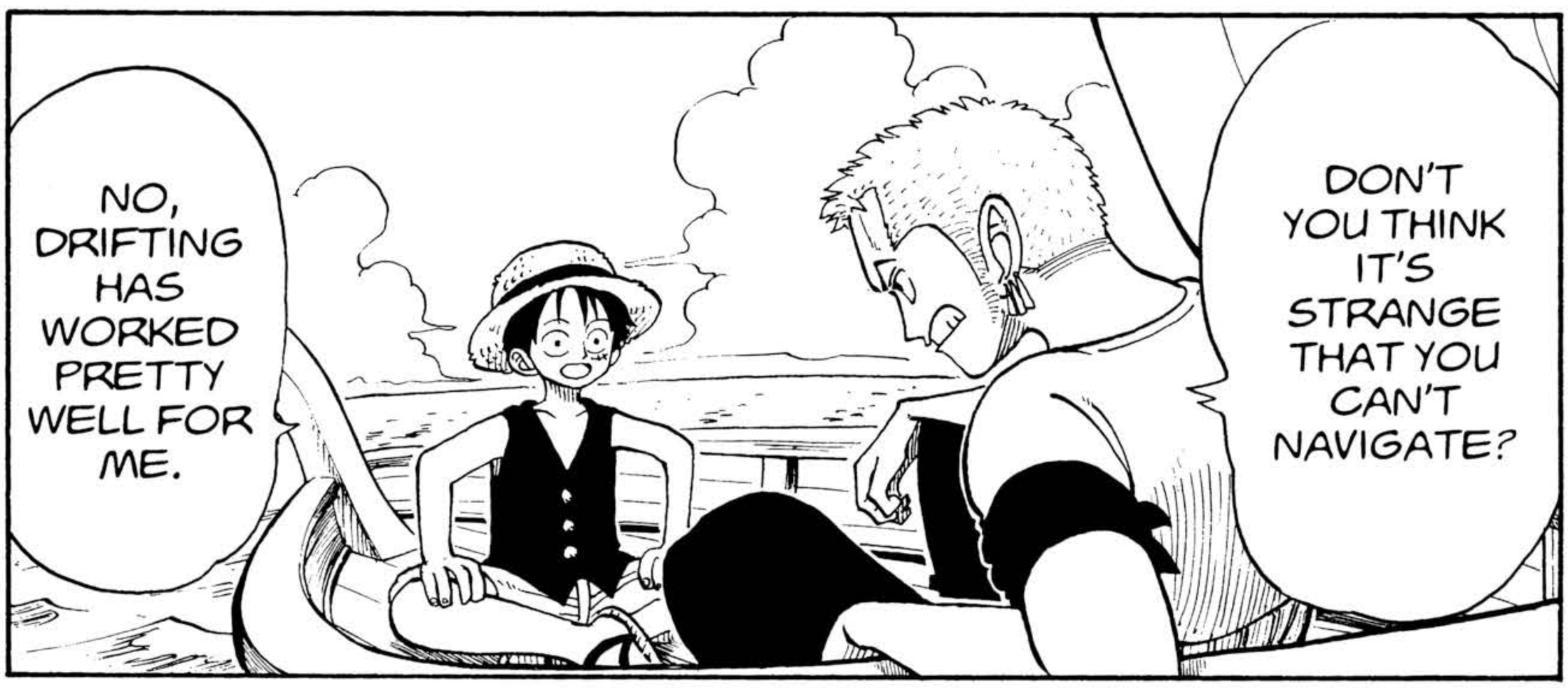
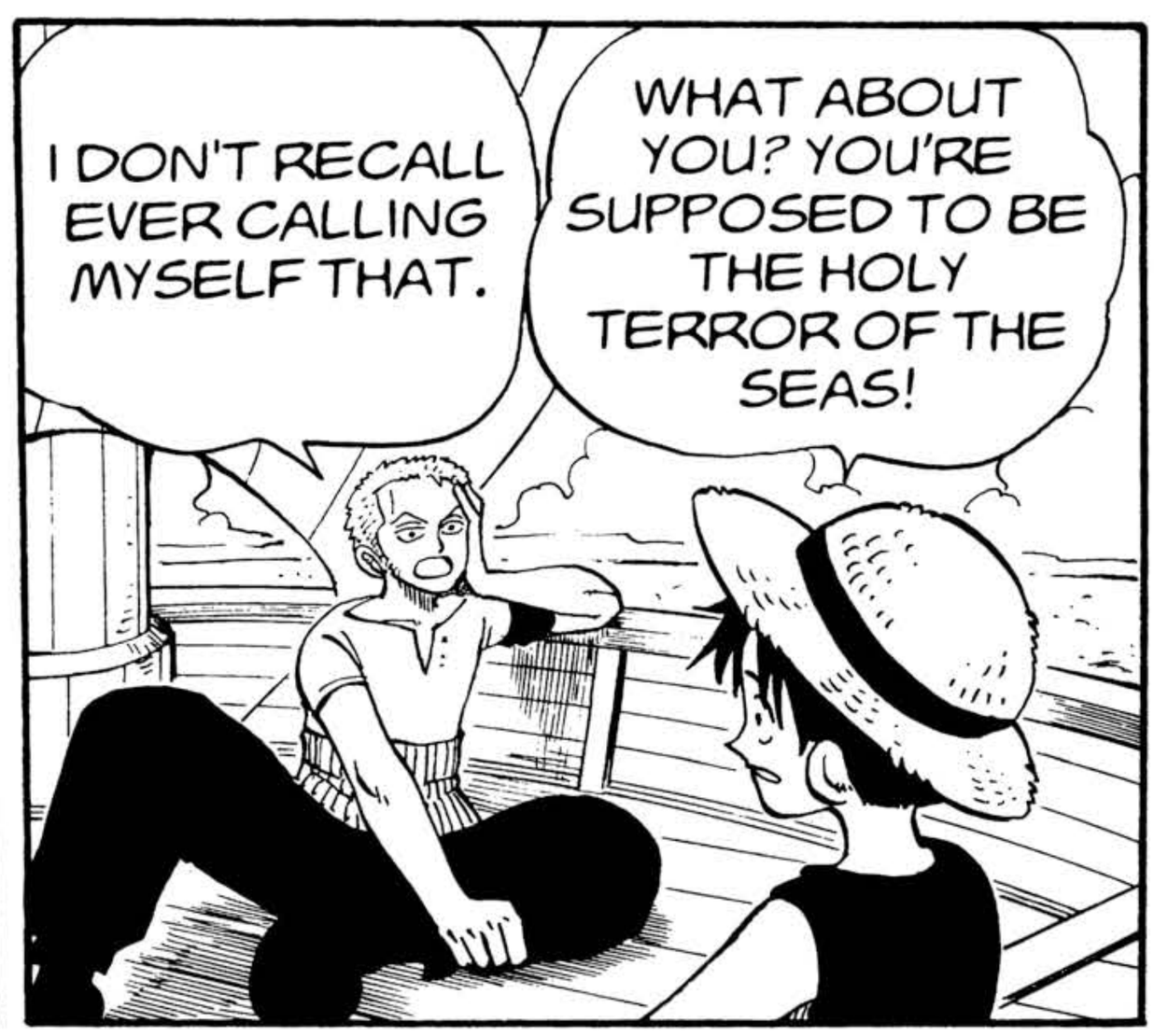
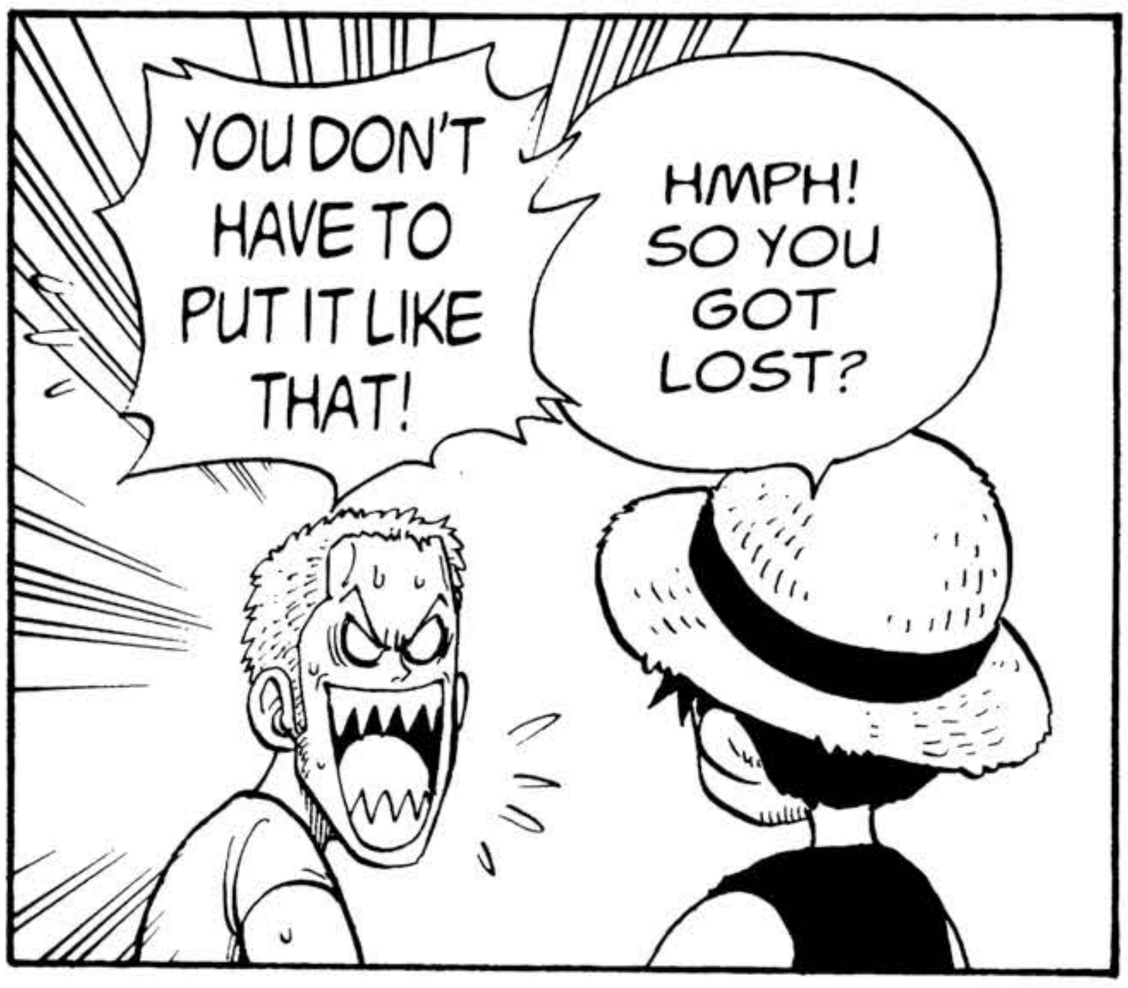
I'M STARVING!

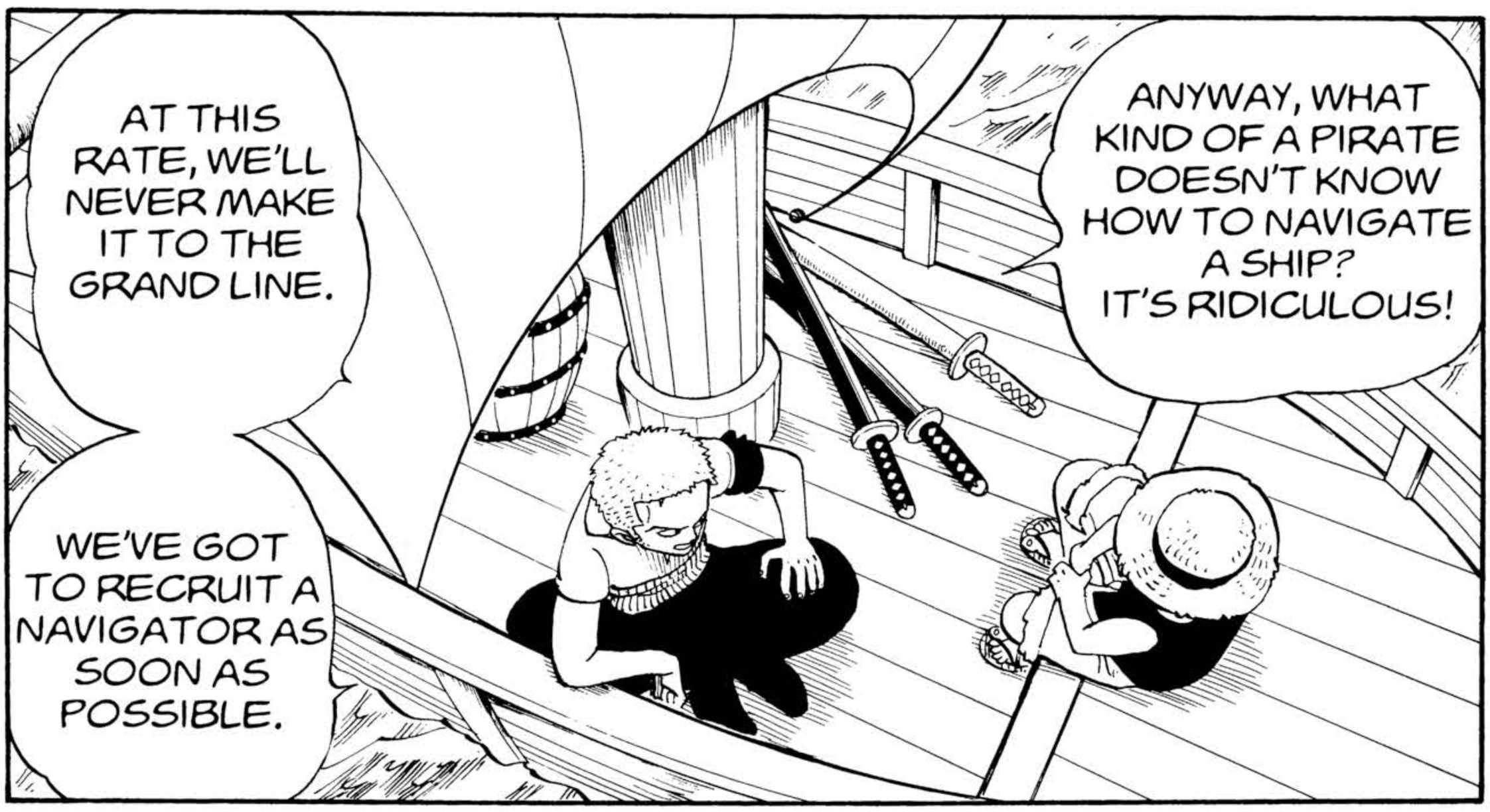

NO, DRIFTING HAS WORKED PRETTY WELL FOR ME.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S STRANGE THAT YOU CAN'T NAVIGATE?

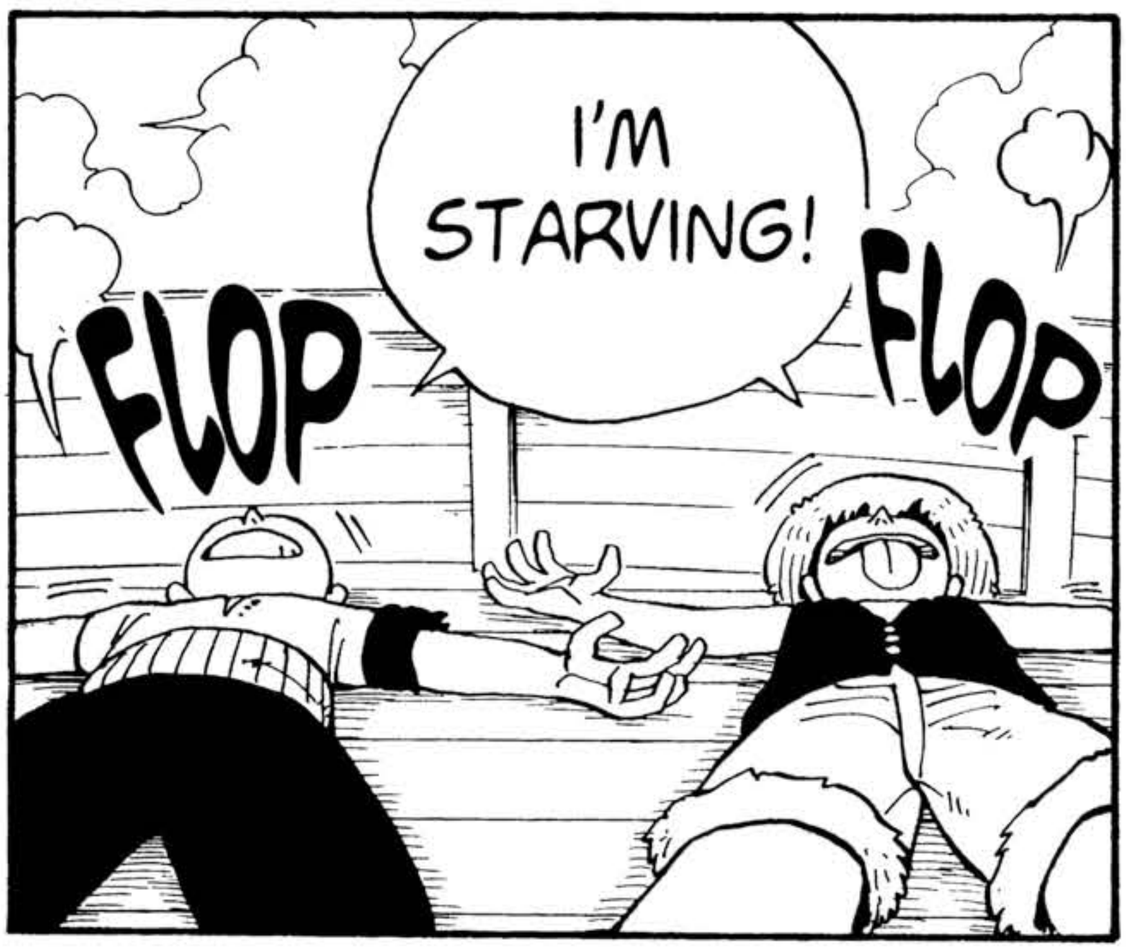
BUT I COULDN'T FIND MY WAY BACK TO MY VILLAGE.
I FOLLOWED A PIRATE I WAS AFTER OUT TO SEA.


I DON'T RECALL EVER CALLING MYSELF THAT.
WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE HOLY TERROR OF THE SEAS!


YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT IT LIKE THAT!
HMPH! SO YOU GOT LOST?

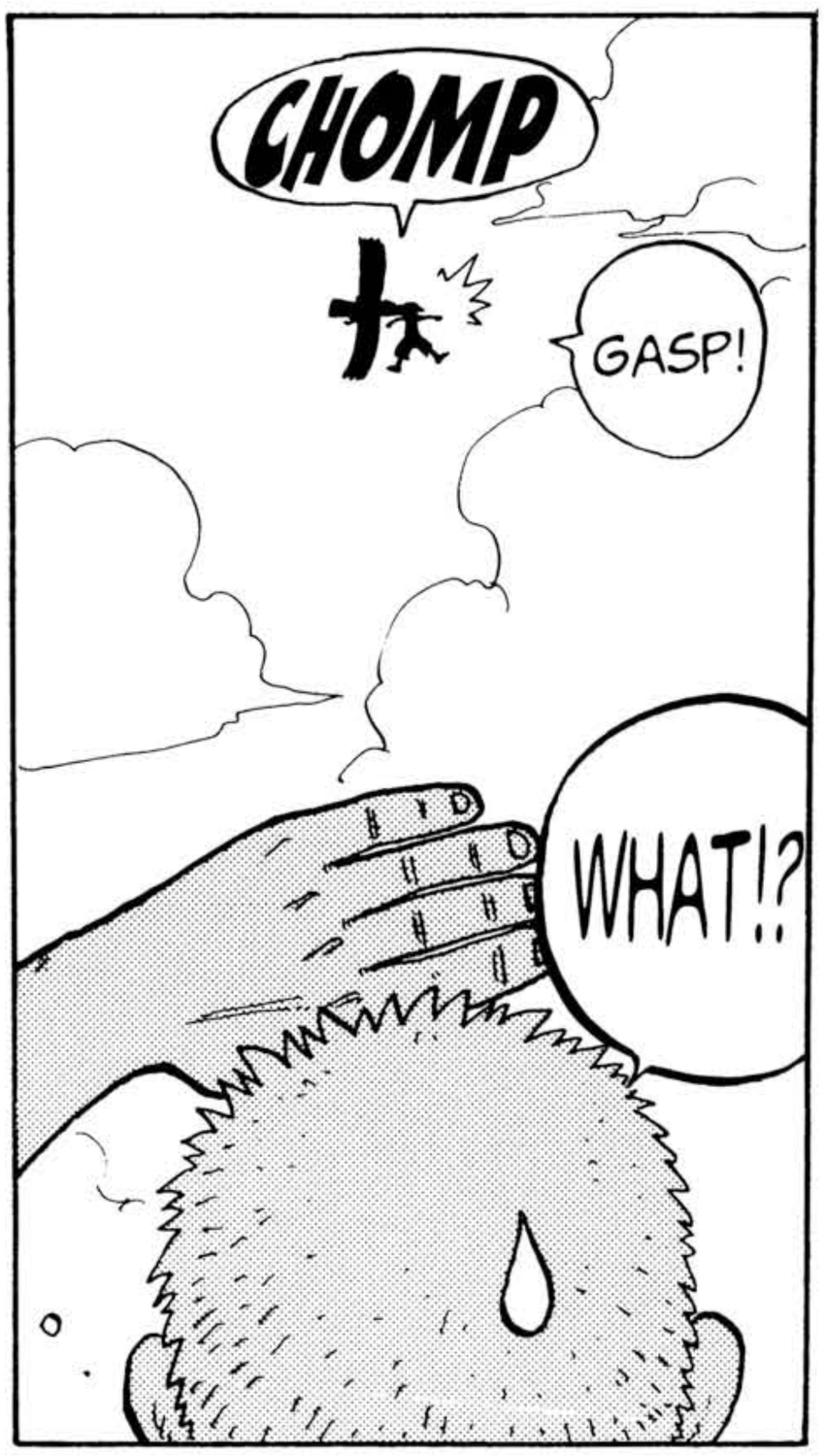
I HAD TO EARN MONEY SOMEHOW...
SO I MADE THE BEST OF THINGS. I WENT AFTER PIRATES THAT WERE IN THE AREA.


AT THIS RATE, WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT TO THE GRAND LINE.
WE'VE GOT TO RECRUIT A NAVIGATOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
ANYWAY, WHAT KIND OF A PIRATE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO NAVIGATE A SHIP? IT'S RIDICULOUS!


I'M STARVING!
FLOP
FLOP

THOSE CAN WAIT!!
AND WE NEED A COOK, AND A MUSICIAN, AND--

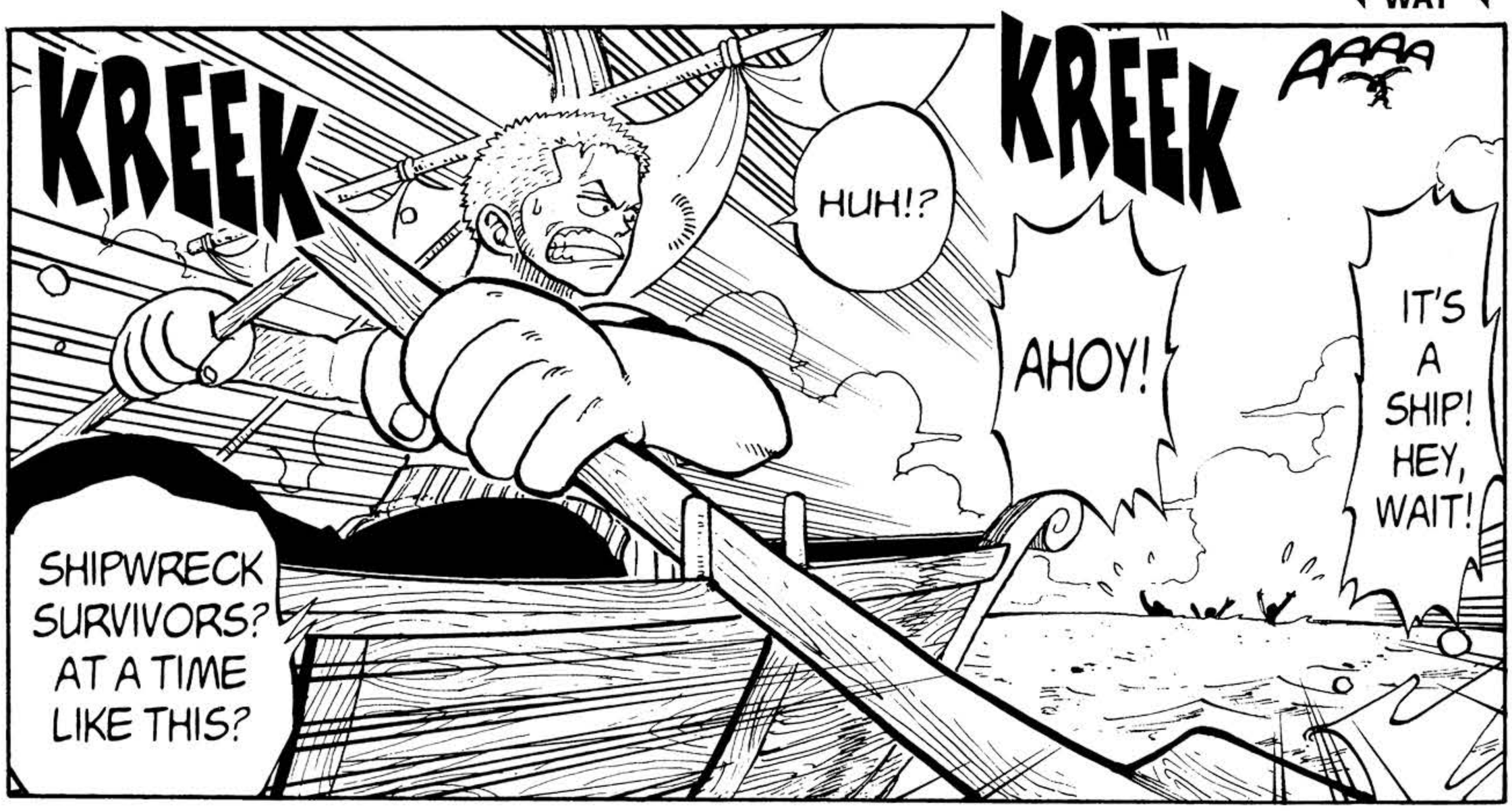
READ THIS WAY
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
IT LOOKS PRETTY BIG...
IT'S A BIRD...
HEY...
FWAP
FWAP
...ROCKET!!!
HUH? HOW?
LET'S EAT IT!!
FWIP
GUM-GUM...
LEAVE IT TO ME! I'LL CATCH IT!!
VREEENG
WOP!

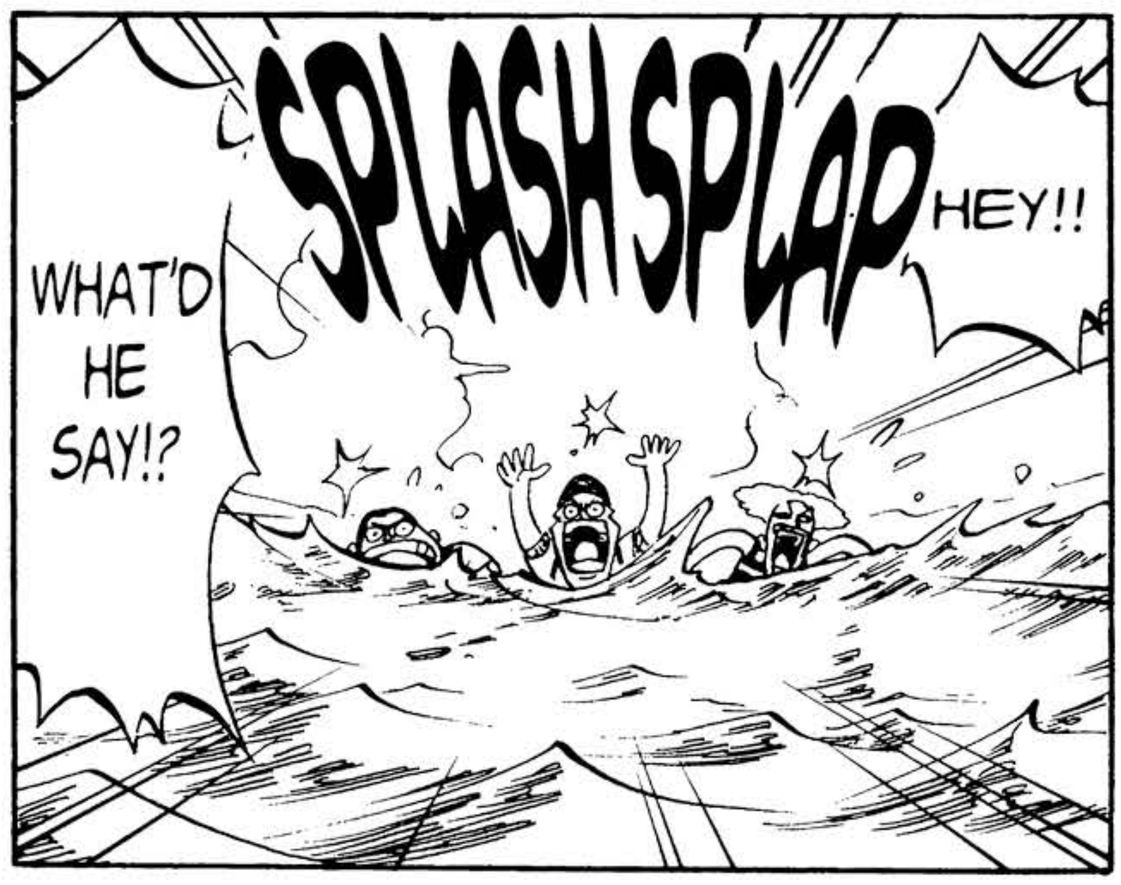

CHOMP
GASP!
WHAT!?

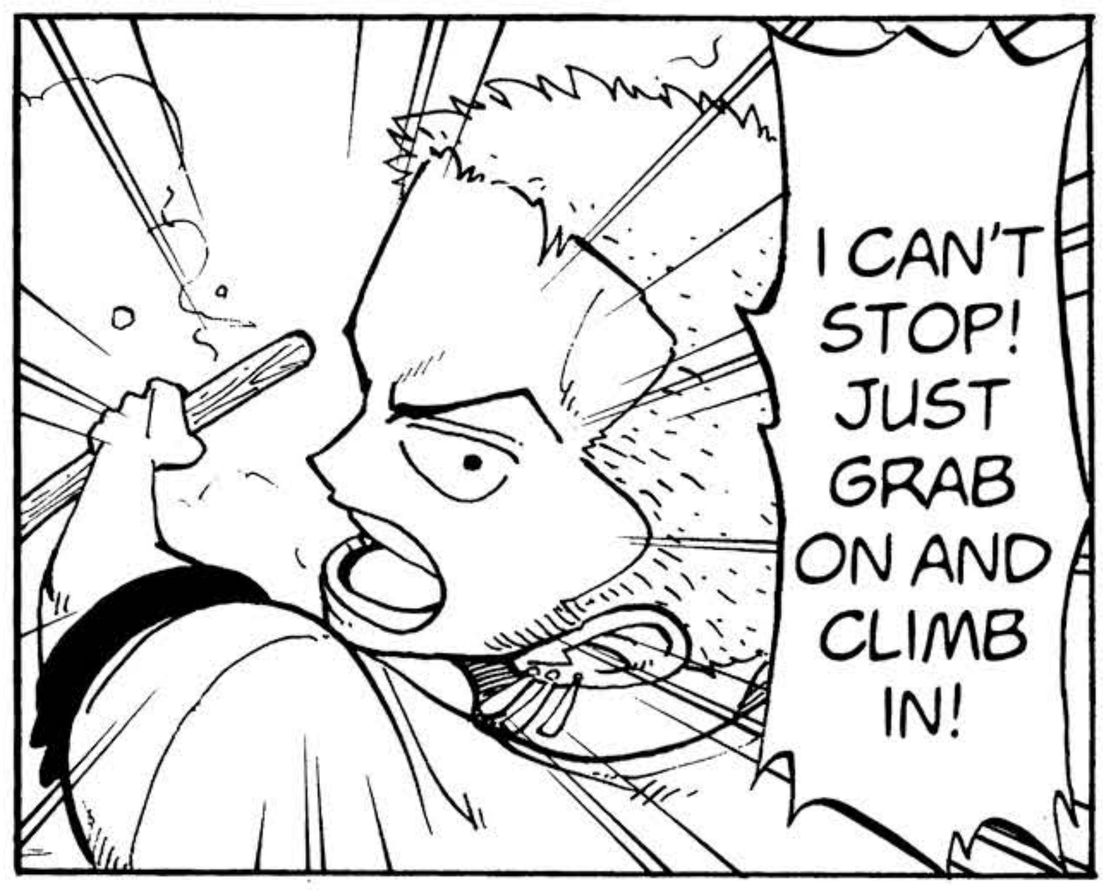
OKAY...

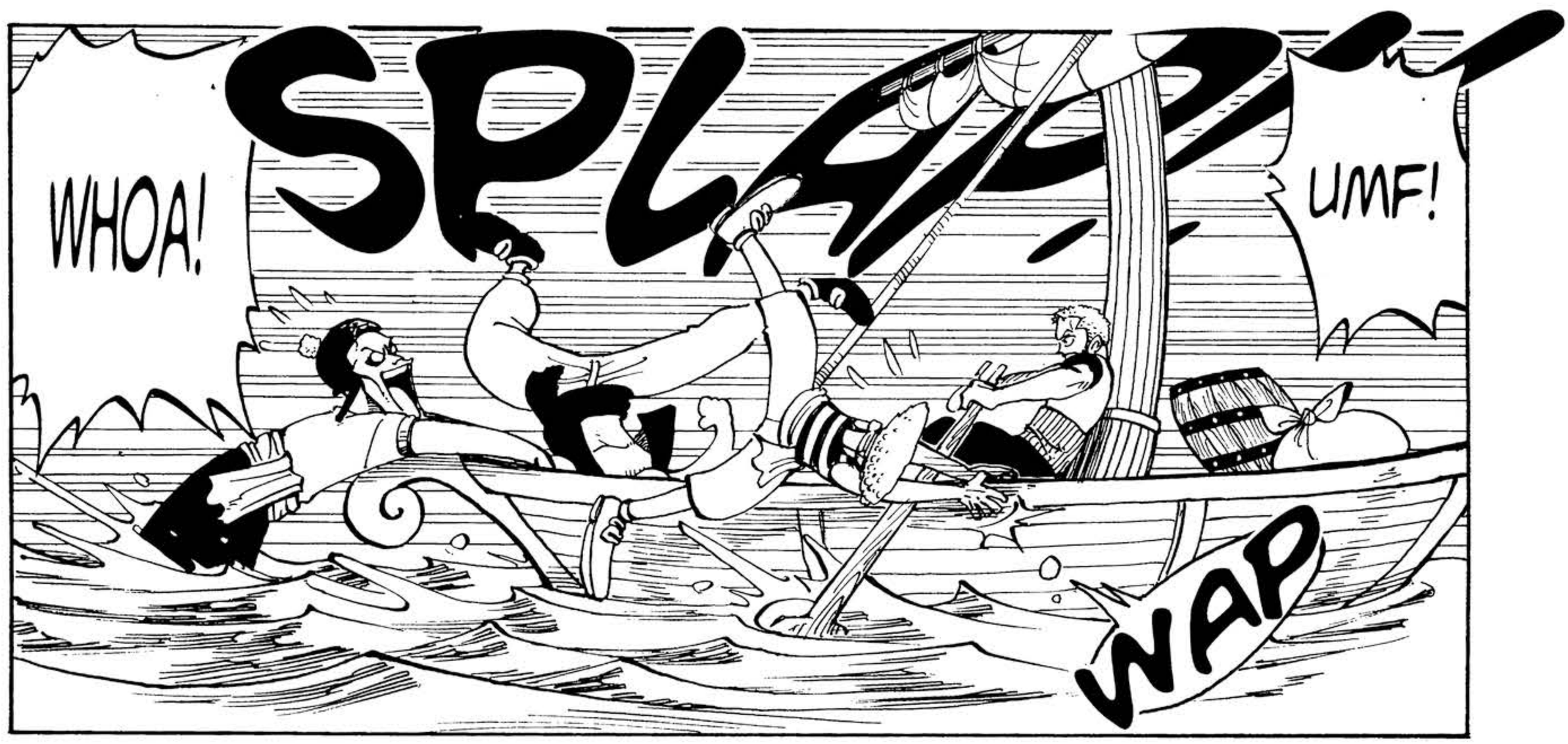
AAAAAH
KREEK
DARN YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
KREEK
KREEK

HELP!!
FWAP
AAAAAH
FWAP
AAAAH!
YOU IDIOT!!!


KREEK
HUH!?
SHIPWRECK SURVIVORS? AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
KREEK
AHOY!
IT'S A SHIP! HEY, WAIT!

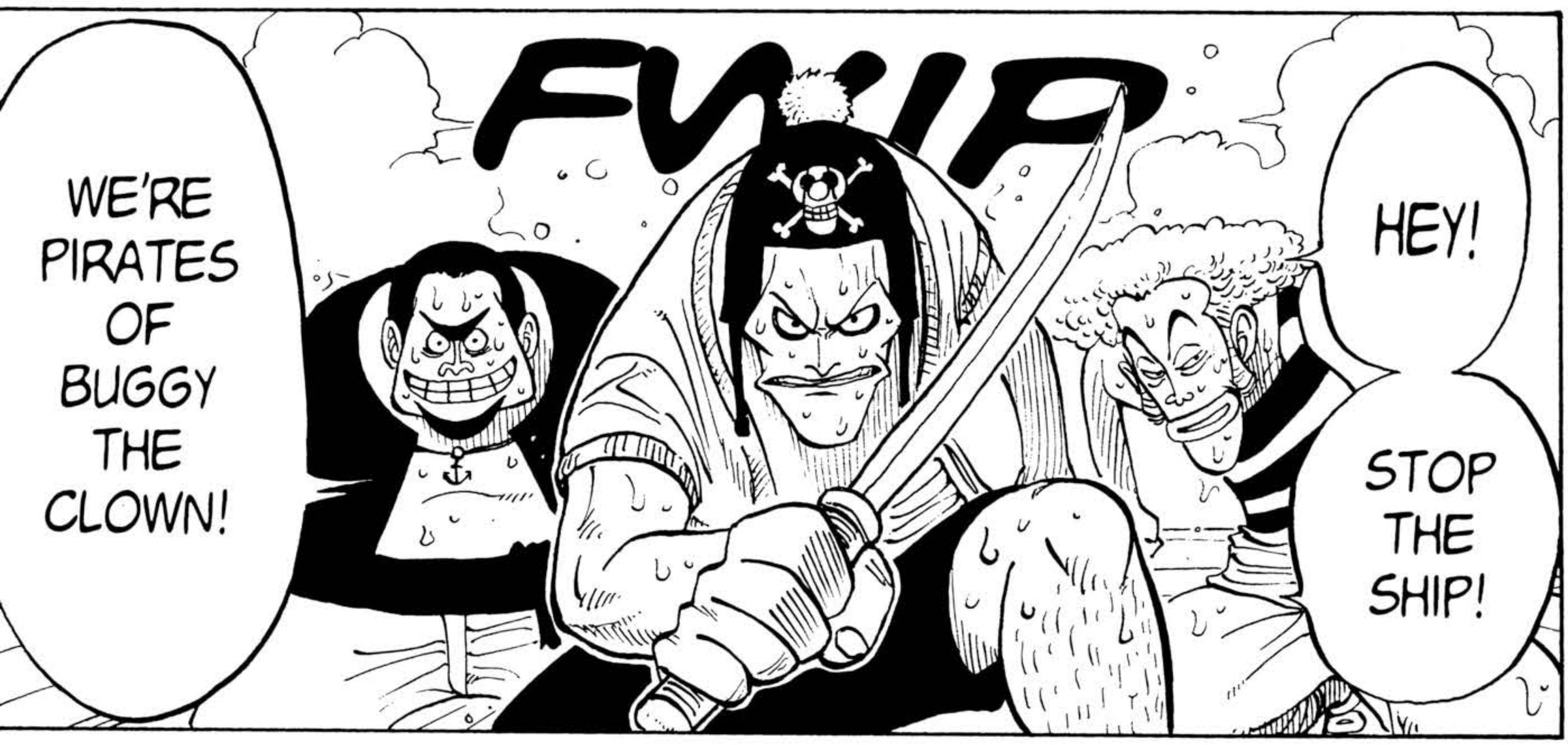

SPLASH SPLAP
WHAT'D HE SAY!?
HEY!!

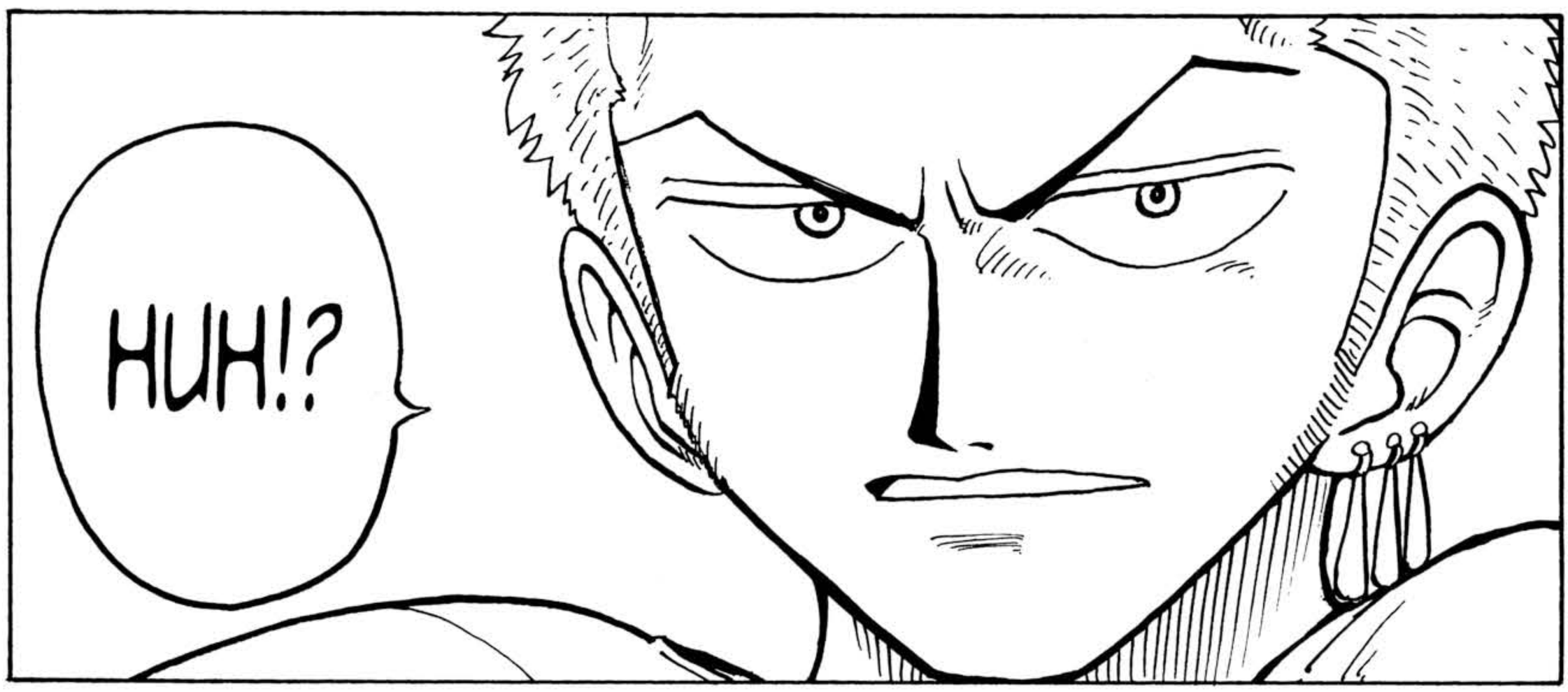

I CAN'T STOP! JUST GRAB ON AND CLIMB IN!


WHOA!
SPLAP
UMF!
WAP

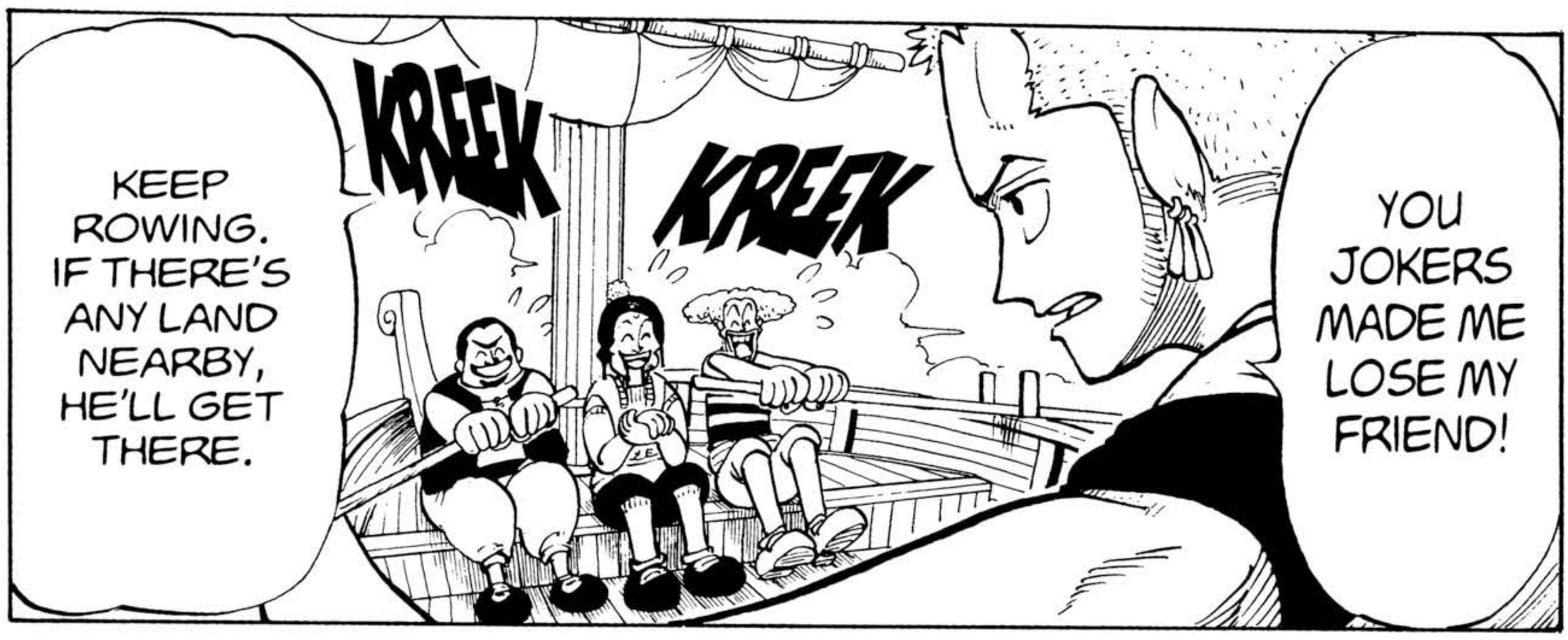
WHAT KIND OF PERSON ARE YOU!!
HUF HUF...

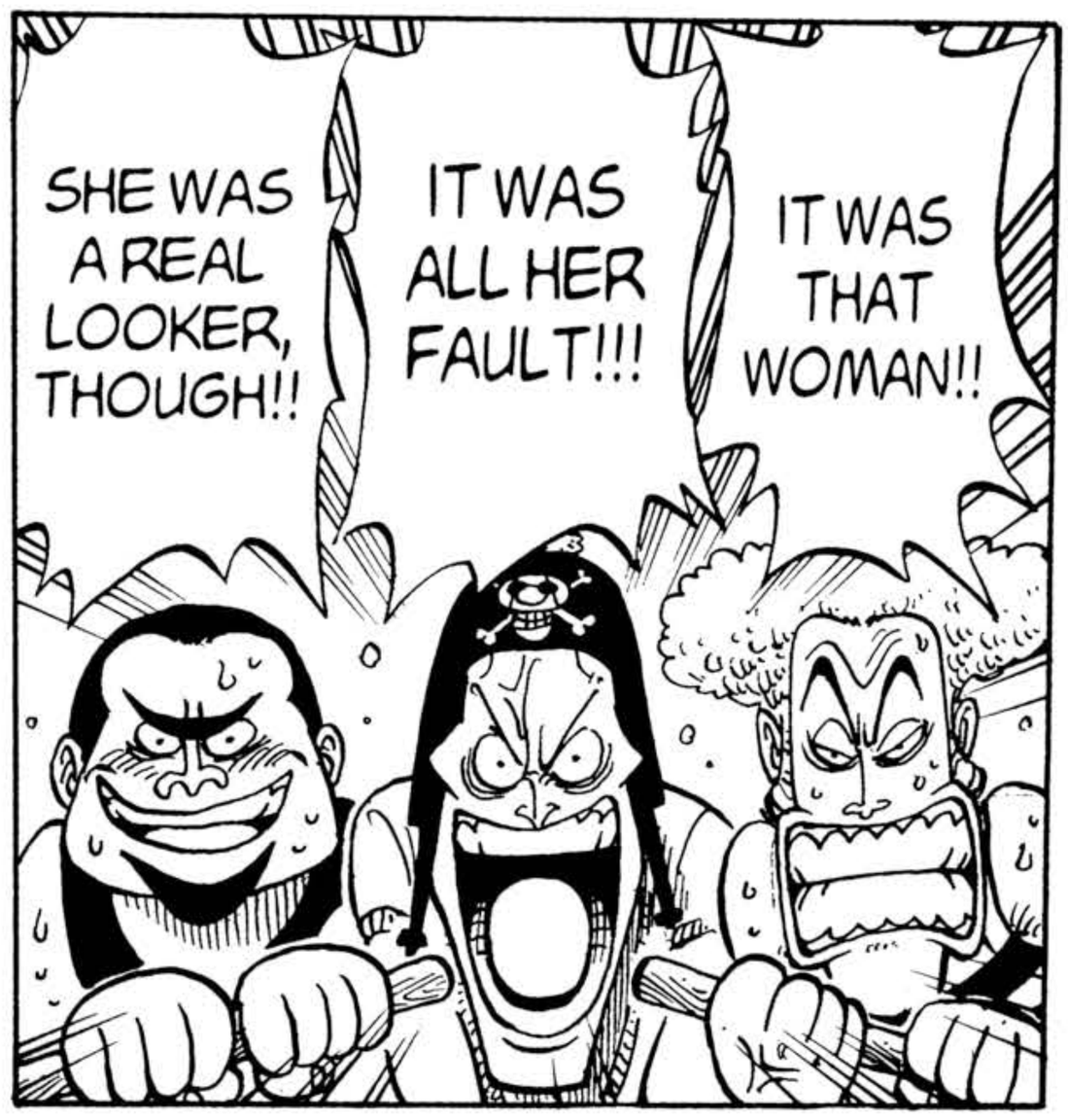
YOU WOULD HAVE LEFT US TO DIE!!
KREEK
KREEK
YOU MADE IT! GOOD!

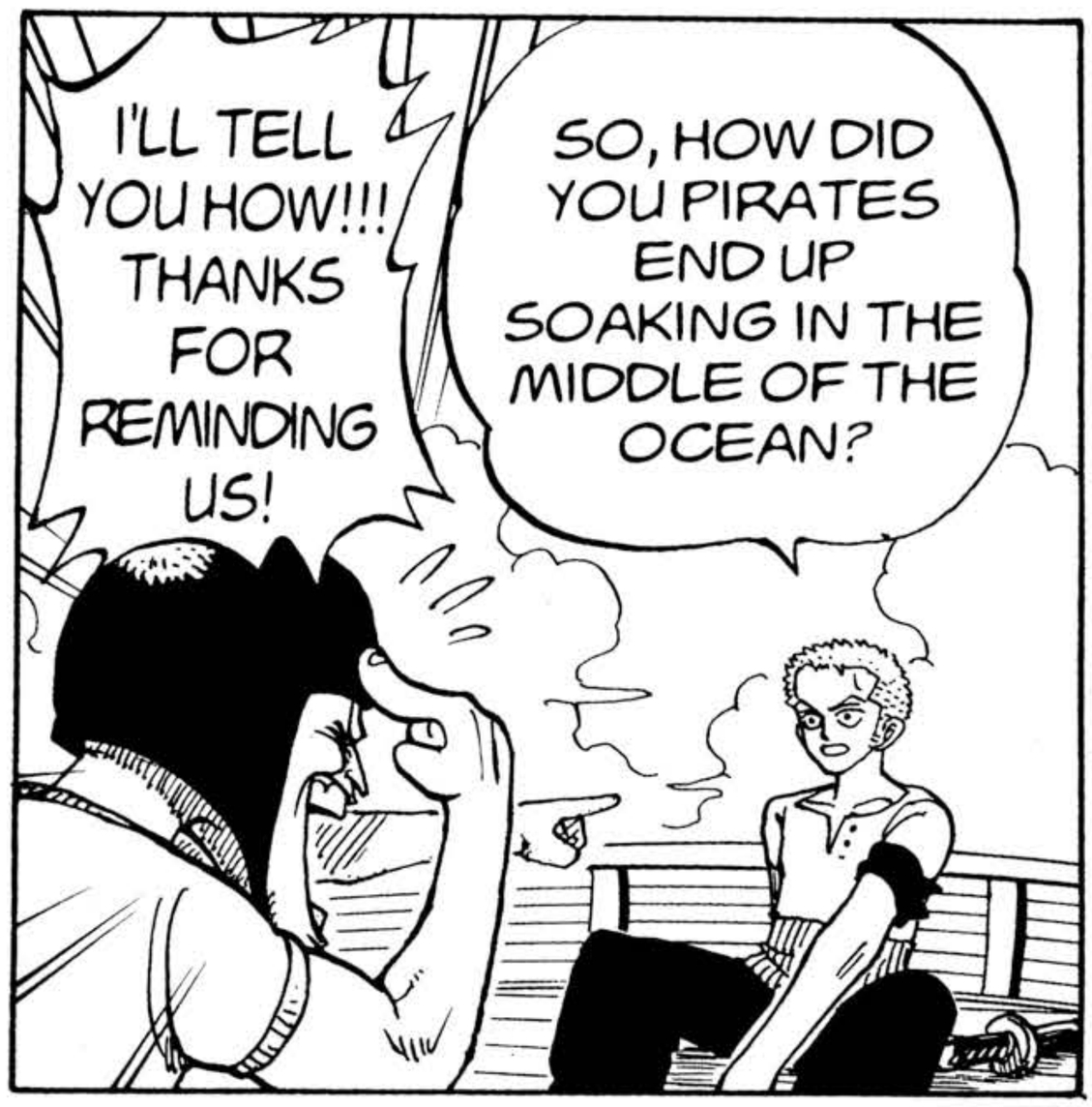

WE'RE PIRATES OF BUGGY THE CLOWN!
FWIP
HEY!
STOP THE SHIP!

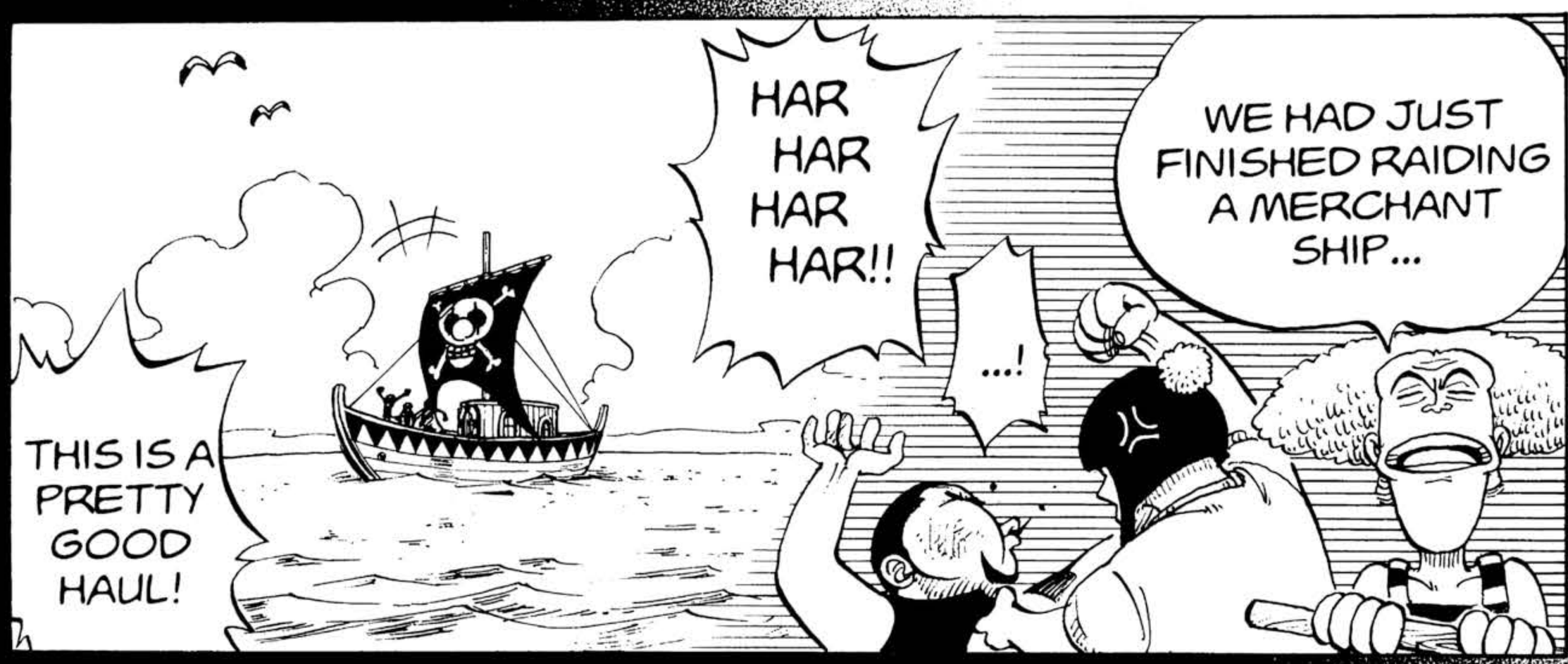

HUH!?

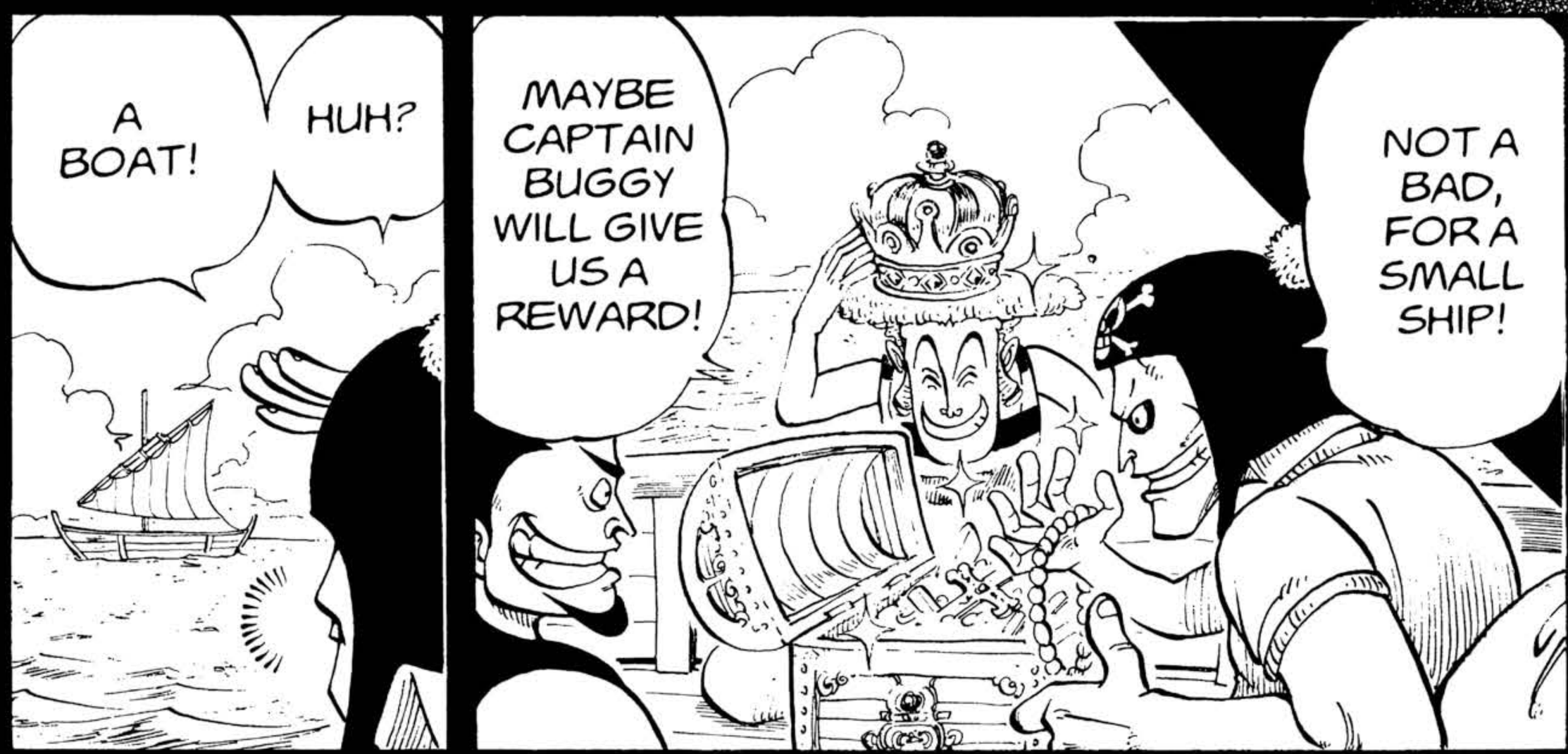
KREEK KREEK
WE'RE SORRY, MR. PIRATE HUNTER ZOLO, SIR! WE DIDN'T REALIZE WHO YOU WERE!!
STROKE!
STROKE!
HEE HEE HEE...

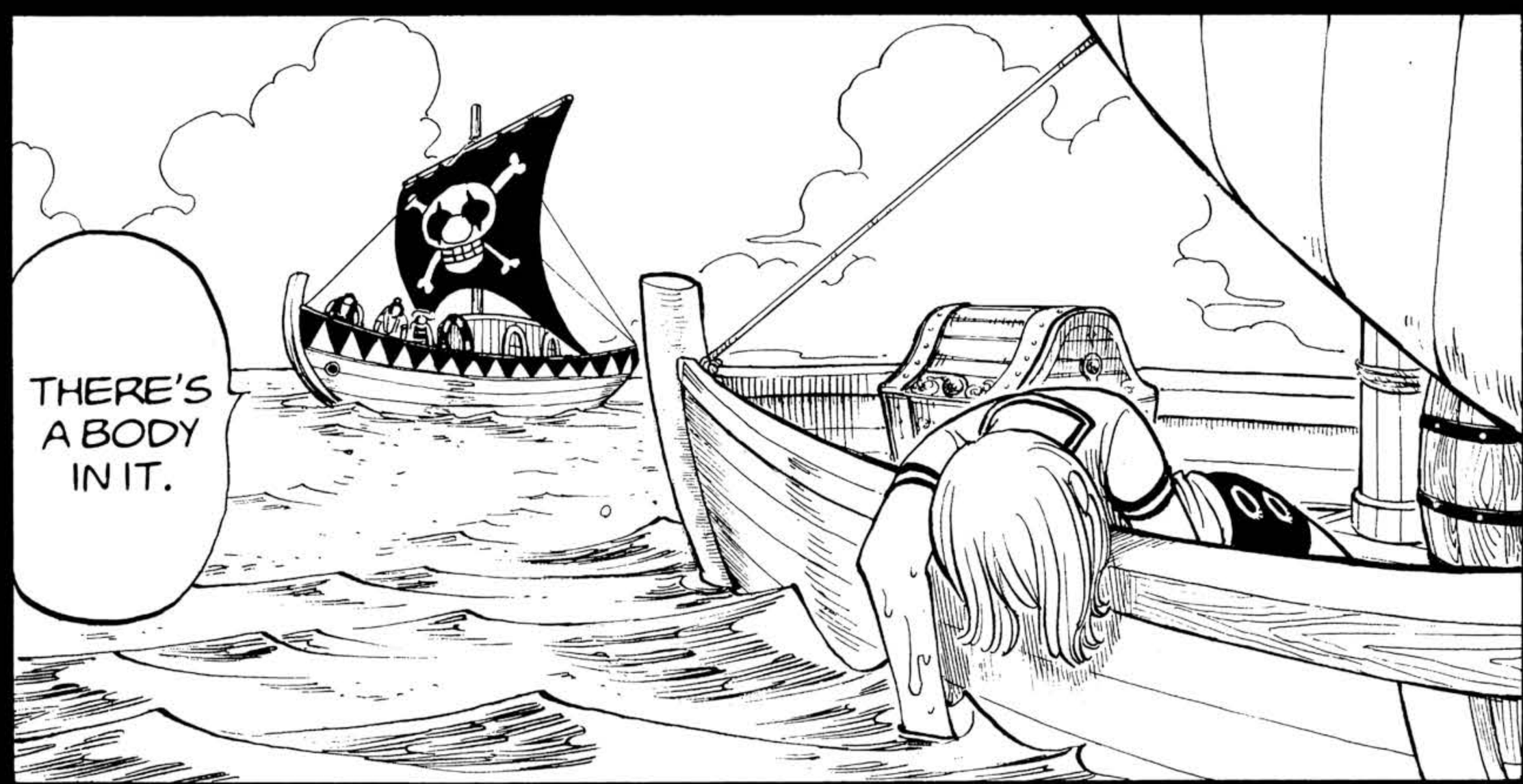

KEEP ROWING. IF THERE'S ANY LAND NEARBY, HE'LL GET THERE.
KREEK
KREEK
YOU JOKERS MADE ME LOSE MY FRIEND!


SHE WAS A REAL LOOKER, THOUGH!!
IT WAS ALL HER FAULT!!!
IT WAS THAT WOMAN!!

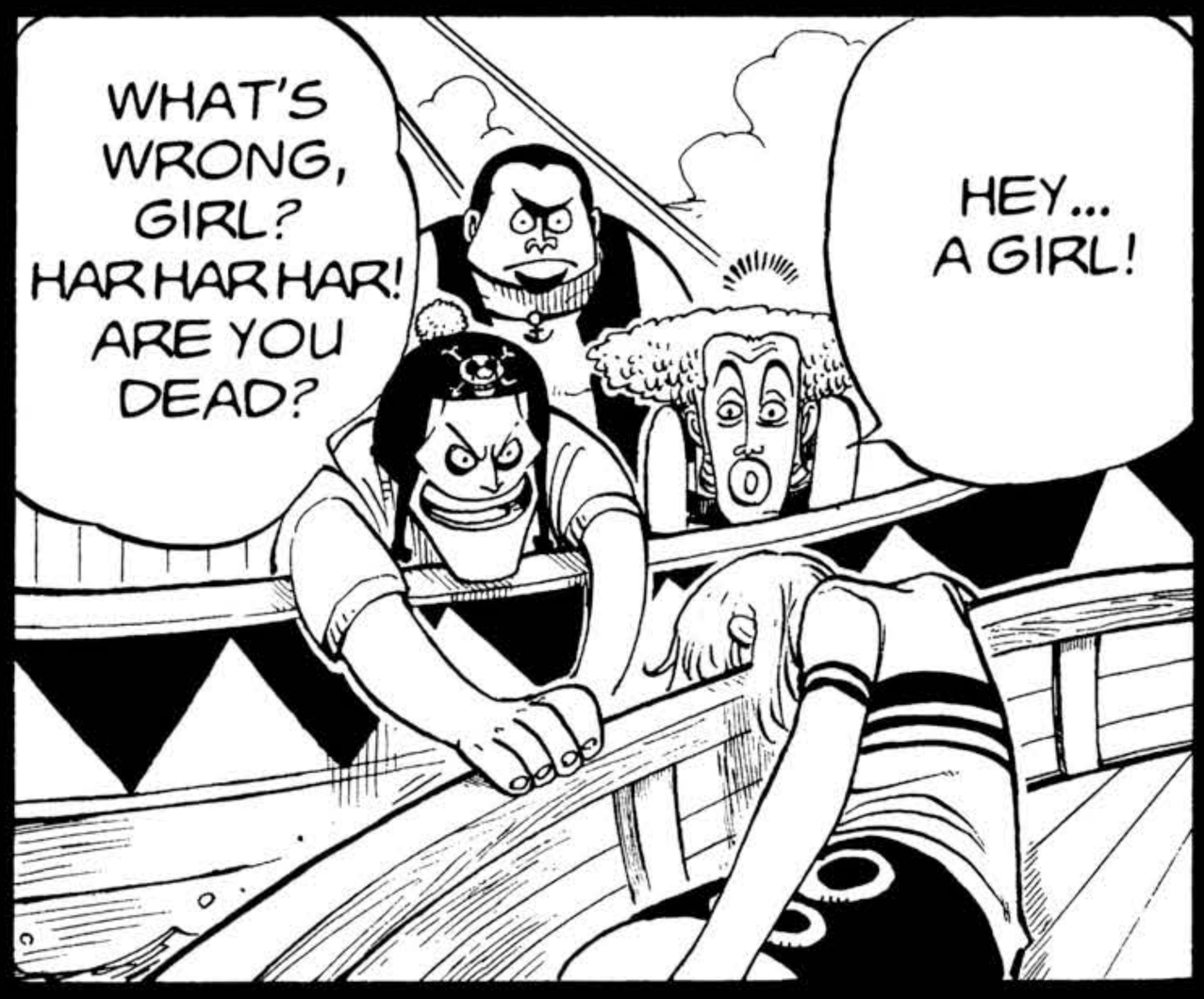

I'LL TELL YOU HOW!!! THANKS FOR REMINDING US!
SO, HOW DID YOU PIRATES END UP SOAKING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN?

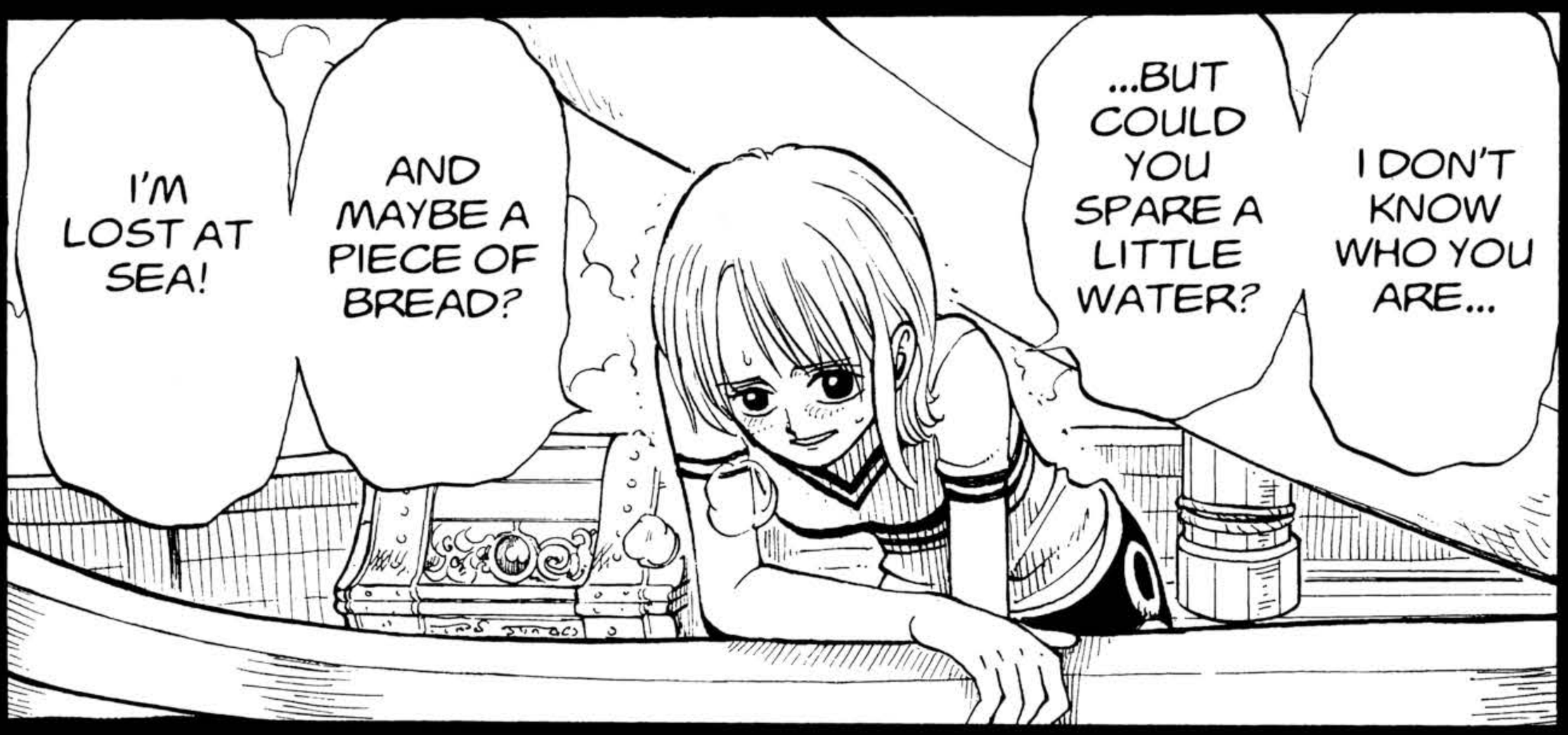

THIS IS A PRETTY GOOD HAUL!
HAR HAR HAR HAR!!
...!
WE HAD JUST FINISHED RAIDING A MERCHANT SHIP...


A BOAT!
HUH?
MAYBE CAPTAIN BUGGY WILL GIVE US A REWARD!
NOT A BAD, FOR A SMALL SHIP!

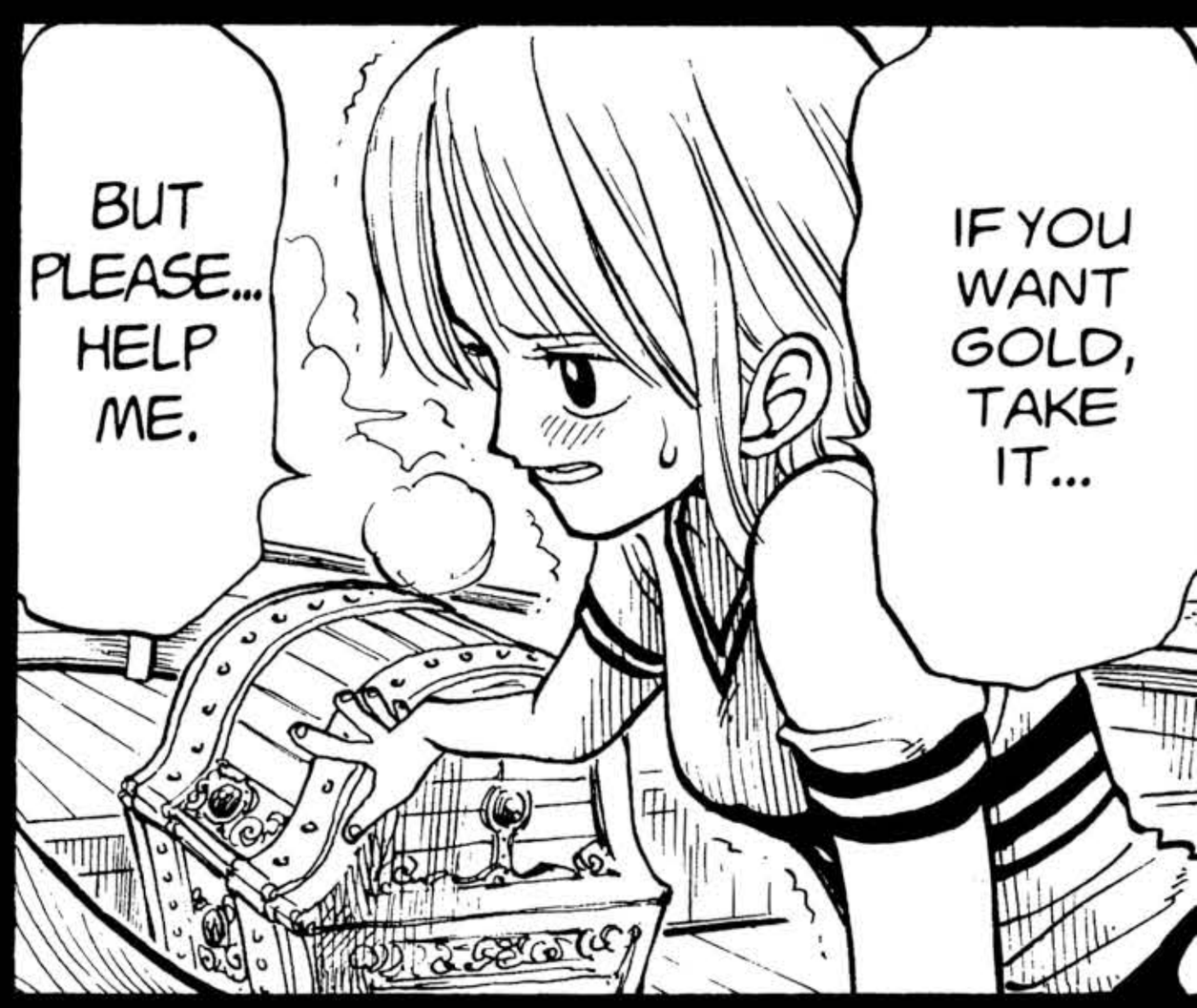

THERE'S A BODY IN IT.

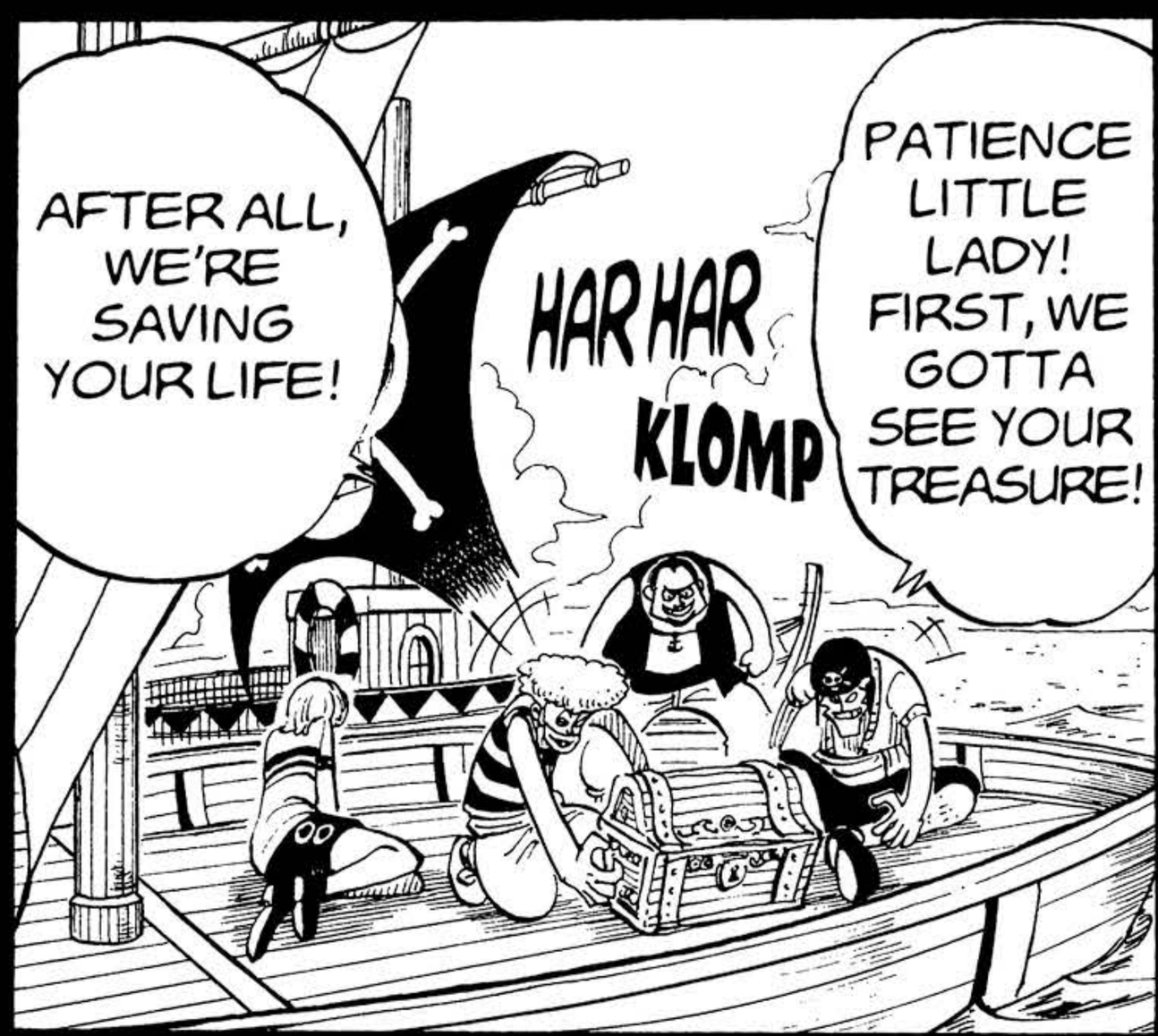
...THERE CAN'T BE ANYONE HERE IN THE VAST SEA...
OH... I'M SEEING THINGS...


WHAT'S WRONG, GIRL? HAR HAR HAR! ARE YOU DEAD?
HEY... A GIRL!


I'M LOST AT SEA!
AND MAYBE A PIECE OF BREAD?
...BUT COULD YOU SPARE A LITTLE WATER?
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE...

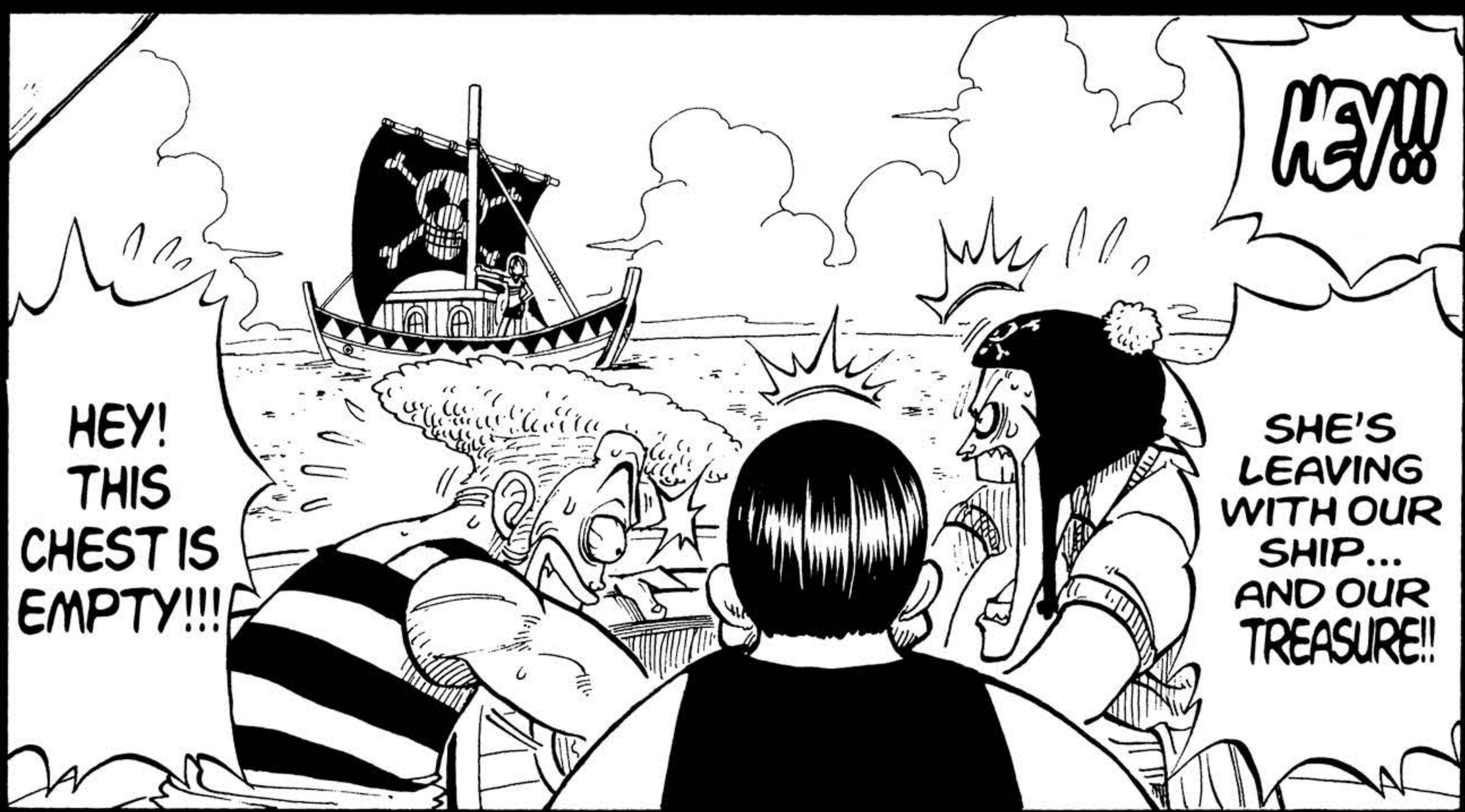
BUT FIRST LET'S JUST TAKE A PEEK IN THAT TREASURE CHEST!
SURE, WE'LL HELP YOU...
PANT
PANT


BUT PLEASE... HELP ME.
IF YOU WANT GOLD, TAKE IT...


AFTER ALL, WE'RE SAVING YOUR LIFE!
HAR HAR
KLOMP
PATIENCE LITTLE LADY! FIRST, WE GOTTA SEE YOUR TREASURE!

BUT PLEASE... SOME WATER!?
GO AHEAD, TAKE WHATEVER YOU WANT...

IT'S ALL YOURS!
HEE HEE
TAKE THE WHOLE SHIP!


HEY!!
HEY! THIS CHEST IS EMPTY!!!
SHE'S LEAVING WITH OUR SHIP... AND OUR TREASURE!!

SMALL VESSELS SHOULD TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST CAPSIZING.

THERE'S A SQUALL LINE HEADING THIS WAY...

THAT MEANS A COLD FRONT, FOLKS...

WITH A STRONG LIKELI-HOOD OF VIOLENT SHOWERS...

SHAOOOO

DARK CLOUDS COMING IN LOW FROM THE SOUTH...

!?

BINGO!

ARRGH!!!

KRAK !!!!

WE'LL GET YOU FOR THIS!

KSSSA

S-SHE TRICKED US!!!

THWAP

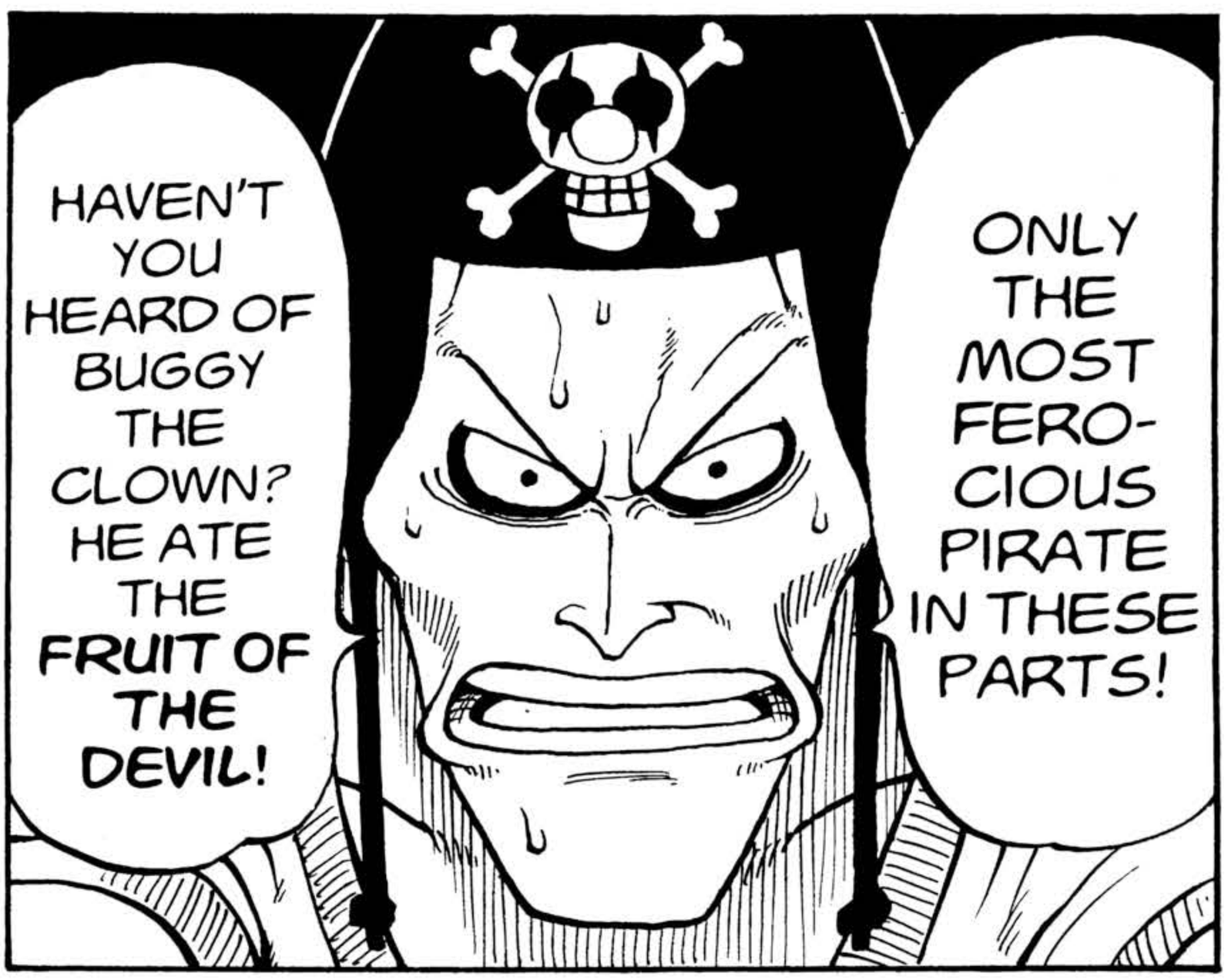
SO LONG! AND THANKS FOR THE TREASURE!

AMAZING. SHE USED THE WEATHER TO HER OWN ADVANTAGE. SHE MUST REALLY KNOW THE SEAS...

JUST AWFUL, AIN'T IT!?

...AND THAT'S THE WHOLE SAD STORY!

SHE'D MAKE A GREAT NAVI-GATOR...



DA DUM

READ THIS WAY
I FINALLY HAVE IT!
KRCH
A MAP OF THE GRAND LINE!!
HUF
TATATATAT
GIVE US BACK THAT MAP!
STOP, THIEF!!
TATATATAT
CAP'N BUGGY! THERE'S SOMETHING ODD IN THE SKY!
IF WE DON'T GET THAT MAP BACK, WE'RE DEAD!
I DON'T WANT TO BE KILLED BY ONE OF THE CAPTAIN'S CANNON-BALLS!
KLOMP
KLOMP
KLOMP
KLOMP
SHOOT IT DOWN WITH THE CANNON!
AYE AYE, SIR!

YABADA

!?

HEY!

!!?

HE FELL FROM THE SKY!!!

I-IT'S A KID!

WHAT!?

FSs

OUCH!

WHO'S SHOOTING CANNON-BALLS AT ME!?

FSs

KBB

AAAHH!

EEEYAA!

?!

I'M ALIVE!

PHEW!

HE'S NOT HURT!!!

FORGET THE GIRL!

HEY! SHE'S GETTING AWAY!

I'LL JUST LET YOU TAKE CARE OF THOSE GUYS!

ZIP!

YOU CAME TO RESCUE ME!

BOSS!

!

...

DOOM

HE'S A BIGGER PRIZE THAN SHE IS!

Hanswurst

?

WE'VE GOT HER BOSS RIGHT HERE!

THAT MAP BELONGS TO THE FEARSOME PIRATE, BUGGY THE CLOWN!!!

HEY...

ISN'T THAT RIGHT... BOSS!?

NA

NO!

HEY!

KRSSH!

CHU

NK

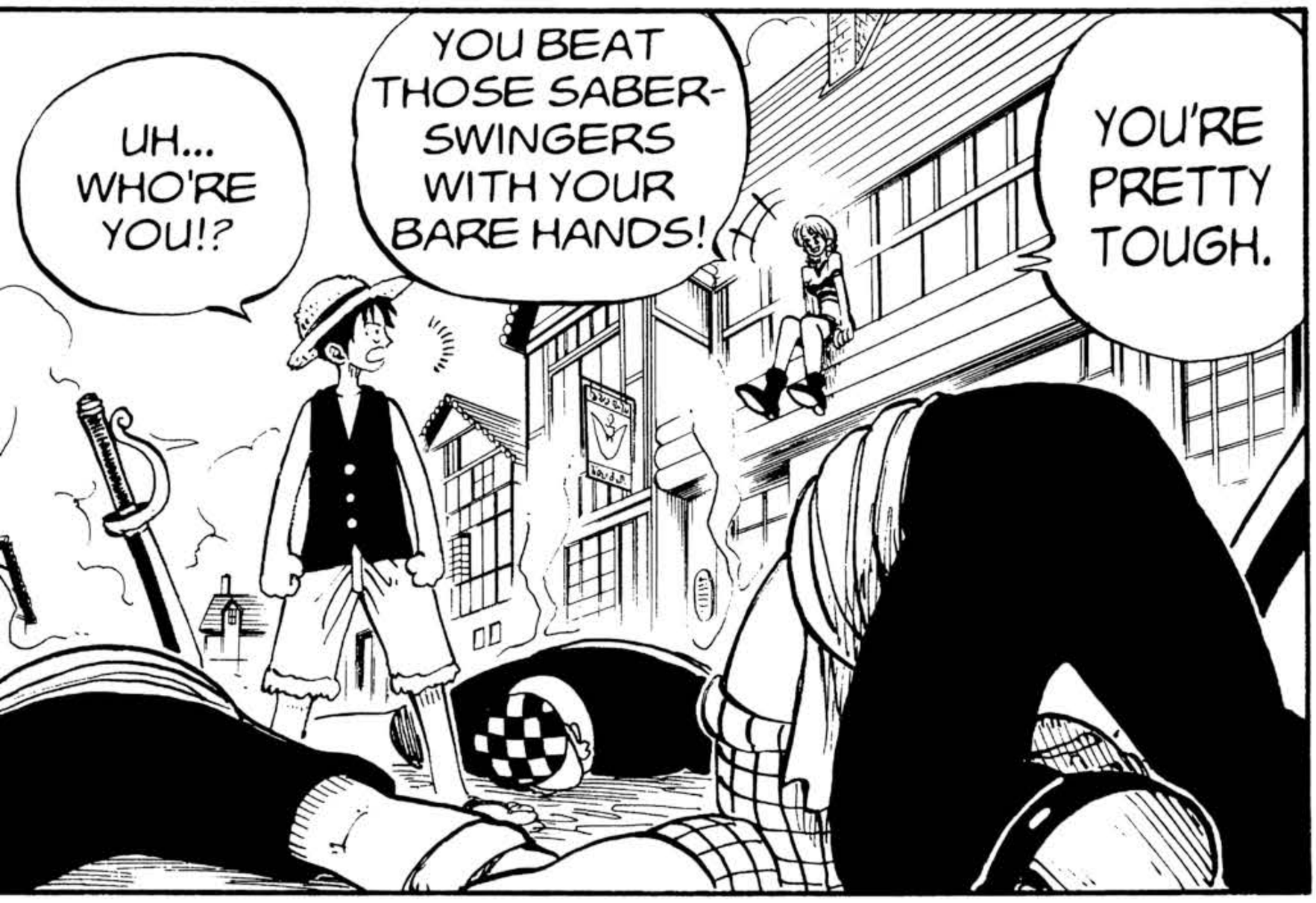
!!!

...THE HAT!

DON'T TOUCH...

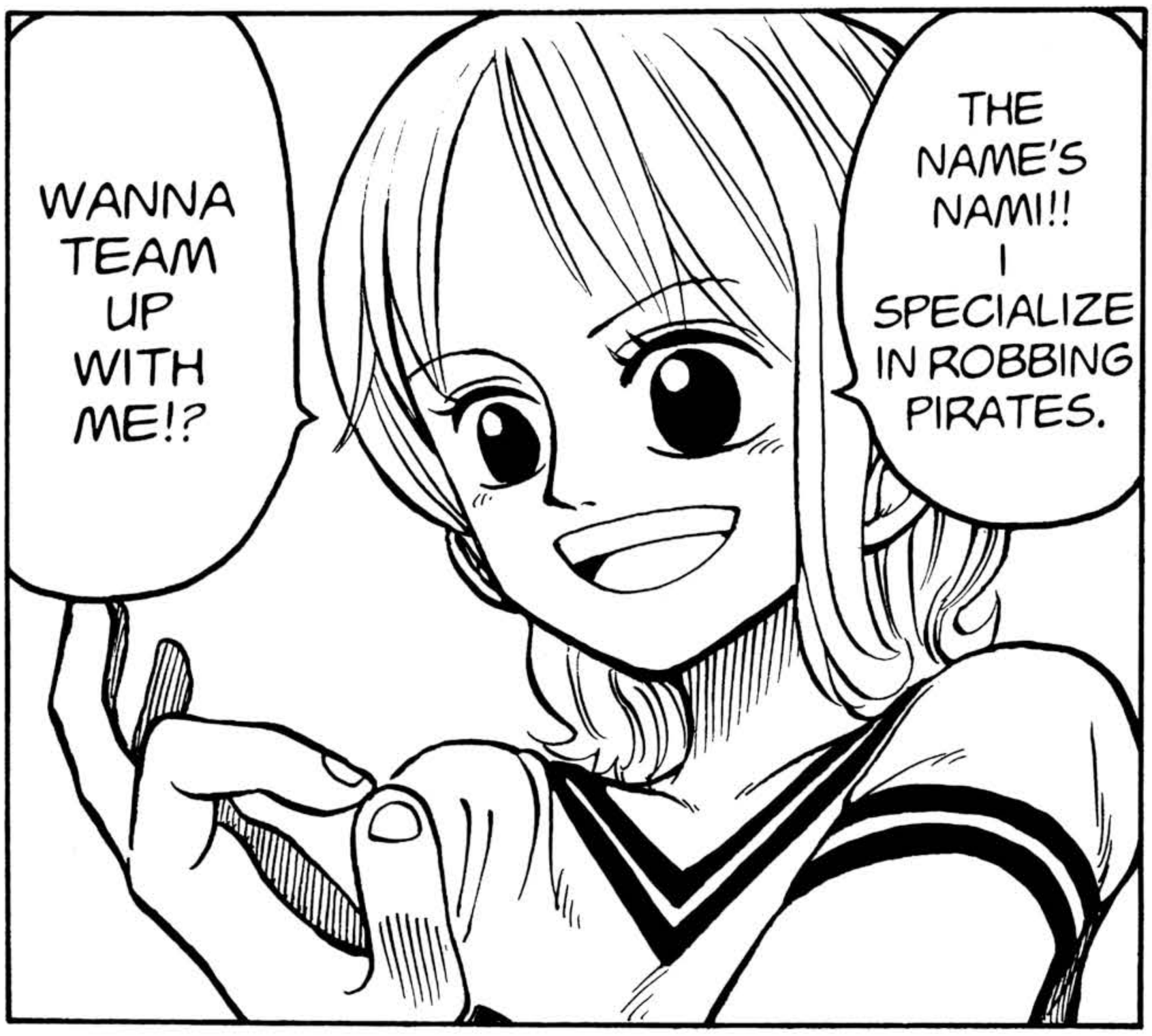
PTT

GRRRRRR
...SCURVY BILGE-RAT!!
WHY YOU...


UH... WHO'RE YOU!?
YOU BEAT THOSE SABER-SWINGERS WITH YOUR BARE HANDS!
YOU'RE PRETTY TOUGH.

WOW!

ROBBING PIRATES?


WANNA TEAM UP WITH ME!?
THE NAME'S NAMI!! I SPECIALIZE IN ROBBING PIRATES.

THE MAKING OF ONE PIECE

Before creating the final version of **One Piece** printed in this graphic novel, Eiichiro Oda drew two early one-shot stories starring Luffy, under the title **Romance Dawn** (the same title used for chapter 1 of the final version). These stories aren't part of the plot of **One Piece**—they're like "alternate universe" versions telling a similar story of Luffy's origin. Here's a page from each of the untranslated early versions.

ROMANCE DAWN: VERSION 1

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Drawn about a year and a half before **One Piece** began, this version was printed in one of the **Shonen Jump Specials** showcasing upcoming artists. In it, Luffy fights a pirate named Jolly of the Crescent Moon. Luffy's origin is the same as in **One Piece**—he gets his treasured straw hat from his idol, Shanks.

ROMANCE DAWN: VERSION 2

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Now the art is more like **One Piece**. Printed as a one-shot in **Weekly Shonen Jump** itself, this version changes Luffy's origin: he gets the Gum-Gum Fruit, and his straw hat, from his grandfather. Oda's explanation: "I didn't want the readers of **Weekly Shonen Jump** to find out about the existence of Shanks because when serialization started, it would lose its impact. Yes, I am a cheeky new artist." In it, Luffy fights a pirate captain who uses magic, a plot element absent from **One Piece** itself.

FACTS ABOUT EIICHIRO ODA

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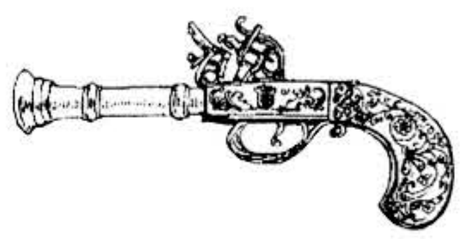
Birthdate:
January 1, 1975
Greek Astrological Sign:
Capricorn
Chinese Astrological Sign:
Rabbit
Blood Type:
A
Favorite Animals:
Big, gentle dogs
Favorite Video Game:
Puyo Puyo
Favorite Music:
'70s soul music
Hidden Talent:
Makes good coffee
Places He's Been:
Japan, America
Favorite Real-Life Pirate:
Blackbeard (Edward Teach)
Interesting Possessions:
Legos, Playmobil, figures, swords, flintlocks, a cow skull

I've been gathering and reading a bunch of reference materials to do this "pirate story." However, the pirates that I admired so much in my youth hardly ever left written records of their history. I guess they were just too busy having fun with their own adventures and they forgot to leave their stories for future generations. That's just the trouble with those darned pirates.

—Eiichiro Oda, 1997



Author/artist Eiichiro Oda began his manga career in 1992 at the age of 17, when his one-shot cowboy manga **Wanted!** won second place in the coveted Tezuka manga awards. Oda went on to work as an assistant to some of the biggest manga artists in the industry, including Nobuhiro Watsuki, before winning the Hop Step Award for new manga artists. His pirate adventure **One Piece**, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** magazine in 1997, quickly became one of the most popular manga in Japan with sales of over 65 million copies.

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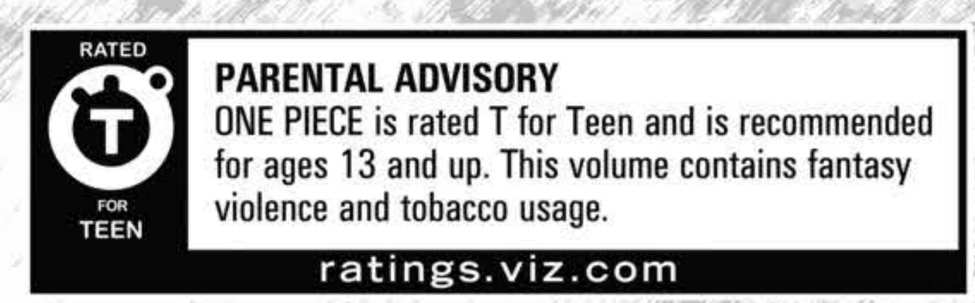
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