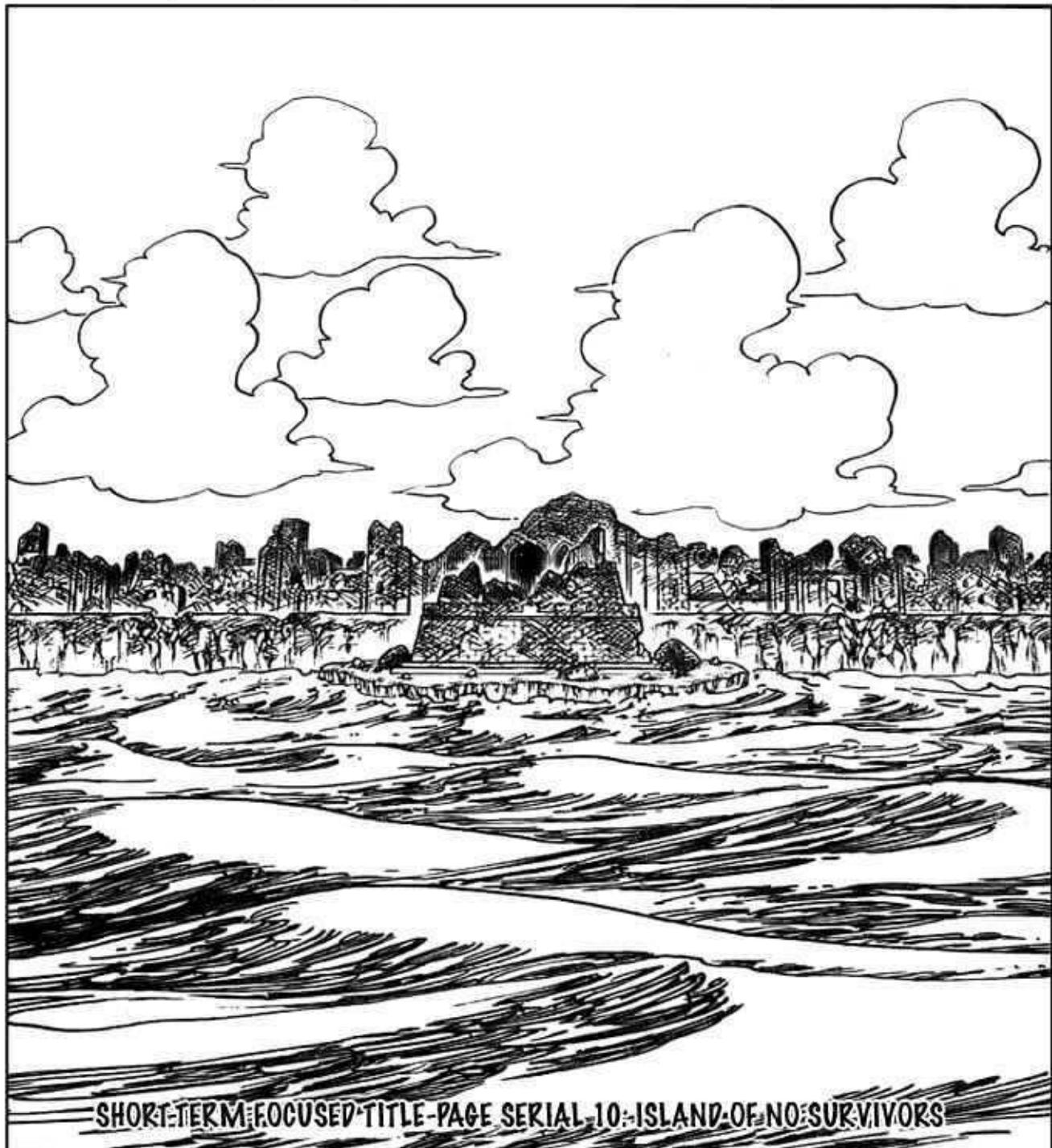




CHAPTER 491: "FLYING FISH RIDERS"



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EIICHIRO ODA

MERMAIDS,
THE DREAM OF
ALL MANKIND!!!
MERMAIDS,
JEWELS OF
THE OCEAN!!!

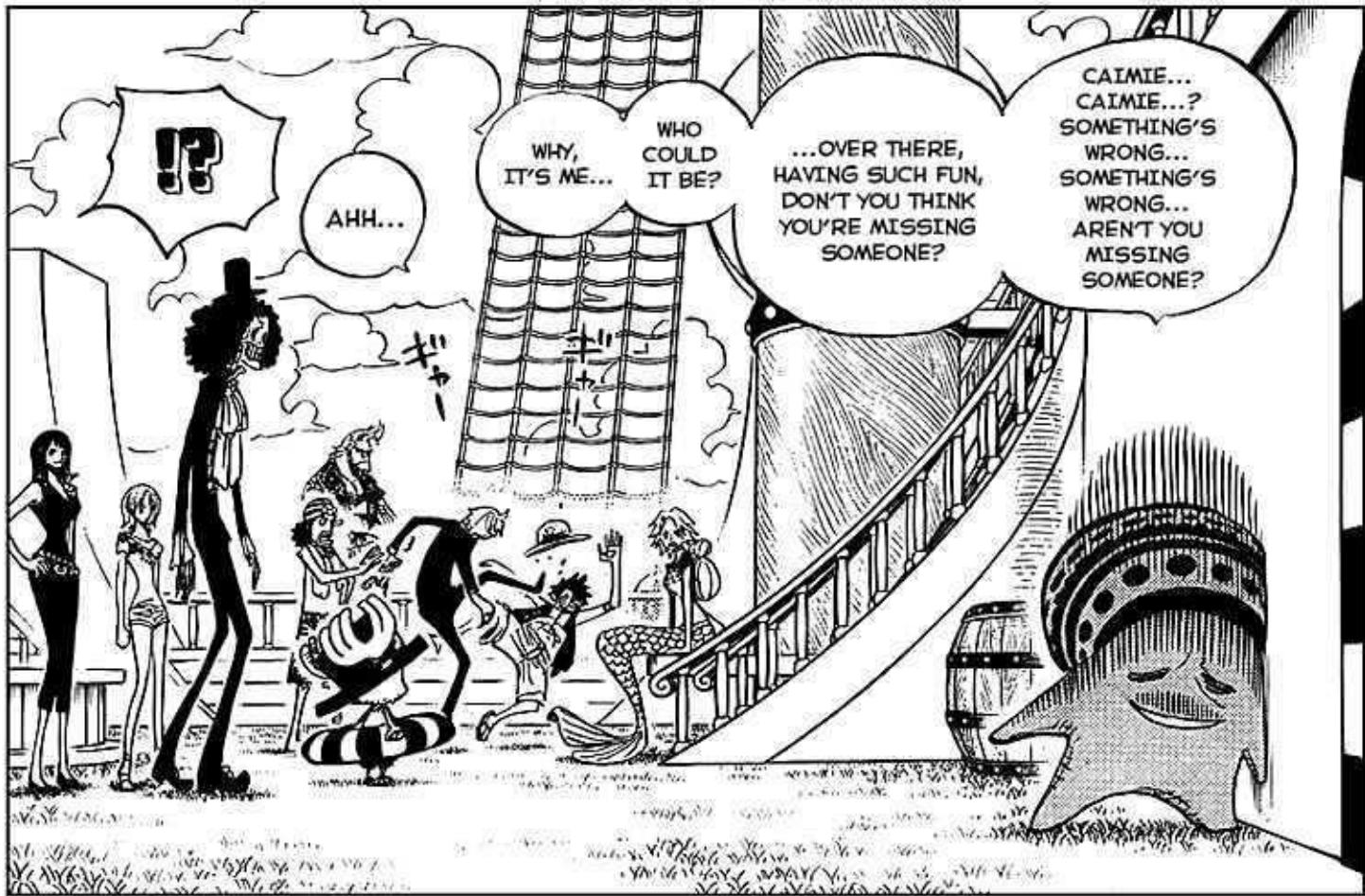
FINALLY,
I HAVE MET
WITH A
REAL LIVE
MERMAID

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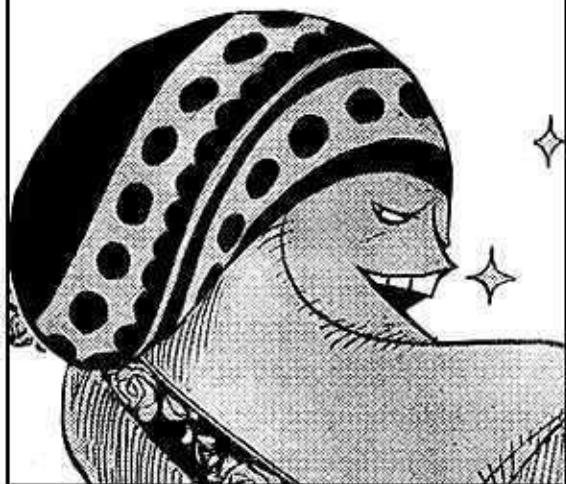
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はっは  
MEEEEEEER-  
MAAAIIIIDS  
~~~~~!♥







WE'VE GOT ENOUGH 'HANDS'
AROUND HERE~~~!♪



AM I A HUMAN~~? I'M A STARFISH, BUT I'M NOT A HUMAN~~!♪

NOT A HUMAN~~? I'M NOT A HUMAN, BUT I AM A STARFISH~~!♪

ARE YOU REALLY BUSY~~~? OH, NO...



[TN: THE ENTIRE SONG IS A GIGANTIC PUN. "HITODE" IS "STARFISH", AND "HITO" IS HUMAN. THROW IN A BIT OF JAPANESE GRAMMAR, AND YOU CAN TWIST "I'M A HUMAN" AND "I'M A STARFISH" TO SOUND IDENTICAL, HENCE ALL THE WORDPLAY IN THE FIRST TWO "VERSES". THE LAST VERSE IS A PUN ON "HITODE" ALSO MEANING "HANDS".]



AH, THE WORLD
WORKS IN
STRANGE AND
FRIGHTENING
WAYS!!!

...DOES
IT REALLY
WORK LIKE
THAT?

THAT'S JUST HOW
THIS WORLD IS!!!

BY THE TIME
I REALISED I
WAS A STARFISH,
I WAS ALREADY
SPEAKING HUMAN-
LANGUAGE!

A VERY
GOOD QUESTION!!
...BACK WHEN I
WAS A KID, I
USED TO
THINK I WAS
A HUMAN...

SERIOUSLY...
WHY CAN YOU
TALK?

AN
UP-AND-COMING
DESIGNER!!!
THANK YOU ALL
FOR COMING
TO MY AID!!!

I LOVE
ALL OF YOU
GUYS!!!

SO AS YOU
CAN SEE!! I AM
PAPPAGG THE
STARFISH!!!

BUT THIS
REALLY IS GREAT
TIMING! WE WERE
JUST HAVING A
BIT OF TROUBLE.

THERE'S
SOMETHING
WE NEED
TO ASK-

PAPPAGG
THE STARFISH
(DESIGNER OF THE
CRIMINAL BRAND)

SORRY I GOT
KIND OF LOST...
WHERE ARE YOU
RIGHT NOW?

HELLO
THERE, HACCHIN?
THIS IS CAIMIE!

OH, YES, OF COURSE!
YOU MUST HAVE SOME
TAKOYAKI AS THANKS!
WE'LL HAVE TO MEET UP
WITH HACCHIN
SOMEWHERE...

OI, NAMI!!
THE TAKOYAKI
COMES FIRST!!

HACCHIN?

だよー!!

RING-RING,
RING-RING,
RING-RING
KA-
CHUNK!!

OH,
CAIMIE, IS IT...?
MOHAHAHAH...
DO YOU KNOW TO
WHOM YOU ARE
SPEAKING?

THIS AIN'T
HACHI, YOU
KNOW!!!



HMPH!!
WHAT ON EARTH
ARE YOU DOING
WITH HACCHIN'S
DEN-DEN MUSHI?!

IT
SOUNDS LIKE
SOMETHING'S
WRONG...

THIS IS
MAKURO!!
THE FAMOUS
IDIOTIC
MAKURO
CREW!!

WHAAAAA?!!
THIS ISN'T
HACCHIN~~~?!!

DON'T SAY
"IDIOTIC"
YOURSELF!!

WELL, I GUESS
YOU'RE RIGHT...
USUALLY, WE'D
BE NO MATCH
FOR THE GUY...

BUT THIS TIME,
WE HAD THE
"FLYING FISH
RIDERS"
ON OUR SIDE!!
MOHAMOHAHAH!!

WHY, BECAUSE
WE'VE BEATEN
UP YOUR
PRECIOUS HACHI,
OF COURSE,
MOHAHAHAH!!

NO WAY!!
HACCHIN WOULD
NEVER BE
DEFEATED BY THE
LIKES OF YOU!!



...HIS VOICE
SEEMED
AWFULY
FAMILIAR....!!

...WAIT A MINUTE...
THAT "HACCHIN"
GUY WHO WAS ON
THE DEN-DEN MUSHI
JUST NOW...

MAYBE
IT'S
JUST ME...
IT COULDN'T
BE...

THIS ISN'T
THE TIME!!!

AND THE
TAKOYAKI?

I DON'T MEAN
TO INTERFERE,
BUT IF YOU'RE GOING
TO TRY AND SAVE
YOUR FRIEND FROM
THOSE KIDNAPPERS...

WAIT A
MINUTE NOW,
CAIMIE!

HUUUHH?!

I HAVE TO GO
AND RESCUE A
FRIEND OF MINE,
RIGHT NOW!!

I'M SORRY!!
LUFFY-CHIN,
CAN I GIVE YOU
THE TAKOYAKI
SOME OTHER
TIME?!

WE'D BE GLAD
TO HELP YOU OUT!

HUH?!

ARE YOU
SURE, NAMI-
CHIN?!

TO GET TO
FISHMAN
ISLAND!
HOW ABOUT
IT?

AND IN
RETURN, YOU
CAN SHOW US
THE WAY...

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?!

THESE
GUYS WILL
HELP YOU
OUT.

AH, WELL,
TO BE MORE
ACCURATE...

WE HAVE TO SAVE HIM!!!
ALL RIGHT, MEN!!!
WE'RE RESCUING THE
TAKOYAKI IF WE DIE
IN THE PROCESS!!!



HE RUNS THE
TAKOYAKI SHOP
WHERE I WORK!!

SOUNDS
FINE.
BUT WHO
IS HACCHIN
ANYWAY?

YOU'LL
REALLY HELP
ME GET HACCHIN
OUT OF THERE?!
LUFFY-CHIN...

WE MAKE
THE TASTIEST
TAKOYAKI IN
THE WORLD!!

FIVE
KILOMETRES
BEFORE WE
REACH THE
ARCHIPELAGO
PROPER...
WE JUST HAVE
TO HEAD DUE
WEST.

IF WE JUST
HEAD TOWARDS
THE SHABONDY
ARCHIPELAGO,
WE SHOULD REACH
THIS PLACE ON
THE WAY.

GROVE 44
IS AN ISLAND
AT THE VERY
EASTERN
EDGE OF THE
ARCHIPELAGO.

LET'S
SEE.....

SOUNDS
LIKE IT'S
OKAY WITH
THEM! YOU
KNOW WHERE
TO GO?

AND WE
CAN LEAVE
THE REST TO
THE FISH.



HEEEY!

LET'S GO,
THEN!!

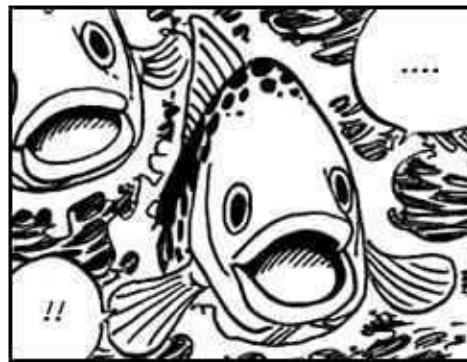
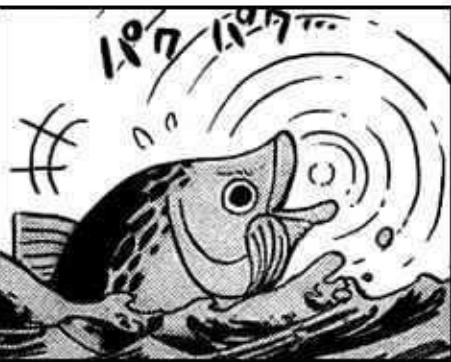
MM,
SOUNDS
ABOUT
RIGHT.

WE'D LIKE
YOU TO GIVE US
DIRECTIONS!!

WHOOOA!
LOTS OF FISH
APPEARED!!

?!
.....

!!



WOW, CAIMIE!!
WITH YOU AROUND, WE
COULD EAT AS MUCH
FISH AS WE WANT!!

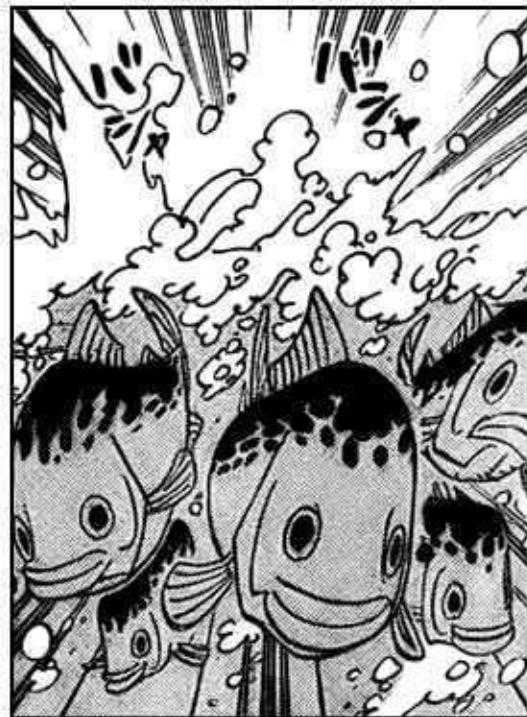
TRY WATCHING
WHAT YOU SAY.
DUMBASS.

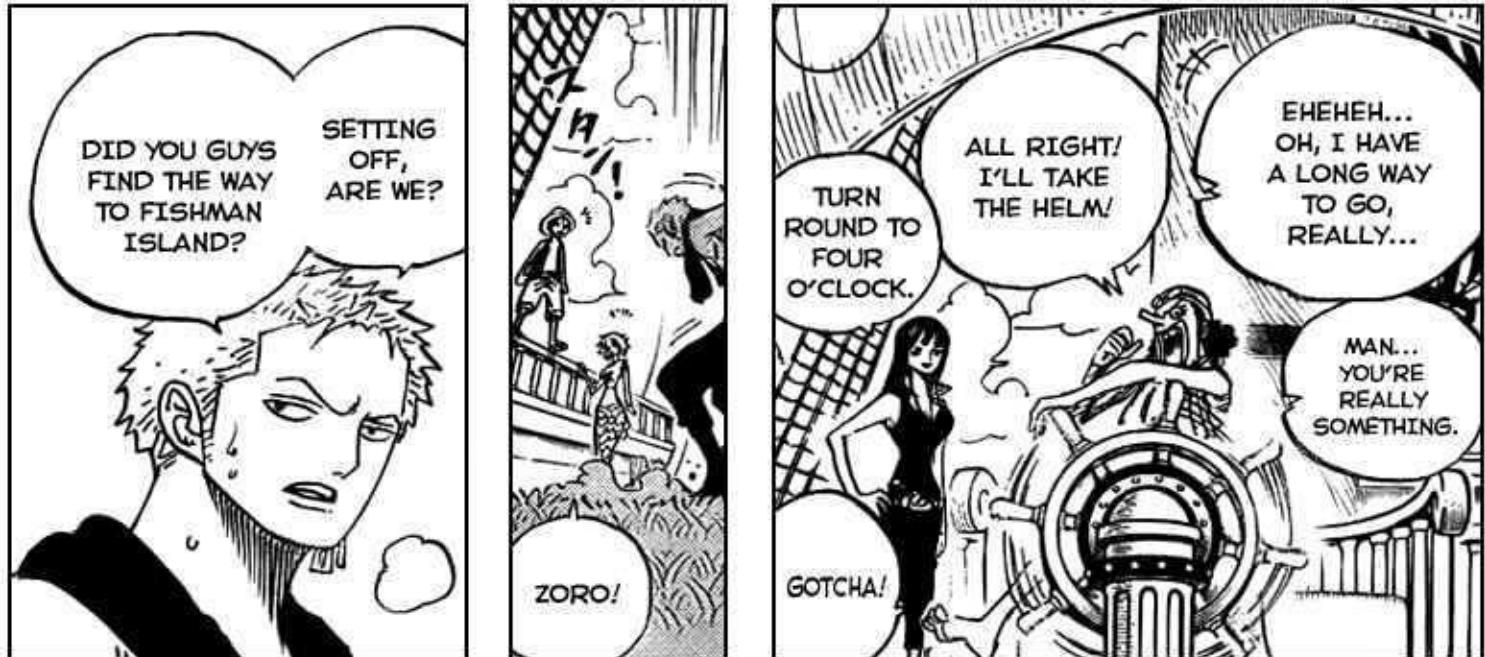
BUT WAIT,
HOW CAN THEY HEAR
YOU WHEN THEY'RE
UNDERWATER?

AMAZING!!
YOU CAN TALK
TO FISH!! I
DIDN'T KNOW
MERMAIDS
COULD DO
THAT!

SO THEY
WON'T GO
TOO CLOSE
THEMSELVES,
BUT THEY'LL
SHOW US
THE WAY!

APPARENTLY,
THEY'RE SCARED
OF THOSE FLYING
FISH GUYS...





TRADING IN HUMAN BEINGS IS BIG BUSINESS AROUND HERE.

BUYING AND SELLING PEOPLE?!? ...THAT'S JUST NOT RIGHT.

I SHOULD PROBABLY WARN YOU - IT'S NOT JUST THE ONE GANG OF KIDNAPPERS AROUND THESE PARTS.

THE "SHABONDY ARCHIPELAGO" IS HOME TO MANY MORE SUCH GANGS!!

WELL, SINCE WE WERE EATEN BY THAT BEAST AND DIDN'T COME BACK FOR A WHILE...

AS FOR HACHI FROM THE TAKOYAKI SHOP...

...HE PROBABLY THOUGHT THE MAKURO CREW HAD GOT THEIR HANDS ON US, AND WENT AFTER THEM HIMSELF.

AND SINCE MERMAIDS CAN FETCH A PARTICULARLY HIGH PRICE...

THE "MAKURO CREW", A GANG OF THREE FISHMEN, HAVE BEEN AFTER CAIMIE FOR SOME TIME NOW.

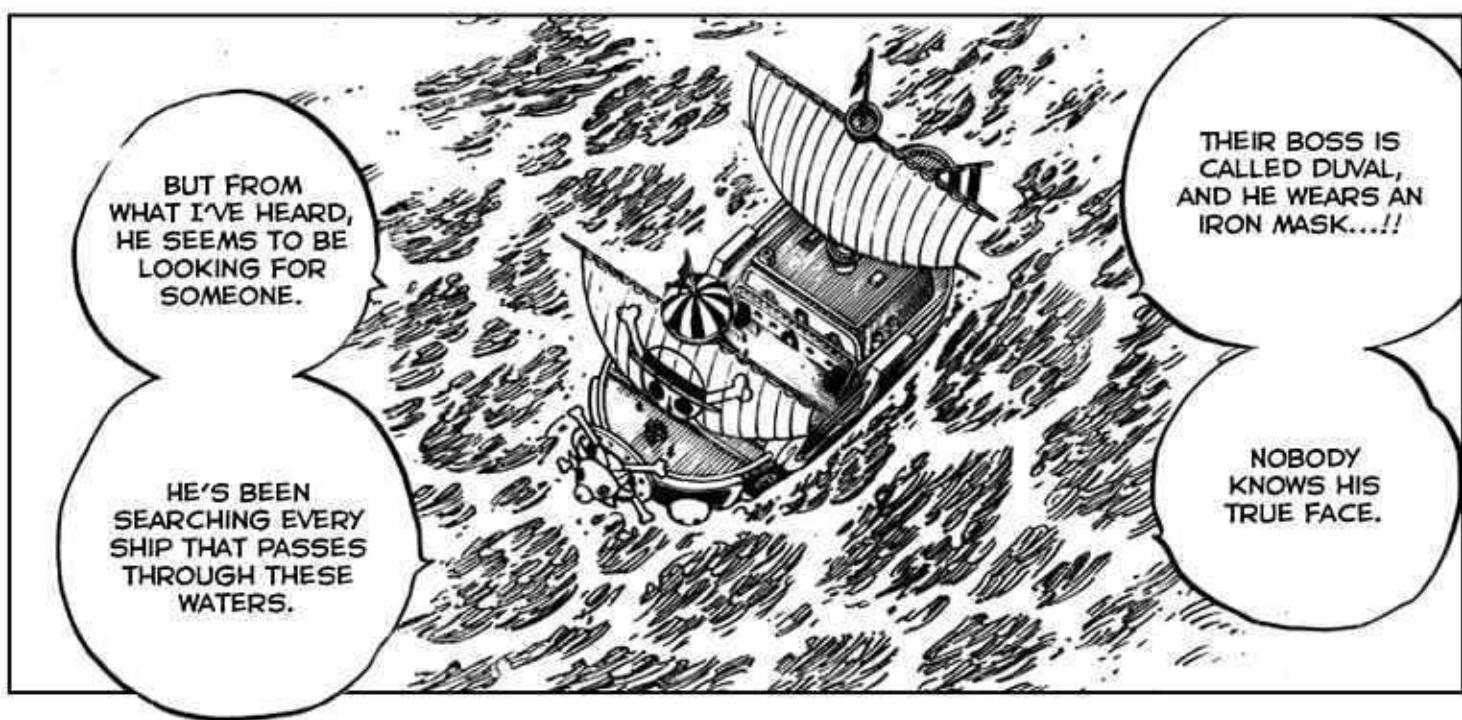
YEAH... IF IT'S HIM, I WOULDN'T REALLY WANT TO SAVE HIM... NOT THAT IT COULD BE, REALLY...

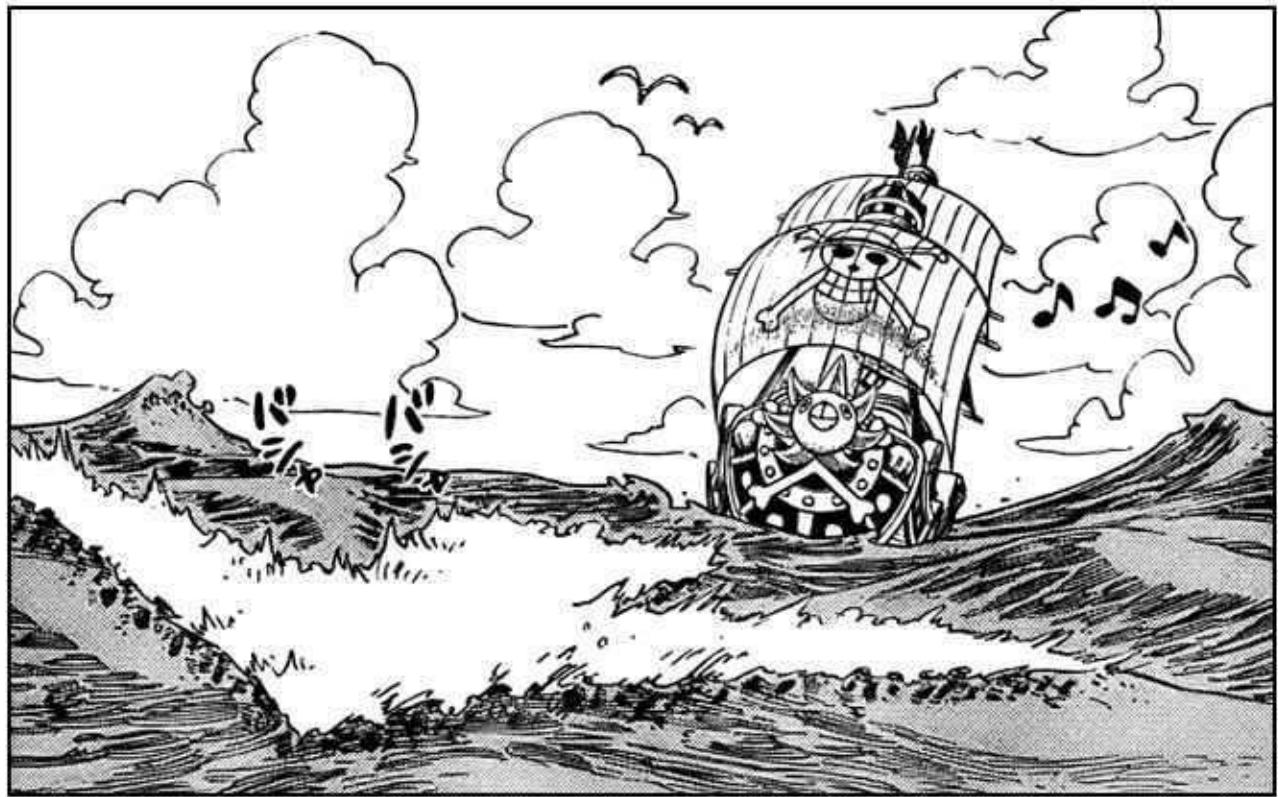
...KINDA REMINDS ME OF AN IDIOT FISHMAN WE RAN INTO ONCE.....

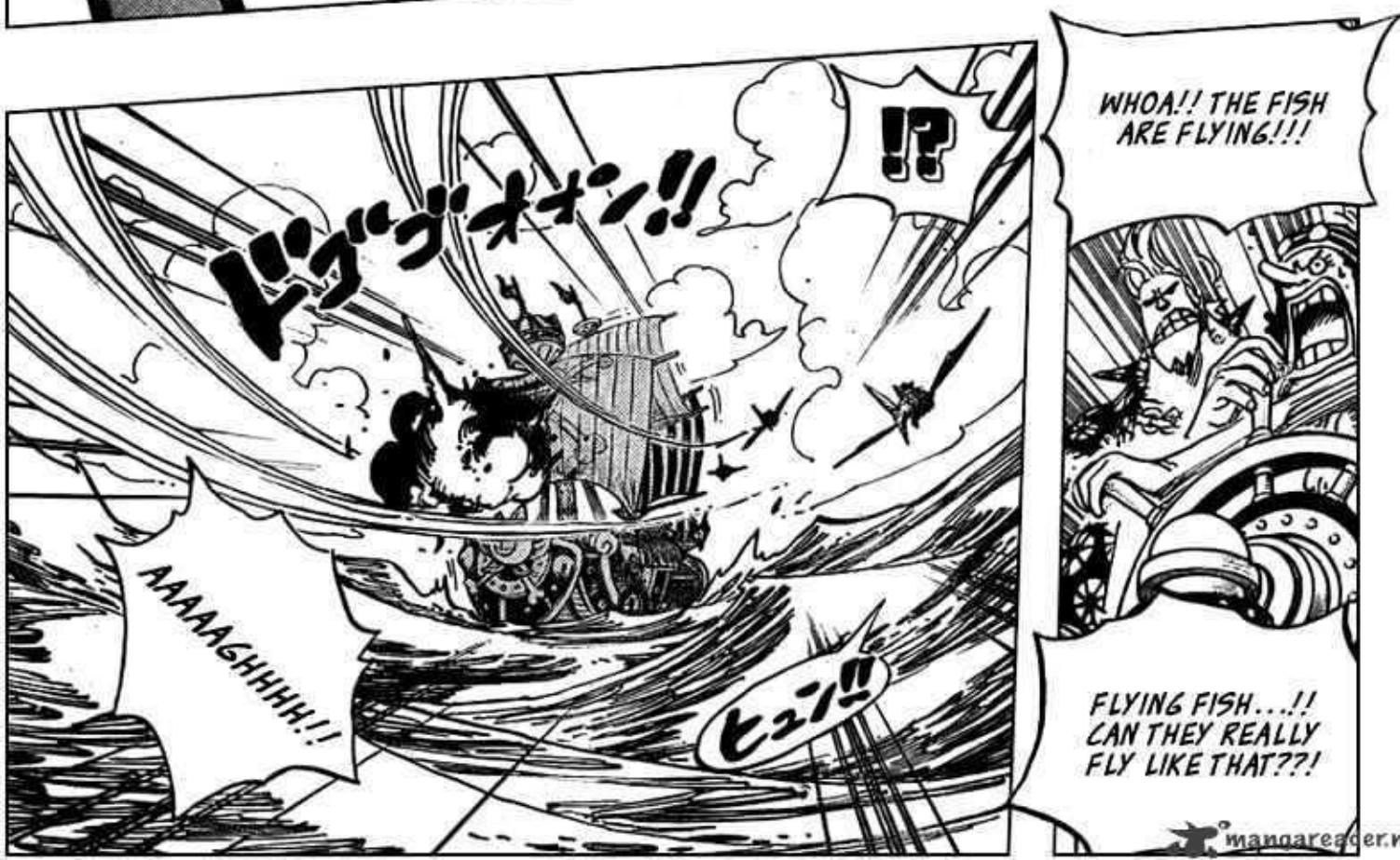
YOU SAY HE'S AN OCTOPUS, AND HE'S CALLED HACHI...

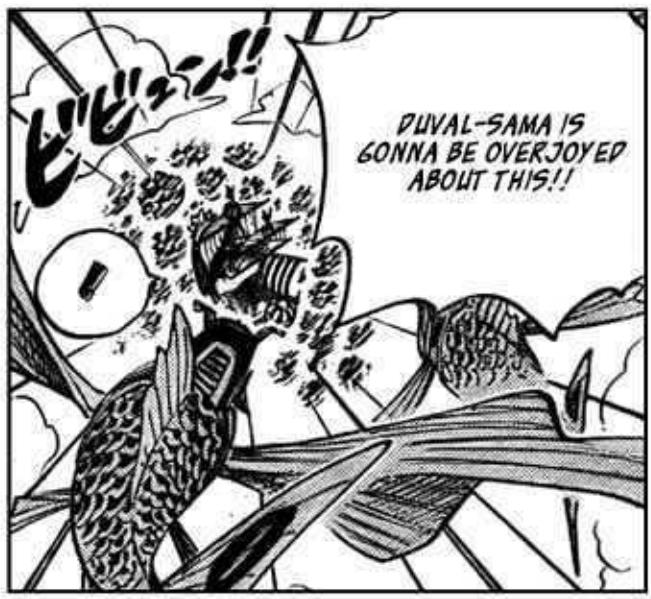
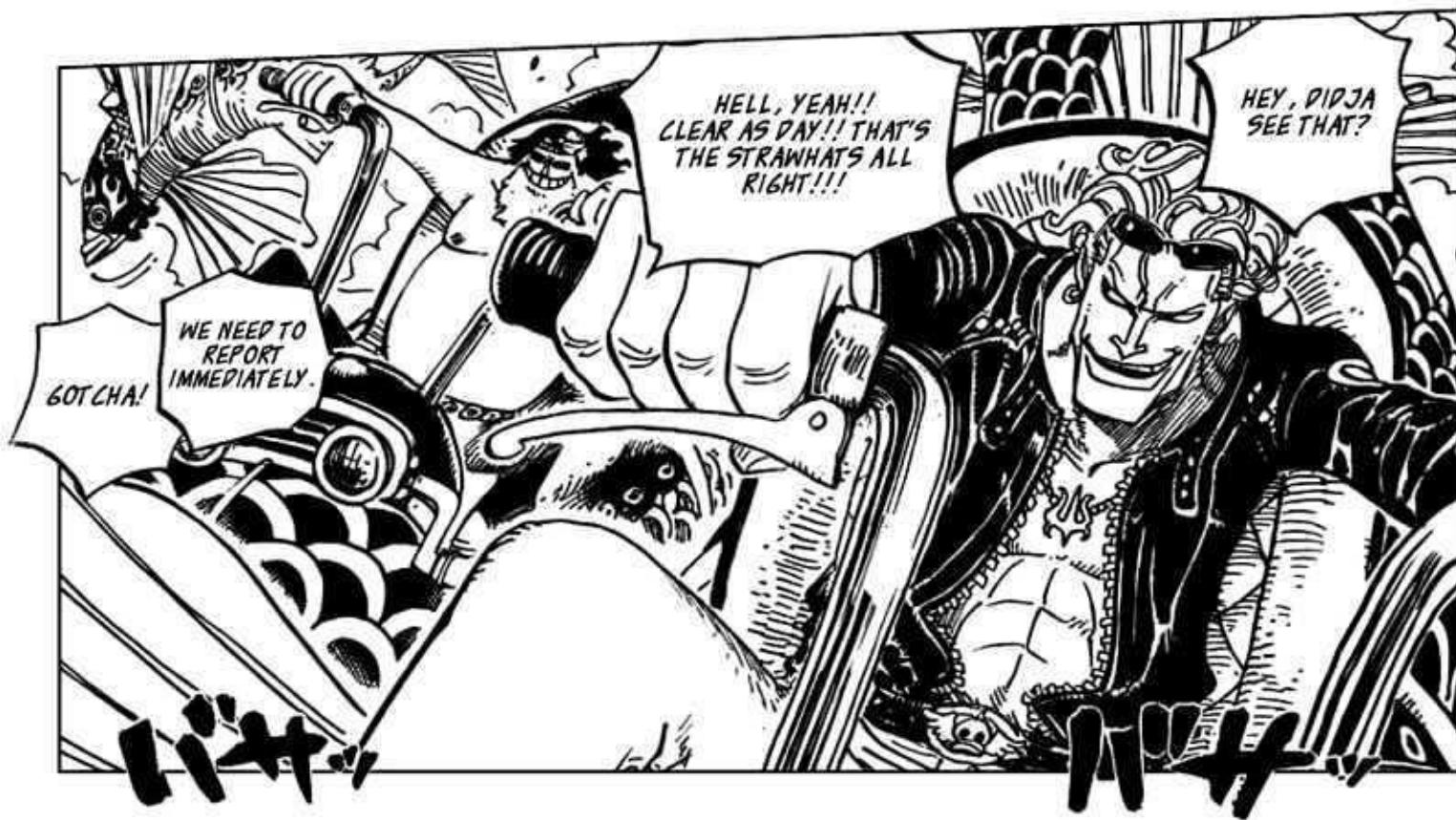
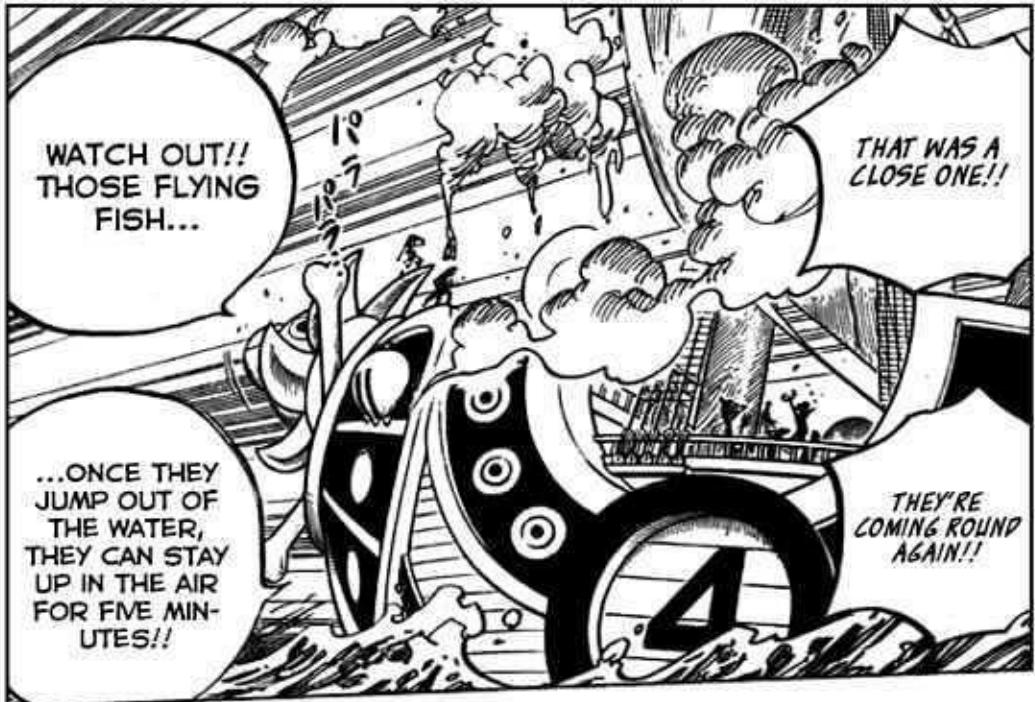
YES... THAT MUST BE IT... HACCHIN IS SUCH A KIND, HONEST PERSON...

IT'S ALL MY FAULT.









LOOKS LIKE SHE'S
ON A PIRATE SHIP
RIGHT NOW.....

THE MERMAID...
WHO YOU WERE
LURING TO THE
BASE.

YESSIR!
MASTER
DUVAL!!

YOU...
MAKURO
CREW.....

HUH?! CAIMIE?! ON
A PIRATE SHIP?!

BASE OF
THE FLYING
FISH RIDERS

I HAD
TIRED OF
WAITING...

AHHHH...!!

THAT PIRATE
SHIP... IS THE
SHIP WHICH I
HAVE BEEN
SEARCHING FOR
ALL THIS
TIME...!!!

.....I WILL KILL
HIM.....!!!
THE MAN WHO
DESTROYED MY
LIFE...!

A TERRIBLE IRON MASK
LIES IN WAIT...!!



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