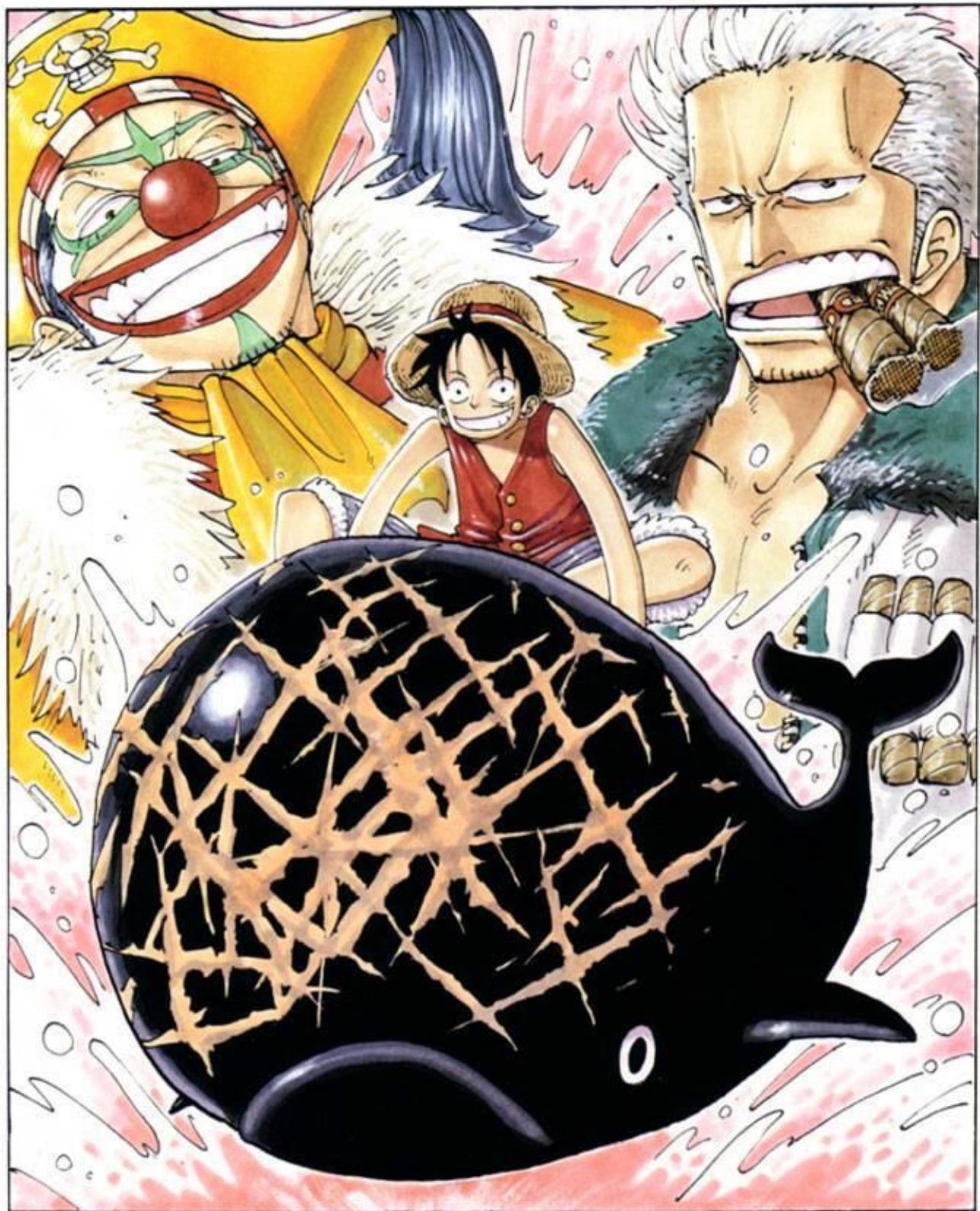


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IT'S COMMON COURTESY TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF BEFORE ASKING OTHERS QUESTIONS, YOU KNOW?

AND JUST WHERE THIS PLACE EXACTLY IS?

HEY OLD MAN, WOULD YOU MIND TELLING US JUST WHO YOU ARE,

NOW, NOW, DON'T GET SO WORKED UP.

THAT GRAMPS THINKS HE CAN MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME...!?

CALM DOWN.

NOBODY MINDS IF I KILL HIM, RIGHT!?

I'M 71 YEARS OLD, A GEMINI, AND TYPE AB BLOOD.

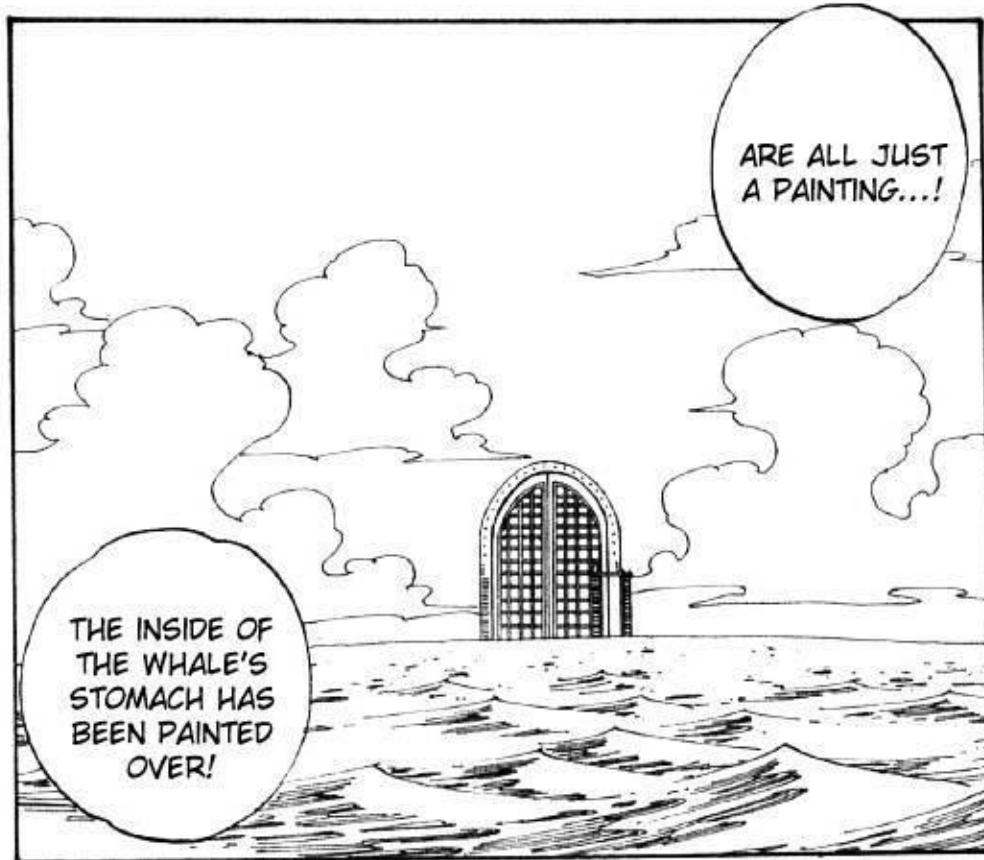
MY NAME IS CROCUS, THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER OF TWIN CAPES.

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

OH RIGHT...

DOES THIS PLACE LOOK LIKE THE STOMACH OF A MOUSE!?

YOU'RE WONDERING WHERE THIS PLACE IS? YOU FIRST TRESPASS IN MY PRIVATE RESORT AND THEN START MOUTHING OFF WITH THAT ATTITUDE!?



SO THEN THIS OCEAN IS ACTUALLY STOMACH ACID!? IF WE STAY HERE ANY LONGER THAN THIS, OUR SHIP WILL BE DISSOLVED!

LOOK! THAT'S NO ISLAND EITHER! IT'S A SHIP! AN IRON ONE AT THAT, TOO!

HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON!
GIVE US AN EXPLANATION!

SO HE'S STARTED AGAIN, HAS HE...

WHAT!?

HAS STARTED BASHING HIS HEAD AGAINST THE RED LINE AGAIN...!

THIS WHALE,

IT MEANS HE'S SUFFERING...!

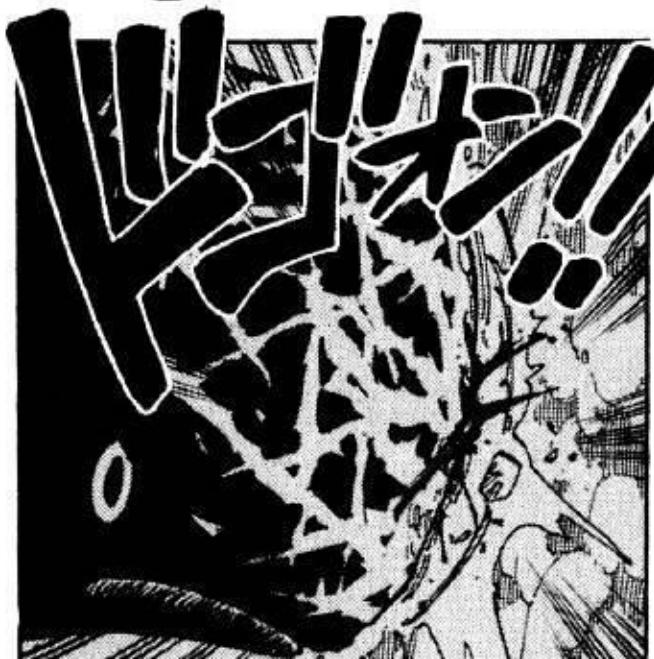
WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

NOW THAT HE MENTIONS IT... I REMEMBER THAT WHALE'S FOREHEAD WAS COVERED IN SCARS...!

...AND HE WAS BELLOWING UP AT THE SKY!



BUO
OHH
HHH!



THAT'S RIGHT.
I DON'T HAVE
ANYTHING AGAINST
WHALING AND
IT'S NOT LIKE
WE'RE OBLIGATED
TO SAVE THIS
WHALE, EITHER.

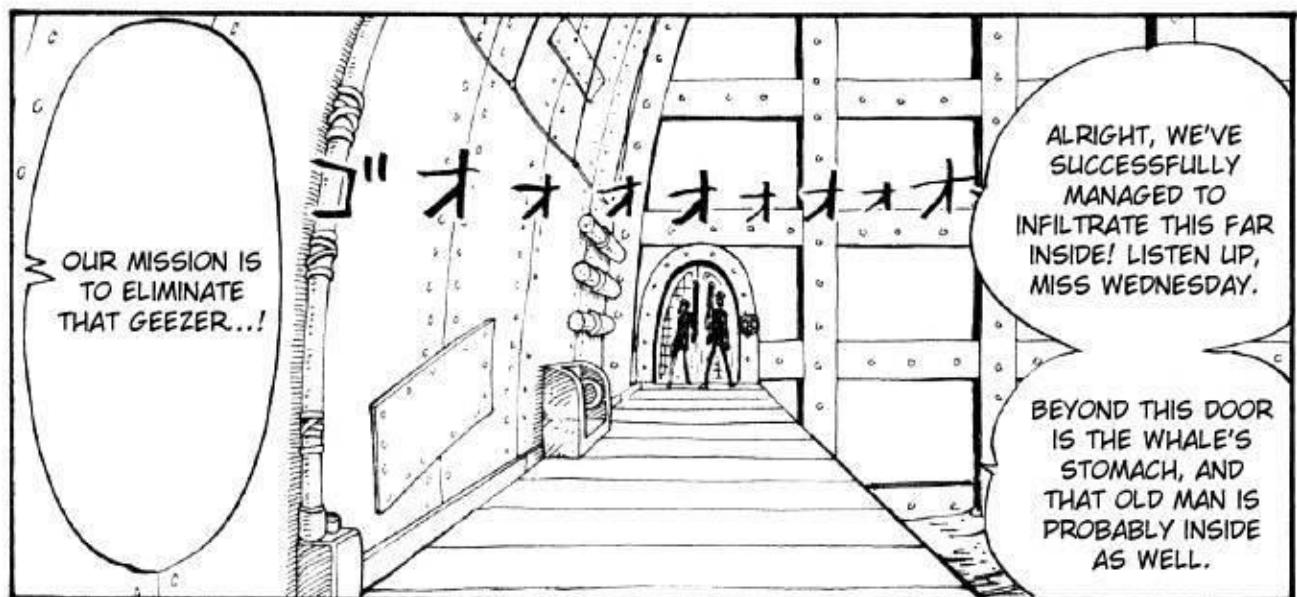
SO LET'S JUST
GET OUT OF HERE.

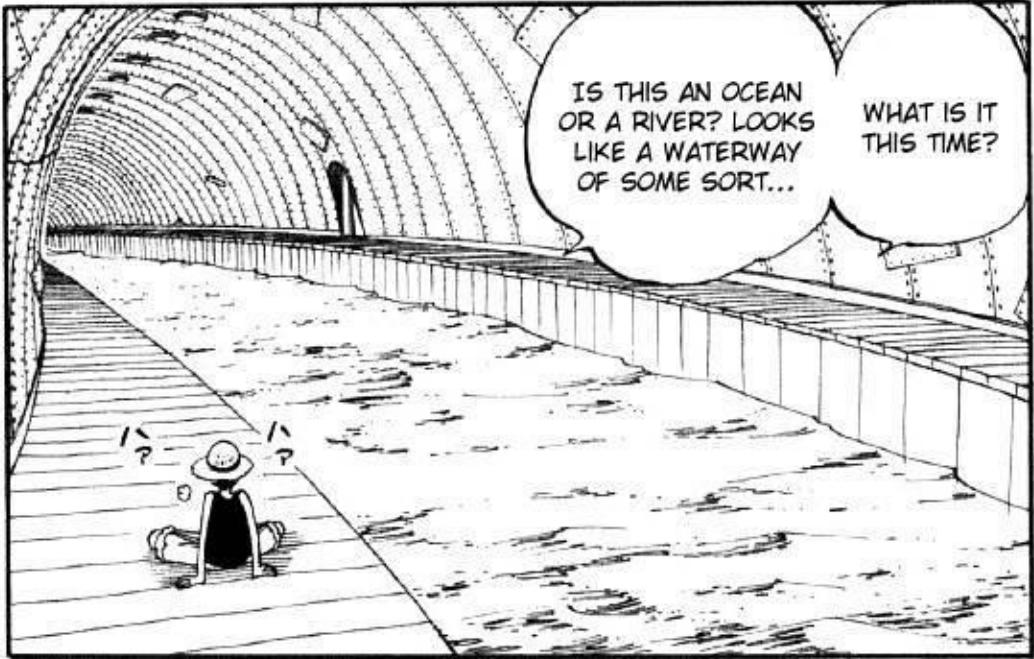
WE'LL BE DISSOLVED IF WE HANG AROUND ANY LONGER.

WELL, IF THE MYSTERY'S BEEN SOLVED, LET'S LEAVE ALREADY.



AGHHHHH!





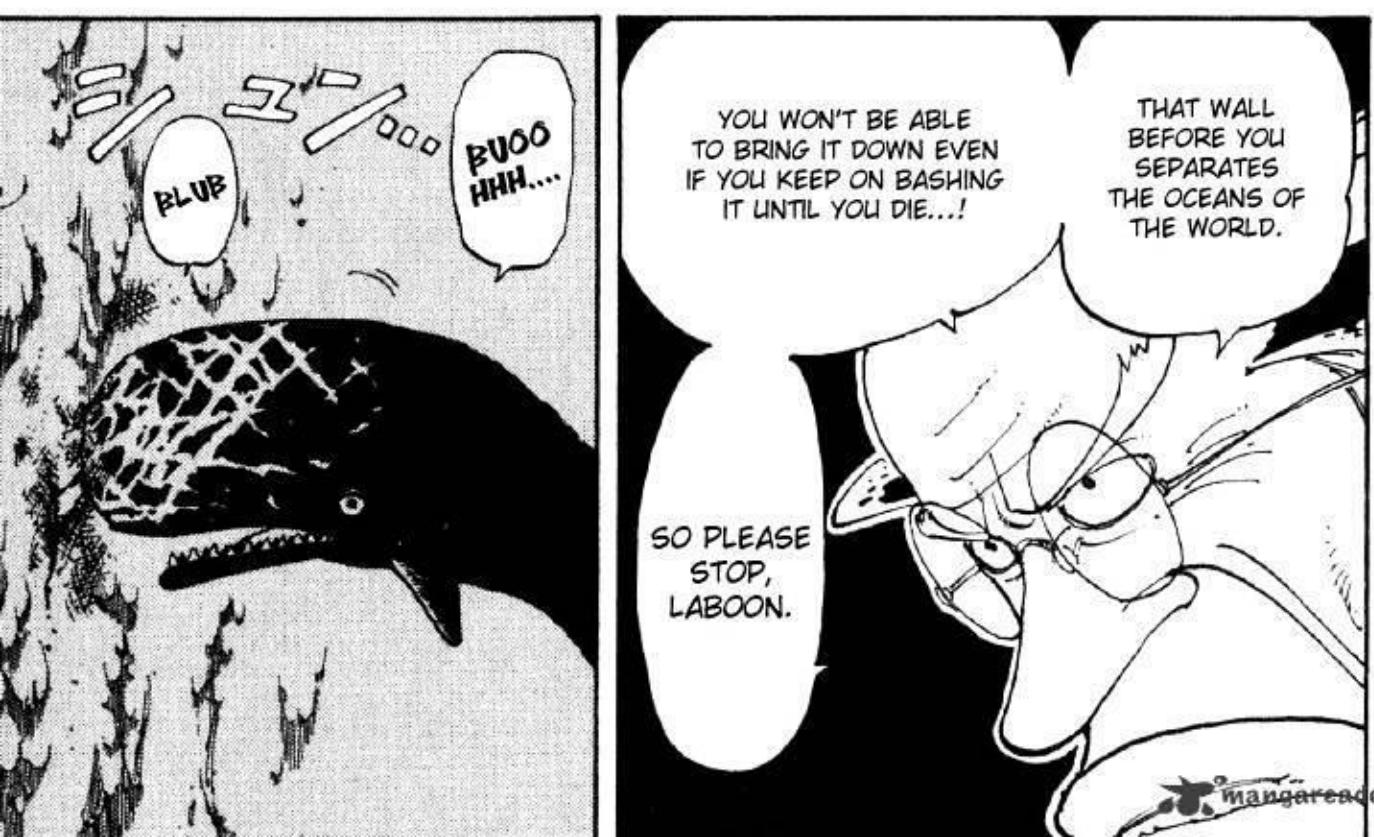
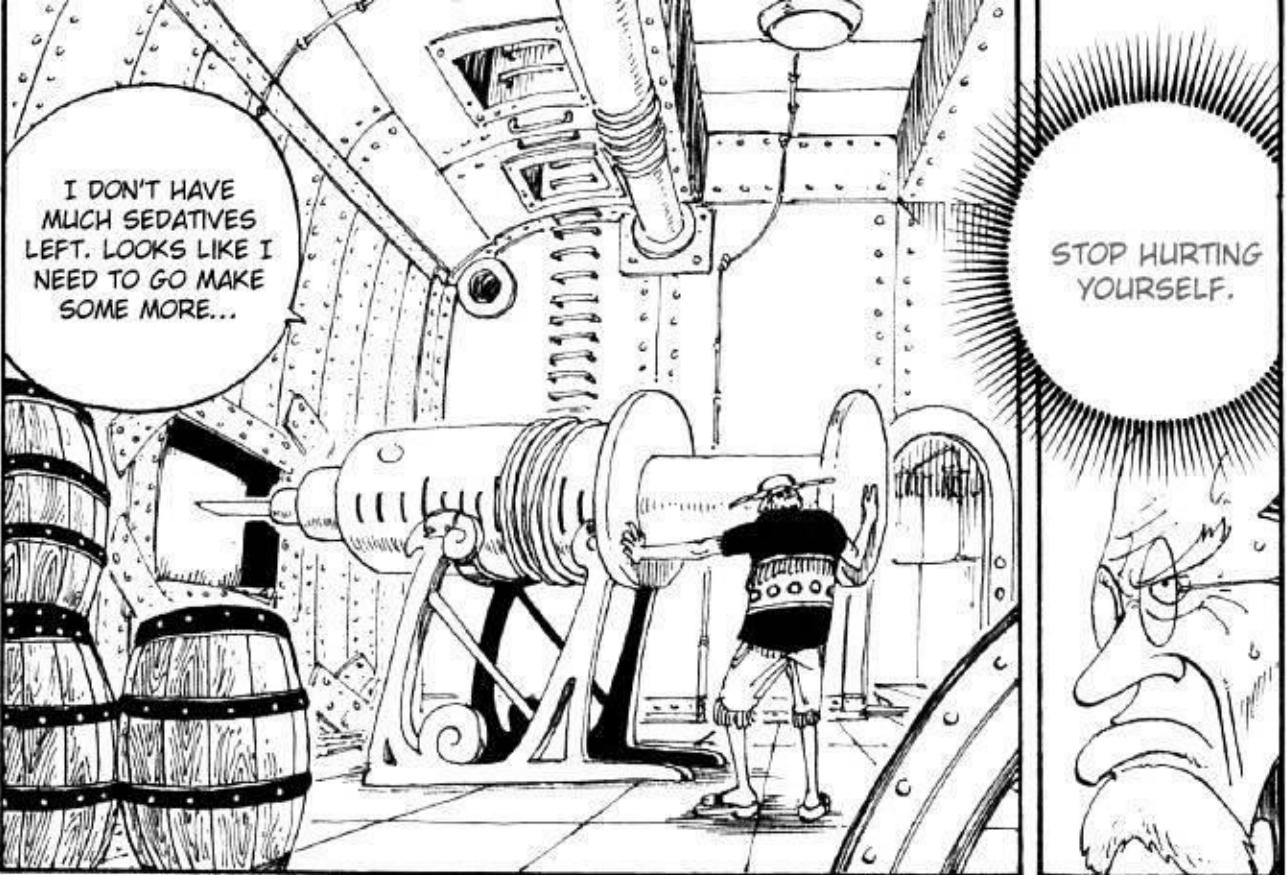


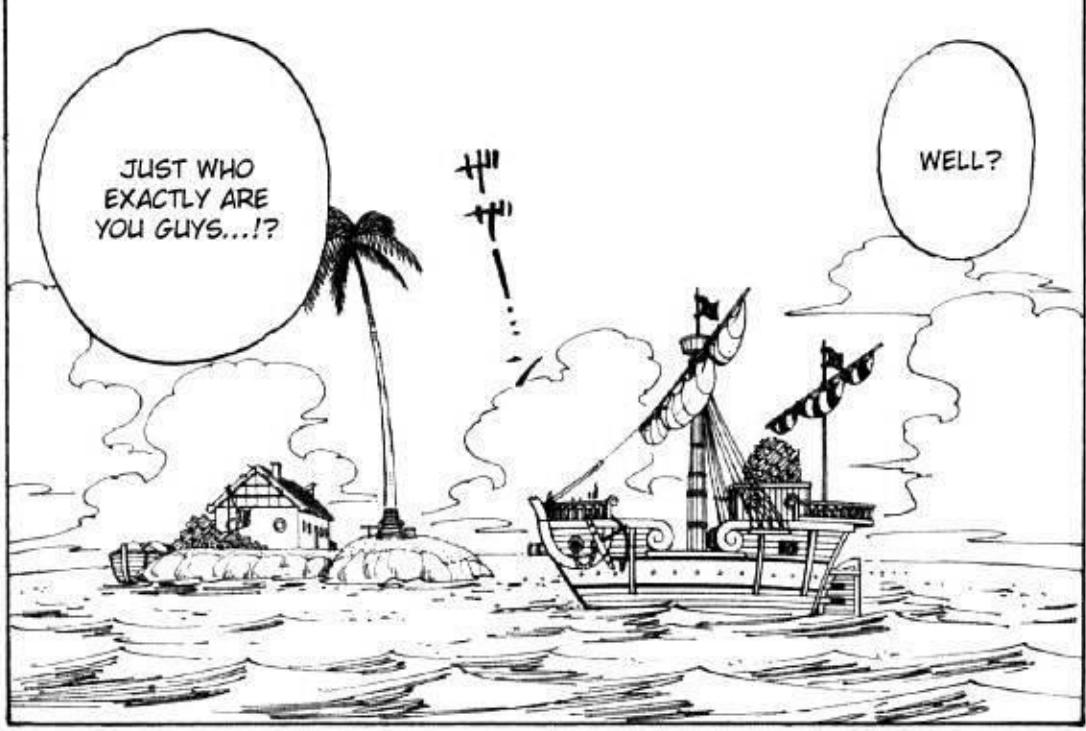


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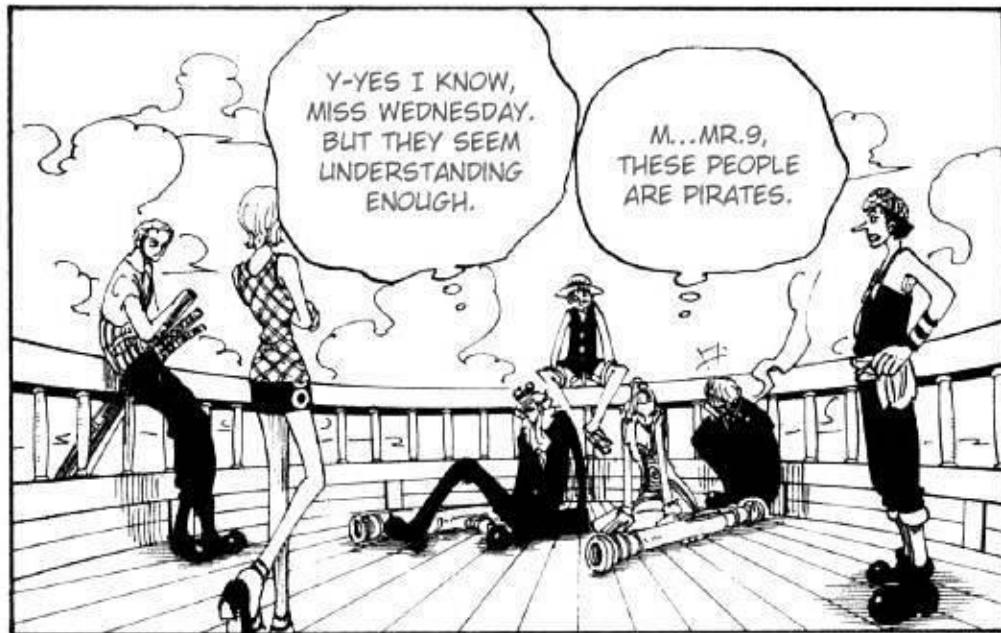


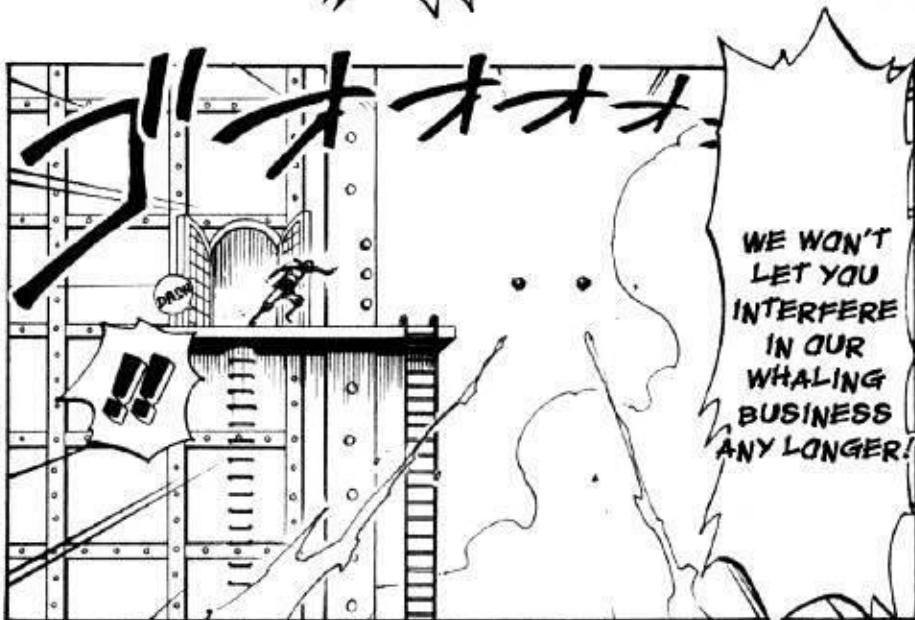






THE WHALE SEEMS TO HAVE CALMED DOWN...

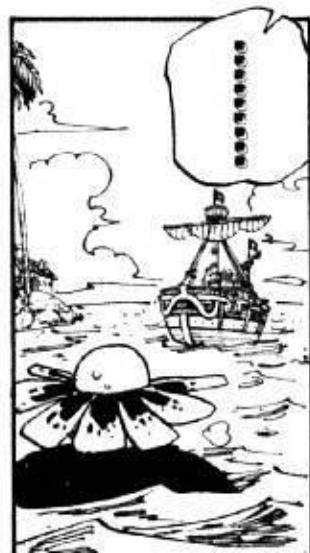


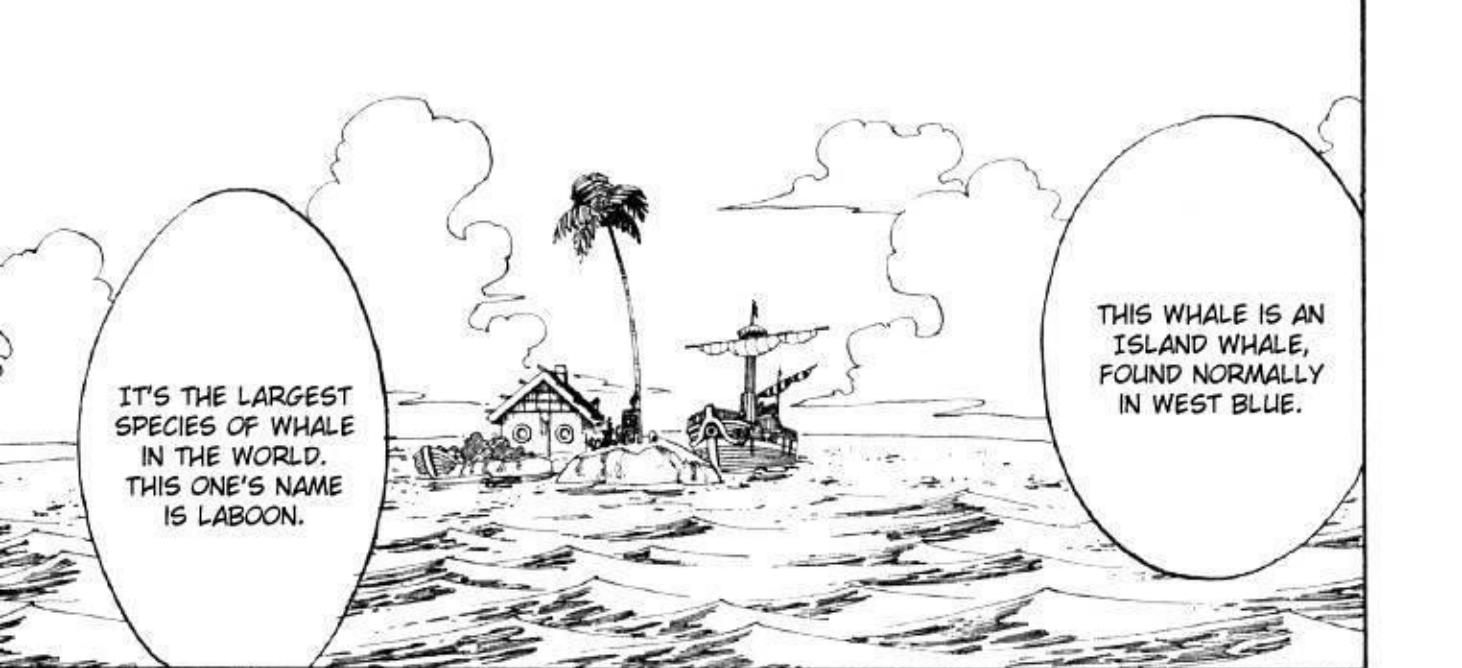


JUST TRY
TO PROTECT
THE WHALE
IF YOU STILL
CAN! BUT IT
WON'T STOP
OUR TOWN
FROM USING
THIS WHALE
AS OUR
FOOD!

OH OH OH!
HO HO HO!
CEASE YOUR
FUTILE
RESIS-
TANCE!

WHAT...
SO THEN, HE'S
BEEN PROTECTING
THE WHALE...!?





IT'S THE LARGEST SPECIES OF WHALE IN THE WORLD. THIS ONE'S NAME IS LABOON.

THIS WHALE IS AN ISLAND WHALE, FOUND NORMALLY IN WEST BLUE.



BECUSE THE MEAT FROM LABOON CAN FEED THEIR TOWN FOR 2-3 YEARS.

THEIR GOAL IS TO HUNT LABOON,

AND THESE TWO ARE ROGUES FROM A NEARBY TOWN...



A CERTAIN GROUP OF FRIENDLY PIRATES CAME DOWN REVERSE MOUNTAIN.

LONG AGO, WHILE I WAS MINDING MY BUSINESS AS A LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER,



AS FOR WHY LABOON KEEPS ON BASHING HIS HEAD AGAINST THE RED LINE,

BUT I WON'T ALLOW THAT!



AND FOLLOWING THEIR SHIP WAS A LITTLE BABY WHALE. THAT WHALE WAS LABOON.



AND BELLOWS WHILE FACING REVERSE MOUNTAIN... THERE'S A REASON FOR ALL THAT TOO.





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- D: HERE'S A QUESTION. WHEN DO FANLETTERS REACH YOU, ODA-SENSEI? EVERY WEEK? FOR INSTANCE, IF I MAILED ONE ON NOVEMBER 1ST, WHEN DOES IT FALL INTO YOUR HANDS? PLEASE LET ME KNOW.
- O: FIRST OF ALL, THE LETTERS EVERYONE SENDS ME ARE DELIVERED TO THE WEEKLY SHONEN JUMP EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT. THERE, PEOPLE WORKING PART-TIME SEPARATE THE LETTERS ACCORDING TO AUTHOR, AND MY MANAGER SENDS ME MY LETTERS ONCE A WEEK. SO IF YOU'RE LUCKY, IT MIGHT EVEN BE THE DAY IT ARRIVES AT THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT. IT'S ALMOST ALWAYS WITHIN A WEEK OR TWO, THOUGH.
- D: YOU SAID IN VOLUME 7 THAT WHEN YOU'RE DRAWING CHARACTERS' FACIAL EXPRESSIONS, YOU MAKE THE SAME FACE. DO YOU DO THE SAME THING WHEN YOU DRAW ONE OF NAMI'S SEXY FACES? DO YOU MAKE AN "OOH-LA-LA" FACE?
- O: OF COURSE. I'M FAMOUS WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC FOR MY SEXY FACES. THEY THINK I MIGHT BE HOTTER THAN A MAGAZINE MODEL QUEEN.
- D: YO! SO, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE TALKED, EI-CHAN.(EHEHE!) I'M SO EMBARRASSED! ANYWAY, I HAVE A QUESTION. BUGGY THE CLOWN CAN SPLIT HIMSELF IN PIECES, RIGHT? WHICH MEANS HE CAN ALSO DO IT DOWN THERE, IF YOU CATCH MY DRIFT... I CAN'T GET ANY MORE SPECIFIC! DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT! DON'T DRAW ANYTHING UNTIL YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION!!
- O: HIS PENIS CAN FLY TOO.