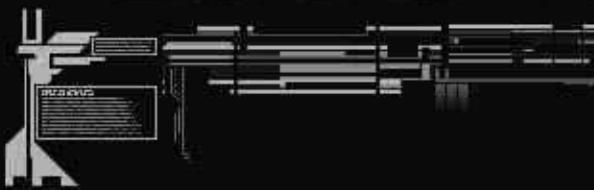




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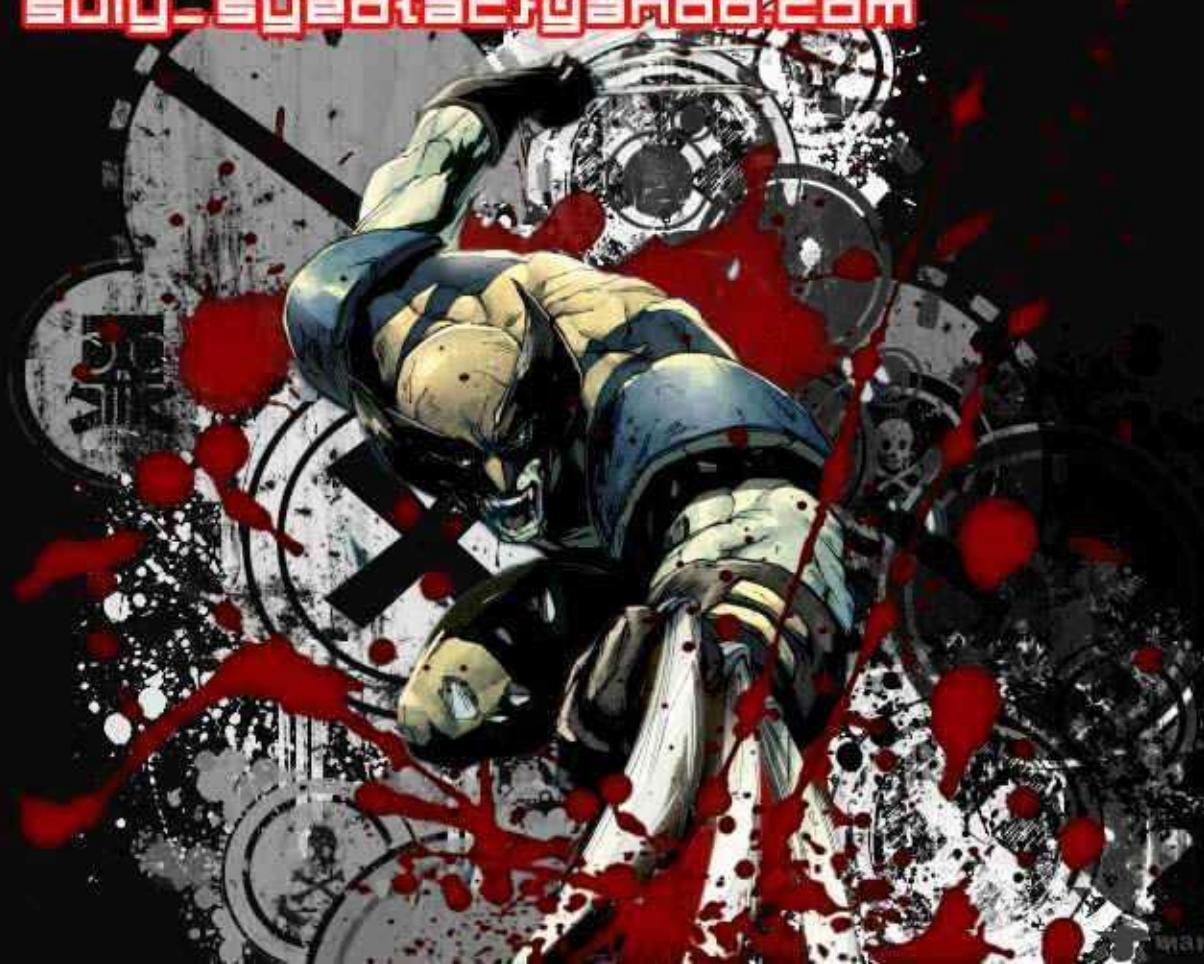


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"A FATAL DISEASE"



CP-9'S INDEPENDENT REPORT, VOL. 28: "WE WON'T LET YOU DISTURB OUR HOME"

TONIGHT, I SUGGEST YOU REST IN PREPARATION FOR THE LONG JOURNEY.

YOUR NAME IS LUFFY, YES...? WE WILL DEPART IN THE MORN.

THE KUJA PIRATE WILL SEE YOU AS FAR AS THE SHABONDY ARCHIPELAGO.

IT'S "KU"!!! "KU"!!!

LIKE I SAID, YOU GUYS..

SUCH AN UNDIGNIFIED DANCE...

I SEE! "KU"!!

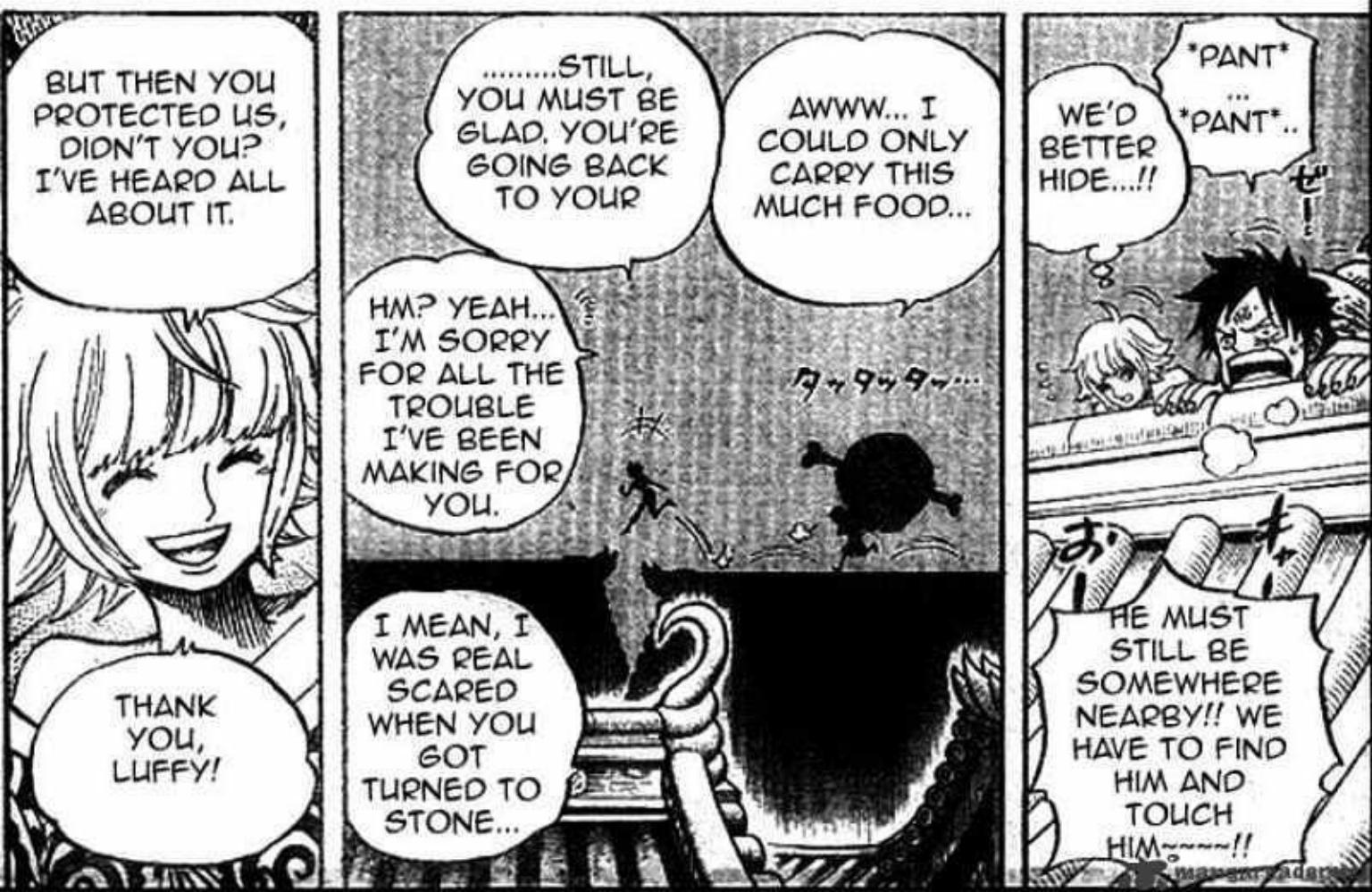
YEAH, "KU"!!

"KU"?!

OH, THAT'S FUNNY, LUFFY~~~!!

SO "MEN" STICK CHOPSTICKS IN THEIR NOSE AND MOUTH... AND DANCE WITH STRAINERS.





WELL, MEETING A MAN IS A RARE EXPERIENCE FOR THEM... YOU SHOULD PROBABLY STAY OUT OF SIGHT FOR THE MOMENT.

AHH!! OLD BEAN LADY!!

WELL, LUFFY'S GOT A LITTLE TOO POPULAR WITH THE WOMEN OF THE VILLAGE.....

WHAT IS IT NYOW, MARGARET?

AND WHO ARE YOU CALLING A "BEAN"?!?

YOU SURE DO LIKE NEWSPAPERS, HUH~?

RIGHT!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ALREADY HAVE FOOD... MARGARET, MAKE THE BOY SOME

THEY'RE NYOT TOO EASY TO GET HOLD OF OUT HERE, YOU KNYOW... THE NYEWS COO DON'T DELIVER TO THE CALM BELT...

HEBIHIME, OF COURSE...

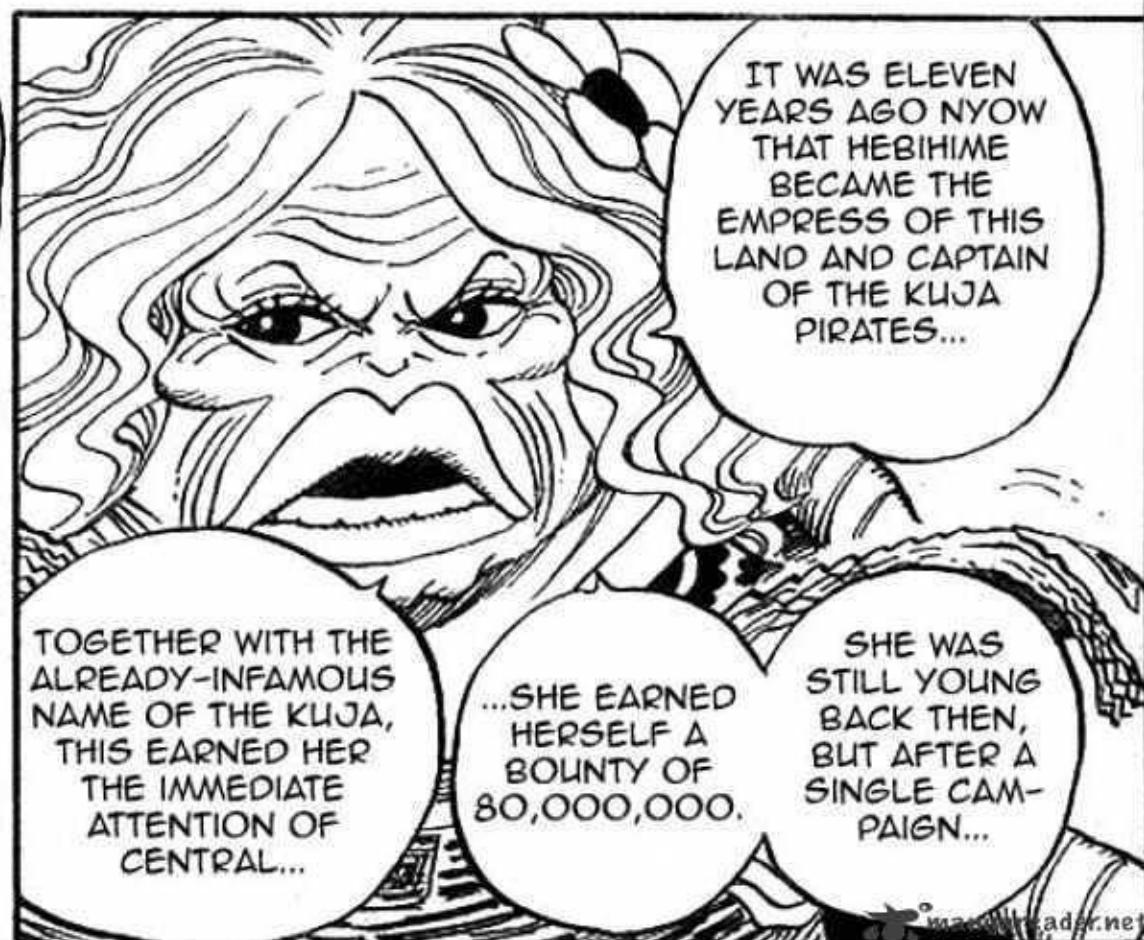
HMM?

A SHICHIBUKAI?? WHO??

BUT OUR EMPRESS IS A SHICHIBUKAI, AFTER ALL...

IT WOULD HARDLY DO FOR HER NYOT TO KNYOW THE STATE OF WORLD AFFAIRS.

WHAADAAAAAA~~~~~??!!



WH - WH - WH -  
WOO, WOO, SLOW  
DOWN! I CAN'T TAKE  
IN ALL THIS AT ONCE!

WHAHHHHHHHHH  
A-----?!!



YOU REALLY DO SHOCK  
ME... THERE ARE LIMITS TO  
IGNORANCE, YOU KNOW!!  
NYOHTHING IS CERTAIN JUST  
YET, OF COURSE...

...ARE GOING  
TO BATTLE  
AGAINST THE  
WHITEBEARD  
PIRATES??!!

YOU'RE  
SAYING THE  
SHICHIBUKAI  
AND MARINE  
HQ.....

...BUT IN ALL  
PROBABILITY,  
YES, BATTLE  
IS IMMINENT!!!

THAT'S  
CRAZY!  
WHAT'S  
GOING TO  
HAPPEN  
NOW??!!

...OF  
WHITEBEARD'S  
ELITE  
SUBORDINATE,  
PORTGAS D  
ACE....!!!

THE WORLD  
GOVERNMENT  
HAVE  
ANNOUNCED  
THE PUBLIC  
EXECUTION...

IT WAS THE WORLD  
GOVERNMENT WHO  
BROUGHT ABOUT THIS  
SITUATION... WHITE-  
BEARD IS NYOT A  
MAN WHO WOULD  
EVER ALLOW THE



YET IN FULL  
AWARENESS  
OF THIS...

ACE IS GOING  
TO BE  
EXECUTED?!

.....WHAT'S  
WRONG?

ACE.....  
"FIRE-FIST  
ACE".

.....!!  
...WHO?

HAVING SUDDENLY COME  
INTO POSSESSION OF  
SUCH A MAJOR PRIZE, IT  
SEEMS THAT CENTRAL  
HAVE DECIDED...

OLD  
LADY.....!!  
OLD  
LADY...

...TO  
MAKE  
USE OF  
THIS  
"ACE"  
PIRATE.

AND  
IN SO DOING  
EARNED  
HIMSELF A  
PLACE IN  
THE SHI-  
CHIBUKAI...

BLACK-  
BEARD.

YES, IT SEEMS  
THAT A PIRATE  
NAMED  
"BLACK-  
BEARD"...

...CAPTURED  
"FIRE-FIST  
ACE" FOR  
THE  
GOVERNMENT  
...

ACE IS MY BIG  
BROTHER!!!

THAT'S MY  
BROTHER.....  
!!!

!!?

I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HE'D BEEN CAPTURED... AND NOW HE'S BEING EXECUTED?!!

IS THIS TRUE?! HE IS YOUR ELDER BROTHER?!

THERE'S NO RUNNING FROM A THING LIKE THAT....!!

.....WHAT....?!!!

...IN "ONE WEEK'S TIME" - SO FROM TODAY, THAT WOULD BE SIX DAYS.

MM... IT SAYS HERE THAT THE LOCATION IS TO BE THE PLAZA OF MARINFORD, HOME OF MARINE HEADQUARTERS...

WHAT DO I DO...?!! WHERE ARE THEY HOLDING THIS EXECUTION?!

...HMMMM! IF WHITEBEARD PREVAILS IN THIS BATTLE...

WHAT-?!! BUT THAT'S SO SOON!!!

...IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE MAY STILL BE SAVED...

...IT'S ALL GOING TO BE OVER FOR ACE!!

..BUT THEN BEFORE I EVEN MEET UP WITH MY CREW...

....WELL, IT WOULD DOUBTLESS TAKE LONGER THAN A WEEK...

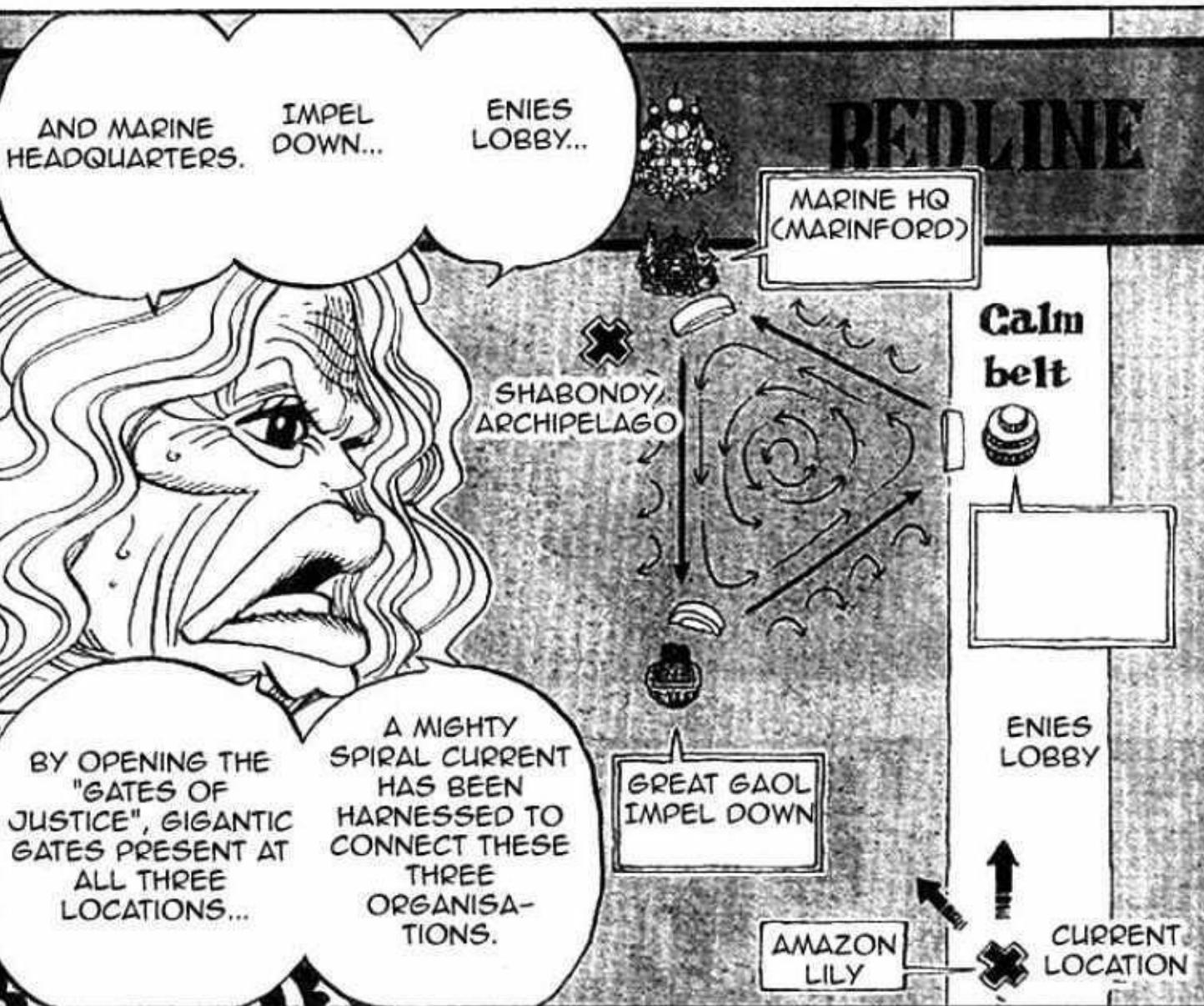
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET FROM HERE TO THE SHABONDY ARCHIPELAGO?!!

THERE ARE CERTAIN CURRENTS SET ASIDE EXCLUSIVELY FOR MARINE

WHY? ARE THE MARINE SHIPS THAT MUCH FASTER?!

TO IMPEL DOWN, WHERE HE IS CURRENTLY IMPRISONED..... IT WOULD TAKE A WEEK BY PIRATE SHIP... OR FOUR DAYS BY MARINE VESSEL....!!

.....HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE TO GET TO ACE FROM HERE, THEN?



IN OTHER WORDS, IF THE GATES ARE NOT OPEN, A SHIP CAUGHT IN THE CURRENT WOULD SIMPLY SWEEP STRAIGHT ON BY.

...THE CURRENTS CAN BE CAUSED TO RUSH IN, ALLOWING ACCESS TO THESE THREE LOCATIONS.



IS THAT... YOUR  
BROTHER'S  
VIVRE CARD?!

WHAT AM I  
MEANT TO  
DO.....?!!

AS SUCH, A  
PIRATE SHIP  
WOULD BE  
FORCED TO  
AVOID THE  
WHIRLPOOL  
CURRENTS...

\*!!\*

...\*

WHAT DO  
YOU  
WISH TO  
DO?

..TAKING THE  
LONGER ROUTE  
AROUND....!!!

.....!! ...THEN...  
THE REASON IT'S  
SO SMALL...

ALSO KNOWN AS  
THE "PAPER OF  
LIFE"... A VIVRE CARD  
INDICATES THE  
DIRECTION AND  
LIFE-FORCE OF ITS  
OWNER.

NO, THIS IS A  
DIFFERENT  
ONE. IT'S  
ACE'S.

..IS THAT THE  
MOVING PAPER  
THAT WAS SO  
IMPORTANT TO  
YOU?

IT WAS ABOUT  
TEN TIMES  
THIS SIZE  
WHEN I FIRST  
GOT IT.

..IT'S ONLY  
NATURAL TO  
WORRY  
ABOUT HIM.

Y'KNOW,  
WHEN A GUY  
HAS A  
MESSED-UP  
LITTLE  
BROTHER.

ACE HAS HIS  
OWN  
ADVENTURE  
TO FOLLOW!!

...BUT...

AND MY  
BROTHER'S A  
STRONG GUY...  
IF I SAID I  
WANTED TO  
SAVE HIM... HE'D  
ONLY GET MAD  
AT ME.

I'M GOING TO  
HAVE TO TAKE A  
BIT OF A  
DETOUR!!!

I'M SORRY,  
GUYS....!!!  
.....!!

...OF JUST  
HOW  
RECKLESS AN  
ENDEAVOUR  
THAT WOULD  
BE... JUST  
WHAT KIND OF  
SCALE OF WAR  
THIS IS?

YOU ARE  
AWARE, I  
HOPE...

I WANT TO GO  
AND SAVE  
ACE!!!

VERY WELL.....!!  
SO YOU WISH TO  
SAVE A PRISONER  
WITH THE EYES OF  
THE ENTIRE WORLD  
UPON HIM...

I DON'T  
CARE ABOUT  
ANY OF  
THAT! I  
WANT  
TO GO!!!

YOU WOULD BE  
AS AN ANT  
LEAPING INTO A  
RAGING  
STORM....!!

...I CAN'T  
JUST SIT  
AROUND  
SOMEWHERE  
DOING NOTH-  
ING WHILE A  
THING LIKE  
THIS IS GOING  
ON!!!

YOU MAY WELL  
SIMPLY BE FLUNG  
AROUND, UNABLE  
TO DO A THING,  
UNTIL YOU MEET  
YOUR OWN END...

IF YOU WAIT UNTIL HE IS TRANSFERRED TO THE EXECUTION GROUND IN MARINFORD, THEN THE MARINE ADMIRALS, AS WELL AS THE SHICHIBUKAI ...

...WILL BE PRESENT TO GUARD HIM...

.....AND TO HAVE EVEN THE MOST MINISCULE CHANCE OF ACHIEVING THIS GOAL...

...YOU MUST HEAD, WITHOUT DELAY, TO THE GREAT GAOL WHERE HE IS CURRENTLY HELD PRISONER...

I HAVE TO GET TO THE GAOL WHILE ACE IS STILL THERE!!!!

FORGET WHAT I DO ONCE I ARRIVE - THE IMPORTANT THING IS HOW I GET THERE!!

...EVEN AT THE GAOL ITSELF, HE WILL DOUBTLESS BE GUARDED BY AN EXTREMELY POWERFUL FORCE...

..ALTHOUGH NATURALLY, SINCE YOUR BROTHER IS CURRENTLY THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT PRISONER IN THE WORLD...

IF YOU'VE GOT A GIGANTIC OAR OR SOMETHING... I COULD ROW WITH ALL MY STRENGTH.....

WHY, EVEN ENTERING THE PLACE SHOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.

A BATTLESHIP?! YOU'VE GOT A MARINE SHIP I COULD USE?!

IF SHE WERE INSTEAD TO RESPOND TO IT...

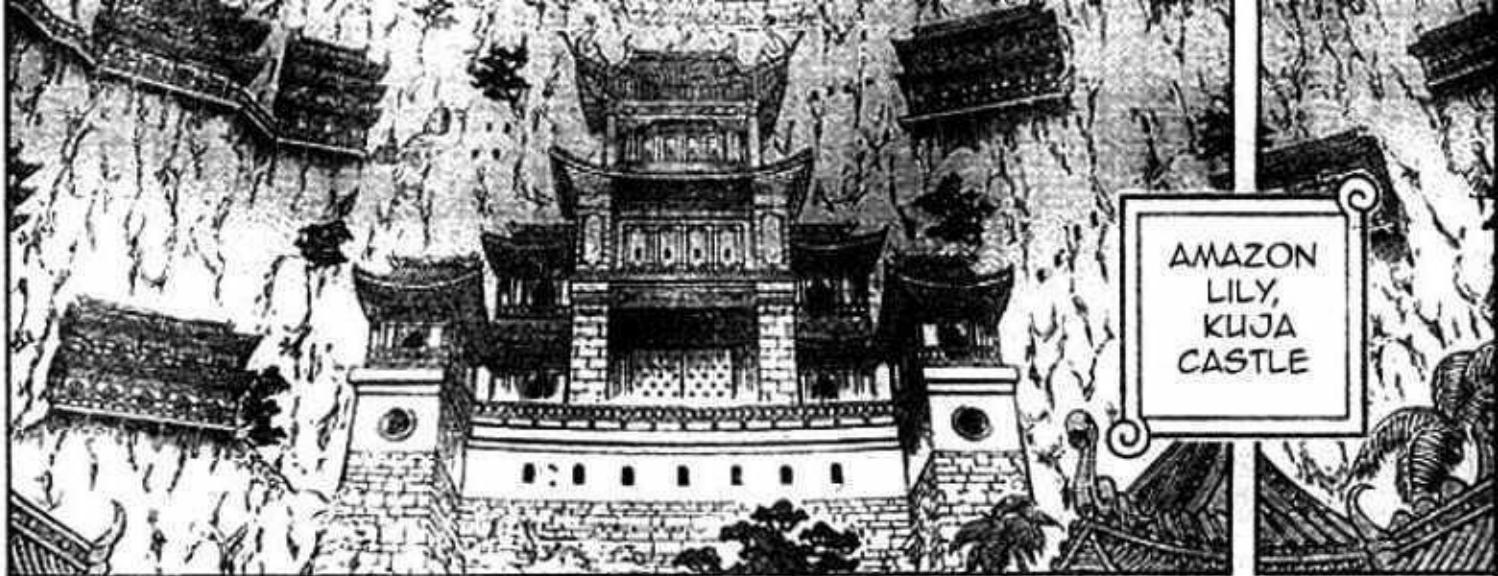
THE CALL FOR THE SHICHIBUKAI TO ASSEMBLE, WHICH HEBIHIME HAS THUS FAR BEEN OBSTINATELY REJECTING...

IT IS STILL SOMETHING OF A LONG SHOT, BUT...

WAIT, WAIT... THIS IS NOT A PROBLEM THAT CAN BE SOLVED WITH BRUTE FORCE...

THEN I'LL GO AND ASK HER, RIGHT AWAY!!!

...SHE MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION TO GET YOU ONTO A MARINE BATTLESHIP



AMAZON  
LILY,  
KUJA  
CASTLE



BOY - YOU WAIT OUTSIDE FOR A MOMENT.....!!

I AM AWARE OF THAT!!!

SURE... BUT I'M REALLY IN A HURRY HERE -

AHH... ELDER NYON.....!!

SISTER... !!!

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THE PAIN.....!!!

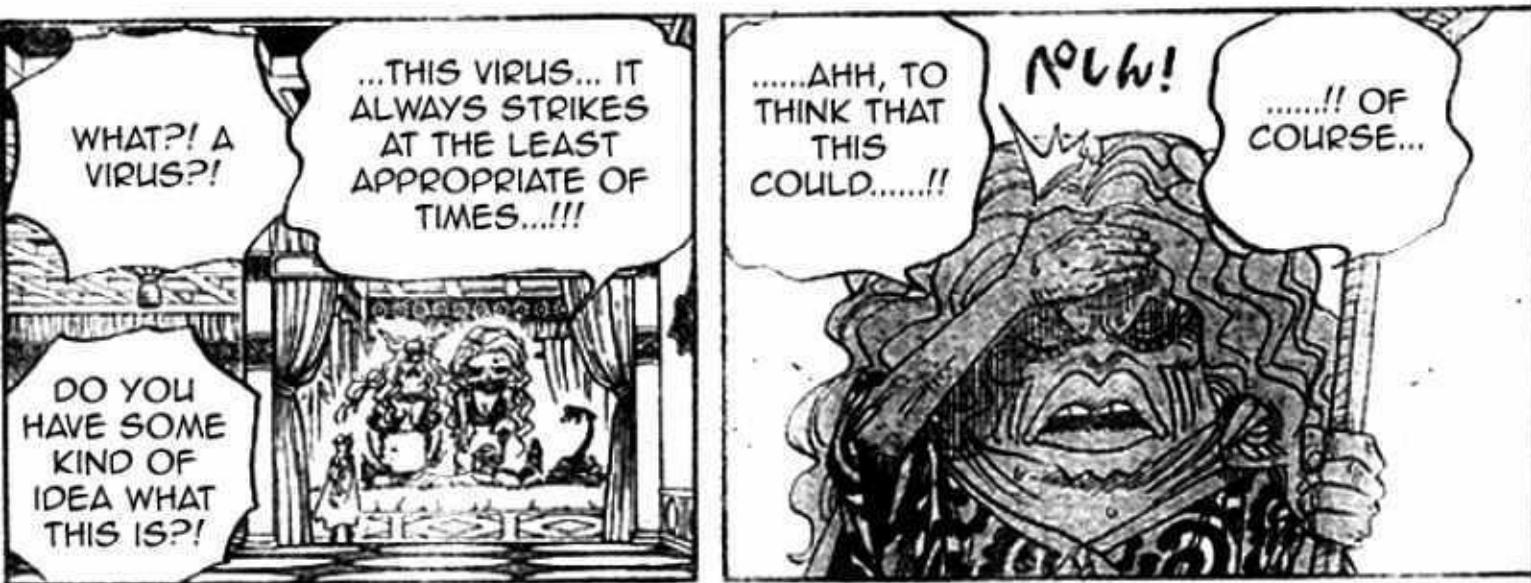
HEBIHIME-SAMA LOOKS LIKE SHE'S IN SO MUCH PAIN.....!!

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT MEDICINE TO PRESCRIBE...!!

BUT HONESTLY, I SIMPLY DON'T KNOW... I'VE NEVER SEEN SYMPTOMS LIKE THESE BEFORE.....

SHE HAS BEEN CLUTCHING HER CHEST ALL THIS TIME, SO I THINK IT MAY BE A PROBLEM WITH HER HEART...!!

SHE WON'T EVEN EAT ANY OF THE FOOD WE GIVE HER...



HEBIHIME...  
MONKEY D LUFFY  
IS HERE WITH ME.

IN TRUTH, EVEN  
I FLED THIS  
ISLAND THANKS  
TO THIS VERY  
SAME DIS-  
EASE... THOUGH  
I MANAGED TO  
SURVIVE IT...

IT WAS OF  
THIS  
DISEASE...  
THAT THE PRE-  
VIOUS  
EMPEROR  
DIED.....!!

AND AS FAR AS I  
AM AWARE, IT WAS  
THE SAME FOR  
HER  
PREDECESSOR....

What incredible  
fortune!! Monkey D  
Luffy... have you actually  
managed to shift this  
mountain that no other  
could budge??

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ぬ!!!

THAT MATTERS  
NOT.....!! I WILL  
HEAR HIM OUT...  
COULD I ASK  
YOU TO LEAVE  
US ALONE?

WHAT?  
SHE  
STOOD  
UP...!

NOW, WAIT  
ONE  
MOMENT,  
ELDER  
NYON!! SHE  
IS IN NO  
CONDITION  
TO BE....!!

WE HAVE A  
REQUEST TO  
MAKE OF YOU.  
WILL YOU AT  
LEAST HEAR ME  
OUT?

あく...  
...

I KIND OF  
NEED A  
FAVOUR. BUT  
ARE YOU SURE  
YOU'RE OKAY,  
WITH YOUR  
SICKNESS AND  
ALL?

WELL...

AS THOUGH I  
WOULD ALLOW  
A MERE DIS-  
EASE TO  
OVERCOME  
ME.....!!

SO WHAT IS  
IT YOU WISH  
OF ME.....  
LUFFY?

...IS ACTUALLY  
MY BROTHER!! I  
REALY WANT TO  
SAVE HIM!!!

...HE'S  
CALLED  
ACE...

WELL, THE  
PIRATE FROM  
WHITEBEARD'S  
CREW WHO'S  
GOING TO BE  
EXECUTED...

BUT A PIRATE  
SHIP WON'T  
MAKE IT IN  
TIME...

EVEN AFTER  
HEARING  
ABOUT THE  
HARDSHIPS  
OUR SISTER  
HAS BEEN  
THROUGH...

WHAT  
RIDICULOUS  
NONSENSE IS  
THIS?!!! STRAW  
HAT LUFFY?!!!

...AND TAKE ME  
TO THE GAOL  
WHERE ACE IS  
BEING HELD  
CAPTIVE?!!!

PLEASE!! WOULD  
YOU BOARD THE  
MARINE SHIP  
THAT'S HERE TO  
PICK YOU UP...

...YOU  
ASK HER TO  
RETURN TO  
THAT  
ACCURSED  
"HOLY"  
LAND?!

YOU ARE  
TRULY  
TERRIBLE  
!!!

IF THAT IS  
YOUR  
REQUEST...

...TO  
RESPOND TO  
THE CALL  
FOR THE

YOU  
WANT  
ME.....

THERE IS A LIMIT TO  
HOW MUCH OUR  
SISTER WILL PUT UP  
WITH, YOU KNOW!!  
SHE'LL TURN YOU TO  
STONE AND DROP YOU  
FROM THE EDGE OF  
THIS CASTLE!!!

SHOW A MAN A  
LITTLE SYMPATHY,  
AND HE WILL TRY TO  
SQUEEZE ANYTHING  
AND EVERYTHING HE  
CAN OUT OF IT!!!

DO IT,  
SISTER!!!

ALL RIGHT!!!  
THANK YOU!!!

NOW I CAN MAKE  
IT THERE BEFORE  
THE EXECUTION!!!

...SHALL GO  
WHEREVER  
YOU MAY  
WISH.

THEN I...

HEBIHIME...  
ACTUALLY  
AGREED TO  
GO TO  
CENTRAL!!!

H....!!

"LOVE... IS  
ALWAYS A  
HURRICANE!!!"

IT IS JUST  
AS THEY  
SAY IN THE  
EAST...

HEBIHIME'S  
DISEASE.....  
IS  
LOVESICK-  
NESS!!

WHAT ON  
EARTH IS  
GOING ON,  
ELDER  
NYON???

YES..... IT  
WAS LOVE  
THAT KILLED  
HER PRE-  
DECESSORS!!!