







BACK AT LOGUETOWN,
I LENT YOU 100,000
BELI SO YOU COULD
BUY YOUR SWORDS.

YEAH AND I PAID YOU
BACK RIGHT AWAY! I
GOT MY SWORDS FOR
FREE SO I DIDN'T USE
ANY OF YOUR MONEY.



HUH?

NO I
DON'T.

AREN'T YOU
FORGETTING
SOMETHING?

YOU KNOW
YOU STILL
OWE ME,
RIGHT?



NO.

BUT YOU GOT
YOUR MONEY BACK
RIGHT AWAY SO
ISN'T IT FINE?

WHA!



SURE,
I'LL LEND
YOU SOME
MONEY.
AT 300%
INTEREST,
THOUGH.

I GOTTA
BUY
SOME-
THING.

SO
YOU STILL
OWE ME
200,000
BELI!

YES, BUT I
LENT YOU
THAT MONEY
ON 300%
INTEREST!



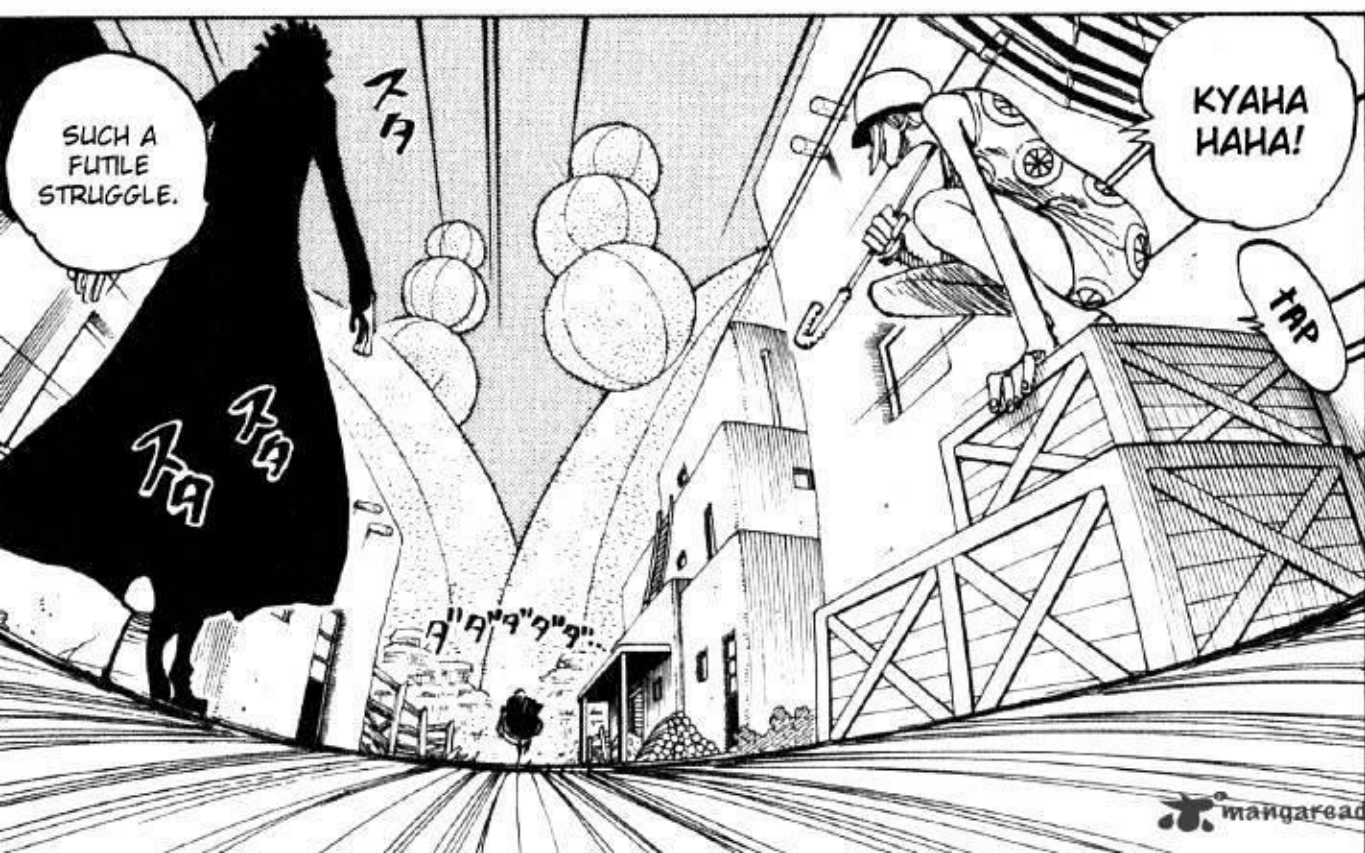
NOW IF YOU
DO AS I SAY,
WE'LL CALL IT
EVEN, OKAY?

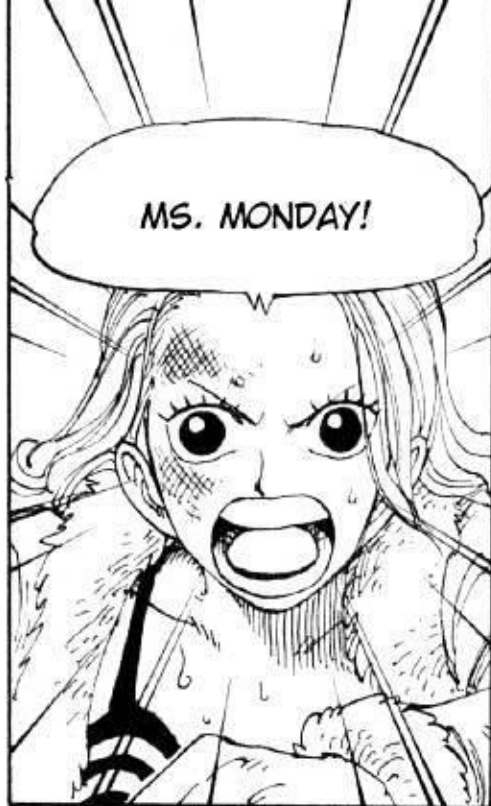


THAT
YOU CAN'T
EVEN KEEP
A SINGLE
PROMISE?

ARE YOU
SAYING,









I'D RATHER GO
DOWN WHILE
PROTECTING A
FRIEND...!

BECAUSE OF
THAT SUPERHUMAN
SWORDSMAN, WE'D
ALL BE PUNISHED
FOR FAILING IN
OUR MISSION
ANYWAYS.

SO IF THAT'S
THE CASE,



THANK
YOU!

NOW GO!



WHAT A
JOKE.

KYA
HAHA

ROLL
UP

FIRST
MR. 9 AND
NOW YOU
TOO, MS.
MONDAY?



NGH!

オ...



THE
NAME
OF...

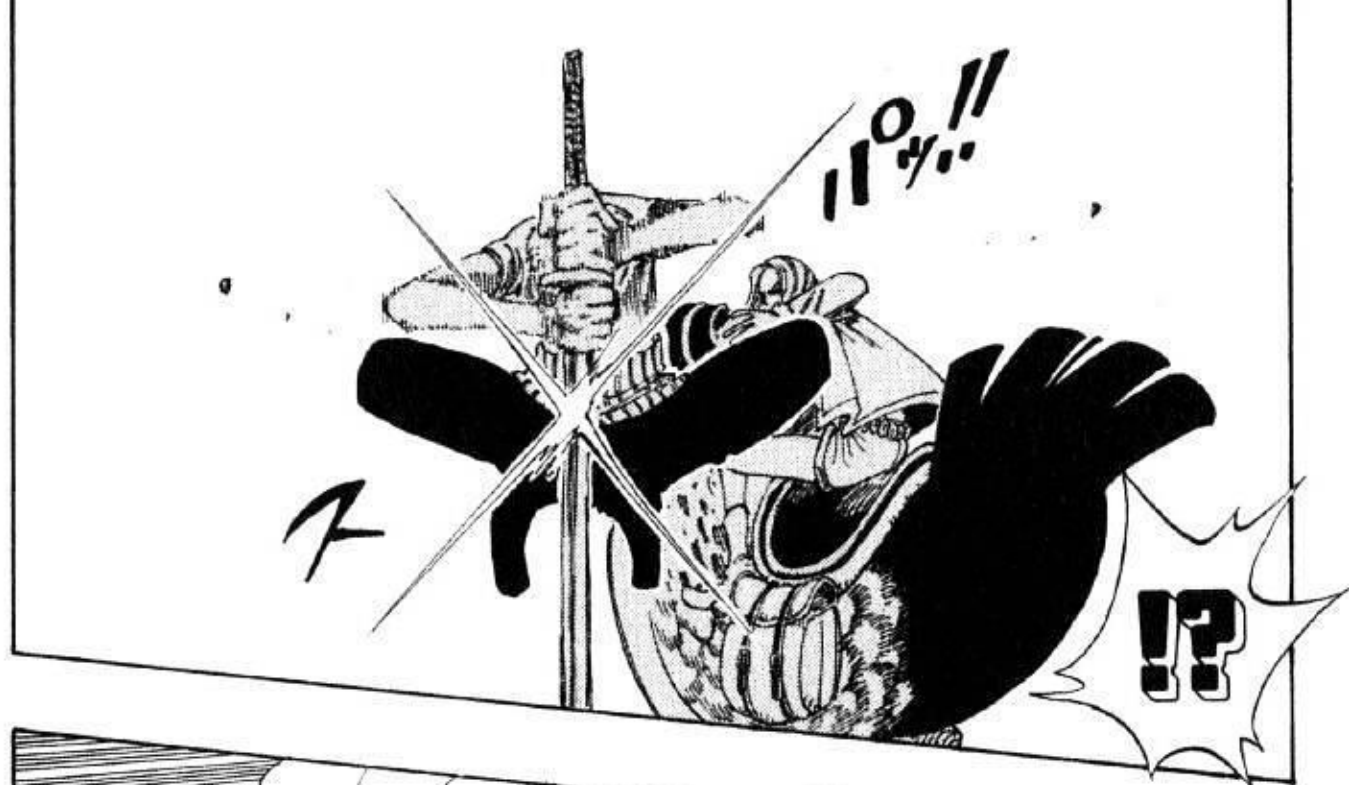
YOU
DISG-
RACE,



BAROQUE WORKS!









DAMN IT!

I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAD TO CUT A FREAKIN' BOOGER!



AHH!



WHY DO YOU HAVE TO COME AND BLOCK MY WAY NOW OF ALL TIMES!?



WHA...

SAVE ME?

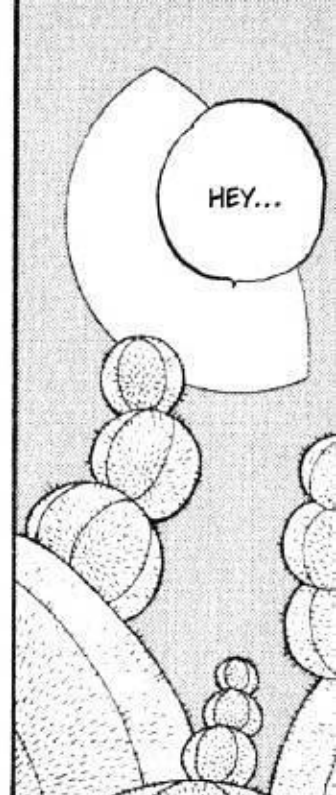


CALM DOWN, I'VE COME TO SAVE YOU.

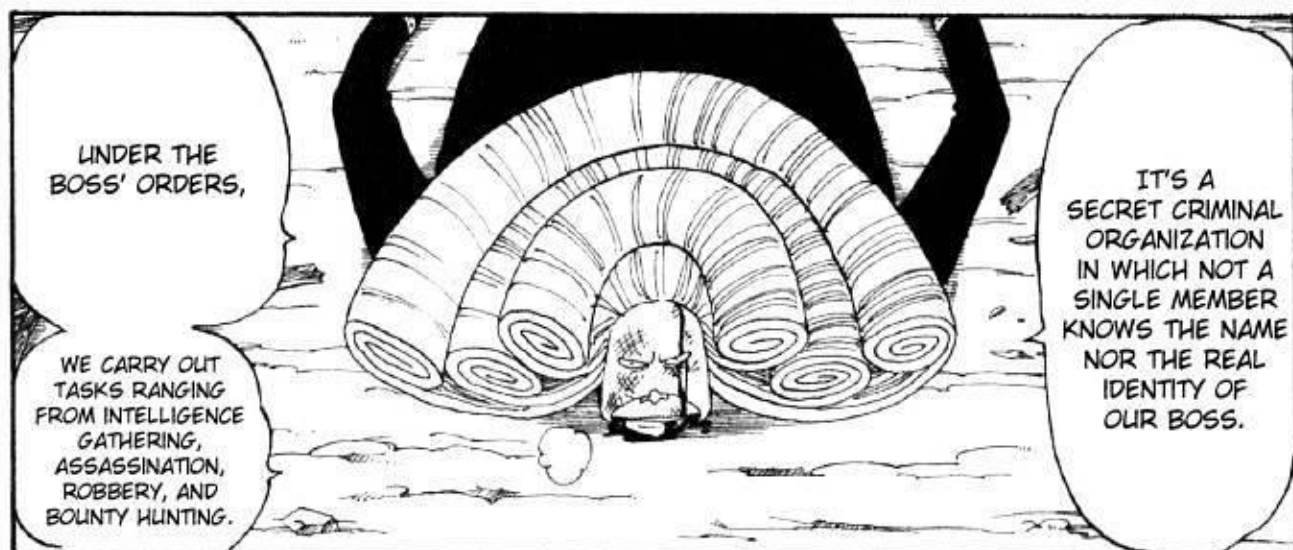


IS
BAROQUE
WORKS?

SO WHAT
EXACTLY,



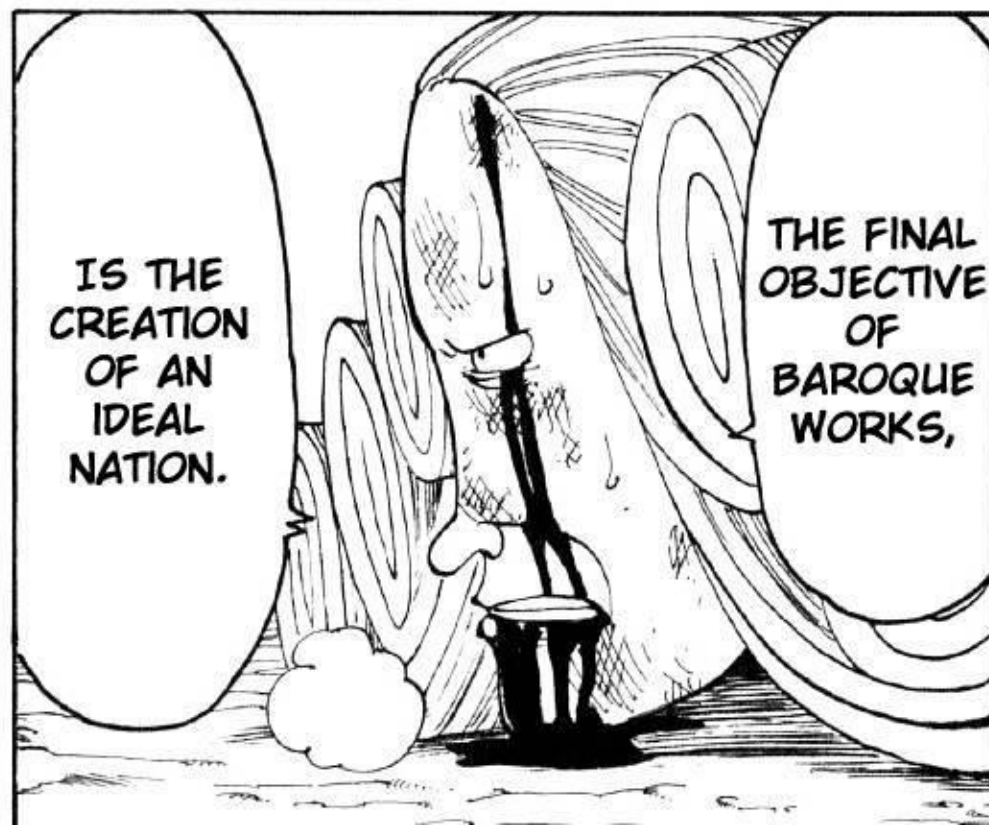
HEY...



UNDER THE
BOSS' ORDERS,

WE CARRY OUT
TASKS RANGING
FROM INTELLIGENCE
GATHERING,
ASSASSINATION,
ROBBERY, AND
BOUNTY HUNTING.

IT'S A
SECRET CRIMINAL
ORGANIZATION
IN WHICH NOT A
SINGLE MEMBER
KNOWS THE NAME
NOR THE REAL
IDENTITY OF
OUR BOSS.

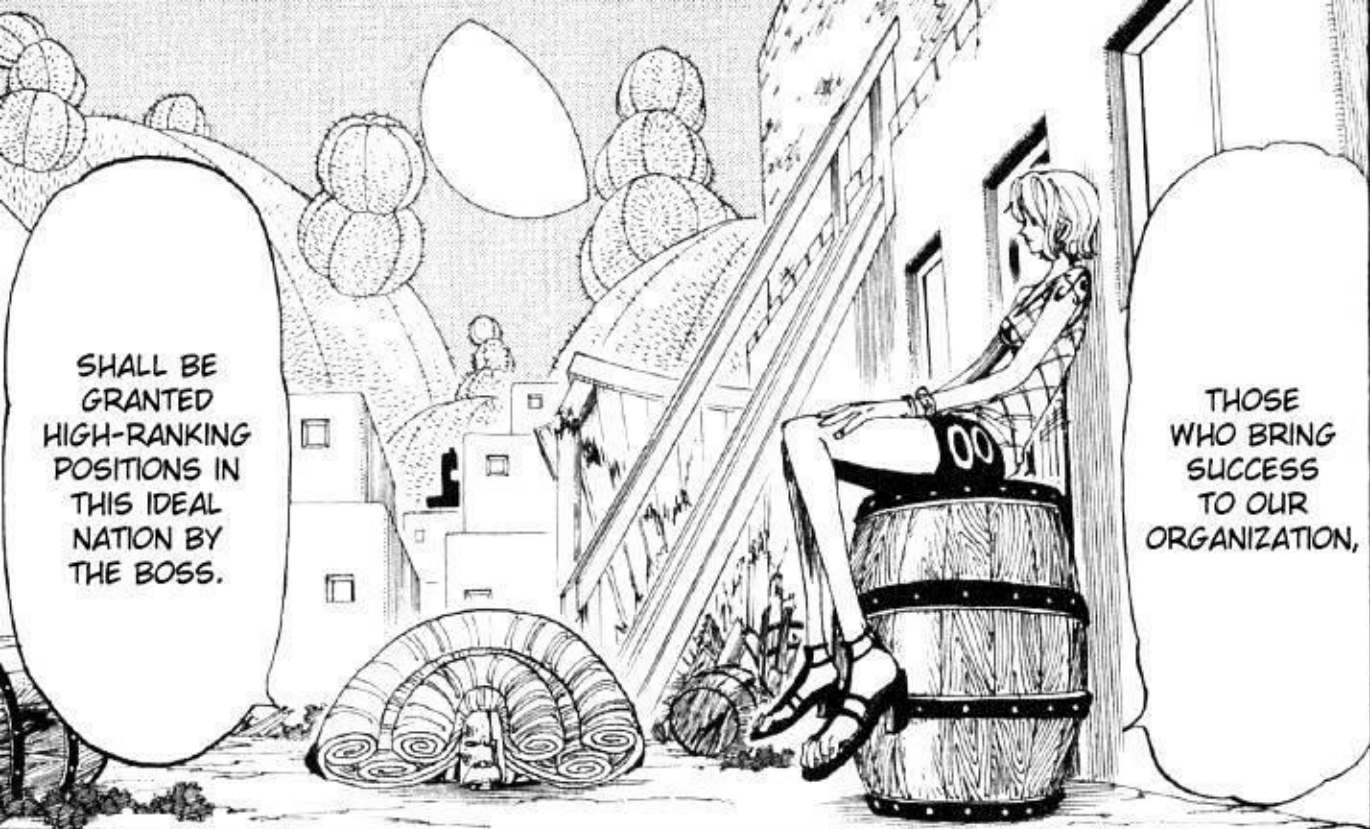


IS THE
CREATION
OF AN
IDEAL
NATION.

THE FINAL
OBJECTIVE
OF
BAROQUE
WORKS,

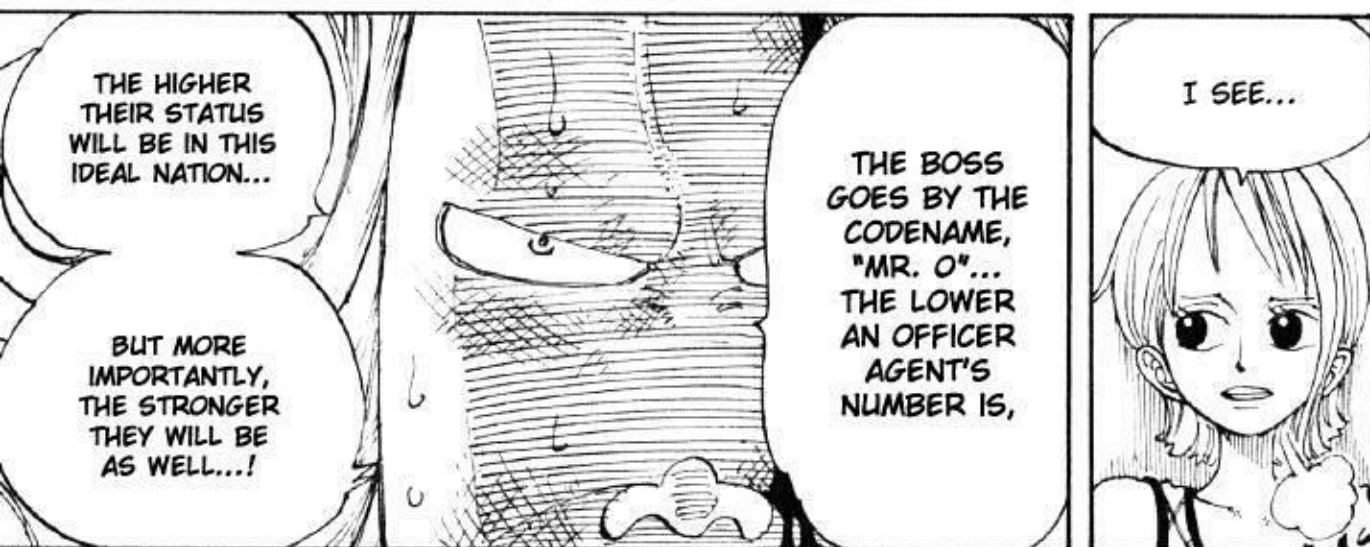


WHY DO
THE MEMBERS
OF BAROQUE
WORKS
BOTTER TO
LISTEN TO
THIS BOSS,
WHEN THEY
DON'T EVEN
KNOW HIS
NAME OR
IDENTITY?



SHALL BE
GRANTED
HIGH-RANKING
POSITIONS IN
THIS IDEAL
NATION BY
THE BOSS.

THOSE
WHO BRING
SUCCESS
TO OUR
ORGANIZATION,



THE HIGHER
THEIR STATUS
WILL BE IN THIS
IDEAL NATION...

BUT MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
THE STRONGER
THEY WILL BE
AS WELL...!

THE BOSS
GOES BY THE
CODENAME,
"MR. 0"...
THE LOWER
AN OFFICER
AGENT'S
NUMBER IS,

I SEE...



WHAAAAAT!?

HM?

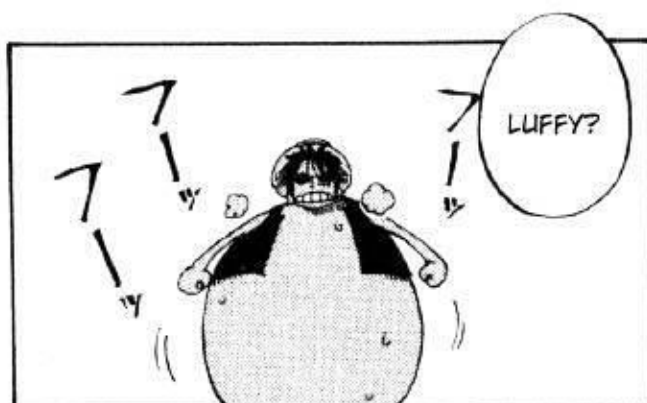
TIME TO
GO BACK
TO SLEEP.

AHH, THAT
FEELS
BETTER.

ABNORMAL.

ESPECIALLY
FOR AGENTS
WITH THE
NUMBER 5 OR
LESS, THEIR
STRENGTH
IS...







- D: WE'VE GOTTEN A NOMINATION FOR ODA-KUN TO BE THE VOICE ACTOR FOR PANDAMAN. ANYONE WHO DISAGREES, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. BY THE SCHOOL GRADE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
- O: OOOH, GOOD IDEA. ME, THE VOICE ACTOR FOR PANDAMAN? NICE. OKAY, I'LL GO TALK TO THE PEOPLE AT TOEI ANIMATION ABOUT DOING THAT... WAIT, PANDAMAN DOESN'T HAVE ANY LINES.
- D: QUESTION. YOU SAID THE SBS CORNER STANDS FOR "(S)HITSUMON O (B)OSHUU (S)URU CORNER." HUH? I FORGOT MY QUESTION. AHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA, YUK IT UP! HA HA HA HA HA HA. SHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA...
- O: WHAT?!! ARLONG?!!

D: To Oda-sensei:

Why did
you make
the SBS
Corner?

(cat)



O: A CAT... THAT'S A CAT...?

SO, WHY DID I CREATE IT? WHEN I READ THE MANGA GRAPHIC NOVELS YEARS AGO, A LOT OF AUTHORS USED TO PUT THIS SORT OF THING IN THEIR BOOKS. BECAUSE I ENJOYED THEM SO MUCH, I DECIDED THAT IF I WAS A MANGA ARTIST, I WOULD PUT THEM IN MY BOOKS. THAT'S WHY I MADE IT. YOU KNOW... IF THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A CAT...

D: IS HATCHAN A TAKOYAKI CHAMPION?

O: THAT CAN'T POSSIBLY BE A CAT...
AN OCTOPUS, MAYBE... IS IT AN OCTOPUS?