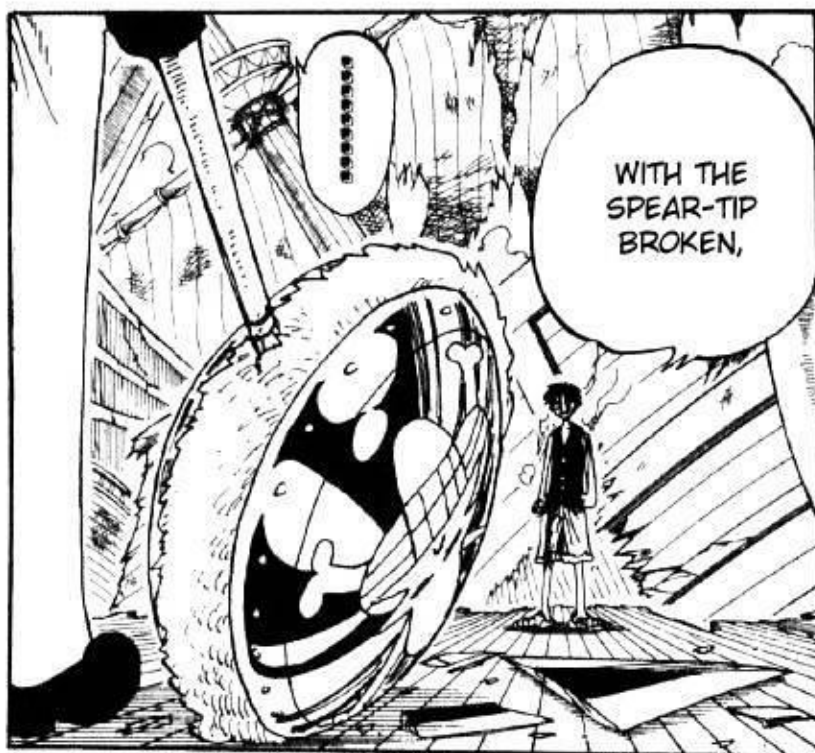
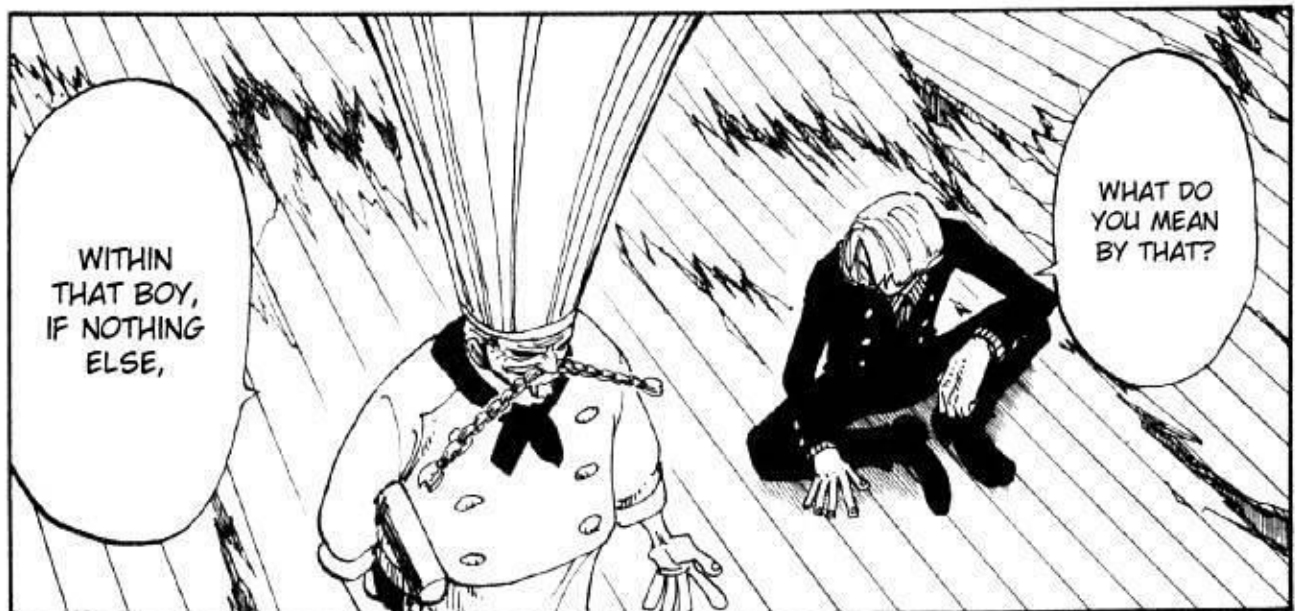


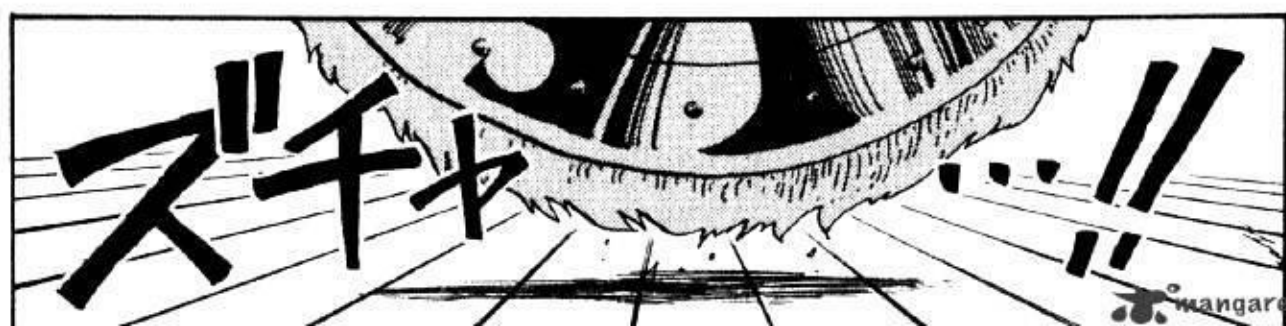
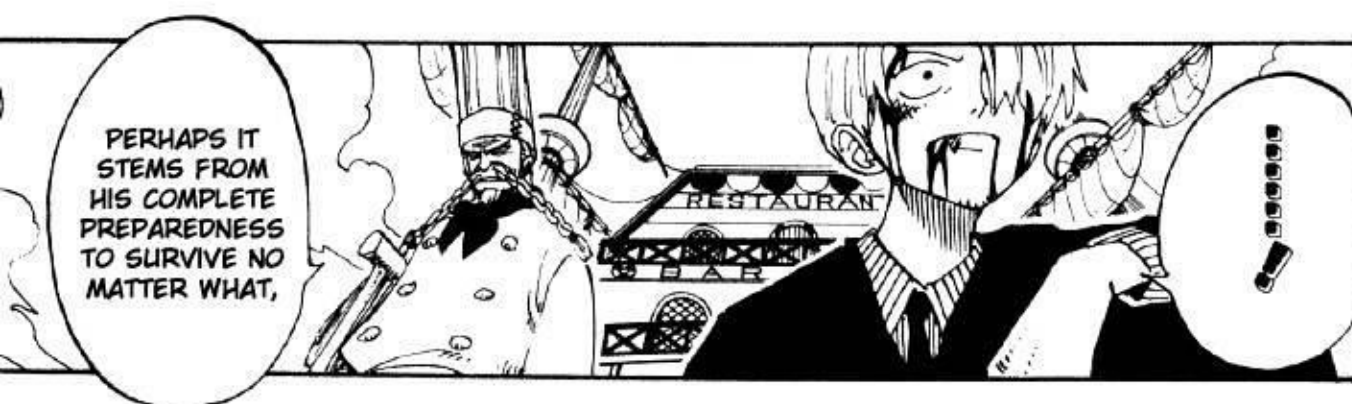
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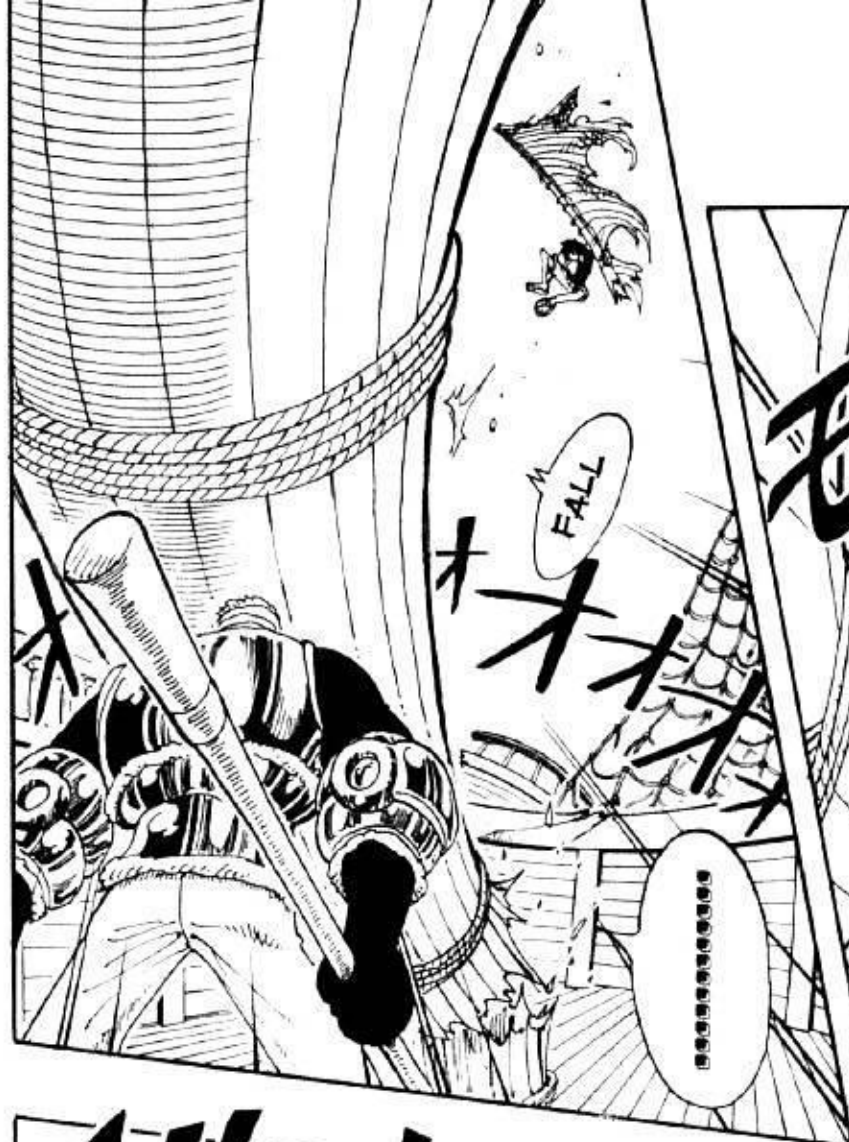














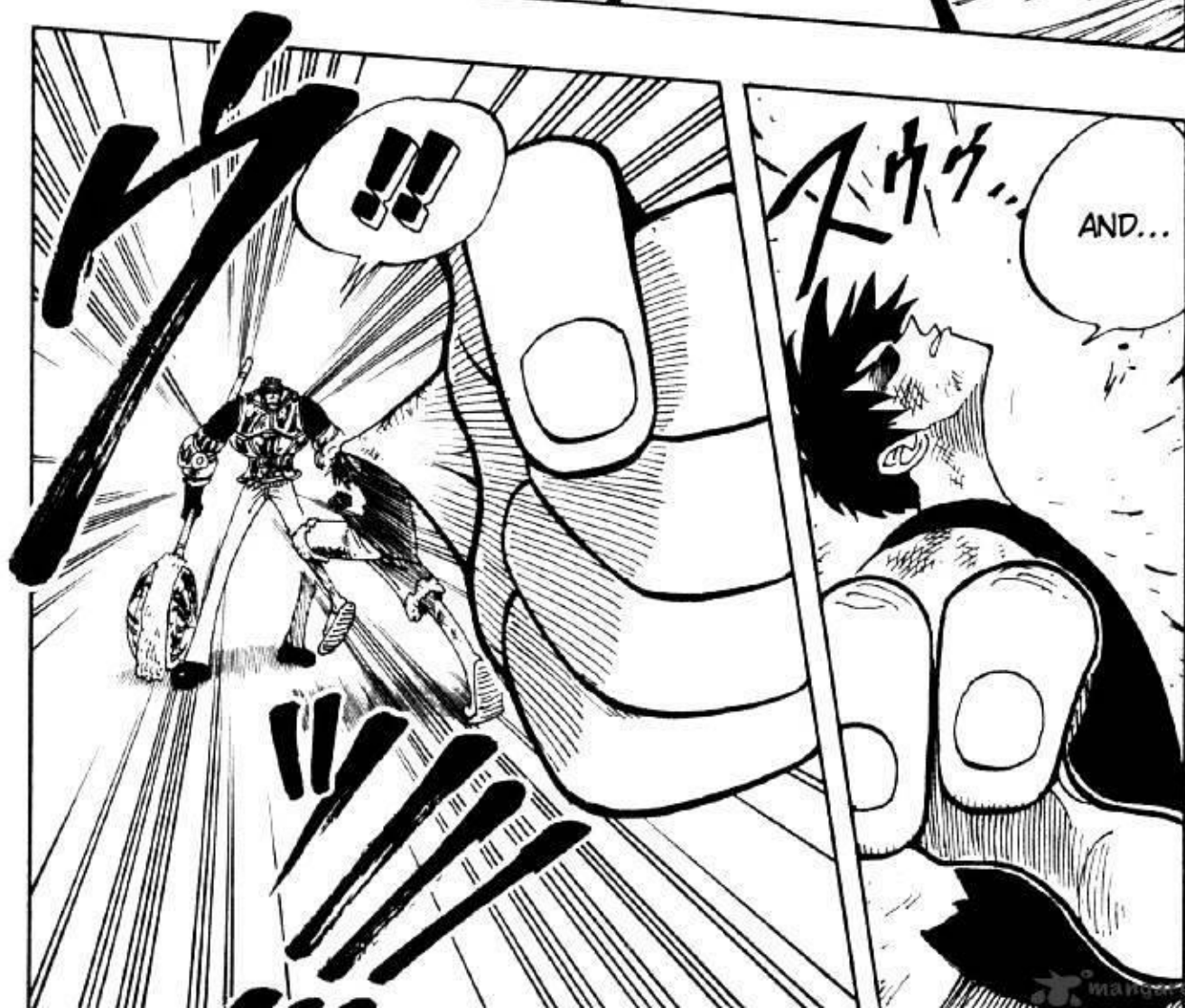


FUTILE!

KUHHA
HAHA!

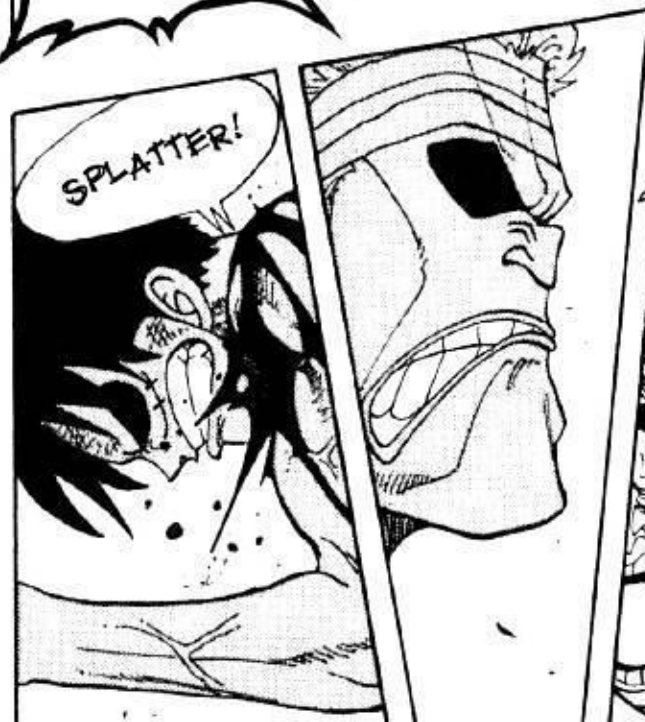
LAND

ALL ATTACKS
ARE FUTILE
BEFORE MY
WOOTZ STEEL
ARMOUR!





BULLET!



SPLATTER!

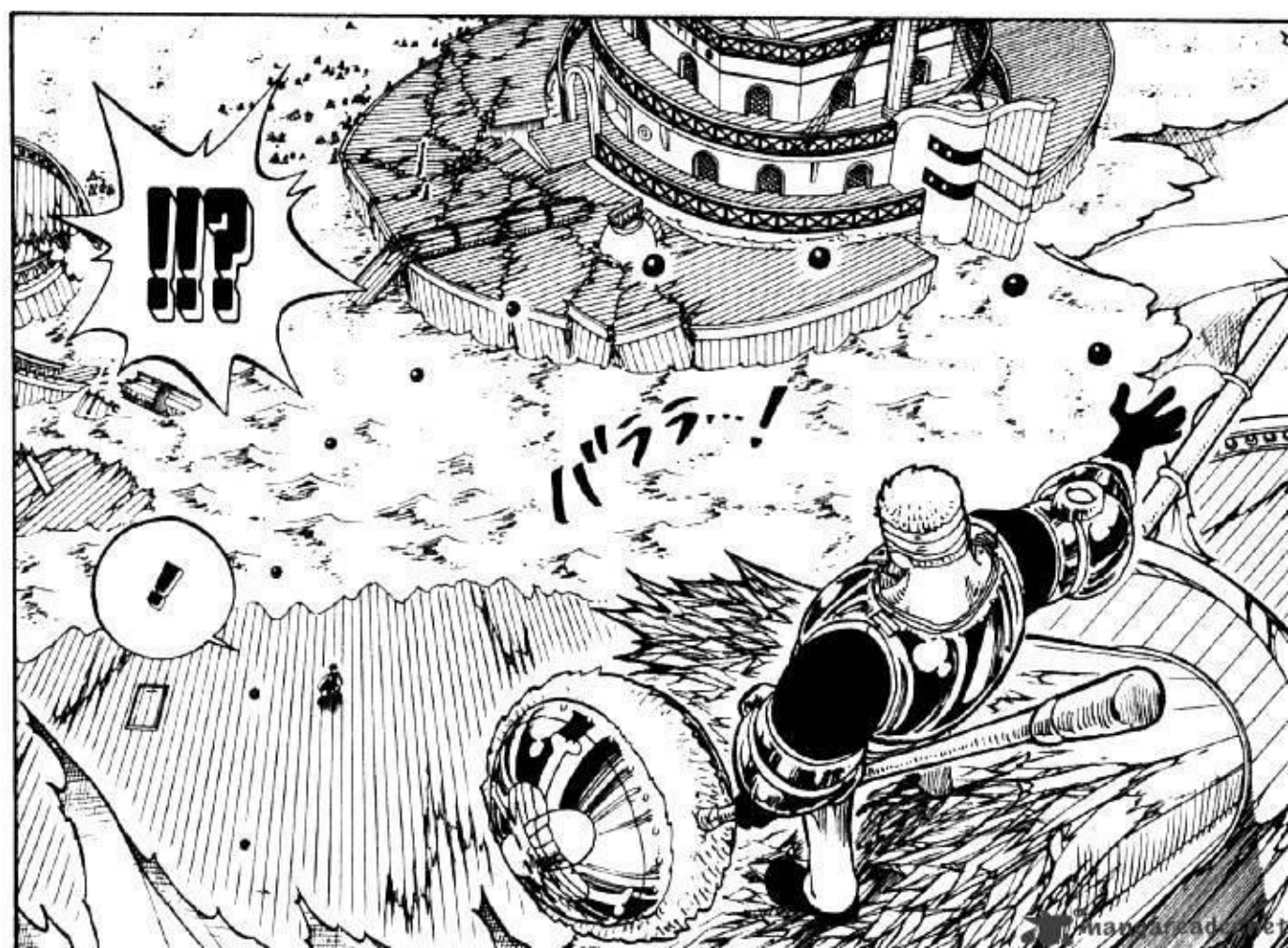


DON!



SSSNN...





ONLY THE
STRONG
SURVIVE!

IT'S
OVER!

FUHAHA
HAHA!

BOMBS!?

AHH! HE'S GOING
TO THROW THOSE
BOMBS DOWN TO
DESTROY THAT WHOLE
PLATFORM! RUN
AWAY, ERRAND BOY!



GOMU
GOMU
...



MEANING
ME, OF
COURSE!

IT'S A
TRAP!

YOU IDIOT,
DON'T RUN
TOWARDS
HIM! GET
AWAY!





I
THOUGHT
YOU'D
DO!



HOW USELESS...
BECAUSE THAT'S
EXACTLY WHAT...



!!!?



THERE ARE SOME
THINGS YOU CAN'T
OVERCOME WITH
WILLPOWER
ALONE...



BANZOOKA!



BUT I'LL
COMPLIMENT
YOU FOR
MANAGING TO
PUT A SMALL
CRACK IN MY
ARMOUR!

KUHAHAHAHA!
YOUR ATTACK
WAS USELESS
AGAIN! THIS
IS THE EXTENT
OF YOUR
STRENGTH!



NOW YOU
CAN DIE
HAPPILY!



OR HIS
CONVICTION
THAT FEARS
NO DEATH...

ERRAND
BOY!

PERHAPS IT
STEMS FROM
HIS COMPLETE
PREPAREDNESS
TO SURVIVE NO
MATTER WHAT,



BAZOOKA!

STRETCH!

GOMU
GOMU
...

!!!?

!!!?

WHA!?



D: YO!! EI-CHAN!! ARE YOU STILL WORKING ON ONE PIECE? KEEP DRAWING, MAN!! OKAY, EI-CHAN, HERE'S MY QUESTION. WHO ARE THE "ONE PIECE" CHARACTERS WITH THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST IQS?! OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY.

O: I'LL TELL YOU. BUT WHEN I SAY "IN ONE PIECE," I REALLY MEAN, "OF ALL THE CHARACTERS INTRODUCED THUS FAR IN ONE PIECE." AND HAVING CLEARED THAT UP, THE CHARACTER WITH THE HIGHEST IQ IS SHANKS' FIRST MATE, BENN BECKMAN. HE IS A GREAT CREWMATE WHO SUPPORTS SHANKS WITH HIS ASTONISHING WISDOM AND STRENGTH. AND RIGHT AFTER HIM WOULD PROBABLY BE CAPTAIN KURO, THEN NAMI. NOW AS FOR THE LOWEST IQ... I CAN'T DECIDE THE WORST ONE. THEY'RE ALL IDIOTS.

D: ODA-SENSEI, IS YOUR HOUSE REALLY MADE OF CARDBOARD? (I HEARD FROM MY FRIEND.)

O: YES. WHETHER IT'S RAINY OR SUNNY OR SNOWY, I ALWAYS DRAW MY MANGA. BUT DON'T WORRY. THE CERTIFICATE INK I USE IS WATERPROOF!! (CAUTION: GOOD CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BELIEVE ME!)

D: WHAT IS THAT CAPE-LIKE THING THAT BUCHI OF THE NYABAN BROTHERS HAS? IS IT A FUTON?

O: ACTUALLY, IT'S A "KOTATSU-BUTON." HE IS A CAT, AFTER ALL.

(NOTE: A KOTATSU-BUTON IS THE FUTON THAT COVERS A KOTATSU, WHICH IS A TABLE WITH A HEATER UNDERNEATH. THE COVER KEEPS THE HEAT UNDERNEATH, AND CATS ARE SAID TO LOVE HIDING UNDER THE KOTATSU WHERE IT IS WARM.)

D: IS LUFFY'S POSE ON THE COVER OF VOLUME 3 FROM KEN SHIMURA-SAN'S "AIIN"?

O: OH MY GOD, YOU'RE RIGHT!! IT'S AIIN!! IT REALLY IS. YES, IT IS AIIN.

(NOTE: "AIIN" IS A WELL-KNOWN GAG FROM VETERAN COMEDIAN KEN SHIMURA. KEN'S MOST FAMOUS CHARACTER IS "BAKA TONO" (STUPID LORD), WHOSE SIGNATURE POSE IS "AIIN!")