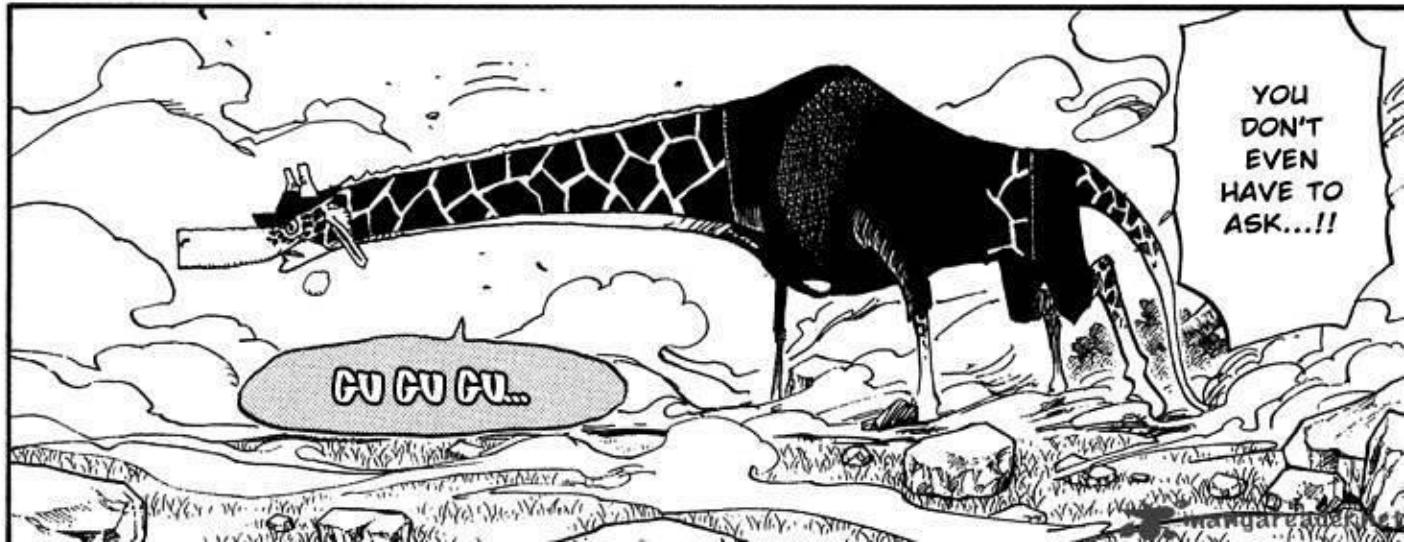
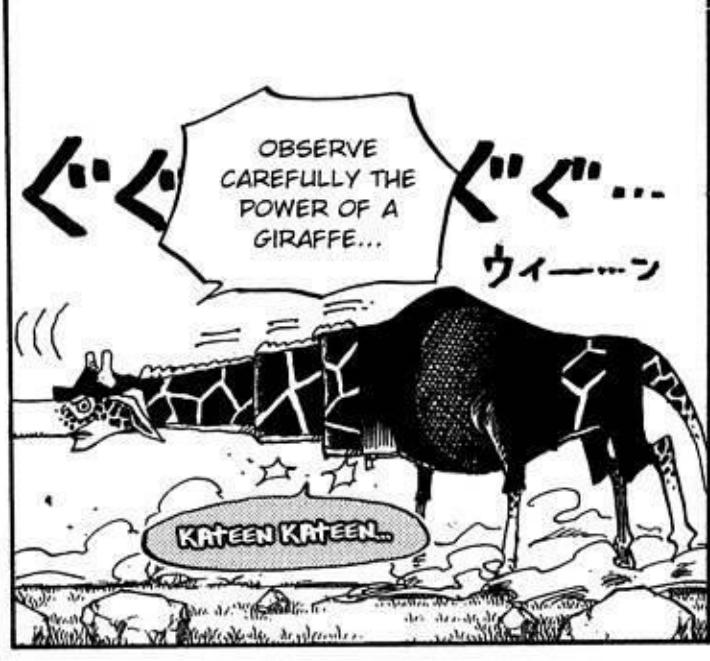


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"ASURA"



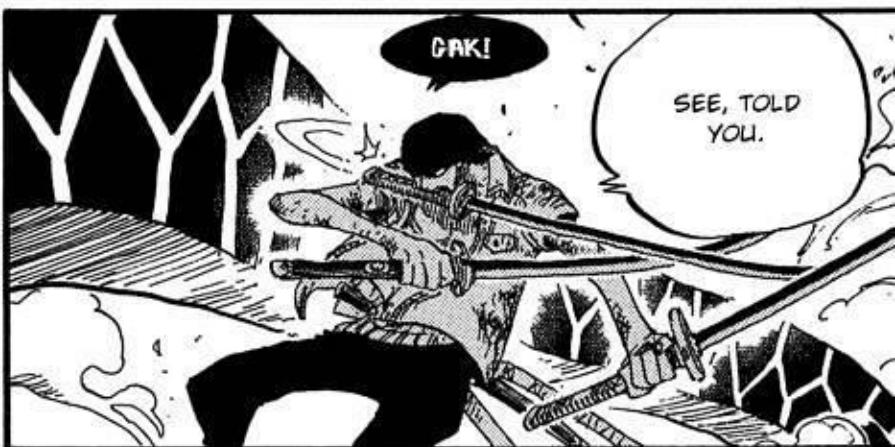
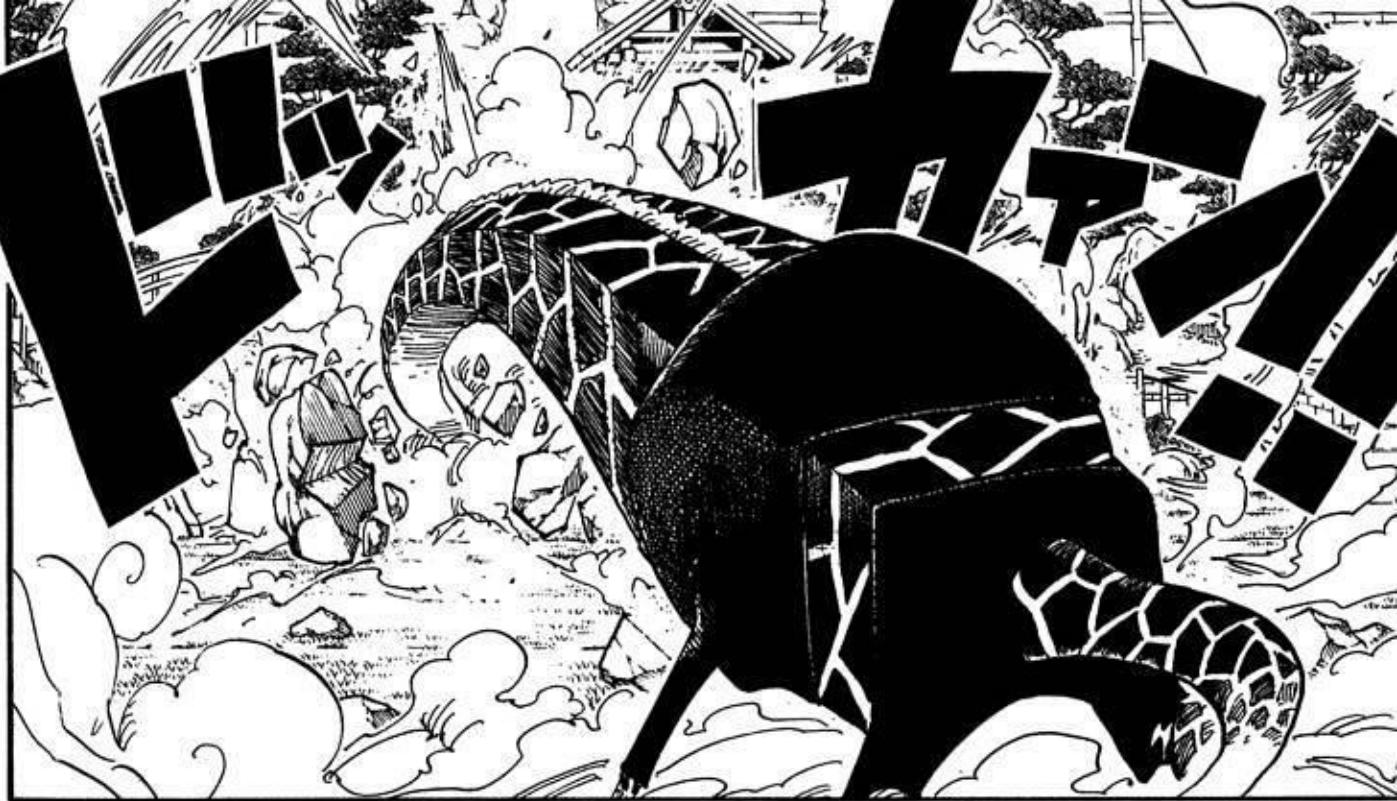




\*GIRAFFE MAN PIERCE TOWER

\*ULTIMATE NOSE GUN





"NEJI  
HAKUJIN\*"  
!!!

UWAH!!!

\*SCREW WHITE BLADE

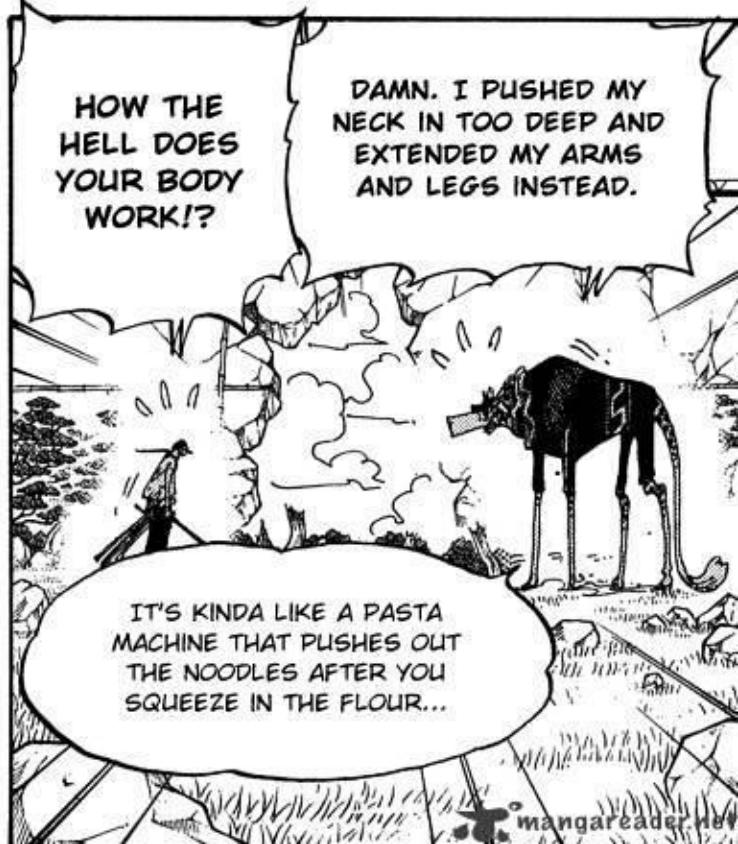
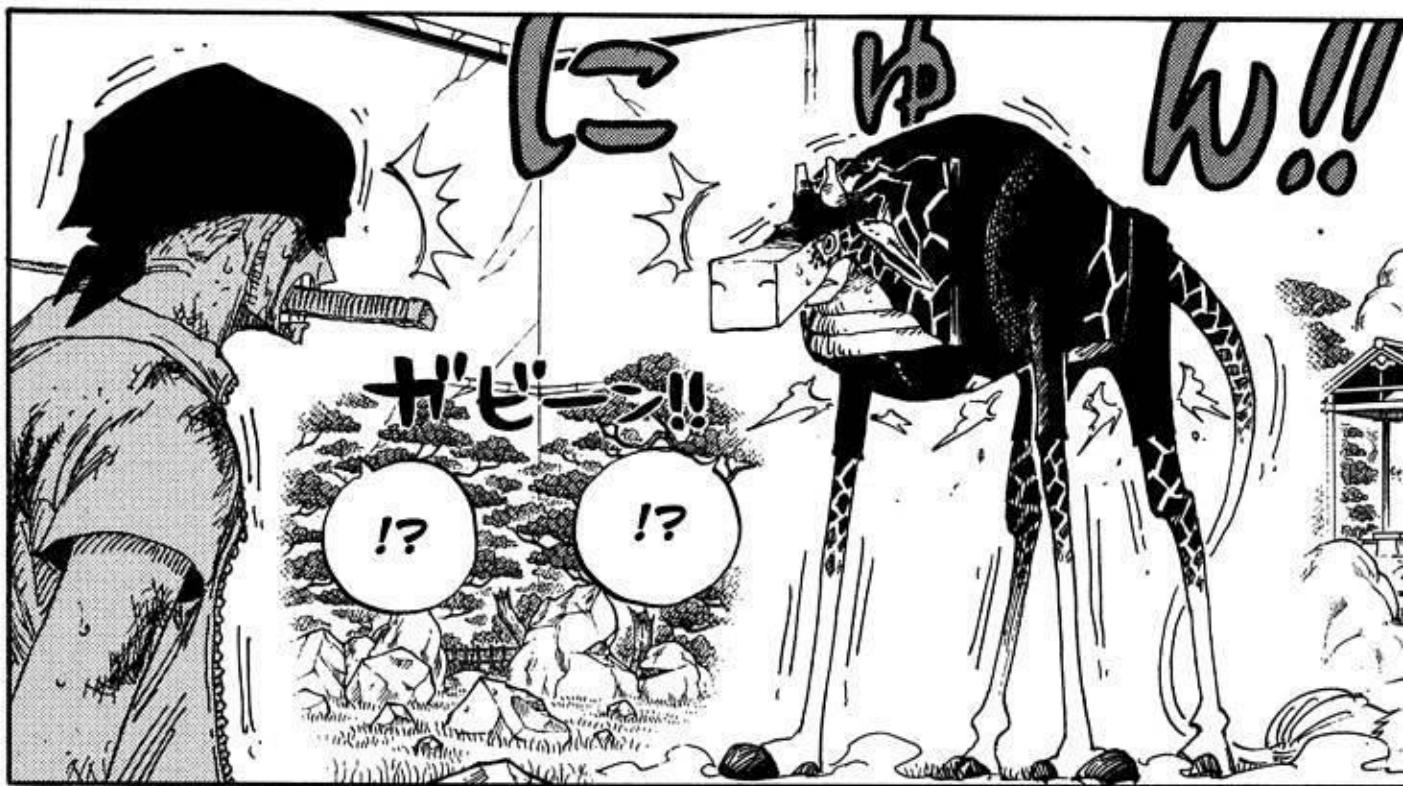
ZZA ZZA ZAK....!!

KU!!!

YOU'RE THE  
ONE WHO'S  
OFF-GUARD.

...!!

GEE  
GEE  
GEE  
GEE  
...









!!!  
YOU WON'T  
STAND A  
CHANCE!!

I'M A YON-  
TOURYUU\*  
SWORDSMAN.

NOW I CAN  
MAXIMIZE  
THE  
GIRAFFE'S  
POWER.

...!!  
AND THE FACT  
THAT YOU USE  
"YONTOURYUU"  
...!!

AND THE FACT  
THAT YOU CAN  
RETRACT YOUR  
TROUBLESOME  
NECK...!!

IS  
POWERFUL  
...!!

THE FACT  
THAT A  
GIRAFFE

...!!

NU!!?

IS A GOOD  
ENOUGH  
REASON  
TO DEFEAT  
ME!!!

NOT  
ONE OF  
THEM



\*KOTO, A JAPANESE MUSIC INSTRUMENT.

\*BALL. HYOLIKIN-DAMA MEANS HUMOROUS PERSON.





FU FU.

GUN!!!



WOO"

DID HE  
ANTICIPATE  
MY MOVE!?

NO WAY! I  
READ THIS  
ATTACK....!!!

GWAH!!!





"HENCHIKIRIN\*!!!"

DAMN IT....!!

UWAH  
!!!

THIS NECK  
CAN ALSO  
TURN INTO  
A WHIP....!!

\*WHIP BAMBOO FOREST. A PLIN WITH ABSURD.  
FIERCE BAMBOO FOREST  
"MOUCHI-  
KIRIN\*\*  
!!!

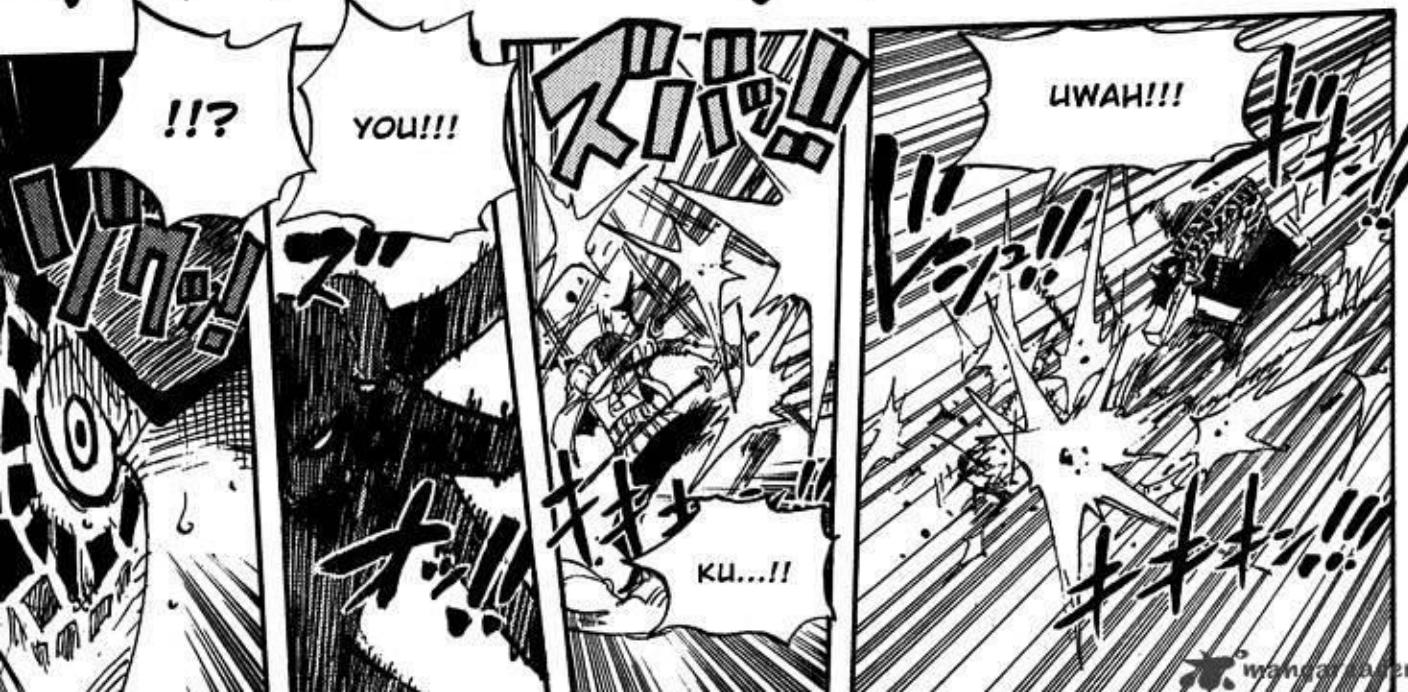
ARGH  
!!!

I'LL  
INCREASE  
THE  
SPEED....!!

....!!

COUGH

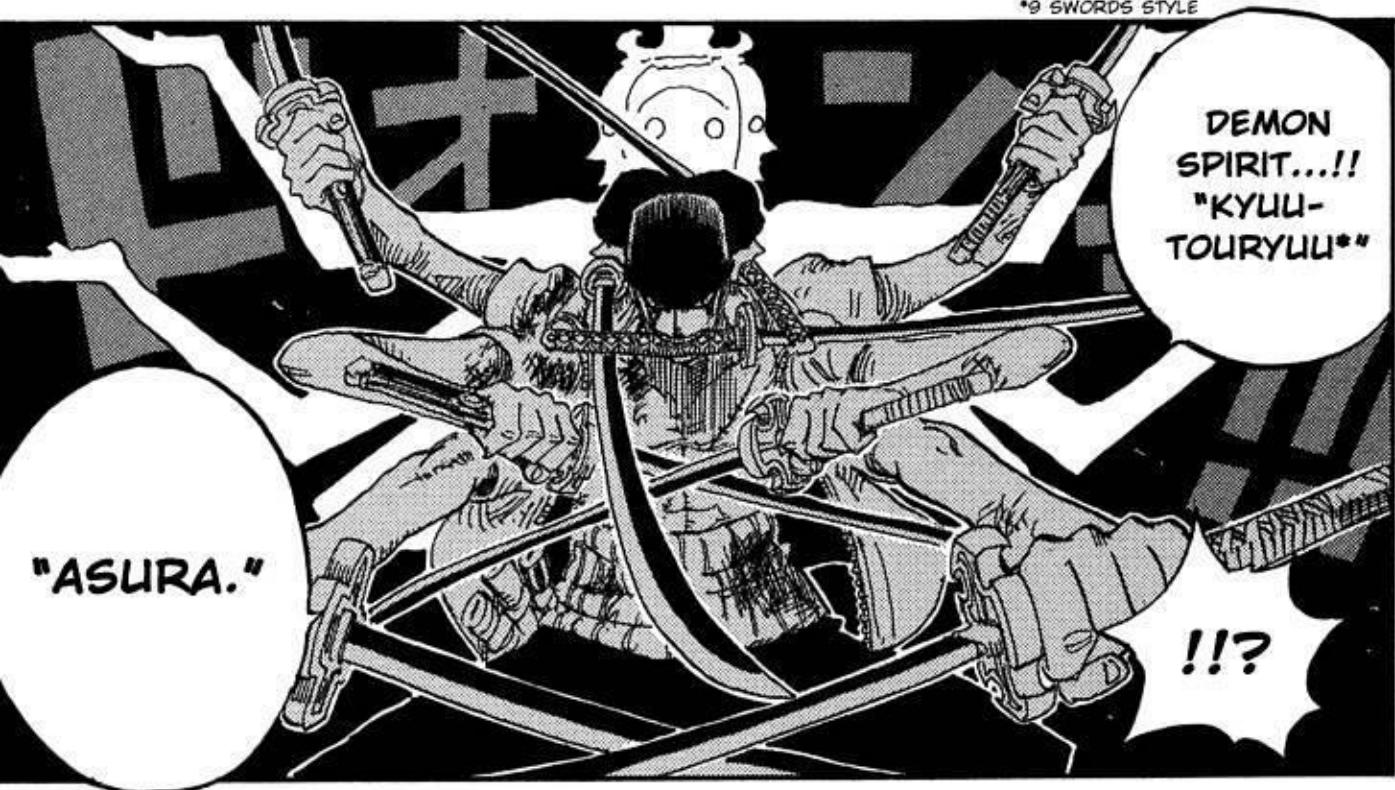
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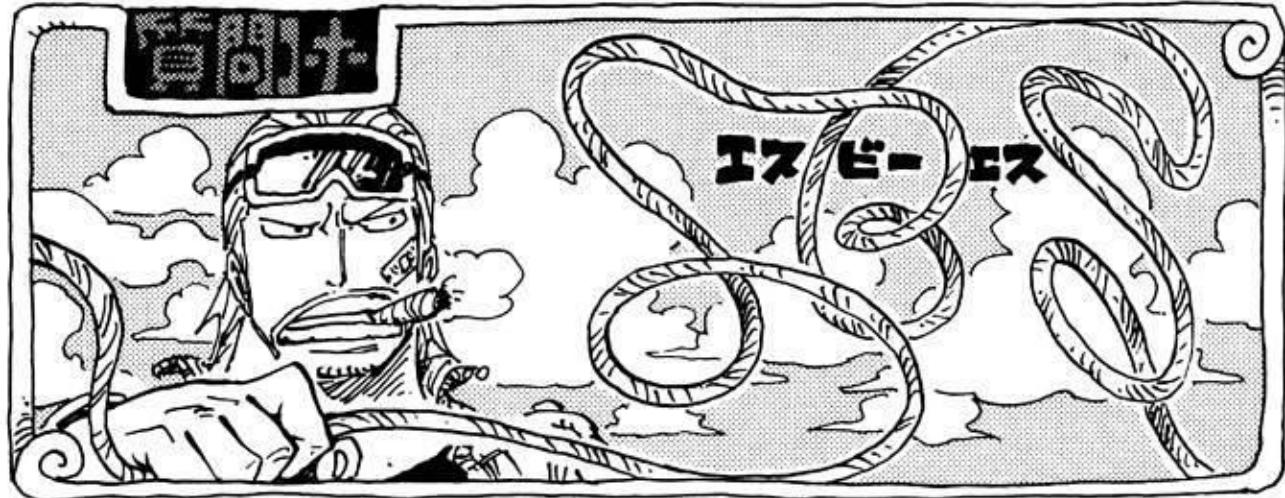




\*9 SWORDS STYLE







R: WASSUP, OCCHIN! NICE TA MEET'CHA! (AT MY SCHOOL WE ALL CALL YOU OCCHIN).

SO, BACK TO MY QUESTION. IN CHAPTER 372 OF VOL 39, SANJI USES "PARAGE SHOT." IF YOU GET "PARAGED," EXACTLY HOW BEAUTIFUL CAN YOU GET? TELL ME!

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O: WE'RE TALKING COMPLETE MAKEOVER HERE. JUST AS YOU SAW WITH WANZE, YOU GET HOLLYWOOD-MOVIE-STAR-DROP-DEAD-GORGEOUS LOOKS. BUT IT HAS TWO SMALL CATCHES. ONE, BECAUSE IT'S SANJI WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, HE'D NEVER KICK A WOMAN. SECOND, ONLY YOUR FACE CHANGES. SO IF YOUR BODY'S LIKE A POTATO, EVEN THOUGH YOU'D HAVE A PRETTY FACE, THE IMBALANCE WOULD JUST CREEP PEOPLE OUT.

R: GOOD WORK, ODA-SAN! PLEASE HEAR ME OUT; THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN DRIVING ME NUTS!! USUALLY A BOUND VOLUME CONTAINS ABOUT 9 CHAPTERS, BUT ONE PIECE HAS ABOUT 10-11 SOMETIMES! WHY IS THAT!? IT'S BEEN STRANGELY THICK AS OF LATE. AND THE STORY'S BEEN HOT, TOO!

-JOHN



O: YOU'RE RIGHT. TO TALK SHOP, COMIC VOLUMES ARE USUALLY LIMITED TO AROUND 184 PAGES. COMMONLY, 9 CHAPTERS FIT PERFECTLY, BUT IN MY CASE "THEY JUST HAVE TO HAVE 10 OR 11!" I SOMETIMES DEMAND IT (SELFISHLY). I GUESS YOU COULD SAY IT'S SERVICE TO MY READERS, AND IT ALSO GOES TO SHOW HOW MUCH I CARE ABOUT THE STORY. IN THE PAST, AFTER GOING FROM A 11-CHAPTER VOLUME TO A 9-CHAPTER ONE, READERS EXPRESSED LOTS OF COMPLAINTS OVER HOW THE VOLUMES WERE GETTING THINNER... SO THAT'S PROBABLY PART OF THE REASON TOO (LAUGHS).