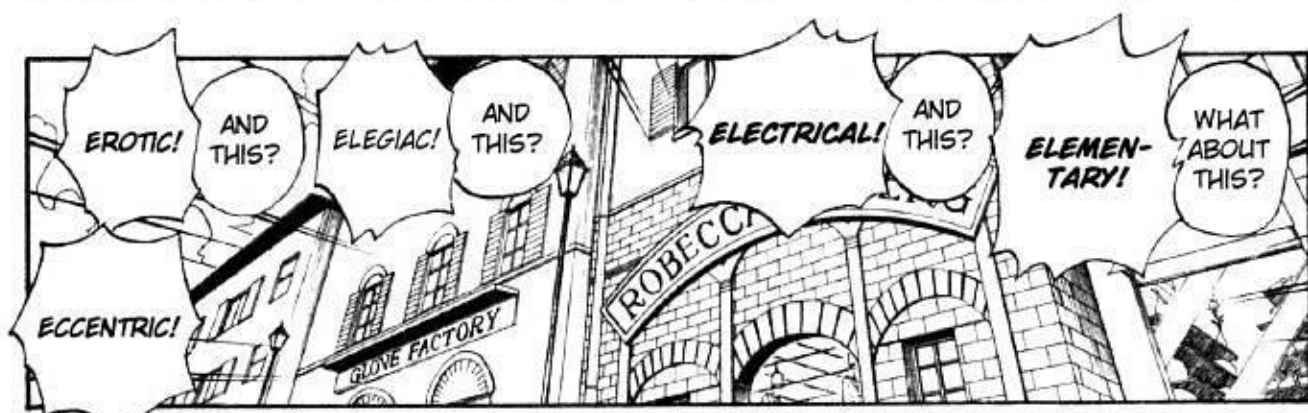
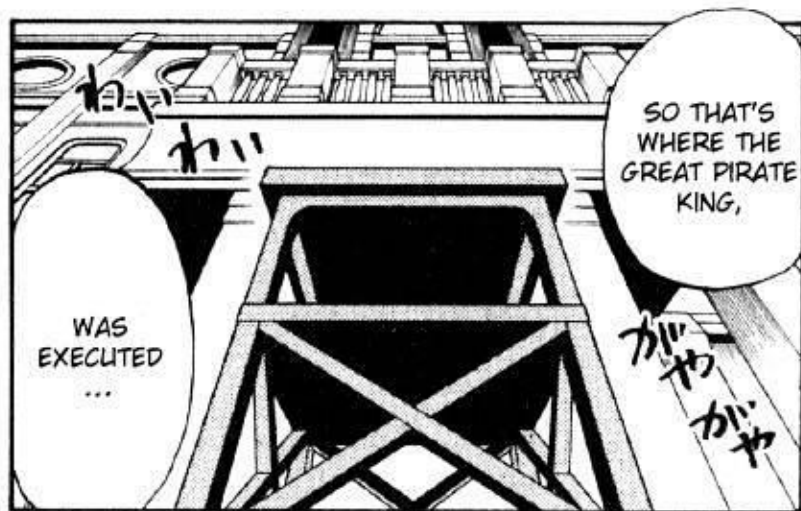


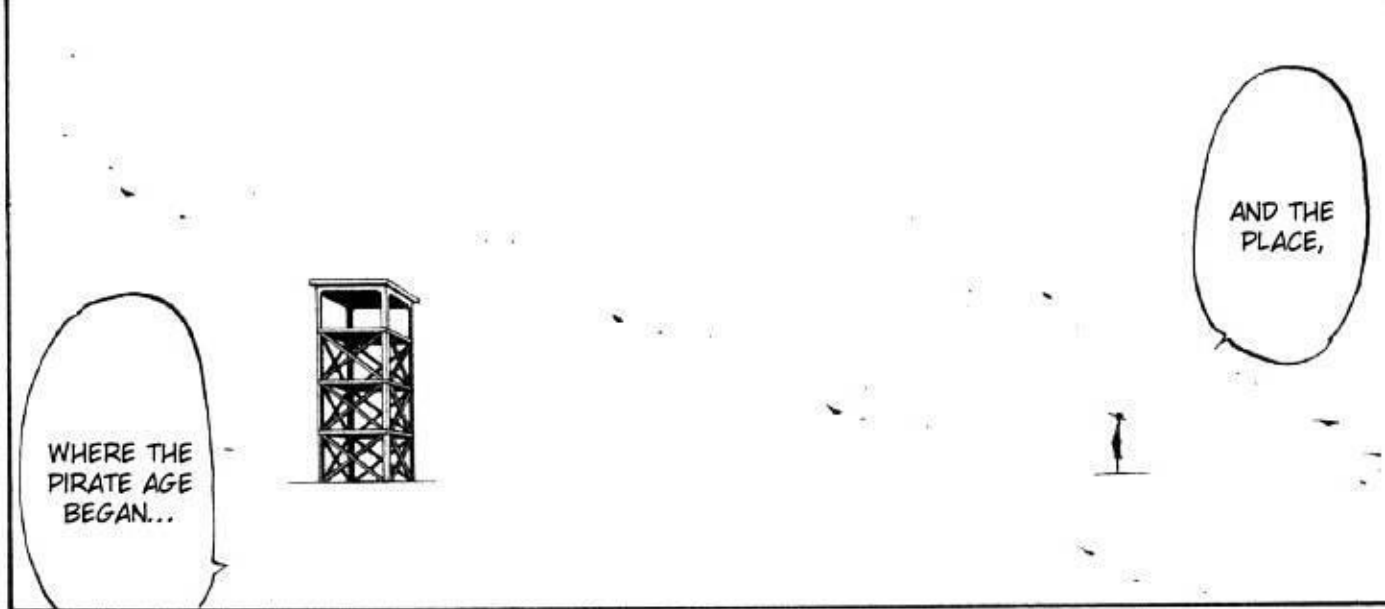
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"SANDAI KITETSU"

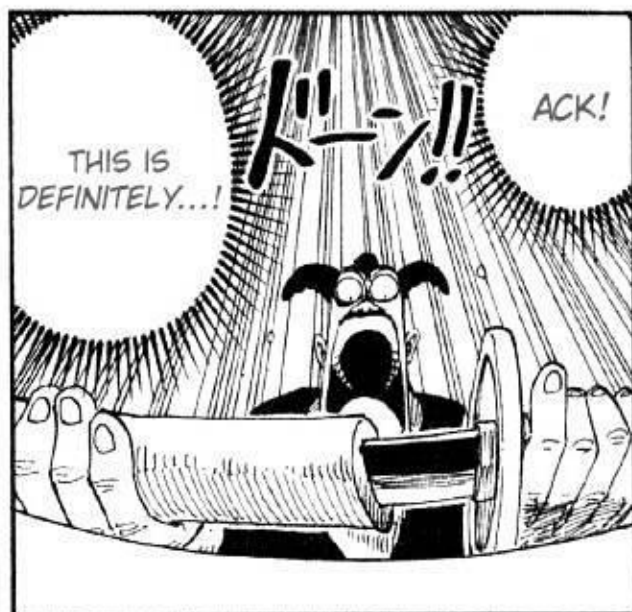
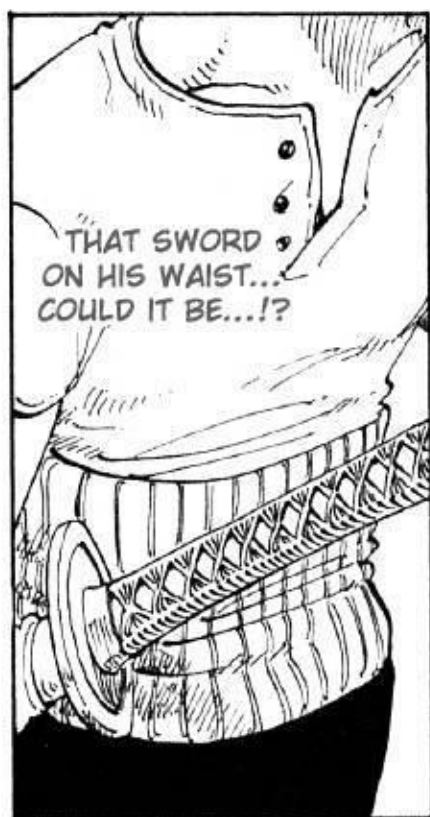




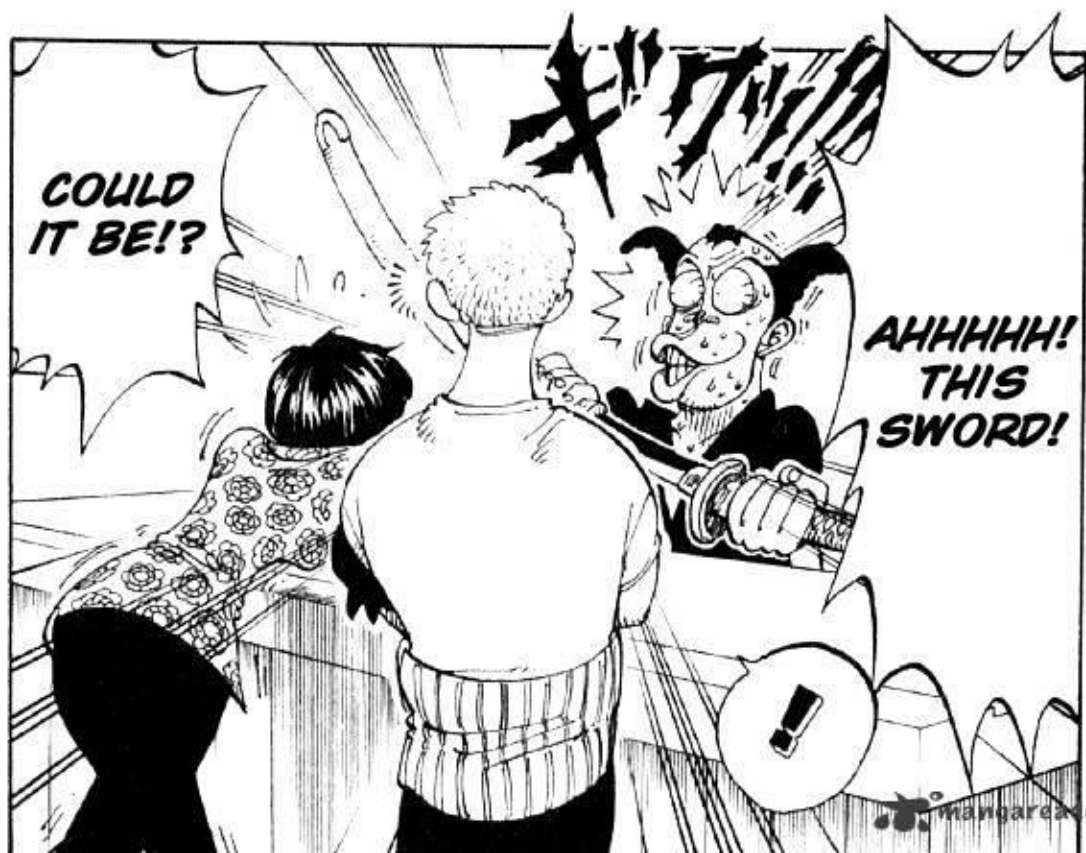








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"WADOU
ICHIMONJI,"
RIGHT!?

THIS IS...

tl note: literally "Straight path of harmony"



Y-Y-Y-YES...
I-IT DOES
H-H-HAPPEN TO
GO BY SUCH A
NAME... BUT IT'S
STILL JUST A
DECENT SWORD
AT BEST...

SUCH A
BEAUTIFUL
EDGE...



!?

WADOU
...!?



LOOK! LOOK
RIGHT HERE!
IT'S A SWORD
THAT CAN'T BE
BOUGHT FOR
ANY LESS THAN
A MILLION BELI!

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DECENT!?
WHY, THAT'S
RIDICULOUS!
THIS IS ONE OF
THE 21 GREAT-
GRADE SWORDS!
IT'S FAMOUS!



YOU'VE COME TO PICK UP YOUR "SHIGURE," RIGHT!? HERE, IT'S BEEN POLISHED ALREADY!

AH

AH

AH

HMPH, I CAN'T BELIEVE A TIMID GIRL LIKE YOU CARRIES AROUND A HIGH-GRADE SWORD...!



WHA!? OBSTRUCTION OF BUSINESS!? I'M SORRY, DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG?

I SHOULD SUE YOU FOR OBSTRUCTION OF BUSINESS!

DAMN IT, WOMAN! YOU'VE GONE AND TOLD HIM EVERYTHING!

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IT'S JUST THAT... I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A FINE SWORD BEFORE AND...!

†† note: shigure literally means drizzle



IT'S EXACTLY AS SHE SAYS AND IT'S A DAMN SHAME THAT A GUY LIKE YOU WHO DOESN'T EVEN KNOW ITS TRUE VALUE IS ITS OWNER!

LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT LUCKY BECAUSE OF THAT NOSY GIRL.

THAT SWORD IS A MASTER-WORK BLADE!

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THE HECK ARE YOU FALLING OVER THERE FOR!? PUT ALL THE SWORDS BACK IN THEIR PLACE AND JUST LEAVE ALREADY!

AHHH!



DIDN'T WE MEET EARLIER JUST NOW ON THE STREETS?

AH!



SO PICK TWO YOU LIKE AND BRING'EM OVER HERE!

THOSE BARRELS BACK THERE ARE FULL OF 50,000 BELI-SWORDS.

WHAT'S HE SO ANGRY ABOUT...



A CERTAIN BOUNTY HUNTER...?

I'M TALKING OF RORONOA ZORO. DO YOU KNOW HIM?



IF YOU DON'T MIND ME SAYING SO, YOUR 3 SWORDS REMIND ME OF A CERTAIN BOUNTY HUNTER!

SO YOU LOVE SWORDS, DO YOU?



IT'S SIMPLY UNFORGIVABLE!

TO THINK THAT HE TREATS HIS SWORDS AS MERELY A MEANS OF MAKING MONEY...

OR SHOULD I SAY, INFAMOUS?

YES, HE'S QUITE A FAMOUS SWORDSMAN HERE IN EAST BLUE.

I HAVE HEARD OF HIS NAME QUITE A BIT.



AND THEY'RE THE ONES WHO POSSESS MOST OF THE WORLD'S MASTERWORK BLADES.

ALL THE FAMOUS SWORDSMEN OF TODAY ARE EITHER PIRATES OR BOUNTY HUNTERS.

WHY IS IT THAT THE EVIL ARE SO STRONG IN THIS DAY AND AGE...?

THE SWORDS ARE CRYING, YOU KNOW.



BUT EVER SINCE THAT MONSTER WAS PLACED IN CHARGE OF THIS TOWN,

I BARELY GET ANY CUSTOMERS ANYMORE!

I'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO WELCOME ANY CRIMINALS!

I REMEMBER WHEN MY SHOP USED TO BE TEEMING WITH ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE TRYING TO ENTER THE GRAND LINE.



WELL, PERHAPS THEY ALL HAVE THEIR OWN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, NO?

OCCUPATIONS REFLECT THE NEEDS OF THE TIME, AFTER ALL.



DEVIL FRUIT...?



HE'S A DEVIL FRUIT USER! THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH REASON TO CALL HIM A MONSTER!

S-SMOKER IS NO MONSTER!



SUCH THAT I CAN TRAVEL THE WORLD AND RETRIEVE ALL THE MASTERWORK BLADES FROM THE HANDS OF CRIMINALS!

WHETHER IT BE THE 12 SUPREME-GRADE SWORDS, 21 GREAT-GRADE SWORDS, OR THE 50 SKILLFUL-GRADE SWORDS, I SHALL RISK MY LIFE TO RETRIEVE THEM!

IN ANY CASE... BEING A SWORDSMAN MYSELF,

I VOW TO TRAIN HARDER AND HARDER WITH MY SHIGURE,

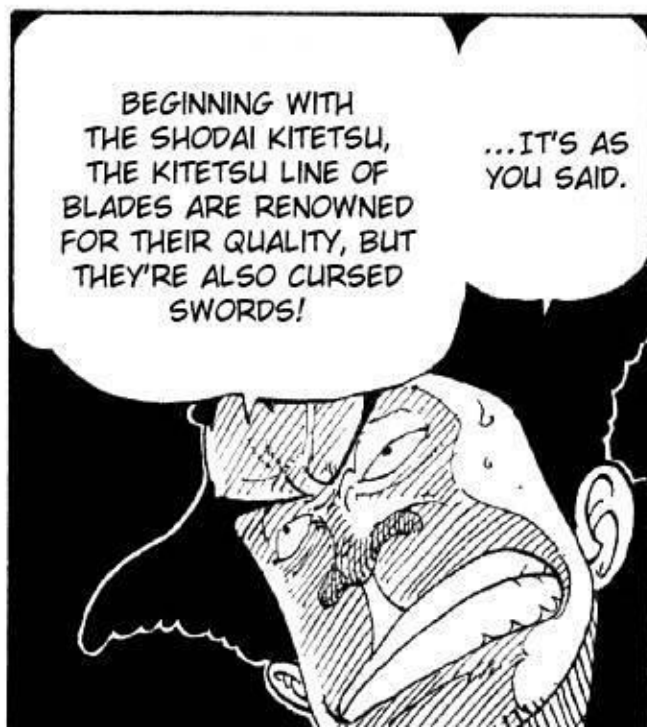


tl note: literally third generation demon cutter





tl note: the names of the swords mean "second generation demon cutter" and "first generation demon cutter," respectively.





THAT'S WHY YOU WON'T FIND ANY SWORDSMEN WHO'D DARE TO USE A KITETSU THESE DAYS.

EVEN IF A PERSON WAS UNAWARE OF THE CURSE BEHIND THESE SWORDS, THEY'D STILL END UP DEAD AFTER WIELDING ONE.

MANY FAMOUS SWORDSMEN OF THE PAST HAVE SUFFERED TRAGIC DEATHS AFTER CARRYING AROUND THE KITETSU SWORDS.



THIS IS WHY AMATEURS LIKE YOU,

HMPH!

SHOULDN'T ACT LIKE THEY'RE EXPERTS ABOUT SWORDS!



I HAD NO IDEA IT WAS SUCH A TERRIFYING SWORD, AND ENDED UP SAYING SOMETHING SO FOOLISH...

F... FORGIVE ME!



BUT I'M AFRAID OF BEING CURSED TOO...

I WISH I COULD GET RID OF THAT DAMN SWORD,



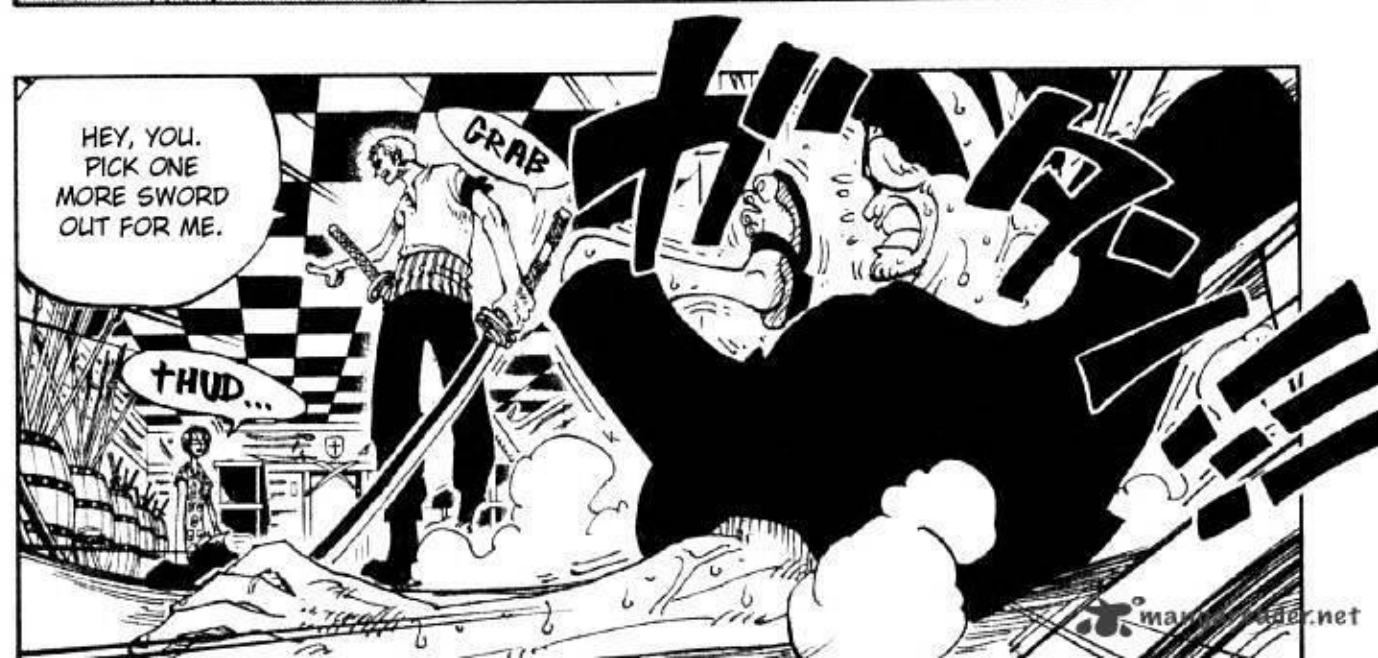
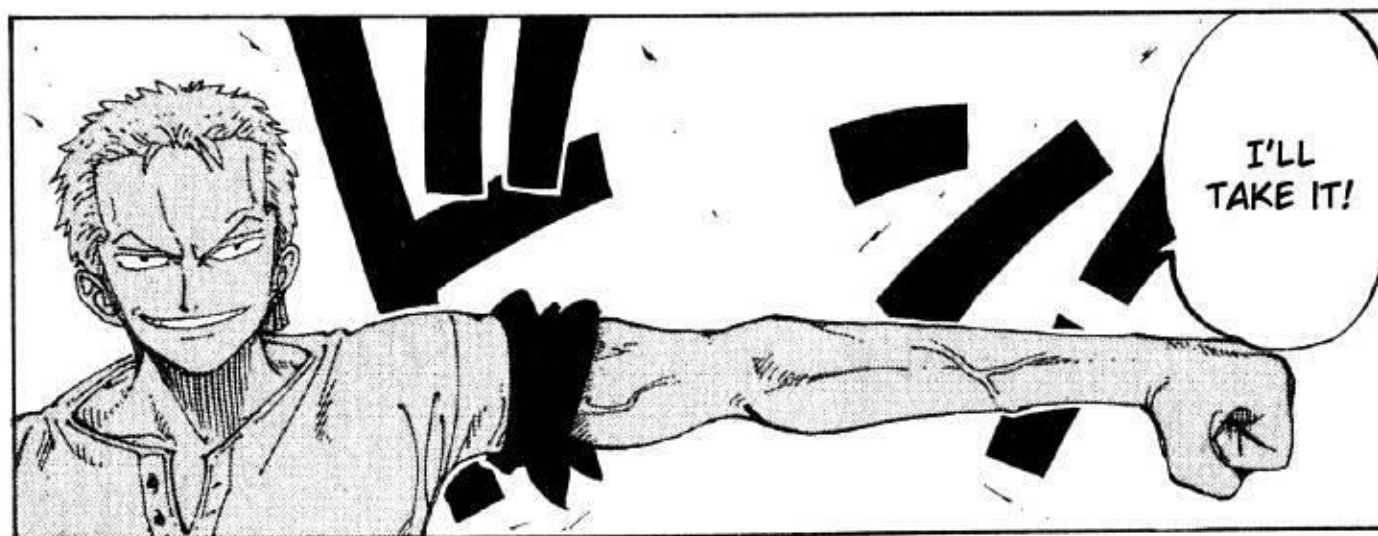
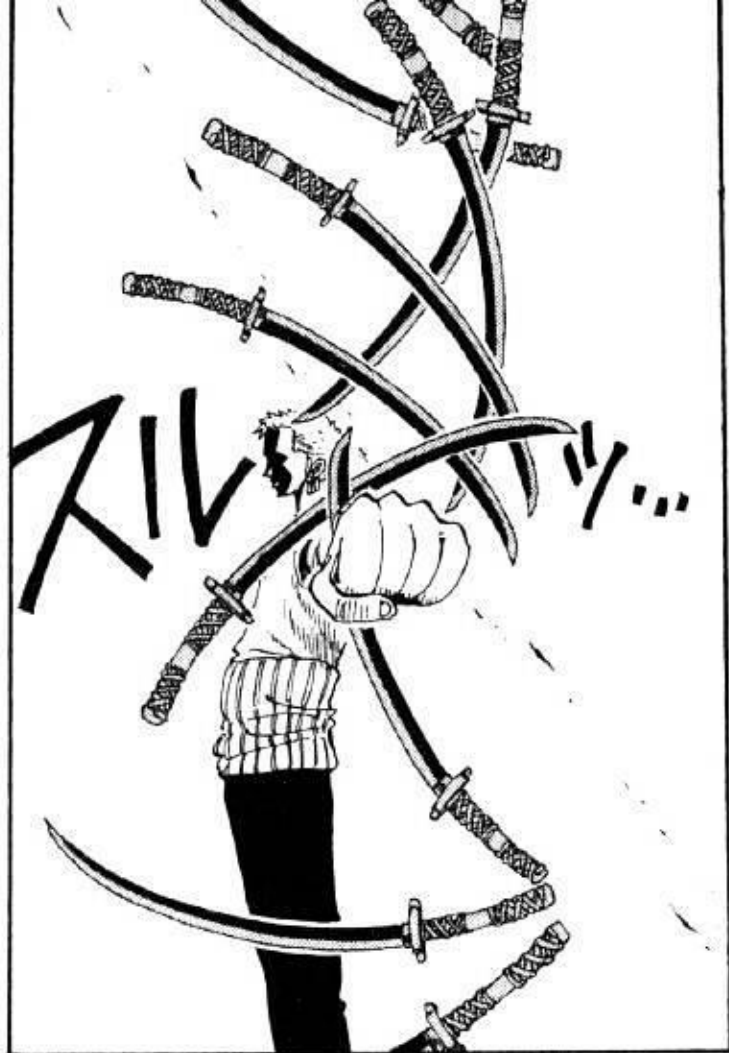
Y-YOU IDIOT, I SAID IT'S NOT FOR SALE! IF I DID SELL IT TO YOU AND YOU ENDED UP DEAD, IT'D BE ALMOST AS IF I WERE THE ONE WHO KILLED YOU!

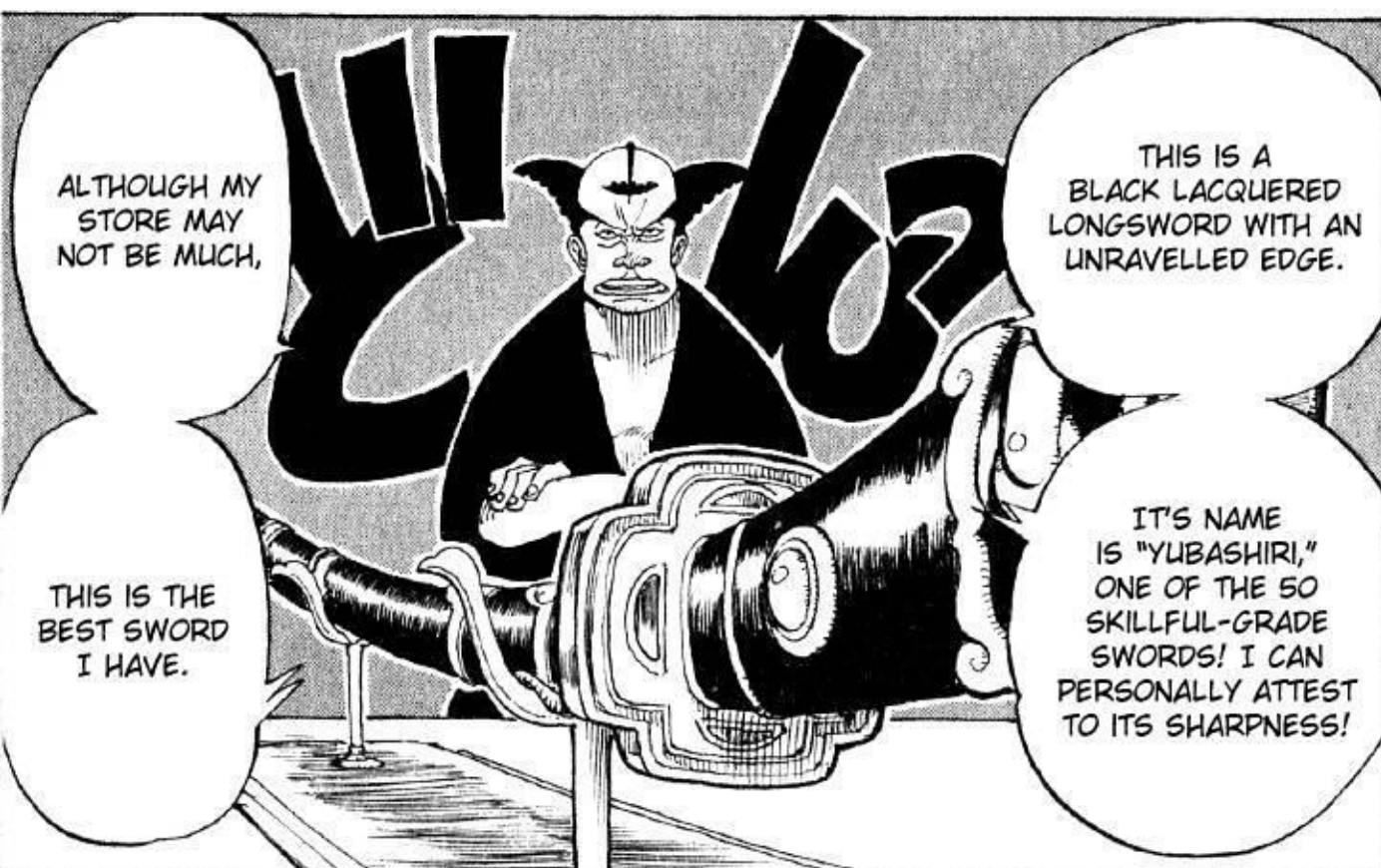


SO MUCH SO THAT I'LL TAKE IT!

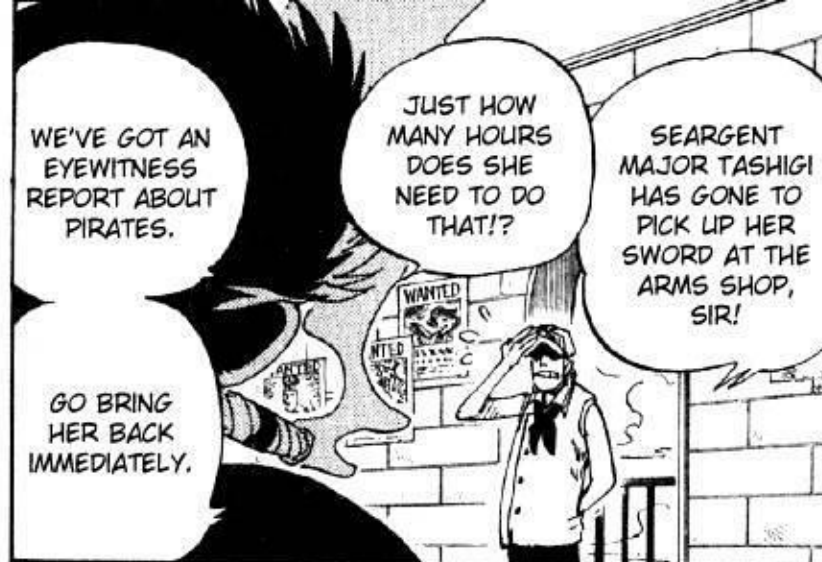
I LIKE IT!







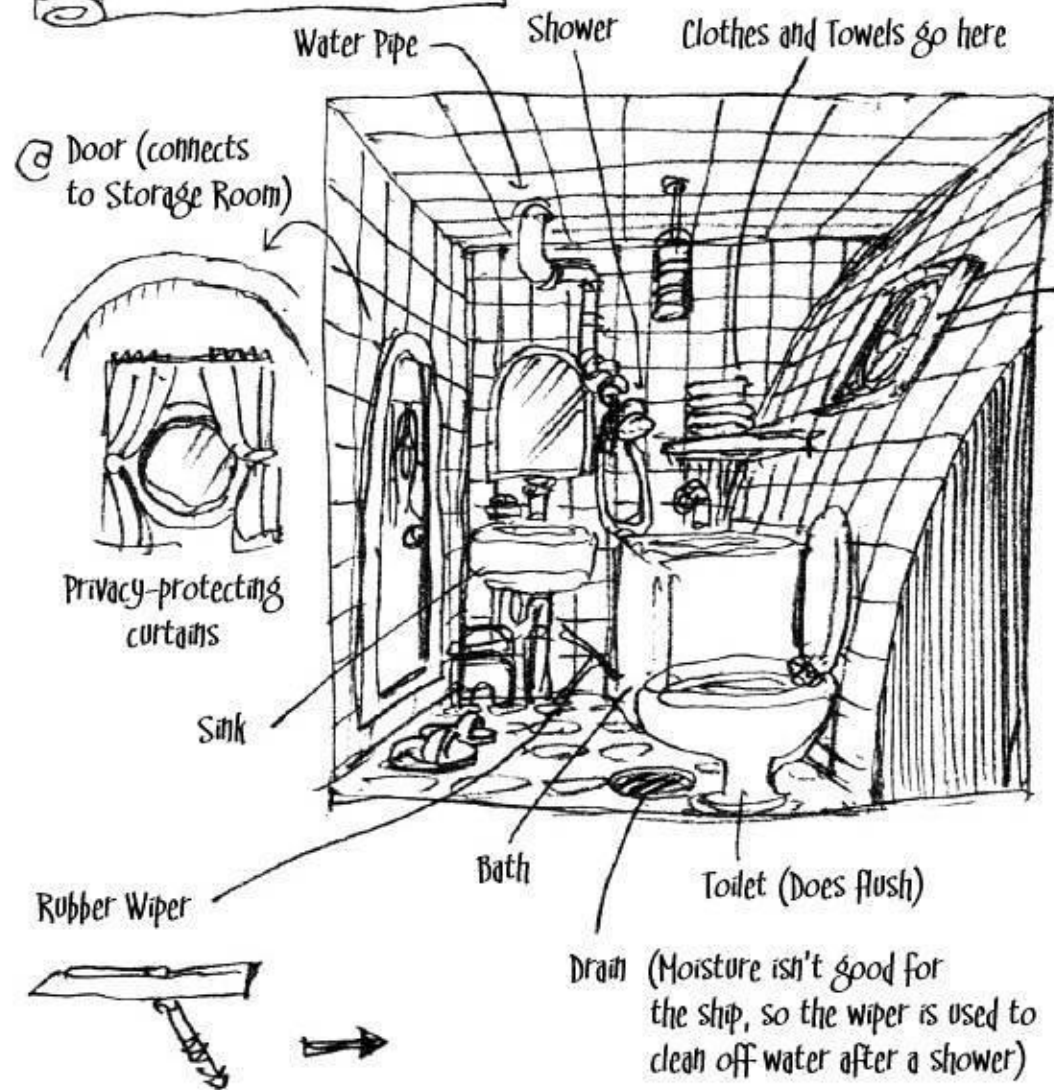




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Bathroom

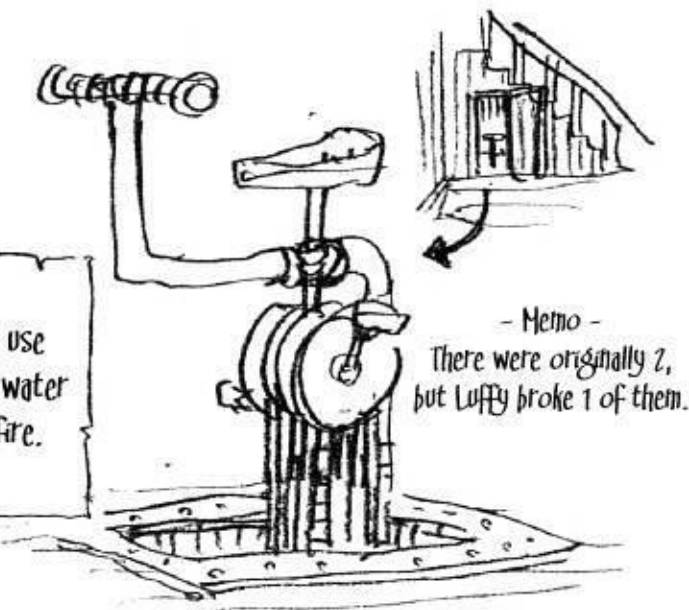
Ⓒ This is where the bath and toilet are.
The men don't find much use for the toilet, for some reason.



Water-Drawing Machine

Ⓒ This is underneath the stairs on the top deck.

The shower and bath use drawn and purified sea water that is heated over fire.



Ⓒ This quite excellent machine both draws up water from the bottom of the ship and generates power when you pedal it like a bike.