



## CHAPTER 840: 'IRON MASK'

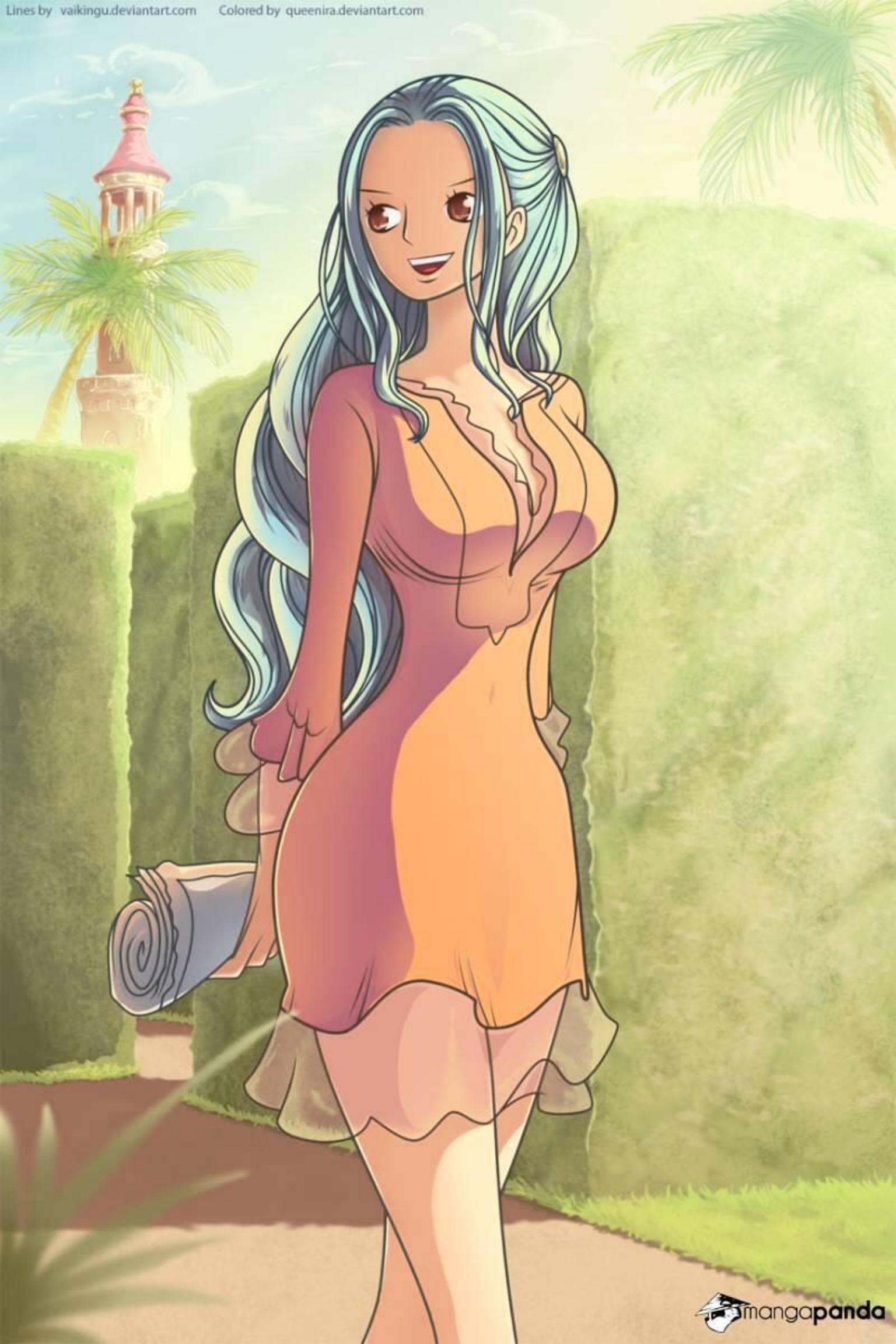
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WELL,  
THESE...

YOU WANNA  
KNOW WHAT  
THIS IS?

!!?

GERMA  
66! ...ARE THE  
SOLDIERS  
OF

A  
SHOCKING  
VIEW!

ARE THESE  
GUYS EVEN  
ALIVE?!

THEY  
ALL HAVE  
IDENTICAL  
FACES!

THAT'S  
JUST CULTURE  
FLUID.

...WHY  
ARE THEY  
IMMERSED  
IN WATER?!

HUMANS...  
CAN BE MANU-  
FACTURED.

LISTEN  
CLOSELY,  
SANJI.

!!?

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HE WAS A  
MEMBER OF A  
FOREIGN, LAWLESS  
RESEARCH TEAM...

AND  
USED TO WORK  
RIGHT ALONGSIDE  
VEGAPUNK ON  
RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT  
OF HI-TECH  
WEAPONRY.

GERMA  
HAS ALWAYS BEEN  
RENNED AS "THE  
KINGDOM OF SCIENCE"  
THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.  
THOUGH IT MAY SOUND  
FAR-FETCHED NOW...

EVEN OUR  
FATHER WAS ONCE  
HAILED AS A BRILLIANT  
SCIENTIST BACK IN  
THE DAY, BEFORE  
WE WERE BORN.

WITH BUT A FEW  
MINOR MUTATIONS,  
THEY NOW HAD THE  
POWER TO DO WHAT  
WAS ONCE THOUGHT  
ONLY ATTRIBUTABLE  
TO GOD HIMSELF.

WAS THE  
DISCOVERY OF A  
LIVING ORGANISM'S  
"LINEAGE FACTOR"!!!

BACK WHEN  
WE WERE BUT A  
GLINT IN HIS EYE, YES.  
...AND SO THE GROUND-  
BREAKING FEAT HE AND  
VEGAPUNK MANAGED  
TO PULL OFF...

IN LAYMANS  
TERMS, THEY  
HAD BASICALLY  
DISCOVERED THE  
BLUEPRINTS... TO  
LIFE ITSELF!  
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HIM... AND  
VEGAPUNK...  
TOGETHER?!

...LUCKILY OUR FATHER MANAGED TO ESCAPE THE WITCH HUNT AND CONTINUED HIS RESEARCH AND STUDIES ON "GERMA".

THE REST OF THE RESEARCH TEAM WERE FORCED TO GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS SHORTLY THEREAFTER... ALL BECAUSE SOME SUITS THOUGHT THEY WERE DOING WHAT WAS BEST FOR MANKIND!

ONCE THE WG CAUGHT WIND OF IT, THEY CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS A POWER TOO GREAT FOR MAN TO HAVE ACCESS TO AND IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED VEGAPUNK.

ON HIS OWN, HE BEGAN EXPERIMENTING WITH CLONING... WITH GENE MUTATION... AND, THUS, WITH THE ORIGINS OF LIFE ITSELF.

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RIGHT HERE IN THIS BASEMENT! THESE MEN ARE CLONES OF A SELECT FEW; HIGHLY CAPABLE SOLDIERS SPECIFICALLY CHOSEN FOR THIS PROJECT...

THEY ARE ALSO KNOWN AS THE "CLONE PAWNS"!!!

AND WHAT YOU SEE BEFORE YOU IS THE FRUIT OF ALL THAT LABOR... ALL THESE MEN WERE BORN...

!!?

ARE ACTUALLY AWARE OF THIS FACT.

...BUT OF COURSE, NONE OF THE SOLDIERS THEMSELVES...

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YOU  
CAN'T BLAME  
THEM REALLY...  
STRONG, FEAR-  
LESS AND LOYAL  
SOLDIERS...

ALL PROGRAMMED  
TO STARE DEATH IN THE  
EYE WITHOUT FLINCHING  
WHILE BEING ETERNALLY  
FAITHFUL TO US, NO  
QUESTIONS ASKED!

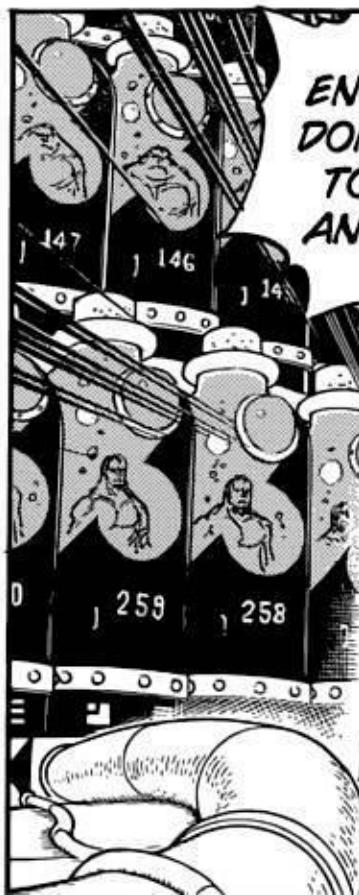
COUNTLESS  
NATIONS SHAKE  
AND TREMBLE AT  
THE THOUGHT OF  
OUR MILITARY  
MIGHT...

BUT AS GREAT  
AS THAT FEAR IS,  
THEIR ENVY OF US  
IS JUST AS GREAT  
IF NOT GREATER!

YOU COULD  
GO SO FAR AS TO  
CALL THIS PLACE A  
"SOLDIER DEPOT"!

IT TAKES A  
MERE 5 YEARS  
TO PRODUCE  
ONE 20 YEAR  
OLD CLONE.

IF THEIR  
LIVES ARE LOST,  
WE SIMPLY HAVE  
A REPLACEMENT  
WAITING TO TAKE  
ITS PLACE.



ENOUGH! I  
DON'T NEED  
TO HEAR  
ANYMORE!

THAT  
ACT LIKE  
THEY'VE HAD  
LIFE EXPERI-  
ENCES FOR  
OVER TWO  
DECAD-

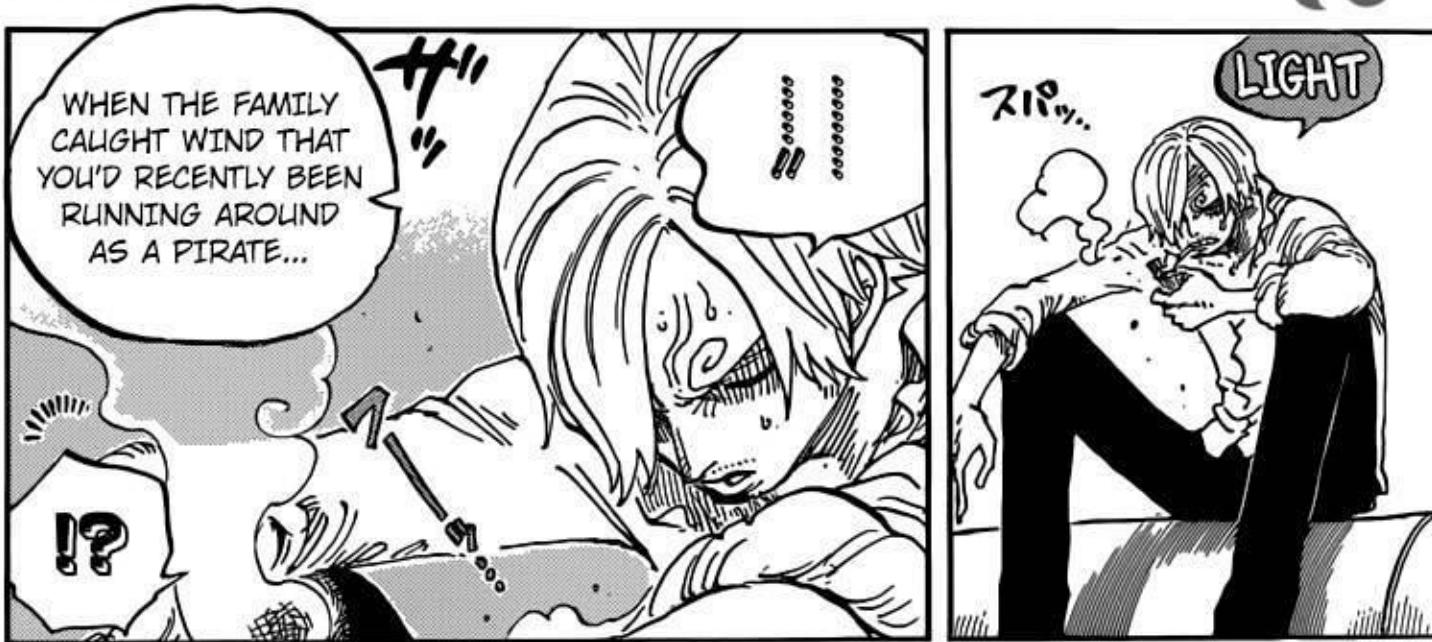
5 YEARS!!  
THAT'S ALL  
IT TAKES FOR  
THESE GUYS TO  
ALL GROW INTO  
MATURE, GROWN  
INDIVIDUALS...

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T/N: THE KANJI READS ELECTROMOTIVE.



SFX: BZZT



BAHAHA,  
GOOD ONE!

AWW SANJI, IF  
I KNEW SHE MEANT  
THAT MUCH TO YOU I  
WOULD'VE BEAT THAT  
PEASANT BLACK AND  
BLUE EVERYWHERE  
BUT HER FACE!

I'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO REMIND YOU OF THE HIERARCHY IN THIS HOUSE, ANYTIME YOU WANT!!

WELCOME BACK TO YOUR "VINSMOKE FAMILY".

I SPEAK FOR ALL OF US WHEN I SAY... WELCOME HOME, SANJI.



ARE MY GREATEST CREATIONS OF ALL TIME.

LISTEN CAREFULLY. YOU ALL...

YOU... ARE THE DUD... THE MISHAP... THE FAILURE, SANJI.

WHEN THE TIME COMES, NOTHING IN THIS WORLD WILL DETER YOU FIVE FROM YOUR ULTIMATE GOAL...

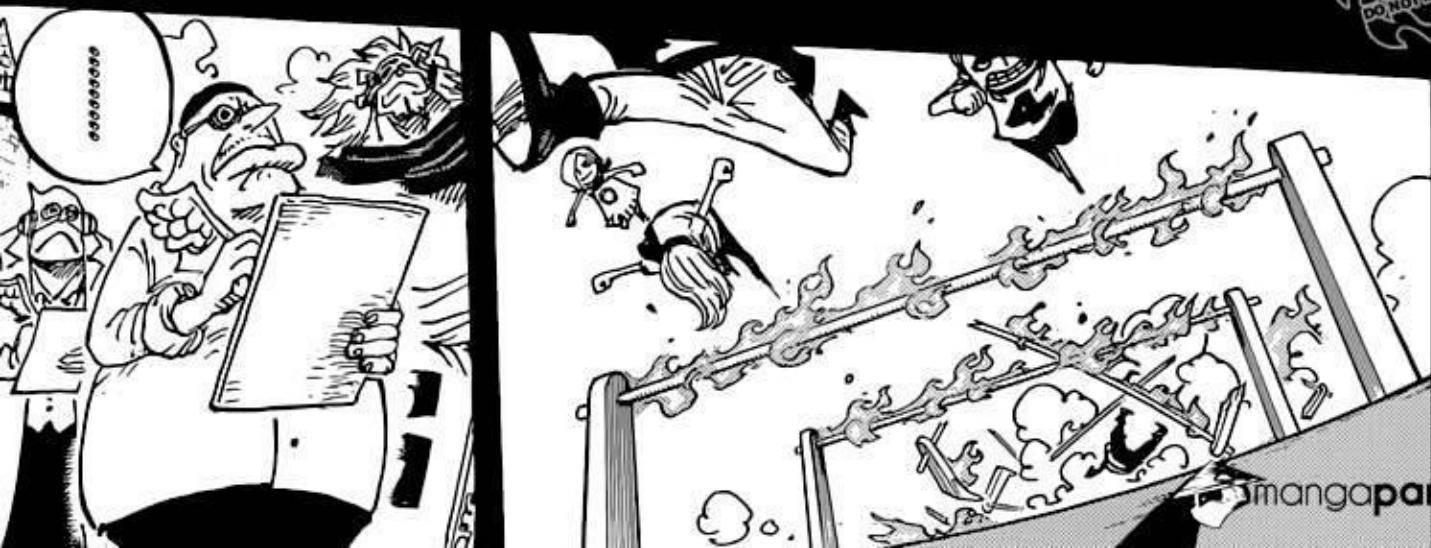
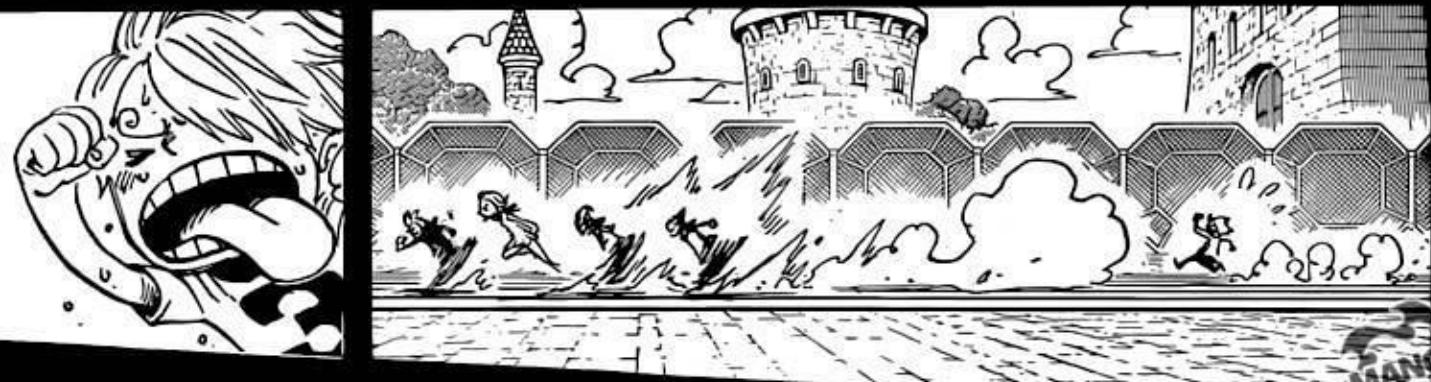
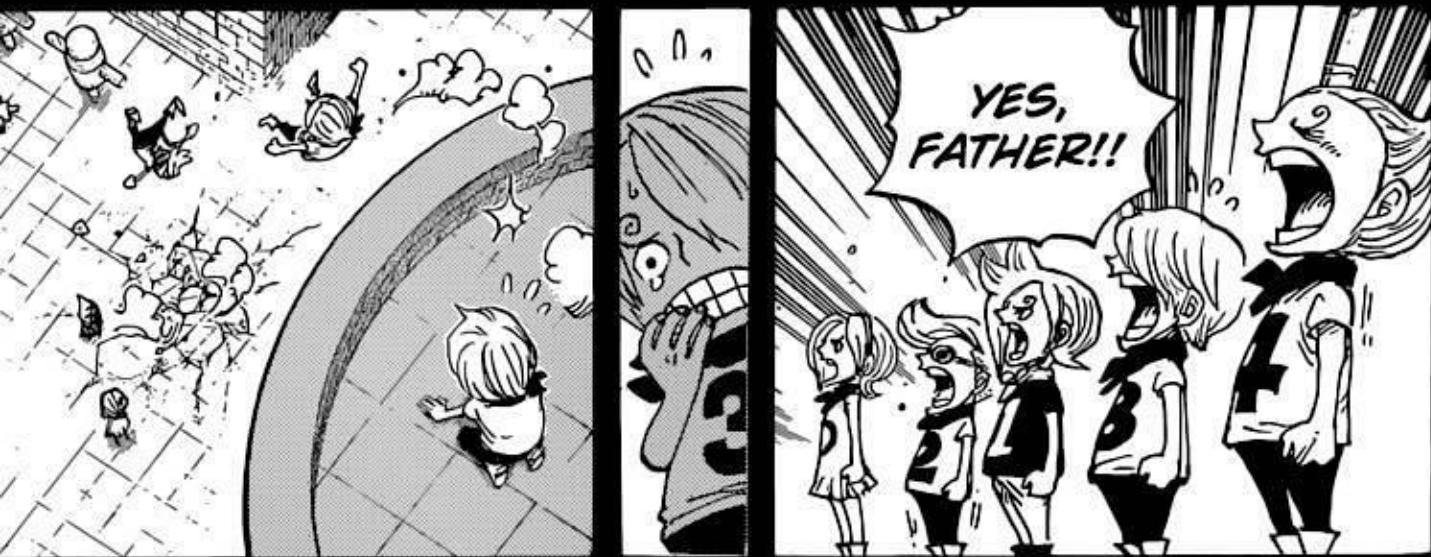
EACH OF YOU WILL STAND AT THE HEAD OF AND LEAD AN ARMY...

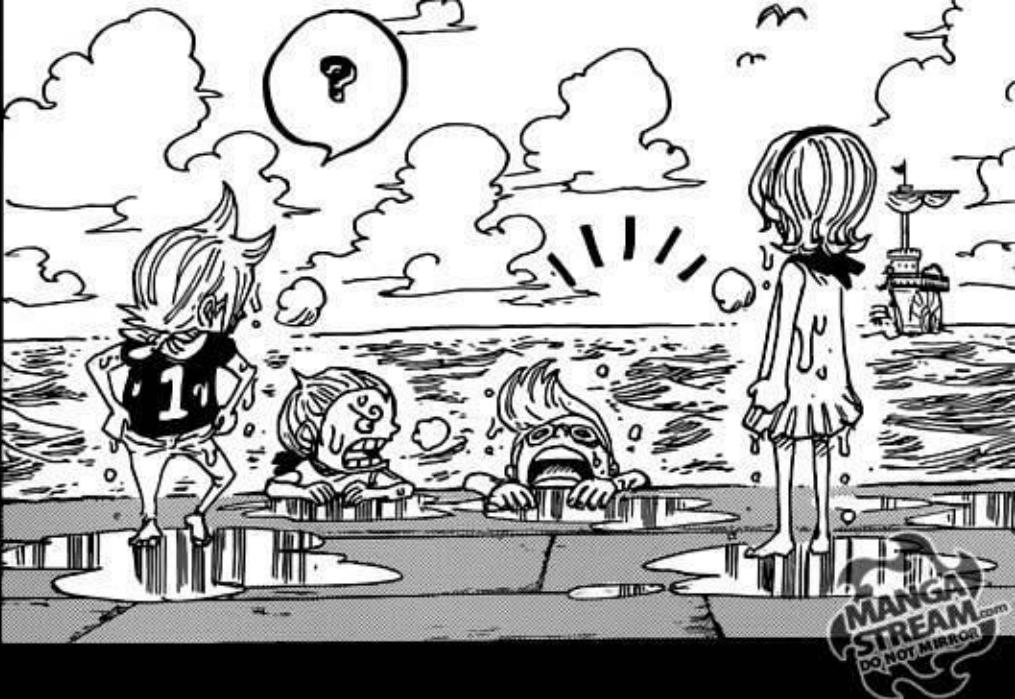
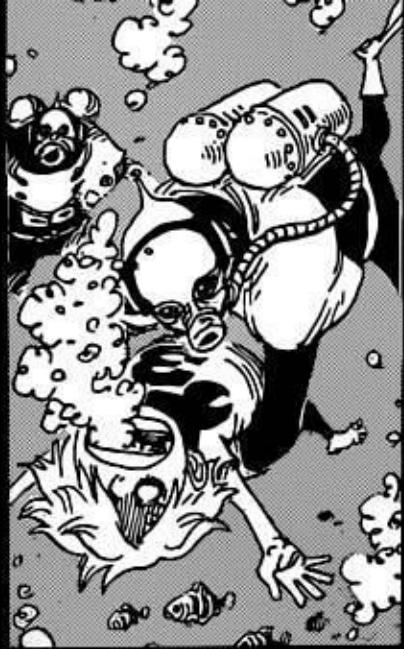
THE RESULT OF THE MOST ADVANCED, PROGRESSIVE SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS AND GENETIC ENGINEERING THAT THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN...

YOUR SKILLS AND ABILITIES WILL NOT BE BOUND BY HUMAN LIMITATIONS OR BOUNDARIES!

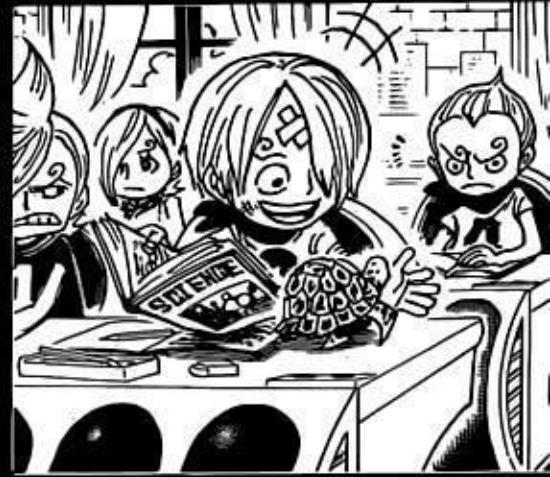
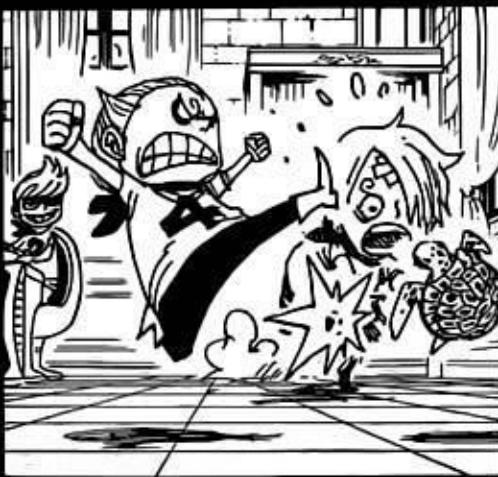
WITH LIMITLESS POTENTIAL! FOR THAT POTENTIAL TO BE REALIZED, ALL THAT'S LEFT FOR YOU TO DO ...IS TRAIN!

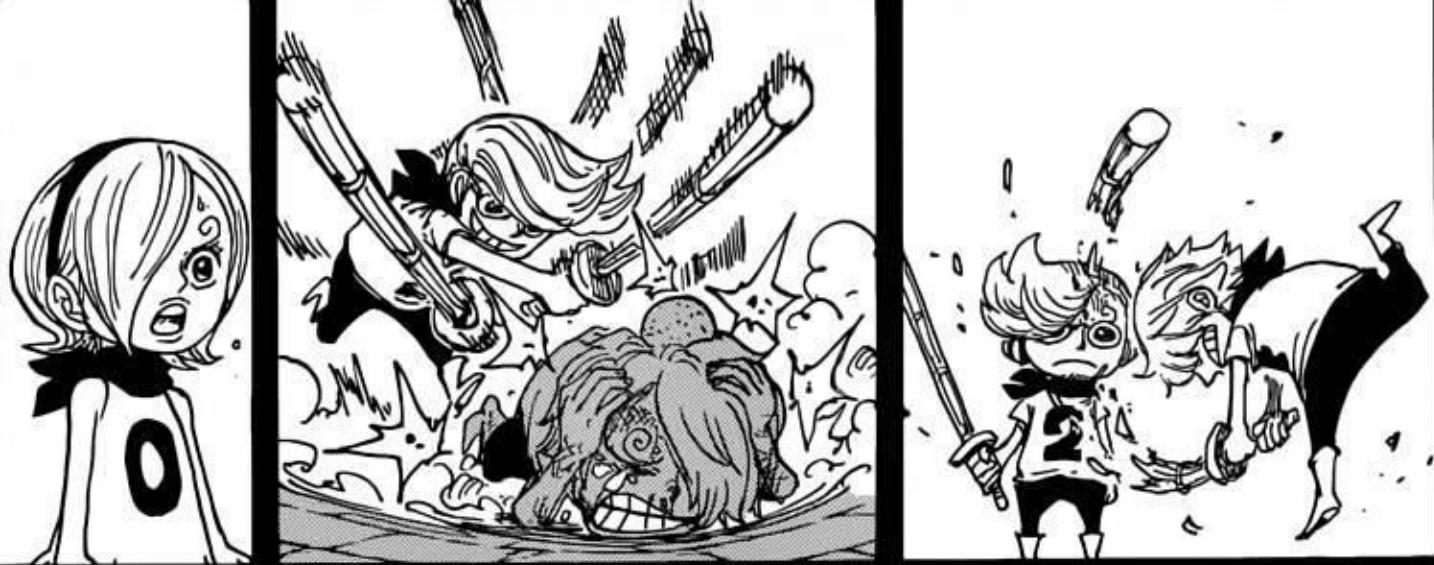
CONSISTING OF ONLY GERMA 66, WHICH SHALL CONTINUE TO GROW AND EVOLVE THANKS TO THE POWER OF SCIENCE! THE BLOOD THAT COARSES THROUGH YOUR VEINS HAS BEEN BLESSED...



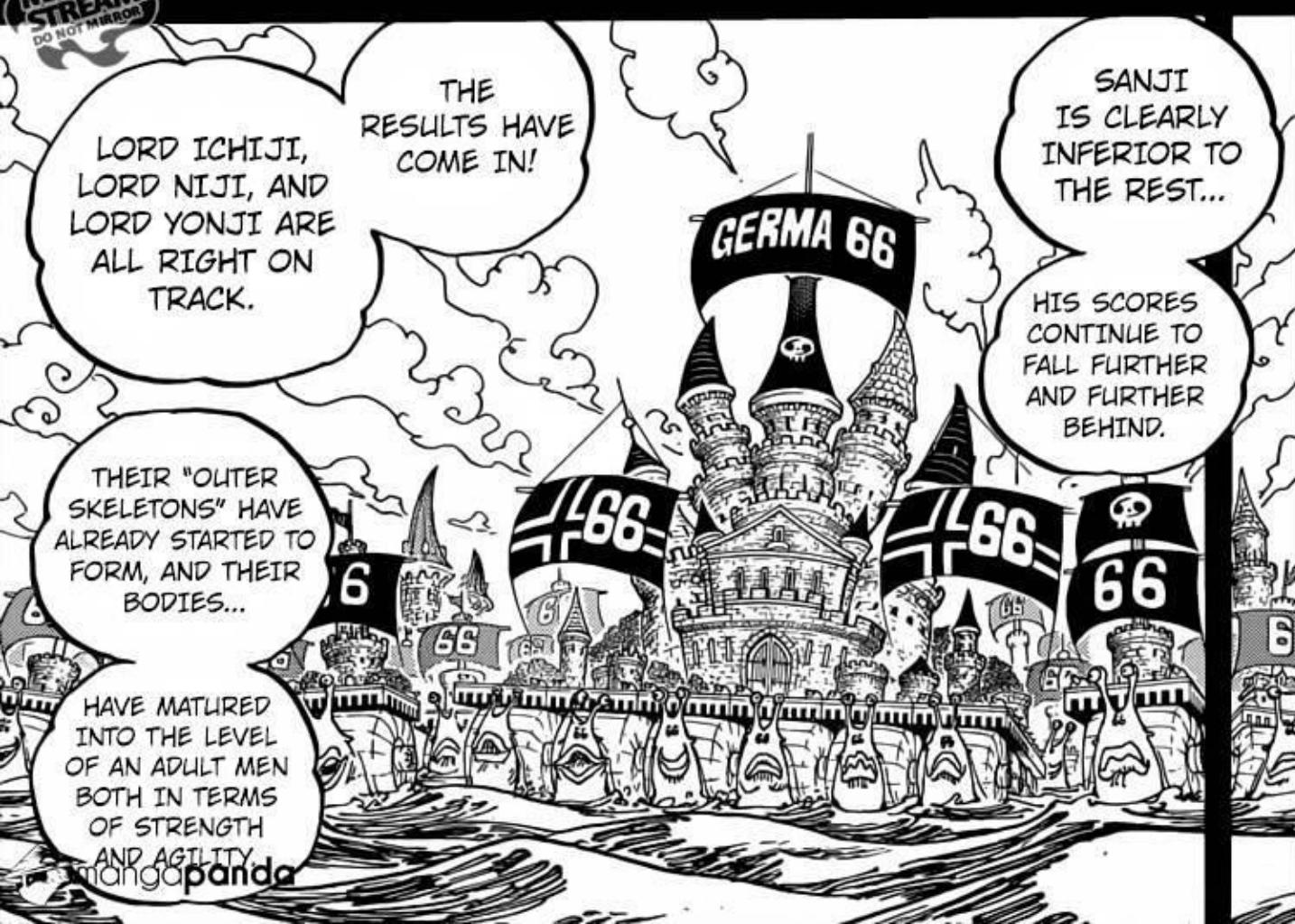


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ON PAPER,  
ALL FOUR OF  
THEIR GENES  
WERE IN FACT  
SUCCESSFULLY  
MODIFIED...

BUT FOR SOME  
INEXPICABLE REASON,  
HE IS THE ONLY ONE  
WHOSE ATTRIBUTES AND  
MEASUREABLES HAVE  
REMAINED ALMOST  
CONSTANT FROM  
THE MOMENT OF  
HIS BIRTH.

THERE'S NO  
OTHER WAY  
TO DESCRIBE  
HIS DATA OTHER  
THAN TO CALL  
HIM A TOTAL  
"FAILURE".

AS  
MUCH AS IT  
PAINS ME TO  
SAY THESE  
WORDS...

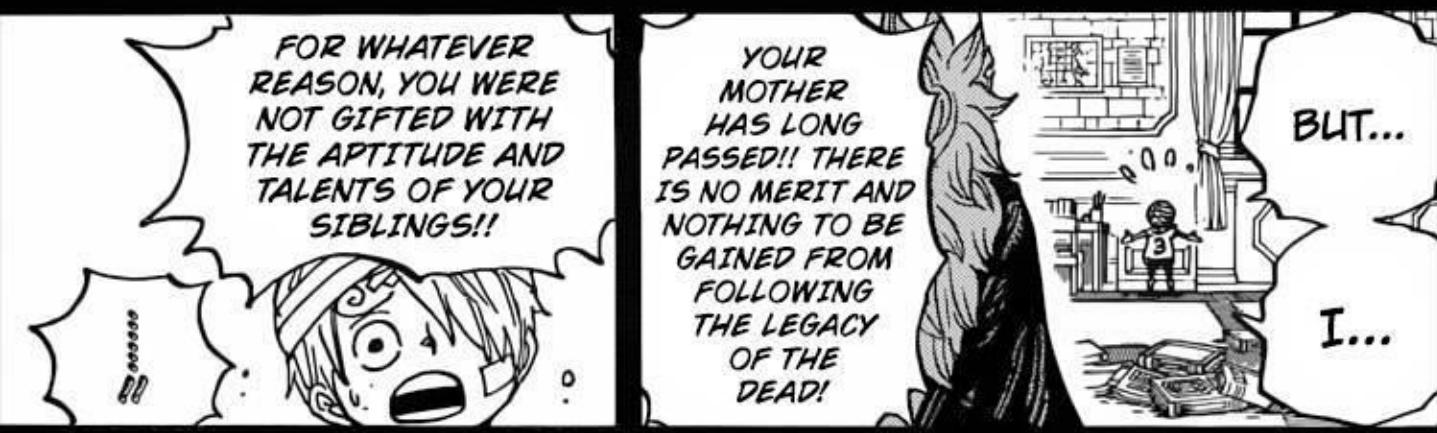
HOWEVER,  
IT APPEARS  
THAT LORD  
SANJI IS...  
WELL...

IS  
SIMPLY A  
NORMAL,  
REGULAR  
HUMAN  
BEING.

LORD  
SANJI...

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
GETTING  
AT?





AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE PLANS I HAVE SET FOR THE FUTURE OF GERMA! BEING A DISAPPOINTMENT AND LAGGING BEHIND IS NOT AN OPTION!!







