Monkey D. Luffy (モンキー・D・ルフィ *Monkī Dī Rufi***[?](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Installing_Japanese_character_sets" \o "Help:Installing Japanese character sets)**)

Early Life

At the age of seven, he admires and tries to join the pirates of the ["Red Haired" Shanks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#Shanks). Ridiculed and rejected, he inadvertently eats their treasure, the [Paramecia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devil_fruit)-type Gum-Gum Fruit (ゴムゴムの実 *Gomu Gomu no Mi*), which gives his body the properties of rubber. His reckless efforts ultimately lead him into grave peril and cause Shanks to lose an arm while rescuing him. After that, Luffy gives up on joining Shanks. Instead he resolves to start a crew of his own and become [King of the Pirates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#King_of_the_Pirates).[[ch. 1](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.1)] Displeased by Shanks thus spoiling his grandson, [Garp](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "Garp) takes Luffy to be raised by [Curly Dadan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#Curly_Dadan) and her mountain bandits, who he strong-arms into taking him in. During Luffy's time there, he becomes [sworn brother](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sworn_brother) with Garp's other ward[Ace](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#Ace), and local runaway noble [Sabo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#Sabo).[

Middle Life

Ten years later, and still wearing Shanks' treasured head covering, Luffy forms and captains his own pirate crew called The Straw Hat Pirates and sets sail for the[Grand Line](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Line) and quickly gains infamy as "Straw Hat" Luffy (麦わらのルフィ *Mugiwara no Rufi*).[[ch. 2](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.2),[7](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#ch.7),[96](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#ch.96),[98](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#ch.98)] Eventually, after his strength proves insufficient to save Ace from execution, he spends two years on a secluded island, learning the use of the three colors of [Haki](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haki_(One_Piece)" \o "Haki (One Piece)) from [Silvers Rayleigh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#Silvers_Rayleigh), before heading to the [New World](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_World_(One_Piece)).[

New Life

Roronoa Zoro (ロロノア・ゾロ**[?](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Installing_Japanese_character_sets" \o "Help:Installing Japanese character sets)**, named after [François l'Olonnais](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fran%C3%A7ois_l%27Olonnais))

Early Life

is a swordsman who uses up to three swords simultaneously, holding one in each hand and a third in his mouth.[[ch. 3](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.3),[5](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#ch.5),[28](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#ch.28)] To fulfill a promise to Kuina, his deceased childhood rival, he aims to replace ["Hawk Eyes" Mihawk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#Mihawk) as the world's greatest swordsman.[[ch. 5](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.5),[50](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#ch.50)] Traveling the seas in search of Mihawk and making a living as a bounty hunter, he becomes infamously known as "Pirate Hunter" Zoro (海賊狩りのゾロ *Kaizoku-Gari no Zoro*). Eventually, he comes into conflict with [Helmeppo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "Helmeppo). To keep harm from innocent civilians, Zoro allows himself to be temporarily incarcerated, while Helmeppo plots to have him killed.

Middle Life

Zoro is saved from execution by Luffy in exchange for becoming his first crewman. At that point, Zoro makes it clear that he would turn on his captain if he ever stepped between him and his dream Zoro grows fond of his crew and after several defeats in their defense, his priorities change and he convinces Mihawk to take him for a student.[

New Life

**Nami**

Early Life

Adopted and raised by [Navy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#Navy) seaman turned [tangerine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tangerine) farmer Bellemere, Nami (ナミ**[?](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Installing_Japanese_character_sets" \o "Help:Installing Japanese character sets)**) and the older Nojiko, have to witness their mother being murdered by the infamous [Arlong](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "Arlong), whose pirate gang occupies their island and extracts tribute from the population. Striking a deal with him, Nami, still a child but already an accomplished cartographer who dreams of drawing a complete map of the world, joins the pirates, hoping to eventually buy freedom for her village. Growing up as a pirate-hating pirate, drawing maps for Arlong and stealing treasure from other pirates, Nami becomes an excellent burglar, pickpocket and navigator with an exceptional ability to forecast weather.[

Middle Life

After Arlong betrays her, and he and his gang are defeated by the [Straw Hat Pirates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#Straw_Hat), Nami joins the latter in pursuit of her dream and acquires infamy herself as "Cat Burglar" Nami (泥棒猫のナミ *Dorobō Neko no Nami*).[[ch. 94f](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.94).,[435](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#ch.435)] Throughout the series, her weapon of choice is a three-sectioned [bō](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B%C5%8D" \o "Bō) staff, later versions of which allow her to produce various weather phenomena.[

New Life

**Usopp**

Early Life

During his early childhood, Usopp (ウソップ *Usoppu***[?](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Installing_Japanese_character_sets" \o "Help:Installing Japanese character sets)**) is abandoned by his father, [Yasopp](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "Yasopp), who leaves to join the [Red-Haired Pirates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#Red-Haired_Pirates). Then, as Banchina (バンキーナ *Bankīna*), his mother, falls ill, Usopp starts telling tall tales, expressing his hope that his father would return and take them out to sea. Even after his mother dies, Usopp does not blame his father for leaving, but strives to become a great pirate himself, despite his cowardly disposition.[[ch. 25](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.25),[41](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#ch.41)] He is a gifted inventor, painter and sculptor.

Middle Life

] In combat, he primarily relies on slingshots to fire various kinds of ammunition with great precision.[[ch. 332](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.332)] Eventually, he achieves notoriety under his alter-ego "Sniper King the King of Snipers" (狙撃の王様そげキング *Sogeki no Ō-sama Sogekingu*), a hero sniper wearing a golden mask and cape.

New Life

**Sanji**

Early Life

While serving as an apprentice cook on a passenger ship, nine-year-old Sanji (サンジ**[?](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Installing_Japanese_character_sets" \o "Help:Installing Japanese character sets)**) stands up to a boarding party of pirates led by the infamous "Red Foot" Zeff (赫足のゼフ *Aka-Ashi no Zefu*). During the encounter, Sanji is swept into the sea by a massive wave, but Zeff jumps after him because of their common dream of finding the All Blue (オールブルー *Ōru Burū*), a legendary sea, containing every kind of fish in the world. While castaway together, the pirate saves Sanji's life yet again by giving him their entire food, surviving himself by eating his own leg. After their eventual rescue, Sanji stays with Zeff for several years and helps him build a floating restaurant, the *Baratie* (バラティエ). Zeff in turn makes him a first rate cook and teaches him his kick-based fighting style.[[ch. 56](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.56)–[59](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#ch.59)] Mirroring Zeff, Sanji will never refuse a starving person a meal, and in fighting only uses his legs, so as to protect the hands he needs to cook.[[ch. 48](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.48),[370](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#ch.370)] He also develops an unusual weakness for women, and makes a principle of never harming one, even if it means his death

Middle Life

] Eventually he becomes infamous under the name of "Black Leg" Sanji (黒脚のサンジ *Kuro Ashi no Sanji*),[[ch. 435](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.435)] and while training for a period of two years in [Emporio Ivankov](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "Ivankov)'s Kamabakka Queendom(カマバッカ王国 *Kamabakka Ōkoku*), develops the Sky Walk (空中歩行 *Sukai Wōku*), a variant of the Six Powers (六式 *Rokushiki*) technique Moonwalk (月歩 *Geppō*), which allows him to essentially run through air.

New Life

**Tony Tony Chopper**

Early Life

Tony Tony "Cotton Candy Lover"[[a]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#cite_note-9) Chopper (トニートニー・チョッパー *Tonī Tonī Choppā***[?](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Installing_Japanese_character_sets" \o "Help:Installing Japanese character sets)**) is a doctor and a blue-nosed [reindeer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reindeer). The power of the [Zoan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devil_Fruit" \o "Devil Fruit)-type Human-Human Fruit (ヒトヒトの実 *Hito Hito no Mi*)provides him with the ability to transform into a human or human-reindeer hybrid.[

Middle Life

A self-developed drug he calls Rumble Ball (ランブル・ボール *Ranburu Bōru*) enables Chopper to perform even more transformations.[[ch. 149](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.149)] When complimented, Chopper acts really happy while either telling the person who complimented him to stop trying to make him happy, or that Chopper is not very happy

New Life

**Nico Robin**

Early Life

Growing up in Ohara (オハラ**[?](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Installing_Japanese_character_sets" \o "Help:Installing Japanese character sets)**), home of the world's oldest and largest library, Nico Robin (ニコ・ロビン *Niko Robin*) becomes an archaeologist at the age of eight.[[ch. 391f](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.391).] At some point she gains the power of the[Paramecia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devil_Fruit)-type Flower-Flower Fruit (ハナハナの実 *Hana Hana no Mi*), which allows her to have temporary copies of parts of her body, including her eyes and ears, spring up on surfaces near her.[[ch. 170](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.170)] Behind the backs of her teachers, she acquires from them the outlawed knowledge of how to translate the ancient stones called Poneglyph (歴史の本文 *Pōnegurifu*), which are scattered around the world, and comes to share their goal of finding the illusive Rio Poneglyph (真の歴史の本文 *Rio Pōnegurifu*), which is said to tell the world's lost history. However, the [World Government](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#World_Government) finds out about these efforts and sends a battlefleet to stop them. Only Robin escapes the devastating attack that claims the lives of the island's entire population, including that of her mother.[[ch. 218](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.218),[395](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#ch.395)] Called "Devil Child" (悪魔の子 *Akuma no Ko*), traumatized and with a bounty on her head, Robin lives a life on the run, unable to trust anyone.

Middle Life

To survive, she cooperates with various pirates and other outlaws, until eventually joining forces with [Sir Crocodile](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#Crocodile), leading [Baroque Works](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#Baroque_Works)with him, under the codename "Ms. All-Sunday" (ミス・オールサンデー *Misu Ōrusandē*).[[ch. 398](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.398)] After Baroque Works falls apart and without anywhere else to go, she tags along with the [Straw Hat Pirates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#Straw_Hats) and grows so fond of them that she gives herself up to the Government in order to save them. Only after they find out about her motives and declare open war on her powerful nemesis to get her back, does she come to realize that she has finally found people who will never sell her out, and becomes a part of the crew.[

New Life

**Franky**

Early Life

The son of pirate parents who abandon him at age ten, Cutty Flam (カティ・フラム *Kati Furamu***[?](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Installing_Japanese_character_sets" \o "Help:Installing Japanese character sets)**), nicknamed Franky (フランキー *Furankī*), is taken in as an apprentice by a shipwright who secretly holds the plans for a devastating ancient weapon.[[ch. 344](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.344),[354](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#ch.354),[427](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#ch.427)] Franky's recklessness eventually provides an opportunity to [World Government](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#World_Government) agents seeking these plans.[[ch. 356](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.356)] Attempting to rescue his master, Franky suffers severe injuries and only survives by rebuilding parts of his body using pieces of scrap metal, turning himself into a cola-powered [cyborg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyborg) with super-human strength.[

Middle Life

After gaining notoriety as "Cyborg" Franky (サイボーグ フランキー *Saibōgu Furankī*) and to fulfill his dream of sailing a ship he built around the world, he constructs the *Thousand Sunny*, a [brigantine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brigantine)-rigged [sloop-of-war](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sloop-of-war), for the Straw Hat Pirates and joins the crew.[

New Life

**Brook**

Early Life

Already a pirate before the time of [Roger](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#Roger), "Humming" Brook (ブルック *Burukku***[?](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Installing_Japanese_character_sets" \o "Help:Installing Japanese character sets)**) first enters the [Grand Line](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Line) as vice-captain of the music-themed Rumbar Pirates. Leaving their pet, the infant whale Laboon, behind at [Reverse Mountain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reverse_Mountain), they promise to return after sailing around the world.[[ch. 487](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.487)] Instead, they are annihilated, with one exception. The power of the [Paramecia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paramecia)-type Revive-Revive Fruit (ヨミヨミの実 *Yomi Yomi no Mi*) allows "Dead Bones" Brook to rise again and live a second life as a [skeleton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skeleton_(undead)).

Middle Life

Fifty years later, Brook's goal is still to fulfill his late crew's promise and to that end joins the Straw Hat Pirates.[[ch. 459](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.459)][[*citation needed*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Citation_needed)] Brook is an excellent [musician](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Musician), who says that he can play any instrument, although he is usually seen playing the violin.[[ch. 486](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.486)] He can even influence people with his music to the point of making them fall asleep.[[ch. 454](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.454)] While separated from the other Straw Hats, and incognito as "Soul King" Brook, he gains world fame, filling concert halls with fans.[[ch. 600](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.600)] He is also a skilled fencer, who uses a [shikomizue](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shikomizue" \o "Shikomizue) (a Japanese cane sword) in battle.[[*citation needed*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Citation_needed)] His reduced weight allows him to jump extraordinarily high and to run across water.[[ch. 443](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters" \l "ch.443),[493](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_One_Piece_characters#ch.493)] And eventually, he learns how to use his [devil fruit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devil_fruit) ability to leave his skeleton body and explore his surroundings as a disembodied [soul](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soul).[

New Life