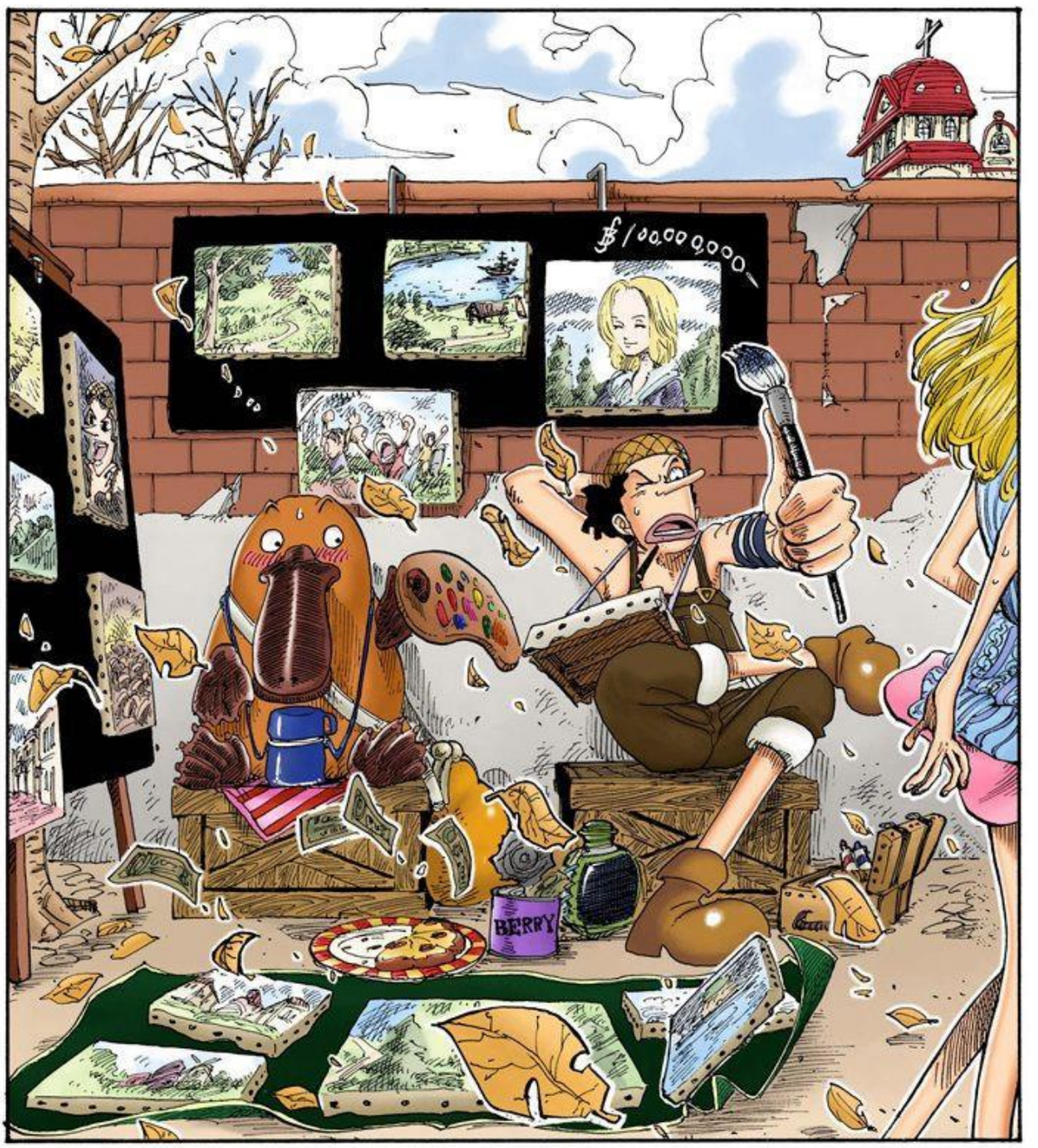
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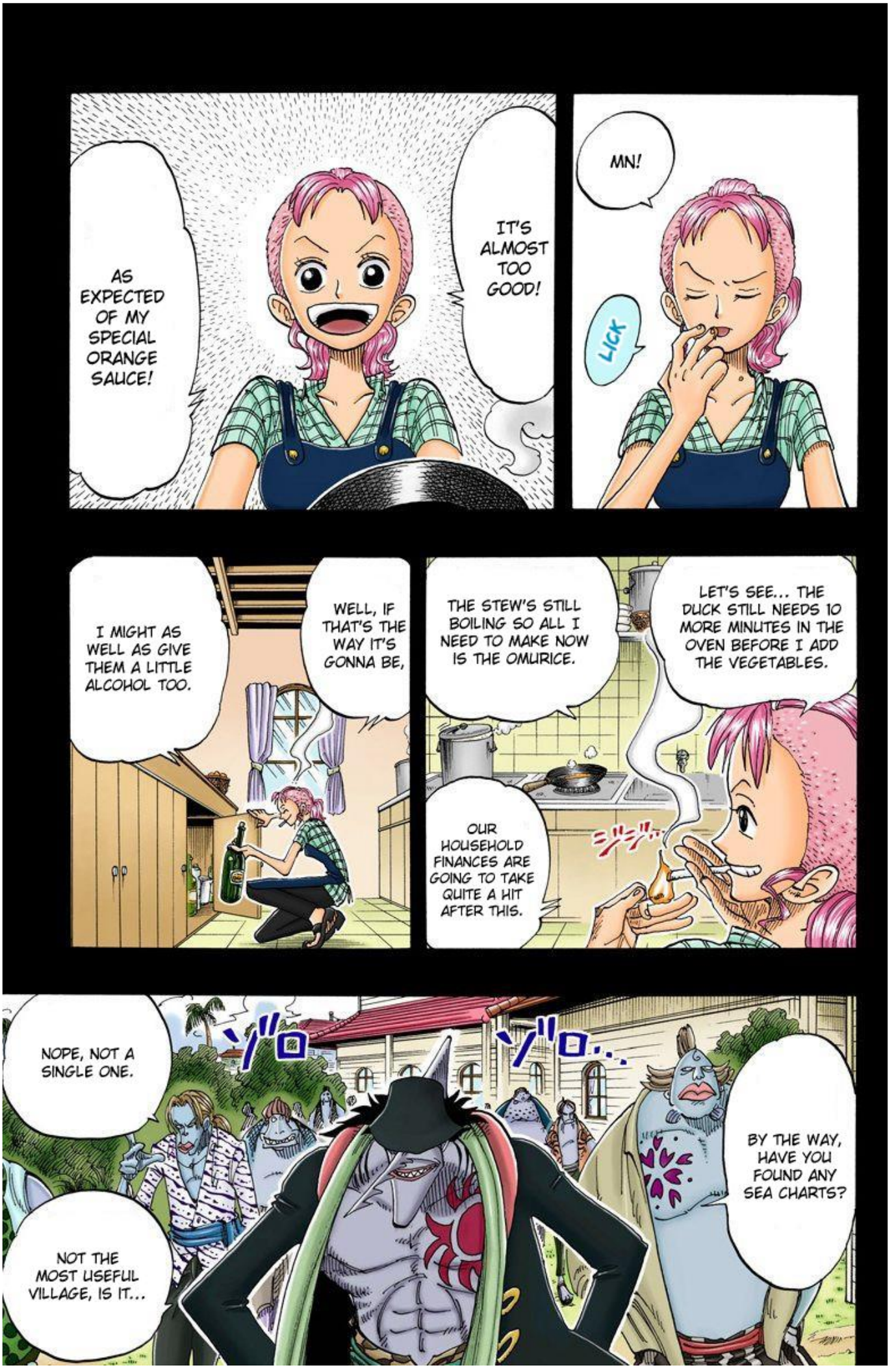
"Bellemere"




100,000 BELI FOR ONE HUMAN ADULT,
AND 50,000 BELI FOR ONE HUMAN CHILD.
THE GOLD FISH
HOW MANY HAVE WE COLLECTED SO FAR?
CONSIDERING THAT WE CAME WITH NO NOTICE, WE'LL ONLY KILL THOSE WHO CAN'T PAY UP RIGHT NOW...!
THIS IS... TOO MUCH...
EXCELLENT!
ALMOST 25 MILLION...


WHAT DO WE DO, NOJIKO... DO YOU THINK BELLEMERE'S ALRIGHT?
DON'T WORRY.
THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE OUR HOUSE SINCE YOU CAN'T SEE IT HERE FROM THE VILLAGE.
JUST BEAR WITH IT FOR NOW... FORTUNATELY, NO ONE WILL BE KILLED THIS TIME.
HOW'RE WE SUPPOSED TO MAKE A LIVING,
IF WE HAVE TO PAY THAT MUCH EVERY MONTH...!
WITH HER AND HER 2 KIDS, THEY'D HAVE TO PAY 200,000 BELI... THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D HAVE THAT MUCH MONEY SAVED UP...
NOW PLEASE JUST GO BACK WITHOUT NOTICING BELLEMERE'S HOME!
I GUESS WE SHOULD CONSIDER OURSELVES FORTUNATE IF WE CAN SOLVE THIS CRISIS WITH MONEY ALONE...
THEY'VE TOOK COMPLETE CONTROL OF OUR VILLAGE...
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LET'S PULL BACK FOR TODAY, BRETHREN!
ALRIGHT,

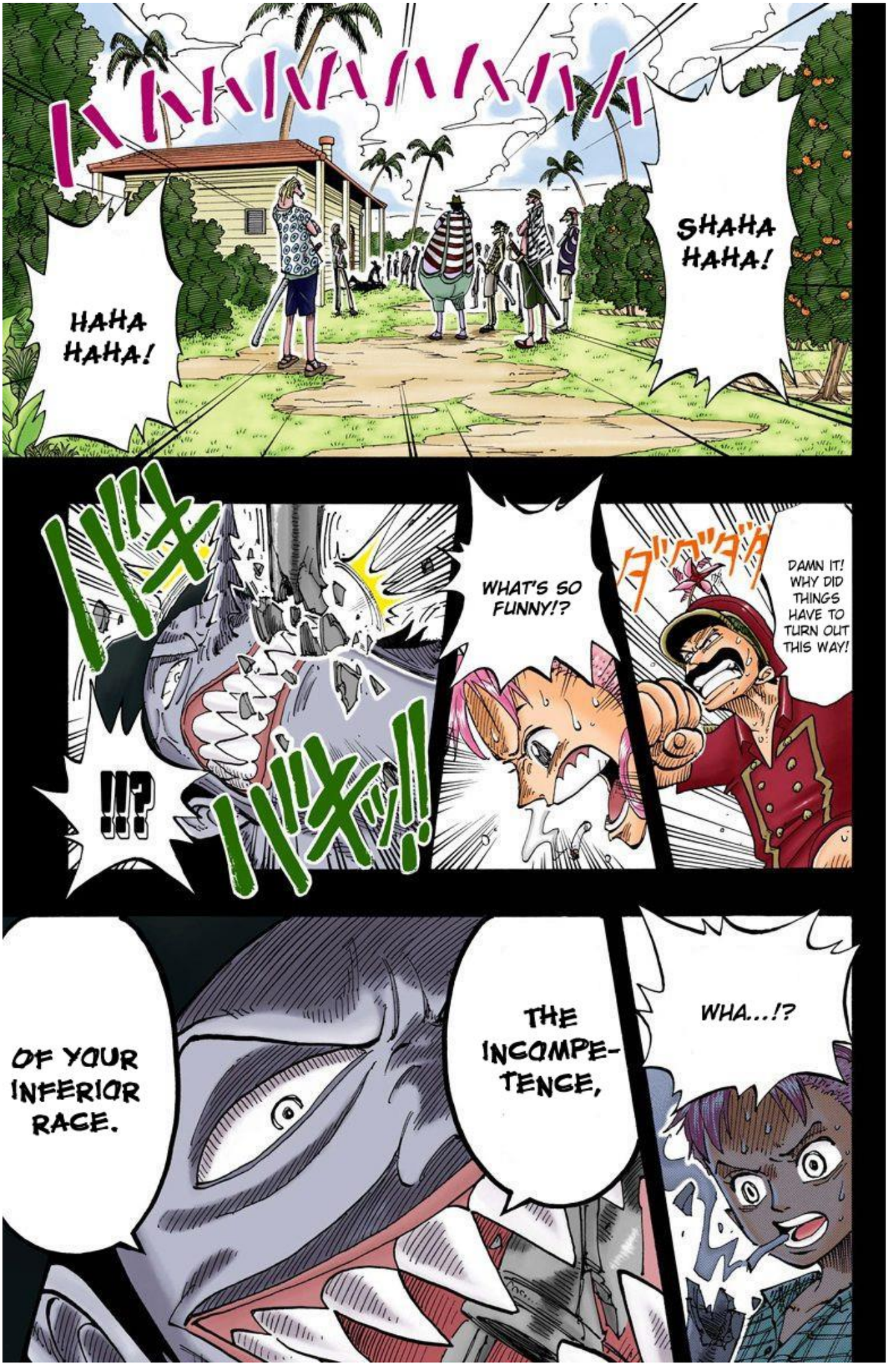

NO...!
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HMM?
ARLONG! THERE SEEMS TO BE A HOUSE A LITTLE AWAY FROM THE VILLAGE!
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BELLEMERE!
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OVER THERE.
THAT SMOKE MUST BE COMING FROM SOMEONE'S HOME.
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WE ALMOST MISSED IT...
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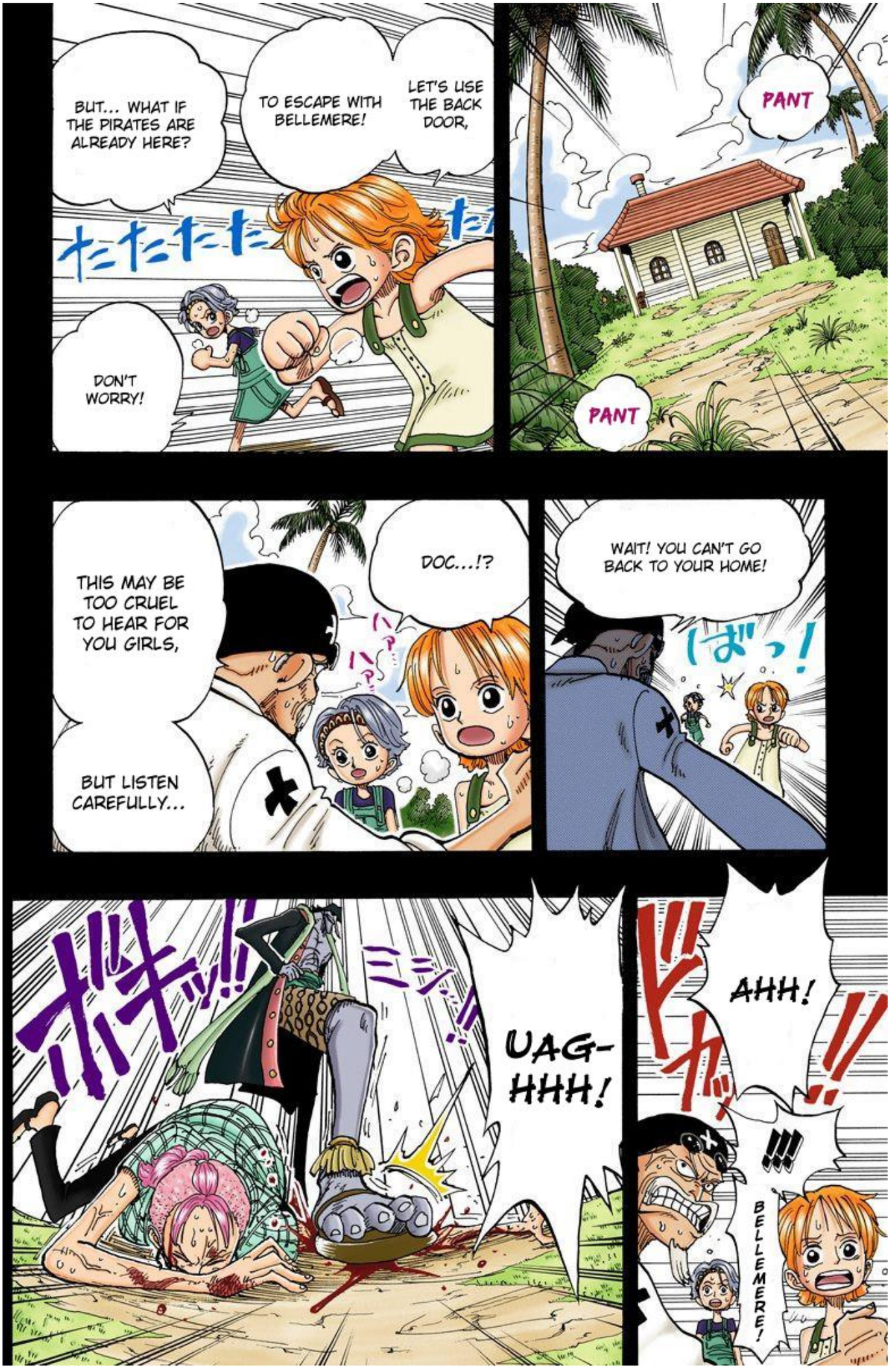

AS EXPECTED OF MY SPECIAL ORANGE SAUCE!
IT'S ALMOST TOO GOOD!
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LICK
I MIGHT AS WELL AS GIVE THEM A LITTLE ALCOHOL TOO.
WELL, IF THAT'S THE WAY IT'S GONNA BE,
THE STEW'S STILL BOILING SO ALL I NEED TO MAKE NOW IS THE OMURICE.
LET'S SEE... THE DUCK STILL NEEDS 10 MORE MINUTES IN THE OVEN BEFORE I ADD THE VEGETABLES.
OUR HOUSEHOLD FINANCES ARE GOING TO TAKE QUITE A HIT AFTER THIS.
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NOPE, NOT A SINGLE ONE.
NOT THE MOST USEFUL VILLAGE, IS IT...
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BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU FOUND ANY SEA CHARTS?

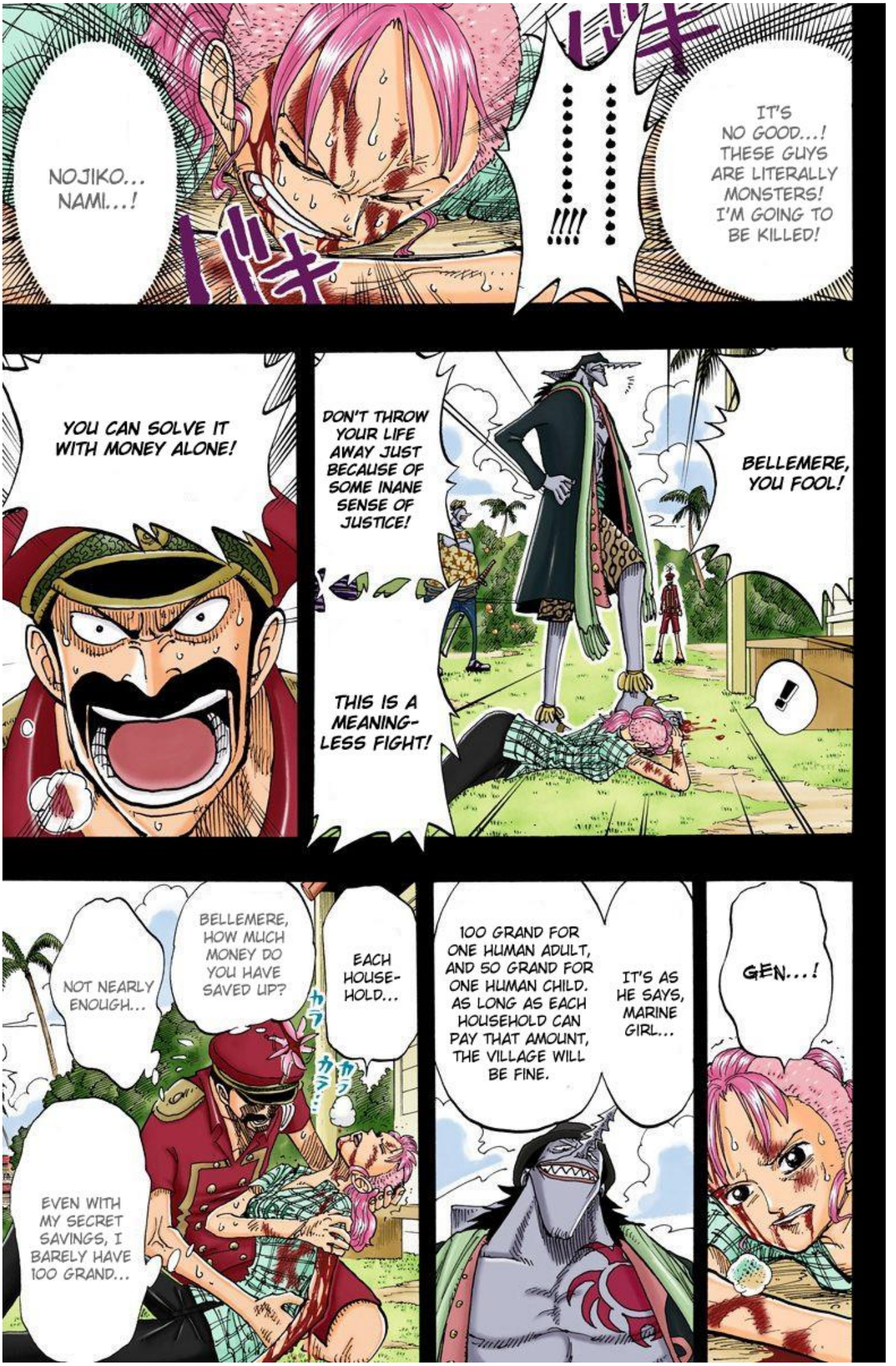

EVEN WE BARELY MANAGED TO PAY THEM OFF,
SO HOW COULD SHE EVER COME UP WITH ENOUGH MONEY!? WHAT DO WE DO!?
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THIS IS BAD! THE PIRATES ARE HEADED TO BELLEMERE'S HOME!
OH NO, WE'VE GOTTA STOP THEM!
THEY MUST'VE TOOK THE BACK ROUTE TO THEIR HOME!
THEY SHOULD BE HIDING IN THE FORESTS BUT THEY'RE NOT THERE!
WHAT IS IT GENZO!? AND WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN...!?
DOC, WE'VE GOT TROUBLE!
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I KNOW!
NOJIKO, HURRY UP!
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?.....
ドンドン!!
OH?
ARE THEY BACK?


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COME IN.
IT SHOULD BE OPEN.
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HM?
ガチャ…
EXCUSE ME THEN.
ニヤキーン!!
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UNFOR-
TUNATELY
FOR YOU, I
USED TO BE
A MARINE.
WHAT'S A
PIRATE FROM
THE GRAND
LINE,
DOING
ALL THE
WAY OUT
HERE,
IN THIS
LITTLE
VILLAGE,
OF
COCOYASHI...?


HAHAHAHAHAHA
HAHA HAHA!
SHAHA HAHA!
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!!?
バキッ!!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY!?
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DAMN IT! WHY DID THINGS HAVE TO TURN OUT THIS WAY!
OF YOUR INFERIOR RACE.
THE INCOMPE-TENCE,
WHA...!?


BUT... WHAT IF THE PIRATES ARE ALREADY HERE?
TO ESCAPE WITH BELLEMERE!
LET'S USE THE BACK DOOR,
DON'T WORRY!
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PANT
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THIS MAY BE TOO CRUEL TO HEAR FOR YOU GIRLS,
BUT LISTEN CAREFULLY...
DOC...!?
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WAIT! YOU CAN'T GO BACK TO YOUR HOME!
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ボキッ!!
ミシ!!
UAG-HHH!
ドカッ!!
AHH!
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BELLEMERE!


NOJIKO... NAMI...!
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IT'S NO GOOD...! THESE GUYS ARE LITERALLY MONSTERS! I'M GOING TO BE KILLED!
YOU CAN SOLVE IT WITH MONEY ALONE!
DON'T THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY JUST BECAUSE OF SOME INANE SENSE OF JUSTICE!
THIS IS A MEANING-LESS FIGHT!
BELLEMERE, YOU FOOL!
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BELLEMERE, HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU HAVE SAVED UP?
EACH HOUSE-HOLD...
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NOT NEARLY ENOUGH...
EVEN WITH MY SECRET SAVINGS, I BARELY HAVE 100 GRAND...
100 GRAND FOR ONE HUMAN ADULT, AND 50 GRAND FOR ONE HUMAN CHILD. AS LONG AS EACH HOUSEHOLD CAN PAY THAT AMOUNT, THE VILLAGE WILL BE FINE.
IT'S AS HE SAYS, MARINE GIRL...
GEN...!

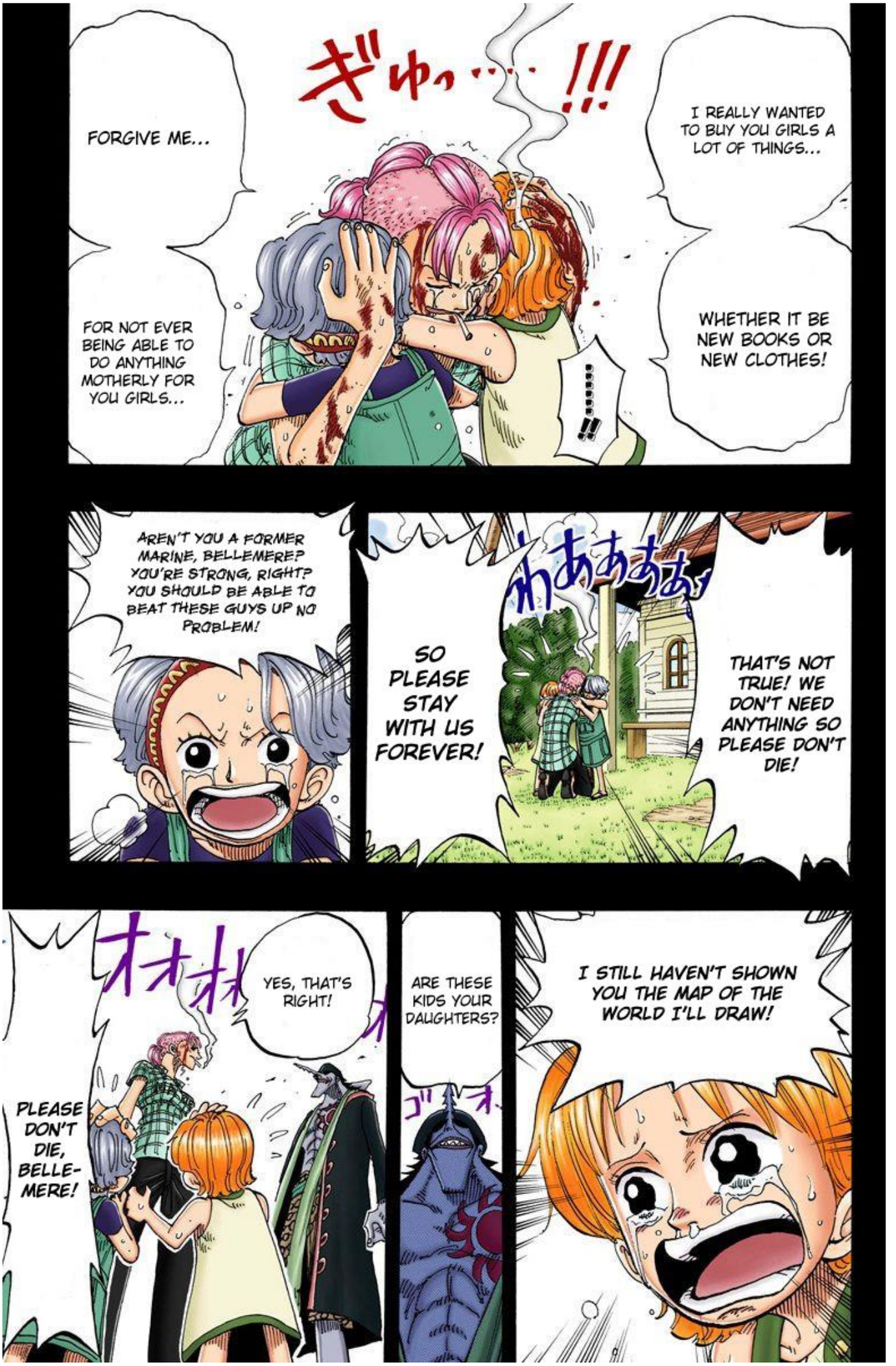

YOU INVITED ME FOR TONIGHT'S DINNER, RIGHT!?
JUST PAY THE AMOUNT FOR ONE ADULT.
BELLEMERE...
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SO HURRY UP LEST THE FOOD GO COLD...
THERE'S A MEAL SET UP FOR 3 PEOPLE INSIDE!
ARLONG!
3 PEOPLE MUST BE LIVING HERE!
LOOKS LIKE ALL THE VILLAGERS ARE SAFE FOR NOW.
GOOD THING YOU HAD ENOUGH MONEY...
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GEN...!?
THAT'LL BE 100,000 BELI THEN. ARE YOU GOING TO PAY UP OR WOULD YOU RATHER DIE INSTEAD?
ALRIGHT THEN...
THIS WOMAN'S NEVER BEEN MARRIED NOR HAD ANY CHILDREN.
ACCOR-DING TO THE TOWN REGISTRY,


I'M AFRAID THIS IS THE ONLY WAY ALL 3 OF YOU CAN BE SAVED!
CROSS THE OCEAN AND RUN AWAY AS FAR AS YOU CAN.
YOU TWO NEED TO LEAVE THIS VILL... NO, THIS ISLAND!
SO WHILE THOSE PIRATES ARE BLIND TO YOUR EXISTENCE,
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THERE'S NO PROOF THAT YOU'RE BELLEMERE'S DAUGHTERS.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? NOJIKO, NAMI...!
!
IS IT BECAUSE WE'RE POOR...?
CAN'T WE BE BELLEMERE'S DAUGHTERS ANYMORE...!?
NO! WHY DO WE HAVE TO LEAVE!?
I WANT TO STAY AND LIVE HERE IN THIS VILLAGE...!
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WE CAN'T AFFORD ANY OTHER ALTER-NATIVES IN THIS CRISIS!
FAMILY OR THEIR LIVES!
THEY MIGHT DIE OUT THERE!
DOC, THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR THEM.
WE CAN'T JUST SEND THESE YOUNG GIRLS OFF TO THE SEA ALONE...


NOJIKO!
ALRIGHT, I'LL LEAVE THIS VILLAGE!
EXACTLY 100,000 BELI.
GOOD.
I'LL BE ABLE TO SAVE MY TWO CHILDREN...!
LET'S GO, NAMI! IT'S FINE AS LONG AS IT MEANS BELLE-MERE WILL BE SAVED!
BELLE-MERE...
WITH THOSE 100,000 BELI,
THANK GOODNESS...
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO PAY FOR MYSELF.
THAT MONEY IS MY CHILDREN'S SHARE.


I'M SORRY, GEN...
I... I JUST CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO SAY THAT I DON'T HAVE A FAMILY.
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WHAT?
BELLEMERE!
カラカラカラ...
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BELLEMERE.
EVEN IF IT MEANS I'LL LOSE MY LIFE...!
.....
HOW COULD YOU DO SUCH A STUPID THING!?
EVEN IF IT'S JUST MERE WORDS, I STILL WANT TO BE CALLED AS THEIR MOTHER.
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THOSE GIRLS... ARE MY CHILDREN, AREN'T THEY?


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CHILDREN ...?
YOU HAVE...
I WAS LYING!
I... I WISH I WERE ADOPTED BY A RICH FAMILY!
NO, GIRLS!
しばっ!!
BELLE-MERE!
OWW.
CRACK
NAMI! NOJIKO!
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がしっ!!
BELLEMERE!
ズキ...
DRIP


ぎゅっ……!!!
FORGIVE ME...
FOR NOT EVER BEING ABLE TO DO ANYTHING MOTHERLY FOR YOU GIRLS...
I REALLY WANTED TO BUY YOU GIRLS A LOT OF THINGS...
WHETHER IT BE NEW BOOKS OR NEW CLOTHES!
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AREN'T YOU A FORMER MARINE, BELLEMERE? YOU'RE STRONG, RIGHT? YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO BEAT THESE GUYS UP NO PROBLEM!
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SO PLEASE STAY WITH US FOREVER!
THAT'S NOT TRUE! WE DON'T NEED ANYTHING SO PLEASE DON'T DIE!
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YES, THAT'S RIGHT!
PLEASE DON'T DIE, BELLE-MERE!
ARE THESE KIDS YOUR DAUGHTERS?
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I STILL HAVEN'T SHOWN YOU THE MAP OF THE WORLD I'LL DRAW!


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YOOOAHH!
SOMEBODY! PLEASE HELP!
OF COURSE. THAT IS, AS LONG AS YOU DIE QUIETLY.
SO DON'T LAY A FINGER ON THEM, YOU HEAR?
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AGHH!
ギギガガン!!
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わあああ
ドサ…!
TAKE UP ARMS AND FIGHT!
LET'S GO SAVE BELLE-MERE!
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