

The One Piece Story!

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1 - The Introduction!

Chapter 1

Far in the North Blue, out in the sea where many people never go, there is a very small island called Kaizoku. On the island was an even smaller village, which shared the islands name. The village/island of Kaizoku had a total population of 63. It was a very strange place to grow up indeed. In Year 7 of the Age of Piracy, Kaizoku had the largest number of births in one year in the last twenty years: five.

These five children grew up together, never leaving each other since shortly after they were born. Jasmine Mirasi, daughter of the islands head environmental preservers, Jack and Eliza. Patrick Doogen, son of Doug Doogen, the greatest fisherman on the island. Patrick Farrim, son of Michelle Farrim, the island's animal breeder and vet. Katherine Nareshim, daughter of Joanne, a trusted lady to whom all people went to for advice. And Phillip, who was orphaned shortly after birth.

These five children grew up quite happily on the island. They went to school together, they played together, they did almost everything together. But things began to happen to them, things that made their lives worse and worse.

The first, in the 11th year of Piracy: Patrick D's father passed away, after falling into the ocean and drowning. A horrible blow for the four year old boy, who shortly after began spending most of his time alone, fishing.

The next happened three years later: the death of Patrick F's mother, from falling out of a tree and breaking her back.

Three years after that, some explorers who left the island 10 years ago returned. The five children snuck into their ship while the adults were talking, and found a large stock of different foods. Phillip found a strange golden fruit, which he ate only half of when the children were discovered. The fruit turned out to be a Cursed Fruit the explores had found, and was told that the eater would gain horrible powers. Out of fear of those powers, the ten year old boy was banished from the village, and was chased out to the woods.

After that day, there was a horrible change in the children. No one was as happy again, and all felt empty without their friend. But something else changed in Katherine. Every night, she would go out the shore, and simply stare out to sea, normally for about half an hour. Her friends didn't think much of it, and let her be.

Four years after that, Katherine's mother died. The doctor believed it was from food poisoning. The old mayor of the town, who was good friends with Katherine's mother, adopted Katherine. This made Katherine all the more upset, the people all being incredibly kind to her, only to give her pitying looks

when they thought she wasn't looking. After that day, when Katherine went out to the sea, her friends saw her do something different. She looked out at sea, and screamed. At nothing in particular, just to let out her emotions.

This she did every day for the next year.

It wasn't until then, when Jasmine's parents died from unknown causes, that Jasmine realized something: There was nothing left for them on Kaizoku. Everything was gone. She had been thinking, lying on her bed, since her parent's funeral. They had no reason to stay.

She slowly got up out of bed, and walked outside. The two Patricks and Katherine told her they'd be at Patrick D's house if she wanted them. She did. She walked down the street, and into the small house near the shore where Patrick D lived.

Inside, the three teenagers were sitting on large chairs around a coffee table. They all looked up as Jasmine came in.

"Doe! Are you okay?" Katherine asked quickly, using her nickname for Jasmine.

"We didn't think you'd come so quickly..." Patrick F said, rather flatly.

Jasmine walked over and sat down on the arm of Katherine's chair. "I've... been thinking. Why do we stay here?" She began, looking down.

"Cause we live here?" Patrick D guessed.

"Yeah... but... no. There's nothing here for us anymore. I mean... Patrick." She said, nodding towards Patrick F. "You just sit around bored all day. You don't DO anything."

"Yeah..." Patrick F said slowly.

"And... other Patrick. You wanna be a great fisherman. But you've already mastered fishing with a rod AND spear, and caught every fish that even comes near this island!"

"Yes. Yes I have." Patrick D agreed, looking up at the wall of fishing awards behind him.

"And Kaff... it's obvious you want to leave." Jasmine finished, and Katherine nodded.

"That's true. I hate it here." Katherine said, not bothering to wonder how she figured that out.

"So we should leave! There's so much out there that we'll never see if we stay any longer!" Jasmine said, looking at her friends and hoping they feel the same way.

"She has some good points there." Patrick F said. "I mean, remember those explorer guys, and everything they found traveling around? It was amazing!"

"Speaking of which... remember Phillip?" Patrick D said quietly.

There was a brief silence as they all thought about their old friend.

“D’you think... he’s still alive?” Patrick F said, even more softly.

“Of course he is! Don’t talk stupid!” Katherine snapped.

“Me should go get him, then leave the island!” Jasmine said. “Phillip probably wants to leave more then we do!”

“Alright... I have that little fishing bout we can go in, too!” Patrick D said with a grin.

“Perfect! Then let’s go find Phillip.” Patrick F smiled, standing up.

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The four teenagers had spent a good chunk of their lives going in and out of the forest on Kaizoku, but never very deep. And they knew that would be where they had to go.

Patrick D led the way, holding his fishing spear out in front of him like a sword. Katherine and Patrick F followed closely behind, both who actually had weapons: Katherine had been playing with kamas since she was two years old, and Patrick F had started training with tonfas when he was 13. Jasmine was the only one without a weapon so, feeling rather useless, she followed behind.

“So... how far in is he?” Patrick D asked, smiling nervously over his shoulder.

“Probably pretty darn far.” Katherine replied slowly. “... I don’t like it here. Let’s hurry.”

“PHIIIIILLIIIIIP!!” Patrick F screamed. “Where AAAARE YOUUU?!!”

“What are you doing? You’ll make wild animals or something attack us.” Jasmine hissed. Patrick F just shrugged, but didn’t yell again.

The sudden rustling of leaves made everyone’s heart skip a beat.

“See? See? Look what you did, Patrick!” Katherine hissed, glaring at him.

But Patrick F, and Patrick D and Jasmine for that matter, weren’t really listening. For out of the bushes had come a large rock, a bit smaller then them themselves. And sitting cross-legged on the rock was the unmistakable figure of Phillip. Unmistakable, because it appeared that their friend hadn’t grown at all in the five years.

“Ah, my friends!” Phillip smiled at the four starring teenagers. “You’ve come at last!” he spoke calmly

and happily, but as the rock he sat on lowered itself and he walked towards them, it seemed that a fire burned behind his eyes.

“You've finally come!” He repeated, his mouth starting to twitch. “And it's only been FIVE YEARS!”

His sudden scream was followed by what seemed to be an earthquake. Rocks, all of which were at least as big as the kid's heads, floated up and began flying at the four teens. The Patricks tried to hit the rocks back with their weapons, while Jasmine and Katherine screamed and jumped behind trees.

“YOU LEFT ME HERE FOR DEAD!” Phillip continued, his screaming louder than the sound of smashing rocks.

“FIVE FREAKIN' YEARS! DO YOU KNOW HOW BORED I'VE BEEN?!” At this point, even that Patricks hid behind trees. Phillip, looking much like a child have a tantrum, barely noticed.

“YOU DIDN'T CARE IF I WAS ALIVE OR DEAD!”

“Phillip, that's not true!” Jasmine yelled, a rock missing her head by an inch.

“YOU LET THE TOWN KEEP ME HERE!”

“No we didn't!” Patrick D pleaded.

“Do you have any idea what it's like? To be stuck here, all alone, and the only other people you hear are whispering about the monster that lives in the forest?” Phillip said, slowing down for breath, while the rocks flew faster than ever.

“Phillip, stop it!” Patrick F yelled over the rocks.

“You betrayed me. You have no right to live!” Phillip yelled again. “You -!”

It seemed as though the world suddenly paused. Jasmine dared to peek around the tree she was hiding behind. All the rocks had stopped in mid-flight. Phillip stood, his eyes wide, staring at Katherine, who was standing in front of Phillip, tears pouring from her eyes, her Kama blades an inch from Phillip's neck.

“Phillip, you've got this all wrong! We didn't want you to be stuck here, but there was nothing we could do about it! We all hate it here! That's why we came now: Because we're leaving and want you to come with us!” She sobbed, her arms shaking violently.

“Oh.” Phillip blinked, all the rocks falling to the ground slowly. “Okay. Just let me get my stuff.” He said, turning around. Patrick D, Patrick F, Katherine, and Jasmine all blinked at each other.

“That was easy.” Patrick D commented.

“Don't jinx it.” Patrick F said, as they all walked after Phillip.

“So, I guess you noticed I'm a telekinesis.” Phillip spoke, as pleasant as you'd please. “I realized I could move stuff a bit after I was banished... so the Cursed Fruit rumors are true.”

“Oi, apparently,” Patrick D agreed.

“Man, I am SO sorry that we left you here, man.” Patrick F said. “I mean, we really wanted to come getcha, but we couldn't leave the village...”

“Yeah, the village peeps suck.” Patrick D nodded.

“It's okay... it's really not that bad. I mean, being alone really sucked. But other than that, it was okay.” Phillip said.

“What do you mean, `it was okay'?” Jasmine blinked, but then saw her answer.

In front of them towered an enormous wooden house, seemingly made of logs. Even some, it was huge, and looked very strong.

“Mhs- Bja- Lhe-” Patrick D stammered in a strange tongue. Patrick F swore under his breath. Jasmine just stared.

“This- This is bigger than the town!” Katherine exclaimed, looking up at it.

“How on earth did you make this?” Jasmine asked.

“Um... Telekinesis?” Phillip replied, as a wooden log suddenly lifted off the ground. “Really wasn't that difficult.”

Phillip walked past his speechless friends and went inside the large wooden castle, coming out wearing a cape and gloves, with a backpack over his shoulder.

“Wow. Packing.” Patrick D observed.

“Why didn't we think of that?” Katherine wondered out loud.

“Phillip always was the smart one.” Patrick F pointed out.

Phillip blinked at them. “Whoa. That just... really, really sad.”

“Yes. Yes it is.” Katherine agreed, and they all walked back to the down.

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After a quick break for packing, the five teenagers met out by Patrick D's house. As he mentioned, he found a small boat beside his house, which would carry about six people.

"Wow. We'll sure sail the seas in that." Patrick F said sarcastically.

"Just until we buy a really boat." Patrick D replied flatly.

"A pirate ship!" Katherine squealed.

"Pirates. How fitting." Phillip blinked.

Jasmine grinned. "I like it. And the sooner we leave, the better."

"Right on!" Patrick D grinned, pulling the boat into the water. "So long, Kaizoku!"

"We won't miss you! At all!" Patrick F added, jumping in the boat.

"We hate you!" Katherine piped happily, as she helped Jasmine into the boat.

"You suck!" Phillip spat, and the five sailed away from the island, laughing, happy again, for a brief time.

2 - The Storm

Chapter 2

It had been about three hours since Jasmine, Katherine, Patrick D, Patrick F, and Phillip had set sail from Kaizoku. Until now, it had been quite a pleasant trip. Patrick D had used his fishing spear to catch some fish for them, which they had lying on the bottom of the boat. The boys found their presence hilarious; the girl didn't want to put their feet down. So Katherine threw the fish overboard.

"Katherine! How could you?" Patrick D yelled.

"They were food..." Patrick F sobbed.

"They were grossing me out. Gawd." Katherine replied, crossing her arms.

"Aww, you're so cruel." Patrick D frowned.

"Does anyone else notice that the sky's getting darker?" Phillip suddenly said looking up.

"No." Both the Patrick's replied, looking up.

"What time is it?" Katherine asked, looking up at the sky as well.

"Not that late. I think a storm's coming." Jasmine said slowly, looking up.

"Oh. Ohhh, this is perfect." Katherine groaned. "How's this sad excuse for a boat supposed to hold up in a storm?"

"Don't insult the fishing boat, girlie." Patrick D growled.

"But... it's true. The boat may not hold us..." Jasmine said, poking the side of the boat.

"Bah. You worry too much. Fishing boats can take anything!" Patrick D said happily. "Now I gotta catch some more fish, thanks to *somebody*."

"You're pushing your luck." Katherine growled, as Patrick stood up and thrust his spear in the water.

The next thing that happened is rather hard to believe, even for those who saw it with their own eyes.

Something flew out of nowhere and hit Patrick D in the stomach. He fell backwards, and his spear flew up. A fish, which was stuck on the spear, flew up into the sky, disappearing into the dark clouds.

Patrick D sat up, and blinked. “Wh-What just hit me?”

“A... cabbage?” Phillip replied, picking up a ripe green cabbage from the boat's floor.

At the moment, lighting struck through the sky, and it began to rain.

“Water's gonna fill the boat!” Patrick F suddenly realized.

“Splash it out! Splash it out!” Jasmine shrieked, cupping her hands and attempting to spoon out the water.

It was getting very difficult to see anything in the heavy rain. The five companions fought a losing battle against the falling water.

“It's no use!” Phillip yelled.

“What do we do?” Katherine screamed.

“Hey! Look up!” Patrick F yelled.

The companions looked up and saw a fish, falling from the sky.

“Th-That's my fish!” Patrick D yelled.

There was no time to wonder how the fish stayed up in the air for so long. It was falling very quickly. It fell right into the boat at such a speed, that it went right through, leaving a large hole.

“NO!” Jasmine sobbed.

“I'll fix it!” Phillip yelled, jumping up. At that second, a large wave crashed on the boat, knocking Phillip over. His head fell back and smashed into the side of the boat, and he didn't move again.

“PHILLIP!” Katherine yelled, jumping up just in time for another, even bigger wave. She lost her balance, and fell right out of the ship.

“Katherine!” Jasmine shrieked, looking over the side of the boat. Katherine couldn't be seen in the dark water.

“Jasmine, just hang on to the boat!” Patrick F screamed, clinging to the side of the boat and to Phillip's cape.

The next few moments were wet, dark, and cold. No one moved as the boat rocked violently in the waves. They tried to keep the boat level, even though eventually, the boat will fill up with water and they would all drown.

And then, the impossible happened. Out of absolutely nowhere, two very long arms seemed to stretch

out towards the boat. They rapped around the four teenagers, and began to pull back.

Jasmine could hardly tell what was going on. The Patricks were screaming. She was screaming. Phillip was still silent and unmoving. Jasmine tried to look where they were going. She could suddenly see a boat, fast approaching. And on that boat, rushing at them quickly, was a boy with a straw hat and a red vest, who the arms that were rapped around the companions were attached to. There was also a red haired girl, and blonde boy in a suit, a boy with a long nose and overalls, a dark haired woman, a little animal-

Then the arms let go.

Jasmine smashed into someone, but didn't really noticed anything before spinning around. The little animal had suddenly turned huge and caught the two Patricks. Phillip had smashed into the long-nosed boy, and both were on the ground. But only one thing was on Jasmine's mind. She tried to run forward, but two hands tightly gripped her shoulders.

"Katherine!" Jasmine screamed, tears flooding from her eyes. "You have to get Katherine!"

"What?" Demanded the voice of the person holding Jasmine.

"There was another one?" The red haired girl said in alarm, looking at the straw hated boy.

"I told you! I told you I saw five!" The long-nosed boy yelled, standing up, with Phillip slung over his shoulder.

"Sanji, you better go find her." The straw hated boy said to the blonde boy, who nodded, quickly took off his jacket and shoes, and dove overboard.

"Are the other ones alright?" The dark haired girl asked.

"This one's perfectly fine." Said the voice of the man holding Jasmine.

"This one's... not moving." The long-nosed boy said nervously, looking at Phillip.

"I think these two passed out." The now-large animal observed, looking from Patrick to Patrick.

"... Take them down to rest." The straw hated boy suggested. "And we'll just wait for Sanji."

Jasmine felt the man holding her shoulders attempt to push her forward, and, not really thinking, obediently walked forward. He led her down below deck, followed by the long-nosed boy, the dark haired girl and the animal... thing. Once down there, he put Jasmine down on a bed. The Patricks and Phillip were also put down. The Patricks instantly both began snoring loudly. Phillip didn't make a sound. The animal became small once again, and walked over to Phillip.

"He's just out cold. He'll be fine." It said, smiling at Jasmine. "You should get some rest, too."

But Jasmine refused to lie down. She stayed sitting up, starring at the animal.

“Stubborn one, aren't you?” Said the man who brought Jasmine in. Jasmine finally took the time to look at him. A green haired boy, currently with a rather annoyed expression on his face. “Chopper's our doctor. He knows what he's talking about.”

“Wh-What is he?” Jasmine managed to stammer.

“He's a reindeer! What, you can't tell?” The long nosed boy blinked at her.

“Don't talk to her like that. She's only curious.” The dark haired woman said, sitting on the foot of Jasmine's bed. “My name's Nico Robin. I'm the ships' archeologist. And Chopper's that doctor. And that's Usopp, the Sharpshooter, and Zoro, the first mate and swordsman. The boy with the straw hat is our captain, Luffy. And Nami's the other girl out there, our navigator. And Sanji's the boy who went out to get your friend, our chef.” She explained calmly.

“Will he get Katherine?” Jasmine asked quickly.

“I'm sure he will. He's the best swimmer on the ship.” She said encouragingly. “We're the Straw Hat Pirates, by the way.”

Jasmine nodded. “I'm Jasmine. And that's Phillip, and Patrick F, and Patrick D.”

“Well, it's very nice to meet you.” Robin smiled. “You know, you're absolutely soaked. Boys, can you leave while I get her some dry clothes?”

“Sure.” Zoro said. He, along with Usopp and Chopper, walked back up on deck.

“Now.” Robin rummaged through cabinet. “Here. Change into this.” She said, giving Jasmine a long, over-sized T-shirt. Jasmine obeyed, and quickly changed into it.

Robin neatly folded up Jasmine's clothes, and smiled at her again. “I'll go wait with the rest of the crew. “You get some rest, alright?” Jasmine nodded, and Robin walked out.

The moment she was gone, Jasmine jumped out of the bed and opened the door just a crack, and watched out as the crew stood glumly around the wet deck.

It wasn't as if Jasmine didn't trust these people. They saved her life, and her friends, and were risking their lives to save Katherine. Not to mention, the Nico Robin girl had been very nice to her. But she couldn't sleep knowing Katherine was out at sea somewhere.

It seemed like Jasmine stood their forever. As she watched, the Straw Hat pirates seemed to be getting restless as well.

“What are we gonna DO?” Usopp cried, pacing around the deck. “Robin told that girl that we'd get her friend! What are we gonna tell her-?”

“Shut up! Sanji'll get her!” Luffy snapped at him.

"The stupid chef can swim, if nothing else." Zoro said, looking out at the water.

"Exactly! So we just have to wait." Nami said, though she herself didn't look at all convinced.

Jasmine's heart sank as she listened, but a moment later, she heard Chopper scream.

"Look! It's Sanji! It's Sanji!"

Luffy jumped to the side of the boat, and stretched his arms down. A second later he pulled up a soaking, coughing Sanji, who was holding Katherine against his chest.

"Is she alive?" Usopp asked, while Nami and Robin took her away from Sanji, who fell down on the spot.

"Yes. She's breathing." Nami replied. Katherine, choking and coughing, managed to open her eyes and look around before falling limply into Robins' arms.

"She passed out." Chopper blinked, as Luffy came over and picked her up.

"Take her down to a bed." Nami advised, and Luffy walked down below deck, the rest of the crew following.

Jasmine, relieved, rushed back to her bed. Unfortunately, she didn't get there fast enough. The crew opened the door before she reached her bed.

"You're not very obedient, are you?" Zoro growled. "We told you to get some rest!"

"Calm down, Zoro! How could she, with her friend out there?" Nami shot at him.

Luffy put Katherine down on another bed, and looked at Jasmine. "Is that all of you now?" Jasmine nodded. "Good. Now please, please get some rest? Or you won't feel well tomorrow." Jasmine nodded again, and lay down in her bed. The moment she closed her eyes, she was asleep.

3 - Reunion

Chapter 3

Jasmine woke up a while before she opened her eyes. She wanted to make sure she remembered everything that happened last night before getting up. They were on the little boat in the storm... and were saved by a stretchy person... Luffy. And there were other people... The Nico Robin girl, and the Sanji boy who saved Katherine... and the reindeer, and the long-nosed boy and the red haired girl... and Zoro. And right now, she should be on a bed somewhere in the lower deck. Jasmine opened her eyes to test her theory, and was absolutely right.

Jasmine sat up and looked around. Most of the other beds were unmade, and only one was occupied. Jasmine stepped off her bed and walked over to see who was there. It was Phillip, with a bandage rapped around his head. He was hugging the blanket as he slept, like a little kid might do.

"Phillip? You okay?" Jasmine asked, poking him. Phillip muttered something and rolled over. Jasmine smiled a bit, and walked up onto the deck.

What she found there wasn't at all what she expected. There was a long table going across the deck. Katherine, Zoro, Chopper, Robin, and Nami sat along it. Patrick F, Patrick D, Luffy, and Usopp were standing on the rail, doing a strange can-can dance.

"Hey, it's our Sleeping Beauty!" Sanji laughed, coming out of the kitchen, balancing plates of food on his arms and head.

"So that's where my shirt went!" Luffy observed, looking at the more-dress-then-shirt Jasmine was wearing.

"That's the only piece of clothing Luffy owns, apart from what he's wearing now." Nami laughed. "But it can't fit him much better than it fits you."

"It's comfy." Luffy defended, frowning.

Jasmine couldn't help but smile a bit as she sat down at the table beside Katherine.

"What time is it?" Jasmine asked. "How long was I sleeping?"

"It's... just past 2 o'clock." Nami replied, looking at a wrist watch she was wearing.

"We've been hanging out here all morning." Patrick F said, not stopping the dance. "And I have to say I'm amazed you slept through Katherine snoring. Woke me up at 7:30."

“Shaddap.” Katherine grumbled, glaring at him.

“... I can't believe you gave her my special shirt.” Luffy frowned, still looking at Jasmine.

“Everyone gave up something.” Robin said. Jasmine looked around. Patrick D was wearing a blue Hawaiian shirt, with his normal jeans. Patrick F was wearing a aqua T-shirt, that actually fit, with his normal jeans. And Katherine was wearing a too-big pink Hawaiian T-shirt, with beige rather short shorts, that the shirt covered most of.

“You guys are pretty stylish for Pirates.” Jasmine observed with a grin.

“Yep!” Luffy grinned hugely as he, Usopp, and the Patricks came down and sat at the table, as Sanji began passing out plates of food, leaving an extra one out for Phillip.

“Oh!” Jasmine blinked, suddenly remembering her manners. “Thank you for saving me!” She said, jumping up and bowing at Zoro, who raised his eyebrows. “And thank you for saving Katherine!” She said, bowing to a smiling Sanji. “And thank you for saving all of us!” She said, bowing to Luffy, who's mouth has already full of food (Though, curiously, Sanji hadn't given him a plate yet).

“And thank you too all of you for helping us!” She quickly added, bowing forward. There was a silence, and suddenly everyone started laughing.

“Looks like we owe Katherine five berries!” Nami laughed.

“Man, you know your friends too well!” Usopp added, as he, Luffy, Nami, Chopper, and Patrick D handed Katherine some money. Jasmine looked up and blinked.

“You're so polite, Jasmine.” Katherine laughed, counting her money. “So I bet them that you'd thank `em all in turn when you woke up.”

“Oh.” Jasmine blinked. “Wow. You sure know how to make fast money.” She observed, sitting down again.

Katherine grinned hugely, as Sanji placed a plate of food in front of her.

“Um...” Katherine blinked at it. “Thanks, but...”

“But what?’ Sanji blinked, tilting his head to the side.

“Katherine's parents were killed by food poisoning, so she doesn't eat any food unless she's prepared it.” Jasmine explained to a rather shocked Sanji.

“Oh.” Sanji said, failing to hide his disappointed expression. “Alright then... does anyone want hers?” Luffy and Usopp raised their hands. “... No one? Really? Nami, Robin, Jasmine, will you split it? Or it'll go to waste.”

Nami nodded. "Sure." Robin also nodded. Jasmine blinked. "Um... okay." Sanji put the plate between them, and Luffy and Usopp dropped their hands in defeat.

"So, Katherine, you can make yourself something, I guess." Sanji said, as he led Katherine back into the kitchen.

A moment after they left, Phillip's plate of food rose off the table, and began floating down to the lower deck. Usopp and Chopper gaped at it, food dropping out of their mouths. Luffy stretched out an arm and grabbed the plate. There was a moment while Luffy and the invisible force fought for it, before Phillip came up.

"What are you doing?" Phillip demanded, and then noticed the hand on his plate. "HOLY CRAP!" he jumped back, Luffy let go, and the plate dropped to the ground. An arm came up from the floor, and caught the plate. This made everyone jump, and Patrick D snap.

"OH MY GOD!! IT'S A ZOMBIE!!" he shrieked, running around the deck. "It's the Dawn of the Dead! They're coming to get us! It's -" He was cut off when another arm came out of his shoulder, and clamped its' hand over his mouth. This made him all the wilder.

"Mmmgh! Mm mmh mmmf mm!!!!!!!" He ran around the deck, with absolutely everyone staring at him. Phillip had taken his plate from the hand, which disappeared after, and was eating at the table while watching the show, already used to the hands.

Two more hands came out of the ground and grabbed Patrick's ankles, making him fall forward. Another two came out and broke his fall. The hands turned him over so he faced up, and held him to the ground.

"Calm down, Pat! It's just her." Patrick F said, pointing at Robin.

"Mmf mm mgh mmph?" Patrick D demanded.

"I was up before you, man. She already showed me." Patrick F explained.

"Mmf... mmm?" Patrick D asked again.

"A cursed fruit, right...?" Patrick F replied, looking at Robin.

"The Hana Hana Fruit." Robin said. "Please don't be alarmed."

"A good lot of us have eaten devil fruits." Zoro said, leaning back from his completed meal. "Chopper had the Hume Hume fruit, Luffy had the Gum Gum fruit. And that little man there had something." he finished, nodding at Phillip.

"I'm not little!" Phillip shot back. "And yeah... I ate some kinda... telekinesis-ish fruit..."

"The Tele Tele fruit?" Chopper guessed.

"Probably." Phillip nodded, making an empty chair float up and down, up and down.

“EEEEEEEEEEEEEE, THAT'S SO COOL!” Luffy cried, jumping up and down in his seat. “You're so awesome!”

“He said the same about my spear.” Patrick D said, sitting up, now that Robins' hands were gone.

“And my tonfas.” Patrick F said.

This conversation was cut short by a huge bang coming from the kitchen. Katherine walked out, almost in tears of frustration. “I can't see anything!” She cried. “Without my glasses, how am I supposed to cook?!”

Jasmine blinked. “Katherine, you're wearing glasses.”

“These aren't MINE!” Katherine cried. “Mine were lost in the sea, so Sanji lent me his. But these are yellow-tinted sun glasses!”

Jasmine walked over to her, and awkwardly patted her upset friend on the back.

“That Sanji dude spent like, 3 hours this morning swimming around looking for your glasses.” Patrick F said. “So be grateful.”

“Sanji's a good cook! His food won't hurt you!” Luffy grinned. “And if it does, Chopper'll fix you right up!”

“Is that supposed to make her feel better?” Zoro asked, looking at Luffy.

“If it is, I don't get it.” Usopp blinked.

Katherine shook her head. “No. Mum and Dad's food was cooked by a good chef, and they still died. So just give me my clothes so I can leave before I starve.”

“None of your clothes have dried yet.” Robin said. “And we're far from land.”

“And Katherine, we like it here!” Patrick F frowned. “I mean, I've been hanging out for like, a few hours, and I already like these guys!”

“Same!” Patrick D agreed. “Except her. She kinda freaks me out. No offence.” He added, nodding to Robin.

“None taken.” She replied with a smile. “I could have been a bit more settle with my power.”

“Why don't you like us?” Chopper whimpered, staring at Katherine with huge eyes.

“I do like you! You're all really nice! I just don't want to starve!” Katherine begged, looking at everyone.

“Then trust us!” Sanji said, coming out of the kitchen. “Please? Nami's already eaten a bit off your

plate, and she's fine." Nami grinned and gave Katherine a thumbs up. "So won't you please, please try some? Please?" Sanji begged.

Katherine blinked unsteadily. "C'mon, Kaff." Jasmine said, pulling Katherine to the table. "I just got out here and I trust them."

"Yeah, of course I trust them! They saved out lives! I just don't trust food in general!" Katherine whined, sitting down.

"But you trust them?" Jasmine asked.

"Yeah..." Katherine replied .

"So your trust for Sanji counters your distrust for food!" Luffy clapped.

"Um... what?" Katherine blinked.

"Don't try to understand Luffy's logic." Usopp advised.

"You'll just end up confused." Zoro added.

"Just eat, Katherine." Jasmine said, sitting down next to her friend. "You'll have to eat something eventually."

Katherine carefully took a bit of rice on her fork, and ate it. She waited a moment, and, after realizing she wasn't dead, she ate some more. And more.

"It's really good." She grinned.

Sanji cheered, and Luffy stood up. "Then that settles it! I want all of you to join my crew!"

The five companions looked at him. "Really?" They all asked.

"Uh-huh! You can catch fish, you can move stuff, you use tonfas and you use kamas, and they're awesome! And you..." He looked at Jasmine for a moment. "You calm people down! You made Katherine eat! And that's useful!"

Robin smiled and nodded. "I like these kids."

Nami blinked, looking the five over.

"Man, she's hot." Phillip whispered to Patrick D, looking at Nami.

"A total babe." Patrick D replied.

"I dunno... these kids tried piracy, and didn't last a day at sea." Nami said slowly.

"She's a tyrant." Phillip whispered to Patrick D.

"Evil to the bone." Patrick D replied.

"And how long would you last in a fishing boat in a storm, Nami?" Zoro asked.

"Hey! Don't talk to Nami-san like that!" Sanji defended her. "I don't exactly agree with her, but don't be disrespectful!"

"And what're you gonna do about it, stupid chef?" Zoro challenged.

"Idiot swordsman."

"Magic Eyebrow."

"Marimo Head."

"Mr. Prince."

"Seaweed Hair."

"Dartboard."

"Mr. Cactus."

"Cut it out!" Luffy shouted. "I'm the captain, and I say they join!"

"And I'm the captain, and I say they join!" Usopp said.

"Hey! I'm the captain!" Luffy complained.

"No you aren't! I am!" Usopp argued.

"He's the captain?" Patrick F blinked at Usopp.

"No, he's the sharpshooter." Sanji, Zoro, Chopper, and Nami replied, and Robin laughed.

"Okay, but before you're in the crew, there's one thing we gotta share." Luffy said, walking over to a barrel.

"Ohhh, I know this." Nami smiled, walking over.

"I wanna be King of the Pirates!" Luffy announced, putting a foot up on the barrel.

"I wanna be the bravest warrior of the sea!" Usopp exclaimed, putting his foot up.

"I want to be the greatest swordsman in the world!" Zoro said with a grin, putting his foot up.

“I want to make a map of the world!” Nami said, adding her foot.

“I wanna be the best doctor EVER!” Chopper cheered, standing on a chair and putting one foot on the barrel.

“I want to find the True History.” Robin said, putting her foot up.

“I want to find All Blue!” Sanji grinned, putting his foot up.

“What's that?” Katherine asked.

“It's a place where all four seas meet, and every single fish in the world is!” Sanji explained, grinning hugely.

“Awesome!” Patrick D exclaimed. “I hope you do, because” he put his foot up on the barrel “I wanna be the world's greatest fisherman!”

Katherine grinned, putting her foot up on the barrel. “I want to have the highest Bounty for a female pirate EVER!”

“Why do you want that?” Zoro asked, looking at her.

“Who cares?” Luffy laughed. “But you'll have to beat Robin. She has 79 million.” Katherine stared at her, and Robin smiled sweetly.

“I wanna... I wanna be able to move the moon with my telekinesis!” Phillip said, putting his foot up.

“Won't that... mess up the weather and time and... stuff?” Usopp blinked.

Phillip nodded, grinning. “I know! But then I could move it back, right?”

“Yeah! I support you!” Chopper cheered.

“I wanna master using every kind of tonfa EVER!” Patrick F announced, putting his foot up.

“COOOOOL! TONFA'S ARE SO COOOOOL!” Luffy cheered.

Jasmine put up her foot, but took a moment to ponder words for her answer. “I really want to be a great pirate.” She said. “So, I wanna be in the crew of The King of the Pirates!”

“So that depends on Luffy.” Robin smiled.

“Ouch, double the pressure.” Zoro grinned mockingly at Luffy.

Luffy cheered again. “YEAAAAH! Now my crew officially has 12 people!”

“Let's party!” Usopp cried, jumping back from the barrel.

“And have beer!” Zoro said, stepping back and grinning hugely.

“Um... we're only 15.” Patrick F blinked.

“And I'm only 19. What's your point?” Zoro inquired. “It's not like anyone's going to stop you.

“ALRIGHT! Drinks all around!” Patrick D cheered.

The rest of the afternoon was spent laughing, eating, dancing, partying, and just fooling around. Patrick D became Luffy's new hero, because he caught lots and lots of fish for Sanji to cook. Luffy also became Patrick F's new dance partner, and they often suddenly jumped up and did their little can-can dance.

A bit later in the evening, all the boy's (except Chopper, being the doctor) had a drinking contest. Luffy's was the first out, simply because he was too full to drink or eat anything more. Phillip was out second, passing out with 6 mugs. Patrick F got bored at 10 mugs, and went to eat more fish. Usopp passed out on 11. Sanji's head hurt at 14, so he quit before he passed out. Zoro and Patrick D continued for some time longer, until Patrick D passed out, after 22 mugs. Zoro won, but was far too drunk to enjoy his victory. Instead he just went to bed. The rest of the crew, who didn't pass out already, went to bed shortly after, leaving Phillip, Usopp, and Patrick D lying out on the deck, unconscious.

4 - A Pirates Life

Chapter 4

The next day went quite differently than the first. Sanji woke everyone up at 8 o'clock in the morning. The long table was still on the deck, now covered in breakfast. Everyone came out and sat down, all still very sleepy, most of the boys with bad hangovers. While everyone, half asleep, ate the breakfast Sanji had put out for them, Luffy, the only truly awake one, stood up at the head of the table.

"Good morning, crew!" was the first thing he said with a huge grin.

"Can I go back to sleep now?" Patrick D groaned.

"You're probably wondering why you're all here so early." Luffy continued, ignoring him.

"Why does my head hurt so much?" Zoro mumbled.

"My back hurts." Usopp whined.

"Oi, 'cause we slept on the deck." Phillip muttered.

"It was your own fault for drinking too much." Nami said matter-of-factly.

"I'm sleepy, and I didn't drink at all." Katherine groaned.

"PAY ATTENTION!" Luffy shouted, making everyone jump and stare at him. "Thank you! Now, as Nami pointed out, our new crew members aren't experienced pirates."

"Neither was Usopp when he joined." Zoro pointed out.

"Are you kidding? I was captain to a great crew!" Usopp yelled, insulted.

"Yes. Of 10-year-olds." Zoro replied.

"The point is, they should have training!" Luffy continued.

"Training for what?" Jasmine asked, interested.

"For... being a pirate!" Luffy replied.

"Luffy, I joined when I was a pirate hunter. I don't think pirates need special training." Zoro sighed,

standing up. "And I want to go back to bed. I'll see you at about 2 in the afternoon." He walked back down under the deck.

Luffy had a large frown on his face. "Awww. I wanted to teach the newbies."

"But he had a point. I don't think they need pirate lessons." Robin said. "They'll catch on."

Luffy's mouth eventually straightened. "Alright. I guess we'll just get on with what we were doing before they came."

"What were you doing?" Patrick F asked.

"Figuring out where we are. We're lost." Usopp admitted.

"How are you going to decide anything without Zoro, though?" Patrick D asked.

"The lazy jerk is always asleep anyway." Sanji replied, sitting down.

"Hey, we never asked you how you got into such bad shape in that storm." He asked suddenly. "What happened?"

"Well, we would have sunk anyway, but we got a hole in our ship." Jasmine said.

"How? What happened?" Chopper asked.

"A cabbage hit Patrick in the stomach-" Katherine stopped. "Come to think of it, that was pretty weird."

Luffy and Usopp gave each other guilty looks.

"A- A cabbage, you say?" Usopp gulped.

"That's certainly... interesting." Luffy said slowly.

"Oh my God." Katherine stared at them.

"You didn't." Phillip stared at them with wide eyes.

"Why don't you five get changed back into your normal clothes? They're dry now, and we need to talk." Nami said, glaring at Luffy and Usopp.

The five teens immediately finished eating and walked quickly back to the two sleeping corridors.

Katherine and Jasmine walked into the girls' room, and found their clothes on their beds.

"... How'd they get here?" Katherine blinked.

"Probably Robin, and her hands." Jasmine guessed, picking up her clothes.

“Ah. Of course.” Katherine said, changing back into her clothes. “So, what d'you think of these guys?”

“Okay. They're nice.” Jasmine replied. “You?”

“I absolutely love them! Being a pirate rocks! You get to travel around, and no one can tell you what to do! Well, except the captain.” She blinked. “And man, I'm so lucky. I was saved by the hottest guy on the ship!” She said in a dreamy tone.

Jasmine couldn't help but frown, but didn't say anything. Katherine raised her eyebrows.

“Oh ho... you disagree?” She grinned, and Jasmine's frown deepened.

“You think you were saved by the hottest guy on the ship?” She asked, as Jasmine's frown got as deep as it could get. Katherine laughed. “Ah, don't be upset. He's not too bad looking, that Zoro guy. ... but his hair weirds me out.”

“And Sanji's eyebrow doesn't?” Jasmine asked, smiling weakly. “But man, Usopp's right. You know you're friends too well.”

A few rooms over, the boys were having a similar conversation.

“I, for one, am following Green Hairs' lead. Goodnight to you all.” Patrick D said, falling over one of the beds.

“Dude, why go back to sleep. We just got up. And we're pirates now.” Patrick F pointed out. “We should do, like, pirate stuff.”

“... bleh. I can't sleep anyway.” Patrick D replied, sitting up.

“So, what do you guys think of being pirates?” Phillip asked.

“It'll be better when we steal some treasure.” Patrick F replied.

“And when there're more babes. I mean, one babe is like, in her 20's. And creeps me out. And the other is kinda evil.” Patrick D said.

“Yeah... she dares insult us and our piracy? She will live to regret it!” Phillip vowed.

“... but she's hot.”

“... Yeah.”

The three boys sat in silence.

“I'm gonna go catch fish.” Patrick D said, jumping off the bed.

“Knock yourself out.” Phillip said, raising his hand in a salute.

“Seriously, do. I'll laugh.” Patrick F added.

Patrick D couldn't help but laugh with them as he left the room. With his lucky fish shirt dry and ready for wearing, he was in the mood to do what he did best: fish.

Out on the deck, Patrick didn't immediately see anyone out anymore. In the short time the five teenagers left, everyone else, and the long table, had gone somewhere else. Patrick walked to the side of the boat, and cast his spear down. Only then did he look up and notice the other presence on the ship. The green haired guy... Zoro, Patrick remembered. He was at the back of the ship, and even though Patrick was currently at the front, it wasn't that far away. He was lifting a freakishly huge weight on a stick up and down, with barely any effort. Patrick couldn't help but gape at it for a while; It was probably bigger than he was.

Feeling a jerk on his spear, Patrick turned and pulled it up back up. The spear came back up, but now had three fishes stuck on it.

“Oi! Patrick!” Patrick blinked up to see Zoro yelling at him. “Can you give me a hand?”

“Um... sure.” Patrick replied, leaning his spear against the rail and walking over.

Zoro put the huge weight down. “Can you sit on that?”

“Uhhhhh.” Patrick blinked, but slowly obeyed the command and sat on the large weight. As soon as he was, Zoro lifted it up again, and continued his workout.

“This is the biggest weight I have, so I need to add weight for a challenge.” Zoro grunted an explanation, while Patrick clung to the side of the weight for dear life.

“Don't you think you're over doing it a bit?” Patrick asked cautiously.

Zoro shook his head. “Gotta be the best. And if you want to be the best, you have to raise your limits and get stronger.”

Patrick pondered this for a moment, then slid off the weight. “You're right. Can I train with you?”

“Uh... sure, I guess.” Zoro replied, putting the weight down.

“Here, let me try.” Patrick said with a grin, grabbing the handle of the weight and pulling. It didn't budge. He tried again, and still the weight didn't even move.

“Maybe you could start with something smaller...” Zoro suggested, watching.

“No, no, I got this.” Patrick managed to say, pulling with all of his might.

Zoro sighed and shook his head, and walked away while Patrick struggled. He returned shortly after,

carrying a similar weight, about a 6th of the size of his.

“Try this one.” He said, handing it to Patrick. Patrick took it, and, with some effort, lifted it up.

“Good.” Zoro said, and continued lifting his weight. Patrick couldn't help but grin.

‘I'm gonna be the best! I'm gonna be so strong, no fish will escape me! All fish will fear Patrick Doogen, the greatest fisherman in the world!’

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At this time, Patrick F and Phillip were wandering the rooms below deck. They found most rooms were empty, but found a few people hanging around. Nami was alone in one room, reading maps at her desk. They found Usopp in another room, hard at work on... something. Chopper was working on some sort of medicine in another room and Phillip, interested, stayed there, leaving Patrick to wander alone.

He found the kitchen was the busiest place at this time. Sanji was cooking lunch with Katherine and Jasmine peering over his shoulder. Robin was sitting at the table, drinking tea. And Luffy was also sitting there, shifting in his seat.

“Oh! Hello, Patrick.” Sanji smiled, looking up. Very quickly, Patrick noticed Luffy's hand shot out, grab a piece of chicken Sanji was frying, and come back into Luffy's mouth. Luffy gave Patrick a thumbs up, and Patrick couldn't help but laugh a bit.

“G-Good morning, Sanji.” Patrick said, trying to stop laughing. Sanji rose his eyebrow, and looked down at the meat,

“Luffy!” He yelled, throwing his shoe at Luffy's head, which knocked him over. “Don't eat raw meat!”

“But it's good.” Luffy complained, sitting back up.

“You'll get sick if you do.” Robin told him, as Katherine brought Sanji his shoe back.

Patrick laughed, mainly at the stupidity of the conversation. “So, we don't know where we are?” He asked, sitting at the table.

“Not a clue. But that never stopped us before.” Luffy grinned.

“So, where were you going?” Patrick asked.

“No where.” Luffy replied.

“So, you're just kinda floating around?”

“Yep.”

“Sweet.”

Katherine sat down at the table. “No use. I can barely see. Everything is colourful blurs. I can't tell if Sanji used salt or sugar.”

“Sugar on chicken?” Jasmine laughed.

“That would be interesting.” Robin smiled.

“Yeah! Sanji, try that!” Luffy cheered.

“Not in your life! I could get the girls sick.” Sanji frowned.

“Then just put it on Luffy's piece.” Katherine suggested.

“PleasepleasepleasePLEASE?” Luffy begged.

“You are, indeed, the strangest person I have ever met.” Sanji sighed, but grinned as he shook sugar over one of the pieces of chicken.

“Me too! I wanna try that.” Patrick grinned.

“Oh my god, there're two of them.” Sanji said flatly, staring at Patrick.

“Give it to him! I wanna watch this.” Katherine laughed, as Sanji put sugar on another piece of chicken.

“I like you! You have good taste!” Luffy grinned, lifting his hand, which Patrick slapped, laughing.

“One Luffy we could barely cook for. Two, and I'll go insane.” Sanji sighed, and Robin laughed.

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The afternoon continued quite like the morning. A bit after diner (which Luffy and Patrick F especially enjoyed), while Patrick and Zoro were training with normal sized weights, Zoro suddenly fell asleep on the floor, so Patrick D went down to the kitchen, where everyone had gathered to here Nami's speech.

“Well, I know where we are now.” Nami began, and the crew cut her off, cheering.

“Are we near any islands?” Usopp asked.

“With treasure?” Phillip asked.

“And meaty animals for Sanji to cook?” Luffy asked hopefully.

“Well, we're actually pretty close to an island. There's a town on it, but I don't know much about it. But I think we should go there, to check it out. And get Katherine and Jasmine some more clothes. They've been wearing mine, which don't even fit right.” She finished, and Katherine and Jasmine nodded in agreement.

“Alright! Then we head for... for... wherever that is!” Luffy announced, jumping up. Zoros' half-asleep head suddenly popped in the doorway.

“Hey, what're we all doing?” He asked sleepily.

“Nothing that you'll care about, Cactus Hair.” Sanji sighed. “Go back to sleep.”

“Kay.” Zoro replied, walking away.

“I'm going to bed too.” Usopp announced. “G'night.”

“Ah, me too.” Phillip said, standing up.

“I'm totally bushed from working out.” Patrick D said, standing up.

“You? Worked out?” Katherine said, disbelievingly.

“Yeah. What about it?” Patrick D asked threateningly.

“Nothing, nothing. C'mon, Doe. Let's go to bed.” She and Jasmine got up.

“Why don't we all go to bed? And tomorrow, we'll explore the island.” Robin said, and everyone nodded in agreement.

Katherine and Jasmine walked back to the girls' bedroom before Nami or Robin got there.

“Man, this is cool.” Katherine grinned, getting into bed not bothering to change. “Out first day as a pirate!”

“Yeah.” Jasmine agreed, lying down. But something else had just struck her. Being on a small ship all the time, surrounded by people, would make it a lot more difficult for her to hide her secret.

She shut her eyes tightly, trying to get rid of the thought. She'll just have to try harder. A bit calmer, she quickly fell asleep.

5 - Exploring the Town

Chapter 5

“WE'RE HEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

Luffy's voice boomed through the ship like a siren, waking all who heard it. Katherine and Jasmine jumped up from their beds and looked around. Nami was also awakened, and Robin wasn't in the room.

“WHY'D YOU WAKE ME UP, YOU FREAKIN' IDIOT??”

Zoro's voice could be heard, just as loud, making Jasmine and Katherine giggle.

“NOW YOU WOKE US ALL UP, ZORO!” Usopp's voice screamed.

“WELL, LIVE WITH IT!” Zoro's voice roared

“WHY ARE WE YELLING?!” Patrick's F voice suddenly yelled.

“I LIKE TO YELL!” Patrick D's voice added.

“EVERYONE JUST BE QUIET!” Usopp's voice screamed.

“DON'T MAKE ME COME UP THERE!” Sanji's voice yelled from somewhere else in the ship.

“BUT IT'S FUN!” Luffy's voice yelled.

“PINK IS A COLOUR!” Patrick D screamed.

“**WE'RE ALL AWAKE NOW, SO SHUT UP!**” Phillip's voice boomed, loudest of all. Then there was silence.

Laughing, Katherine and Jasmine walked up on deck, and went to the goat-headed front of the ship. The ship had arrived at a nice harbor, where many other boats were docked up.

“Wow. It's busy here.” Patrick F observed, climbing up with Patrick D.

“Um... will they let pirates dock?” Jasmine asked.

“If we have money, of course.” Robin said.

“Oi! Nami! Do we have money?!” Zoro yelled down under deck.

“If I pay, you owe me!” Nami's voice yelled back up.

“What are you talking about? You're the money-keeper.” Luffy blinked, as Nami came up.

“Why do we trust our money with a thief?” Zoro sighed.

“Pretty stupid.” Usopp agreed, and Nami smiled.

“Don't worry; I'll give you money if you need it.” She said smiling. “So, does anyone need it? I'm taking some to take the girls clothes shopping.”

“I'm getting Katherine new glasses.” Usopp said. “And Chopper and I are going to... browse around.”

“I'll go with you!” Phillip said, as Nami handed Usopp some money.

“I won't need any, thank you.” Robin smiled.

“I'm going to go look for some new swords, and I'll need to borrow Jasmine from you, Nami.” Zoro said, and Jasmine blinked up. “She's the only one without a weapon.”

“None of the girls need a weapon while I'm here to protect them!” Sanji grinned.

“Yes, we all know how great you are... Prince.” Zoro smirked.

“YOU SHUT UP!” Sanji yelled suddenly.

“Isn't that a compliment?” Patrick F asked.

“Not from Zoro, it isn't.” Usopp sighed.

“I could use some money... I'm gonna look at fishing stuff.” Patrick D said.

“And me! I want money!” Luffy said, raising his hand like a schoolboy.

“Then who'll watch the ship?” Nami asked.

“I can... I guess...” Patrick F shrugged.

“YAY!! You're awesome!” Luffy cheered, patting him on the back. “I'll take turns with you! I hafta watch my ship, too!”

“Alright, then.” Satisfied, Nami finished passing out the money, and the crew headed for the town.

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Jasmine followed Zoro through the busy streets. Patrick D walked next to her, looking quickly in every window they passed. She wasn't sure about how she felt about getting a weapon. She never really saw the need for one, but maybe she should have one now, being a pirate and all.

"In here." Zoro said suddenly, pushing a door open as Jasmine and Patrick followed him in.

The store definitely seemed to be a weapon store. Swords and spears and knives and just about everything else was on display somewhere. Patrick quickly jumped towards some long spears on the wall.

"Wonder if they have any good swords here..." Zoro said, most likely talking to himself as he walked away, looking for service.

Jasmine looked around at the walls, wondering what she should get. There were lots of weapons, many she recognized, and many more she didn't. She decided quickly that she didn't want anything big or heavy. She spotted some knives on a shelf, and quickly picked them up. They were small, thin, and light. Jasmine decided that they were good enough, and not wanting to waste any time here, walked off to find Zoro.

The store was pretty big, and she couldn't find him immediately. She saw Patrick, still looking at spears.

"Patrick, those aren't fishing spears, you know." Jasmine said, looking at the long, thick, decorated spears.

"Seriously? ... then they suck." Patrick spat, turning away.

"Wow. You make no sense." Jasmine said, giggling at his sudden change of attitude.

"Bah. I need not make sense to you, knife-user." He said, eyeing the knives Jasmine was holding.

"... What's wrong with them?" Jasmine asked, looking down.

"You can't fish with them." Patrick replied simply.

"Of course." Jasmine sighed, and they both went off to look for Zoro. They found him at the front desk, which was located at the very back of the store, talking to an old man.

"Ready?" He asked, and they both nodded. Jasmine handed him her knives.

"Are these good?" She asked.

"Sure why not?" Zoro said without much care, taking them and putting them on the counter. "How much?"

“Ahh, these are excellent Sais. Good choice, good choice.” The old man said, smiling at Jasmine.

“I’ll pay 20 berries.” Zoro said.

“But- But these are worth at least 50!” The man exclaimed.

“20.”

“40.”

“20.”

“30.”

“20.”

“25, and that’s as low as I go.” The old man said stubbornly.

“Alright. Sorry, Jasmine, looks like they stay.” Zoro said, turning around.

“Wait!” The old man yelled. “Fine, fine. 20 berries. But I’m practically giving them to you.” He sighed, and Zoro gave him the money, and quickly left the store.

“What a crappy store.” Zoro mumbled once they left, handing Jasmine her Sais. “No decent swords at all.”

“There were tons of swords.” Patrick blinked.

“No decent swords. They were all old and in poor condition and used.” Zoro said, rather flatly.

“So... shall we get something to eat?” Zoro suggested, and Patrick and Jasmine nodded. “Good. We’ll find somewhere to have brunch.”

Only after they’d taken a few more steps, a voice filled the street.

“Roronoa Zoro!”

Zoro’s shoulders stiffened, and he slowly turned around. Patrick and Jasmine did as well, both raising an eyebrow.

A line of marines stood across the street, and many of the civilians had fled to the side of the road. In front of the marines stood a young woman, holding a sword out in front of her.

“We meet again, Roronoa Zoro!” She called, moving her glasses up on top of her head. “I’m afraid that we never finished our fight!”

“Why can't you just leave me alone?” Zoro called back.

“Not until I have your swords!” She yelled back.

“Why can't you stop... looking like that?!” Zoro yelled, causing Jasmine blink, and making the woman look from angry to furious.

“How dare you insult me again?!” She yelled.

“Let's go.” Zoro said quickly, grabbing Jasmine's arm and running down the street as quickly as he could. Patrick, however, had quickly grabbed a flower from a window display, and was kneeling in front of the girl, holding up the flower.

‘Oh love,

I am but a log

Drifting down the river of love

Going down a waterfall,

I am not afraid

Knowing that you will be where the river ends.’

When Patrick finished reciting his poem, all the marines were staring at him, and, though the girl took his flower, she was absolutely lost for words.

“Sergeant Tashigi, we need to go...” One of the marines managed to say.

“Oh... yes. Of course.” She looked back at Patrick. “Um... it was very nice to meet you...”

“Patrick.” Patrick said.

“Patrick.” Tashigi repeated, and smiled a bit as she followed the marines away, leaving Patrick kneeling on the ground, a big stupid grin plastered on his face.

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At this time, Nami, Sanji, and Katherine were out clothes shopping. Or, in other words, Nami was trying on outfits as Sanji complimented her.

“How's this?”

“Oh~~~~, wonderful!”

“And this?”

“It looks fantastic!”

“How about this?”

“Oh, it's so cute on you!”

“And this one?”

“Gorgeous!”

“Alright! I'll take them all!” Nami said with a big smile, dropping a pile of clothes on the counter.

“Katherine, what have you got?”

“Um... nothing?” Katherine replied, walking over to Sanji and Nami, empty handed.

“You didn't find anything you liked?” Nami asked, surprised.

“Well, I did, but nothing really good...” Katherine explained.

“Katherine, you don't have any clothes! You don't have time to be picky! Geez! I'll just pick stuff for you.” Nami sighed, walking away.

“Don't worry. Nami has good taste in clothes.” Sanji said, patting her on the shoulder.

“But she doesn't own anything that goes down past her bellybutton.” Katherine pointed out.

“So? What's wrong with that?” Sanji asked, blinking at her.

Katherine sighed. “Man, you're hopeless, Sanji.”

“What? Why?” Sanji asked, hurt, and Katherine laughed. Nami came back to them, holding a large pile of clothes.

“Alright, these are what I found for you and Jasmine.” Nami said, putting the pile on top of her pile.

“Isn't she going to try them on?” Sanji asked.

“No, they don't have any clothes anyway. We can't take the risk that she doesn't like something.” Nami winked at Katherine, who frowned. “Aw, don't sulk. It's for your own good.”

Katherine sighed again, and Nami paid for the clothes.

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Usopp, Chopper, and Phillip walked down another street, looking around. Usopp lead the way, holding the small bag with Katherine's new glasses. Chopper was in his reindeer form, which looked like a normal reindeer, with a blue nose and pink hat. Phillip sat on Choppers back, looking around.

“So, where are we going now?” Phillip asked, smiling as he looked around the busy street.

“Actually, I need to buy some parts for my newest invention.” Usopp replied, looking around.

“What's your new invention?” Chopper asked, interested.

“Nope, it's a secret.” Usopp grinned. “Can't tell ya `til it's done!”

“Aww, you're mean.” Chopper frowned.

“Oh my God! Look at that freak show!” A loud voice suddenly said. Phillip turned his head to see a man staring at the three of them. Many other people walking down the street had turned to see what the man was yelling about, and were now looking at the three companions.

“By god. A demented reindeer, a midget, and Pinocchio.” The man continued, seeing he had an audience. A few people laughed with the man. Usopp's shoulders had begun to shake in silent anger. Chopper simply looked sad. Phillip blinked and looked at his upset friends. Unacceptable. Turning his head slowly, he glared coldly at the man.

“Watch out for that lamp post.” He said, and the man blinked, looking around.

“W-What lamp post?” He asked, looking around.

A noise could suddenly be heard from above them. Everyone looked up, and saw a lamp post falling from the sky. The man was too surprised to move, and the lamp post fell directly on top of him.

“That lamp post.” Phillip said, grinning.

“Someone get the marines!” Somebody yelled.

“Back to the ship!” Usopp yelled, jumping onto Choppers back as well, as Chopper started running.

“Phillip, why'd you do that?” Usopp yelled over the wind in they're ears.

“He deserved it!” Phillip yelled back. “No one can insult us like that and get away with it!”

Usopp would have replied, but the rushing wind in their ears was too loud to hear any more.

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Patrick D finally caught up with Zoro and Jasmine, who were eating at an outdoor café. He walked over and sat down at their table, as Zoro looked up from his empty plate.

“Oh, there you are. You should have got here earlier; we already paid.” Zoro said. “We were just about to leave.”

“What?” Patrick stared at him, then looked down at Zoro's empty plate and Jasmine's untouched omelete. “Jasmine didn't even touch her food!”

Jasmine pushed it towards Patrick. “Go ahead. I'm not hungry.”

“Don't mind if I do.” Patrick grinned, finishing it in about three seconds.

Jasmine laughed, and then suddenly paused, staring forward.

“Huh?” Patrick looked behind him. “What'cha looking at?”

“What's wrong?” Zoro asked, quickly sitting up, alert.

Jasmine put both her hands on her head. “Crap.” She muttered, then jumped up. “It's nothing. I'm fine. Bye!” She said quickly, running off.

“...” Patrick and Zoro blinked at each other.

“... That was strange.” Zoro said, looking in the direction Jasmine ran.

“I never heard Jasmine say `crap' before.” Patrick blinked.

At that moment, Sanji suddenly appeared running towards them.

“We gotta go! There're marines in the city!” He said urgently, skidding to a halt in front of them.

“We know.” Zoro replied.

“Yeah, but now Phillip got them angry.” Sanji snapped.

“Oh.” Zoro replied, standing up. “What about Jasmine?”

“What? Where is she?” Sanji asked, looking around.

"She just ran away." Patrick replied.

"Oh, God. Go to the ship, I'll go find her." Sanji said, sprinting away.

Zoro and Patrick obeyed without thinking, running as fast as they could back to the dock. When they found the ship, everyone else was already on it.

"Where's Sanji? And Jasmine?" Nami asked, looking at them.

"Sanji's looking for her." Zoro replied.

"Oh, great. Phip, what did you DO?" Patrick F asked.

"Just... squished a guy with a lamp post..." Phillip said innocently.

"Why, in the name of all that is holy, would you do that?" Katherine asked him.

"He insulted us." Phillip replied.

"Okay. Now that that's settled-" Luffy was cut off by Nami's screaming.

"What do you mean, it's settled?! He could have killed someone! He probably DID kill that guy!" Nami screamed.

"Did not." Phillip pouted.

"Pull up the anchor, Luffy! We're coming!" Sanji's voice suddenly came from far away.

"Good! They're here!" Luffy smiled, as he, Zoro, Usopp, and the Patricks pulled up the anchor.

The ship started to pull out of the dock before the crew saw Sanji sprinting down the dock, carrying Jasmine.

"Somebody had better catch her!" He yelled, throwing Jasmine onto the ship. Screaming the whole way, Jasmine flew on the ship, bounced off Usopp, and was caught by Zoro. Sanji ran to the very end of the dock before jumping, almost flying, and landing safely on the ship.

The crew looked back at the town, and doubted anyone had noticed them leave.

Author's Note: Patrick D's poem was indeed inspired by Sanji's poem for Robin in the One Piece comic. This was requested by Patrick, since he loved the poem so much. I did change to poem a bit, and I hope that no harm was done in my borrowing it.

6 - Enter Steve

Chapter 6

The Straw Hat Pirates were still sitting on the ship's deck, talking about their morning, as they were now at a safe distance from the marines in the city.

"I can't believe it. We got dragged away so fast, I didn't get a chance to buy my stuff!" Usopp sighed.

"Blame Phillip. The idiot got us all kicked out." Patrick D grumbled.

"I think he did the right thing by sticking up for us." Luffy said, perking up

"My legs hurt from running so much." Sanji said sadly.

"Stop complaining, Dartboard." Zoro said, glancing at him.

"Where did you run off to, anyway, Jasmine?" Katherine asked, turning to her friend.

"Um... nowhere." Jasmine replied slowly.

"It doesn't really matter." Robin said. "We all got away safely, and that's what matters."

"And I finally got Katherine and Jasmine clothes." Nami smiled.

"Did you get us clothes, too?" Patrick F asked.

"... did you want clothes?" Nami blinked at him.

"The girls aren't the only ones who lost their stuff, y'know." Phillip sighed.

"We should make a list of the stuff we should buy next time." Chopper suggested.

"That's... logical." Katherine replied, her mouth twitching into a smile at the little reindeer.

"I'm going to take your new clothes downstairs." Nami said, standing up and walking below deck.

"So, Luffy, Patrick. What did you do?" Sanji asked, looking from Luffy to Patrick F.

"Actually, I just walked around the town. Luffy was watching the ship." Patrick F explained with a shrug.

"I got a girlfriend!" Patrick D told them happily.

"We know. You told us." Phillip said.

"Like, a million times." Patrick F rolled his eyes at his friend

"And for the last time, the 22-year-old Navy Sergeant who wants to kill Zoro is NOT your girlfriend." Katherine sighed. "Though I would have given my left thumb to be there to hear your poetry."

At that moment, Nami stormed up from below deck. "Luffy, where are the beds?"

"I sold them." Luffy replied simply.

"You sold the beds?" Chopper stared at him.

"And bought hammocks!" Luffy said cheerfully.

"You... replaced the bed with hammocks?" Usopp asked, staring at him.

"Yep! Piratey, huh?" Luffy grinned.

A moment later, Nami, Usopp, Sanji, Chopper, Patrick D, Patrick F, and Katherine were attacking him.

"You IDIOT!" Nami screamed.

"How could you?!" Chopper sobbed.

"I get sick in hammocks!" Patrick F yelled.

"I call the couch." Zoro announced, walking down under the deck.

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When everyone had finished beating up Luffy (who, of course, is rubber, so didn't get hurt at all), they all went to their normal daily positions. Zoro went to sleep on the couch. Nami put on a bathing suit and went sun tanning on the deck, after ordering Sanji to pick her oranges. Katherine and Jasmine, surprised to learn that the Going Merry had orange trees, went to help him. Patrick D went fishing, and Patrick F played with the dieing fish. Robin sat down to read her novel, and Luffy went up to the crows nest to look for more land. Usopp sat on the deck to work on his inventions, with Chopper and Phillip watching.

"So, what are you making?" Phillip asked.

"An exploding pebble for my slingshot!" Usopp said proudly, his goggles on as he fiddled with bubbling

liquids in test tubes.

“Ohhhhhh neat.” Chopper said. “But you already invented that.”

“Yes, I know. But I'm trying to make the explosion bigger.” Usopp explained.

“Maybe you could just make a bigger pebble, with more explosive stuff inside.” Phillip suggested. Usopp blinked at him.

“You're smart! Good thinking!” Usopp said, patting him on the head. “That'll work, for now.”

“MOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!”

“What was that?” Nami said, sitting up.

“You heard it to?” Sanji said, looking around.

“MOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!”

“What's going on out here?” Zoro asked, coming from below deck.

“Is that a cow?” Robin asked, closing her book.

“Look! Look!” Luffy cried from the crow's nest, pointing. Everyone ran to the side of the ship and leaned over the rail. Floating on a small wooden board sat a very small cow, about half the height of anyone on the ship (except Phillip, who would be the same height).

“MOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!” It cried, seeing them.

“How in God's name did a cow get out at sea?” Nami blinked.

“Who cares?! We gotta help it!” Chopper cried.

“I'll get him!” Phillip yelled. He stared, concentrating, at the piece of wood the cow was floating on. The wood floated up, about a meter above the water, before suddenly splashing back down on the water. The cow lost balance and fell off.

“No!” Phillip yelled, looking out at the water. Sanji instantly took off his shoes and jacket, and dove in the water.

“Can he really hold up a cow?” Usopp asked, impressed. Sanji and the cow appeared above the surface, but Sanji, holding the cow above him, was soon pushed back under the water.

“Idiot!” Zoro muttered, jumping in the water, followed by Patrick D and Patrick F. The four of them were able to hold the small cow above the water. Luffy stretched his arms down and pulled them all back up, one by one.

When everyone was safe on the ship, and Jasmine had given everyone a towel, Phillip walked over to the cow.

"I'm sorry." He said, bowing his head. "That was my fault."

"Moo." Said the cow.

"She said that it's okay, and thanks for trying." Chopper translated. Phillip, with tears in his eyes, stepped over and hugged the cow.

"I'm going to call you... Steve." He said. There was a silence.

"But it's a girl cow." Jasmine blinked.

"Steve isn't a girl name." Luffy added.

"That's wrong." Sanji nodded.

"Steve." Phillip repeated, still embracing the cow.

"Moo." Said the cow.

"She said that she likes it." Chopper translated.

"What, so we're keeping her?" Usopp asked, looking at Luffy.

"Where else can she go?" Nami replied. "Beside, she's cute!"

"YEEEEAAAAAAAH! My crew has 13 people now!" Luffy cheered.

"That's not a person, Luffy, that's a cow." Zoro pointed out.

"If Chopper's a person, Steve's a person!" Phillip said, still hugging the cow.

"And Chopper is a person." Robin said.

"Moo." Said Steve.

"She says that she likes it at sea, and would like it if the green-haired meanie would let her stay." Chopper translated.

"Zoro's not a meanie!" Jasmine defended, looking at the cow.

Zoro snorted. "I don't care if she stays or not. Besides, it's not my decision."

"YAY! STEVE CAN STAY!" Phillip cheered.

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That night, at diner time, everyone gathered inside for Sanji's meal. Everyone sits down at the table, and Sanji starts passing out plates of steak and vegetables.

"OHHHHHHHH, STEAK!" Luffy cheered, not bothering with a fork and digging in.

"We barely every get anything that's not fish!" Usopp said happily, and Sanji smiled brightly.

"Say, where's Steve?" Phillip asked, looking up from his plate and around the room.

"Who's Steve?" Sanji asked, looking at him blankly.

"Steve the cow." Phillip answered.

"Um... the cow the was on the ship?" Sanji asked, looking at his plate.

"Yes... wait. You didn't." Phillip stared at him. Sanji didn't say anything. Everyone looked at their plates.

"STEVE!" Phillip yelled in horror, jumping up. Sanji shoulders had started to shake, but as he looked up at Phillip, and he was laughing. Steve walked out from behind the counter, over to Sanji.

"Steve! You're okay!" Phillip jumped over, hugging her.

"Steve `n I just decided to play a little mind trick with Phillip." Sanji said, grinning evilly as he pat the cows head.

"You suck." Phillip said, glaring at Sanji as he sat back down at the table.

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That night was a strange one. Luffy had sold all the beds, and now all there was were hammocks in the former boys' room. The girls' room was now empty, for storage. There weren't enough hammocks for everyone, only eight in all. Zoro slept on the couch by choice, and Phillip slept on top of Steve, who was a good sized bed for the little guy. Robin didn't like hammocks, so she slept on a chair. And Katherine offered to sleep on the floor, but Sanji would simply not have that, so he ended up sleeping on the ground.

"This is fun!" Katherine grinned, swinging in her hammock.

"Don't do that, you'll hit someone." Usopp frowned.

“Nah, I won't.” Katherine smiled, who just then rammed into Patrick Fs' hammock, which bumped into Choppers' hammock, who fell out onto Zoro's face.

“Oh. Um... G'night.” Katherine said quickly, turning face down in her hammock.

Zoro mumbled something, lifting Chopper back into his hammock.

“That hurt.” Chopper grumbled.

“Yes, it did.” Zoro agreed flatly. “Now everyone go to bed.”

“But I'm not sleepy.” Luffy frowned, like a seven-year-old might.

“Luffy?”

“Yeah, Zoro?”

“Go to bed before I knock you out.”

“Okay.”

Soon after, though all giggling into their pillows, everyone fell asleep.

7 - Snow

Chapter 7

Katherine woke up the next morning shivering. She opened her eyes and sat up in her hammock. She noticed she had a thick blanket over her now, but was still very cold. She looked around the room. Jasmine was sleeping in a hammock, and was also covered in a very thick blanket. Otherwise, the room was empty.

“Jaaaaasmine.” Katherine called lightly, swinging her hammock and poking her friend. “Wake uuuuuuuuuuuup.”

“Huh?” Jasmine blinked her eyes open. “Brrrr, it's cold.”

“I know. Let's pray Nami got us winter clothes.” Katherine said, jumping off the hammock.

“That's about all we can do.” Jasmine grinned, sliding off onto the ground.

As it turned out, Nami had chosen clothes for all weather. Jasmine found some jeans she liked and a light blue sweater, and Katherine found a white pair of jeans and a brown sweater. Dressed as well as they pleased, the two girls walked outside.

Everything seemed white at first. It was snowing, and snow was completely covering the ship. Luffy, Patrick F, and Patrick D were making a large snowman on the deck. Sanji and Zoro were shoveling, with Nami watching them carefully, drinking Hot Chocolate. Phillip, Chopper, and Steve were jumping into random piles of snow, which Usopp was making for them. Robin was reading a newspaper, leaning on the rail.

“Katherine! Jasmine! Why don't you have coats on?” Sanji cried, looking at them.

“We don't have coats.” Katherine blinked in reply.

“You didn't buy them coats?” Zoro asked Nami, staring at her blankly. She shrugged.

“I didn't think we'd get to the Grand Line this fast.” She said guiltily.

“We don't have jackets.” Patrick F pointed out.

“We don't even have any other clothes.” Patrick D added.

“But we're fine.” Patrick F said.

Phillip grinned. "I pity you guys." He was wearing a sweater that was about as long as he was tall.

"Ah, it ain't that cold." Patrick D, in a T-shirt, said with a smirk.

"Uh-huh! We're totally great." Patrick F said, shivering.

"You freeze if you want, I could care less. But I won't watch the girls!" Sanji said, putting his coat over Katherine's shoulders. "Seaweed Hair, give Jasmine your jacket."

"It's kinda way too big for her." Zoro said slowly, looking down at his long coat.

"Don't make me take it from you." Sanji said, glaring threateningly.

Zoro laughed. "Oh, I'm terrified." But he dropped his heavy jacket on Jasmine all the same.

"I'll get you two some Hot Chocolate." Sanji smiled, and walked off.

Patrick D grabbed his spear, and cast his spear down in the water. "There're lots of fish when it's cold." He said, grinning.

"Zoro, get back to shoveling." Nami ordered.

"But the snow's still coming down." Zoro complained.

"I don't care! Shovel!" Nami yelled, and Zoro picked up his shovel and got back to work.

"Hey... it's cold out here." Luffy suddenly said, shivering in his vest.

"You just noticed?" Patrick F asked, staring at him.

Just then, Patrick D pulled up his spear. One, rather large fish, was on it. "Oh, great!" Patrick D grinned, pulling the spear towards him. With a sudden wiggle, the fish fell off the spear and back into the water.

"Aww. It got away." Usopp frowned.

"LIKE HELL IT DID!" Patrick D roared, and jumped into the water.

"Patrick!" Jasmine yelled, running to the side of the ship.

"What is he doing?!" Nami yelled. "Luffy! Pull him back!"

"W-Where is he?" Luffy cried, looking down at the water. "I can't see him."

"Oh, for Gods' sake." Zoro grumbled, diving into the water.

"GAH! ZORO!" Chopper yelled.

"They're both gonna drown!" Phillip yelled.

"Moo!" Said Steve.

Zoro's green hair could suddenly be seen above the water, along with Patrick's head.

"Luffy! Pull `em up! Quick!" Usopp yelled, but Luffy had already stretched his arms down. He pulled the two up on deck. Zoro was barely shivering, but Patrick was almost blue. In his hand, he held the fish.

"S-see? I t-told you!" He said, before passing out in the snow.

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It was a few hours before Patrick D woke up. Chopper had ordered everyone around to help him. He was placed on the couch, with many blankets over him, and a hot water bottle on his forehead. Zoro claimed he was absolutely fine, but Chopper made him take a hot bath for about an hour anyway. And when Chopper's upset, it's not smart to disobey him. Patrick woke up to see in entire crew sitting around, starring at him.

"He's awake!" Usopp cheered.

"AL-RIGHT!" Luffy cheered as well.

"You okay?" Patrick F asked.

"You still cold?" Phillip asked.

"Moo?" Steve asked.

"I'm fine." Patrick D replied. "Where's my fish?"

"In a bowl of water, in the kitchen." Katherine replied.

"Oh. Okay." Patrick D said, satisfied. He attempted to sit up, but was pushed down by a lot of hands,

"You can't get up yet. You're sick." Chopper said.

"I-I'm fine. A-CHOO!" Patrick D sneezed. "Um... maybe I have a cold. But I'm fine."

"Stay in bed, or you won't be." Zoro said.

"Noooo... I want to get up..." Patrick D whined, sitting up.

Chopper sighed. "Sanji?"

Sanji sighed as well, and stepped up onto the couch, and on to Patrick, of course, wearing his hard leather dress shoes.

"What are you doing?" Patrick D wheezed.

"We're not gonna let you move." Jasmine said. "Sorry Pat."

"You're standing on my chest! I can't breath!" Patrick D gasped.

"I'll only move if you promise to stay put." Sanji said.

"No! I don't want to!" Patrick D wheezed.

"Then Sanji'll stand on you for a long, long time." Chopper said sadly.

"It's for your own good." Nami said.

"But- But- I have to keep training!" Patrick D managed to say.

"Patrick, if you go out now, you'll get really sick. And then you'll be worse off than now, and wouldn't be able to go out even if you want to." Zoro said. "Now, Magic Eyebrow, why don't you let him breathe again?"

Sanji stepped off of Patrick, who gasped for breath. "You all suck." He said, rolling over under the blankets, his back to his friends.

"Perhaps." Katherine said.

"But we're only thinking of you, buddy." Patrick F said, patting his friend on the head.

"Now, what are we doing in here? It's snowing outside!" Luffy cheered, running outside with Usopp.

"You want some soup or something?" Katherine asked Patrick D.

"Made by you? I'd die for sure." He replied.

Katherine laughed. "Okie-Dokie." She said, walking outside with Jasmine. Phillip, Patrick F, and Steve followed them out.

"Don't try and move. Zoro'll stay here and get you anything if you need it." Chopper said, as Nami and Robin walked outside.

"Wait... what?" Zoro blinked, and Sanji grinned and patted his shoulder. "See ya." He said, as he and Chopper left.

Patrick D blinked at Zoro, who sighed at sat down.

"You are an idiot, you know." Zoro said, glancing at him. Patrick nodded.

"Zoro?" Patrick asked.

"Hm?" Zoro grunted.

"Could you push the couch over to the window? So I can fish out it?" Patrick asked.

"...I don't see why not." Zoro said with a slight grin, pushing the couch over against the wall, and opening the window.

"Um... can you get my spear too? I don't want Sanji to have to break my ribs." Patrick continued.

Zoro laughed. "Yeah, I wouldn't either." He said, walking out on deck.

On the deck, Zoro quickly noticed everyone staring at Luffy and Usopp, who were angrily yelling at each other.

"Do you wanna prove you're a better captain?" Usopp challenged.

"Yeah! Luffy yelled back.

"Alright then! We'll settle this in the only fit way..."

"A snowball fight!" They both cheered.

Zoro shook his head, picking Patrick's spear off the ground.

"ZORO! Aren't ya gonna help?" Luffy yelled, waving at him.

"Nah. I'd rather... do a lot of other stuff." Zoro said.

"Ohhh, scared, Seaweed Hair?" Sanji smirked.

"YOU'RE ON!" Zoro yelled.

"Get Patrick too!" Patrick F said.

"But he has to get better." Chopper frowned.

"But it's a SNOWBALL FIGHT!" Usopp cheered.

"...okay fine. If he wants to." Chopper said, still frowning.

“YAY!” Patrick D, who was suddenly on deck, cheered.

It didn't take long for the teams to be made. Luffy's team was himself, with Zoro, Jasmine, Patrick D, and Patrick F. Usopp's team was himself, Sanji, Katherine, Phillip, and Chopper. Nami, Robin, and Steve were referees.

By Robin's rules, each team had five minutes to make a fort and as many snowballs as they could. Luffy stretched his arms, and gathered most of the snow on the deck into a large heap, leaving Team Usopp with less snow to work with. Unfortunately, they had an unpleasant surprise when Phillip mad their own snowballs fly at them.

Sanji and Zoro were having at all-out war, chucking snowballs across the ship at each other. Because Zoro had stronger arms, Sanji kicked most of the snowballs back at him. Katherine went over to help Sanji, and Jasmine went to help Zoro, but ended up spending most of the battle hiding behind the two boys for safety.

Chopper turned big to throw, and small to dodge, and was doing quite well at hitting everyone. The Patricks, Luffy, and Usopp were just happily throwing snowballs at people, though trying to stay away from the battle between Zoro and Sanji.

A good two hours later, the battle ended, because Nami was complaining about being hungry, so Sanji ran off to make lunch. Zoro, deciding that he won his battle, left. Then everyone else decided to take a lunch break as well.

“So, who won?” A panting Patrick F asked.

“We did.” Luffy and Usopp said at the same time, then turned glared at each other.

“Moo.” Said Steve.

“She says it's a draw.” Chopper translated.

“I agree.” Said Robin, comfortably still on a lawn chair on the snow.

“So I'm still captain!” Luffy cheered.

“Baaaah.” Usopp groaned.

“Ouch. Tough break, man.” Patrick D said, patting his shoulder.

“Patrick, go back to bed now.” Chopper ordered suddenly.

“B-But why?” Patrick D complained.

“Don't make me make Sanji stand on you.” Chopper threatened, so Patrick D fled down under deck.

The afternoon was spent relaxing. After a morning of snowball fighting, the crew were rather tired of the

snow altogether. After each person, in turn, had hot showers, they all sat around inside, talking.

“So, where are we headed next?” Katherine asked, swinging in a hammock.

“I think we're going through the Grand Line again, to go back to the East Blue.” Nami said, sitting on the ground, reading a map.

“Really? Why?” Patrick F asked, sitting on the arm of the couch Patrick D lay on.

“Why can't we just go around and find One Piece while we're in the grand line?” Luffy frowned, sitting crossed-legged on a chair.

“Because we need to stock up.” Robin answered for her, standing near the door.

“And everything costs less in the East Blue, if you didn't notice.” Zoro added, sitting on the ground, and leaning back on the couch.

“I think it's a good idea. I want to see what East Blue looks like.” Jasmine said with a smile.

“It's the weakest sea. Not too interesting.” Usopp said, sitting on the ground near Luffy's feet.

“Aw, so why don't we go to West Blue instead?” Phillip asked, sitting on Steve.

“Because, like our marimo just said, it's cheaper there.” Sanji said.

“So then the things are probably in bad condition or something.” Patrick D pointed out.

“We've all been there.” Chopper pointed out.

“And we were all born there.” Zoro growled.

“Except me.” Sanji pointed out.

“The point is, we're going to East Blue.” Nami finished. “So, I'll see you in the morning.” She said, crawling into a hammock.

“... West Blue would've been cooler...” Patrick F said, jumping over Patrick D and into a hammock.

“Don't complain. Whatever works, works.” Katherine said, lying down in her hammock.

“Um... Jasmine?” Zoro blinked at the girl, who had fallen asleep, and was currently using Zoro's arm as a pillow. “I need my arm back...”

“Don't wake her up, Pickle Head.” Sanji said, lying down on the spot.

Zoro grumbled, but didn't move until a good few minutes later, when Jasmine rolled over, onto the ground. Luffy, already in a hammock, stretched down and pulled the sleeping girl back into a hammock.

"I can't feel anything in my arm." Zoro complained, moving it around.

"You're such a complainer." A half-asleep Usopp said.

"What, you want to join me in not feeling an arm? Because I can make that possible." Zoro threatened, lying down on the ground, since Patrick D was on his bed.

"Cut it out, Zoro." Luffy said, throwing a pillow at him. "I wanna go to sleep."

"Most of us already are." Robin smiled.

"I'm not." Katherine said, raising her hand.

"Then go to sleep." Nami grumbled into her pillow.

"kay." Katherine said.

For a moment, there was silence, until Luffy suddenly said "Ha, Zoro's sleeping on the floor!" Either no one wanted to dignify that with a response, or they were all asleep, because then, all was quiet.

8 - Jasmine's Secret

Chapter 8

Jasmine woke up the next morning quite early. She sat up in her hammock, and looked around. Patrick D was still sleeping on the couch, snoring loudly. Katherine, Luffy, Usopp, Nami, Chopper, and Patrick F were all sleeping in their hammocks. Phillip and Steve still slept on the ground. Jasmine turned her head and lay on the pillow again, only to find that she couldn't get back to sleep.

With nothing better to do, Jasmine got up, and walked up on deck, still in her pajamas (which was Luffy's 'special' shirt). She was surprised to discover that there was absolutely no snow anywhere. In fact, it was quite warm and sunny outside.

"You're up early." Somebody suddenly said, and Jasmine spun around in surprise. Zoro was sitting under the mast, lifting two (fairly) normal-sized weights.

"So are you." Jasmine replied, blinking at him.

"Got me there, I suppose." He said with a smirk. "But I'm always up at this time. You normally sleep 'til nine."

"What time is it?" Jasmine asked, leaning back on the rail.

There was a pause. "No idea, actually." Zoro said finally. "I'd guess fairly early."

"I see." Jasmine blinked again. "D'you know where we are?"

"Nope. And I don't really care where we go, either. I'm just here for the ride." Zoro replied. He paused again. "Well. I'm really not very useful, am I?"

Jasmine smiled. "It's alright. I'm gonna go have breakfast."

"Alright." Zoro said boredly, and Jasmine walked down to the kitchen. Sanji was cooking at the stove, and Robin was sitting at the table, drinking tea and reading a book.

"Ahhh, good morning!" Sanji said as she entered, turning around and smiling at her. "Do you like bacon and eggs? Or sausages and toast? Or a mix of both? Or all of the above?"

Jasmine took a moment to figure out what he said before answering. "Just bacon and eggs, please." Jasmine told him, sitting down at the table.

"You're up early. Did you sleep well?" Robin asked her, and she nodded. *Why is everyone so nice?* She wondered.

Jasmine heard the kitchen door open, and turned her head. Luffy and Patrick F had come in, both of them with half-closed eyes, both hunched forward.

"Good morning, walking dead!" Sanji addressed them cheerfully.

"Bleeeeeeeeeeeeeeh." They both groaned, slowly walking to the table and falling back in chairs.

"Meeeeeeeeeeeeeat." They groaned again, still in unison.

"Yes, yes. I got you both a plate of sausages and bacon." Sanji sighed, putting a plate of meat in front of them both the boys, who, sleepily, started to eat. Jasmine looking at Sanji, who winked at her with a smile.

"The chef has to know what everyone needs in the morning." He told her. "Always be prepared." He smiled, and went back to cooking, but he continued talking, either to Jasmine or to himself. "Luffy needs meat any given moment of the day, and Patrick likes it too. Robin and Nami both like tea in the morning. Usopp wants apple juice when he wakes up, and Chopper usually eats what Usopp's having. Zoro always asks for beer. Personally, I'm a mess without coffee." He grinned, looking over his shoulder at Jasmine. "Do you have anything I should add to the list?"

"Well, um... uh..." Being questioned like this was actually quite odd for Jasmine. "I like... chocolate milk..." She said slowly. Before she could blink, a glass of chocolate milk was in front of her.

"Heeeeey... why don't I get chocolate milk?" Luffy frowned. The meat seemed to have woken him up.

"You never asked." Sanji shrugged, getting back to work.

"Good morning!" Katherine said, smiling hugely as she walked in the kitchen.

"Good morning, K-chan!" Sanji replied happily. "What would you like for breakfast?"

"K-chan?" Patrick repeated with a snigger.

"S'my nickname." Katherine replied, rather flatly, as she sat down. "And I'm not really hungry."

So, are we at the Grand Line?" She continued talking cheerfully. "It's not snowy anymore."

"Not yet. But weather changed very quickly near it." Robin said. "It's very strange."

"Oj, Curly-brow!" Zoro said, walking into the kitchen. "Can I have a beer?"

"You'll die of alcohol poisoning, and I'll laugh at your grave." Sanji replied, throwing a beer can at him.

"Yeah, but you'll die of lung cancer first, so it's all good." Zoro shot back, catching the beer.

“He's right. Don't smoke.” Katherine said, walking to the cabinet and taking out Sanji's pack of cigarettes, and throwing it out the window. Sanji's mouth fell open, and his cigarette dropped onto the ground. Katherine quickly picked it up and tossed it out as well. There was a very long, awkward silence as everyone stared at Katherine.

“Wh-Why'd you do that?” Sanji cried.

“Because you'll die of lung cancer!” Katherine said in an annoyed tone, like the answer was obvious.

“You- You- UGH!” Sanji threw his arms up, and marched out of the room. Katherine turned back to the others.

“Was that... wrong?” She blinked.

“I dunno.” Usopp said, as he, and the rest of the crew, walking inside (Phillip was still asleep on Steve's back). “Have you ever seen Sanji without a cigarette?”

“He swims with a cigarette in his mouth.” Luffy said.

“But they are unhealthy.” Chopper piped up.

“Oh. I hope he's not mad.” Katherine said, looking down.

“Moo.” Steve said, as he walked in the room, with Phillip still sleeping on his back.

“She says the he'll get over it.” Chopper translated.

“... I guess. Thanks, Steve.” Katherine smiled, and Phillip woke up.

“Geh... oi. Why'm I here?” he blinked, looking around. He noticed the food, and made some fly into his mouth. “Oh well. Food's good.”

“Phillip, you're such a pig.” Patrick D sighed, as he walked over to the stove and stuffed some bacon in his mouth.

The crew started laughing, except Patrick D, who wasn't bright enough to spot the irony, and Katherine, who was still looking at her feet.

“If you're so worried about the stupid chef, go apologize.” Zoro suggested. Katherine nodded, and left the room.

“... Is it safe for Sanji and a young girl to be alone?” Nami suddenly asked.

Everyone was silent for a moment, until Patrick F blinked. “... I dun get it.”

“I want more meat!” Luffy said suddenly.

"Me too!" Patrick F agreed, and the two jumped up.

"SANJI! WE WANT MEAT!" They both screamed at the top of their lungs. Sanji walked back in the kitchen, followed by Katherine.

"Sanji, you're not mad at her, are you?" Jasmine asked.

Sanji shook his head. "Nah. It was for my own good. But I AM mad at you!" He yelled suddenly, kicking Zoro in the head. "You gave her the idea!"

"Oh, you're asking for it." Zoro growled, pulling out his sword.

"Zoro! Sit down! Sanji! Get us meat!" Luffy ordered, and the two men slowly obeyed.

"So, what's happening today?" Phillip asked.

"You've asked us that every morning so far." Usopp sighed. "We don't have plans. We just sort of... do stuff."

"S'al gud." Patrick F said, mouth full of sausage.

"I'm going to find out where we are." Nami said, taking her plate and leaving.

"Oh! I have to get back to work!" Usopp yelled, running out of the room, leaving his plate, which Luffy took and cleaned.

"What IS he working on?" Phillip wondered aloud.

"Moo." Steve replied.

"She says she doesn't know." Chopper translated.

"Ph mph lphs oph cphh pheph." Luffy said, through a mouth of food.

"What?" Katherine blinked.

"He said, `He makes lots of cool things.'" Patrick F explained.

"How d'you know?" Patrick D asked.

Patrick F shrugged. "I speak `Meat'."

There was a silence, and suddenly Jasmine jumped up, her chair falling backwards. Her hands were on her head.

"D-Doey?" Katherine blinked.

“What's wrong?” Robin demanded.

“I- I- I'm fine! Gotta run!” Jasmine said, turning around and running out of the room before anyone could say another word.

Jasmine ran down the hall as fast as she could. *Why does this keep happening? I can't control it anymore!* She thought, tears forming in her eyes. She ran into the bedroom, and shut and locked the door.

She walked over to the couch, and fell back on it. She sat up again, and looked in the small mirror hanging on the wall. She sighed, seeing the two white cat ears on her head. She stood up and looked behind her, at the fluffy white cat tail that was now a part of her. She lay back down on the couch, and put a pillow over her head. *Why me?*

At that moment, she could hear footsteps outside the door, and someone knock on it.

“Jasmine?” It was Zoro's voice. “Are you in there?”

“Yes.” Jasmine replied.

“Are you alright?” He asked.

“Yes.” Jasmine replied.

“Can I come in?”

“No.”

“Why not?”

“Because.”

“...okay.” She heard footsteps walking away, and sighed. Only a moment later, she heard lots more footsteps coming back.

“Jasmine, what are you doing?” Luffy's voice asked.

“Nothing!” Jasmine yelled, getting annoyed.

“Why can't we come in?” Chopper asked.

“Because!” Jasmine replied.

“Are you changing or something?” Nami asked.

“Yes.” Jasmine lied, glad to have an excuse.

“Okay. Well, I'm a girl, so I can come in.” Katherine said. “Boys, go away.”

“Okay.” The voices of Patrick D, Patrick F, Phillip, Luffy, Usopp, Sanji, Chopper, and Zoro all replied.

“Katherine, don't!” Jasmine yelled, sitting up.

“I need my hair brush, and it's in there. I'll just be a second.” Katherine explained, and attempted to open the door.

“She locked it?” Patrick F's voice asked.

“Yep. Usopp, do you have a pin or something?” Katherine asked, and a moment later, the unmistakable sound of someone picking a lock could be heard.

“Katherine!” Jasmine cried, but knew her best friend well enough to know that she wasn't going to stop. So, Jasmine leapt behind the couch, just as the door opened.

“Jasmine, please come out.” Katherine said quietly. “Please?”

Jasmine took a deep breath. There really wasn't anything else to do. So, very slowly, she stood up.

The entire crew was in the room, looking at her. Katherine's eyes widened. Patrick D, Patrick F, Phillip, Luffy, and Usopp all fell backwards like they'd been punched. Chopper and Steve both tilted their heads to the side. Sanji flinched, but that was about it. Nami stared, her mouth hanging open. Robin had a small smile on her face. Zoro barely blinked. Jasmine looked at her feet.

“On the day that those sailors came home with all the stuff, and Phillip ate a cursed fruit... I did too. I didn't know what it was, so I didn't show you guys. And when the people found us, I already finished it. So... this is my normal body. I can turn human, or all cat. But lately, I haven't been able to control transforming. And...” Tears began to form in her eyes. Not thinking of anything else to say, she blinked her eyes closed, opened them again, and looked back up. Katherine was staring at her, wide eyed.

“Katherine, don't be freaked. It's-”

“Why didn't you tell me?” Katherine suddenly demanded, tears forming in her eyes. “Why didn't you show us when you ate it? Why would you keep it a secret?”

“Because- Because- Look at me! I'm a freak!” Jasmine exclaimed.

“So, you're calling me a freak?” Phillip asked quietly.

“And Luffy? And Chopper and Robin?” Usopp asked.

“N-No! Of course not!” Jasmine gasped, looking wildly at them all.

“So you ate a cursed fruit. What do you want, you're very own pity party?” Zoro asked, crossing his

arms. "Do we think any less of Luffy because he ate one? Or Chopper, or Phillip, or Robin? Why are you so special?"

"I- I-" Jasmine blinked, searching her mind for something to say.

"I see her point. I would have kept my power secret too." Phillip admitted. "We got banished for it."

"Maybe. But does she think we'll banish her from the crew?" Zoro asked. "Why should she have kept it from us?"

"We're supposed to trust each other." Nami said, frowning a bit.

"I do trust you! All of you! I just-" Jasmine started, but was cut off by Luffy.

"I really don't care why you did. Just promise you'll never keep a secret from us again." He said, and Jasmine nodded. "Good. ... I want meat."

"You always want meat." Robin laughed, turning around and leaving with Luffy.

"YEAAAAH! I WANT MEAT TOO~~~!" Patrick F cheered, following with Patrick D, Phillip and Steve.

"You're insane, you two." Sanji smirked, as he and Nami left.

Zoro started to leave, but turned around. He opened his mouth, but then closed it again and left.

Jasmine sat back on the couch, and Katherine plopped down next to her.

"Those are actually pretty cool." Katherine grinned, poking Jasmine's ear. Jasmine poked her back. In a second, the two girls were giggling and poking each other, all problems forgotten.

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Patrick F was up on the deck, practicing with his tonfas without enthusiasm. The two he had were very basic tonfas, and he was very bored with them. But currently, that's what he had, so he walked around the deck, doing a form with them.

After a good 20 minutes of this, he got bored and sat down on the spot. He lay down on his back, at looked up at the cloudless sky. It was very calm and peaceful. Patrick yawned and closed his eyes.

He wasn't sure if he fell asleep or not, but he opened his eyes to see Luffy's face staring down at him.

"GAH! Luffy, what are you doing?" Patrick yelled.

"I need to ask you a question." Luffy replied simply.

"Well, I'm sleeping."

"Really?"

"Yes."

"Okay."

Patrick closed his eyes again, but opened them a moment later, to see Luffy, exactly where he was.

"Now what are you doing?" He asked.

"Waiting for you to wake up." Luffy replied simply.

"Well, I'm awake now." Patrick said, grinning a little as he sat up. "What is it?"

"Can I use your tonfas?" Luffy asked eagerly.

"Do you know how?" Patrick asked, slightly impressed.

"Nope."

"Have you ever used them before?"

"Nope."

"Do you know how?"

"Nope."

"So why do you want to use them?" Patrick asked.

"Because they're really interesting!" Luffy said, grinning hugely.

"Um... okay. I guess." Patrick shrugged, not knowing at all what he just got himself into.

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Four hours later, the ship was a total mess. Blade marks were scratched into the wood everywhere. Even the sail had a rip in the bottom of it. All kinds of smashed items and garbage covered the deck, and most of the hallways. The entire crew was inside the kitchen. Luffy sat on a chair, completely tied to it

with thick ropes, which he was angrily crewing on. Nami and Zoro were rapping more around him, while Usopp and Chopper ran around, gathering more rope. Sanji was cleaning up the garbage in the kitchen, while Robin's arms helped. Patrick F, Patrick D, Jasmine, Katherine, Phillip, and Steve were sitting at the table, simply staring.

"It's amazing and frightening what Luffy and tonfas can do." Katherine said.

"I still don't see why throwing stuff at him while he ran helped." Jasmine said slowly, her cat ears twitching.

"Well, the can of tomato juice tripped him in the end." Patrick D pointed out.

"Alright," Nami said, stepping back from the perfectly bound Luffy. "Whose bright idea was it to give Luffy a weapon?"

"Um... me?" Patrick F said, raising his hand. And that's when the world seemed to explode.

"WHY IN GOD'S NAME WOULD YOU GIVE AN IDIOT LIKE LUFFY A WEAPON?! HE CAN'T USE THEM! AND HE'S NOT MATURE ENOUGH TO TRY TO USE THEM PROPERLY, HE'LL JUST TRY AND DESTORY STUFF! SOMEONE COULD HAVE BEEN HURT!" Nami screamed.

"Miss Nami, you don't have to yell..." Sanji said timidly.

"But she has a point." Robin said. "Luffy doesn't know how to use them."

"And he DID run into me." Zoro said. "Now my arm hurts."

Luffy blinked. "...Nami, did you just call me an idiot?"

Nami groaned, and stormed out of the room.

"... She'll cheer up." Usopp said.

"Why doesn't everyone go clean up the stuff that was thrown at Luffy around the ship?" Robin suggested, and the five kids stood up.

"Can you untie me?" Luffy asked, as everyone walked out of the kitchen.

"No way. You're dangerous." Zoro said, grinning and all-too-evil smirk.

And so the Straw Hat Pirates left their captain tied to a chair for the afternoon.

9 - Old Enemies

Chapter 9

“LUFFY! EVERYONE! WAKE UP! QUICKLY!”

Usopp's urgent shouts made everyone jump out of bed. With no idea what time it was, the Straw Hat Pirates ran out on the deck, where Usopp stood, wearing his starry nightdress and cap, his face noticeably pale in the dark.

“What's the matter?” Nami demanded.

“Can someone untie me pleeeeeeeeeeease?” Luffy's voice came from below deck. Sanji ran down to the kitchen, returning a moment later, carrying Luffy, still tied to the chair.

“Now Usopp, why'd you wake us all up?” Nami asked, and Usopp pointed a shaking hand out at sea. The crew moved towards the rail, and looked threw the darkness. Not too far away was the unmistakable outline of a ship.

“You woke us up for THAT?” Zoro asked, stepping back. “I'm going back to bed.”

“W-W-WE COULD BE ATTACKED!” Usopp screamed, and Robin's arm came out of his shoulder and clamp it's hand over his mouth.

“It's dark, and they haven't noticed us yet.” Robin said.

“Just shut up, and we can pass them.” Sanji said.

Even though they supposedly were safe, the crew didn't go back under deck. The all sat at the ships bow in silence until, after about an hour, Luffy started complaining that he had to go to the washroom, and Chopper quickly untied him. Shortly after, Usopp, Chopper, Katherine, Jasmine, and Nami went down to get dressed in the dark, one by one. (Everyone else had slept in their clothes)

No one was keeping time, but it seemed like quite a few hours until the first rays of sunlight came up over the horizon. The Straw Hat crew stood up and looked over the rail. They hadn't passed the big ship like they had hoped, and instead were simply closer to it. They ship had a huge sail, with a large skull with a clown nose on it.

“They ARE pirates!” Patrick D observed.

“Buggy Pirates.” Zoro growled.

“Who're they?” Phillip asked.

“Moo?” Steve asked.

“Pirates that Luffy and Zoro met a bit after they joined forces as pirates.” Nami explained. “And I joined them shortly after they met Buggy. He ate a cursed fruit, but Luffy took him out easily.”

“Yes, but they came back.” Zoro said, his voice full of hatred. “Buggy's crew and Alvida's crew joined forces and attacked us again. “

“They almost killed Luffy, actually. But I thought they were captured by marines after that.” Sanji said thoughtfully.

“I guess they escaped.” Robin replied calmly.

“And who's Alvida?” Katherine asked.

“She's this evil ugly pirate that and I was the first pirate to ever punch her and now she ate a cursed fruit that made her pretty and she wants to marry me.” Luffy said quickly.

“Whoa.” Patrick F blinked.

“So, you think they noticed us?” Usopp asked fearfully, looking out at the ship.

“Probably.” Patrick F replied, nodding.

At that moment, five canons were shot out of the Buggy Pirate ship, and went flying towards the Going Merry.

“Most defiantly.” Patrick D agreed, nodding.

“Phillip! Stop them!” Katherine screamed.

“Alright, alright! Sheesh! You don't have to yell!” Phillip said, turning towards the quickly approaching canon balls. After a moment, one fell. A second later another fell.

“Phillip, That's not fast enough!” Jasmine cried, as Phillip suddenly shook violently and stepped back.

“I can't stop them!” He yelled.

“Leave it to me!” Luffy grinned, jumping up on the rail. “Gum Gum BALLOON!” He yelled. And his body blew up into a huge ball. The three canon balls hit directly into his stomach, and bounced back out, flying into the water near the Buggy Ship with a large splash. In this time, The Buggy Ship had moved closer to the Straw Hats. Two shapes appeared on the Buggy ship. Looking closely, they could be seen as a strange (and rather ugly) man with a weird orange pirate hat and a big red clown nose, along with an incredibly beautiful dark-haired woman.

“OH! PRETTY!” Patrick D, Patrick F, Phillip, and Sanji all yelled, leaning over the rail to get a better look.

Luffy deflated himself, and grinned hugely at the other pirates, still standing on the rail.

“Heeeeeey! Long time no see! How are you?” Luffy called cheerfully.

“Silence, you!” Buggy screamed in a weird, high pitched voice, pointing a finger at Luffy. “You may have made a fool of us once-”

“Twice.” Alvida corrected.

“-Twice, but you're not going to again!” Buggy continued. “I'll finish you once and for all, Straw Hat!”

“Wow. It's like, I should be scared, but I'm not.” Patrick D said slowly.

“Can you tell he's said that before?” Zoro said with a smirk.

“Totally.” Patrick F nodded.

“Do not underestimate us!” Buggy cried, starting to grin. “Follow us!”

“...Why should we?” Sanji asked.

“It's hard to take someone seriously when they have a clown nose.” Katherine observed.

Then everything stopped. There was silence. Buggy twitched.

“HOW DARE YOU MAKE FUN OF MY NOSE?!” He shrieked, causing the five kids on the ship to jump back in alarm. “THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH MY NOSE! DON'T YOU DARE INSULT MY NOSE! SINK THEM!!!”

Before anyone could understand what was happening, canons were being fired once again at the Going Merry. From all directions.

“Chopper! Get us out of here!” Nami cried, dropping to the ground with her hands on her head.

“Yes!” Chopper agreed, becoming big and running to the wheel.

Everyone else followed Nami's example. Except Luffy. While the other Straw Hat's dropped to the ground or ran under deck, Luffy simply sat on the rail.

“This is funny!” He said happily.

“There is absolutely nothing funny about it!” Usopp shrieked and sobbed, huddling on the ground with Nami.

The Buggy Pirate ships(According to Luffy, there were three) chased the Going Merry for quite some time. Most of their fired cannonballs missed, or stopped by Phillip, but pretty soon most were getting pretty close, and some skimmed the boat.

“We have to stop them or they'll sink us!” Robin yelled.

“Chopper! Turn and go to that little island!” Luffy ordered.

“Which way is it? Left or right?” Chopper asked.

“Uh-uh-uh-” Luffy looked down at his hands, making little Ls with is fingers.

“It's left! Straight left!” Katherine yelled, after daring to stand up.

“R-Right!” Chopper nodded, spinning the wheel.

“She said left, dumb-head!” Luffy frowned.

Only a few minutes after that, The Going Merry slowed into the beach of the small island.

“Chopper! You beached us!” Nami complained, as the many Buggy ships all also hit into the beach.

“Get them!!!!” Buggy cried, as shouting pirates jumped off the boats, onto the beach, and charged towards the Going Merry.

“Oh. A lot of `em.” Phillip observed.

“This'll be FUN!” Luffy cheered.

“I agree.” Zoro grinned. “Hey, crappy chef. Bet I can get more then you.”

“You're on!” Sanji returned the smirk, as Zoro tied his bandana over his head.

“Um... um...” Usopp stuttered, and everyone started at him. “Isn't it bad to run into this? I mean, with the new guys and everything...”

“Oh, no way!” Katherine smiled.

“This'll be so awesome!” Patrick F grinned.

“I know! C'mon man, let's go kick butt!” Patrick D cheered, and the two Patricks jumped off the boat, followed quickly by Zoro and Sanji.

Phillip slid off Steve, and turned around to look at her. “Steve, you stay here and watch the boat.”

“Moo.” Steve said, shaking her head.

Phillip blinked, then hugged the cow. "Alright! Together to the death!" He said, jumping on the cows' back. "YEE-HAA!" He screamed, as Steve jumped over the side of the boat, followed by Chopper and a reluctant Usopp.

The girls took the time to climb down the ladder.

The fighting started immediately, and surprisingly, though the Straw Hat's were horribly outnumbered, they didn't fall back at all.

Robin took a step back to watch the battle for a moment. Katherine was smashing through people with incredible force, whacking with her Kamas. Robin quickly noticed a man with a sword coming up from behind the grinning girl.

"Dix Fleur." Robin whisper, crossing her arms. Ten copies of Robin's arm came out of the man, pushing him down, and stabbing him with his own sword.

A bit farther off, the Patricks were having the time of their lives, fighting and singing, in perfect time to each other.

"When a Problem comes along, you must whip it!"

WHACK

"When the cream's been out to long, you must whip it!"

WHACK

"So whip it!"

WHACK WHACK

"Into shape!"

WHACK WHACK

"Whip it!"

WHACK WHACK

"Whip it good!"

WHACK WHACK

The two boys looked at each other.

"That's all I remember of that song."

“Me too.”

“Time to split up?”

“I think so.”

With a last smirk, the two boys jumped over the unconscious/dead bodies around them, in search for more prey.

Phillip was fighting quite well with Steve. Phillip took control of other people's weapons, and made them attack it's owner. Unfortunately, since there were so many people, the process only worked so much, and Steve had to dodge a lot.

Chopper was currently still small, his jaws tightly clapped on some poor persons' leg. Nami was whacking random people with her bow. Luffy was cheerfully punching out anyone who came near him. Buggy the Clown had joined the battle.

“Now I'll get you for good, Straw Hat!” He yelled, as his arm floating off his body, knife in hand, and charged towards Luffy, who didn't notice.

“No you don't!” Patrick F jumped in the way, holding both tonfas out in front of him, hitting Buggy's knife blade on blade.

“Oh ho, so the Straw Hat has more allies!” Buggy cooed, as his arm returned to his body. “Well, we'll see about that-!” Buggy grinned, stretching out his hands dramatically. Nothing happened.

“Eh?” Buggy looked around quickly, and noticed a little boy starring at him, concentrating, as a cow head-butted anyone who came near him.

“You! Whatever you're doing, stop it!” Buggy ordered shrilly.

“Way to go, Phillip! Hold him together!” Luffy cheered.

Phillip had started to shake a little, but kept focus on Buggy. “Got it...”

“You-!” Buggy took a step forward, but Patrick F jumped in front of him.

“Hey, I'm not finished with you yet!” He smiled, stepping forward and slashing. Buggy had no way to defend himself. Very soon he was little pieces on the ground, which Patrick and Luffy quickly buried. Phillip fell onto Steve, unconscious.

Sanji and Zoro were on an all-out rampage. Anyone who came within a meter of either of them lay dead on the ground. Jasmine and Katherine were fighting near by; Jasmine jumping and moving quickly, then stabbing with her Sais, and Katherine simply slashing with her Kamas, humming to herself.

“64!” Sanji yelled triumphantly.

“That was my 64th!” Zoro yelled back, as a man fell to the ground.

“65! 66!” Sanji yelled, kicking people down. Sanji jumped into a handstand, and spun his legs around, knocking down everyone around him. “67! 68! 69! 70! 71! 72!”

“I'm right behind you!” Zoro growled, slashing with his swords.

“Yeah, well-” Sanji kicked out at someone. Suddenly, his entire body gave a violent jerk. His kick missed, and Sanji was hit in the head by the huge man who he failed to hit.

“Sanji!” Katherine screamed, running over as he fell to the ground.

Zoro quickly jumped over, fighting off anyone who came near the fallen chef and the kneeling girl. Jasmine jumped over to help him.

“What's the matter with him?” Jasmine yelled.

“I- I don't know!” Katherine cried, as the unconscious man twitched violently. “Luffy!”

Luffy turned from where he was. “Retreat!”

“Aye Aye, captain!” Usopp called, jumping out from the bush he was hiding behind.

The Straw Hat Pirates all jumped back, fighting their way towards the ship. Patrick D and a big Chopper supported Sanji back to the ship. Katherine was in the front, fighting through the pirates. And marine soldiers.

“Where did the marines come from?” Zoro growled.

“Just keep going!” Nami urged, fighting her way towards the ship.

Katherine suddenly noticed her way was blocked by a rather large man (there seem to be lots of these, hm?). Swinging her Kamas forward, she lunged at him, and he caught her Kamas. In his hands. And broke the blades off.

The other Straw Hats cried out in alarm as Katherine's weapons fell to the ground. Katherine hesitated only for a moment, before continuing to break through the pirates, kicking punching hitting kneeling slapping chopping and just about anything and everything else. Oddly, they fell.

The Straw Hat's got back to the ship quickly after that. Without a leader, neither to Buggy pirates or the mariners were much of a threat.

“Alright! Cast off!” Luffy ordered.

“What about Katherine?” Jasmine asked.

“What do you mean?” Luffy asked, and Jasmine pointed. Katherine was still out on the beach, making sure every single person on the beach was lying on the ground.

The Straw Hat's watched in awe as Katherine knocked all but four marines to the ground. Then stood up on a heap of men..

“And let it be known that I, Katherine, am with the Straw Hat Pirates!” Katherine yelled clearly, smirking. There was the flash of a camera, and then the remaining marines ran away.

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“WHY DID YOU DO THAT?” Nami screamed when Katherine came back, and the ship had left shore.

“Just being known to all as a pirate to be feared.” Katherine replied.

“THAT WAS AMAZING, K-CHAN!” Chopper exclaimed.

“I agree! You're an amazing fighter!” Usopp added.

“Chopper, go make sure Sanji and Phillip are alright.” Luffy said. “They're both sleeping.”

“Oh! Of course!” Chopper said. “I just came up to say Phillip's just tired, and that Sanji... well, taking all his cigarettes away when he's addicted wasn't good for him.”

“B-But it will be! In the long run!” Katherine said, almost begging the reindeer.

“Well, yeah, but for a while, it's gonna be tough for him.” Chopper said sadly.

Zoro snorted. “Stupid Chef. I won our game too easily.” He sighed, walking over to the door to lower deck. “HEAR THAT? I WON!” Zoro screamed, then walked back out, sat down, and suddenly fell asleep.

“Okay then.” Luffy smiled. “I want meat!”

“Me too!” Patrick D cheered.

“But Sanji's sleeping.” Robin pointed out. The two boys looked at each other.

“TO THE KITCHEN!” The both cheered, marching down to the kitchen.

“Lemme come too!” Usopp cried, following

“Oh dear.” Was all Jasmine could say.

“Sanji will be very unhappy when he wakes up.” Robin said.

“Heh. I'll hafta stay and see that.” Patrick D grinned, before dropping onto the ground and suddenly snoring loudly.

“One more down.” Nami grinned.

“Let's just leave him there.” Katherine smiled, as the girls walked down under deck, ready to join the boys for a good nap.

10 - Wanted!

Chapter 10

As it turned out, Katherine slept through the entire afternoon and night, and well into the next morning. When she woke up, the two Patricks, Usopp and Luffy were the only ones sleeping in the room. Katherine assumed that everyone was in the kitchen, as the normally are, so dragged herself over there.

She was correct. A very jumpy Sanji was cooking; Robin and Nami were eating at the table. Zoro was standing by a wall, drinking a beer, while the small white cat that is Jasmine's cat form walked around his legs, purring. Chopper, Phillip, and Steve were sitting on the ground, talking amongst themselves.

"HelloK-changoodmorningwhatwouldyoulikeforbreakfast?" Sanji asked in one breath, jumping around to see her.

"Umm... what?' Katherine blinked.

"He's been like that all morning." Phillip said.

"Because of his lack of cigarettes." Chopper added sadly.

"And I think the mess the boys left here drove him slightly insane." Nami said.

"... I find it kind of funny." Robin smiled.

"Katherine... what's Jasmine doing?" Zoro asked slowly, eyeing the purring kitten at his feet.

Katherine blinked, then grinned. She knew. But she wasn't about to tell Zoro. "She's in cat form, so she thinks like a cat. She just kinda purrs." Katherine lied. This was slightly true: Jasmine was thinking more like a cat. But she still had her preferences of people. "Maybe your hair reminds her of grass."

"Ha! Yeahhereallyisagrasshead!" Sanji laughed.

"Umm... what?" Katherine blinked again.

"Just ignore him." Nami sighed.

"Uh... huh." Zoro blinked, as the Jasmine cat climbed up his shirt and curled up on his head, purring.

At this time, the two Patricks came in, eyes half closed.

“Goodmorninghowareyoutwo?” Sanji chirped happily.

“I want meat.” Patrick F complained.

“I want beer.” Patrick D complained,

“Gee. I've seen this before.” Nami blinked.

“Ihaveyourmeat.” Sanji said, throwing a plate of sausages at Patrick F. “Butsincewhendoyoudrinkinthe morning?”

“I dunno, just give me beer!” Patrick D said, angry that he was being questioned.

Robin looked over at Zoro. “Zoro, I think he's learning from you.”

Zoro shrugged. “Apparently, he's my apprentice.”

“Exactly! And if Zoro has beer in the morning, so do I!” Patrick D said proudly.

“No.” Sanji (not as hyper as before) said with a frown. “Now sit down.”

“Okay.” Patrick D said, sitting obediently down at the table.

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The afternoon came quickly, and Patrick D was still rather angry that Sanji wouldn't give him a beer. He wasn't sure where everyone had gone, but he and Zoro were the only ones on deck, doing their daily workout of lifting huge weights. Patrick normally worked very hard at this, but found himself slightly distracted today, by Zoro's three earrings jingling together. He had his left ear pierced, once, and found that three looked really cool.

“Hey Zoro?” he asked suddenly.

“Hm?” Zoro grunted.

“Can I ask you for a favor?” Patrick asked.

“Sure, I guess.” Zoro replied, putting down his weight. “What?”

Patrick put down his weight as well. “Can you pierce my ear?”

“What?”

“Please?”

“Well... I guess...” Zoro said slowly. He had pierced his own ears, after all. “But I need a needle or something. You'll have to get one from Nami.”

“Couldn't you just... use your sword?”

“WHAT?”

“Well, it's not too wide at the tip!” Patrick urged. “Just a little poke on my ear...”

“I... guess...” Zoro blinked, uncertain.

“YAY! Thank you!” Patrick D grinned hugely.

Zoro sighed. If it made the kid so happy... slowly, he picked up his sword.

“AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGGGHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

Patrick's scream shot through the quiet ship like a bullet. Everyone ran up on deck, and stared at the scene in front of them.

Zoro had taken his shirt off, and was pressing it against Patrick's ear. The white shirt was turning more red by the second. Patrick had his hand pressed against his ear as well, as he screamed a mix of curses and some foreign tongue. Zoro had leaned Patrick over the rail a little bit, so the tiny bit of blood that escaped his shirt fell into the water.

“Oh my god!” blurted a wide-eyes Katherine. Jasmine's face suddenly turned red, seeing Zoro minus his shirt.

“ZORO! Did you actually hit him?” Nami accused.

“N-no!” Zoro begged frantically. “He asked me to pierce his ear, and-”

“With your SWORD?” Usopp shrieked.

“Idiot!” Sanji yelled.

“That's dangerous!” Robin frowned.

“Gaaaah he needs a doctor! Gaaaah I'm the doctor! GAAAAAAAHH!” A frantic Chopper screamed.

“Gaaaah come downstairs!” Chopper ordered, pushing Patrick down the stairs.

“I can't BELIEVE you idiots!” Nami said, shaking her head.

Luffy still looked at where Patrick D was moments ago. Slowly, his eyes widened. "Wait a second... Patrick's bleeding!" he cried.

"Um.... I'm gonna go... find a new shirt." Zoro said, awkwardly walking away.

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By the time everything was back to normal, it was almost sunset. After the bleeding stopped, Chopper found out that it was only a cut down Patrick's earlobe. He told Patrick he could stitch it back up, but Patrick didn't want that. Everything was calm on the ship, until Usopp started screaming from the crow's nest.

"MARINES! A MARINE SHIP IS COMING!!!! EVERYONE GET UP HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

The Straw Hat pirates ran up on deck, and looked out over the rails. Sure enough, there was a ship coming towards them, with a large sail, with the title MARINE written on it. Though, the ship itself was barely bigger than the Going Merry. Usopp took out his binocular-goggles and looked through them.

"Hey! It's Smoker and Tashigi!" He exclaimed.

"HOORAY! Then it's safe." Luffy grinned.

"Uh, no it's not. They're still after us." Nami pointed out.

"TASHIGI! SHE'S COME TO SEE ME!!!" Patrick D cried out in joy.

As the small marine ship came close to the Going Merry, (really, like 3 meters away) the two figures standing on it became visible; a large man, with white hair (though he seemed young enough) and two cigars in his mouth, who the five young pirates assumed was Smoker. And Tashigi.

"Hello, Straw Hat." Smoker said gruffly.

"Hiiii there!" Luffy said happily.

"TASHIGI~~~~~! HELLO~~~~~!" Patrick D said gleefully, leaning over the rail.

Tashigi's eyes widened. "Y-You're Patrick! What are you doing there? W-were you captured by them?"

Patrick opened his mouth to reply, but Zoro cut him off. "Yes. Yes, he was. What are you gonna do about it?" Tashigi closed her mouth tightly, glaring at Zoro.

"We just came to warn you, Straw Hat, we know you have a new member." Smoker growled, throwing a piece of paper on the ship. Chopper picked it up, and passed it around.

It was a wanted poster. It had a picture of Katherine, grinning as she did when she should on all the bodies. It read; `Wanted: Katherine. Dead or Alive. 15,000,000 berries'.

“Oh no!” Nami stared.

“Alright!” Katherine cheered.

“That's the same as me...” Sanji frowned. Luffy just laughed.

“We don't just have one! We have six!” He grinned, pointing back at Katherine, Phillip, Patrick F, Patrick D, Steve, and the cat in Katherine's arms.

They stared back at each other for what seemed like a very long time, before Zoro and Sanji both stepped up and hit Luffy. “IDIOT!”

“Counting a cat and a cow as crew members?” Smoker asked, amused.

“And poor Patrick, held there against his will!” Tashigi cried.

“THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN, TASHIGI~~~~~!”

Patrick D called.

“Nothing we can do about it now. Stupid tiny ship doesn't have any canons.” Smoker sighed. But now Tashigi had noticed Phillip.

“Wait... you're... You're the little boy who killed a man with a lamp post!” She cried, taking out another piece of paper and looking at it. Phillip made it float over into his hands. It was another wanted poster, but this time with his picture.

“How'd they get this picture?” Usopp frowned, pointing at it. The poster said that Phillip was worth 10,000,000 berries. The picture was of a grinning Phillip, and about half of Steve's head.

“Who CARES? He's WANTED!” Nami cried.

“Aww... why aren't I as high as Katherine?” Phillip complained.

“You only killed one person.” Luffy said, shrugging like it was no big deal. Smoker grinned.

“Well. It seems that the Straw Hat Pirates are worth more then we thought.” He said, turning to Tashigi. “Tell the crew on this sad excuse for a ship to get us out of here.”

“Y-yes sir!” Tashigi said, running off.

“Next time, you won't be this lucky, Straw Hat.” Smoker smirked, as his ship floated away.

"Bye-bye!" Luffy smiled, waving as the ship left.

"Oh my God. This is terrible." Nami groaned, sitting down.

"It's not THAT bad..." Chopper tried to comfort her.

"I dun get it. What's so bad?" Patrick D blinked, fiddling with his cur earlobe.

"What's so bad? The marines are noticing us! And they know about you guys too, which means bounty hunters will want to come for Katherine and Philip's heads!" Nami snapped.

"Could be worse." Zoro shrugged. "They think that Patrick was captured, and they don't know about Jasmine yet." Jasmine purred loudly.

"And I don't think they really care about Patrick F." Katherine laughed, making Patrick F frown.

"Why is everyone on this ship such a moron?" Nami sighed, dropping her head.

"Hm... I'm kind of hungry." Sanji blinked. "I'm gonna go cook an after diner snack or something." He said, walking down to the kitchen. Luffy smiled at Katherine.

"Whatever you did to Sanji, I like it!" He said, running down after Sanji with Patrick F close behind.

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Later in the evening, when the tired pirates had all crawled into their hammocks (or the floor), Nami had an announcement.

"I'm pretty sure we're going to reach the Grand Line sometime in the night." She said, and paused as the Straw Hat's (except Zoro, who was sleeping and snoring loudly) cheered.

"... Which mean's we'll have to take turns standing watch in the night." Nami continued, and paused as the pirates groaned.

"Luffy and Patrick F have first watch. Then Zoro and Patrick D. Then Phillip and Chopper, then Sanji and Usopp." She looked at Robin, Katherine, and Jasmine. "If you guys want to stand watch, you can. I just thought I'd ask first."

"Katherine and I can go sometime..." Jasmine, back in her normal form, replied.

"And I'll take last watch alone." Robin smiled.

"No, I'll go with you." Nami said. "So then that's settled."

“Say... why don't the guys get any say in this?” Patrick D asked, with a murmur of agreement from the other men.

“Because. Now Luffy, Patrick, get out there.” Nami snapped.

“Yes ma'am!” Luffy yelled, as he and Patrick F ran out of the room.

“Good. Good night, then.” Nami said, climbing into her hammock and instantly fell asleep.

“...it's weird. She looks so peaceful when she's sleeping.” Phillip observed. “Yet so evil when she's awake.”

“Nami-san isn't evil... she's just... smarter than us.” Sanji blinked.

“Uh..... Huh.” Usopp blinked as well. “I'm with Phillip.”

“Everyone be quiet. I'm sleepy.” Katherine groaned.

“And I have next watch, so shut it.” Patrick D grumbled. And everyone, knowing that they'd eventually be woken up in the middle of the night, fell asleep to get as much sleep as they could.

11 - The Grand Line

Chapter 11

All the Straw Hats were woken up by Usopp and Sanji, at some unknown time of the night when they'd rather be sleeping. Most of them in a strange, sleepy daze, they marched up on the deck. Even though it was dark, they could see a large rock mountain looming before them.

"Whooooooooooooooooooooooooo." Patricks F and D both gaped.

"So how do we get up it?" A still sleepy Phillip asked.

"We go up the river!" Usopp cried happily.

"Usopp... that's impossible." Katherine said, in her `talking to a little kid' voice.

"No. Believe us. It's possible." Zoro grunted.

"The river goes uphill here." Robin explained.

"Really?" Jasmine blinked.

"THAT'S SO COOL!" Luffy cheered.

"Luffy, you've done this before." Nami blinked at him. "It shouldn't surprise you so much."

"Okay, everyone hold on to something." Sanji said, grabbing on to the rail. Rather shocked by this comment, Katherine and Jasmine jumped over and grabbed the rail. Phillip ran under deck with Steve and Chopper. The Patricks didn't move.

"This'll be AWESOME!" Patrick D exclaimed. Usopp came around and tied the rope attached to the sail around the two of them, then jumped down under deck.

And then they hit the river.

The river went upstream, very, very quickly. The force suddenly jerked the ship, and in a moment they were flying up so fast, it was almost impossible to move.

The Patricks flew back, and were only kept from flying away by the rope. So they hung there, in mid-air. Luffy gleefully jumped up, and flew away in a moment. But his arms stretched out and caught the mast, and he flung himself, laughing, back over to it. Zoro was clinging to the mast, and was trying to pull the

Patrick's back in. Using his teeth. Katherine and Jasmine were both clinging to each other and the rail, and Sanji was holding on to the rail, standing over them, so they wouldn't fly away if they let go. Nami was clinging to the rail around her orange trees, with Robin beside her. Chopper, Usopp, Phillip, and Steve were under deck, the force pressing them against the wall.

This lasted for a while. The river got to the top of the mountain, and there the river ended. But the Merry Go did not. It went right on going.

"HOLY CRAAAAAAAP!" Patrick F screamed.

"We're falling!" Katherine shrieked.

"This is fun!" Luffy yelled.

The ship had been thrown right off the mountain top, and quickly started falling down to the ground. The Patricks found they had a wonderful view from where they were being pulled down, though they really couldn't breathe. Zoro had given up trying to pull them in, and now just hung on to the mast. Jasmine and Katherine were alarmed at the fact that they were beginning to rise, but Sanji quickly pushed them back down. Robin sent her arms to help the two hold Jasmine, who was half cat and very light, down on the ship. And Phillip, Usopp, Steve, and Chopper were now stuck to the ceiling.

With a huge splash, the Merry Go landed on the water again. The first bit of sunlight sneaked over the mountains surrounding them.

"Welcome to the Grand Line." Robin said with a smile.

The Patricks fell back to the ground with a huge THUD.

"Ahhhh gawd." Patrick F grumbled, sitting up.

"I'm gonna feel that tomorrow." Patrick D grumbled, sitting up and untying the ropes.

"Suck it up." Zoro mumbled. "I'm going back to bed." He announced, walking back under the deck.

"Well, since it's morning, I'll start breakfast." Sanji smiled, then noticed he had a completely petrified Katherine clinging to his jacket.

"BREAKFAST!" Luffy and Patrick F cheered, running down to the kitchen. Sanji very slowly pulled Katherine off him, gave her a quick smile, and raced down after the boys.

"Hey, is Sanji all better now?" Jasmine asked, standing up and helping Katherine to her feet. "He's not crazy anymore."

"Hm. I don't know." Robin smiled. "I hope so. Let's check." She suggested, walking with Katherine to the kitchen. Jasmine and Nami followed. Patrick D walked down shortly after, clutching his stomach. "Oh god... that rope was tight..."

As soon as everyone had gone under deck, Phillip, Steve, Usopp, and Chopper walked up on deck.

“Wooooooow.” Phillip said in awe, looking around.

“Moooooooooooo.” Steve agreed, admiring the scenery.

“It's pretty, isn't it?” Chopper smiled, looking down at the sparkling water. The sun reflected on it quite nicely, making it look clear as crystal.

“So, Phillip.” Usopp asked suddenly. “How exactly do you use your power?”

Phillip blinked at the unexpected question. “Uh... I just... think about the thing I'm moving... direct my power to it, and take control of it.”

“Uh-huh. Can you move yourself?” Usopp continued.

“... No. And nothing really, really big or heavy.” Phillip replied, raising his eyebrows slightly.

“Hmm.” Usopp looked thoughtful. “Alright! Good! See ya later! I gotta get back to work!” Usopp grinned, and ran down under deck.

Phillip blinked at Chopper. “What was that about?”

Chopper shrugged his tiny shoulders. “I'm not sure. Usopp's a strange man. But he's a great warrior of the sea!”

“Really? I thought he was making that up.” Phillip tilted his head to the side.

“Oh, no! It's all too true!” Chopper exclaimed, shaking his head. “He tells me about his adventures all the time! It's truly fascinating.”

“Hm.” Phillip blinked.

“Moo.” Said Steve.

“Steve!” Chopper gasped. “How could you THINK such a thing? Usopp is NOT a liar!” Steve bowed his head in shame. “Oh, don't be sad, Steve. Just don't judge people like that.”

Steve nodding, and Phillip was about to fall over, trying to hold in his laughter. “C'mon, Steve. Let's go see where everyone else went.”

The three companions walked down to the kitchen, where they found Sanji, Luffy, the Patricks, Katherine, Jasmine, and Zoro. Sanji seemed to be better; not talking too fast, not jumping like crazy, only flinching every now and then. He was cooking omelets this morning, with Katherine and Jasmine helping him. Luffy and Patrick D were loudly complaining about the lack of meat in this breakfast, until Sanji put ham, bacon, fish, and beef into their omelets. Zoro was sitting at the table, arms crossed, head back, eyes closed, and snoring loudly.

Chopper walked over to Luffy, but Phillip and Steve, not hungry, walked on. They passed Nami and Robin by Nami's desk, trying to find out where their exact location was. They finally found Usopp, hard at work on deck, at the back of the ship.

"Io, Usopp." Phillip said cheerfully.

"GAH! Phillip!" Usopp fell back, quickly gathering whatever it was he had around him. "What are you doing here? Don't you know it's polite to knock before entering?"

"Usopp, you're on the deck." Phillip pointed out, somewhat confused.

"Yeah... well... keep that in mind for the future!" Usopp said, running off. Phillip and Steve looked at each other.

"What was that?" Phillip blinked.

"Moo." Steve replied.

"Hm." Phillip responded, sitting down on the deck. "I wonder what he's doing..."

"Moo." Said Steve.

"Maybe he just doesn't like me." Phillip shrugged.

`Moo." Said Steve.

Phillip smiled at the cow. "Aww, thanks, boy." The gender confused little boy smiled, patting Steve on the head.

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Not much happened on the Merry Go for some time. The whole crew was sitting up on deck, looking around at the Grand Line. The day turned out to be quite sunny and warm. At about 2 p.m., Zoro suddenly dove overboard.

"Um... what's he doing?" Jasmine asked, looking over at where Zoro jumped.

"Zoro fishing'." Luffy replied in a careless tone.

"What's that?" Patrick F blinked.

"It's where Zoro dives in the water with his sword, swims around, and kills the first thing that annoys

him.” Sanji explained. “Pretty stupid, really. But it gets me fish.”

“I get you fish.” Patrick D frowned.

“Yes, you do, and I appreciate it.” Sanji complimented him in a mother-like tone, and Patrick D smiled.

“So, how long until we find an island to stop at or something?” Katherine, who was lying on the ground, asked.

“I think there's an island near us, where we can stop if we need supplies.” Nami replied.

“And we do.” Chopper pointed out.

“I dunno... there're lot's of tough pirates hanging around in the grand line.” Usopp said. “Can the new guys handle it?”

“Are you KIDDING?” Phillip exclaimed.

“You saw us fighting Buggy Pirates! WE KICK BUTT!” Patrick F cheered.

“I think they can handle it.” Robin said with a smile. “They've taken care of themselves until now.”

“And pirates here aren't that tough.” Zoro said lazily.

“Zoro! When'd you get here?” Nami exclaimed.

“A second ago.” Zoro replied. Everyone turned to look at him. He was soaking with water and blood, and a fish about the size of a horse lay next to him.

“That's a huge fish!” Jasmine exclaimed.

“That's an awesome fish!” Patrick D exclaimed

“Ewwwwwwww Zoro you're all bloody.” Katherine said in disgust.

“Observant girl, aren't you?” Zoro said, in an impressed tone. Katherine glared at him, and he laughed.

“Don't pick on K-chan, Lettuce Hair.” Sanji scowled, walking over and poking the fish with his shoe.

“And you're making the ship all bloody.” Chopper complained. Zoro sighed and walked down under deck.

“I hate it when he makes everything bloody.” Nami frowned.

“Yes, but now we have more food.” Sanji smiled, slinging the giant fish over his shoulder and walking down to the kitchen.

I'll go prepare this for dinner.”

“Is it dinner already?” Luffy asked hopefully.

“It's barely 2:10, Luffy.” Robin told him.

“But I'm huuuuungryyyyyy.” Luffy whined.

“Let's go sneak some food from the kitchen!” Patrick F smiled.

“YAAAAAY!” Luffy cheered, and the two boys ran off, leaving the rest of the crew sighing and shaking their heads.

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Not much happened for the rest of that day. Sanji caught the two food thieves, and taught them both a lesson that they'll most likely forget the next morning. After dinner, the girls (except Steve) went to bed early, to have energy for the next day's visit to the island. The boys, not quite that clever, stayed up later.

“Wow.” Patrick F observed. “Without the girls, everything is so...”

“Peaceful.” Patrick D finished.

“It is nice, to be free of their eternal nagging.” Usopp agreed.

“Don't talk about them like that!” Sanji frowned. “They're great.”

“Hm. But they DO spoil our fun a lot.” Luffy said.

“Oh ya? What would you do that you can't do now with the girls here?” Zoro questioned.

“Hm... have a banana war.” Luffy said.

“Moo?” Steve blinked.

“You know... get bananas and throw them at people.” Luffy explained.

“Yeah. They wouldn't let us do that.” Chopper agreed.

“For many, many good reasons.” Sanji sighed.

“I think that sounds AWESOME!” Patrick F cheered. “They're not here, let's do it!”

“YAY!” Luffy, Patrick D, Phillip, Usopp, and Chopper cheered.

“... I leave now.” Sanji announced, standing up.

“Don't go. This'll be good.” Zoro grinned, staying in his place on the ground.

And so the Banana War began. The boys (except Sanji and Zoro, who had something we like to call `common sense') ran down to the kitchen, and each grabbed a bunch of bananas. Then they ran back on deck, and began chucking them at each other.

Giggling like toddlers, the boys continued the war for some time, running back to the kitchen to get more when they ran out, and continued to get yellowier and stickier. Sanji and Zoro just sat and watched the stupidity.

This continued for a while, until Usopp hit Luffy in the eye. Luffy fell to the ground, clutching his eye.

“AGH THAT'S SO GROSS IT'S IN MY EYE IT'S ALL MUSHY AGH IT HURTS AAGHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!” Luffy screamed, rolling around on the ground.

In a moment, the girls ran up on deck.

“What's going on?” Nami demanded. There was a silence as the girls stared at the yellow mush covering the ship, and their crewmates. Nami stared in horror, Robin blinked, and Katherine and Jasmine were trying not to laugh.

“What are you doing?” Robin asked. All the boys pointed at Luffy, who had stopped screaming and sat up.

“Um... banana war?” Luffy replied slowly.

“...” Nami couldn't even speak.

“Why don't you clean this up?” Robin suggested, and took a still frozen Nami back down under deck.

Very slowly, with heavy hearts, the boys grabbed mops and cleaned up there mess, while Katherine, Jasmine, Zoro, and Sanji stood laughing at them. After that, everyone went to bed.

12 - Mihawk

Chapter 12

Jasmine and Katherine walked around the town, large smiles plastered on their faces. It was about noon, maybe a little earlier, and the girls were happily exploring the town they'd docked at that morning. Nami was making the boys scrub the decks until there was no sign of banana anywhere, while Robin helped the boys with her many hands. Jasmine and Katherine, far too eager to explore, left without the others.

The Grand Line did seem dangerous, the girls quickly observed. Everyone they passed had some kind of weapon with them, and many people on the streets were suddenly attacking each other. The girls weren't really intimidated by this. They were armed as well. Jasmine had her Sais, and Katherine... smart people just don't attack her.

Now, unfortunately, the girls didn't have the 'List of Things to Buy', so all they really did was walked around in circles for some amount of hours, until they saw Luffy and Zoro walking around with the List in hand.

"Luffy... what does this mean?" Zoro asked, pointing down at the list.

"It says salami, Zoro." Luffy sighed. "Can't you read?"

"S-O-L-I-J-N-I-E doesn't spell salami." Zoro told him. "You'd make my life a lot easier if you learned to spell."

Giggling, the two girls walked over to their crewmates.

"Our captain can't spell?" Katherine laughed.

"I can so!" Luffy frowned. "Salami's a hard word to spell!"

"Mm-hm." Katherine grinned. "Sure it is."

"Well, I can't read this." Zoro announced, ripping up the list. "So we'll just have to guess what was on it."

"We know salami was on it." Jasmine said. "And we passed a store with meat in the window."

"Many, many times." Katherine added.

“Good. Lead the way.” Zoro said, and the pirates walked through the random violence in the streets.

It wasn't too long until Luffy suddenly stopped walking, staring to the side. He nudged Zoro sharply in the ribs.

“Hey! What the he-” Luffy just pointed, and Zoro instantly froze up.

Jasmine and Katherine looked around, trying to see what they were staring at. Following Luffy's finger, they saw a man walking down the street. Looking closer, they noted he was wearing a large black hat and a long jacket, a cross necklace, that he had a huge black sword on his back, and piercing golden eyes... like a hawk, almost.

“Hawkeye Mihawk...” Zoro said under his breath.

“Is it... too soon?” Luffy asked him, suddenly very serious-looking.

Zoro shook his head. “No. I don't think so. Take the girls back to the ship.”

“Right.” Luffy nodded.

“Um... what?” Katherine blinked.

“We don't want to go back! What's going on?” Jasmine asked.

“Come ON!” Luffy said, picking both girls up and running all the way back to the ship.

“WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?” Katherine demanded, when Luffy dropped the girls on the recently-scrubbed deck.

“You're back soon.” Chopper observed. The entire crew was still there, except Robin. They all were scrubbing the deck, except Nami, who was watching, and Sanji, who was giving her pink lemonade. (Filled with love, no doubt)

“What happened? Where's Zoro?” Usopp asked.

“Mihawk.” Luffy replied. Everyone gasped at the same time, sucking all the air out of the area, except for the new pirates, who were just confused.

“What's a Mihawk?” Patrick F asked.

He was ignored.

“Mihawk's HERE?!” Nami asked. “I-is Zoro ready for this?”

“He said so.” Luffy replied. “So yeah.”

“What're we talking about?” Phillip asked.

“Moo?” Steve asked.

“Just... let's wait for Zoro.” Usopp said.

The wait was probably less than an hour, but no one was counting. Zoro returned on the ship, silently, to find everyone sitting on the abnormally clean deck waiting for him.

“Tomorrow.” Zoro said, and the original Straw Hats nodded. “Sanji, could you wake me up at five?”

Sanji nodded. “Yeah. Just don't hit me in your sleep, Zoro.” Zoro nodded, and walked off without another word.

Now, right away, the new pirates knew something was up. When Sanji and Zoro called each other by their names, something was very, very wrong.

After that, the three new boys (and Steve) spent most of that day looking through dictionaries for a ‘Mihawk’. This irritated them quite a bit, since they couldn't find them in any dictionary they found on the ship. The girls were going to ask Zoro himself, but they didn't see him all afternoon. He didn't come to diner either. Diner was a very slow, quiet period. No one was talking at all, except for Sanji's usual asking the girls if they needed anything else, and so on.

“I wonder what's wrong...” Jasmine asked Katherine right after diner, as they sat on their hammocks, alone in the room.

“I dunno. We should ask Sanji.” Lately, that had been Katherine's answer for everything. Though now, it seemed like a logical plan to Jasmine.

“Alright.” Jasmine said, and the two girls jumped off their hammocks and walked down to the kitchen, where Sanji stood doing the dishes.

“Sanji? Can we ask you something?” Katherine asked immediately.

Sanji turned around, drying his hands on his shirt. “Of course. Should I sit down?” he asked.

“Uh... sure.” Katherine replied, and the three sat down at the kitchen table.

“Okay. What can I help you with?” Sanji asked.

“What's wrong with Zoro who's Mihawk and what's going on?” Jasmine blurted. Sanji sighed, and leaned back.

“Alright. We all know Zoro wants to be the greatest swordsman in the world, right?” The two girls nodded. “Well, Mihawk is the greatest swordsman in the world, currently. So it's Zoro's life dream to defeat him.”

Jasmine and Katherine both nodded. “He didn't look so tough.” Katherine stated.

“Don't let that fool you, K-chan. You don't look tough either.” Sanji warned her. “Zoro actually fought Mihawk once before, when I first met him.”

“Really?” Jasmine asked eagerly.

Sanji nodded, putting his hand in his pocket, looking for something. “Oh, wait. I'm off those now.” He told himself. He twitched, then turned back to the girls.

“Anyway, that was back when I worked on Baratie with the Old Man.” He continued.

“Oh! My Mom went to Baratie once, when I was little!” Katherine exclaimed. “She said the food was great, but the people there were pretty rough.”

Sanji smiled. “That about describes it. But while I was working there, Luffy, Nami, Usopp, and Zoro came looking for a chef. Luffy instantly decided I was in the crew, against my will.” He grinned, remembering.

“I still didn't join for a while, though. Not until after Mihawk showed up there, and Zoro challenged him. Zoro was fighting his hardest, and Mihawk was fending him off with just a tiny knife.” Sanji leaned back in his chair, looking up at the ceiling. “During the fight, Mihawk finally got a hit to Zoro's stomach. But Zoro just stood there. He said that if he should take a step back, that would be losing, and breaking his promise. And that he'd rather die than lose.”

Sanji sighed. “Mihawk respected that, and stepped back. Then he decided to use his real sword. Zoro attacked him again, and Mihawk actually broke his two swords. Then Zoro just stood up faced him. He said that it's shameful to be attacked from behind. And Mihawk... smiled, and cut down Zoro's chest, and Zoro fell in the water. He would have drowned there, if his two friends didn't jump in and get him.

“I remember thinking that it was stupid of Zoro to die there, and give up his dreams so easily. But Zoro lived through it, and vowed that he'd never lose to anyone again, until he defeated Mihawk. And now, he's ready to try again.” Sanji looked down, to see the two girls in tears.

“Th-That's terrible!” Katherine sobbed.

“B-But one thing...” Jasmine sniffed, wiping her eyes on her sleeve. “Zoro's promise to who?”

Sanji shrugged, getting a box of tissues for the girls. “I don't know. He always said that being the greatest swordsman in the world was his dream, and his promise to his best friend.” He looked down at the slowly calming down girls. “Why don't you two go to bed now?”

The two girls nodded, and left the kitchen. They went back to their hammocks, and once again, were the only ones in the room.

“What if... what if Zoro loses again?” Jasmine asked slowly.

“I don't think he will.” Katherine brushed it off, lying down.

“But he could get hurt again!” Jasmine exclaimed.

“He knows what he's doing. I think he can handle it. Have a little faith.” Katherine said. “Now just go to sleep, and we'll cheer him on tomorrow.”

“Sure. Sounds good.” Jasmine said, though she was thinking something very different.

Within the next two hours, the other Straw Hat Pirates (minus Zoro) came to bed. Katherine had fallen asleep, and Jasmine was pretending to sleep. It wasn't until far later, when Jasmine was sure everyone was asleep, did she move. She rolled out of her hammock, and quietly walked over to the sleeping Sanji on the ground. Kneeling down next to him, she carefully took off his watch, grabbed a pillow, and walked into the bathroom. She put the pillow down in the bathtub, and lay down in it.

If Zoro lost to Mihawk before, then there was no way Jasmine would sit by and watch it happen all over again! She'd go and fight that Mihawk person herself! That would teach him for hurting Zoro before!

Jasmine sighed, lying in the cold, slippery tub. This was going to be a long night.

13 - The Greatest Swordsman in the World

Chapter 13

Jasmine slept quite well that night, or as well as anyone sleeping in a bathtub could. Sanji's watch, which was sitting on her stomach as she slept, started beeping quietly at 5:00 a.m. Jasmine threw it across the room before she even woke up, before suddenly remembering where she was, and why.

Jumping out of the bathtub, she walked over to the far wall, to make sure no damage had come to the watch. None appeared to, but the wall had a scratch on it now. Jasmine shook her head, sighing to herself.

Jasmine went over to the sink and splashed some water on her face and, simply out of habit, brushed her teeth and combed her hair (and tail). Then, she walked out the bathroom and into the bedroom, put Sanji's watch on the floor next to him, snatched up her Sais and left the ship.

Only then, while walking around the dark town at five in the morning, did Jasmine realize that she had no idea where or when the fight was. Groaning, she decided to simply walk around in circles until she found Mihawk.

The sun started rising about an hour and some later. A bored Jasmine quickly noticed some people coming out of houses, and going to the central-square-area of the town. Jasmine followed.

"This is where it's supposed to be, right?" Somebody whispered.

"Yeah. I think that's what the pirate hunter said." Somebody else replied.

Jasmine sighed happily, now positive she was in the right place. And so, she waited in the slightly growing crowd of people for Mihawk to show up.

Jasmine couldn't help but fidget uncomfortably, thinking about her crew. What would happen if someone woke up and came to get her? Would they be angry that she left alone like this? Hopefully not. Getting rather tired of waiting, she crossed her arms.

Only a few moments later did Mihawk appear. He was wearing the same outfit as he was yesterday, large hat and all. Jasmine couldn't help but wonder if he always wore that hat to battle. But at this time, Mihawk was impatiently looking around for his opponent. Jasmine stepped forward.

"Mihawk!" She called, trying to keep her voice from squeaking as he looked at her. "I'm your opponent today, so ...prepare!" Smooth.

Mihawk looked her over, emotionless, but clearly unimpressed. "I came here to fight Roronoa Zoro..." he said slowly.

"Yes, well, I'm fighting you instead!" Jasmine insisted stubbornly.

"I have no idea who you are. Why would I waste my time with you?" Mihawk asked. People watching started murmuring to one another, all watching Jasmine.

"B-Because! Just because!" Jasmine replied lamely. Mihawk sighed and turned away.

"You- You-" Jasmine stuttered. "YOU HURT ZORO!" She screamed, throwing one of her Sais at him. Mihawk moved his sword. The Sai hit it, bounced off, and flew back to Jasmine, who caught it. He turned back to her, a faint smile on his lips.

"Yes." He replied. "After he challenged me. That angers you? Hm. You amuse me." He decided. Jasmine didn't know how to react. "Unfortunately, since I was expecting to fight someone worth while, I didn't bring my smaller sword. So this won't last too long."

Jasmine almost growled. This was it. Without thinking for another moment, she lunged forward at him with her Sais. And bashed into hard metal. He moved his huge sword so fast! Refusing to be discouraged, she lunged to the side and in. Again, she was blocked. Getting slightly annoyed, she stepped back and tried again.

This went on for quite some time. Jasmine realized that she couldn't match his speed like this, and he was tiring her out. At about the same moment, Mihawk got bored.

"I've played enough now." He declared. "So then let's finish this." He said, swinging his huge sword forward. Jasmine shrieked and ducked. Crouched on the ground, she noticed about two inches of her long hair fall down in front of her. She couldn't believe how close that was. A split second later, the sword was slamming into the ground, and she was rolling away.

Luckily, eating a cursed fruit gave her a cat's reflexes. If she hadn't, she'd be dead by now. She jumped up to her feet, just as the sword came down again. This time, she wasn't fast enough. As she jumps out of the way, the sword came down on to her left shoulder. Clutching it, she fell, only to quickly jump back up, facing Mihawk.

"Hm. You've last far longer then I'd have guessed." Mihawk told her. Jasmine would have replied, but the pain in her shoulder was really the only thing on her mind. "Don't worry. This battle will finish quickly."

At this point, Jasmine's brain just shut down. She really didn't know what was happening, but her reflexes were moving her out of harms way for the most part. She really wasn't sure how long she was dodging, and she also didn't know where or when she dropped her Sais. She only really noticed a sudden sharp pain in her thigh, and another, a bit later, on her wrist. It wasn't until Mihawk's sword hit her in the ribs, did she truly know what was going on again. Holding her ribs with both hands, she fell down to the ground. She could hear Mihawk walking over for the final blow. Then, she noticed her Sais lying near her. She waited. Mihawk came closer. When she could sense he was near, she rolled over, grabbed her Sais, and leaped up at Mihawk. This time, she hit him in the arm.

Mihawk blinked down at his arm. "Hm. I underestimated you." He blinked. In a flash, his sword came down, too fast for even Jasmine to move. The flat side hit her straight in the head. Luckily, she didn't pass out, but the force knocked her flat on her back. Everything hurt. She couldn't move. Mihawk swung his sword down. Jasmine closed her eyes.

There was the clash of metal on metal. Jasmine dared to open her eyes. Standing directly over her was the unmistakable figure of Zoro. He had two of his swords crossed in front of him, incredibly, stopping Mihawk's sword. His face looked positively furious. Jasmine couldn't help but feel slightly afraid of him.

"You- You- How could you attack a helpless girl?!" Zoro demanded, glaring at Mihawk, and almost shaking in anger.

"..." Mihawk took a step back, lowering his sword. "Hm. It seems I misunderstood."

"WHAT could you misunderstand?" Zoro yelled. "You were supposed to fight ME! Not a little girl!"

Jasmine pushed herself onto her knees. She noticed Katherine, the Patricks, Phillip, Sanji, Luffy, Nami, and Robin pushing through the crowd.

"I was... misinformed." Mihawk said, not looking like he cared very much either way. "I believed I was fighting your replacement."

Zoro then turned his glare to Jasmine. "You!" Jasmine looked down at the ground. He was angry. Of course, he would be. He was an honorable swordsman, and she just ruined his fight. But whatever Jasmine expected, it wasn't what Zoro did. He dropped down onto his knees and hugged her.

"You stupid girl." Zoro said quietly. "Why would you do something like that? You could have been hurt. Then what would we do?"

"Yeah, leave the fighting to us men!" Patrick D said proudly. He was ignored by all.

Now, the fact that Zoro wasn't screaming at her somehow made her feel all the worse. She knew she was crying, even though she really couldn't feel anything. She noticed two hands grabbing her shoulders and turner her away from Zoro. She was then facing her best friend, tears streaming down her face as well.

"Why did you do that?" Katherine cried. "Why did you go out all alone? And you lied to me again! You said you wouldn't do that!"

"Katherine, I'm sorry!" Jasmine sobbed, crying just as hard. "If I told you, you'd want to come too! And you could get hurt!"

"But you DID get hurt, Jasmine." Robin said from the side.

"She looks pretty bad." Nami observed. "We should get her back to Chopper."

The rest of the crew nodded, except Sanji, who was being held back from attacking Mihawk by Luffy.

“HOW DARE HE DO THAT TO HER?! HOW DARE HE HURT JASMINE! THAT- THAT-”

“SANJI! Calm down!” Luffy yelled. “We gotta get her back to the ship! Then we can beat Mihawk up!”

Katherine attempted to help support Jasmine, but Jasmine could still barely move and Katherine was weak from crying. So instead, Zoro carried Jasmine back, and Katherine was helped by Robin and Nami.

“I'm not leavin' while he's here.” Patrick D announced, sitting on a bench and glaring at Mihawk. “He ain't going no where.”

“Yeah.” Patrick F agreed, sitting and glaring at Mihawk with his friend.

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Back at the ship, Katherine, Robin, and Nami took a look at Jasmine's wounds. None were too deep, but there were pretty bad. The girls helped Jasmine wash them out, and Jasmine could feel again.

“Alright. They're clean, but still bleeding.” Nami said.

“We'll get Chopper to bandage them up.” Robin smiled.

Katherine walked over to the closed door of the room, and opened it up. Zoro, Luffy, Sanji, Usopp, Chopper, Phillip, and Steve were all sitting in the hallway. “We're ready for you, Chopper.” Katherine announced cheerfully, and Chopper walked into the room. Katherine closed the door behind her, and only then noticed Chopper was whimpering, his eyes closed.

“Chopper, what's wrong?” She asked blankly.

“It's just... just...” Chopper stammered.

“What?” Nami asked.

“She doesn't have a shirt on.” Chopper whimpered.

“WHAT THE HECK?” Luffy yelled from outside.

“What do you mean, idiot?” Sanji's voice screamed.

“You're a doctor!” Phillip cried in disbelief.

Robin nodded thoughtfully. "I see. That shouldn't worry you." Chopper didn't reply.

"Look, she's wearing a bra, right?" Katherine said impatiently.

"Yeah..." Chopper replied.

"Does it bug you to see girls in bathing suits?" Usopp asked from the other side of the door.

"No..." Chopper replied.

"SO SUCK IT UP AND FIX HER!" Zoro roared, just as loud as if he was in the room. Chopper jumped and obeyed.

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After Jasmine was bandaged up, she was told to go to bed. So she tried to sleep on the couch. And failed terribly. But she pretended to sleep, to make her crew happy. After a little while, Zoro went out to go meet Mihawk. Everyone else, except Katherine and Chopper went with him.

Jasmine decided to quite pretending to sleep, and sat up. Katherine sighed and sat next to her. Chopper paced around the room.

"Chopper, if you're worried about Zoro, you can go watch the fight." Katherine said.

"No... no, I'm the doctor. I'll stay." Chopper muttered to himself.

"Really Chopper. If you want to go, go." Jasmine said. With that, Chopper ran away. The two girls couldn't help but grin at each other before returning to a silence.

"Kaff, you can go too." Jasmine said.

"Naw. I'm good." Katherine replied. "Besides, Zoro'll be fine. He's gonna kick that guys butt, don't fret." She grinned. "And if doesn't, the others'll team up against him and rip him apart."

Jasmine nodded, and Katherine continued. "You shouldn't have gone alone. If that guy even scratched you while I was there, I'd have broken his nose." She vowed, making a fist.

"Hm." Jasmine blinked. "Katherine?"

"Yeah?"

"Why'd you have to pull me away from Zoro?"

Katherine blinked, then started laughing. "Aw, you're HOPELESS!" She laughed, hitting Jasmine on the back. "I know, I'm terrible. But hey. Live with it." She grinned evilly. "Wherever you go from this second on, I'm gonna be right next to you. So get used to it."

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Zoro walked back to the town square. He knew that his friends were walking right behind him. Of course, if he could choose, they'd all stay at the ship. But he knew them well enough by now to know that they wouldn't listen to him.

He had to beat Mihawk now. Absolutely had to. Not only for Kuina now, but for Jasmine as well. What he did was completely unacceptable. Who attacks little girls?

Zoro was growling to himself when he got to the square. Most of the crowd that was there earlier had thinned out. He saw his apprentice and friend sitting on a bench, glaring at Mihawk, who was lying on the ground. It looked to Zoro like the two boys hadn't moved at all in the time he'd been gone.

"He ain't going anywhere." Patrick D muttered coldly.

"No way." Patrick F agreed.

"... Good job." Zoro told the two boys. "You can stop now."

"Alright! Finally!" Patrick F said, jumping up and moving out of the way with Patrick D. Mihawk stood up.

"Ah. There you are. I was beginning to wonder if I should have fought through your watch dogs to get away." He said, with obvious sarcasm that the Patrick's didn't get.

"But he didn't!" Patrick D said proudly.

"Cause we're so tough!" Patrick F added.

"So, then." Mihawk said, turning his attention back to Zoro. "Are you ready?"

Zoro quickly tied his bandana around his head, and put Kuina's sword in his mouth. It was now or never. He just hoped he was ready.

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Jasmine and Katherine sat in the silent ship for what seemed like forever. Or at least a really long time. Both girls were worried sick, but didn't want to say anything to worry the other. So they were absolutely silent.

Jasmine was starting to feel a bit better. Her wounds still hurt, of course, but she could move now. So she was able to pace around the room while Katherine stared at the ceiling.

The two girls decided to go up on deck, so Jasmine could walk around a larger space and Katherine had something else to look at.

Only a short while after that, they could here shouting and cheering. Both girls perked up and ran to the side of the ship.

"It's over..." Katherine said.

"But who won?" Jasmine pleaded.

Her answer came shortly after. Luffy, Chopper, Patrick F, Phillip, and Steve came jumping and whooping into view. Usopp and Nami were laughing and doing some ultra-fast tango for some unusual reason. Robin was walking, smiling hugely. And Zoro, being supported by Patrick D and Sanji, came into view. And Zoro was grinning.

Katherine cheered and jumped off the ship, landing on top of Patrick F and Luffy. Jasmine just charged off the ship, down the dock, into Zoro, and clung to his waist.

"ZORO! YOU'RE ALIVE!" She cried happily.

"... Yeah." Zoro agreed. Jasmine turned into a cat, climbed up his bloody shirt, and curled up into a purring ball on his head.

"You can all change your history books!" Patrick D screamed. "The greatest Swordsman in the world is Roronoa Zoro!"

That night was spent celebrating, the Zoro way. Getting drunk. At about midnight, this was the scene on the Going Merry: Zoro was drinking his 53rd beer, sitting on the ground. Jasmine was currently a drunken cat, sleeping on Zoro's head. Nami, Luffy, and Usopp were seeing who could drink the most. Usopp had passed out on the deck. Katherine sat on a barrel, screaming "Clear the runway! I'm taking this baby to the MOOOON!" Patrick F and Phillip were telling each other that they were their best friend ever. "Man, you're *hic* meh best friend!" "Naw, man, you're awesome." "No, dude, you're awesome!" "I'm tellin' ya man, you're awesome!" Steve was sleeping. Chopper was attempting to walk in a straight line, and was failing sadly. Sanji was telling a wonderful fried fish recipe to the mast. Patrick D had just bitten the head off a live fish. And eaten it. Robin, who also actually had some beer, was laughing at everyone.

All and all, it was a good night, and everyone passed out before 4:00am.

14 - Classy

Chapter 14

Authors Note: This is really my favorite chapter. I'm proud of it. Hehe. Rachel, the throwing up bit was slightly inspired by your story. But it was also inspired by me wanting to show the world beer is unhealthy so... yeah. Enjoy.

The next morning was spent throwing up over the side of the ship. Everyone had bad hangovers, and were feeling very sea sick back out at sea. Nami was in the bathroom throwing up, with Robin trying to comfort her. All the other Straw Hat pirates were lined up at the side of the ship, leaning over the rail.

"Sea sick pirates." Sanji grumbled, pulling himself back up after throwing up. "Is there anything more pathetic?"

"It's not the sea's fault." Usopp pointed out. "It's-" He threw up. "It's beer's fault."

"Don't insult beer." Zoro growled at him.

Patrick D, who was currently barfing worst of all, frowned as he came up. "I dunno what I did. I must have eating something bad..." He bent over and threw up again.

"I noticed you eating... something." Katherine said slowly.

"Really? What?" Patrick D asked. "Tell me!"

"You bite the head off a fish."

This made everyone bend forward and throw up.

"Oh my GOD!" Jasmine yelled.

"That's DISCUSTING!" Phillip shuddered.

"The poor fish!" Chopper cried.

"That's- That's-" Patrick F threw up again.

“Exactly.” Katherine agreed.

Luffy blinked. “I saw a headless fish on the ground some time last night. I ate it.”

“Oh, God...” Usopp threw up.

“Everyone, stop talking about eating headless fish!” Sanji yelled.

“Thank you.” Phillip mumbled.

“I feel... less woozy.” Jasmine said.

“Throwing up must be good for us.” Zoro nodded.

“Yeah, so, um, continue?” Luffy said, blinking.

And they did. For quite some time.

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It was some time in the afternoon when everyone felt alright again. Nami and Robin drank less than the other crew members, and were feeling fine. The others still felt kind of sick, but weren't throwing up anymore.

“Hey, Zoro?” Patrick D asked, as the entire crew sat around on the deck, soaking up the last few rays of sunlight.

“Hm?”

“Well, know that you're the greatest swordsman in the world, what's your dream?”

Zoro blinked at this question, and the others looked up. That was... well...

“Did Patrick just ask a not-stupid question?” Jasmine blinked.

“We must still be drunk.” Phillip decided.

“But a question worth answering, all the same.” Robin pointed out.

“Hm. I guess...” Zoro blinked, looking down at his sword “I- I want to maintain this position until I'm the first mate of the King of the Pirates.”

“Well said!” Luffy cheered.

“So you don't have to train anymore, then.” Katherine said with a grin. “What are you gonna do with your days?”

“Hm.” Zoro said again. “I'll just sleep. And drink. Same sorta stuff. Teach Patrick, for a bit. This'll be relaxing.” He smirked.

Sanji sighed and shook his head. “My God, you have no class.”

“What's that supposed to mean, Curly-brow?” Zoro growled.

“Exactly what I said.” Sanji glared back. “You're like some kind of drunk, sleepy ...barbarian!”

“He's not!” Jasmine and Patrick D defended at the same time.

“He is. And so are most of the guys on this ship.” Nami sighed.

“Hey!” Zoro, Luffy, Usopp, Phillip, the Patricks, and Chopper cried.

“We are not!” Usopp frowned.

“Oh?” Nami said, an evil glint in her eye. “Why don't you prove it then?”

“What do you mean?” Zoro asked, raising one of his triangular eyebrows.

“I mean, we're coming pretty close to a very rich little island.” Nami explained. “And on it are some pretty nice restaurants. I bet that if we go to one, you guys will get kicked out.”

“I bet we won't!” Usopp defended.

“Yeah!” Chopper agreed.

“What are we talking about?” Luffy suddenly asked.

“Alright, then.” Nami smiled. “When we get there, Robin and I'll go get you guys some nice clothes. Then we'll all go out for diner.”

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If there was one with that Katherine, Jasmine, Phillip, and the Patricks never believed they'd live to see, it was Zoro in a suit. But there before them, at about 8:00 that night, was Zoro, in a suit, looking uncomfortable and annoyed.

Everyone was all dressed up. Zoro wore a nice navy suit, tie and all. Sanji, who normally wore a black suit around anyway, was wearing a white suit. Even Luffy had a black suit on, as well as his straw hat, which he refused to be ride of. Usopp wore a suit too, his bandana gone, and his hair tied back. Phillip and Chopper even wore little suits and bow ties. The Patricks wore suits, but not normal ones. Patrick D wore a bright orange suit, and Patrick F wore a lime green suit. And the four girls all wore pretty dresses.

“Hahahahahahahaha Katherine's in a dress.” The Patricks laughed at the same time, pointing at her.

“Hahahahahahahaha the Patricks are in suits.” Katherine laughed back. There was a silence.

“Crap.” Patrick D muttered.

“Can't counter that.” Patrick F grumbled.

“Ha. I win.” Katherine smirked. When the entire crew was off the boat, Nami stepped forward and turned to her crew, ready to bark out instructions.

“Alright.” Nami began. “We all look the part. But we gotta act it, too. And one big thing about going to a nice restaurant is not to be alone. That looks... not right. So everyone pair up.”

At this, Jasmine was all too happy to jump over and cling to Zoro's arm. Zoro barely noticed, still fiddling with his tie.

“God. Crap cook, how do you WHERE these all the time?” He grumbled.

“It's not hard.” Sanji smirked, now having Katherine gleefully hanging off his arm. Usopp and Robin, who were standing closest to each other, also paired up. Luffy blinked uncomfortably.

“We have to pair up with girls?” He asked Nami.

“Yeah.” Nami replied.

“But- But- ... girls have cooties.” He whined. Nami stared at him.

“You think I have cooties?” She blinked.

“Yes.”

“It's alright, Luffy!” Chopper said, grabbing his arm and walking him back to the ship. “I'll give you your cootie shot!”

“Really?” Luffy smiled back at him. “Thanks a bunch, Chopper!”

God knows what Chopper actually did to him. But a few minutes later, Luffy let Nami hang off his arm without as much complaining.

“Alright...” Nami eyed The Patricks, Phillip, Chopper, and Steve. “Can you guys try to look less...”

Alone?"

Immediately, though looking at Nami the whole time, the Patricks linked arms.

"I'll hold Chopper!" Katherine volunteered, picking Chopper up with her free arm, and cuddling him. "He's so cute!"

"Ah! No I'm not! I'm intimidating!" Chopper declared.

"... Right..." Nami blinked. "Patrick's... no. You two..." She considered her words very carefully. "Clash. The suit colors. No." Thus, the Patrick's stepped apart. "Okay. But, that still leaves Phillip alone."

"No I'm not! I have Steve!" Phillip corrected, hugging the cow.

"Phillip, I don't think Steve can come." Nami said slowly.

"B-But WHY?" Phillip started up at her with huge eyes.

"Because he's a cow." Nami replied.

"So?" Phillip demanded.

"So she has the important job of watching the ship." Robin cut in quickly.

"Oh." Phillip looked back at the little cow. "That okay with you, Steve?"

"Moo." Steve replied.

"She said sure." Chopper translated, his voice muffled against Katherine's arm. Steve trotted back to the ship.

"Alright. Phillip's alone too, then." Nami declared.

"We could pretend he's like... your son." Patrick F suggested.

"W- WHAT?" Phillip practically shrieked.

"That would work." Luffy nodded.

"He looks the part." Usopp nodded.

"SH- SHUT UP!" Phillip yelled.

"Let's just let him walk, and people can believe what they want." Robin said, more of an order than a suggestion.

And so, the Straw Hat Pirates marched over to the 5-star restaurant. Most people on the streets were

also dressed up, in suits or dresses. So, for once, they didn't stand out. Except maybe the STILL trying to make his tie more comfortable Zoro. He kept loosening his tie, and Nami kept walking back over and doing it back up. Luckily, not many people noticed their silly behavior. And soon, they were at the entrance to the restaurant Nami made the reservation at.

It was... big. And... bright. Those were the first words that came to the pirate's minds as they walked inside. It was a huge room, and everything was gold. The walls, ceiling, lights, tables, chairs, everything.

"Hm. It's almost as nice as the Baratie." Sanji complemented. "WHOA! IT'S SO PRETTY!" Luffy cried.

"Shut up! Don't be loud!" Nami hissed, keeping a forced smile on her face.

A waiter came up to them, and led them to a long table. They all sat down, and picked up their menus, all being perfectly silent.

"... Do we have to be so quiet?" Patrick D whispered.

"Other people seem to be talking." Usopp whispered back.

"So it must be okay." Phillip nodded.

"... I'm hungry." Luffy announced.

"I want beer." Zoro complained. "OI! WAITER! GIMME-"

Nami clamped her hand over his mouth. "Don't yell!" She hissed.

Sanji was laughing quietly to himself. "You win already, Nami-swan."

"Oh no you don't." Zoro grumbled, slouching back in his seat. Jasmine patted his shoulder. Shortly after, a waiter came for their orders. Luffy promptly ordered three of everything on the menu.

"That way, everyone gets everything!" He smiled.

"Or YOU get everything." Usopp muttered.

"Probably." Jasmine agreed.

"We'll have to eat fast." Katherine added.

By the time food came, Luffy had started to chew on the table cloth, and had already been stopped by Nami 6 times. Of course, they DID order a lot. All the food was placed before them, after the waiters brought four other tables up to hold it all.

"Woouooooooooow!" Usopp, Phillip, the Patricks, Chopper, Katherine and Jasmine all gasped, eyeing the food. Luffy had already started piling it into his mouth. The others tried to maintain what little dignity they had by putting food on their plates first.

"It's good." Jasmine smiled.

"Very." Katherine agreed.

The others happily ate, while Luffy began taking food from passing waiters, taking orders to other tables. They didn't seem to notice who took the food.

After some time, a timid young waiter walked up to Zoro. "Excuse me, sir?" Zoro glared back at him.

"Um, well, you see, sir, we don't allow weapons in here." He continued.

"Oh." Zoro blinked down at his swords.

"You brought your SWORDS?" Nami stared.

"We have to ask you to remove them, sir." The boy finished. Zoro continued to glare at him coolly.

"You gonna make me?" Zoro asked, gripping the handle of his sword. The boy bolted.

"Well done." Patrick D said approvingly.

"What do you mean well done? They're gonna call the marines or- or something!" Nami cried. Just then, a man came and gave Sanji the bill. His eyebrow shot up, and as soon as the man left, he stood.

"We are leaving." He announced.

"What we haven't even paid-" Jasmine began.

"We are leaving." He repeated, more firmly. The other pirates quickly stood, and started to follow him to the exit. A man ran up to them.

"Hey! You haven't paid yet! You-" Sanji kneed him in the stomach, and started running. Unfortunately, the marines were at the door.

"How'd they get here so fast?!" Katherine cried.

"Gum-Gum... Slingshot!" Luffy cried, stretching both arms forward, completely ripping off his sleeves. His hands caught the top of the door. He pulled himself forward just as Patrick F and Usopp grabbed onto his feet. He flung all three of them over their heads and out the door.

Zoro pulled out his swords, and charged through, after passing one to Patrick D to use. Jasmine became half cat again, and walked lightly out on their heads. Sanji and Katherine kicked through everyone, Katherine holding Chopper tightly. Nami just sprinted past. Robin's hands were quite a distraction, and she got past easily. And Phillip made chairs, tables, and cutlery fly at them.

So, all and all, the Straw Hats got back to the Merry Go and sailed away from the island.

“Ha. We win.” Zoro grinned, getting his breath back. “We weren't kicked out. We fled.”

Sanji nodded, still breathing heavily. “You sure showed me.” He said sarcastically.

“Let's never do that again. Ever.” Katherine suggested. Everyone nodded in agreement.