

To One piece! Here we go!!

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Three girls lose their home in a large fire that wiped out the whole town. Two of them join the pirate crew, and they set off. But will one of them find love on a small ship in the middle of the sea?

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1 - The little onion girl

And so it begins...

"Nami! Why are we stopping here?" whined Usopp.

"Because," Nami said angrily, "You and Luffy ATE ALL THE FOOD!"

"Sorry."

They arrived at the port and looked around. Shops that sold shoes, slingshots, pots, sails, and even telescopes and compasses, but they couldn't find any food stores.

"Great..." Muttered Chopper.

Suddenly Sanji bumped into someone and knocked them down. It was a little girl with a shopping list in her hand and a bag of onions in the other. She sat confused for a second, then starting picking up the onions that were sprawled on the ground.

"Sorry!" said Sanji. He helped her up, and she was propelled into him. She looked about 8, but she weighed about as much as a kitten.

They got a good look at her. She had a braid down the back of her slick raven hair, and her skin was tanned from being outside. Her clothes were a pair of overalls with a green short sleeve shirt.

“Oh it's Okay, I should have watched where I was going.”

“Where'd you get the onions?” Nami asked.

“Oh, your stopping for food aren't you?” she laughed. “The food district of course, it's two streets over from here. Do you want me to show you? I need to pick up a few things though.”

“YES!!!”

She first walked into a store and picked up two books. Then she walked to the sail shop and got a small ship sail. She walked them to the next street over, and gypsies surrounded them, as well as traders, merchants, and pickpockets. She quickly led them through the street, and kicked a pickpocket that got unusually close to Nami.

The next street over, they were put into a mass of food stores, and she navigated to a bar named Big O's. She walked in with them behind her.

A fight overcame them. Two naval sailors flew out the door. A girl stood in the middle, her cornflower blue hair in a ponytail on the back of her head. She sighed and looked around. The bar was trashed. Tables were knocked over and broken bottles lied on the floor. She sighed again and sat a table upright.

“Oh hi Tai, where's Saaski and Nell?”

“I think they're in back...”

“Okay, thanks.”

Everyone sat on the stools at the bar. As soon as Luffy sat down, the little girl pulled a cracked brass bell and yelled at the top of her lungs.

“IF YOU SIT DOWN AT A BAR WITH A HAT ON YOU BUY EVERYONE A DRINK!”

“Way to go Luffy, I was thirsty!” yelled Zolo, and he thudded him on the back.

A girl walked in with a tray of grog. She looked very happy for some obscure reason, and she slid the drinks down the bar and smiled. She had Lilac hair that was in a braid on the side of her head.

“Forget paying, it's on the house!”

Luffy smiled and laughed.

He didn't have any money anyway.

2 - Saaski's story

“So... Your pirates?” asked the little girl as she ate a riceball.

“Yep.”

“Wow... so you pillage people and you blow other ships up?”

“That's us!” yelled Usopp. “And I'm the dreaded Captain Usopp, Scourge of the seas!”

“Usopp, don't fill up the kids head with lies, OK?” said Zolo.

The girl with Blue hair put the broom away.

“I'm heading home now...”

“Kay, see ya Tai.”

She left.

“What's your name anyway little girl?” asked Sanji as he eyed the beautiful girls in the bar.

“My name is Caldwellyn!” she shouted as she jumped up onto the bar. “ I can steal better than anyone in the world!”

“Really...” asked Nami doubtfully.

“Of course. I have never been caught. And I've seen every noble house from the inside. And without ever being invited.”

“At least on this Island...” said the girl with purple hair. “And that's saying something. The other side of the island has Mansion after mansion after mansion. Man, theirs at least 42.”

“66, Nell.” Said Caldwellyn.

“Ok, fine, 66.”

“Your name's Nell?” Asked Chopper.

“Yes. My sister Saaski is in the back.”

“Speaking of which, I have to deliver the onions to the kitchen. Saaski sent me 2 hours ago.” Caldwellyn hopped off the stool and started over towards the large bag.

“How old are you, seven?” asked Robin. She eyed her and the bag with doubt.

“Eight.” She said, and she hoisted the bag onto her shoulders. She walked over to the bar and lifted part of the counter. She hesitated and turned around.

“You guys want to see the Kitchen? Saaski barely ever comes out, so if you want to see our cook, you might want to do it now.”

Sanji stood up right away. “I would!”

Zolo Stood up to after he finished swallowing. “I guess I'll come to. I need to keep the perverted Chef out of trouble.”

“Zolo!!” yelled Nami. “That girl is EIGHT YEARS OLD!!! Watch what your saying! That's it, I'm coming so I can keep you from saying anything else that is stupid!”

“I guess I'll come too.” Said Luffy. “What about all of you?” he indicated to Robin, Usopp, and Chopper.

“Well, I'll come.” Said Chopper. Robin and Usopp stood up wordlessly.

Caldwyn ushered them into the kitchen. Pots and pans hung from the low ceiling and a stove sat in the corner next to a brick Kiln. A large cauldron soup pot sat in the middle of the room on a large fire. Jalapeno peppers hung from the ceiling on stings, and one string lay next to the pot on the counter, along with some pepper and salt. But there was no girl in the room.

“Saaski!” yelled Caldwyn. “ I brought the onions!” A voice came from outside, through the screen door next to the kiln. “Just put three on the counter and put all the others in the pantry, ok?” It sounded soft and hoarse, as if she had been through a lot and didn't want to argue.

“Where are you?” yelled Caldwyn as she did what she was told.

“Out back.”

“Oh, that's SO specific!”

They heard a sigh.

“Waiting for the soup to turn, so I decided to sit outside. Want to come out?”

“I got people with me!” Caldwyn called. She then beckoned them outside with her hand.

Their yard was small, since a river cut through it, separating it from the other yard, but it was beautiful

nonetheless. Morning Glories climbed the back Brick wall, and tulips were everywhere. They saw the back of someone, as she sat on a rock ledge overlooking the water. She turned her head around and stared at all of them with slanted blue eyes. She waved a long slender hand to them and then she turned around again to stare at the water. Her black hair fell to the middle of her back, even with a ponytail. She stood up and turned to them. She blinked as she inspected each one of them from where she was standing, and looked to Caldwellyn.

“Well?” asked Caldwellyn, as she folded her arms.

Saaski Looked directly into Sanji's eye, and looked down to Caldwellyn again.

“Thanks for the onions.”

“I meant about them.”

“Oh...” she looked shyly at Sanji again.

She shrugged and walked into the kitchen.

Everyone followed her, and they watched as she cut up the onions and put them into the pot.

“What does that mean?” asked Caldwellyn.

“What do you mean? You want me to judge them all?”

“Actually, yes.”

“Fine. A Seven out of ten.”

“Ok.”

“Fine.”

“Sure.”

“Whatever.”

Caldwyn beckoned them all out. But when Sanji came she turned to him.

“She doesn't like a lot of men. Your one of the two men whose walked in here that she's liked.”

“Who was the first?”

“A man named Takyua. He was a Navy Officer. That was three years ago, when she was sixteen. He liked her too.”

“What happened?”

They had now entered the bar. Instead of taking him to his seat, she talked to Nell.

“I got to talk to him for a second.” The straw-hat crew looked to Sanji. Zolo gave him a what-did-you-do look. Sanji shook his head. Nell realized what she meant and she nodded.

Caldwyn pulled Sanji out of the bar and pointed at the step.

“What happened?” Sanji repeated.

“He wanted to take her and get you know, married?”

“Oh...”

“Don't worry, she didn't want to be. That was the thing. She didn't want to. Then he got mad and started yelling at her, saying that she would, or else.”

“Or else what?”

“We never figured. She killed him.”

3 - The Family, the secret, and the fire

"She what?" the cigarette fell from Sanji's mouth.

"Saaski didn't really mean to, it just pretty much happened. See, Takyua had managed to knock Tai out with a bottle, and Nell sprinted to the base for help. I was upstairs on their orders. He was almost ready to get her, and I jumped down behind him, he turned around, and she picked up a piece of broken bottle and stabbed him. She managed to puncture a lung, and he, well, died."

Sanji was astounded. She made it straight through the whole story without stuttering, and she hadn't seemed ashamed.

"But, you said your sister went to the base..."

"And when she came back, Saaski was totally insane for the moment, I was screaming my head off, and Tai, who is happy about killing navy officers, I mean," she lowered her voice, "she does it for FUN sometimes! But, She was yelling her head off saying how easy that was and how he was really easy to kill. So anyway, the whole freaking Navy is standing at our door, and they look to Saaski, and they say that she's under arrest for killing a Navy officer. Well, she just shuts up and she looks to them, and then she just says `ok.'"

"She gave up?" said Sanji. He was surprised at the whole story, but that part...

"Yep, but she went and then, two days later, we got a letter from her about finding where her life savings are, and we bring all of the 4 *million* berries there and Bail her out. She doesn't come out of the kitchen through the bar unless it is to serve, and occasionally, she will sing."

"Sing?"

"Yeah, her voice is really nice when it sings. Sometimes if you listen hard enough, she sometimes sings in the kitchen. But anyway, back inside."

She walked in as if nothing had happened, and then, she went upstairs and went into a door.

Sanji sat down at the table.

"What was up with that?" asked Zolo.

He told them the whole story, word for word.

"Wow..." Said Luffy. He had on his serious face. "She killed a navy officer?"

"Yep, on what Caldwyn-san told me, she did."

“What did you just call that little girl Sanji?” asked Robin.

“Yeah what?” asked Luffy. He stretched his ear out. “Say it again!”

Sanji Blushed. “I called her Caldwyn-san.”

Everyone burst out laughing, and Zolo and Luffy managed to fall off their chairs when the door upstairs opened.

They all stopped and watched as Caldwyn scampered down the stairs, barefoot, to a little tune she was humming. She had changed her clothes and hair. She was now wearing a long, white jumper, and she had put her hair into two buns on the top of her head. She was carrying a long case, and when she opened it, she produced a fiddle.

She suddenly called into the kitchen: “Saaski, Joyfully sing or Hush, your choice!”

Saaski popped her head out of the kitchen and stared at Caldwyn for a second.

“Highlands.” And then she pulled her head back in.

“That wasn't a choice, but, if you say so!” Caldwyn started to play, very slowly, and they all listened as Saaski sang through the Oak door.

My hearts in the highlands above the heather blue,

this land casts a golden hue,

My hearts in the highlands beyond the rolling sea,

from this place,

tender grace will descend on thee,

Nell started to sing with her, and they turned to her, as she sang with her sister.

Go ye now, go ye now, to wonder nevermore,

go ye now this Hallowed ground, fare thee well,

Fare thee well fellow traveler fare thee well,

from this place tender grace will descend on thee.

Caldwyn stopped suddenly, and so did Nell and Saaski.

“What's wrong Caldwyn?” asked Saaski. She came out of the kitchen.

Nell went over to her and waved her hand in front of her face.

“Saaski, don't panic...” said Nell.

Everyone suddenly looked over too Saaski. She was turning red, and she suddenly fled to the kitchen.

“Too late.” Sighed Nell and she went over to the counter.

“What's wrong with her?” asked Usopp.

“Who, Caldwyn?”

Usopp nodded.

“Oh nothing, it's just her shutting down. She does that every once in a while, thanks to that stupid Devil fruit.”

“WHAT??” The crew cried in unison.

“Yeah, it's surprising. Mom and Dad ate some, and she inherited them. We don't know how they work, `cause they never told us what they were.”

Nell filled an empty bottle of grog with water and swung it in front of Caldwyn's face. Her eyes followed the bottle.

“You want it?”

She nodded.

She sat it on the counter. “There you go.”

She ran to it and drank, only to discover it was water.

“Hey!!!!”

The day carried on uneventful, and when the crew left, Nell said: “Come back tomorrow, We'll sell you some food.”

“Meat!” Yelled Luffy.

She disappeared and came back with a ham. She gave it to Luffy and walked back inside.

They went to a tavern for the night, instead of going back onto the ship. It was nice and roomy, and they each got one room.

That night, Luffy woke up and heard people yelling. He looked out the window. He saw fire.

“Hey!! Everything's on fire!!” he yelled. He managed to yell loud enough to wake everyone up.

“What?!?”

“Fire?”

Where?”

“AHHH!!!!”

“What about us?”

“What about the girls?” asked Nami. She had a point. Everyone stared at each other for a minute. No one moved. Then, they flew down the stairs and outside into the night. They watched as people ran around, yelling and calling names, and they sprinted over to the bar, as fast as their legs could carry them. They stopped short as they saw the bar, up in flames. Nell was standing, staring dumbfounded at the burning inferno, and Saaski was crying on her knees, holding a wok.

“It... was.. the.. only... thing... w-w-we had...” she sobbed. Nell fell to her knees and kept staring. Chopper ran over. “She's in shock!!!” he carefully pulled her up. She fell down again, onto her back.

“I wanna die.”

“NO! You're alive!”

“My life is over.”

Zolo came over and stared at her on the ground. “No, it's not. You're alive. You move on. You've got legs.”

“You don't understand.”

A loud whine came and the building collapsed. Saaski stared blankly and let out a heart throbbing screech as it burned on the ground. She stared at the fire, which now was dying due to lack of fuel. She shook with shock and she sobbed.

“Where did Caldwell go?” Usopp asked suddenly. Nell perked up, and stared at the burned out shell of the bar. “She wasn't in her bed... When I came to get her...” Then a screech came out of the night, an angry screech. Then, they heard Caldwell, yelling at someone from far away. They sprinted in that direction, Nell in the lead, and stopped. Caldwell was standing, burned and bruised, staring at a cloaked figure.

“You burned the village! Damn you!!!!”

A woman's voice, cool and calm, came at her.

“Yes, so I did. Now, I'll burn you too.”

Then out of the blue, Nell took out a large stick, and hit it on the ground, and it became a hammer. She ran straight at the person, and hit them with a force so hard, they toppled 8 feet backward.

Everyone turned to Nell, and she stood there. Then she raised her hammer, and hit the ground with a large shockwave, causing the earth to spring up in a line. When the dust cleared, the figure was still there, only they looked dazed. Nell put her hammer on her shoulder, and she looked to the person, fire in her eyes.

“You want my sister, you have to get through me and my sto-sto fruit first.” She looked to Caldwellyn. “Home. NOW.” She walked off, and growled at Zolo as she passed. “See, you don't understand.” Zolo stood there, in shock, and Caldwellyn followed, whimpering and cringing. “She's mad at me...”

4 - New adventures!

Nell sat down next to the burnt pile of wood that once had been a very proud bar. She sighed.

"We have nothing left." She looked over to Saaski. "Your copper pots are gone, melted. I'm sorry." She looked to the ground. "All of mom and dad's old things..."

Caldwyn stared into the ashes. She was squinting into it, and you could clearly see she was looking for something. She trotted over to where the kitchen was.

"Caldwyn, what are you doing?" asked Nell, but she followed. Caldwyn pulled up a mortar and pestle. They were made of lava rock, and refused to burn. She looked, and underneath was a locket. Nell smiled.

"Your locket. I thought you lost it."

"So did I."

They turned and stared around the burnt out shell.

"Well... I can't stay here." Said Nell.

Saaski looked at her like she was insane. "But... Caldwyn, me... What could we do without you?"

"I'm not sure, but I can't stay. This place... It reminds me too much about mom and dad. And besides Saaski, as I recall, it was your dream and mom's that kept the bar alive."

"Yes..." Saaski nodded. They had completely forgot about the straw-hat pirates, who watched them talk. They stood wordlessly. That is until you-know-who spoke up.

"Hey! You can join our crew! You'd be great! It would be fun!"

Nell stared at Luffy. She shrugged.

"Okay." She turned to Saaski. "Are you coming sister?" Saaski shook her head.

"Like you said, with mom gone, I've got to keep this dream alive. When you get back here, every pirate from here to the west blue to the north blue will be drinking their heads off, laughing at every word. And besides," She smiled, "Tai will help me kick out all of those Damn Navy officers."

Nell had to laugh. She smiled. "Okay then, when are we setting off, captain?" she turned to Luffy.

"When the sun goes up!" Luffy shouted.

Nell watched as the sun dawned on a new day, new adventure, and most important....

New hope.

Luffy was laughing when the ship set sail. Zolo was pulling the gangplank up onto the ship, as Nell stood on the horn of the rams head, and watched as Saaski waved, along with half of the villagers.

Saaski called to Nell. "You come back soon! And soon, means three years at most!" Nell smirked at the remark, but her brow soon furrowed as she scanned the crowd. "Where's Caldwellyn?" She said to herself. "Don't worry!" crowed Usopp as he thumped her on the back. Nell smiled. Then, as Zolo finished raising the gangplank, a dirt cloud arose as Caldwellyn thumped down the road, and she was yelling.

"WAIT FOR MEEEEEEEE! NELLLLLLL! WAIT!" she cried out as she fell down on the dock, and then, jumped onto the side of the ship. She sat there for a second, and she looked over to Nell.

"You are NOT leaving without me." Nell sat stunned for a minute, comprehending what was happening. She glanced over to Saaski. She shrugged her shoulders. Caldwellyn looked beggingly over to Nell, as if to say: "PLEASE." Nell looked over to Luffy. Luffy did that weird smile of his and laughed. "Fine with me!" Luffy yelled out. Nell laughed. Caldwellyn did a weird little half hula, half Irish step dance, half tango thing, which made the whole crew laugh. The two sisters both waved, and the crew set sail. They were going to the next island on the grand line.

It was dinner time. Sanji, to celebrate the event of two new crewmates, asked them what *they* wanted for dinner. Nell was eager to give Sanji the recipe to her pot roast, which Sanji admired her for remembering, up to the very last little detail. Caldwellyn, on the other hand, just told Sanji she wanted a Cheesecake. Lots and LOTS of cheesecake. Luffy also dug out the ham that Nell gave them on the day they came. They feasted that night, and they laughed too. They had a great time.

Chaser peered out onto the ocean. He had just left an island. He learned that the straw-hat crew had just finished their visit, and had set off that morning. The whole town had burned down. He smirked.

"Tasigi, we're catching up." Tasigi clutched her sword. She was thinking about how soon, would be holding Wado too. Chaser, on the other hand, was thinking of How he would finally be able to crush Luffy. He smirked again. His luck was getting better.

Author's corner:

Hi people! My name is Mariah! I'm happy to see that I'm getting commented on my work. Sorry I haven't written chapters for so long, this story is the first I haven't abandoned for one purpose: I LOVE LUFFY. Anyway, Just thought I'd say a few things.

I will be moving soon, so don't expect any chapters for possibly 3 weeks. And when I do move, I will be writing lots of long chapters, cause let me tell you: Indiana. Is. BORING.

Time for a contest. As I described them, draw Caldwyn, Saaski, and Nell.

Nell. I've got comments that she kicks butt. That being so, let me tell you then: Nell is modeled after me, and Tai, the kick butt girl who mauls navy officers for fun, is modeled after Chelsea. (a.k.a Draconic13 on Fanart.)

More chapters coming soon! Thanks to all that commented! ^^