



NARUTO

SHONENJUMP MANGA

Story & Art by

Masashi Kishimoto volume

2



岸本 斉史

One day I got a phone call from a relative of mine and got seriously chewed out. Why? The reason was the art I drew of myself in volume one. My aunt saw the picture of me eating ramen, and said "Is he only eating ramen *again*?! Every time you came over to my house, you demanded instant noodles instead of the home-cooked meal I had ready for you! You'd better be getting your vegetables!" Don't worry, auntie—I *am* eating my vegetables. (P.S. They just came out with instant noodles in "Cheese Curry Flavor." It's really tasty.)

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2000



Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** ("mechanism"). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.





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VOL. 2

THE WORST CLIENT



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SAKURA サクラ

Naruto and Sasuke's classmate. She has a crush on Sasuke, who ignores her. In return, she picks on Naruto, who has a crush on her.

NARUTO ナルト

Shunned by the older villagers because of the fox spirit dwelling inside him, Naruto grew up to be an attention-seeking troublemaker. His goal is to become the best ninja ever, and be recognized as the next *Hokage*.

SASUKE サスケ

The top student in Naruto's class, and a member of the prestigious Uchiha clan. His goal is to get revenge against a mysterious person who wronged him in the past.





KAKASHI カカシ

An upper-level ninja assigned to train our heroes. Although he seems easy-going, he is a master of *ninjutsu*.



THE THIRD HOKAGE 三代目火影

The most respected person in the village, ever since the fourth *Hokage* died fighting the demon fox. His name means "Fire Shadow."

イルカ IRUKA

Naruto's old teacher at the Ninja Academy.

His parents were killed by the demon fox, but he doesn't blame Naruto for it.



THE STORY SO FAR...

Twelve years ago, a giant fox demon attacked the ninja village of Konohagakure, until the *Hokage*, the village champion, managed to defeat it by sealing its soul into the body of a baby boy. Now that boy, Uzumaki Naruto, has grown up and become a ninja-in-training, like his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. Forced to work as a team, the three ninjas received a strange assignment: steal a bell from the belt of their teacher Kakashi. But they failed...and now Kakashi has told them to *give up their hopes of ever being ninja!*



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...WILL
EVER
BE A
NINJA!



GIVE IT
UP.
NOT ONE
OF THE
THREE
OF
YOU...

Number 8: You Failed!



IT'S A ROSTER
OF ALL OF
KAKASHI'S
PREVIOUS
STUDENTS
AMONG THE
JUNIOR-LEVEL
SHINOBI—
WHO PASSED
AND WHO
FAILED.

DOES
IT
WORRY
YOU?
HERE!!



GROUP SEVEN—
NARUTO AND THE
OTHERS...
WHAT KIND OF
TEACHER DID YOU
ASSIGN THEM, LORD
HOKAGE?
IS HE VERY STRICT?

YOU INVITED
ME TO LUNCH
BECAUSE
YOU WANTED
TO LEARN
SOMETHING,
RIGHT, IRUKA?
WHAT IS IT?



...WHO
...KAKASHI?



IT
.....IT
SAYS...!



-GIVE UP?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN-

OKAY, SO MAYBE NONE OF US GOT OUR HANDS ON ONE OF YOUR STUPID BELLS...

GIVE ME A BREAK!

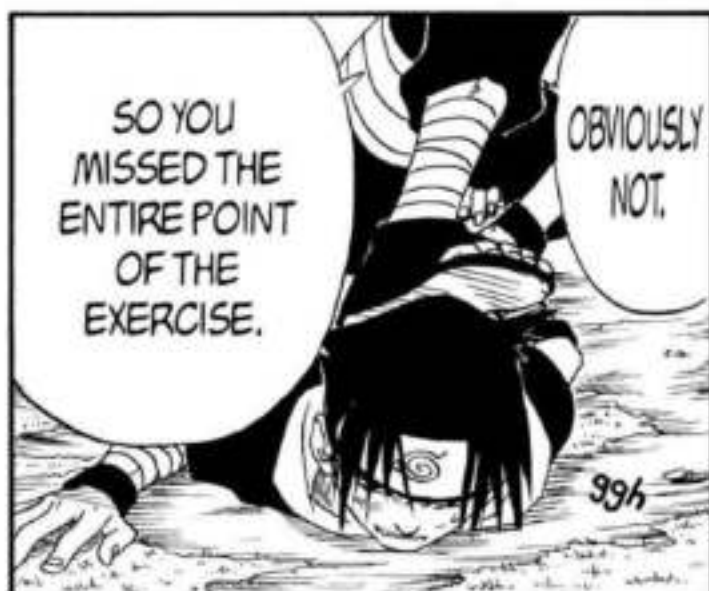
... BUT WHY THE HELL SHOULD WE QUIT OVER THAT?



BECAUSE NOT ONE OF YOU...

...HAS WHAT IT TAKES!





READ THIS WAY





EVEN IF WE'D WORKED TOGETHER, ONE OF US STILL WOULD HAVE HAD TO GO WITHOUT LUNCH.

YOU'RE PREACHING TEAMWORK, BUT YOU PLAYED US AGAINST EACH OTHER!

STOMP

IF WE WERE EXPECTED TO FUNCTION AS A TEAM, WHY DID YOU ONLY HAVE TWO BELLS?



WHAT--?!

!!

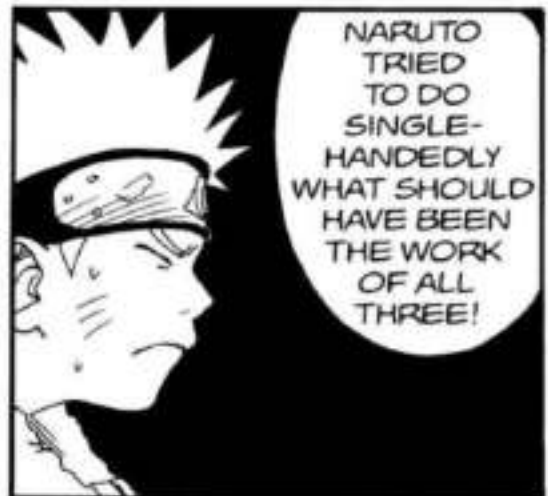
OF COURSE. THIS TASK WAS DESIGNED TO CAUSE DISSENSION IN YOUR RANKS.



...AND PROPOSE TO THE OTHERS THAT YOU WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF ALL.

...WOULD SET ASIDE YOUR INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS...

THE SITUATION WAS SET UP TO REVEAL WHICH OF YOU...







THAT'S IT!
I JUST
MADE UP
MY MIND!

HEROES
OF
OUR
VILLAGE.

NINJA.

LOOK
AT THE
MARKER...
ALL THE
NAMES
CARVED IN
THE STONE.



HMPH...

I'M NOT
GONNA
THROW MY
LIFE AWAY!
I WANT TO BE
LIKE THEM—
A HERO!

THERE'S
WHERE I
WANT MY
NAME
TO GO!



COME ON!
COME ON!

WHAT
KIND
OF
HEROES
ARE
THEY?

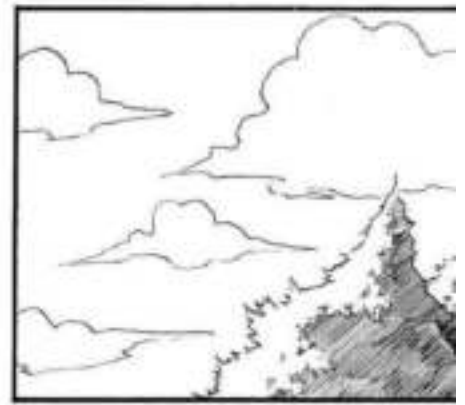
REALLY?

...BUT
THE
ONES
LISTED
THERE
AREN'T
JUST
ANY
HEROES.....

...AHEM!...







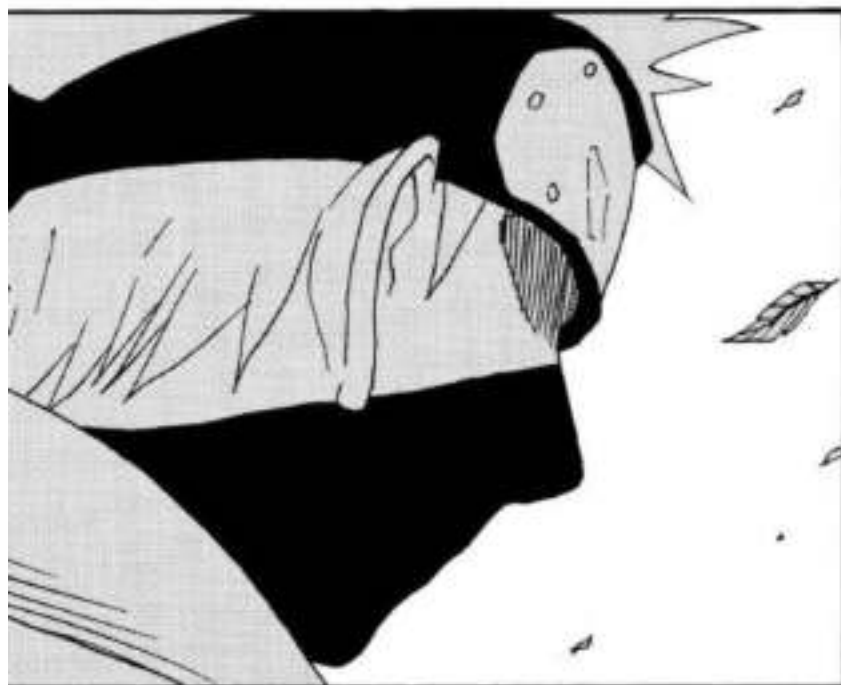


YOU'RE NO GOOD TO ME IF YOU'RE JUST GOING TO BE A LIABILITY.



BU...BUT SASUKE, MASTER KAKASHI TOLD US--!!

I'M NOT WORRIED. HE'S PROBABLY MILES AWAY BY NOW. AND WE'LL ALL NEED OUR STRENGTH IF WE'RE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER TO GET THOSE BELLS.



SAKURA...



GRIN!!



THANKS...

HEH HEH...
UHH...

THIS...
THIS IS...



AND WHEN HIS STUDENTS COME TO HIM, THEY ARE UTTERLY NAIVE...

I CAN SEE THAT... BUT...

YES... THERE'S NO DENYING THAT KAKASHI IS EXTREMELY STRICT...



YES. KAKASHI NEVER PASSES ANYONE. EVER...



NO ONE AT ALL...?

NO ONE?

忍道
WAY OF THE NINJA

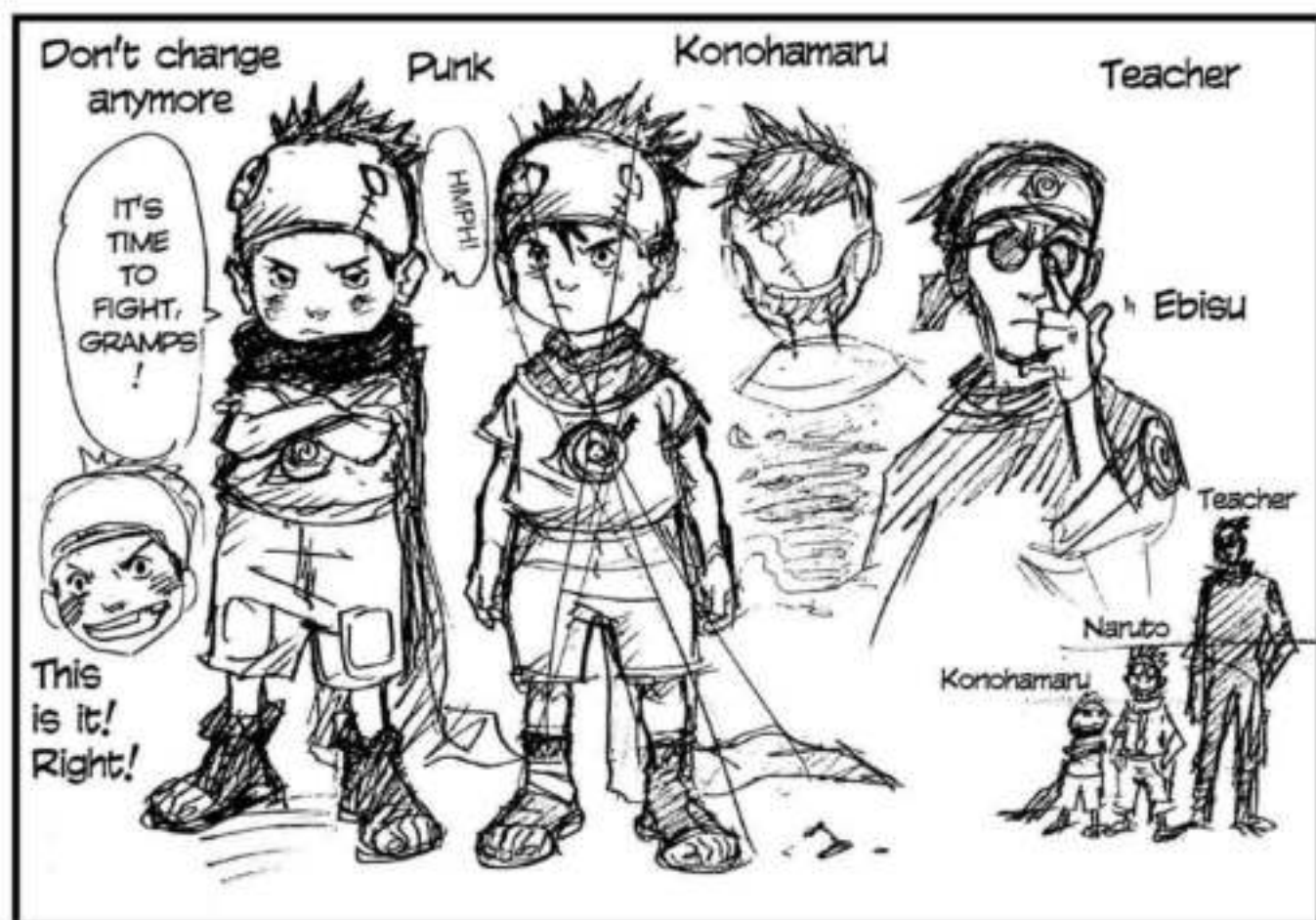












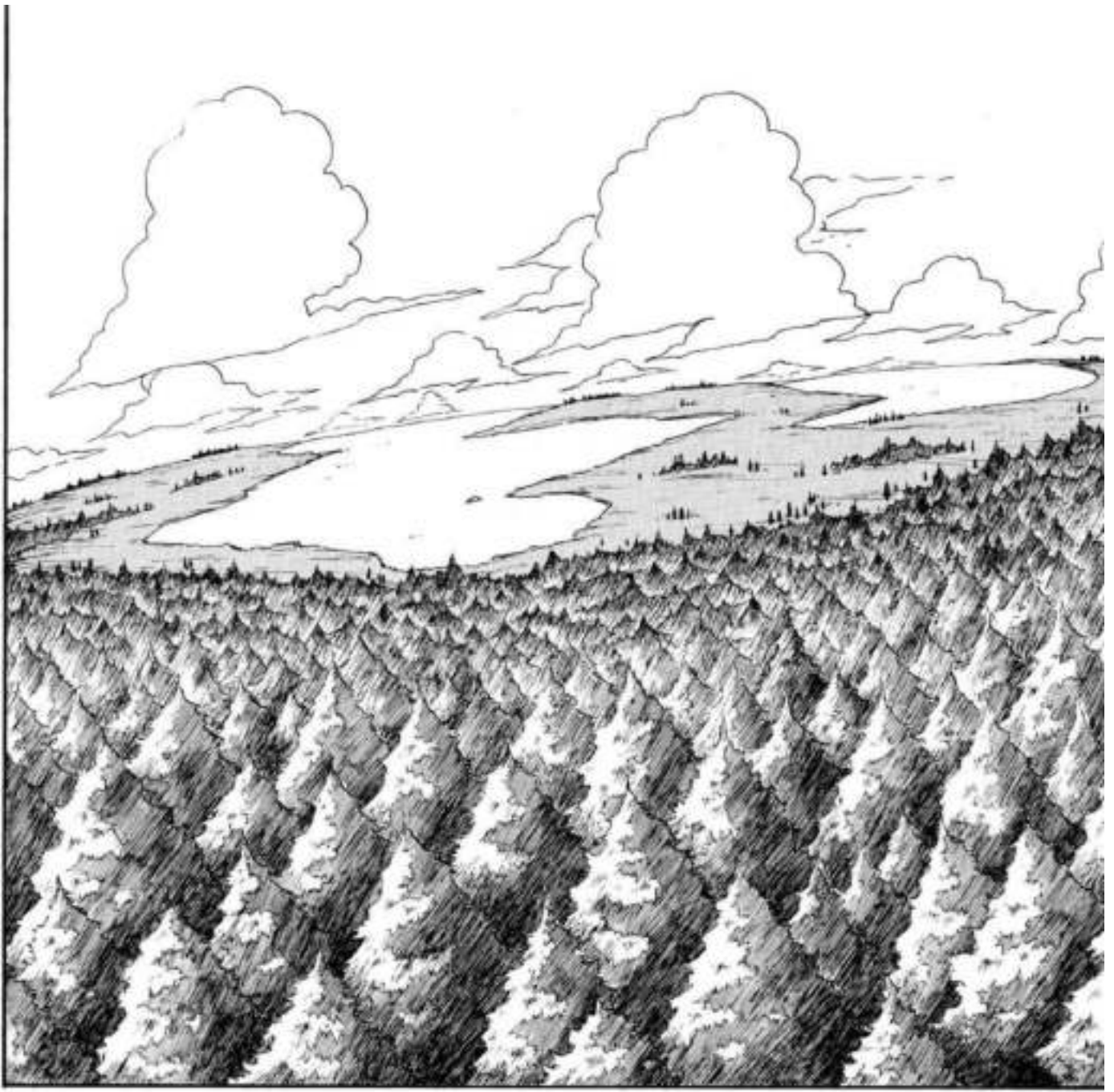
THE MAKING OF NARUTO: KONOHAMARU & EBISU

These were my first sketches of Konohamaru and his teacher, Ebisu (see **Naruto** Vol. 1). I remember really struggling with Konohamaru's design. He was supposed to be a little punk, smaller than Naruto, but he kept coming out looking like Naruto no matter what I tried. I tried drawing a big-eyed kid, but this didn't work either. It always turned out like a face I'd seen somewhere before. Eventually, I drew an angry-looking face with small eyes, and somehow I knew I'd found it!

At that point I decided that Ebisu would look like the sketch above. I like Ebisu's design because he's like me, somehow...

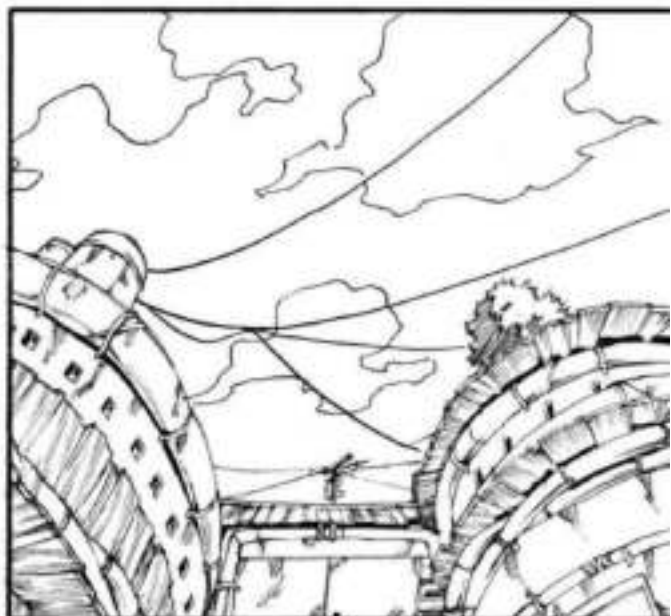
Number 9: The Worst Client





READ THIS WAY







WITH THAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO AT HOME, CAN YOU BLAME HIM FOR RUNNING AWAY?

OH, MAN!!! WHAT A NIGHTMARE. HOW DOES THAT POOR, DUMB CAT PUT UP WITH IT?

POOR TIGER... GOOD LITTLE KITTY-KITTY... I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU, I COULD HAVE DIED!

DO A GOOD JOB!

LINE STARTS HERE FOR NEW ASSIGNMENTS

TO RUN ERRANDS TO THE NEIGHBORING VILLAGE...
TO HELP DIG SWEET POTATOES.....

HMM... TO BABY-SIT FOR THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS...



NOW, THE NEXT ASSIGNMENT FOR KAKASHI'S TEAM SEVEN WILL BE...



HE'S GOT A POINT.....



...HE IS SUCH A PAIN!!!

OH...



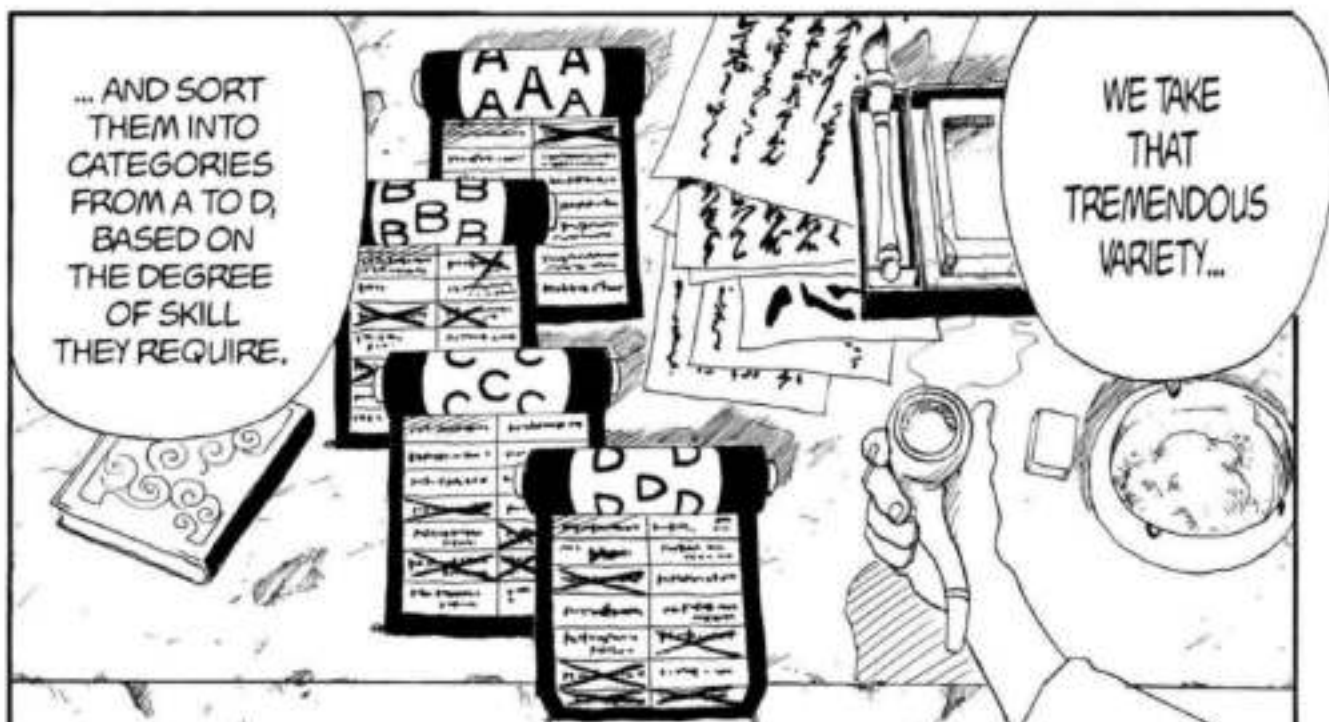
SIGH... BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU CAN GET!

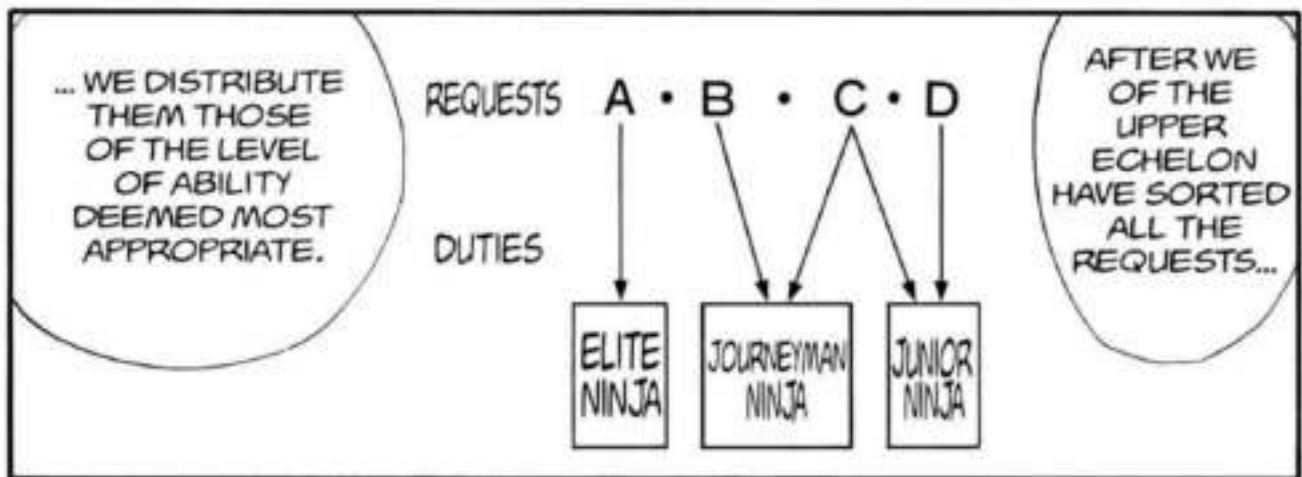
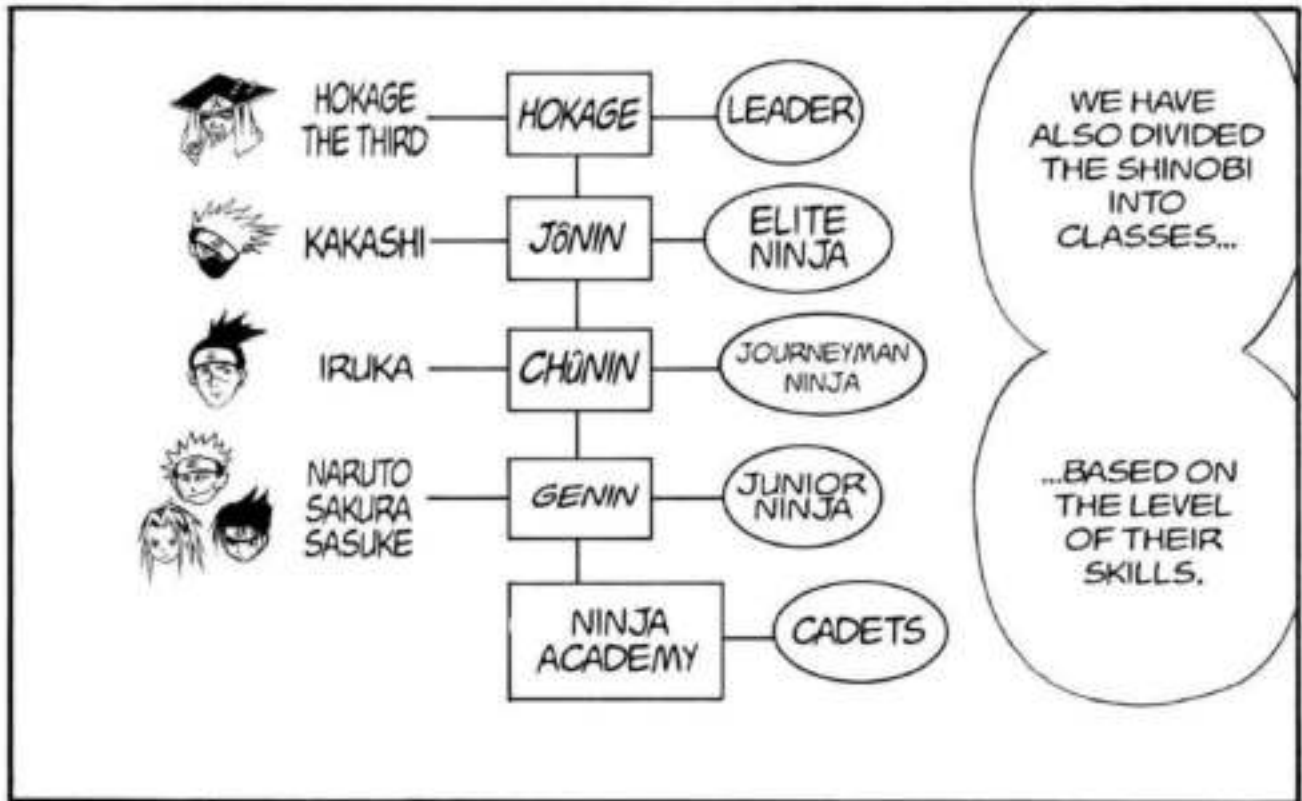


GIVE US SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO DO. SOMETHING IMPORTANT! SOMETHING AMAZING!!!

HMF!

NO WAY!! NO THANK YOU--!! BORING!!









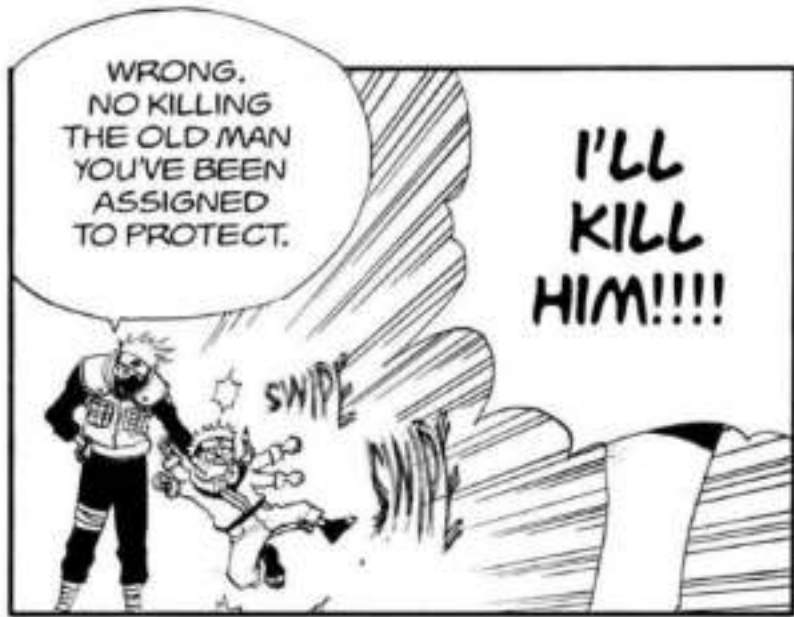


THEY
LOOK
LIKE
A
BUNCH
OF
WET
-NOSED
BRATS.



WHAT'S
GOING
ON
HERE?

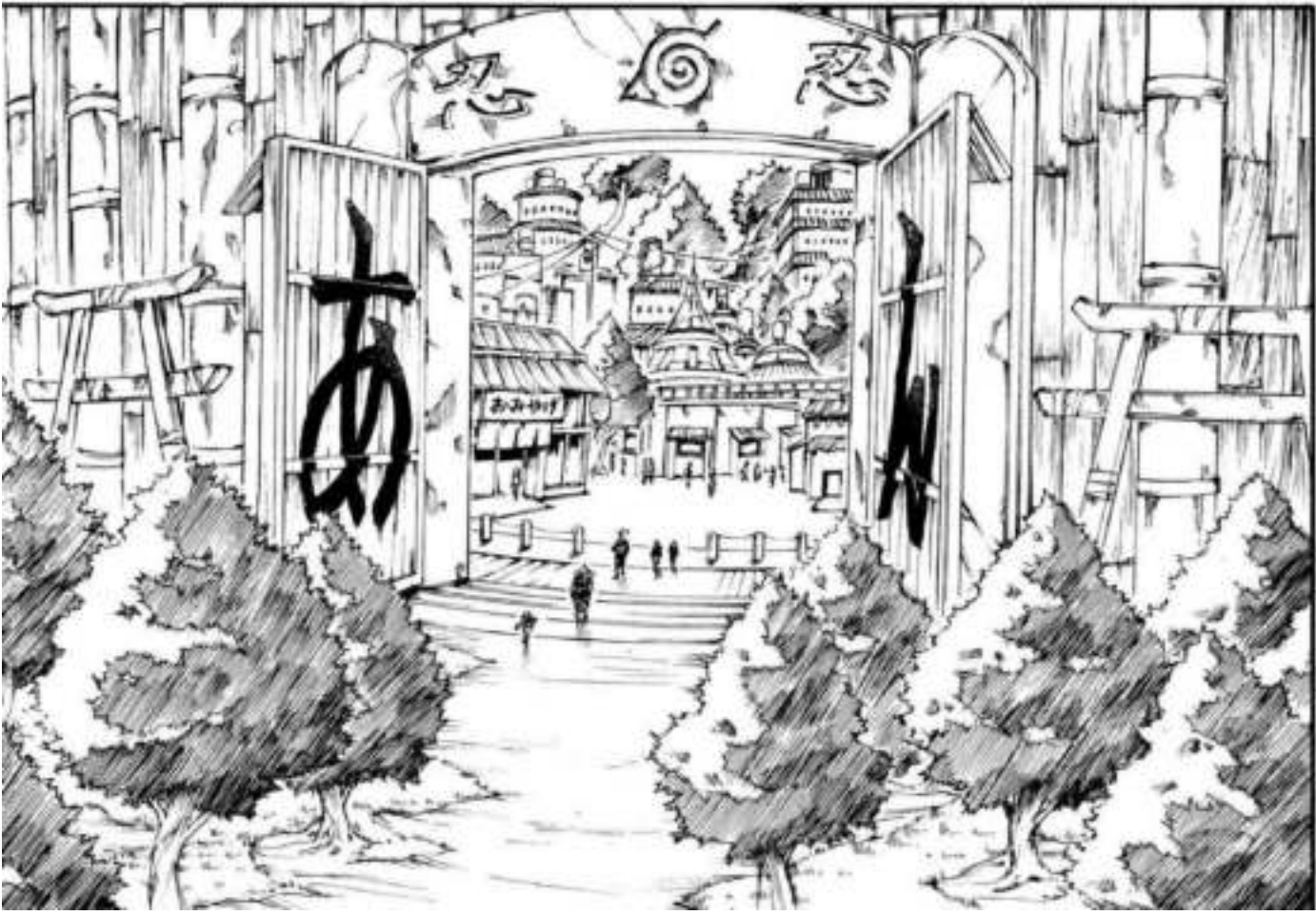




UNTIL I AM SAFELY BACK IN MY OWN COUNTRY, WHERE I'LL BE COMPLETING MY NEXT BRIDGE, YOU'LL ALL BE EXPECTED TO PROTECT ME... EVEN IF IT COSTS YOU YOUR LIVES!



A BRIDGE BUILDER OF ULTIMATE RENOWN.. I AM TAZUNA,







IT'S
UZUMAKI
NARUTO.

I AM
THE
CREAM OF
THE ELITE.
IN FACT,
ONE DAY I'M
GONNA BE
THE NEXT
LORD
HOKAGE!
SO
REMEMBER
MY NAME.



AND WHEN I
BECOME HOKAGE,
YOU'RE GONNA
WISH YOU
WERE A LOT
MORE RESPECTFUL
TO ME
RIGHT NOW!!!

I AM DOING
ALL THE
RIGHT THINGS,
AND I'M DOING
THEM FAST.

WELL,
YOU'RE
OLD
AND
STUPID!



I DON'T
THINK
SOMEONE
LIKE YOU
HAS IT
IN HIM.

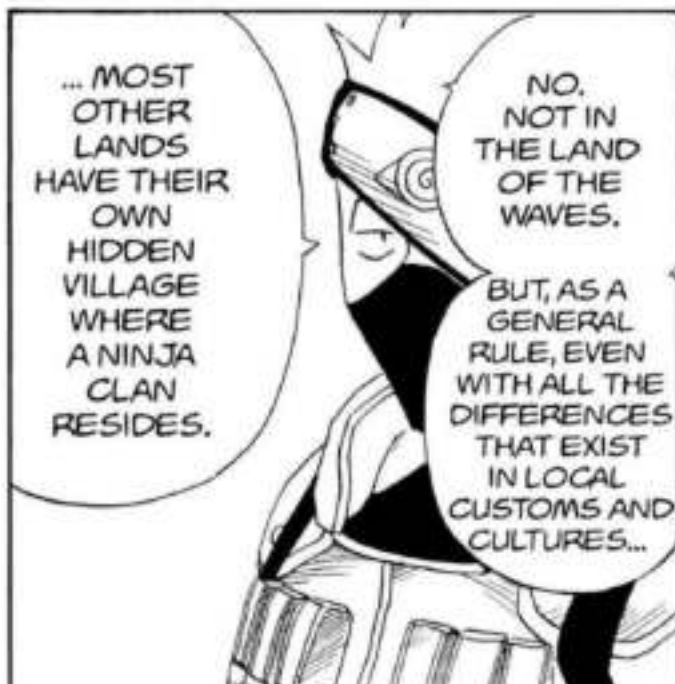
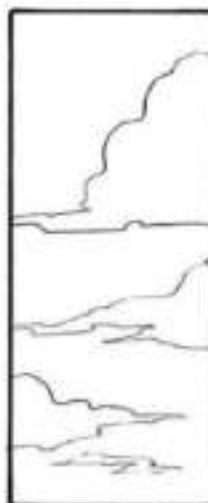
HOKAGE,
EH?
THE LORD
OF YOUR
VILLAGE?
THE BEST
THERE IS?

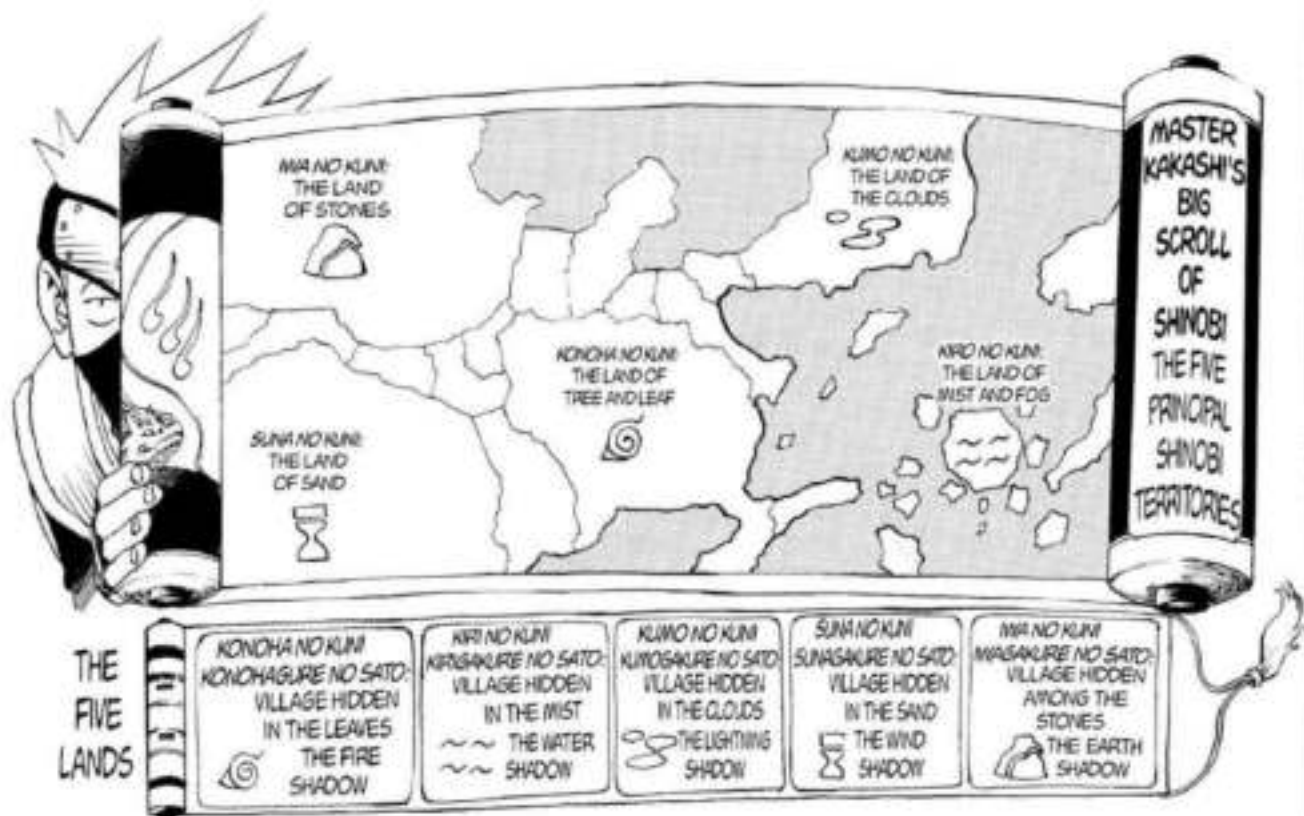


NOT
EVEN
IF YOU
DID
BECOME
HOKAGE.

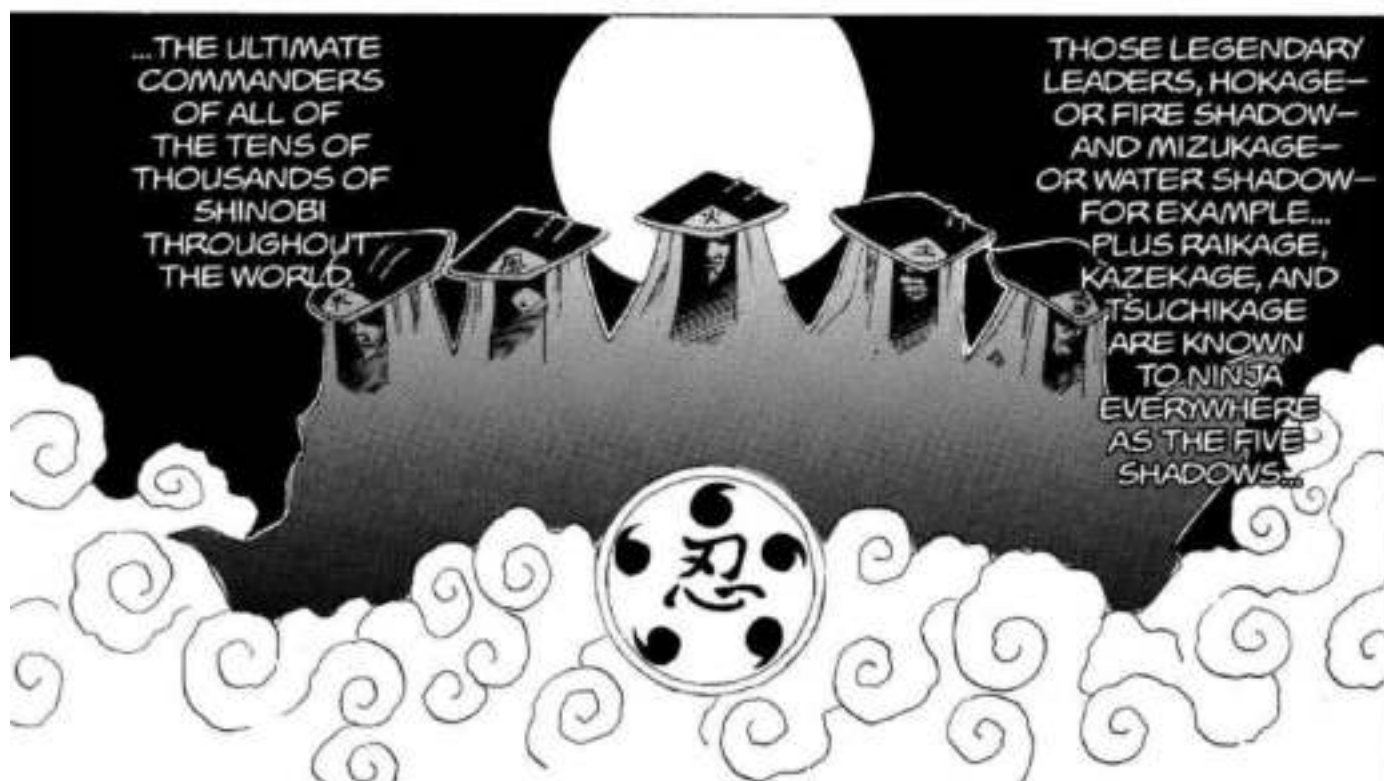
RESPECT
YOU?
I
DON'T
THINK
SO.





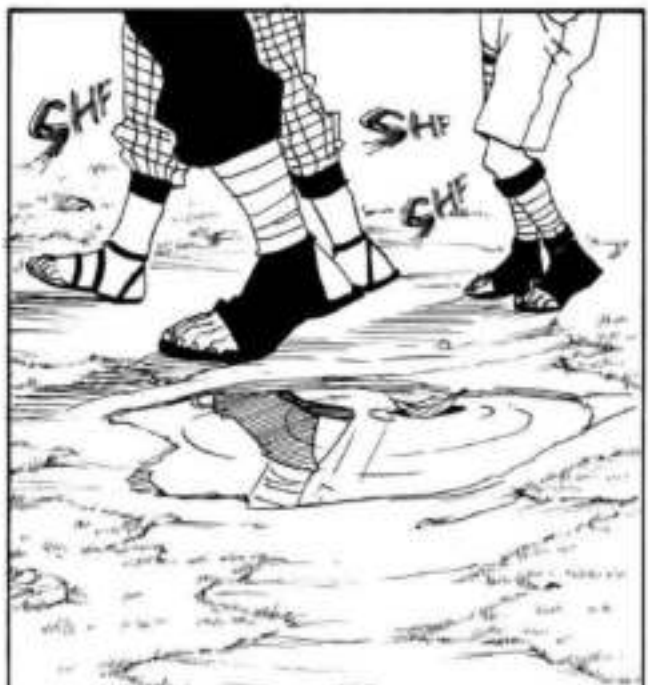


FOR MOST OF THE COUNTRIES ON THIS CONTINENT, THE NINJA VILLAGES SERVE AS THE MILITARY FORCE. THEY PROTECT THEIR OWN PEOPLE AND HANDLE THE ONGOING RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES! YET, THE VILLAGES DO NOT ANSWER TO THE RULERS OF THEIR NATIVE COUNTRIES. INSTEAD, THEY ARE ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH THE GOVERNMENT. IN THE CASE OF VERY SMALL ISLAND NATIONS WHERE AN INVASION WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MOUNT, A NINJA VILLAGE IS REGARDED AS UNNECESSARY. AMONG THE VARIOUS NINJA VILLAGES, IN PARTICULAR, THOSE LOCATED IN THE LANDS OF KONOHA, KIRI, KUMO, KUMO, SUNA AND IWA ARE LARGE—AND THEIR STRENGTH IS IMMENSE. THOSE ARE CALLED THE FIVE GREAT LANDS OF SHINOBI. THEY ARE ALSO THE ONLY PLACES WHERE THE SHINOBI LEADER CALLS HIMSELF A KAGE, OR SHADOW...

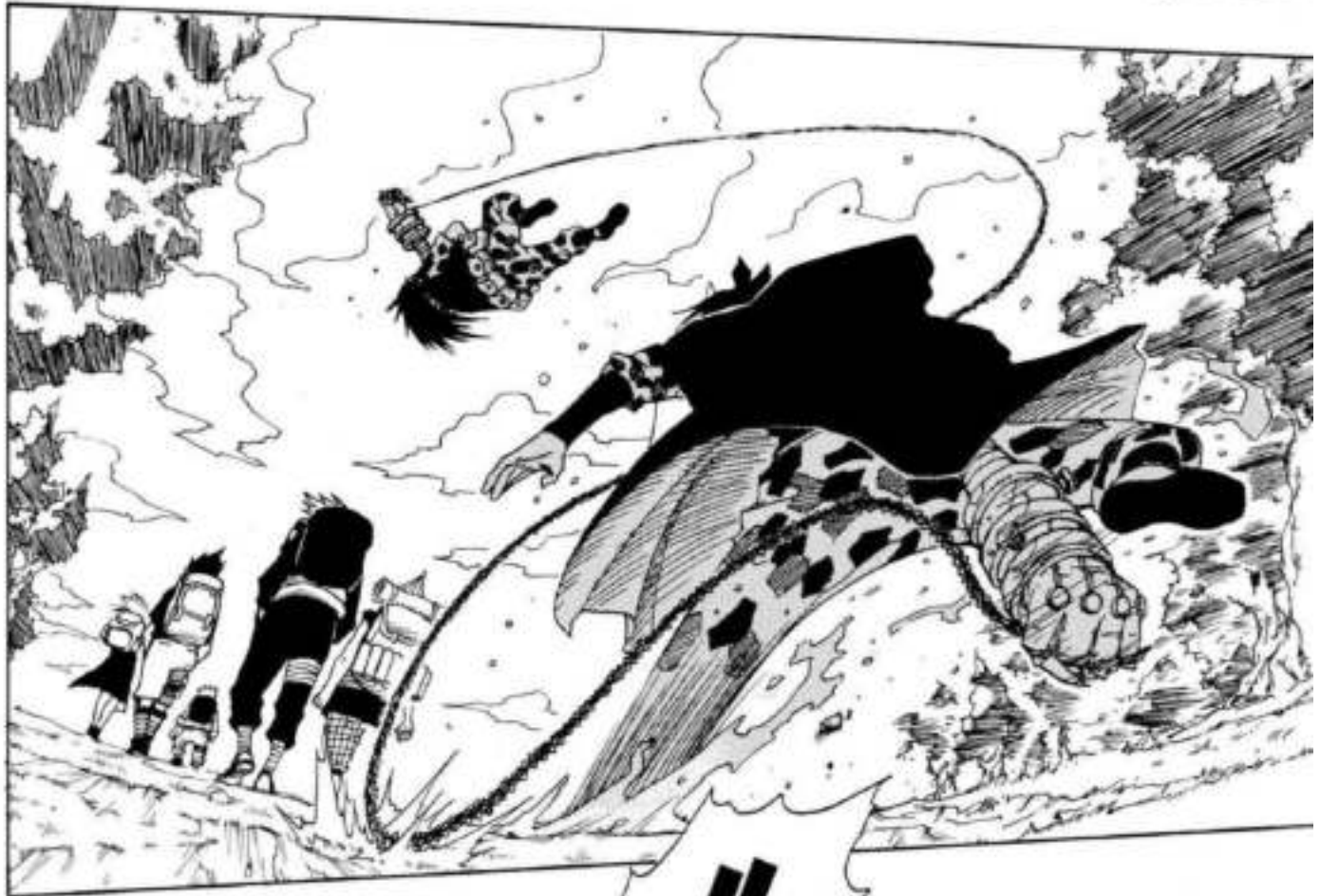


...THE ULTIMATE COMMANDERS OF ALL OF THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SHINOBI THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THOSE LEGENDARY LEADERS, HOKAGE—OR FIRE SHADOW—AND MIZUKAGE—OR WATER SHADOW—FOR EXAMPLE... PLUS RAIKAGE, KAZEKAGE, AND TSUCHIKAGE ARE KNOWN TO NINJA EVERYWHERE AS THE FIVE SHADOWS...















Number 10: Target #2



SCROLLS: (1) EARTH STYLE (2) FIRE STYLE (3) WATER STYLE
(4) WIND STYLE (5) KISHIMOTO TECHNIQUE (6) NINJA WEAPONRY
(7) NINJA CENTERFOLD (8) SUMMONING

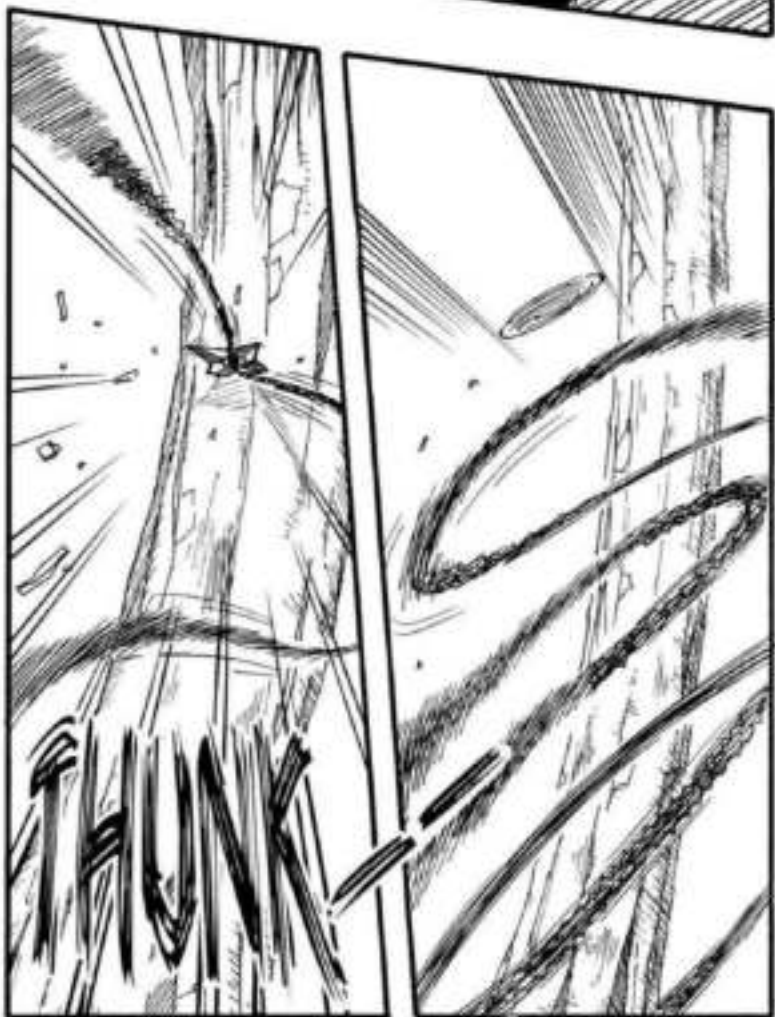


TWO LITTLE PIGGIES...



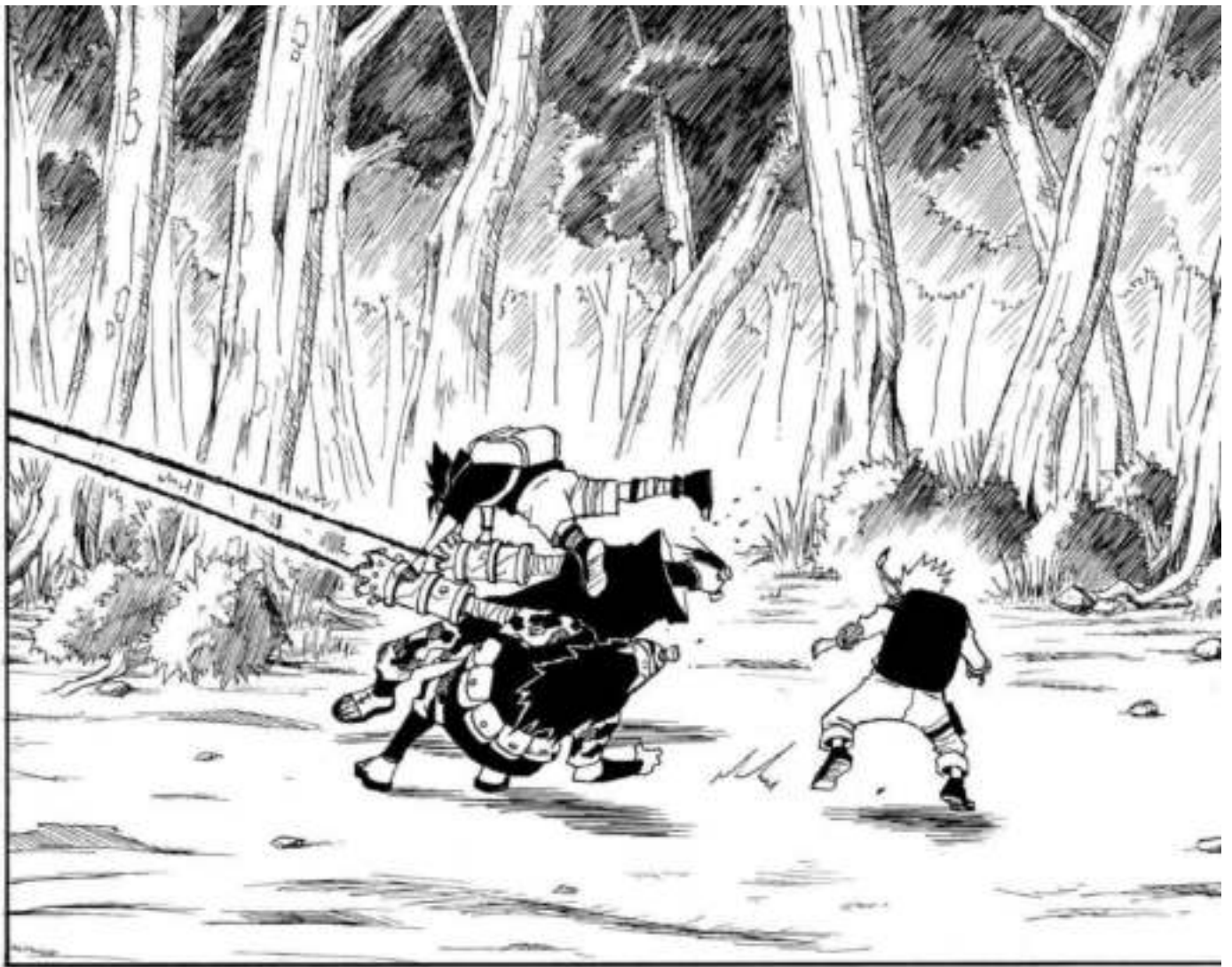
NI...
NINJA!!?











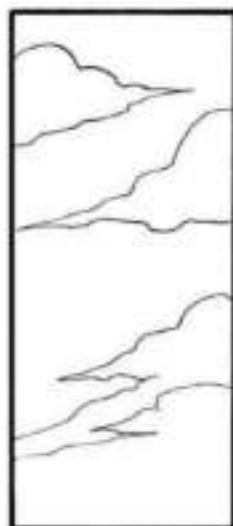


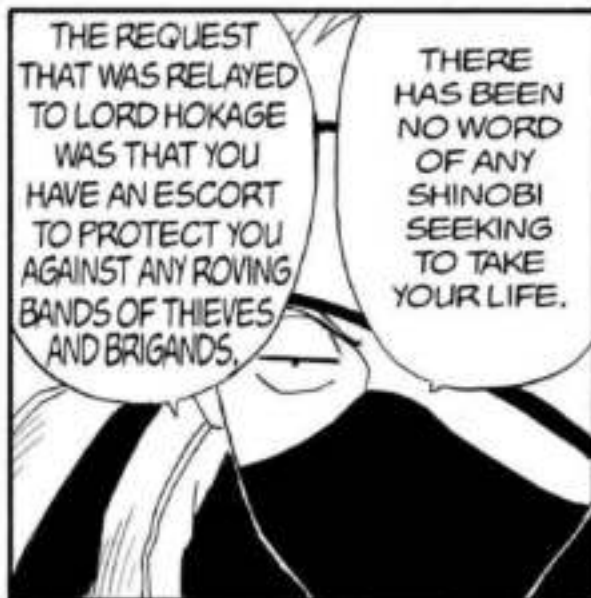








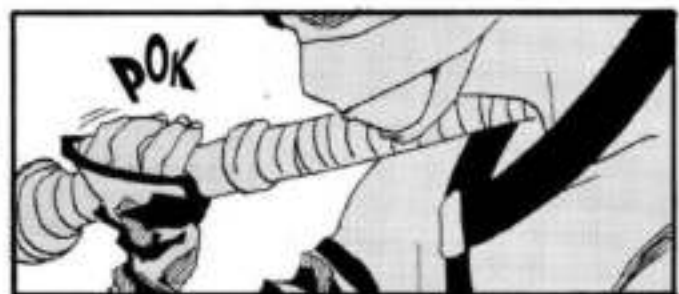








GRAR





BUT I BLEW IT...
EVEN THOUGH
I'VE BEEN
DOING TONS OF
EXTRA TRAINING
EVERY DAY ON
MY OWN, TRYING
TO BUILD MY
SKILLS!

OSMMM
MMMM
MMMM
MMMM
MMMM



BY
NOW,
I
SHOULD
BE
REALLY
STRONG!



I
SWEAR
IT...
BY
THE
PAIN
IN
MY
LEFT
HAND...



...AND
I'M
NOT
GONNA
BE
OUTDONE
BY
SASUKE!



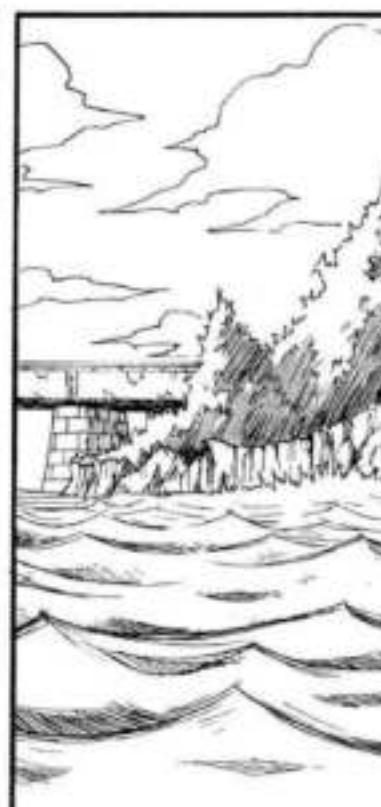
I'M
NOT
GOING
TO BE
THE ONE
WHO HANGS
BACK OR
FREEZES
UP...

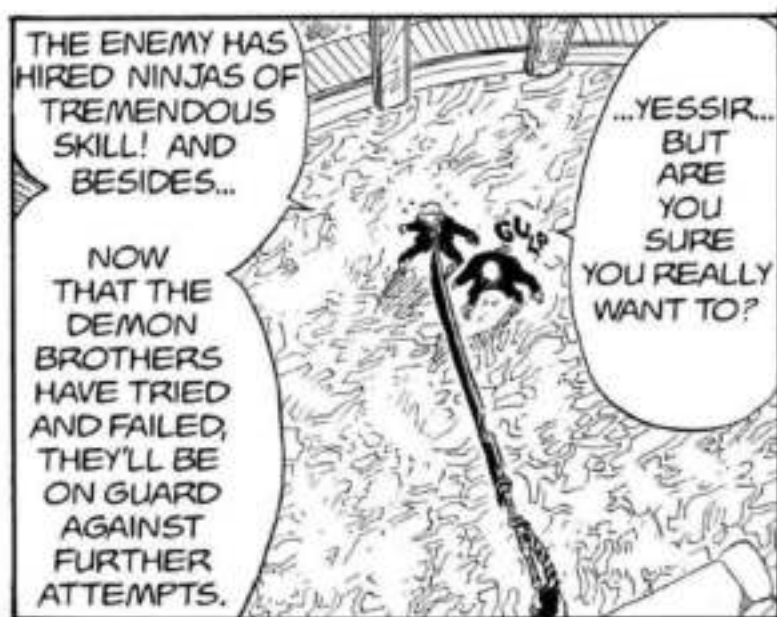
I SWEAR,
NO ONE'S
EVER GONNA
HAVE TO
SAVE MY
LIFE
AGAIN....



WITH
THIS
KUNAI
KNIFE,
I
PROMISE
YOU, I...







Fan Letters

Closet
(Personal
Space)

Me, Sleeping
in the Closet

Reference
Library
(Full of
Manga)

Piles of
Shonen
Jump

Toilet

Super-
Deluxe
Massage
Machine
(Never
Used)

Garbage
(Hasn't Been
Taken Out)



My Desk

My Dead
Plant,
"Ukki-kun"

Unwashed
Dishes



Number 11: GOING ASHORE



NARUTO, WE NEEDED A FREE FLOW OF BLOOD TO CLEAN THE POISON FROM YOUR WOUND...



YOU COULD BLEED TO DEATH. I'M SERIOUS. ♡



BUT YOU'VE EXCEEDED THE NEED...



WHAT ARE YOU, NARUTO? DO YOU GET OFF ON PAIN? SOME KIND OF MASOCHIST?

SHOW ME YOUR HAND.

I DON'T WANNA DIE! SAVE ME!!!



NOOO! NUH-UH! NO WAY! ISN'T GONNA HAPPEN! I'M NOT GONNA DIE LIKE THIS!



...ALMOST HEALED!

HIS HAND...
THE WOUND...
IT'S



I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED... IT'S THE POWER OF THE NINE-TAILED DEMON FOX!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL BE FINE....



I MEAN... YOU KNOW...

IT'S ALL RIGHT, ISN'T IT...?

MASTER KAKASHI LOOKS SO SERIOUS--!



...HAVE SOMETHING I NEED TO SAY...



MASTER... MR. SENSEI, SIR...

Chapter 11: Going Ashore











HIS NAME IS GATÔ!

HE'S A BILLIONAIRE IN THE FIELD OF MARINE TRANSPORTATION.



...OF GATÔ SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT? THE GATÔ? THEY SAY HE'S THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD!!

YOU MEAN... GATÔ... !



HE STARTS OUT TAKING OVER COMPANIES... AND ENDS UP RUNNING ENTIRE COUNTRIES.

HE LIVES BY EVERY LOW AND VICIOUS TRADE KNOWN TO MAN.

THAT'S THE ONE. ON THE SURFACE, HE LOOKS LIKE A LEGITIMATE BUSINESSMAN. THE TRUTH IS HE'S A RUTHLESS, MURDERING CRIMINAL WHO EMPLOYS GANGS AND TEAMS OF SHINOBI, AND TRAFFICS IN DRUGS AND CONTRABAND.

THE ONLY THING HE HAS TO FEAR IS THAT WHICH HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SOME TIME... THE COMPLETION OF THAT BRIDGE!

GATŌ NOW HAS A STRANGLEHOLD ON ALL FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION, THE LIFEBLOOD OF AN ISLAND NATION, AND A STRANGLEHOLD ON ALL THE WEALTH..

HE CAME UNDER THE GUISE OF A BUSINESS VENTURE. THEN THE VIOLENCE BEGAN, AND IN NO TIME AT ALL, HE'D TAKE OVER OUR ENTIRE MARINE TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING INDUSTRY, AND WE WERE ALL UNDER HIS THUMB!

IT WAS JUST ONE YEAR AGO... THAT HE SET HIS SIGHTS ON THE LAND OF THE WAVES...





AN ELITE, B-RANKED BODYGUARD WOULD BE A LOT MORE THAN I COULD AFFORD...

AND I HAVE NO MONEY AT ALL.

NAMI NO KUNI ISN'T A REAL PROSPEROUS LAND. EVEN OUR LOCAL LORDS ARE POOR...



YOU WON'T BE THERE TO SEE MY DAUGHTER AND TEN-YEAR-OLD GRAND-SON CRY ALL DAY LIKE THEIR HEARTS ARE BREAKING!

BUT OH WELL! THAT'S NOT YOUR CONCERN!



THEN I'M AS GOOD AS DEAD.

BUT IF YOU ALL TURN AWAY FROM ME NOW...

BUT...



THIS IS THE WORST MISSION- FOR-HERE OF ALL TIME!

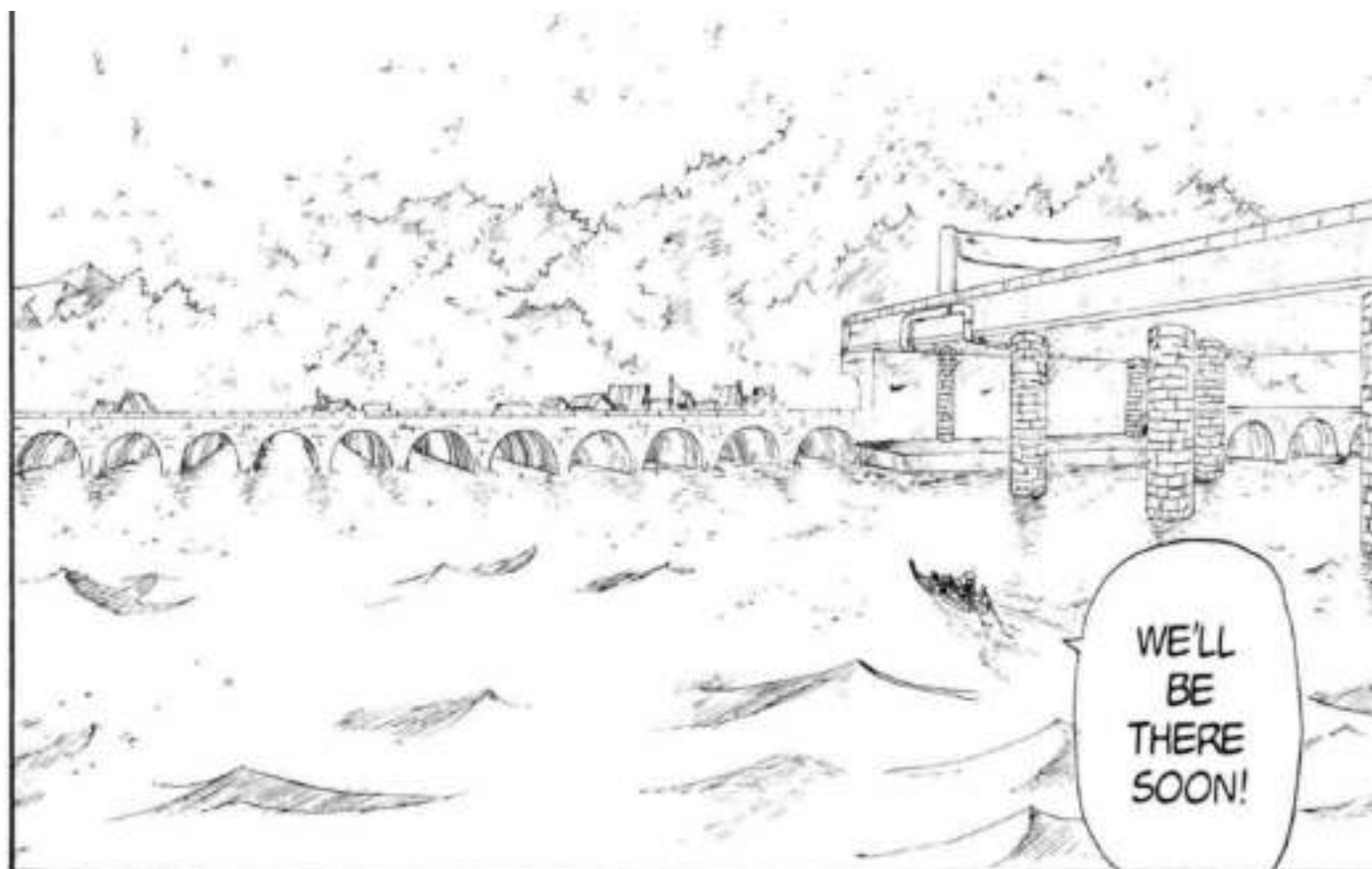
WELL... I SUPPOSE IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

WE'LL CONTINUE TO PROTECT YOU, AT LEAST UNTIL YOU RETURN TO YOUR COUNTRY!



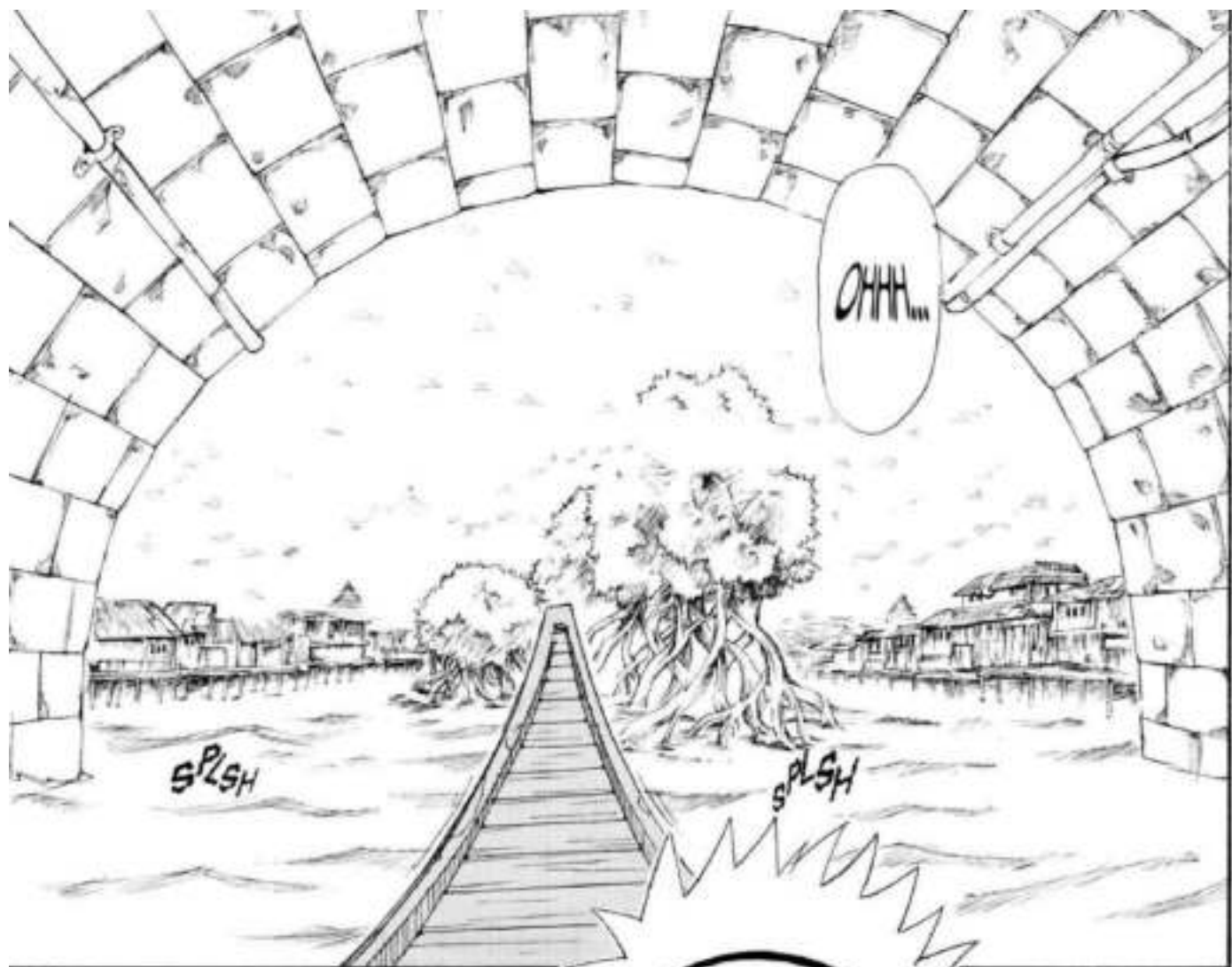
OH! AND YOU WON'T MIND IF MY DAUGHTER VOWS ETERNAL HATRED OF ALL THE NINJA OF YOUR VILLAGE AS SHE LIVES HER LIFE ALONE!

HECK! WELL, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT!



*TROPICAL EVERGREENS THAT GROW ALONG THE SHORELINES AND RIVER BANKS AND LOOK LIKE FLOATING FORESTS WHEN THE TIDE IS HIGH.





WOWWWW!!









I SWEAR--!
THERE
WAS
SOMEONE
IN THERE!
AFTER
US!







EVERYONE
TAKE
COVER!!



THOK



UNNN

AGGH!



THOP




SHUNN







 Number 12: Game Over^{III}_{ZZZ}





IF IT WOULDN'T BE TOO MUCH TROUBLE...

KAKASHI OF THE SHARINGAN EYE, I PRESUME?



COULD YOU SURRENDER THE OLD MAN?

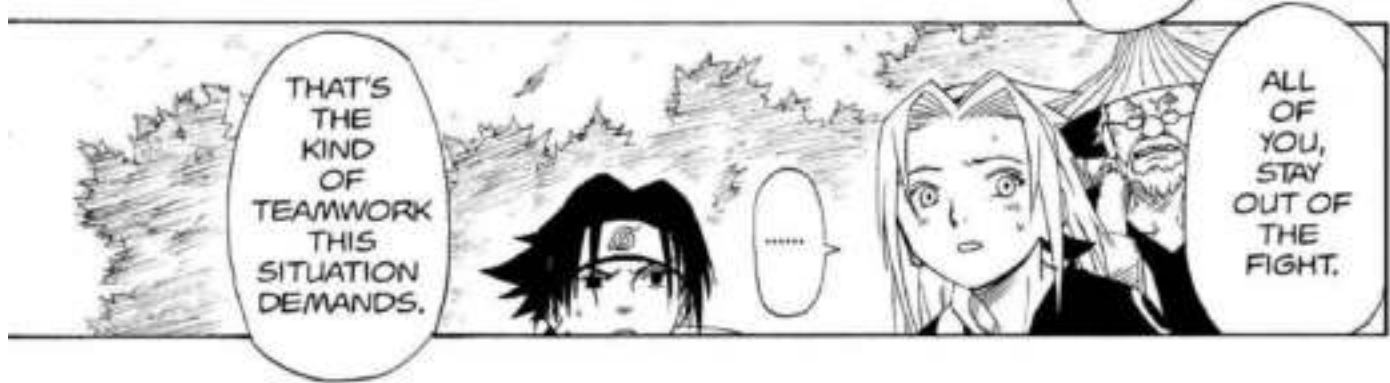


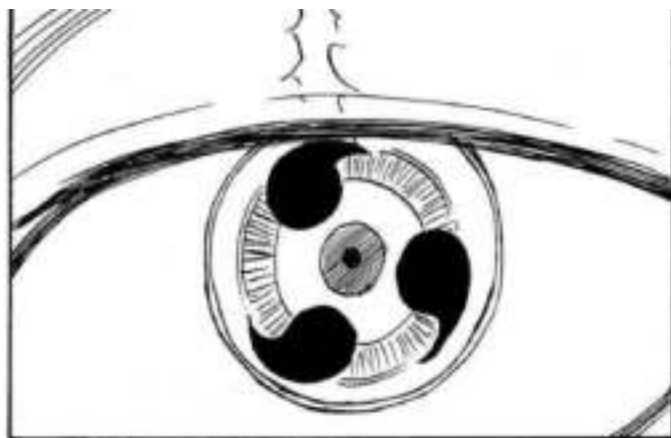
THE SHARINGAN THE MIRROR WHEEL EYE?!



... "SHARINGAN"?

WHAT THE HECK DOES THAT MEAN?







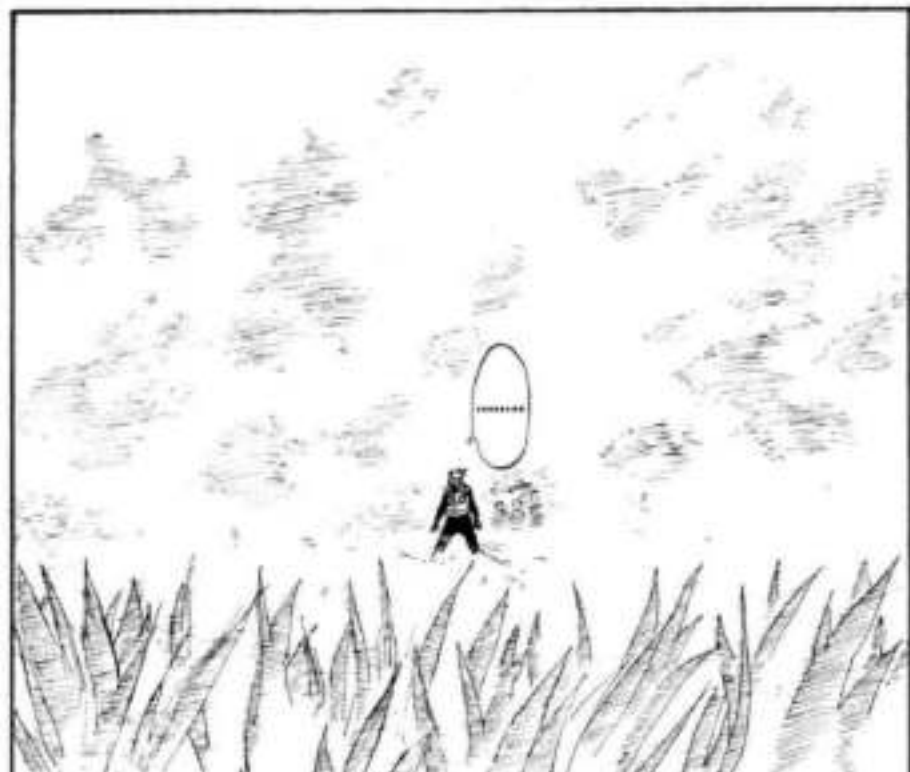
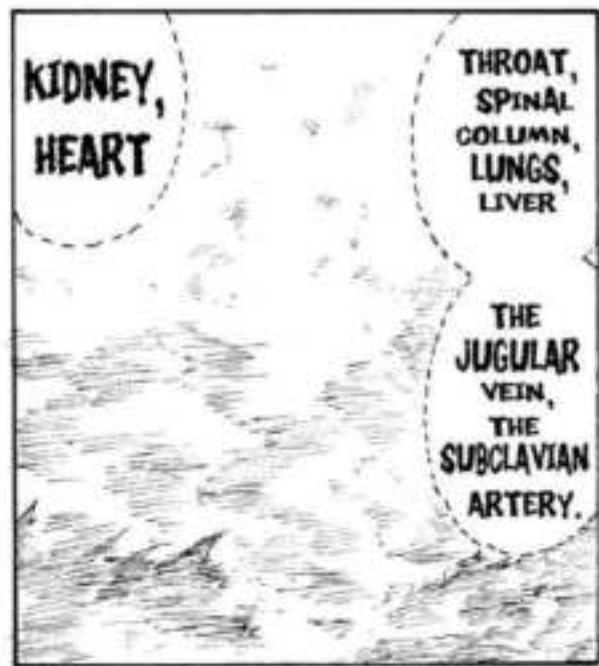
















I CAN'T STAY LIKE THIS FOR LONG! I'M GOING TO LOSE IT.

IF I DRAW HIS ATTENTION BY EVEN BLINKING, HE'LL KILL ME! I CAN FEEL IT!

THIS TERRIBLE BLOOD-THIRST...



I HATE IT!
YOU START WANTING TO DIE, JUST TO END THE SUSPENSE...

A MASTER NINJA, DETERMINED TO MAKE A KILL.....

KNOWING MY LIFE IS IN HIS HANDS...



EVEN IF HE GETS ME, I'LL STILL PROTECT YOU.

CALM DOWN.



SASUKE.







SPLASH!!





EYAAAH!



A WATER DOPPELGÄNGER?!



SWUP



HE WAS ABLE TO COPY ME...

IN THIS MIST?



DON'T MOVE...

SWUP

SW SH







Number 13: Ninja!!!













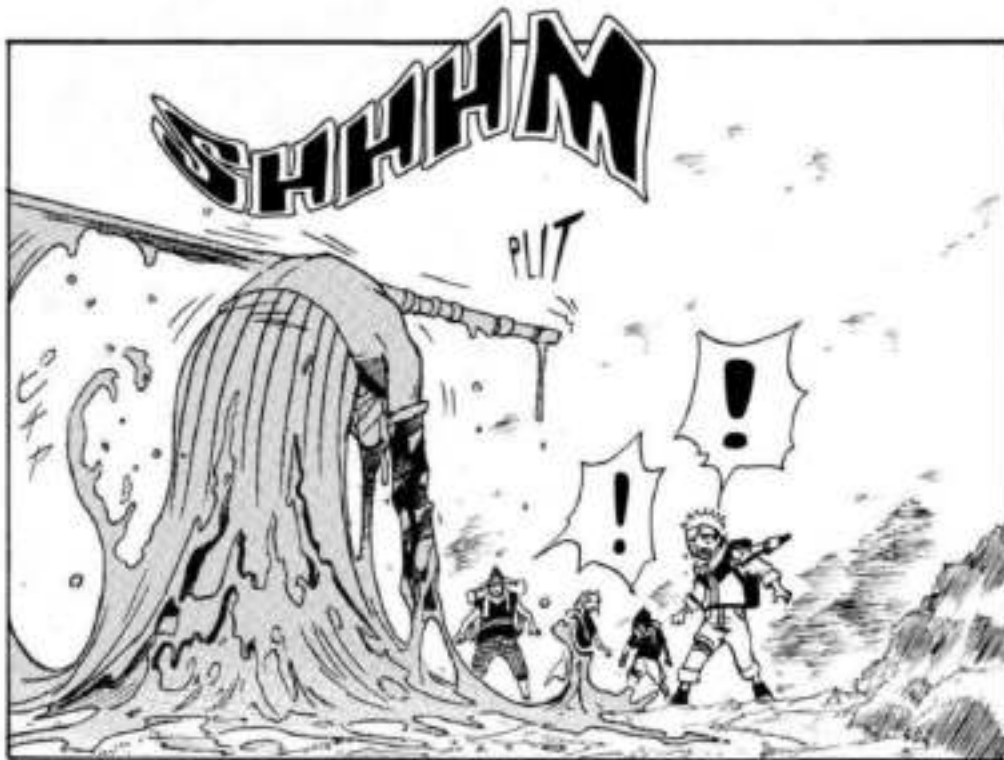
ART OF THE WATER DOPPELGANGER!

I'LL FINISH YOU LATER...

...AFTER I'VE DEALT WITH ALL THE OTHERS...



YOU RUNNING AROUND FREE MAKES IT TOO HARD FOR ME TO DO MY JOB.



I KNEW HE WAS GOOD, BUT NOT THIS GOOD.....!



BUT A TRUE NINJA IS ONE WHO HAS CROSSED AND RECROSSED THE BARRIER BETWEEN THE LANDS OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

HEH-HEH-HEH... LITTLE NINJA WANNABE, TRYING SO HARD TO FIT IN, YOU EVEN WEAR A HITAI-ATE HEADBAND.



HE VANISHED AGAIN!

!!

WE DON'T CALL YOUR KIND "NINJA."

WE CALL THEM...

...BEFORE YOU DESERVE TO BE CALLED NINJA.

SHHH

CLOTHES DON'T MAKE A SHINOBI. YOU NEED SKILLS GOOD ENOUGH TO RATE A LISTING IN MY BINGO BOOK OF ENEMIES...



NARUTO!!



TAK



THUD



IF HE WANTS TO HOLD ME IN THIS WATER PRISON, HE CAN'T LEAVE THIS PLACE.

EVERYONE, LISTEN! TAKE TAZUNA AND GO!!!

IT'S A FIGHT YOU CAN'T WIN!!!



-UNH-

...BRATS.



...I HAVE TO GET AWAY.

...HE'S AN ELITE NINJA. A REAL ELITE NINJA..

I CAN'T JUST LIE HERE.

TAK



SO GET OUT OF HERE!

IF HIS WATER DOPPELGANGER GETS MORE THAN A CERTAIN DISTANCE AWAY FROM HIS REAL BODY HE LOSES CONTROL OF IT.



TAK



I'LL DIE IF I DON'T. HE'LL KILL ME!

.....THERE'S NO DOUBT OF IT!!



I
SWEAR
BY
THE
PAIN
IN
MY
LEFT
HAND...!



I'M
NOT
GOING
TO BE
THE
ONE
WHO
HANGS
BACK
OR
FREEZES
UP...



I AM NOT GOING TO LET SASUKE OUTDO ME!







AND
I
WON'T....!

GRRR



I SWORE I'D
NEVER
FREEZE
UP OR RUN
AWAY AGAIN...

GOTTA
KEEP
THAT IN
MIND.
I'M A
NINJA
NOW...

!!!

!



STOP,
YOU
FOOL!



TAK!

!!! DDDDDDD



POW



HAH!
IMBECILE..



NARUTO!!
WHAT
ARE
YOU
THINKING?!

HE'S...





HAH...

HEY... YOU...
WHAT'S
LIFE
LIKE
WITHOUT
EYEBROWS,
FREAK?

-PUFF-

-PUFF-



A GUY
WHO IS
GOING
TO BE
THE NEXT
LORD
HOKAGE OF
KONOHAGAKURE
VILLAGE.

GOT
A NEW
LISTING
FOR
YOUR
BINGO
BOOK
RIGHT
HERE!!



PING



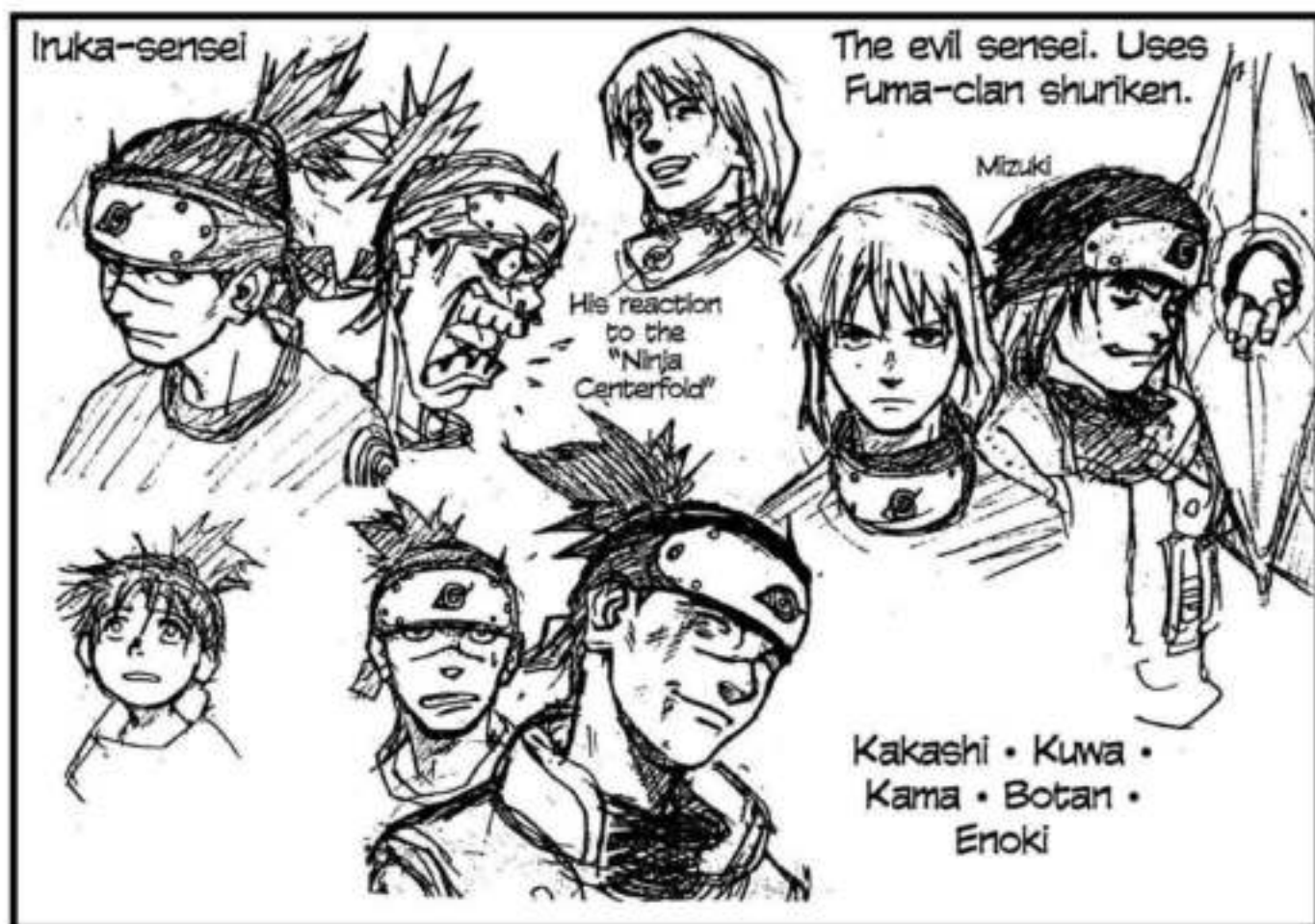
WAAANK



**KONOHA-
SCHOOL
NINJA!**

**UZUMAKI
NARUTO!**





IRUKA & MIZUKI


These were my first sketches of Iruka and Mizuki (see **Naruto** Vol. 1). In the final version, Mizuki's bangs are parted in the center, but otherwise he's pretty much the same. Iruka used to have a more evil look around his eyes, and sharper cheekbones, but I made him more relaxed and younger-looking.

One more thing. When I was originally planning who Iruka and Mizuki's teacher was going to be, I decided on the next teacher's name at the same time. If you look in the bottom right corner, you can see some of the names I considered: *Kakashi* ("scarecrow"), *Kuwa* ("hoe"), *Kama* ("scythe"), *Botan* ("peony" or "button") and *Enoki* (a Chinese nettle tree). Looking back at it, though, I'm really glad I used "Kakashi."



...TO
ROCK
N'
ROLL!...

TIME
FOR
US...

 Number 14: The Secret Plan 



...DO
YOU
REALLY
THINK YOU
STAND
A CHANCE
AGAINST
ME?

HEH
HEH ...
YOU'RE
VERY
SURE OF
YOURSELF.
BUT...



YOU HAVE TO DO YOUR DUTY. KEEP THAT IN MIND.

WE'RE HERE TO PROTECT MR. TAZUNA!!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? I TOLD YOU TO RUN.

IT'S OVER... IT WAS OVER THE SECOND HE CAUGHT ME!

READ THIS WAY



DARN IT!



WHAT?

...



GRAMPS...?



...GIVE THIS FIGHT EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT.

SO YOU GO AHEAD...



I'VE HAD A REAL LONG LIFE, AND IT WOULD BE WRONG TO LET YOU FOUR KIDS GET YOURSELVES KILLED TRYING TO SAVE ME.

LET'S FACE FACTS. THE TRUTH IS, I GOT US INTO THIS MESS BY LYING...







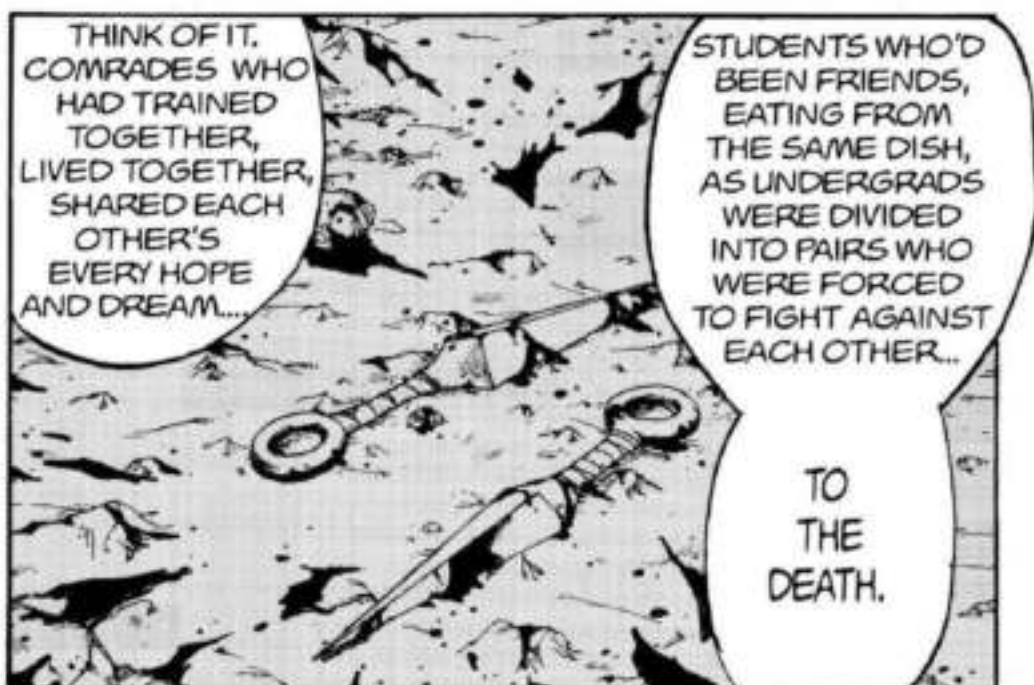
SO...



IN THE VILLAGE-HIDDEN-IN-THE-MIST-ALSO KNOWN AS "THE VILLAGE OF THE BLOODY MIST"...

LONG AGO...













ART OF THE DOPPELGANGER!!!

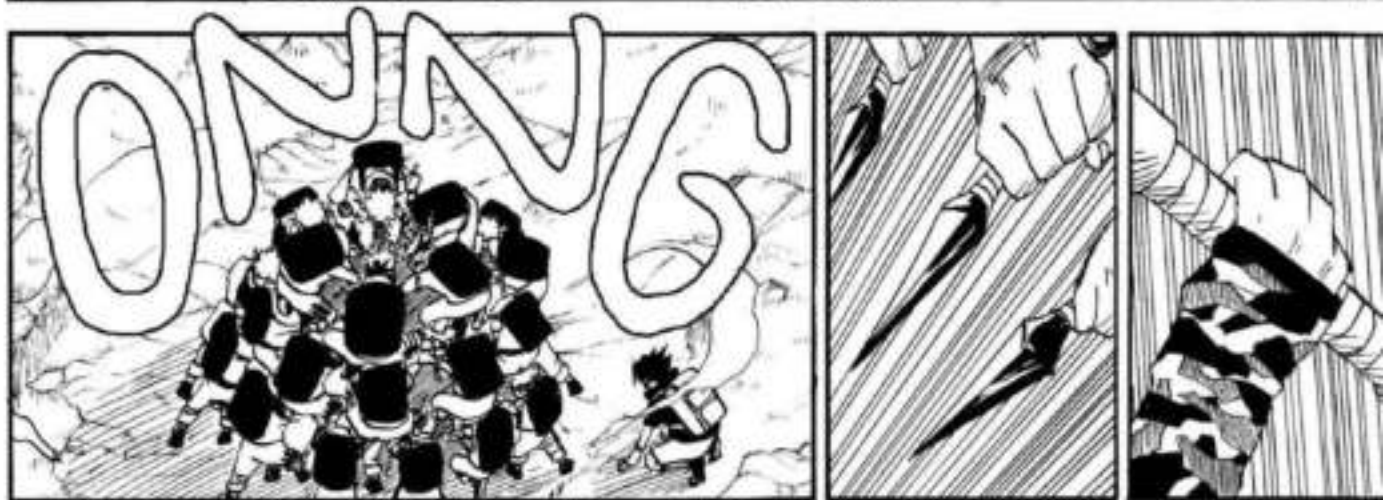




READY
OR
NOT -- !!!

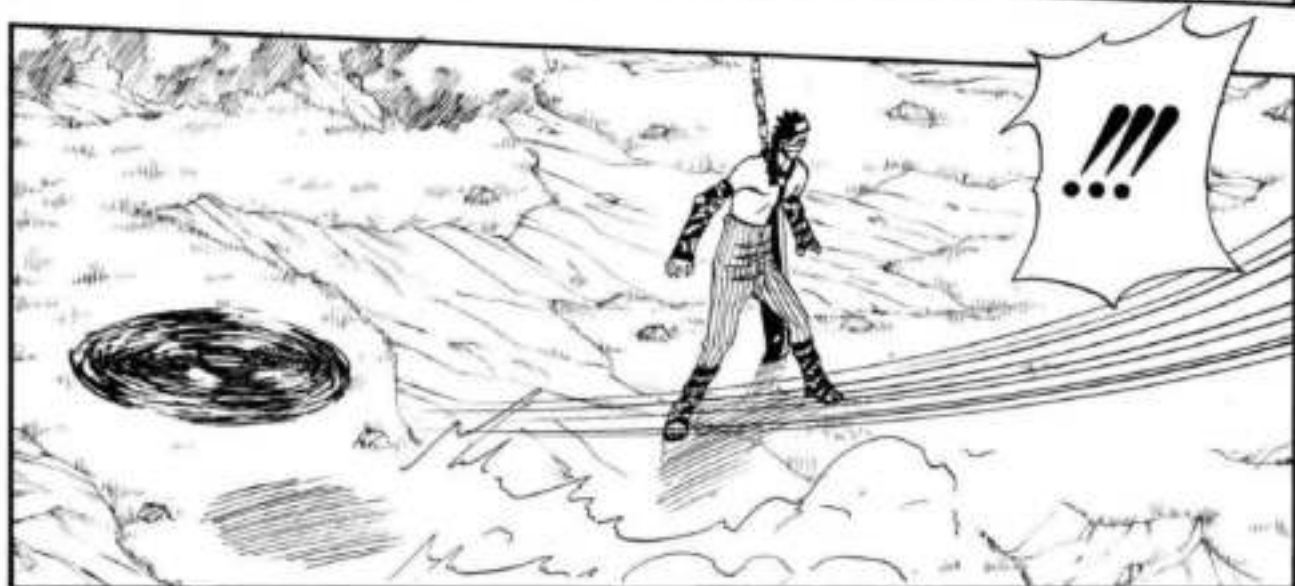
AND
QUITE
ALOT
OF
THEM..

SO...
DOPPEL-
GANGERS,
EH?













THERE WAS
A SECOND
SHURIKEN IN
HIS BLIND
SPOT...?!



HE
DODGED
IT!!!



STILL
AN
AMATEUR!







**Number 15:
Return of the Sharingan**





 Number 15:

Return of the Sharingan





READ THIS WAY







...NARUTO...
YOUR
SCHEME
WAS
BRILLIANT...



M-MASTER
KAKASHI!!!



KOFF-
KOFF-

SPLASH

OF COURSE, I DIDN'T THINK THAT FORM ALONE WOULD BE ENOUGH TO PERMIT ME TO DEFEAT HIM, BUT I WAS AT LEAST ABLE TO FREE YOU FROM HIS WATER PRISON.

THE DOPPELGANGER SPELL WASN'T MEANT TO TAKE DOWN ZABUZA AT ALL. IT DIVERTED HIS ATTENTION AWAY FROM ME WHILE I TRANSFORMED MYSELF INTO THE SECOND WIND SHURIKEN!!



HEH
HEH...

YOU'VE
MATURED...
ALL
OF
YOU...



IT WAS
BROKEN...
FROM
WITHOUT.

NO!!
YOU DIDN'T
DROP YOUR
OWN SPELL.



SO...
YOU MADE
ME FLY
INTO SUCH
A RAGE
THAT I
UNRAVELED
THE
SPELL
HOLDING
THE WATER
PRISON
TOGETHER..

HEH..



壬子 子丑 卯辰 寅巳 酉午 壬申 巳未 戌庚 午酉 子或 丑申 酉卯 戌庚 巳未 子或

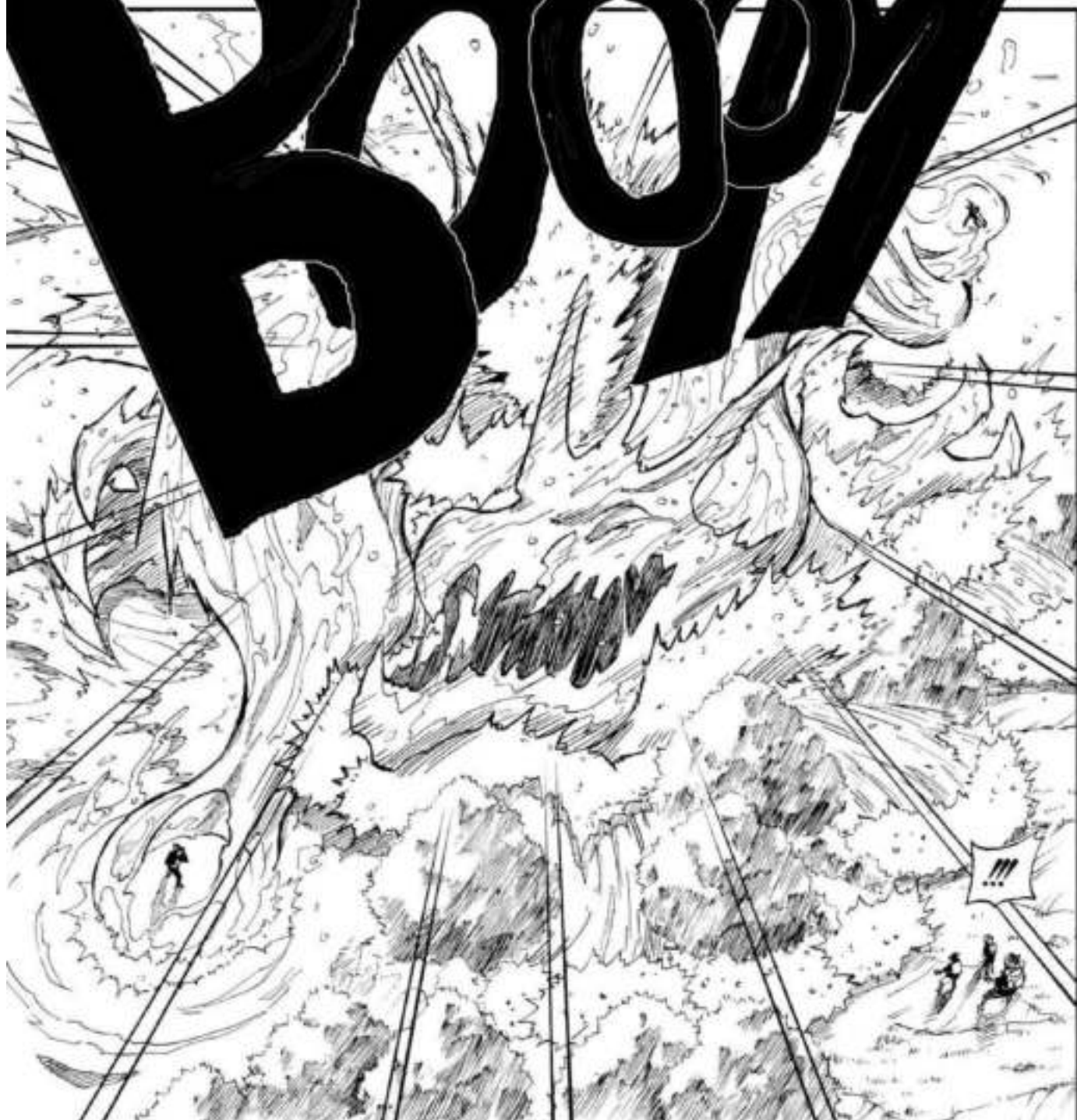
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酉
TORI!
SIGN OF
THE
BIRD!

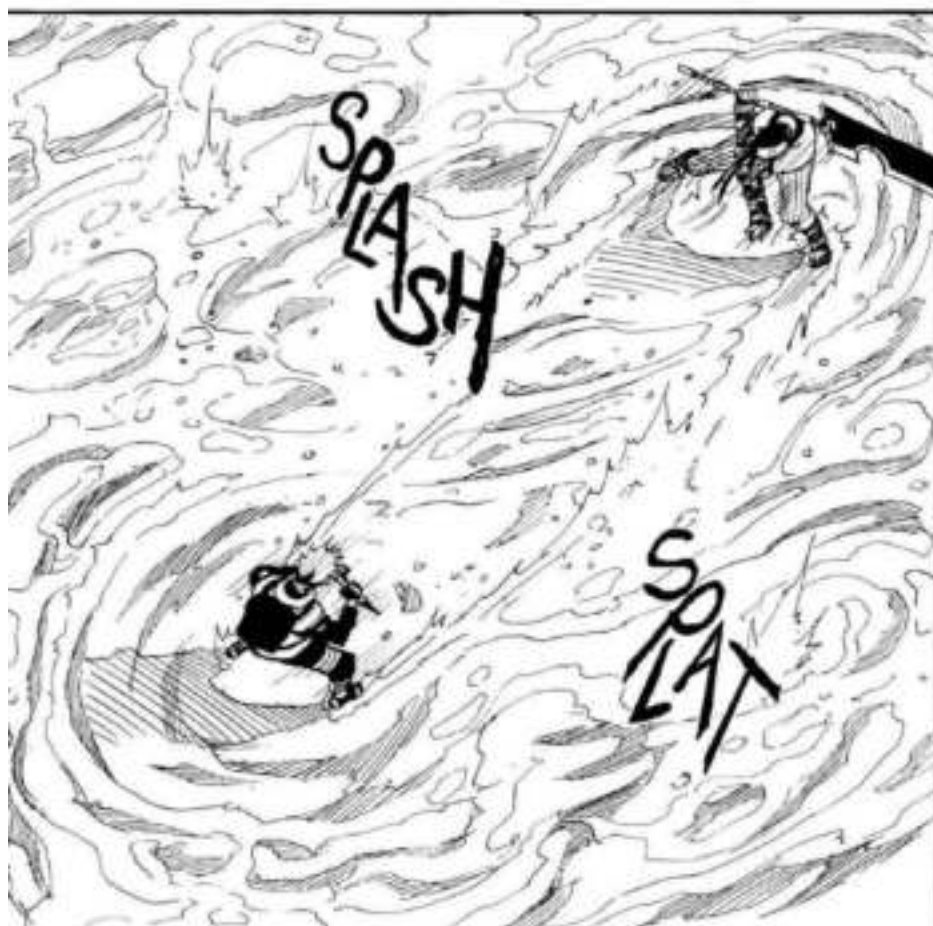
WATER
STYLE!
WATER
DRAGON
MISSILE!

BOOPY

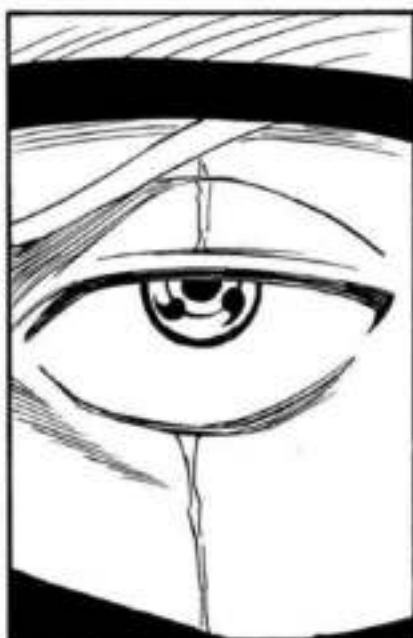


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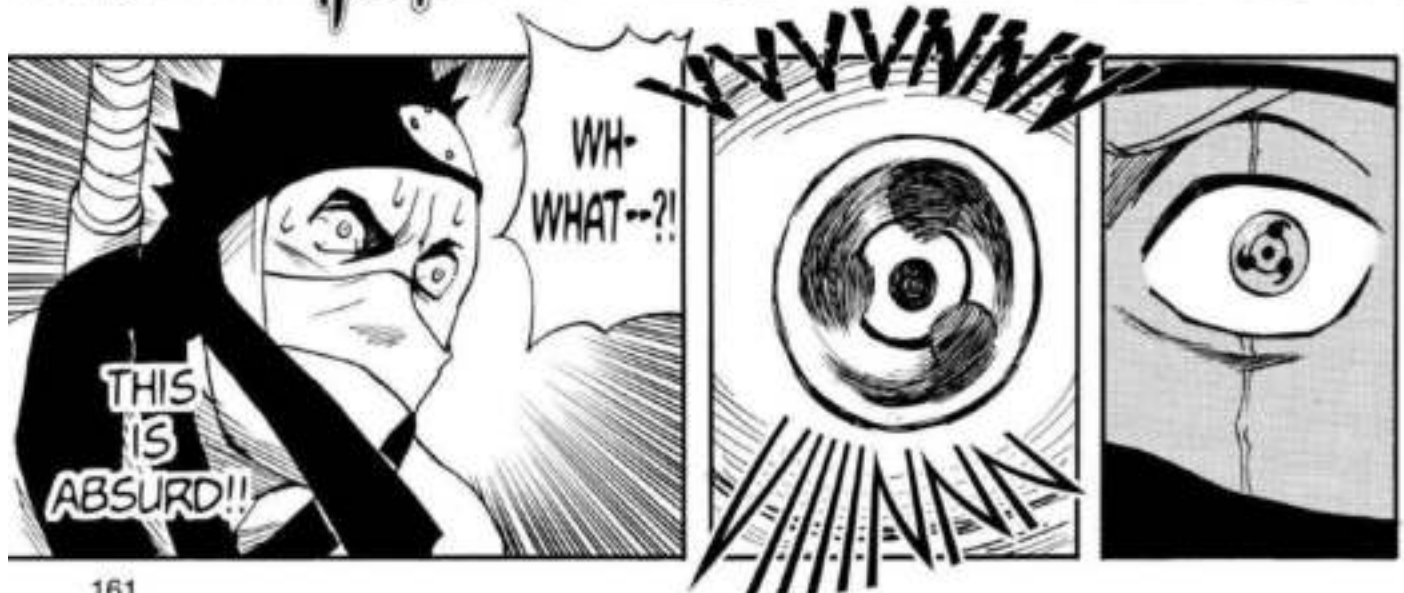














BEFORE I
COULD EVEN
FINISH MY
NINJUTSU,
HE USED
THE SAME
TECHNIQUE
AGAINST ME...!



YAUGH...

AHH...!



AARGH...!

I
CAN'T
KEEP
UP
WITH
HIM!!

SPLASH

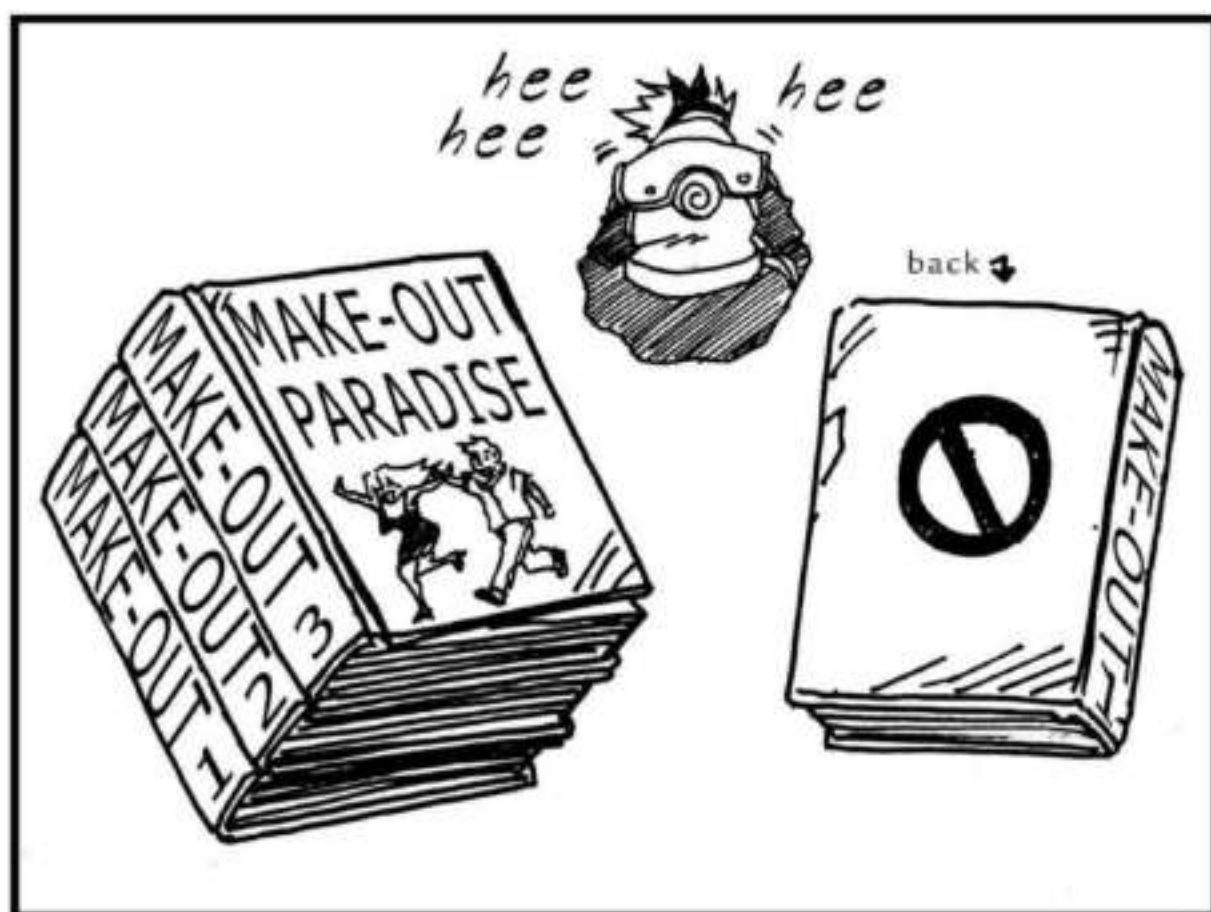






MAKE-OUT PARADISE

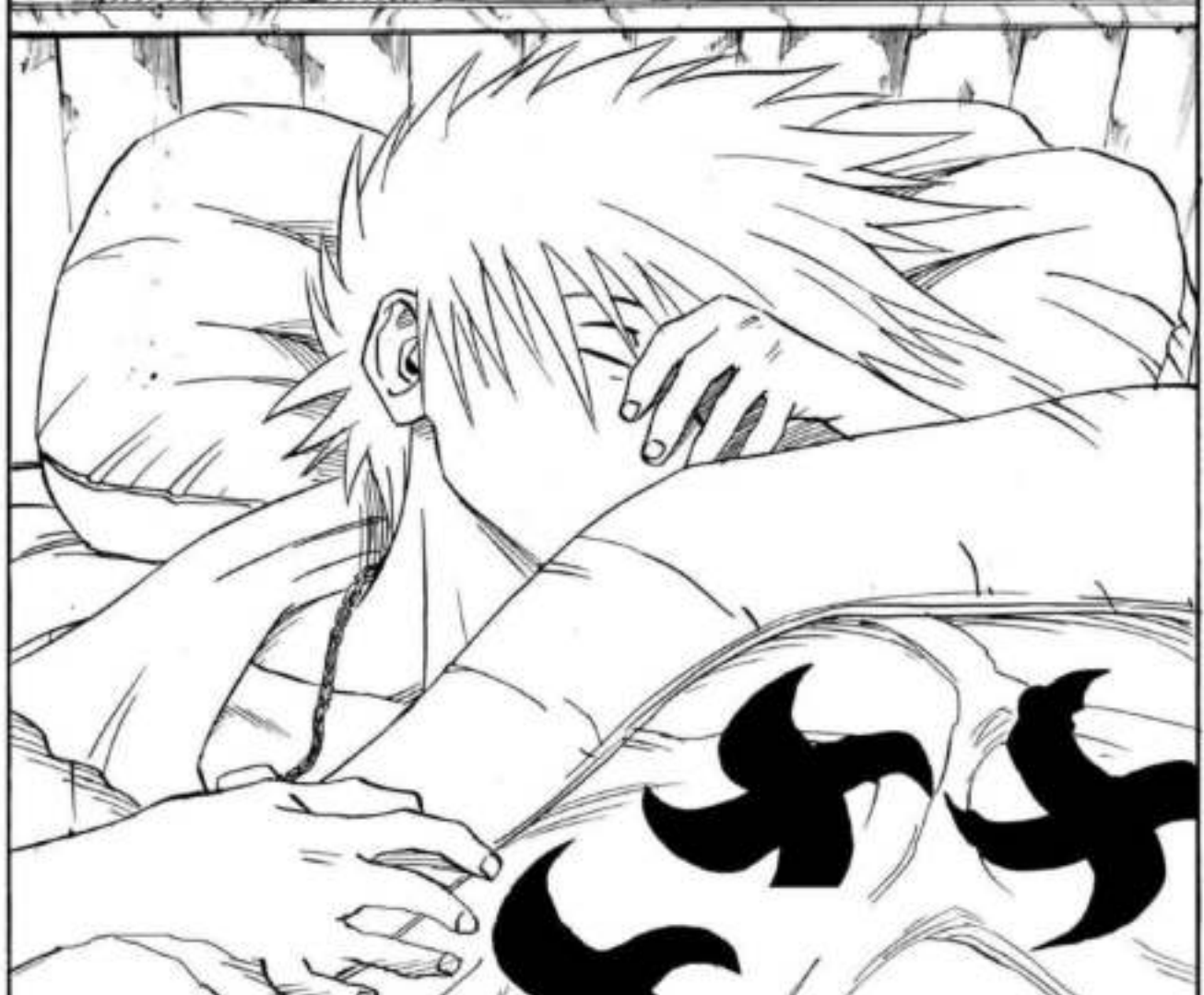
I've gotten a number of letters asking me to tell more about **Make-Out Paradise**, the books Kakashi is always reading. Therefore, I've decided to write a little bit about it.

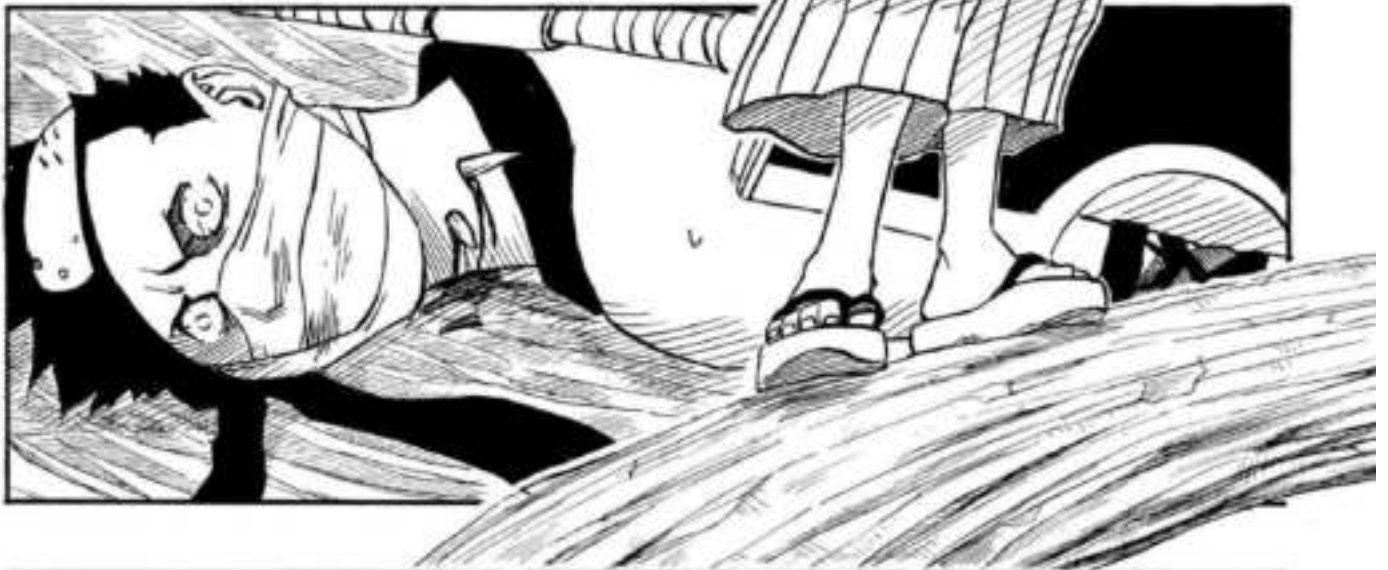


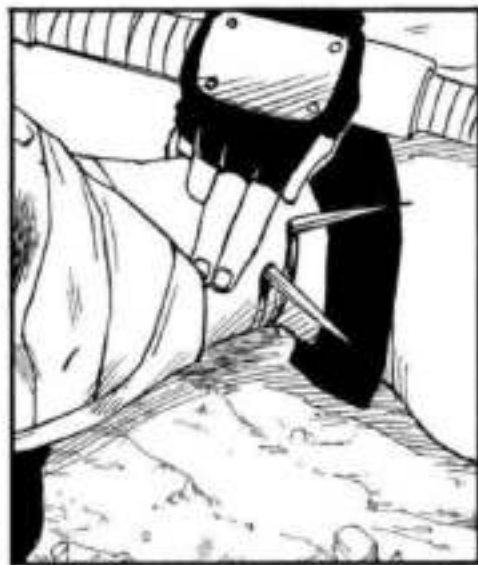
Make-Out Paradise (a three-volume series) is Kakashi's favorite reading material! The plot involves.....

.....Umm...unfortunately, even though **Naruto** is "recommended for ages 13 and up," it's not *quite* "adult" enough to explain the story of **Make-Out Paradise**. Sorry! But I will say that if Kakashi gets his wish, **Make-Out Paradise** Vol. 1 may yet be published in English!

Number 16:
Who Are You?!









... BUT AREN'T YOU A SHINOBI HUNTER FROM THE VILLAGE HIDDEN IN THE MIST?

THE MASK IS FAMILIAR... CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG...



BOW

...I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MY INTERFERING,

BUT I WANTED THE SATISFACTION... OF PUTTING ZABUZA OUT OF HIS MISERY MYSELF!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.



A SHINOBI HUNTER?

DASH



WELL, AREN'T YOU THE SMART ONE?!

...



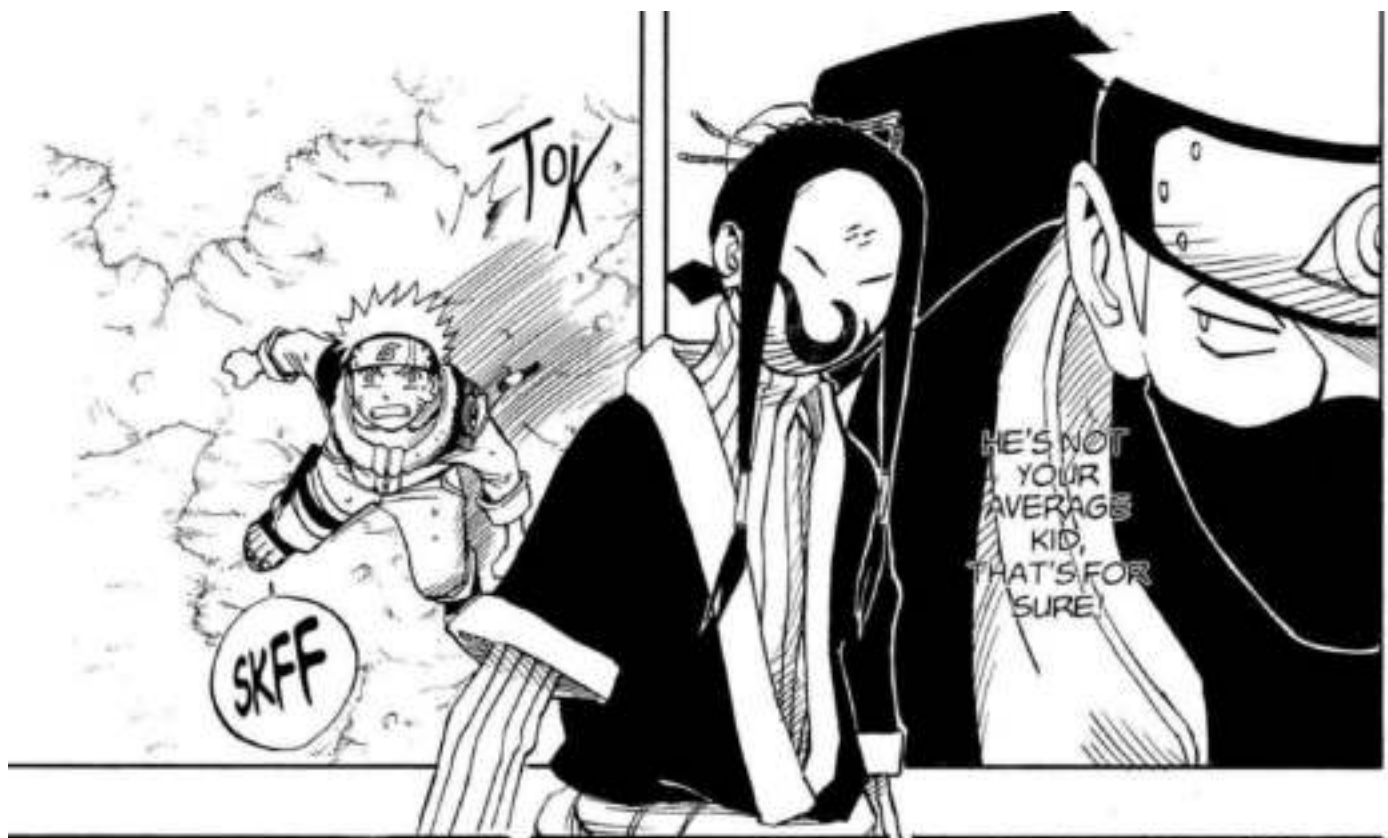
... HE COULDN'T BE MUCH OLDER THAN NARUTO OR MY OTHER STUDENTS, YET...

... HE'S ALREADY A FULL-FLEDGED SHINOBI HUNTER!

... JUDGING BY HIS SIZE AND THE TIMBRE OF HIS VOICE!



I AM, INDEED, A MEMBER OF THE ELITE TRACKING UNIT FROM THE VILLAGE HIDDEN IN THE MIST. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY -- AND OUR ART -- TO HUNT DOWN AND DEAL WITH THE ROGUES AND THE OUTLAWS...





WHO ARE YOU?!!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!!



!

RELAX, NARUTO, HE'S NOT AN ENEMY.

SKF



!

!



...WHO WASN'T EXACTLY A PUSHOVER...

WRANCH!

-- HE KILLED ZABUZA...



THAT'S NOT WHAT I ASKED--! I MEAN... WHAT I MEAN IS --



LIKE IT WAS NOTHING!
WHAT, DO WE SUCK OR SOMETHING?

...BUT STILL GOT TAKEN OUT BY A GUY WHO'S ONLY ABOUT MY AGE!

WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?!



...BUT IT'S A FACT...

...YOU'LL HAVE TO LIVE WITH.

WELL, YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHY. I CAN SEE WHERE A THING LIKE THAT WOULD BE HARD TO ACCEPT

OH.

KRUNCH



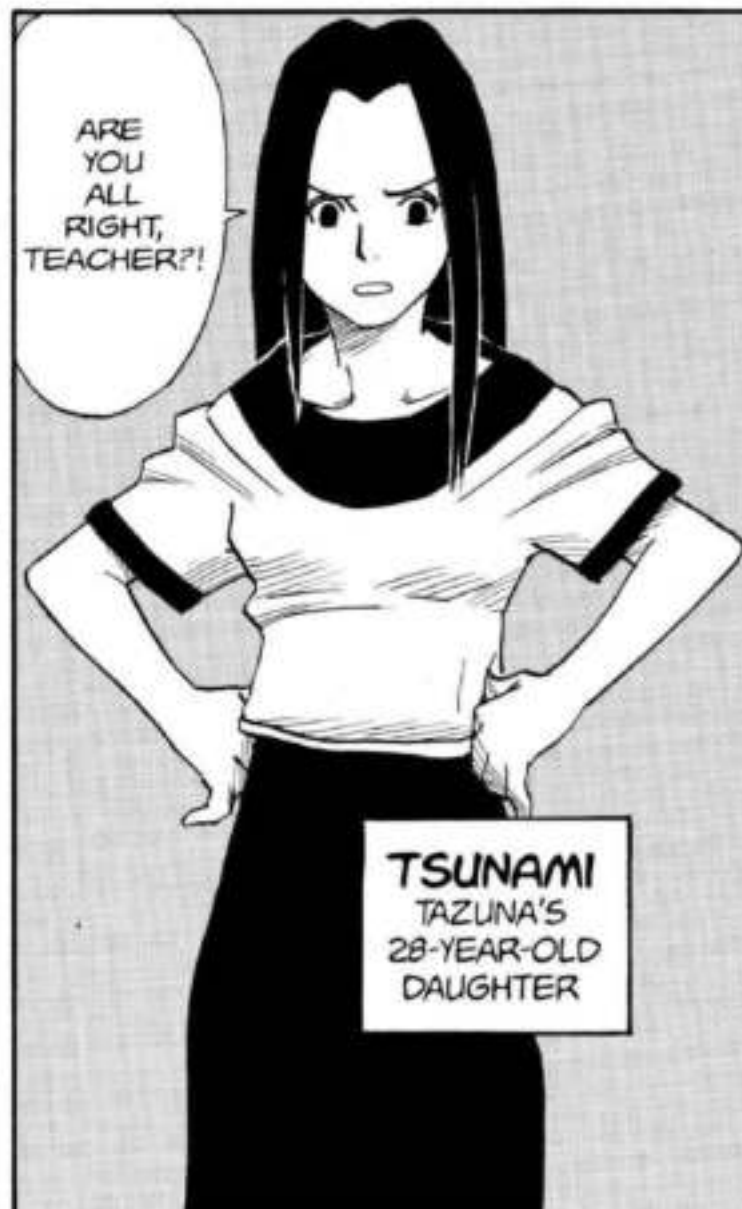
... AND STRONGER THAN ME.



THIS PROBABLY WON'T BE THE LAST TIME WE RUN INTO A KID WHO'S BOTH YOUNGER THAN YOU...









I CAN'T GET MY MIND OFF THAT MASKED KID...



... SO WE CAN PROBABLY RELAX FOR A WHILE...

THIS TIME, YOU TOOK DOWN YOUR STRONGEST FOE YET...



BECAUSE THEY DISPOSE OF CORPSES SO THOROUGHLY, IT'S AS THOUGH THEY NEVER EXISTED...



THEIR UNIT IS CODE-NAMED THE "UNDERTAKER SQUAD",

THE SHINOBI HUNTERS ALL WEAR THEM....

THAT MASK IS WORN BY THE MOST ELITE AND SECRET NINJA FROM THE VILLAGE HIDDEN IN THE MIST...



IN THE WORST CASE, THE ENEMY MIGHT GAIN ENOUGH INFORMATION TO BE ABLE TO DUPLICATE AND MASTER THAT POWER.

IN THE SAME WAY, WHEN I DIE, IF AN ENEMY WERE TO TAKE POSSESSION OF MY REMAINS, THE CORPSE WOULD REVEAL ALL OF THE ANATOMICAL IDIOSYNCRACIES UNIQUE TO POSSESSORS OF THE SHARINGAN EYE...




...EVEN THE INGREDIENTS OF ANY DRUGS OR POTIONS THAT BODY CONSUMED BECOME AN OPEN BOOK.

EVEN AFTER DEATH, A SHINOBI'S CORPSE MAY YIELD UP ITS SECRETS, EXPOSING THE SECRETS OF THE SKILLS IT HAD MASTERED, AS WELL AS RETAINING THE AURA OF THE CHAKRAS IT WAS STEEPED IN IN THE NINJA'S NATIVE LANDS...







I
CAN
DO IT
MYSELF...

ENOUGH!



AWAKE ALREADY?



WELL NOW...



GENTLY, PLEASE, ZABUZA, SIR. IF YOU PULL THOSE OUT ANY WHICH WAY, YOU REALLY WILL KILL YOURSELF!

HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP THAT GHOULISH MASK ON?! TAKE IT OFF!



YOU HAVE ALL THE FINESSE...

POK

...OF A BUTCHER...

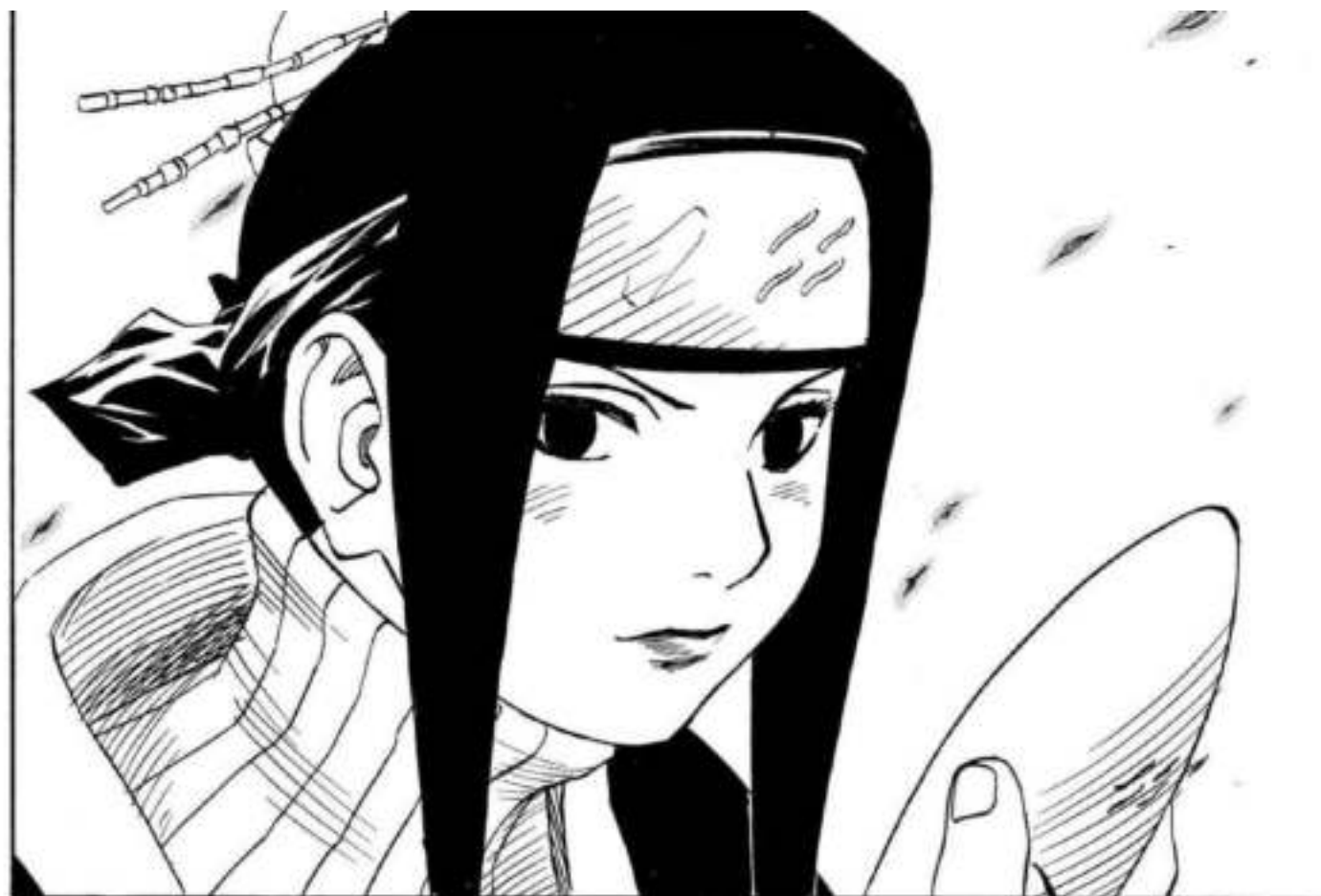


AND IT WAS ALSO USEFUL FOR MY MONKEY PANTOMIME ROUTINE...

POK

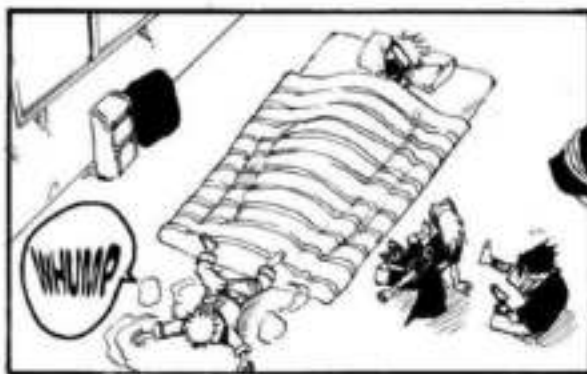


OLD HABITS DIE HARD...





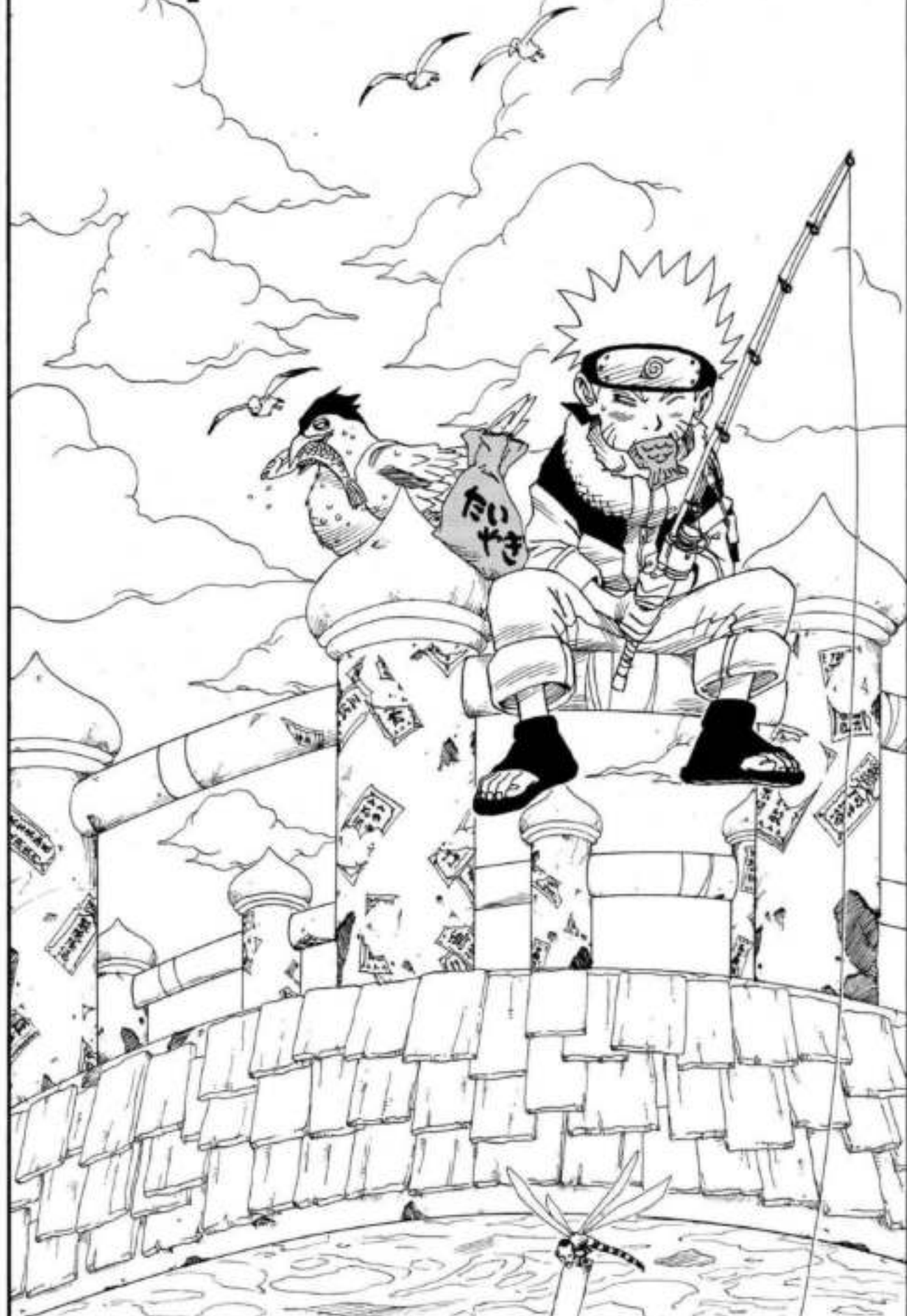






 Number 17:

Preparations for Battle









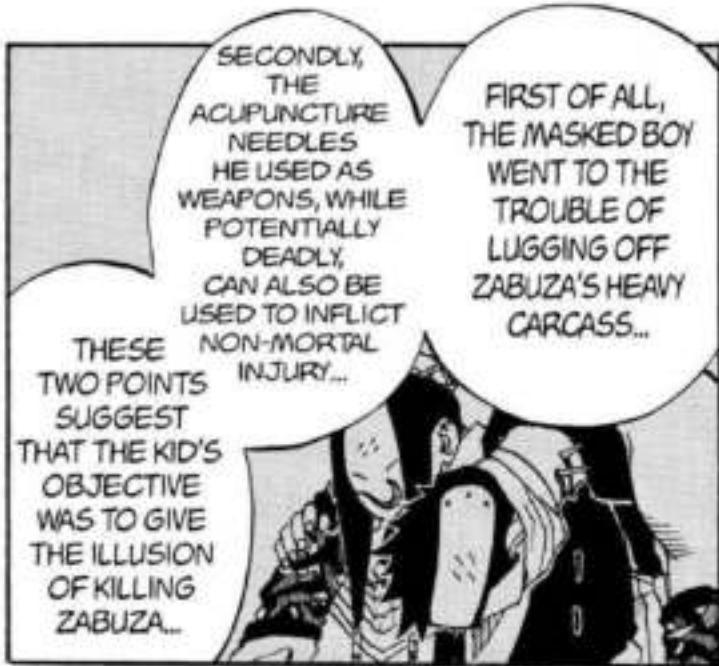




...IF THEY HIT A VITAL SPOT, IF NOT, THE MORTALITY RATE IS SURPRISINGLY LOW...

AND REMEMBER, THEY WERE ORIGINALLY DESIGNED AS MEDICAL TREATMENT TOOLS.

THOSE ACUPUNCTURE NEEDLE WEAPONS THAT SHINOBI HUNTER USED CAN BE DEADLY...



SECONDLY, THE ACUPUNCTURE NEEDLES HE USED AS WEAPONS, WHILE POTENTIALLY DEADLY, CAN ALSO BE USED TO INFLICT NON-MORTAL INJURY...

THESE TWO POINTS SUGGEST THAT THE KID'S OBJECTIVE WAS TO GIVE THE ILLUSION OF KILLING ZABUZA...

FIRST OF ALL, THE MASKED BOY WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF LUGGING OFF ZABUZA'S HEAVY CARCASS...



IT WOULD BE SIMPLE FOR ONE OF THEM TO PLACE A PERSON INTO A NEAR-DEATH STATE.

SHINOBI HUNTERS AND ALL MEMBERS OF ANY VILLAGE'S CORPSE DISPOSAL SQUAD MUST POSSESS AN INTIMATE AND THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY.



SHINOBI HUNTERS ARE SUPPOSED TO HUNT OUTLAW SHINOBI, RIGHT?

AREN'T YOU JUST COMPLICATING THINGS BY OVER-THINKING THEM?



THINGS MAY BE JUST THE WAY THEY SEEMED... BUT WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THE OTHER POSSIBILITY.

...WHILE HE RESCUED HIM.



...NARUTO...?
WELL, HE
SEEMS A
LOT MORE
GROWN-UP
THAN HE
USED TO,
BUT...



EVEN IF
ZABUZA IS ALIVE,
HOW CAN WE
JUST TRAIN
WITHOUT
KNOWING
WHEN HE MAY
RETURN AND
STRIKE AGAIN?

BUT,
MASTER!!



...THE SKILLS I
TEACH YOU NOW
WILL BE AN
INTERIM
THING ONLY,
TO TIDE US
OVER UNTIL I
RECOVER
ENOUGH TO
TAKE OVER..

BUT
THAT
BEING
SAID...



COULD
BE
FUN!

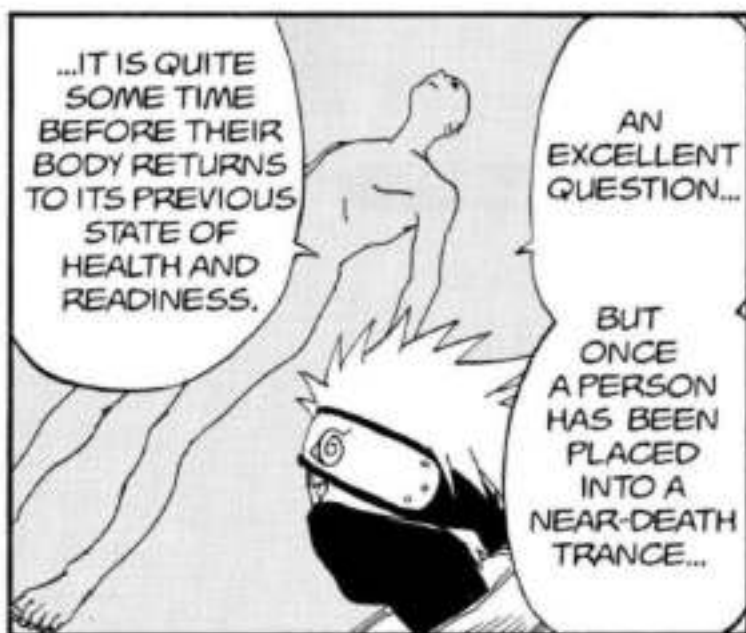
SO
WE'LL
TRAIN
WHILE
WE'RE
WAITING!



...IT IS QUITE
SOME TIME
BEFORE THEIR
BODY RETURNS
TO ITS PREVIOUS
STATE OF
HEALTH AND
READINESS.

AN
EXCELLENT
QUESTION...

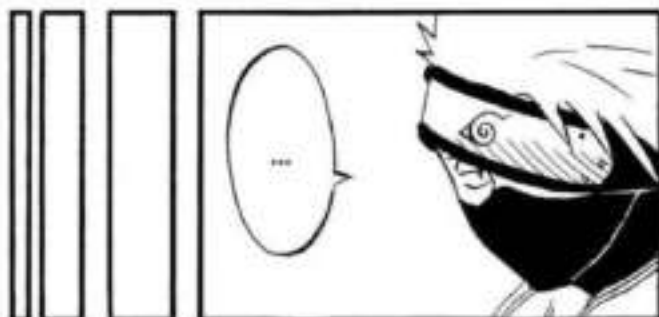
BUT
ONCE
A PERSON
HAS BEEN
PLACED
INTO A
NEAR-DEATH
TRANCE...















PAY ATTENTION, NARUTO!! IT'S A PAIN, BUT I'LL TRY TO KEEP IT SIMPLE! TRY TO FIND SOME STORAGE SPACE FOR THIS INFORMATION SOMEWHERE IN THAT SHINY, SMOOTH BRAIN OF YOURS.



SAKURA!!



ALL RIGHT!

TOGETHER, THOSE TWO FORMS OF ENERGY ARE WHAT MAKE UP THE CHAKRAS.



(2) THOSE OF THE MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL ENERGY ACQUIRED OVER THE COURSE OF MUCH TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE...



(1) THOSE OF THE BODY, DRAWN FROM EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE APPROXIMATELY 13 TRILLION CELLS THAT ARE BELIEVED TO MAKE UP THE HUMAN BODY...

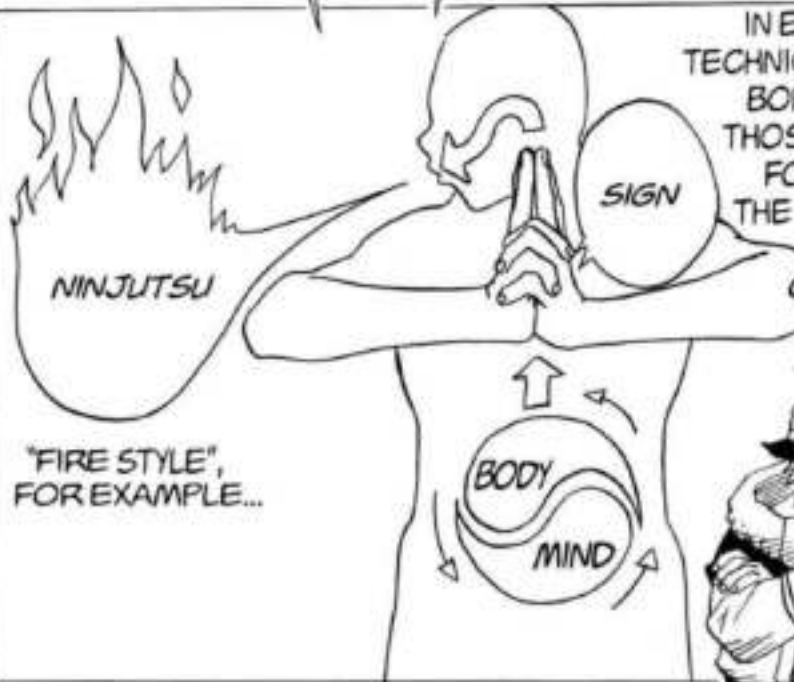


CHAKRAS ARE, TO PUT IT SIMPLY, THE ENERGIES THAT A SHINOBI REQUIRES IN ORDER TO PERFORM NINJUTSU. BASICALLY, THESE ENERGIES ARE:

-THE LOVELY NINJA MAIDEN SAKURA EXPLAINS IT ALL FOR YOU-
THE STORY OF CHAKRAS!!



• READ AND REPEAT UNTIL YOU FIND IT STARTS TO MAKE SENSE...



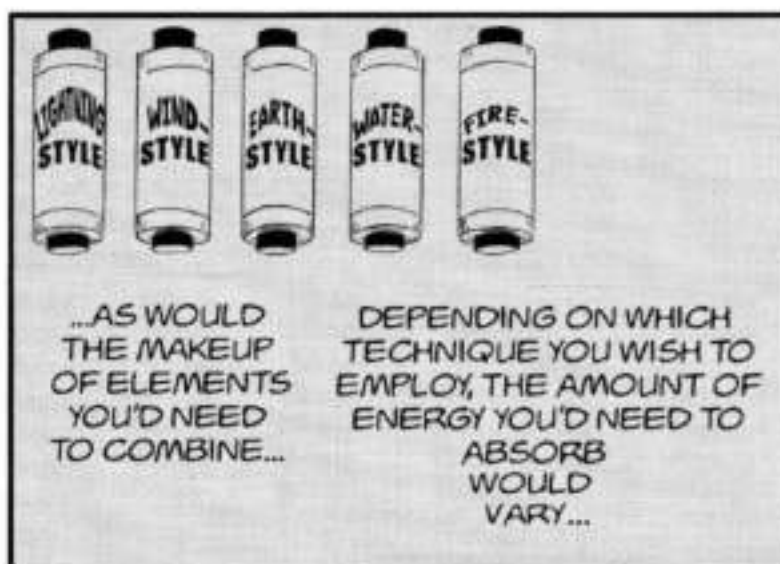
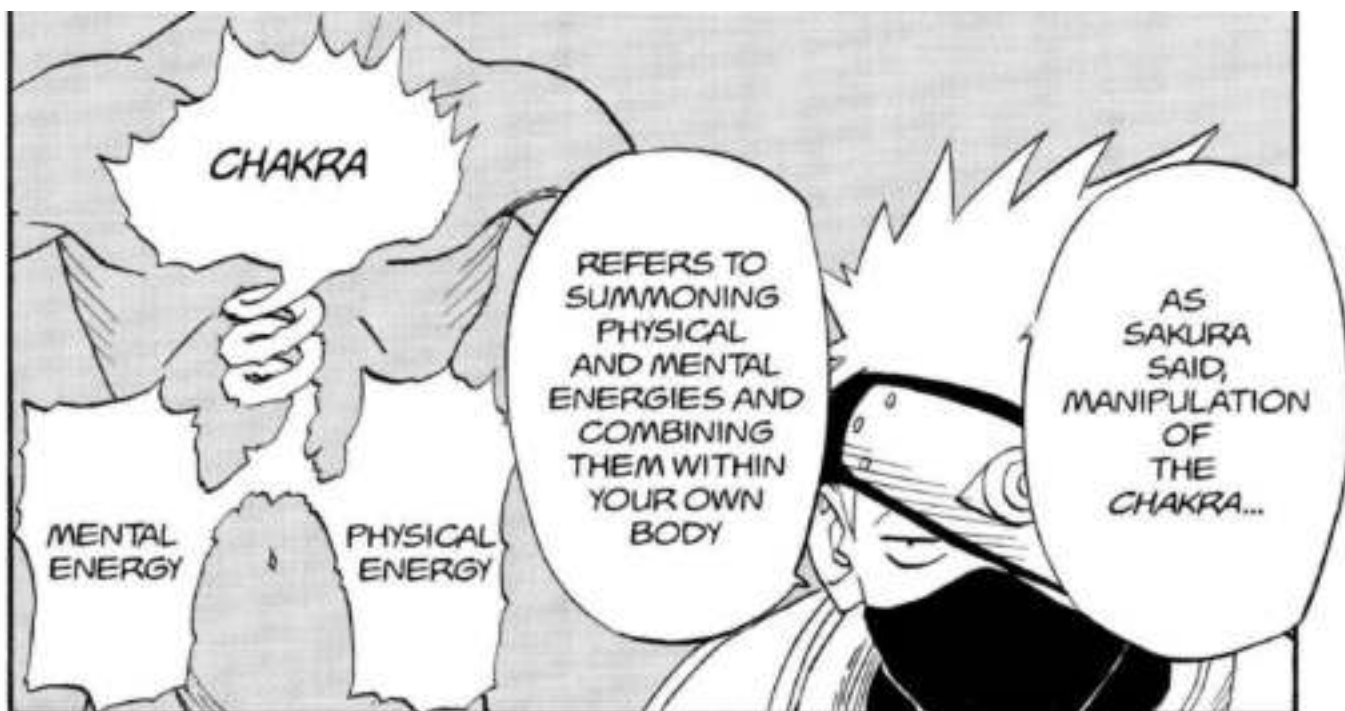
"FIRE STYLE", FOR EXAMPLE...

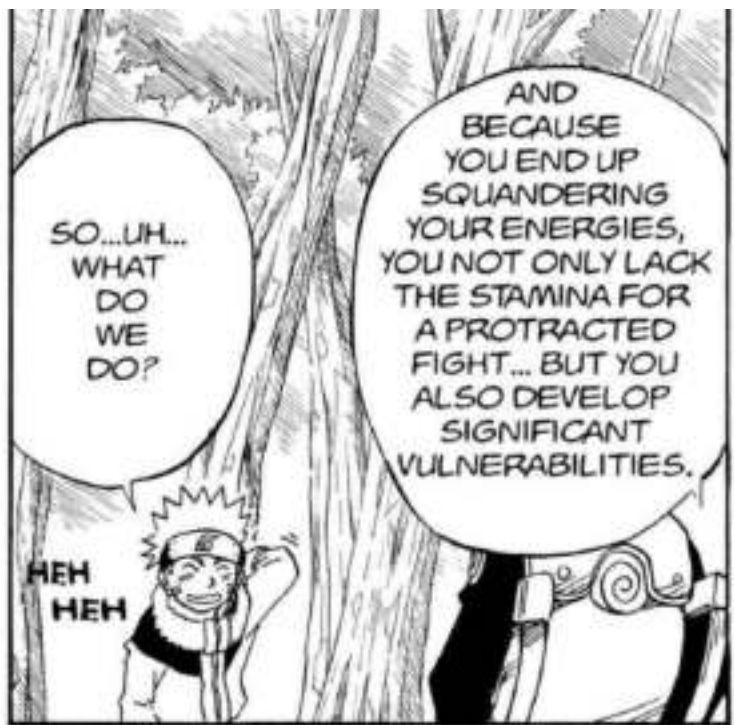
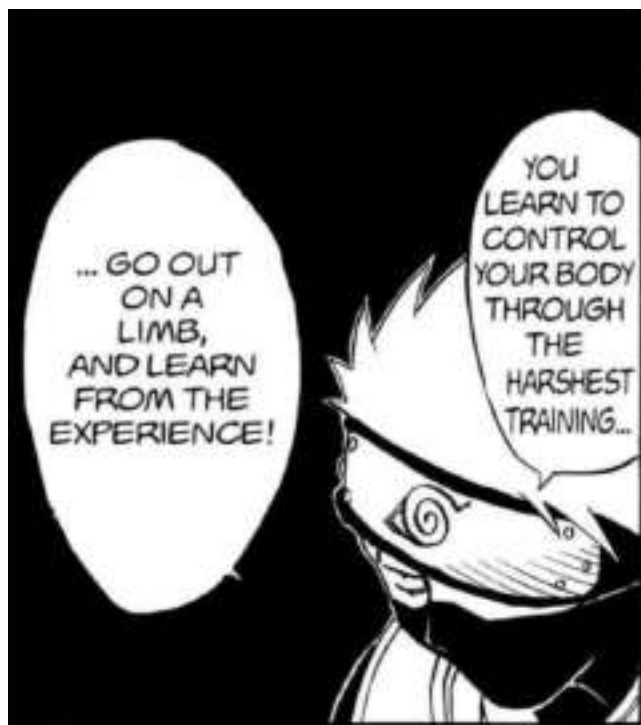
IN EFFECT, ALL THE ARTS AND TECHNIQUES OF THE SHINOBI ARE BORN OF A COMBINATION OF THOSE 2 ENERGIES, BROUGHT FORTH FROM THE BODY AND THE SPIRIT--IN WHAT IS CALLED "MANIPULATING THE CHAKRAS"--AND FOCUSED IN THE MYSTIC PROCESS KNOWN AS "WEAVING THE SIGNS."



"LOVELY NINJA MAIDEN...?!"







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