



NARUTO

SHONEN JUMP MANGA

Story & Art by

Masashi Kishimoto volume

12



岸本 齊史

Recently, DVDs have become prominent at movie rental stores. Certainly, DVDs are nice because unlike videotapes, you can just rent one disc and not have to choose what kind of audio track you want or whether you want subtitles or not until right when you watch it. That's really great, but...DVDs don't include coming attractions before the main feature. That's what I was looking forward to...

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2002

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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SAKURA サクラ

Smart and studious, Sakura is the brightest of Naruto's classmates, but she's constantly distracted by her crush on Sasuke. Her goal: to win Sasuke's heart!

NARUTO ナルト

When Naruto was born, a destructive fox spirit was imprisoned inside his body. Spurned by the older villagers, he's grown into an attention-seeking troublemaker. His goal: to become the village's next Hokage.

SASUKE サスケ

The top student in Naruto's class, Sasuke comes from the prestigious Uchiha clan. His goal: to get revenge on a mysterious person who wronged him in the past.





Neji ネジ

Part of the Cadet Branch of the Hyuga Clan, as opposed to the Main Branch to which Hinata belongs. Neji is widely considered to be a genius.



Gaara 我愛羅

Bloodthirsty Gaara is one of the scariest ninja competing in the Chūnin exams.



Shikamaru シカマル

One of Naruto's classmates. He specializes in the Shadow Possession jutsu, and is a skilled ninja despite his lazy demeanor.



Hyuga Hiashi

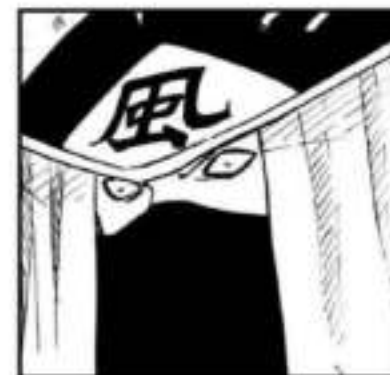
日向ヒアシ

The head of the main branch of the Hyuga family and Neji's uncle.



Hokage 火影

The leader of Konohagakure. He was retired, but stepped back into the position when the fourth Hokage was killed by the nine-tailed fox spirit.



Kazekage 風影

The leader of Sunagakure (the Village Hidden in the Sand) within the Land of Wind.

THE STORY SO FAR...

Twelve years ago, a destructive nine-tailed fox spirit attacked the ninja village of Konohagakure. The Hokage, or village champion, defeated the fox by sealing its soul into the body of a baby boy. Now that boy, Uzumaki Naruto, has grown up to become a ninja-in-training, learning the art of ninjutsu with his teammates Sakura and Sasuke.

The preliminaries of the Third Exam are over and Sasuke, Shino, Kankuro, Temari, Shikamaru, Naruto, Neji, Gaara and Dosu have all passed and remain in the running. During the month of preparation time before the finals, Naruto trains with Jiraiya and brilliantly manages to draw out the Nine-Tailed Fox's chakra. The final round begins amid the swirling intrigue of Orochimaru and company. In the first battle, Naruto squares off against Neji, but...?!



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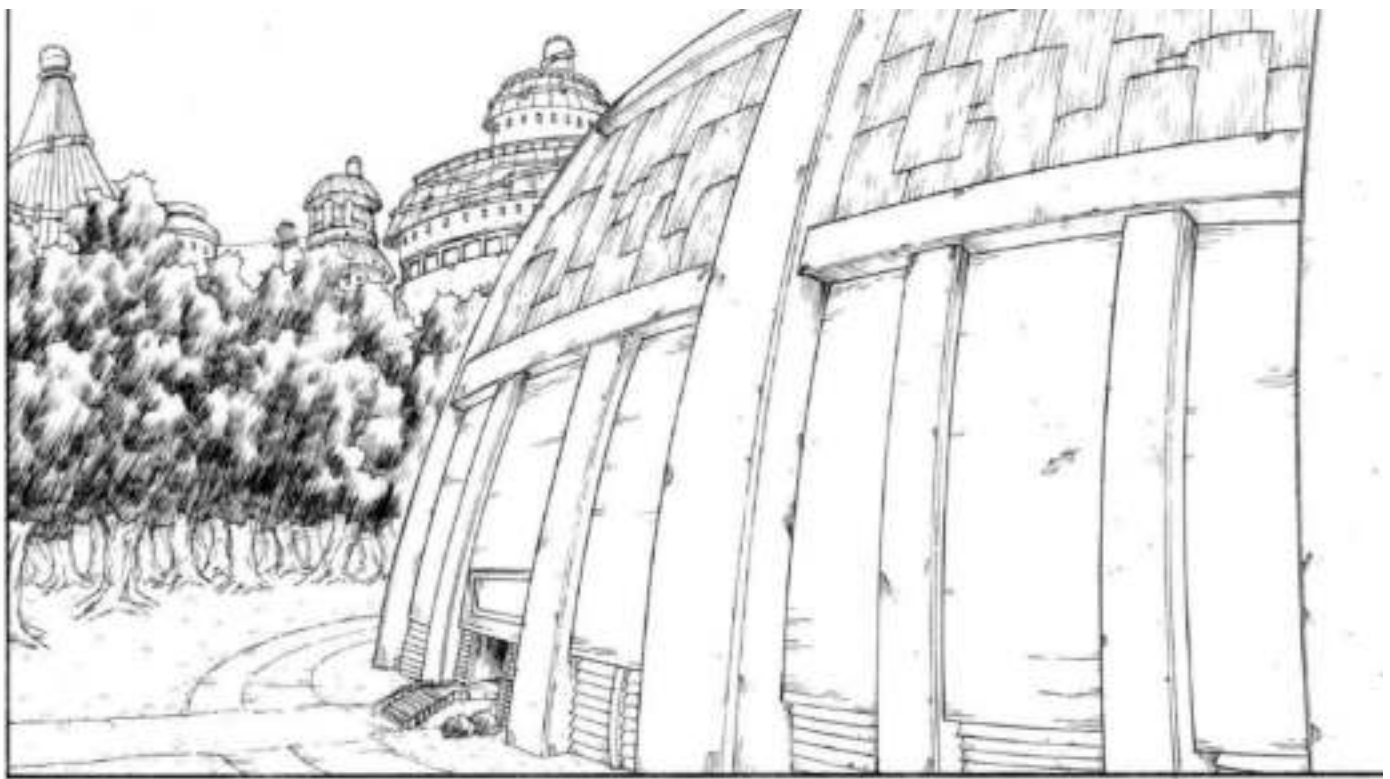


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 Number 100:



Prepared to Lose...!!







KAGE-
BUNSHIN
NO
JUTSU!
ART
OF THE
SHADOW
DOPPEL-
GANGER



SWATH



...SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS ?!



...SHADOW DOPPELGANGER IS A JŌNIN-LEVEL TECHNIQUE.

HEH... HE'S A QUIRKY KID.

I'M SURPRISED THAT HE CAN PULL OFF SOMETHING SO ADVANCED...



THIS IS GONNA BE INTERESTING...



GOOD THINKING, NARUTO! SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS ARE IDEAL...



...EVEN MY BYAKUGAN WON'T ENABLE (ME TO) DETERMINE WHICH OF THE BODIES IS THE GENUINE ARTICLE.

I SEE... SINCE HIS CHAKRA IS EQUALLY AND EVENLY DISTRIBUTED AMONG ALL OF THE DOPPELGANGERS...



...IT'S USELESS... NEJI'S DEFENSE IS PERFECT...



HEH... DON'T BE TOO CONFIDENT!

THEN COME AT ME... IF YOU DARE...



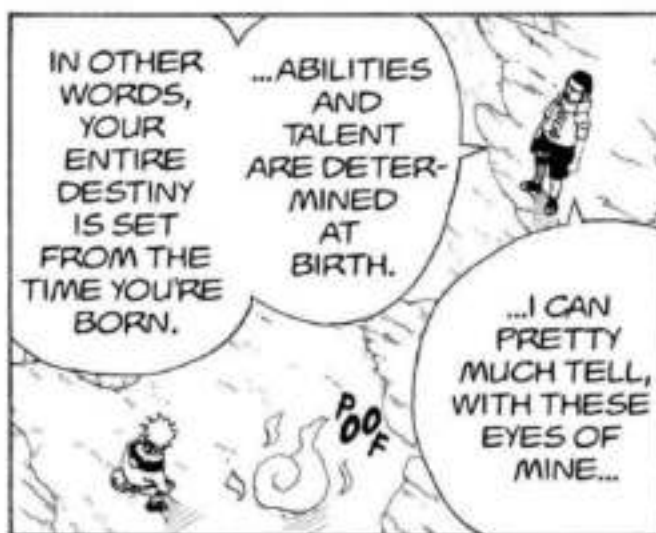
BUT... IN THE END, THERE IS ONLY ONE ACTUAL BODY.















I
GUESS
I'M
JUST
A
SORE
LOSER!!



WELL...
SO
WHAT?!



THAT FOOL...
IF HE KEEPS
MAKING SO MANY
DOPPELGANGERS,
HE'LL RUN OUT
OF CHAKRA IN
NO TIME...

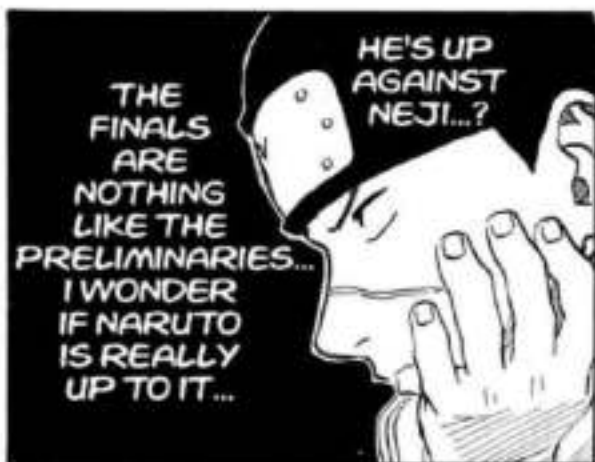
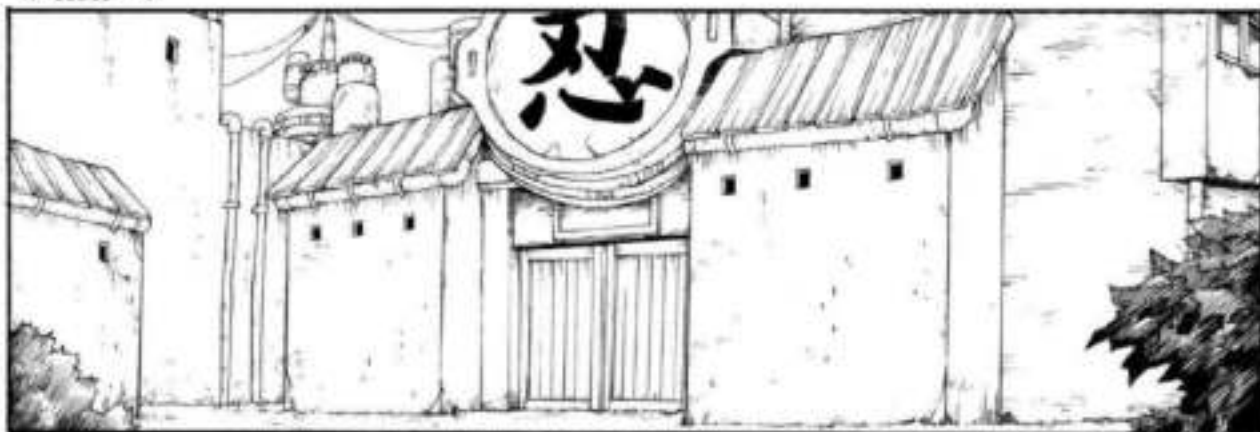


HMPH!
I TOLD YOU... YOU
SHOULDN'T MAKE
ASSUMPTIONS
ABOUT THE
FUTURE!



I'VE SEEN
THROUGH
YOUR
PATTERN
OF
ATTACK
ALREADY.

I'M
NOT
AN
IDIOT,
YOU
KNOW.

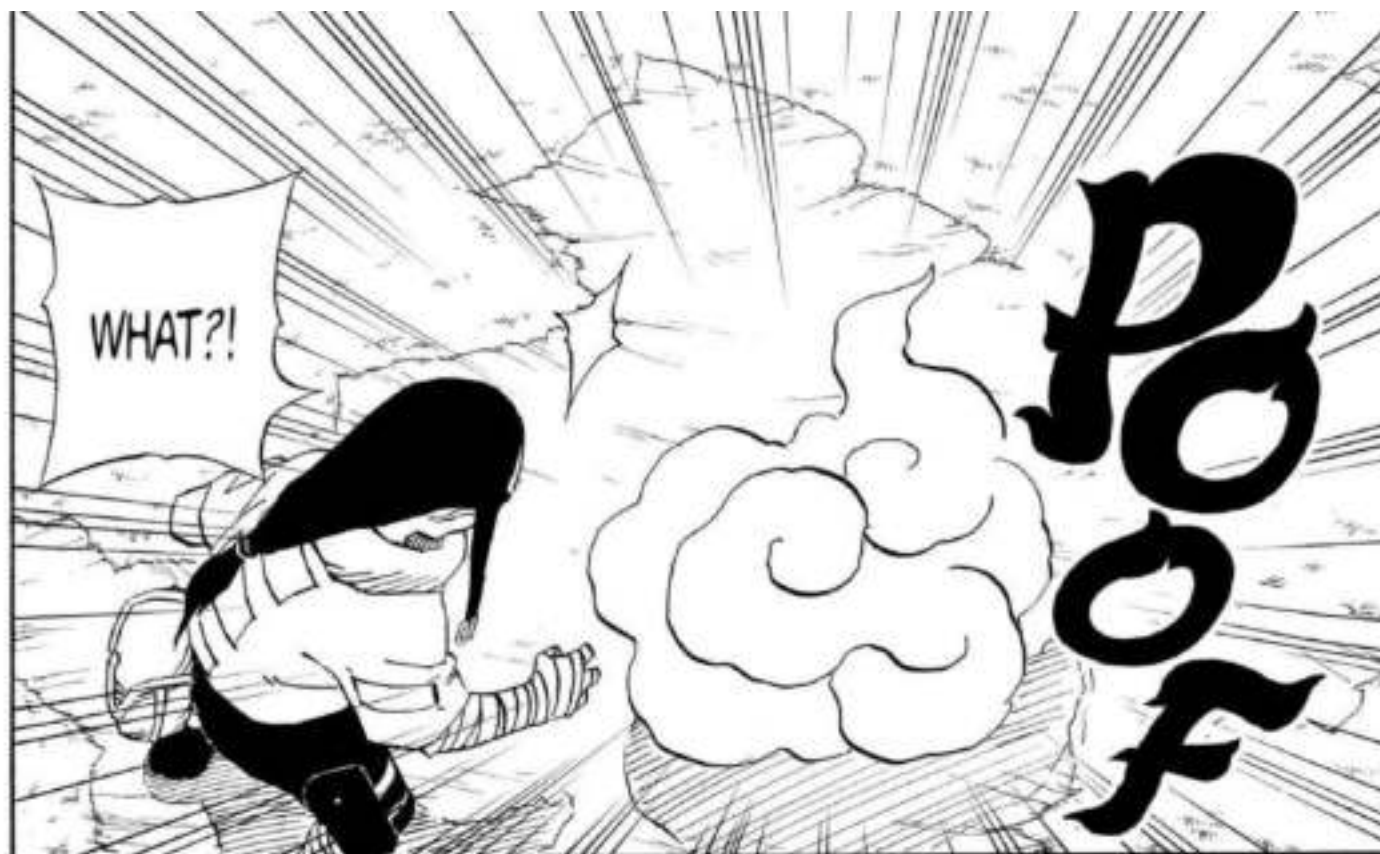












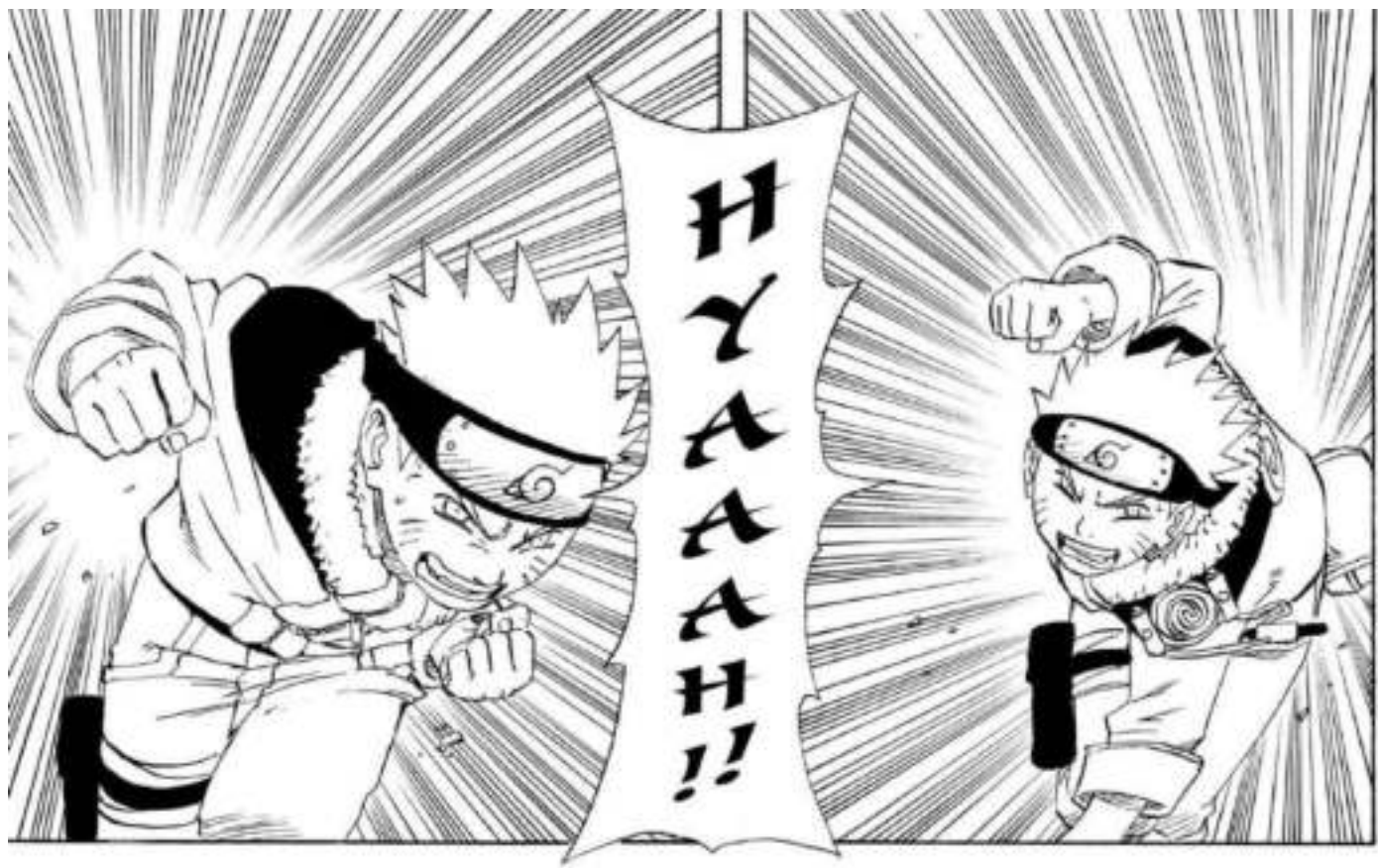



A MESSAGE FROM KISHIMOTO MASASHI TO ALL OF HIS ASSISTANTS

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S ALREADY BEEN OVER TWO YEARS SINCE WE STARTED WORKING ON *NARUTO*! I WANT TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE TO ALL OF YOU, WHO ALWAYS LISTEN SILENTLY TO MY SELFISH, UNREASONABLE DEMANDS AND CATER TO MY EVERY WHIM.

I HAVE BECOME KEENLY AWARE OF THE FACT THAT MANGA IS NOT SOMETHING ONE PERSON CAN CREATE ALL BY HIMSELF. I HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT YOUR HARD WORK IS WHAT HAS ALLOWED *NARUTO* TO COME THIS FAR WHILE MAINTAINING SUCH HIGH STANDARDS OF QUALITY. I TRULY THANK YOU FOR EVERY SINGLE WEEK WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER!!

AND SO, TO ALL OF YOU READERS OUT THERE... STARTING WITH THE NEXT BONUS PAGE, PLEASE ENJOY THE COMMEMORATIVE *NARUTO* SECOND ANNIVERSARY DRAWINGS BY MY INSPIRING AND DEDICATED ASSISTANTS!



umber 101: The Other...!!



Number 101:

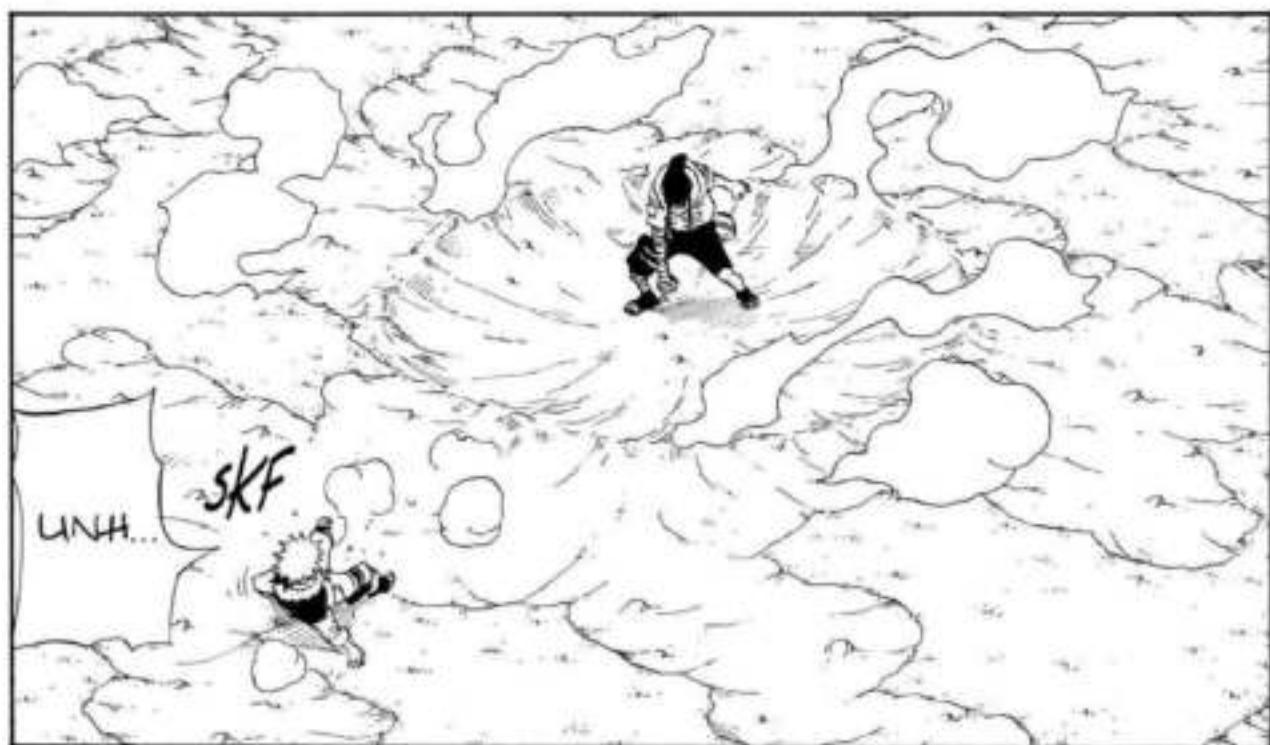


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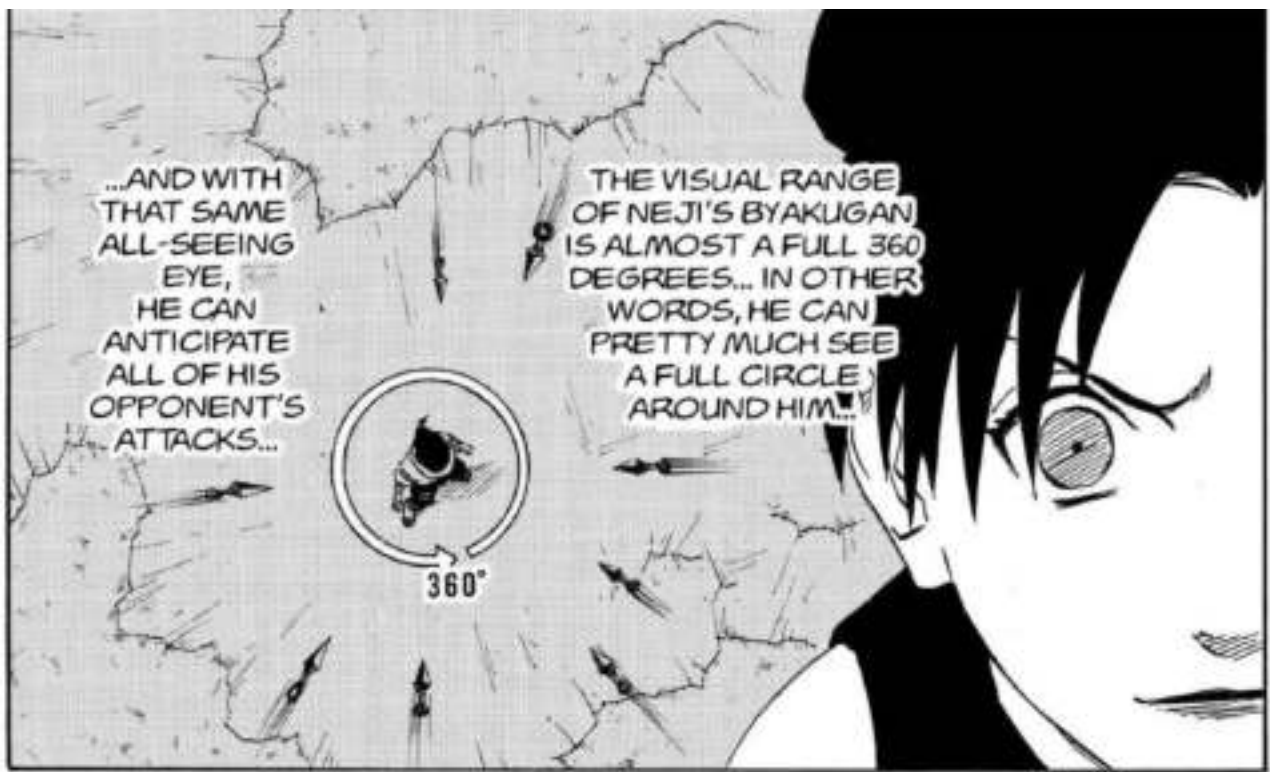












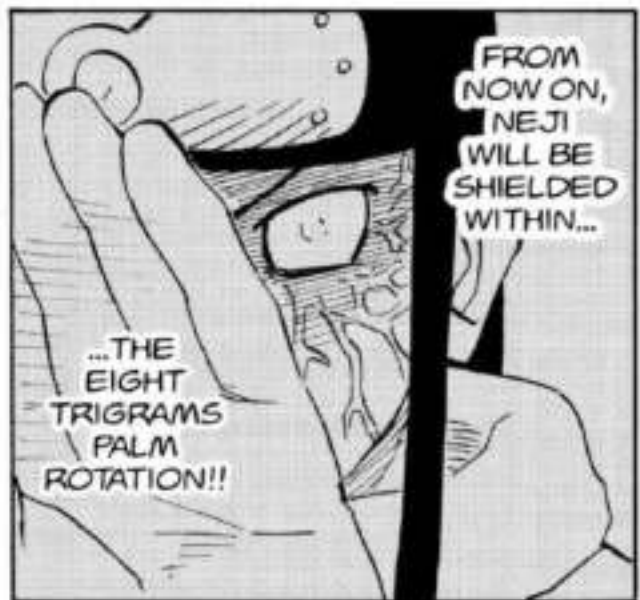
...AND WITH THAT SAME ALL-SEEING EYE, HE CAN ANTICIPATE ALL OF HIS OPPONENT'S ATTACKS...

THE VISUAL RANGE OF NEJI'S BYAKUGAN IS ALMOST A FULL 360 DEGREES... IN OTHER WORDS, HE CAN PRETTY MUCH SEE A FULL CIRCLE AROUND HIM...



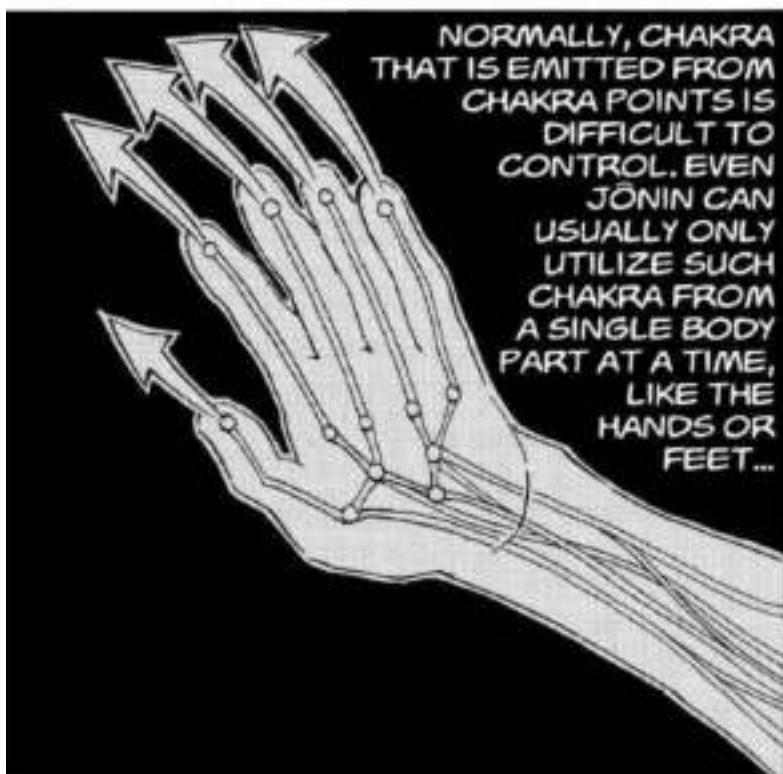
...HALTING THE ENEMY'S ATTACK WITH A COCOON OF CHAKRA.

THE INSTANT BEFORE AN ATTACK REACHES HIM, HE EMITS A LARGE AMOUNT OF CHAKRA FROM CHAKRA POINTS ALL OVER HIS BODY...



FROM NOW ON, NEJI WILL BE SHIELDED WITHIN...

...THE EIGHT TRIGRAMS PALM ROTATION!!

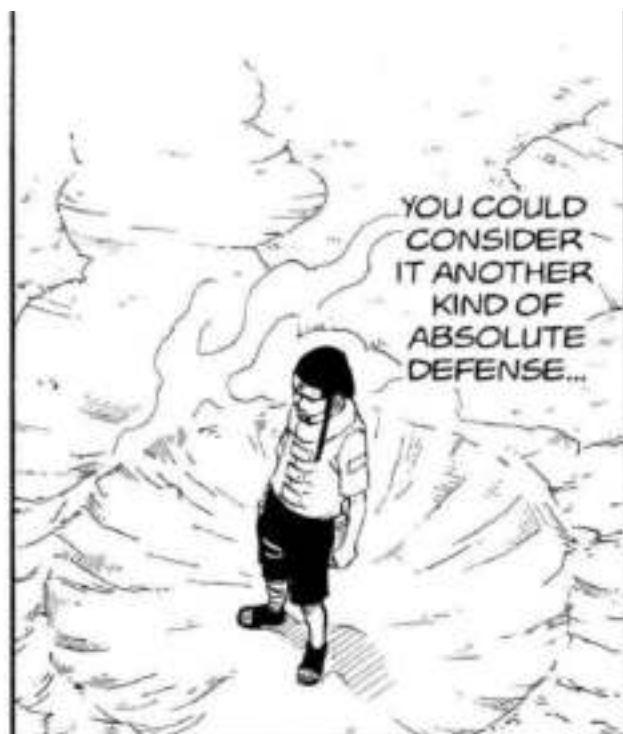


NORMALLY, CHAKRA THAT IS EMITTED FROM CHAKRA POINTS IS DIFFICULT TO CONTROL. EVEN JONIN CAN USUALLY ONLY UTILIZE SUCH CHAKRA FROM A SINGLE BODY PART AT A TIME, LIKE THE HANDS OR FEET...



...REPELLING AND REFLECTING THE ATTACK!!

AND THEN HE MOVES HIS BODY IN A CIRCLE LIKE A SPINNING TOP...



YOU COULD
CONSIDER
IT ANOTHER
KIND OF
ABSOLUTE
DEFENSE...



...AND
WITH
THAT
EMITTED
POWER
ALONE,
CAN
PHYSICALLY
BLOCK
ATTACKS...

BUT NEJI,
A MASTER
OF THE
GENTLE
FIST,
CAN
EMIT
CHAKRA
FROM
HIS
ENTIRE
BODY...



...THAN
GAARA'S!!

...THAT'S
EVEN
MORE
POWERFUL...



BLINK



...HIS
BRILLIANCE
IS FAR
BEYOND
WHAT
I HAD
EVER
IMAGINED...

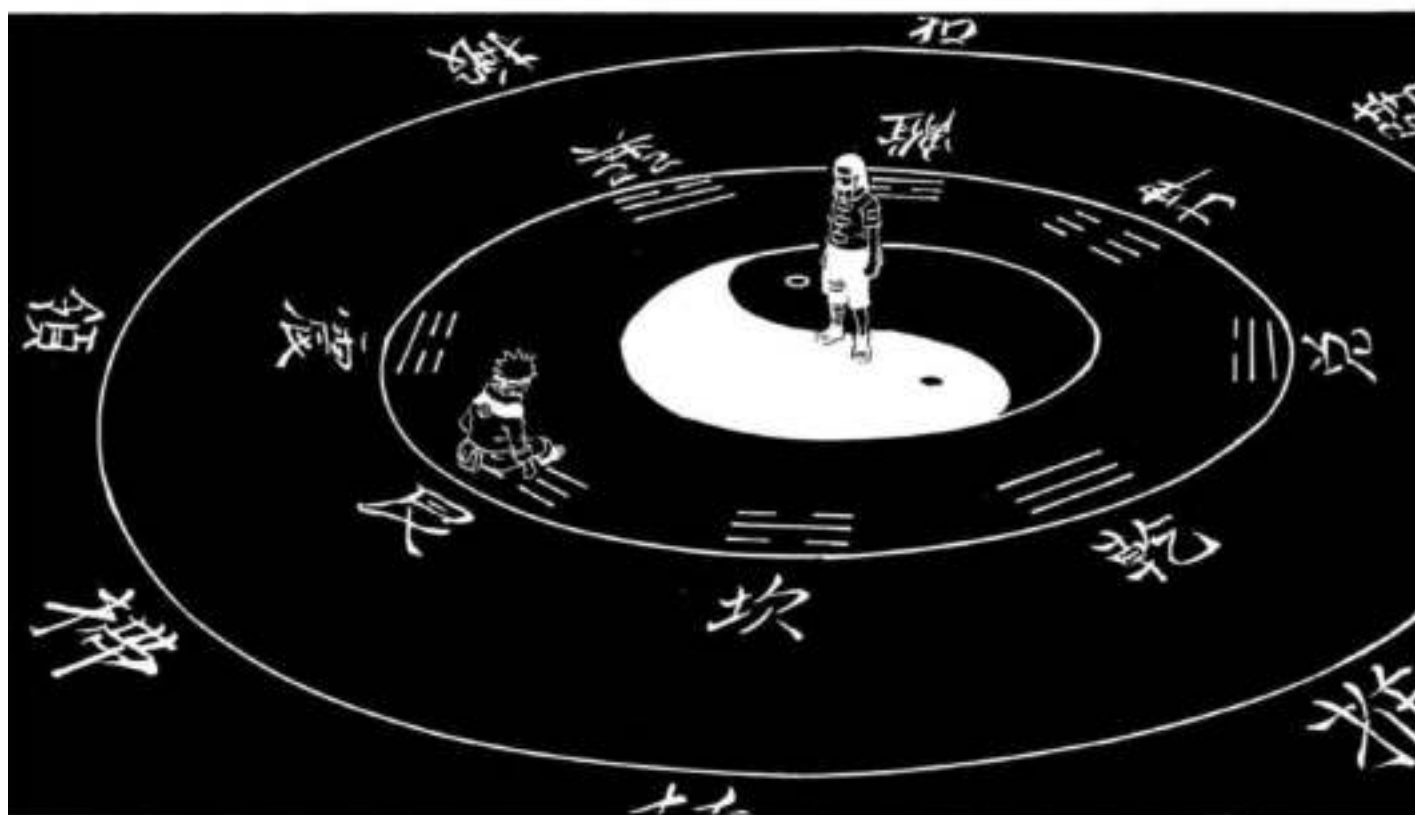
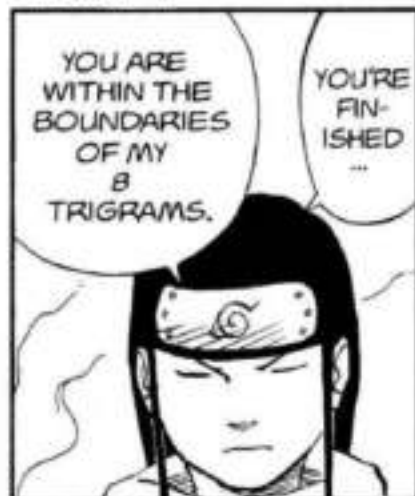
BUT
NEJI
WAS
ABLE TO
INDEPEN-
DENTLY
RECREATE
IT ON HIS
OWN...!



THE ROTATION
IS A SECRET
ART THAT IS
PASSED DOWN
ONLY WITHIN
THE HYUGA
MAIN BRANCH...
TAUGHT BY THE
HEAD OF THE
FAMILY TO
THE HEIR
ALONE...

...TH-
THAT'S
YOUR...

READ THIS WAY











UGH...

IVE
PRESSED 64
OF THE CHAKRA
POINTS AROUND
YOUR BODY...
YOU CAN NO
LONGER EVEN
STAND...



OH, HIZASHI...
PERHAPS
YOU WILL
BRING DOWN
THE HOUSE OF
HYUGA
AFTER ALL...



HERE,
ON YOUR
KNEES
BEFORE MY
IMMUTABLE
STRENGTH...
YOU MUST
FINALLY
COMPREHEND
YOUR OWN
POWERLESS-
NESS!

TAK

HEH...
IT
MUST
BE
FRUSTRAT-
ING...

...UNH...



HEY,
HINATA...
ARE
YOU
ALL
RIGHT?!

HACK
HACK...



...IT'S
SIMPLY
A
FANTASY.

BELIEVING
THAT YOUR
DREAMS
WILL COME
TRUE
IF YOU
JUST
TRY HARD
ENOUGH...



...











AND WHEN YOU WERE UP AGAINST HINATA, WHO WAS FIGHTING SO HARD, YOU PLAYED THOSE HORRIBLE MIND-GAMES WITH HER...!

...! I MEAN... YOU'RE SO STRONG, AND YOU... YOU ACT LIKE YOU KNOW EVERYTHING...



"MAIN BRANCH"... "CADET BRANCH"... I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT STUFF, BUT...

...YOU MOCKED HINATA... CALLING HER A FAILURE AND CLAIMING YOU COULD SEE HER FATE...!



THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.



...A JERK WHO GOES AROUND CALLING PEOPLE FAILURES!!

...! COULD NEVER FORGIVE...



HAPPY SECOND ANNIVERSARY!!

祝式周年


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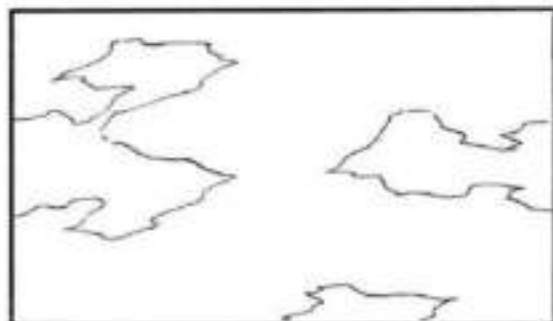
☆ 永遠の青春を、これからもずっと！

高橋一光

PLEASE STAY FULL OF ENERGY, JUST LIKE NARUTO, FOREVER!
TAKAHASHI KAZUHIRO

 Chapter 102: The Caged Bird...!!



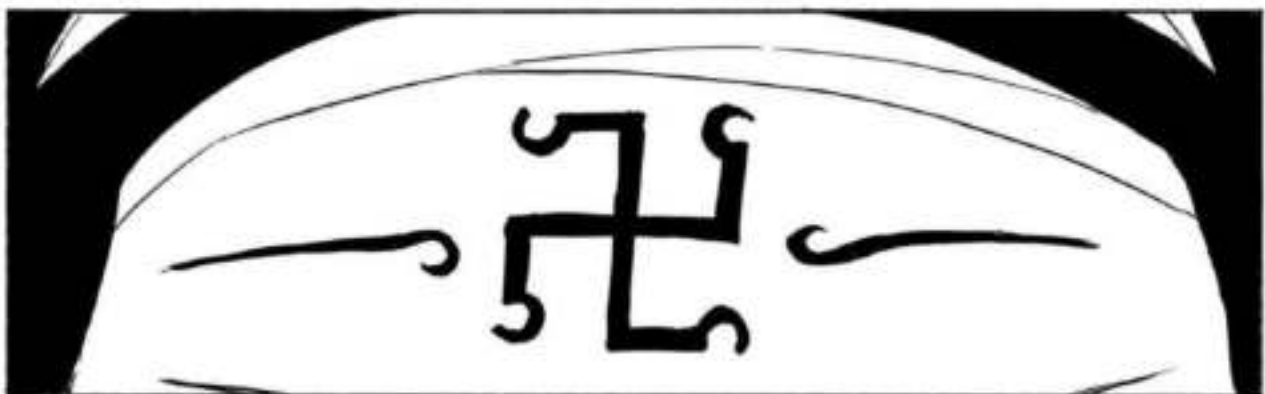




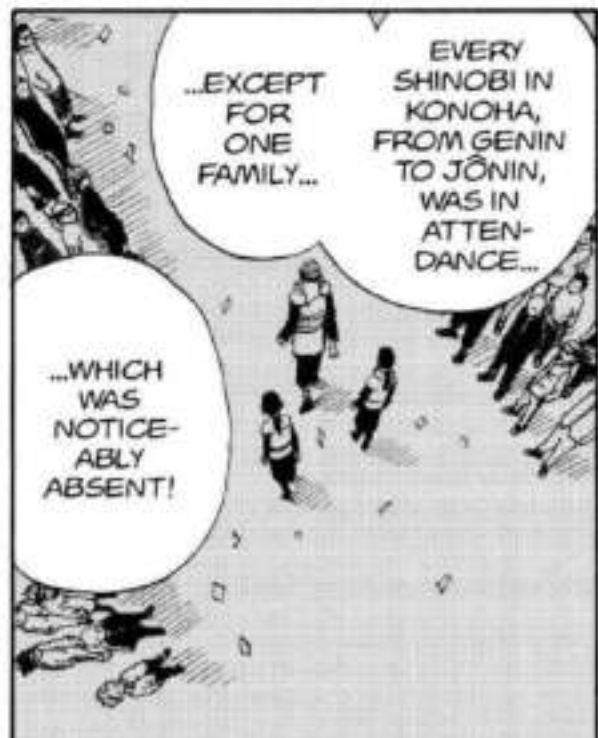
THIS CURSE MARK REPRESENTS A "CAGED BIRD"...



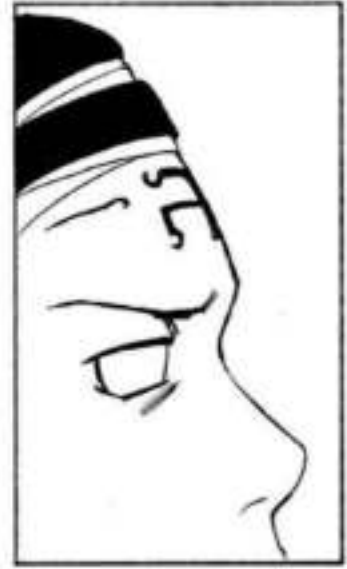
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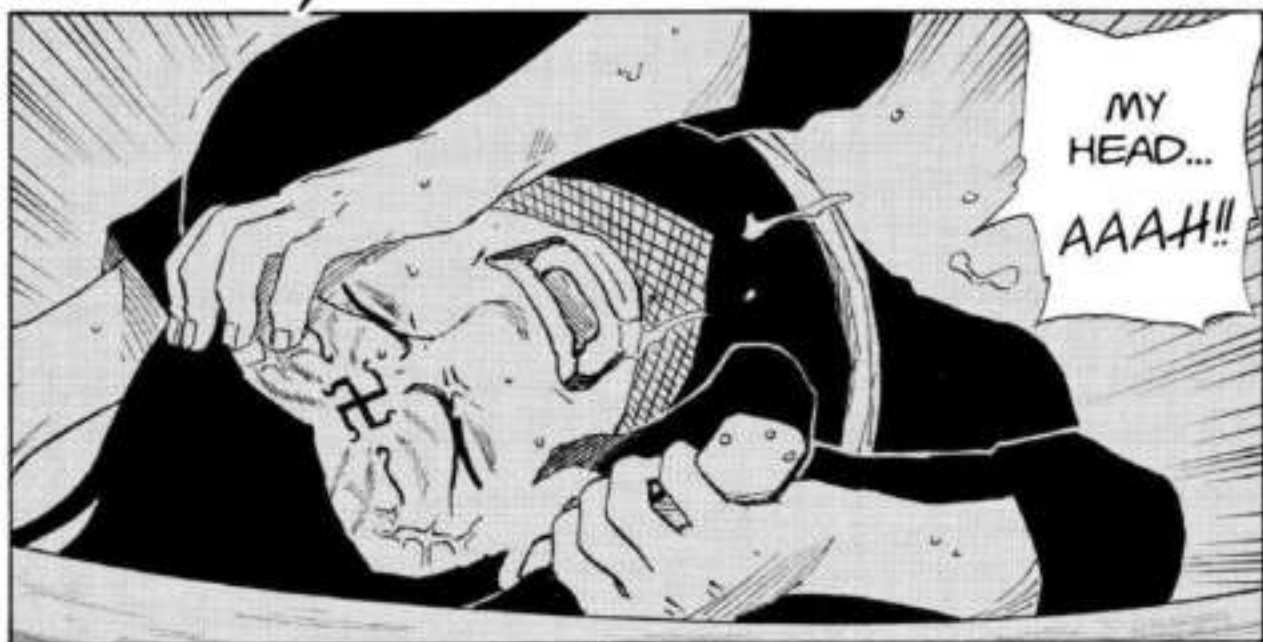














NEVER
FORGET
YOUR
PLACE
AGAIN...!!



THE SECRET
TECHNIQUES
OF THE MAIN
BRANCH CAN
EASILY DESTROY
THE MINDS OF
THOSE OF
THE CADET
BRANCH...

SO,
OF COURSE,
KILLING US
IS A SIMPLE
TASK.

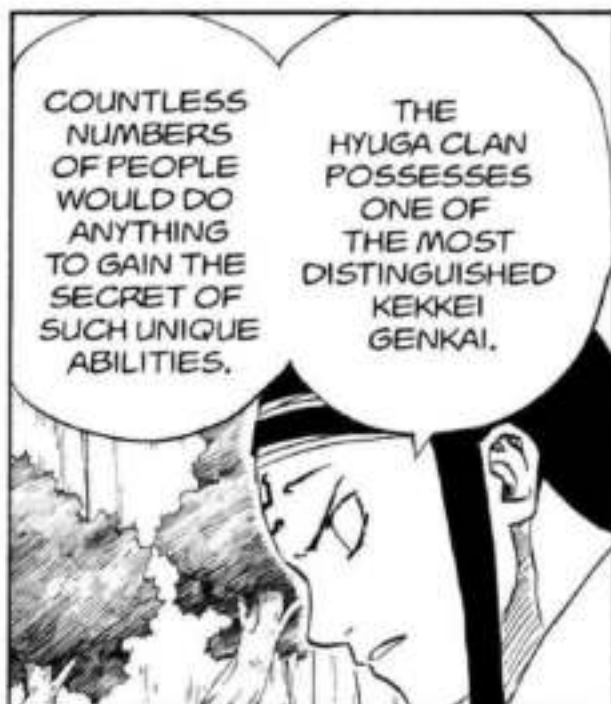
THIS
CURSE MARK
SIGNIFIES AN
ABSOLUTE
THREAT OF
DEATH IMPOSED
BY THE MAIN
BRANCH UPON
THE CADET
BRANCH...!



...AFTER
THE SECRET
OF THE
BYAKUGAN
HAS
BEEN
SEALED
AWAY...!!

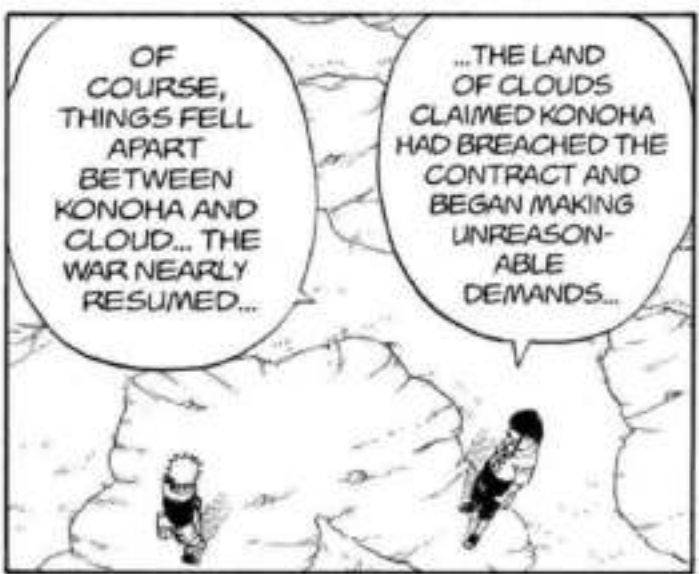


AND
THIS CURSE
MARK ONLY
FADES
AFTER
DEATH...

















Number 103: The Failure!!





Number 103:

POW



The Failure!!

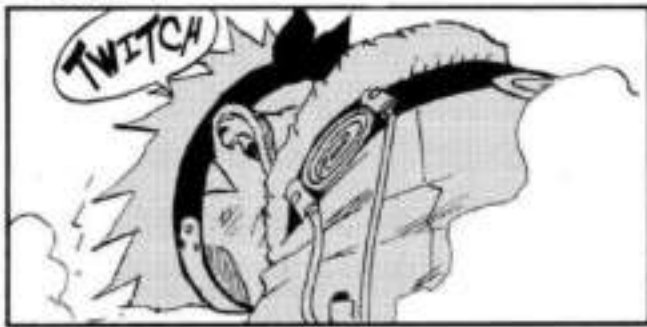


PROCTOR... WE'RE FINISHED HERE.

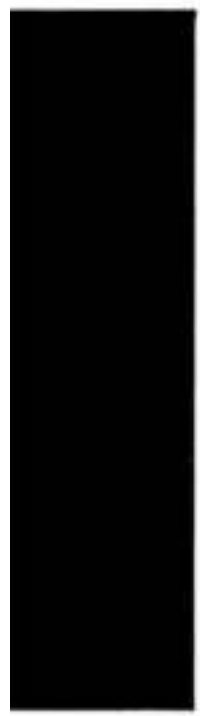
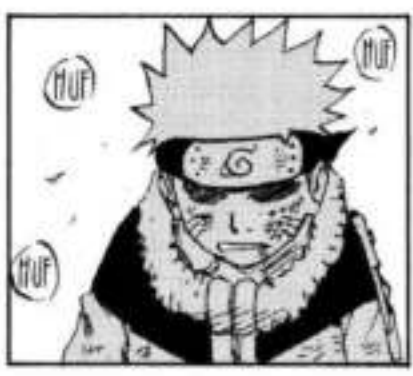
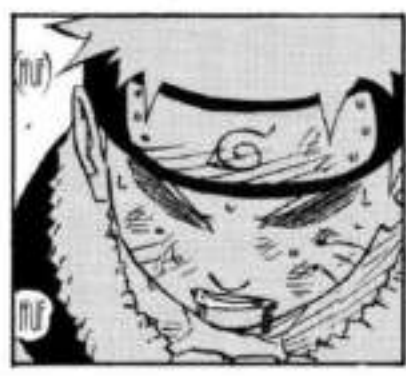
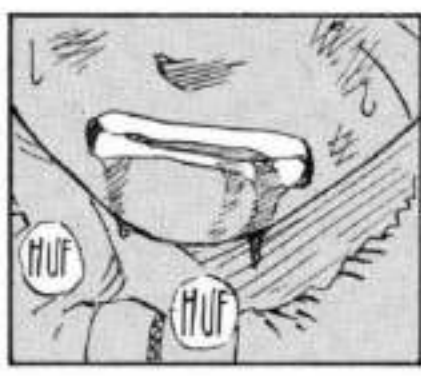


GAH!

THUD THUD











...YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S "SPECIAL," YOU KNOW!

HMPH!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO QUIT LECTURING...



SHE'S TRYING SO HARD TO CHANGE HERSELF... TO EARN RESPECT...

THAT'S WHY SHE HUNG IN THERE DURING THAT FIGHT WITH YOU, EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS COUGHING UP BLOOD!



...!



EVEN THOUGH SHE'S IN THE MAIN BRANCH, HINATA HAS BEEN SUFFERING JUST AS MUCH AS YOU!



!!!

TWITCH

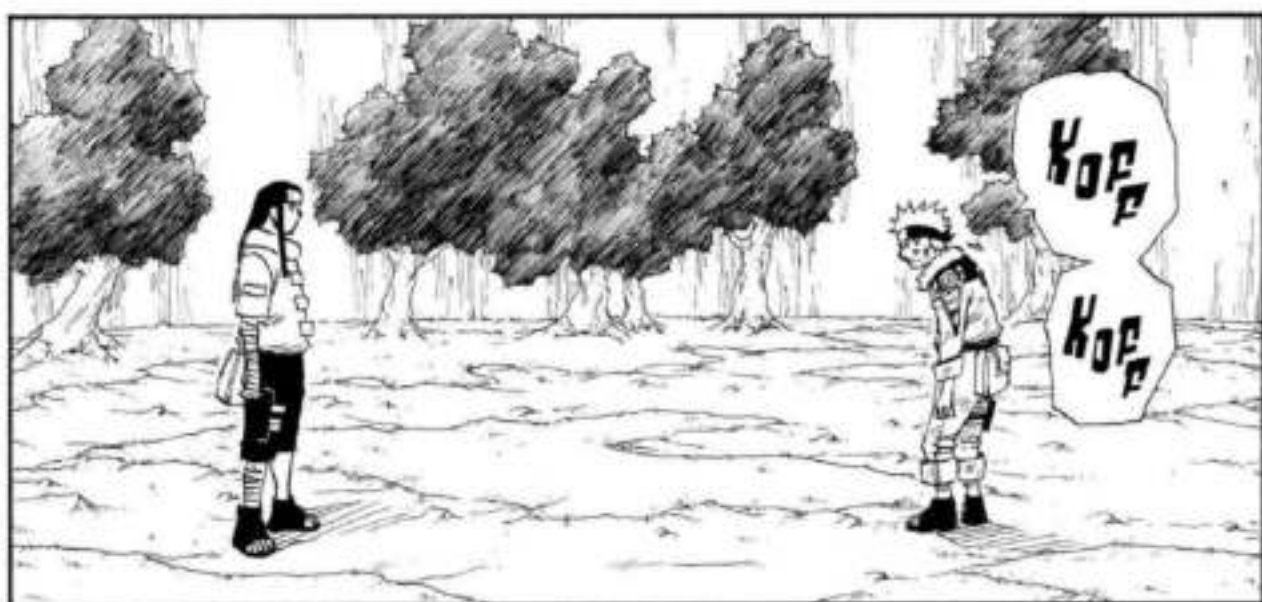


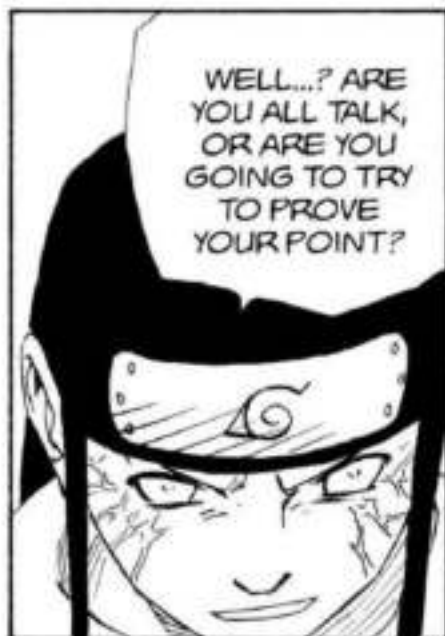
AND YOU...!

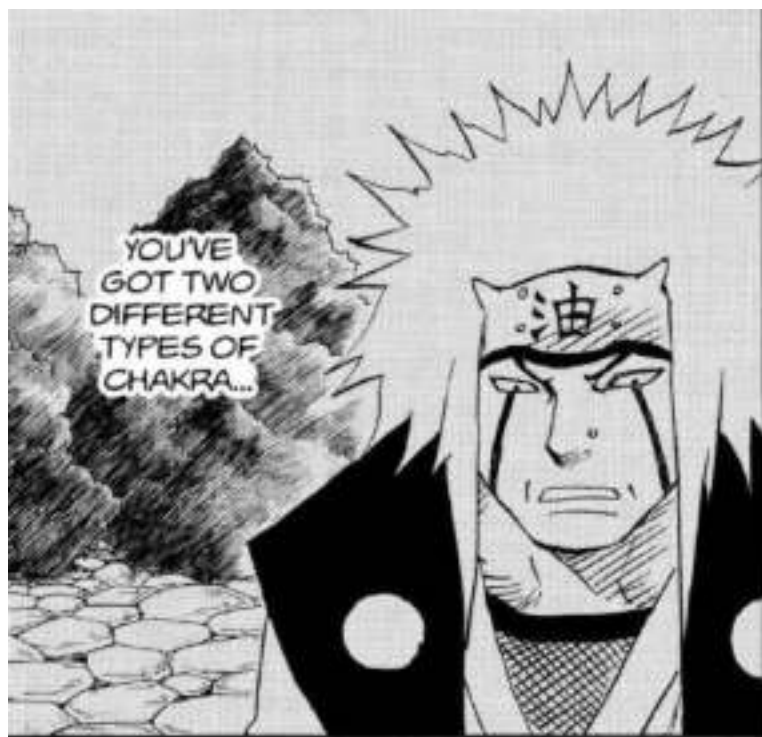
THE CADET BRANCH IS SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THE MAIN BRANCH, BUT YOU USED THE EXAM AS AN EXCUSE TO BEAT UP HINATA...

IT SURE SEEMS LIKE YOU WERE TRYING TO DEFY YOUR FATE, TOO!









HEY, FOX...
LEND ME YOUR
STRENGTH...!!



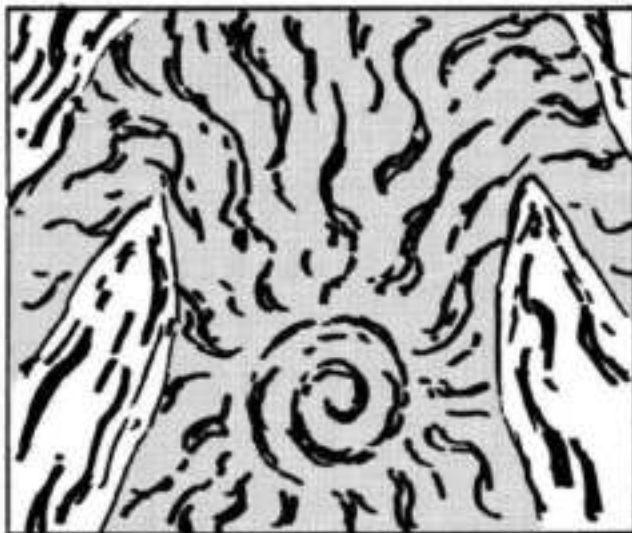


HYAAAAH!!!

ROOAR

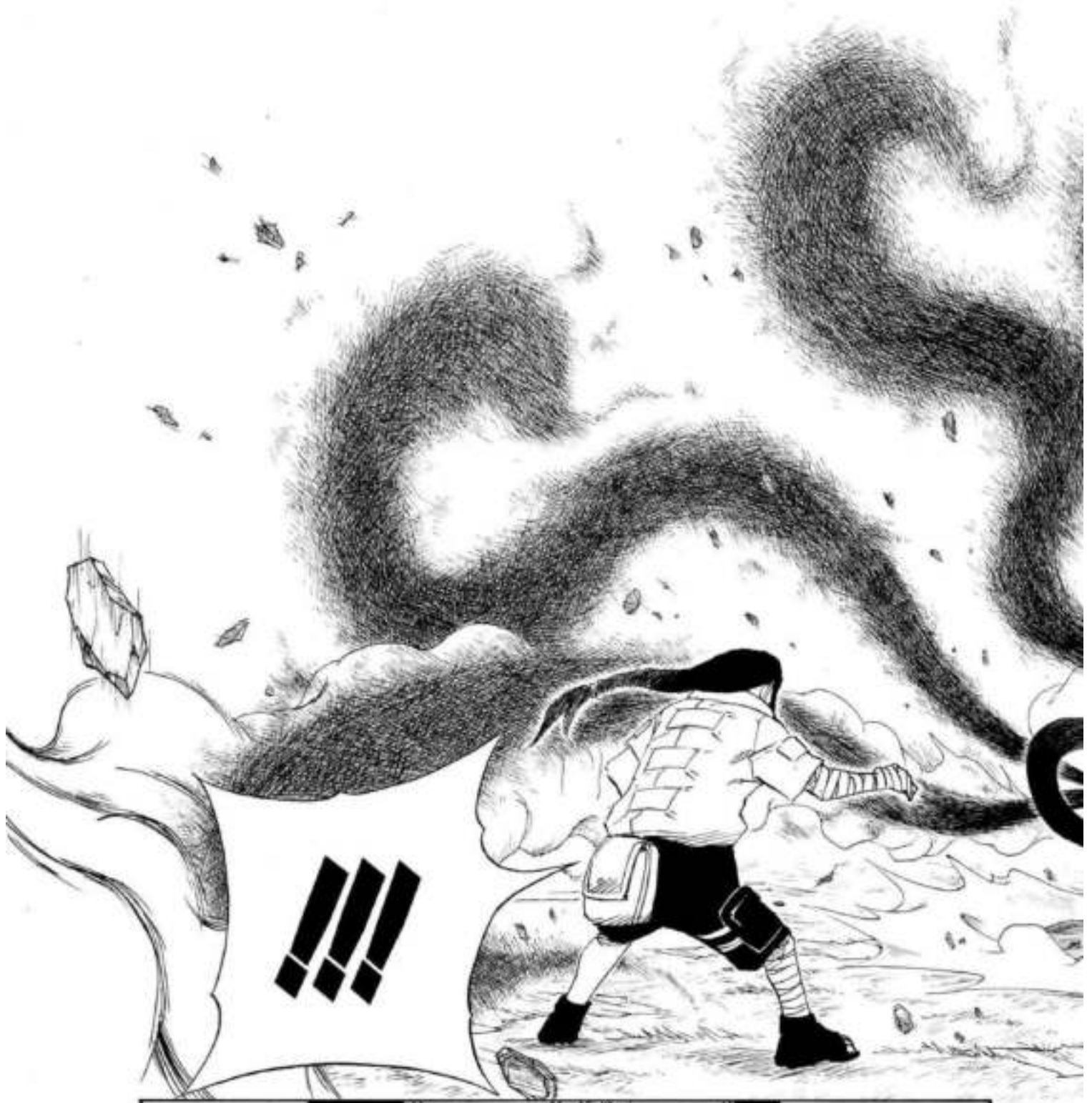












SECOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

祝 二周年



2001.11.8

加治佐修
KAZISA OSAMU

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S ALREADY BEEN TWO YEARS!
I HOPE YOU CAN ALWAYS KEEP DRAWING WITH
THE AMAZING ENERGY YOU HAVE NOW!

はやいもんで もう2年ですね。
これからも 今と変わらぬテンションで描きまくって下さい。

Number 104



The Power to Change...!!









HE'S
QUICKER
THAN BEFORE!
WHAT IN THE
WORLD IS
GOING ON?!









!!

IF YOU
THINK IT'S
INESCAPABLE,
FINE!
THEN STOP
FIGHTING IT
ALREADY!!

LOOK,
I MAY NOT
UNDERSTAND
THE TRAGIC
DESTINY
OF THE
HYUGA CLAN
OR WHATEVER,
BUT...

!

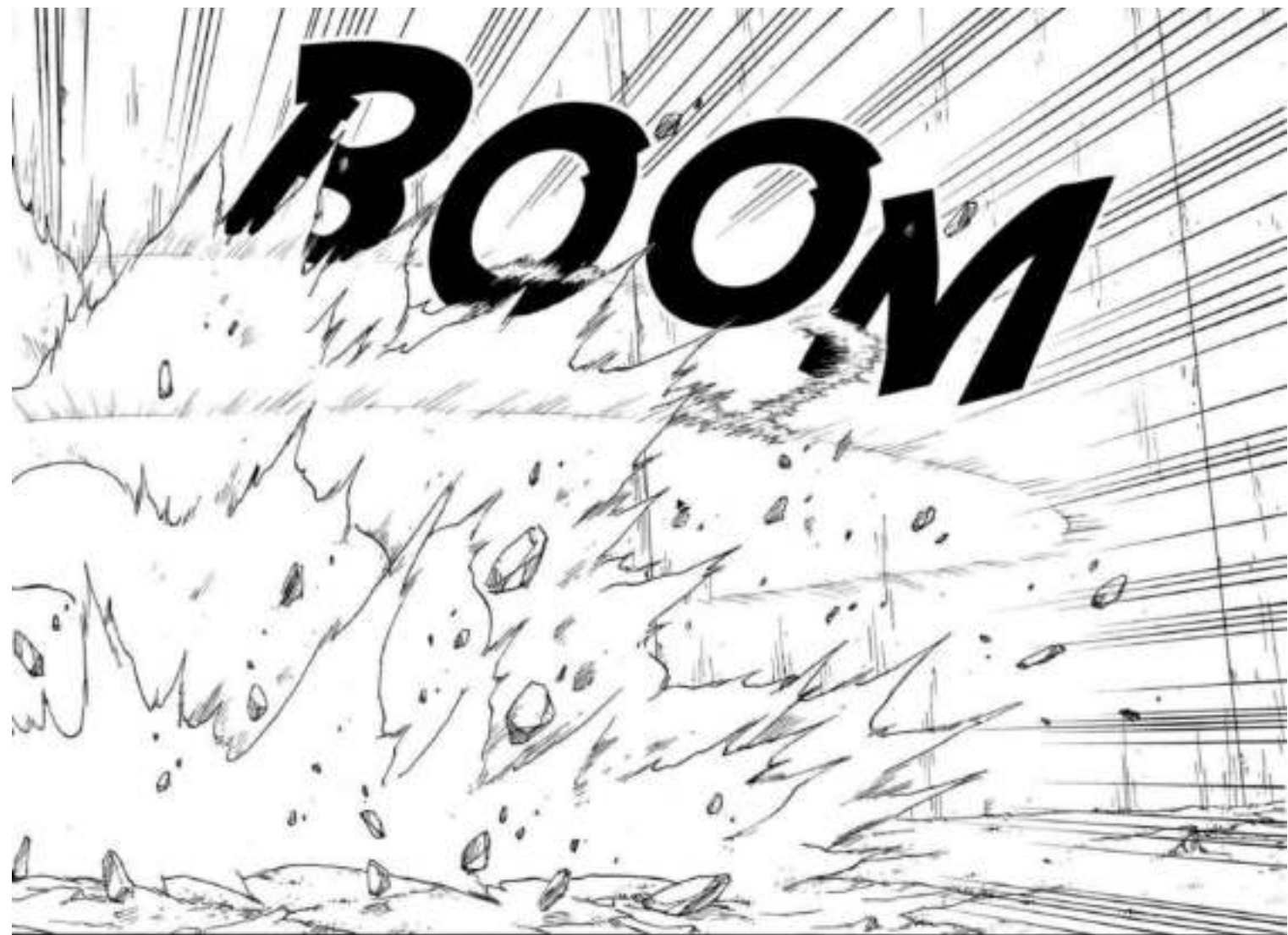
NO!
THE
ROTATION...

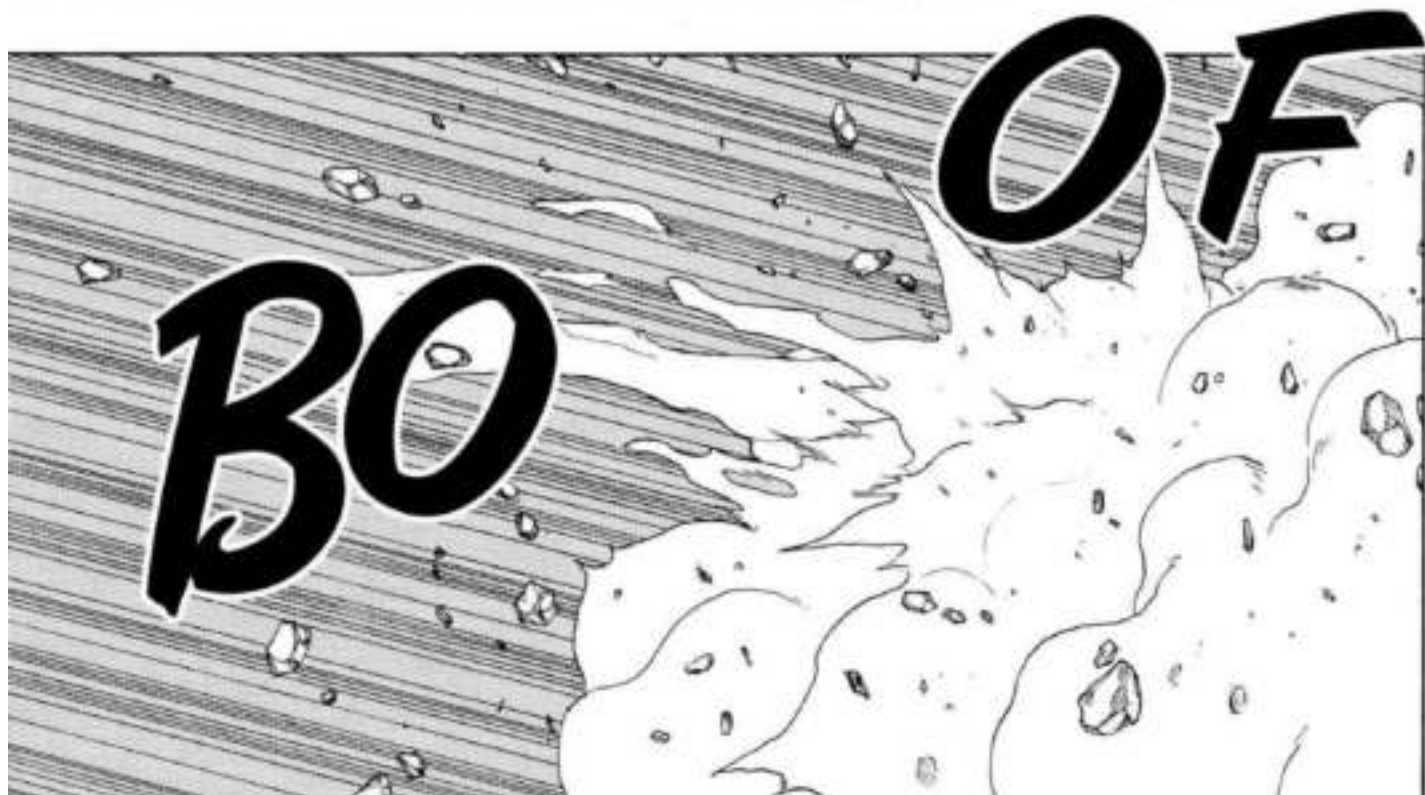


...I'LL
CHANGE
THE
HYUGA
CLAN!

WHA

WHEN
I
BECOME
HOKAGE...

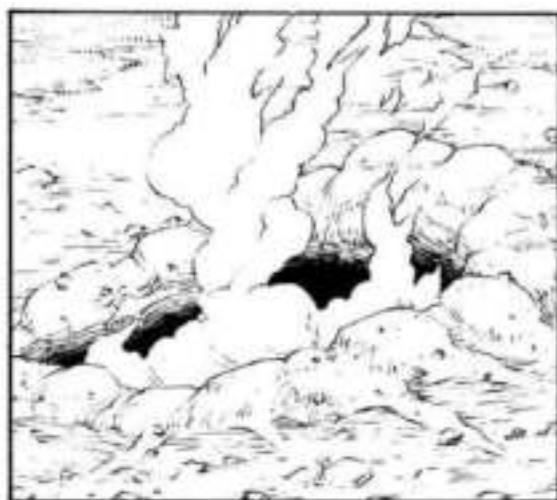
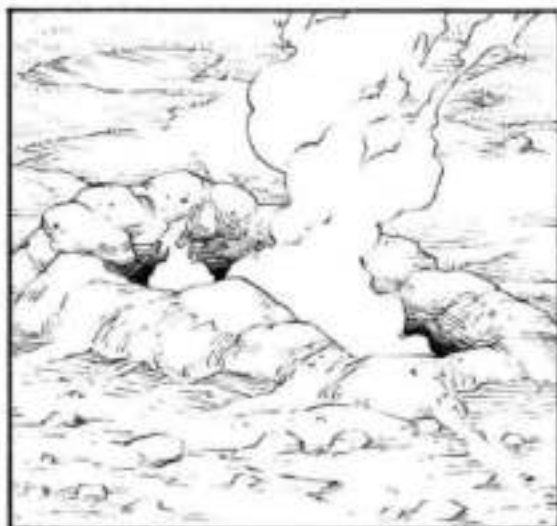
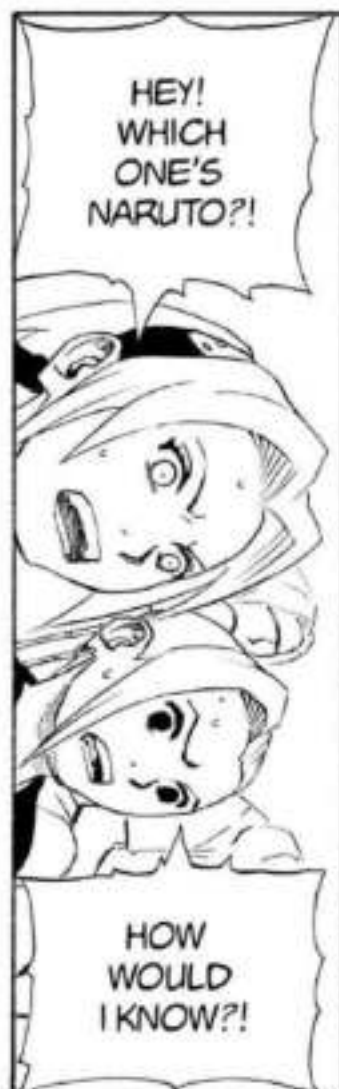






...WHAT AMAZING CHAKRA...! THAT BOY'S STRENGTH... IT'S CRAZY!

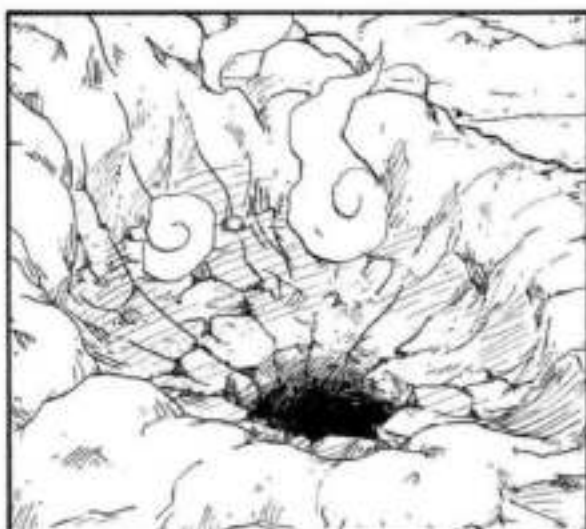


















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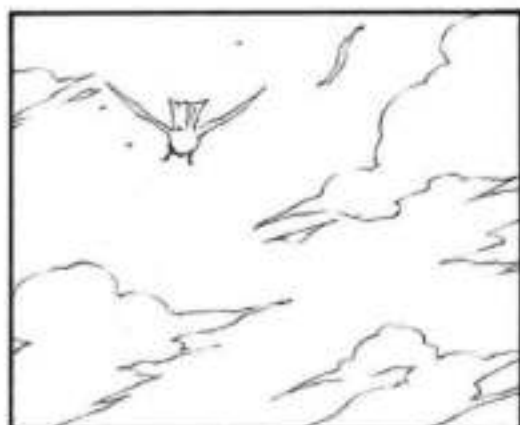


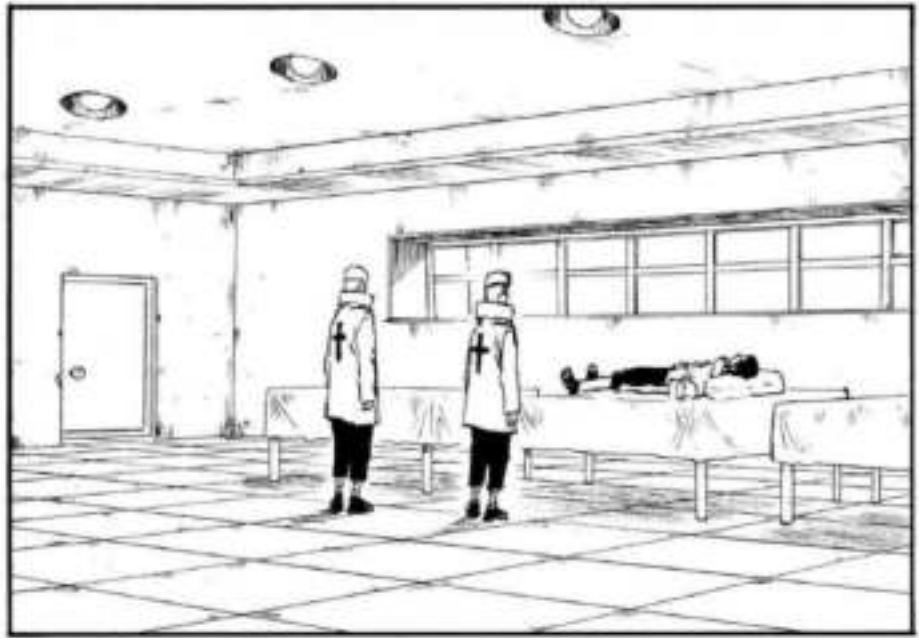










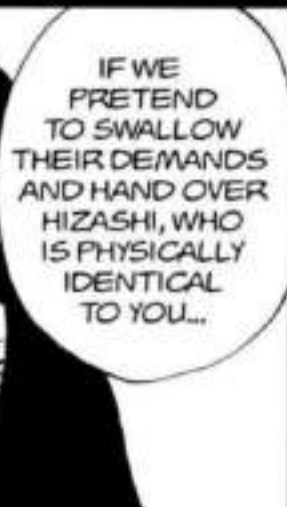
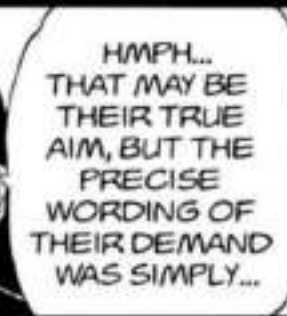










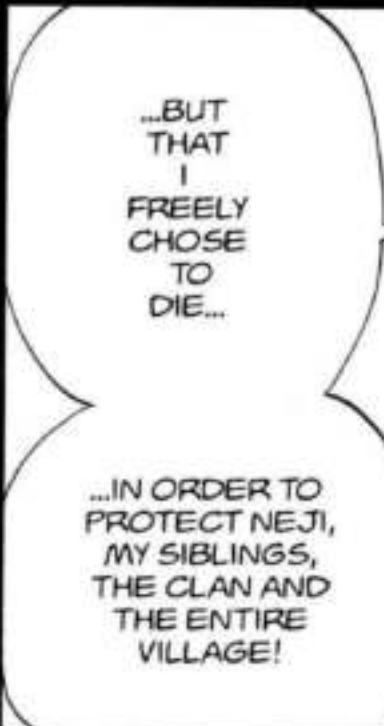


READ THIS WAY


















Chic
Crayt3

2周年
おめでとう
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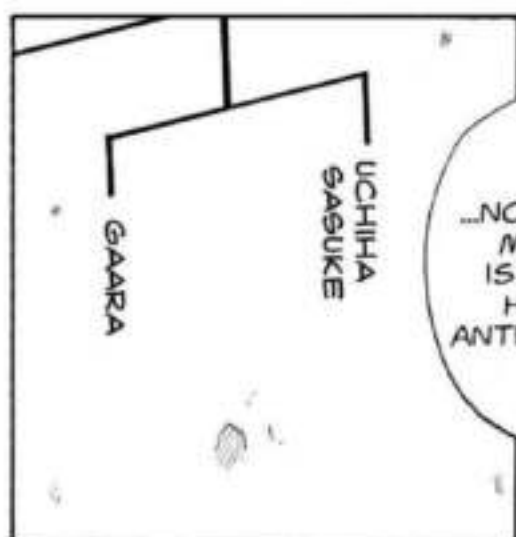


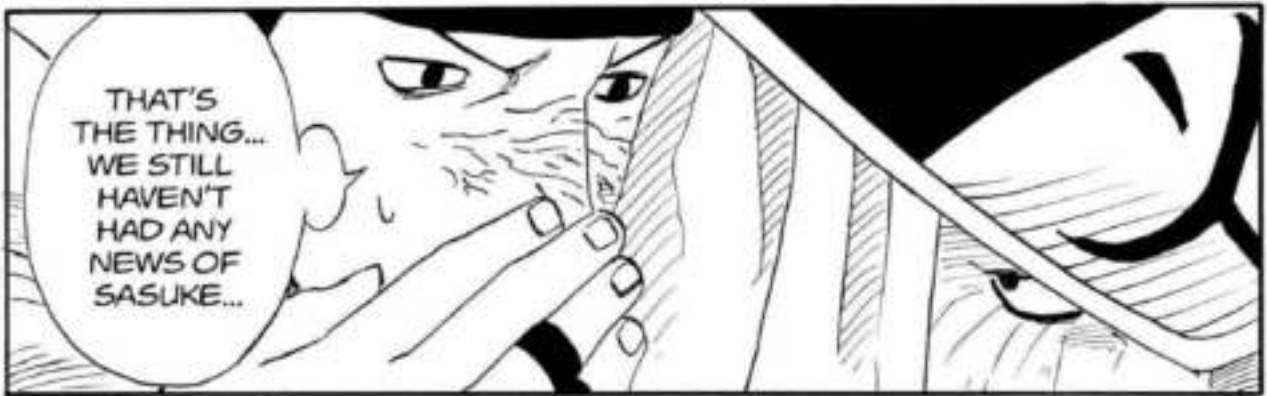
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SECOND ANNIVERSARY!!

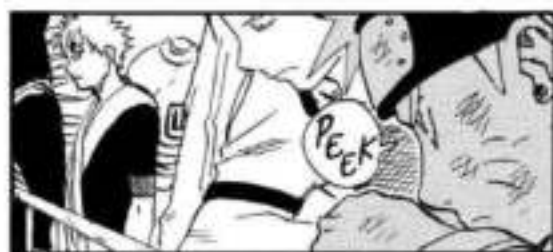
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Sasuke Forfeits...?!
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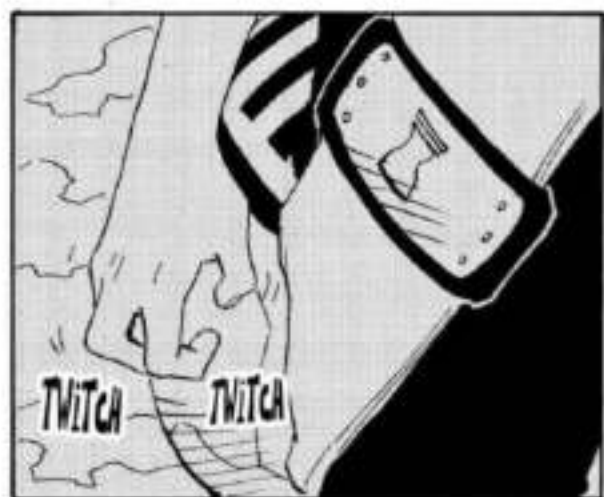


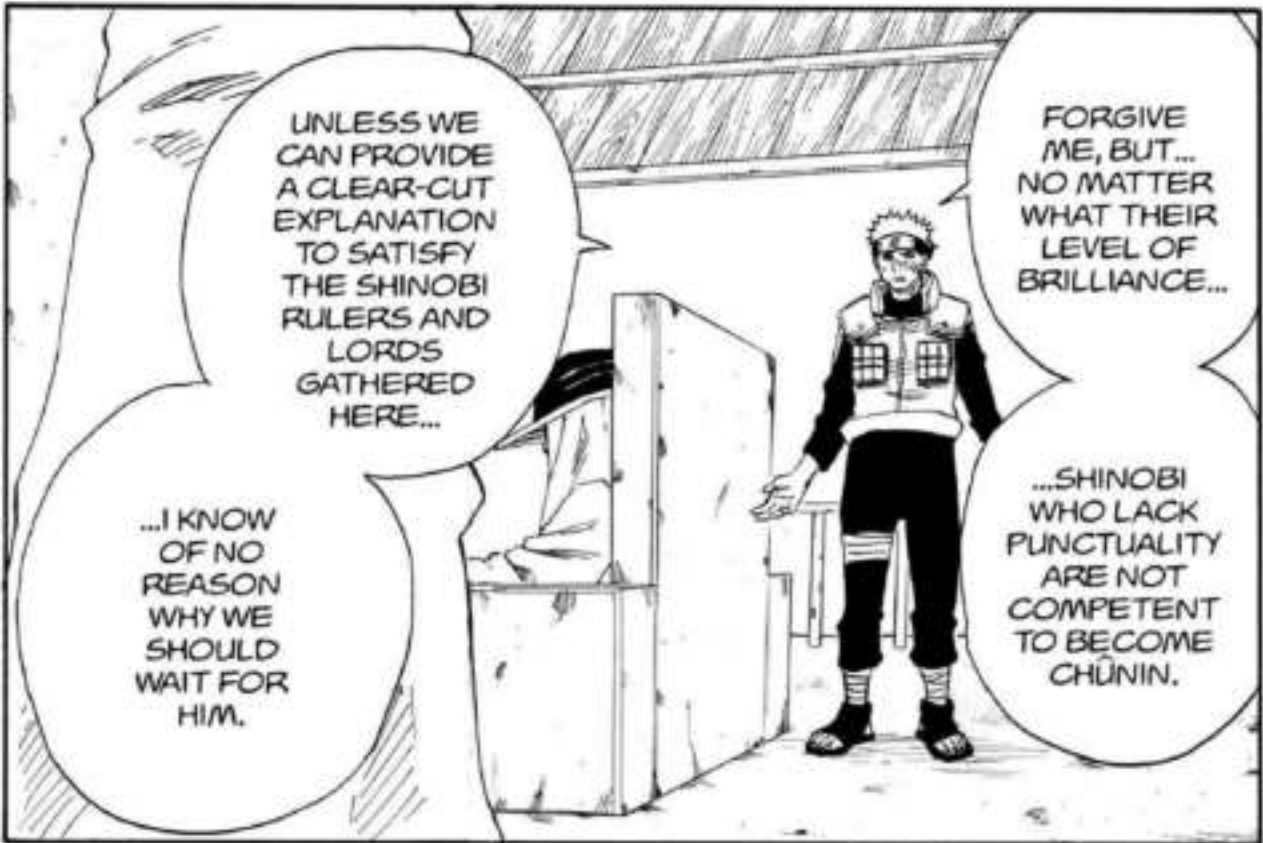














...CAME
HERE
ALMOST
SOLELY TO
OBSERVE
THAT
MATCH.

A
MAJORITY
OF THE
SHINOBI
RULERS AND
LORDS HERE,
INCLUDING
MYSELF...



AND AS
LEADER
OF THE
LAND OF
WIND,
I BESEECH
YOU...

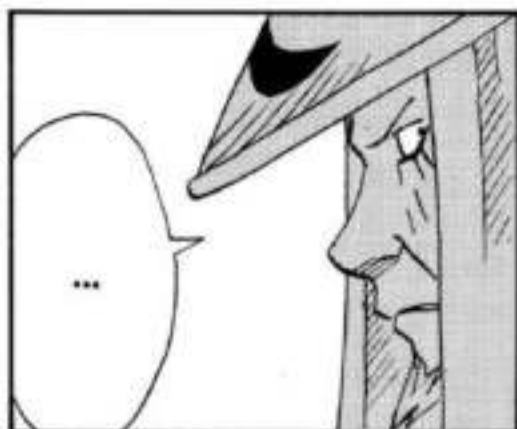
...TO
ALLOW
HIM TO
FACE
GAARA.



THIS
BOY
IS THE
LAST
OF THE
UCHIHA
CLAN...



...BUT--









THIS MATCH IS UTTERLY TRIVIAL, AND...



LIGH...



...MORE IMPORTANTLY... IF I REVEAL KARASU'S "HIDDEN MECHANISMS" TO THE ENEMY SO SOON, IT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THE PLAN!



HUH?!



...! WITHDRAW!











THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND CHARACTER POPULARITY SURVEY!!

6TH PLACE
HYUGA HINATA
1,002 VOTES

14TH PLACE
HARUNO SAKURA
359 VOTES

10TH PLACE
JIRAIYA
503 VOTES

9TH PLACE
GAMA BUNTA
581 VOTES

13TH PLACE
HYUGA NEJI
396 VOTES

15TH PLACE
MOMOCHI ZABUZA
269 VOTES

11TH PLACE
HAKU
434 VOTES

8TH PLACE
GEKKO HAYATE
590 VOTES

7TH PLACE
GAARA OF THE DESERT
709 VOTES

12TH PLACE
THE FOURTH HOKAGE
402 VOTES



SECOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

2ND PLACE
HATAKE KAKASHI
2,635 VOTES

3RD PLACE
MASTER IRUKA
1,562 VOTES

5TH PLACE
ROCK LEE
1,013 VOTES



1ST PLACE
UZUMAKI NARUTO
2,788 VOTES

4TH PLACE
UCHIHA SASUKE
1,400 VOTES

Number 107:

The Boy with No Fighting Spirit!!



19TH PLACE
NINE-TAILED FOX
170 VOTES

18TH PLACE
MASTER GUY
172 VOTES

17TH PLACE
INUZUKA KIBA
199 VOTES

16TH PLACE
NARA SHIKAMARU
245 VOTES

20TH PLACE
AKAMARU
138 VOTES



TOTAL NUMBER
OF ENTRIES:

17,395 VOTES!!

THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND
CHARACTER POPULARITY SURVEY!!

DISAPPOINTED?! SURPRISED?!
MAYBE YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER IS STILL BELOW!

22ND PLACE  KABUTO 122 VOTES	23RD PLACE  TROPPOLE 113 VOTES	24TH PLACE  ABURAME SHINO 110 VOTES	25TH PLACE  MITARASHI ANKO 108 VOTES	26TH PLACE  OROCHIMARU 105 VOTES	27TH PLACE  EXAM PROCTOR A 100 VOTES
28TH PLACE  TEMARI 94 VOTES	29TH PLACE  SARUTOBI ASUMA 92 VOTES	30TH PLACE  TENTEN 75 VOTES	31ST PLACE  KANKURO 69 VOTES	32ND PLACE  YAMANAKA INO 63 VOTES	33RD PLACE  UCHIHA ITACHI 62 VOTES

34TH PLACE  EXAM PROCTOR B 60 VOTES
35TH PLACE  YUHI KURENAI 49 VOTES

36TH PLACE	POOCHIE/SHOOTING STAR	53 VOTES
37TH PLACE	KONOHAMARU	28 VOTES
38TH PLACE	DOSAMUTSU	28 VOTES
39TH PLACE	SOJUREL	26 VOTES
40TH PLACE	SNOWSHOE HARE	25 VOTES
41ST PLACE	NINJA DOGS	
	INAR	24 VOTES
43RD PLACE	MORINO IBAMI	20 VOTES
44TH PLACE	MASTERREISU	
	SPECIAL JONIN NINJAS	17 VOTES
46TH PLACE	KONCHA BLACK OPS A	
	KIVTSUCH	6 VOTES
48TH PLACE	NINJA TURTLE	
	JIRAIKI'S TOAD	4 VOTES
50TH PLACE	AMUCHI OROJ	3 VOTES



...TO
THE
NEXT
ONE
ALREADY!!

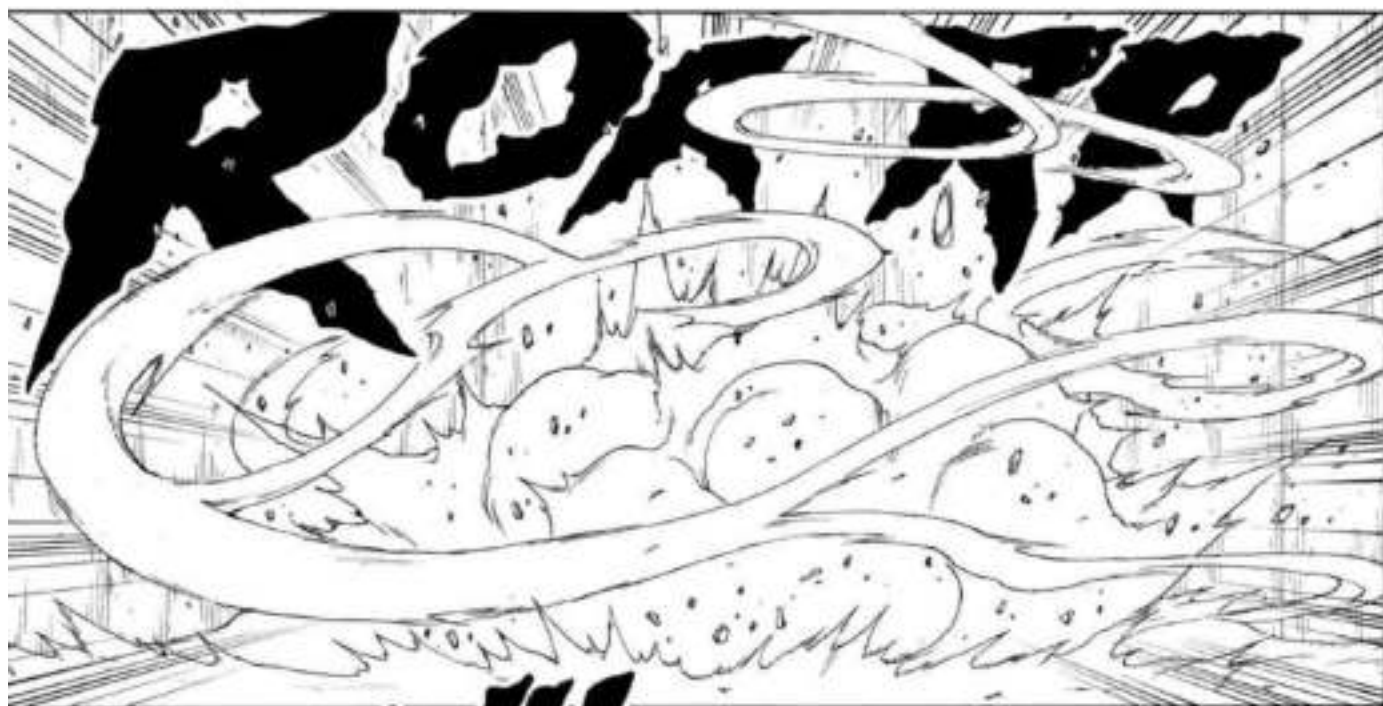
21ST PLACE
KISHIMOTO MASASHI
126 VOTES

I'M
LOOKING
FORWARD...

KISHIMOTO-SENSEI'S THOUGHTS
IT'S A REAL CONFIDENCE-
BOOSTER THAT NARUTO
CAME IN FIRST... BUT TO ALL
THE CHARACTERS WHO LOST
TO THE TROPPOLE... FOR SHAME!
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO VOTED.

CAST YOUR VOTE!
WRITE TO:
VIZ MEDIA, LLC
SHONEN JUMP/NARUTO CHARACTER POLL
P.O. BOX 77010
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94107

READ THIS WAY





BUT...
IT'S NOT
LIKE A
BOY CAN
JUST
CLOBBER...
A GIRL,
EITHER...



SHIKAMARU!
JUST
HIT HER
WITH A
16-PUNCH
COMBO!!!

KNOCK
HER
BLOCK
OFF!



OH...
IT'S
YOU.

IS YOUR
STOMACH
BETTER
ALREADY?

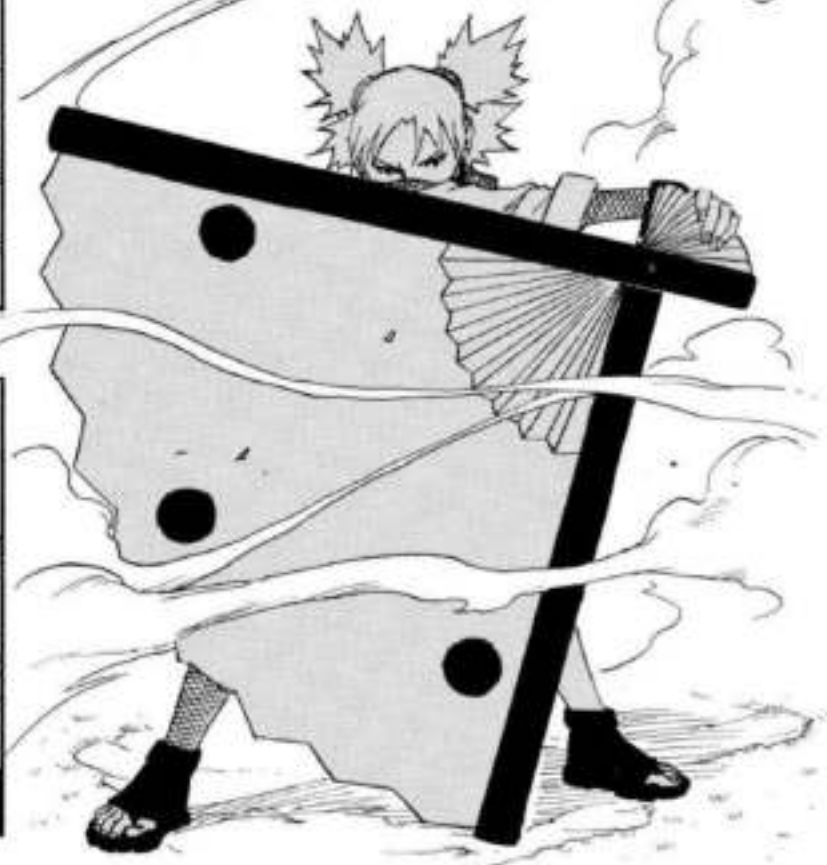
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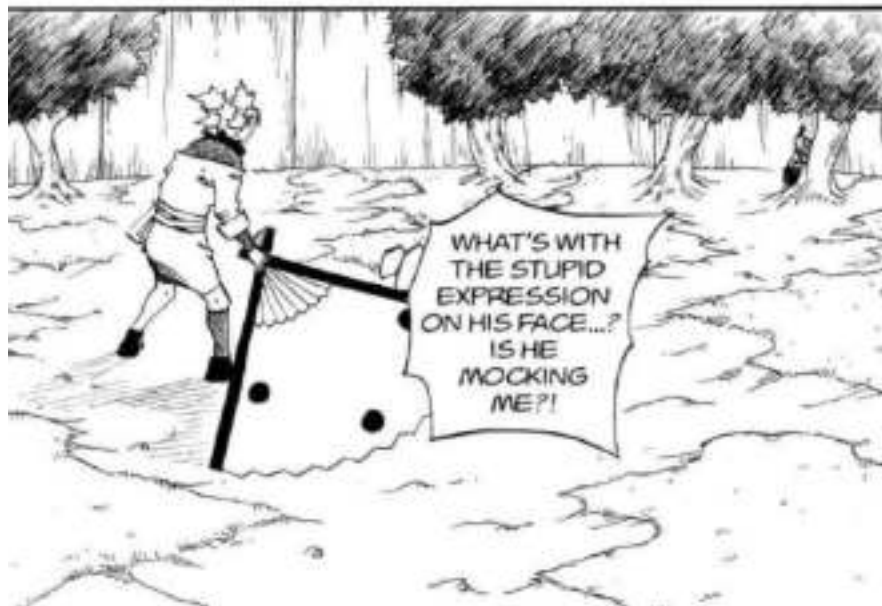
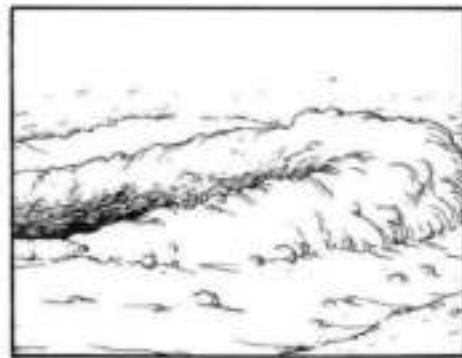
IS THIS
SEAT
TAKEN?



THIS GUY USES SHADOWS IN HIS TECHNIQUES, RIGHT? HE'S PROBABLY TRYING TO LURE ME INTO THE WOODED AREA WHERE IT'S SHADY, BUT THERE'S NO WAY I'M FALLING FOR THAT!



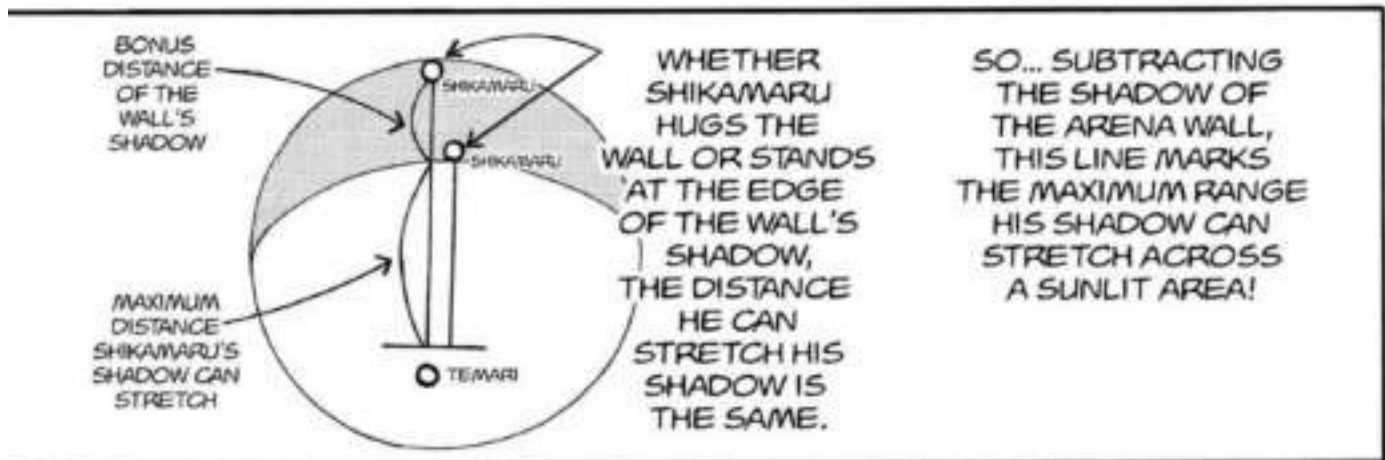




















HIS
I.Q. IS
OVER 200...
HE'S A
FREAKIN'
GENIUS!

HE'S A
SHARP
ONE,
ALL
RIGHT!

SHF

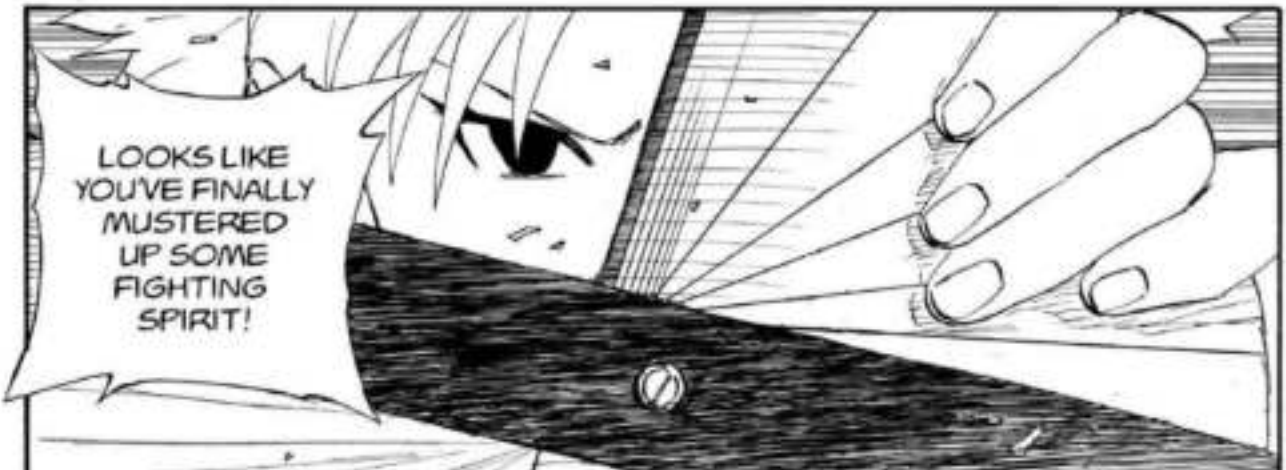


HE'S
GONNA
MAKE HIS
MOVE!

HE'S
DONE
THINKING...

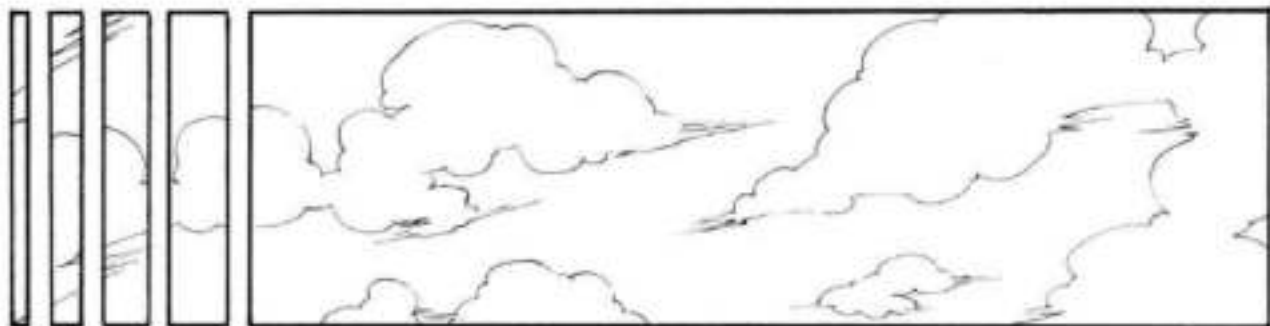


T... TWO
HUNDRED?!



LOOKS LIKE
YOU'VE FINALLY
MUSTERED
UP SOME
FIGHTING
SPIRIT!









CELEBRATE!!
SECOND
ANNIVERSARY!!



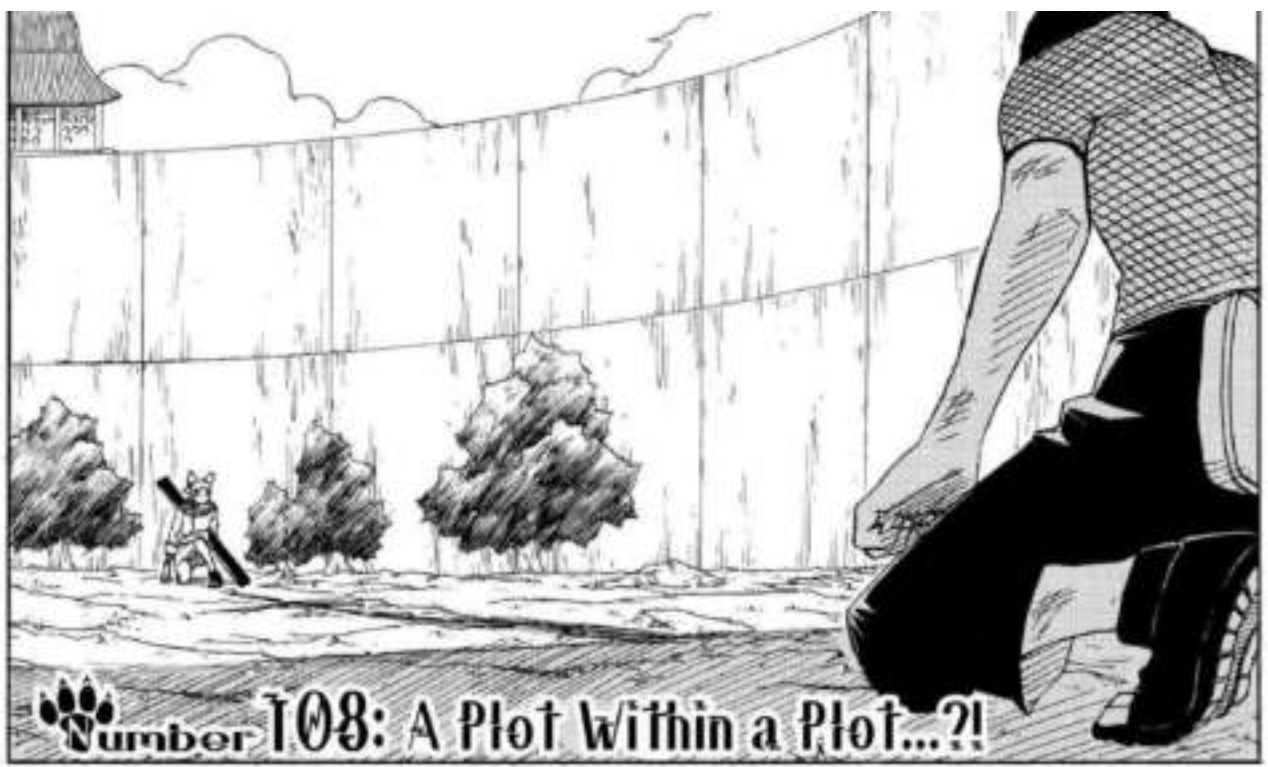
KISHIMOTO-SAN!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY NARUTO SECOND ANNIVERSARY!!
PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD ENERGY AND GOOD WORK!!!

岸本さん! 誕生日 & 「NARUTO」

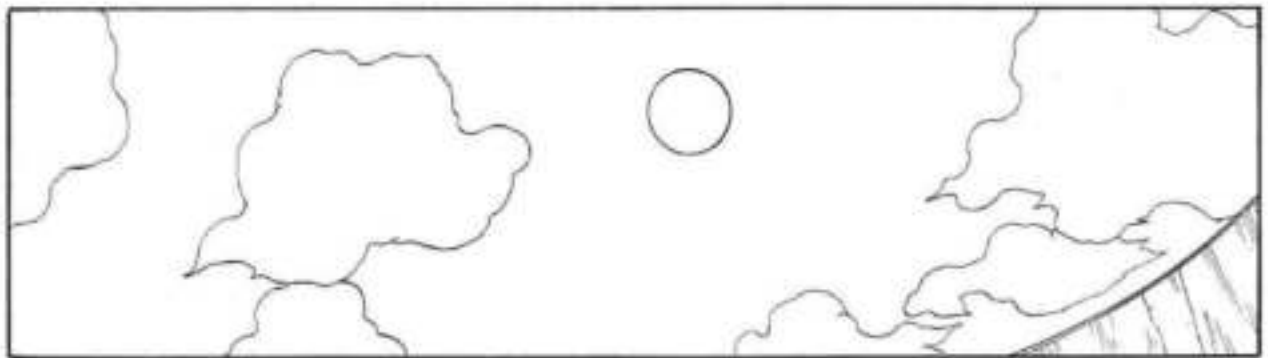
連載2周年 おめでとう!!

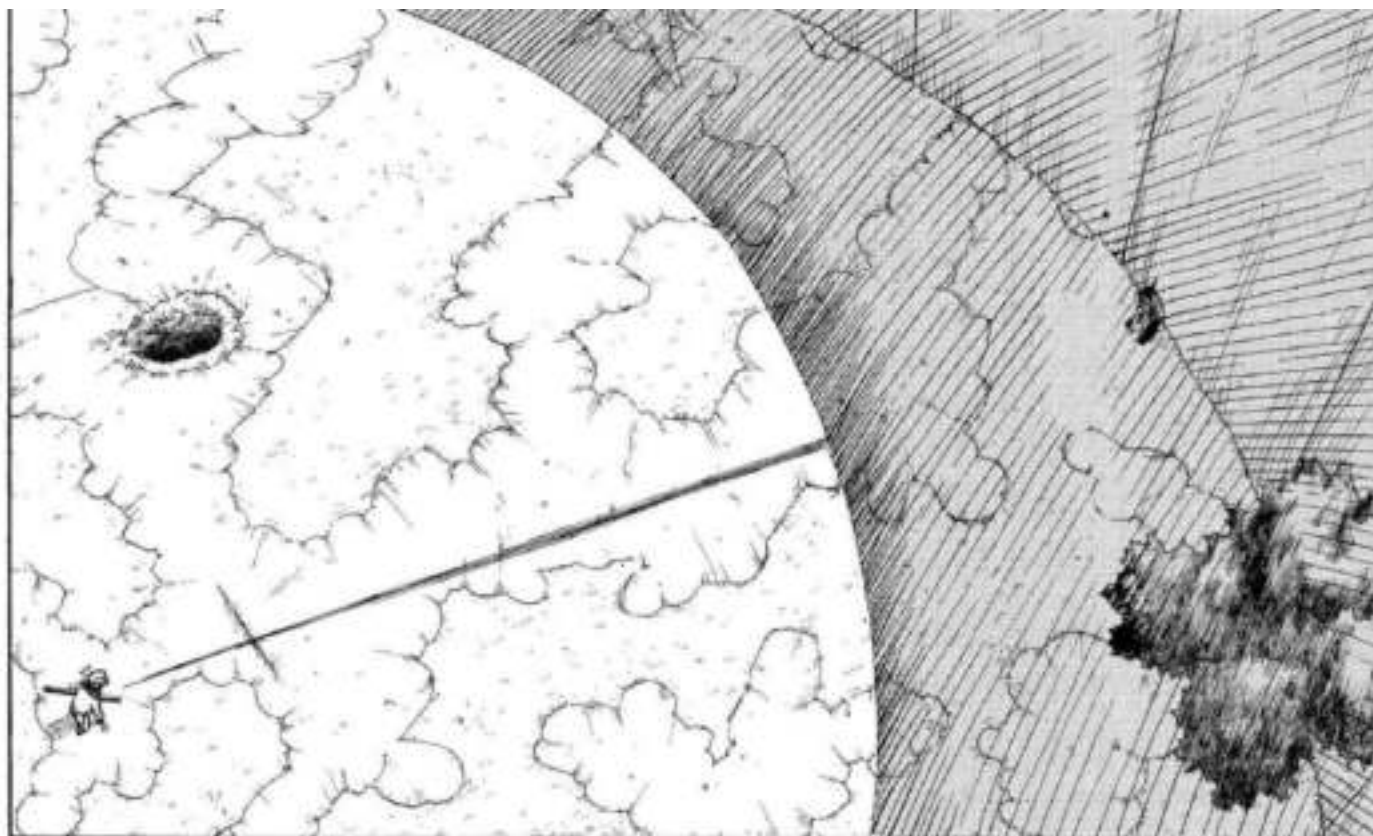
これからも気合いいれて頑張って!!!

H.13 11.8. 河原武美 KAWAHARA
TAKEMI



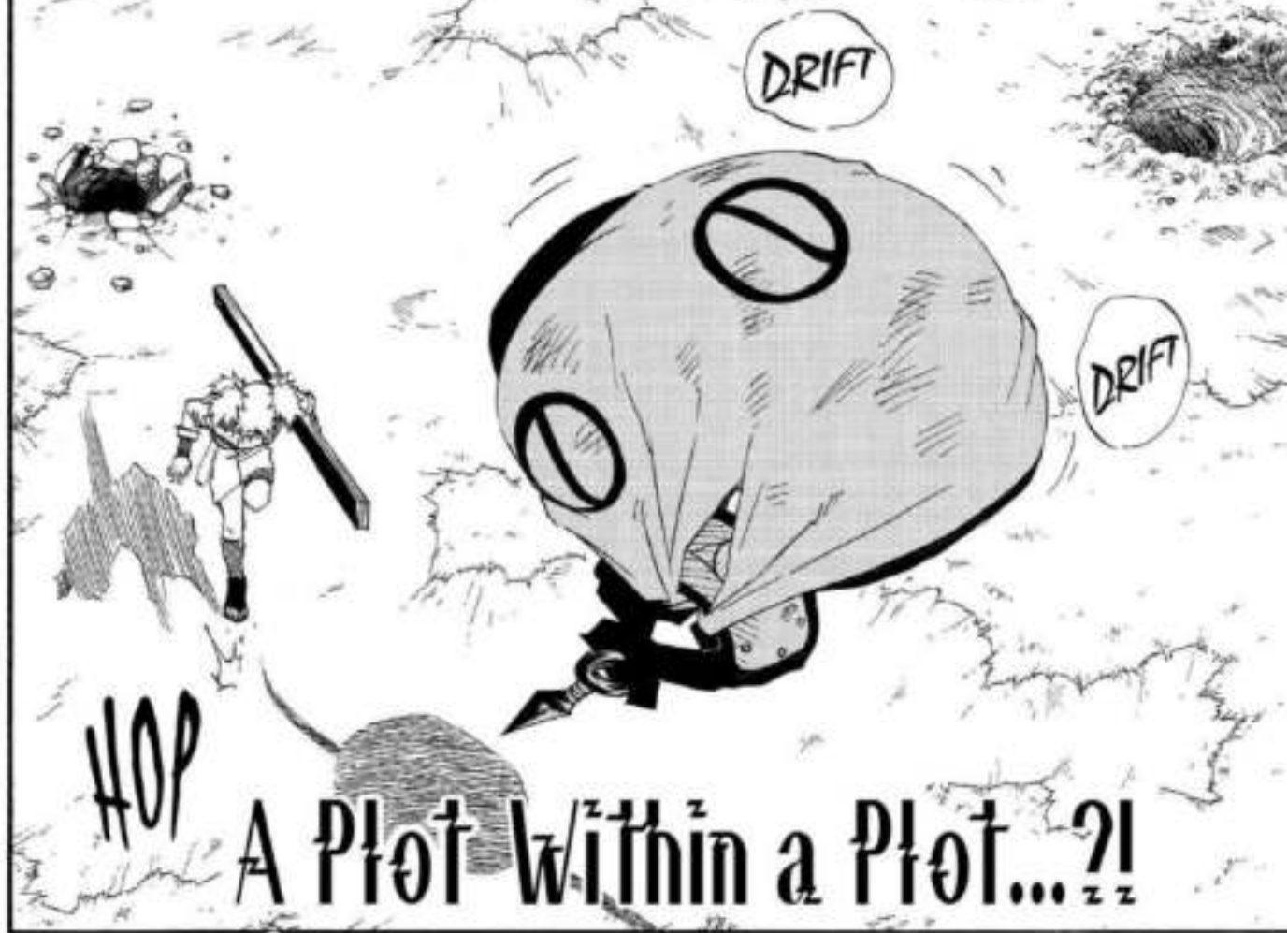
Number 108: A Plot Within a Plot...?!

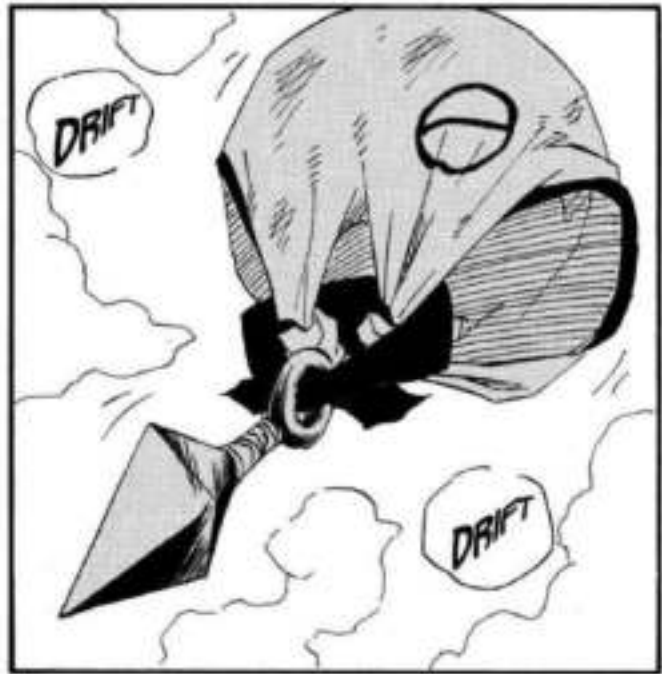


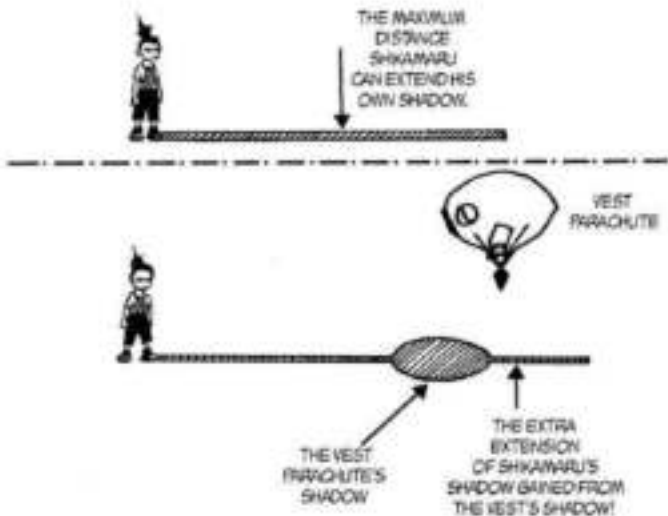




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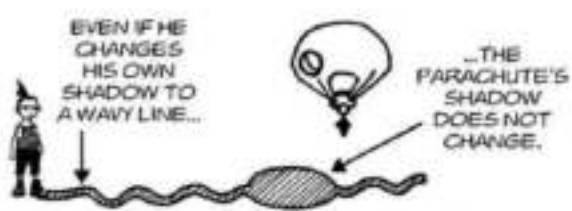
SHIKAMARU CAN USE HIS OWN SHADOW AND ANY OTHER AVAILABLE SHADOWS IN HIS ATTACK!
IN OTHER WORDS...

(1) HE CAN UTILIZE ANY OTHER SHADOWS (IN THIS CASE, THE PARACHUTE'S SHADOW) ALONG THE STRAIGHT LINE BETWEEN HIM AND HIS TARGET.

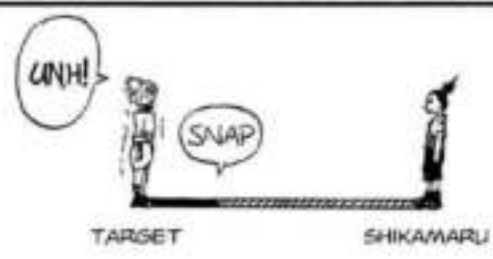
(2) HE CAN EXTEND HIS OWN SHADOW THE ADDITIONAL LENGTH PROVIDED BY THE OTHER SHADOW.

(3) SHIKAMARU CANNOT FREELY CHANGE THE SHAPE OF SHADOWS OTHER THAN HIS OWN.

THEREFORE, I MUST CONCLUDE THAT...

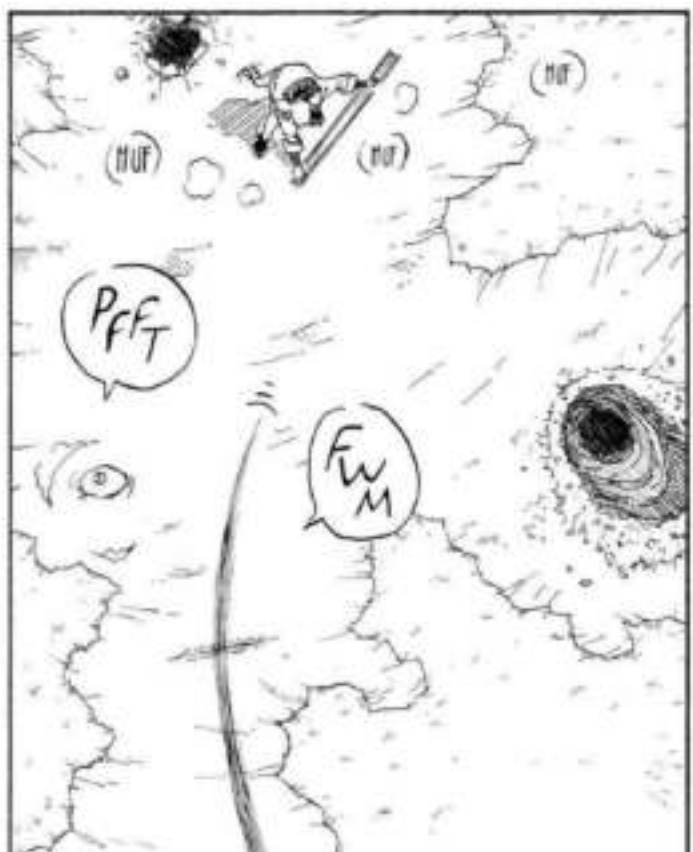


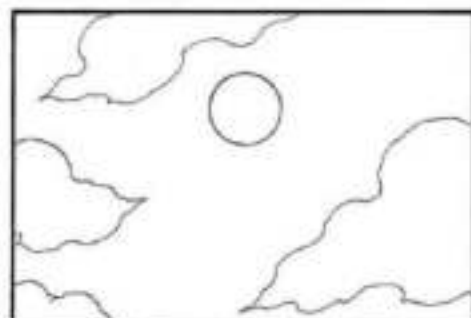
HOWEVER.. OTHER THAN THE CHANGES CAUSED BY THE MOVEMENT OF THE SUN, THE SHAPE OF BOTH THE WALL'S AND THE VEST'S SHADOWS HAVE BEEN FIXED.

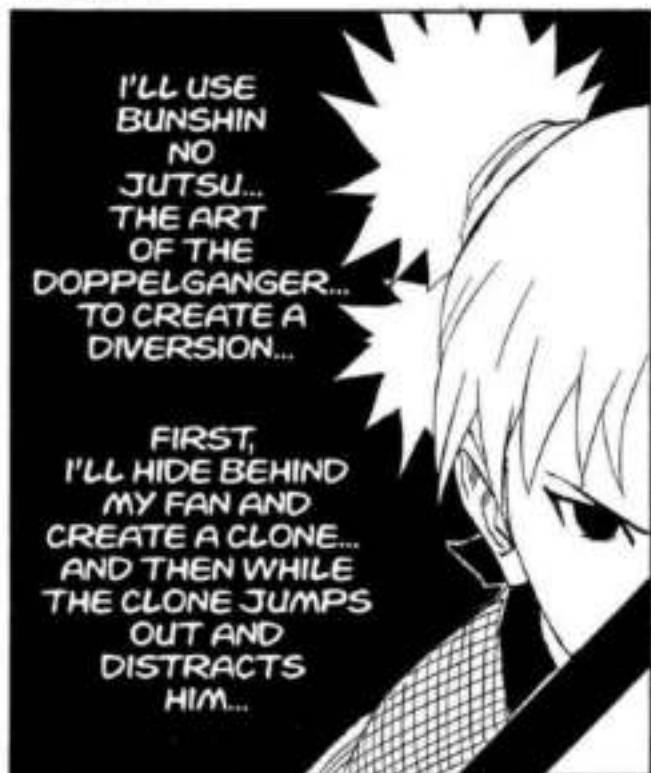


AND FROM OBSERVING HIS PREVIOUS BATTLES...

(4) ONLY WHEN HE HAS CAPTURED HIS TARGET'S SHADOW WITH HIS OWN SHADOW CAN HE STOP HIS TARGET'S MOVEMENTS!



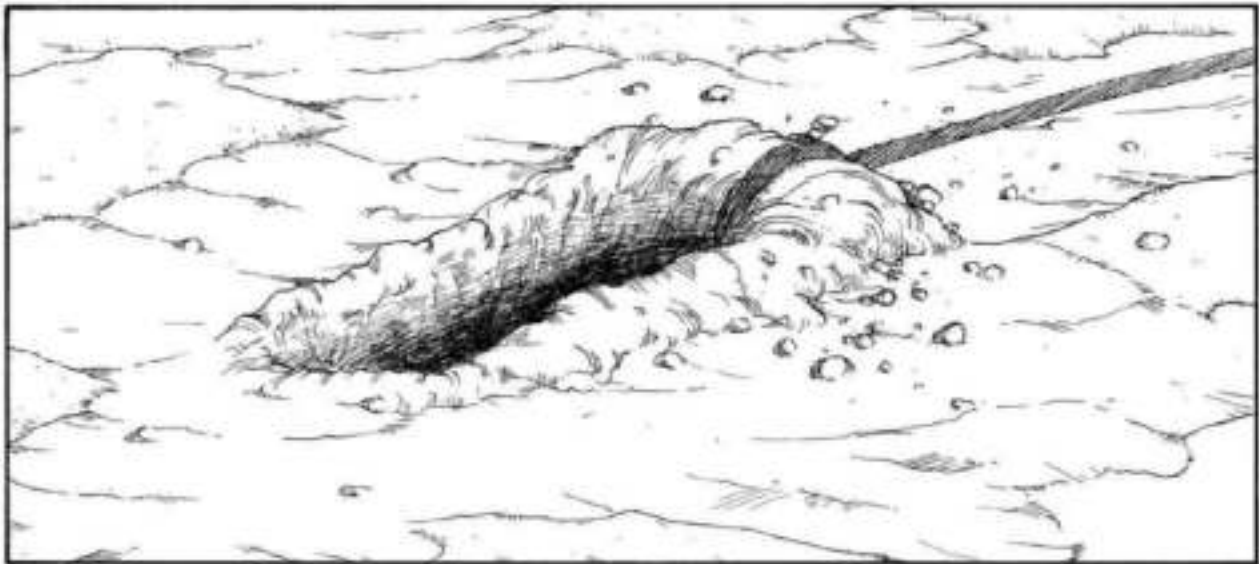




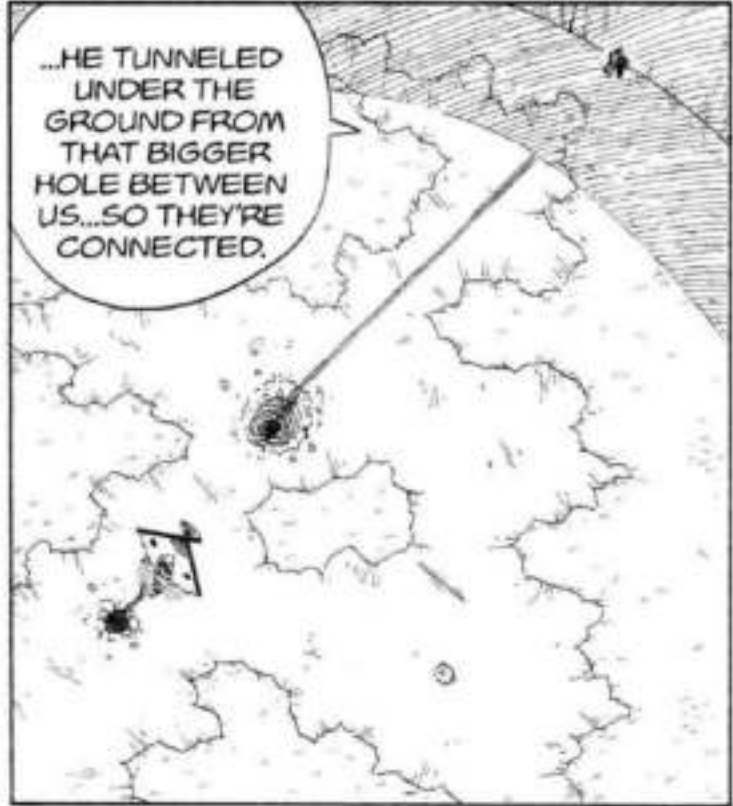
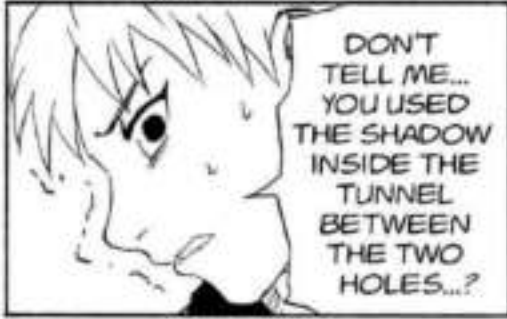




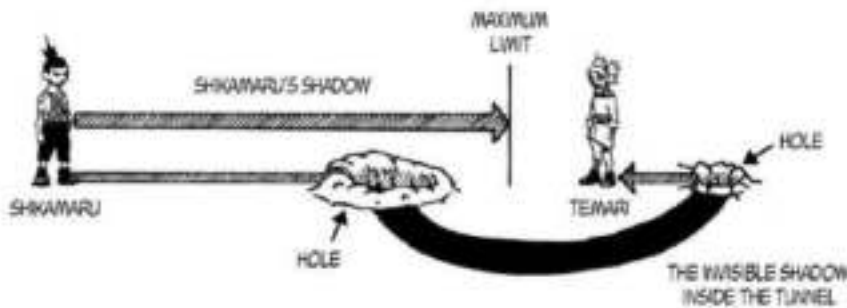


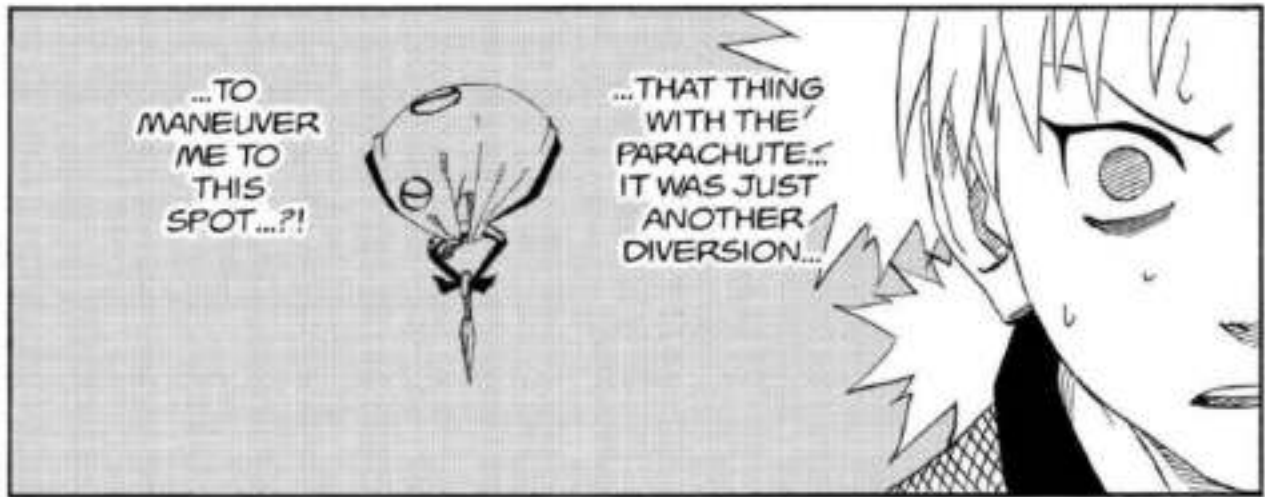






HEH... JUST LIKE A CAREFULLY CALCULATED GAME OF SHOGI! ALL HIS PREVIOUS MOVES, WHEN HE ALLOWED TEMARI TO CALCULATE THE MAXIMUM LENGTH OF HIS SHADOW, WERE JUST SUBPLOTS LEADING TO THIS GRAND FINALE! IT'S LIKE HE TRAINED HER TO DODGE THE SHADOWS CAST BY THE SUN AND THEN COAXED HER INTO HIS TRAP, USING THE TUNNEL'S INVISIBLE SHADOW TO CAPTURE HER FROM BEHIND! IT'S A TRUE CHECKMATE...





...TO
MANEUVER
ME TO
THIS
SPOT...?!

...THAT THING
WITH THE
PARACHUTE...
IT WAS JUST
ANOTHER
DIVERSION...



...YOU...
YOU
JERK...!



HIS NEXT
MOVE WILL
FINISH
HER...



UGH!

TAK
TAK

TAK
TAK





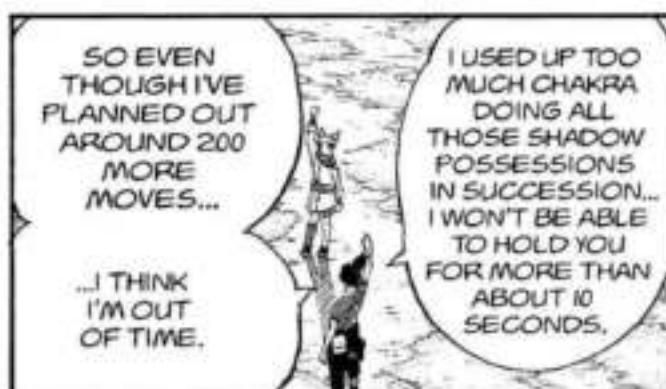
I TOLD YOU HE WAS GONNA QUIT...



...I
GIVE
UP!



THE
WINNER
IS...
TEMARI!!



SO EVEN
THOUGH I'VE
PLANNED OUT
AROUND 200
MORE
MOVES...

...I THINK
I'M OUT
OF TIME.

I USED UP TOO
MUCH CHAKRA
DOING ALL
THOSE SHADOW
POSSESSIONS
IN SUCCESSION...
I WON'T BE ABLE
TO HOLD YOU
FOR MORE THAN
ABOUT 10
SECONDS.



WHAT
A
WEIRD
KID...

ONE
MATCH IS
ENOUGH
FOR ME.

AND THIS
FIGHTING
STUFF IS
GETTING
TO BE A
DRAG...

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