



NARUTO

SHONEN JUMP MANGA

Story & Art by

Masashi Kishimoto volume

22



岸本 齊史

Oh man, it's spring! I always get sleepy in spring... I'm just sleepy... so slee... ..ZZZ.

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2004

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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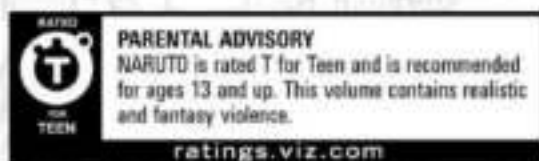
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CHARACTERS

Sasuke
サスケ

Naruto
ナルト

Sakura
サクラ



The Sound Ninja Four
音の四人衆





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. During the Second Chûnin Exam, Naruto and the others were attacked by Orochimaru, who left a curse mark on Sasuke and vanished...

Naruto and Sasuke proceeded to the Chûnin Exam Finals, but in the middle of the Sasuke vs. Gaara battle, Orochimaru and company launch *Operation Destroy Konoha*, which was stopped when the Third Hokage sacrificed his own life.

Sasuke, healed by Tsunade, who has become the Fifth Hokage, leaves Konoha Village with the Sound Ninja Four... The quintet of Shikamaru, Naruto, Choji, Kiba, and Neji hastily set out after them...!

The Story So Far...



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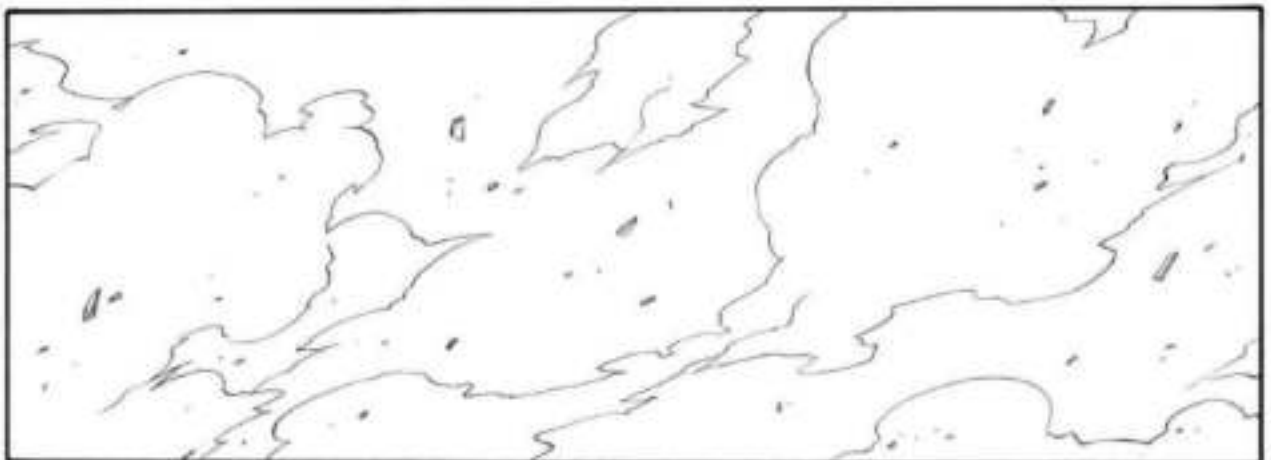
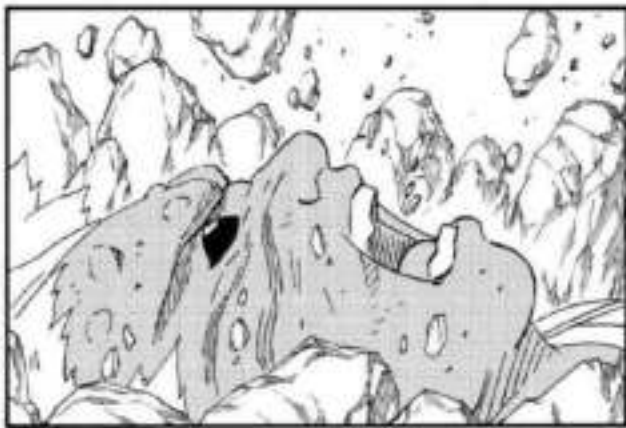


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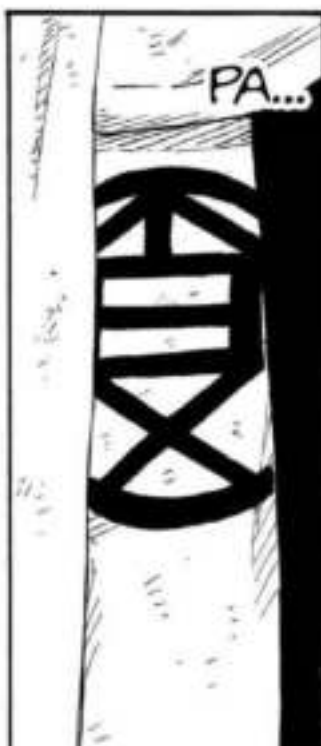
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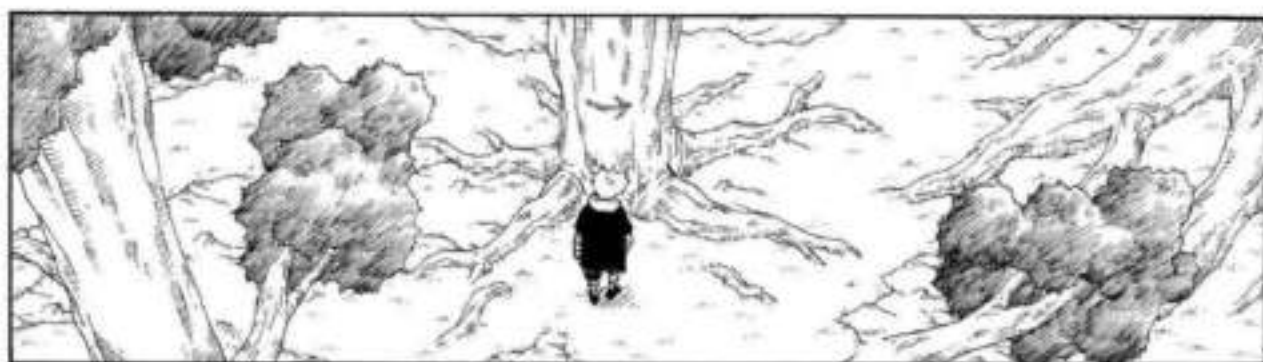


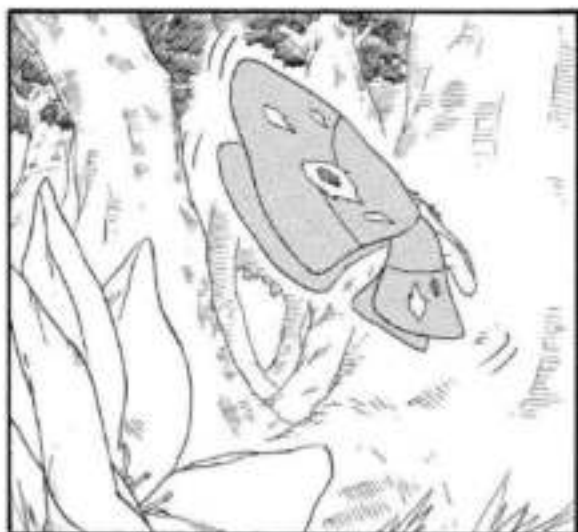


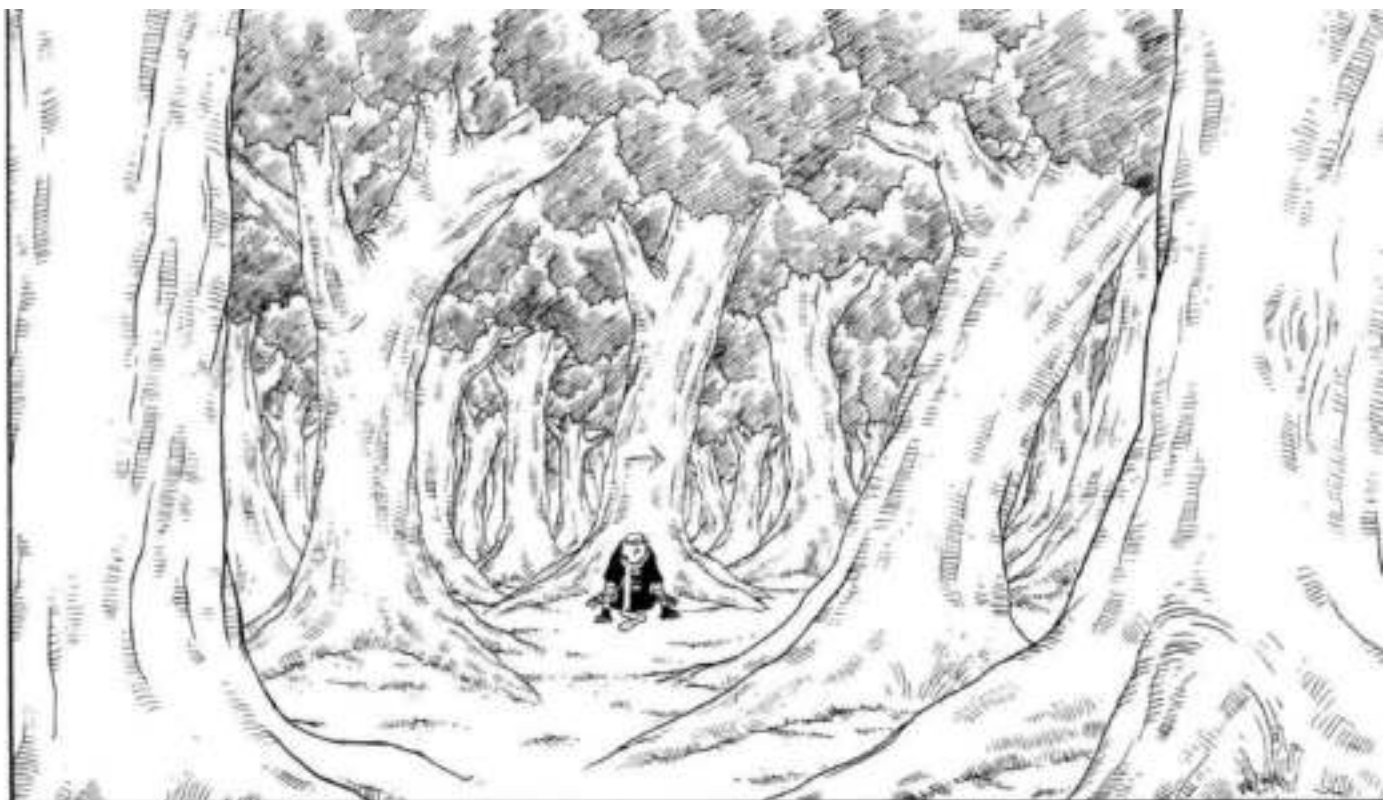


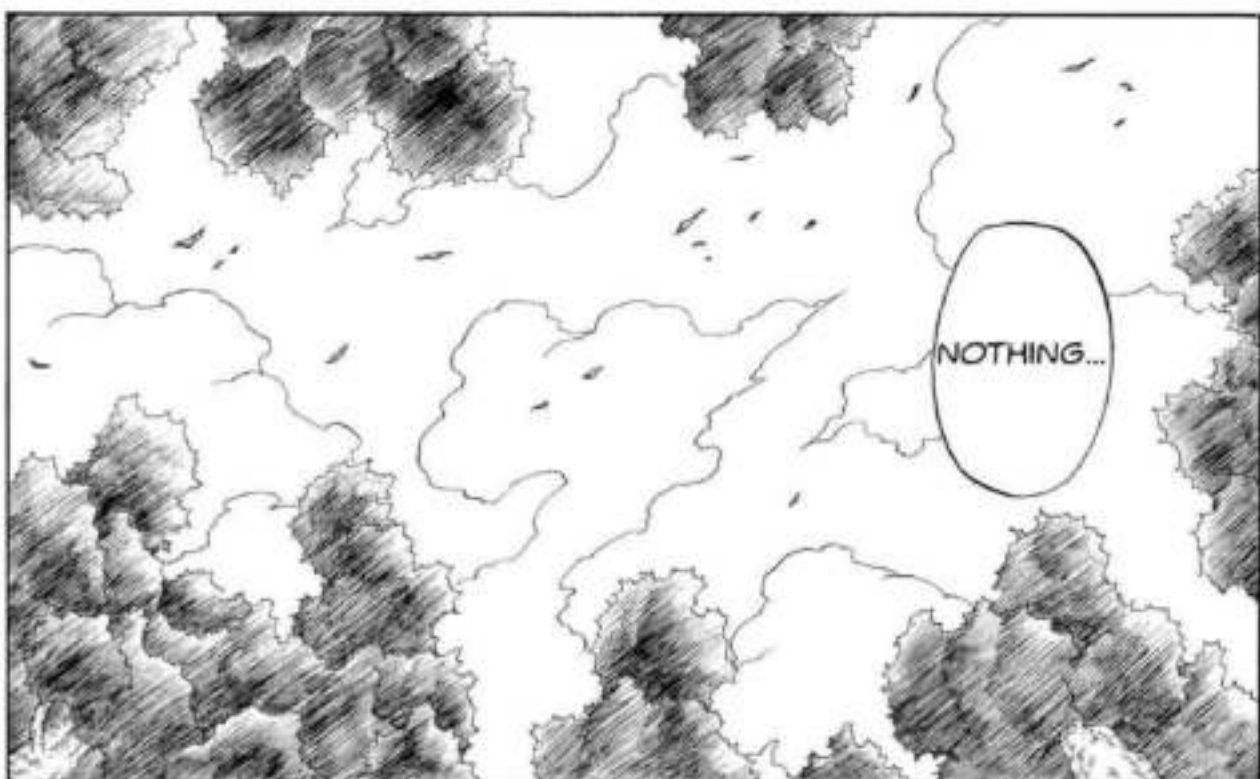


























HE CAN'T
DODGE
YOU
MIDAIR!!!

NOW,
KIBA!
AKA-
MARU!

WHOA!

!!

UGH!

BOING



TUMP

TUMP



NINJA
ART:
KUMO-
SOKAI!
SPIRAL
WEB!!



PSSSH

!!

GATSUGA!
FANG
OVER
FANG!!





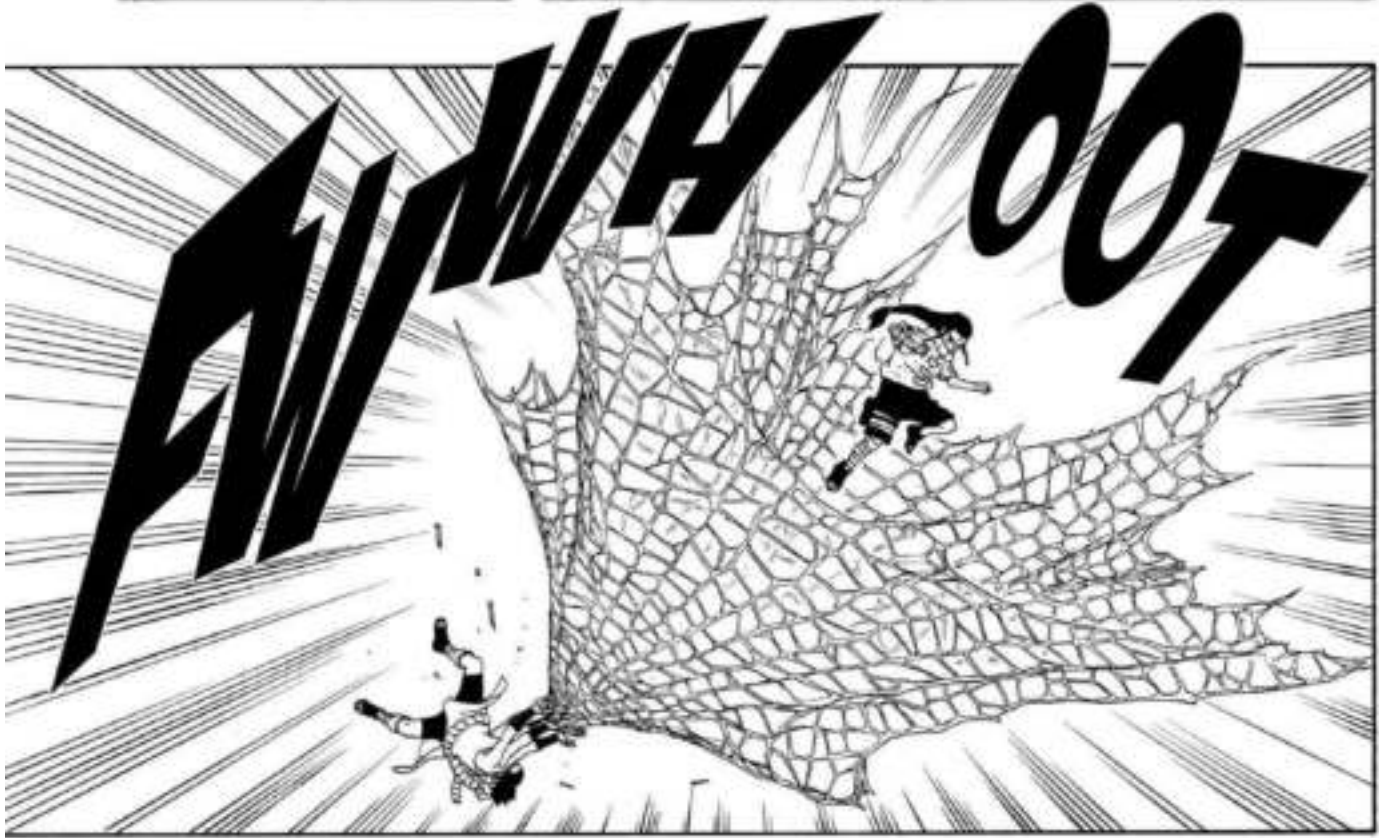
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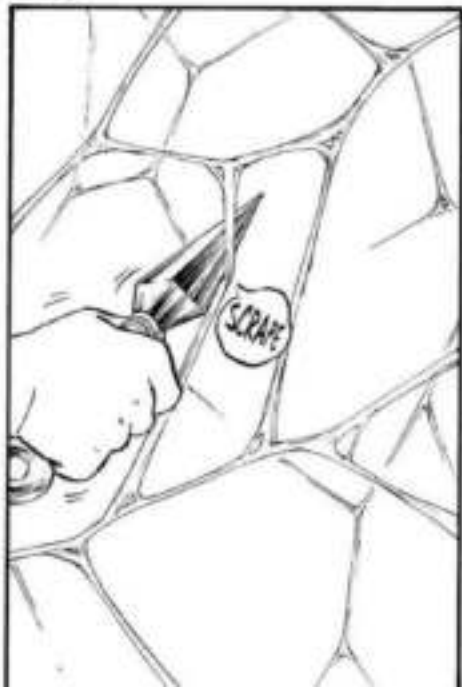


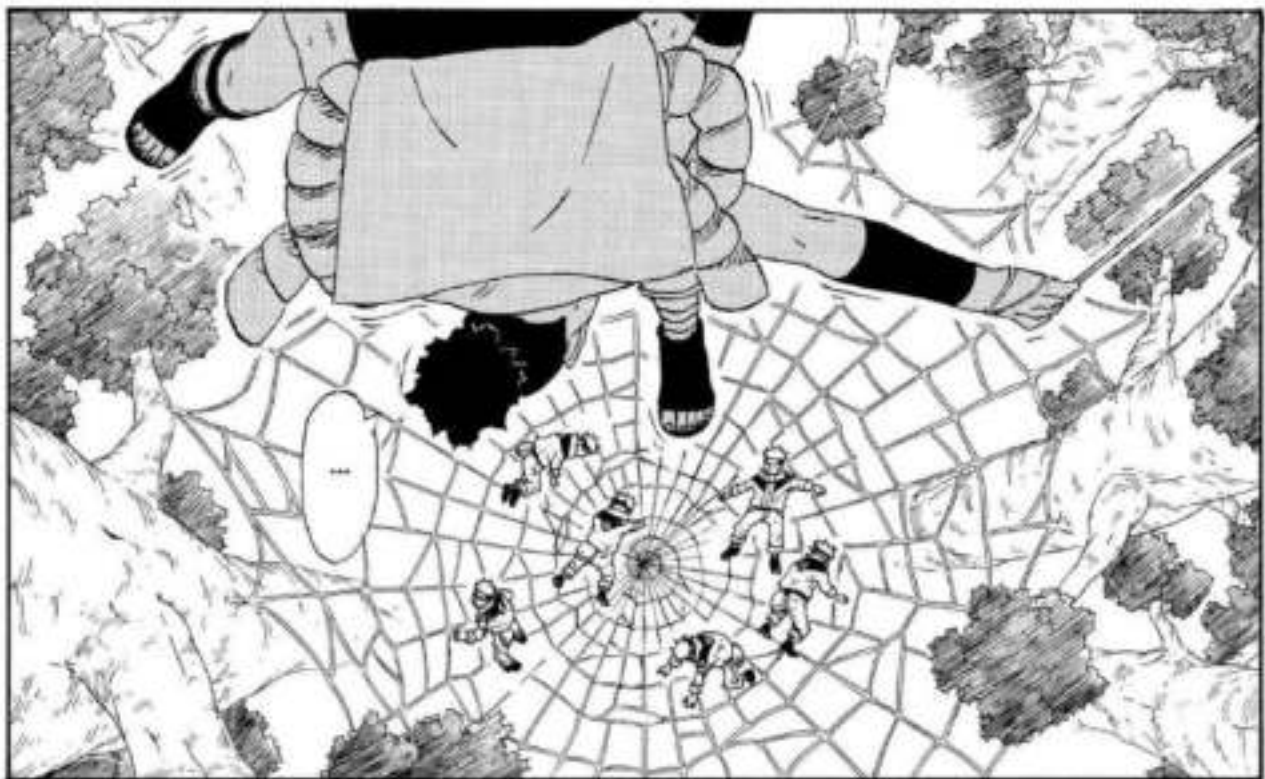
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...SO STICKY...
A MIX OF
SPIT AND
CHAKRA...

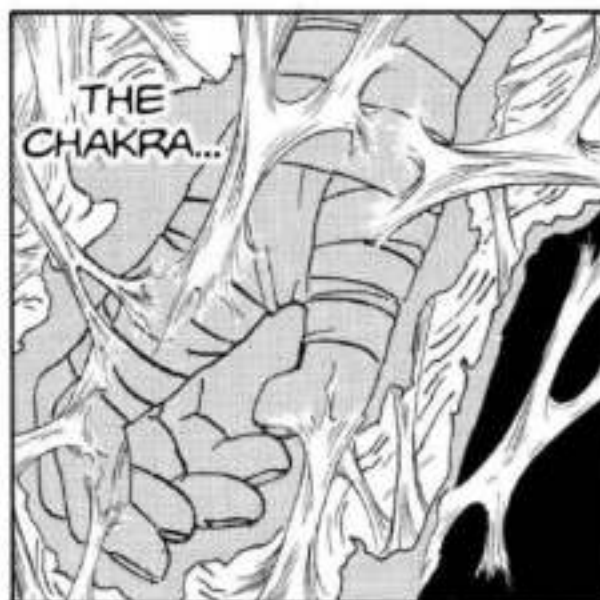
THESE
STRANDS
HAVE A
MIND OF
THEIR
OWN...



...

HIS
JUTSU
IS WAY
TOO
STRONG...

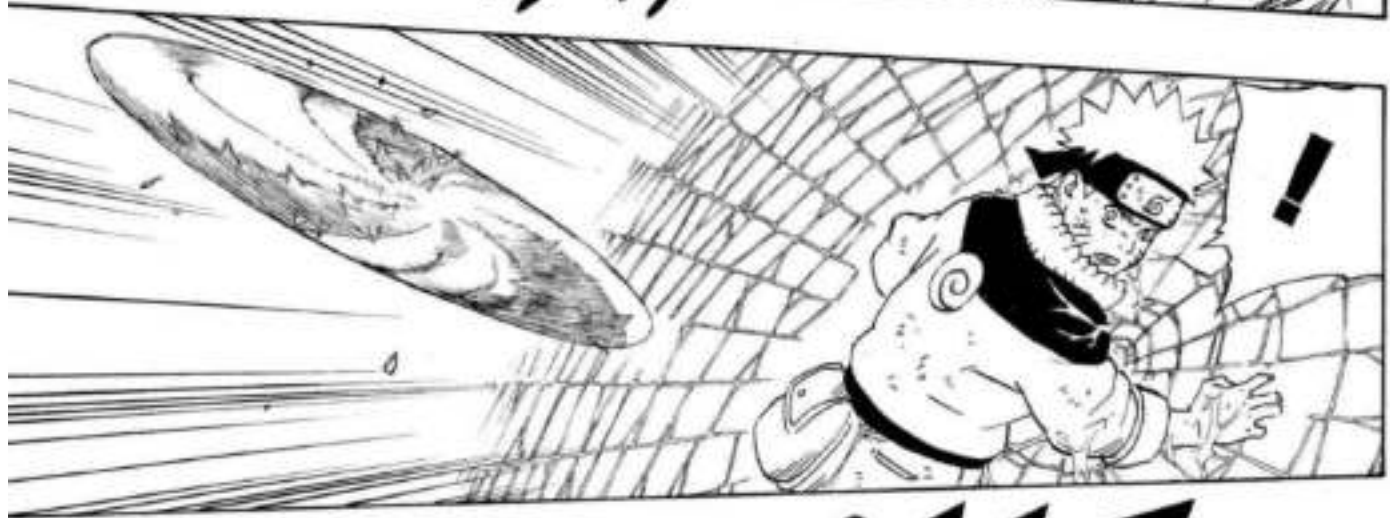
GROSS...
THEY'RE STILL
SO STRONG,
EVEN AFTER
HE'S LET GO
OF THEM...
THE CHAKRA
MUST KEEP
CIRCULATING.



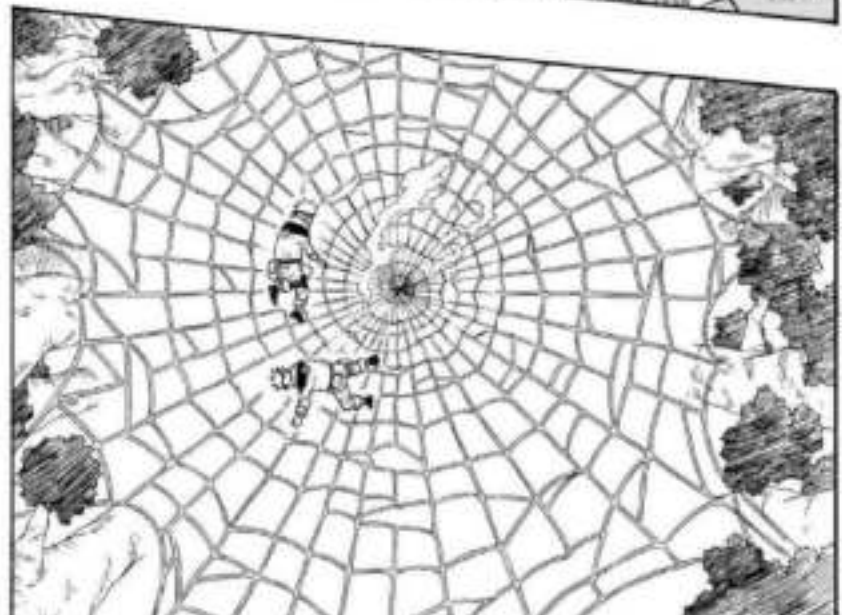
THE
CHAKRA...







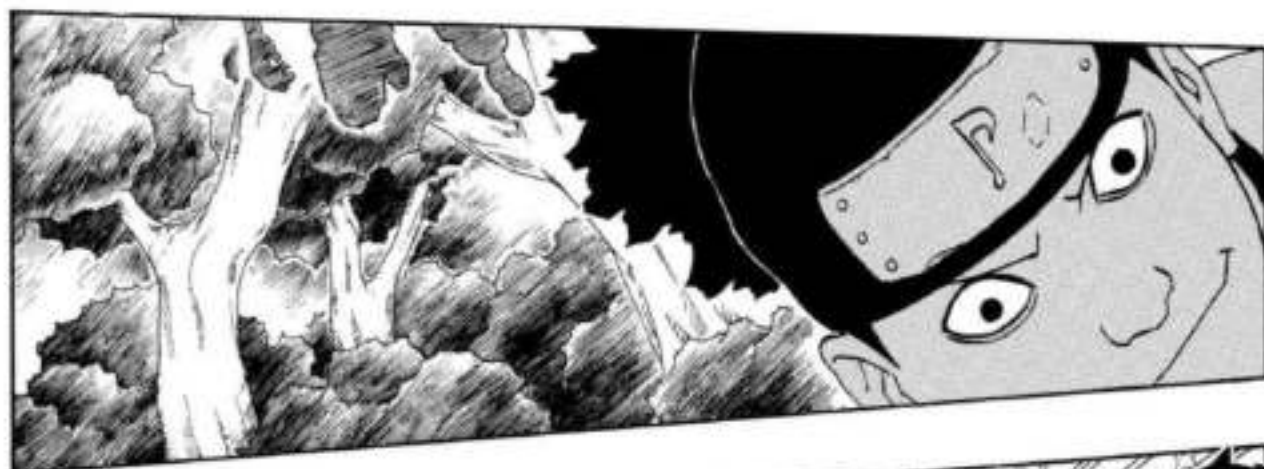






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I CAN'T BELIEVE A SCUMBAG LIKE HIM PLANNED SOMETHING THIS COMPLICATED...

NOW I SEE... HE WAS BIDDING HIS TIME WITH DOPPELGANGERS.



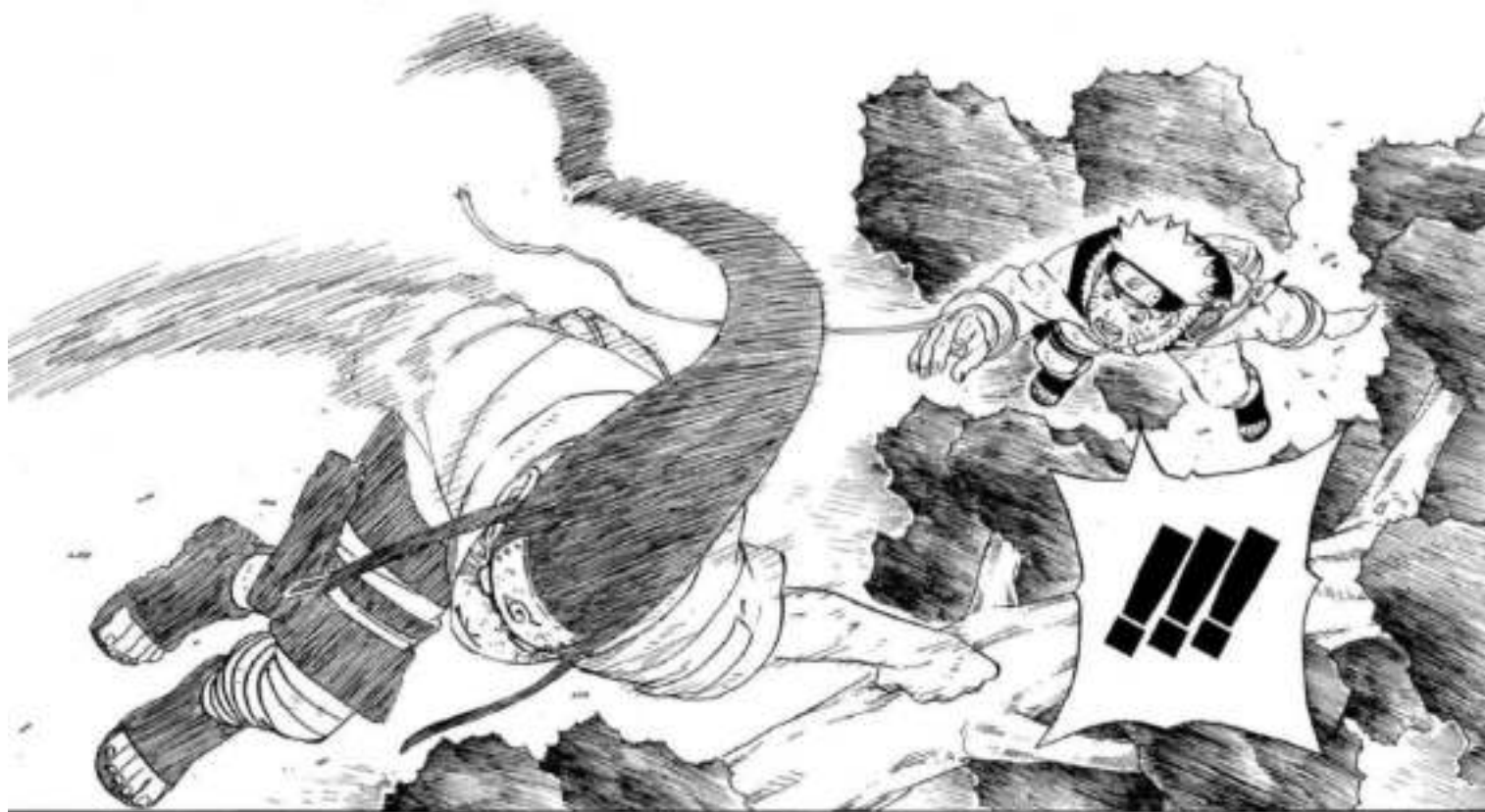
NOT BAD... BUT...



WAAH!!

...NOW IT'S REALLY END GAME! DIE!

WASH! FOOSH!



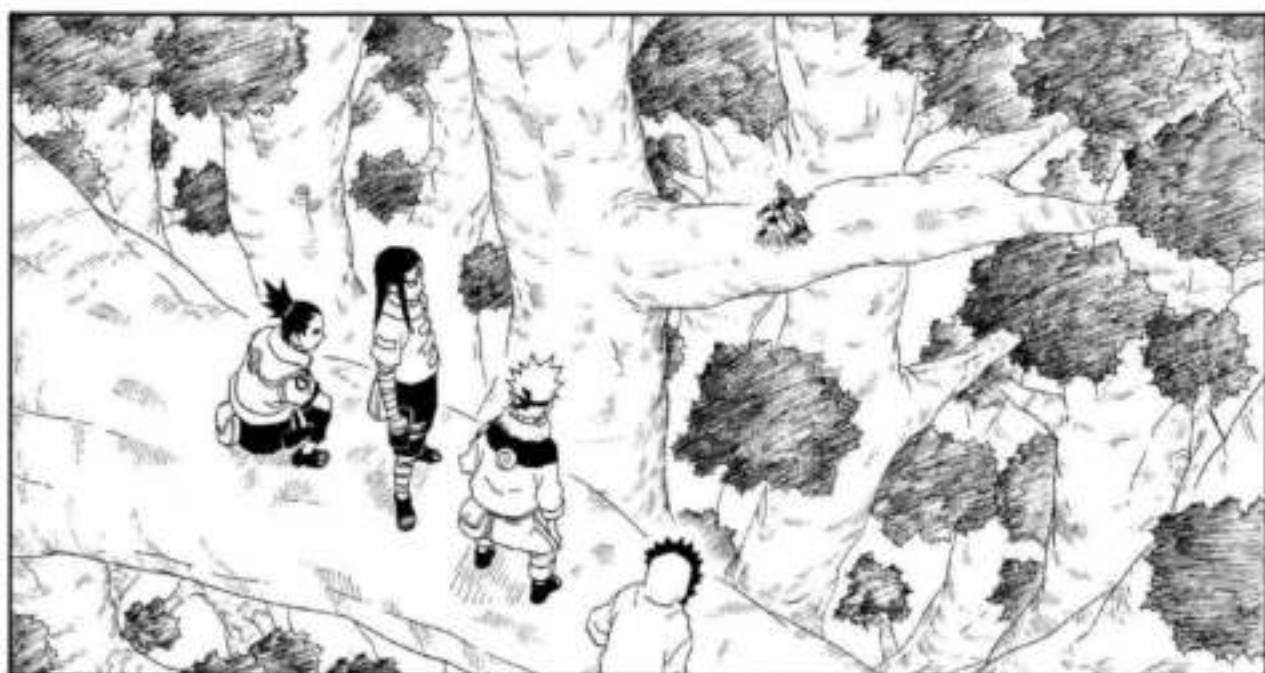


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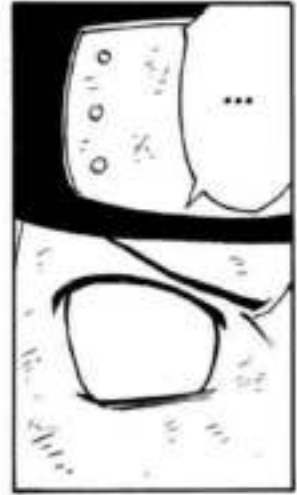
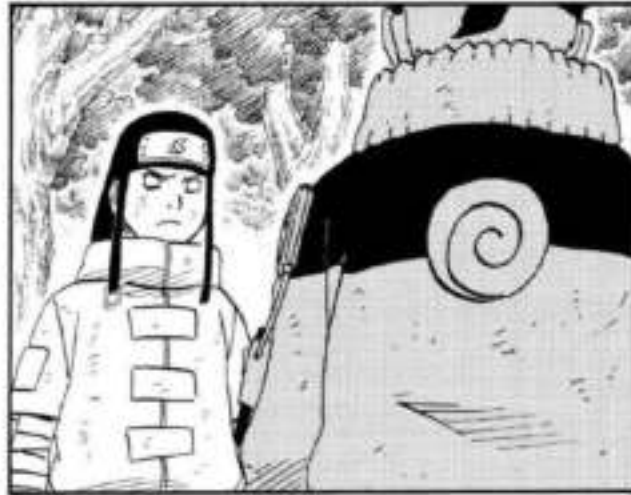


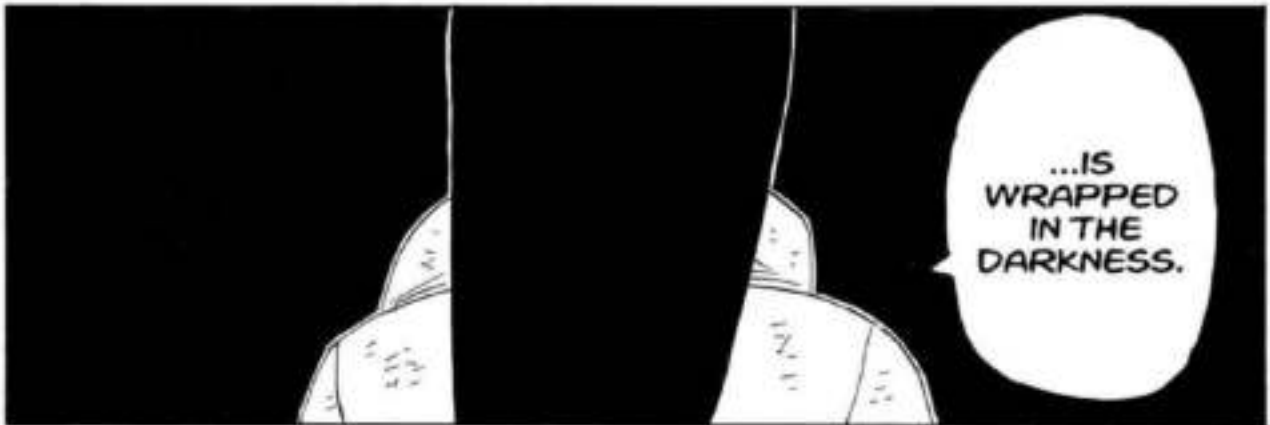
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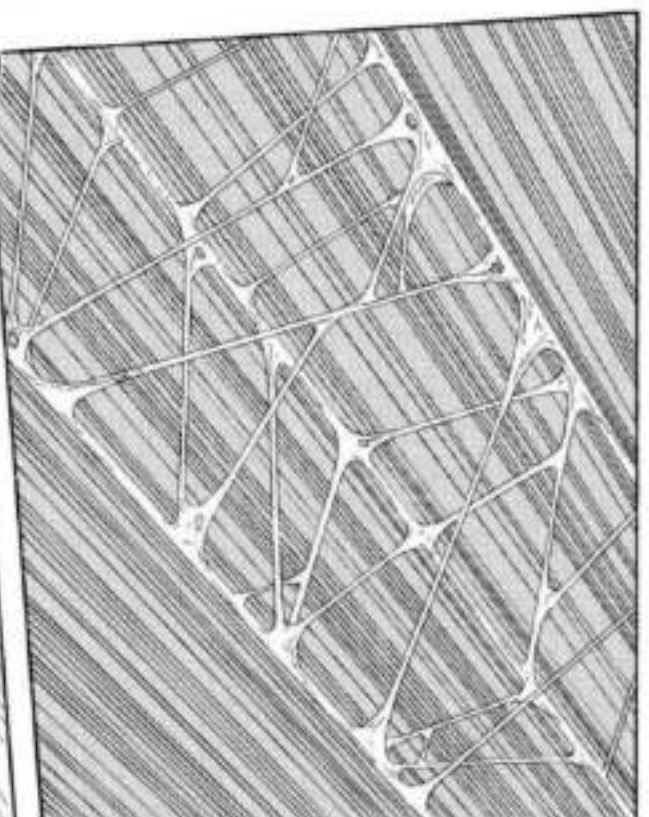


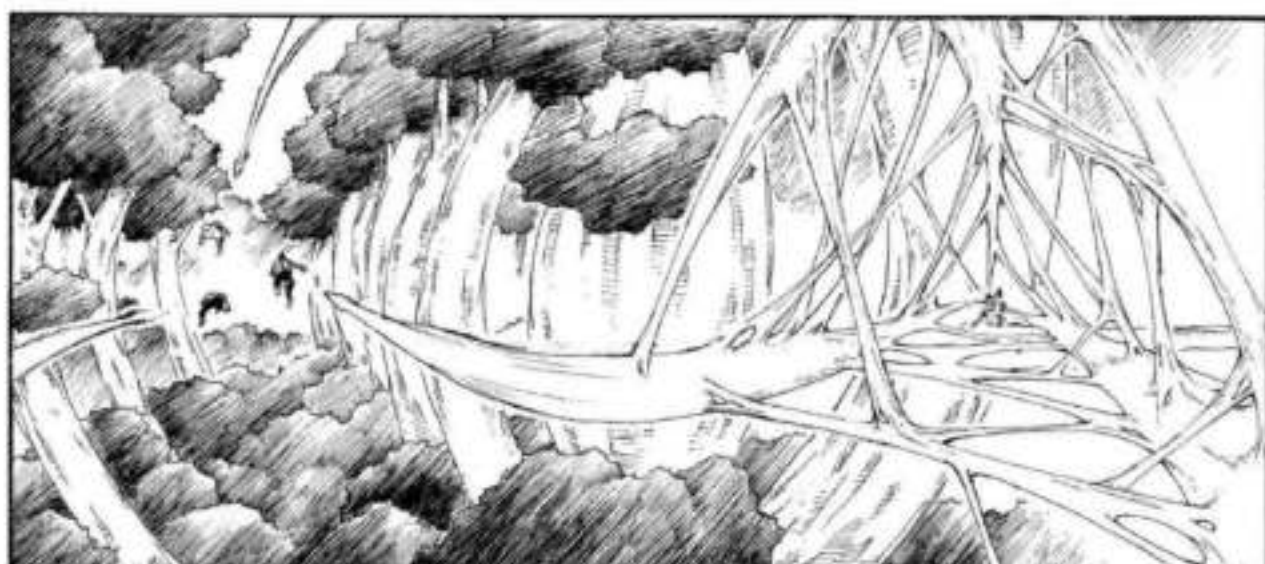








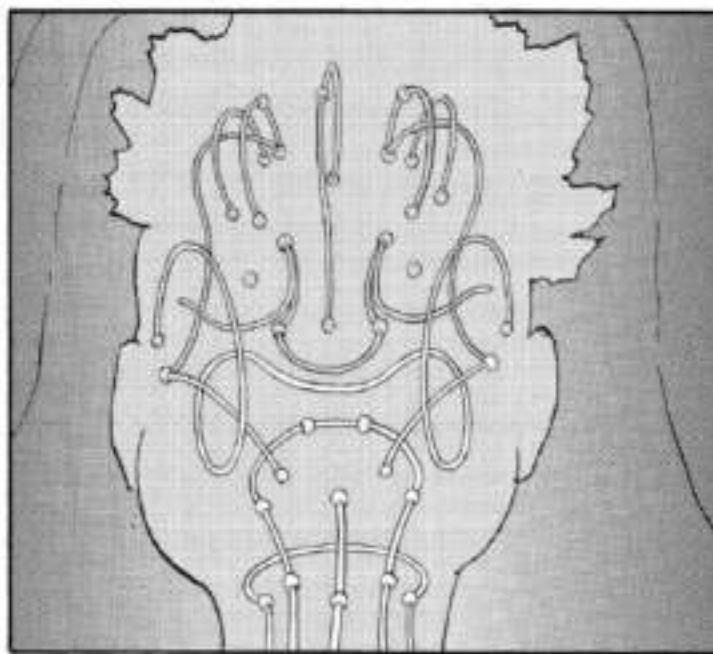
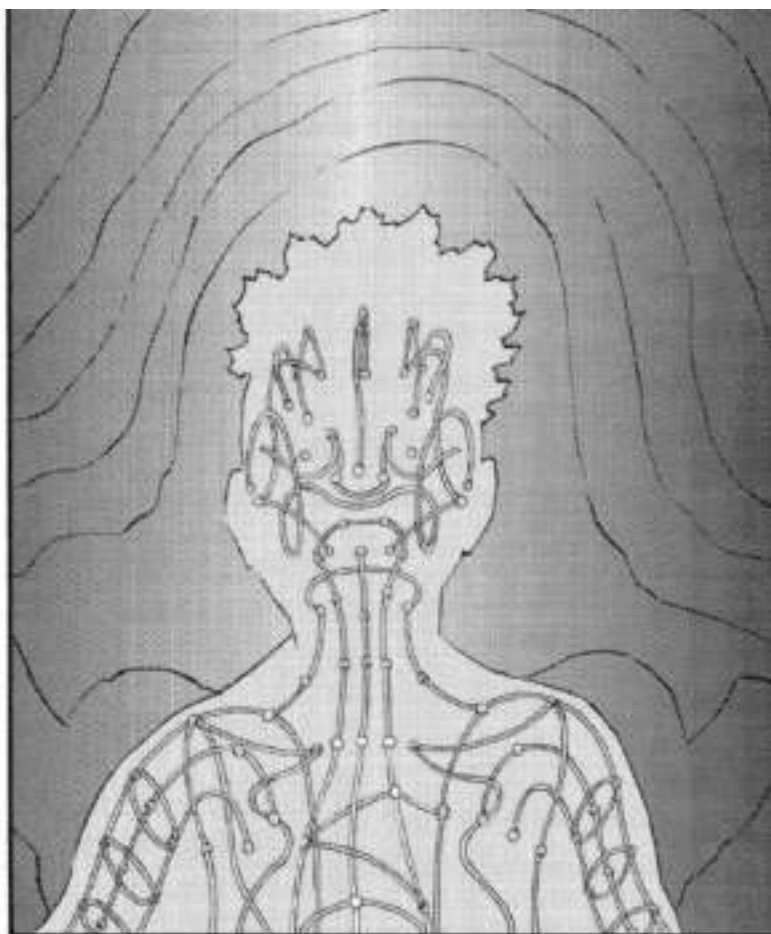
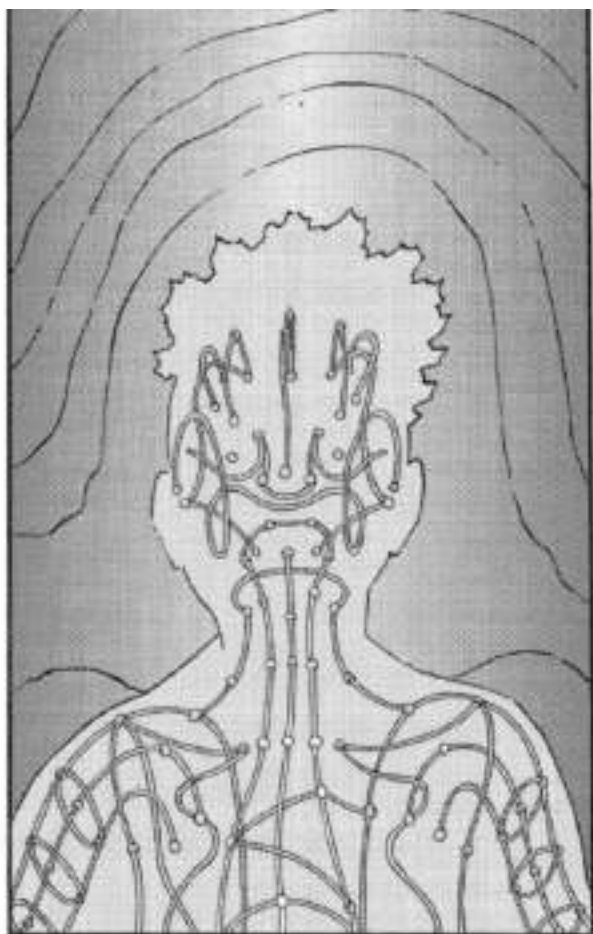


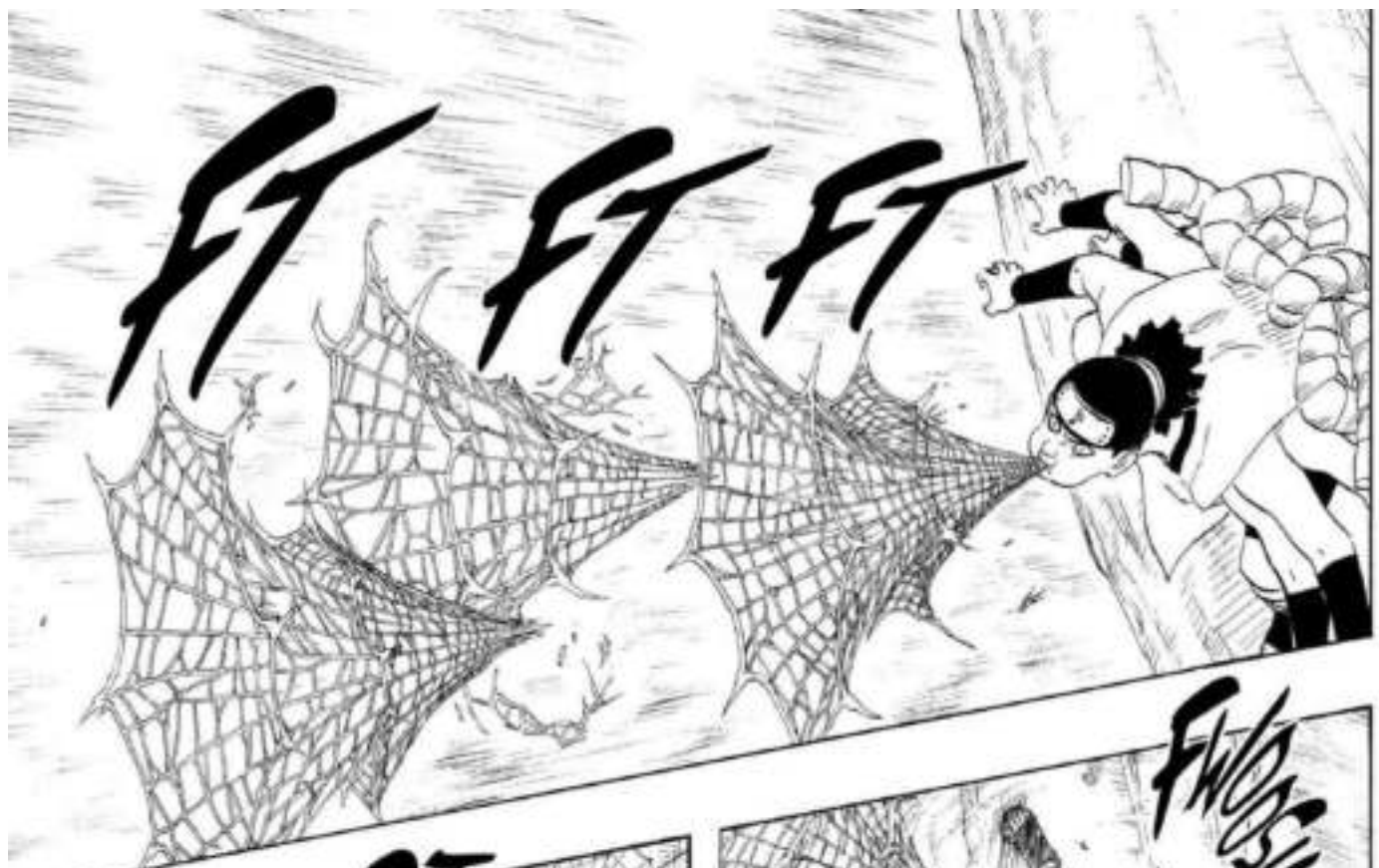










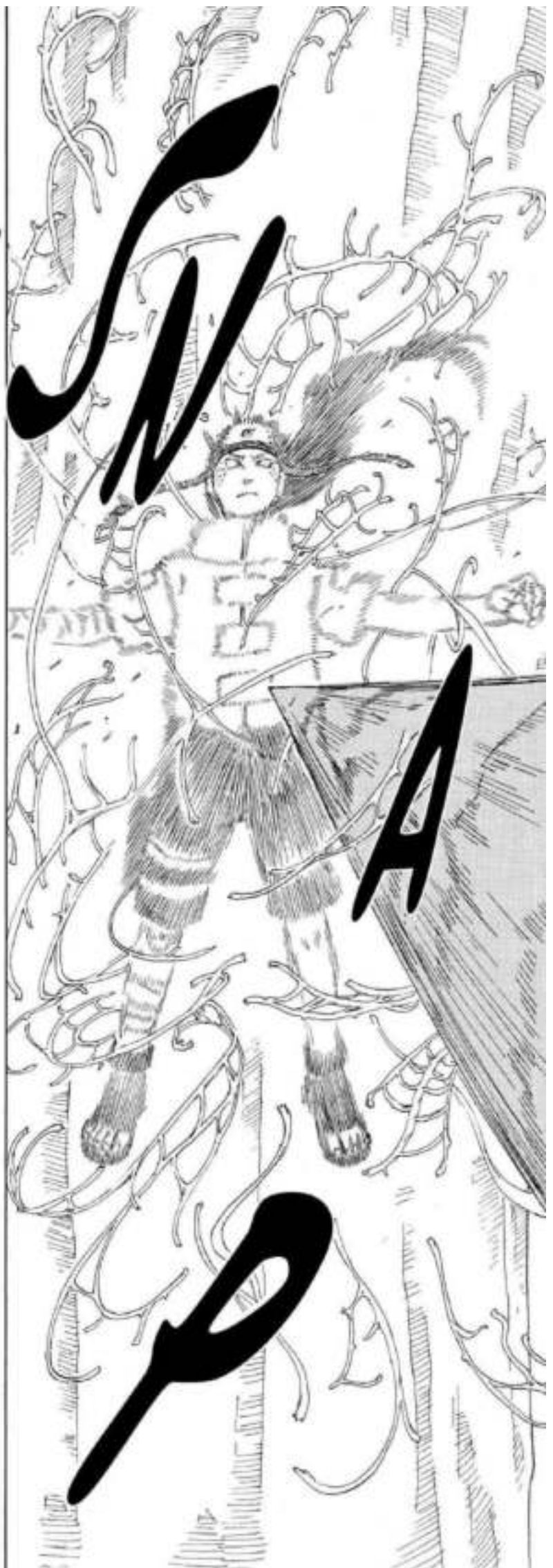


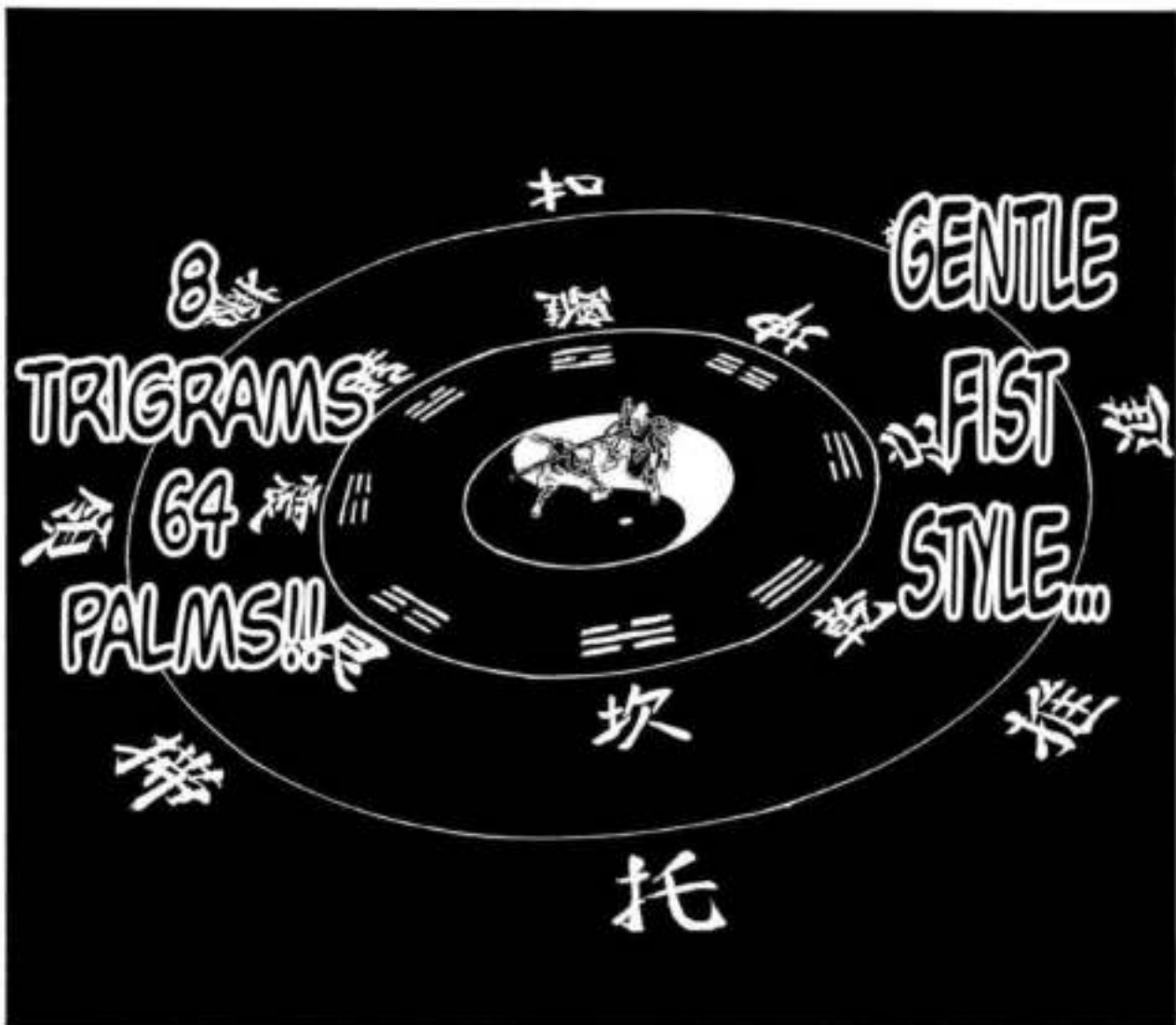












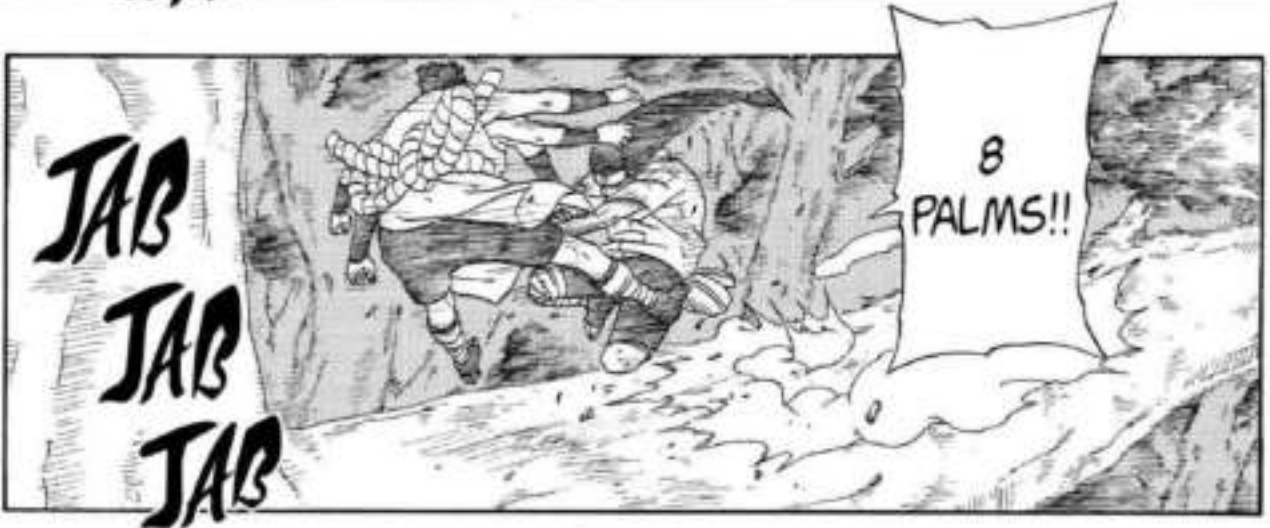
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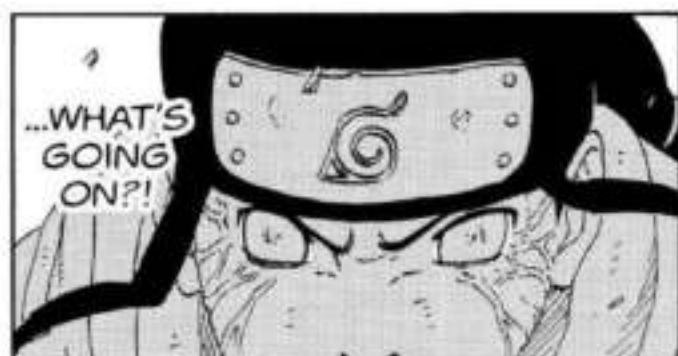
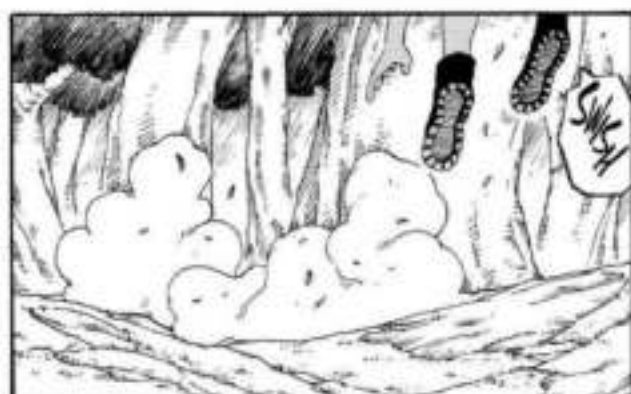
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ARE YOU A MONSTER...?



HEH, THAT WAS CLOSE, TOO CLOSE...

...I'VE HEARD THE GENTLE FIST TECHNIQUE DISRUPTS KEIRAKUKEI' SO YOU CAN'T MANIPULATE CHAKRA...

(*CHAKRA NETWORK)



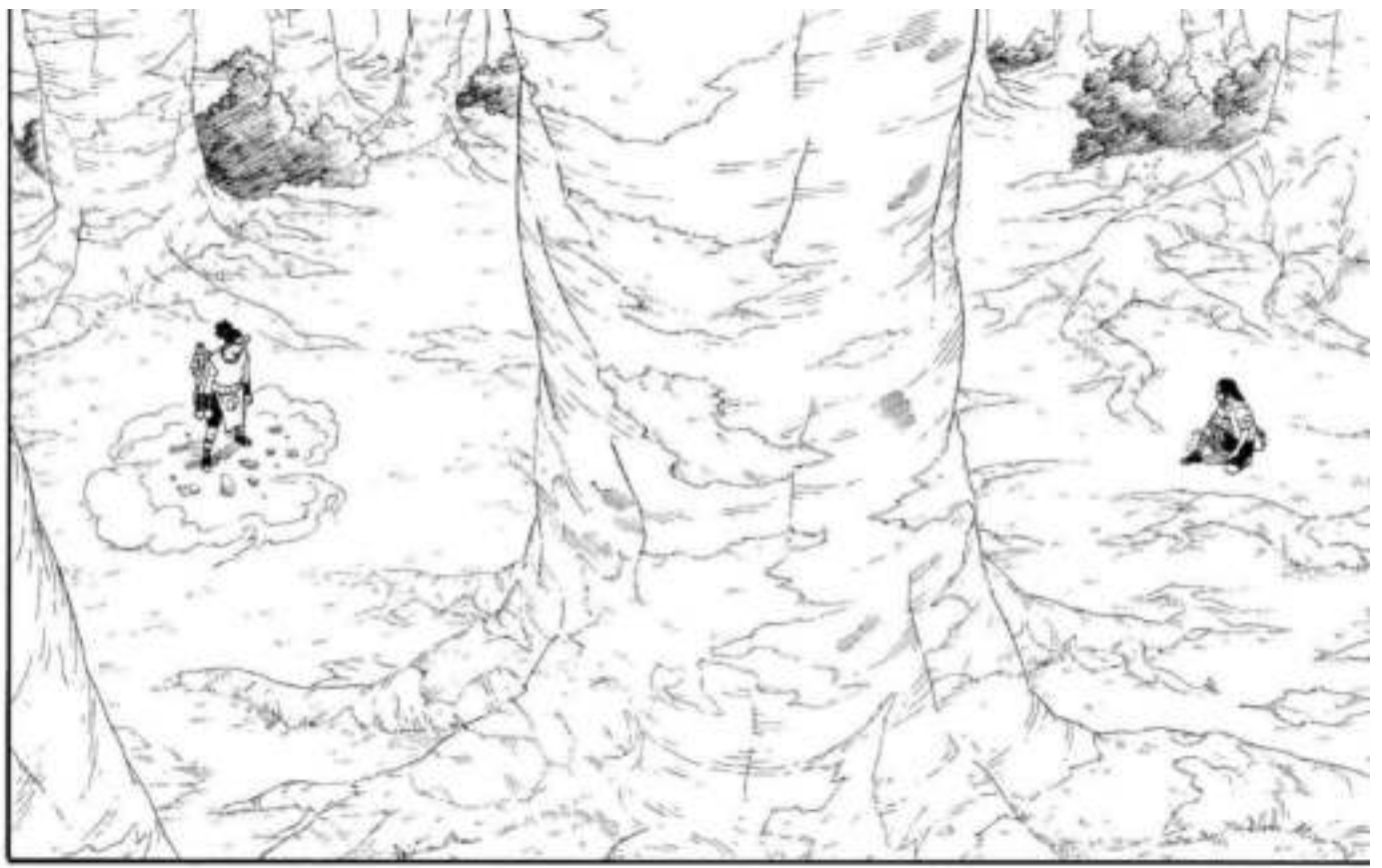
AND I CAN EMIT IT NOT JUST FROM MY MOUTH...



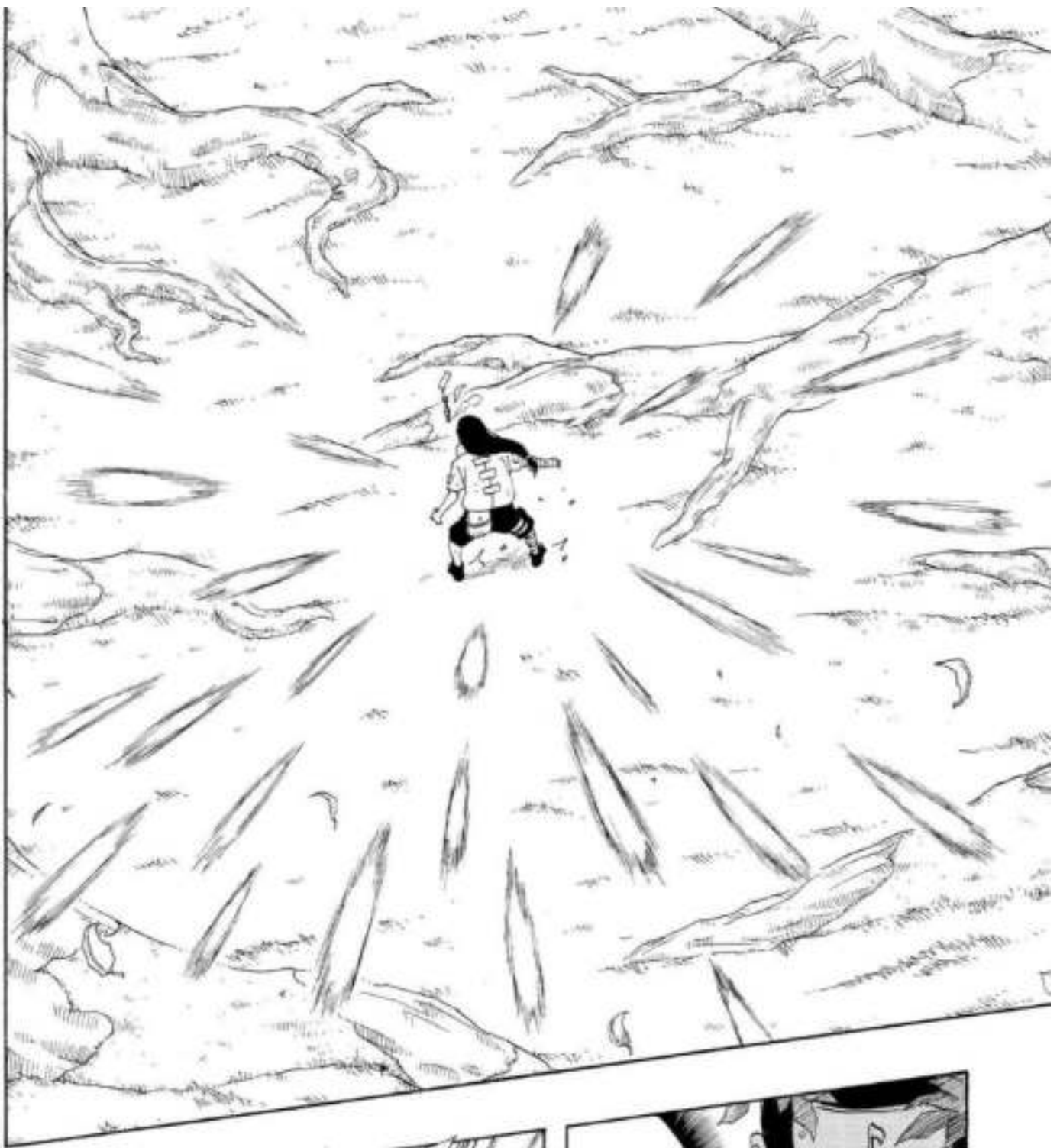
MY KUMONENKIN...

...IS METAL THAT HARDENS UPON CONTACT WITH AIR... AND DOESN'T LET CHAKRA THROUGH, EITHER.

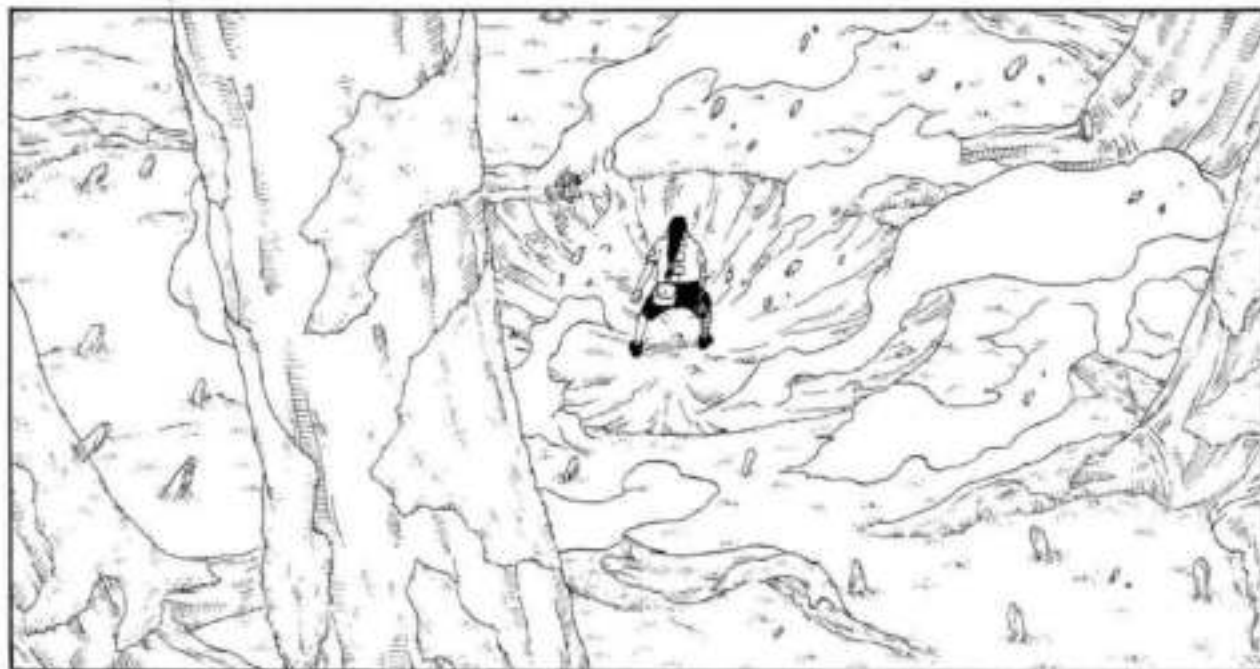
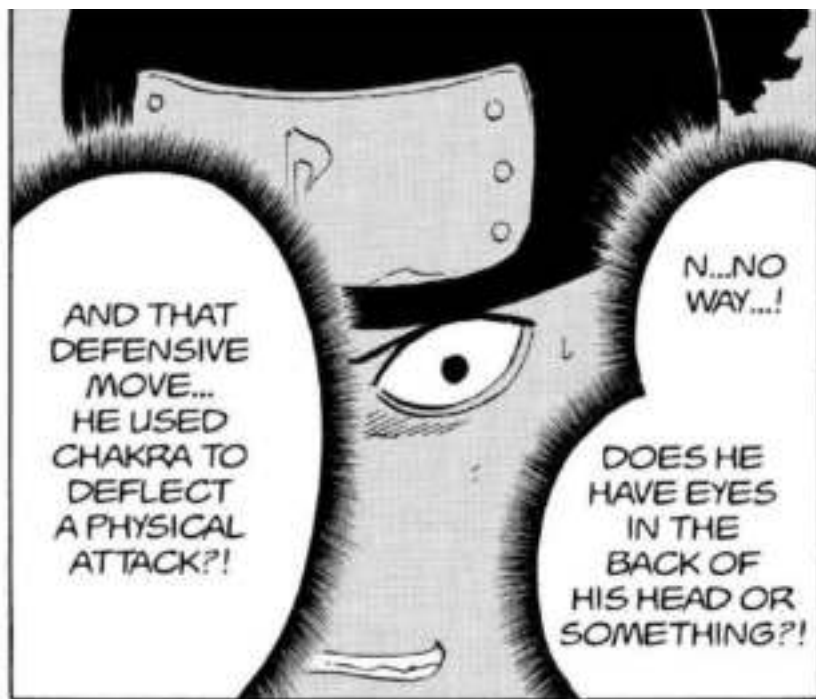
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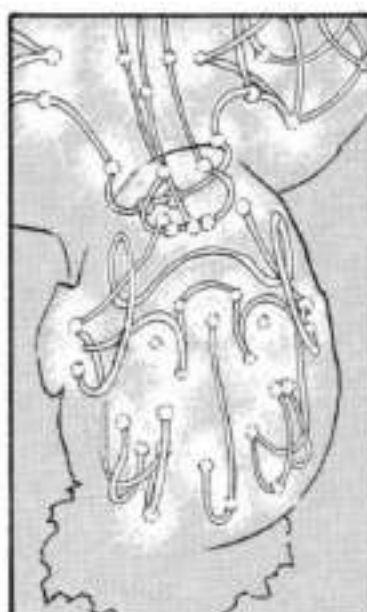


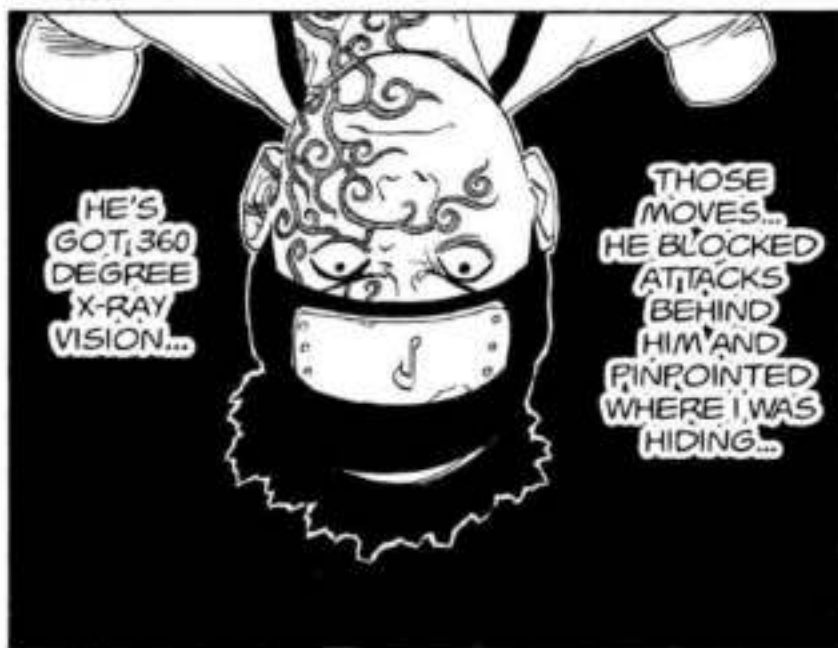








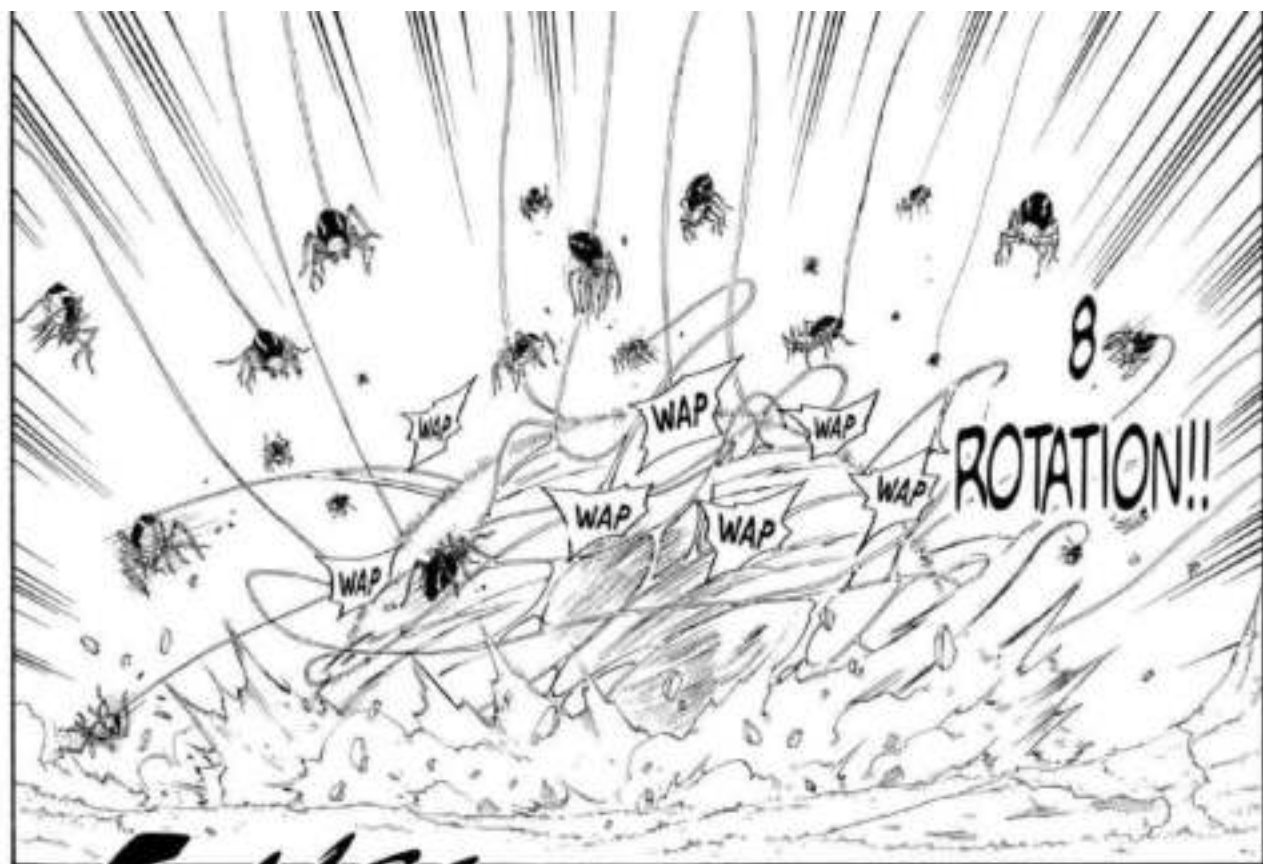






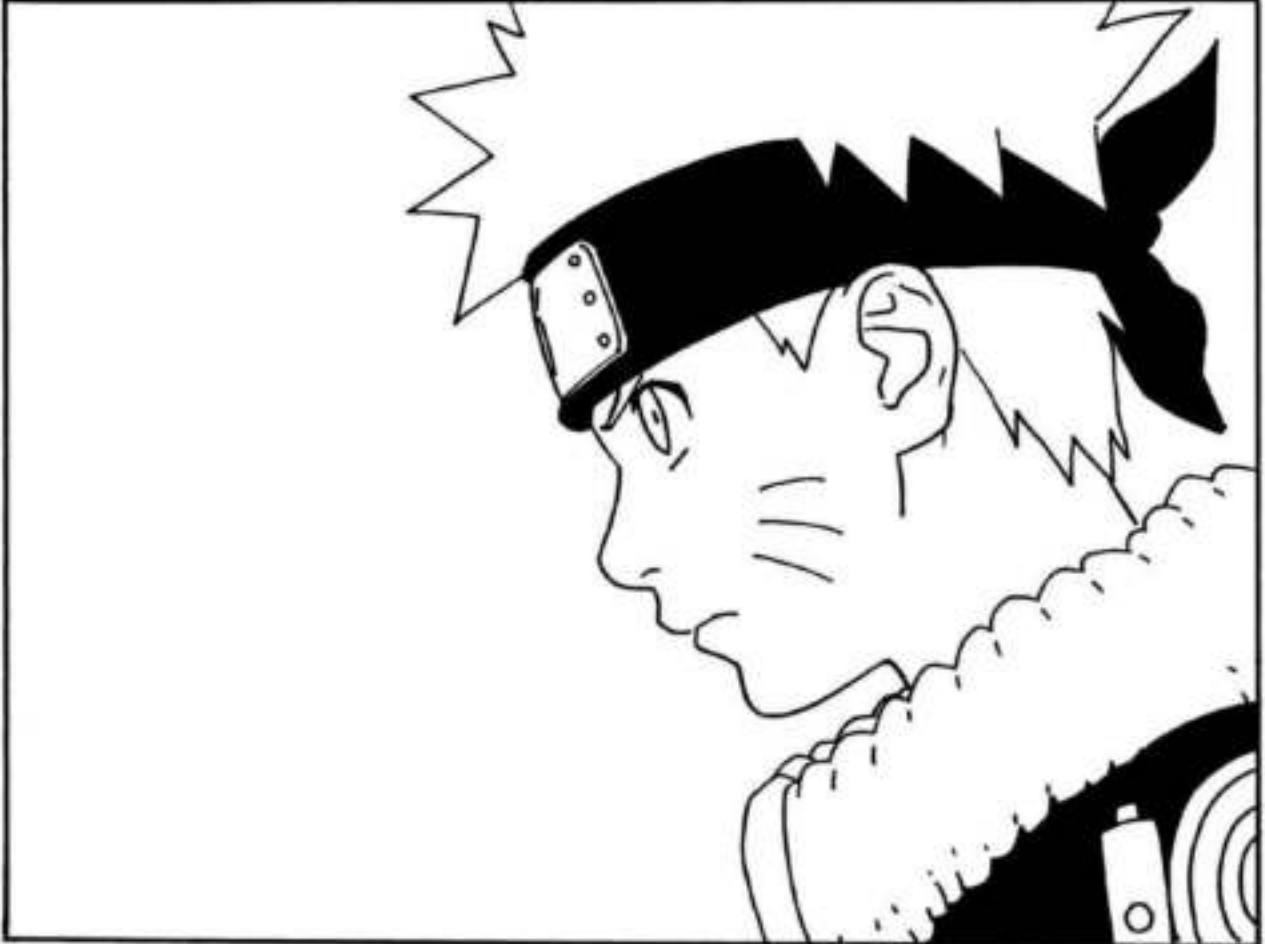
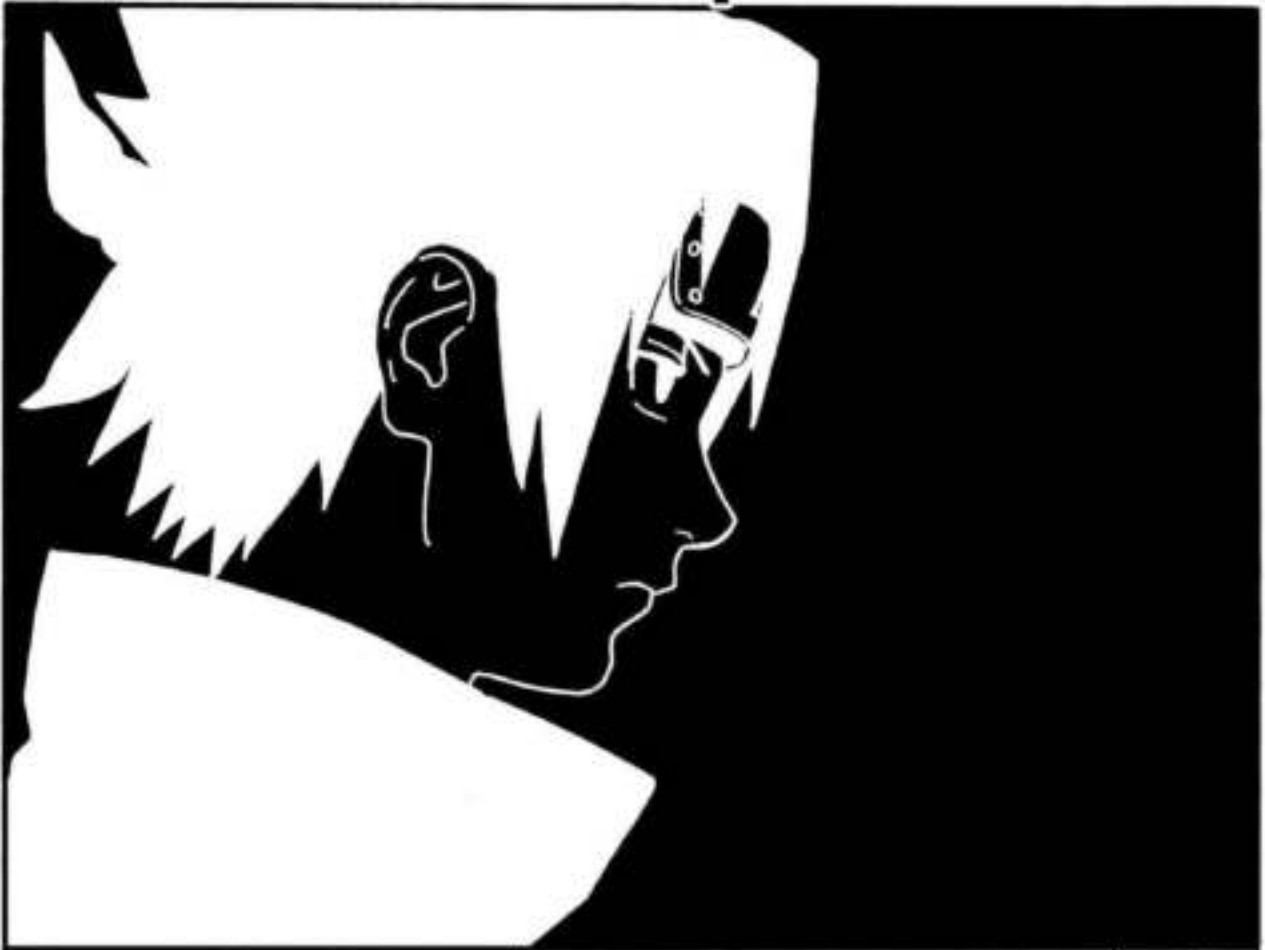




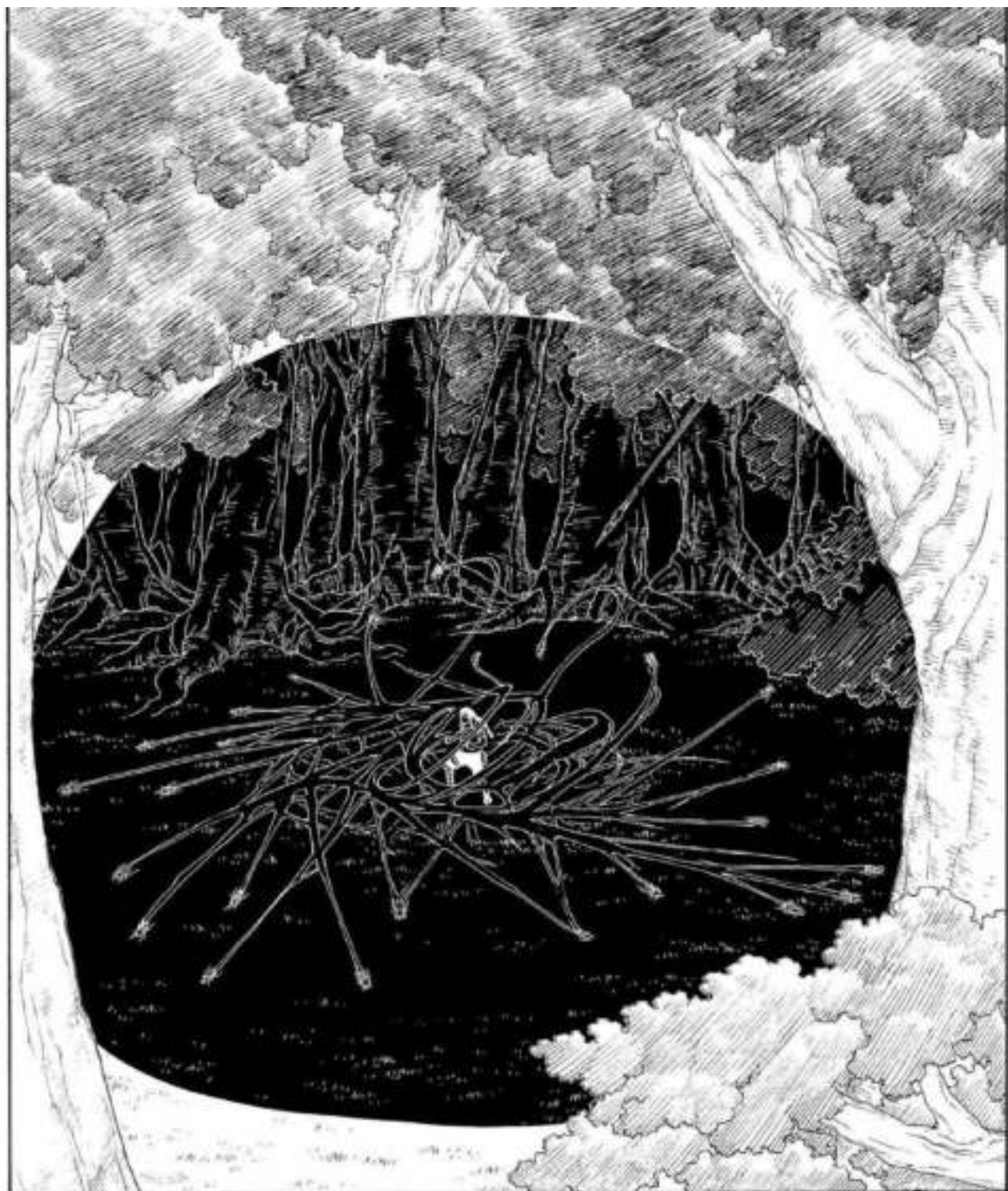


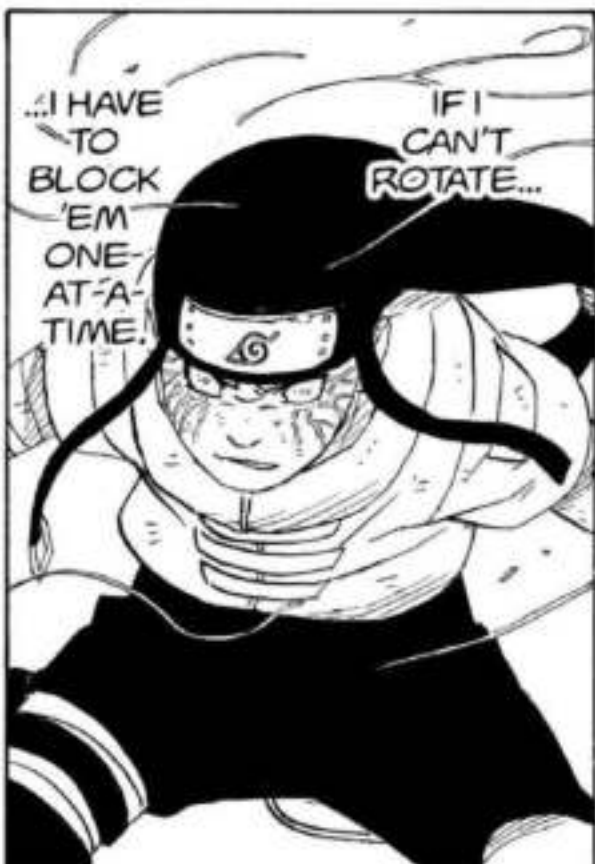
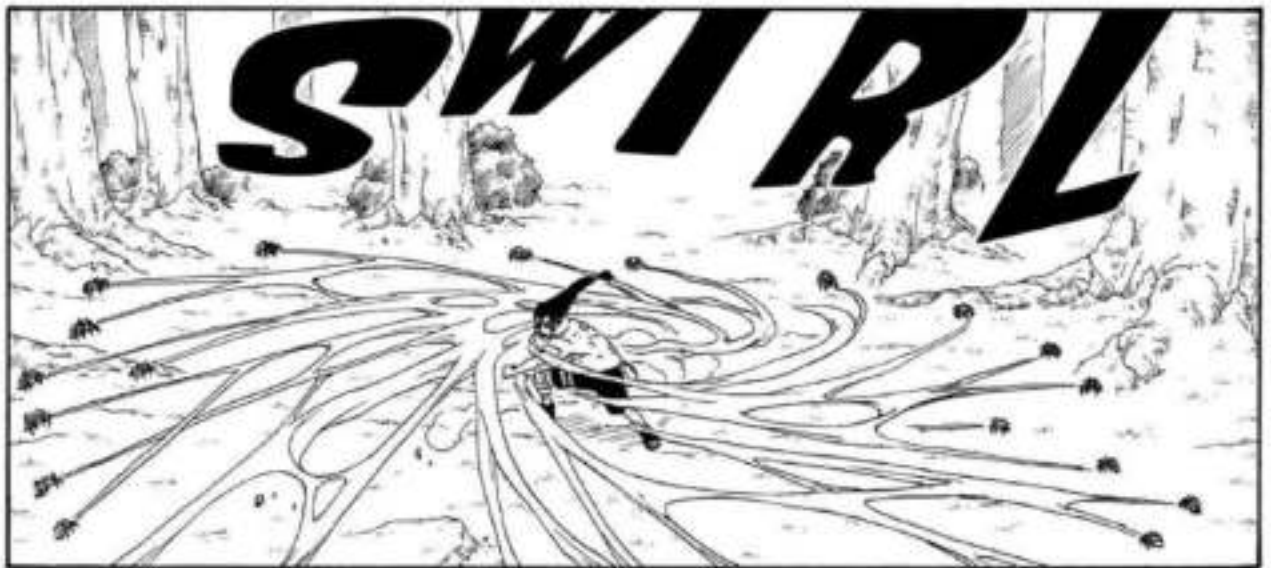
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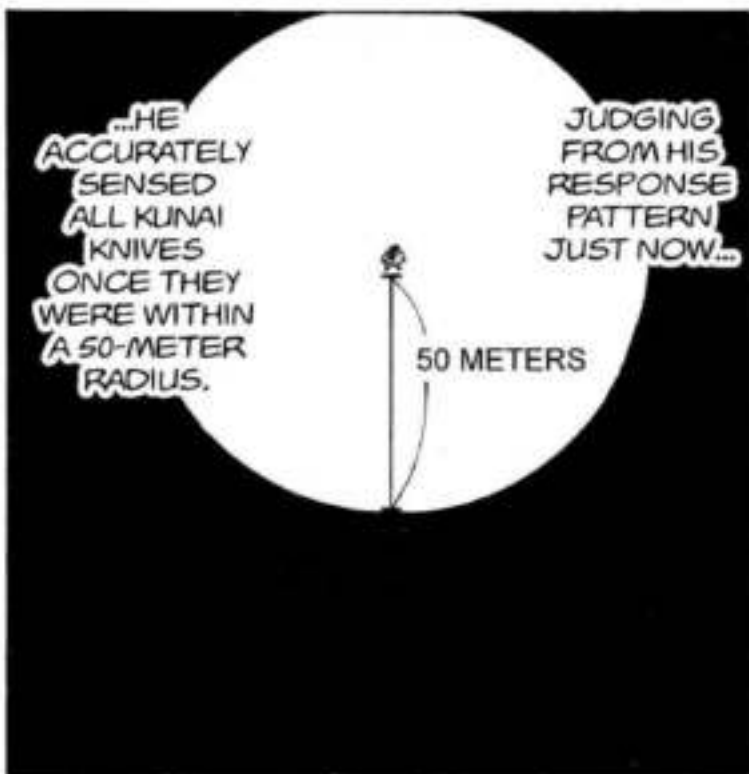


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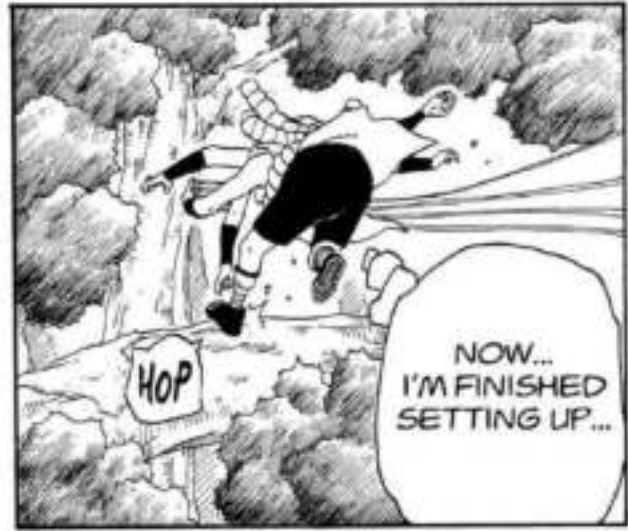
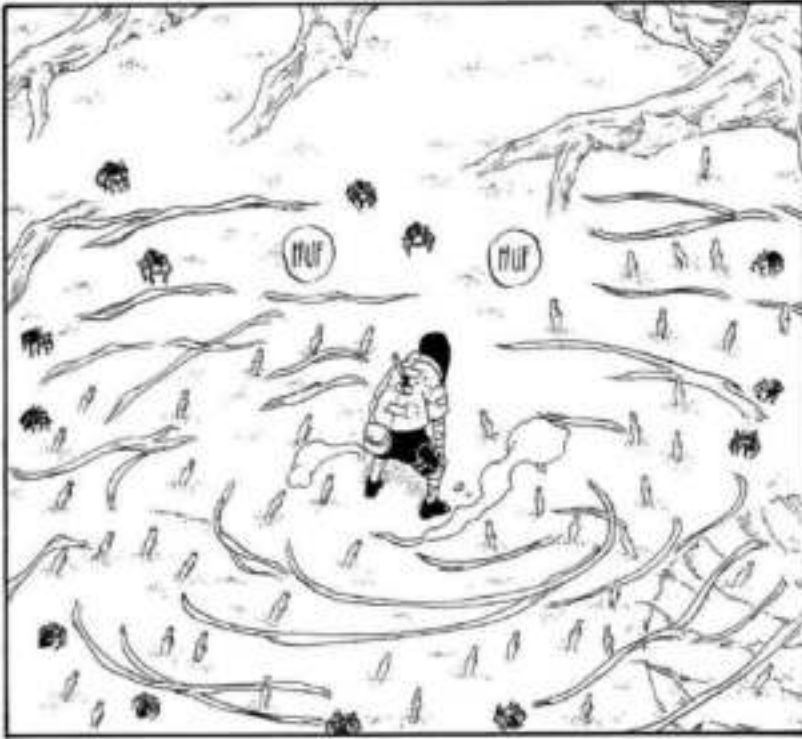


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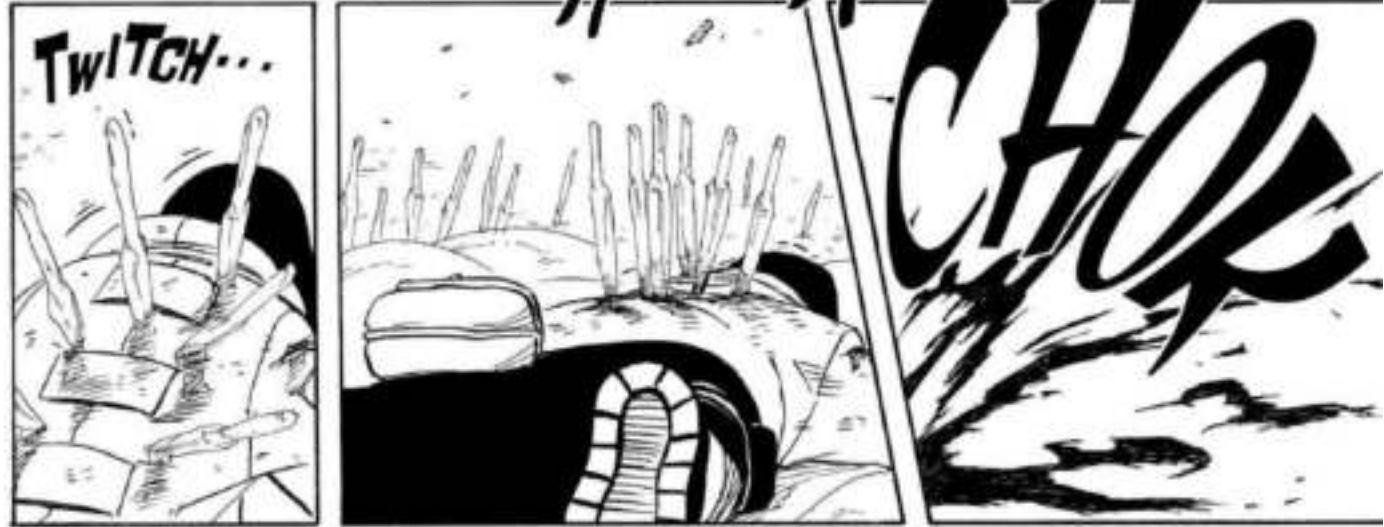


...HIS OCULAR NINJUTSU ISN'T PERFECT...!



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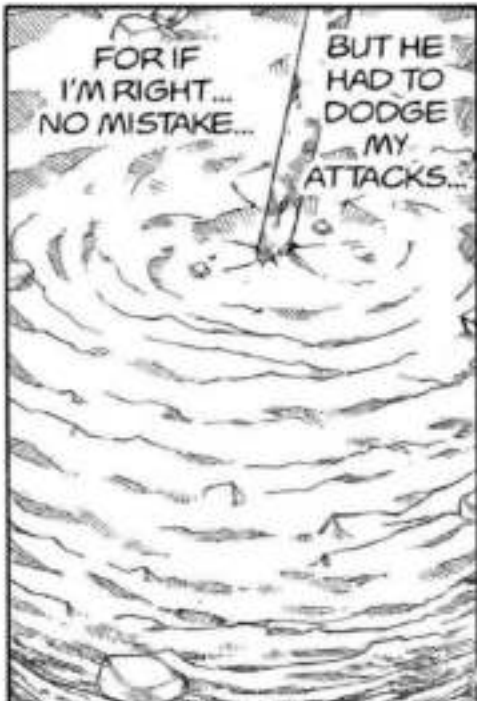
Number 196: The Strongest Enemy!!













...HE DIDN'T
SEE THAT
ARROW
WITH HIS
EYES!!



HE'S
BRILLIANT...

QUWER

HACK

LIKE...
PICKING
UP ON THE
FAILINGS
OF THE
BYAKUGAN.



...HE MAKES NO
POINTLESS
ATTACKS...
FROM EACH
ONE, HE GAINS
SOME USEFUL
KNOWLEDGE...

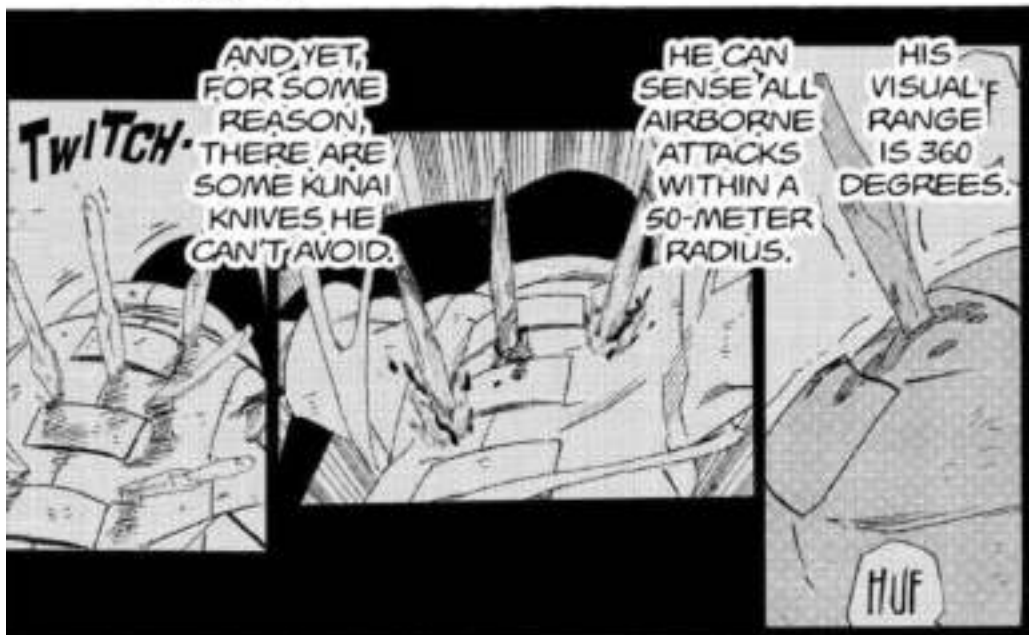
...UGH...

TWITCH...



...I'VE
EVER
FOUGHT!

HE'S THE
STRONGEST...



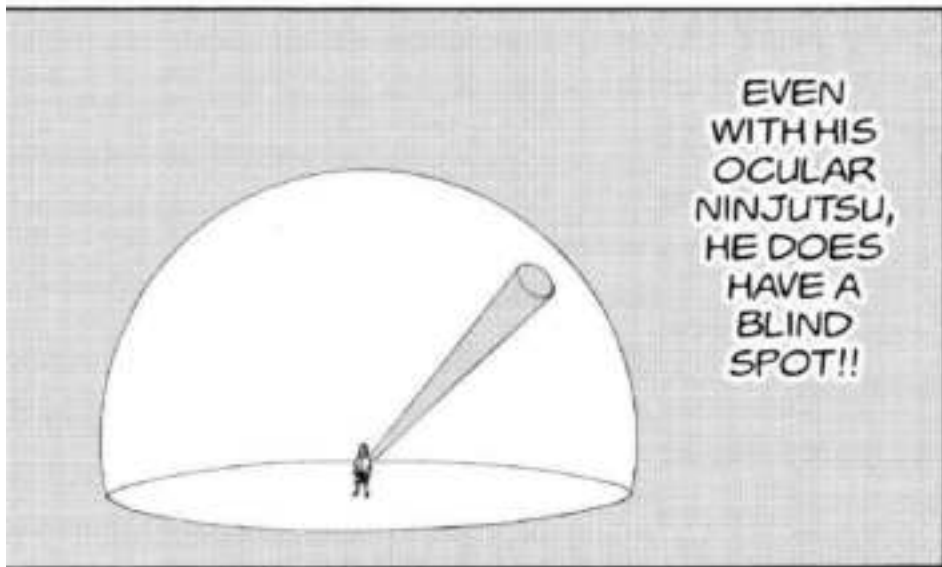
AND YET, FOR SOME REASON, THERE ARE SOME KUNAI KNIVES HE CAN'T AVOID.

HE CAN SENSE ALL AIRBORNE ATTACKS WITHIN A 50-METER RADIUS.

HIS VISUAL RANGE IS 360 DEGREES.



HUMPH...



EVEN WITH HIS OCULAR NINJUTSU, HE DOES HAVE A BLIND SPOT!!

BECAUSE HE CAN'T SEE THEM!
SO WHY CAN'T HE DODGE THEM?



THAT'S WHY HE USES THAT ROTATION DEFENSE, TO NULLIFY THE BLIND SPOT.

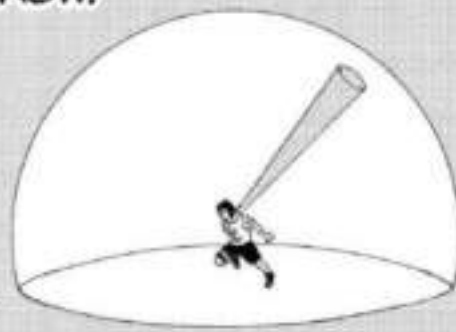
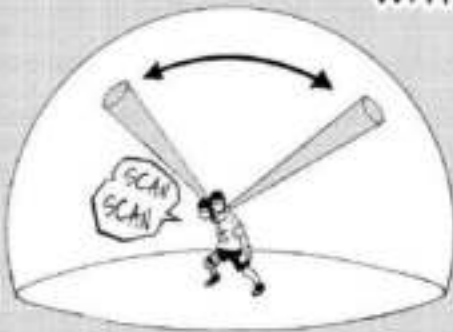


AND HE CAN'T SEE OR REACT TO ANY KUNAI KNIVES IN THAT DEAD ANGLE.





HEH HEH... FOR SURE, IF HE STAYS ON THE MOVE, HIS BLIND SPOT MOVES AROUND AND MAKES IT HARDER TO HIT WITH AN ARROW.





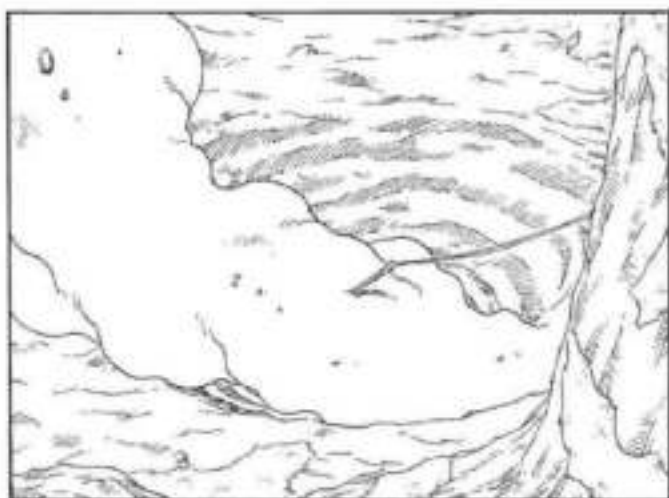


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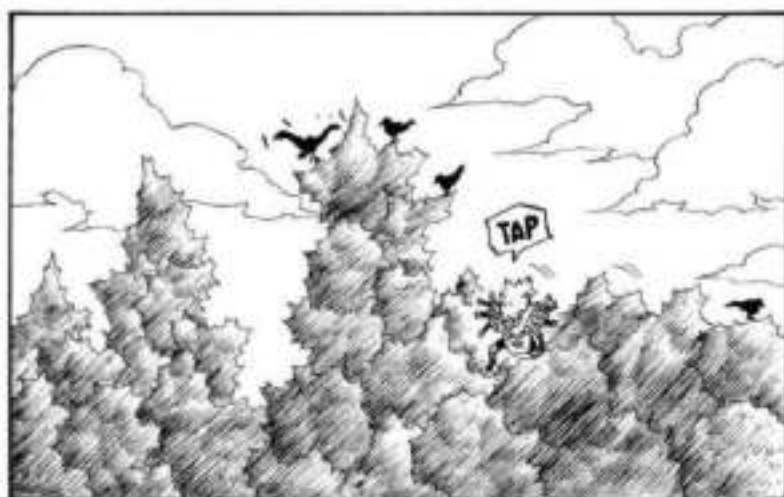
VW
G
S

SW
OR





(THE SYMBOL PICTURED ABOVE, CALLED A MANJI, IS TRADITIONAL IN BUDDHIST IMAGERY -ED.)



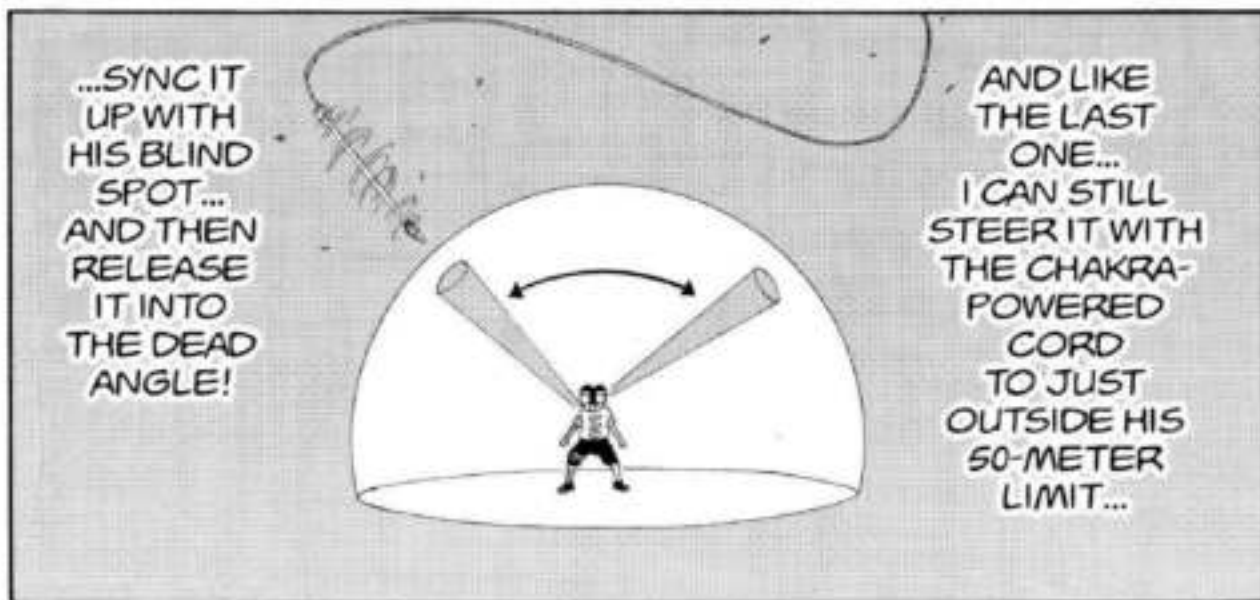


I'LL ADD SPIN...
SO THAT EVEN
IF IT HITS A
TREE, IT CAN
BORE THROUGH
WITHOUT
DEFLECTION.

WELL
THEN,
NEXT...

GLOOP...

PLINK



...SYNC IT
UP WITH
HIS BLIND
SPOT...
AND THEN
RELEASE
IT INTO
THE DEAD
ANGLE!

AND LIKE
THE LAST
ONE...
I CAN STILL
STEER IT WITH
THE CHAKRA-
POWERED
CORD
TO JUST
OUTSIDE HIS
50-METER
LIMIT...



HE'S
GETTING
UP...

FFT



TUT **UNT**




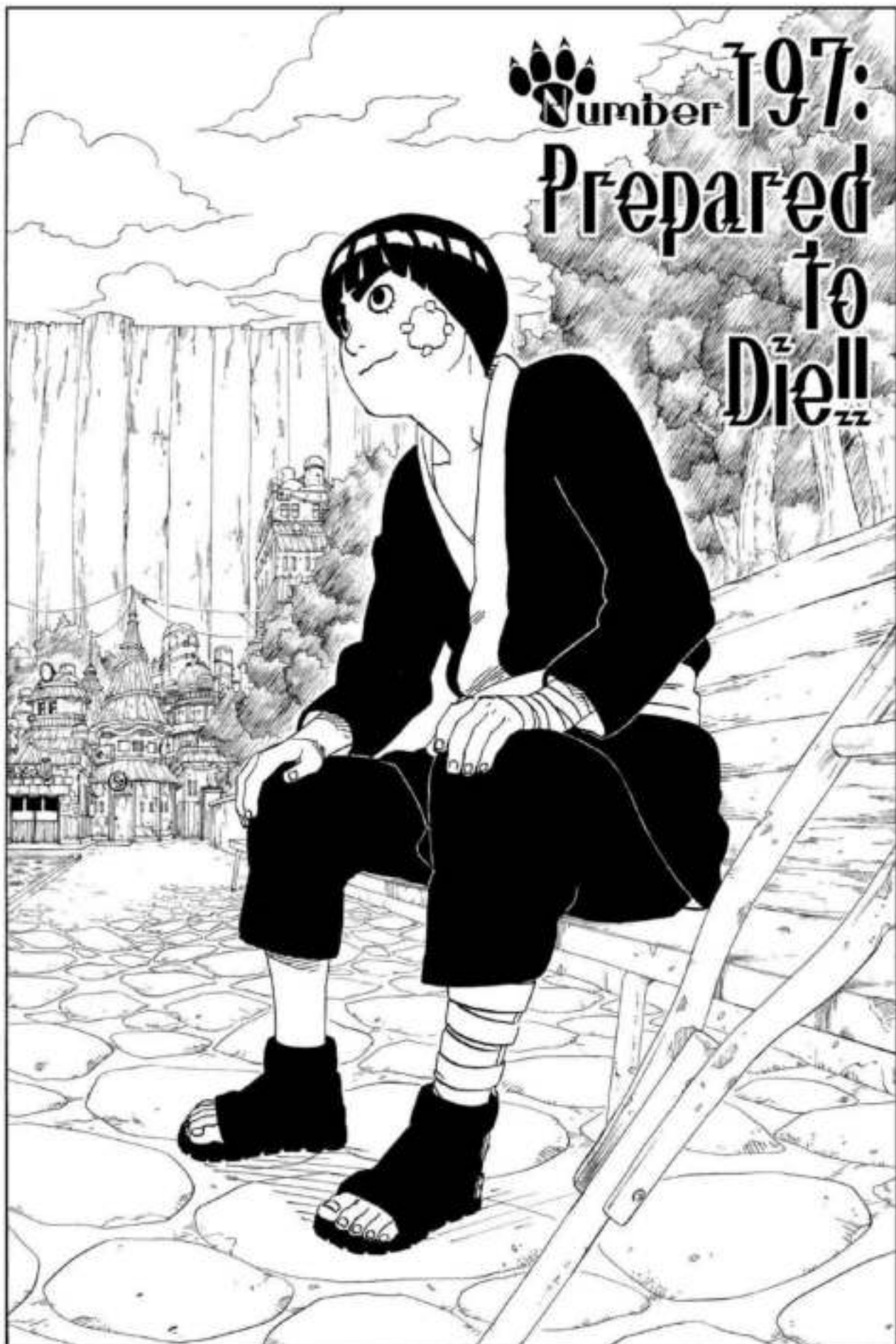






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 Number 197:
Prepared
to
Die!!
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KRAK



SLAM



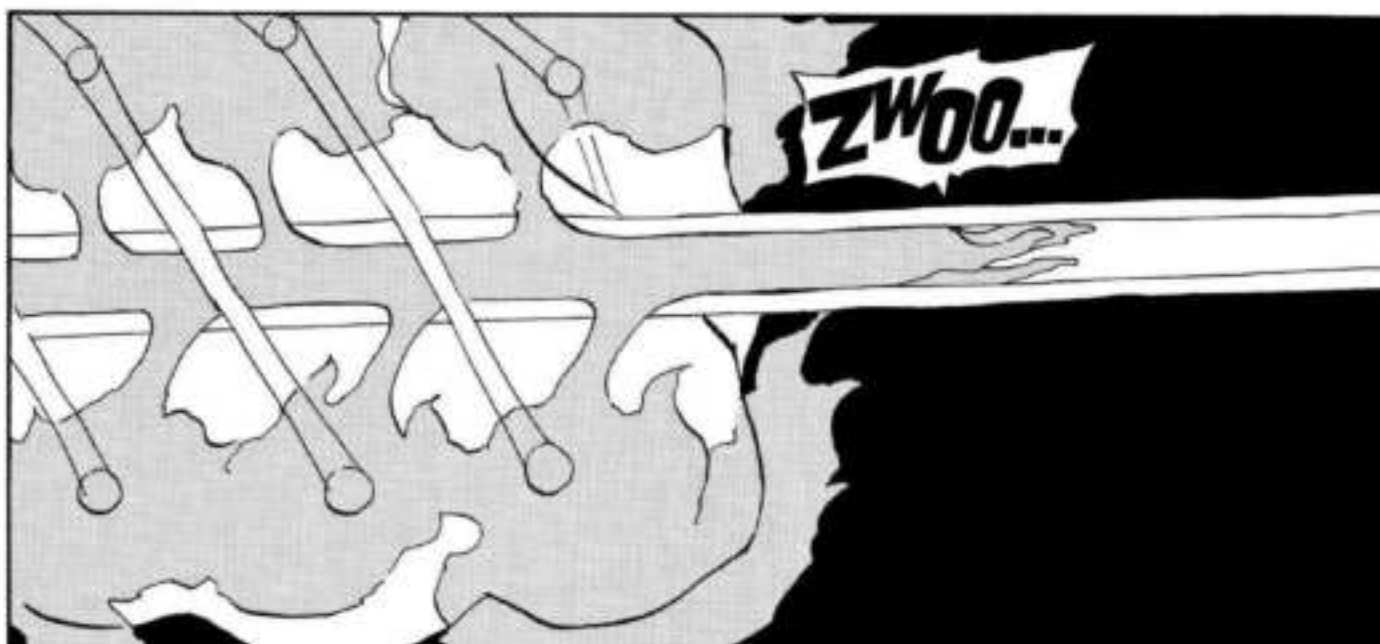
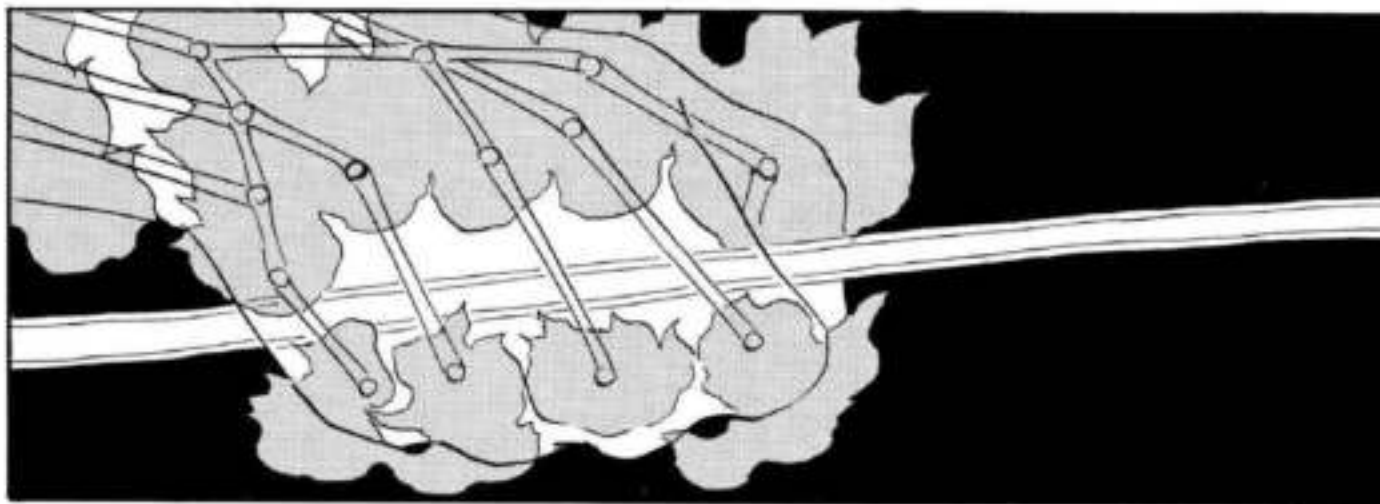
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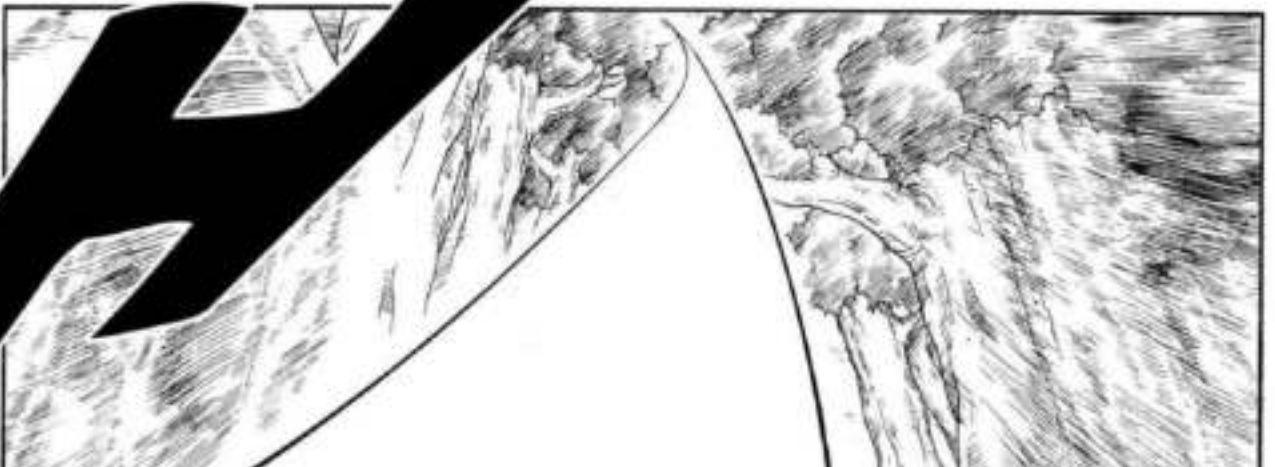
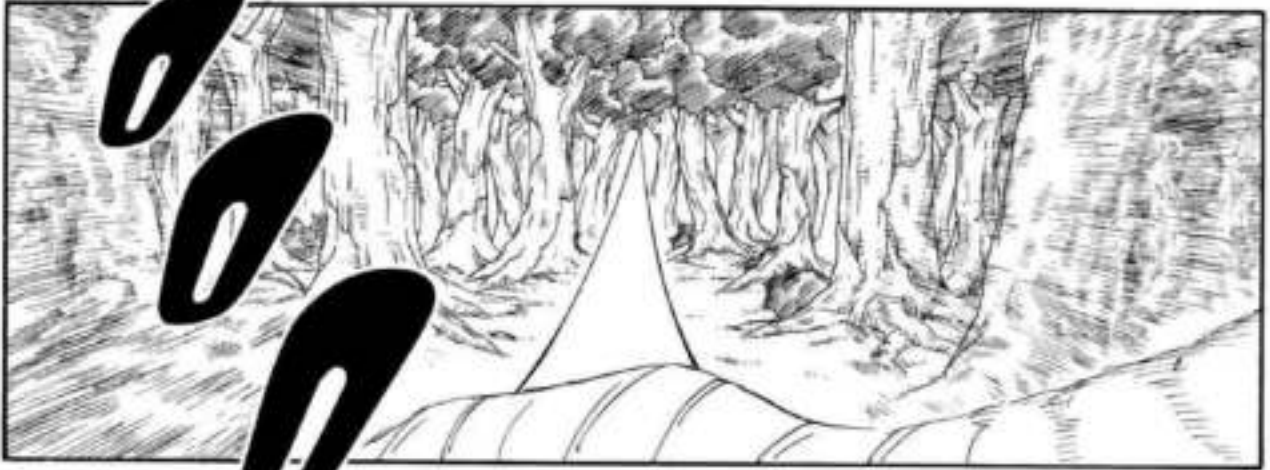
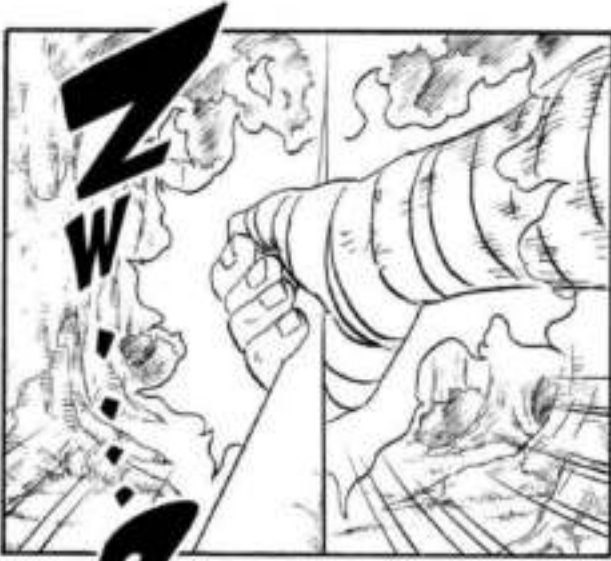


WEEECH

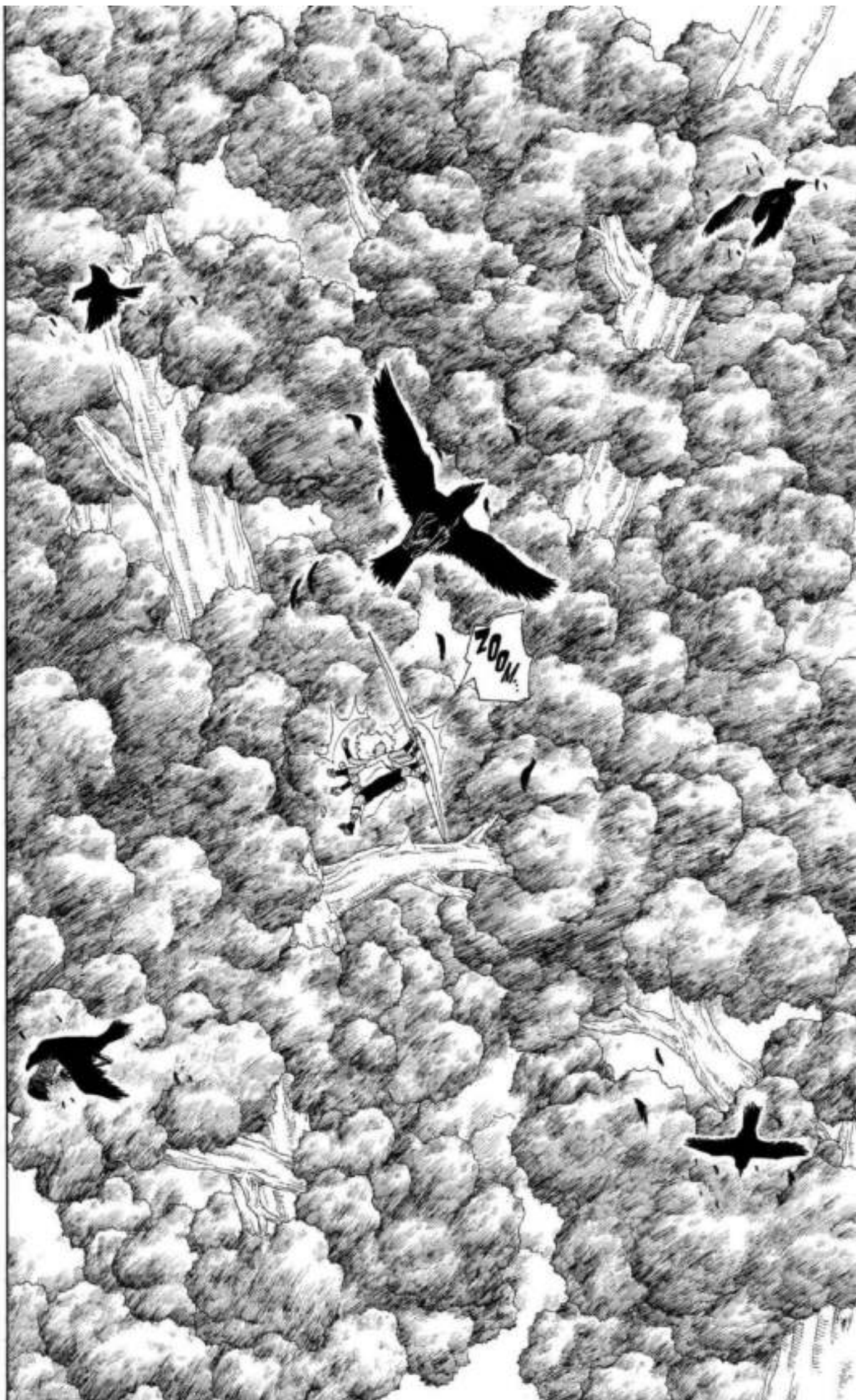


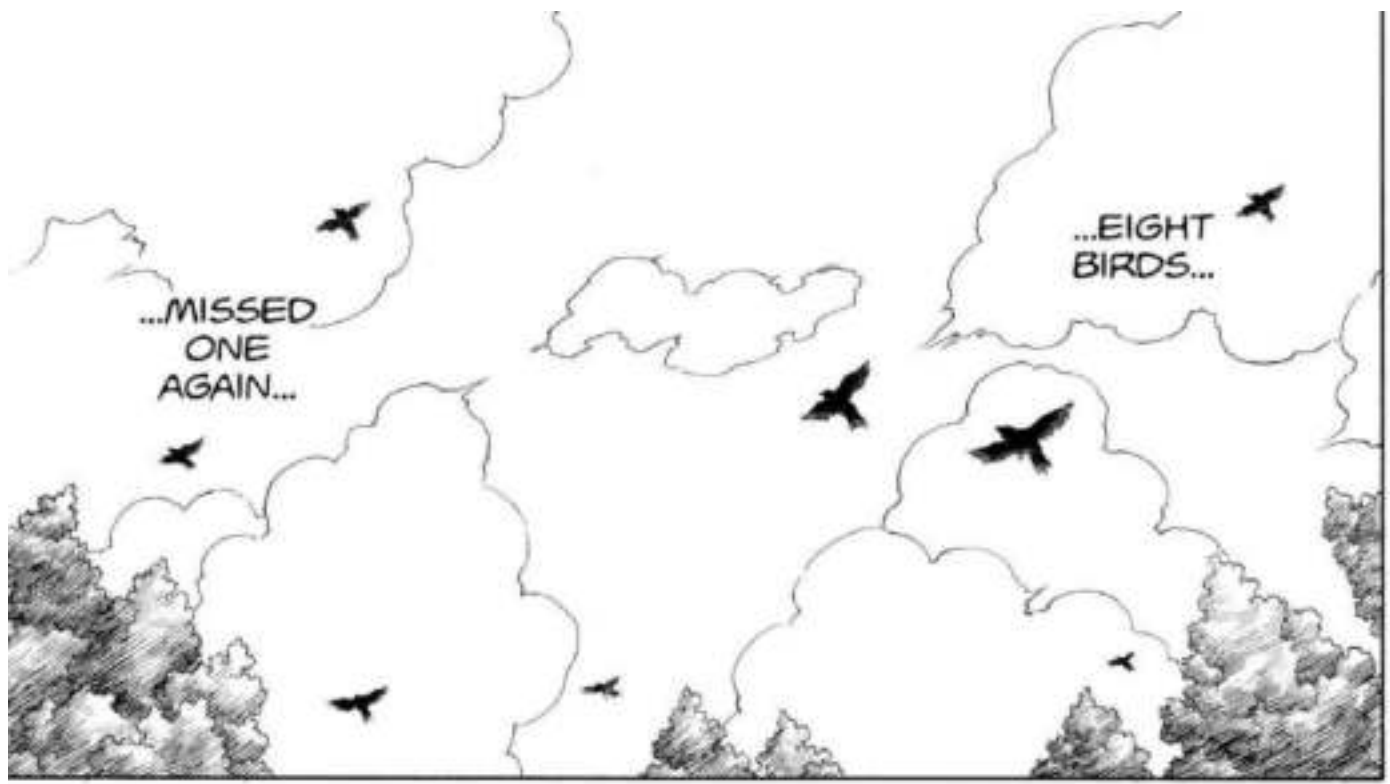
WIZZLE!











...MISSED
ONE
AGAIN...

...EIGHT
BIRDS...



CRASH

FWOOSH

CRASH



GACK!



WHERE
IS HE...?



...BUT...
I CAN
MOVE...

UGH...
I'M
HURT...

Wwoooooom

CHOMP







...YOU'RE
NOT A
"FAILURE"!



NARUTO...



...



DON'T
YOU WORRY!
CHOJI AND
NEJI'LL CATCH
UP TO US IN
NO TIME!

IT'S DOWN
TO THE
THREE OF
US NOW...



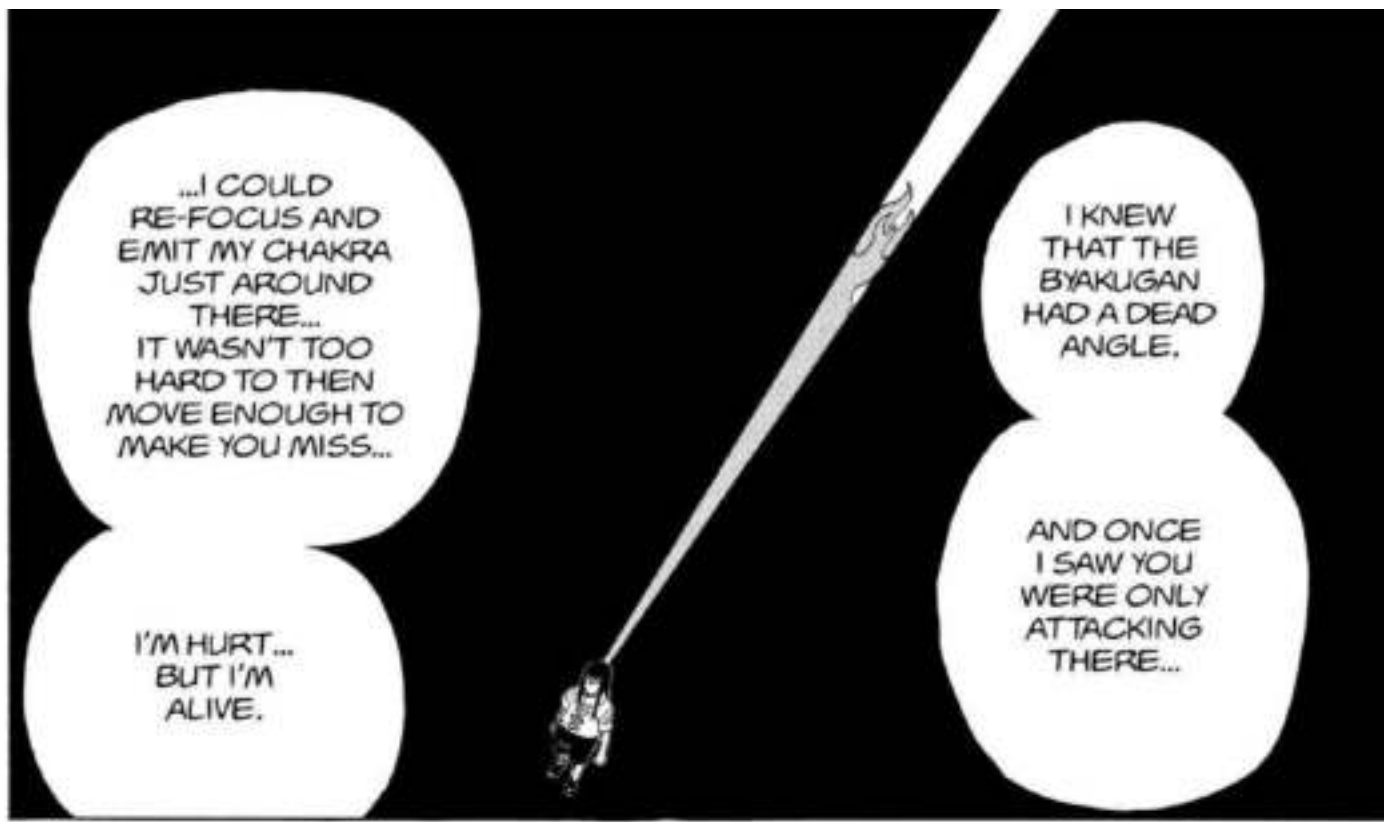








I KNOW
MY LIMITS
BETTER
THAN YOU...



...I COULD RE-FOCUS AND EMIT MY CHAKRA JUST AROUND THERE... IT WASN'T TOO HARD TO THEN MOVE ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU MISS...

I'M HURT... BUT I'M ALIVE.

I KNEW THAT THE BYAKUGAN HAD A DEAD ANGLE.

AND ONCE I SAW YOU WERE ONLY ATTACKING THERE...



...ONCE, NOT SO LONG AGO, THE STRONGEST FELLOW I EVER FOUGHT SAID THIS TO ME...

"CAUSE UNLIKE ME...



YOU'RE... THE STRONGEST ENEMY I'VE EVER FOUGHT...

BUT THERE'S A REASON I CAN'T LOSE...



...RISKED YOUR OWN LIFE...?

HEH HEH... YOU TOOK THE HITS...

...WHY...?>



... "YOU'RE NOT A FAILURE!"



... HACK

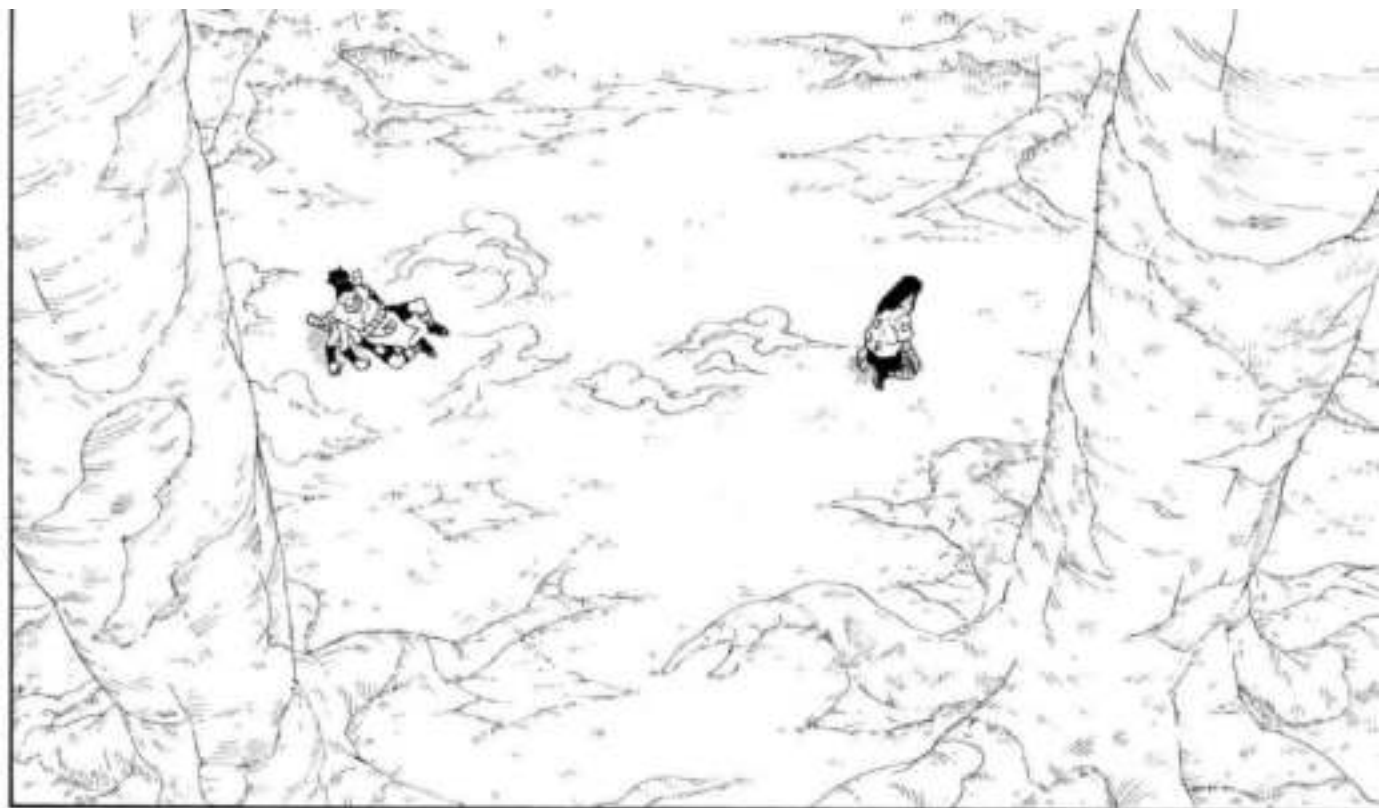


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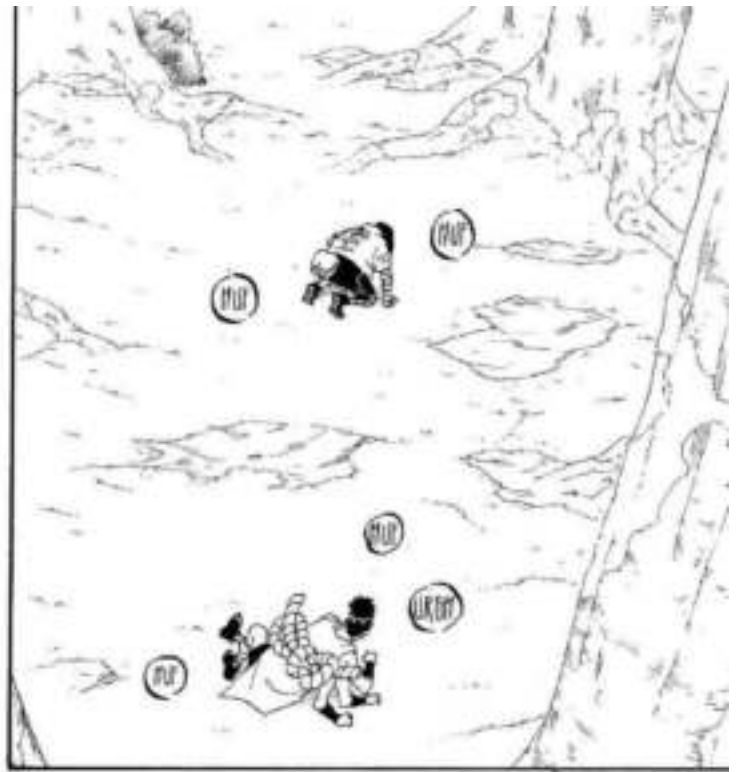


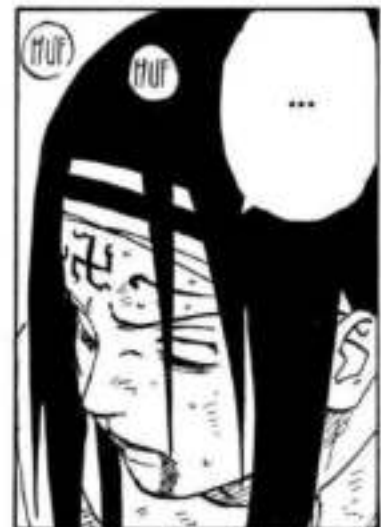
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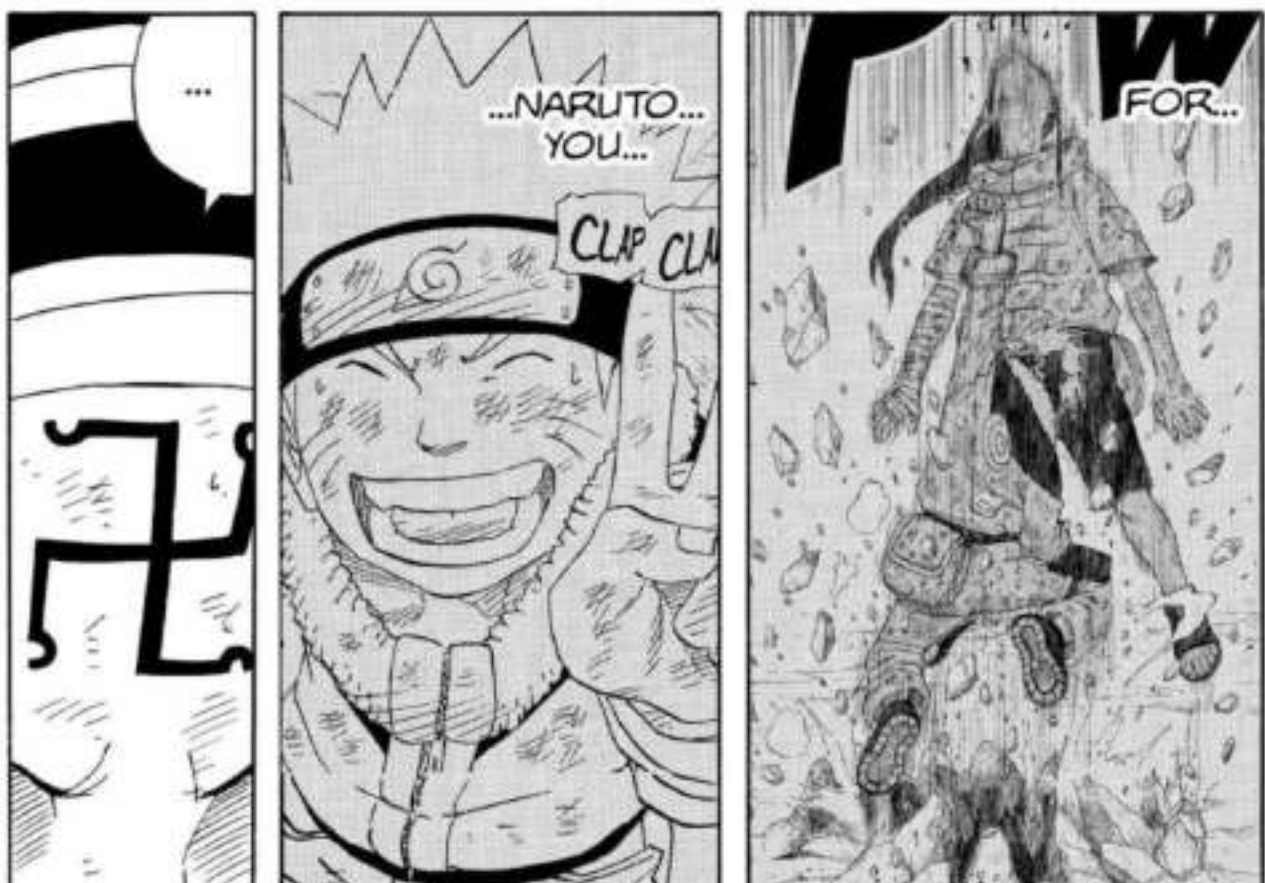
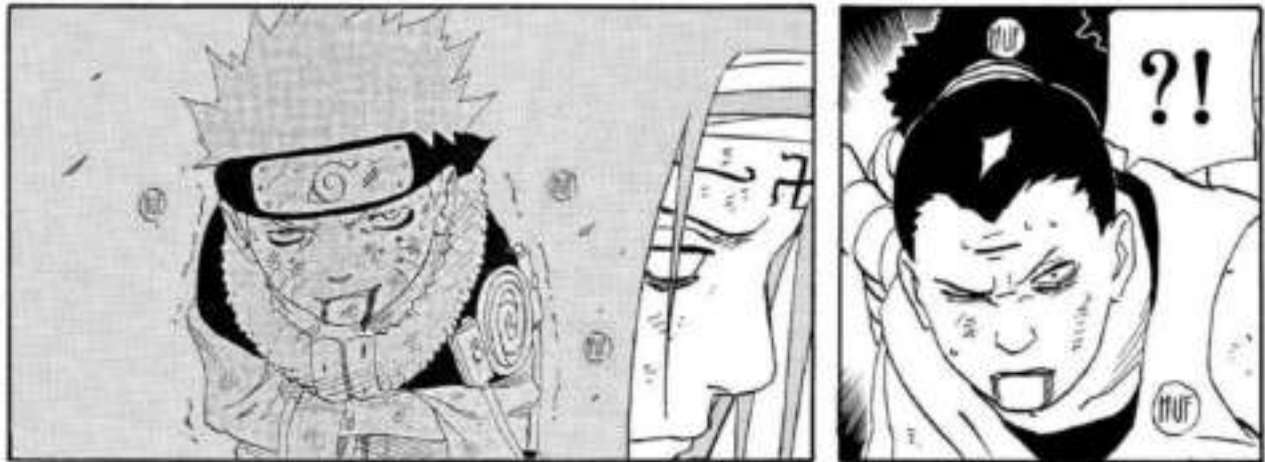






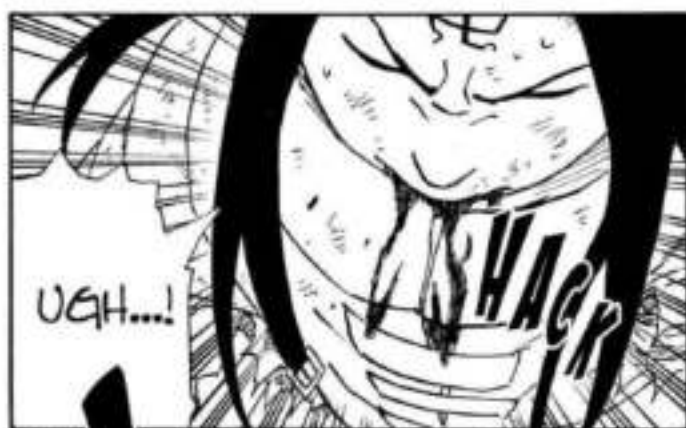








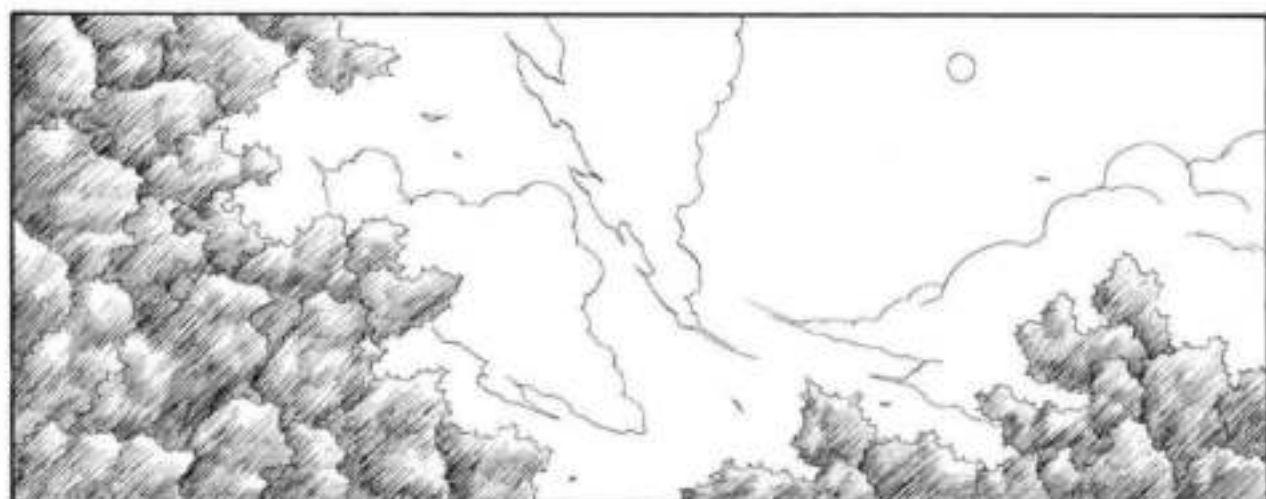
**...SAVED
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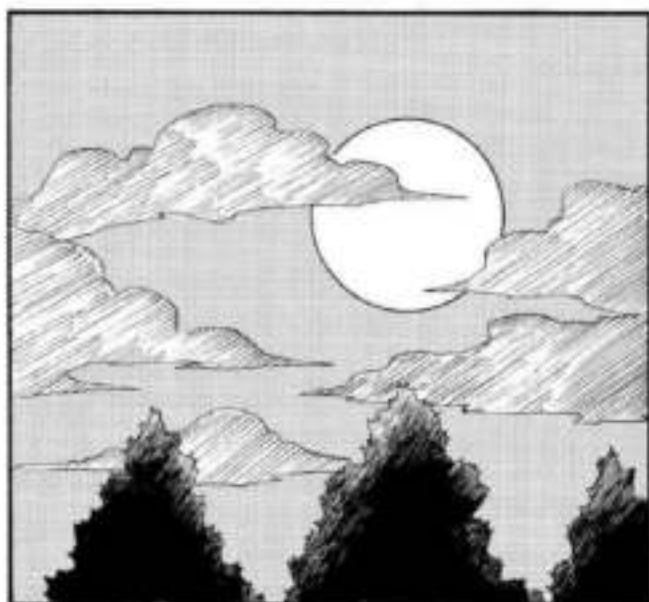


















THE THIRD HOKAGE'S JUTSU... IT WAS FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN ANTICIPATED.

YOU MUST TRANSFER... OR WOULD YOU RATHER LOSE EVERYTHING?!

THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!!



...

AAAUGH!!



I'M ALSO FOLLOWING UP ON SASUKE'S RETRIEVAL.

TAP

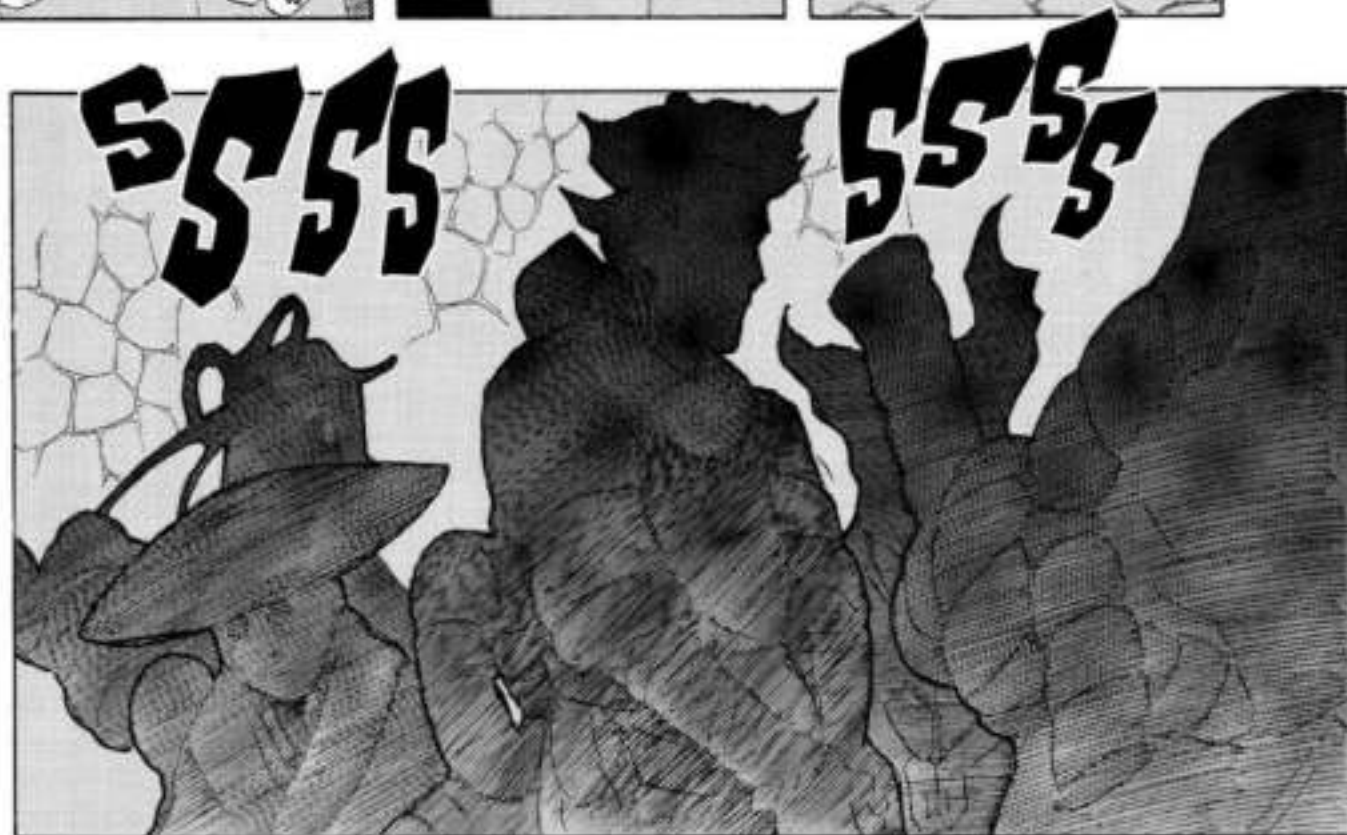
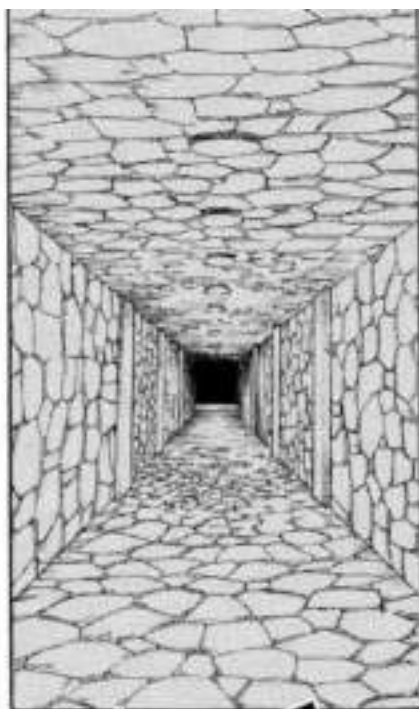
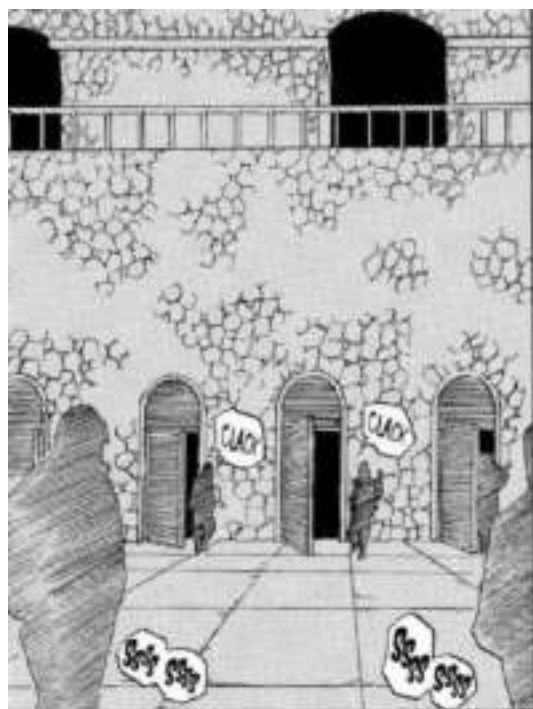


YOU CAN ENTRUST IT TO ME... AND...

I'VE ALREADY ARRANGED FOR THE SELECTING.



WE'VE GOT TO USE KIMIMARO...





KISHIMOTO MASASHI'S REJECT MANGA SPECIAL

THE TWO-PAGE SPREAD ABOVE WAS WHAT WAS ACTUALLY PRINTED IN WEEKLY SHONEN JUMP, BUT...

...WHEN MY TWIN BROTHER SAW IT, HE PESTERED ME SO MUCH WITH "IT'S SO UNCOOL," "BORING," "DO-OVER" THAT EVEN THOUGH THERE WASN'T MUCH TIME, I DID REVISE AND REDRAW THE TWO PAGES FOR THIS GRAPHIC NOVEL EDITION.

SO, DEAR READERS, CAN YOU GUESS WHICH PAGES WERE REPLACED...?

Number 199: The Wish...!!



...YOU HAVE ALREADY FULFILLED YOUR PURPOSE...



YOU JUST FOCUS ON GETTING BETTER...

DR. KABUTO... AM I...

I SEE... I WASN'T CALLED UP TO SERVE, AGAIN...



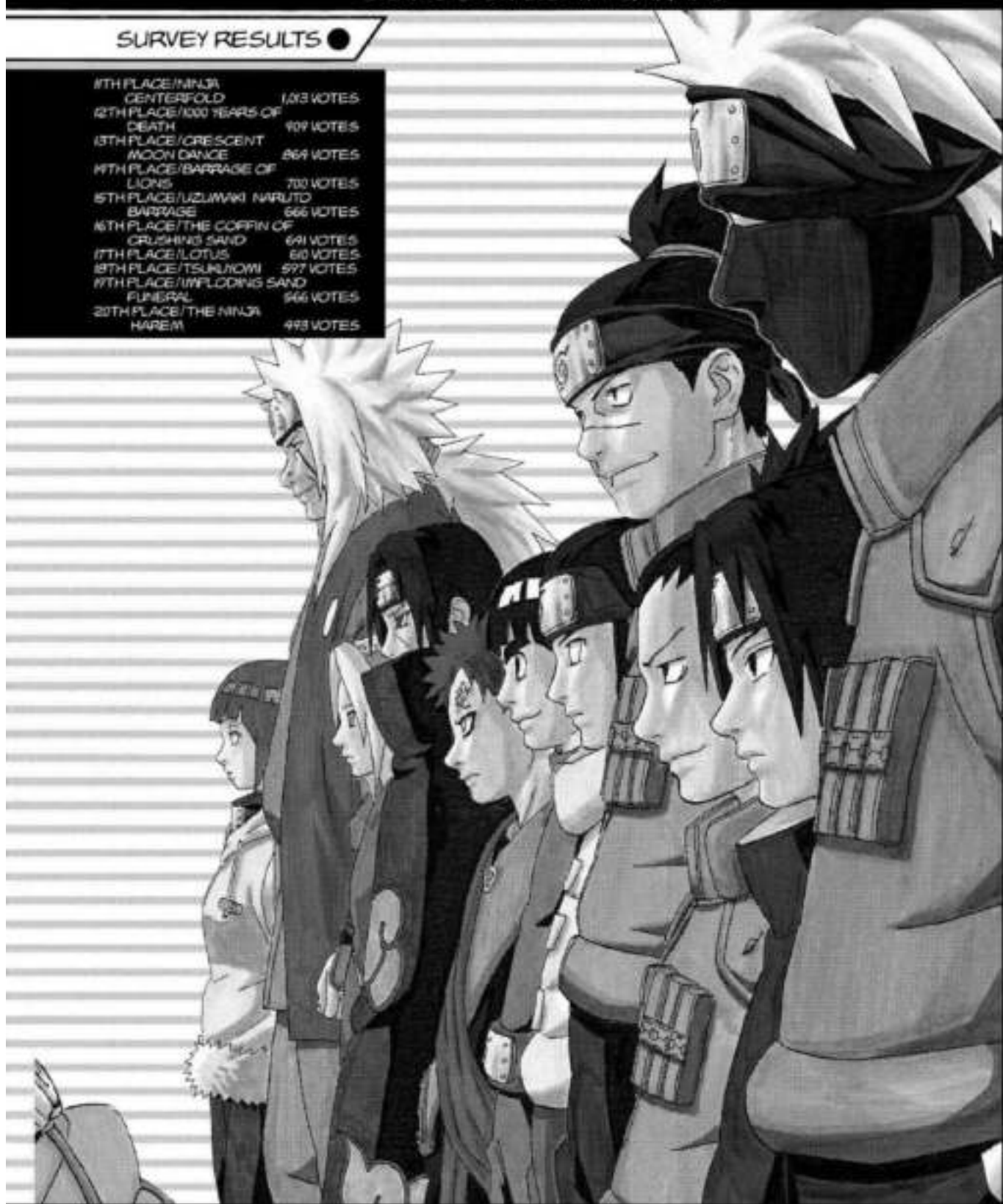
...KIMIMARO.

IT'S NO LONGER THE SOUND FIVE, YOU KNOW...

THE RESULTS OF THE FOURTH CHARACTER AND FIRST JUTSU POPULARITY SURVEY!! CONDUCTED IN JAPAN.

SURVEY RESULTS ●

11TH PLACE/NINJA CENTERFOLD 1,013 VOTES
 12TH PLACE/1000 YEARS OF DEATH 909 VOTES
 13TH PLACE/CRESCENT MOON DANCE 869 VOTES
 14TH PLACE/BARRAGE OF LIONS 700 VOTES
 15TH PLACE/UZUMAKI NARUTO BARRAGE 666 VOTES
 16TH PLACE/THE COFFIN OF CRUSHING SAND 641 VOTES
 17TH PLACE/LOTUS 610 VOTES
 18TH PLACE/TSUNU/MOMI 597 VOTES
 19TH PLACE/IMPLODING SAND FUNERAL 566 VOTES
 20TH PLACE/THE NINJA HAREM 493 VOTES



13TH PLACE/TSUNADE 1,058 VOTES
 14TH PLACE/HAKU 941 VOTES
 15TH PLACE/TEMARI 930 VOTES
 16TH PLACE/GEKKO HAYATE 876 VOTES
 17TH PLACE/INUZUKA KIBA 599 VOTES
 18TH PLACE/MIGHT GUY 567 VOTES
 19TH PLACE/SHIRANUI GENMA 541 VOTES
 20TH PLACE/FOURTH HOKAGE 529 VOTES
 21ST PLACE/AKIMICHI CHOJI 399 VOTES

22ND PLACE/OROCHIMARU 345 VOTES
 23RD PLACE/YAMANAKA INO 286 VOTES
 24TH PLACE/AKAMARU 271 VOTES
 25TH PLACE/ABURAME SHINO 253 VOTES
 26TH PLACE/SARUTOBI ASUMA 237 VOTES
 YAKUSHI KABUTO
 28TH PLACE/MOMOCHI ZABUZA 207 VOTES
 29TH PLACE/TENTEN 135 VOTES
 30TH PLACE/MITARASHI ANKO 120 VOTES



Number 199:

The Wish...!!

● THE JUTSU POPULARITY

1ST PLACE
UZUMAKI NARUTO
7,689 VOTES

1ST PLACE/RASENGAN	5,128 VOTES
2ND PLACE/LIGHTNING BLADE	4,395 VOTES
3RD PLACE/CHIDORI	3,216 VOTES
4TH PLACE/SHADOW POSSESSION	3,160 VOTES
5TH PLACE/SUMMONING	1,897 VOTES
6TH PLACE/BYAKUGAN	1,728 VOTES
7TH PLACE/SHARINGAN	1,639 VOTES
8TH PLACE/SHADOW DOPPELGÄNGER	1,415 VOTES
9TH PLACE/REVERSE LOTUS	1,400 VOTES
10TH PLACE/8 TRIGRAMS 64 PALMS	1,162 VOTES

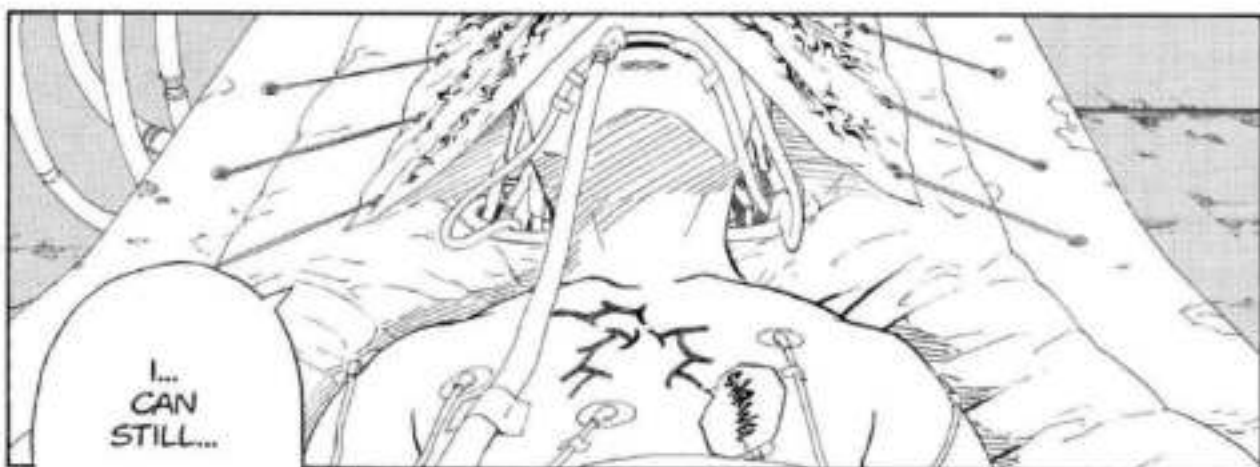


● THE REST OF THE CHARACTER POPULARITY SURVEY RESULTS ●

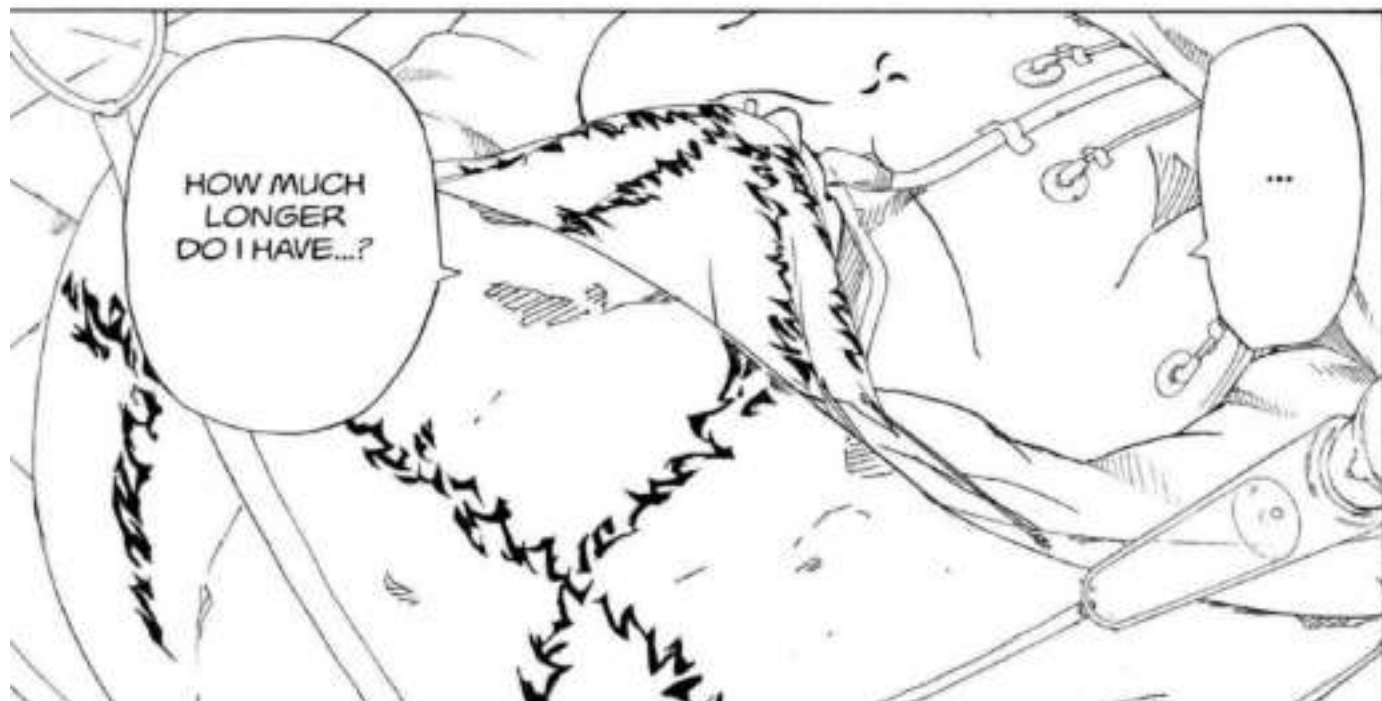
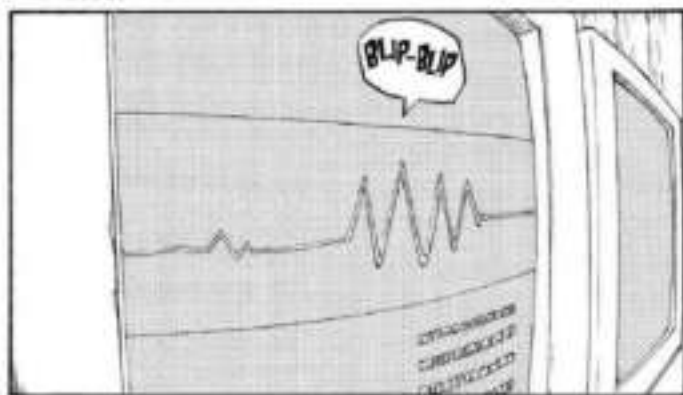
2ND PLACE/HATAKE KAKASHI	6,560 VOTES	8TH PLACE/GAARA	1,868 VOTES
3RD PLACE/UCHIHA SASUKE	4,843 VOTES	9TH PLACE/UCHIHA ITACHI	1,619 VOTES
4TH PLACE/NARA SHIKAMARU	4,700 VOTES	10TH PLACE/HARUNO SAKURA	1,348 VOTES
5TH PLACE/UMINO IRUKA	3,855 VOTES	11TH PLACE/JIRAIYA	1,235 VOTES
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7TH PLACE/ROCK LEE	2,522 VOTES		

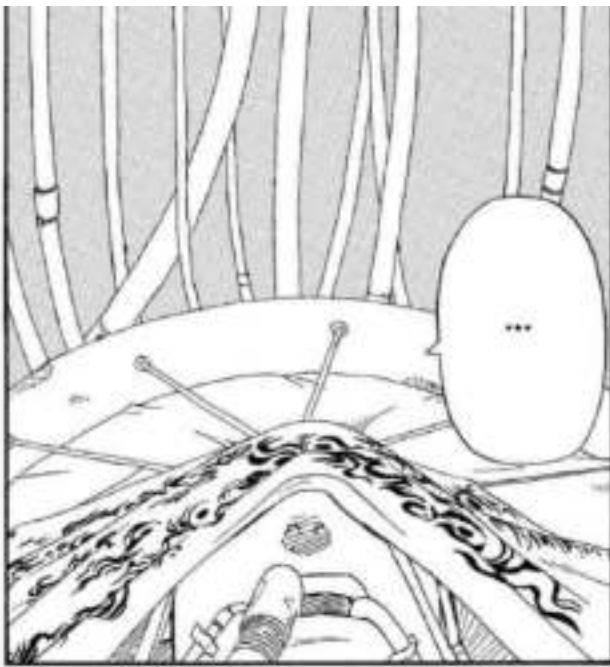
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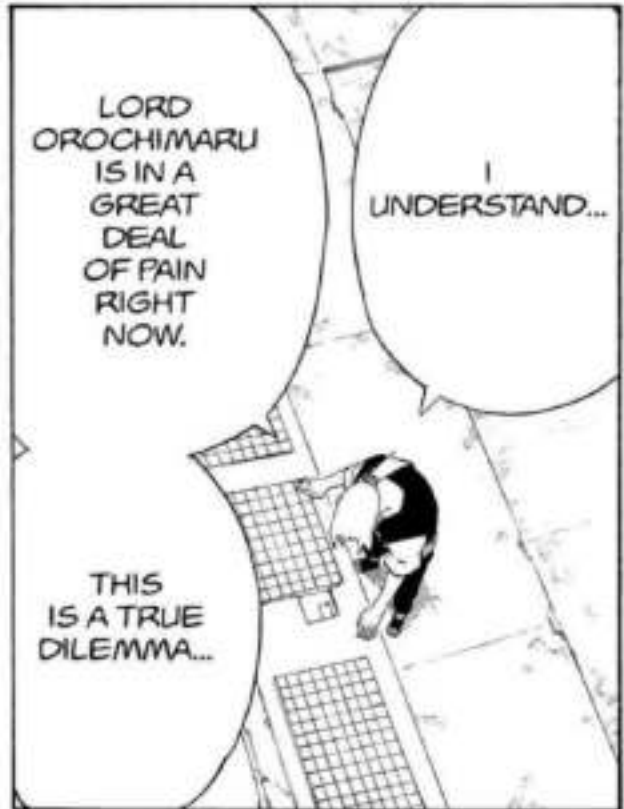


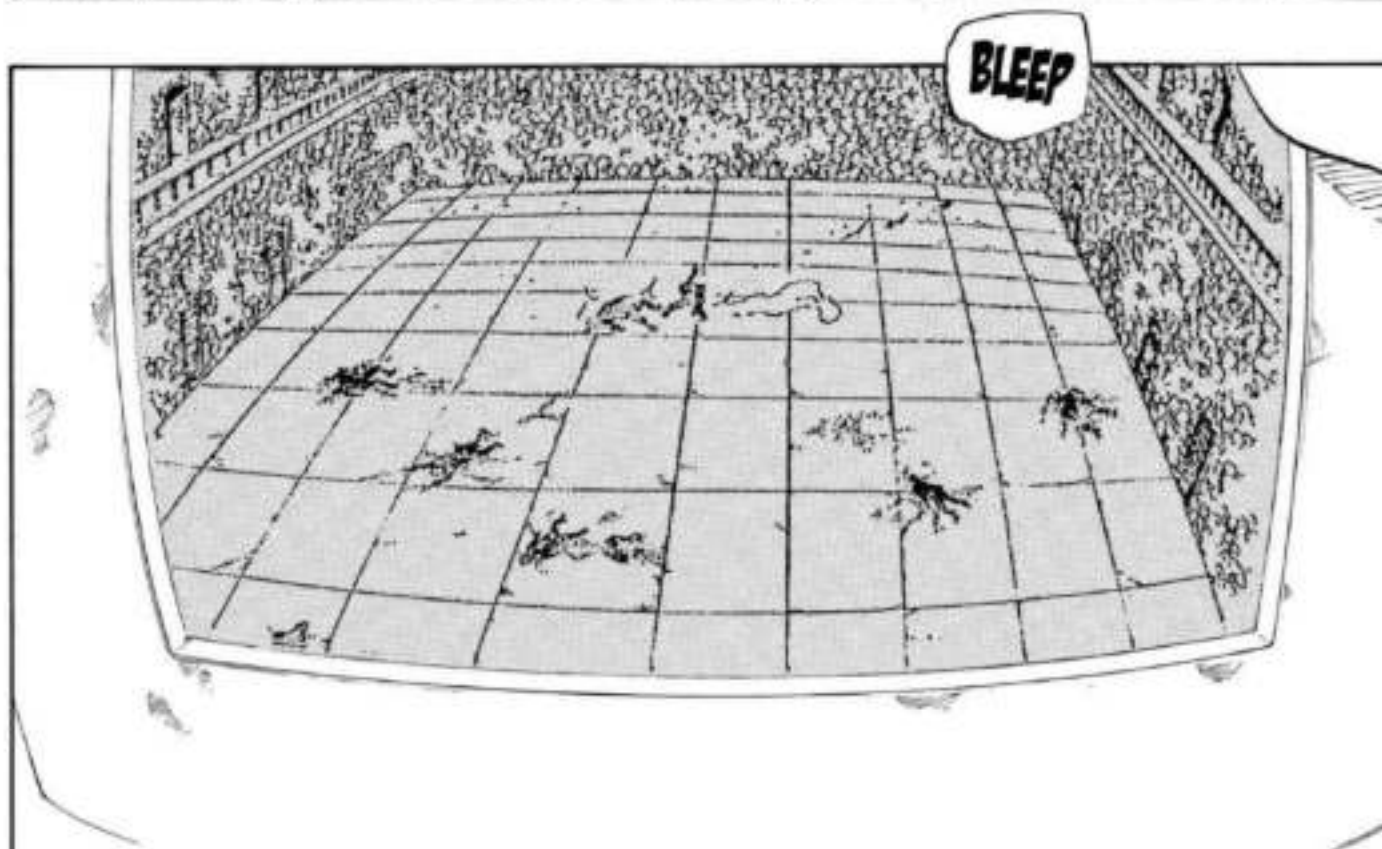
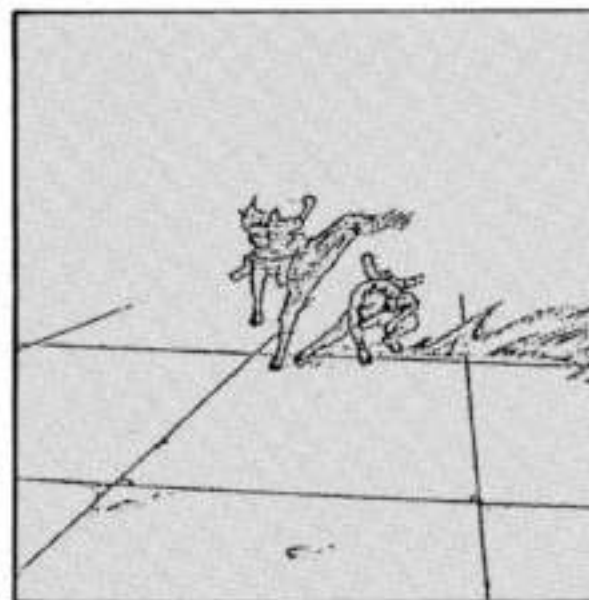
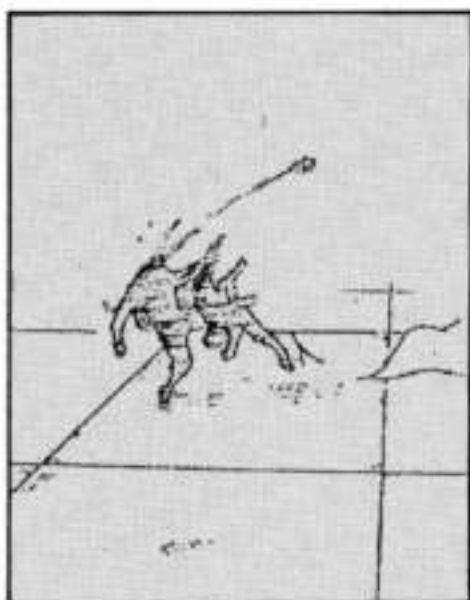
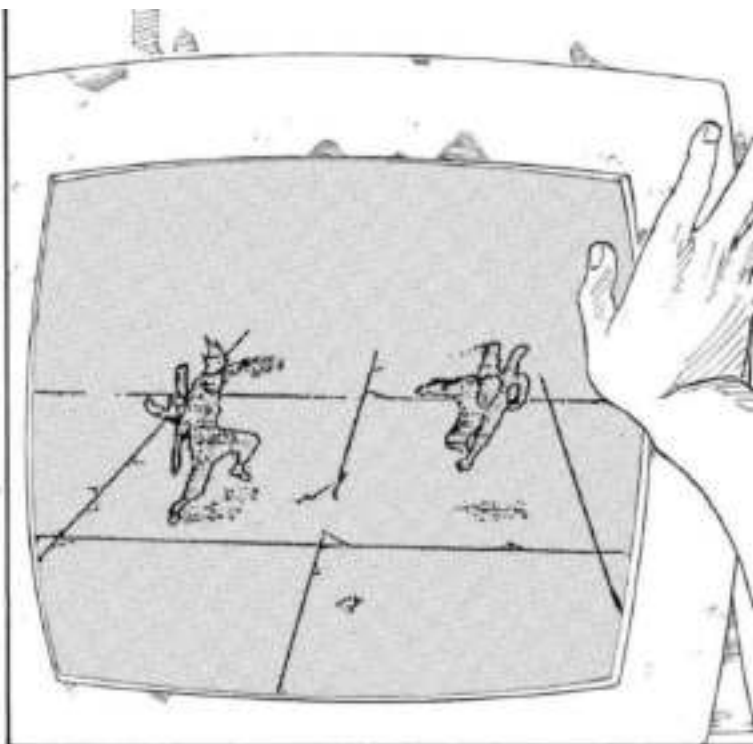
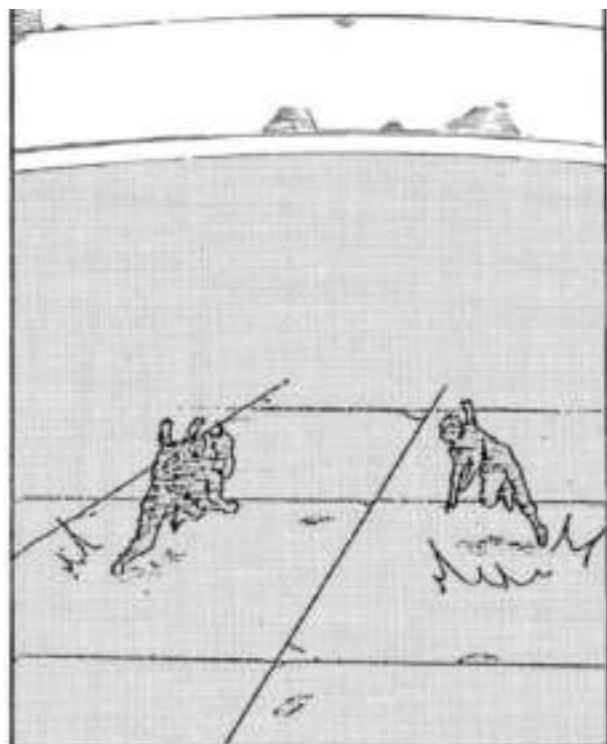




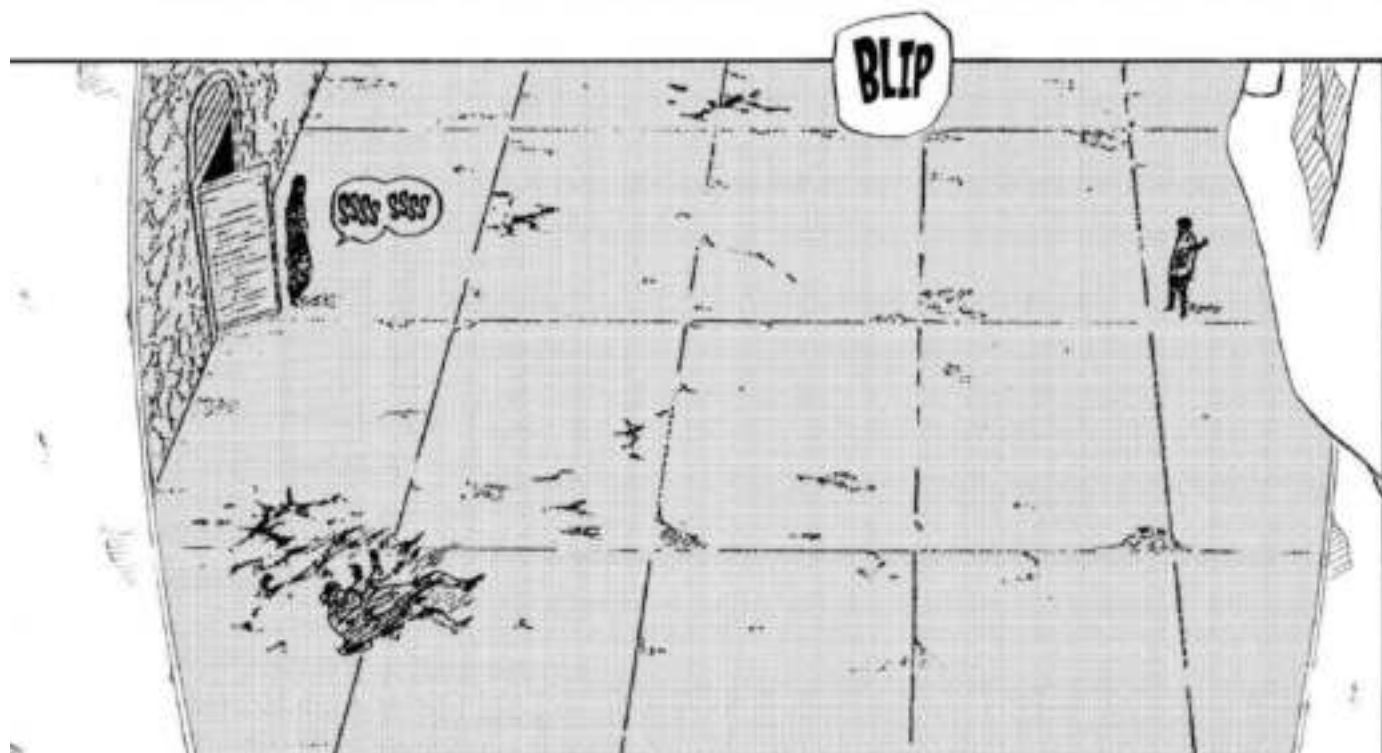


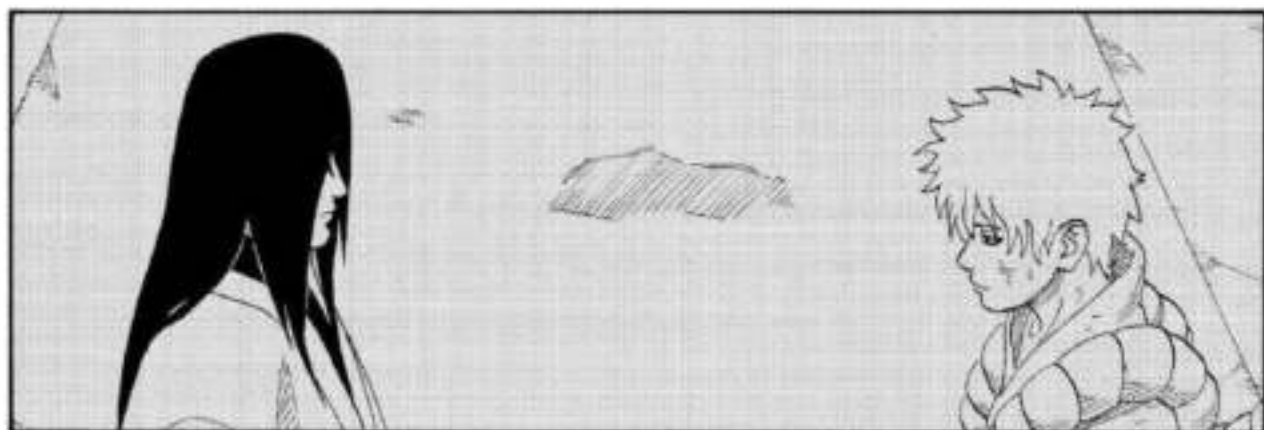
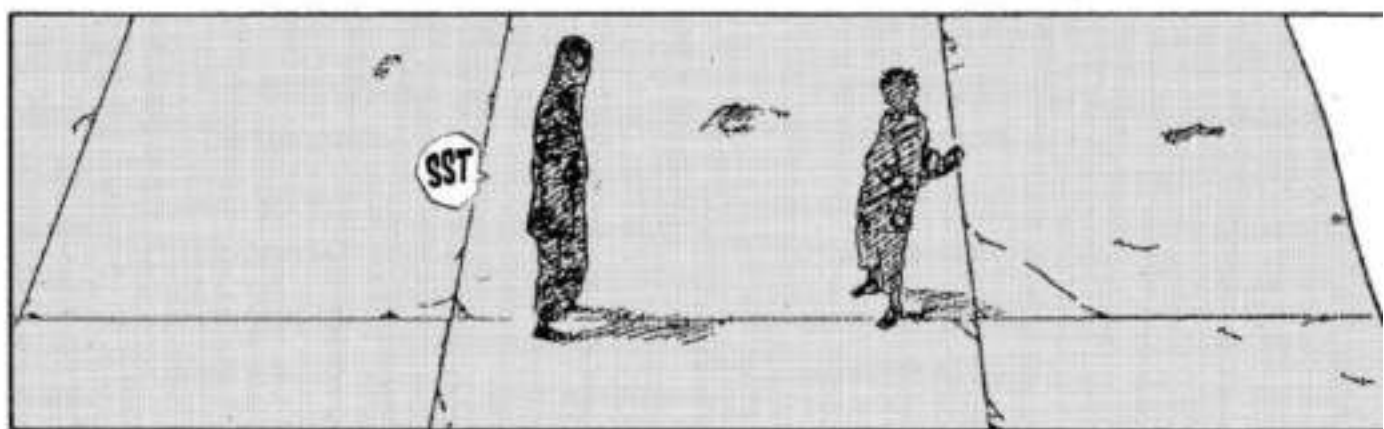
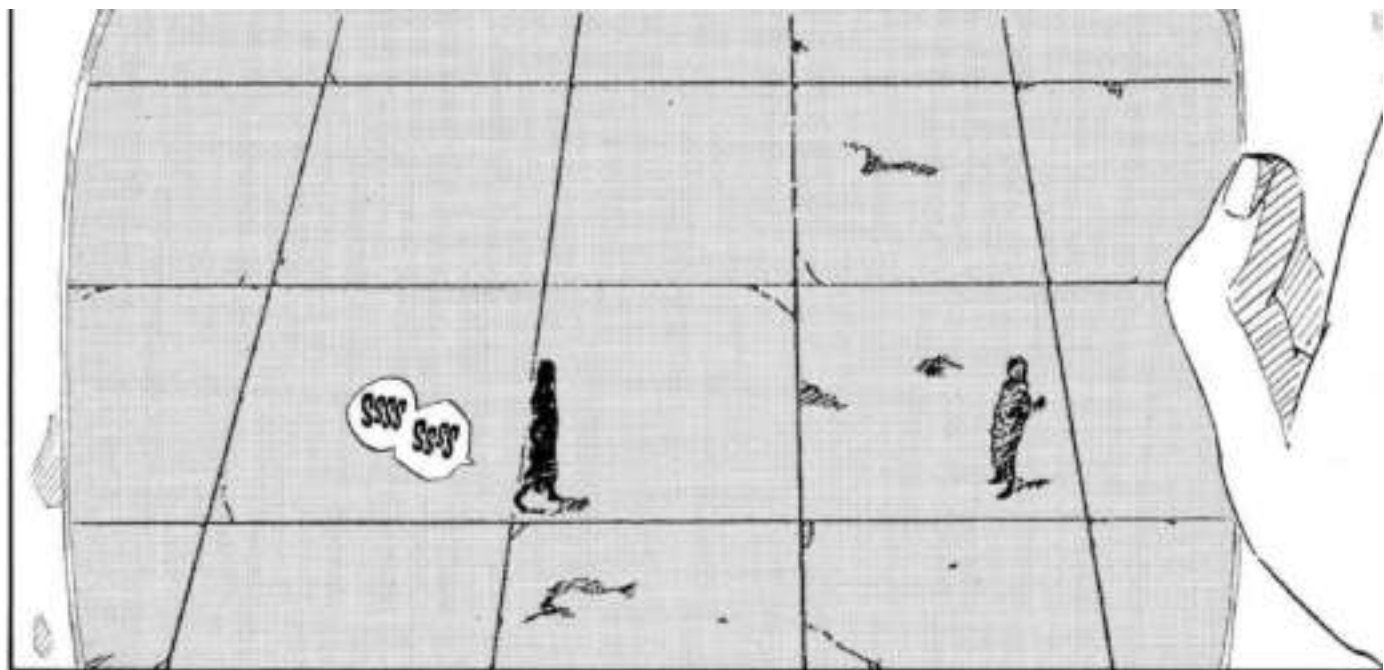


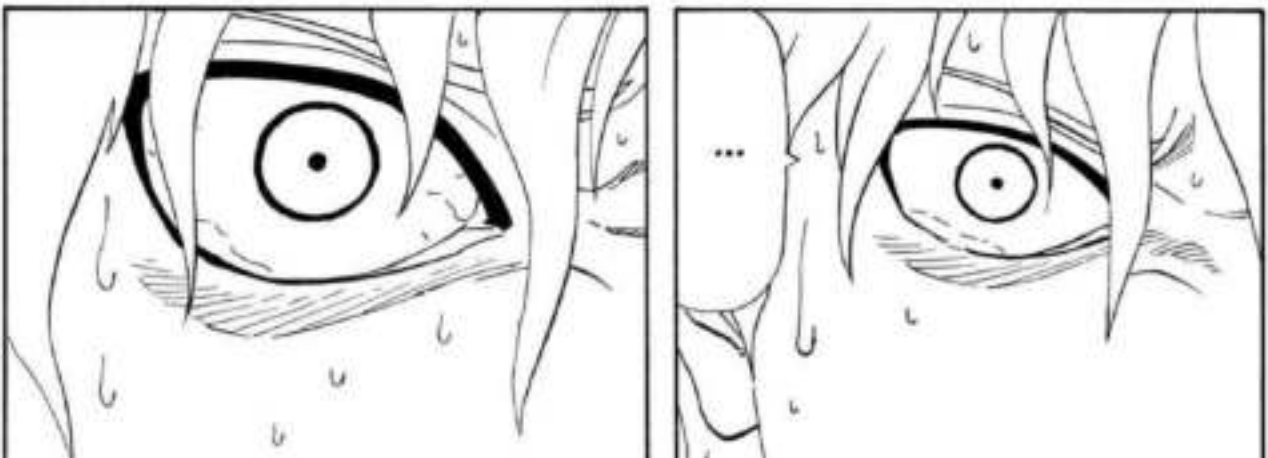
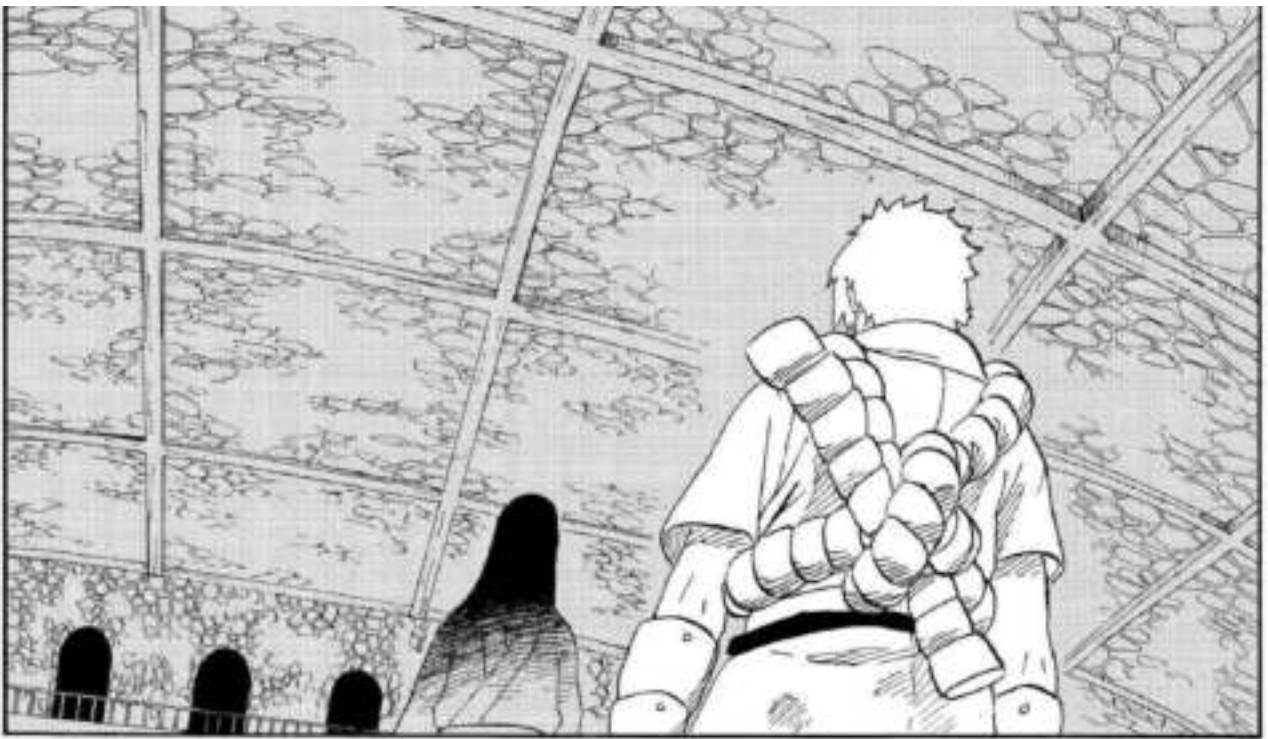




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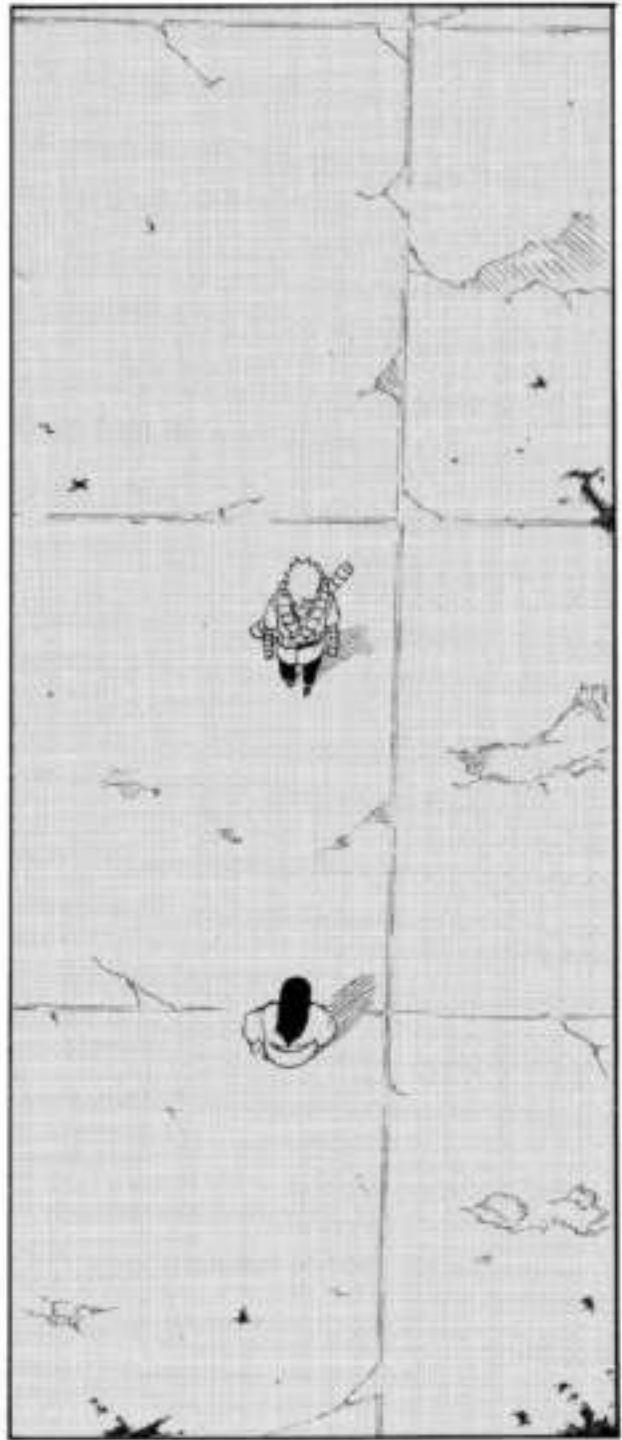
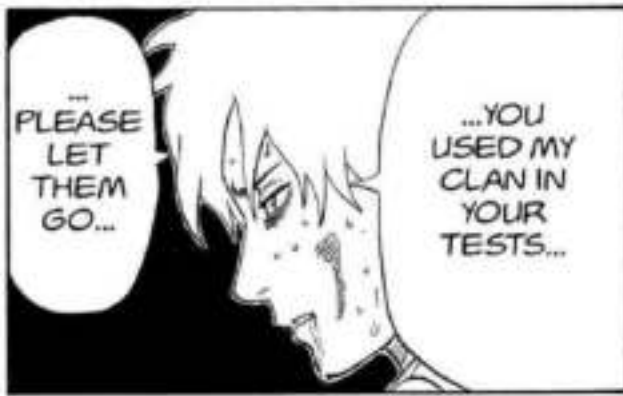




















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