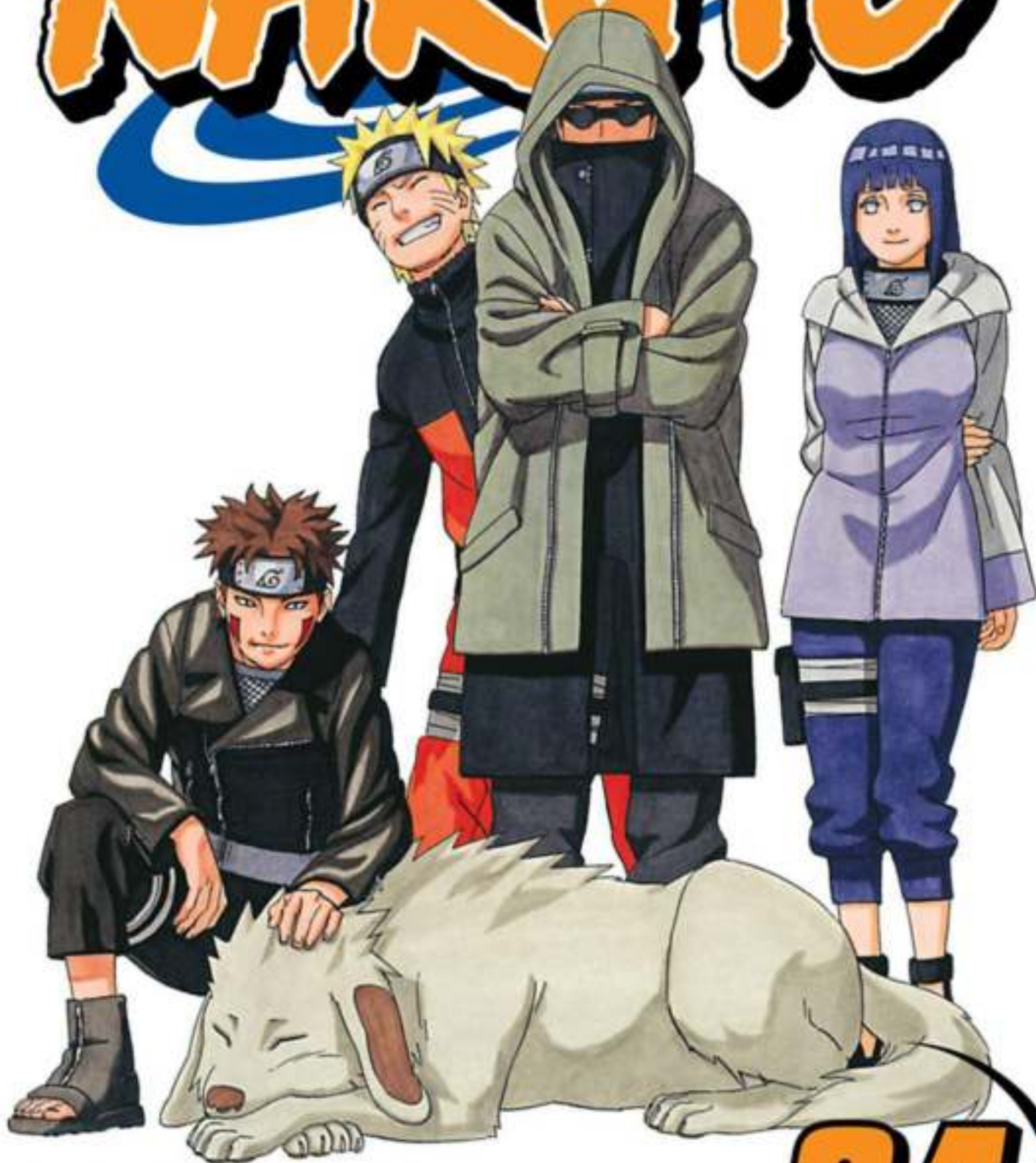


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Recently, the people around me tell me they have been reading books. I rarely read books, so I'm thinking about picking one up for the first time in a while. I'm considering either a mystery or a fantasy work.

—*Masashi Kishimoto, 2006*



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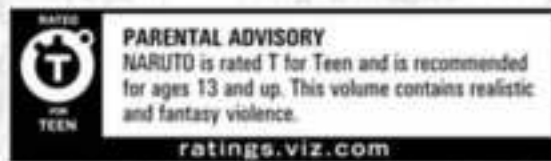
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# CHARACTERS

サクラ  
Sakura

Naruto  
ナルト

はたけ  
カカシ  
Kakashi





With the aftershocks of *Operation: Destroy Konoha* still reverberating throughout their elite shinobi corps, the new Team Kakashi, under the substitute leadership of Captain Yamato, and joined by the enigmatic, emotionless Sai, sets out on a mission to rescue Sasuke from Orochimaru.

But their mission is soon jeopardized. First, by Orochimaru and his henchman, Kabuto... Then, by Naruto himself as he succumbs to the power of the Nine-Tailed Fox demon hidden inside him and goes on a rampage... And finally by Sai who is secretly working for Danzo, leader of the military organization The Foundation.

But with Sai's private picture book now in their possession, Naruto, Sakura and Yamato regroup in an attempt to unravel the secrets of Sai's *real* mission...



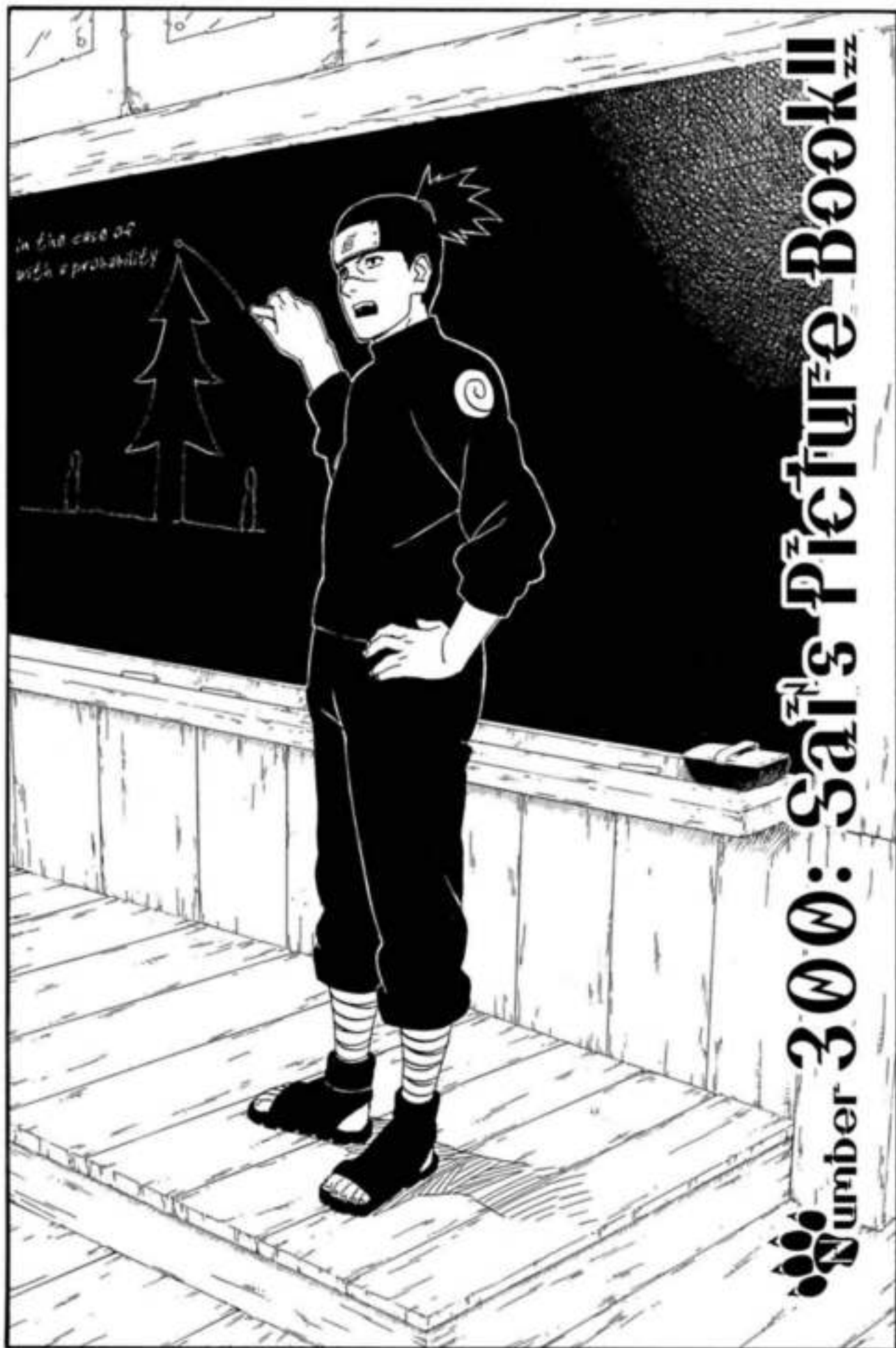
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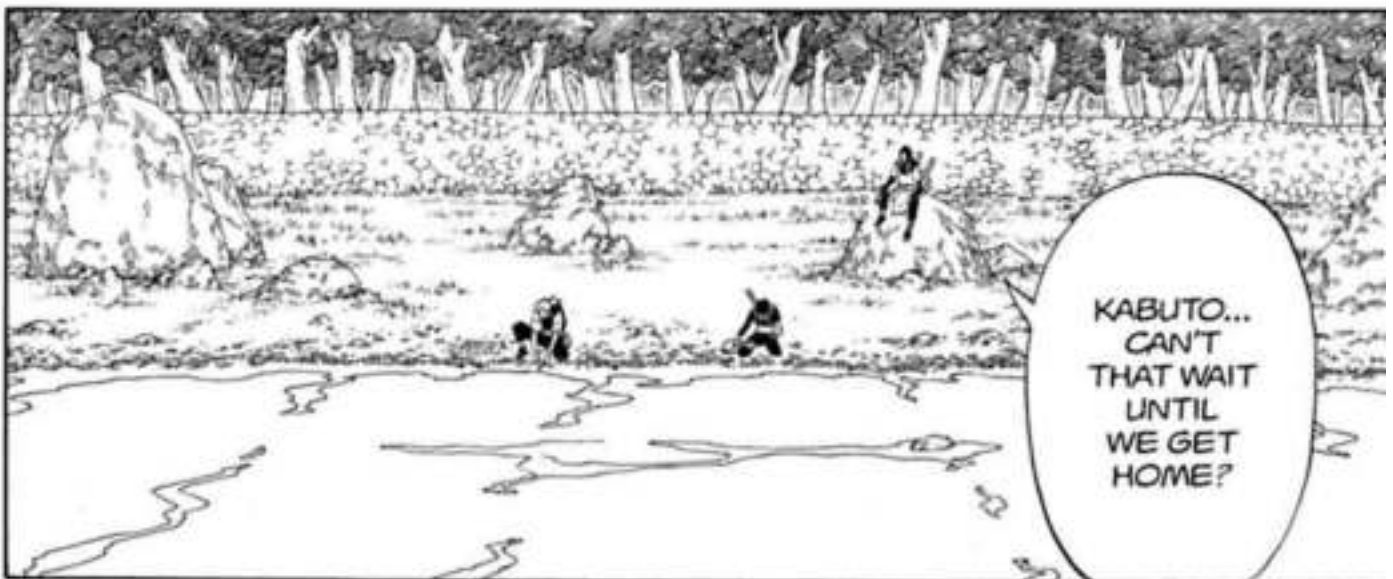
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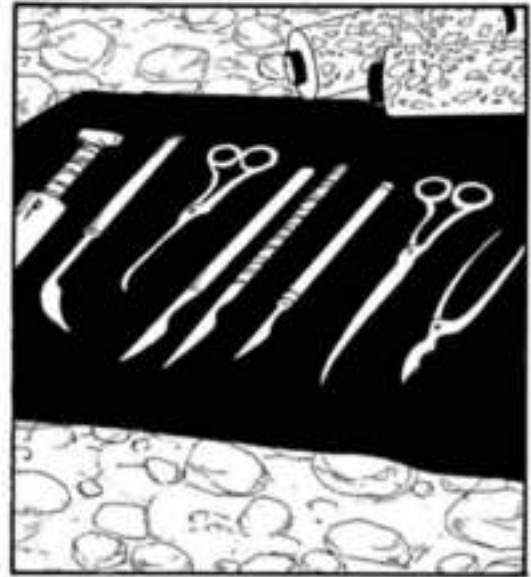


**Number 300: Sai's Picture Book!!**













READ THIS WAY



WONDER WHY HE LEFT IT BLANK?



PERHAPS SAI'S WORK WILL TELL US WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HIM.

ARTISTS REVEAL SECRETS ABOUT THEMSELVES THROUGH THEIR ART.



THIS SEEMS TO BE THE TALE OF THE TWO BOYS DRAWN ON THE COVERS...

GOOD POINT, LET'S SEE...

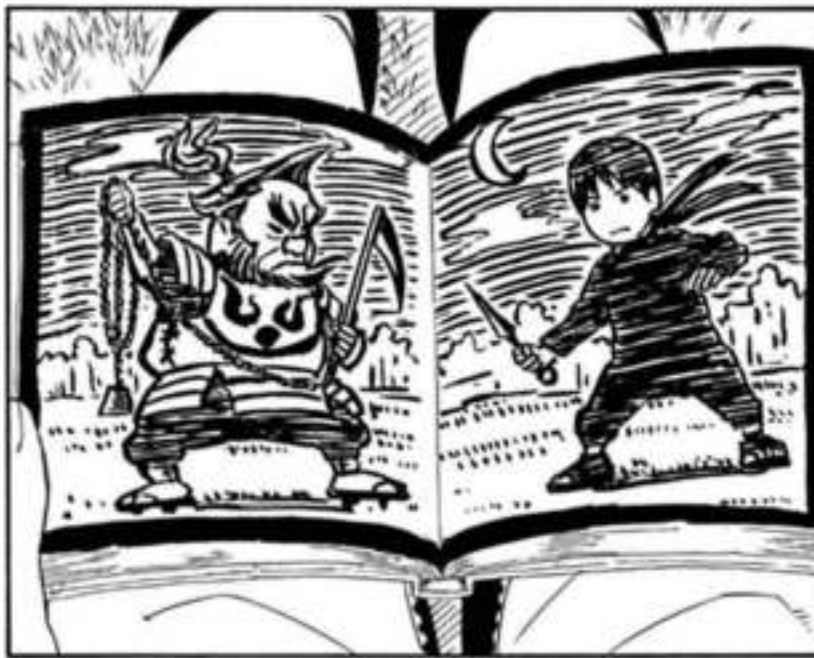






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AND NOT ONLY THAT...

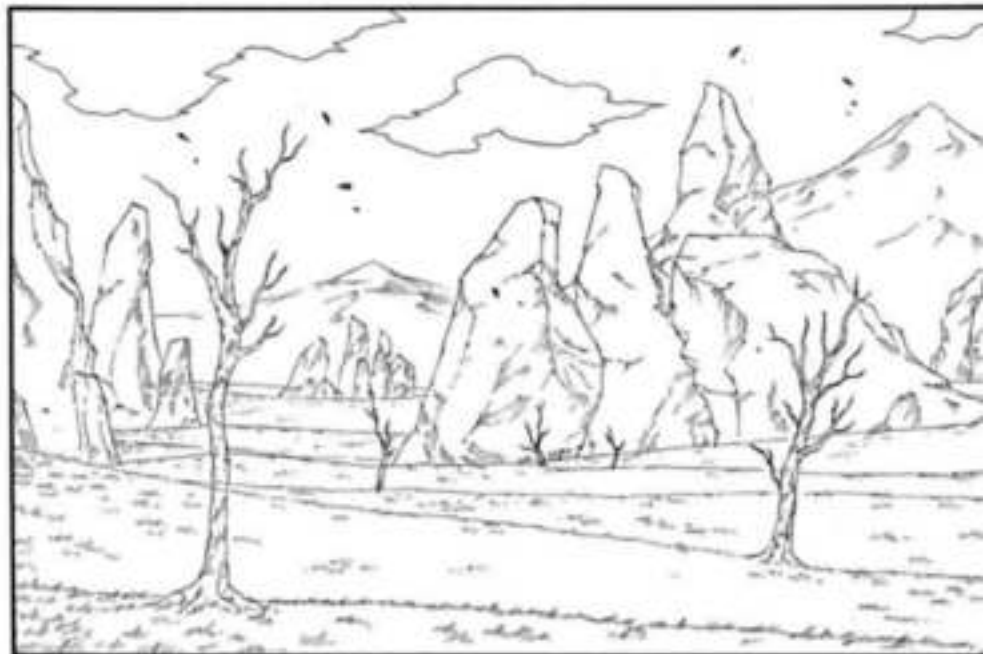


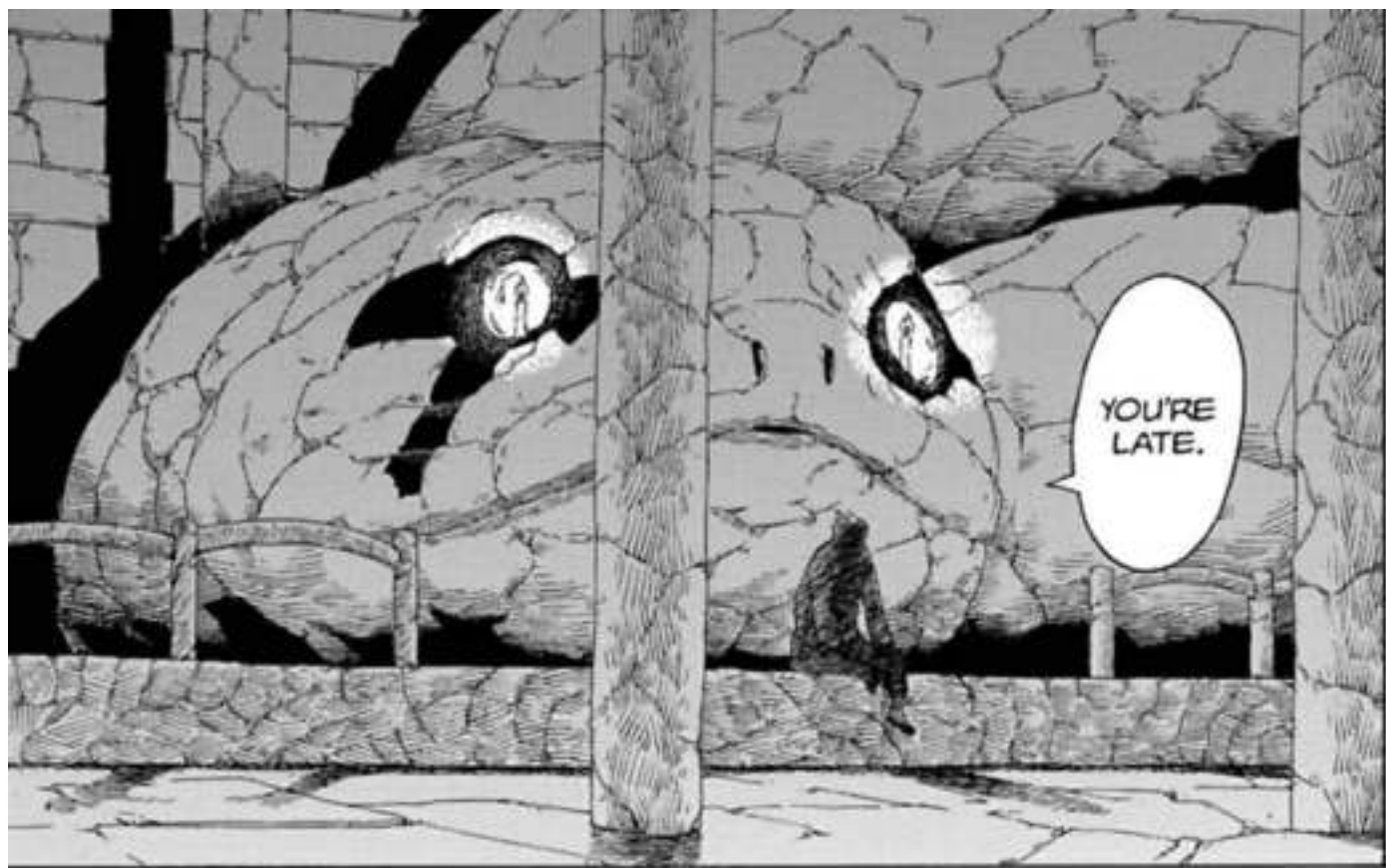


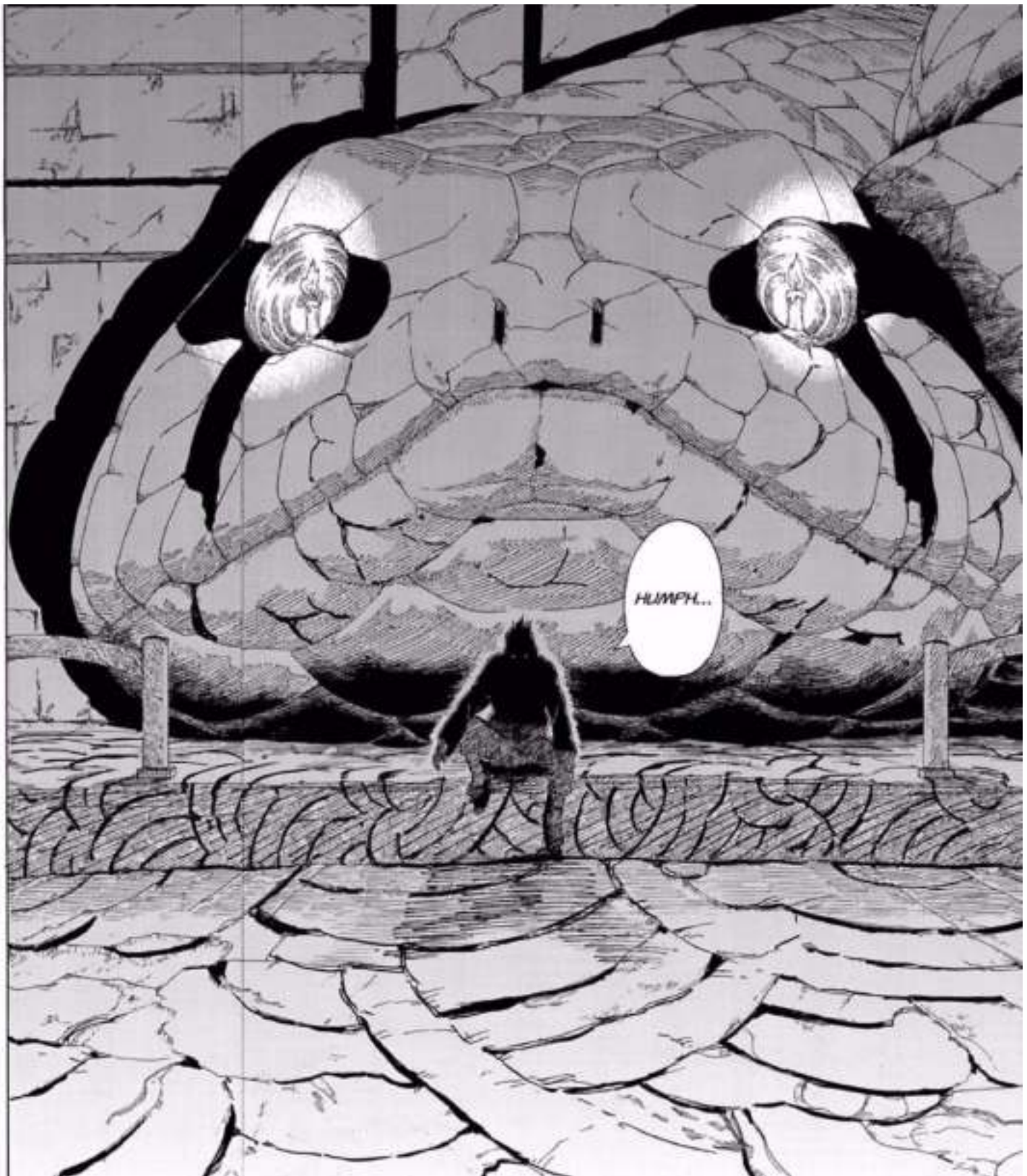








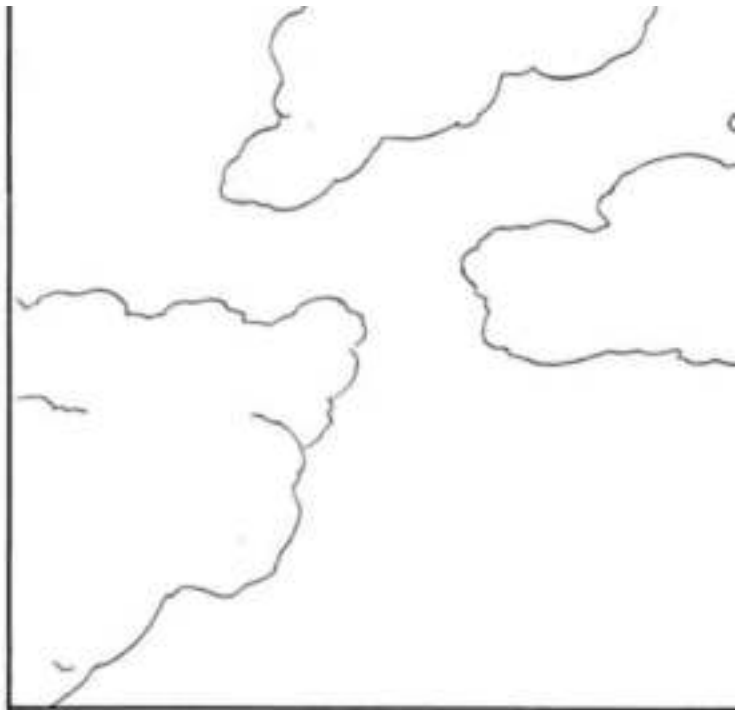








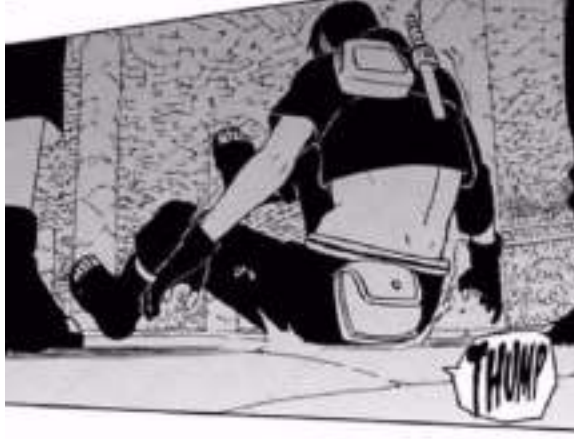


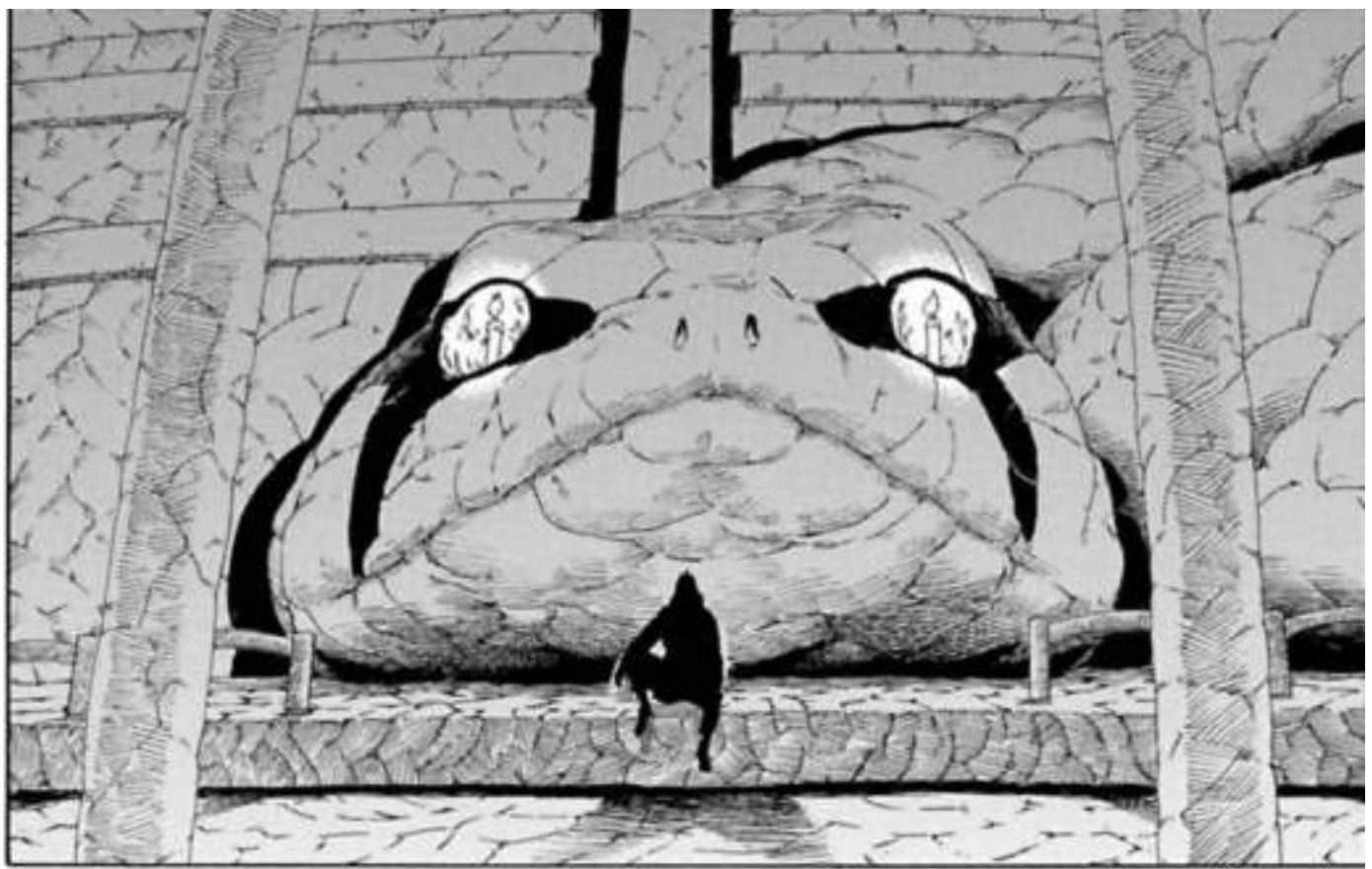












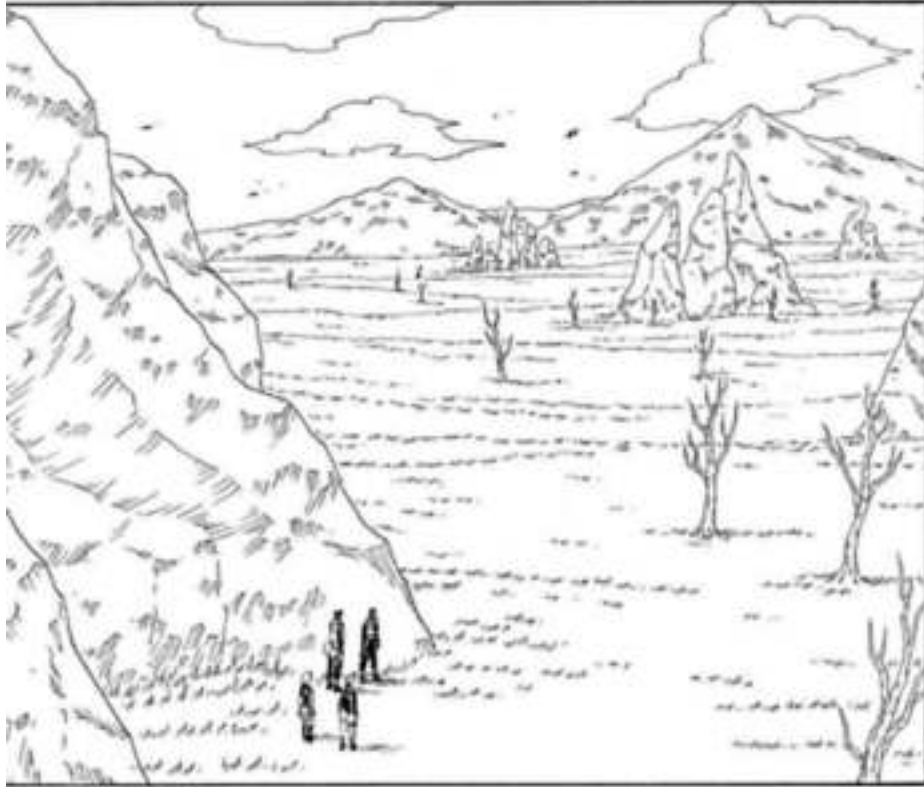


















I PLANTED  
A FEW  
IN SAI'S  
CLOTHING...  
AND HIS  
MEALS.



I GOT  
OUT FIRST  
AT THE HOT  
SPRINGS,  
REMEMBER?

BUT  
WHEN  
...?



SO...

...THAT'S  
HOW YOU  
WERE  
ABLE TO  
FOLLOW  
HIM.



...THE HOT  
SPRINGS,  
THE FINE  
DINING...  
OUT OF  
MY OWN  
POCKET?

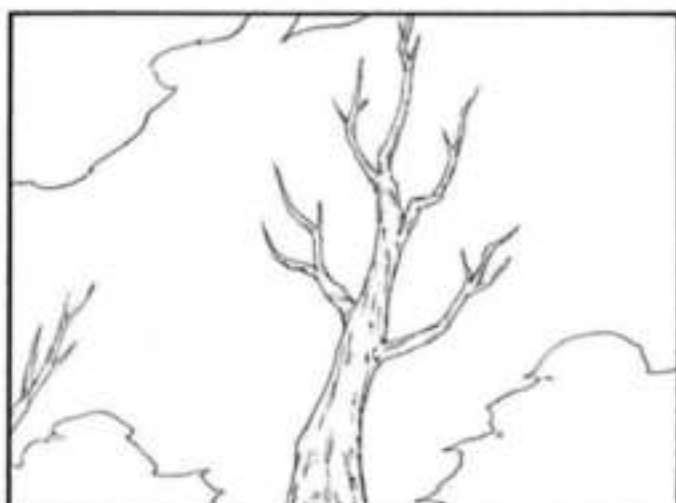
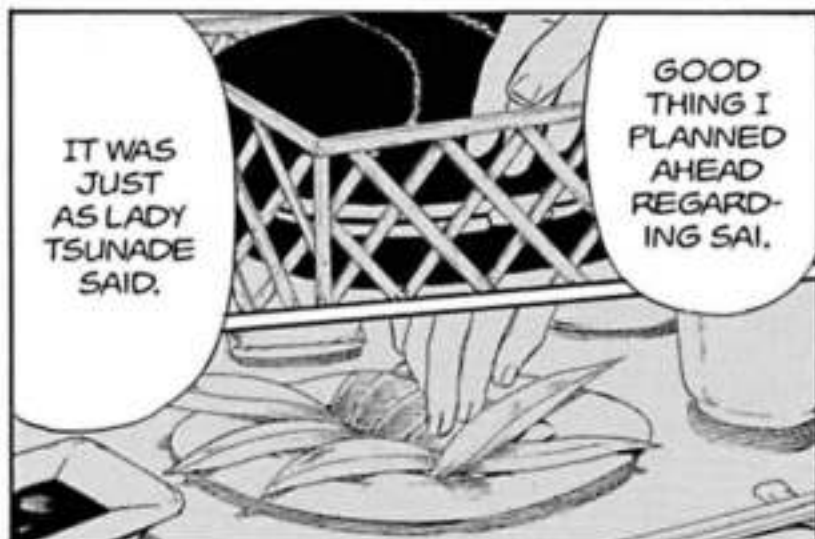
NOW DO  
YOU UNDER-  
STAND WHY I  
SPLURGED  
FOR THOSE  
LUXURIES...



...BUT BEFORE  
I GO, LET ME  
SHARE A FUNNY  
STORY WITH  
YOU, NARUTO.

WELL,  
THAT'S  
ENOUGH  
BONDING  
FOR ME...

SNEAK

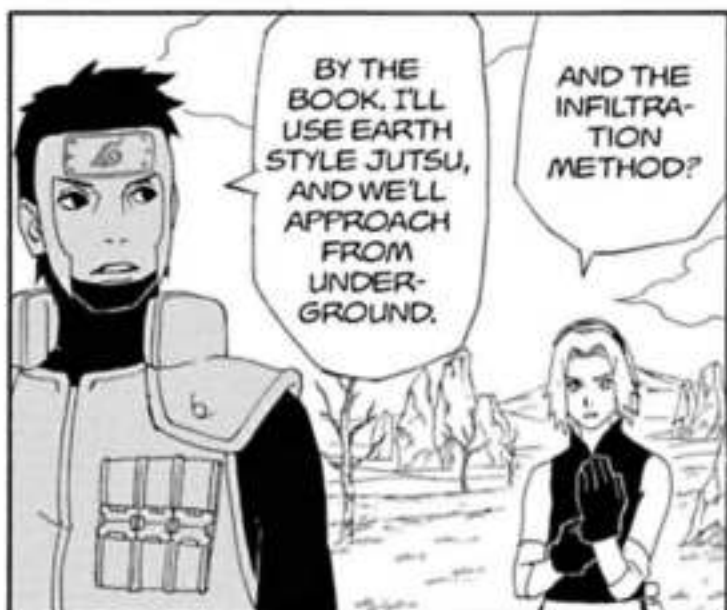
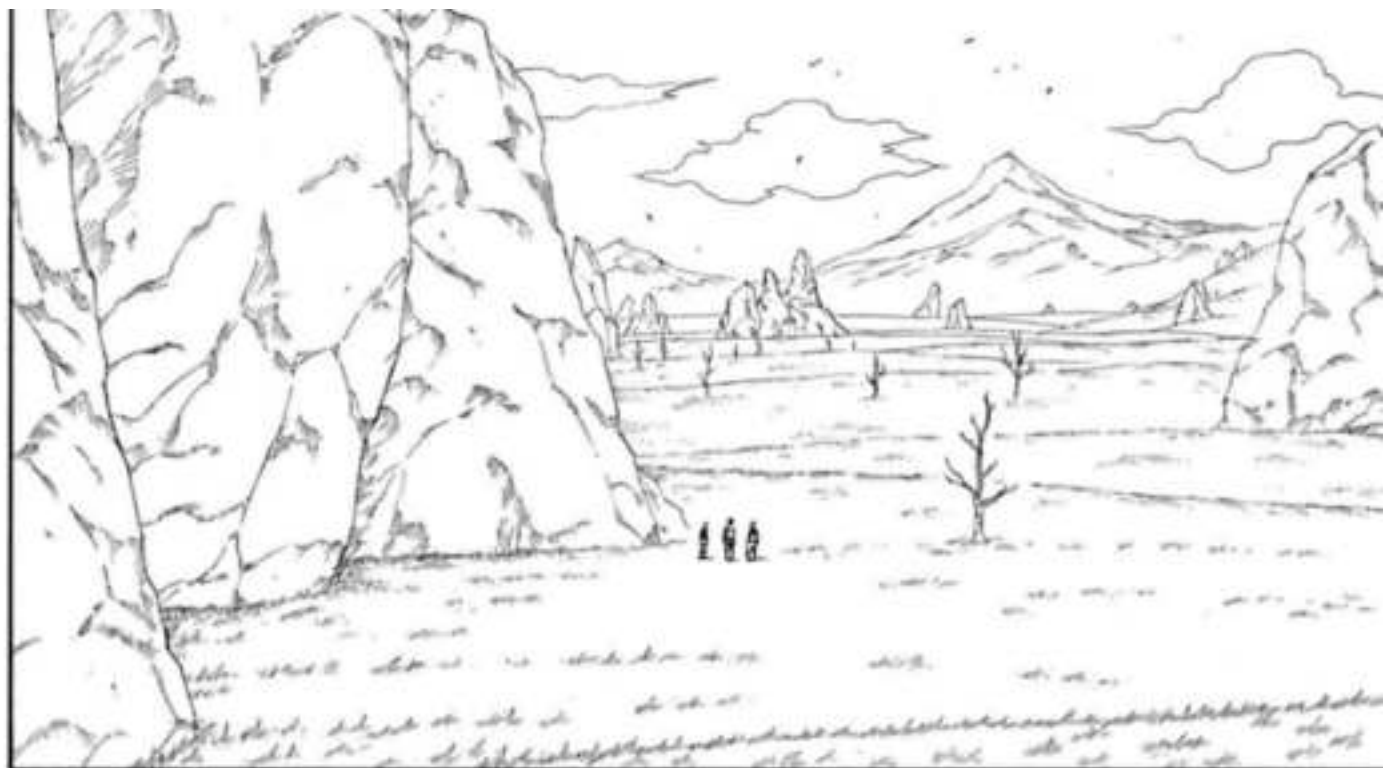




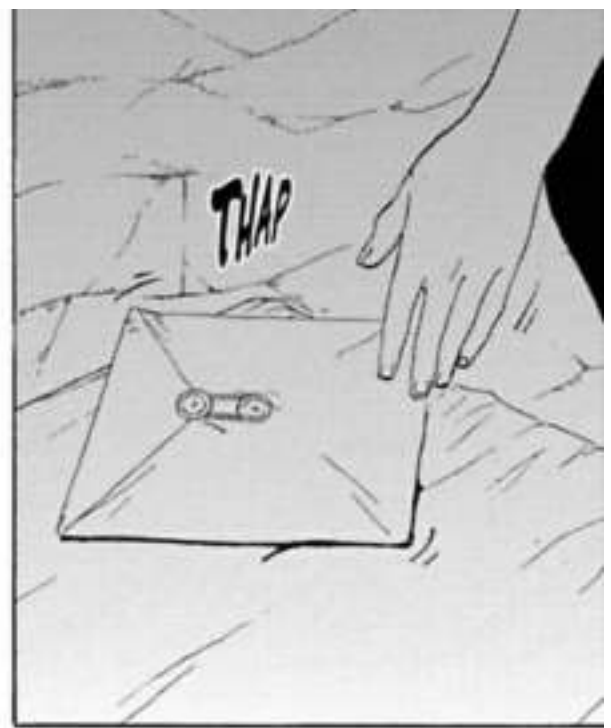


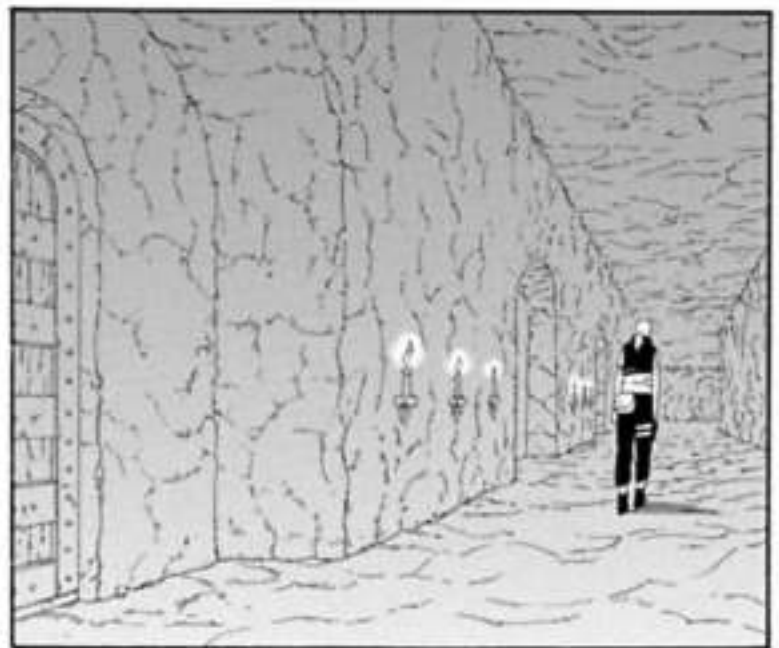
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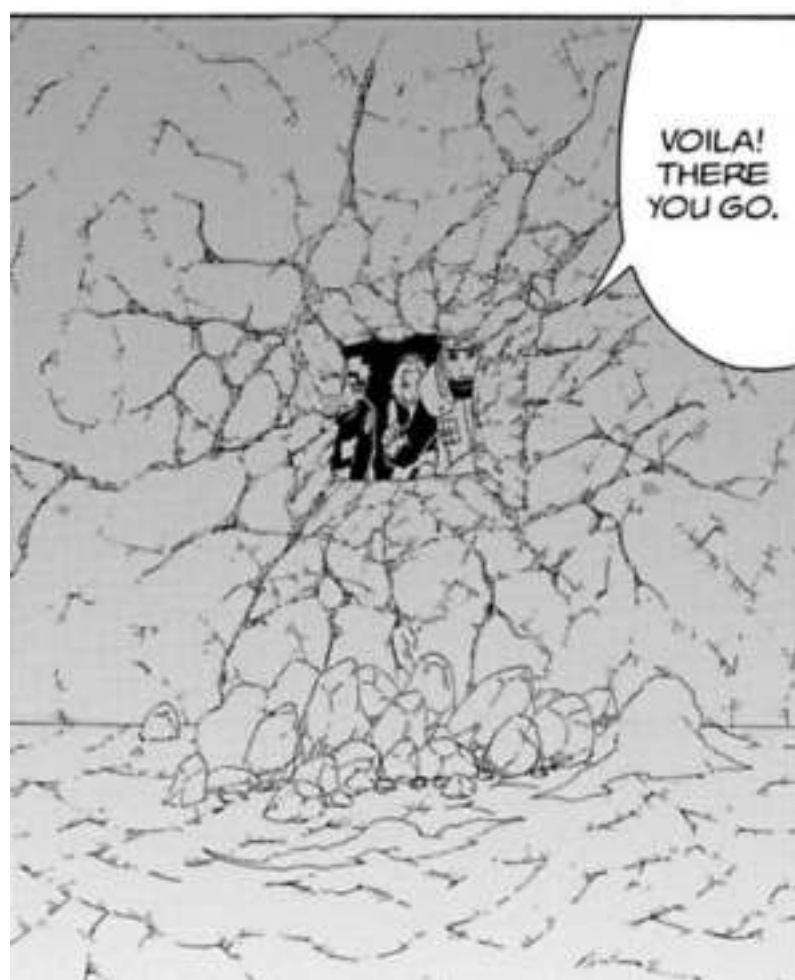










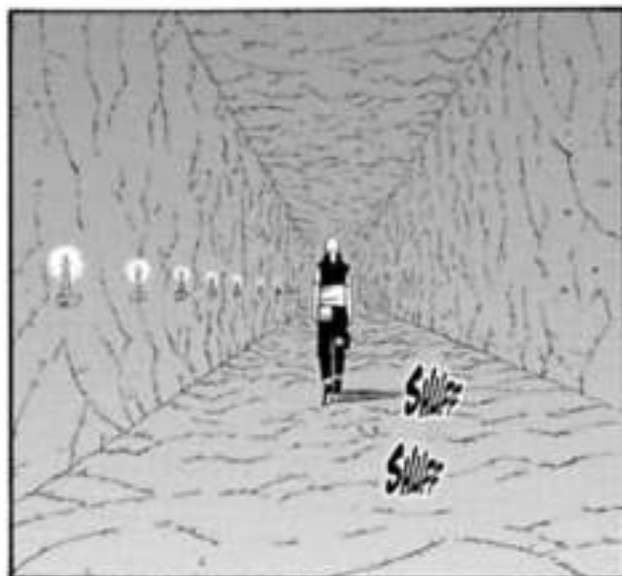




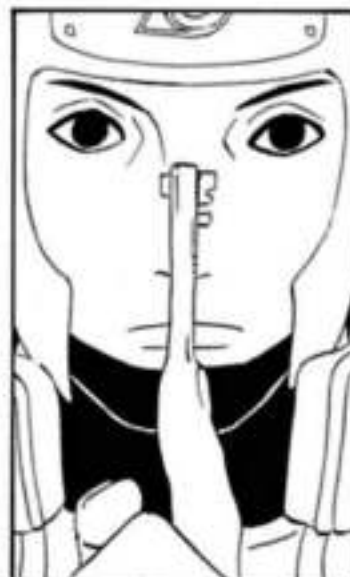
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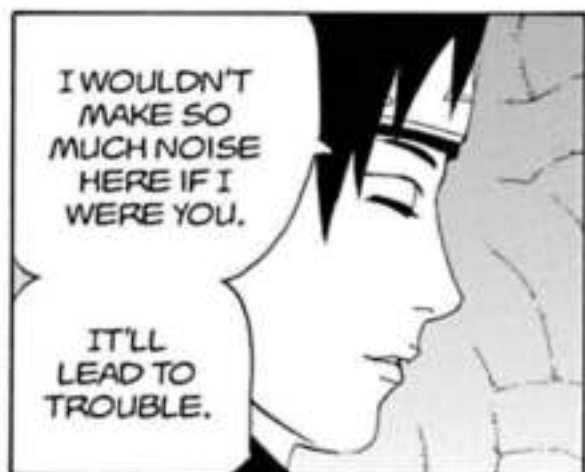




















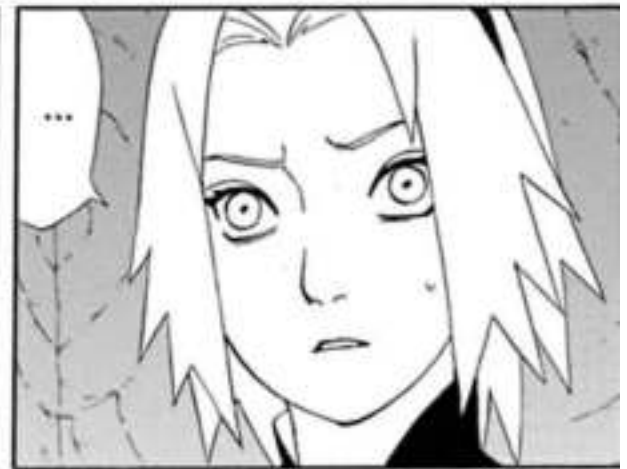


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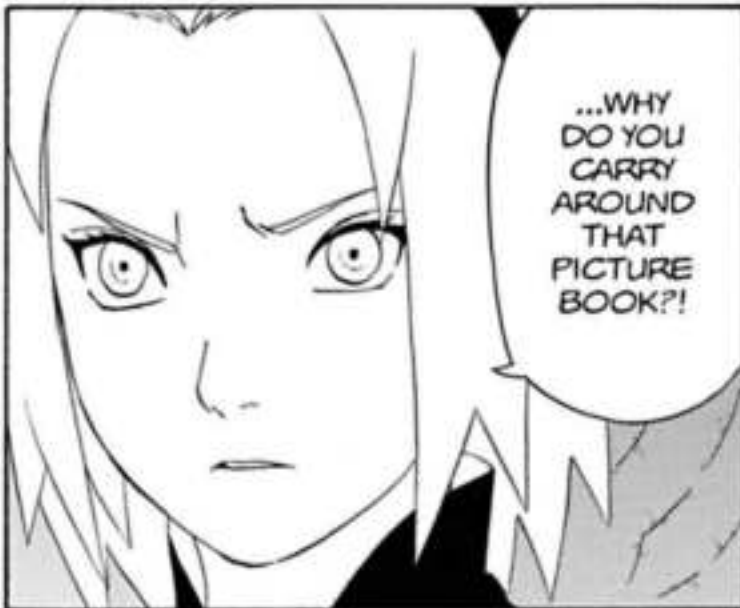


THE INTELLIGENCE I WRITE IN INK CAN TRANSFORM ITSELF INTO LITTLE CREATURES...  
...THAT CAN DEFEND THEMSELVES WHILE TRAVELING BACK TO KONOHA.



I'M ACTUALLY NOBODY.  
OH, AND SAI IS JUST A NAME I WAS GIVEN FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS MISSION...

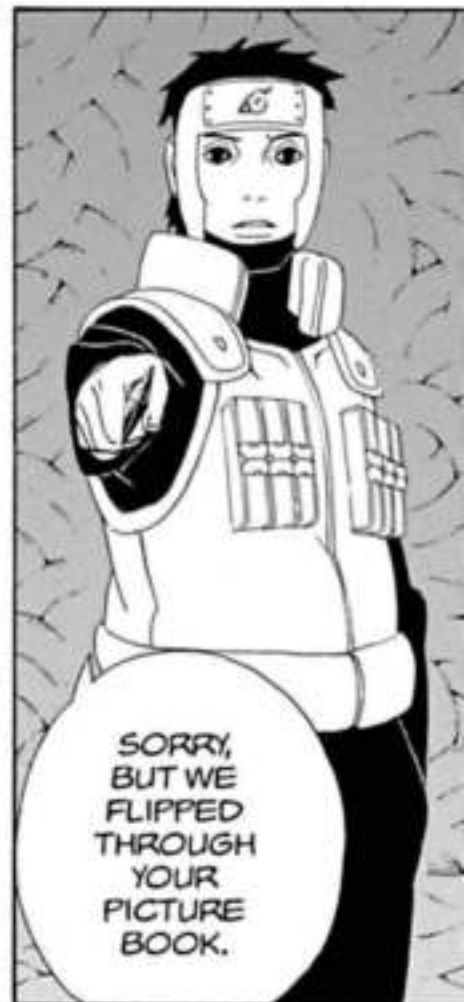




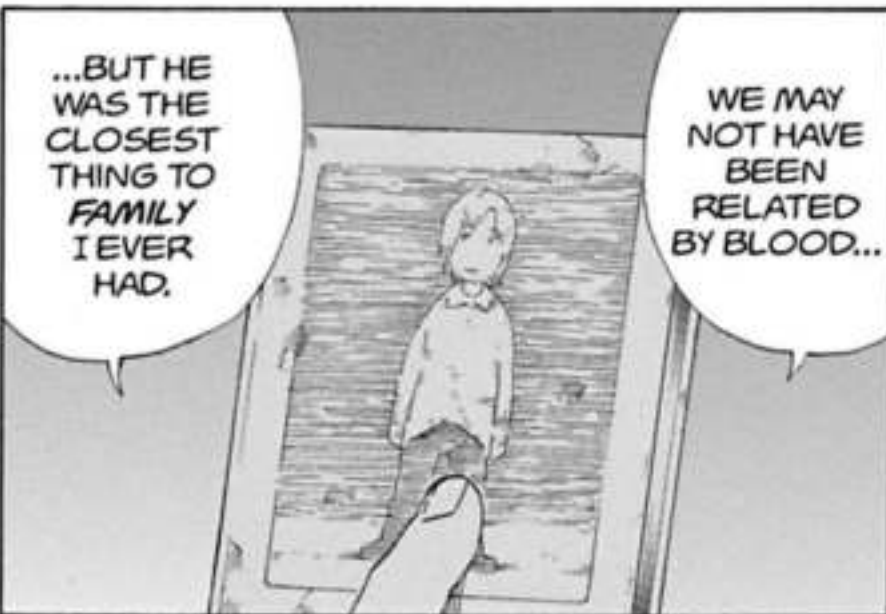


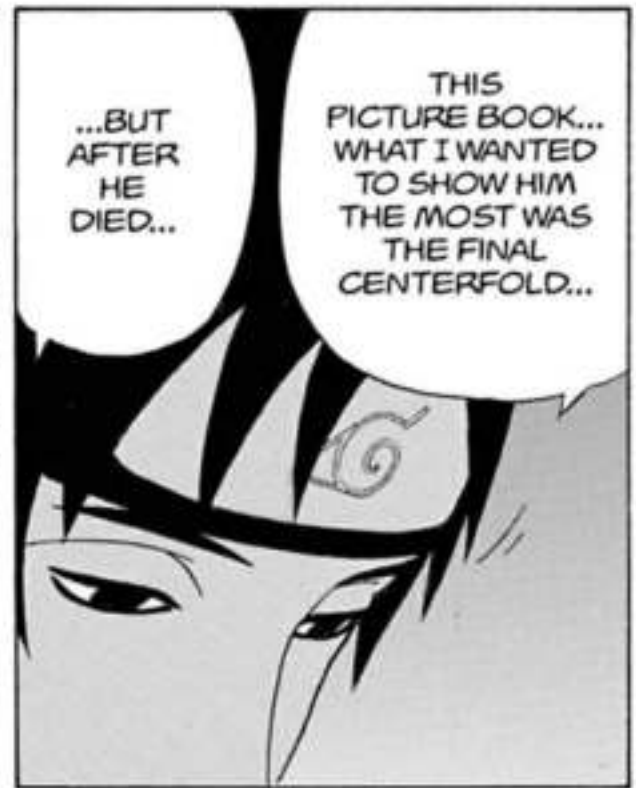


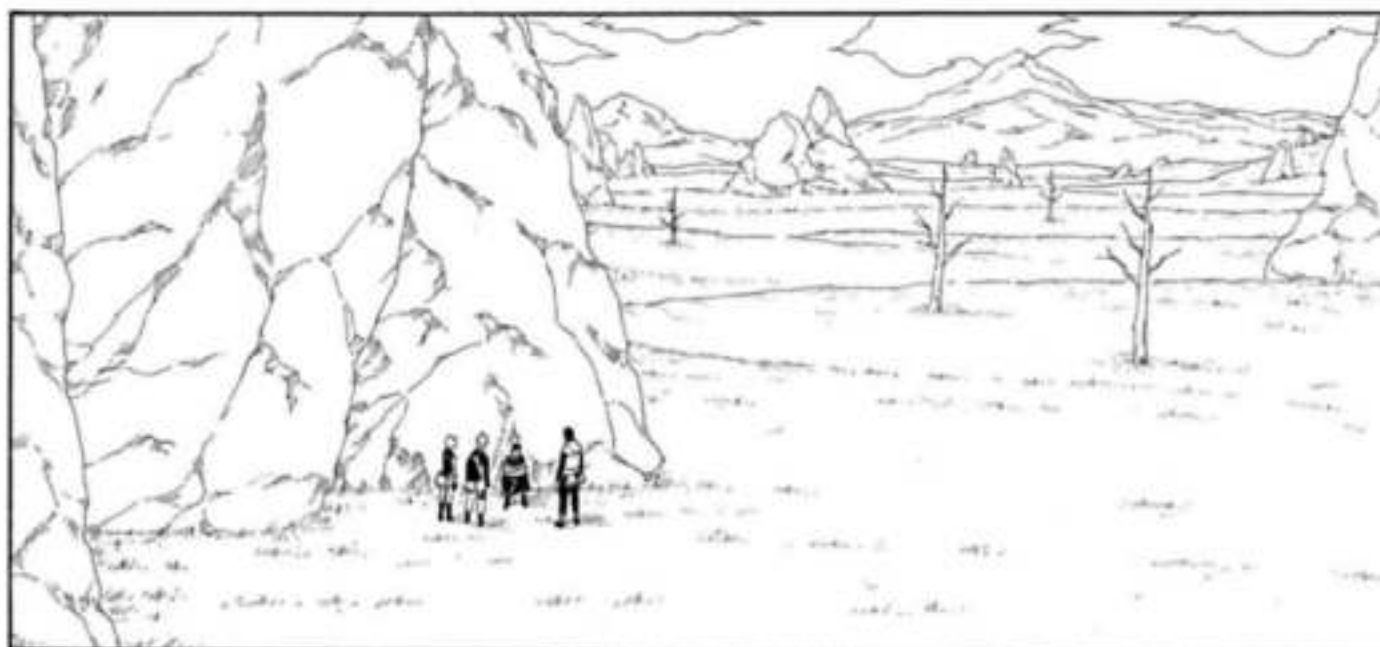
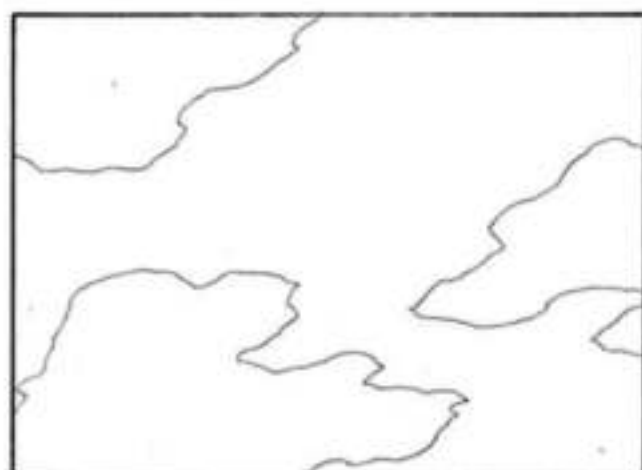
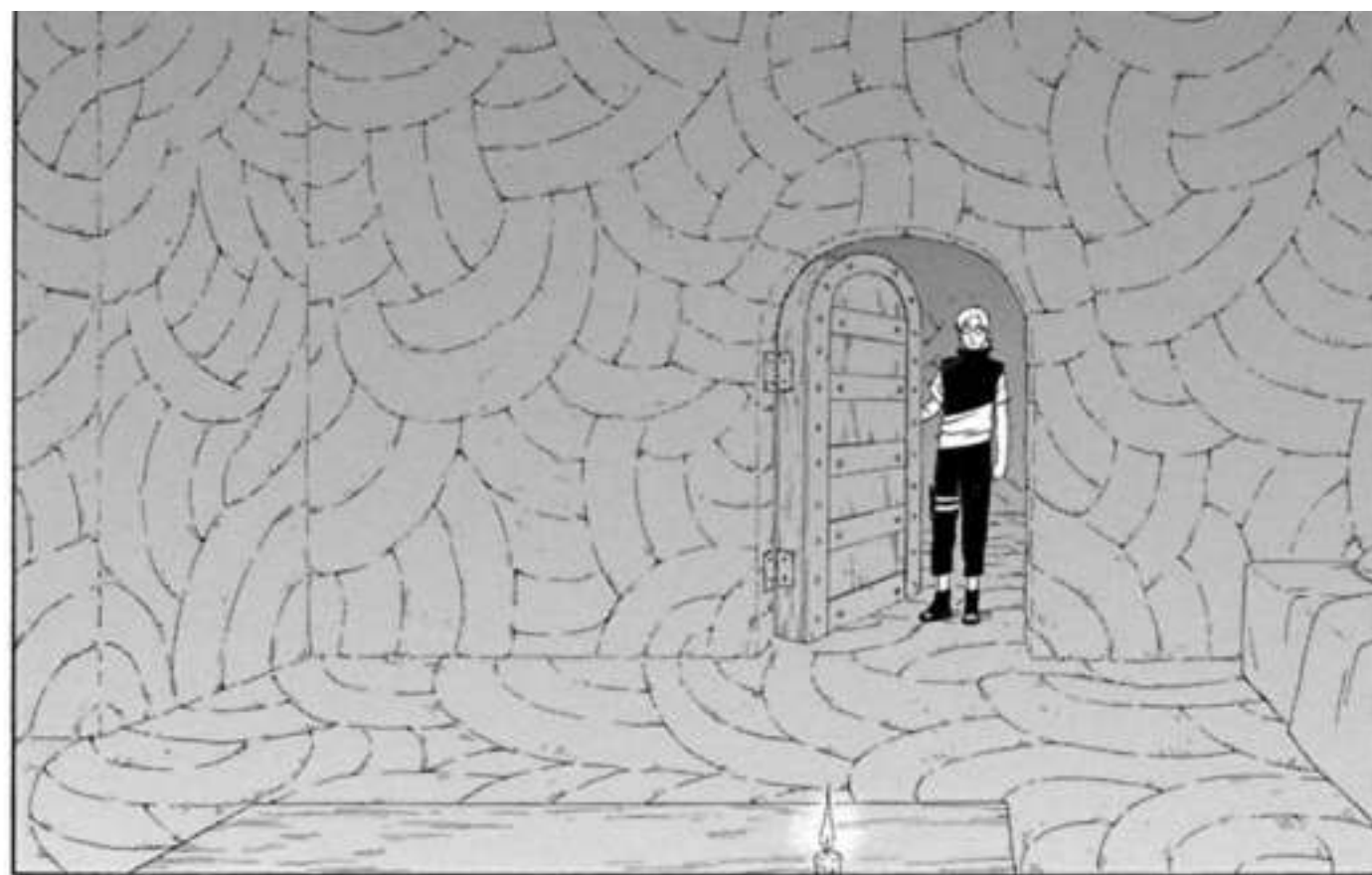
















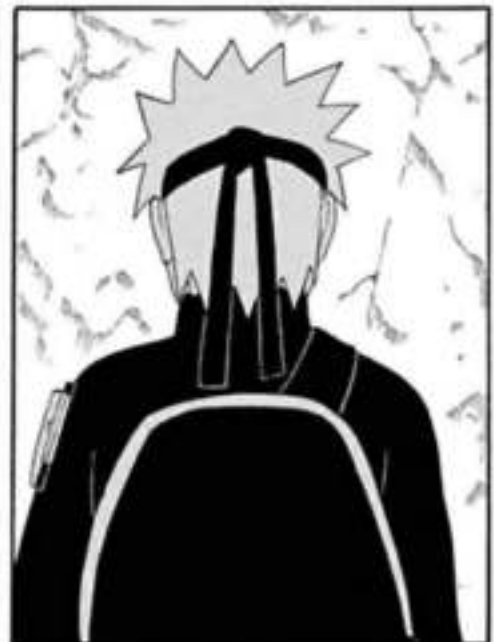
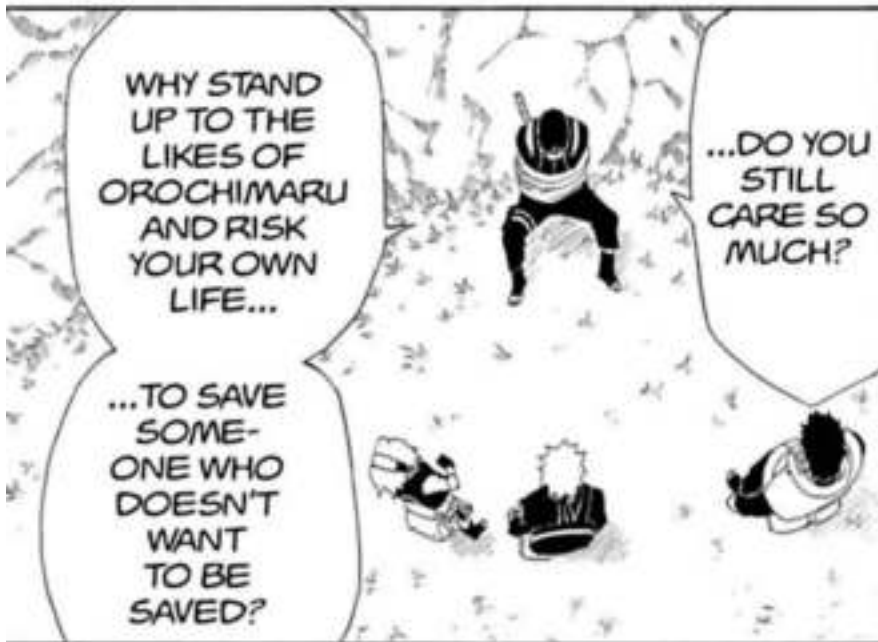
I  
ACTUALLY  
GOT TO  
MEET  
HIM...



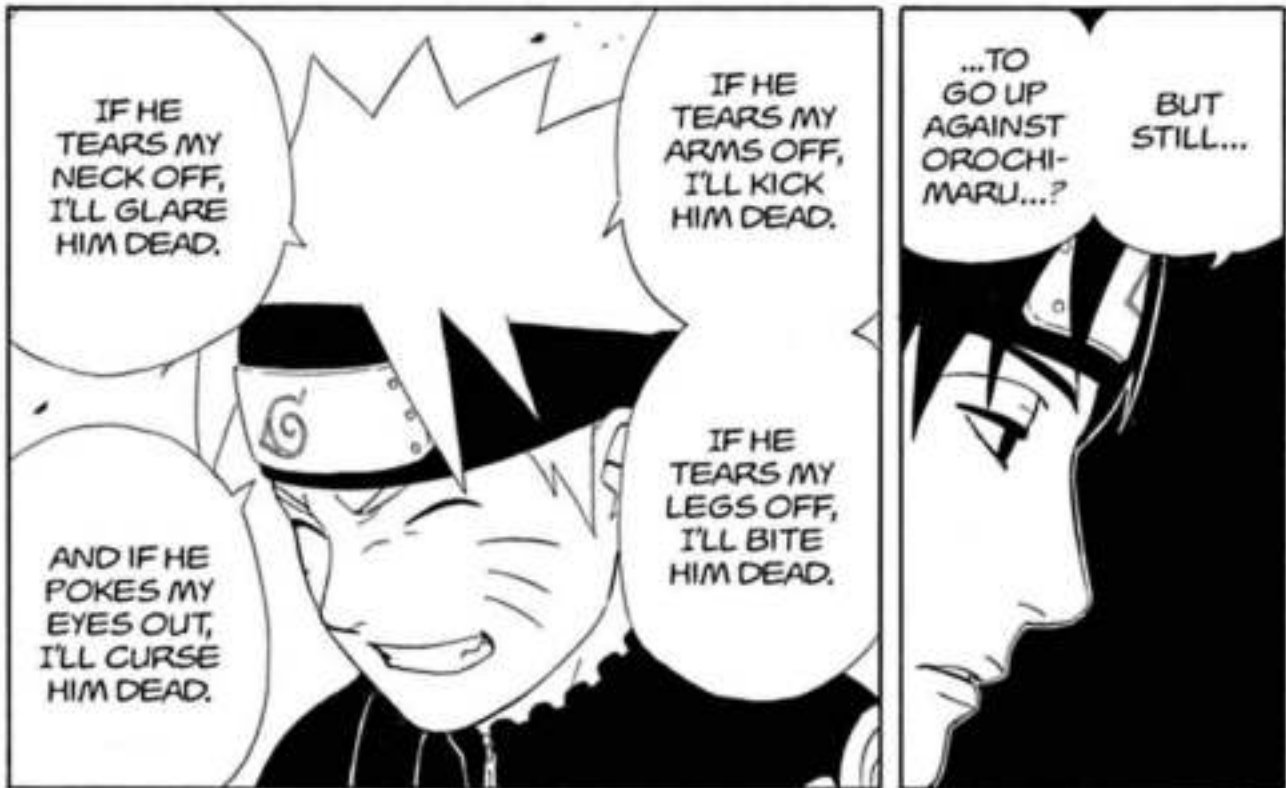
CROSS HIM  
AND HE'LL  
TEAR YOU TO  
PIECES AND  
USE YOUR  
BODY FOR  
HIS EXPERI-  
MENTS.

...BUT  
OROCHI-  
MARU IS  
ALWAYS  
AT HIS  
SIDE.









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 Number 304: Behind the Betrayal!!!



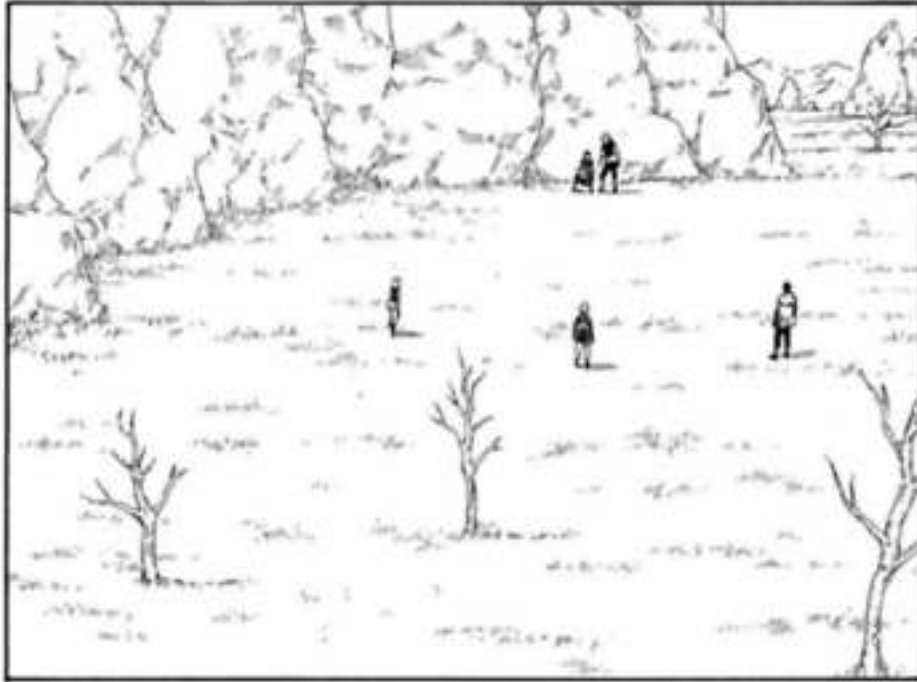
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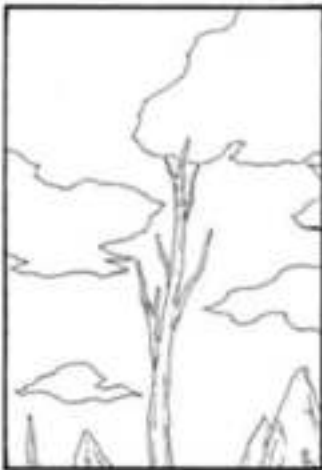


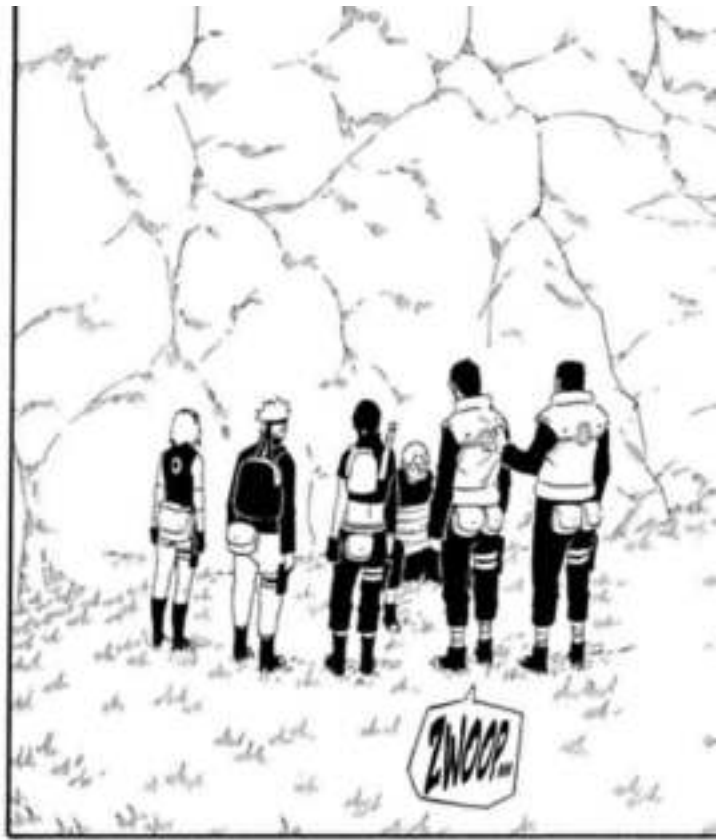
















THIS PLACE IS RIDDLED WITH SELF-CONTAINED ROOMS, YOU KNOW.

YOU'LL HAVE TO CHECK ROOM BY ROOM IN ORDER TO FIND HIM.

BY NOW, HE'S PROBABLY FINISHED TRAINING AND HAS RETIRED TO ONE OF THE INNER ROOMS.



...



FOR LORD OROCHIMARU'S PRIVATE QUARTERS ARE LOCATED NEAR THERE AS WELL.

BUT IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, POKING THE WRONG BUSH WILL FLUSH OUT SOME SNAKES.



OH NO, NO NEED TO THANK ME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HONESTY.



AS NARUTO SAID, NO WAY TO KNOW WITHOUT TRYING...



...



YES.

BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO GET KILLED ANYWAY?





ALL RIGHT, WE'LL SPLIT INTO TWO TEAMS HERE.

SAKURA AND I WILL BE ONE PAIR; NARUTO AND SAI, THE OTHER.



...

IT'LL ACTIVATE THE TREE SEED INSIDE YOU AND ALERT ME.

I'LL COME RUNNING RIGHT AWAY.



IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG, JUST MANIPULATE YOUR CHAKRA.



SASUKE ...

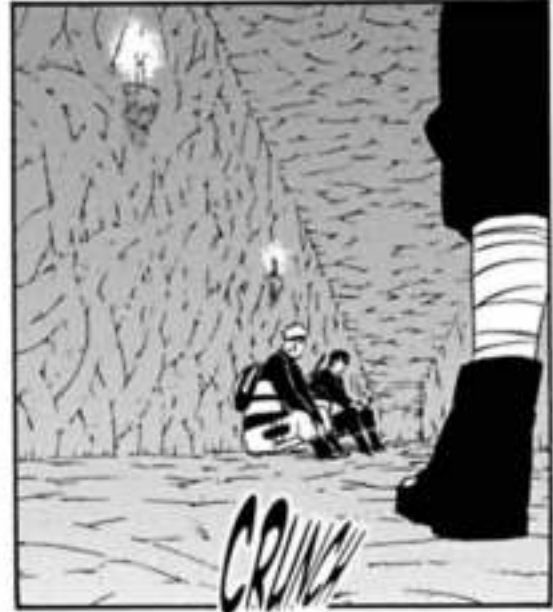









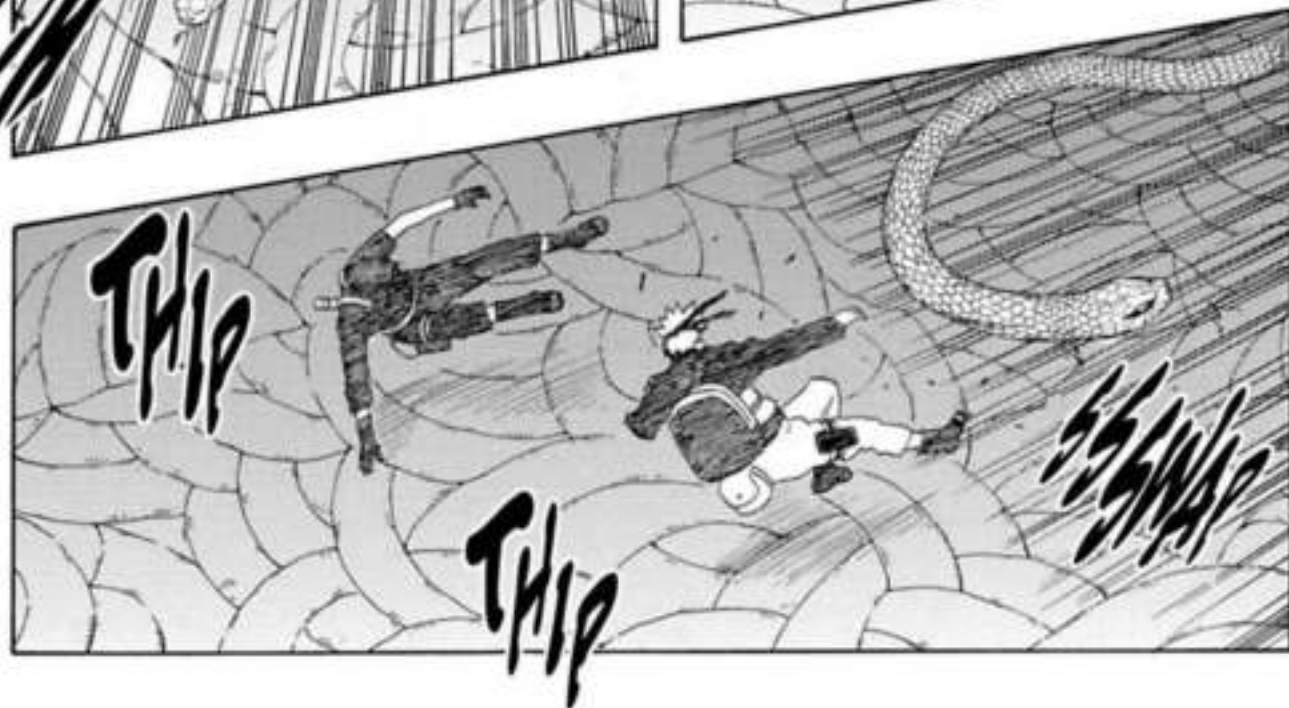




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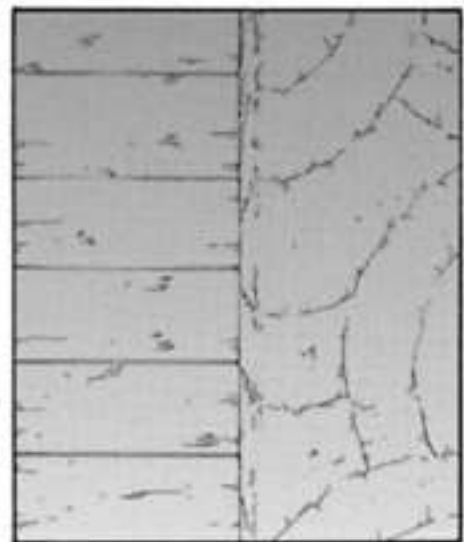


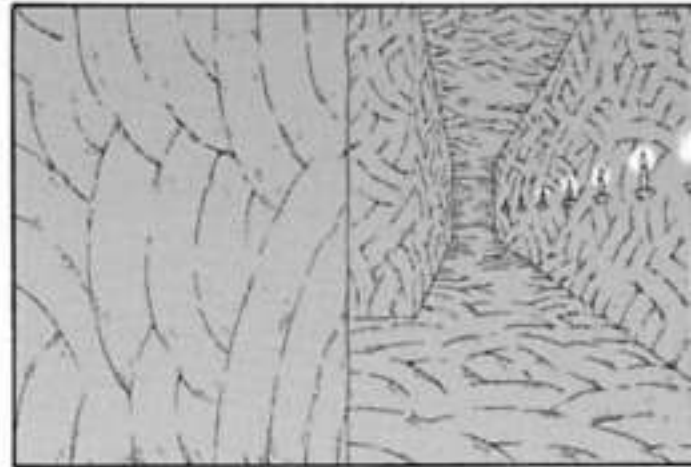
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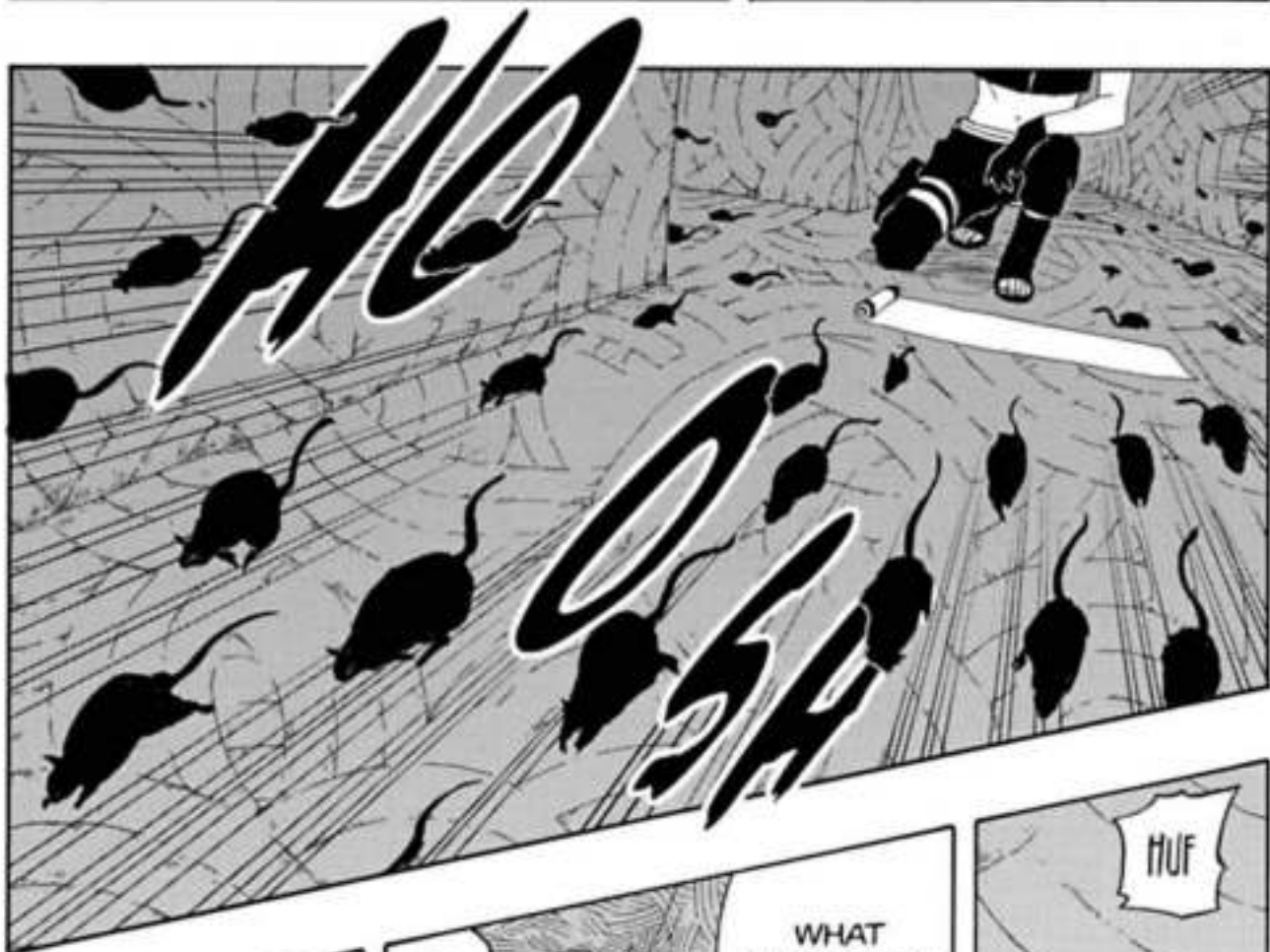


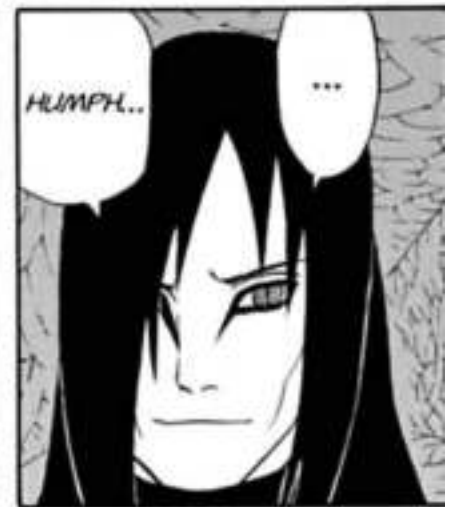
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Our Bond















...WHILE YOU AND SAKURA GO THE OTHER WAY, CAPTAIN YAMATO.

IT'LL USE UP MY CHAKRA, BUT MY MULTIPLE SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS CAN GO ONE WAY...



THE CENTER-FOLD...



HE SAID THAT WAS THE DREAM DRAWING OF THE TWO OF THEM...

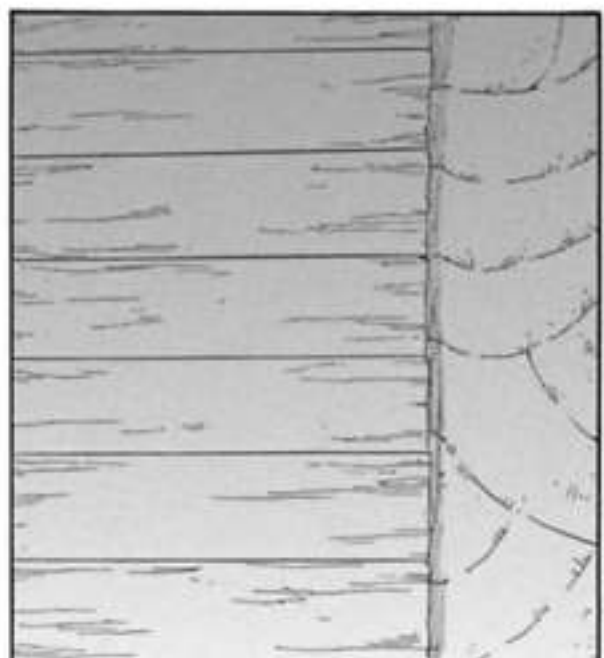
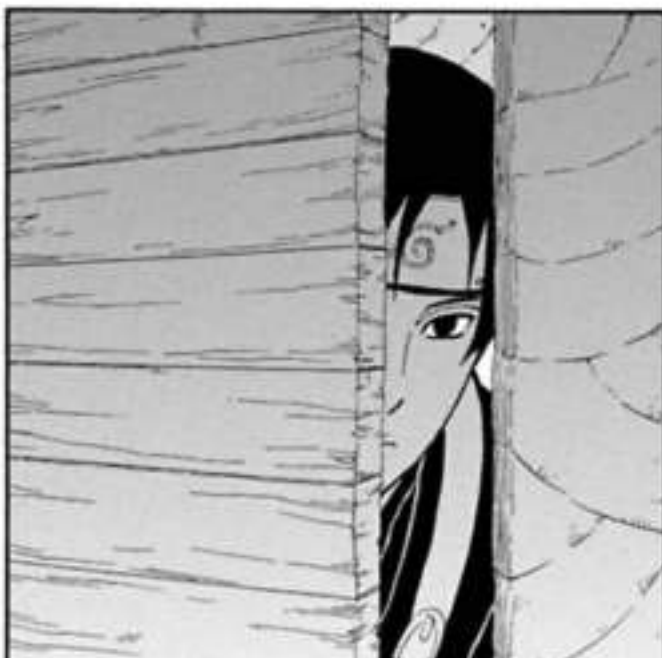
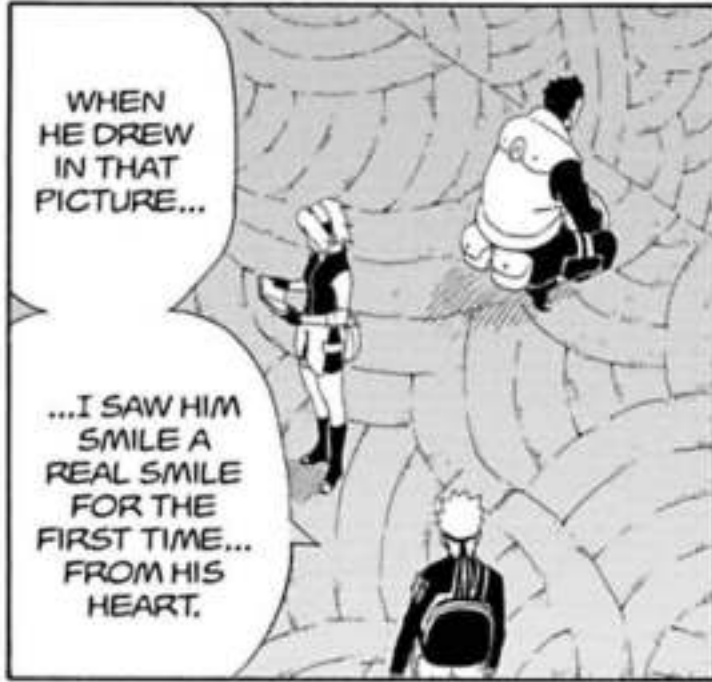
...THAT HE HAD WANTED TO SHOW HIS BROTHER.

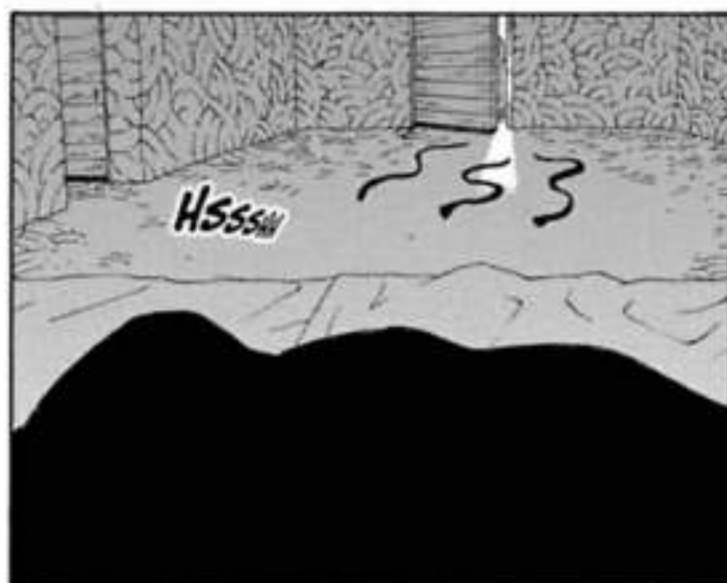
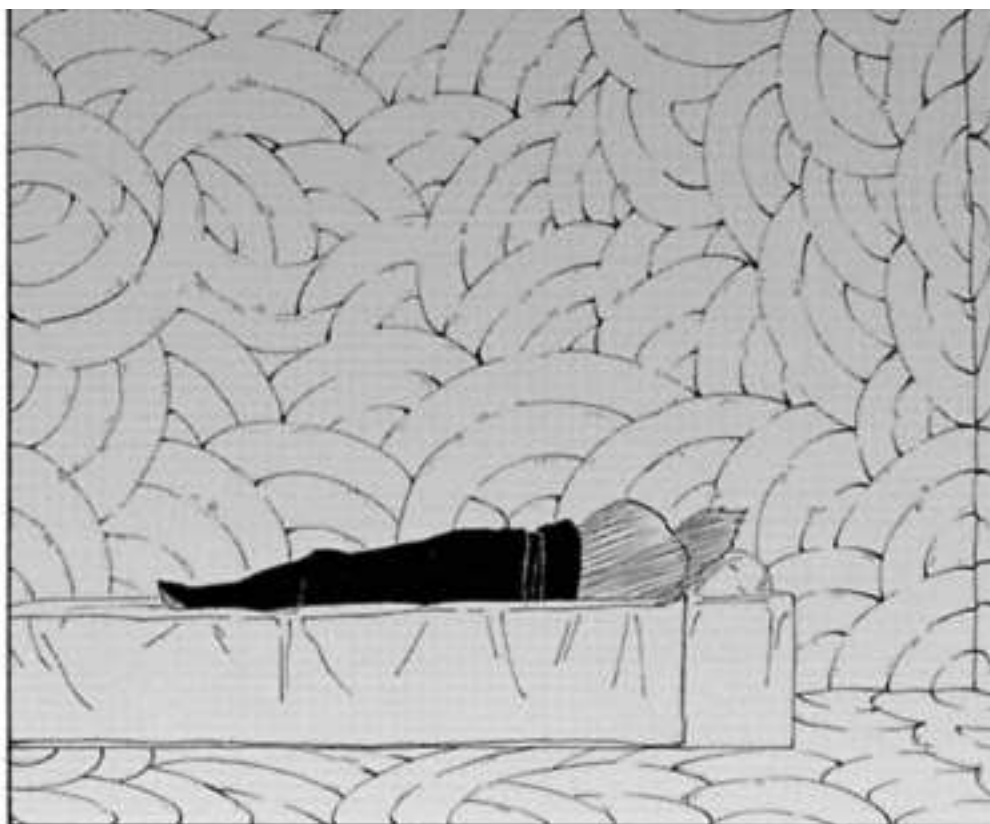
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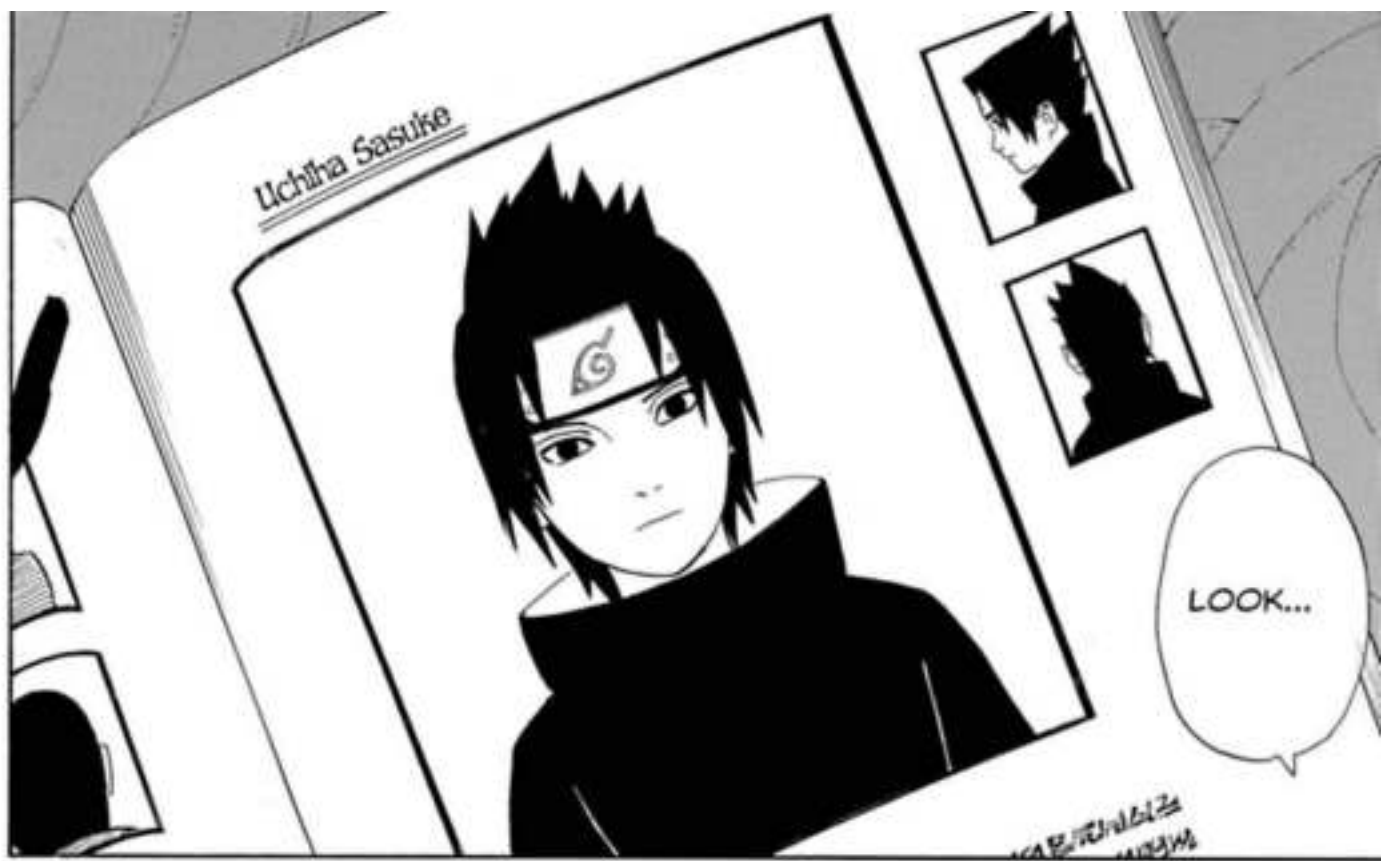
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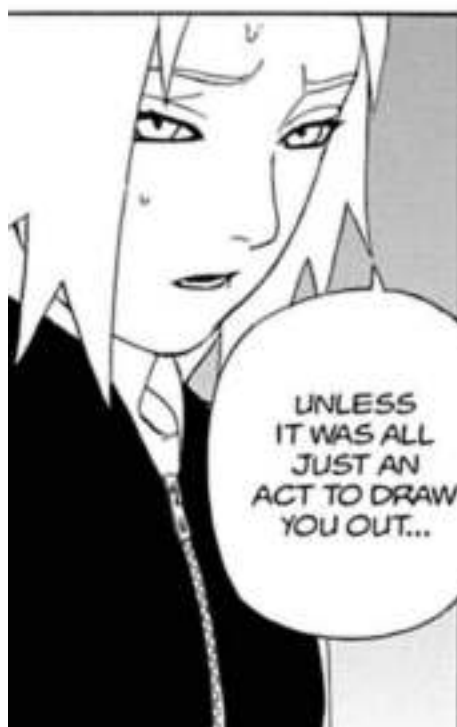
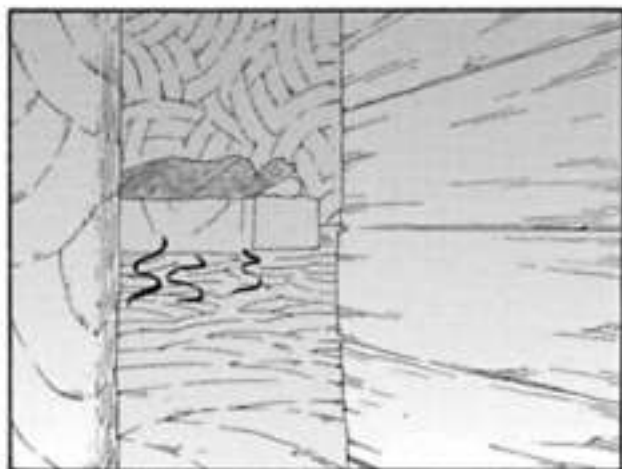








...IS TO  
ASSASSINATE  
SASUKE.



UNLESS  
IT WAS ALL  
JUST AN  
ACT TO DRAW  
YOU OUT...



AND I SAW  
HIM SMILE  
FROM HIS  
HEART...

...I  
REALLY  
THINK  
HE'S  
CHANGED  
...

I MEAN,  
JUST NOW  
HE SAID HE  
WAS GOING  
TO RESCUE  
SASUKE...!



...BUT  
THAT'S  
NOT  
POSSIBLE!

BUT...



HE'S A KIRIGAKURE JŌNIN WHO HAD TAKEN A HARD-LINE ATTITUDE TOWARD KONOHA...

THIS FELLOW LISTED NEXT TO SASUKE...



LOOK AT THIS...

THE OWNER OF THIS BINGO BOOK COULD DO IT.



THAT REMINDS ME... THAT TIME I SLUGGED SAI...

A SMILE CAN HELP ONE ACHIEVE ONE'S GOALS...



...



SO SAI SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO DISPOSE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO POSE A THREAT TO KONOHA...

...AND SASUKE IS ONE OF THOSE TOO...



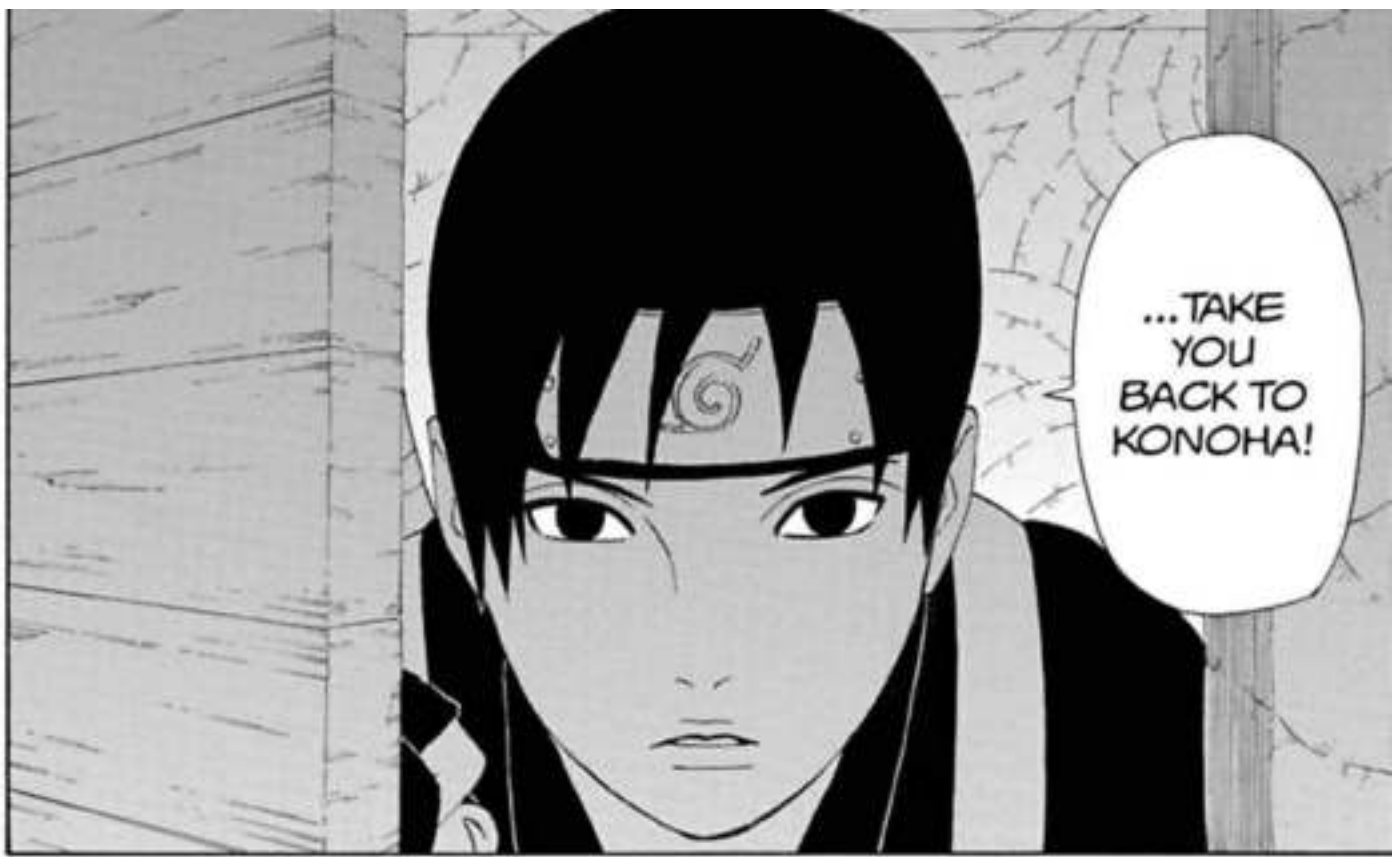
...



...IT WILL FOOL MORE PEOPLE THAN YOU THINK ...OR SO I'VE READ.

THE BEST WAY TO DEFUSE A TROUBLE-SOME SITUATION IS BY SMILING. ...EVEN IF IT IS A FAKE SMILE...









**NARUTO**

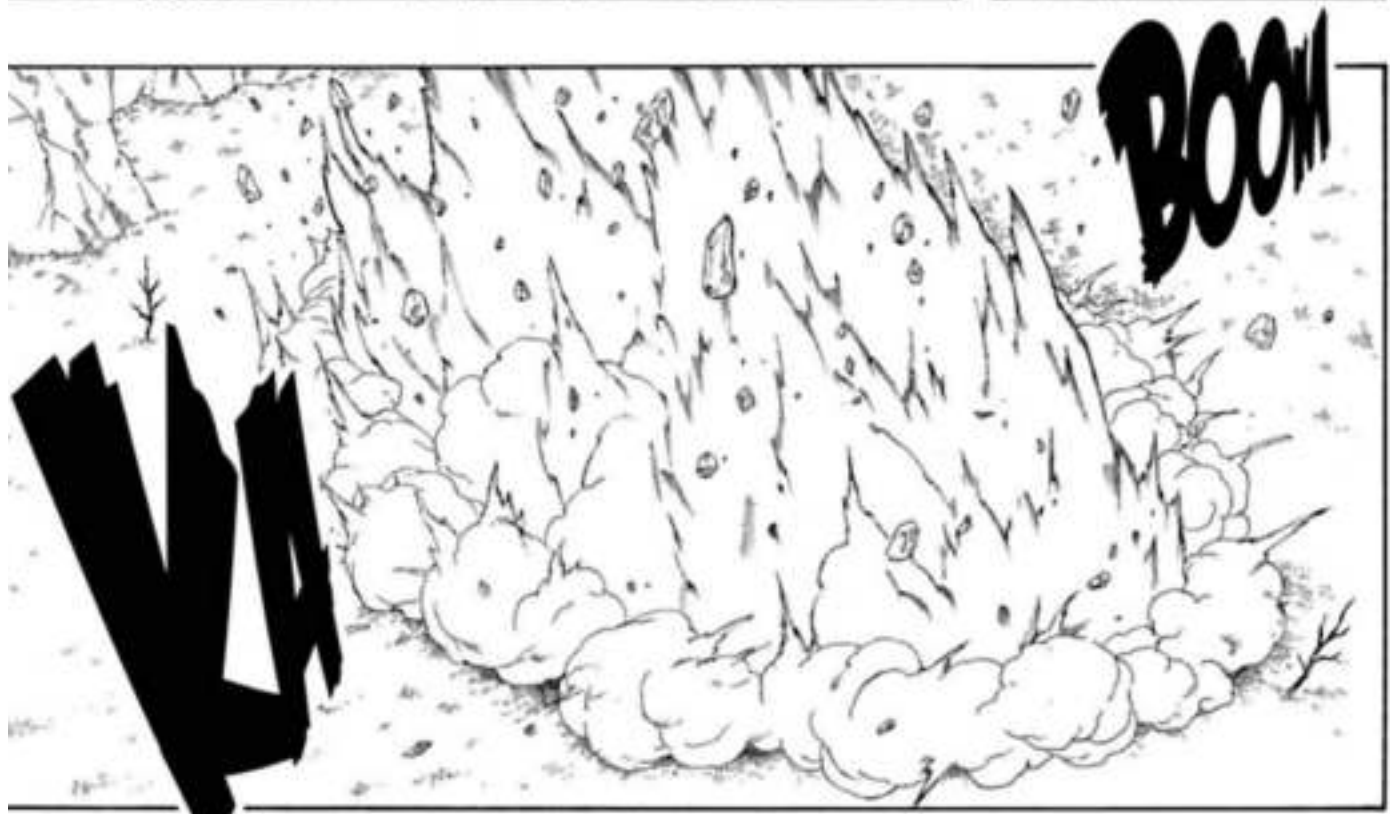


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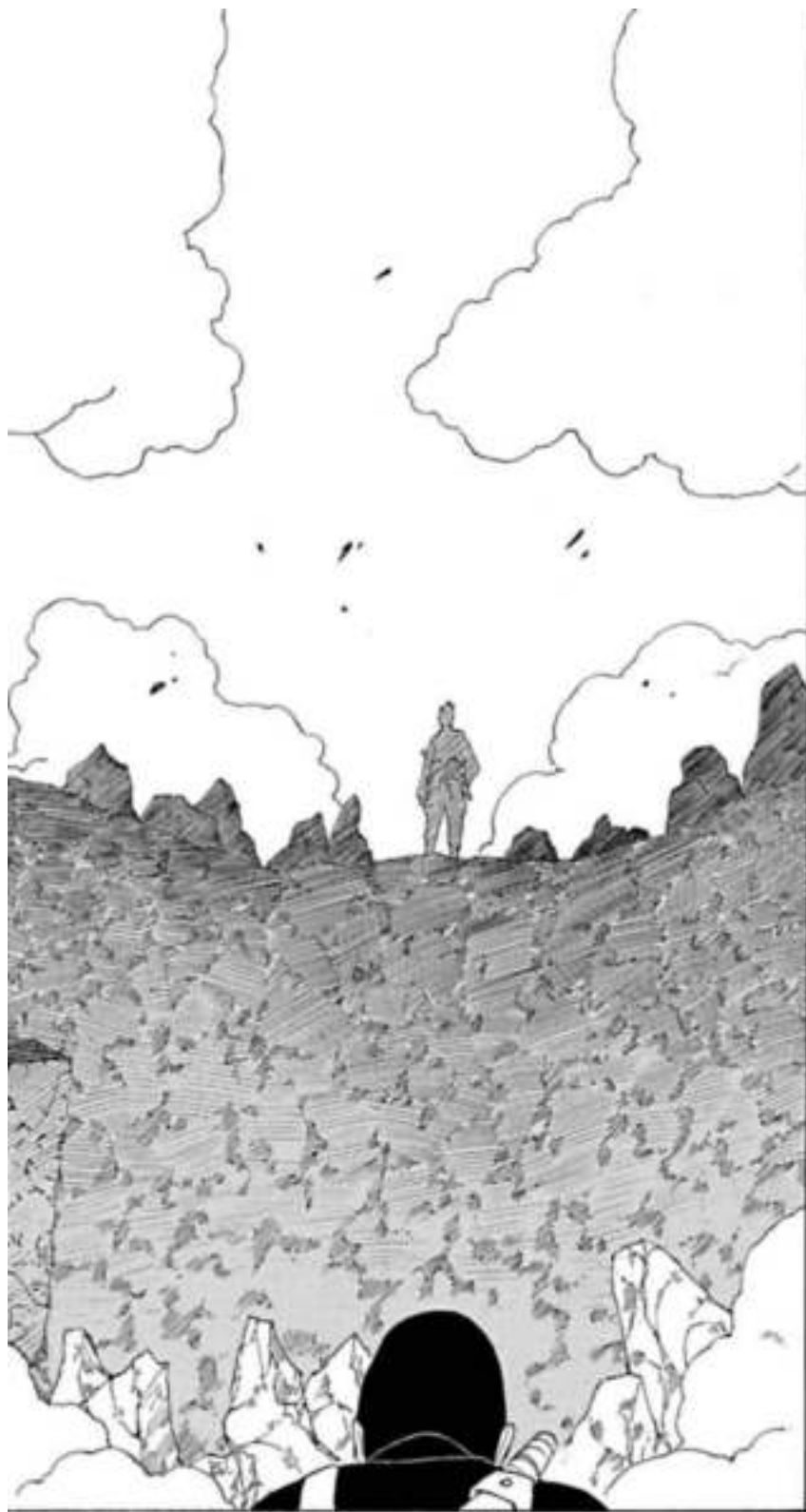




READ THIS WAY





















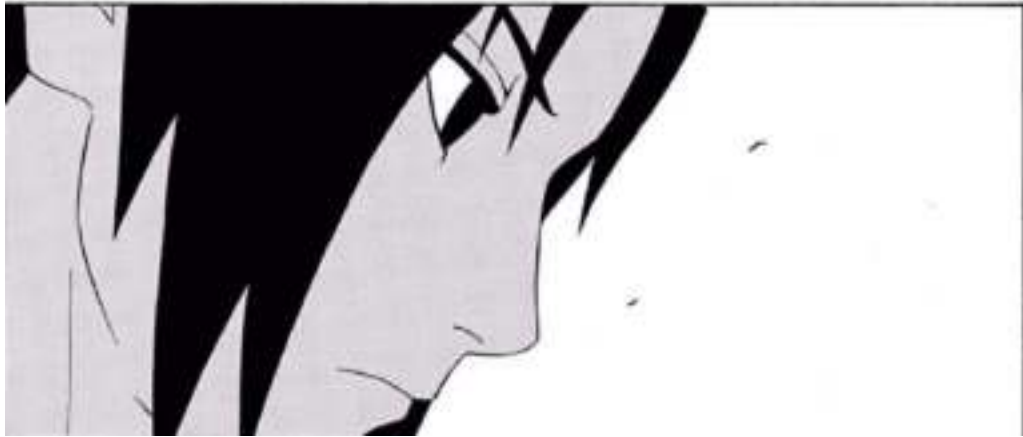
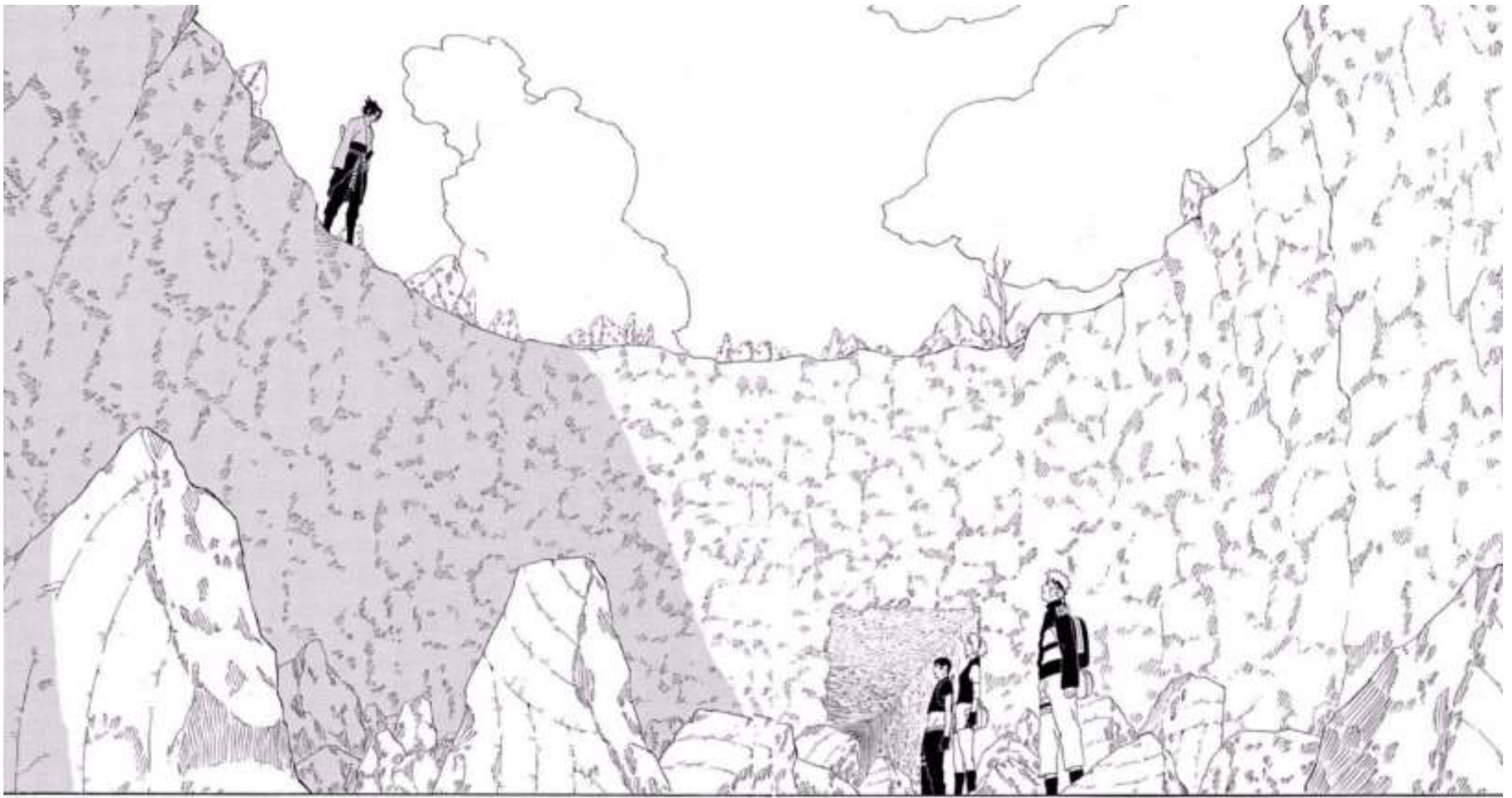






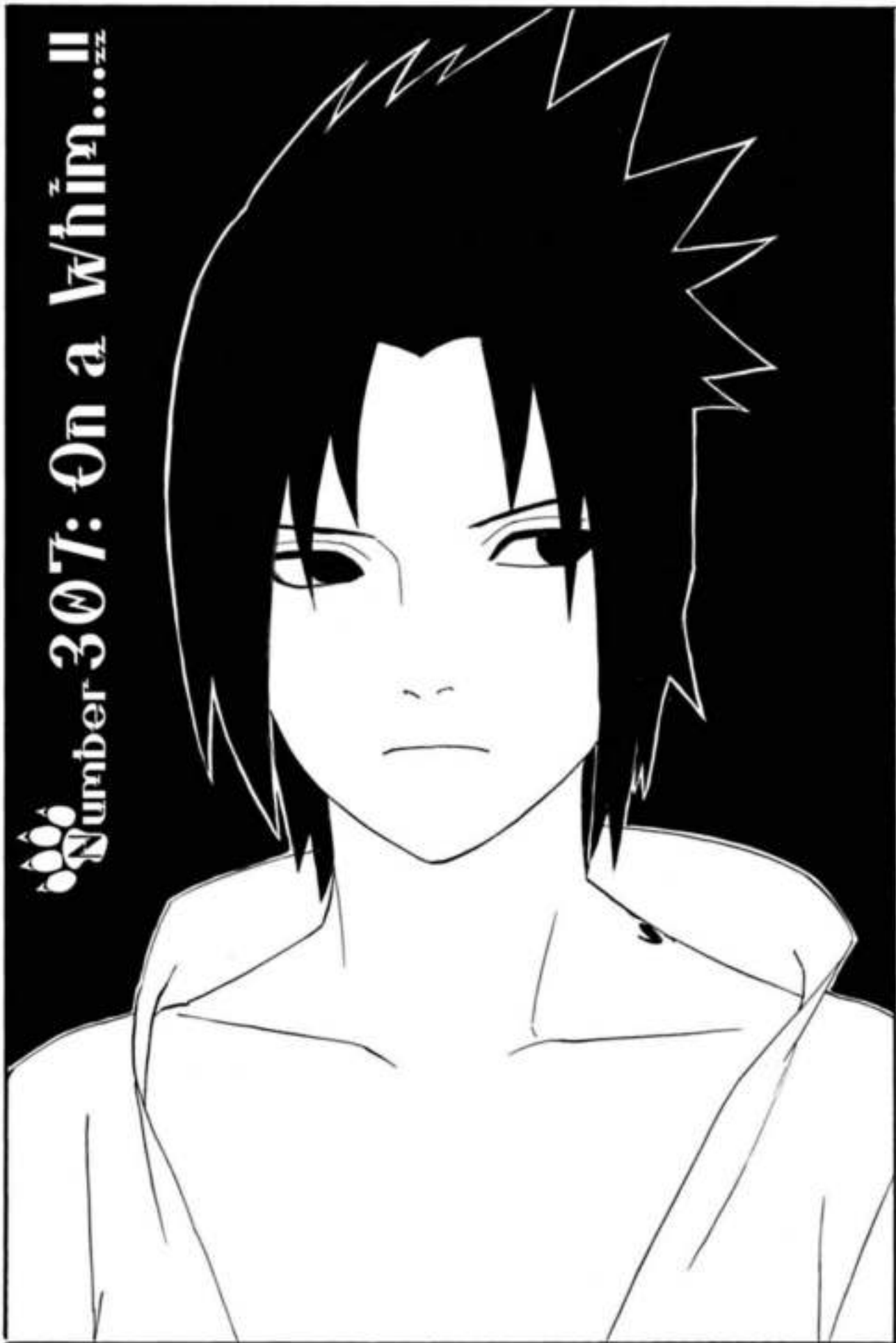


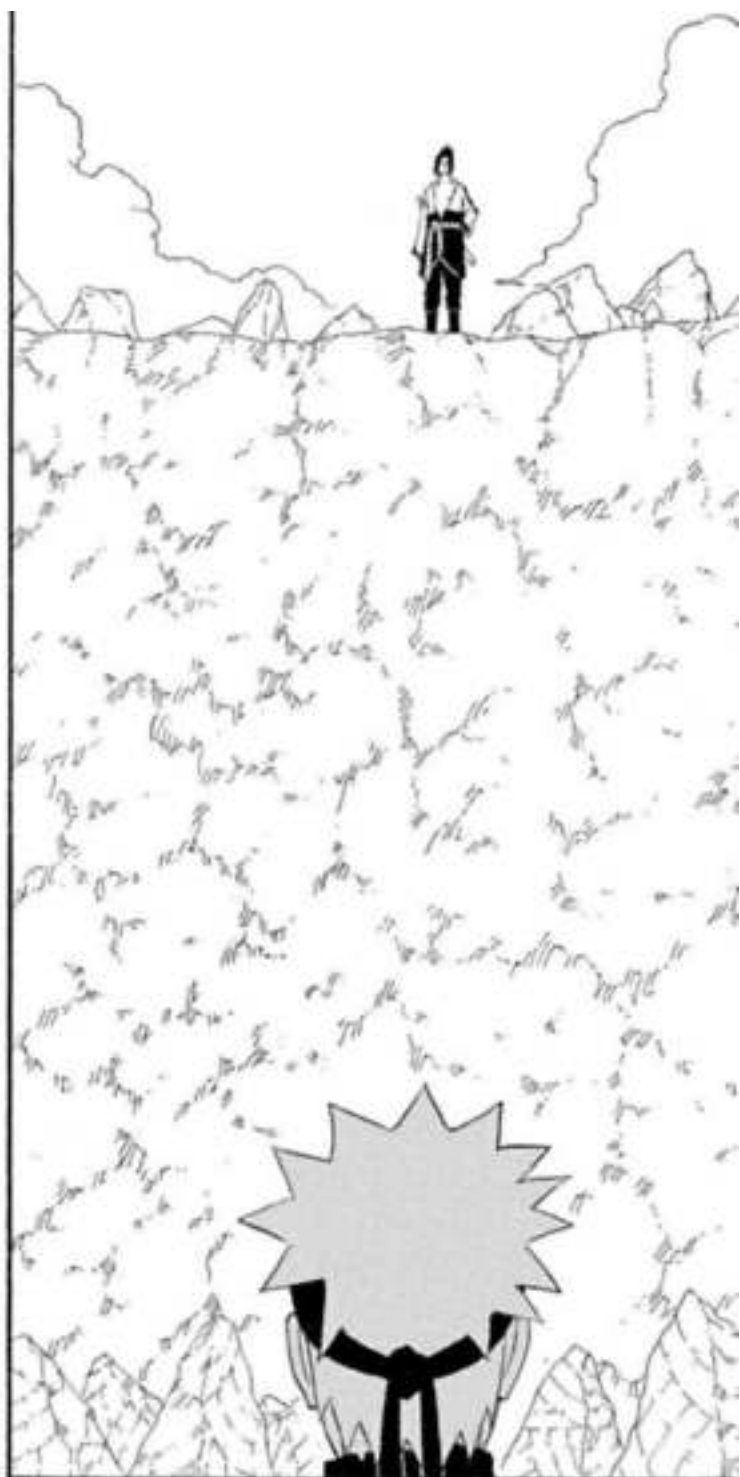






Number 307: On a Whim...!!















...I REALLY DON'T KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT YOU...

...EXCEPT THAT NARUTO AND SAKURA ARE WILLING TO RISK EVERYTHING FOR YOU...



...IN THE NAME OF FRIENDSHIP.



...TO KEEP THAT SPECIAL BOND YOU ALL SHARE ALIVE...

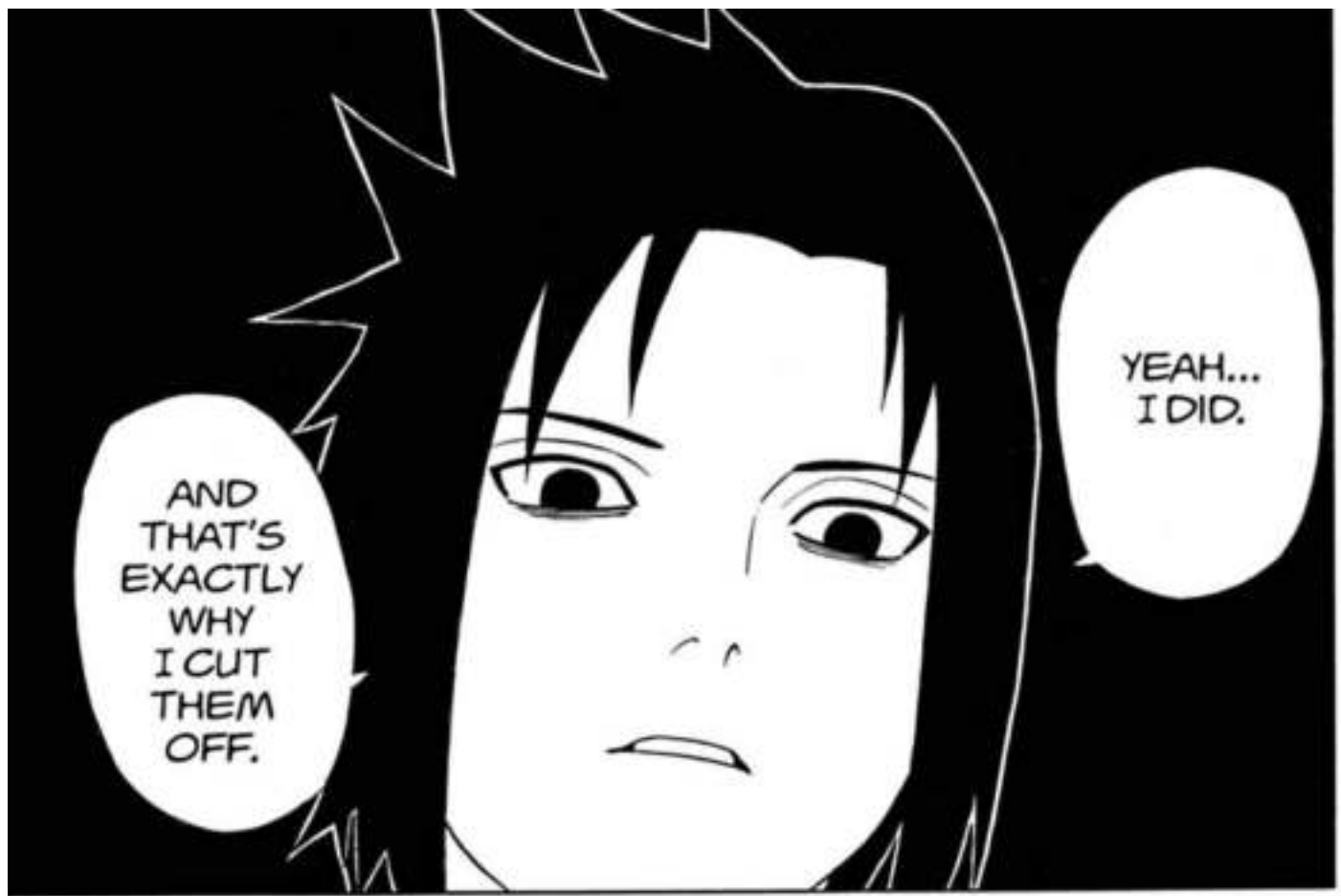


DON'T YOU?



...BUT I THINK YOU DO, SASUKE.

I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND IT FULLY...











OR  
MAYBE  
YOU  
CAN'T!  
MAYBE  
YOU'RE  
AFRAID!  
HUH?!?

...WHY  
DIDN'T  
YOU JUST  
KILL ME?!  
THAT  
WOULD'VE  
BROKEN  
IT!



IT'S NOT  
THAT I  
COULDN'T  
BREAK THE  
BOND  
BETWEEN  
US...

...THERE'S  
A SIMPLE  
EXPLANA-  
TION...



...



NARUTO

...



**YOU  
HAVE  
TO KILL...  
...YOUR  
CLOSEST  
FRIEND.**



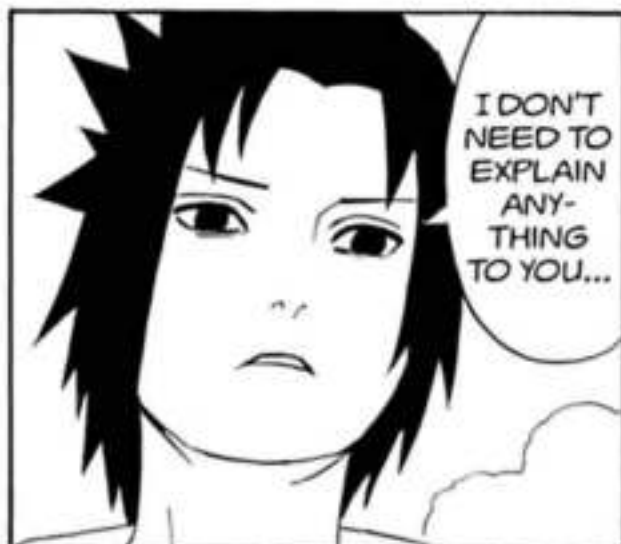
BUT  
THERE'S  
A CATCH.

...TO  
AWAKEN THE  
MANGEKYO  
SHARINGAN

...



JUST LIKE  
ME, YOU  
HAVE THE  
POWER!..















...YOU  
COULD  
LOSE  
YOUR  
LIFE ON  
A WHIM.

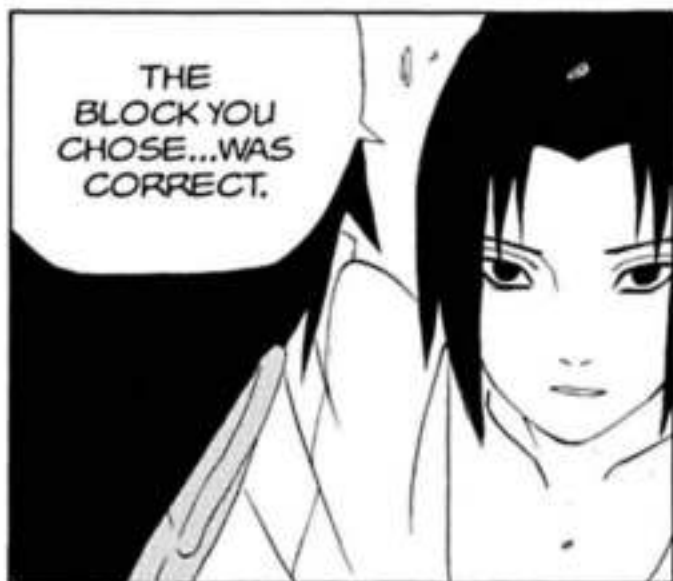
SHINOBU





 Number 308: Sasuke's Strength!!

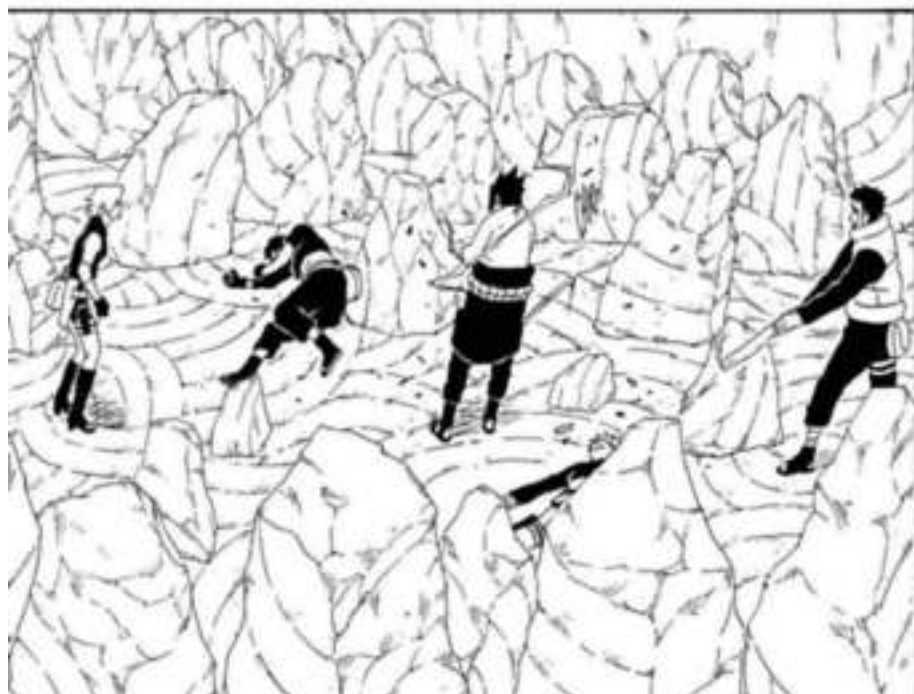




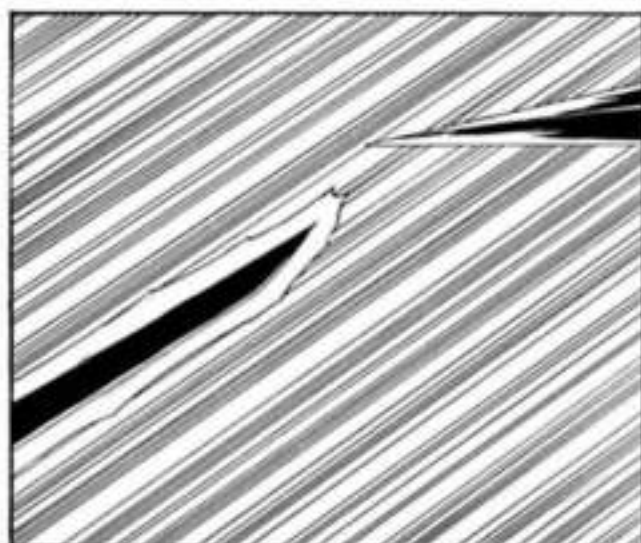














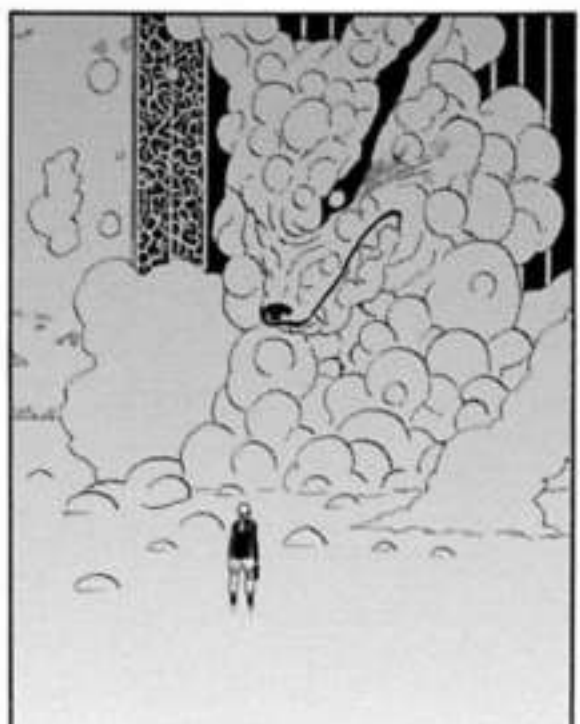
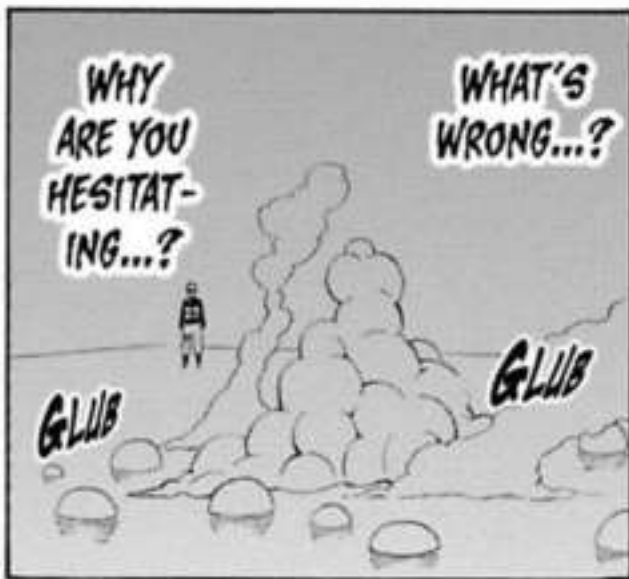
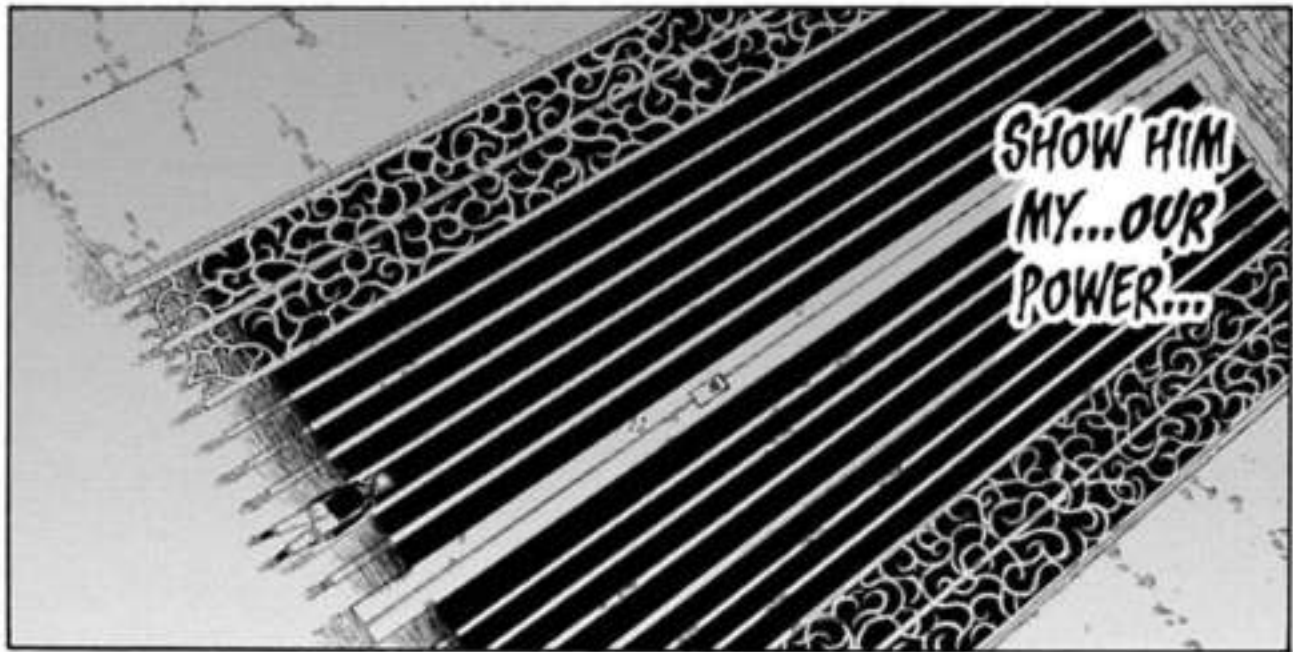




THIS IS  
YOUR  
CHANCE...  
NARUTO...

HEH  
HEH...

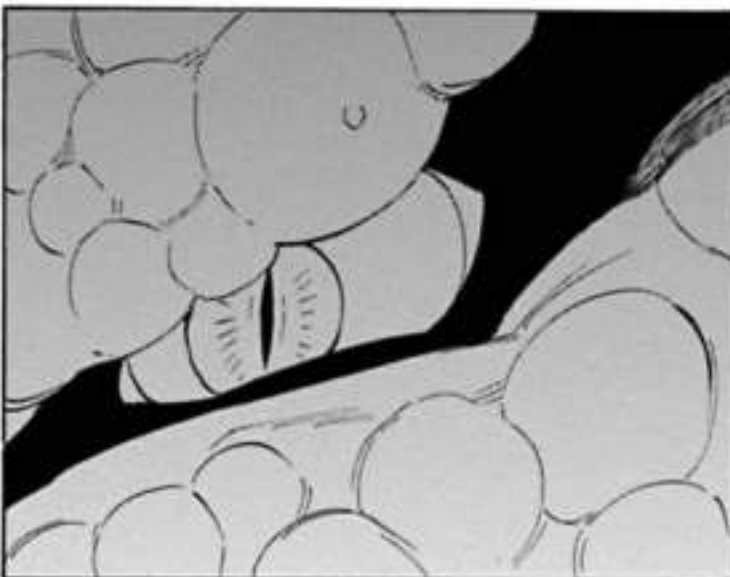


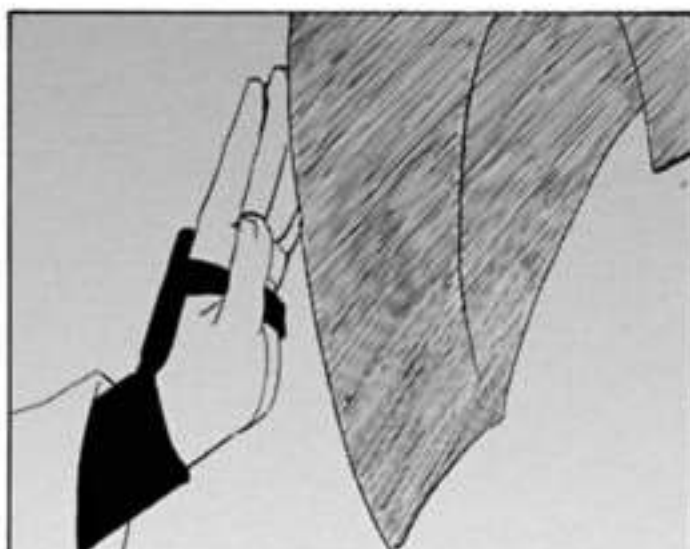




WHO  
DO YOU  
WANT  
ME TO  
KILL?











**NARUTO**

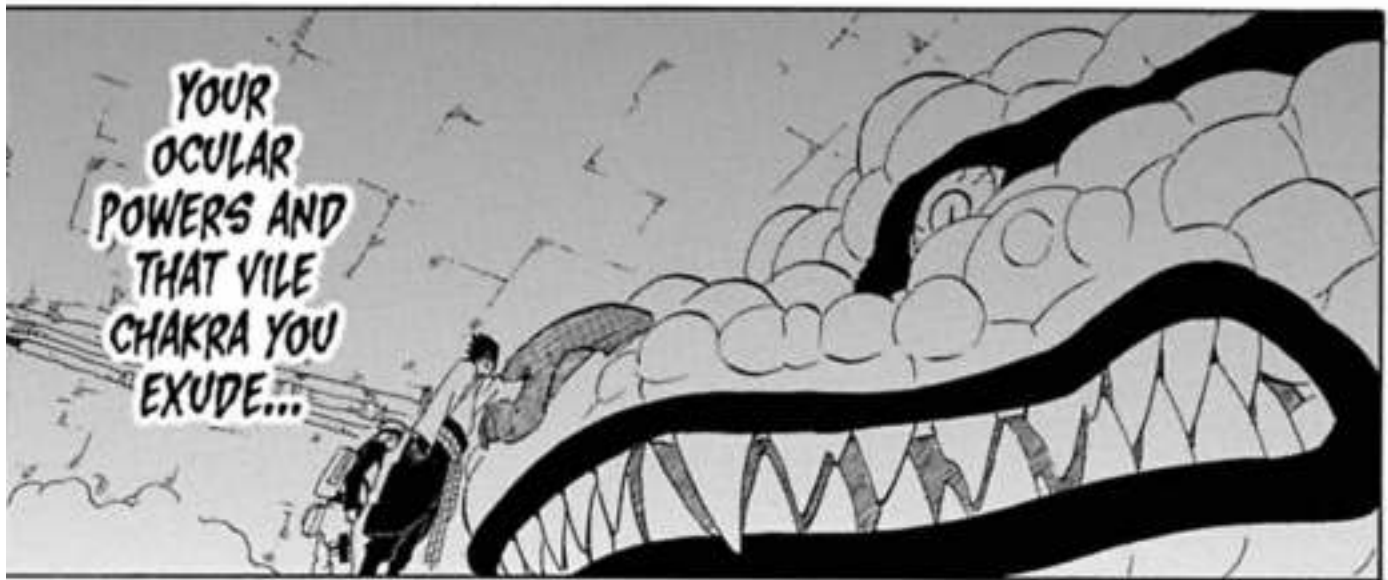
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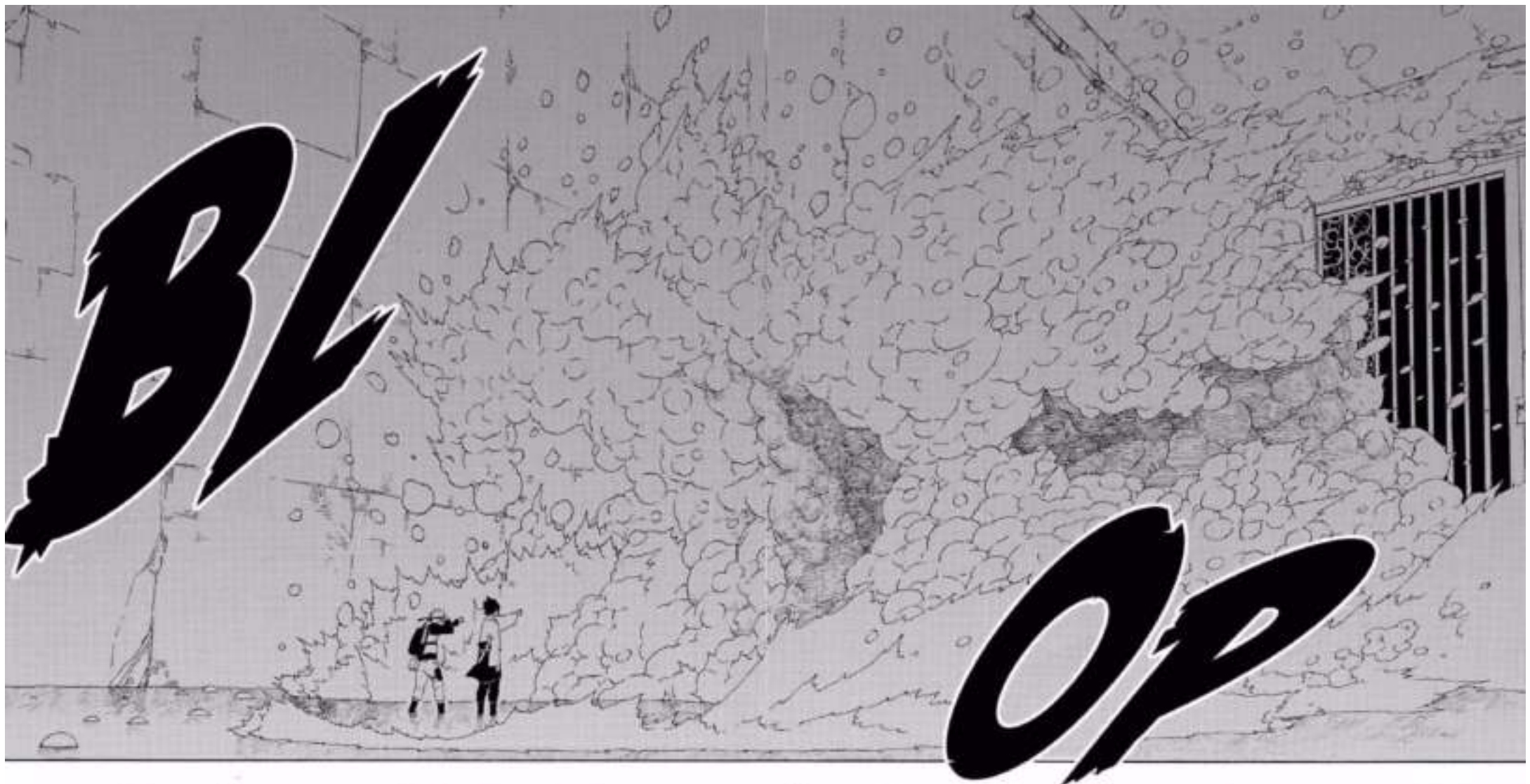


**A Conversation with Nine Tails!!**









...LET ME... TELL YOU... ONE THING...  
...IT MAY BE MY UNDOING, BUT...



I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ARE EVEN ABLE TO SUPPRESS MY POWER...  
FIZZZ

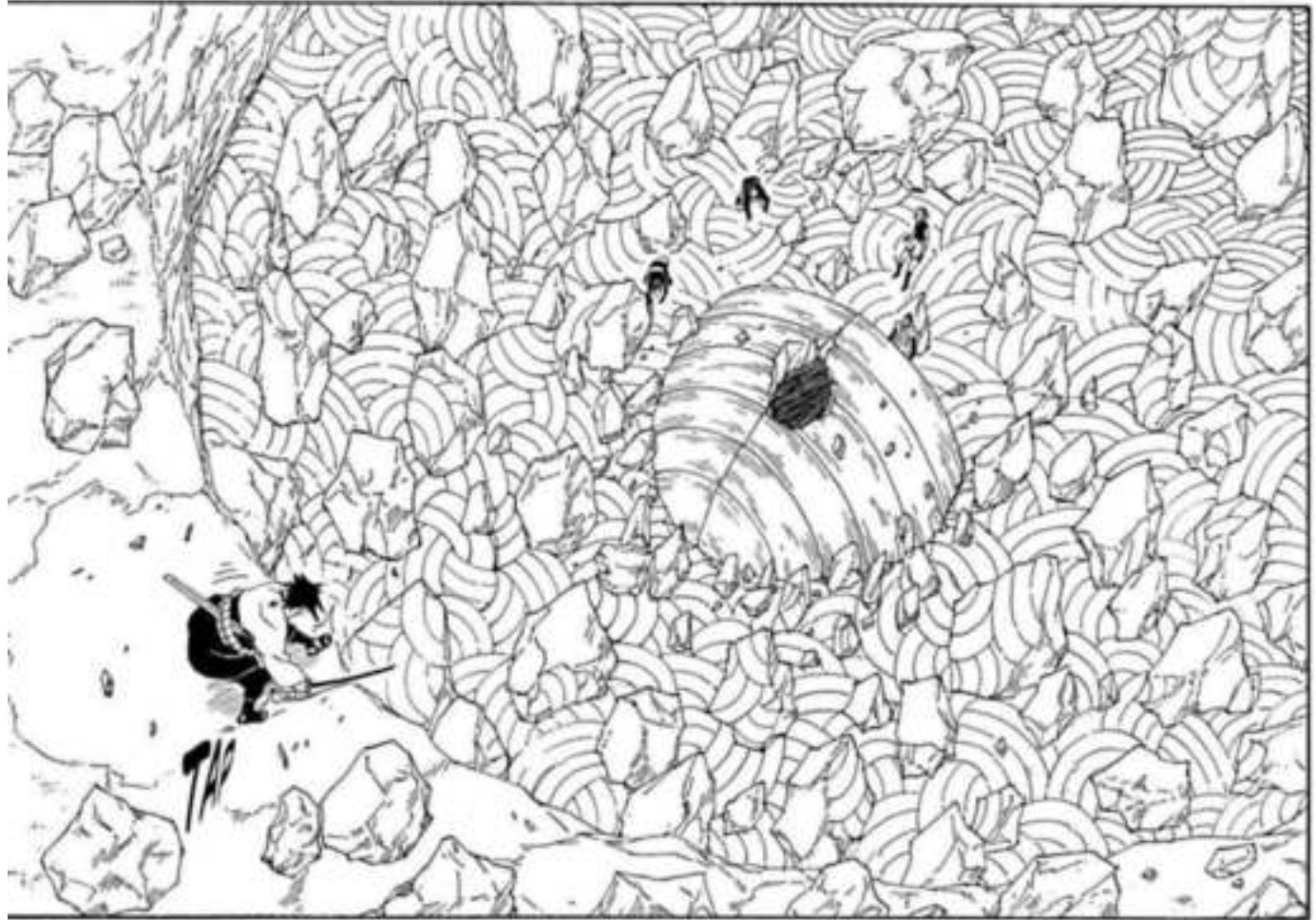
I KNOW...  
...NO SUCH PERSON.







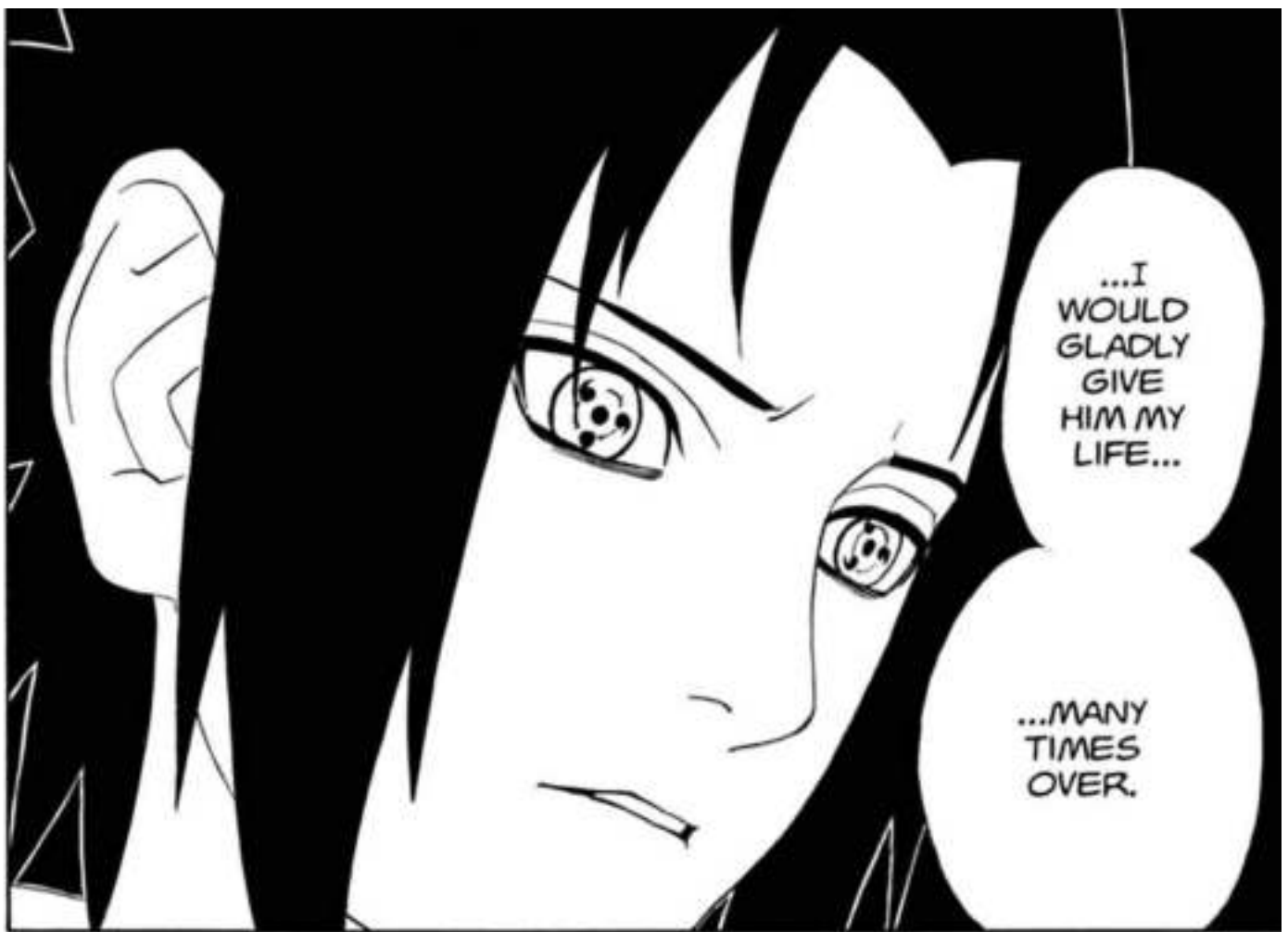






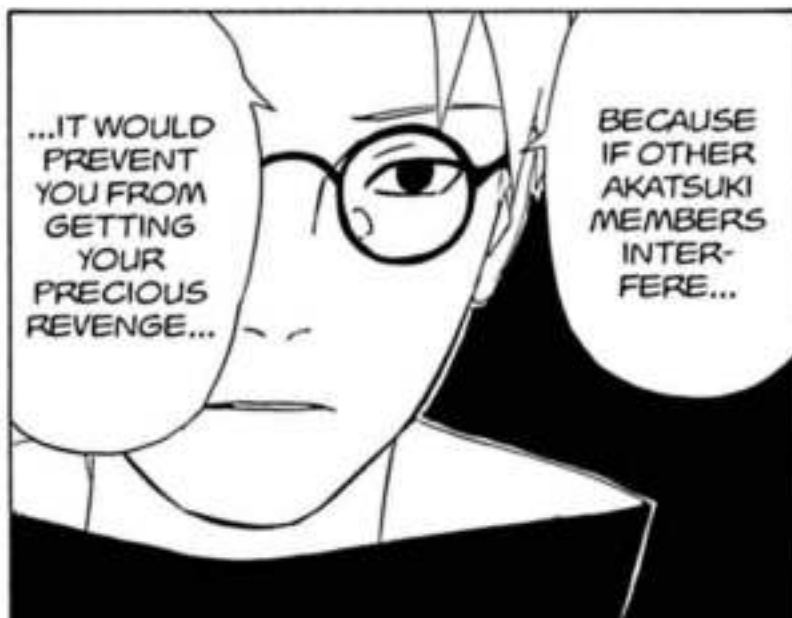


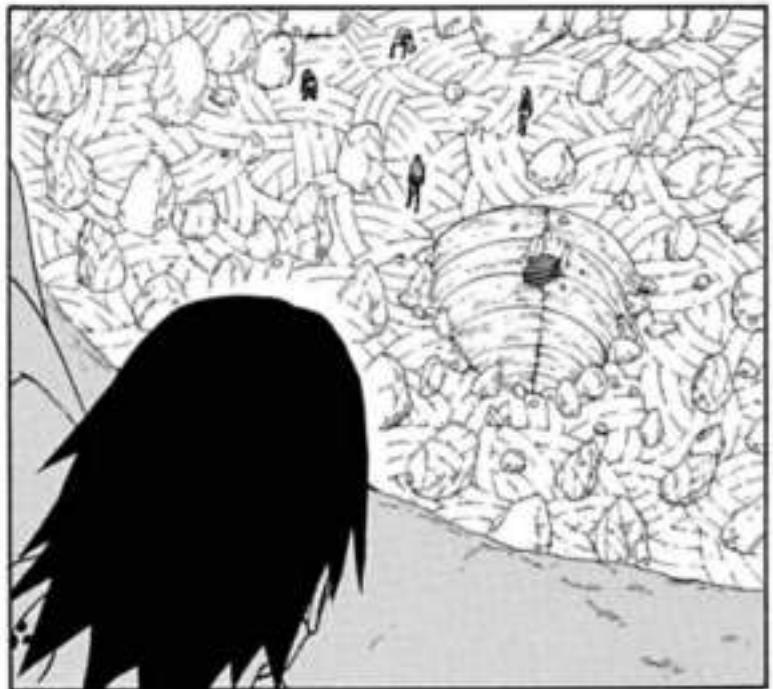


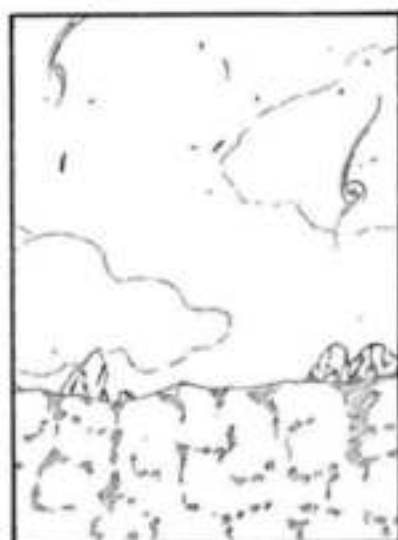












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