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Thanks to everyone's support, Naruto has now received its first award in the U.S. I was very honored that a Japanese manga was able to win from among so many American comics. I swear to keep working hard on this manga.

-Masashi Kishimoto, 2008

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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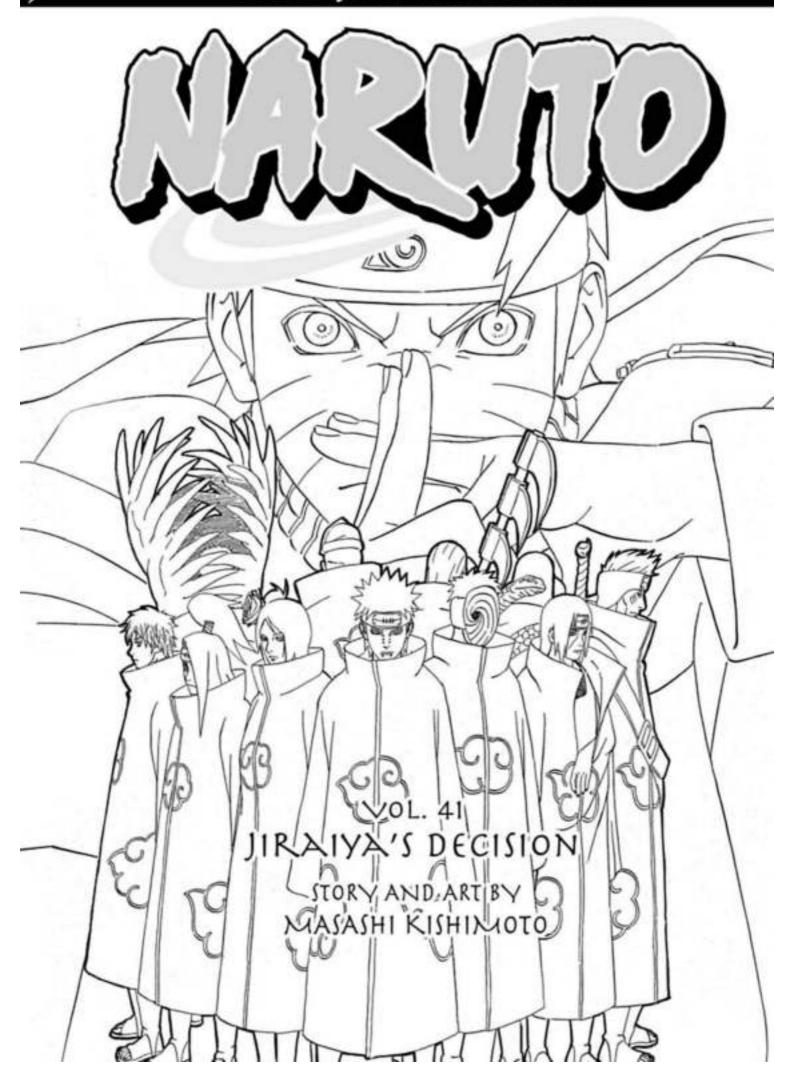
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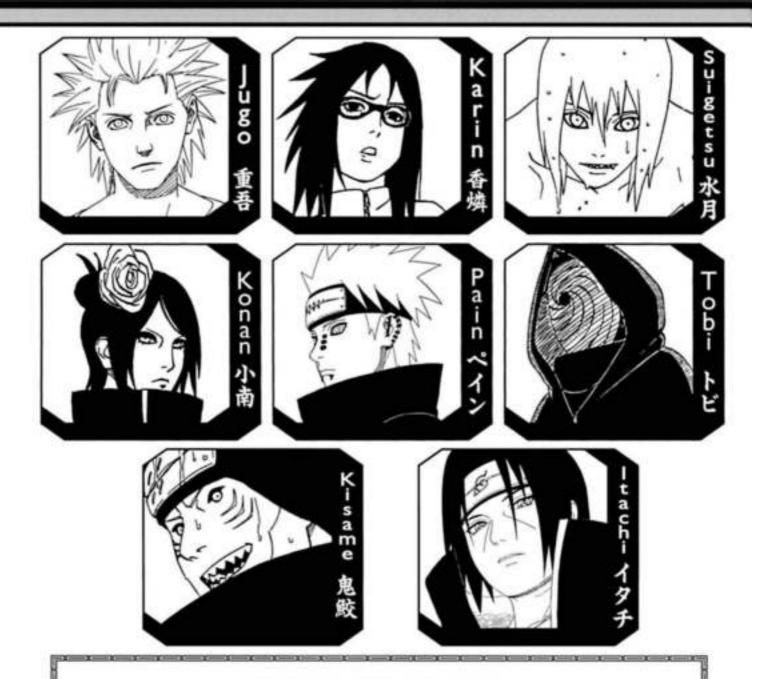












#### THE STORY SO FAR....

Once the bane of the Konohagakure Ninja Academy, Uzumaki Naruto now serves dutifully among the ranks of the Konoha shinobi—an illustrious group of ninja sworn to protect their village from the forces of evil seeking to destroy it from without and within...

After his former classmate, Uchiha Sasuke, is seduced by the evil Orochimaru, Naruto makes it his personal mission to find and save his friend from the darkness growing inside him. Sasuke, however, doesn't want to be found. He only seeks revenge on the man he hates most in the world—the one he blames for murdering his parents—his older brother, Uchiha Itachi. Though Sasuke's quest is temporarily delayed after he comes into conflict with his brother's associates in the insidious organization known as the Akatsuki, at long last he catches up to Itachi...

Meanwhile, Jiraiya infiltrates the Hidden Rain Village on a top-secret mission to gather intelligence on Pain, the Akatsuki's enigmatic leader. Little does he realize he, too, is being watched...



# NARUTO

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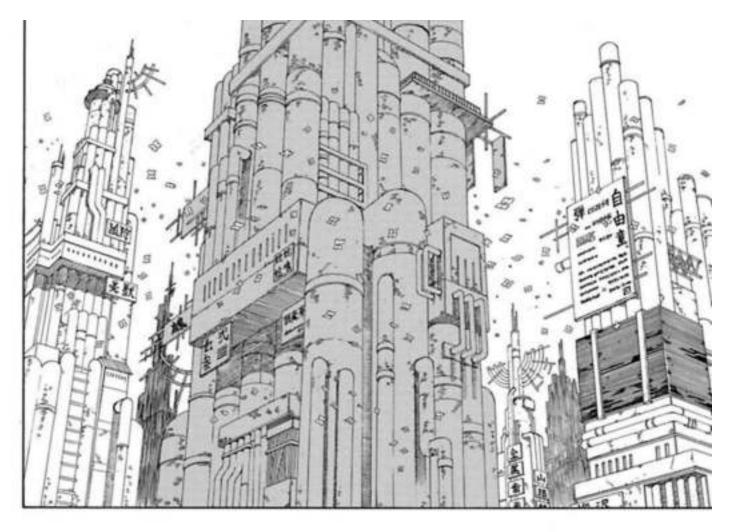
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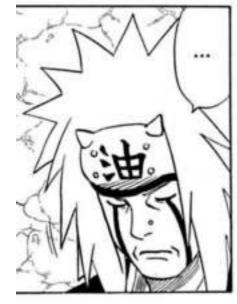






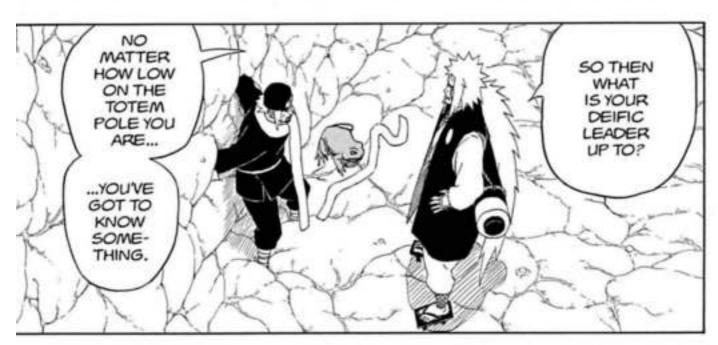














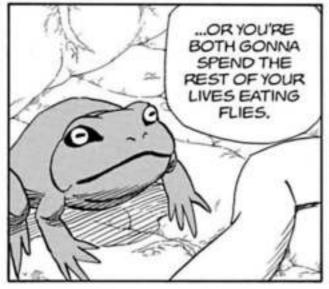








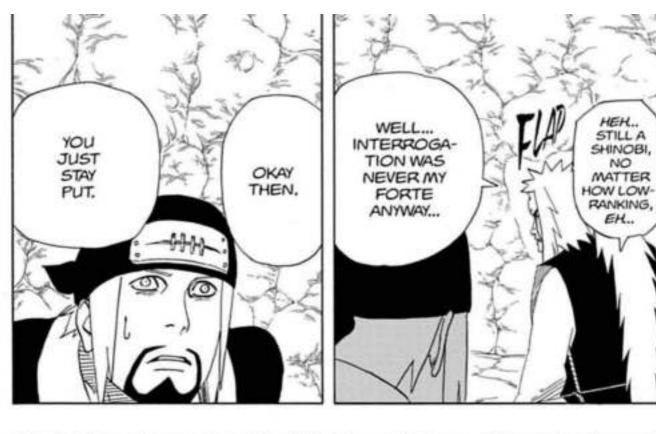






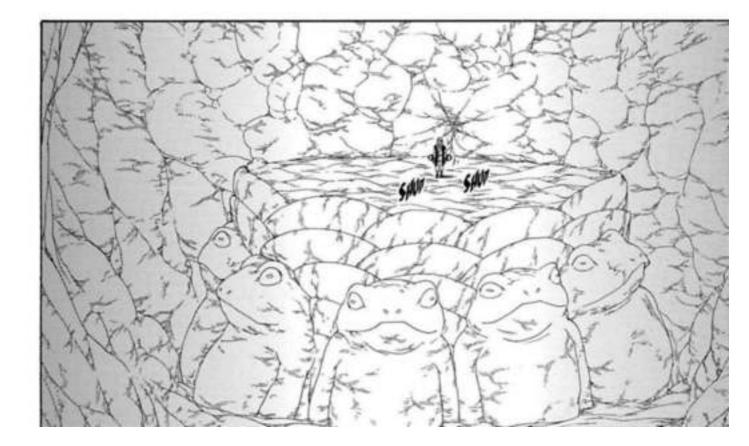












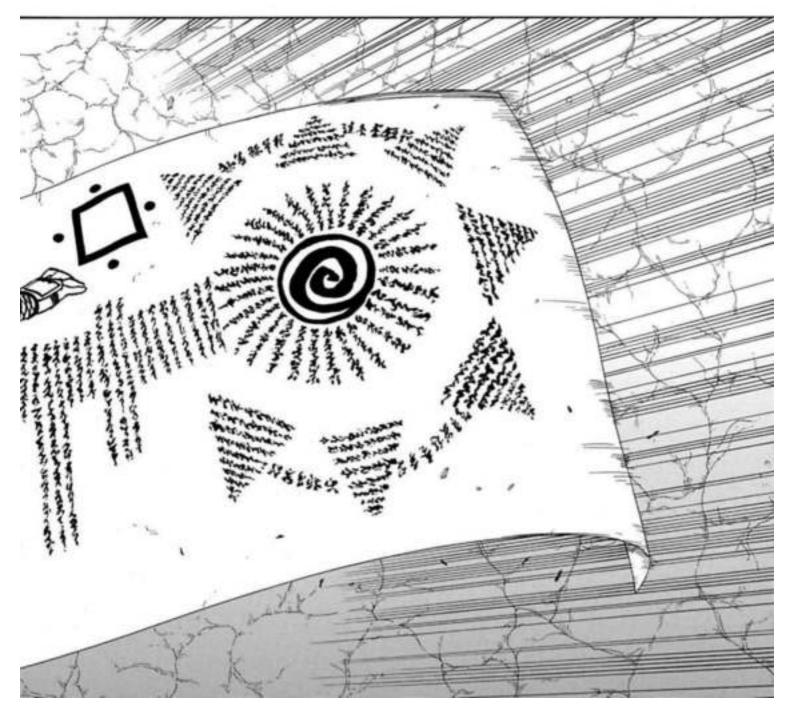
























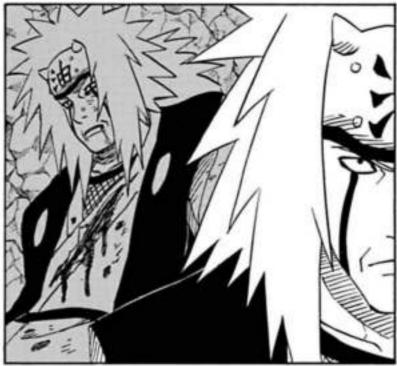
















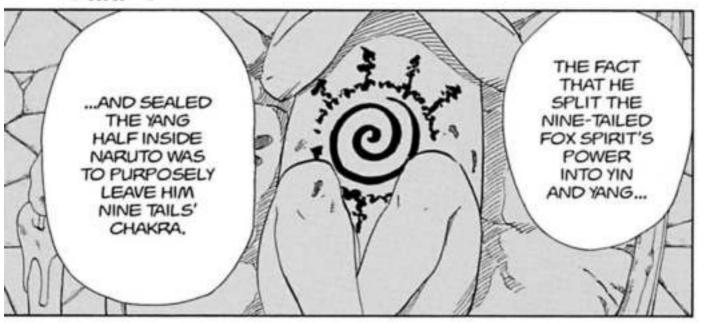












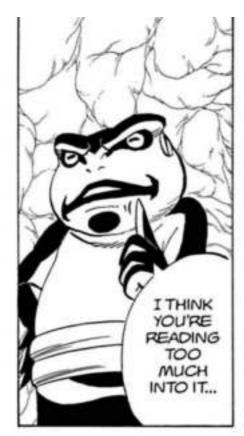




















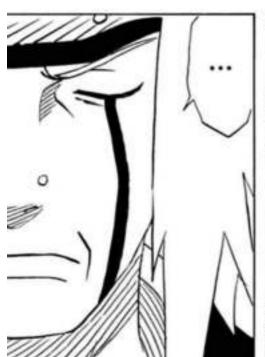










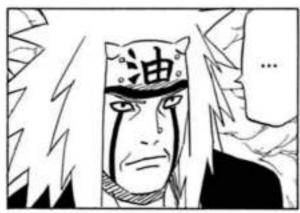










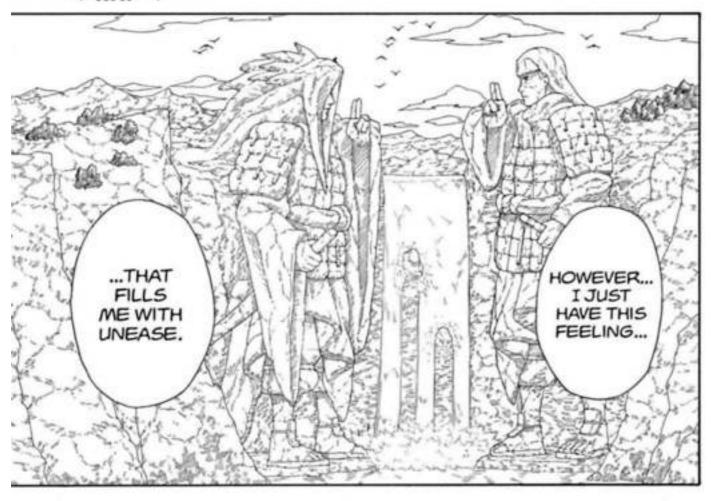


















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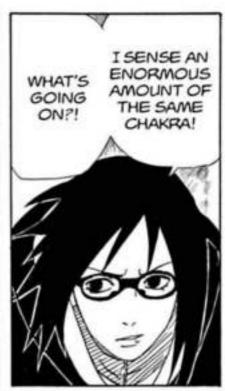










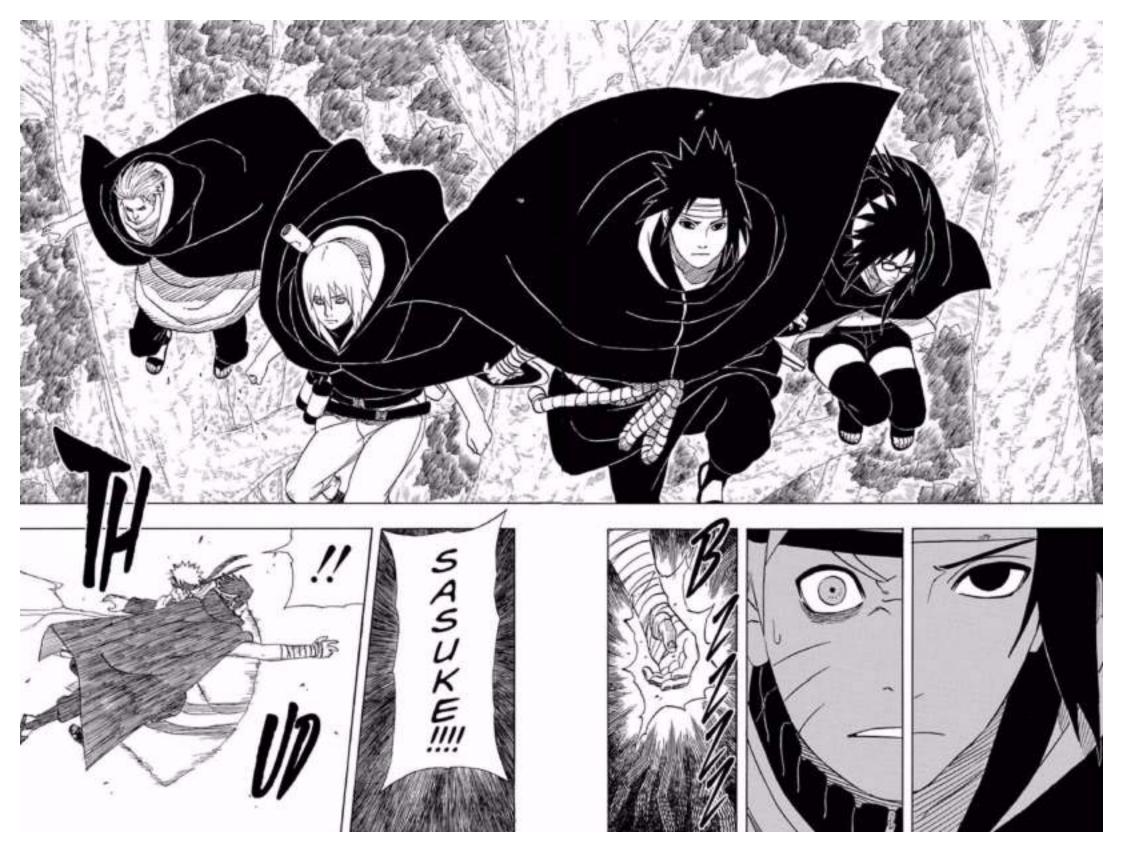
























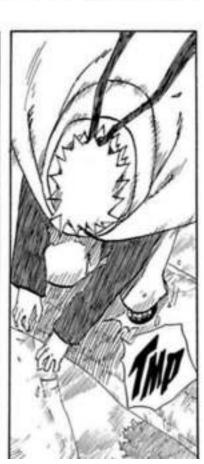


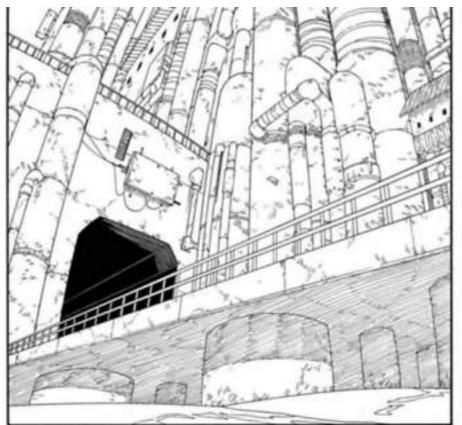


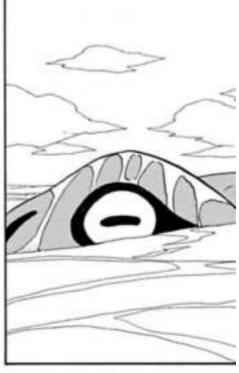




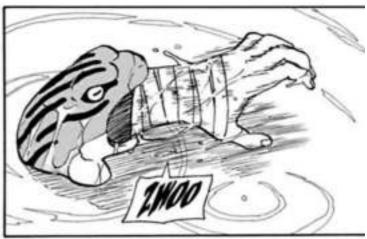














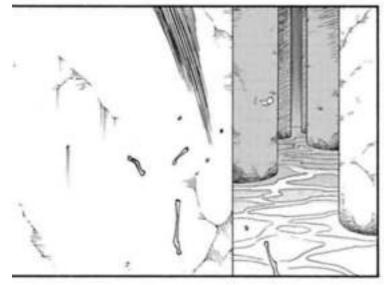


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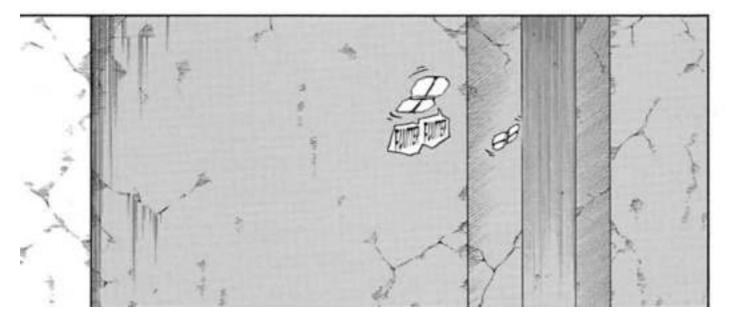






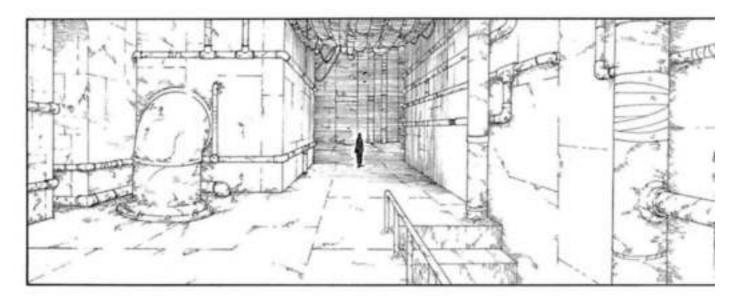


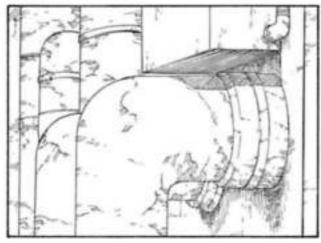






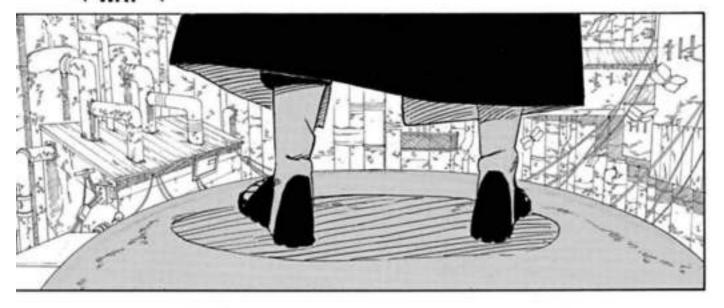






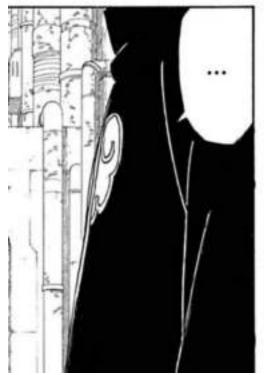


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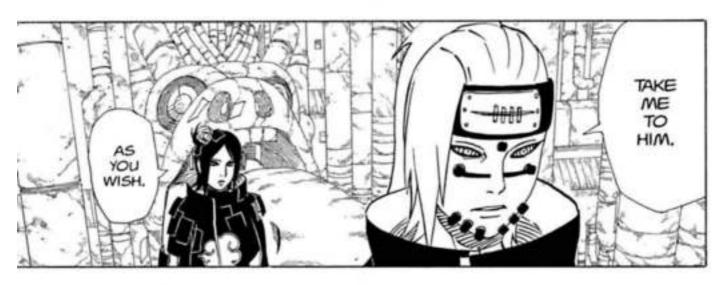










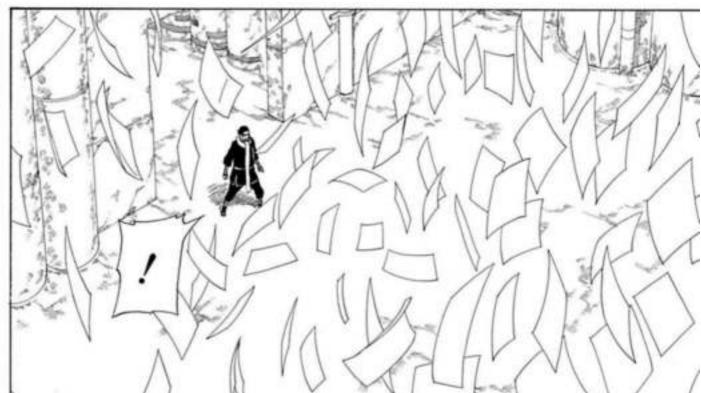




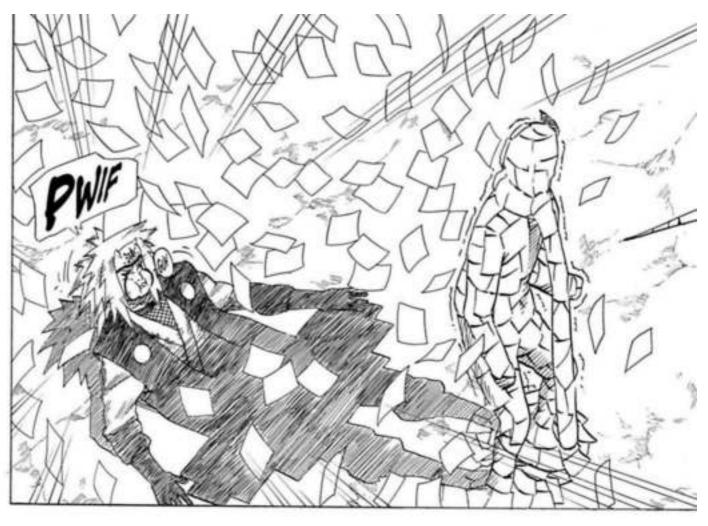






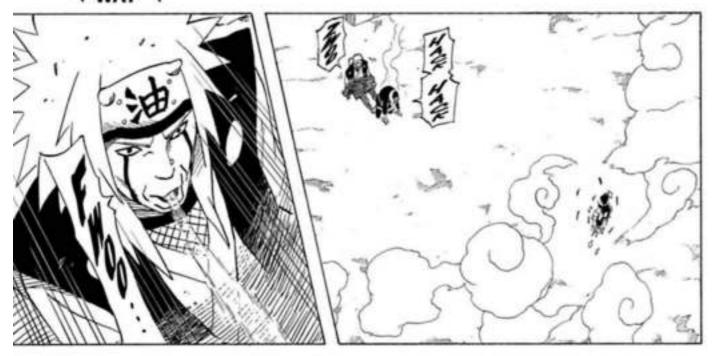


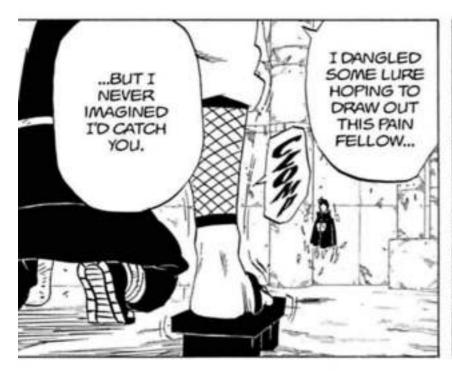
















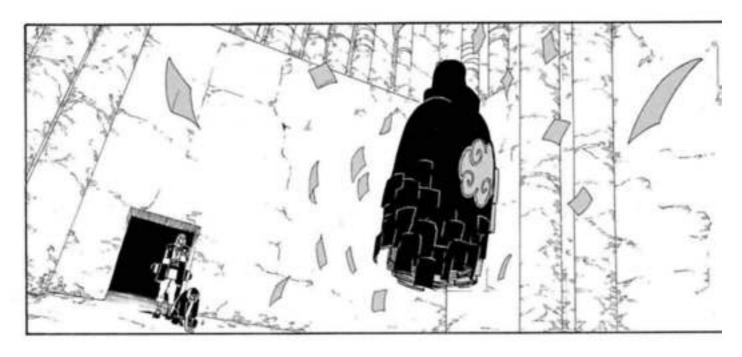


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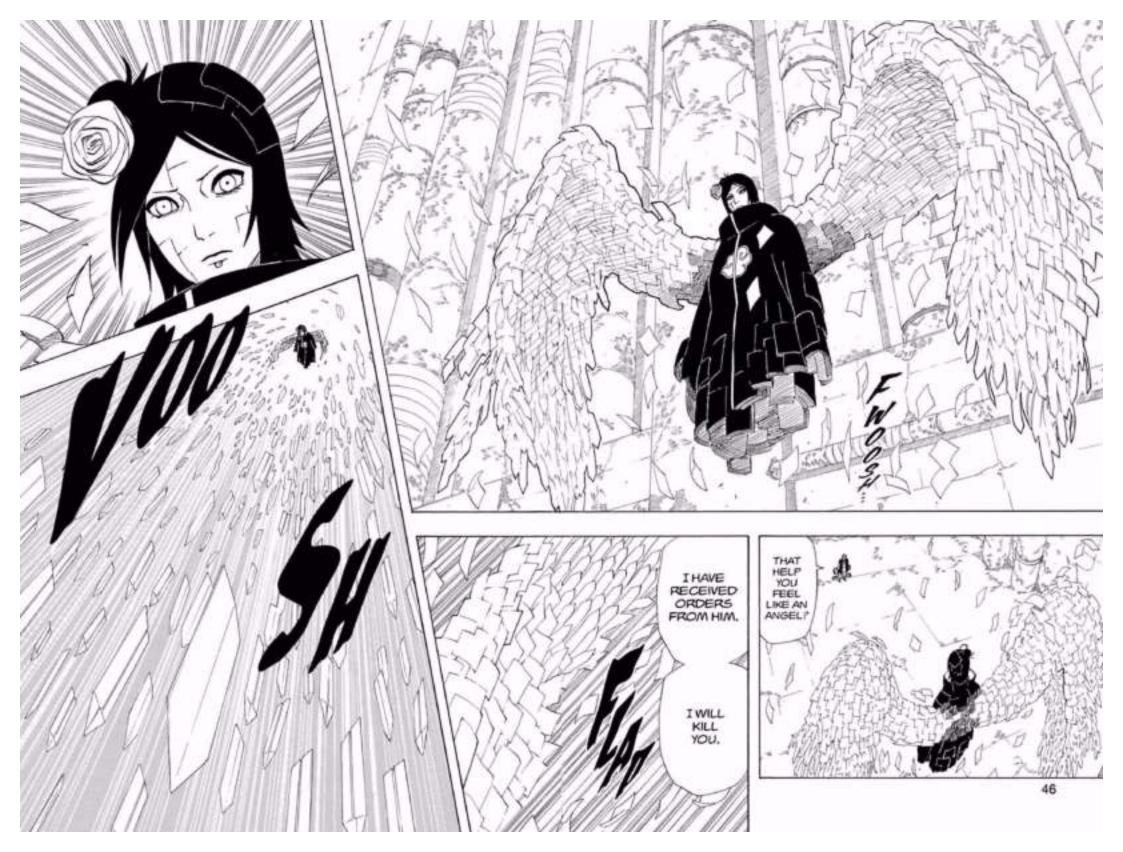
































































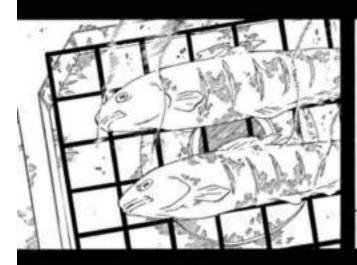


























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HE WANTED FOOD OR MONEY...

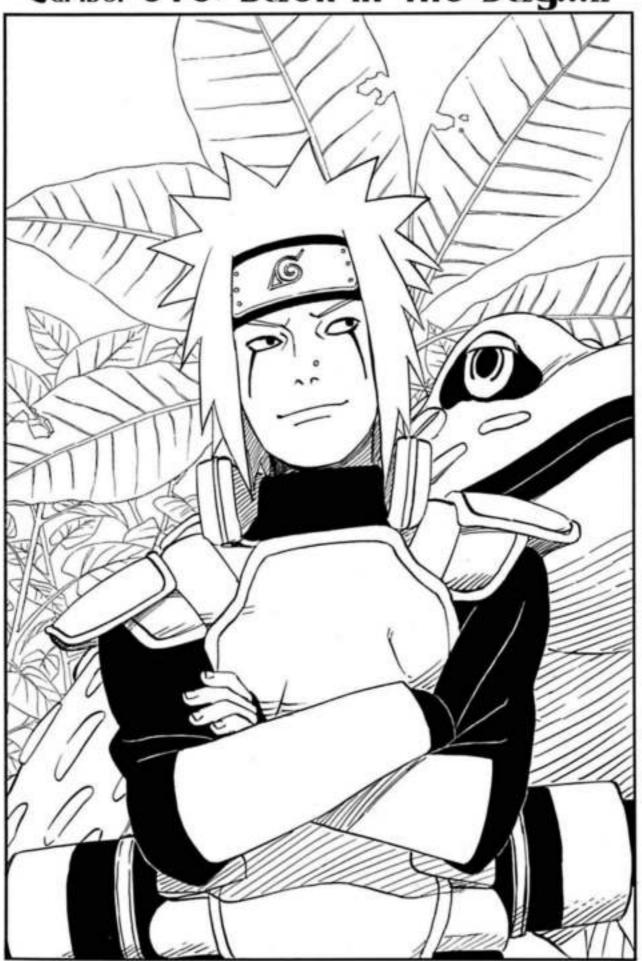








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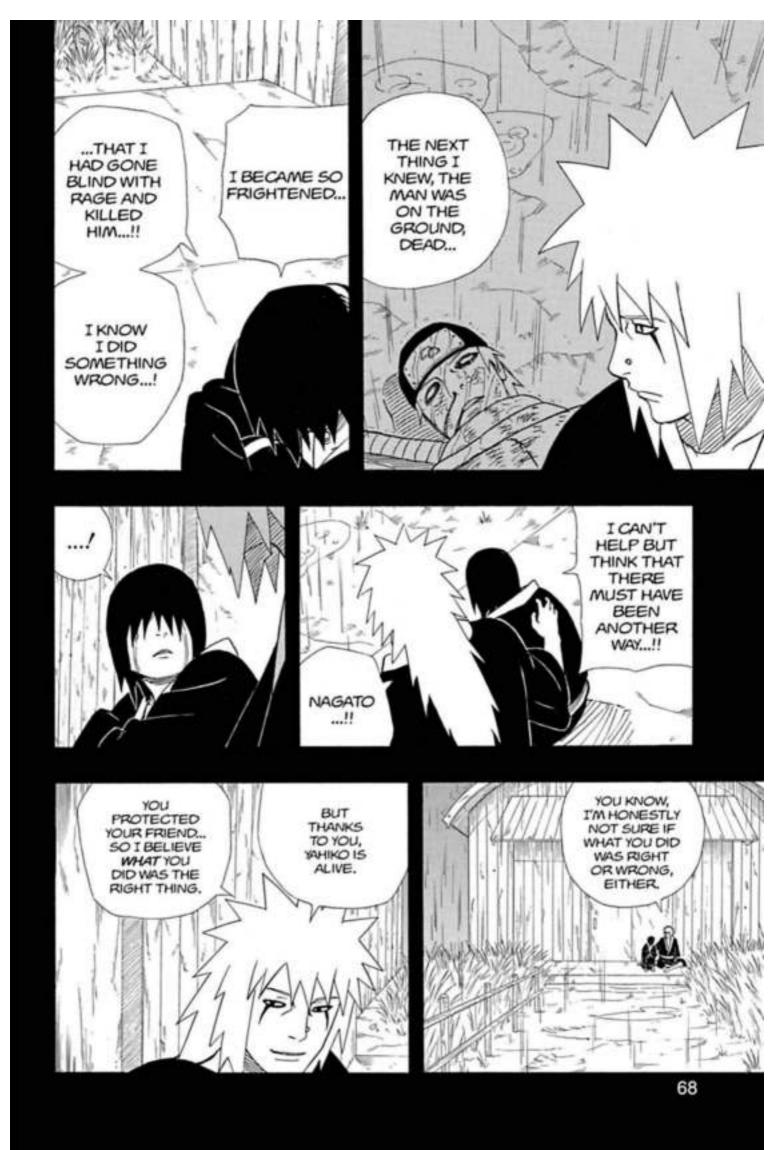






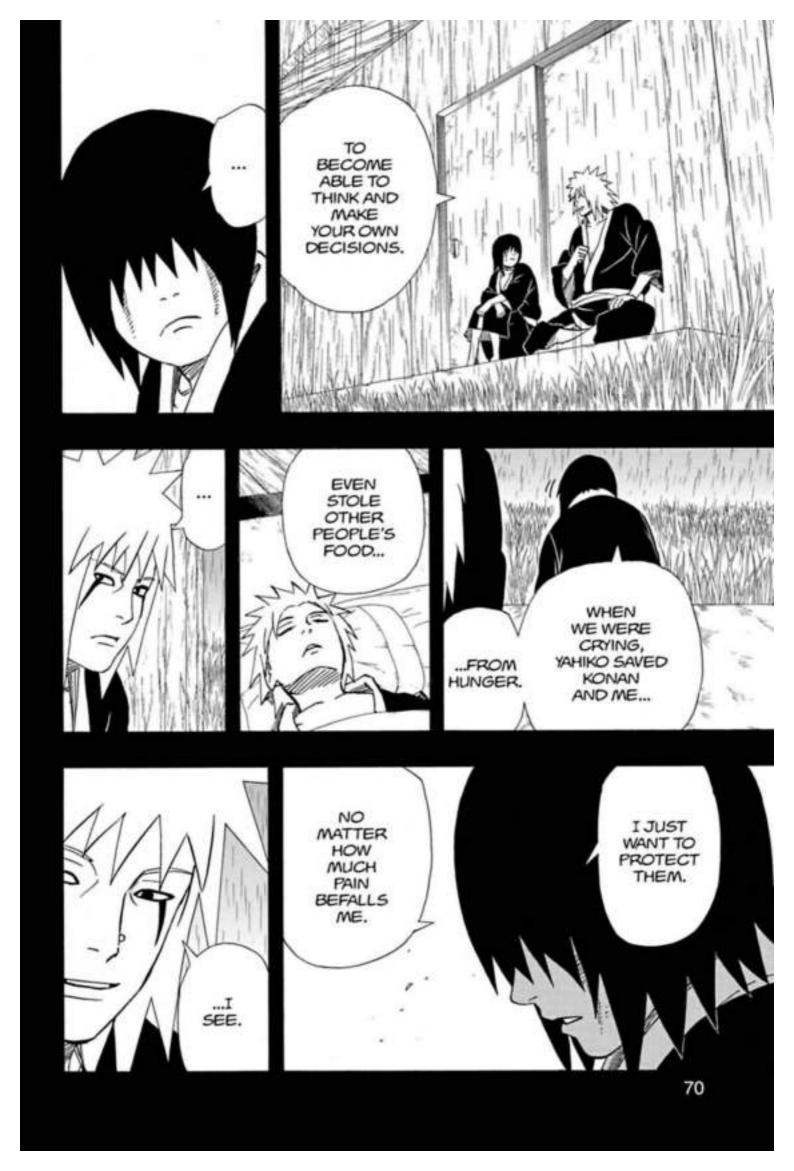
























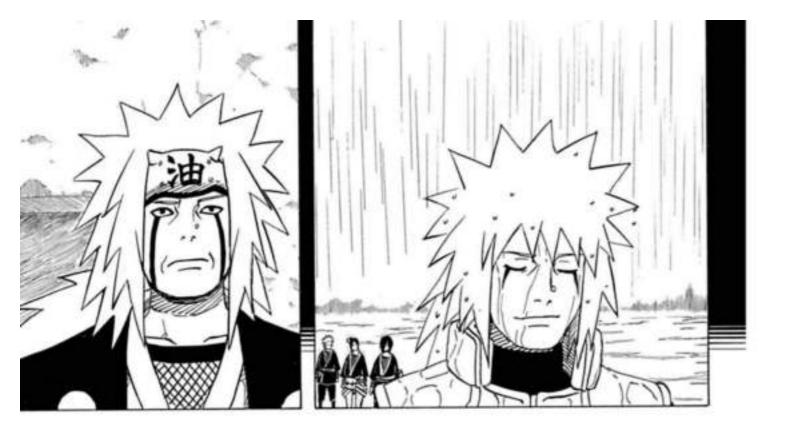
































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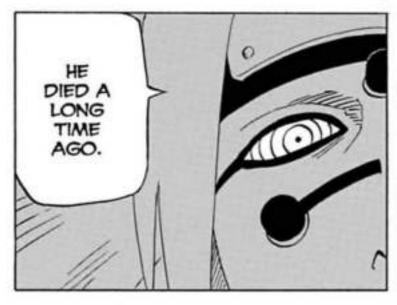




























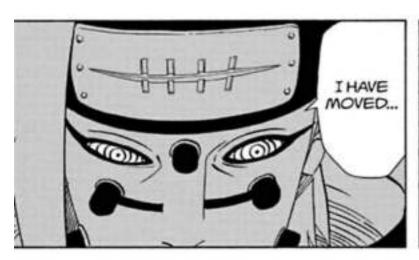






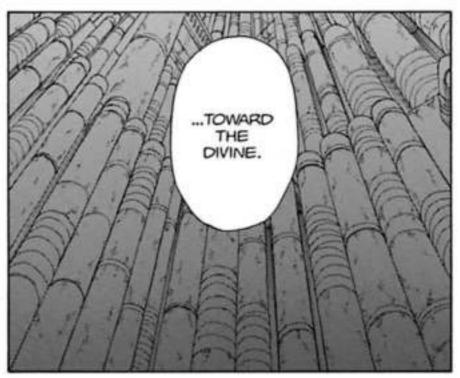
























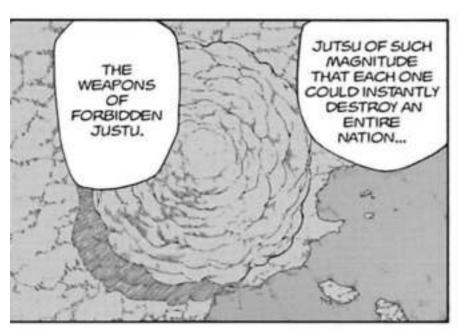








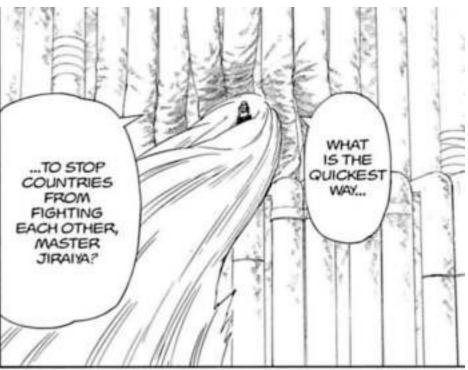


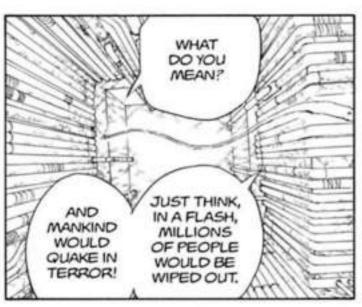




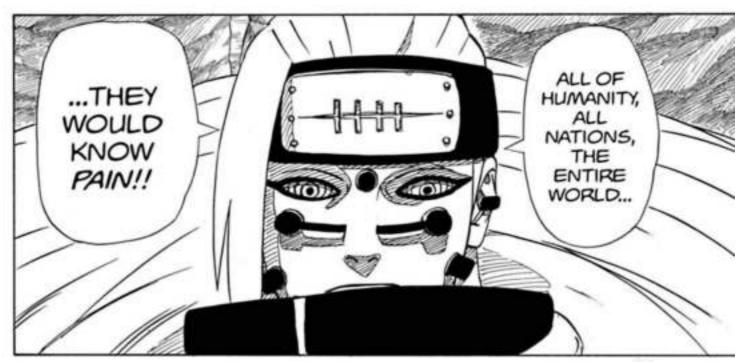


















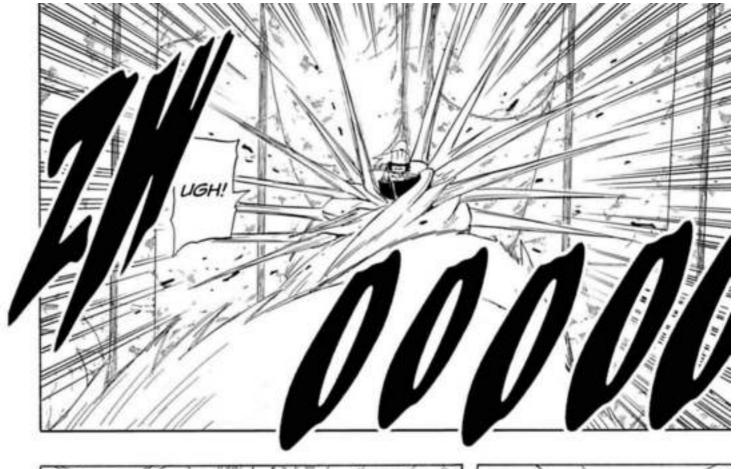




















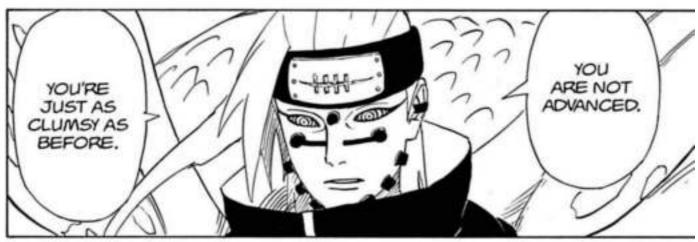




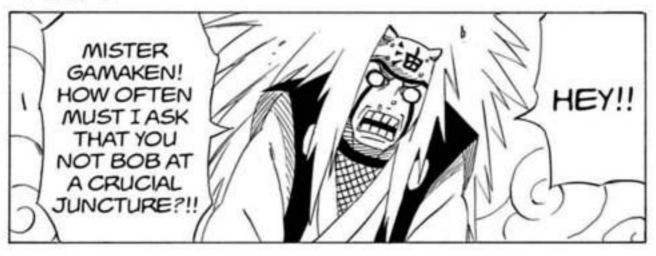


























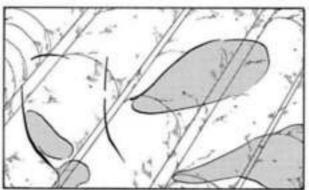




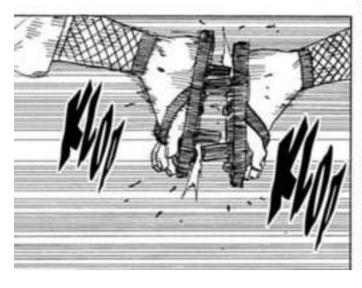


















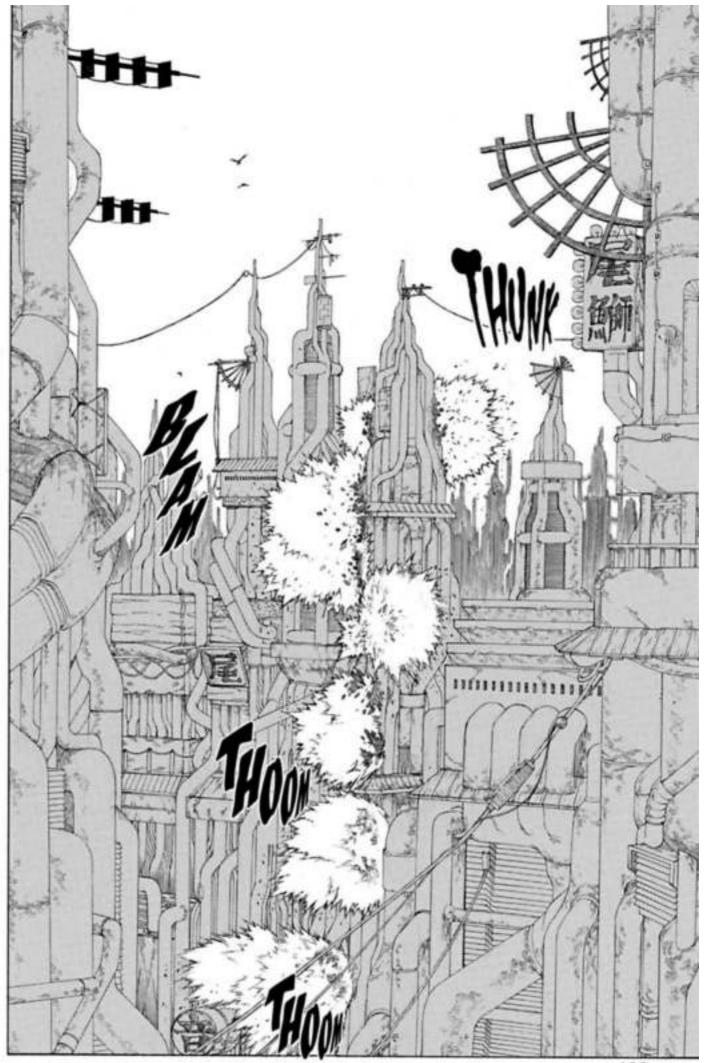










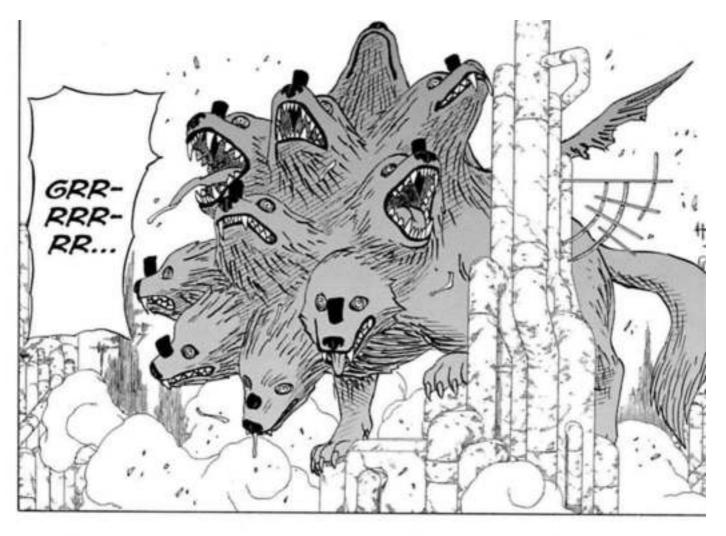






































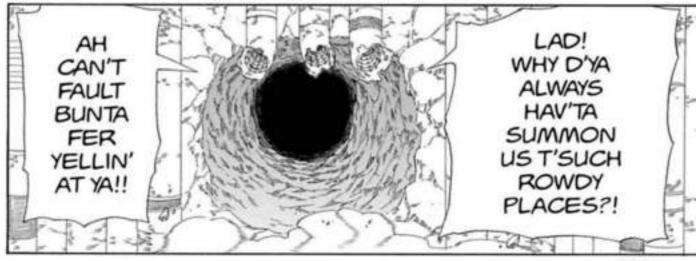










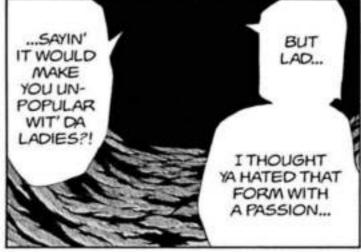






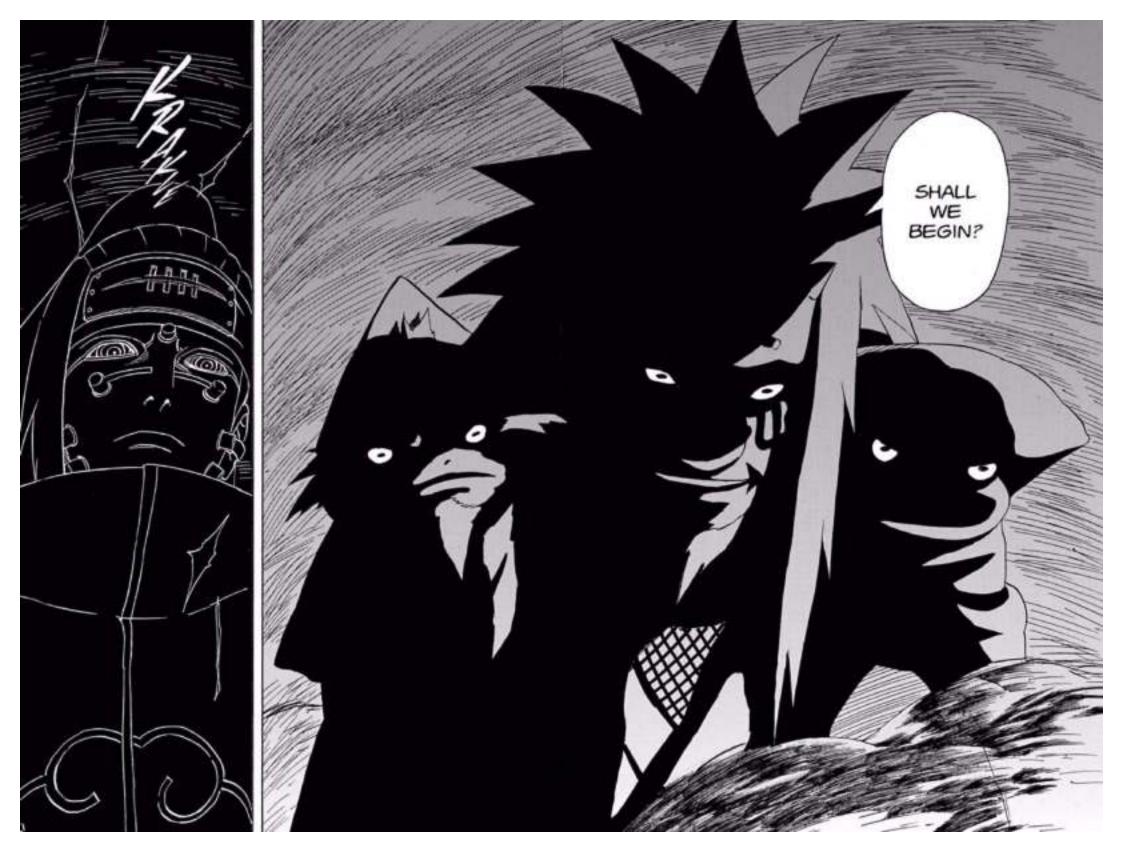














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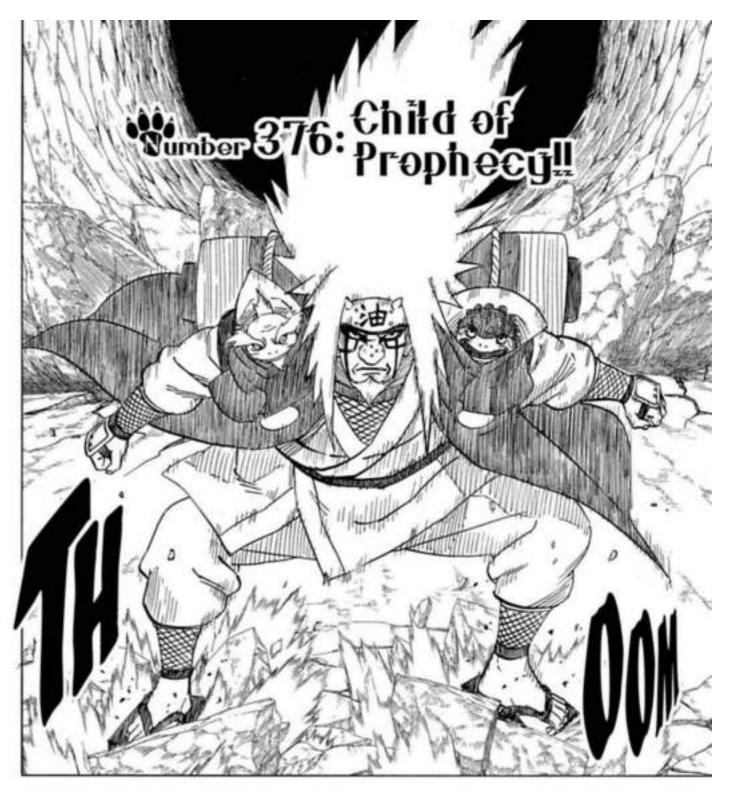


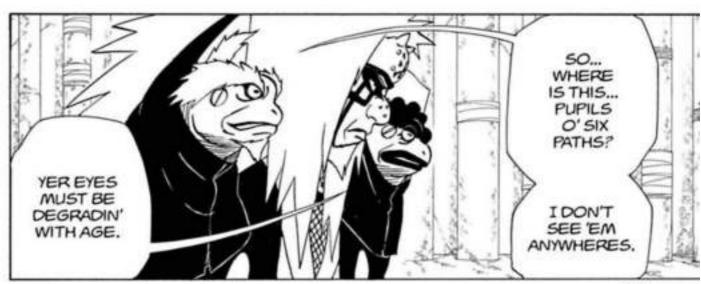






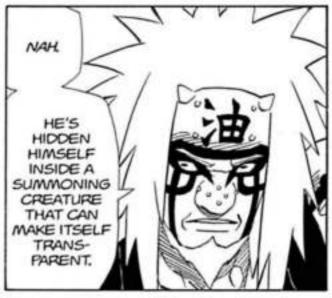






















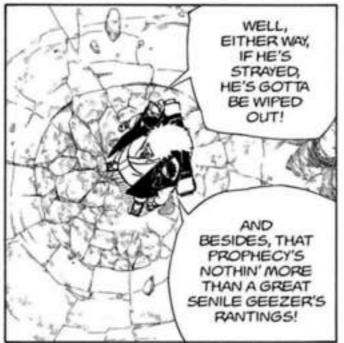
















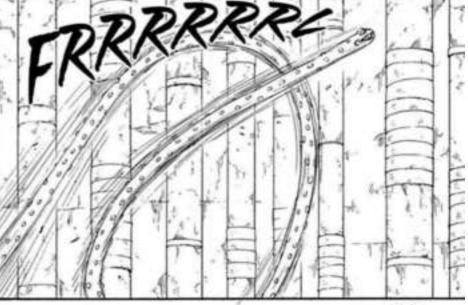
















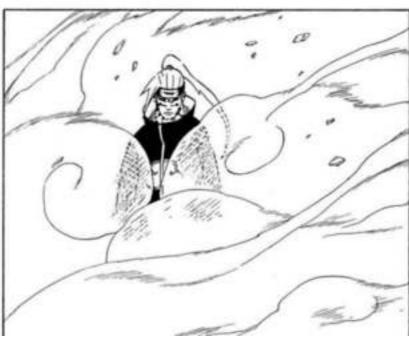
















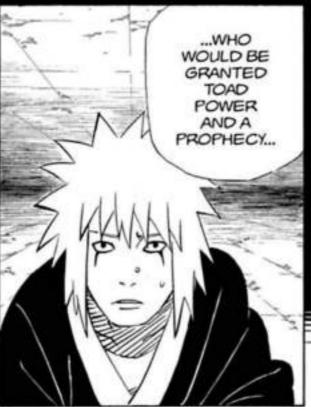










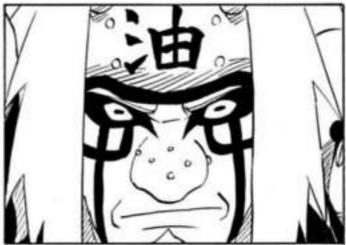


THAT A
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WOULD ONE
DAY WANDER
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NEVER...
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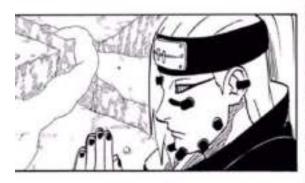










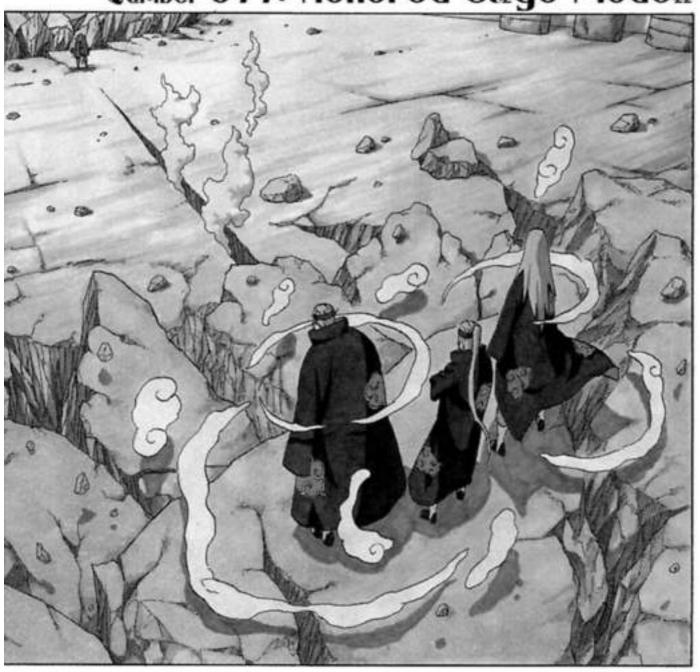






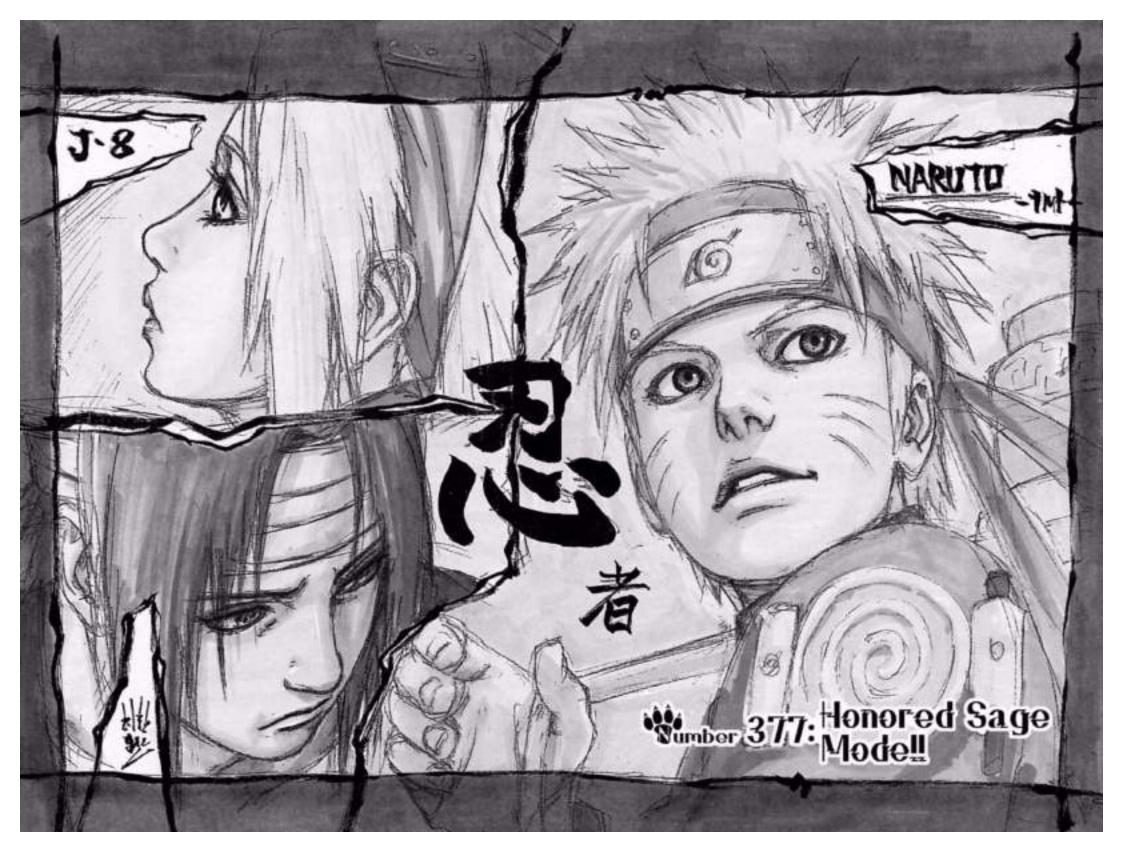


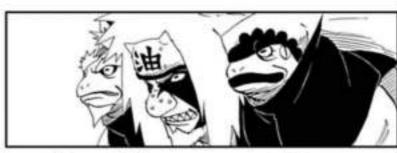
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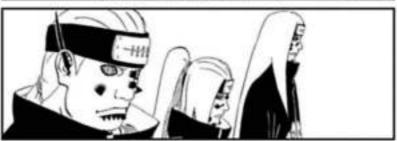
















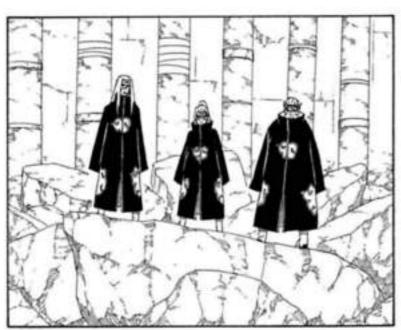














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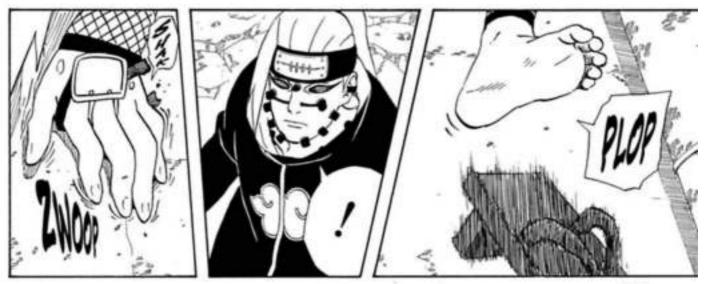








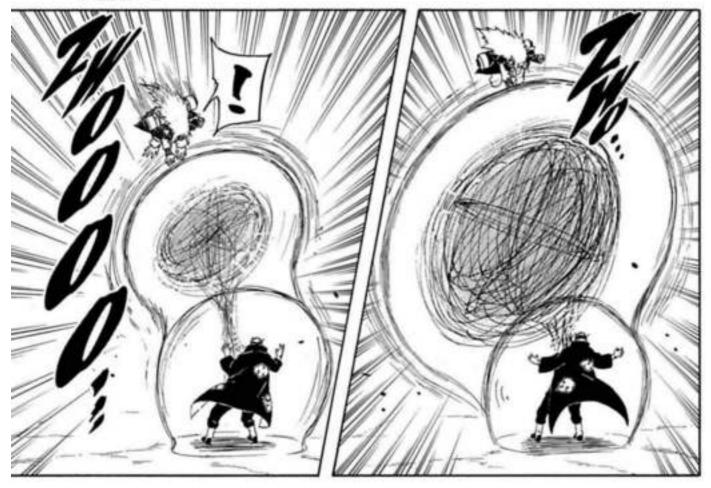














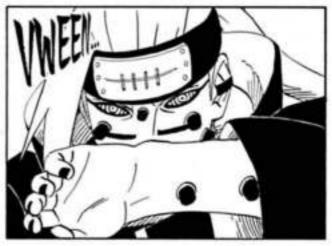


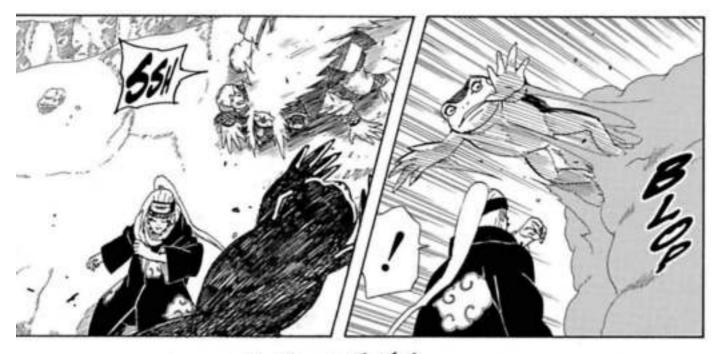








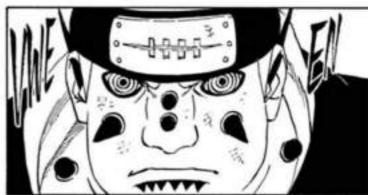






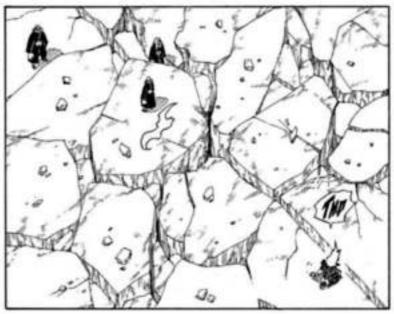
























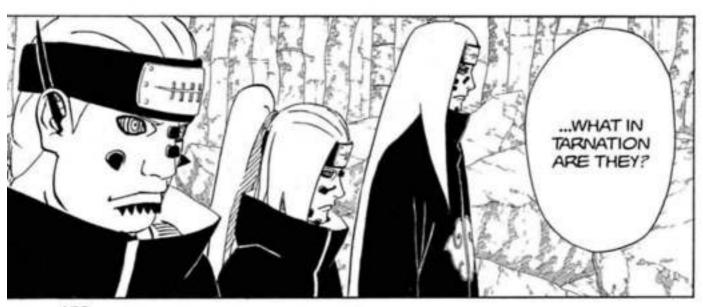






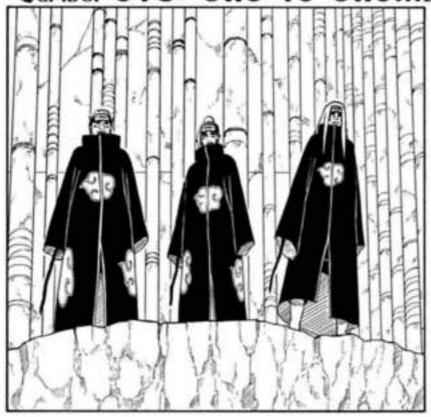








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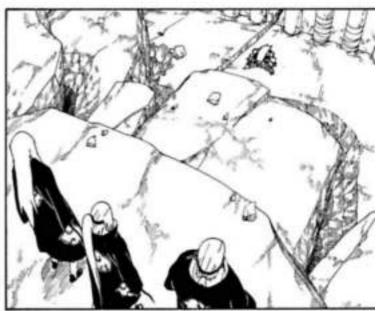


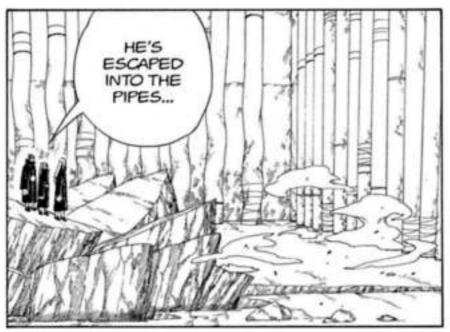






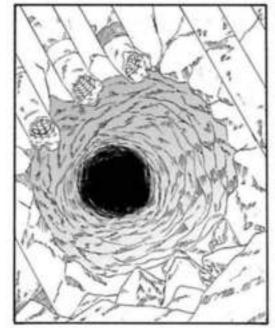


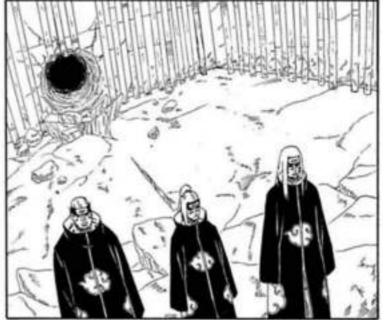


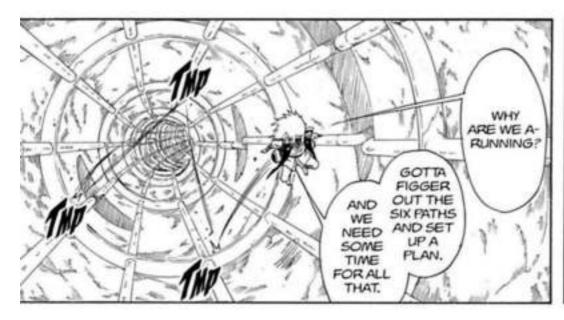


















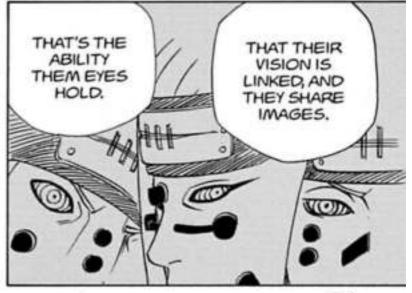


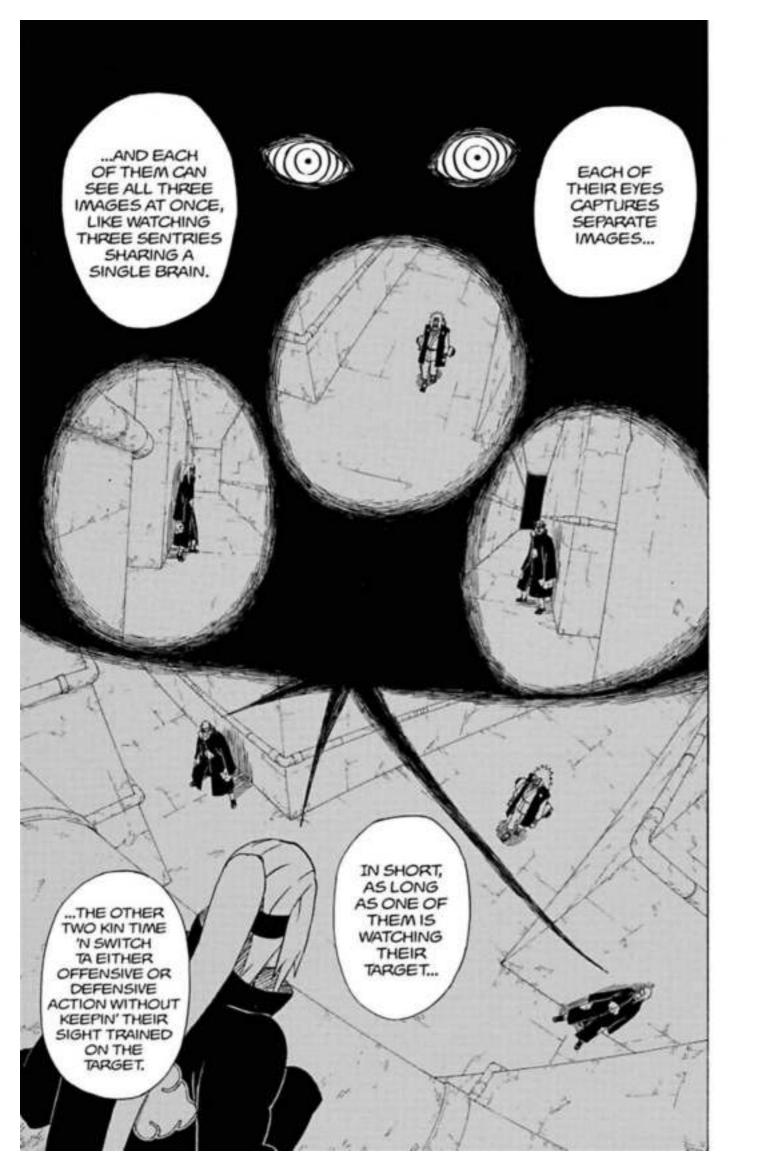




























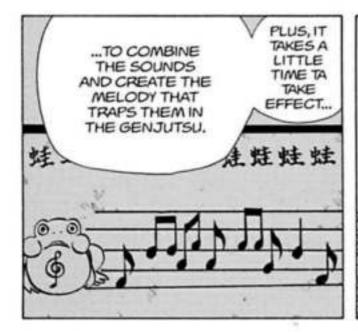






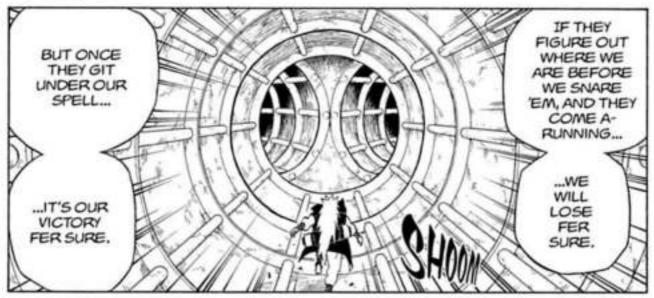








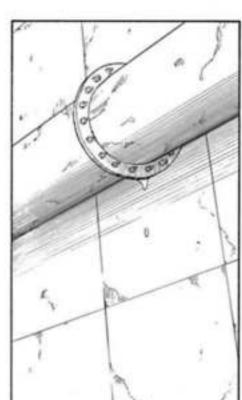










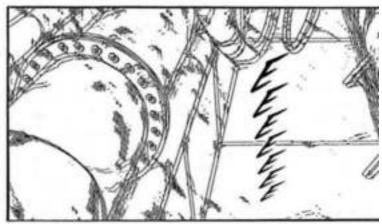














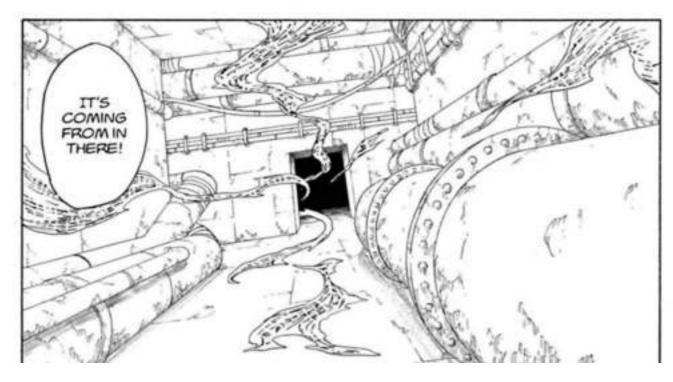




















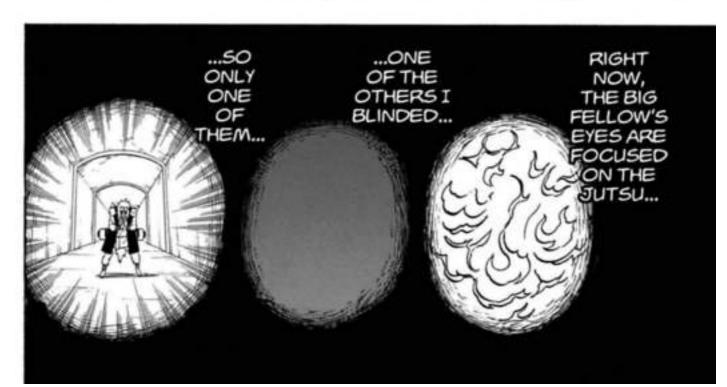






JUST AS I SUSPECTED, EACH OF THEM POSSESSES ONLY A SINGLE TYPE OF JUTSU!







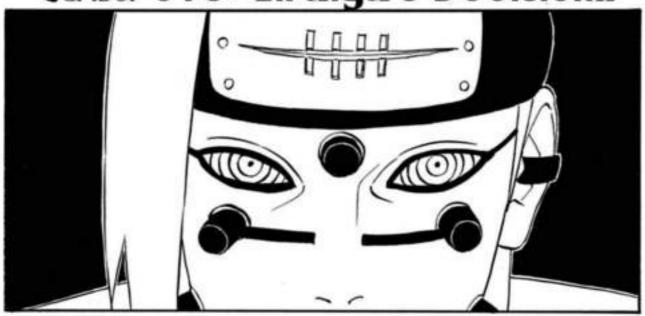


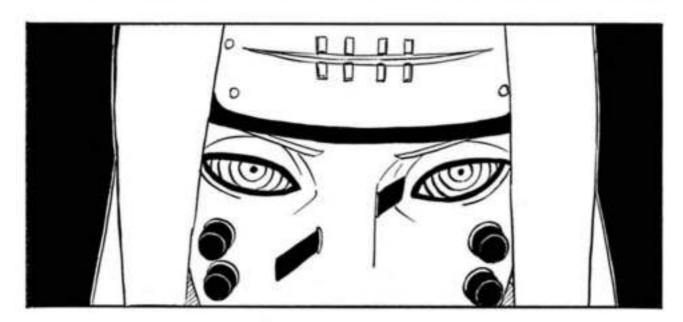


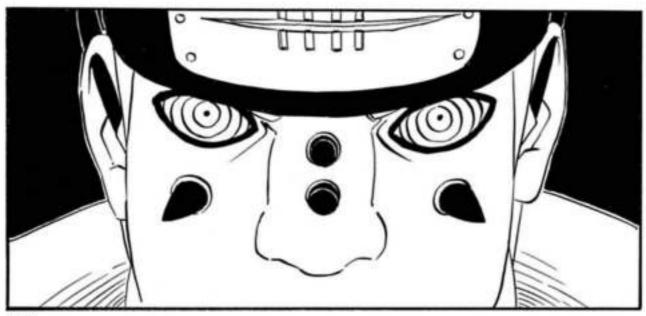


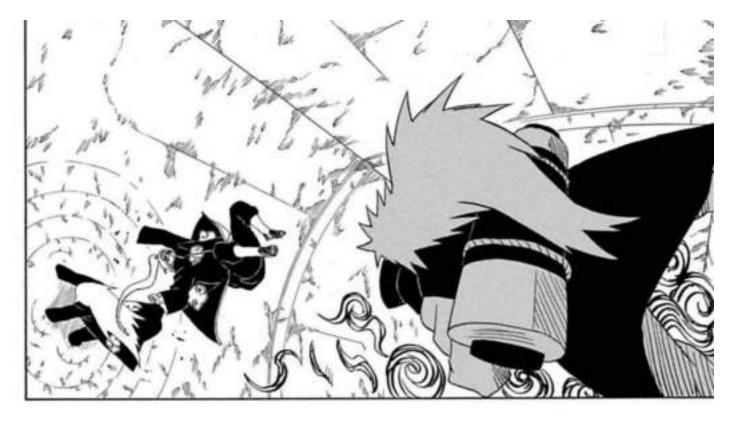


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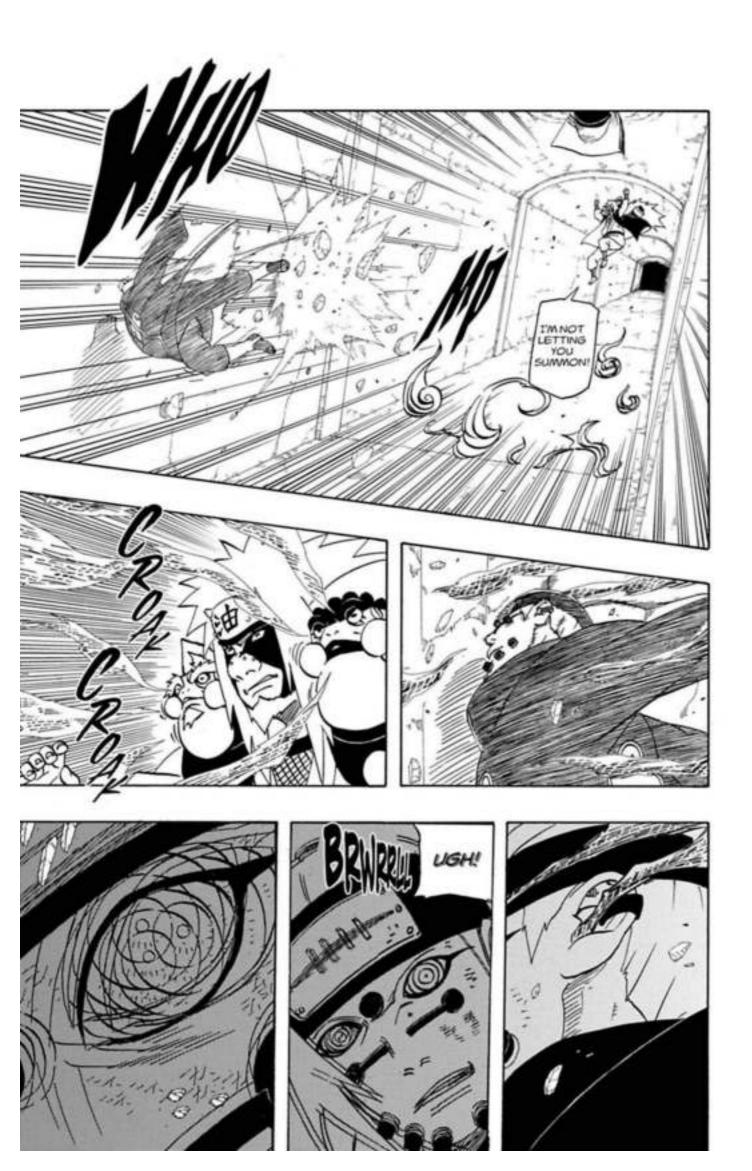








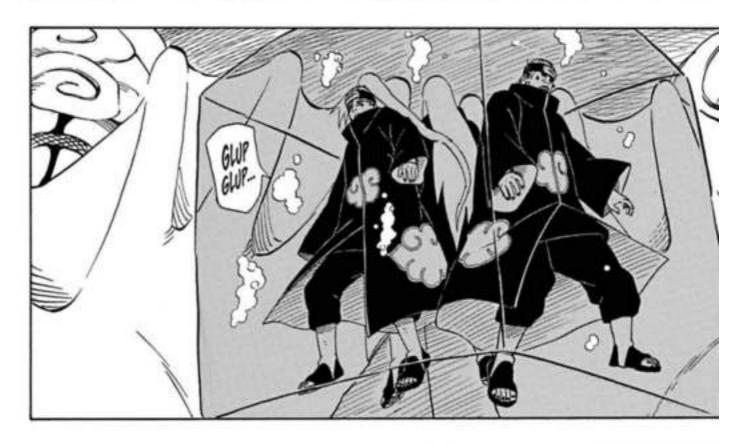














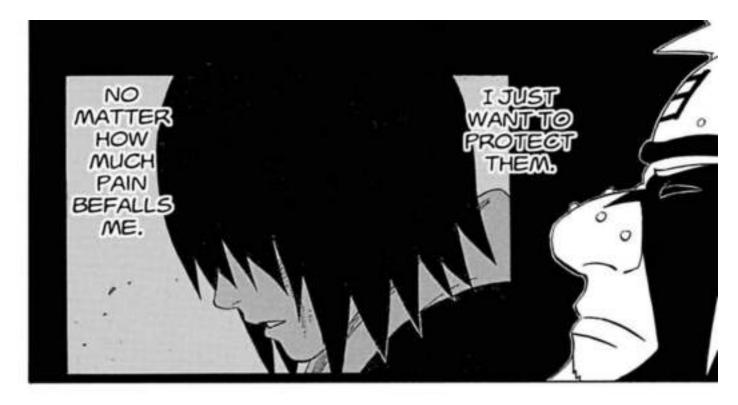






















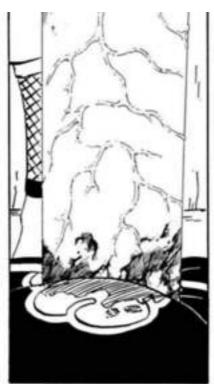






































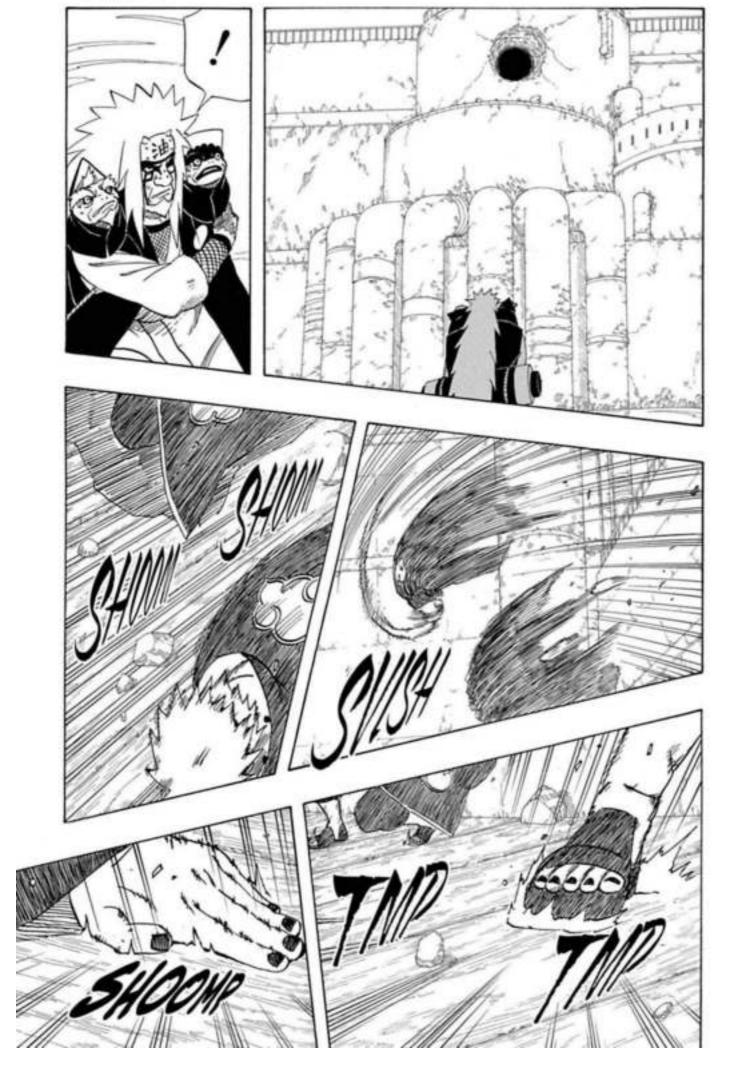


















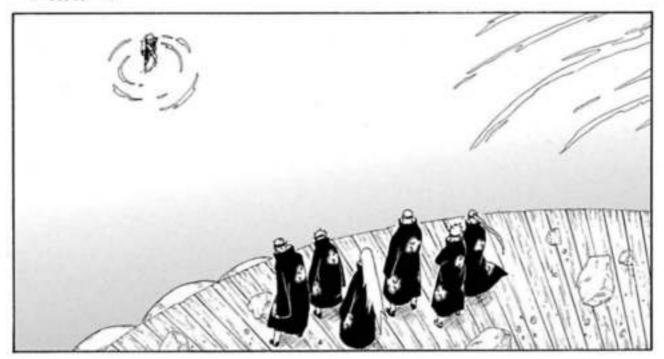






















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