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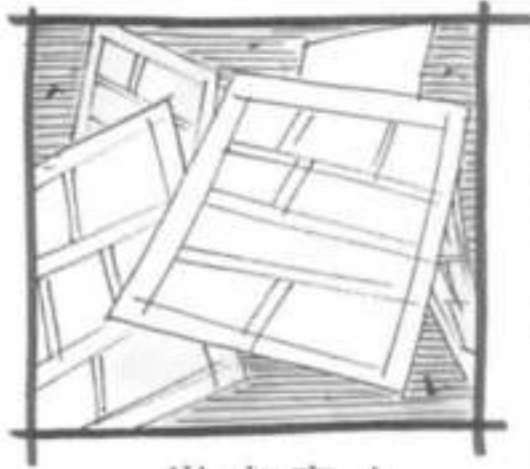
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Masashi Kishimoto

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42



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Naruto has passed the 40-volume mark, becoming a long-term series. From here on out, I plan to keep working hard, with my eyes trained on the finish line!

—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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CHARACTERS



Sasuke

サスケ



Naruto

ナルト



Sakura

サクラ



Kakashi

カカシ



Yamato

ヤマト



Sai

サイ



Jiraiya

自来也



Tsunade

綱手



Jubo
重吾



Karin
香燐



Suigetsu
水月



Konan
小南



Pain
ペイン



Tobi
トビ



Kisame
鬼鮫



Itachi
イタチ

THE STORY SO FAR...

Once the bane of the Konohagakure Ninja Academy, 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...

Naruto's search for his former classmate and friend, Sasuke—now on a mission of vengeance against his own brother, Itachi—finally bears fruit, and the paths of these two young shinobi are poised to re-converge...

Jiraiya continues his top-secret mission within the Hidden Rain Village and discovers the true identity of the Akatsuki's enigmatic leader, Pain—who turns out to be none other than one of Jiraiya's former disciples!

When Pain reveals his quest to create the ultimate jutsu capable of ending all wars by wreaking havoc and causing rampant destruction, Jiraiya is forced to kill his former student in order to save the world. But as he soon discovers, Pain **never** dies...




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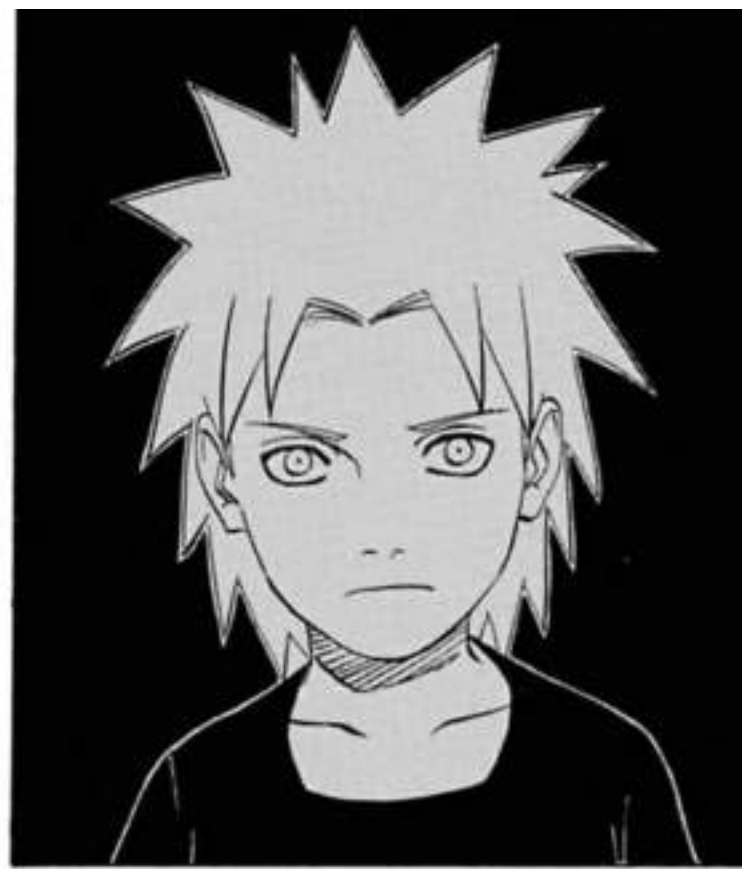
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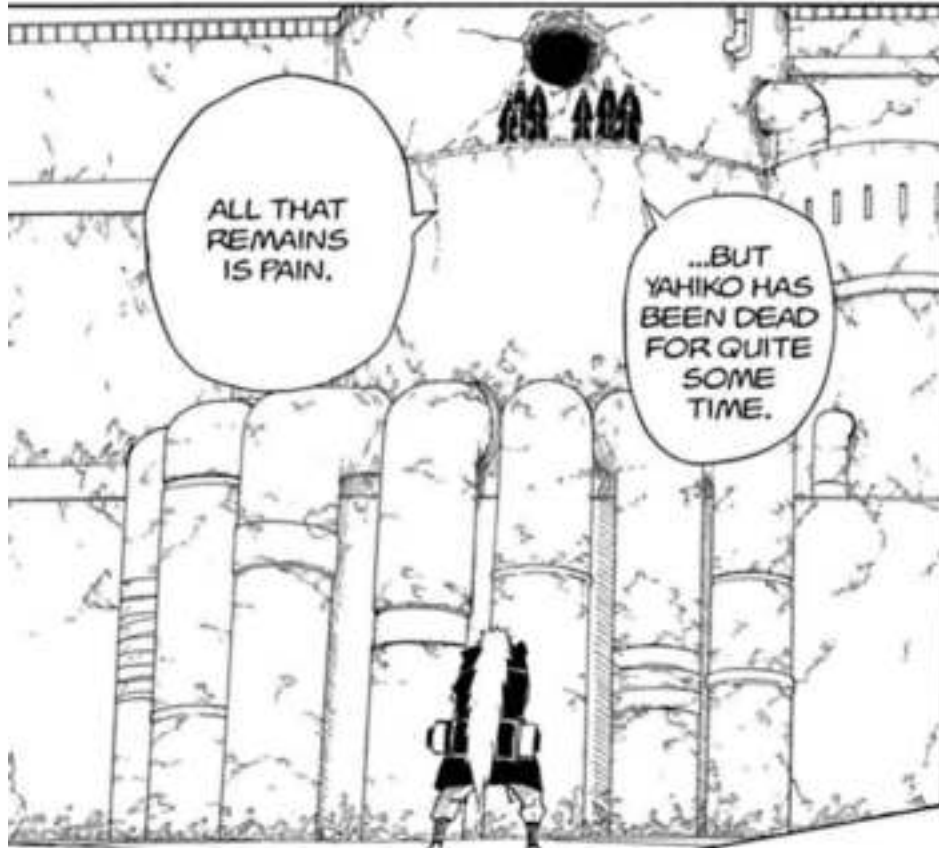


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ALL THAT REMAINS IS PAIN.

...BUT YAHIKO HAS BEEN DEAD FOR QUITE SOME TIME.



YOU REALLY ARE HIS FORMER TEACHER.

YOU SEE IN ME YAHIKO'S IMAGE?



ANOTHER FORMER DISCIPLE IS ALSO AMONG THEM.

EXCEPT HE DIDN'T USE TO HAVE THOSE PUPILS...

WHAT'RE YA TALKIN' ABOUT, JIRAIYA-BOY?



QUIT IT WITH THE WORDPLAY!

WHY DO YOU POSSESS THE RINNEGAN?!

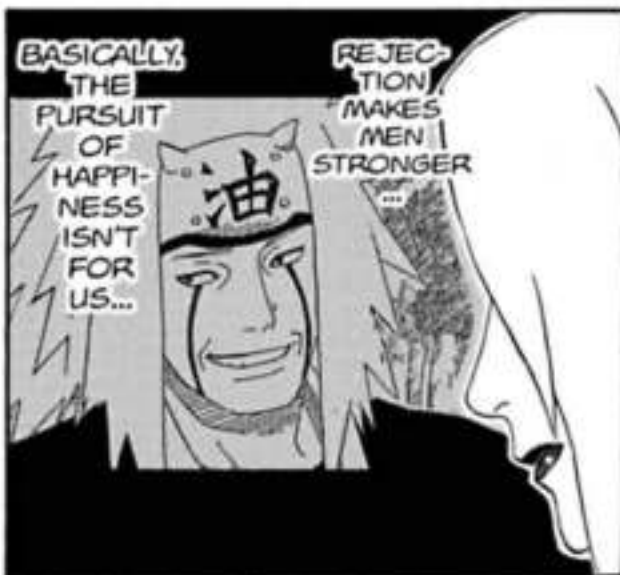


YER SAYIN' THERE'RE TWO CHILDREN O' PROPHECY?

WHAT IN TARNATION IS GOIN' ON?









AND FAST TOO!

A HUMONGOUS CHAKRA!

IN-COMING!!



!!

SHOON



!!

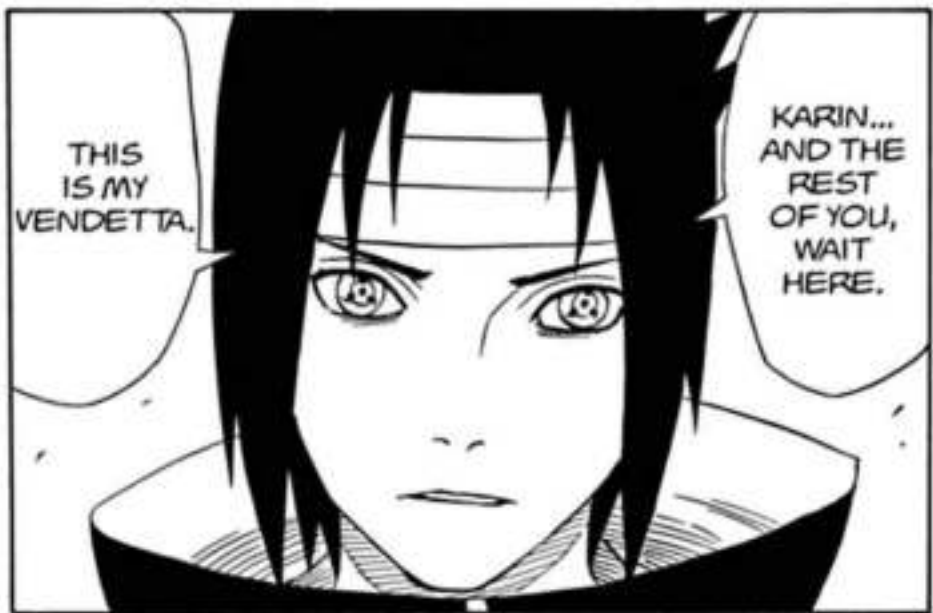
YOU'RE ...!



SCREEN!

TND







HOZUKI SUIGETSU?

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF HOZUKI MANGETSU...

WHOOO



....!



...SO CARE TO PLAY AROUND WITH ME...

...MASTER KISAME?!

WAITING AROUND FOR SASUKE TO RETURN WOULD JUST BE SO BORING...

SHANK



AAH.. I DIDN'T EVEN RECOGNIZE YOU!

YOU SURE HAVE GROWN, SUIGETSU.



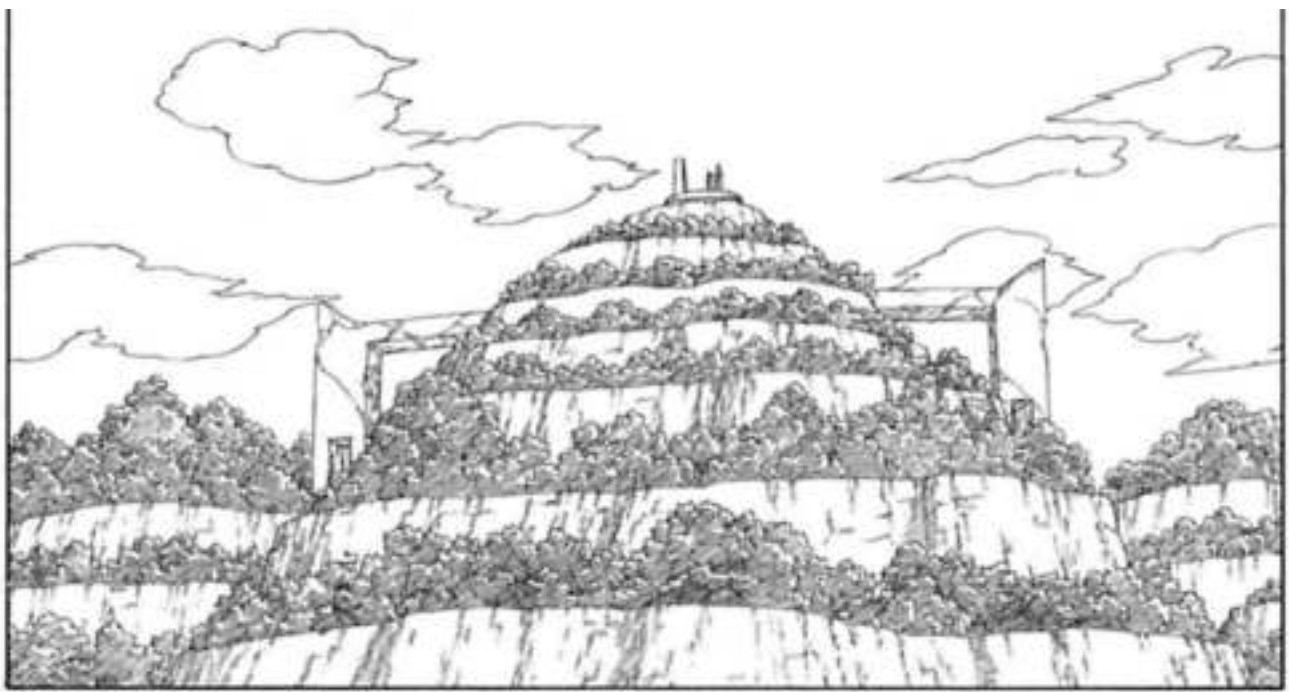
SUIGETSU... SHOULDN'T YOU OBEY SASUKE'S ORDERS?

ARGH, YOU'RE SUCH A DUNCE!!



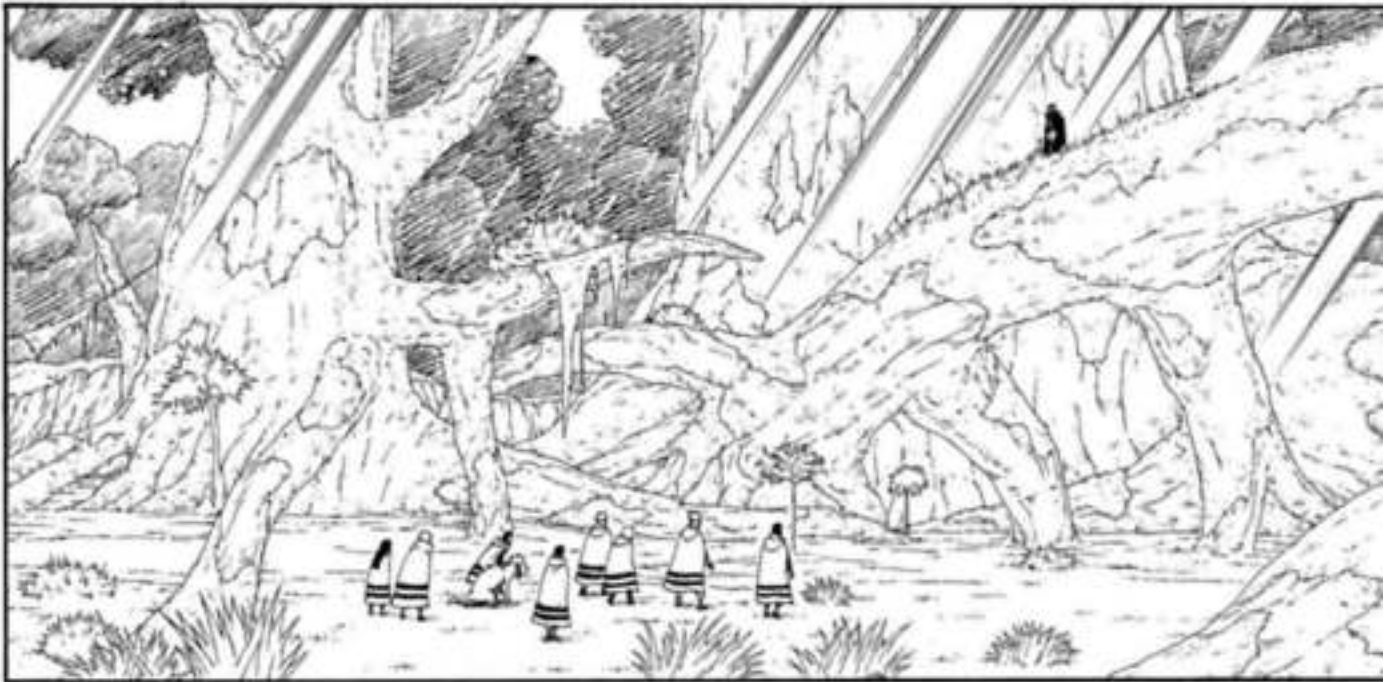
UNLIKE YOUR BROTHER, I SEE YOU'RE QUITE IMPETUOUS...

MAYBE I SHOULD CUT YOU UP A BIT.

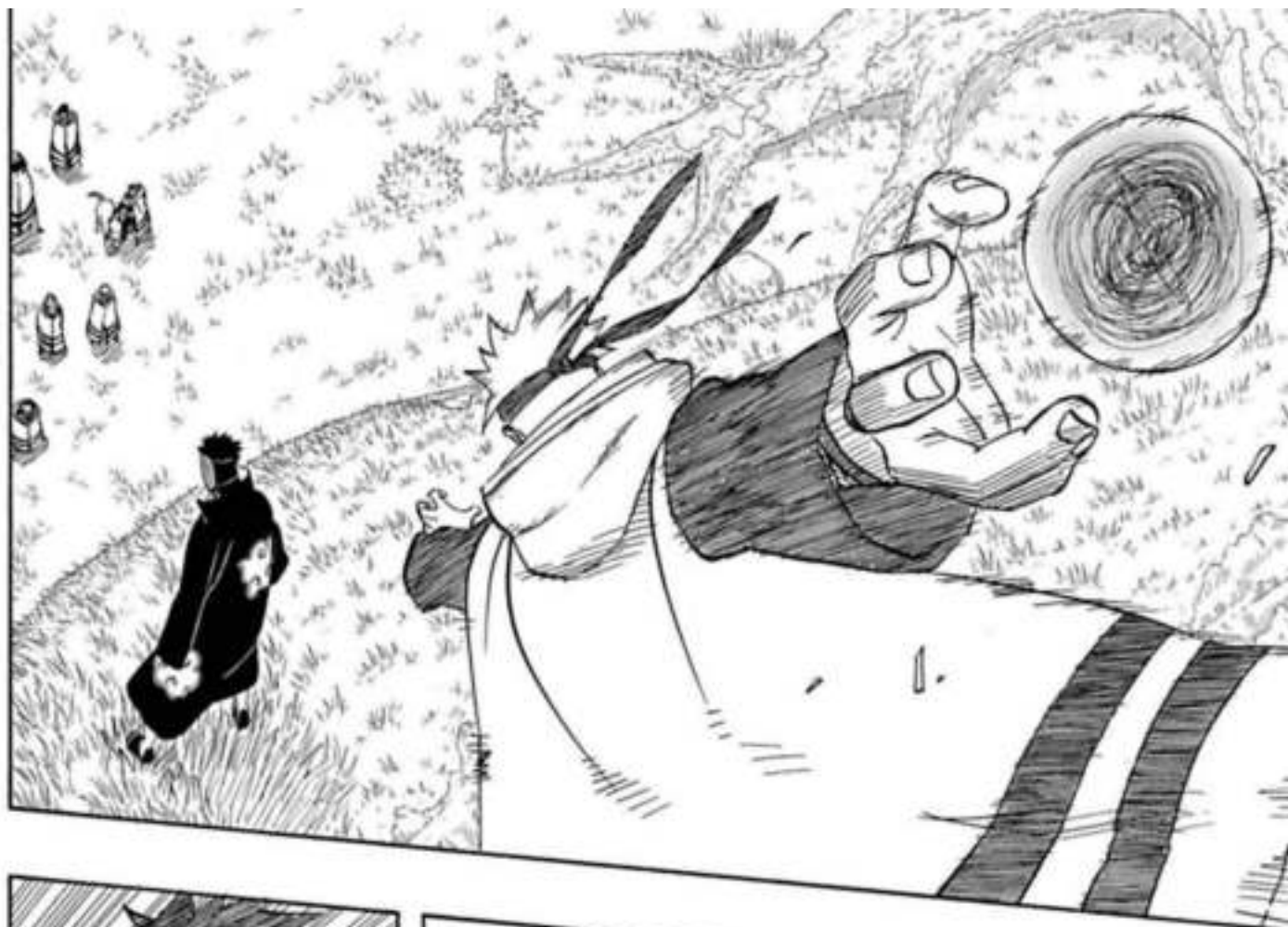


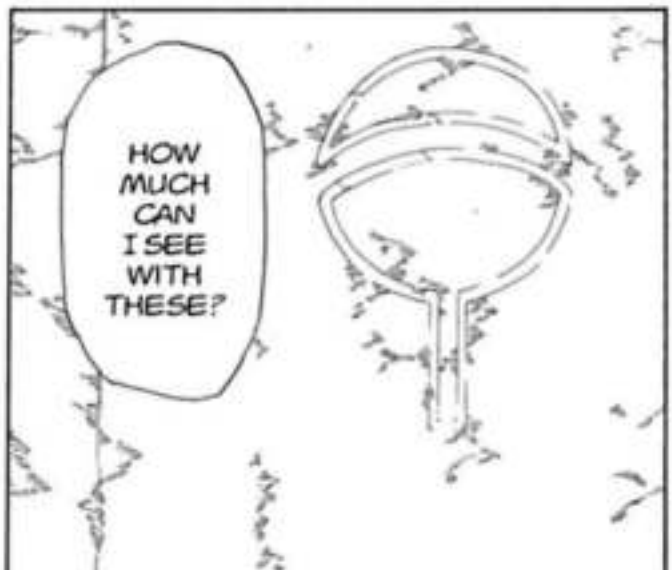
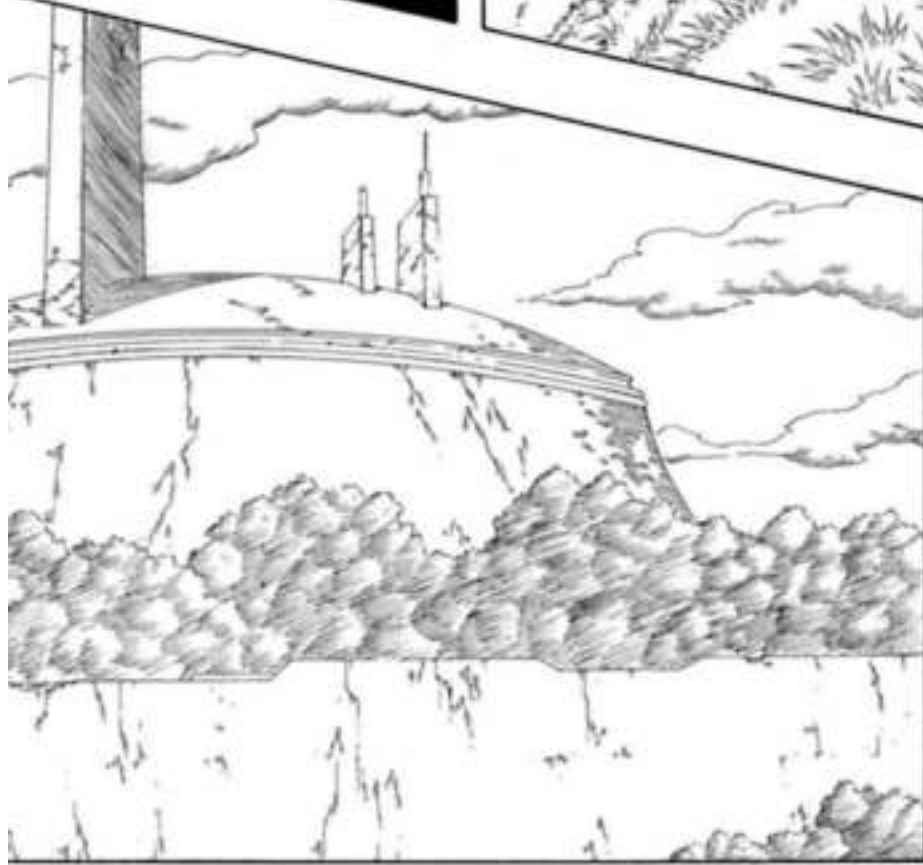
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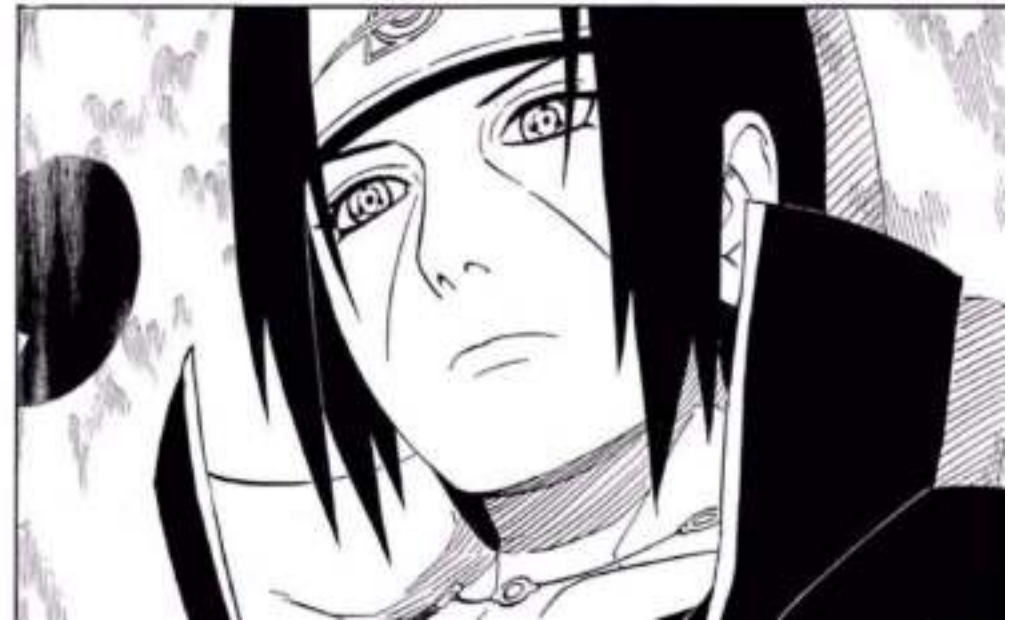
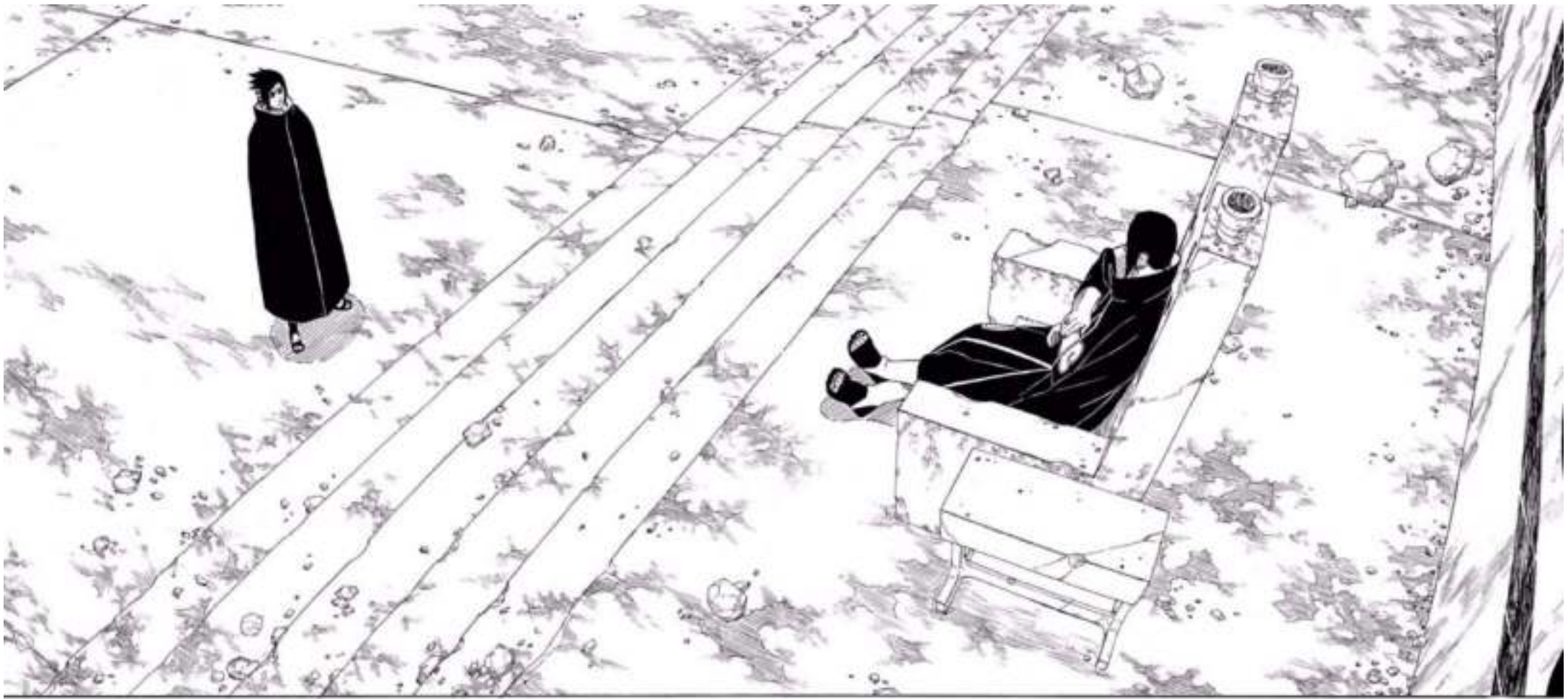












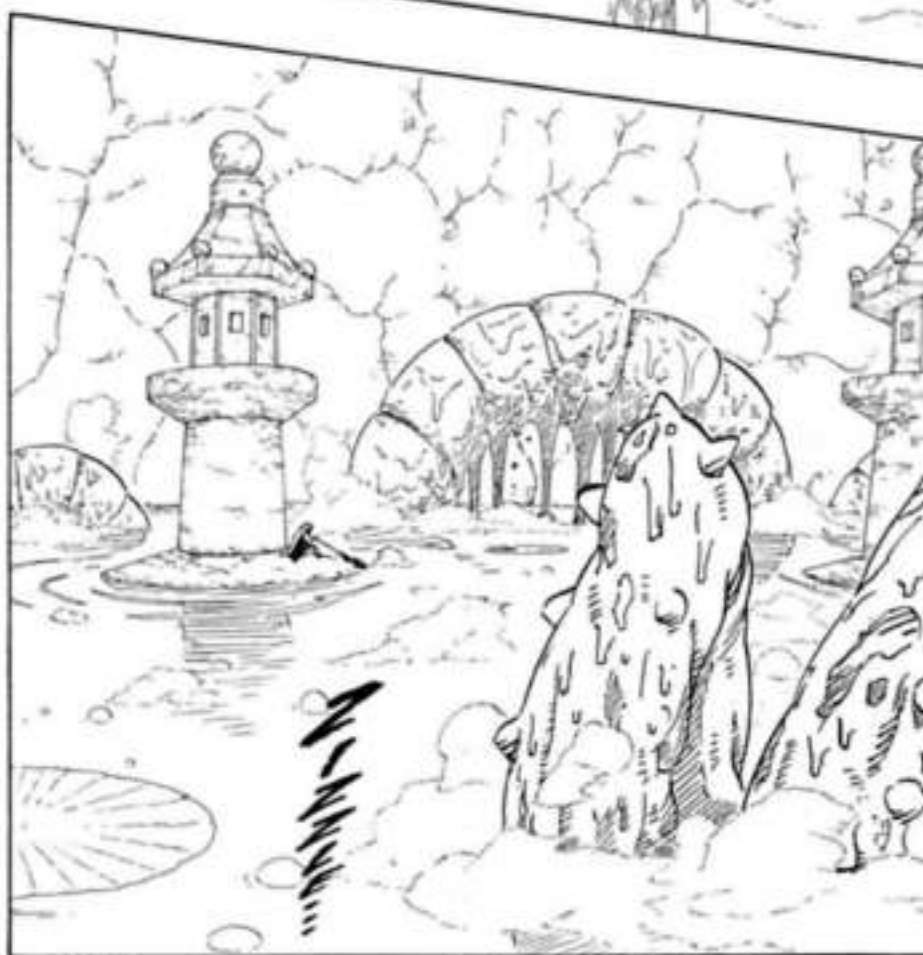




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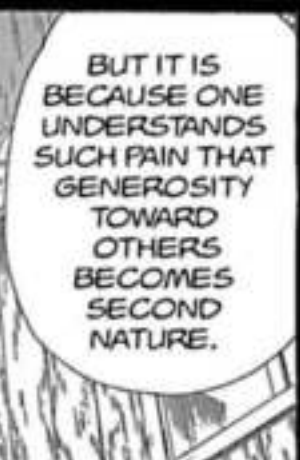
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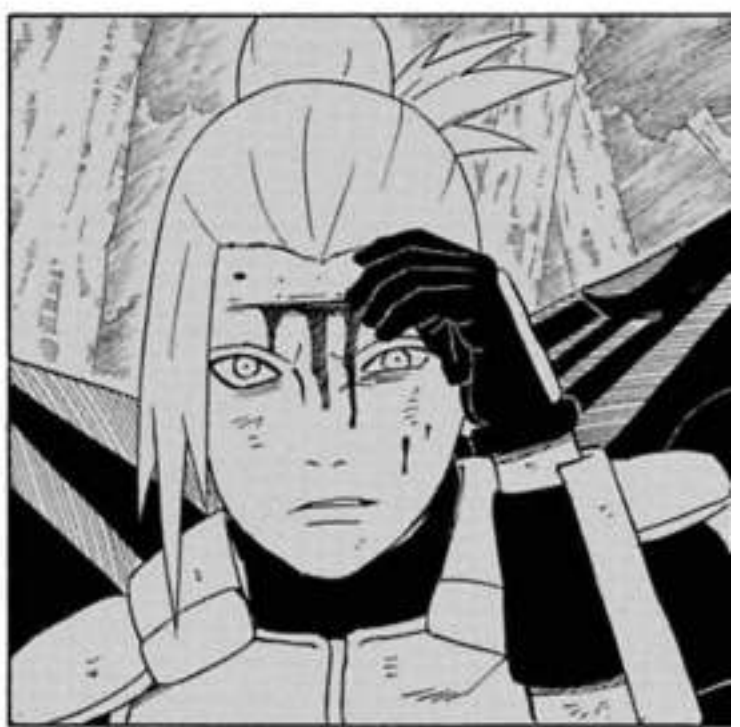
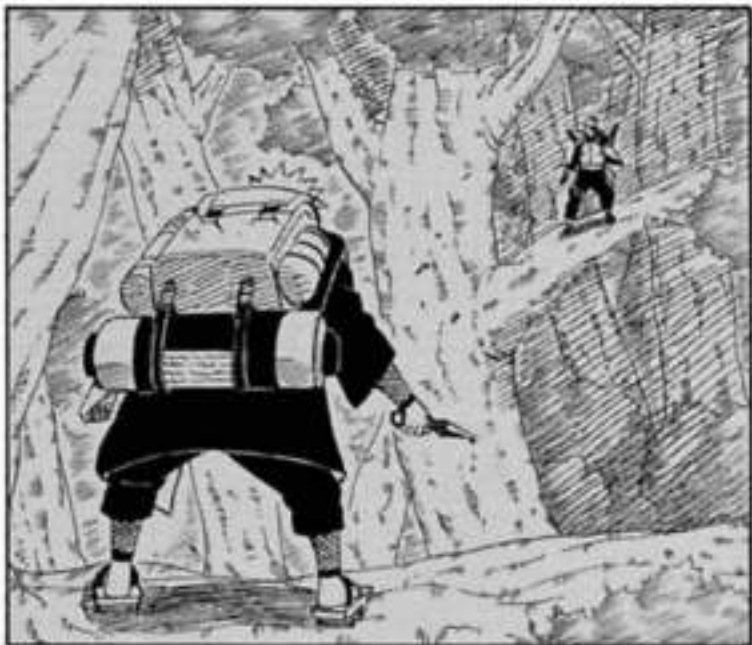














WHAT'S DA MATTER?

?

THIS FELLOW IN FRONT OF US... I HAVE FACED HIM TOO BEFORE...



HE'S DEFINITELY NOT NAGATO!!

THAT'S IT... NOW I REMEMBER!



THIS MAKES THE WHOLE BLASTED PAIN THING EVEN MORE CONFUSIN' ...!

SO WHAT'S SUCH A FELLER DOIN' HERE?



...HE WAS A FUMA CLAN MEMBER WHO ATTACKED ME ON A MOUNTAIN PATH.

IT WAS RIGHT AFTER I HAD SET OUT ON MY JOURNEY, FOLLOWING THE GREAT LORD ELDER'S PROPHECY...

I GAVE HIM THAT SCAR ON HIS FOREHEAD...



DONT TELL ME... IF THAT PROPHECY IS REAL...

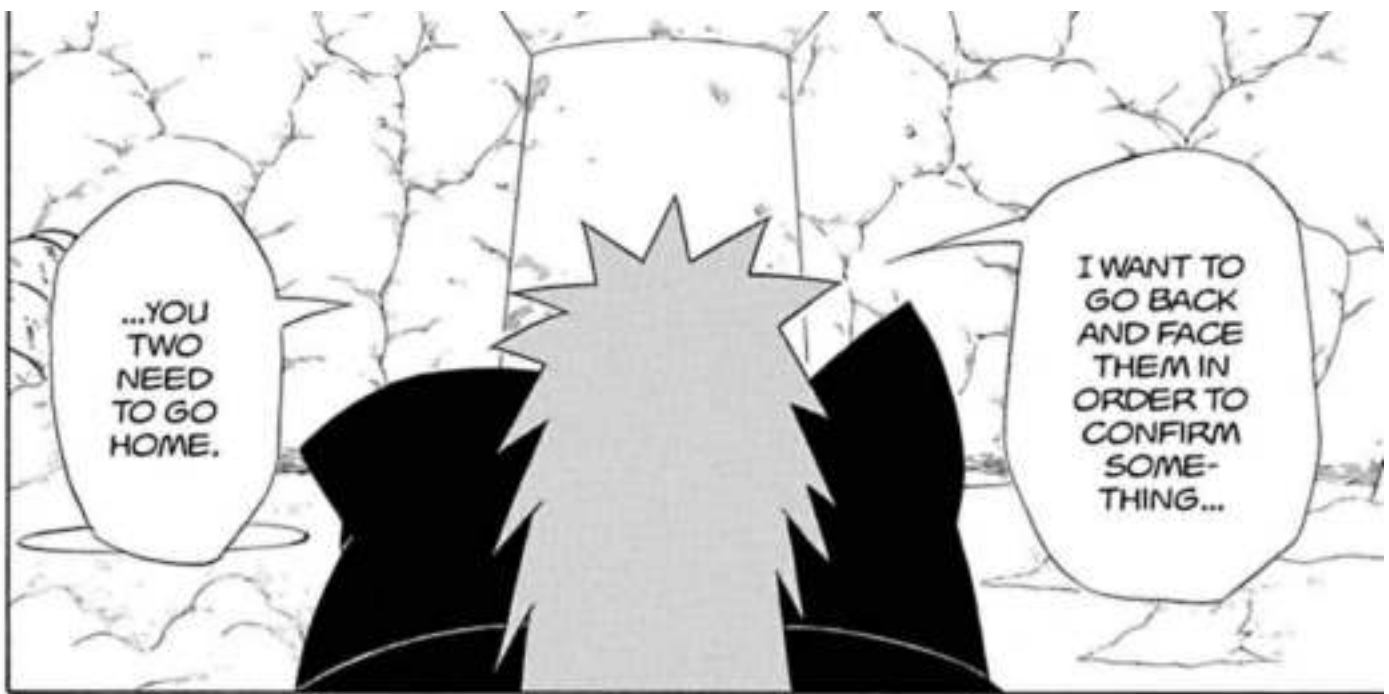


PERHAPS IT MEANS YOU SHALL TRAVEL WIDELY, SEEING ALL THINGS IN THIS UNIVERSE.

BOOKS ...? WHAT-EVER FOR?



IN MY DREAM, YOU WALKED THE WORLD, WRITING BOOKS.



...YOU TWO NEED TO GO HOME.

I WANT TO GO BACK AND FACE THEM IN ORDER TO CONFIRM SOMETHING...



RIGHT NOW, THEY HAVEN'T EVEN PICKED UP ON OUR LOCATION YET.

THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE TO GET THE PLUM OUT OF DODGE!



NO WAY! IF YOU GO BACK OUT THERE, YOU'LL BE KILLED FOR SURE!!

THERE'RE MORE PAIRS O' EYES NOW! AND OUR BARRIER TRAP WON'T WORK ON 'EM A SECOND TIME!!

WHA ?!



...



?

THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH...

PLUS...

IF I LET THIS CHANCE SLIP BY, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE ELSE WHO COULD GET AS CLOSE TO PAIN.

BUT I MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO DEDUCE OUR ENEMY'S TRUE IDENTITY...

FOR SURE, IF I GO BACK OUT, I MAY BE KILLED.



...THIS IS THE TIME FOR SELECTION THAT THE GREAT LORD ELDER PROPHESED!



BUT...



...AND TELL TSUNADE...

BOSS, YOU AND MA PLEASE TAKE BACK THE INTEL ON PAIN WE'VE GATHERED SO FAR, AND THIS CORPSE.

MA SHOULD BE ENOUGH FER THAT.



Y'ALL JUST BETTER BE HOME BY SUPPER-TIME.

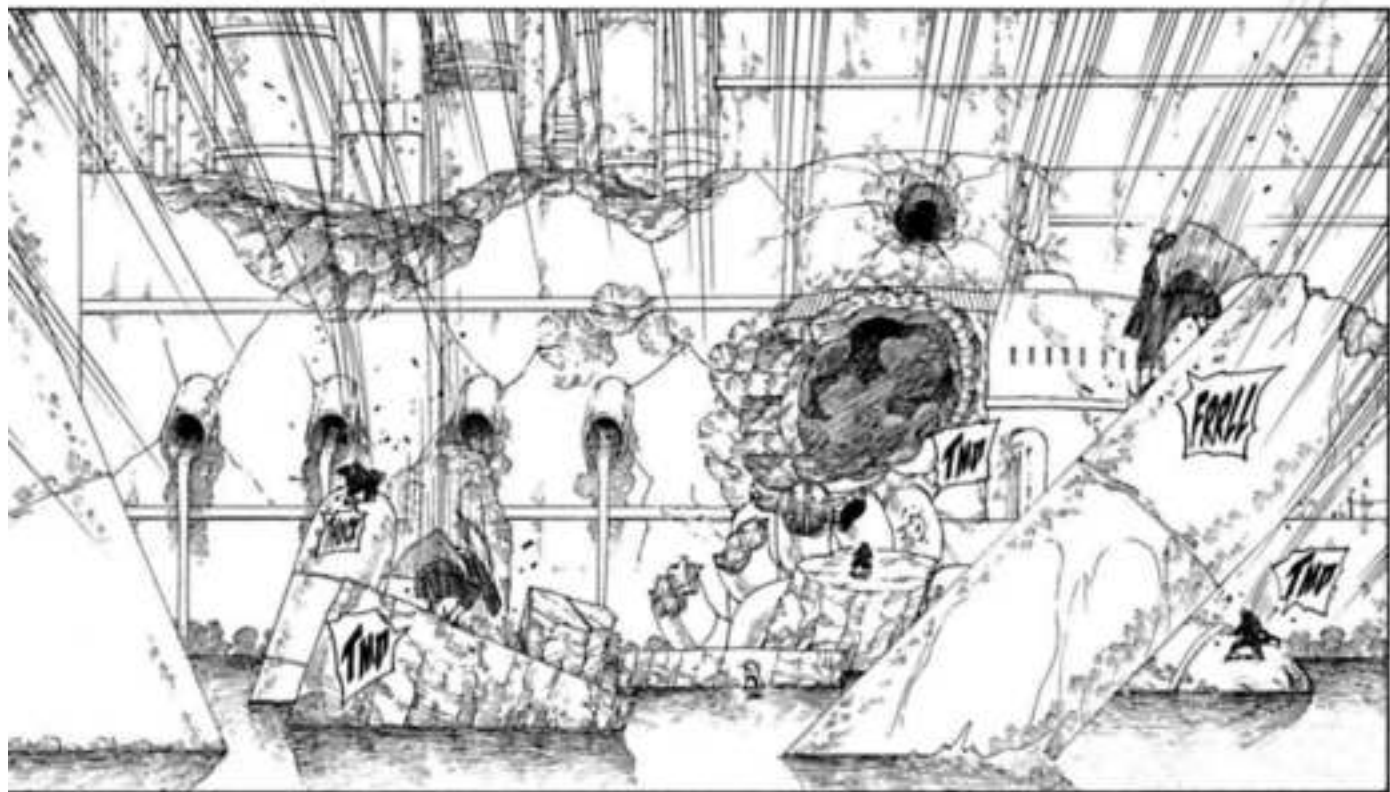


THANK YOU...



YEAH... WHEN WE'RE DONE HERE, I'LL BRING JIRAIYA-BOY ON OVER WITH ME.









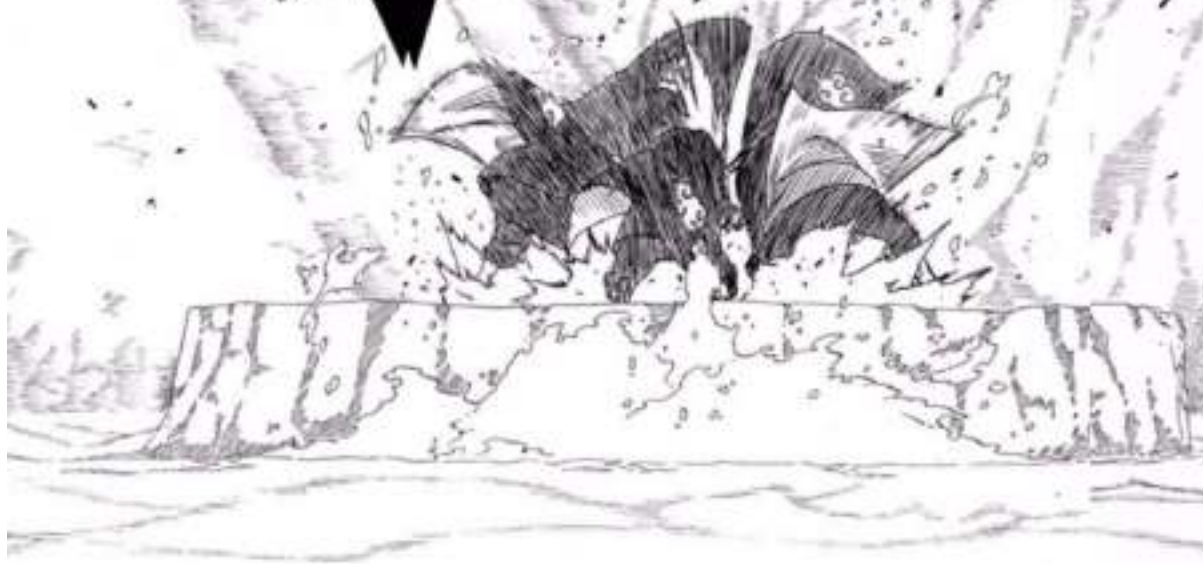
?!?

THAT'S IT!
I'VE
FIGURED
OUT WHO
PAIN IS!!


!!



WWD



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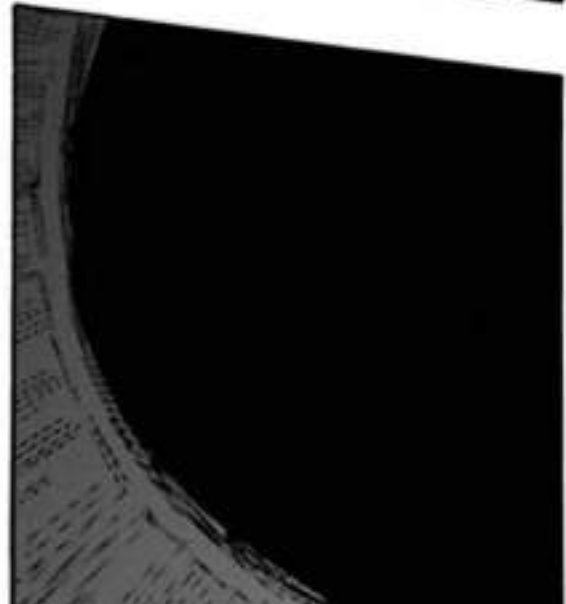
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The True Choicell



THAT'S IT!
I'VE
FIGURED
OUT WHO
PAIN IS!!







THE SHINOBI WORLD IS NOT A WAY OF LIFE, BUT A MANNER OF DEATH...



...AND LOOKING BACK, MY LIFE'S TALE WAS FULL OF FAILURE...



A SHINOBI'S LIFE IS NOT MEASURED BY HOW THEY LIVED BUT RATHER WHAT THEY MANAGED TO ACCOMPLISH BEFORE THEIR DEATH.



...CONTINU-
ALLY
REJECTED
BY TSUNADE...



...UNABLE
TO PROTECT
EITHER MY
DISCIPLE
OR MY
TEACHER...



...UNABLE
TO STOP
MY
FRIEND...



...ARE
TRIFLING,
INSIGNIFI-
CANT
THINGS
INDEED...

COMPARED
TO THE
GREAT
DEEDS
OF THE
HOKAGE,
MY
ACTIONS...



I WISH
I COULD
HAVE DIED
LIKE EACH
OF THE
HOKAGE.



IN
RETURN
...

AND MISTAKES
ARE AN IMPOR-
TANT PART OF
THE PLOT TOO!
I'VE LIVED MY
LIFE ALWAYS
BELIEVING THAT
THE LESSONS I
LEARNED ARE
WHAT HONED ME.



A TALE IS
ONLY AS
GOOD AS
ITS FINAL
TURN OF
EVENTS,
THE PLOT
TWIST.



BUT...
WITH MY
PLOT
TWIST...
MY TALE,
ENDING
LIKE
THIS...

...AT
LEAST,
THAT'S
HOW
IT WAS
SUPPOSED
TO GO...
HO HO...



...AND
DIE A
SPLENDID
SHINOBI!

...I SWORE
I WOULD
ACCOM-
PLISH A
DEED SO
GREAT
THAT IT
WOULD
OBLITERATE
ALL OF MY
FAILURES...

...BUT IN THE END, I FAILED, IN THAT SELECTION TOO!!

I THOUGHT I WOULD DEFEAT PAIN, STOP THE AKATSUKI, AND SAVE THE WORLD FROM 'DESTRUCTION'...

A PERSON WHO WILL MAKE A GREAT CHOICE THAT WILL BRING EITHER STABILITY OR DESTRUCTION TO THE WORLD OF SHINOBI...

THE GREAT LORD ELDER PROPHESED THAT I WOULD GUIDE THAT REVOLUTION.



WHAT A WORTHLESS STORY...



...THAT THIS WILL BE THE TWIST TO 'THE TALE OF JIRAIYA THE GALLANT'...

SO PITIFUL...



NO, NO, I DON'T THINK SO.





I THINK THIS TALE IS WONDERFUL!



MAYBE I OUGHT TO INSERT SOME CLANDESTINE INTERLUDES INTO MY NEXT NOVEL...?

SOME AUTOBIOGRAPHY ...

...THE SALES TANKED.



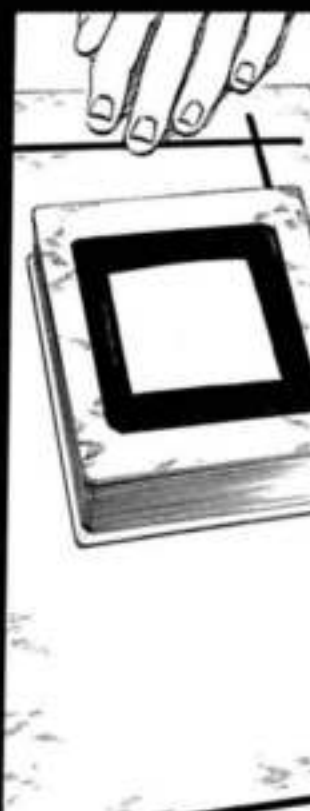
EACH CHAPTER READS LIKE ONE OF YOUR NUMEROUS LEGENDARY EXPLOITS...

...LIKE IT'S ALMOST AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL!



A LOT LIKE YOU, MASTER.

THE MAIN CHARACTER OF THIS BOOK... I THOUGHT HIS DETERMINATION TO NEVER GIVE UP WAS REALLY COOL...





...IT'S A WONDERFUL NAME.

SSH...

NARUTO ...



SHUP...



KU-SHINA...





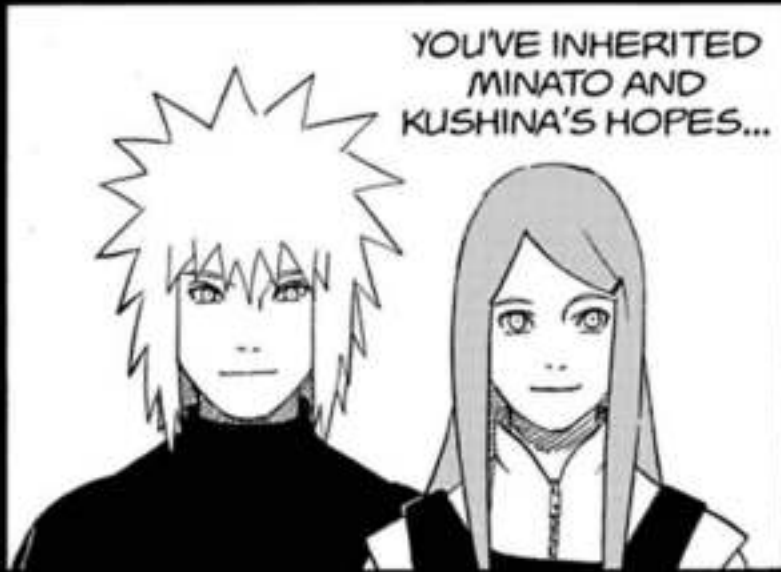


A HOKAGE
THAT
SURPASSES
ALL
PREVIOUS
HOKAGE!!

I'M
GONNA
BE
HOKAGE!!

I NEVER
GO BACK
ON MY
WORD...

...THAT'S
MY
SHINOBI
WAY!



YOU'VE INHERITED
MINATO AND
KUSHINA'S HOPES...

NARUTO...
NOW THAT I
THINK ABOUT
IT, YOU ARE
JUST LIKE
THAT NOVEL'S
MAIN
CHARACTER.



WE DON'T
KNOW
ANYONE
WHO IS AS
SPLENDID
AS YOU...
...WHO
POSSESSES
THE TALENT
OF A REAL
SHINOBI.

WE
WOULDN'T
HAVE
IT ANY
OTHER
WAY!

AND
YET...
I...



∞



...A NINJA IS ONE WHO WIELDS NINJUTSU.

...AS THE NAME SUGGESTS ...

SHINOBI TALENT LIES IN WHETHER OR NOT ONE CAN USE AND MASTER ALL THE JUTSU IN THE WORLD.



....!

YOU STILL DON'T GET IT...?



SHINOBI TALENT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT...



...ONE WHO ENDURES.



A NINJA IS...



...IS NOT THE NUMBER OF JUTSU ...

THE MOST IMPORTANT TALENT FOR A SHINOBI...

ONE THING I'M GONNA TEACH YOU...



A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION, EH?

READ THIS WAY



THE
IMPORTANT
THING IS...



...HAVING
THE GUTS
TO NEVER
GIVE UP.



FOR...



...I
HAVE
NO
BUSI-
NESS
WHINING
...

NARUTO,
AS YOUR
MENTOR
AND
TEACHER
...



...IS
YOUR
SHINOBI
WAY...

IF
NEVER
GOING
BACK
ON YOUR
WORD
AND
NEVER
GIVING
UP...







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WHAT CAN A CHILD LIKE YOU DO, EH?



YOU'RE SO FULL OF YOURSELF!





Number 383: The Final Chapter,

and...!!

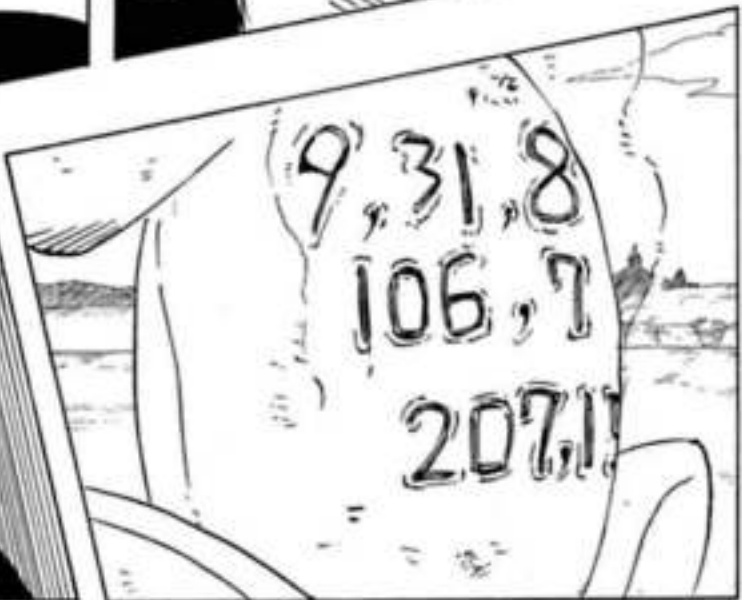


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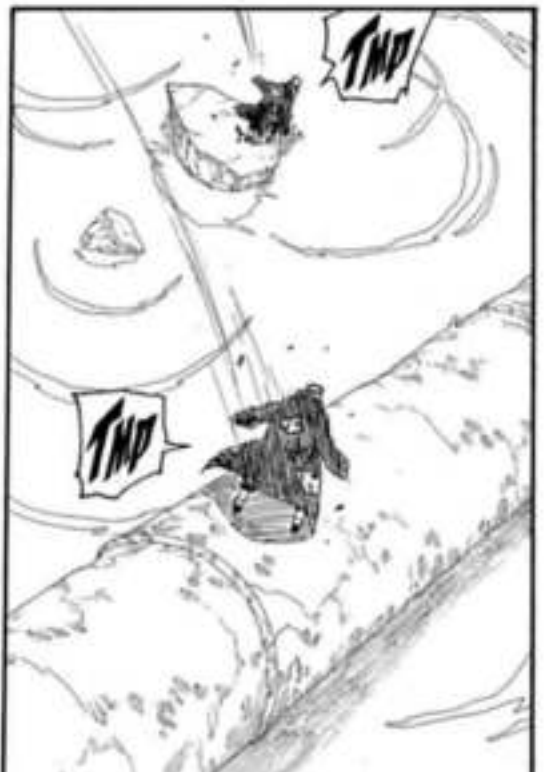


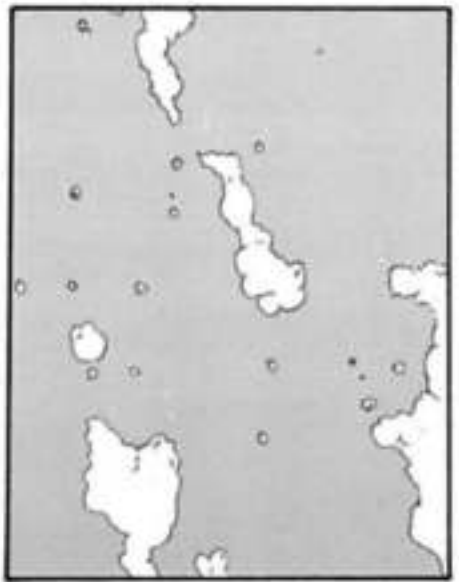
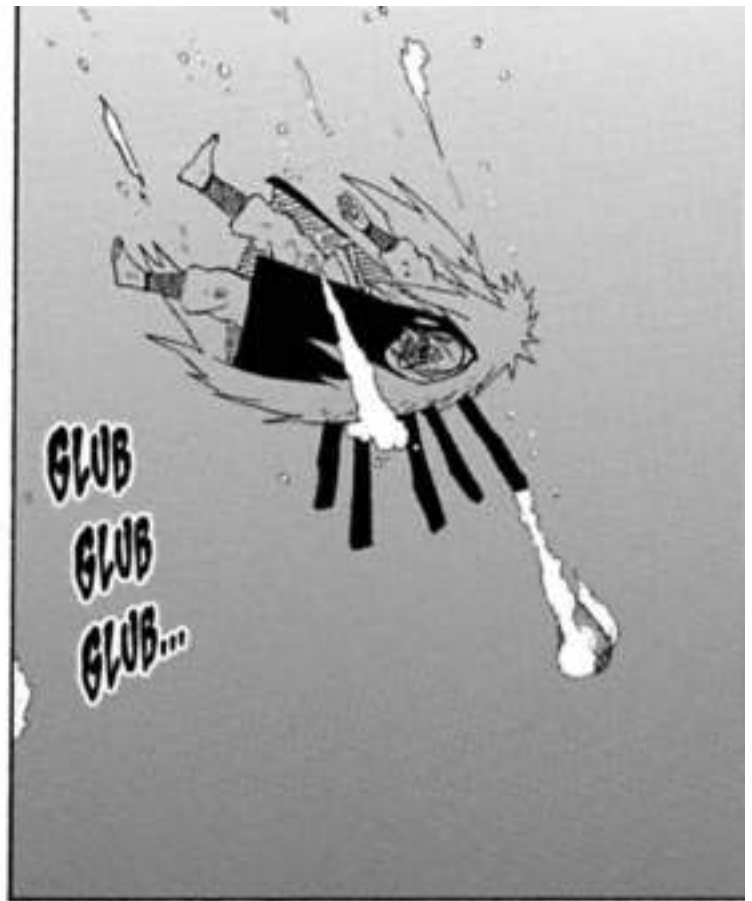
HE WROTE
IT IN
CODE,
EH.

FSSH









READ THIS WAY

NOW...
IT'S
ABOUT
TIME
I PUT
DOWN
MY PEN.



WHAT
SHOULD
I NAME
THE
SEQUEL?



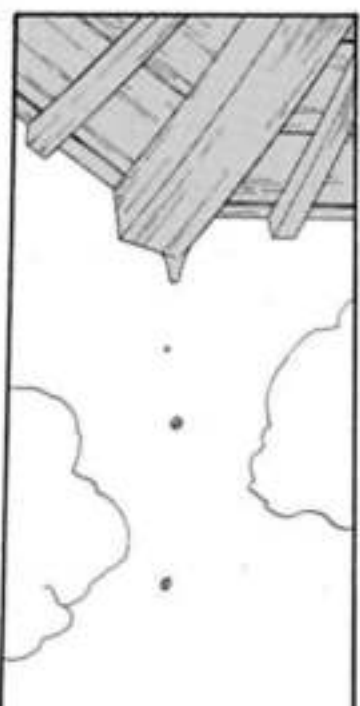
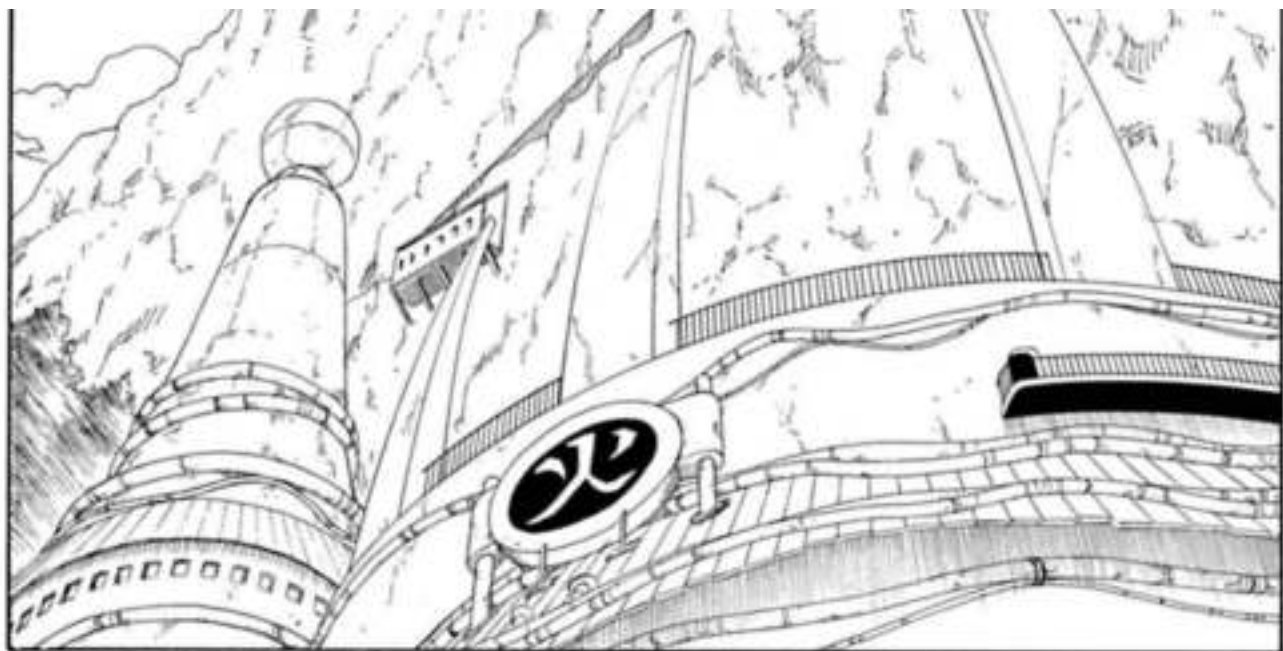
AAH...
THAT'S
RIGHT...!

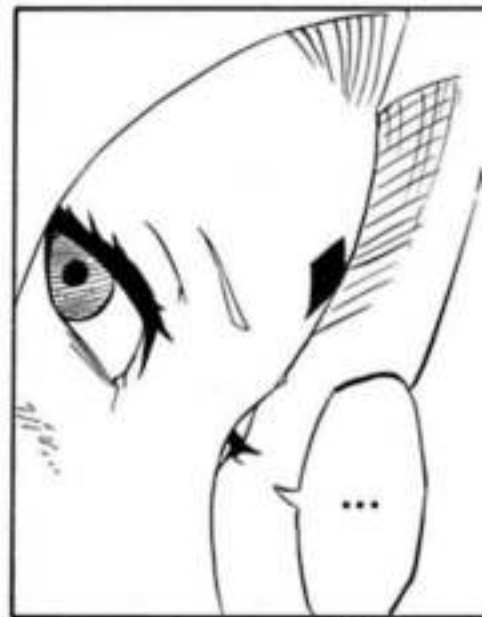
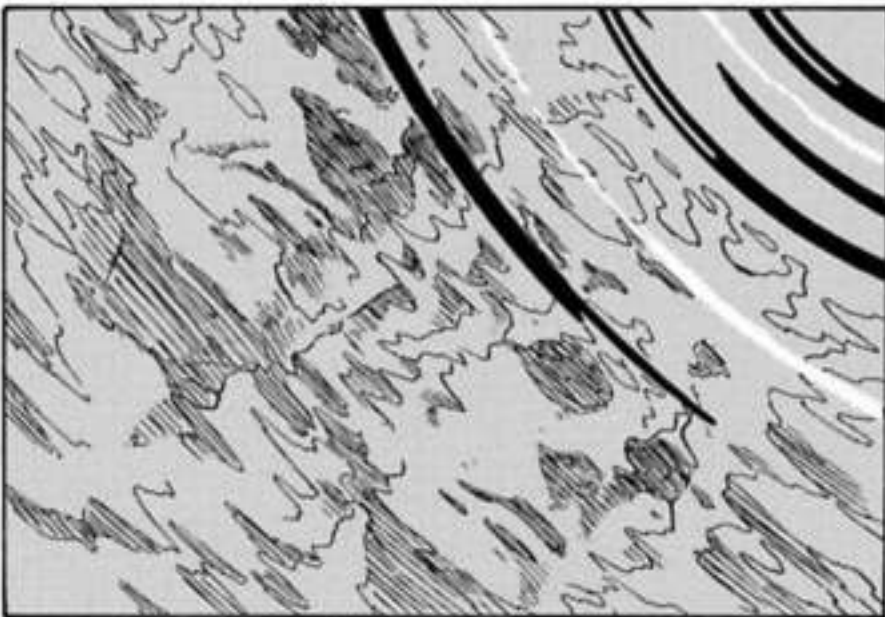
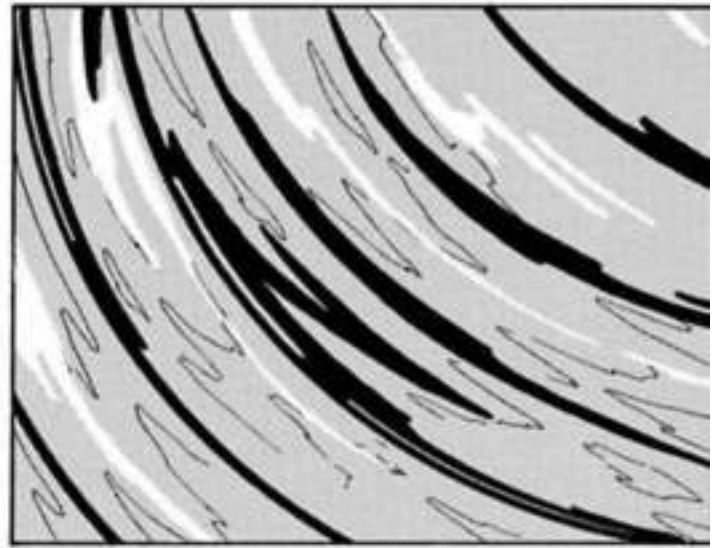
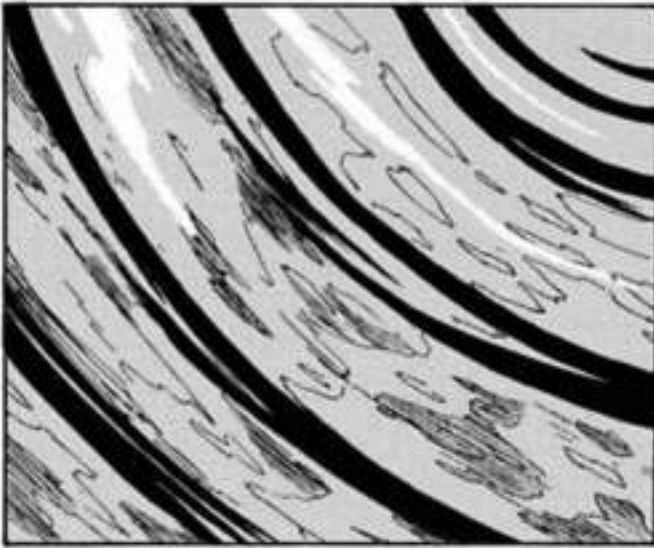
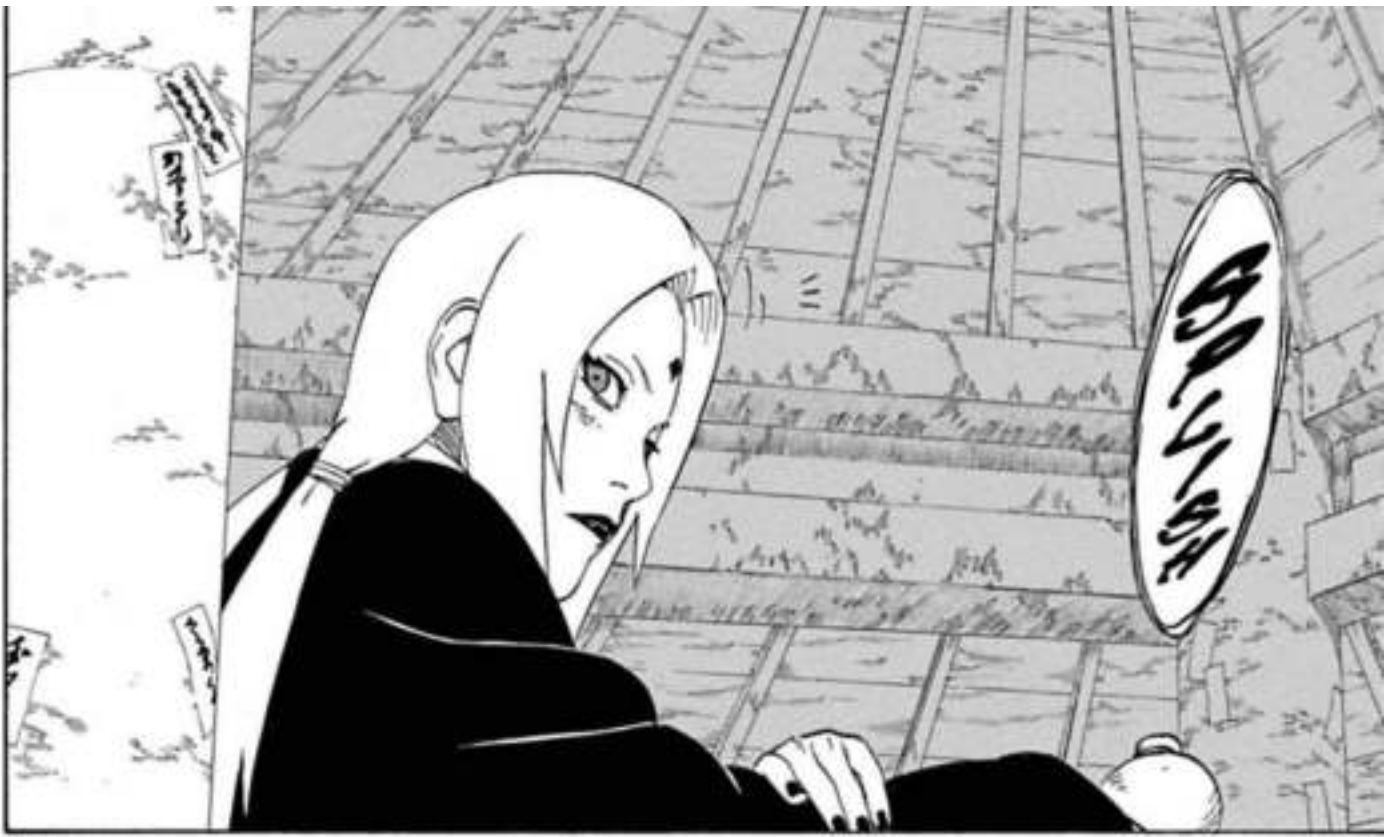
YEAH,
LET'S
SEE...



"THE
TALE OF
UZUMAKI
NARUTO"...

...YES...
THAT
HAS A
NICE
RING
TO IT...



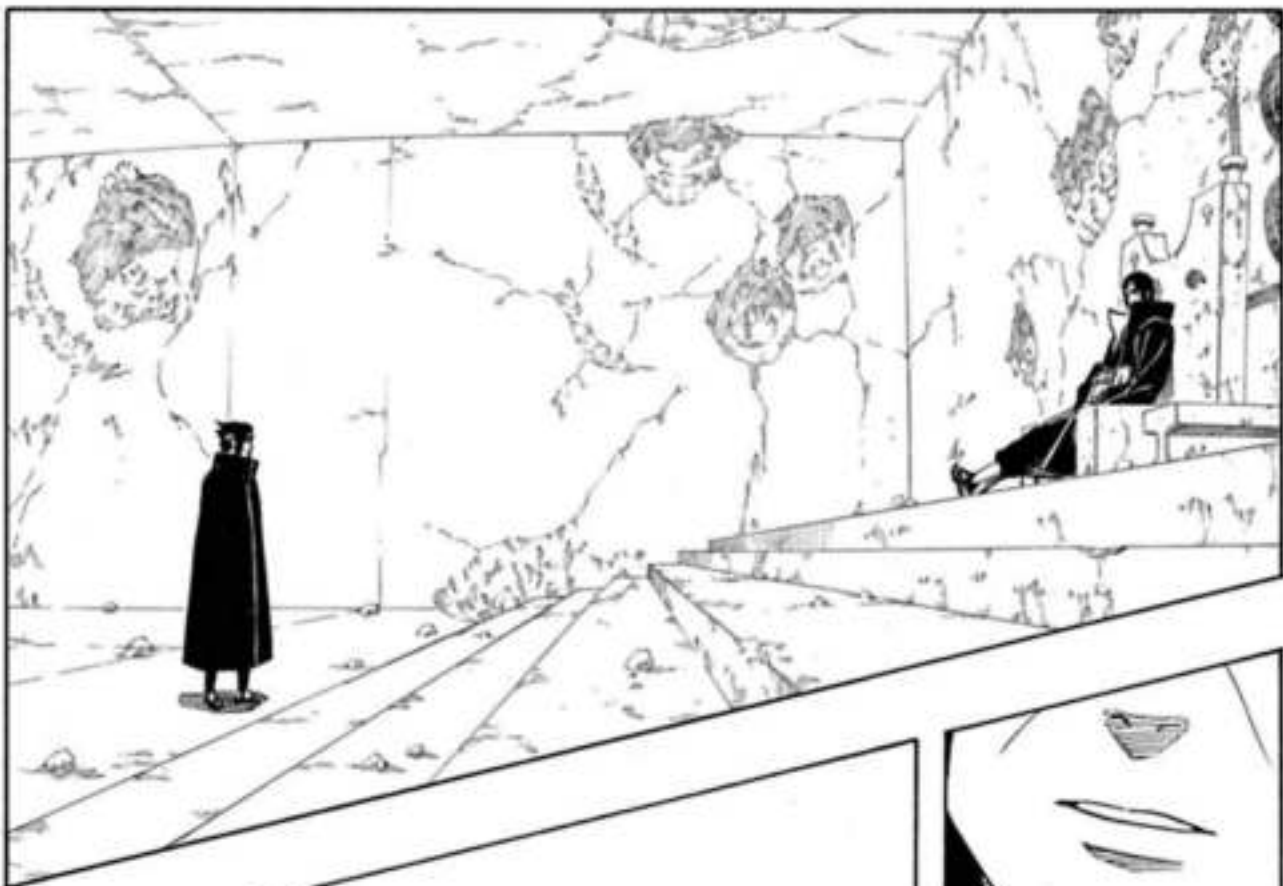












◀ READ THIS WAY ▶



...LET'S
GET
TO IT.

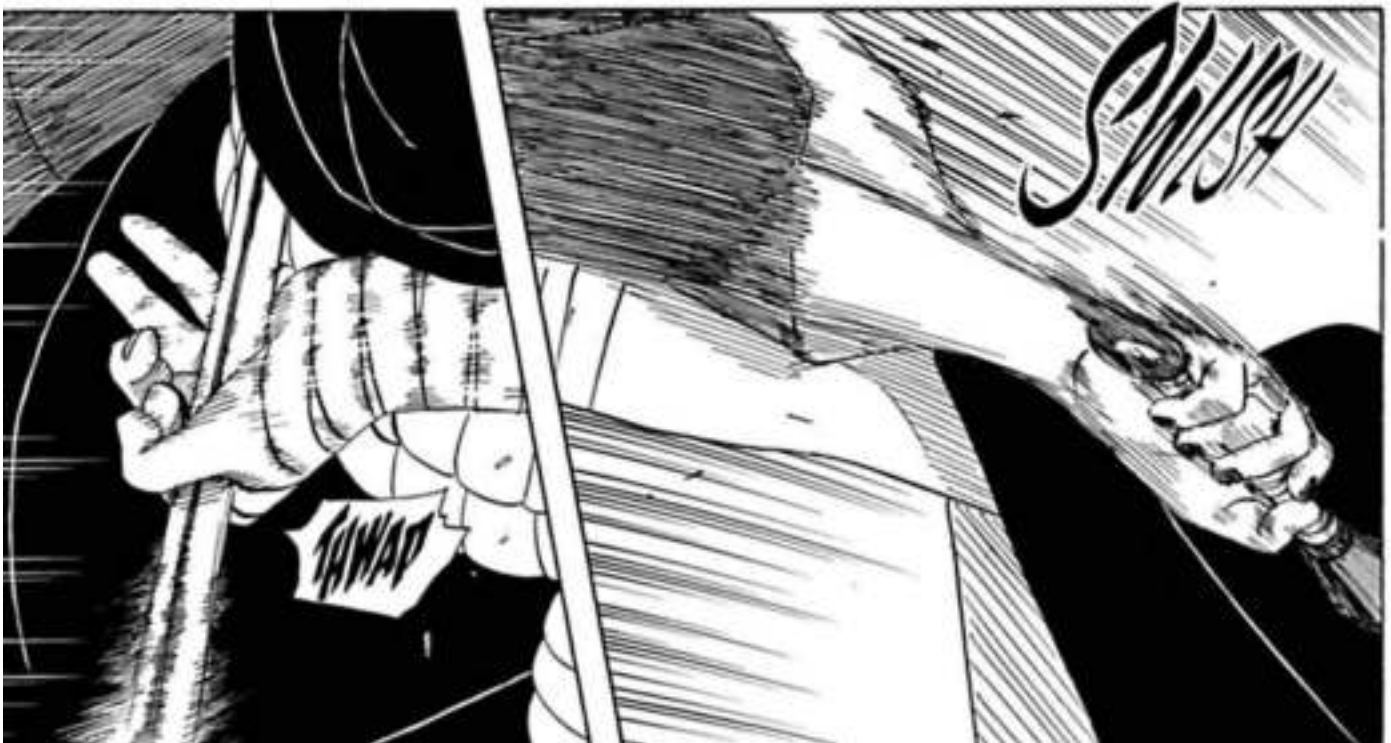


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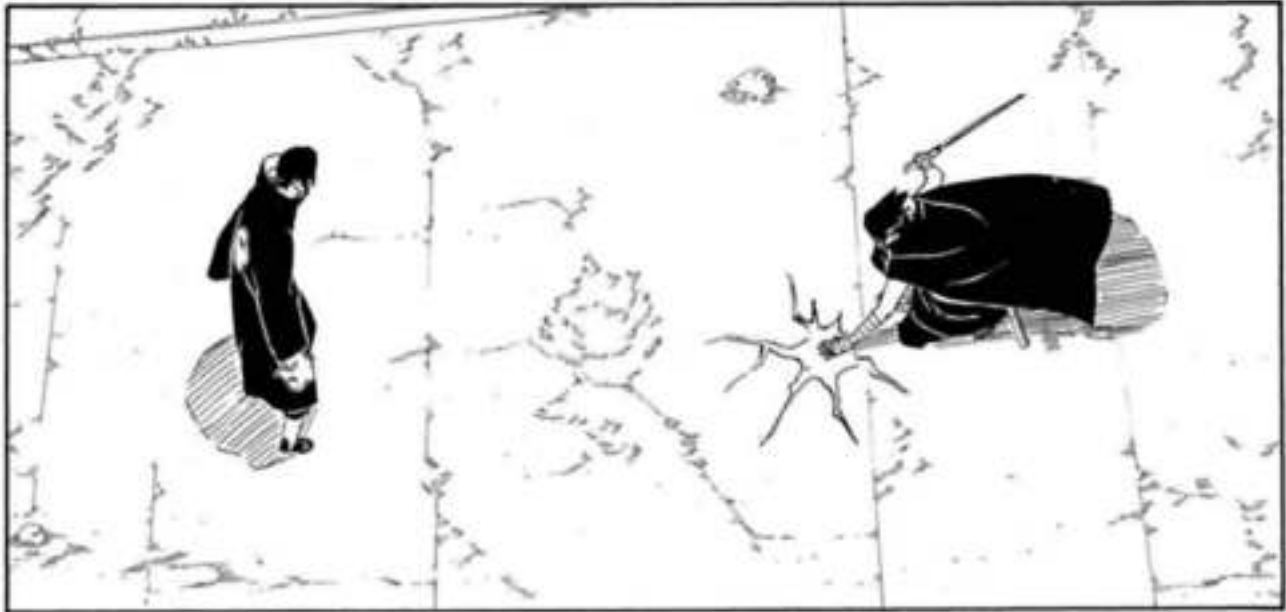




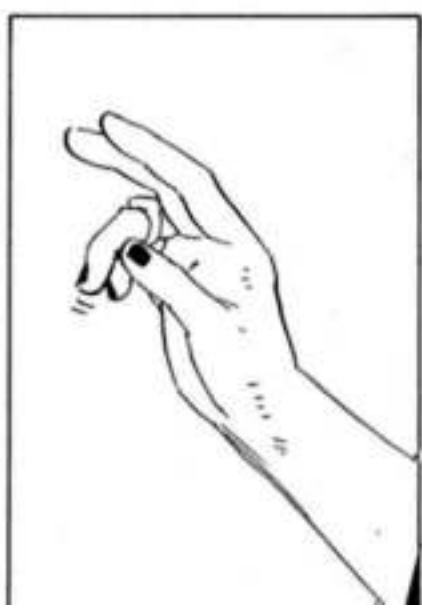
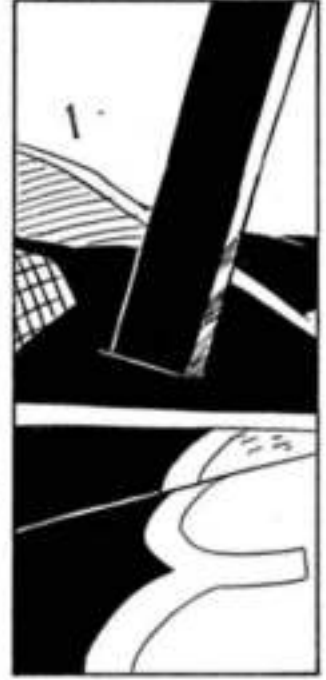


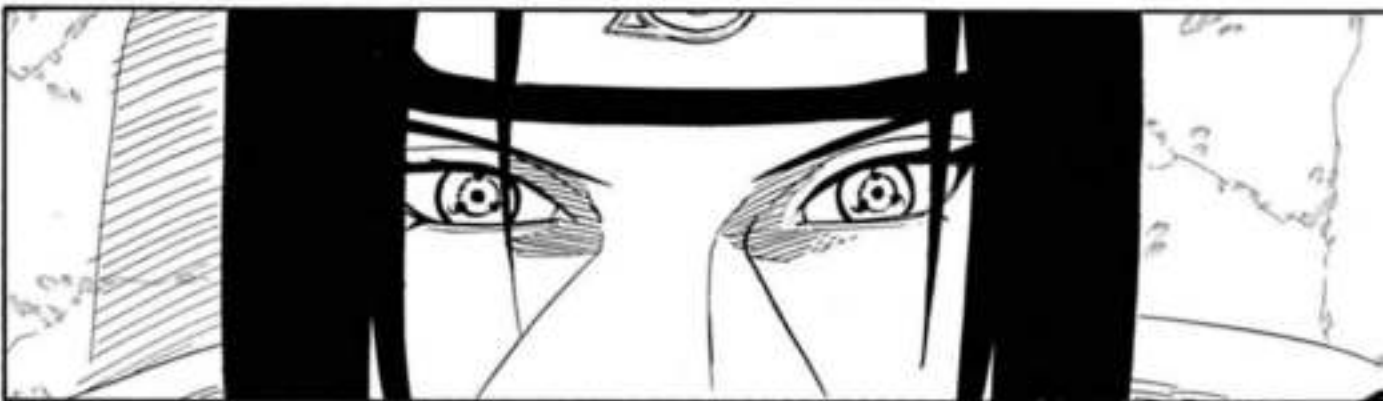


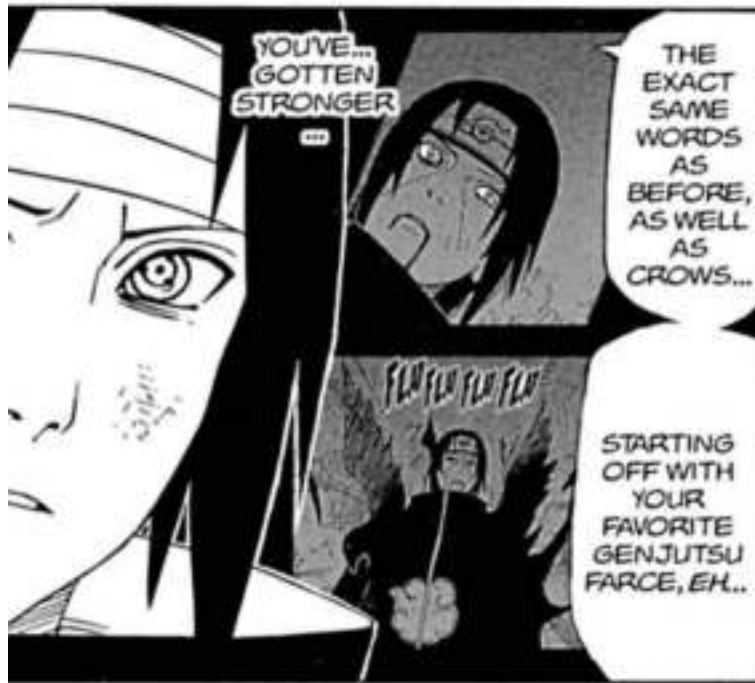






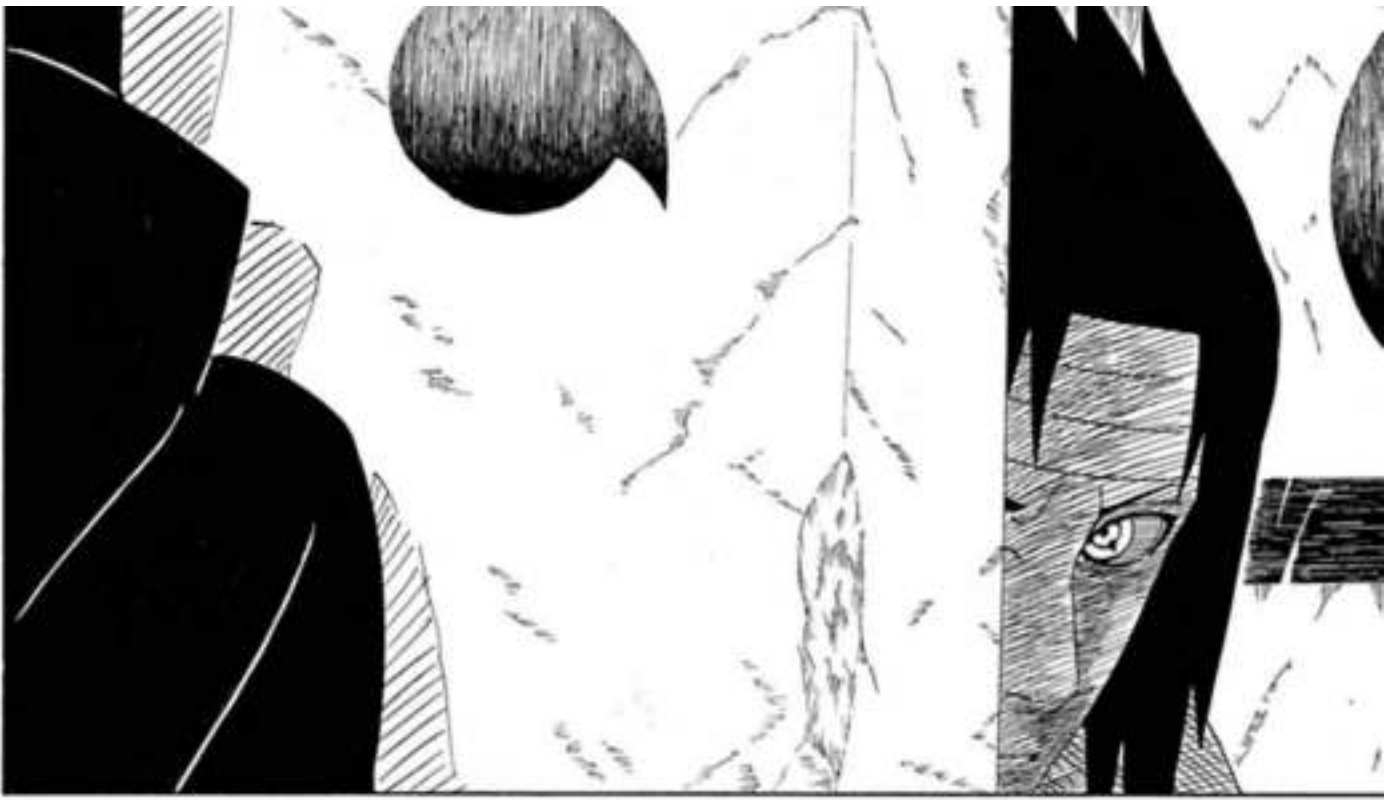


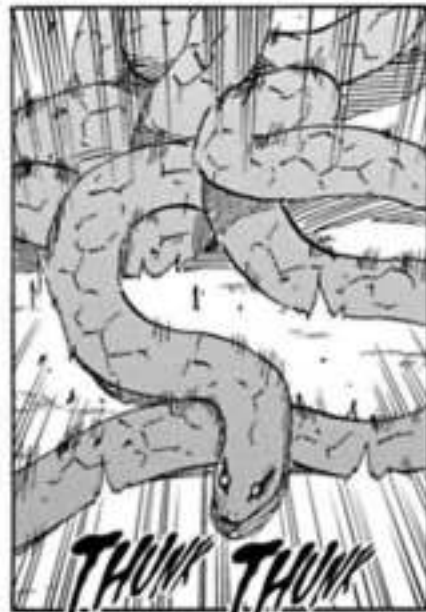
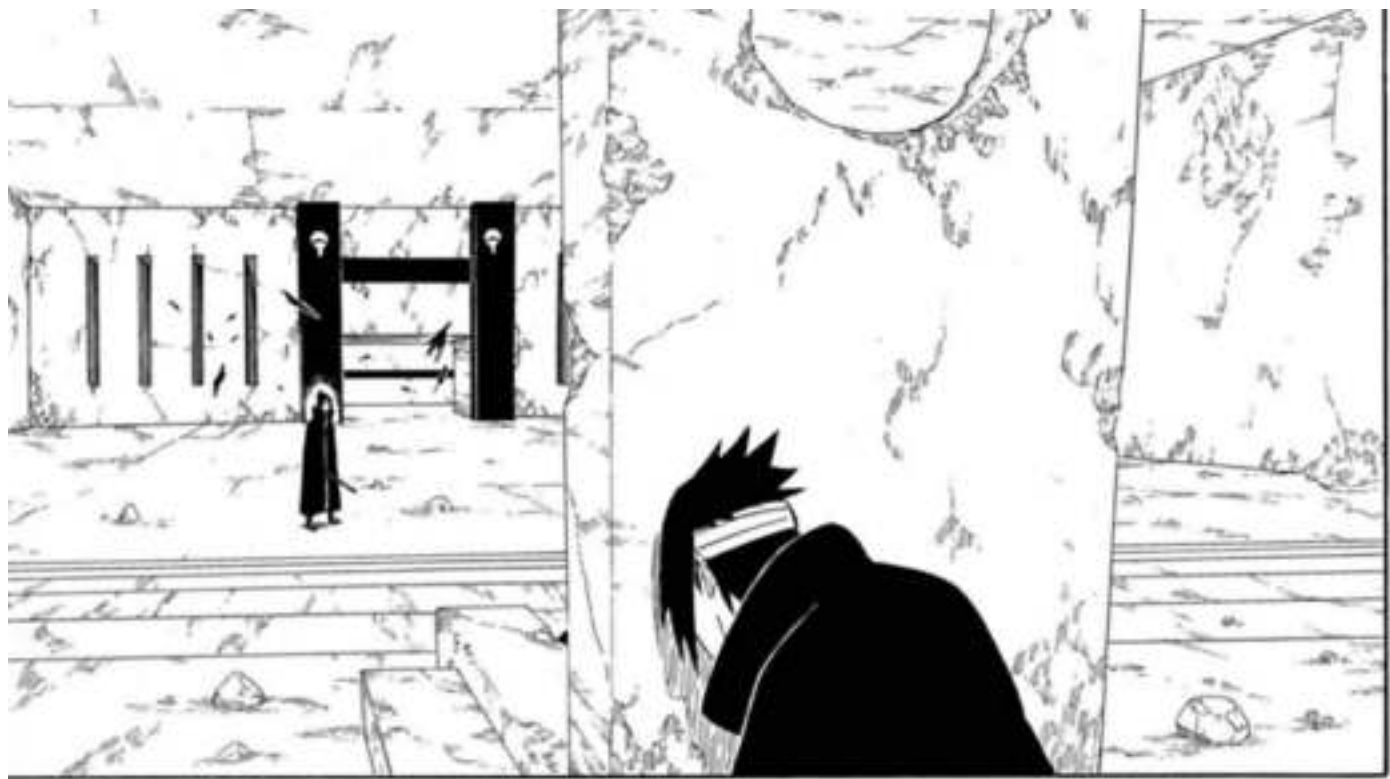







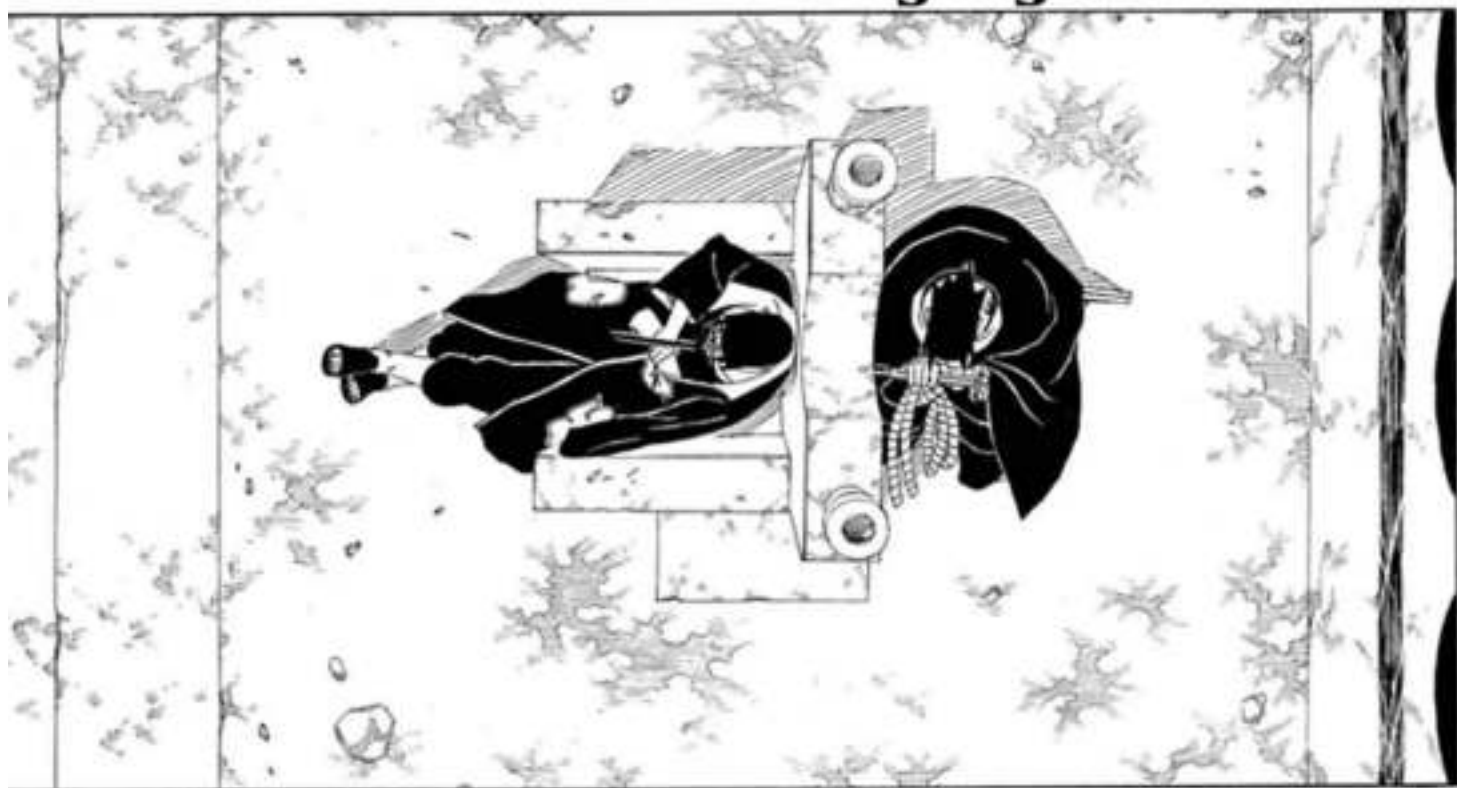






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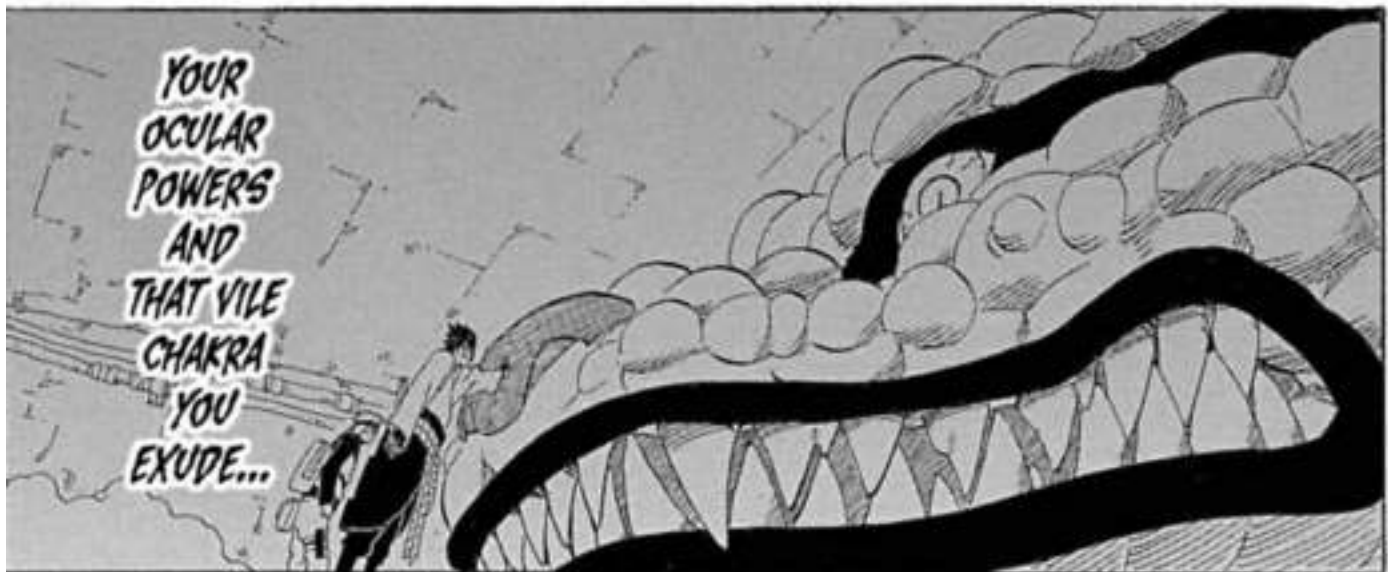
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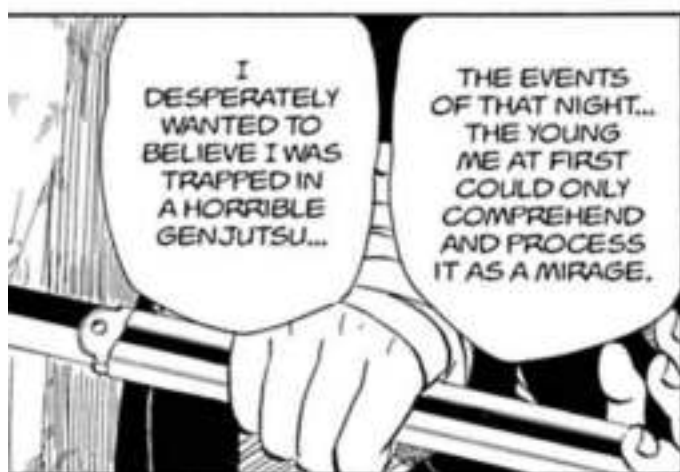














WELL, I'LL
ACCEPT
THOSE
WORDS,
FOR NOW
AT LEAST.

HEH...
BULLISH
WORDS AND
ATTITUDE,
AS ALWAYS.



MY
SHARINGAN
CAN SEE
THROUGH
GENJUTSU!

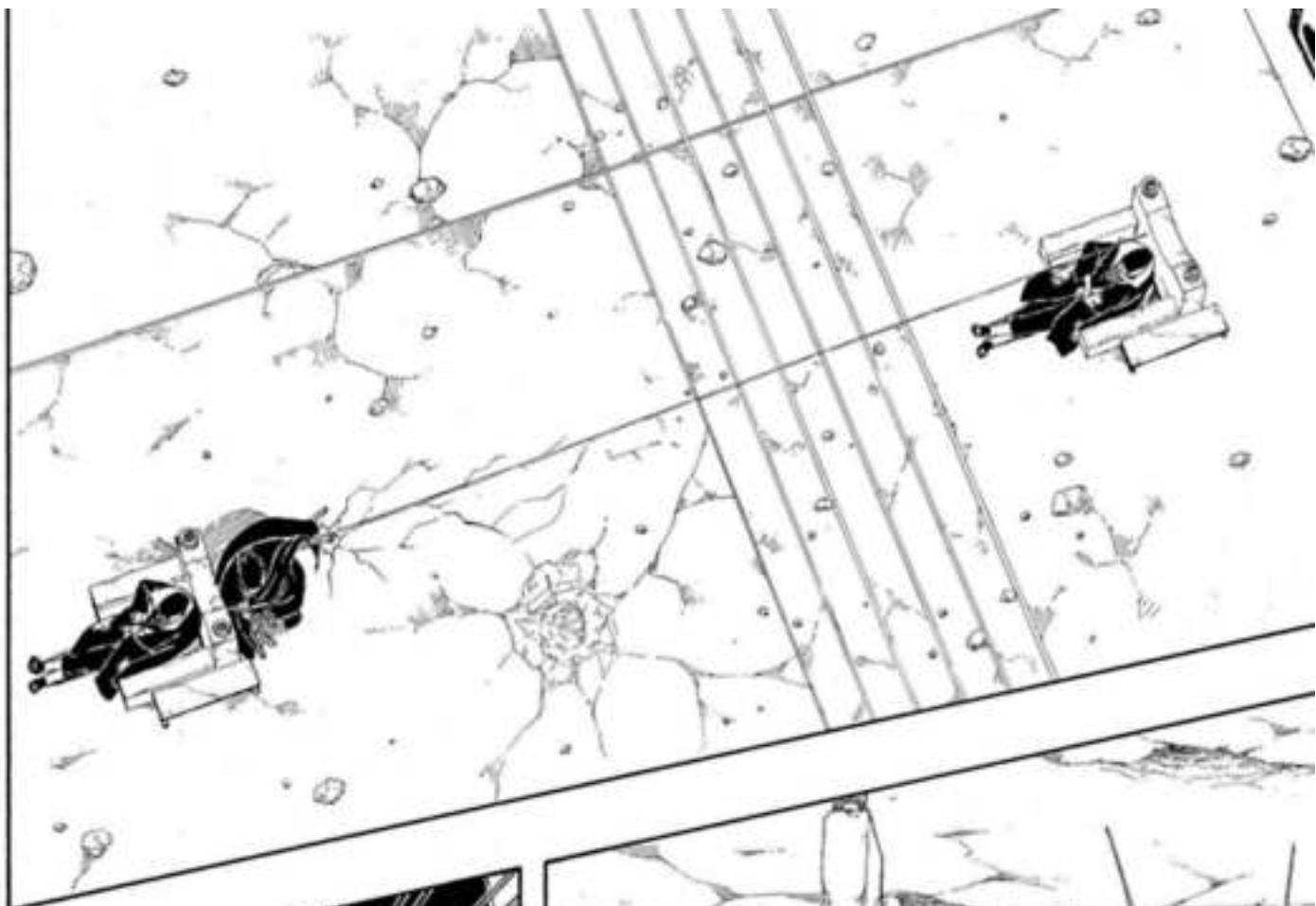


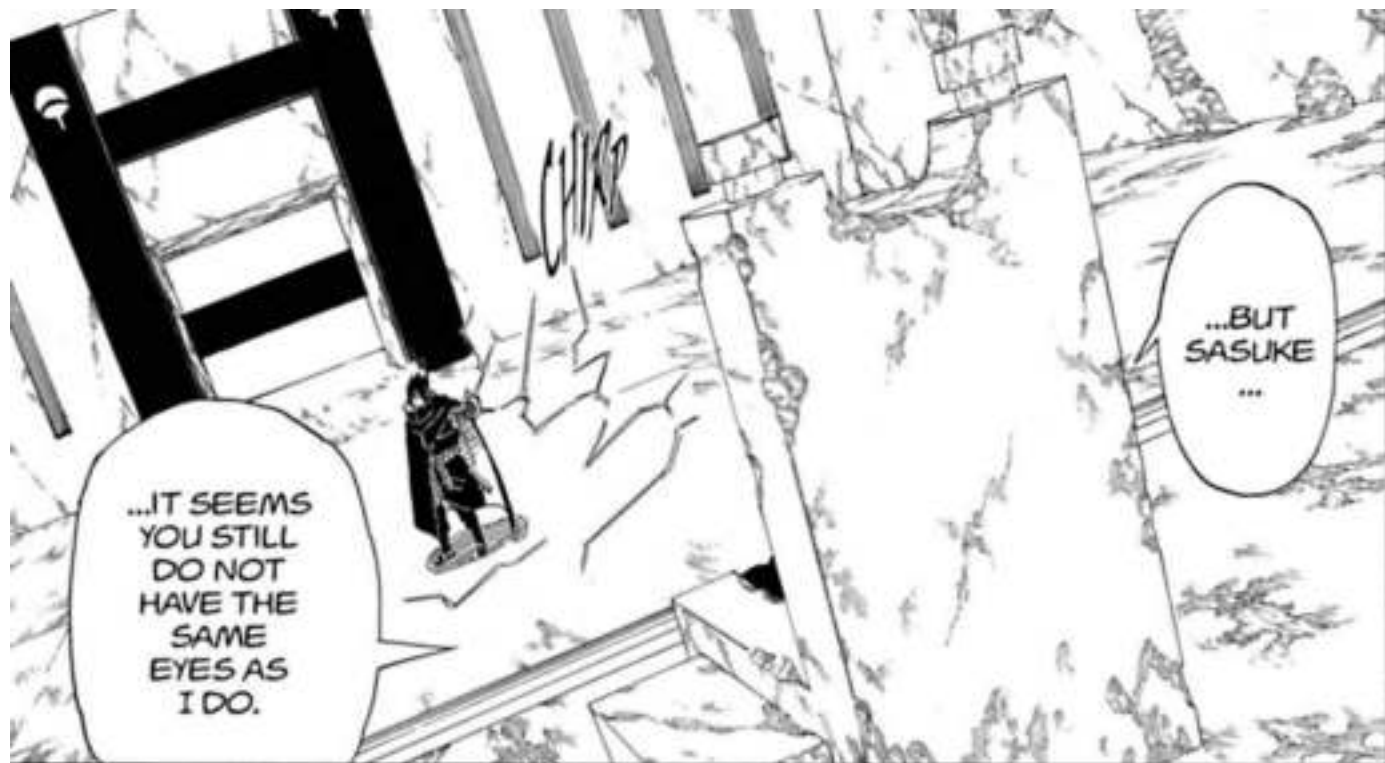
CHIRP
CHIRP

MY EYES
ARE NOT
THE SAME
AS THEY
WERE
BEFORE!

VERRRR











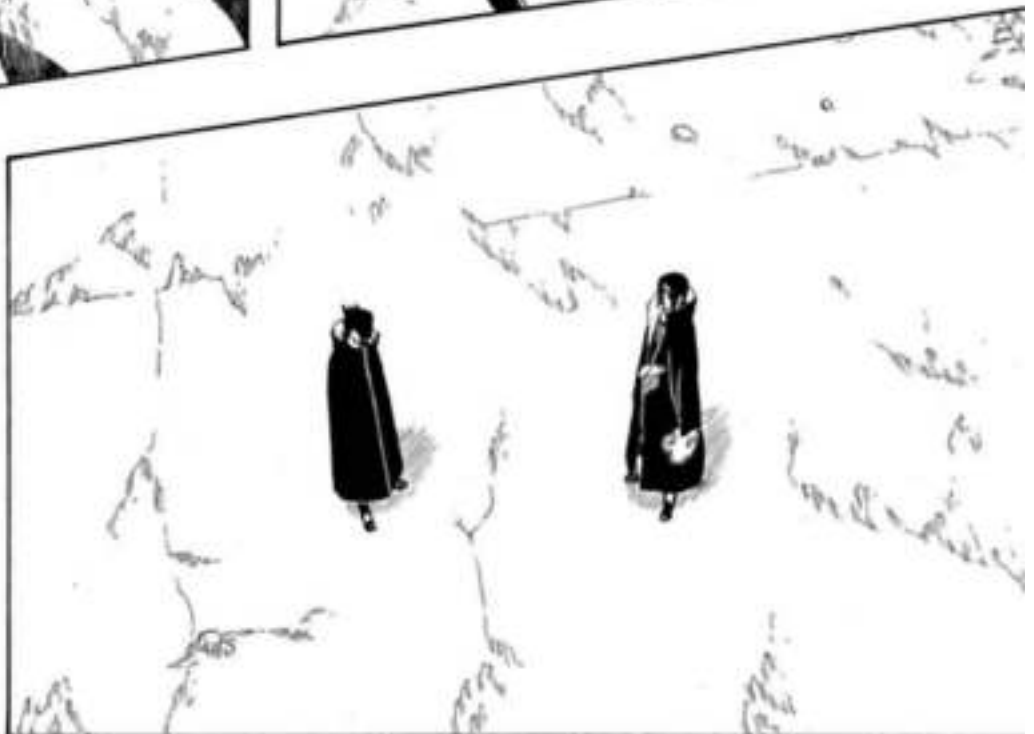




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Number 386: New Light...!!





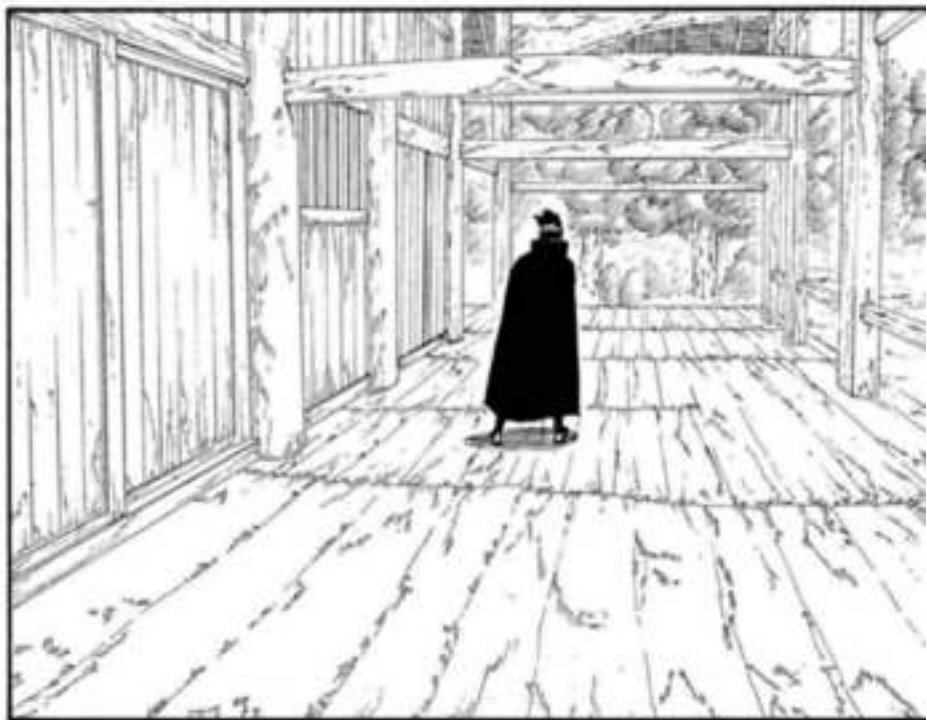




PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE UCHIHA.



MADARA ONCE HAD A SIBLING AS WELL.
...A YOUNGER BROTHER, IN FACT.





FROM WHEN THEY WERE CHILDREN, THE TWO CONSTANTLY TESTED AND HONED THEIR SKILLS AGAINST EACH OTHER.



...AND MADE NAMES FOR THEMSELVES WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THEIR CLAN.



EVENTUALLY, THEY BOTH AWAKENED THEIR SHARINGAN...



THIS, THE TWO...



THE TWO CONTINUED TO PUSH EACH OTHER, EVER SEEKING TO ADVANCE THEIR OCULAR POWERS...



...CAME TO
AWAKEN
THE
MANGEKYO
SHARINGAN.



...AND
OLDER
BROTHER
MADARA
WAS
NAMED
LEADER.

AND THE
BROTHERS
USED
THEIR
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TO UNITE
THE CLAN...



IT HAD
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AMONG
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UCHIHA.

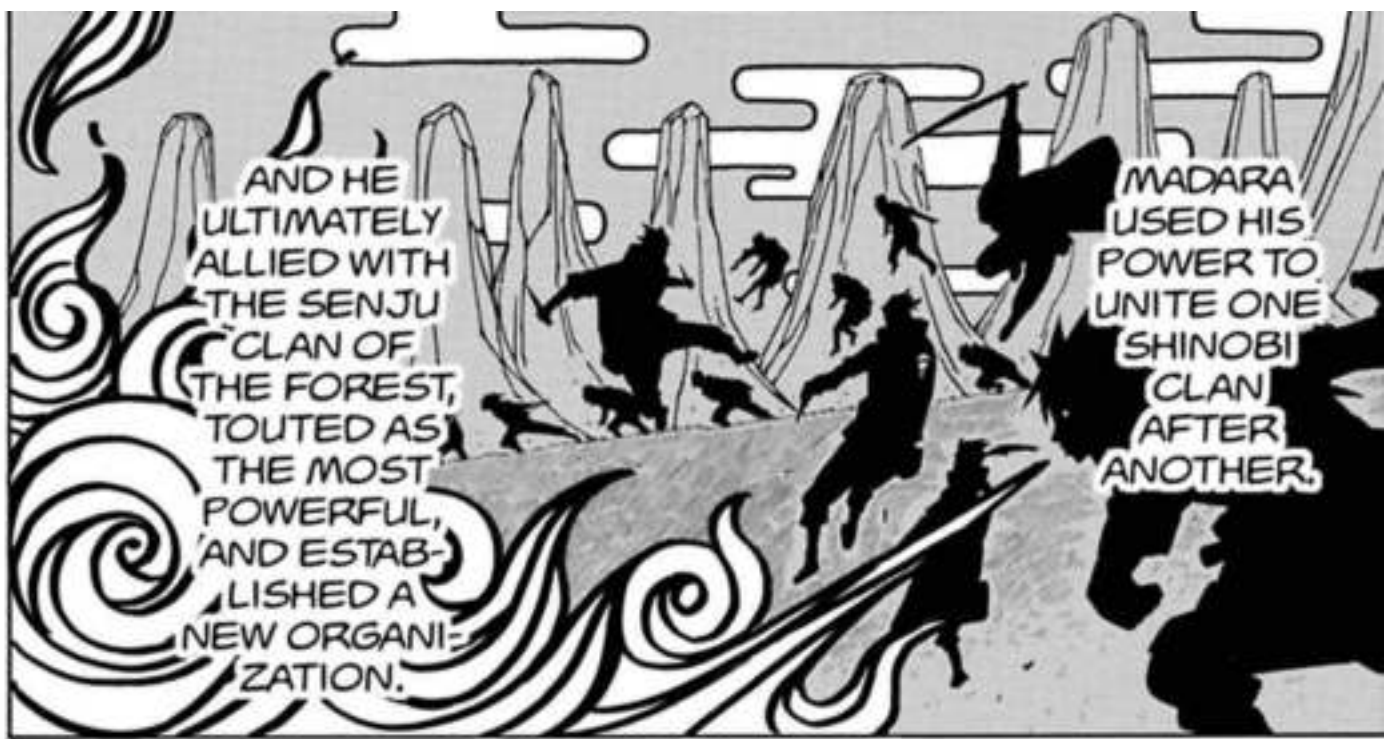






THESE TRUTHS WERE ONLY GRADUALLY DISCOVERED OVER TIME, AFTER MANY, MANY SACRIFICES... AND NOT EVERYONE OBTAINED NEW POWERS FROM THIS METHOD, EITHER. HOWEVER, THIS GIVE-AND-TAKE COULD ONLY TAKE PLACE WITHIN AND BETWEEN CLAN MEMBERS.





AND HE ULTIMATELY ALLIED WITH THE SENJU CLAN OF THE FOREST, TOUTED AS THE MOST POWERFUL, AND ESTABLISHED A NEW ORGANIZATION.

MADARA USED HIS POWER TO UNITE ONE SHINOBI CLAN AFTER ANOTHER.



THAT WHICH WOULD ONE DAY BE KNOWN AS KONOHA-GAKURE..



HE MAY HAVE LOST THAT FIGHT FOR LEADERSHIP, BUT MADARA LIVES ON, ALONG WITH HIS OCULAR POWER...



LATER, MADARA CONFRONTED THE LEADER OF THE SENJU CLAN, THE FUTURE FIRST HOKAGE, OVER THE COURSE THE VILLAGE WOULD TAKE...



BUT THAT TOO, THE FOURTH HOKAGE STOPPED. IN SHORT...

SIXTEEN YEARS AGO... WHEN NINE TAILS ASSAULTED KONOHA, THAT WAS MADARA'S DOING, OF COURSE.



HE HAS BEEN HIDING HIMSELF AMONG THE SHADOWS AND CREATING A NEW ORGANIZATION, THE AKATSUKI.



MADARA IS A BITTER, DEFEATED DOG...

...HE IS NOT WORTHY OR CAPABLE OF GRASPING UCHIHA'S TRUE GREATNESS.



AND NOW...

...I CAN FINALLY OBTAIN POWER THAT EXCEEDS MADARA'S!



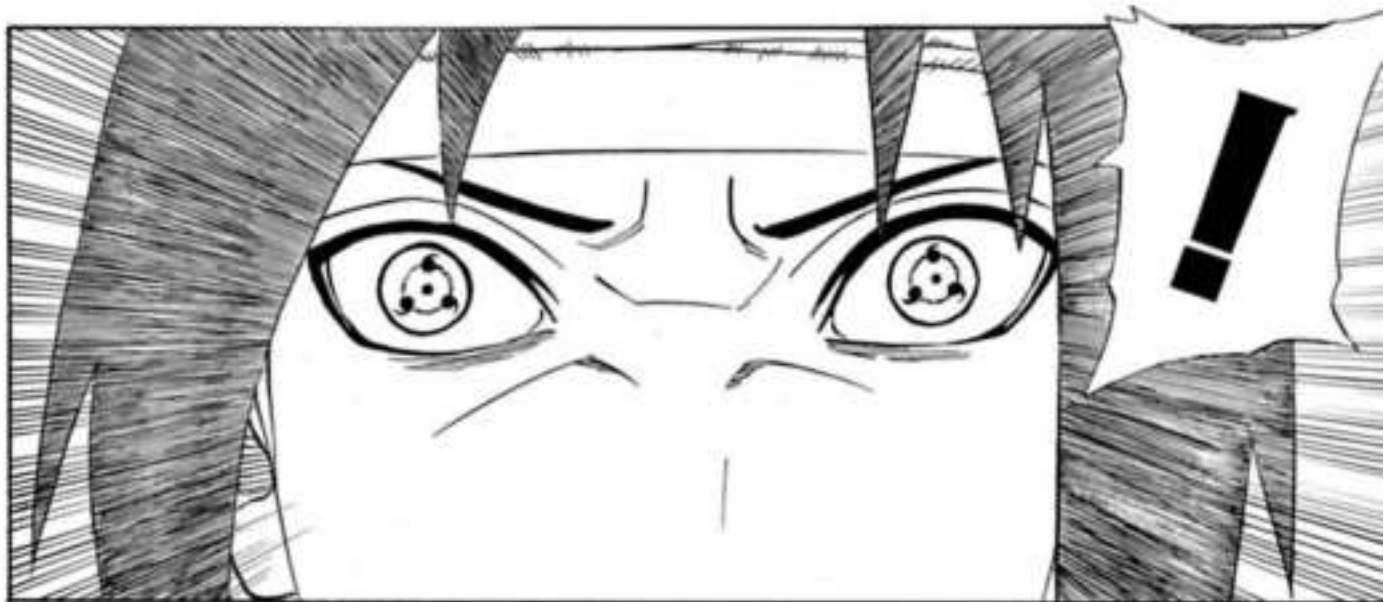
...WHO SHALL SURPASS MADARA AND BECOME THE ULTIMATE SHINOBI!

...I AM THE ONE...



SASUKE!!

YOU ARE MY NEW LIGHT!



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AND FROM THE TIME YOU WERE BORN INTO OUR CLAN...

...YOU TOO WERE ENTWINED IN ITS BLOOD-SOAKED DESTINY!!

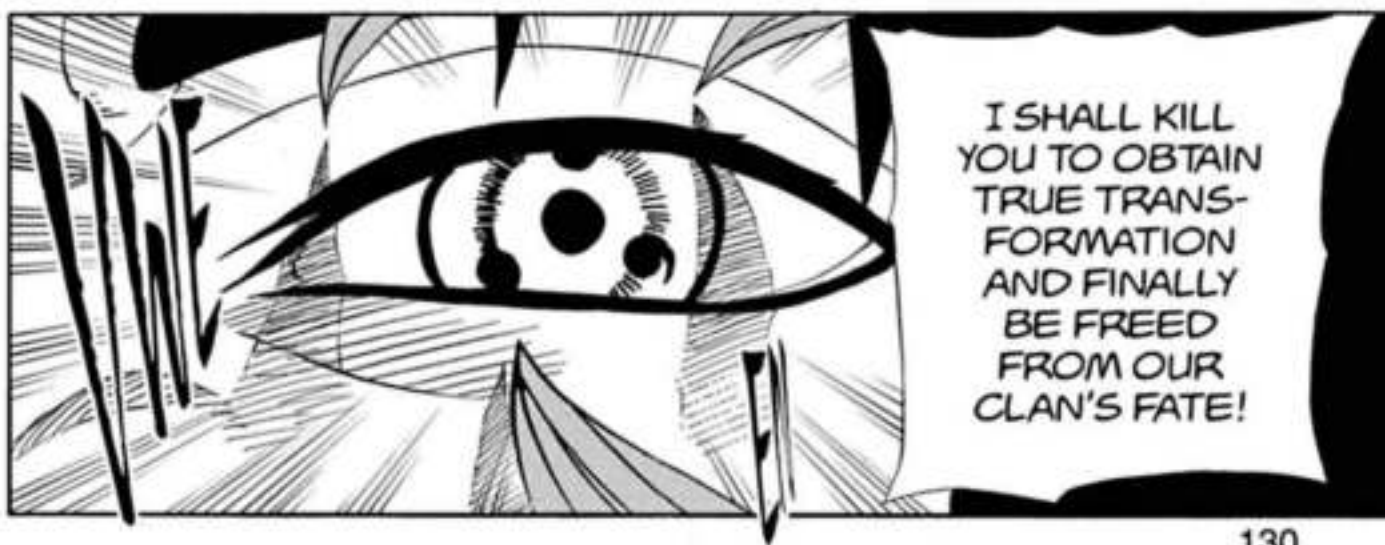


WE ARE OF A DEFILED BLOOD-LINE THAT HAS FLAUNTED ITS STRENGTH IN SUCH A MANNER THROUGHOUT THE AGES!!



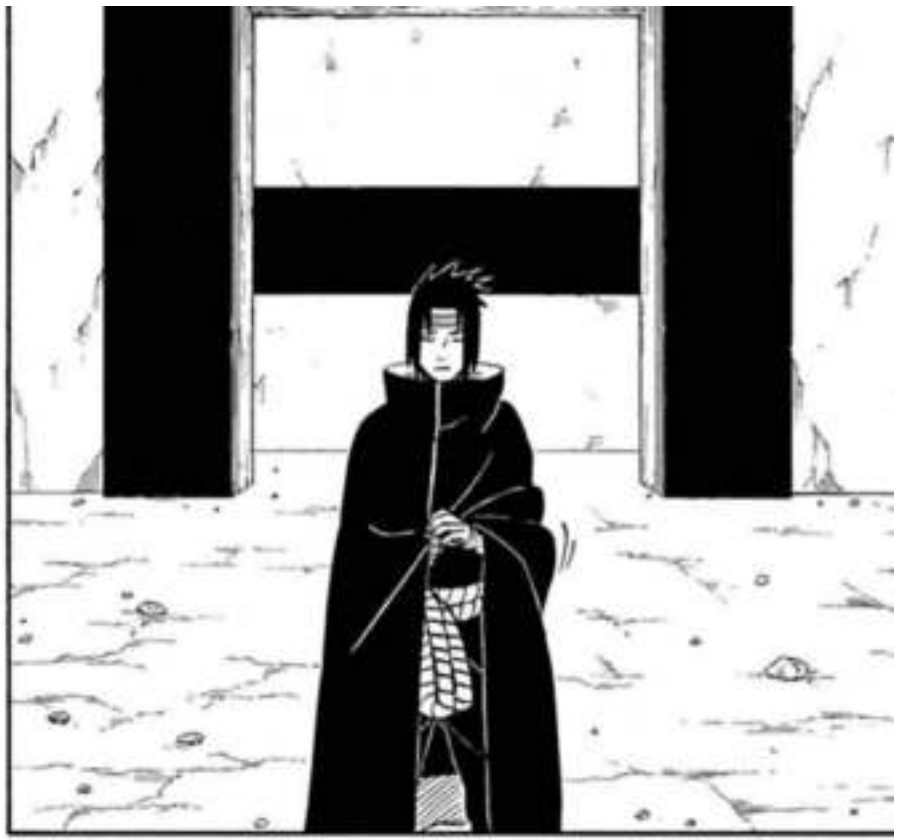
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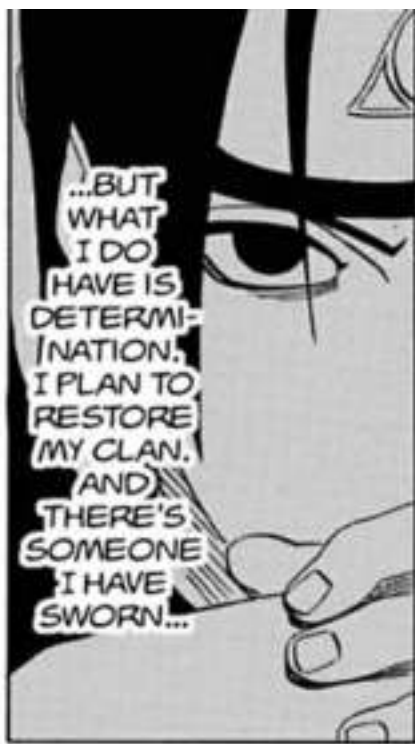
...MY LITTLE BROTHER!!



I SHALL KILL YOU TO OBTAIN TRUE TRANSFORMATION AND FINALLY BE FREED FROM OUR CLAN'S FATE!



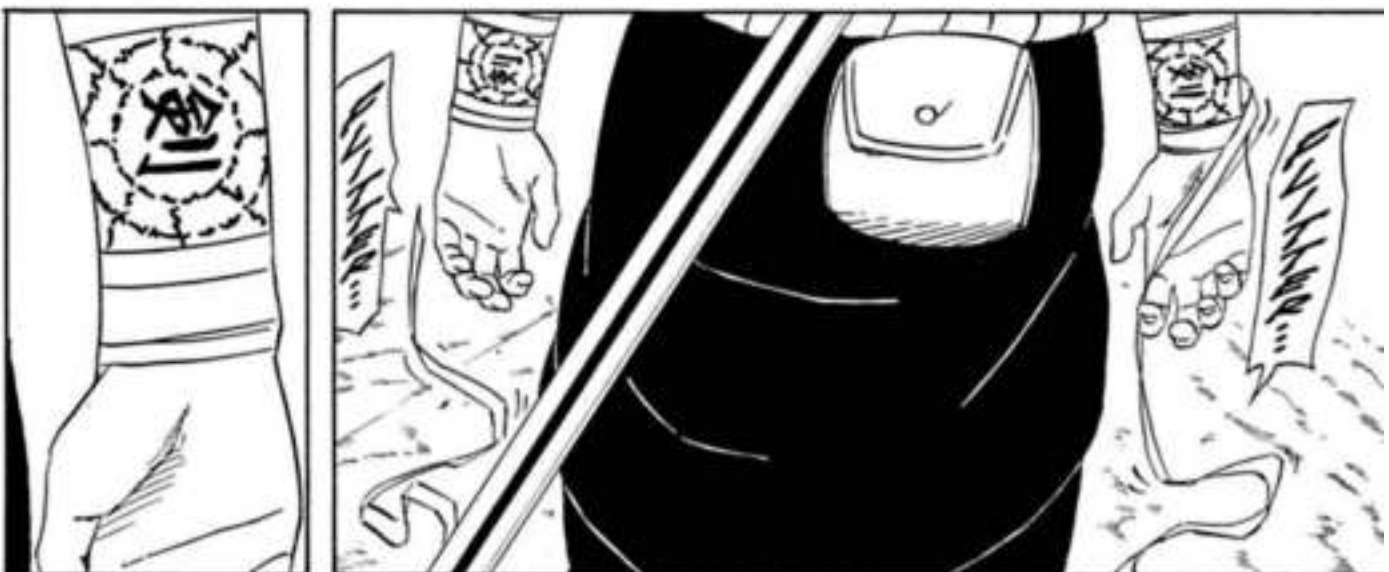




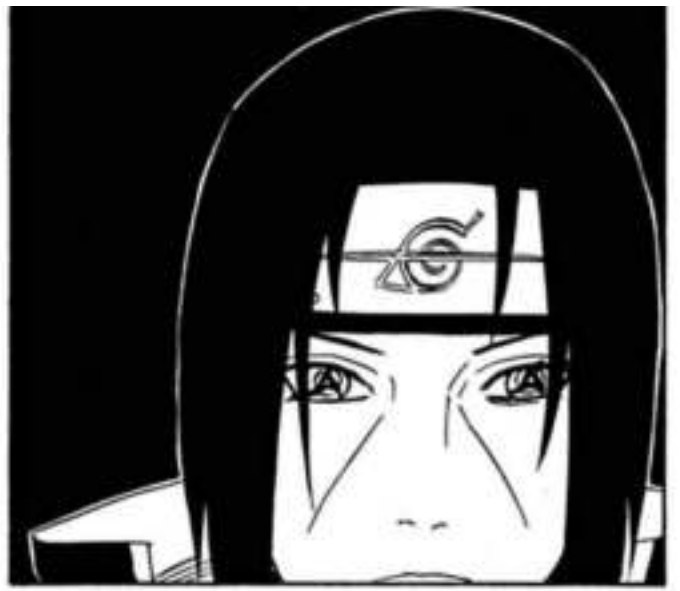
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 Number 387: Reality...!!

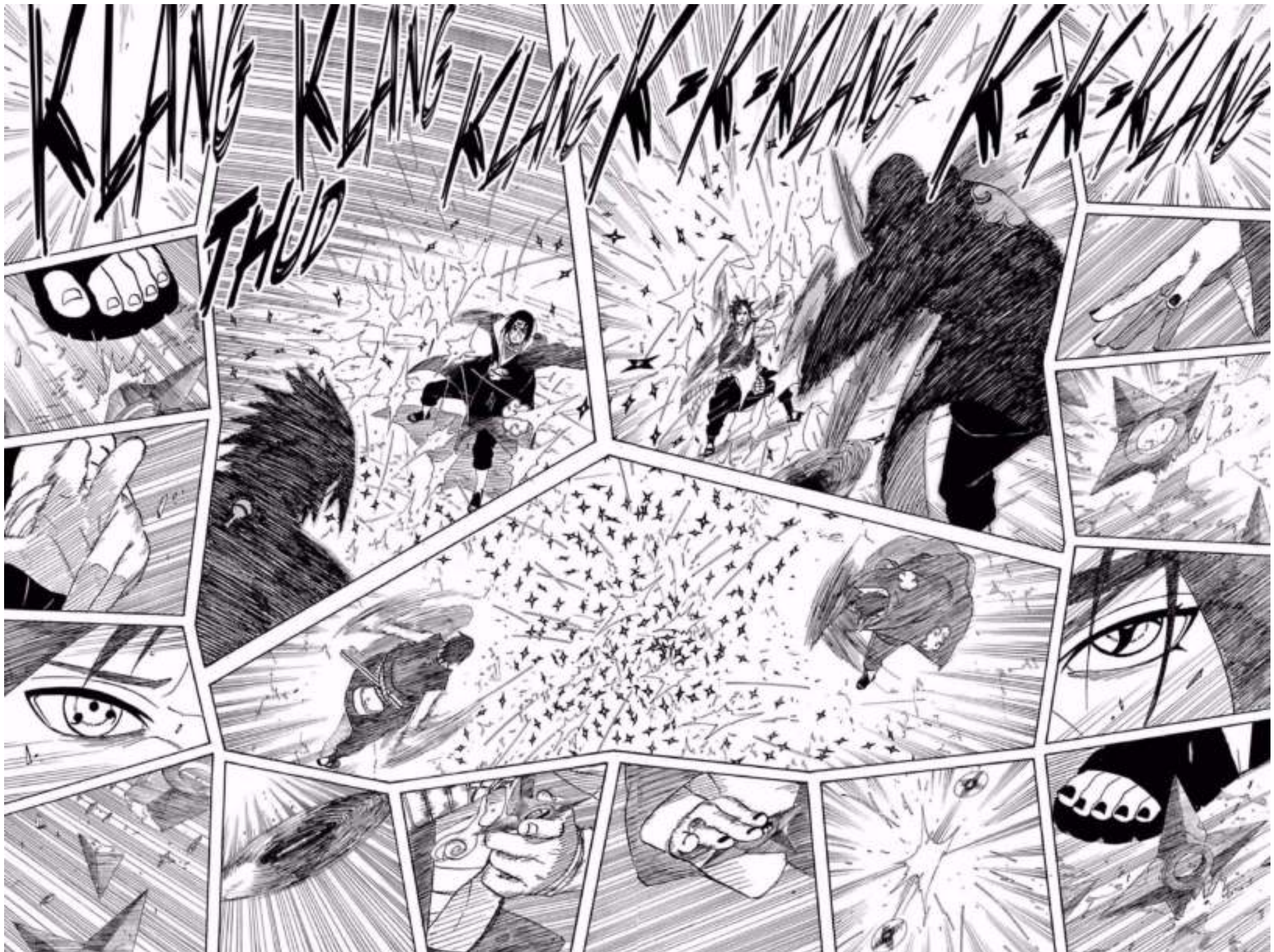




















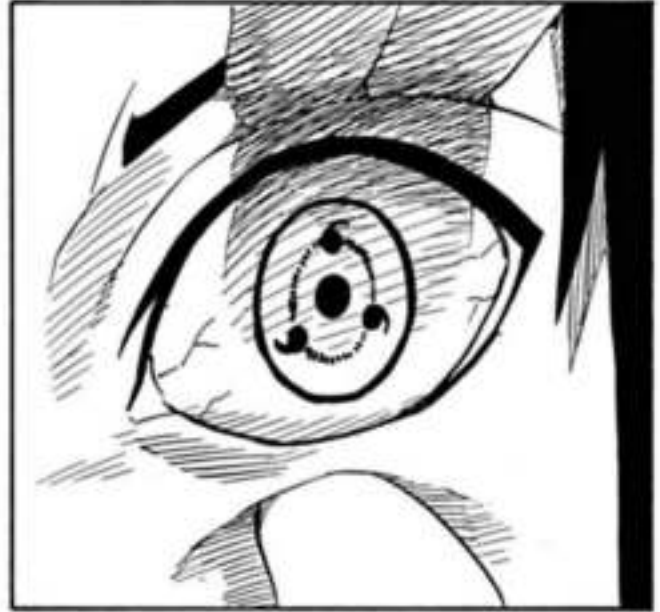








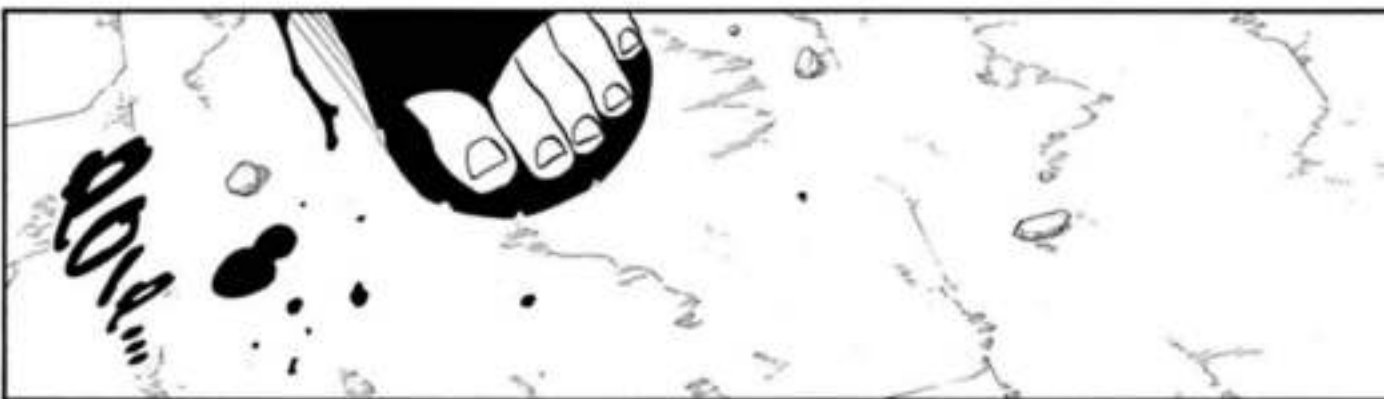






 Number 388: Variance of Strength...!!

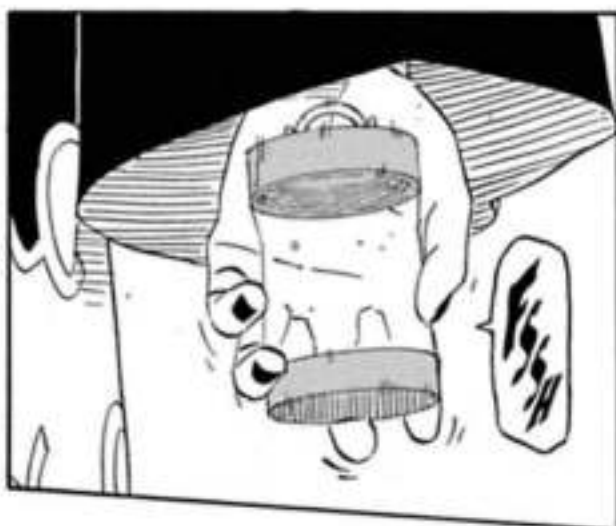






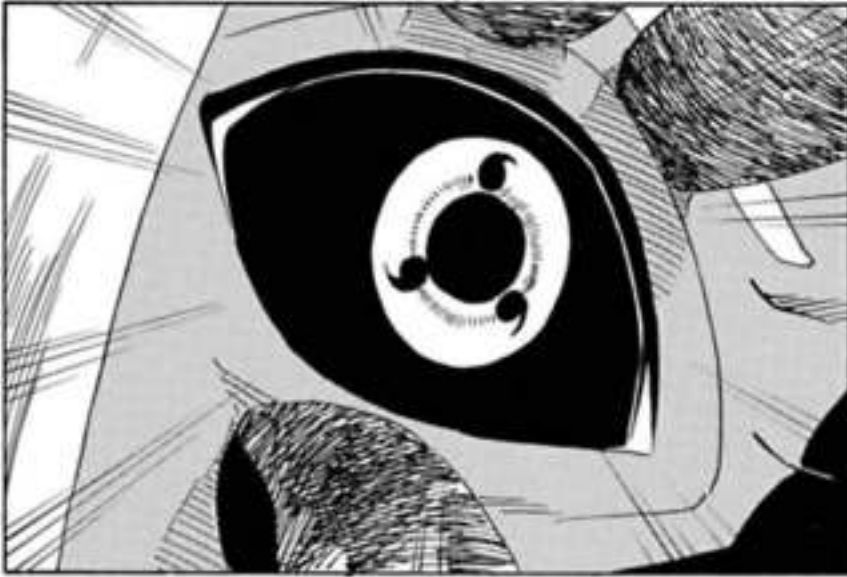


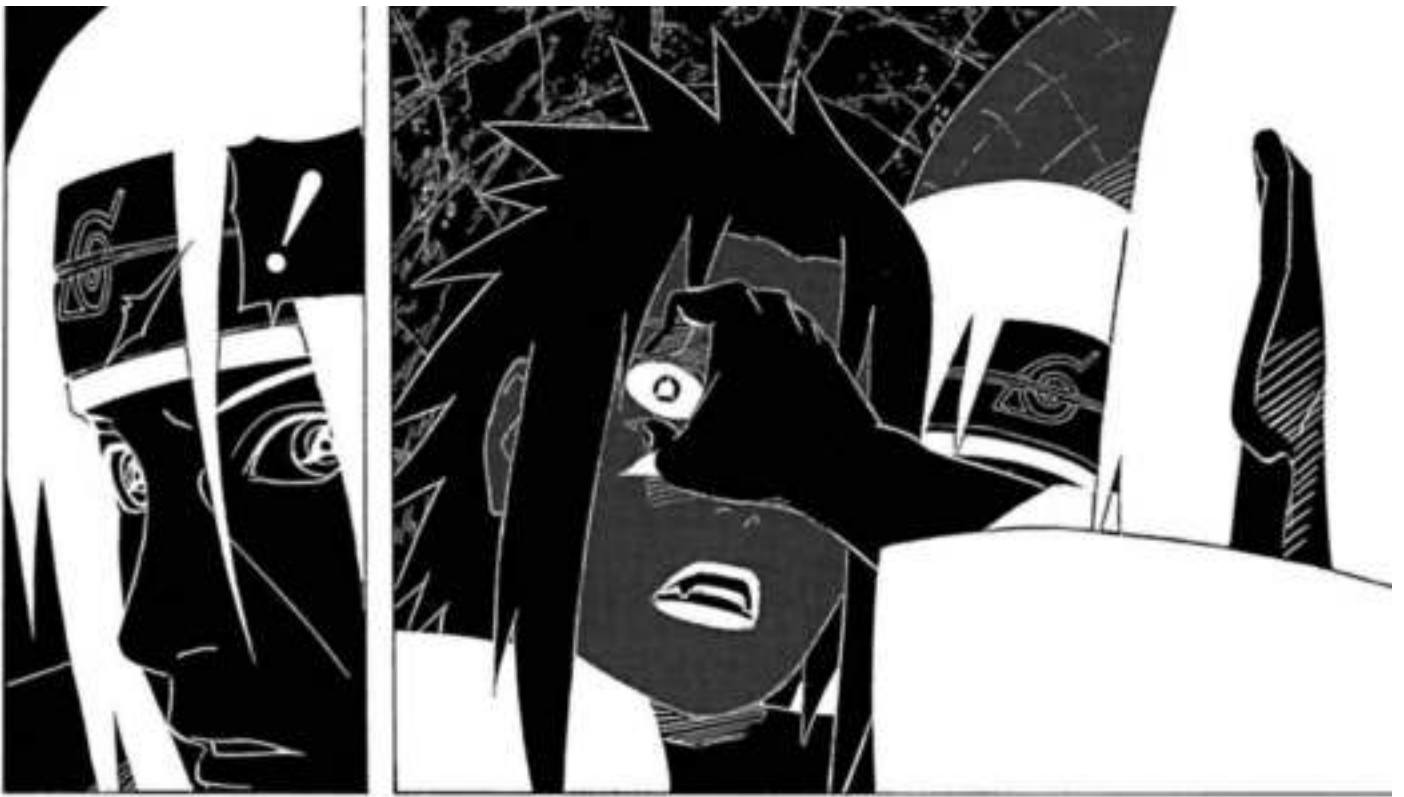


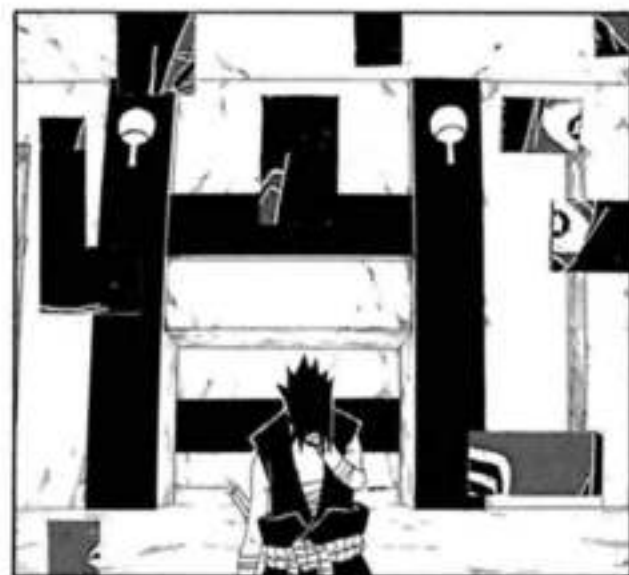
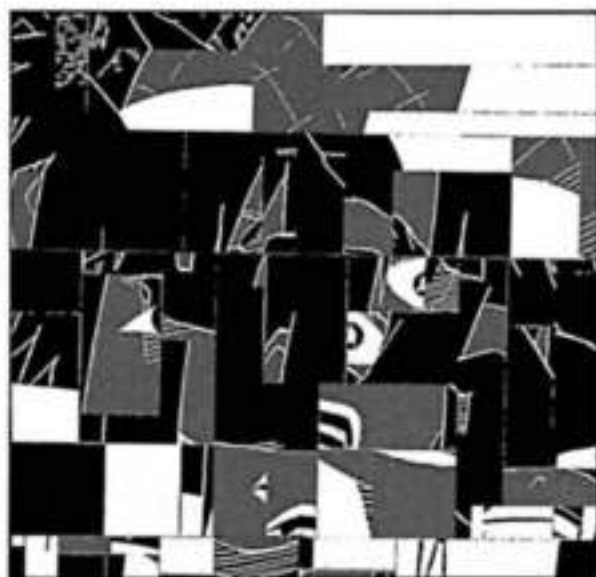
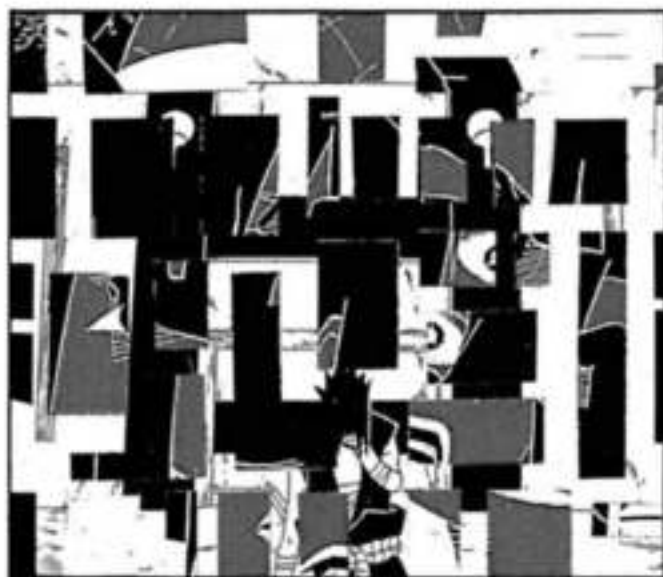






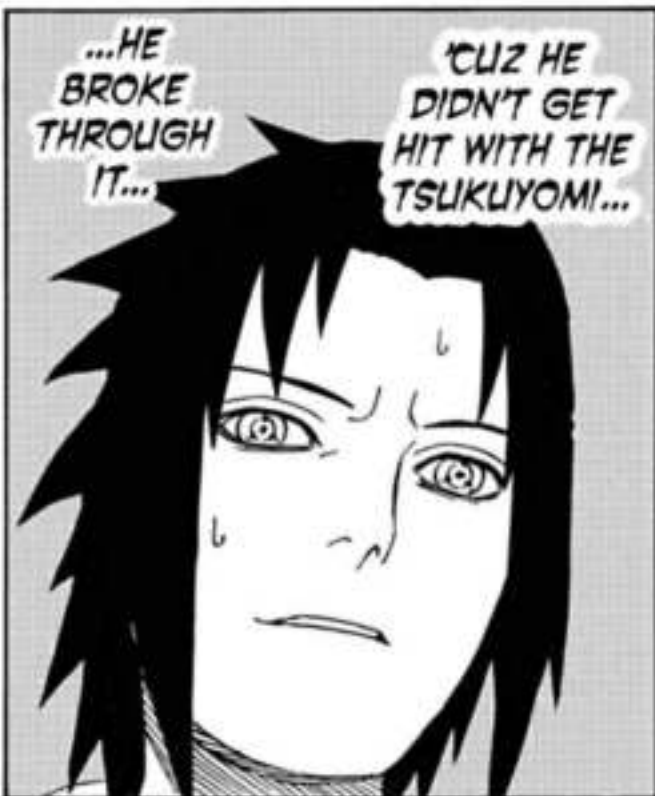
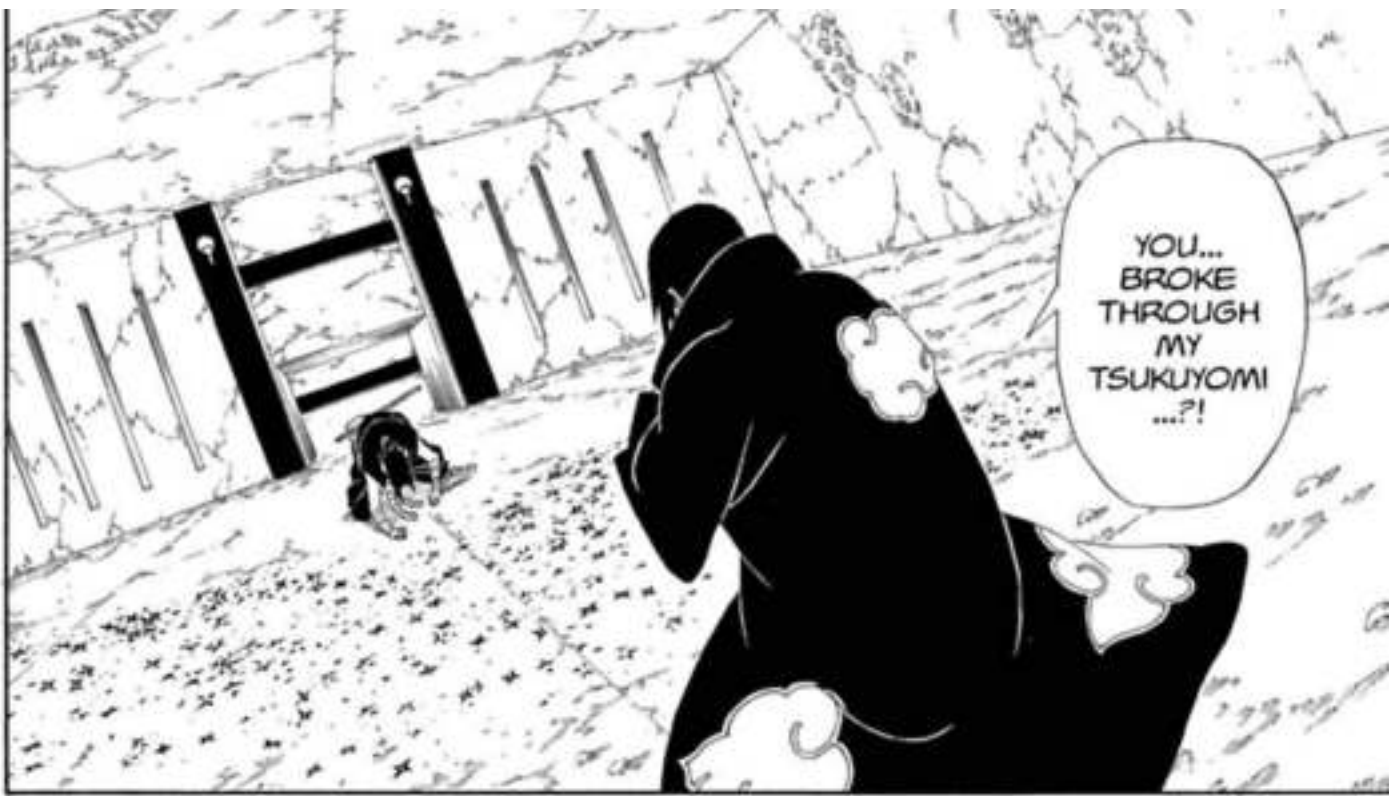














THE ORDINARY SHARINGAN IS STILL A WEAPON.

AND A WEAPON CAN BE EITHER STRONG OR WEAK DEPENDING ON THE ABILITY OF THE PERSON WIELDING IT.



SOMEONE WHO ONLY HAS ORDINARY SHARINGAN ISN'T SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO WIN AGAINST THE MANGEKYO!

WHAT ?!



SO THE POINT IS THEIR VARIANCE IN STRENGTH... THAT SASUKE'S TALENT HAS EXCEEDED ITACHI'S IMAGINATION.

SOMEONE CARRYING SHURIKEN MIGHT STILL LOSE TO PEBBLES THROWN BY AN ADEPT.



TURN FANTASY INTO REALITY... EH.

HEH...



...I'LL USE MY HATRED TO TURN FANTASY INTO REALITY!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU USE THOSE EYES OF YOURS...





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 Number 389: Sasuke's Flow!!





IS THIS IT, THE AMATE-RASU?!



HOW QUICK! HE'S PLANNING TO NOT LET ITACHI WEAVE SIGNS!



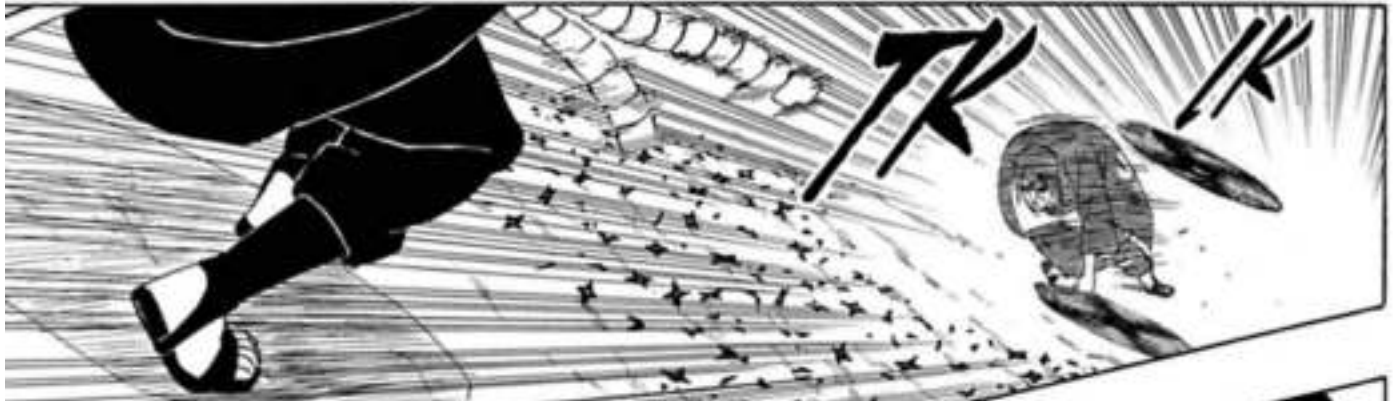


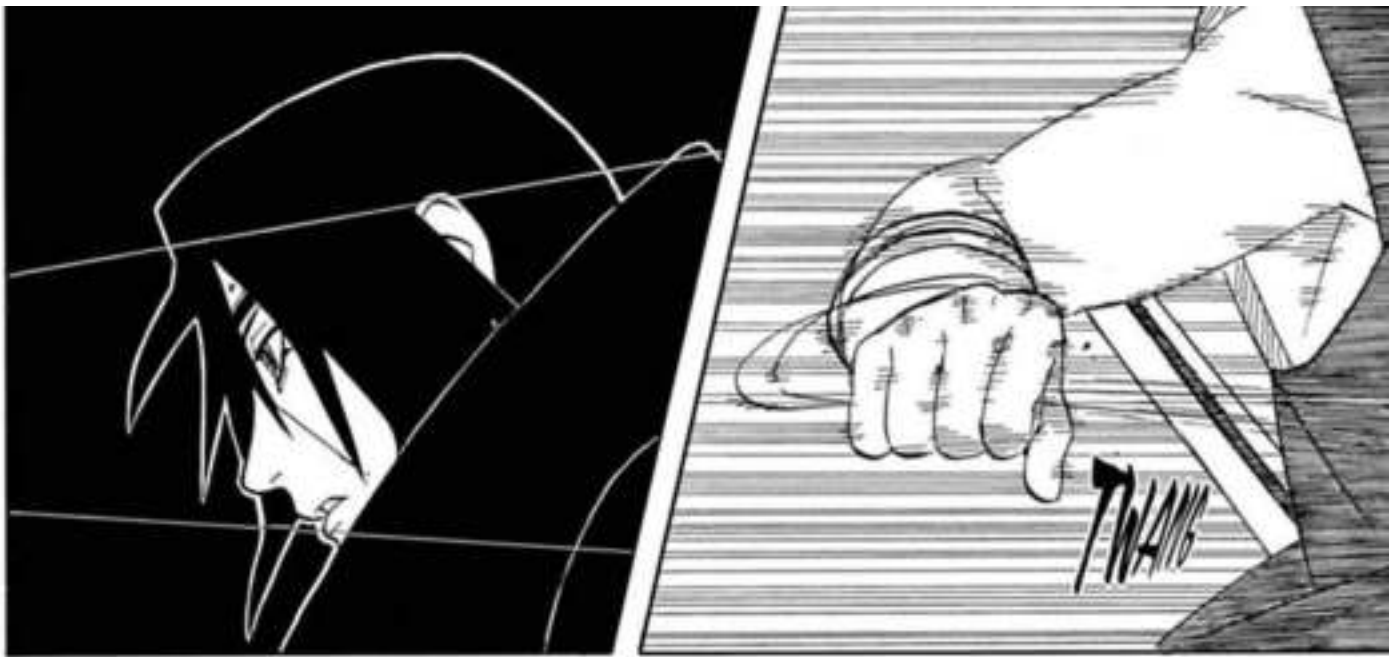
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THIS IS THE ART OF THE SHADOW SHURIKEN!











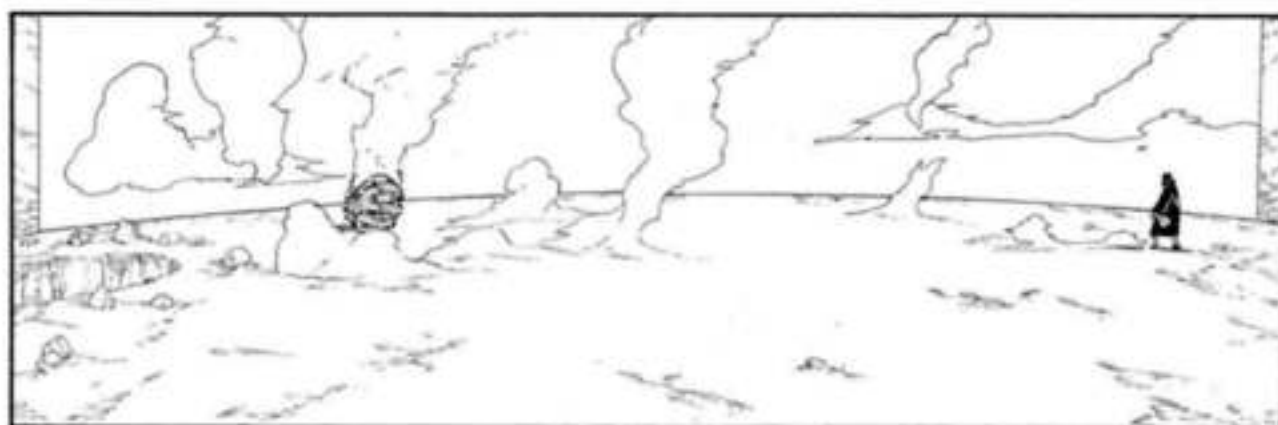






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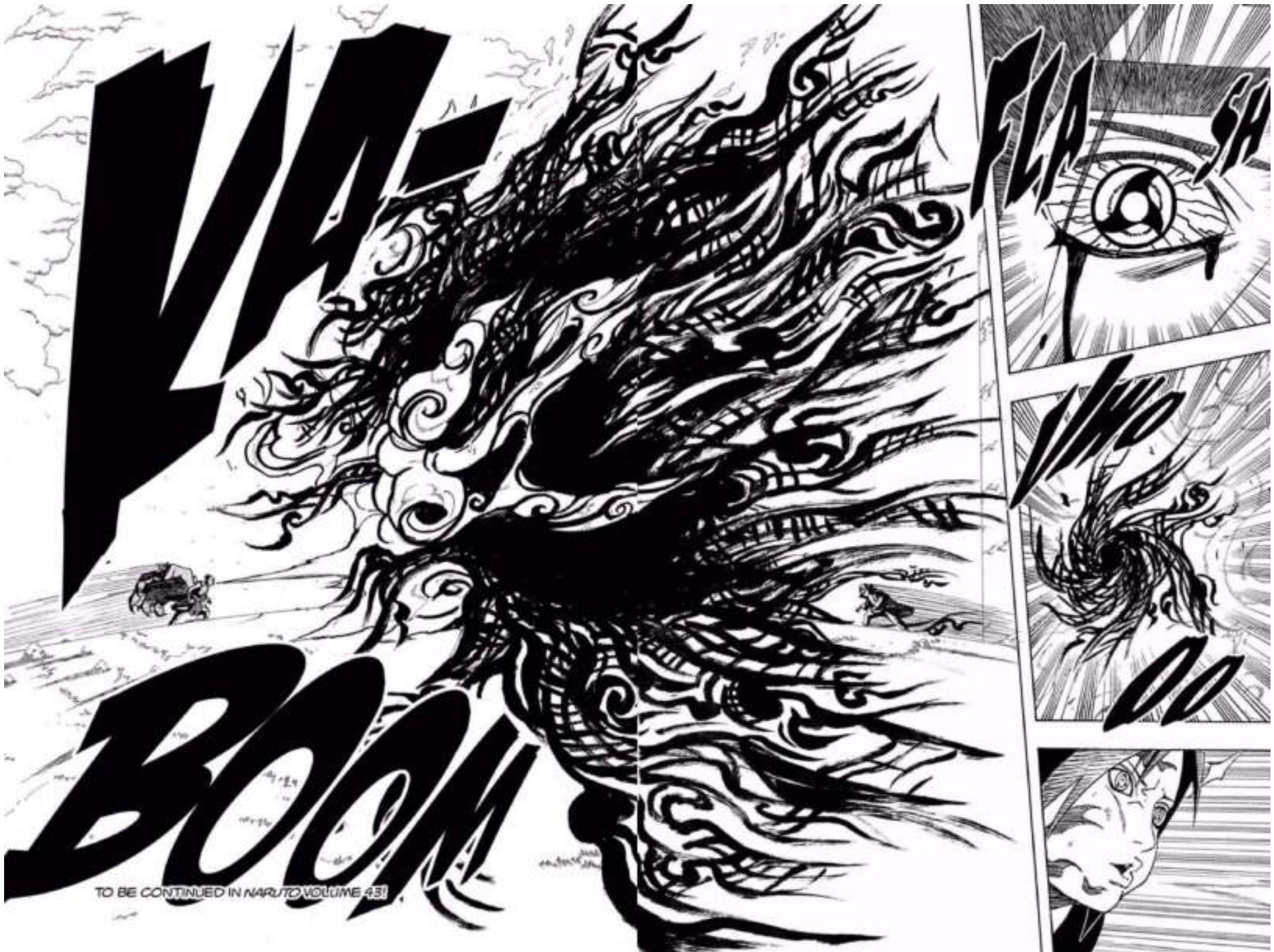






AMATE-
RASU...





WAAAA

BOOM!

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