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SHONEN JUMP MANGA

Story & Art by

Masashi Kishimoto

volume



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I truly apologize for this affront. I had decided that this (241) was the right number of pages to bring you, the readers, the Sasuke vs. Itachi arc. But this resulted in the price of the tankobon [graphic novel] going up, for which I feel absolutely terrible. This volume is also a bit thicker, but I do hope that you will read it to the very end.

—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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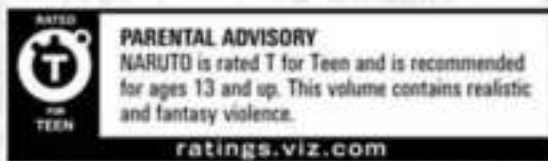
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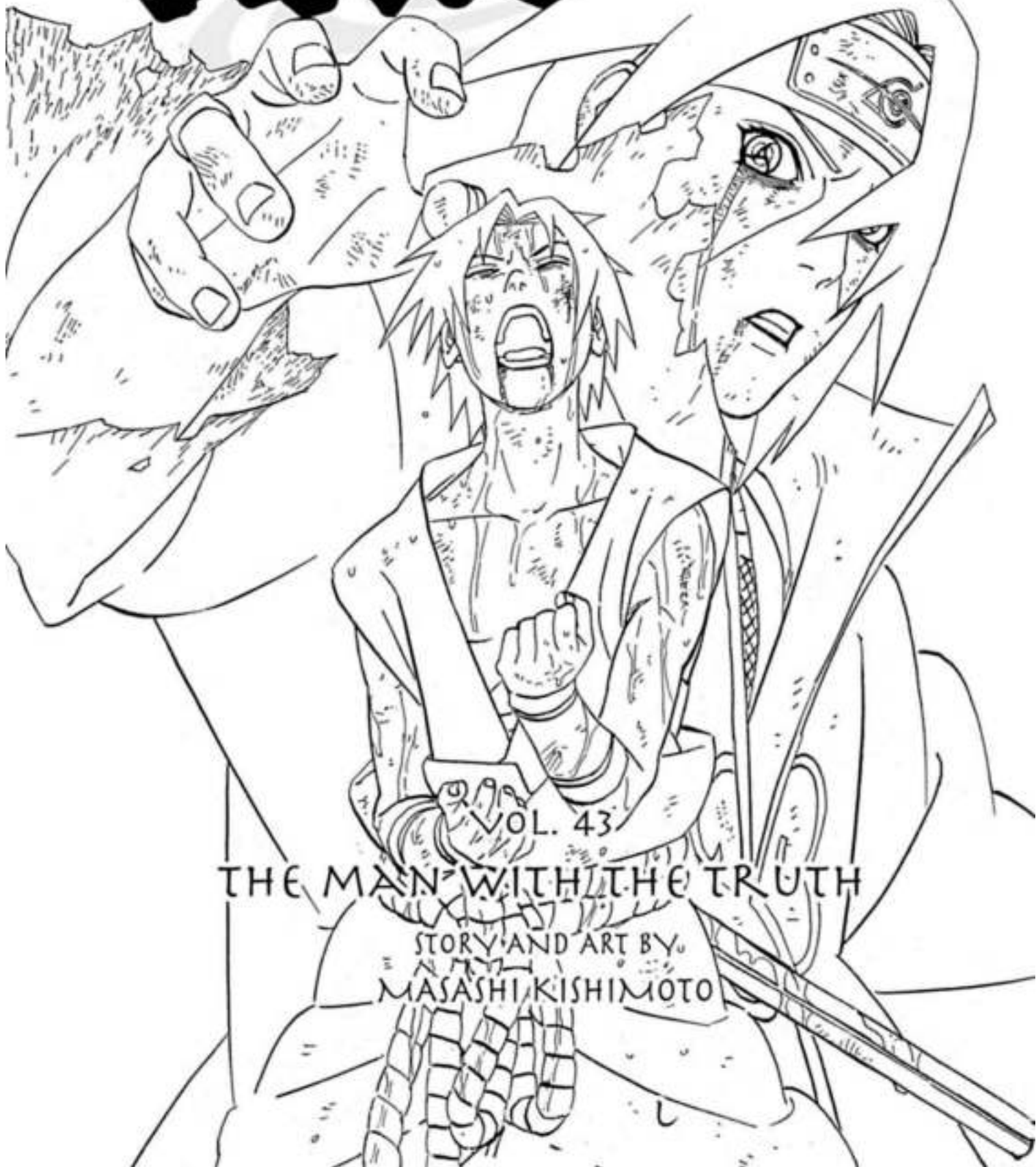
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Sasuke

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

CHARACTERS



JUGO
重吾



KARIN
香燐



SUIGETSU
水月



KONAN
小南



PAIN
ペイン



MADARA
マダラ



ZETSU
ゼツ



KISAME
鬼鮫



ITACHI
イタチ

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...

However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power...

Two years pass. Naruto and his comrades grow up and head out once more. As their fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki rage on, Sasuke rebels against Orochimaru and takes everything from him. Sasuke then gathers new companions and chases after Itachi. Jiraiya, the man who has trained Naruto for more than two years to deal with the impending attack of the Akatsuki, finally discovers the identity of the Akatsuki leader, Pain, and the secret is then bequeathed to Naruto—after Jiraiya's untimely death. Sasuke once again confronts his brother Itachi and learns not only about his brother's true intentions, but also about the Uchiha Clan's past. And to slake his vengeance, Sasuke challenges him to a battle. Confident that he can win, Sasuke appears to overpower and corner his brother... but then Itachi begins to unleash the full power of the Amaterasu...



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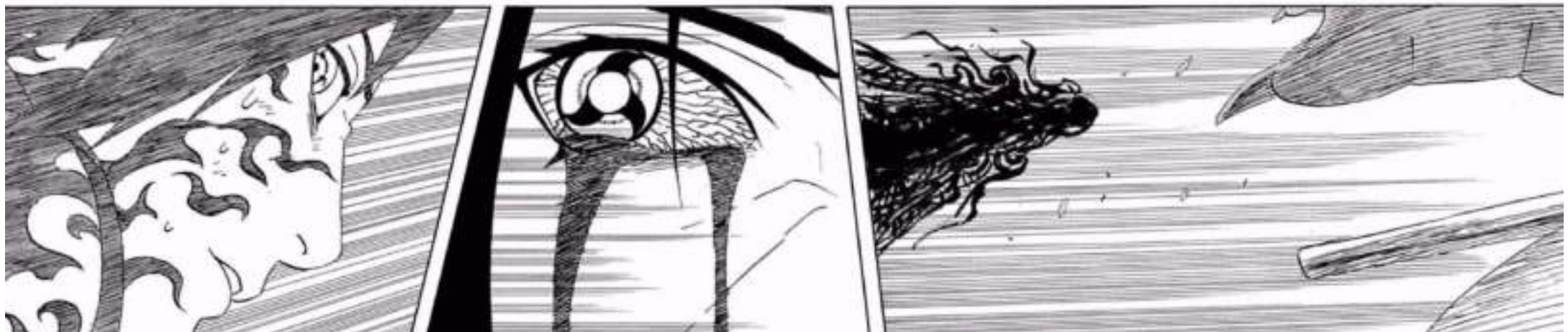
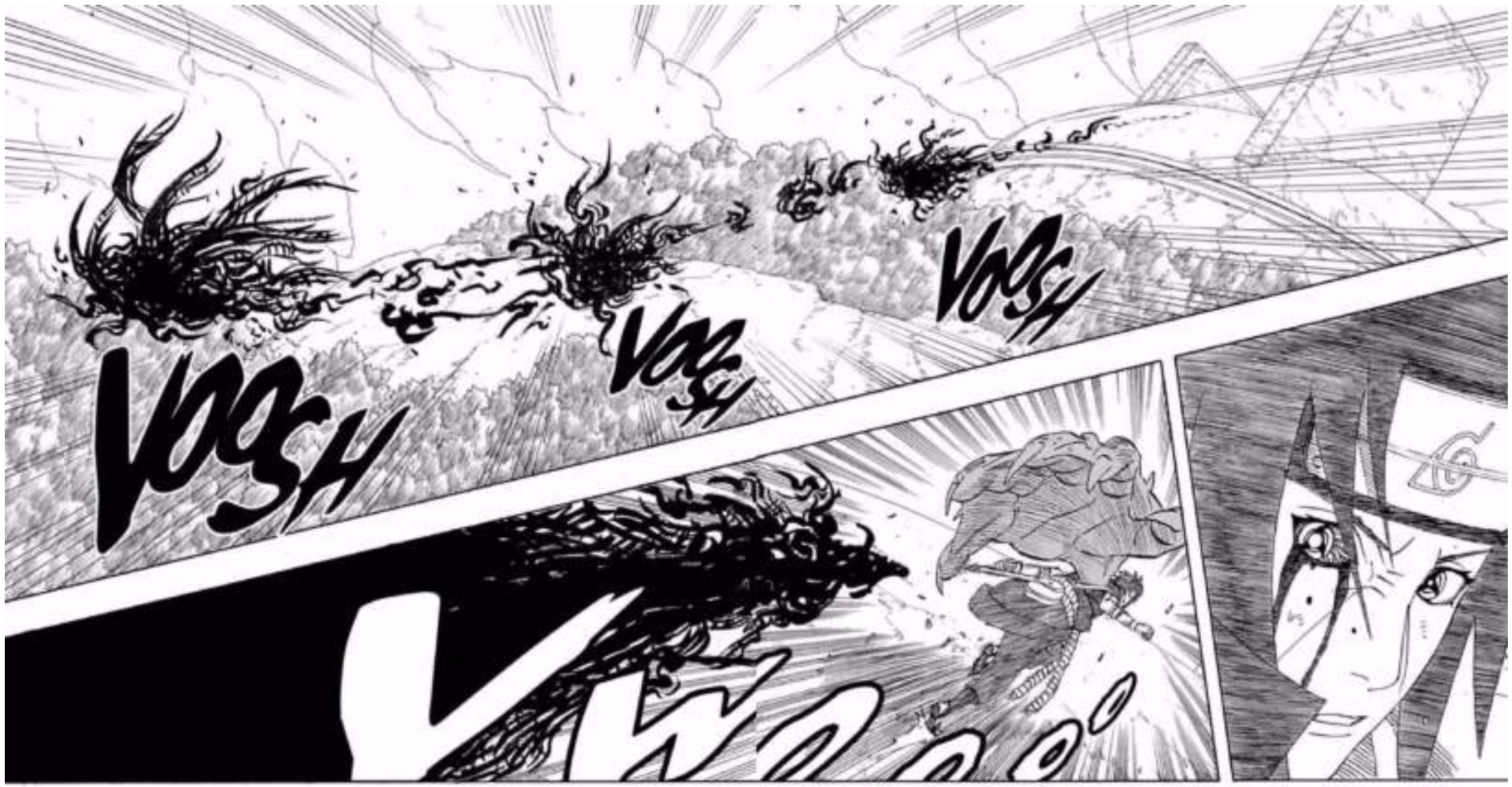
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 Number
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The
Final
Jutsu...!!

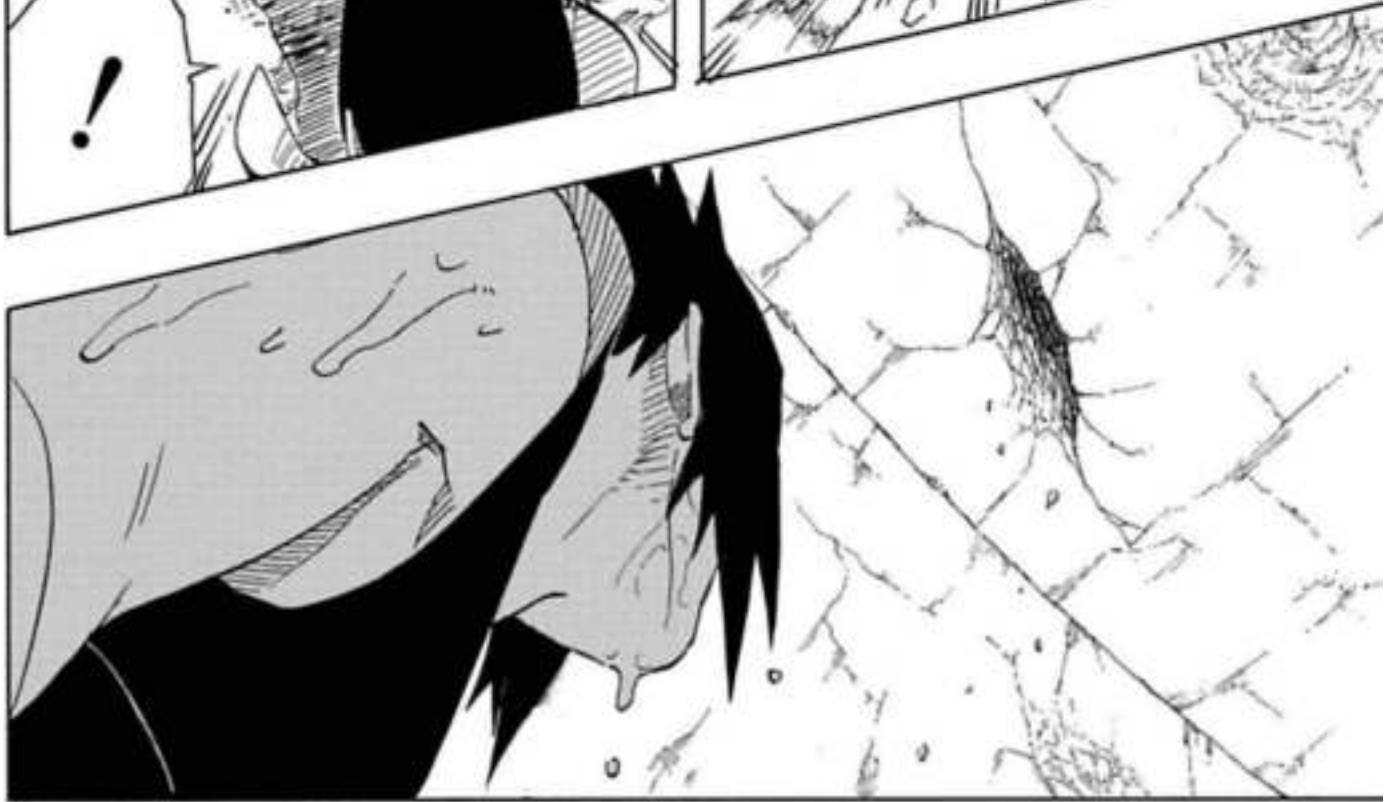












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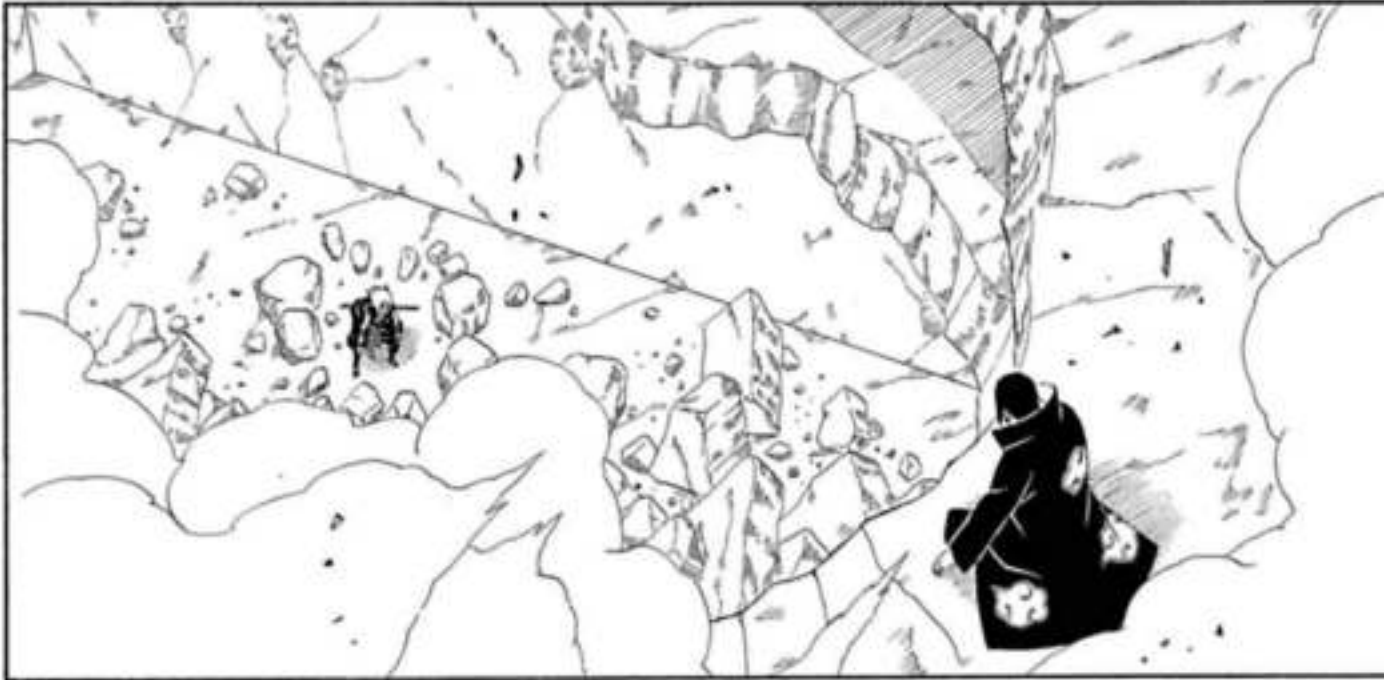


















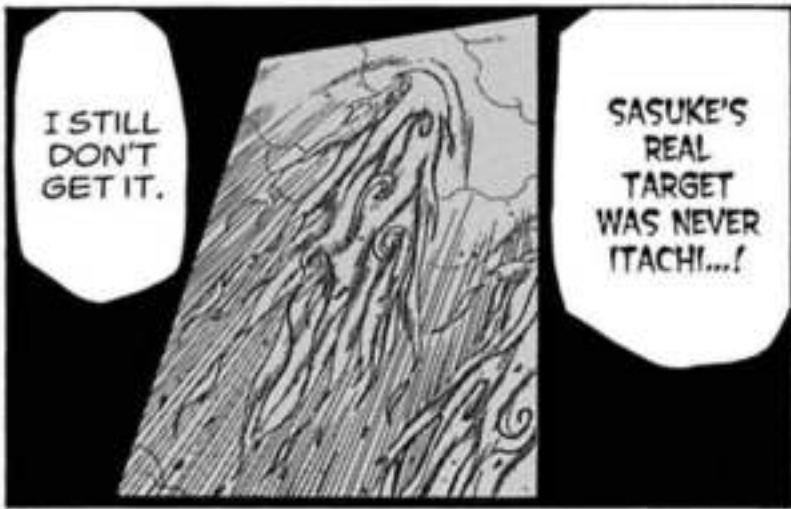




Thunderclap...!!



 Number 391: Thunderclap...!!





HE DOESN'T HAVE TO USE HIS OWN CHAKRA...
...BUT JUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ENORMOUS AMBIENT ATMOSPHERIC ENERGY...



AND WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH...



...TO CREATE A LIGHTNING STYLE JUTSU!

CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP



DOESN'T MATTER. WHICHEVER ONE IT IS, IT'LL BE ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT SCALE THAN WHAT ANYONE CAN CREATE USING CHANGE IN CHAKRA NATURE ALONE!

FSH



WHICH ONE?



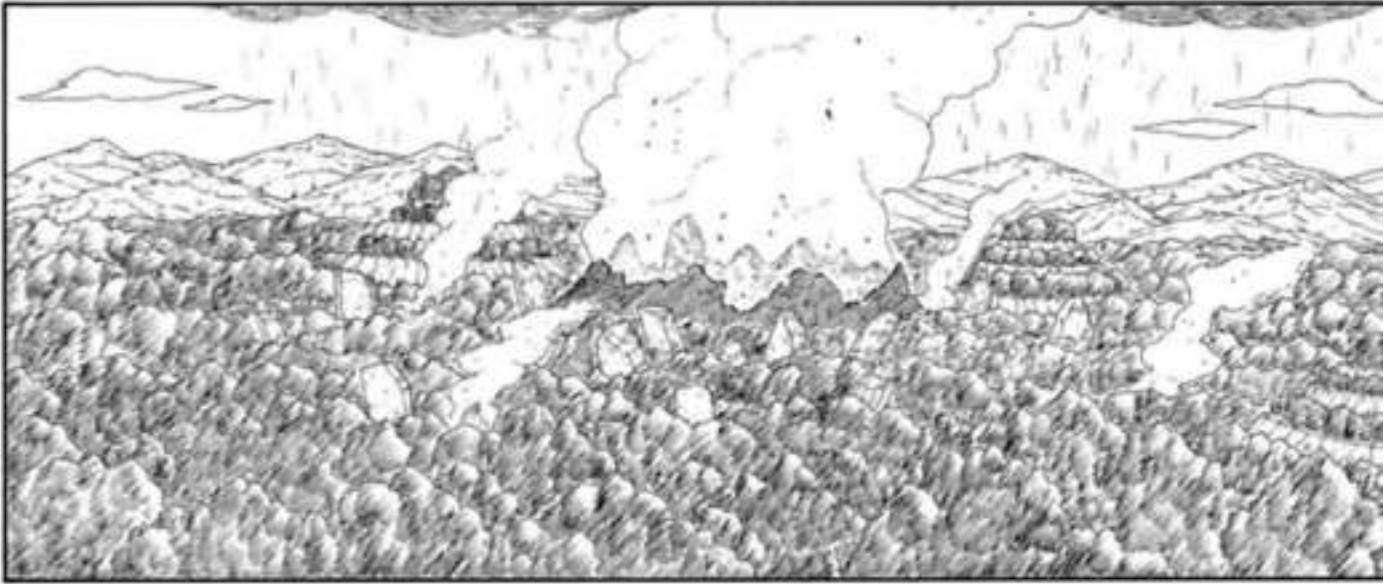


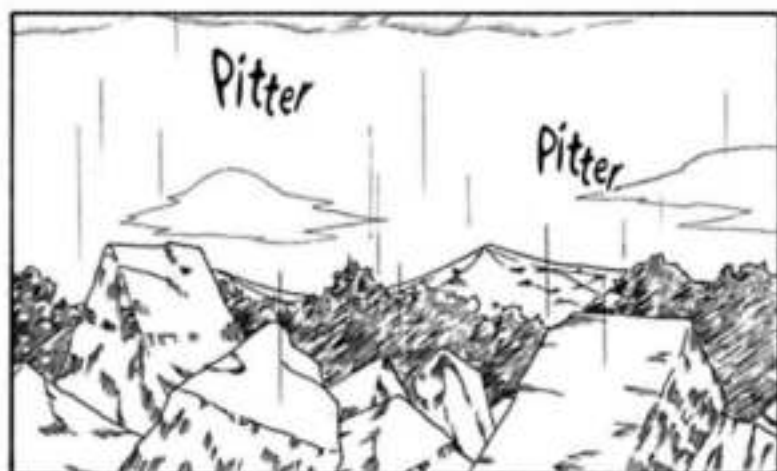




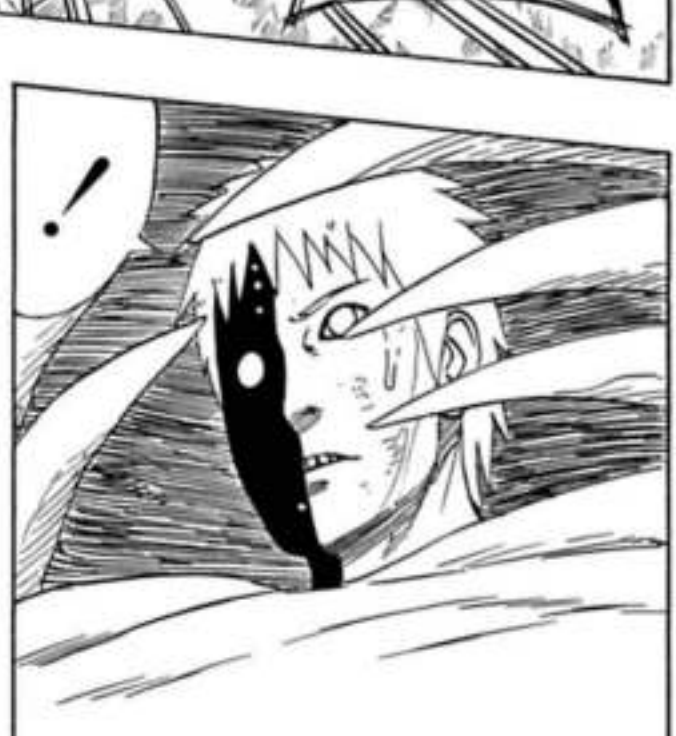


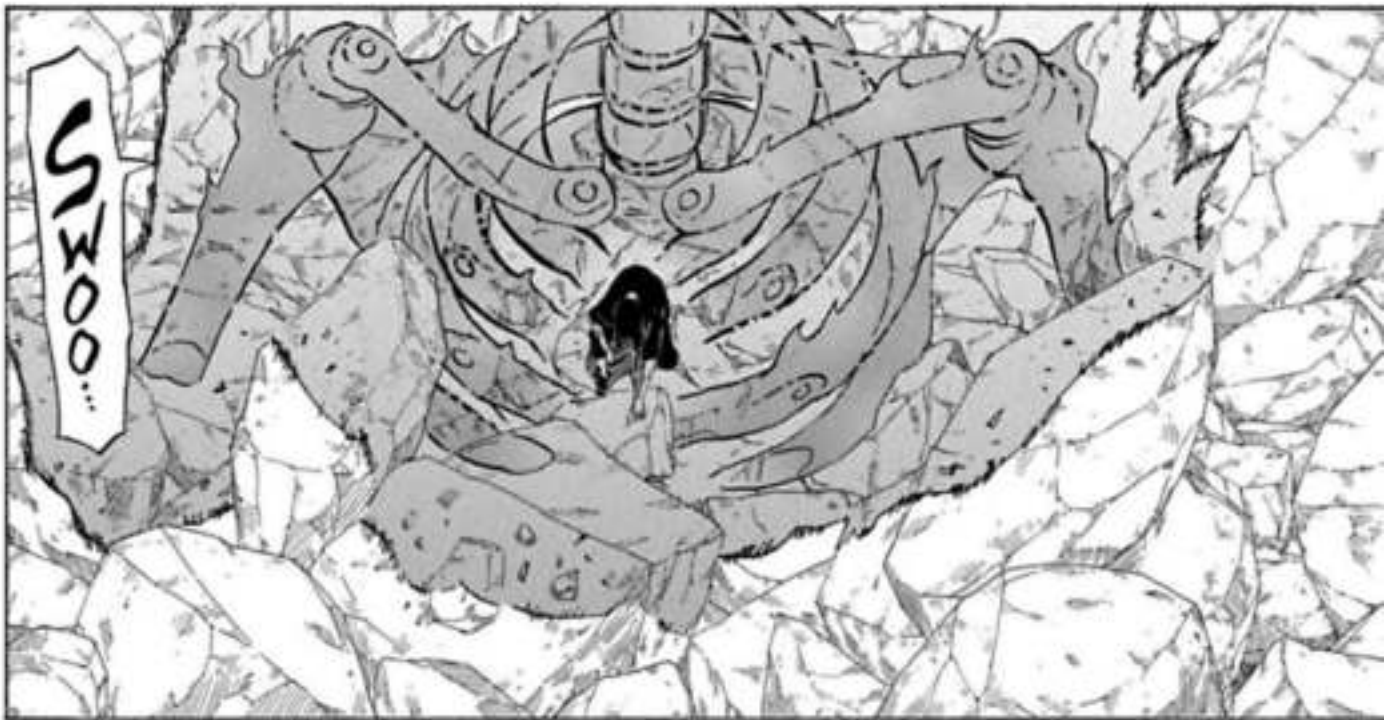
















Number 392: Susano'o...!!





THE ONE OTHER JUTSU THAT TOOK ROOT IN MY EYES...

...ONCE BOTH THE TSUKUYOMI AND THE AMATERASU WERE AWAKENED.



...SUSANO'O...?



IF YOU'VE GOT ANYTHING ELSE HIDDEN UP YOUR SLEEVE... NOW'S YOUR LAST CHANCE TO PLAY IT...

SASUKE... IS THAT IT... FOR YOUR JUTSU...?

SWOOO...



RROAR...



SEEMS LIKE LIGHTNING JUTSU IS A ONE-TIME ONLY TRICK...

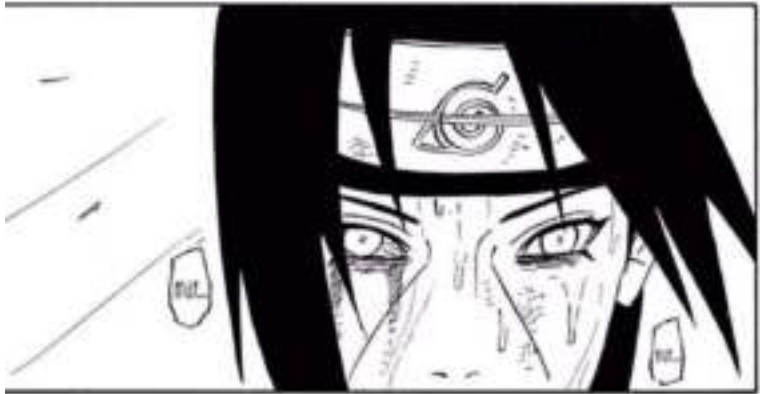
THE SKIES ARE CLEARING...

M300...



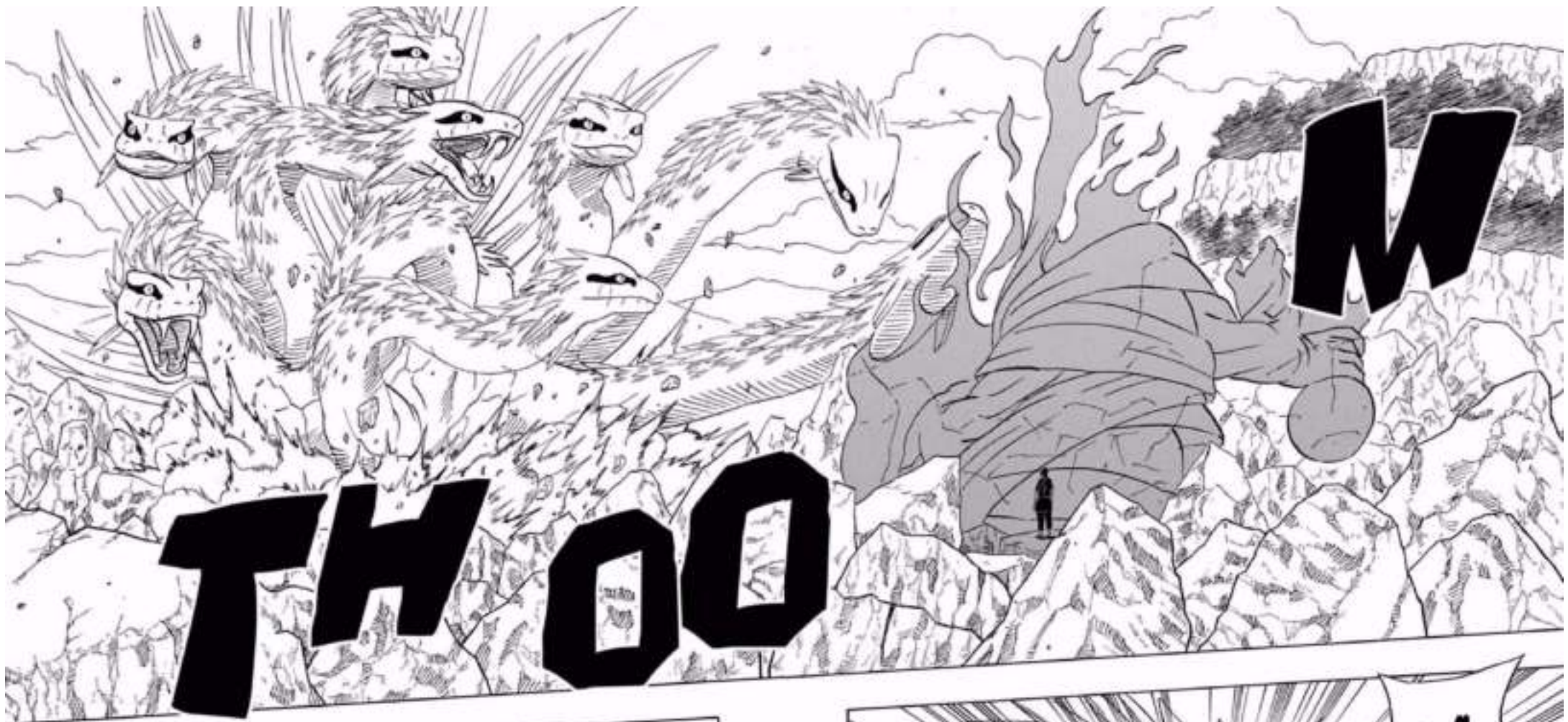
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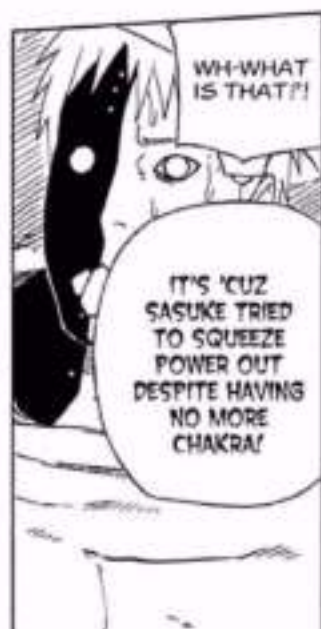








OROCHIMARU'S CHAKRA THAT HE'D ABSORBED AND SUPPRESSED HAS SHOVED ITS WAY TO THE SURFACE...!!



WH-WHAT IS THAT?!

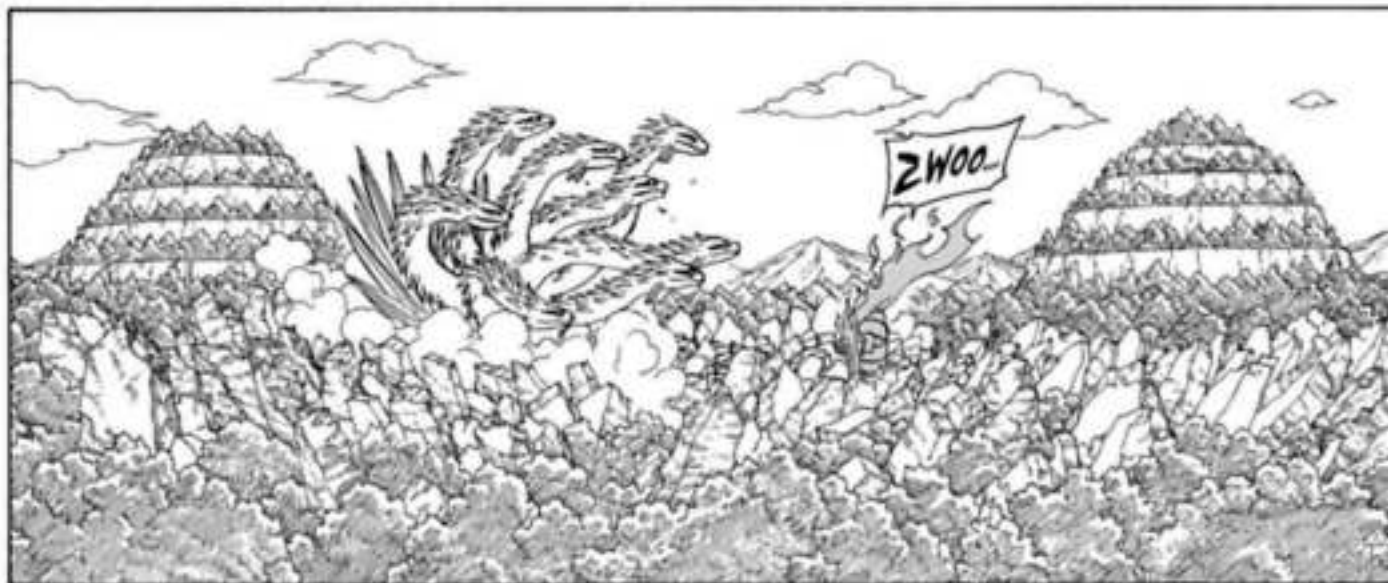
IT'S 'CUZ SASUKE TRIED TO SQUEEZE POWER OUT DESPITE HAVING NO MORE CHAKRA!



JUDGING BY THE FEEL OF IT, THIS IS OROCHIMARU'S ART OF THE EIGHT-HEADED SERPENT...



IISUUU!!

















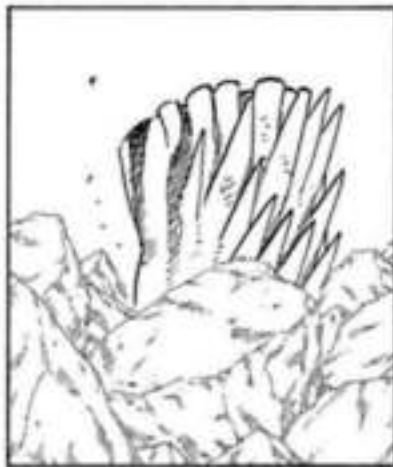
MEET KISHIMOTO MASASHI'S ASSISTANTS, PART 12
ASSISTANT NO. 12: TAIRA KENJI

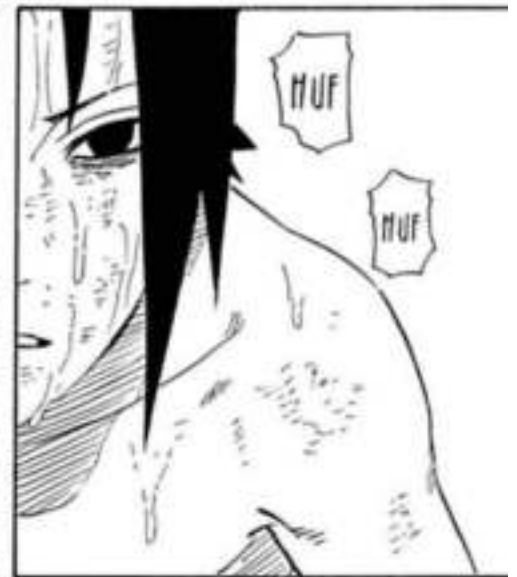
PROFILE

- DESPITE BEING A BRAT WHO JUST TURNED 20, HE'S SO SERIOUS HE'S NOT CUTE AT ALL.
- DOESN'T WARM UP TO ME AT ALL.
- ALWAYS ACTS COOL.
- HAS ALL SORTS OF FUNNY THOUGHTS IN HIS HEAD THAT HE NEVER SHARES.
- AMBITIOUS AND VERY STUDIOUS.
- HASN'T WON ANY AWARDS BUT DEBUTED PROMINENTLY.
- I'LL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HE HAS A STRONG GAG SENSIBILITY.
- LOVES JOJO OVER NARUTO! ARAKI HIROHIKO-SENSEI OVER KISHIMOTO MASASHI!!
- LOVES JOJO SO MUCH, HE ONLY WARMS UP TO ME WHEN I TALK ABOUT JOJO.



Sumber 393: My Eyes...!!









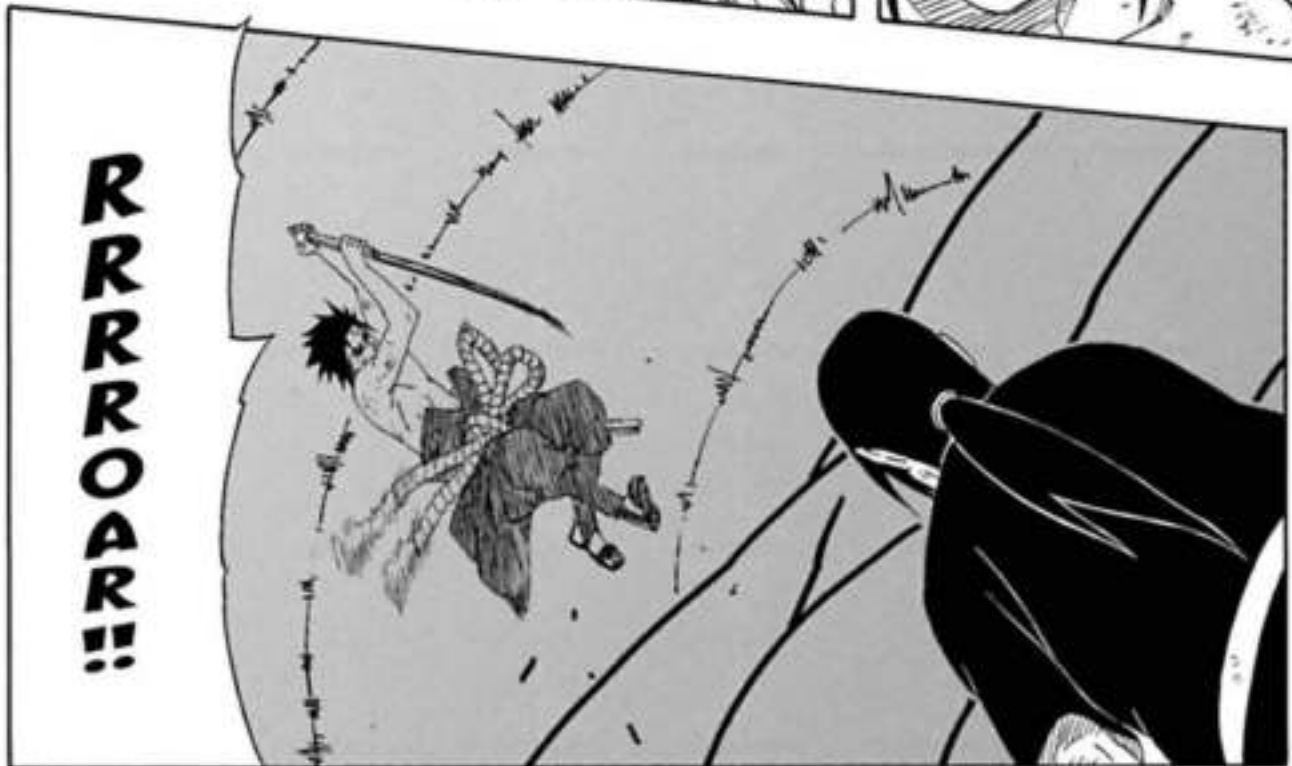
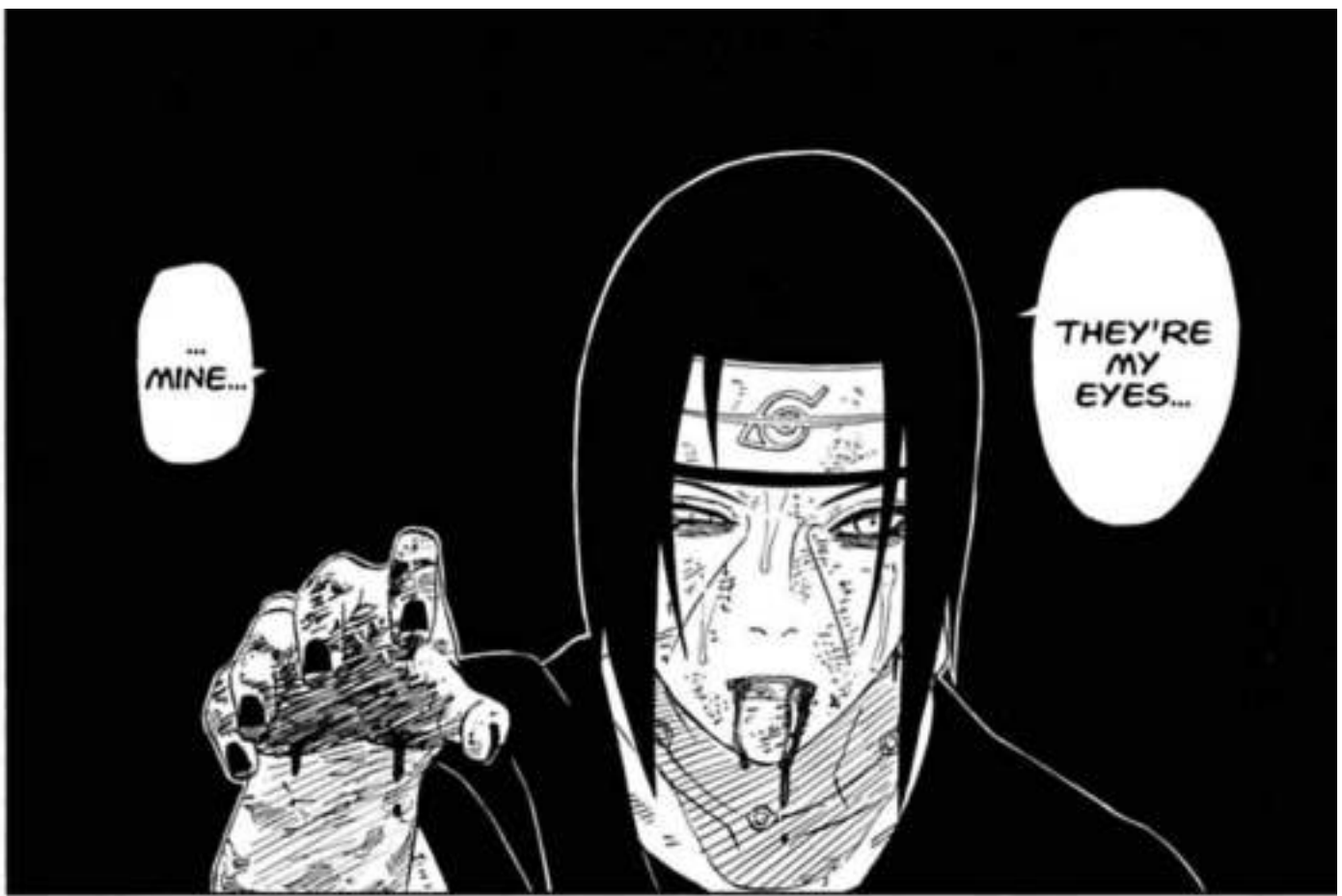




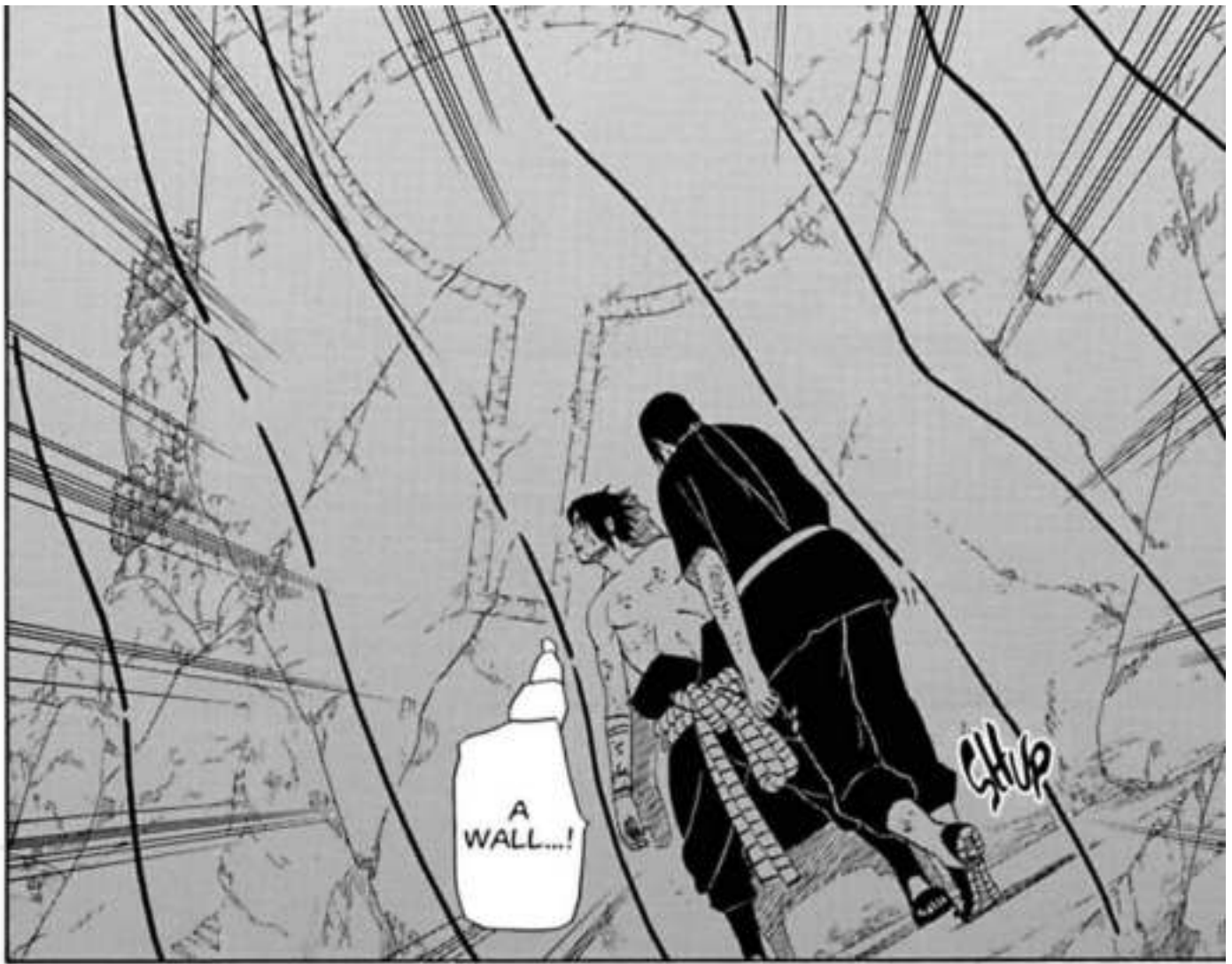




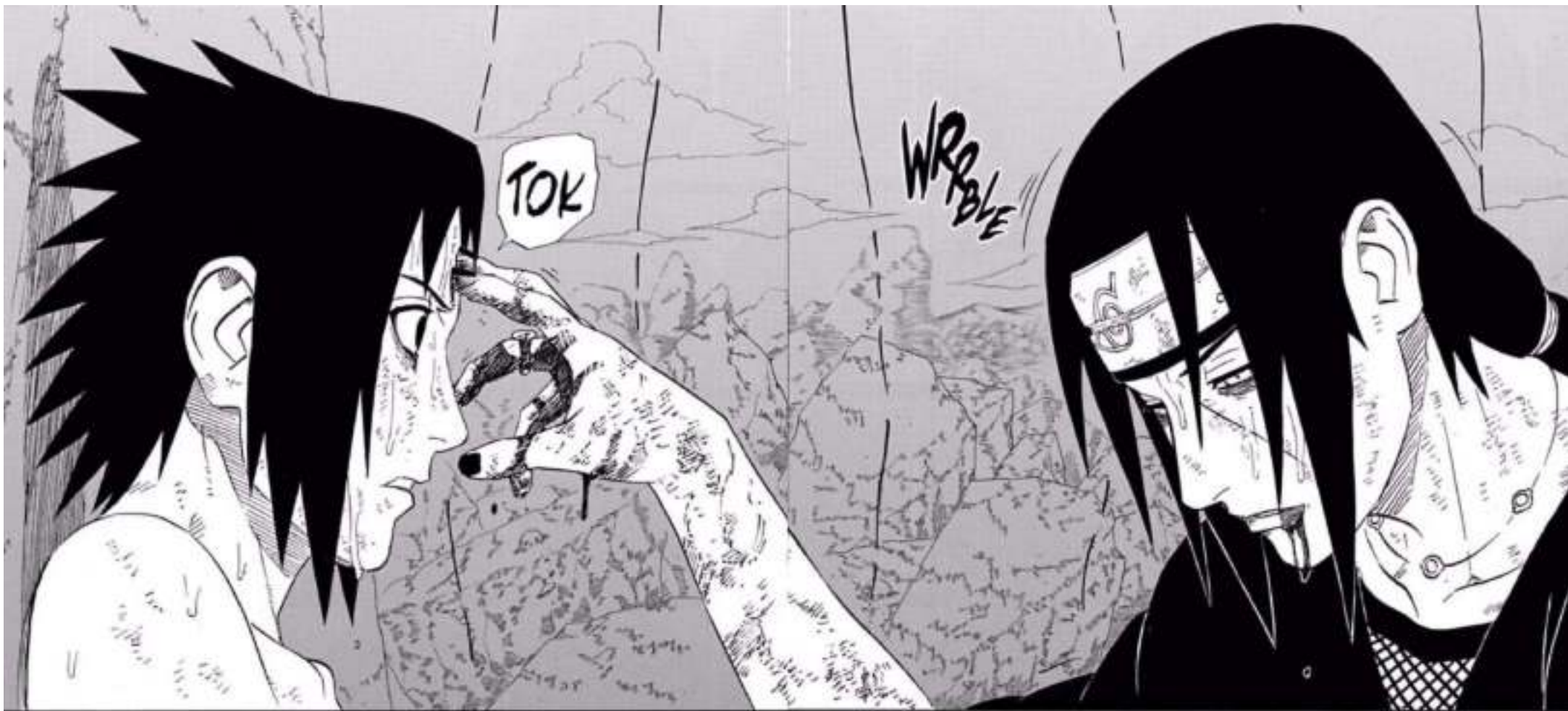


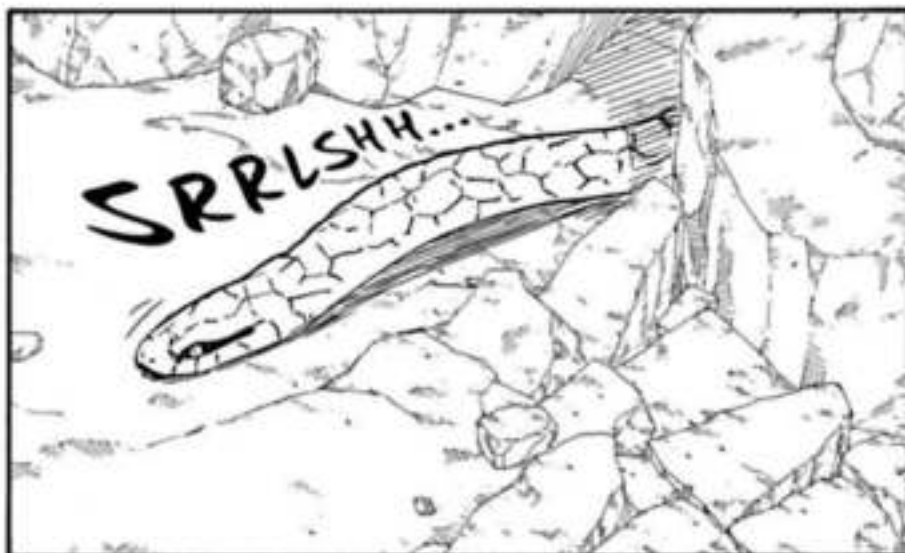
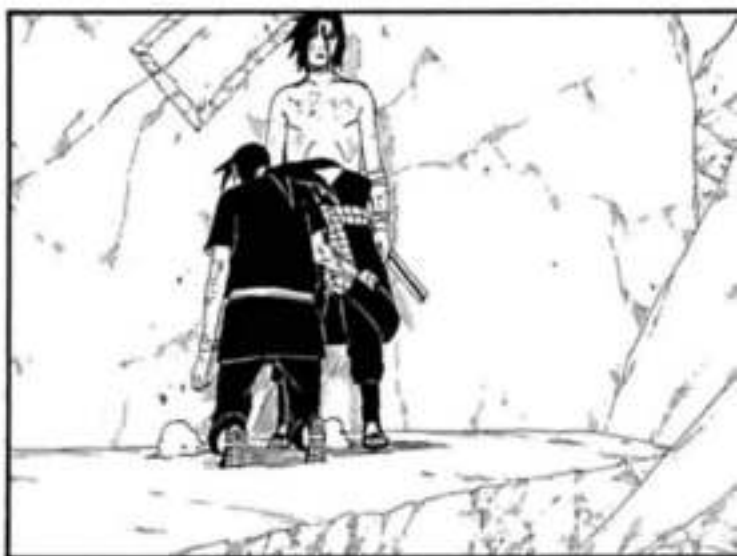









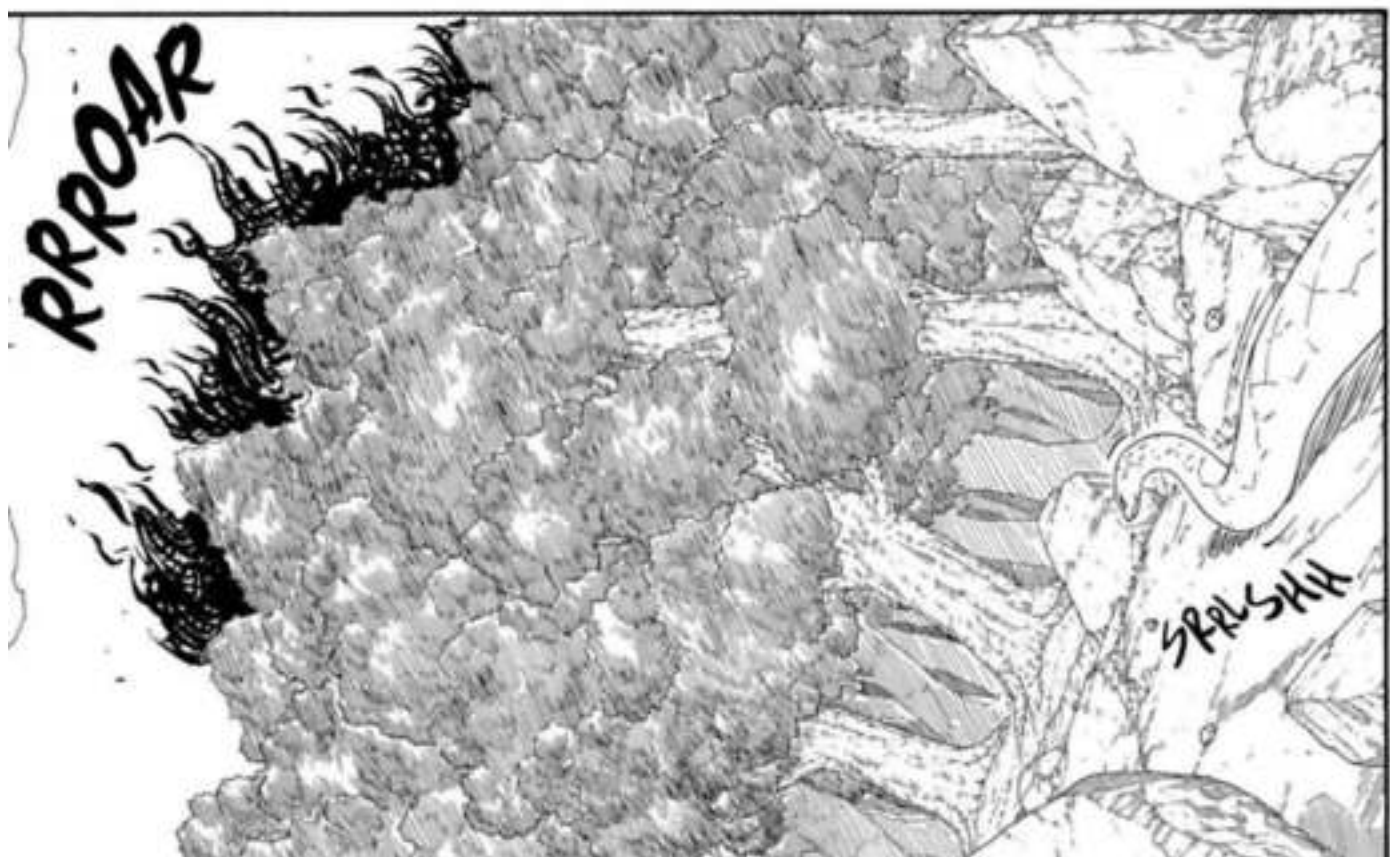








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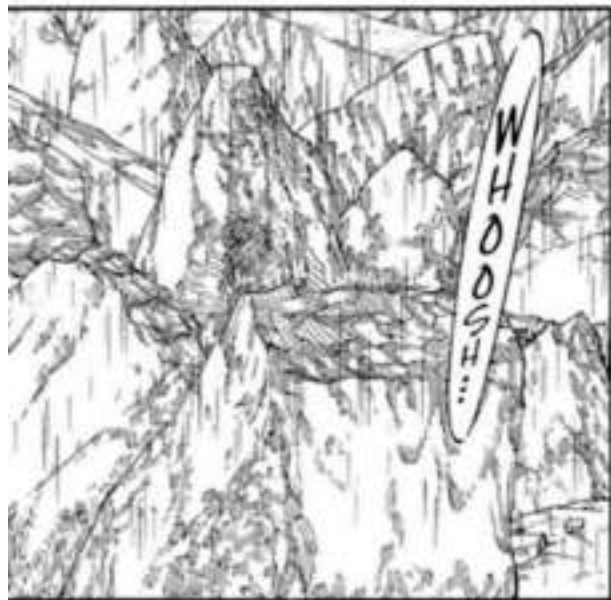


 Number 394: Sasuke's Victory





...DEAD?





FOR SURE...



HE'S MOVING STRANGELY ...

I KNOW ITACHI'S STRONGER THAN THIS...

...DON'T YOU THINK SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT?



ITACHI MAY HAVE BEEN HARBORING SOME SERIOUS DAMAGE FROM BEFOREHAND...



HE COUGHED UP BLOOD...

HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EVADE THOSE ATTACKS.



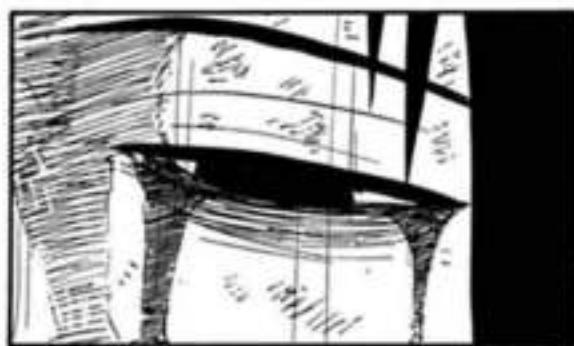
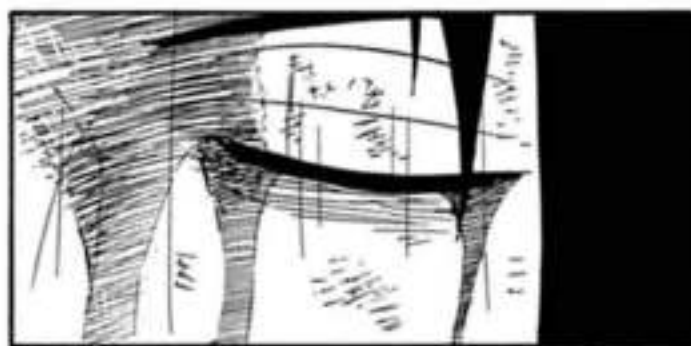
NOT SURE... I DON'T THINK WE CAN DRAW ANY CONCLUSIONS...

DID HE OVERUSE THE SHARINGAN?



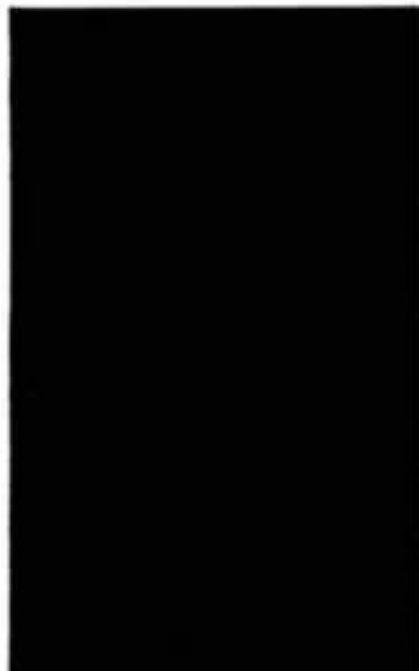
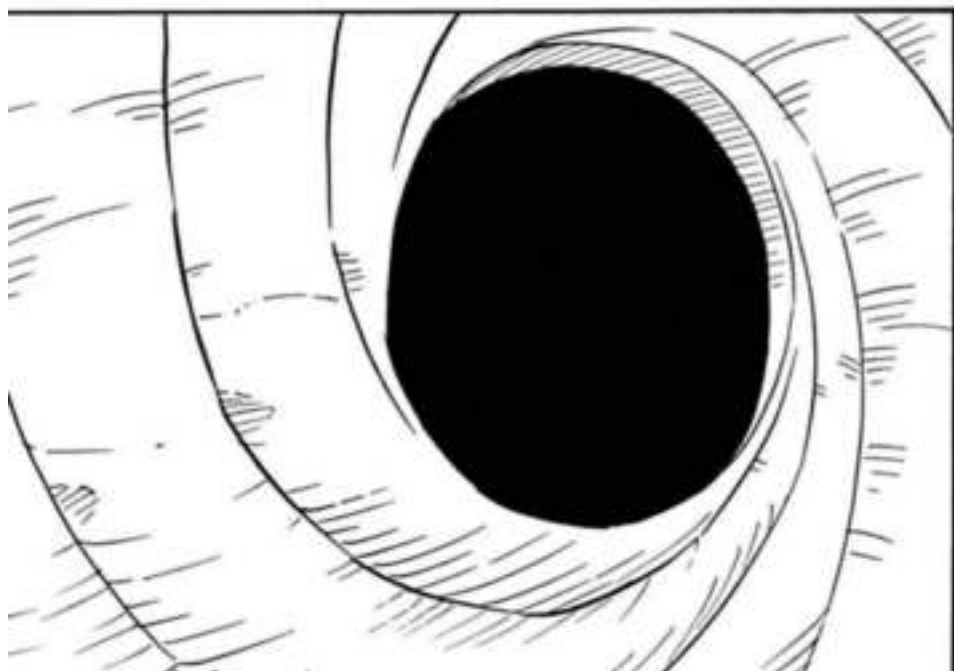
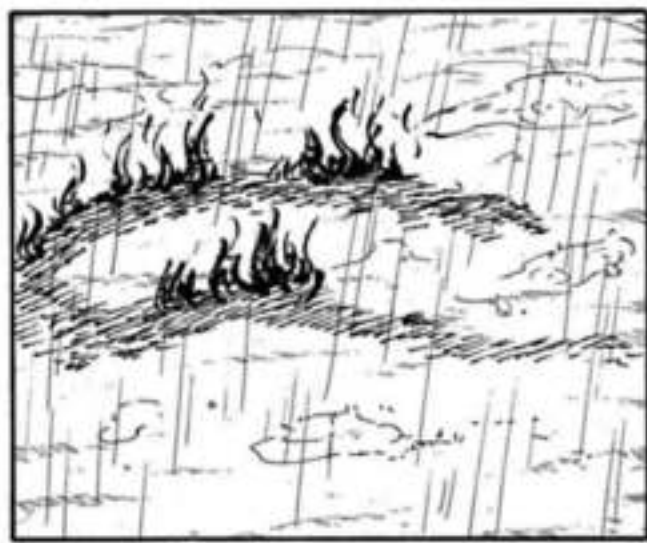
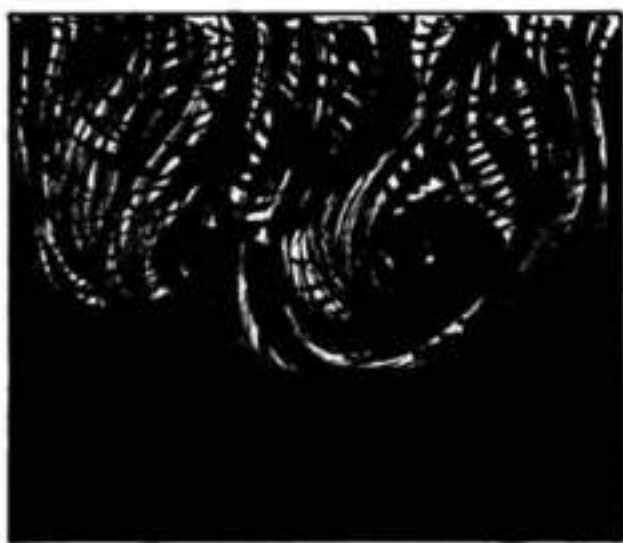




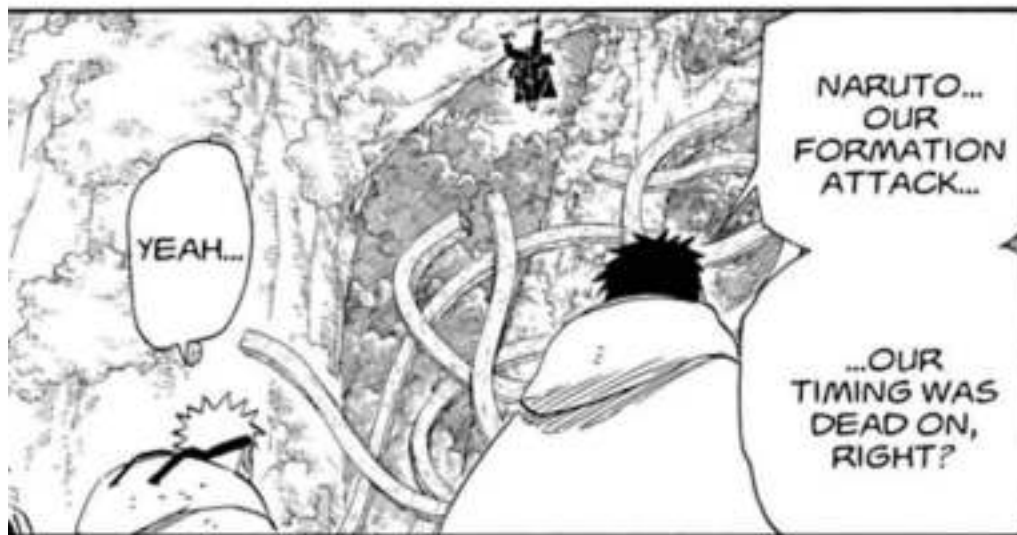




READ
THIS
WAY











READ THIS WAY



UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, SECRET TECHNIQUES SUCH AS SHINO'S ARE REAL HELPFUL.

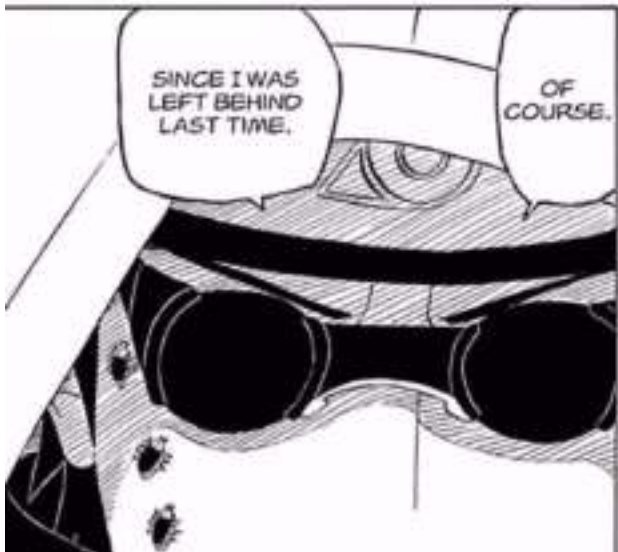


ALL WRIGGLY AND GROSS, MAN!

WHOA! YOU'RE OF THE ABURAME CLAN!



HEH! YOU'RE RARIN' TO GO, FOR ONCE!



SINCE I WAS LEFT BEHIND LAST TIME.

OF COURSE.



I KNOW.

BZZZZZZ

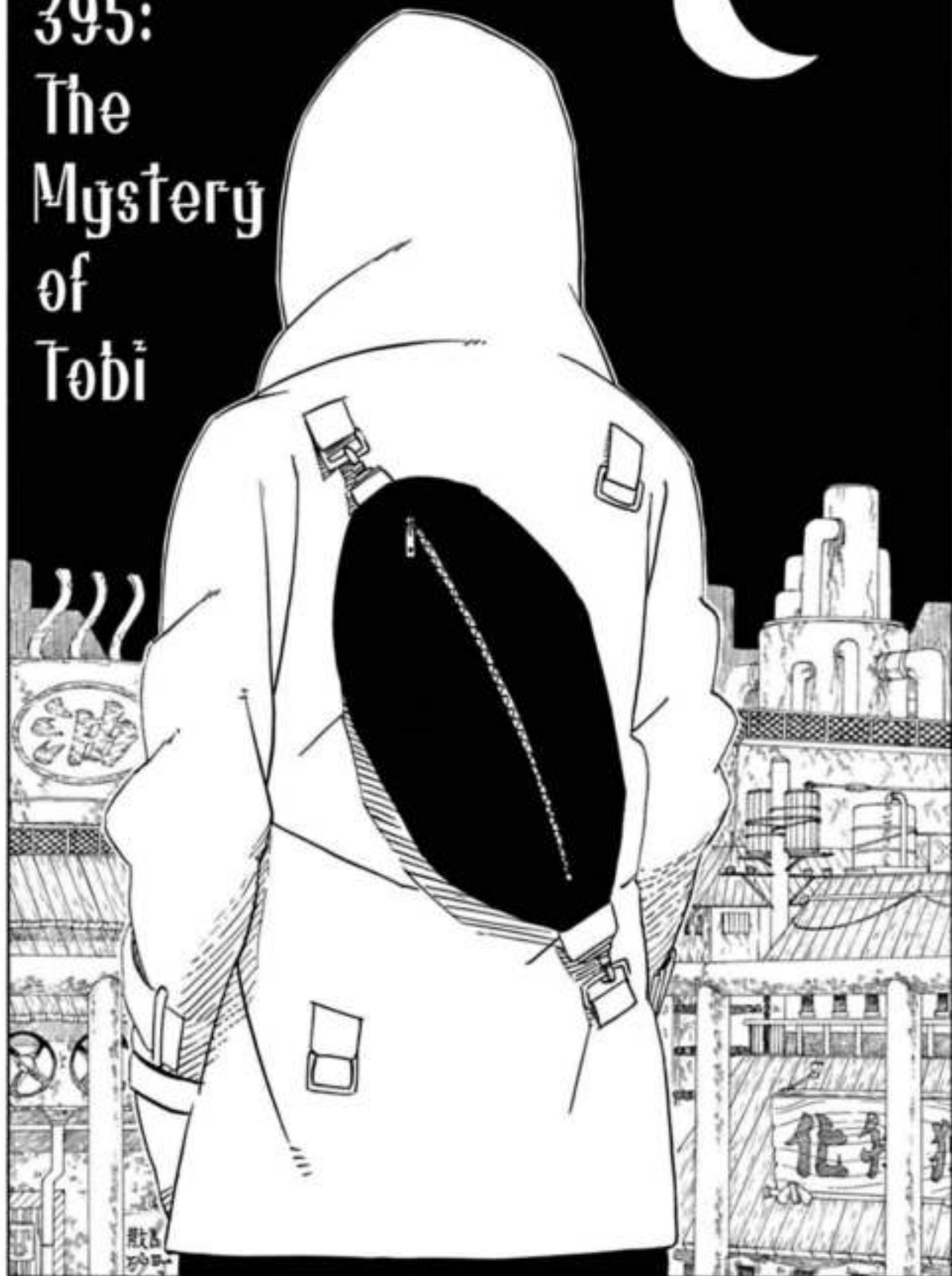
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The
Mystery
of
Tobi



















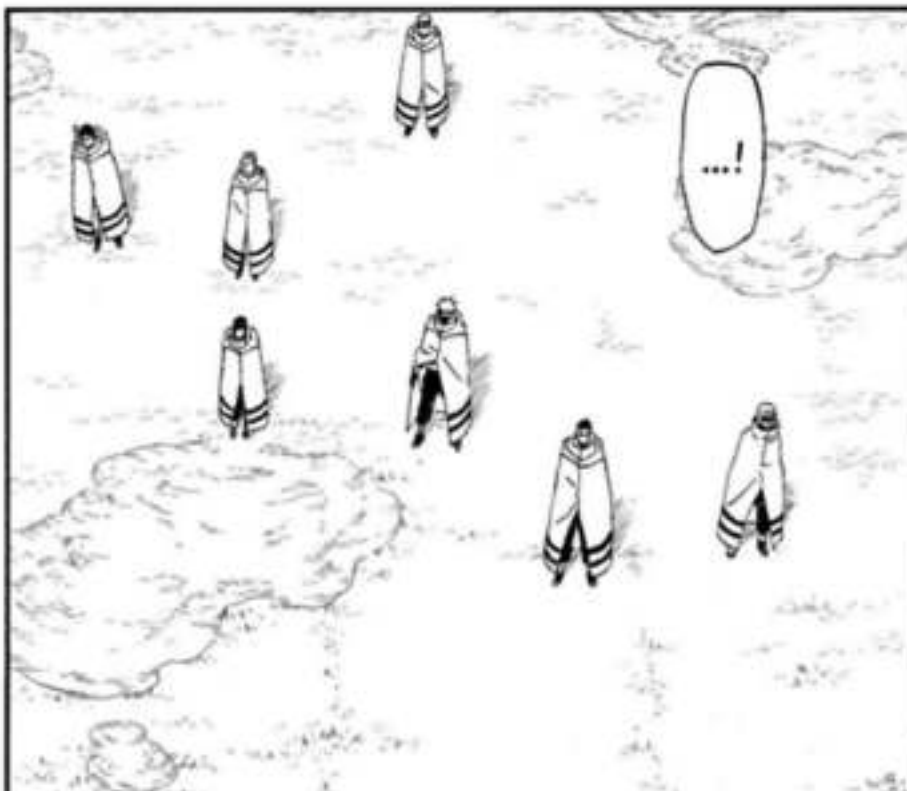
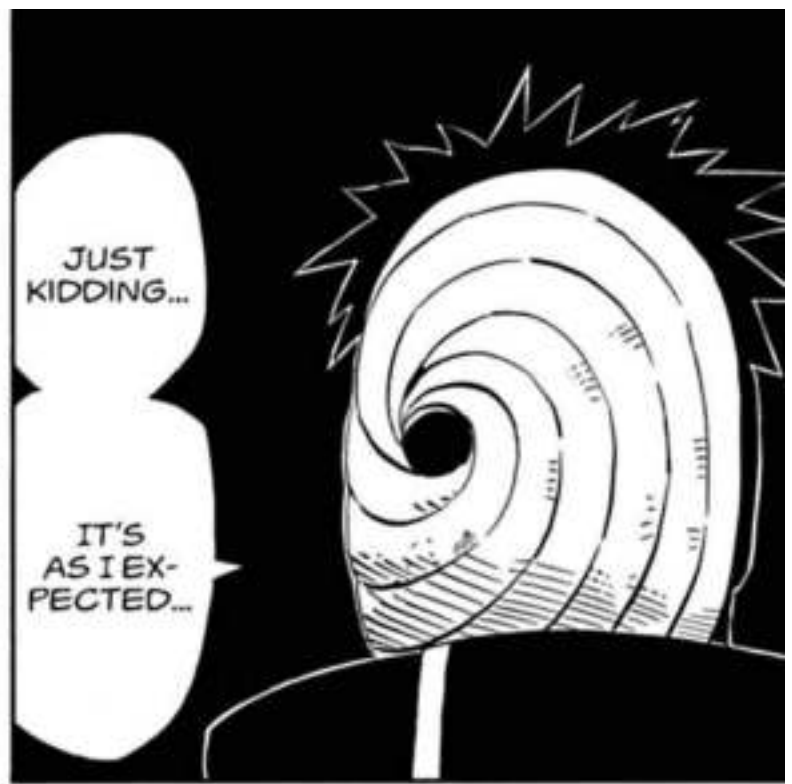
















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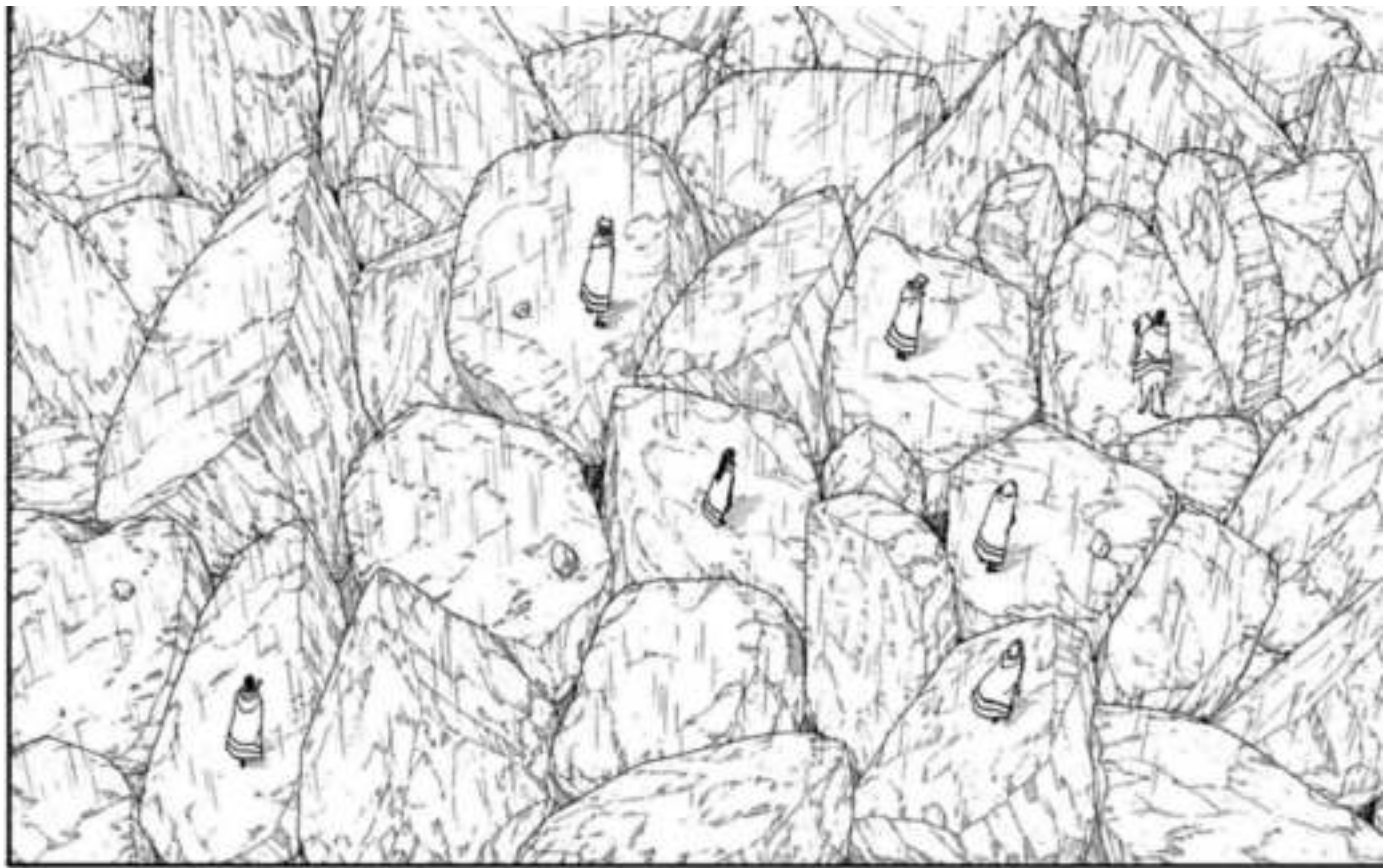


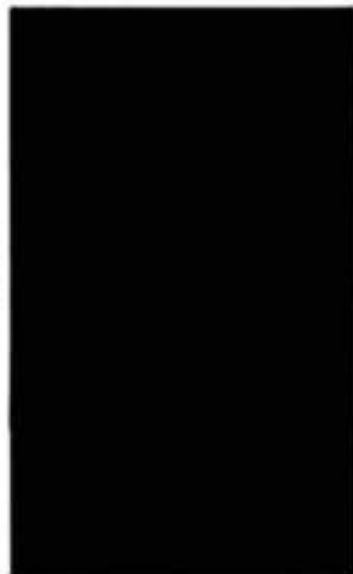
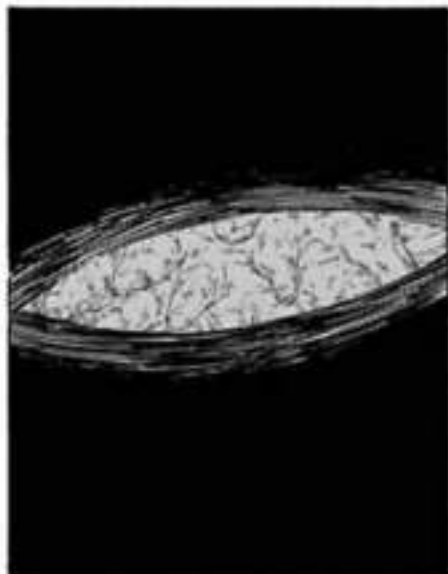
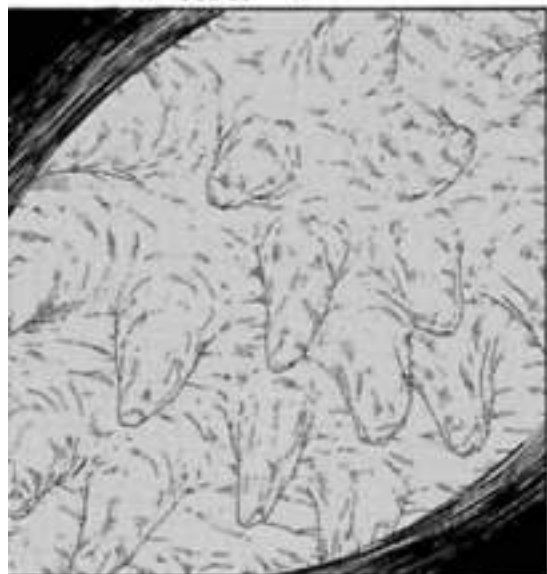








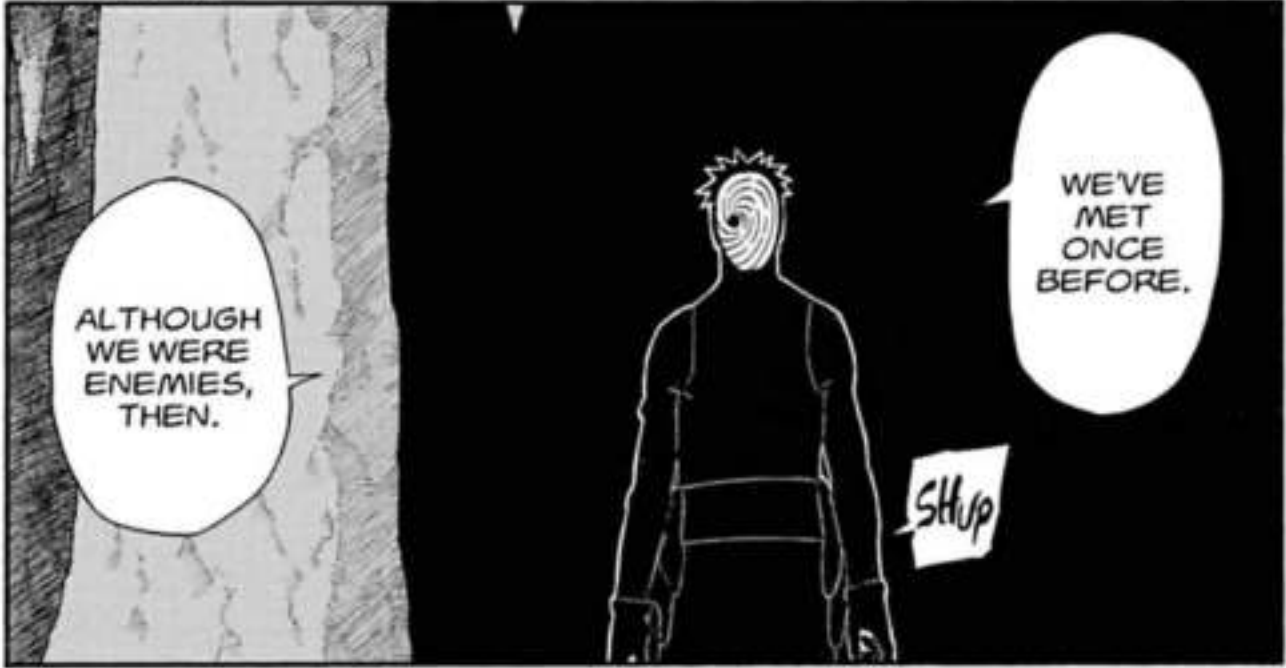






SO I WOULDN'T MOVE MORE THAN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

BUT YOU'VE SUFFERED QUITE A BIT OF DAMAGE YOURSELF, WHICH YOU'RE NOT COMPLETELY OVER.









 Number 397: The Man with the Truth

I KNOW
THE
TRUTH
ABOUT
UCHIHA
ITACHI.







FBOOSH



Number 397:

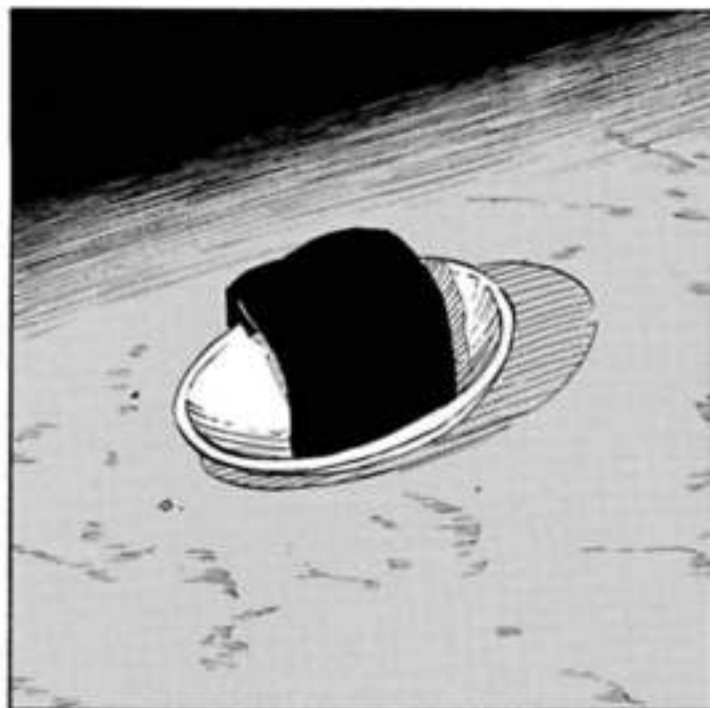
The Man with the Truth

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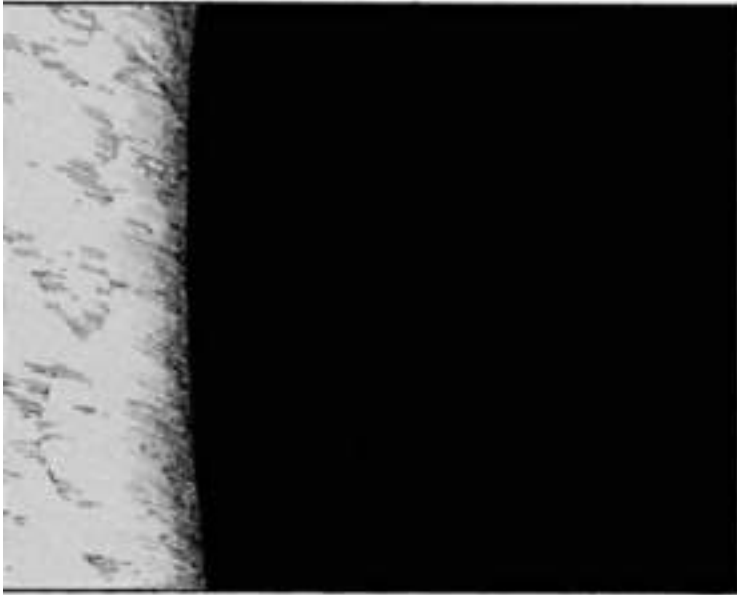
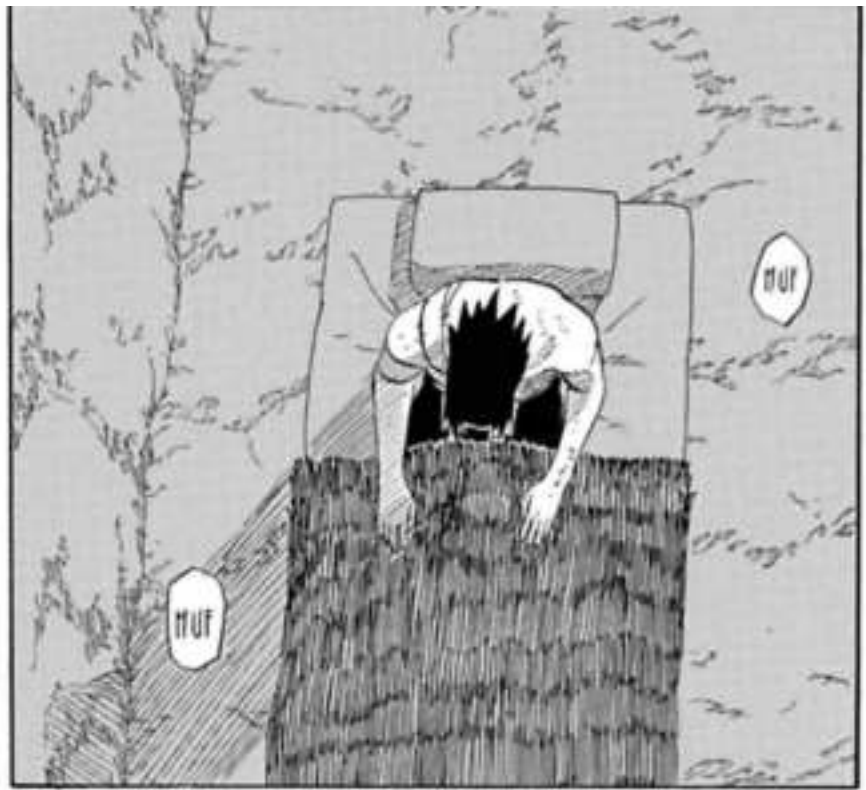
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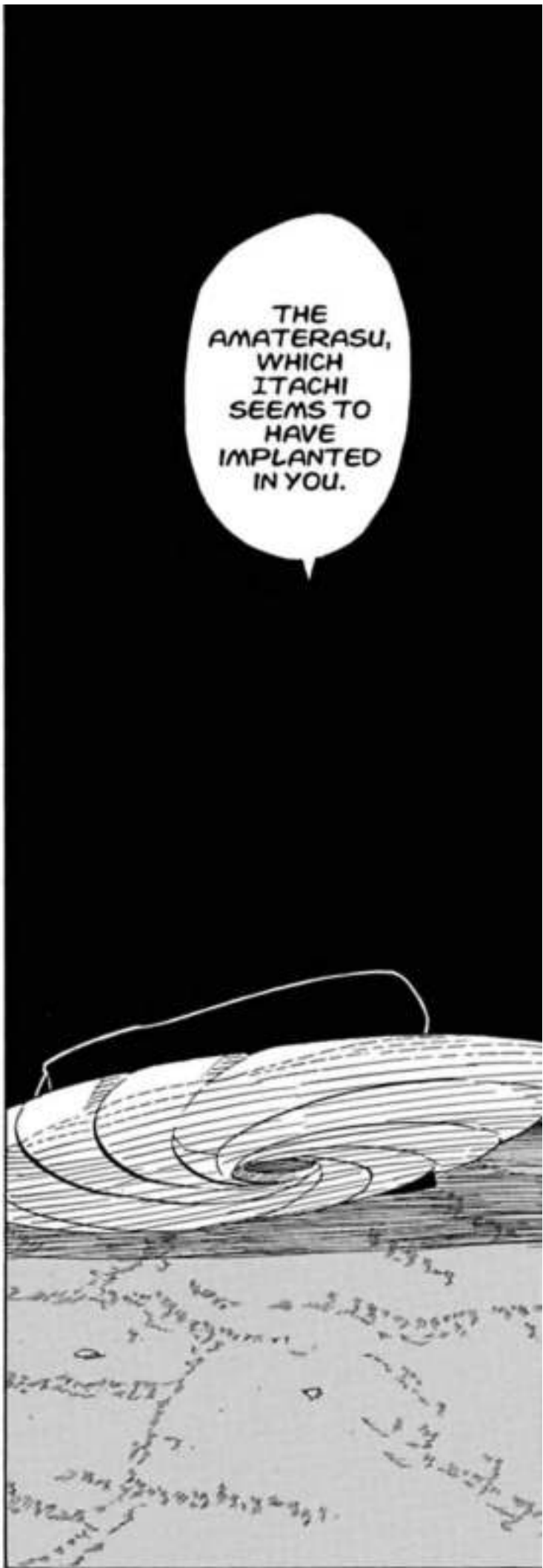


READ THIS WAY





THE
AMATERASU,
WHICH
ITACHI
SEEMS TO
HAVE
IMPLANTED
IN YOU.







HE
PROBABLY
SET IT SO
THAT THE
AMATERASU
...

...WOULD
AUTOMATI-
CALLY
ACTIVATE
WHEN YOU
SAW MY
SHARINGAN.



SO THAT
WAS
ITACHI'S
LAST TRICK,
EH...

...TOO
BAD IT
DIDN'T
WORK...



...OR
ELSE I
WOULD
BE
DEAD.

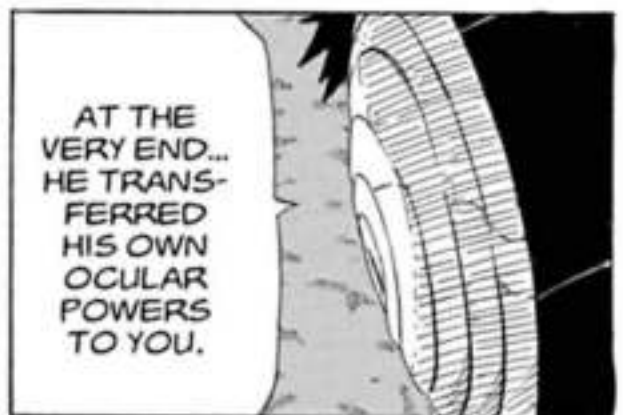
WELL,
THANK-
FULLY
ITACHI
DIDN'T
KNOW
EVERY-
THING
ABOUT
ME...

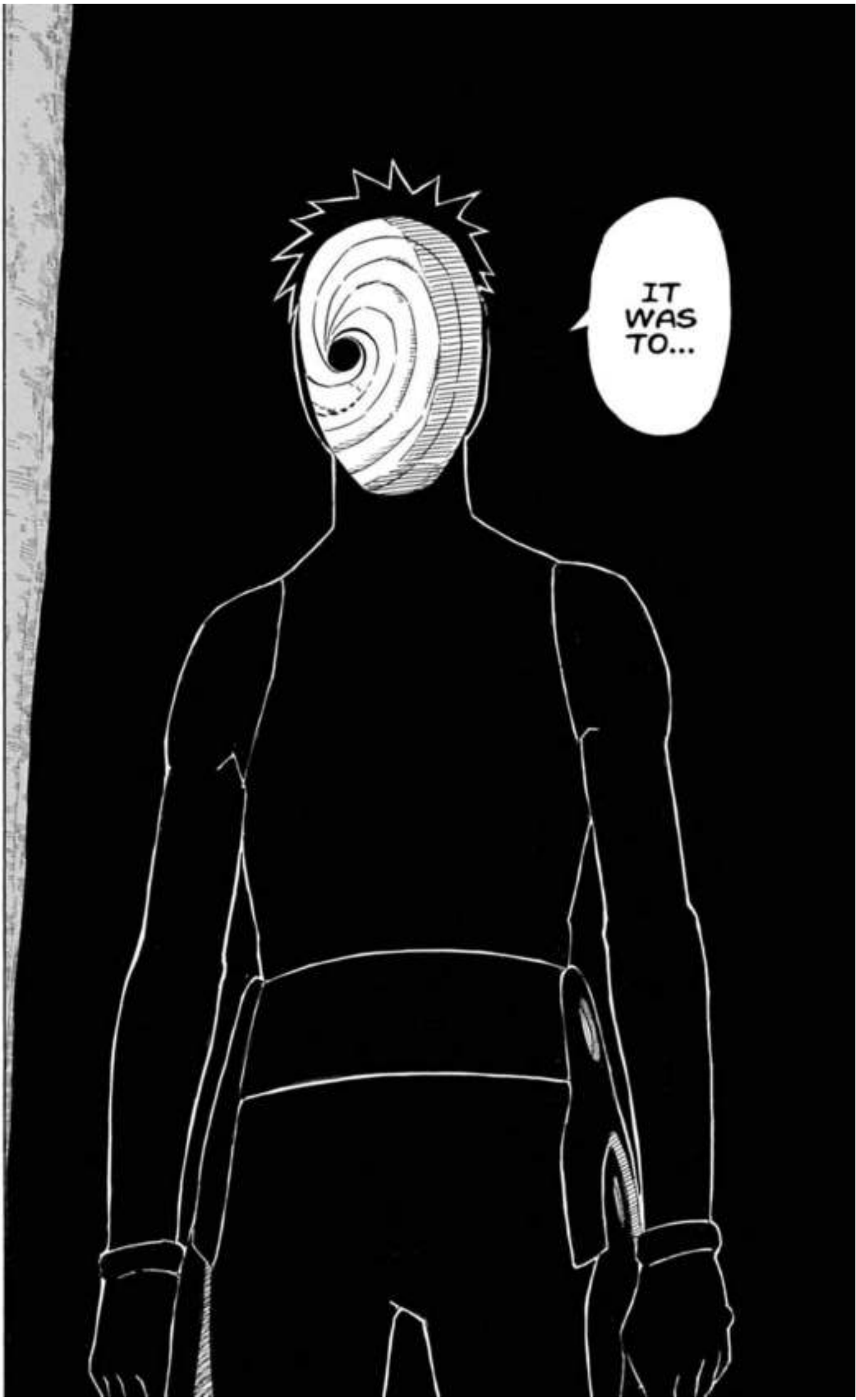


ITACHI
MUST HAVE
DONE
SOMETHING
TO YOU
BEFORE HE
DIED.



...UH...
WHAT
ARE
YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?





IT
WAS
TO...




...PROTECT
YOU.







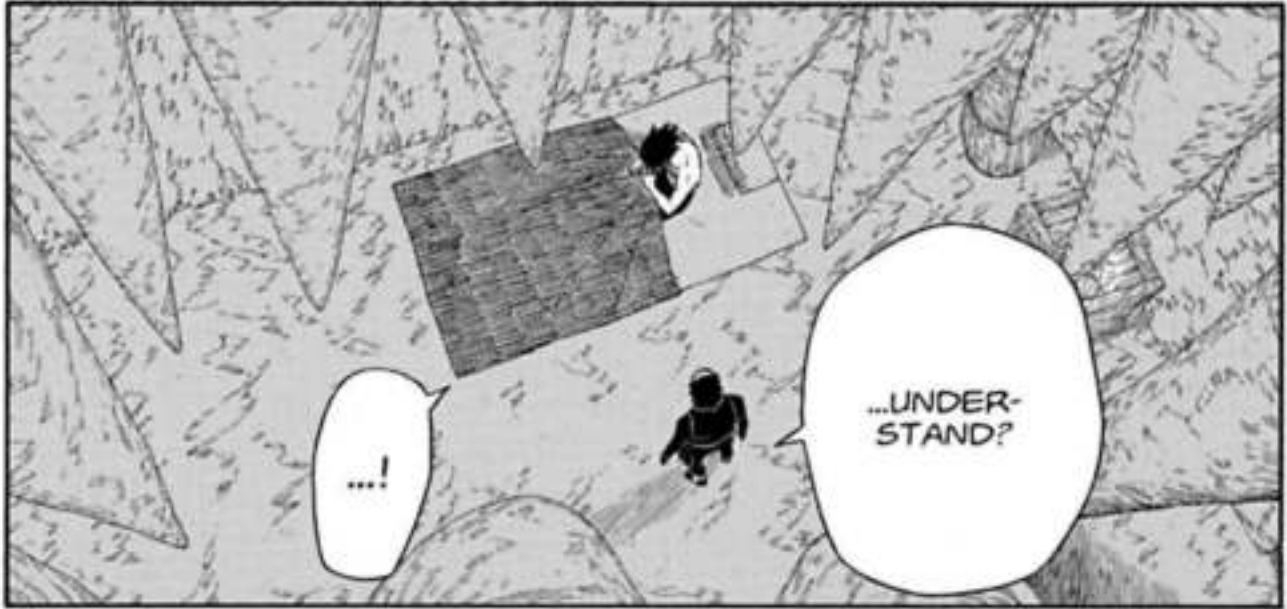


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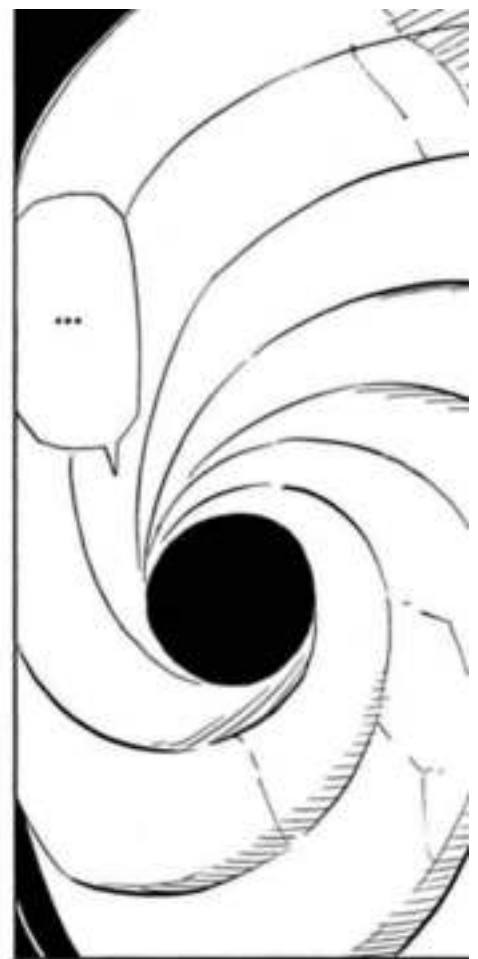






...AND THE TWO COUNSELORS HOMURA AND KOHARU KNEW THE REAL TRUTH.

ONLY DANZO, THE THIRD HOKAGE...

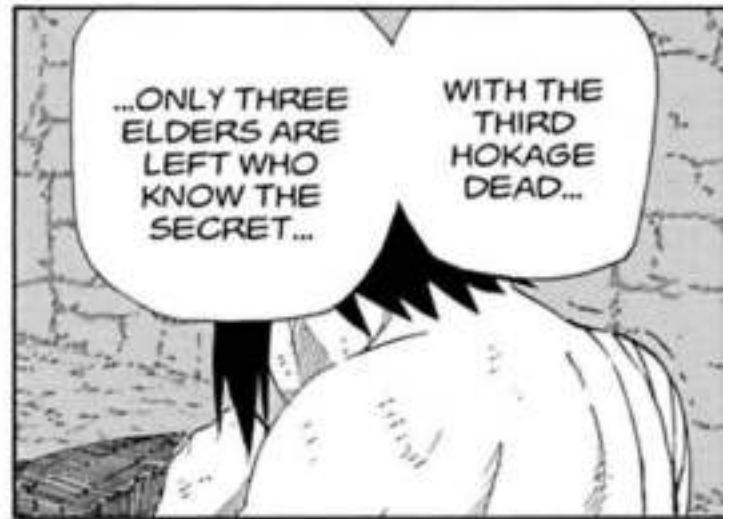


...



...ARE LIKELY TO EVER TELL ANYONE THE TRUTH...

AND NONE...



...ONLY THREE ELDERS ARE LEFT WHO KNOW THE SECRET...

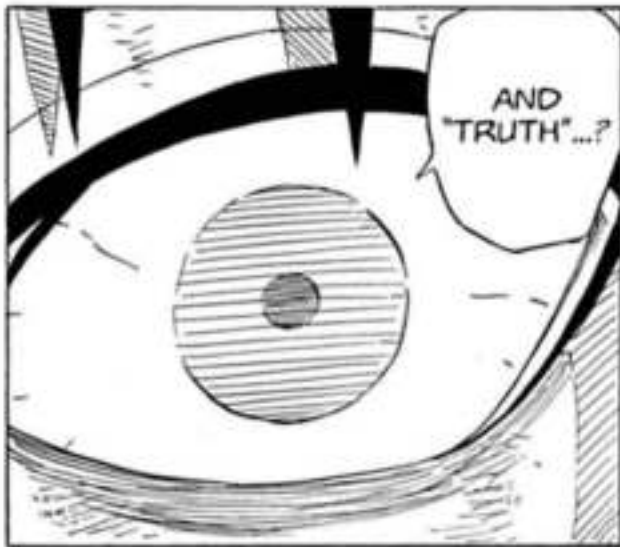
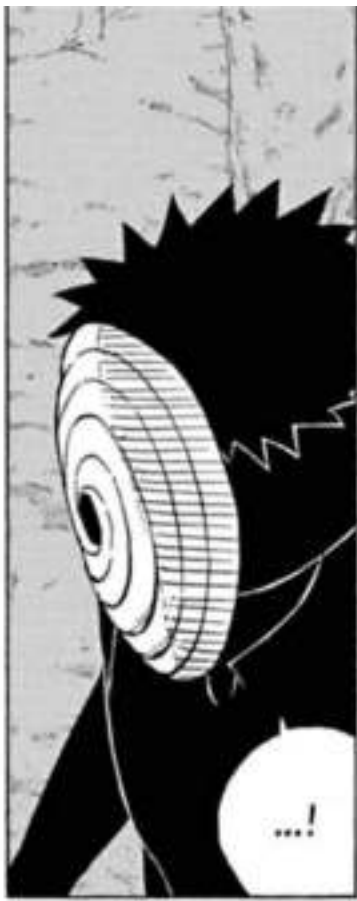
WITH THE THIRD HOKAGE DEAD...



WHICH IS WHAT ITACHI HIMSELF DESIRED.

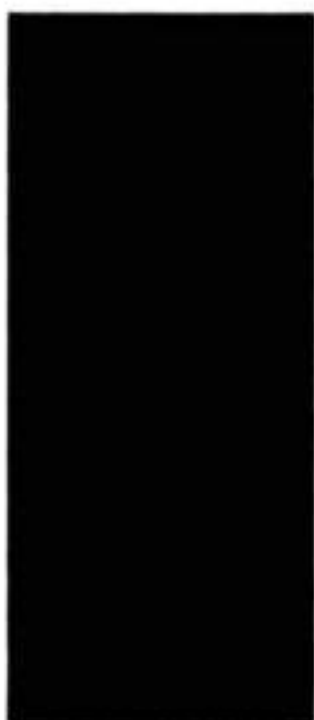
SO ITACHI'S ACTUAL MISSION WILL DISAPPEAR INTO ETERNAL OBSCURITY.

















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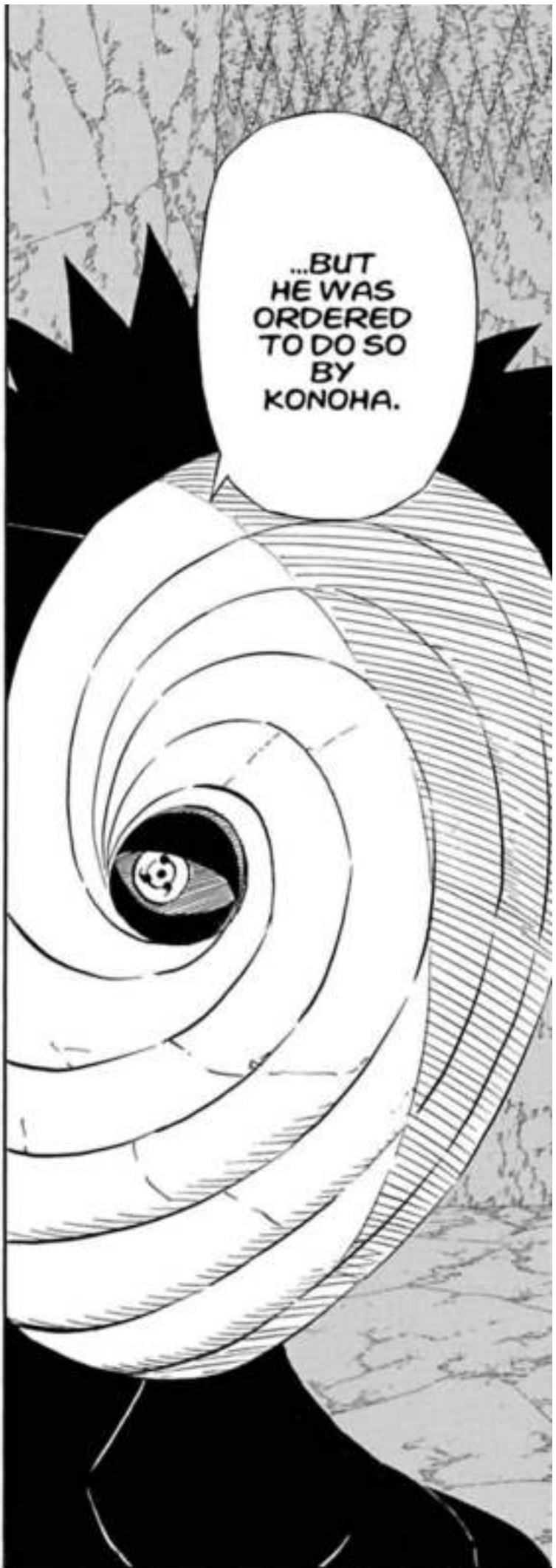


AND THAT IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF THE TRUTH ABOUT ITACHI.



...A MISSION...

...YOU SAID?



...BUT HE WAS ORDERED TO DO SO BY KONOHA.



...BY
SLAUGHTER-
ING
EVERYONE.

THAT'S
RIGHT.
ITACHI COM-
PLETED HIS
ASSIGNMENT
THAT
NIGHT...



BUT
I STILL
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND?!



YOU
SEEM
CALMER
NOW.



...



?



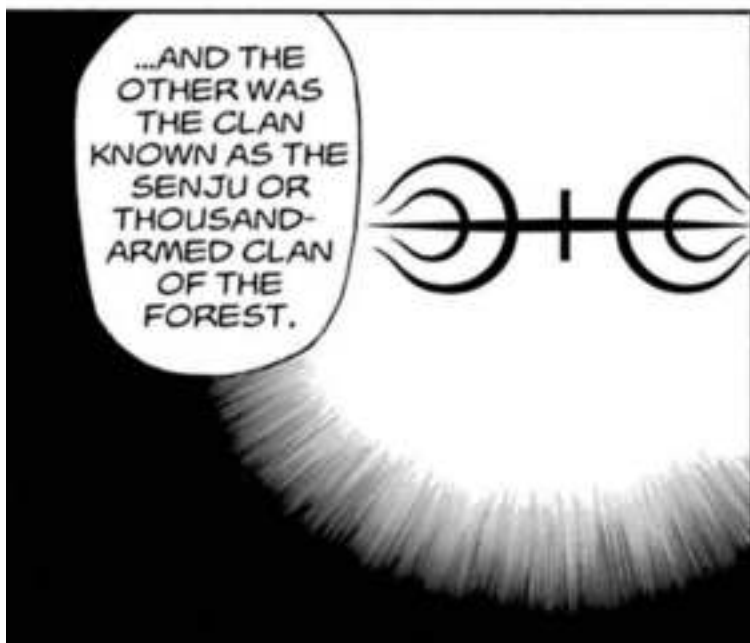
...I MUST
GO BACK
TO THE
BEGINNING.

IN ORDER
TO EXPLAIN
ITACHI'S
STORY...











EXCELLING IN ALL TYPES OF WARFARE, WE BECAME KNOWN AS A BATTLE CLAN.

WE OF UCHIHA POSSESSED EXCEPTIONAL CHAKRA AND THE SHARINGAN.



YOU COULD SAY THAT ME SURVIVING THIS LONG IS PROOF OF THAT.



AND THEN I WAS BORN...

...POSSESSING PARTICULARLY POWERFUL CHAKRA... EVEN FOR AN UCHIHA.

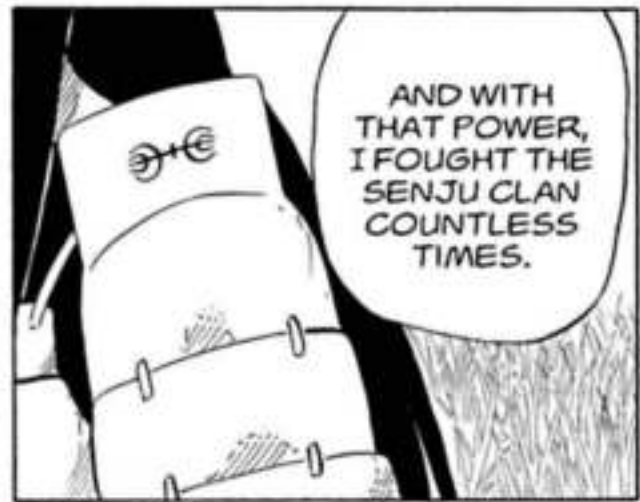


IN AN ERA WHERE POWER WAS EVERYTHING...


...AND AT THE COST OF MY FRIENDS AND YOUNGER BROTHER, I CONTINUOUSLY SOUGHT EVER MORE POWER.



BACK THEN, I SPENT EVERY DAY ON THE BATTLEFIELD.



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 Number 399: How It All Begins!!





WHENEVER
SENJU MADE
A MOVE,
UCHIHA
MOVED AS
WELL.



IF A NATION
HIRED SENJU,
THEIR
OPPONENT
WOULD HIRE
UCHIHA...
WE ENDED UP
BEING LIKE
RIVALS.

FOR OUR
CLAN WAS
PRETTY
MUCH THE
ONLY ONE
WHO COULD
TAKE THEM
ON.



MEA-
SURE
ONE'S
CAPAC-
ITY.

IN ORDER
TO
APPROACH
THE
ULTIMATE
SHINOBI!



THE MORE
I WENT UP
AGAINST
HASHIRA-
MA...

...THE
MORE MY
NAME
BECAME
KNOWN
AS WELL.











SO AS THEIR COLLECTIVE LEADER, I ACCEDED TO THEIR WILL.

HOWEVER... THE REST OF MY CLAN DESPERATELY DESIRED PEACE.



...COME TO BE OPPRESSED BY THE SENJU CLAN.

I COULDN'T HELP FEARING THAT THE UCHIHA CLAN WOULD ONE DAY...



THAT WAS KONOHA-GAKURE AND THE LAND OF FIRE.

AND THUS THE POWERFUL SYSTEM OF ONE SHINOBI VILLAGE TO ONE NATION CAME TO BE.



...FORGED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAND OF FIRE, WHICH WANTED TO STABILIZE ITS BORDERS.

IT WASN'T TOO LONG AFTERWARD THAT OUR ALLIANCE...



INSTANTANEOUS PEACE.

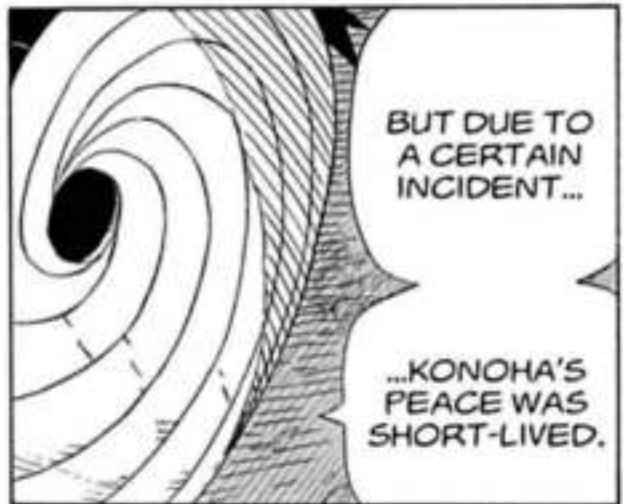


...ONE BY ONE, THE NUMBER OF WARS DIMINISHED.

OTHER NATIONS QUICKLY FOLLOWED SUIT, AND ACCORDINGLY...

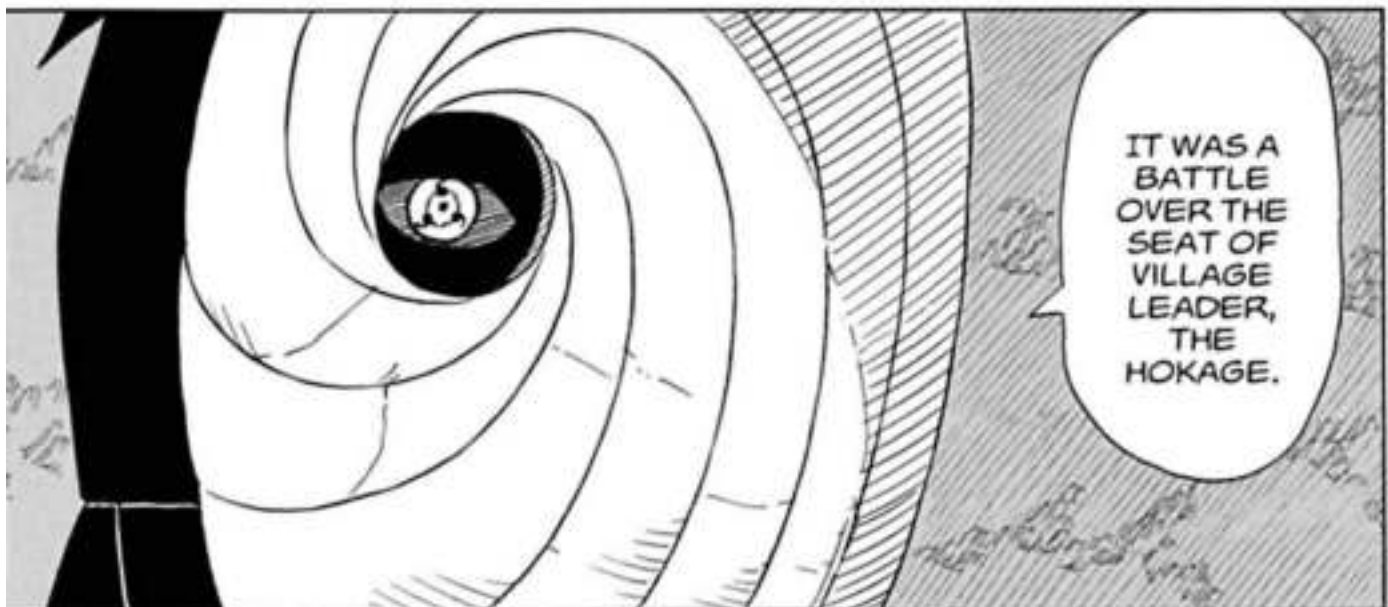


...A CERTAIN INCIDENT?



BUT DUE TO A CERTAIN INCIDENT...

...KONOHA'S PEACE WAS SHORT-LIVED.



IT WAS A BATTLE OVER THE SEAT OF VILLAGE LEADER, THE HOKAGE.



BOTH THE VILLAGE AND LAND OF FIRE SELECTED HASHIRAMA.

AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, SENJU HASHIRAMA ATTAINED THAT POSITION.



...A PATH I KNEW WOULD LEAD TO A CONFRONTATION WITH HASHIRAMA ...

I DECIDED TO ADVOCATE FOR AN UCHIHA LEADER IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE CLAN...

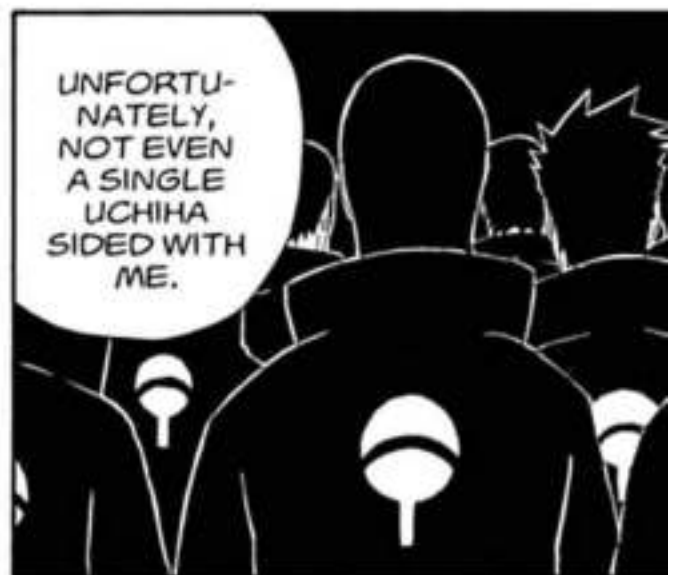


IT WAS CLEAR UCHIHA WAS BEING MORE AND MORE DISPLACED FROM THE POWER STRUCTURE.



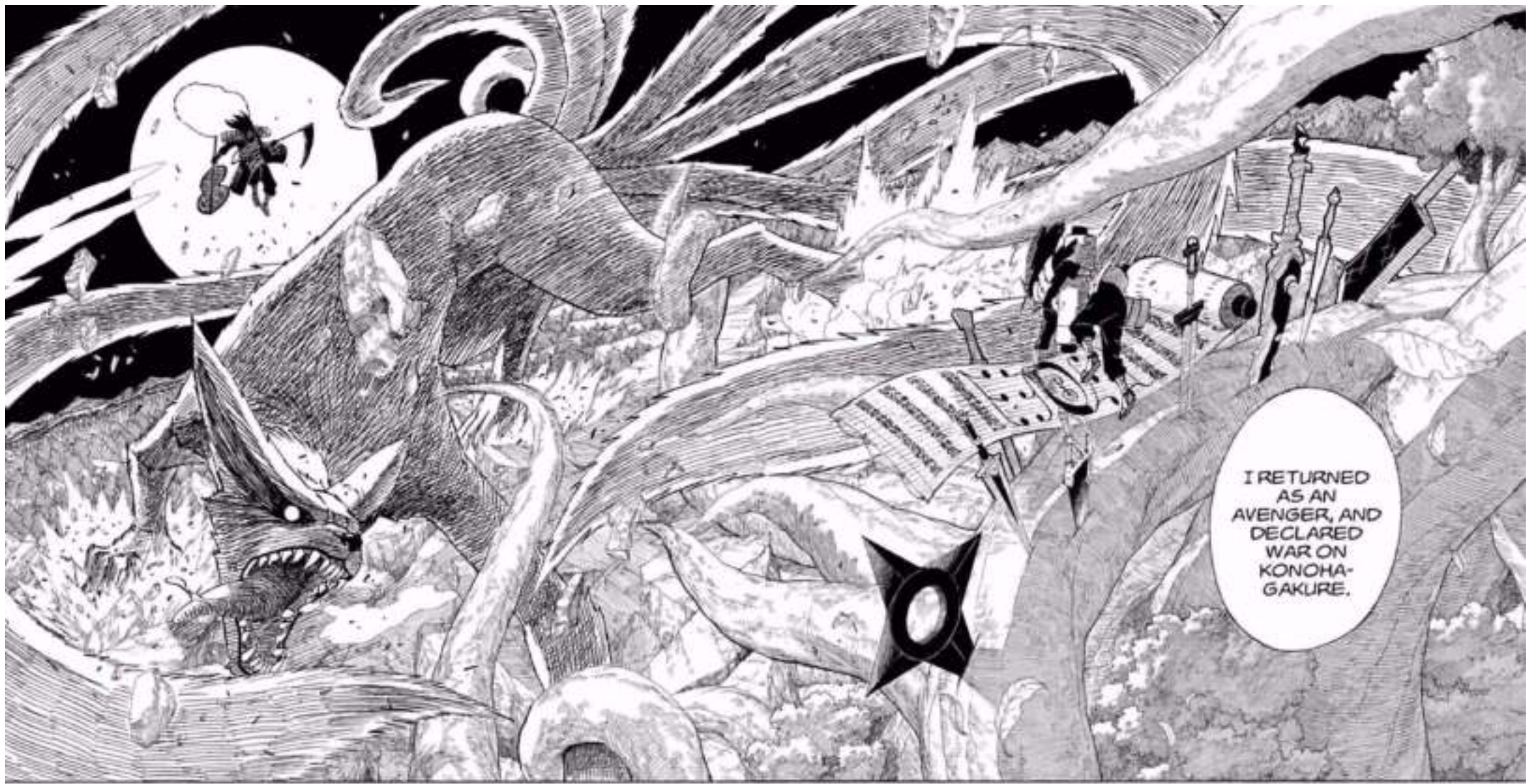
...AND BETRAYED ME.

MY FOLLOWERS SHUNNED ME FOR TRYING TO REKINDLE THE FLAMES OF WAR...



UNFORTUNATELY, NOT EVEN A SINGLE UCHIHA SIDED WITH ME.







...AT THE SPOT
THAT HAS
COME TO BE
KNOWN AS
THE FINAL
VALLEY.

I WAS
DEFEATED...



I WAS
ERASED
FROM
HISTORY
AND FOLKS'
MEMORIES.



I'M
SURE
EVEN
HASHIRA-
MA
THOUGHT
SO.

I WAS
SAID...

...TO
HAVE
DIED
THERE.



... BESTOWED
UPON UCHIHA
A SPECIAL
RESPO-
NSI-
BILITY, AS
PROOF OF
HIS TRUST.

IN ORDER
TO PREVENT
THE RISE OF
ANOTHER
TRAITOR,
HASHIRAMA'S
YOUNGER
BROTHER,
THE SECOND
HOKAGE...



...AND PLACED THE ENTIRE CLAN UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY, IN ONE FELL SWOOP.

BUT THE HIDDEN TRUTH IS THAT IT REMOVED UCHIHA FROM THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE...



THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KONOHA POLICE FORCE.



...BUT IT UNFORTUNATELY WAS TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE.



AND AN ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT FACTION THAT HAD INHERITED MY WILL.

THERE WERE FINALLY SOME UCHIHA WHO DISCERNED THAT MOTIVE.

(MADARA)



...AND THE ONCE PROUD UCHIHA CLAN WAS REDUCED TO BEING SENJU'S LACKEYS.

TIME PASSED... THE LEADERSHIP STAYED IN SENJU'S HANDS...



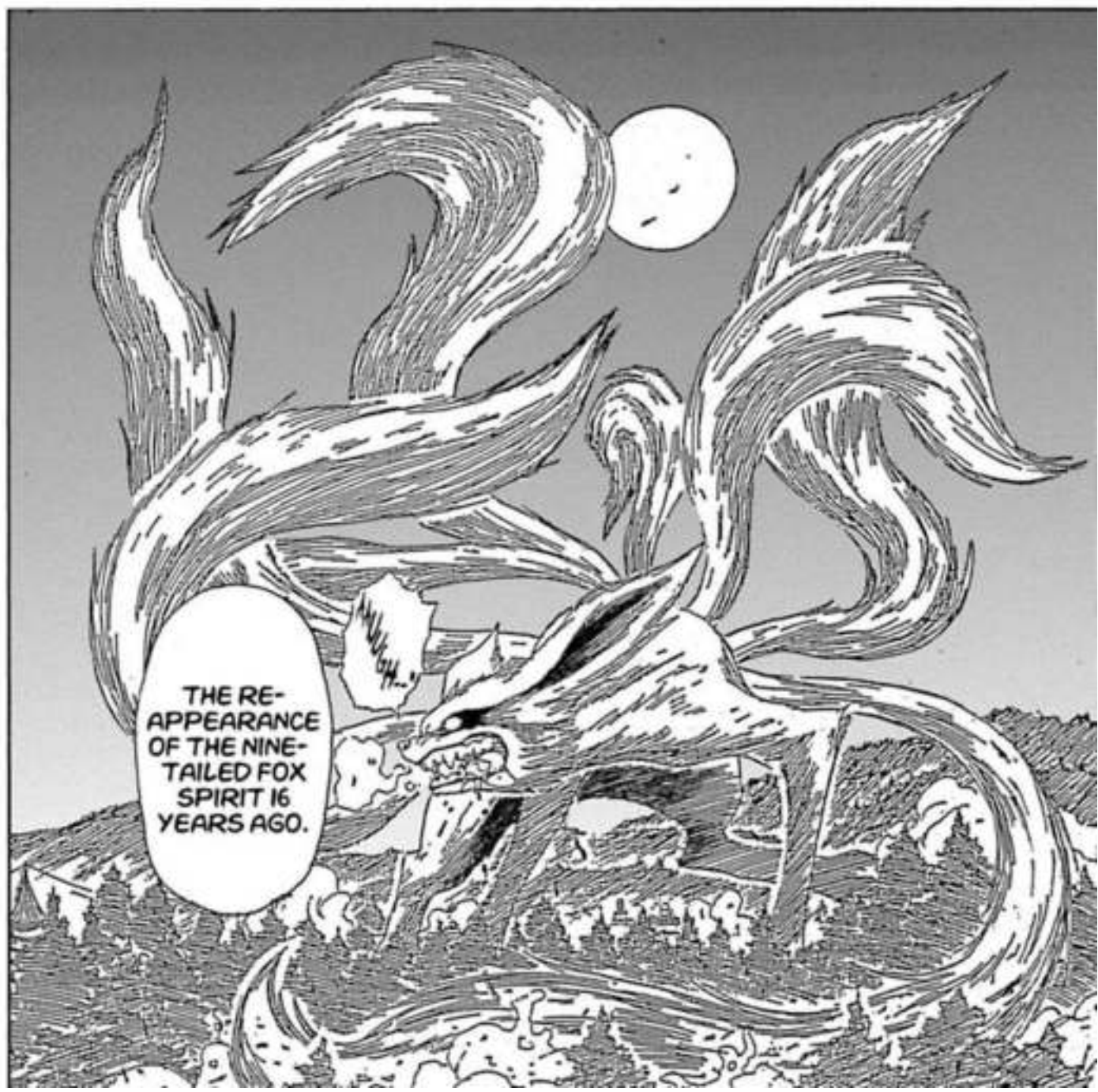
THAT'S RIGHT...

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IT WAS JUST AS I HAD FEARED.

AND THEN, A CERTAIN OTHER INCIDENT SEALED UCHIHA'S FIGURATIVE DEMISE.



THE RE-APPEARANCE OF THE NINE-TAILED FOX SPIRIT 16 YEARS AGO.



ONLY UCHIHA OCULAR POWERS CAN TAME AND CONTROL NINE TAILS...



WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?



COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO UCHIHA.

BUT IT WAS A SPONTANEOUSLY GENERATED NATURAL DISASTER.



...SURMISED THAT THAT INCIDENT WAS THE DOING OF AN UCHIHA.

THE KONOHA ELDERS...



...



THAT UCHIHA WAS TRYING TO RAISE AN INSURRECTION TO TAKE OVER THE LEADERSHIP...

AND YET, UNJUST SUSPICIONS PERSISTED.



IT WAS AN ISOLATION TACTIC.

AND THE CLAN'S LIVING QUARTERS WERE RELOCATED TO ONE CORNER OF THE VILLAGE...



BLACK OPS WERE ASSIGNED TO RUN SURVEILLANCE ON UCHIHA.



THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST US.

THE UCHIHA CLAN WAS SIMPLY NOT TRUSTED.



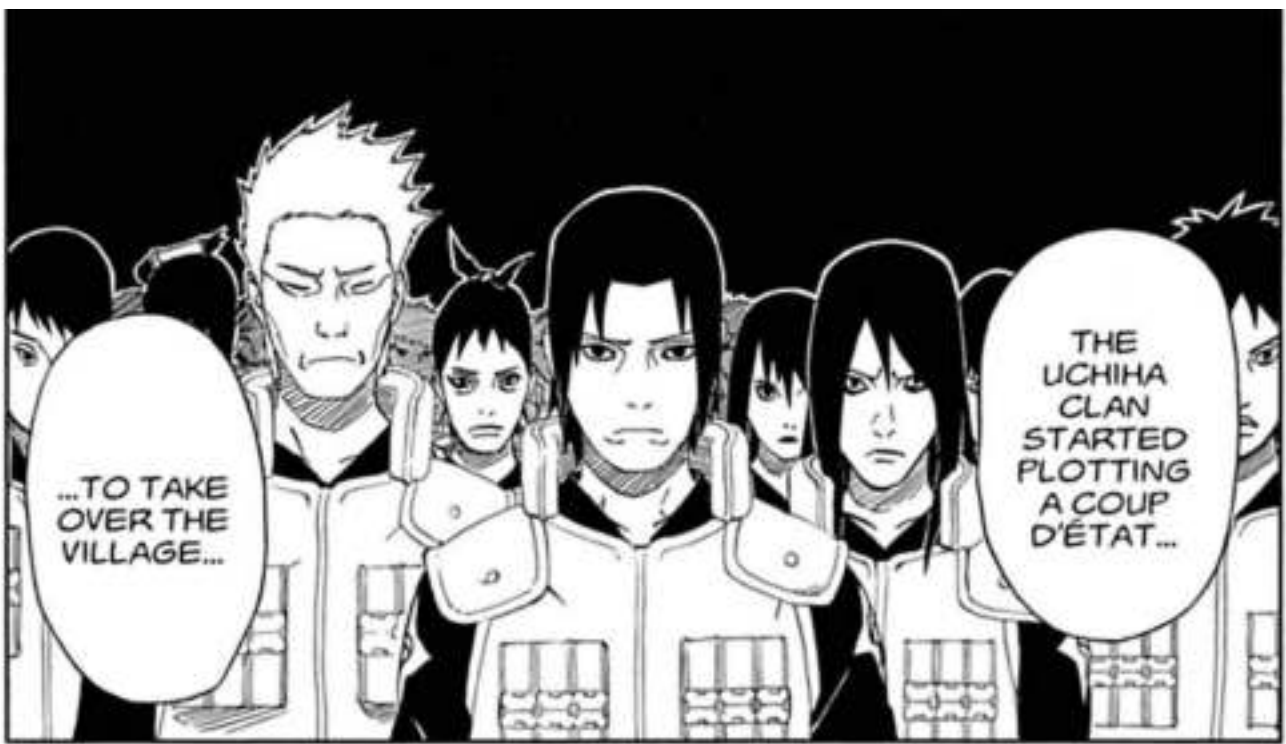
IRONICALLY, THE THIRD HOKAGE ALONE RAISED OBJECTION OVER THE SEGREGATION...
...BUT BLACK OPS DANZO AND THE TWO COUNSELORS OVERRULED HIM.



...AND SUSPICIONS EVENTUALLY EVOLVED INTO REALITY ...

THEIR DISTRUST GAVE RISE TO BAD BLOOD...





...TO TAKE
OVER THE
VILLAGE...

THE
UCHIHA
CLAN
STARTED
PLOTING
A COUP
D'ÉTAT...



AND SO
KONOHA'S
LEADERS
SENT IN A SPY
TO WATCH
THE UCHIHA
CLAN.



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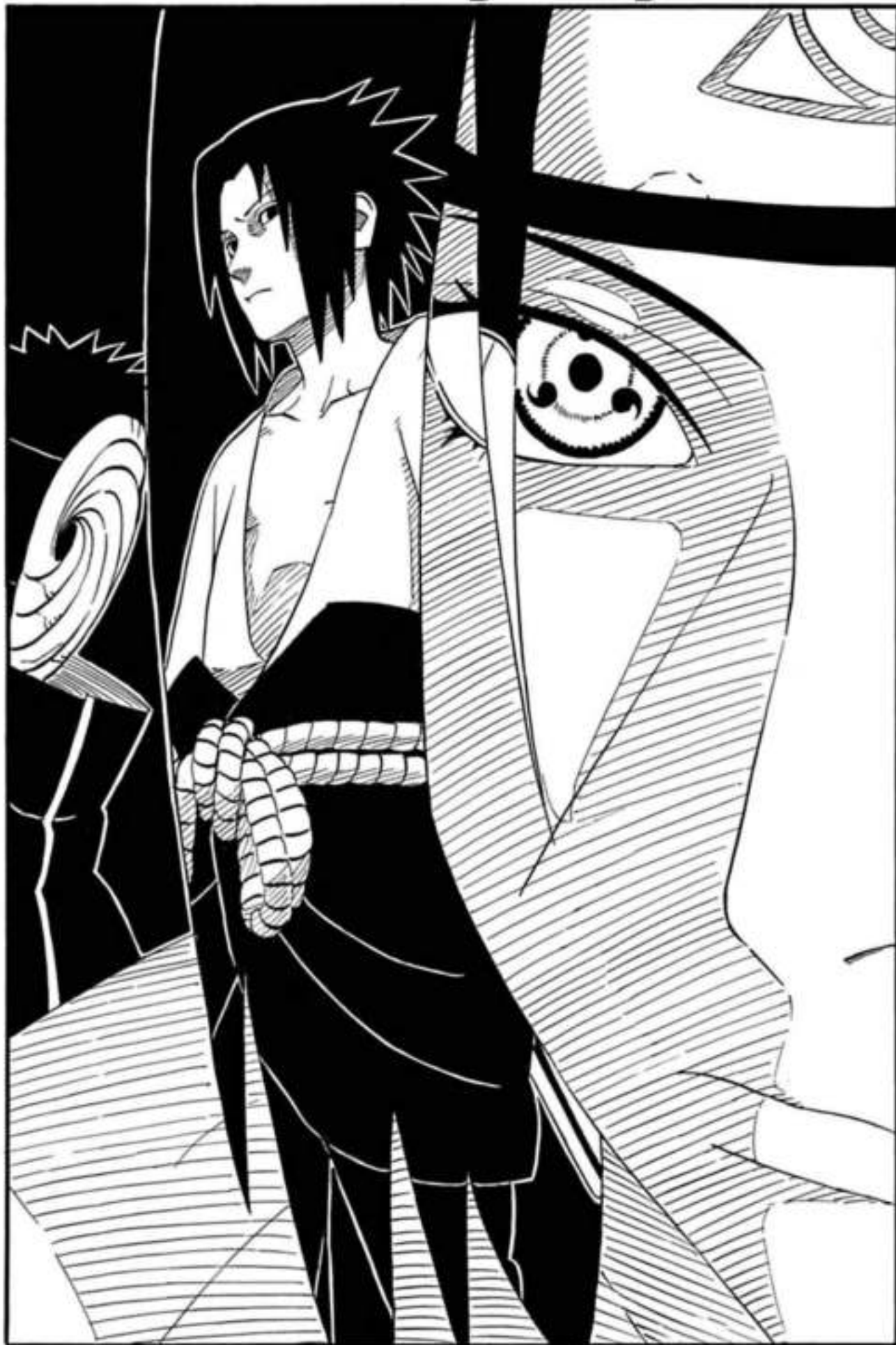


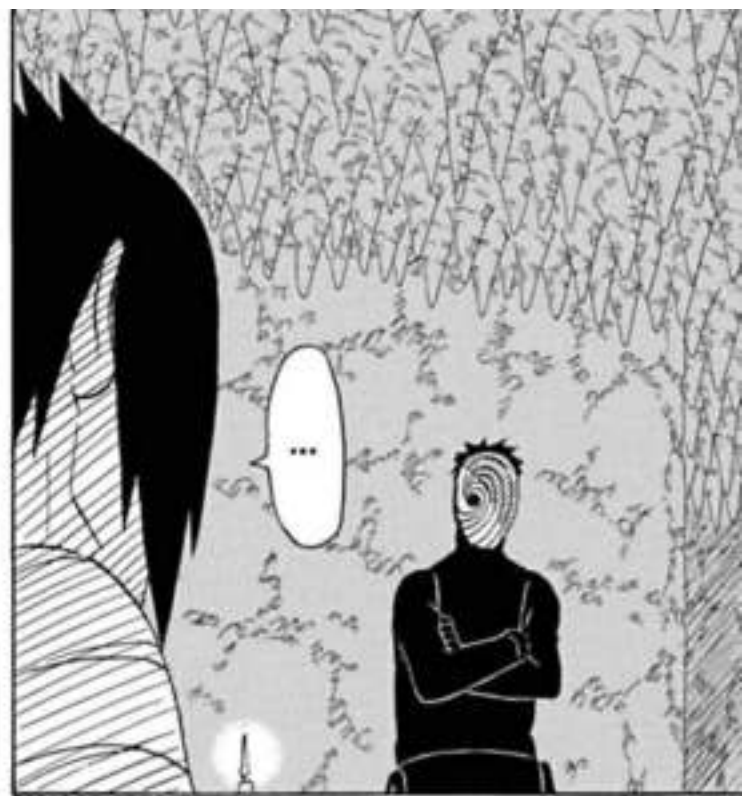
AND
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THAT SPY
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ITACHI.

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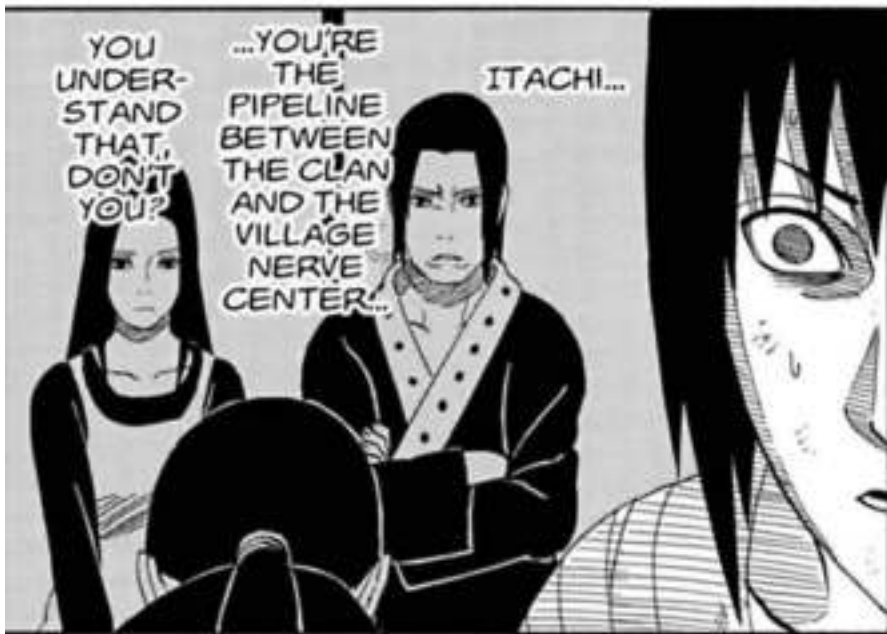
 Number 400: Living a Nightmare







IN FACT, YOUR FATHER FUGAKU WAS THE MASTERMIND OF THAT ANTICIPATED COUP.



YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, DON'T YOU?

...YOU'RE THE PIPELINE BETWEEN THE CLAN AND THE VILLAGE NERVE CENTER...

ITACHI...



AND ITACHI WAS A SPY WHO ENTERED THE BLACK OPS ON YOUR FATHER'S ORDERS.



ITACHI WAS SUPPLYING THE VILLAGE WITH INTELLIGENCE ON UCHIHA.

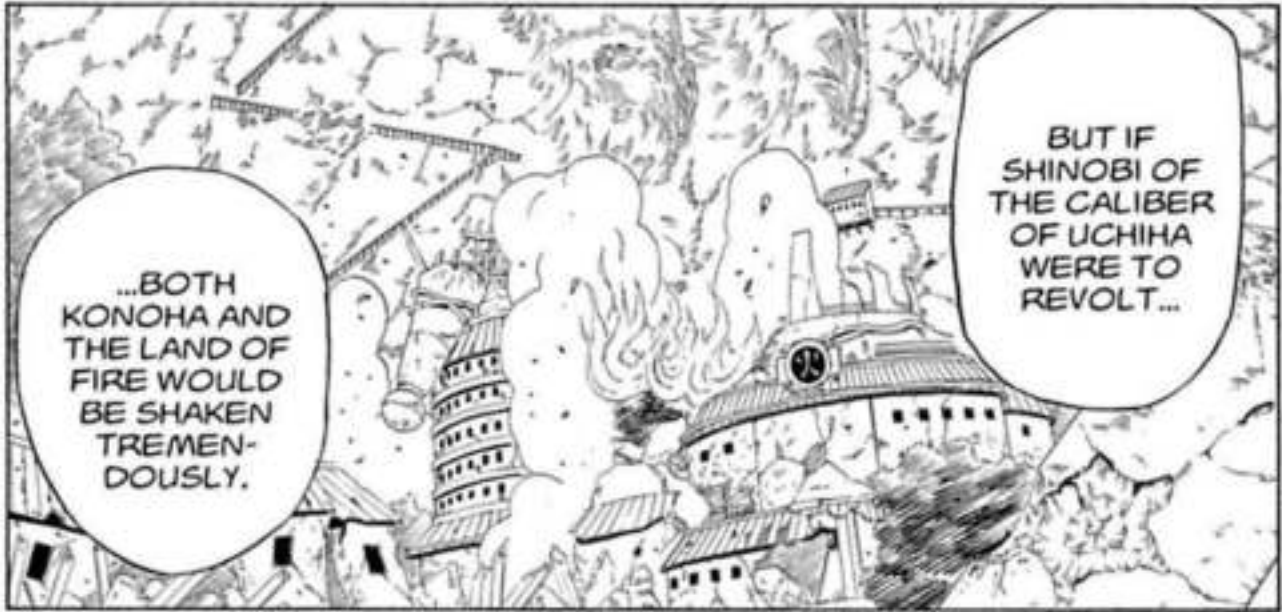
IN OTHER WORDS, HE WAS A DOUBLE AGENT.

HOWEVER.. IT WAS ACTUALLY THE OPPOSITE.









...BOTH KONOHA AND THE LAND OF FIRE WOULD BE SHAKEN TREMENDOUSLY.

BUT IF SHINOBI OF THE CALIBER OF UCHIHA WERE TO REVOLT...



...WOULD LEAD TO MANY DEATHS, INCLUDING THAT OF INNOCENT FOLKS UNRELATED TO THE SHINOBI WORLD.

THE SELF-CENTERED ACT OF THE UCHIHA CLAN...



IT COULD EASILY BECOME THE TRIGGER FOR THE FOURTH GREAT NINJA WAR.

OTHER NATIONS WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION AND INVADE.



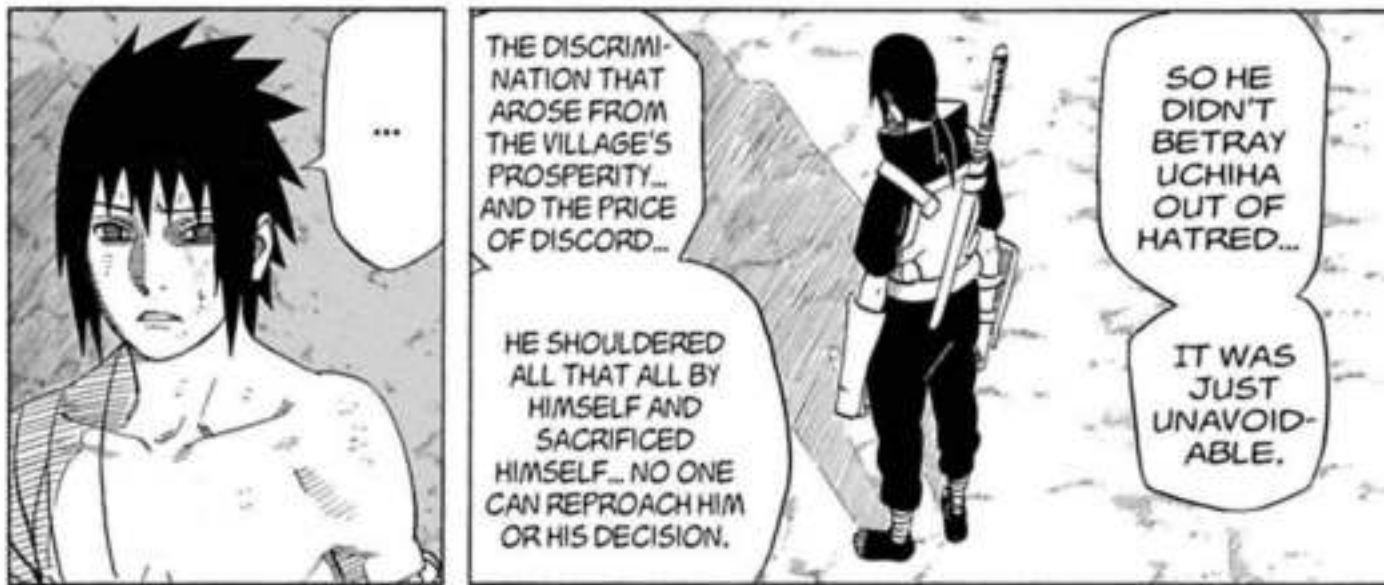
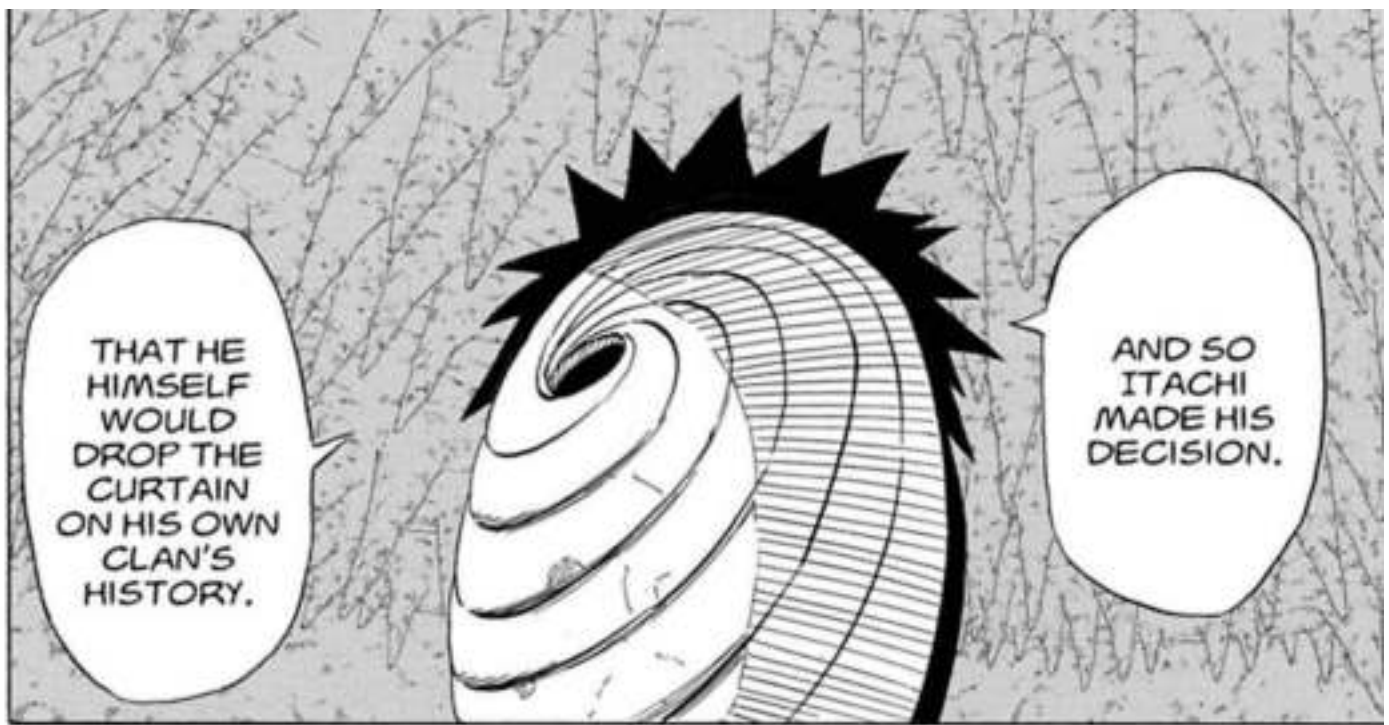
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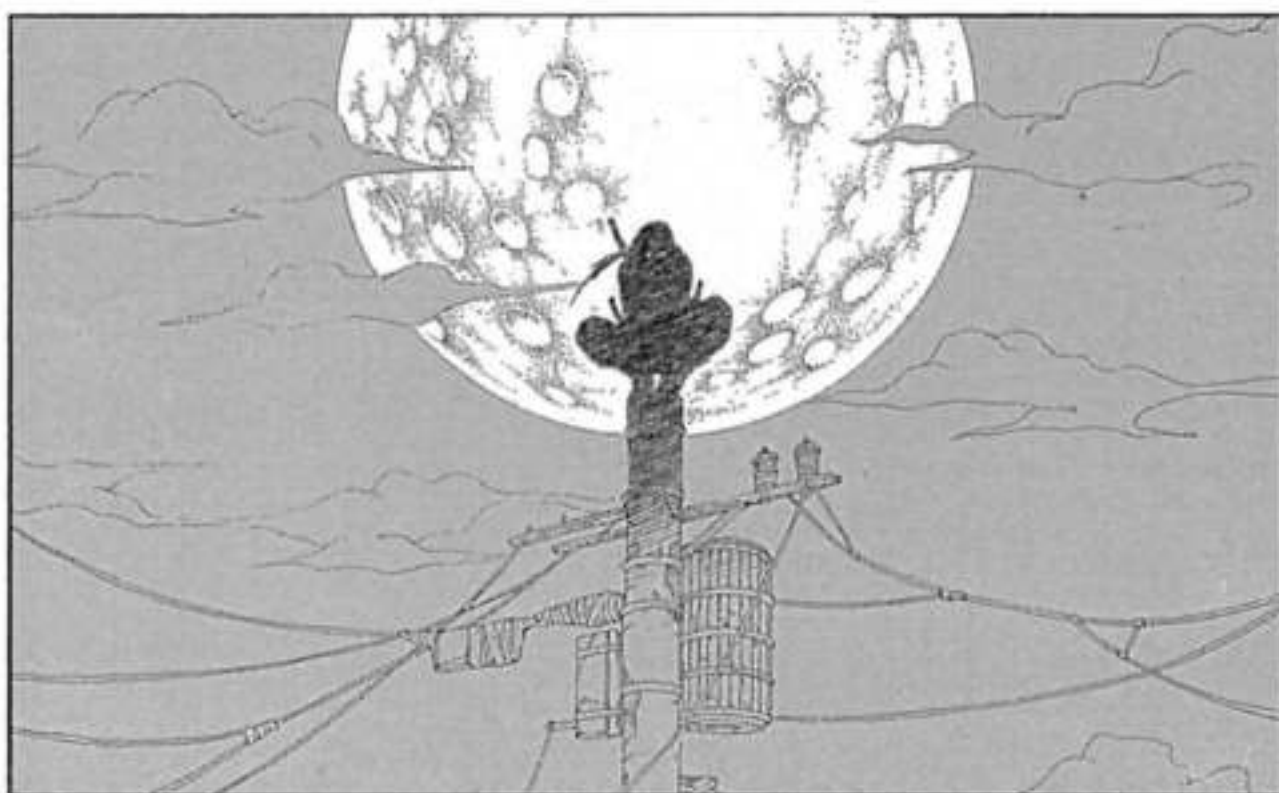
IF YOU WERE ITACHI, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE?



...



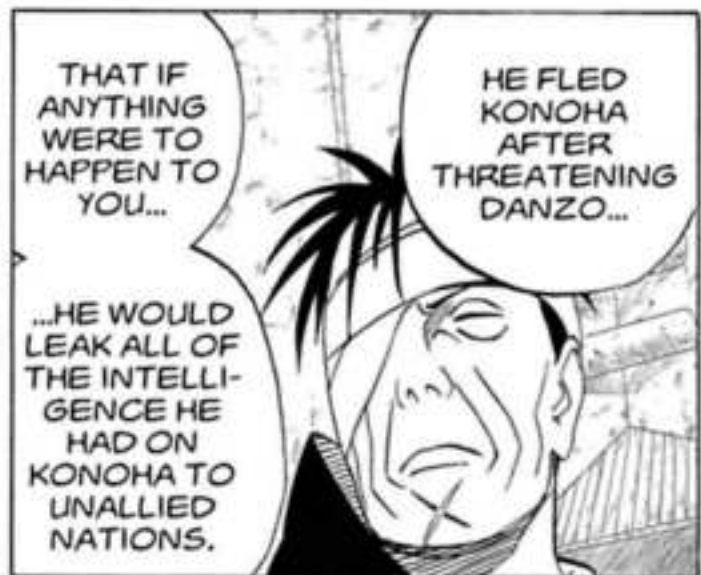








...HE
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BROTHER.



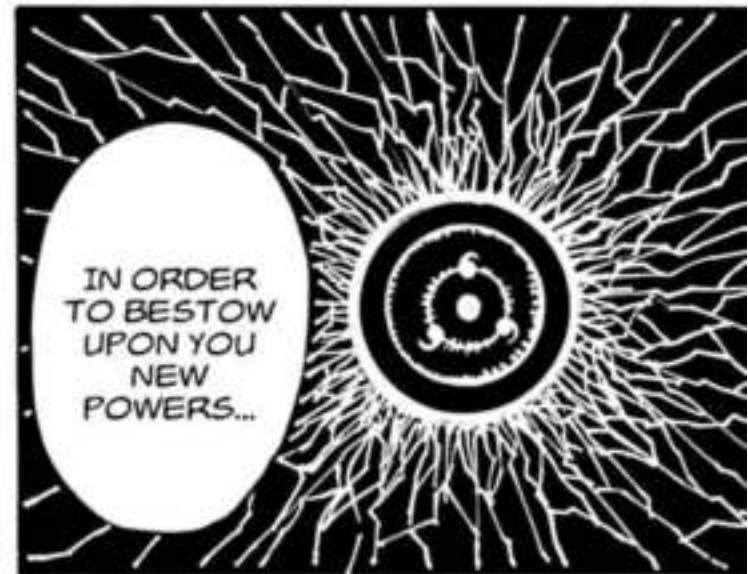


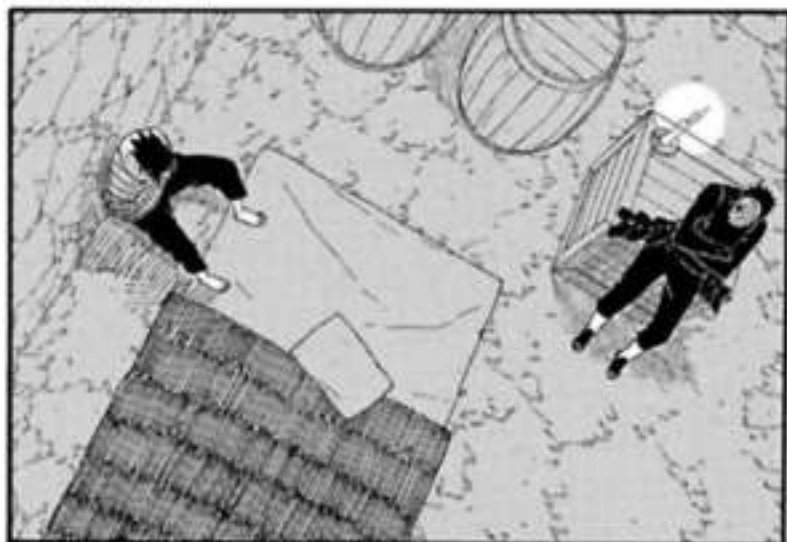


...YOU WILL FIND ME AGAIN.

AND SOMEDAY, WHEN YOU HAVE THE SAME EYES AS I...







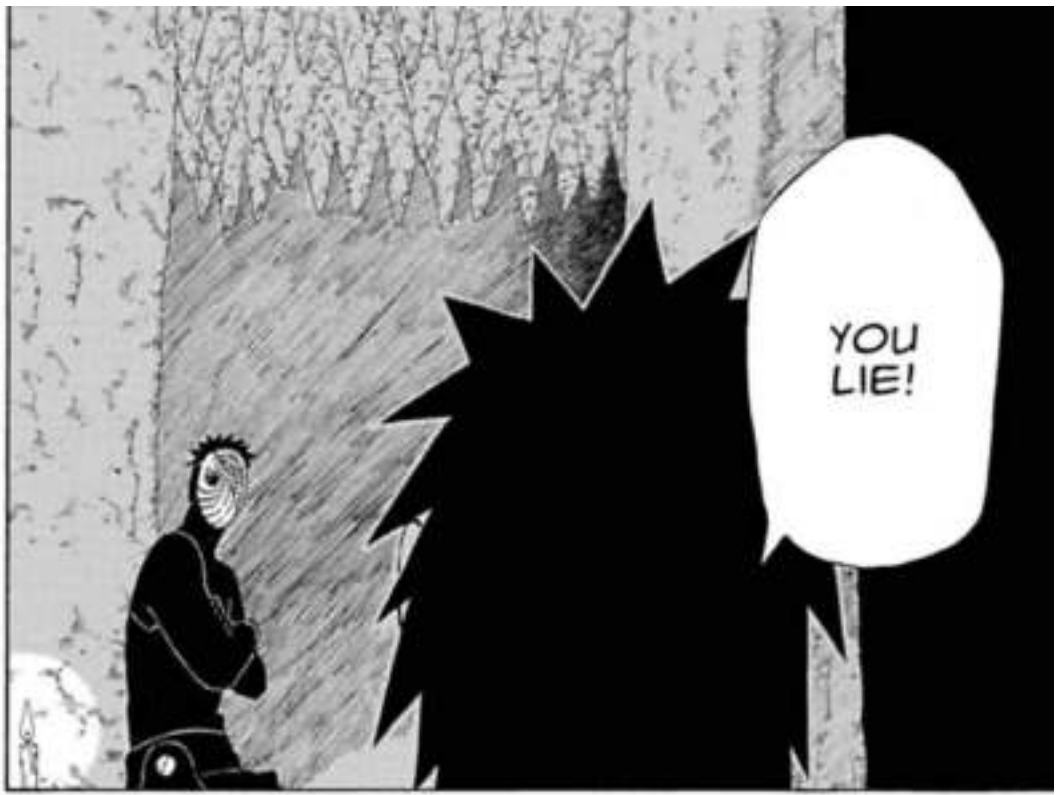
NARUTO

 Number 407: Illusions









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

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



ITACHI SAID IT WAS ALL YOUR DOING!

YOU SENT NINE TAILS TO ASSAULT THE VILLAGE!



...WHO SHALL SURPASS MADARA AND APPROACH BECOMING THE ULTIMATE SHINOBI!

...I AM THE ONE...



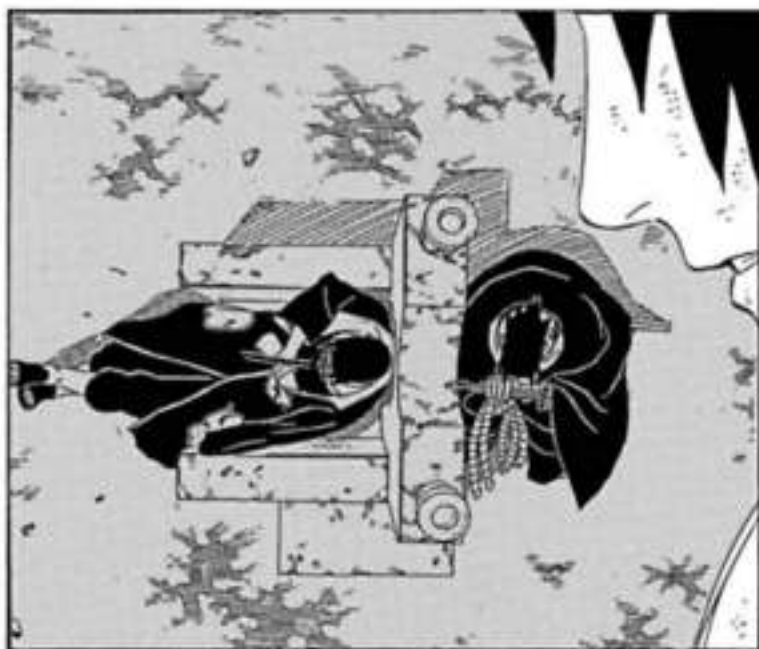
...HE IS NOT WORTHY OR CAPABLE OF GRASPING UCHIHA'S TRUE GREATNESS.

MADARA IS A BITTER, DEFEATED DOG...













NOR A SINGLE ONE OF HIS ILLUSIONS.

YOUR EYES DIDN'T SEE THROUGH ITACHI AT ALL.

FSH



...HIS LOVERS, HIS FATHER, AND HIS MOTHER...

...KILLED HIS FRIENDS, HIS SUPERIORS...

SHUP



ITACHI...

SHUP



SNIP

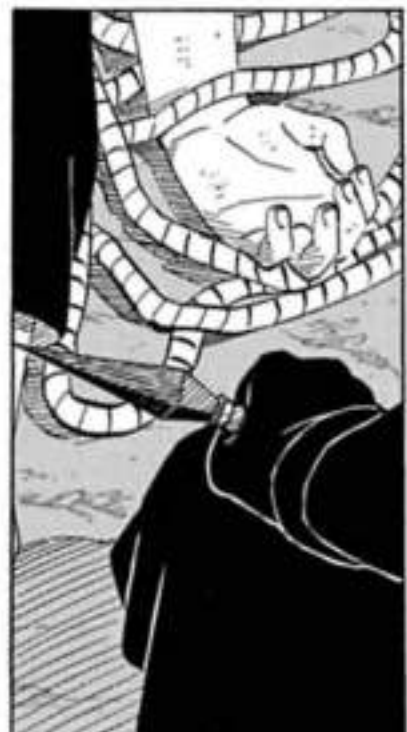
HE KILLED ALL OF HIS OWN EMOTIONS, SAVE FOR CRYING TEARS OF BLOOD, AND SLAUGHTERED HIS OWN FLESH AND BLOOD FOR THE SAKE OF HIS VILLAGE...



BUT HIS LITTLE BROTHER ALONE... HE COULD NOT KILL...

FSH

SWOSH







...IN ORDER TO CONFER UPON YOU NEW POWERS...



...



...NO, EVEN AFTER HE DIED...

UP UNTIL THE VERY MOMENT OF HIS DEATH...



...AND BY ALLOWING YOU TO DEFEAT HIM...



...BY MAKING YOU OUT TO BE KONOHA'S HERO.

...HE ACHIEVED REVENGE AGAINST THE UCHIHA CLAN...



...AND
DIE IN
FRONT
OF
YOU.

BECAUSE
HE HAD
TO
FIGHT
YOU...



KAVBOOSH





...I WOULD

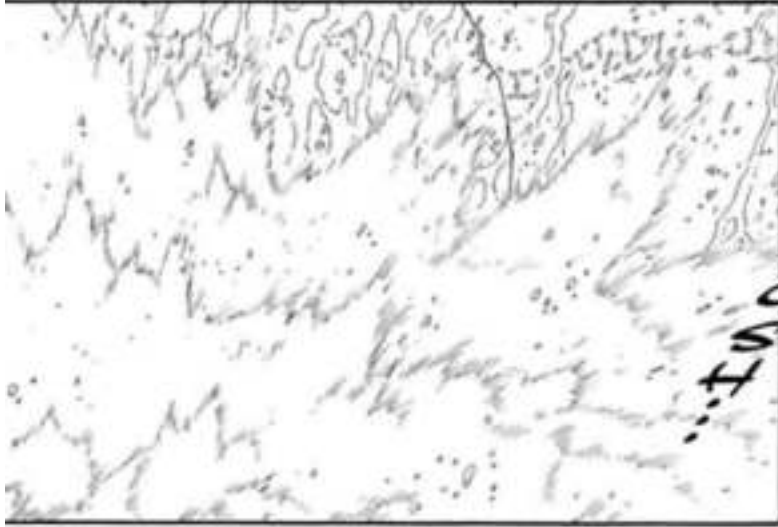
...STILL
FOOLING
YOU TO
THE
VERY
END...

HE BE-
QUEATHED
TO YOU
THE
UCHIHA
NAME...



NARUTO

 Number 402: Final Words



BADUMP BADUMP BADUMP

BIG BROTHER!



OKAY? WHAT SHOULD WE PLAY?



HEY! LET'S GO PLAY, BIG BROTHER!

WHOOOMPH

WELCOME HOME!



HMPH



SASUKE! YOUR BROTHER HAS ACADEMY HOMEWORK TO DO.

FSH...

YOU NEED TO WAIT UNTIL HE'S FINISHED DOING ALL OF IT.





NO FAIR!!

HEY!



...BUT BIG BROTHER USED A DOPPEL-GANGER TO TRICK ME.

HEY, DAD! BIG BROTHER AND I PLAYED HIDE-AND-SEEK TODAY...

THAT'S CHEATING, ISN'T IT?!



HOME-WORK!

BIG BROTHER, TEACH ME DOPPEL-GANGER JUTSU AFTER DINNER, OK?!

...

HO... YOU'VE MASTERED DOPPEL-GANGERS ALREADY?







WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE AS MUCH TIME TO OURSELVES ANYMORE.



...BUT I'M GOING TO START GETTING ASSIGNED MISSIONS...
...AND YOU START THE NINJA ACADEMY TOMORROW, DON'T YOU?



SURE...
WILL YOU TRAIN WITH ME AGAIN, BIG BROTHER?



...AS LONG AS WE CAN STILL TRAIN JUST US ONCE IN A WHILE.

THAT'S OKAY...

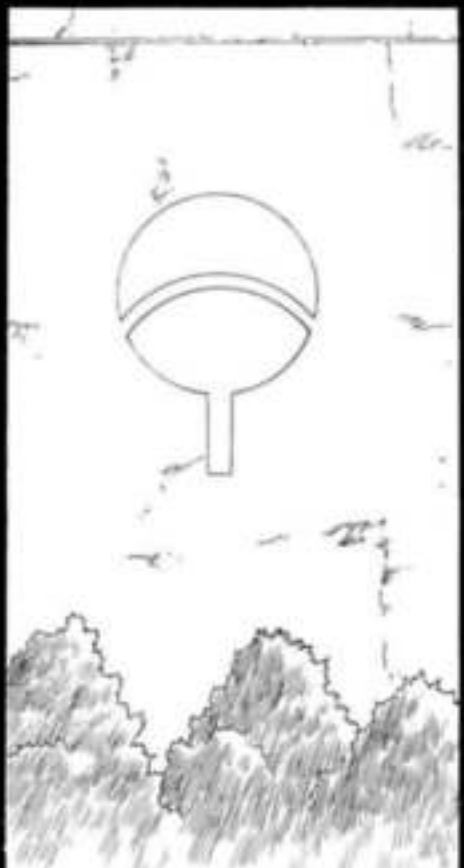


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I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE LIKE A WALL YOU NEED TO CLIMB OVER.

IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US.







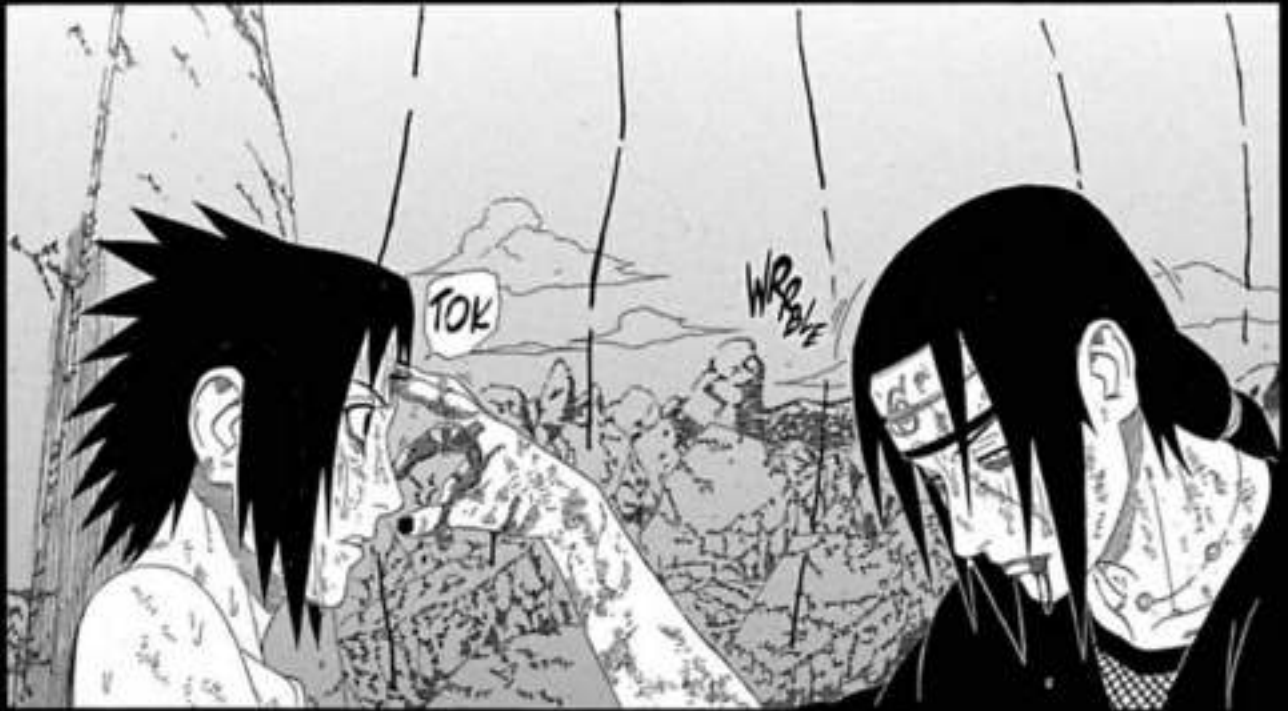
I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE...



THAT'S WHAT BIG BROTHERS ARE FOR.

EVEN IF IT MEANS BEING HATED...







END OF THE



SORRY, SASUKE ...

...THIS IS IT.

READ THIS WAY





...IWOOT...



...WILL BE THE HAWK. WE ARE THE TAKA.

FROM THIS DAY ON, OUR TEAM...



WE HAVE SHED THE SKIN OF THE SNAKE. WE ARE NO LONGER THE HEBI.



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