

The illustration features a central figure of Naruto Uzumaki in his Nine-Tails Chakra Mode, glowing with orange and yellow flames. He is surrounded by other characters: Kakashi Hatake in the top left, Sakura Haruno in the top right, Sasuke Uchiha in the bottom right, and Ino Yamanaka in the bottom left. In the background, a large, blue, multi-eyed face of the Nine-Tails looms. The title 'NARUTO' is written in large, bold, orange letters with a black outline, set against a blue circular background.

# NARUTO

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**55**





岸本 齊史

Quite a few dearly missed characters appear in this volume. I had to keep checking past volumes while drawing them because I'd forgotten some of their specs, which ended up taking way too long. Argh!!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2011



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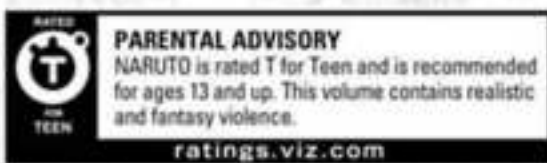
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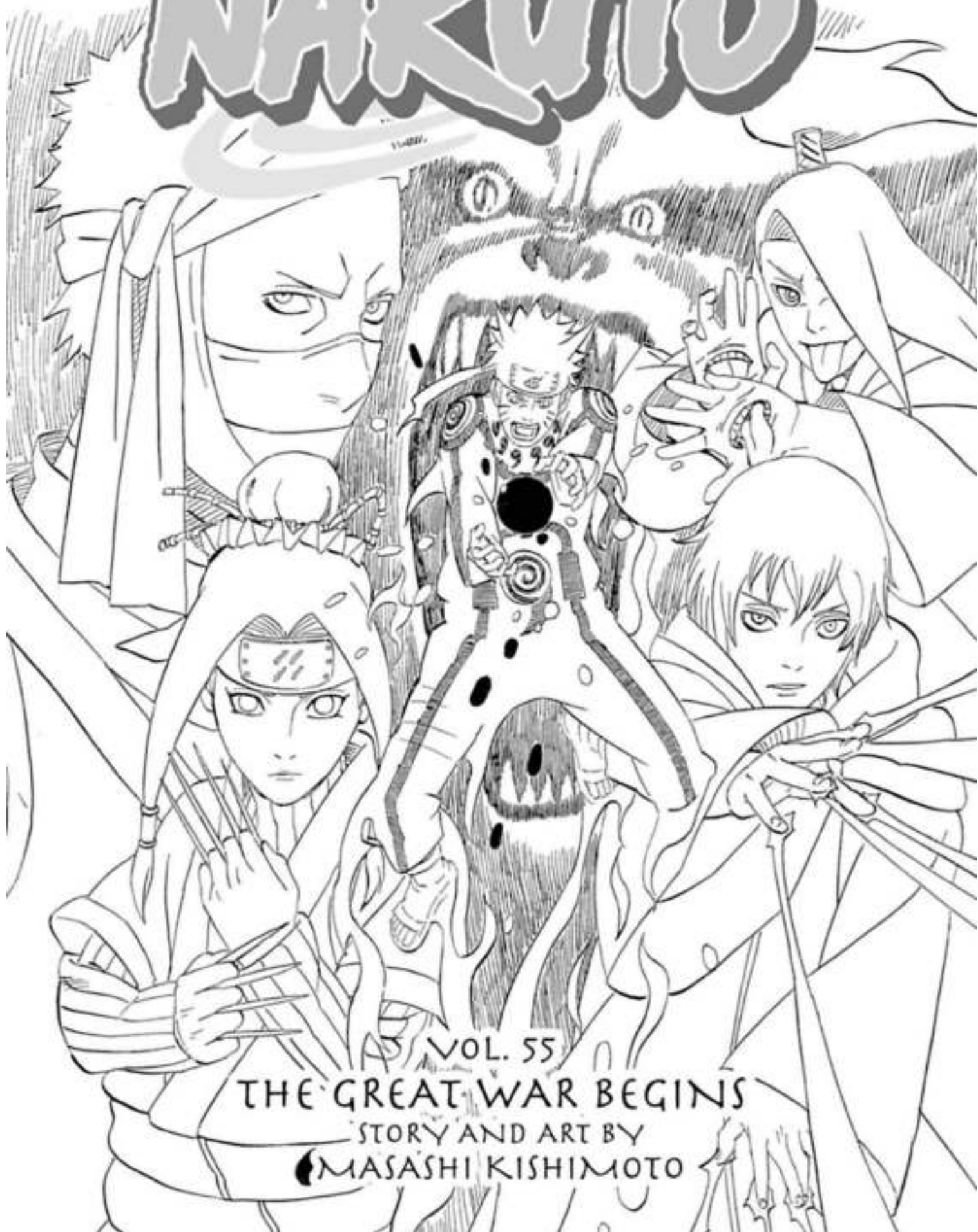
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# CHARACTERS



Sasuke サスケ



Naruto ナルト



Sakura サクラ



Kakashi カカシ



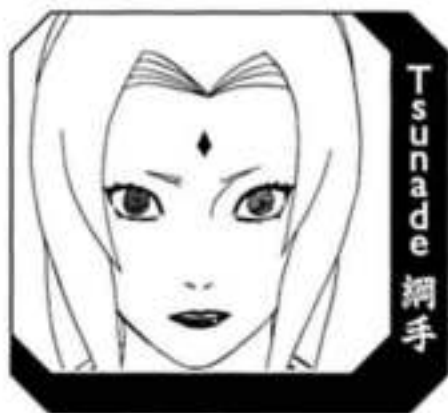
Yamato ヤマト



Sai サイ



Gaara 我爱羅



Tsunade 綱手



Mizukage  
水影



Tsuchikage  
土影



Raikage  
雷影



Kabuto  
カブト



Zetsu  
ゼツ



Madara  
マダラ



Motoi  
モトイ



Killer Bee  
キラビー



Deidara  
デイトラ

## THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power...

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. Elsewhere, after winning the heroic battle against Itachi and learning his older brother's true intentions, Sasuke allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

Upon Madara's declaration of war, an Allied Shinobi Force is formed. As tensions rise in both camps, the Akatsuki pinpoint Naruto's location. Madara directs Kabuto to capture Nine Tails. Yamato heads out to intercept Kabuto and protect Naruto, but is captured instead!





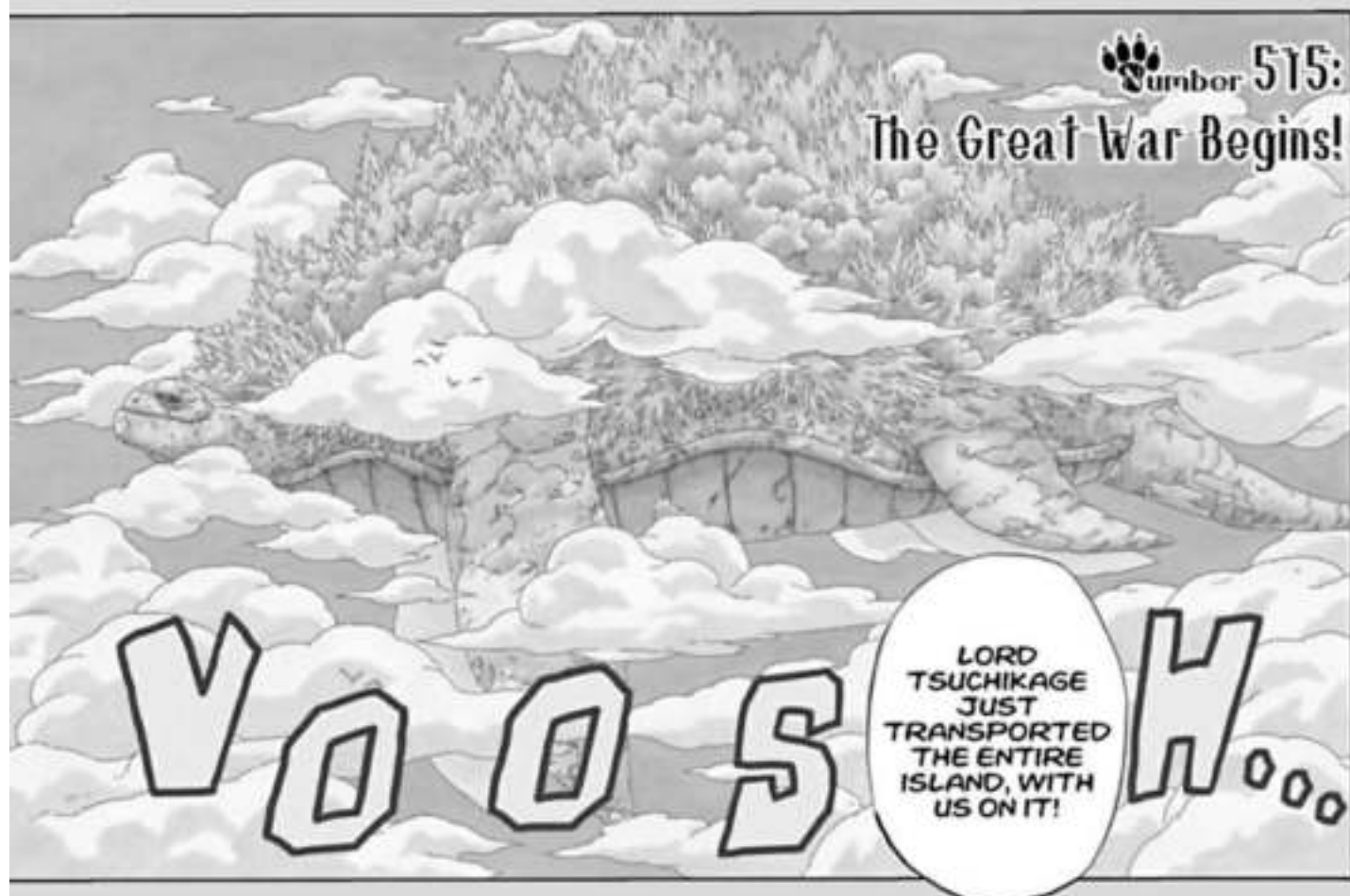
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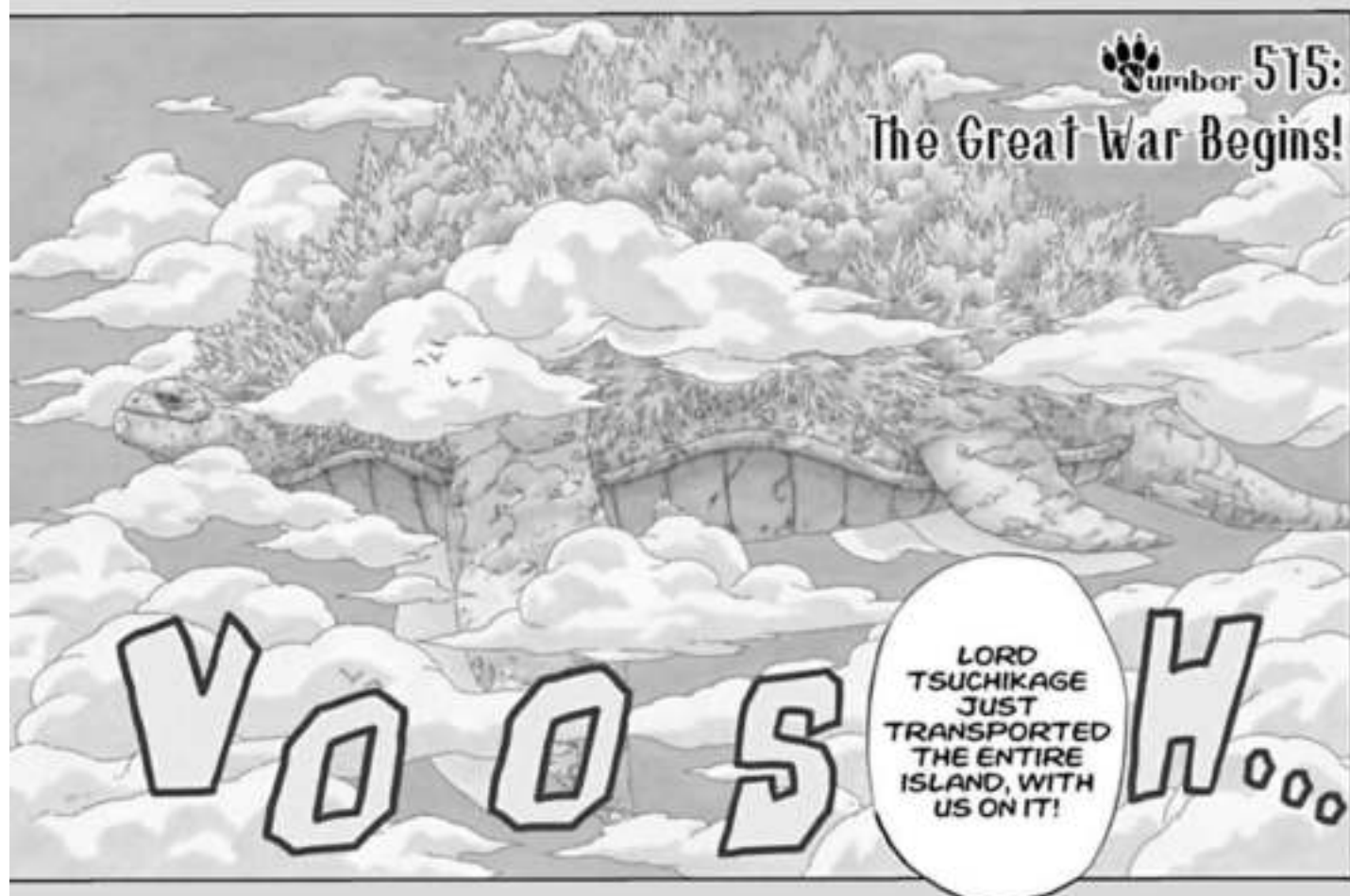
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 Sumber 515: The Great War Begins!



IT'S COMING...

FOR THE FIRST TIME  
SINCE THEY WERE BORN...  
THEY WILL EXPERIENCE...

"WAR"!!

**NARUTO**  
ナルト

BY SHIPPEN

515 : THE WAR BEGINS!

岸本 斉史

**NARUTO**









I MADE AN OATH!



LOOK BELOW, TOKUMA!! FOUR O'CLOCK! YOU HAVE THE SHARPEST BYAKUGAN OF ALL HYUGA. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THEM!!

I HAD MY GRUBS EXPLORE THE VICINITY! THEY INDICATE SIGNIFICANT SIGNS OF LIFE BELOW-GROUND.

THE WHITE SNAKE HAS KABUTO'S CHAKRA SIGNATURE. THIS IS THEIR HQ!



THE NEXT TIME YOU USE YOUR EYES, THE WORLD WILL BE NEW. I, FOR ONE, CANNOT WAIT!!

NO... BE PATIENT.

NOT YET?



YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?!

SSH...





WHAT IS IT?!

WH-WHOA... SO MANY...!



IMPATIENT NARUTO, COOL IT  
RUSH TOO MUCH, AND YOU'LL RUE IT

YOU STILL HAVEN'T MASTERED BIJU CHAKRA CONTROL  
SO YOUR TRAINING I SHALL PERSONALLY PATROL

HOW COME THE ANIMALS CAN GO OUTSIDE BUT NOT ME?!!



NOT TO BE MISTAKEN FOR WHAT'S ACTUAL OR TRUE

WHEN WE FINISH THESE DRILLS, BIJU CHAKRA WILL FEEL LIKE AN EXTENSION OF YOU

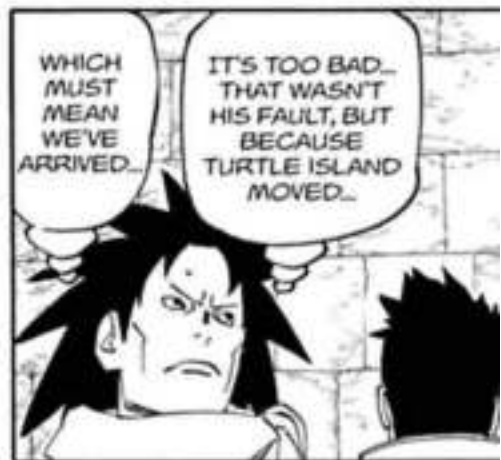


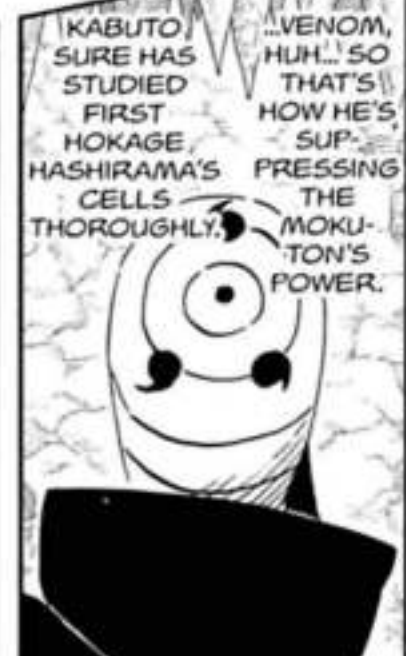




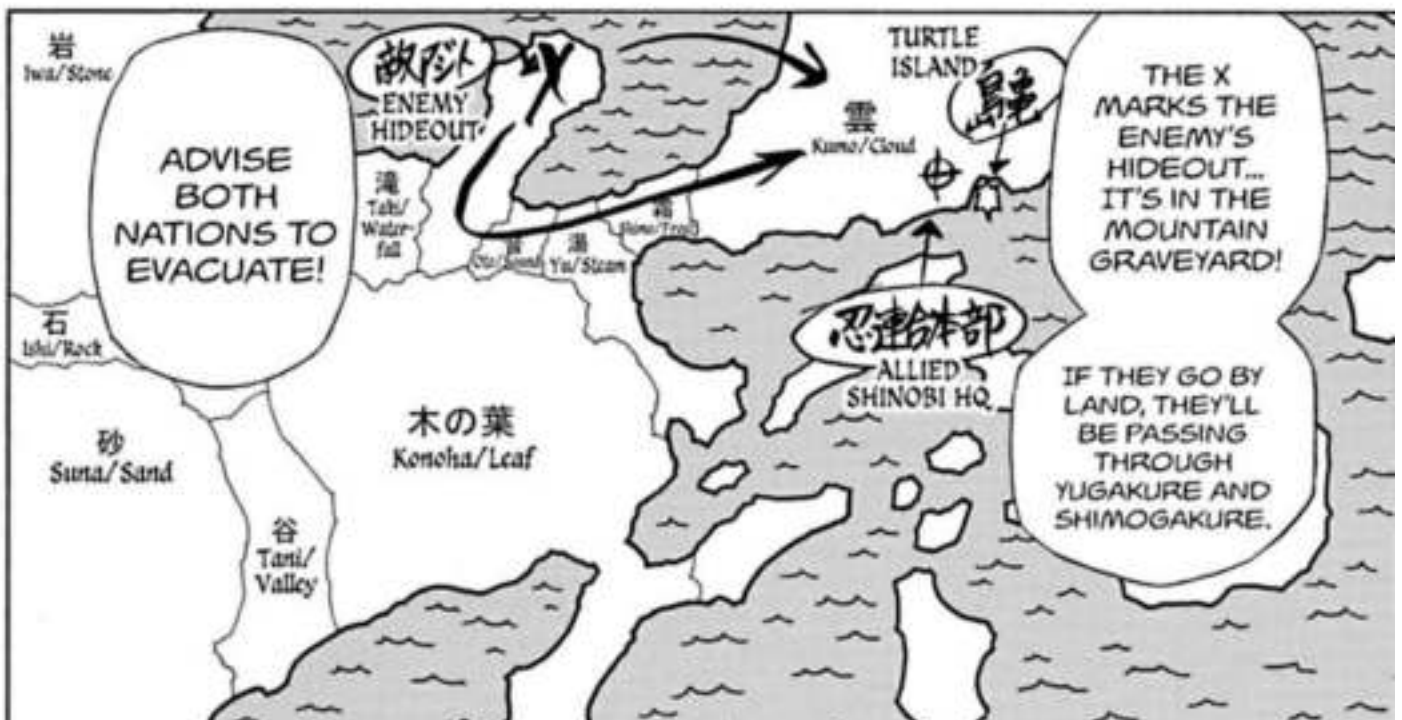
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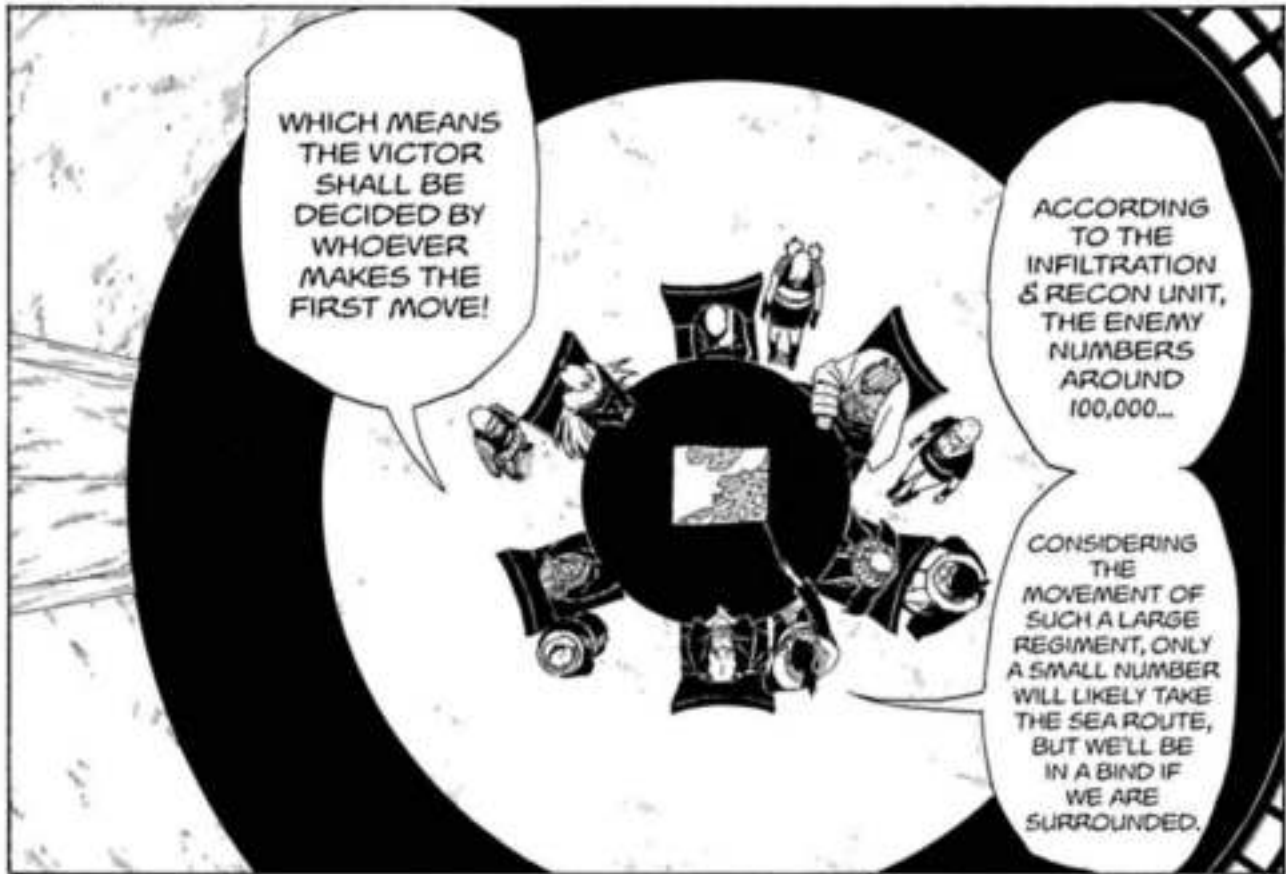






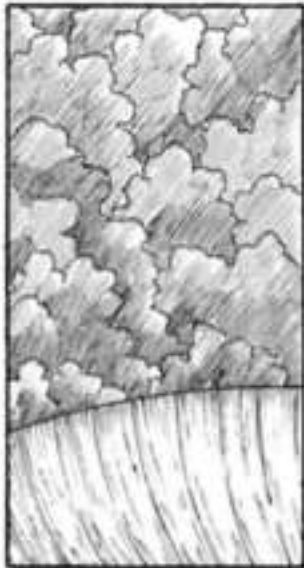






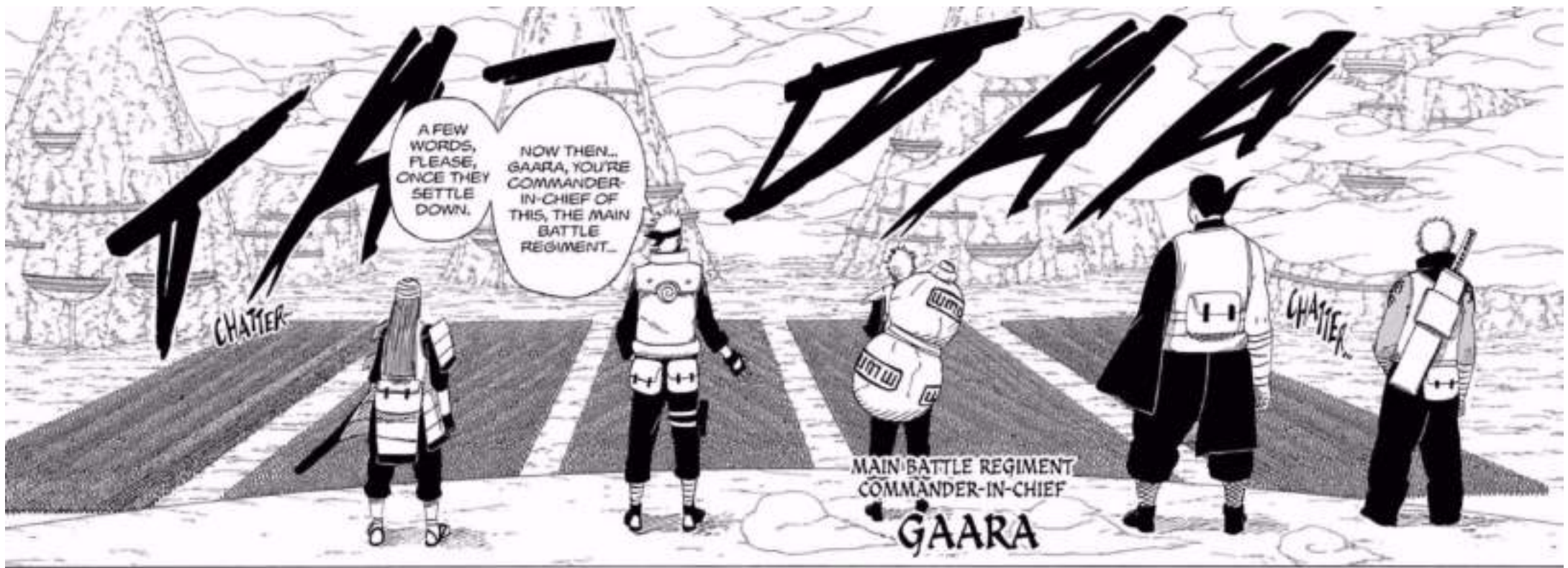


SIMPLY "SHINOBI"!









A FEW WORDS, PLEASE, ONCE THEY SETTLE DOWN.

NOW THEN... GAARA, YOU'RE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THIS, THE MAIN BATTLE REGIMENT...

MAIN BATTLE REGIMENT  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
**GAARA**



THE WAR HASN'T EVEN STARTED YET! WHAT DID YOU DO?!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MASTER GUY?!

THIRD COMPANY  
INTERMEDIATE-RANGE BATTLE UNIT



SECOND COMPANY  
CLOSE-RANGE BATTLE UNIT

YUP! WHAT, MY DA'S CAPTAIN?!

HUMPH, IT'S JUST WAR. NO WORRIES, NO WORRIES!

I'M SCARED.



THAT SPACEY-LOOKING GUY.

ER, WHICH ONE'S OUR CAPTAIN, AGAIN?

FIRST COMPANY  
MID-RANGE BATTLE UNIT



THIRD COMPANY  
CAPTAIN  
**KAKASHI**



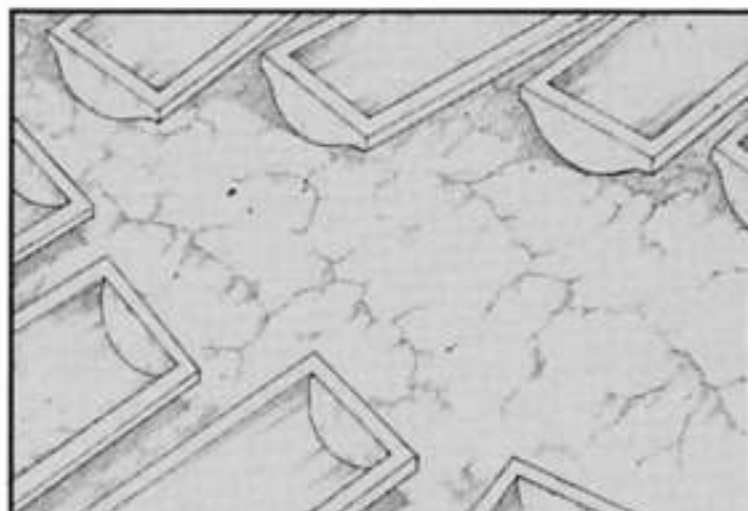
FINALLY! I'LL TURN THE TIDE OF BATTLE WITH KIROTSUCHI!!!!

SECOND COMPANY  
CAPTAIN  
**KETSUCHI**

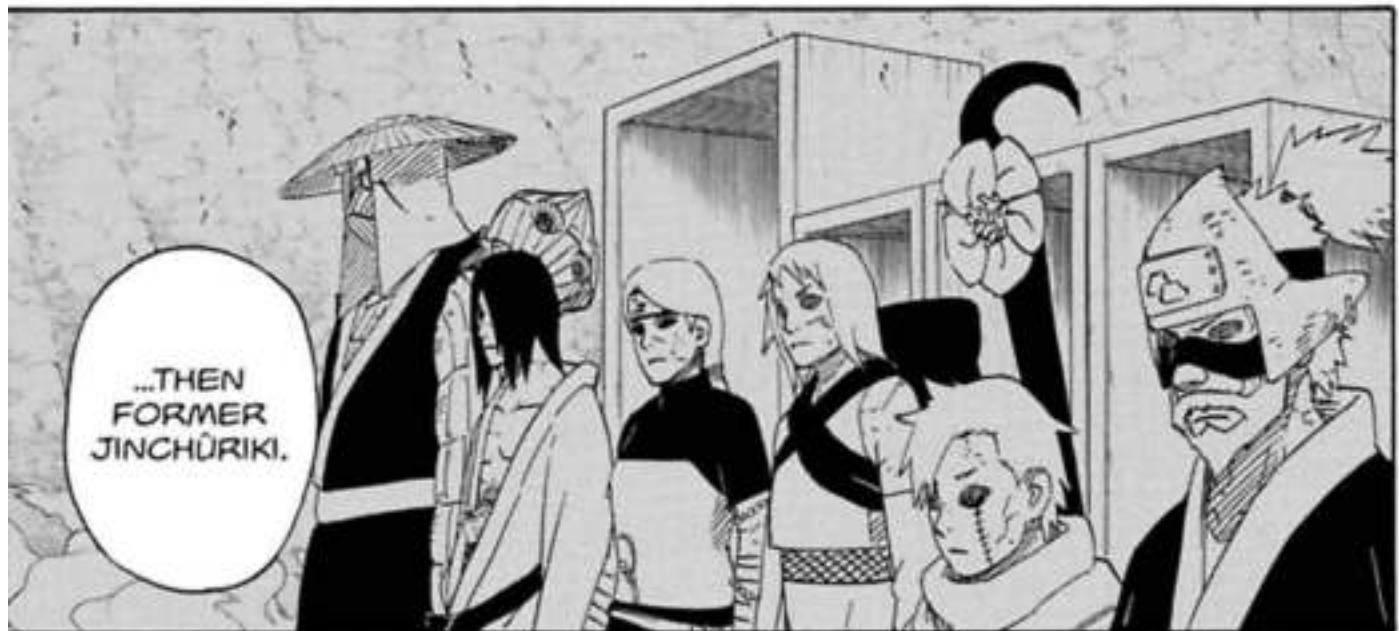


FIRST COMPANY  
CAPTAIN  
**DARUI**















 Number 516: Gaara's Speech







MASTER ZABUZA...

YES. THIS DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE THE NEXT PLANE.



I DO NOT CARE TO BE USED BY ANY SUCH PERSON.

SOMEONE WHO'LL EVEN USE THE DEAD, EH.



IT'S THE EDOTENSEI, A FORBIDDEN JUTSU.

AND NOW WE WILL BE MADE TO FIGHT.

WE'VE BEEN SUMMONED BACK TO THE CORPOREAL PLANE.



MY MIND IS CRYSTAL CLEAR... BUT MY BODY'S MOVING ON ITS OWN.



GO BY AIR!

YOU ALL WILL BE OUR SHOCK UNIT, THE DIVERSION PLATOON.







MASTER ZABUZA...

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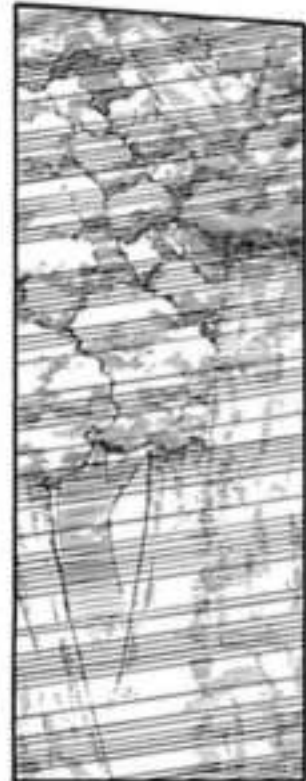
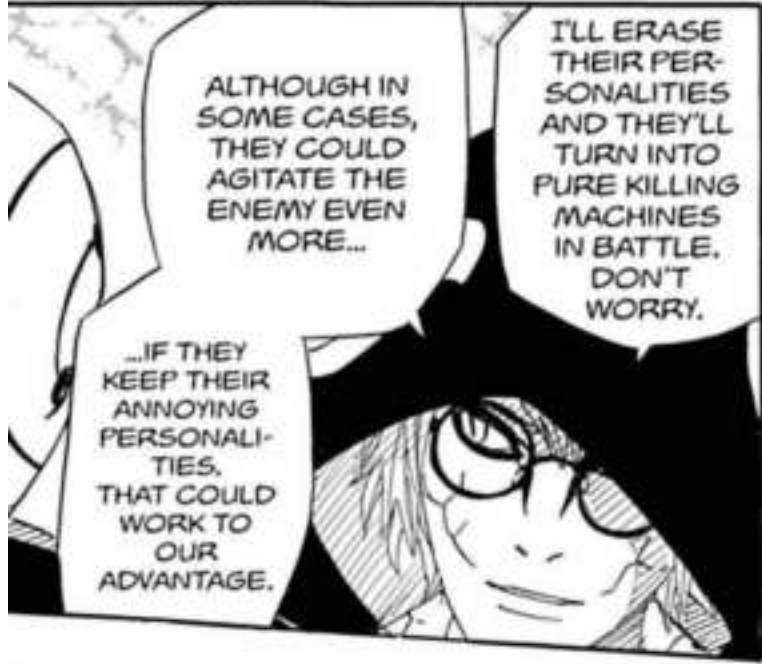


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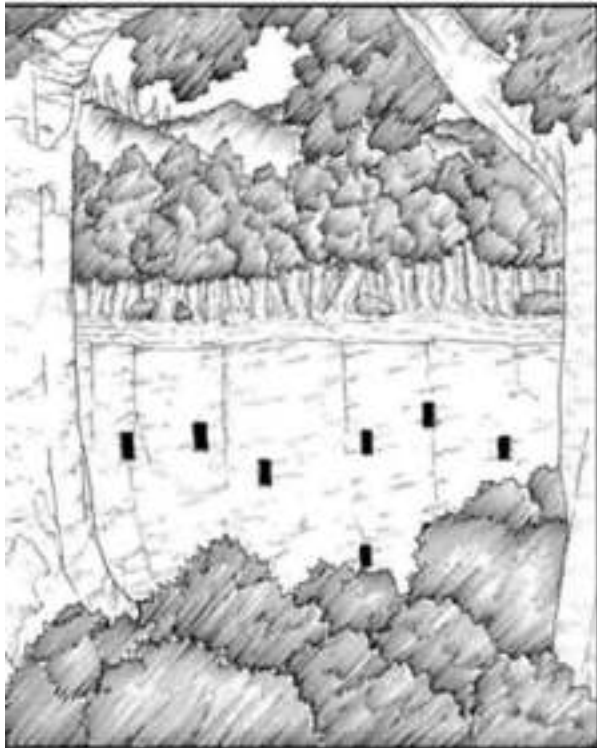








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THAT  
HATRED  
DESIRED  
POWER, AND  
I WAS BORN.

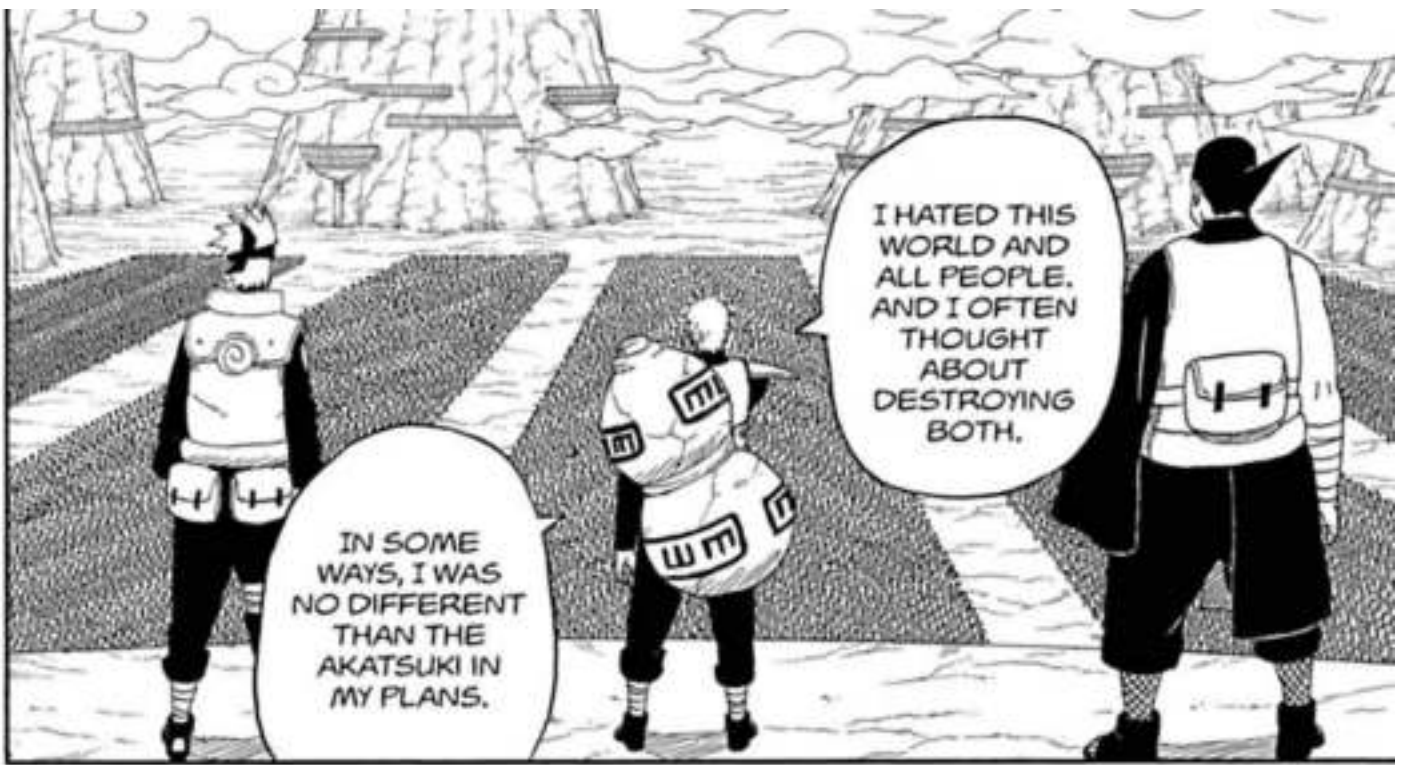
IN THE NAME  
OF GAIN AND  
PROFIT FOR  
ONE'S NATION  
AND VILLAGE...

...SHINOBI HAVE  
HATED AND HURT  
EACH OTHER FOR  
MANY YEARS,  
FROM THE FIRST  
TO THE THIRD  
GREAT WARS.



IN THE PAST,  
I WAS  
HATRED AND  
POWER, AND  
A JINCHŪRIKI.

...





HE SAVED ME!!

THERE CAN BE NO BAD BLOOD BETWEEN THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE SAME PAIN!

WE WERE ON DIFFERENT SIDES, BUT WE WERE BOTH JINCHŪRIKI.



HE CALLED ME FRIEND EVEN THOUGH WE HAD DONE BATTLE!!

THAT SHINOBI CRIED FOR ME, HIS ENEMY!



FOR WE ALL BEAR THE PAIN OF HAVING BEEN HURT BY THE AKATSUKI!

THERE ARE NO ENEMIES HERE IN FRONT OF ME!!



THERE IS NO SAND, NO STONE, NO LEAF, NO MIST OR CLOUD!!



THERE IS ONLY SHINOBI!!





...



IF YOU STILL CAN'T FORGIVE SAND...

...YOU CAN COME BACK AND FACE ME WHEN THIS WAR IS OVER!!



THE TIDE HAS TURNED.



...LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH !!

I AM TOO YOUNG! TOO INEXPERIENCED! SO PLEASE...



IF HE FALLS INTO THEIR HANDS, THIS WORLD AS WE KNOW IT IS FINISHED!!

THAT FRIEND WHO SAVED ME IS NOW A TARGET OF OUR ENEMY!!!

I WANT TO PROTECT THAT FRIEND, AND THIS WORLD!!



...YES...

AAAH APOLOGIES.

...APOLOGIES...

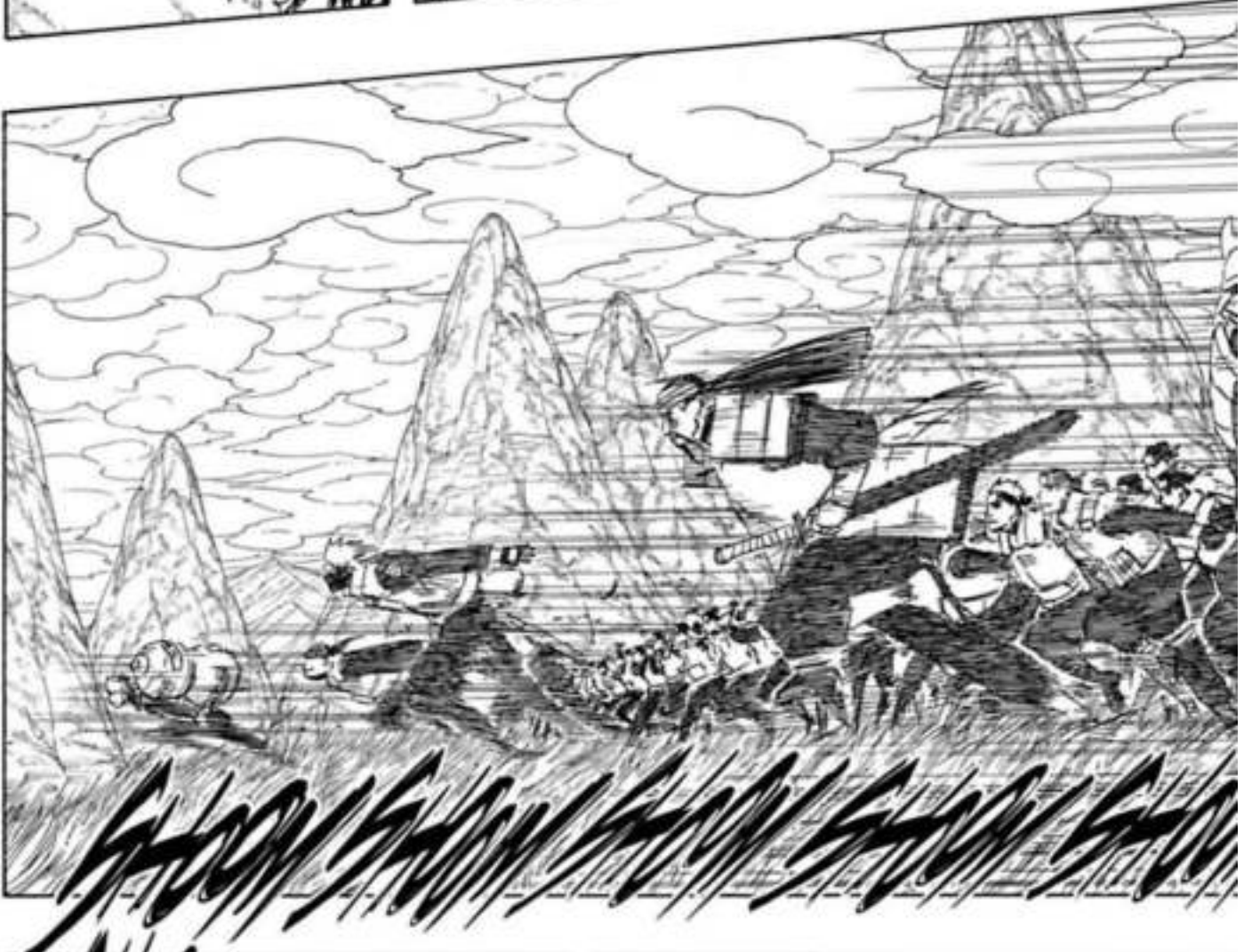
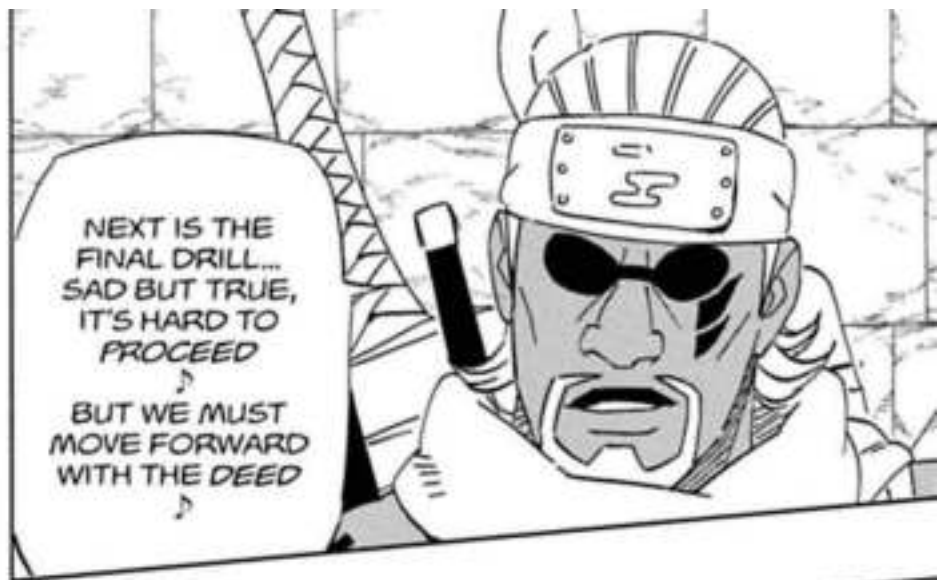


WHOO !!

RAAAAH

OF COURSE, LORD GAARA!!



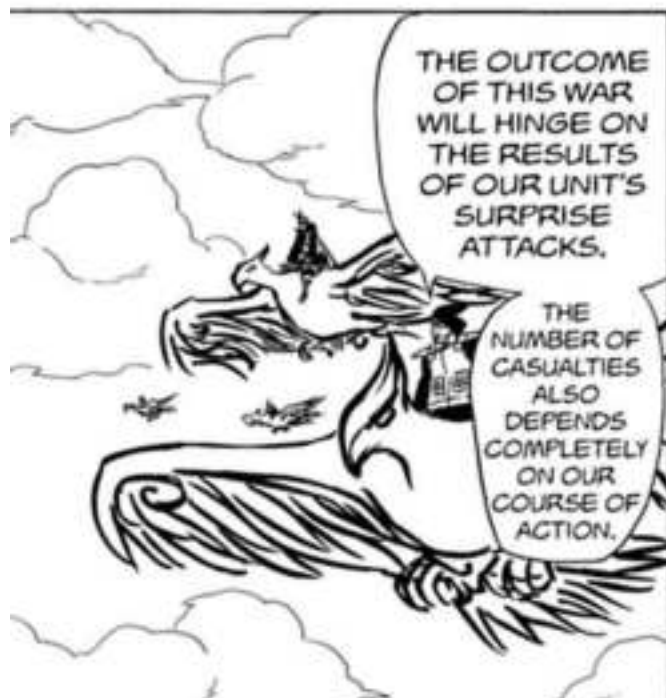






**NARUTO**

# Number 517: Omoi's War!!







IF YOU WANT TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS!

SO THINK ONLY OF SUCCEEDING!



THE NORTH WILL LIKELY BECOME A BATTLEFIELD.

HEAD SOUTH THROUGH YOUR LAND TO KONOHA.



Daimyo of the Land of Steam

SO, WHICH WAY DO WE FLEE?



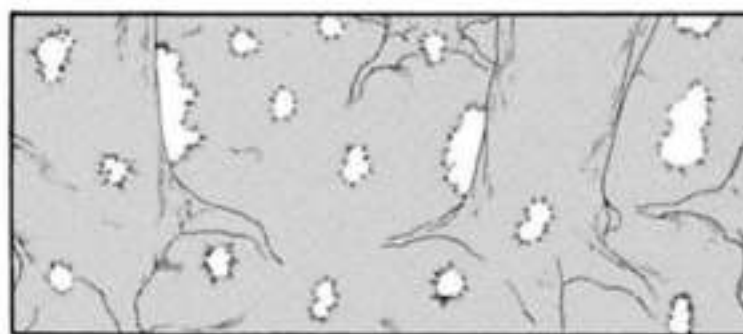
JUST A LITTLE LONGER, MILORD.

IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE. WE'RE STILL NOT THERE YET?

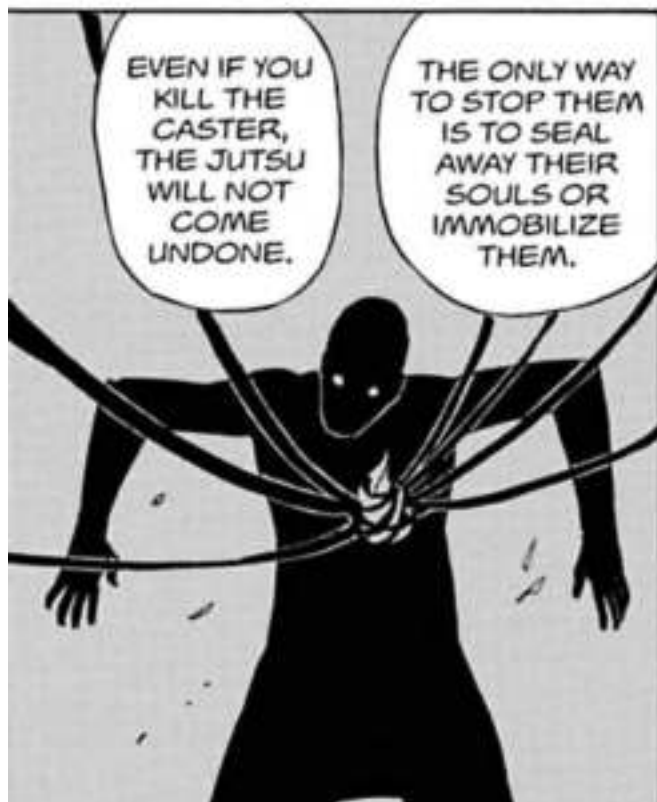


Daimyo of the Land of Frost

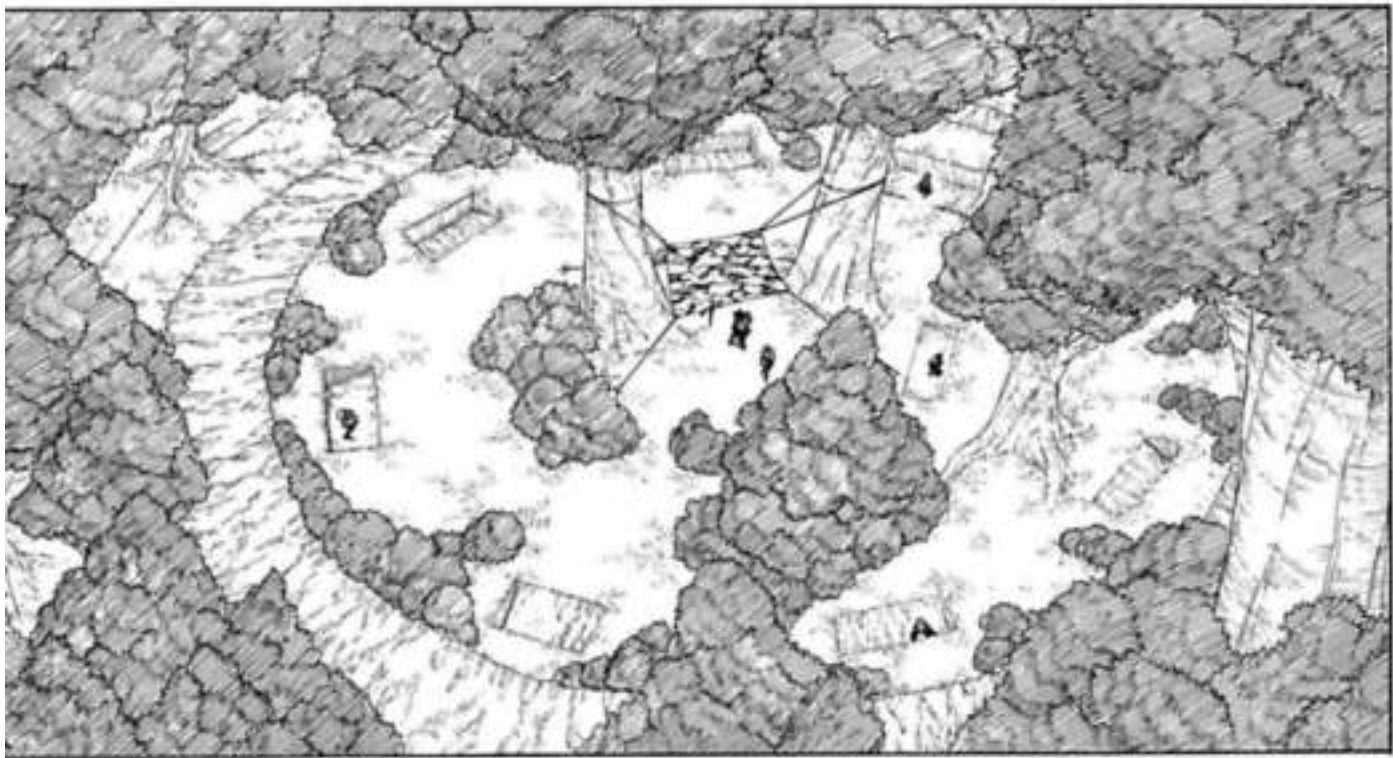
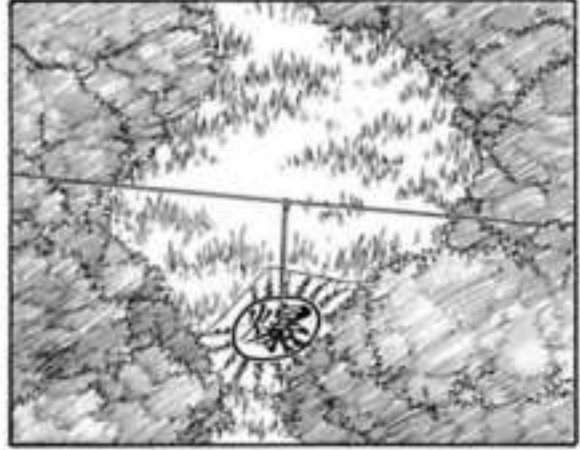




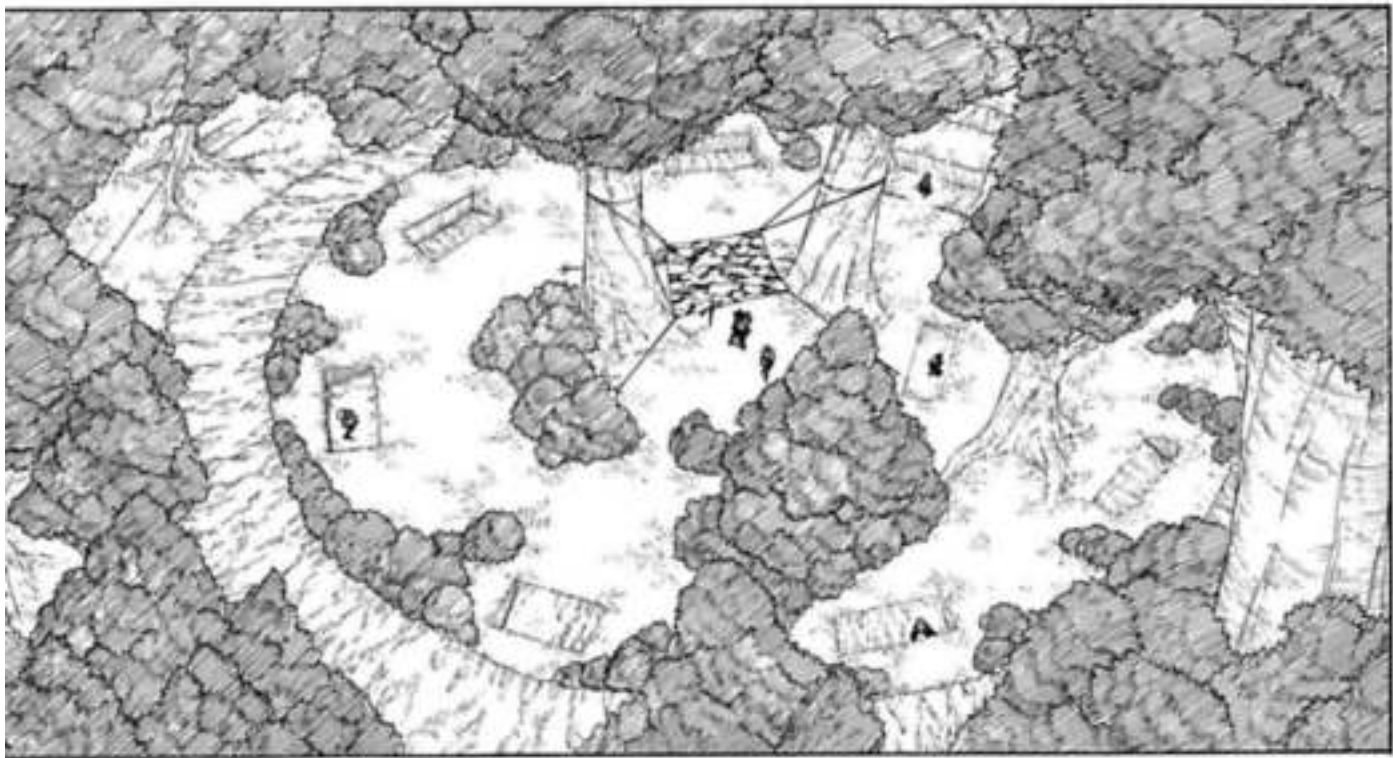
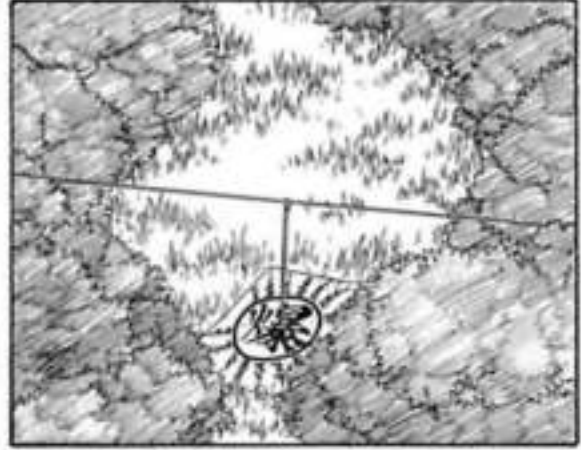














HE'S  
ABURAME,  
PART OF  
THE  
ADVANCE  
SCOUTING  
PARTY...!

THAT'S  
MUTA!  
I CAN TELL  
FROM THE  
CHAKRA.  
IT'S  
REALLY  
HIM!

TAK



THD



THERE ARE  
TRAPS IN  
THAT AREA!

HOLD  
ON!  
HEY!

I'LL GO  
RETRIEVE  
HIM!



HOHETO!

I  
KNOW!!

BYAKUGAN!!



MUTA,  
ARE YOU  
ALL  
RIGHT?!

TMP



?!

GET AWAY...  
FROM ME...





HUH?!

RASH FOOL!

THAT BEETLE BAG ON HIS BACK! THOSE ARE NOT ABURAME CLAN BEETLES INSIDE!



THOSE MOVES, IT CAN'T BE?!



HE'S RUNNING STRAIGHT AT US, USING ZAJI AS A SHIELD! WHAT DO WE DO?!



LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE ALREADY FIGURED IT OUT, HMMM.



THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO BE WARY!!







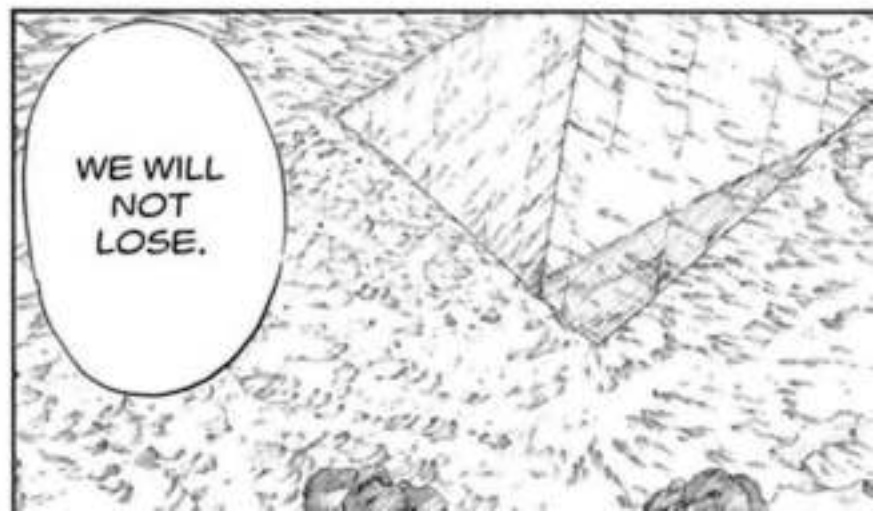






...AND NO TIME TO CONTEMPLATE THAT, EITHER, EH!!











TA

NO ROOM FOR NICETIES, HMMM?!

THIS IS WAR!!

K

Battle of the Commando Units!!

BROTHER!! SNAP OUT OF IT!

DEIDARA... YOU...!

ITTAN, YOU'RE NEXT!

HOHETO, TANGO, KEEP IT UP!

A  
K

CLOUD STYLE...

SUN  
SA

DON'T EVEN NEED TO EVADE THEM, HMMM!

NICE MOVES! BUT CUT US ALL YOU WANT, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HURT US!









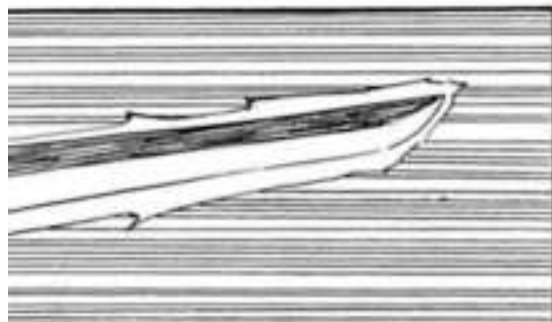
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HE'S JUST  
A BOMB  
TO YOU? ...



LESSER  
POWER,  
HMMM?

IMPRESSIVE!  
A DEFENSIVE  
PUPPET BELOW  
GROUND TO  
CONFINE THE  
BOMB.

A DEFENSE  
SALAMANDER.  
I BUILT IT  
LONG AGO.



YOU ARE  
GARBAGE.  
YOU ARE  
NOT GOOD  
ENOUGH TO  
REPLACE  
SASUKE!

HMMM?  
YOU GOT  
SOMETHING  
TO WHINE  
ABOUT?!

QUIT  
YAKKING, YOU  
WEAKLING!



...ESPECIALLY... SINCE I DIED AND WAS LIBERATED FROM THE FOUNDATION...

I... DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.



...SO I CAN MAKE HIM INTO A BOMB OVER AND OVER, HA HA HA!!

FOR AS LONG AS HIS SOUL IS BOUND TO THIS WORLD, HE'LL KEEP COMING BACK TO LIFE...



YOU OF THE FOUNDATION ARE SIMILAR TO ME.

IF YOU GET RID OF THE HEART, YOU ALSO ELIMINATE HESITATION AND DOUBT... RESULTING IN THE ULTIMATE SHINOBI.



YOU'RE RAISED TOGETHER FROM WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG, LIKE SIBLINGS, AND THEN FORCED TO FIGHT AND KILL ONE ANOTHER IN THE END.

I HAVE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT KONOHA'S FOUNDATION...

A TRAINING SYSTEM THAT DESTROYS EMOTIONS.



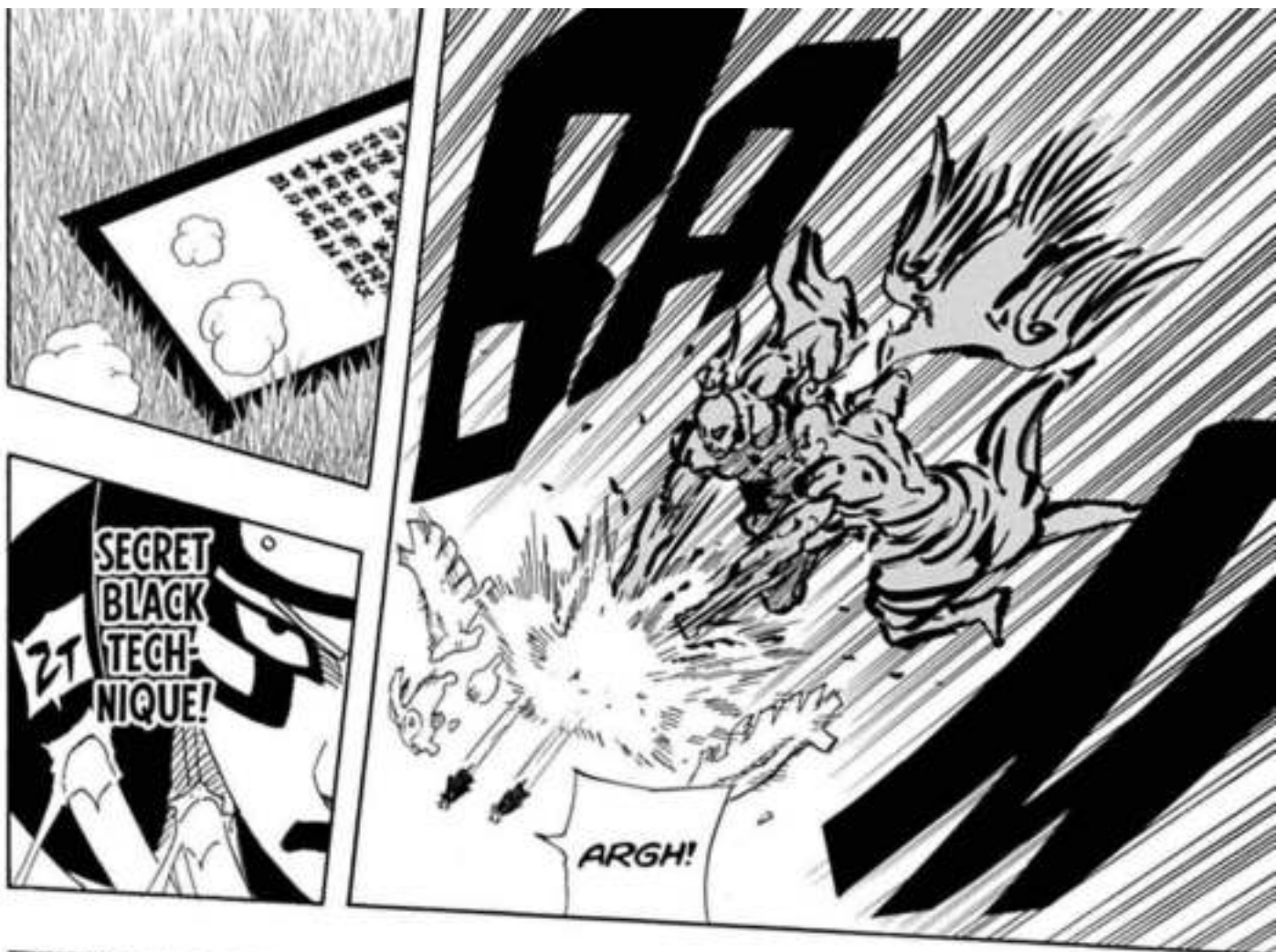
ART IS AN EXPLOSION! LIKE THIS!

HOW DARE YOU CREATE SUCH MEDIOCRE DRAWINGS AND THEN CALL YOURSELF AN ARTIST!











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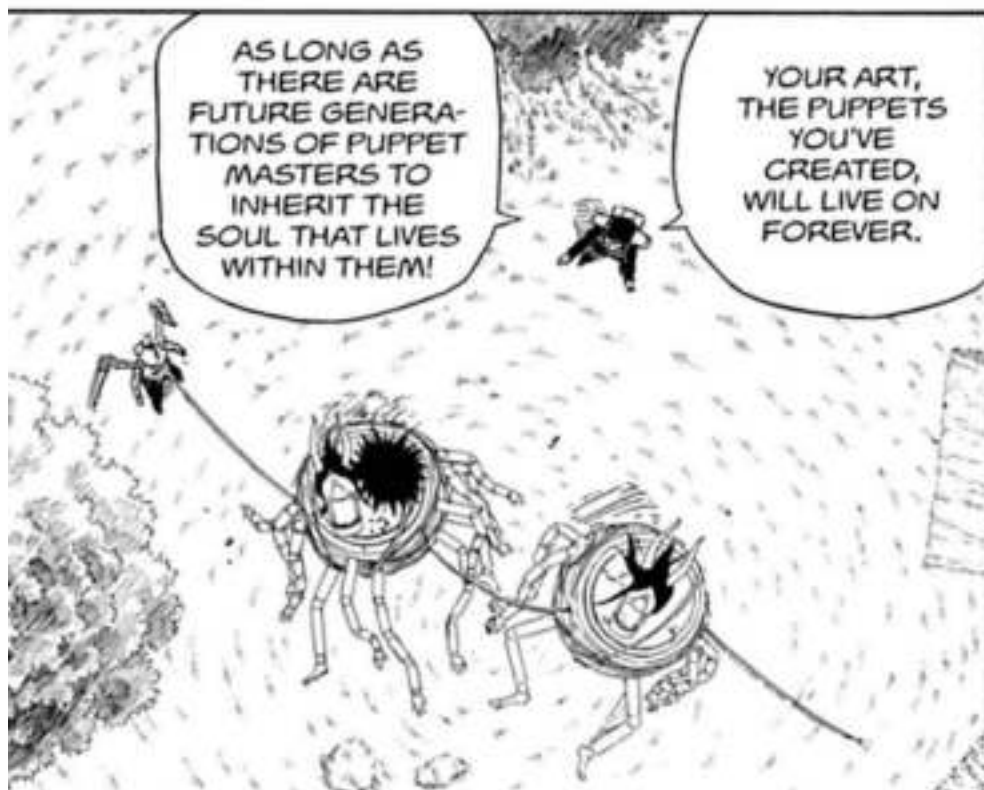








# Number 519: The Biju Bomb





...IS THE TRUE FORM OF ART I SOUGHT, EH...

SO THAT...



HEH!



YOU MUSTN'T FALL FOR THEIR SILVER TONGUES, HMMM??!

ART IS A SINGLE FLASH OF LIGHT!  
ART IS EXPLOSION!!

COME ON!



YES?

...



BLOP BLOP BLOP...

YOU'RE RIGHT...

KANKURO ...

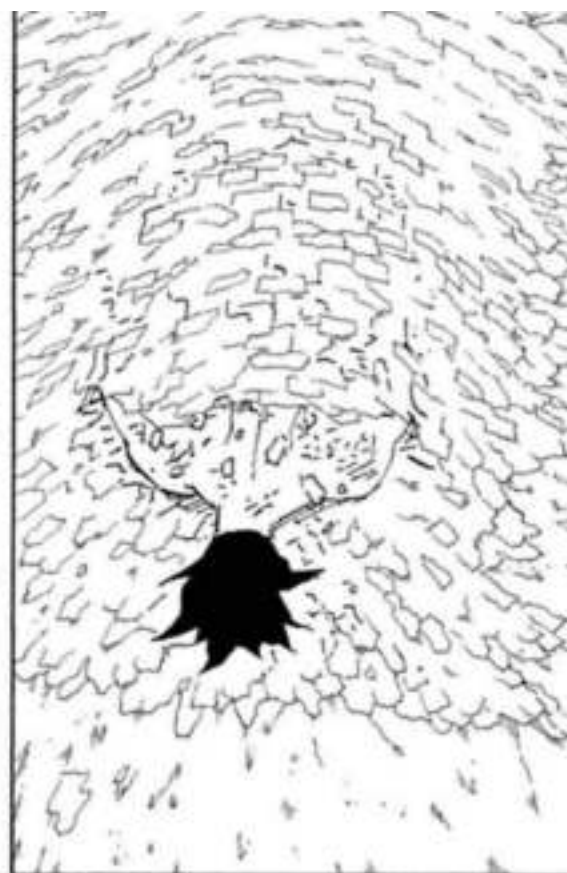


THE SOUL OF THE CREATOR DWELLS WITHIN, HUH?

BLOP  
BLOP

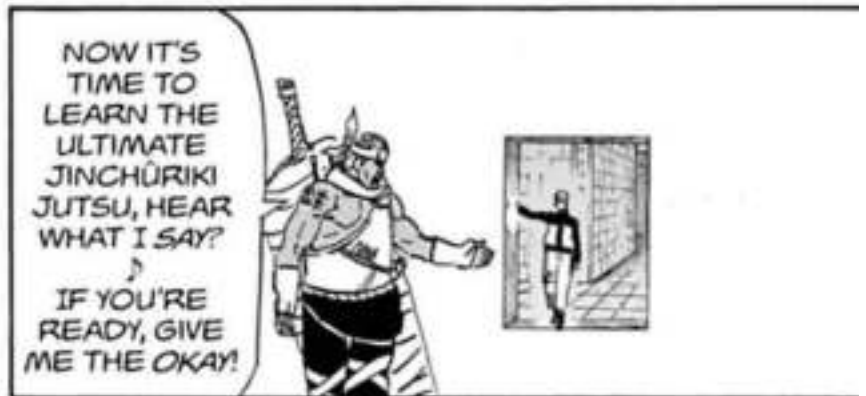
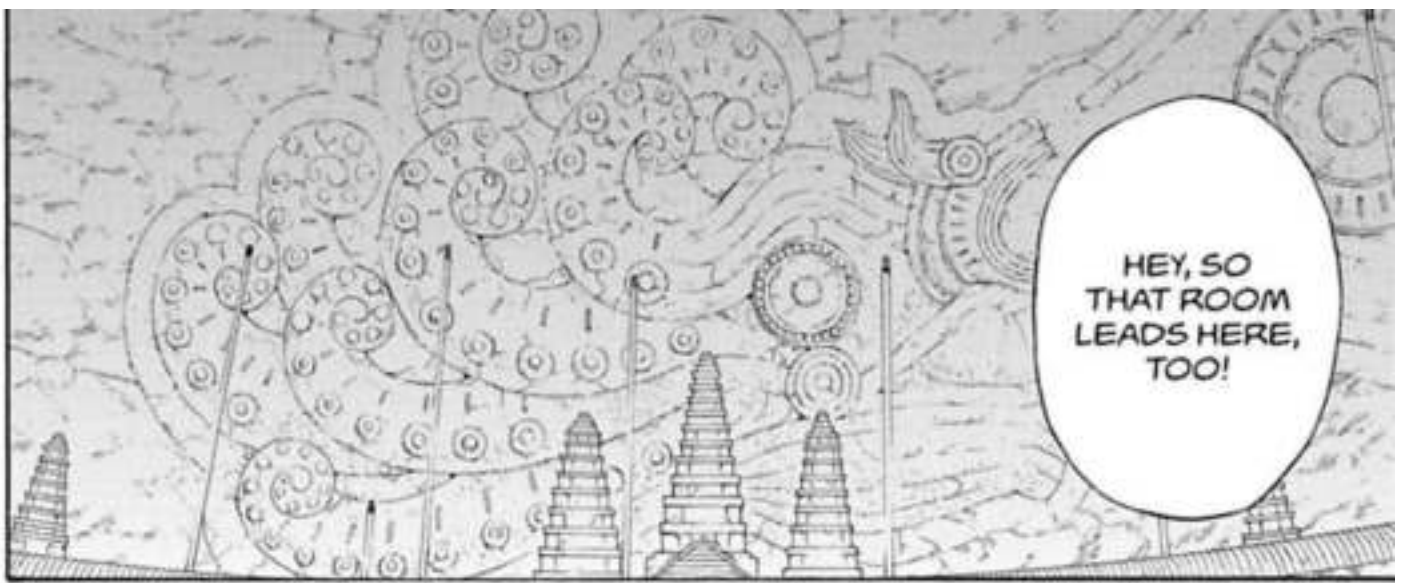








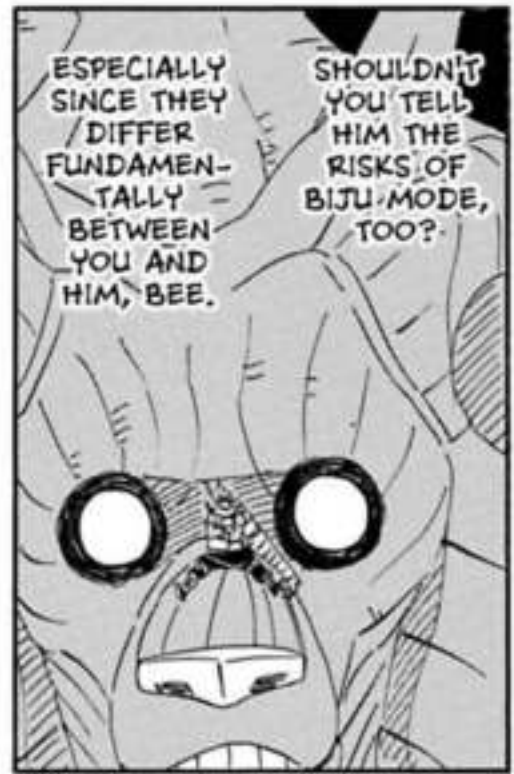


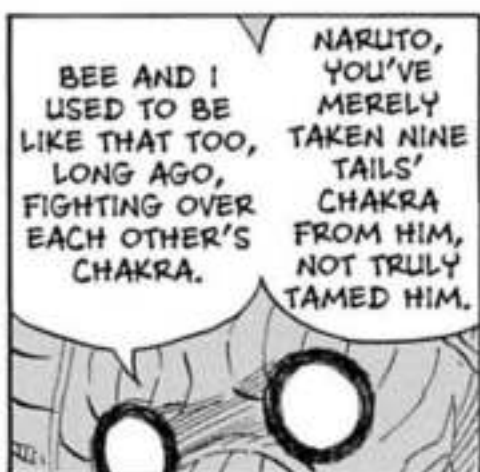




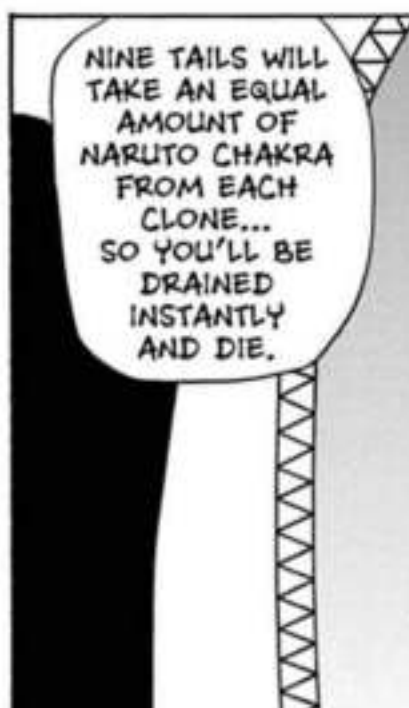








NARUTO, YOU'VE MERELY TAKEN NINE TAILS' CHAKRA FROM HIM, NOT TRULY TAMED HIM.

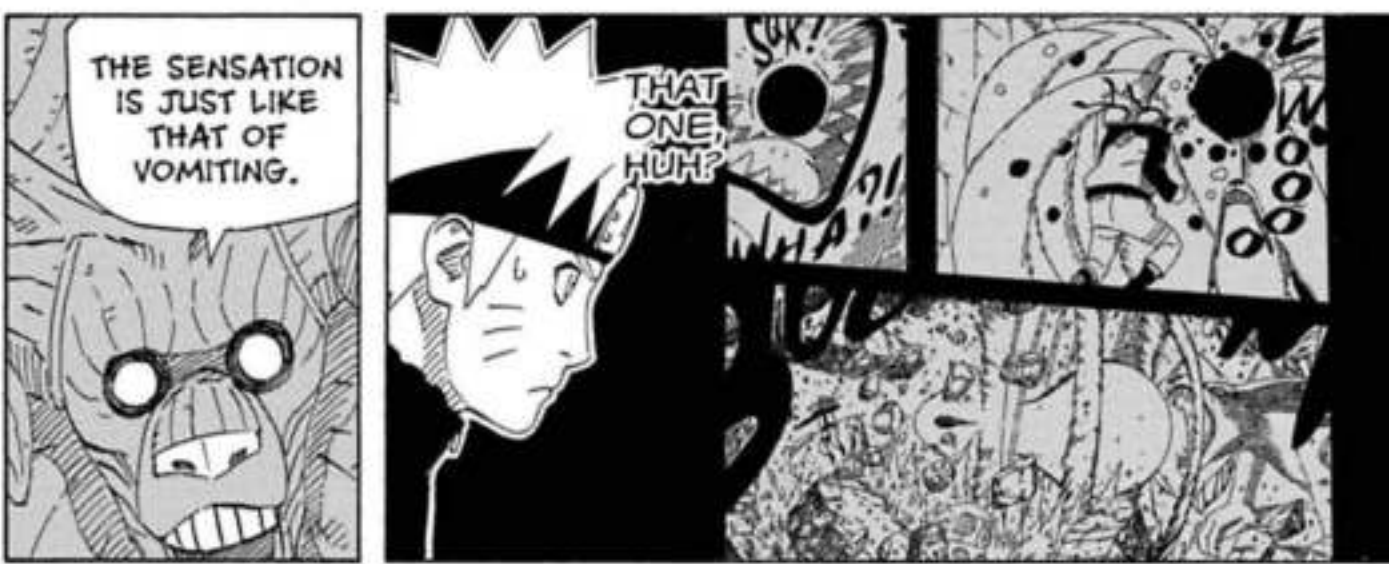


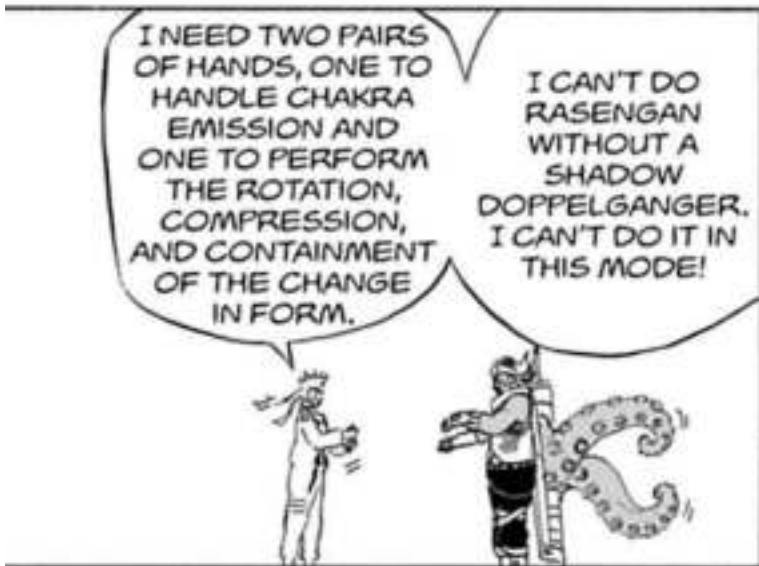






AND THEN  
RELEASE IT,  
THAT'S ALL.














WHAT A  
COINCIDENCE!  
HOW  
FATEFUL!  
TRULY NOT  
A SHAME

THE  
FOURTH  
HOKAGE?!!!

IT'S LIKE IT WAS  
DEVELOPED TO  
BESTOW THE  
BIJU BOMB  
UPON YOU!!  
HOW INSANE

THE  
RASENGAN  
MUST HAVE  
BEEN  
MODELED...

...ON THIS  
BIJU MODE  
MOVE!!

THE  
RASENGAN!  
IT'S PUT  
TOGETHER  
JUST LIKE A  
BIJU BOMB!  
THEY'RE  
COMPLETELY  
THE SAME





**NARUTO**

**RAAWR!!**

Number 520:

Secrets of the Edotensei



 Sumber 520: Secrets of the Edotensei





TO STOP THE  
DESTRUCTION OF  
THE WORLD!!

THE  
INCREDIBLE  
GUTS

**NARUTO**  
-ナルト-

520 - THE SECRET BEHIND IMPURE WORLD RESURRECTION

岸本 斉史

# NARUTO











REST A BIT,  
THOSE  
WOUNDS ON  
YOUR HANDS  
ARE A TYPE  
OF JUTSU  
RECOIL

...  
YOU'RE  
HANDICAPPED  
IN HUMAN  
FORM... IT'S  
A TOUGHER  
TOIL



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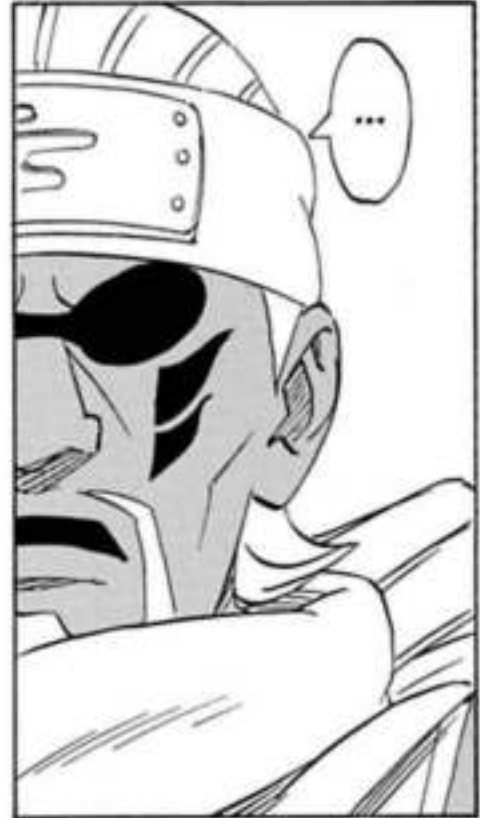


I TOLD YOU,  
I CAN'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT THE  
DETAILS!



I'M GONNA TRY TO LEARN IT BY FEEL!

OCTOPOPS, TELL ME WHEN I HIT AN 8-TO-2 RATIO!



...



I'LL SWALLOW MY WORDS AND HELP YOU TELL

...YOU SURE ARE PERSISTENT... VERY WELL



SHE KNOWS WHERE OUR HQ IS AND HOW TO GET INSIDE.

NO... YOU MUST FINISH HER OFF HERE AND NOW.



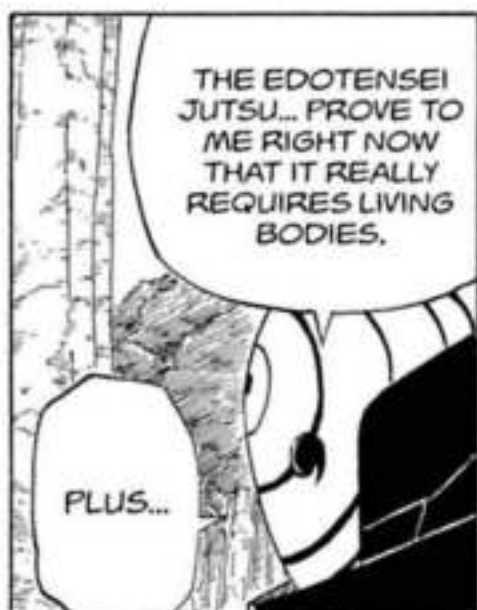
UNH...



SHE'S COMPATIBLE WITH LORD OROCHIMARU'S CURSE MARK, SHE CARRIES SOME OF HIS CHAKRA.

THE WOMAN IS STILL ALIVE.

I CAN'T KILL HER YET.











?!

SNAP



SO  
MERCILESS...



FSH



NOW RECALL  
THE SOUL OF  
THE ONE I JUST  
KILLED AND  
REVIVE HIM  
INSIDE THIS  
OTHER ONE  
USING THE  
EDOTENSEI.

HERE, I'VE  
DONE THE  
PREP WORK  
FOR YOU...



ZZZZ...





Sssh...



Ma...



IT INVOLVES SUMMONING A SOUL OF THE DEAD FROM THE PURE LAND, OR AFTERLIFE, BACK TO THIS PLANE... EDO THE IMPURE WORLD...



IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT, A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FLESH...  
...FROM THE BODY OF THE PERSON YOU WANT TO REVIVE IS NECESSARY.

Spich

Sloom



...JUST SO YOU KNOW... THE EDOTENSEI IS CATEGORIZED AS A TYPE OF SUMMONING JUTSU...

WOOSH

30000

FSH



LORD OROCHIMARU ONCE TRIED TO REVIVE THE FOURTH HOKAGE AND FAILED...

...BECAUSE THE GOD OF DEATH NOW HAS HIS SOUL AFTER HE USED THE REAPER DEATH SEAL SEALING JUTSU.



ANY TISSUE THAT CONTAINS PERSONAL INFORMATION MATERIAL.

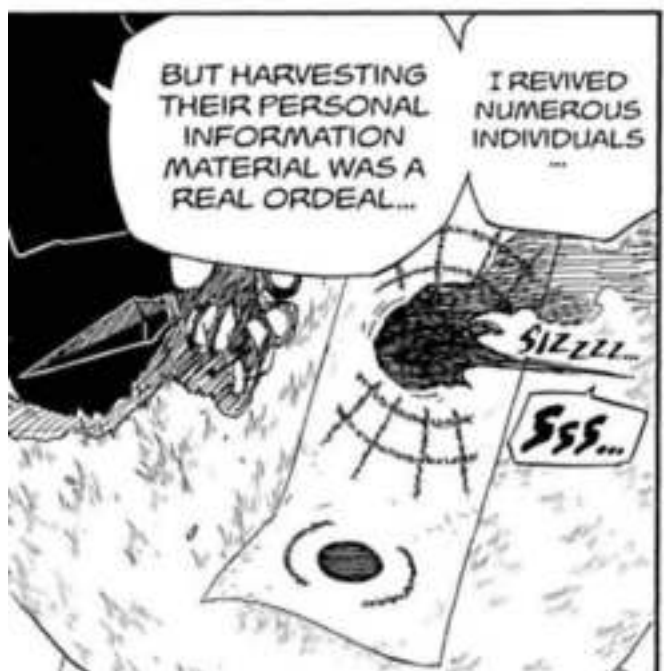
IN ADDITION, THOSE WHOSE SOULS DO NOT DWELL IN THE PURE LAND... FOR EXAMPLE, THEIR SOULS ARE SEALED AWAY SOMEWHERE ELSE, ALSO CANNOT BE REVIVED.

IF NONE EXISTS, THAT PERSON CANNOT BE REVIVED WITH THE EDOTENSEI.



...TAKING THE SOULS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND HOKAGE WITH HIM.

AND... DURING OPERATION DESTROY KONOHA... THIRD HOKAGE HIRUZEN ALSO USED THE SAME SEALING JUTSU ON HIMSELF...



BUT HARVESTING THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION MATERIAL WAS A REAL ORDEAL...

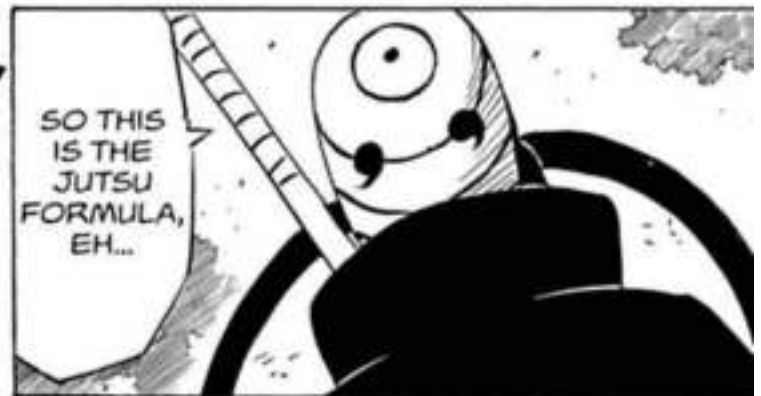
I REVIVED NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS ...



THAT'S RIGHT...



WHICH MEANS... THE FIRST THROUGH FOURTH HOKAGES CAN NO LONGER BE RECALLED?







THUS YOU MAKE THE LIVING PERSON THE VESSEL FOR THE DEAD ONE'S SOUL.



AND THAT COMPLETES THE EDO-TENSEI.



...THE REVIVED RECOVERS ALL ABILITIES POSSESSED DURING LIFE AND BECOMES AN IMMORTAL PAWN, BOUND TO FOLLOW MY ORDERS.

THIS TAG SUPPRESSES FREE WILL, AND ONCE GIVEN CERTAIN COMMANDS...



DEVELOPED BY THE SECOND HOKAGE AND PERFECTED BY LORD OROCHIMARU, IT IS THEIR GREATEST LEGACY!

IT TRULY IS THE GREATEST, MOST POWERFUL JUTSU OF THE SHINOBI WORLD!

WHA... WHAT?!



UNUSUAL ABILITIES SUCH AS THE SIX PATHS RINNEGAN AND ITACHI'S SHARINGAN ARE RESTORED AS WELL.



HOWEVER, PERHAPS THERE IS STILL ENOUGH OF THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION MATERIAL REMAINING IN DANZO'S RIGHT EYE AND THE SIX PAINS' WEAPONS, RESPECTIVELY...

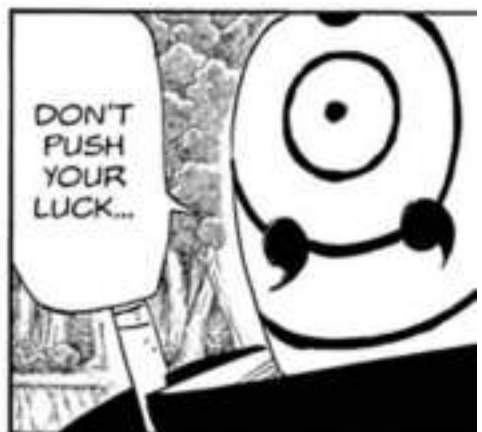
IT'S JUST THAT... I COULD NOT LOCATE UCHIHA SHISUI'S BODY ANYWHERE, AND JIRAIYA'S WAS TOO DEEP UNDERSEA, AT A WATER PRESSURE INTOLERABLE TO HUMAN INTRUSION.



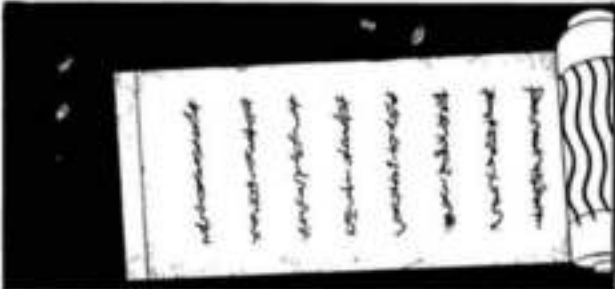
SUCH AN IDEAL JUTSU...  
IT MUST HAVE SOME RISKS...



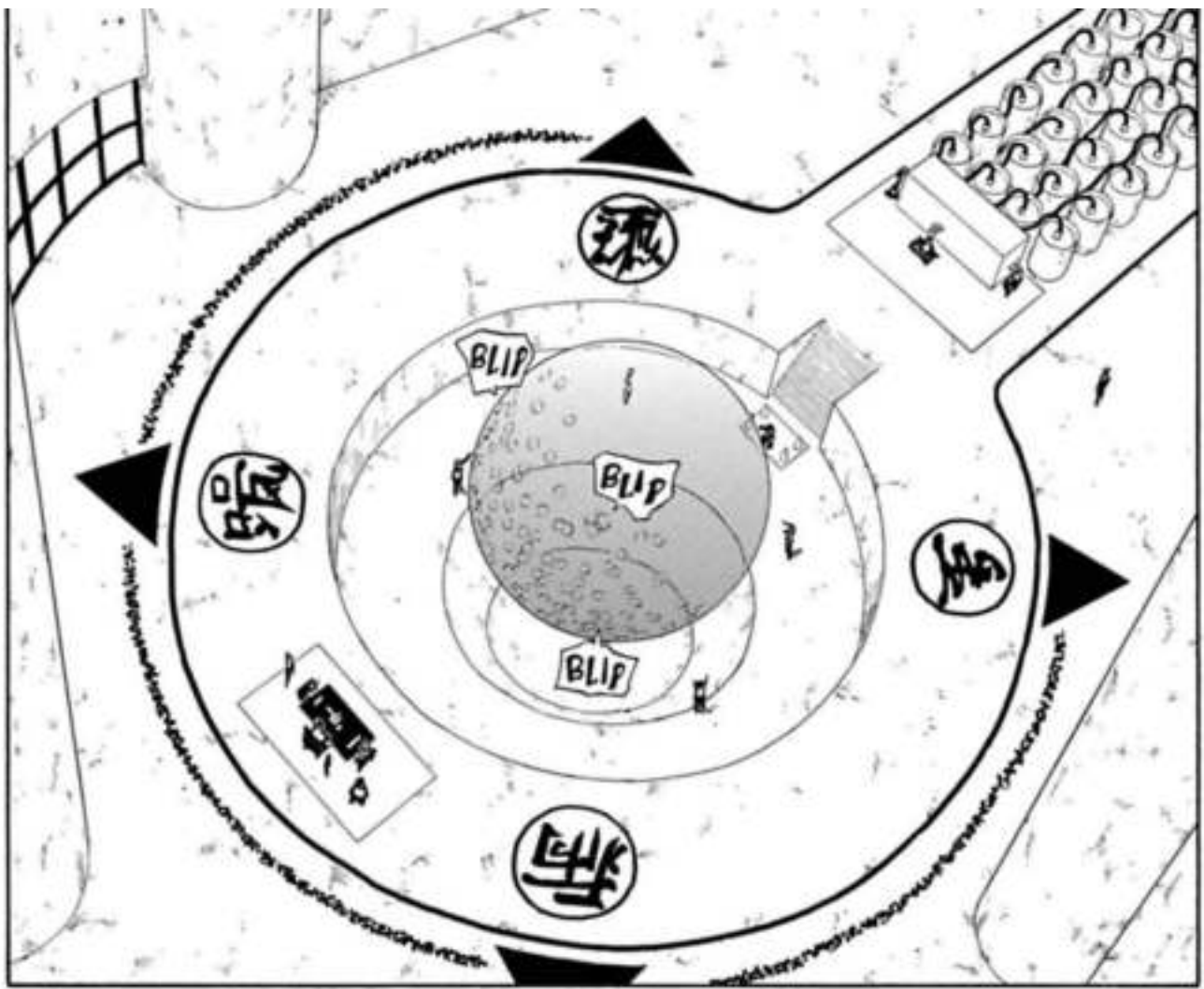
...WELL, NEVER MIND THEN...  
I SUPPOSE I HAVE ENOUGH PAWNS FOR NOW...



DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK...



HEH HEH HEH...



CONTACT  
KITSUCHI,  
STAT!!

SPLIT  
APART THE  
GROUND  
WITH  
DOTON!



A GREAT  
ARMY IS  
MARCHING  
HERE  
UNDER-  
GROUND!

WE WOULD  
HAVE  
COMPLETELY  
MISSED THIS  
WITHOUT  
ABURAME  
MUTA'S  
INTEL...



INTEL UNIT,  
RELAY THE  
FOLLOWING  
TO KITSUCHI,  
NOW.



THEY'RE  
PLANNING TO  
PASS RIGHT  
UNDER OUR  
TROOPS' FEET!  
ARE THEY  
TRYING TO  
TAKE THE  
ALLIED  
FORCES FROM  
THE REAR?

WE NEED  
TO  
EXPAND  
SENSING  
RANGES  
DEEPER  
DOWN!









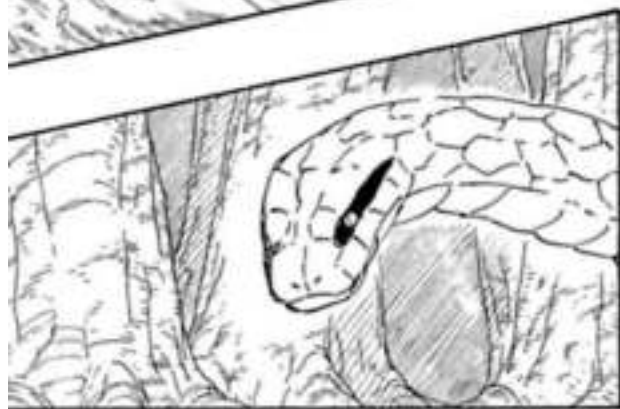






LOOKS LIKE YOU WASTED A JUTSU, HAKU.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MASTER ZABUZA?



THIS EDOTENSEI... I GUESS WE CAN'T DIE SINCE WE'RE DEAD ALREADY.

...I REALLY DON'T CARE FOR THIS JUTSU...



...IS THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO RISK TO THE CASTER!

THE MOST BRILLIANT ASPECT OF THE EDOTENSEI...

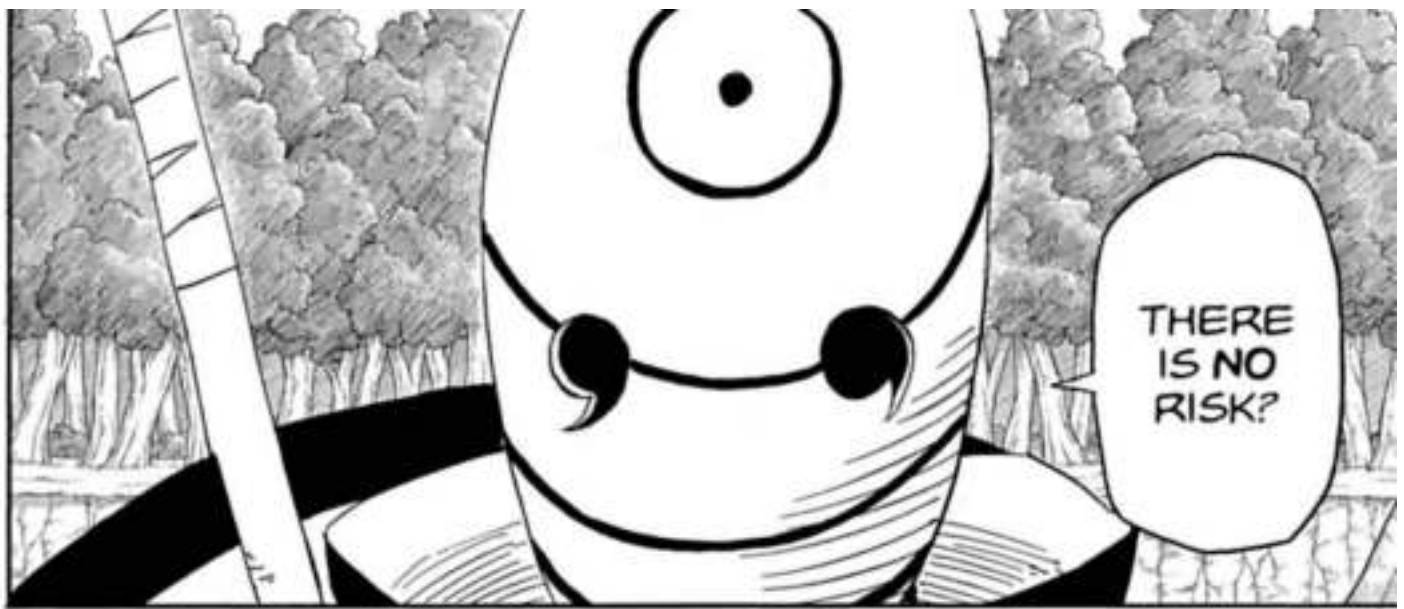
**NARUTO**



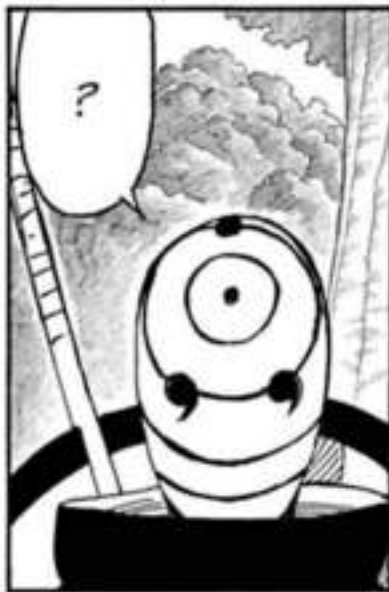
 Number

521:  
The  
Main  
Regiment  
in  
Battle!!





THERE IS NO RISK?



?



EXCEPT FOR ONE POSSIBILITY.

IT'S TRUE. EDOTENSEI JUTSU HAS NO RISKS.



EVERY ACTION IS FOLLOWED BY REACTION.

YOU NEED TO STAY FOCUSED.

DON'T GET AHEAD OF YOURSELF!



WHOEVER WIELDS IT BECOMES FAMOUS FAR AND WIDE.

IT IS A POWERFUL JUTSU.

BUT I DON'T NEED THAT FAME. I DON'T WANT TO BECOME A TARGET.

I WILL EVENTUALLY BE MORE KNOWN THAN EVEN UCHIHA MADARA.



I THINK THE ONLY RISK PERTAINING TO THIS JUTSU NOW IS THAT I'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT IT.

THANK YOU FOR THE WARNING.







I SWEAR  
ONE DAY I'LL  
CRACK THE  
TRUTH ABOUT  
THE SAGE OF  
SIX PATHS!!

SO AS  
LONG AS  
I HAVE THE  
EDOTENSEI  
AND THAT  
OTHER  
JUTSU, I'M  
INVINCIBLE.



IN THAT CASE,  
BLACK ZETSU,  
YOU OUGHT TO  
GET STARTED  
ON OUR  
OTHER  
PROGRAM.



OF  
COURSE.

NOOOO

YOU DID  
STICK A  
WHITE  
ZETSU  
SPORE ON  
HIM?



SHOOOM



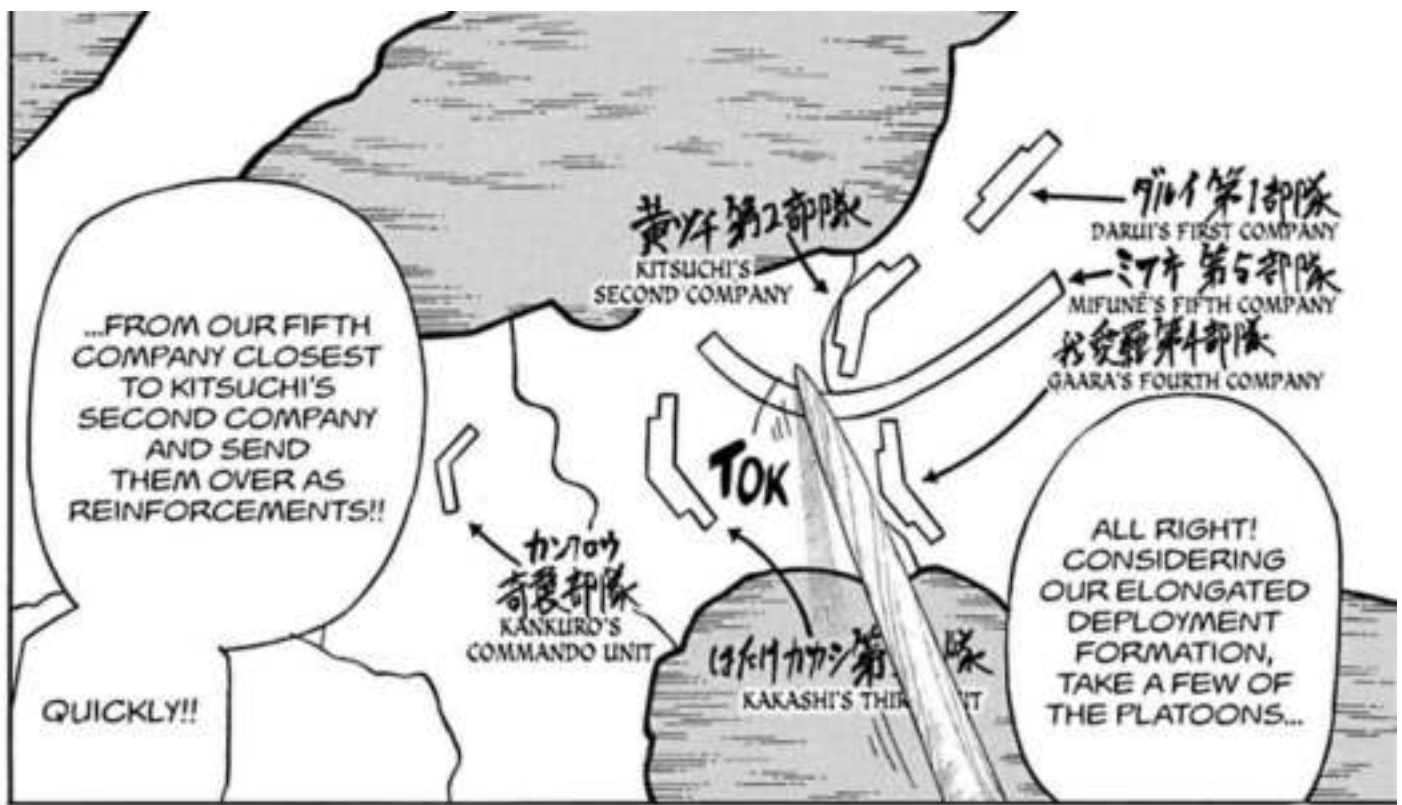
SHOOOM



ALL  
RIGHT.

ZWWW











FANG  
OVER  
FANG!!

SPINNING  
FANGS!!

**SWOOSH**



8 TRIGRAMS  
AIR PALM  
WALL!!



BEETLE  
SPHERE!!

**SH**



SMASH  
!!

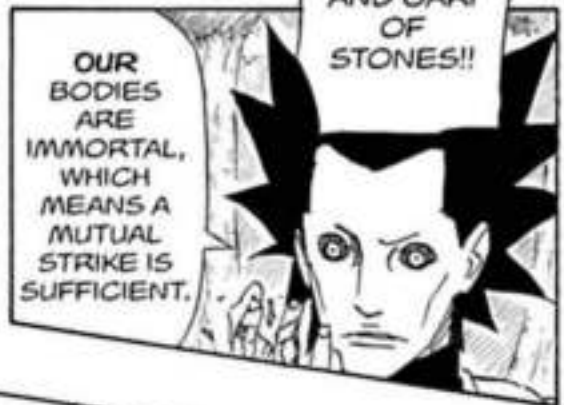
CLOUD  
STYLE!  
FRONT  
SLICE!!

**SH**







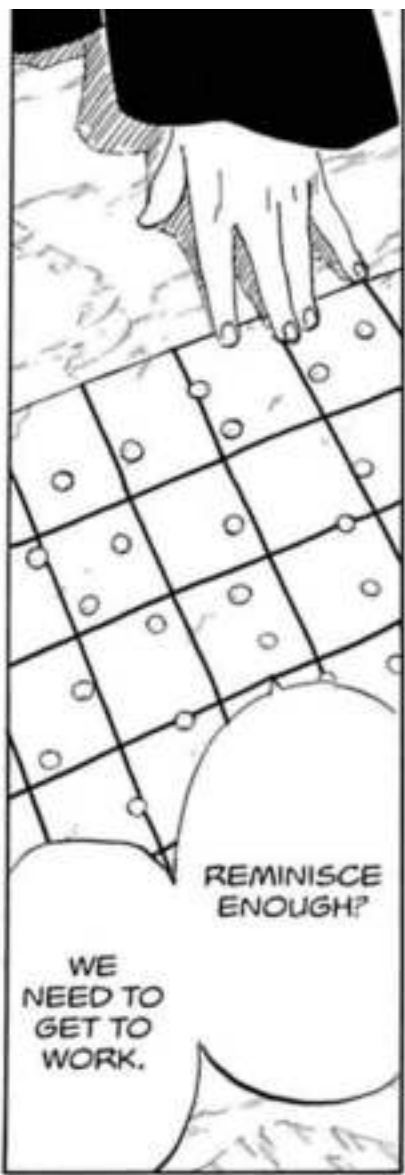
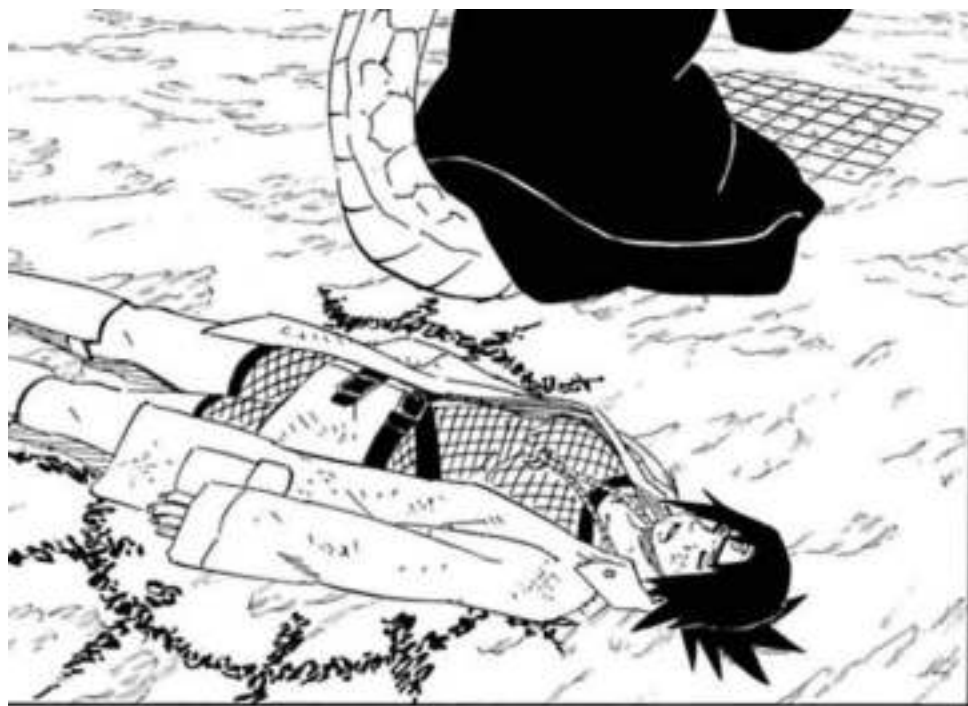












...US!

KAKASHI... YOU MUST STOP...

W

OH

UNH

HERE WE GO!!


I CAN FEEL POWER FLOWING INTO ME!

REMINISCE ENOUGH?

WE NEED TO GET TO WORK.





 Number 522: We Died.









DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, GUY! HE IS UNPARALLELED AT SILENT KILLING!

PREPARE YOURSELVES!

THAT AURA! THE DEMON ZABUZA!

ANOTHER ICE STYLE NINJA!



THE FACT THAT MASTER ZABUZA TOO IS HERE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THIS JUTSU...

MEANS I FAILED TO PROTECT HIM FROM YOU THAT DAY...



YOU MUST STOP US AGAIN!

MISTER KAKASHI, I BEG OF YOU!



...AN INSTRUMENT OF MASTER ZABUZA!

MY DREAM WAS TO DIE...



HE DIED FROM A DIFFERENT CAUSE.

PLUS...



NO... YOU DID INDEED PROTECT ZABUZA.



I CANNOT EVEN DO HIS BIDDING!

AND NOW NOT ONLY CAN I NOT PROTECT MASTER ZABUZA...



ZABUZA  
NEVER  
THOUGHT YOU  
WERE MERELY  
A TOOL TO USE  
FOR HIS  
DESTRUCTIVE  
WHIMS.



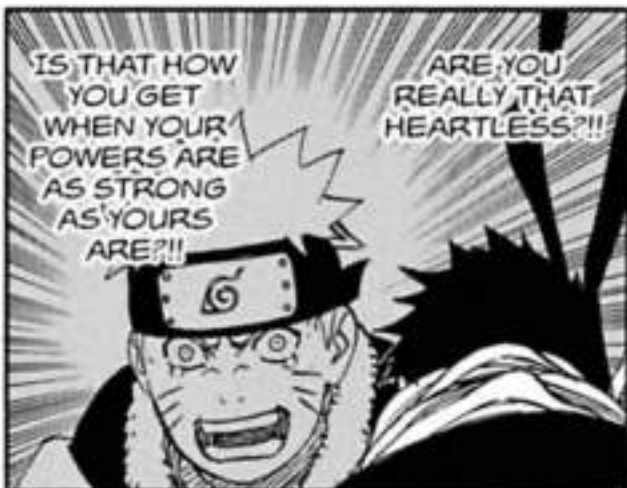
KAKASHI...  
SHUT YOUR  
MOUTH...



...



!!



IS THAT HOW  
YOU GET  
WHEN YOUR  
POWERS ARE  
AS STRONG  
AS YOURS  
ARE?!!

ARE YOU  
REALLY THAT  
HEARTLESS?!!



...



NARUTO  
CARVED UP  
THE DEPTHS  
OF ZABUZA'S  
HEART...



...ANOTHER WORD...

KID... NOT...



HE DIED WITHOUT ANY OF HIS DREAMS EVER COMING TRUE. TO DIE AS HIS TOOL, THAT'S TOO MUCH, TOO CRUEL.

HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR YOU!!



HEH HEH... BUT NEVER FEAR, I'LL MAKE YOU INTO MERE KILLER PUPPETS IN NO TIME! FOR YOU ARE MY TOOLS!

ZABUZA AND HAKU, EH... THEY'RE EXCEPTIONALLY STUBBORN.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'RE STILL NOT COMPLETELY BOUND.



THAT DAY WAS MY FIRST DEFEAT EVER.

HEH...

AND I'VE LOST EVERYTHING.

IN THE END, WE SHINOBI ARE STILL JUST PEOPLE AFTER ALL, WITH FEELINGS ALL TOO HUMAN.



REMEMBER... I AM ALREADY DEAD!



USE WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY TO STOP ME!

KAKASHI... DON'T HOLD BACK!







CAPTAIN KAKASHI, THAT IWAGAKURE NINJA...

HERE THEY COME!



THANK YOU...  
MASTER  
ZABUZA...



PLEASE BE WARY!

AND THAT WOMAN IS PAKURA, A SUNAGAKURE SCORCH STYLE KEKKEI GENKAI MASTER!



...IS A MASTER OF EXPLOSION STYLE KEKKEI GENKAI!

HIS NAME IS GARI! HE'S LIKE DEIDARA, A FORMER DEMOLITIONS UNIT MEMBER!



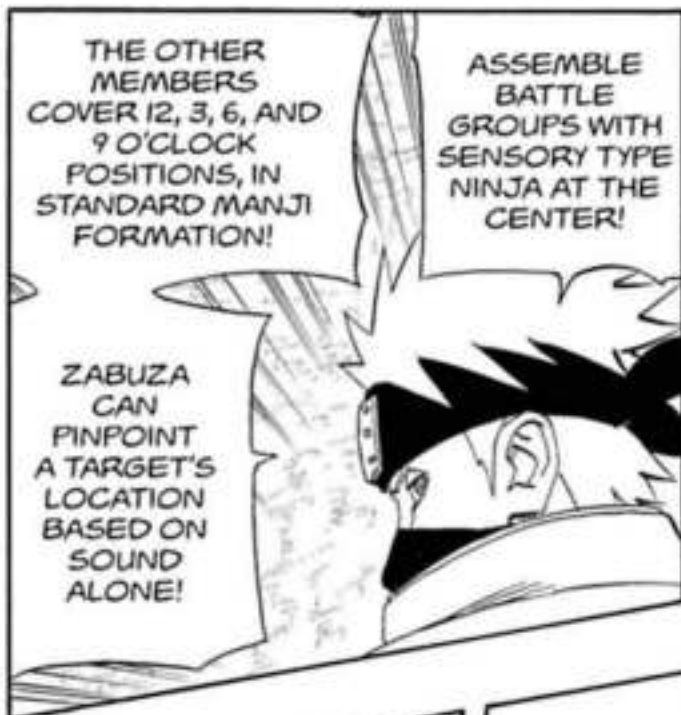
ALL  
KEKKEI  
GENKAI  
USERS,  
HUH?

FWOO!



NINPO  
KIRI-  
GAKURE  
JUTSU!

SWOOO!



THE OTHER  
MEMBERS  
COVER 12, 3, 6, AND  
9 O'CLOCK  
POSITIONS, IN  
STANDARD MANJI  
FORMATION!

ASSEMBLE  
BATTLE  
GROUPS WITH  
SENSORY TYPE  
NINJA AT THE  
CENTER!

ZABUZA  
CAN  
PINPOINT  
A TARGET'S  
LOCATION  
BASED ON  
SOUND  
ALONE!



SO  
WATCH  
YOUR  
BACK  
TOO!

LAST TIME,  
HE ATTACKED  
US FROM THE  
ONE BLIND  
SPOT IN THIS  
FORMATION,  
THE  
CENTER!

I SHALL  
PROTECT  
YOU EVEN IF  
I MUST DIE  
IN THE  
PROCESS!

DO  
NOT BE  
AFRAID,  
SAKURA!

THE MIST  
IS GETTING  
THICKER!  
VISIBILITY IS  
NEAR ZERO!  
IT MUST  
BE THE  
KIRIGAKURE  
JUTSU!

SHUP

SHUP



READ THIS WAY





Bluff Bluff Bluff

BUT THAT LEFT THE BINDING WEAK, ALLOWING SOME OF THEIR SOULS TO REBEL AGAINST ME, WHICH ALLOWED THEM TO FULLY ASCEND.

I HAD DELIBERATELY LEFT EMOTION IN THEM IN ORDER TO [PSYCHO-] LOGICALLY SHAKE UP THE ENEMY.

SWOOO



THOUGH IT'S OVERWRITING MY PERSONAL CONTROL TAGS.

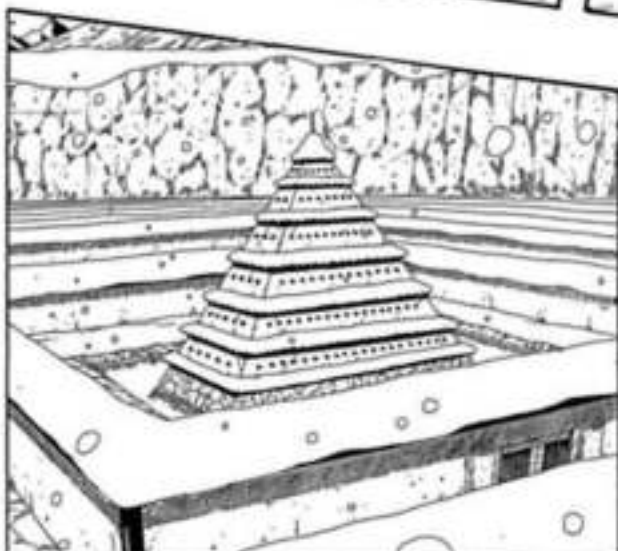


FOR THE REST, I'LL JUST KEEP THE USUAL FOLLOW-ORDERS BINDING IN PLACE AND LEAVE THEM TO THEIR OWN DEVICES.



I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PAWNS I CAN AFFECT. AT LEAST THIS WAR WILL SHOW ME MY LIMITS.

THIS TIME, I WILL COMPLETELY SUPPRESS THEIR EMOTION!



SINCE I THINK IT'LL BE TO MY ADVANTAGE TO LET SOME OF THEM RETAIN EMOTIONS.



LET'S GO LOOK FOR SASUKE.

WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ESCAPE RIGHT NOW.



FOR WHATEVER REASON, THERE ARE A LOT FEWER GUARDS AROUND.



MM...  
YOU KNOW, IRONICALLY, IT'S ALMOST TOO QUIET WITHOUT HER AROUND. DECISIONS, DECISIONS.

WANNA LOOK FOR HER?

WOW, YOU'RE GONNA HELP?  
YOU REALLY ARE A GOOD SOLDIER, JUGO. UNLIKE KARIN.

WHERE IS SHE?



WELL, THEY CONFISCATED IT, DIDN'T THEY?

SO WE SHOULD LOOK FOR AN ARMORY FIRST. LET'S GO.



I FOUND THE KEYS TO THIS PLACE RIGHT AWAY, BUT I CAN'T FIND MY BLADE ANYWHERE.

GO ON AHEAD OF ME. I NEED TO FIND MY BLADE FIRST.

BLUH...



FOO

HERE SHE COMES!!

OOM

HE'S MUMMI-FIED!!







**BL  
A  
K**

AARGH  
!!

EXPLOSION  
STYLE!  
LAND MINE  
FIST!!



MON-  
STER!!



NO!  
TAJIKI  
BLEW UP!

SPLAT





DON'T ALLOW THEIR DEATHS TO HAVE BEEN IN VAIN! GOT THAT, NEWBIE?!!

YOU'VE GOT TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THAT FACT!

COMRADES WILL DIE ON THE BATTLE-FIELD!

MASTER GUY!

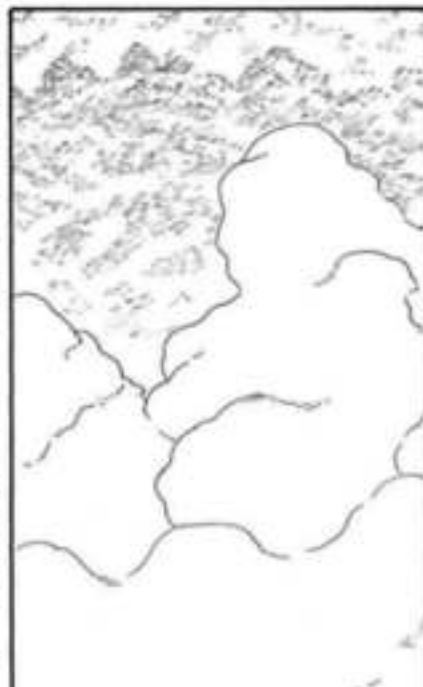
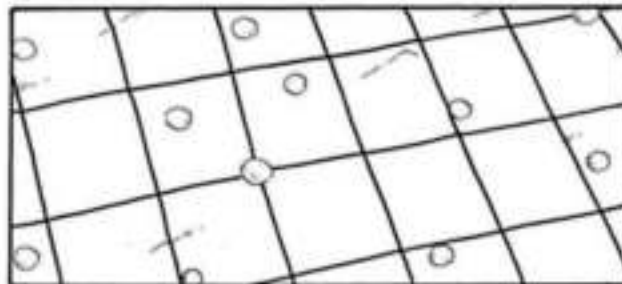


IF YOU LOSE FOCUS, YOU'LL CAUSE EVEN MORE TO DIE!

SCREECH...











**NARUTO**





The Legendary  
Seven Swordsmen  
of the Mist!!











BUY ME  
SOME  
TIME!!

EVERYONE,  
ATTACK  
TOGETHER!!





YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO COLLECT THE LOST MIST BLADES.

WHY SO OBSESSED?

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S HERE, EITHER.



THK



TCH. ...



BUT WHEN IT COMES TO THE BLADES, YOU'RE SINGLE-MINDED.

YOU'RE THE ONE THAT GIVES UP.



YOU OFFERED HELP. ALREADY GIVING UP?

HEY!



RESUR-RECT?



I PLAN TO RESURRECT THE SEVEN NINJA SWORDSMEN AND BECOME THEIR LEADER.

I NEED A CHALLENGE TO STAY ENGAGED.



SO, OFFICIALLY, THAT UNIT DOESN'T EVEN EXIST TODAY.

I'M ASSUMING KISAME STILL HAS THE GREAT BLADE SAMEHADA THE SHARKSKIN, BUT HE'S A ROGUE NINJA. AND THE EXECUTIONER'S BLADE THAT I'D FINALLY TRACKED DOWN IS GONE AGAIN.



THE NINJA BLADES BY TRADITION ARE HANDED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION, BUT OTHER THAN HIRAMEKAREI THE FLATFISH, THE REST HAVE ALL GONE MISSING.

YEAH, RIGHT NOW, THE SEVEN NINJA SWORDSMEN OF THE MIST CONSISTS OF A SINGLE BRAT NAMED CHOJURO.

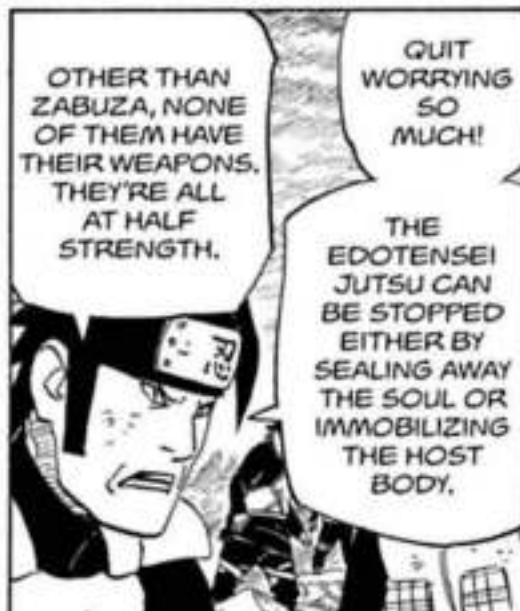


IT'S NO USE.

IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE HOW MANY TIMES WE ASSAULT THEM.



NOPE. LOOKS LIKE THEY BROUGHT THEIR BLADES, ALL RIGHT.



OTHER THAN ZABUZA, NONE OF THEM HAVE THEIR WEAPONS. THEY'RE ALL AT HALF STRENGTH.

QUIT WORRYING SO MUCH!

THE EDOTENSEI JUTSU CAN BE STOPPED EITHER BY SEALING AWAY THE SOUL OR IMMOBILIZING THE HOST BODY.



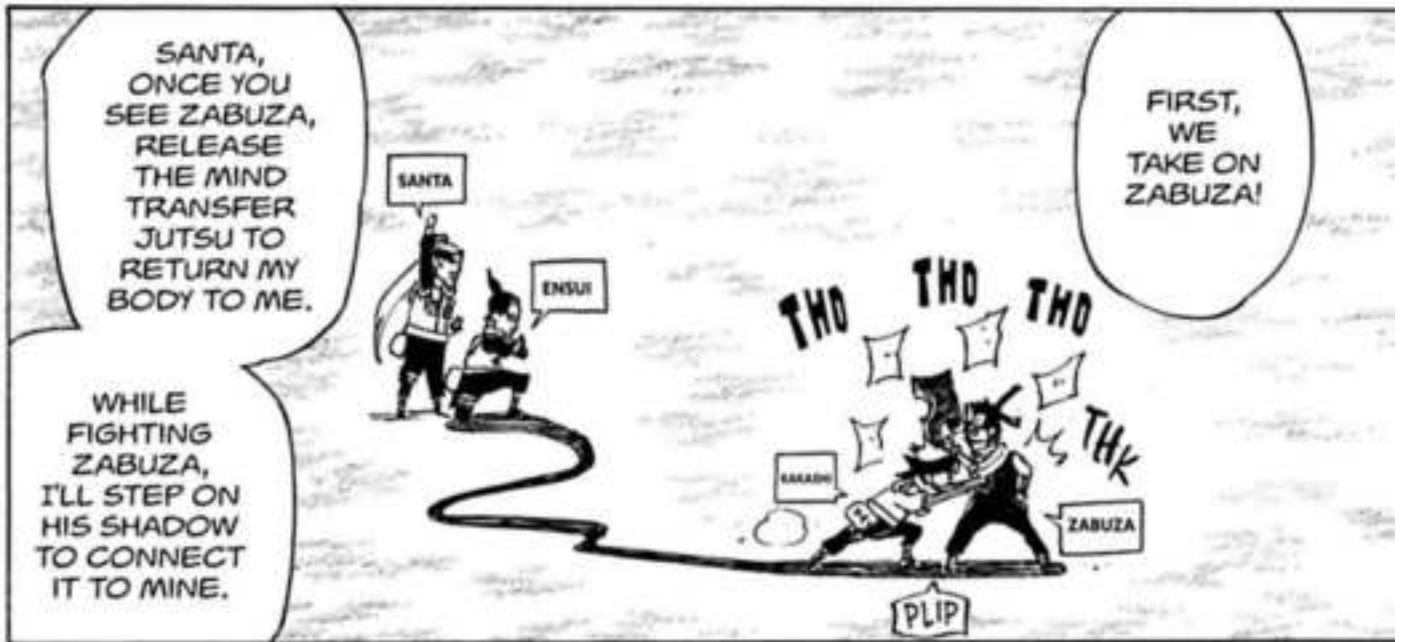
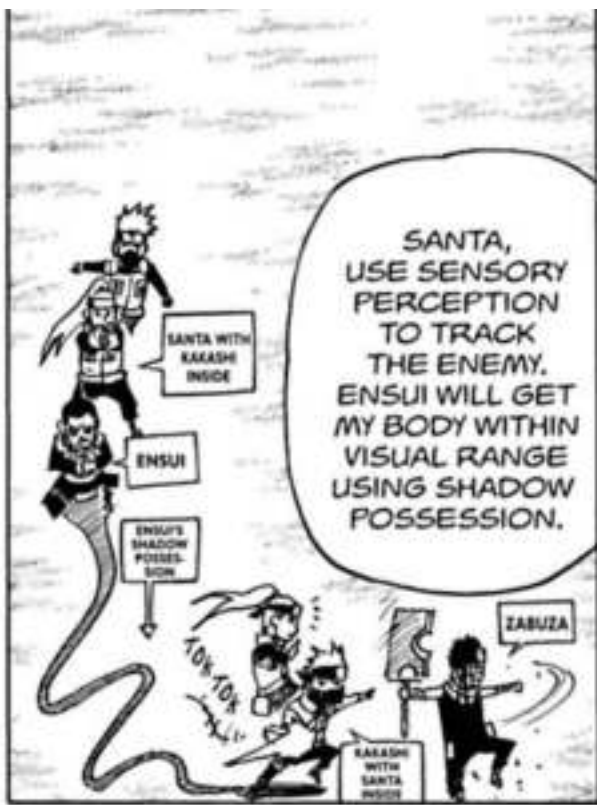
THE LONGER THIS DRAGS ON, THE GREATER OUR DISADVANTAGE!

WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO AGAINST THE SEVEN NINJA SWORDSMEN?















...IS THE  
LIGHTNING  
BLADE, KIBA,  
THE FANG,  
AND ITS  
WIELDER,  
RINGO  
AMEYURI!



NEXT,  
SMASHING  
THROUGH  
ALL  
DEFENSES...





...IS THE  
BLUNT BLADE,  
KABUTOWARI,  
THE HELMET-  
SPLITTER,  
AND ITS  
WIELDER  
AKEBINO  
JININ!



UGH!!

ARGH!!

**THK-THK-THK-THK**



...AND  
SEWING  
THEM  
TOGETHER  
...

**Woosh**

**CHAK**

STABBING  
AND  
PIERCING  
ALL  
THINGS...

**ZW**

**OP**





...IS THE LONG  
SWORD, NUIBARI,  
THE SEWING  
NEEDLE, AND  
ITS WIELDER  
KURI'ARARE  
KUSHIMARU!

AAARGH!!

TWANG



ADDING THE  
POWER OF  
EXPLOSION  
TO SWORDS-  
MANSHIP-



!!



KLAK

KLANG



THE  
EXPLOSIVE  
BLADE,  
SHIBUKI, THE  
SPATTER,  
AND ITS  
WIELDER  
MUNASHI  
JINPACHI!



SUIKAZAN  
FUGUKI!

NEXT, JUST  
LIKE HOSHIGAKI  
KISAME,  
A PREVIOUS  
WIELDER OF THE  
GREAT BLADE  
SAMEHADA, THE  
SHARKSKIN...



HOZUKI  
MANGETSU!

AND  
HE WHO COULD  
HANDLE ALL  
SEVEN BLADES,  
THE MAN WHO'D  
BEEN CALLED  
THE SECOND  
COMING OF  
THE DEMON,  
MY OLDER  
BROTHER...



BUT THE  
SWORD  
YOU WERE  
CARRYING  
AROUND IS  
BROKEN. ...

WHY  
DON'T  
YOU JUST  
GET A  
NEW ONE?



WELL,  
EVERYONE  
NEEDS  
TO KNOW.

THAT'S  
ENOUGH.  
YOU'RE  
TALKING  
TOO MUCH,  
TOO LOUDLY.

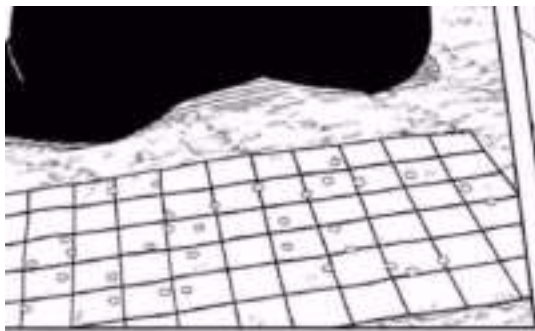


I'M GOING TO  
BE THE CAPTAIN  
OF THE NEW-  
GENERATION  
SEVEN NINJA  
SWORDSMEN!









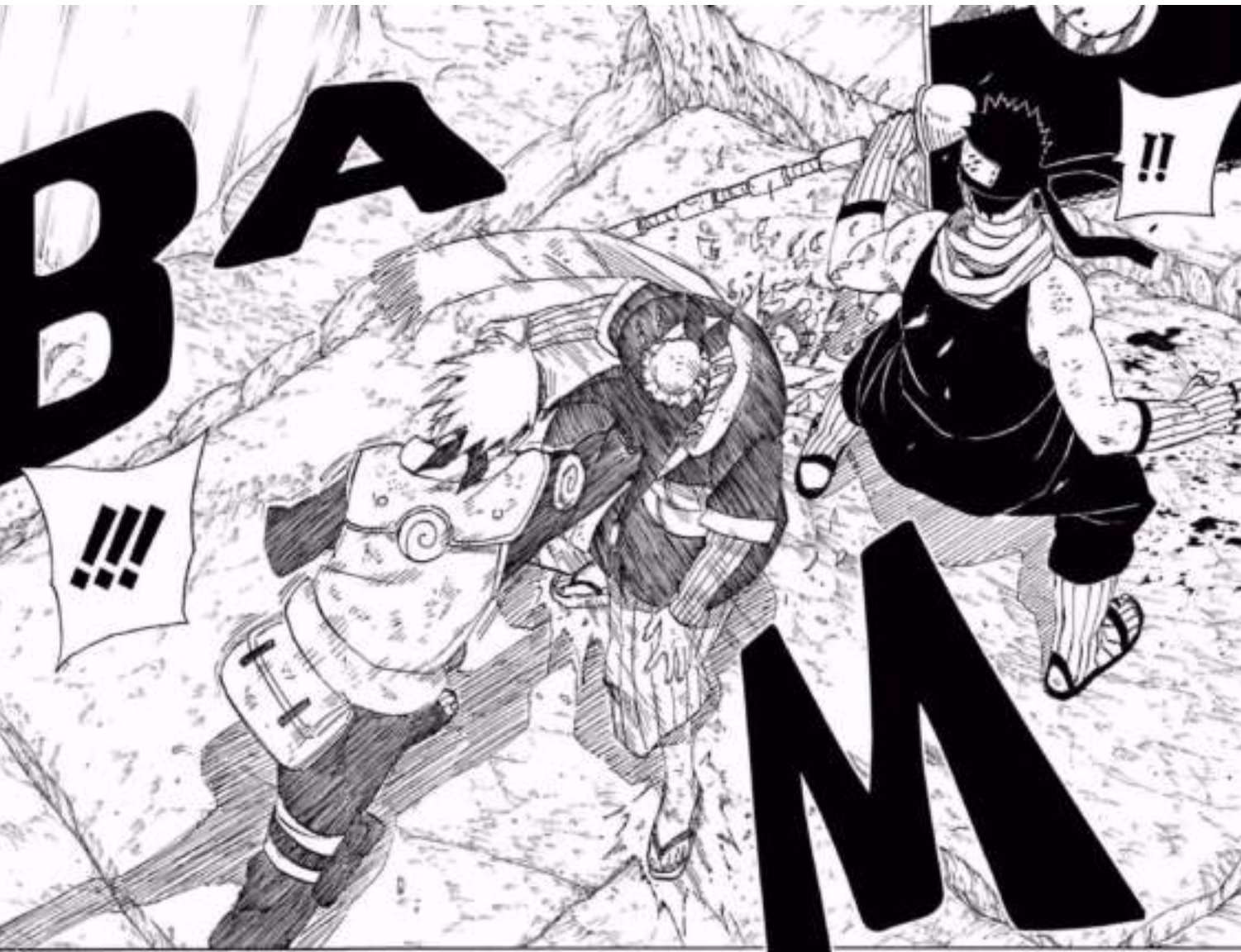
THE REST CAN JUST BE SHIELDS.

ZABUZA'S KIRIGAKURE JUTSU KEEPS THEM HIDDEN IN THE MIST. IT'S THE KEYSTONE TO THIS BATTLE OF NUMBERS.



HEH HEH. EVEN THOUGH SHE'S JUST A PUPPET NOW, I BET IT'S TURNING OUT TO BE QUITE AN INTERESTING PRODUCTION ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

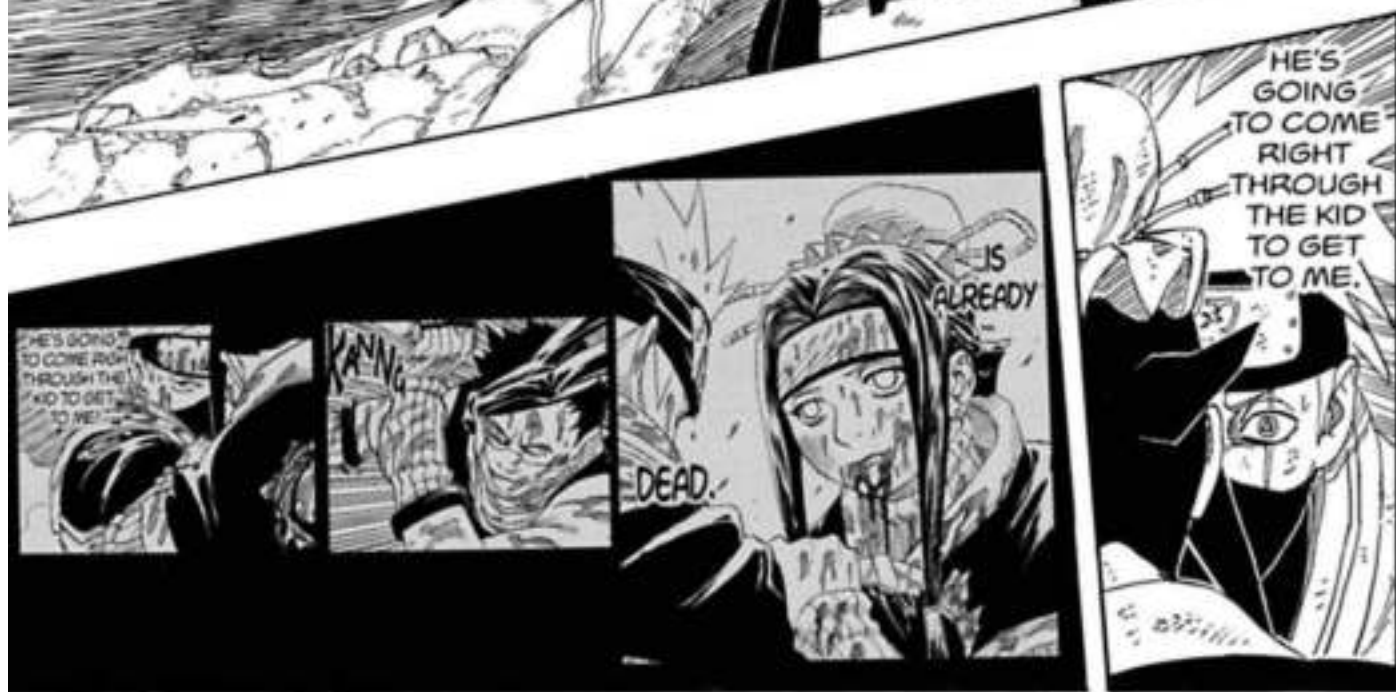
AND HAKU, WHO PROTECTS ZABUZA AS IF HIS LIFE DEPENDS ON IT.



**NARUTO**



Number 524: That Which Ought to Be Protected





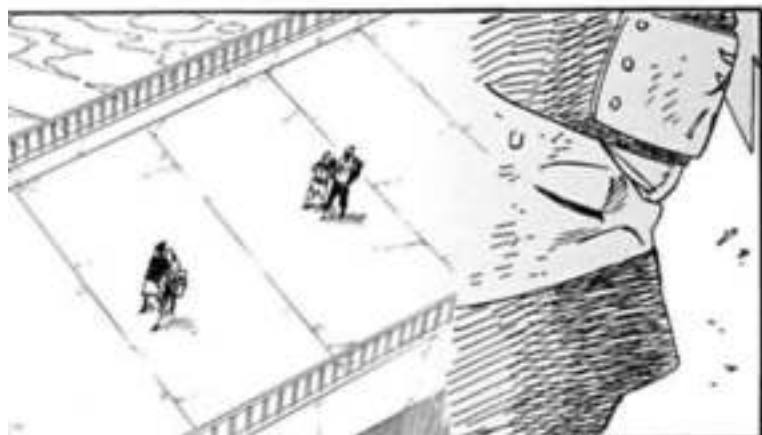


BUT THERE'S BEEN TOO LITTLE CONTACT TIME WITH THE SECOND ONE'S SHADOW! I CAN'T FREEZE HIS MOVEMENTS!

I'VE CAPTURED THE SHADOW OF ONE OF THE ENEMY!

AARGH!  
I RUMBLE!  
BAM!

CONTACT TIME?! YOU MEAN CAPTAIN KAKASHI GETTING SLASHED BY ZABUZA?! OF COURSE THAT'S TOO SHORT!



DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL GET TO A-RANK EVENTUALLY, AFTER YOU LEARN MORE JUTSU AND GET STRONGER.

WUMP  
AWWW.

OH, NO, NO WAY!

I WANNA GO ON ANOTHER A-RANK MISSION!

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE WE ALL MADE IT THROUGH SAFE AND SOUND AGAINST SUCH POWERFUL ENEMIES AS ZABUZA AND HAKU!

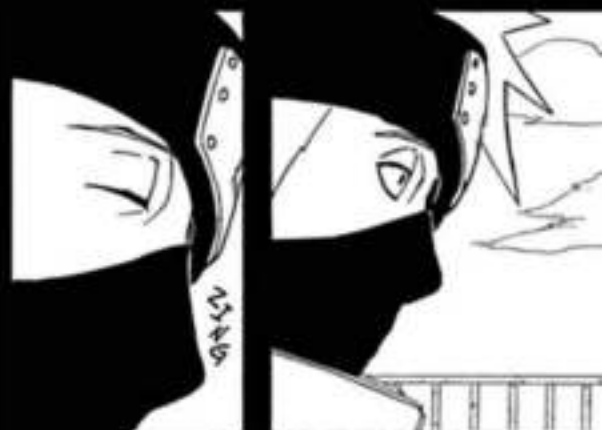
HUH?

BUT THAT MEANS I GOTTA FIND MORE THINGS TO PROTECT!

FINE.

H M M.

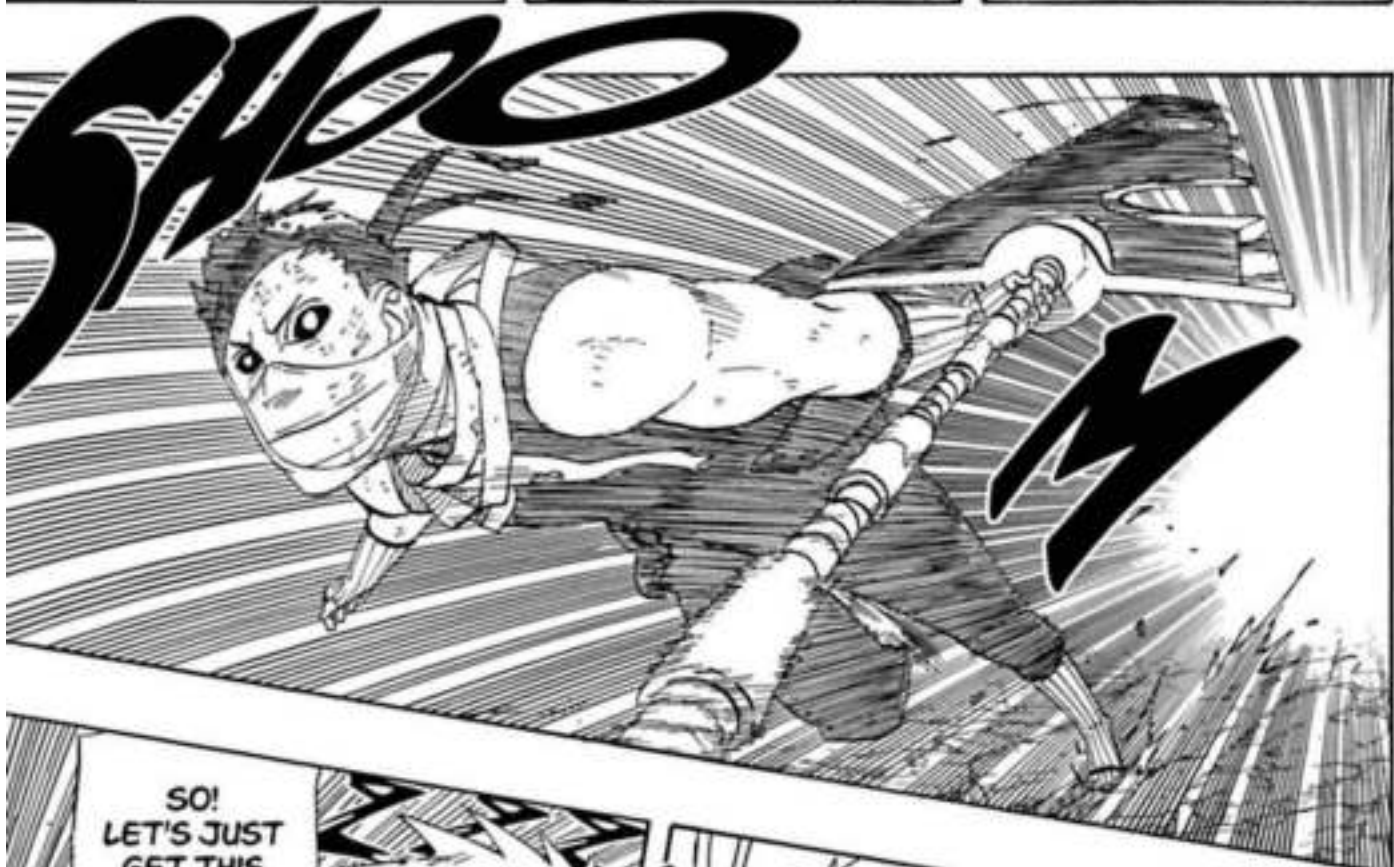
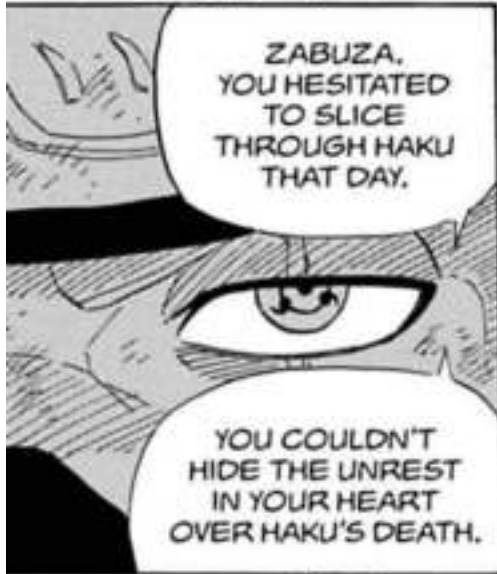






















THEY  
DEMON-  
STRATED  
YOUR  
BOND  
TO  
EACH  
OTHER.



GAH.



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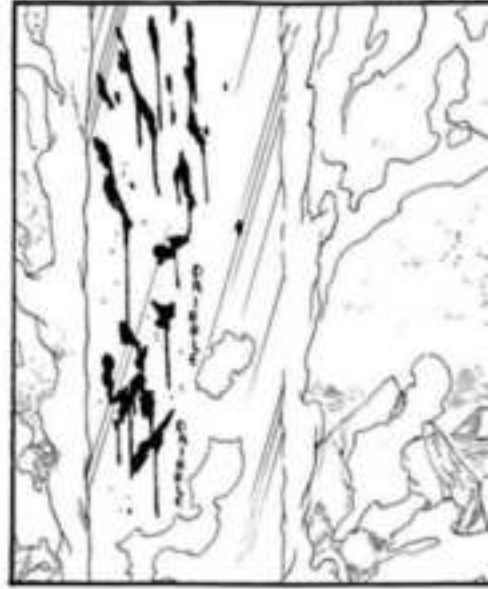


AS A SHINOBI,  
I'VE GOT  
PLENTY TO  
PROTECT  
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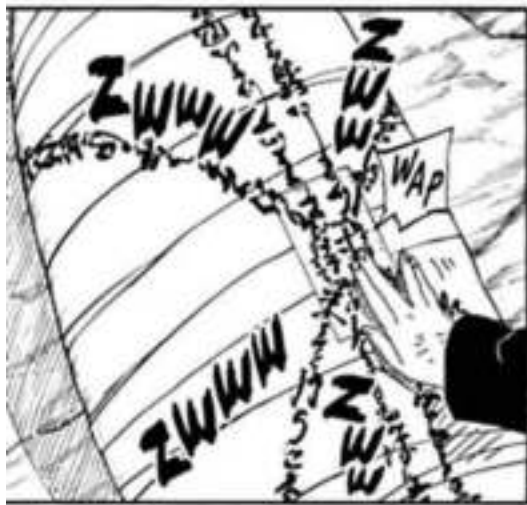


ESPECIALLY  
SINCE I WAS...  
AND AM AGAIN  
THEIR FINAL  
ENEMY.  
WHAT DO  
YOU THINK,  
NARUTO?

I NEED TO  
PROTECT  
THE MANNER  
OF DEATH FOR  
ZABUZA AND  
HAKU!









BUT I'M AT MY BOILING POINT.

IT TAKES A LOT FOR ME TO LOSE MY TEMPER TOO.

I AM KAKASHI THE MIRROR NINJA!  
I'VE COPIED 1,000 JUTSU!  
WATCH ME LIVE UP TO MY NICKNAME!



AND THEY ABSORB CHAKRA.

RRRR

! THERE ARE TOO MANY!

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SEVERAL THOUSAND SOLDIERS HAVE APPARENTLY GOTTEN PAST US!

CAPTAIN KITSUCHI! A MESSAGE FROM HQ!



IT'S ATTRITION WARFARE.

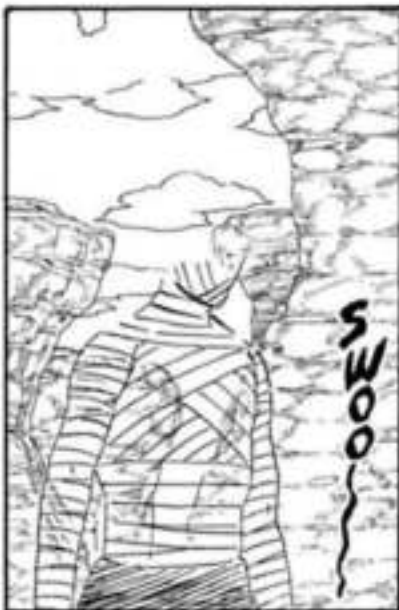
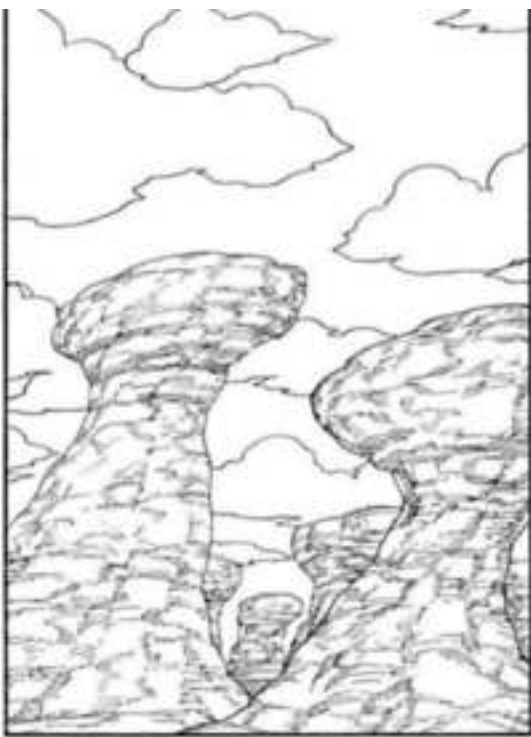
THEY'RE TOO STRONG!



QUIT WHINING AND JUST MOVE!

THERE'S NO END TO THEM!







TO BE CONTINUED IN NARUTO VOLUME 56!



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# CHARACTER POPULARITY

# SURVEY!!

**77,365**  
 TOTAL  
 SUBMISSIONS!!


11th Place Umino Inuka 2,494 votes	25th Place Killer Bee 1,312 votes	Haku 212 votes	53rd Place Chikushodo (Pair) 15 votes	Jugo 8 votes	Hyuga Tokuma 6 votes
12th Place Haruno Sakura 2,188 votes	26th Place Might Guy 1,299 votes	Yakushi Kabuto 212 votes	Tayuza 15 votes	Mitarashi Anko 8 votes	Akamaru 6 votes
Sai 2,188 votes	27th Place Kankuro 1,214 votes	41st Place Kamizuki Izumo 813 votes	Sarutobi Asuma 15 votes	68th Place Uchiha Shisui 7 votes	Yuhi Kurenai 6 votes
14th Place Yamato 1,925 votes	28th Place Inuzuka Kiba 1,079 votes	42nd Place Momochi Zabuzza 72 votes	56th Place Eight Tails 12 votes	Darui 7 votes	Captain Yamato's head gear 6 votes
15th Place Hyuga Neji 1,794 votes	29th Place Aburame Shino 989 votes	43rd Place Shimura Danzo 54 votes	Omni 12 votes	Ao 7 votes	Sarutobi Hiruzen (Third Hokage) 6 votes
16th Place Jiraiya 1,723 votes	Yamanaka Ino 989 votes	44th Place Orochimaru 27 votes	58th Place Rin 9 votes	Yagura 7 votes	Amaru 6 votes
17th Place Hidan 1,635 votes	31st Place Karin 862 votes	Zetsu 27 votes	Senju Tobirama (Second Hokage) 9 votes	Konohamaru 7 votes	Fu 6 votes
18th Place Temari 1,628 votes	32nd Place Tenten 723 votes	Ukataka 27 votes	Kishimoto Masashi 9 votes	Shizune 7 votes	Etc. (1 vote each) 26 names total
19th Place Uchiha Madara (Tobi) 1,621 votes	33rd Place Tsunade (Fifth Hokage) 667 votes	Inomatsu 27 votes	Yahiko 9 votes	Senju Hashirama (First Hokage) 7 votes	
20th Place Rock Lee 1,597 votes	34th Place Hozuki Suigetsu 539 votes	Samui 27 votes	62nd Place Terumi Mei (Fifth Mizukage) 8 votes	76th Place Sage of Six Paths 6 votes	
21st Place Uzumaki Kushina 1,338 votes	Toroné 539 votes	49th Place Kimimaro 19 votes	Gekko Hayate 8 votes	Pakkun 6 votes	
22nd Place Hoshigaki Kisame 1,320 votes	36th Place Kakuzu 381 votes	Nagato 19 votes	Shiranui Genma B 6 votes	Shin 6 votes	
Pain 1,320 votes	37th Place Foo 212 votes	Uchiha Obito 19 votes	Akimichi Choji 8 votes	'Ay (Fourth Raikage) 6 votes	
Konan 1,320 votes	Hagane Kotetsu 212 votes	Nine Tails 19 votes		Chojuro 6 votes	

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