

The cover features a central illustration of a white, muscular snake-like creature with a red tongue and a human-like face, surrounded by the characters Naruto Uzumaki, Sasuke Uchiha, and Sakura Haruno. The background is a blue, crystalline structure. The title 'NARUTO' is written in large, bold, orange letters with a black outline, and the number '61' is in the bottom right corner.

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For those of you who weren't able to read the "Road to Ninja" one-shot, you can check it out on the Japanese *Shonen Jump* website!

The story is gonna get hotter and hotter! I don't want to rush anyone, but I want you to read volume 62 too!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2012



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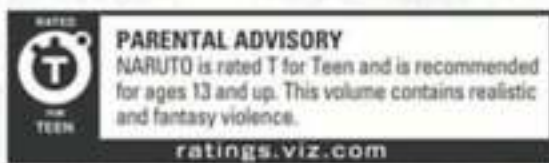
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CHARACTERS



Sasuke
サスケ



Naruto
ナルト



Sakura
サクラ



Kakashi
カカシ



Yamato
ヤマト



Sai
サイ



Gaara
我爱罗



Tsunade
綱手



Mizukage
水影



Tsuchikage
土影



Raikage
雷影



Kabuto
カブト



Zetsu
ゼツ



???



Uchiha
うちは
Madara
マダラ



Itachi
イタチ



Killer
キラー
Bee
ビー

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.

The Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki begins. The Allied Shinobi Forces begin to rally back after a series of unfavorable battles early on and have the Five Shadows assemble on the battlefield in order to stop the Edotensei-revived Madara! Naruto deepens his bond with Nine Tails and the other jinchûriki during his battle against the masked man. Meanwhile, Sasuke encounters a revived Itachi!



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Number 576: Signposts













I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!



...



I DIDN'T KNOW...

...YOU COULD DO IT TOO!



THINGS TO DO.

NO TIME TO TALK.



THIS IS KABUTO'S JUTSU. I'M AN EDOTENSEI, A REANIMATED SHINOBI, BACK FROM THE DEAD.



YOU'LL NEVER FIND YOUR PATIENCE.

YOU'RE AS OBSTINATE AS EVER.



YOU'RE HERE.

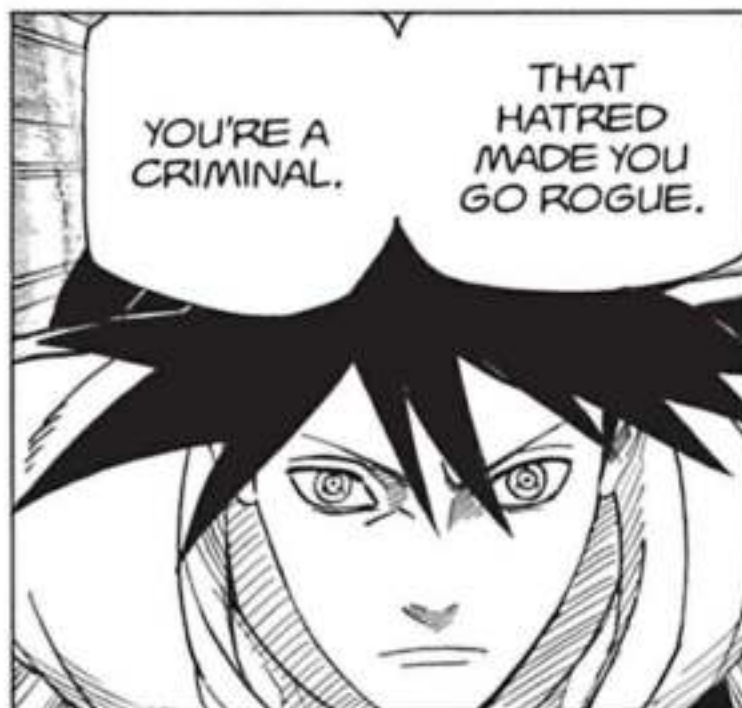
I DON'T CARE!!

AND I HAVE QUESTIONS!!



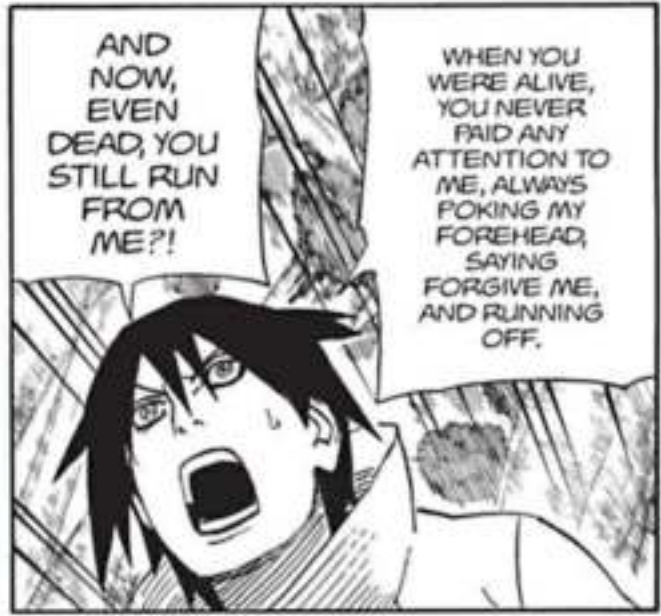
















HE WAS THE ULTIMATE SHINOBI.

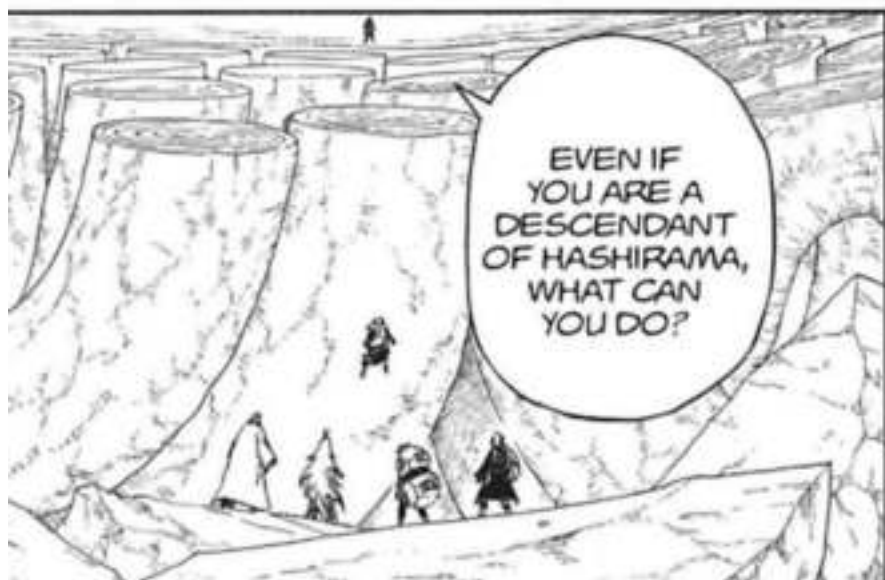
HE COULD HEAL WOUNDS WITHOUT WEAVING A SINGLE SIGN.



FSH
THIS IS NOTHING.



I FOUGHT A REAL LIFE AND DEATH BATTLE AGAINST HIM.



EVEN IF YOU ARE A DESCENDANT OF HASHIRAMA, WHAT CAN YOU DO?



...



AND YOU'RE A WEAK WOMAN!

YOU CAN'T USE WOOD STYLE. YOUR MEDICAL NINJUTSU DOES NOT EVEN COME CLOSE TO HIS.



I THINK YOU'VE GONE ON LONG ENOUGH!!!



PUNY SENJU EVEN MORE SO.

WEAKNESS REVOLTS ME.



BUT I AM NOT WEAK.



TRUE ALSO, I AM FEMALE.



I AM FIRST HOKAGE HASHIRAMA'S DESCENDANT. YET, I DON'T USE WOOD STYLE, THAT'S TRUE.



MY MEDICAL NINJUTSU IS PATHETIC COMPARED TO THE FIRST HOKAGE'S.



MY TRUE POWER LIES IN SOMETHING PASSED ON TO ME FROM THE LINE OF THE FIRST HOKAGE.



PHYSICAL STRENGTH ISN'T EVERYTHING.



MY TRUE POWER LIES IN THE WILL OF FIRE!!





YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT ME WITH HASHIRAMA'S WILL OF FIRE?



Number 577: Hate Blade



I USED THAT WILL TO DEVELOP MY MEDICAL NINJUTSU.

IT'S HOW I BECAME A MEDIC NINJA. IT'S HOW I FOUND MEDICAL LAW!



YOU'RE WRONG!

THE WILL OF THE DEAD SHOWS ITS POWER IN THOSE THEY LEFT BEHIND!



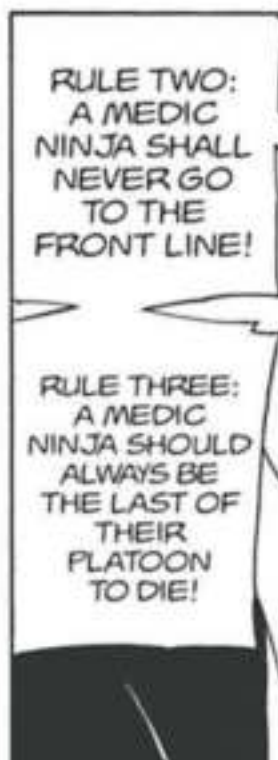
POWER IS ONLY THE ABILITY TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN.

POWER IS NOT WILL.



THIS IS WHAT I TEACH MY STUDENTS.

BUT THERE IS ACTUALLY ONE MORE RULE!



RULE TWO: A MEDIC NINJA SHALL NEVER GO TO THE FRONT LINE!

RULE THREE: A MEDIC NINJA SHOULD ALWAYS BE THE LAST OF THEIR PLATOON TO DIE!



SHHF...

RULE ONE: A MEDIC NINJA WILL NOT STOP TRYING TO HEAL A MEMBER TILL THAT NINJA'S DYING BREATH.



...100 HEALINGS, MAY BREAK THE FIRST THREE LAWS!

RULE FOUR: A MEDIC NINJA WHO MASTERS THE NINJA ART OF MITOTIC REGENERATION...





**FIRE STYLE!
MAJESTIC
DEMOLISHER
FLAME!!**



**GLUB
GLUB
GLUB
GLUB**



**WATER
STYLE!
WATER
PILLAR!!**

SHOOOOSH



**FOLLOWED
BY...
WATER STYLE!
WATER DRAGON
MISSILE!!**



WEIGHTED
BOULDER!
LATERAL
BOLT OF
PAIN!!
CHOP!!!







YOU'RE
WRONG
!!



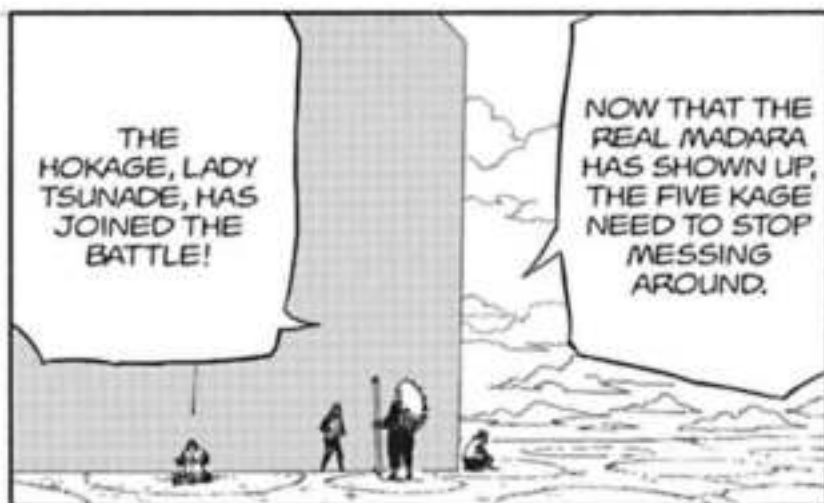
ALL THAT'S LEFT
OF MY LITTLE
BROTHER IS THE
OCULAR POWER
OF HIS EYES,
WHICH ARE
NOW MINE.



...IS
HATE.



THE
ONLY
THING
PASSED
DOWN...

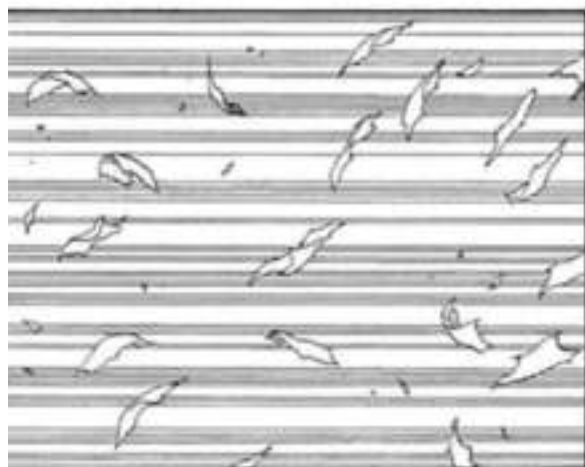


THE
HOKAGE, LADY
TSUNADE, HAS
JOINED THE
BATTLE!

NOW THAT THE
REAL MADARA
HAS SHOWN UP,
THE FIVE KAGE
NEED TO STOP
MESSING
AROUND.



WHAT?!
MADARA
WAS
BROUGHT
BACK WITH
EDOTENSEI?!













YOUR ONLY HOPE AT STOPPING HIM IS TO STOP THE ONE WHO CAST THE EDOTENSEI!!!



DO NOT UNDER-ESTIMATE MADARA!



...IS THE LATE FIRST LORD HOKAGE!



EVEN AGAINST THE FIVE KAGE FACING HIM?

MADARA... IS THAT POWERFUL A SHINOBI?

THE ONLY SHINOBI WHO CAN BRING HIM DOWN...



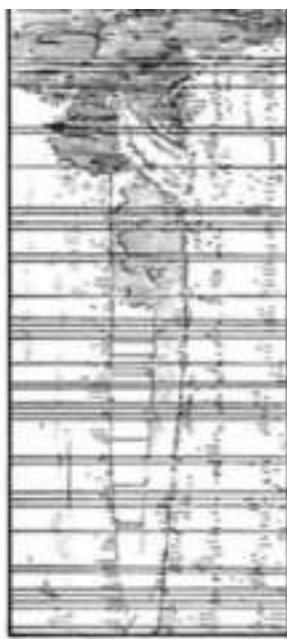
THEY'VE BEEN DEVOTING ALL THEIR ENERGY TO IT, BUT WE'VE HAD NO GOOD INTEL...

MY GUARD AND MY BARRIER MAINTAINER STAY HERE. EVERYONE ELSE, GO AFTER THE EDOTENSEI CASTER!

WHAT HAS HQ BEEN DOING ABOUT IT?!



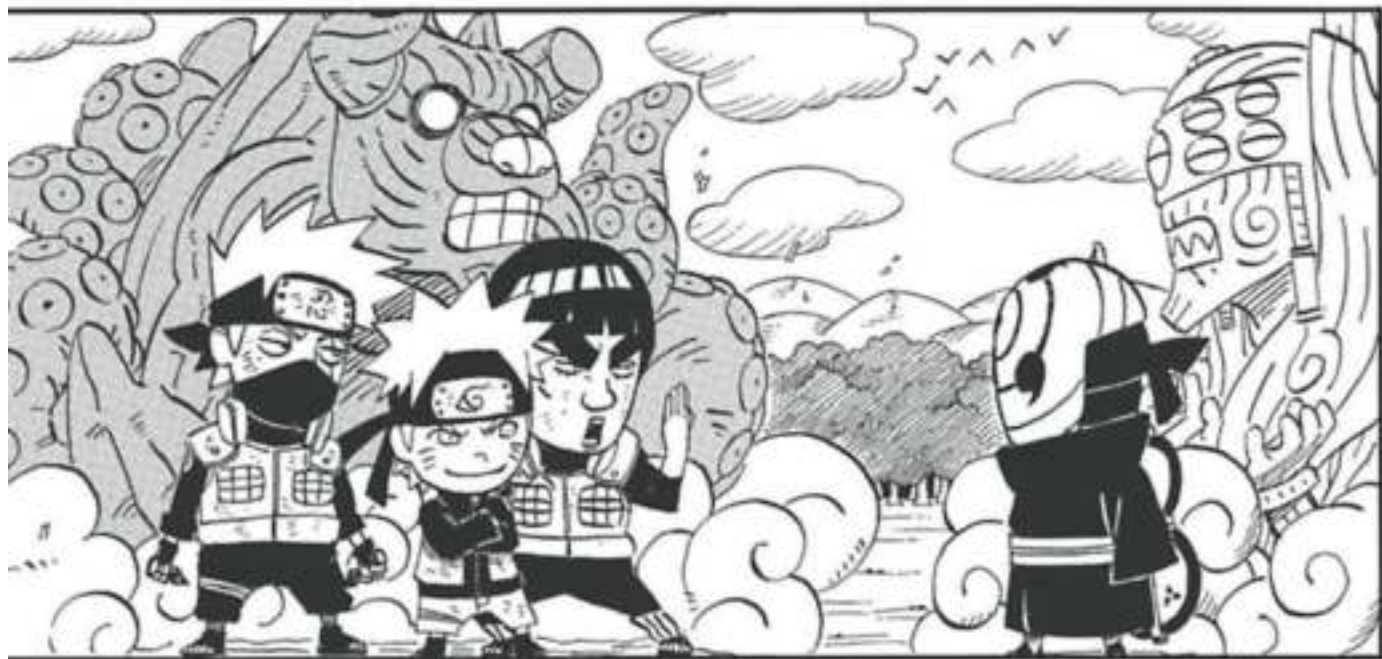
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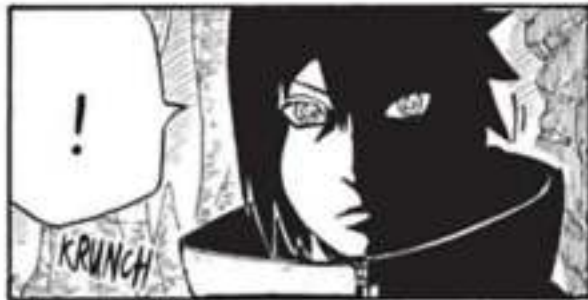
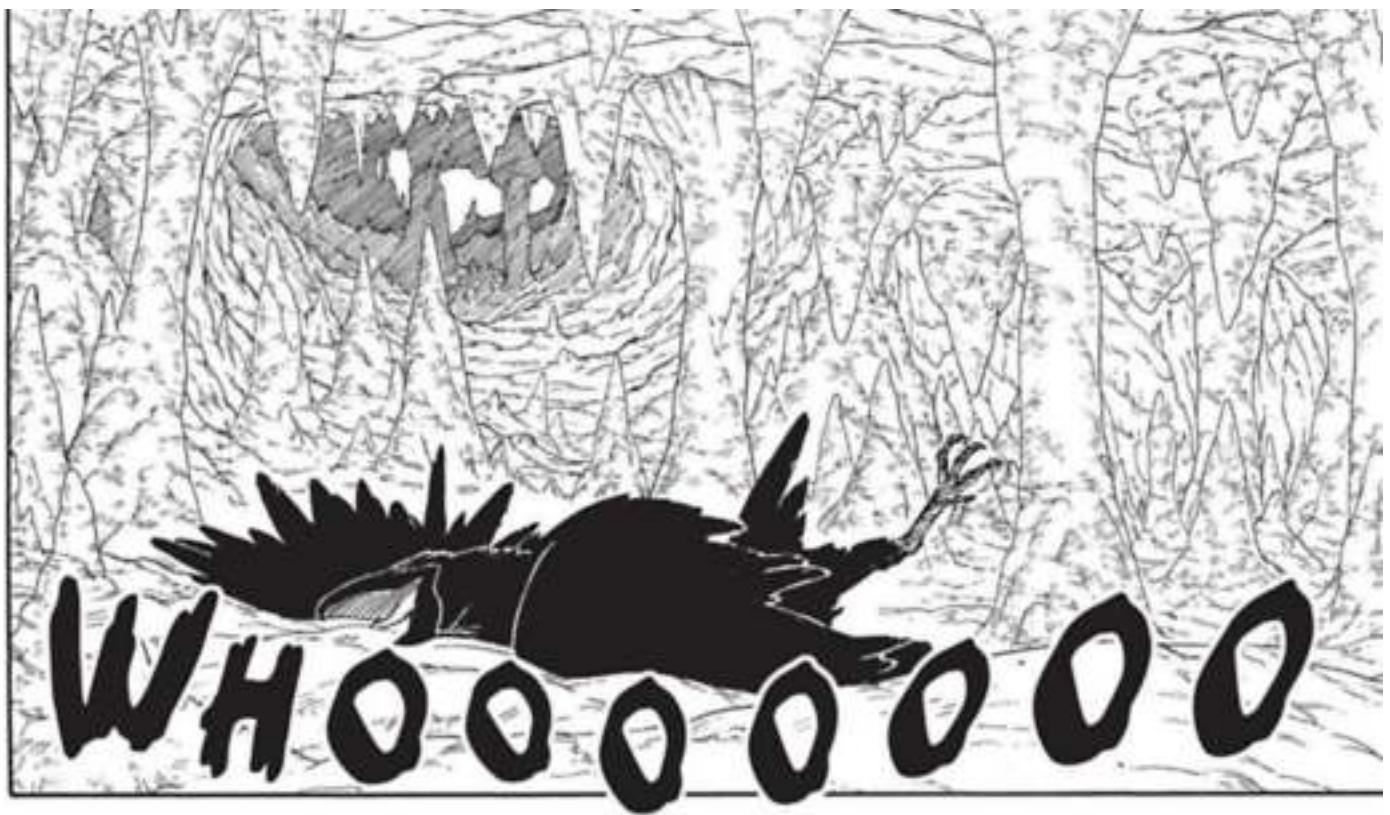






















IF YOU WANT TO KILL ME, YOU NEED TO HIT ME HARD, TAKE ME DOWN, THEN SEAL ME AWAY.

HAVE YOU GONE SENILE, OHNOKI? THE RINNEGAN CAN ABSORB ALL JUTSU... SO SUCH A NINJUTSU WILL NOT WORK ON ME.



WELL DONE !!



?!



...BUT IT SEEMS I BOOSTED YOUR MORALE INSTEAD.



I WAS HOPING TO DOUSE YOUR MORALE...

OH, THAT...? I WANTED TO SHOW YOU HASHIRAMA'S FACE.



SO I SHOULD BE ABLE TO KILL YOU WITH IT!

BUT MY EARLIER JINTON (PARTICLE STYLE) SCRAPED OFF YOUR LEFT SHOULDER.



I WON'T CALL YOU COWARDS.

FIVE-TO-ONE... IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE A NICE RATIO FOR PLAYING GAMES.



DON'T CALL US COWARDS OR SAY WE'RE BEING UNFAIR...

THAT'S BECAUSE WE MUST WIN, NO MATTER WHAT!

FOR IN TRUTH, IT IS A TESTMENT TO YOUR MIGHT!

YOU ARE UCHIHIA MADARA!



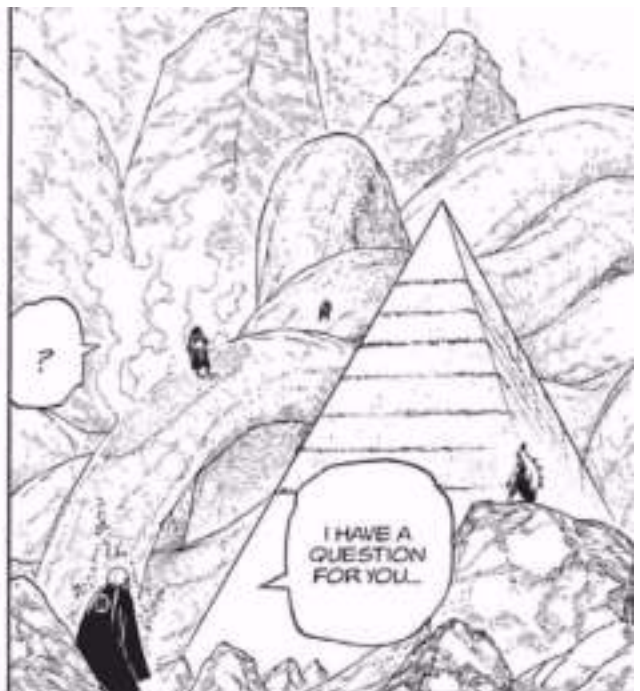
WELL, THERE IS JUST ONE OF ME AGAINST THE FIVE OF YOU...



YES, YOU OUTWITTED THE FIVE OF US WITH YOUR WOOD DOPPELGANGER.

BUT FROM ANOTHER ANGLE, YOU COULD SAY WE MANAGED TO CORNER YOU INTO HAVING TO SUBSTITUTE A DOPPELGANGER FOR YOURSELF.

NO?



I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU...



ART OF MULTIPLE WOOD DOPPELGANGERS !!







...SO
THAT'S
THE TALE
OF THE
WAR.



...



...OR
NOT?
YOUR
CHOICE.

WOULD
YOU LIKE THESE
DOPPELGANGERS
TO USE
SUSANO'O...



IN SHORT,
ITACHI, YOU'RE A
BOTHERSOME
PRESENCE TO
BOTH SASUKE
AND MYSELF.

SINCE
I'VE NOW
RECALLED
HIM BACK
INTO THIS
REALM.

AND YOU,
SASUKE, WANT
TO DEFEAT THE
BANE OF THE
UCHIHA CLAN,
ITACHI, ONCE
AGAIN.



I CAME HERE CHASING AFTER ITACHI IN ORDER TO TALK TO HIM.

I HAVE NO DESIRE TO CALL THAT THING "MASTER"... PLUS, IT SEEMS YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.



...WELL, SHALL WE TEAM UP AND TAKE ITACHI DOWN TOGETHER, SASUKE?

WE DO BOTH SHARE THE SAME SNAKE POWER AND MASTER...



...



...WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?

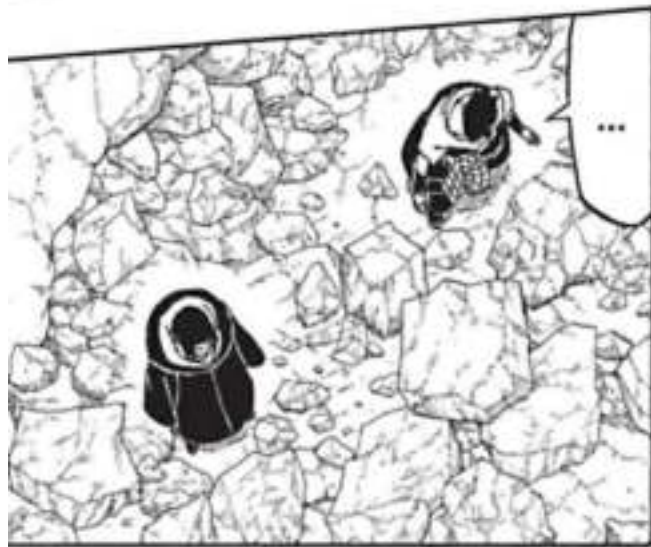
SO THEN...



...











I PLAN TO HONOR IT.

THEY SAY YOU TAKE YOUR PERSONALITY WITH YOU TO THE GRAVE... THEN AGAIN, I'VE ALREADY DIED ONCE...

...I'M HOLDING YOU TO YOUR PROMISE!

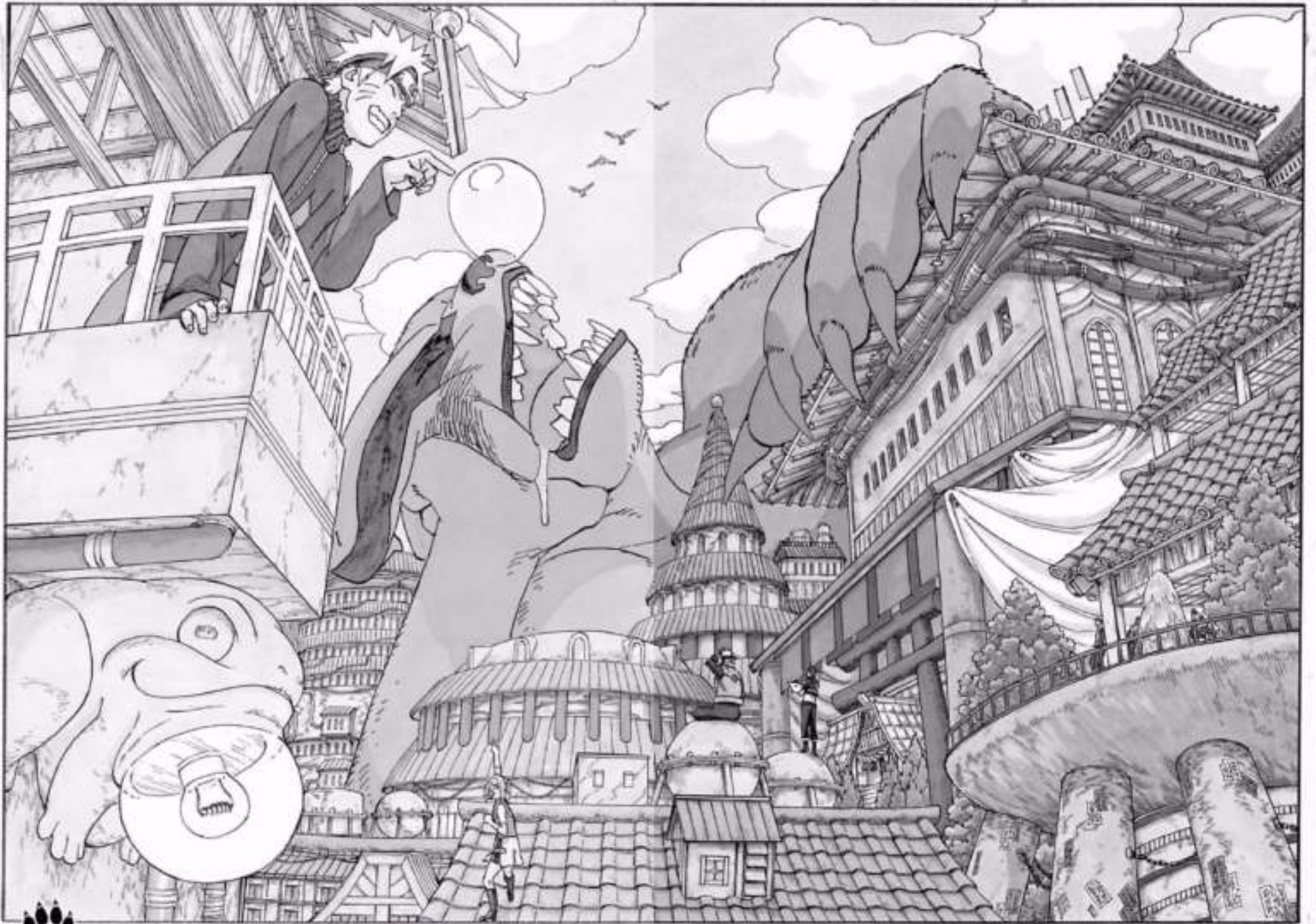
SHUP...




WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT.

SHUP...

THE ESTRANGED BROTHERS COME TOGETHER AT LAST... TO GANG UP ON ME!

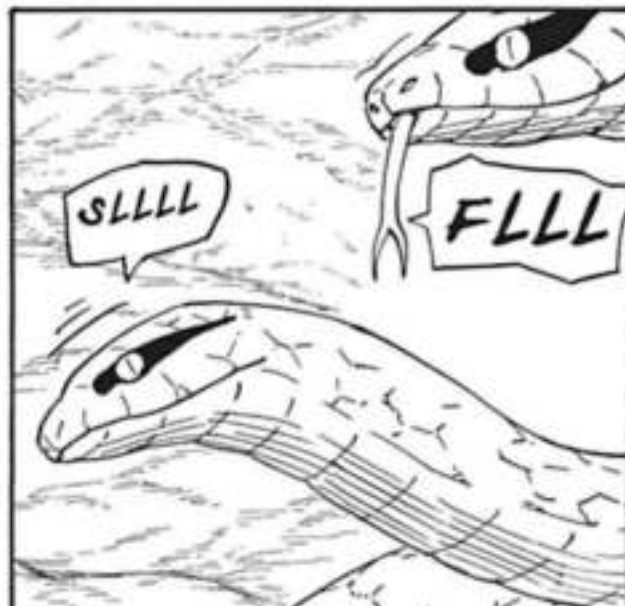


 Number 579: Uchiha Brothers United Front!!

NARUTO

-ナルト-







THEY'RE ABLE TO SENSE EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE...

THE WAY THOSE SNAKES ARE MOVING...

SNAKES PERCEIVE BODY HEAT AND CAN SMELL THE AIR WITH THEIR TONGUES.



I CHOSE THIS BATTLEFIELD. NATURE IS MY ALLY.

ZWW

HA! BEING A SNAKE EXPERT WILL NOT HELP YOU TAKE ME DOWN!

ZWW



YOU'VE STUDIED A LOT... YOU'RE LIKE A SNAKE EXPERT NOW.



OF COURSE I DID... I HAD TO TAKE DOWN OROCHIMARU, DIDN'T I?



...OH NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

TRAPS?

ZWOO...

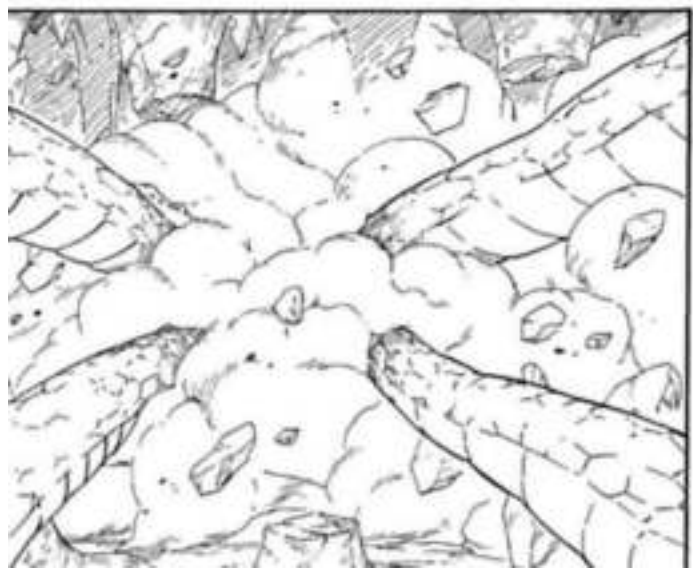


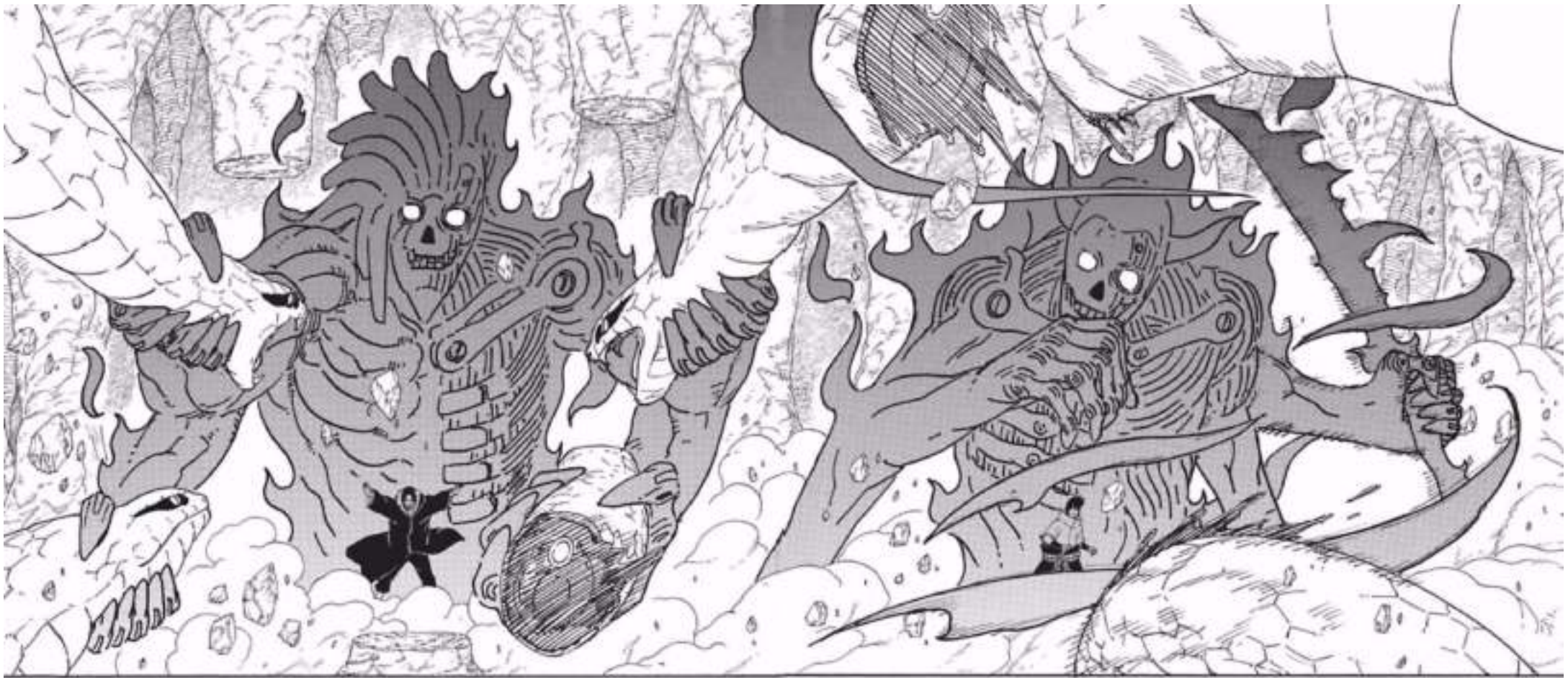
THERE ARE GOING TO BE TRAPS, SASUKE!

THE TERRAIN GIVES HIM AN ADVANTAGE!



THEY'RE BIGGER ?!





HE HAS THE
POWER OF
OROCHIMARU!



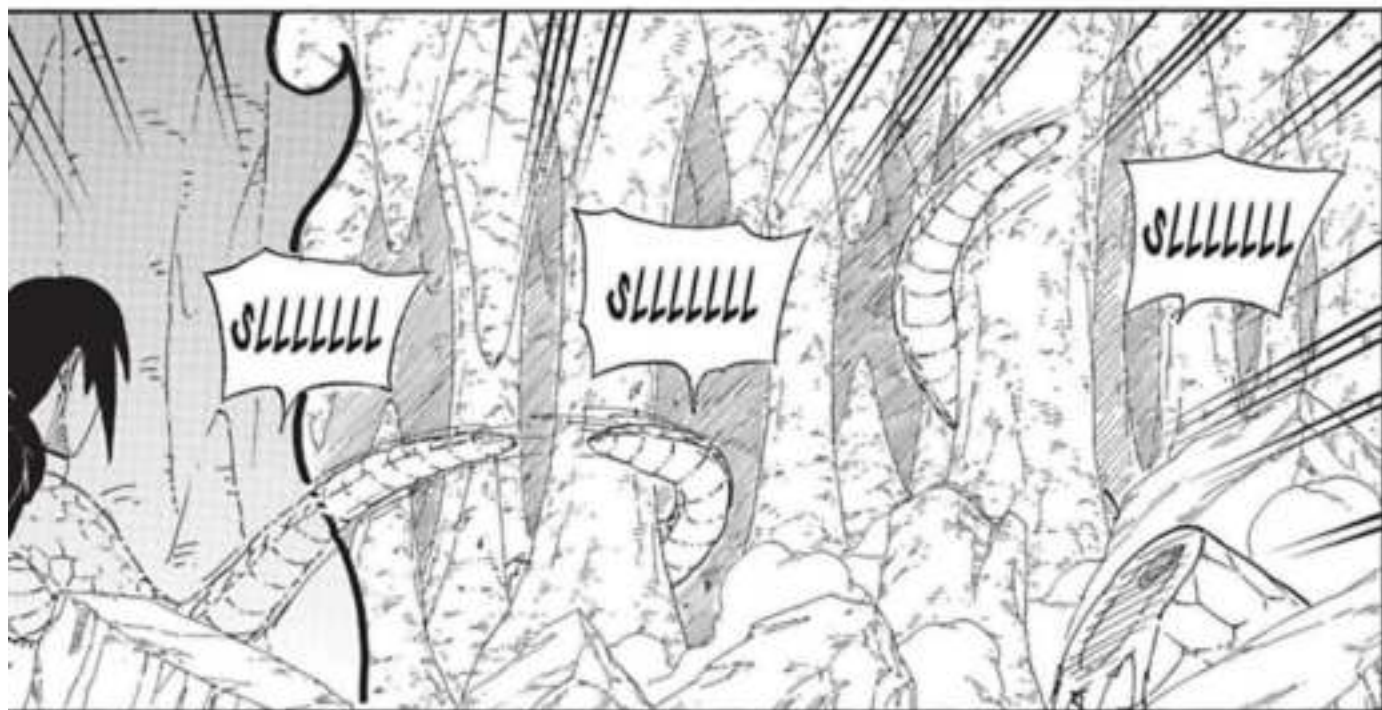
HE'S NOT
GOING TO
DIE EASY!



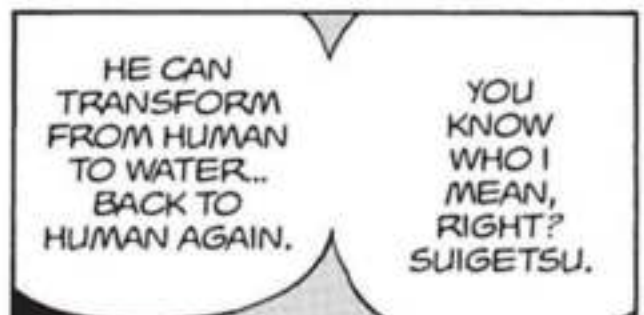
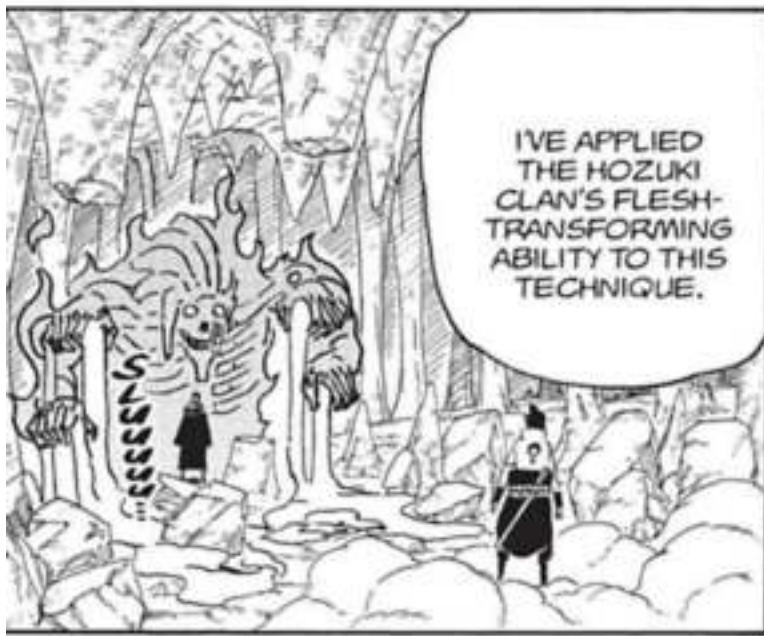
TOO
AGGRESSIVE,
SASUKE!
REMEMBER
DON'T KILL HIM!





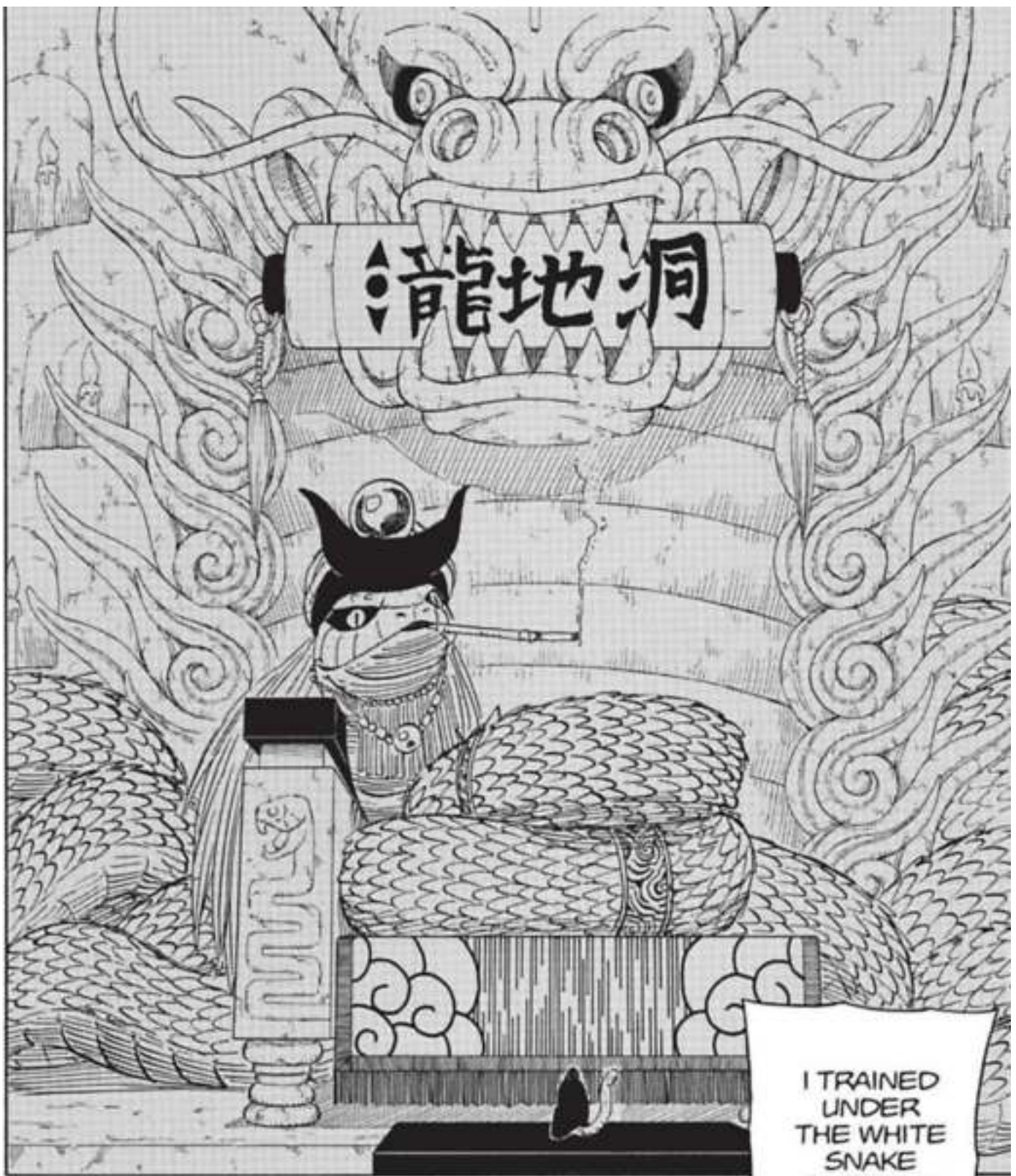












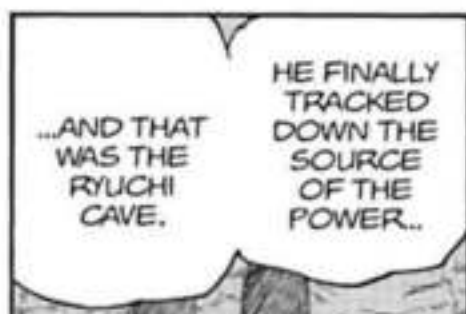
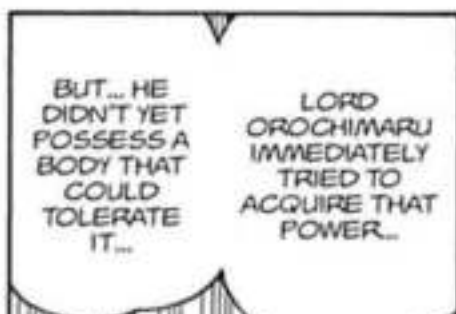
I TRAINED UNDER THE WHITE SNAKE SAGE AND AWAKENED THIS ABILITY!



I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO SURPASS OROCHIMARU!

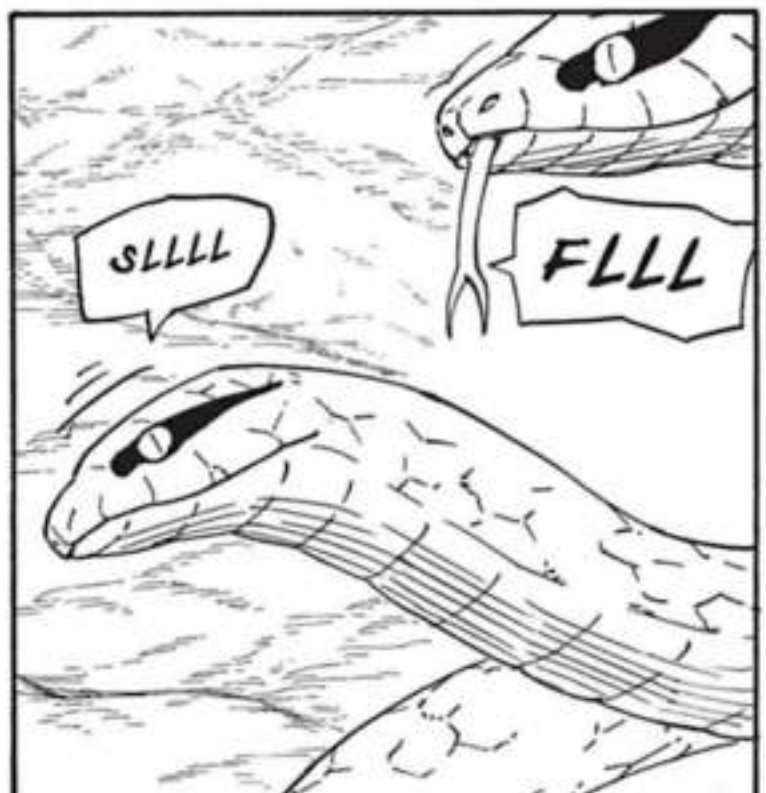




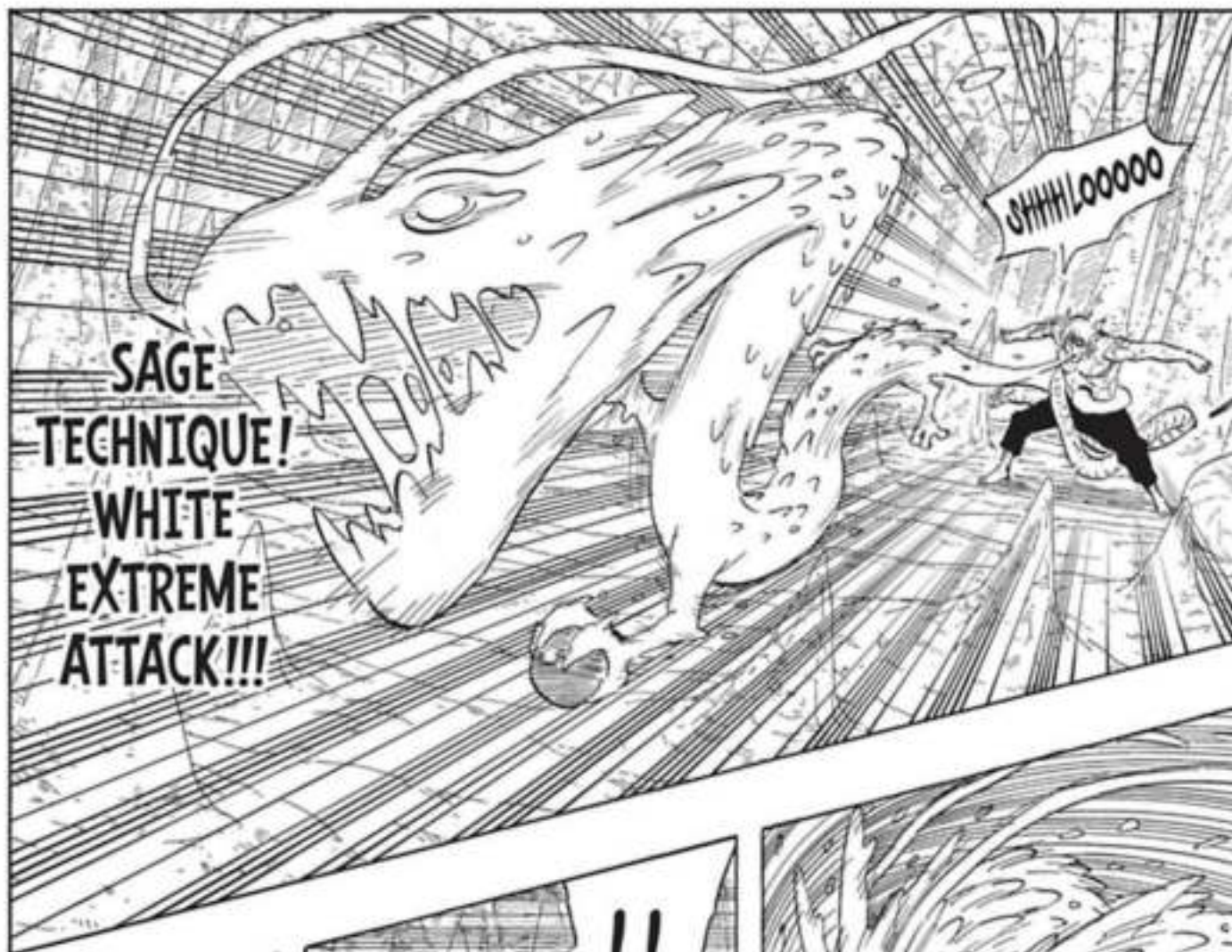
















EEEEEE
A JUTSU THAT CAUSES THE AIR TO OSCILLATE, TO PARALYZE SENSES...
FREEZING YOU IN PLACE...

LIGHT AND SOUND TO KNOCK OUT, SIGHT AND HEARING...



MY EARS... THIS SOUND IS RATTLING MY BONES!



BY TURNING MY BODY TO LIQUID, I CAN ALSO SIMPLY FLOW WITH SOUND AND VIBRATION.

WITH MY SNAKE EYES, I CAN SHUT MY SIGHT OFF AND BLOCK THE LIGHT.



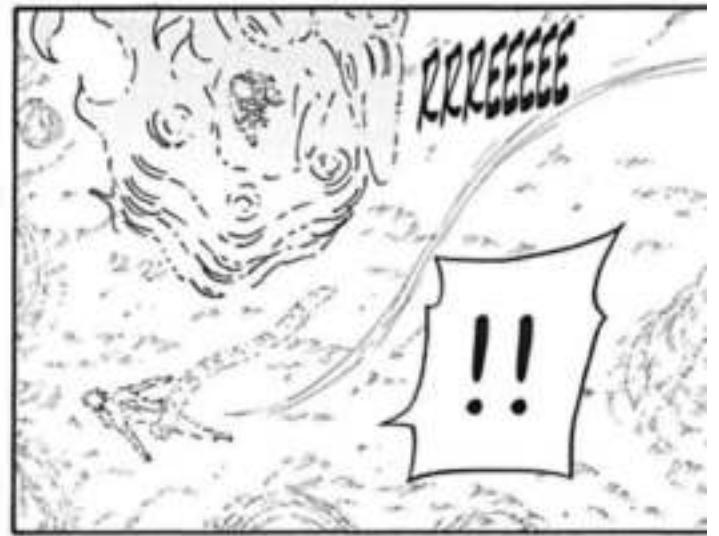
I CAN'T HOLD SUSANO'O...

UGH! IT'S NO USE...



THANKS TO MY SAGE POWERS, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MOVE IN THESE CONDITIONS.

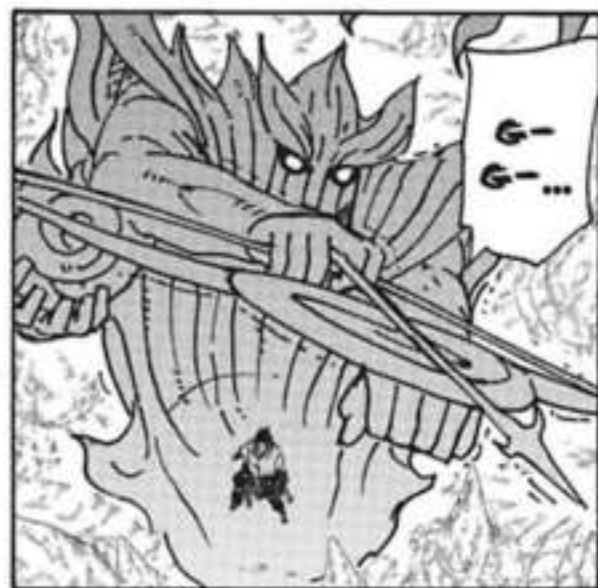




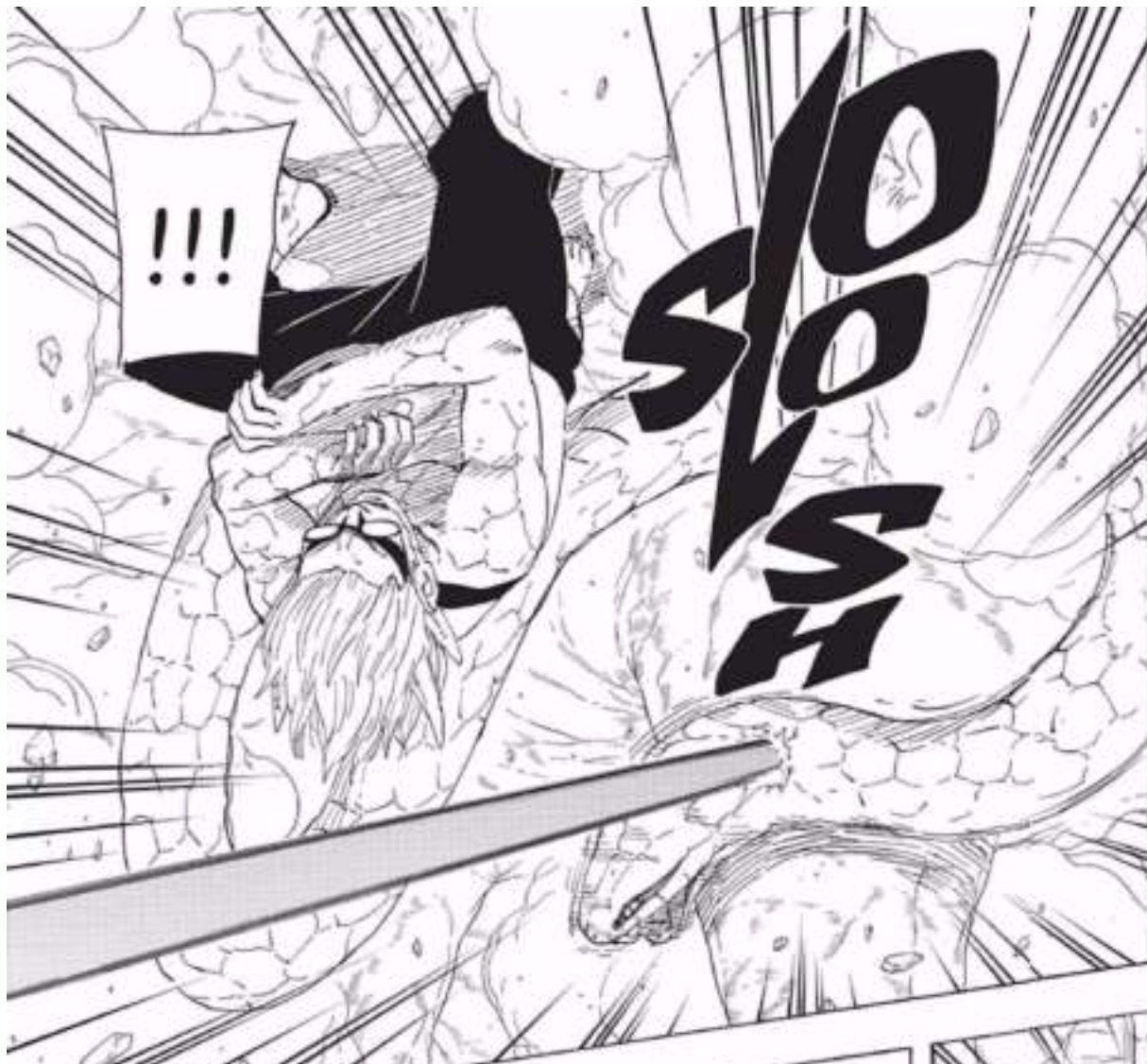


















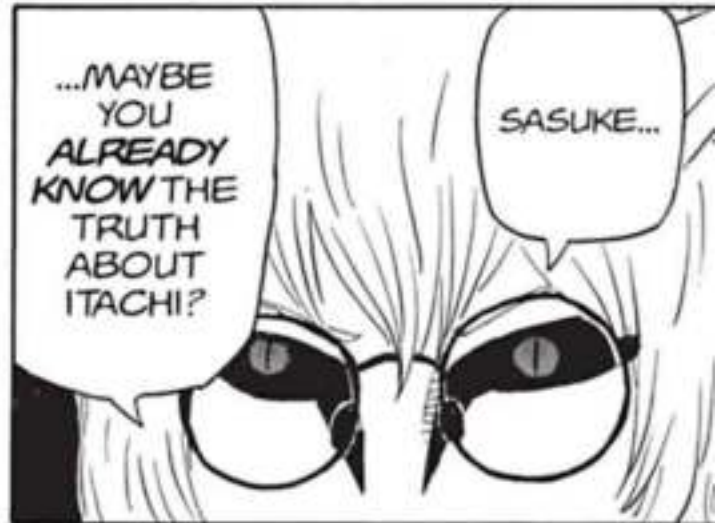
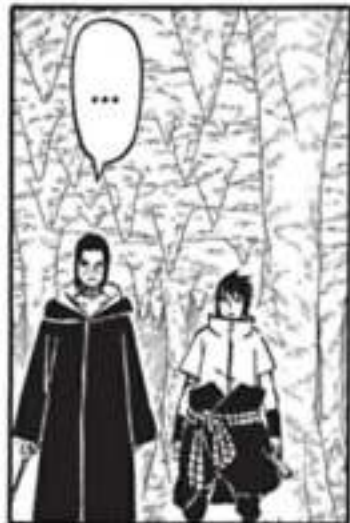






Number 581: To Each Their Own Konoha







NO
WONDER
YOU DIDN'T
RETURN TO
KONOHA
VILLAGE
AFTER
DEFEATING
ITACHI...

NO WONDER
YOU JOINED
THE AKATSUKI
IN THEIR
ANTI-KONOHA
PLANS!



THAT'S
WHY...

IT ALL
MAKES
SO MUCH
SENSE TO
ME NOW.



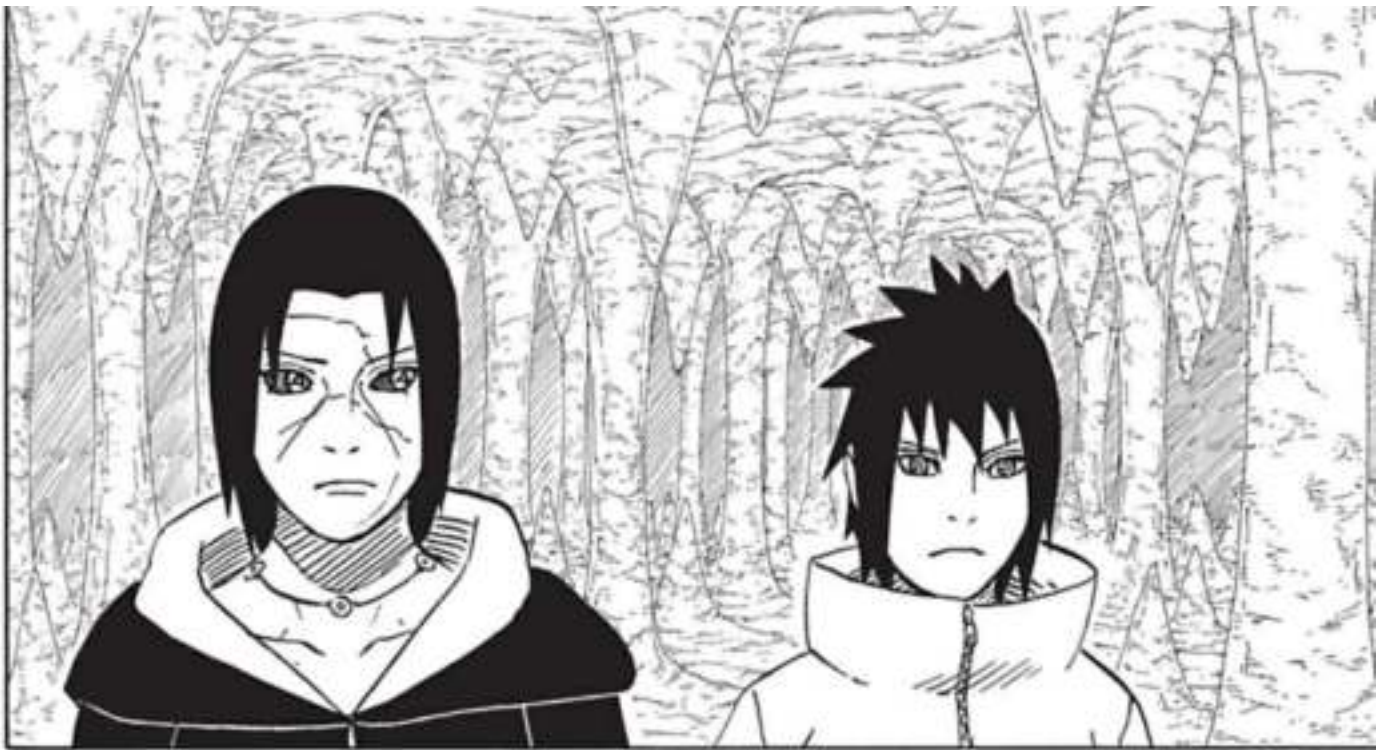
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...02-N...



...YOU INTEND
TO DESTROY
THE VILLAGE
THAT CAUSED
YOUR BROTHER
PAIN?











IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF MONEY, YOU'RE OUT OF LINE...

I WONDER HOW MUCH?

HAVING TAKEN DOWN SUCH A SPECIAL S CLASS CRIMINAL, HIS LITTLE BROTHER WILL PROBABLY RECEIVE MERITORIOUS DECORATIONS AND A LARGE BOUNTY FROM NATION AND VILLAGE, RIGHT?

?!

WELL... I KNOW, BUT...



TAP



SHUP



5



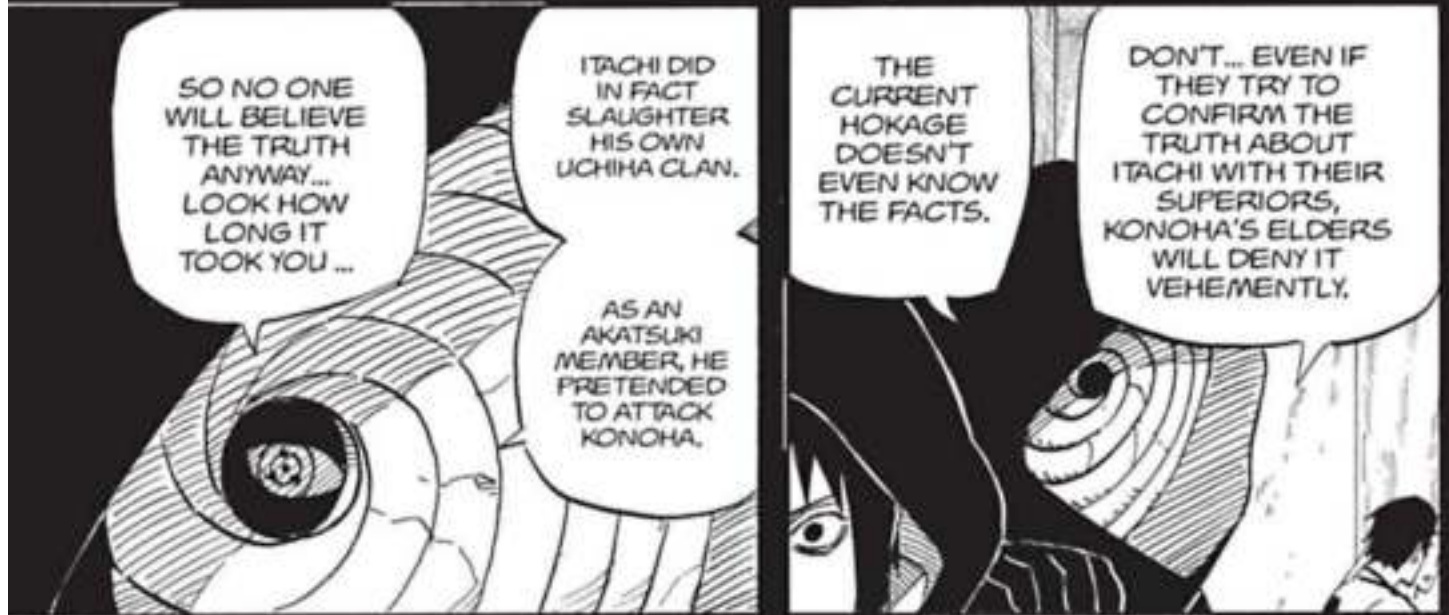
RRRRRRRR

I'LL TEACH THEM THE TRUTH!!



THEY DO NOT KNOW THE TRUTH...

PLUS, THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE HERE.





MY OPERATION DESTROY KONOHA IS NOTHING LIKE YOURS!



IT WAS ALL FINE AND GOOD TO BE TAKEN IN BY KONOHA SHINOBI, BUT SINCE NO ONE KNEW MY ORIGINS, I WAS IMMEDIATELY RAISED TO BE A SPY...

I'M JUST LIKE ITACHI...

...MEDICAL NINJUTSU DRILLED INTO ME SO THAT ENEMIES WOULD TRUST ME.



...



I SYMPATHIZE GREATLY WITH ITACHI.

...



...I CONTINUED TO WORK ON SUPPRESSING MYSELF.

WITH NO FRIENDS OR COMRADES WHO KNEW THE REAL ME...



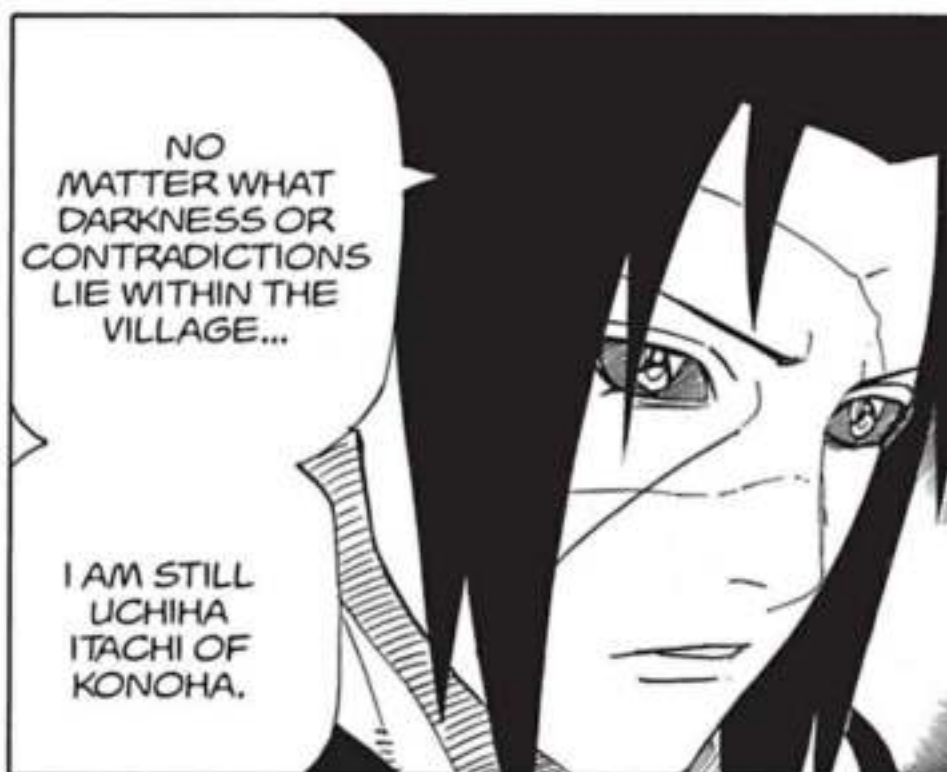
...WITH NO SPACE OR PLACE FOR THE REAL ME.

I PRETENDED TO BE SOMEONE ELSE, LIVING A LIFE OF LIES...



I VISITED AND SPIED ON A LOT OF OTHER VILLAGES FOR A REALLY LONG TIME.

















Number 582: Nothing



BUT
IT'S NOT
GOING TO
WORK.

RRRRK

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE
UP TO.



THERE'S
SOME
OTHER
JUTSU
THAT'S
SIMILAR TO
IZANAGI...?

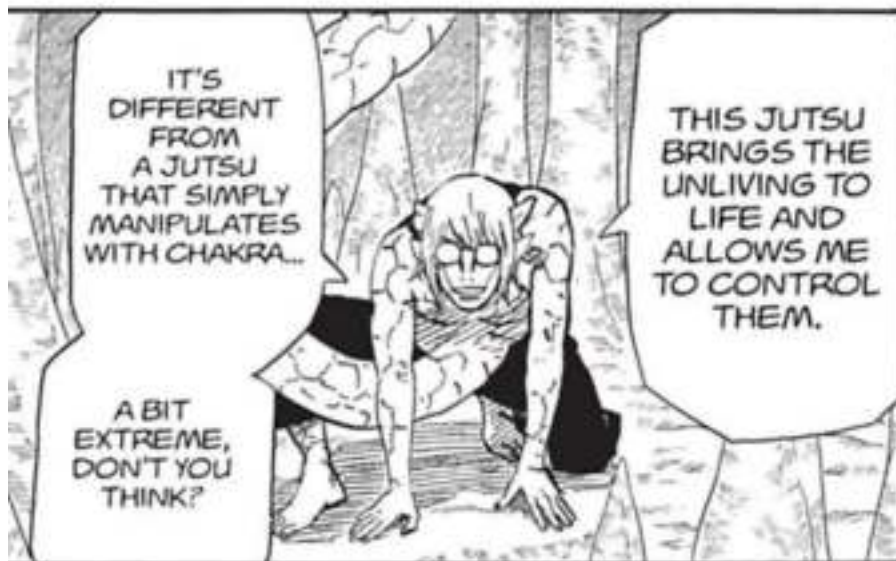
A JUTSU
I THAT I
DECIDES
ONE'S
FATE?!



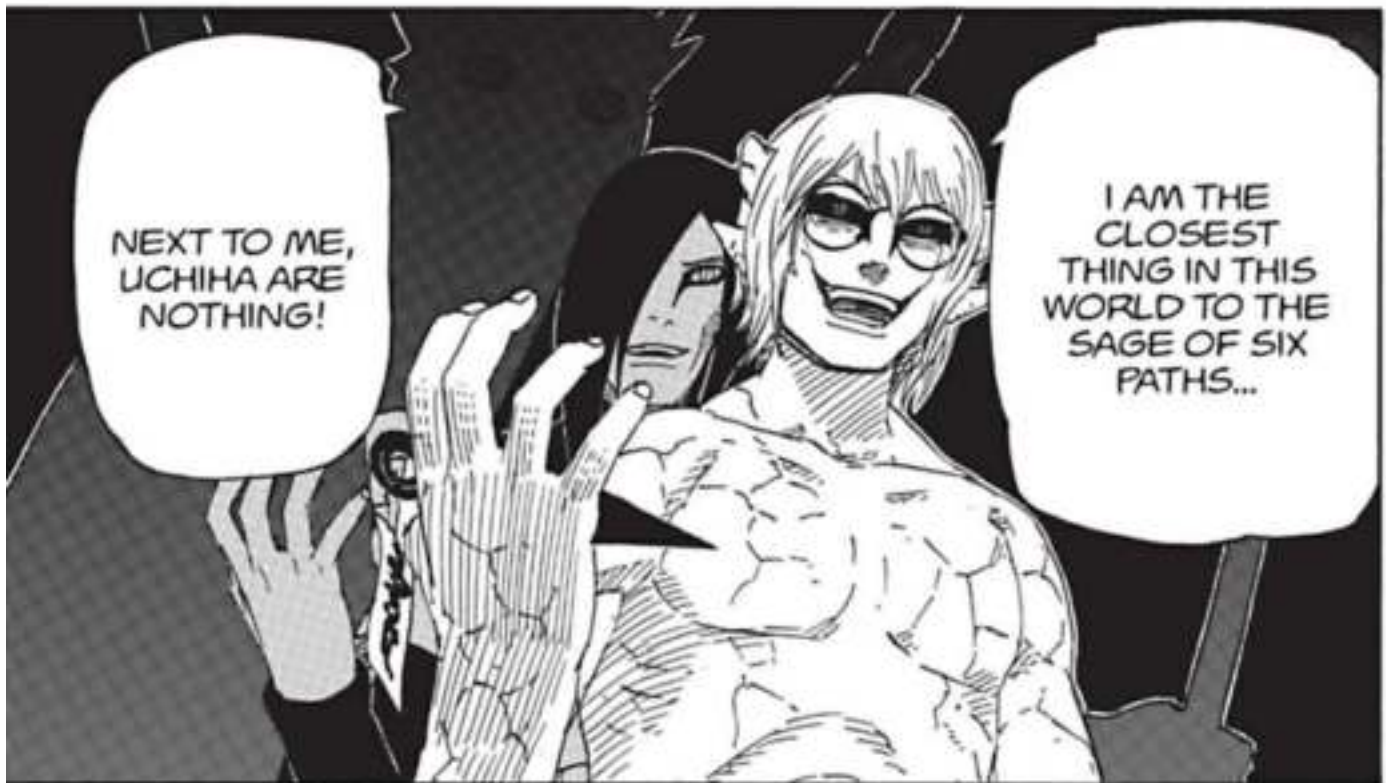
YOU STILL
DON'T SEEM TO
UNDERSTAND...
WHAT I AM!

FW P











I HAD THE AKATSUKI AT MY BECK AND CALL. MANIPULATED THE WAR TO MY ADVANTAGE, CORNERED THE UCHIHA BROTHERS...

...
I'M NOT JUST A PLAYER. I OWN THIS WAR.



AND THAT IS WHY YOU WILL LOSE.

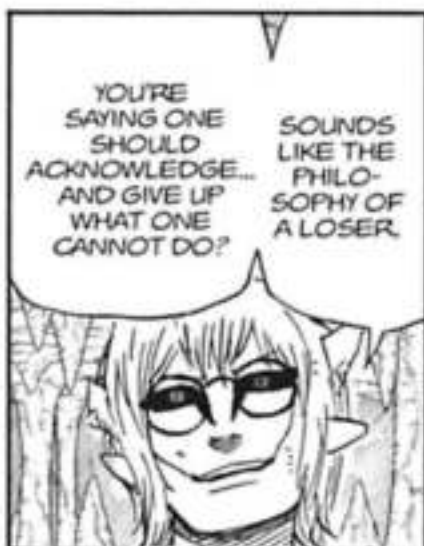


....!



WE BOTH LIVED AS SPIES, AS LIARS.

I HATE YOU BUT I UNDERSTAND YOU.



YOU'RE SAYING ONE SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE... AND GIVE UP WHAT ONE CANNOT DO?

SOUNDS LIKE THE PHILOSOPHY OF A LOSER.



IT IS TO KNOW WHAT ONE IS AND ISN'T CAPABLE OF.



BUT I FINALLY UNDERSTAND NOW, THAT TO KNOW ONESELF...

I DIDN'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT I WAS AT ONE POINT, EITHER.

...IS NOT TO ACHIEVE EVERYTHING AND BECOME PERFECT.





FOR THE LONGEST TIME...

WHAT DO YOU TWO REALLY KNOW ABOUT ME?

I HAVE BEEN PURSUING WHO AND WHAT I AM, IN MY OWN WAY...



WE'RE TAKING HIM WITH US?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO, SIS? ...HE'S BLEEDING FROM THE HEAD... HE'S GONNA DIE SOON...

I BET HE'S FROM THAT CITY... WHERE THAT RECENT BATTLE WAS FOUGHT.



YOU KNOW, I CAN DO A LITTLE MEDICAL NINJUTSU.

RELAX.



FZZZZZ

URUSHI... HIS INJURIES ARE LESS SEVERE THAN YOURS WERE.





THERE!
WEAR THIS,
JUST IN CASE
SOMETHING
HAPPENS TO
YOU AGAIN!

OW...



HEY, SAY
THANK YOU!
DON'T YOU
KNOW ANY
MANNERS?!

...
YOUR
WOUNDS
APPEAR
TO BE
HEALING.



...OR EVEN
YOUR OWN
NAME. THAT'S
A FIRST.

FORGET
MANNERS,
YOU DON'T
KNOW
WHO YOUR
PARENTS
ARE...

WAP



YOU CAN
ALWAYS ASK
ME FOR
WHATEVER
YOU NEED.

STARTING
RIGHT
NOW, I AM
YOUR
MOTHER.



YOU'LL
BE LIVING
HERE WITH
US NOW.



...



WHAT ABOUT... KABUTO? AS IN, HELMET!



THAT'S TRUE... WHAT WOULD BE A GOOD ONE...?

BUT IT'S REAL INCONVENIENT THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE A NAME...

PAT



HMM...



...



IT'S BEST NOT TO OVER-THINK THINGS, SOMETIMES.

YOU CALLED IT JUST HOW HE LOOKS!

DIDN'T THINK TOO HARD ON THAT ONE...

SO SIMPLE!!

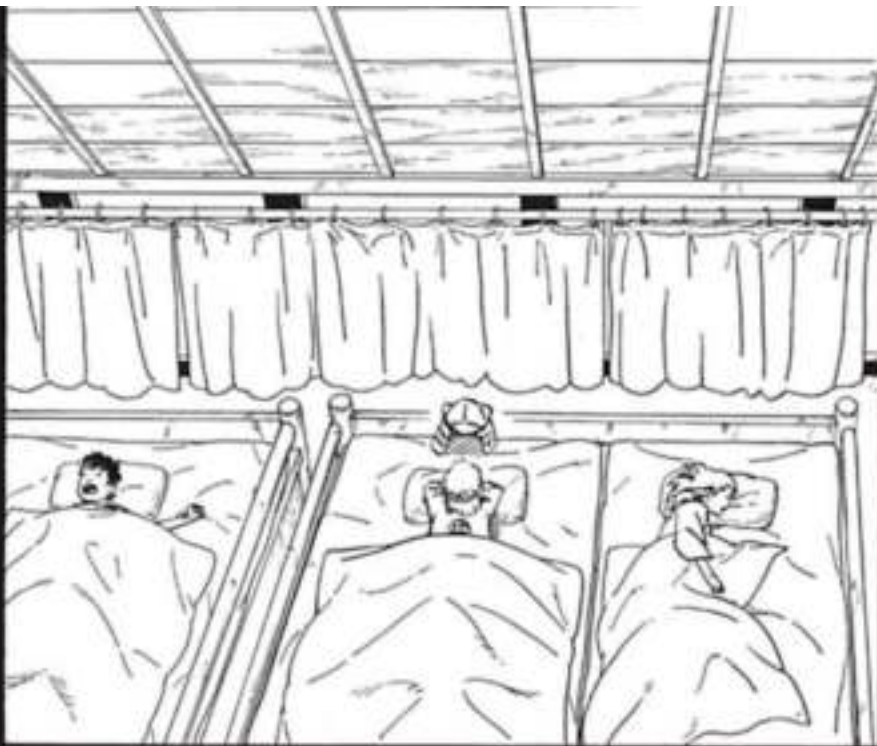


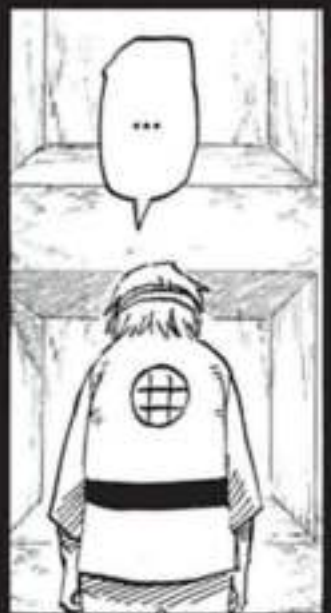
OH, GOOD...

HEY! HE JUST SMILED!

HE LIKES HIS NAME!







IT'S 20
MINUTES
PAST
LIGHTS-
OUT TIME!



COME,
LOOK
HERE AT
THIS
CLOCK!



WHICH
MAKES
LIGHTS-
OUT WHAT
TIME?



WELL,
WHAT
TIME
IS IT?

SAY IT OUT
LOUD SO
YOU CAN
REMEMBER
IT!

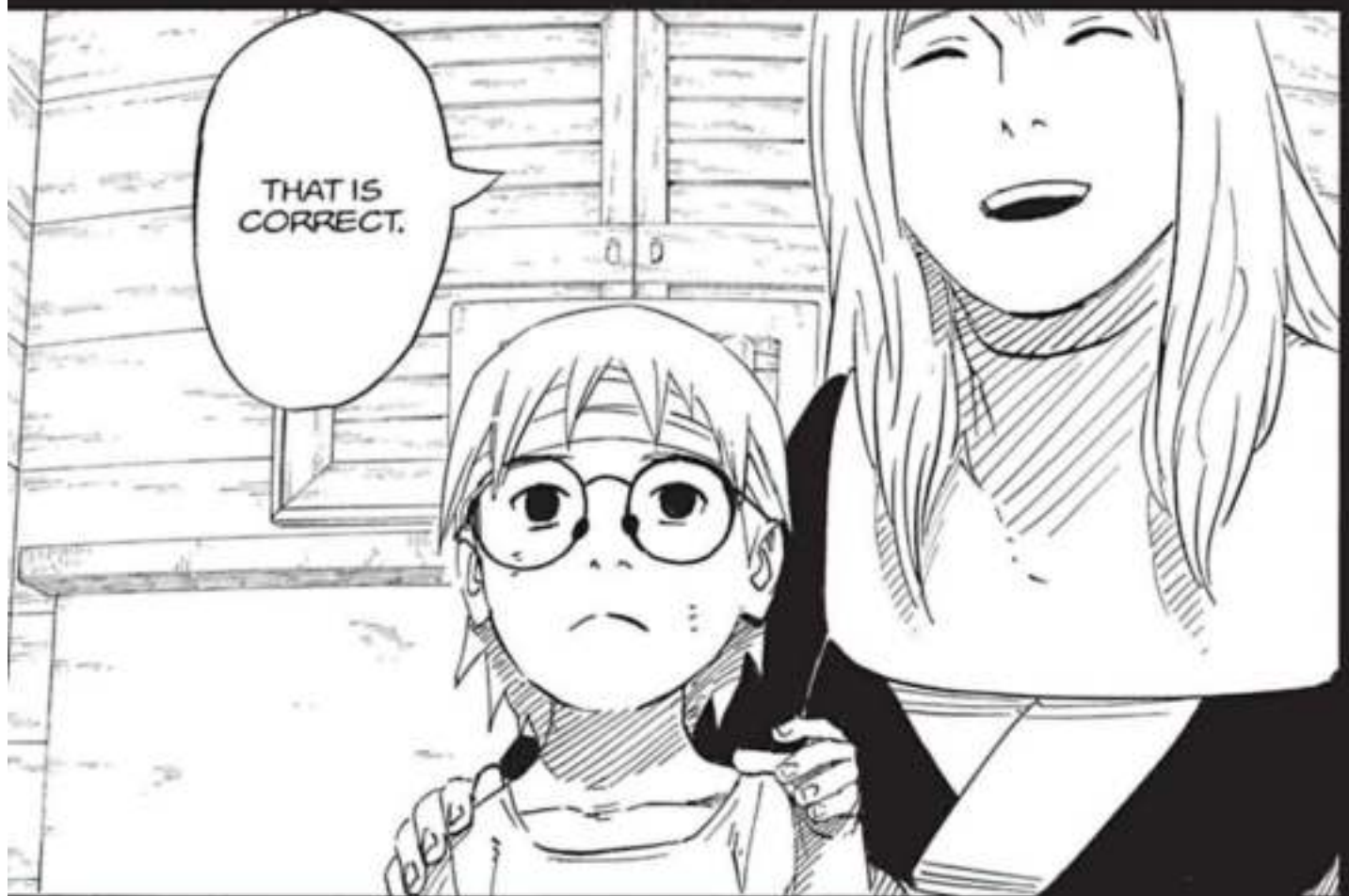
LET'S
LEARN
THIS
RIGHT
NOW!



THIS CHILD IS
STILL YOUNG...
IT'S NOT HIS
FAULT HE CAN'T
READ A CLOCK,
MUCH LESS DO
CALCULATIONS...

LET'S
JUST
CALL IT
A DAY...















Number 583: Who Are You?



I JUST WANT TO HELP EARN THE MONEY FOR THE ORPHANAGE TO STAY OPEN SO I CAN STAY AND HELP MOTHER WITH HER WORK.

NO, BUT THANK YOU.



SO, THE WANDERING NUN IS NOW JUST A BABYSITTER.

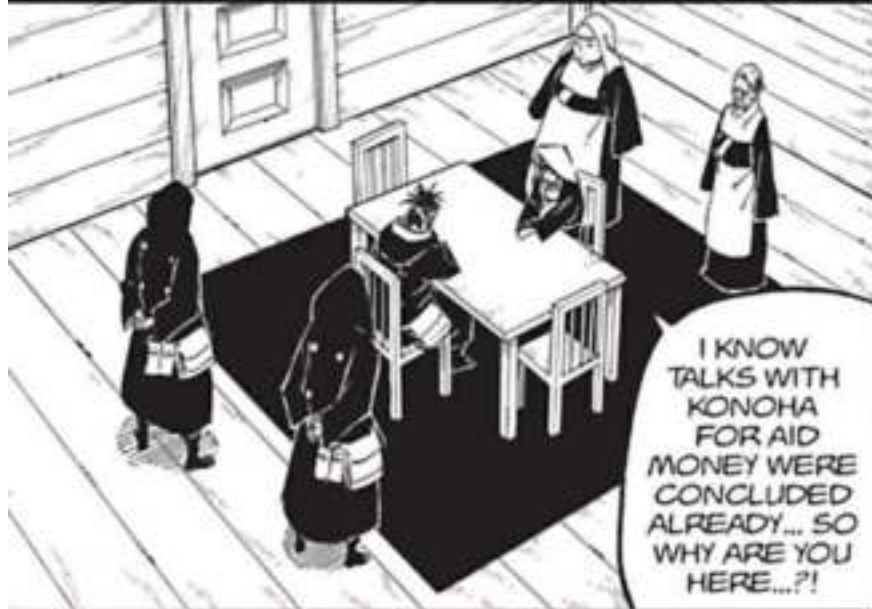
SHE'S DONE SO MUCH FOR ME... AND ALL I'VE DONE IS BUY HER NEW GLASSES.

...? REALLY... WHAT A SHAME.



...YOU SEEM A BIT TIRED, NONOU.

SEEING YOU AGAIN AFTER SO LONG...



I KNOW TALKS WITH KONOHA FOR AID MONEY WERE CONCLUDED ALREADY... SO WHY ARE YOU HERE...?!



I CAST ASIDE THAT NAME LONG AGO.



IN THIS TIME OF WAR, WE HAVE OBTAINED INTEL THAT IWAGAKURE IS PLOTTING SOME LARGE-SCALE OPERATION.



WE DID NOT COME HERE ONLY IN REGARD TO THE AID MONEY.

IT SEEMS YOU, WHO WERE THE ESPIONAGE UNIT'S TOP SPY, STOPPED KNOWING THINGS AS SOON AS YOU LEFT THE FOUNDATION...





BUT!! WE'VE
ALREADY
RECEIVED THE
THIRD LORD
HOKAGE'S
ASSURANCE!

THERE'S NO
WAY THIS WILL
BE ALLOWED!

FROM YOUR
EXPRESSION,
I CAN TELL
YOU'VE
ALREADY
GUESSED
IT... NONOU.

THAT'S RIGHT...
IF YOU REFUSE,
MONEY WILL
STOP COMING
INTO THE
ORPHANAGE.

CHILDREN
WITH NO
FAST OR
FAMILY ARE
WORTH
SOMETHING,
YOU KNOW...

WHILE
YOU'RE AT IT,
TAKE CARE
THAT YOUR
CHILDREN
NOT GET
SNATCHED,
EITHER.

I RECOMMEND
YOU HIRE A
GUARD OR TWO
TO PREVENT
YOUR MONEY
FROM GETTING
STOLEN.

THIS
ORPHANAGE
LOOKS EASY
TO BREAK
INTO AND
PLUNDER..

THAT IS,
IF YOU
CAN
AFFORD
IT.



?!

YOU'RE
THE ONES
WHO DON'T
UNDERSTAND.

YOU ALL ARE
DASTARDLY!!!

HOW DARE
YOU CALL
YOURSELVES
SHINOBI!!!



MOTHER !!

I... ACCEDE. ...



YOU REALLY AREN'T SUITED FOR THE FOUNDATION AFTER ALL.

IT'S COME TO THIS BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T KILL YOUR EMOTIONS.



IT'S A SMALL PRICE TO PAY...

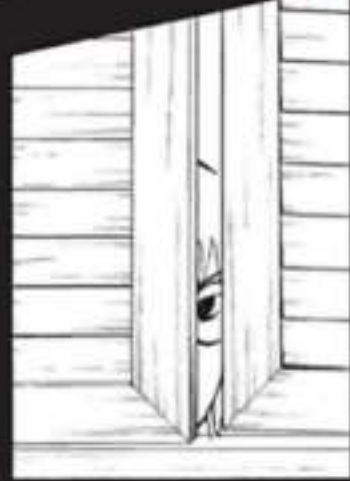
...FOR THE WELL-BEING OF KONOHA.



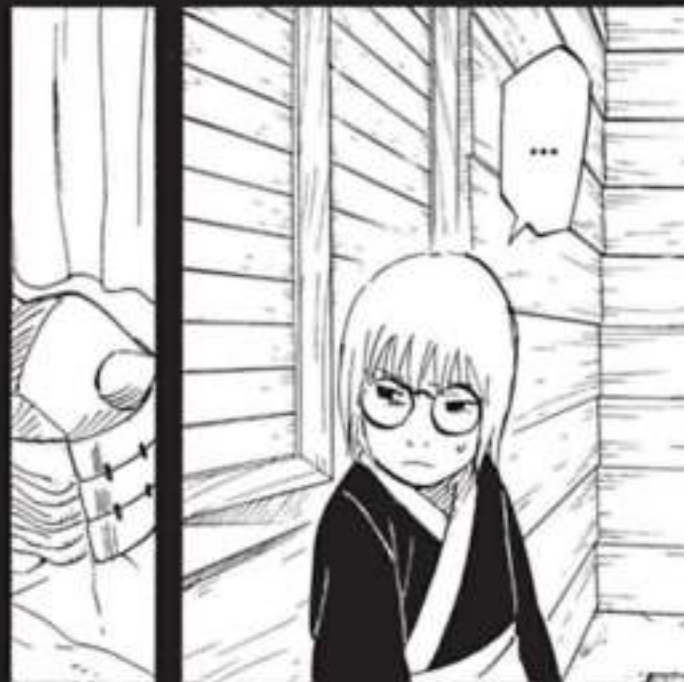
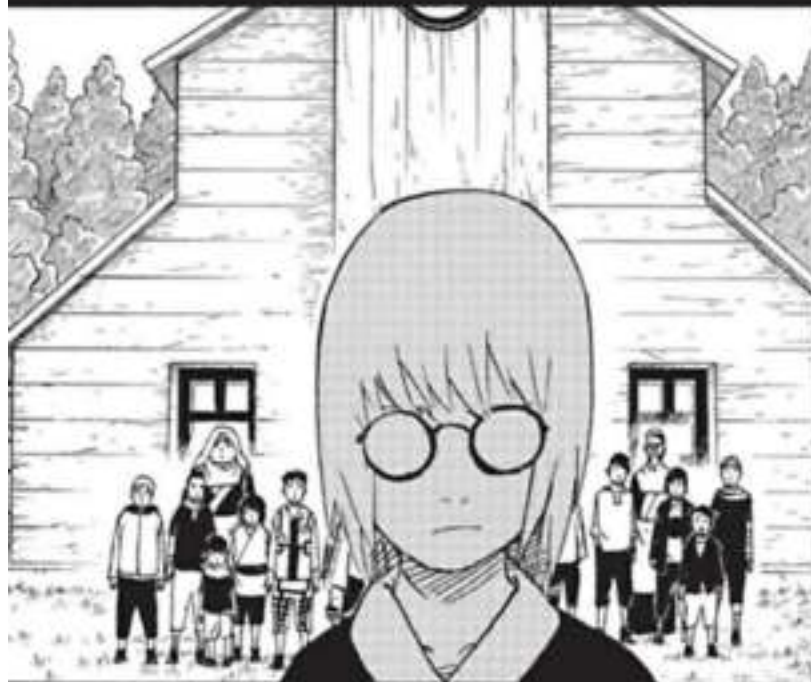
HOW DARE YOU...!



...



...





WHY, KABUTO?



SHUP



AND I WANT TO HONE MY MEDICAL NINJUTSU TOO.

I THINK I'M SUITED TO BE A NINJA...

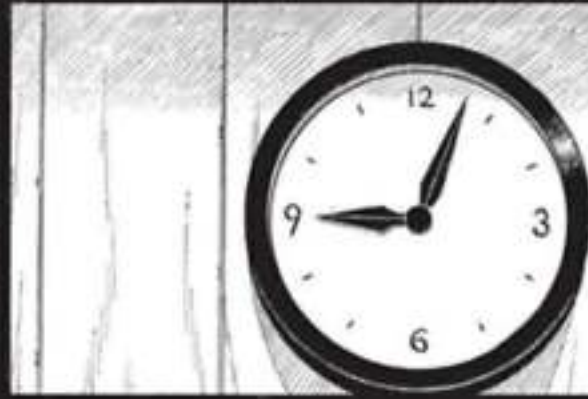
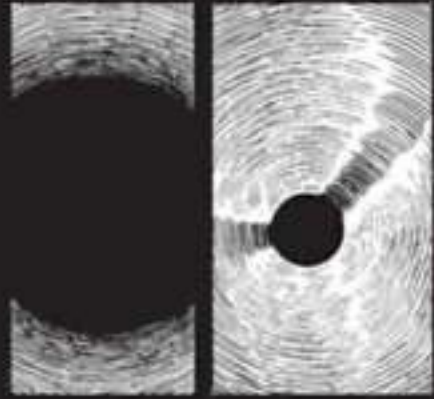


HAVE YOU ALL FORGOTTEN THE HOUSE RULES?

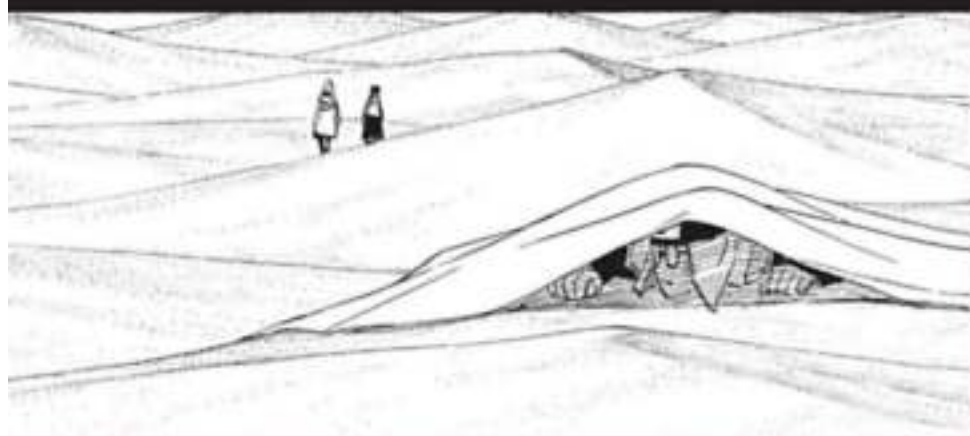


COME BACK HERE!

KABUTO! YOU'RE GONNA JUST THROW AWAY THE THREE YEARS YOU SPENT WITH US?



IT'S LONG PAST BEDTIME.









MOTHER
?!



NO!! WHY
ARE YOU
HERE?!

SHUP



WHY ARE...
YOU HEALING...
MY WOUNDS...?

SIZZZZ

UNIT...

WHO...
ARE
YOU...?



SHE'S BEEN ON
THE SAME
MISSION
ALL THIS
TIME?!

!





THIS WAY!



GAH! NANIGASHI'S BEEN DONE IN!







KAK



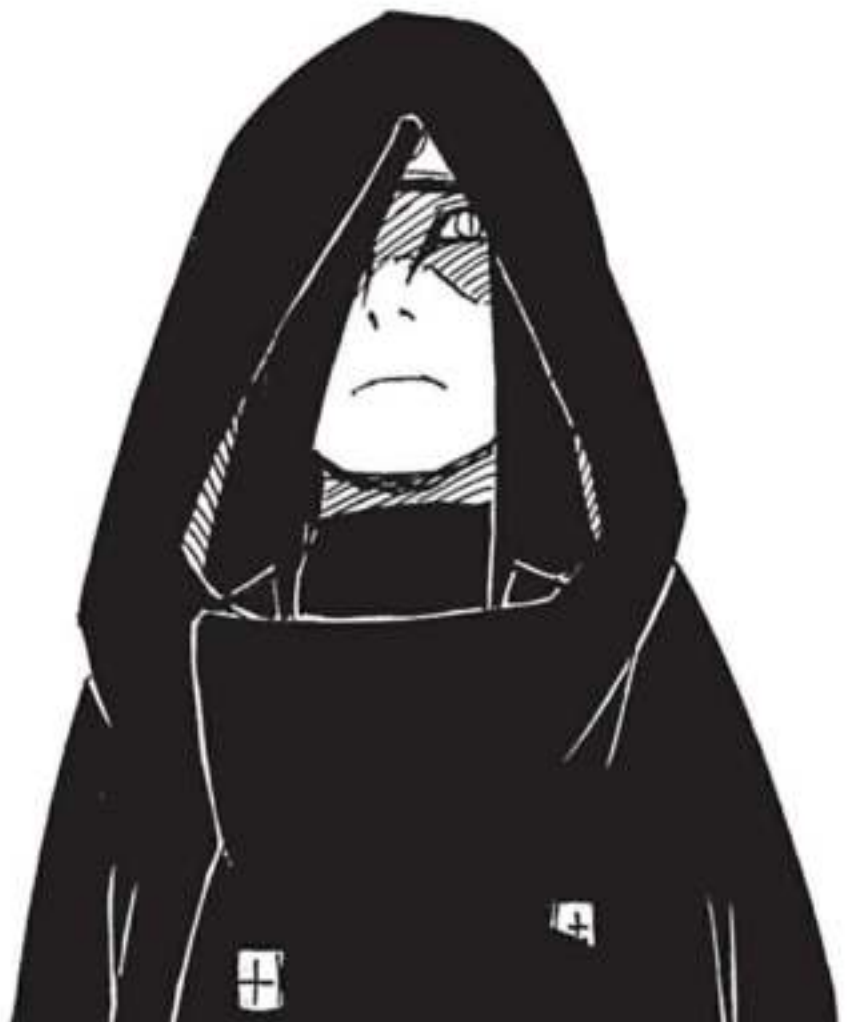
BLUR...



...ARE YOU...?

...
WHO...







 Number 534: Yakushi Kabuto













THAT THERE IS THE OTHER KABUTO.

A COMMON PRACTICE OF THE FOUNDATION.



GRADUAL BRAIN-WASHING...



...SKILLFULLY REPLACED WITH THOSE OF ANOTHER, WITHOUT HER EVEN NOTICING IT.

AND THEN, OVER TIME, MOTHER WAS MADE TO THINK SOMEONE ELSE WAS YOU. THE PHOTOS OF YOU WERE...



IS THAT IT...?

AND YOU WERE DISPATCHED BY THE FOUNDATION TO TAKE CARE OF WHOEVER SURVIVED...



...



YOU WERE A TRAITOROUS DOUBLE AGENT, A FOE OF THE VILLAGE...

THAT'S WHY NONOU TRIED TO KILL YOU. SHE WOULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT YOU WERE KABUTO...



YOU'RE QUICK ON THE UFTAKE, DESPITE NOT REALLY KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT YOURSELF...





BUT THANKS
TO YOU
FOUNDATION
BASTARDS,
I'VE LOST
MYSELF
AGAIN!

AND I
THOUGHT
I'D FINALLY
FOUND IT!



I'VE LONG
WANTED
SOMETHING
TO DEFINE
MYSELF BY!







SQU
THUMP

YOU MERELY
LACK
SUFFICIENT
INTEL WITH
WHICH TO
DEFINE
YOURSELF.

IT'S JUST THAT
NEITHER THE
GLASSES, YOUR
NAME, NOR THE
FACT THAT YOU'RE
A CHILD WERE
THINGS THAT
DENOTE WHO YOU
REALLY ARE.

THUMP

...

...WHY
ARE YOU
TELLING ME
ALL THIS?!

IF
YOU'RE
PLANNING
TO KILL
ME...

IF YOU'RE NOT
SATISFIED WITH
WHAT YOU'VE
HAD SO FAR...

JUST FIND
OTHER THINGS
AND ADD THEM
TO YOURSELF
FROM HERE
ON OUT.

AND
THAT'S
FINE.

DRIP
DRIP

!

SO I'VE
BEEN
GATHERING
ALL SORTS
OF THINGS.

I TOO
WANT TO
KNOW WHO
OR WHAT
I AM.

SHUP



AND THEN, I UNDERGO REBIRTH, EVER EVOLVING...

...TOWARD A NEW, MORE PERFECT ME.



...AND STORE THE GAINED KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES WITHIN MYSELF.

I REPEATEDLY EXPERIMENT ON AND INSPECT THESE MANY THINGS THAT I'VE COLLECTED A LITTLE AT A TIME...



...IT'S YOU.



THIS TIME...

AFTERWARD, I AGAIN OBTAIN EVEN NEWER ITEMS, AND SO ON.



BUT WHY... AM I ONE OF THOSE THINGS TO YOU?



...DERIVE WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE BY GATHERING ALL THE INTEL AND THINGS THAT EXIST IN THIS WORLD.

THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULDN'T...



...



TO CREATE AN ORGANIZATION, A VILLAGE, WHICH CELEBRATES INDIVIDUALITY AS OPPOSED TO THE FOUNDATION THAT ERASES THE SELF.

THE VILLAGE OF OTOGAKURE, WHICH SHALL BELONG TO NO NATION.



AND BESIDES, THIS IS A MEDICAL EXPERIMENTATION FACILITY THAT I PREPARED JUST FOR YOU.

BECAUSE I RECOGNIZE AND VALUE YOUR TALENT MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE... IT WOULD BE A WASTE TO KILL YOU.

WHAT ARE YOU PLOTTING?



AS THE CHILD OF YAKUSHI NONOU, WHO OUTWARDLY BECAME A MEDICAL CORPS CAPTAIN AFTER RETURNING TO DANZO... AS OF TODAY...

THIS IS YOUR NEW PERSONAL HISTORY...

WHEN STILL VERY YOUNG YOU WERE FOUND, ADOPTED, AND RAISED BY A MEDICAL CORPS CAPTAIN FOLLOWING THE BATTLE AT KIKYO PASS.



AND ALSO STARTING NOW, I SHALL BE YOUR SUPERIOR, YOUR SIBLING, AND YOUR PARENT.

AS OF THIS MOMENT, YOU AND I WILL DESERT KONOHA'S FOUNDATION.

I WILL PROTECT YOU FROM DANZO...

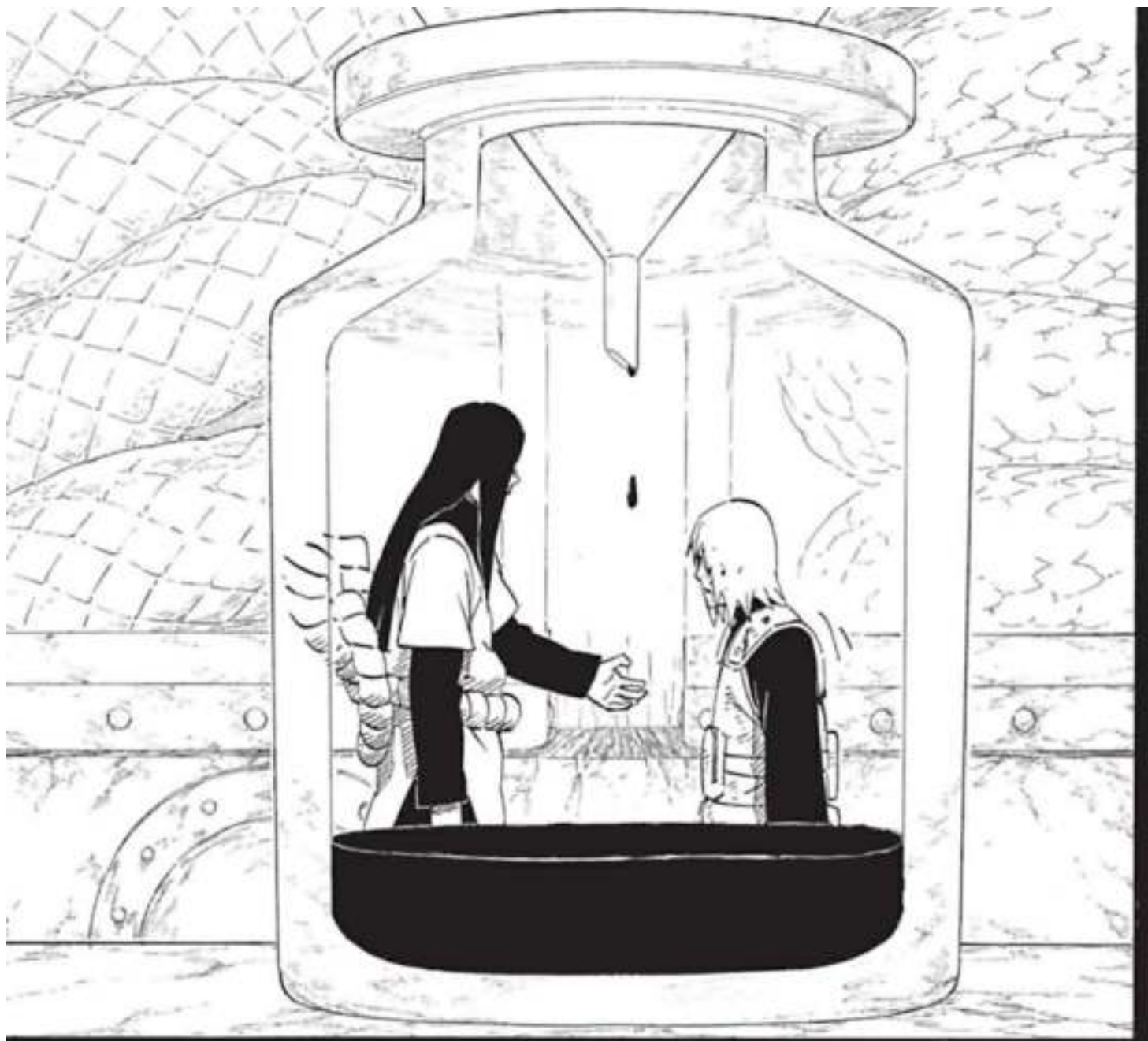


IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE... COME... BE BY MY SIDE...

I AM OROCHIMARU.



... YOU SHALL BE REBORN AS YAKUSHI KABUTO.





THE
AKATSUKI.



LEAVE
IT TO
ME.

THERE'S AN
ORGANIZATION
I WANT TO
LOOK INTO
NEXT...

SO...
WHAT IS
THIS
GROUP?



UNDER-
STOOD,
LORD
SASORI.



BRING ME
OROCHIMARU'S
HUMAN
EXPERIMENTATION
DATA AND ANY
INTEL ON THE
EDOTENSEI.

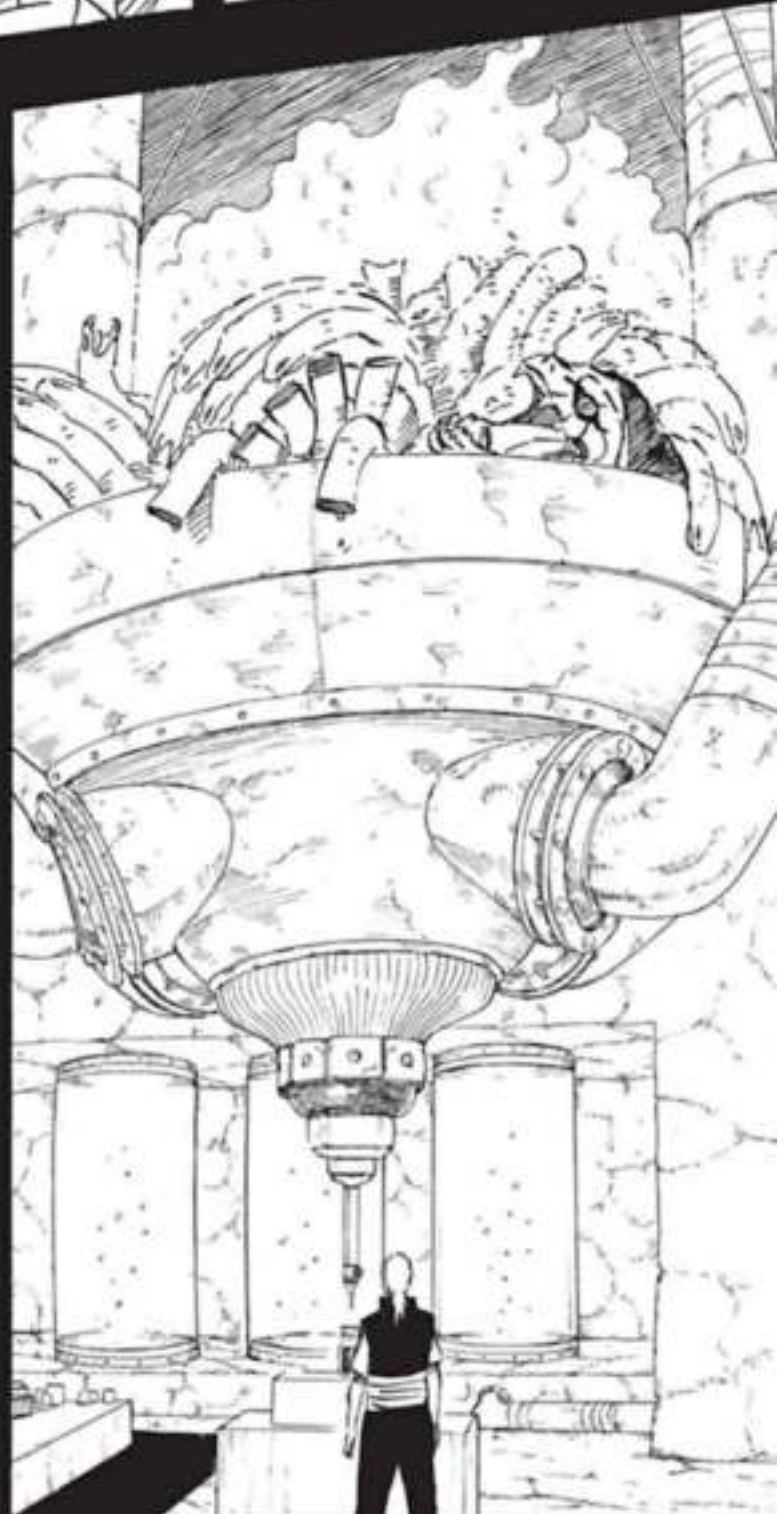
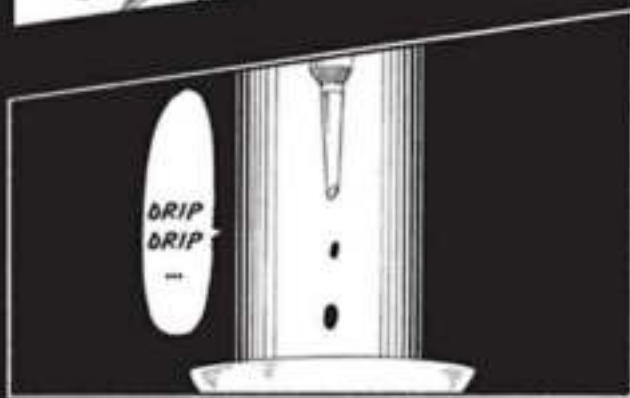


YOU CAN ERASE
YOUR SOUND,
YOUR SCENT,
EVEN YOU
YOURSELF...

YOU ARE
USEFUL.

YOU'RE ALMOST
LIKE ONE OF MY
PUPPETS.







AAAARGH!!
UGH... UNH...



...JUST
FIND OTHER
THINGS AND
ADD THEM
TO YOURSELF
FROM HERE
ON OUT.



TK
TK

IF YOU'RE
NOT
SATISFIED
WITH WHAT
YOU'VE HAD
SO FAR...



STILL...
NOT
ENOUGH...

THIS IS
STILL... NOT
ME...!

IT'S...

HEAVE

PLINK
PLINK

HUFF

HEAVE

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

NARUTO



THAT'S WHY... I KEPT ADDING TO MYSELF.



Number 585: I Am Me



...BUT YOUR ABILITIES AND INTEL.

SO WHAT I WANT IS NOT YOUR LECTURES



...



...AND YOU ALSO HAD MANY JUTSU AND MUCH POWER.

YOU BORE MANY SECRETS AND STOPPED A WAR...

NOT ONLY ARE YOU A KONOHA SHINOBI, YOU ARE OF THE FAMED UCHIHA BLOODLINE.

YOU HAVE SHARINGAN IN WHICH THE MANGEKYO HAS BEEN AWAKENED...



AND MY PAWNS ARE PART OF MY POWER.



THERE IS NO FINER FOIL TO MY EDOTENSEI THAN YOU.

ITACHI... YOU POSSESSED MANY THINGS THAT MADE YOU WHO YOU ARE.







...OOO...

ME...



SAKON!
DEMON
TWIN
JUTSU!!



JIROBO!
EARTH
STYLE!!
TERRA
SHIELD!!!

BAM

BAM



...ALL YOU
NEED TO DO
IS GATHER
EVERY
SINGLE
THING...

...AND
PIECE OF
INFORMATION
THAT EXISTS
IN THIS
WORLD!

BAKO

OW

IF YOU
WANT TO
KNOW
WHO AND
WHAT YOU
ARE...

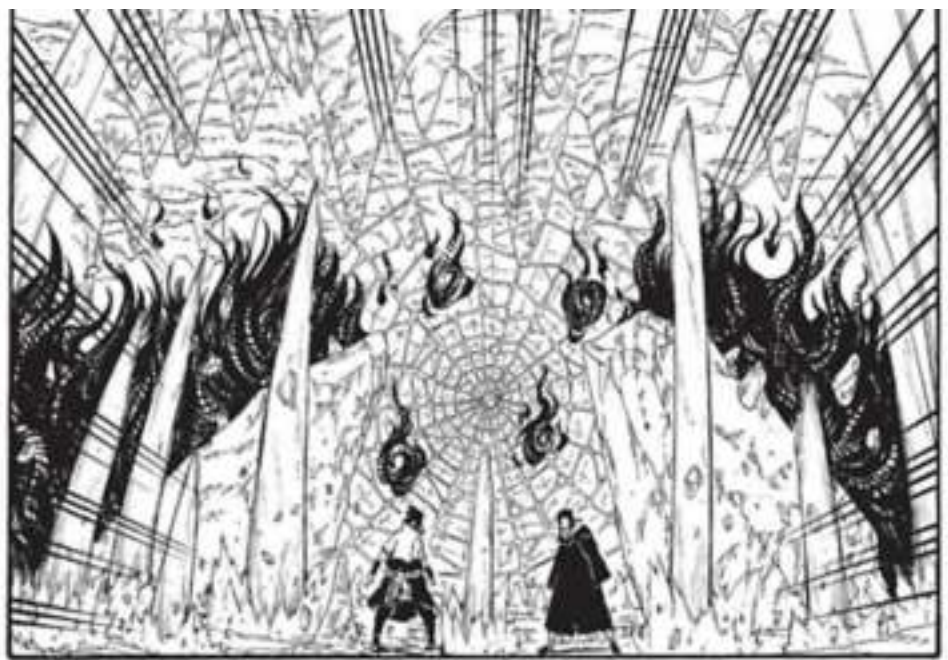






I'LL GET THE ONES BEHIND US! YOU TAKE THE FRONT, BROTHER!

HE'S LAID DOWN THE SPIDER SILK ALL THE WAY TO THE BACK!



YEAH.

CAN YOU STILL USE THE SUSANO'O?

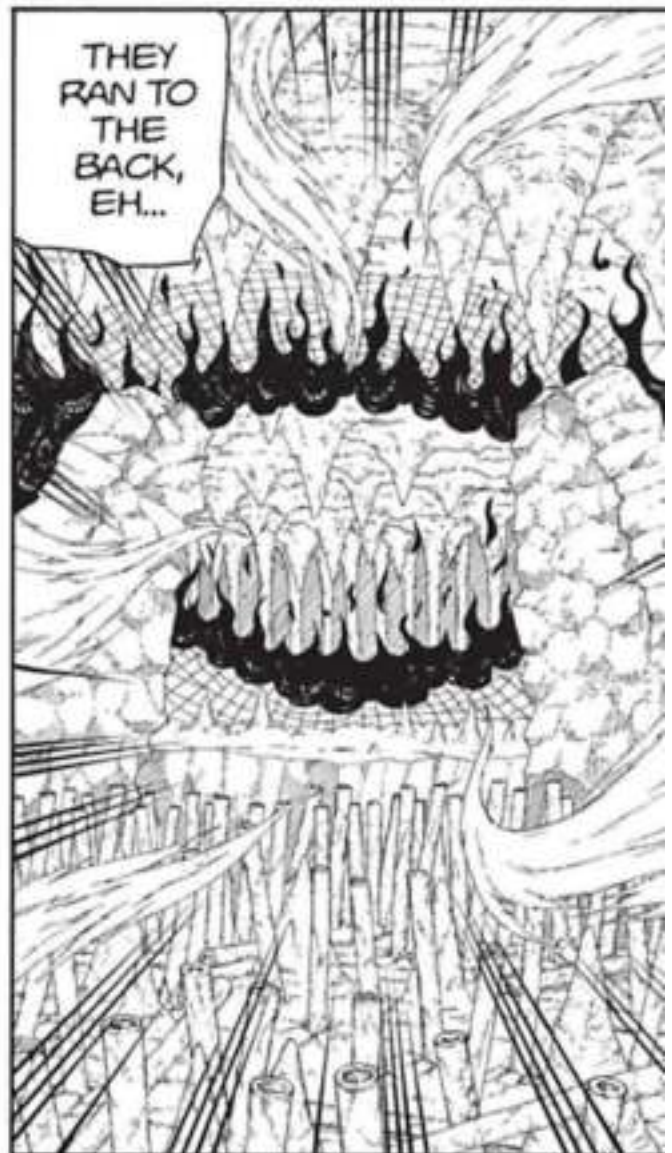
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TAK

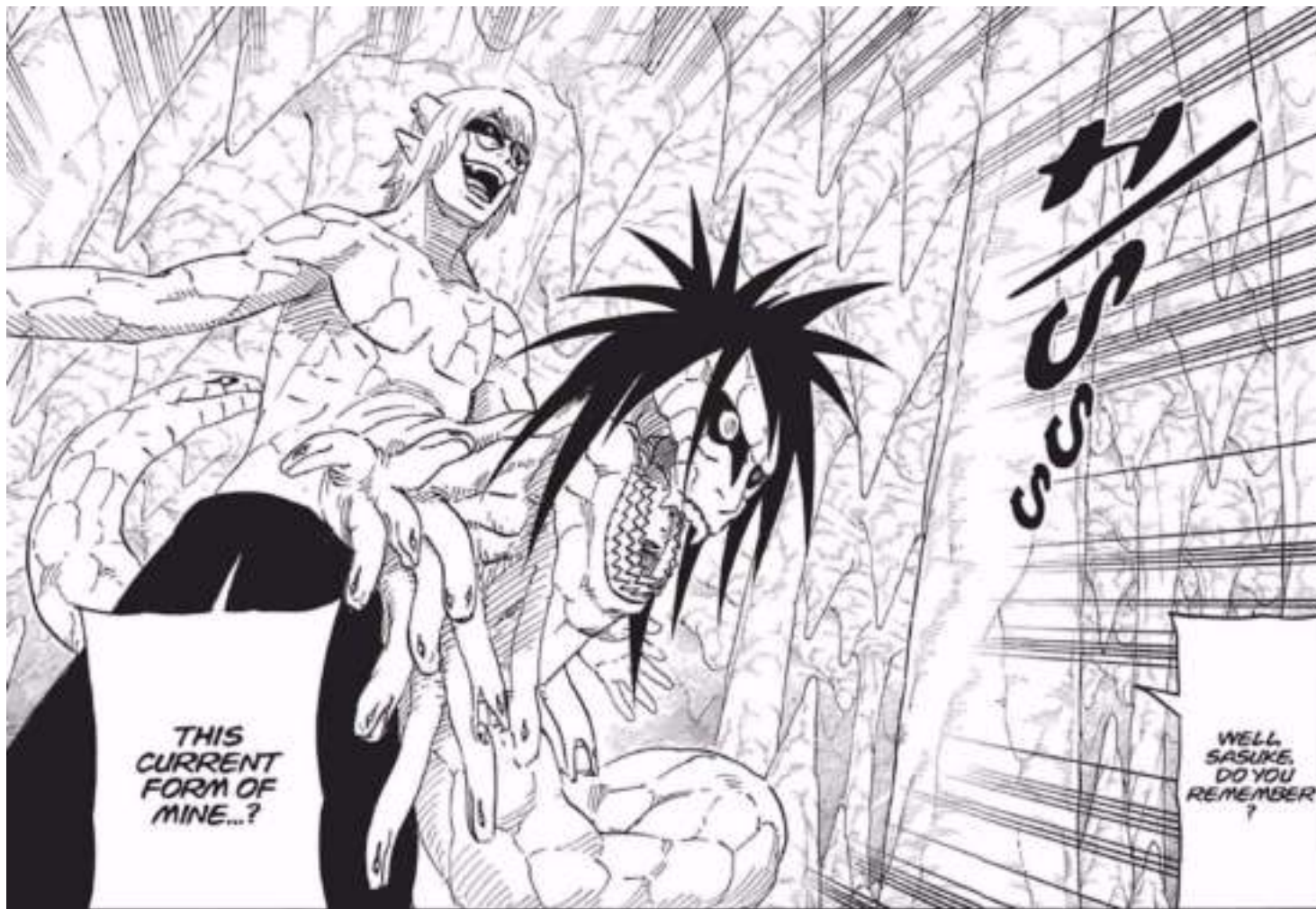


INFERNO STYLE! FLAME CONTROL!!

VOOSH







THIS CURRENT FORM OF MINE...?

sas

WELL SASUKE, DO YOU REMEMBER?



...IS TO TAKE YOU INTO ME USING LORD OROCHIMARU!!



...BE AMAZING, JUST LIKE YOUR BROTHER...



LIKE HOW SASUKE EMULATED YOU.

A MAJORITY OF PEOPLE START OUT BY MIMICKING ANOTHER, YOU KNOW.



YOU... CAN'T REALLY BECOME HIM, YOU KNOW.



KABUTO... YOU ARE NOT OROCHIMARU.

IT'S FINE TO IMITATE SOMEONE YOU RESPECT... BUT DON'T REMAKE YOURSELF INTO HIM TO THAT EXTENT.



THAT'S...





DON'T USE IT AS A CLOAK TO DECEIVE YOURSELF WITH, LIKE YOU'VE DONE!

SUCH BEHAVIOR IS MERELY A PROCESS TO HELP ONE MATURE!



I'LL SAY THIS ONE LAST TIME.

THOSE WHO CANNOT ACKNOWLEDGE THEMSELVES WILL INVARIABLY FAIL.

DON'T MISLEAD YOURSELF WITH LIES.



IF YOU'VE ATTACHED YOUR SELF-VALUE TO SOMETHING EXTERNAL TO YOU THAT'S ADMIRABLE AND PRAISEWORTHY...

YOU WON'T FIND ANYTHING WHEN YOU TRY TO DISCOVER THE MEANING OF YOUR OWN EXISTENCE.



...



HOW?!



WILL FAIL?

THE CURRENT ME...

...



SASUKE...
LOOK
INTO MY
EYES!



TSUKUYOMI!!



GENJUTSU!
SHARINGAN!!



THAT'S
RIGHT!

!



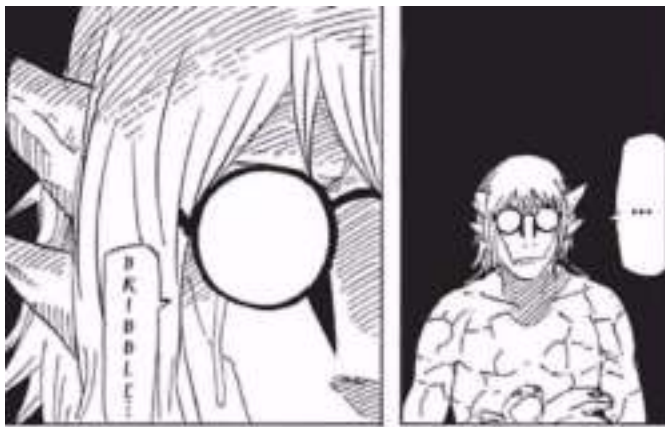
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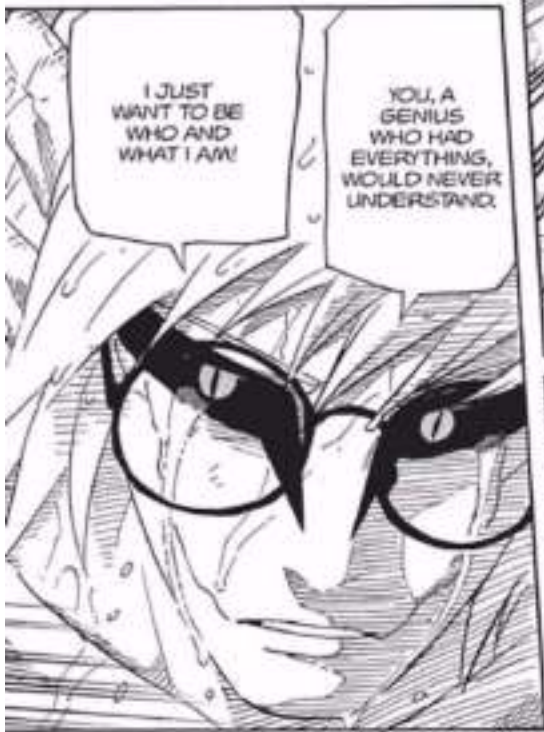


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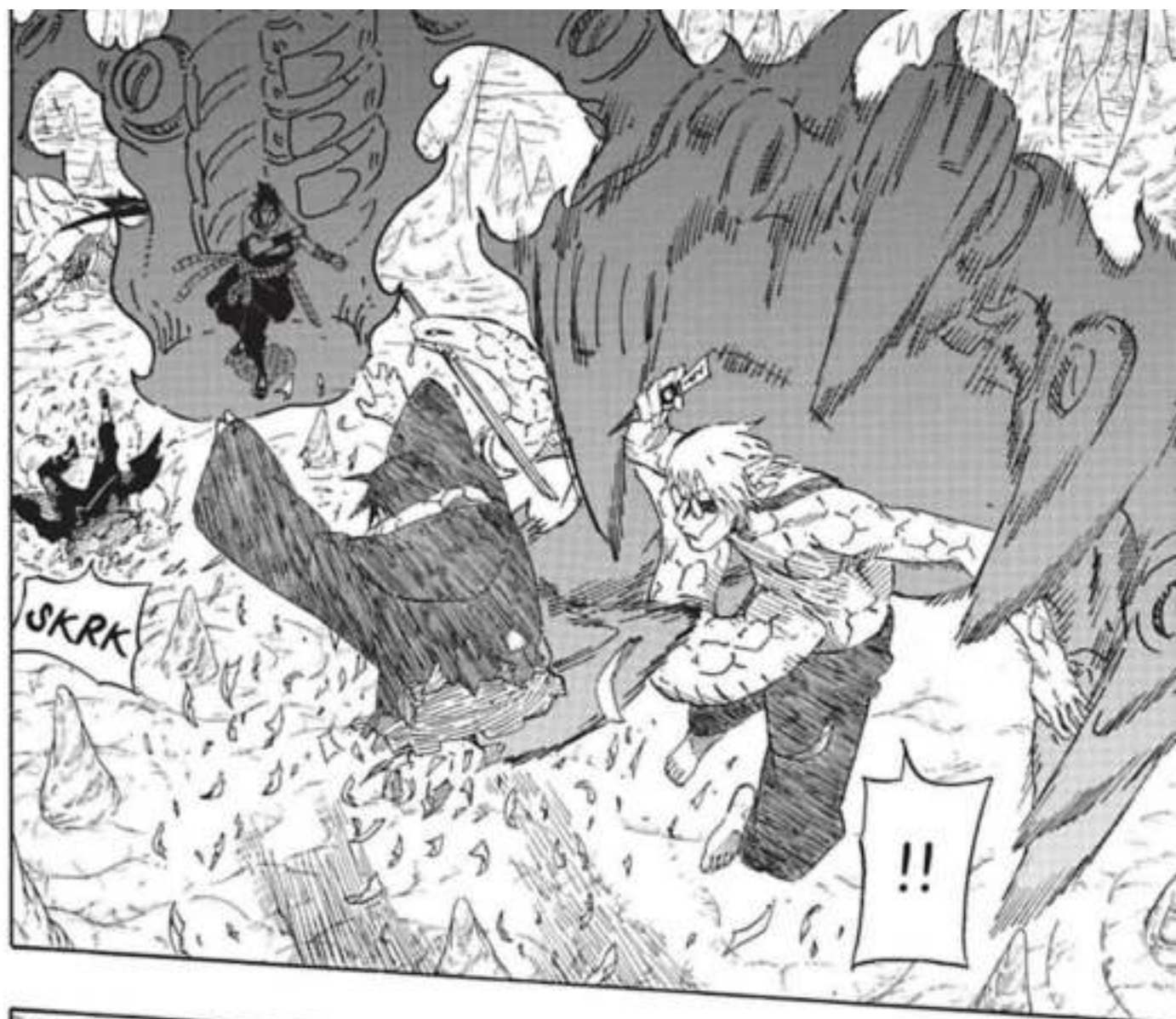


NARUTO



Number 586: The Izanami Activated













I TOLD YOU,
WITH THIS
BODY I CAN
RECOVER
FROM ANY
WOUND YOU
TRY TO
INFLECT.



YOU'RE JUST
REPEATING
YOUR SAME
OLD MOVES.
MAKES IT
EASY FOR
ME TO
COUNTER.



I TELL
YOU
AGAIN,
YOU TWO
HAVE NO
CHANCE
OF
WINNING.

AND YOU
KNOW SINCE
I SHUT OFF
MY VISION,
GENJUTSU
WON'T
WORK
ON ME.



SPLICH



DRIP



YOUR FATE IS
ALREADY IN
MY HANDS...

THANKS
TO THE UCHIHA
FORBIDDEN
JUTSU THAT
LETS ME.

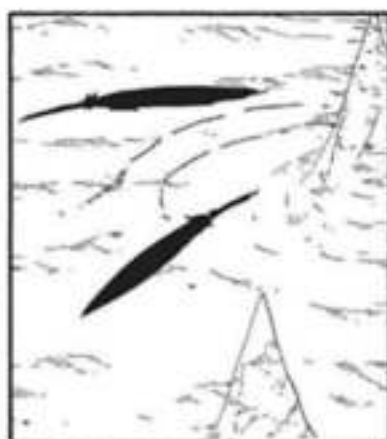


SHALL WE
PUT THAT
BOAST TO
THE TEST?!!

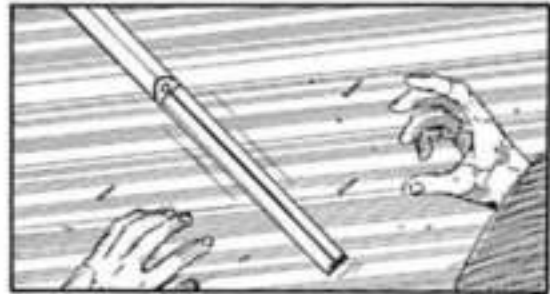
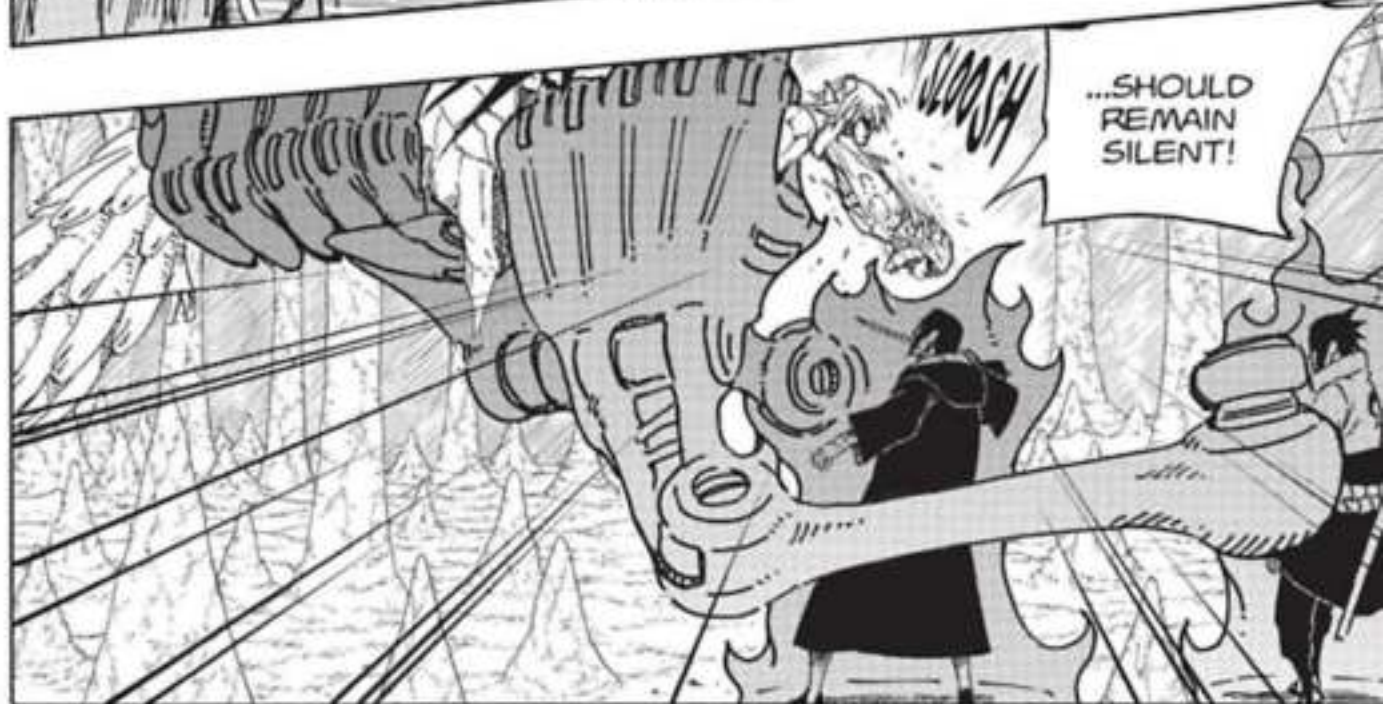


THE
IZANAMI!









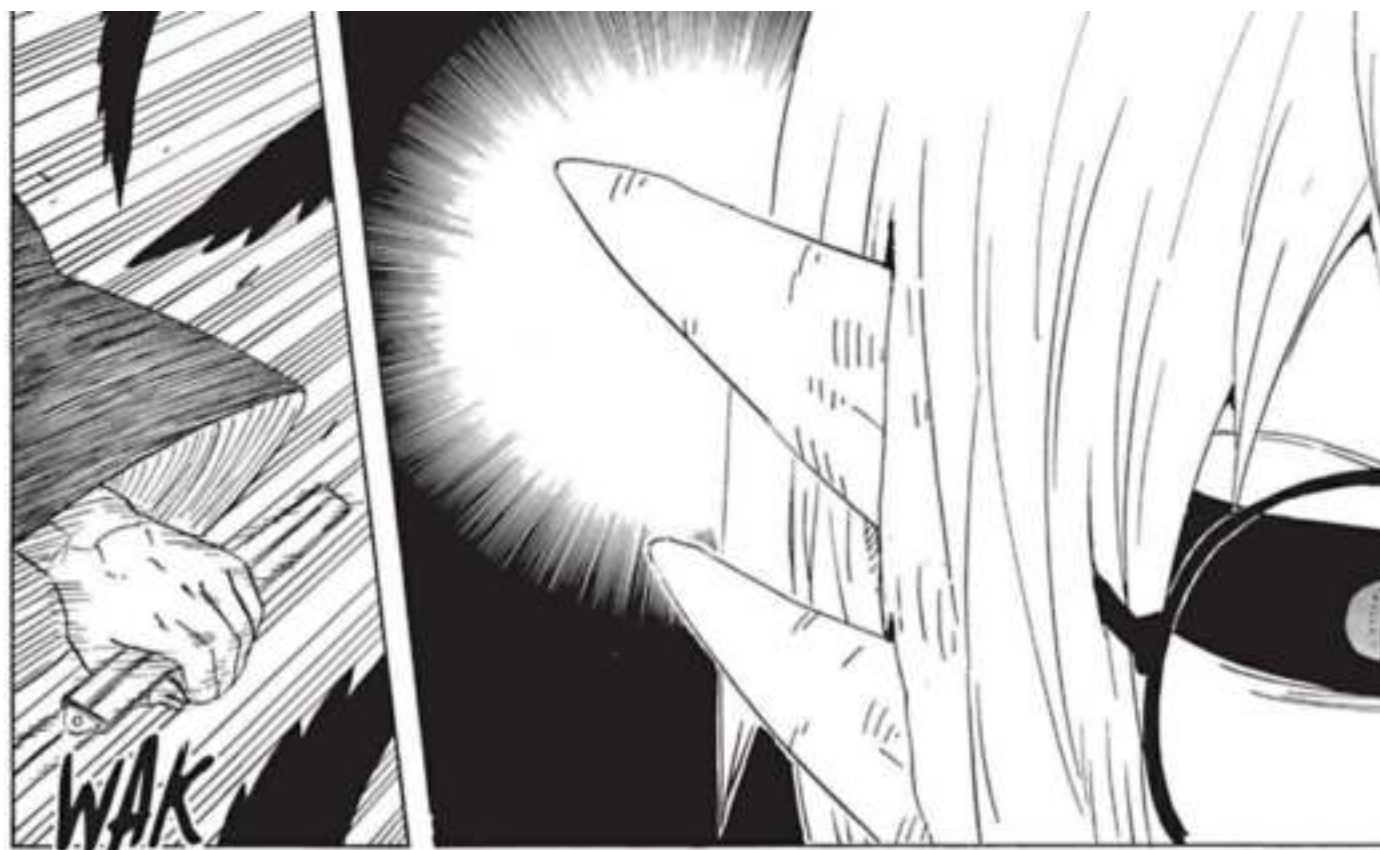












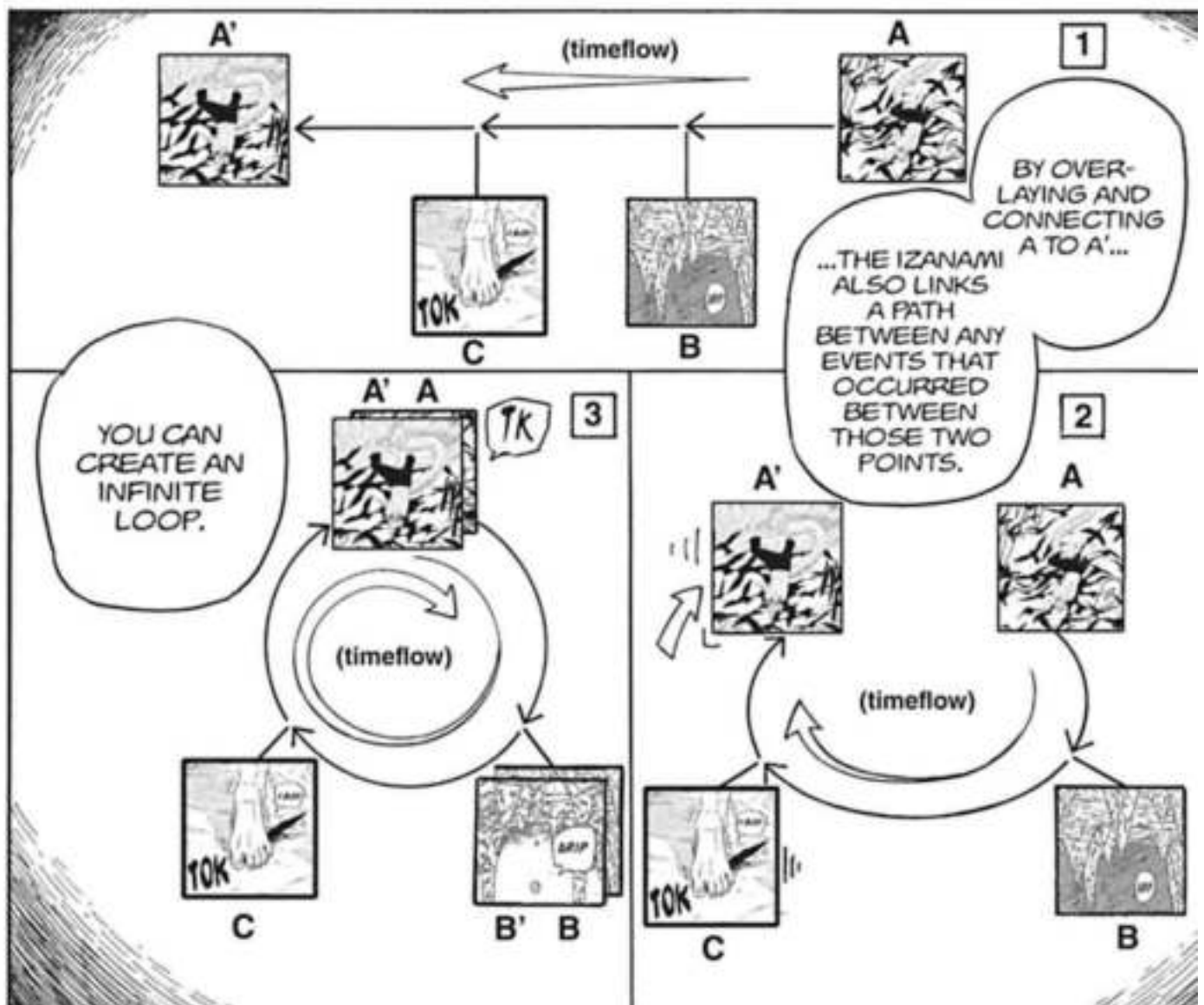


NARUTO



Number 587: Nine O'clock







SO KABUTO'S CONSCIOUSNESS IS TRAPPED INSIDE.

HE'LL BE FIGHTING A PHANTOM YOU AND A PHANTOM ME FOR ALL ETERNITY ON AN ENDLESS LOOP.



ALL IN EXCHANGE FOR ONE'S OWN SIGHT, OF COURSE.

JUST LIKE WITH THE IZANAGI.



IT'S A PERFECT UCHIHA OCULAR JUTSU DESIGNED TO CHANGE DESTINY.

YOU KNOW SOME ABOUT THE IZANAGI ALREADY.



....!

NOT QUITE... THERE IS AN ESCAPE ROUTE BUILT INTO THE JUTSU, YOU COULD FEASIBLY DISENGAGE FROM THE LOOP.

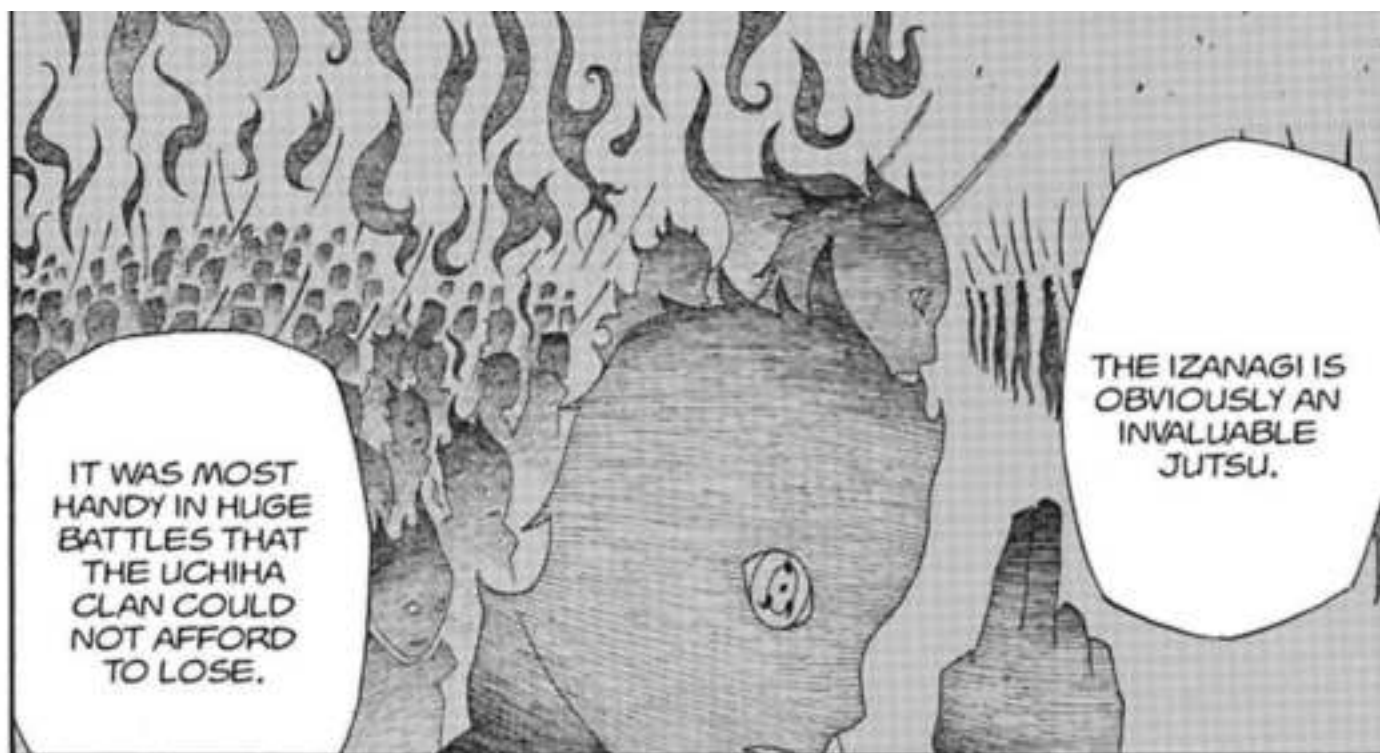
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THE IZANAMI WAS DEVELOPED TO ADMONISH AND SALVAGE AN IZANAGI USER.



ULTIMATELY, YOU CAN PICK AND CHOOSE THE MOST DESIRABLE END RESULT.

IF SOMETHING DOES NOT GO THE WAY YOU WANT IT TO, YOU CAN JUST ERASE THAT OUTCOME AND START ALL OVER.



IT WAS MOST HANDY IN HUGE BATTLES THAT THE UCHIHA CLAN COULD NOT AFFORD TO LOSE.

THE IZANAGI IS OBVIOUSLY AN INVALUABLE JUTSU.



BUT WHEN THERE WERE TWO OR MORE, THERE COULD BE ENDLESS REWORKINGS OF ANY GIVEN SITUATION.

IF THERE WAS ONLY ONE IZANAGI USER, IT WAS NO PROBLEM.



MOST WHO USED IT COULDN'T HANDLE IT AND ABUSED THE POWER THEY HELD.

BUT THERE'S A BIGGER RISK THAN JUST VISION LOSS TO A JUTSU THAT ALLOWS THE CASTER TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN ENDING.



NORMAL VISION-BASED GEN-JUTSU IS POWERLESS AGAINST OCULAR POWERS.

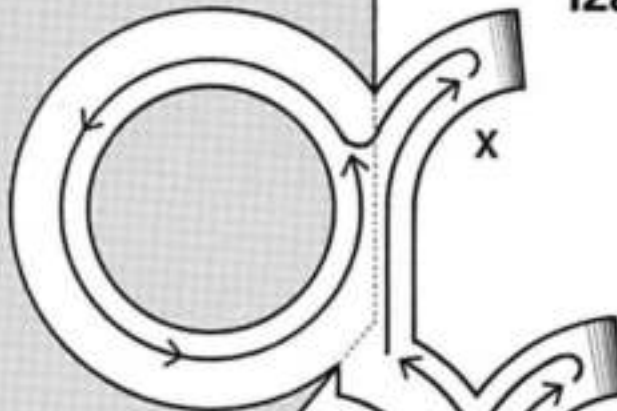


THAT'S WHAT THE IZANAMI WAS DESIGNED TO STOP.

Izanami

Izanagi

If one erases branch X and proceeds to branch O, one ends up going around in circles.



...AND CAUSE THEM TO ENDLESSLY CIRCLE AROUND IN A LOOP.

Paths that fork into two

One can erase branch X and select a different branch, O, instead.

THE IZANAMI IS SET UP TO TAKE SOMEONE WHO IS USING THE IZANAGI TO CHANGE AN OUTCOME TO BENEFIT ONESELF...



...?!

...THERE'S AN ESCAPE ROUTE BUILT INTO THAT LOOP AS WELL...

OF COURSE, SINCE THE IZANAMI IS A JUTSU MEANT FOR STOPPING THE IZANAGI...



THE IZANAMI IS DESIGNED TO KEEP UCHIHA CLANSMEN HUMBLE AND HONORABLE.

IT'S TO STOP YOU FROM TAKING THE EASY WAY OUT, FROM AVOIDING ANY INCONVENIENT OUTCOMES.





THAT'S WHY THE IZANAMI IS A FORBIDDEN JUTSU.

BUT A JUTSU THAT HAS AN ESCAPE IS TOO DANGEROUS TO USE IN ACTUAL COMBAT.



THIS JUTSU GUIDES YOU TOWARD ACCEPTING YOUR FATE... INSTEAD OF RELYING ON JUTSU TO CHANGE IT.

ONCE ONE ACCEPTS THE ORIGINAL OUTCOME AND STOPS TRYING TO RUN FROM IT, THE LOOP WILL STOP.



...



IF KABUTO STOPS TRYING TO TRANSFORM...

...HE CAN STOP THE LOOP.



I THOUGHT I WAS UNSTOPPABLE.

I THOUGHT I COULD ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING.



HE COULD STILL ESCAPE.

WHY BOTHER CASTING THIS ON KABUTO?

HE REMINDS ME OF THE OLD ME.



KABUTO IS SO DELUDED THAT HE THINKS ALL THESE POWERS ARE HIS AND HIS ALONE.

I STOPPED LISTENING TO ANYONE ELSE. I STOPPED TRUSTING ANYONE.



BUT HE'S NOT COMPLETELY TO BLAME FOR HIS NOT REALIZING THAT. WHAT HE IS DOING IS CERTAINLY WRONG.



HE CAN'T FORGIVE HIMSELF FOR WHAT HE'S DONE BECAUSE HE CAN'T SEE HIMSELF FOR WHO AND WHAT HE TRULY IS.

I UNDERSTAND HIM TOO WELL. THE SHINOBI WORLD HAS MADE US BOTH VICTIMS OF OUR OWN EGOS.



...



I LOST MY CHANCE, BUT HE CAN STILL FORGIVE HIMSELF BEFORE HE DIES.





FIND IN YOURSELF WHAT I WAS UNABLE TO FIND IN ME.

LOOK AT ME.



FIRST...

DO NOT SAY I WAS PERFECT.



LIKE...

...THE IZANAGI AND IZANAMI.





WATER STYLE!
WATER DRAGON
MISSILE!!

WATER STYLE!
WATER DRA--



HE SAW
THAT
COMING
WITH HIS
SHARINGAN!

!!

SHOOO SHOOO

WAH !!

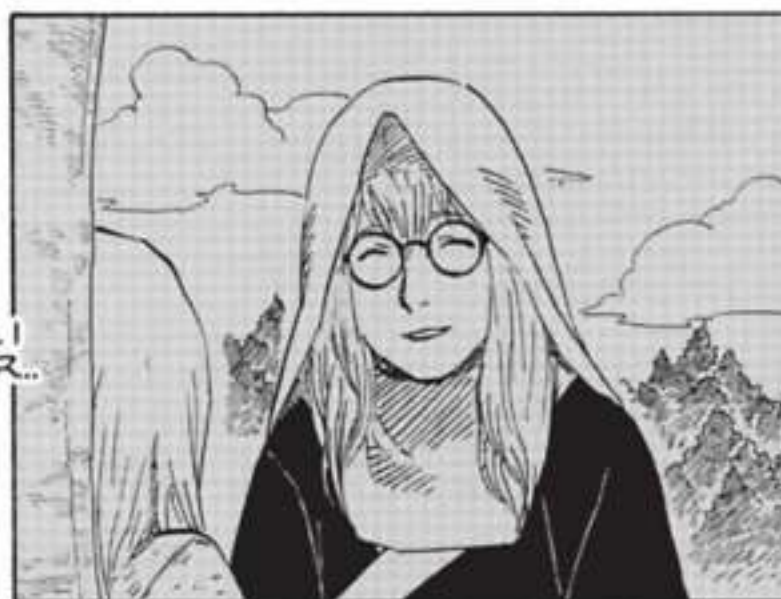
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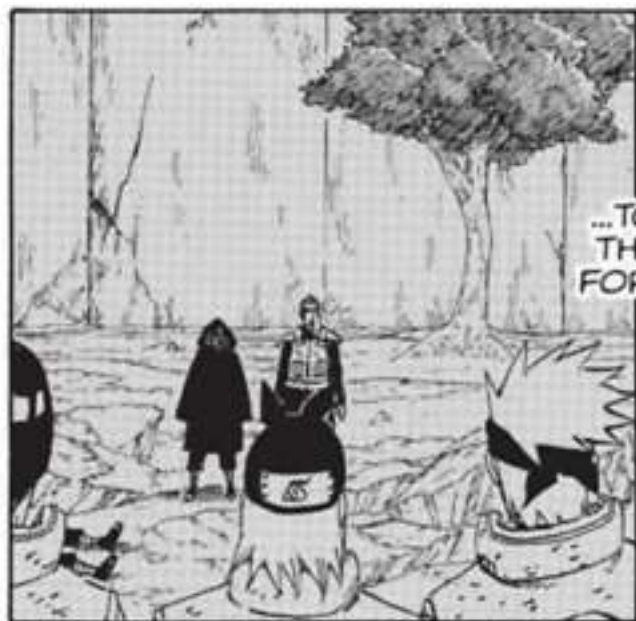


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SWOO











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