

SHONEN JUMP MANGA

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62



Sasuke and Itachi's tale concludes in this volume. I actually wanted to put it all in volume 61 so that you could read it all at once, but it just wasn't possible. (D'oh!) Please read volume 61 before 62! Please!

岸本 齐史

—Masashi Kishimoto,
2012



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THE CRACK

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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



???



Kurama
九喇嘛



Tsuchikage
土影



Raikage
雷影



Gaara
我爱罗



Mizukage
綱手



Kabuto
カブト



Eight
Tails
八尾



Killer
Bee
殺蜂



Mizukage
水影



Jugo
重吾



Karin
香燐



Suigetsu
水月



Zetsu
ゼツ



Might
Guy
ガイ



Madara
マダラ



Itachi
イタチ

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 Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

The Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki begins. The Five Shadows seem powerless against the revived Madara's power. Meanwhile, Sasuke and Itachi confront Kabuto, who is dragging the battlefield into a vortex of chaos. Having surmounted their past differences, will the brothers' united front finally succeed in stopping Kabuto?!



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Number 588: Burden of a Kage





YOU MAY FORGIVE THAT PLACE.

BUT I WILL NEVER FORGIVE KONOHA!!



WHY HELP THE VERY VILLAGE THAT PUT YOU WHERE YOU ARE NOW?!

BUT WHY?!



...



WHAT ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE MADE ME BECOME?!!

YOU HAVE NO MORE REGRETS?



?!

I'M NOT THE ONE WHO CAN CHANGE YOU, SASUKE.













YOU'RE GETTING SLOPPY IN BATTLE, HOKAGE.



YAH!!

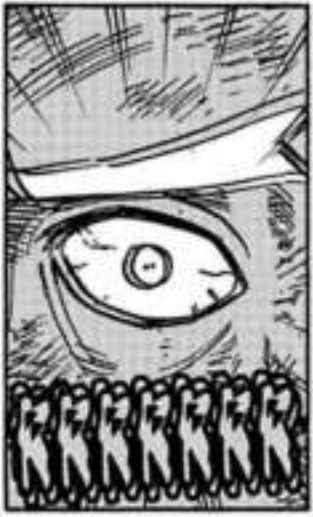


NO PRESERVING STRENGTH. I'M GIVING IT ALL IVE GOT RIGHT NOW!

I'VE PUT MY LIFE ON THE LINE FOR THIS BATTLE.



YOU'LL SOON HAVE NO STAMINA LEFT.





I HAVE
FALLEN
PREY TO
SHARINGAN
GENJUTSU...?!

PAF



ZWOO

?!

OO



RAR

RAA
A



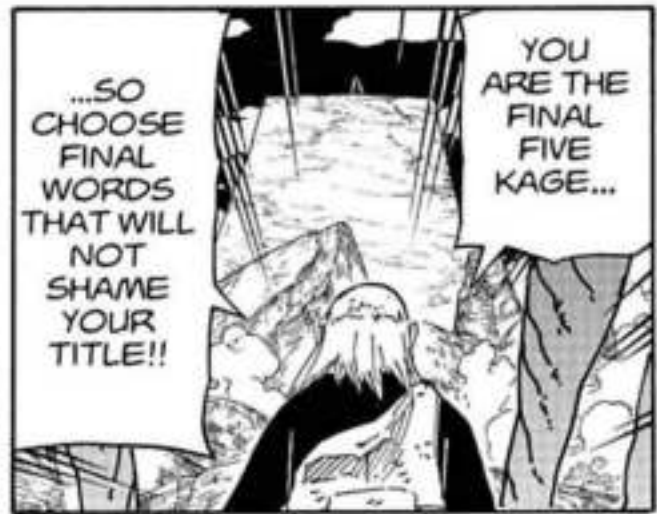
...



KLA

NGG







BE WORTHY
OF THE TITLE
OF KAGE!!!









MEET THE PERFECT SUSANO'O!

SHO



THUS, I, UCHIHA MADARA, SHALL ALSO RESPOND WITH FULL POWER!

WUMP



THE GOKAGE IS NOTHING TO ME!

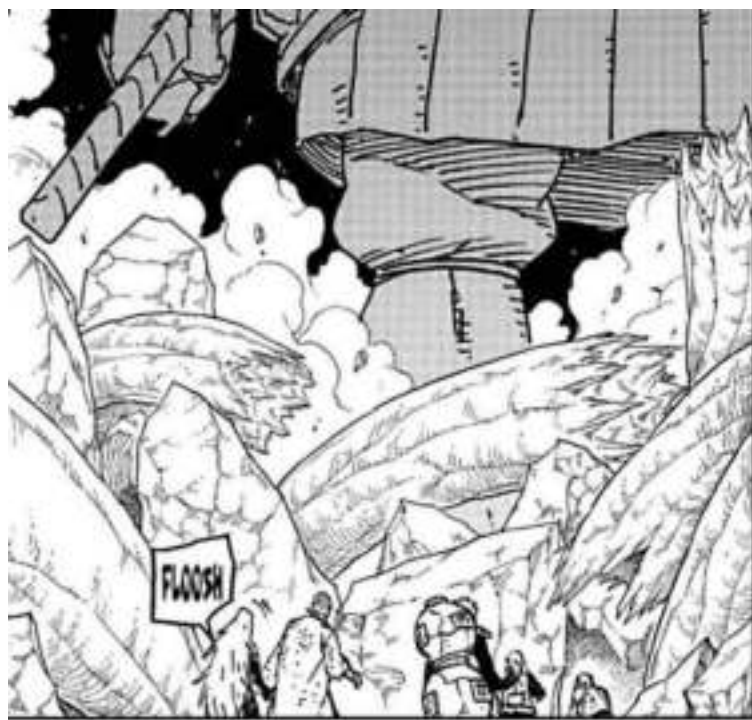




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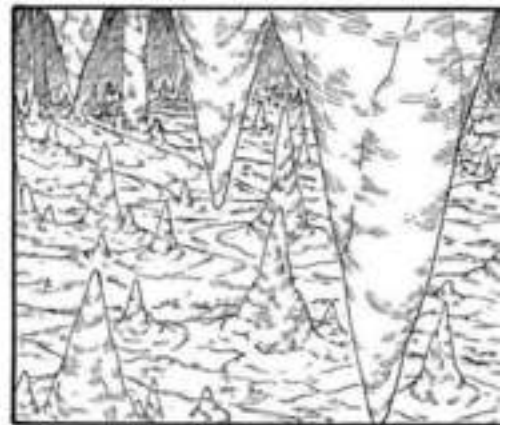




A SINGLE STROKE OF THE BLADE CONTAINS ENOUGH POWER TO SMASH ALL THINGS IN THIS UNIVERSE... IT RIVALS EVEN THE BIJU...

MY SUSANO'O IS DESTRUCTION INCARNATE ...

...







...



THE FEELINGS I HAD AS A CHILD, OF ADORING MY BIG BROTHER.



WHEN I'M WITH YOU, I REMEMBER THINGS...



THE CLOSER WE GET TO HOW WE WERE BEFORE, AS BROTHERS... AND THE MORE I UNDERSTAND YOU...



THAT'S WHY...

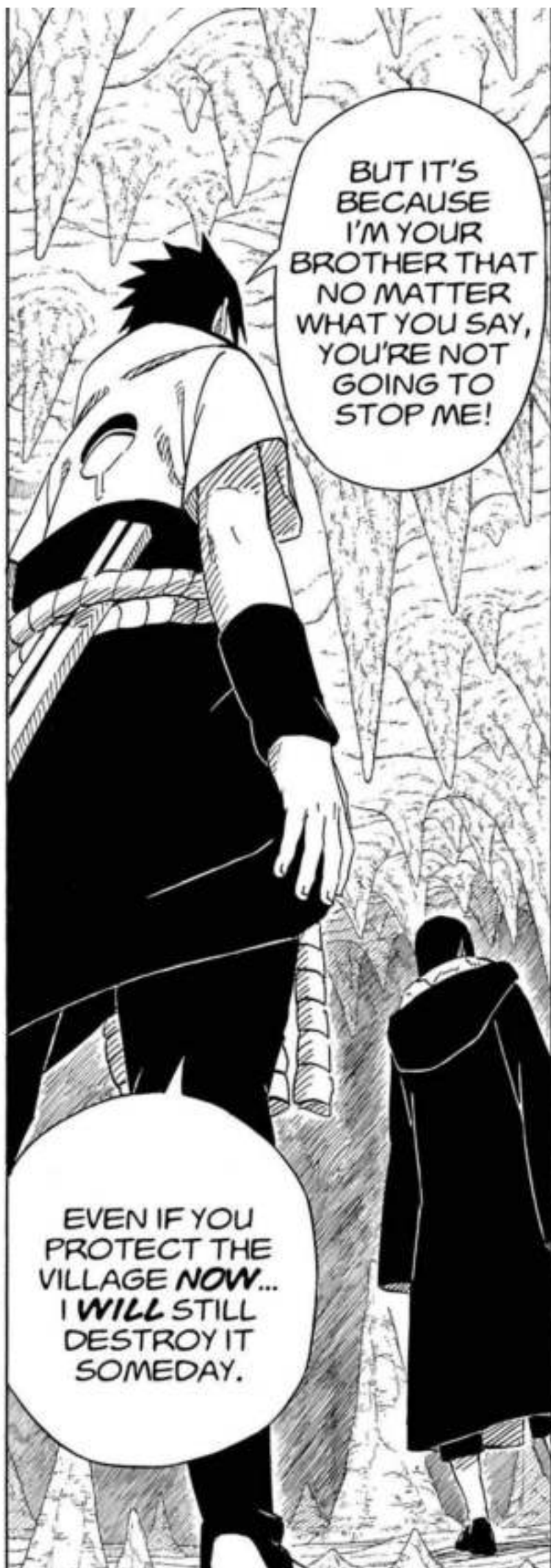


I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO, HOW YOU WANT ME TO BE. YOU'RE MY BIG BROTHER, SO YOU'RE GOING TO DISAPPROVE!



I HATE IT MORE THAN EVER!

...THE MORE I HATE KONOHA FOR CAUSING YOU SO MUCH PAIN!







C'MON, LEMME OUT ALREADY!!



WHAT'S THIS...?

?!



RRK



QUIT MAKING FALSE CLAIMS, YOU DUD OF A BOMB!

AWW, PLEASE, YOU WOULD'VE DONE SO IF YOU COULD.



I'M GONNA EXPLODE ANY SECOND NOW! HMM?!!

I'VE HAD IT, I'M DONE! I'M COMPLETELY FED UP!

YOU OKAY WITH THAT?!!



HUH?!



THERE
AIN'T NO
SUCH
THINGS AS
DUDS IN
ART!!



WHA?!



WHAT?

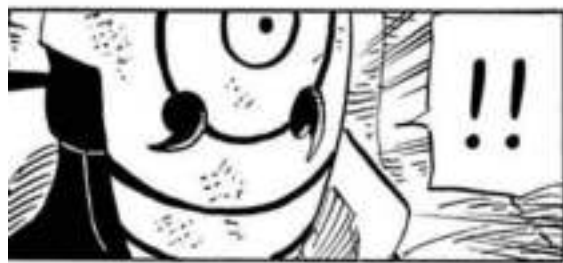
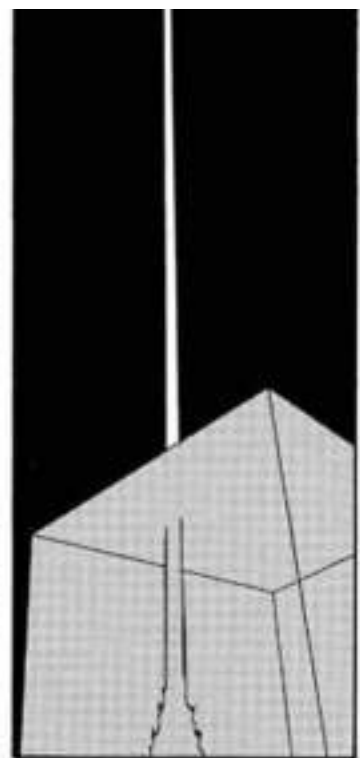


FW?!

WW



SO THIS IS WHAT I
COME BACK TO
AFTER REGAINING
CONSCIOUSNESS...



NARUTO

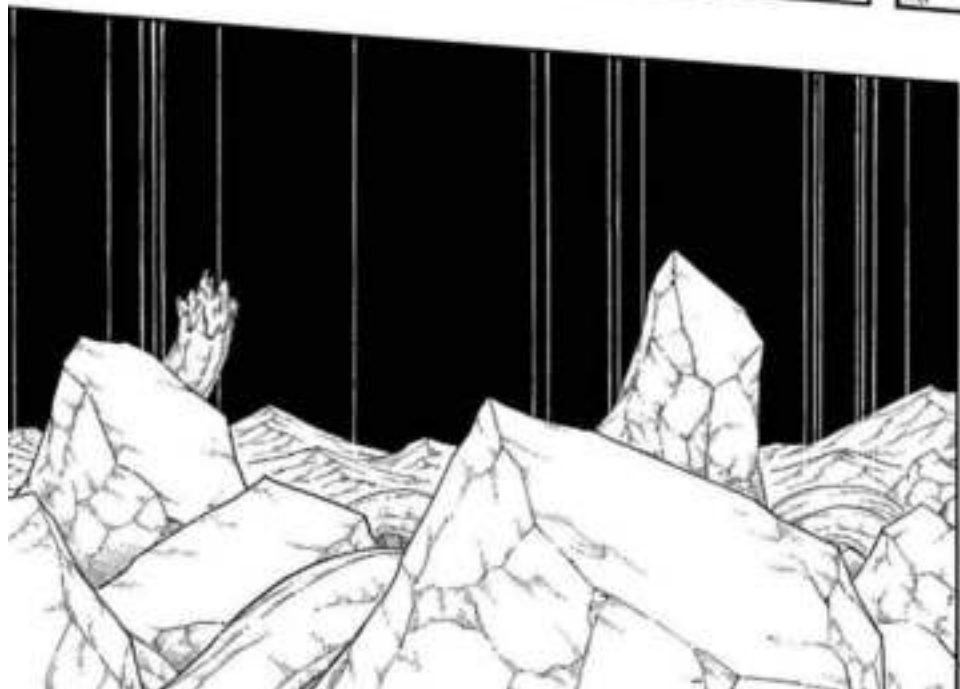
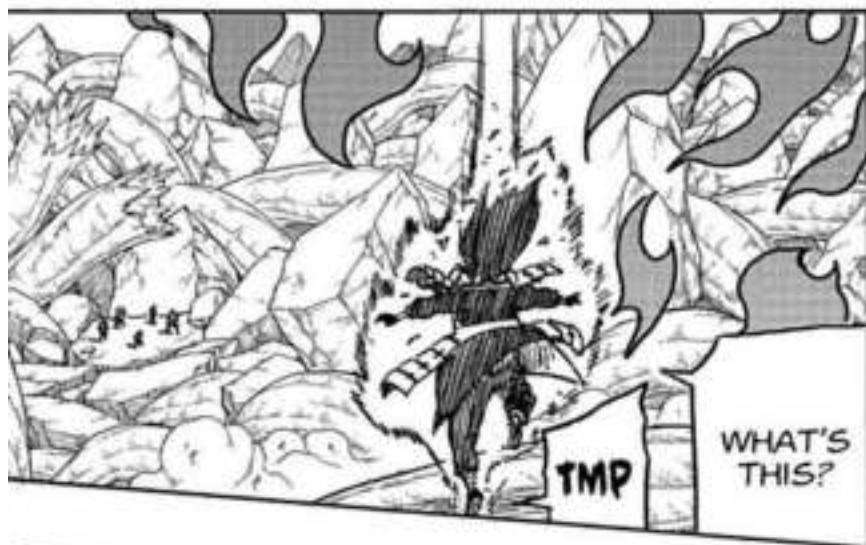




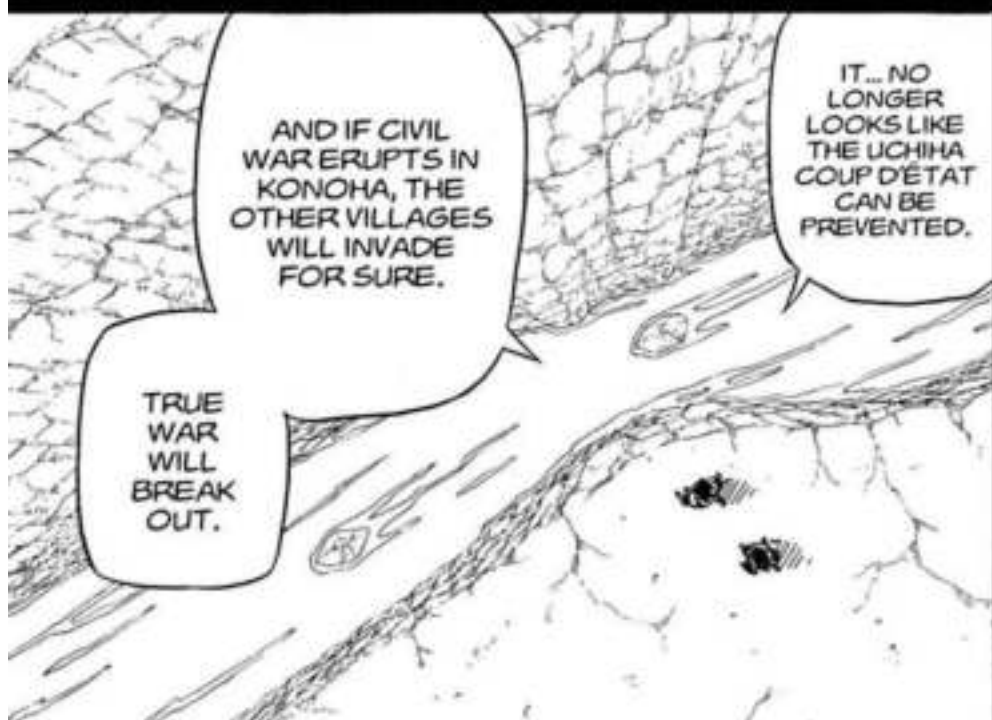
LORD
TSUCHIKAGE...
IT'S UNFOR-
TUNATE, BUT I
THINK THIS IS
THE END...

SHUT UP,
MIZUKAGE!!











...SO I'M GOING TO GIVE IT TO YOU BEFORE HE HAS A CHANCE.

I SUSPECT HE'LL COME AFTER MY LEFT EYE AS WELL...

HE INTENDS TO PROTECT THE VILLAGE HIS WAY, NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES OR HOW IT LOOKS.



THAT ONE DOESN'T TRUST ME...

WHEN I TRIED TO STOP THE COUP D'ÉTAT USING THE KOTO'AMATSUKAMI... DANZO STOLE MY RIGHT EYE.



PLEASE PROTECT THIS VILLAGE... AND THE UCHIHA NAME... BOTH.

...YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN COUNT ON, MY TRUE BEST FRIEND.



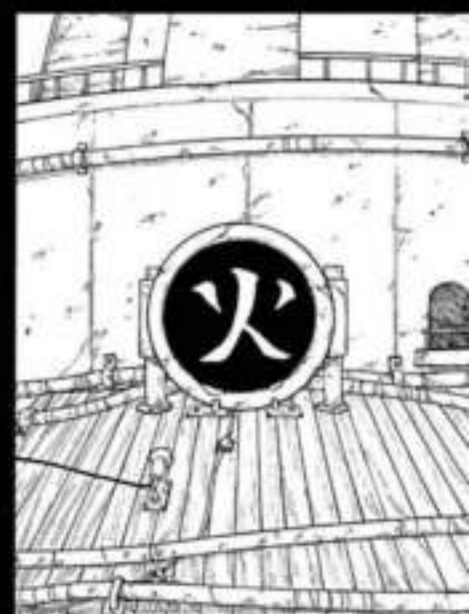
SHISUI...



IF THEY ARE GOING TO CALL A REVOLUTION AND USURP OUR POWER, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO JUDGE THE UCHIHA TRAITORS TO KONOHA!


WE CANNOT CONDONE THIS ANY LONGER!

WAIT, KOHARU! DO NOT RUSH TO A HASTY CONCLUSION!





...THAT
INCLUDES
INNOCENT
CHILDREN
TOO.



HOWEVER,
HIRUZEN... THE
UCHIHA CLAN
WILL NOT BE
DISSUADED.

IN WHICH
CASE, WE
OUGHT TO TAKE
MEASURES TO
AVOID MAYHEM.



WE MUST
PLAN THIS
CAREFULLY.



DO NOT
SAY SUCH
THINGS IN
FRONT OF
ITACHI!

BESIDES
WHICH, A
BATTLE
AGAINST
THE UCHIHA
WILL NOT
BE EASY.




...



I SHALL
COME UP
WITH A
STRATEGY.

THE UCHIHA ARE
OLD COMRADES
IN ARMS... I'D LIKE
TO USE WORDS
FIRST BEFORE
VIOLENCE.



IF YOU, I, PLUS OUR
RESPECTIVE BLACK
OPS JOIN FORCES
AND LAUNCH A
SURPRISE ATTACK
FROM BEHIND, IT'LL
BE OVER IN NO
TIME.

WE OUGHT
TO STRIKE
PREEMPTIVELY
BEFORE THEY
CAN MAKE A
MOVE.

WE'RE
IN A
RACE
AGAINST
TIME...





...

...INCLUDING YOUR LITTLE BROTHER, WHO KNOWS NOTHING.

HOWEVER, THERE IS A WAY TO SPARE JUST YOUR BROTHER, PRIOR TO ANY REVOLT.



WHETHER IT RESULTS IN WAR OR NOT...

THE MOMENT THE COUP D'ÉTAT HAPPENS, THE UCHIHA WILL LOCK THEMSELVES INTO A FATE OF GETTING ANNIHILATED.



...IS THAT A THREAT?

...AND THEN, HE, UNFORTUNATELY, WILL HAVE TO DIE AS WELL.

AND IF HE WITNESSES A KONOHA SHINOBI SLAUGHTER HIS ENTIRE CLAN, IT WILL GIVE HIM A VENGEFUL HEART TOWARD KONOHA...

IF THINGS COME TO PASS, YOUR BROTHER WILL LIKELY COME TO KNOW EVERYTHING...



NO... I'D LIKE YOU TO MAKE A CHOICE.



OR SIDE WITH KONOHA. SAVE YOUR LITTLE BROTHER BEFORE THE REVOLT AND THEN HELP US ELIMINATE ALL OTHER UCHIHA.



EITHER ALIGN WITH THE UCHIHA, LAUNCH THE COUP D'ÉTAT, AND DIE ALONG WITH YOUR CLAN...



...

AND THE ONLY SHINOBI THAT CAN BE ENTRUSTED WITH THIS MISSION... IS YOU, ITACHI, WHO ARE A DOUBLE AGENT FOR BOTH UCHIHA AND KONOHA.

NO MATTER WHAT, THINGS MUST BE QUELLED BEFORE ANY MAYHEM CAN ARISE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE VILLAGE.



WILL YOU... ACCEPT THIS MISSION?

I KNOW YOU CARE ABOUT THE VILLAGE...



...BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, IT WILL ALLOW YOUR LITTLE BROTHER TO BE SPARED.

ITACHI... IT WILL LIKELY BE A MOST PAINFUL MISSION FOR YOU...



...



WHOOOSH



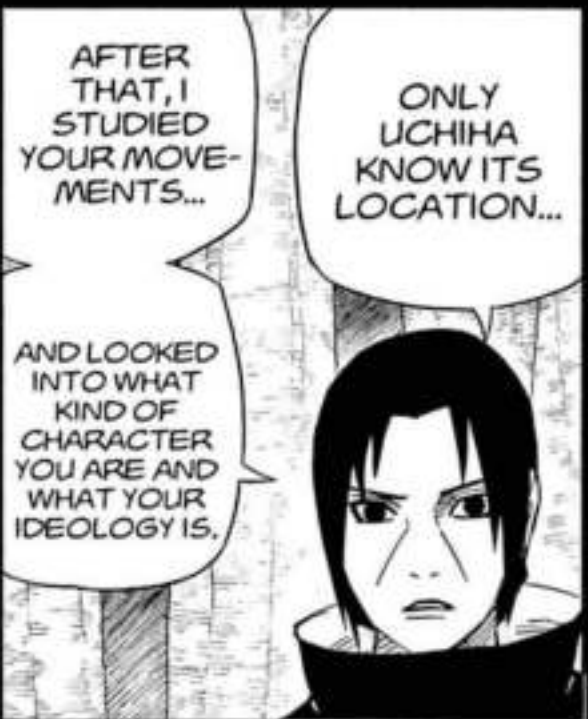
HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?

YOU SLIPPED THROUGH EXTRA-TIGHT KONOHA SECURITY AND WENT TO EXAMINE NAKANO SHRINE'S SECRET STONE...



FOR YOU ALREADY KNOW THEN THAT I AM AN UCHIHA MYSELF, WHO BEARS HATRED TOWARD BOTH KONOHA AND MY OWN CLAN, RIGHT?

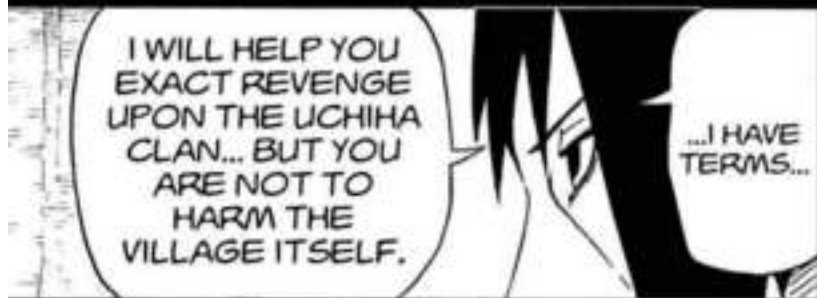
THAT SAVES ME TIME...



AFTER THAT, I STUDIED YOUR MOVEMENTS...

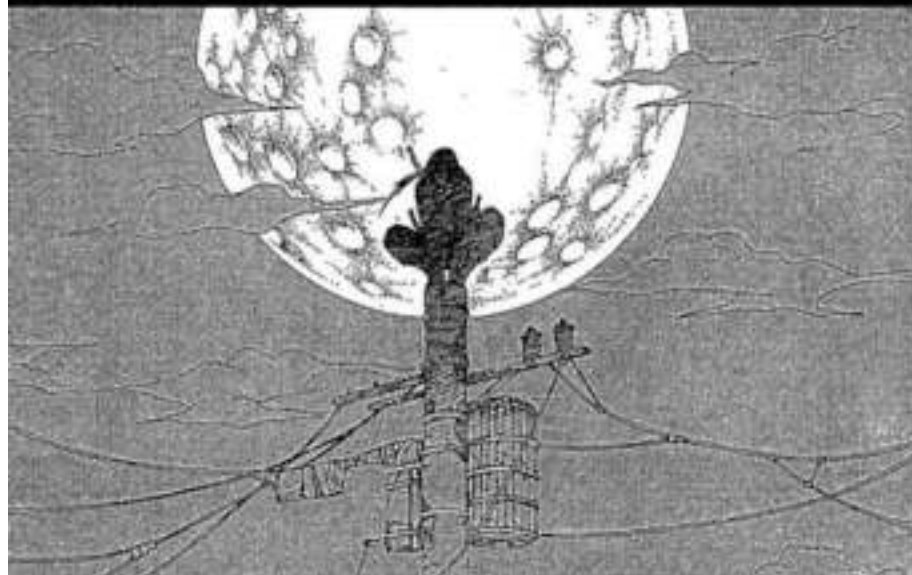
ONLY UCHIHA KNOW ITS LOCATION...

AND LOOKED INTO WHAT KIND OF CHARACTER YOU ARE AND WHAT YOUR IDEOLOGY IS.



I WILL HELP YOU EXACT REVENGE UPON THE UCHIHA CLAN... BUT YOU ARE NOT TO HARM THE VILLAGE ITSELF.

...I HAVE TERMS...

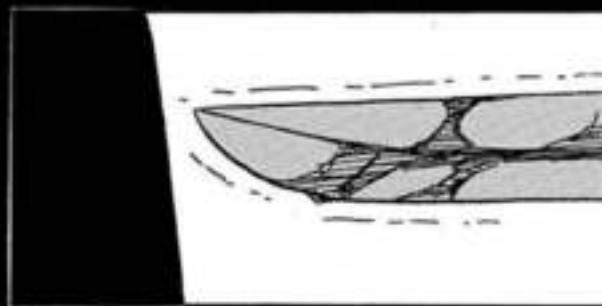
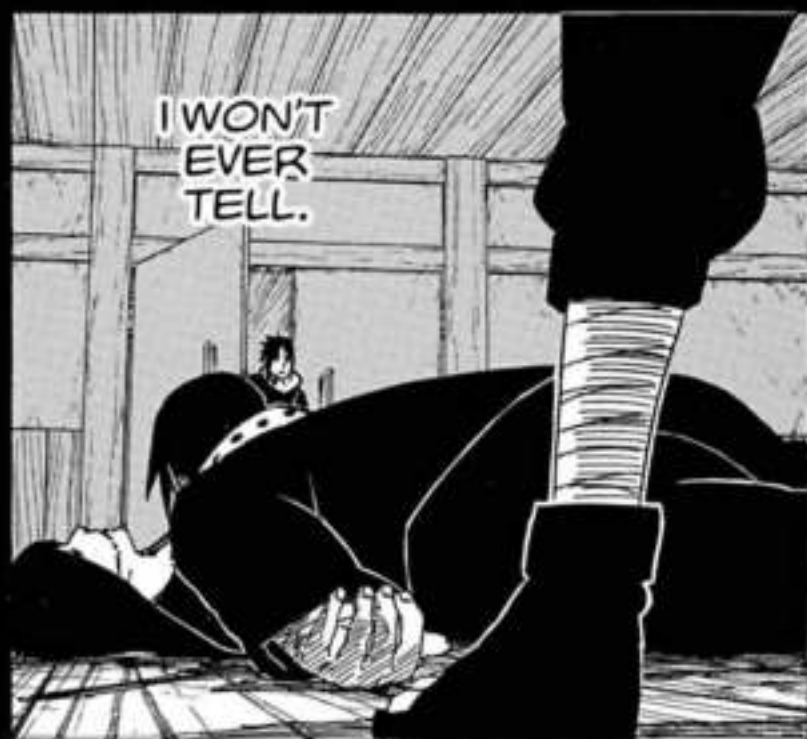


...UCHIHA SASUKE.

NOR..

















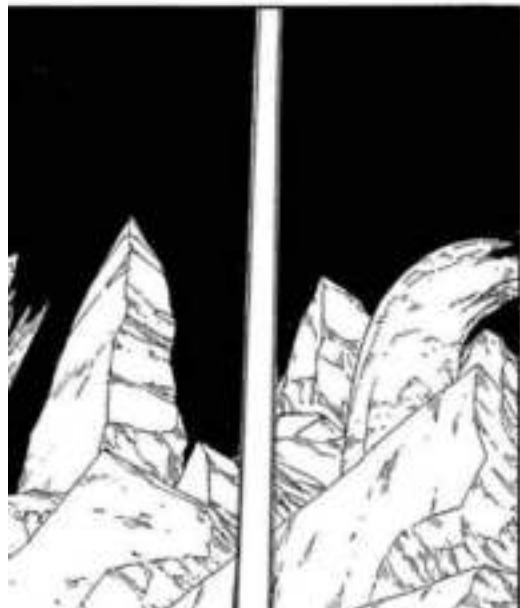
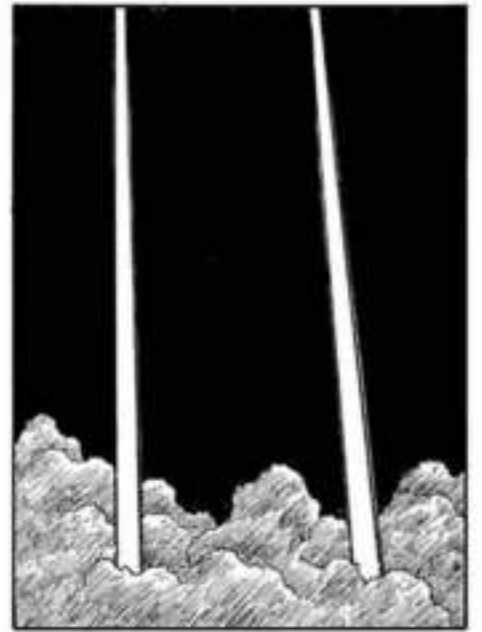
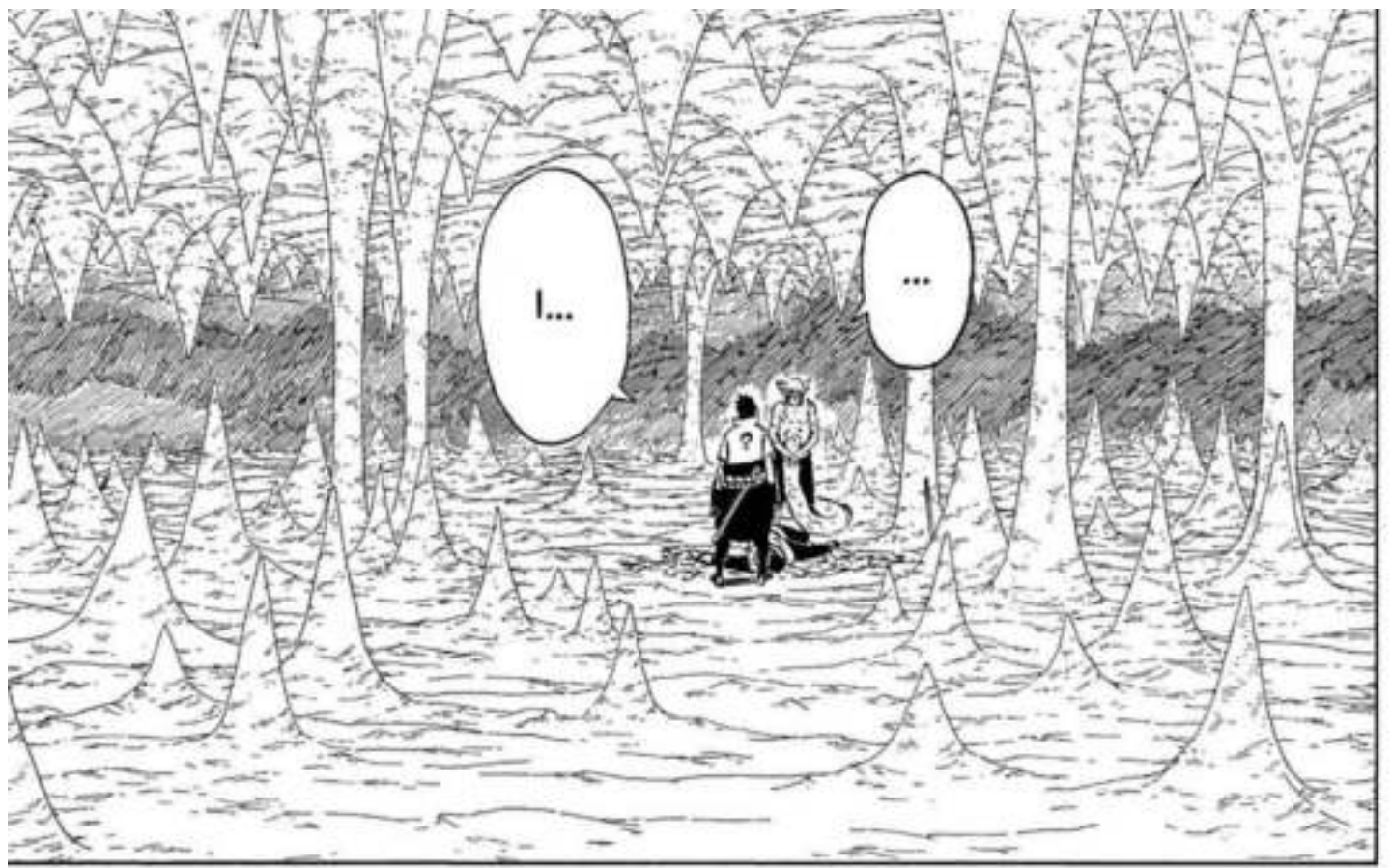
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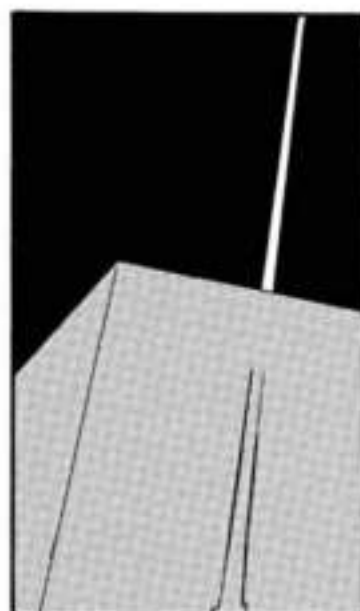


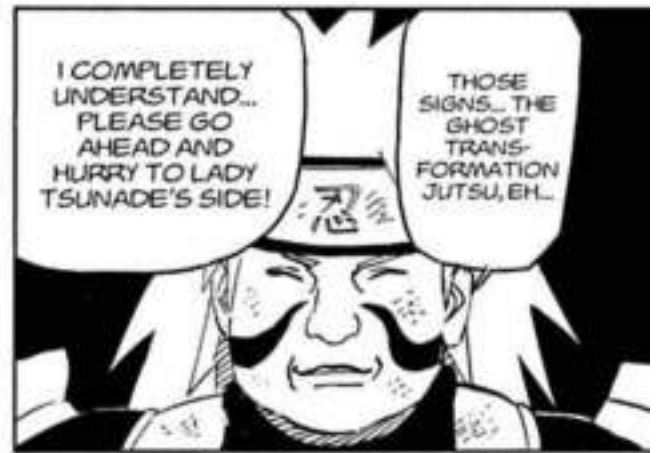
 Number 591: Risk













YEAH...

WASH WASH

WELL THEN,
CHOZA...
THANK YOU SO
MUCH FOR
EVERYTHING.



PLEASE
HURRY.

BUT IT
DOESN'T
SEEM
LIKE YOU
HAVE A
LOT OF
TIME.



SOULS
ASCENDING
AFTER BEING
RELEASED FROM
THE EDOTENSEI
CAN BE
CONTROLLED
WITH THIS JUTSU
TOO.

IT'S
JUST
AS I
THOUGHT.



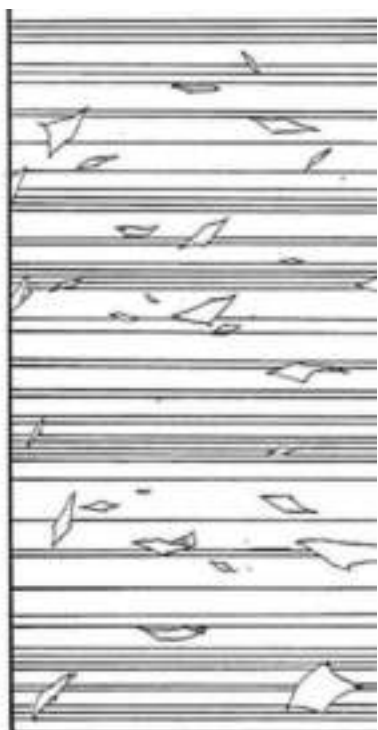
NORMALLY,
THAT IS...

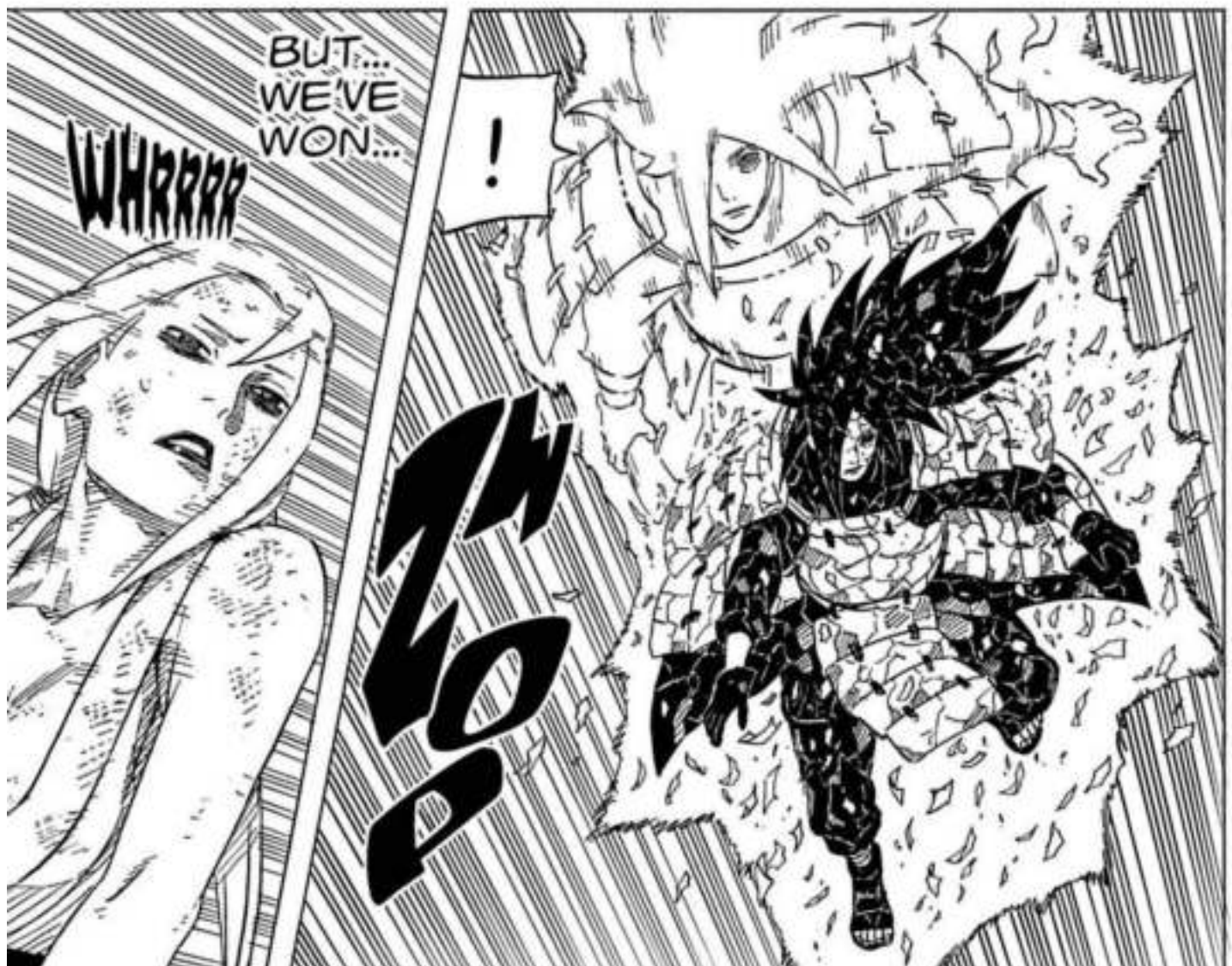
A JUTSU
WHERE ONE
BECOMES A
LIVING
GHOST,
POSSESSES
AN ENEMY,
AND KILLS
THEM.

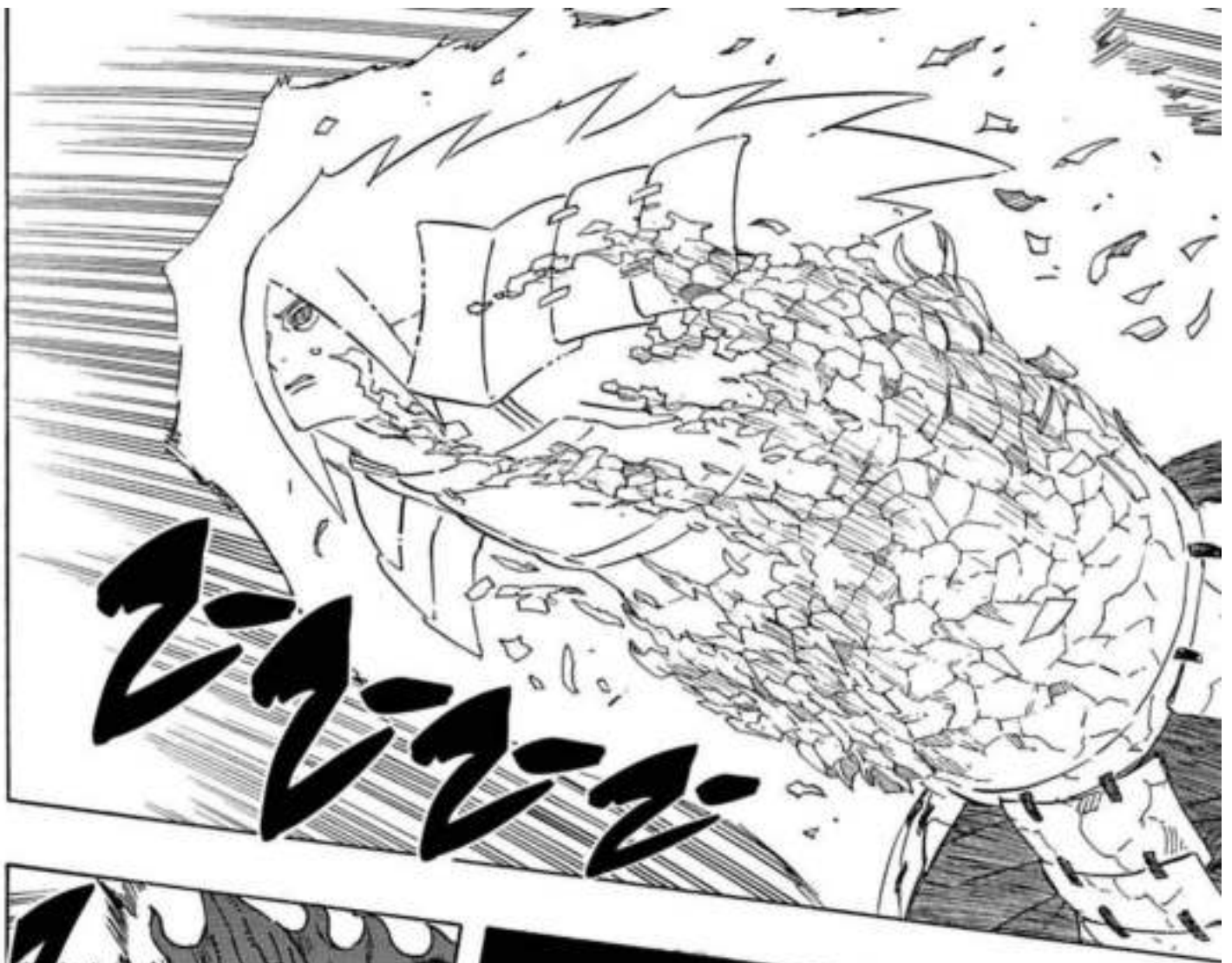


WHAT IS
THE GHOST
TRANS-
FORMATION
JUTSU...?

WOW! HE
JUST FLEW
AWAY LIKE
A GHOST!











THE EDOTENSEI HAS BEEN UNDONE... I USED THE GHOST TRANSFORMATION JUTSU TO FLY HERE.

DAN...! HOW ARE YOU HERE?!

DAN.



YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT... TSUNADE...



...DAN...



THAT SURE WAS CLOSE JUST NOW, THOUGH!



I'VE GOT TO GO ALREADY.

THERE'S NO TIME... LET'S NOT WALLOW IN SENTIMENTALITIES.



DAN...
I... I'VE ALWAYS HONORED YOUR..



BUT I'VE CHANGED!
DAN! I RAN FROM MY MEMORIES OF YOU FOR A LONG TIME AFTER YOUR DEATH.

...ONCE MORE!
AND NOW I CAN MAKE UP FOR YOUR REGRETS AND THE THINGS YOU WANTED TO DO...



AND THAT'S WHY BECOMING HOKAGE, THE ONE WHO PROTECTS EVERYONE... IS MY DREAM.

I LOVE BOTH THE VILLAGE AND MY COMRADES, WHICH IS WHY I WANT TO PROTECT THEM.

...



...ON THE OTHER SIDE. BUT DON'T COME TOO QUICKLY, YOU HEAR?
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU...



...I'M SORRY
I REALLY CAUSED YOU A LOT OF PAIN...



I'VE BECOME HOKAGE! BUT...

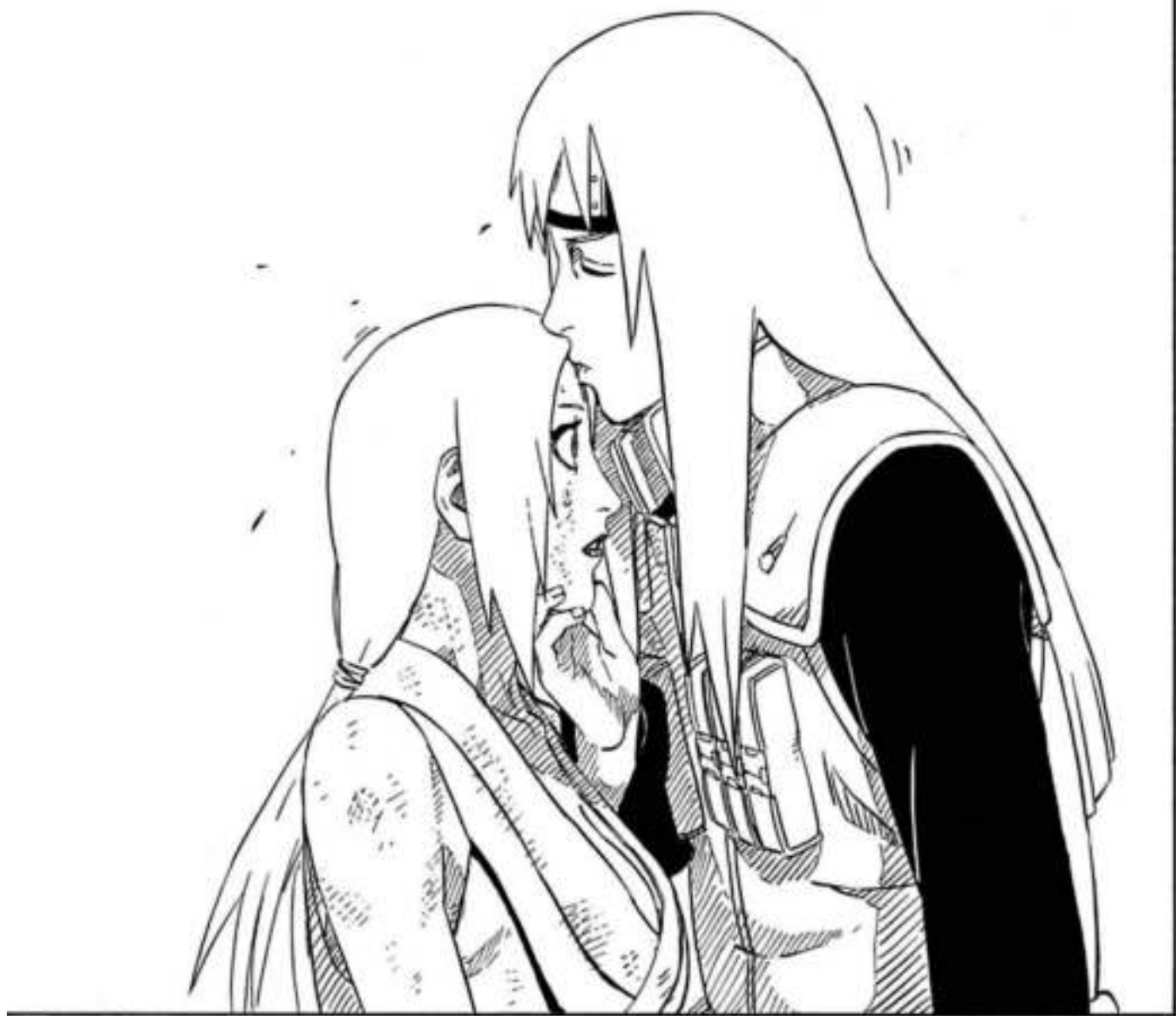
THANKS, TSUNADE... YOU ARE FULFILLING MY DREAMS FOR ME JUST FINE.



FOR YOU YOURSELF ARE MY DREAM...



FSH

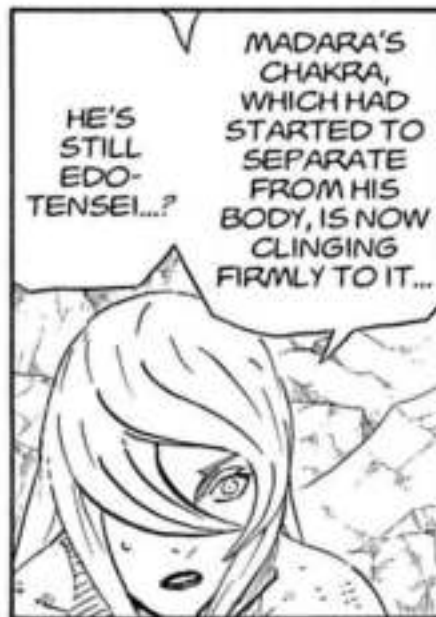
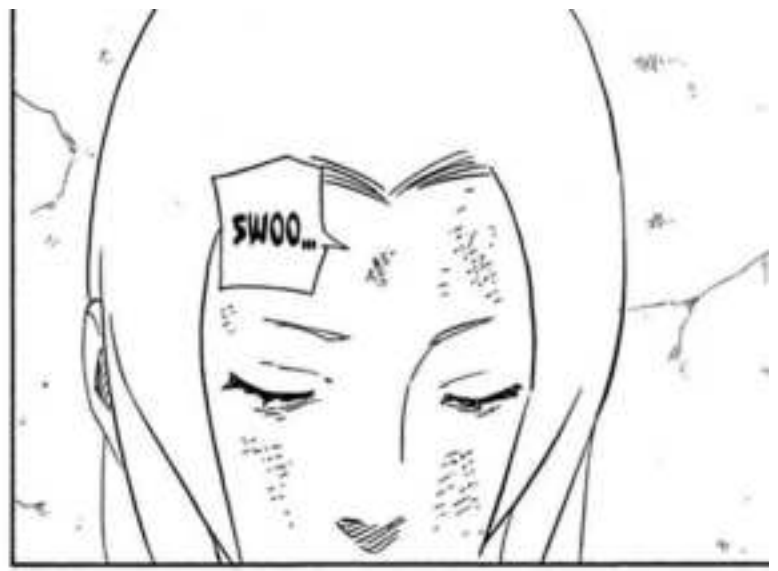


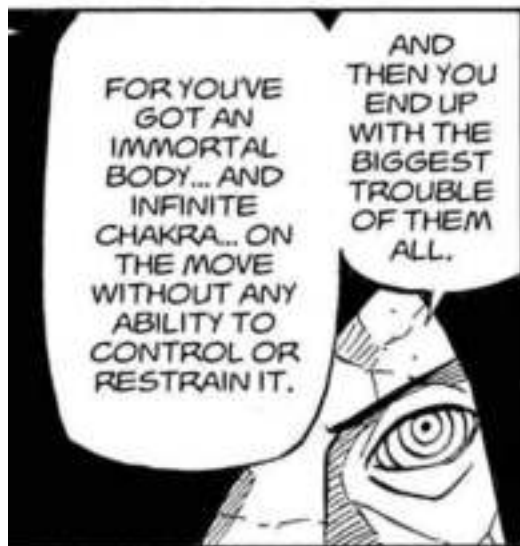
IT APPEARS
A LITTLE BIT
OF GOOD
DID COME
FROM
BEING
REANIMATED

...

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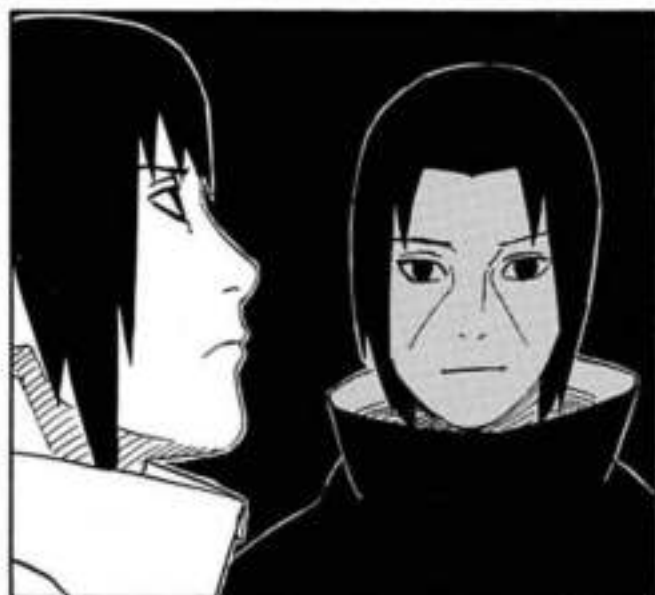




NARUTO



Number 592: A Third Force















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!!!**



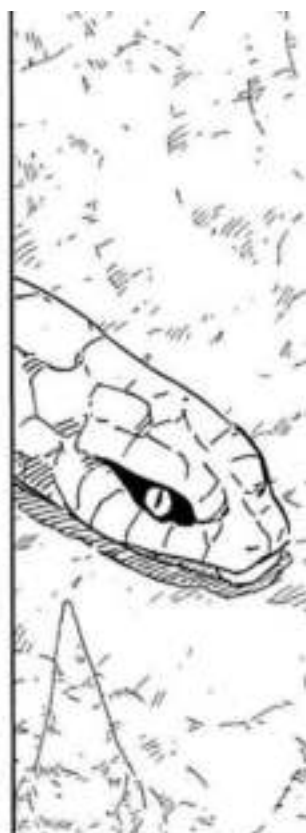
I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED RESURRECTING IT IN A COMPLETED STATE, BUT...





IT IS
TIME!

IT'S
TAKING
TOO
LONG!















WHO IS THIS ALL-KNOWING PERSON?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. HOW CAN YOU TALK TO OROCHIMARU?

Number 593: Orochimaru's Return



...



YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW.



YOU CAN'T!

I DON'T GET IT, BUT ANYWAY...



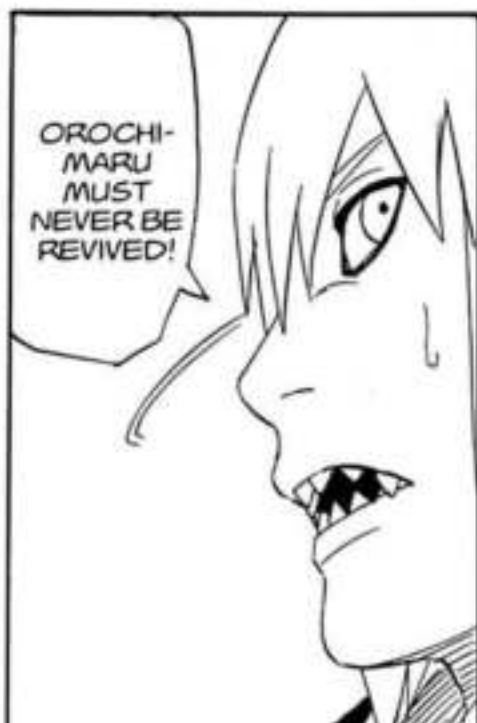
THERE ARE STILL THINGS THAT ONLY OROCHIMARU CAN DO.

THAT'S WHY I FOUND YOU. IT'S WHY I'M GIVING IT TO YOU!

YOU PLAN TO ASK OROCHIMARU FOR HELP TO CONTROL THE POWER OF THE SCROLL, RIGHT?

YOU CAN LEARN TO DO IT ON YOUR OWN. I KNOW YOU CAN.

OROCHIMARU MUST NEVER BE REVIVED!







HE'S ALWAYS WANTED TO DESTROY KONOHA, DON'T YOU REMEMBER?!

HE'LL WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS WAR!

YOU KNOW, EVEN IF HE IS REVIVED, HE PROBABLY STILL WON'T BE ABLE TO USE HIS ARMS!

YOU HAVE ALWAYS UNDERESTIMATED HIM!

BUT HE'LL STILL BE DANGEROUS. HE'LL STILL WANT TO TAKE CONTROL OF YOU.



THIS IS OUR TIME!!

WE'VE ONLY NOW SURPASSED OUR MENTORS.



IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT?!

AND THAT MEANS THAT TEAM TAKA WILL GET MESSED UP IN THIS WAR TOO!



PLUS, HASN'T HE CAUSED US ENOUGH TROUBLE?

NOBODY WANTS TO SEE OROCHIMARU EVER AGAIN!





...YOU DON'T LISTEN TO ME, SO WHY SHOULD I LISTEN TO YOU?

I'LL DO IT.

SHUP



SUIGETSU... SHUT UP.

DIG OUT A PIECE OF KABUTO'S BODY AND GIVE IT TO ME.



HUH?!



I DON'T MIND.

YOU REALLY SURE ABOUT THIS, JUGO? OROCHIMARU'S RETURN?

SIGH... SO THAT'S HOW IT IS?

SHUP



PAP



ZWWW

FSH

I WILL ABIDE BY IT.



SASUKE'S WILL IS KIMIMARO'S WILL.

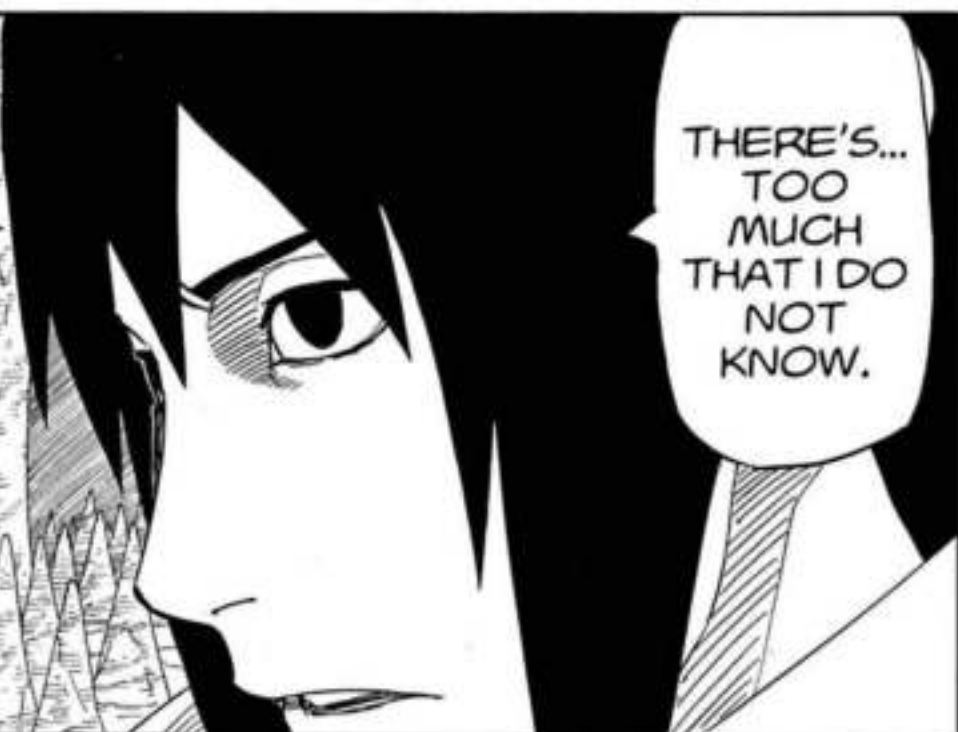
SHUP















AFTER
REUNITING
WITH ITACHI,
MY HATRED
TOWARD
KONOHA HAS
GROWN EVEN
STRONGER.



...IT'S
JUST...



...



...AND CARE
ABOUT AND
TRY TO
PROTECT THE
VILLAGE THAT
DISHONORED
HIS NAME...

...I WANT TO
UNDERSTAND
HOW EVEN IN
DEATH, ITACHI
COULD STILL
CONSIDER
HIMSELF A
KONOHA
SHINOBI...









The Progenitor



 Number 594:
The Progenitor

**R
A
A
A
W
R
!!!**

**THE
RETURN
OF TEN
TAILS!!**

G G G G G

**AND THE
BEGINNING
OF THE
END OF
THE
WORLD!!**

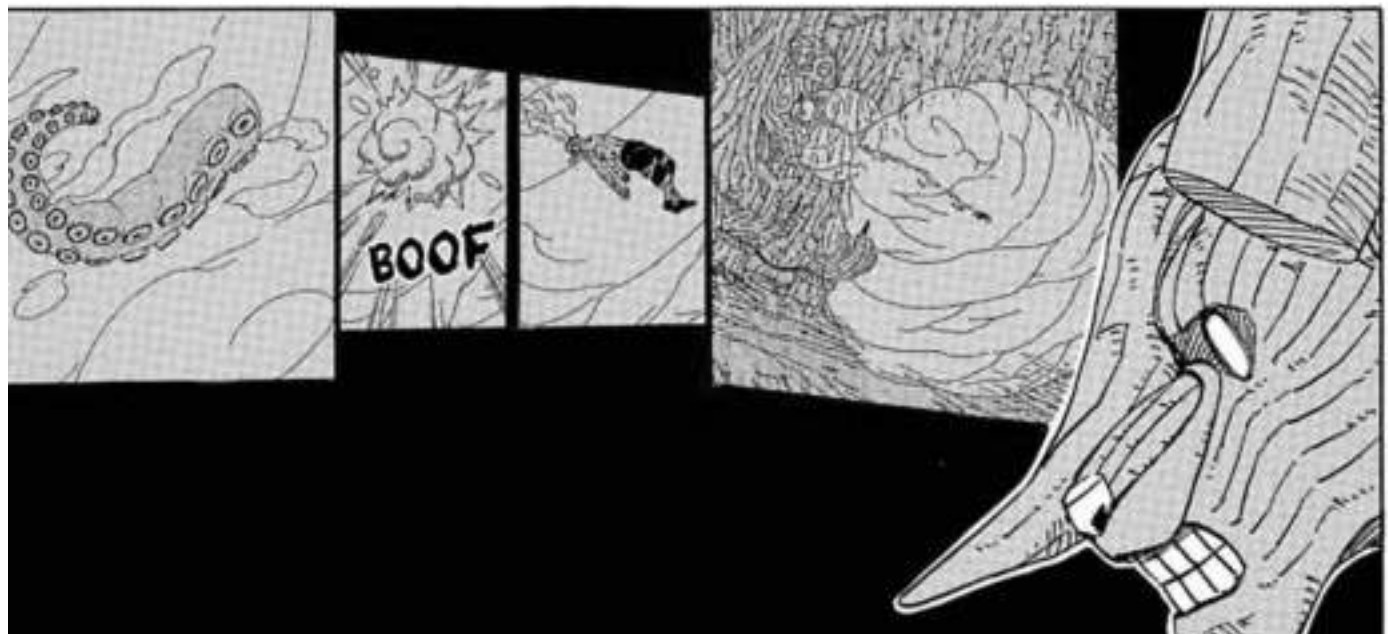
!!!

!!!





BUT WHAT'S GOING ON?!





EIGHT TAILS' OCTOPUS ARM CHAKRA, HUH...

HE GOT A BIT O' EIGHT-O'S CHAKRA FROM AN ARM BACK IN THE DAY! ♪ NOW WE'RE SWEATIN' CUZ HOLMES IS HERE TO STAY! ♪



YOU TO THE ME, WE'RE DROPPIN' RHYMES, BUT MAYBE WE DONE MESSED UP BIG TIME! ♪ YEAH! ♪

HAVE WE GIVEN HIM... ONE OCTOPUS ARM'S... WORTH OF CHAKRA...?



LET ME TAKE OVER, NARUTO... I'LL EXPLAIN.

YUP...



SO... JUST A PIECE OF A BIJU IS SUFFICIENT?



! NARUTO... YOU FELT IT TOO, DIDN'T YOU?



BO

THAT JAR AND GOURD CONTAINED MY CHAKRA...





THEY BOTH POSSESS POWERFUL SEALING JUTSU THAT CAN SEAL AWAY ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING.

AND ONCE YOU GET PUT INSIDE EITHER ONE OF THEM, YOU CAN'T GET OUT NO MATTER WHAT YOU TRY...

THE JAR AND GOURD THAT THAT GUY SUMMONED AND FED TO THE STATUE JUST NOW WERE TWO OF OLD MAN SIX PATHS' TREASURED TOOLS.



...BUT WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO DO WITH NINE-TAILS CHAKRA?

SAGE OF THE SIX PATHS AND THE GOLD AND SILVER BROTHERS... ALL LEGENDARY NAMES.



I SUSPECT THEY WERE REANIMATED USING EDOTENSEI, UTILIZED IN THE WAR, AND THEN SEALED AWAY.

...AND GINKAKU WAS SEALED INSIDE THE GOURD...

SO... INSIDE THAT JAR WAS KINKAKU...



...AND ABSORBED MY CHAKRA!

HOWEVER... THEY SURVIVED AND FED ON ME FROM THE INSIDE...

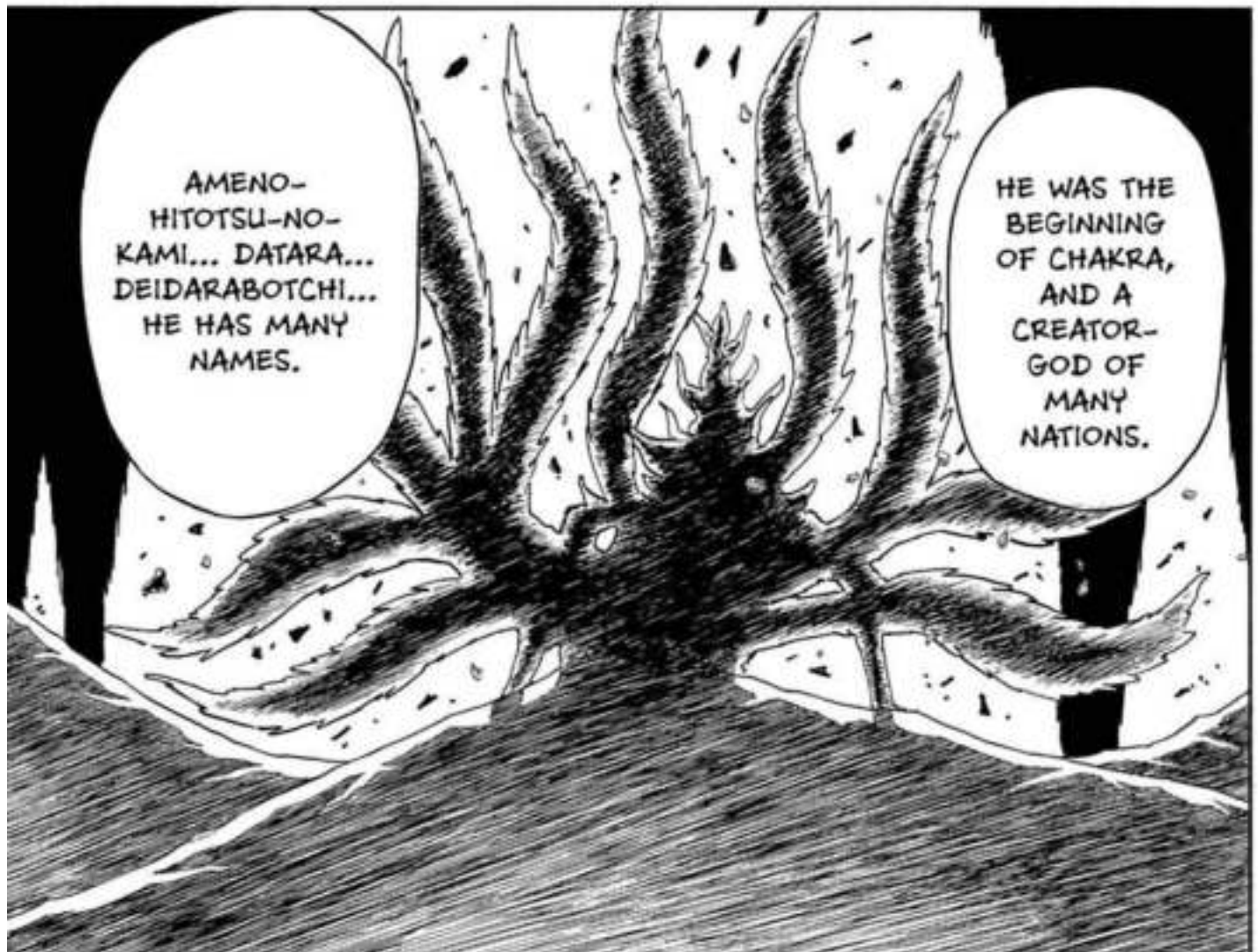


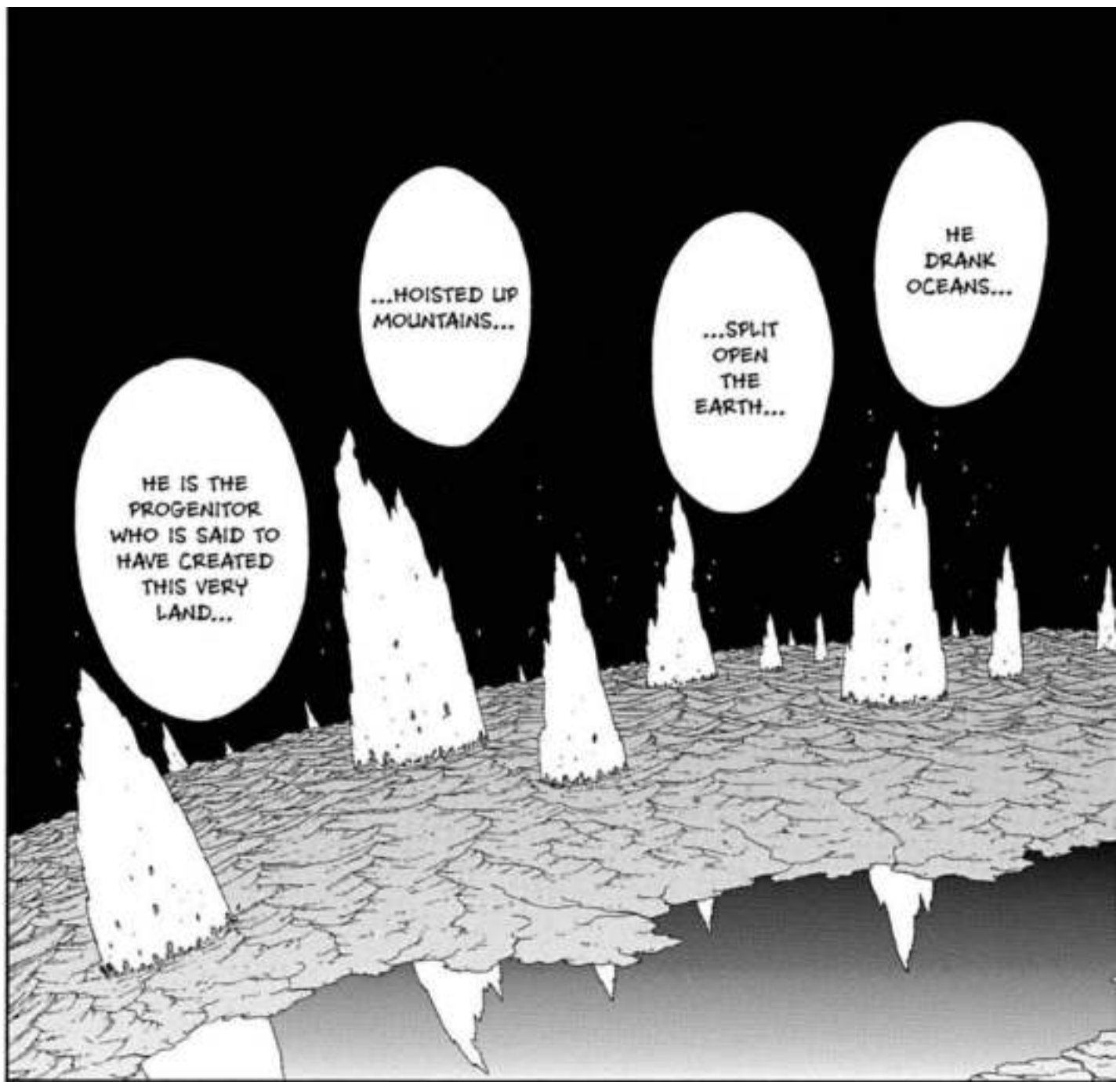
I SIMPLY DEVOURED THEM.

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THE BROTHERS CHALLENGED ME TO A BATTLE...









HE IS THE PROGENITOR WHO IS SAID TO HAVE CREATED THIS VERY LAND...

...HOISTED UP MOUNTAINS...

...SPLIT OPEN THE EARTH...

HE DRANK OCEANS...



...THEN IT MAY BE WORTH A TRY.

BUT IF HE ONLY HAS A PIECE OF EIGHT TAILS AND ME, WHO HAVE THE MOST CHAKRA OF THE NINE...



...



...



I BY MYSELF COULDN'T TAKE HIM ON AND HOPE TO WIN... HONESTLY.

A SIMPLE WAY TO THINK OF IT IS THAT HIS STRENGTH IS THE ADDED TOTAL OF ALL NINE BIJU.



I DON'T
NEED TEN
TAILS TO BE
REVIVED AT
FULL
CAPACITY.

YOU GUYS
ALL HAVE
THE
WRONG
IDEA...



THE
INFINITE
TSUKUYOMI!

MY END
GOAL IS A
SUPER-
GENJUTSU...



ONE PERFECT
WORLD
WITHOUT WAR
OR ILL
FEELINGS.

IT IS ONLY
WITHIN A SINGLE
COLLECTIVE
CONSCIOUSNESS,
WHERE THE
INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN
CAST ASIDE, THAT
THE TRUTH CAN
BE FOUND!

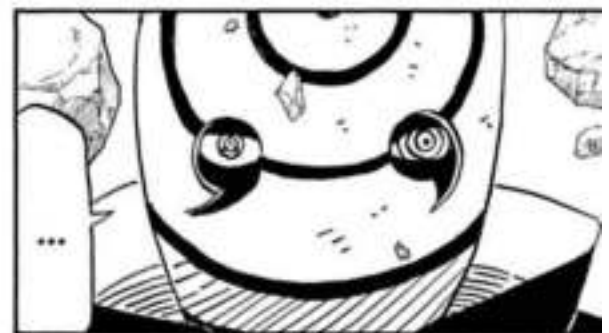
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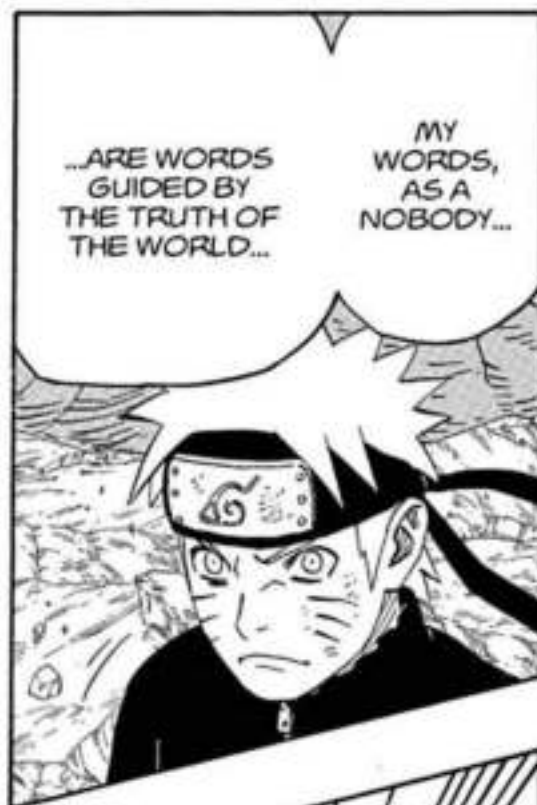


I'LL PUT THE
ENTIRE
HUMAN
POPULATION
OF THIS
PLANET
UNDER A
SINGLE
GENJUTSU.



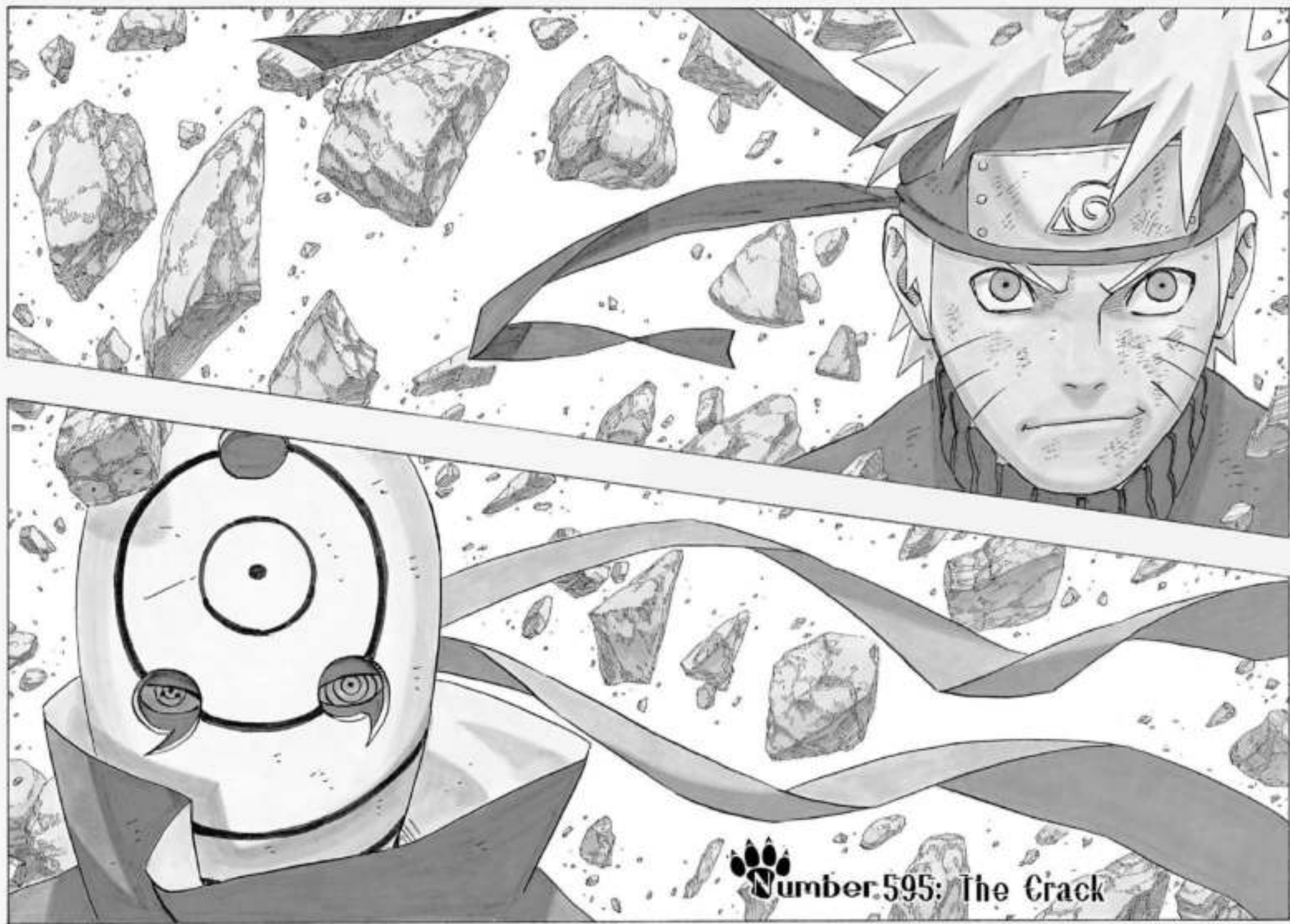






NARUTO





 Number 595: The Crack

NARUTO





THAT'S WHY I
CREATED A
DOPPEL-
GANGER!!

I
KNOW
!!



YOUR WINDOW IS
THE INSTANT HE
TRIES TO SUCK
YOU INSIDE
HIMSELF... THAT'S
WHEN HE'LL
BECOME SOLID.

IF YOU
ATTACK HIM
NORMALLY,
YOU'LL JUST
PASS RIGHT
THROUGH
HIM.

NARUTO,
YOU
KNOW HIS
ABILITIES,
RIGHT?!



AVOID
USING
BIG
MOVES!

DIVERSIONARY
TACTICS ARE A
MUST. CREATE
OPENINGS
THROUGH
CONTINUOUS
CLOSE-QUARTER
FIGHTING!

SO GO
FOR A
COUNTER-
ATTACK!





MISTER BEE!
PLEASE
RAISE ME
UP REAL
HIGH!

!



I BETTER
AVOID
DIRECT
CONTACT
ATTACKS
TOO...!

RUSTLE
RUMMAGE



I CAN
DO THIS
NOW...!

KWEEN



KW.

KWEEN

ZWISH
ZWISH



THERE
YA GO,
YO!

WOOSH



SUPER-MINI BIJU BOMB!!

WHEEEN



TWIN FANGS!!

SHK

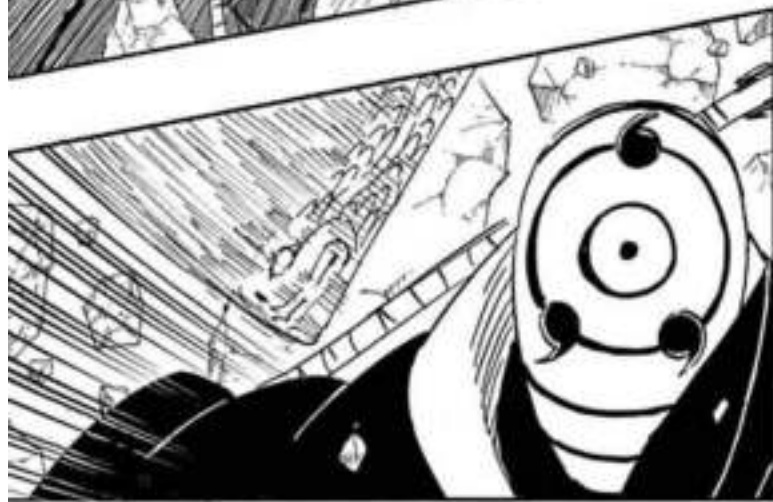
SHK



MANGEKYO SHARINGAN!!

SHKEN





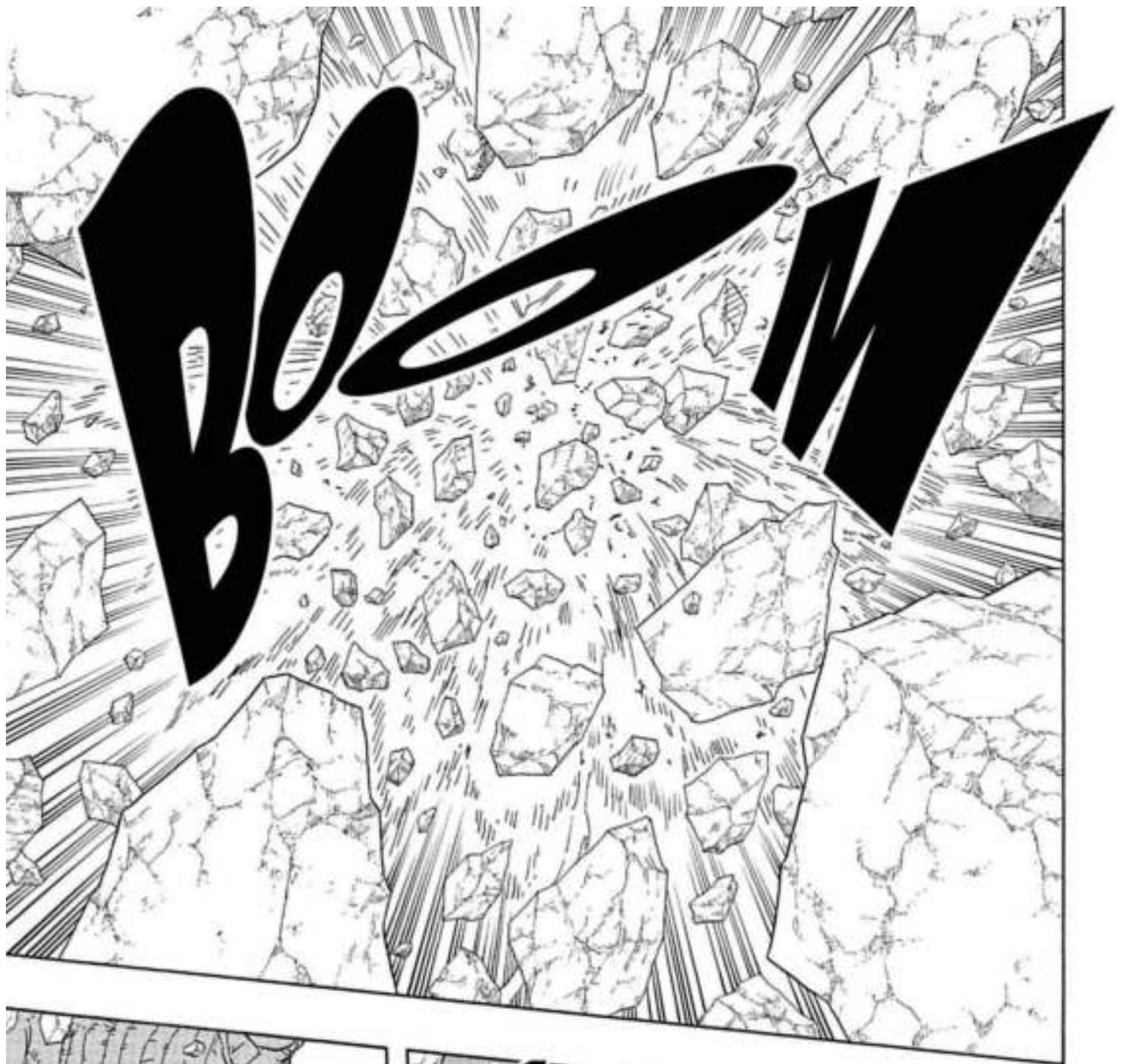




















NARUTO





Number 596: One Single Jutsu

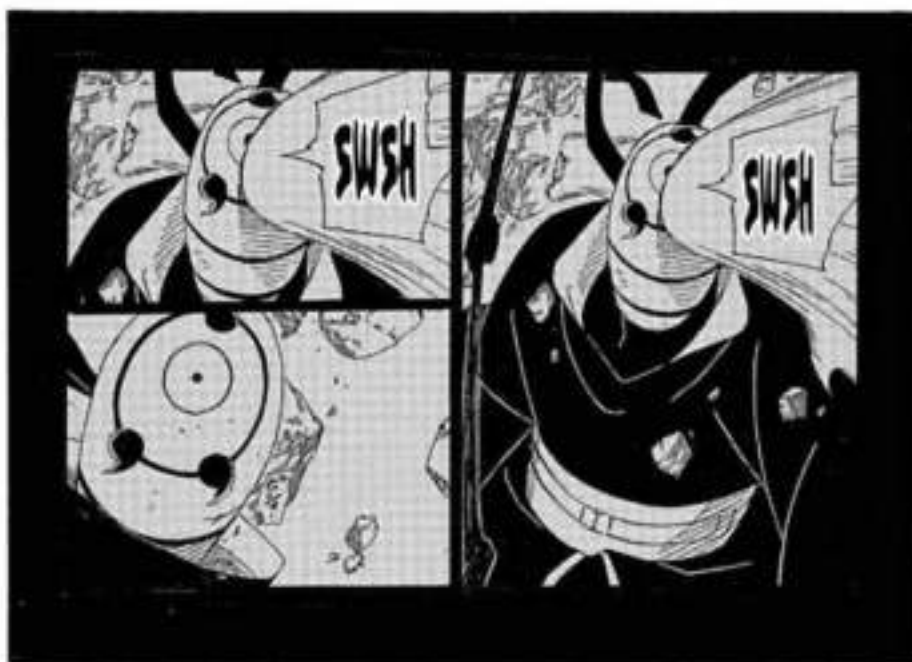


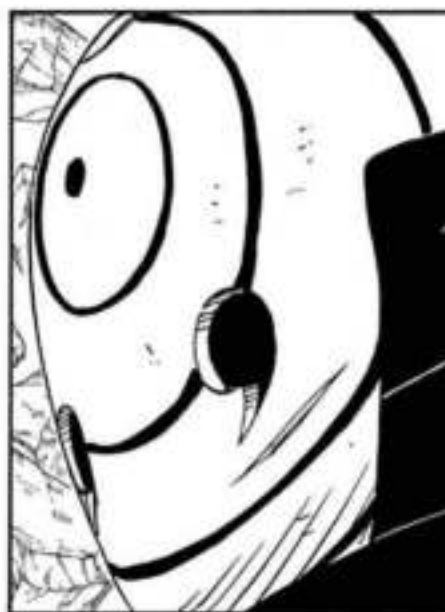
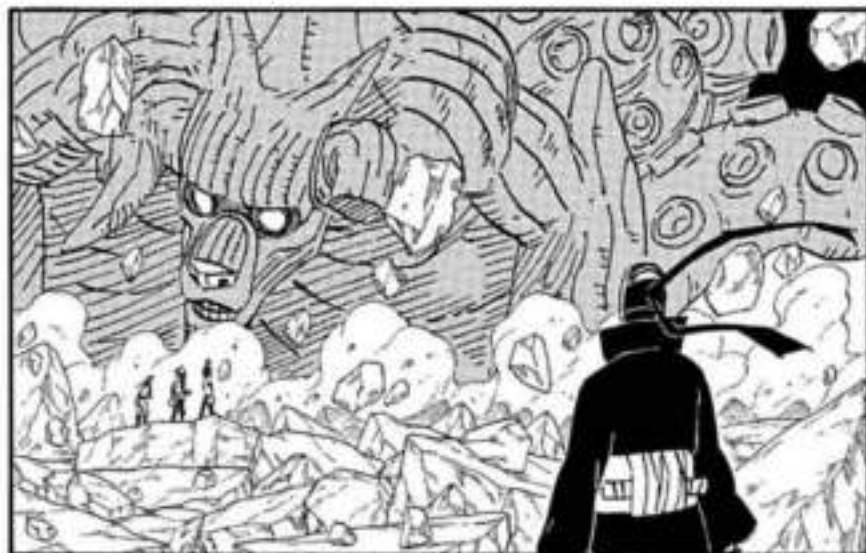


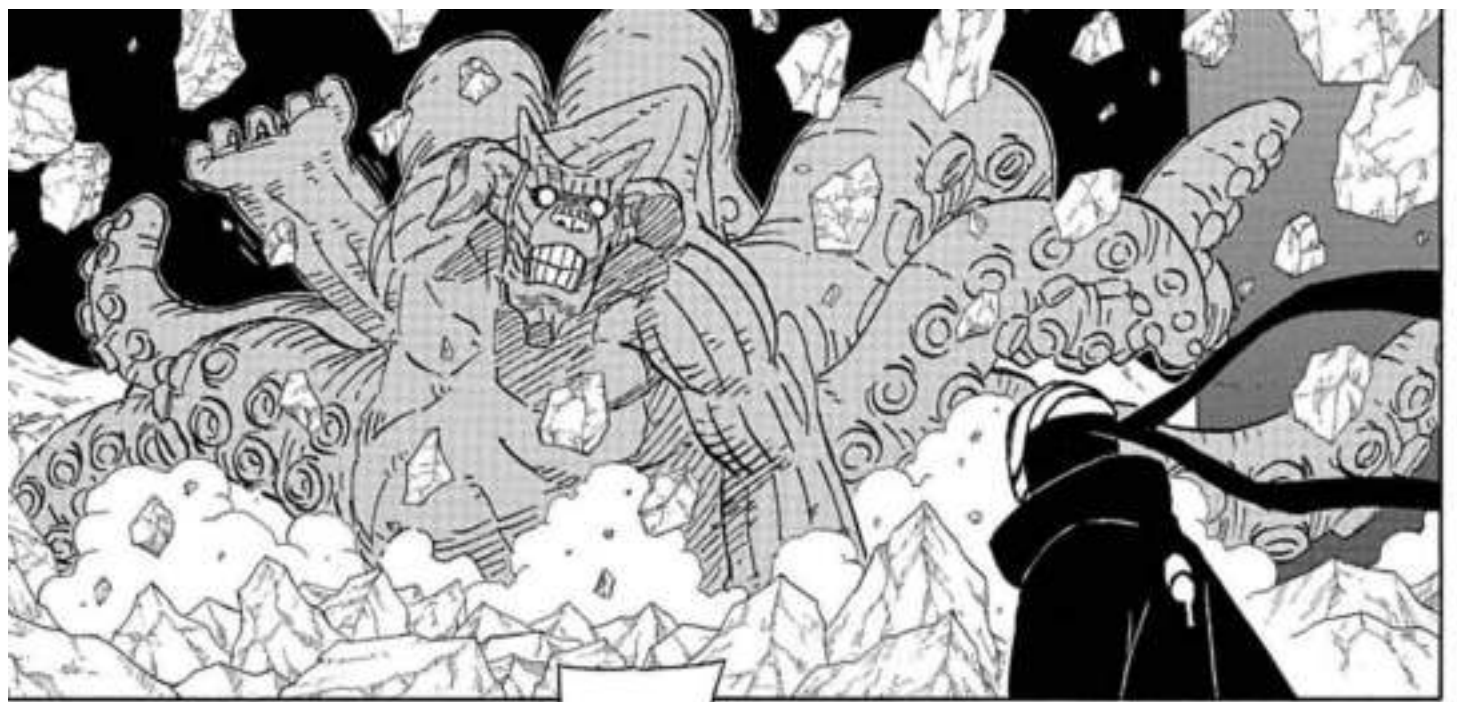












YO!!



WASH



ZOSH

ZOSH



ATCHAA!!



IMPRESSIVE DESTRUCTIVE POWER.

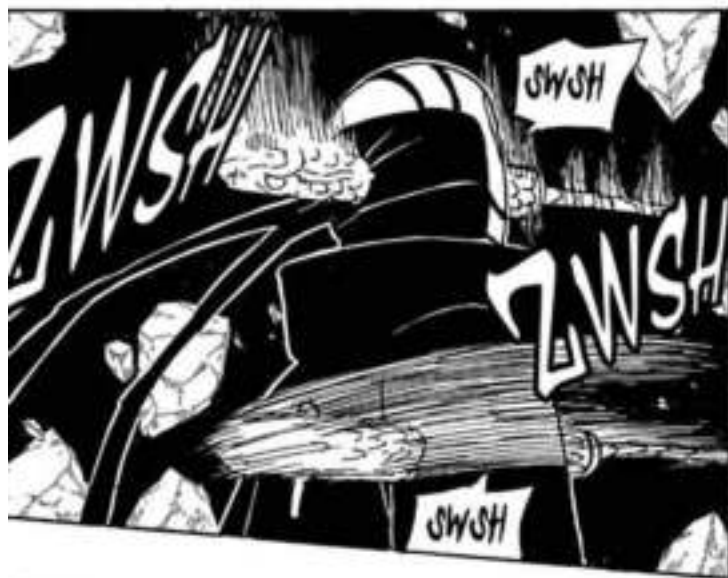


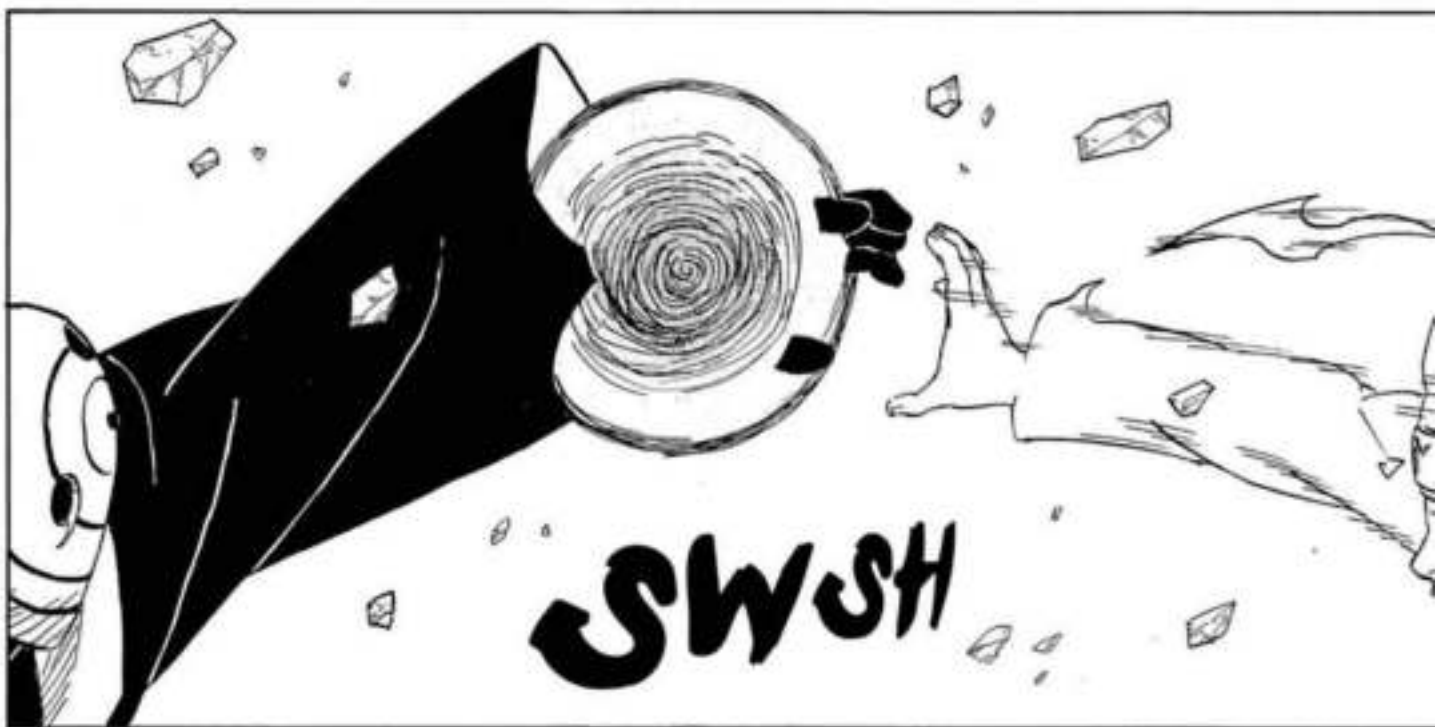
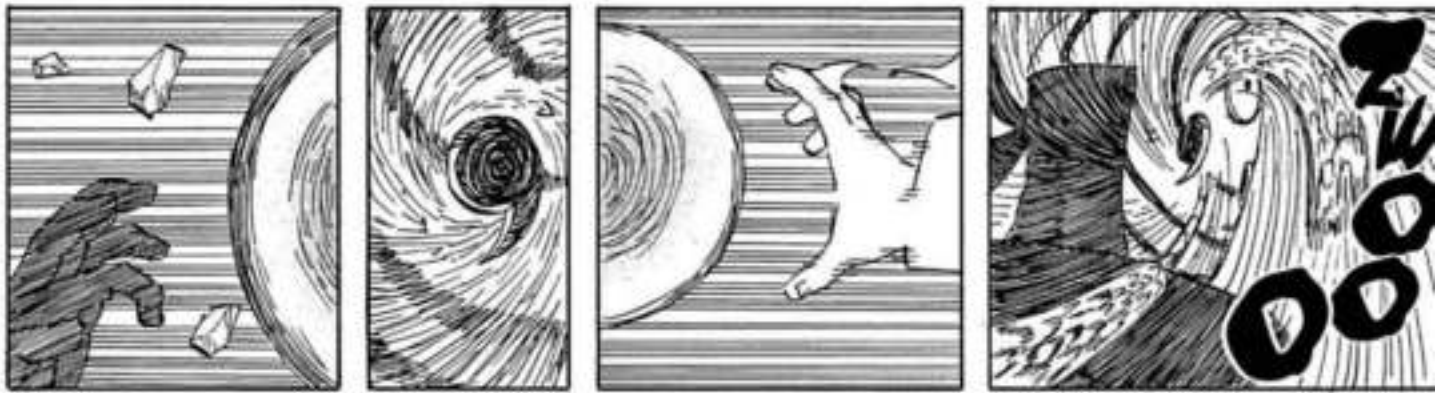
SWSH

TINK

TINK

SWSH









BO

!!!

OW





...BUT THAT YOU USED THE KAMUI TO SEND THE RASENGAN AWAY, EH... KAKASHI?



I ORIGINALLY THOUGHT YOU HAD TWO DIFFERENT JUTSU, THE ONE THAT LETS YOU SLIP THROUGH THINGS AND ONE THAT YOU USE TO SUCK THINGS IN OR TAKE THEM OUT. BUT THAT'S NOT THE CASE...

IT'S JUST AS I SUSPECTED...



IT'S ALL ONE SINGLE JUTSU!!



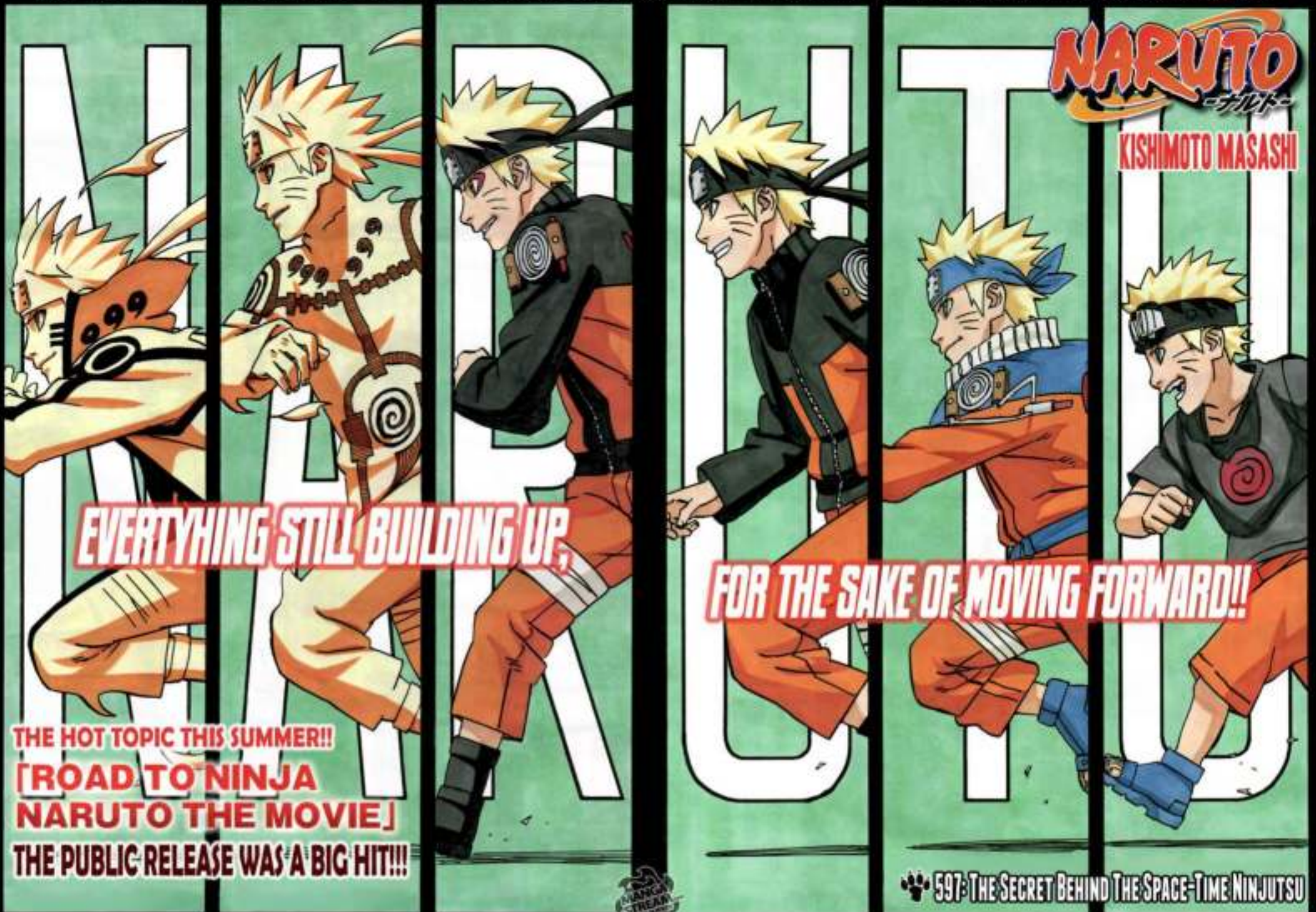


Number 597: The Secret of Teleportation Ninjutsu





THE MOVIE WAS A SUPER BIG HIT ON PUBLIC RELEASE!! & THE CLIMAX VS TOBI, OPENING COLOR PAGES!!



NARUTO
ナルト

KISHIMOTO MASASHI

EVERYTHING STILL BUILDING UP,

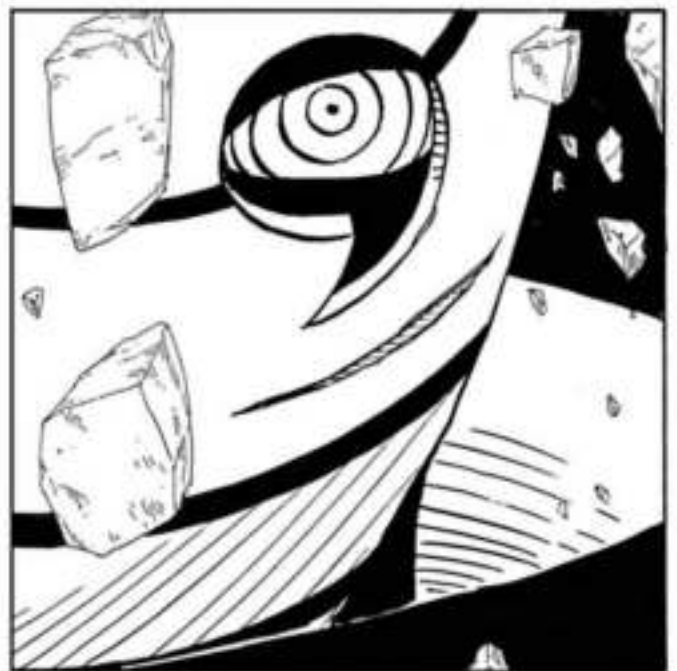
FOR THE SAKE OF MOVING FORWARD!!

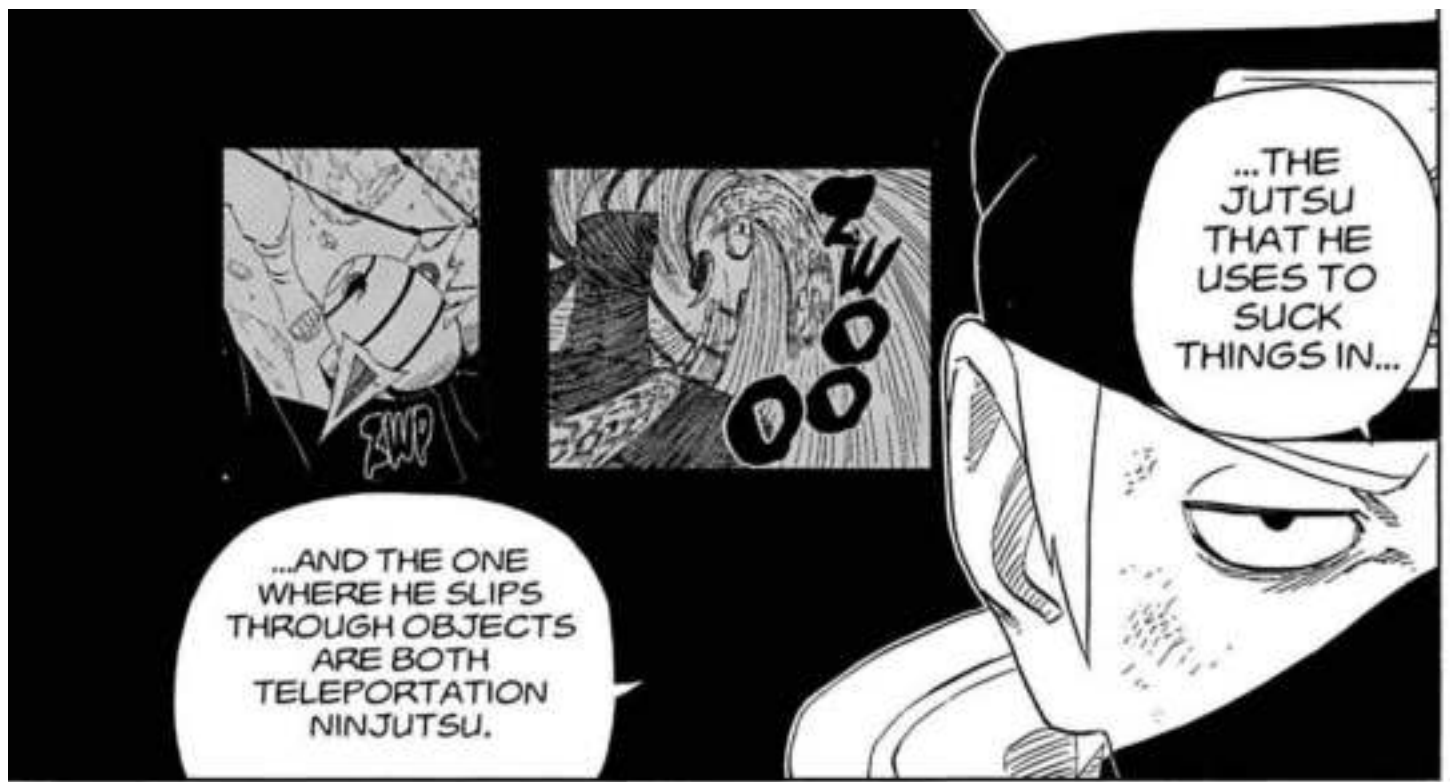
THE HOT TOPIC THIS SUMMER!!
[ROAD TO NINJA
NARUTO THE MOVIE]
THE PUBLIC RELEASE WAS A BIG HIT!!!

597: THE SECRET BEHIND THE SPACE-TIME NINJUTSU



NARUTO





...THE JUTSU THAT HE USES TO SUCK THINGS IN...

...AND THE ONE WHERE HE SLIPS THROUGH OBJECTS ARE BOTH TELEPORTATION NINJUTSU.



THAT GASH IS FROM MY LIGHTNING BLADE KUNAI KNIFE... NO MISTAKE.



FIRST, THAT MARK ON HIS MASK...

LET ME EXPLAIN IT IN ORDER...



HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

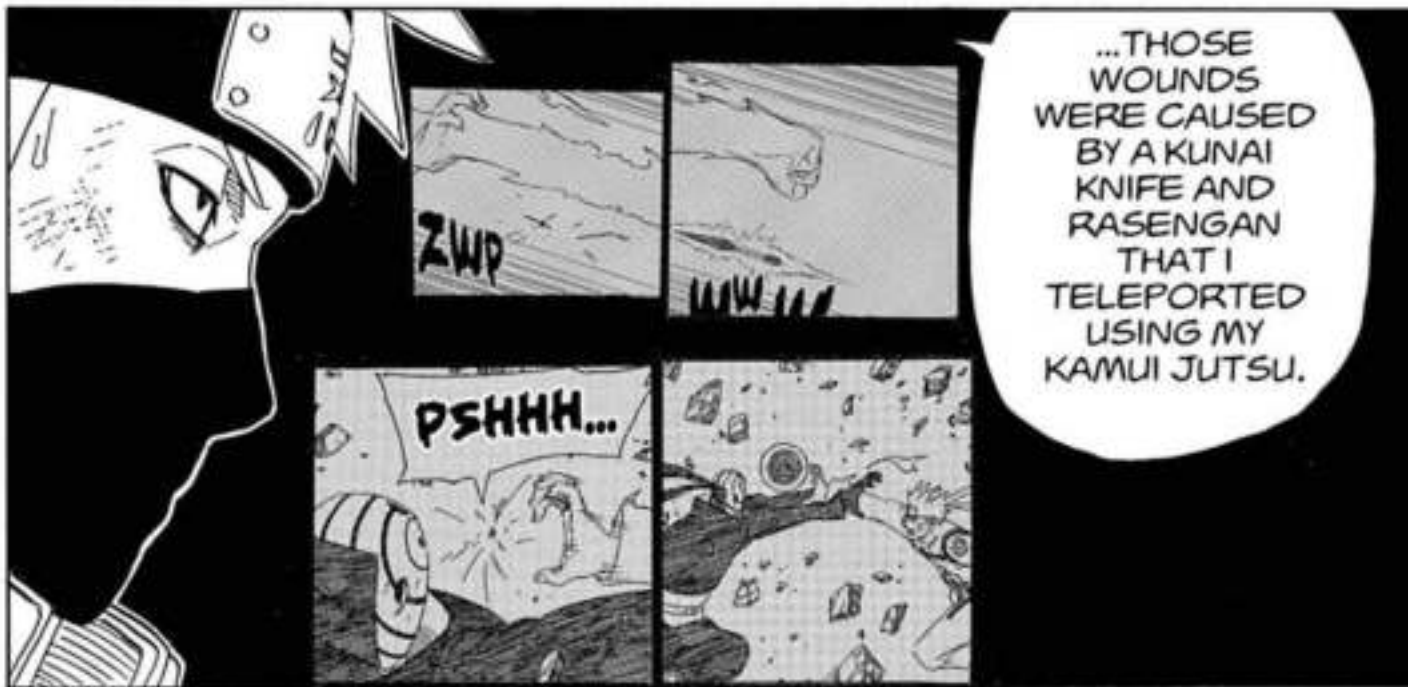


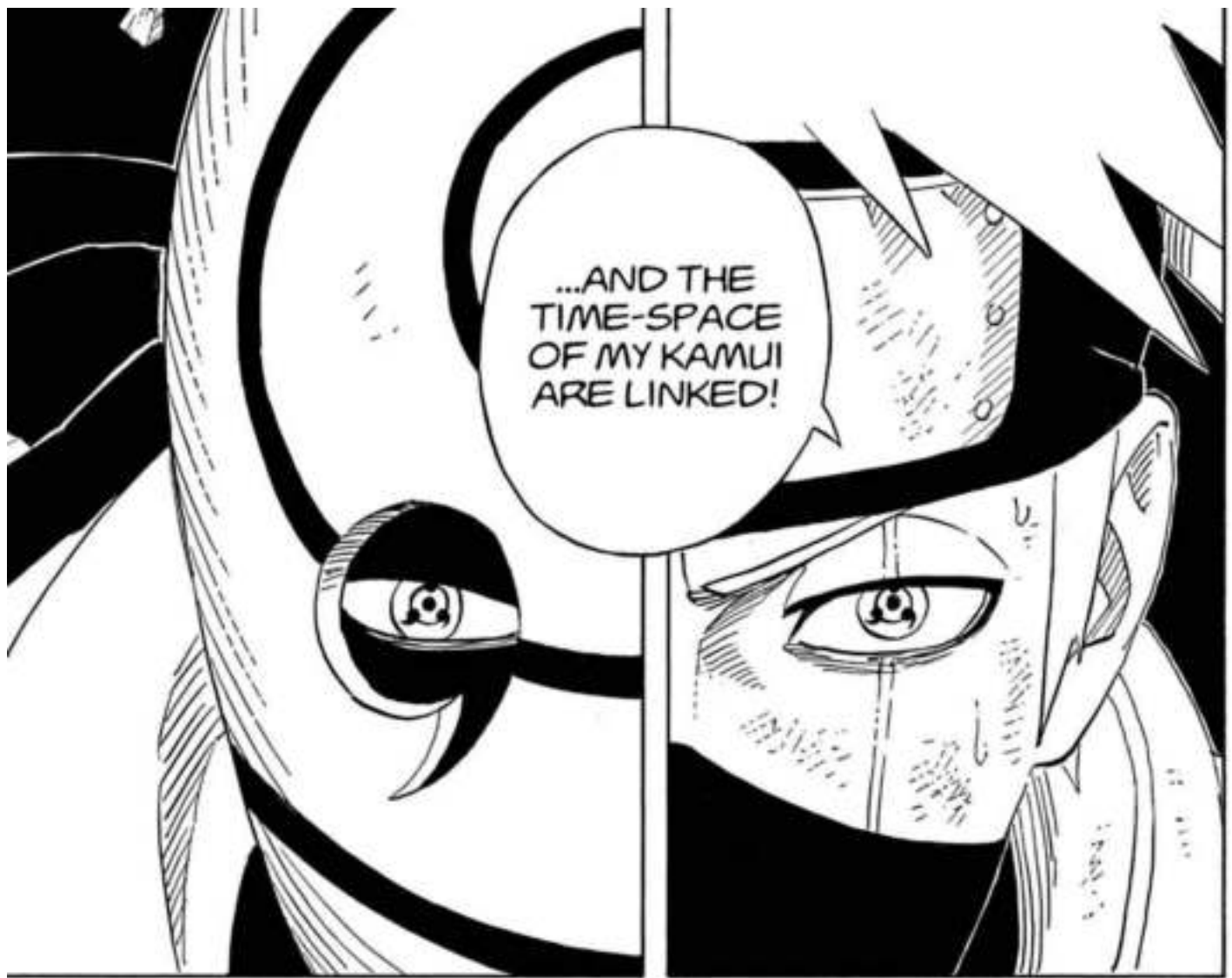
WHAT THE TWO SHARE IN COMMON...

...IS THEY BOTH INVOLVE AREAS OF HIS BODY THAT WERE OVERLAPPING AND IN CONTACT WITH NARUTO'S BODY WHILE HE WAS SLIPPING THROUGH HIM.



AND I CAN TELL FROM THE LOOK OF HIS RIGHT SHOULDER WOUND THAT IT WAS CAUSED BY THAT RASENGAN OF NARUTO'S JUST NOW.







THAT'S RIGHT, FOOL!

EVEN WITH SHARED TIME-SPACES, IT SHOULD STILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HIT A GUY THAT CAN SLIP THROUGH THINGS, YA FOOL!



NEVER MIND THAT. WHY DID YOUR KUNAI KNIFE HIT AND NOT MY PUNCH?!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



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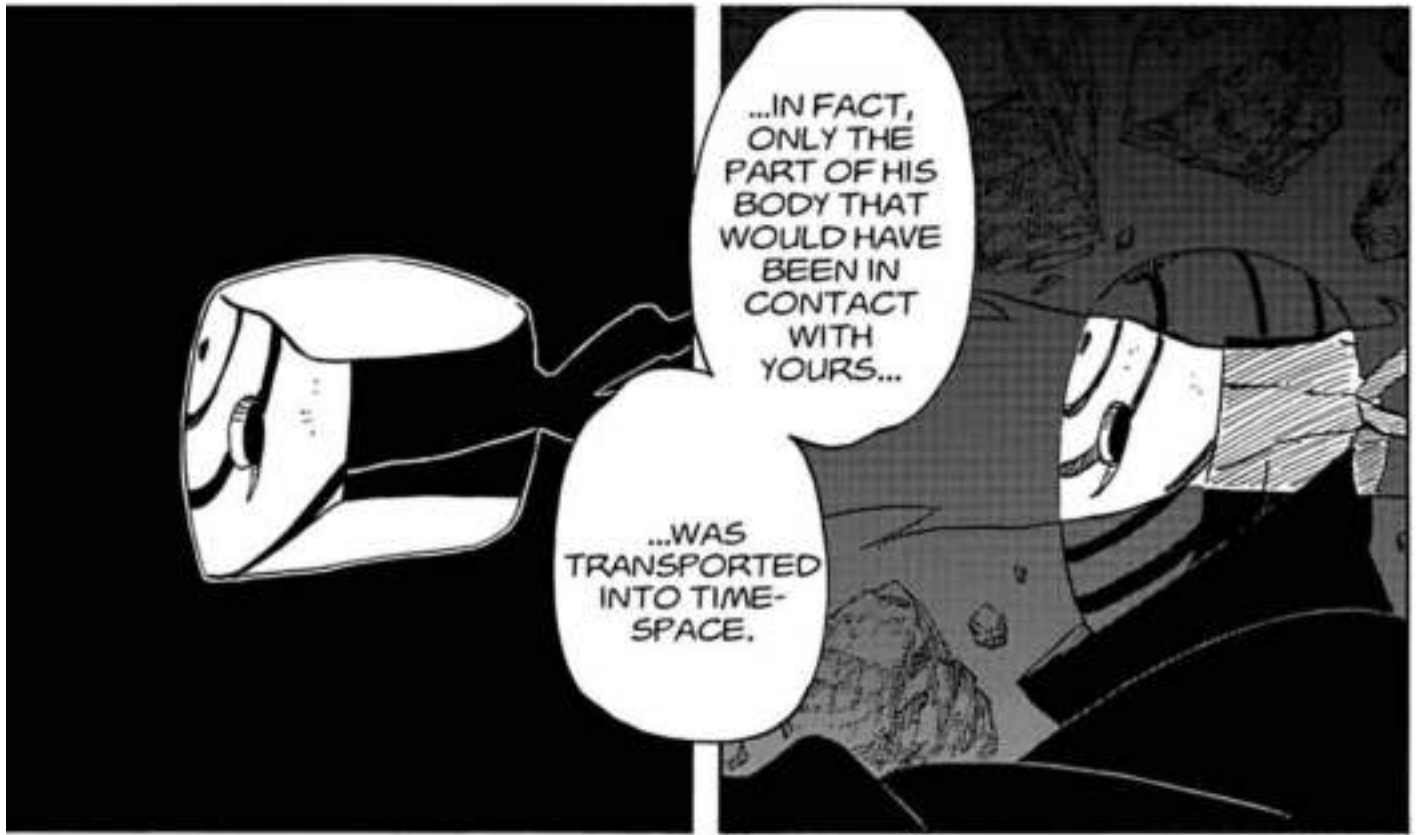
...WAS WRONG.

EXCEPT THAT OUR THEORY THAT HE SLIPS THROUGH THINGS...



ALTHOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR ATTACK SLIPPED RIGHT THROUGH HIM...





...IN FACT,
ONLY THE
PART OF HIS
BODY THAT
WOULD HAVE
BEEN IN
CONTACT
WITH
YOURS...

...WAS
TRANSPORTED
INTO TIME-
SPACE.



I HURLED THAT
KUNAI KNIFE INTO
TIME-SPACE
USING THE KAMUI,
REMEMBER?

AND THEN,
ALMOST
SIMUL-
TANEOUSLY
...



...TRANS-
PORTED INTO
TIME-SPACE
AND NO
LONGER
EXISTED ON
THIS PLANE.

IN SHORT, THE
LEFT SIDE OF
HIS MASK
THAT YOUR
PUNCH
"SLIPPED
THROUGH"
WAS SIMPLY...

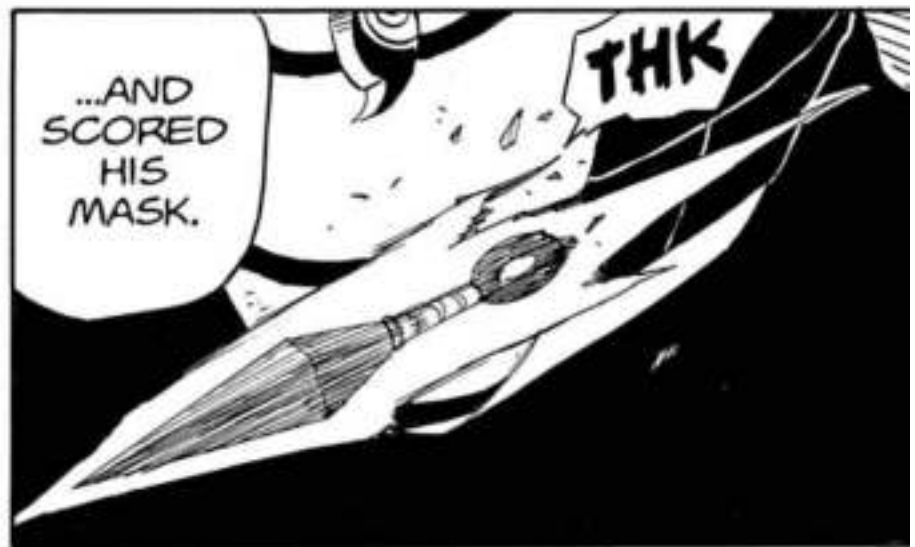


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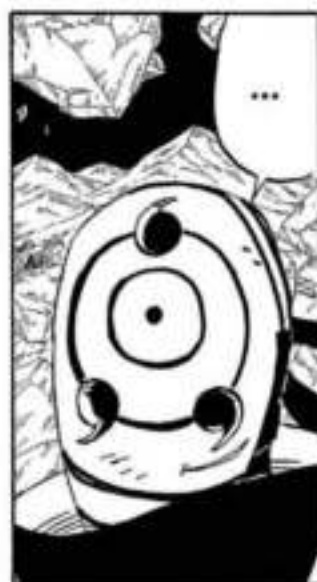
WWW



AT LEAST
MATERIALLY.











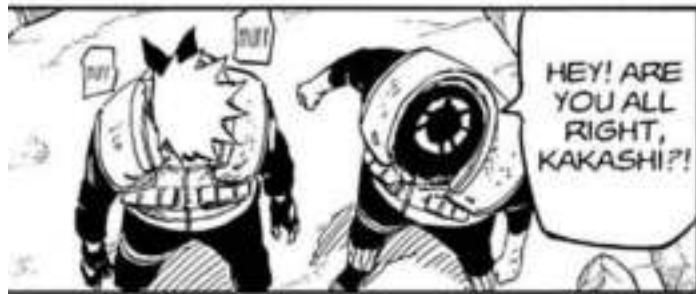


I'M GOING TO
CREATE A
WORLD WHERE
IT WON'T BE
NECESSARY
FOR A HERO TO
PATHETICALLY
MAKE EXCUSES
IN FRONT OF A
GRAVE.



THAT IS WHY I
SHALL GUIDE IT
TOWARD THE
DREAM OF
INFINITE
TSUKUYOMI.

YOU'VE
SEEN
REALITY, SO
YOU OUGHT
TO KNOW...
NOT ONE
WISH EVER
GETS
GRANTED
IN THIS
WORLD.



HEY! ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT,
KAKASHI?!



SNATCH



YOU'RE
STILL
YAKKING
ABOUT
THAT?!

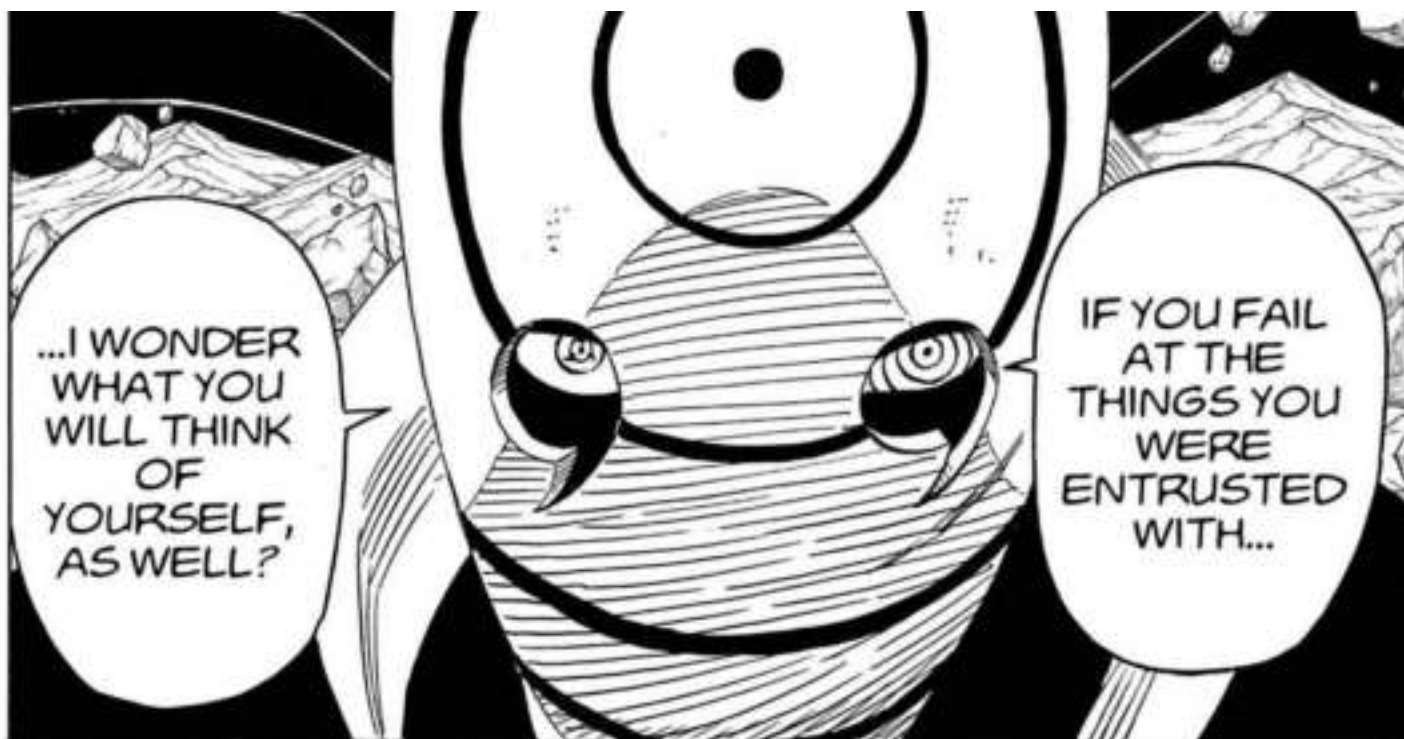
BASTARD!

SHUP!

SHUP!







...I WONDER
WHAT YOU
WILL THINK
OF
YOURSELF,
AS WELL?

IF YOU FAIL
AT THE
THINGS YOU
WERE
ENTRUSTED
WITH...



BOTH THE
ENTRUSTED
AND THOSE
THAT DID THE
ENTRUSTING...
ALL IN VAIN.



...ALL
THAT
AWAITS
YOU IS
EMPTY
REALITY.

IF YOU
POSTPONE
DEALING WITH
PROBLEMS
AND COVER IT
UP WITH THE
WORD
"HOPE"...



...BECAUSE
I TRUSTED
THAT YOU
WOULD
MASTER
THIS
POWER...

I SEALED
HALF OF
THE NINE
TAILS'
CHAKRA
INSIDE
YOU...



