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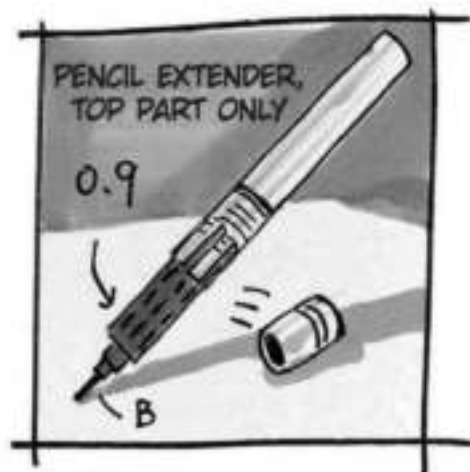
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There's something that I discovered only very recently, in regards to how I draw my manga drafts. I found a B lead 0.9 mm mechanical pencil very easy to draw with. And if I stick it in a pencil extender—that socket you put on the end of a pencil stub to keep using it—it's even easier to draw with. It really reduces the time it takes me to complete a draft!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2014



Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.





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THE START OF A
CRIMSON SPRING

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CHARACTERS



Sasuke
うちはサスケ



Naruto
うずまきナルト



Sakura
春野サクラ



Kakashi
はたけカカシ



Yamato
ヤマト



Sai
サイ



Obito
うちはオビト



Kurama
九喇嘛



Tsuchi no Oni
土影



Raikage
雷影



Gaara
我爱罗



Tsunade
綱手



Orochimaru
大蛇丸



Eight Tails
八尾



Kakashi
卡卡西



Mizuki
水影



Juugo
重吾



Karin
香燐



Suibetsu
水月



Madara
宇智波 斑



Minato
鸣人



Hiruzen
三代目火影



Tobirama
二代目火影



Hashirama
初代目火影

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. And the Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki finally begins. Obito absorbs the Ten Tails and summons forth the Divine Tree in order to activate the Infinite Tsukuyomi. However, during the battle, Naruto reminds Obito of the days when he wished to be Hokage. Now defeated, Obito tries to make amends for his mistakes, but Madara soon takes control of the situation and the war continues!



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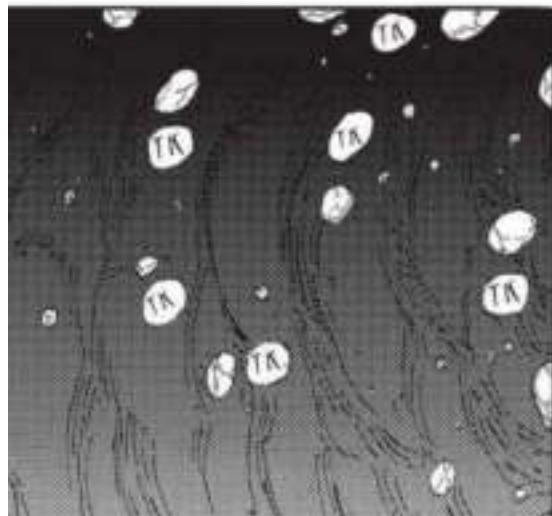
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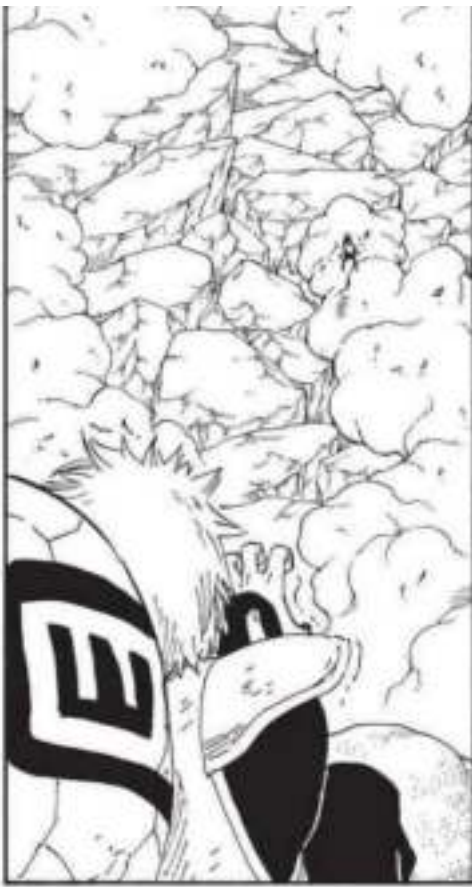


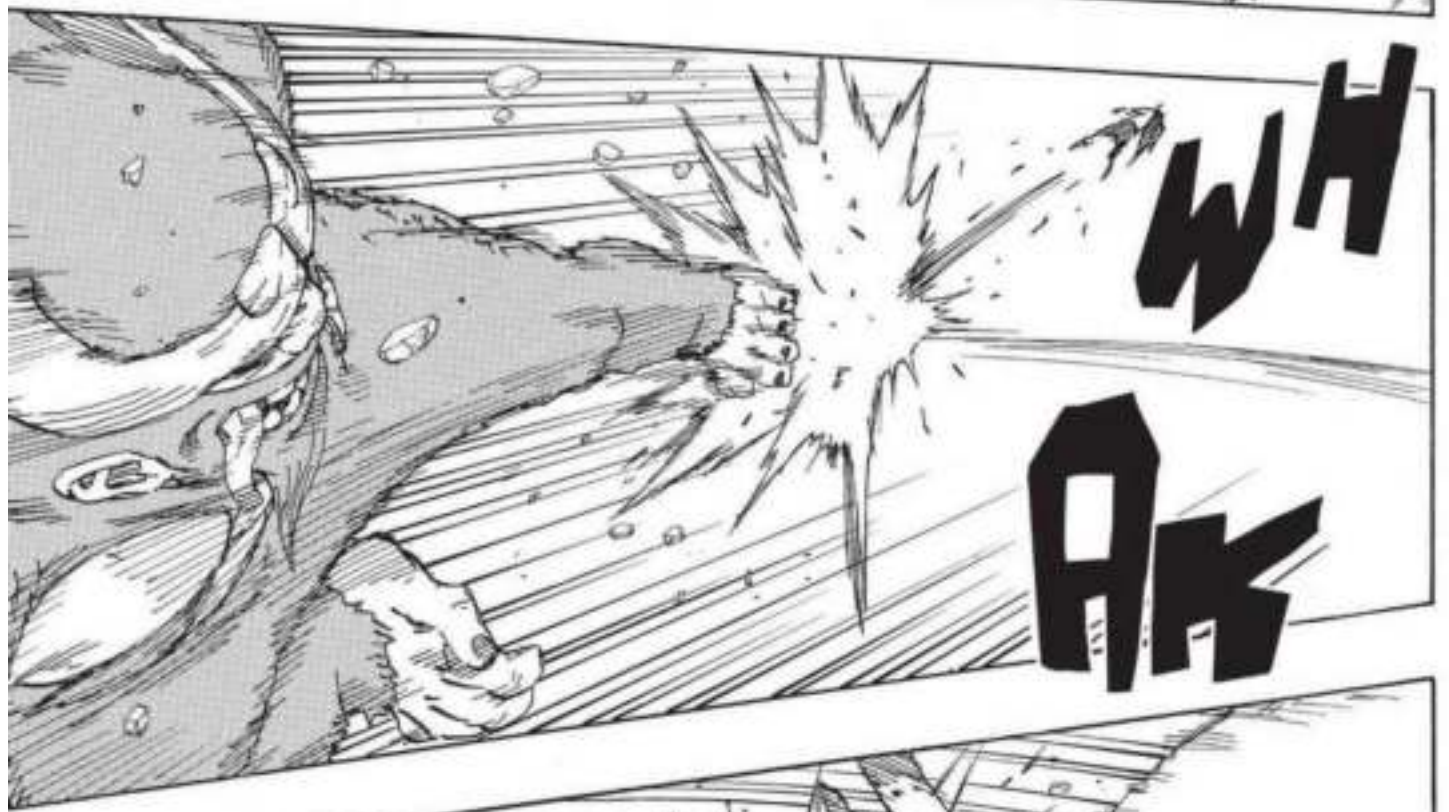
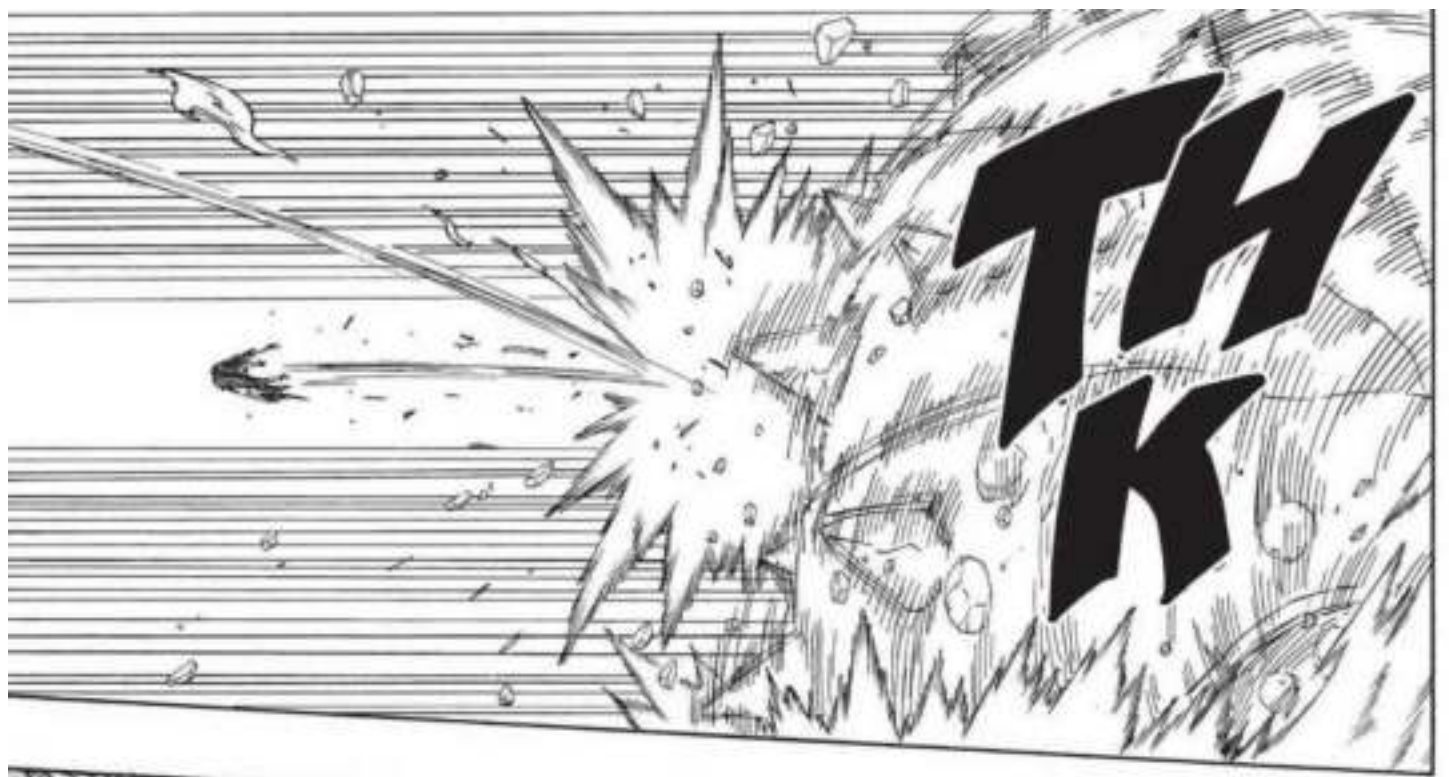


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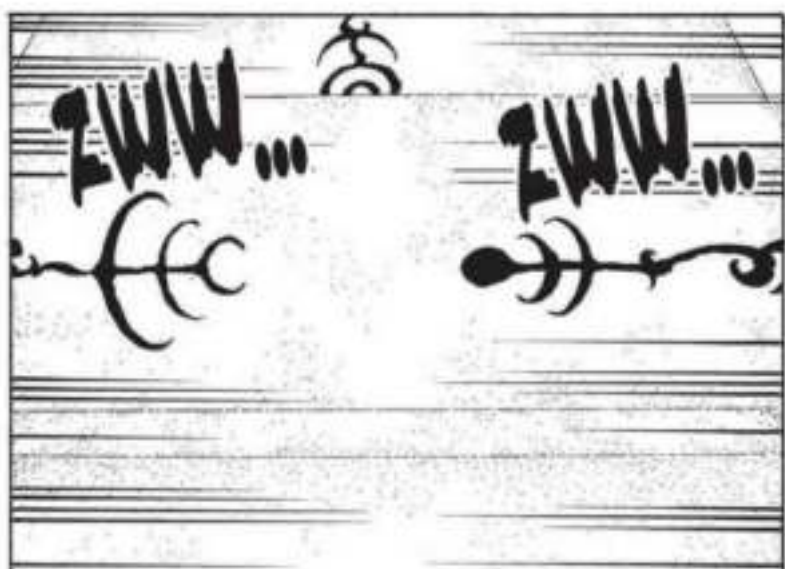
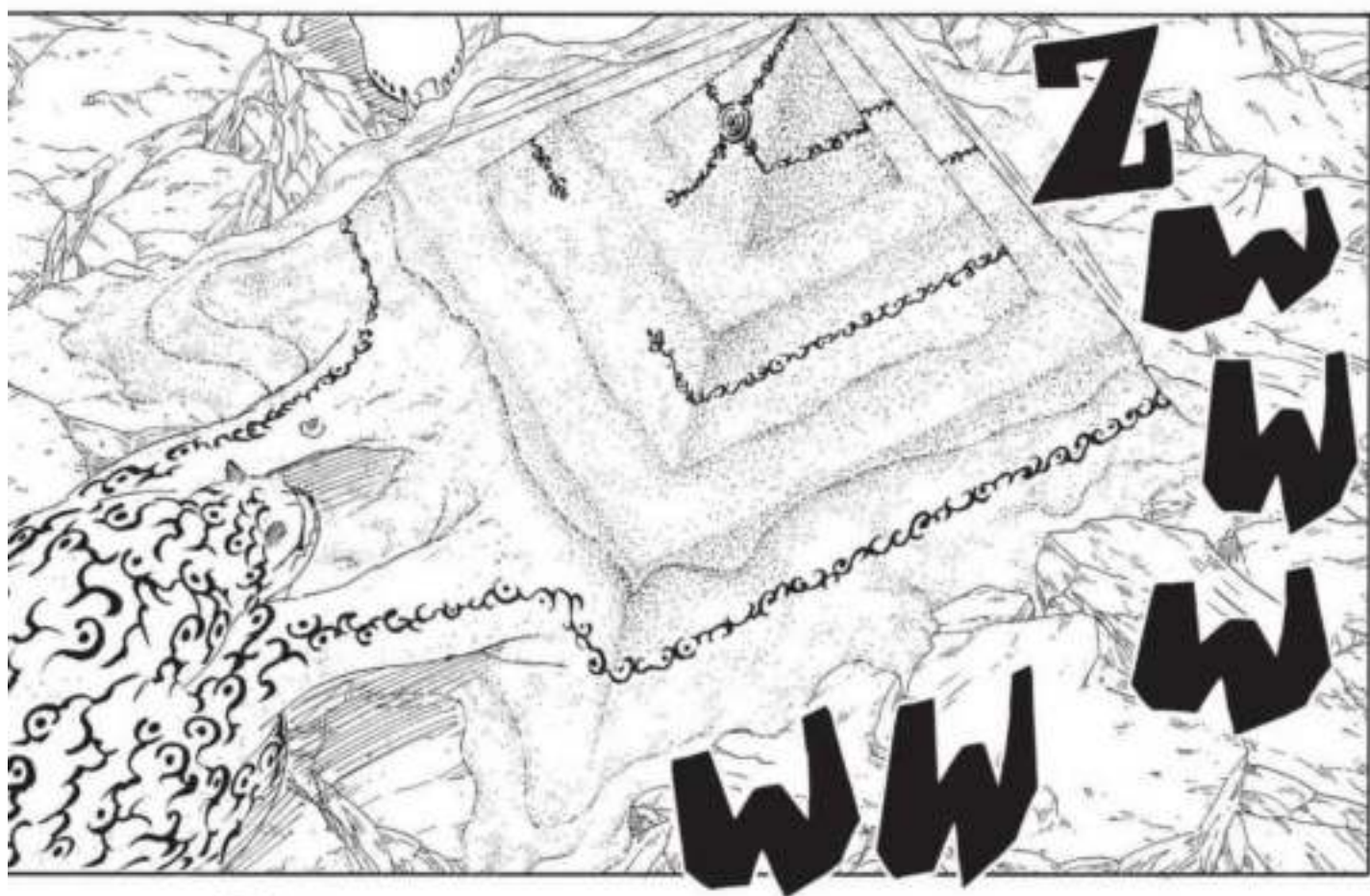












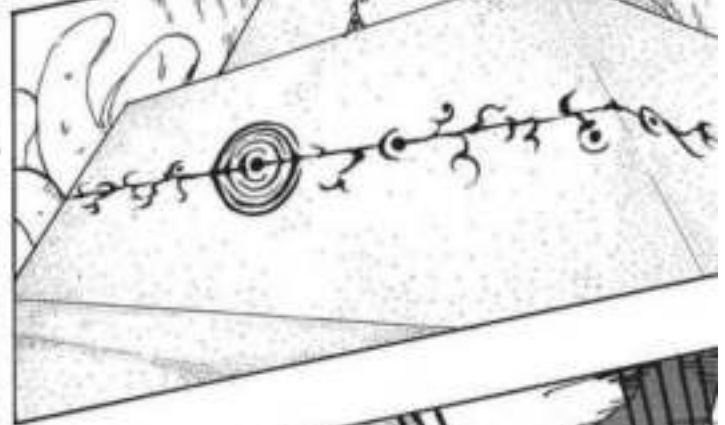


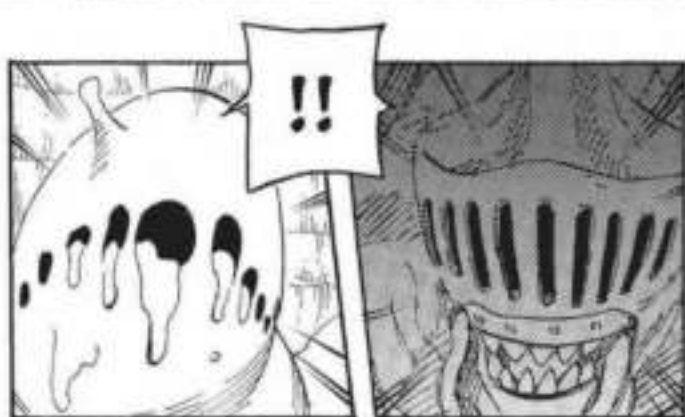
HE'LL NEVER TAKE ANOTHER BREATH OF FRESH AIR AGAIN! GWA HA HA HA!!

IT'S A MAUSOLEUM SEAL THAT USES MY BODY'S SAND AND CURSE MARK PATTERN!



GRAND SAND MAUSOLEUM SEAL!!







THERE'S NONE
AMONG US
WHO'LL WAG
OUR TAILS AT
YOU!

SL

AM

I WON'T
LET YA!!



SORRY
WE'RE
LATE!

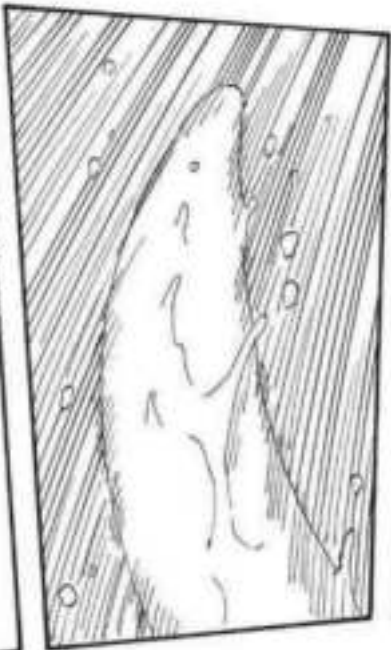
THD-THD-THD-

WE WERE
MOVING
THE
INJURED!

NO WORRIES!
AND THERE
OUGHTN'T BE
ANY MORE
CASUALTIES
NOW. IT'S
ENDGAME!

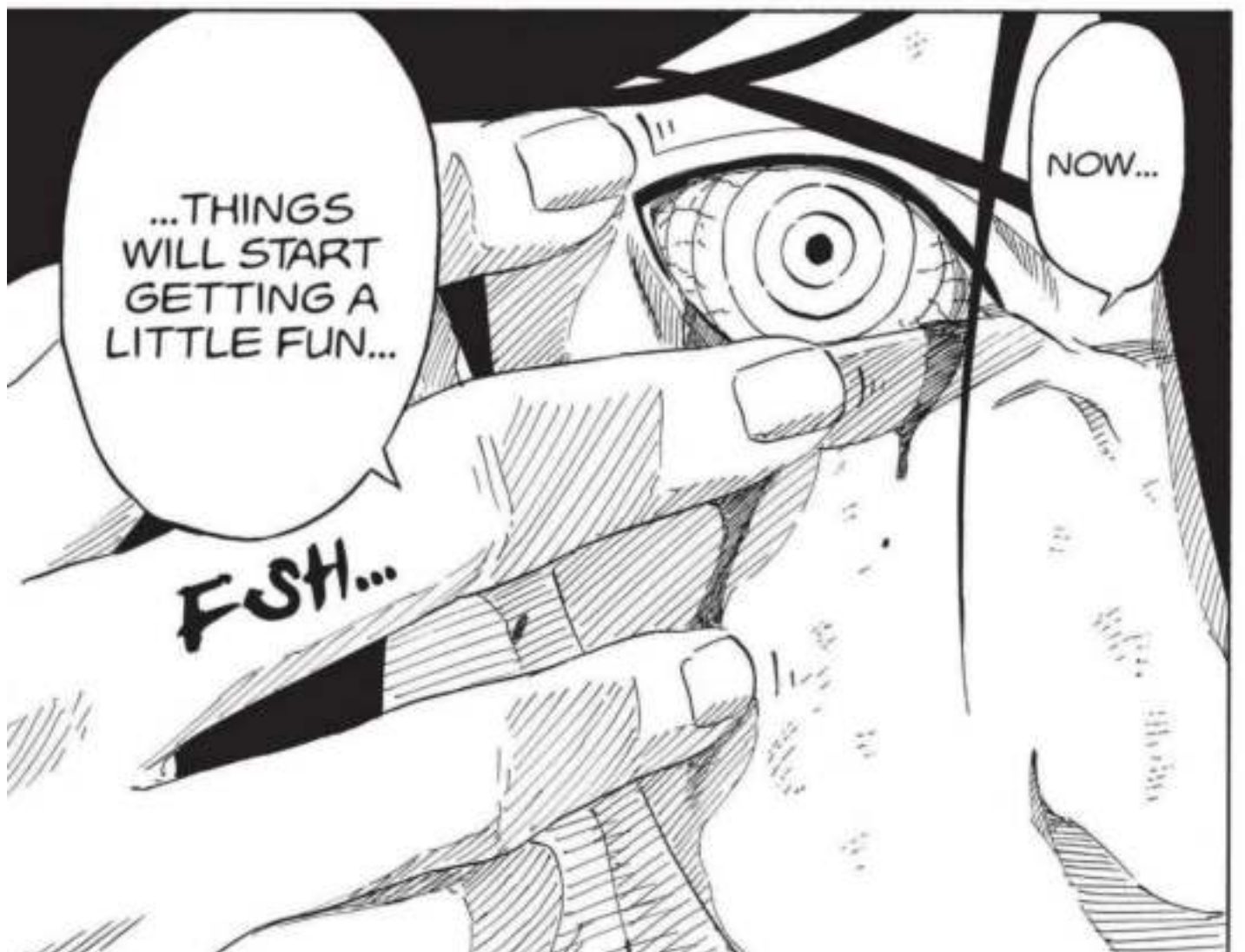


KRAK KRAK













 Number 659: Limbo Hengoku





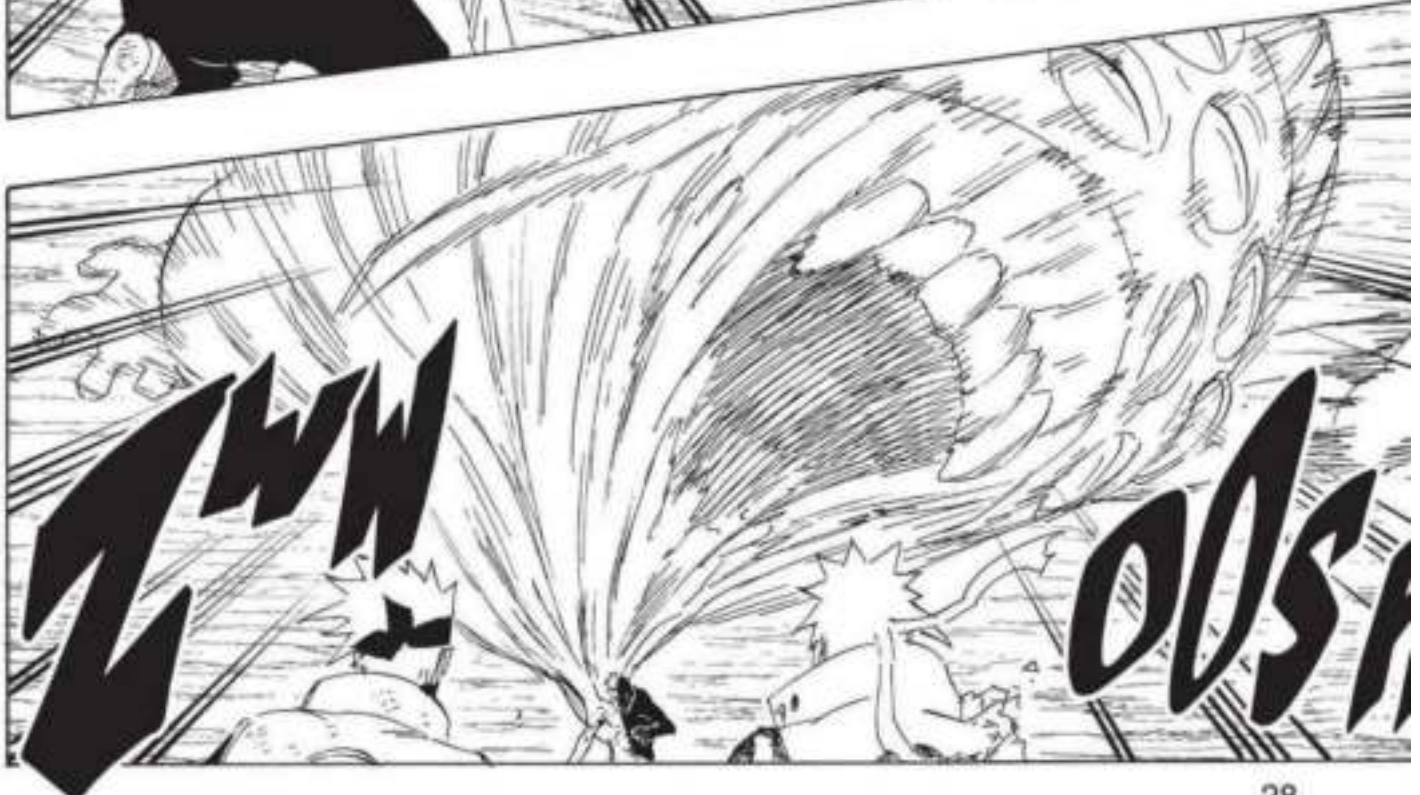
HA
HA
HA

HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA



I CAN
FINALLY...
FULLY
EXPERIENCE
BATTLE
AGAIN!!















IT'S NOT SOME TRIVIAL THING FOR THE LIKES OF YOU TO KEEP.

HUFF



THE ONLY ONES WHO'VE EVER AWAKENED THE RINNEGAN ARE THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS AND MADARA.

HUFF

THIS LEFT EYE CAME TO YOU VIA NAGATO... BUT IT'S TIME THAT IT RETURN TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNER.



...AND IT'S ALREADY IN LORD MADARA'S HANDS.

HEH HEH... WHITE ZETSU FOUND THE RIGHT EYE A WHILE AGO...



...AND I'LL HAVE KAKASHI DESTROY THE LEFT ONE NOW.

I'VE HIDDEN THE RIGHT EYE...



FSH



YOU'D BE DEAD IF I WEREN'T STUCK TO YOU, YOU KNOW.

QUIT RESISTING, YOU HALF-DEAD, NO-LONGER-USEFUL FOOL.



!



...AND TAKE THE RINNEGAN OFF MY DEAD BODY...

... THEN UNATTACH YOURSELF...



I KNOW THE STRENGTHS AND ABILITIES OF THESE TWO.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT I WAS THE AKATSUKI'S INTEL GATHERER?



...BEFORE I GRAB THE RINNEGAN.

NO. THE MOMENT I SEPARATE FROM YOU, THESE TWO WILL KILL ME...



DON'T COMPARE ME WITH THAT BRAT WHO TOOK YEARS TO RETRIEVE THOSE PETS.

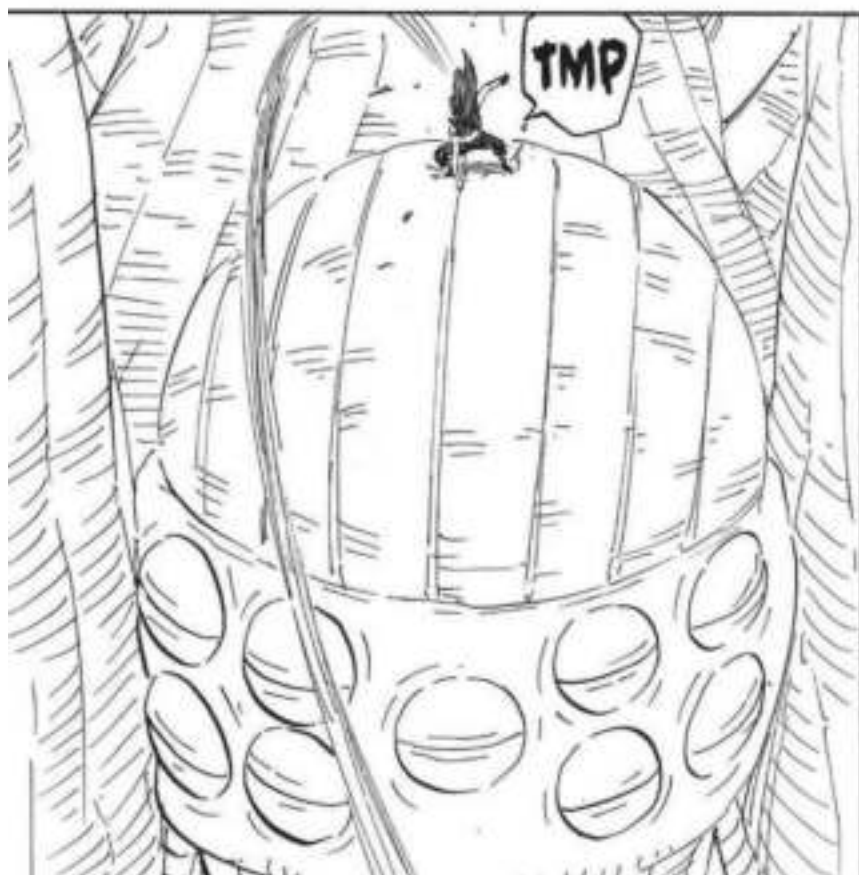
ZIZZZZZZ



THOUGH THIS COULD TAKE SOME TIME TOO.

IT DOES SEEM SO.

IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE WHILE LONGER FOR THAT LEFT EYE.

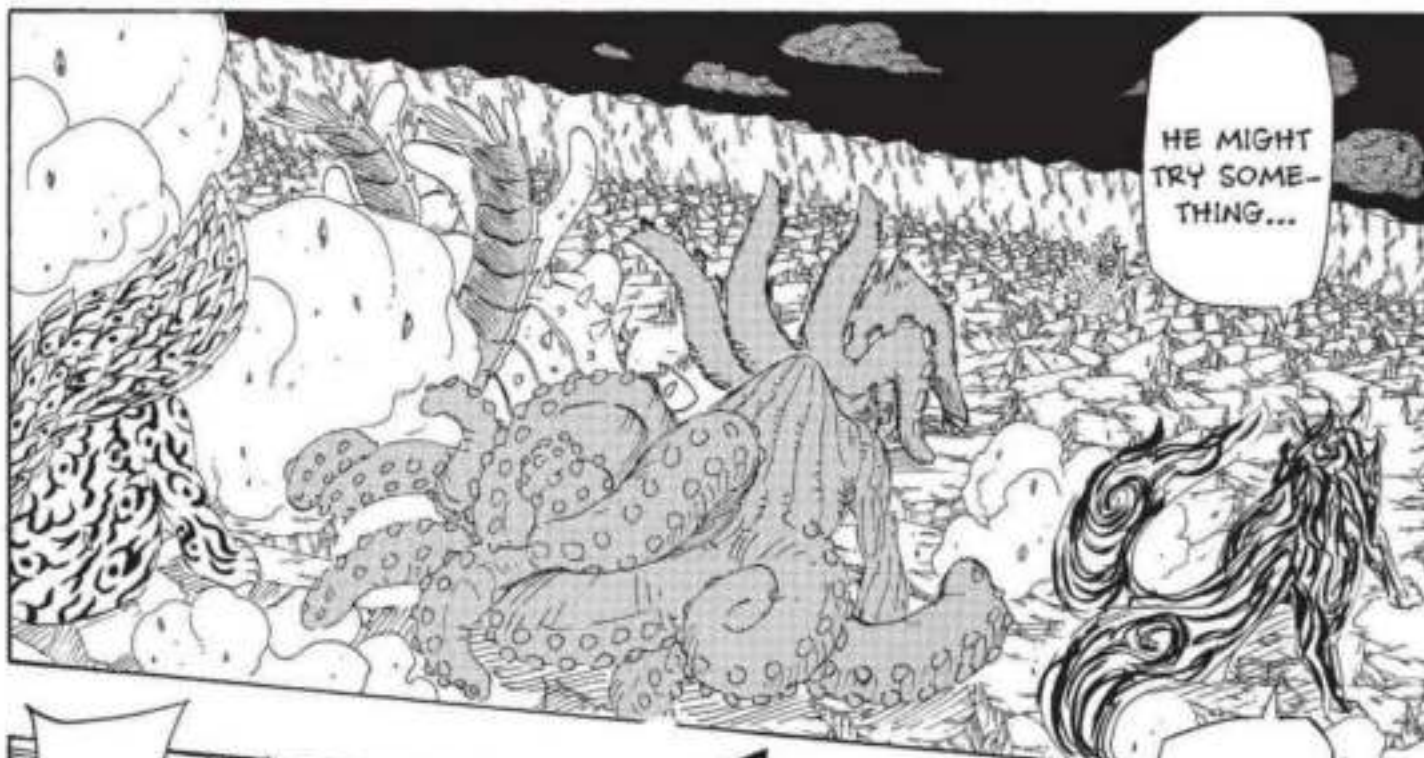




LIMBO
HENGOKU!!

SHIK

EEN



HE MIGHT
TRY SOME-
THING...



?!

...SO
WATCH--

TA

KA



ARGH!!

**KRA
KRA**



HUH?!

**SL
AN**



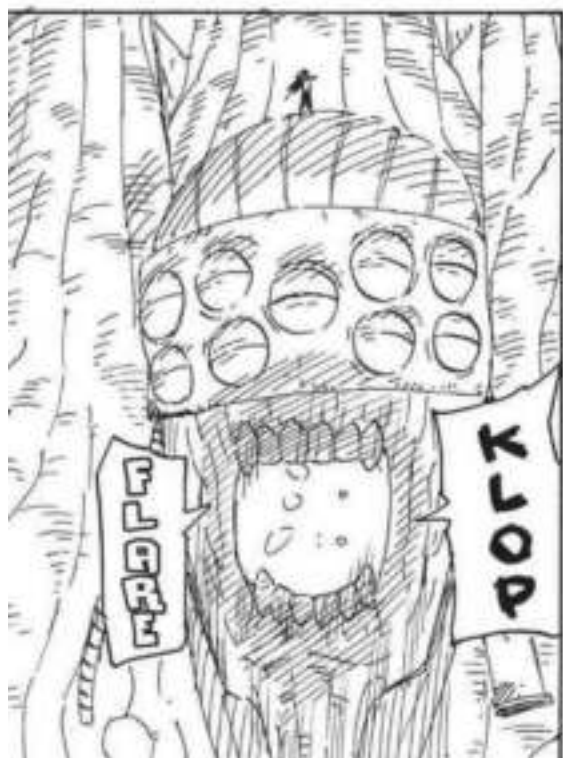
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**TR
MO
P**







TWO

OOSH



FURRRL

ZZS !!

SHH

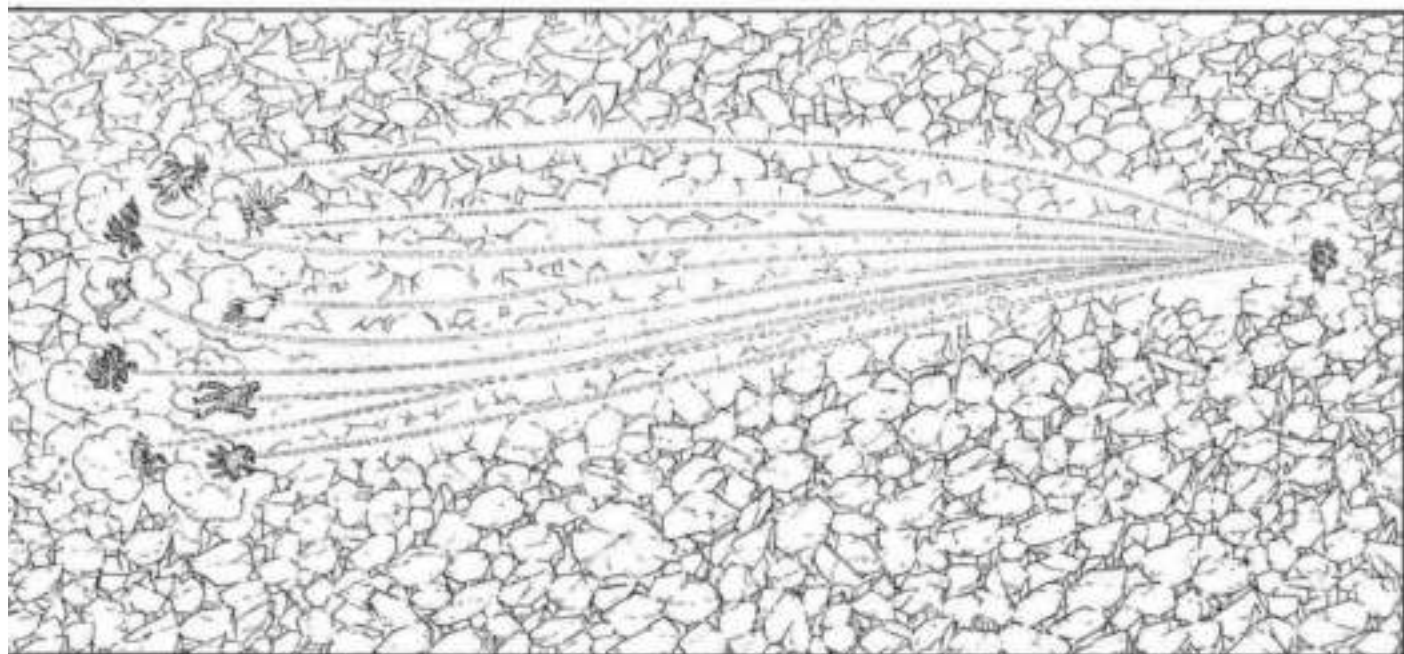
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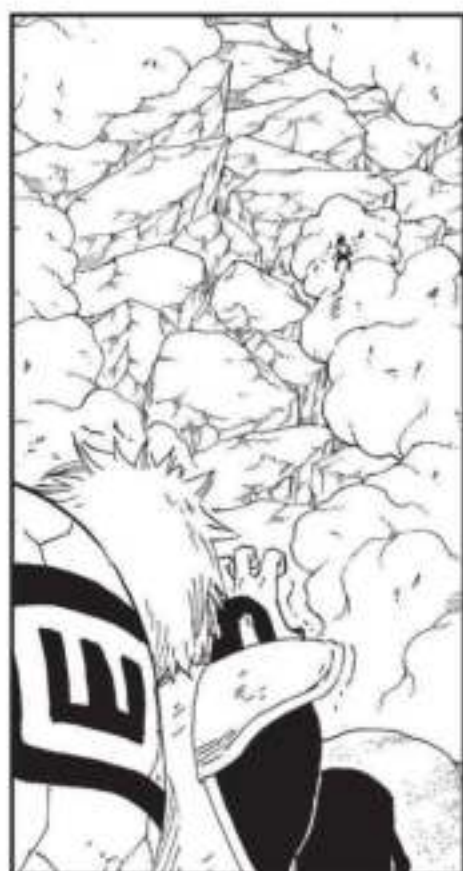
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HEHH

KAKI

KLAK







Number-660: One's True Heart





DAMMIT... I'M BEING PULLED BACKWARDS!!

UGH!!



...WHY NOT PULL IN ONE TAIL THROUGH SEVEN TAILS IN THE INTERIM?

SINCE THE BIJU YOU'RE DRAGGING OUT OF THEIR JINCHURIKI ARE THE FINAL TWO...



I KNOW.



LORD MADARA! YOU MUST PLUG THEM IN ORDER, STARTING WITH ONE TAIL!



YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS LOOKS LIKE IT'LL TAKE LONGER THAN I EXPECTED...

SO THEN, LET'S...

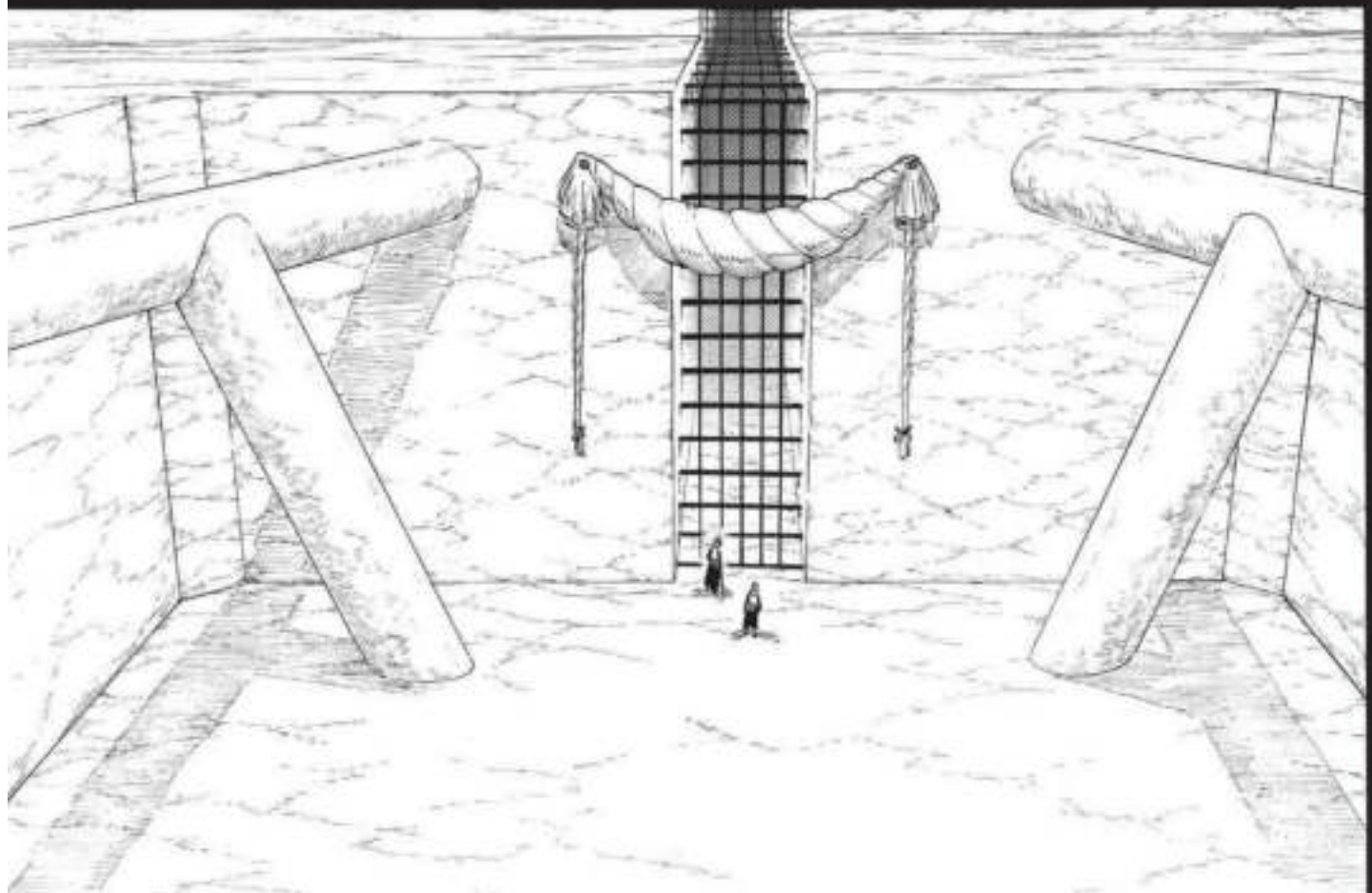


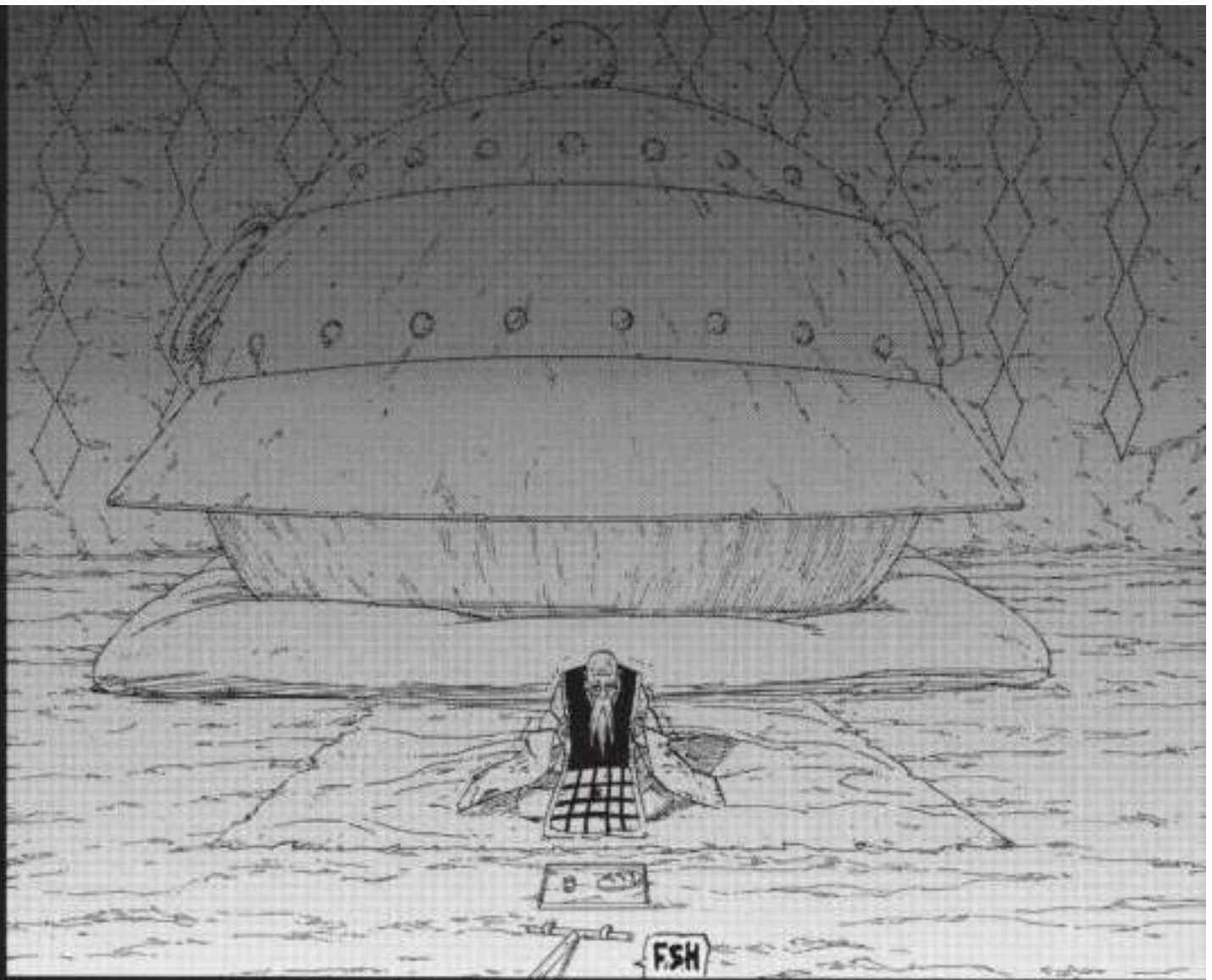
BASTARD !!

I AIN'T LETTING YOU TAKE KURAMA FROM ME!!









WHY DO WE HAVE TO STAND GUARD OVER SUCH A WEIRD OLD MONK EVEN THOUGH WE'RE SENIOR SHINOBI?!



I KNOW, BUT TO BE ASSIGNED JINCHURIKI WATCH DUTY IS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ONE'S STRENGTH... STOP GRIPING AND DEAL WITH IT.





SINCE YOU KNOW MY TRUE NAME,

I DON'T REALLY MIND.

POOR DAMN MONK... THEY DON'T EVEN CALL YOU BY YOUR NAME ANYMORE...



...SINCE I'M A JINCHURIKI...

WELL, I'D DIE THE MOMENT I'M SEPARATED FROM YOU...



CAGED UP TOGETHER WITH A MAN-HATING BEAST WHO'S BEEN WITH YOU EVER SINCE YOU WERE BORN?

YOU MAY BE A MONK, BUT DON'T YOU EVER GET LONELY PUTTING UP WITH HUMANS WHO HATE YOU... AND A BEAST LIKE ME?



...!



THERE AIN'T EVER GONNA BE ANOTHER HUMAN LIKE YOU AGAIN.

I GOTTA SAY, YOU'RE AN ODD DAMN GEEZER.

NO... I THINK YOU'RE WRONG THERE.



A FRIEND OF THE HEART PROVIDES PEACE OF MIND, NO MATTER THE SPECIES.

BESIDES, THERE'S NO NEED... TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN MAN AND BEAST.

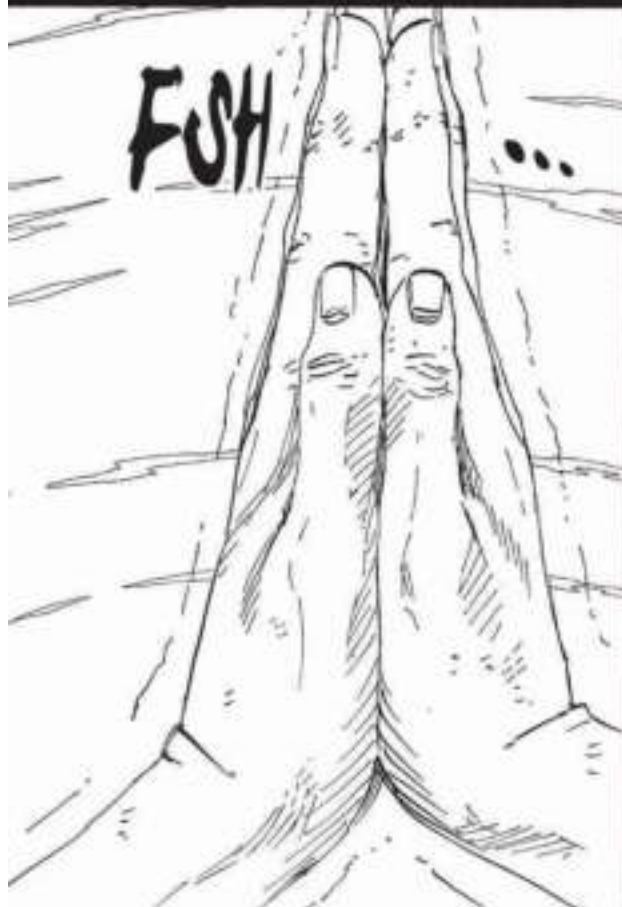
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TEXT: ACCEPTANCE

TEXT: HEART





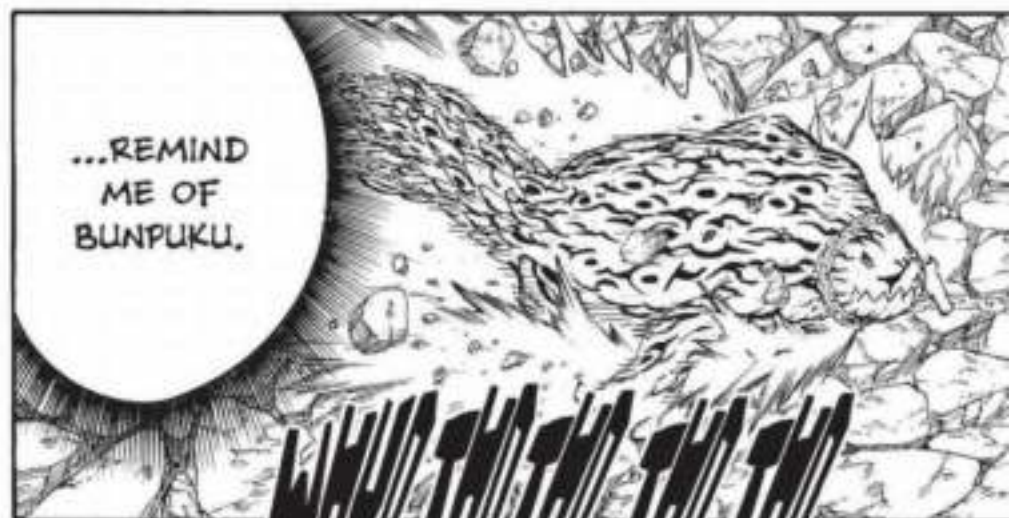
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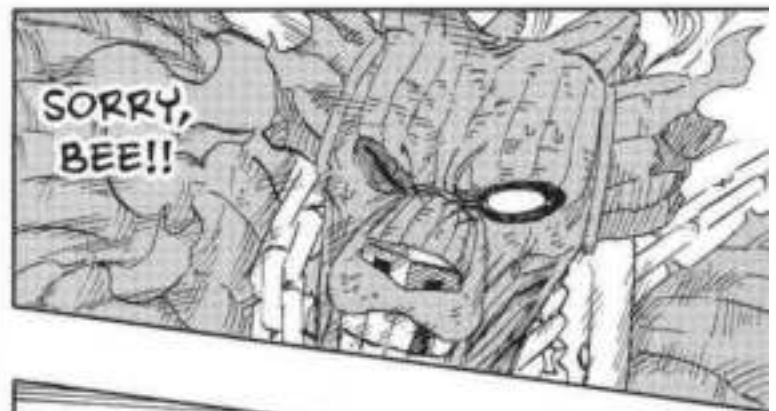


Number 661: A Failed World











YOU ARE ALL FLOPS, DUD INVENTIONS OF MINE... ALWAYS FINDING FAULT WITH ME.

HMPH... YOU REALLY ARE A CHATTERBOX.

WELL, BLACK ZETSU'S NICKNAME IS WICKED TONGUE, AND WE WHITE ZETSU CALL OURSELVES WAGGING TONGUES, SO, HA HA HA...
♪



WELL... THAT'S ABOUT ALL I CAN EXPECT FROM MY CURRENT STRENGTH.

RRRRRUMBLE



THOUGH YOU WERE FASTER THAN OBITO...

A BIT LONGER THAN A FEW SECONDS, EH?



FOR THE BASE IS PRETTY GOOD MATERIAL!

IT SHALL!



THE OTHER BATTLE IS GOING WELL?



...



FLYING
RAIJIN
SLICE
!!





FUR

SWISH



SNAG



!

WSH



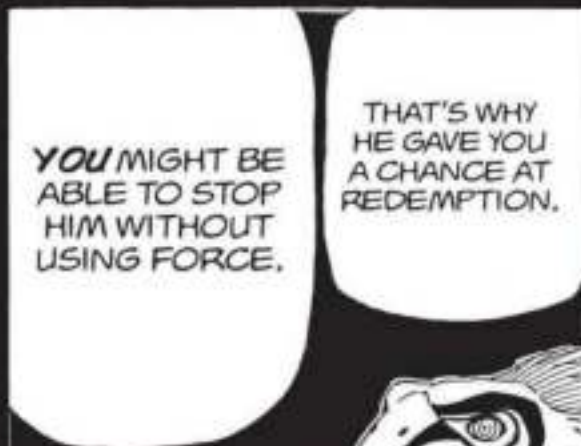
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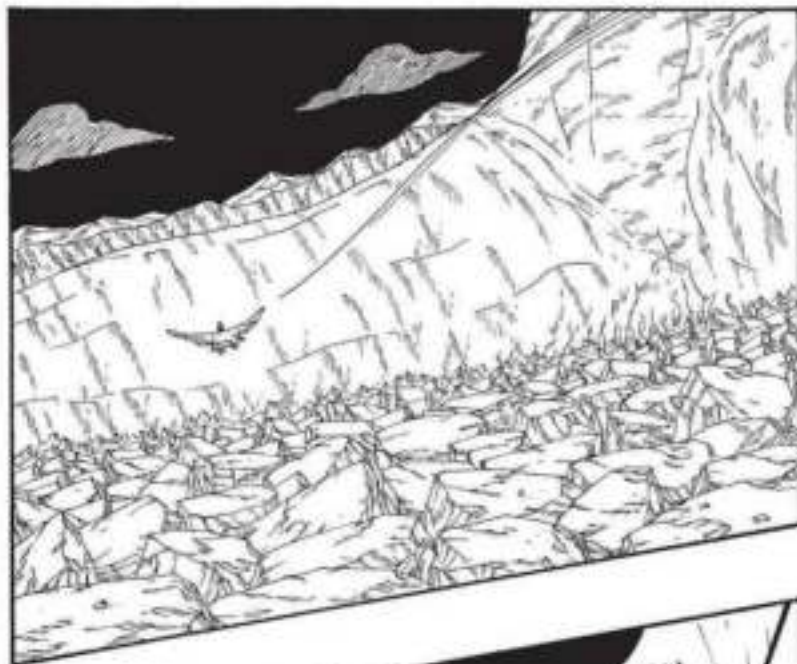


























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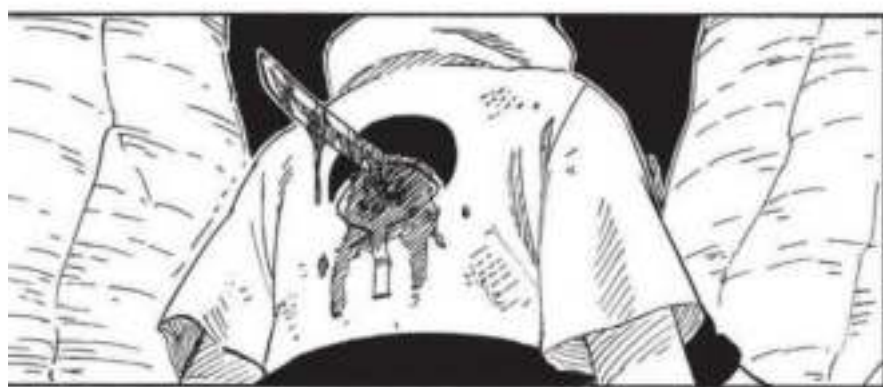
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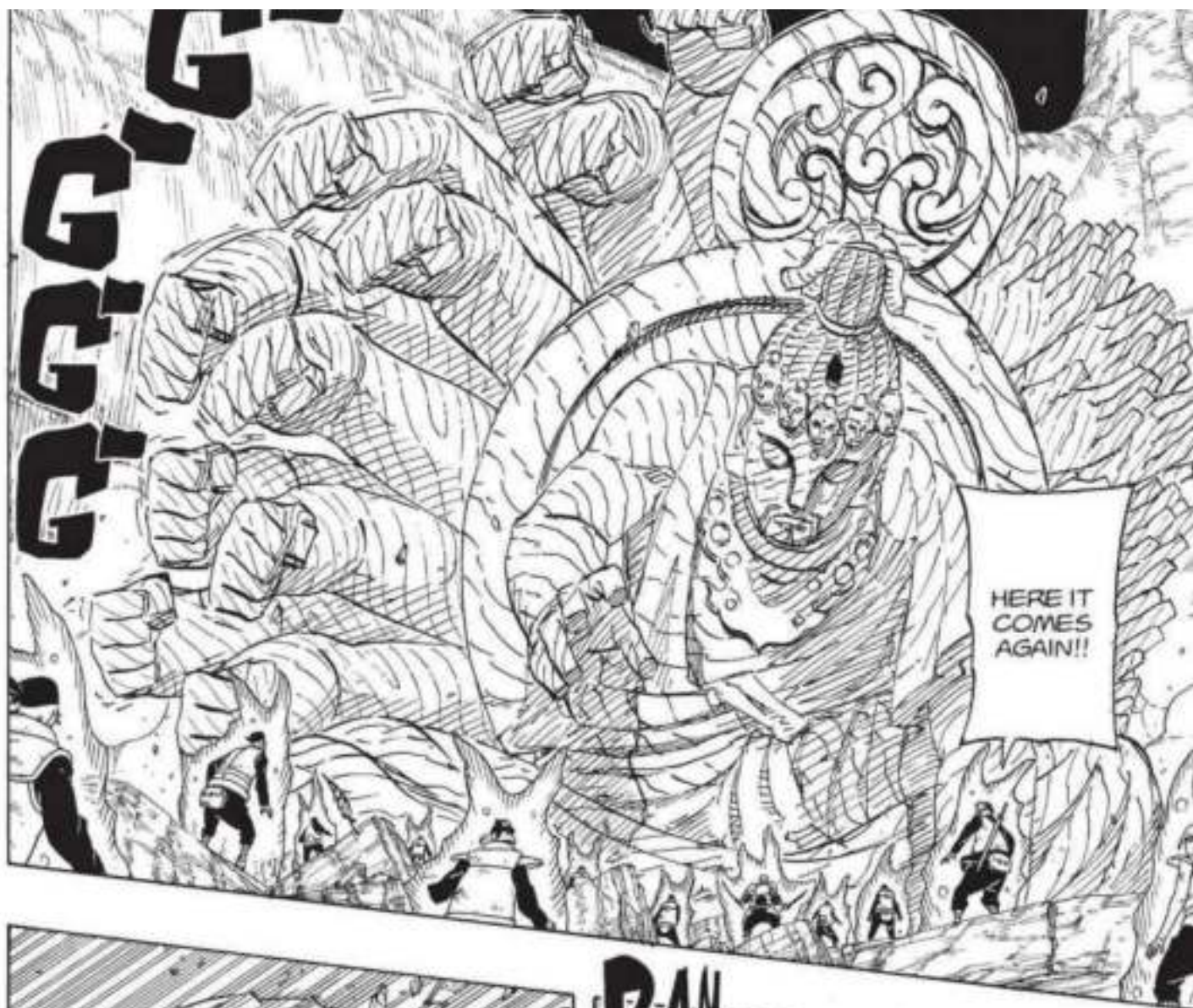
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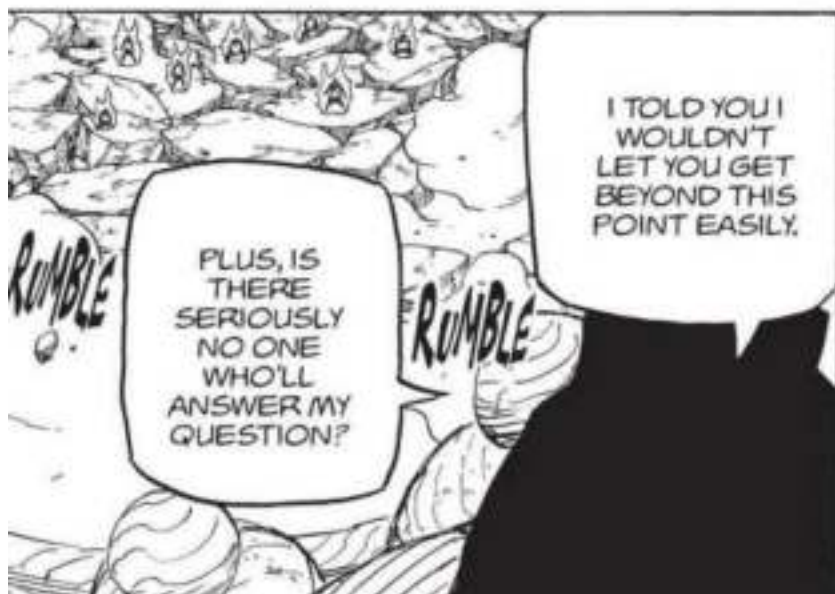


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...AND EVEN SHIZUNE AREN'T ABLE TO USE MEDICAL NINJUTSU ANYMORE.

TO BE HONEST, EVERYONE NEEDS TO START FIGHTING AS IF BOTH LADY TSUNADE, MYSELF...



FORGET MADARA... WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT HIM...

IF THIRD GOES DOWN, WE'RE TOAST...



RUMBLE

NOT YET...

RUMBLE

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE, LORD OROCHIMARU!



AND WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO REGROUP.

WE'VE BEEN USING BIG ATTACKS TOO LONG!



I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE MADARA TO NARUTO BOY...



THIS ENEMY...





















AT THIS RATE...

...NARUTO'S GONNA...

BA-DMP...



...GONNA...

BA-DMP...




...DIE!

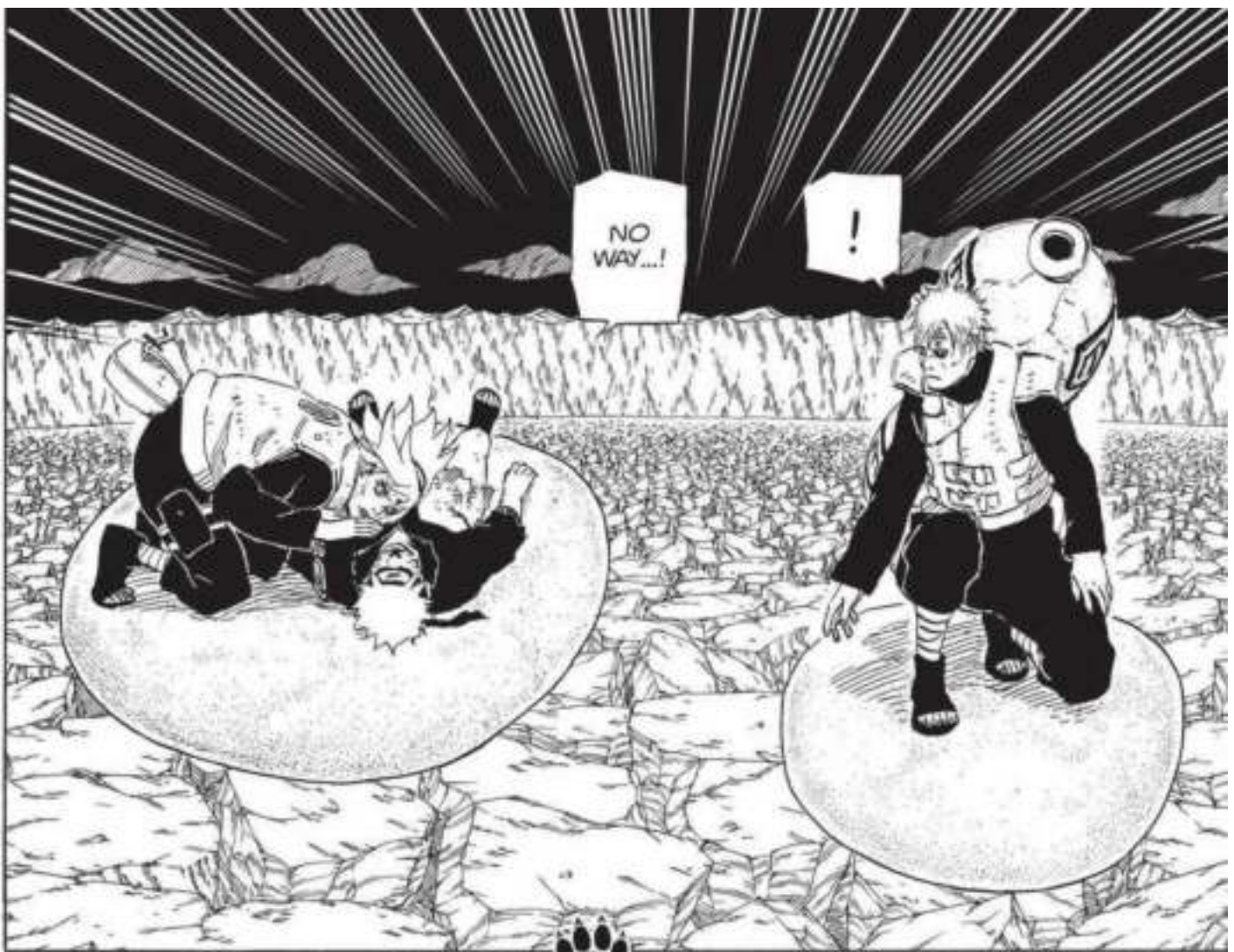
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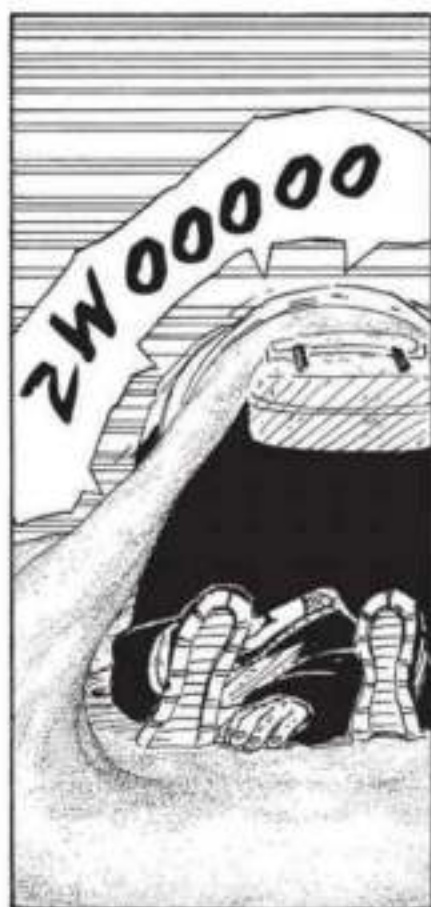
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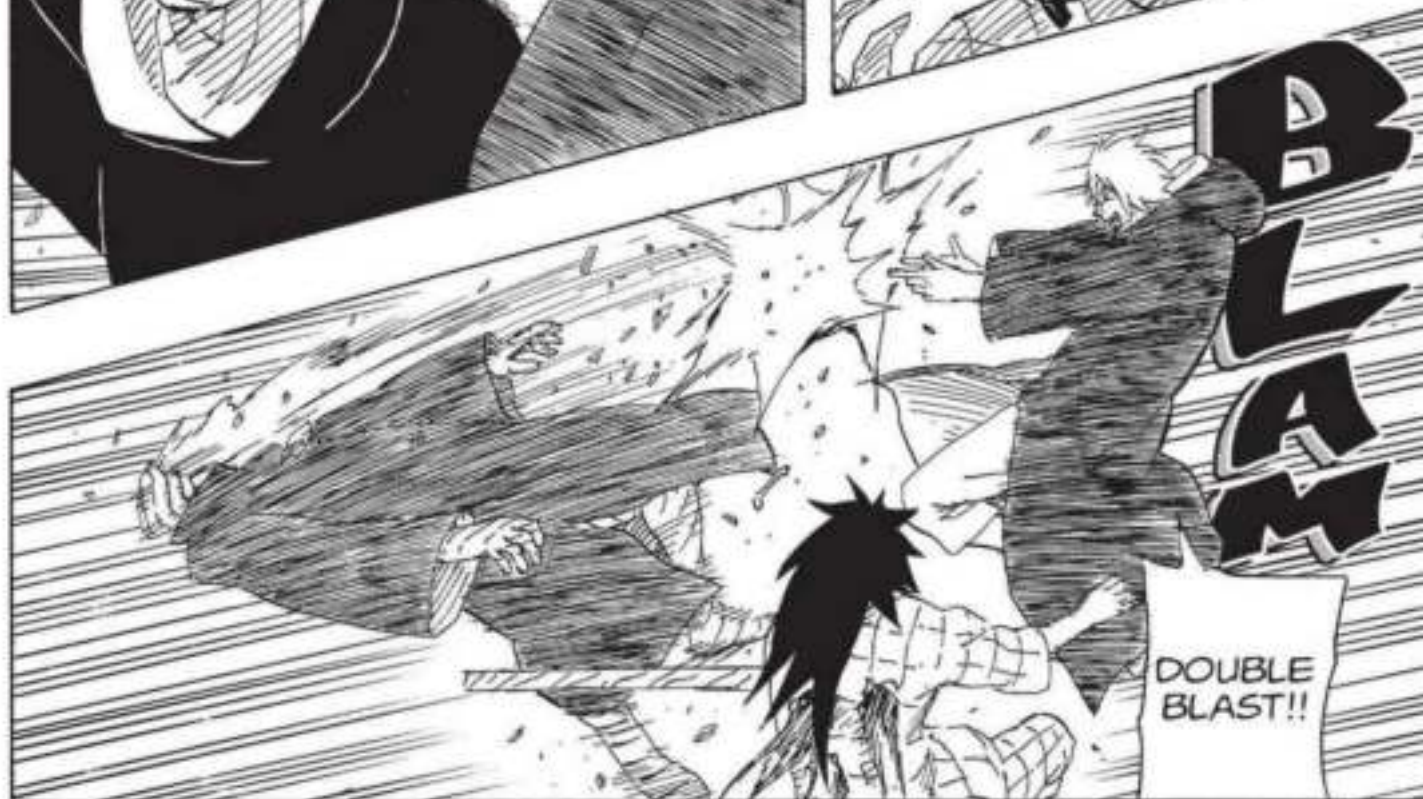
















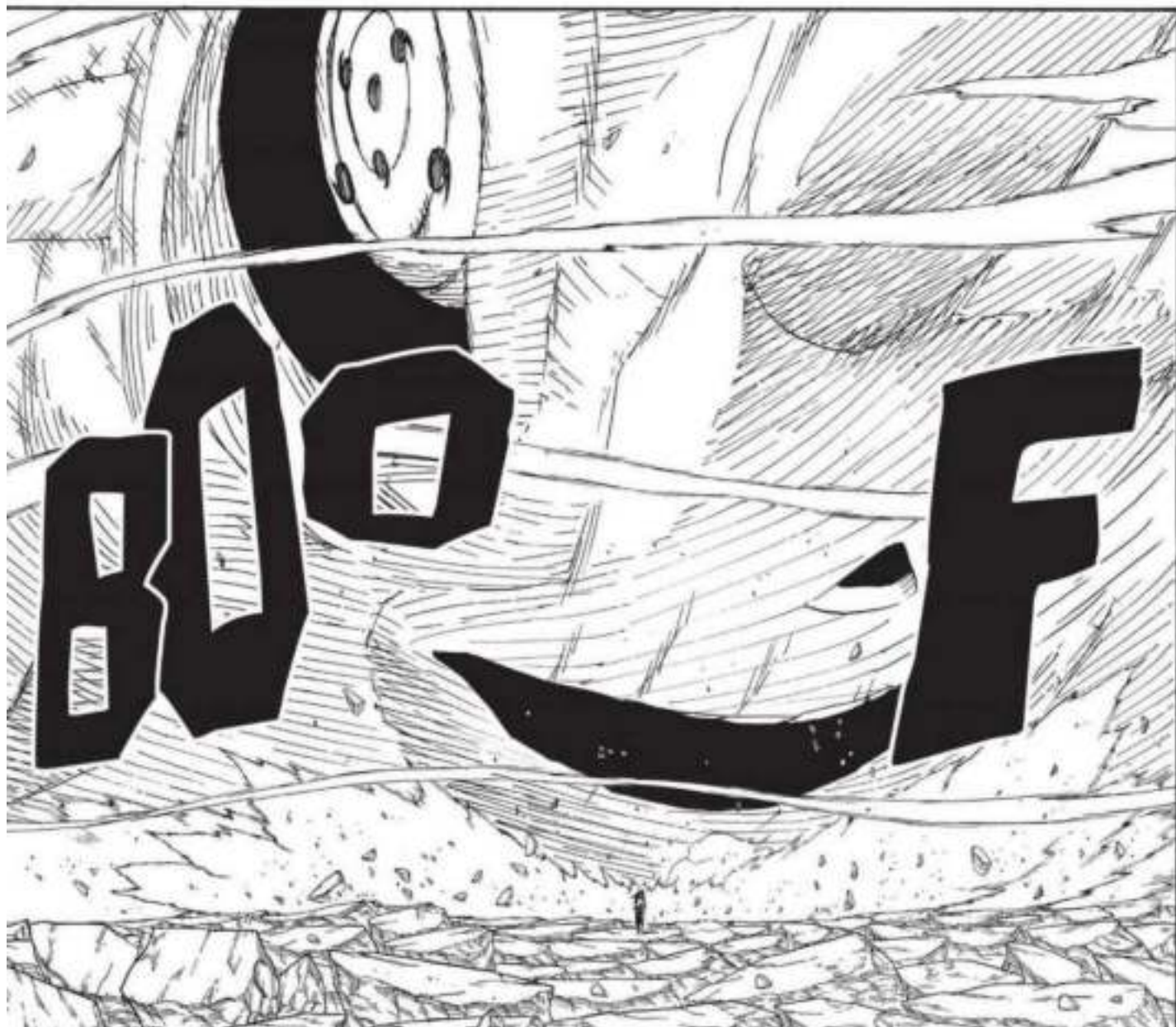


SASUKE!!
I CAN'T
SENSE
SASUKE!!

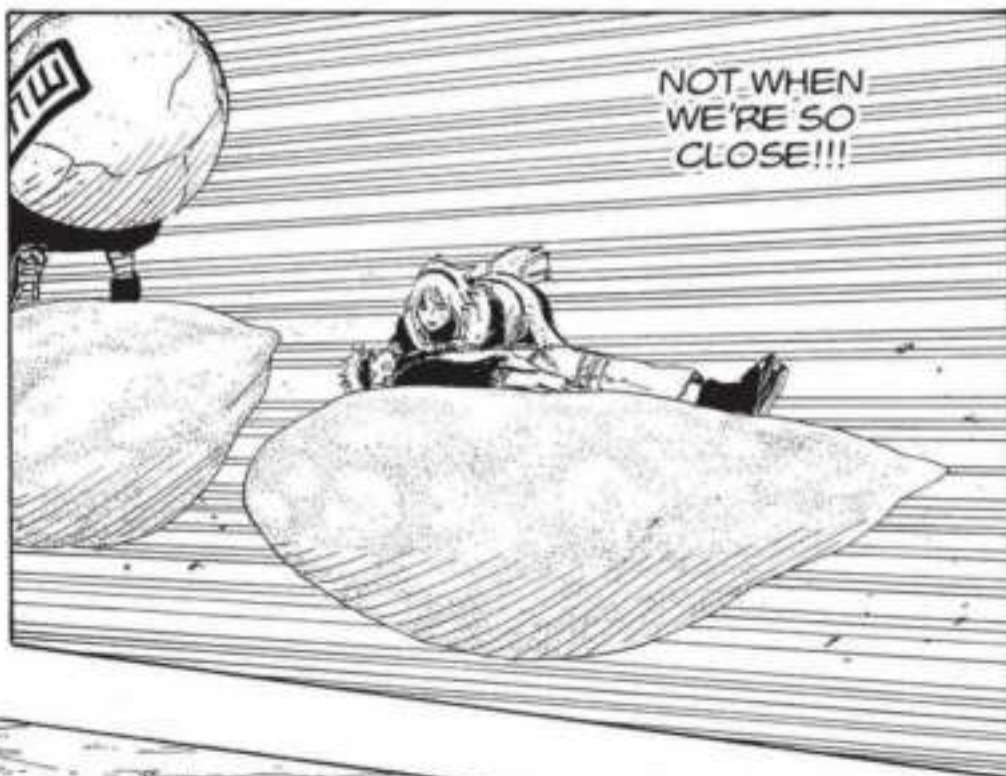


BUT
NEVER
MIND ME...
YEAH...

ZZZZZ












 Number 664: I'm His Father





THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE WHERE SASUKE IS!

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE CHAKRA?



THIS CHAKRA...



BUT...

...

NO!

BUT WHAT?



WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS UNKNOWN STRANGER MIGHT DO TO SASUKE.

THEN WE'LL NEED TO HURRY EVEN MORE.



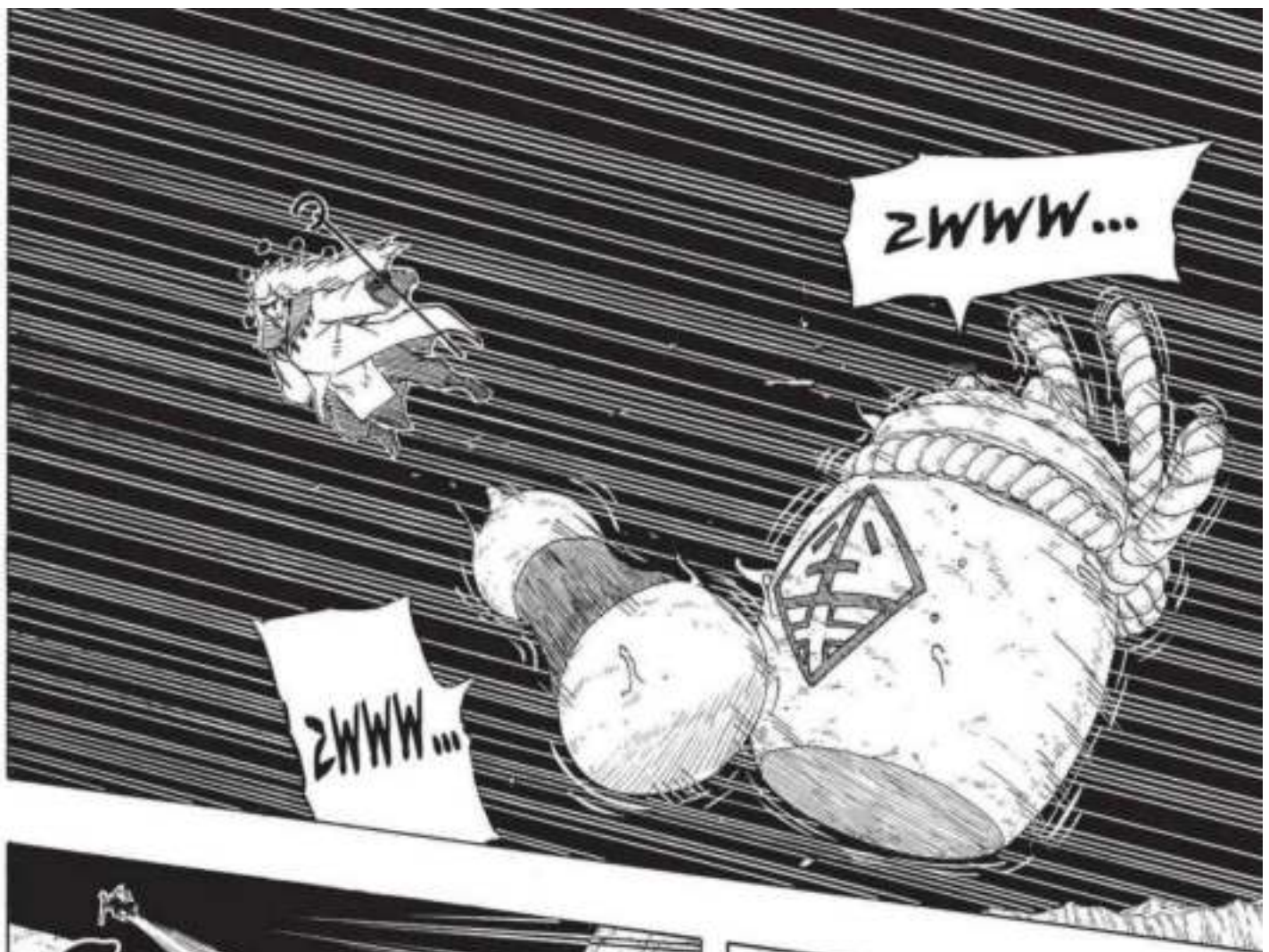
...HAS A REALLY NASTY FEEL TO IT!

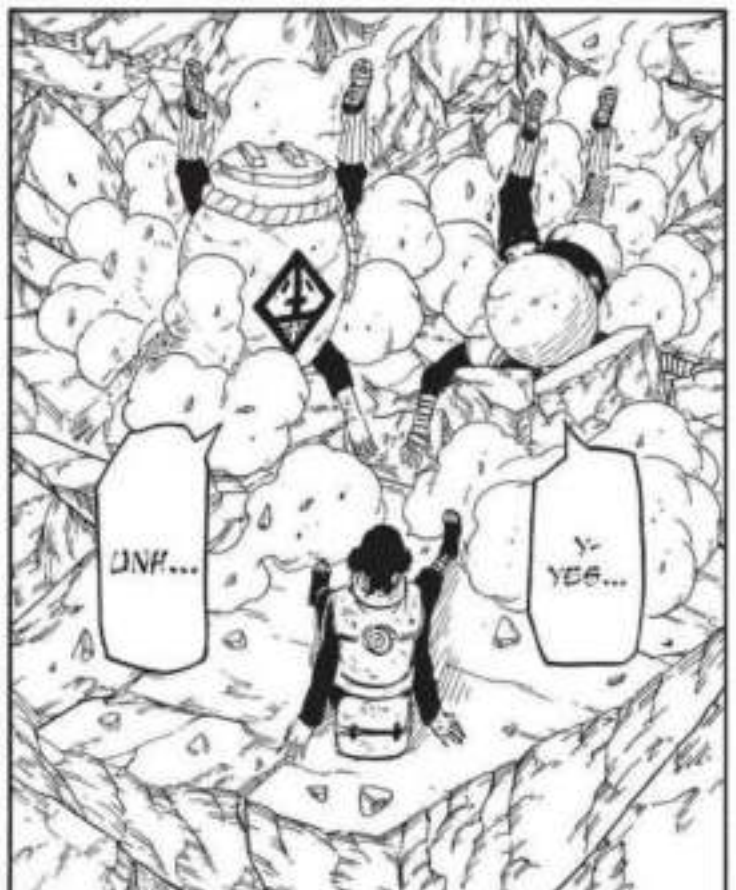


IS THIS THE END OF THE LINE FOR HIM?

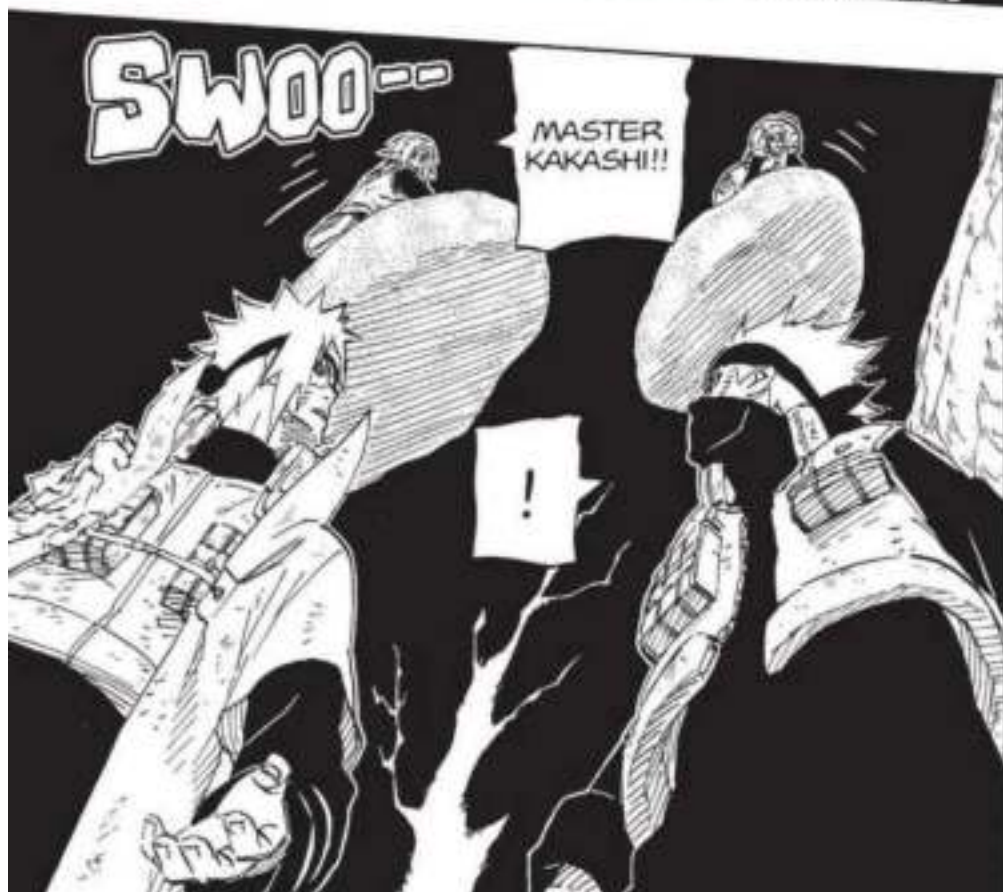
















ONCE THIS CHILD'S BORN, I'LL HAVE **TWO** THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT.



OF COURSE! I'M NOT DYING UNTIL I SEE MY CHILD'S FACE.

BE CAREFUL.



...AND DEFY HIS TEACHERS! PLUS...

HE'LL BE DENSE ABOUT GIRLS...

BUT YOU'RE BUSY BEING HOKAGE, AND I GET THE FEELING HE'S GONNA BE SPUNKY AND INCORRIGIBLE AND SAY HE WANTS TO BECOME HOKAGE...

W-WAIT A MINUTE!



NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, OR WHATEVER IT TAKES.

DON'T WORRY! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE KID!



BESIDES, HOW DO YOU EVEN KNOW IT'S A BOY... OR THAT HE'LL WANT TO BE HOKAGE?

BECAUSE...



THE KID'S NOT EVEN BORN YET... YOU'RE WORRYING TOO MUCH!

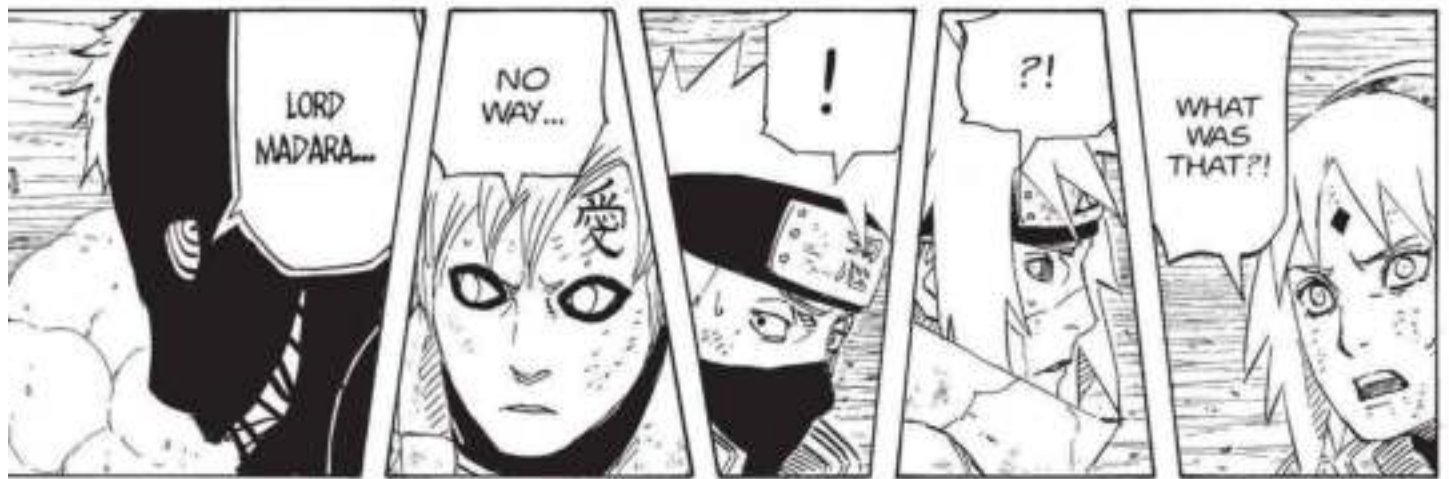
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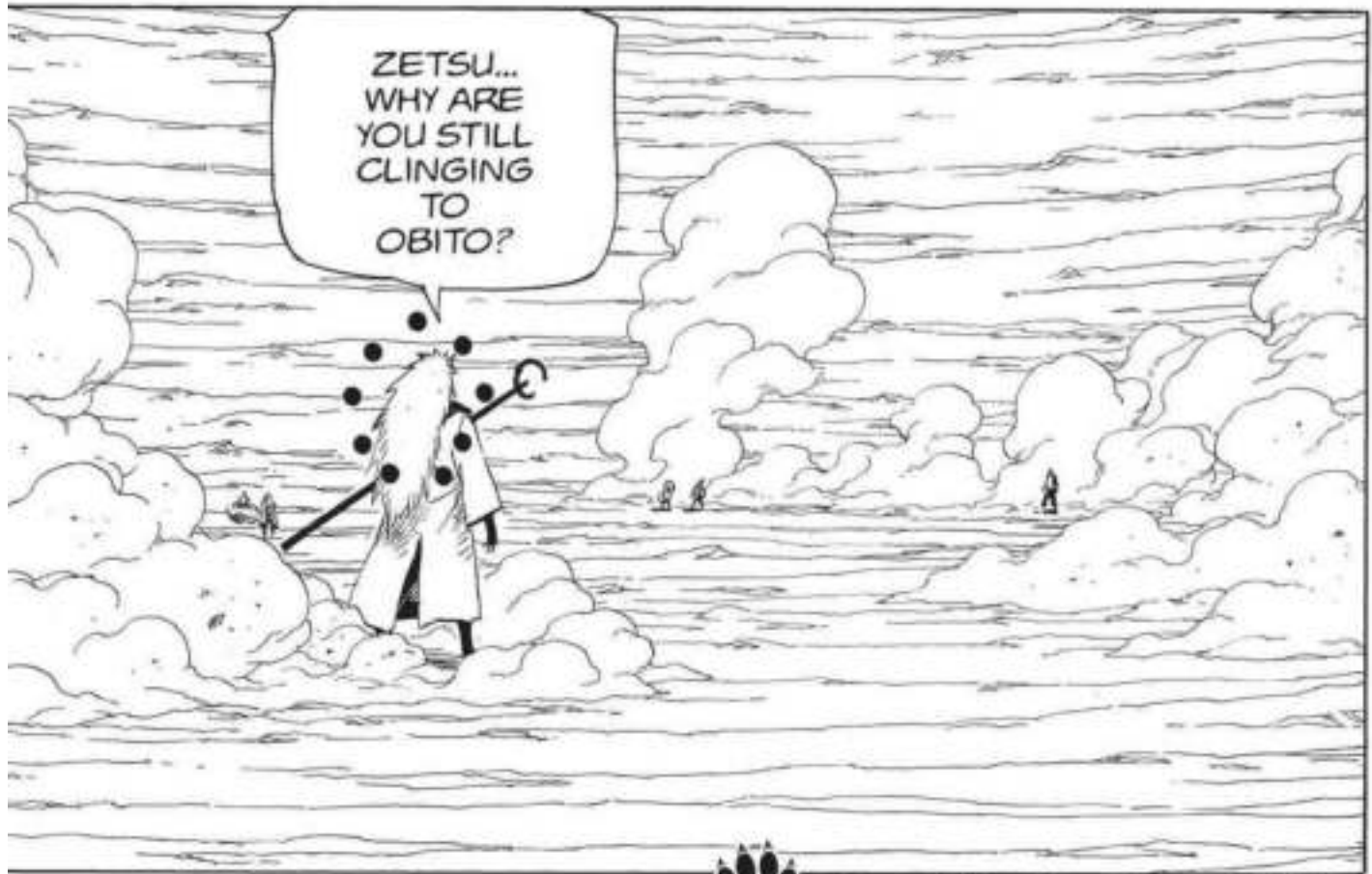












ZETSU...
WHY ARE
YOU STILL
CLINGING
TO
OBITO?



Number 665: The Current Me



WELL
DONE.

NOW BRING
IT, AND MY
LEFT EYE,
TO ME.



FORGIVE
ME...

...BUT IT LET ME
STEAL NINE
TAILS OTHER
HALF FROM
THESE GUYS.



....!



HOW'D HE
GET SIX
PATHS
POWER?!

MADARA
?!

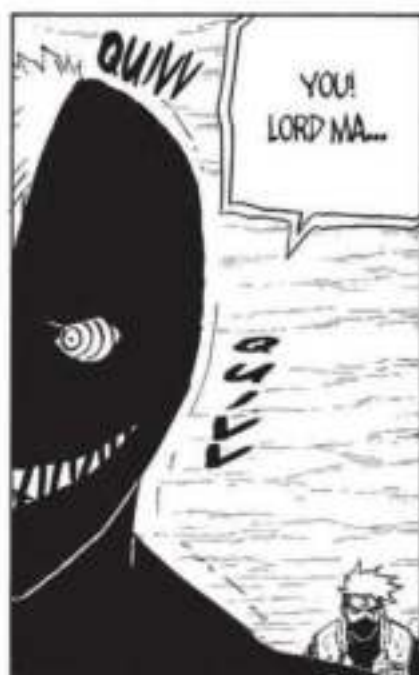


SO THE
FOURTH'S
NINE TAILS IS
INSIDE THAT
BLACK
THING!



I SENSE SAGE
POWER.. AND
EVEN
STRONGER
THAN WHAT
OBITO
POSSESSED...





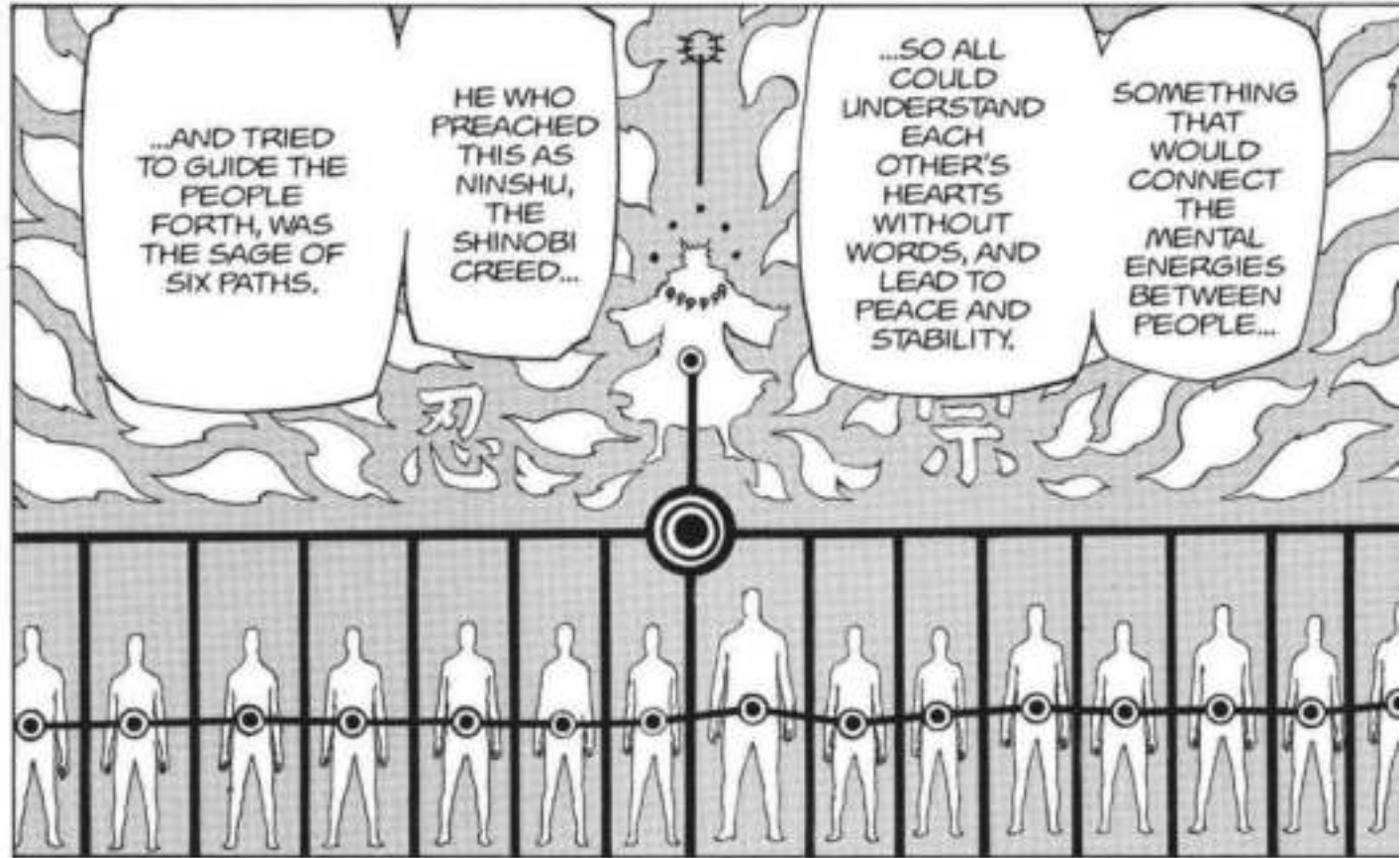






...WAS MEANT TO BE A **LINKING** POWER.

LISTEN, THIS CHAKRA THAT SIX PATHS DISPERSED...

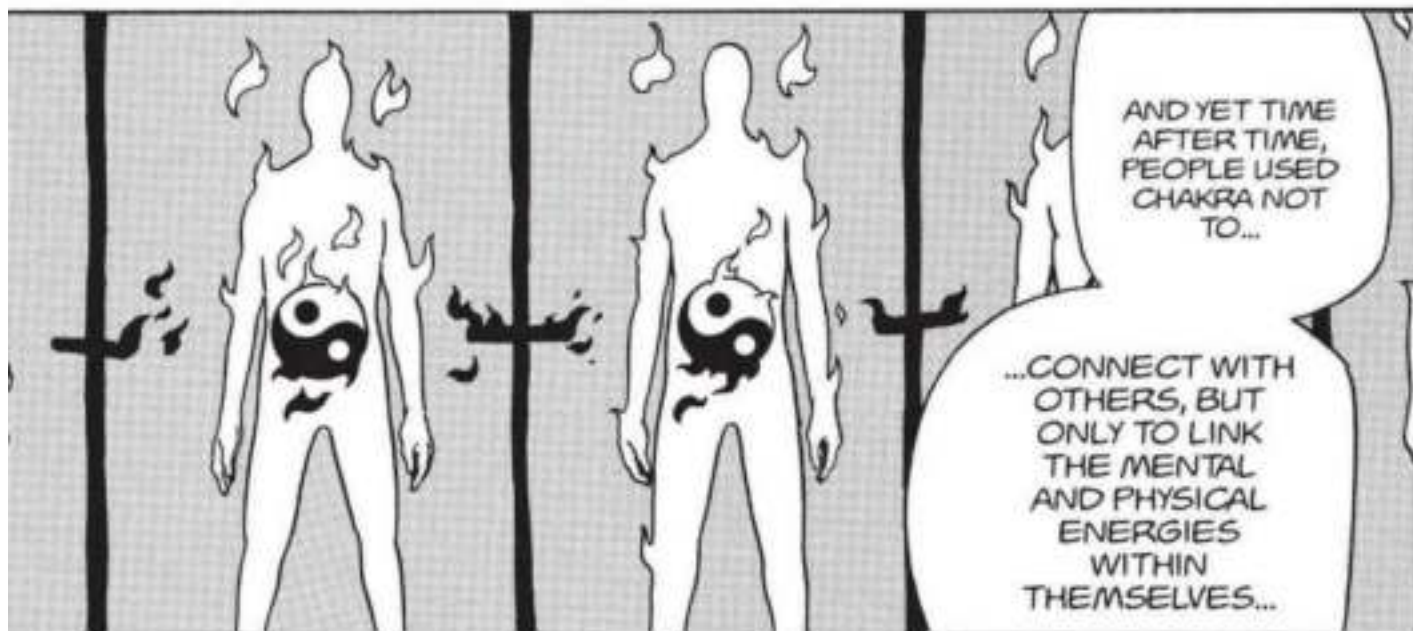


...AND TRIED TO GUIDE THE PEOPLE FORTH, WAS THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS.

HE WHO PREACHED THIS AS NINSHU, THE SHINOBI CREED...

...SO ALL COULD UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S HEARTS WITHOUT WORDS, AND LEAD TO PEACE AND STABILITY.

SOMETHING THAT WOULD CONNECT THE MENTAL ENERGIES BETWEEN PEOPLE...



AND EVEN IF SOME MANAGED TO CONNECT HEARTS...

...ALL THEY LEARNED WAS THAT TRUE UNDERSTANDING WASN'T POSSIBLE.



THE SAGE'S ACTIONS ENDED UP MERELY FURTHERING THE HUMAN PARADOX.



AND THIS REALITY COMPELS INFINITE SUFFERING VIA THIS **POWER KNOWN AS CHAKRA**.



...WE WERE ALSO SEEKING WAR AT THE SAME TIME.

THE REALITY IS THAT WHILE YOU AND I BOTH CHASED AFTER PEACE...

EITHER WAY, CHAKRA ONLY GAVE RISE TO CONFLICT AND FALSE HOPE.



...AND THE LACK OF POWER LEADS TO LOSING ALL.



POWER LEADS TO A DESIRE FOR CONFLICT...





AND I, WHO POSSESS THE STRONGEST CHAKRA...

...WILL LEAD IT!



I SHALL CREATE A NEW WORLD THAT WILL OVERCOME THAT!

THE INFINITE TSUKUYOMI WILL PRODUCE A DREAM WORLD WITHOUT ANY ABOMINABLE CHAKRA!



NOT OBITO!

YOU ARE ME!



THIS IS HELL!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?!

FSH



...CHALLENGED HATAKE KAKASHI, DESIRED TO BECOME HOKAGE, AND YEARNED AFTER RIN!

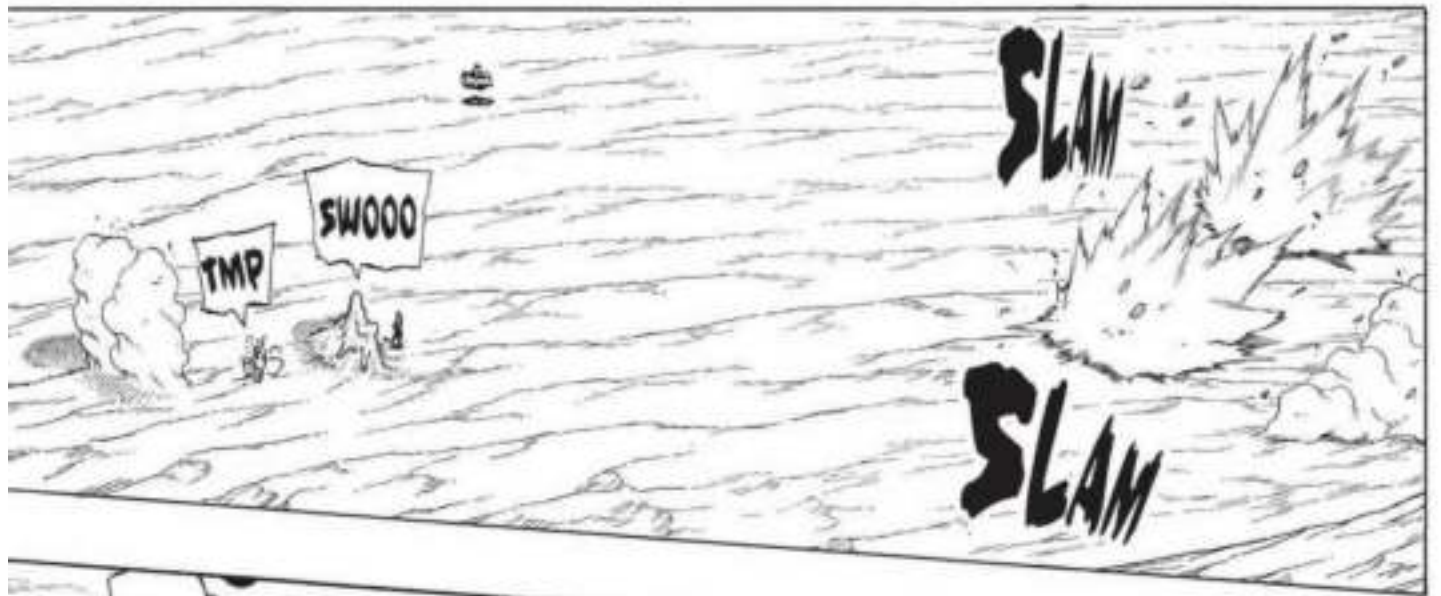
UCHIHA OBITO, WITH HIS UCHIHA CHAKRA...



BUT BECAUSE HIS POWER WAS A DECEPTION, HE LOST EVERYTHING!!











NO... WHAT I AM DOING IS NO DIFFERENT THAN A HOKAGE'S ACTIONS.

IN FACT, IT IS MUCH MORE... FOR I CAN TRULY BRING ABOUT PEACE.



WHAT I WANT TO KNOW ISN'T THE EASY PATH...

...BUT HOW TO NAVIGATE THE RUGGED ONE.



IT'S THE PATH I GUIDED YOU TOWARD.



THERE'S NO NEED TO VOLUNTARILY WALK A PATH YOU KNOW TO BE RUGGED.

YOU'LL HAVE TO STEP OVER THE CORPSES OF YOUR COMRADES.



A HOKAGE IS THE FELLOW WHO WALKS AHEAD OF EVERYONE ELSE, SWALLOWING HIS OR HER PAIN.



I LEFT EVERYTHING IN YOUR HANDS AND LET YOU WALK IN MY SHOES.



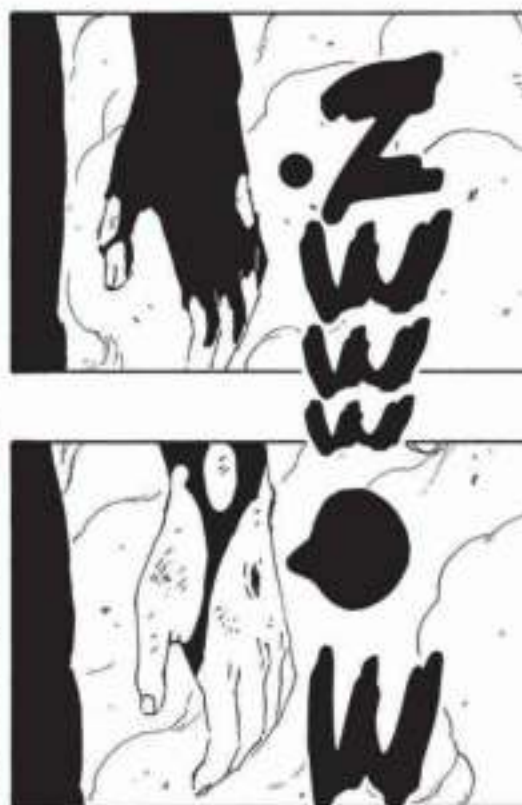
...EVEN IF
THEIR OWN
ENDS UP
BEING
STEPPED
ON...

THOSE WHO
LEAD
OTHERS...
NEVER STEP
OVER THEIR
COMRADES'
CORPSES...



WELL THEN,
IN ORDER TO
CONFIRM
THAT, YOU'LL
NEED TO
BECOME A
CORPSE.

I WON'T LET
YOU STEP
ON ME
ANYMORE.



I AM
NOT
YOU.



...HANDLE
THINGS FOR
YOU ISN'T THE
SAME AS
TRULY
ENTRUSTING
THEM WITH
THE TASK.

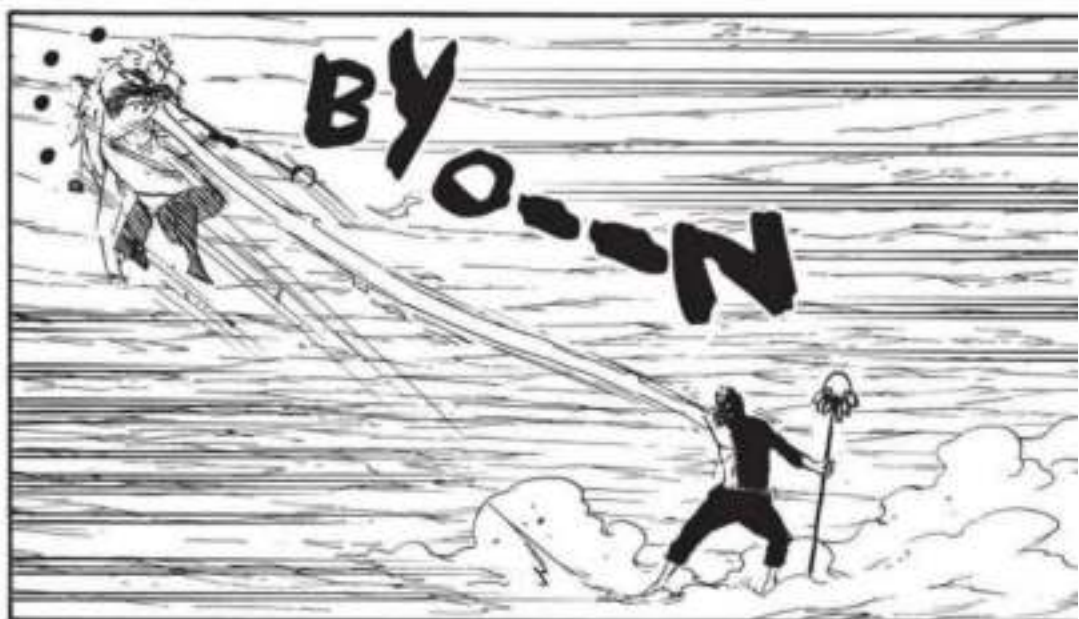
I KNOW
NOW THAT
LETTING
SOMEONE
USE YOUR
NAME
AND...

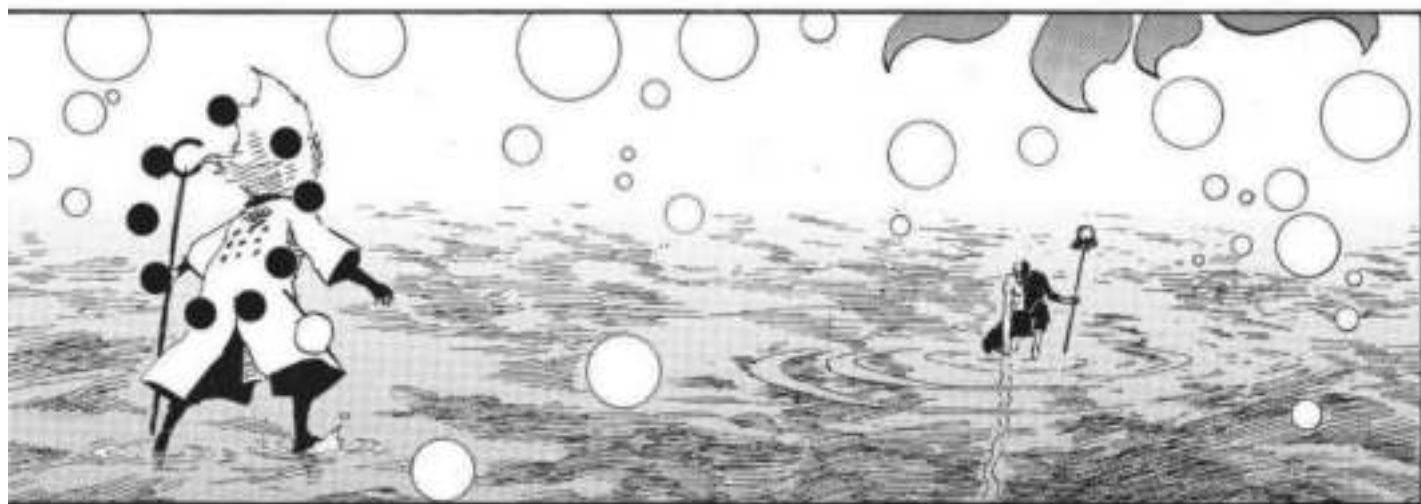






Number 666: The Two Mangekyo

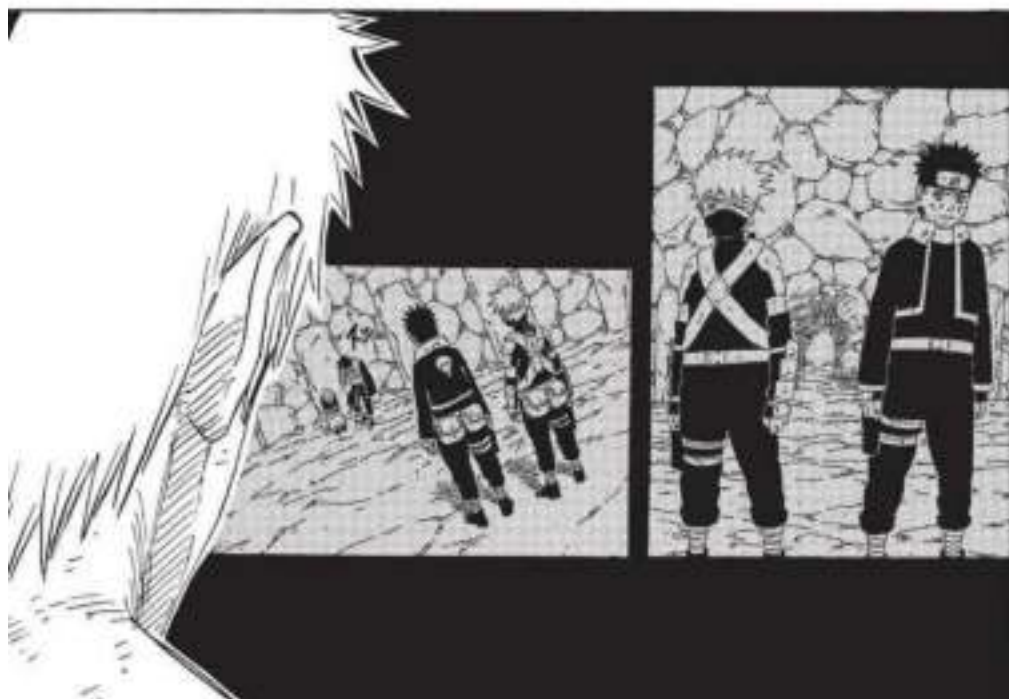
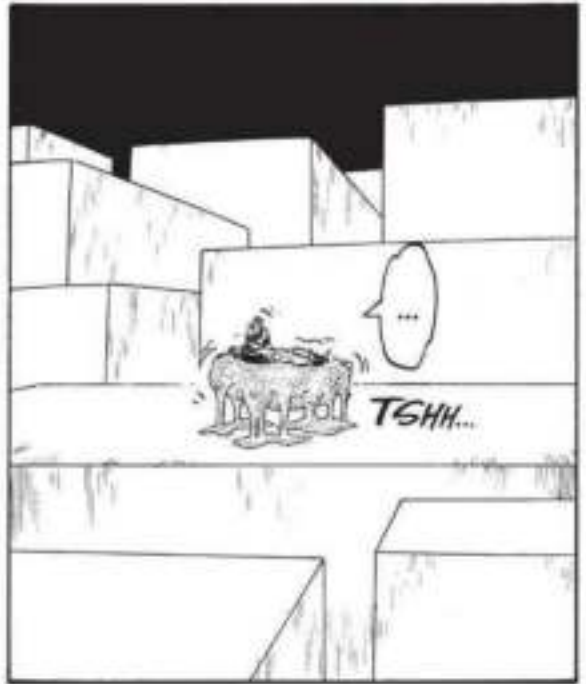




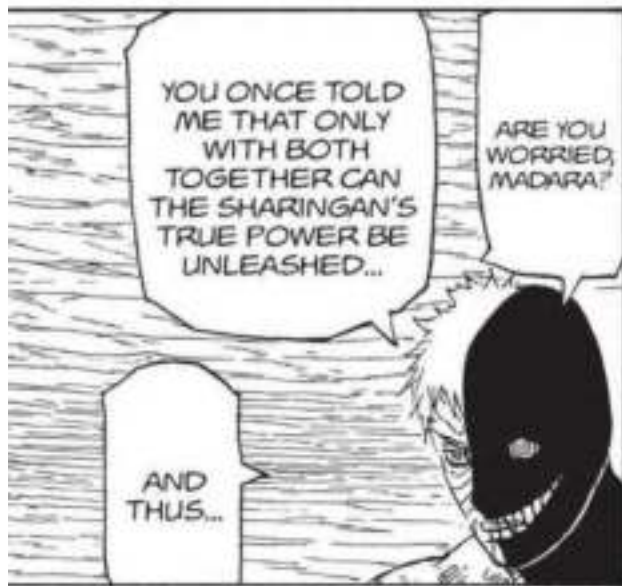














I TOLD YOU!
A LOT OF
STUFF
HAPPENED
ALONG THE
WAY!!

WALK A
STRAIGHT
LINE!

HOW COME
YOU ALWAYS
SEEM TO
TAKE A REAL
ROUNDOABOUT
ROUTE, EH?!



A LOT
HAPPENED
ON MY WAY
HERE. I
MEAN, I
GOT LOST...

YOU'RE
LATE YET
AGAIN!
YOU!



THEN I'LL
JUST
PROTECT
ALL OF
YOU,
OKAY?!

IN PLACE OF
FOLLOWING
THE RULES!!



YOUR
CARELESS-
NESS...

...COULD
END UP
PUTTING
YOUR
COMRADES
IN DANGER!

A
SHINOBI'S
GOTTA
FOLLOW
RULES!!



ONCE MY
SHARINGAN
ARE
AWAKENED,
THEY WON'T BE
SILENT!!

EYES CAN
BE AS
ELOQUENT
AS WORDS!

SAYS YOU?
YEAH,
RIGHT!!



YOU
BABBLE
WAY TOO
MUCH,
YOURSELF!!

SHADDUP,
MISTER
HIDE-MY-
MOUTH-
BEHIND-A-
MASK!!

I DON'T THINK
YOUR
SHARINGAN
WILL EVER BE
USEFUL!

AND IT'S
A MOOT
POINT
RIGHT
NOW
ANYWAY!

THEY'RE
NOT
FALLING
INTO LINE
AT ALL, ARE
THEY...?



NOT YOU
AGAIN,
BEAST
FACE!

A MATCH,
KAKASHI!!!

GO
AWAY!!

ARGH... MY
CLASSMATES
ARE JUST
TOO MUCH...



BUT
MASTER...

TRUE...



AND I'VE
ALREADY
DISCOVERED
THAT MY
ATTACKS ARE
FASTER THAN
THEIR KAMUI'S
TRANSFER
SPEED.

OBITO HAS MY
RINNEGAN AND
NINE TAIL'S... SO
AS LONG AS I
DON'T LET HIM
TELEPORT
AWAY TO HIS
TIME-SPACE...



...



I BET ONE OF THEM WILL TRY TO DISTRACT ME WHILE THE OTHER PERFORMS THE KAMUI.



EITHER OBITO WILL TELEPORT HIMSELF OR HAVE KAKASHI TELEPORT HIM.



NO... I SHOULDN'T USE IT WHILE OBITO STILL HAS MY RINNEGAN.

MAYBE USE LIMBO TO SPEED THINGS UP...



WHICHEVER WAY THEY DECIDE TO GO, I'LL BE ABLE TO STOP OBITO AGAIN.

THIS TIME, I'LL TAKE POINT AND YOU'LL BE MY BACKUP, KAKASHI.



THEN I'LL JUST ATTACK THE BOTH OF THEM, SIMULTANEOUSLY!!



KAMUI!













WHO IS THAT?!

HUNH ?!

Number 667: The End to Blue Days



YOU!! I DUNNO WHO THE HELL YOU ARE, BUT WHAT'RE YOU DOING TO SASUKE?!!



SO IT WAS YOU...



?!

OH, SO THAT'S WHAT'S UP?





...KABUTO.



I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR NOT RECOGNIZING HIM, KARIN.

WELL, HE DID TAKE INTO HIMSELF SENJUTSU CHAKRA AS WELL AS ALL SORTS OF OTHER PEOPLE'S CHAKRA...

I WONDER IF HIS CHAKRA HAS A NASTY FEEL TO IT BECAUSE HE STILL HAS SOME OF MINE INSIDE HIM?

HIS APPEARANCE TOO.



...LORD OROCHI-MARU.

I SENSED YOUR GROUP RUSHING OVER HERE TOO...



THAT'S KABUTO?!

?!

BUT HIS CHAKRA'S DIFFERENT !?



AND YOU?

WHAT...HAVE YOU COME HERE TO DO, LORD OROCHIMARU?



STEP AWAY FROM SASUKE, YOU EGGHEAD CREEP!

OR...



...



AND WOULD THAT MAKE YOU KABUKE OR SASUTO?

MISTER KABUTO... YOU DON'T INTEND TO ABSORB SASUKE, DO YOU?



WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING, OROCHIMARU...?

...



?!



HOW DARE YOU!!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOOK DOWN SASUKE?!

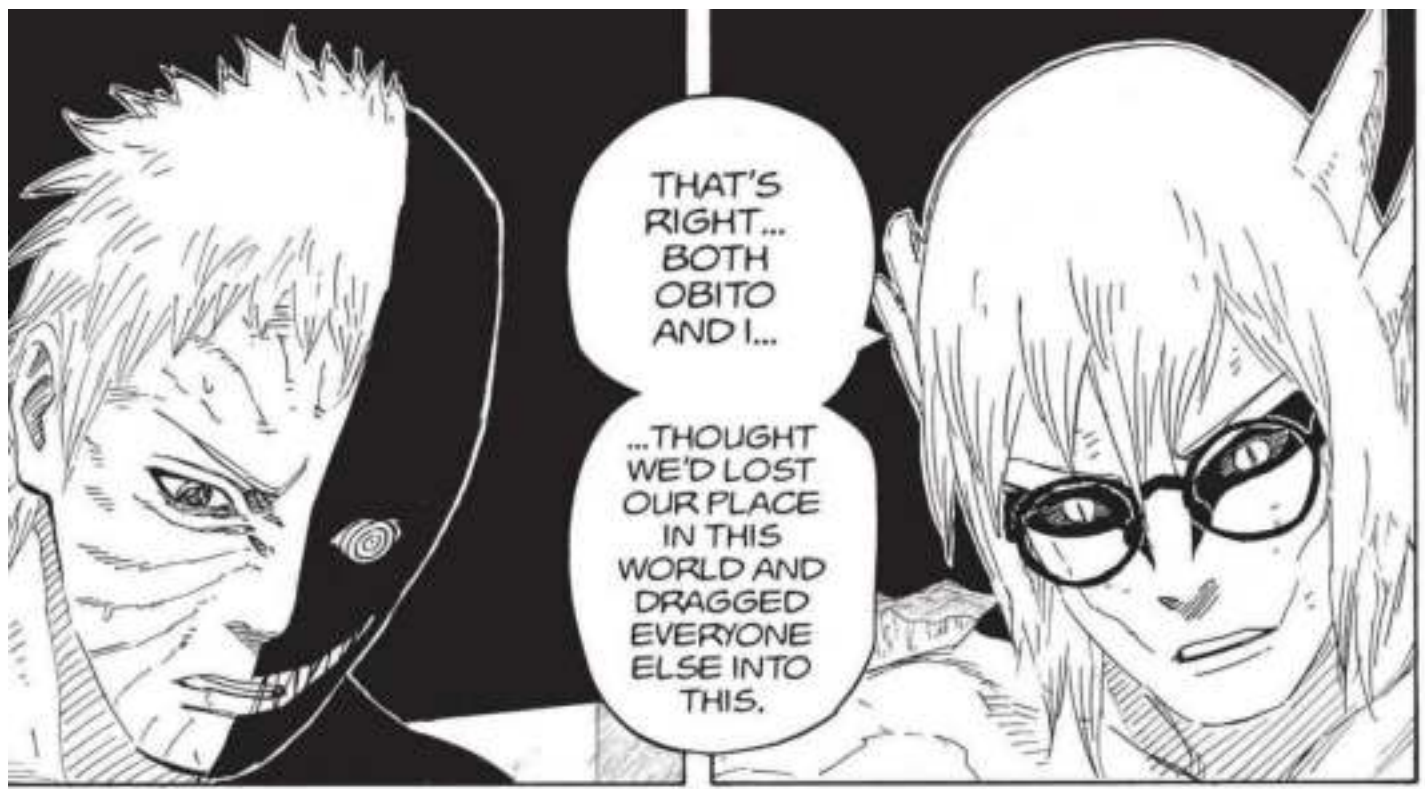


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THAT'S
RIGHT...
BOTH
OBITO
AND I...

...THOUGHT
WE'D LOST
OUR PLACE
IN THIS
WORLD AND
DRAGGED
EVERYONE
ELSE INTO
THIS.



BUT I
KNOW
NOW WHO
I AM...

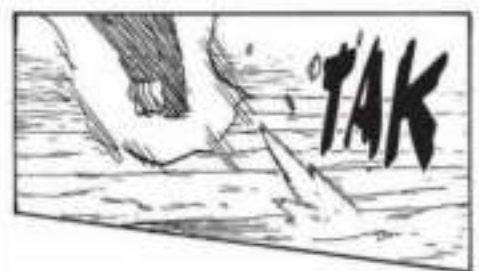
...AND
WHAT IT
IS I MUST
DO!



YOU WON'T
MAKE ANY
DIFFERENCE.

YOU MAY BE
REINFORCE-
MENTS, BUT
YOU'RE NOTHING
MORE THAN
PEBBLES...











HIRUDORA!!
AFTERNOON
TIGER!!!

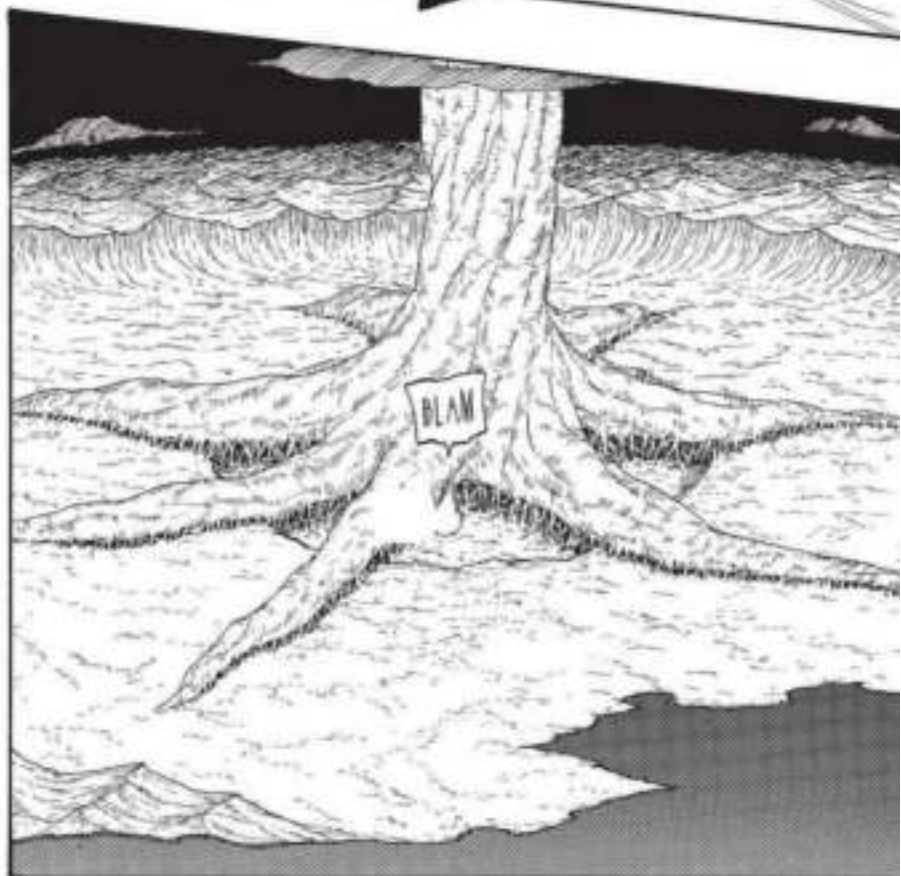
BLAM!



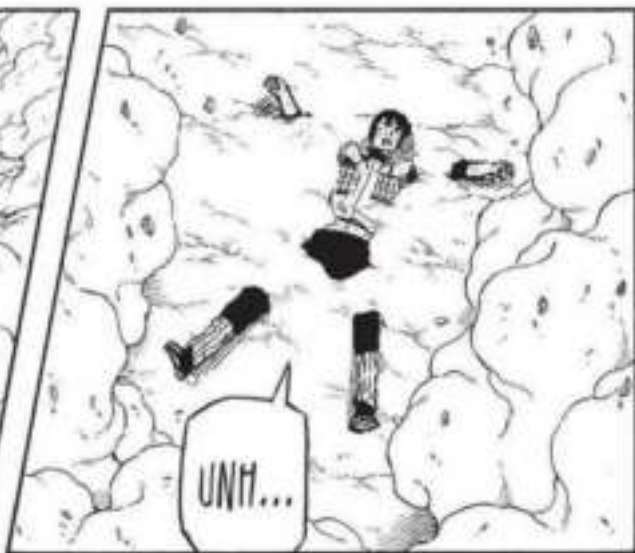
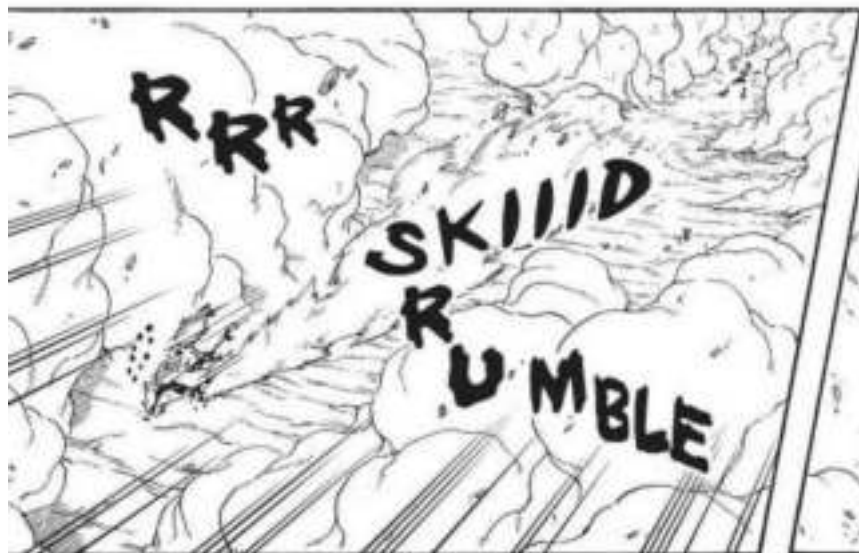
RUMBLE

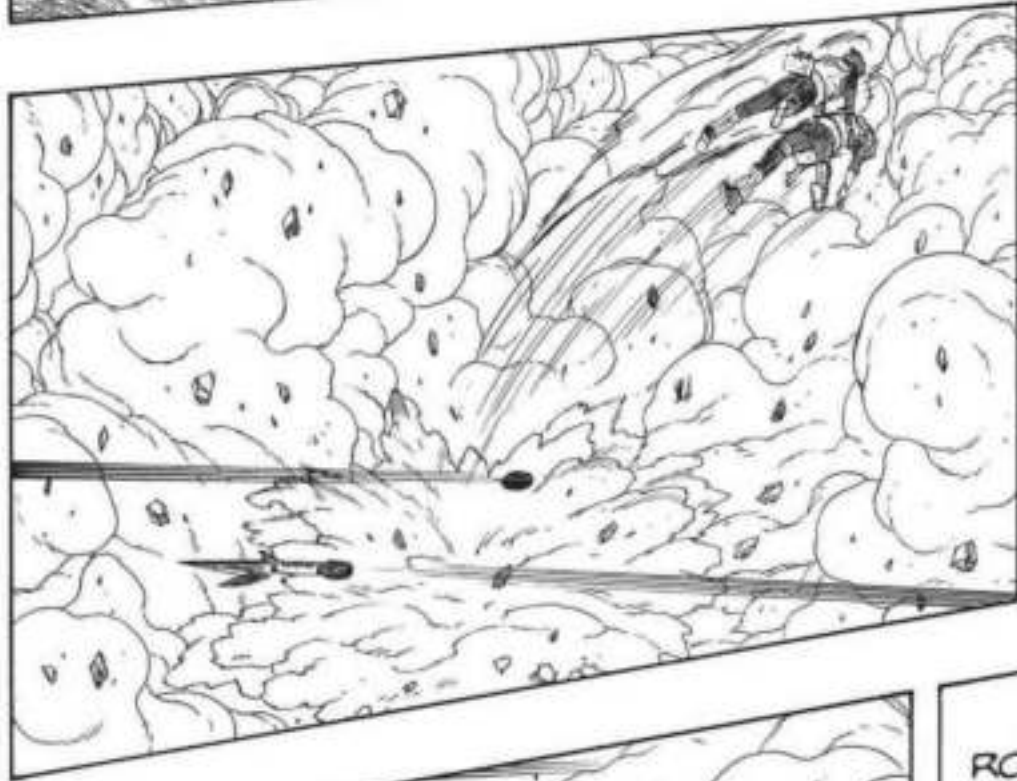


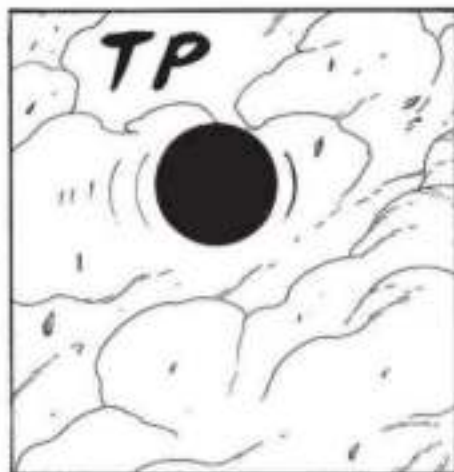
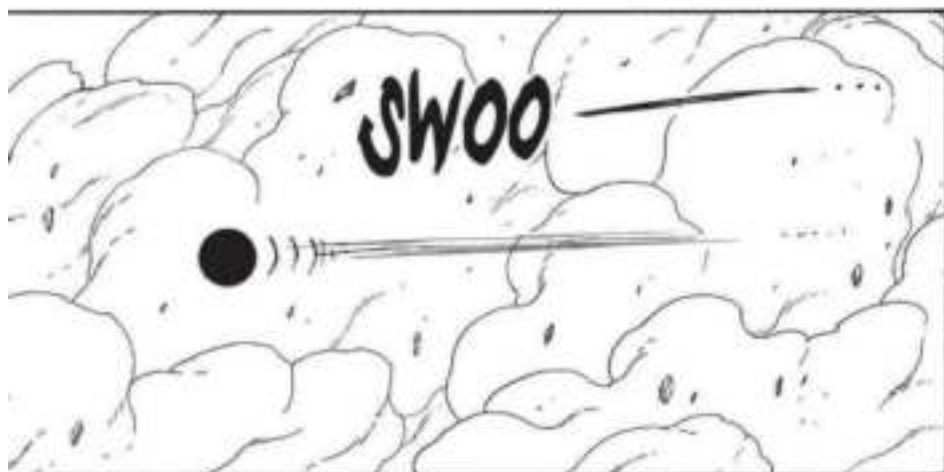
RUMBLE...



BLAM











FIGHT ME,
KAKASHI!!



JUST LIKE MY
CHALLENGES
TO YOU.



DON'T
TELL ME...
YOU...?!



AND I
ASSURE
YOU THAT
THIS IS NO
BLUFF.



IT'S TIME
FOR THE
RED BEAST
TO EMERGE!

KONOHA'S
WILD BLUE
BEAST IS
NO MORE.





Number 668: The Start of a Crimson Spring





NOWADAYS,
IN MATCHES
AGAINST
THAT ELITE
GENIUS,
KAKASHI,
WE'RE
NEARLY
EVEN!!

YOU REMIND
ME OF ME...
WAY BACK
WHEN I WAS A
COMPLETE
FAILURE.



LEE,
DON'T
LOOK AT
ME LIKE
THAT.

THIS TIME,
YOU SIT
BACK AND
ENJOY THE
SHOW!!



IT'S THE PATH
YOU CHOSE, SO
HAVE FAITH AND
FOLLOW IT!



...ONE
THAT'S
REALLY
WORTH
FIGHTING
FOR.

IT'S A
GREAT
GOAL...



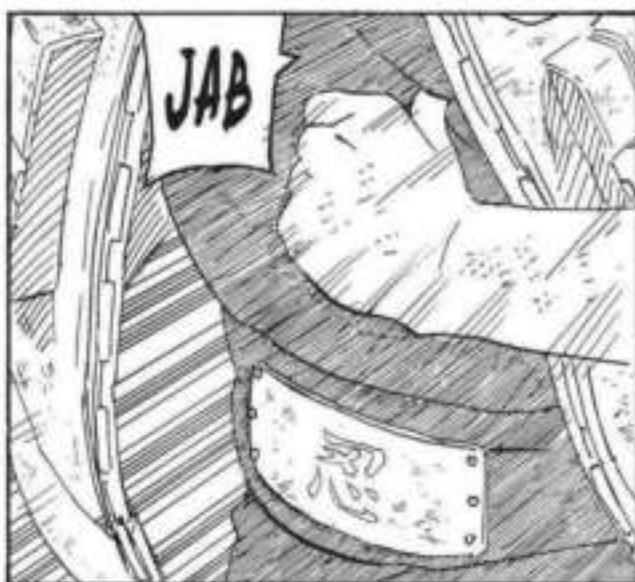
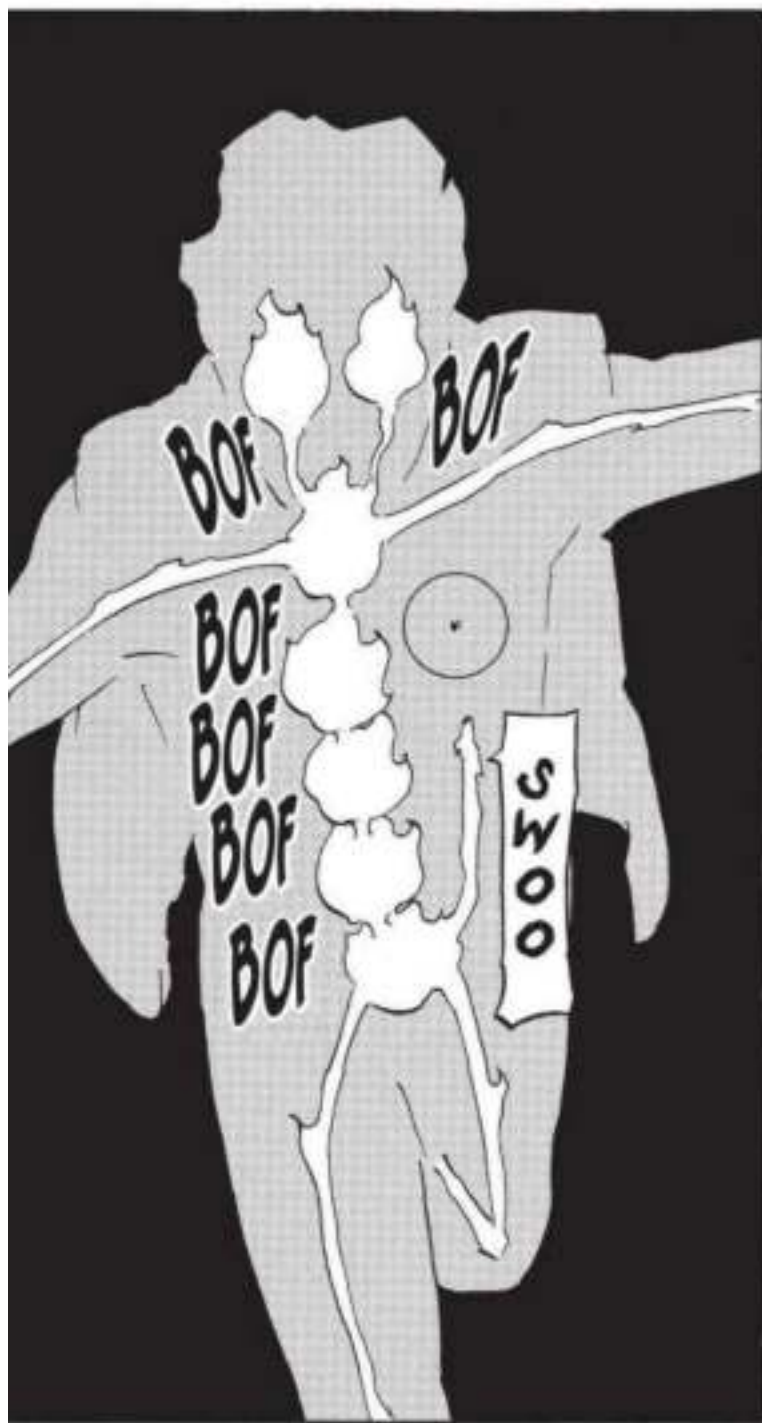
THAT'S
YOUR
SHINOBI
PATH,
ISN'T IT?

"I WANT TO PROVE
THAT EVEN A
PERSON WHO
CAN'T USE
NINJUTSU OR
GENJUTSU CAN
STILL BECOME A
SPLENDID NINJA!"



ZOT!

BECOME SUCH
A STRONG
FIGHTER THAT
I CAN JUST
SIT BACK AND
ENJOY THE
SHOW!





...GATE OF DEATH!

EIGHTH...



I'M FIVE ALREADY AND I COULDN'T COMPLETE 500 LAPS AROUND THE SCHOOLYARD.

I-I'M SORRY, PAPA...

SK ID



GUY! YOU INSUFFERABLE FOOL!!

BLARG!!



IT'S INSULTING AND DISRESPECTFUL TOWARD YOUR EFFORT, GUY!!!

DO NOT BEG PARDON FOR YOUR EFFORT!!!!



DON'T APOLOGIZE !!!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SCOLDING YOU ABOUT!!!





I'VE DISCOVERED MY OWN CHILD'S STRENGTHS WHEN HE'S STILL SUCH A TENDER AGE!

KNOWING YOUR SHORTCOMINGS WILL HIGHLIGHT YOUR STRENGTHS!!!

YOUR TAIJUTSU IS ALREADY SHINING BRILLIANTLY IN MY EYES!!



YOU'RE JUST BLOWING HOT AIR, AREN'T YOU...?

PAPA ...



...



...



TH- THEY'RE LIKE CATS TOO...

...



THOSE WHO ARE SELFISH... ARE LIKE CATS!

WHAT ABOUT SHAGGY PEOPLE?



TO BE LOUD IS SIMPLY TO BE LIVELY!

BEING REPETITIOUS IS JUST BEING KIND!!

SHORT-COMINGS CAN BECOME STRENGTHS!!!

AND OBSTINACY IS MERELY EARNESTNESS!





木葉病院

SIGN: KONOHA HOSPITAL



DON'T YOU EVER MAKE FUN OF PAPA AGAIN!!



HOW CAN YOU STAY SO POSITIVE AND OPTIMISTIC?

PAPA ...



GUY, WHY'D YOU DO SUCH A THING?!



...IT NEVER ENDS.

AS LONG AS YOU NEVER TURN YOUR BACK AGAINST YOUTH...

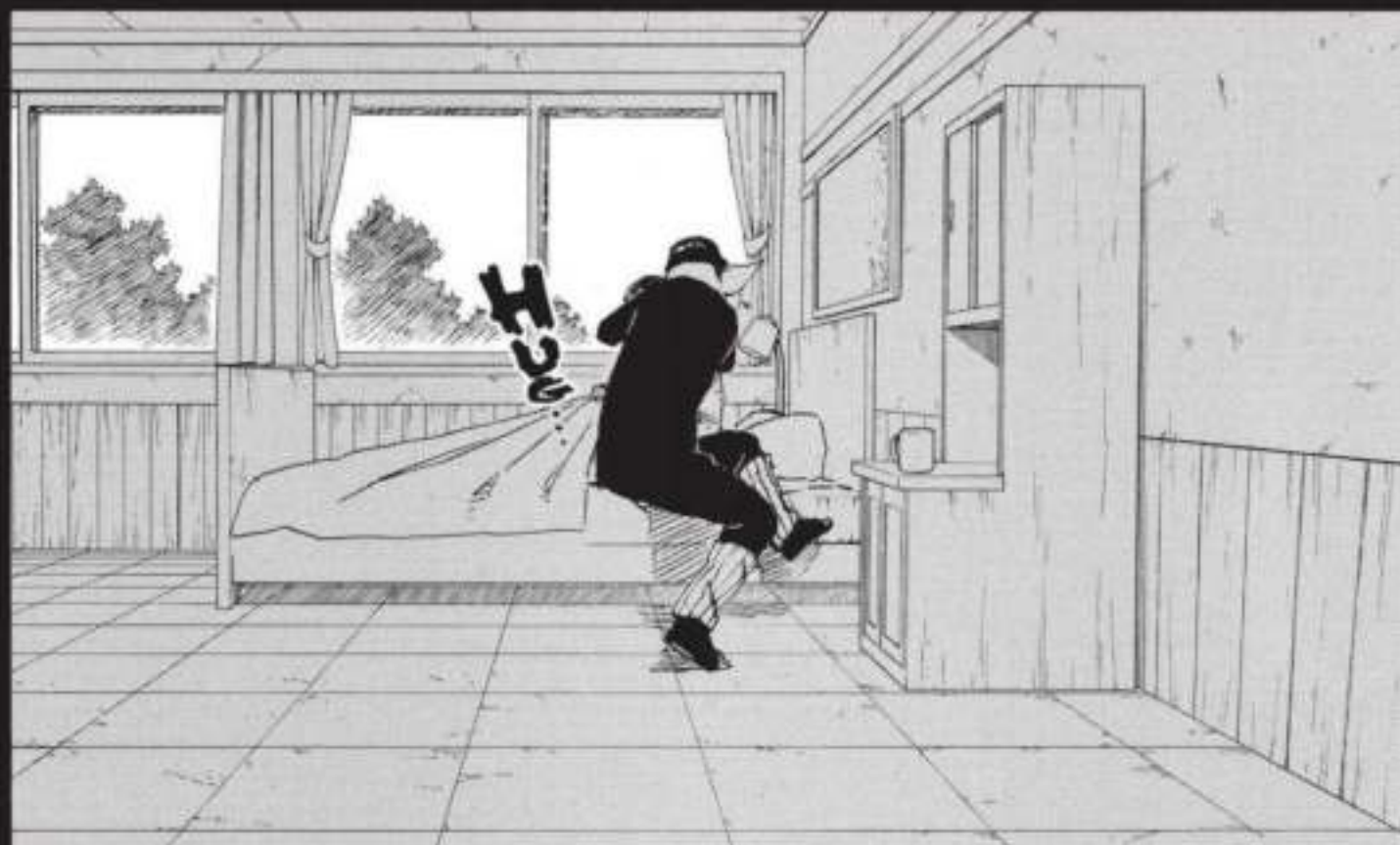


WHEN DOES ONE'S YOUTH COME TO AN END?



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THE EIGHT
INNER
GATES...
A TYPE OF
FORBIDDEN
JUTSU!

FATHER,
WHAT'S
THIS?!



VOOSH



...AND
FINALLY
GRASPED
THIS UNIQUE
JUTSU
AFTER 20
YEARS!!!

AS A
GENIN, I
TRAINED
DAY
AFTER
DAY...



WHEN
IN THE
WORLD...?

FATHER'S
MASTERED
SUCH A
MOVE?!



BUT I SHALL
IMPOSE ONE
STRICT
CONDITION
UPON THE USE
OF THIS MOVE.

A SELF-
RULE!!

YOU'VE
BECOME A
SPLENDID
SHINOBI!



SPECIAL?



AND IT
SHALL
BECOME
A MOST
SPECIAL
JUTSU TO
YOU!

THIS IS THE
ONE MOVE
THAT I CAN
PASS DOWN
TO YOU AS
YOUR FATHER!







....!!!



GUY,
YOU REALLY
MEAN
IT!!



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS!!



...TO
PROTECT
SOMETHING
PRECIOUS
ENOUGH TO
GIVE YOUR
LIFE FOR!!

OPEN!!!
EIGHT
INNER
GATES
FORMA-
TION !!!

SKYDD





...IS THE CLIMAX OF YOUTH!!
WHEN IT BURNS MOST CRIMSON!!!



AND THUS, THE PERIOD THEY BRIDGE UNTIL THE NEW SPRING WHEN SAID FRESH LEAVES BUD...



SEKIZO!!
EVENING
ELEPHANT!!