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SHONEN JUMP MANGA

Story & Art by

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72



This is the final volume.

Thank you so very much for your support these past 15 years.

I'd be honored if, in the future, you occasionally recall that there once was a character named Naruto.

Well then, please enjoy the conclusion of Naruto.

岸本 齊史

-Masashi Kishimoto, 2015



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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



Kaguya
大筒木カグヤ



Six Paths Sage
六道仙人



Obito
うちはオビト



Madara
うちはマダラ



THE STORY SO FAR...

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

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. And the Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki finally begins. Having regained a living body thanks to the Rinne Rebirth jutsu, Madara activates the Infinite Tsukuyomi and the people are sucked into a dream world. Immediately afterwards, Black Zetsu betrays Madara and revives the Rabbit Goddess Kaguya, who attacks Naruto and the others! Naruto joins forces with Sasuke and succeeds in sealing away Kaguya, but...?!



NARUTO

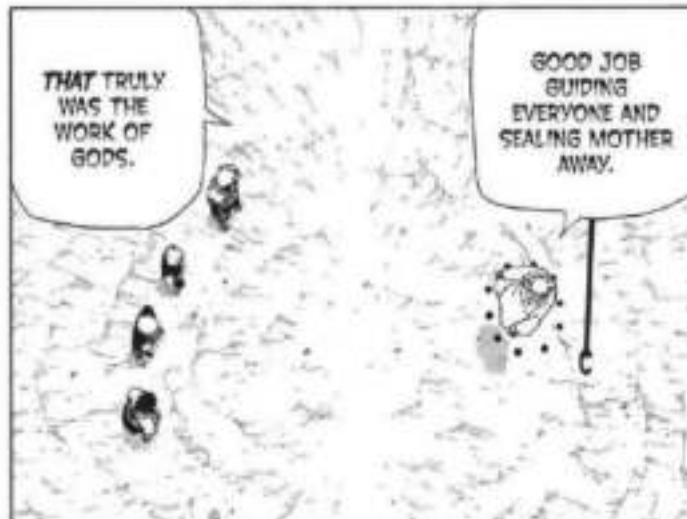
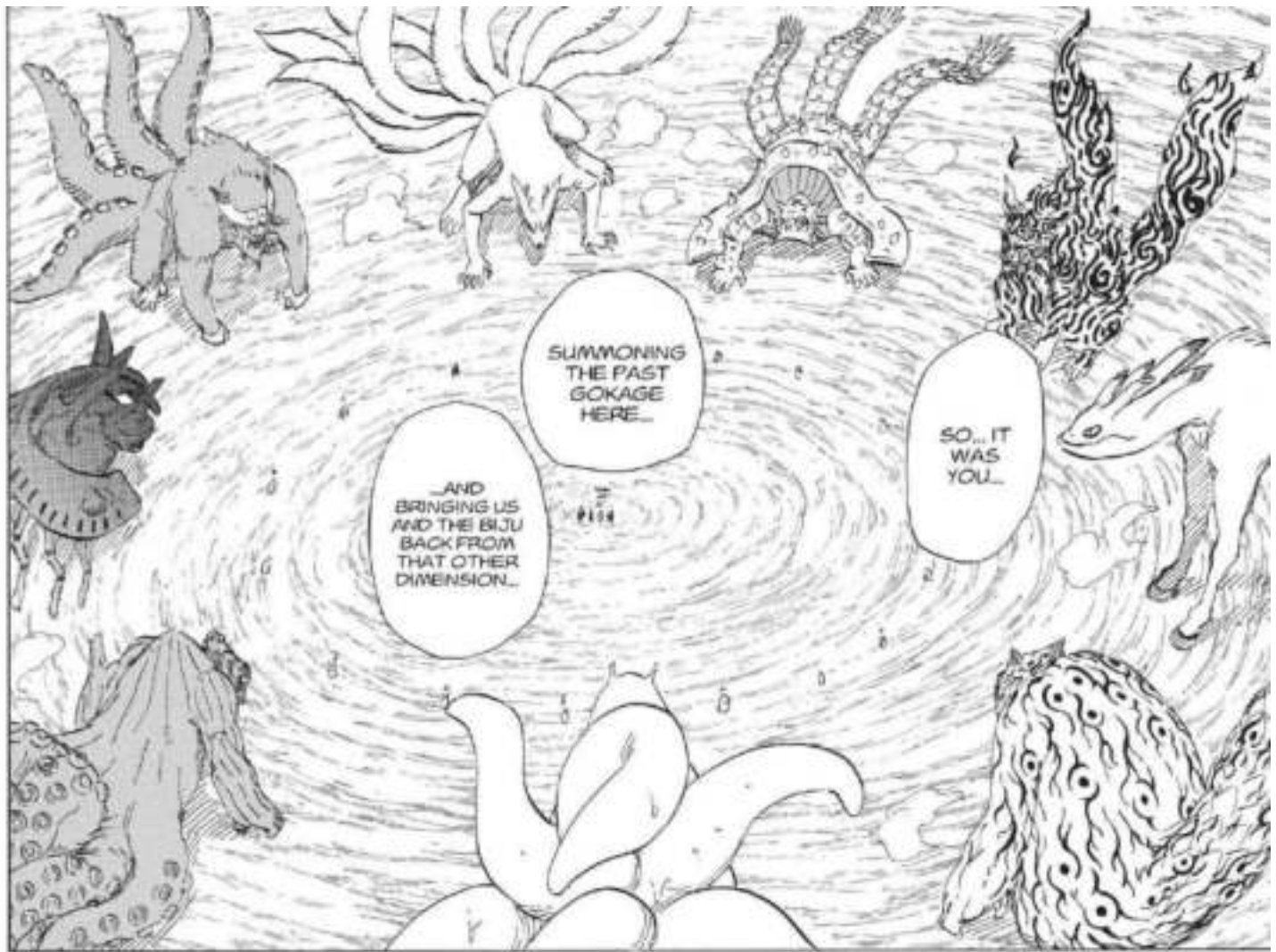
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SO MUCH THAT I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO YOU IN PARTING...

I REALLY MADE A MESS OF THE SHINOBI WORLD...



THAT'S PLENTY ENOUGH FOR ME.

WE WERE ABLE TO SAY GOODBYE AS FRIENDS, NOT ENEMIES...

AND I GOT TO SEE THE OLD YOU ONE LAST TIME. ALWAYS LATE BECAUSE YOU WERE HELPING OTHERS...



THANKS, KAKASHI.

Wshooo









SO SIMPLISTIC... AS USUAL...

YOU... WERE... ALWAYS... OPTIMISTIC...

HEH HEH...



IT'S NEVER THAT EASY!

I GUESS... NEITHER YOU... NOR I... COULD ACHIEVE WHAT WE WANTED.

OUR JOB IS TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN DO WHILE WE'RE ALIVE.

AND THEN BEQUEATH THE REST... FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ACCOMPLISH.



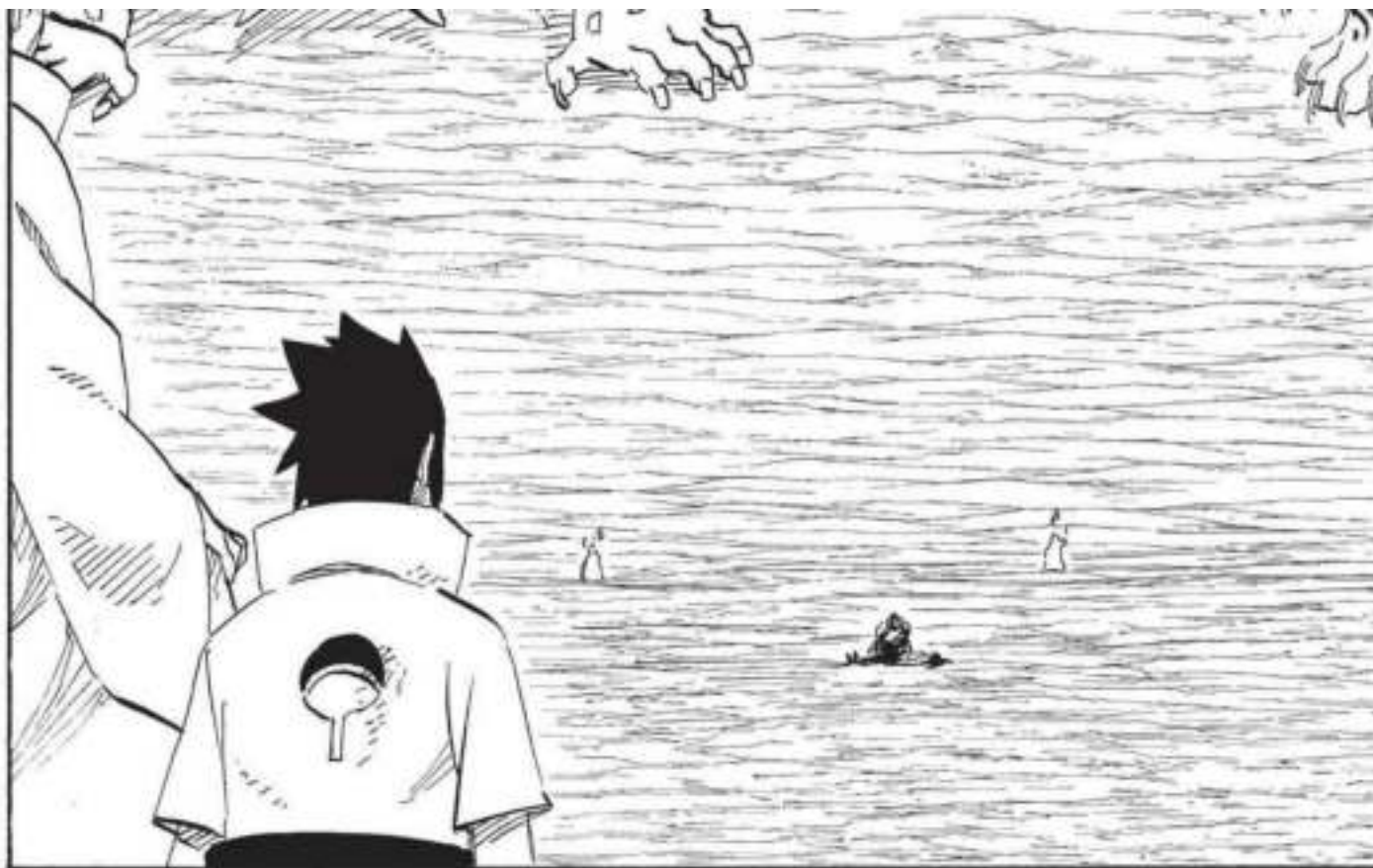
BUT YOURS... IS STILL RELEVANT... AND ONGOING.

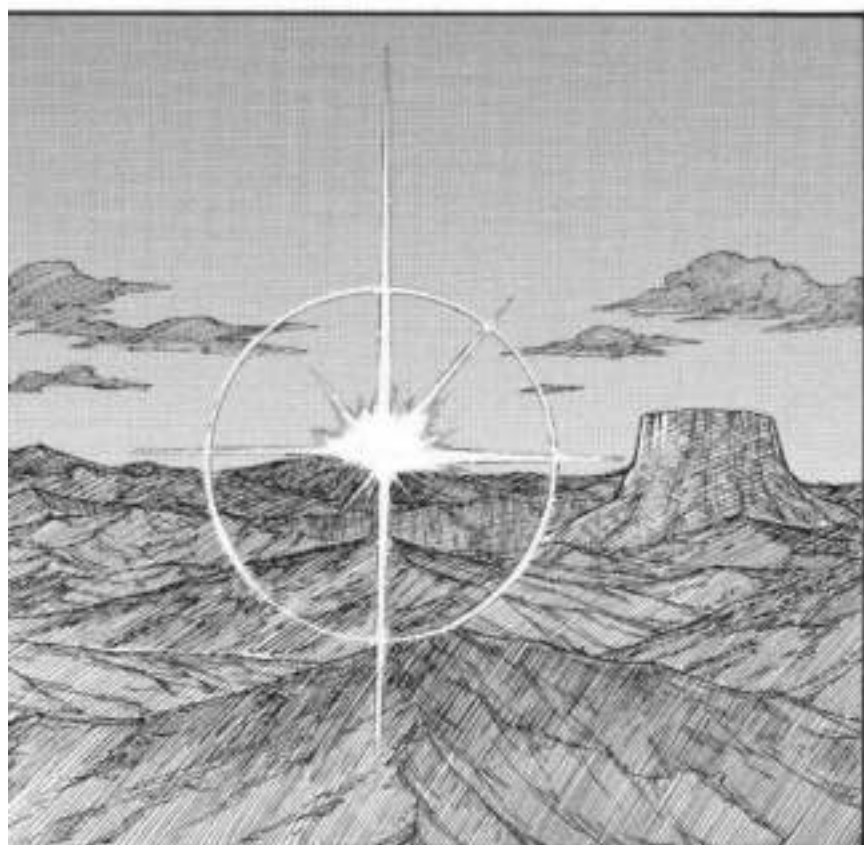
MY DREAM... WAS SQUASHED.



BUT... PERHAPS THAT... IS THE CORRECT WAY.

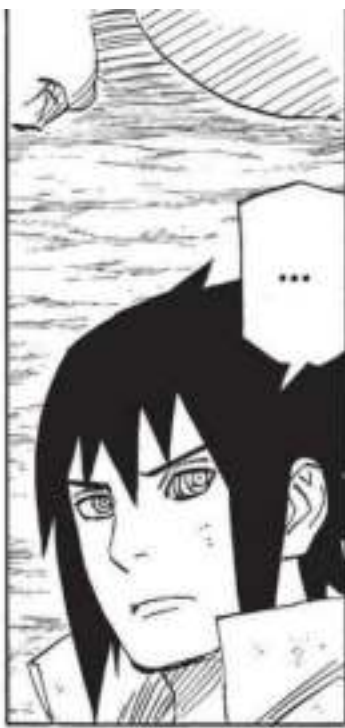














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I
SWEAR
I WILL!!

AND
I'VE GOT
DREAMS
TOO!

I'M GONNA
BE AN EVEN
GREATER
HOKAGE
THAN YOU!!



I DID THE
BEST THAT
I COULD!!

ANY-
WAYS!

NOT
EVERYTHING
MA TOLD
ME ABOUT
WENT WELL,
BUT!



THAT I'M
DOING
JUST
FINE!!

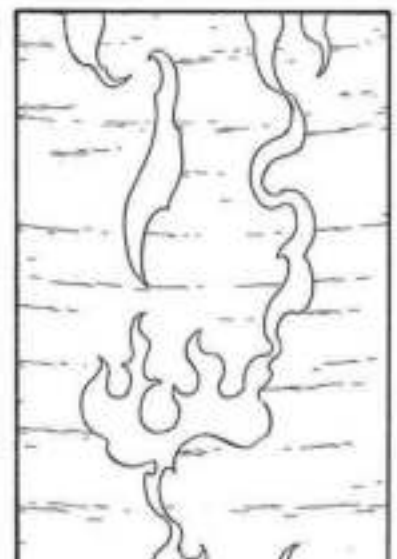
...THAT SHE
DOESN'T NEED
TO WORRY
ABOUT ME
AT ALL!!

TELL MA
WHEN YOU
SEE HER...

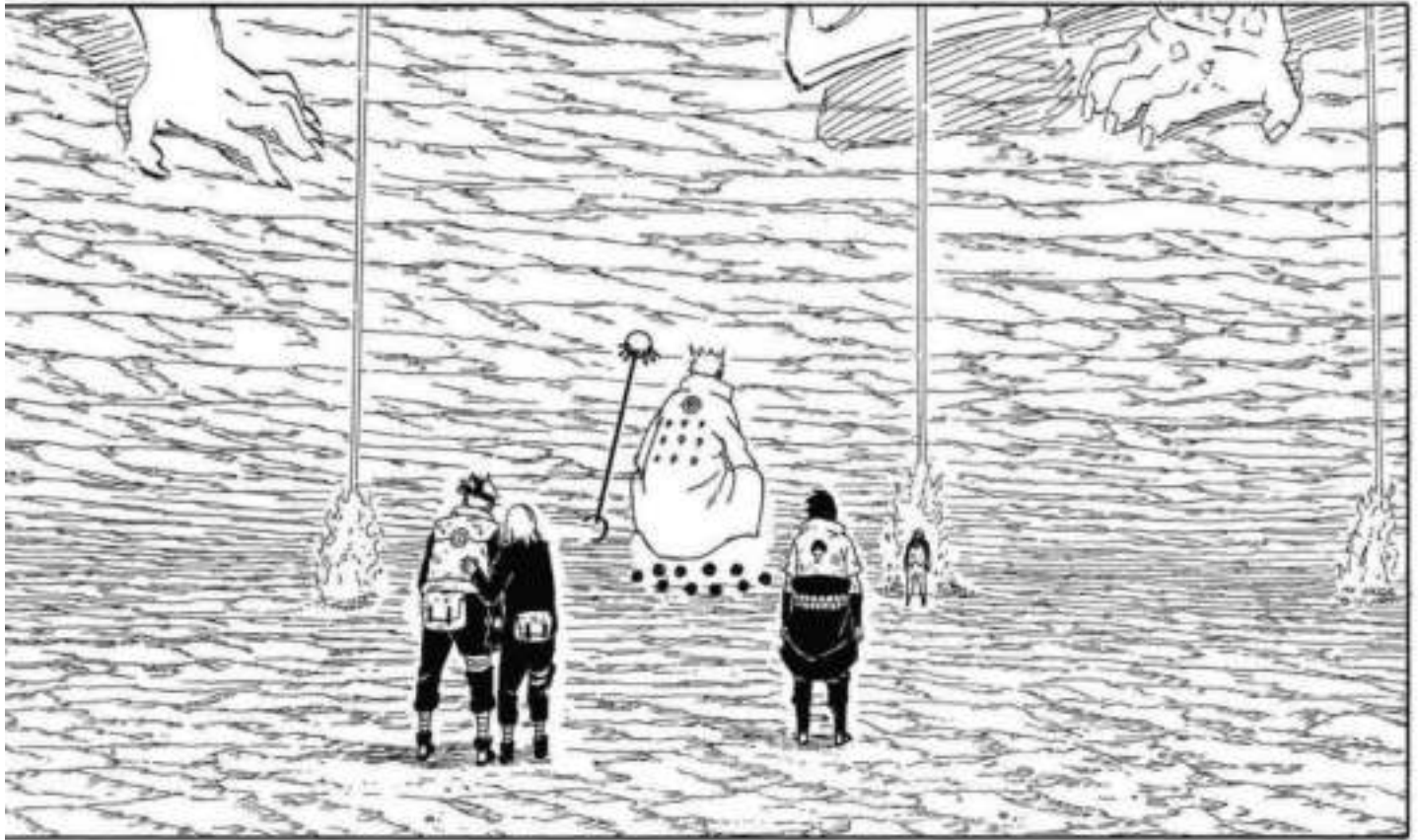


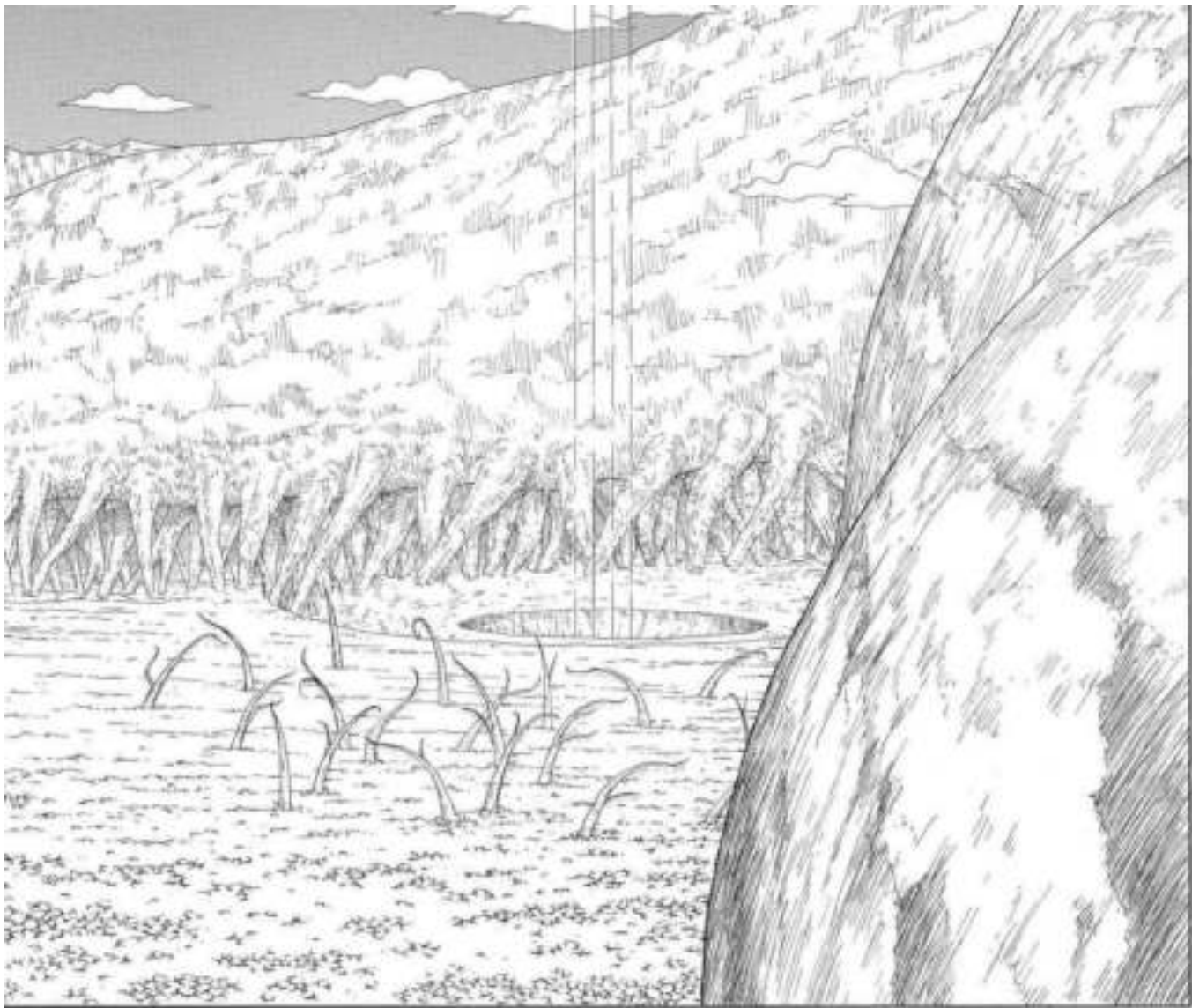
I'LL MAKE
SURE TO
TELL HER
EVERYTHING...

...DON'T
WORRY...









AS SARU SAYS... LET'S LEAVE THE REST TO THE NEXT GENERATION.



...KAKASHI, SAKURA, SASUKE AND NARUTO!

WE'RE LEAVING THE REST TO YOU...

ELDER BROTHER, YOU FINALLY SETTLED THINGS WITH MADARA.

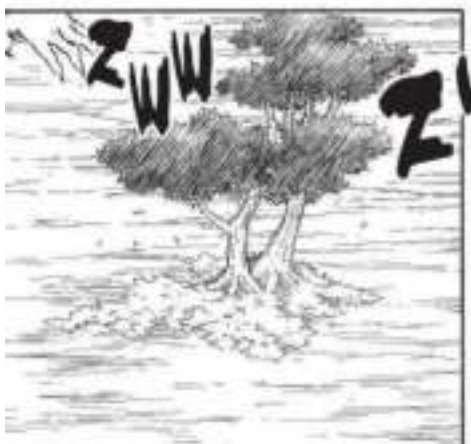


NOD



RUB

RUB



NO... MAKE SURE TO DO SO, UZUMAKI NARUTO AND UCHIHA SASUKE.

WISP...

YOU WILL PROBABLY FIND A DIFFERENT CONCLUSION THAN WE DID...

INDEED...







IT'S LIKE SHE DIDN'T HAVE A HEART AT ALL...

KAGUYA WAS... DIFFERENT FROM ANYONE ELSE I'VE FOUGHT...

...MY MA WAS UZUMAKI KUSHINA.

I'M JUST SO GLAD...



...AFTER SHE DEVOURED THE CHAKRA FRUIT.

I SUSPECT THAT THE PROCESS, OR SOMETHING, STARTED...



I DO NOT KNOW FOR SURE WHAT CAUSED HER TO TRANSFORM INTO A BEING WHO CAME TO BE CALLED A DEMON.

IT'S SAID MY MOTHER KAGUYA STARTED OFF AS A BELOVED GODDESS OF THE PEOPLE...

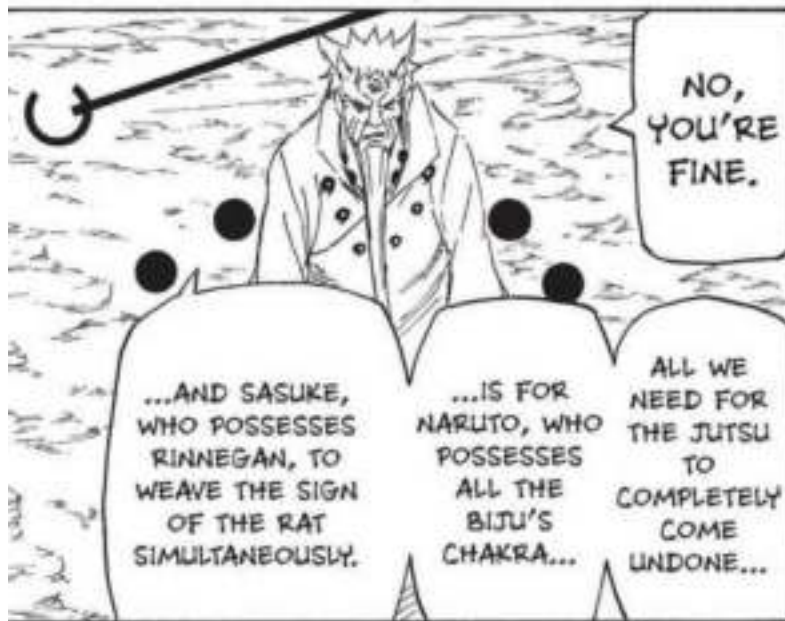


NOW THEN, ALL THAT'S LEFT...

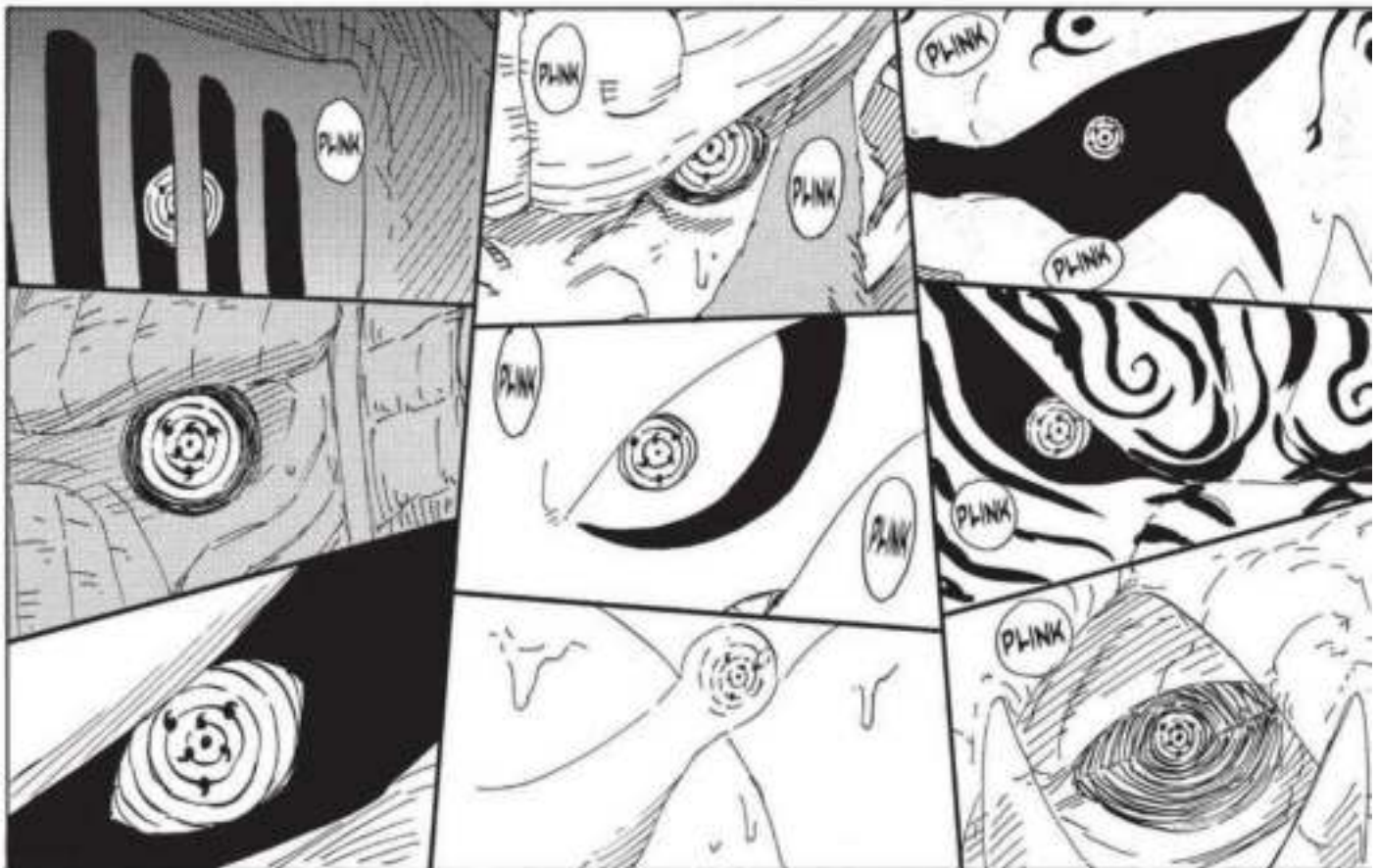


I TRUST YOU NOT TO BECOME LIKE HER, EVEN WITH ALL OF THE BIJU'S CHAKRA WITHIN YOU.

IN ANY CASE, YOU ARE NOT LIKE MY MOTHER.



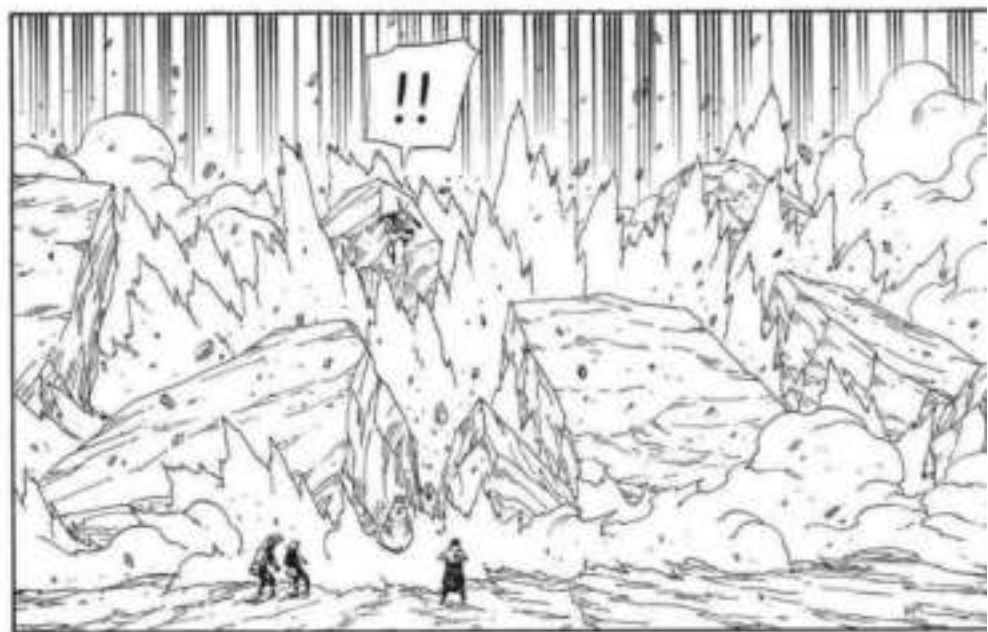


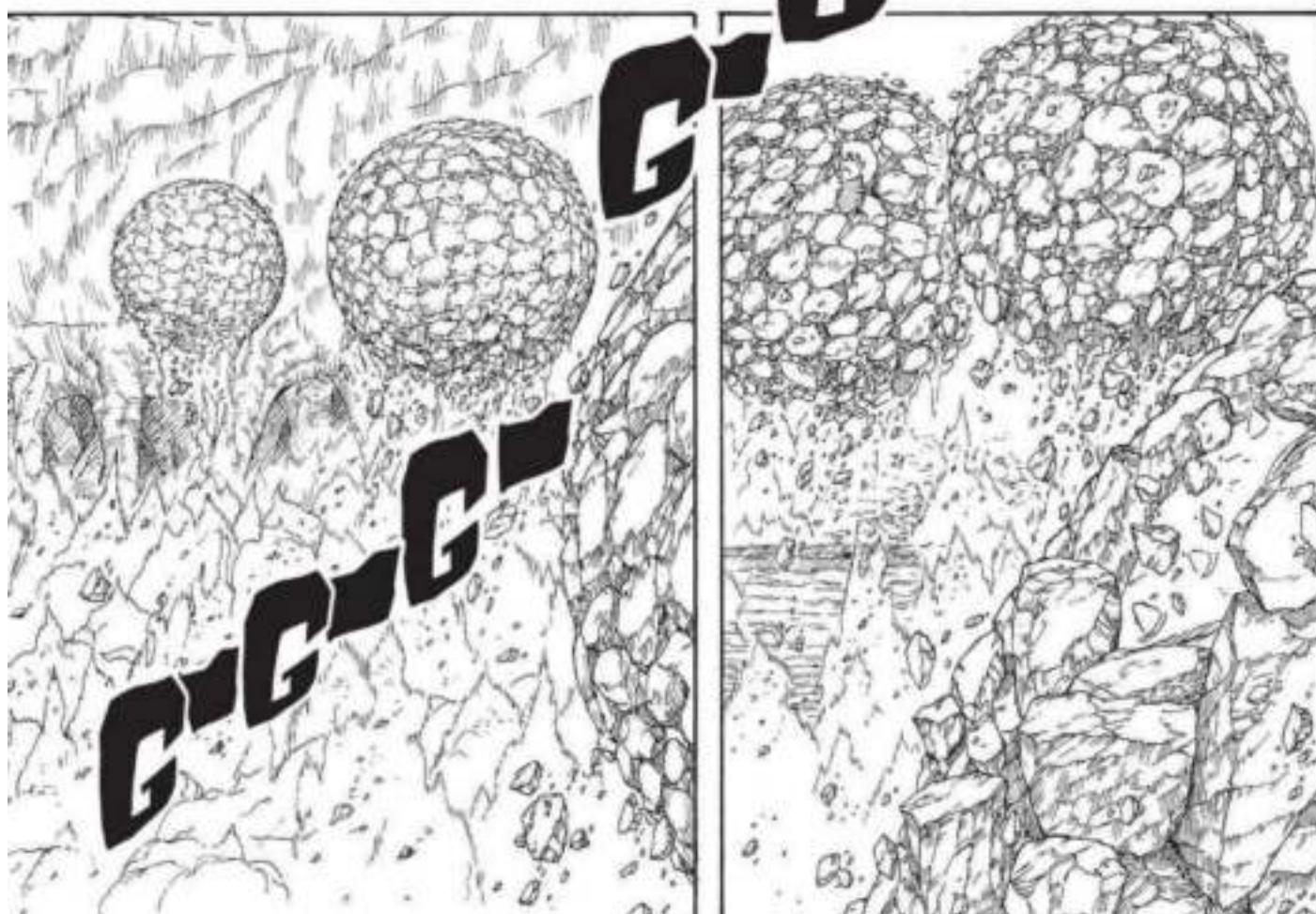


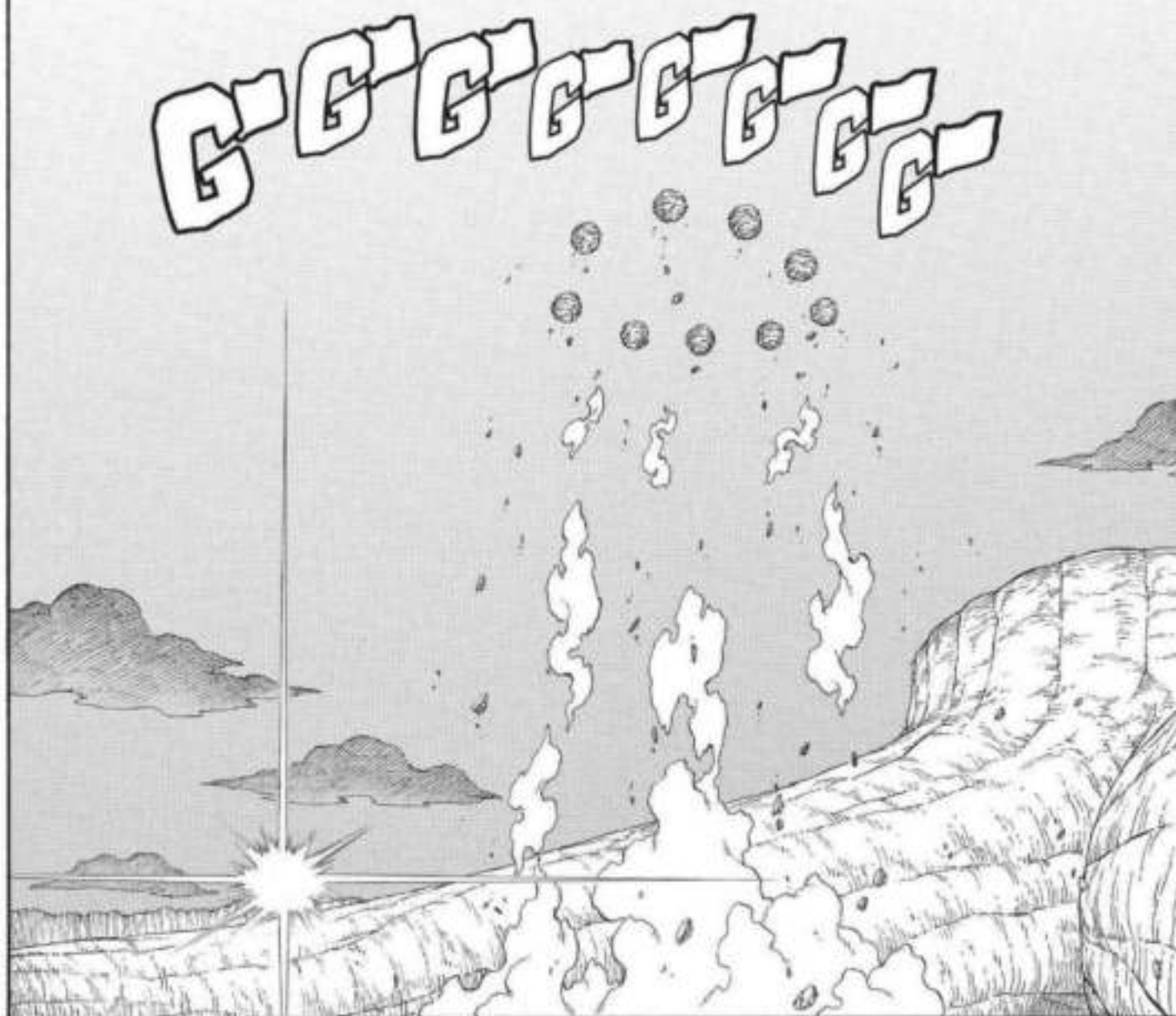


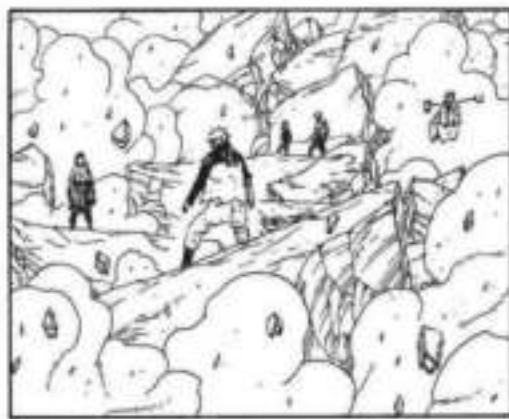










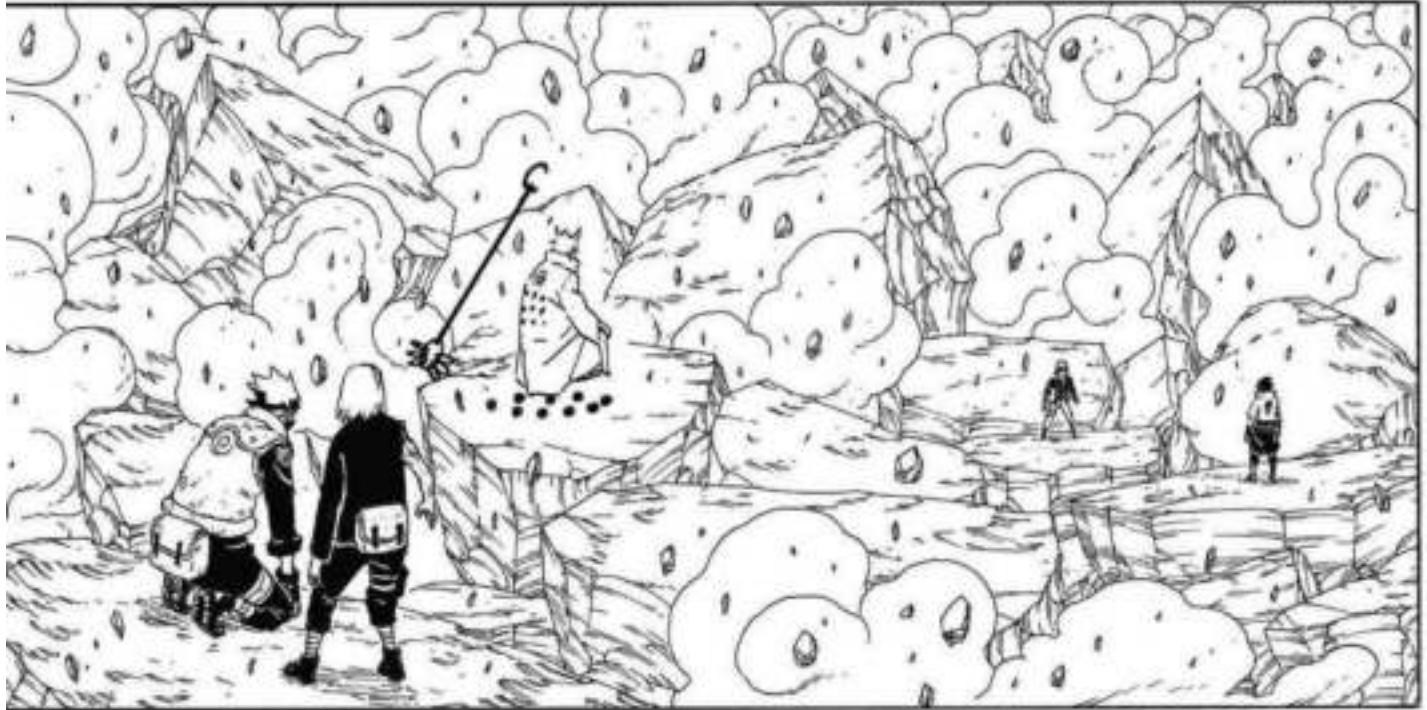


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THE EXCITING NINJACOMIC  NARUTO



15th. ANNIVERSARY  IKEMOTOMIKIO





OUT OF NECESSITY.

IN SHORT, YOU'RE GOING TO DIE, NARUTO.



SO I'LL LET THEM LIVE UNTIL THEN.



I CAN JUST USE THE BIJU THEMSELVES THAT I'VE TRAPPED.

IF WHAT THE SAGE SAID IS TRUE...

...THERE'S NO NEED TO USE THE BIJU POWER INSIDE OF YOU TO UNDO THE INFINITE TSUKUYOMI.

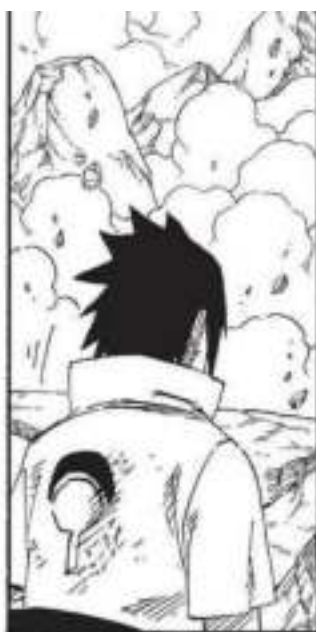


I WON'T LET YOU DO ANY HARM TO THEM...

YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?!







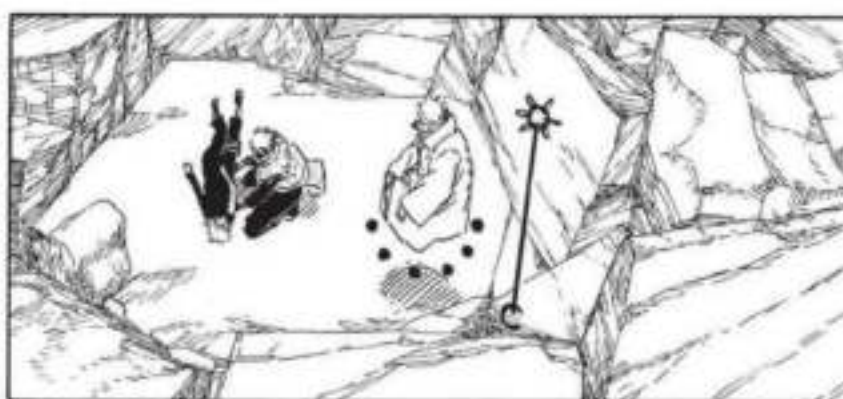
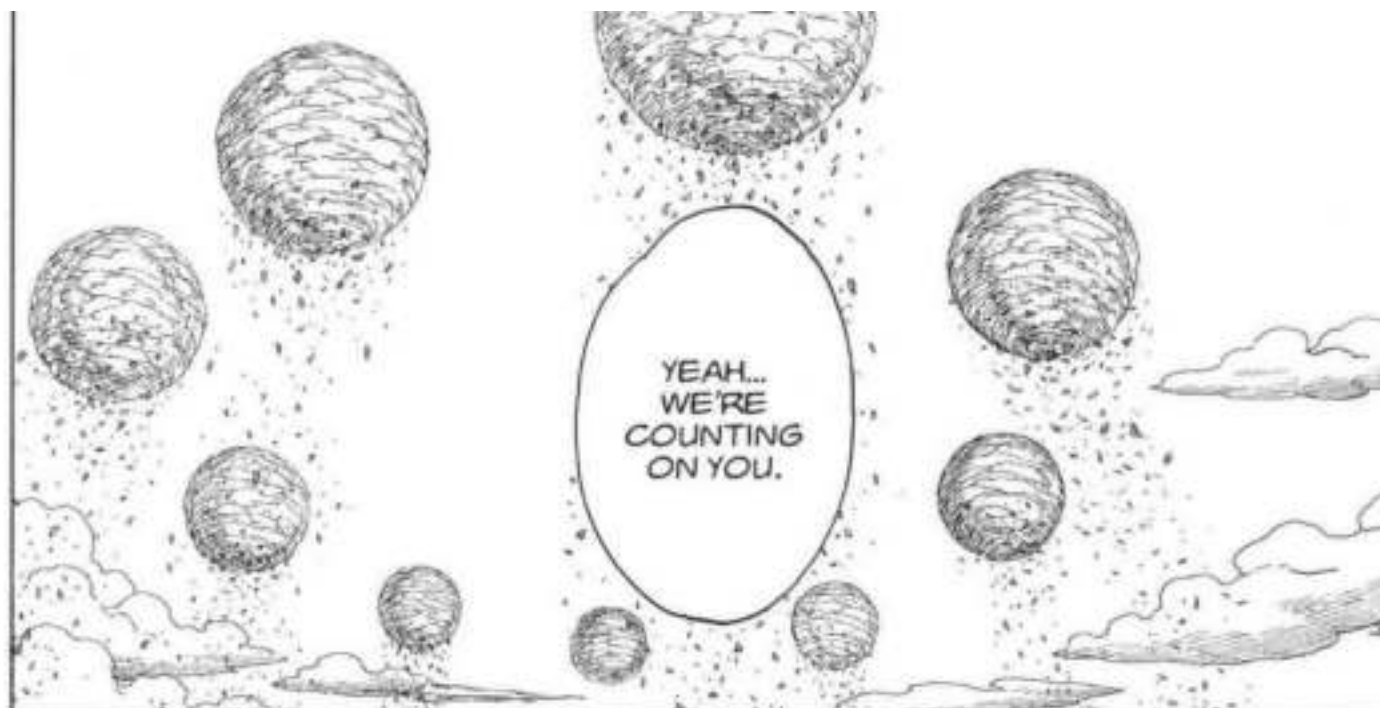
















I THINK I SHALL LET NARUTO HANDLE THIS...



THE BOY WAS ABLE TO SAVE AND SPREAD KURAMA, WHO HAD BECOME A CONCRETION OF HATRED...

UZUMAKI NARUTO...



WHY DO YOU SEE POTENTIAL WITHIN NARUTO?



THE PAST IS SUPPOSED TO EXIST FOR THE FUTURE.

THE PAST DOES NOT EXIST TO REMIND THAT THE FUTURE CANNOT CHANGE.



...NARUTO, AS WELL AS SASUKE, KNOWS WHAT LOVE IS.

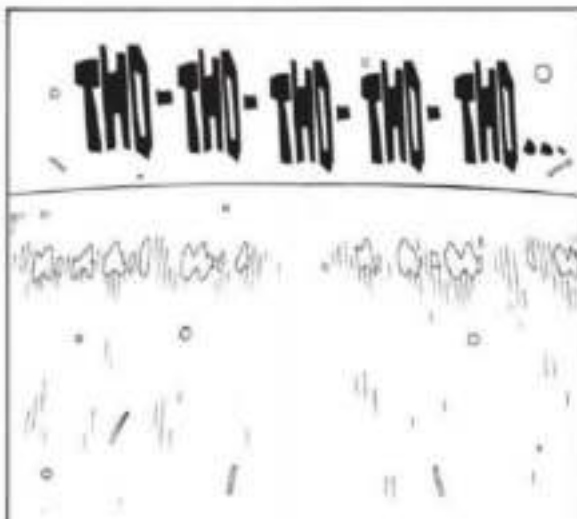
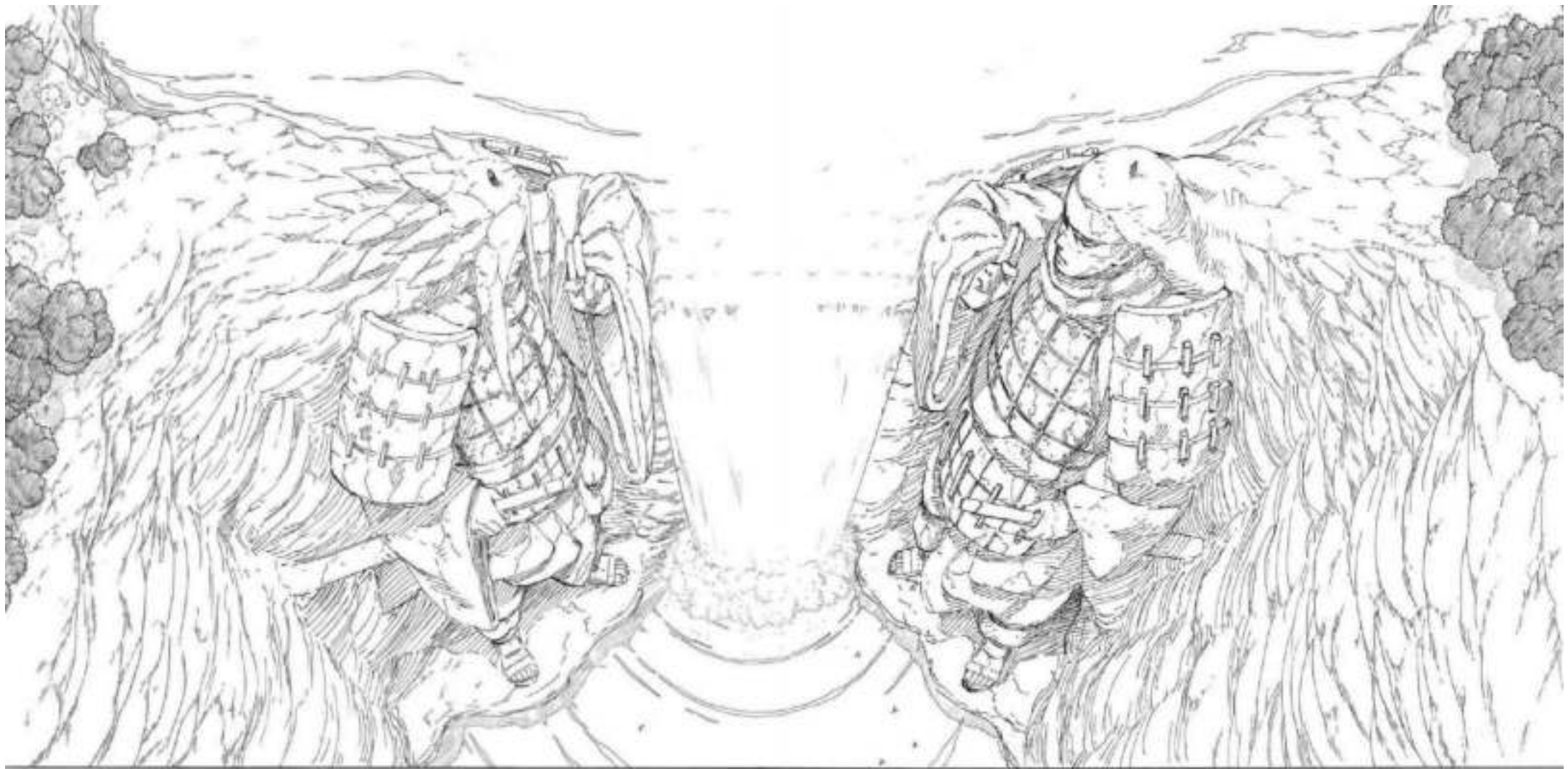
SINCE, UNLIKE MOTHER...

OR RATHER... I HAVE HOPE THAT LOVE CAN BE REGAINED...

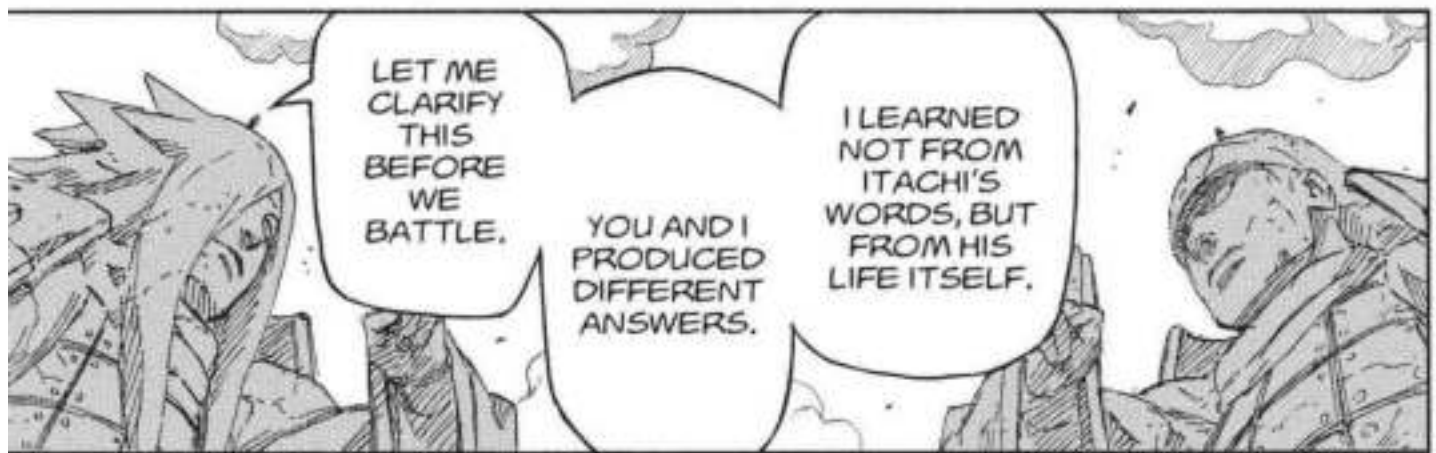
THP THP



...SINCE I HOPE THAT HATE CAN BE TRANSFORMED INTO LOVE THIS TIME...



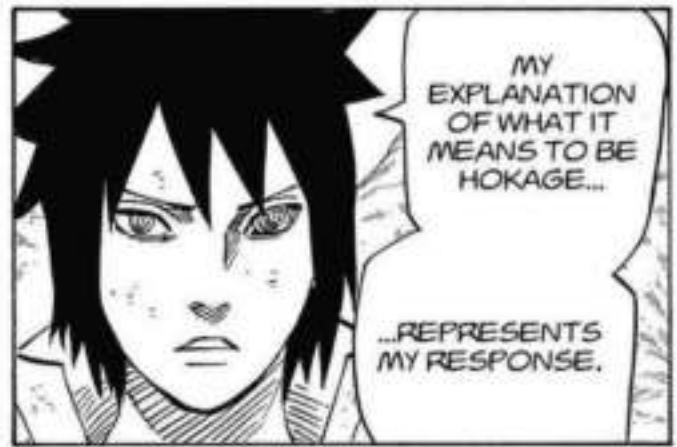
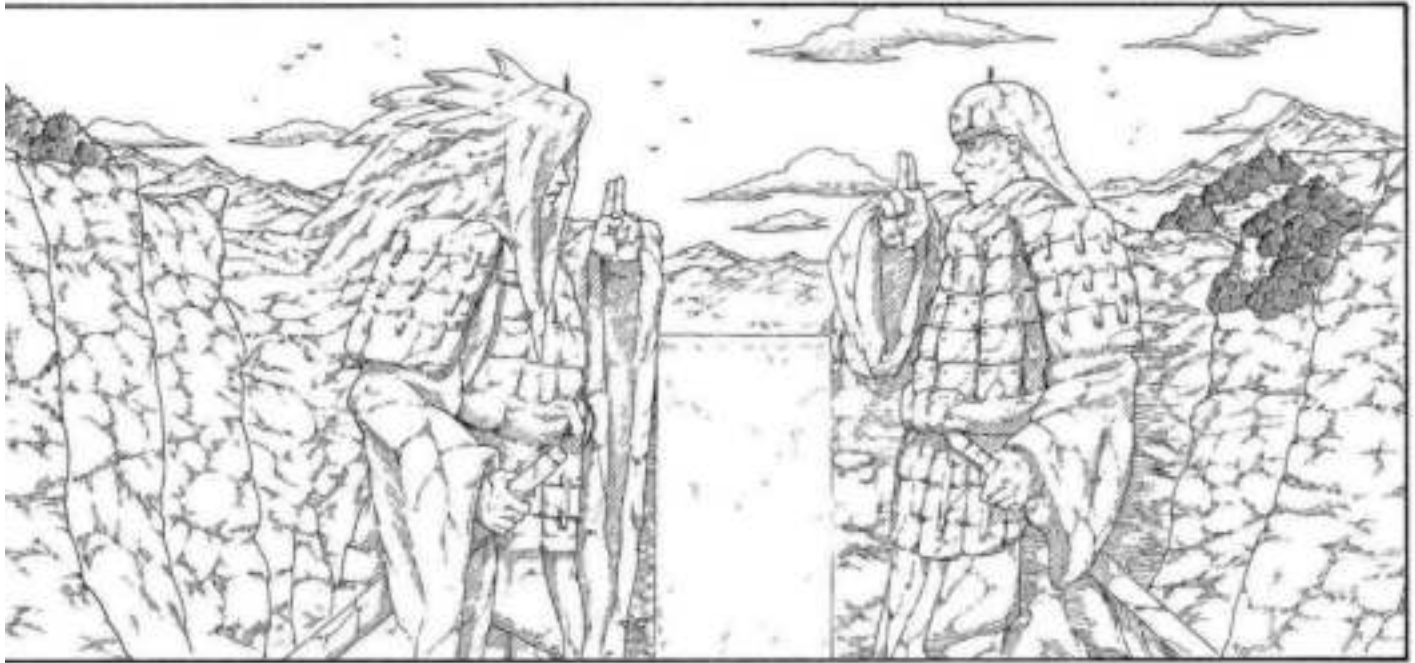








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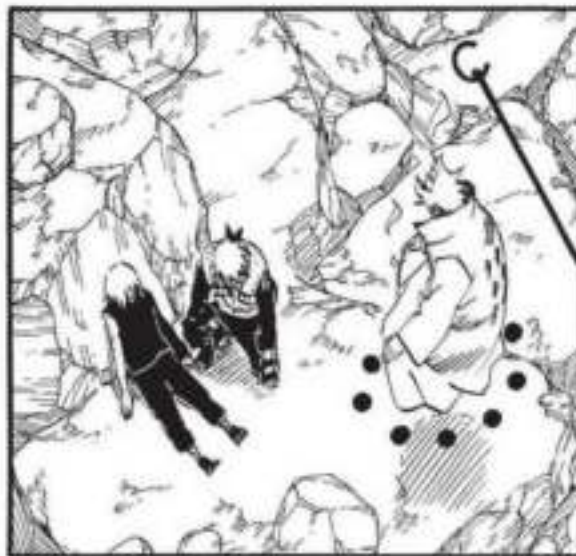
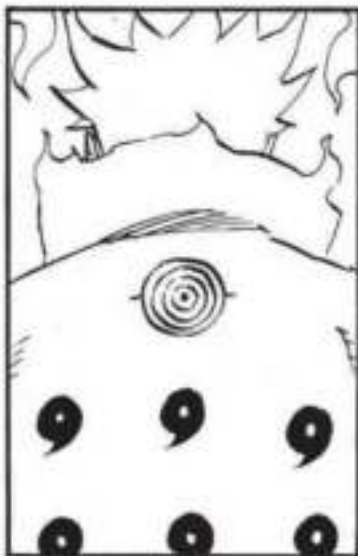
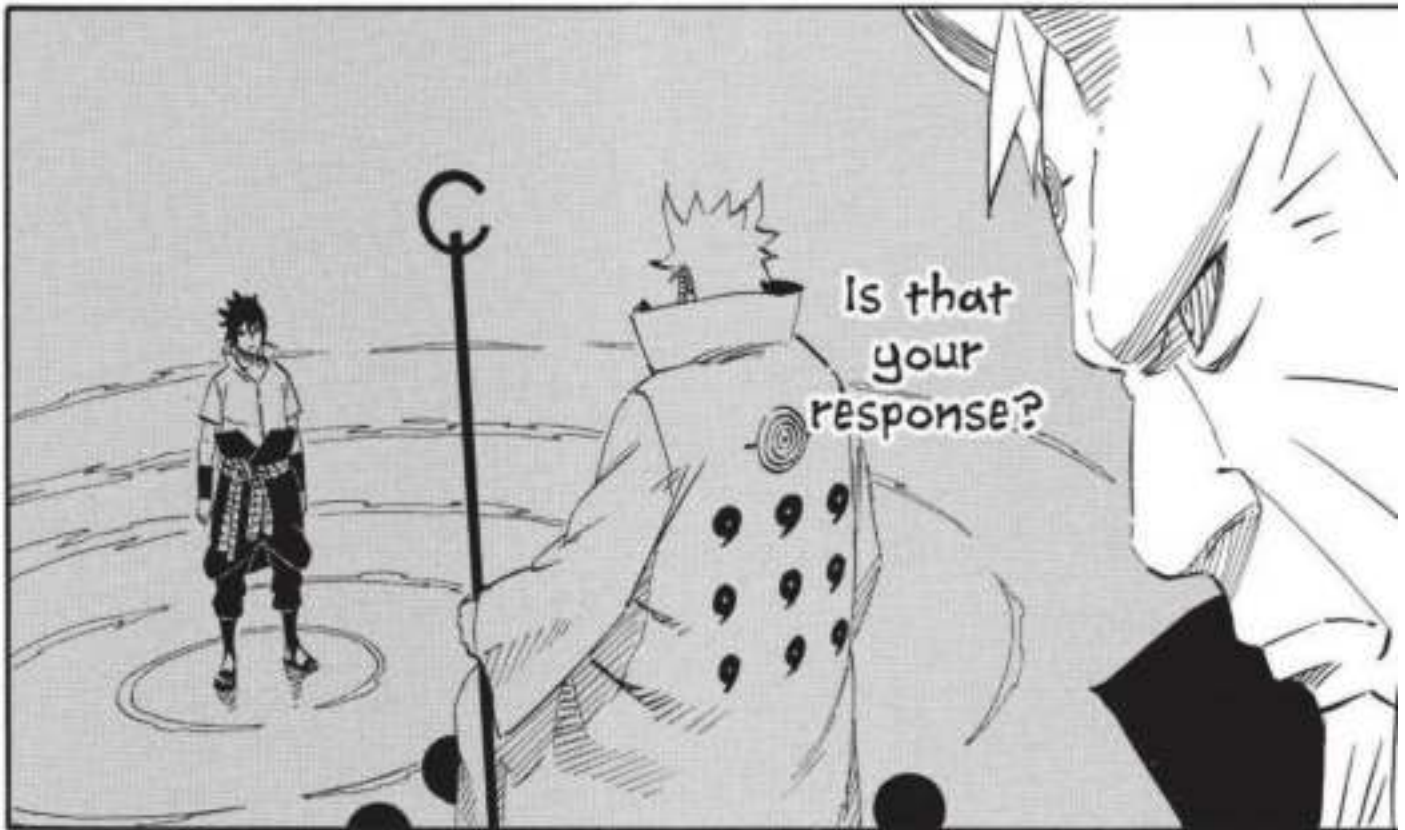




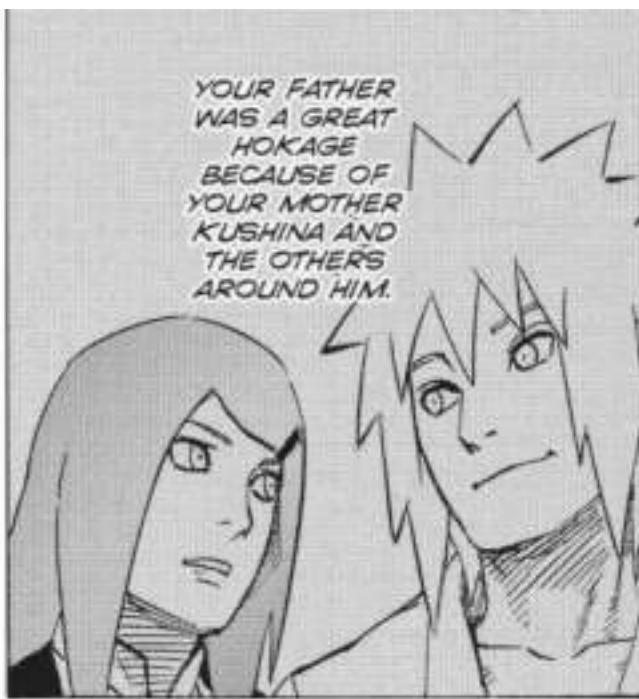












YOUR FATHER
WAS A GREAT
HOKAGE
BECAUSE OF
YOUR MOTHER
KUSHINA AND
THE OTHERS
AROUND HIM.



NO MATTER
HOW
POWERFUL
YOU BECOME,
NEVER TRY TO
TAKE IT ALL
ON BY
YOURSELF.

YOU'LL
JUST
FAIL.



YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND
ITACHI'S LIFE
PATH AT ALL!



THIS TIME,
I LEAVE THE
TASK TO A
FRIEND.

I TRIED
TO DO
EVERYTHING
BY MYSELF
TOO. IT
FAILED.



LIKE OUR
BATTLE
AGAINST
KAGUYA.
REMEMBER
?!!

THERE
ARE
THINGS
YOU CAN'T
DO
ALONE!!



IT MAY BE...



...



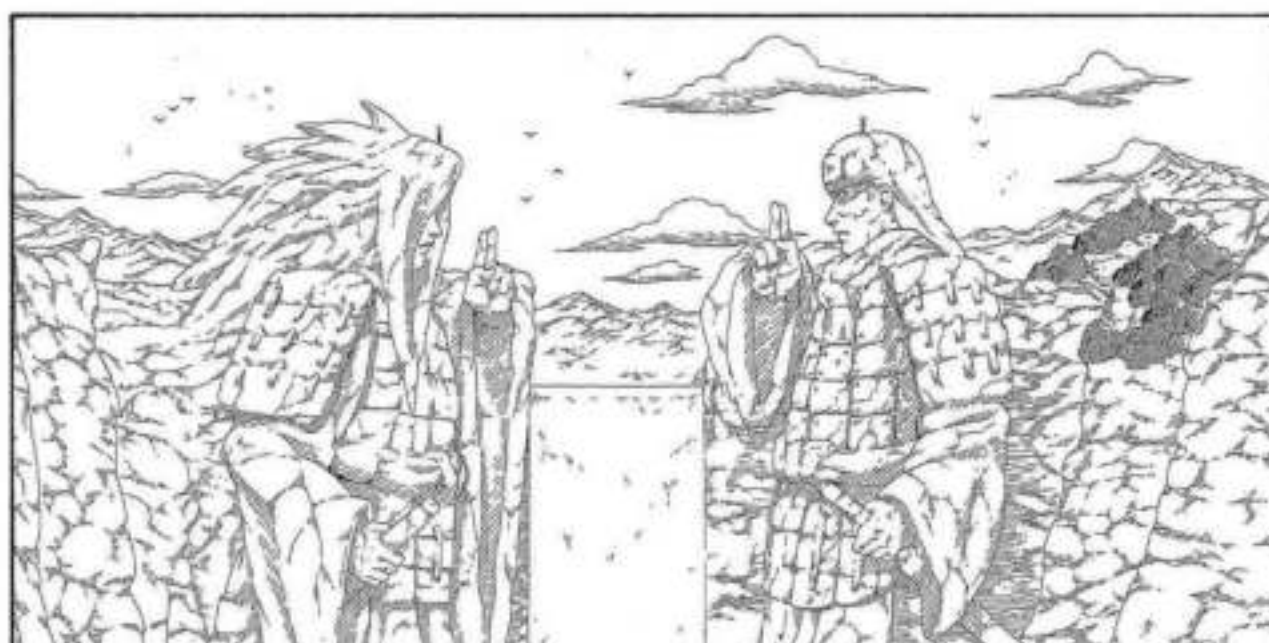

















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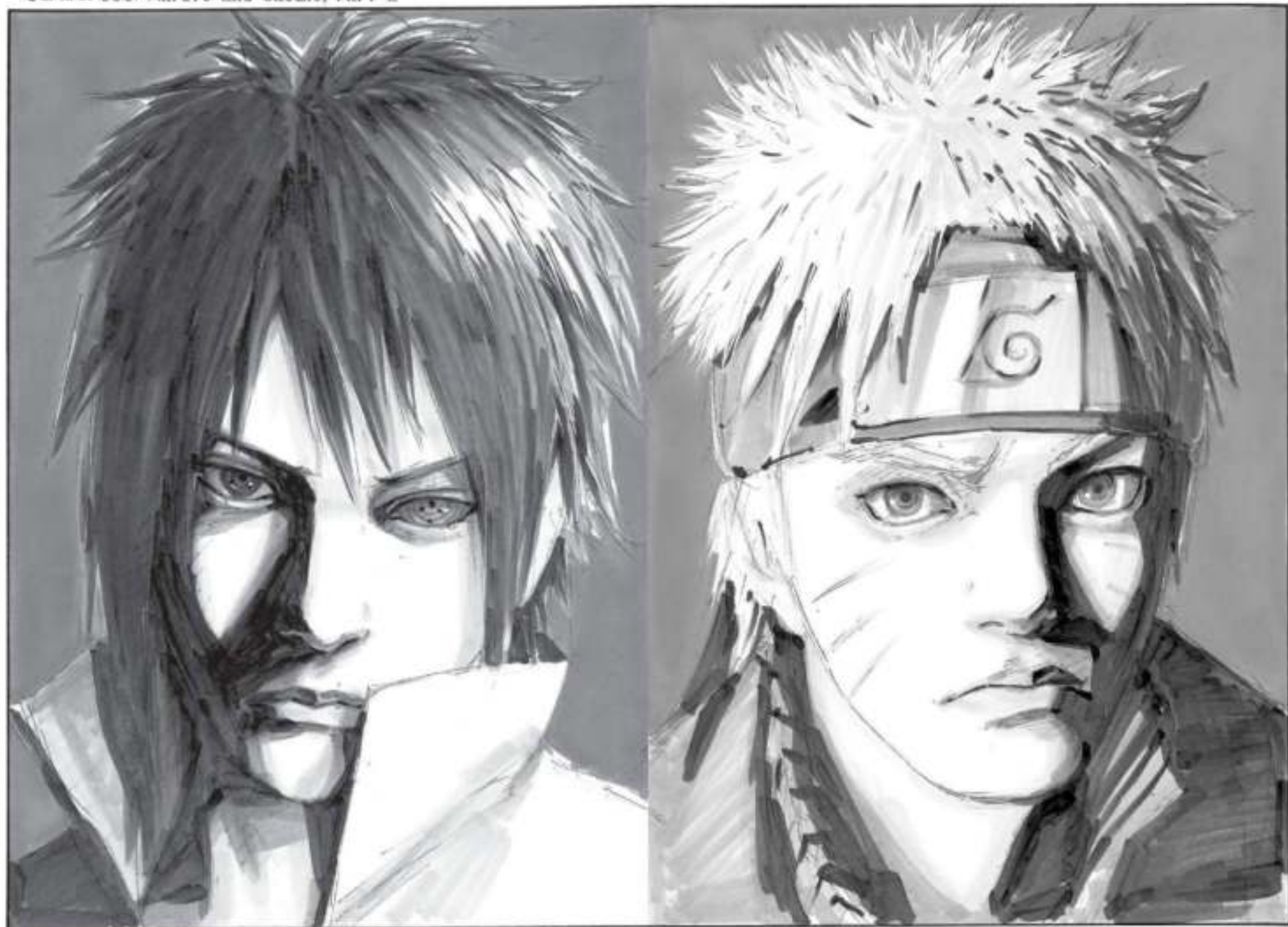
BANNER: CONGRATS ON 15 YEARS!



IT IS A LIFETIME HONOR THAT I, WHO WAS ORIGINALLY JUST A FAN, GOT TO BE INVOLVED WITH NARUTO FOR 8 YEARS. -AKIO SHIRASAKA

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NARUTO





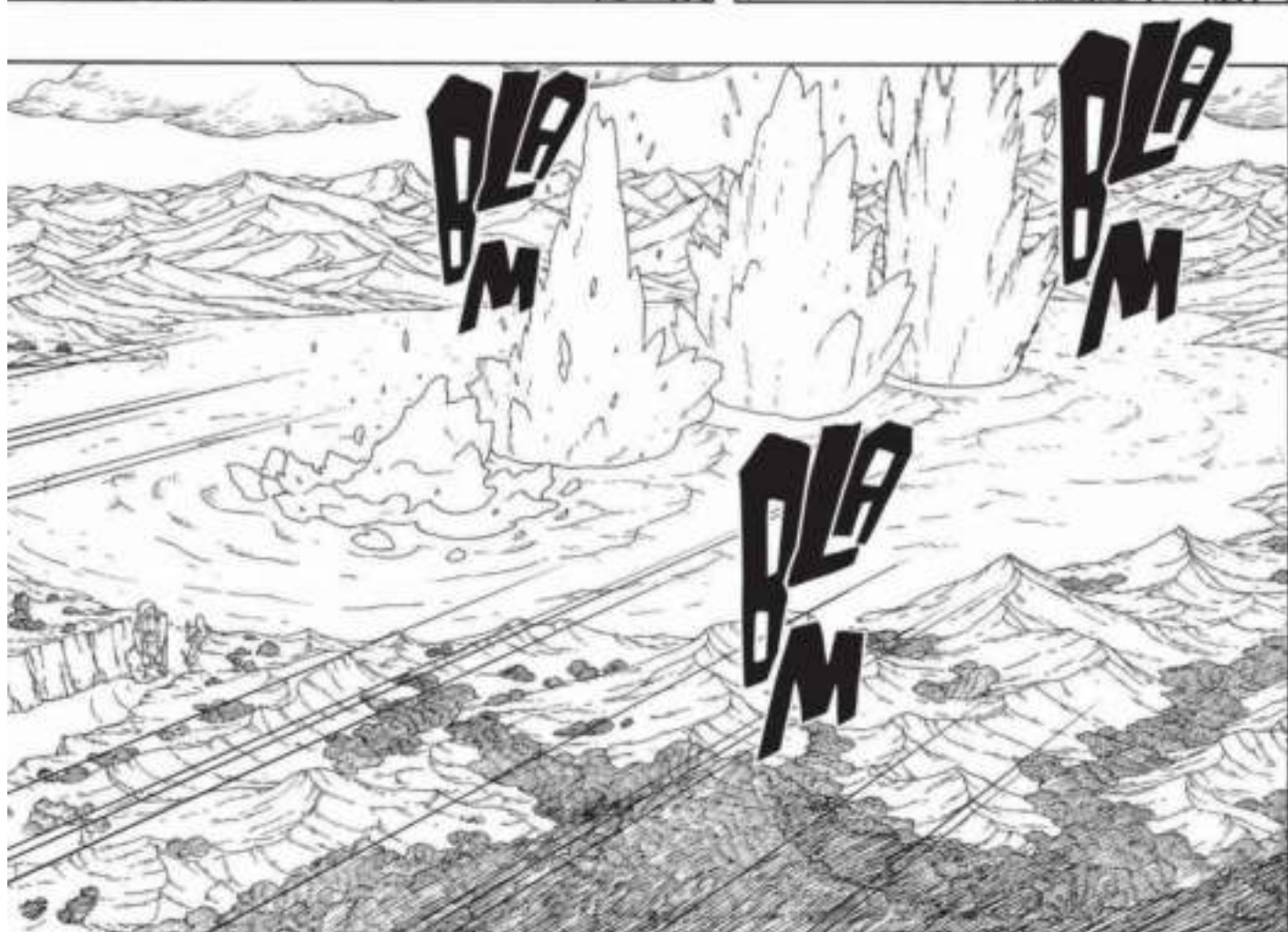


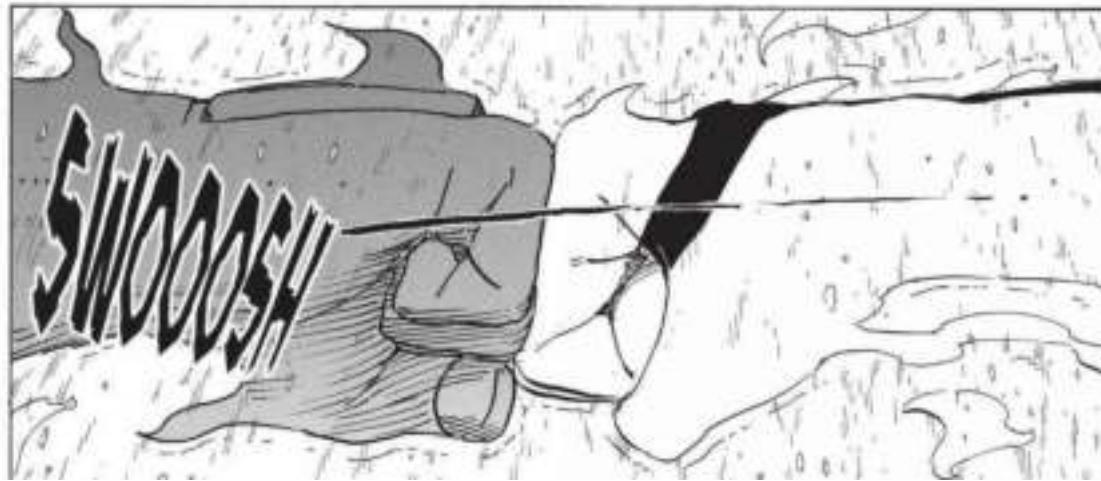
HIS
LEFT
EYE IS...

GAH!

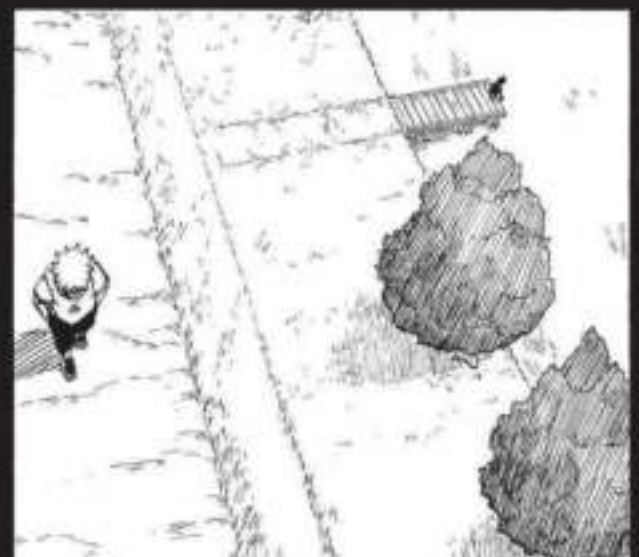
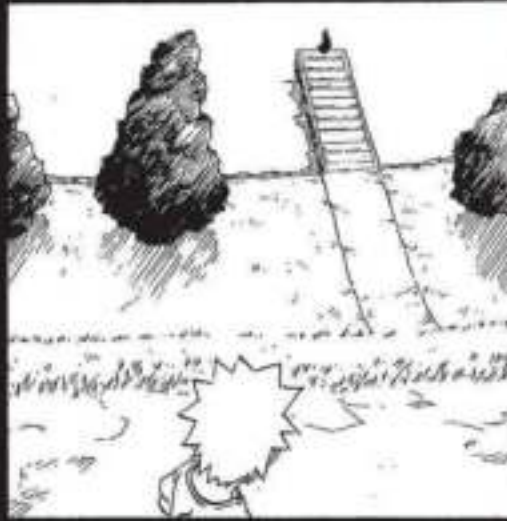


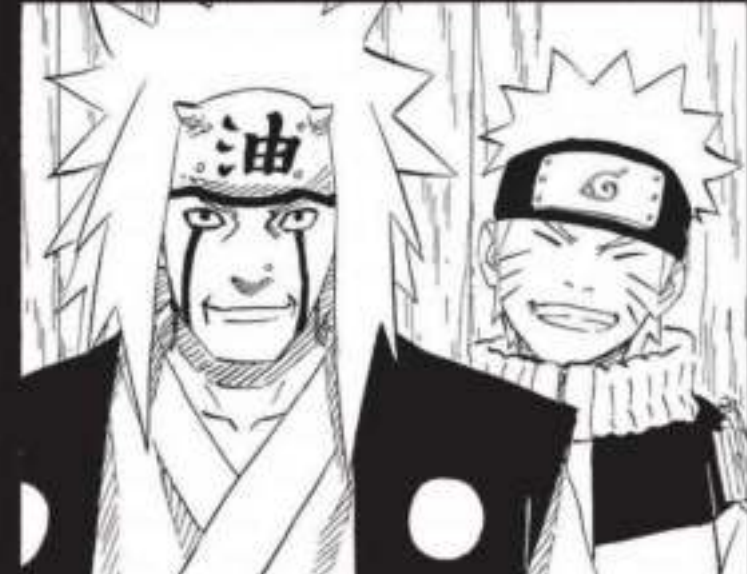


















I AIN'T LETTING YOU!!



...MY CLOSEST FRIEND.



SPROING

THAT'S WHY I CAN'T LET YOU...

WE BOTH KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE!



BZZZZ

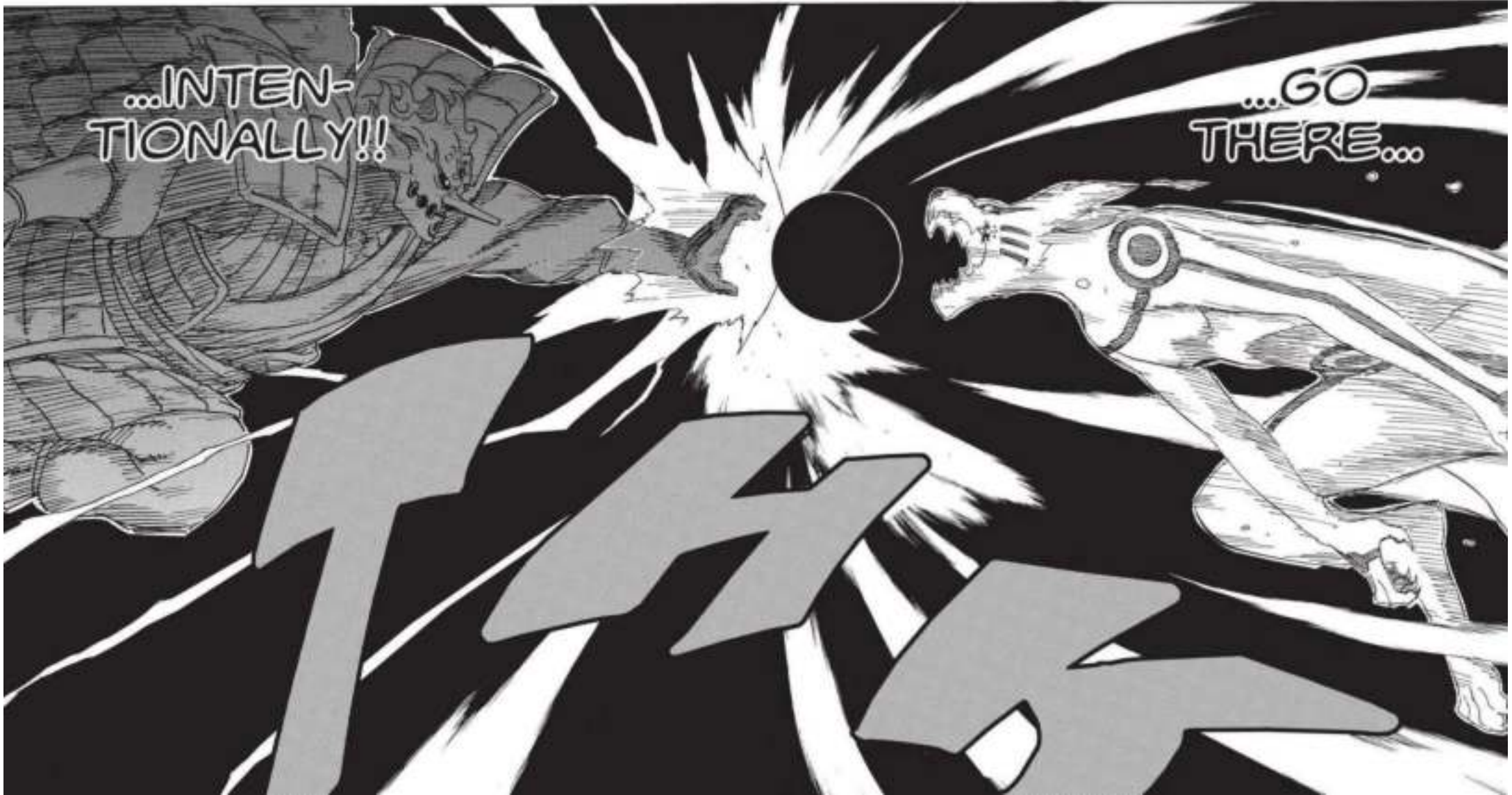


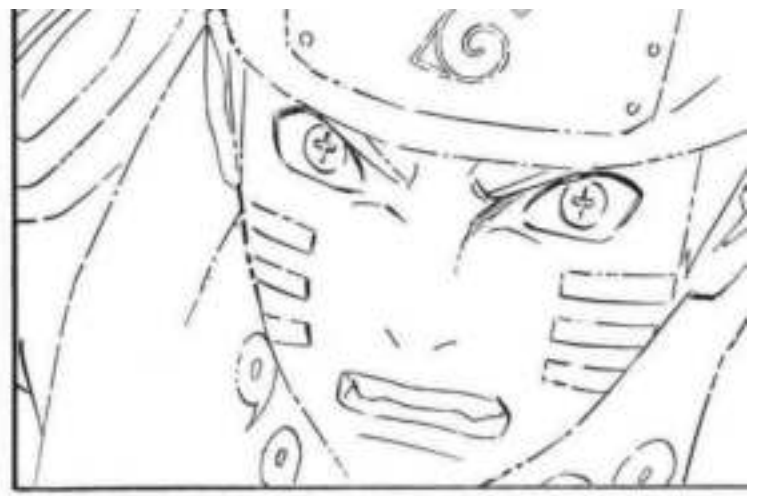
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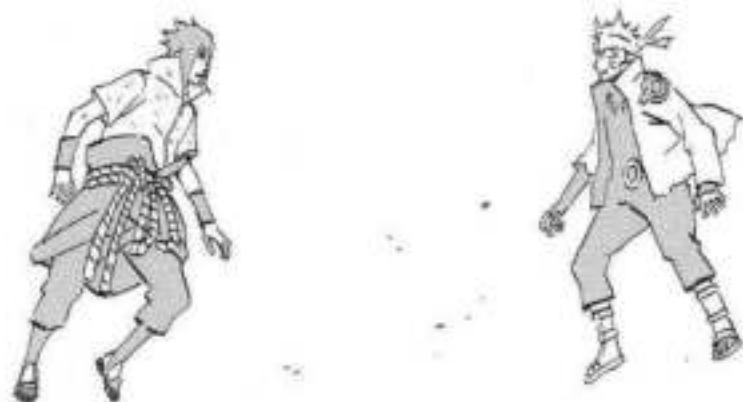


WHOOSH

BZZZZ







I
KNOW...

WE'RE
DIFFERENT
FROM THE
TWO BOYS
WHO FOUGHT
HERE LONG
AGO.



QUIT
YAPPING.

RIGHT,
NARUTO?

AND YOU,
MINE...

...YOUR
HEART.



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SERIES END
CELEBRATION!

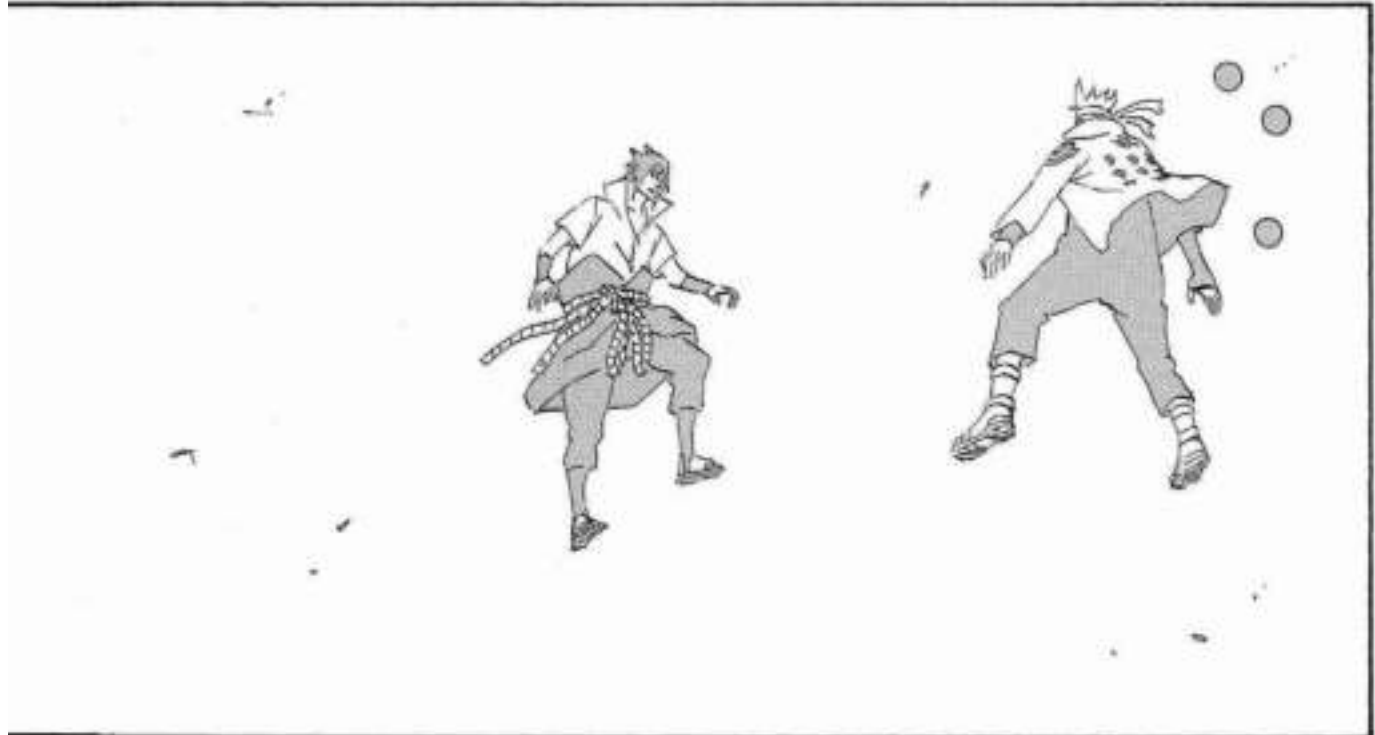
NARUTO



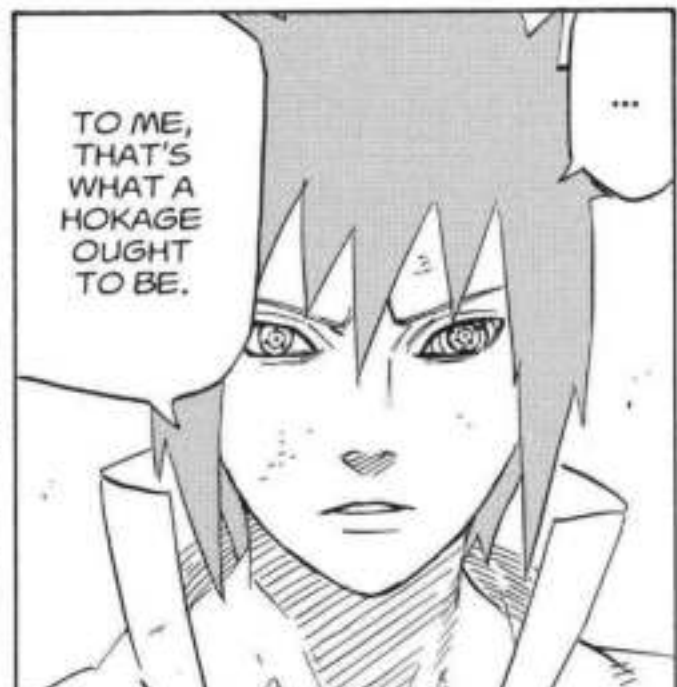
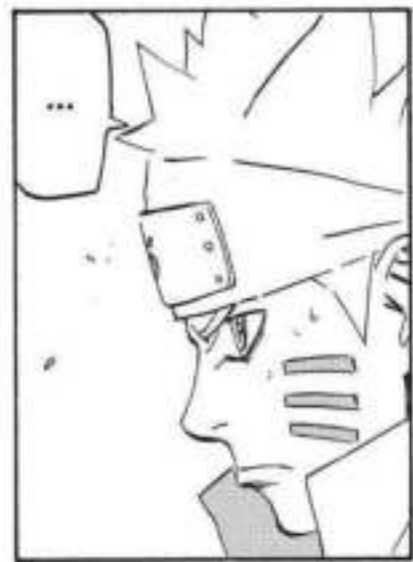
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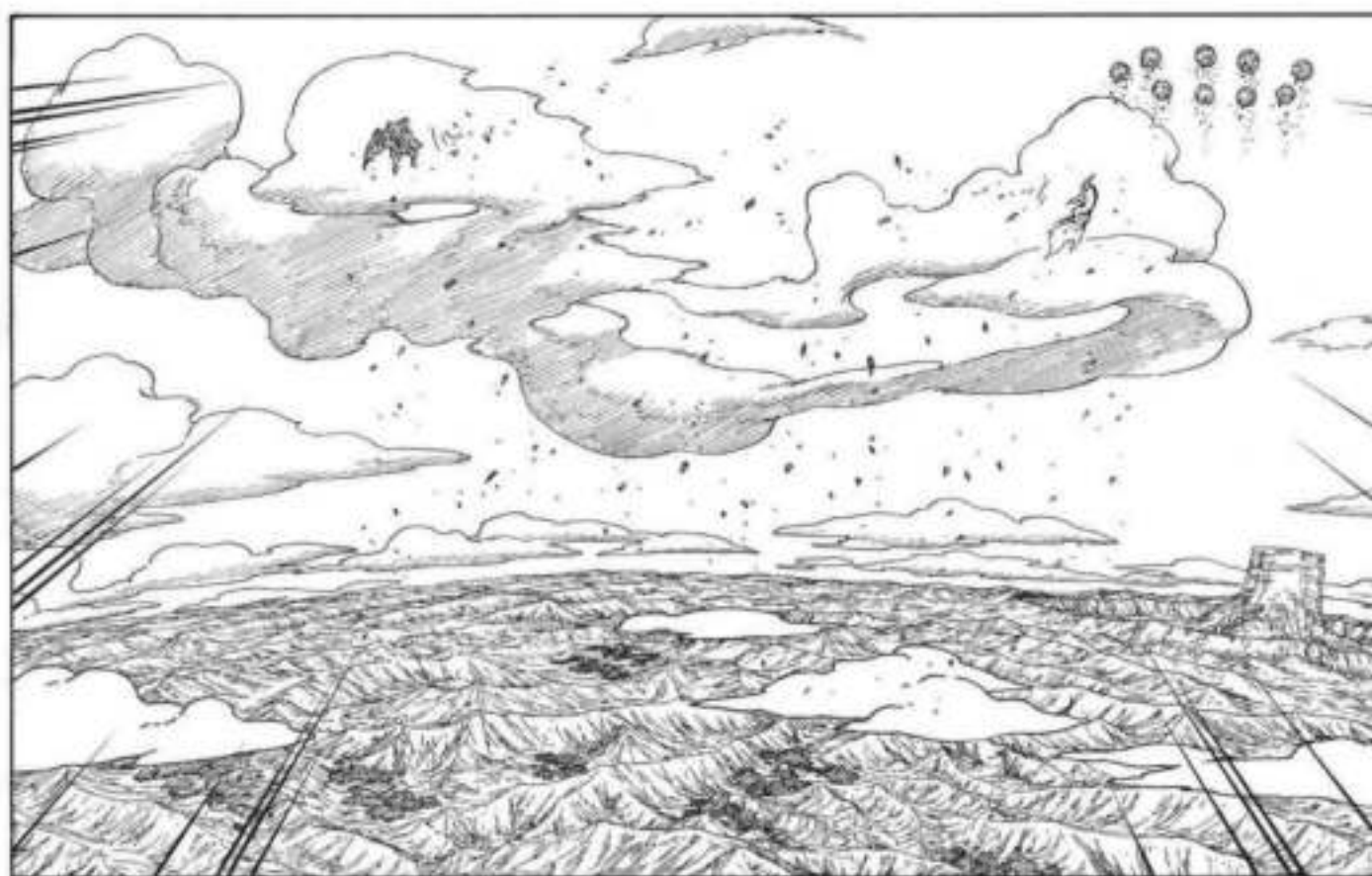
TAKAHIRO HIRAISHI

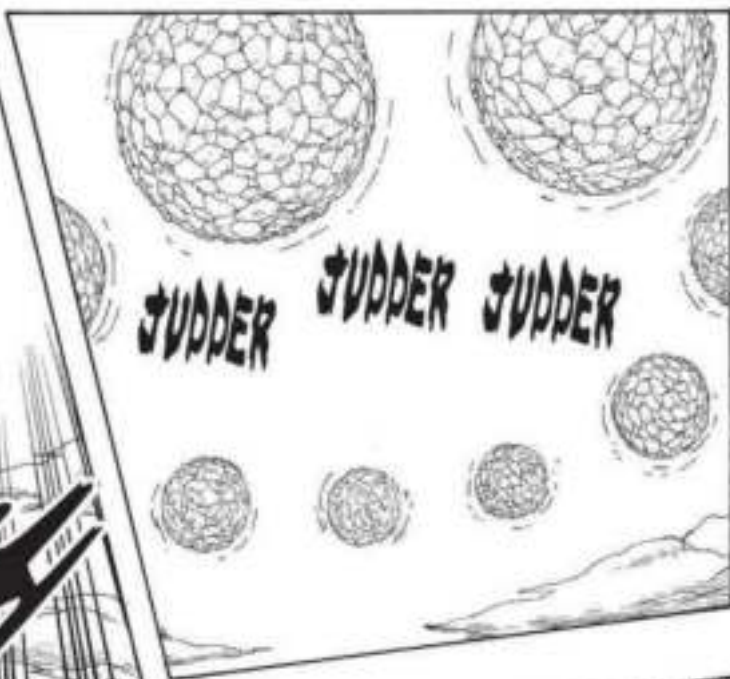


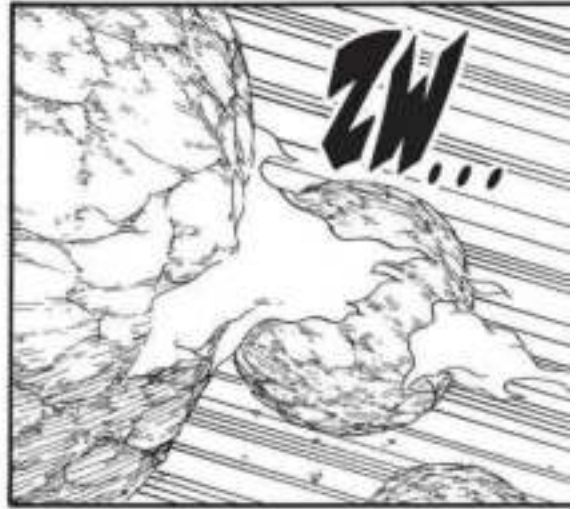














WELL, EXCEPT THAT HE'S DOING THE REVERSE THING.

IT'S LIKE SIX PATHS GEEZER'S LEVEL.

AND UNBELIEVABLY WELL TOO, ALMOST UNRIVALED...

THIS IS BAD... HE'S MERGING ALL OF THE DISSEMINATED CHAKRA INTO ONE.



DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DROP, NARUTO!

SOMETHING INCREDIBLE IS GOING TO EMERGE!

...HE'S USING SUSANO'O AS THE RECEIVING VESSEL.

SINCE THERE'S NO GEDO STATUE HERE...















BOOF



IT'S EVERYTHING THAT'S AVAILABLE! HERE IT COMES!!

I MIGHT'VE AMASSED A LITTLE TOO MUCH, IN FACT.



I CAN FEEL IT!

?!

HOW'D HE GAIN SO MUCH NATURE ENERGY SUDDENLY?!

BELL ZZ



BLAZE

GOT IT!



FINALLY RESOLVED TO KILL ME, EH?

...







KWEEN

BUT NOT
AGAINST
THE
CURRENT
YOU!!



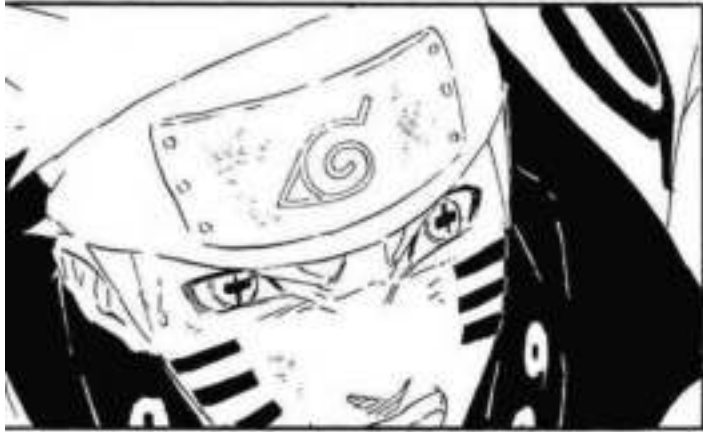
YOU KNOW
THAT
ALREADY
TOO,
DON'T YA,
SASUKE?!!!

WASH

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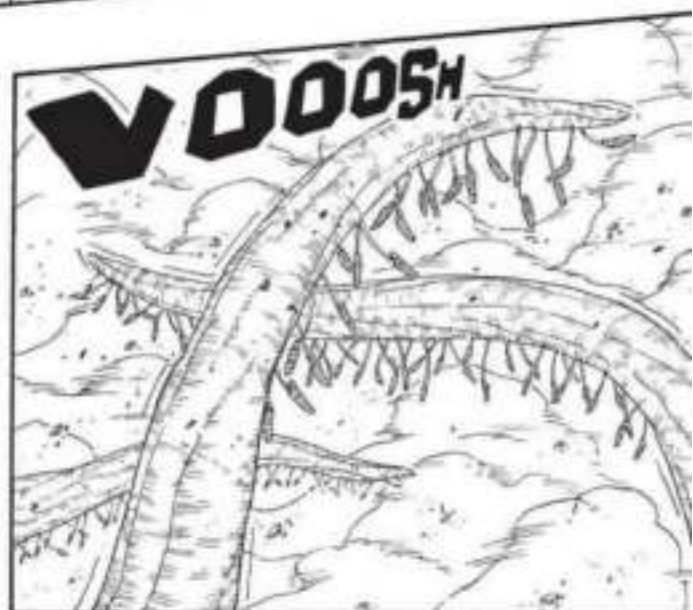
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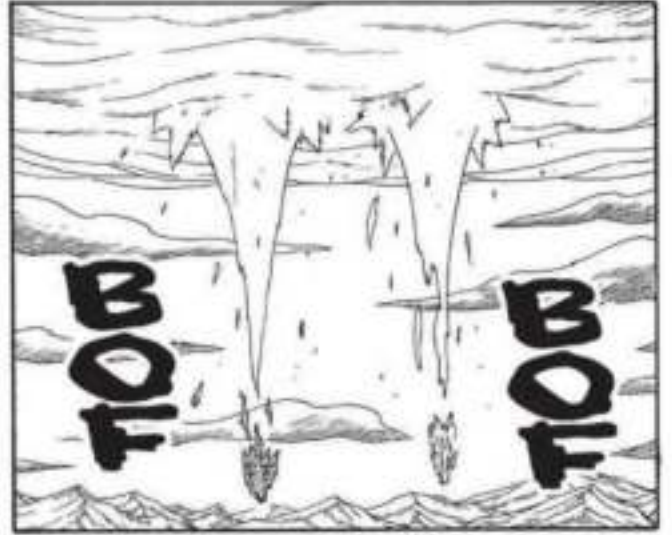
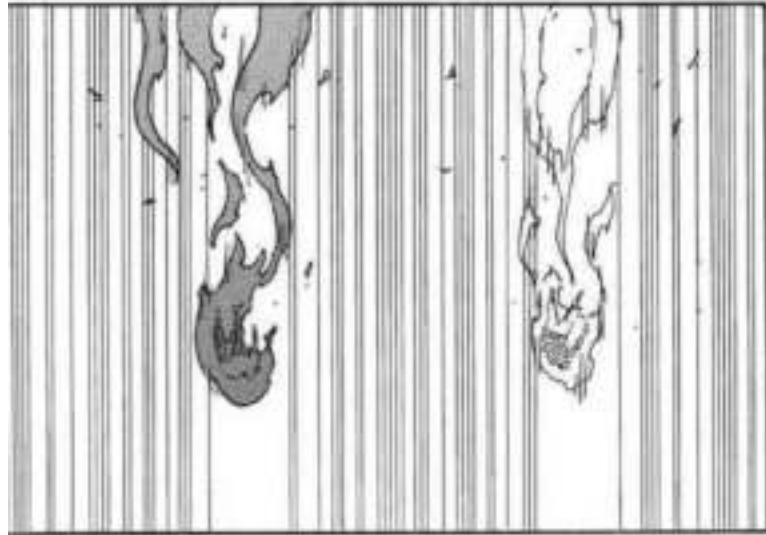




BOOM

JUST BE
GONE
ALREADY!!







AND YOUR CHAKRA'S ALREADY LONG BEEN DRAINED FROM THE WAR...

FRANKLY, IF MY NATURE ENERGY HADN'T REACHED YOU IN TIME, YOU'D HAVE BEEN BLOWN AWAY JUST NOW...







THKTHK



GGH!!

THK



WHAN

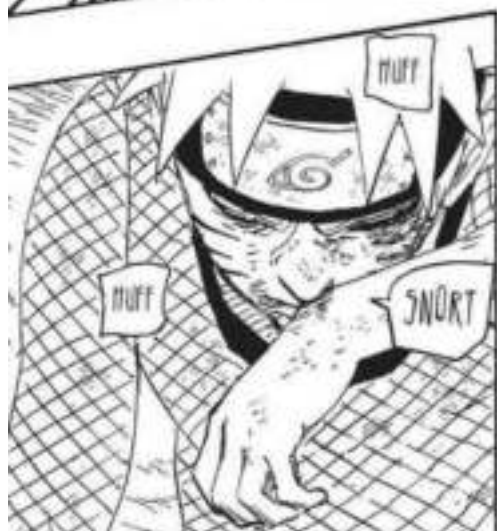
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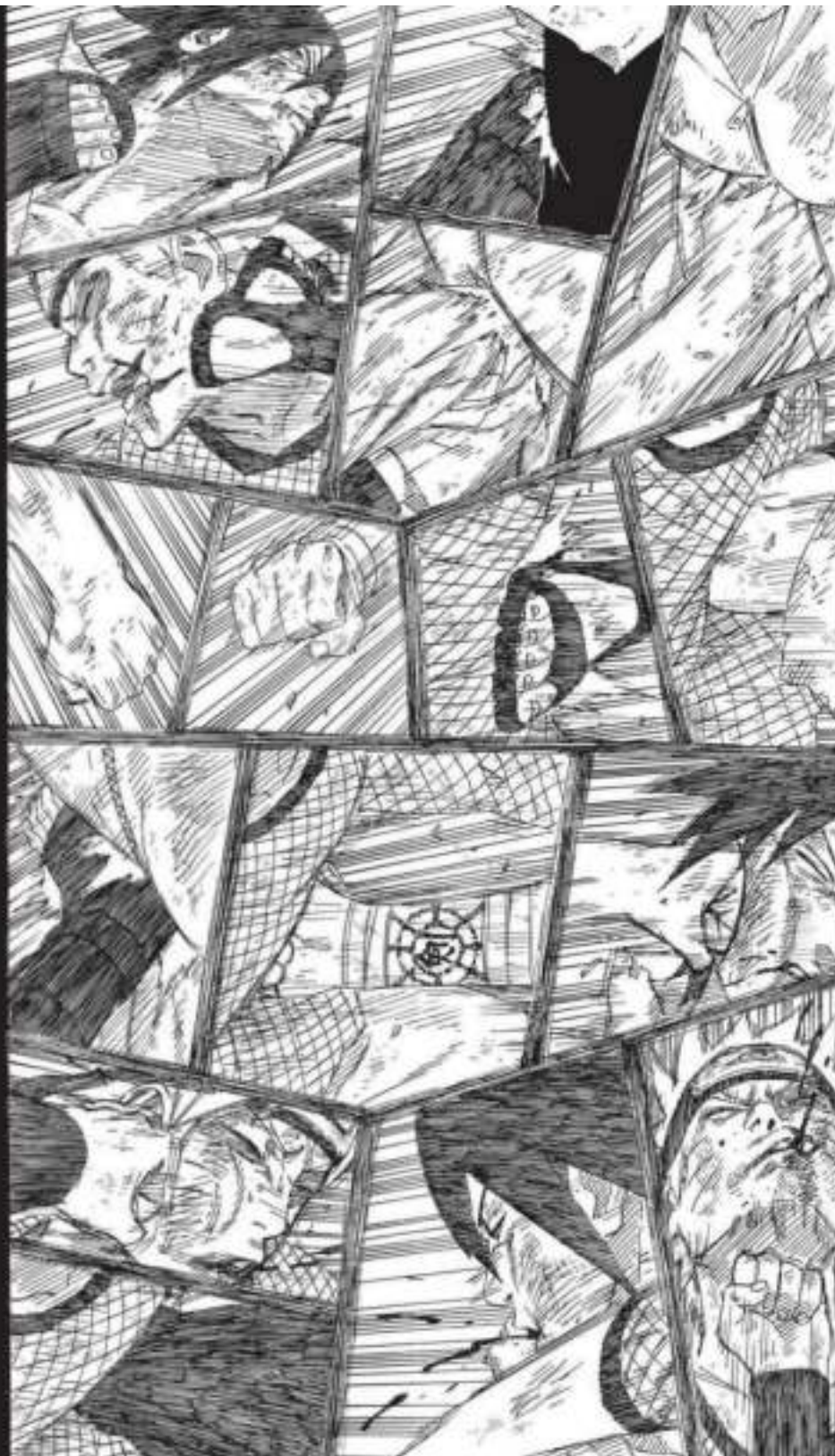


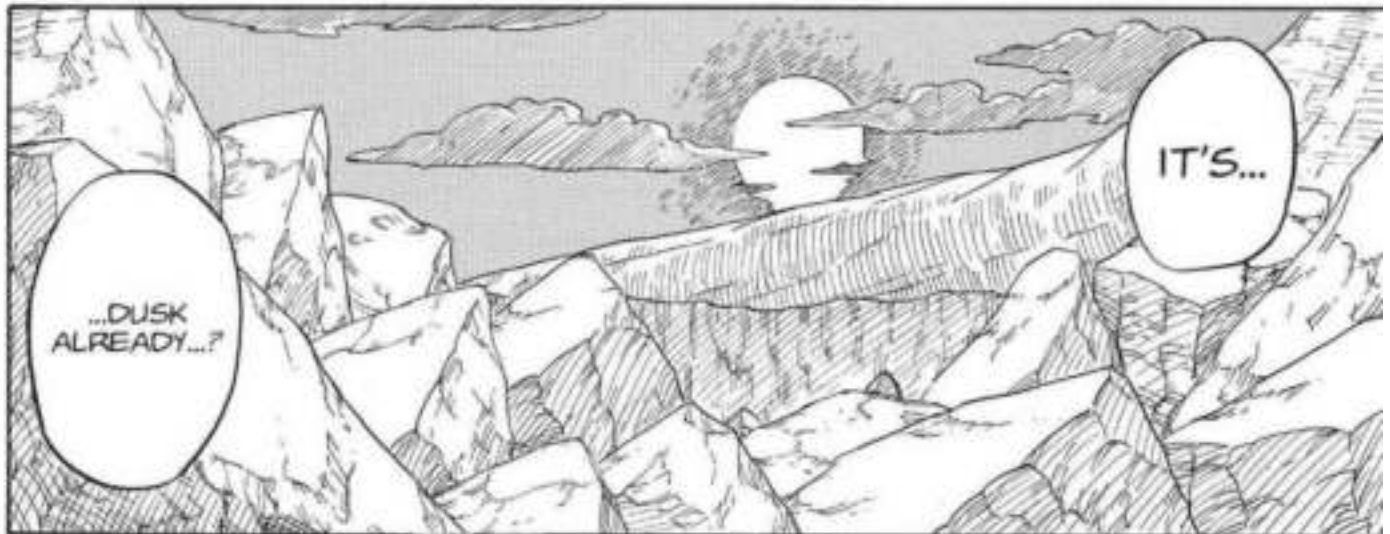


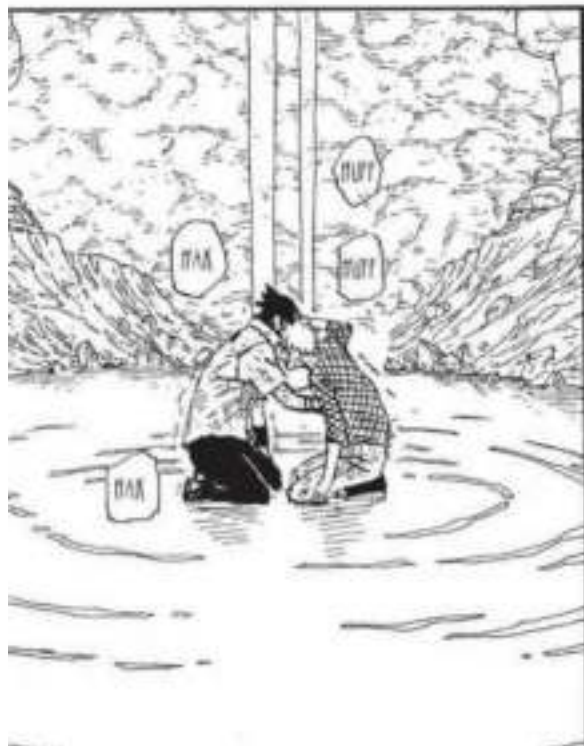
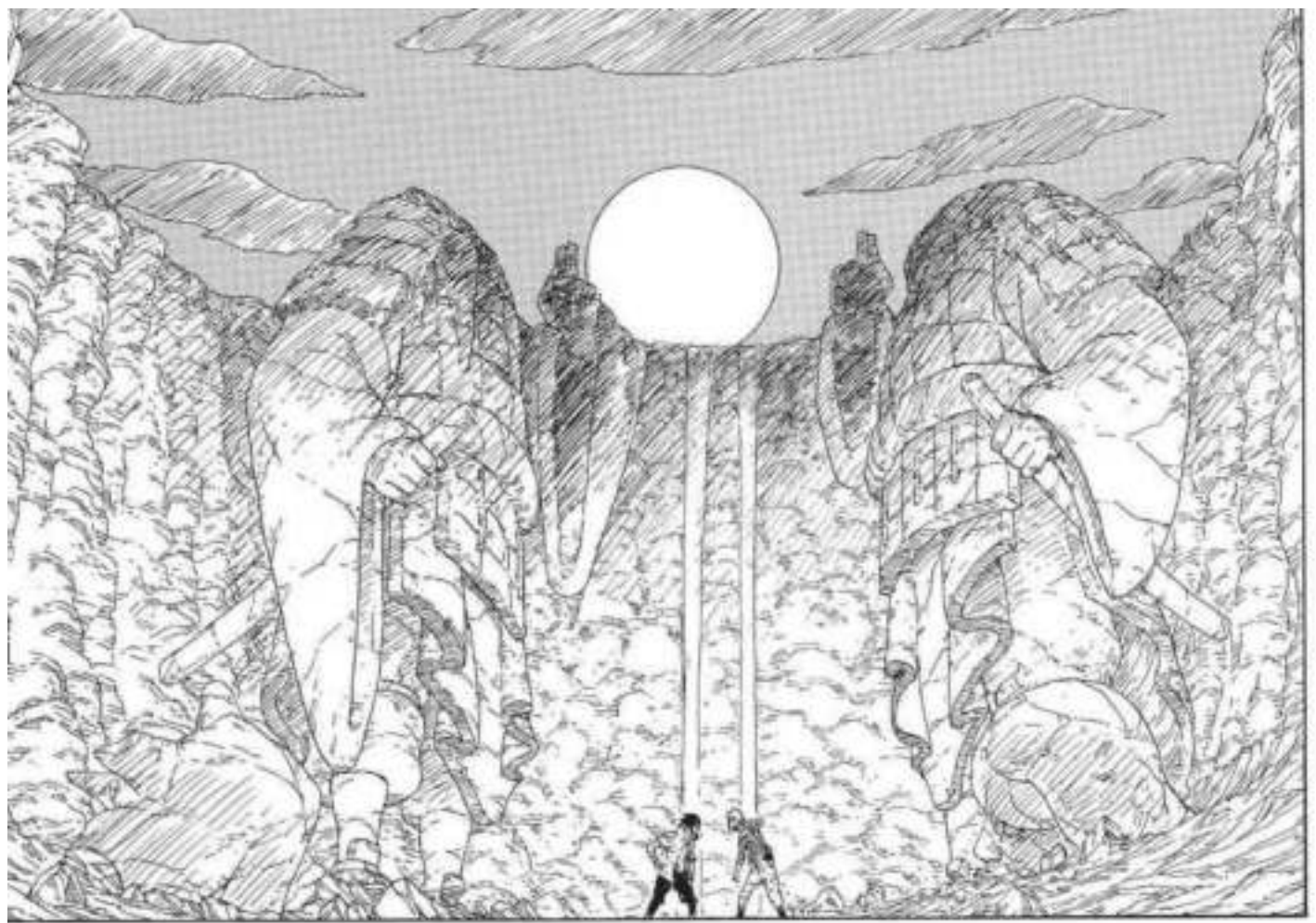
















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ON THE SERIES THESE PAST 15 YEARS! -MASAKI MURAKAMI

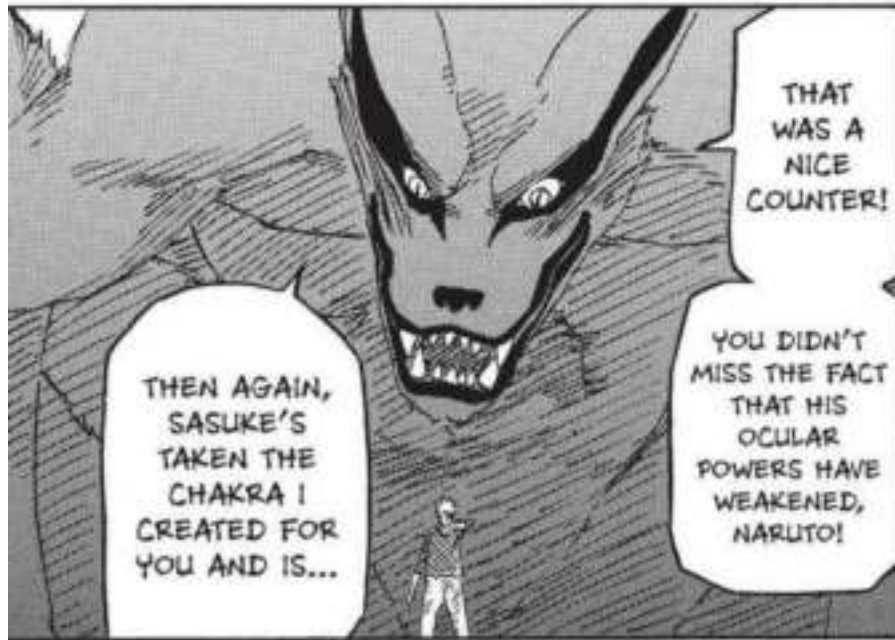
Bye Bye!
NARUTO



15年間、木ノ葉村を共に生きてきた皆様、
神様にお礼が言えなくていいから、
これからもよろしくお願いします。







THEN AGAIN, SASUKE'S TAKEN THE CHAKRA I CREATED FOR YOU AND IS...

THAT WAS A NICE COUNTER!
YOU DIDN'T MISS THE FACT THAT HIS OCULAR POWERS HAVE WEAKENED, NARUTO!



UGH ...



HE TOOK PRETTY MUCH ALL THE CHAKRA I GAVE YOU.

I'M GOING TO HAND OVER WHAT REMAINS OF MY OWN CHAKRA.



HE'S PLANNING TO USE EVERYTHING HE HAS TO SETTLE THINGS WITH THIS ONE LAST BLAST.

HE'S USING KAGUZUCHI...



...MAKING IT HIS OWN...

SWOO...



...TO ABSORB CHAKRA WHILE PUTTING OUT HIS OWN JUTSU.

WELL, NOT THAT HE CAN USE HIS NEWLY AWAKENED RINNEGAN...

TAK



DON'T UNLEASH YOUR JUTSU UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE, SO HE DOESN'T ABSORB MORE CHAKRA FROM YOU.

BUT THAT'S THEN GOING TO PUT ME TO SLEEP.



I'M COMING AFTER ALL THAT HATE INSIDE YOU TOO SOMEDAY!

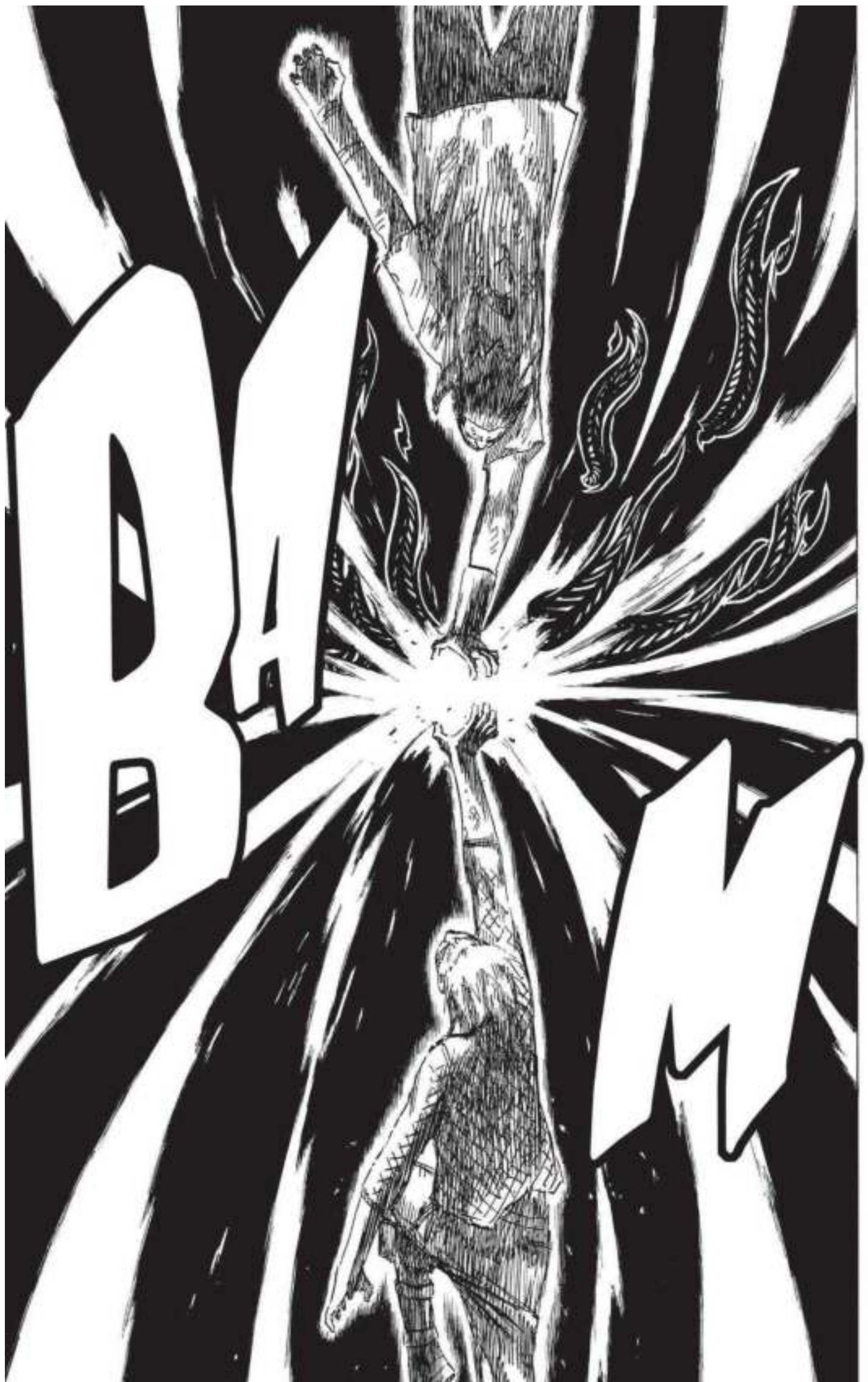


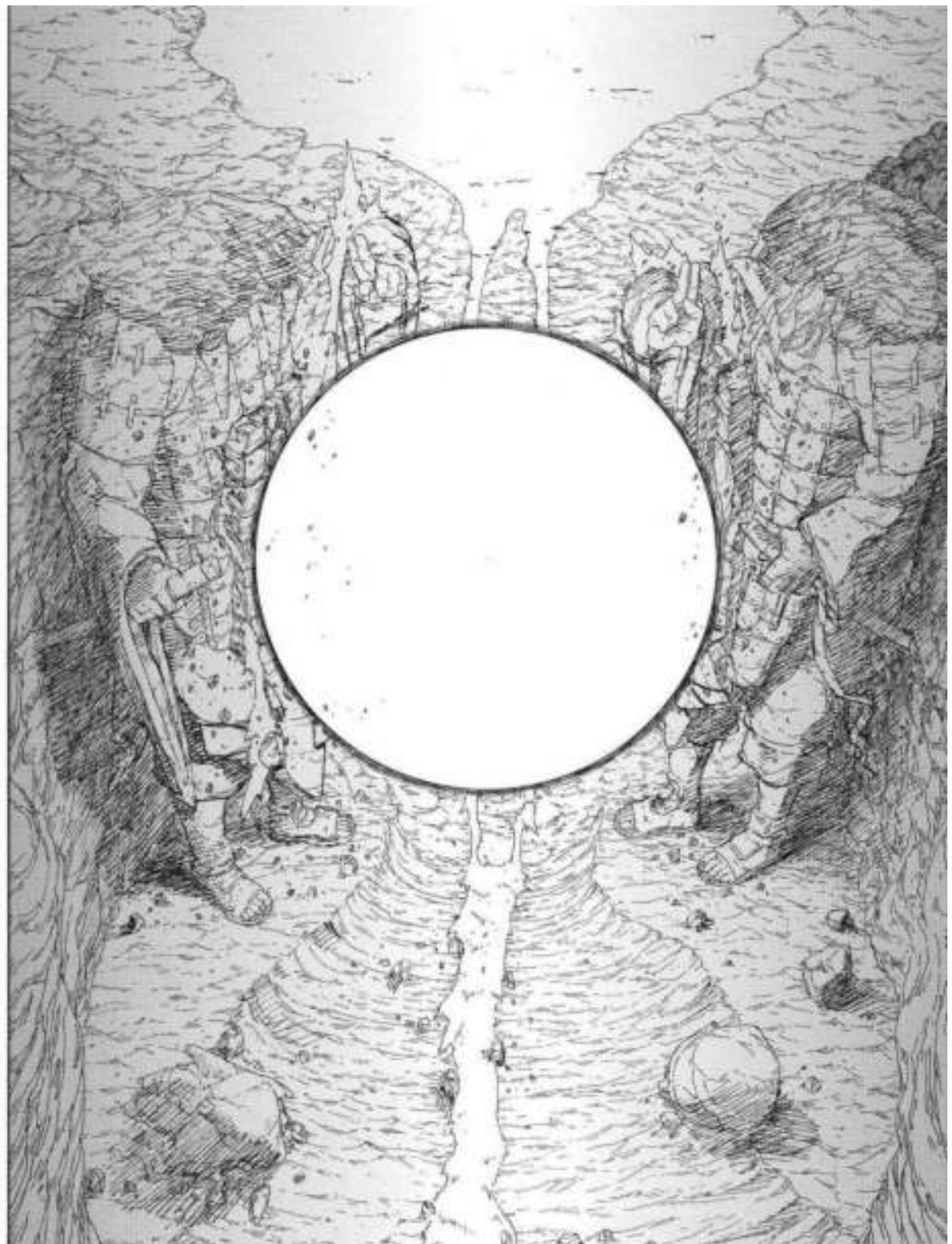
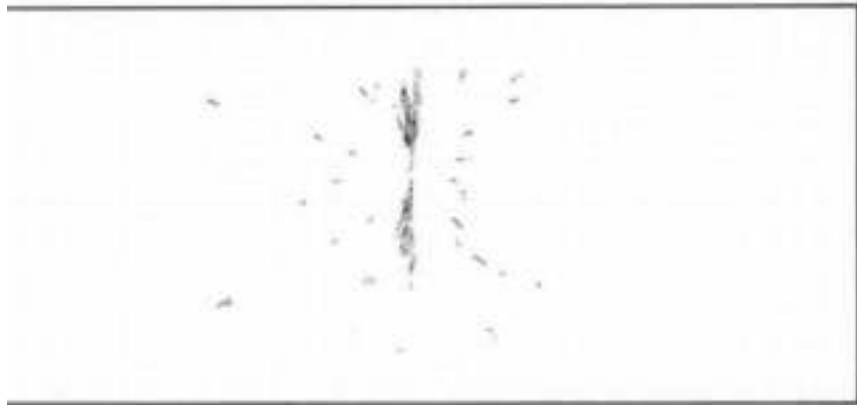
YOU'RE THE ONE AND ONLY FOR US TOO.
THAT'S WHY SASUKE'S...



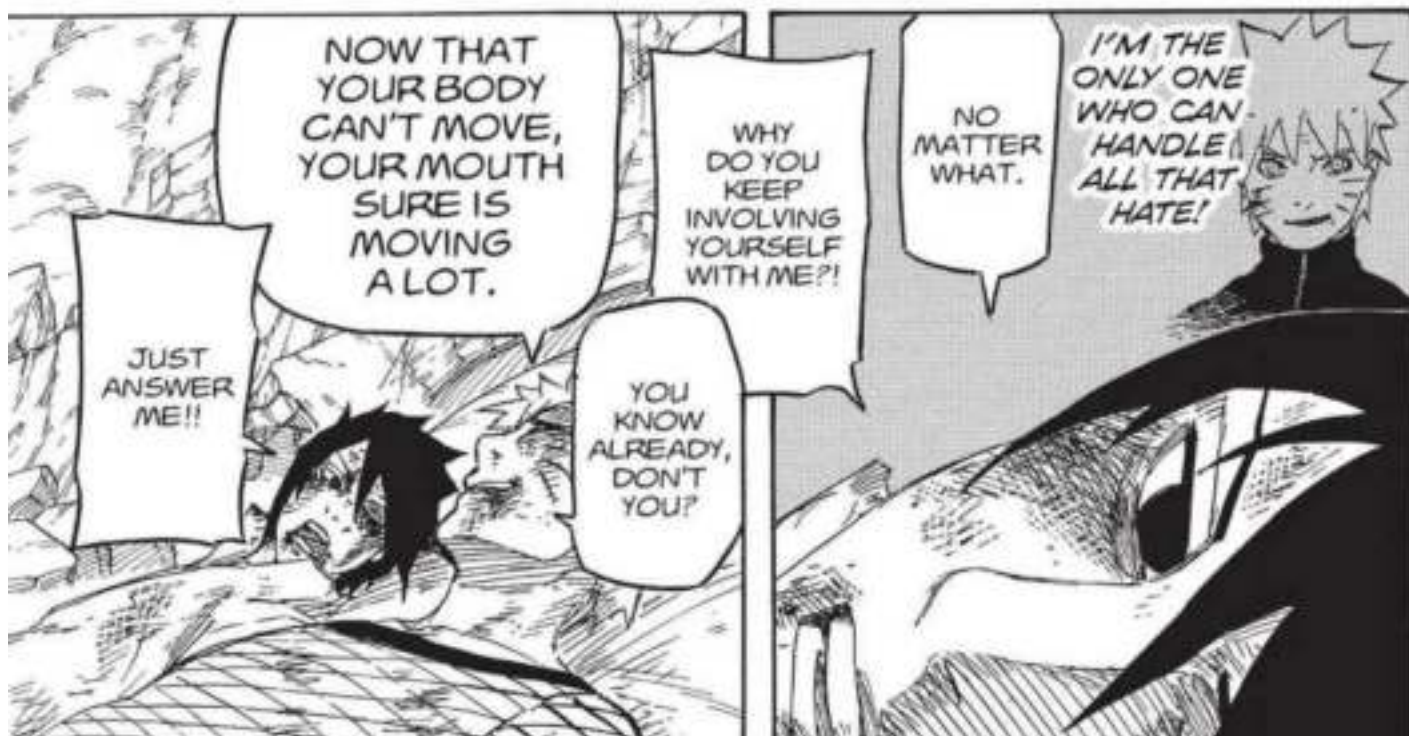
...GO!

NOW...

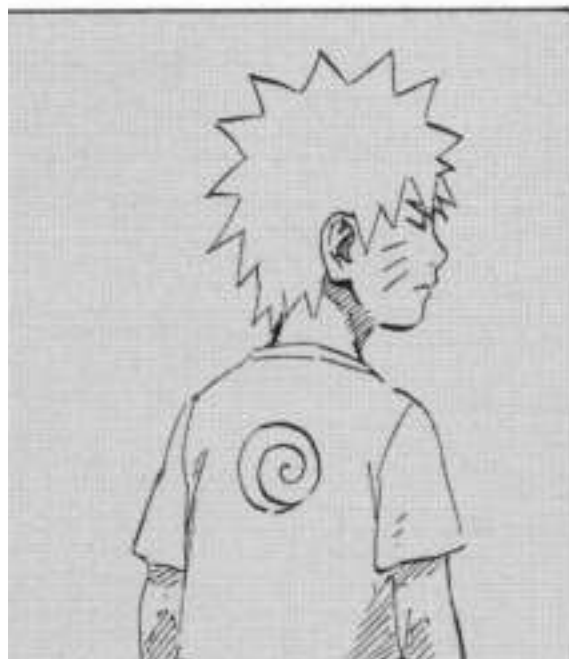












NARUTO...

THE VILLAGE
SHUNNED YOU,
JUST LIKE THEY
DID ME, THE
LONE UCHIHA
SURVIVOR.

I KNEW YOU
WERE
ALWAYS ALL
ALONE,
LONG AGO.



A
WEAKLING
ETERNALLY
BEGGING
FOR
ATTENTION.

IN THE
BEGINNING,
I THOUGHT
OF YOU AS
A GOOD-
FOR-
NOTHING
LOSER.

...AND GET
PEOPLE'S
ATTENTION.

YOU
INTENTIONALLY
DID STUPID
THINGS
TO GET
SCOLDED...



...IT STARTED
WEIGHING ON
MY MIND.

...THE MORE I
WATCHED YOU
BEING IDIOTIC
AND GETTING
YELLED AT,
OVER AND
OVER...

BUT...



...MADE
ME
RECALL
MY
FAMILY.

SEEING
YOU
DESPERATELY
TRYING TO
BOND WITH
OTHERS...

AFTERWARDS,
EVERY
TIME
I'D SEE YOU,
I'D THINK
MORE AND
MORE ABOUT
YOU.



THAT'S
WHEN I
WONDERED...

...IF YOUR
WEAKNESS
WAS RUBBING
OFF ON ME.







...I TOO
FELT
PAIN.



I FELT BETTER
KNOWING
THERE WAS
SOMEONE WHO
WAS LIKE ME
OUT THERE.
I WAS SO
HAPPY AND
WANTED TO
TALK TO YOU,
BE AROUND
YOU.

I ALWAYS
KNEW YOU
WERE
ALONE
TOO.



WHEN I
UNDERSTOOD
YOUR HURT, I
FINALLY SAW
YOU AS A
COMRADE.



AND
CONVERSELY, I
COULDN'T LET
YOU, WHO WAS
RAPIDLY
GETTING
STRONGER,
JUST BE.

WATCHING
YOU KEEP
GETTING
STRONGER,
I...



I HAD
NOTHING,
BUT I BUILT
BONDS.

YOU
WERE MY
GOAL.



BECAUSE I
WAS ALSO
JEALOUS
OF YOU.
YOU WERE
GOOD AT
EVERYTHING.

BUT I
NEVER
COULD.

YOU WERE
MY RIVAL!

...I KEPT
CHASING AFTER
YOU. I WANTED
TO BE STRONG
LIKE YOU. COOL
LIKE YOU.



AND
THEN
IN OUR
MISSIONS
AS
CELL 7...

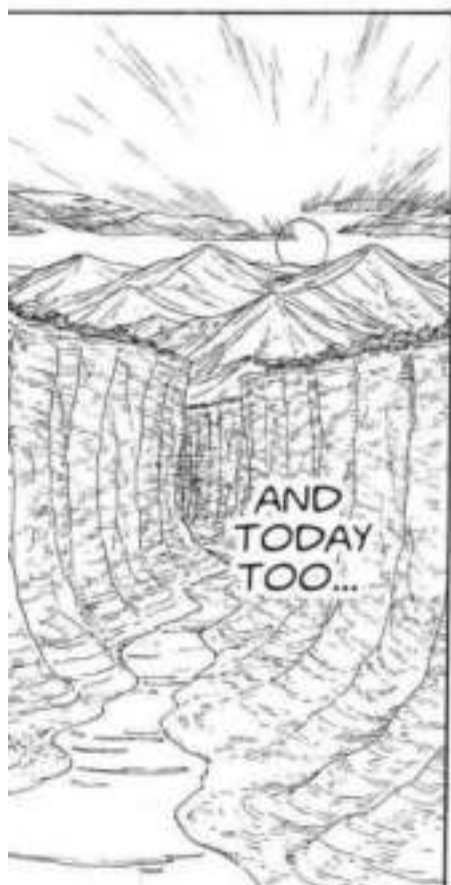


YOU HAD A
STRENGTH
THAT I DIDN'T
HAVE...



I WAS THE ONE
WHO WAS
JEALOUS OF
YOU.

IT WAS THE
OPPOSITE...



AND
TODAY
TOO...



YOU WERE
ALWAYS
WALKING IN
FRONT
OF ME...

JUST LIKE
MY LATE
BROTHER...







THE REAL MATCH THAT I WANT COMES AFTER THAT!!

THIS FIGHT ISN'T ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING!!

FOOL!!

IT'S ABOUT PUNCHING A SULKING FRIEND AND MAKING HIM SNAP OUT OF IT!!



IF I DIE HERE, THE LONG CYCLE OF DESTINY THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS MENTIONED WILL PROBABLY END AS WELL.

I'VE ACKNOWLEDGED YOU NOW...

HEY, NARUTO ...

HUH?

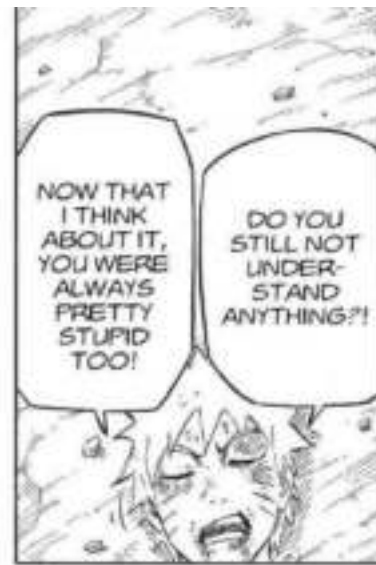


YOU CAN UNDO THE INFINITE TSUKUYOMI AFTER I'M DEAD...

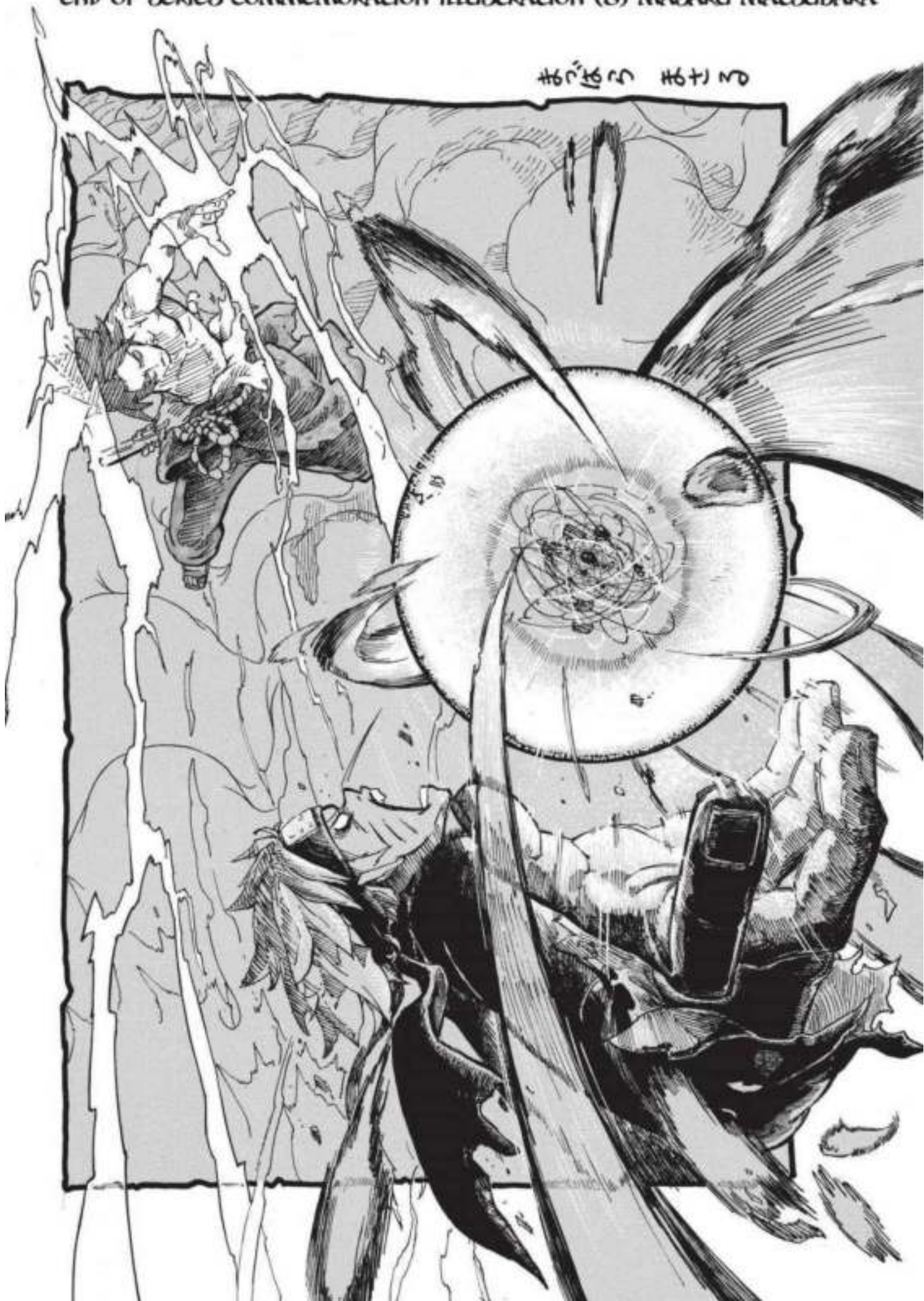
THIS IS A TYPE OF REVOLUTION TOO.

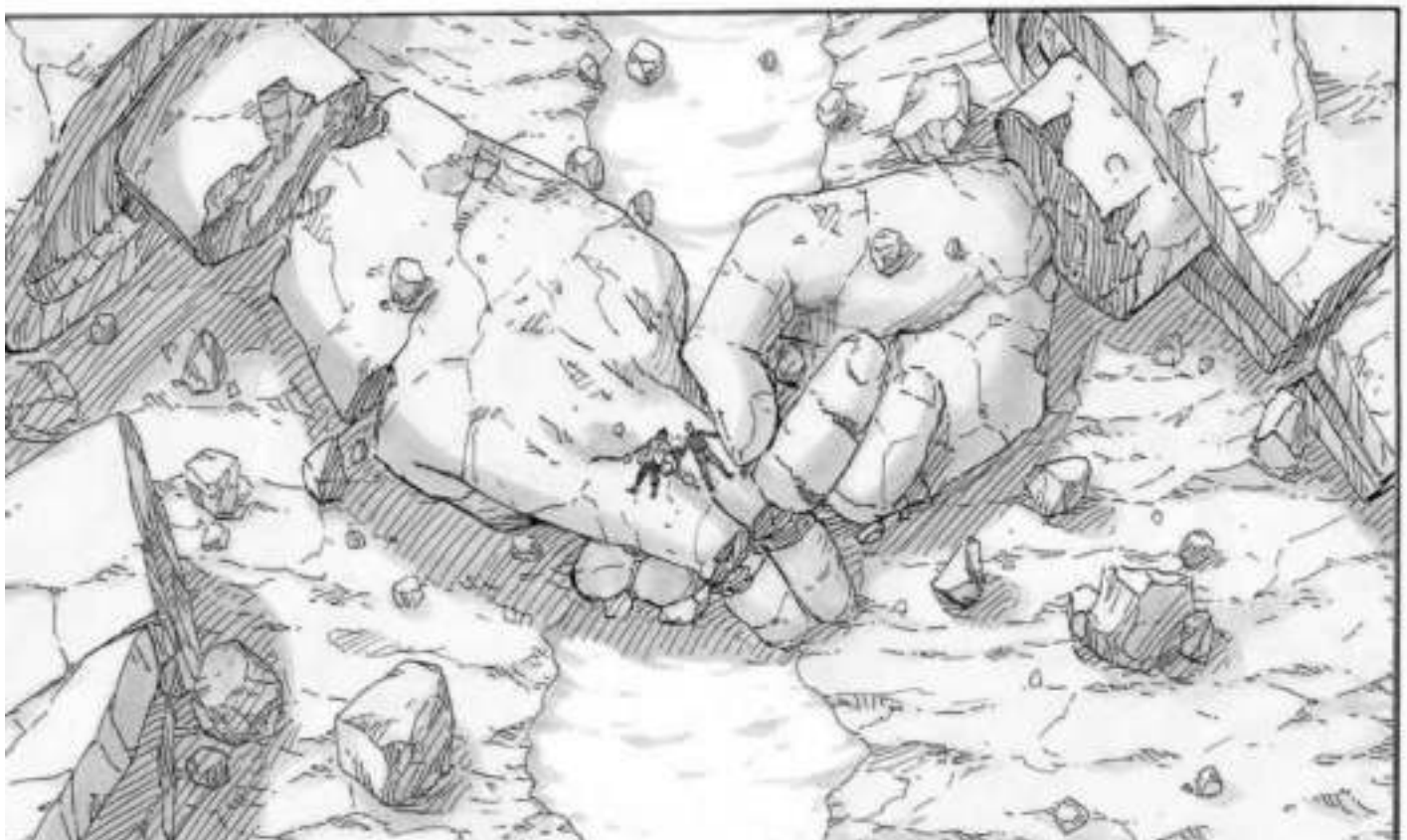
...BY TRANSPLANTING MY LEFT EYE INTO KAKASHI OR SOMEONE ELSE.

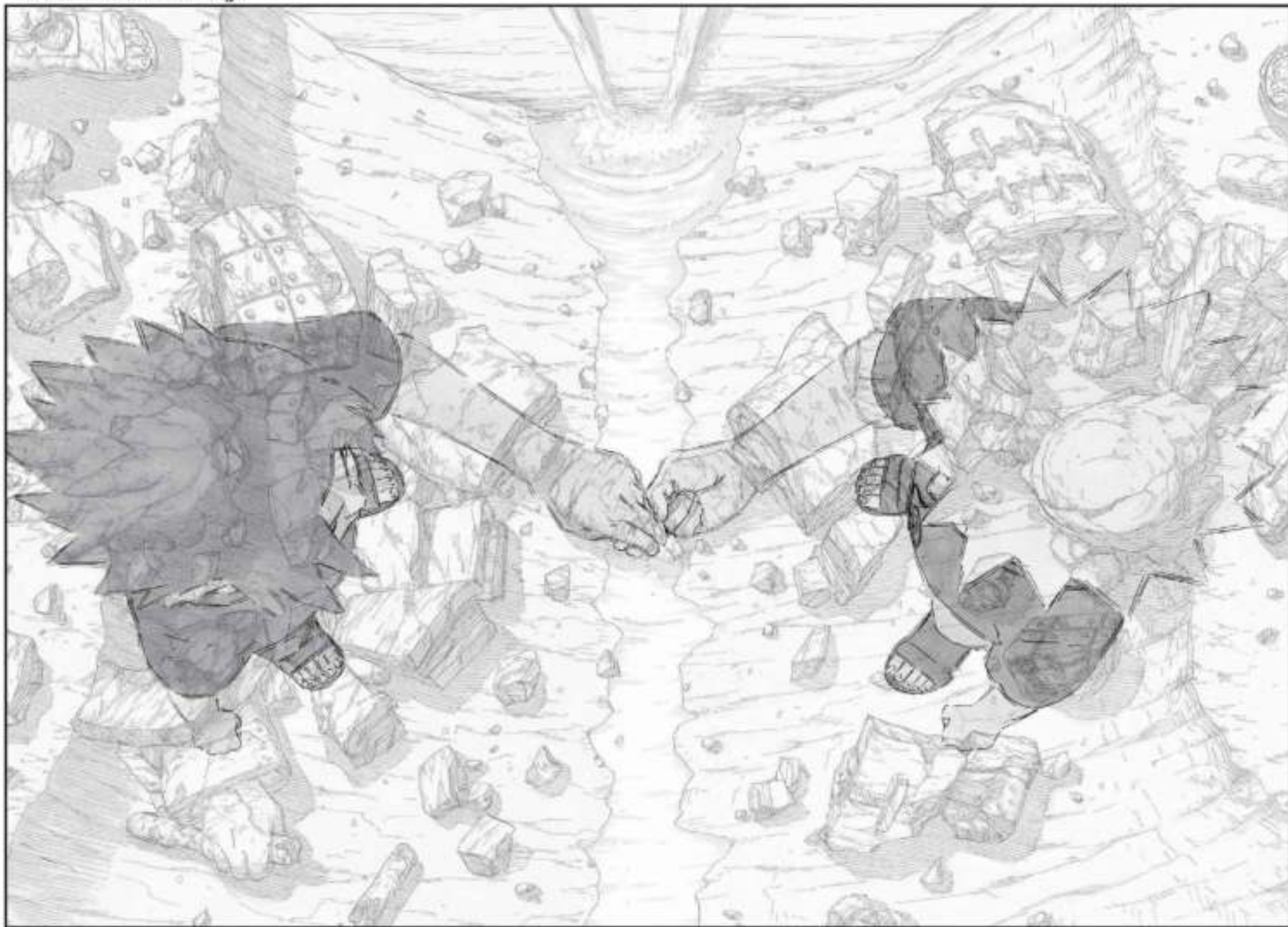




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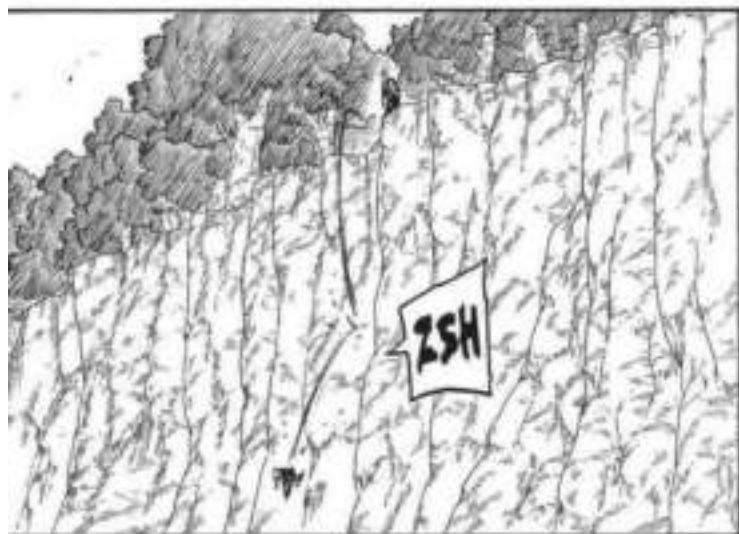


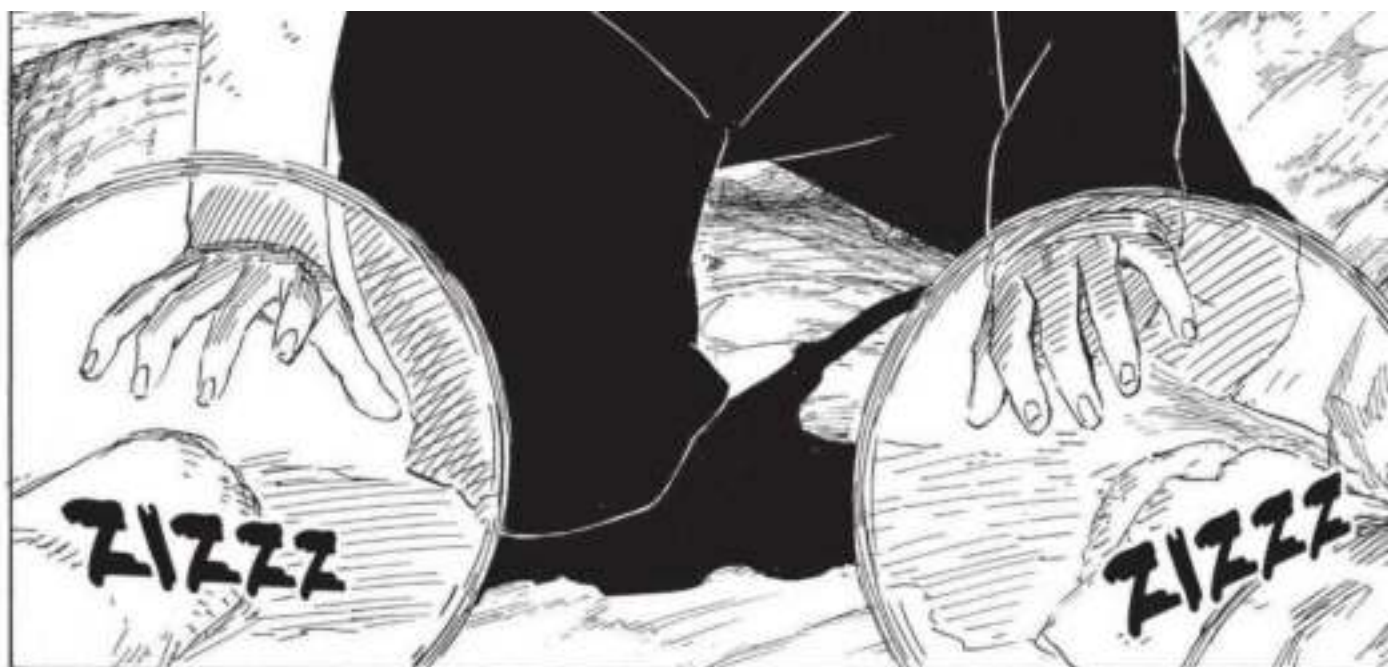


THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK ON THE SERIES. I'M REALLY SAD,
BUT IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE!! I HOPE TO WORK WITH YOU AGAIN SOMEDAY.
-ATSUHIRO SATO

THE ABOVE IS A CUTOUT. THERE IS A COLOR VERSION OF THIS NARUTO
CUTOUT ON THE FOLLOWING WEB PAGE, SO PLEASE CHECK IT OUT!

CUTOUT ARTIST ATSUHIRO [HTTP://KIRIEATSU.BLOG.FC2.COM/](http://kirieatsu.blog.fc2.com/)





...



I NEED TO FOCUS.

HUSH FOR NOW...



SAKURA...
I...

...



THANKS, SAKURA!



SORRY?

FOR WHAT?



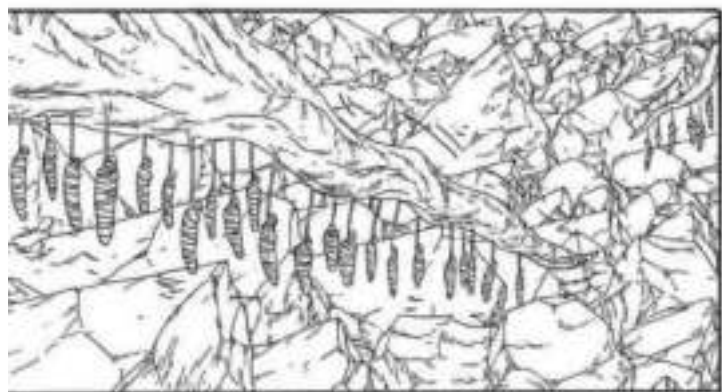
EVERY-
THING UP
UNTIL
NOW.



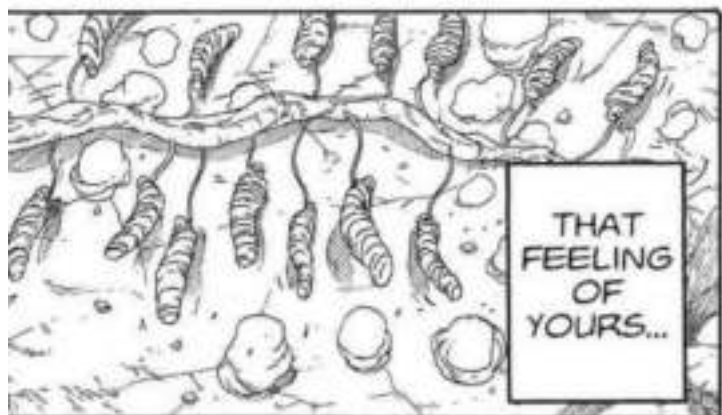
SORRY...







HOW WHEN YOU'RE WITH ME YOU WONDER IF THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE A BROTHER...



THAT FEELING OF YOURS...



...I THINK I FINALLY GET WHAT YOU MEANT.







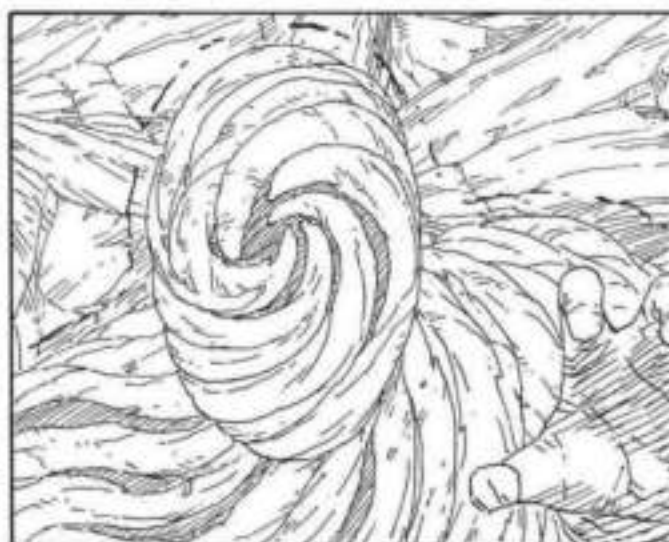
AS I TRAVEL
FAR AND
WIDE
ACROSS
THE
WORLD...

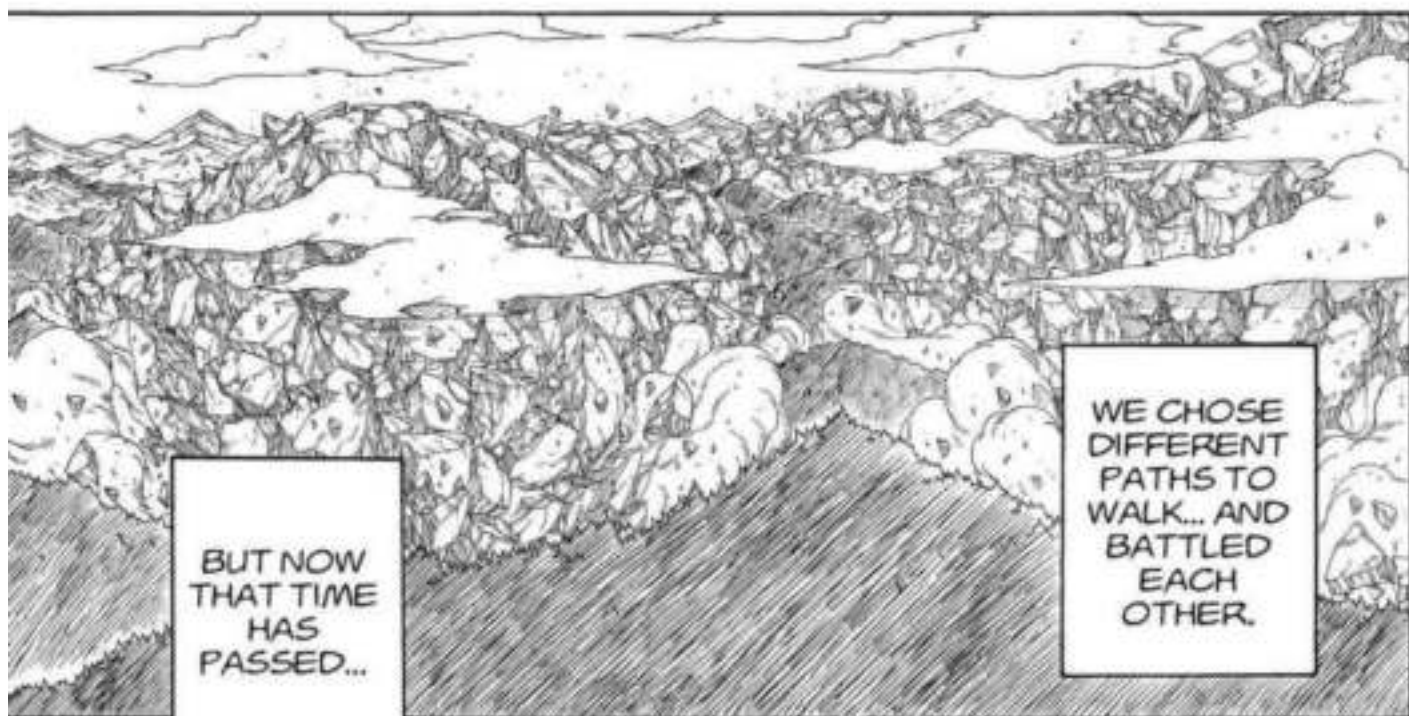




...I OFTEN REFLECT BACK ON THOSE DAYS.







BUT NOW
THAT TIME
HAS
PASSED...

WE CHOSE
DIFFERENT
PATHS TO
WALK... AND
BATTLED
EACH
OTHER.



IT'S
JUST
LIKE...

...HOW I CAME
TO FEEL
FATHER,
MOTHER, AND
MY BROTHER
ITACHI'S PAIN
AND
EMOTIONS...



I'LL NOW
START
KNOWING
YOUR PAIN
AND FEELINGS
TOO,
NARUTO.



IN FACT,
YOU KEPT
TRYING
TO GET
CLOSER
TO ME.



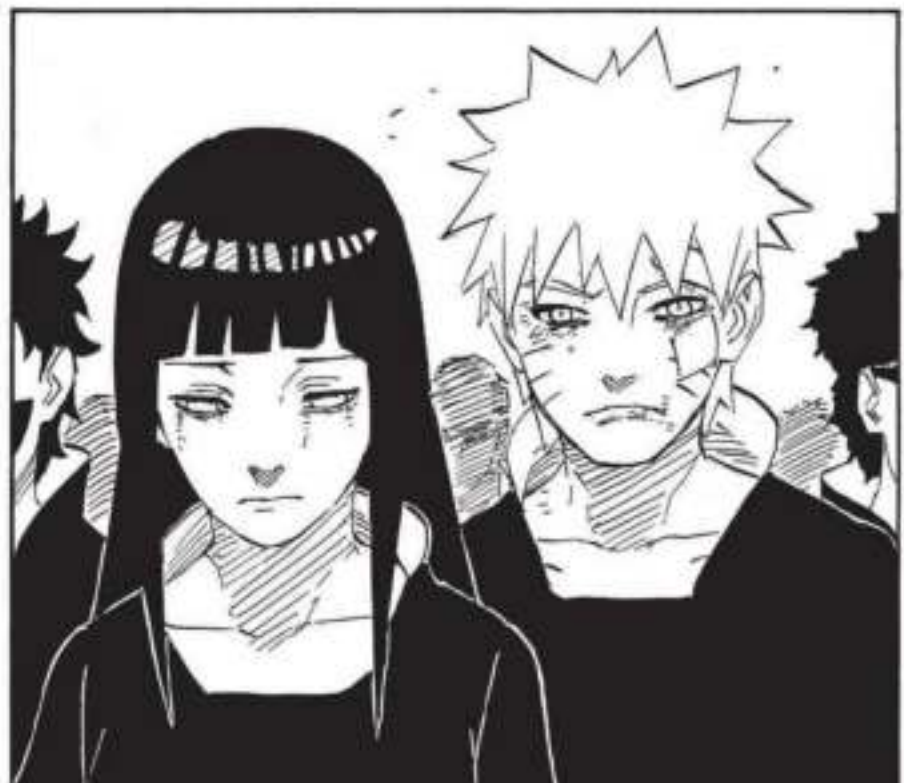
YOU
NEVER
CUT ME
OFF...

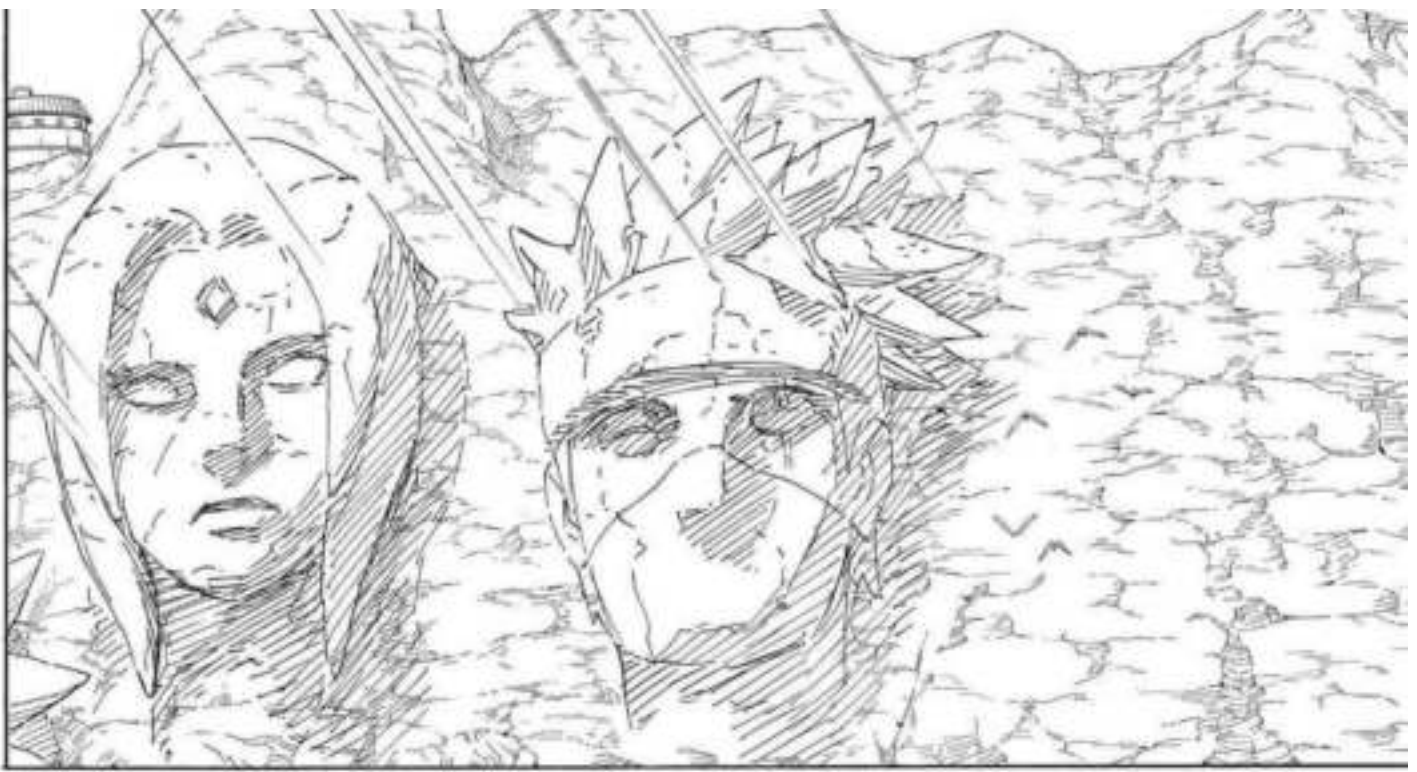


YOU COULD'VE JUSTIFIABLY COME CHARGING AT ME WITH HATRED...



*GRAVE: HYUGA NEJI







I WANT TO KNOW HOW THE SHINOBI WORLD...

...HOW THIS WORLD, LOOKS TO THE CURRENT ME.



THE ARTIFICIAL HAND LADY TSUNADE IS CRAFTING FROM LORD HASHIRAMA'S CELLS WILL BE READY SOON.

... YOU REALLY INSIST ON LEAVING?



YEAH... SORRY ABOUT THAT.



...I SAID I WANTED TO COME WITH YOU?

W-WHAT IF...



THINGS THAT I CAN ONLY PERCEIVE IN MY CURRENT STATE.

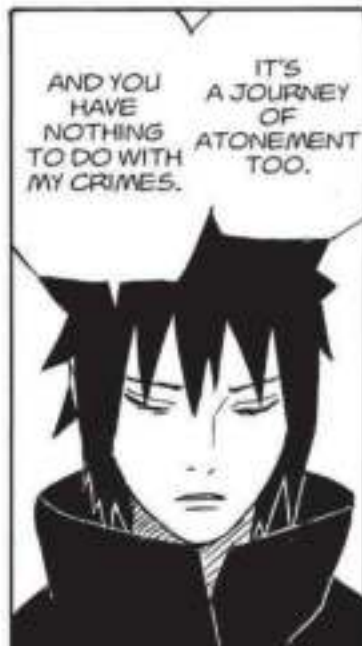
I FEEL LIKE I'LL NOW BE ABLE TO SEE THE THINGS I'VE OVERLOOKED.

AND... THERE'S A MATTER THAT'S BEEN WEIGHING ON ME.



NOTHING TO DO WITH... HUH...

SLUMP



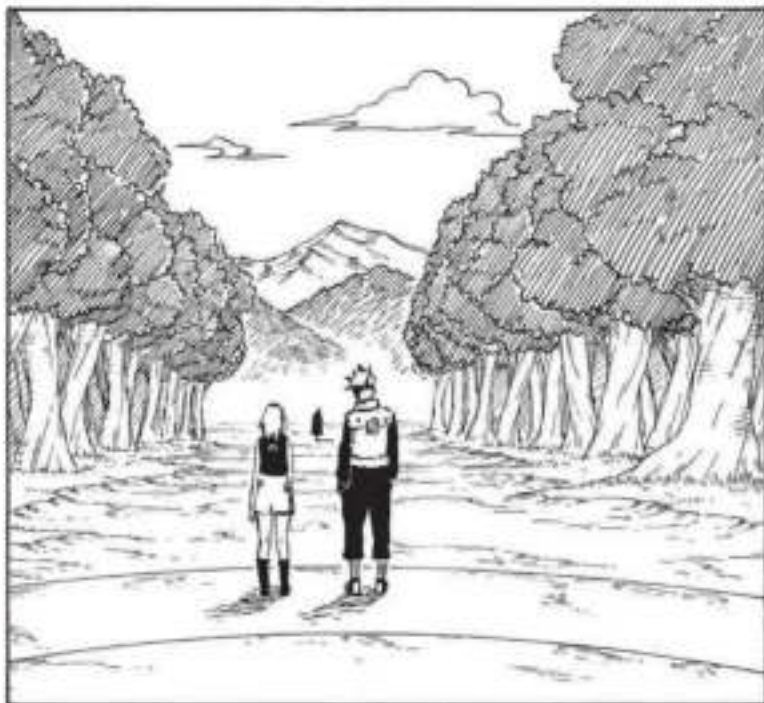
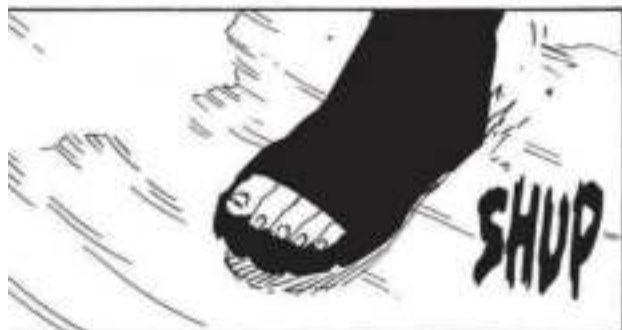
AND YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH MY CRIMES.

IT'S A JOURNEY OF ATONEMENT TOO.



GLANCE...







...AND NOW WE'RE ABLE TO CLAIM EACH OTHER'S PAIN.

WE WERE INSIGNIFICANT LITTLE THINGS WHO USED TO CLASH...



I NEVER ASSUMED IT WOULD BE SIMPLE, JUST LIKE IT WASN'T WITH THE TWO OF US.

BUT IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE AS EASILY AS YOU WERE ABLE TO.

ESPECIALLY WITH SOMETHING SO BIG.

SHF



...I BELIEVE THIS CONCEPT CAN BE APPLIED TO EVEN BIGGER THINGS THAN JUST US.

AND AFTER SEEING THE WORLD VIA MY TRAVELS ...



SURE, I'LL HANG ON TO IT...

...UNTIL WE HAVE OUR REAL FIGHT.



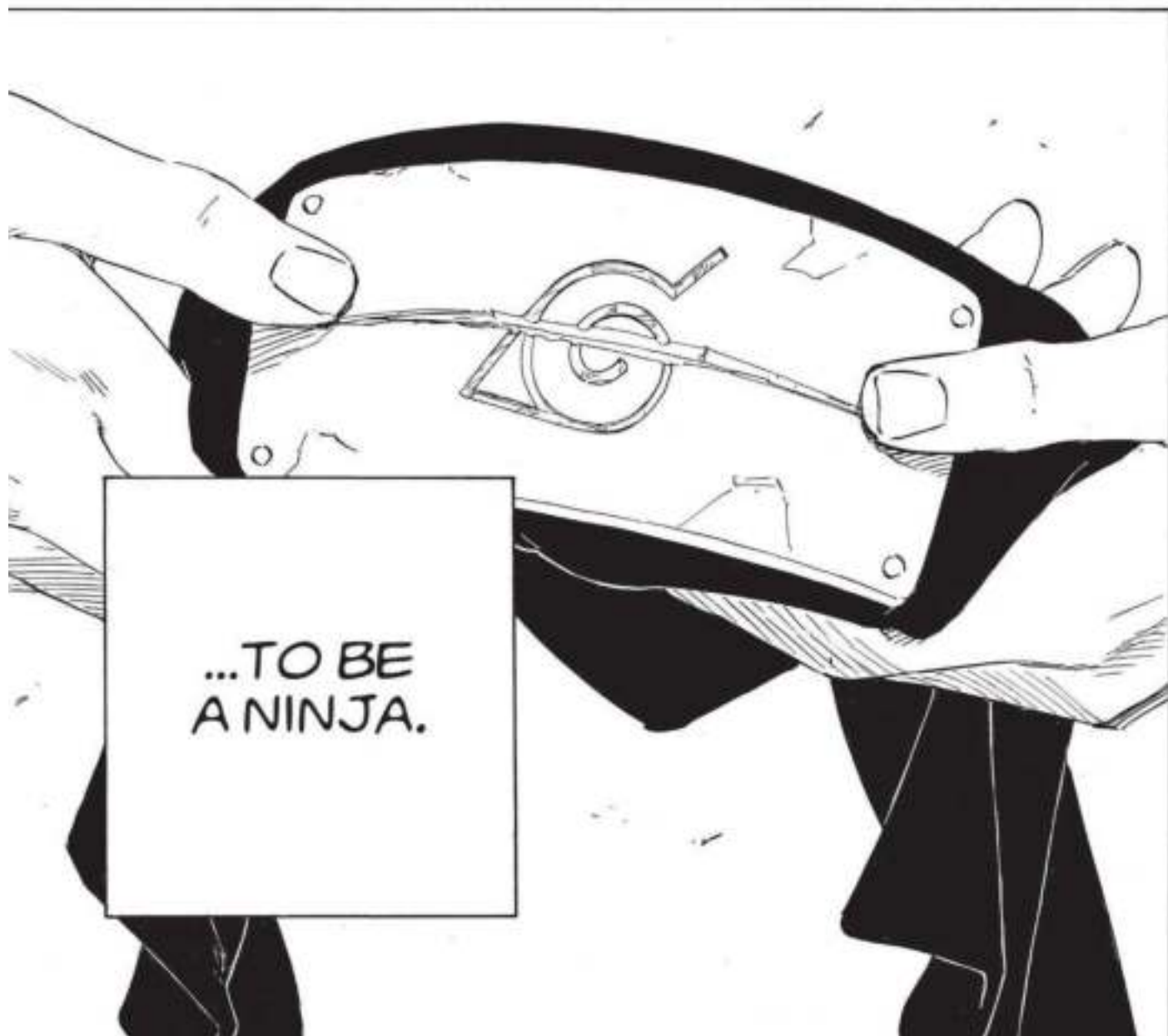
I'M GIVING THIS BACK TO YOU.



AND TO
THOSE
WHOM THAT
TASK FALLS
ON... PERHAPS
THAT'S WHAT
IT MEANS...

TO KEEP
ENDURING
UNTIL IT
COMES
TO BE, NO
MATTER
WHAT.

IT'S KIND
OF LIKE A
PRAYER.

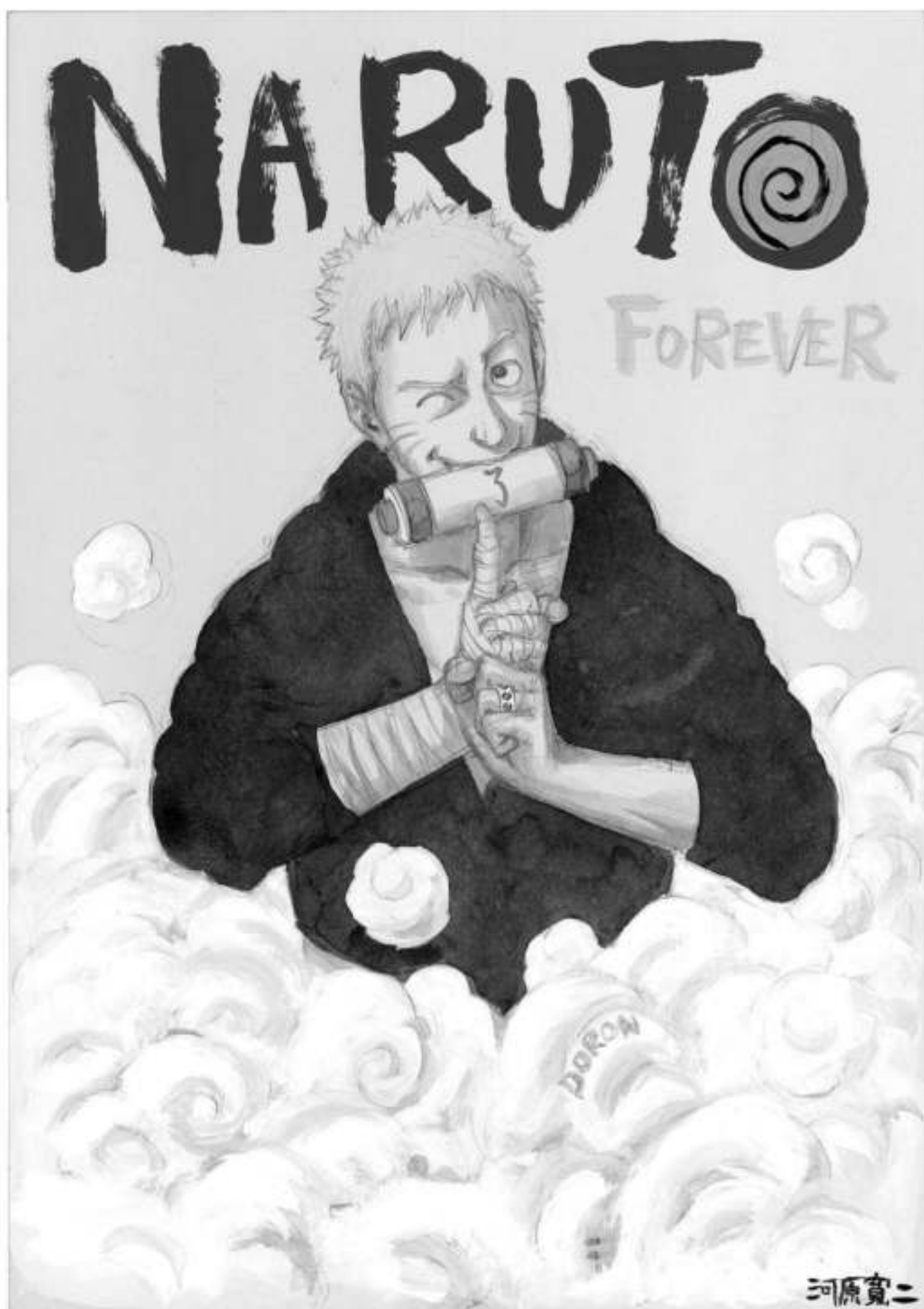


...TO BE
A NINJA.

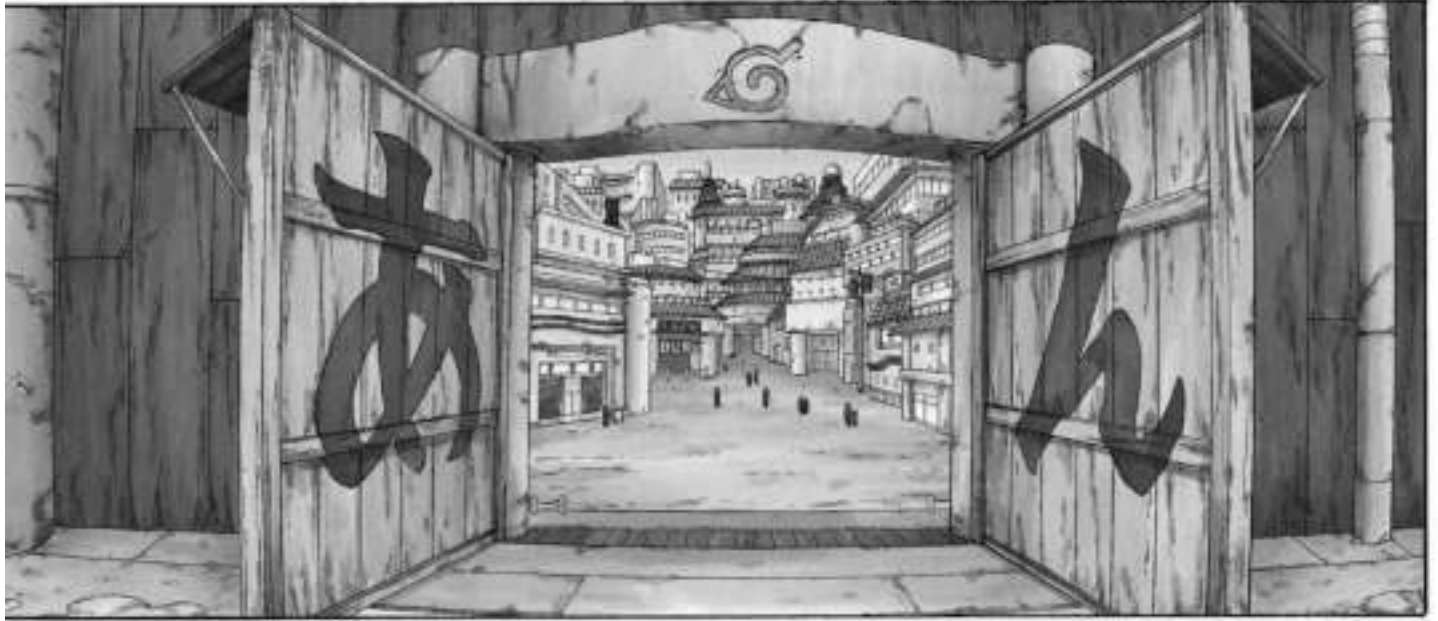
END OF SERIES COMMEMORATION ILLUSTRATION (10) KANJI KAWAHARA

NARUTO

FOREVER



河原寛二



*SIGN: NINJA ACADEMY







*GRAVE: HYUGA NEJI





NEXT TIME,
JUST ME
AND BIG BRO
CAN COME.

HEH
HEH...



OF
COURSE.

MAMA,
DO YOU
THINK
UNCLE
WILL BE
PLEASED
BY THEM?

THEY'RE
SUNFLOWERS,
JUST LIKE
YOUR NAME,
HIMAWARI.



THREE
THOUSAND
FOUR
HUNDRED
FIVE!

SHUP



YOUTH
LIVES!!

YEAH
!!

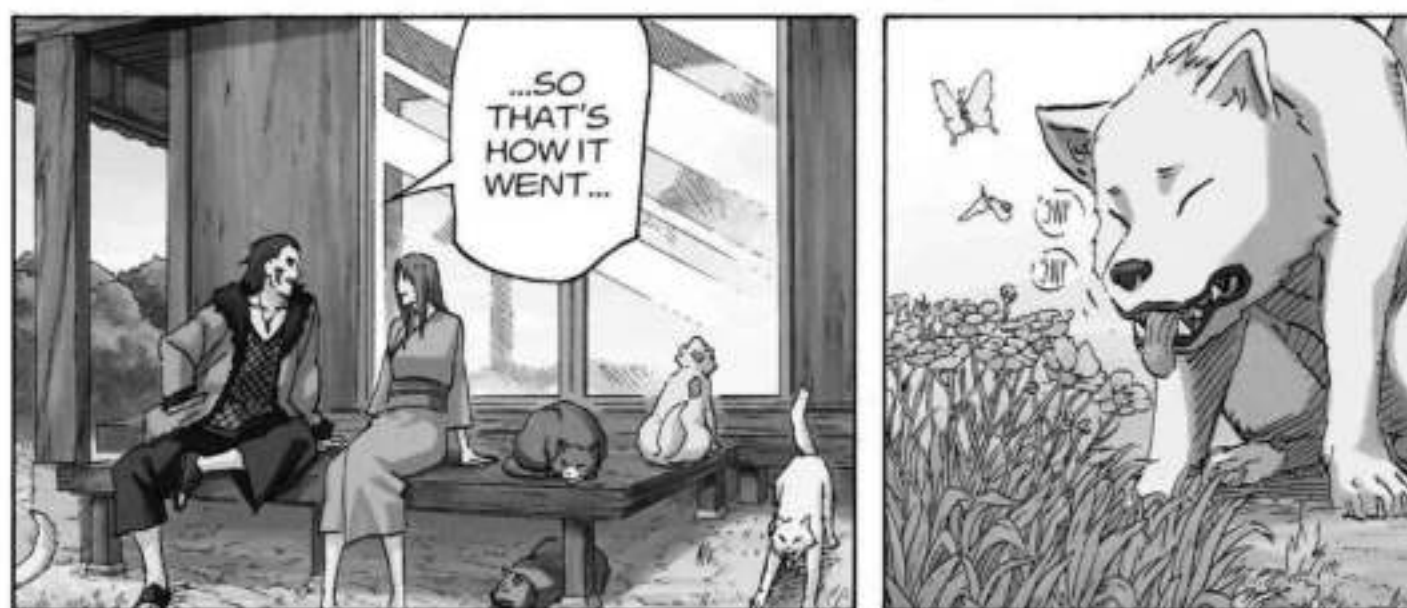


*SIGN: NOT FOR SALE



*SIGN: NINJA TOOLS TEN³







RIGHT, AKAMARU ?!





IT
WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
FULL
SCALE...

NOW,
NOW...

SHIKAMARU'S
STUCK TO
SEVENTH'S
SIDE ALL DAY
TODAY TOO,
SO...



MM...
BUT
YOU
SEE...

RIGHT,
DEAR?

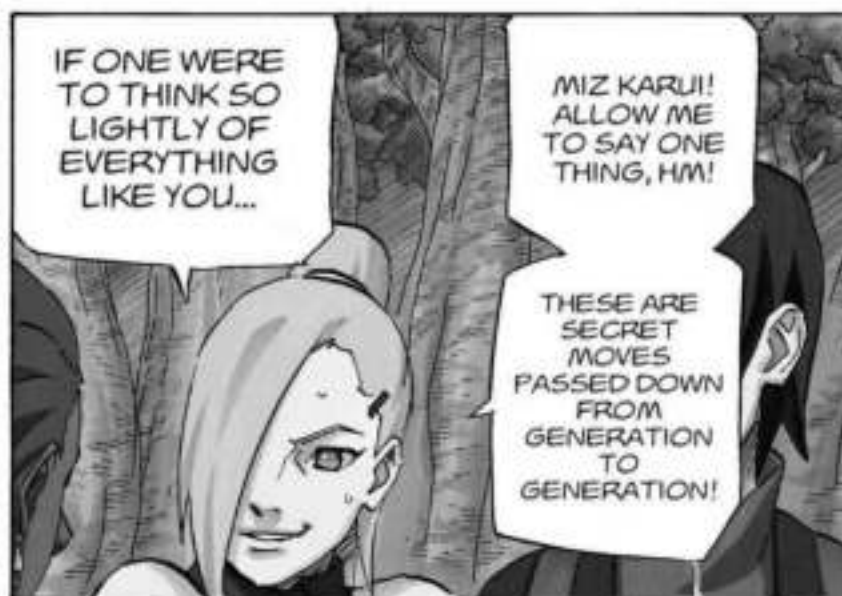
IS IT REALLY
NECESSARY
TO TEACH
THEM THE
COMBINATION
ATTACKS
ANYWAY?

IT'S NOT
LIKE WHEN
WE WERE
GROWING UP,
AND MY GIRL
ISN'T REALLY
THE TYPE...



I CAN'T
SHOW UP
WITHOUT
THE OTHER
TWO IN TOW.

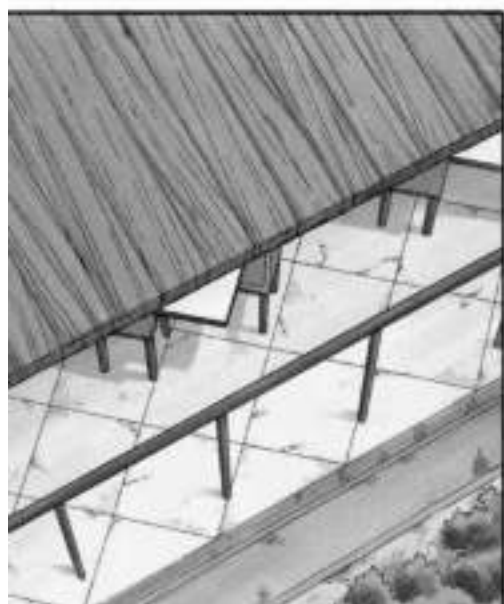
MOM'S
TOTALLY
FLIPPING OUT,
JUST LIKE I
FIGURED.



IF ONE WERE
TO THINK SO
LIGHTLY OF
EVERYTHING
LIKE YOU...

MIZ KARUI!
ALLOW ME
TO SAY ONE
THING, HM!

THESE ARE
SECRET
MOVES
PASSED DOWN
FROM
GENERATION
TO
GENERATION!





NAH.. HE'S PROVEN HIMSELF A WORTHY SUCCESSOR ALREADY, SO...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AT HIS SIDE TODAY, KAKASHI?

AN OLD-TIMER SHOULDN'T RAIN ON HIS PARADE...



SO SORRY...



DO YOU REMEMBER WHERE WE FIRST FOUGHT?

WASN'T IT...



I'VE RETIRED FROM BEING HOKAGE. I'D LIKE TO TRAVEL AROUND AND VISIT NOSTALGIC SIGHTS.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

*SIGN: EARTH



...AND COMPLAIN ABOUT THINGS TO EACH OTHER.

THIS GATHERING IS MERELY AN EXCUSE TO DRINK...

YOU'VE GOTTEN QUITE FRAIL INDEED, MY OLD MAN OHNOKI.

...TO MAKE YOU ALL COME HERE FOR THE...

SIGH.. I'LL PROBABLY END UP CARPING ABOUT THE LACK OF ELIGIBLE MEN, AGAIN...

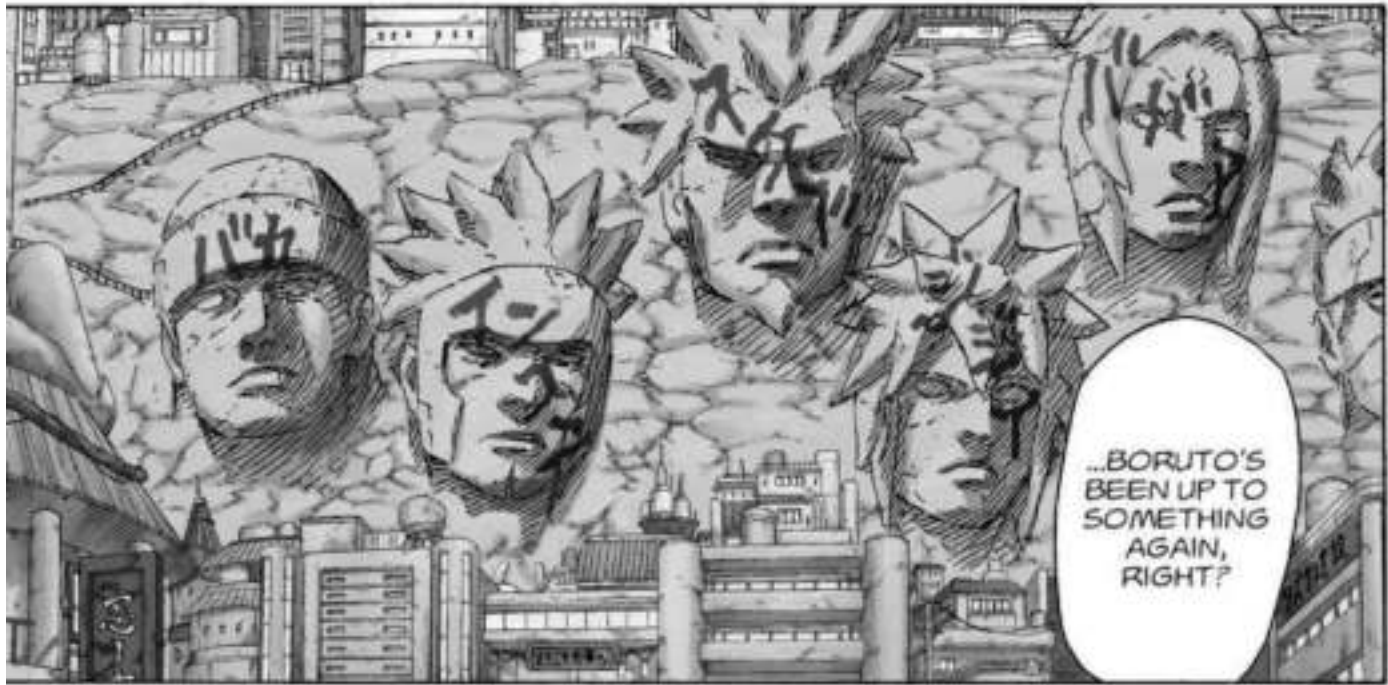
...RETIRED GOKAGE COUNCIL SINCE I CAN'T MOVE...



*SIGN: FIRE







*IDIOT

*WIENER

*LECH

*GEEZER

*HAG









THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I CAN'T BE PA JUST TO YOU.

BORU-TO...
ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS VILLAGE ARE LIKE FAMILY TO ME NOW.



I REALIZE IT MIGHT BE PAINFUL FOR YOU...
...BUT YOU GOTTA START LEARNING TO ENDURE...



PAT

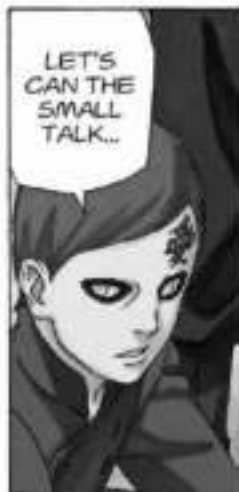


...IF YOU'RE A NINJA TOO.













IT WAS SEALED
AWAY INSIDE A
SHINOBI CHILD
WHO, OVER TIME,
BEFRIENDED AND
CAME TO
COLLABORATE
WITH THE FOX.

ONCE UPON A
TIME, THERE LIVED
A FOX SPIRIT WITH
NINE TAILS.

THIS SHINOBI
YOUTH WHO
BORE THE FOX
SPIRIT WAS THE
SON OF THE
FOURTH
HOKAGE, AND
WAS HIMSELF
CALLED THE
SEVENTH
HOKAGE...

THEN BEFELL A
NEW CALAMITY,
THE REVIVING OF
TEN TAILS. BUT
THE SHINOBI
CHILD MATURED
INTO A SHINOBI
YOUTH, BECAME
ONE WITH THE
FOX SPIRIT, AND
THE SHINOBI
CLANS, AND
SEALED TEN
TAILS AWAY.

