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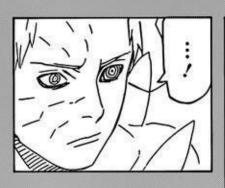


YOU AND I BOTH LIVED OUR LIVES ...HOPING TO ONE DAY BECOME THE HOKAGE...

WE REALLY ARE ALIKE...

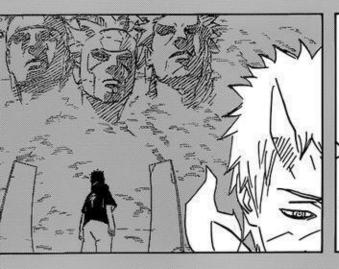












IF YOU REALLY ARE THE SAME AS ME...

THEN
THAT'S THE
REASON WHY
YOU WANTED TO
BECOME THE
HOKAGE!

IN THE
BEGINNING, ALL
YOU WANTED WAS TO
BE ACKNOWLEDGED
BY SOMEONE...
ANYONE...









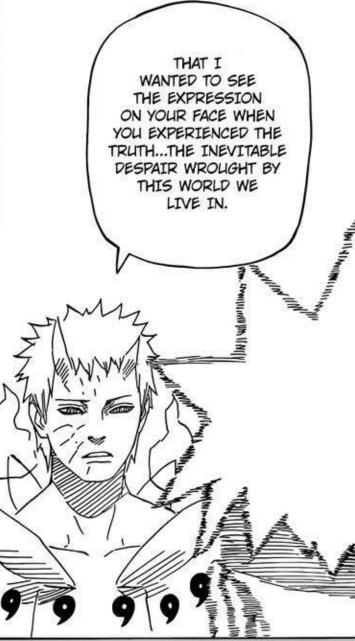






















NO...
THE THINGS I'M
DOING AREN'T ANY
DIFFERENT FROM
WHAT A HOKAGE
WOULD DO.

IN FACT, I'D
SAY IM GOING
ABOVE AND BEYOND
THEIR DUTIES...
SINCE I INTEND
TO MATERIALIZE
GLOBAL PEACE.







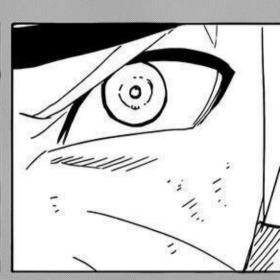




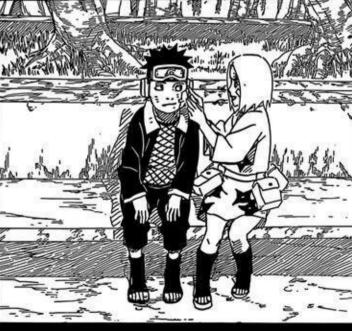






































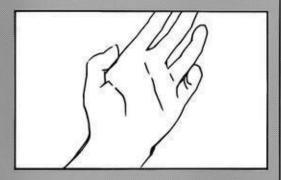




















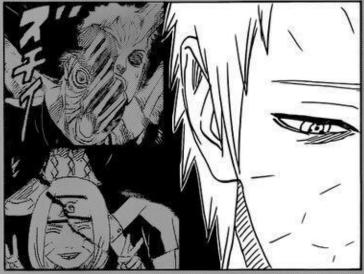


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...IT
SEEMS YOU TOLD
KAKASHI-SENSEI
THAT YOU THREW
AWAY ALL THE
MEMORIES AND
FEELINGS YOUR
HAD FOR YOUR
COMRADES
BUT,





THAT YOU
DIDN'T WANT TO
THROW AWAY ANYTHING AND WANTED
TO STAY JUST
AS YOU ARE.

FOR YOU
TO WIN OVER
THE JUUBI AND
GAIN CONTROL
OF YOURSELF
MEANS...

























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STOP
PUTTING UP
THAT FRONT...
AND TRYING TO
HIDE BEHIND
IT...

REMEMBER ...I'M ALWAYS WATCHING YOU.









