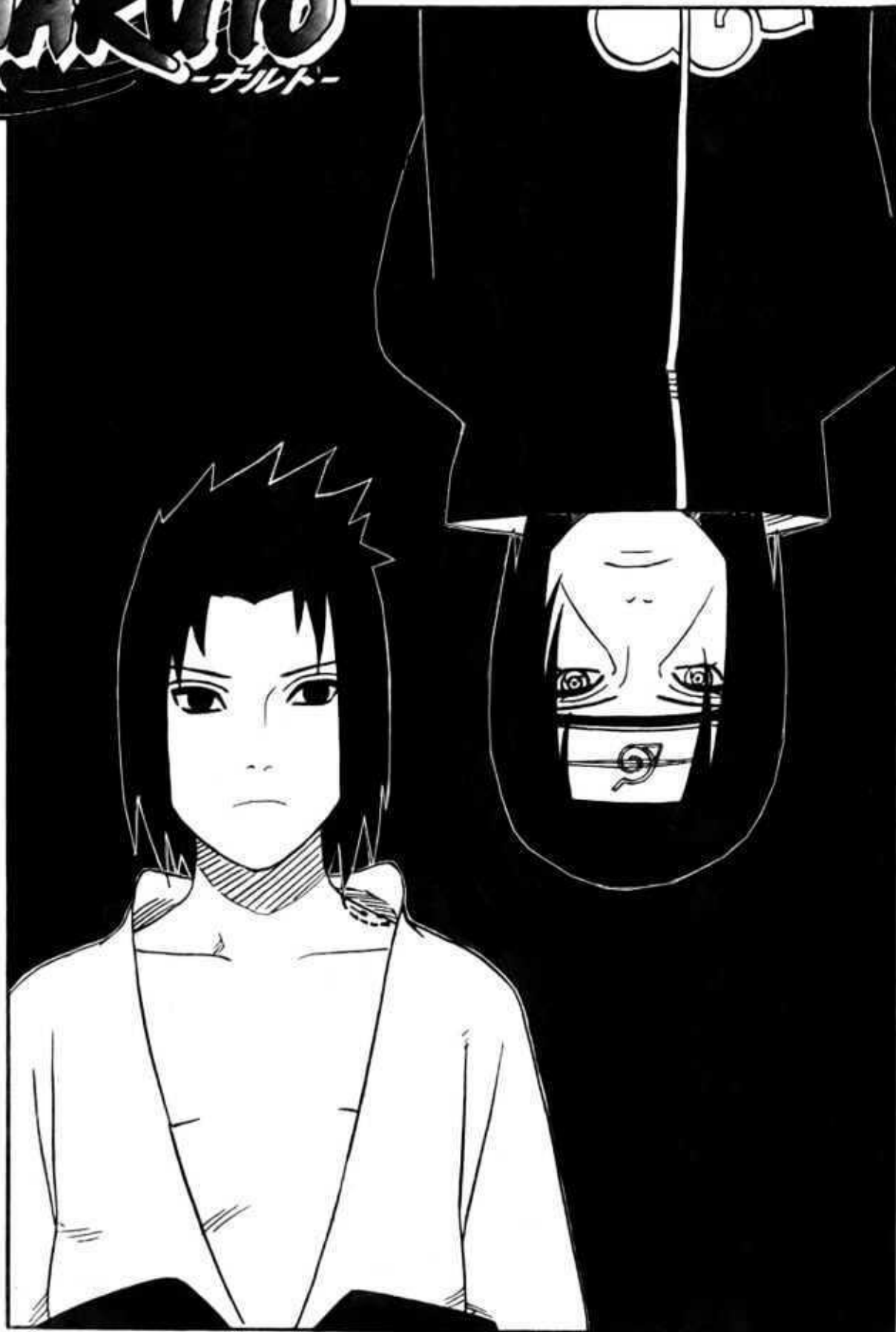
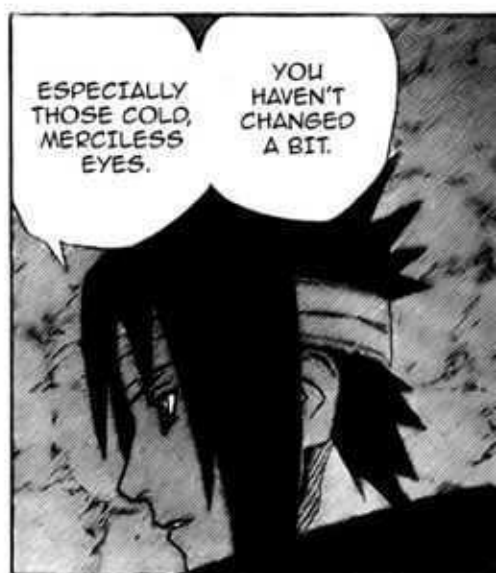
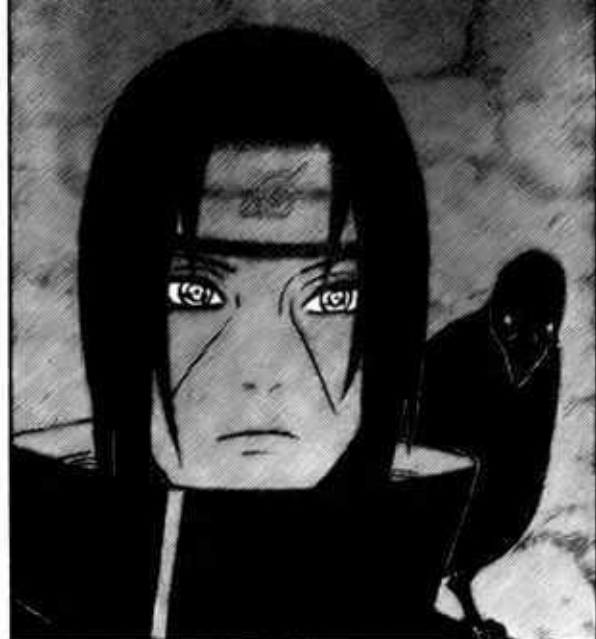
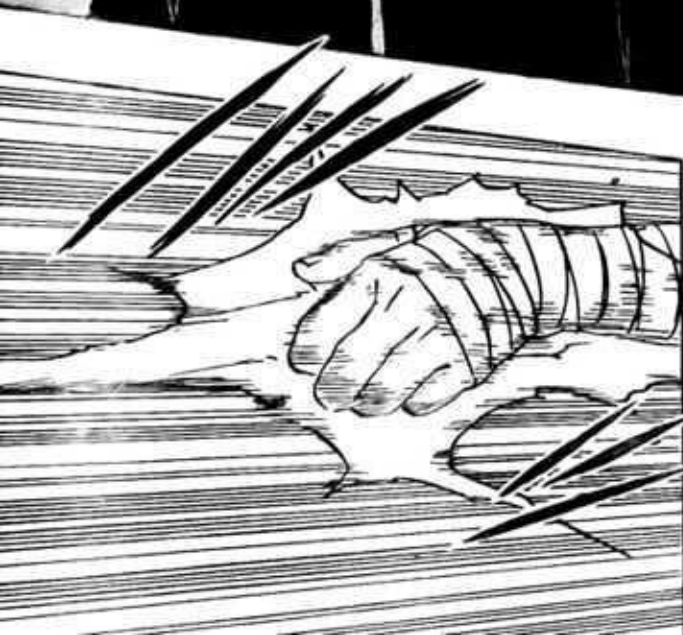
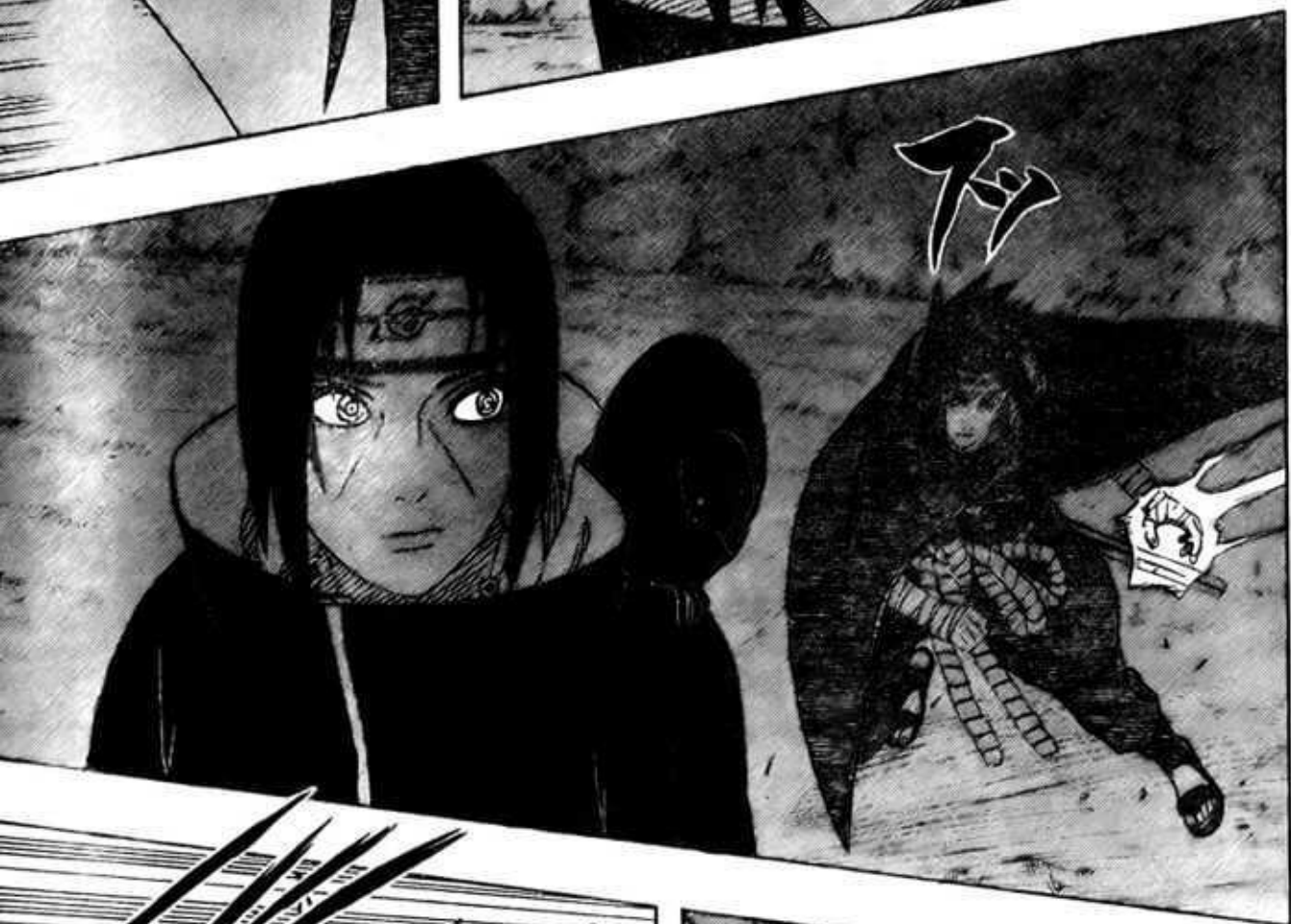
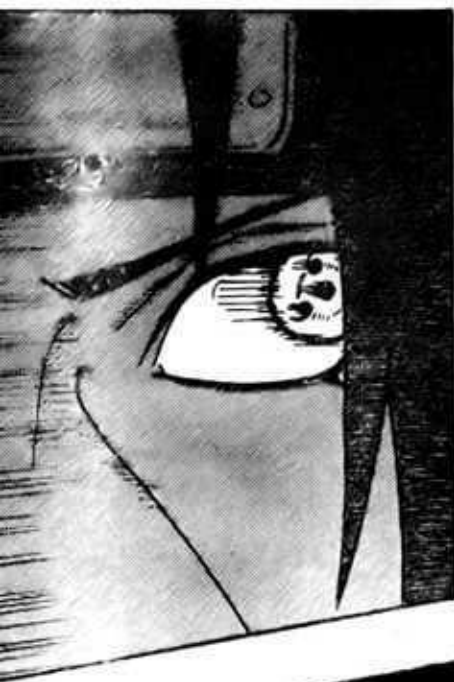
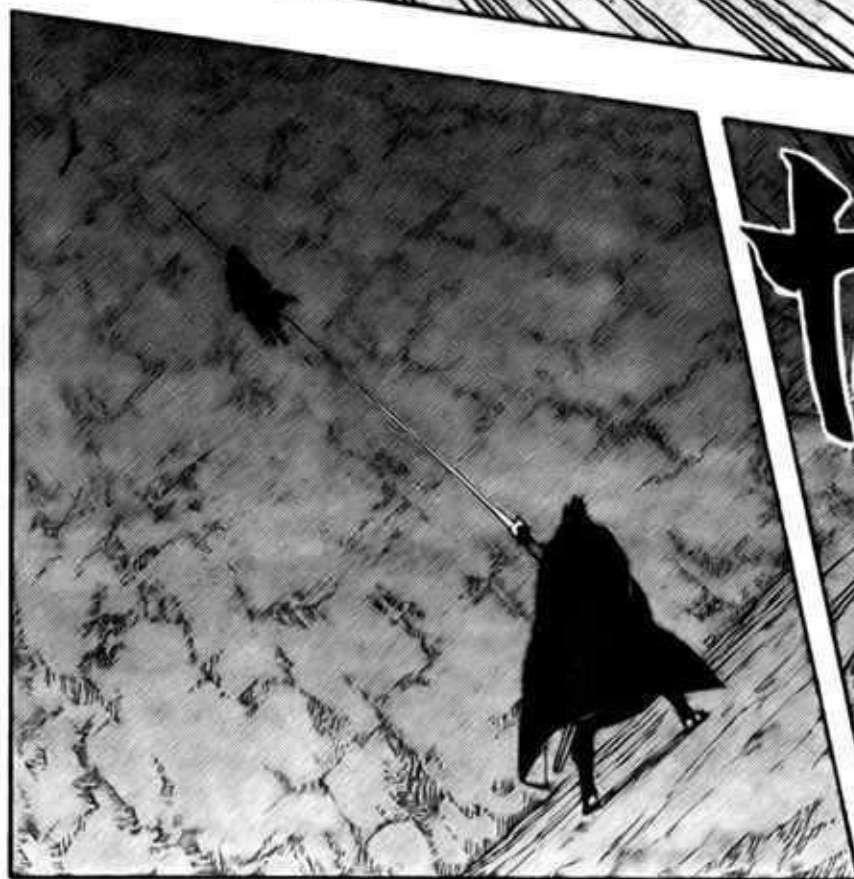


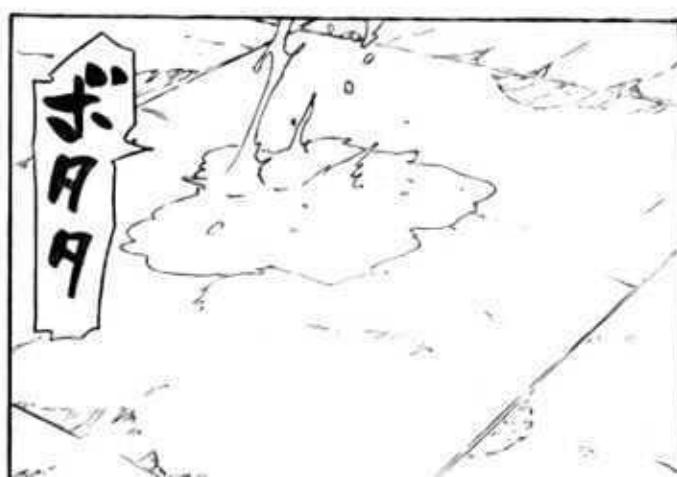
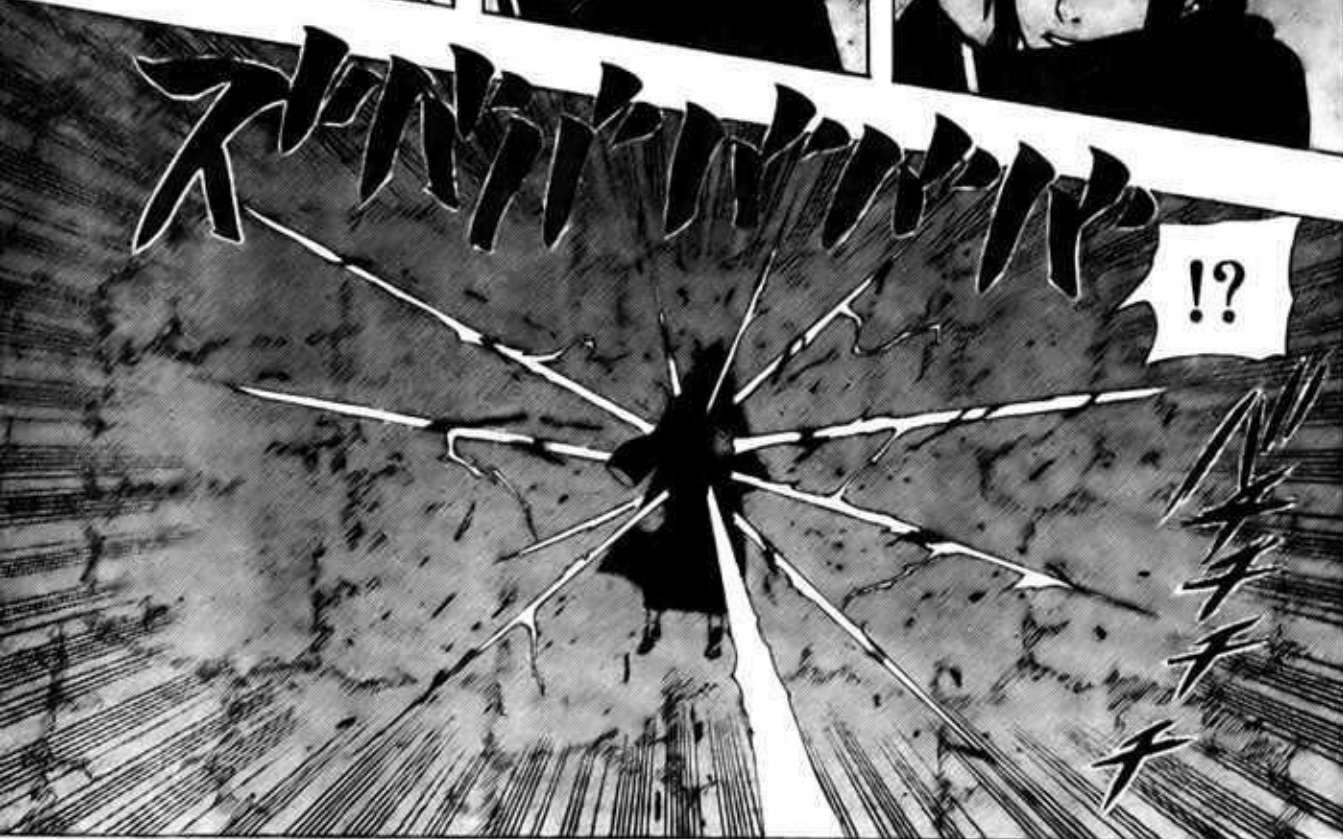
BROTHERS. HATRED AND MURDEROUS RAGE.
THE BATTLE COMMENCES WITHIN THE DARKNESS.

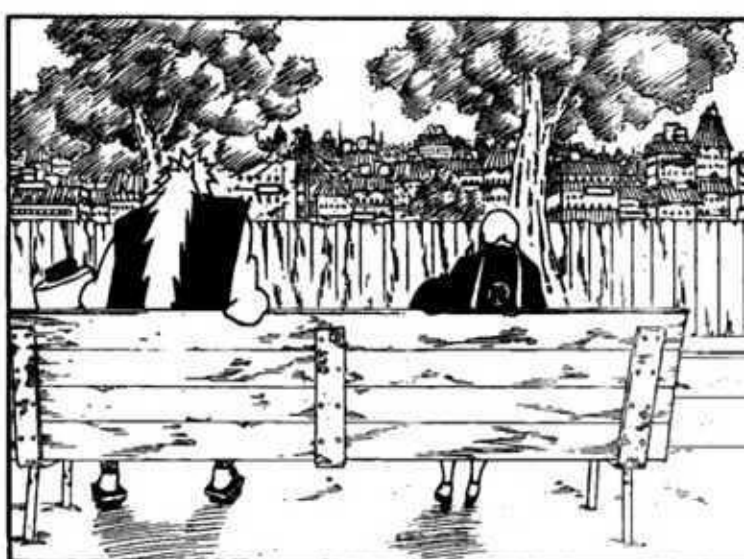
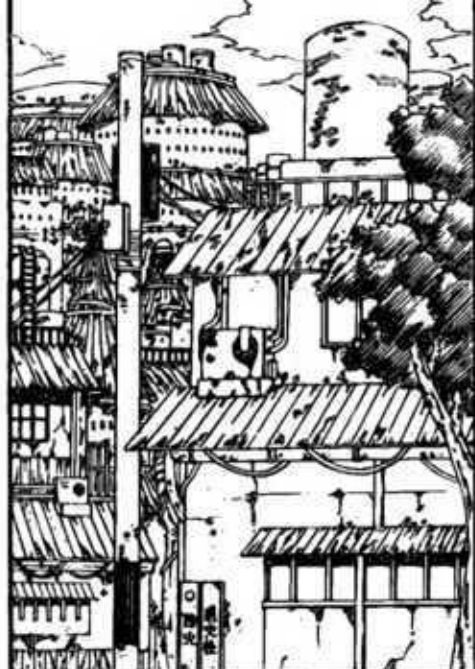






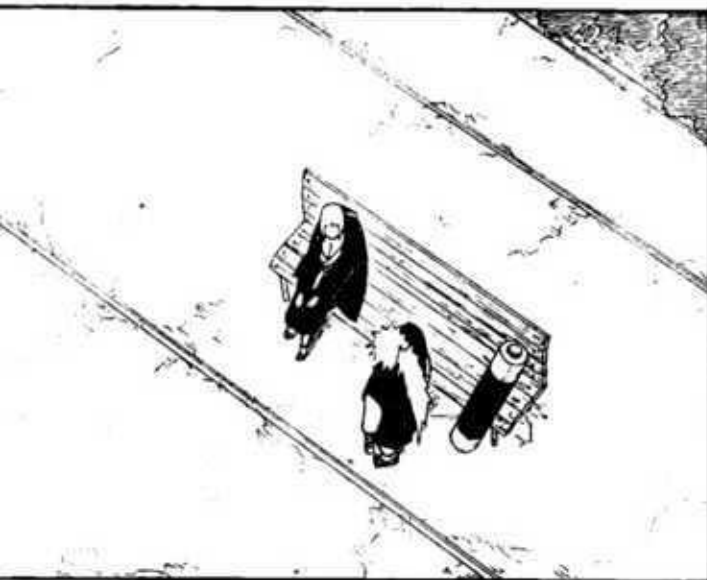


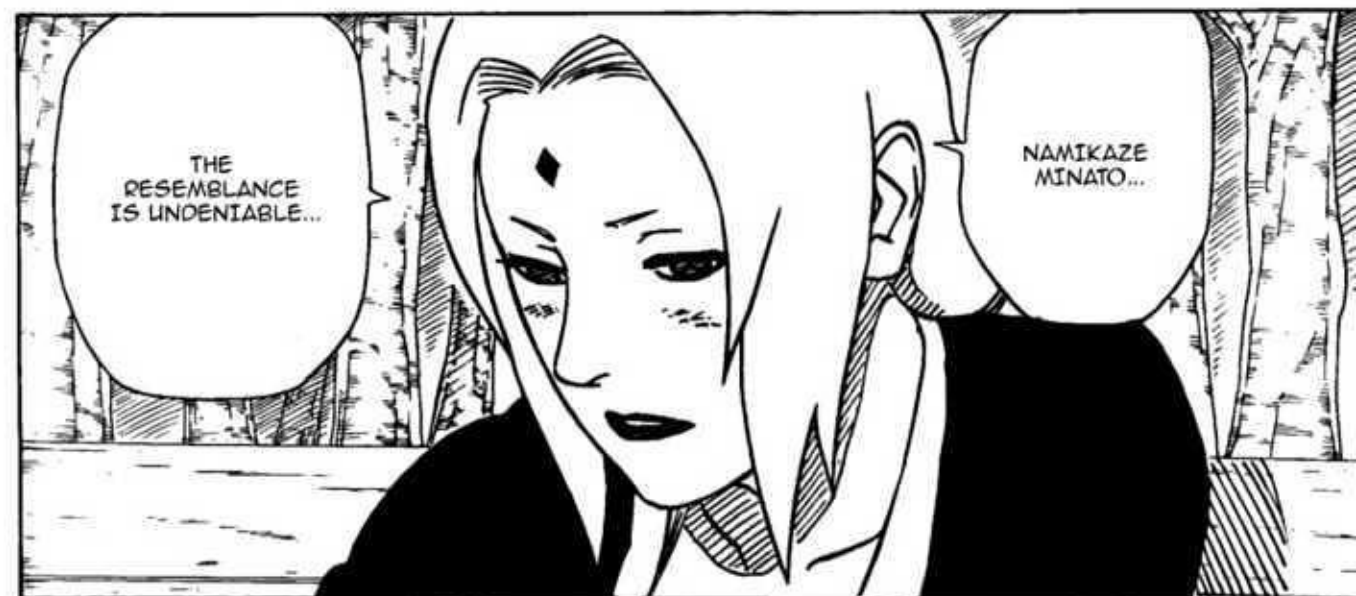














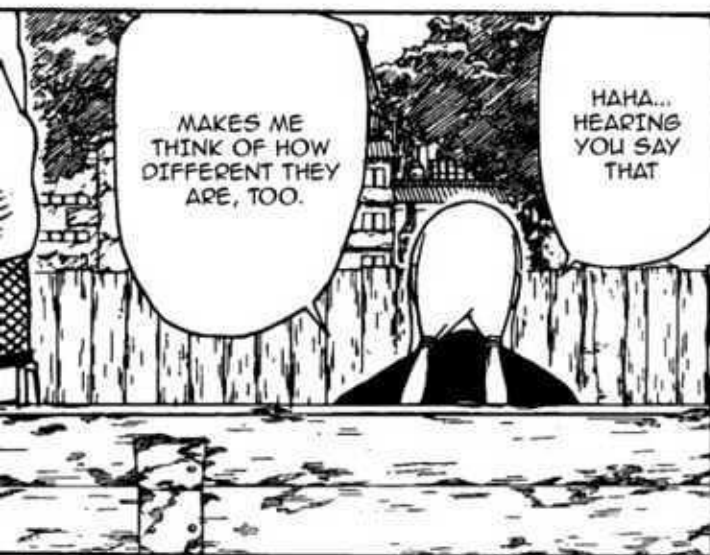
AND IN THE
BLINK OF AN
EYE, HE WAS
OUR FOURTH
HOKAGE.

HE WAS SUCH
A NICE KID,
YET HIS GUTS
AND DESIRE TO
SUCCEED WERE
THE FIERCEST
I'D EVER SEEN.



HE WAS A
GENIUS...NO
ONE LIKE HIM
HAS BEEN BORN
IN A WHILE.

MINATO
HAD TALENT
YOU ONLY
SEE ONCE A
DECADE,
AT BEST.



MAKES ME
THINK OF HOW
DIFFERENT THEY
ARE, TOO.

HAHA...
HEARING
YOU SAY
THAT



BUT IF HE'D
BEEN MY
SON, I'D HAVE
BRAGGED
ABOUT HIM
ALL THE TIME.

I NEVER
HAD KIDS,
SO I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
IT WAS LIKE...



A FEMALE
NINJA OF
THE FORMER
WHIRLPOOL
COUNTRY...

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IF I HAD TO
CHOOSE, I'D
SAY HE'S MUCH
MORE SIMILAR
TO HIS MOTHER.



ARE EXACTLY LIKE
UZUMAKI KUSHINA'S.

YEAH...HIS
PERSONALITY
AND NINJUTSU-
STYLE



KUSHINA
BECAME SO
BEAUTIFUL AS
SHE GREW UP...

BUT NARUTO DOES
LOOK A LOT LIKE
HIS FATHER.



I REMEMBER
WITH THAT
RED HAIR,
THE CONSTANT
JABBERING
AND HER
TOMBOYISH
DEMEANOR.

SHE WAS
JUST LIKE
ONE OF THE
BOYS!

THAT WAS
HER NAME!

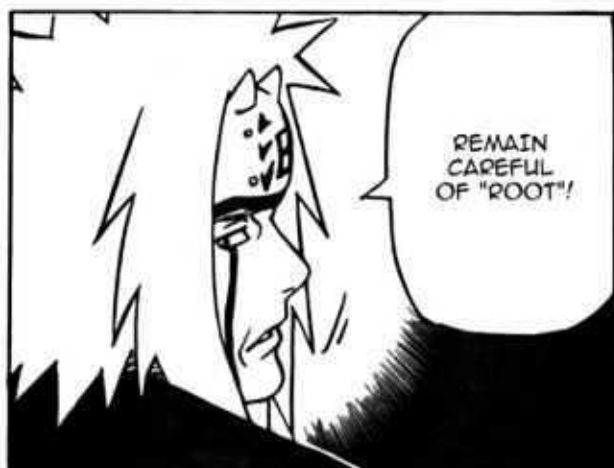


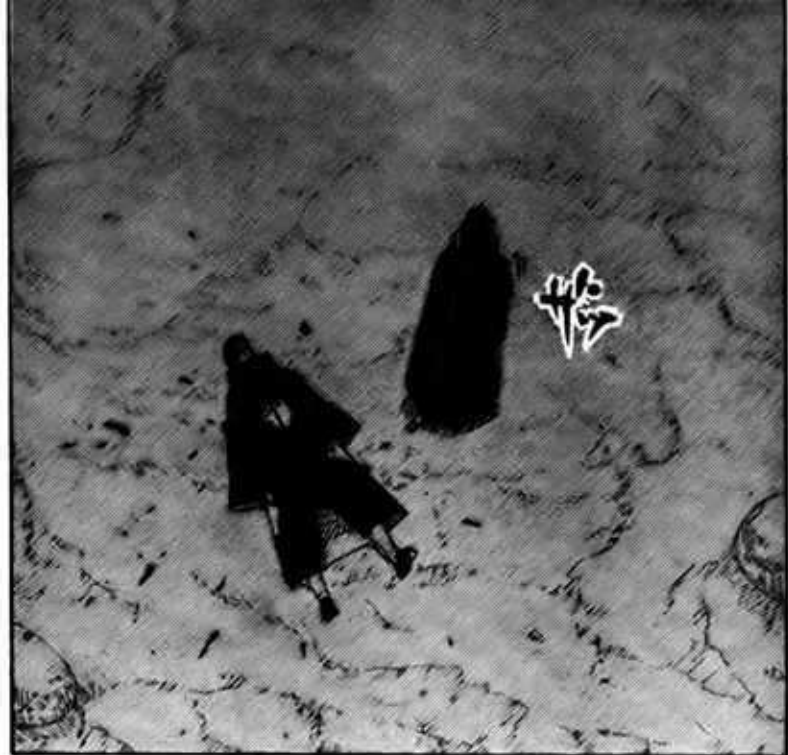
I HAVE
TO ADMIT

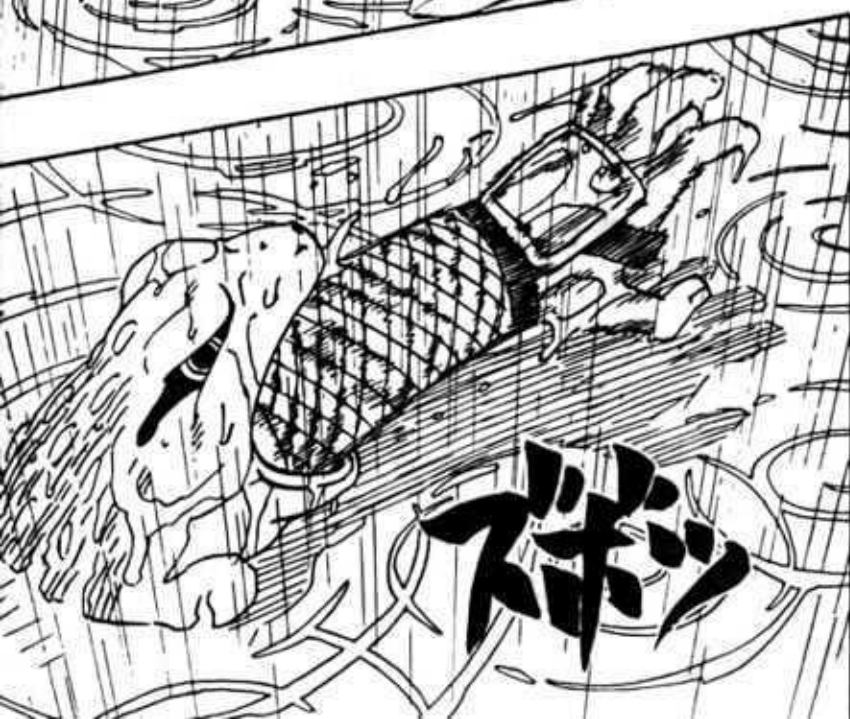
I'VE COME
TO THINK OF
HIM AS
MY OWN
GRANDSON...



THAT'S
WHY I SAY
I SEE HIM
IN NARUTO.









THAT WAS
EASIER
THAN I
ANTICIPATED...

I'M
IN...



SASUKE AND ITACHI HEAD TOWARDS THEIR FINAL ENCOUNTER.
AND JIRAIYA MAKES HIS WAY INTO THE HIDDEN RAIN VILLAGE, PELTED BY A RAIN OF ILL OMEN!



NARUTO ナルト

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