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THE CHILDREN
STAND... AT
THE TOP OF
THE WORLD!!!

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446: I JUST WANTED TO PROTECT THEM

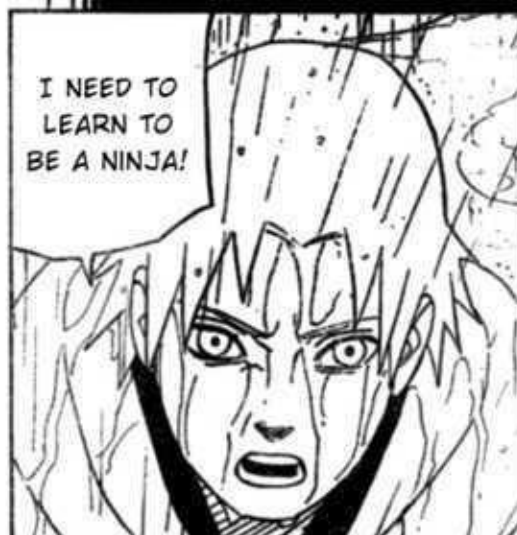
NAGATO...
QUIT
CRYING!

OOH
...
OOH
...

BUT I'M GOING
TO CHANGE
THIS COUNTRY!

JUST LIKE
THE RAIN.

IF YOU JUST
CRY ABOUT IT,
NOTHING'LL
EVER CHANGE.





BUT I
COULDN'T
ACCEPT THE
KONoha
NINJAS.



YOU...
SHOULD
UNDERSTAND.







HE NEARLY
KILLED
YAHIKO, BUT I
FOUGHT BACK.

A LONE
NINJA
ATTACKED
US.



IT WAS
THE
RINNEGAN.

APPARENTLY
I HAD SOME
SPECIAL
POWER.



I DID IT
ALL
LINCON-
SCIOUSLY
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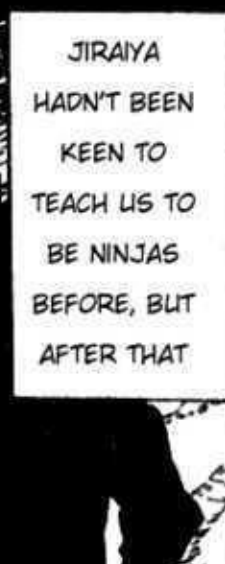


BUT I THINK IT
WAS MAINLY A
WAY FOR ME TO
CONTROL THE
RINNEGAN.

HE SAID
THEY WERE
FOR SELF-
DEFENSE,



HE BEGAN
TEACHING US
THE NINJA
TECHNIQUES.



JIRAIYA
HADN'T BEEN
KEEN TO
TEACH US TO
BE NINJAS
BEFORE, BUT
AFTER THAT



BUT HE
SAVED ME.



I WAS
TORMENTED
BY GUILT,
CONVINCED I'D
DONE
SOMETHING
WRONG.

BUT I WAS
SCARED OF
MY OWN
POWERS.

I WAS
FILLED
WITH
HATRED.



YOU SAVED HIM...
YOU DID WHAT
WAS RIGHT.

BUT THANKS
TO YOU, YAHIKO
IS STILL ALIVE.




I DON'T KNOW
IF IT WAS RIGHT
OR WRONG
MYSELF.



WITHOUT
EVEN
REALIZING
IT, I'D
COME TO
ACCEPT
HIM.




NO ONE IS
BLAMING YOU...



PAIN ALLOWS
PEOPLE TO
GROW.

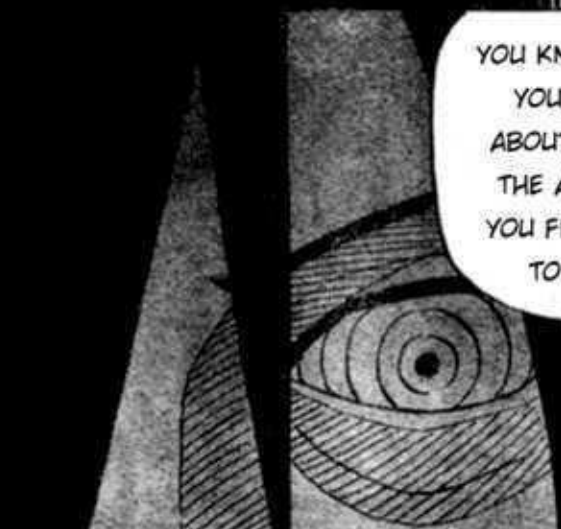
BUT KNOWING
THAT PAIN
ALLOWS PEOPLE
TO BE KIND.




"WHEN
PEOPLE GET
HURT, THEY
LEARN TO
HATE."

THIS IS WHAT
HE SAID.


"WHEN PEOPLE
HURT OTHERS,
THEY BECOME
HATED AND ARE
RACKED WITH
GUILT."




YOU KNOW PAIN,
YOU THINK
ABOUT IT, AND
THE ANSWER
YOU FIND IT UP
TO YOU.



AND HOW YOU
GROW IS UP
TO YOU.



JUST LIKE
YOU.



...HE HADN'T
FOUND HIS
ANSWER.

HE SAID IT
ALMOST AS IF
TO HIMSELF.



...I SEE.

I JUST WANT
TO PROTECT
THEM.

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
PAIN IT
CAUSES.



BUT I KNEW
MY ANSWER
RIGHT AWAY...



I THINK ABOUT
HOW I WANT
TO CHANGE
THAT...

THIS WORLD
IS FILLED
WITH WAR...
HATRED IS
EVERYWHERE.




MASTER
...

WHAT ARE
YOU
ALWAYS
THINKING
ABOUT?




I WONDER
WHAT PEACE IS...
I WANT TO
KNOW THE
ANSWER...



BUT HIS WORDS
STAYED WITHIN
ME, STUCK IN MY
HEART.


AFTER THREE
YEARS OF
TRAINING,
WE'D GROWN
STRONGER IN
BODY MIND
AND BODY.




IT WAS EVEN
WORSE THAN
NOW.

LONG
AGO...
PEOPLE
WERE
ALWAYS AT
WAR.

...THERE
WAS NO
END TO IT.




--HE SAID HE
FELT LIKE MY
RINNEGAN
COULD BE THE
ANSWER.




TIME PASSED
AND
EVENTUALLY
THAT RELIGION
BECAME OUR
NINJA
TECHNIQUES.

BEING A NINJA
WAS NOT ABOUT
MAKING WAR,
BUT ABOUT
BRINGING PEACE.




THEY SAY HE
TRAVELLED
THE WORLD
SPREADING
HIS RELIGION.




HE WAS THE
FIRST TO
DIVINE THE
TRUE MEANING
OF CHAKRA,
AND HE TRIED
TO LEAD THE
WORLD TO
PEACE.

THEN A
SINGLE
PRIEST
APPEARED.



HE MUST HAVE
BELIEVED THE DAY
WOULD COME
WHEN PEOPLE
WOULD TRULY
UNDERSTAND ONE
ANOTHER...

"I AM HERE TO
PROVIDE PEACE
AND ORDER," HE
SAID.



THEY
CALLED HIM
THE
MESSIAH...
AND HE HAD
THE SAME
RINNEGAN
AS YOU.


THAT
PRIEST WAS
CALLED THE
SAGE OF
THE SIX
REALMS.




AND THEN
HE LEFT
US.




HE
ENTRUSTED
ME WITH
THAT
PEACE...



I FEEL LIKE
HIS HOPES
REST IN YOUR
EYES.



MAYBE... HE
HAS BEEN
REBORN IN
YOU.



OUR GANG
GREW FAMOUS
OVERNIGHT.

YAHIKO
BECAME OUR
LEADER.



BUT THE WORLD WAS STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE THREE GREAT COUNTRIES OF STONE, SAND, AND LEAF.



EVERYONE AGREED WITH OUR DESIRE TO CREATE PEACE WITHOUT RELYING ON BRUTE FORCE.

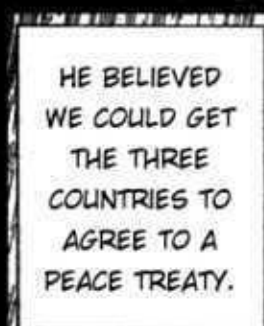


HE COULD NO LONGER AFFORD TO IGNORE US.

HANZO, THE LEADER OF AMEGAKURE, HEARD THE RUMORS AND APPROACHED US.



WE DECIDED TO HELP HIM.



HE BELIEVED WE COULD GET THE THREE COUNTRIES TO AGREE TO A PEACE TREATY.



HE SAID HE WANTED TO USE US TO BEGIN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE THREE GREAT COUNTRIES.



A
CATAS-
-TROP-
-HE...?

WH, WHAT
HAPPENED!?



BUT THAT
WAS A
CATASTROPHE.

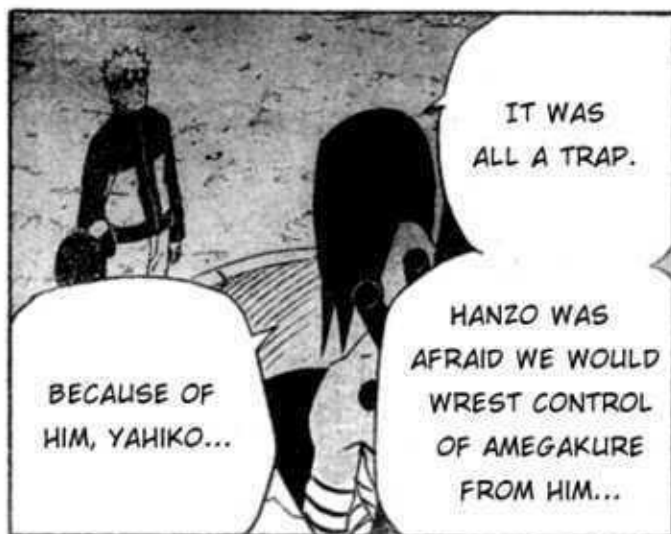
WE WERE
JUST
CHILDREN.



BECAUSE OF
HIM,
YAHIKO DIED.



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BECAUSE OF
HIM, YAHIKO...


IT WAS
ALL A TRAP.

HANZO WAS
AFRAID WE WOULD
WREST CONTROL
OF AMEGAKURE
FROM HIM...



...DIED?

!?




KONOHA'S BLACK
OPS WERE
WAITING ALONG
WITH HANZO AND
HIS MINIONS.

THE NEXT DAY
WHEN WE
ARRIVED AT THE
ASSIGNED PLACE,



AND HANZO
WANTED
DANZO'S
HELP IN
PROTECTING
HIS POSITION.


DANZO
WANTED
HANZO'S
HELP IN
BECOMING
HOKAGE.



HANZO HAD
JOINED FORCES
WITH KONOHA'S
DANZO TO
OBLITERATE
US.



IF YOU
DON'T, THIS
GIRL WILL
GET IT.



YAHIKO...
AS THE
LEADER,
YOU WILL
DIE HERE
TODAY.

YOUR GANG
IS A
HINDRANCE TO
MY PLANS.



DAMN
IT...!





DON'T
DO IT!!

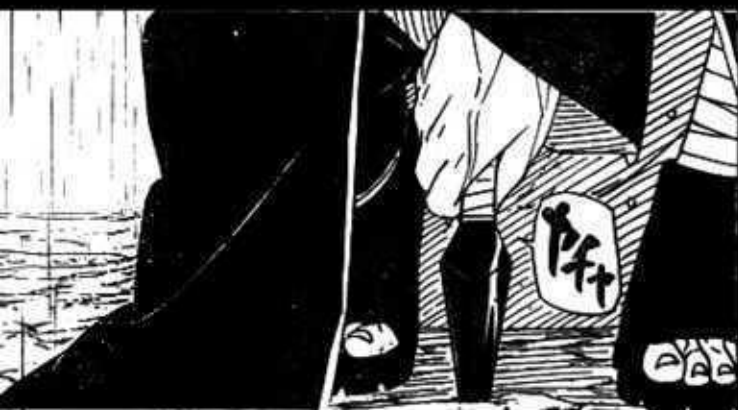


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I JUST
WANT TO
PROTECT
THEM.

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
PAIN IT
CAUSES.



YOU'D BETTER
HURRY
UNLESS YOU
WANT THE
GIRL TO DIE!

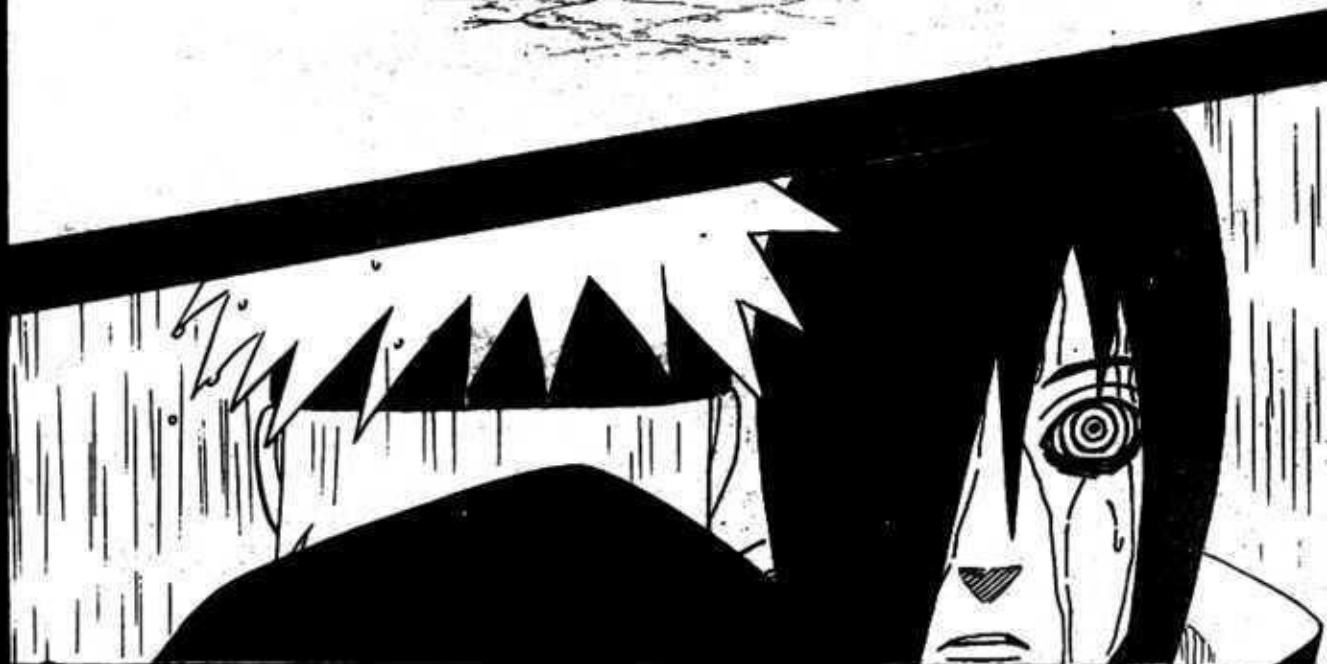


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YOU... CAN...
REALLY--

...YOU...
ARE... THE
MESSIAH...



YOU'VE GOTTA
STAY ALIVE
SOMEHOW...

YOU AND
KONAN...



...I THOUGHT
I HAD
GROWN, BUT
NOTHING HAD
CHANGED.

THAT WAS
THE
SECOND
SOURCE
OF MY
PAIN.

YAHIKO!!



I REALIZED MY
ANSWER WAS
WORTHLESS.

IT WAS JUST
THE SAME AS
WHEN MY
PARENTS DIED.

NAGATO
AWAKENS...



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END



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