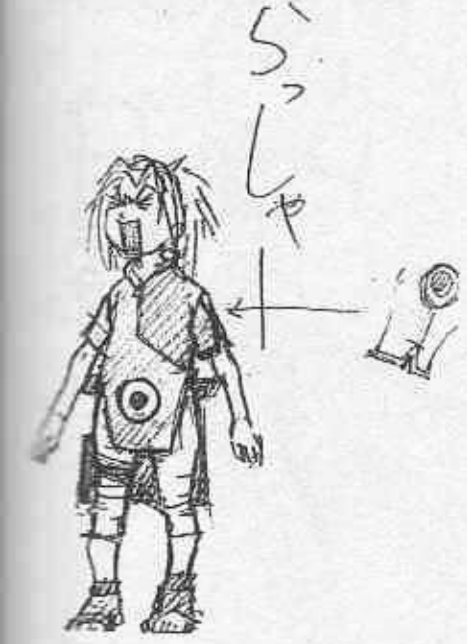
(Early Main Character Sketches)

春野 サクラ

These are the first sketches of Sakura. I still feel the same as I did when I first drew them, SHE'S NOT CUTE!! In general I have trouble drawing girls and am always worrying that they aren't cute enough. When I passed these sketches around to all my assistants they all agreed and said "A girl that's not cute."(Laugh)



But, for my own work, I really like Sakura's design and her as a character. Everyone has a voice in their head like Inner Sakura and I think her pursuing a selfish love is pretty realistic. There's more to manga girls than cuteness!!!!..... is the excuse I use but... Well, I can easily draw hyper-active kids or old men, but drawing girls is difficult. Really...

ナンバー
25 For the Sake of Dreams

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The main character of a story usually shows up in these types of situations and instantly...
Now that I'm here everything will be fine!!
What kind of loud entrance is that? And he calls himself a ninja?
Geez.. That idiot!!
..kicks the enemy's ass!!
"Bah... That brat.."
"You talk to much.."
.....
フン…
あのガキが…
話が長い…
Na-ruto!!

Training!!
I want to
become
stronger!!
修業(しゅぎょう)オ!!

Damn!!
!

Here it
comes!!
!

!
!?
!?
キン
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Please let me fight them my way.
スッ
Zabuza -san... These kids...
Haku, what is this?

You're as soft as always...
So you don't want me to interfere, Haku?
……
甘いか…
確かにな…
Soft? He's right. Attacking with needles, yet not aiming them at high damage areas. Is he trying not to kill me?
今のところ急所はいない…
つもりか…
…しかし この術は何だ!?
分身を鏡に潜ませ
全員で同時に千本を投げつけて…
But what's this jutsu? Having clones in the mirrors all throwing needles.. No, it's too fast for that. I can't even see where they are coming from.
And if it was just Bunshin no Jutsu, then why the mirrors? These mirrors serve some kind of purpose in this attack.
とにかく この鏡が
奴の攻撃の要であることは
疑いようがない
ここは
とりあえず…
オレは内側…
Well, with me on the inside, and Naruto attacking from the outside...

!!!
ドン
Hey!! I came to save you!!

さすが意外性Nの忍者だ…
That's Naruto... He comes to help yet makes things worse...

What did you say?!! I come to save you and this is what I get?!!
You total moron!! If you're a shinobi then use your head!! Why did you come inside the mirrors?!! Damn it!! I don't care anymore!! You're an idiot!!

中途半端な影分身をやってみても
If I use a Kage Bunshin, he'll just stop me with his Water Bunshin. I'll just waste Chakra.

But I can't just leave them...
If I go to them then Tazuna-san will be in danger...

"Then I'll just bust these mirrors!!

Grand Fireball no Jutsu!!
豪火球の術!!
Damn
You can't melt this ice with that level of fire.
It didn't do anything!!
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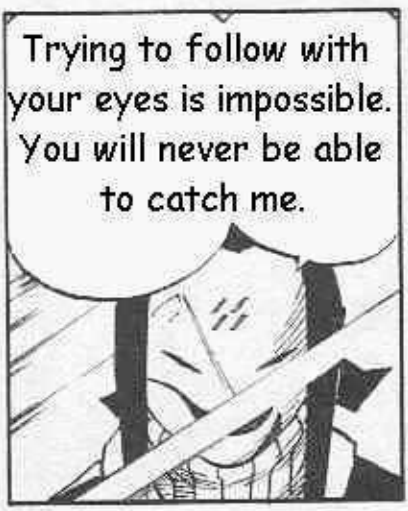
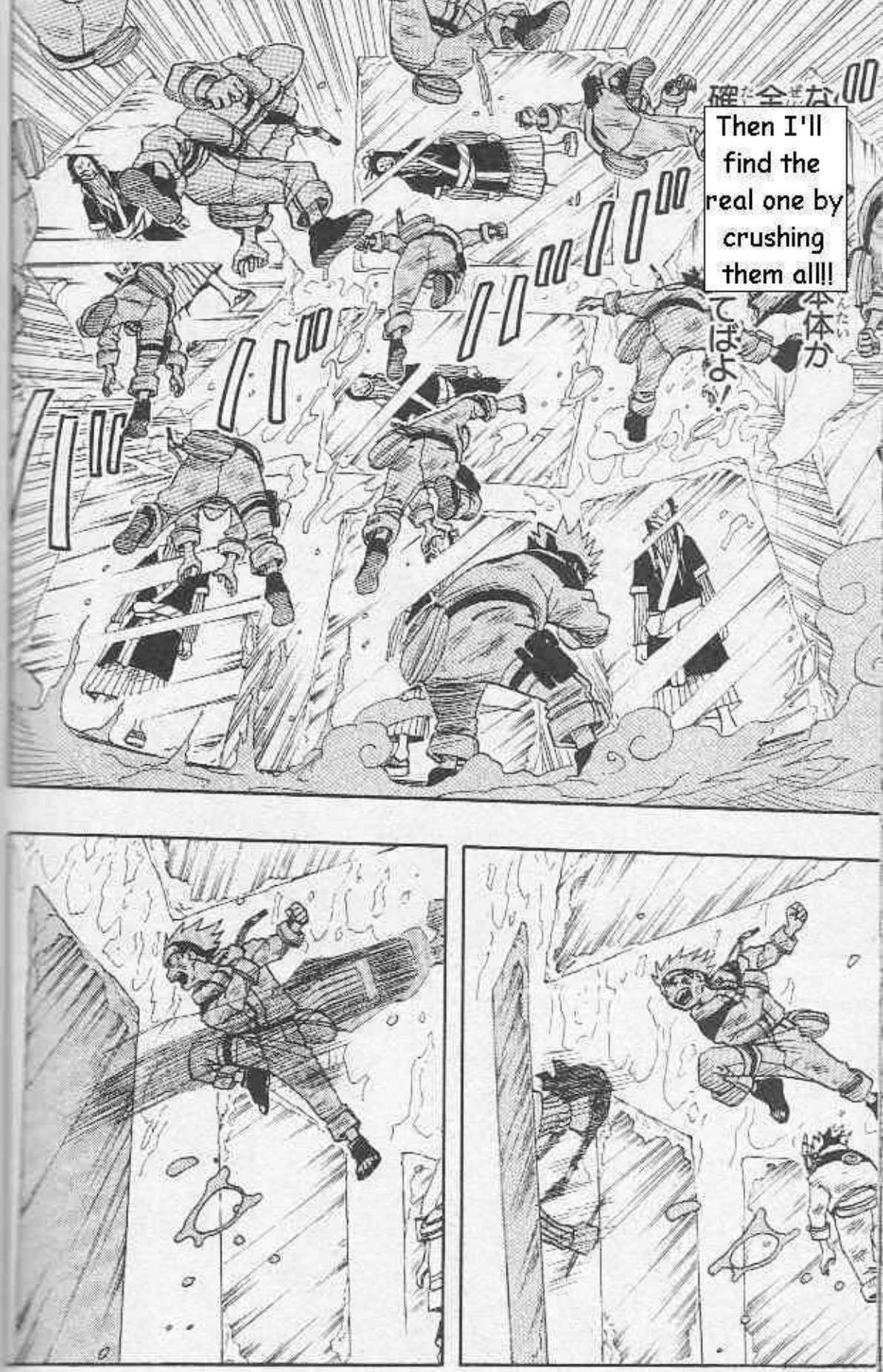
"Attacking from everywhere!! A Bunshin?!"




確実な
Then I'll find the real one by crushing them all!!
本体か
てばよ!

ドン
パシャ
ボン
ボン
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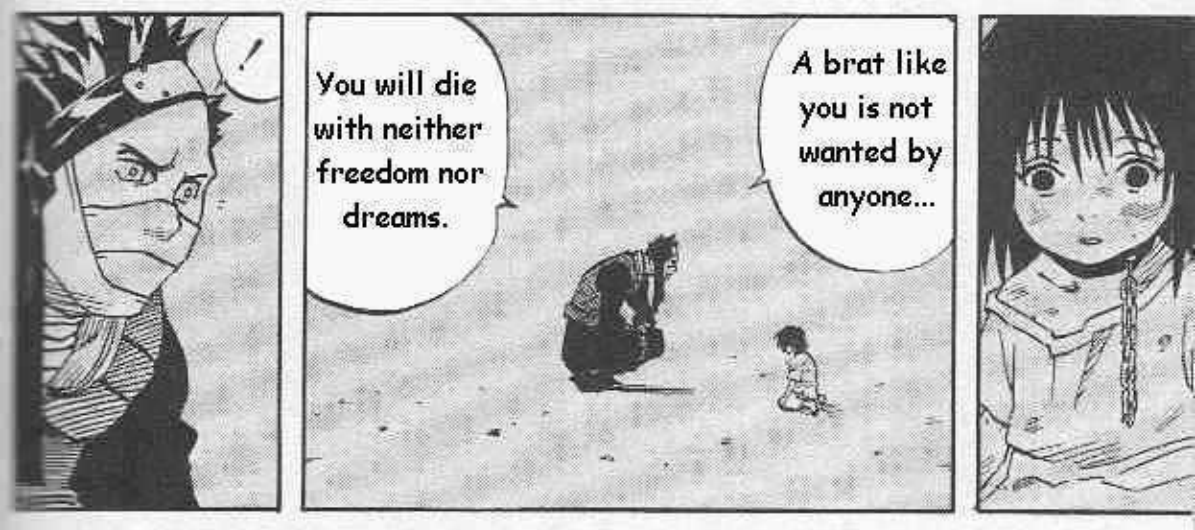
ボン
UWAA!!

This jutsu uses the mirror's reflection to transport me.
From my point of view, you seem to be moving in slow-motion.
hehehe
For that kid to master a jutsu like that....
I knew it...
!
An Advanced Bloodline!!
Jutsu like that?
!

Then...
It's a jutsu passed down by your ancestors.
A deep blood lineage... Superior genealogy...
So what!!!
!
Damn it!!
.....
Even I couldn't copy it. It's impossible to defeat.
Yeah, you could compare it to my Sharingan.
オレの里で一番の忍者になること!!
みんなにオレの力を認めさせてやんだよ!!
To become the best ninja in my village and have everyone acknowledge me!!
I have a dream I must fulfill...
I can't die here..

Hehe.. What an unfortunate child.
Dream...
夢…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You will die with neither freedom nor dreams.
A brat like you is not wanted by anyone...

...You have the same eyes as me.....
(- Haku line)

Becoming a true shinobi is difficult for me..
.....
I can destroy my kind heart with a blade and become a true shinobi.
But if you come at me..
Nor want you to have to kill me.
If possible, I don't want to have to kill you.
..to connect to our dreams.
This bridge is the place where we fight...

And you for your dreams.
Me, for my dream.
That is my dream.
I want to protect someone precious to me. To work for that person. To fight for that person. To make that person's dreams come true.
Please don't hate me.
I can kill you.
For that, I can become a shinobi.

Huh?
No Sakura. Don't egg them on.
Sasuke-kun!!! Naruto!! Don't lose to that guy!!
hehehe
hehe
What do you mean?
!
Even if they could somehow defeat that technique, they cannot beat that boy.

..and kill another person.
They don't yet have the strength to destroy their hearts..
Because you can't gain the most important thing. The experience of killing.
A real shinobi can't be created in a peaceful village like yours..
That young man knows the true pain of being a shinobi.
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Then what can we do, Sensei?!!!

I'm going to end this instantly.
Sorry but...
Is that the only thing you can do?
Hehe... Sharingan again?