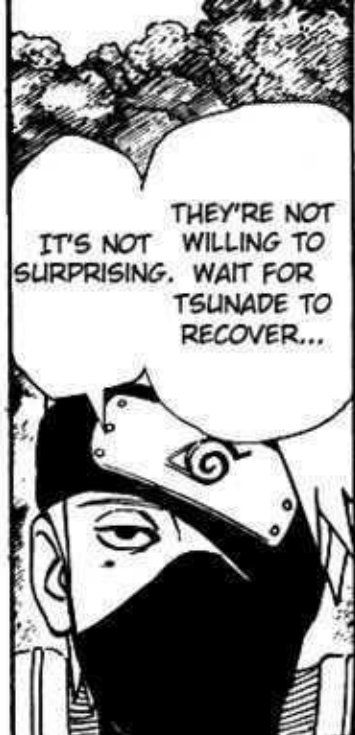


WORRYWART OMOI IS MOST WORRIED ABOUT HIS MASTER KILLERBEE'S SAFETY!!





IT'S NOT SURPRISING. THEY'RE NOT WILLING TO WAIT FOR TSUNADE TO RECOVER...



WHAT THE HELL DO YOU MEAN!?

I DON'T KNOW MYSELF!



NARUTO OPPOSES THE ORDER TO KILL SASUKE!!



THE USUAL PUNISHMENT FOR THAT IS DEATH.

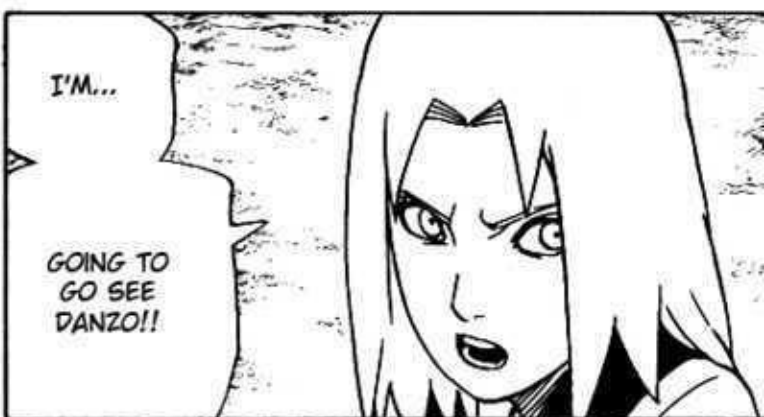
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE TSUNADE WAS SO LENIENT THAT HE HASN'T BEEN KILLED YET.

AND IT'S TRUE SASUKE IS A MISSING-NIN.



WAIT, SAKURA!

STORMING IN THERE AND YELLING AT HIM WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING.



I'M...

GOING TO GO SEE DANZO!!



YOU HAVE TO
STAY
COOL-HEADED
OR IT'LL JUST
MAKE THINGS
WORSE.

CALM DOWN,
BOTH OF
YOU.

I'M GOING,
TOO.



AND THEN
THERE'S
SASUKE!

...I CAN'T
STAND BY
AND LET THIS
HAPPEN!

BUT TSUNADE
HASN'T EVEN
WOKEN UP...
IT'S NOT FAIR!



I SAID
WAIT!



HOW CAN I
BE CALM!?

I WON'T LET
HIM LAY A
FINGER ON
SASUKE!



I'M JUST GOING
TO ASK HIM TO
CHANGE HIS MIND
ABOUT SASUKE!

I WON'T
ATTACK
HIM!



WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO
WHEN YOU
SEE HIM?

DANZO KNOWS
YOU'D REACT
LIKE THIS.



THE JONINS
MAY NOT HAVE
VOTED YET, BUT
DANZO IS STILL
HOKAGE FOR
THE TIME BEING.

I KNOW YOU
CAN'T JUST LEAVE
IT AT THAT WHEN
IT COMES TO
SASUKE!

ONE WRONG
MOVE AND
YOU COULD
GET
THROWN IN
JAIL.



H, HEY...
GUYS...



ME,
TOO!

I DON'T
CARE! I'M
GOING!



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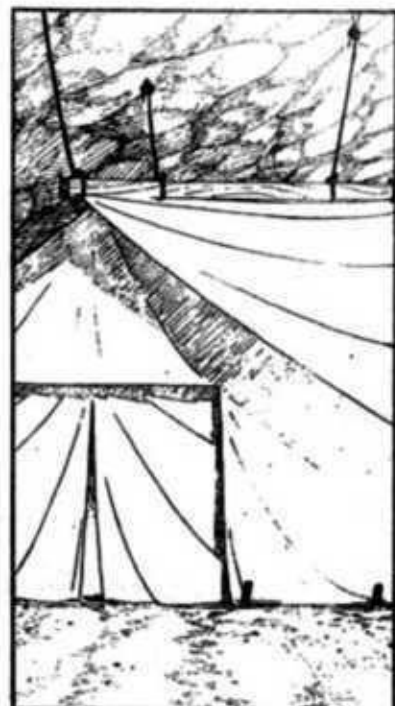
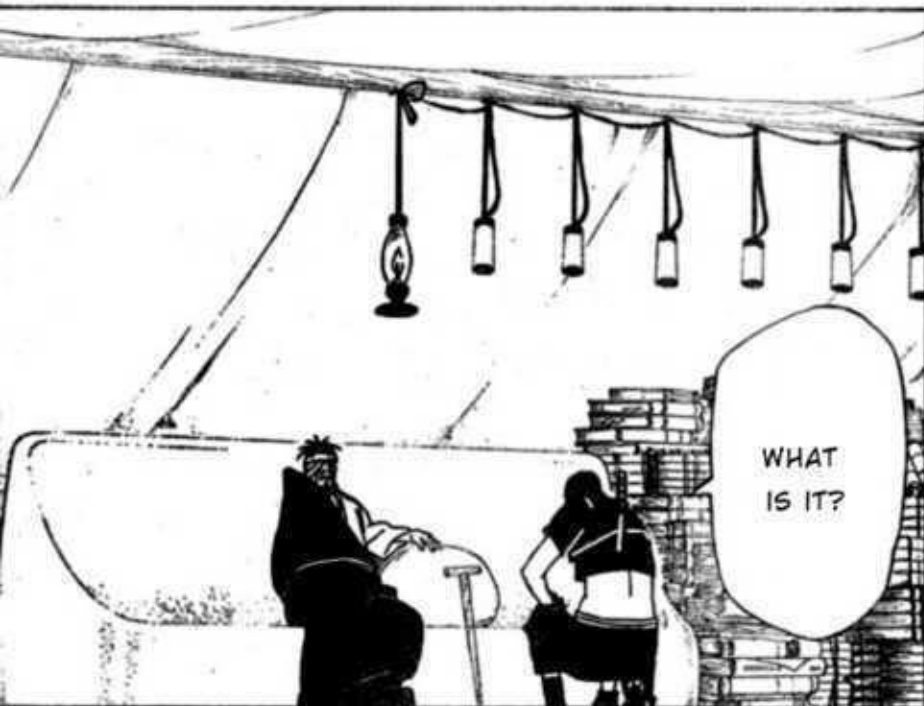
STAY
CALM.

THEN YOU
WON'T BE
ABLE TO
LOOK FOR
SASUKE...



THAT'S WHY DANZO
WANTS TO KEEP YOU
IN THE VILLAGE.
YOU'LL BE PLAYING
RIGHT INTO HIS
HANDS.

NARUTO, YOU
HAVE THE
NINE-TAILED
BEAST WITHIN
YOU...





THE VILLAGERS
BELIEVE IN NARUTO...

MORE SO
THAN THEY
BELIEVE IN ME.

DON'T WORRY...
HE'S A HERO
NOW.



I WON'T BE
AS WEAK AS
TSUNADE.

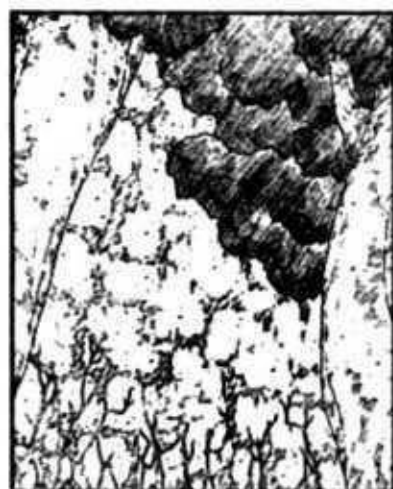
BUT
NARUTO
IS A HOST.

AS HOKAGE, I
HAVE TO KEEP
AN EYE ON HIM
...



WITH THE VOTE
COMING UP,
THIS IS A VERY
CRITICAL TIME...

IF I DO ANYTHING
TO NARUTO, IT WILL
REFLECT ON ME
AS HOKAGE.



...
UNDE-
-RST-
-OOD.









TELL ME
EVERYTHING
YOU KNOW
ABOUT
SASUKE!

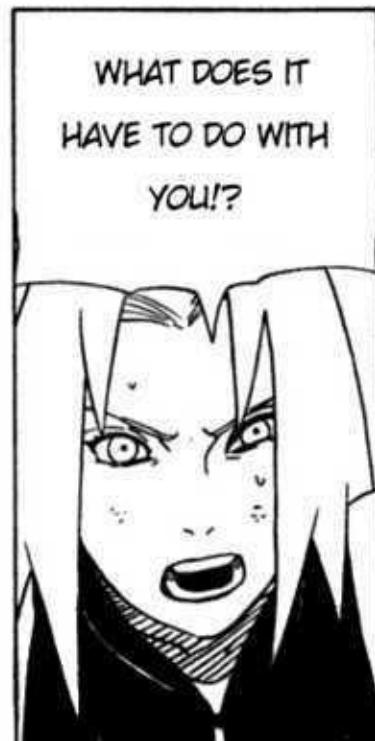
SINCE HE
SEEMS TO BE
A FRIEND OF
YOURS!















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