

# NARUTO

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180: IT'S A PROMISE!!

STRAIGHT DOWN THE NINDO\*!  
THE SPRING TIME, FULL OF LIFE, WHICH SHINED EVER SO BRIGHTLY, SHINES ONCE AGAIN!

(NOTE: \*NINDO MEANS A PATH  
OF HARD WORK)

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IN AN UNFORGETTABLE PLACE... THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE MASTER AND A STUDENT BEGINS.



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THIS WAS  
WHERE I  
SWORE MY  
DREAM...

THE  
FIRST TIME  
I BECAME A  
GENIN,

MY ENTIRE  
PURPOSE IN  
LIFE



BUT  
I WAS  
SERIOUS  
ABOUT  
IT

NEJI  
LAUGHED AT  
ME THEN,



WITHOUT  
THE ABILITY  
TO USE  
NINJUTSU  
OR  
GENJUTSU!  
THAT IS MY  
PURPOSE IN  
LIFE!!

I WANT  
TO PROVE  
THAT IT IS  
POSSIBLE  
TO BECOME  
A FINE  
NINJA



AND...

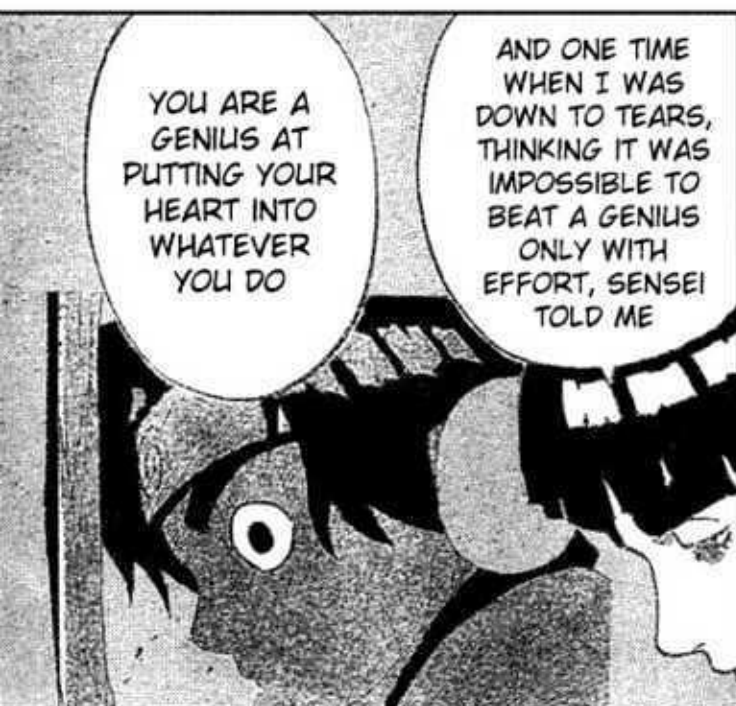
THAT IF I  
COMPETED WITH  
RIVALS AND MADE  
THE BEST OF MY  
YOUTH, I COULD  
BECOME A FINE  
NINJA...

SENSEI  
TOLD ME  
THEN,









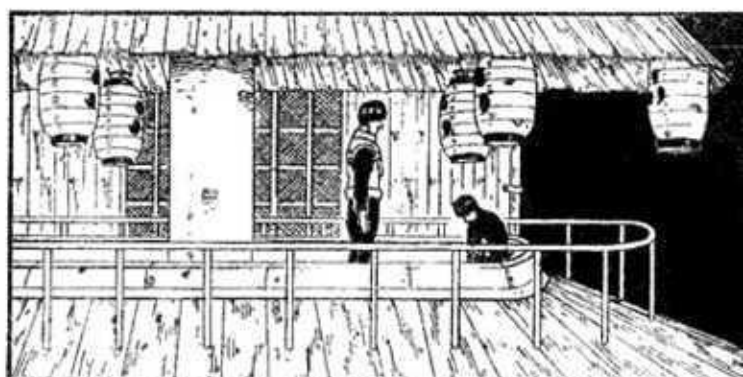


IT DOESN'T  
LOOK LIKE  
I'LL GET  
ANYWHERE  
EVEN IF I TRY,  
EVEN IF  
I BELIEVE  
IN MYSELF!

BUT JUST  
THIS ONCE...



GAI-  
SENSEI...  
PLEASE  
TELL ME!



WILL I BE  
ABLE TO  
BECOME  
SOMEONE LIKE  
GAI-SENSEI?



NOTE: HACHIMONTONKOU = THE EIGHT CELESTIAL GATES

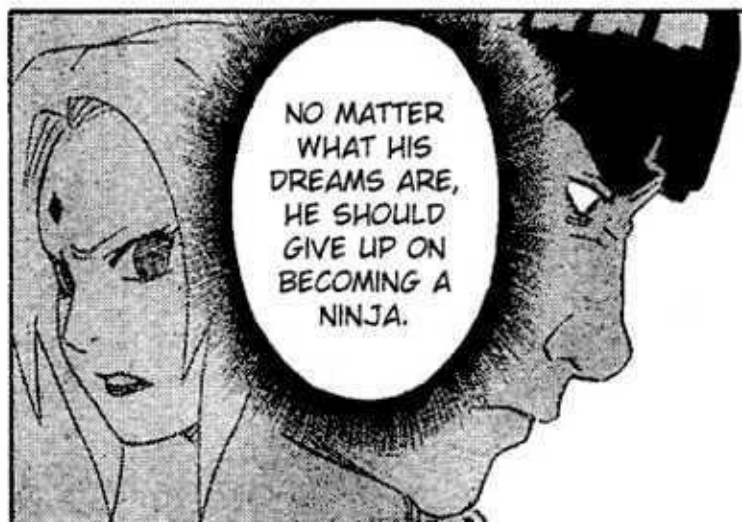
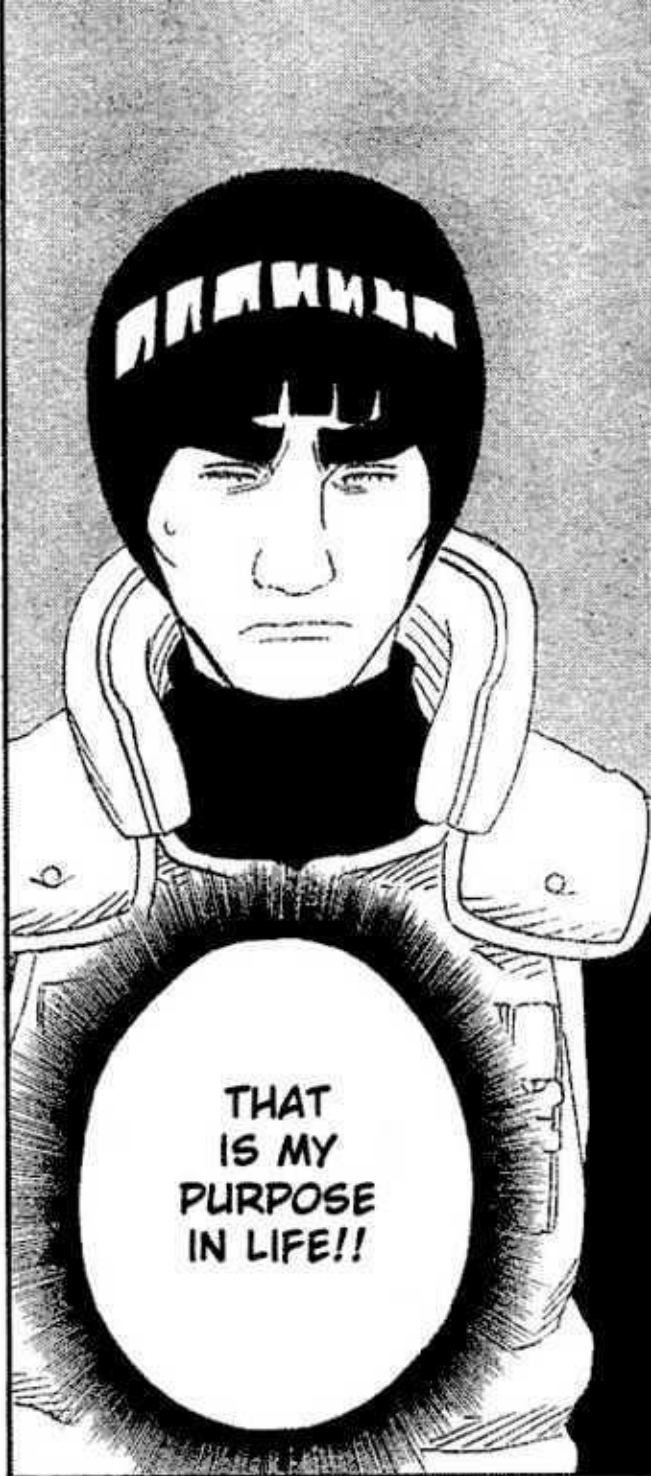


NOTE: KINJUTSU = A FORBIDDEN SKILL





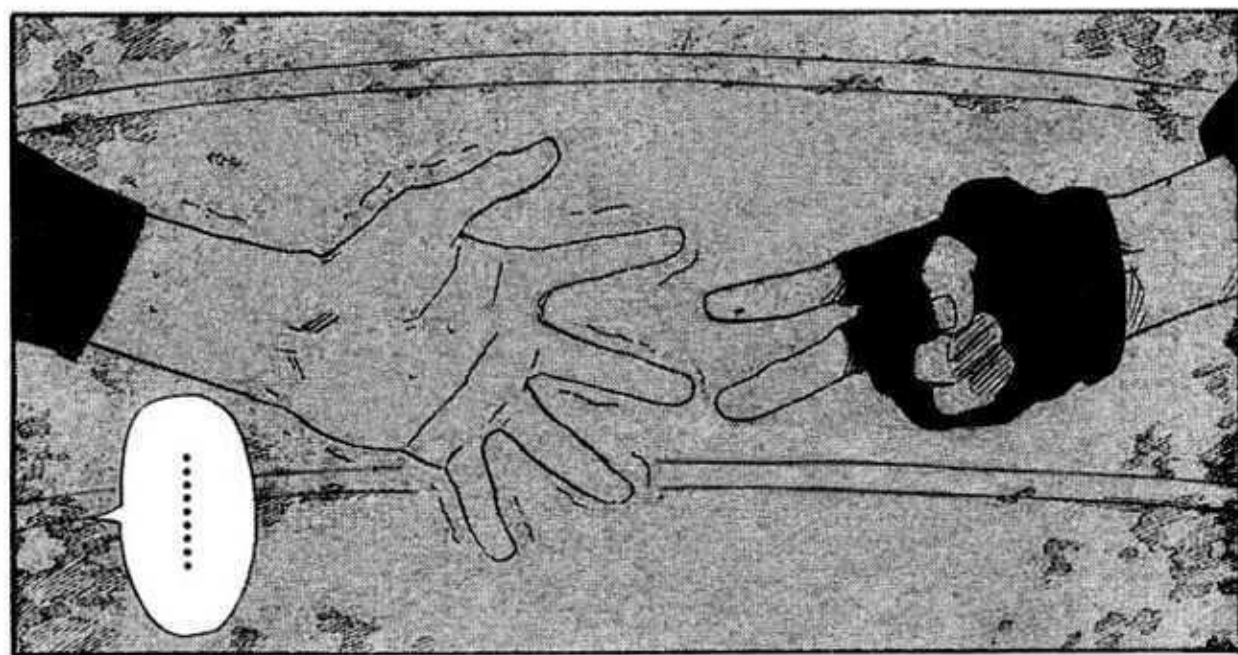
NOTE: TAIJUTSU = PHYSICAL SKILLS



















WHY IS IT...

WHAT?

THAT YOU ALWAYS CHOOSE SOME WEIRD RULE BEFORE YOU DO SOMETHING?



HOWEVER, YOU MUST KEEP IT A SECRET FROM ANYONE ELSE!!

ALRIGHT, I'LL TELL YOU!

WHA... WHAT IS IT?



YOU'RE SUCH A GREAT GUY TO NOTICE SUCH A GOOD POINT!!

MUWAHAH A... THANKS FOR ASKING ME THAT, LEE...



IT IS A 'SELF IMPOSED RULE'!!

IT IS EXACTLY THE TRAINING THAT WILL BRING YOU VICTORY!



THE POINT  
OF THIS  
RULE IS,

WHENEVER YOU  
RISE UP AGAINST  
A CHALLENGE,  
YOU CREATE  
SHACKLES FOR  
YOURSELF TO  
PUSH YOURSELF  
INTENTIONALLY  
INTO HARSHER  
SITUATIONS.



LISTEN  
CAREFULLY,



MMHMM  
...

THEREFORE,  
BY FIGHTING  
WITH THE  
500 LAP  
'SHACKLES',

I CAN  
SERIOUSLY  
FIGHT THE  
JANKEN DUEL.  
THAT'S THE  
FIRST  
ADVANTAGE.



FOR EXAMPLE,  
BEHIND THE  
HELLISH 'LOSE THE  
JANKEN FIGHT, DO  
500 LAPS' RULE,

LIES THE HEAVENLY  
POWER OF 'BY  
DOING 500 LAPS, I  
CAN BEAT KAKASHI'  
TO CONTROL THE  
FUTURE.



BY COMPLETING THE  
500 LAPS, I CAN  
TRAIN MYSELF  
RIGOROUSLY. THOSE  
TWO COMBINED  
CREATE THE  
'ULTIMATE DOUBLE  
STANCE'



FURTHERMORE,  
EVEN IF I  
LOSE,



ALRIGHT,  
THEN I'M  
GONNA  
GIVE IT  
ANOTHER  
TRY.



IF I CAN'T  
KEEP UP WITH  
GAI-SENSEI,

THEN I  
WILL TRY  
EVEN  
HARDER!!

HEY! HEY!  
DON'T BE  
SO  
RECKLESS,  
LEE!!









IF BY  
ONE IN A  
MILLION  
CHANCE THE  
SURGERY  
FAILS, THEN I  
SHALL DIE  
WITH YOU!

FOR THE  
ONE WHO NEVER  
STOPPED  
WORKING HARD,  
THE SURGERY  
WILL MOST  
DEFINITELY  
SUCCEED!!!  
IT WILL CALL  
FORTH A  
HEAVENLY  
FUTURE

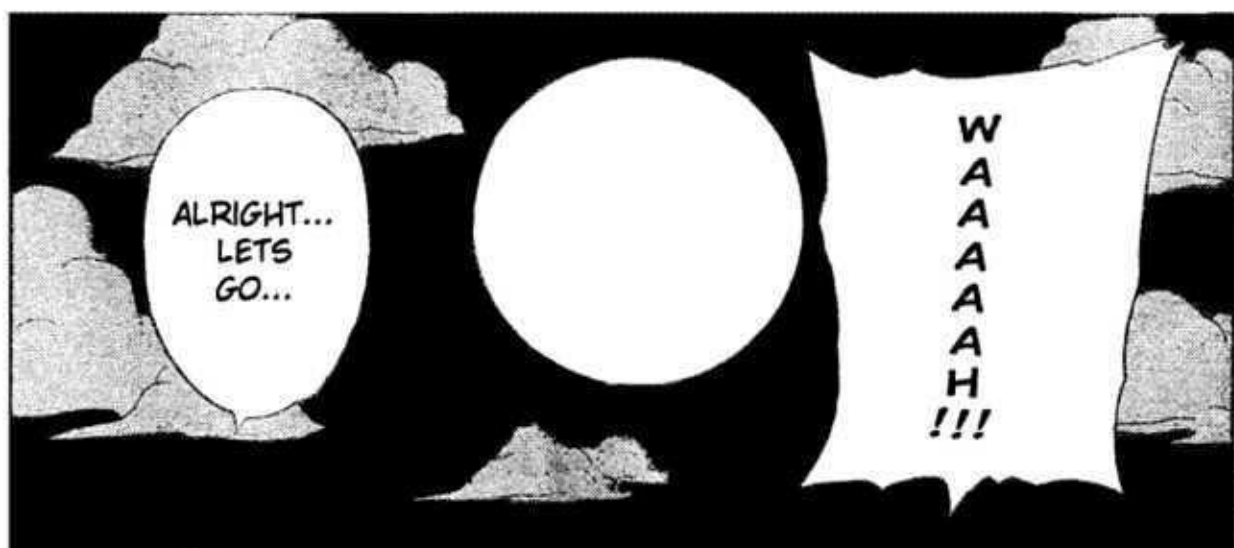
\*Note: Nindo=path of effort!



THAT'S A  
PROMISE!!

EVER SINCE I  
MET YOU,  
MY NINDO\*  
BECAME TO  
RAISE YOU  
INTO A GREAT  
NINJA

It's were to lose you, I wouldn't be able to live on. Fight! Support Gai's promise strongly and kindly!  
Lee, you must join the battle once again!



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