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ABOUT THE
NECKLACE...

FURTHERMORE...

!?




IT'S NOT
SOMETHING THAT
SHOULD BE
CARELESSLY
BET ON...


TO TSUNADE-
SAMA, THAT
NECKLACE IS
JUST AS
IMPORTANT TO
HER AS HER
OWN LIFE IS...




SHE'S THE
ONE THAT
WAGERED IT...




HOW AM I
SUPPOSED TO
KNOW THAT?



IT IS A
CURSED
NECKL-
ACE...



ALSO, THAT
NECKLACE ISN'T
SOMETHING
YOU SHOULD
HAVE...



ANYONE ELSE
THAT HAS THE
NECKLACE, THAT
PERSON WILL...

IT DOESN'T
ACKNOWLEDGE
ANYONE BUT
TSUNADE...





HEH...



I CAN'T BELIEVE
YOU STILL
TREASURE
THAT NECKLACE...

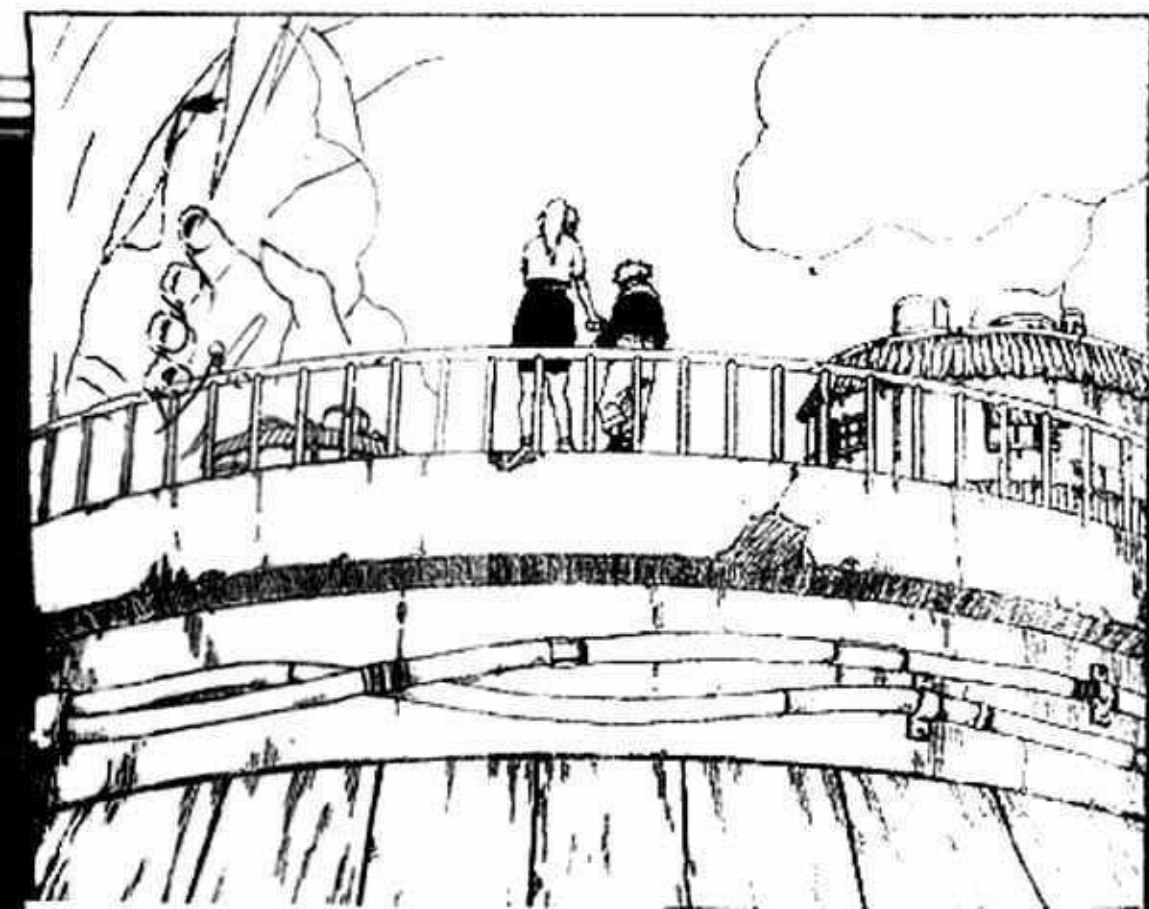
I WOULD'VE
THOUGHT YOU HAD
ALREADY LOST
IT GAMBLING...



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IT WAS
SOMETHING
PASSED DOWN
TO THOSE
TWO...



YEAH
RIGHT...

YOU'RE
STILL A
CHILD...

I'M NO
LONGER A
CHILD
ANYMORE...

I DONT NEED
A PRESENT
EVERY BIRTHDAY
ANYMORE...

HAPPY 12TH
BIRTHDAY...

NAWAKI
...

7-7

?

NAWAKI, I'M
SURE YOU WILL
BE VERY HAPPY...

ANYWAYS,
HURRY AND
OPEN IT AND
TAKE A LOOK...

!

I THOUGHT THIS
WOULD SUIT
YOU BEST...

YOU'RE MY
FAVORITE!
ONEE-CHAN!

NAWAKI, DIDN'T
YOU ALWAYS
WANT THIS? WORK
HARD OK?

カッパッ

YUP...ITS THE
FIRST HOKAGE,
OUR GRAND-
FATHER'S HOKAGE
NECKLACE..

ONEE-CHAN,
ISN'T THIS...



HEY!

HEHE, BIG
WORDS THERE...
MEN DON'T
TAKE BACK
THEIR WORDS...

I WANT
TO BE LIKE
GRANDPA,
SOMEDAY...
I WILL BE
HONORED
WITH
THE NAME
HOKAGE...

BECAUSE I AM
THE GRANDSON
OF THE
FOUNDER OF THE
LEAF VILLAGE,
THE FIRST
HOKAGE...

IT'S NOT
JUST A
NECKLACE...

THE VILLAGE
IS GRANDPA'S
NECKLACE...I'LL
PROTECT IT!...



BECAUSE
BEING HOKAGE
IS MY DREAM...



TAKE OFF
YOUR HEAD-
PROTECTOR.



THERES
ONE LAST
GIFT FOR
YOU...







ITS BETTER IF
YOU DON'T
LOOK AT
THE BODY...



ITS ALWAYS
BEEN THE NINJA
WAY, ON THE
BATTLEFIELD
THERE WERE NO
DOCTORS...

BECAUSE
WE'RE IN
THE MIDDLE
OF WAR...

THATS
ENOUGH,
OROCHI-
MARU!

SHE SHOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO
RECOGNIZE HIM
ANYWAY...

WHAT DOES
IT MATTER?...



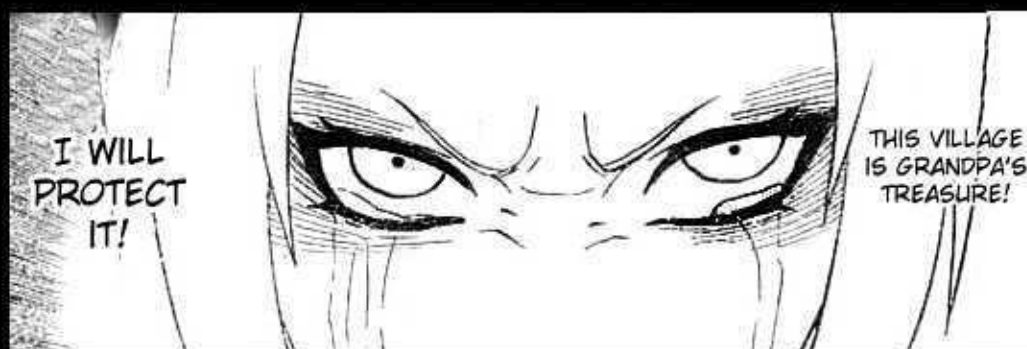
ESPECIALLY THE
DAY AFTER
GETTING THEIR
BIRTHDAY
PRESENT...

...BUT, CHILDREN
THESE DAYS GET
CARRIED AWAY
EASILY...





IT'S NOT
ONLY THIS
NECKLACE...



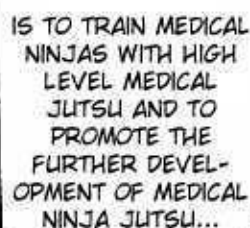
I WILL
PROTECT
IT!

THIS VILLAGE
IS GRANDPA'S
TREASURE!



WILL HAVE TO FIGHT
ON ENEMY TERRITORY
AND MAKE INDIVIDUAL
ACTIONS FOR A LONG
TIME...

..FIRSTLY, TO
FACILITATE THE
EASE OF
ACCOMPLISHING
MISSIONS, THE
FOUR MAN SMALL
TEAMS IN THE
MIDST OF
FIGHTING...



IS TO TRAIN MEDICAL
NINJAS WITH HIGH
LEVEL MEDICAL
JUTSU AND TO
PROMOTE THE
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT
OF MEDICAL
NINJA JUTSU...

THEREFORE, I
THINK THE MOST
IMPORTANT TASK
TO BE
ACCOMPLISHED
NOW...

THE GROUP'S
SURVIVAL RATE AND
THE PROBABILITY OF
SUCCESS IF
ACCOMPLISHING THE
MISSIONS WOULD
INCREASE
SIGNIFICANTLY...

AND IF A MEDICAL
SPECIALIST WERE
ASSIGNED BE PART
OF THE TEAM...

THE ENEMY WILL
NOT WAIT PEACE-
FULLY...

IT WILL TAKE TIME
TO PREPARE THESE
MEDICAL SPECIALISTS,
IN ADDITION TO
PEOPLE...

HOWEVER, WE'RE
IN THE MIDDLE
OF A WAR,

I UNDER-
STAND...

I ALSO AGREE
WITH HER
SUGGESTION...

SO FROM
NOW ON...

WHAT ARE
YOU SAYING!
GEEZER?






THIS
PERSON...
HE IS
LIKE ME...



I USED TO
WALK THIS
TRAIL TO THE
NINJA SCHOOL
TO MEET MY
SISTER...

ALSO...

I REALLY
LIKE THIS
TRAIL...



TOMORROW WE'LL
BE HAVING A
MISSION ON
ENEMY SOIL...




I WANT TO BRING
PEACE TO CALM
THIS WARRING
WORLD...

BECAUSE IN
TODAY'S NINJA
WORLD,

I LOVE THE
PEOPLE IN
THE LEAF,

LIFE AND DEATH
HANGS IN THE
BALANCE...



IT'S NOT
A NINJA'S
JOB...

FIGHTING WILL
ONLY MAKE US
LOSE IMPORTANT
PEOPLE...

YEA...



THIS IDEAL
HAS BEEN MY
MOTIVATION,
SO I WISH TO
BECOME
HOKAGE...

SO I WILL
PROTECT
THEM.

AFTER MY
SISTER DIED...

