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FRIENDS A CHANCE TODAY, WHO
KNOWS WHAT YOU WILL FIND.**

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CHAPTER 298: SECRET MISSION

AN EYEWITNESS TO SAI'S BETRAYAL,
A BUNSHIN OF YAMATO!

NO MATTER HOW
YOU LOOK AT
THINGS, PURSUIT
SEEMS TO BE
THE BEST OPTION.

EH, WHATEVER.
I'LL JUST DEAL
HAVE TO DEAL
WITH HIM LATER.

HE MUST HAVE HAD
THIS MOSTLY PREPARED
DURING THE TRIP
TO THE ONSEN.

AN EYEWITNESS TO
SAI'S BETRAYAL,
A BUNSHIN OF YAMATO!

BY THE WAY,
WHERE'S SAI?

ABOUT SAI, HE'S NOW MOVING
ALONGSIDE
OROCHIMARU.

THE BRIDGE
IS...



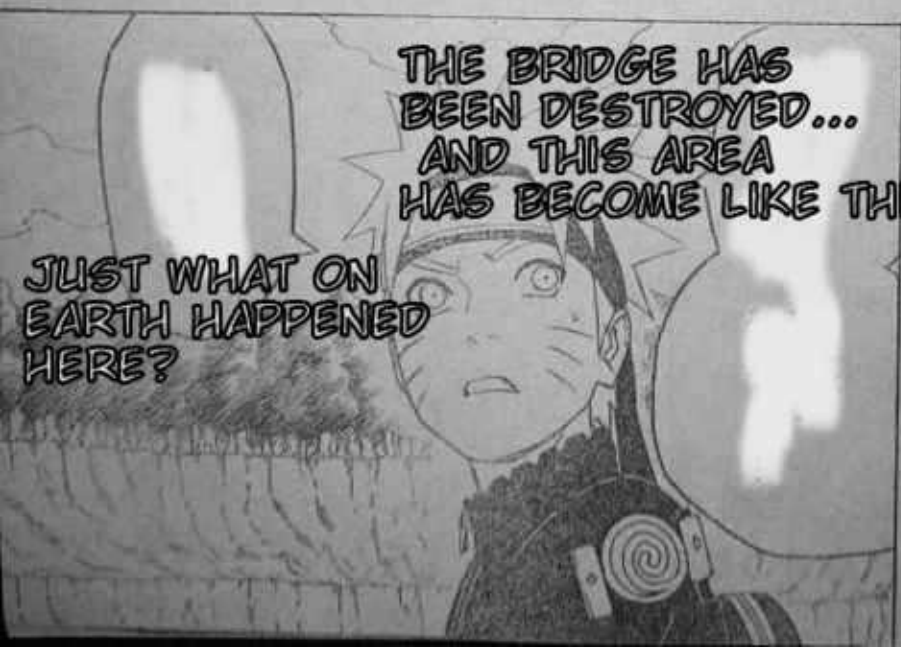
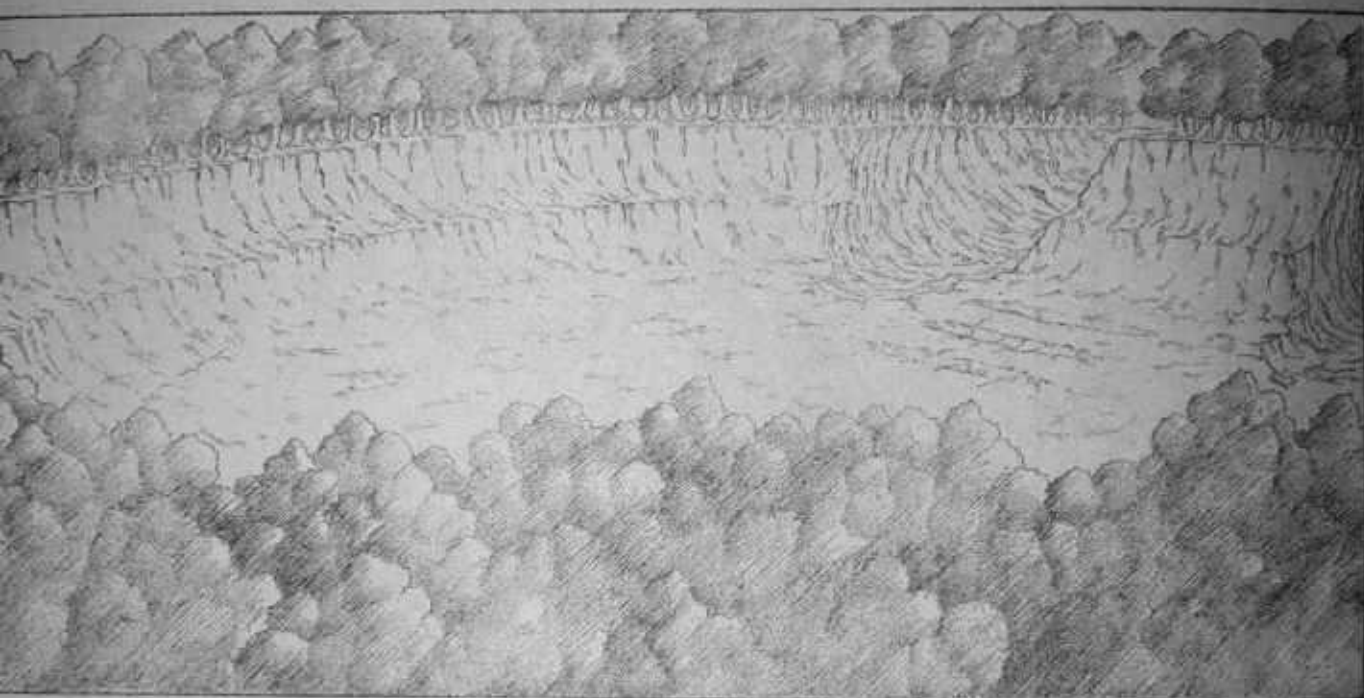
BOTH OF
YOU COME
WITH ME.



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?



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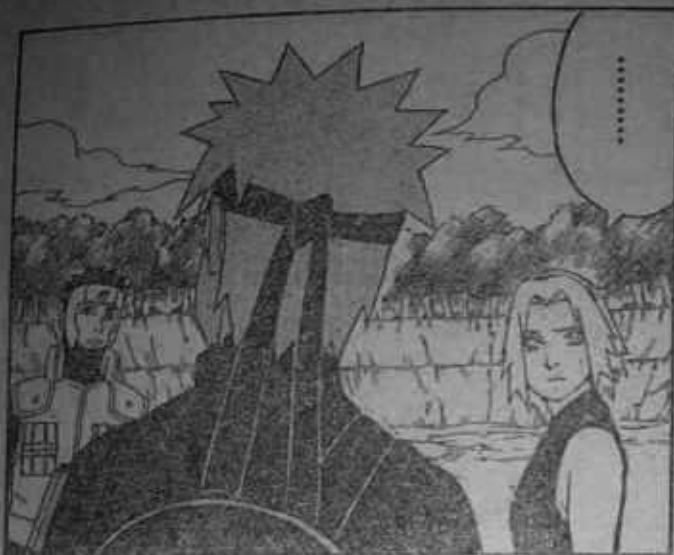


THE BRIDGE HAS
BEEN DESTROYED...
AND THIS AREA
HAS BECOME LIKE THIS. (-TTEBAYO)

JUST WHAT ON
EARTH HAPPENED
HERE?



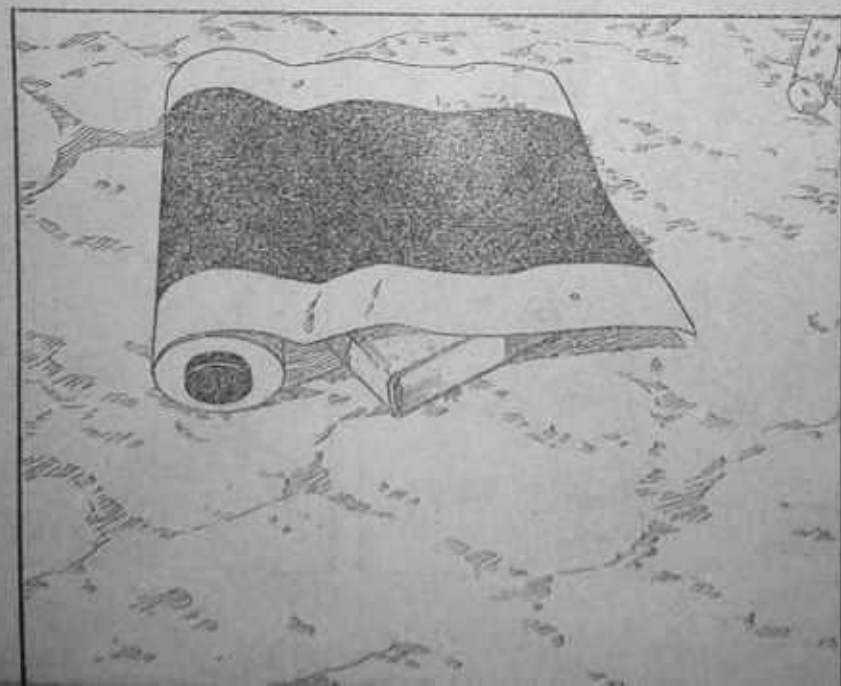
HE GROUND'S
STILL SOFT.

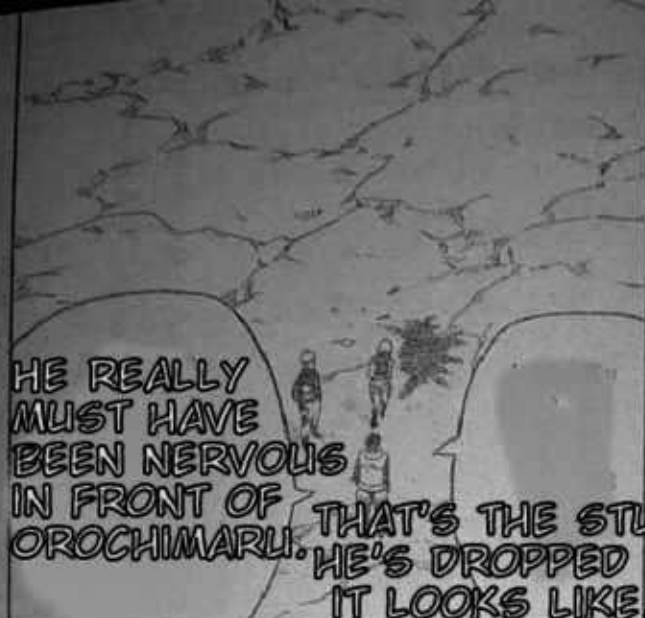


YOU WERE DONE IN BY
OROCHIMARU
AND PASSED OUT.



...SO THAT WAS IT...
DARN IT ALL!






HE REALLY
MUST HAVE
BEEN NERVOUS
IN FRONT OF
OROCHIMARU.

THAT'S THE STUFF
HE'S DROPPED
IT LOOKS LIKE.



SAI'S STUFF IS
SCATTERED ABOUT.




FROM THE BEGINNING
MY WOOD BUNSHIN
HAS BEEN CONTACTING
ME THROUGH THE
WIRELESS I PUT
IN HERE.



YOU KNOW ABOUT
THAT, DON'T YOU?



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?



SAI... AFTER HE
EXCHANGED WORDS
WITH OROCHIMARU...
LEFT WITH OROCHIMARU
AND KABUTO.



DID SOMETHING
HAPPEN TO SAI?

JUST WHAT DID THEY
TALK ABOUT?

THE CONVERSATION
WAS TOO FAR
AWAY TO BE
HEARD.

WHAT DID
THEY SAY?

IT REALLY APPEARS THAT
HE WAS TRYING TO GAIN
FAVOR WITH OROCHIMARU.

NO, IT DIDN'T SEEM
LIKE THAT. HE WENT
UP TO OROCHIMARU
HIMSELF AND HANDED
HIM SOMETHING.

COULD HE HAVE
BEEN
THREATENED
INTO GOING WITH
THEM?

HE MIGHT.

HOWEVER BAD
A GUY HE WAS,
HE WOULD
NEVER BETRAY...

NO...

H-HOLD ON
A SECOND!



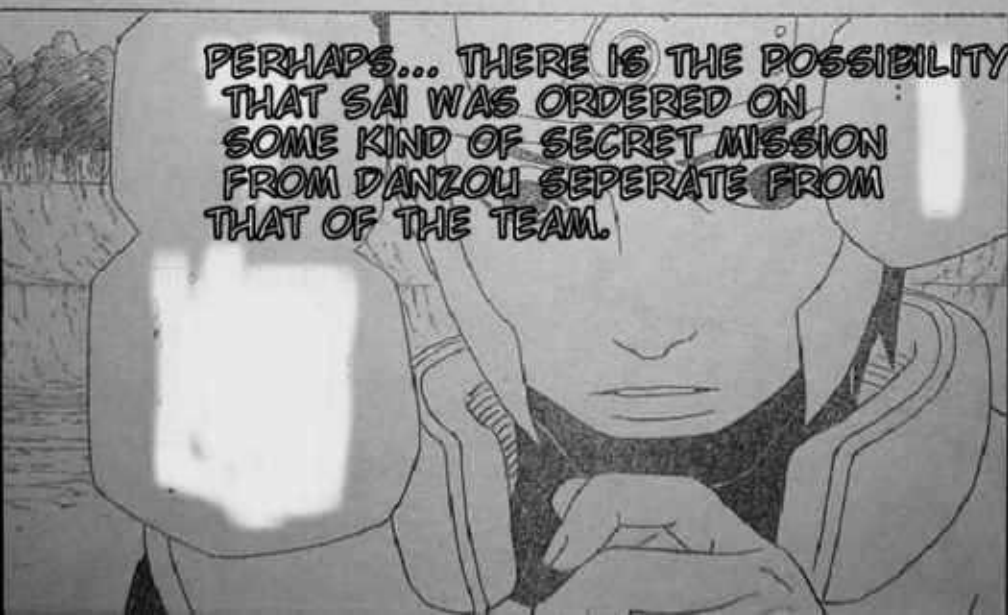
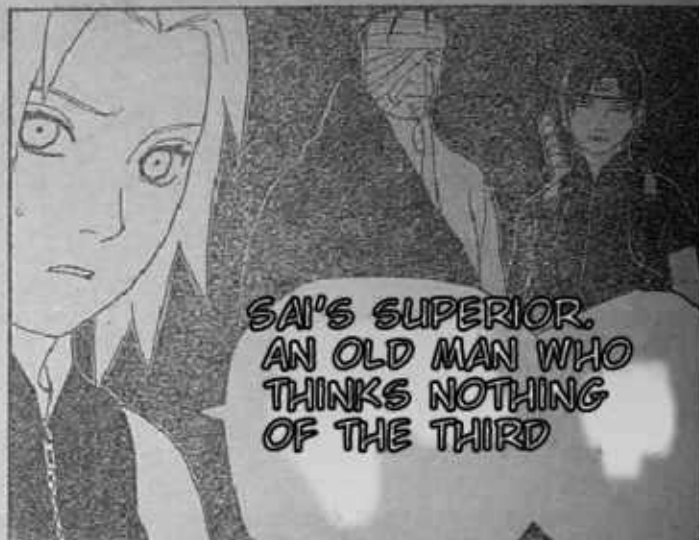
UNLIKE THE THIRD,
HE IS A COLD AND
CALCULATING LEADER,
A MILITARISTIC HARD-LINER
WHO IS ALSO SAI'S
SUPERIOR.



IN THE PAST,
HE COMPETED FOR
THE POSITION OF
THIRD HOKAGE WITH
THE LATE SARUTOBI-SENSEI.



SINCE I AM A STUDENT
OF THE THIRD WHO WAS
A MODERATE AND
GRANDDAUGHTER OF
THE FIRST HOKAGE
, HE SIMPLY HATES ME.

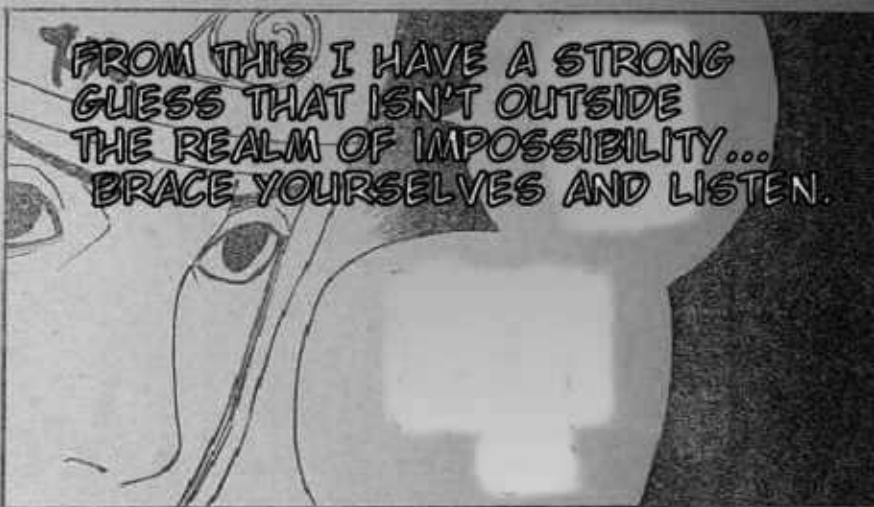




EXACTLY.



SO SAI INSTEAD OF OUR MISSION,
MOVED ON TO EXECUTE A
COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
MISSION?



FROM THIS I HAVE A STRONG
GUESS THAT ISN'T OUTSIDE
THE REALM OF IMPOSSIBILITY...
BRACE YOURSELVES AND LISTEN.



DANZOU MIGHT BE SEEKING
TO CRUSH KONOHA AS
IT IS NOW.

EH?

HE COULD BE THINKING OF
CONSPIRING W/ OROCHIMARU
TO HAVE HIM ATTACK KONOHA
AGAIN IN ORDER TO OVERTHROW
TSUNADE FROM THE POSITION
OF HOKAGE

THE REASON DANZOU
HAS STARTED TO
MOVE NOW IS MIGHT
BE THAT HE SAW
OROCHIMARU'S FAILED
ATTACK ON KONOHA
LAST TIME AND

THOUGHT THAT AT
THIS POINT NEGOTIATIONS
W/ OROCHIMARU
WOULD GO SMOOTHLY

AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF
THE (CURRENT)
ORDER/STRUCTURE,
HE CAN BUILD THE
VILLAGE TO
(REFLECT)
HIS IDEALS

TO SET THE (OUTSIDE)
STAGE FOR A SECOND
CHANCE OF BEING
HOKAGE...!

COULD BE TO GET IN
GOOD W/ OROCHIMARU
AND BECOME A
MEDIATOR FOR DANZOU...

..NO..NO WAY...
THEN SAI'S
SECRET MISSION
IS...



I KNOW (ALREADY)...
WE ARE BEING TAILED

OROCHIMARU-
SAMA :



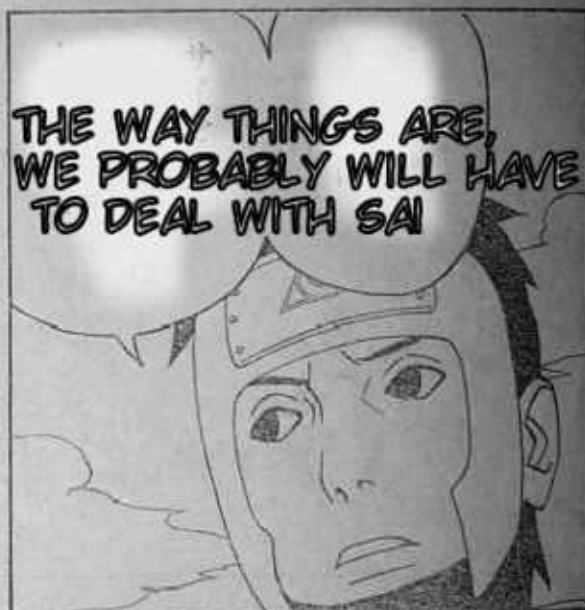
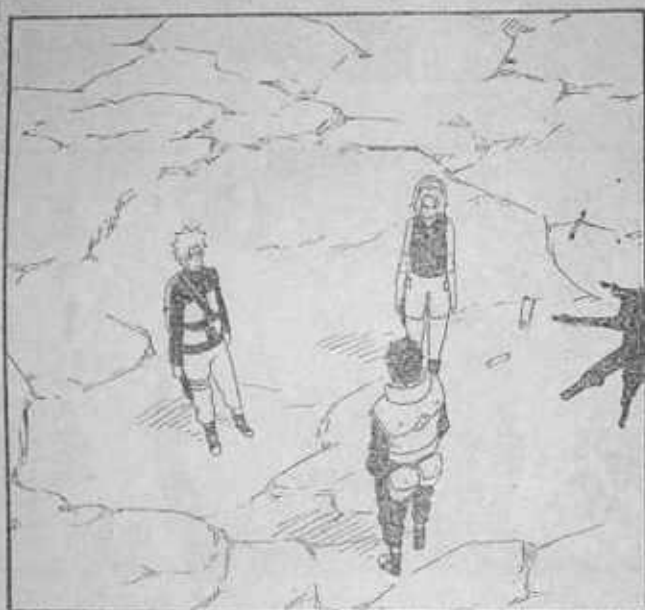
WHAT SHOULD
WE DO?



ARE WE SIMPLY
BEING TAILED OR IS IT...



EITHER WAY, ONE CORPSE
MIGHT BE NECESSARY...
RIGHT, KABUTO?

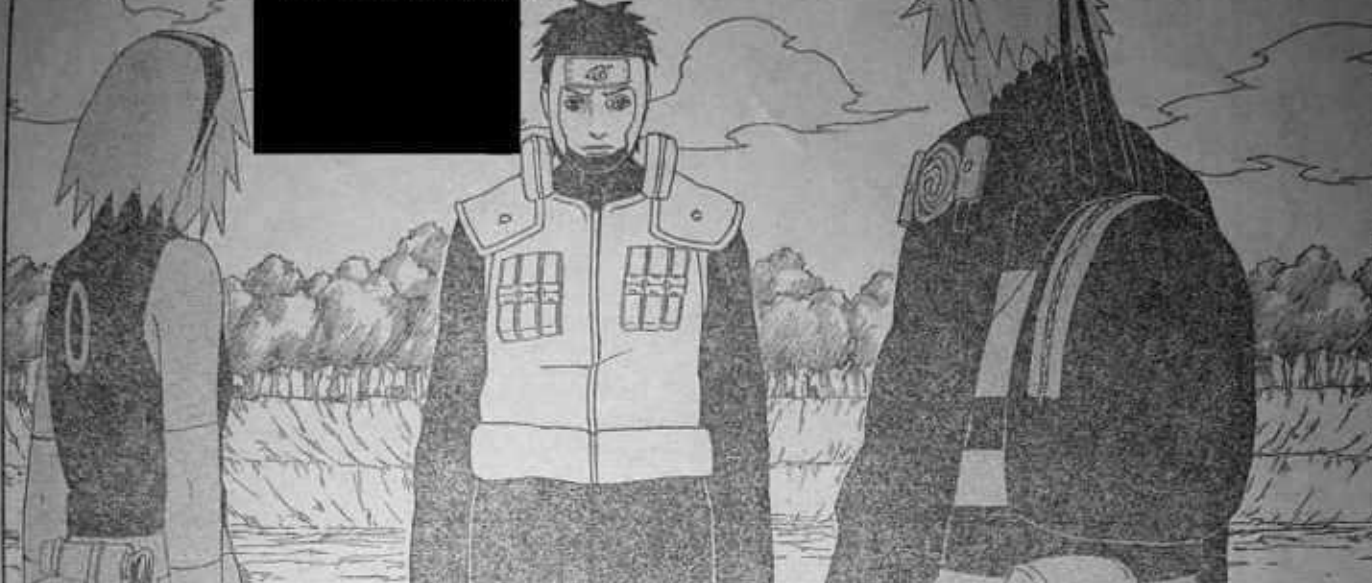


THE WAY THINGS ARE,
WE PROBABLY WILL HAVE
TO DEAL WITH SAI

RIGHT NOW,
MY BUNSHIN IS
PURSUING THEM
BUT WE DON'T
KNOW WHAT
MIGHT HAPPEN...



WE'LL BE GOING
AFTER THEM
IMMEDIATELY!



アレ...?

ハッ...

HUH..?



ALL RIGHT!
LET'S G...

まださつきの
抜け切つて
ないんだ...

HE STILL HASN'T
RECOVERED FROM
THE PREVIOUS
DAMAGE...

NARUTO,
ARE YOU
OKAY!?



NARUTO!?

!?



IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE'LL
LEAVE NARUTO
HERE AND GO



INDEED, I UNDERSTAND
THE SOONER (WE CHASE)
THE BETTER, BUT
IF NARUTO'S IN
THIS CONDITION...



IF IT WERE KAKASHI
SENSEI, HE WOULD
NEVER SAY IT LIKE...



HE SHOULD HAVE
ENOUGH STRENGTH
TO RETURN TO THE
VILLAGE BY HIMSELF



I'VE BEEN TEAMED UP
W/ KAKASHI WHILE
IN ANBU... I KNOW
WHAT KIND OF
PERSON HE IS



B/C IT'S ME...
I'M OKAY.....
I CAN GO..!





BUT I AM
DIFFERENT
FROM HIM



INDEED, I AM
KAKASHI'S
REPLACEMENT

AT ANY RATE, YOU GUYS
NEED TO SURPASS
KAKASHI AND BECOME
NINJAS THAT CAN CARRY
THE VILLAGE ON THEIR
SHOULDERS.

COMPASSION AND "BEING
TAKEN CARE OF"
ARE NOT THE SAME.
IF WE DONT PURSUE
HIM NOW,
WE'LL NEVER
GET A 2ND CHANCE
TO CATCH HIM.

IF WE HESITATED HERE, IT'D BE THE END.

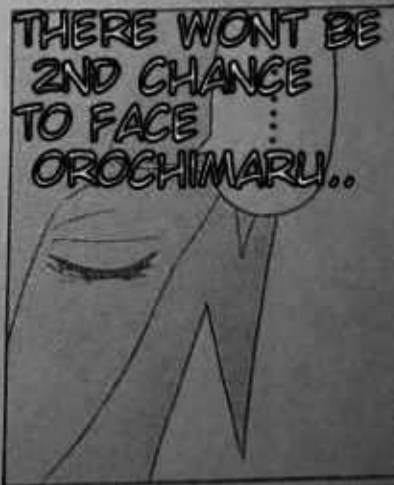


SAYING "I WONT LET YOU GUYS BE
".. I'M SORRY,BUT DONT MAKE
ME LAUGH

YOU GUYS ARE NO LONGER BEGIN
NINJA WHO NEED TO BE
PROTECTED AND...



SAKURA-CHAN...



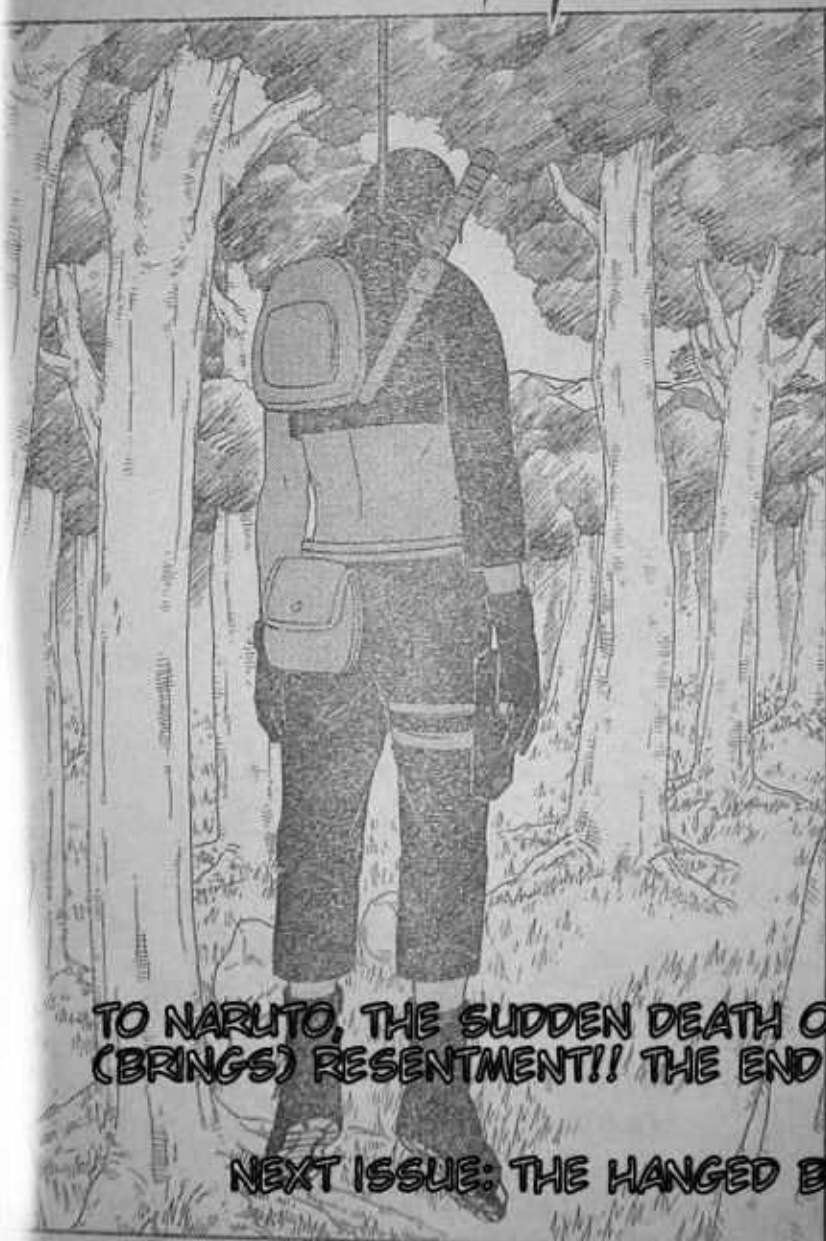
THERE WONT BE
2ND CHANCE
TO FACE
OROCHIMARU..



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THE SHOCKING SCENE THAT AWAITED BUNSHIN-YAMATO!...
THAT GUISE, TO DECEIVE, A TRAITOR'S SORROWFUL LAST DAYS!?



TO NARUTO, THE SUDDEN DEATH OF SAI,
(BRINGS) RESENTMENT!! THE END

NEXT ISSUE: THE HANGED BOY!!

