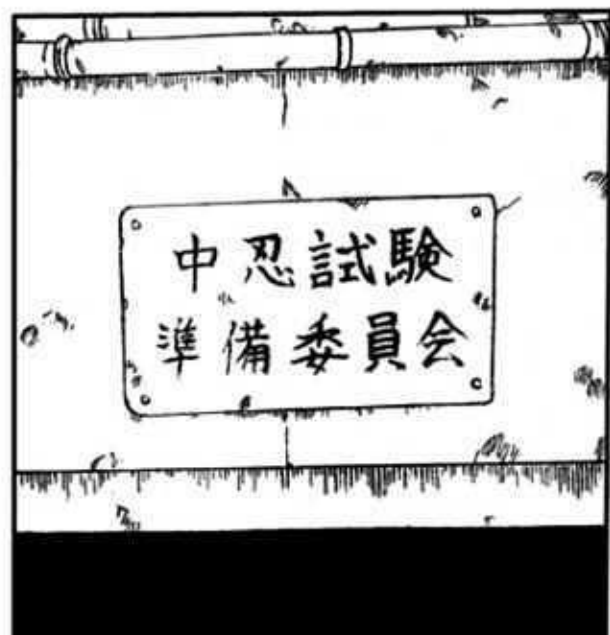
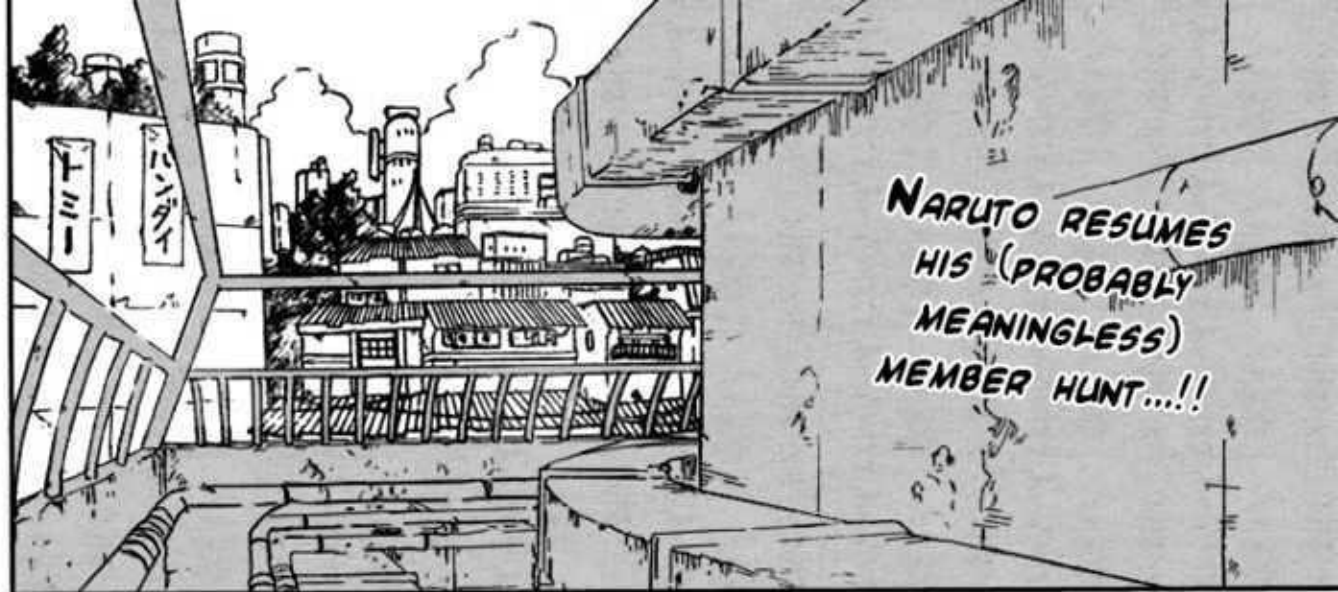


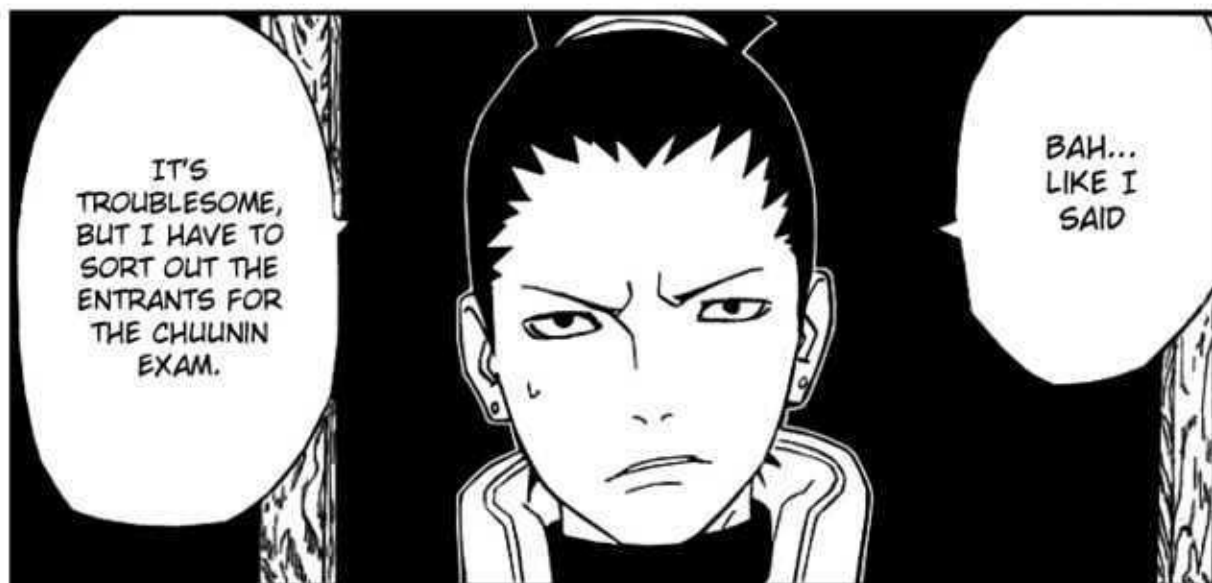
HUH? I LIKE TO BE ALONE ONCE IN A WHILE. A SOMEWHAT IMPENETRABLE EXPRESSION. BEING CHUNIN IS QUITE DIFFICULT.





SIGN: CHUUNIN EXAM  
PREPARATORY COMMITTEE





HEY,  
SHIKA-  
MARU!

HERE'S  
THE LUNCH  
YOUR MOTHER  
ASK ME TO  
BRING YOU.

歩





SFX: POP



SFX: SCREW



SFX: SWISH



SFX: DRIP



SFX: FLICK



SFX: FLICK



SFX: THWACK



中忍試験  
準備委員会

SFX: THUMP

GRAAGH  
!!







SFX: SPLASH



SFX: SPLAT



SFX: FOOM



SFX: SQUASH



GRAB



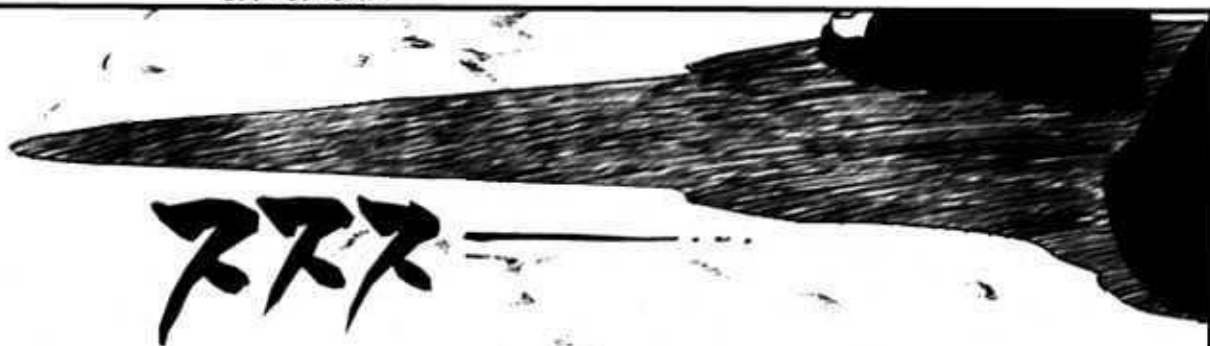
SFX: SPLASH

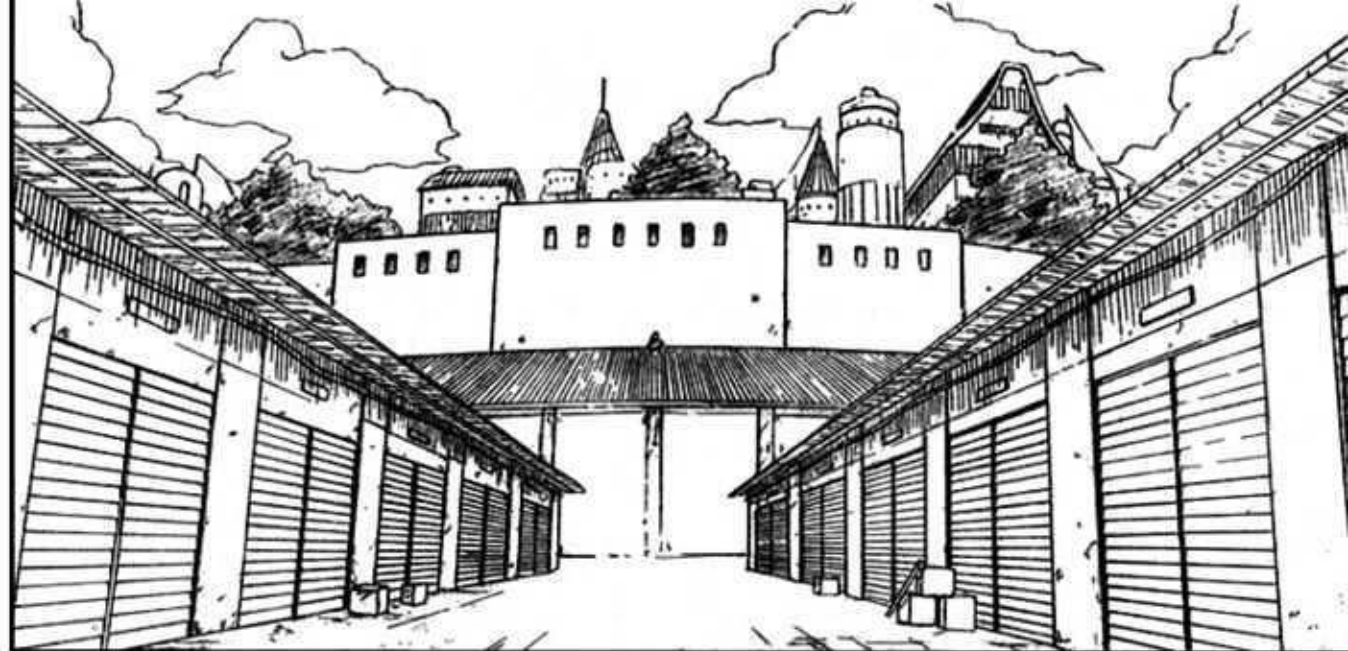


OVER  
THERE...

SFX: EXTEND

SFX: DRIP DRIP





SFX: SHIFT



SFX: ZUZU



AND  
HANDED  
OVER TO  
THE INTER-  
ROGATION  
SQUAD!

SFX: PAINTING



SFX: FLICK



GOT  
IT!

GO,  
NARUTO!

I'LL  
COVER  
YOU.





SFX: WHOOSH



SFX: FWIP



**NINPOU,  
GHOUJUU  
GIGA**

**(NINJA ARTS,  
GREAT BEAST  
FALSE IMAGE)**







SFX: ZOOM

SFX: STEP









SFX: SQUELCHING

SFX: WHOOSH

SFX: JUMP

A BOY WITH THE SAME HEADBAND AND PERPLEXING ATTACKING ILLUSIONS, YET NARUTO HAS NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE! AS HE PROVOKES NARUTO, WHAT ARE SA'I'S TRUE INTENTIONS?!



SFX: SWISH



SFX: FWIP



SFX: CHING



YOU'RE...  
FAIRLY  
WEAK...

SO  
WHAT DO  
YOU HAVE  
BETWEEN  
YOUR  
LEGS?



WHO THE  
HELL ARE  
YOU...?!



NARUTO -ナルト-

PREVIEW: HOW WILL THE STRUGGLE CONCLUDE?!  
AND WHAT OF THE MEMBER HUNT?  
NEXT, "BAFFLING PROBLEM"!!