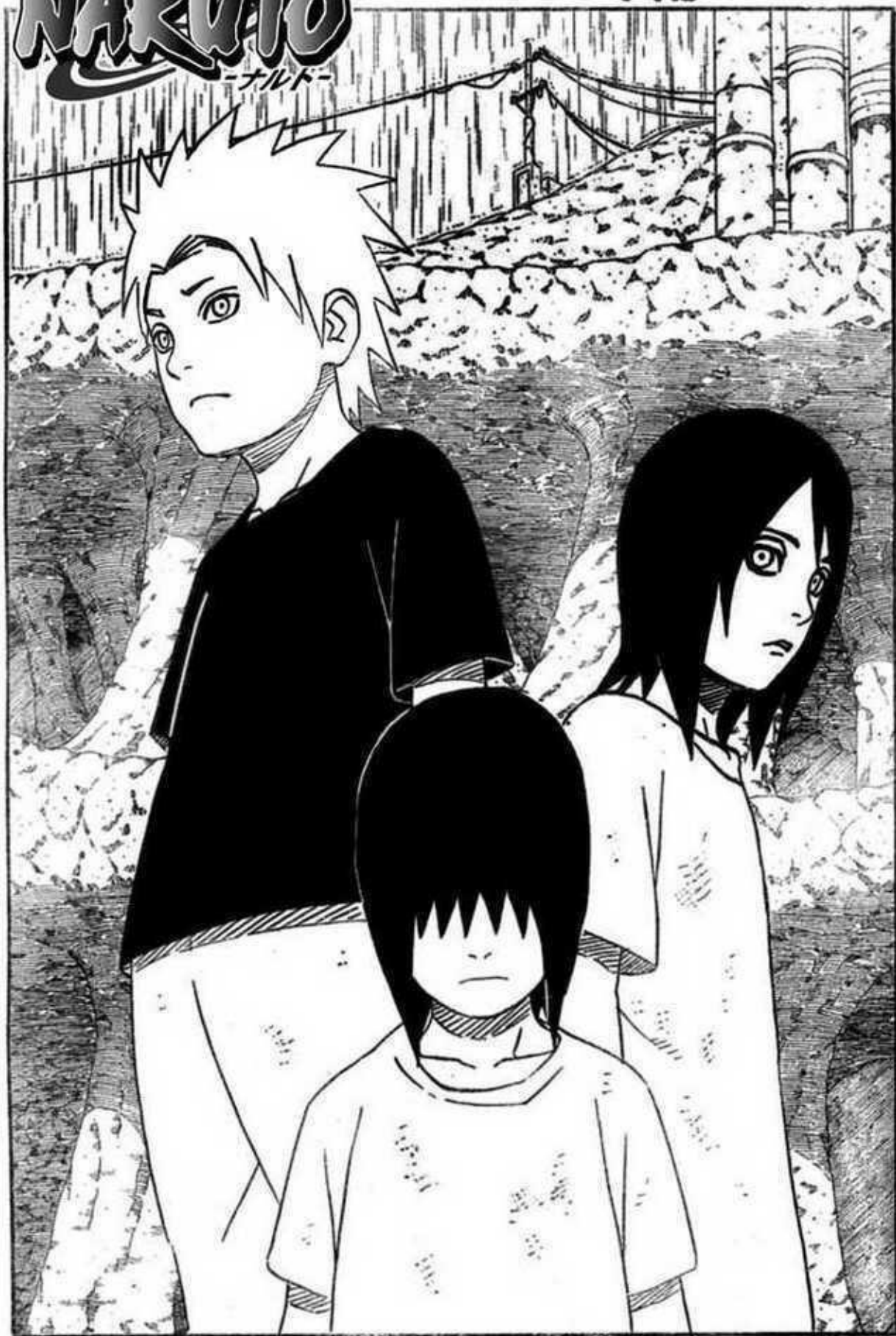
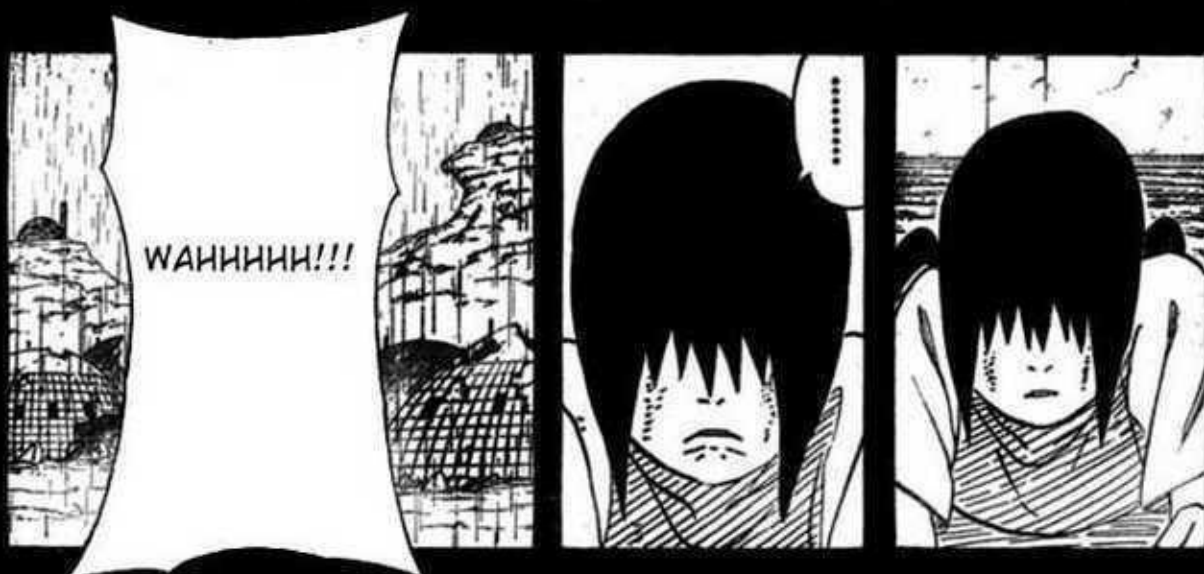
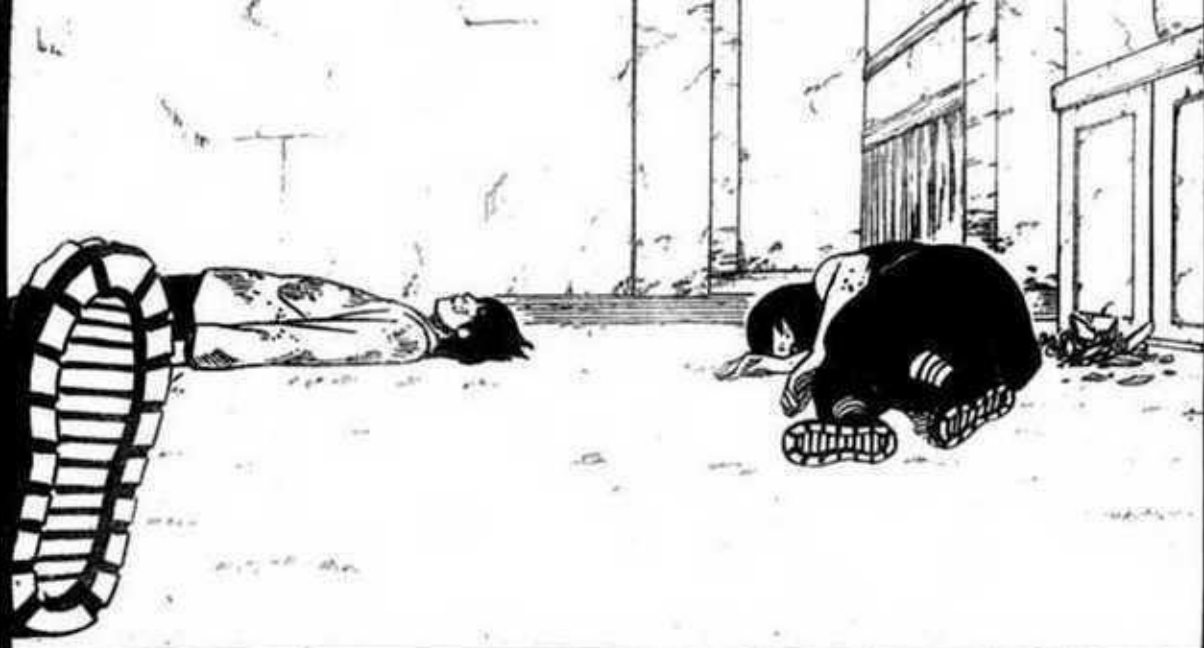


MEETINGS, HOPES, DREAMS... EVEN IN THEIR FAINT LIGHT PAIN RAINED DOWN ENDLESSLY.









WHO KILLED
THOSE TWO
KONOHA
NINJAS.

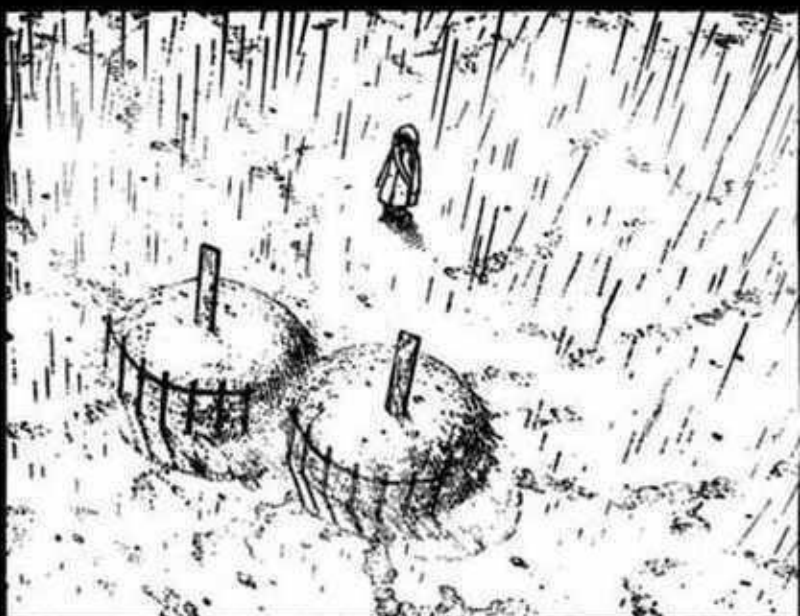
ONLY
LATER
WOULD I
REALIZED
IT HAD
BEEN
ME...

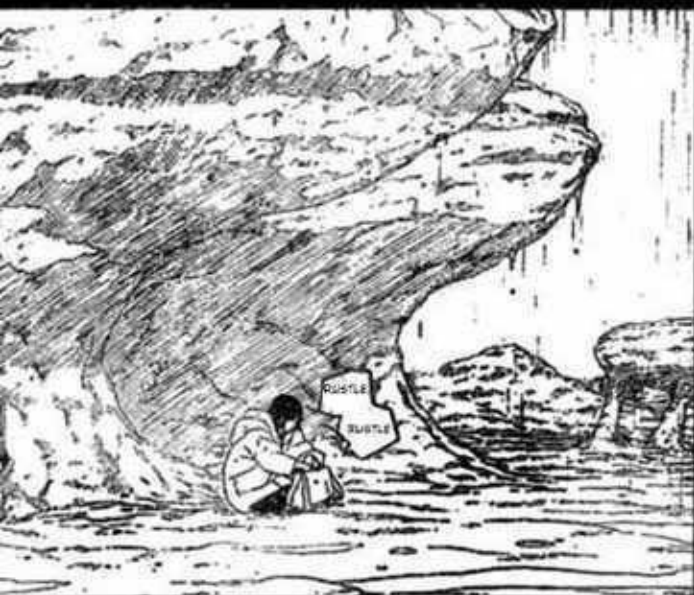


AS THE PAIN
TURNED TO
HATRED, MY
POWERS
BLOOMED
WITHIN ME.



DAD... MOM... GOODBYE...





WITH ONLY A
FEW
PROVISIONS, I
LEFT HOME
ALONE.





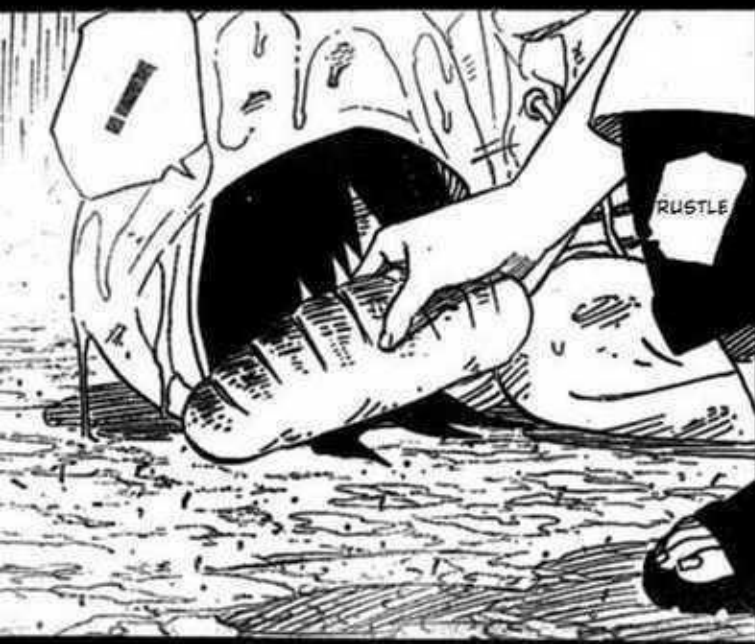


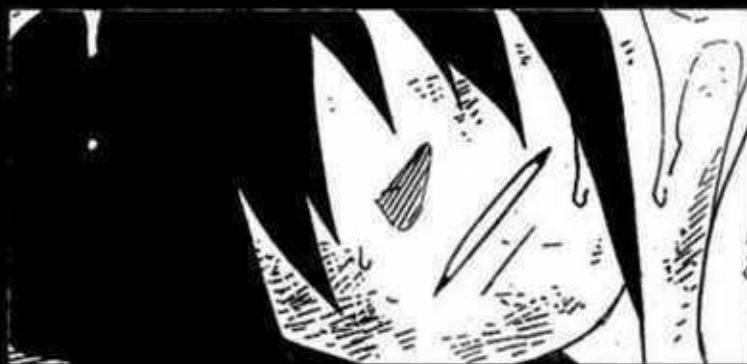
I'M SORRY,
BUT YOU'LL
HAVE TO
ASK
SOMEONE
ELSE.

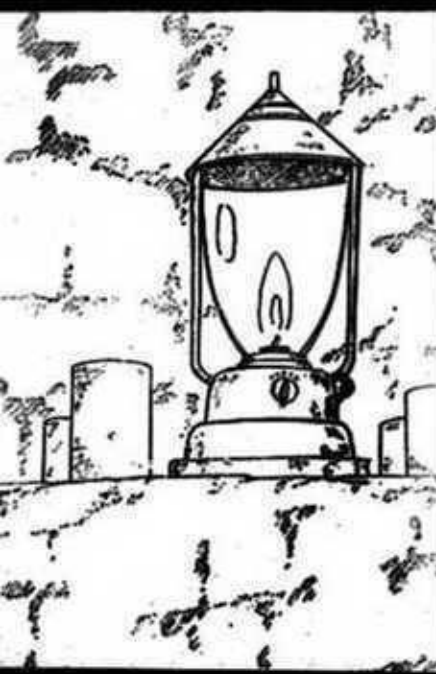
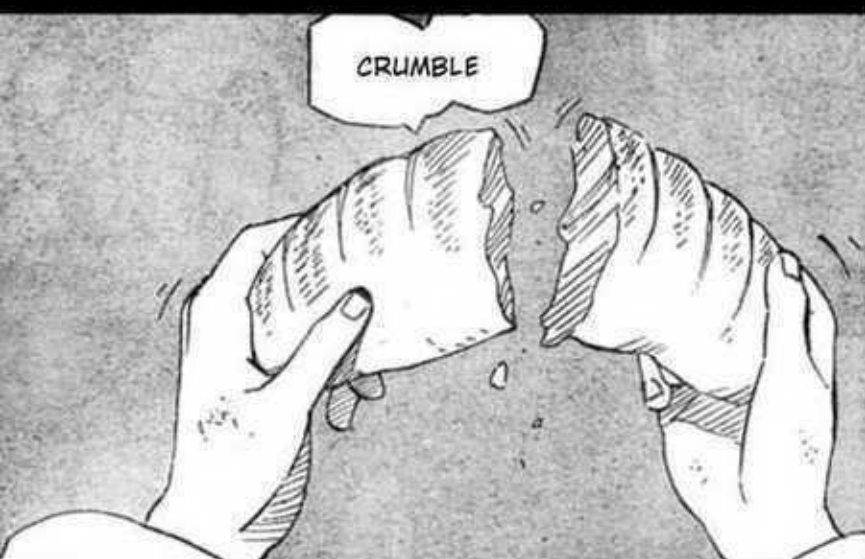
THESE DAYS
WE BARELY
HAVE ENOUGH
TO FEED
OURSELVES...




SORRY... I
DON'T HAVE
ANYTHING
FOR YOU...











WE WERE ALL WAR ORPHANS, BUT THEY WERE DESPERATELY TRYING TO STAY ALIVE.

THEY BECAME MY FRIENDS.

THAT'S... WHEN I MET


KONAN AND YAHIKO.



NO, THAT'S THE DOG...

YOU SURE HAVE GOT A WEIRD NAME...

...TINY.




GET OUTTA HERE!

GRAB

EVEN JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING ...

CAN YOU GIVE US ANYTHING? PLEASE?



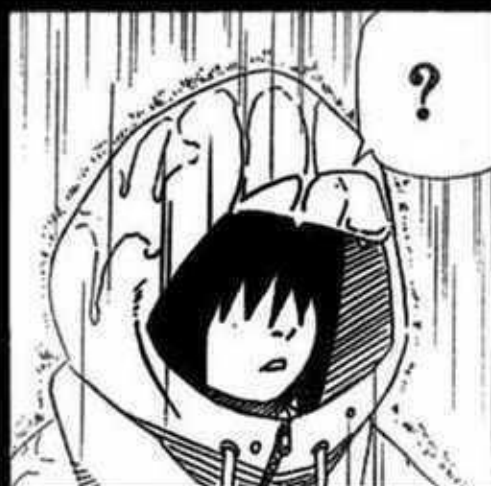
BUT THROUGH IT ALL YAHIKO NEVER GAVE UP HOPE.



THERE WERE NO ORPHANAGES IN A SMALL, WAR-TORN COUNTRY LIKE OURS.

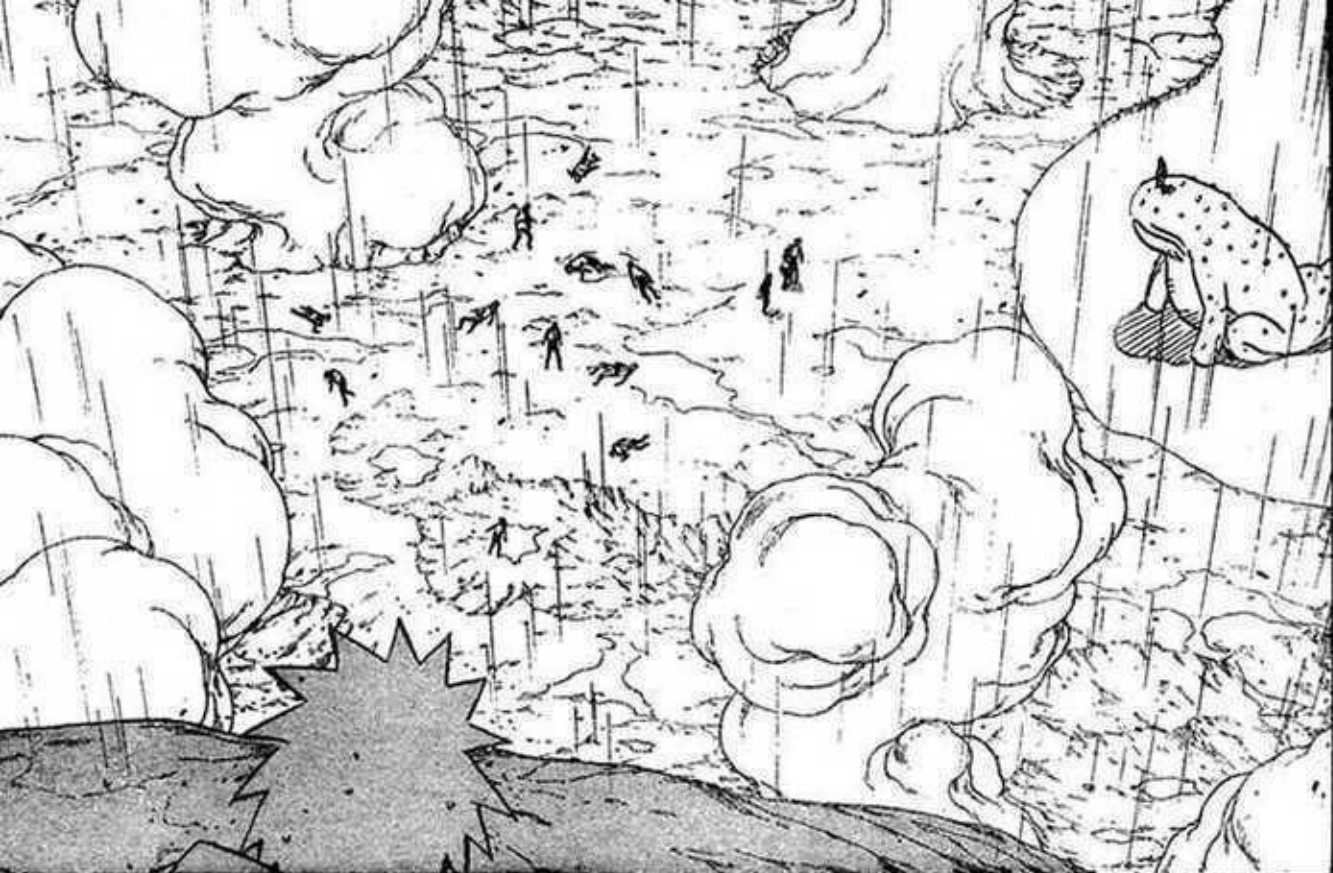
THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE KIDS LIKE US COULD DO.

WE STOLE A LOT.









YAHIKO,
WHAT
SHOULD WE
DO? TINY'S
NOT
BREATHING!!

IT'S HANZO
AND THE
KONoha
NINJAS....!


DAMN IT!

THEY'RE
FIGHTING THIS
CLOSE!?



THEY WERE
FIGHTING
HANZO... CHIEF
OF
AMEGAKURE...

THE FIGHTING
HAD REACHED
ITS PEAK.



THE THREE
GREAT
NINJAS.

IT WAS
JIRAIYA
AND THEM...

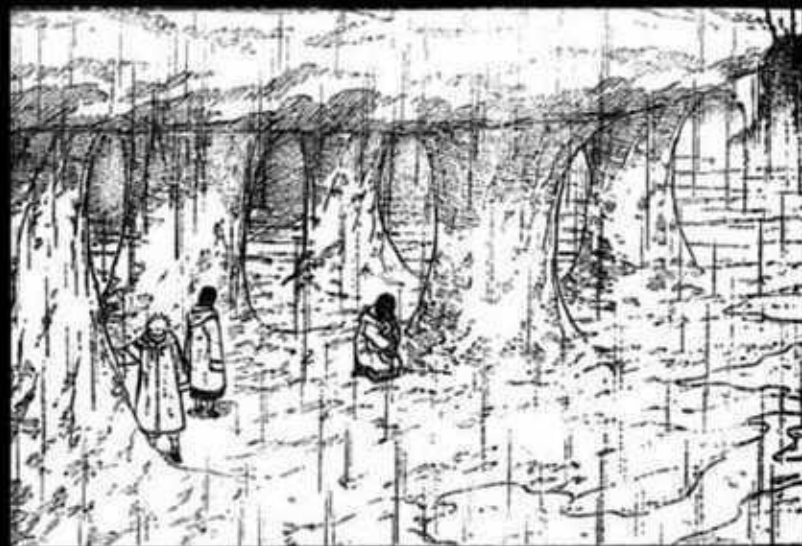


WE'VE
GOTTA GET
OUT OF
HERE!

WE'LL
WORRY
ABOUT TINY
LATER!



AND--



TINY...



WHAT
THE
HELL!?!

DAMN IT!!
DAMN IT!!
DAMN IT!!



IF WAR IS
GOING TO
CONTINUE--

I WILL BECOME
THE GOD OF
THIS WORLD!!



WAR FORMED A BOND BETWEEN THEM--



IS WHEN
YAHIKO'S
DREAM BECAME
MY DREAM, TOO.

THAT...



NARUTO—ナルト—

...
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END

NEXT ISSUE, THE BIRTH
OF PAIN! "THE GREATEST PAIN"!!



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