



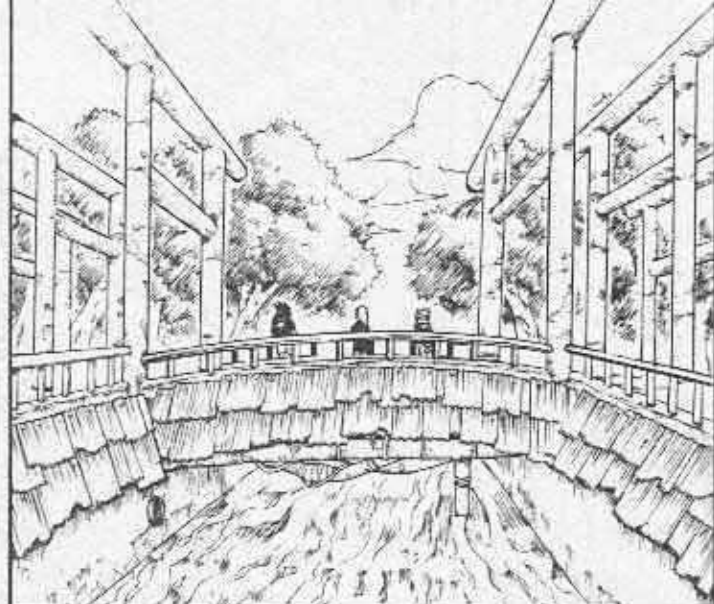
YOU
HAVE TO
FEEL
SORRY
FOR THEM.

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Sakura's Depression!!



SIGH...

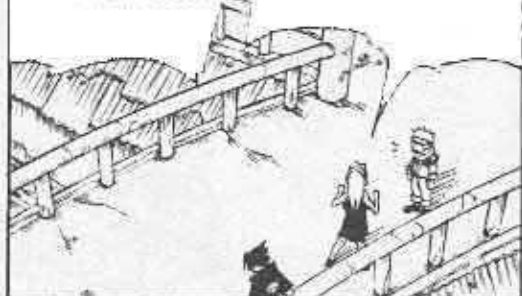


WHAT ABOUT
THE FEELINGS
OF A YOUNG
GIRL WHO
OVERSLEPT
AND DIDN'T
HAVE TIME TO
BLOW DRY
HER HAIR!!!

YEAH!!
YEAH!!
SAKURA
-CHAN
IS RIGHT!!!

WHY DOES
THAT
PERSON ASK
US TO MEET
AND THEN
MAKE US
WAIT?!!!

HEY!!
HEY!!
HEY!!
HOW CAN
THIS BE
ALLOWED?!!



WHY DOES
EVERYTHING
HAVE TO BE
SO HIGH
TENSION
WITH THEM.....

THAT'S...
NASTY...

HEHE



SO I DIDN'T
WASH MY
FACE OR
BRUSH
MY
TEETH!!!

YEAH
YEAH!!!
I
OVERSLEPT
TOO!!!



WELL,
ANY-
WAY...



YEAH
RIGHT
!!!
LIAR
!!!

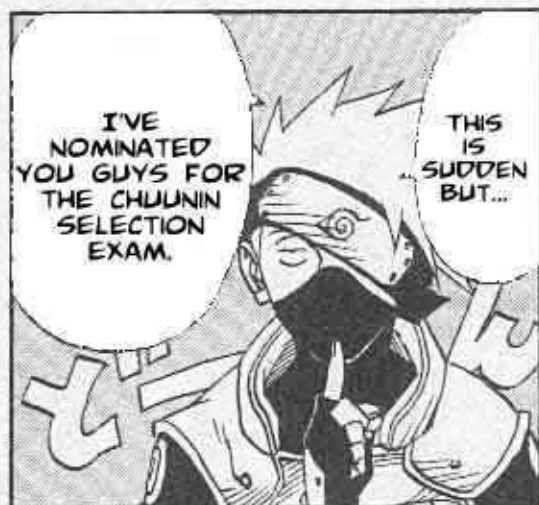
APOLO-
GIZE.

TODAY I GOT
LOST ON
THE ROAD
OF LIFE!!

MORNING,
PEOPLE!!



HUH
?



I'VE
NOMINATED
YOU GUYS FOR
THE CHUUNIN
SELECTION
EXAM.

THIS
IS
SUDDEN
BUT...



HERE
ARE YOUR
APPLICATIONS.

YOU
THINK
THAT
MAKES
UP
FOR.....!!

WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY!?!?



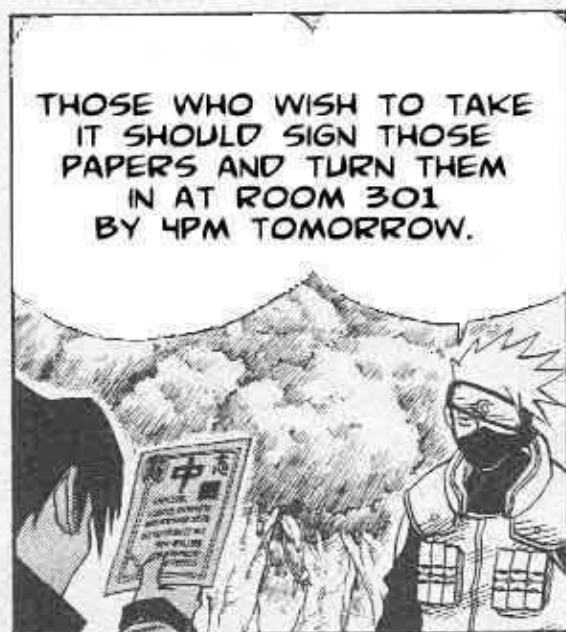


HE
HE
HE
HE
HE



HEY
STOP,
LET
GO OF
ME...

KAKASHI
SENSEI!!!
I
LOVE
YOU!!!

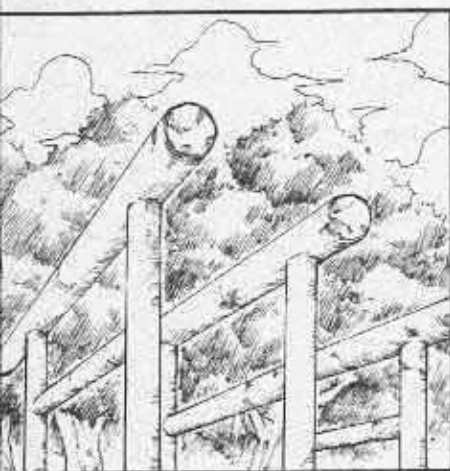


THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE
IT SHOULD SIGN THOSE
PAPERS AND TURN THEM
IN AT ROOM 301
BY 4PM TOMORROW.



THOUGH
THIS IS
JUST A
NOMINATION.

WHETHER
TO TAKE
THE EXAM
IS UP
TO EACH
OF YOU.



THAT
IS
ALL.



THERE'S
GOING TO
BE A LOT
OF STRONG
GUYS IN
THIS THING.

HIHIHIHI!!
CHUNIN
EXAM!!
CHUNIN
EXAM!!!

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OK!!!
I WON'T
LOSE
TO
HIM!!!



AND
HIM....!!



LIKE
HIM!!



SIGH...
IT'S
OBVIOUS
NARUTO
SHOULD
BE HOKAGE.

GEEZERS
LIKE ME
SHOULD
RETIRE.

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IF I
WIN THIS,
I'LL BE
CLOSE
TO HOKAGE.

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I MIGHT BE
ABLE TO
FIGHT HIM....



BAH



I CAN'T
EVEN
KEEP UP WITH
SASUKE-KUN
AND
NARUTO...
AND NOW THE
CHUNIN EXAM....



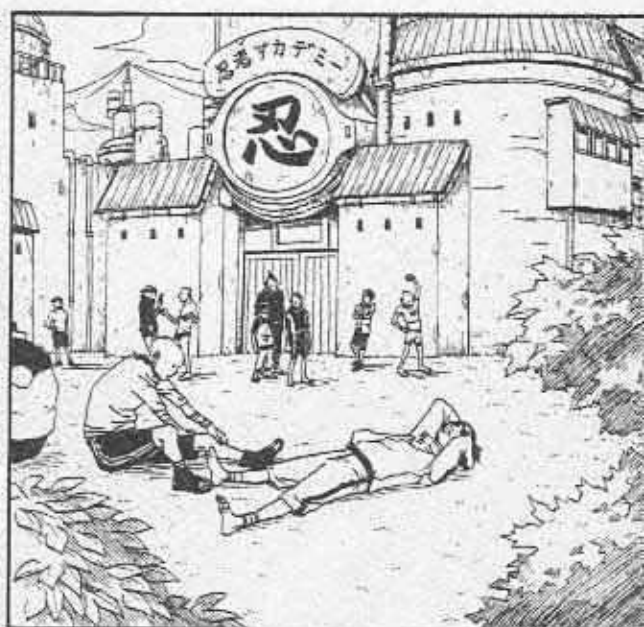
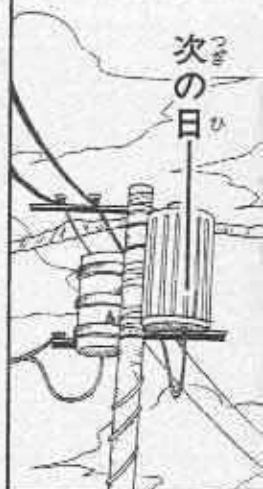
DON'T
WANT
TO....

I...



THE
NEXT
DAY

次の日
ひ






A black and white manga panel showing Kakashi Hatake and Naruto Uzumaki standing in front of a group of children. Kakashi is on the left, looking serious, while Naruto is in the center, gesturing with his hands. A child is kneeling in front of them.

THIS
IS OUR
KINDNESS.

LISTEN.


A close-up of Naruto Uzumaki with a determined expression, his hand near his face.

WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY?


A black and white manga panel showing Naruto Uzumaki speaking to a group of children. He is gesturing with his hand. In the background, there are sound effects like 'ガッガッ' and '!!'.

THOSE THAT
TAKE THIS EXAM
AND END UP
QUITTING AS
SHINOBI,
THOSE THAT DIE
DURING THE
EXAM,
WE'VE SEEN
IT ALL.

THE CHUUNIN
EXAM
ISN'T EASY...
EVEN WE
HAVE FAILED
IT 3
STRAIGHT
TIMES.

A close-up of a young boy with a headband, looking up with a determined expression.

YET,
KIDS LIKE
YOU THINK
YOU CAN
PASS?


A black and white manga panel showing Naruto Uzumaki speaking. He is gesturing with his hands. In the background, there are sound effects like 'ガッガッ' and '!!'.

THE FAILURE
OF A MISSION.
THE DEATH
OF A COMRADE.
...THAT IS ALL
THE
CAPTAIN'S
RESPONSIBILITY

AND
CHUUNINS
OFTEN
BECOME
CAPTAINS OF
MILITARY
TEAMS.



I
AGREE...
BUT...




WE ARE JUST
THINNING OUT
THOSE THAT
WILL FAIL
ANYWAY.
WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
THAT?



I
DON'T
KNOW...

WHAT'S
THAT GUY
TALKING
ABOUT?

I'M GOING
TO THE
3RD
FLOOR.



...AND ALSO
REMOVE THIS
SURROUNDING
CREATED
WITH
GENJUTSU.

YOU WILL
LET ME
PASS
THROUGH...

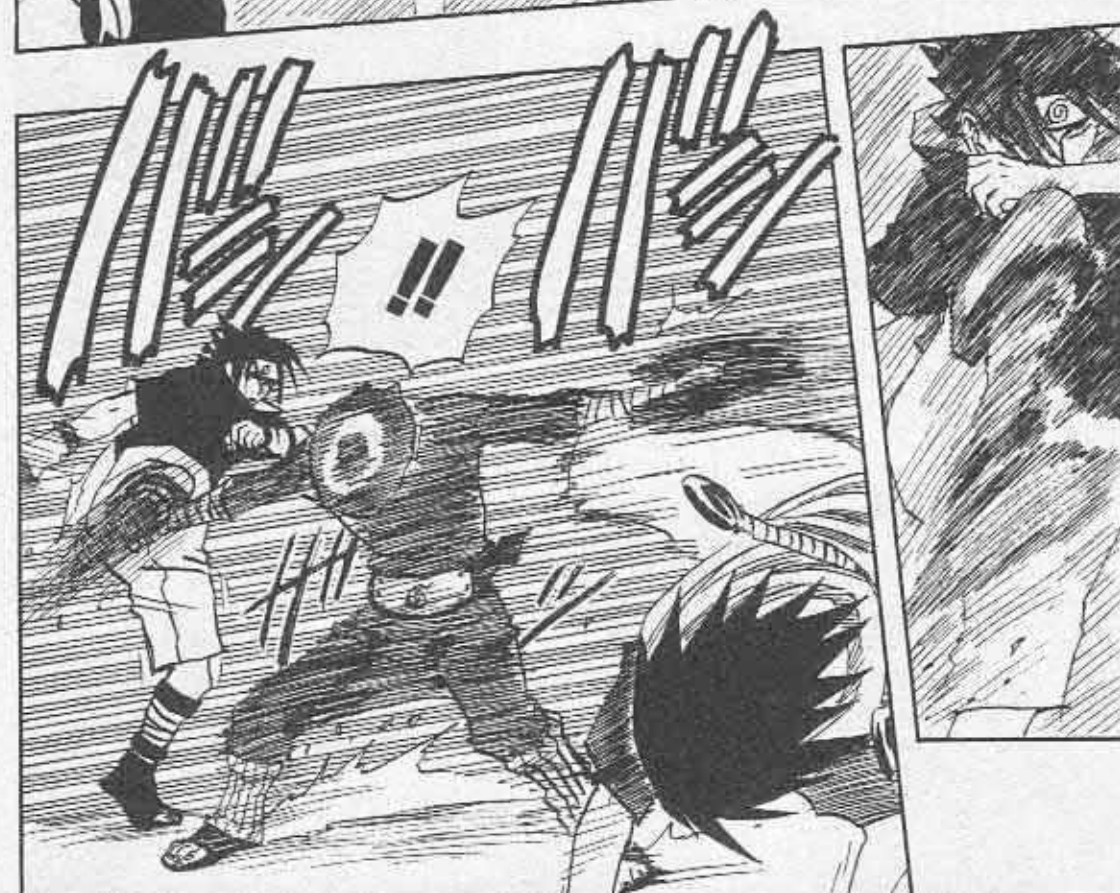


SO
YOU
NOTICED...



AH...







HE'S FAST...
HE WAS
ABLE TO SEE
BOTH KICKS
AND SLIDE
HIMSELF IN
BETWEEN?
THIS IS...



HE'S COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT FROM
THE PERSON
THAT WAS
GETTING KNOCKED
AROUND EARLIER...!



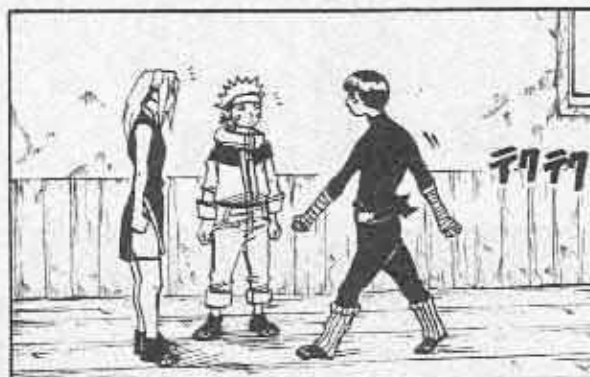
HEY

HAA...



WHAT'S
THIS
CHAKRA IN
HIS
ARMS..?

CATCHING
MY
KICK WITH
HIS HAND...





I'LL
PROTECT
YOU
TIL
I DIE!!

LET'S
GO OUT
TOGETHER
!!!



WAY...

NO
....

...YOU'RE
LAME...



WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?



HEY
YOU...



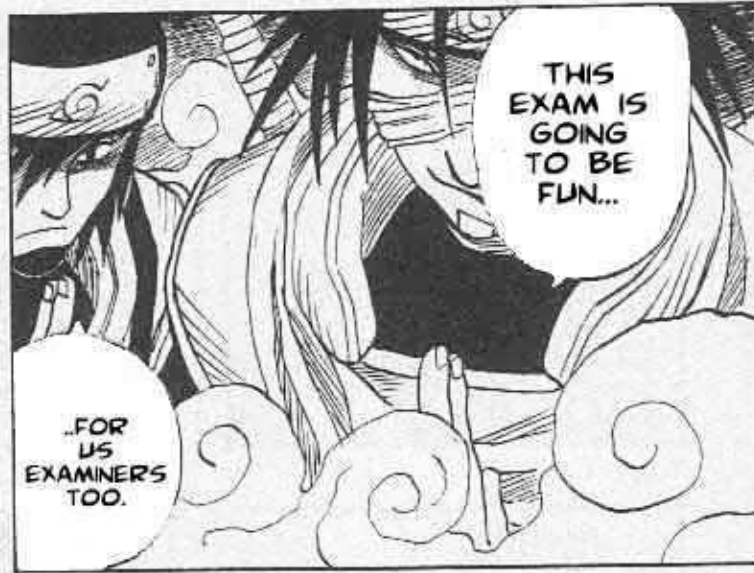


YEAH
...

HEHE..
SO THOSE
ARE KAKASHI
AND GAI'S
PRIZE PUPILS..
I GUESS
THEY PASS
THIS UNOFFICIAL
FIRST TEST...



NARUTO,
SASUKE,
-KUN!!
LET'S
GO!!

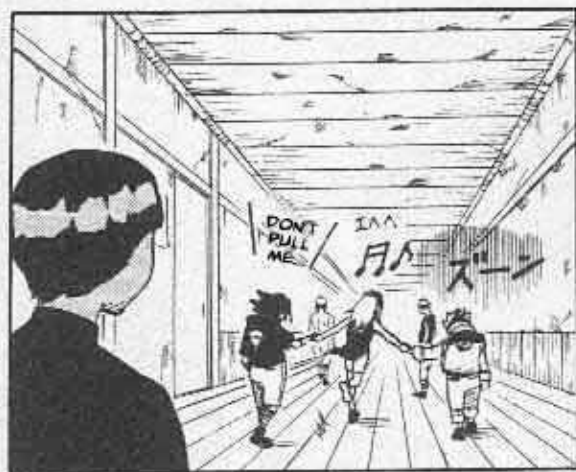


THIS
EXAM IS
GOING
TO BE
FUN...

..FOR
US
EXAMINERS
TOO.



COME ON
LEE,
WHAT ARE
YOU
DOING?





THERE'S
SOME-
THING
I'D LIKE
TO TEST.

YOU
GUYS
GO
AHEAD.



!

HEY,
GUY WITH
THE
DARK
EYES.



WHAT
IS
IT?



ACK
!!



!!



..FIGHT
ME
RIGHT
HERE?

WILL
YOU...