



These are early drawings of Iruka and Mizuki

If you compare this Mizuki to the one in book #1, I think you'll notice but, he was changed to have hair that is separated in the middle. The rest is almost identical.

Iruka had scarier eyes and stronger cheekbones, he seemed much rougher. I made him younger and with a more mellow feeling.

One more thing, when I was developing these characters I was also coming up with names for the next Sensei. In the lower right of the picture above you can see Kakashi, Kuwa, Kama, Button, Enoki.... I had come up with these names and was struggling with which one to use.

I was debating whether to use Kakashi or Enoki until the very end.

Now that I think about it, it was good that I chose Kakashi.



# #14 Secret Plan!!





Our duty  
is to  
protect  
Tazuna  
-san!!

Did you  
forget  
that?!!

What are  
you doing?!!  
Run away!!!

This fight  
was over the  
moment I  
was caught!!

This is  
bad..

Well..

Old  
man..

Fight  
as much  
as you  
want.

I'm  
sorry  
guys..

I'm not  
going to now  
say that I  
desire to live  
so much that  
I'd stop  
you.

I planted  
this seed  
myself.

Are you ready?

You hear that?

Pft

Haha  
Haha...

Hah..

When  
I...

Going  
to keep  
"playing"  
ninja,  
eh?

What?!

You guys  
will never  
grow up.





When I  
was about  
your age..

These  
hands were  
already  
dyed red  
with blood.



Devil...  
Zabuza..



Ah...  
So you've  
heard a  
little  
about it.



gulp

You  
even know  
about that  
graduation  
exam..

Hm..

..there  
was a final  
obstacle in  
becoming  
a ninja..

Long ago,  
in the Hidden  
Mist village, also  
called the Blood  
Mist village...

What's this  
graduation  
exam thing?!

hehehe

That  
exam?

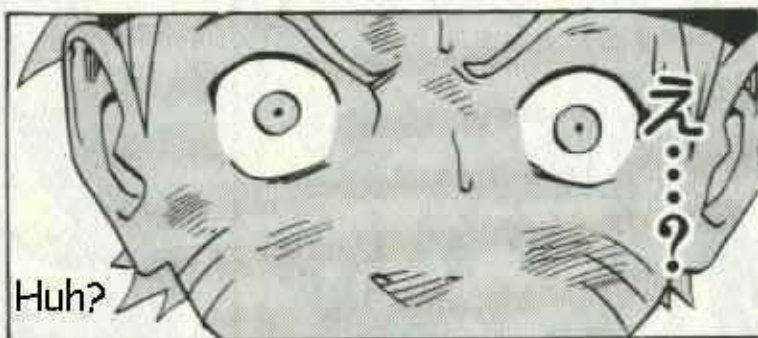
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he  
he  
he





Fights to  
the death  
between the  
students.



Huh?



...terrible....

These are friends  
who had helped  
each other and  
shared dreams..



Friends who have  
trained and eaten  
at the same table  
are pitted against  
each other and  
go at it..

..until one  
of them  
loses his  
life.







Kage  
Bunshin  
no  
Jutsu!!







Here I  
come!!!



Ah...  
Shadow Clones...  
And a large  
amount..







Whoa!!!

URAA!!!





This is the only way  
to defeat him!!



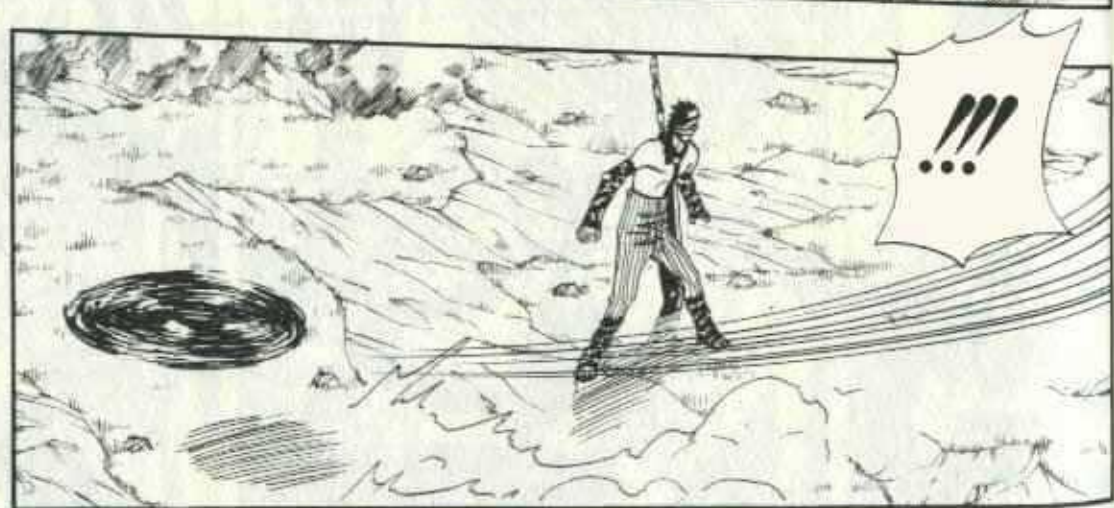
I see, so  
that's the  
plan. Good  
thinking,  
Naruto!!













I see..  
But.. You're aiming  
it at the  
real me..

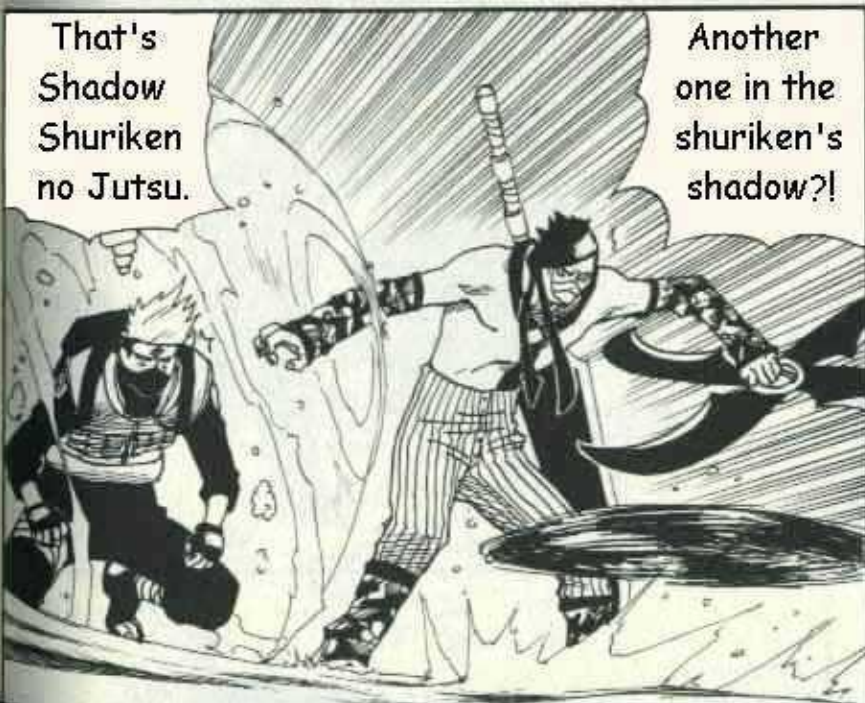


That's not  
enough!!



That's  
Shadow  
Shuriken  
no Jutsu.

Another  
one in the  
shuriken's  
shadow?!







A second  
shuriken  
hiding in the  
blindspot..?!



Heh



He  
dodged  
it!!



Still  
not  
enough.



