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I HAVE NOW FUSED WITH THE JUUBI...

YOU CAN EVEN SAY... I'VE TRANS-CENDED IT.





I AM, FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, THE SECOND SAGE OF SIX PATHS.

SOMEONE THAT IS A FUSION OF BOTH HIS WILL AND BODY...









IF YOU REALLY ARE THE SAME AS ME...

THEN
THAT'S THE
REASON WHY
YOU WANTED TO
BECOME THE
HOKAGE!

IN THE
BEGINNING, ALL
YOU WANTED WAS TO
BE ACKNOWLEDGED
BY SOMEONE...
ANYONE...





DREAM!!

TURNING THE
ENTIRE SHINOBI
WORLD INTO YOUR
ENEMY...WHILE GOING
ON ABOUT HOW IT'S
ALL FOR THE SAKE
OF THE WORLD...

YOU'RE JUST

YOU'RE JUST TWISTING THINGS ...SO THAT IT'LL BE CONVENIENT FOR YOU!















THAT I
WANTED TO SEE
THE EXPRESSION
ON YOUR FACE WHEN
YOU EXPERIENCED THE
TRUTH...THE INEVITABLE
DESPAIR WROUGHT BY
THIS WORLD WE
LIVE IN.





YOU REMIND ME OF MY FORMER SELF... THAT'S WHY I KEEP AT IT...



EVERYTIME

WE EXCHANGE







NO...
THE THINGS I'M
DOING AREN'T ANY
DIFFERENT FROM
WHAT A HOKAGE
WOULD DO.

IN FACT, I'D
SAY I'M GOING
ABOVE AND BEYOND
THEIR DUTIES...
SINCE I INTEND
TO MATERIALIZE
GLOBAL PEACE.















































IF THERE'S
A CLEAR PATH TO
THAT DESTINATION
AND YOU CAN GET
THERE VIA A SHORTCUT...WHO WOULDN'T
IN THEIR RIGHT
MIND CHOOSE
THAT OPTION
INSTEAD.



YOU CAN'T
DELIBERATELY
WALK TO AN
UNKNOWN DESTINATION...ALONG
A DANGEROUS
PATH...









CAN
YOU STILL SAY
THAT WITH THE
SAME CONVICTION
...EVEN IF THEY
LEAD TO THE SAME
DESTINATION?

BESIDES, WHO EXACTLY IS THIS PERSON TELLING US IT'S A DANGEROUS PATH?

SOMEONE
HAS TO GROW
A PAIR AND WALK
DOWN THAT PATH...TO
DECIDE THAT FOR
THEMSELVES...

TO BE
THE ONE WHO
DESTROYS ANY
OBSTACLES AND
PAVES THE WAY
FOR EVERYONE
ELSE.

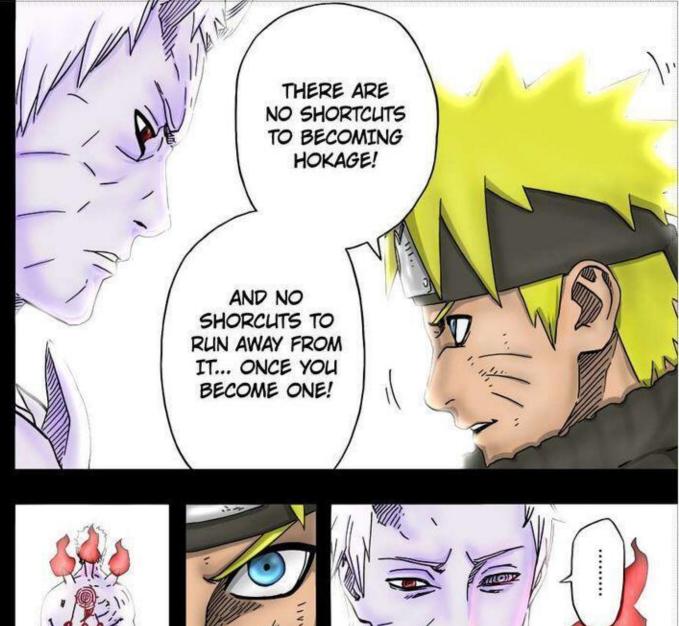
TO BE
HOKAGE MEANS
TO ENDURE THAT
PAIN...TO WALK IN
FRONT OF EVERYONE AND LEAD BY
EXAMPLE...

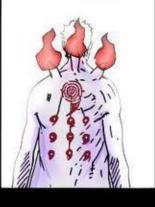
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WHAT
WE WANT TO
KNOW ISN'T
WHERE THAT
SHORTCUT
IS...

















YEAH...THAT'S
WHY I FIGURED
IT WAS ABOUT
TIME I EARNED
MY STRIPES...
THAT'S WHY I LET
MYSELF GET
WOUNDED...























SO IF
I'M GONNA
WATCH OVER
YOU...

THEN
YOU CAN'T
KEEP STUFF
FROM ME
ANYMORE...























JUST WHEN
IT SEEMED
LIKE YOU WERE
ABOUT TO BE
COMPLETELY
TAKEN OVER
BY THE JUUBI
AND BECOME
NOTHING BUT
ITS' HOST...



...IT
SEEMS YOU TOLD
KAKASHI-SENSEI
THAT YOU THREW
AWAY ALL THE
MEMORIES AND
FEELINGS YOU
HAD FOR YOUR
COMRADES
BUT,





THAT YOU
DIDN'T WANT TO
THROW AWAY ANYTHING AND WANTED
TO STAY JUST
AS YOU ARE.









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STOP
PUTTING UP
THAT FRONT...
AND TRYING TO
HIDE BEHIND
IT...

REMEMBER ...I'M ALWAYS WATCHING YOU.





