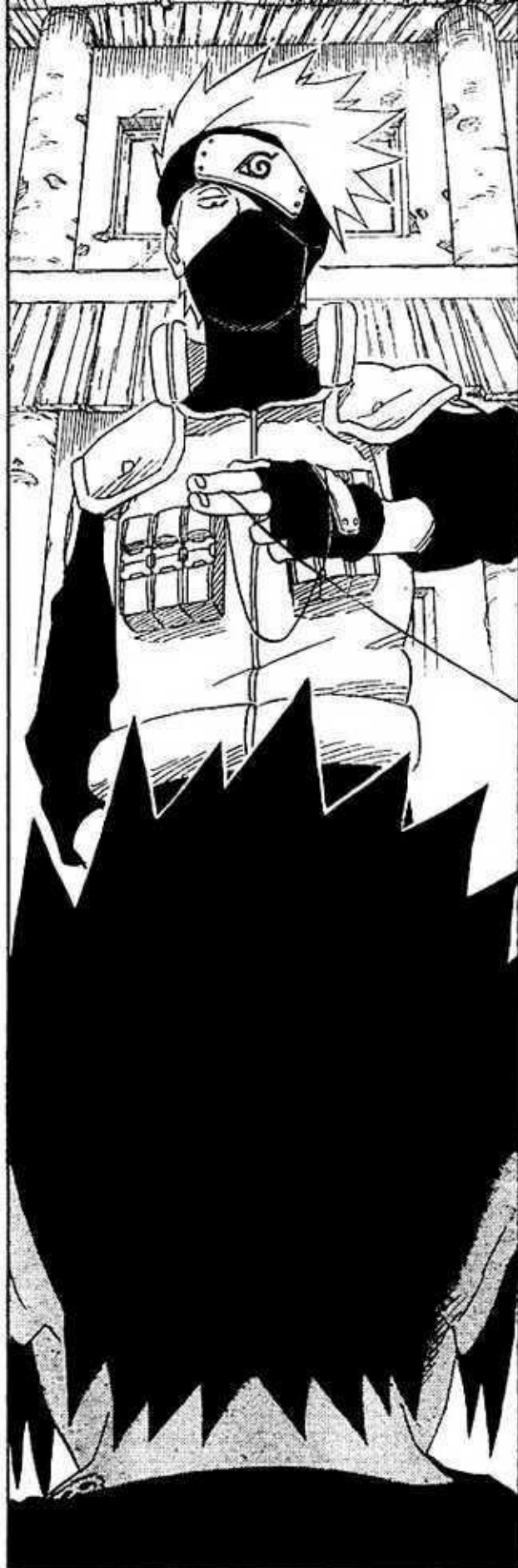


Alone... against hardship, against pain, Sasuke! In a flash! The watching Sound! And...











HEY... CALM  
DOWN...



DON'T  
TALK TO  
ME LIKE  
YOU  
UNDER-  
STAND!

WHAT  
THE  
HELL  
DO YOU  
KNOW?!



KILL THE ONE YOU  
LOVE MOST?!

WHAT IF I WERE  
TO...



.....



I CAN  
MAKE YOU  
FEEL TRUE  
PAIN!

HOW FAR  
WOULD YOU  
STRAY FROM  
WHAT YOU  
JUST SAID?



UNFORTU-  
NATELY, FOR  
ME

NO SUCH  
PERSON  
EXISTS.

THAT  
WOULD  
WORK,  
HOWEVER  
...



BEEN KILLED.

THOSE  
PEOPLE  
HAVE  
ALREADY...





WE AREN'T THE  
LUCKY ONES...  
THAT'S FOR  
SURE.

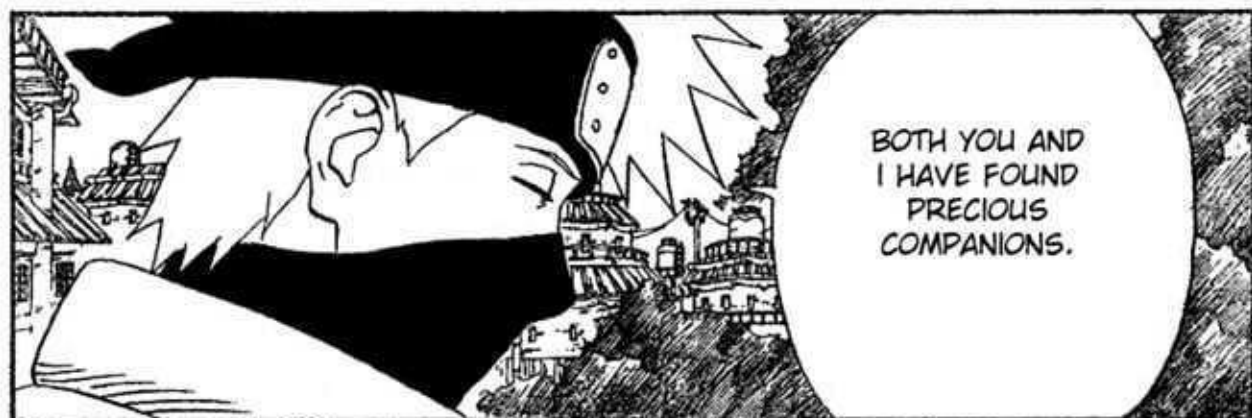
WELL!

BUT WE  
AREN'T THE  
WORST OFF.



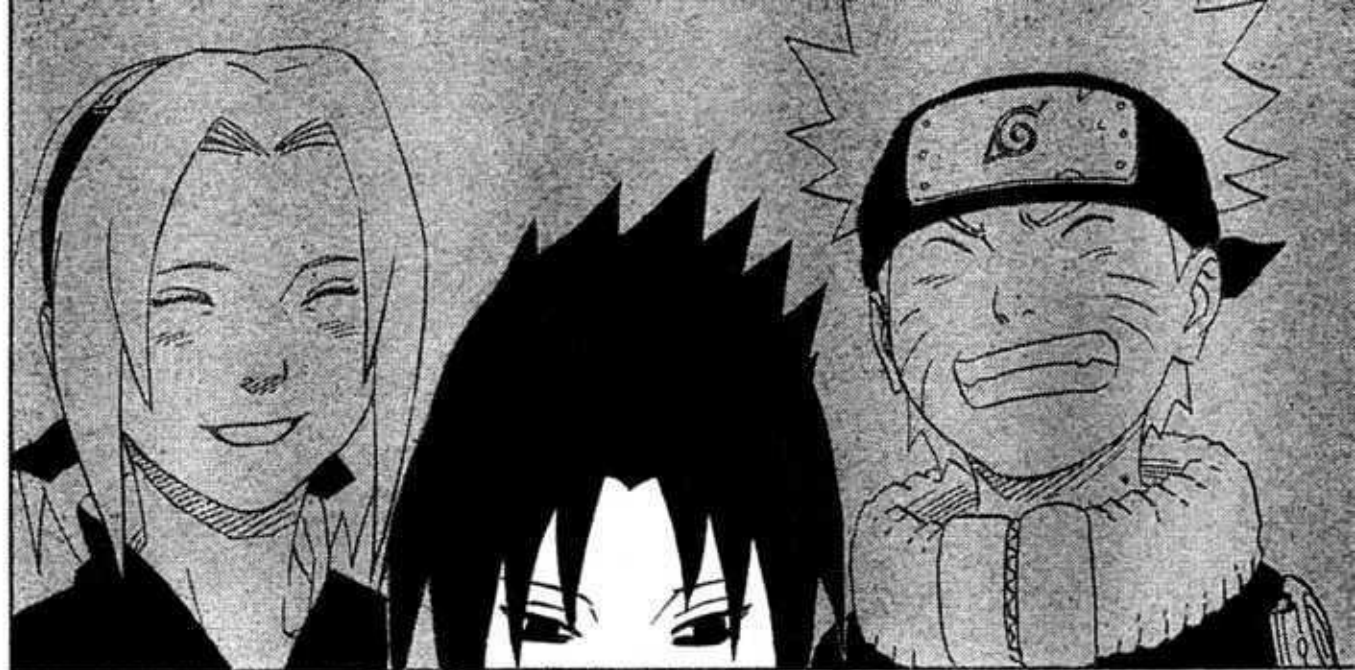
I UNDERSTAND  
HOW TERRIBLE  
TRUE PAIN AND  
LOSS ARE.

I'VE ALSO  
LIVED IN A  
LONG,  
HARD ERA.



BOTH YOU AND  
I HAVE FOUND  
PRECIOUS  
COMPANIONS.



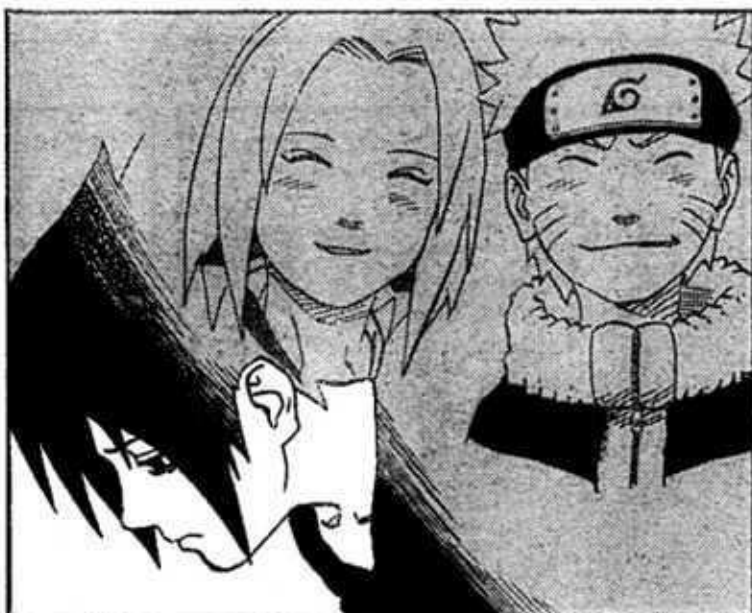
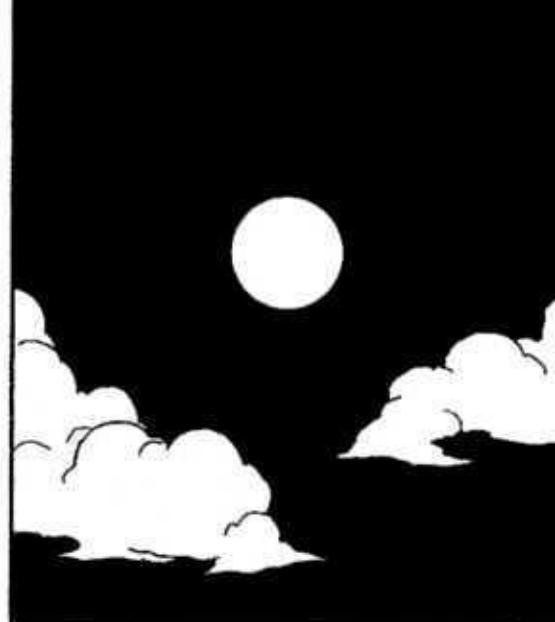
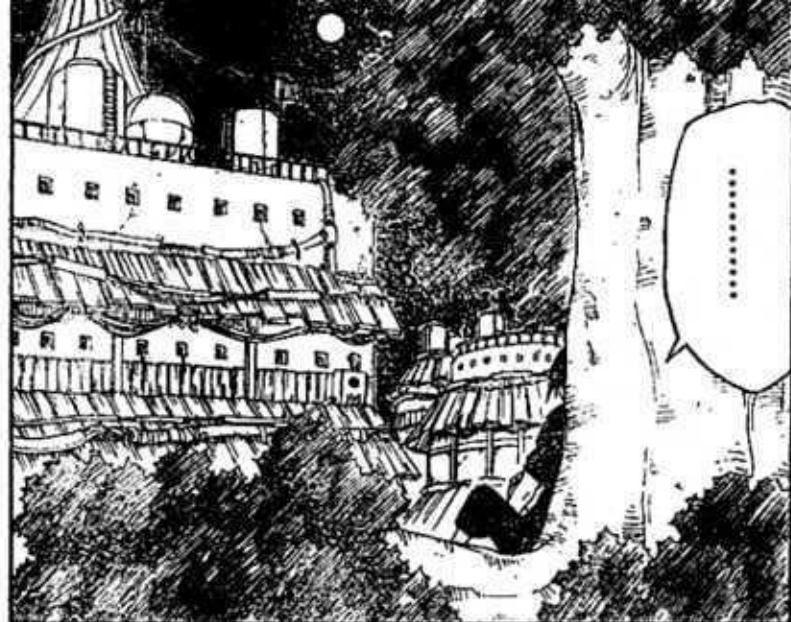


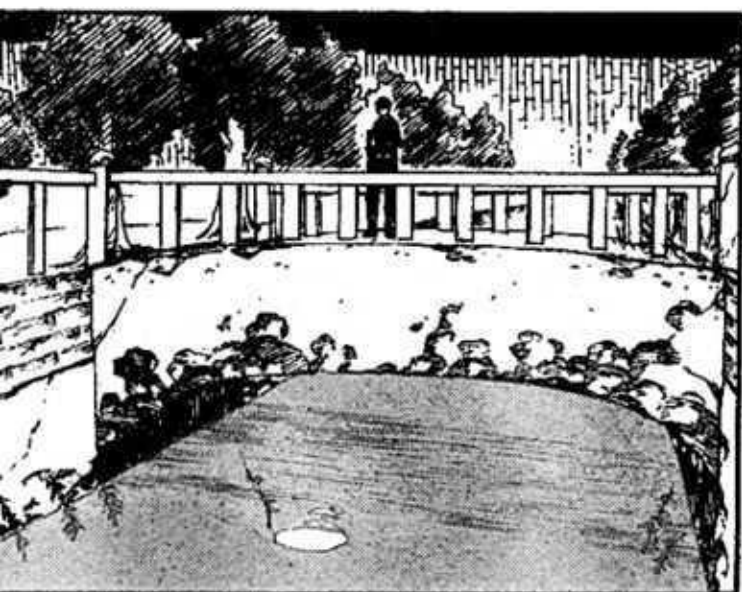




(\*NOTE: THE PERSON SPEAKING IS A MAN)

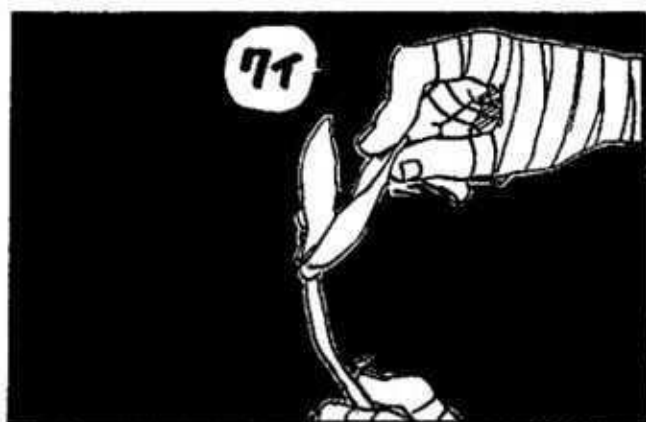






IF IT  
FAILS,  
HE WILL  
DIE!!

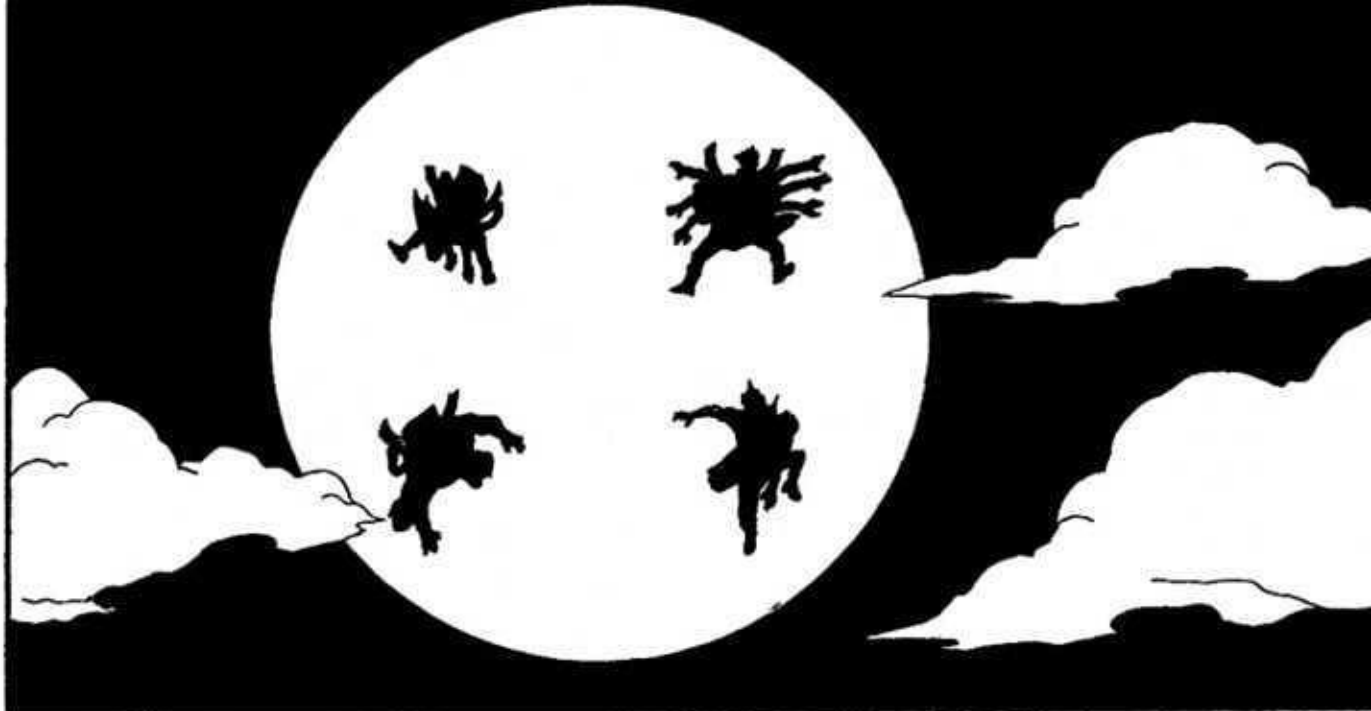
AT BEST, THE  
HIGHEST RATE  
OF SUCCESS  
FOR SUCH  
AN OPERATION  
WOULD ONLY  
BE 50%



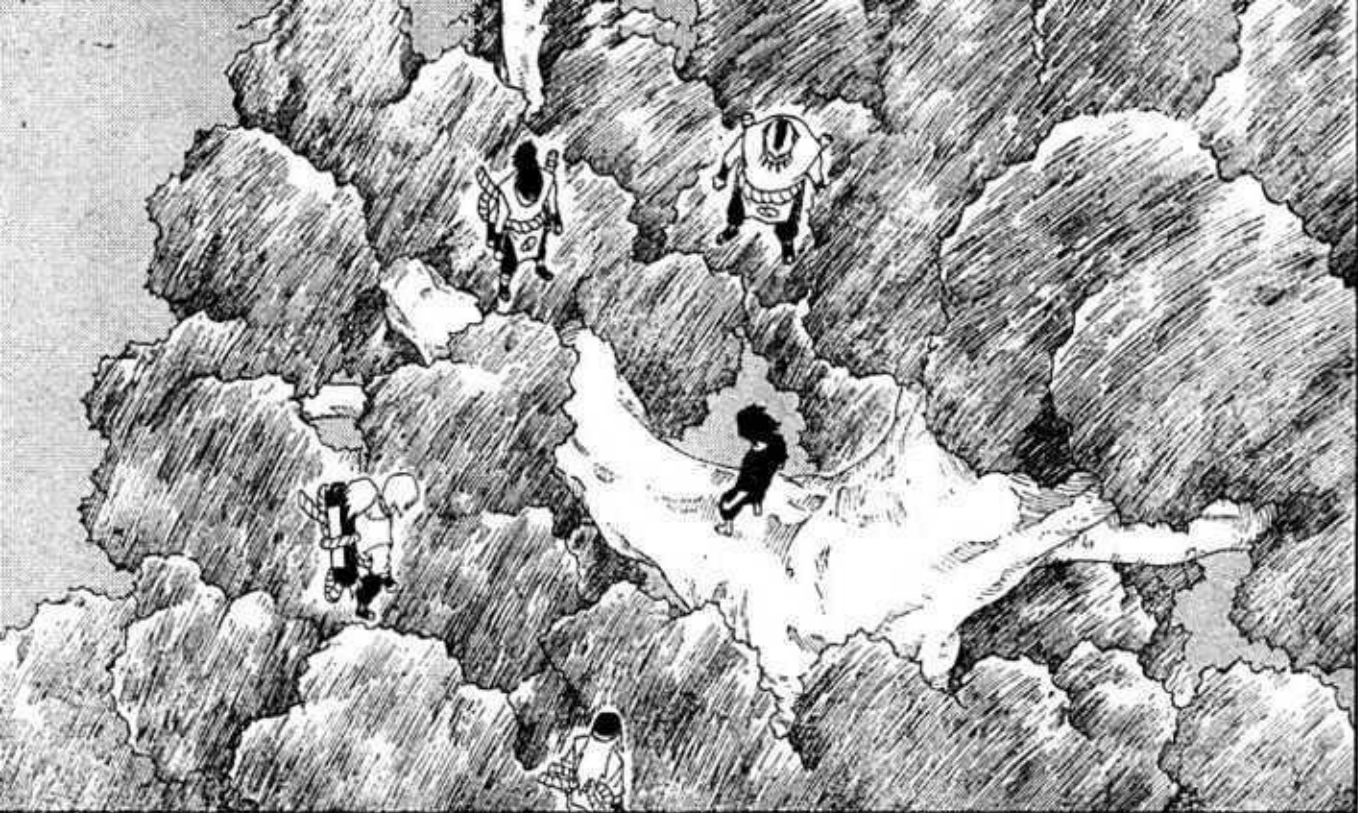
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SUCCESS

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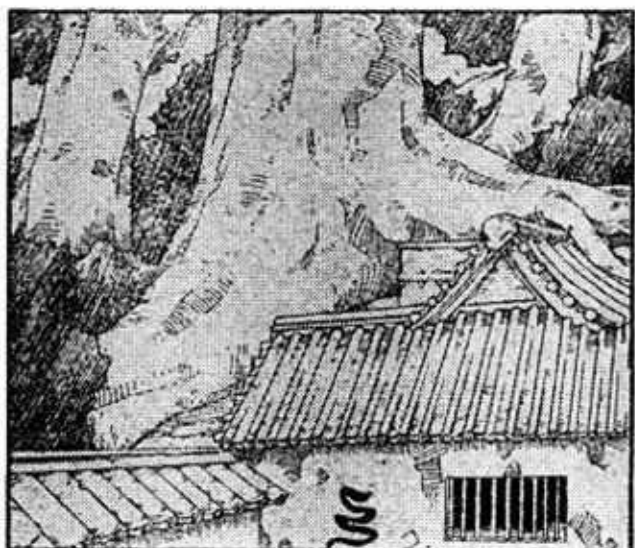






WAS IT  
ENTIRELY  
NECESSARY

TO SEND  
ALL OF THE  
FOUR?




IN STRENGTH,  
AND IN  
EVERY OTHER  
AREA...

AS HE IS NOW,  
SASUKE-KUN  
SHOULD BE  
NO MATCH  
FOR THEM

OR RATHER,  
THE EXTENT  
OF HIS  
POWER

THOSE  
KIDS...


THE ONE I HAVE  
AN INTEREST IN  
IS SASUKE...



HE WILL  
COME TO ME  
SEEKING  
POWER...

THAT'S  
WHY  
SOON...

KUKU...



WHO THE  
HELL ARE  
YOU...!?




SOUTH  
GATE'S  
JIROUBOU

THE  
SAME



EAST  
GATE'S  
KIDOMARU

THE  
FOUR  
SOUNDS



NORTH  
GATE'S  
TAYUYA

THE  
SAME



WEST  
GATE'S  
SAKON

THE  
SAME









