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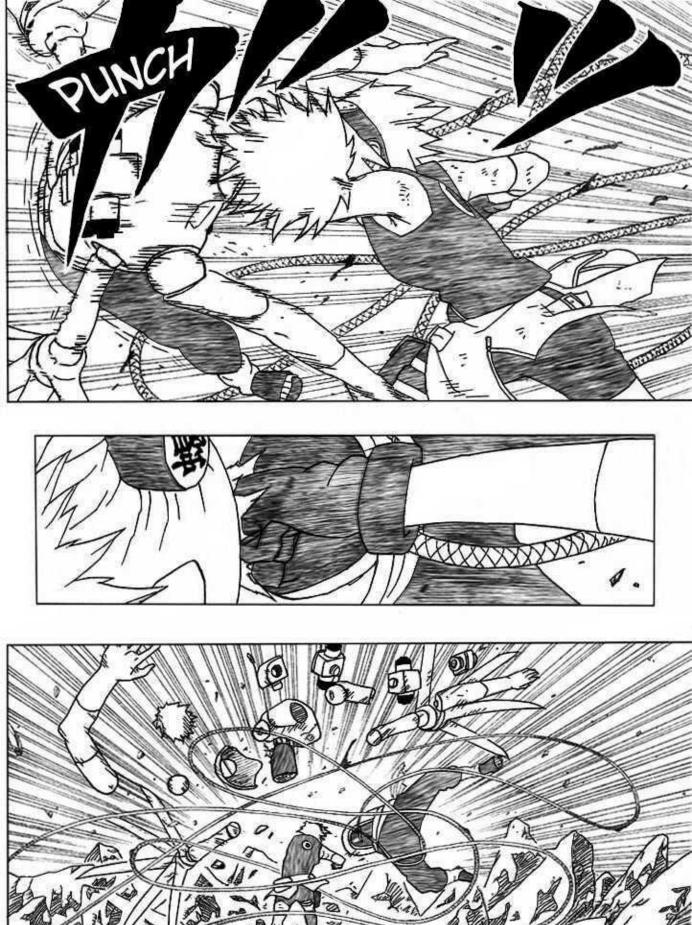


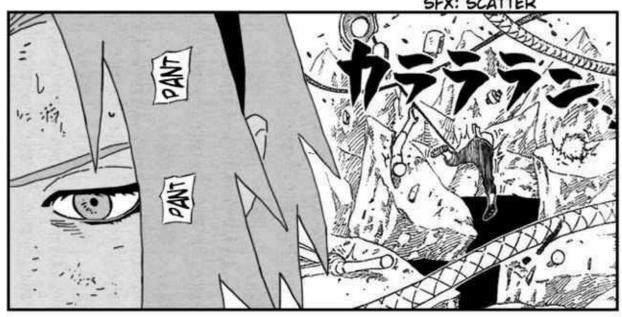
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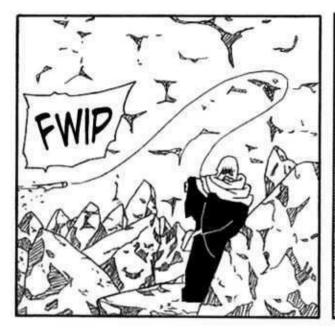




























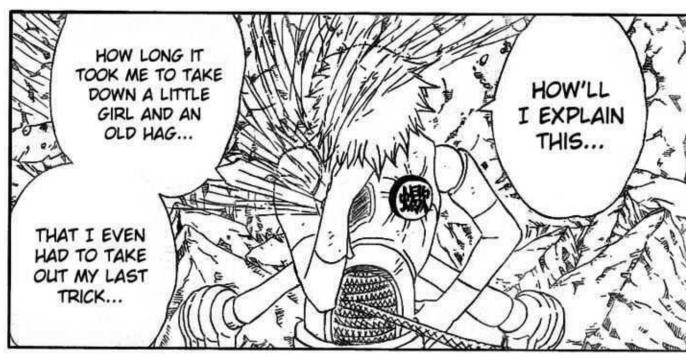














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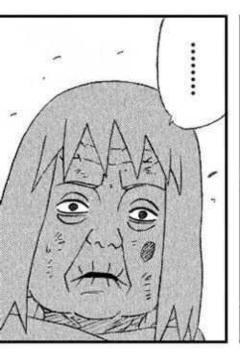
























## CHIKAMATSU MONZAEMON

THERE ARE THREE REFERENCES TO CHIKAMATSU MONZAEMON IN THIS CHAPTER:

- PAGE 9, CHIYO'S SCROLL AND PUPPETS (MON)
  - PAGE 11, CHIYO'S JUTSU NAME (CHIKAMATSU)
  - PAGE 12, SASORI'S REFERENCE (ENZAEMON)

CHIKAMATSU MONZAEMON WAS A JAPANESE DRAMATIST OF JORURI, THE FORM OF PUPPET THEATER THAT LATER CAME TO BE KNOWN AS BUNRAKU, AND THE LIVE-ACTOR DRAMA, KABUKI. CHIKAMATSU IS KNOWN AS THE JAPANESE SHAKESPEARE, FOR HIS ASSORTMENT OF PLAYS STAGED BY PUPPETS IN THE EARLY ERA OF BUNRAKU STAGE PLAYS. HE WROTE MAINLY FOR THEATERS IN KYOTO OR OSAKA.

LOVE SUICIDE AT AMIJIMA IS ONE OF CHIKAMATSU'S MOST FAMOUS WORKS. MANY BELIEVE THE TALE IS BASED ON TRUTH. SIMILAR TO SHAKESPEARE'S ROMEO AND JULIET, IT IS ABOUT TWO LOVERS WHO CAN NOT BE TOGETHER BECAUSE OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SITUATIONS, AND SO BLINDED BY LOVE THEY COMMIT THE GRAVEST ACT, SUICIDE. THE PLAY DEALS WITH TURBULENT AND INTENSE EMOTIONS. "NEITHER KIND ADVICE NOR REASON CAN GAIN THE EAR OF ONE POSSESSED BY THE GOD OF DEATH. . ."

THE PLAY, BOTH BEAUTIFUL AND TRAGIC, ENDS WITH KOHARU ENDING JIHEI'S LIFE BY HIS SWORD. SOON AFTER KOHARU TAKES HIS OWN LIFE BY HANGING. ONE OF THE BEST LINES IN THE PLAY IS ONE OF THE LAST FEW WORDS SHARED BETWEEN THE LOVERS, "LET US LEAVE, NO TRACE OF TEARS UPON OUR DEAD FACES."