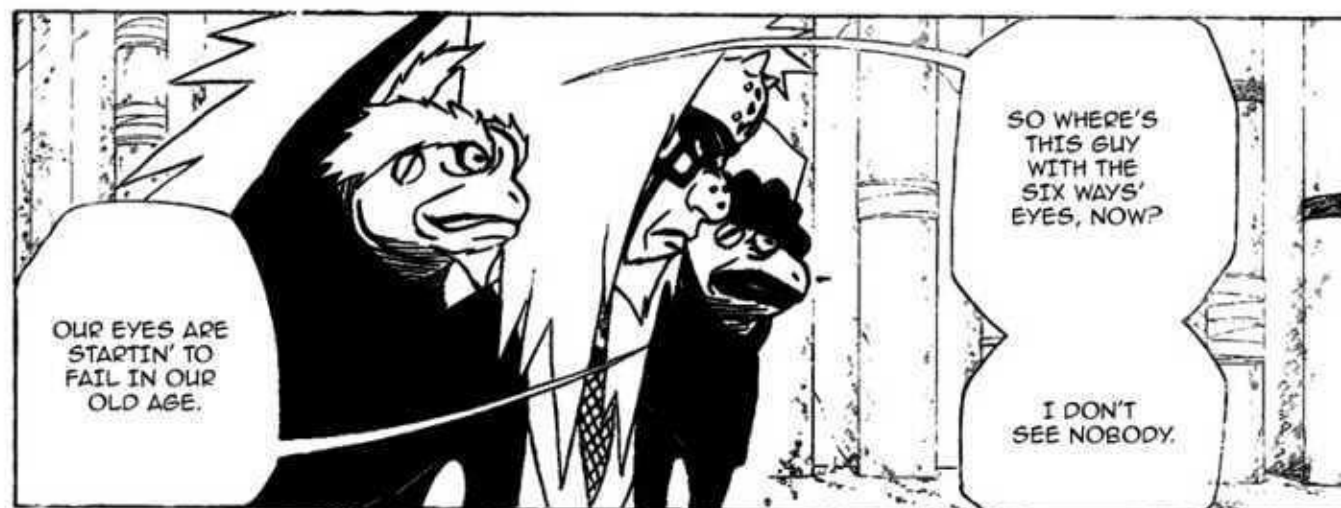


WHAT IS JIRAIYA'S "HERMIT MODE"?

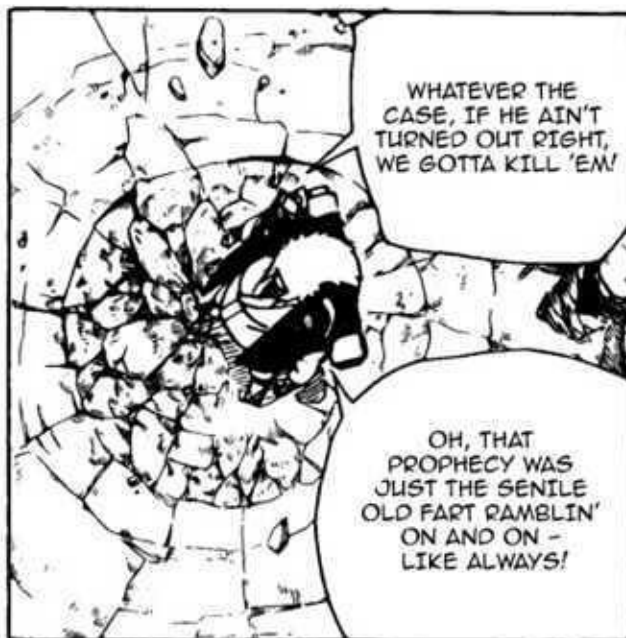












WHATEVER THE  
CASE, IF HE AIN'T  
TURNED OUT RIGHT,  
WE GOTTA KILL 'EM!

OH, THAT  
PROPHECY WAS  
JUST THE SENILE  
OLD FART RAMBLIN'  
ON AND ON -  
LIKE ALWAYS!



UNFORTUNATELY,  
HE DIDN'T GROW  
UP TO BE THE  
MAN I'D HOPED  
HE WOULD.

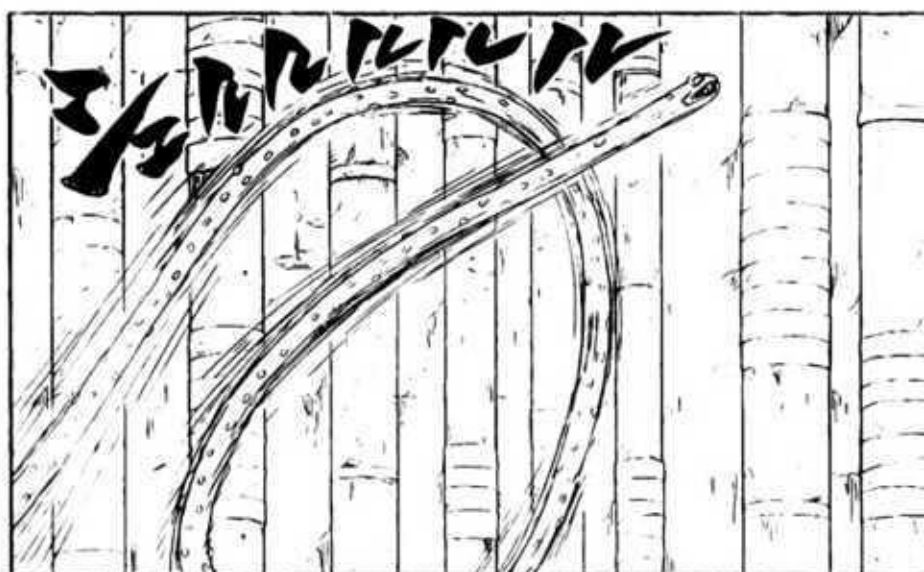
PLUS, I'D  
HEARD RUMORS  
THAT HE DIED...  
AND CONVINCED  
MYSELF IT  
COULDN'T BE  
MY STUDENT.



ANYWAYS,  
LET'S  
GET 'EM!



FOUND  
'EM.





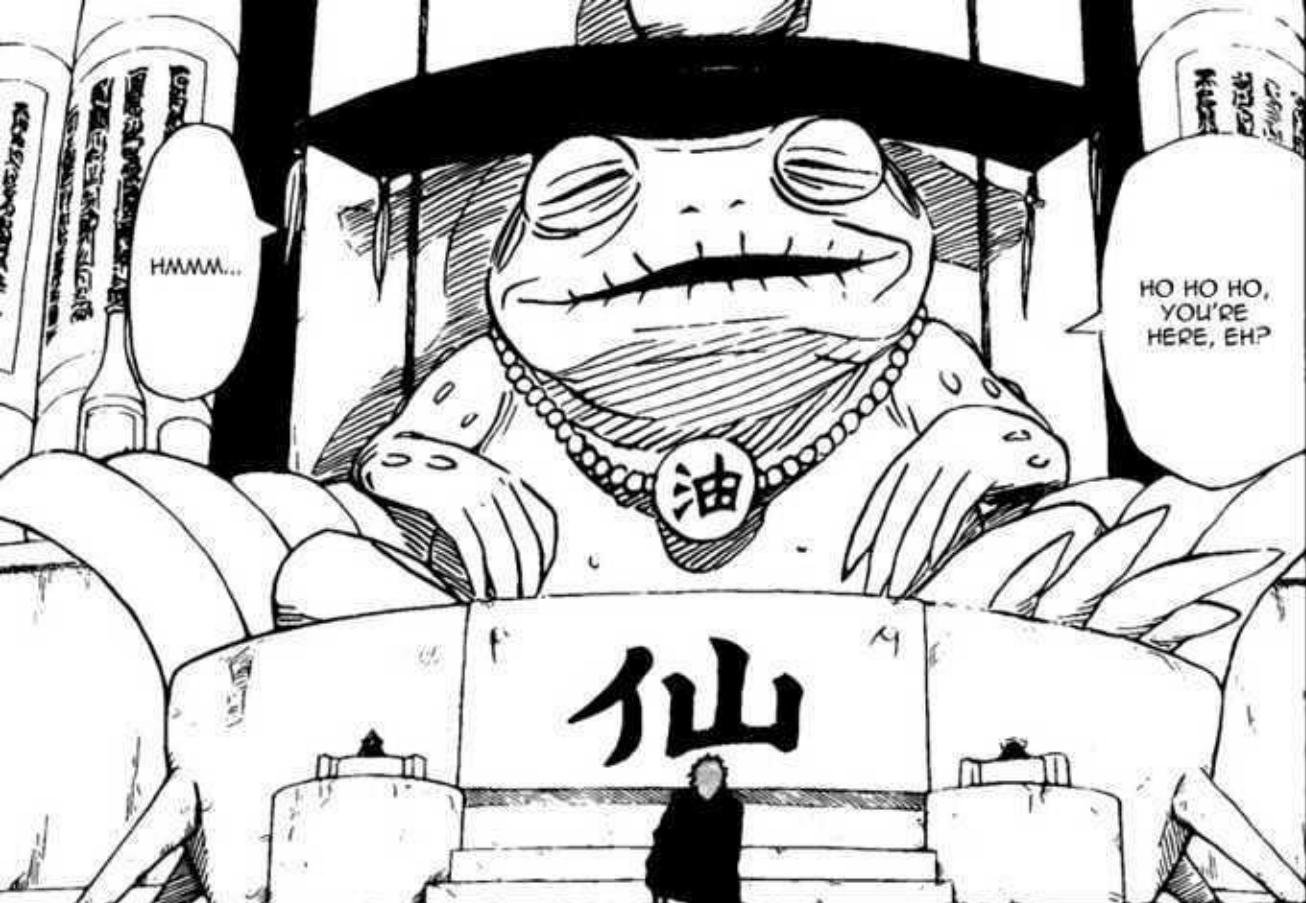


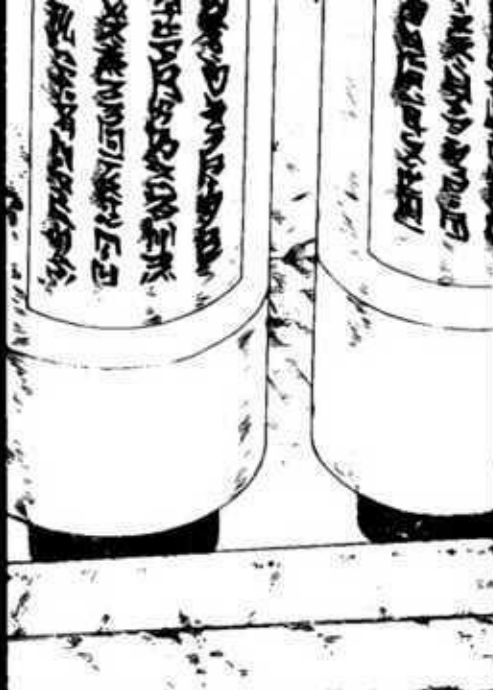












NOW THEN....  
WHO ARE YOU,  
YOUNG MAN?



YES  
SIR!



AS YOU  
KNOW, THIS  
VISION  
AMOUNTS  
TO A  
PREDICTION  
ABOUT  
YOUR  
FUTURE.

LISTEN  
WELL!

JIRAIYA-  
CHAN.

THE GREAT  
SAGE HAS  
HAD A  
VISION  
CONCERNING  
YOU.



DID HE HAVE  
TO BE SO  
SPECIFIC?  
SHEESH..

A  
PERVERT...



IN MY  
DREAMS,  
I SEE YOU  
BECOMING  
BOTH A  
PERVERT  
WITHOUT  
EQUAL...AND A  
SHINOBI OF  
INCREDIBLE  
TALENT.

AND  
SOMEDAY,  
YOU WILL  
TAKE ON A  
PUPIL...

NOW  
THEN...





A  
REVOLUTION?



I HAVE  
SEEN AS  
MUCH  
IN MY  
DREAMS.

THIS PUPIL  
WILL BECOME  
THE HARBINGER  
OF A GREAT  
REVOLUTION  
IN THE WORLD  
OF NINJA...



ONE OR  
THE OTHER?

WHAT DO  
YOU MEAN?



THE  
RESULT  
OF THEIR  
REVOLU-  
TION  
WILL BE  
ONE OR  
THE  
OTHER...

THEY WILL  
FINALLY BRING  
PEACE TO THE  
WORLD...OR  
LITTERLY  
DESTROY IT.



WHAT...  
CHOICE?



AND  
EVENTUALLY,  
YOU WILL BE  
FORCED TO  
MAKE A  
DIFFICULT  
CHOICE.

YOU WILL  
BE THEIR  
MASTER.  
THEIR  
TEACHER.



THE PATH  
YOU TAKE...

WILL DETERMINE  
THE FATE OF  
THE WORLD...



YOU WILL  
TRAVEL THE  
WORLD...  
AND WRITE  
A BOOK.



WHAT DO  
I HAVE  
TO DO?

WHAT'S  
THE  
RIGHT  
CHOICE?!

M-ME...?



HAVE YOUR  
PREDICTIONS  
EVER BEEN,  
UH...WRONG?

UHH...  
GREAT  
SAGE...

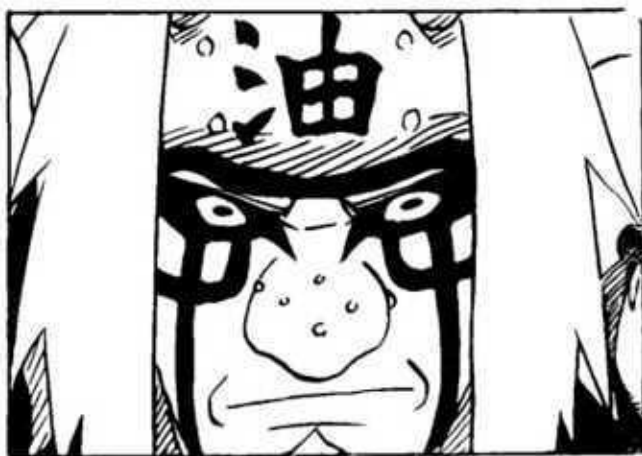


I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
THE REASONS  
MYSELF.

BUT YOU WILL  
WALK ACROSS  
THE GLOBE, AND  
OBSERVING ALL  
CREATION,  
WATCHING AS  
NATURE  
TAKES ITS  
COURSE.

A BOOK?

WHY DO  
I HAVE TO-







PAIN HAS SUMMONED  
TWO AKATSUKI...  
WHO OR WHAT ARE THEY?!





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