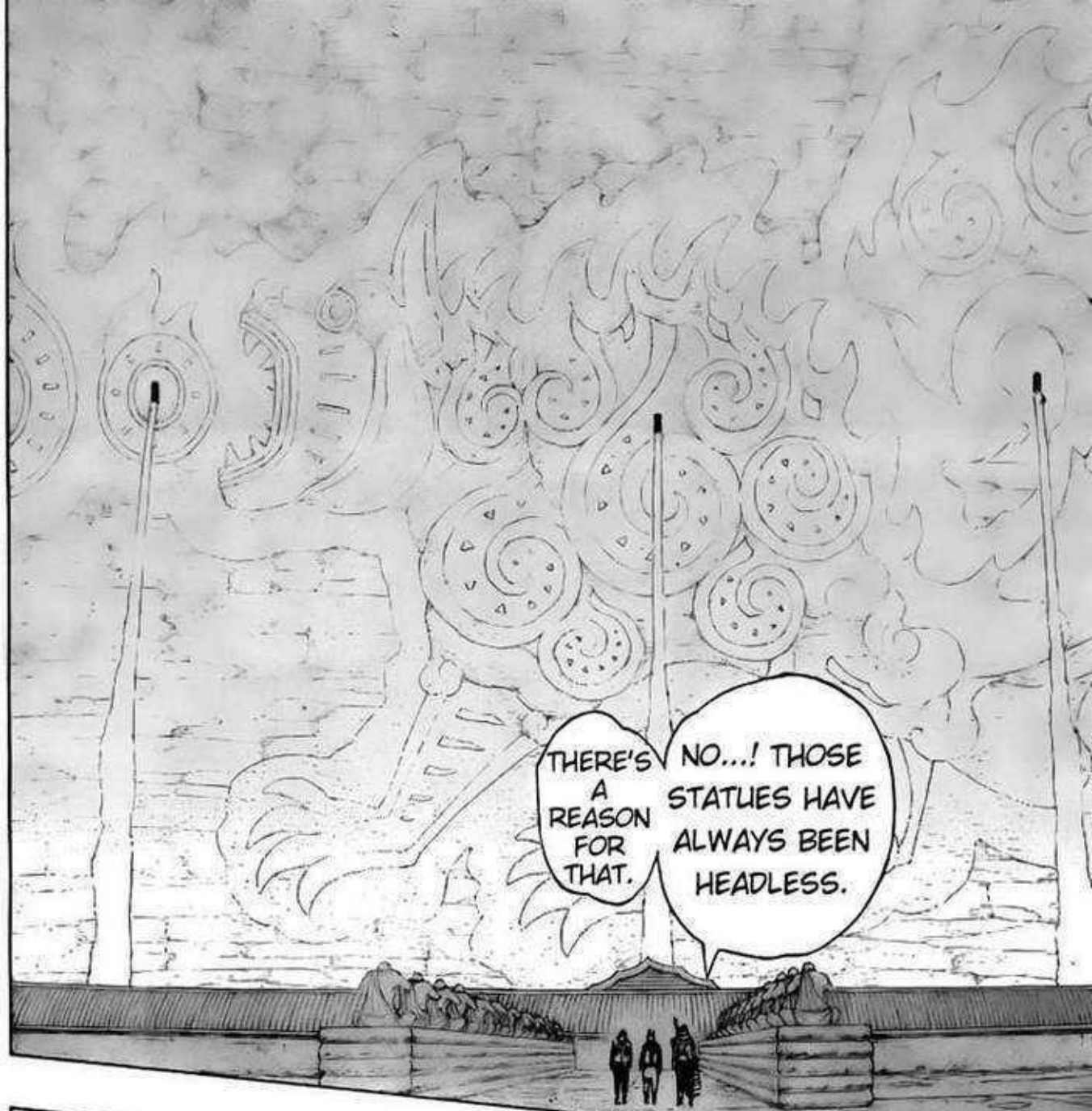


# NARUTO





THERE'S  
A  
REASON  
FOR  
THAT.

NO...! THOSE  
STATUES HAVE  
ALWAYS BEEN  
HEADLESS.

THIS IS A HOLY  
PLACE WHERE  
MANY PAST  
HOSTS HAVE  
COME AS PART  
OF THE  
CHOOSING  
CEREMONY.

HOW DO YOU  
EXPECT HIM  
TO CONTROL  
IT WITHOUT  
BEING RASH,  
YOU STUPID  
IDIOT!?

FIGHT THE  
KYUBI!? YOU'RE  
NOT PLANNING  
ON DOING  
SOMETHING  
RASH, ARE  
YOU!?

HOW CAN  
I SEE THE  
KYUBI  
ANYWAY!?

YOU SAID I  
NEED TO  
FIGHT THE  
KYUBI  
HERE, BUT  
HOW!?



...IN  
HERE...  
?



INSIDE  
THIS  
BUILDING...  
GOT IT?

THIS IS A  
PLACE WHERE  
YOU CAN  
COMMUNICATE  
WITH THE  
BIJU.



PUT  
YOUR  
HEAD IN  
THE  
STATUE'S  
MOUTH,

AND IF  
THERE IS NO  
DARKNESS  
IN YOUR  
HEART, THE  
DOOR WILL  
OPEN.

ONLY  
THE  
CHOSEN  
CAN  
ENTER...



THOSE  
HEADLESS  
STATUES THAT  
YOU SAW ARE  
PAST HOSTS.



AND THAT'S  
NOT ALL...  
THE STATUE  
WILL BITE  
YOUR HEAD  
OFF! GOT IT?

BUT... IF  
THERE'S  
DARKNESS IN  
YOUR HEART,  
THE DOOR  
WON'T OPEN.



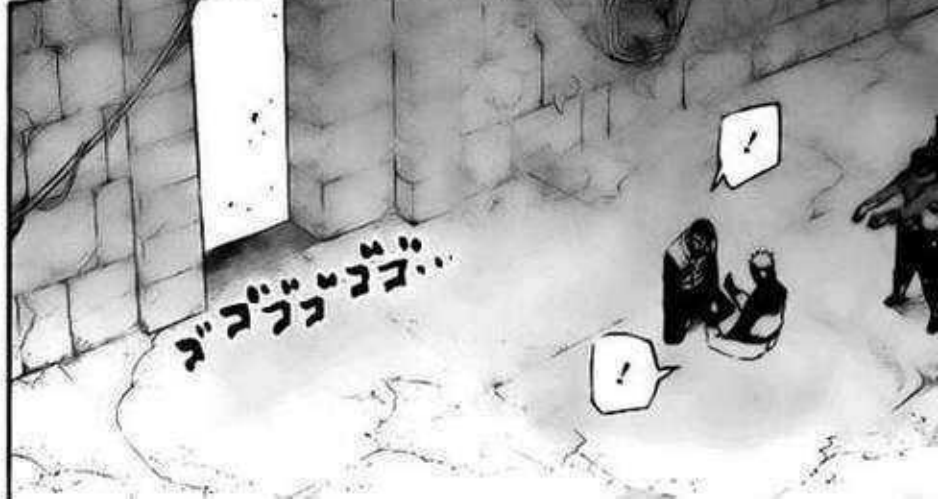
UM... CAN  
YOU EXPLAIN  
A LITTLE  
MORE IN  
DETAIL...?  
I'M NOT  
SURE I GET  
IT...

IF THERE'S  
NO  
DARKNESS IN  
MY HEART...  
THAT'S WHY  
I HAD TO GO  
TO THE  
WATERFALL  
FIRST...









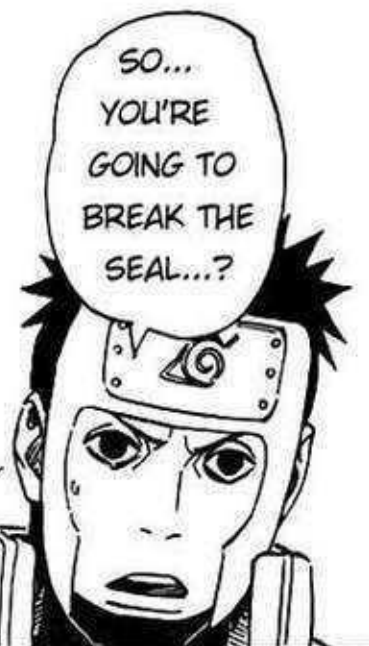




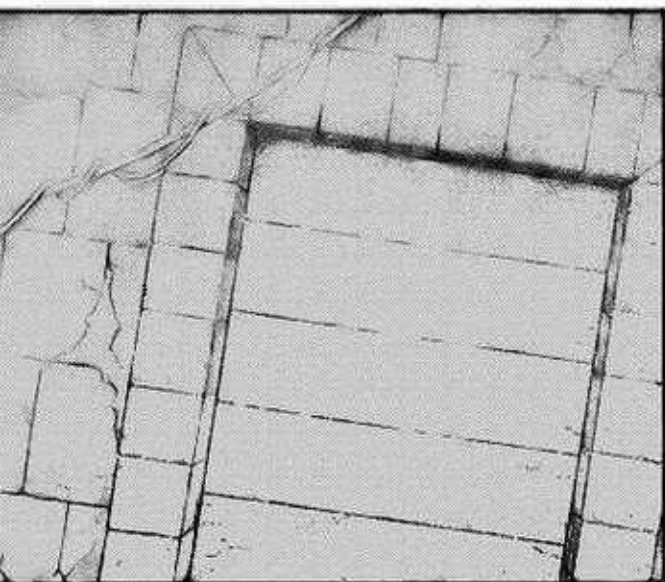
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\* IRON SEAL

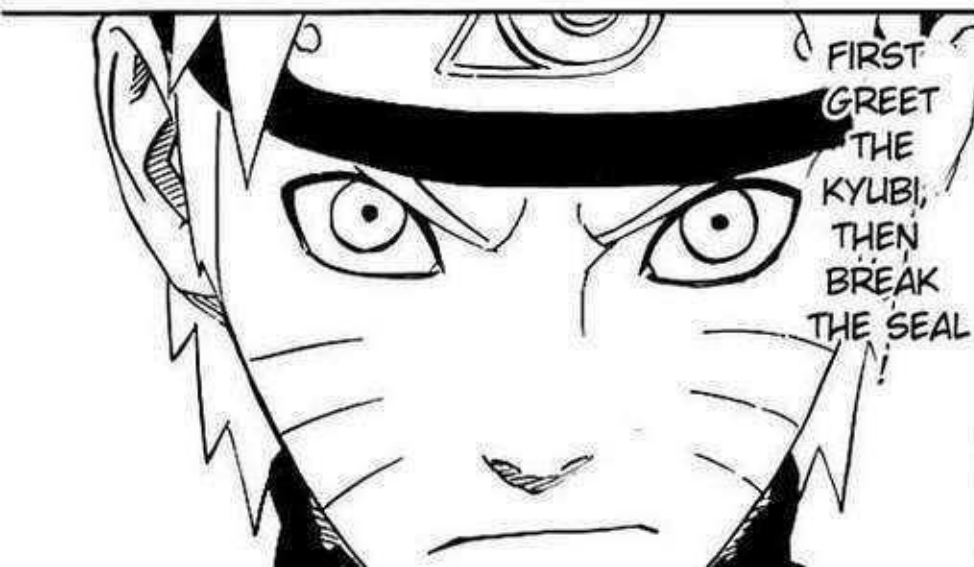
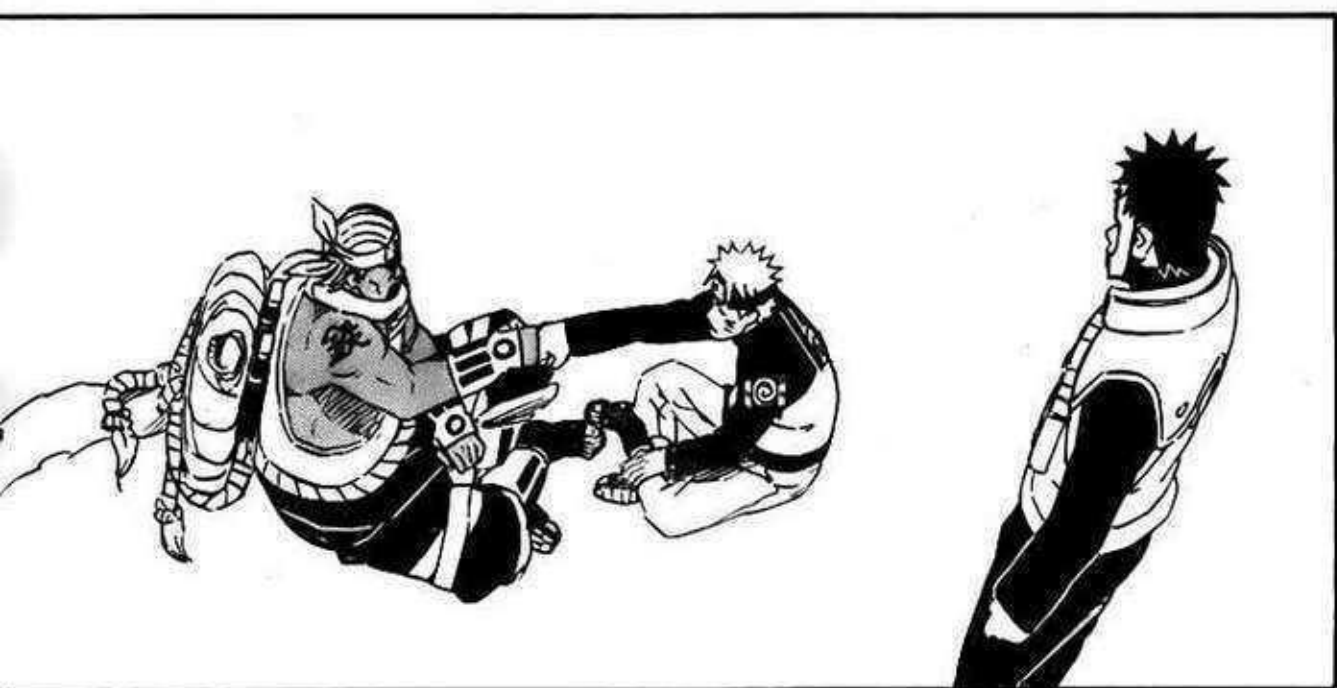
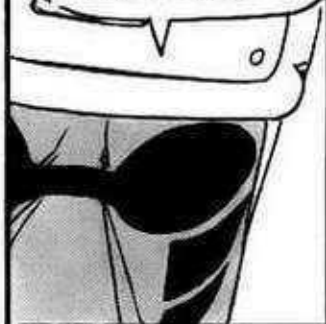








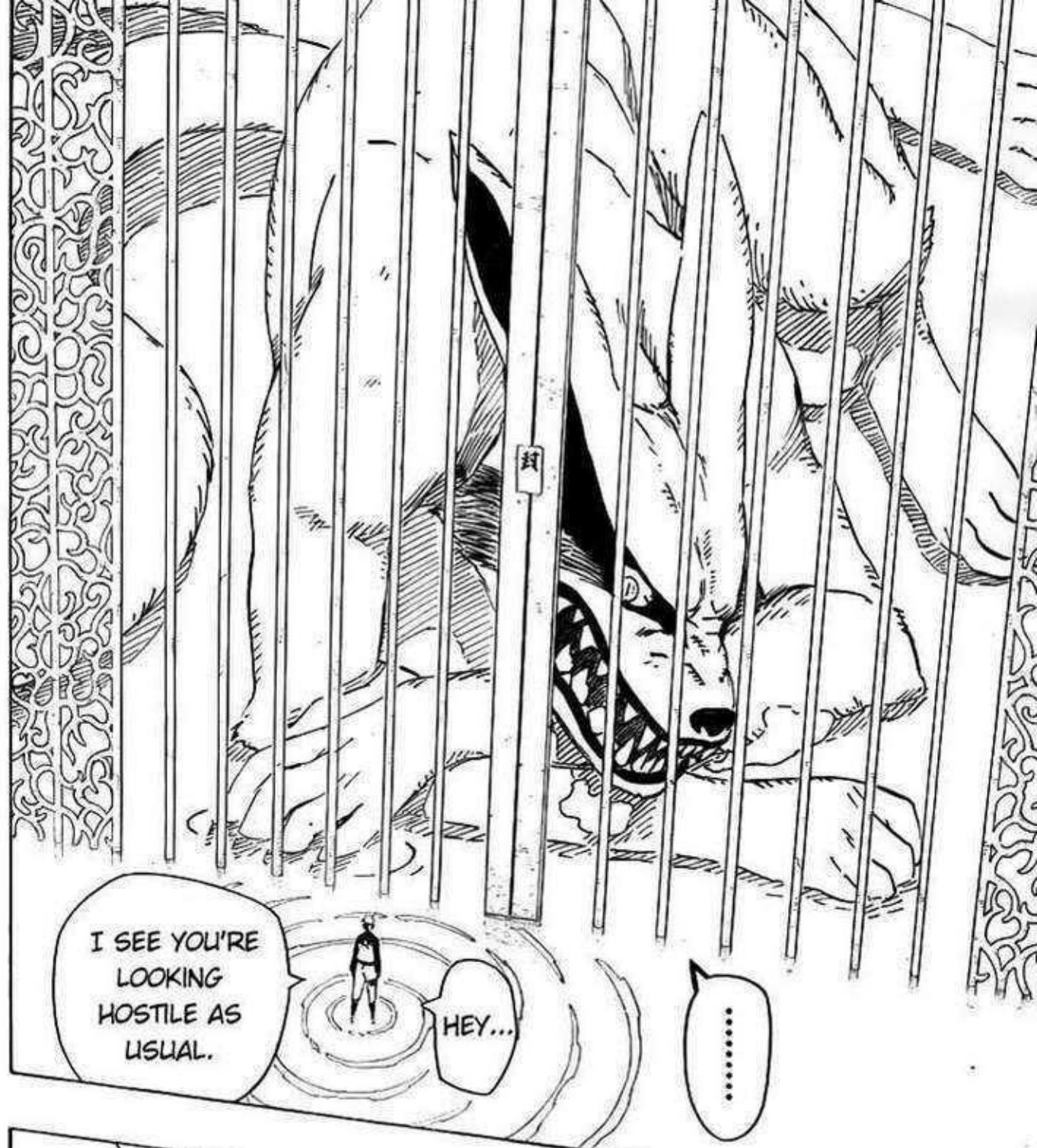
OK! THEN I'M  
GOING TO CLOSE  
THE DOOR... NOW  
I'LL SHOW YOU  
WHAT TO DO WITH  
THE KYUBI!



FIRST  
GREET  
THE  
KYUBI,  
THEN  
BREAK  
THE SEAL

AND THE RULES  
ARE REALLY  
SIMPLE, TOO.

NARUTO  
... I'M  
AMAZED  
BY  
YOU.



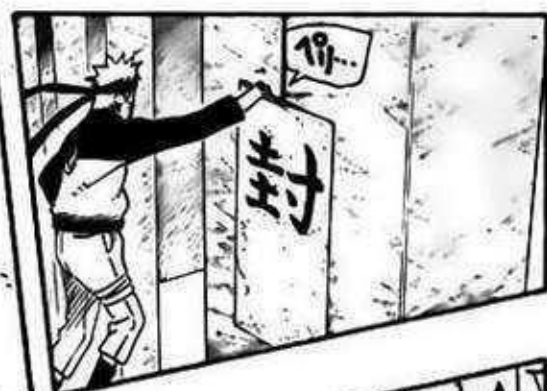


I'M  
HERE...  
RIGHT  
BEFORE  
YOUR  
EYES!

AND THE  
KYUBI IS  
MADE OF  
HATRED...  
NOTHING  
MORE.

YOU  
HAVE  
CONQUERED  
YOUR  
HATRED...  
SO DON'T  
WORRY...  
YOU'RE  
STRONG.

封



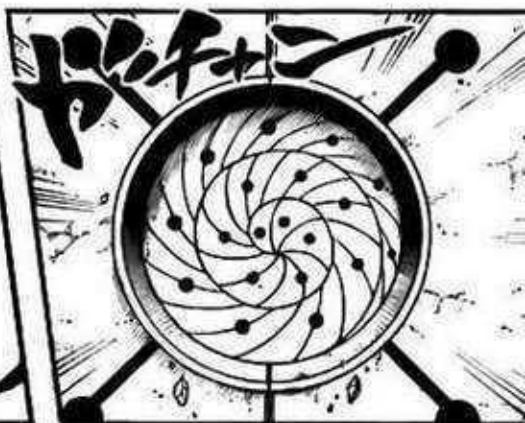
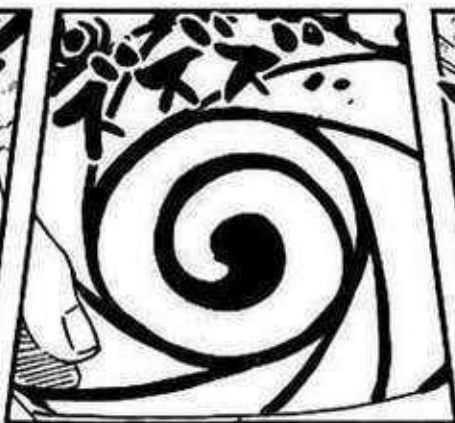
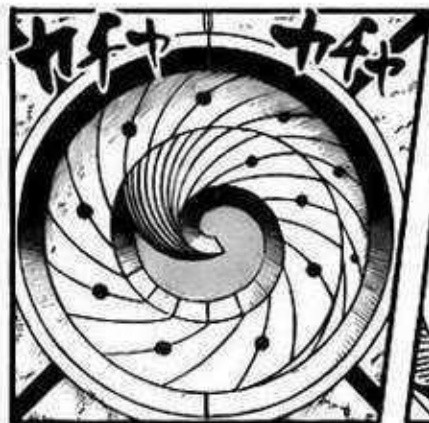
I CAN'T  
TALK WITH  
THIS IN MY  
MOUTH,  
BUT ISN'T IT  
OBVIOUS?

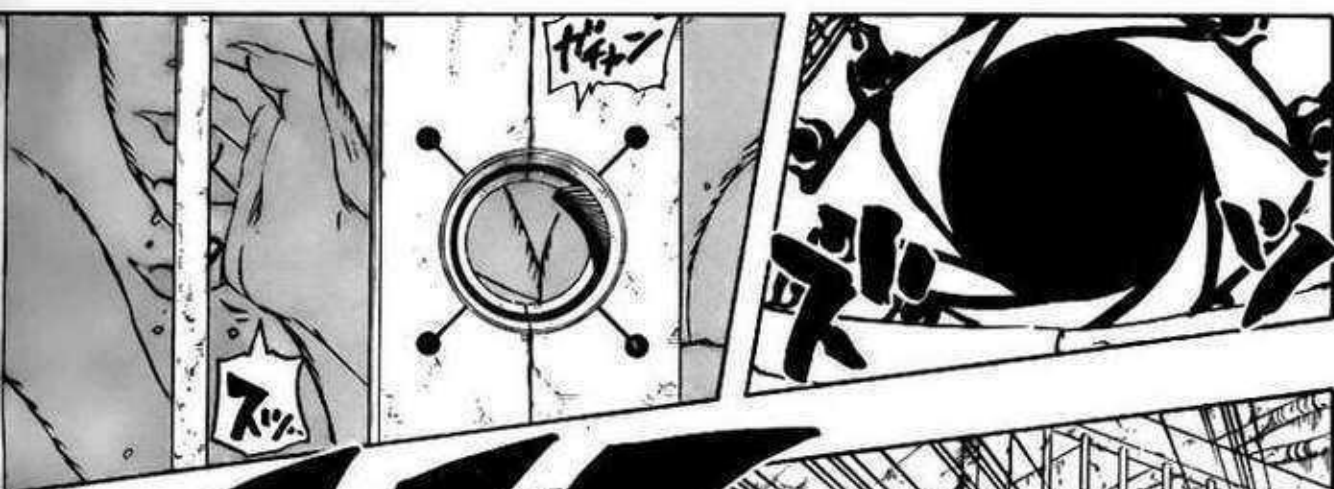
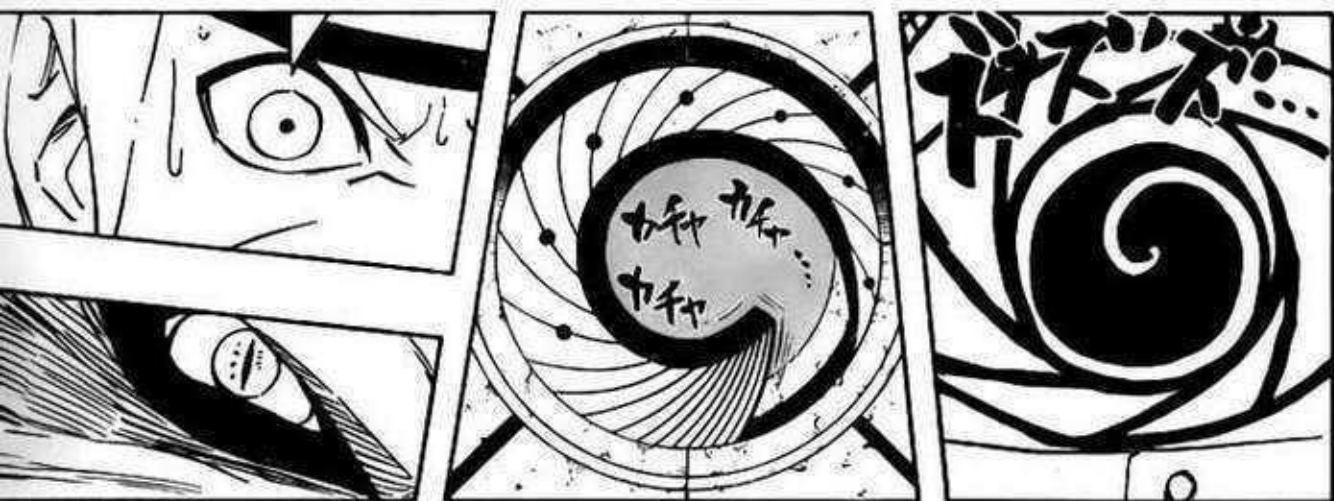
WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
DOING?

!?













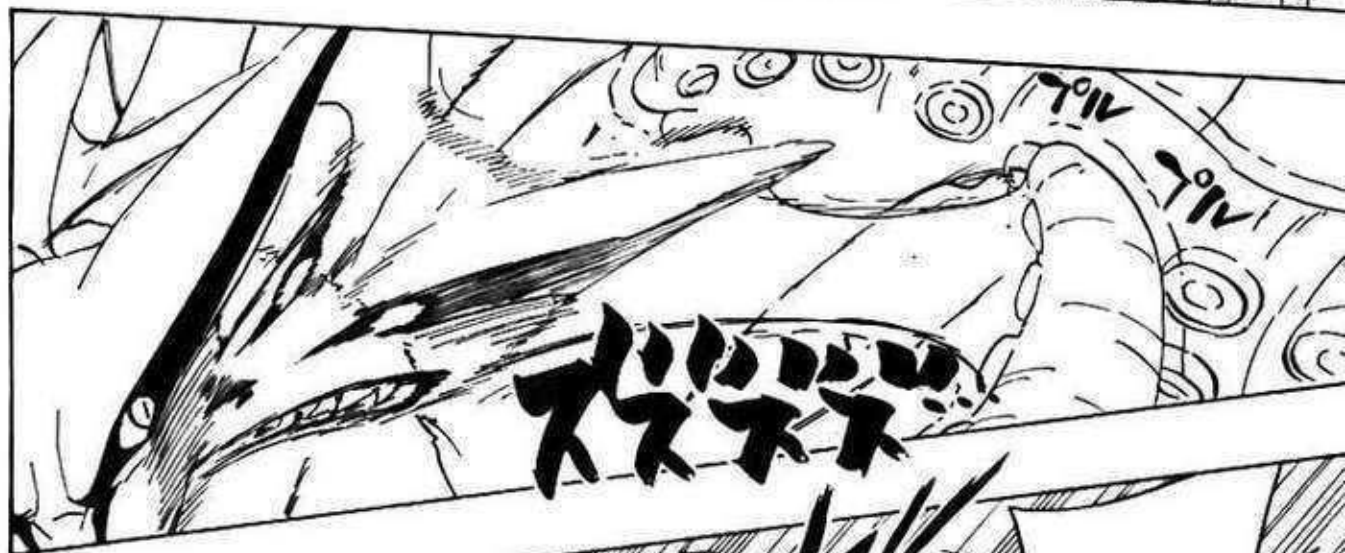




GRAWR-  
-RRRRR-  
-RRR!!!

IT'S  
LIKE  
A TUG  
OF  
WAR,  
OK!?

ONCE YOU  
TOUCH THE  
KYUBI, YOUR  
CHAKRAS  
AND ITS  
CHAKRAS  
WILL BE  
CONNECTED.



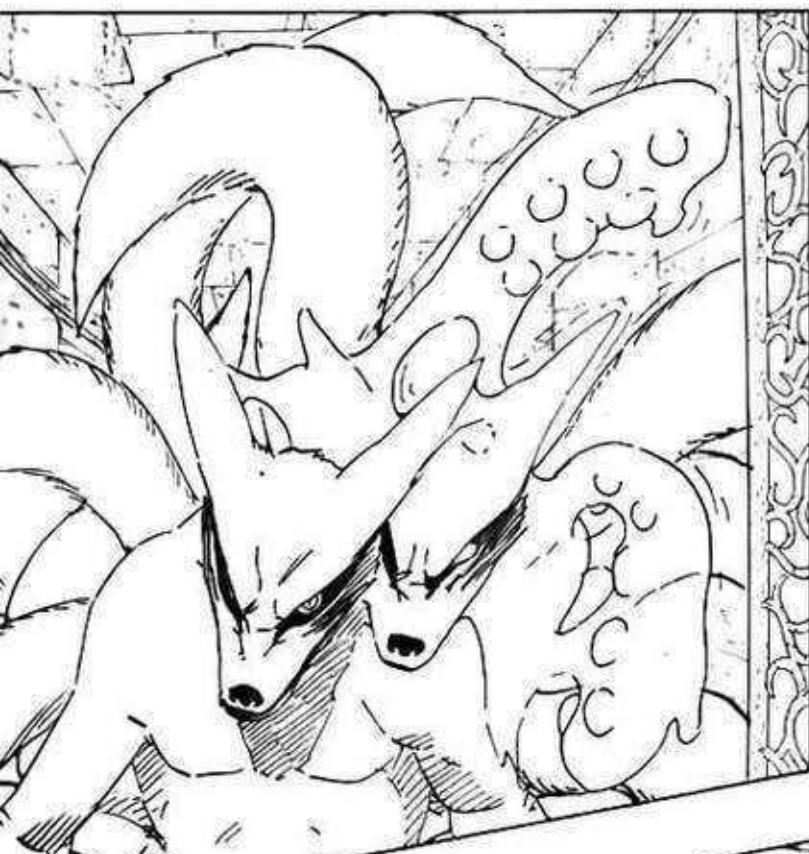
RRRRRRR



TCH  
...



GRAWR-  
-RRRRR-  
-RRR!!!



BUT I'LL BE  
INSIDE OF  
YOU... SO  
UNFORTUNATELY  
I WON'T BE  
AS STRONG  
AS USUAL.

I'LL  
FIGHT,  
TOO.

HE'S  
STR-  
ONG  
...



THE END  
OF A  
YEARS-  
LONG  
BATTLE!!

COME AT ME!!

AND I DON'T  
HAVE TO TELL  
YOU WHAT WILL  
HAPPEN... IF HE  
SUCKS YOUR  
CHAKRAS OUT  
AND LEAVES  
YOU WITH  
NOTHING, RIGHT?

AND JUST SO  
YOU KNOW,  
WHEN YOU'RE  
TRYING TO  
TAKE IT'S  
CHAKRAS,  
THERE'S A  
CHANCE IT WILL  
BE ABLE TO  
TAKE YOURS  
INSTEAD.

...I SEE...  
SO YOU  
WANT TO  
CONTROL  
MY POWER  
...



NARUTO -ナルト-

NO. 496

END



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