

THOSE PUPILS REFLECT THE PAST, AND GAZE AT
THE FUTURE. HE STANDS, UNKNOWN.



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IF THAT WERE
TO HAPPEN,
KONOHA WOULD
ALSO BE PLACED
IN DANGER.

IF NARUTO IS
ON THE MOVE,
THEY WILL BE
MORE HARD-
PRESSED
TRYING TO
FIND HIM.



JUST LIKE
WHAT JUST
OCCURRED
IN THE SAND.

EVEN IF
NARUTO REMAINS
IN THE VILLAGE,
AKATSUKI WILL
STILL PURSUE
HIM.

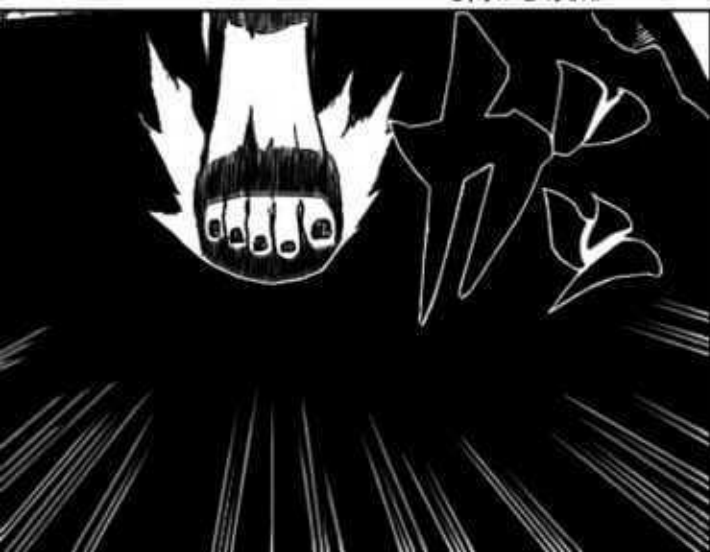


NARUTO
HAS ALWAYS
HAD A SPECIAL
ABILITY.

HE WILL
GROW TO
BECOME A
GREAT POWER
FOR KONOHA.



SFX: STAMP

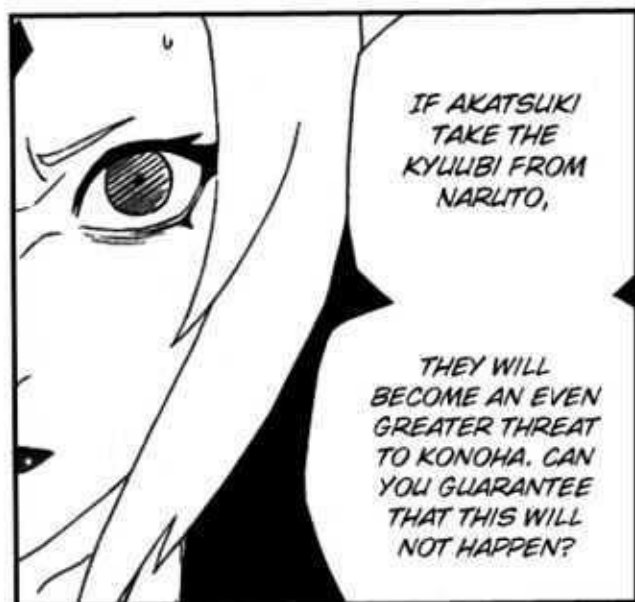


YOU ARE
BEING
FLIPPANT,
TSUNADE,

SPEAK
LIKE A
HOKAGE.



I AM
ALSO
MAKING
CONCES-
SIONS
HERE!!



IF AKATSUKI
TAKE THE
KYUUBI FROM
NARUTO,

THEY WILL
BECOME AN EVEN
GREATER THREAT
TO KONOHA. CAN
YOU GUARANTEE
THAT THIS WILL
NOT HAPPEN?



THEN,
CAN YOU
TRULY
GUARANTEE

THAT NARUTO
WILL NOT
BE TAKEN BY
AKATSUKI?!



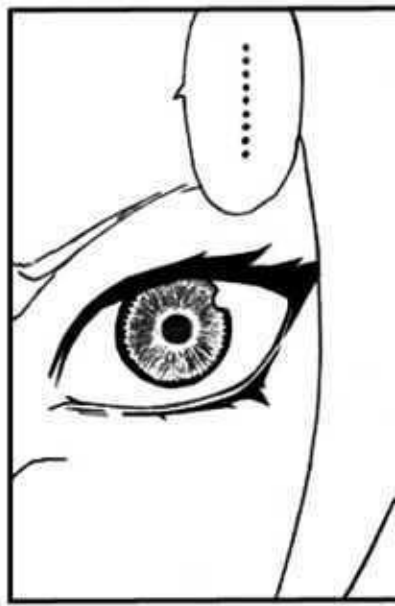
YOUR
DREAMS AND
EVERYTHING
ELSE WILL
DIE TOO!!

IF
YOU DIE,
YOUR...

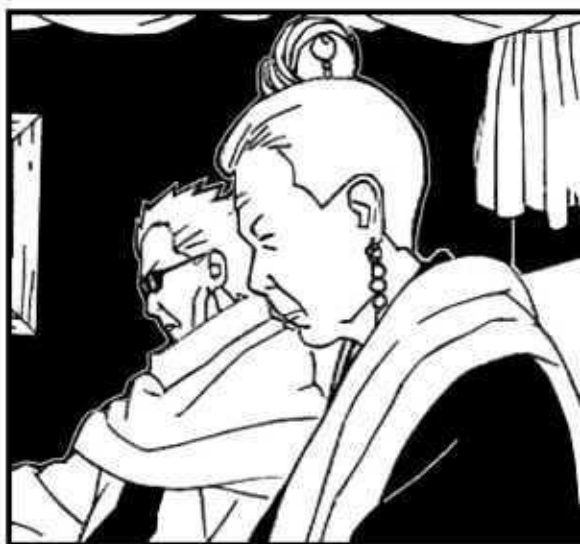


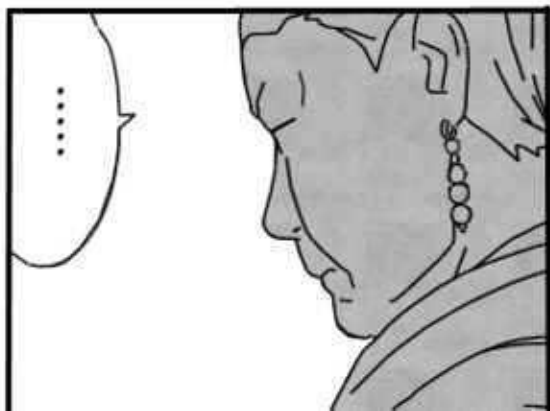
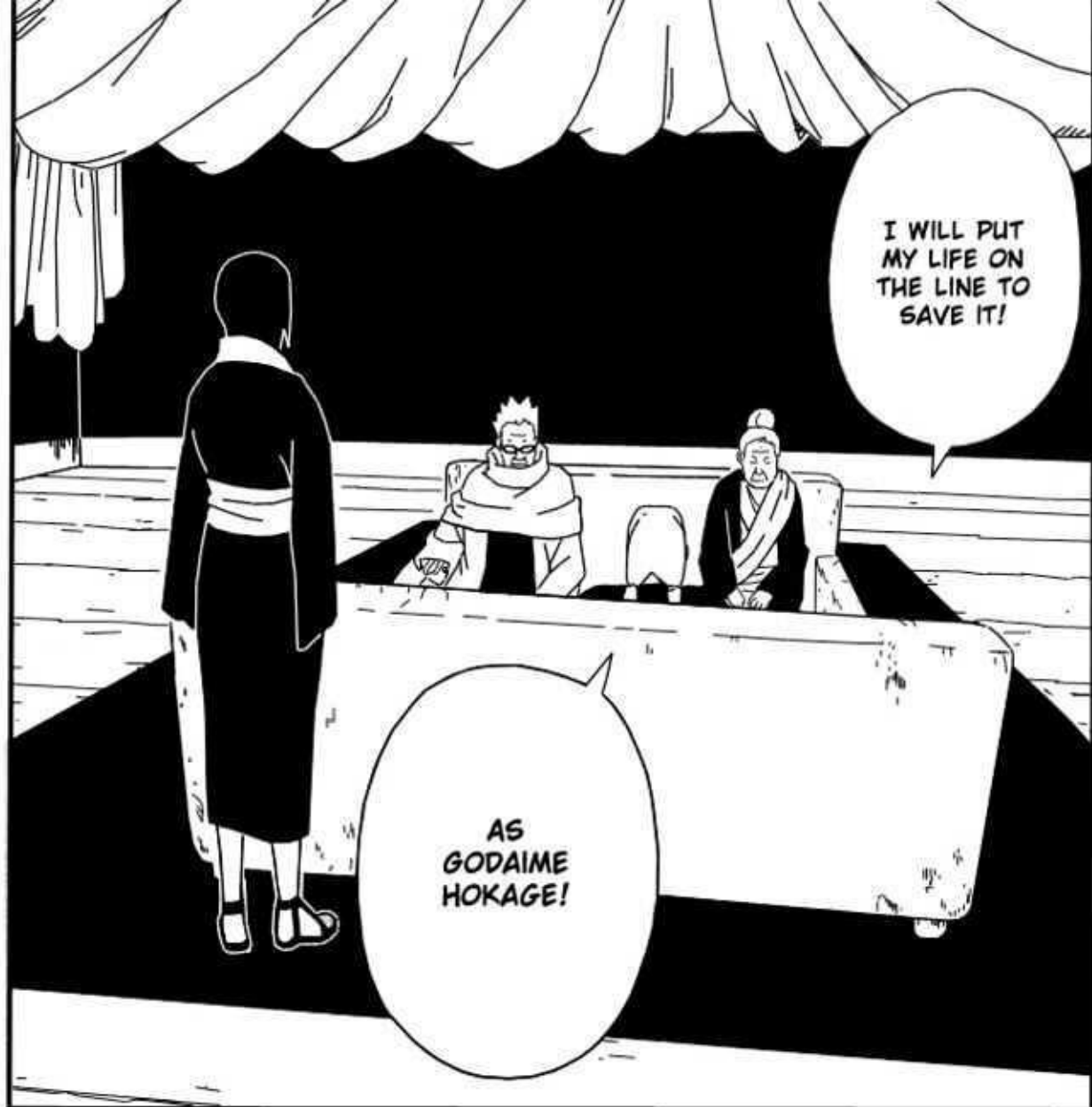
I WILL
GET... THAT
BAD-LUCK
NECKLACE...

LIKE THE
PROMISE
I MADE IN
THE BET...



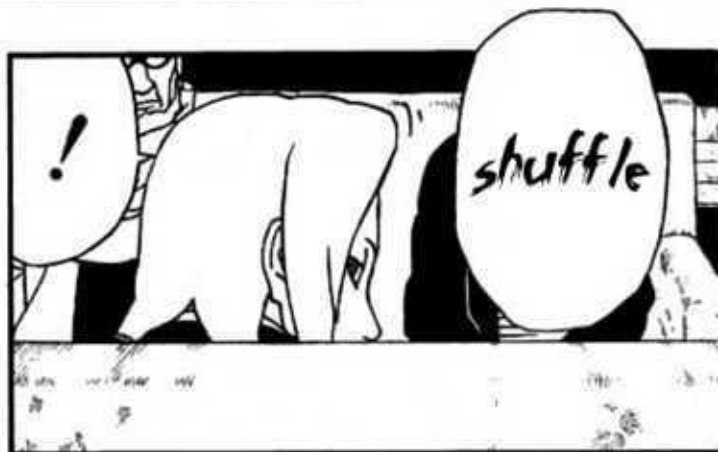




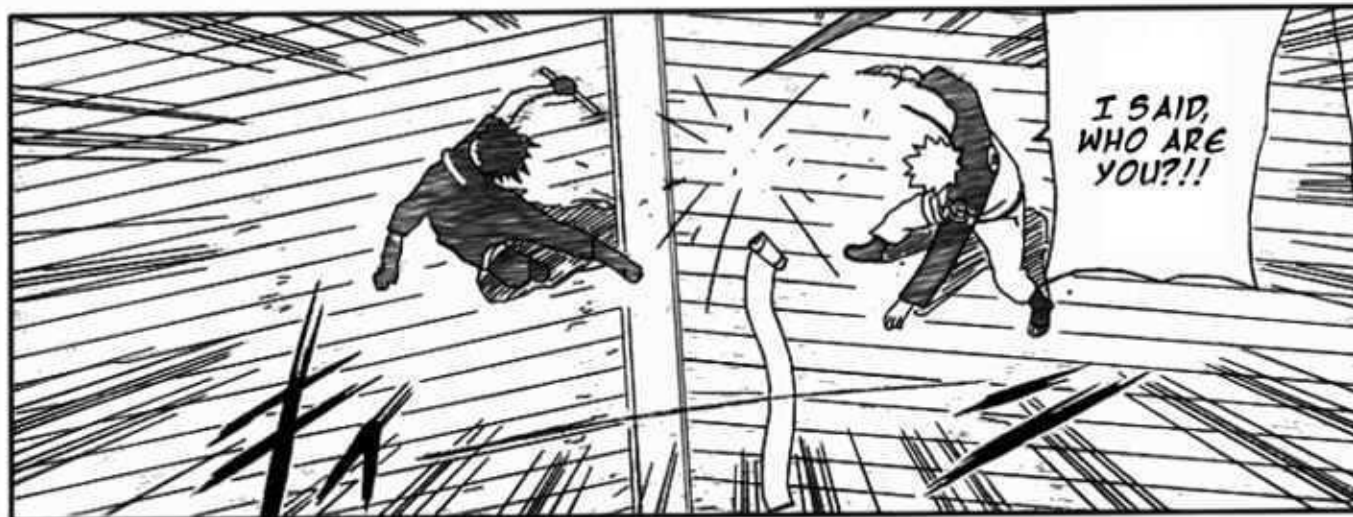




SFX: STEP







SFX: CHING



SFX: SHADOW



SFX: JUMP



SFX: SWOOSH





FOR
CRYING
OUT
LOUD!

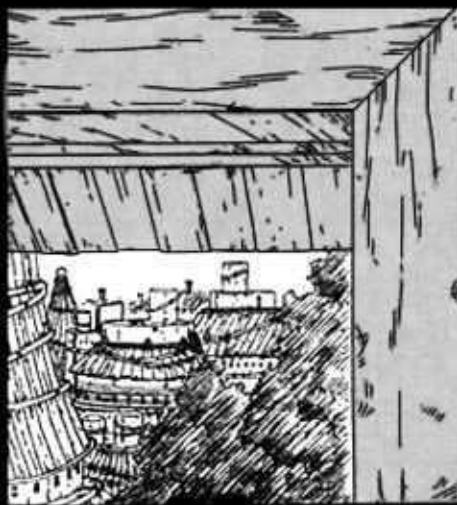
ASUMA-
SENSEI'S
ANGRY THAT
YOU STILL
HAVEN'T
SHOWN UP!





SINCE KAKASHI
WILL BE STILL
RECUPERATING
DURING HIS
TEAM'S NEXT
MISSION,

ANOTHER
MEMBER IS
NEEDED.



... WELL THEN,
A LEADER
SHOULD BE
SELECTED

FROM THE
ELITE ANBU
UNDER THE
CONTROL OF
THE HOKAGE.



AND THERE
IS NOT MUCH
TIME BEFORE
THE MISSION.



I'M SURE
YOU HAVE NO
OBJECTIONS,
TSUNADE?



INDEED!

THAT
SHOULD
BE FINE.



YOU
WILL TAKE
KAKASHI'S
PLACE.

... AND
THAT'S
HOW
IT IS.



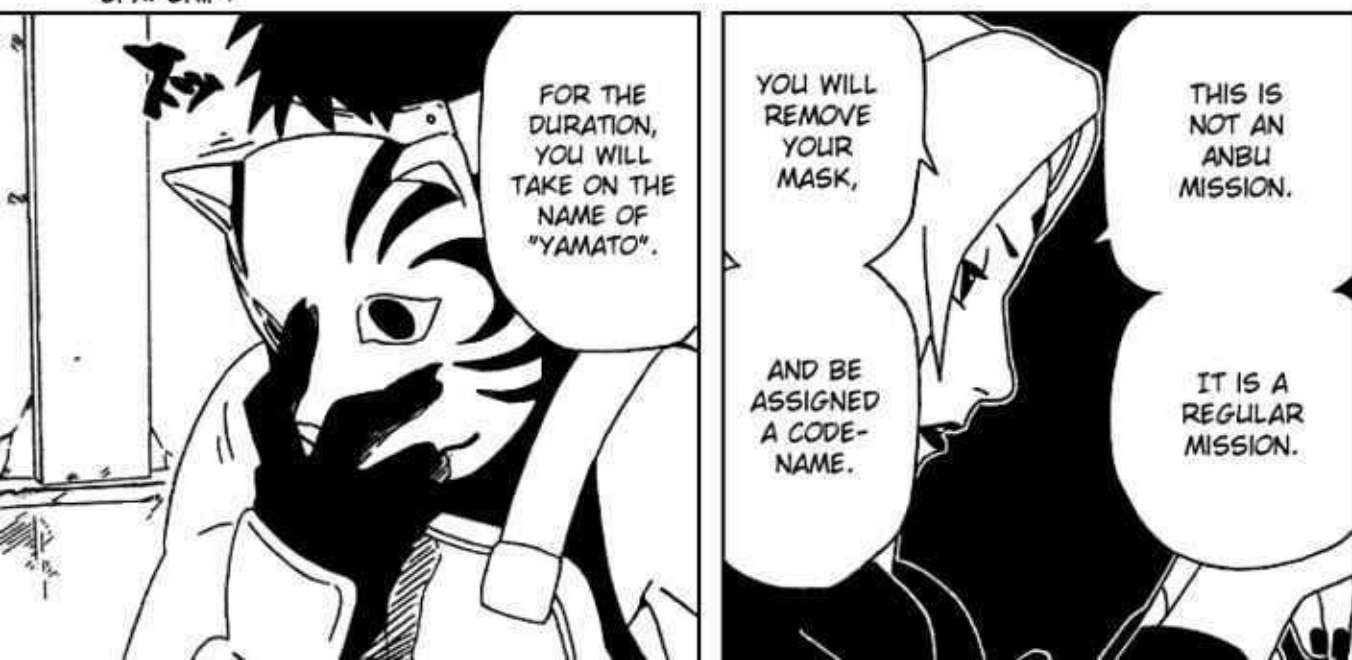
SFX: SHIFT



THAT IS
INDEED AN
HONOR.

TO TAKE
KAKASHI-
SEMPAI'S
PLACE...

SFX: SHIFT



FOR THE
DURATION,
YOU WILL
TAKE ON THE
NAME OF
"YAMATO".

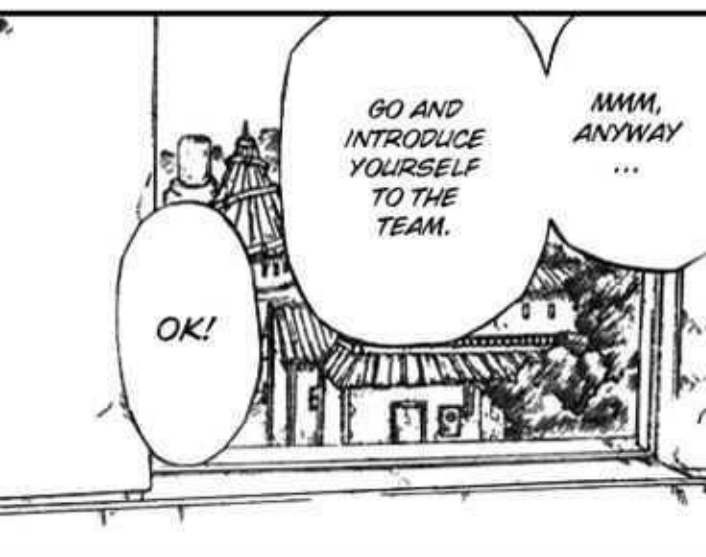
YOU WILL
REMOVE
YOUR
MASK,

THIS IS
NOT AN
ANBU
MISSION.

AND BE
ASSIGNED
A CODE-
NAME.

IT IS A
REGULAR
MISSION.









I JUST
DIDN'T KNOW
HOW MUCH
I'D HAVE
TO LOOK
AFTER THE
LITTLE PRICK
WITH NO
BALLS.



I JUST
WANTED
TO GAUGE
THE ABILITY
OF MY
NEW TEAM
MEMBER.

SORRY
ABOUT
BEFORE.

NARUTO,
DO YOU
KNOW THIS
PERSON?



AHAHA...
REALLY?

I LIKE
PEOPLE LIKE
YOU, FRIENDLY
CRONES.



... NOT
THAT
NICE...

... BUT
YOU'RE
...



HEY!
HE'S OUR
TEAMMATE
NOW! COOL
DOWN!

WHAT
DID YOU
SAY?!!



HEY,
REMEMBER
WHAT YOU
JUST SAID TO
NARUTO?!

YOU
WHAT!!!?



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A CHEERFUL SMILE WITH A VULGAR TONGUE!
A VOLATILE TEAM WITH THE NEW "HORRIBLE" COMPANION IS BORN!!