



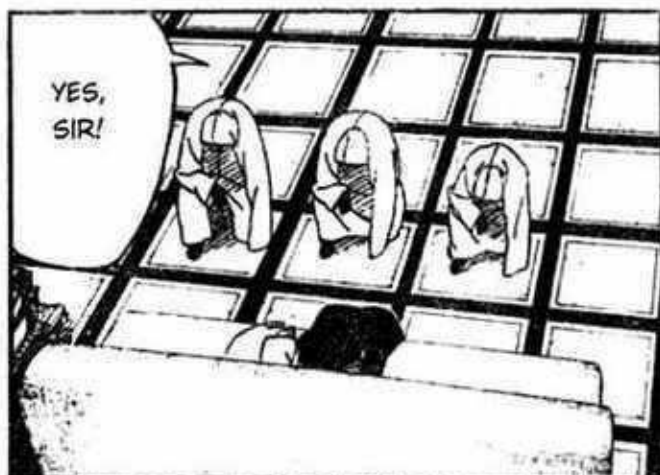
TERAI, I'LL
LEAVE
KABUTO IN
YOUR
HANDS...

GO.

DANZO
PREPARES
FOR THE
CONFERENCE
!!

FU AND
TORUNE,
YOU STAY
HERE.

岸本斉史



YES,
SIR!



I HAVE CHOSEN YOU
BECAUSE YOU TWO ARE
THE BEST OF EVERYONE
IN ROOT.

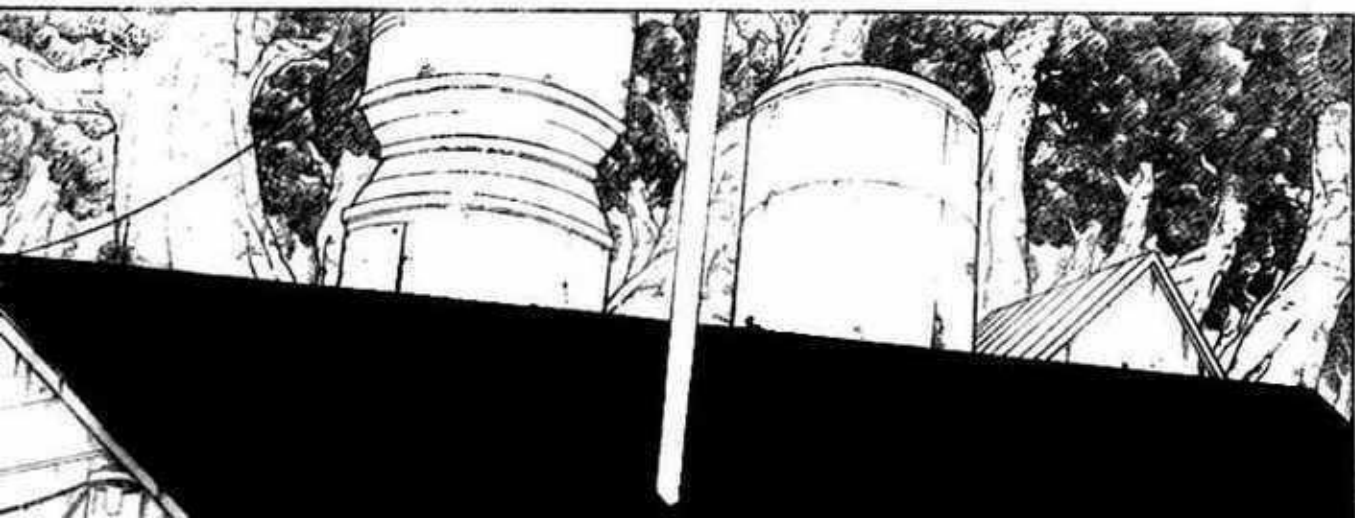
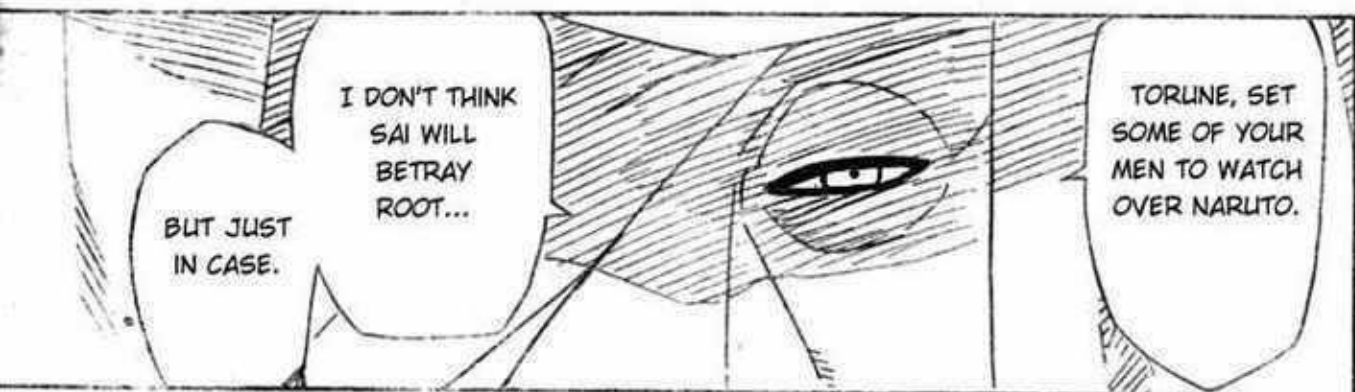
MASKS ARE
NOT
ALLOWED.
REMOVE
THEM NOW.

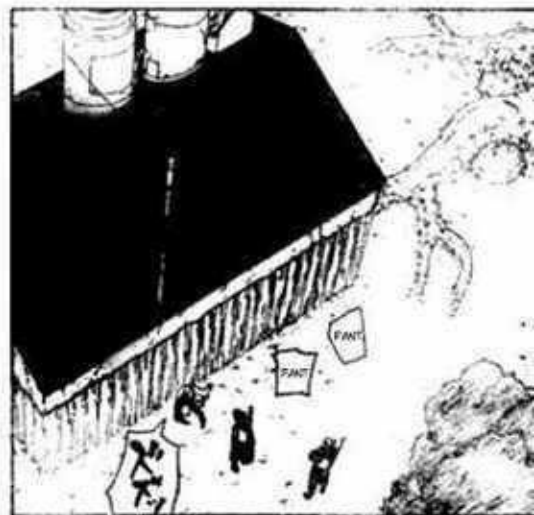


NOW... I WILL
SOON BE
HEADING TO
THE
CONFERENCE.

EACH OF US IS
ALLOWED TWO
BODYGUARDS,
NO
EXCEPTIONS.









W
H
O
A
!!





THERE'S NO
NEED FOR YOU
TO GET BEAT
UP FOR
SASUKE'S
SAKE.

NARUTO...



I WAS
FINALLY
ABLE TO
CONNECT
WITH
HIM...
SASUKE
IS MY
FRIEND.



...BUT
WHEN WE
WERE
TOGETHER,
IT WAS
REALLY
FUN.
I
USED
TO
HATE
SASUKE.



IT'S... MY
DECISION.

...SHUT
UP...



FINE, IF YOU'RE
GONNA INTERFERE,
I'LL JUST HIT YOU,
TOO!



...IF IT
WERE
ME...



SASUKE...
HAS DONE
NOTHING BUT
HURT YOU.





OH!
CAPTAIN
SAMUI.

OMOI,
KARUI,
HAVE YOU
FOUND OUT
ANYTHING?



NO MATTER
WHAT YOU DO,
HE'S NOT
GONNA SELL
OUT SASUKE.

HE'S NOT THE
TYPE TO GO BACK
ON HIS WORD.



FIRST WE'VE
GOTTA FIND
OUT WHERE
AKATSUKI'S
HIDEOUT IS!

MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
WE FOUND OUT
KILLERBEE
MIGHT STILL BE
ALIVE!

WE'VE
GOTTA
RESCUE
HIM!



YOU'RE NOT
CAUSING
TROUBLE, ARE
YOU?



T... TAKE
ME... WITH...
YOU...

WE'LL TAKE
OUR INFO TO
RAIKAGE
DIRECTLY!

THERE'S TOO
MUCH TO
SORT
THROUGH
OURSELVES.

I... WANT TO
HELP YOUR
HOST OUT...



...BESIDES,
WHAT ARE WE
SUPPOSED TO
DO, SEARCH
THEIR HIDEOUTS
ONE BY ONE...?

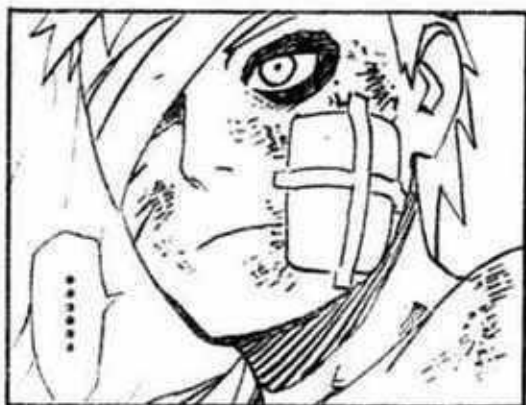
WHAT CAN WE
DO AGAINST
PEOPLE WHO
WERE ABLE TO
CAPTURE
KILLERBEE...?

THEN
WHAT?

WE DON'T
WANT A
REPEAT OF
WHAT
HAPPENED
WITH YUGITO.

FIRST WE HAVE
TO FIND OUT
MORE
INFORMATION!







KAKASHI.

I SEE... SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED...

HMM?



HEHE...

THEY REALLY DID A NUMBER ON YOU.



IT'S OK... I KNOW...

...UH... I...!!

SAI... YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO WATCH NARUTO, RIGHT?

BUT HELPING NARUTO LIKE THAT ISN'T PART OF YOUR JOB, IS IT?



WHY DO THEY STILL CARE...?

IS THE BOND NARUTO AND SAKURA HAVE WITH SASUKE REALLY THAT IMPORTANT?

EVEN WHEN IT CAUSES THEM SO MUCH PAIN?



S, SORRY.

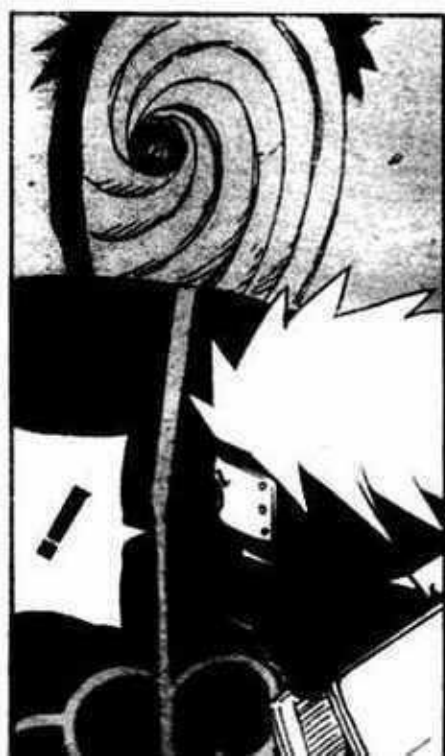
OW!




I THINK YOU KNOW WHY... SAI.









MADARA IS
THE ONLY
UCHIHA
MISSING-NIN


...HE HAD
THE
SHARINGAN.

WHO HATED
KONOHA THAT
MUCH AND HAD
THE POWER TO
CONTROL THE
FOX.




THAT'S...
WHO WAS
BEHIND THE
ATTACK 16
YEARS AGO.

IT'S JUST
AS JIRAIYA
FEARED.




THOSE EYES, AND
THAT VIVID
CHAKRA... JUST
LIKE UCHIHA
MADARA...

MADARA...



WHEN IT COMES TO
MADARA... I COULD
BELIEVE JUST
ABOUT ANYTHING...


EVEN THAT
HE WAS
STILL
ALIVE...



WE HAVE TO
TELL THE
ELDERS.

SAI!

THE FORMER
LEADER OF THE
UCHIHA CLAN,
WHO'S SAID TO
HAVE BEEN
DEFEATED BY THE
FIRST HOKAGE.



WHO'S
MADARA?





NARUTO —ナルト—

ナンバー
NO. 453
END





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