

The cut.. It's
already healing...

治りかけている...

傷口がもう...

Must be
the power
of the
Nine-Tails.

You
should
be fine.

Umm..
Hey....
Am I going
to be...

..OK?

Sensei,
scary
face..

I..


..have
to talk
to you.

Sensei..





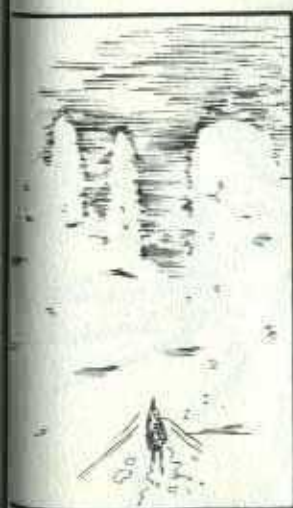
What
thick mist,
I can't see
ahead.



The Wave
country is
at the base
of the
bridge.



We should
see the
bridge soon.



WOW!!!
It's
huge!!!



We'll be in
deep trouble
if Gatou
finds us.

Why do you think
we are hiding in the
mist and not using
the engine?

Hey,
be quiet.


Sensei...





..want
to talk
to you.

I..




It turns
out that a
super
dangerous
man is after
my life.


You're right,
this job is most
likely outside
of your
duties.



It's
about
this
mission..



Super
dangerous
man?



You've
probably at
least heard
his name
before.



Who?

..a man
named
Gatou.

The
wealthy
shipping
magnate..

From that
Gatou Company?
He's said to be
of the world's
few extremely
wealthy people.

Huh?!
Gatou..

But secretly he
sells drugs and
other illegal items,
using ninjas and
gang members to
take over..

..businesses
and countries.
He's a very
nasty man.

Yes...
Officially he
runs a large
shipping
company..

The only thing he has to fear now is the completion of the bridge.

Gatou now has a monopoly on all business traffic in the country.

Through money and violence, he quickly took control of the country's shipping industry.

It was about a year ago when he set his eyes on the Wave country.

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Na-ruto doesn't get it.

So...

..those ninjas were hired by Gatou?

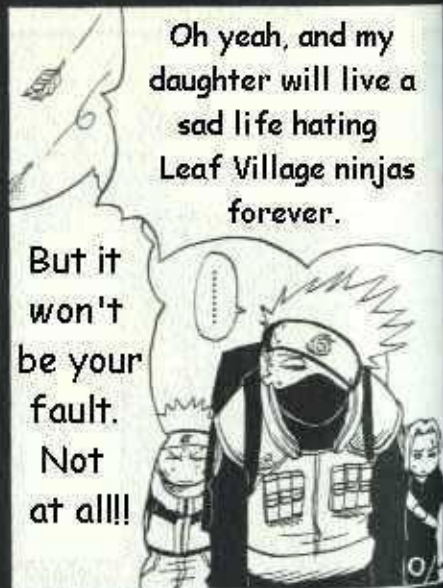
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..you're in the way.

I see... Since you're building the bridge..

But what I don't understand is... If you knew ninjas could be after you... Why did you hide that fact when you hired us?

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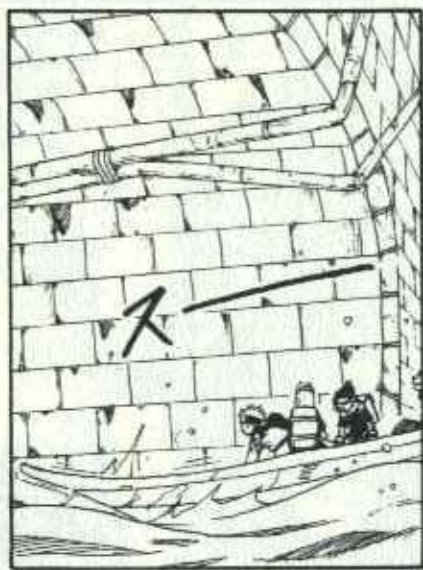
We'll
be there
soon.

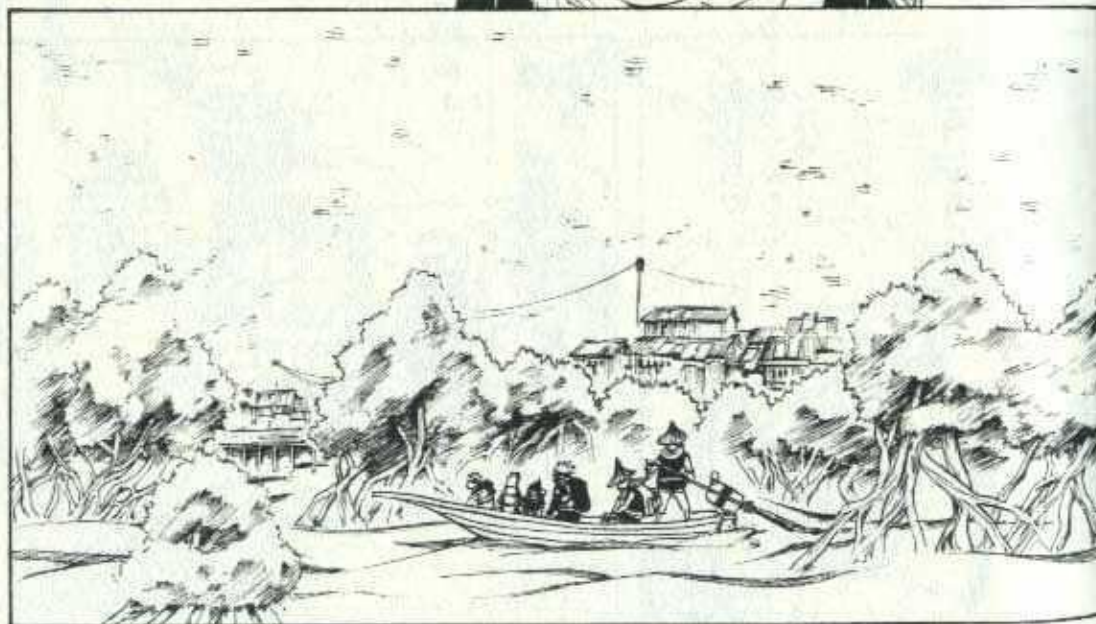
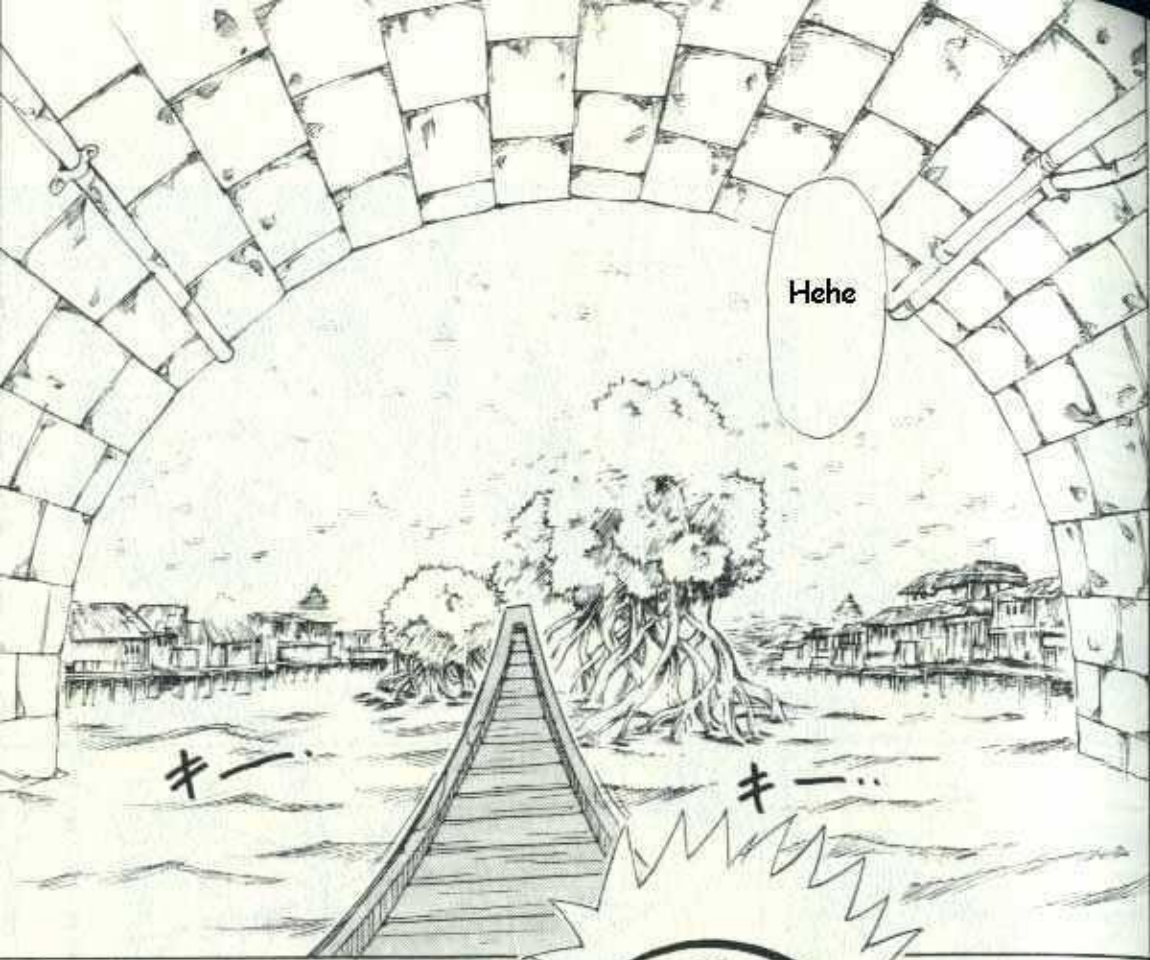


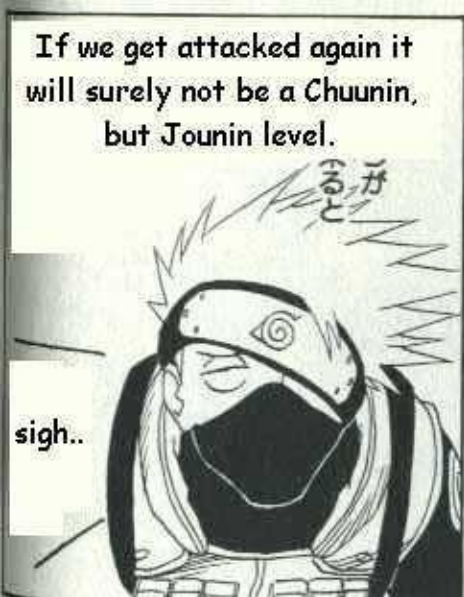
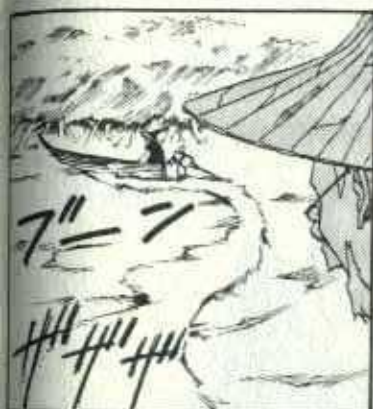
..just in case,
we'll take the
route that has
vegetation. It will
make it harder
to spot us.

Thanks

Tazuna...
It looks like
we've avoided
detection so
far but...

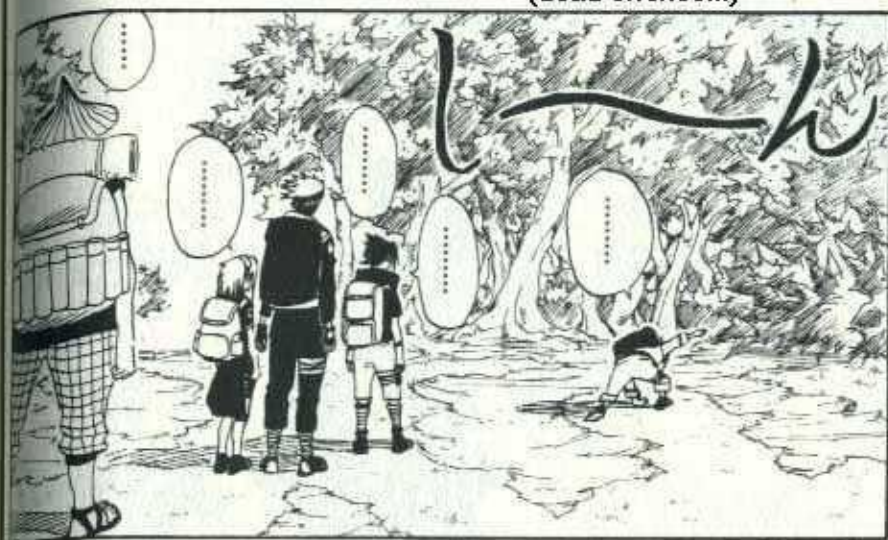








(dead silence...)



Hey... Please
stop using
Shuriken..
It's seriously
dangerous.

Stop trying
to act cool!!
There was
nothing
there!!

Heh...
Just a
rat...



Shuriken-Throwing Stars

Hey, I think I
see a shadow!!



Hey
Midget!!!
Stop
acting
like a
moron!!





I said
stop!!!

Oww!!



Yeah
right!!!

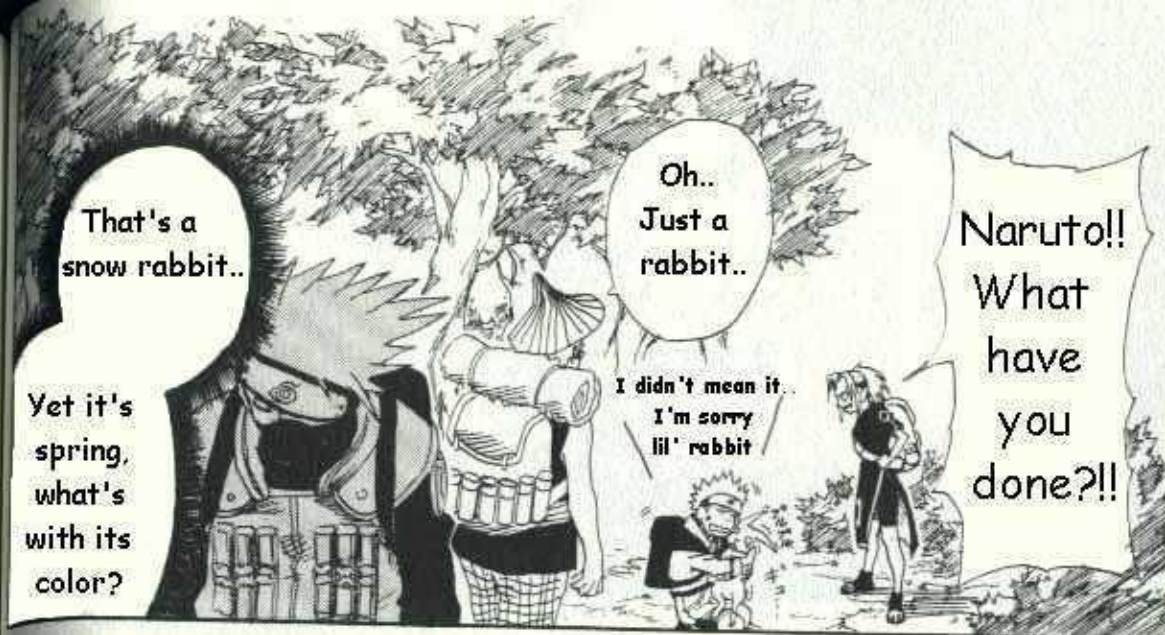
Somebody
is after us,
I swear.



Oh!!



There!!!



That's a snow rabbit..

Oh..
Just a rabbit..

Naruto!!
What have you done?!!

Yet it's spring, what's with its color?

I didn't mean it..
I'm sorry lil' rabbit



This is a rabbit that's been kept in a cage for the purpose of body switching.

So they're here already..

White is its color during the winter.



The snow rabbit changes color based on the amount of sun light.

Spring
はる (春)

Winter
ふゆ (冬)



Brown



White

The Hidden Leaf's Copy Ninja..
The sharingan Kakashi



I see...
No wonder the Demon brothers didn't stand a chance...



Sharingan-This will be explained in the next chapter.



Everyone,
get down!!



Whoa!!



This
guy is..



Hehe, here's my chance.
This time I won't lose
to Sasuke.



GO!!

Ready..

Well well, if it
isn't the Hidden
Mist's Missing-Nin
Momochi
Zabuza-kun.

Missing-Nin-A ninja
who has abandoned
his village.





This one's
on a whole
other level.



Everybody
get back.



Against him..



It
will be
a little
tough..

..unless
I do this..