





UGH  
...



TSUNADE  
SAMA...



SO...  
WHAT'S  
YOUR  
ANSWER  
?



I DECLINE  
...

IMPOSIBLE  
...



I THOUGHT  
YOU SAID  
WE CAME  
HERE  
FOR AN  
INTERVIEW  
...

HUH  
?!

WHAT'S  
GOING ON  
?!



...YOU  
SAYING THE  
SAME THING  
"I DECLINE"  
WHEN I ASKED  
YOU OUT...

I  
REMEMBER  
IN THE  
PAST  
...



YET...  
YOU ASKED  
HER TO  
BE OUR  
HOKAGE?!

AND SHE  
DECLINED!!!

YOU JUST  
WANTED HER  
TO COME  
BACK TO THE  
VILLAGE  
SO SHE COULD  
CHECK ON  
SASUKE  
AND  
MR. KAKASHI'S  
HEALTH,  
RIGHT?!



THIS PERSON  
RIGHT HERE,  
TSUNADE...  
IS THE ONLY  
PERSON WHO  
CAN BECOME  
THE 5TH  
HOKAGE...

DON'T  
WORRY  
SO  
MUCH  
...



MAYBY  
SHE'S  
HESITATING  
BECAUSE  
OF  
OROCHIMARU?

TSUNADE-  
SAMA...



ALSO, TSUNADE  
IS THE GRAND-  
DAUGHTER  
OF THE 1ST  
GENERATION  
HOKAGE

SO, SHE IS  
THE MOST  
APPROPRIATE  
PERSON FOR  
THE POSITION  
...



SHE WAS THE  
ONE THAT  
BROUGHT US  
VICTORY IN  
THE BATTLE...

NO ONE  
HAS BEEN  
ABLE TO  
AQUIRE HER  
TECHNIQUES  
...



YOU HAVE  
ABSOLUTELY  
NO SAY  
IN THIS MATTER  
...

THIS WAS A  
DECISION  
MADE BY THE  
TOP MEMBERS  
OF THE LEAF



...  
SHE WOULD  
HAVE TO  
GO BACK  
TO THE  
VILLAGE  
...

AND THEN,  
SHE COULD  
CHECK UP  
THOSE TWO  
...

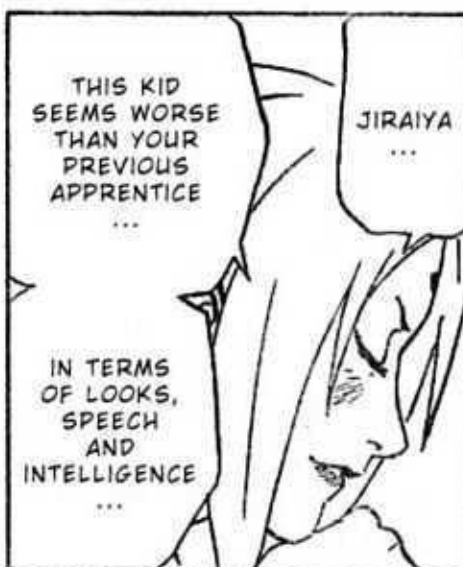
IF SHE  
BECOMES THE  
HOKAGE...





WELL...  
IT'S TOUGH  
FOR ANYONE  
TO BE  
COMPARED  
TO THE 4TH  
...

WHAT'S  
THAT  
SUPPOSED  
TO MEAN  
!!!



THIS KID  
SEEMS WORSE  
THAN YOUR  
PREVIOUS  
APPRENTICE  
...

JIRAIYA  
...

IN TERMS  
OF LOOKS,  
SPEECH  
AND  
INTELLIGENCE  
...



HE WAS  
SMART,  
RELIABLE  
AND  
HANDSOME  
LIKE ME  
TOO!

BECAUSE  
HE REALLY  
HAD THE  
TALENT...  
TO BECOME  
TOP-RATED  
NINJA...

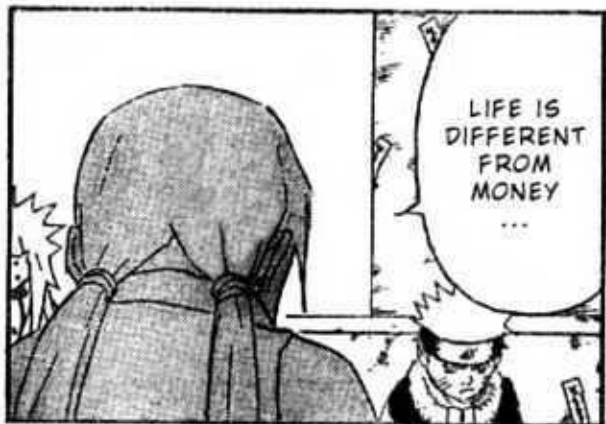


BUT EVEN  
THAT 4TH  
DIED  
QUICKLY  
...

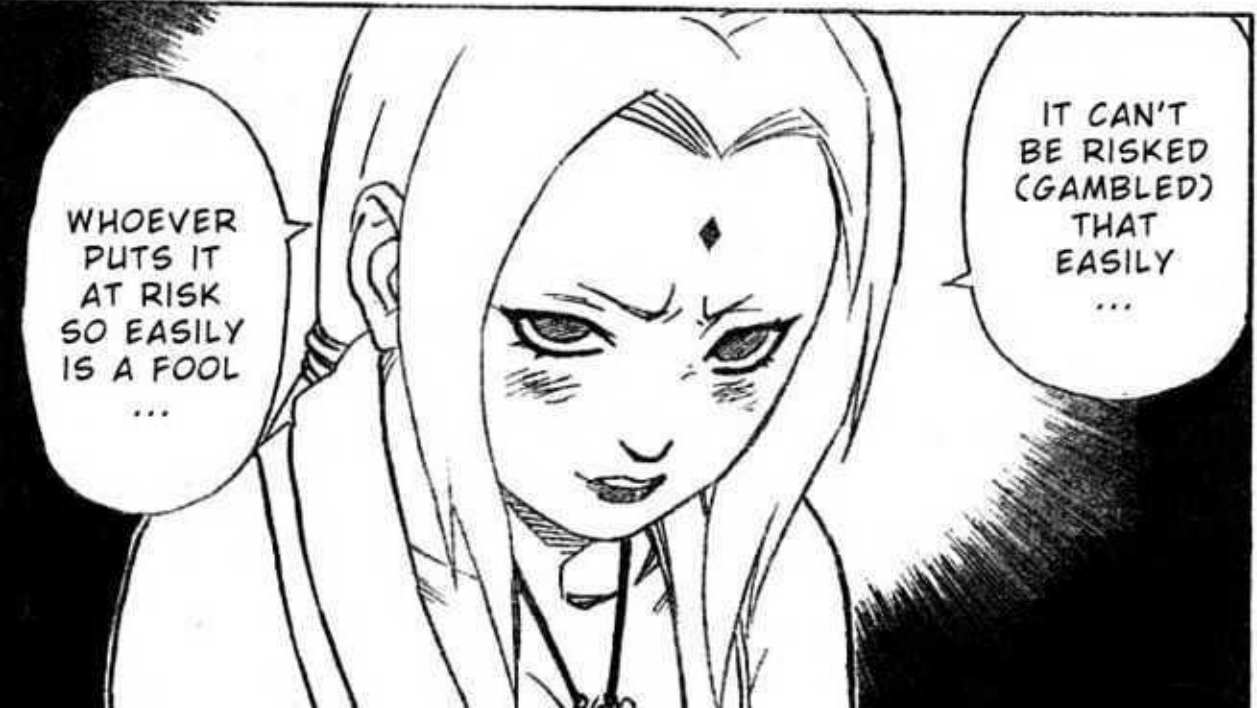




HE GAVE  
UP HIS  
LIFE FOR  
HIS  
VILLAGE  
...



LIFE IS  
DIFFERENT  
FROM  
MONEY  
...



WHOEVER  
PUTS IT  
AT RISK  
SO EASILY  
IS A FOOL  
...

IT CAN'T  
BE RISKED  
(GAMBLER)  
THAT  
EASILY  
...









I'M GOING  
TO KICK  
HER ASS!

I DON'T  
CARE  
EVEN IF  
SHE IS A  
WOMAN!!!







