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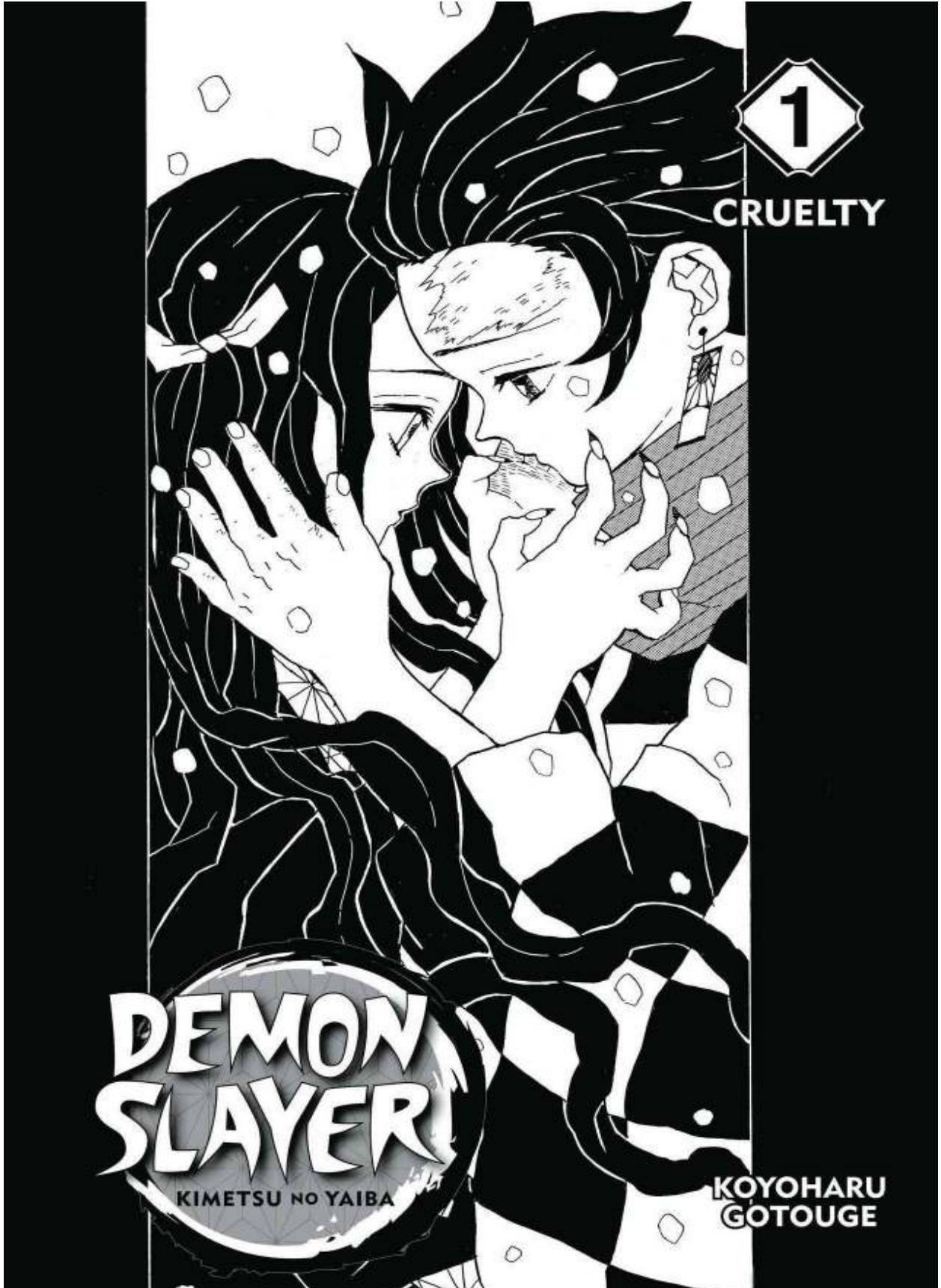
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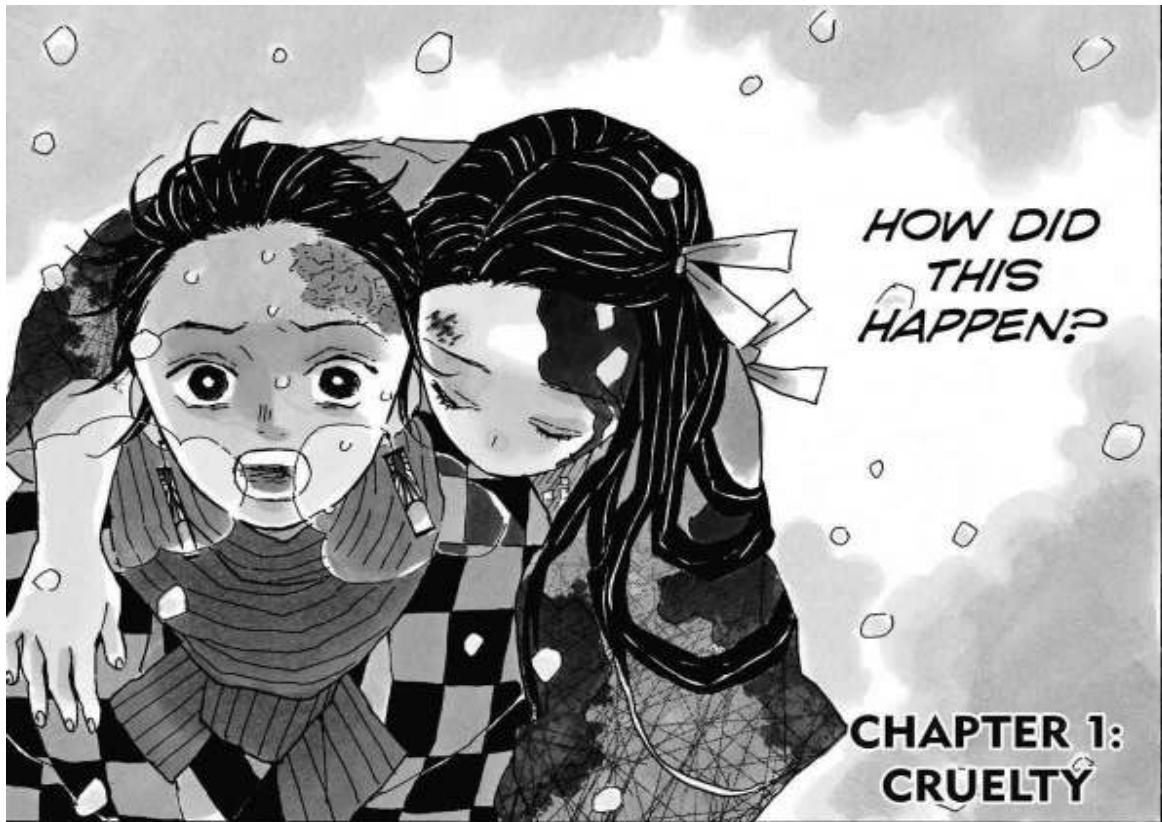
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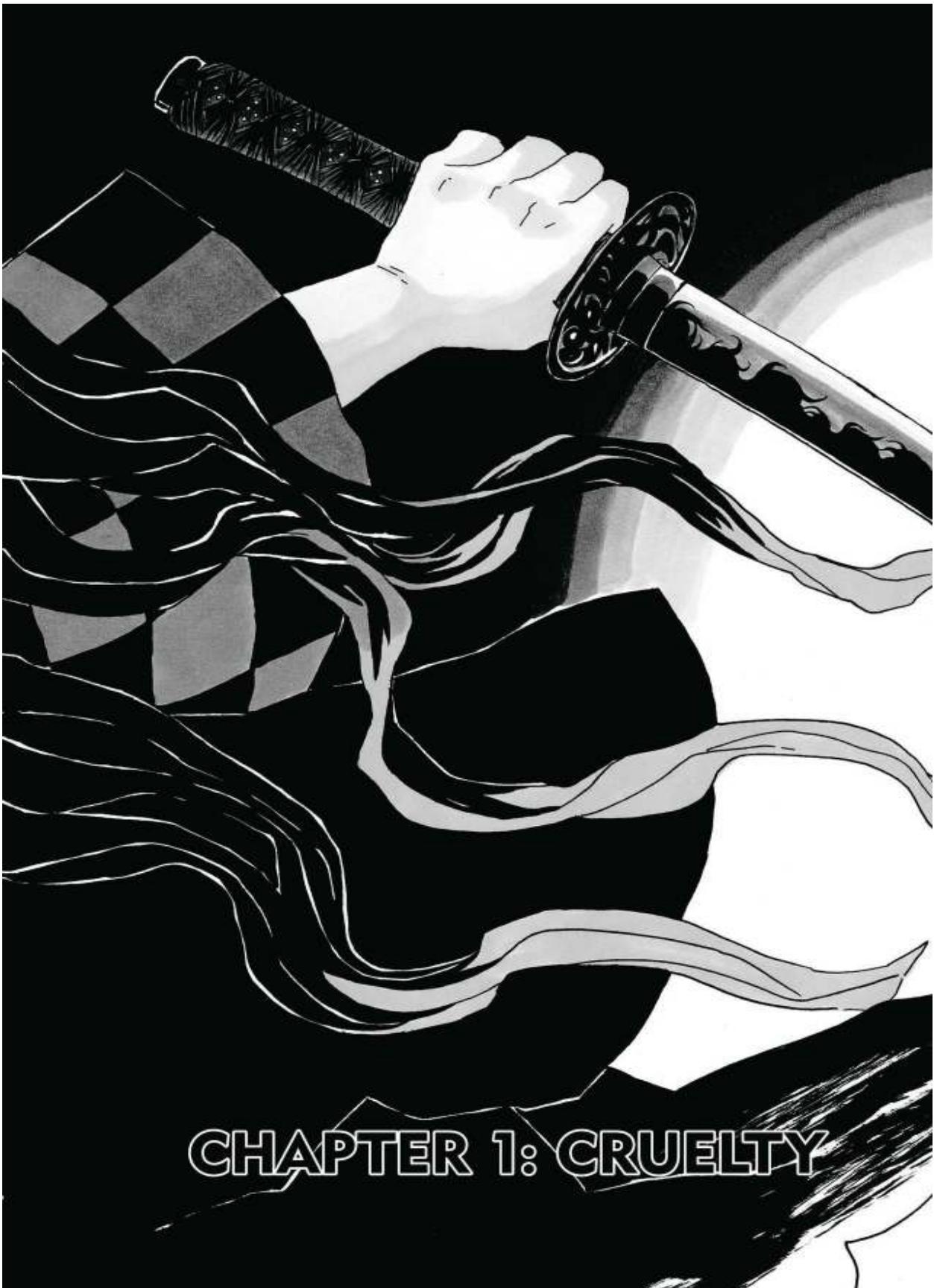




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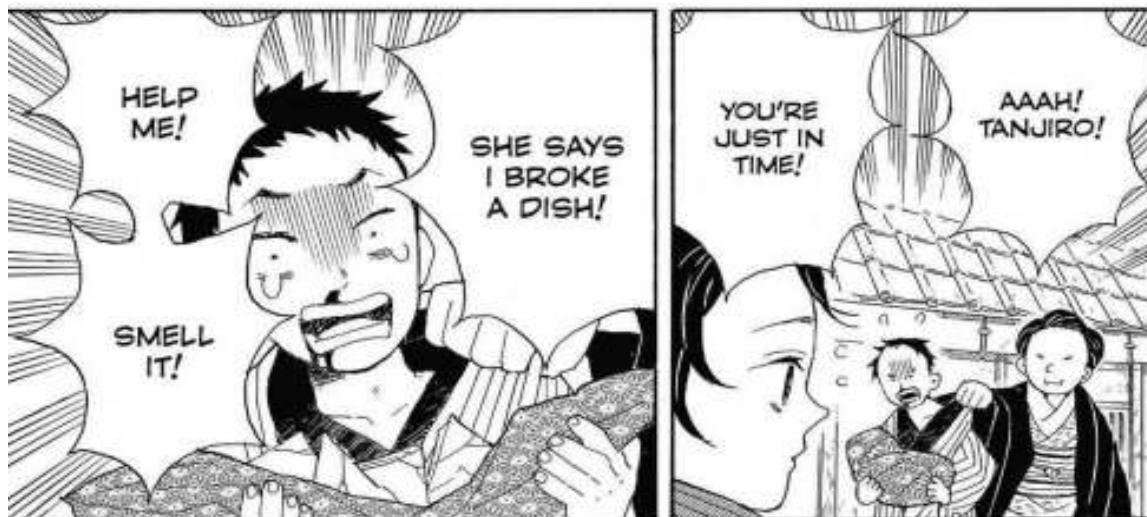




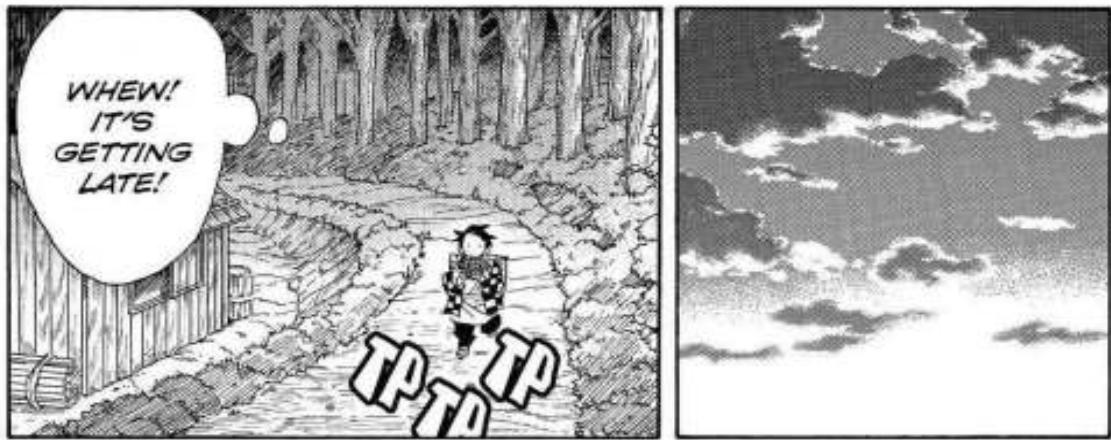
















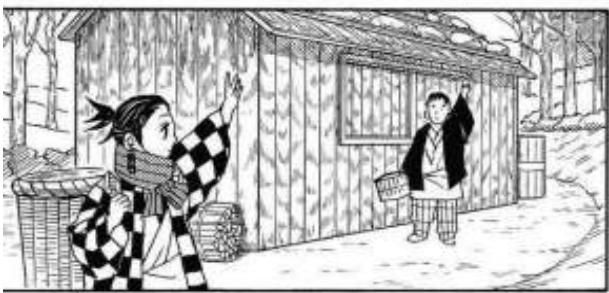




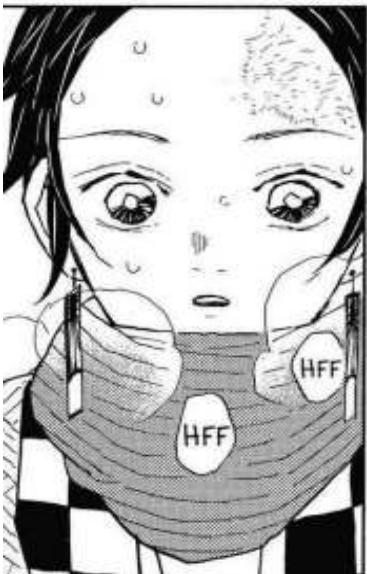




...MY  
GRANDMOTHER  
SAID THE SAME  
THING BEFORE  
SHE DIED.



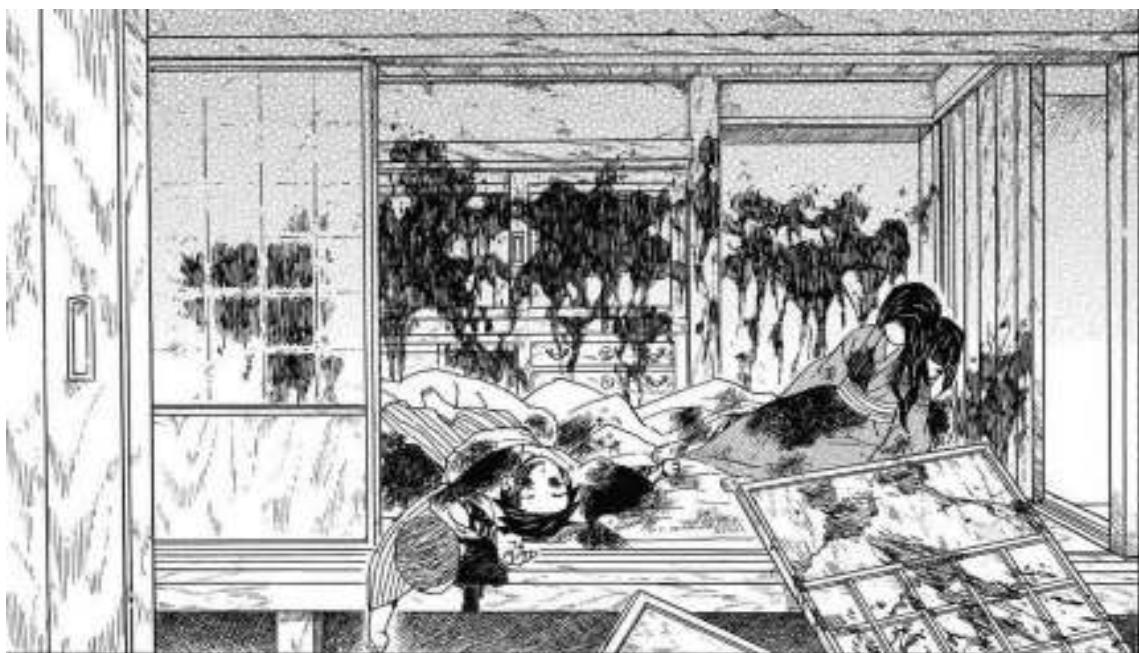
WHEN  
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THERE'S  
ALWAYS...



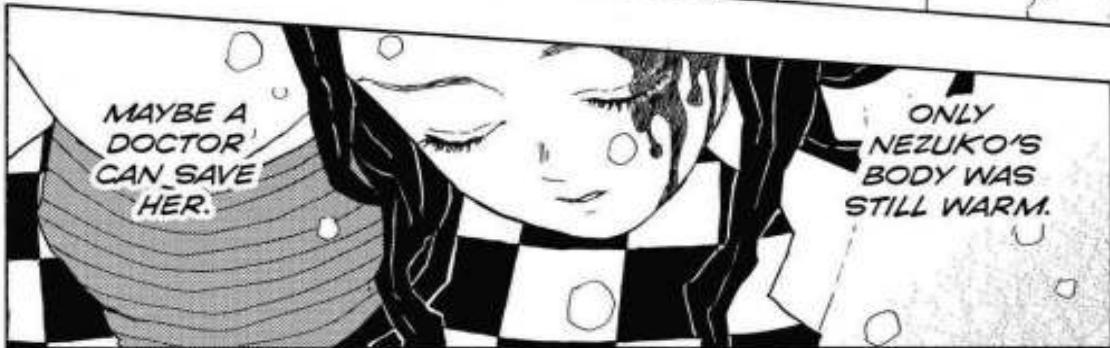
















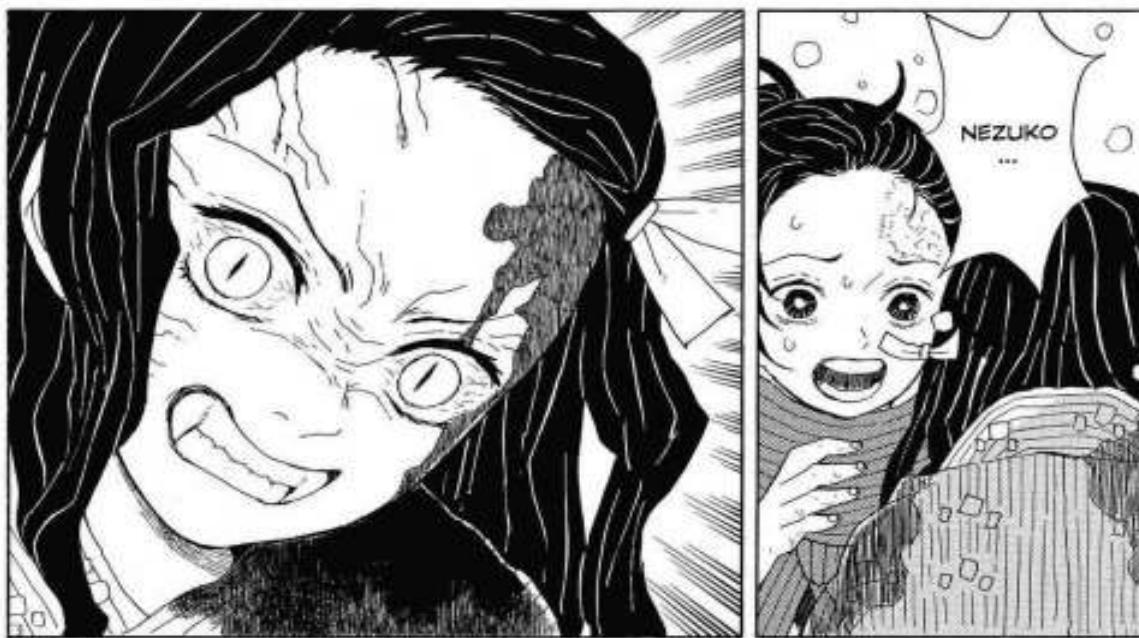












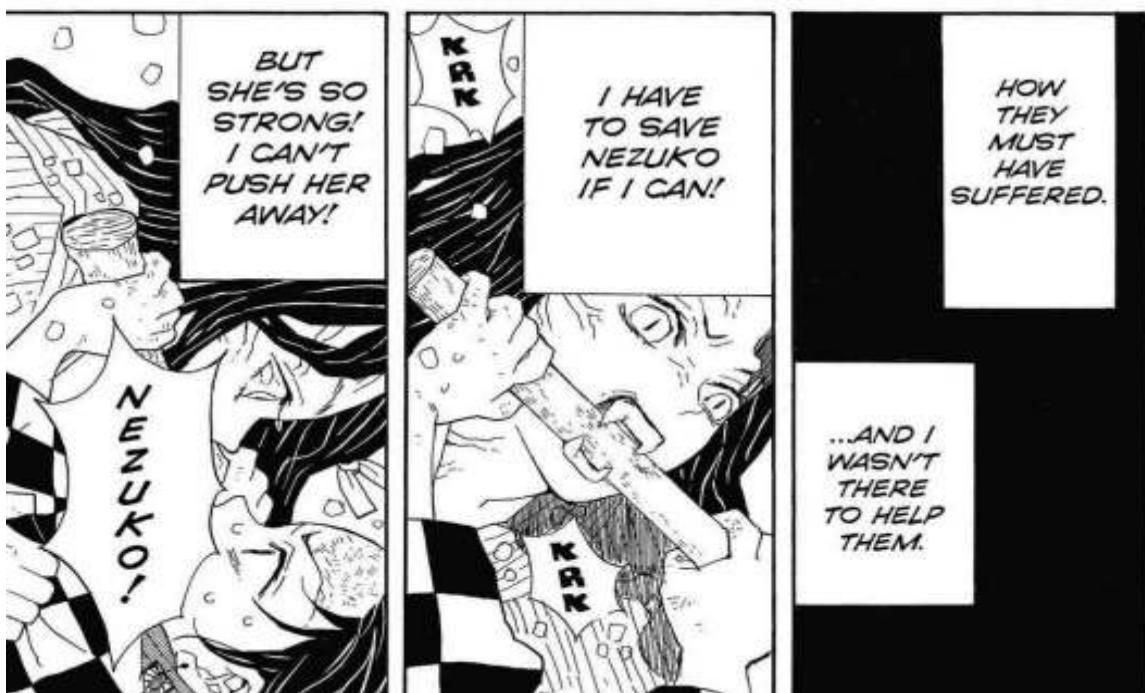












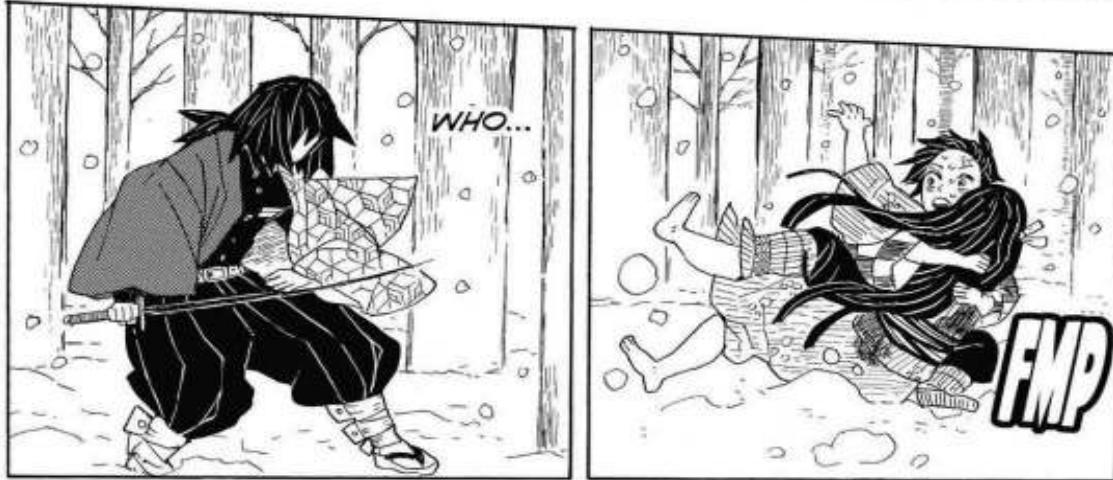






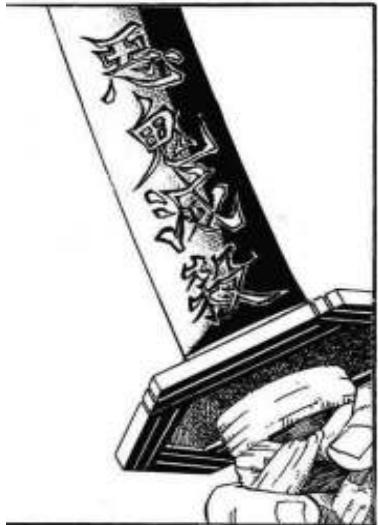








\*AKKIMESSATSU,  
DESTROYER OF DEMONS



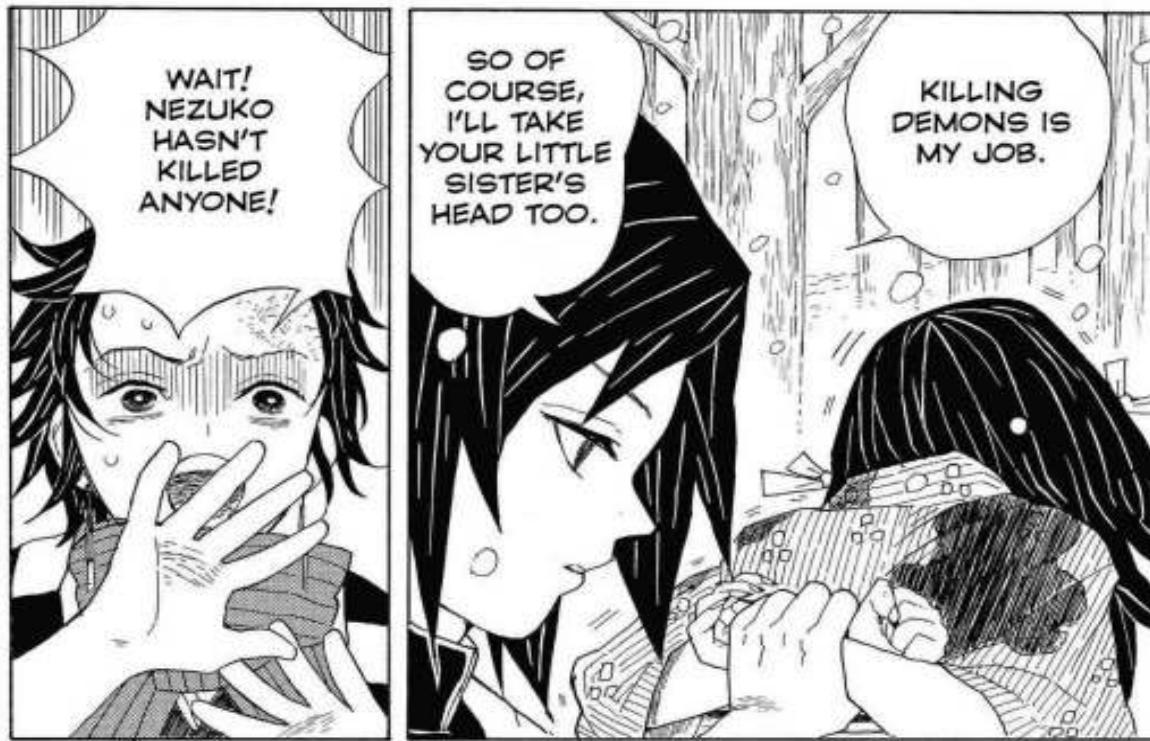




















































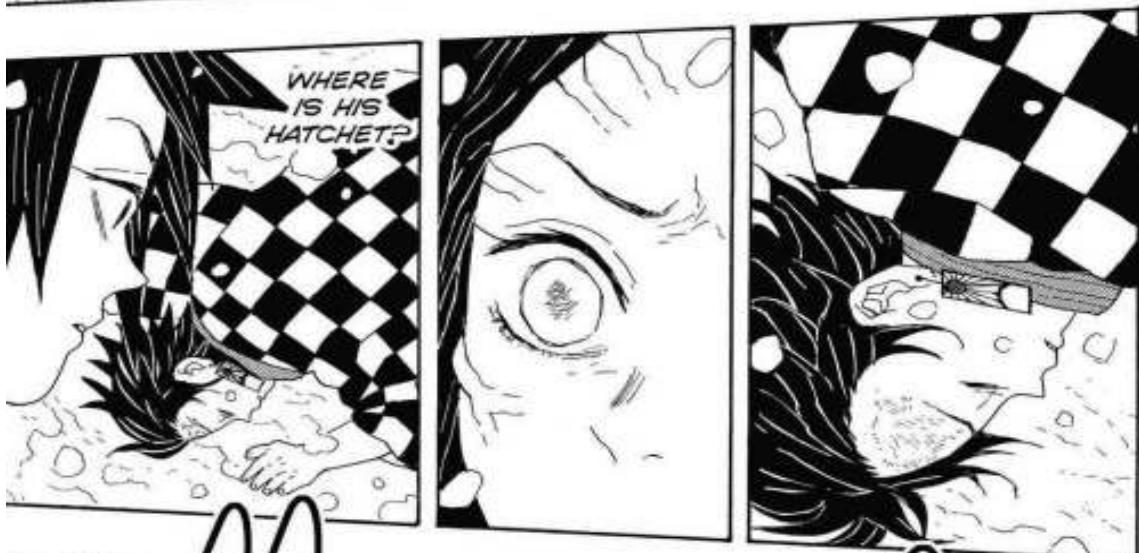
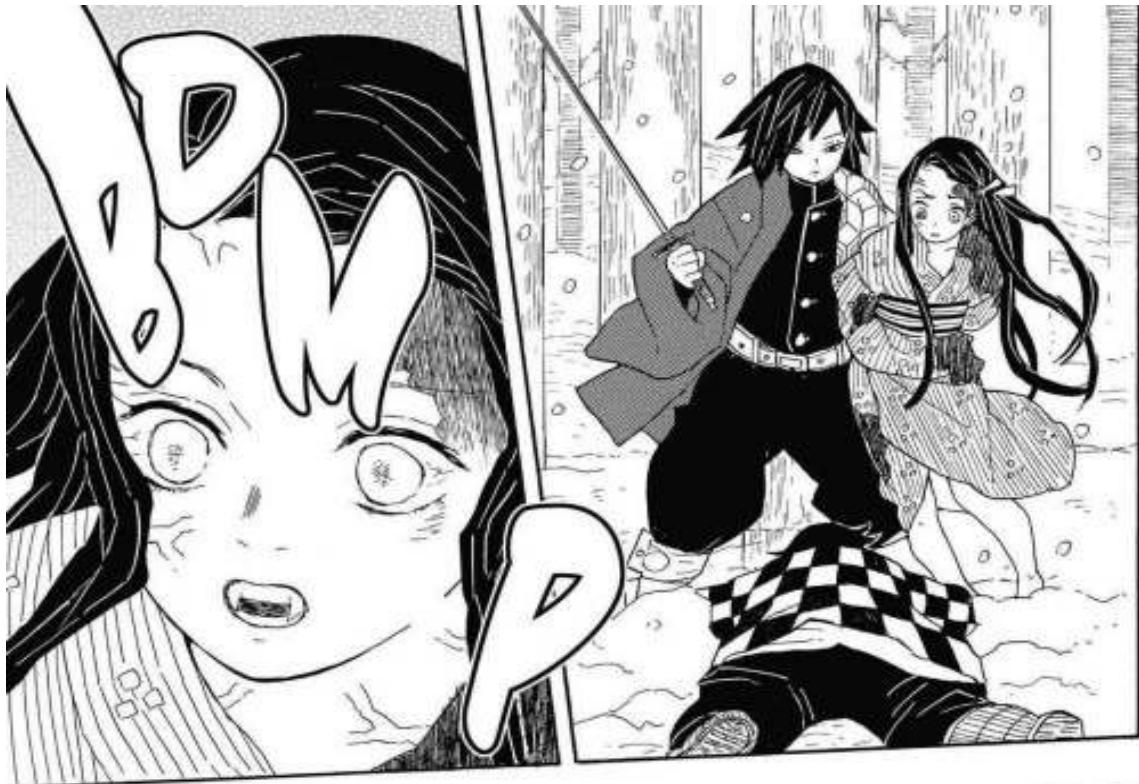
























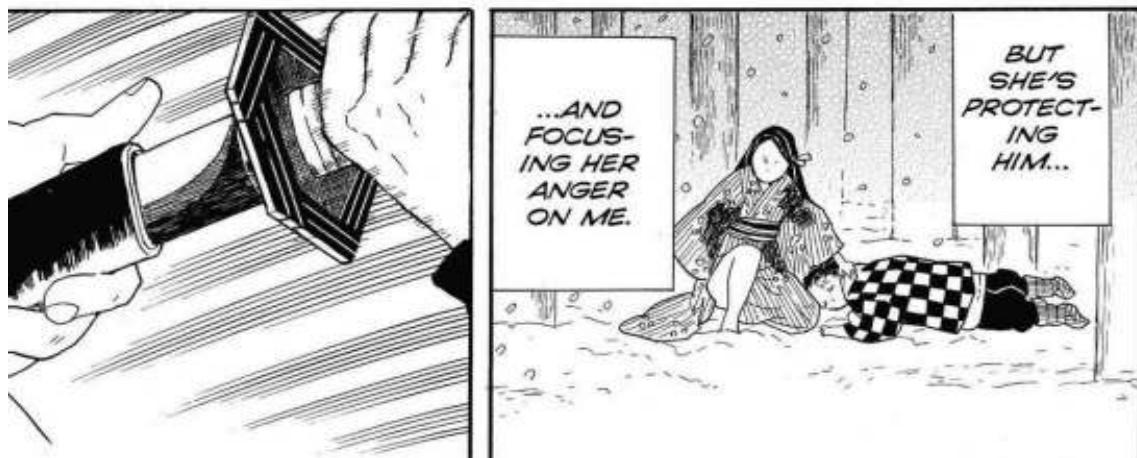








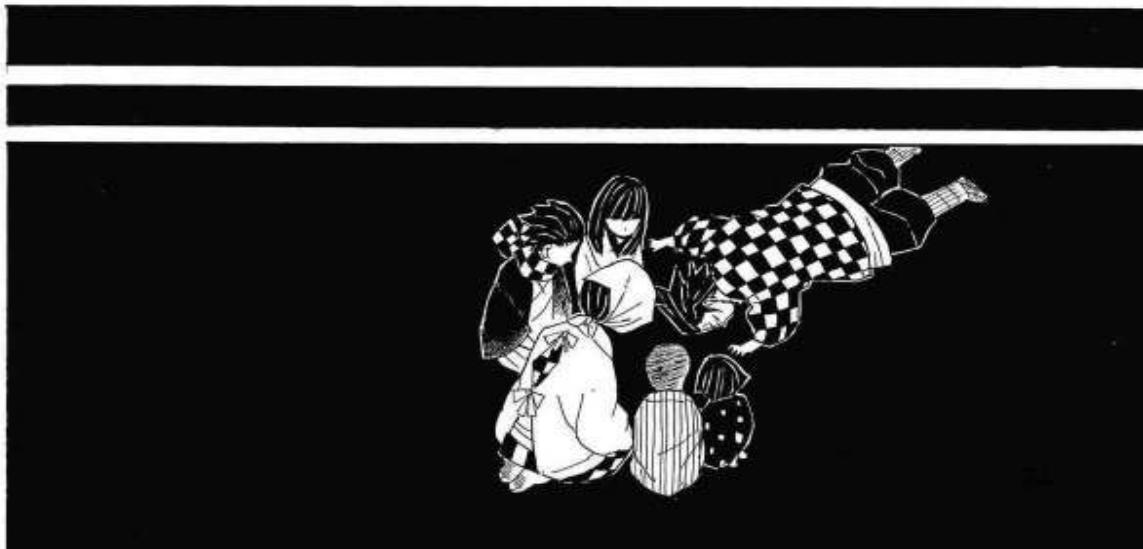




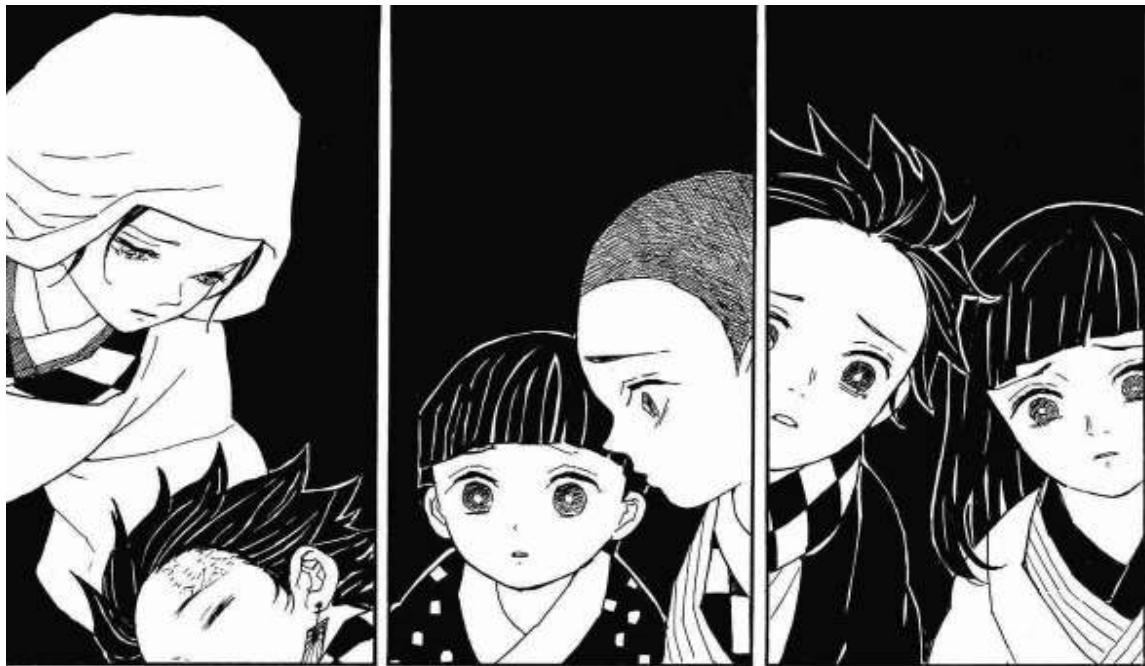




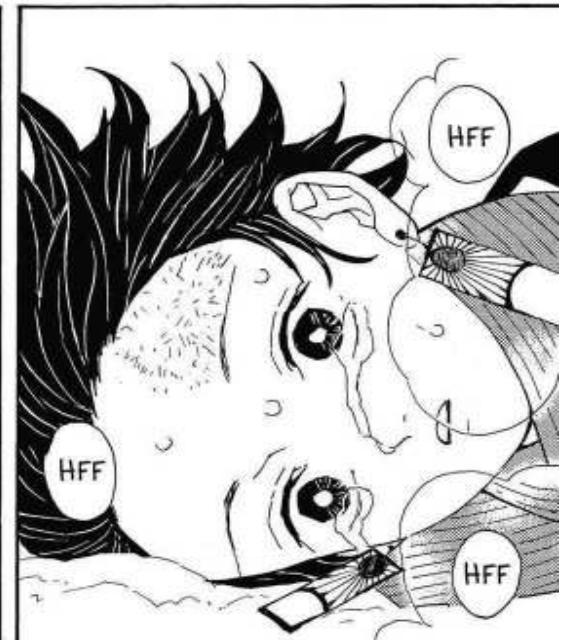
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MAY BE  
DIFFERENT.











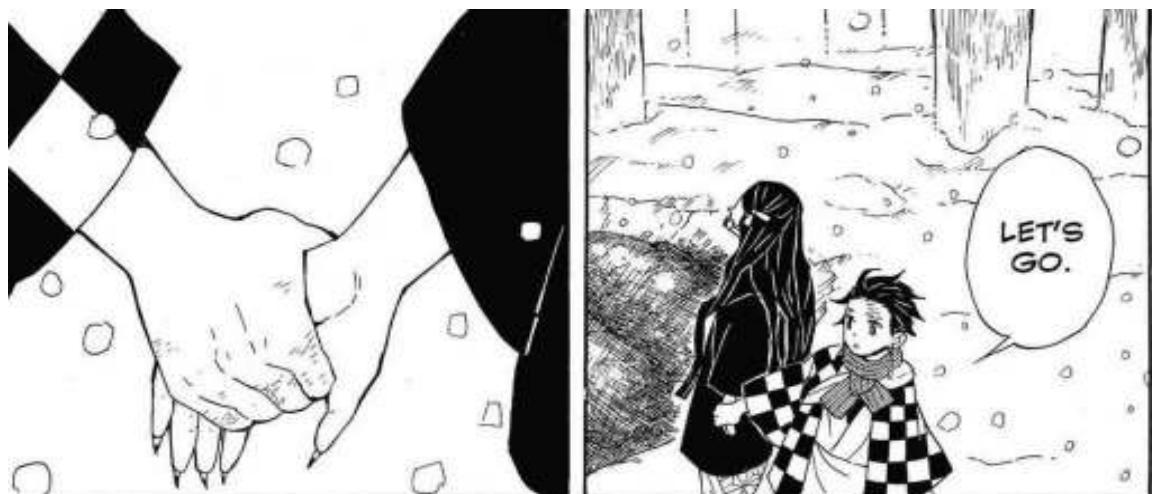














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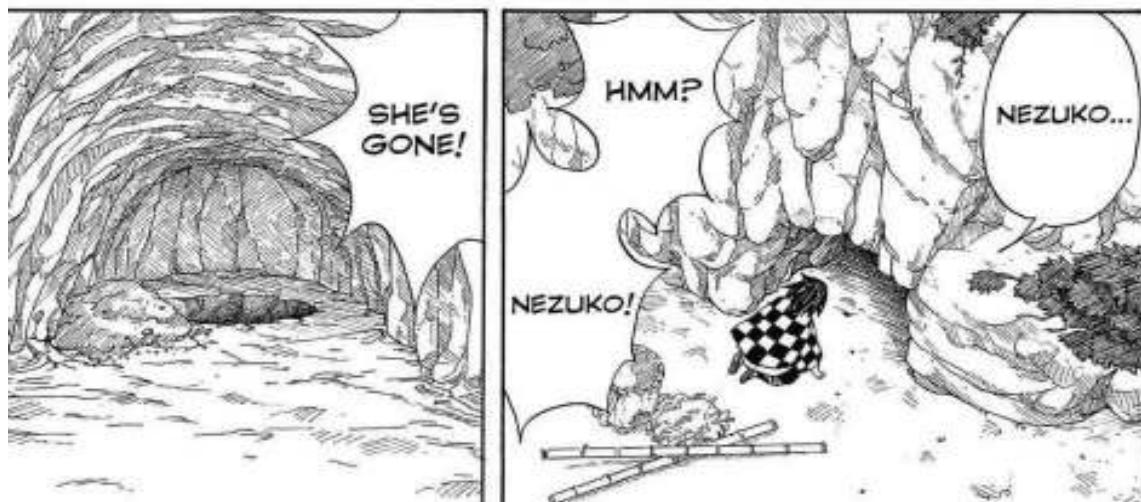


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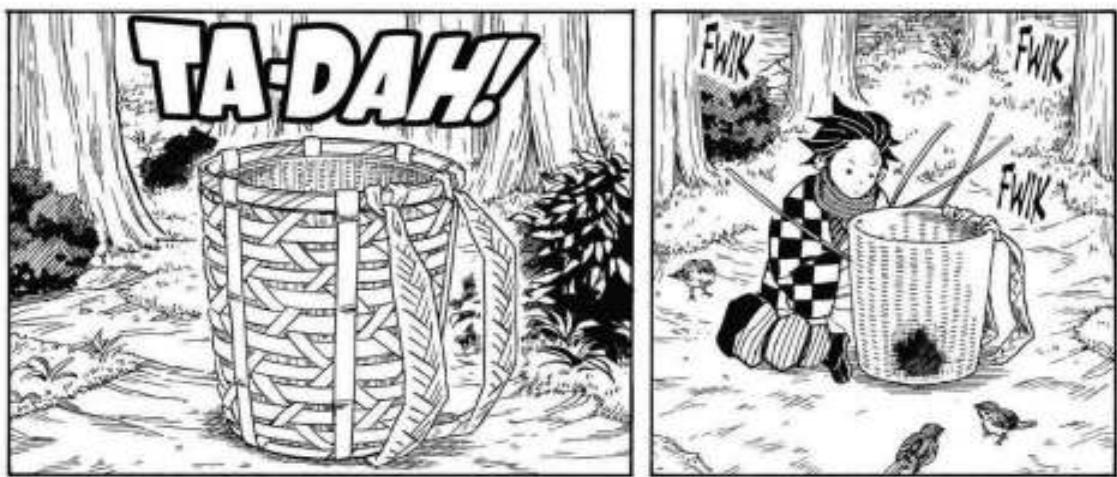
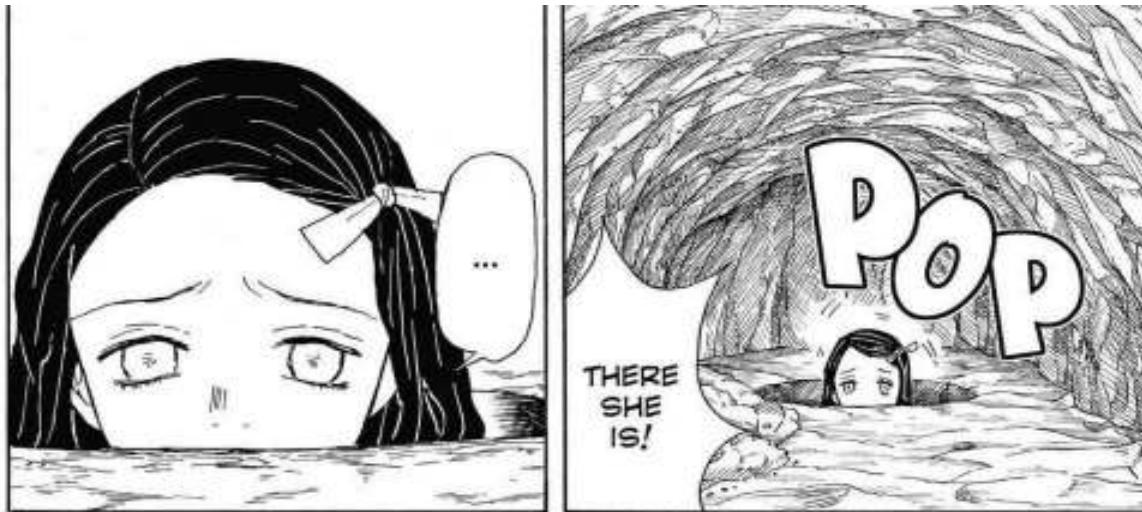




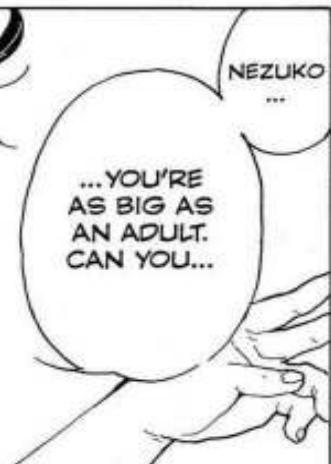




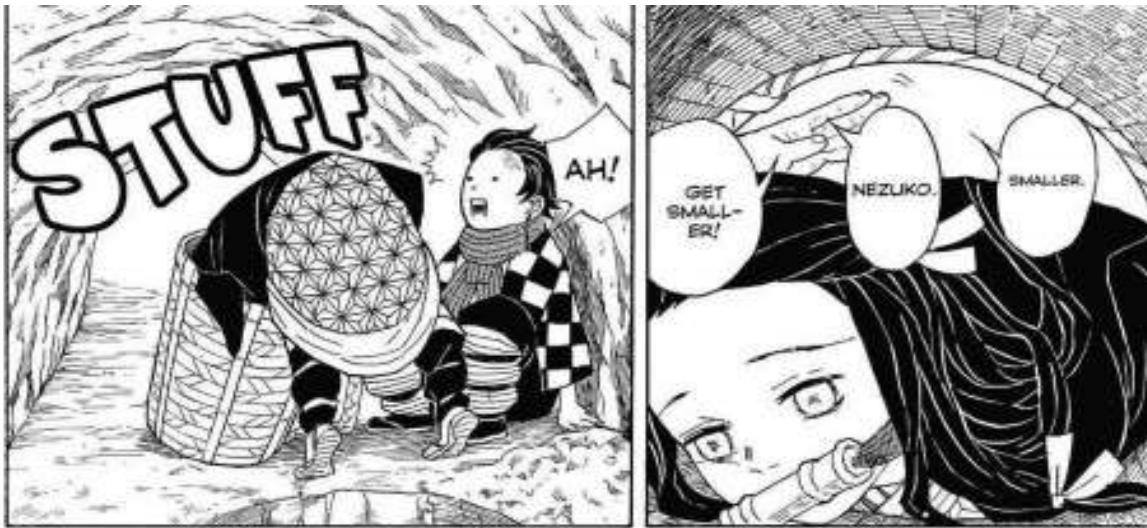




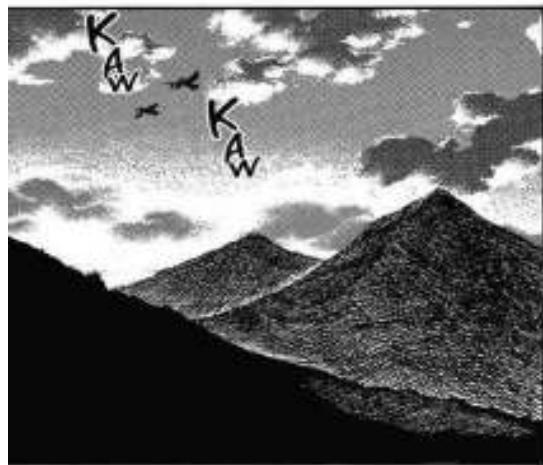




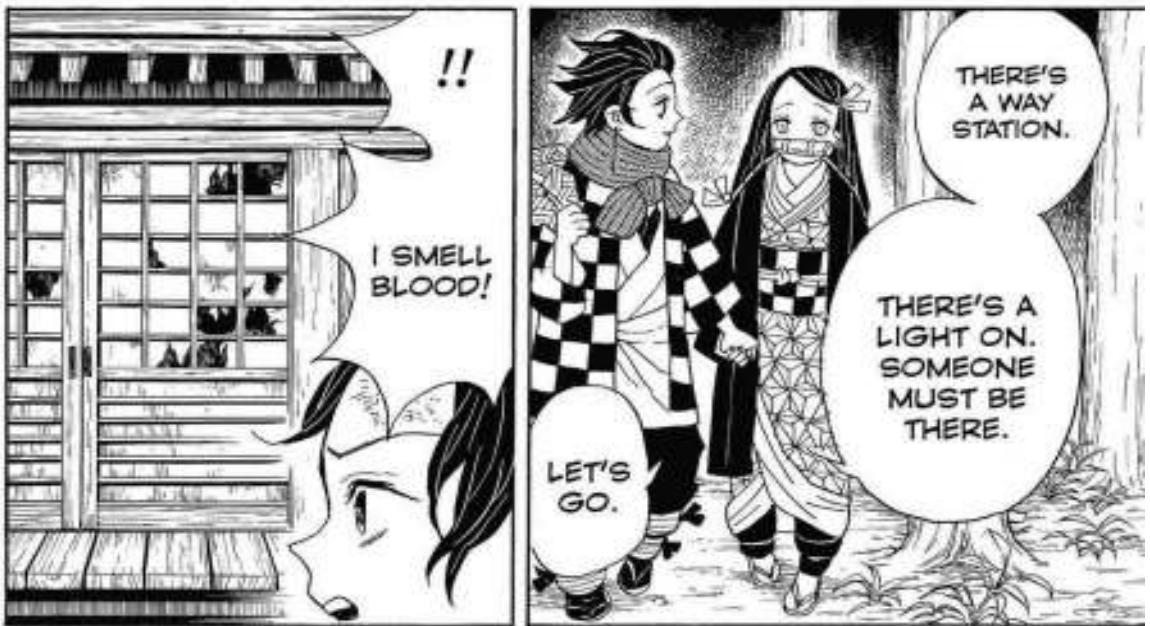












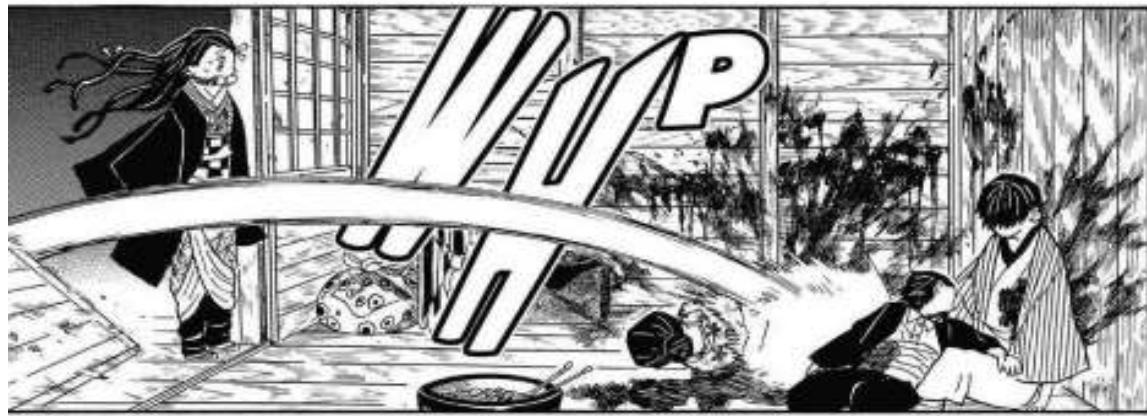






































































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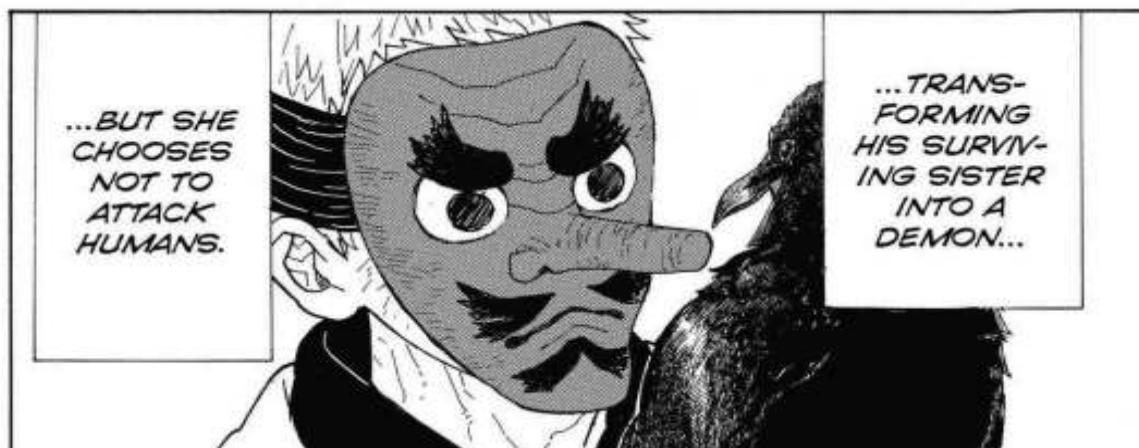
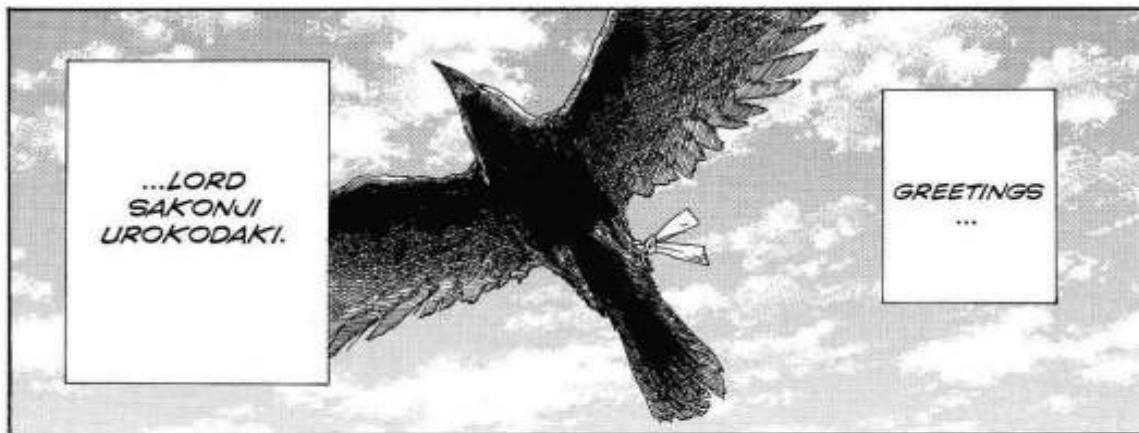




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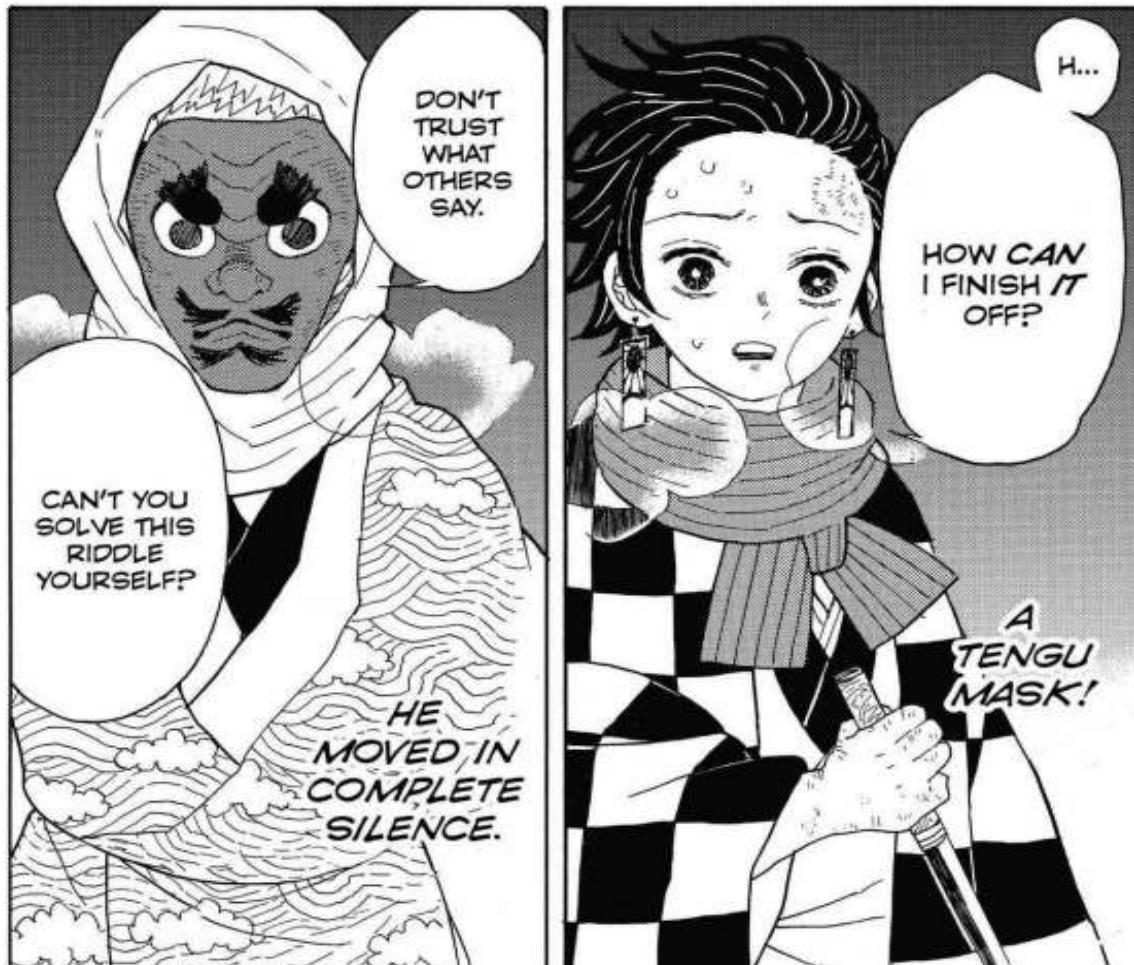








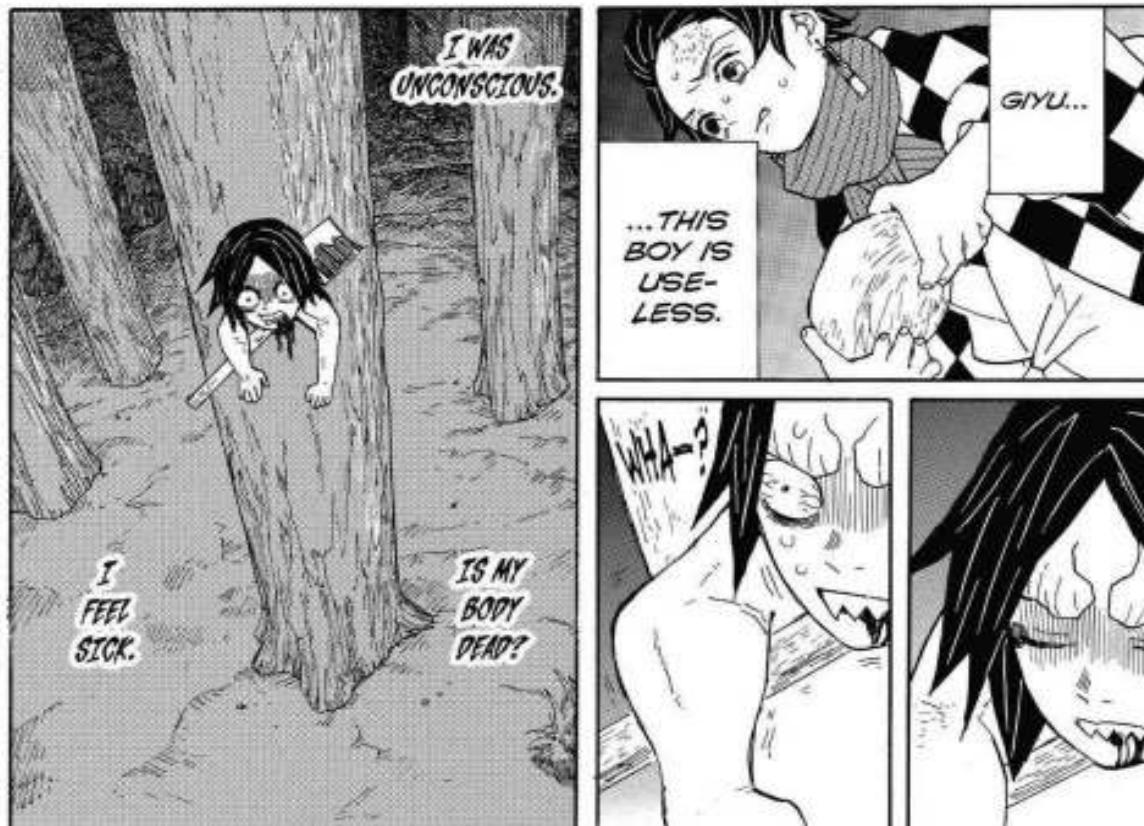
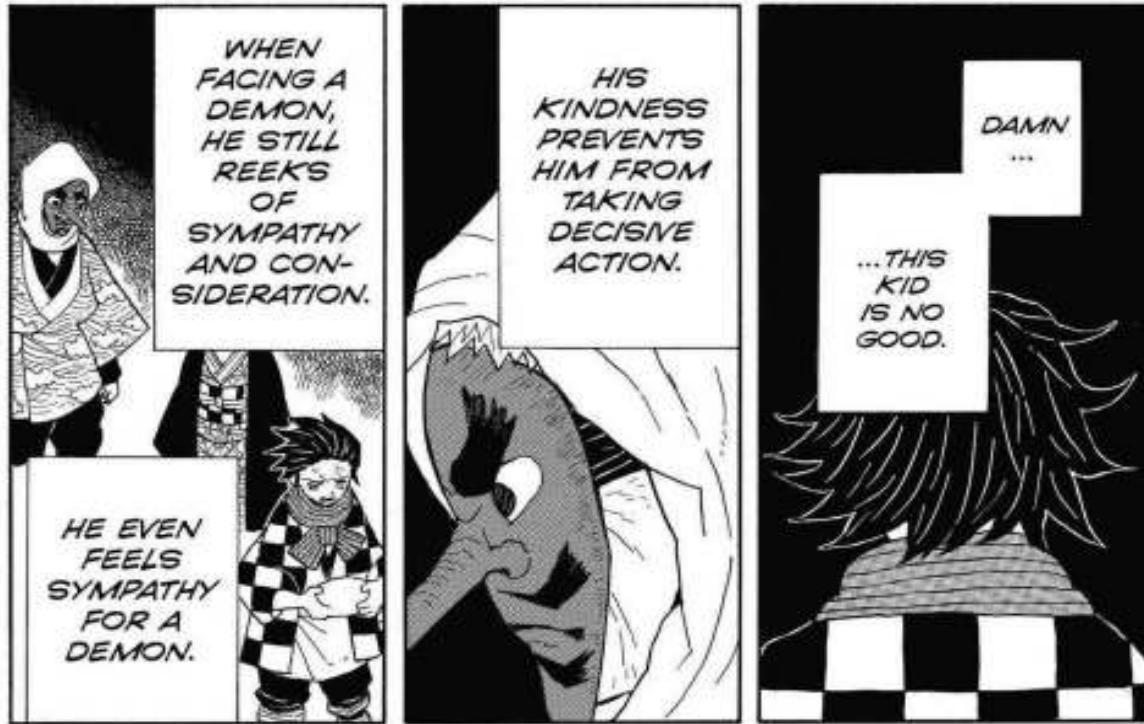








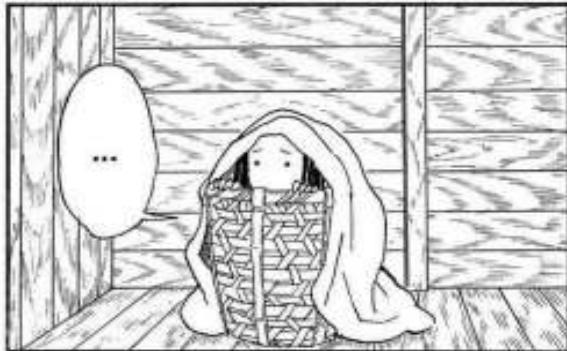












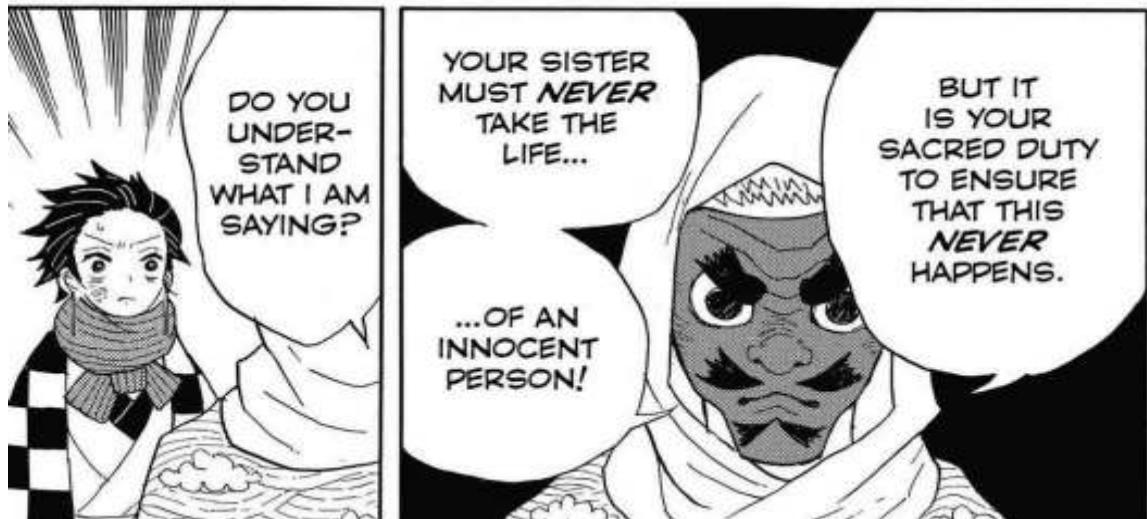




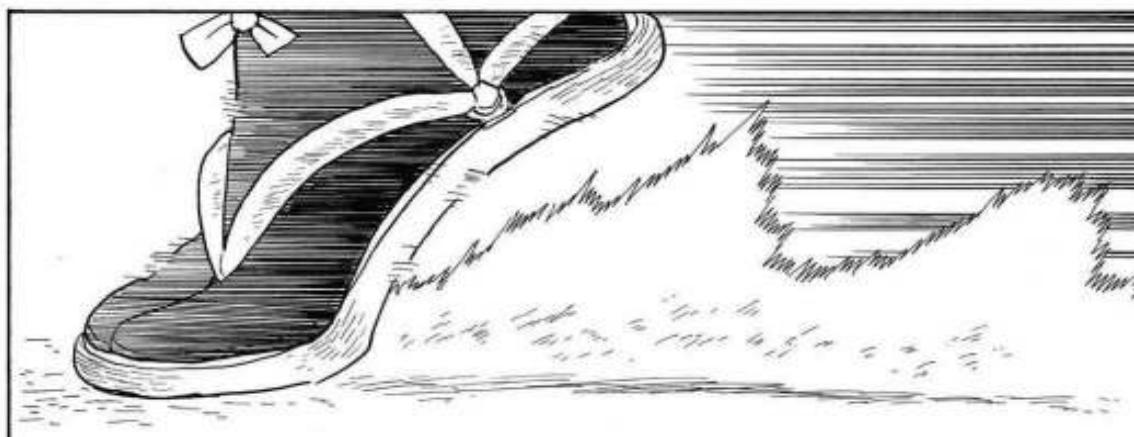




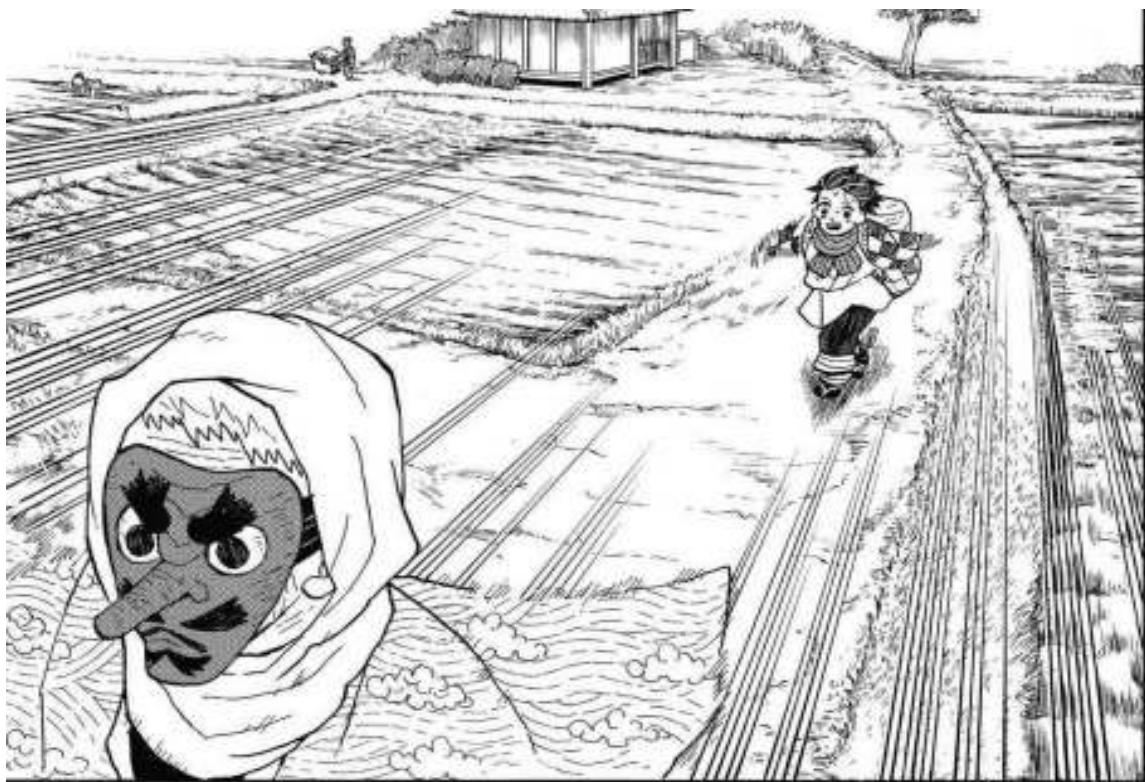








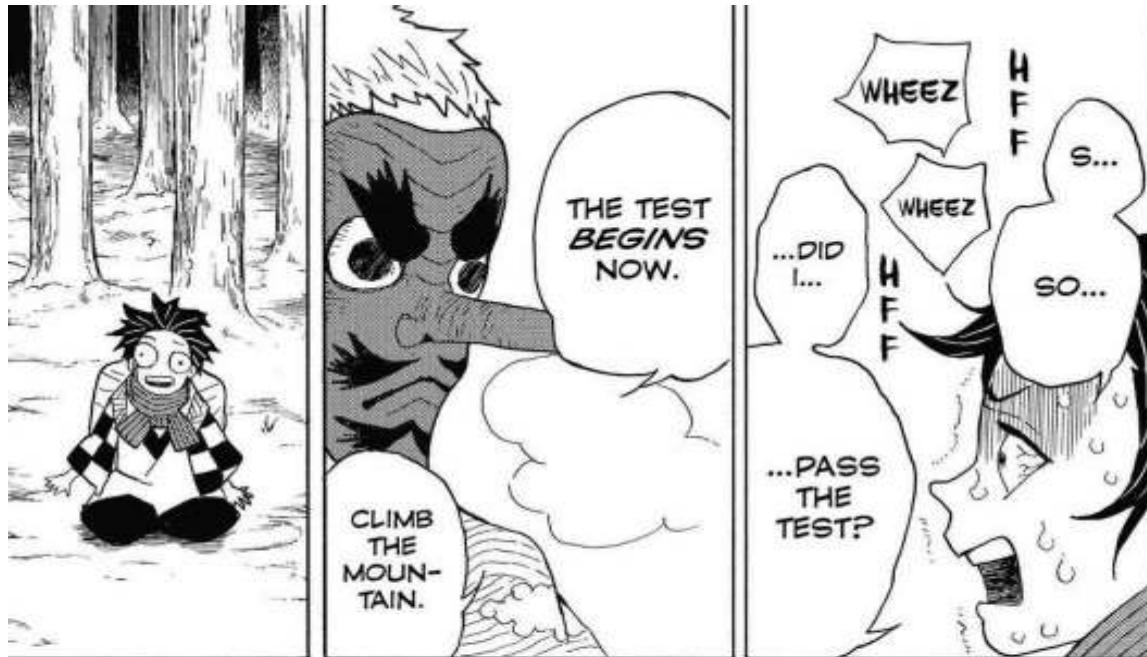




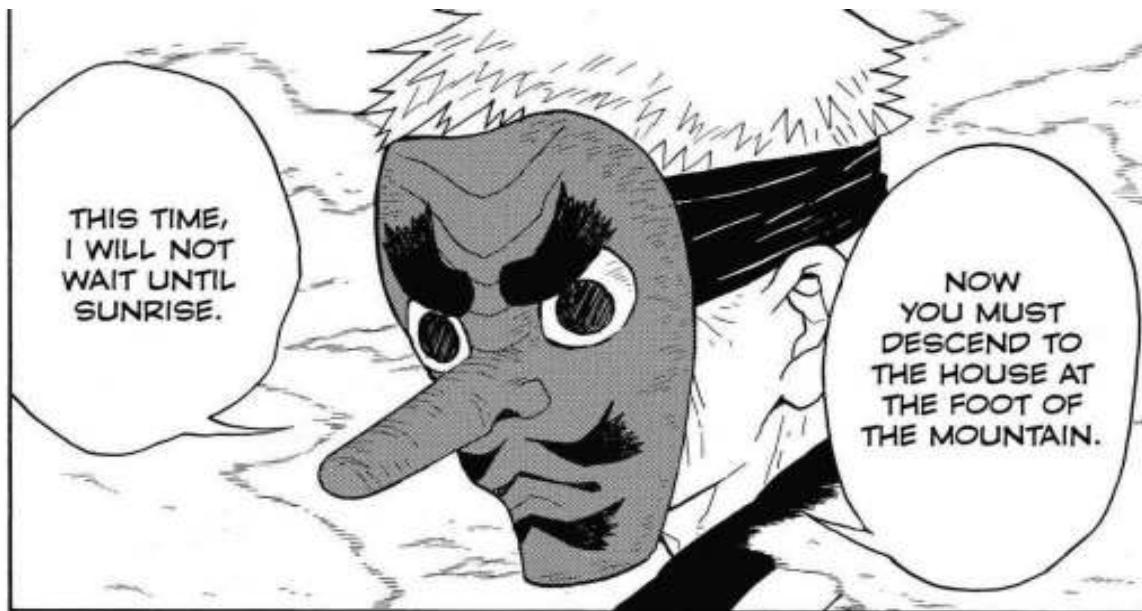








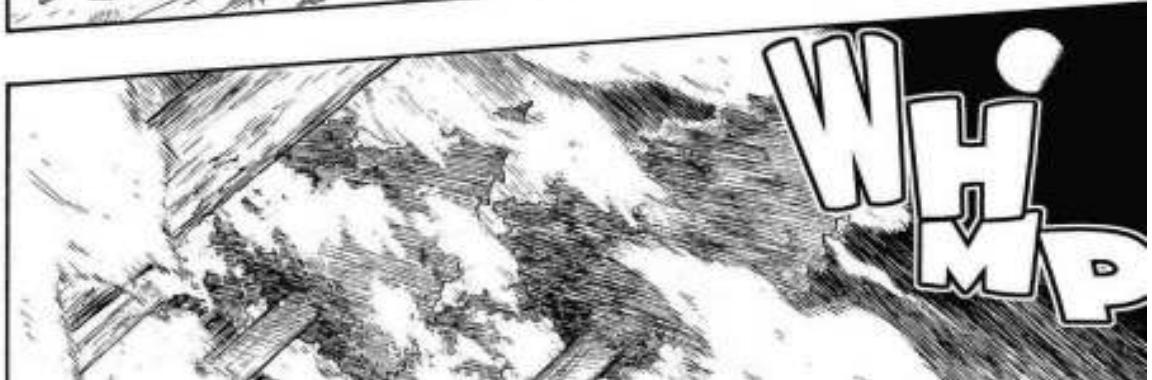








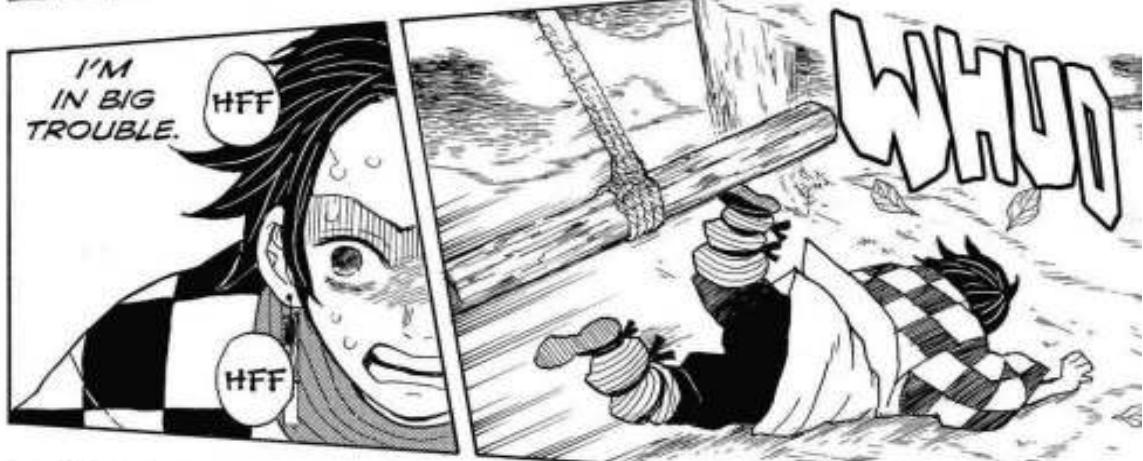
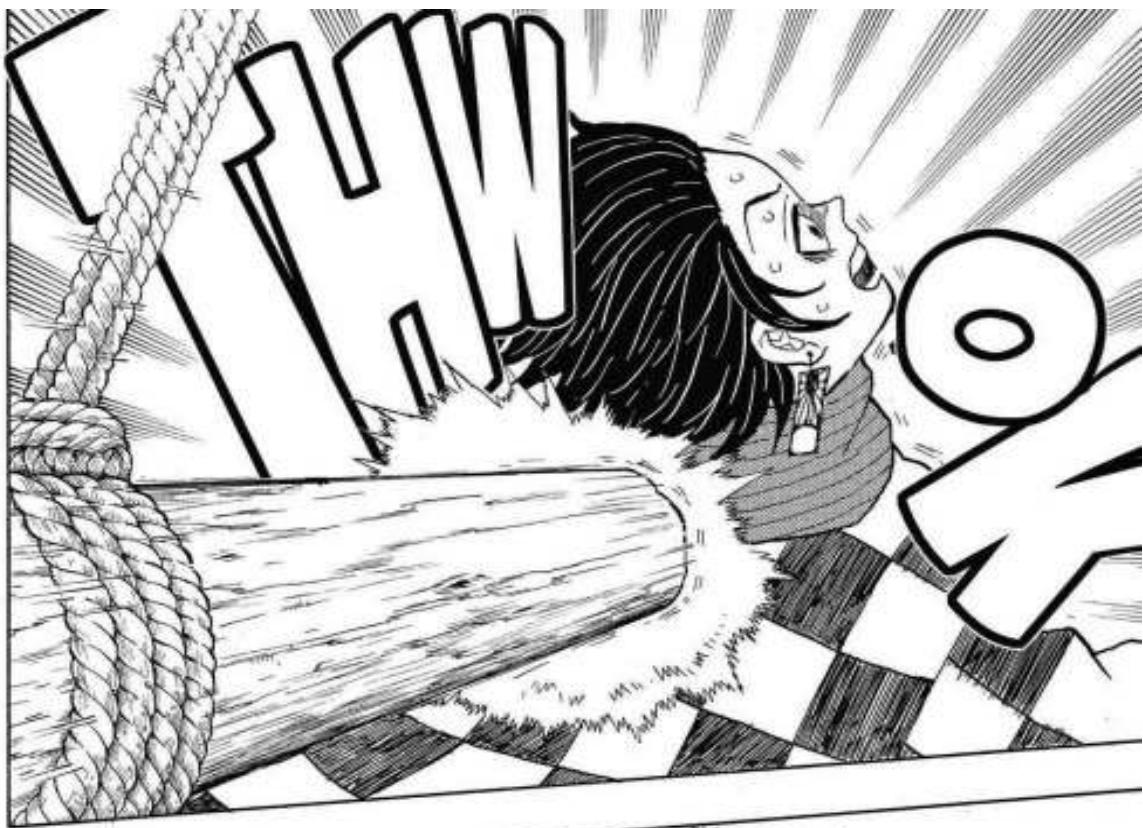








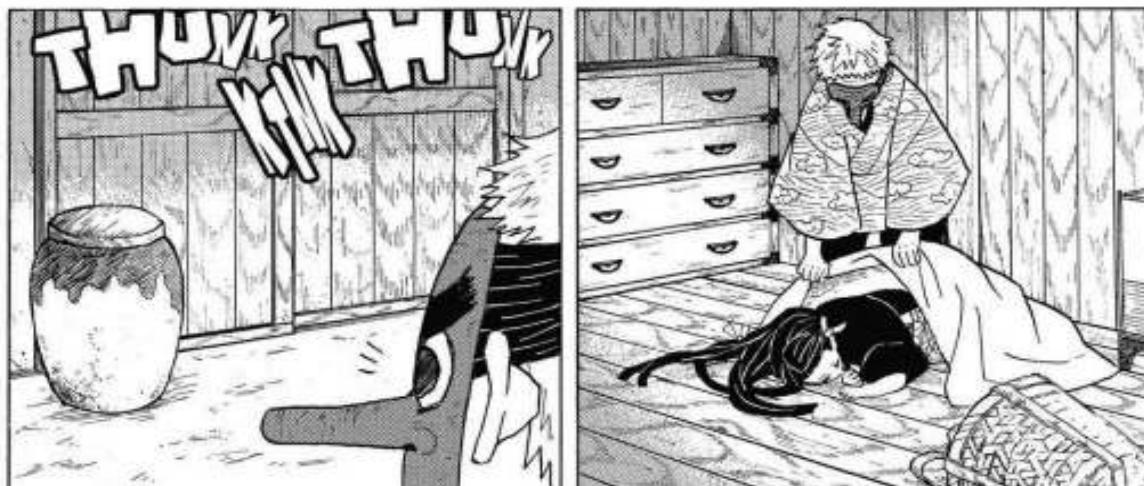


















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(Kimetsu Kitan)
- 鬼鬼滅滅 (Demon Demon Slayer Slayer )  
(Kikimetsumetsu)
- 惡鬼滅々 ( Evil Demon Slayer )  
(Akikimetsumetsu)
- 鬼殺の刃 (Sword of the Demon Killer)  
(Kisatsuu no Yaiba)
- 滅々鬼譚 ( Strange Tale of the Demon Slayer )  
(Metsumetsu Kitan)
- 鬼殺譚 ( Tale of the Demon Killer )  
(Kisatsutan)
- 空想鬼滅奇譚 ( The Fantastic Strange Tale of the Demon Slayer )  
(Kuso Kimetsu Kitan)
- 鬼狩りカグツチ (Demon Hunting God of Fire)  
(Onigari Kagutsuchi)
- 岩のカグツチ ( Charred God of Fire)  
(Gumi no Kagutsuchi)

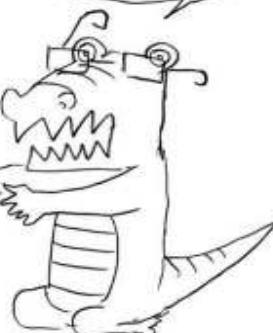
\* "Kitan" means an unusual and mysterious story.

\* "Kagutsuchi" is a god of fire.

I hear these titles were under consideration.

Which one do you like?

Hello, I'm Gotoge.





## CHAPTER 4: TANJIRO'S JOURNAL, PART 1







HOWEVER,  
THE IDENTITY  
OF THE  
LEADER  
OF THE  
DEMON  
SLAYER  
CORPS...

...OF THE  
DEMON  
SLAYER  
CORPS.

THE  
ORGANIZATION  
ISN'T  
OFFICIALLY  
RECOGNIZED  
BY THE  
GOVERNMENT.

...IS  
SHROUDED  
IN  
MYSTERY.

BUT IT HAS  
EXISTED  
SINCE DAYS  
OF OLD AND  
STILL HUNTS  
DEMONS  
TODAY.

THERE  
ARE A FEW  
HUNDRED  
MEMBERS  
...



THEY HAVE IMPRESSIVE PHYSICAL ABILITIES AND THEIR WOUNDS HEAL QUICKLY.

DEMONS.

THEY CAN RECONNECT SEVERED FLESH AND GROW NEW LIMBS. SOME DEMONS CAN CHANGE FORM. OTHERS POSSESS STRANGE POWERS.

STAPLE FOOD: HUMANS.

THEY KILL HUMANS AND EAT THEM.

THE ONLY WAYS TO KILL THEM ARE BY EXPOSING THEM TO SUNLIGHT OR BY CUTTING OFF THEIR HEADS WITH A SPECIAL SWORD.

IT IS UNCLEAR WHEN OR WHERE THEY FIRST APPEARED.





































IF YOU CAN  
SPLIT THIS  
BOULDER,  
I WILL  
APPROVE YOU  
FOR FINAL  
SELECTION.











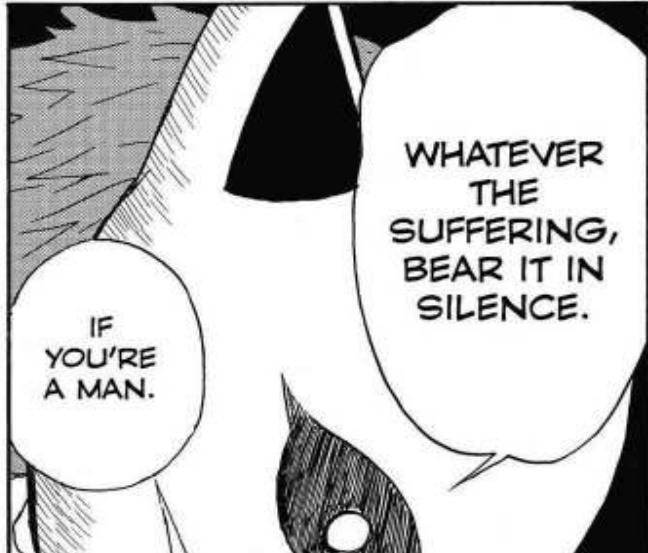






A MAN  
SHOULDN'T  
WHINE... IT'S  
UNSEEMLY.















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**CHAPTER 5: TANJIRO'S JOURNAL, PART 2**





















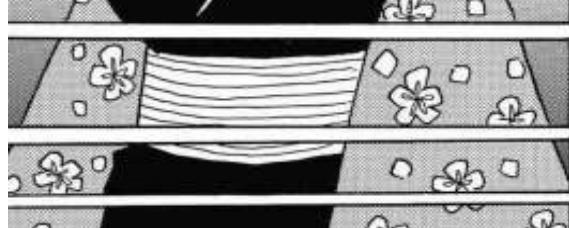
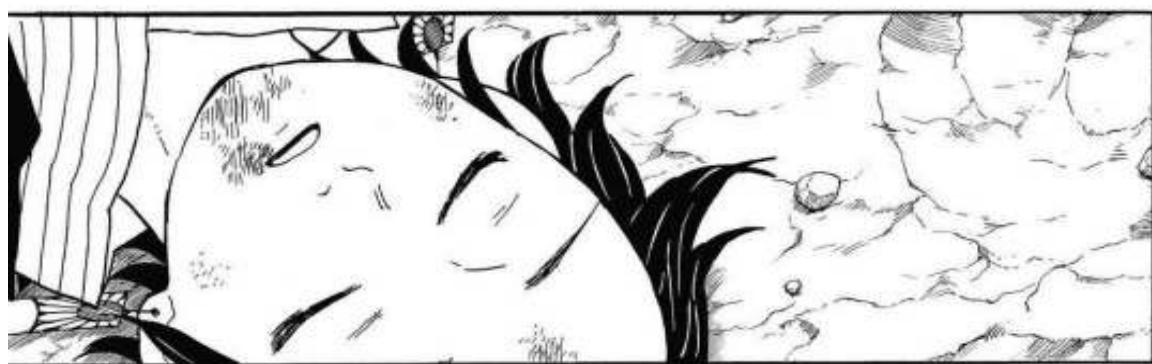
















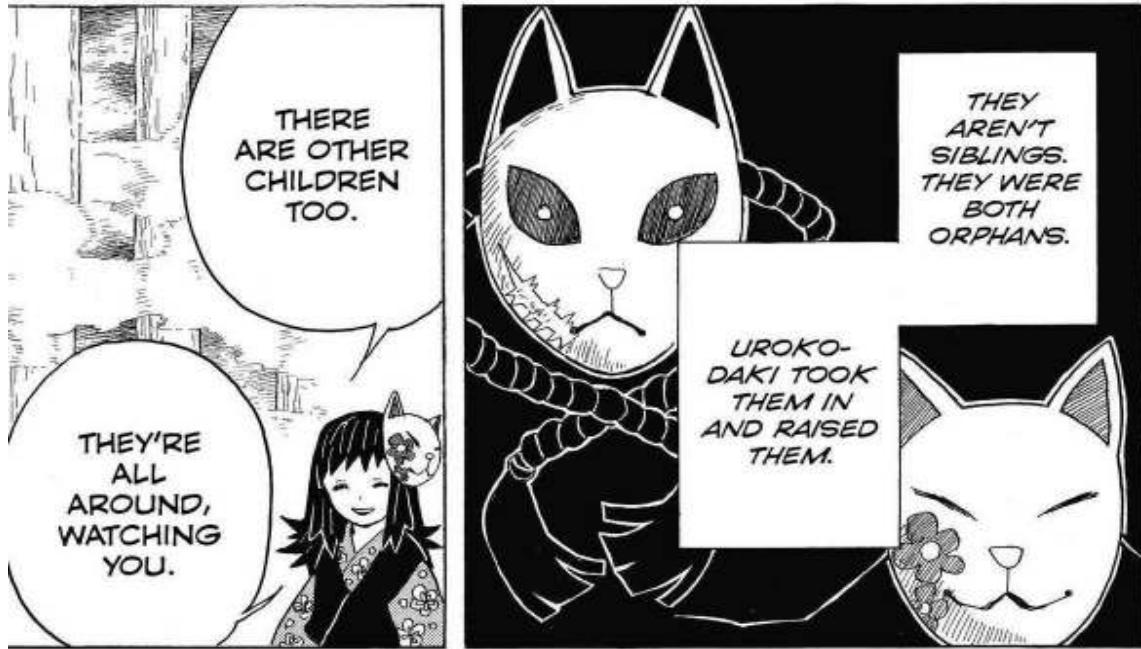




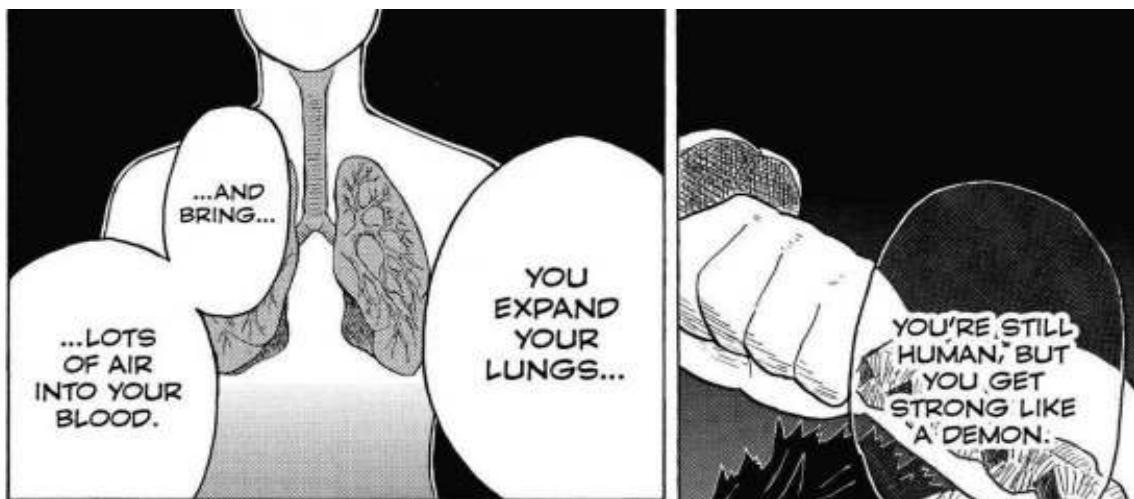
































...AND I  
FOUND THAT  
MY SWORD  
HAD NOT CUT  
SABITO'S  
MASK.



IT HAD  
SPLIT THE  
BOULDER.



## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Thank you to everyone who read this work and to everyone who bought it. Thanks to your support, the series will continue. I can't tell you how thankful I am. Unlike water and food, manga isn't absolutely necessary for survival. Getting you to buy it is a tough job. Thank you very much. I create this manga with the help of many people. I'll work even harder to keep it interesting for you, so please keep reading. And again... thank you!!

I've gotten all your letters.  
Thank you. They make me so happy, but I can't reply, and that makes me very sorry.  
Forgive me, please. I'll keep doing my best!

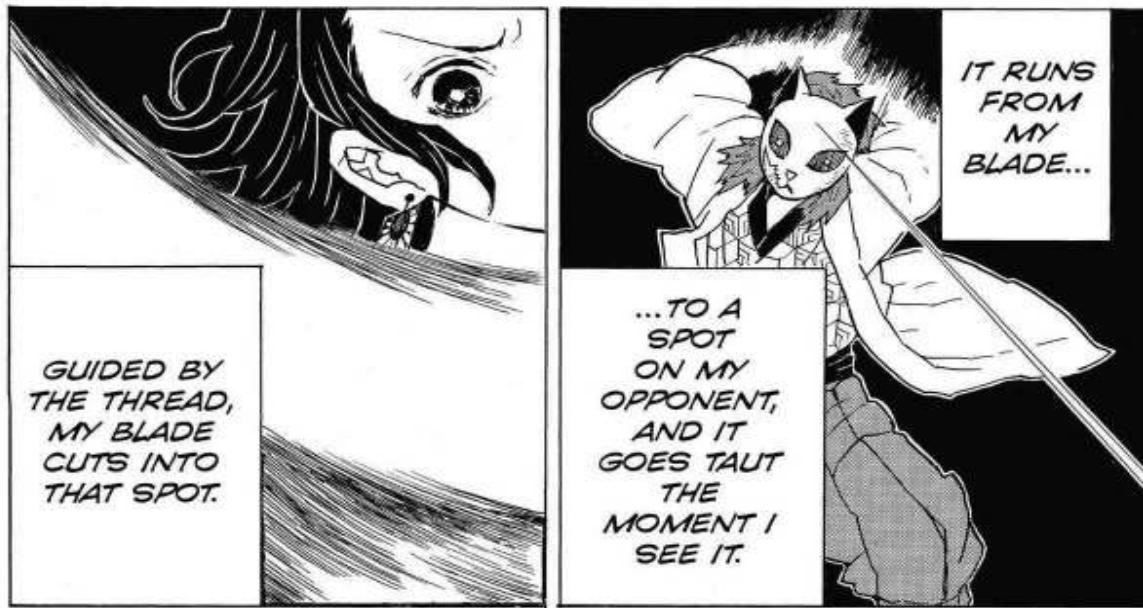
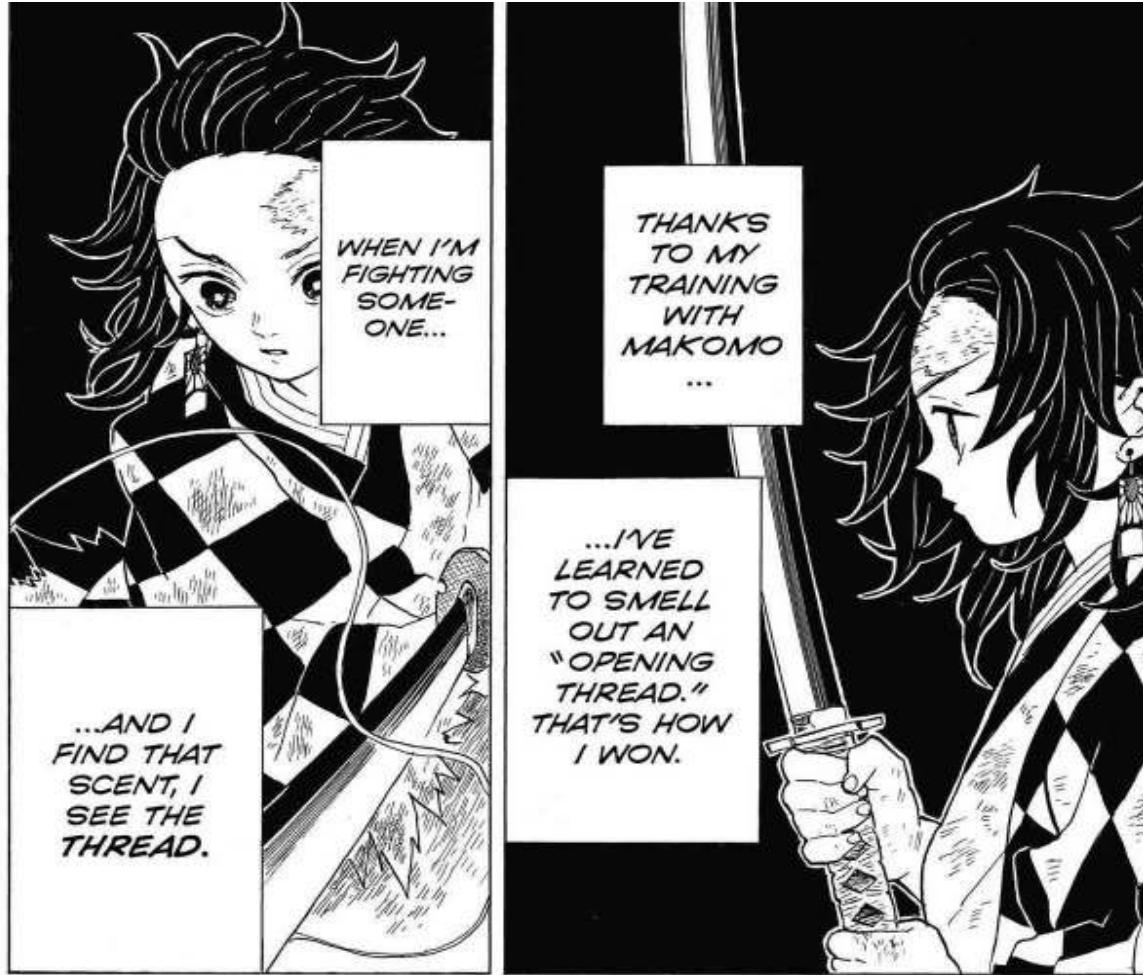
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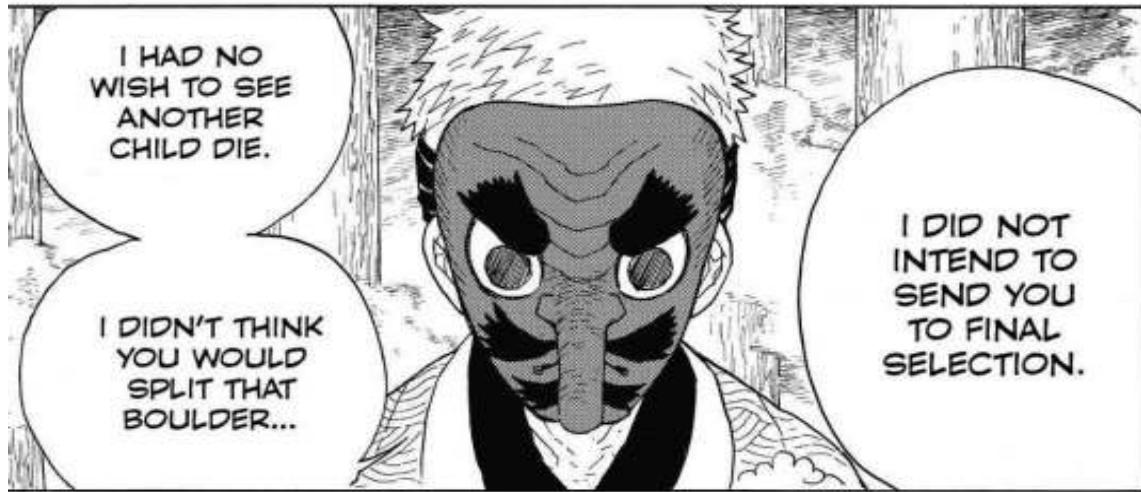












































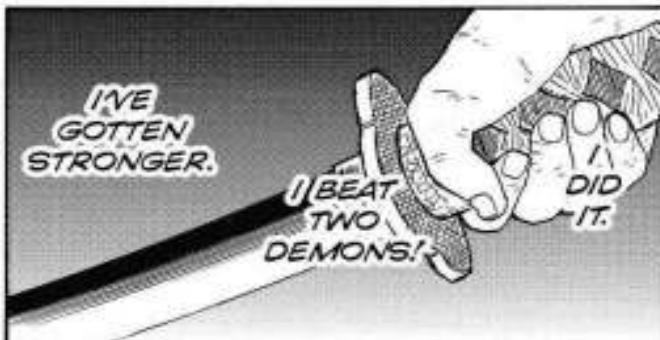












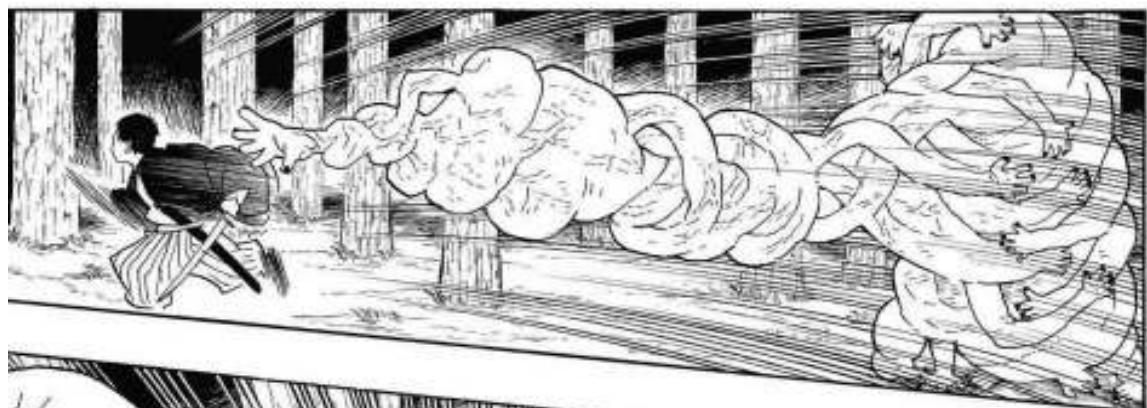




















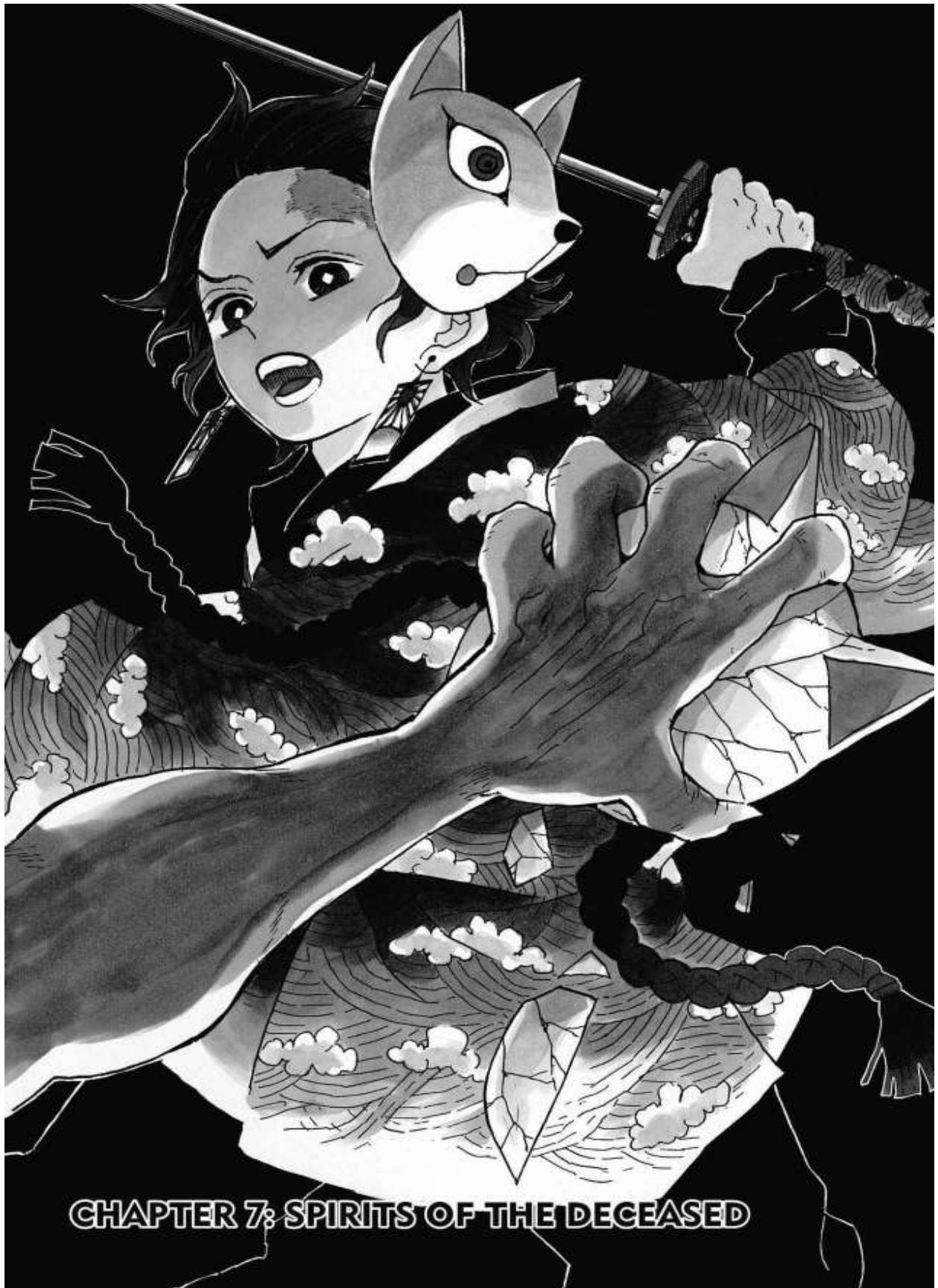


TAISHO WHISPERS  
& RUMORS

I heard one of  
them is a boy...





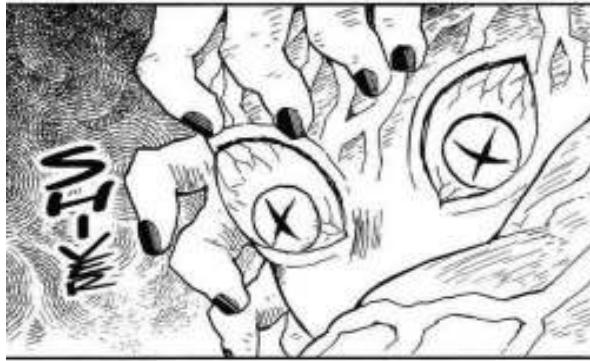


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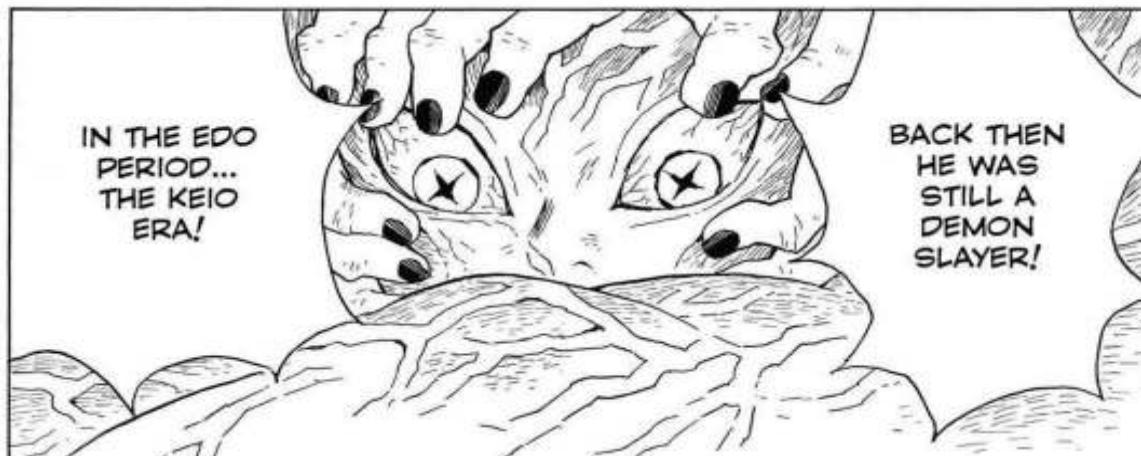




















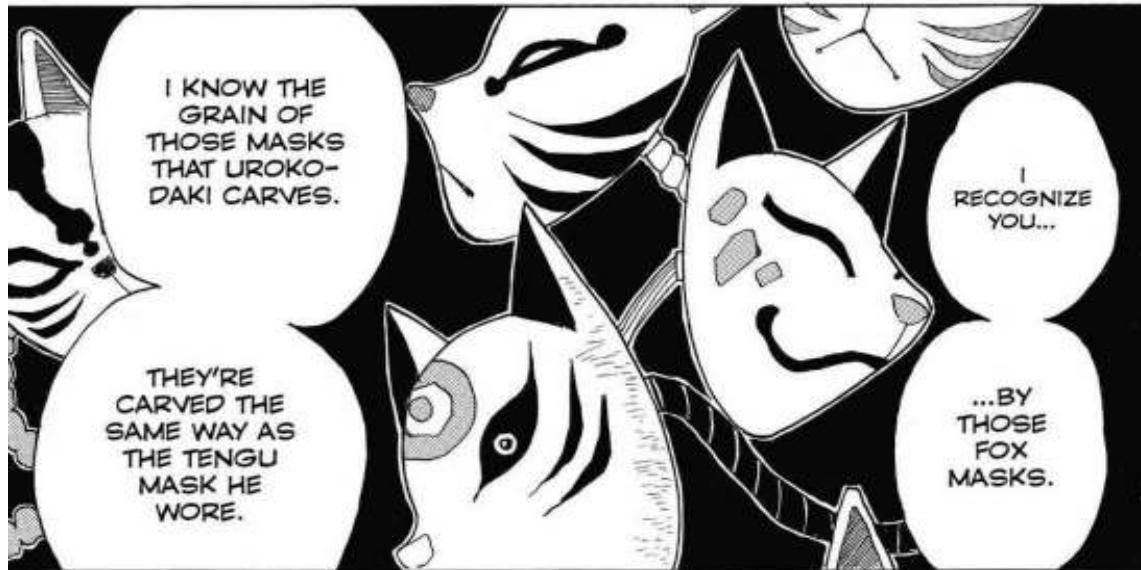




































A  
STRANGE  
SMELL  
FROM THE  
GROUND!





I MISSED!  
HE NOTICED  
MY HANDS  
UNDER-  
GROUND...

...AND  
LEAPT  
AWAY!  
AND  
WHAT A  
LEAP!

BW  
UP

BUT IN  
MIDAIR...



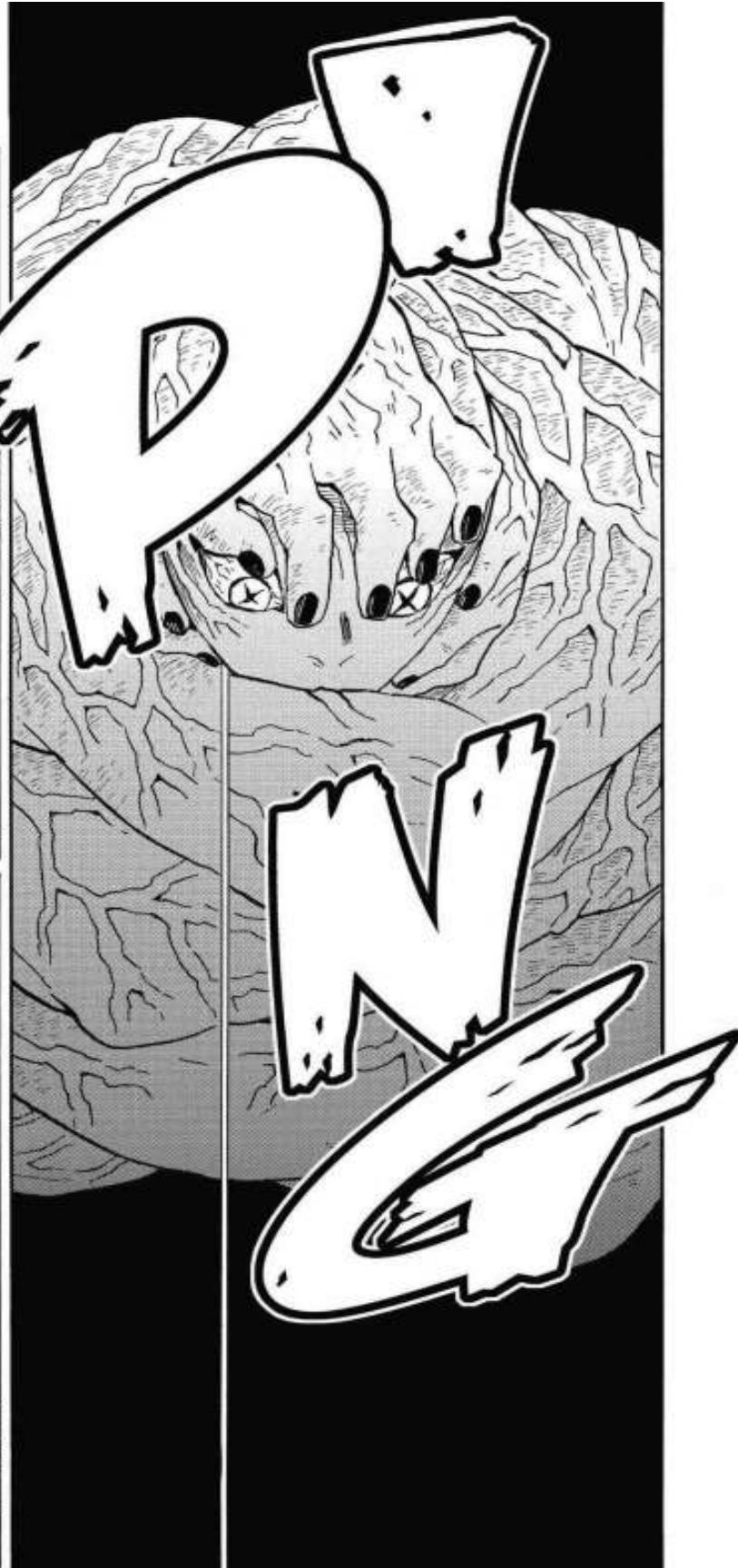




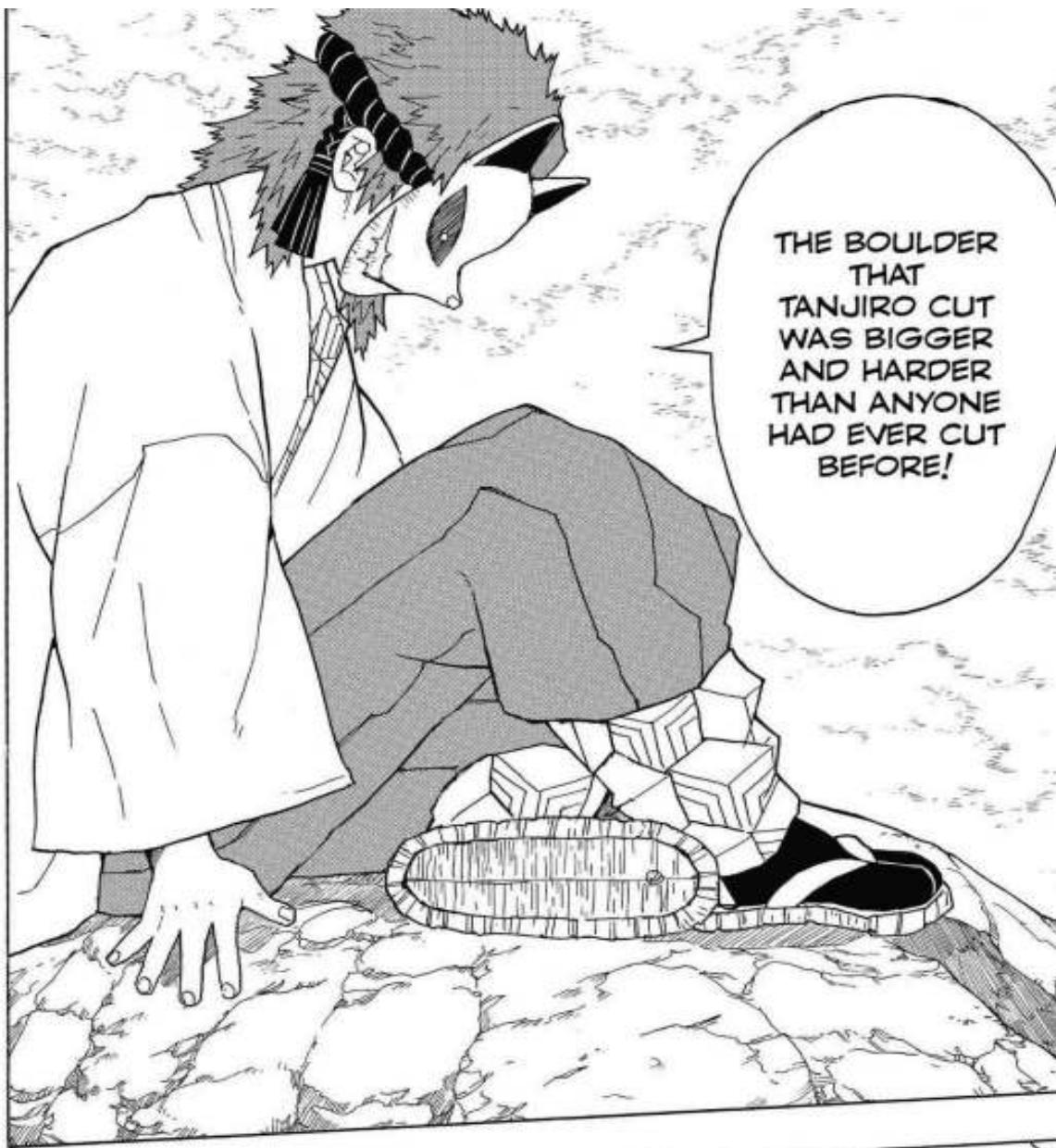














**FIRST  
FORM**

**WATER  
SUR-  
FACE  
SLASH!**

**VOLUME 1 — CRUELTY (THE END)**

