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CRUELTY

DEMON SLAYER

KIMETSU NO YAIBA

KOYOHARU
GOTOUGE

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

...IS
SHROUDED
IN
MYSTERY.

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

THERE
ARE A FEW
HUNDRED
MEMBERS
...
...OF THE
DEMON
SLAYER
CORPS.

THE
ORGANIZATION
ISN'T
OFFICIALLY
RECOGNIZED
BY THE
GOVERNMENT.

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.





AGAIN
TODAY, I
DESCENDED
THE
MOUNTAIN.

STARTING
TODAY, I HAVE
DECIDED TO
WRITE THIS
JOURNAL FOR
NEZUKO.

I TRAIN AS
HARD AS I
CAN SO I
WON'T DIE
DURING
FINAL
SELECTION.



I'M
GROWING
STRONGER
...

...AND
MY NOSE
IS EVEN
SHARPER AT
PICKING UP
SCENTS.



I GO DOWN
THE MOUNTAIN
REPEATEDLY,
DAY AFTER DAY.
I'VE BECOME
QUITE GOOD
AT AVOIDING
TRAPS.



WITH A
KATANA
...



IT'S STRONG
AGAINST
FORCE
LENGTHWISE
BUT WEAK
AGAINST
FORCE
FROM THE
SIDE.

WHEN
YOU
SWING A
KATANA...



...YOU
MUST
ATTACK
STRAIGHT
AHEAD.

...THE
DIRECTION
OF THE BLADE
AND THE
DIRECTION
OF THE
FORCE YOU
APPLY MUST
BE EXACTLY
THE SAME.



THE FIRST
THING HE
TAUGHT ME
WAS THAT
A KATANA
BREAKS
EASILY.



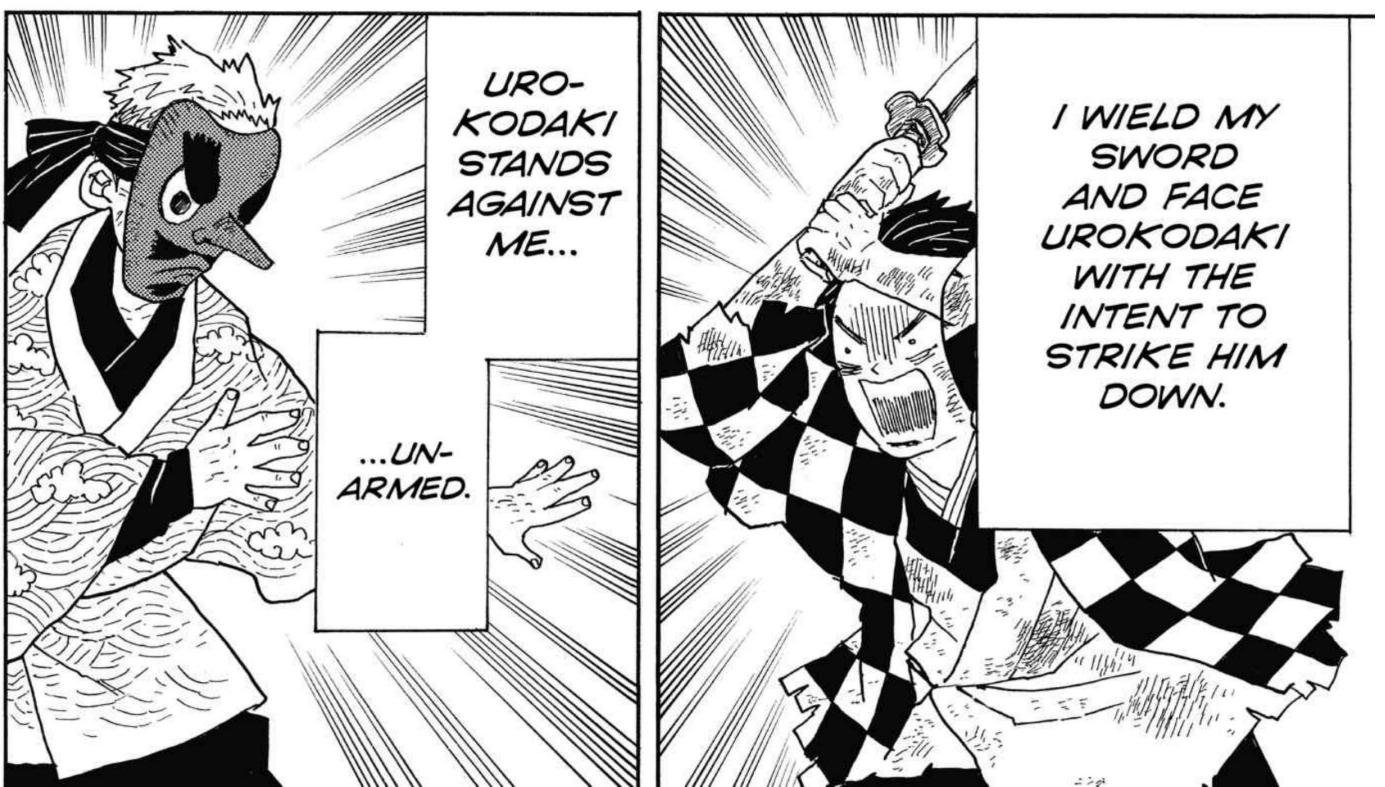
...HE'LL
BREAK
MY
BONES.
HIS
THREATS
ARE
COLD...

IN OTHER
WORDS, IF I
BREAK IT...

...LIKE
THE
MOUNTAIN.

FURTHER-
MORE...

...IF YOU
DAMAGE
THE SWORD,
HE'LL
DAMAGE...







YET IT'S
CLEARLY
STRANGE
FOR YOU
TO KEEP
SLEEPING
LIKE THIS.



UROKODAKI
IMMEDIATELY
CALLED A
DOCTOR TO
LOOK
AT YOU...

...BUT
HE
FOUND
NOTHING
WRONG.



...THAT'S
STILL
HOW I
FEEL
EVERY
NIGHT.

AND
...

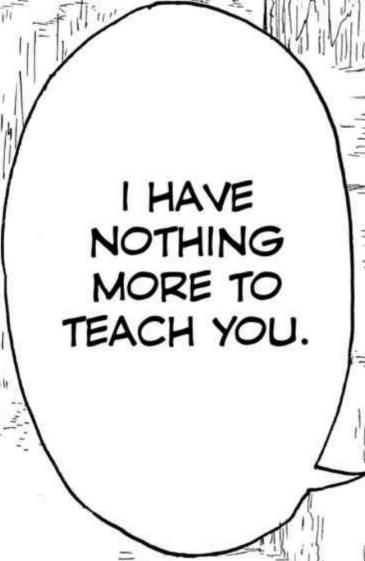
I THOUGHT
I'D WAKE
UP IN THE
MORNING
TO FIND
YOU DEAD.

I WAS
SCARED.



MANY
TIMES I'VE
THOUGHT
THAT I
WOULD DIE.

AND EVERY DAY
I GO HIGHER ON
THE MOUNTAIN
FOR MY TRAINING,
EACH PLACE MORE
DANGEROUS AND
WITH THINNER AIR.



I HAVE
NOTHING
MORE TO
TEACH YOU.



...THAT
WAS ALL
HE SAID.

ABOUT
A YEAR
AFTER I
ARRIVED
AT
MOUNT
SAGIRI...

HZZ

HZZ

HFF

HUH?



...TAKE
WHAT I HAVE
TAUGHT YOU
AND BRING
IT TO THE
NEXT LEVEL?

CAN
YOU...

THE
REST IS
UP TO
YOU.



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