

The picture on the right is from Karakuri ("mechanism"), the first story I submitted to Weekly Shonen Jump. Karakuri won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists, which allowed me to get picked up by my current editor and helped me begin my journey down the road of a manga artist. It's a manga that brings back a lot of memories for me. But, man, the hero sure does have intensely terrifying eyes.



The picture on the right is another one from the first manga I published in Weekly Shonen Jump...that's right, Karakuri! But when the reader polls came in, its popularity was rock bottom! Still, this manga also brings back a lot of memories for me.





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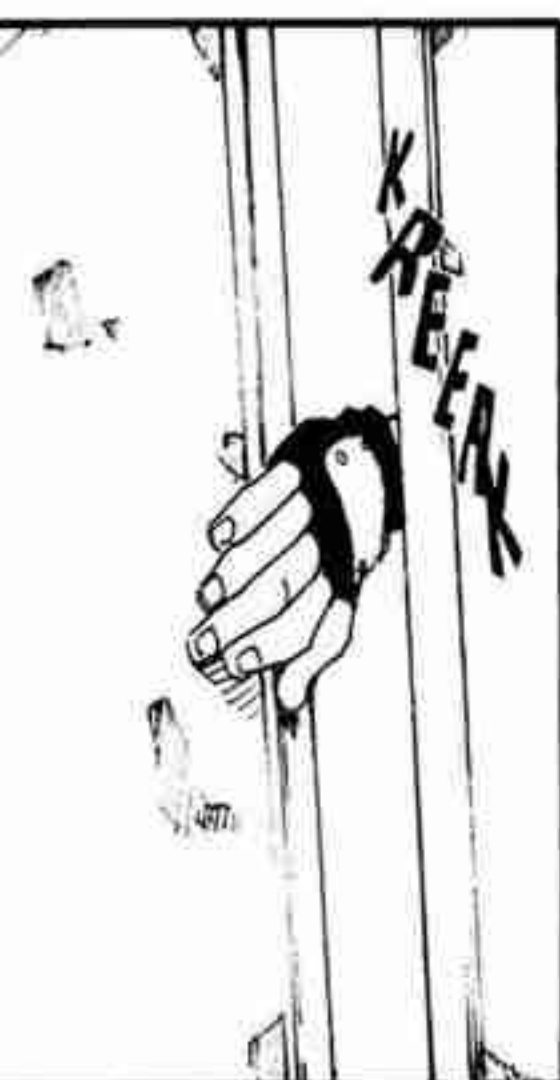
Hatake Kakashi







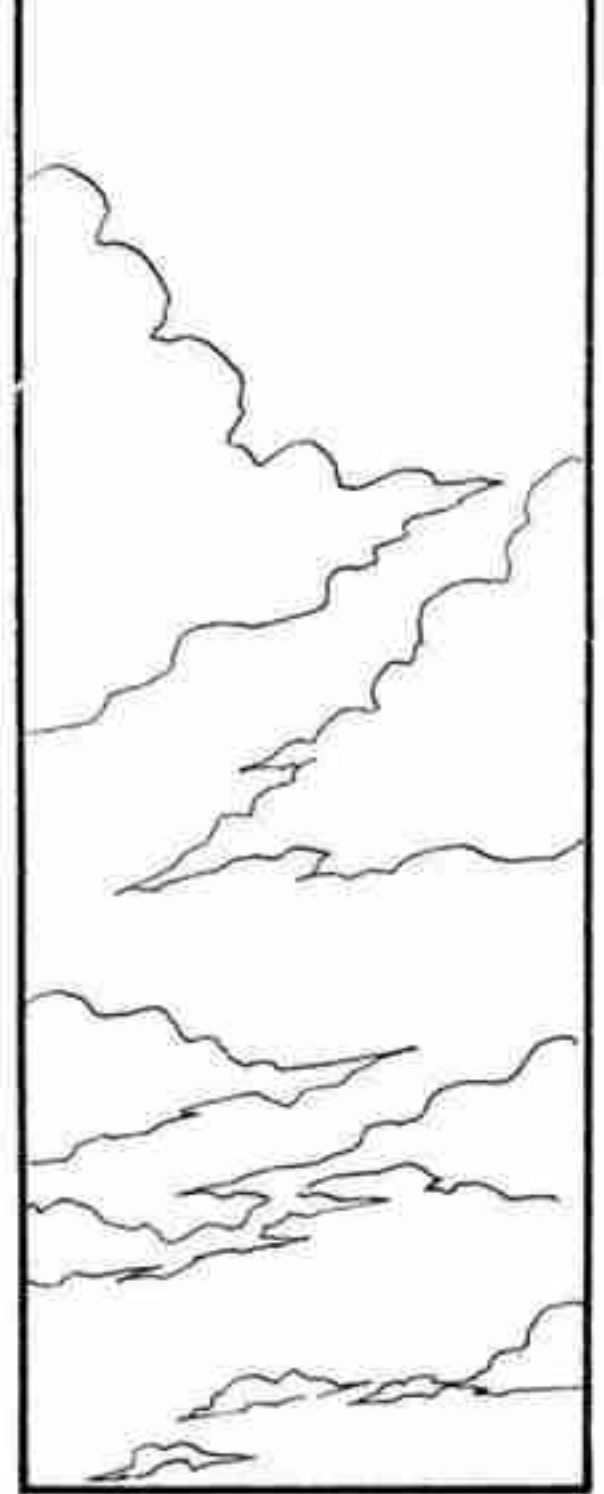








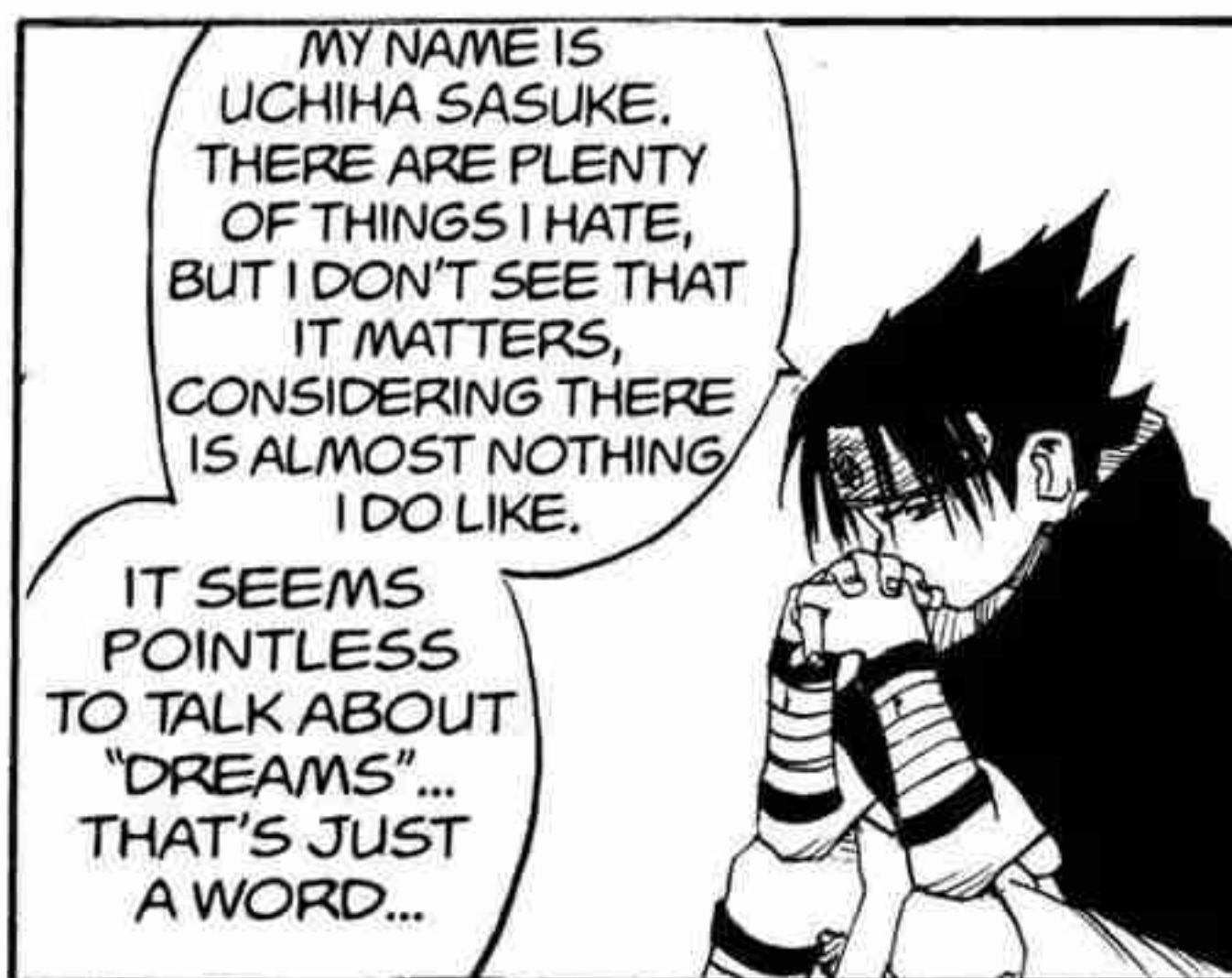












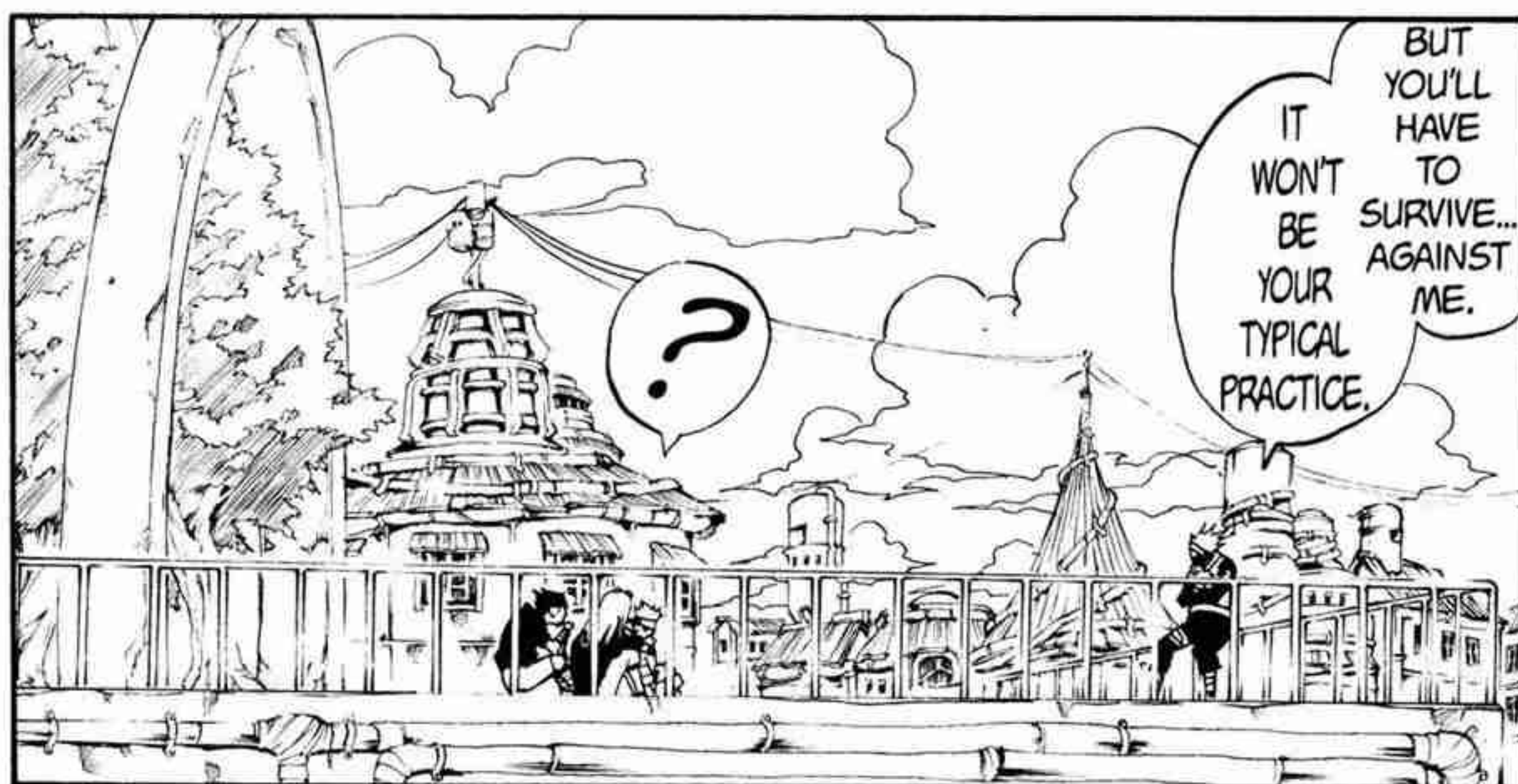


















OH! WE WANTED  
TO ELIMINATE ALL  
THE HOPELESS  
CASES FROM  
YOUR RANKS.  
THE ONES WHO ARE  
LEFT ARE THE ONLY  
STUDENTS WHO  
SHOW TRUE  
POTENTIAL.

SAY  
WHAT?!!

WE  
HAVE  
BEEN  
THROUGH  
HELL!  
WHAT  
ABOUT  
OUR  
GRADUA-  
TION  
TEST?!

**SIZZLE**

THAT  
SUCKS!!!

BRING  
ALL OF  
YOUR NINJA  
TOOLS  
AND  
WEAPONS.

IN ANY EVENT,  
WE'LL MEET  
TOMORROW  
MORNING ON  
THE PRACTICE  
FIELD SO THAT  
I CAN EVALUATE  
EACH OF YOUR  
SKILLS AND  
WEAKNESSES.

AND  
DON'T  
HAVE  
BREAKFAST  
BEFORE-  
HAND...  
UNLESS  
YOU  
ENJOY  
THROWING  
UP.

BUT... BUT... BUT...

I'LL  
KICK  
MASTER  
KAKASHI'S  
ASS!  
THEN  
I'LL GET  
SOME  
RESPECT!  
**YEAH!**

NO  
WAY  
WILL  
I LET  
THIS  
SET  
ME  
BACK.



