

SHONENJUMP MANGA

Story & Art by

Masashi Kishimoto volume

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Greetings. With everyone's support, my first comic has been published. I'm ecstatic. Speaking of ecstatic, the first time I won an award for one of my manga, I was so happy I was flying high. But this time is 10 times better than that. I don't know how to say it, but this is the happiest moment of my life. But I guess I'm happiest knowing that this comic will be read and enjoyed. Yup, that's it!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2000



Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** ("mechanism"). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.





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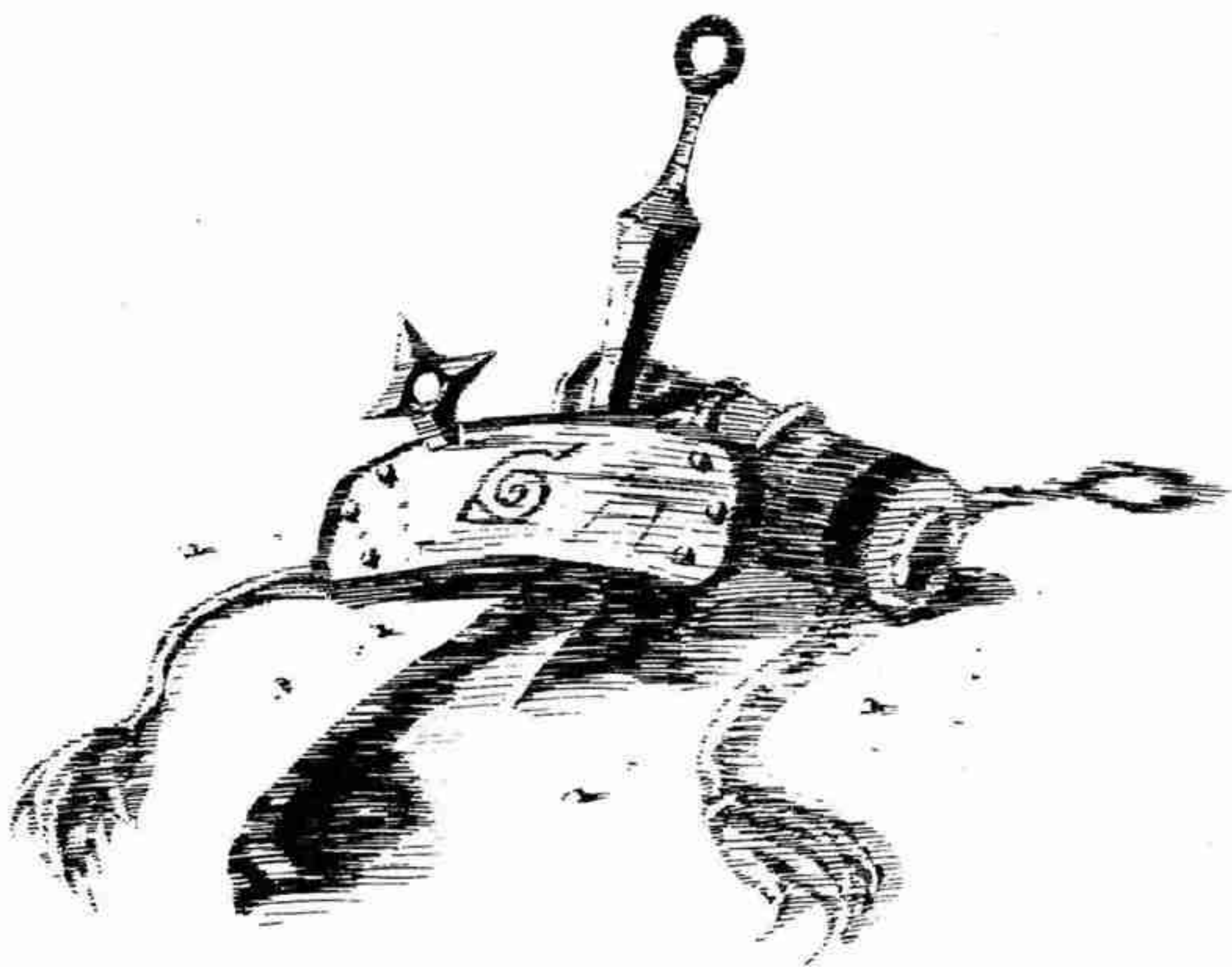


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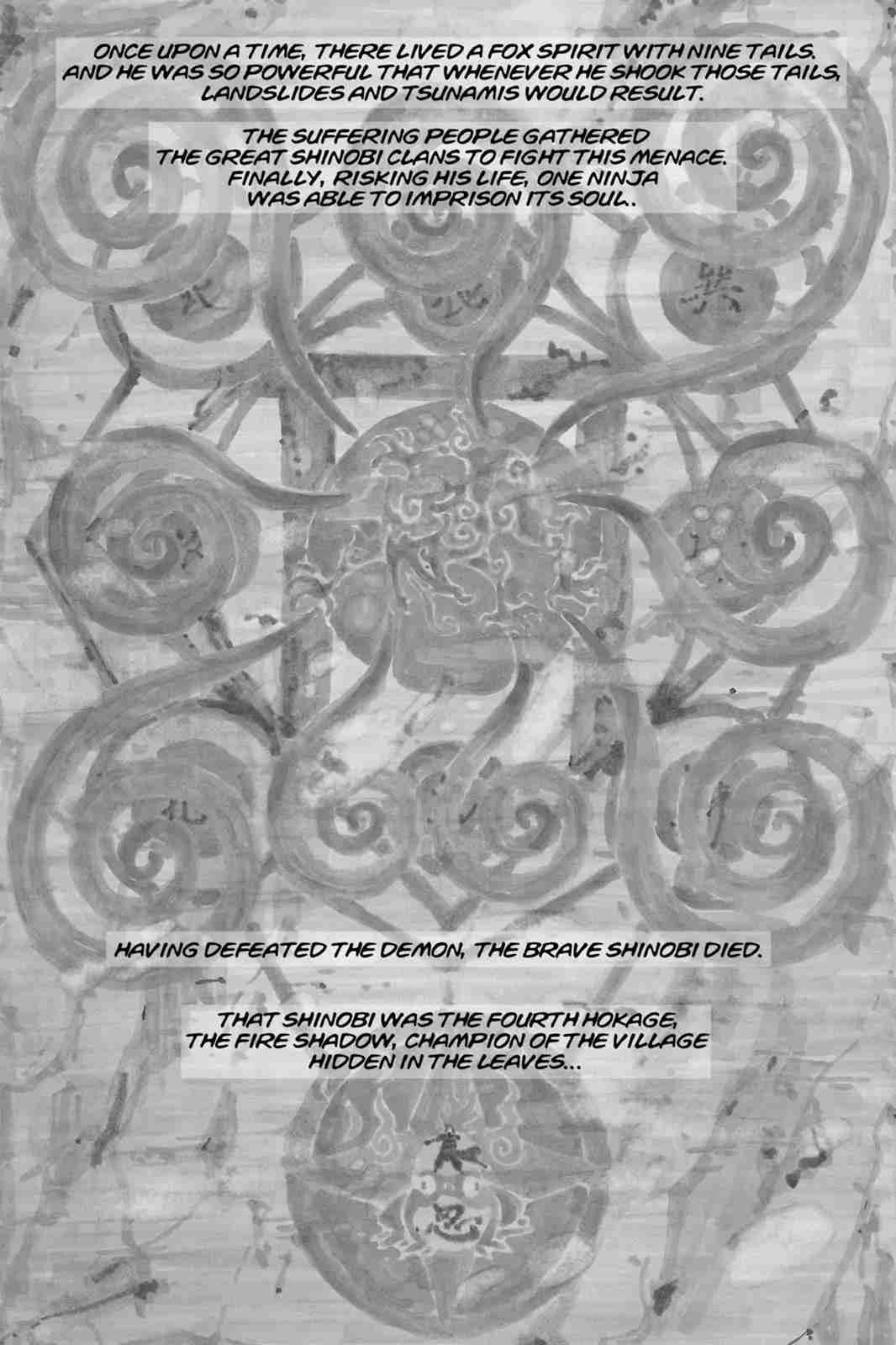
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ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE LIVED A FOX SPIRIT WITH NINE TAILS.
AND HE WAS SO POWERFUL THAT WHENEVER HE SHOOK THOSE TAILS,
LANDSLIDES AND TSUNAMIS WOULD RESULT.

THE SUFFERING PEOPLE GATHERED
THE GREAT SHINOBI CLANS TO FIGHT THIS MENACE.
FINALLY, RISKING HIS LIFE, ONE NINJA
WAS ABLE TO IMPRISON ITS SOUL.

HAVING DEFEATED THE DEMON, THE BRAVE SHINOBI DIED.

THAT SHINOBI WAS THE FOURTH HOKAGE,
THE FIRE SHADOW, CHAMPION OF THE VILLAGE
HIDDEN IN THE LEAVES...





1: Uzumaki Naruto!





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