

NARUTO

SHONEN JUMP MANGA

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Masashi Kishimoto

Volume

29



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These days, I often hurt my wrists when I wake up in the morning. When I sit up, I put too much weight on one hand and end up twisting it. You're not too aware of things when you've just woken up. So, everyone please be careful when you wake up in the morning.

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2005



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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VOL. 29
KAKASHI
VS.
ITACHI

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CHARACTERS



Sakura
サクラ



**Granny
Chiyo** チヨ



Naruto
ナルト



Pakkun



Kakashi



Itachi



Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. Right in the middle of the Chūnin Selection Exams, Orochimaru and his henchmen launch *Operation Destroy Konoha*, which ends when the revered leader of the village, the Third Hokage, sacrifices his own life to save his people.

Tsunade, one of the Three Great Shinobi of Konoha legend, becomes the Fifth Hokage. Sasuke, succumbing to the allure of Orochimaru's power, leaves the village with the deadly Sound Ninja Four. Naruto fights valiantly against Sasuke, but can't stop him.

Two years pass following that battle, and Naruto and his comrades train and mature. The mysterious Gaara becomes Kazekage and falls into the hands of the secret society of the Akatsuki! Naruto with one team and Lee with another set out for the village of Sunagakure to save him!!



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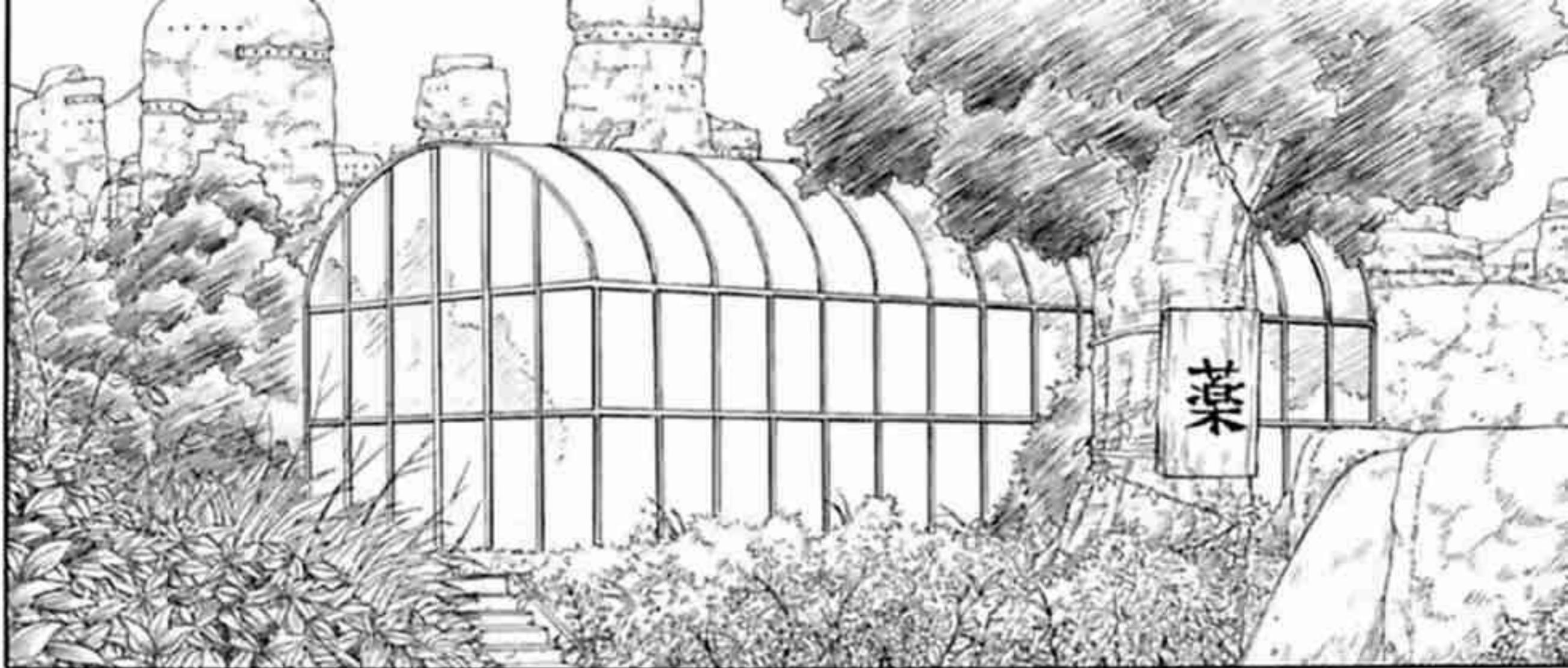
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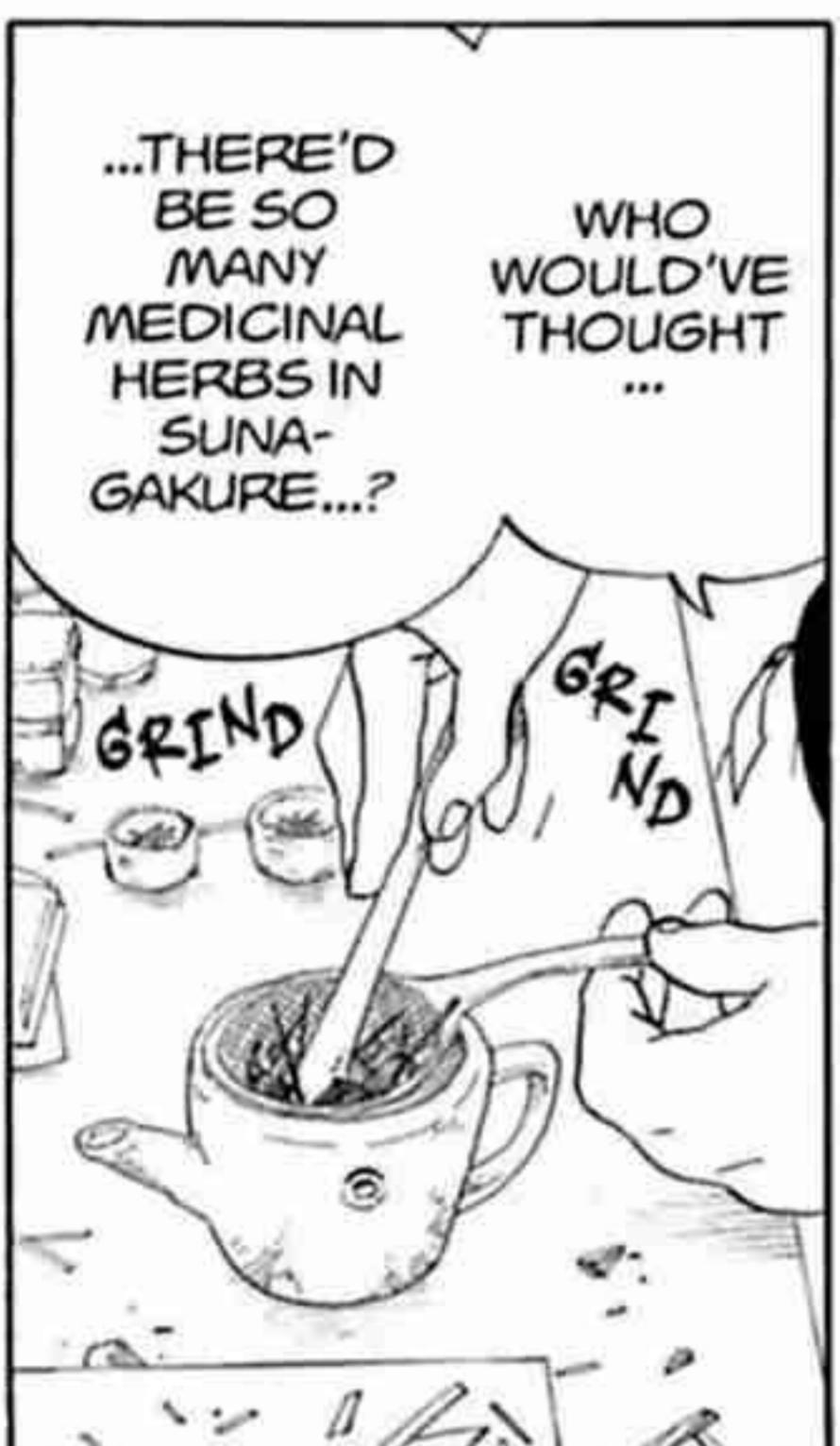
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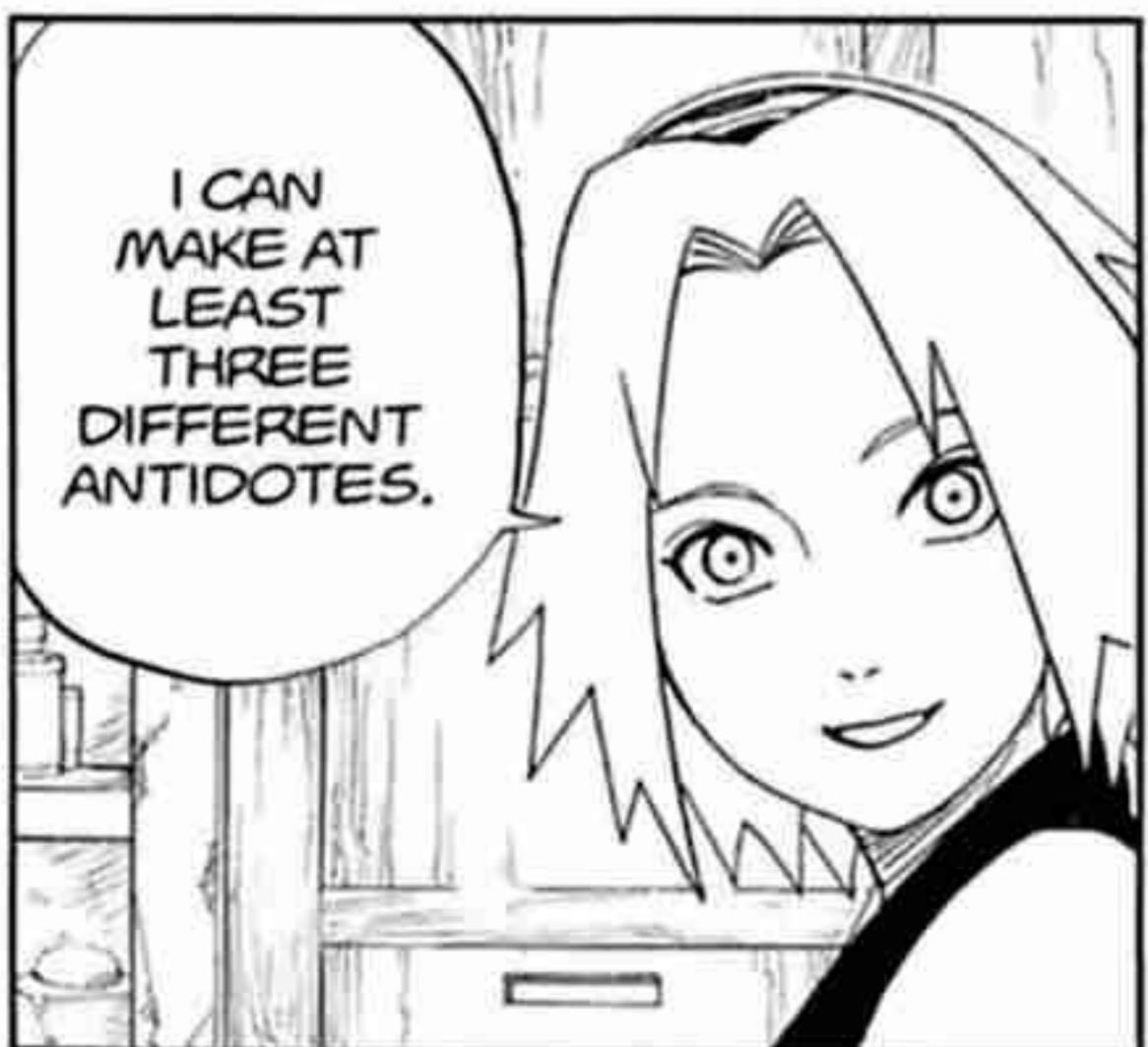
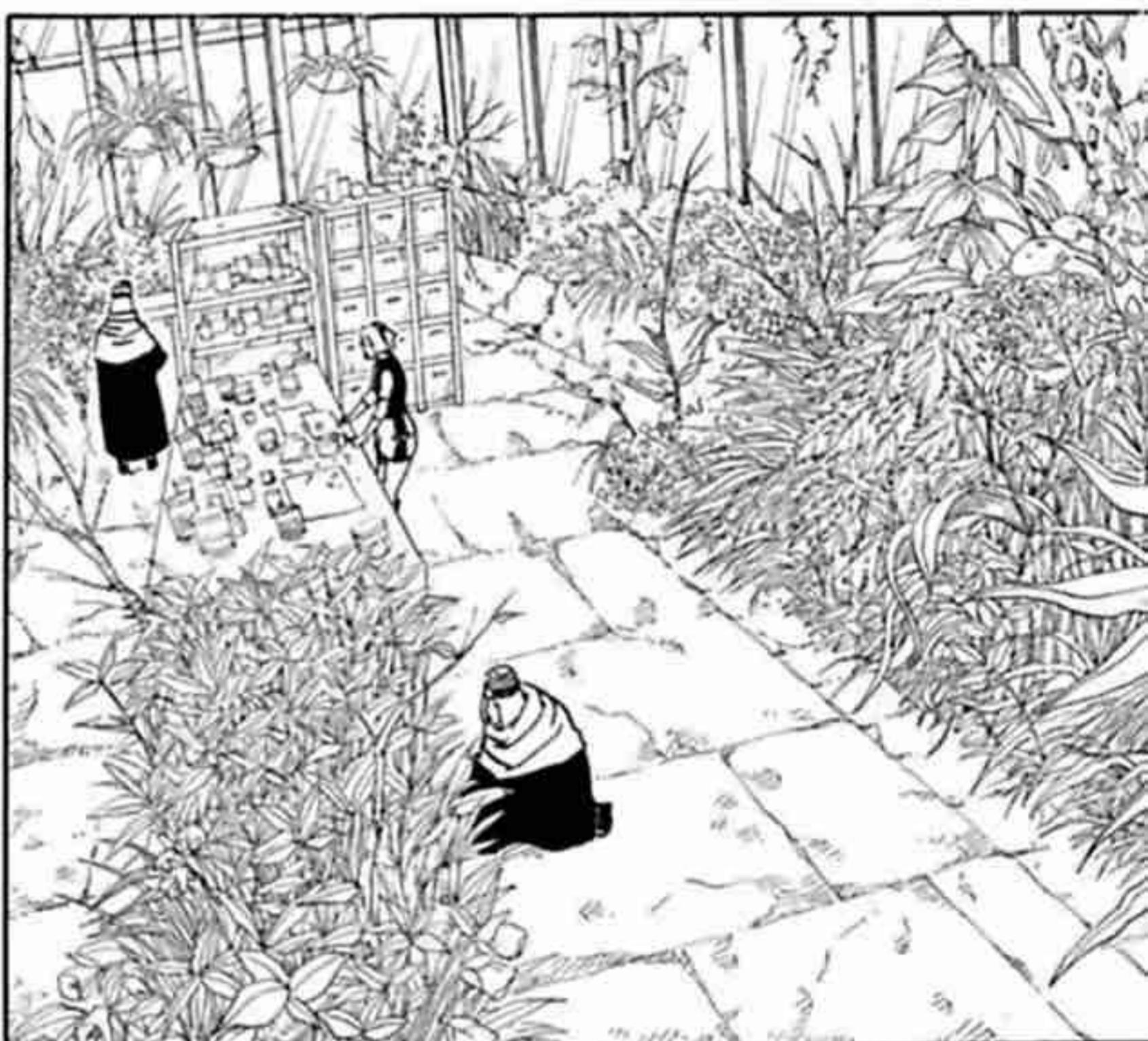
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(SIGN: MEDICINE)



...THERE'D
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MANY
MEDICINAL
HERBS IN
SUNA-
GAKURE...?
WHO
WOULD'VE
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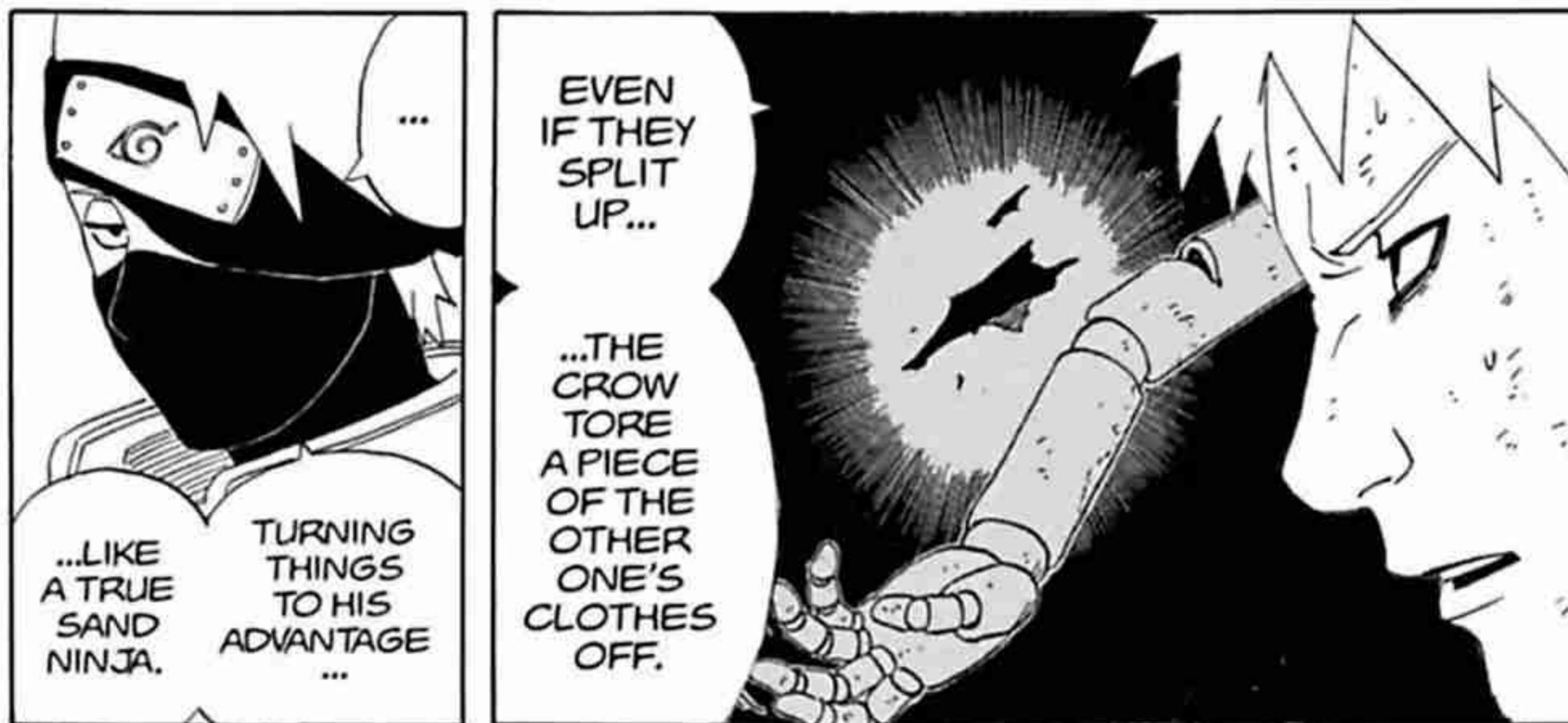
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PLENTY
HERE.

SORRY...
THE NATURE
OF THE LAND
HERE MAKES
IT DIFFICULT
TO GROW
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SCURVY
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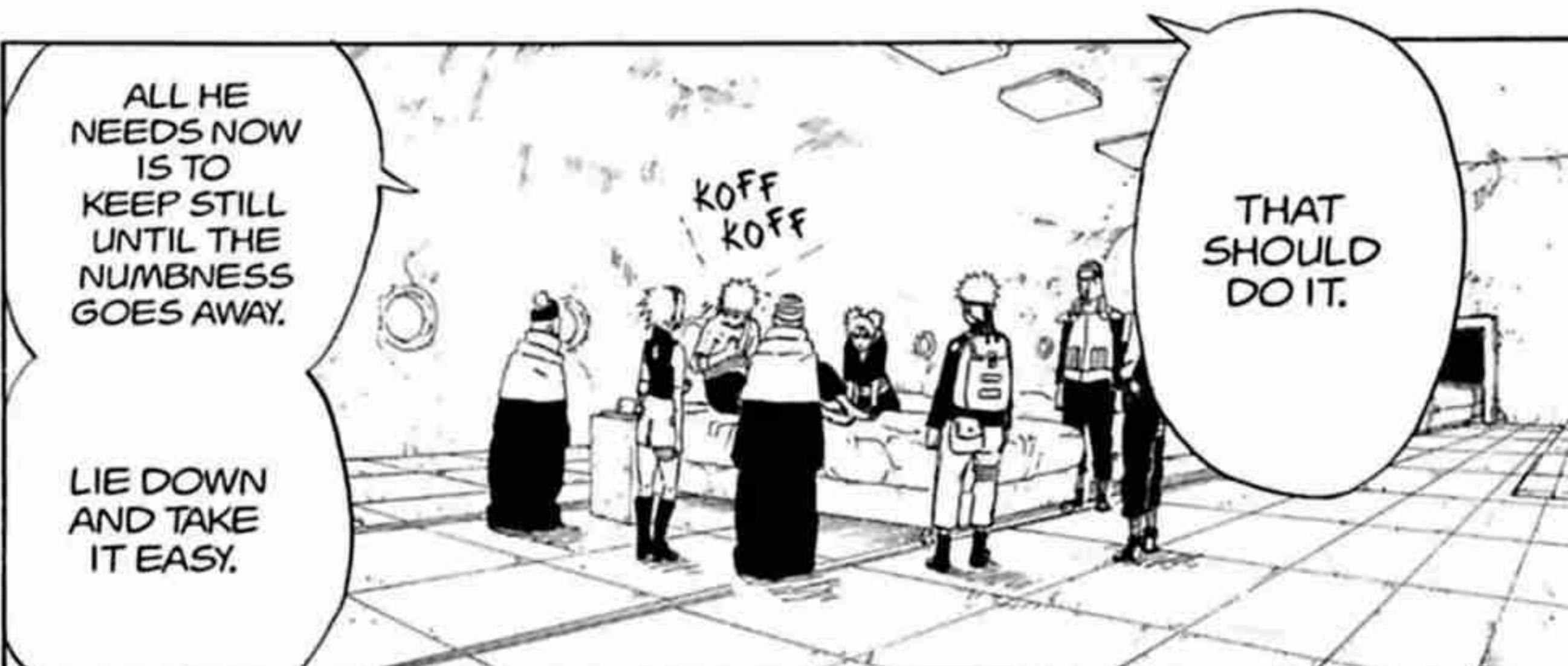




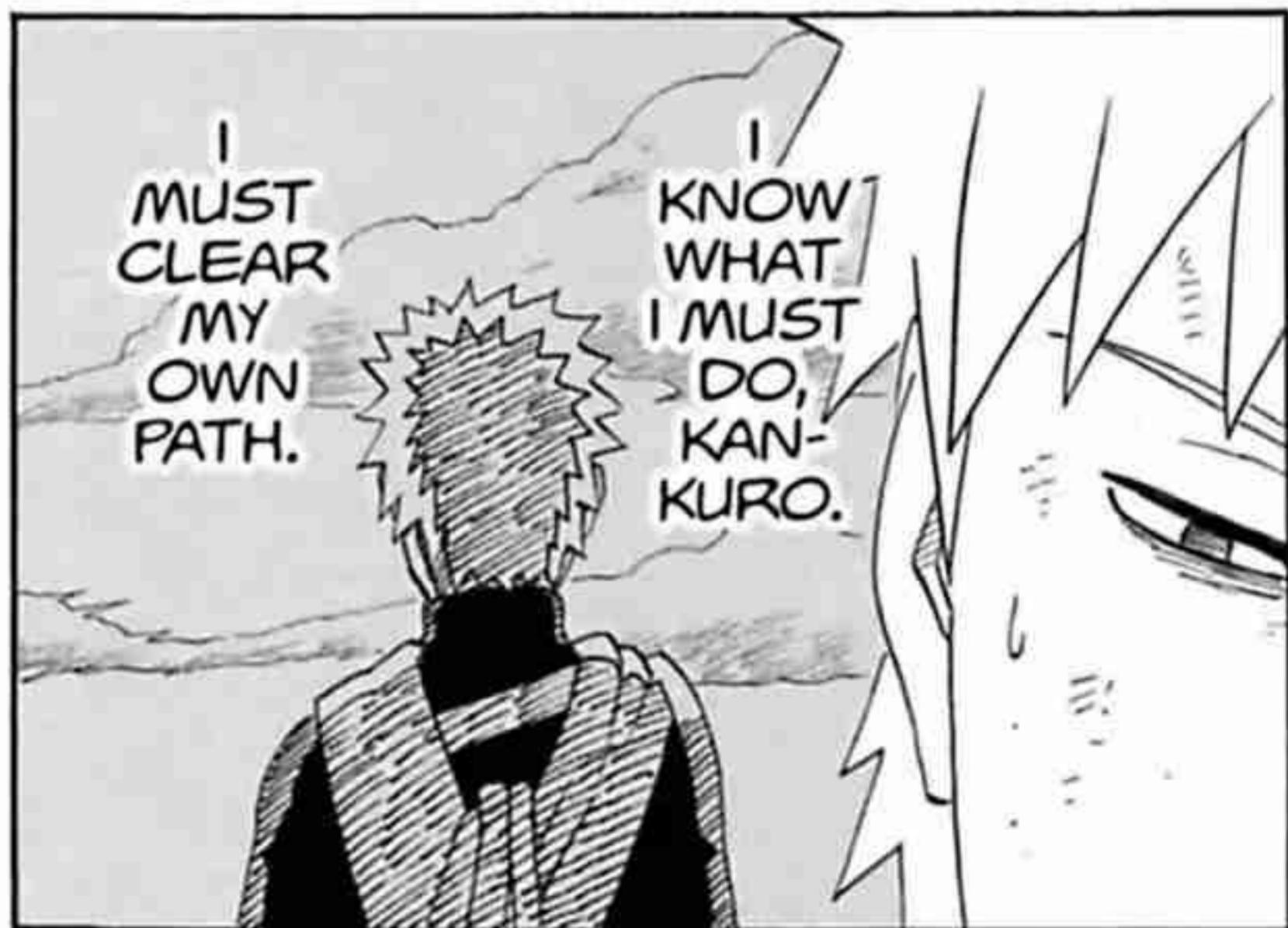
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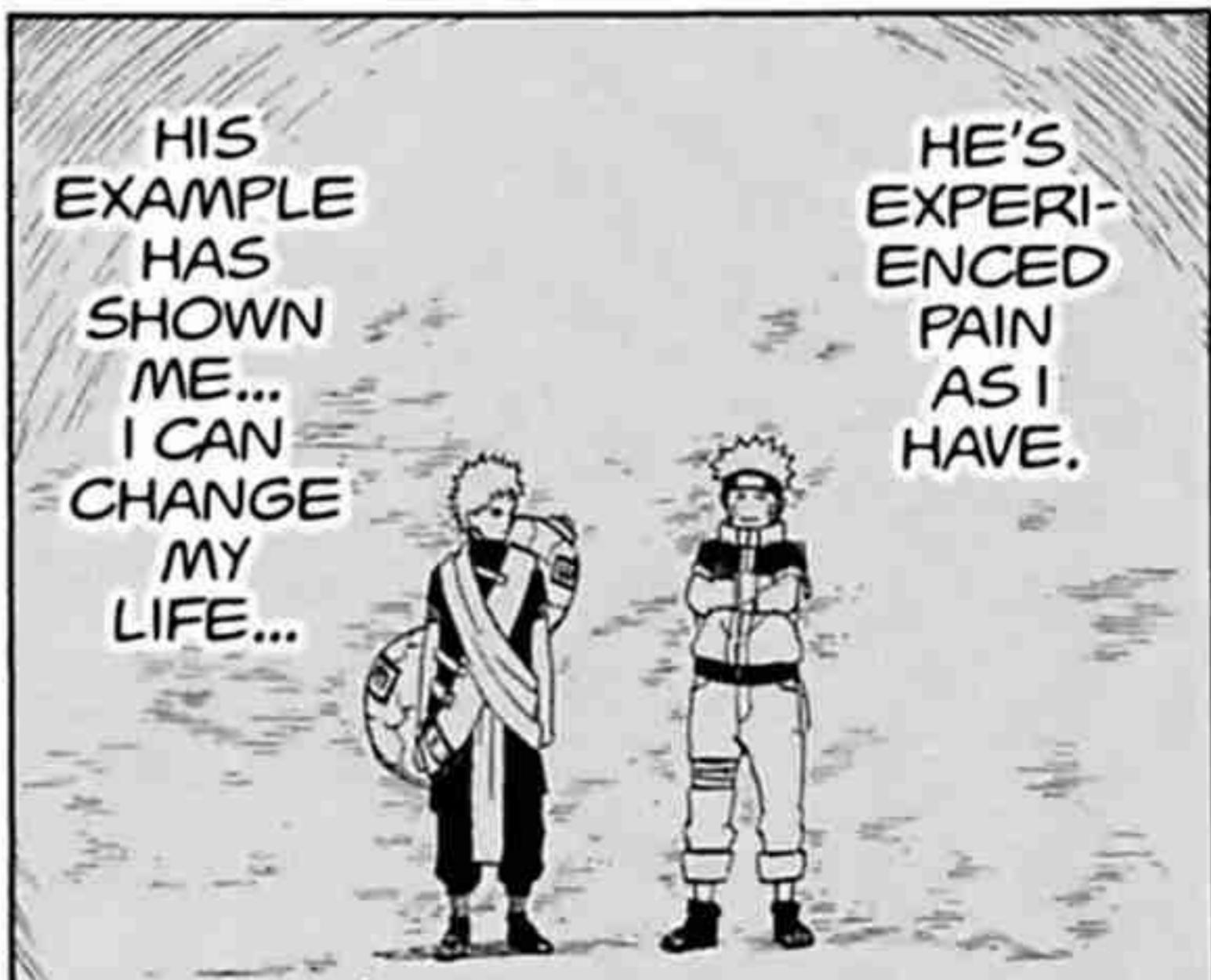
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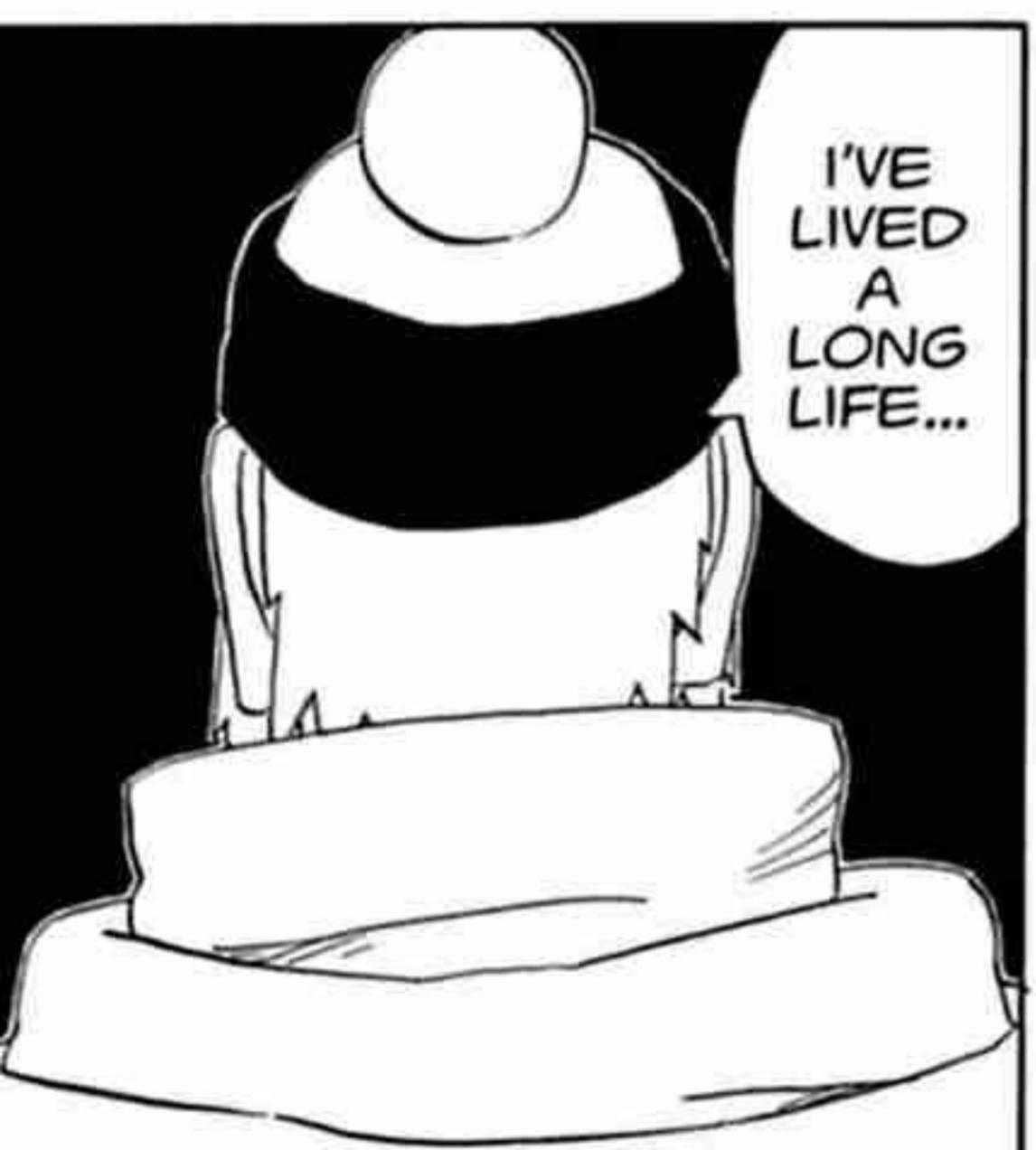
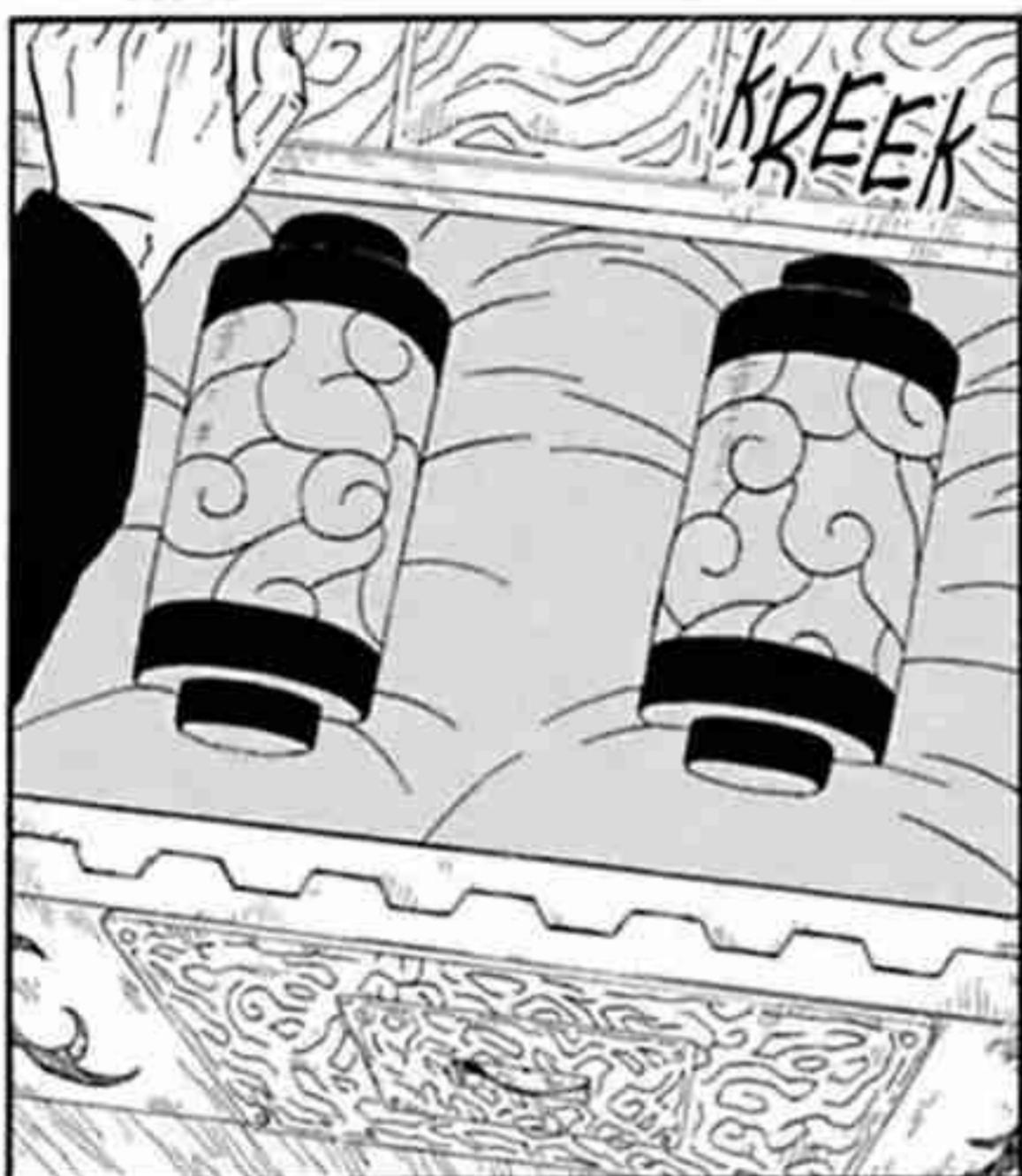


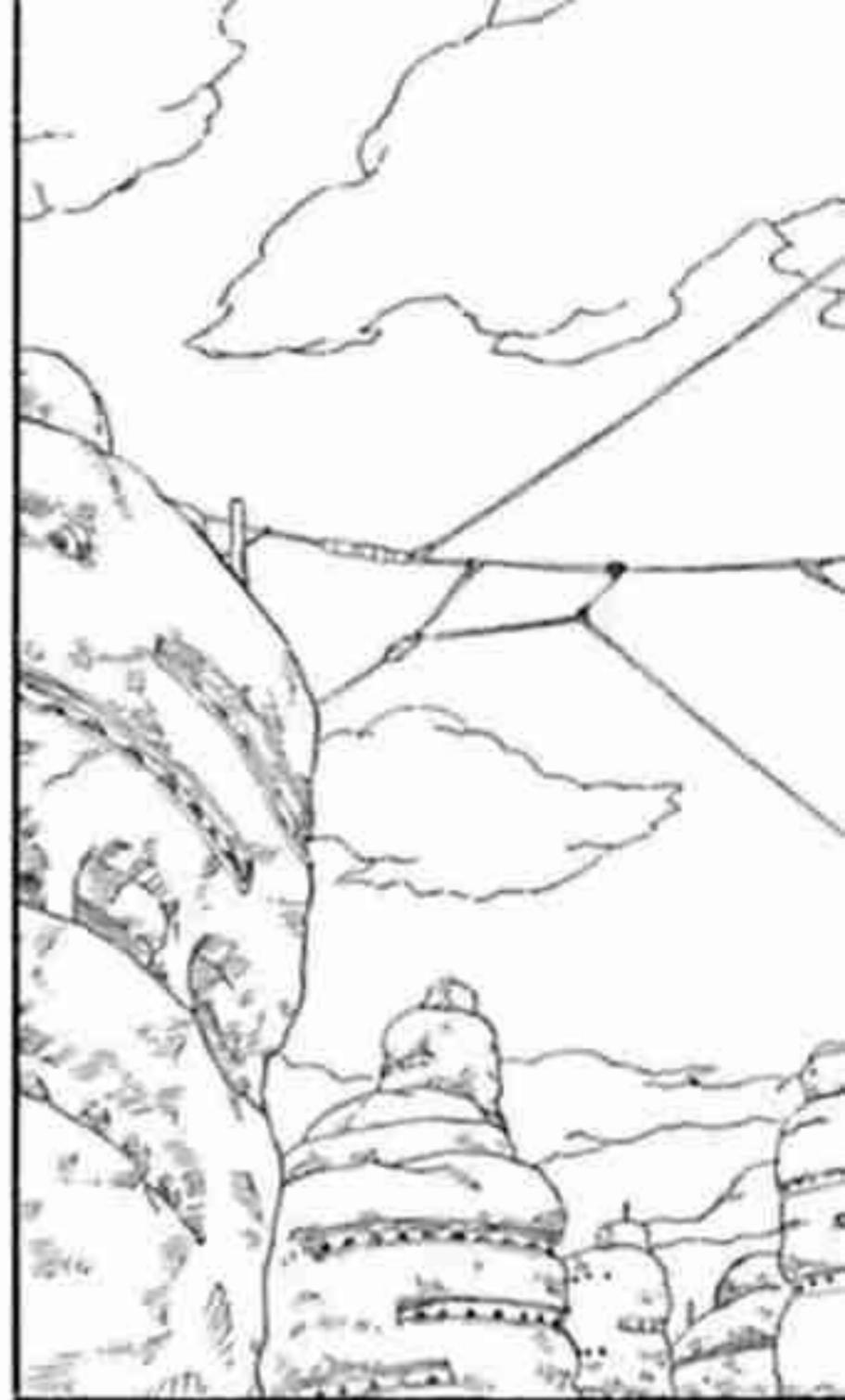






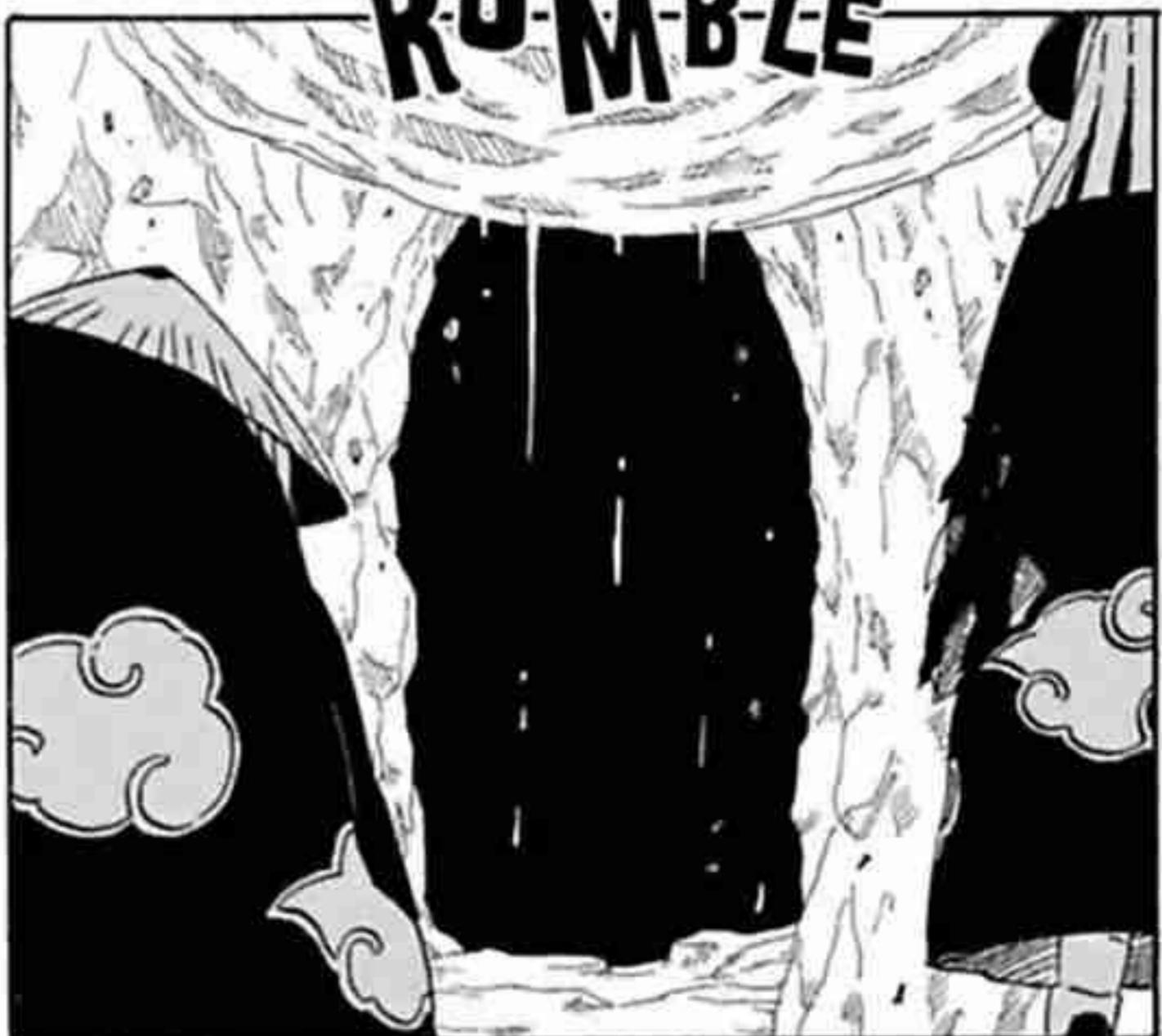
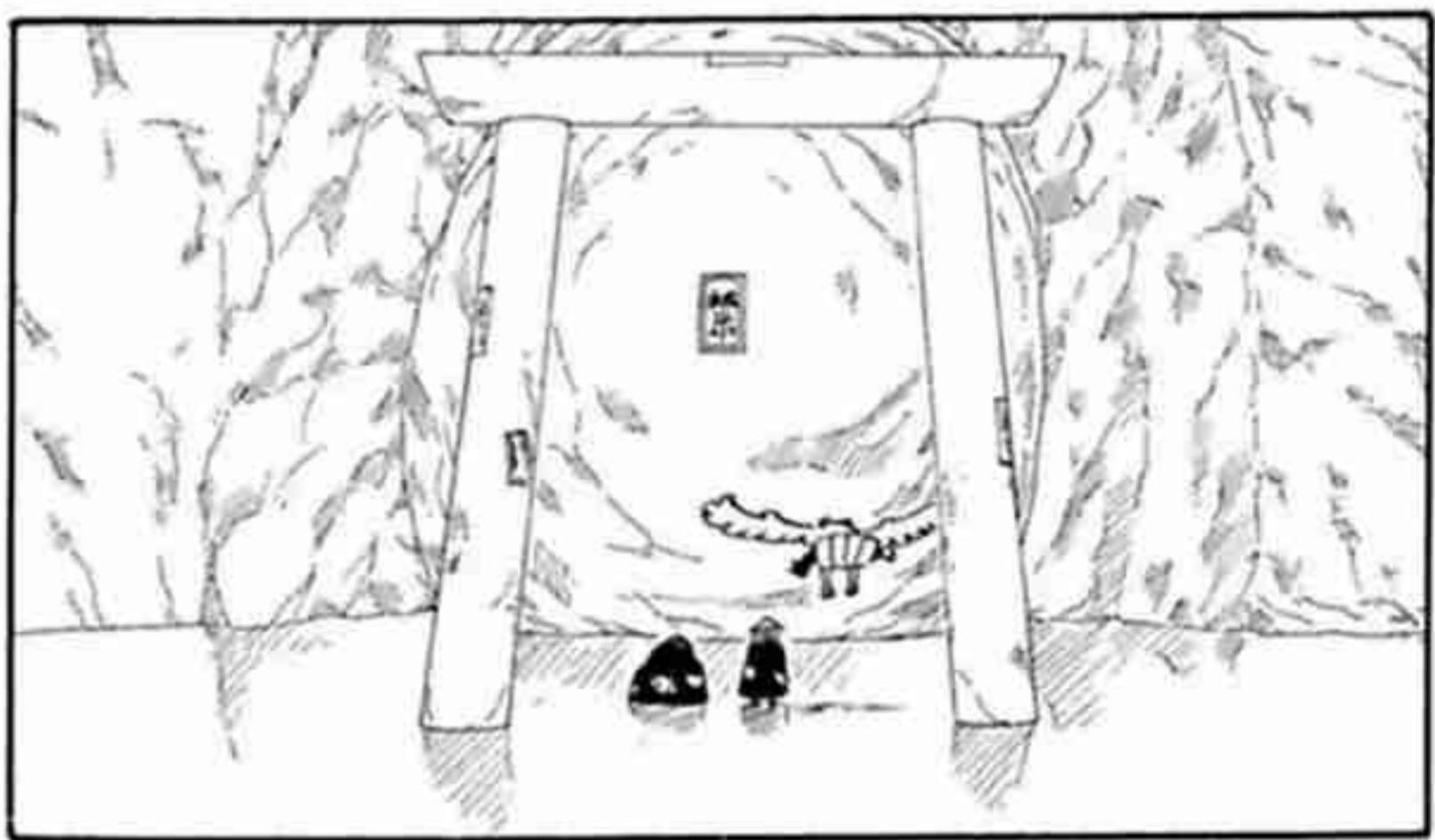
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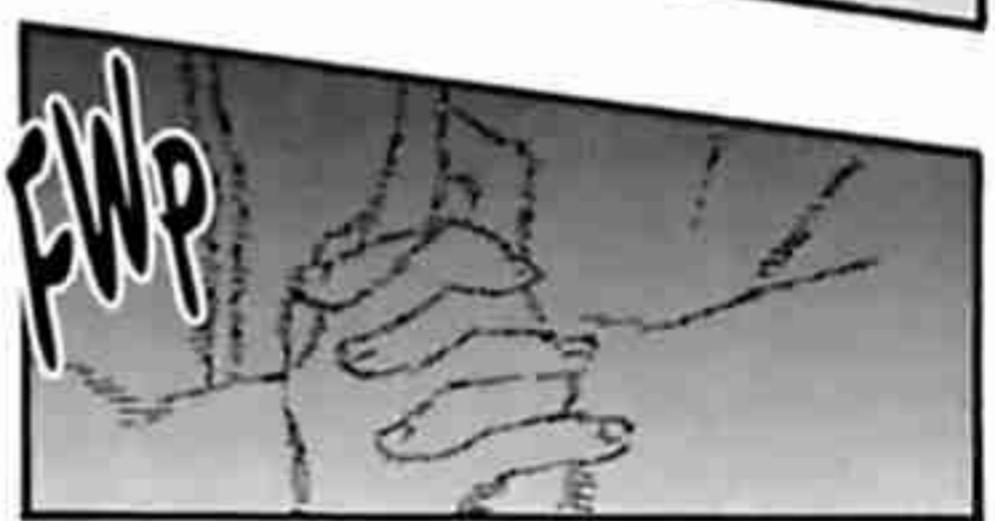
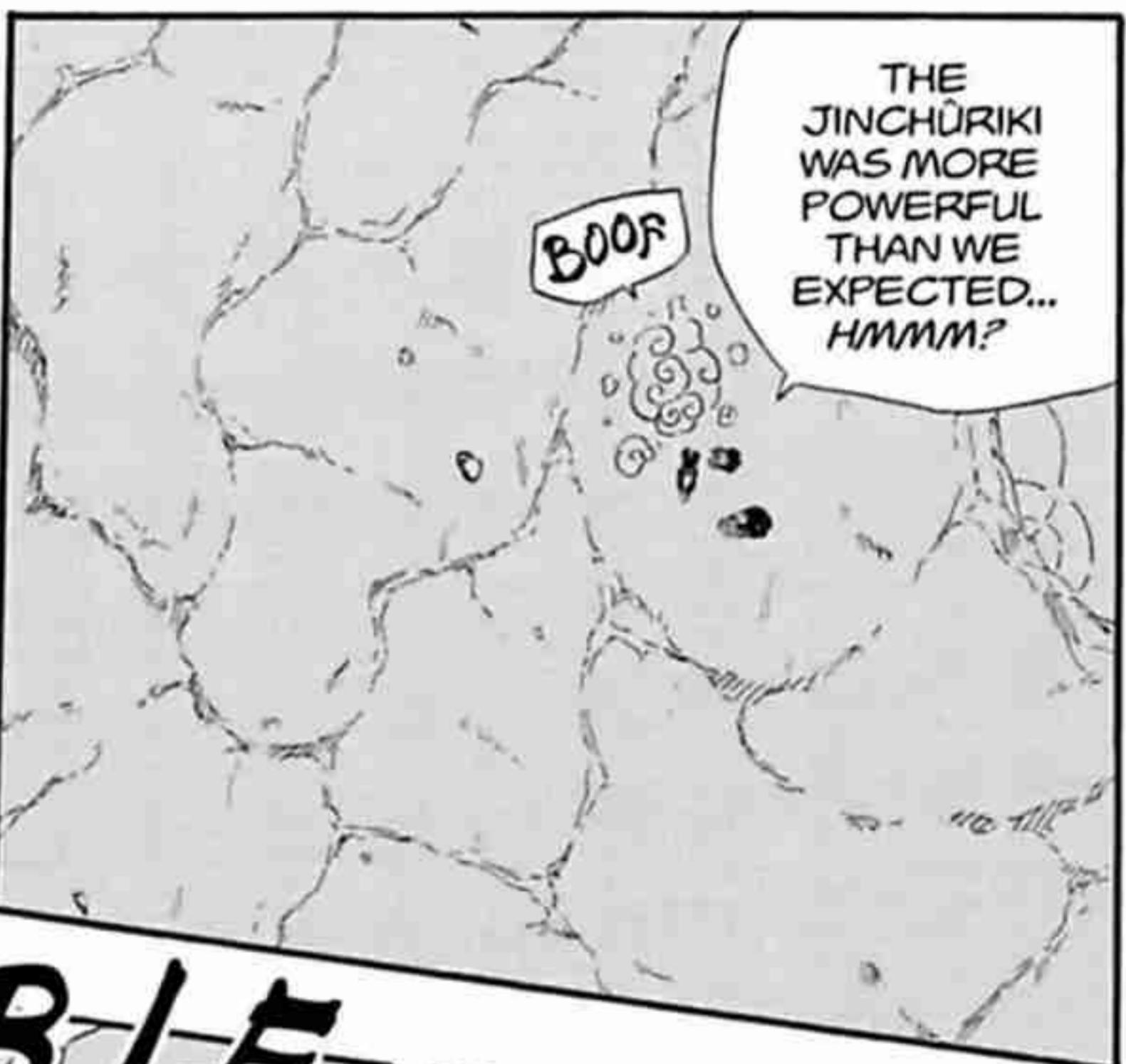


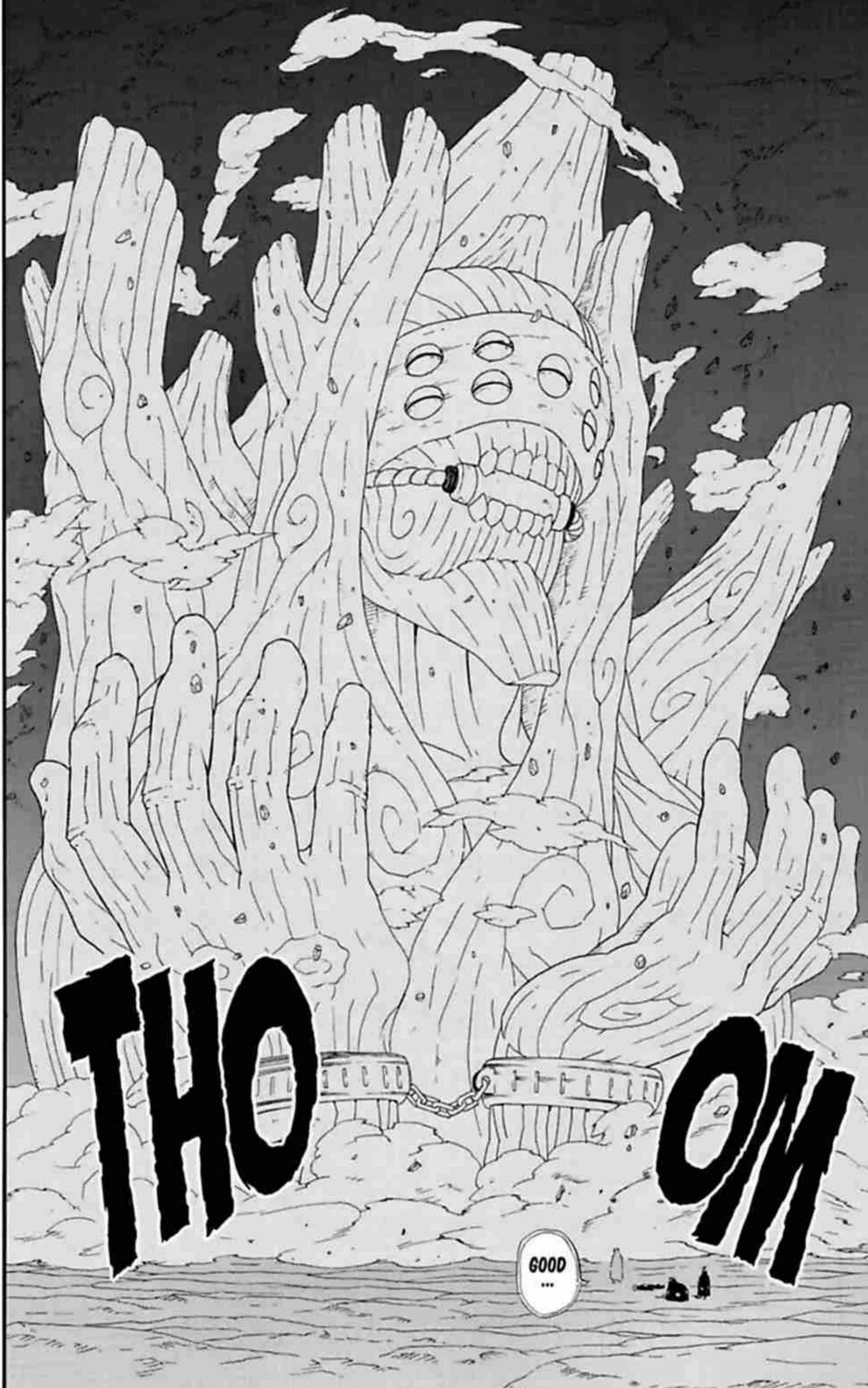


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TAK

TAK

NOW
THEN,
LET'S
BEGIN...

THE WORLD OF KISHIMOTO MASASHI
MY PERSONAL HISTORY:
FIGHTING AGAINST CHAOS, PART I

THERE'S ONE THING I HAVE LEARNED FROM MY SIX YEARS' EXPERIENCE CREATING MANGA. WHAT'S THAT, YOU ASK...?

IT IS THAT IF PEOPLE STAY IN ONE PLACE WITH THE SAME PEOPLE WITHOUT SLEEPING FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, THEY WILL SLOWLY GO INSANE. THESE ARE SYMPTOMS THAT APPEAR AMONG MY ASSISTANTS: CRACKING UP OVER AN EXTREMELY LAME JOKE, SPENDING A HALF HOUR TAPE RECORDING FARTS, CONVERSING IN MOANING VOICES, AND SO ON. IN THESE WAYS AND COUNTLESS OTHERS, THINGS START GOING LOOPY.

IN A SENSE, MY ASSISTANTS COME TO BE CONTROLLED BY A KIND OF CHAOS. HOWEVER, THEY AREN'T AWARE OF IT, AND A STATE OF CHAOS BECOMES NORMAL... WHENEVER A NEW PERSON JOINS THE TEAM, THE GAP MY ASSISTANTS FEEL BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THE NEW GUY MAKES THEM REALIZE JUST HOW WEIRD THEY'VE BECOME. THEN THEY REGRET THE SILLINESS THEY'D BEEN UP TO A LITTLE BIT. BUT... TIME IS A DREADFUL THING, BECAUSE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT THEY'VE ABSORBED THE NEW ASSISTANT AND RETURNED TO THEIR STATE OF CHAOS.

ONE DAY, THE FOLLOWING INCIDENT TOOK PLACE: I GOT STUCK WRITING A MANGA JUST BEFORE THE DEADLINE, SO I LAY DOWN BEHIND MY DESK TO TAKE A SHORT NAP. WHEN I WAS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO USE AS A PILLOW, I FOUND A BIG FROG-SHAPED GAMAGUCHI CUSHION. (THIS IS A CUSHION MODELED ON THE FROGGIE WALLET THAT NARUTO USES IN THE SERIES. IT WAS MADE AS A PRESENT FOR READERS.)

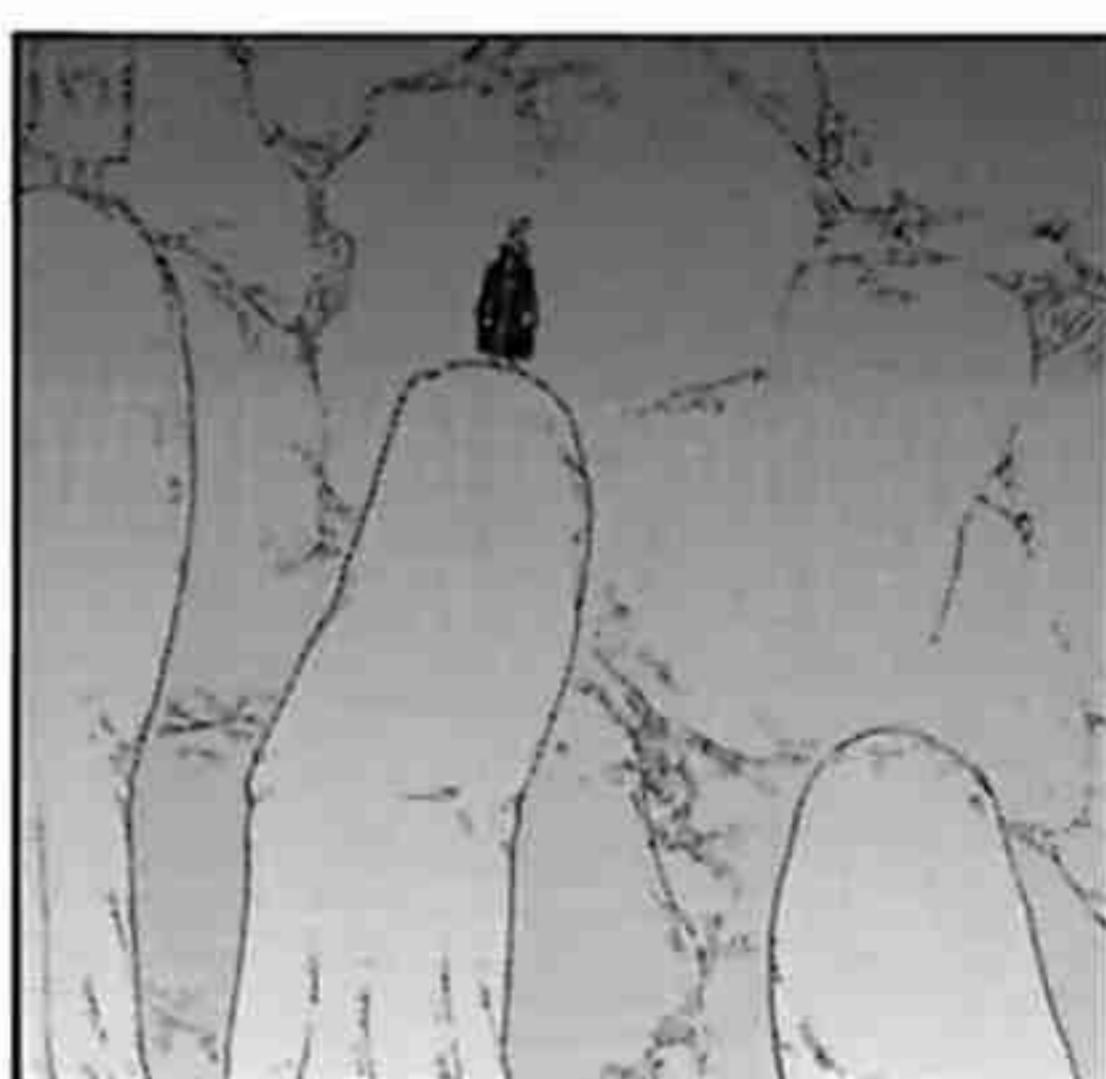
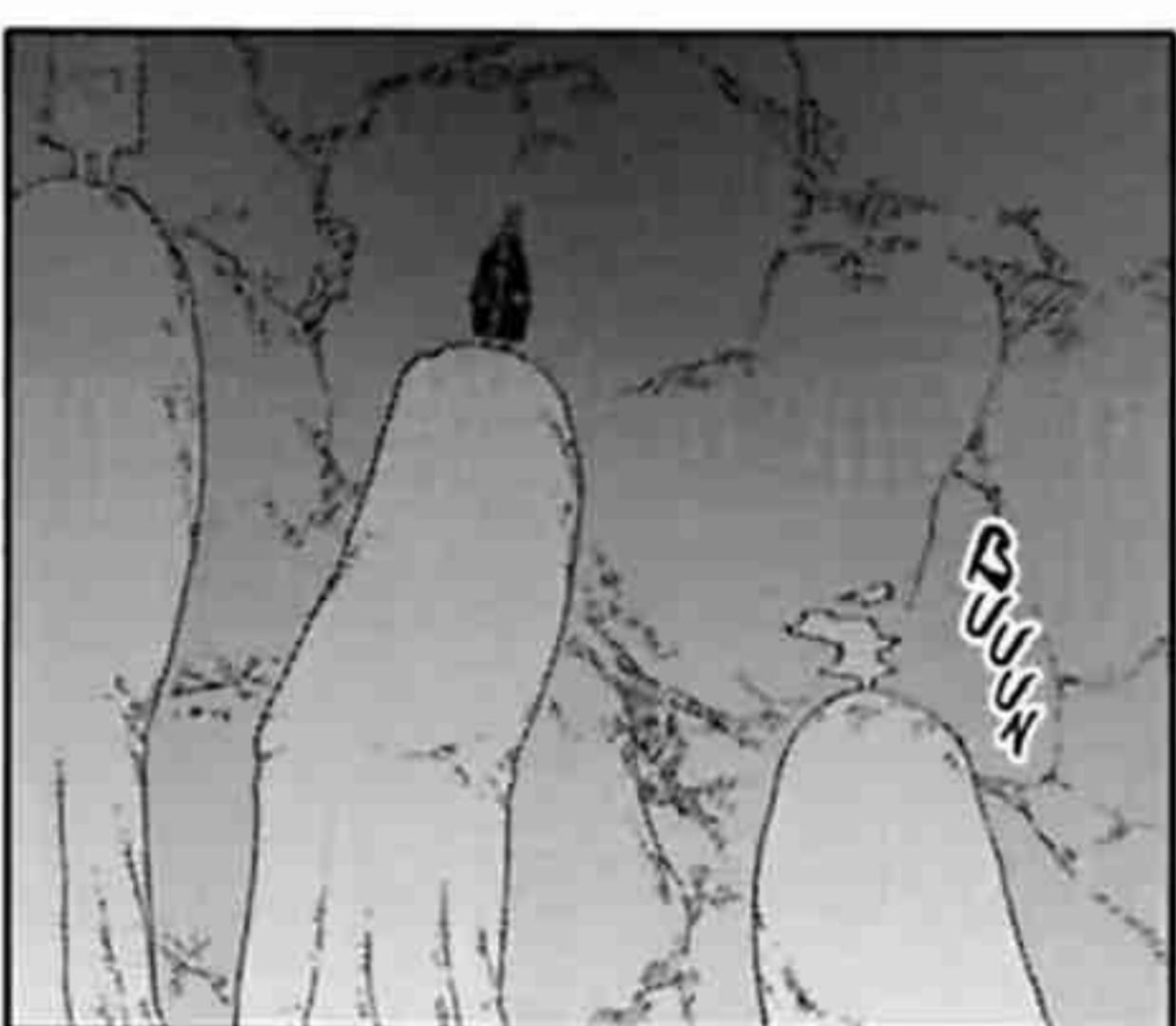


THE CUSHION WAS JUST THE RIGHT SIZE TO LAY MY HEAD ON. THINKING I HAD MADE A GREAT DISCOVERY, I WAS GOING TO TAKE A NAP USING IT AS A PILLOW. ...BUT... THIS COIN PURSE-TYPE CUSHION CAN BE OPENED JUST LIKE A REGULAR COIN PURSE. WHILE GAZING AT IT IN A STUPOR, AN IDEA CROSSED MY MIND. IF IT'S BIG ENOUGH TO LAY MY HEAD ON, WOULDN'T IT BE POSSIBLE TO STICK MY HEAD INSIDE IT? THIS RATHER POINTLESS SUSPICION ENTERED MY HEAD. I SHOULD'VE JUST TAKEN THE NAP IMMEDIATELY; I WAS TIRED, AFTER ALL. BUT FOR SOME REASON, I COULDN'T HELP CONFIRMING MY SUSPICION. SO I PUT MY HEAD IN THE COIN PURSE CUSHION AND FOUND THAT MY HEAD AND NECK JUST BARELY FIT INSIDE IT.

TO THIS DAY, I HAVE NO IDEA WHY I DID THIS. I'M CONVINCED THAT I HAD FALLEN VICTIM TO THE CHAOS. AT THE TIME, I HAD NO IDEA THE DISASTER THAT THIS WOULD LEAD TO. (TO BE CONTINUED...)

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Approach





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GAHHA

SHUK

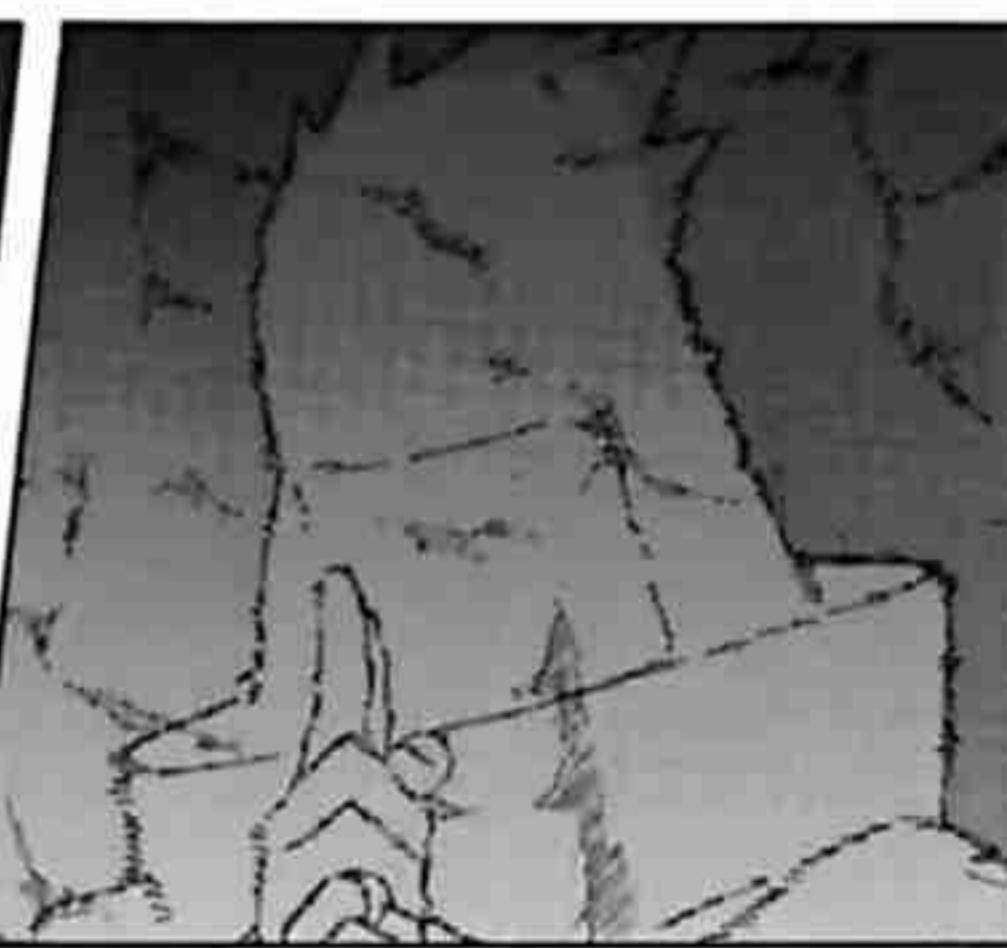
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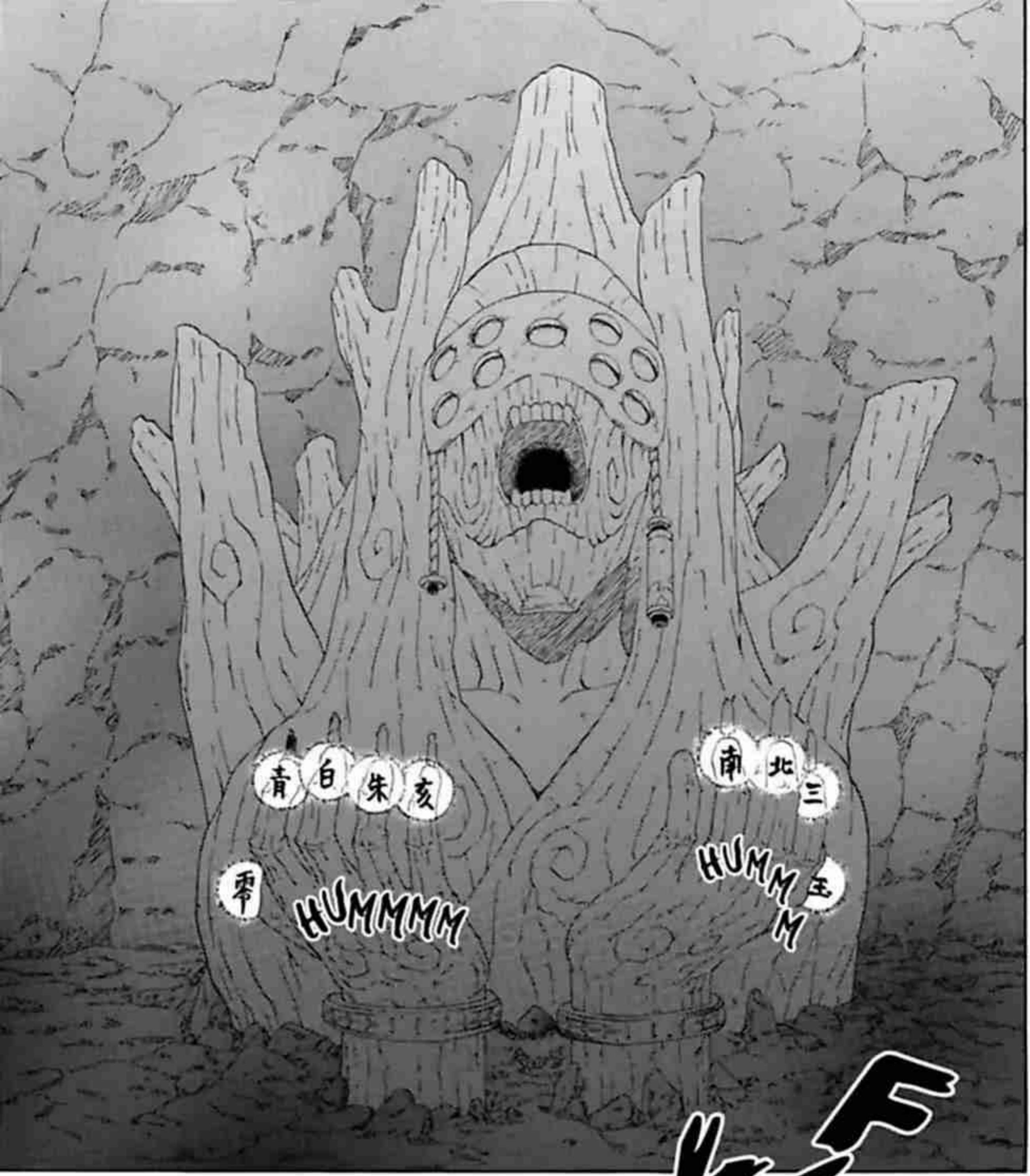
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GOING
TO TAKE
THREE
FULL
DAYS.

UNDER-
STOOD.

USE THE
ONE WITH THE
GREATEST
RANGE, GOT
IT?

AND ZETSU,
HAVE YOUR
PHYSICAL BODY
STAND GUARD
OUTSIDE.





SEALING
JUTSU!
NINE
PHANTOM
DRAGONS
SEAL!!

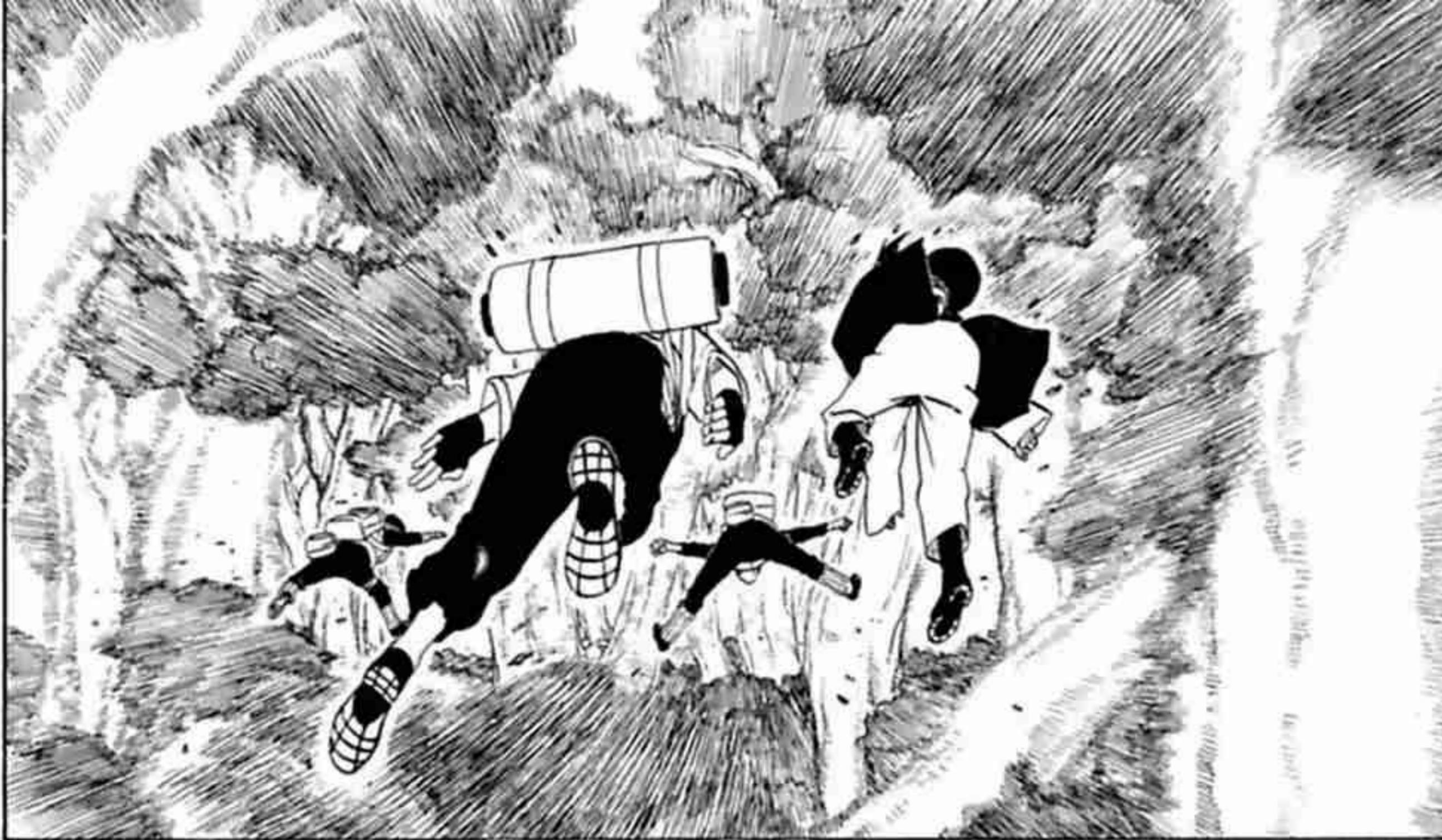
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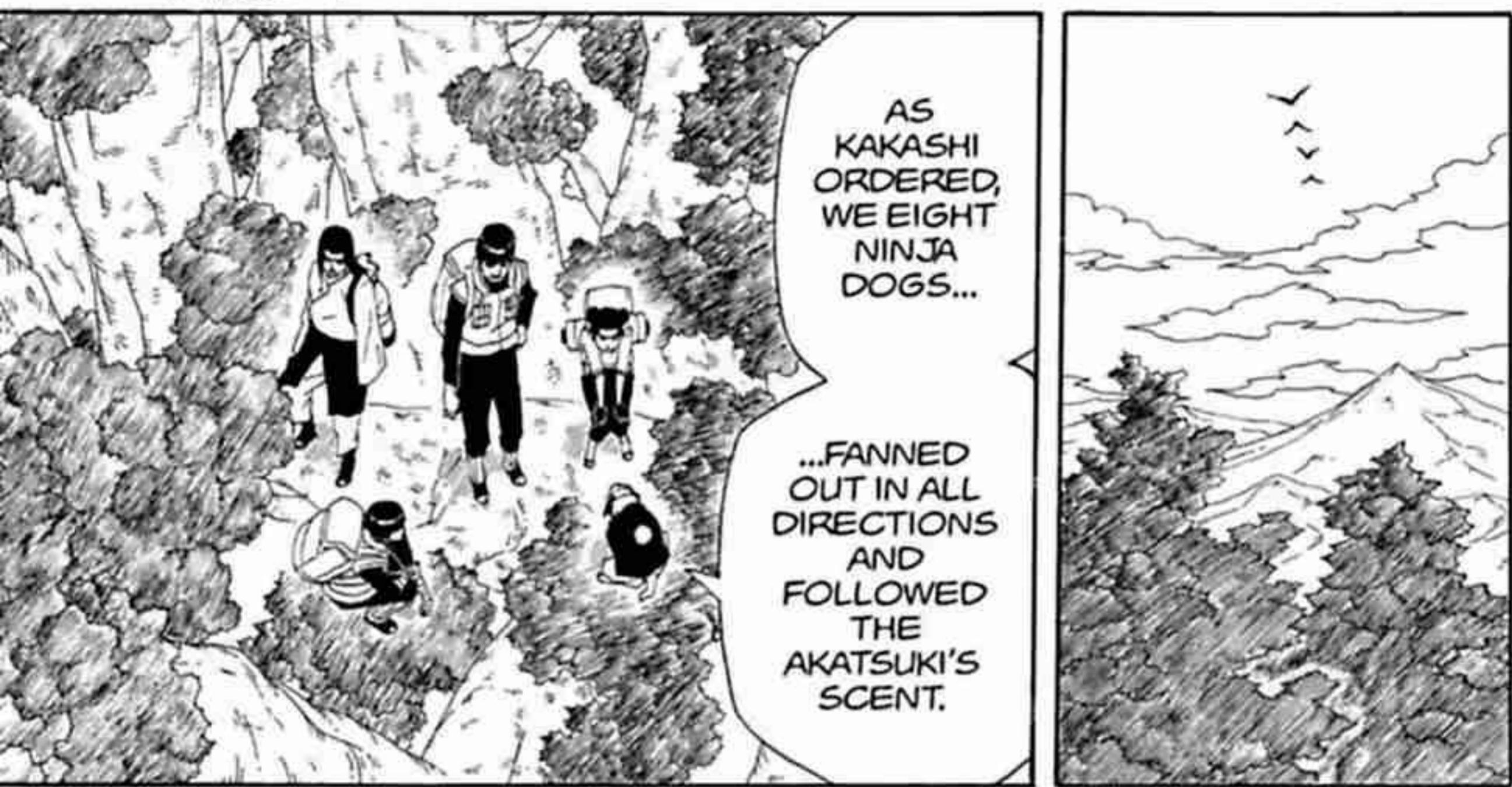
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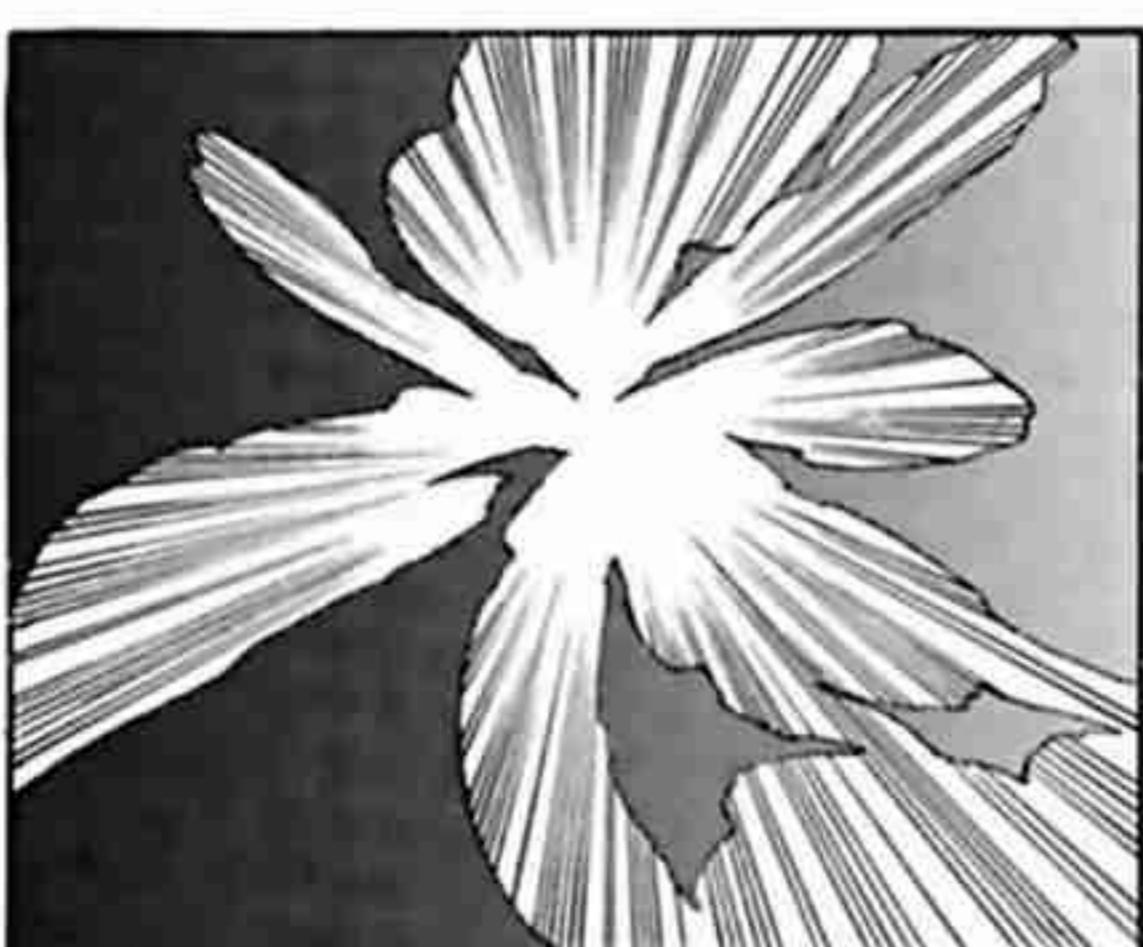
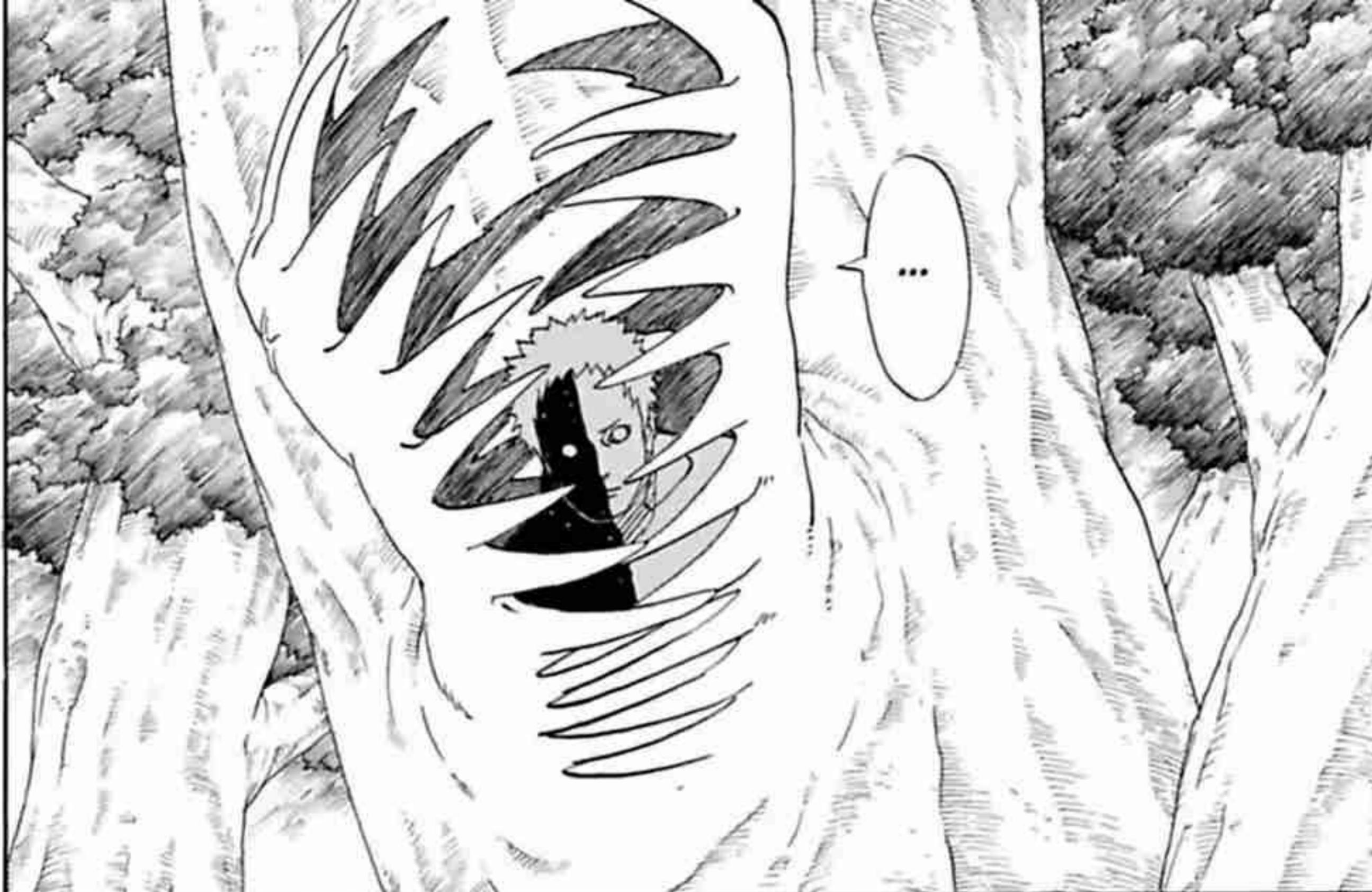




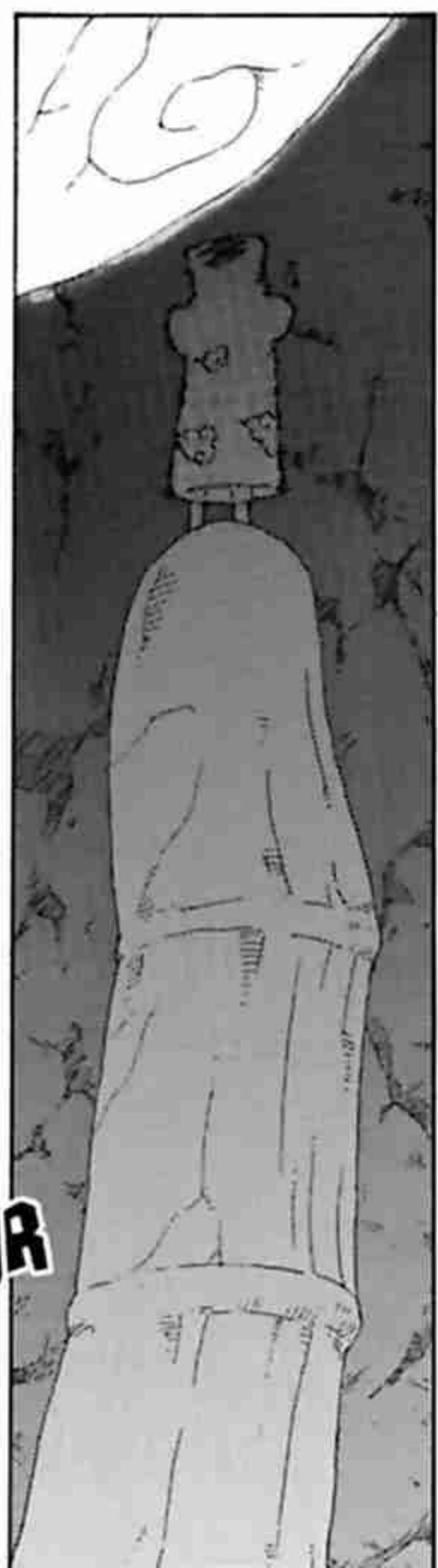
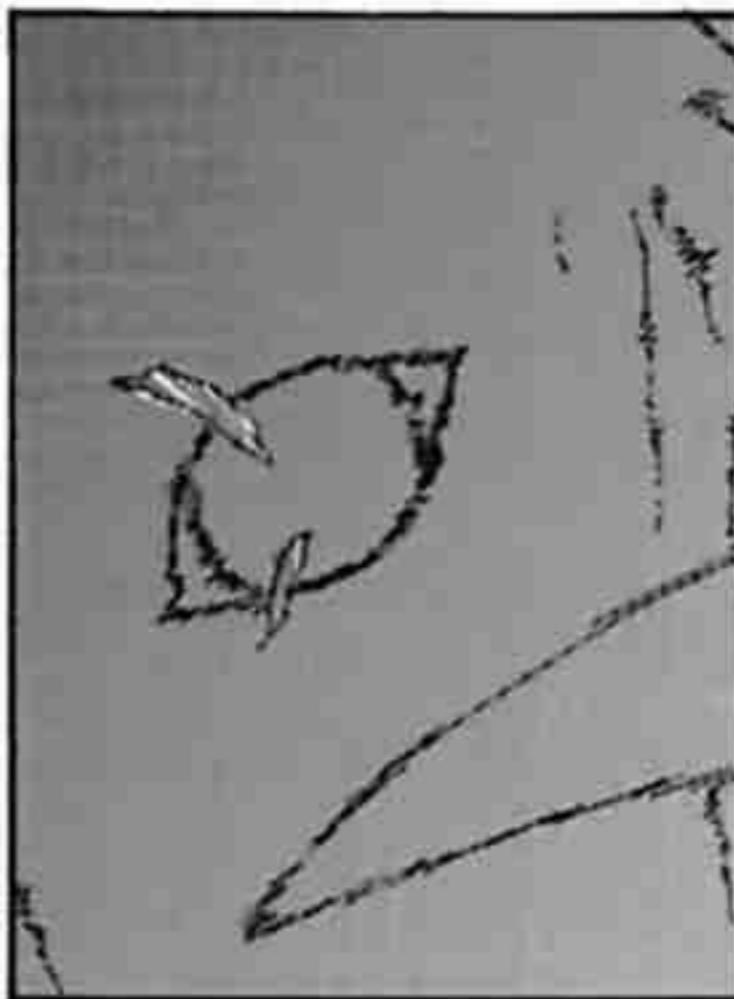


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ONE OF THEM
IS HIGHLY
SKILLED...
FROM KONOHA...
HIS NAME IS
MIGHT GUY.

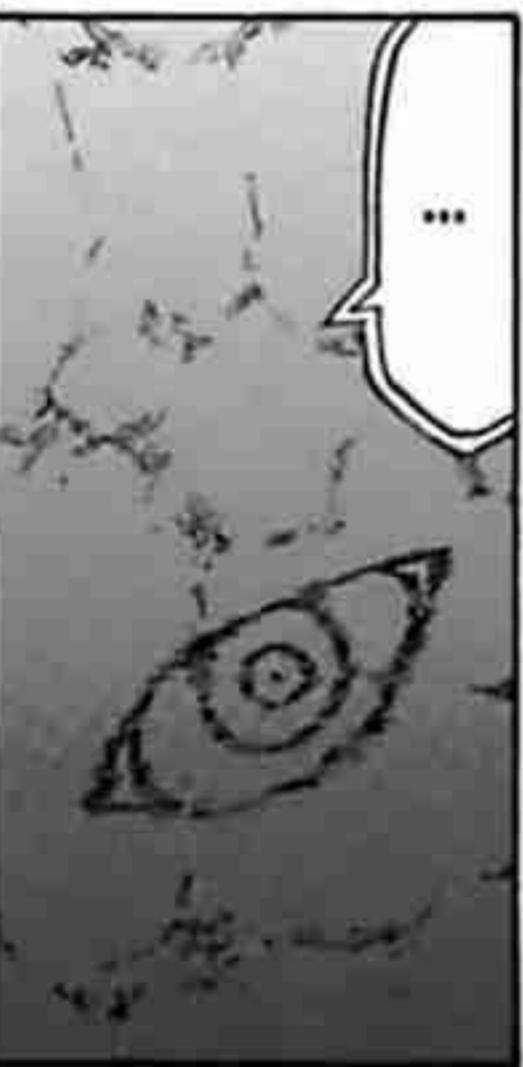
ENEMIES
APPROACH
OUR LAIR.



WHO?



AUUGH...



HE'S
HIGHLY
SKILLED.
BEST
NOT TO
UNDERESTI-
MATE HIM.



...AH...
THAT
STRANGE
BEAST.



HE'S A
KONOHA
JÔNIN,
A TAIJUTSU
EXPERT.

READ
THIS
WAY

I'M ALREADY
FRUSTRATED
ABOUT NOT
FINDING OUR
JINCHŪRIKI
SOONER...

IN
THAT
CASE,
I'LL
GO...

USE
THAT
JUTSU
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WE'RE
STILL
USING 30
PERCENT
OF YOUR
CHAKRA.

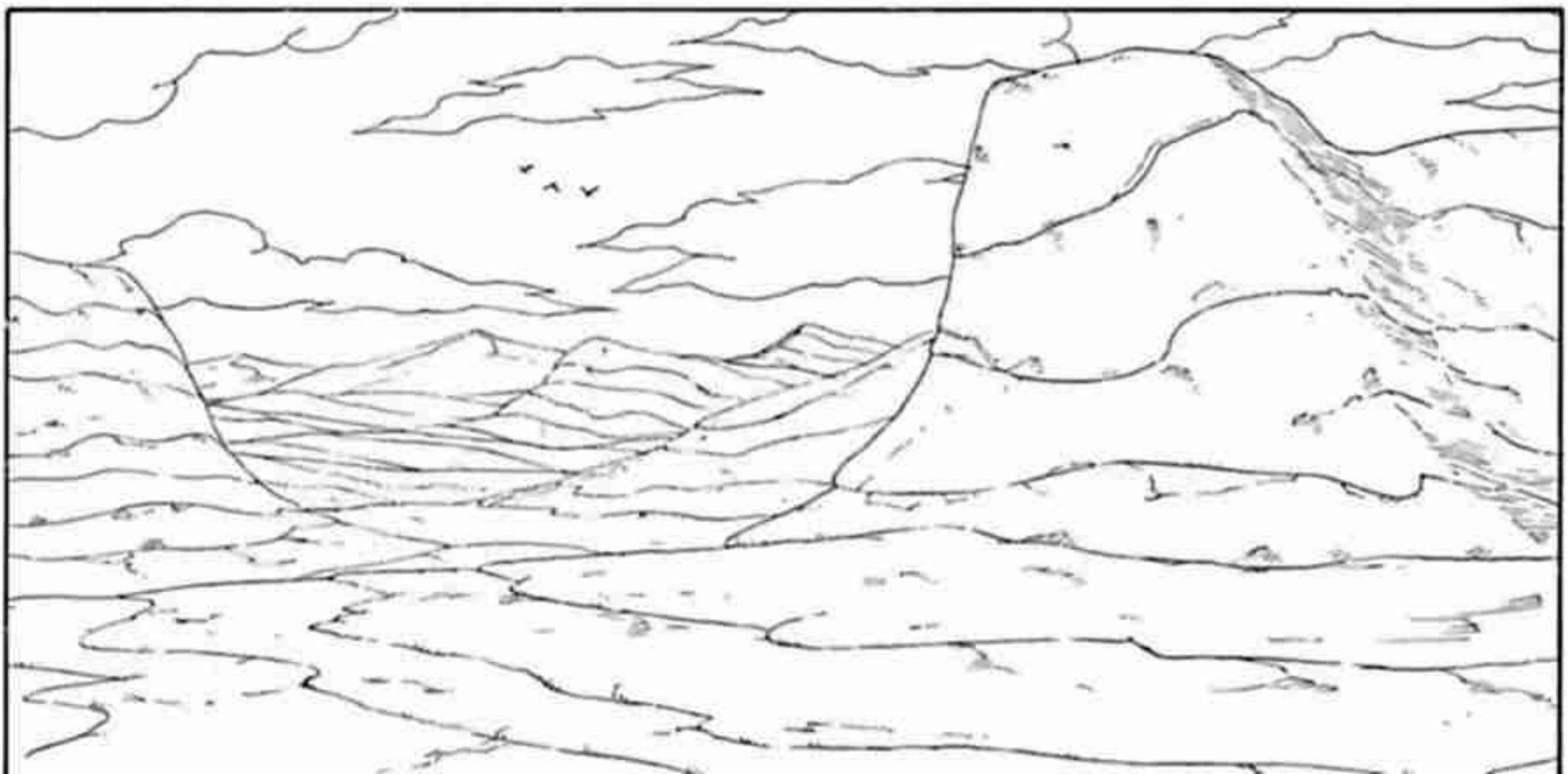
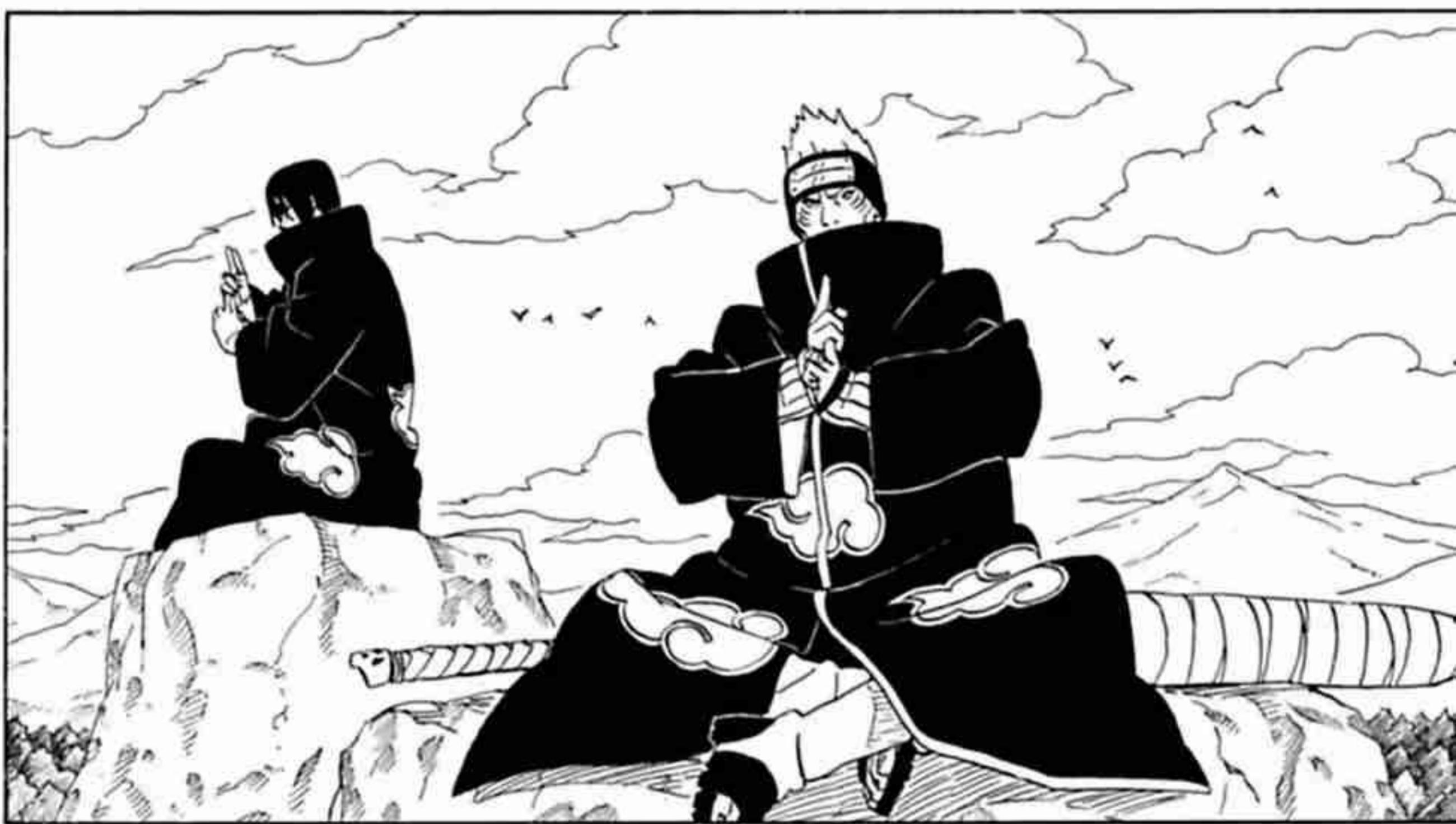
TRUE...
THAT JUTSU
IS BEST SUITED
TO YOU SINCE
YOU HAVE
THE LARGEST
AMOUNT OF
CHAKRA...
KISAME.

FATE HAS
GIVEN ME
A SCORE
TO SETTLE
WITH HIM...

NO...
I'LL
GO.

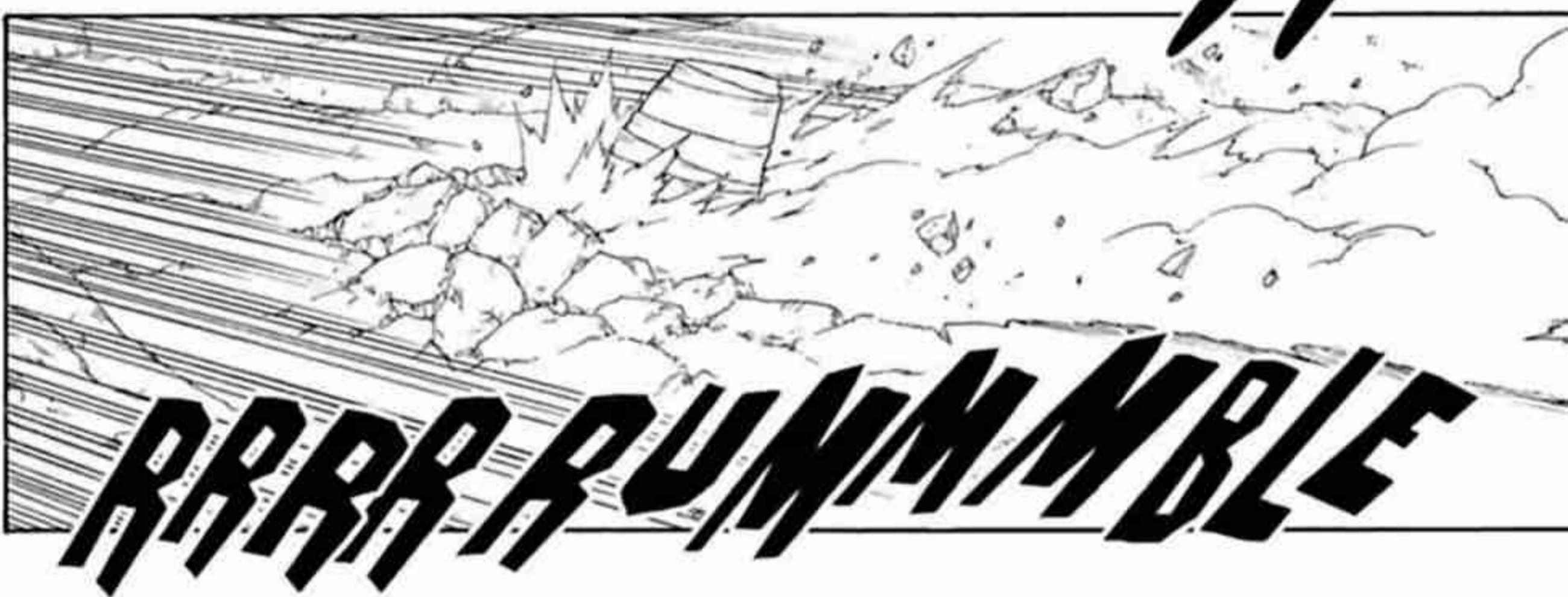
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WELL...
FINALLY
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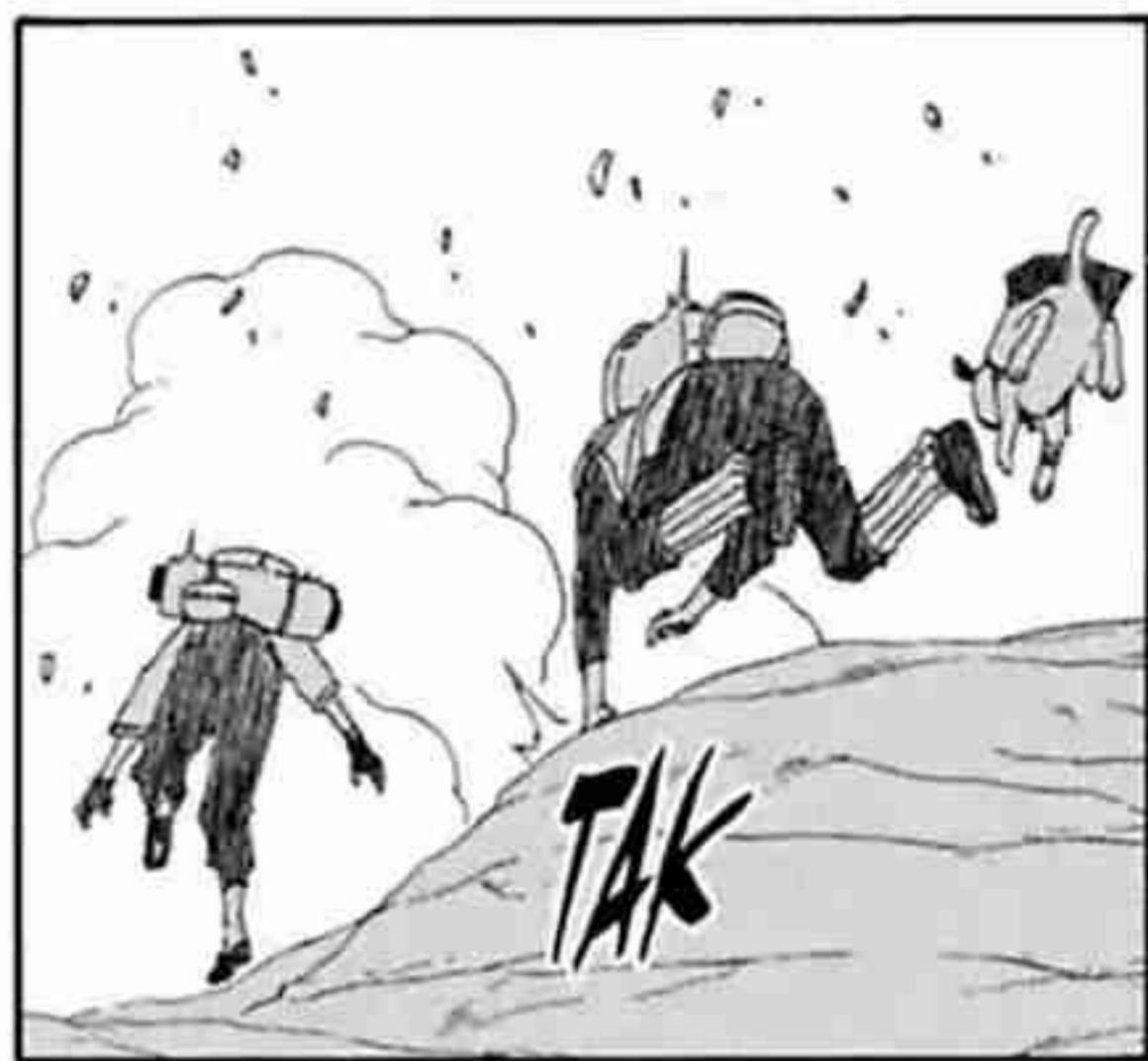
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THE WORLD OF KISHIMOTO MASASHI
MY PERSONAL HISTORY:
FIGHTING AGAINST CHAOS, PART 2

WHEN I PUT MY HEAD INTO THE COIN PURSE CUSHION, I WAS SATISFIED TO CONFIRM THAT, JUST AS I SUSPECTED, MY HEAD FIT INSIDE. THEN I TRIED TO PULL MY HEAD OUT OF THE COIN PURSE CUSHION. ...BUT, WHEN I ACTUALLY TRIED TO PULL IT OFF, I COULDN'T! MY EARS WERE COMPLETELY STUCK! THE INSIDE OF THE CUSHION WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY STUFFED WITH COTTON OR SOMETHING AND, AS I HURRIEDLY TRIED TO PULL MY HEAD OUT, THE CUSHION'S INNER SURFACE STUCK TO MY NOSE, AND I COULDN'T BREATHE! "THIS COULD BE VERY BAD!" I THOUGHT AND STARTED TO GET REALLY NERVOUS. I FLOUNDERED AROUND, TRYING TO OPEN THE COIN PURSE CUSHION WITH BOTH ARMS AS HARD AS I COULD.

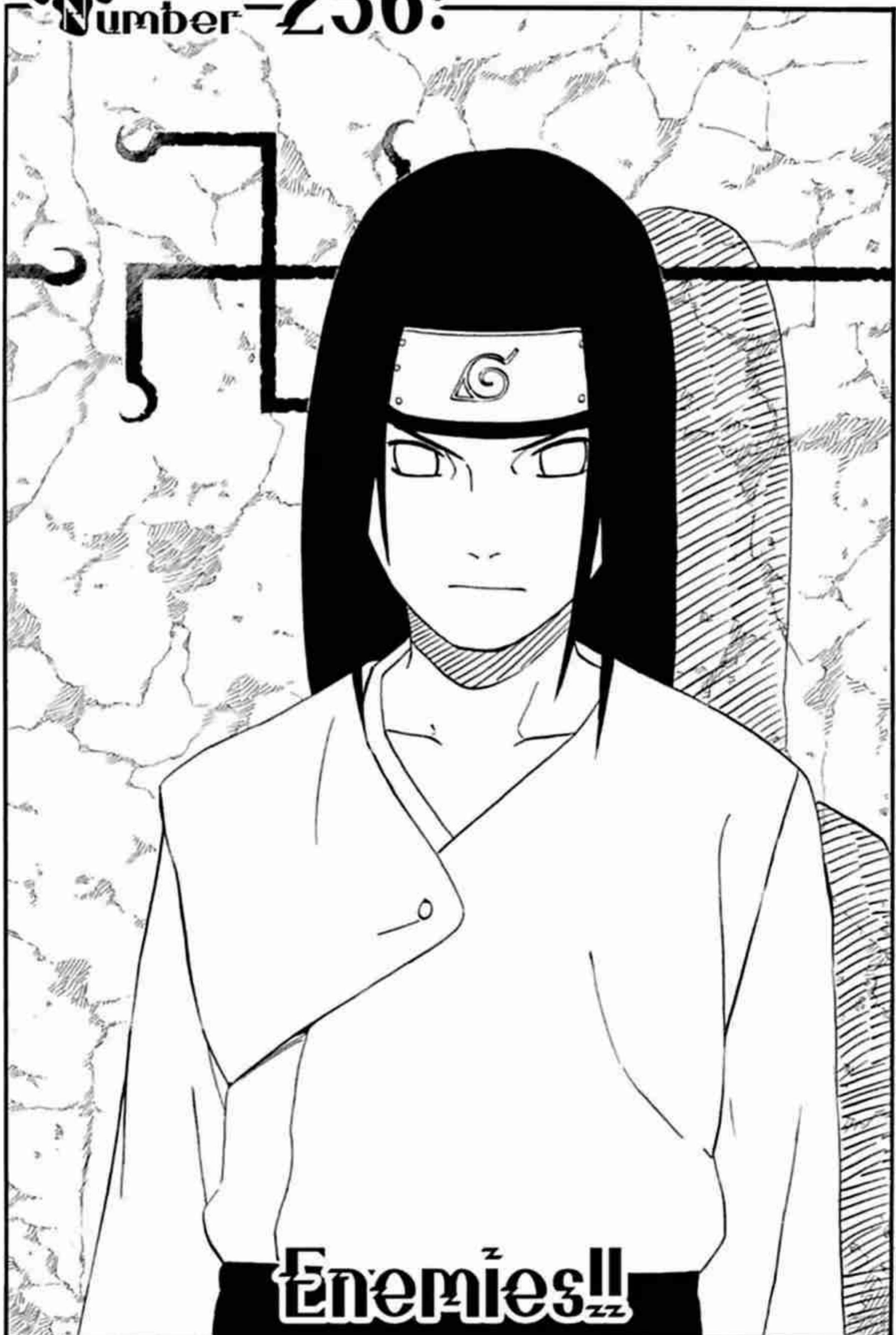
THEN MY ASSISTANTS NOTICED AND ASKED, "WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MR. KISHIMOTO?" I THOUGHT, "YES!! MY ASSISTANTS WILL RESCUE ME!" AND I TRIED TO ASK THEM FOR HELP. ...JUST THEN I HEARD SOMETHING LIKE THE SOUND OF A CAMERA SHUTTER. I WASN'T SURE FROM INSIDE THE CUSHION BECAUSE I COULDN'T SEE, BUT I COULD IMAGINE WHAT WAS GOING ON. ALL OF MY ASSISTANTS WERE LAUGHING OUT LOUD AND TAKING PICTURES WITH THEIR CELL PHONE CAMERAS! OF ALL THINGS, THEY WERE TAKING PICTURES! THEY WEREN'T RESCUING ME; THEY WERE LAUGHING AND TAKING PICTURES! "NO! THEY'RE NOT TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY!!" I THOUGHT, AND MADE UP MY MIND THAT I HAD TO GET THE CUSHION OFF BY MYSELF. I PULLED HARD AND IT HURT SO MUCH THAT I THOUGHT MY EARS WERE GOING TO TEAR OFF. THEN, FINALLY, I WAS ABLE TO FREE MYSELF. NEEDLESS TO SAY, MY NAP TIME WAS COMPLETELY RUINED BY THAT CRAZY INCIDENT. I EXPECTED THERE WOULD BE AT LEAST ONE SANE PERSON WHO WOULD SAY, "ARE YOU OKAY, MR. KISHIMOTO?!" ...BUT THERE WASN'T. IT'S TRUE THAT THE ASSISTANTS HAD VERY LITTLE SLEEP AND WENT A BIT NUTTY. ALL OF THEM WERE UNDER THE SPELL OF THE USUAL CHAOS. IT WAS THEN THAT I PLEDGED... I WILL FIGHT AGAINST THIS CHAOS!

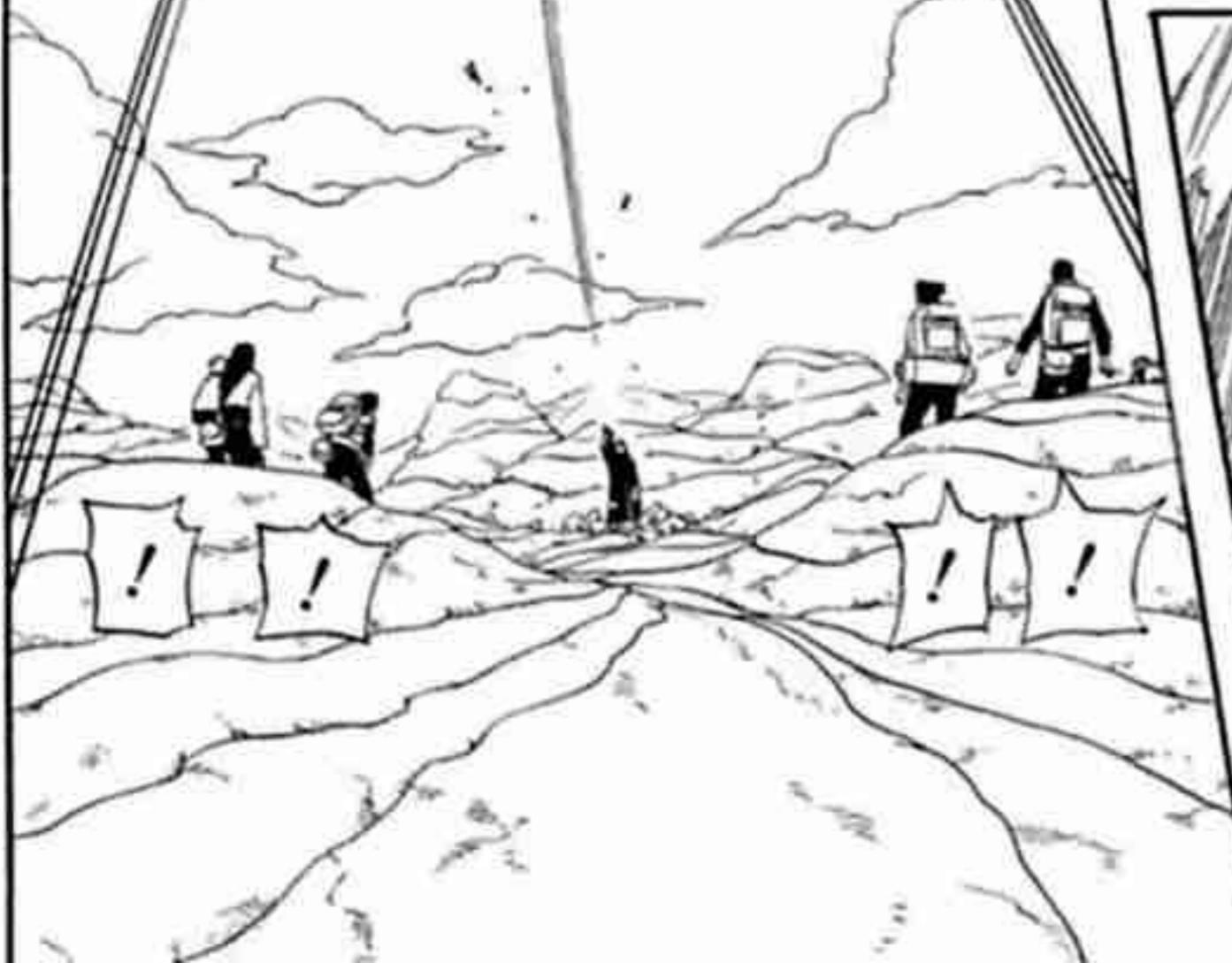
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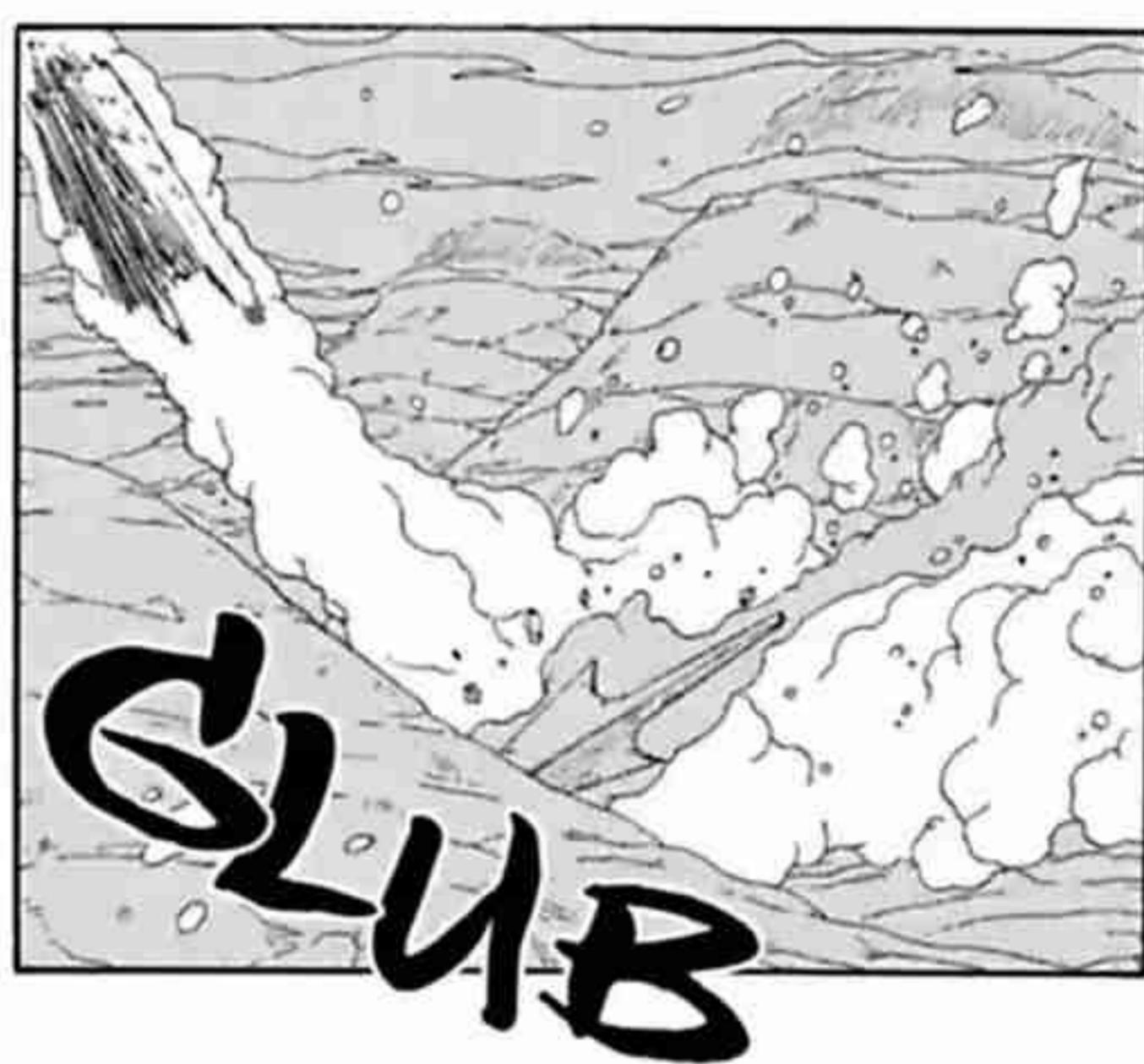


8
TRI-
GRAMS
AIR
PALM
!!





READ
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READ
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READ
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SO,
THERE
ARE
DEMONIC
BEASTS
OTHER
THAN THE
FOX...

ICHIBI
...?

FROM
LONG AGO,
THERE
WAS ICHIBI,
THE ONE-
TAILED
SPIRIT OF
THE SAND.

BIJU
ARE
TAILED
BEAST
SPIRITS.

THEN
SHUKAKU,
WHICH WAS
SEALED
IN GAARA.

...NINE
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YES...
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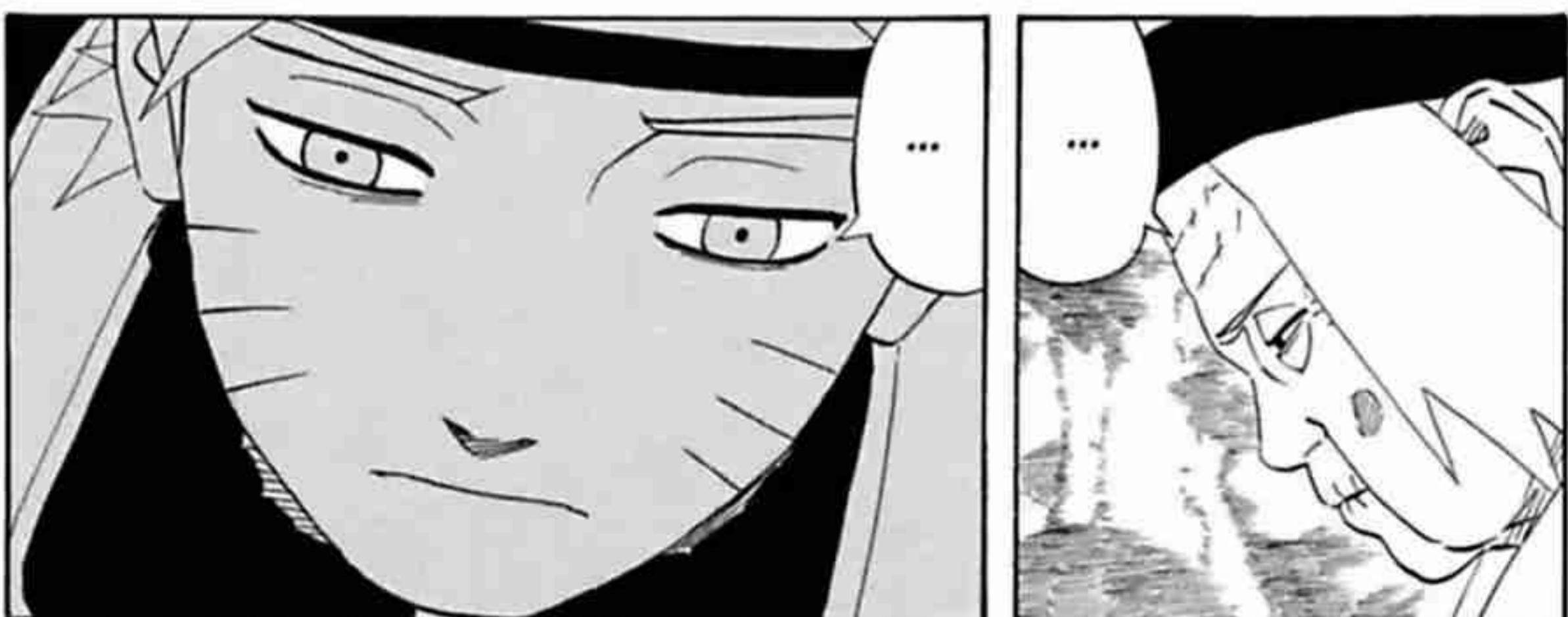
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MEANS
ONE TAIL,
NIBI
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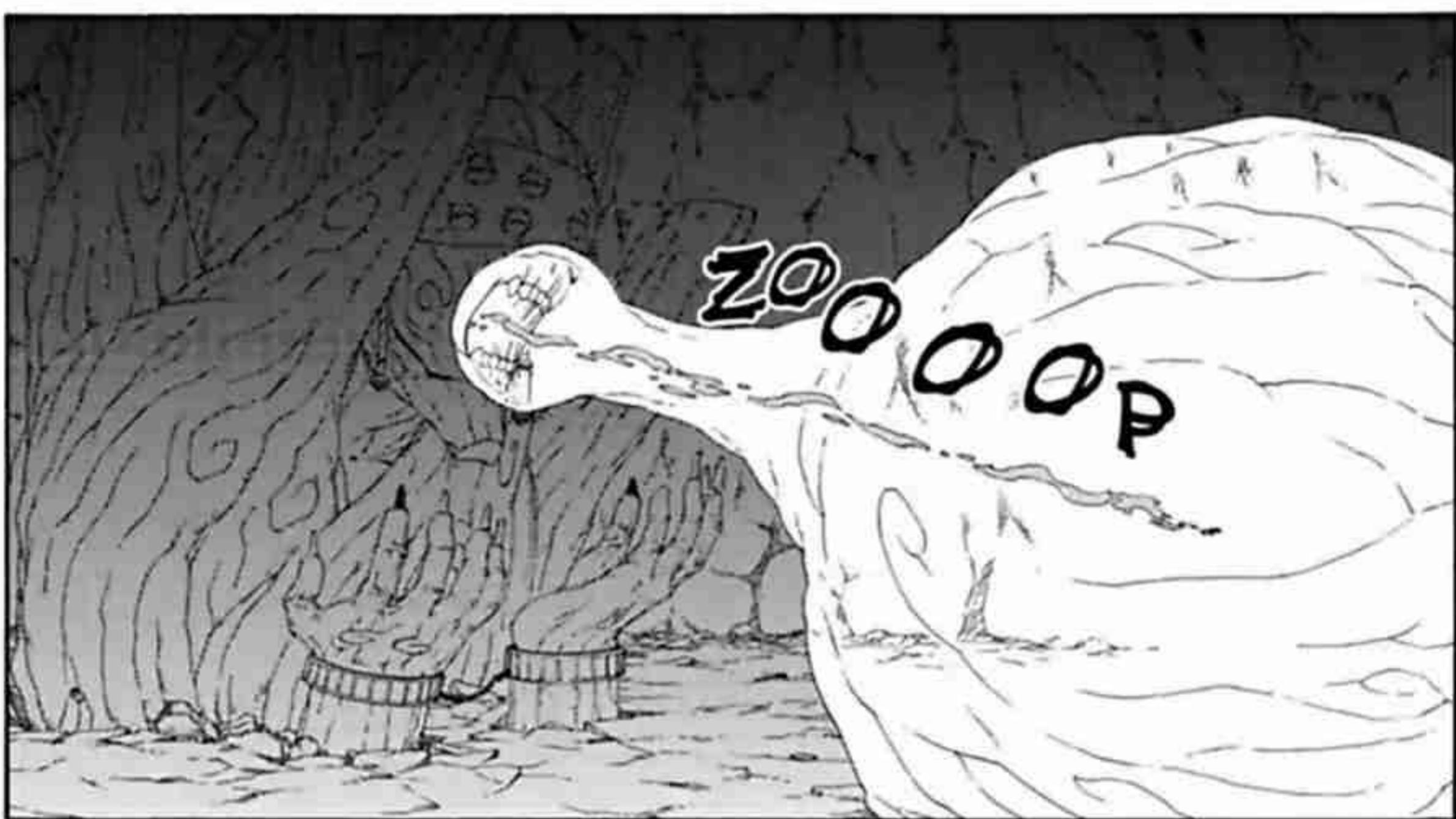
UP TO KYUBI,
THE NINE-
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THE NUMBER
OF TAILS
THEY HAVE.

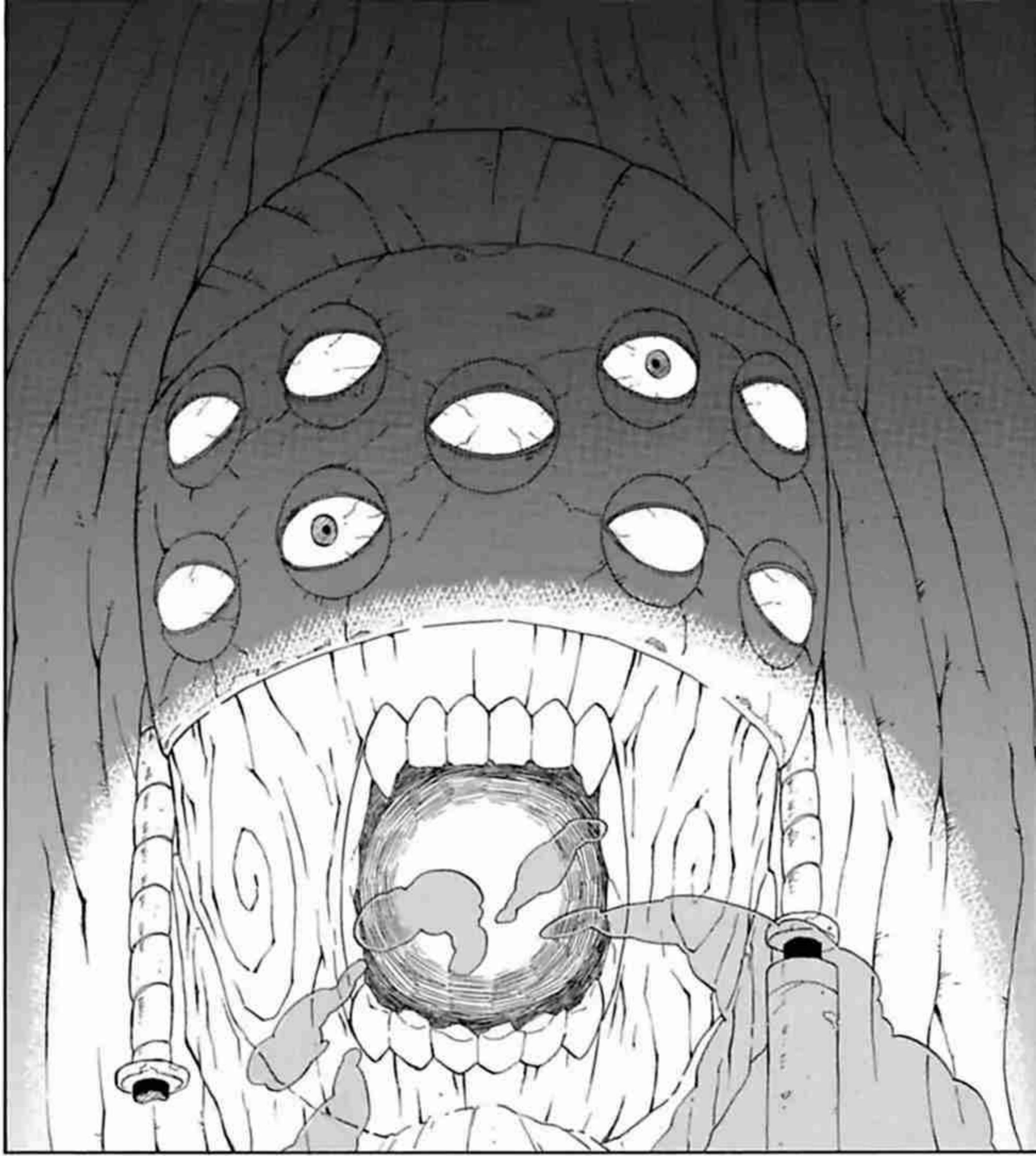
BIJU ARE
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EACH
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OF TAILS.

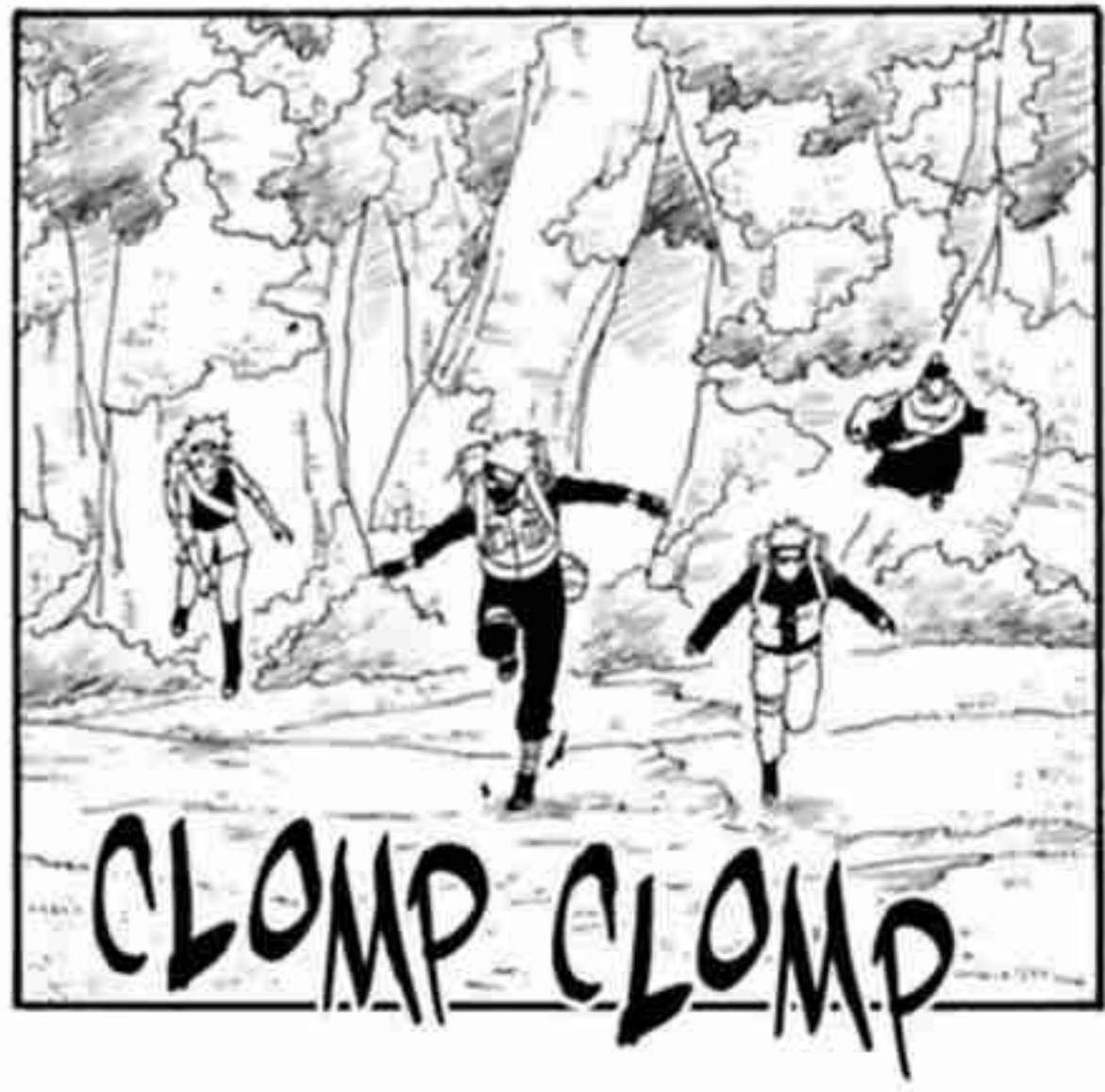
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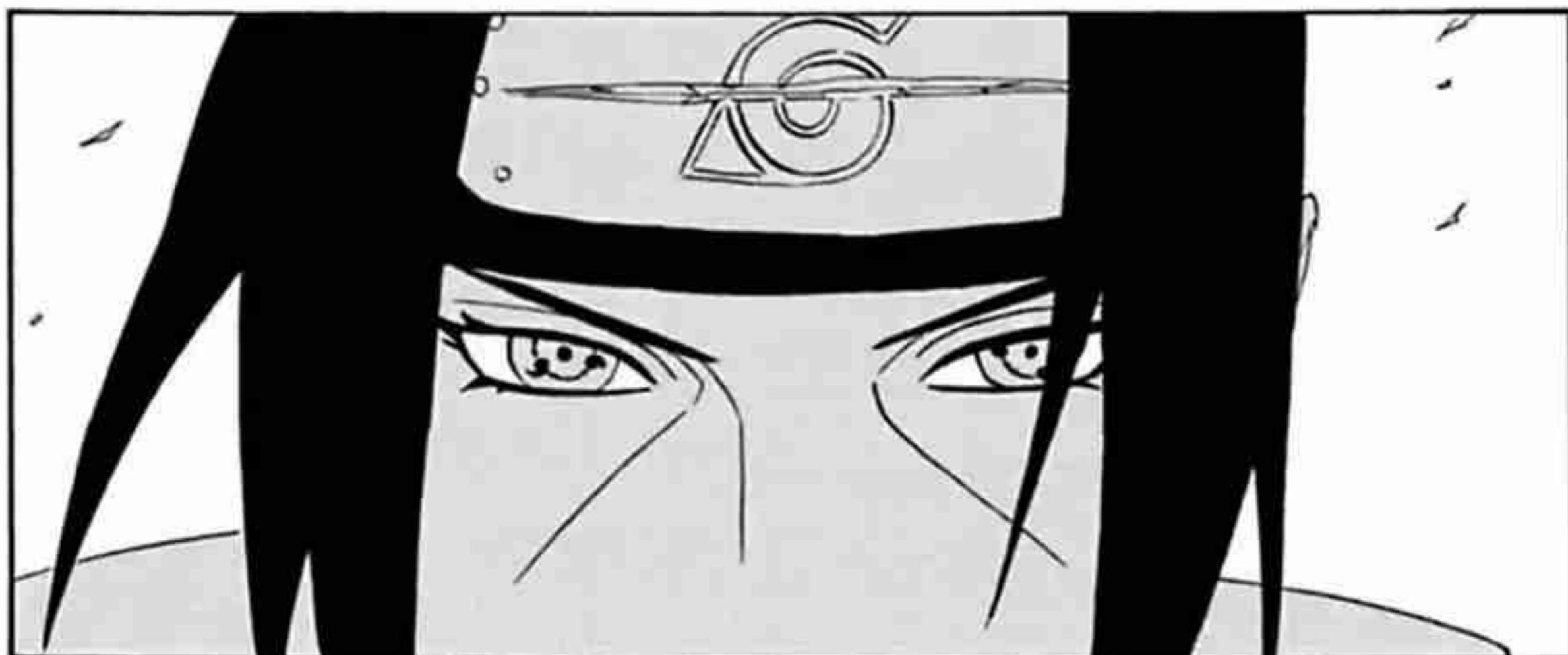




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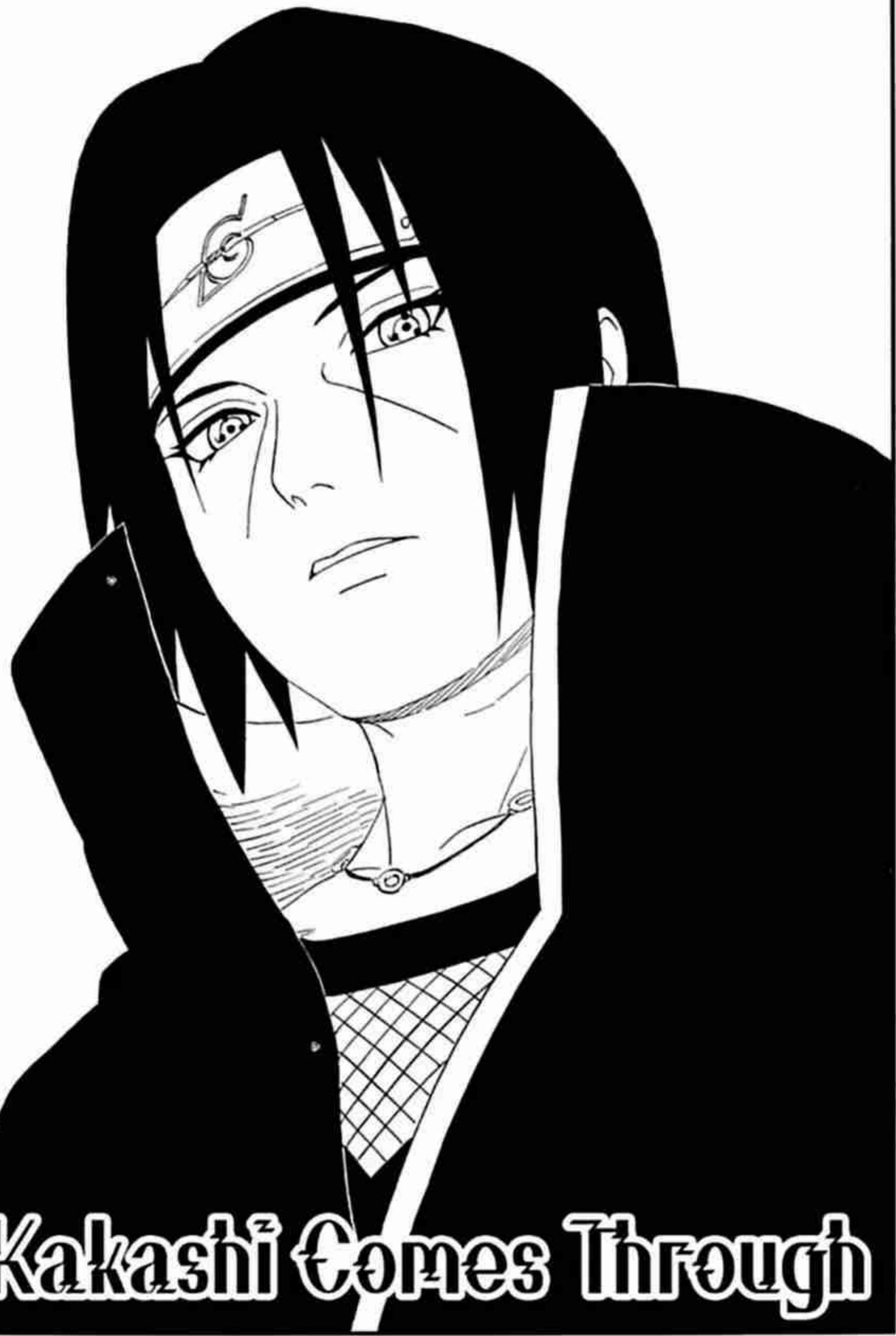




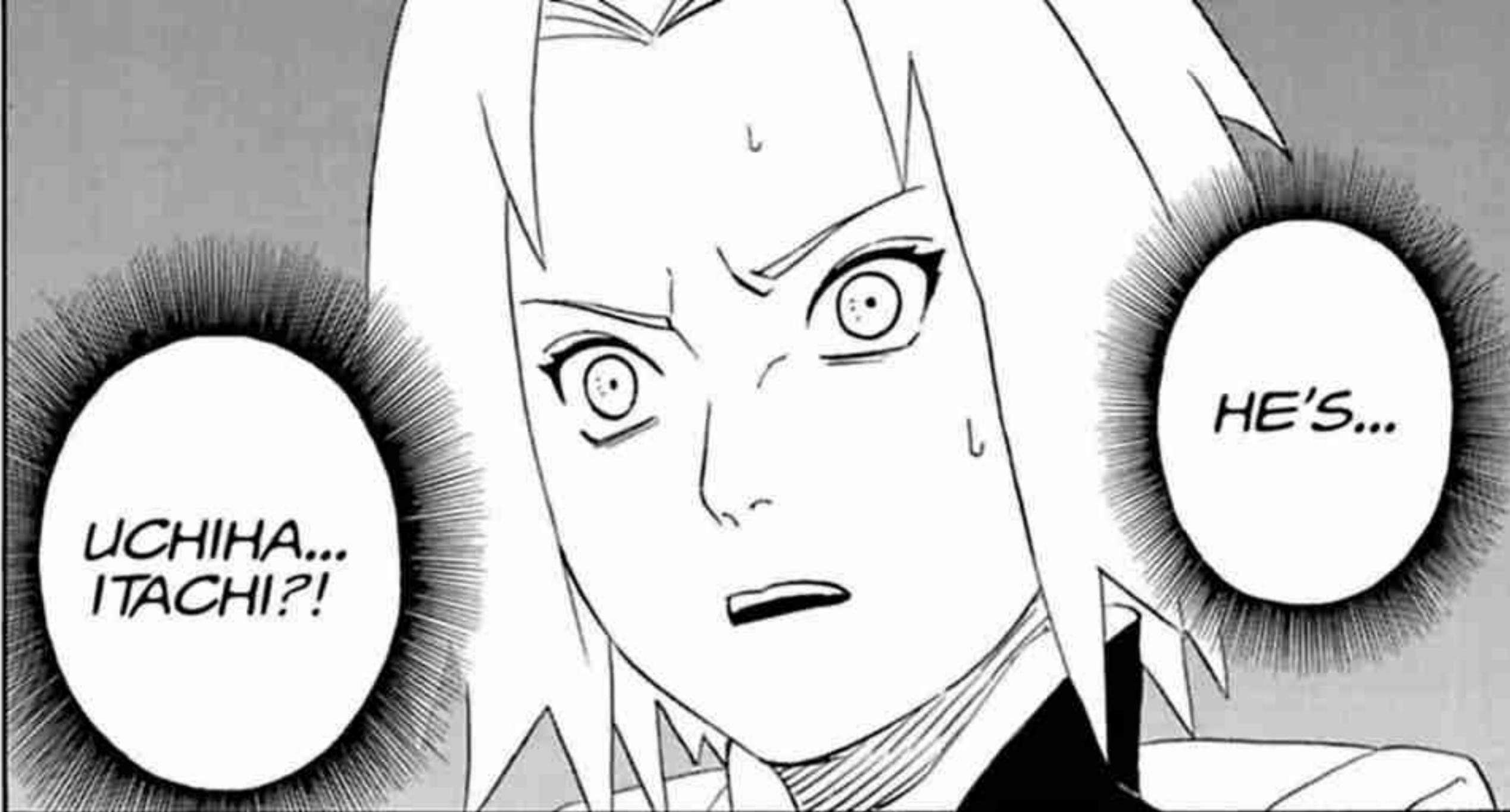


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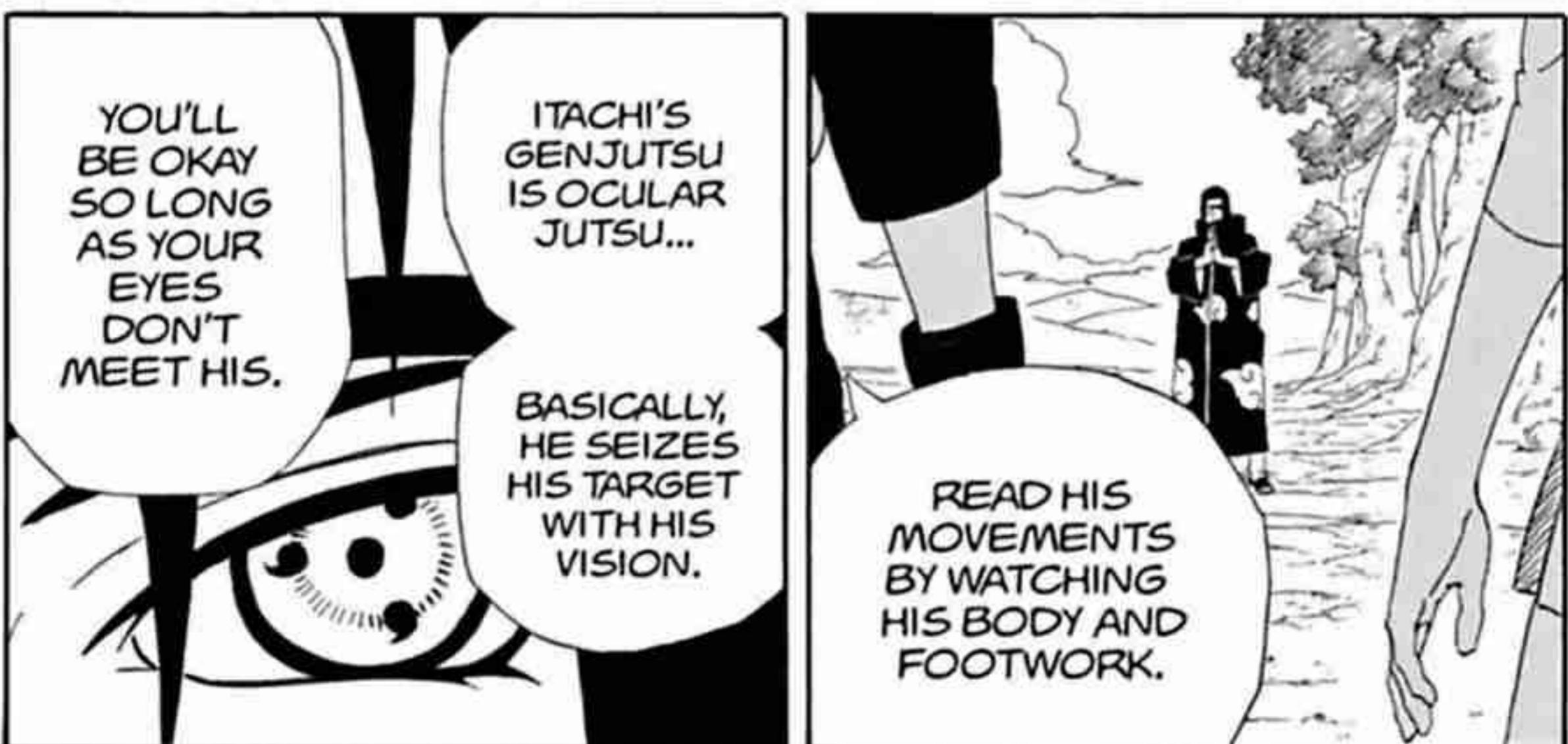


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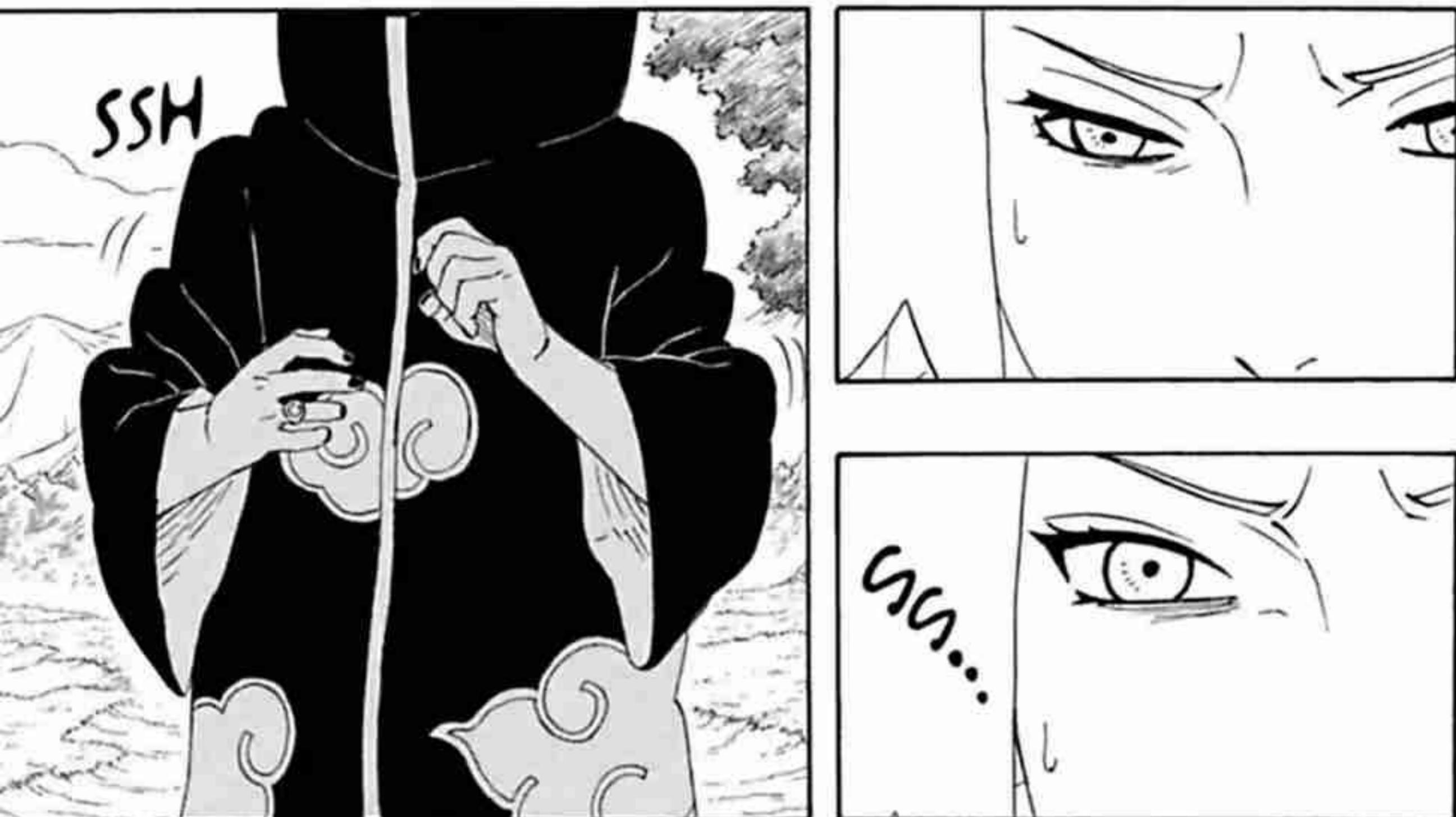


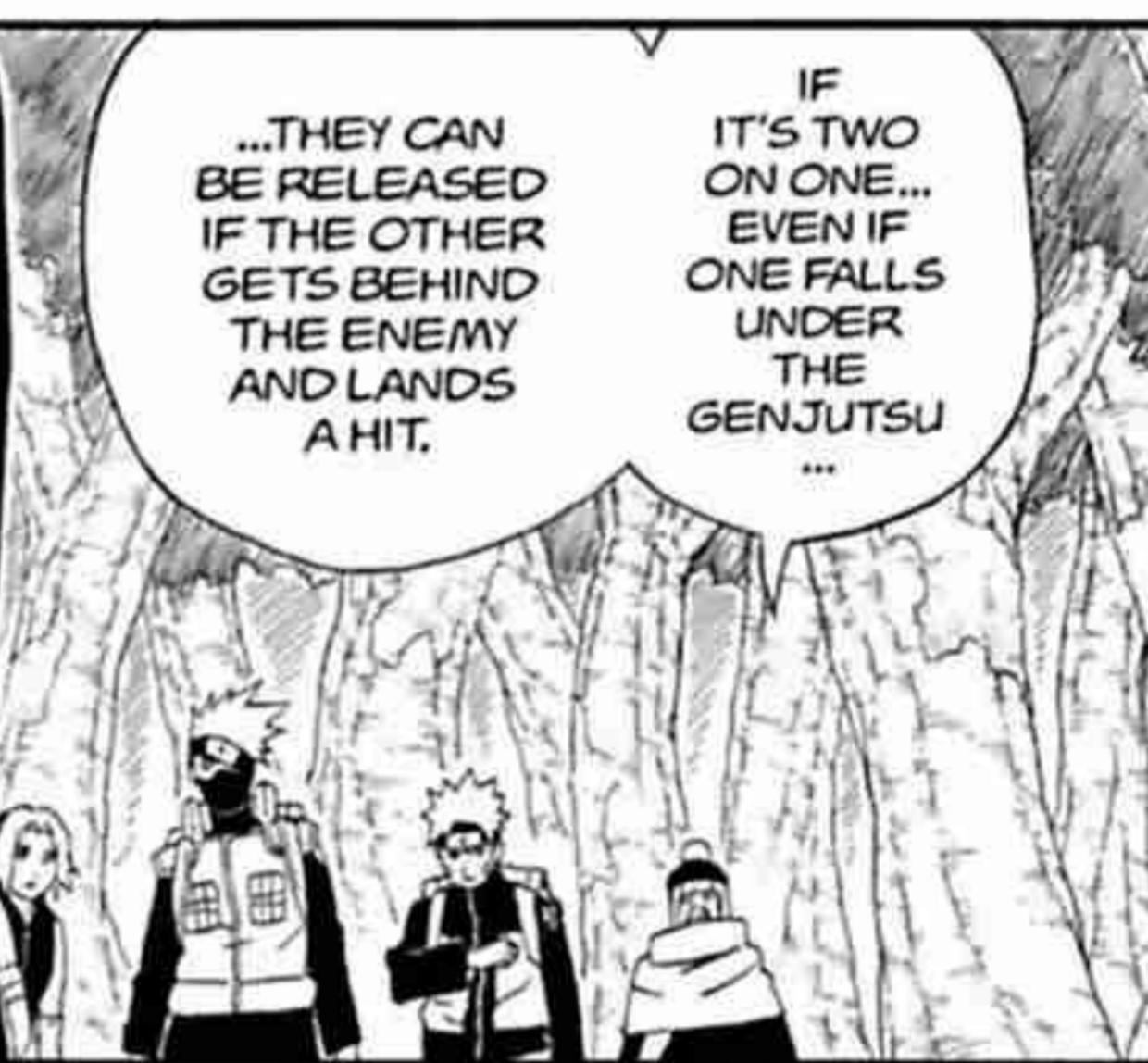
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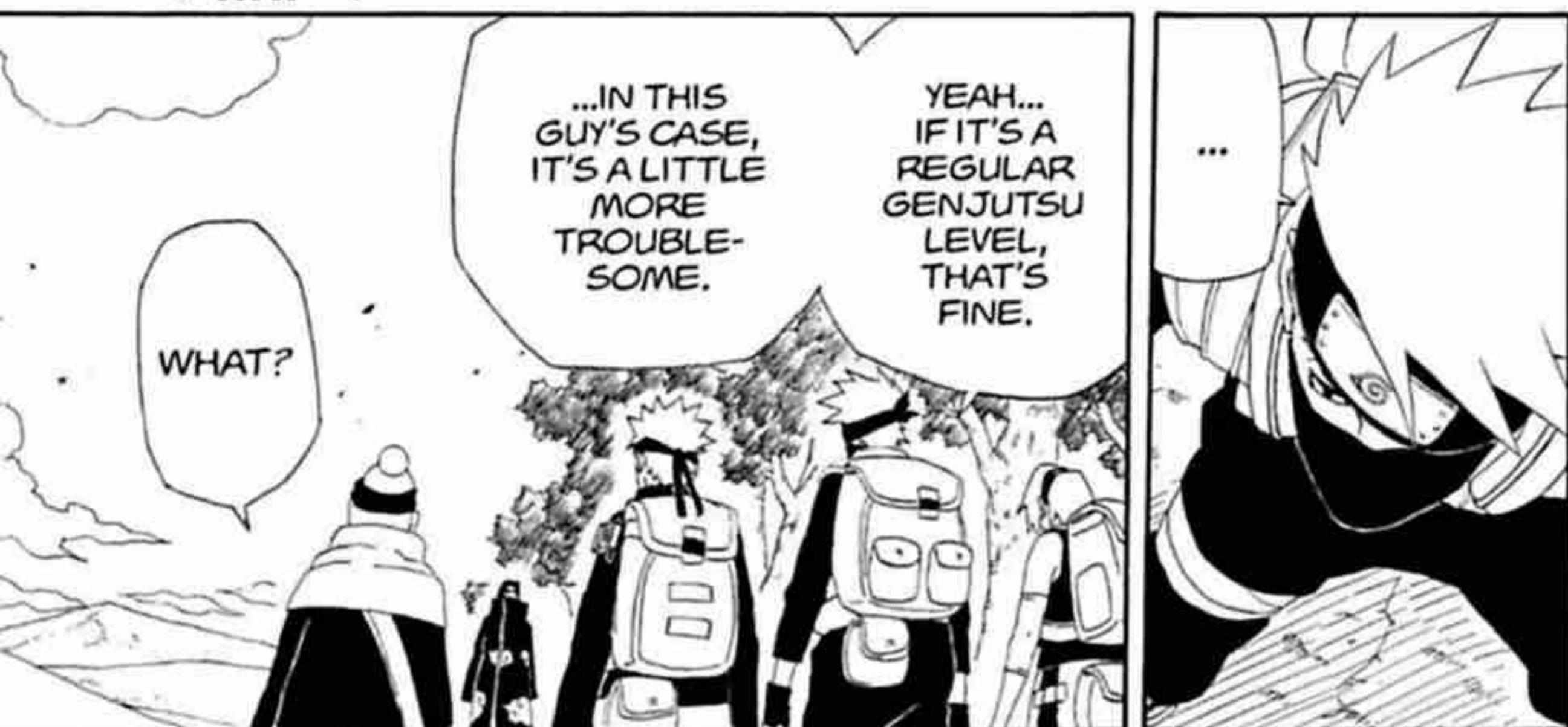


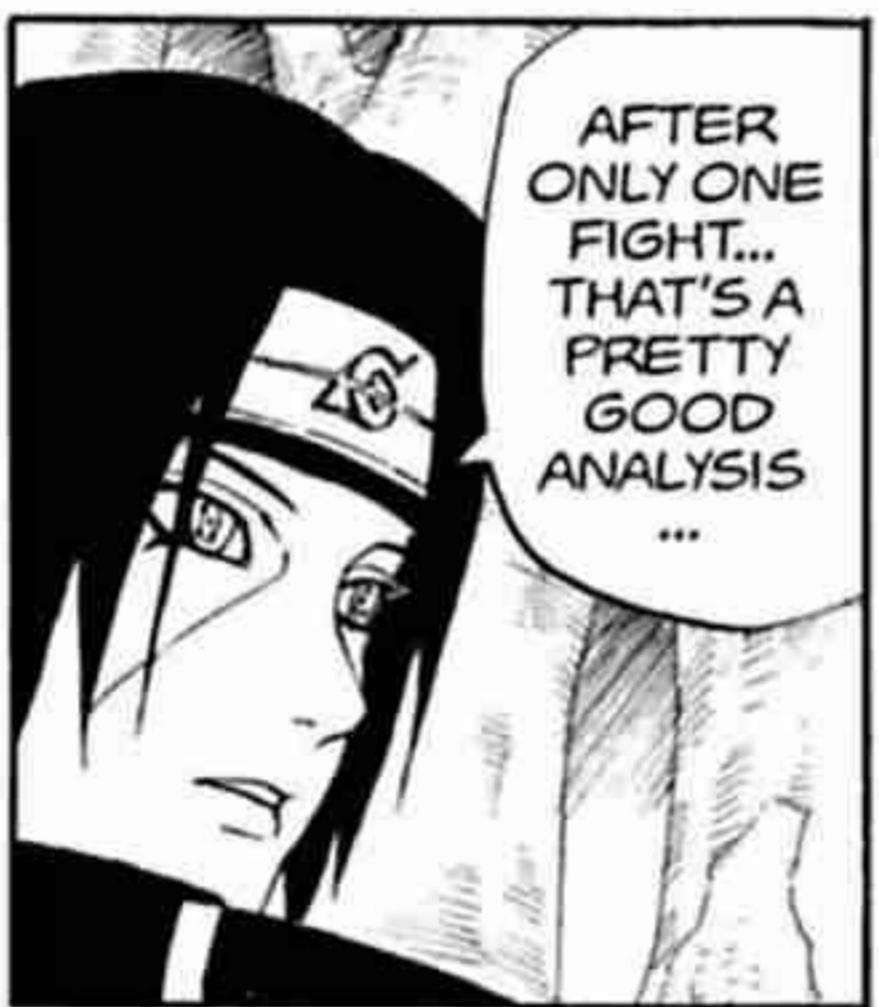
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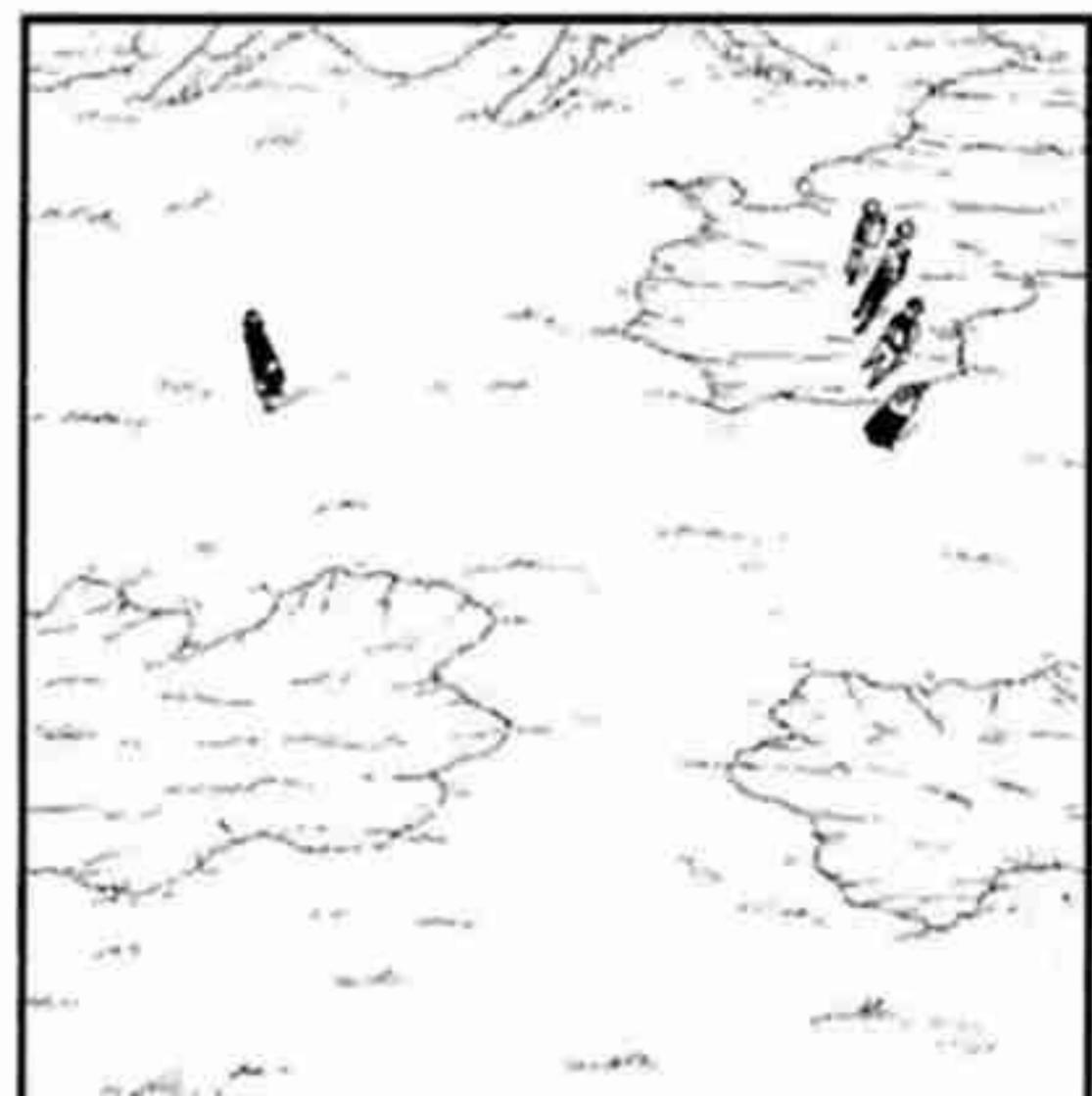


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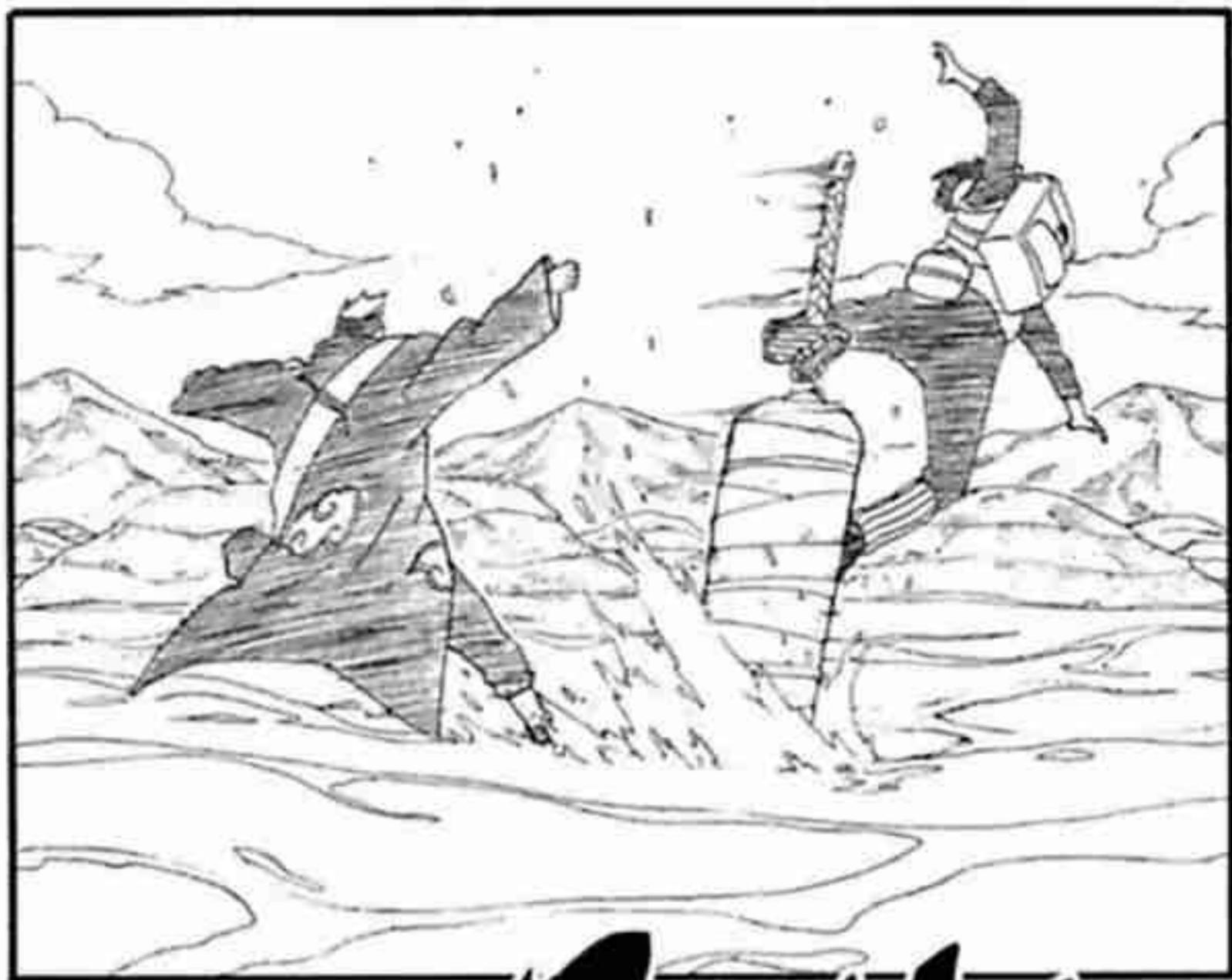


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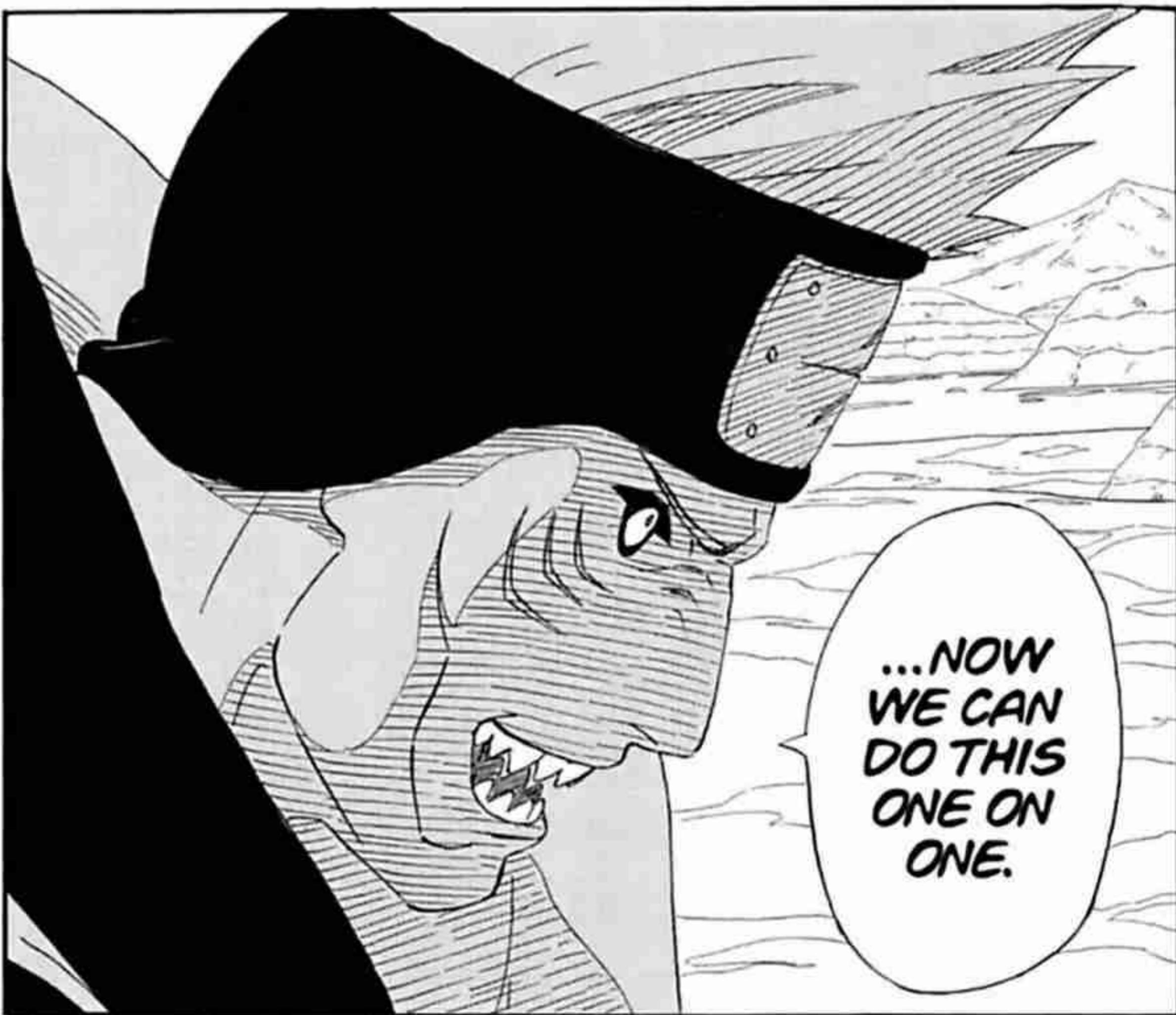


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Number 258:



Guy vs. Kisame!!







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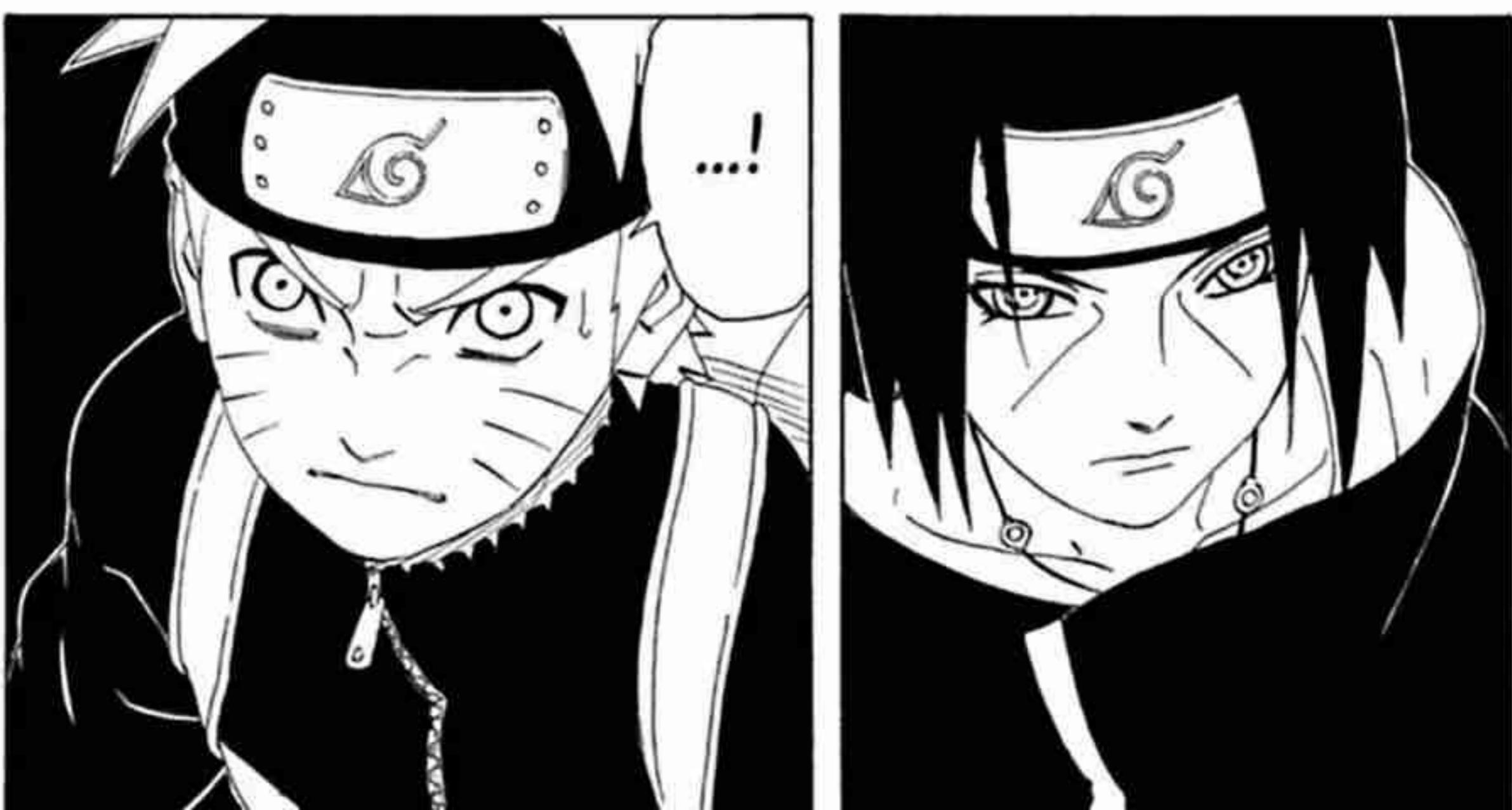
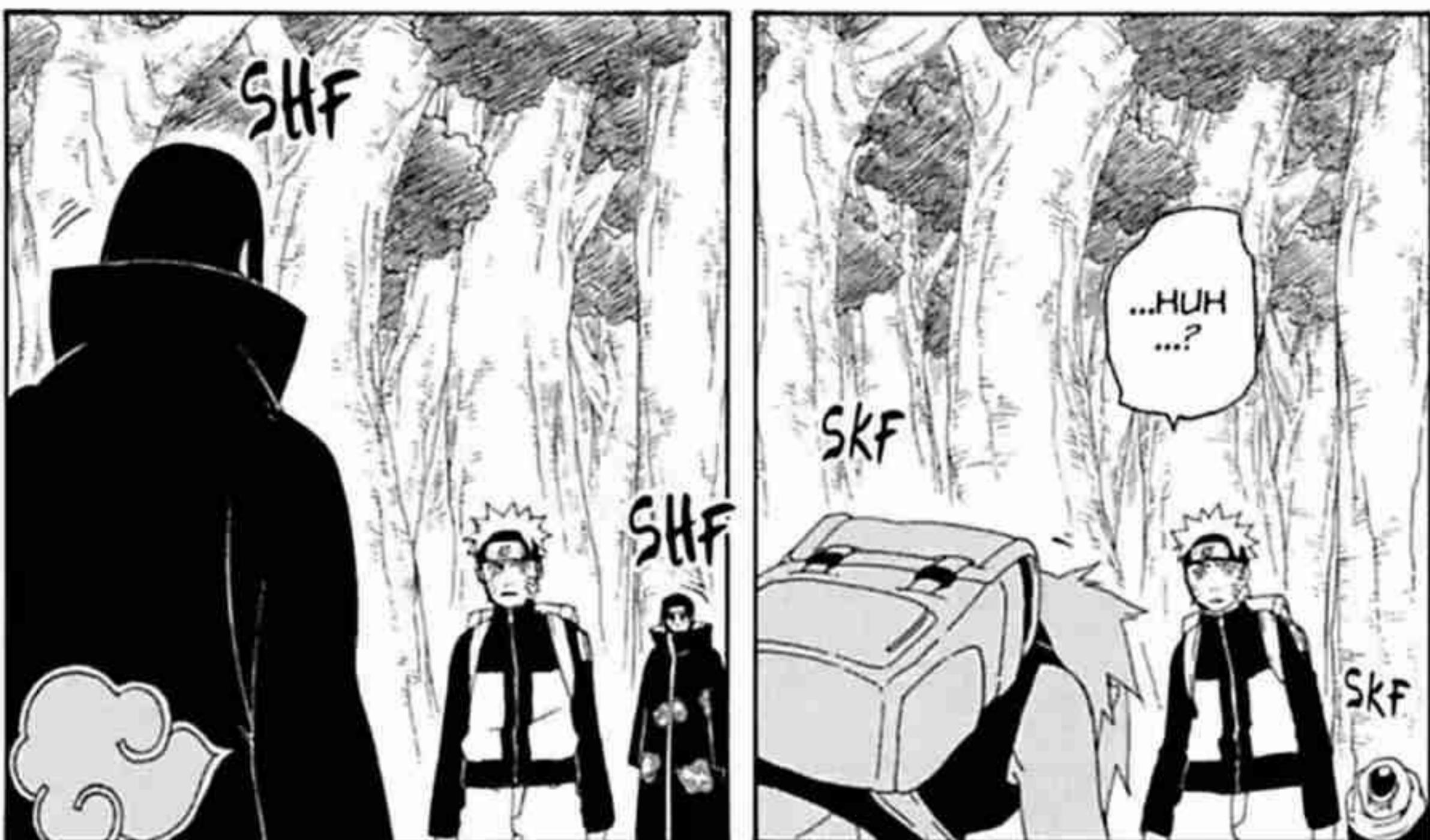
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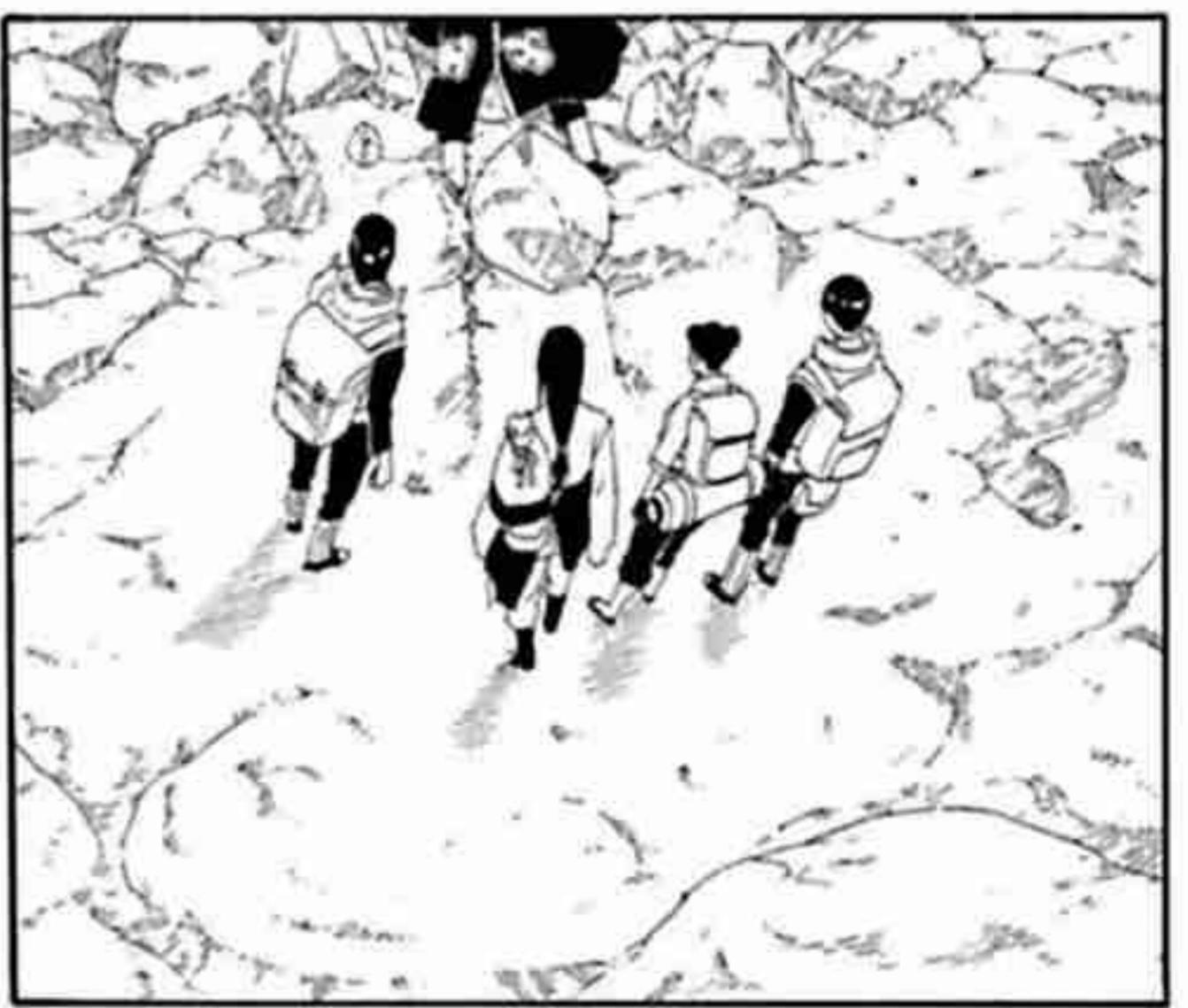
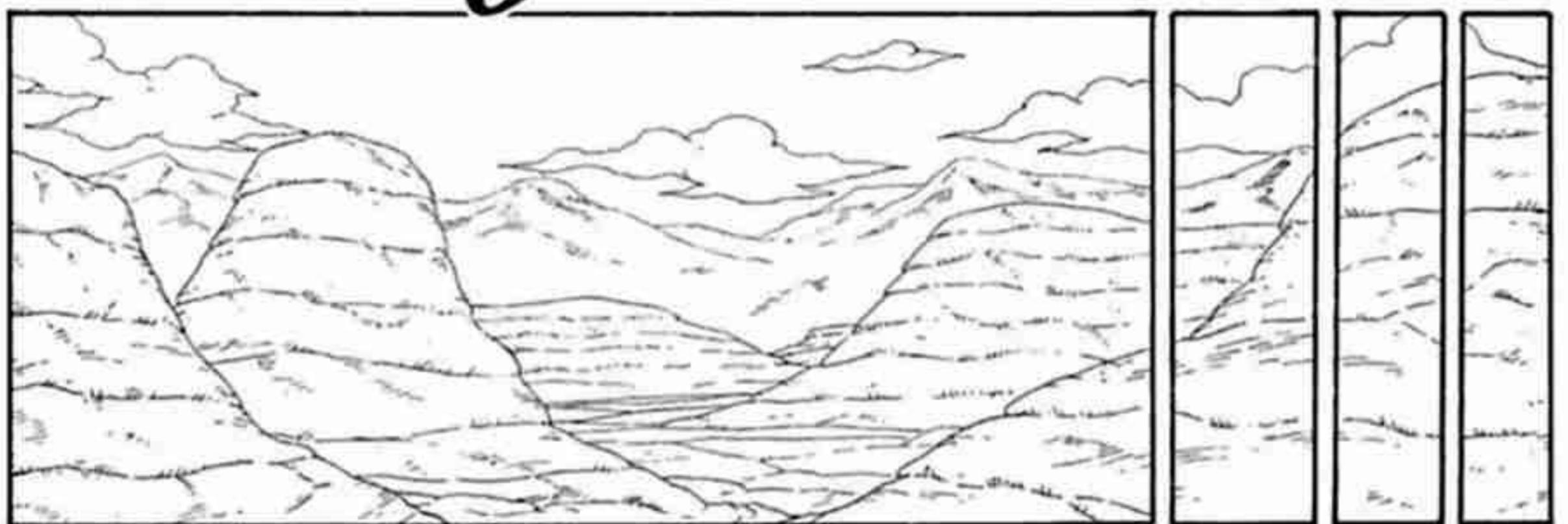




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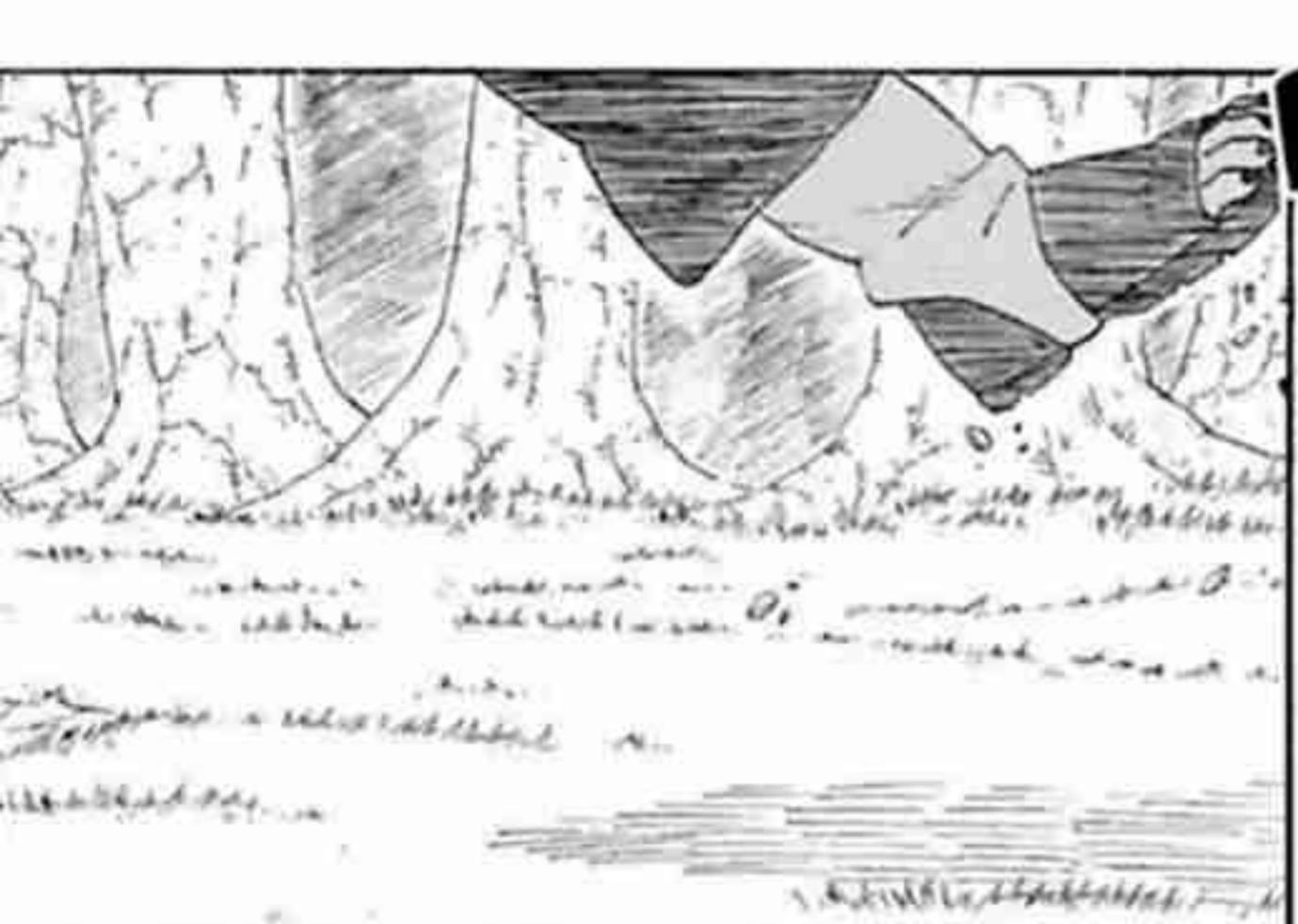




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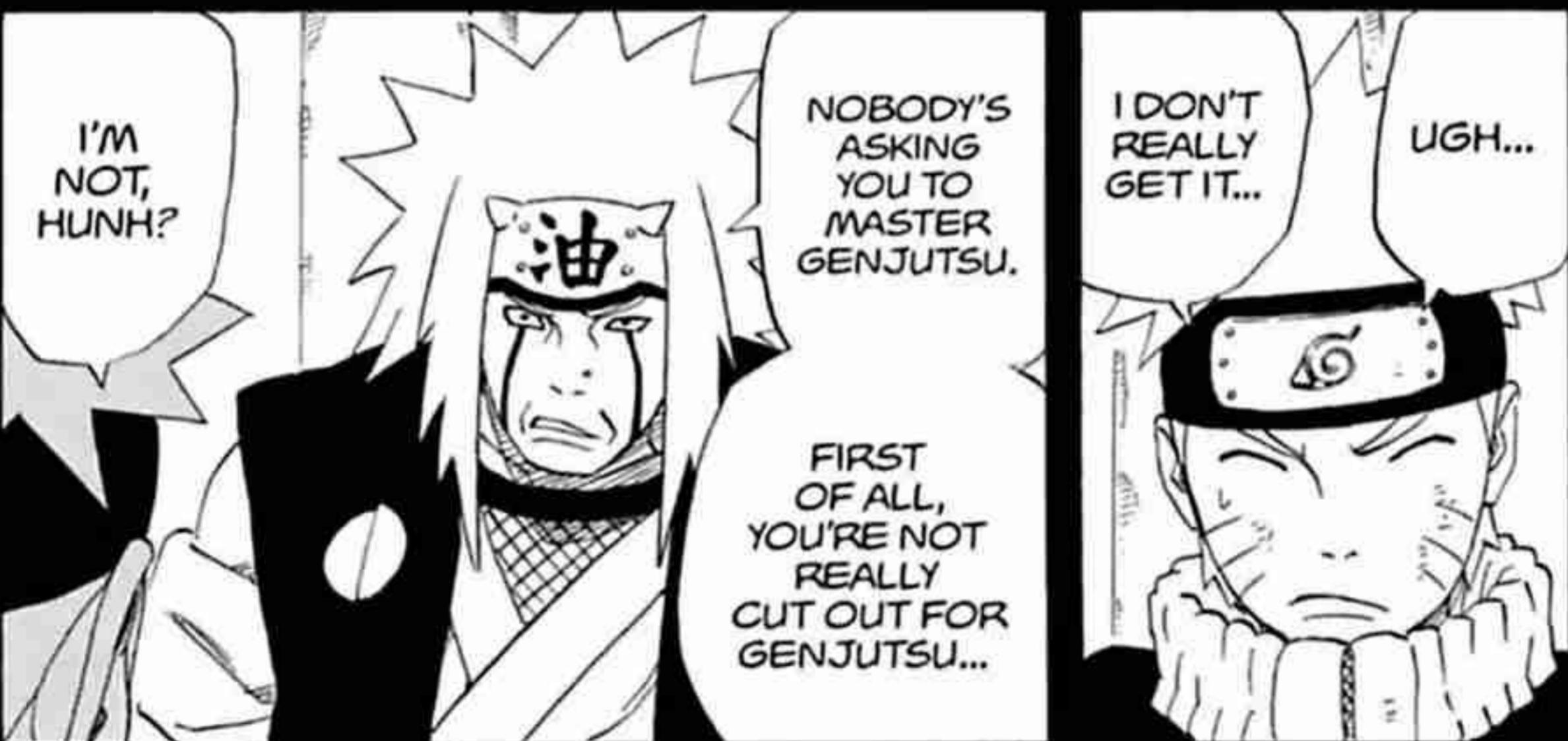


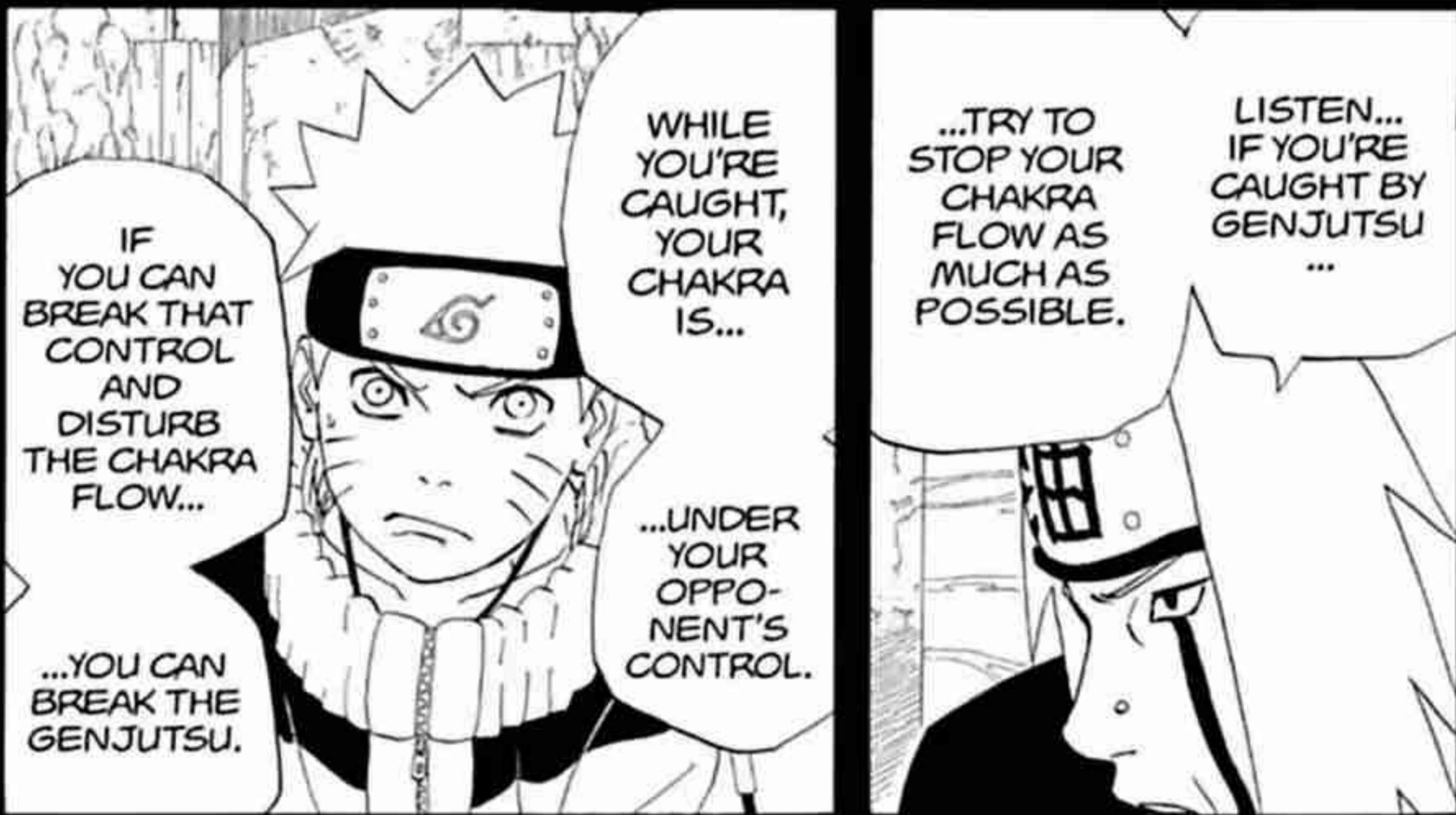
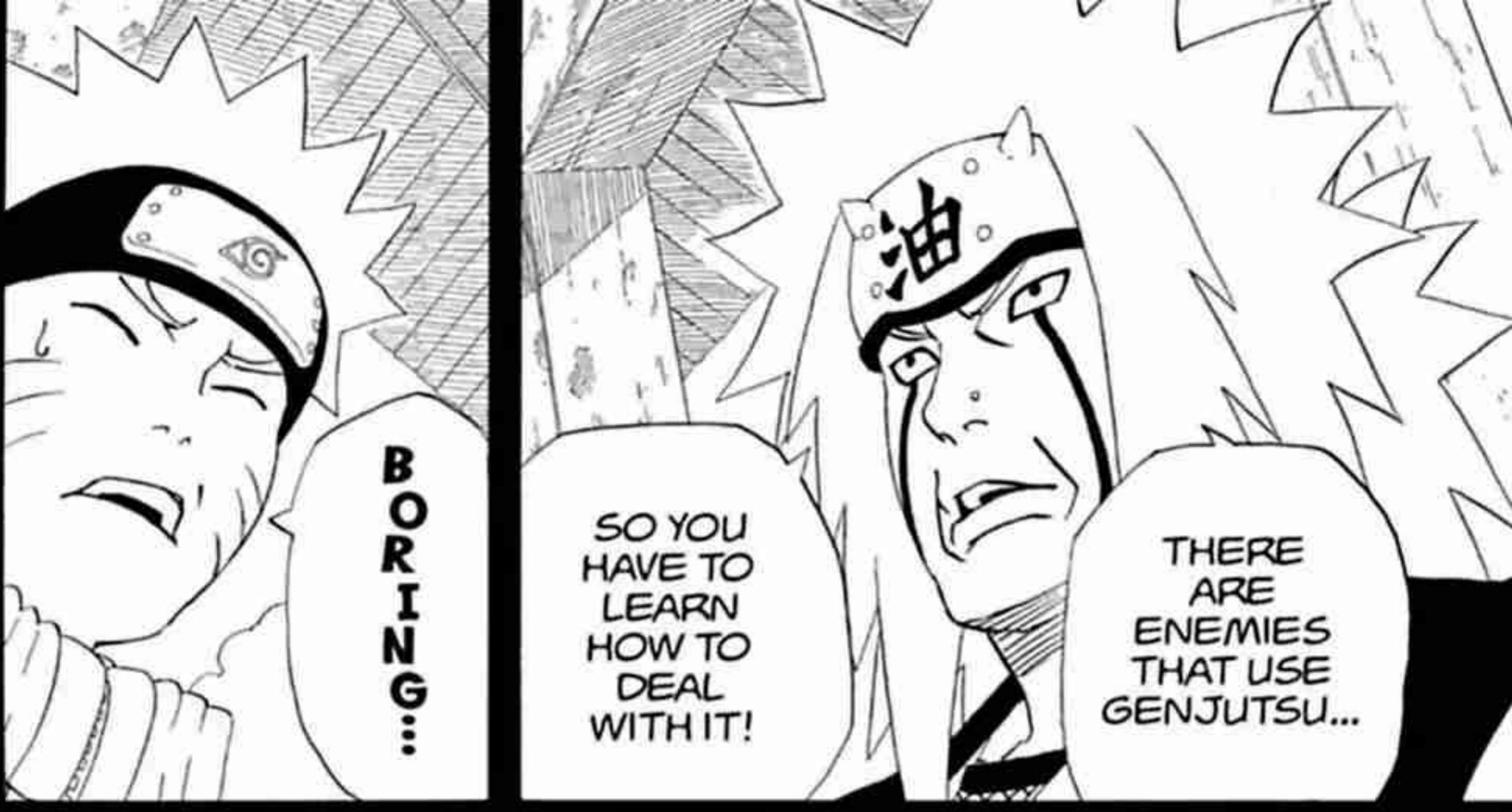
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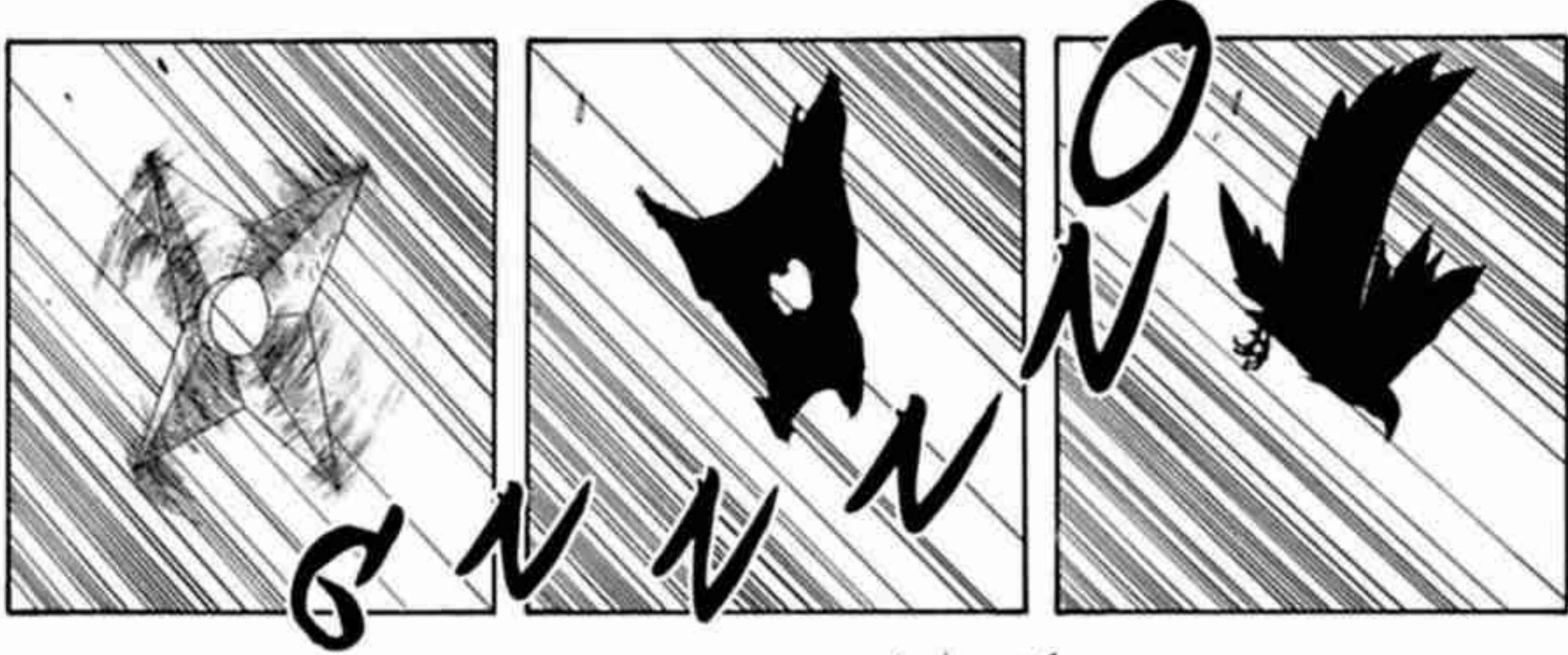


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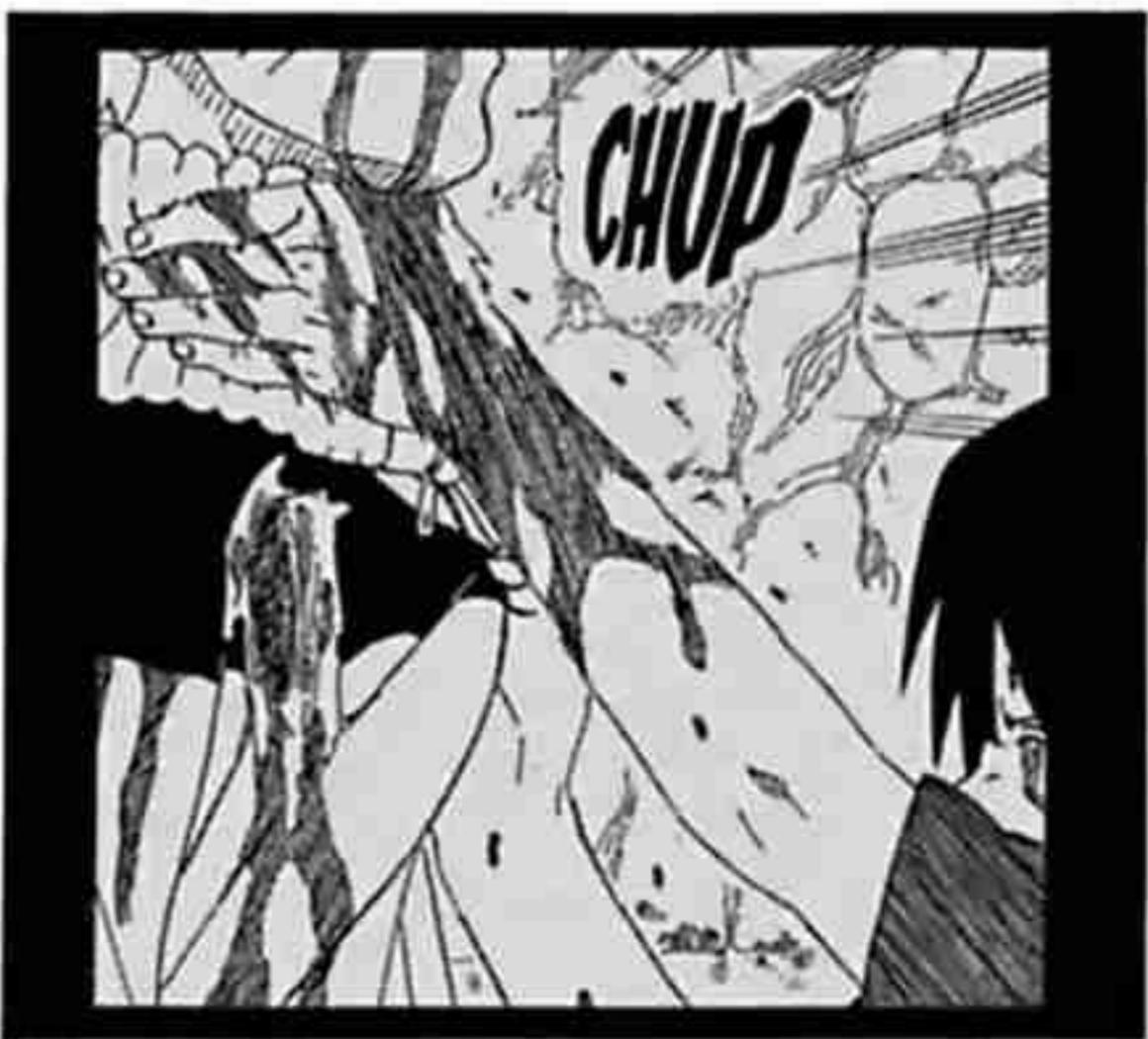






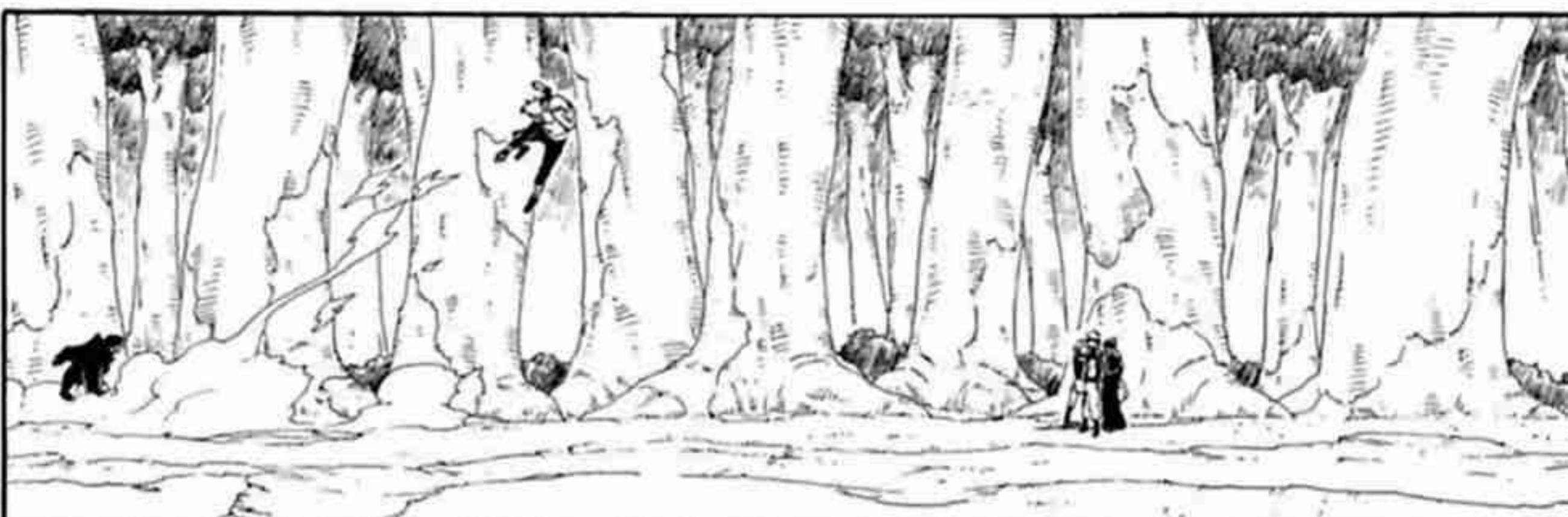


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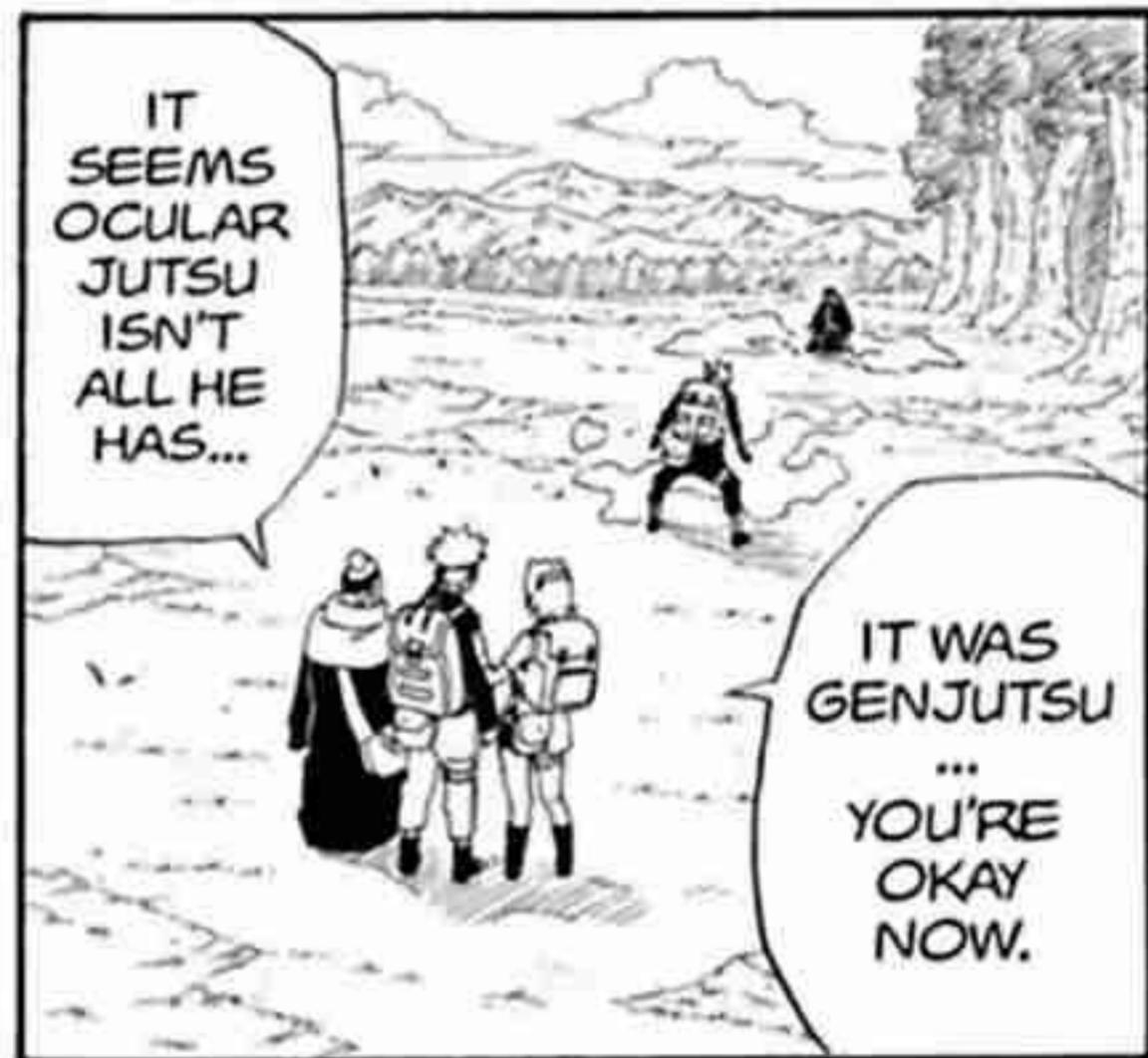








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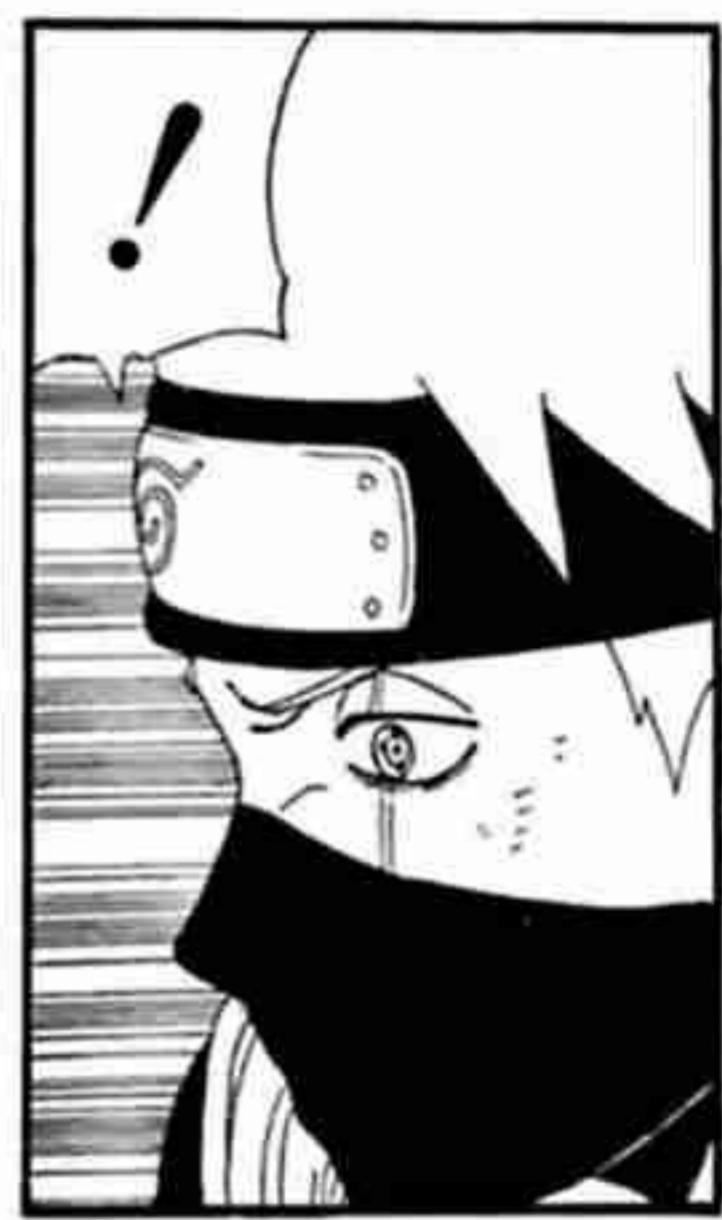
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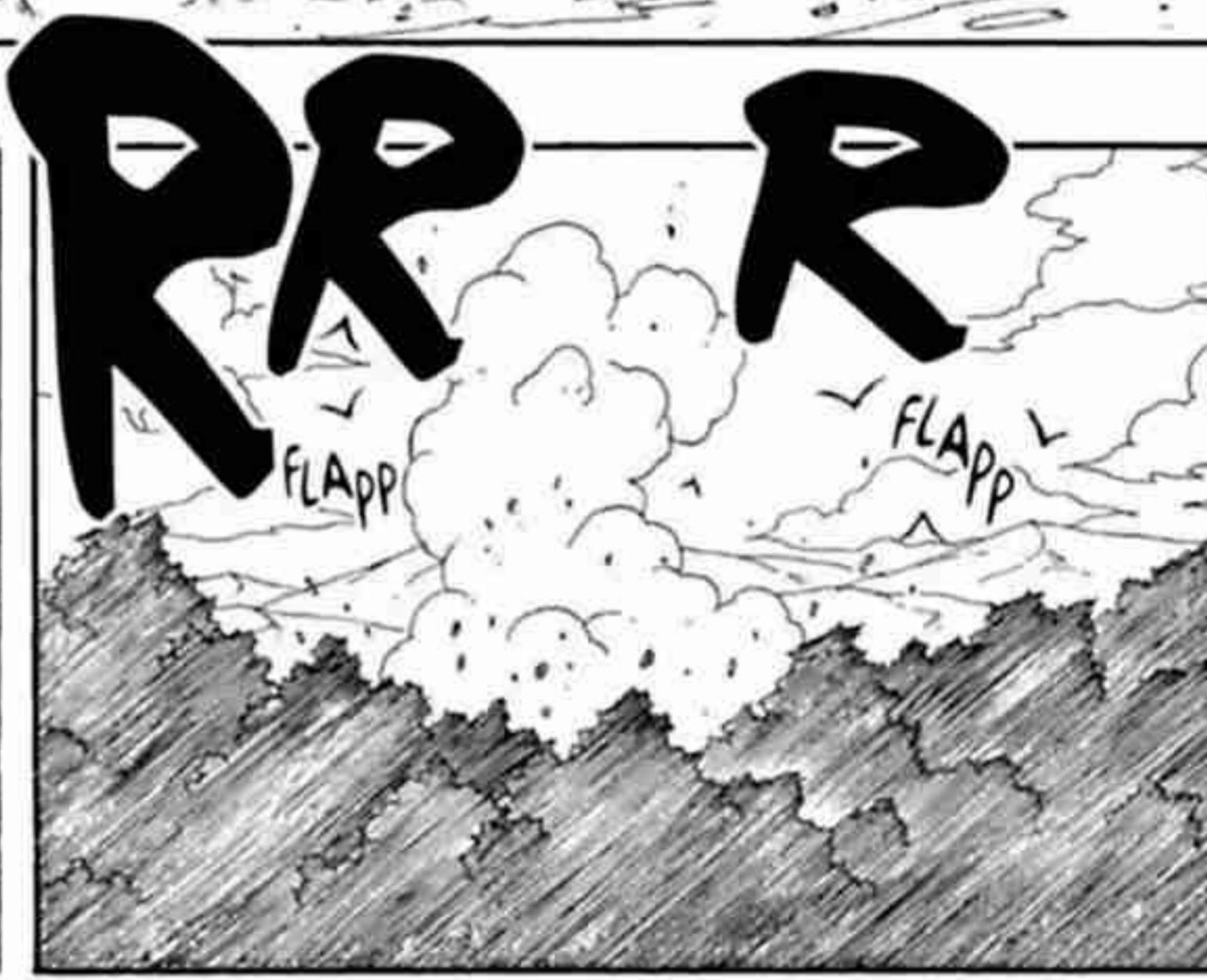
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Kakashi vs. Itachi!!!

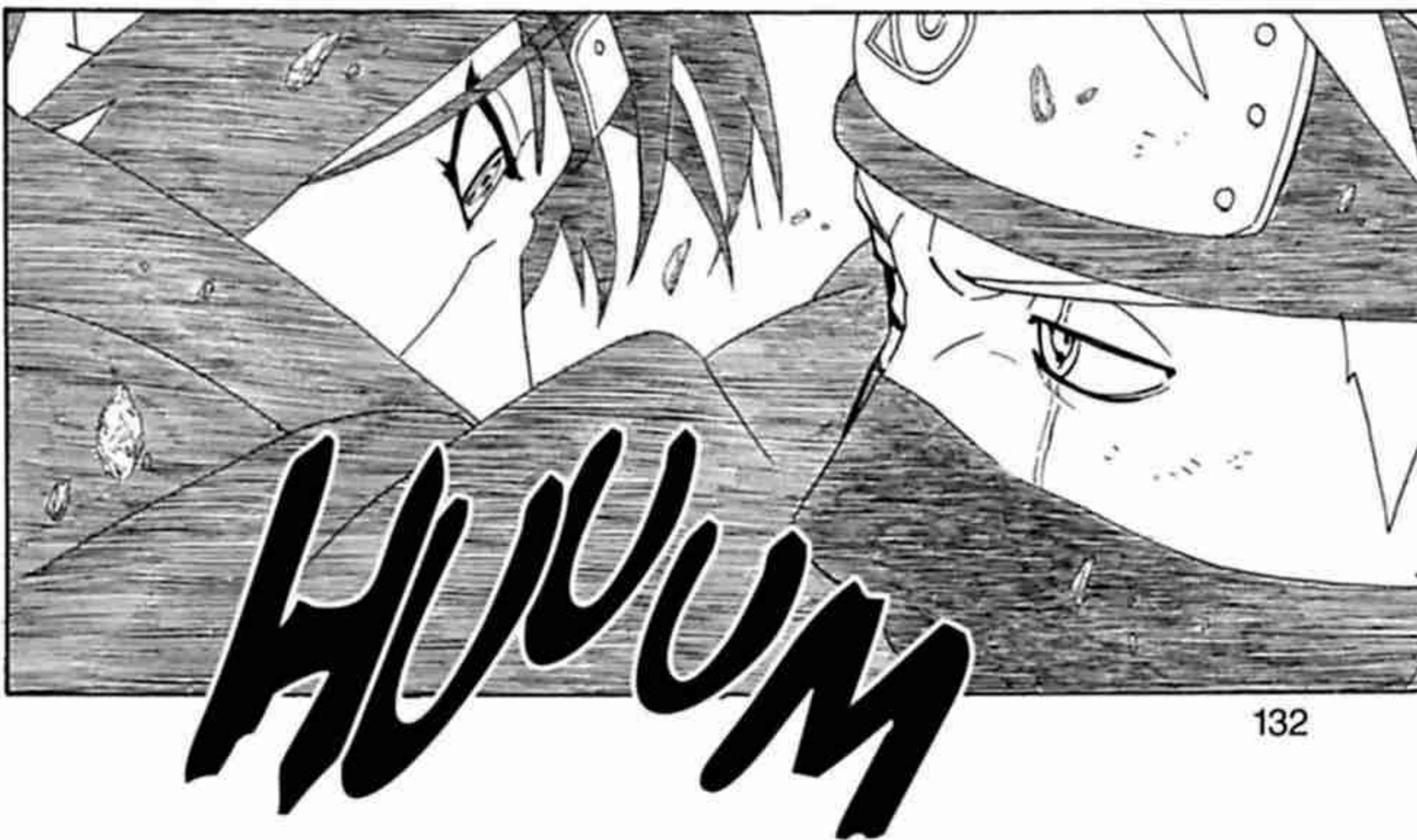
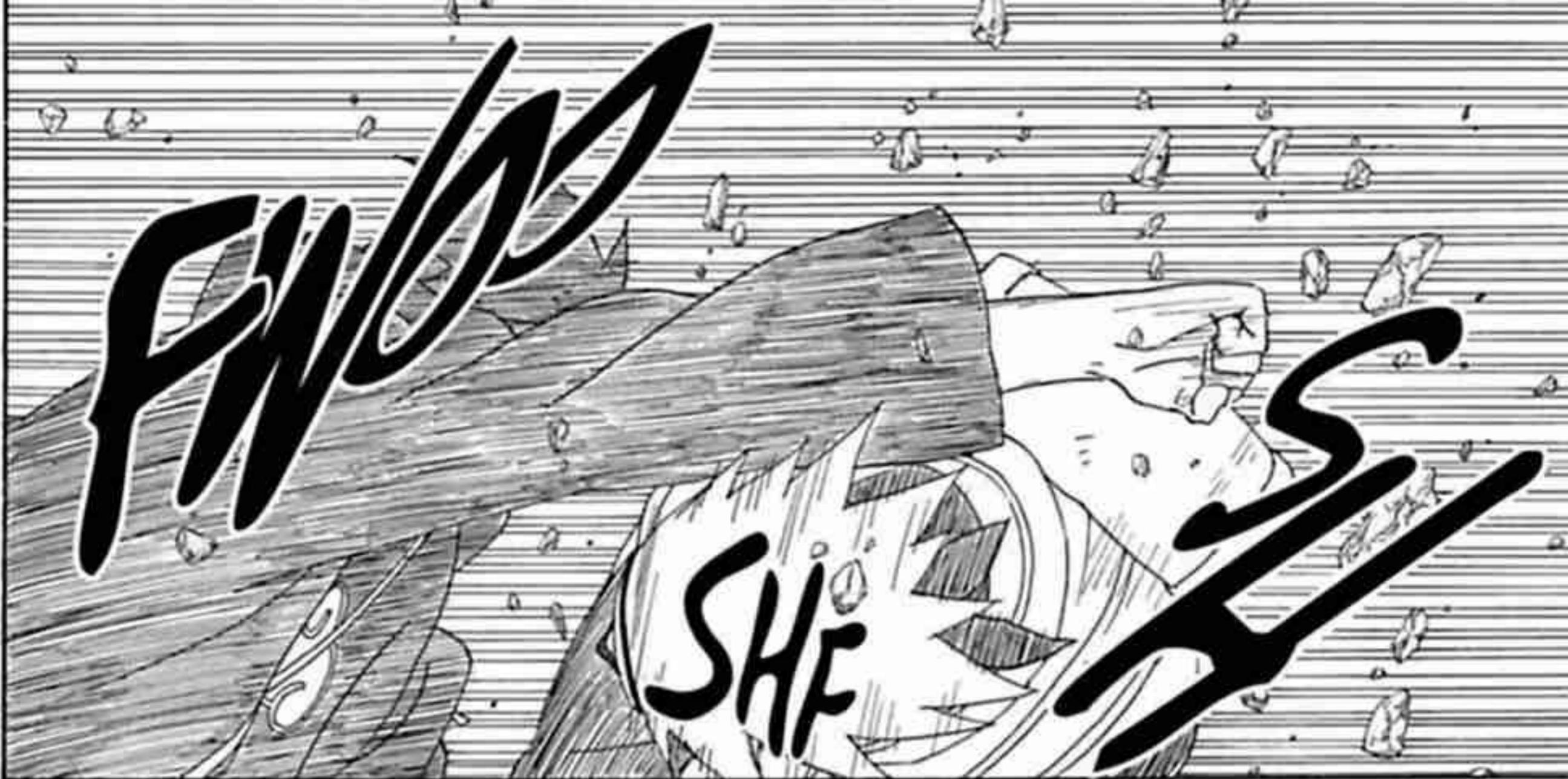






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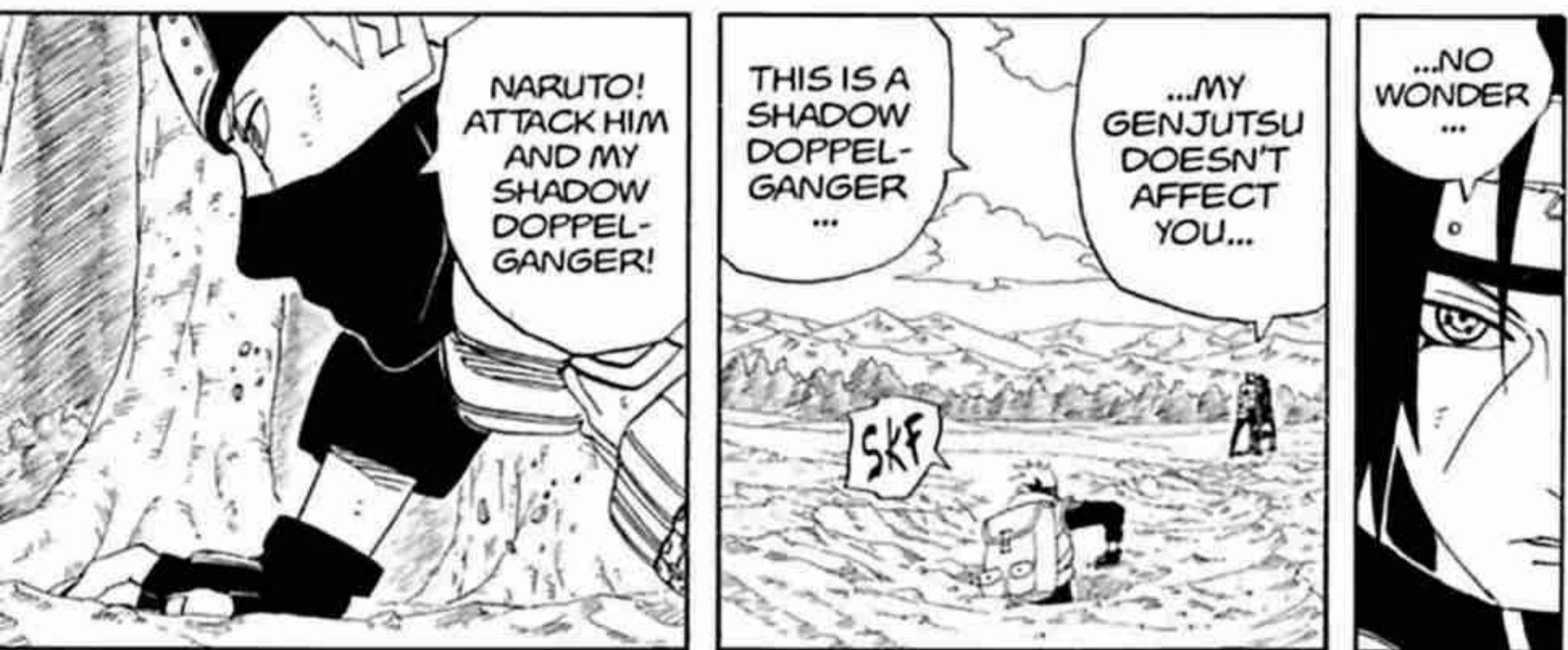
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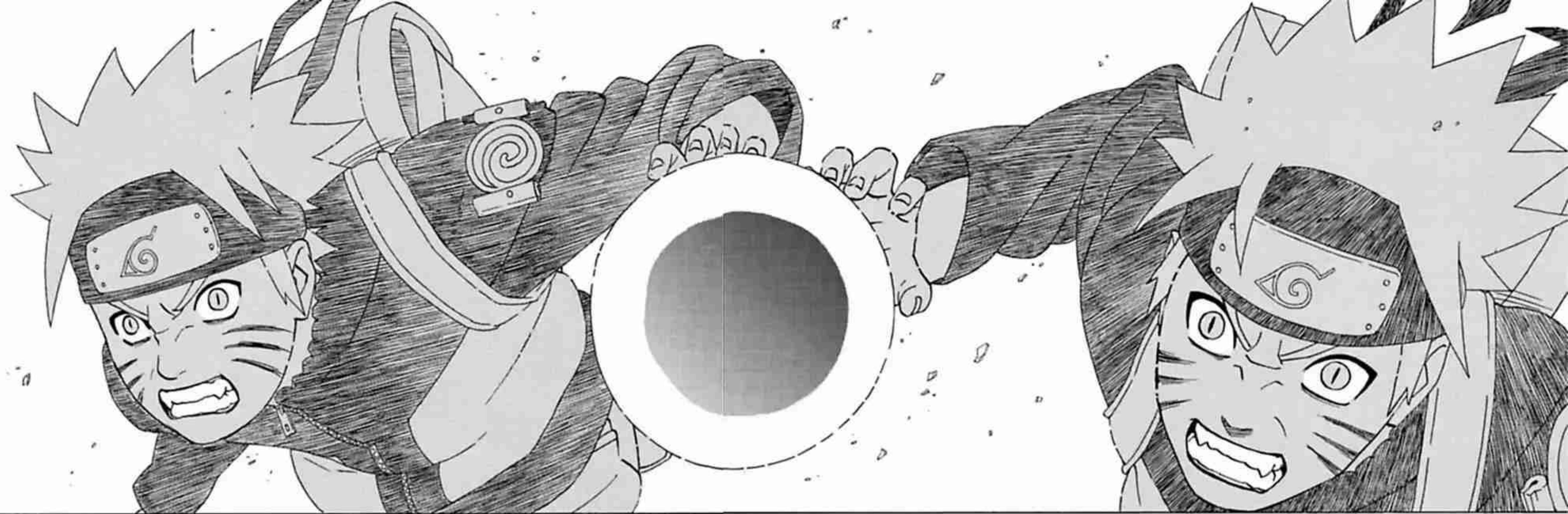




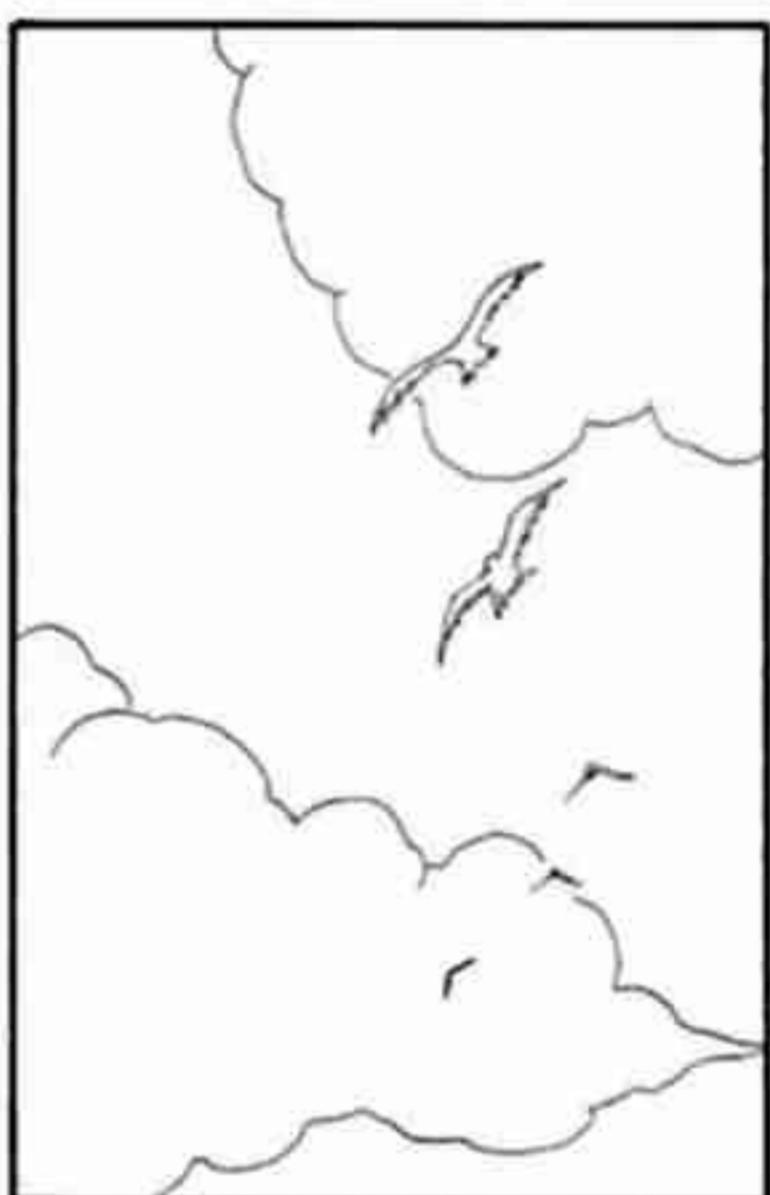
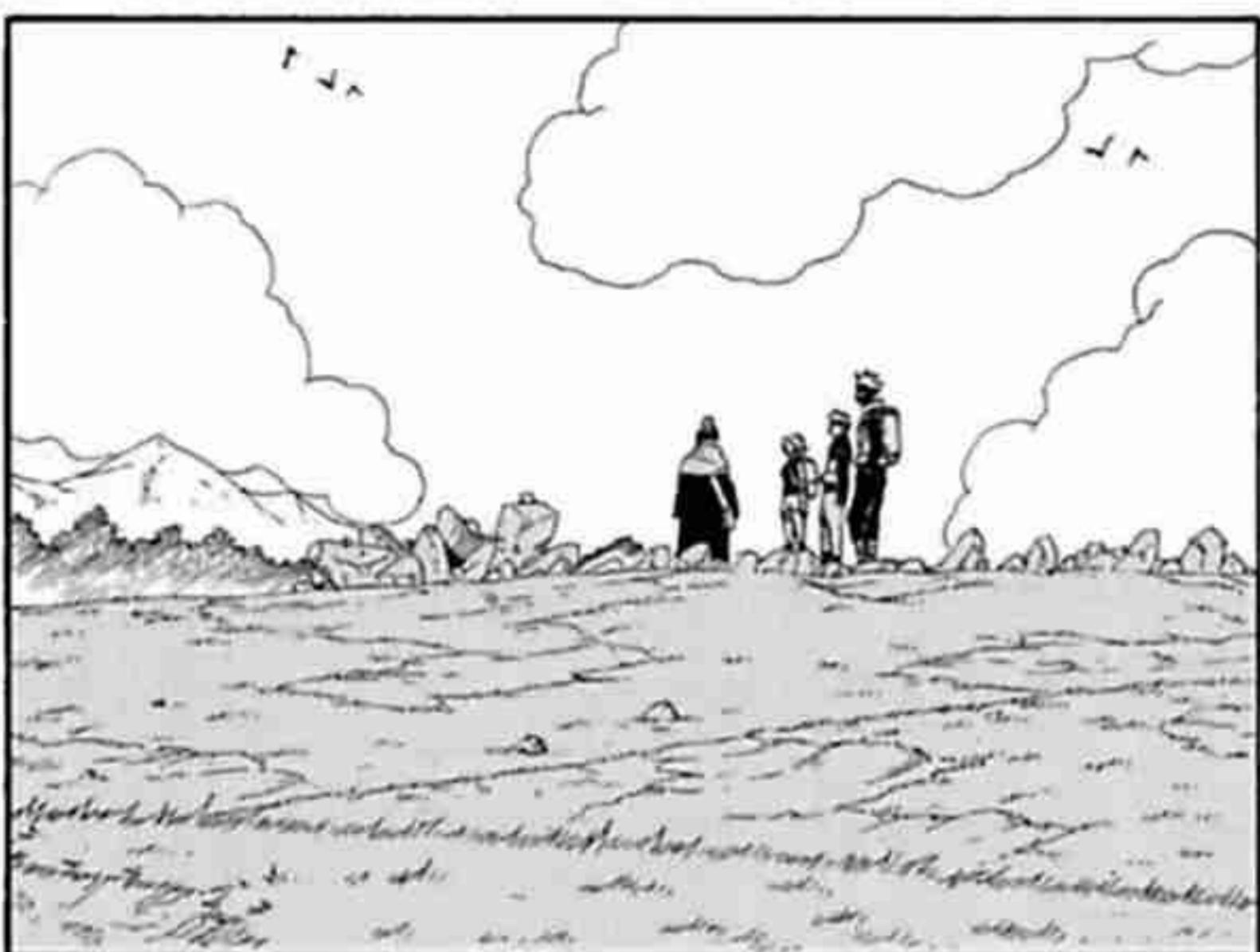
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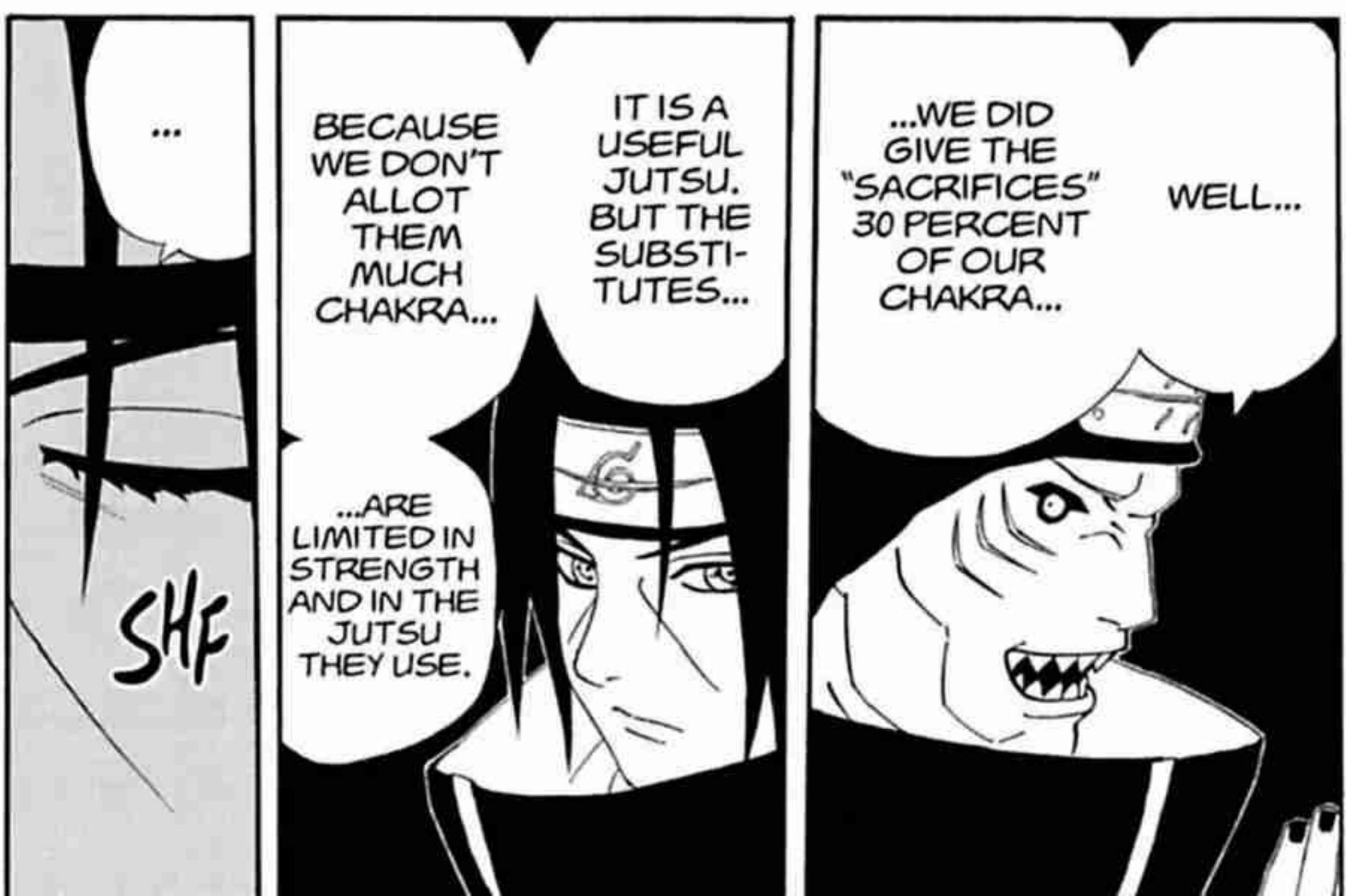


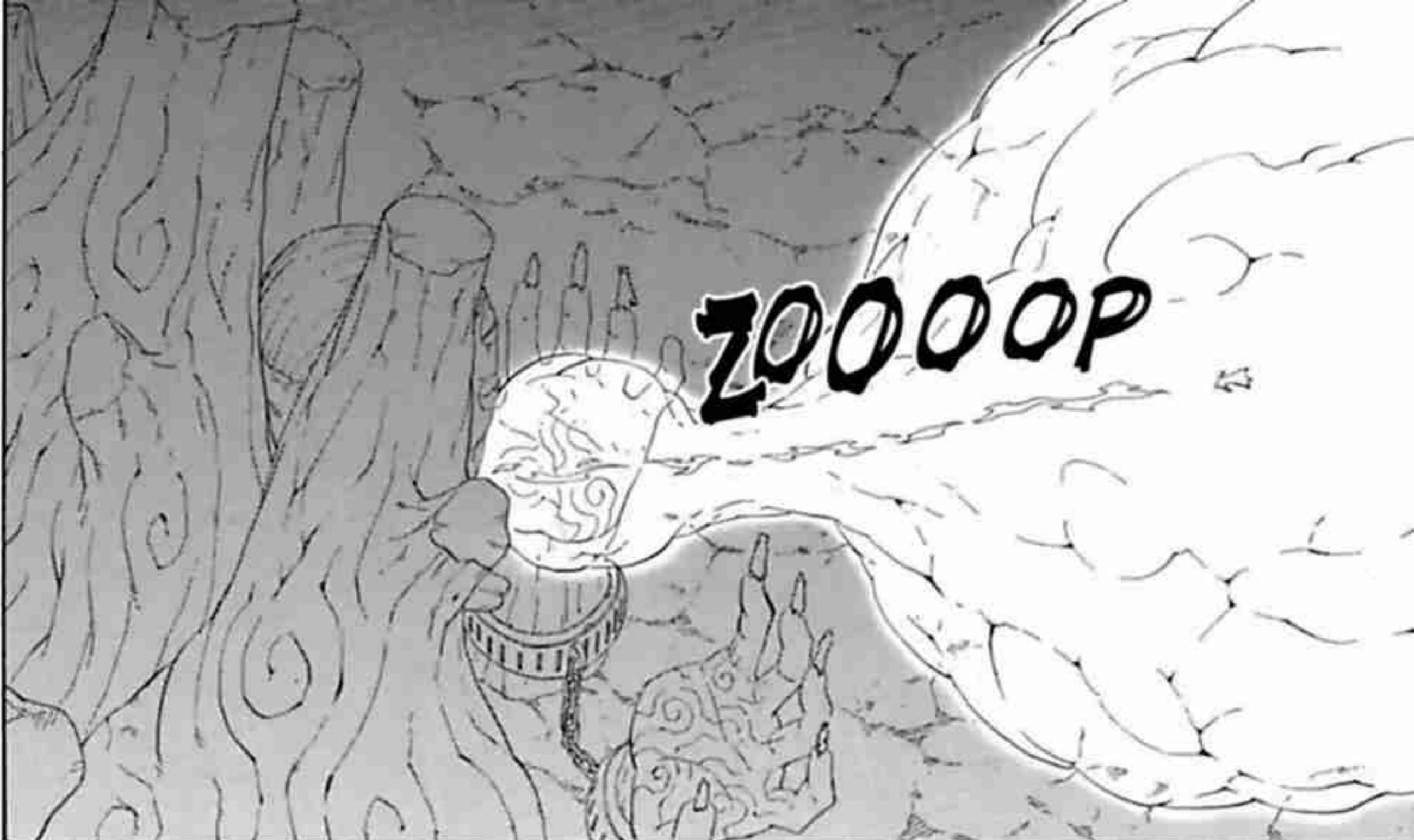












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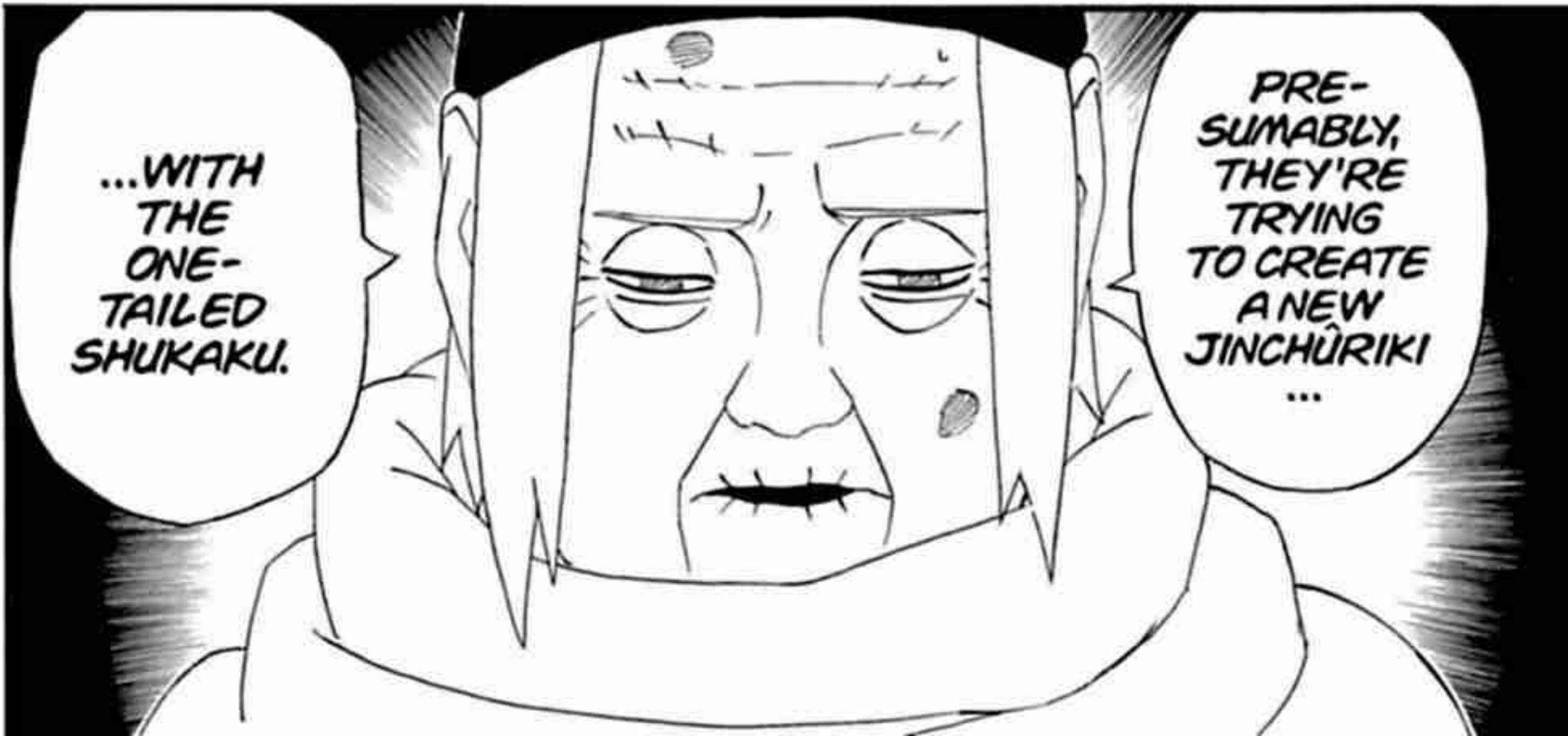
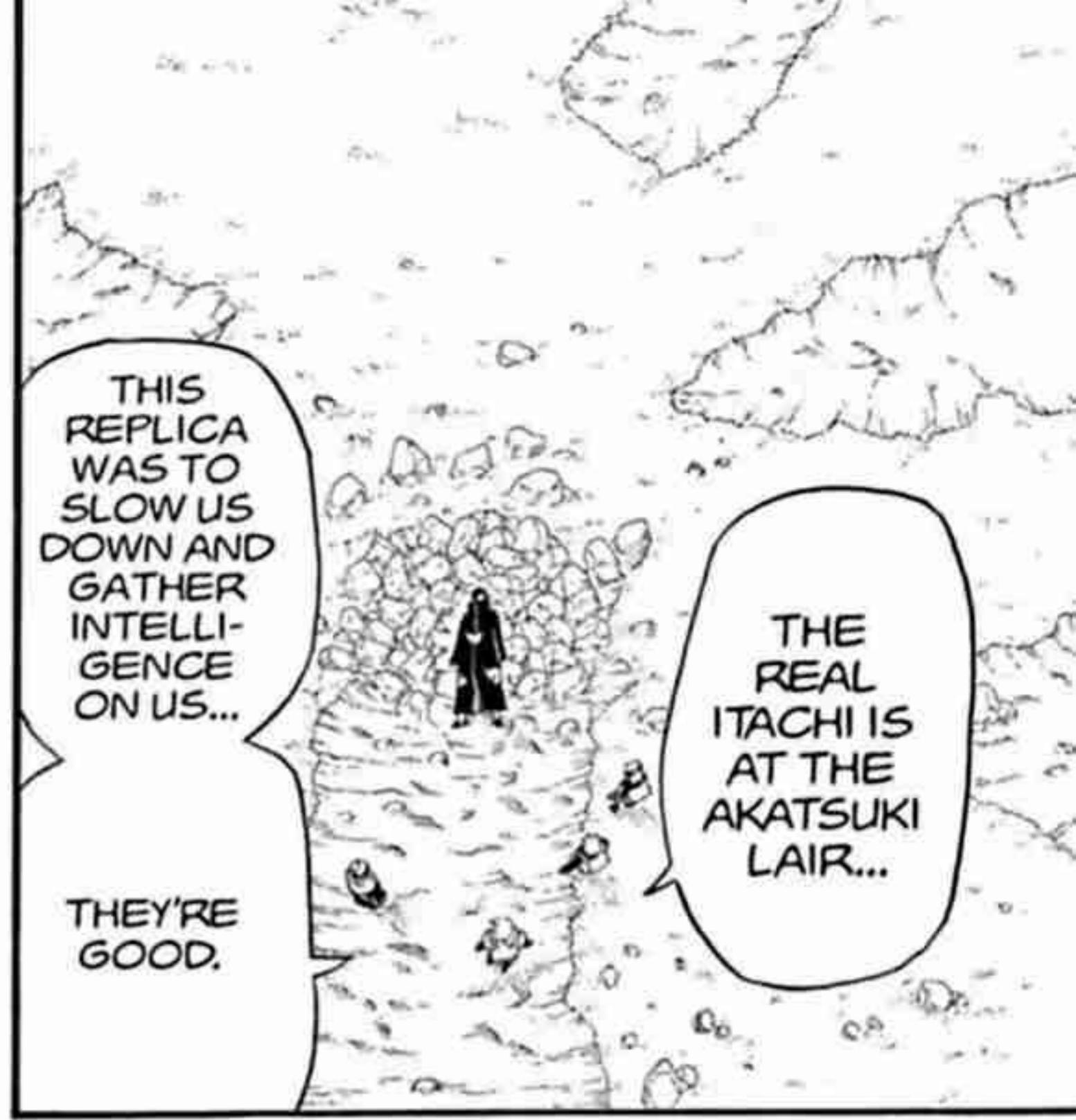
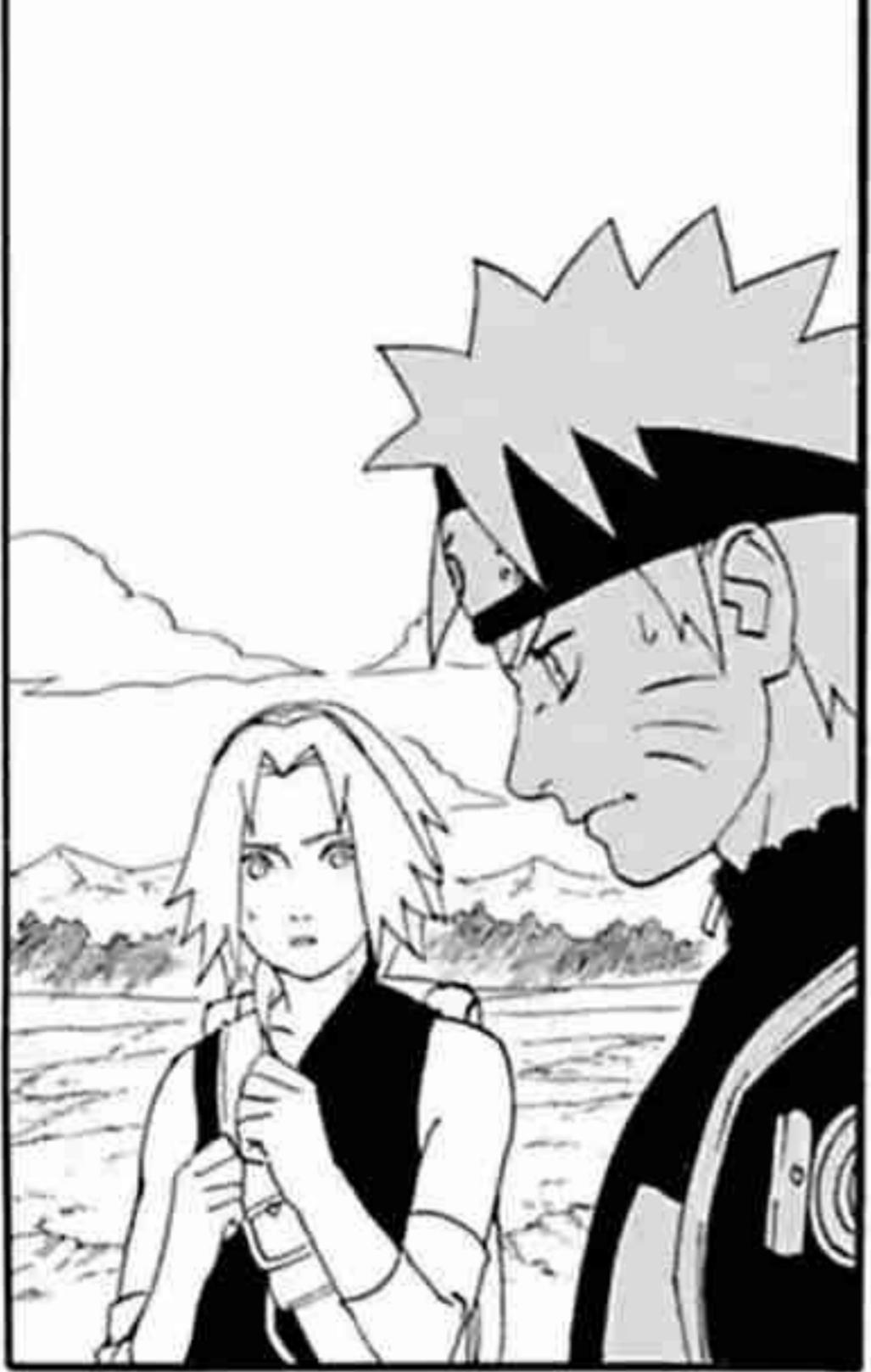


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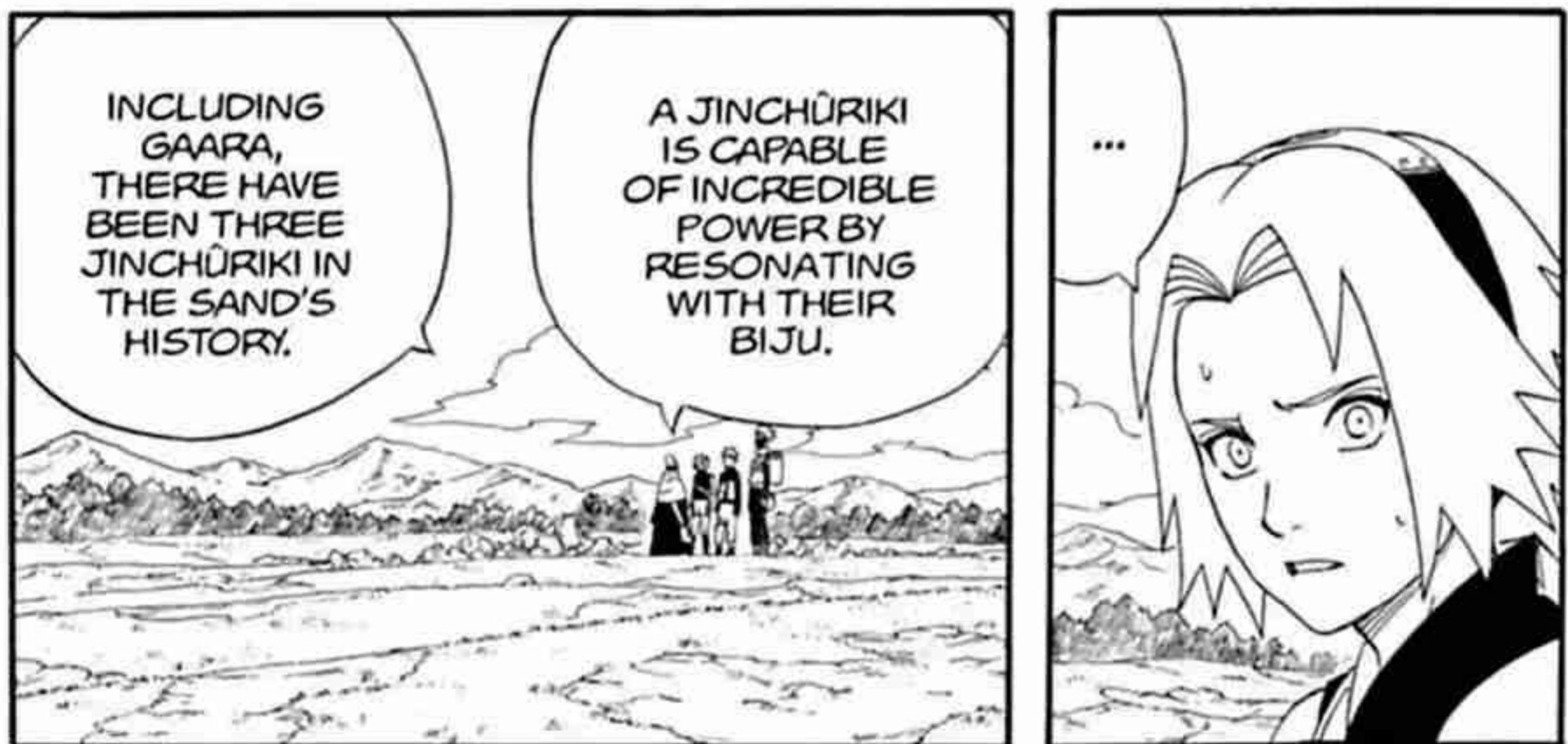
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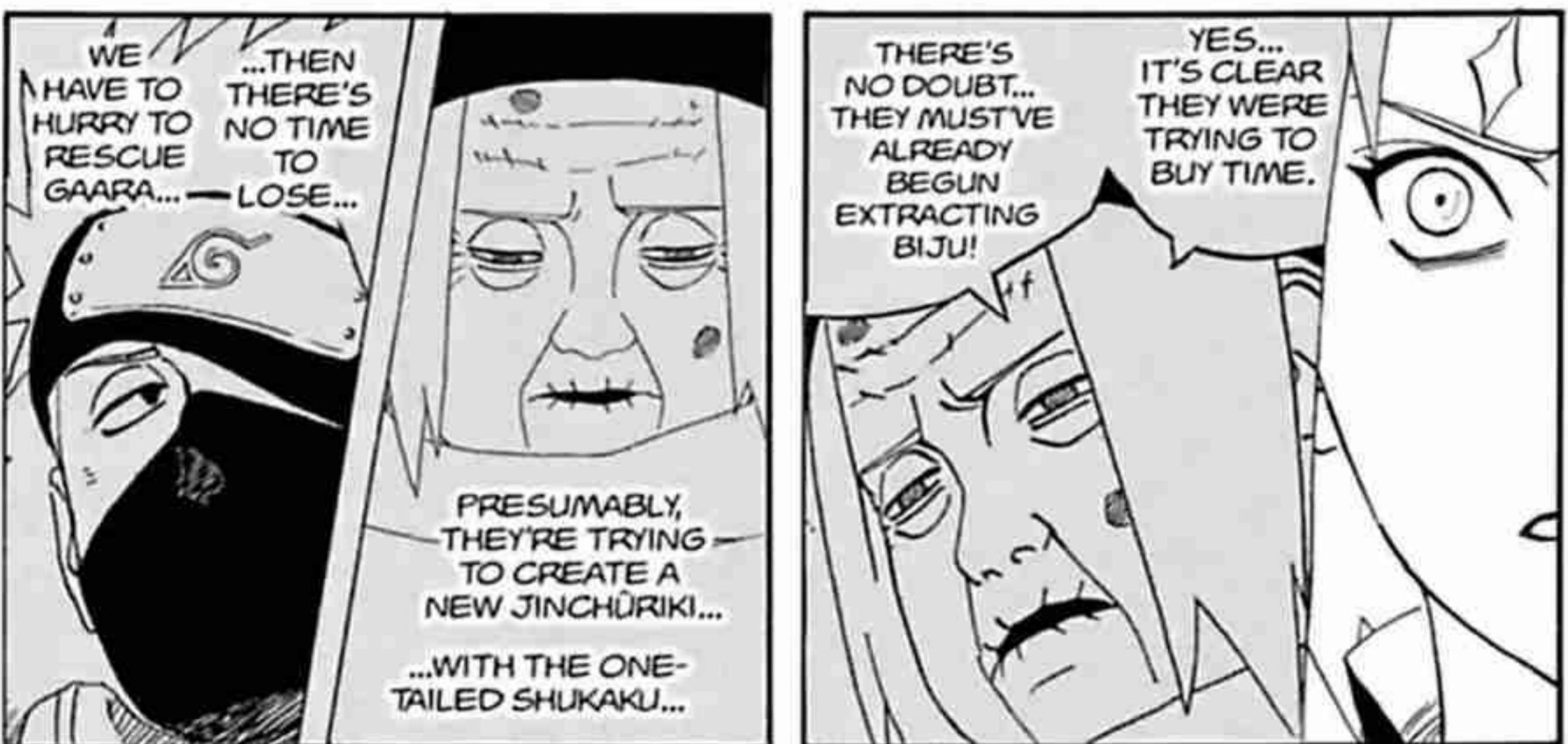


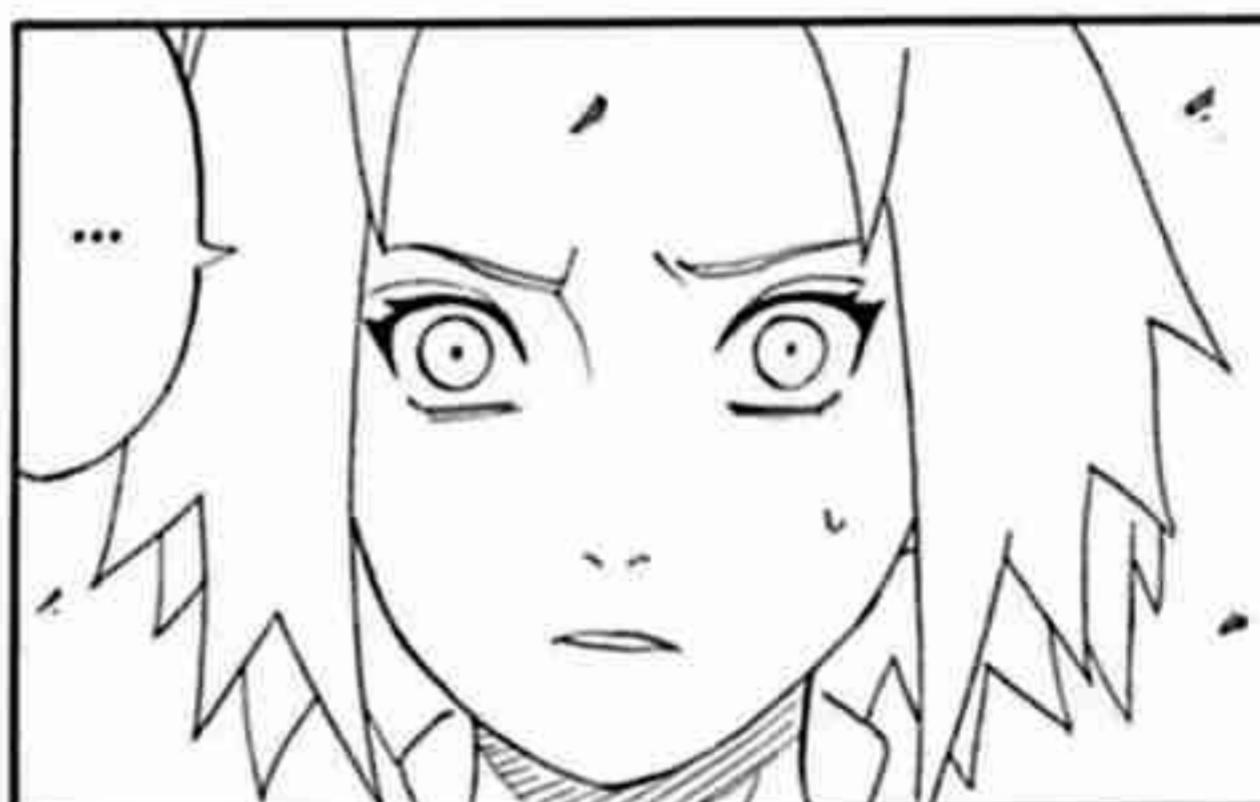


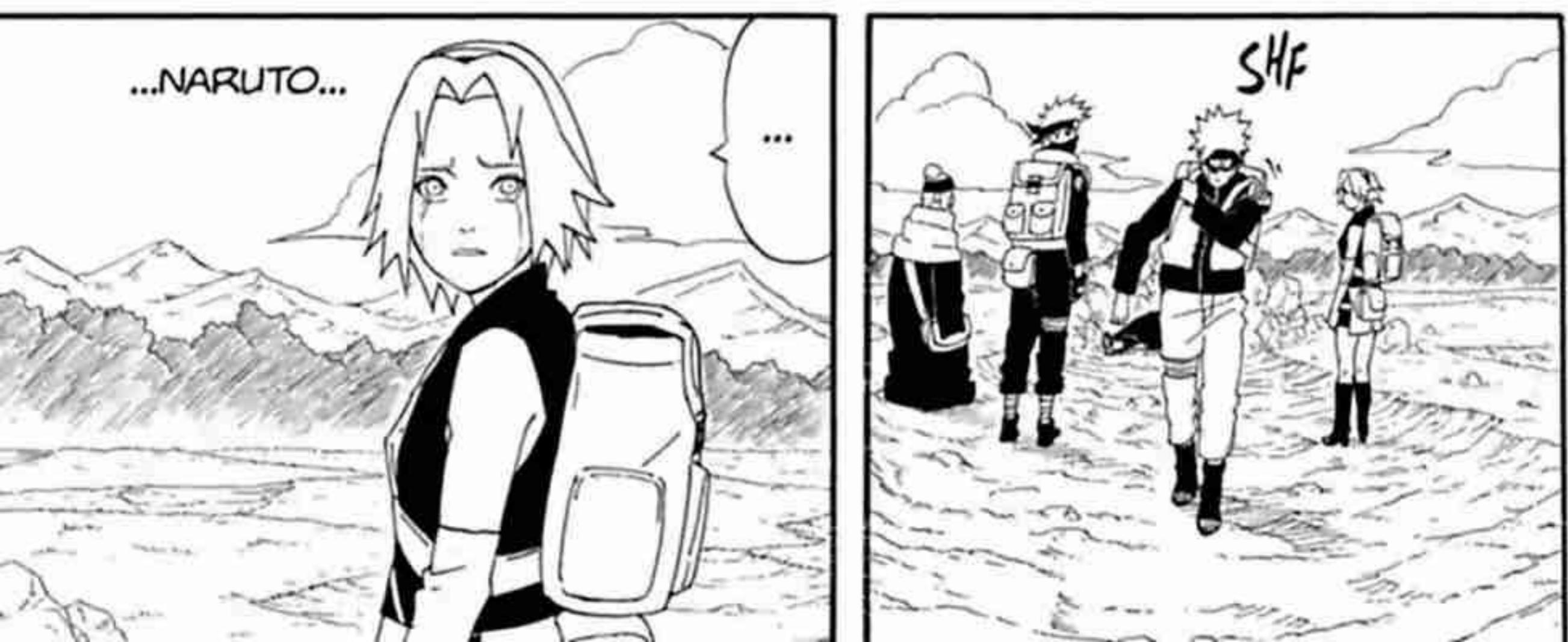


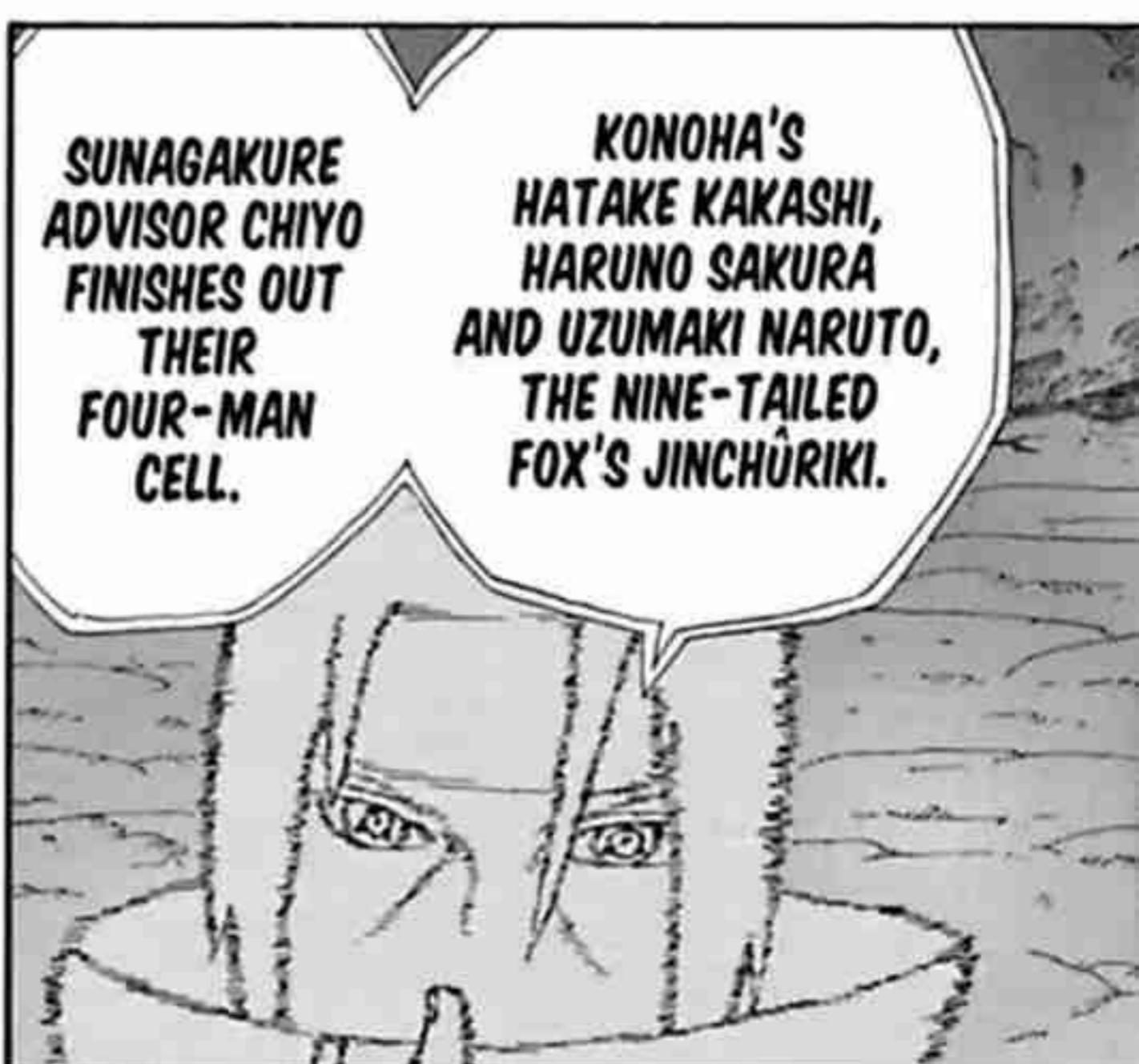






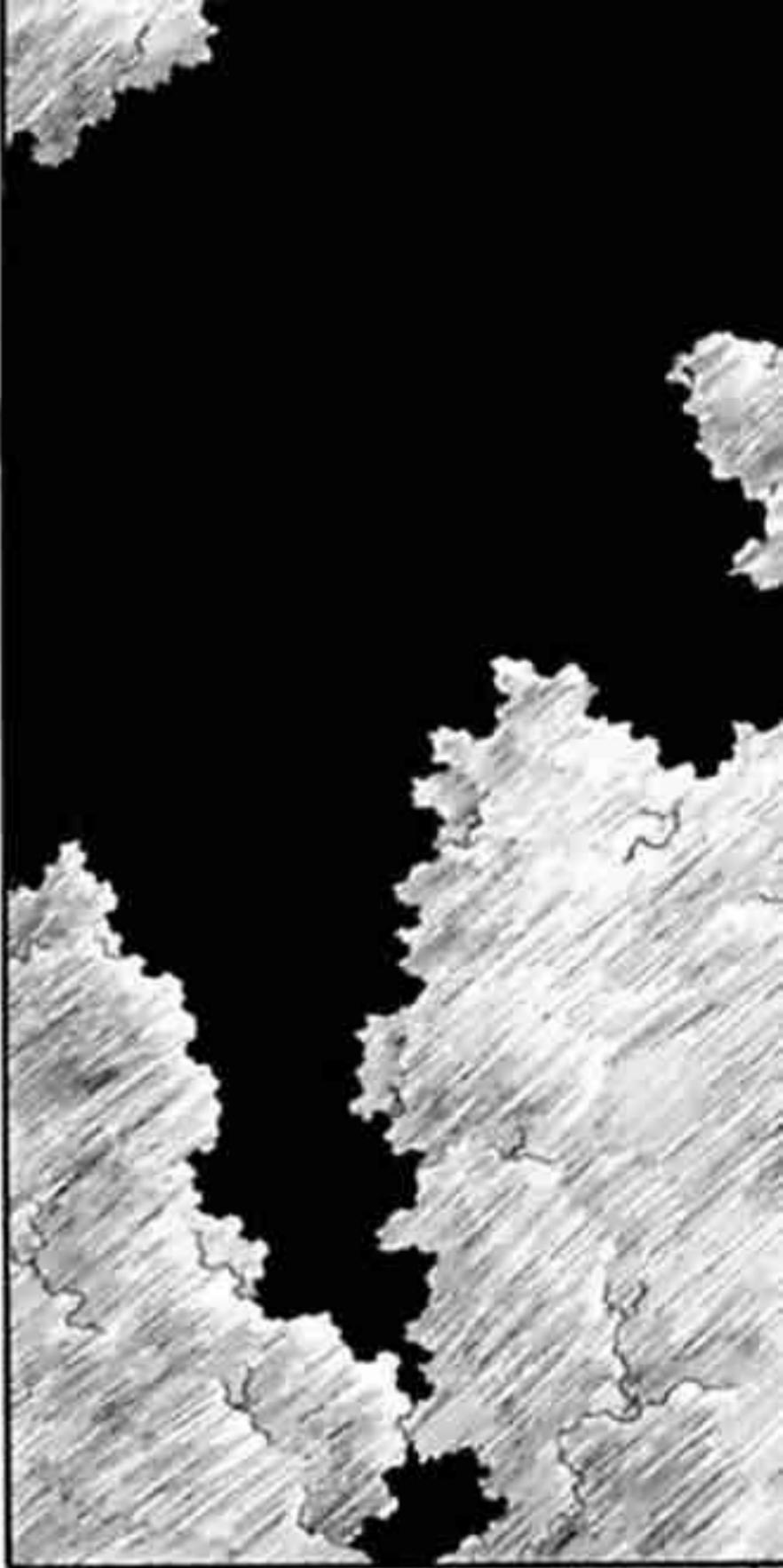


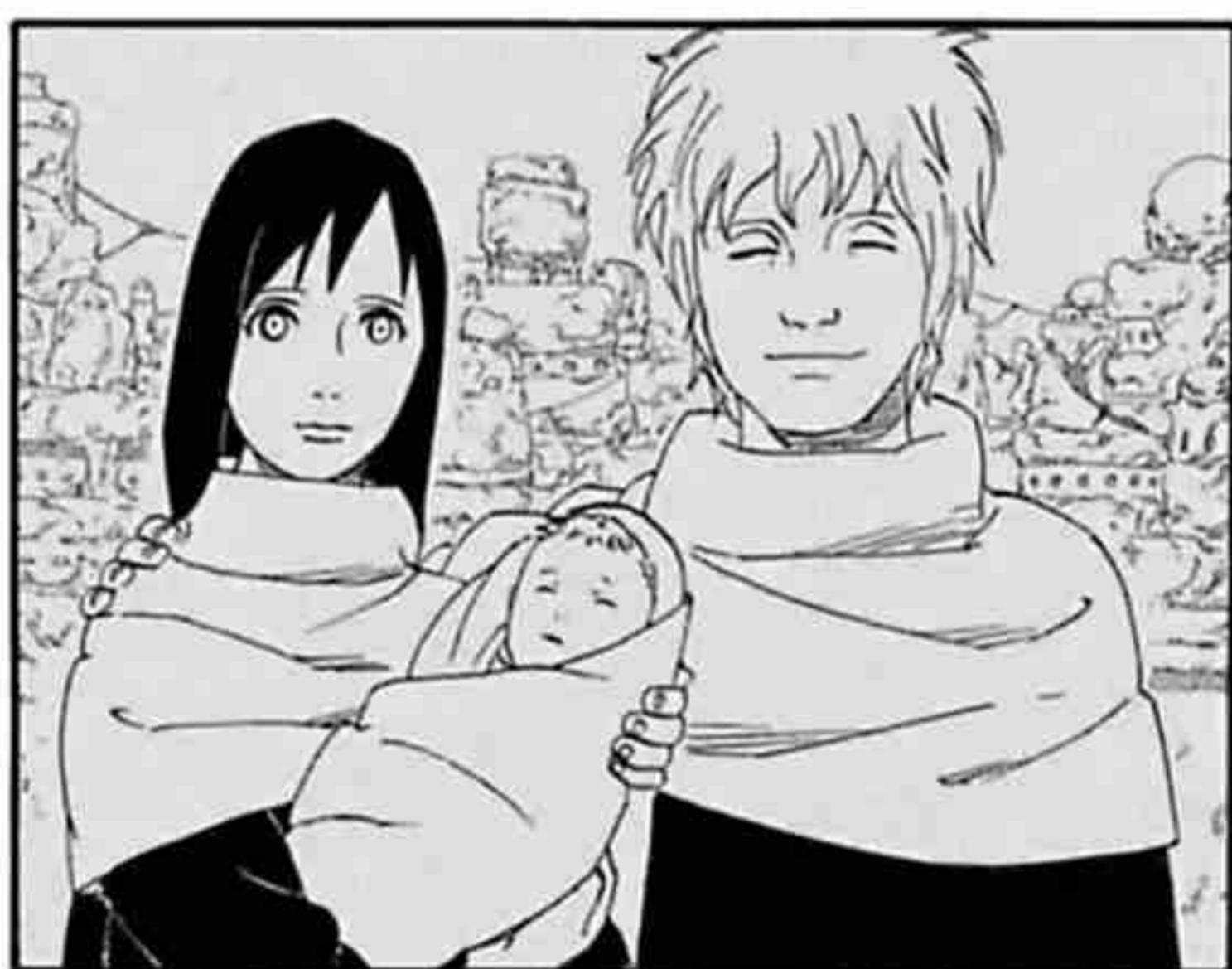
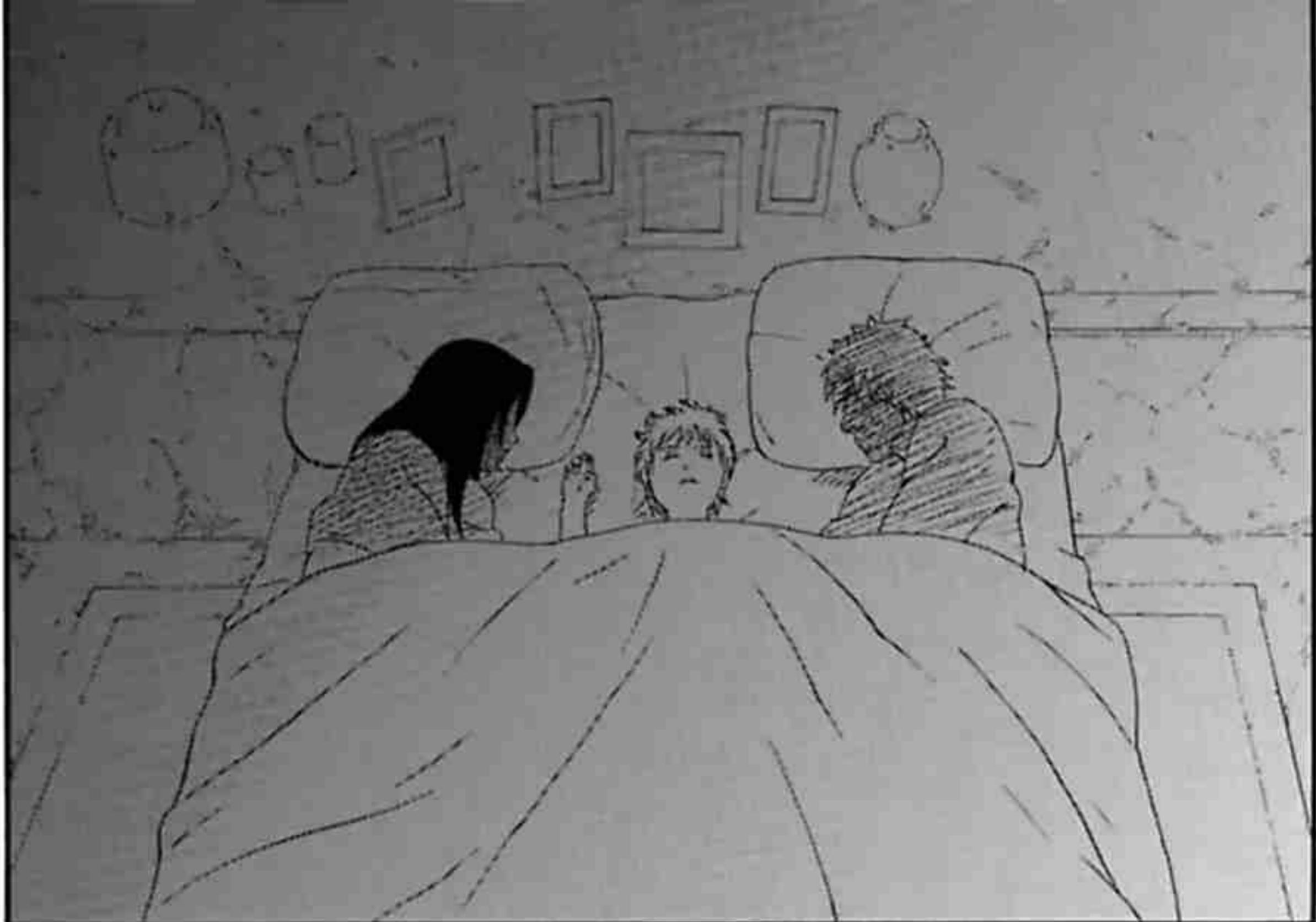


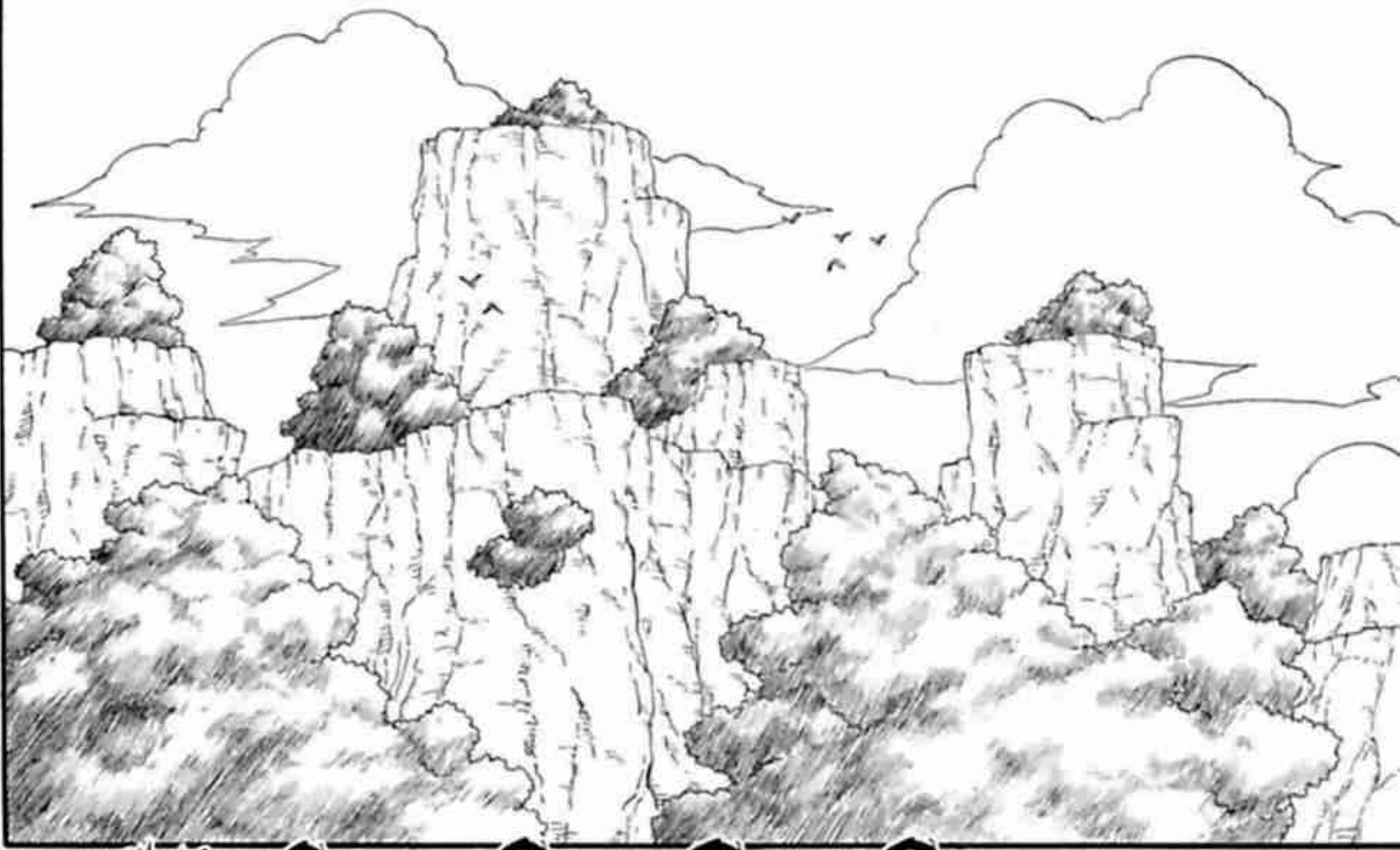


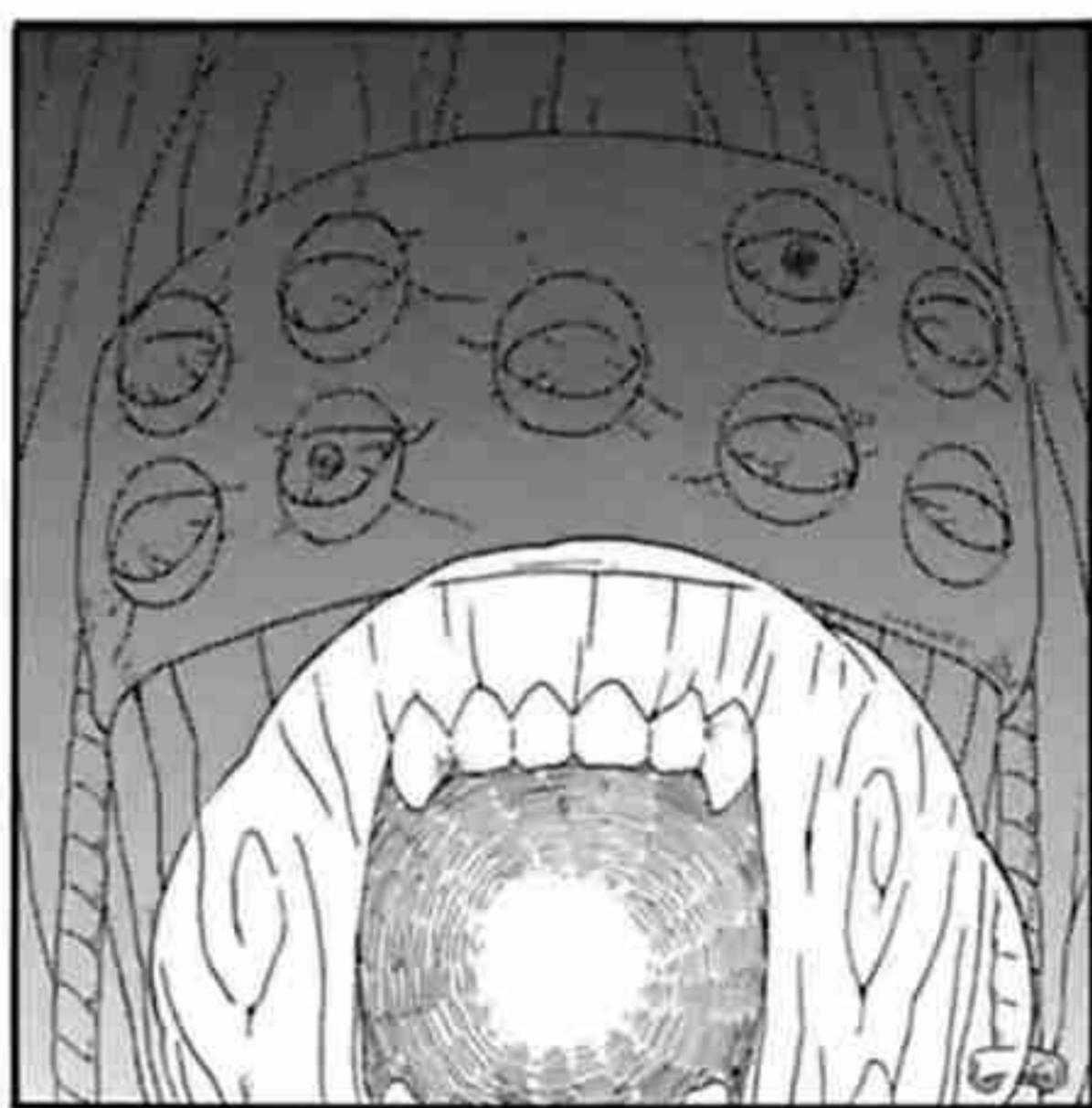
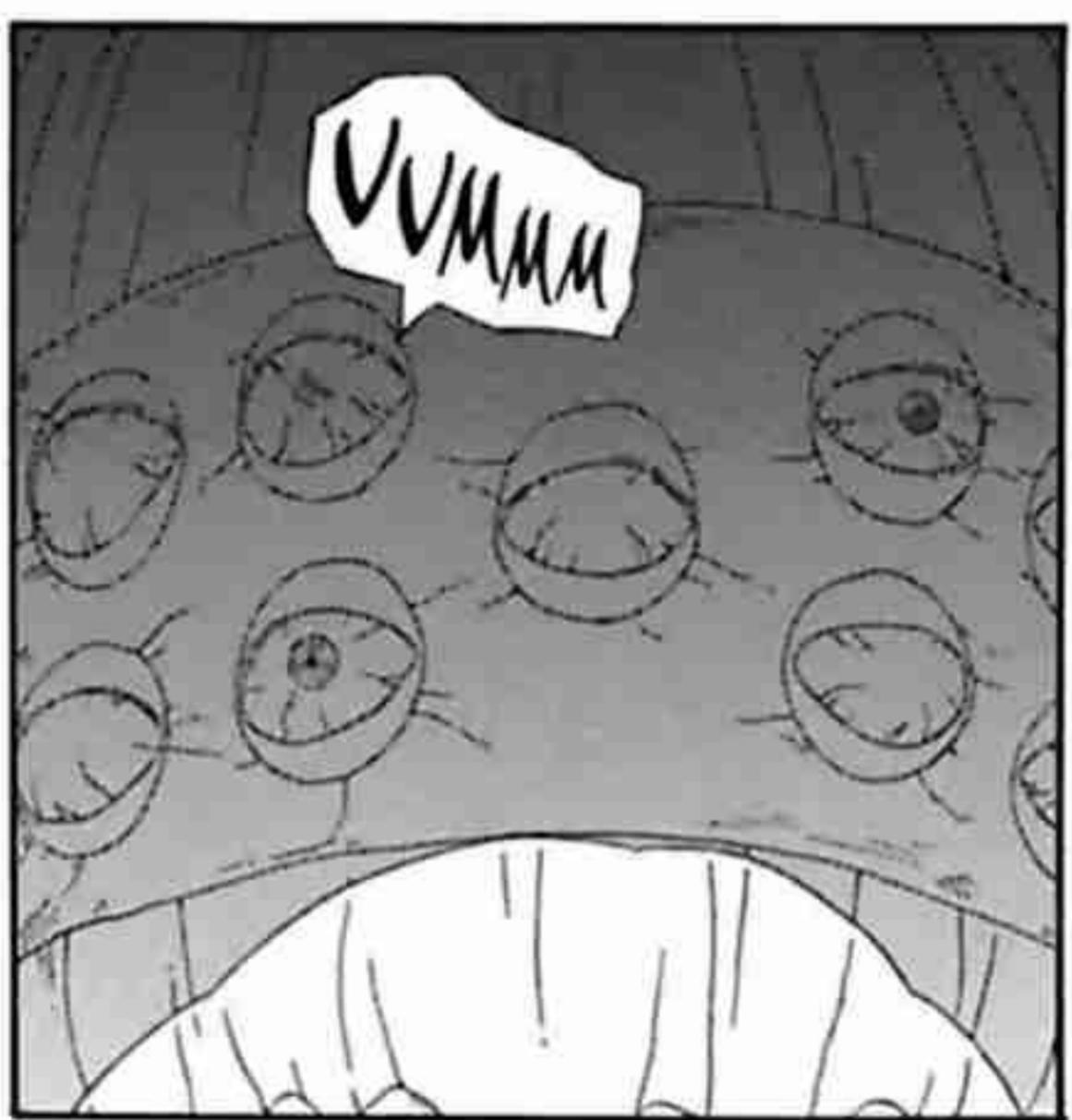
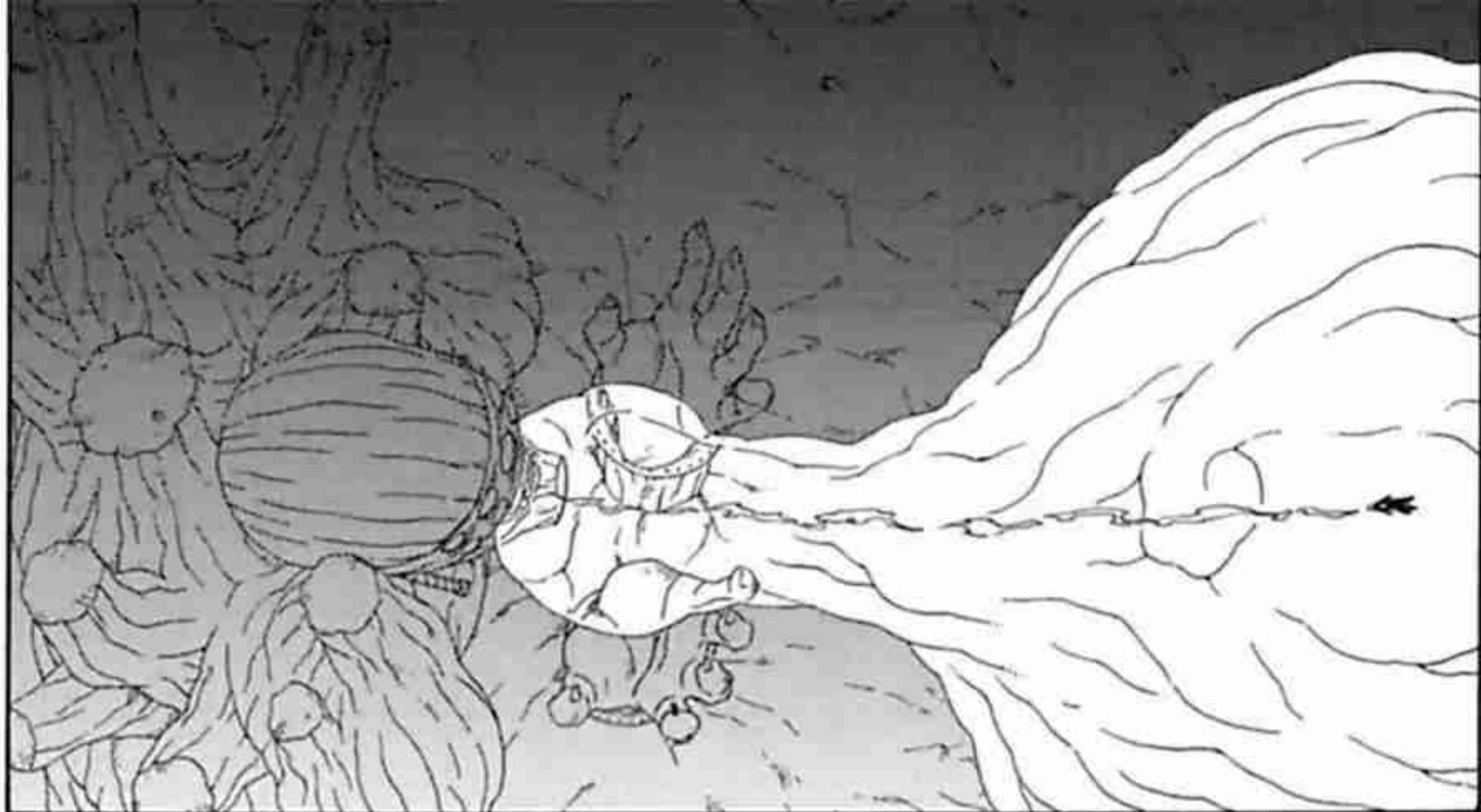
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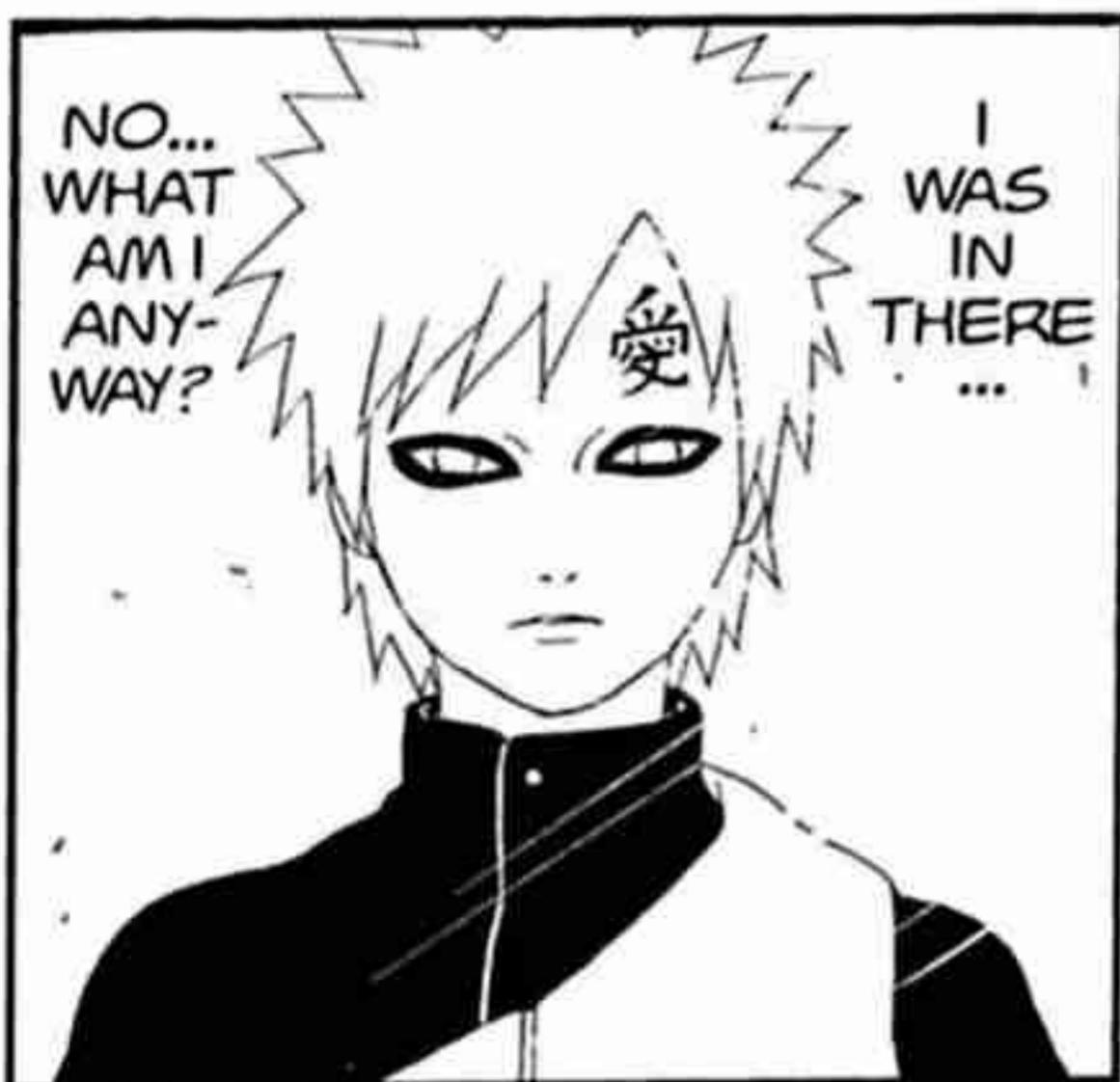
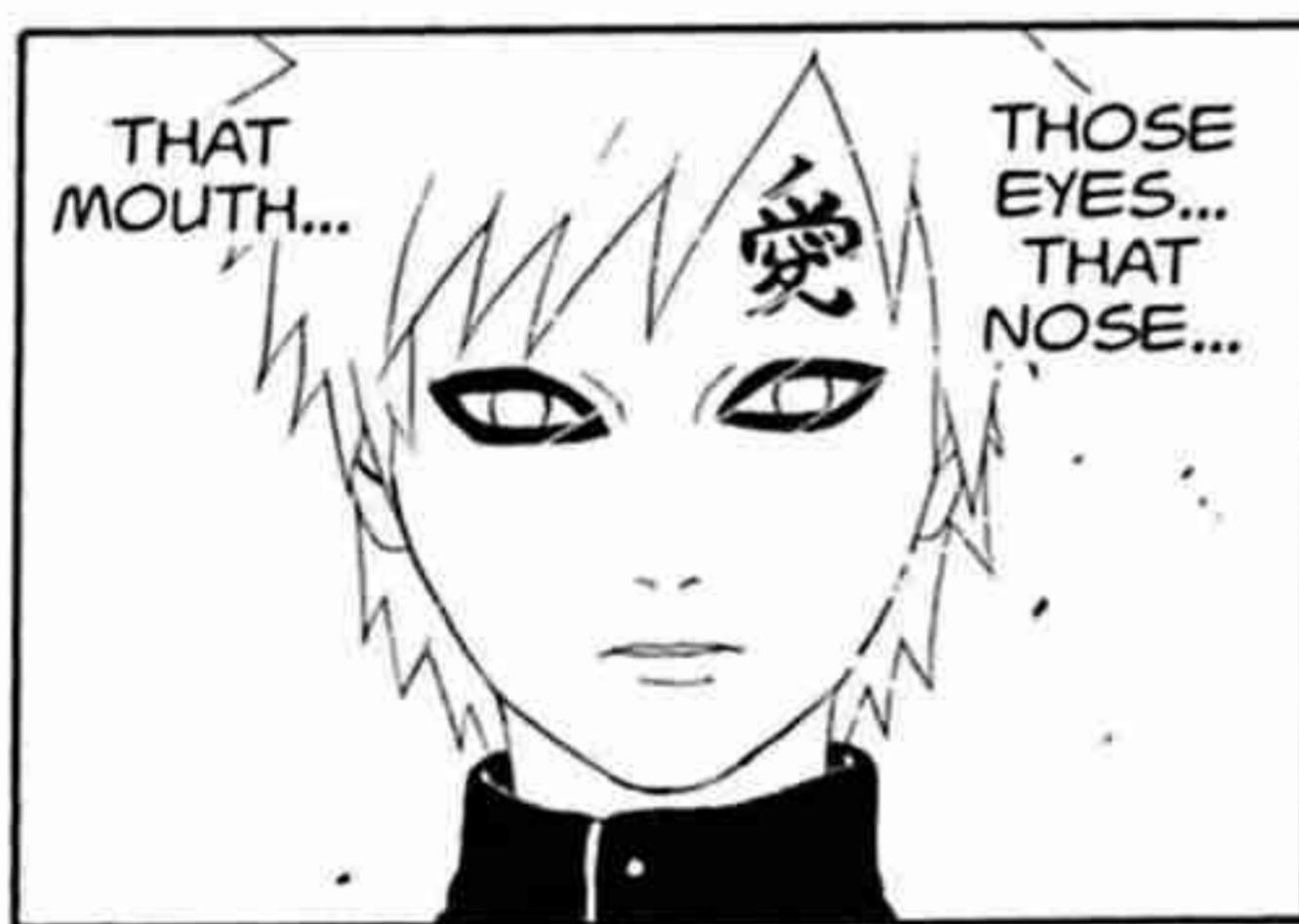












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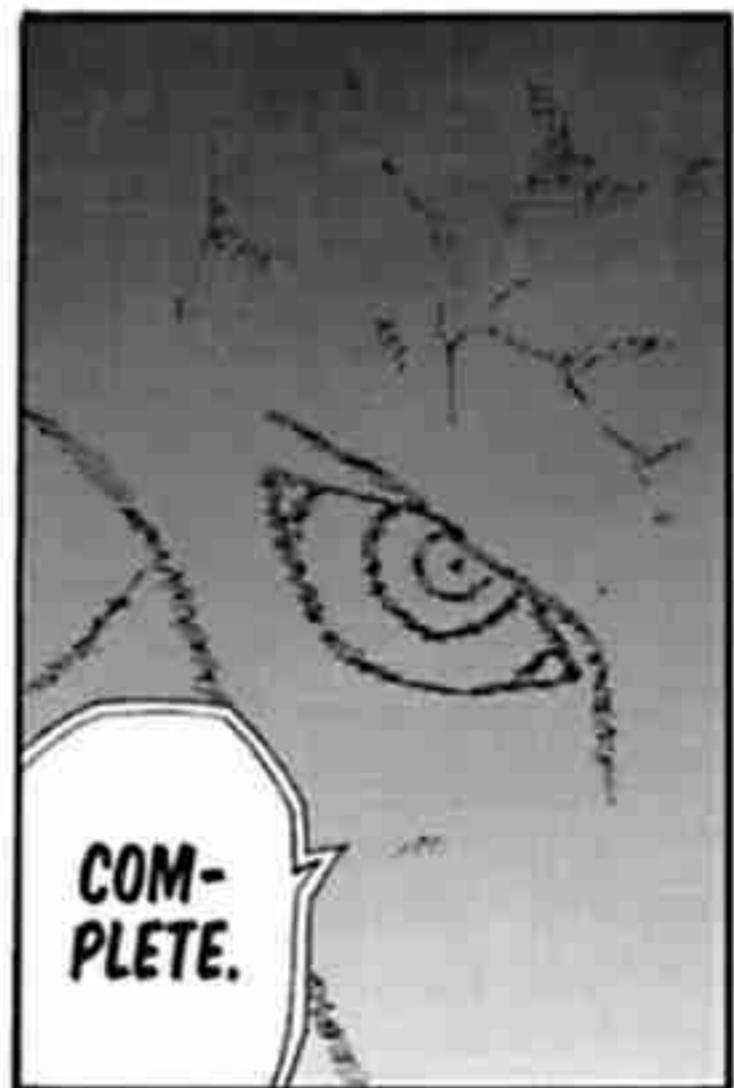
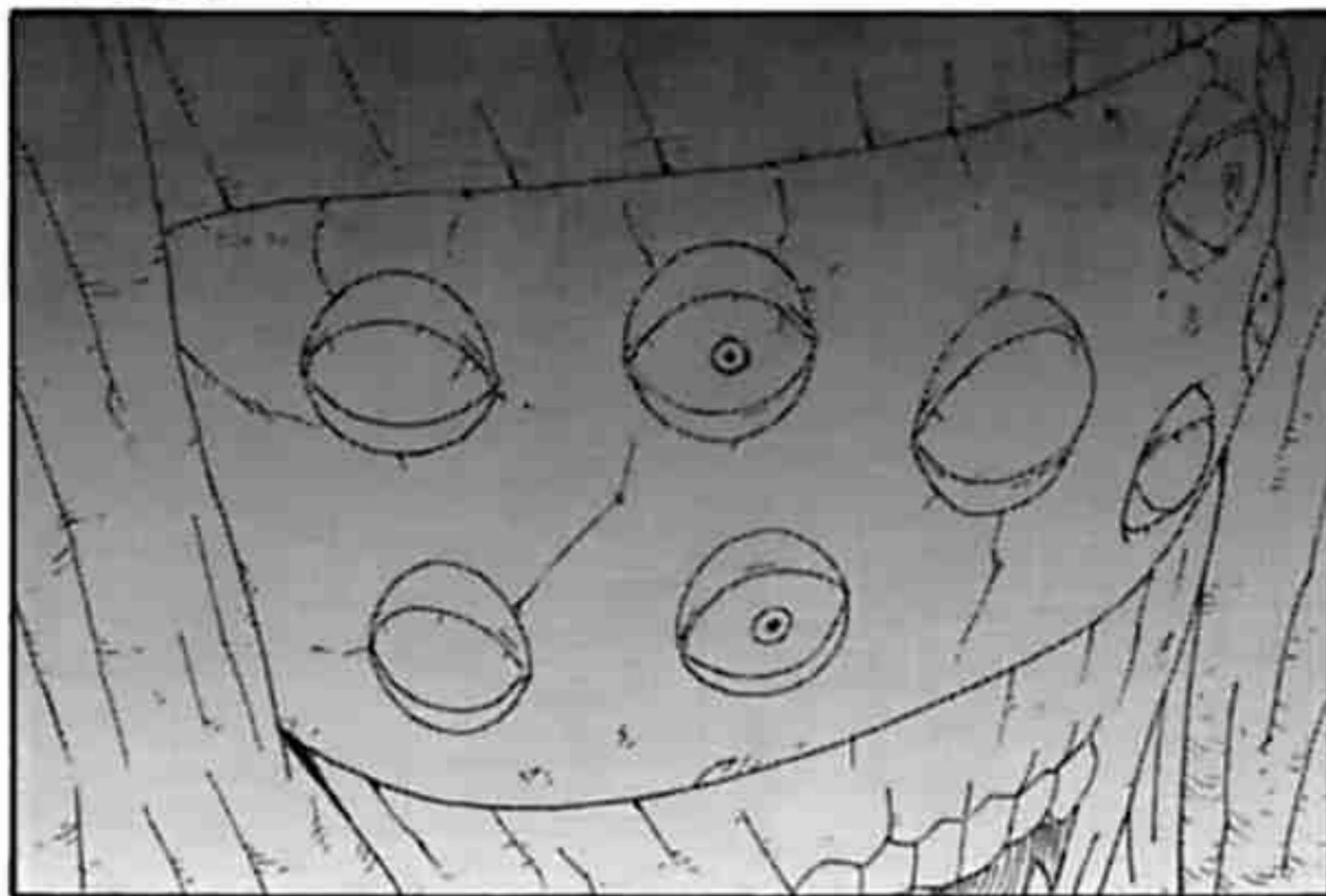
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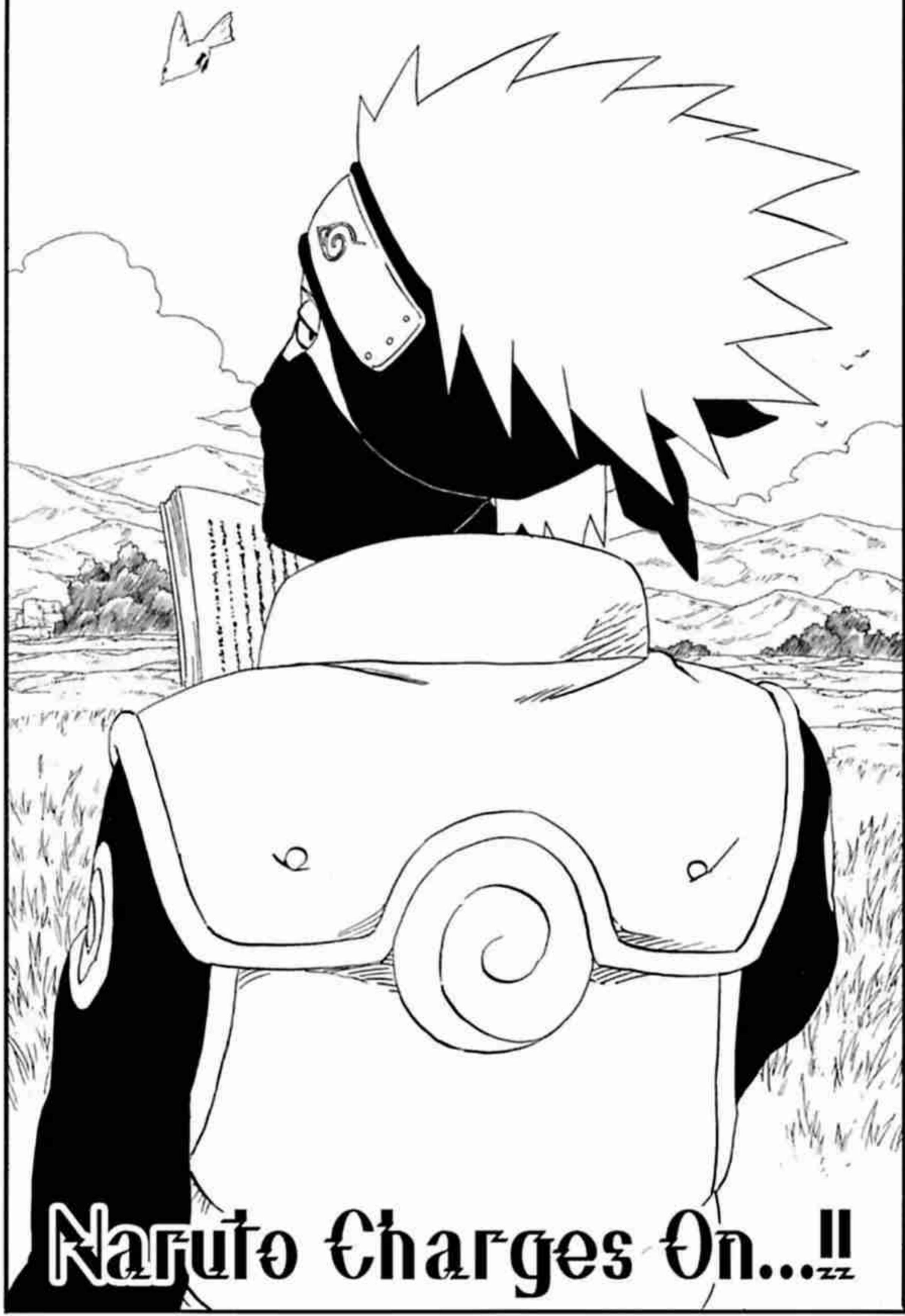


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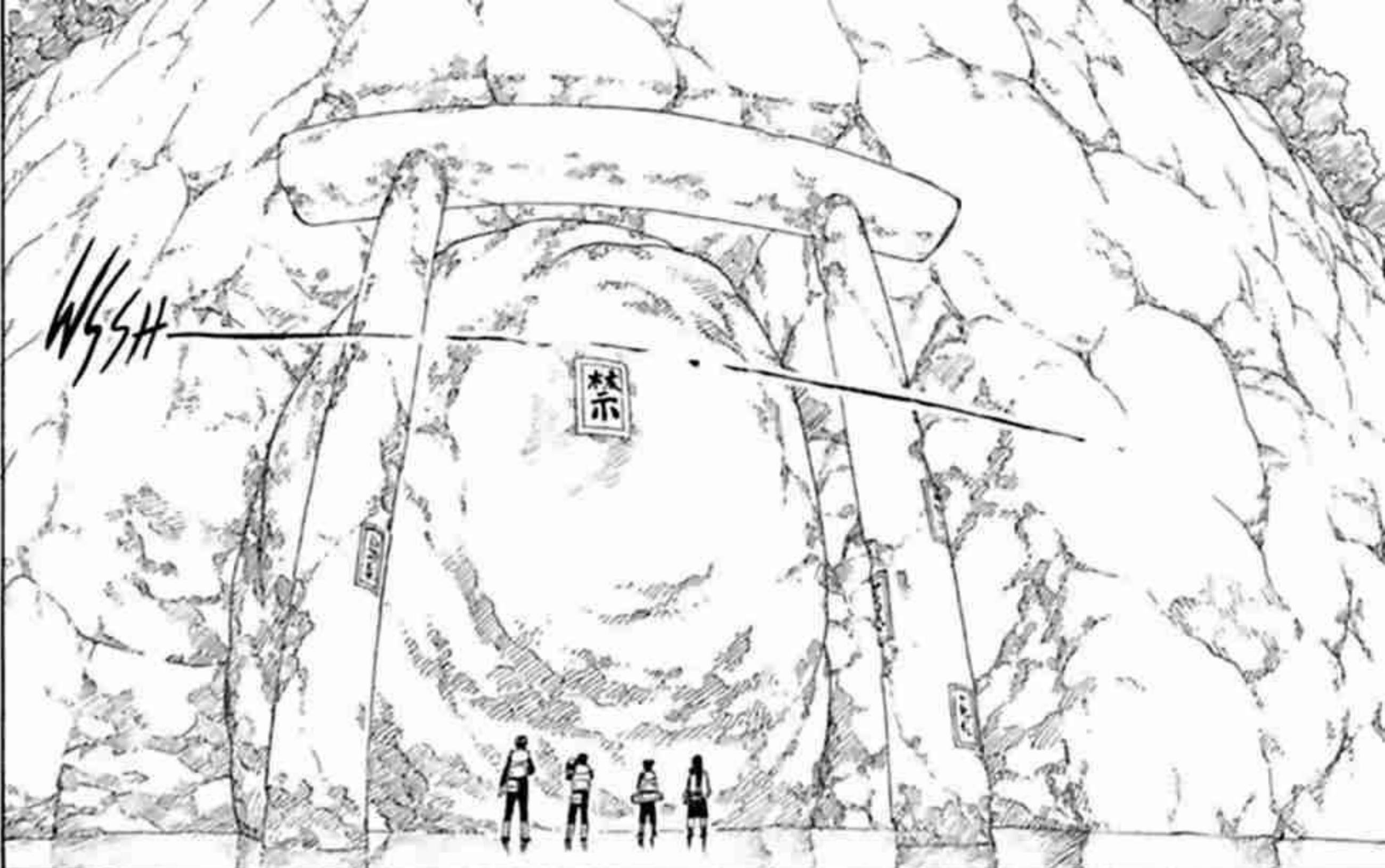


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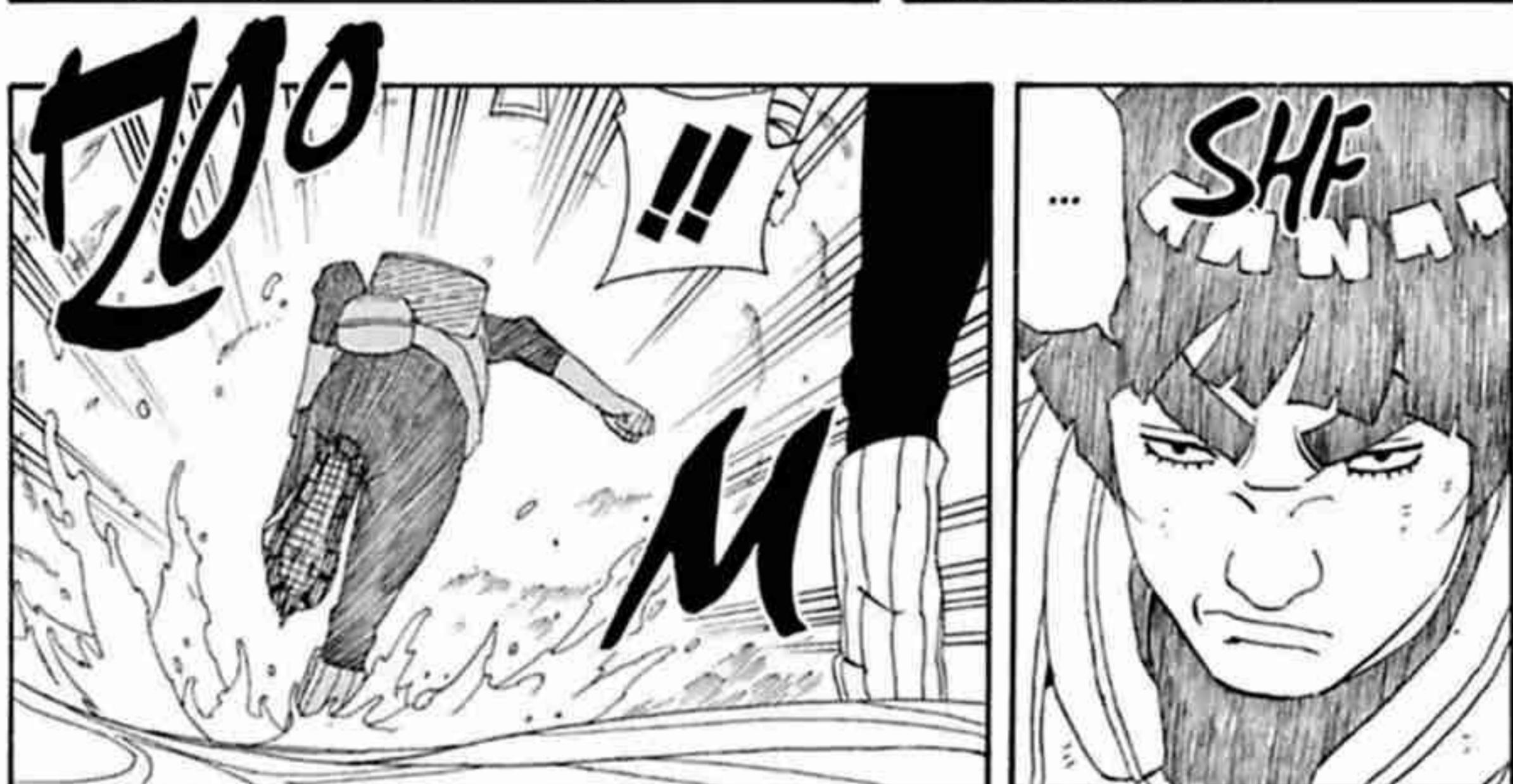
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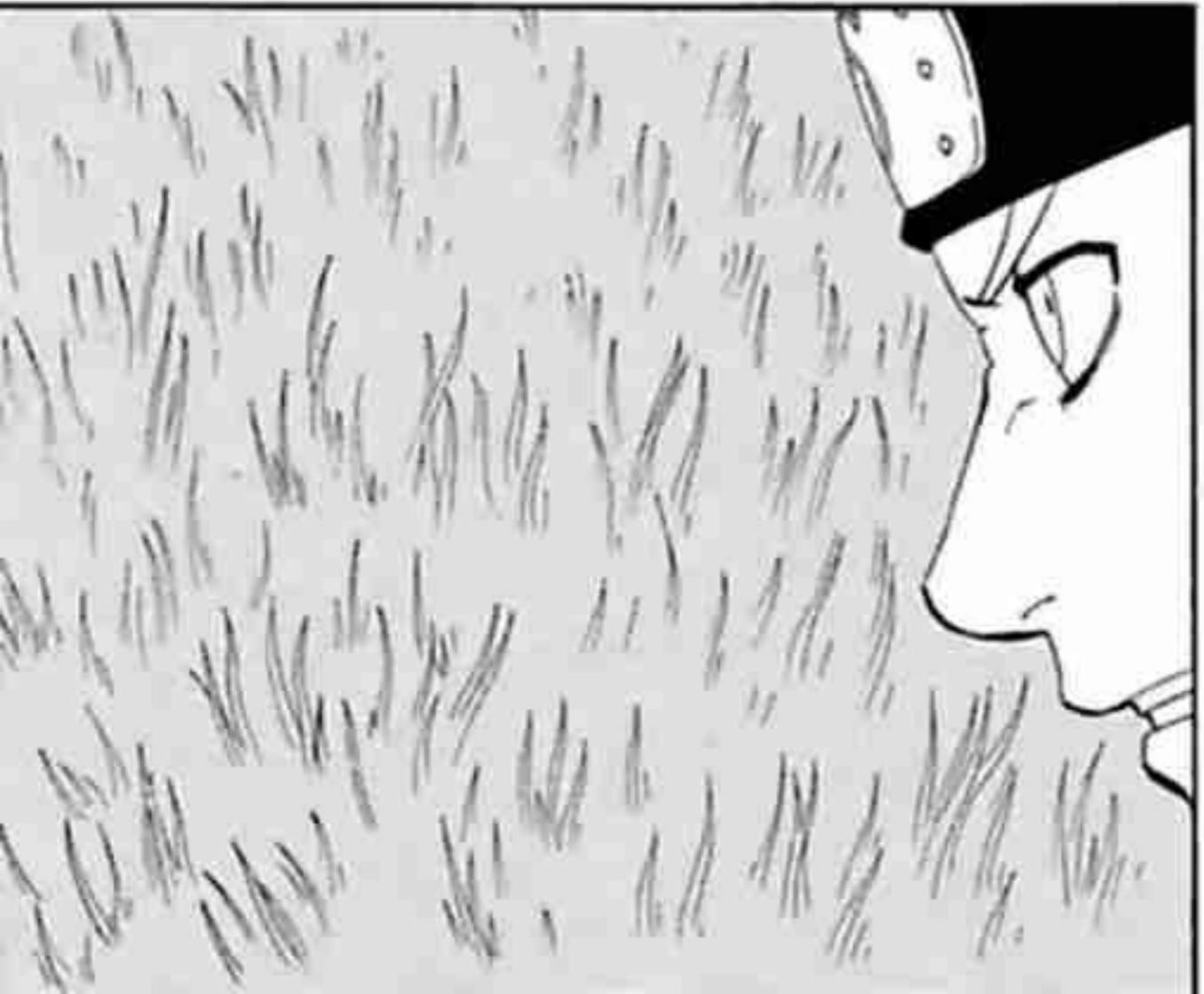
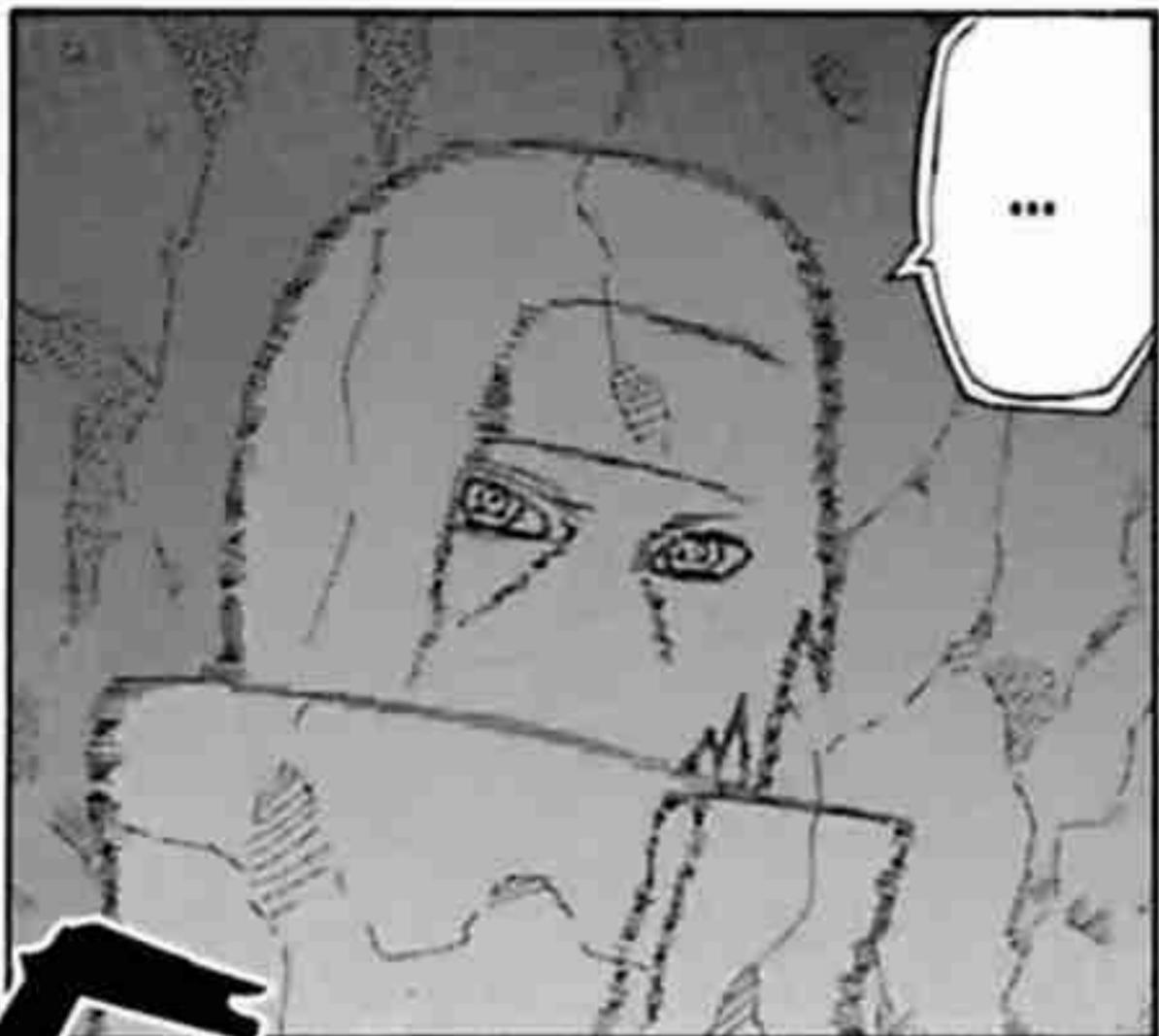


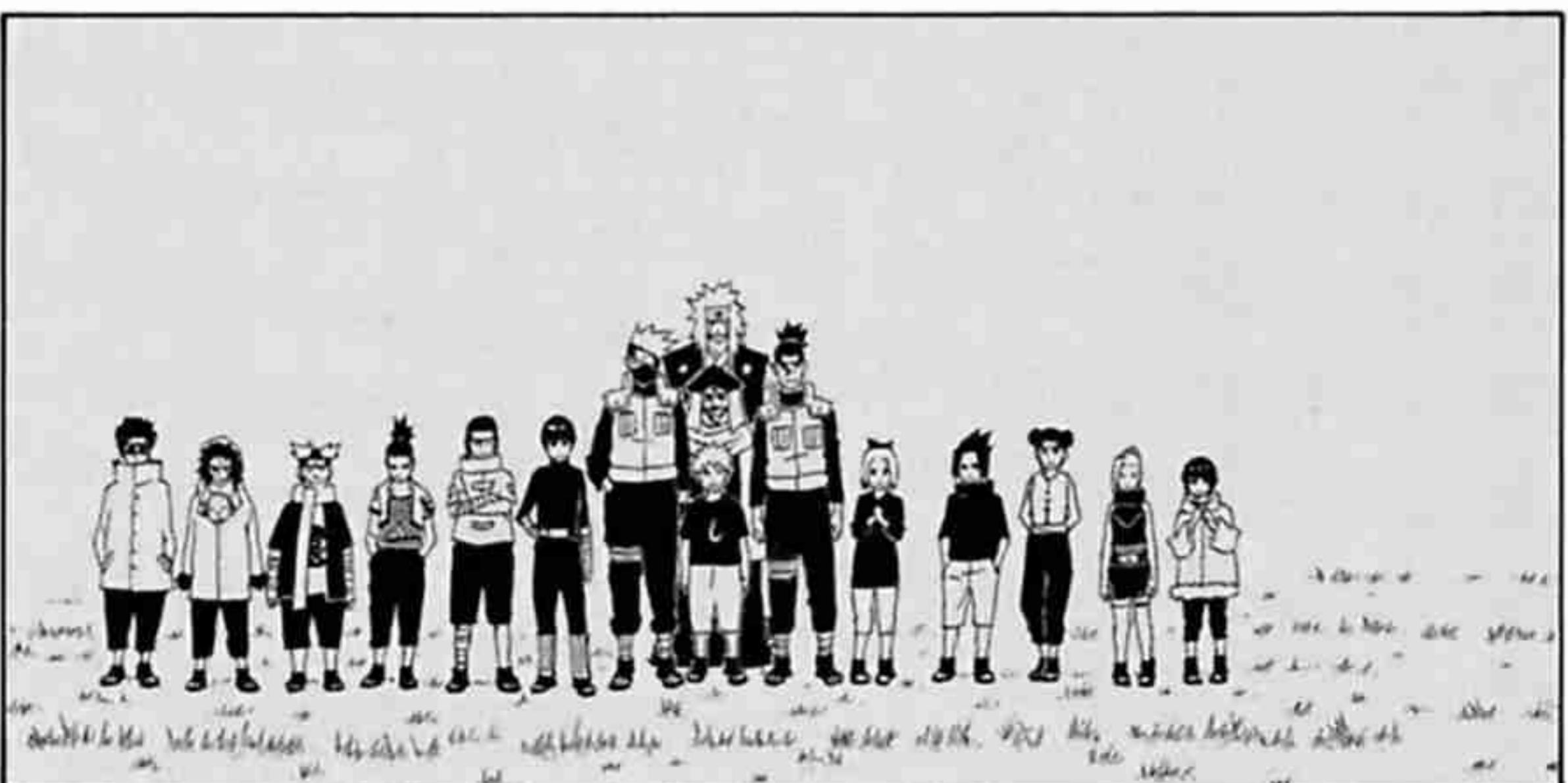
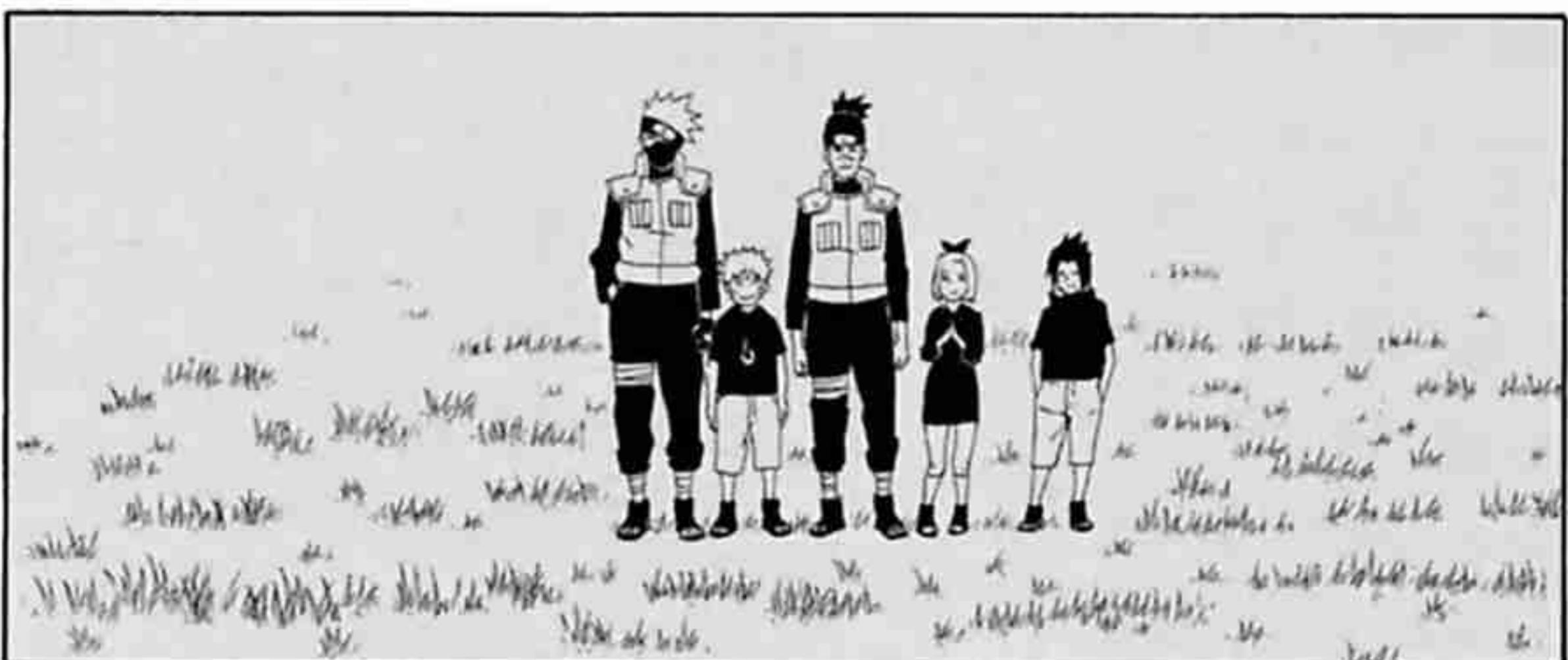
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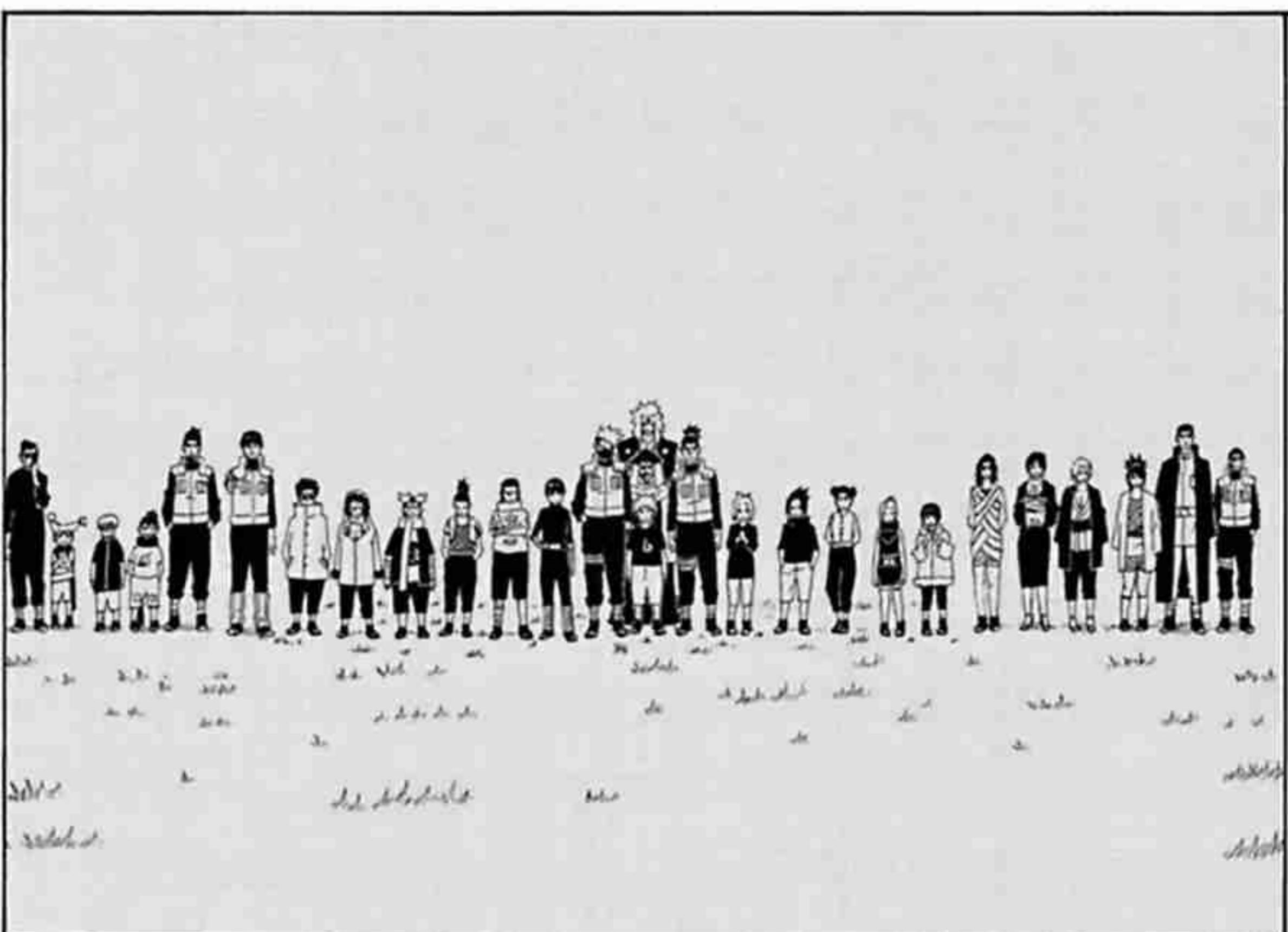
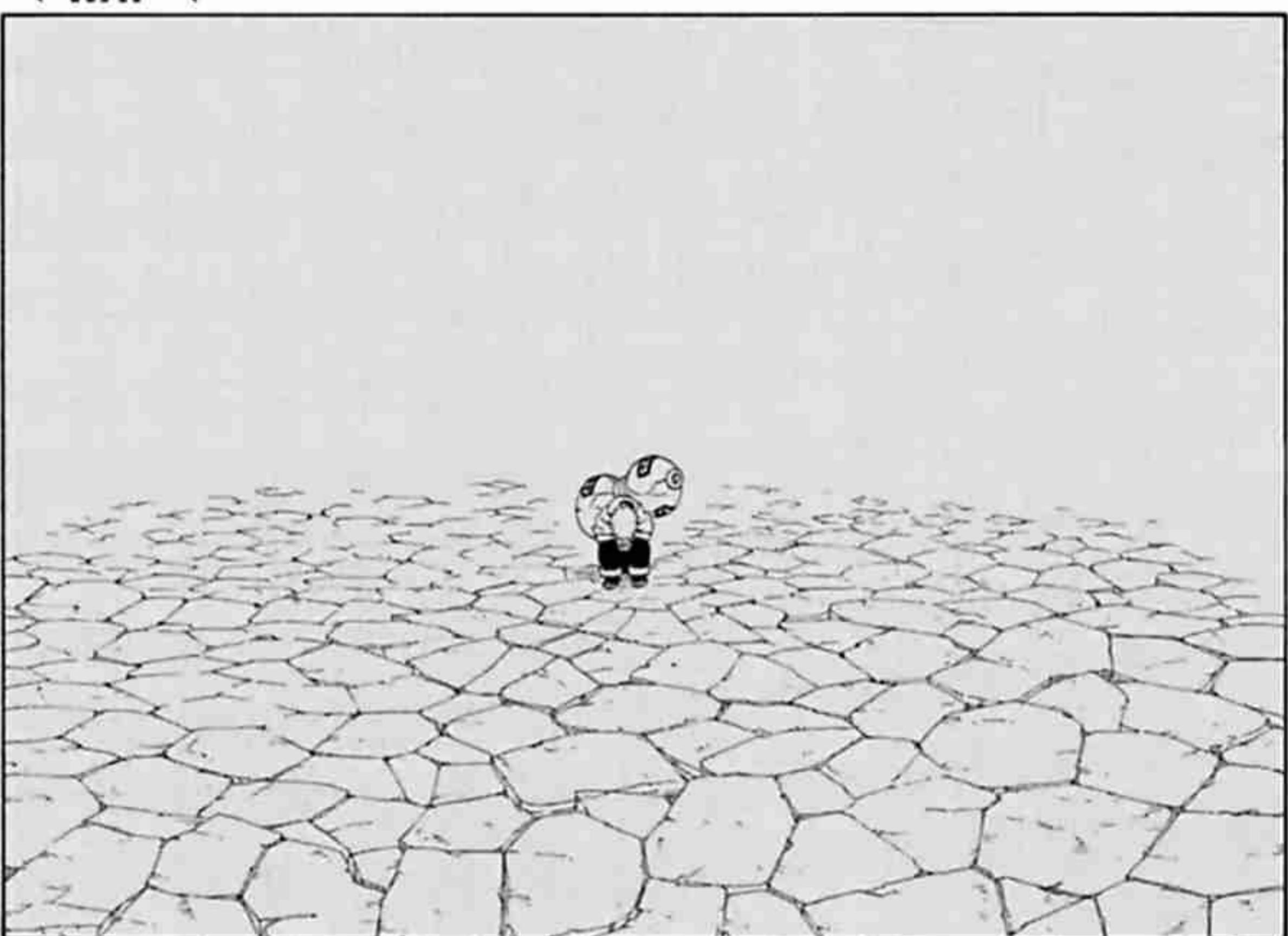


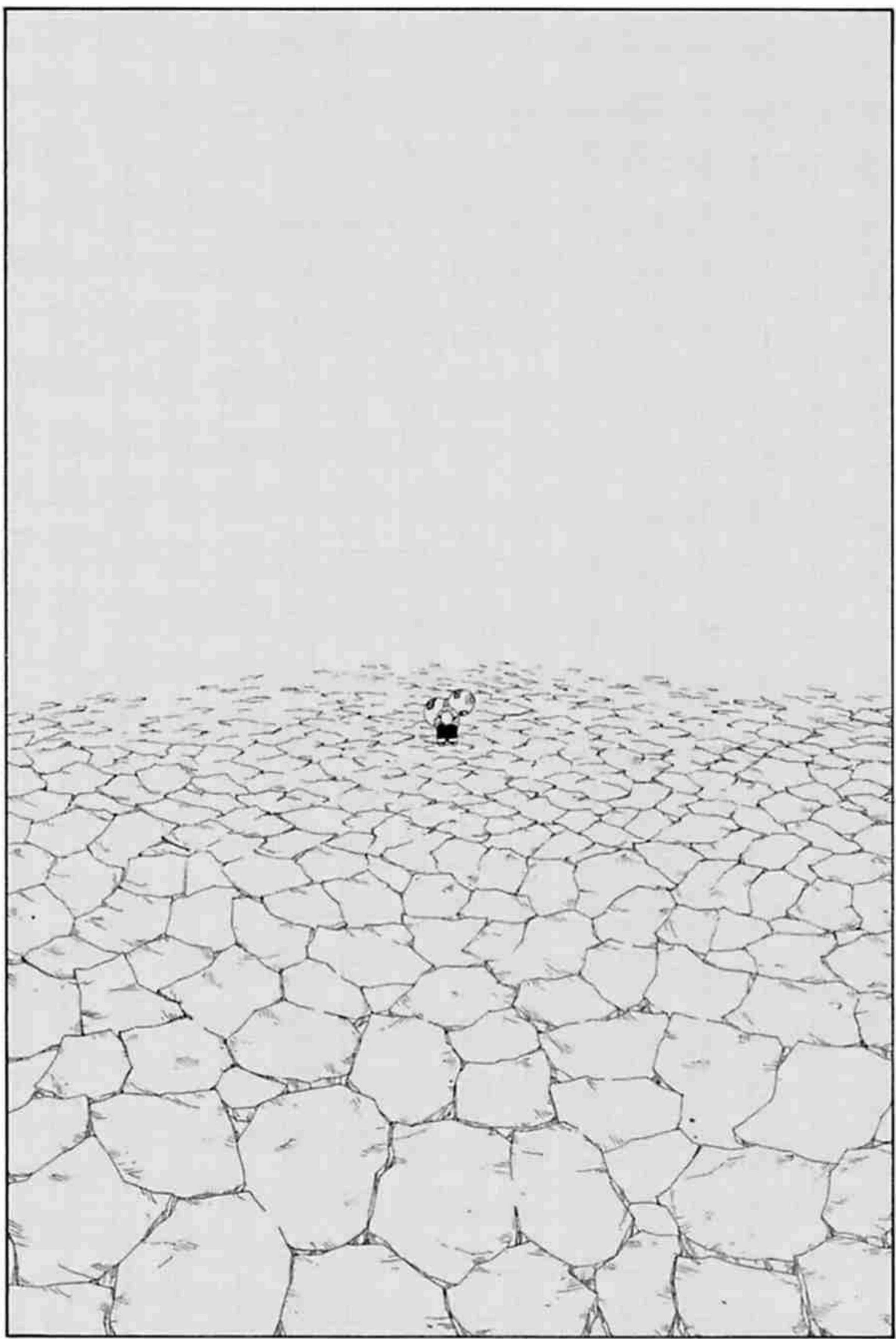


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