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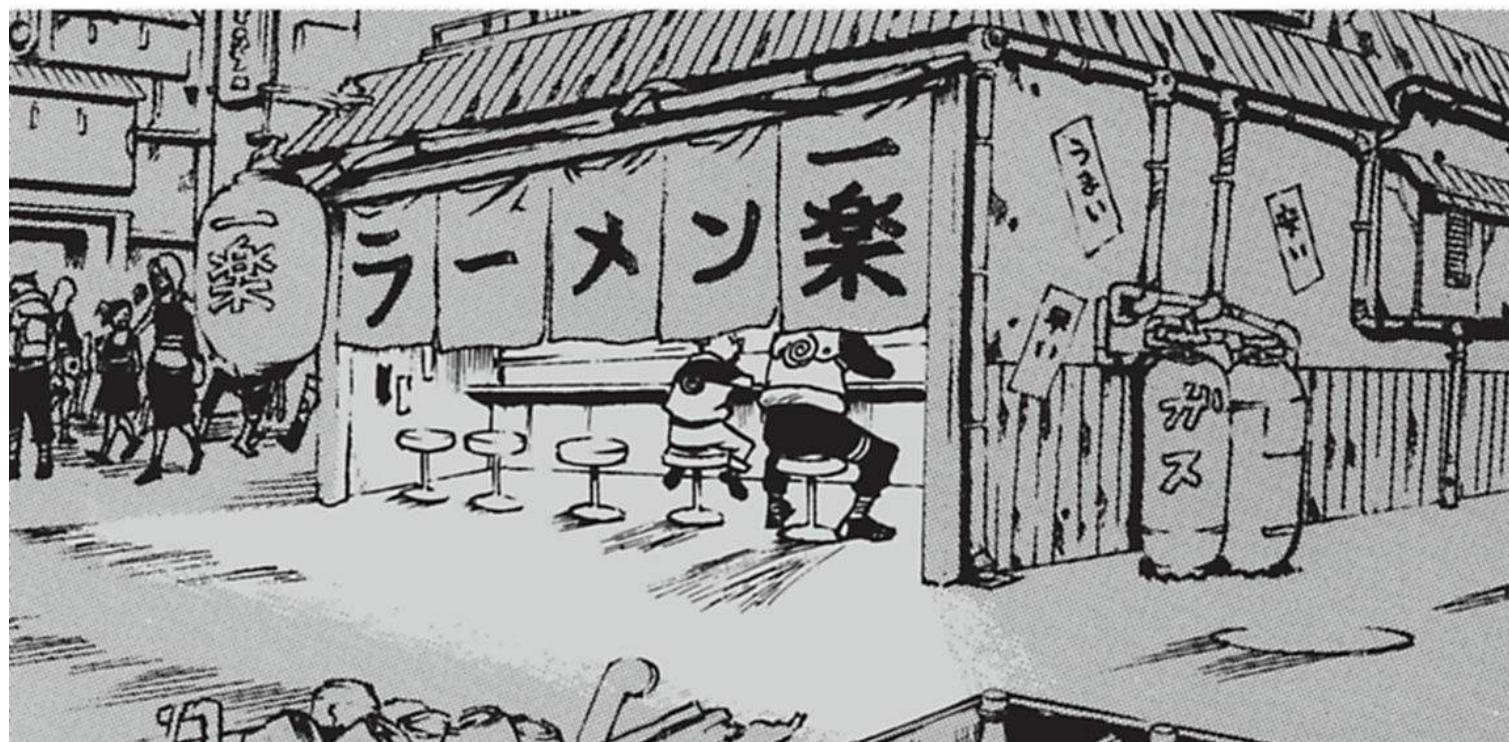
For those of you who weren't able to read the "Road to Ninja" one-shot, you can check it out on the Japanese Shonen Jump website!

The story is gonna get hotter and hotter! I don't want to rush anyone, but I want you to read volume 62 too!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2012



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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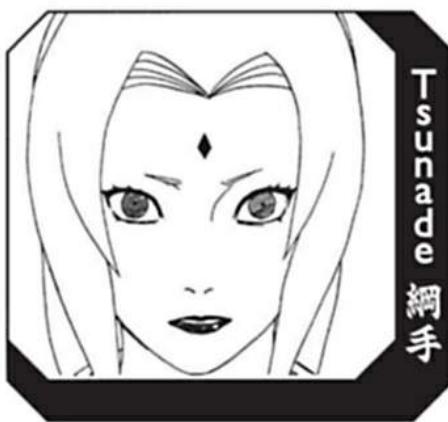
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CHARACTERS





Mizukage 水影



Tsukikage 土影



Raikage 雷影



Kabuto カブト



Zetsu ゼツ



? ? ?



Uchiha
マダラ



Itachi イタチ



Killer Bee

THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power.

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. Elsewhere, after winning the heroic battle against Itachi and learning his older brother's true intentions, Sasuke allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

The Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki begins. The Allied Shinobi Forces begin to rally back after a series of unfavorable battles early on and have the Five Shadows assemble on the battlefield in order to stop the Edotensei-revived Madara! Naruto deepens his bond with Nine Tails and the other jinchūriki during his battle against the masked man. Meanwhile, Sasuke encounters a revived Itachi!



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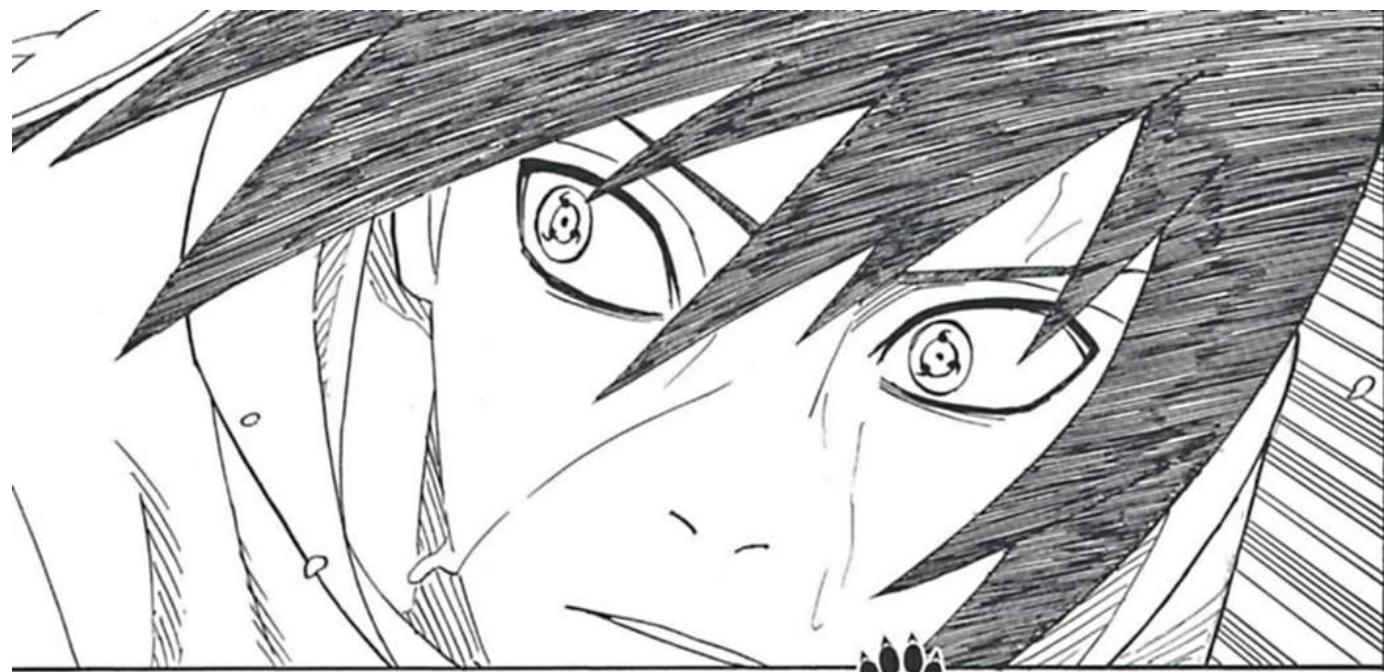
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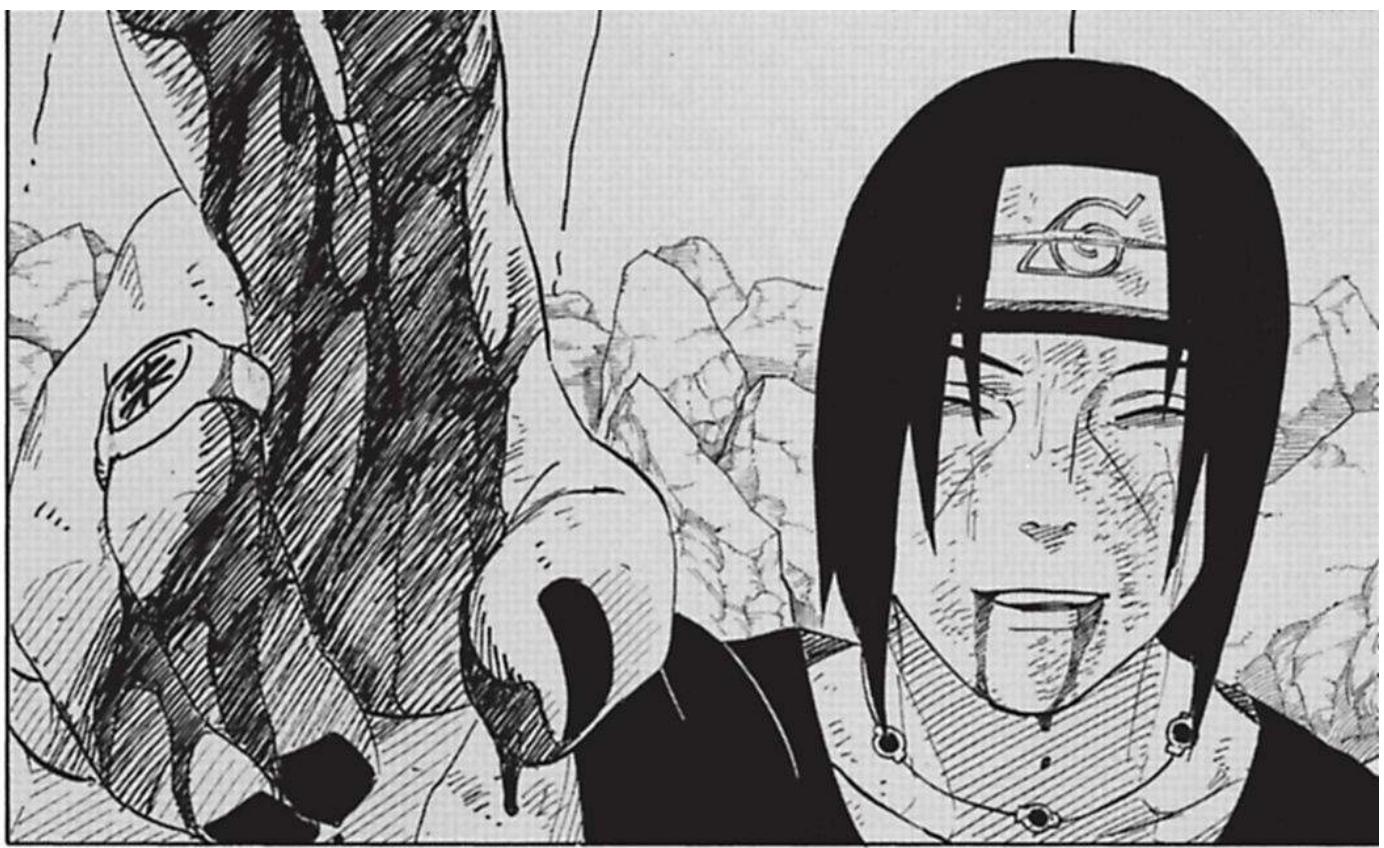


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Number 576: Signposts













ARE YOU
RUNNING
FROM ME
OUT OF
GUILT...FOR
BEING A
LIAR?! YOU
HAVE NO
COURAGE TO
TELL ME THE
TRUTH!!

NOW
YOU
WANT
TO RUN
AWAY
FROM
ME?!

TO COME
FIND YOU
ONCE I HAD
THE SAME
EYES AS YOU!

YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO SAID
IT!

THAT'S
WHY I WILL
DESTROY
KONOHA!

I KNOW
EVERYTHING
ABOUT YOU!

...

I CAN SEE
THROUGH
YOUR
GENJUTSU!

I NO
LONGER
LIVE
INSIDE A
FANTASY!!

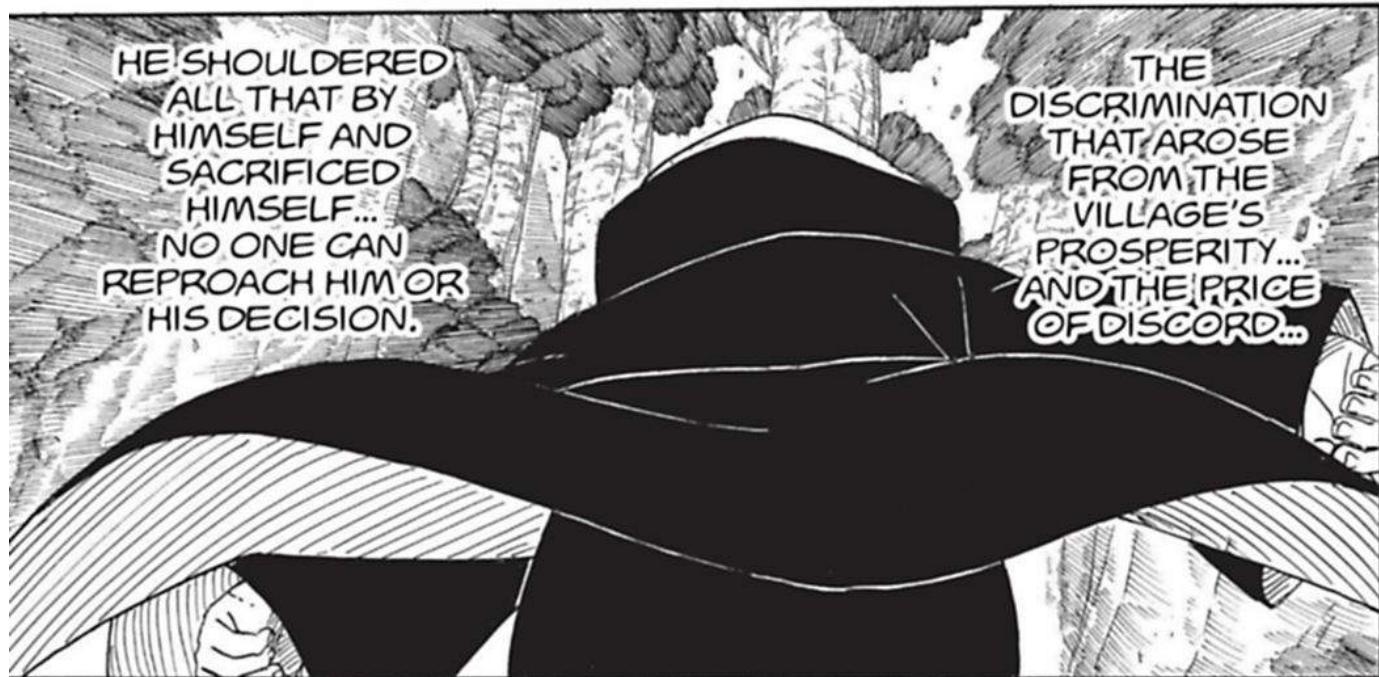
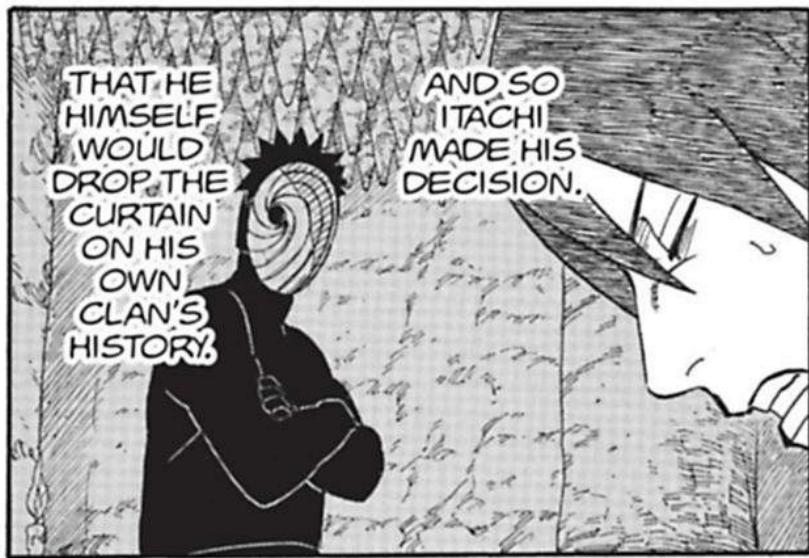
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TRUTH
IS
REAL.

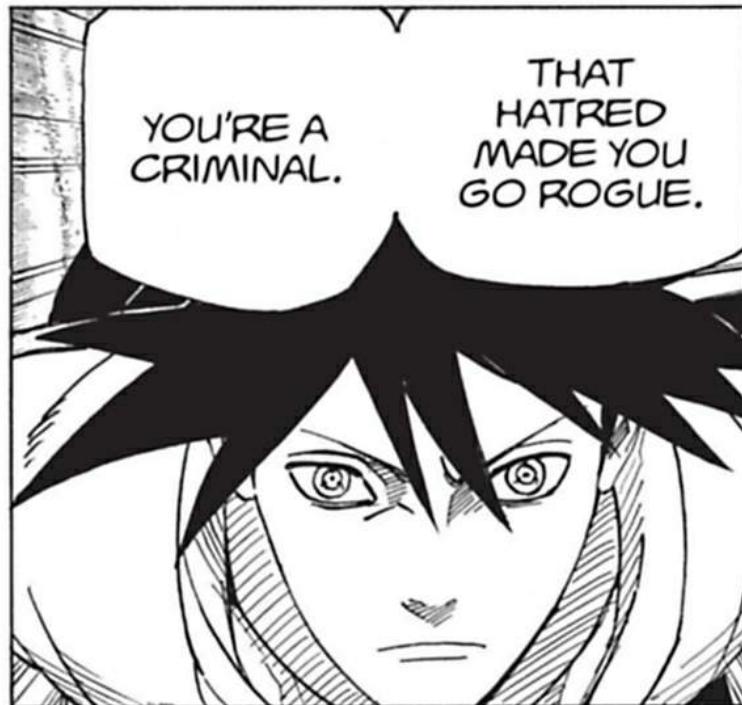
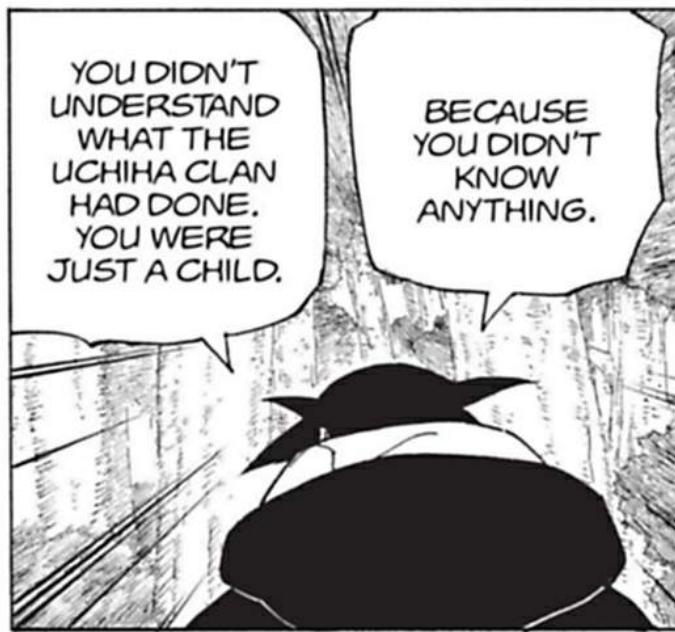
YOUR
REALITY
MIGHT
BE AN
ILLUSION.

I TOLD YOU WE
EACH LIVE DEEP
INSIDE OUR
OWN FANTASY,
REMEMBER?

WHEN WE
FOUGHT...







I TRIED TO
LEAD YOU DOWN
THAT PATH OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS.

BEFORE
I DIED...

EVEN
THOUGH
ALL I
WANTED
WAS FOR
YOU TO
WALK THE
RIGHT PATH.

I
CHANGED THE
SIGNPOSTS
ON THAT PATH
WITH LIES AND
MY OCULAR
POWERS.

...

YOU
OUGHT TO
DECIDE
YOUR OWN
JOURNEY.

...YOU'RE
RIGHT...

I DON'T
CARE
FOR
SUCH A
PATH!!

YOU JUST
WANTED ME
TO FOLLOW
YOUR
SIGNPOSTS?
WITH NO
THOUGHTS
OF MY OWN?

WHAT'S SO
FUNNY?!

HEH...

...MY EYES
CAN STRIP AWAY THE
TOPCOAT OF PAINT
NOW!

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
YOU TRY TO
REWRITE THE
SIGN-
POSTS...



I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU. THERE ARE THINGS I'VE GOT TO DO.

I'M NOT RUNNING FROM YOU.

AND NOW, EVEN DEAD, YOU STILL RUN FROM ME?!

WHEN YOU WERE ALIVE, YOU NEVER PAID ANY ATTENTION TO ME, ALWAYS POKING MY FOREHEAD, SAYING FORGIVE ME, AND RUNNING OFF.

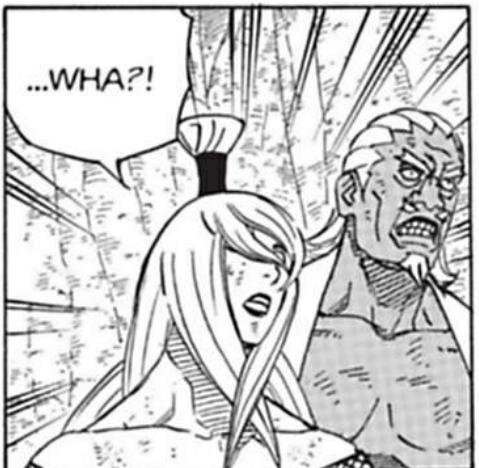
...THE EDOTENSEI!

I MUST STOP...

WHAT OF IT?!

YOU'VE GOT HIS BLOOD RUNNING THROUGH YOUR VEINS?

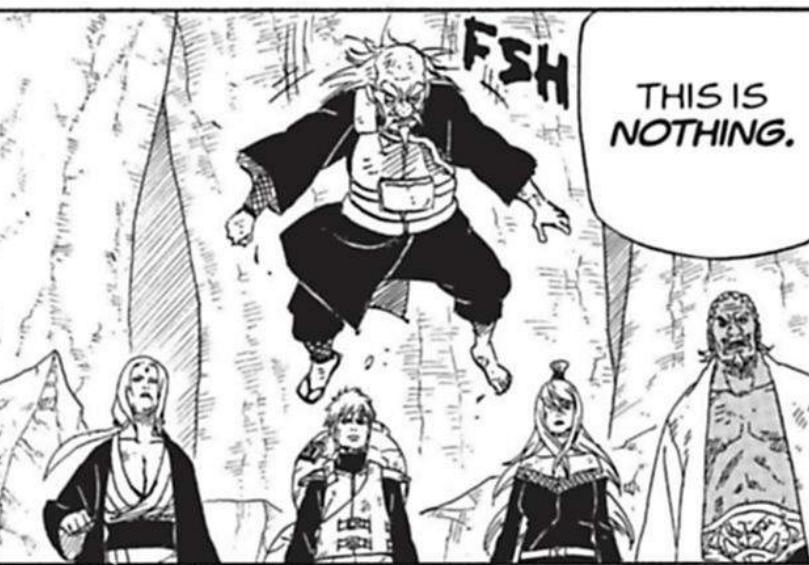
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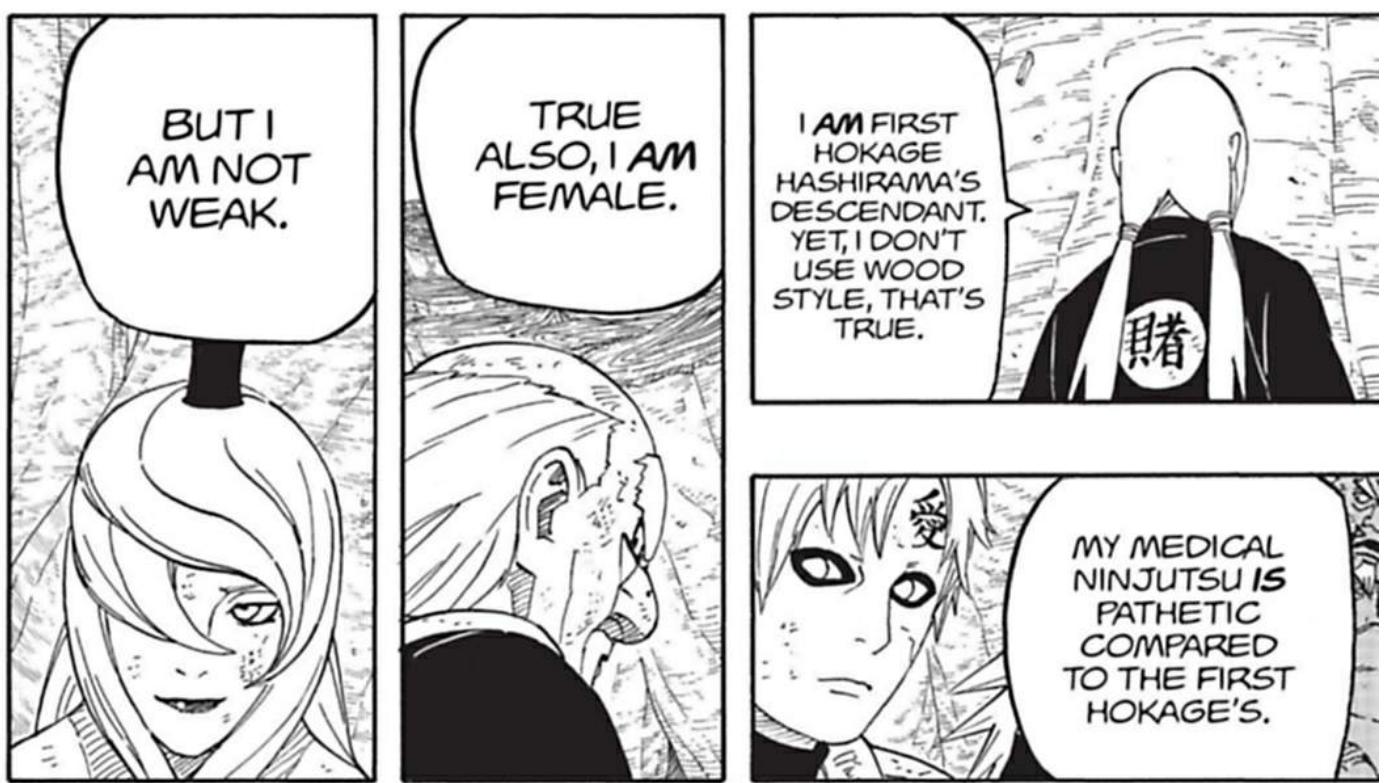
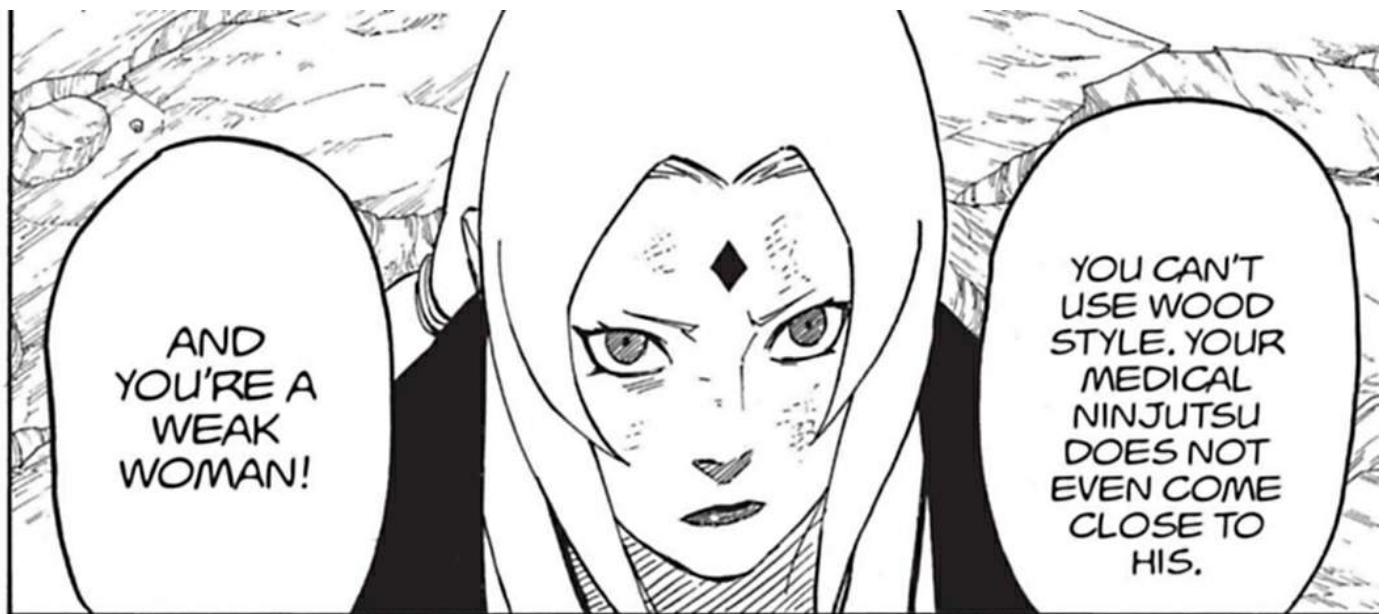




HE
WAS THE
ULTIMATE
SHINOBI.

HE
COULD
HEAL
WOUNDS
WITHOUT
WEAVING A
SINGLE
SIGN.





?

MY TRUE
POWER
LIES IN
SOMETHING
PASSED ON
TO ME FROM
THE LINE OF
THE FIRST
HOKAGE.

PHYSICAL
STRENGTH
ISN'T
EVERY-
THING.

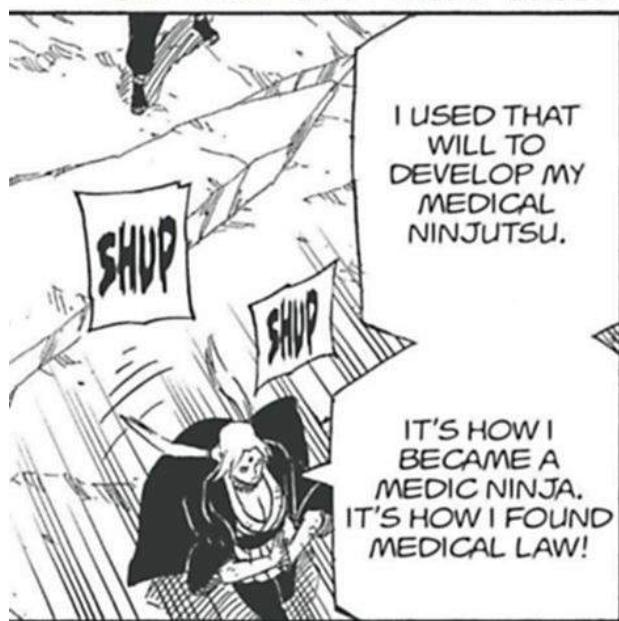
MY TRUE
POWER
LIES IN THE
WILL OF
FIRE!!

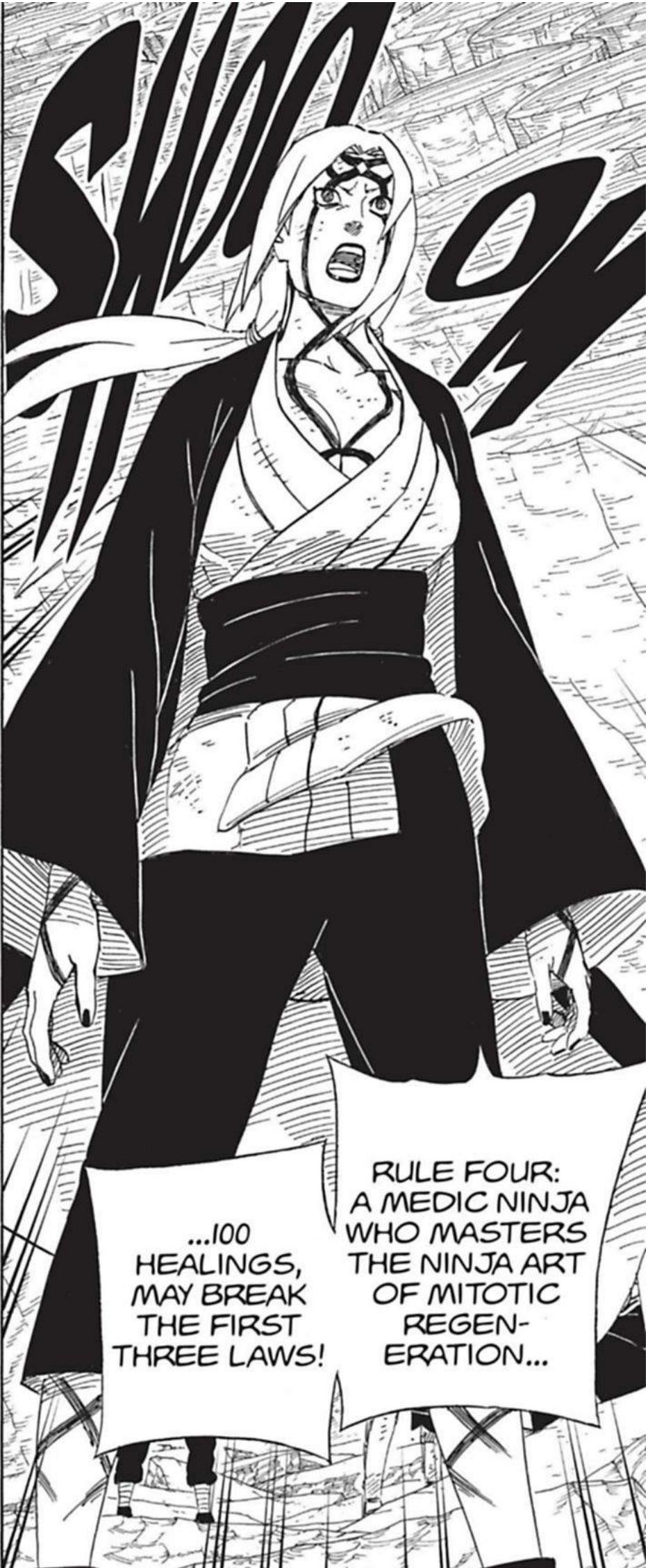
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S
H





Number 577: Hate Blade





BUT THE ADDITION OF A SINGLE MEDIC NINJA WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING...

THE PARTICLE STYLE JUTSU MAY HAVE DISSIPATED THE POLLEN...

IT IS A FORBIDDEN JUTSU THAT ONLY APPLIES TO ME.

I AM THE ONLY MEDIC NINJA ALLOWED TO DO BATTLE!!

FOUR WASN'T WORKING, SO WE'LL TRY FIVE!

I AM NOT AN ORDINARY MEDIC NINJA!

GO

S

SSS

S

SH

...BUT HER POWER, GREATER.

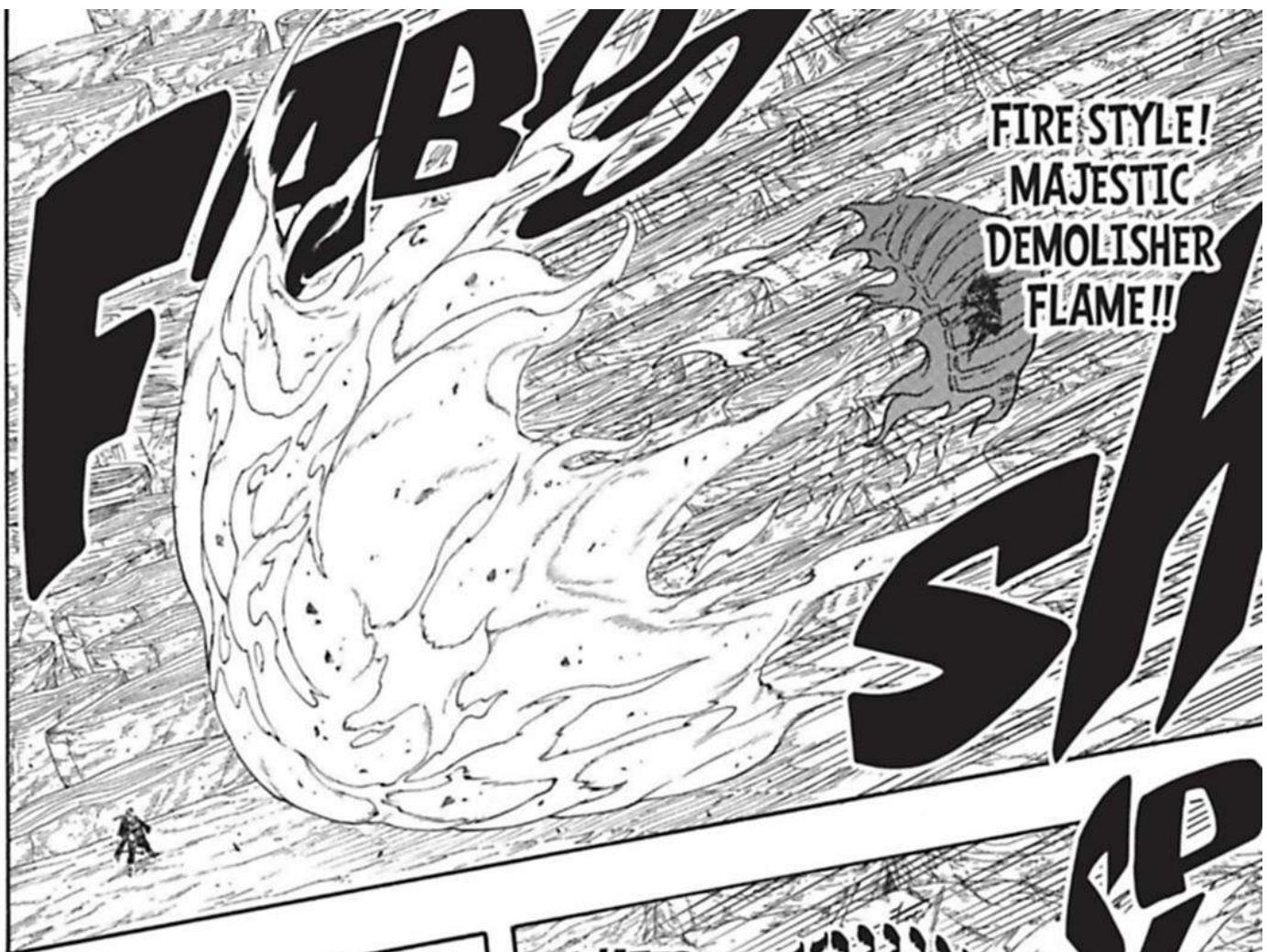
SHE'S SLOWER THAN THE RAIKAGE.

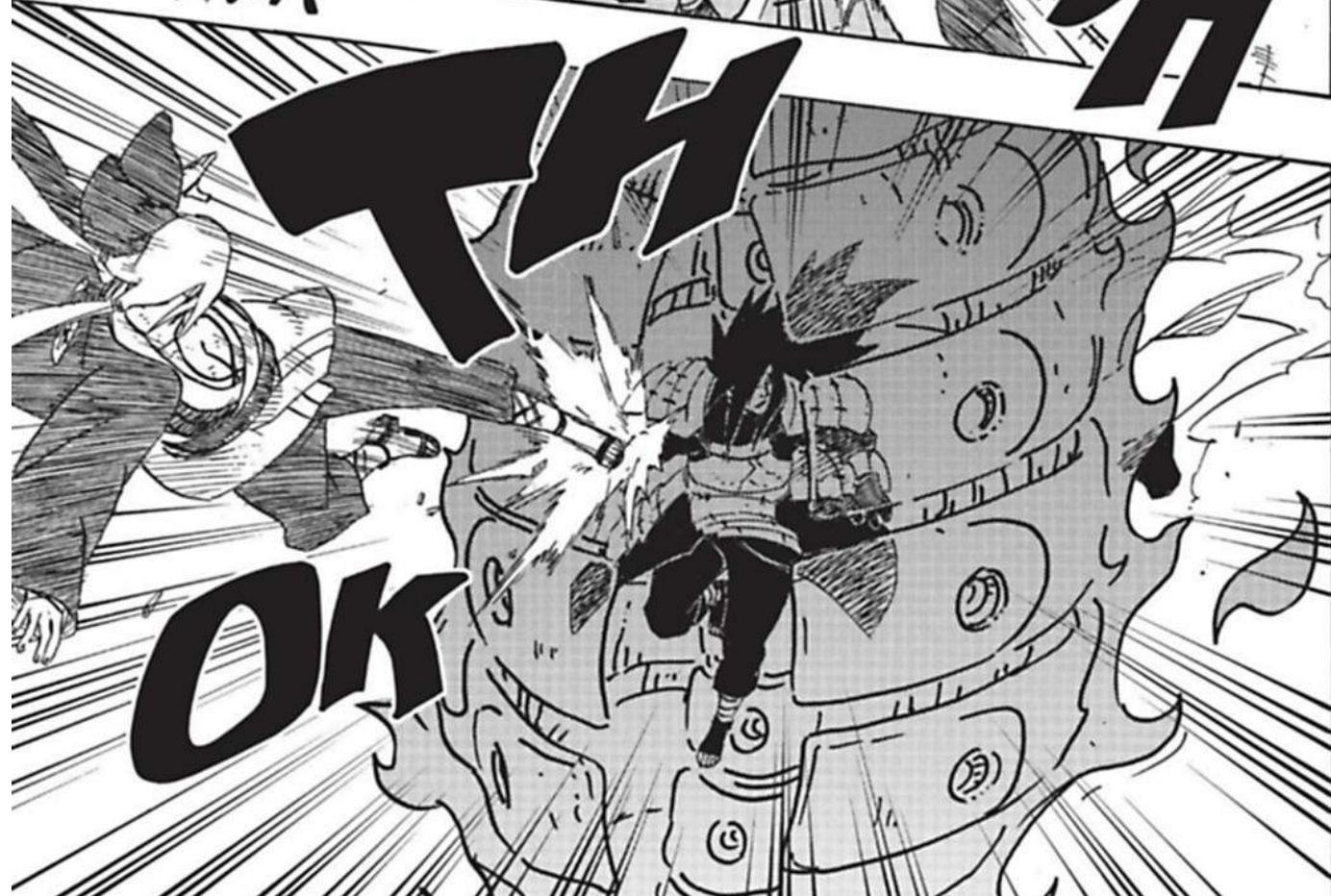
CREAK CREAK

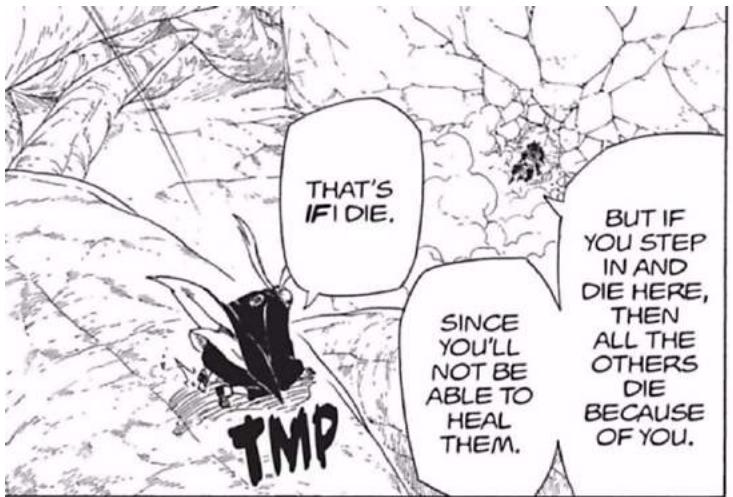
WOO

KRAK KRAK KRAK KRAK

O



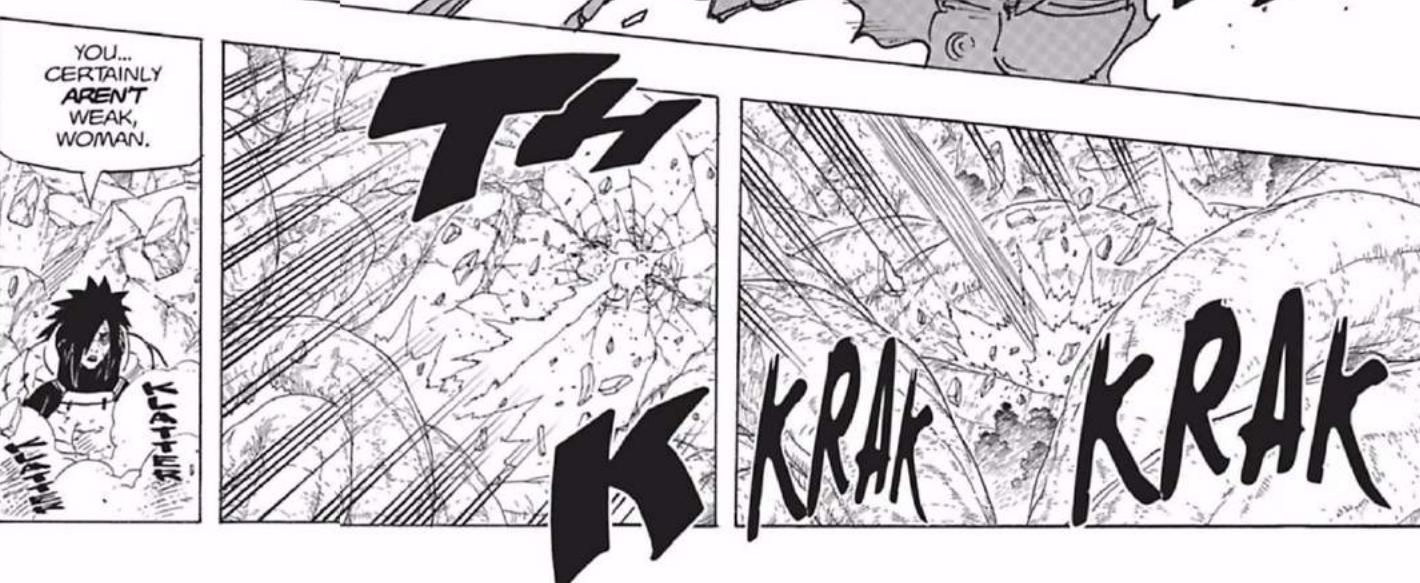
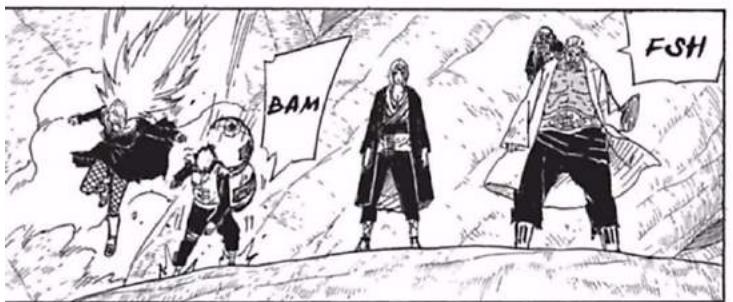


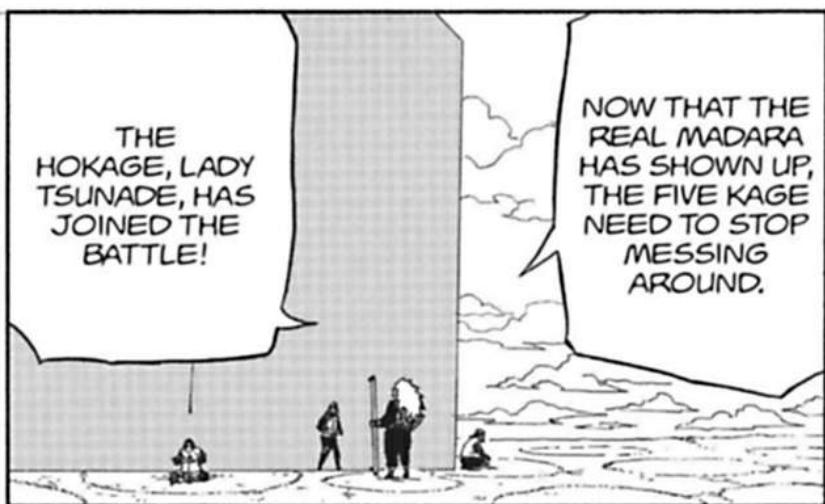


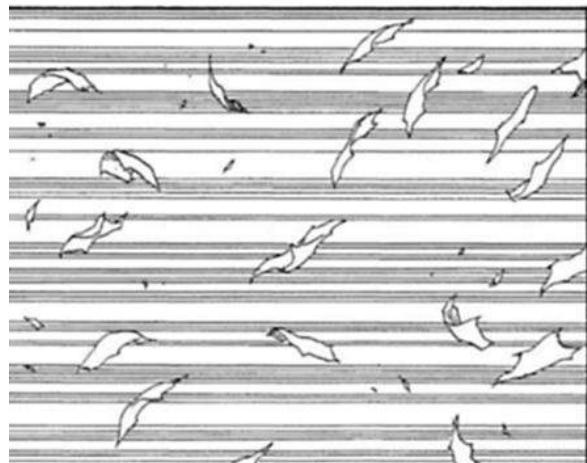
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...BUT THIS... THIS FALLS FAR SHORT OF YOUR ABILITIES.





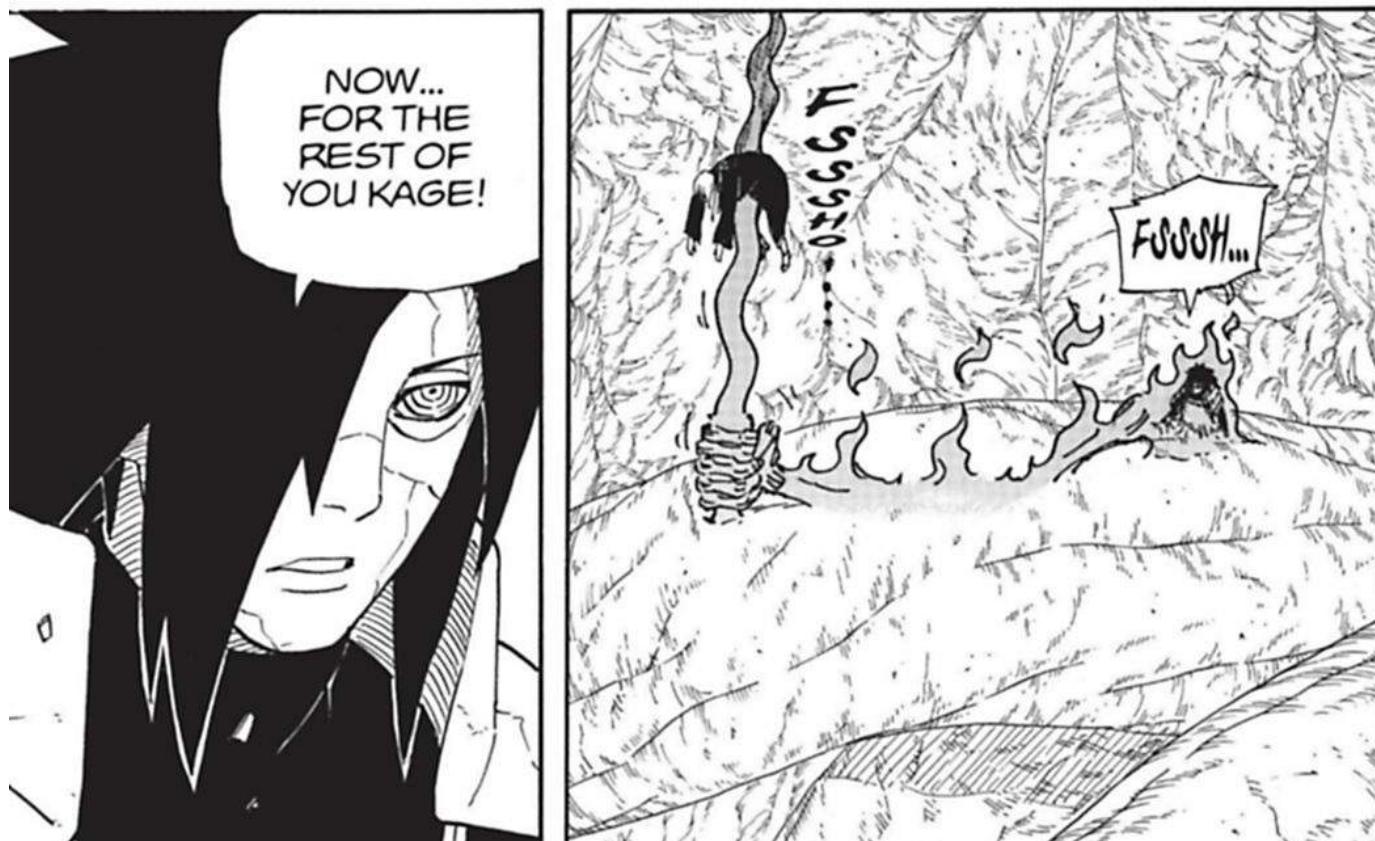
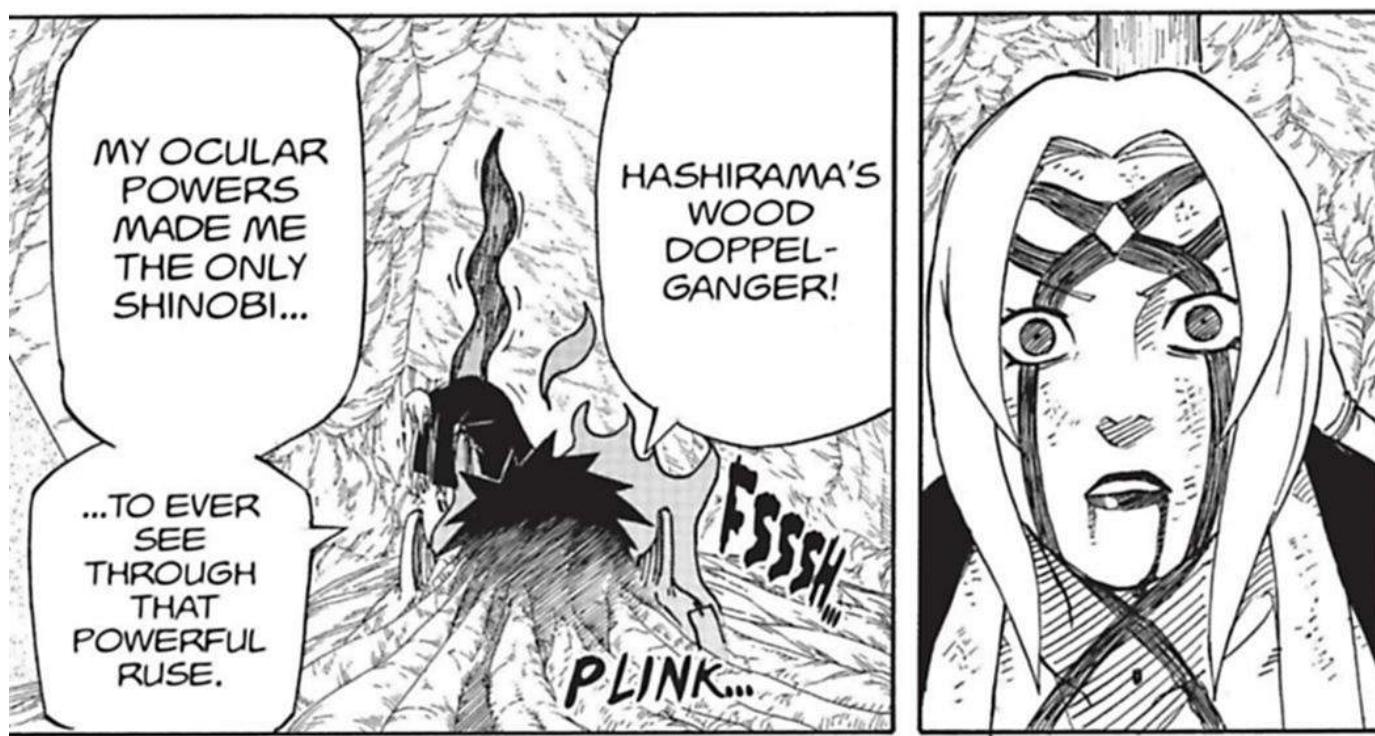




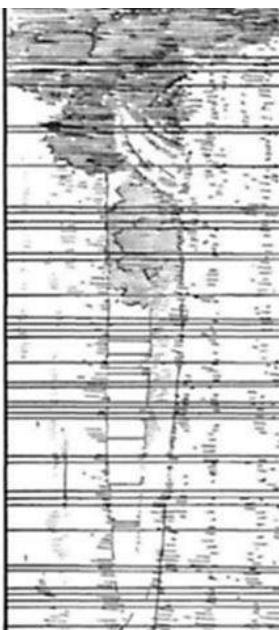


chaos

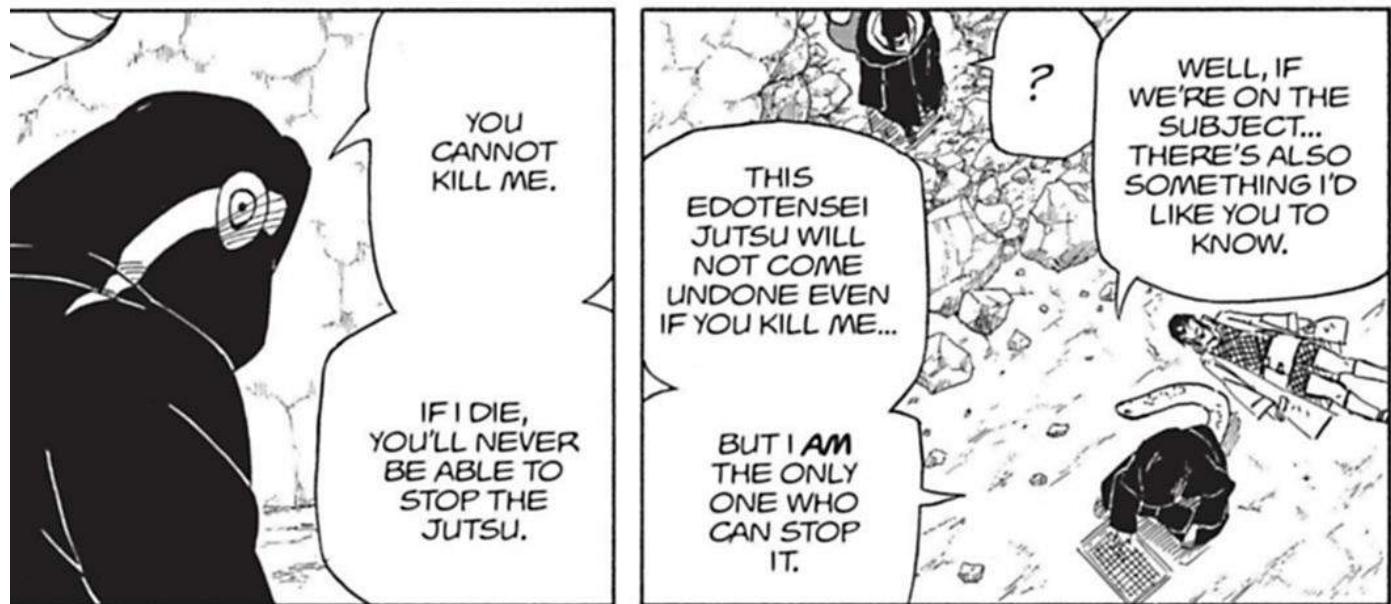


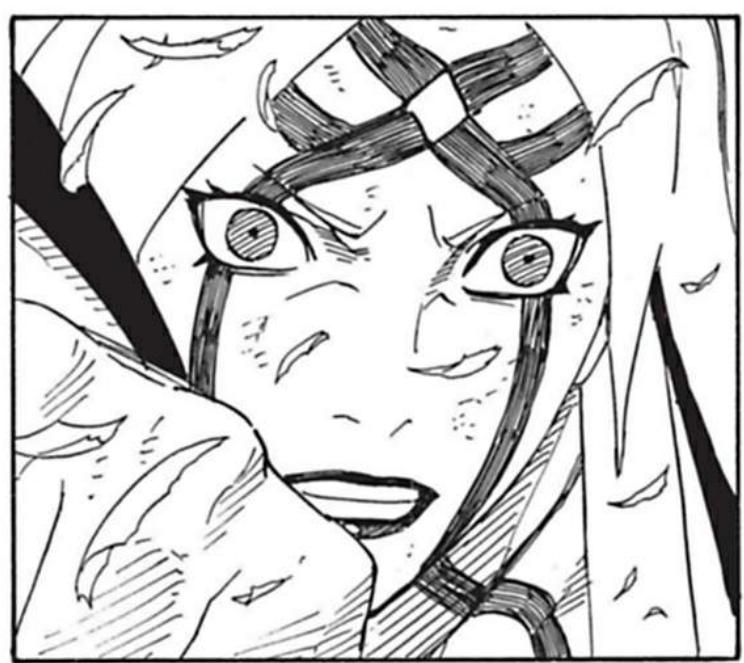


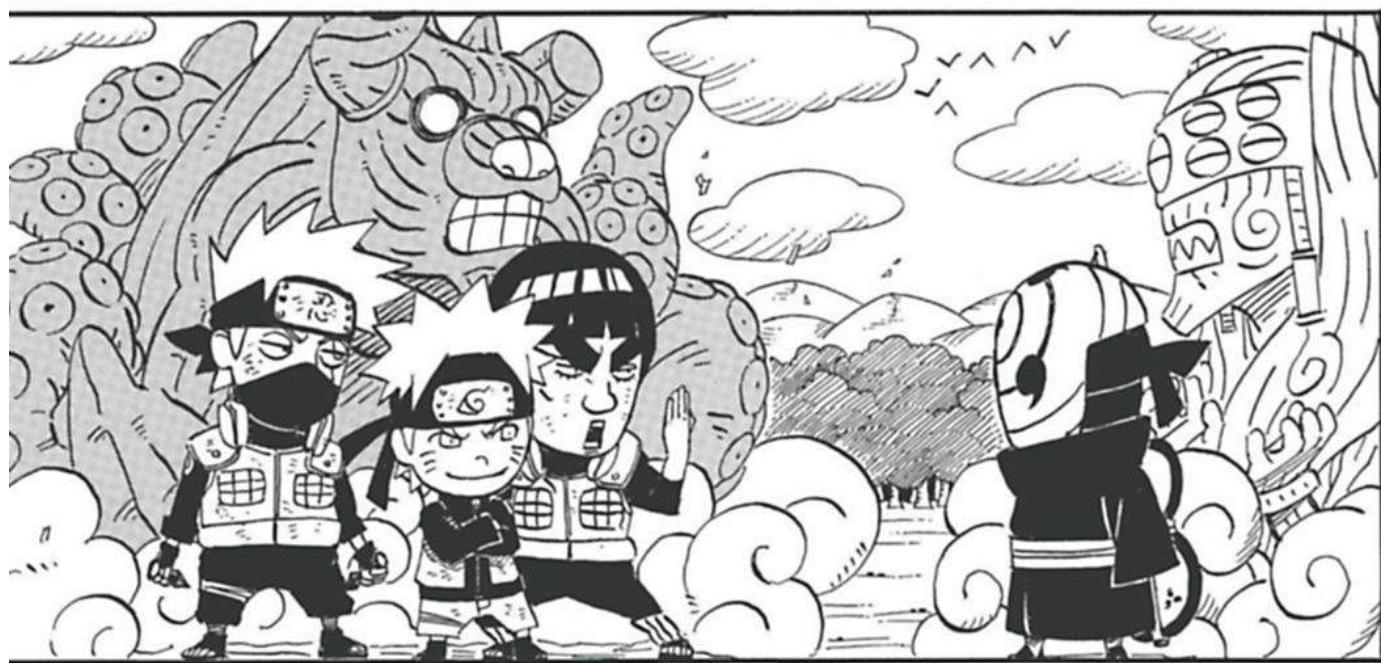




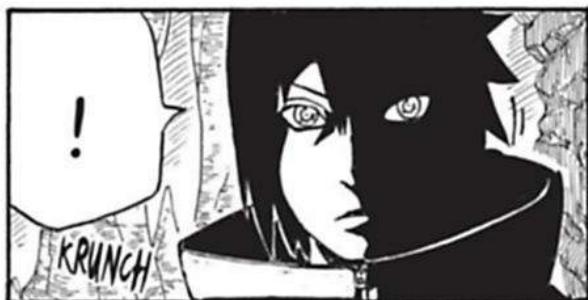
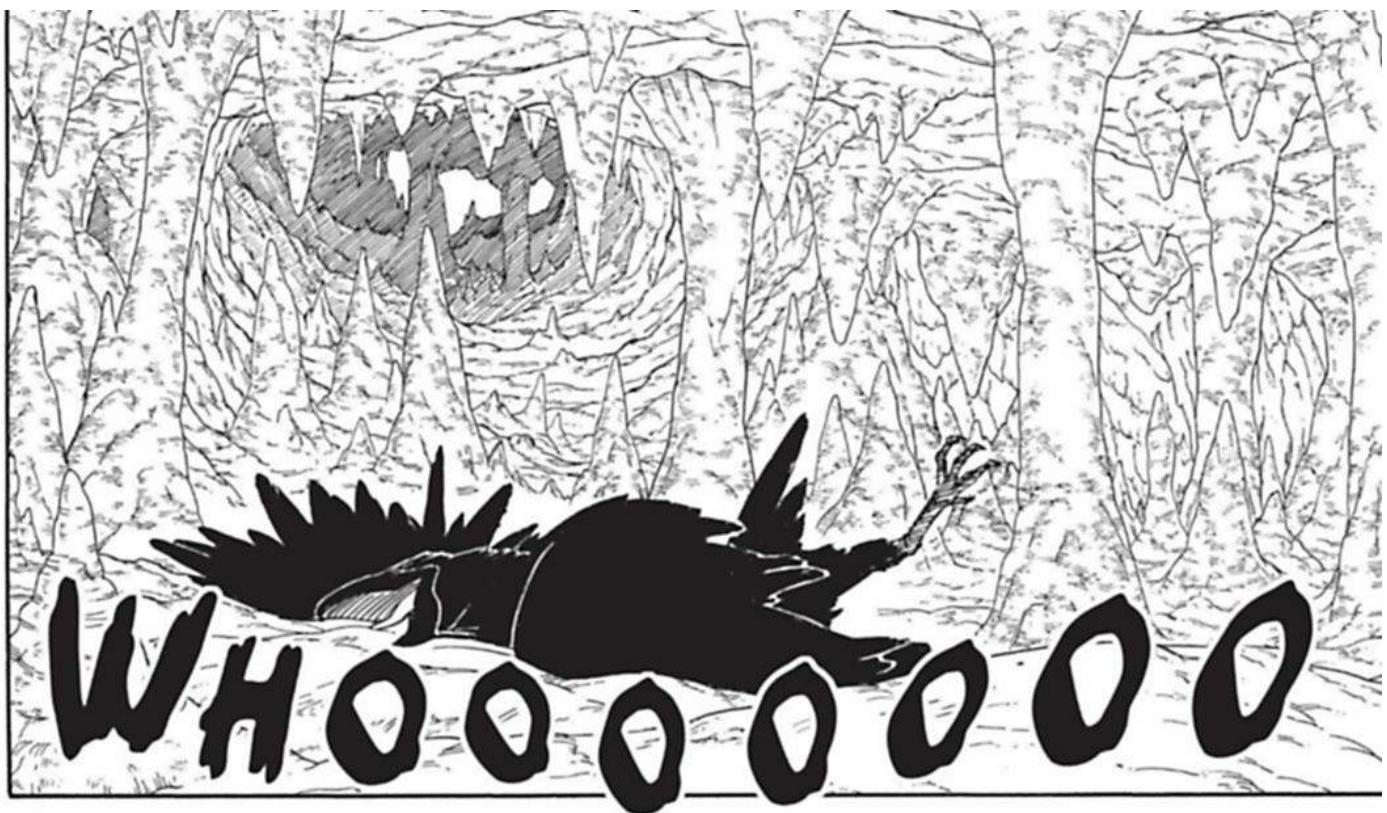


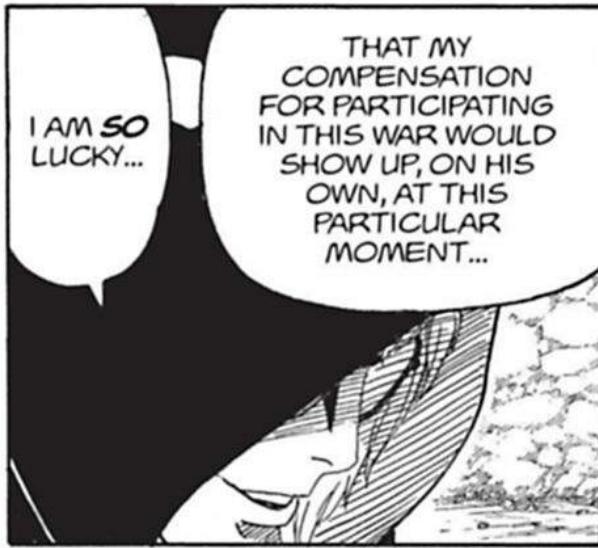




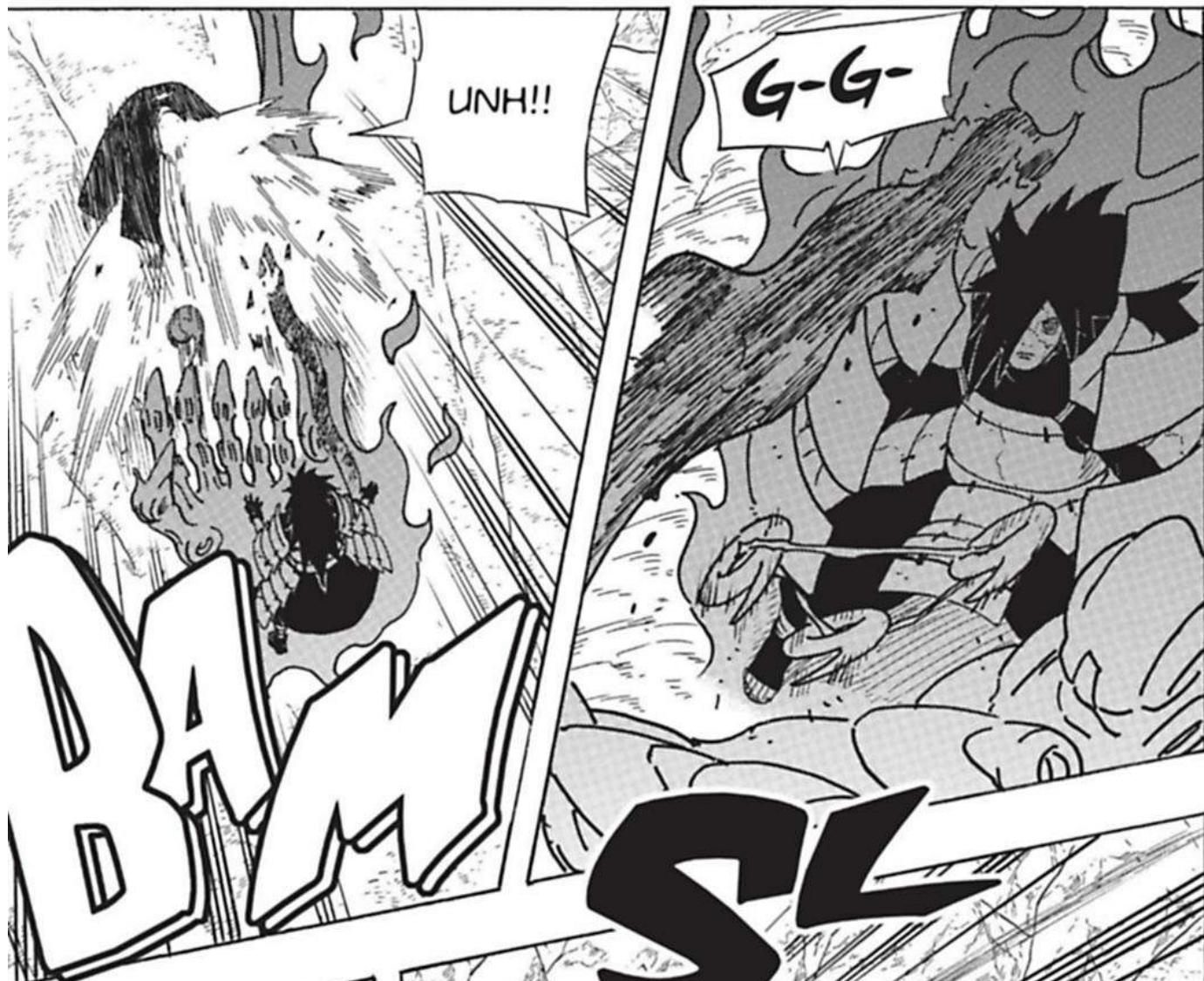


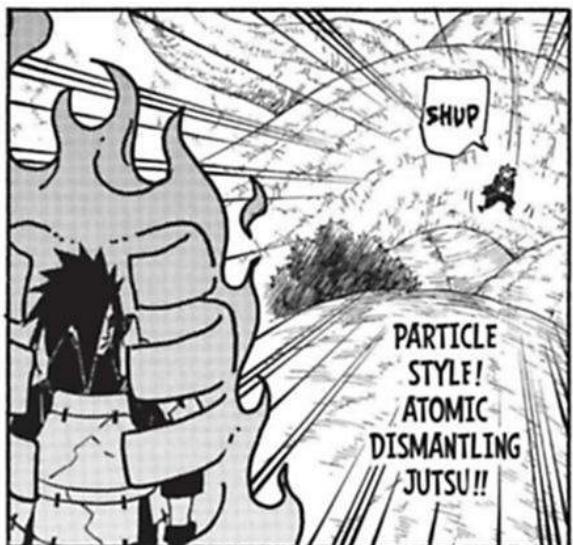
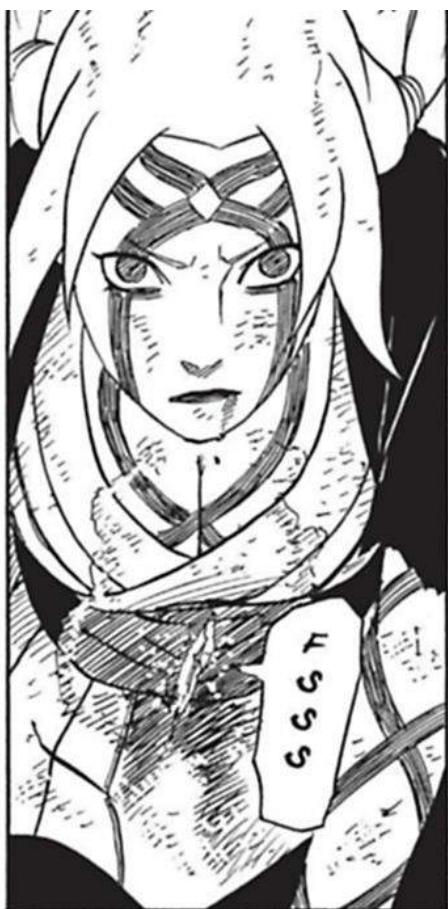
Number 578: The Weak Point of Despair!!



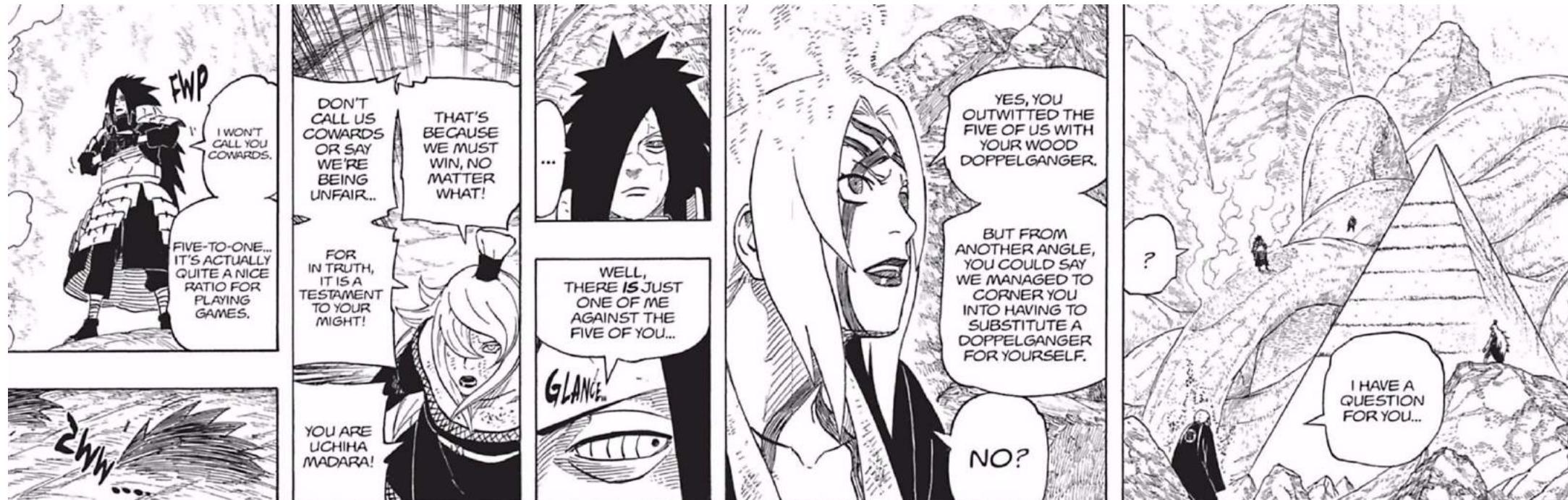


















...SO
THAT'S
THE TALE
OF THE
WAR.

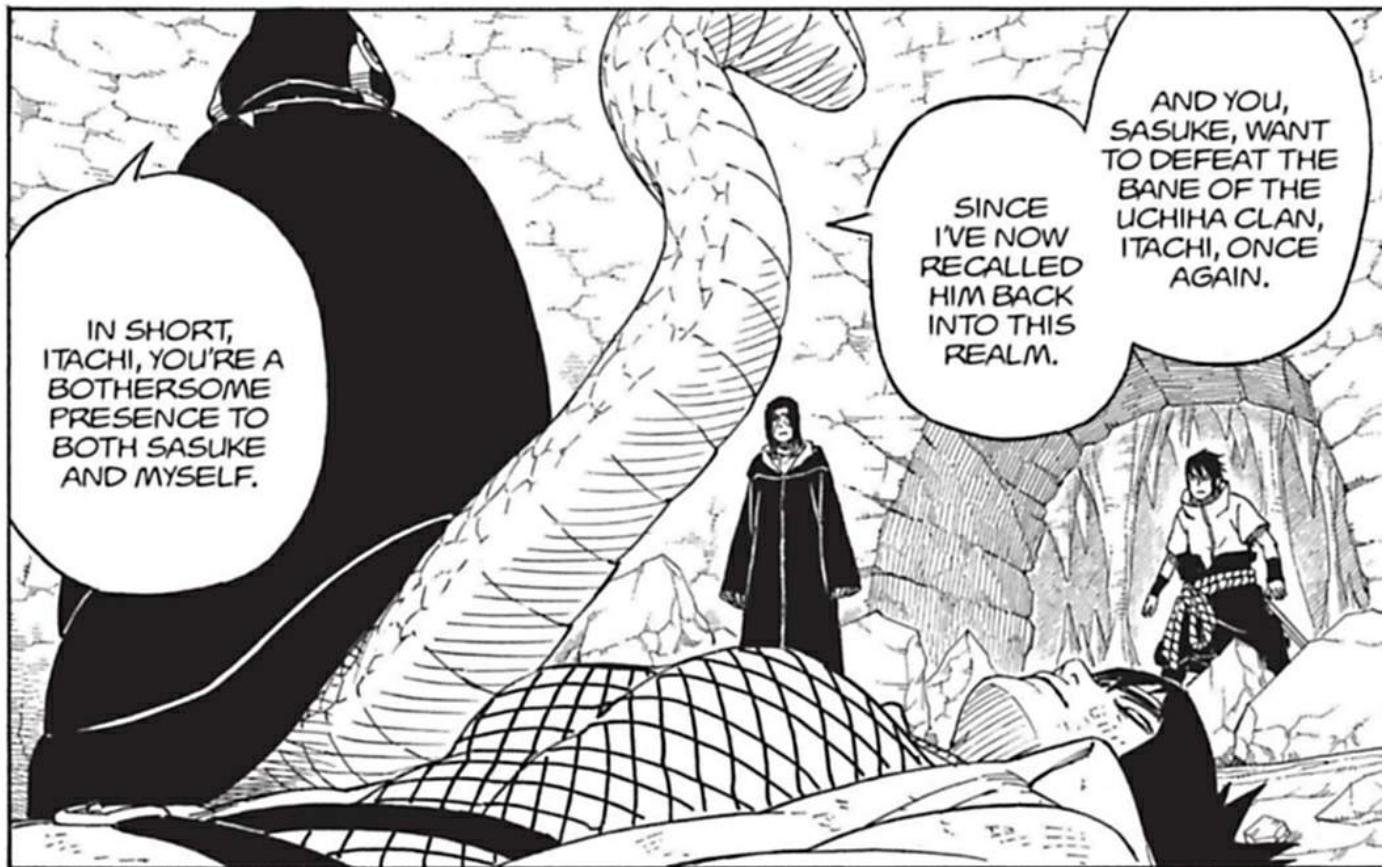


...



...OR
NOT?
YOUR
CHOICE.

WOULD
YOU LIKE THESE
DOPPELGANGERS
TO USE
SUSANO'O...



IN SHORT,
ITACHI, YOU'RE A
BOTHERSOME
PRESENCE TO
BOTH SASUKE
AND MYSELF.

SINCE
I'VE NOW
RECALLED
HIM BACK
INTO THIS
REALM.

AND YOU,
SASUKE, WANT
TO DEFEAT THE
BANE OF THE
UCHIHA CLAN,
ITACHI, ONCE
AGAIN.

I CAME HERE CHASING AFTER ITACHI IN ORDER TO TALK TO HIM.

I HAVE NO DESIRE TO CALL THAT THING "MASTER"... PLUS, IT SEEMS YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.

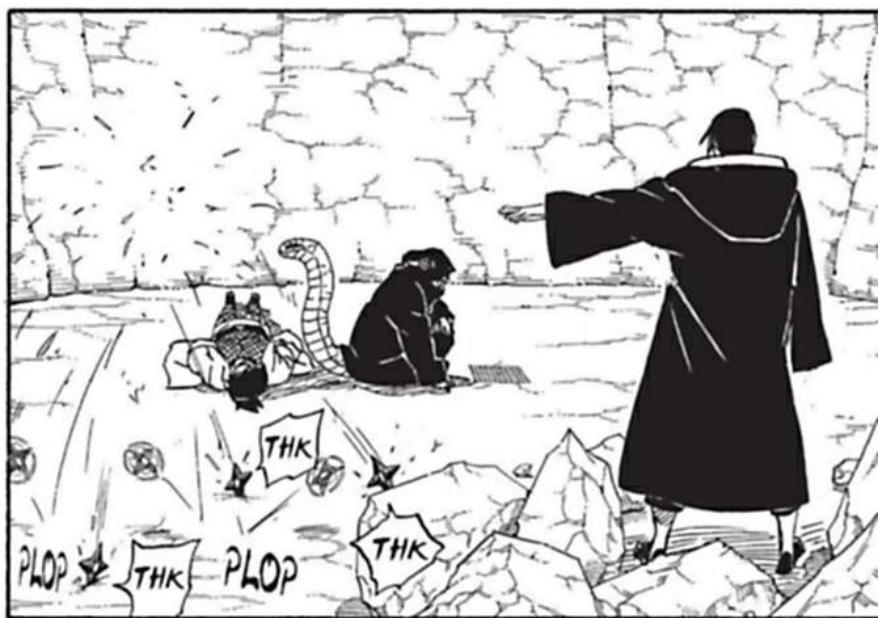
...WELL, SHALL WE TEAM UP AND TAKE ITACHI DOWN TOGETHER, SASUKE?

WE DO BOTH SHARE THE SAME SNAKE POWER AND MASTER...



SO THEN...





SO WE'LL START BY CASTING TSUKUYOMI UPON HIM AND FIND OUT HOW TO STOP THE JUTSU.

IF YOU KILL AN EDOSENSEI CASTER, THE JUTSU CAN NEVER BE UNDONE.

SHUP

?

AND THEN I'LL MANIPULATE HIM INTO UNDOING THE JUTSU WHILE KEEPING HIM IN THE NIGHTMARE REALM!

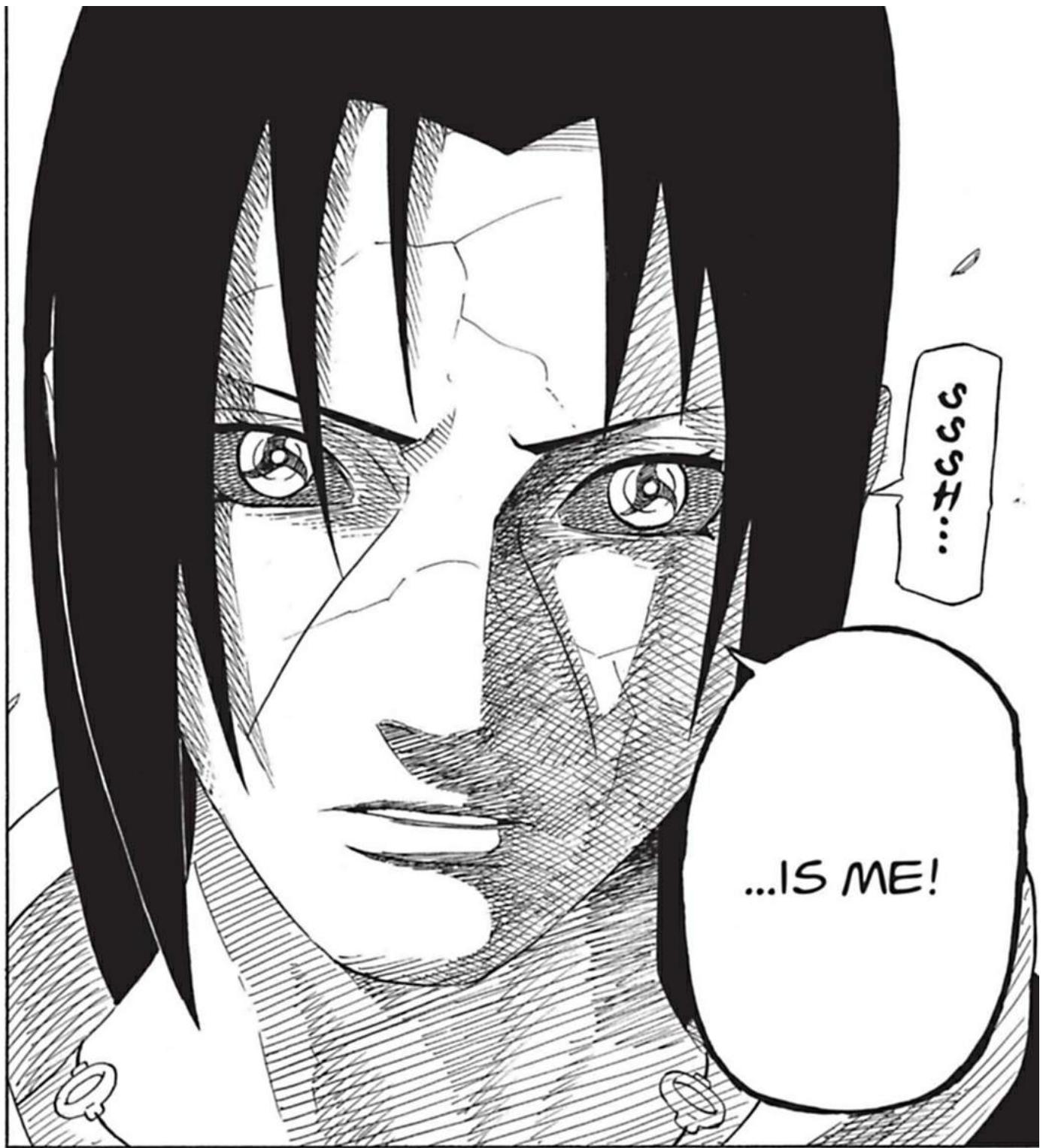
...?

THIS JUTSU'S WEAKNESS AND RISK...

EVERY JUTSU HAS A WEAK POINT.

IT'LL HOPEFULLY GO AS SMOOTHLY AS YOU SAY, BUT I TOLD YOU, THIS JUTSU HAS NEITHER ANY WEAKNESSES NOR ANY RISKS...

THANKS FOR THE CLEAR PLAY-BY-PLAY...





I PLAN TO
HONOR IT.

THEY SAY YOU
TAKE YOUR
PERSONALITY
WITH YOU TO
THE GRAVE...
THEN AGAIN,
I'VE ALREADY
DIED ONCE...

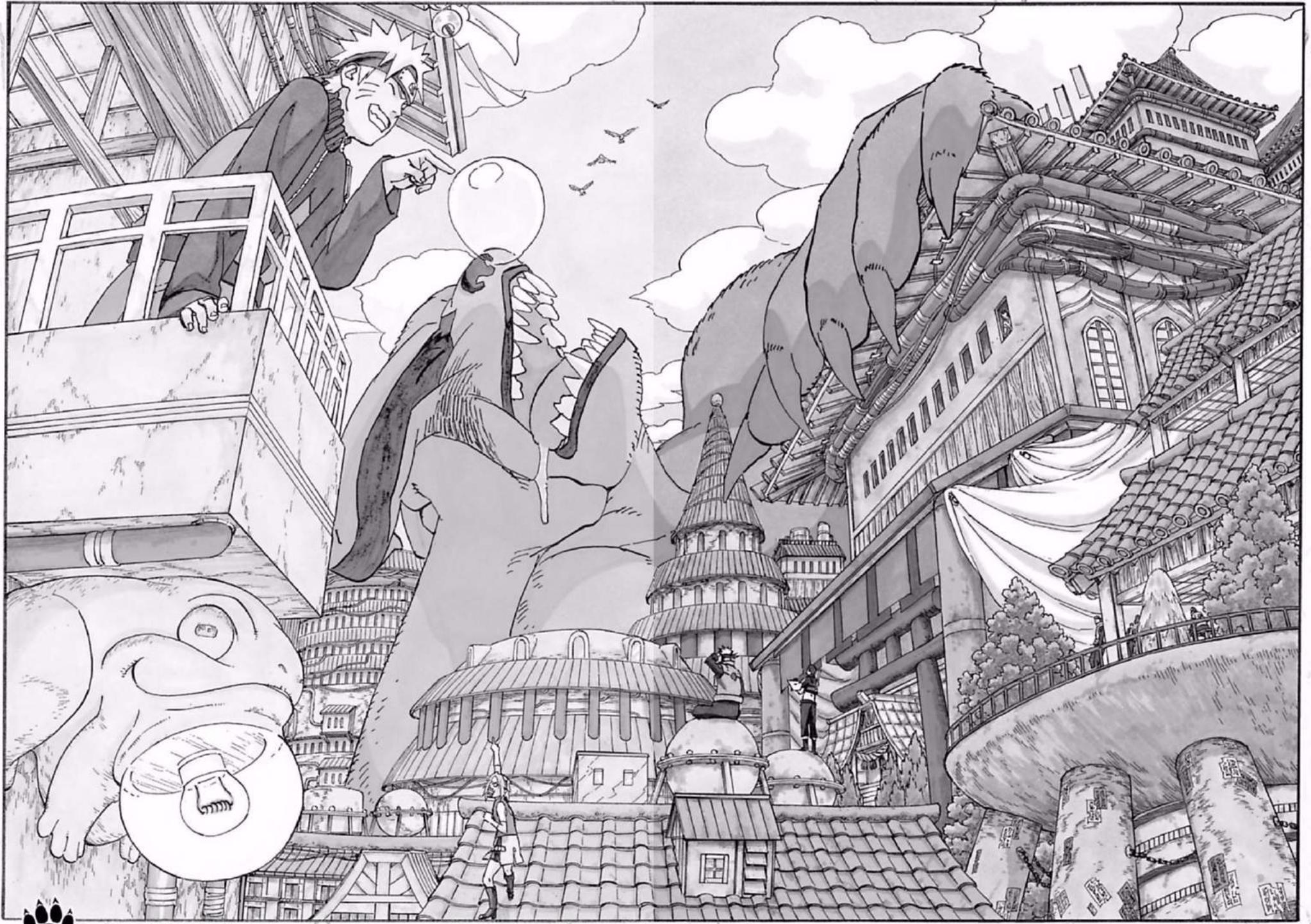
...I'M
HOLDING
YOU TO
YOUR
PROMISE!

SHUP



WHO
WOULD'A
THOUGHT.

THE
ESTRANGED
BROTHERS
COME
TOGETHER
AT LAST...
TO GANG UP
ON ME!



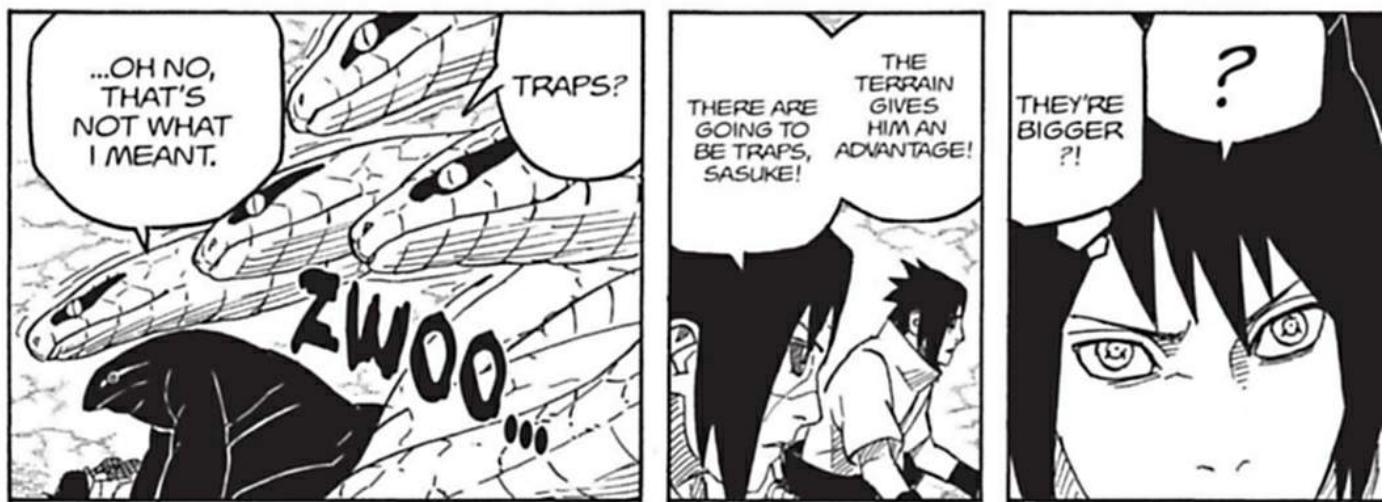
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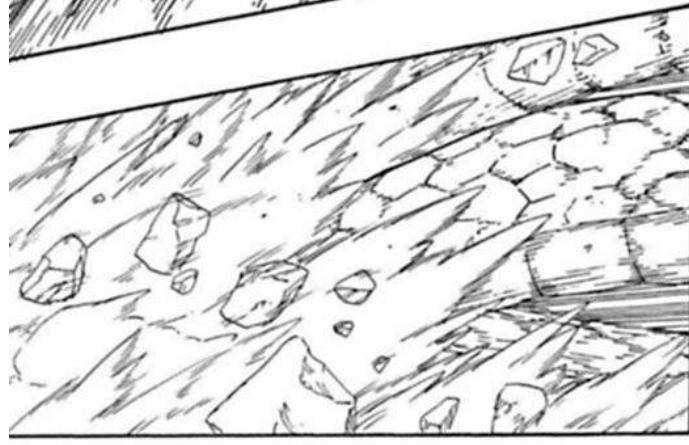
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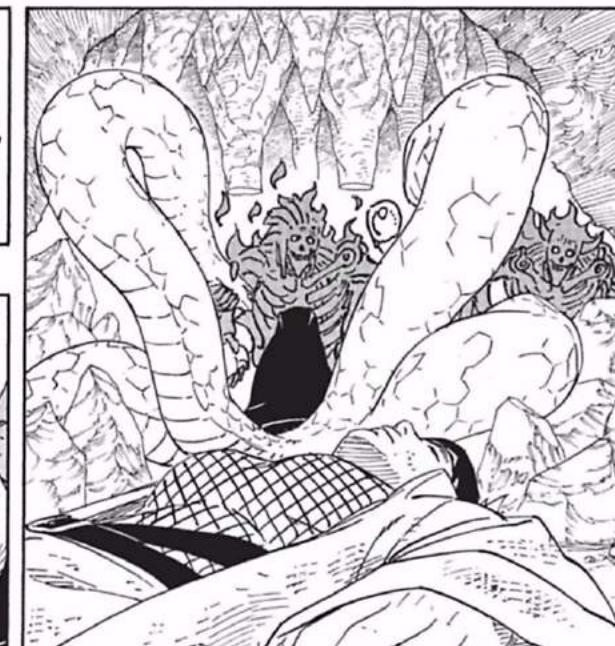
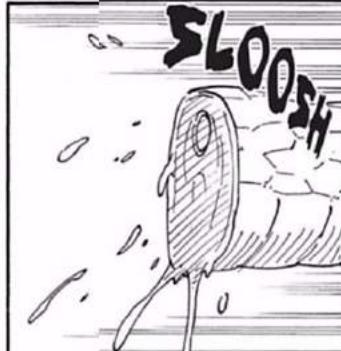
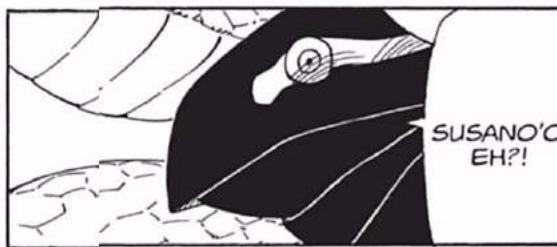
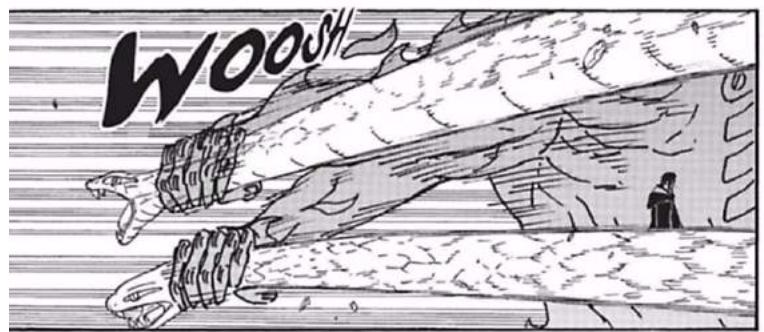
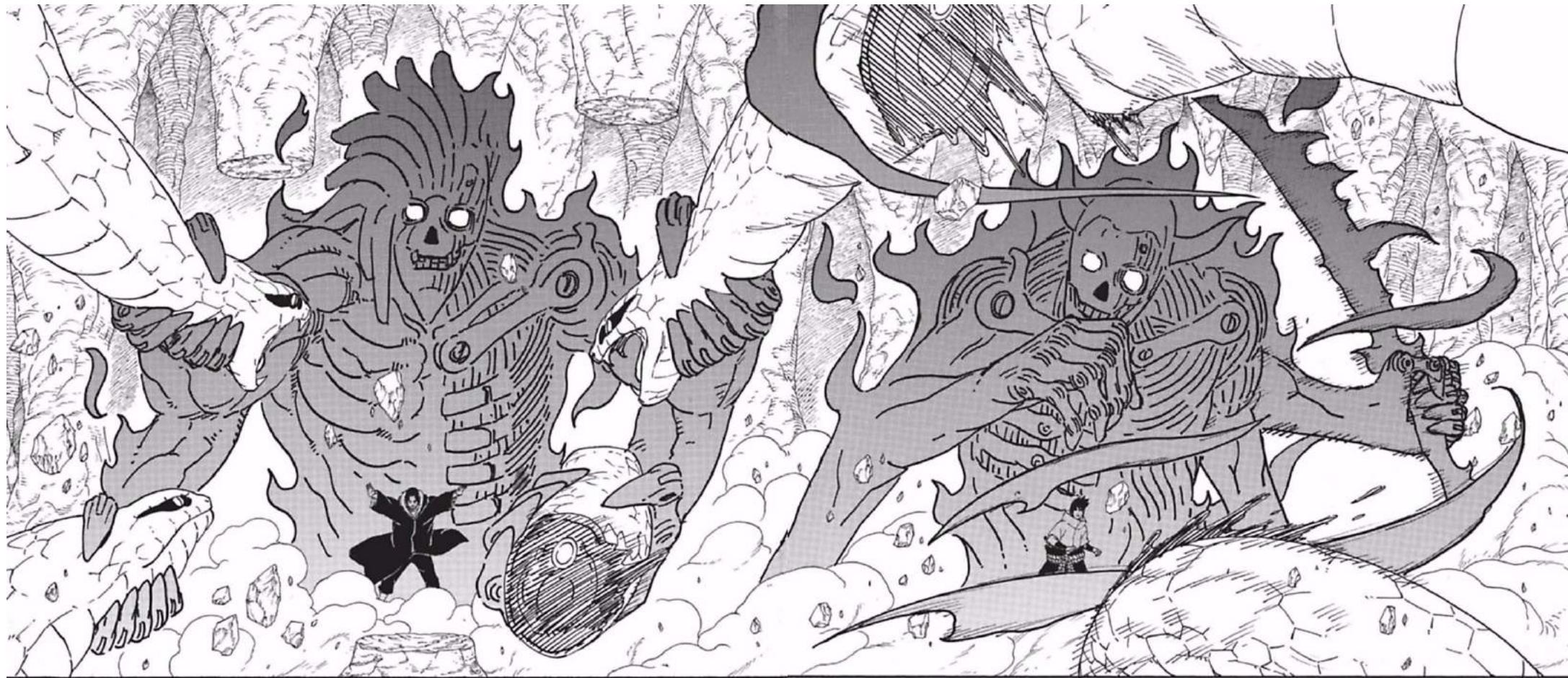
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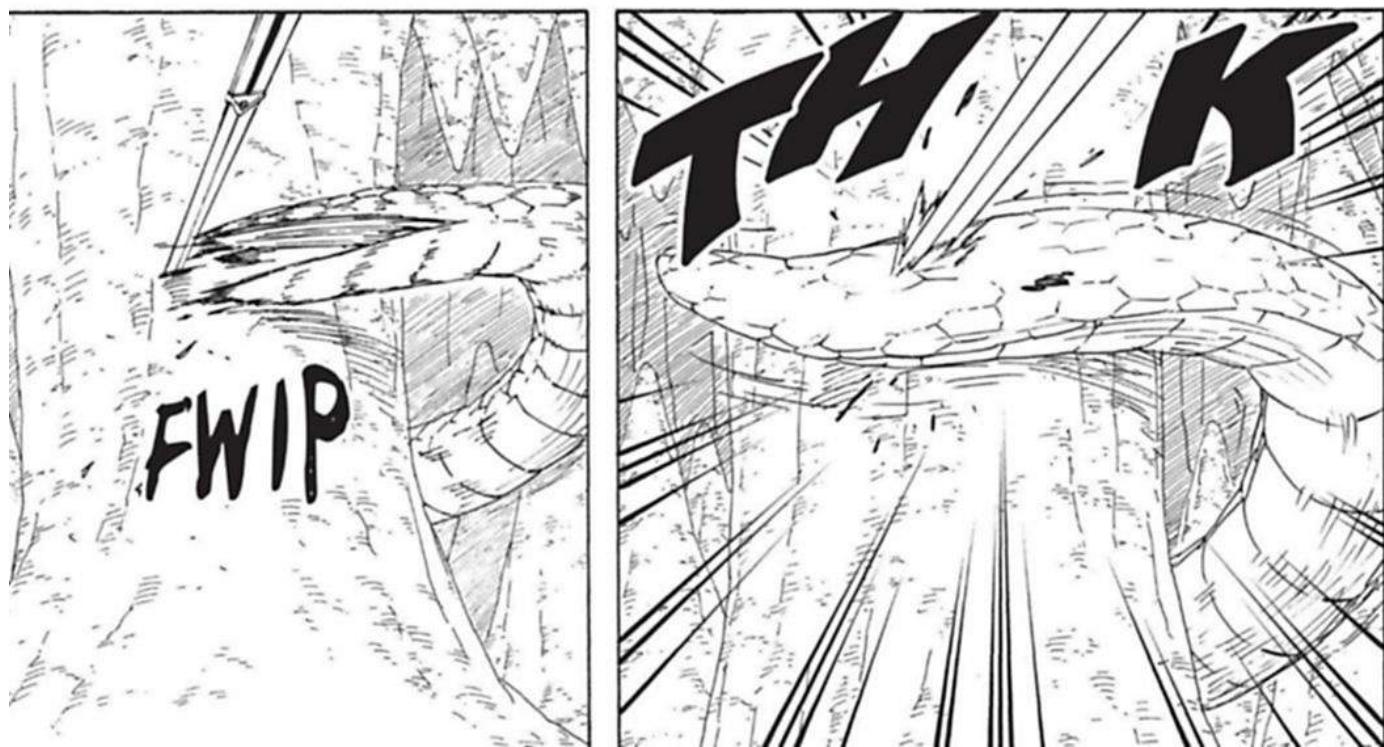
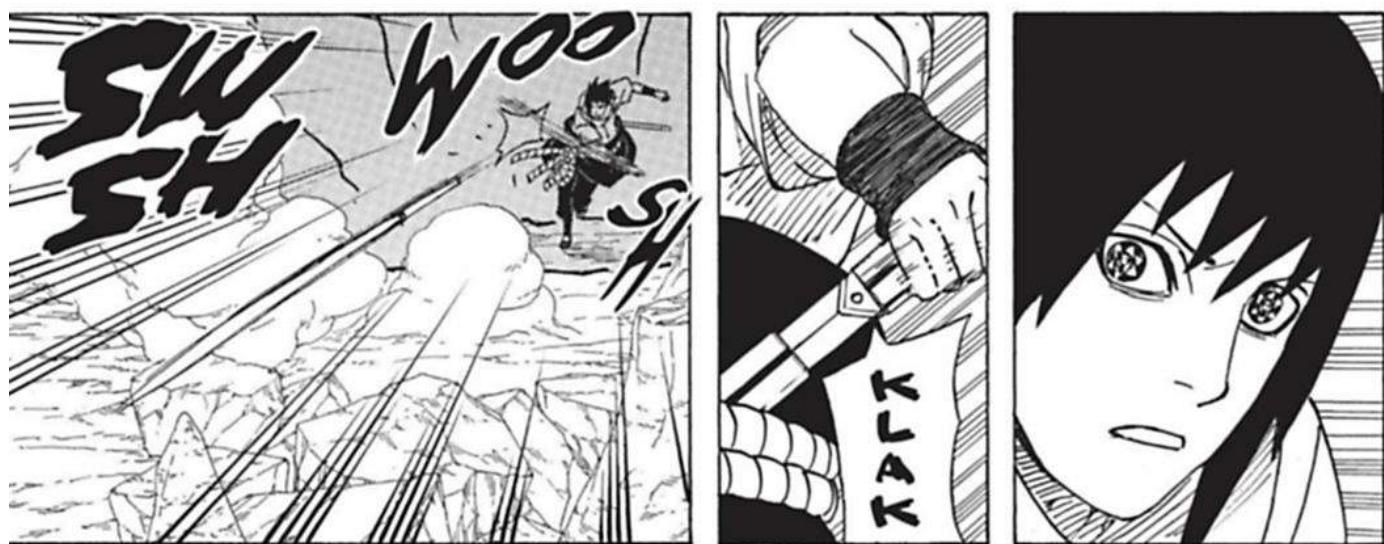
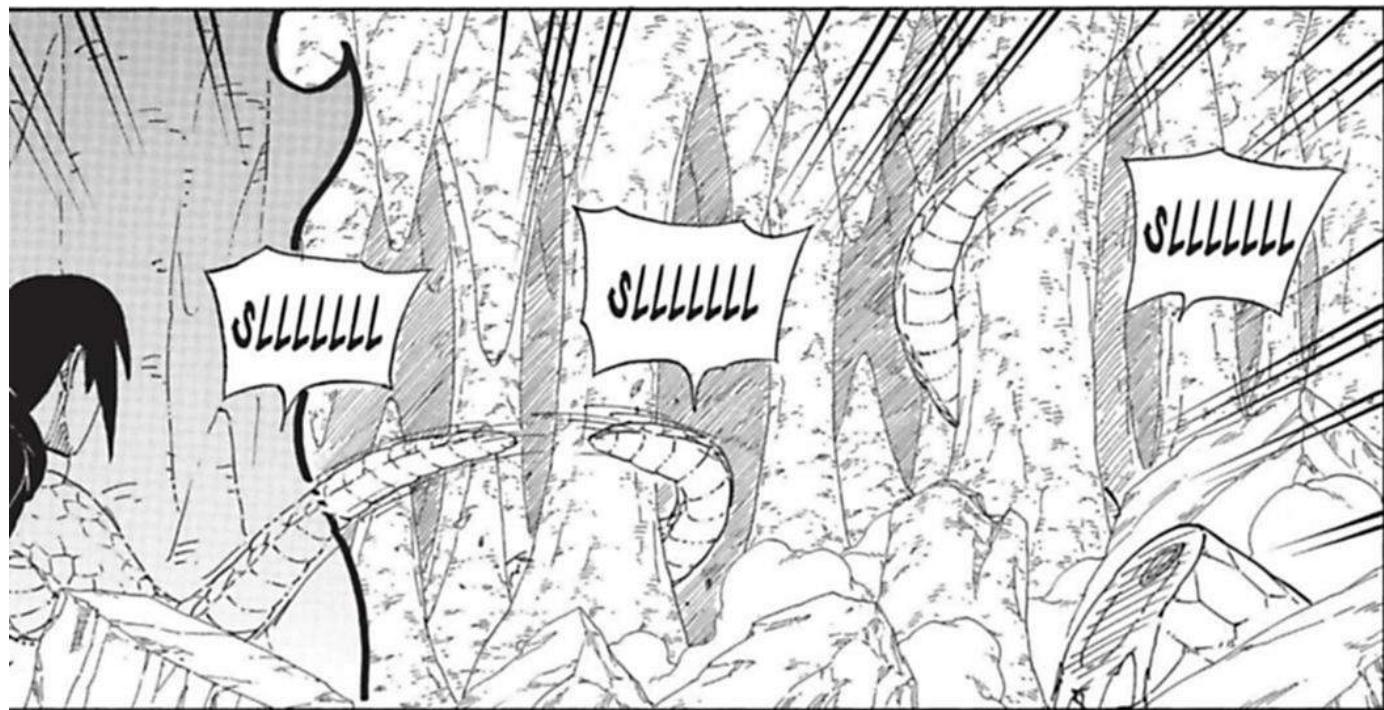


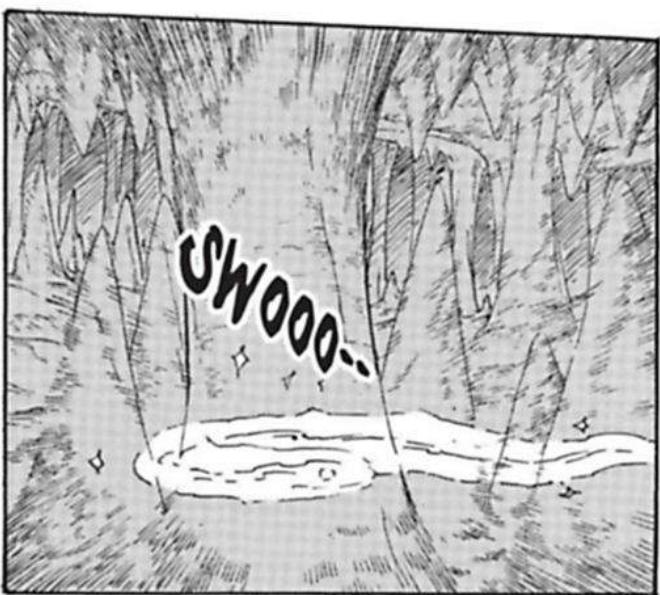
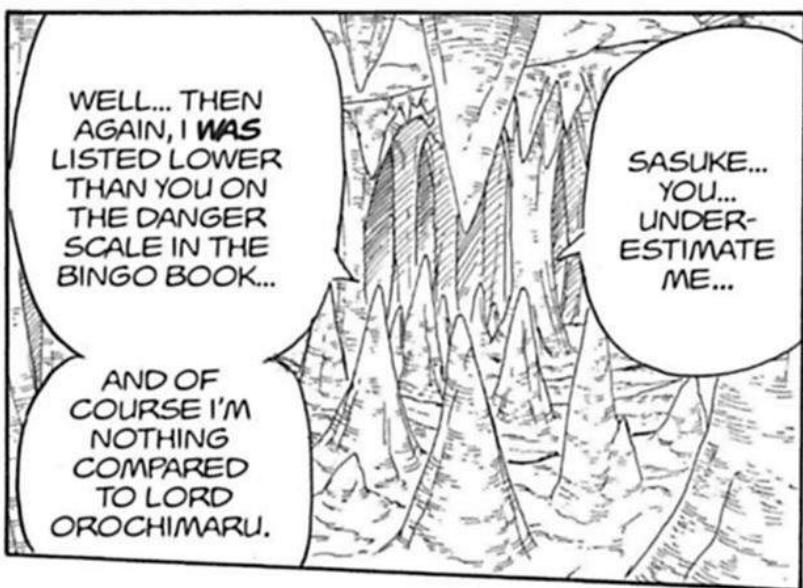


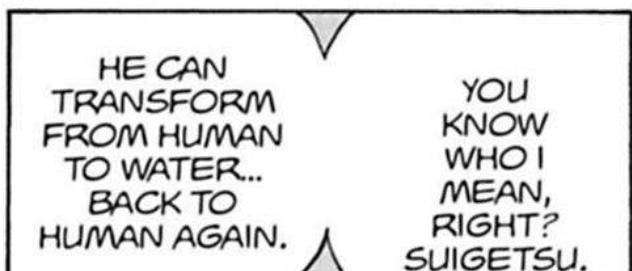
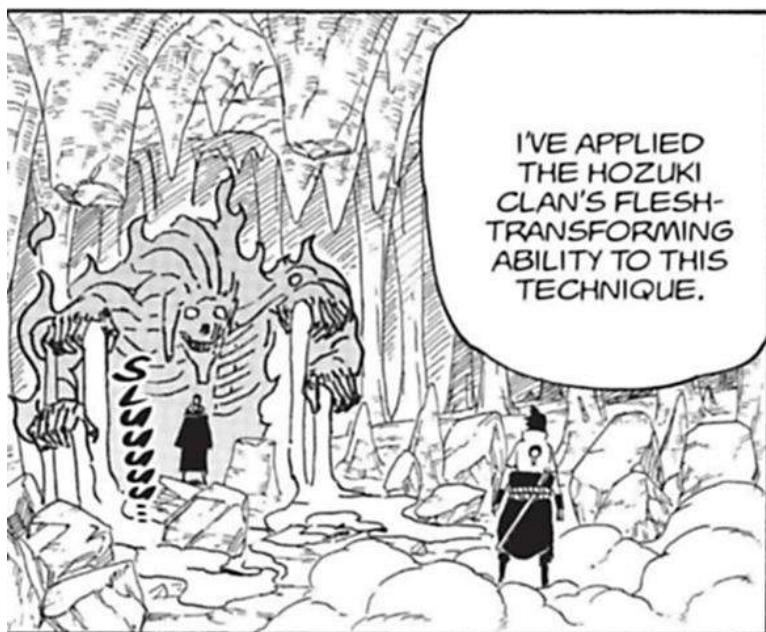


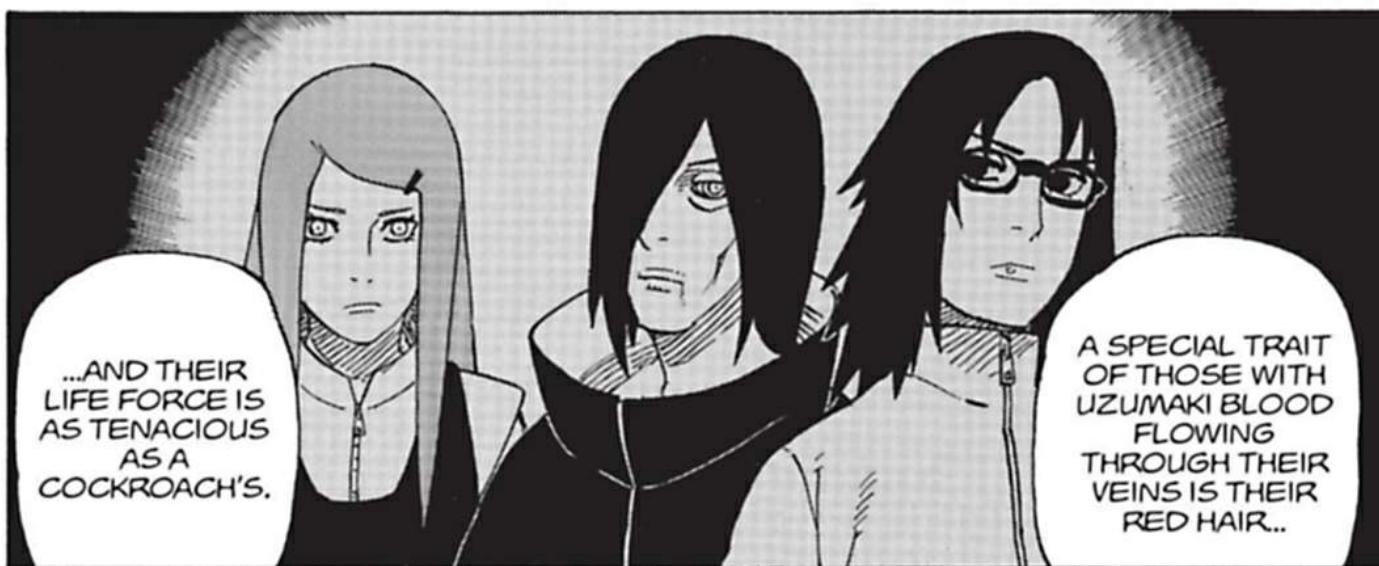
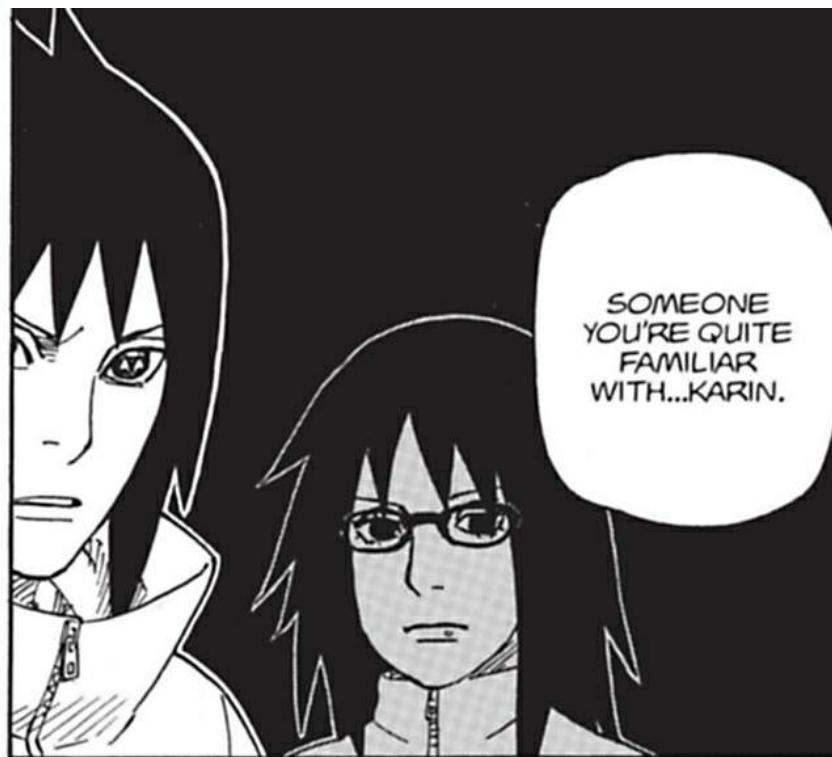












DO YOU
HAVE
JUGO'S
ABILITIES
TOO?

YOU TOOK
THEM FROM
OROCHIMARU'S
CURSE MARK?

BUT THOSE
WHO LACK
TALENT CAN
JUST STEAL
IT FROM
THOSE WHO
HAVE IT!

IN THE
SHINOBI
WORLD,
THOSE
WITHOUT
TALENT ARE
NOTHING.

...?

NO....!
RYUCHI
CAVE?!

THAT POWER
I ACTUALLY
MASTERED,
MYSELF... AT
RYUCHI CAVE.

NO, THAT
IS JUST A
TEMPORARY
BOOST.

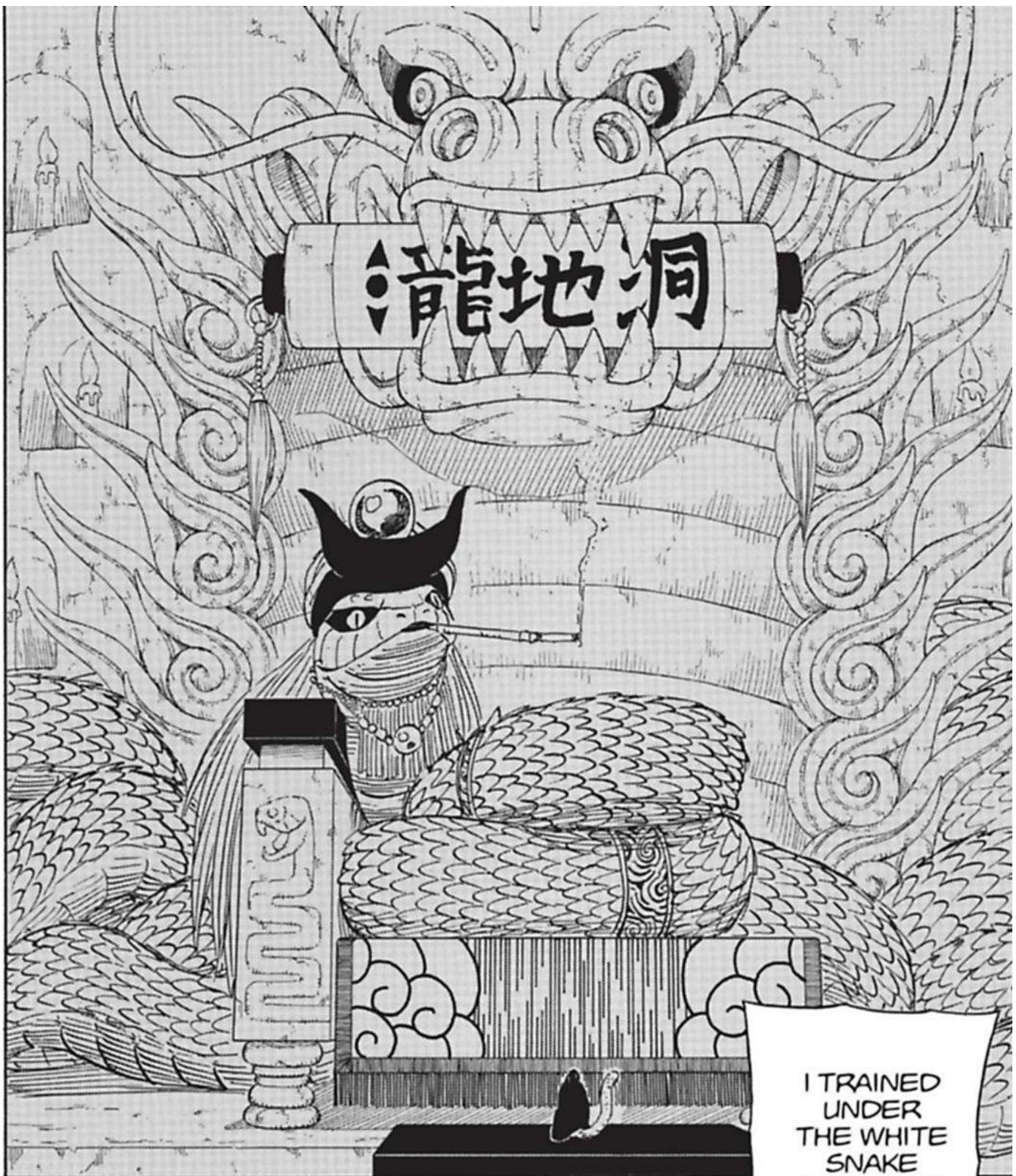
LORD
OROCHIMARU
IS NOT THE
ONLY ONE
TO HAVE
REACHED IT!

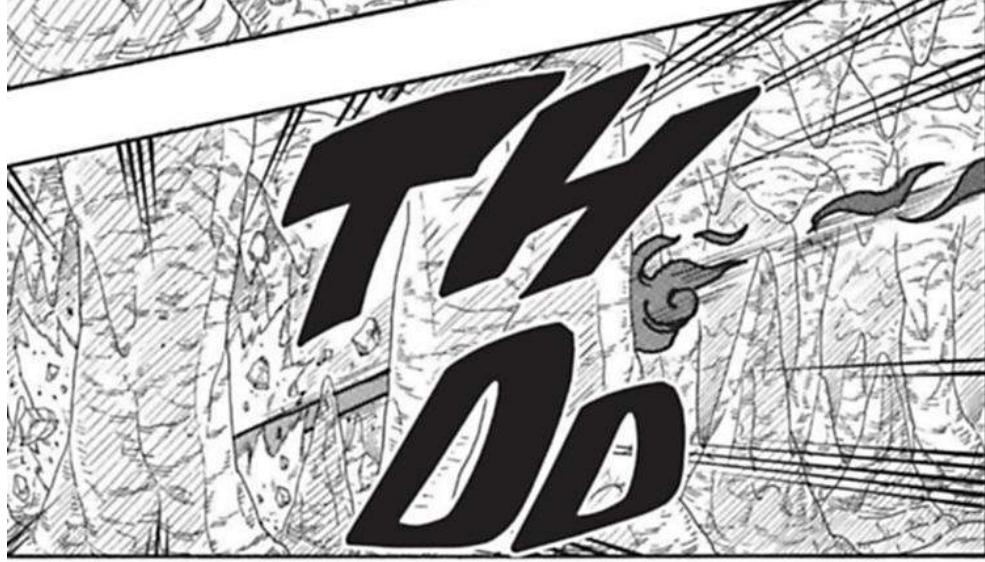
YES! I
FOUND
IT!

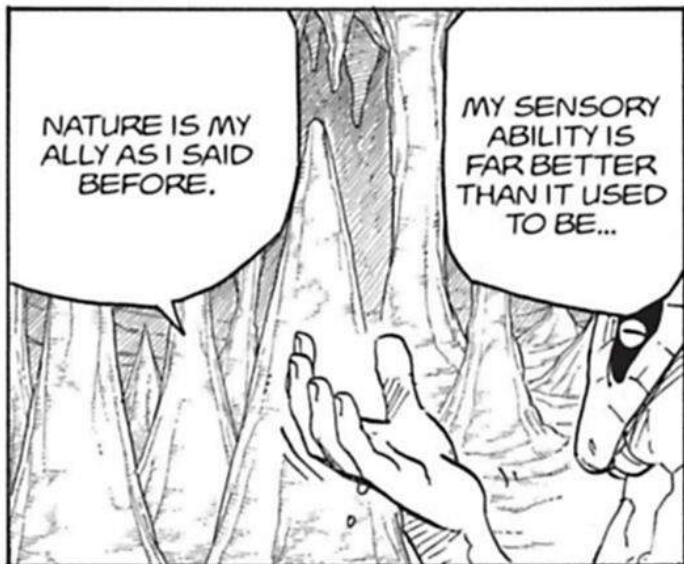
A PLACE AS
LEGENDARY AS MOUNT
MYOBOKU...
AND THE
SHIKKOTSU
WOODS!

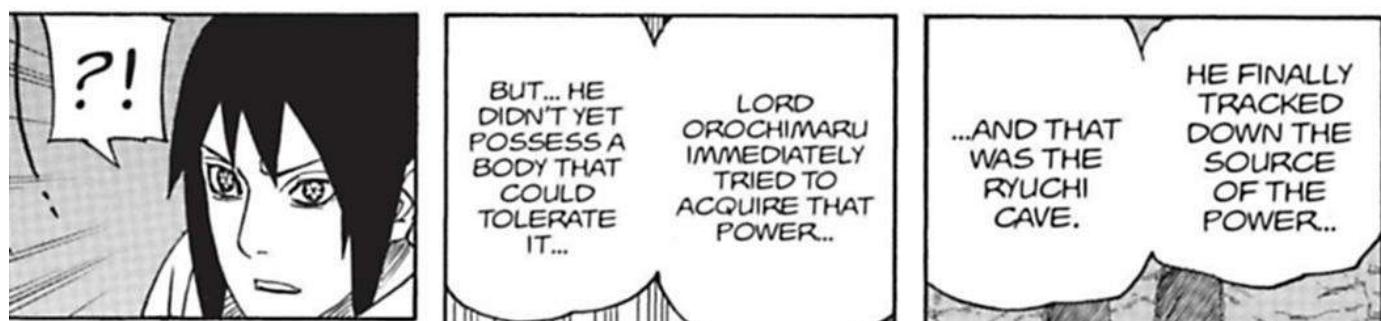
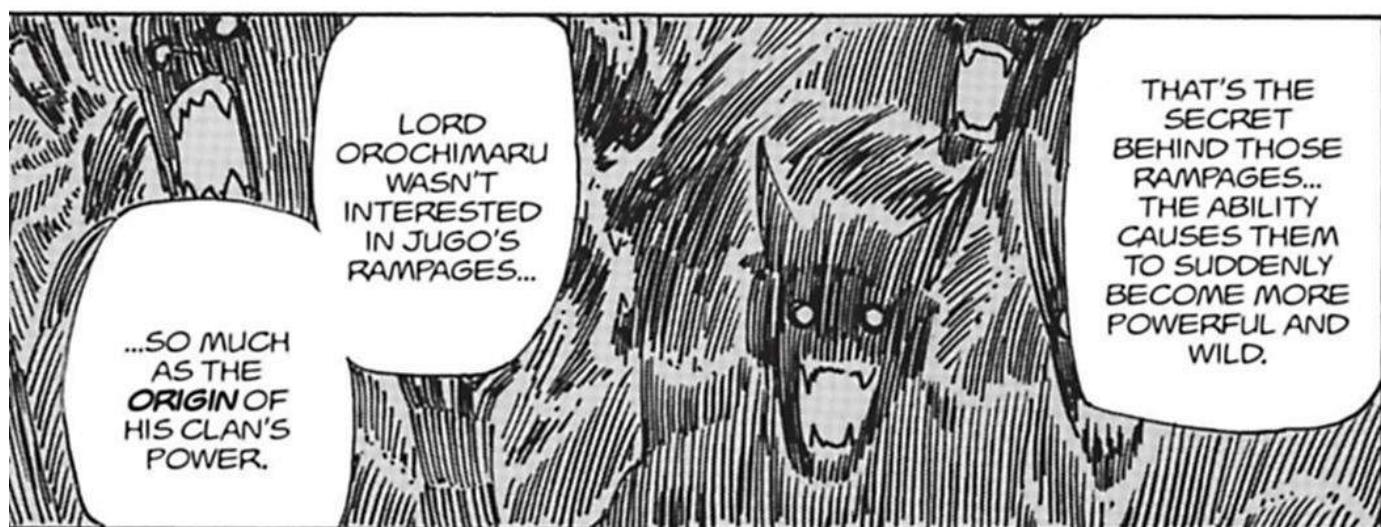
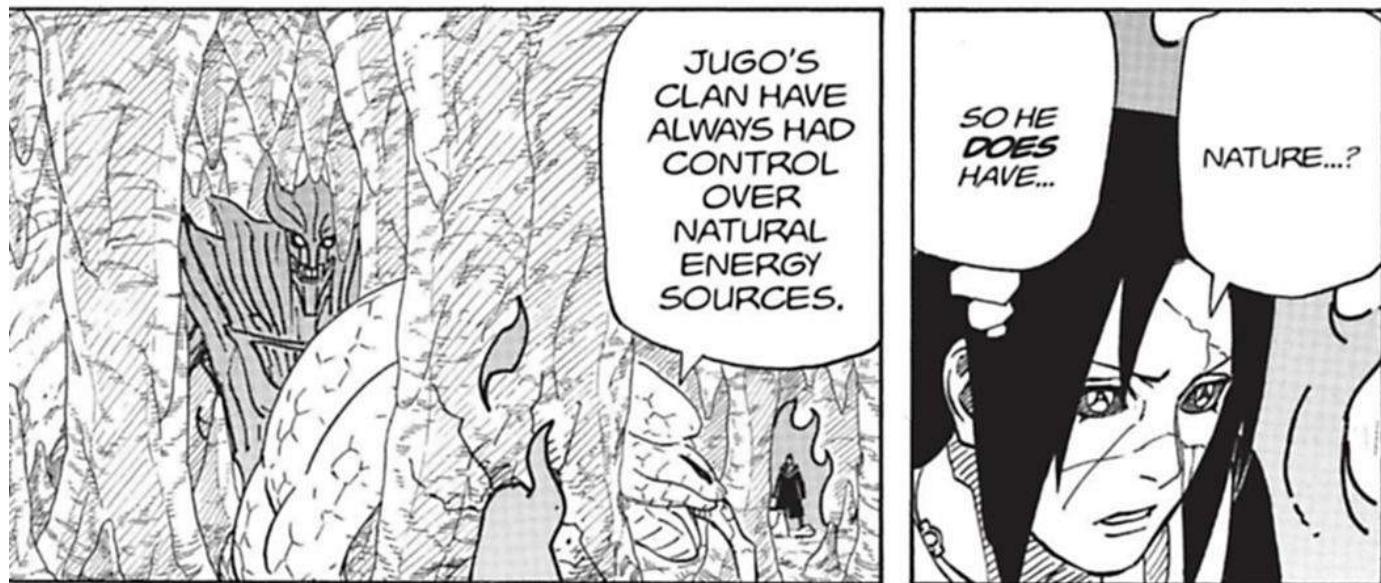
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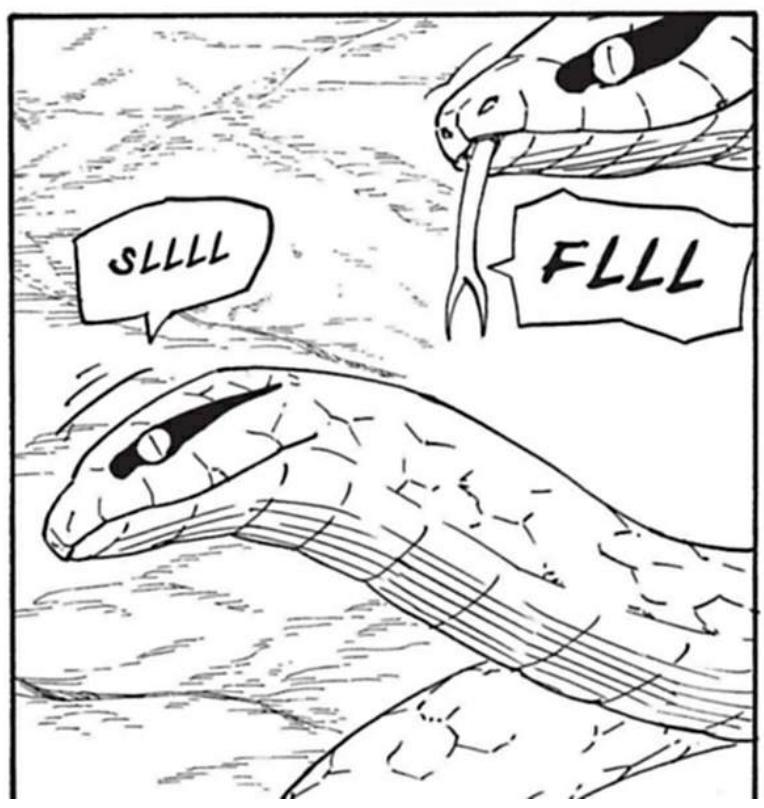










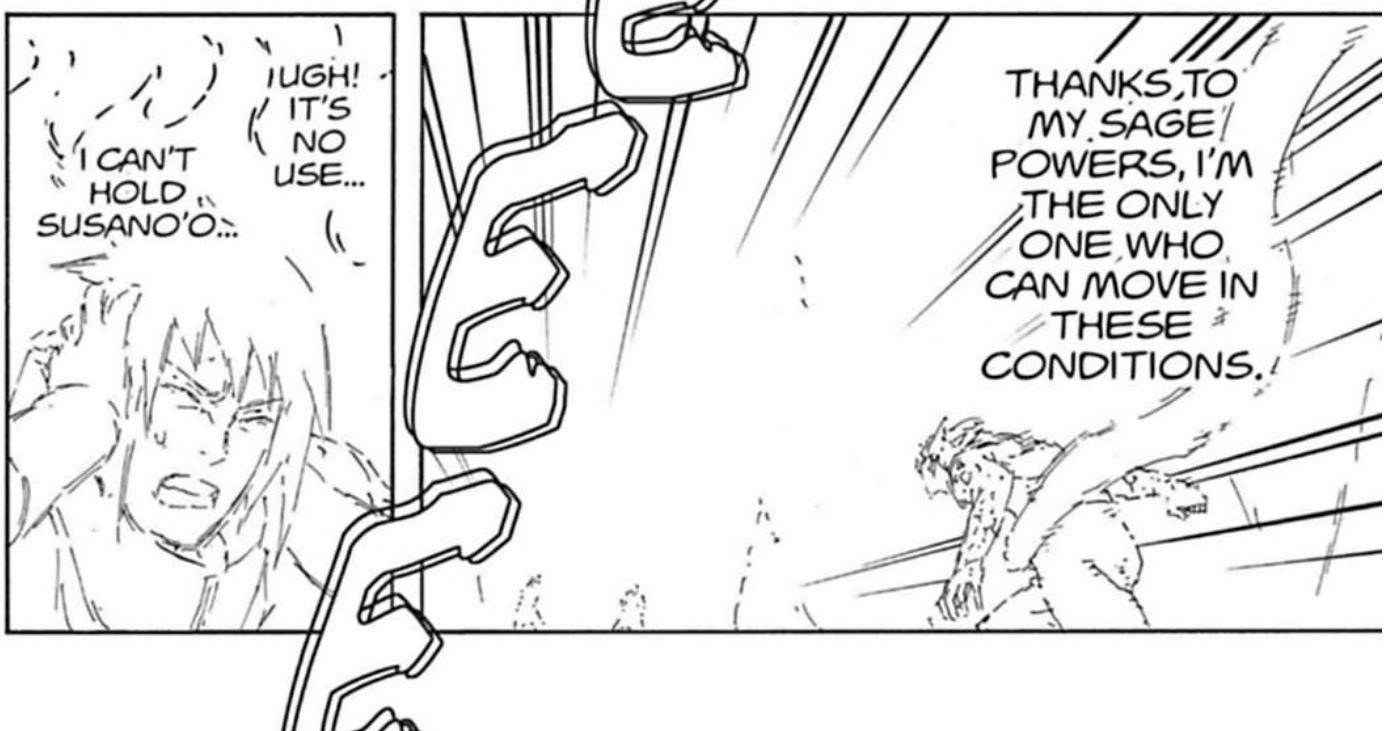
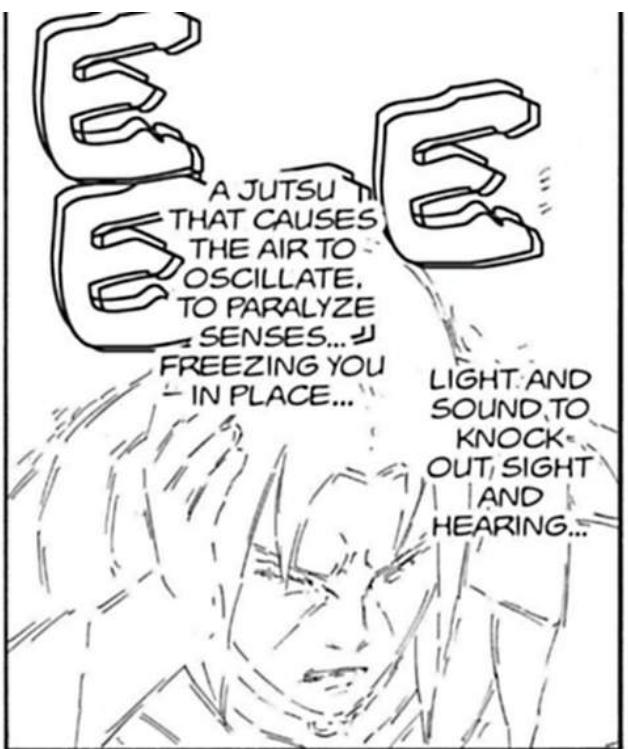




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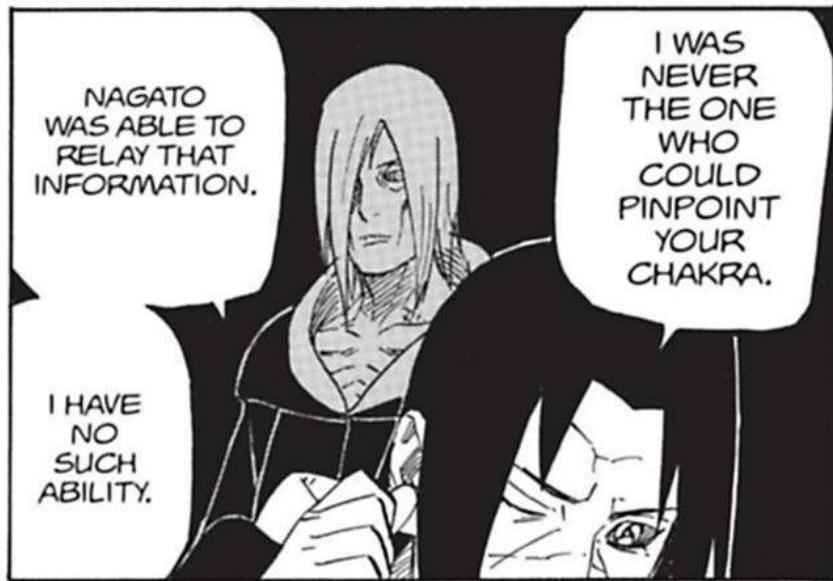






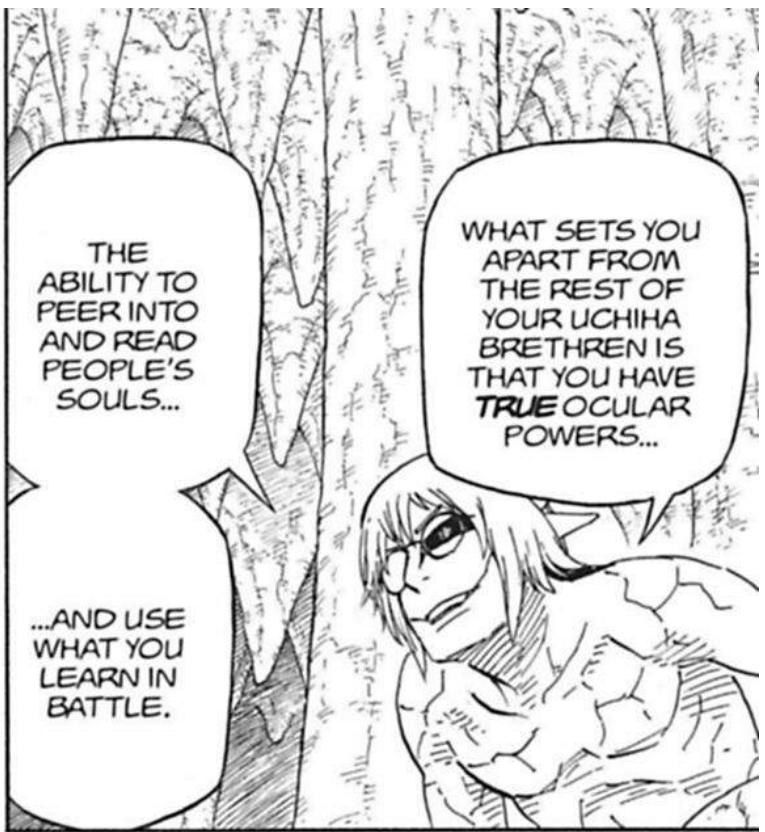


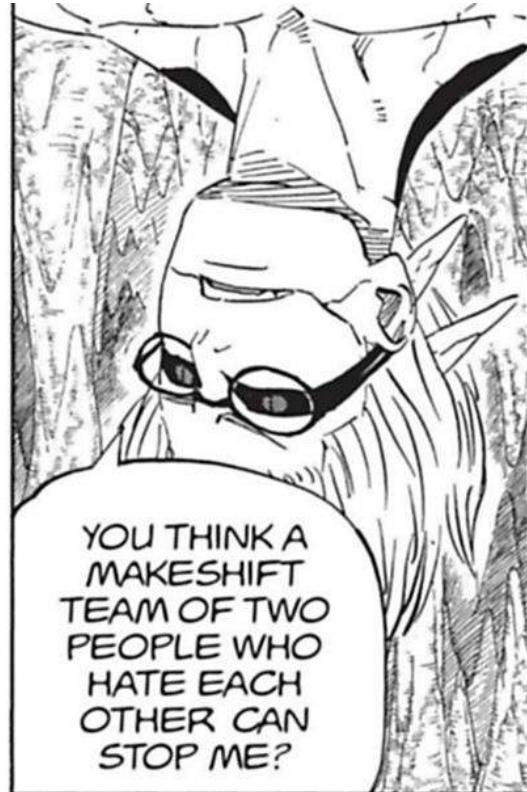




I WAS NEVER THE ONE WHO COULD PINPOINT YOUR CHAKRA.







YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TRUST YOUR LIAR OF A BROTHER.

YOU THINK A MAKESHIFT TEAM OF TWO PEOPLE WHO HATE EACH OTHER CAN STOP ME?



I REMEMBER.
OH... THAT... THE ONE THAT WAS RUINING OUR FIELDS...?



...DO YOU REMEMBER THAT TIME LONG AGO, WHEN YOU TAGGED ALONG ON MY BOAR MISSION?



DON'T KILL HIM!

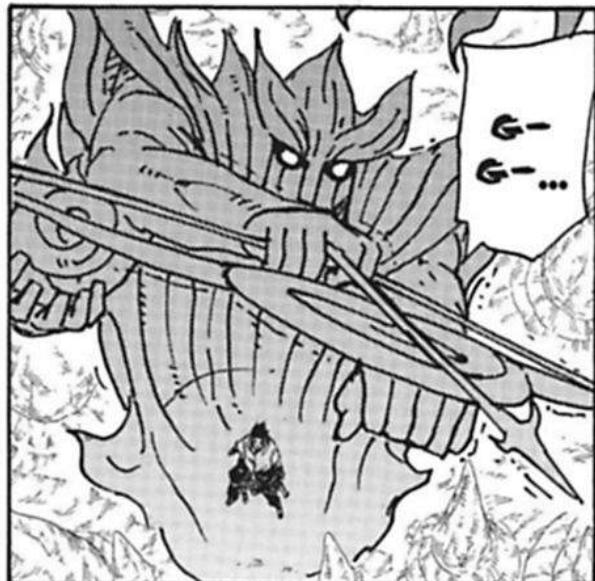
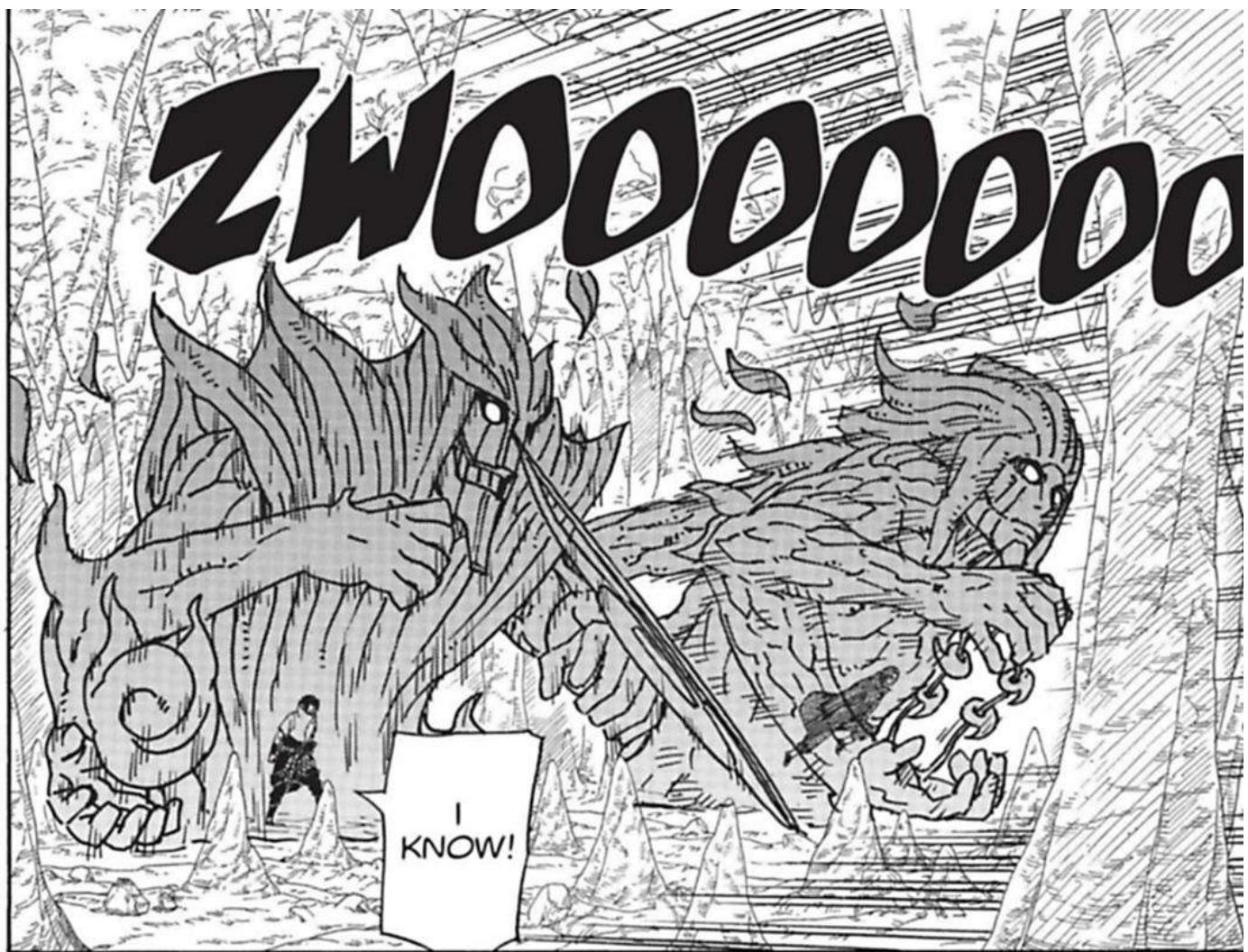


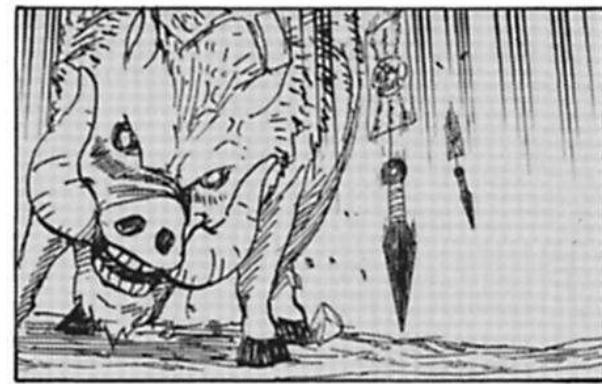
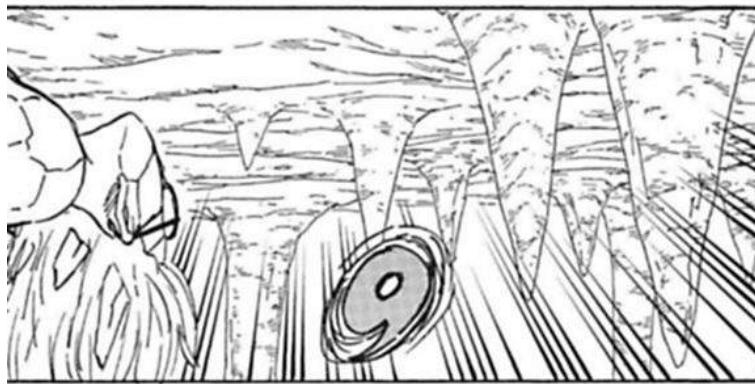
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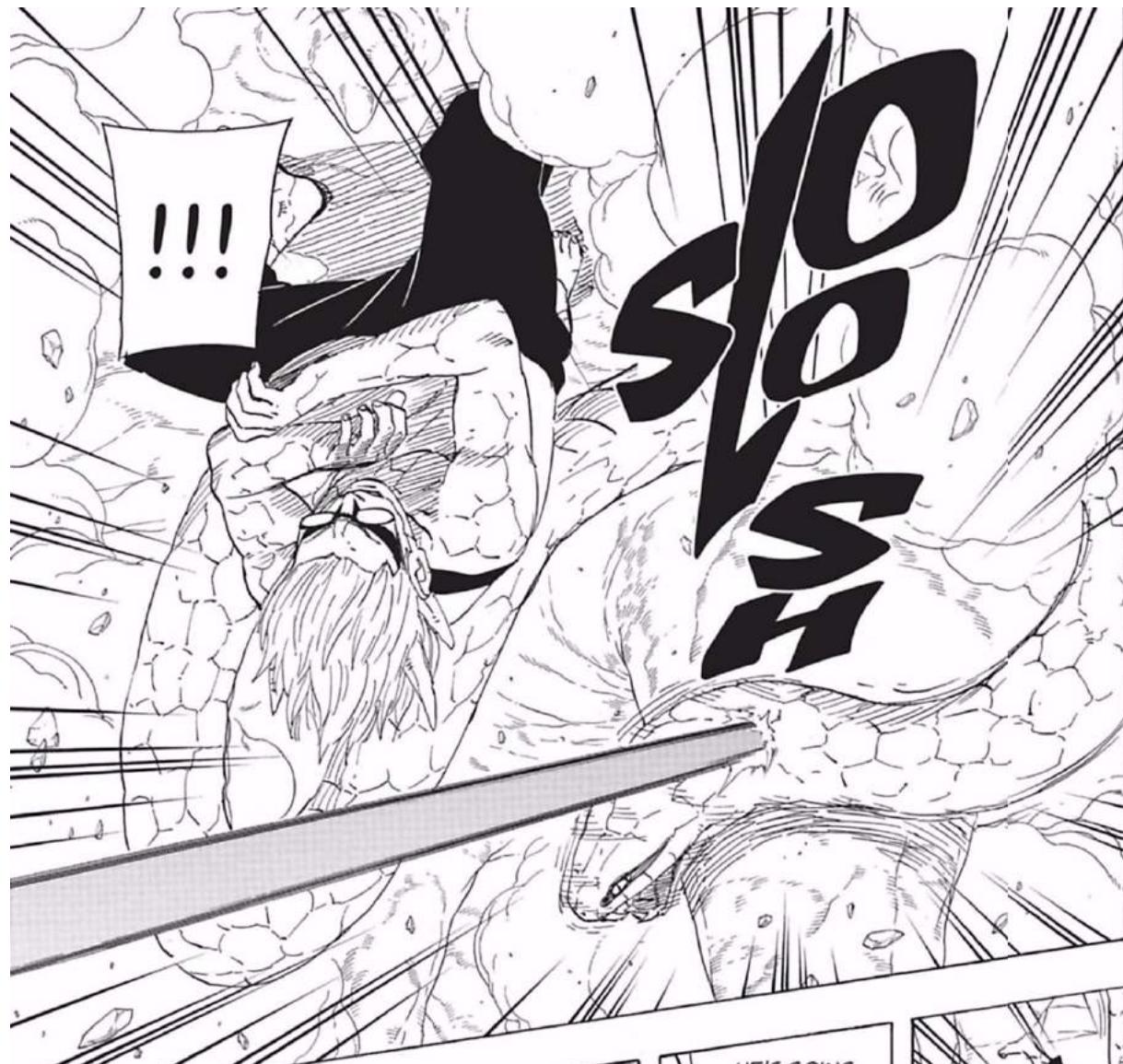
READY?

SHUP















YOU STILL
NEED TO
TRAIN.

SORRY...
BROTHER...

YOU
COMPLETELY
MISSSED.

LOOKS LIKE
YOU MIGHT
BE ABLE TO
KILL THAT
GIANT
BOAR NOW.

...

WUMP

WELL,
YEAH...

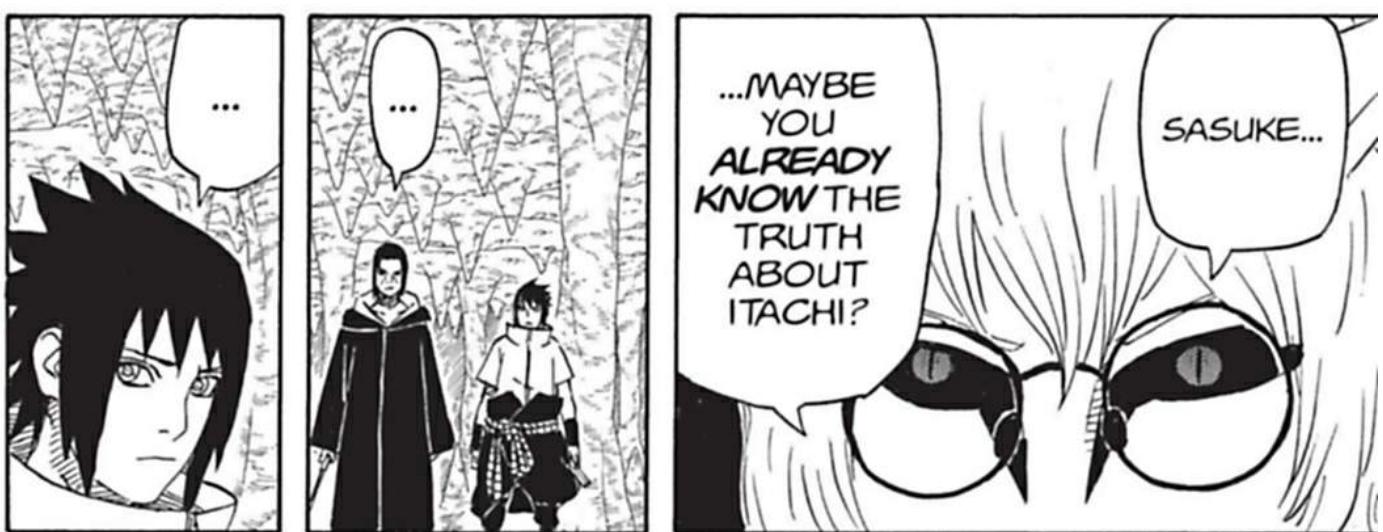
EXCEPT
FIRST, I'VE
GOT TO
TAKE
DOWN
THAT
SNAKE.





Number 581: To Each Their Own Konoha





NO WONDER
YOU JOINED
THE AKATSUKI
IN THEIR
ANTI-KONOHA
PLANS!

NO WONDER
YOU DIDN'T
RETURN TO
KONOHA
VILLAGE
AFTER
DEFEATING
ITACHI...



THAT'S
WHY...

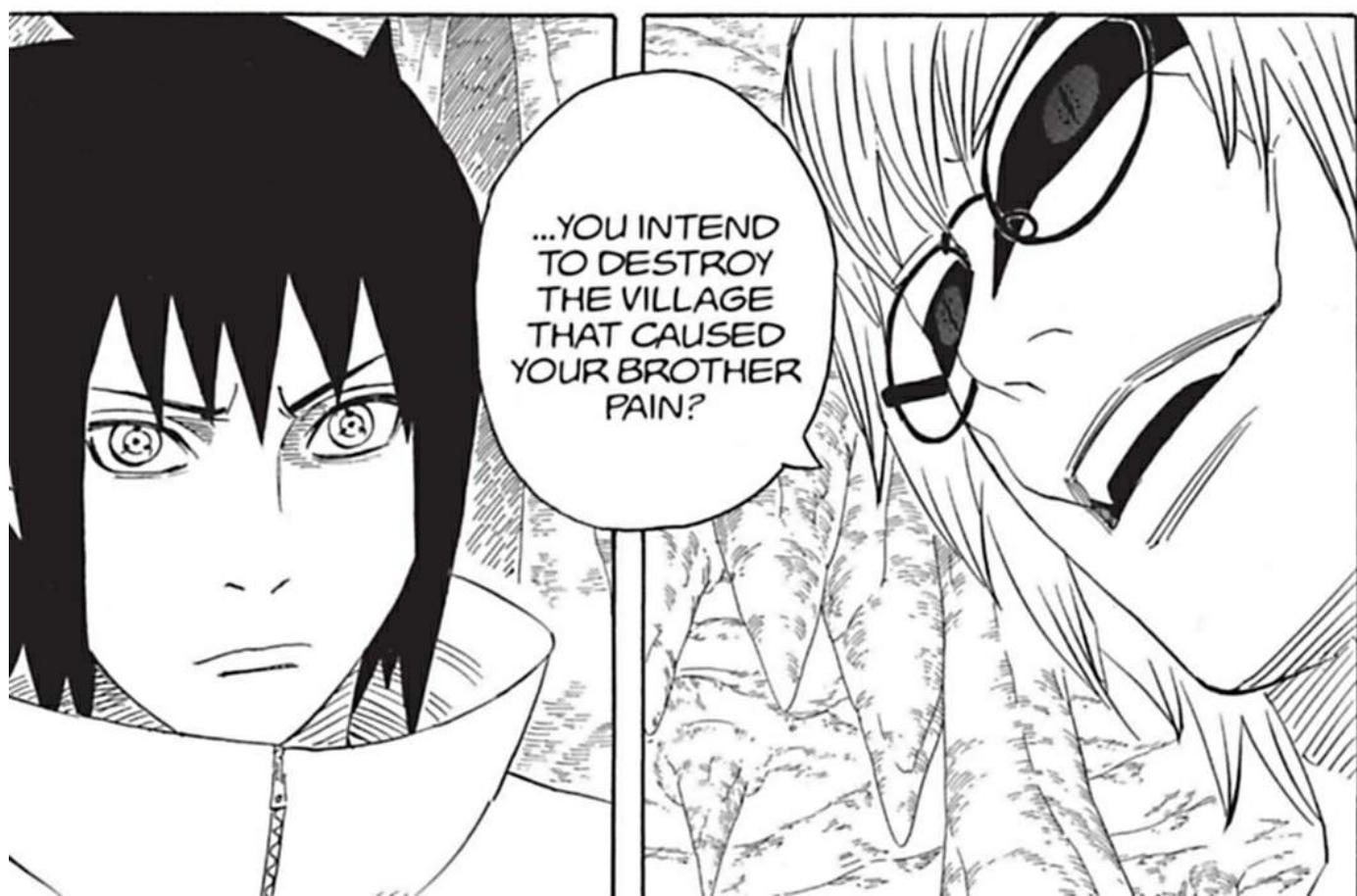
IT ALL
MAKES
SO MUCH
SENSE TO
ME NOW.

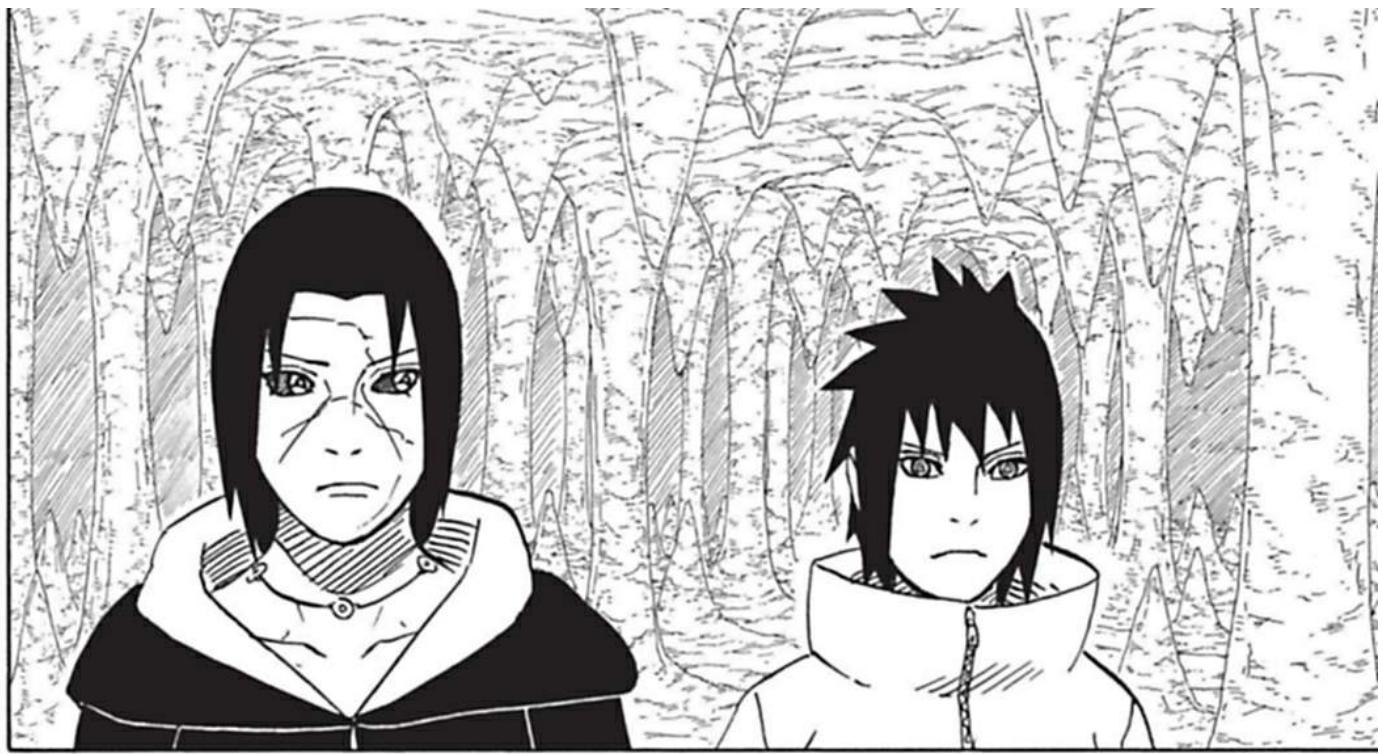


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...YOU INTEND
TO DESTROY
THE VILLAGE
THAT CAUSED
YOUR BROTHER
PAIN?





NO DENIALS?





ISN'T THAT IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO?

ITACHI WAS WILLING TO KILL HIS OWN FAMILY TO PROTECT KONOHA.



LORD OROCHIMARU COULD NOT COMPLETE OPERATION DESTROY KONOHA. IT IS I WHO HAS INHERITED THAT TASK.



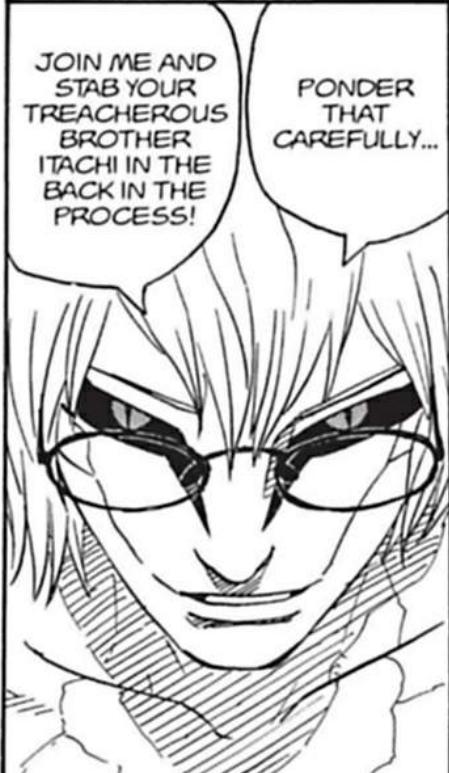
I'M THE ONE... WHO WANTS WHAT YOU WANT!



HE'S NOT EVEN HIM! HE'S ALREADY DEAD!

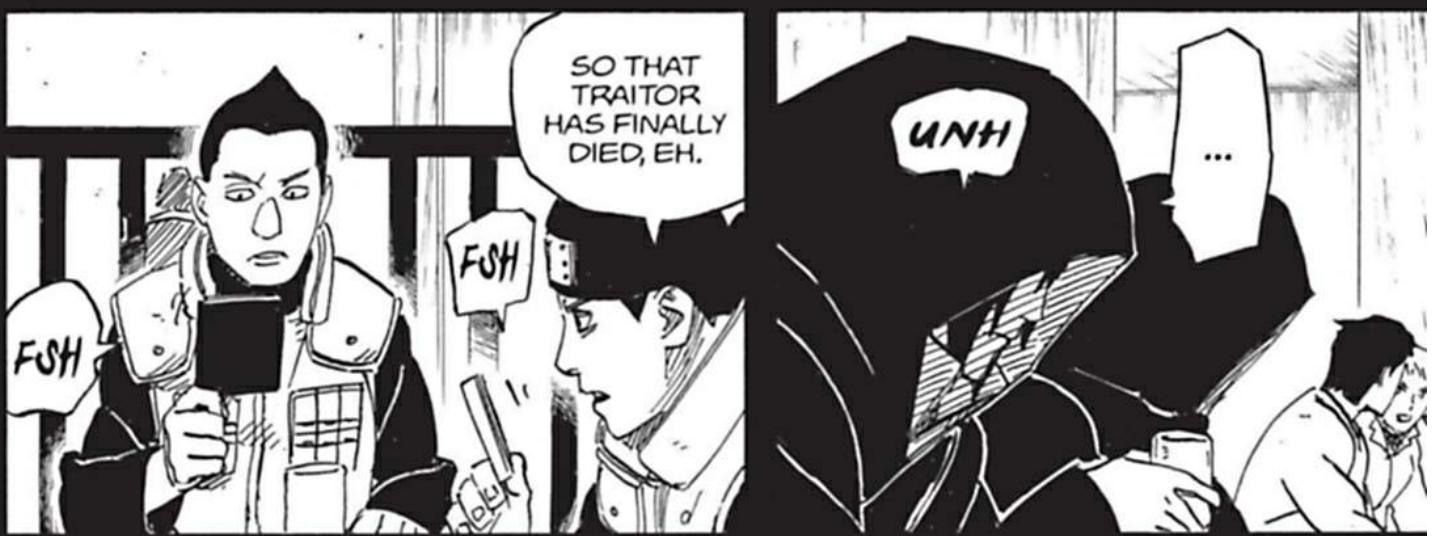


YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO FEEL GUILTY!



JOIN ME AND STAB YOUR TREACHEROUS BROTHER ITACHI IN THE BACK IN THE PROCESS!

PONDER THAT CAREFULLY...



INCLUDING
EVEN
JOINING
THE
AKATSUKI
AND
ATTACKING
KONOHA!

FOR
ALL HIS
CRIMES!

IT'S
SHOCKINGLY
PURE RET-
RIBUTION!

SO
IRONIC,
THAT A KIN
KILLER BE
KILLED
BY HIS
OWN KIN.

HIS LITTLE
BROTHER
SASUKE,
APPARENTLY.

WHO
KILLED HIM,
CAPTAIN?

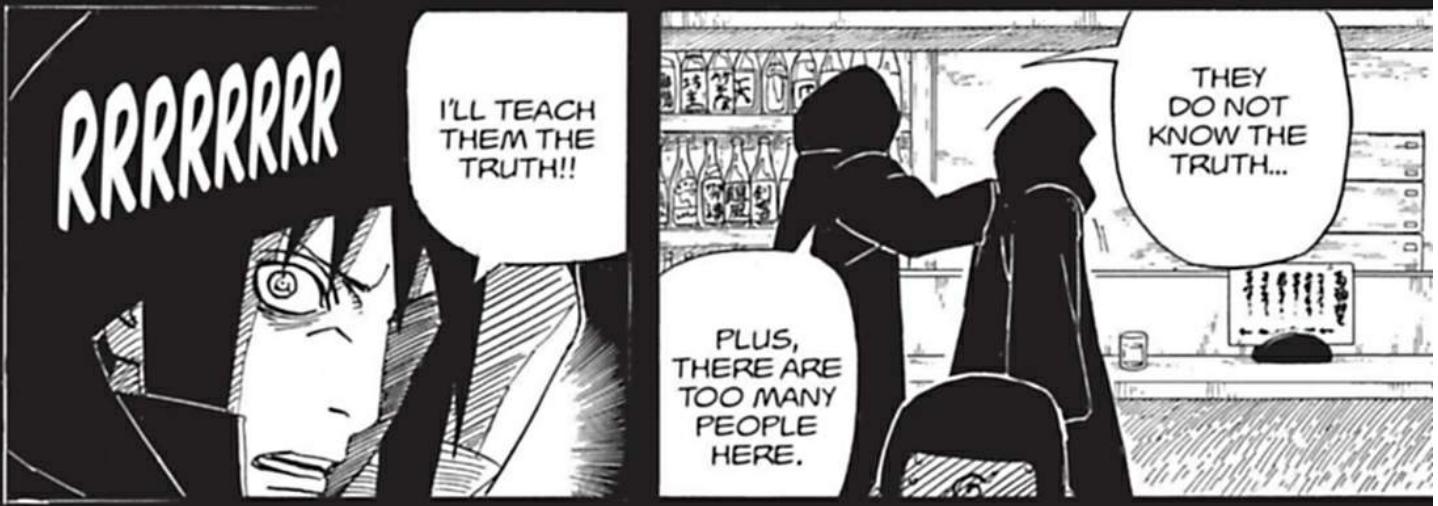
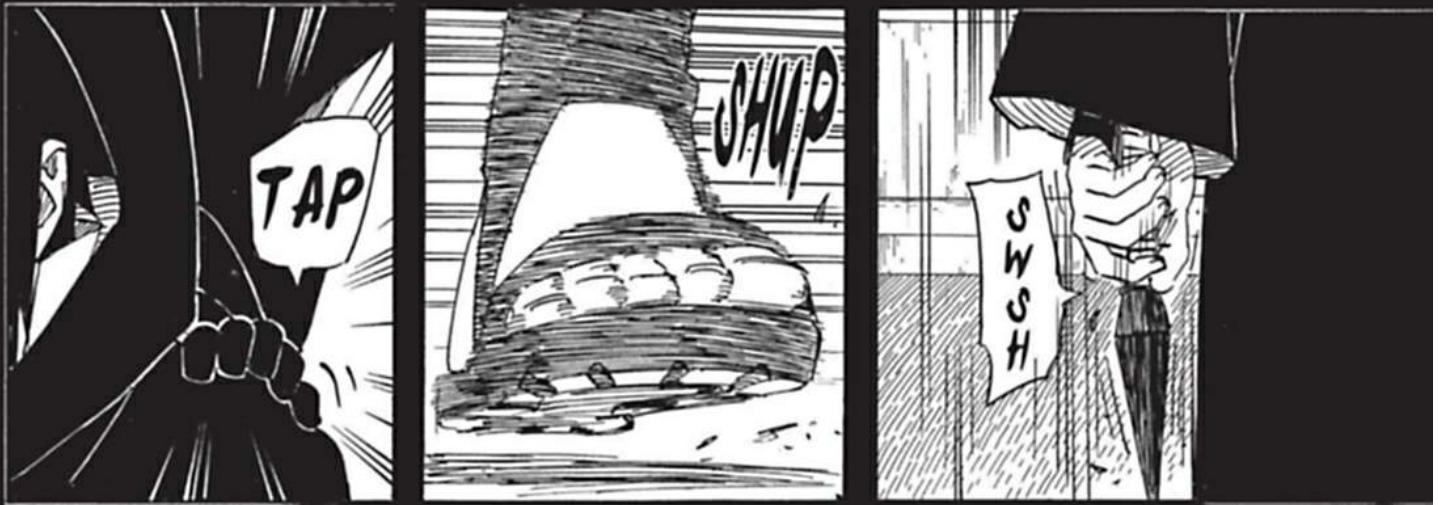
HE'S
KONOHA'S
ALL-TIME
WORST
VILLAIN!

WHICH IS WHY I
REALLY WANTED
ONE OF *US* TO
TAKE HIM DOWN!!

BLATTER



THK



SO NO ONE WILL BELIEVE THE TRUTH ANYWAY... LOOK HOW LONG IT TOOK YOU ...

ITACHI DID IN FACT SLAUGHTER HIS OWN UCHIHA CLAN.

AS AN AKATSUKI MEMBER, HE PRETENDED TO ATTACK KONOHA.

THE CURRENT HOKAGE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THE FACTS.

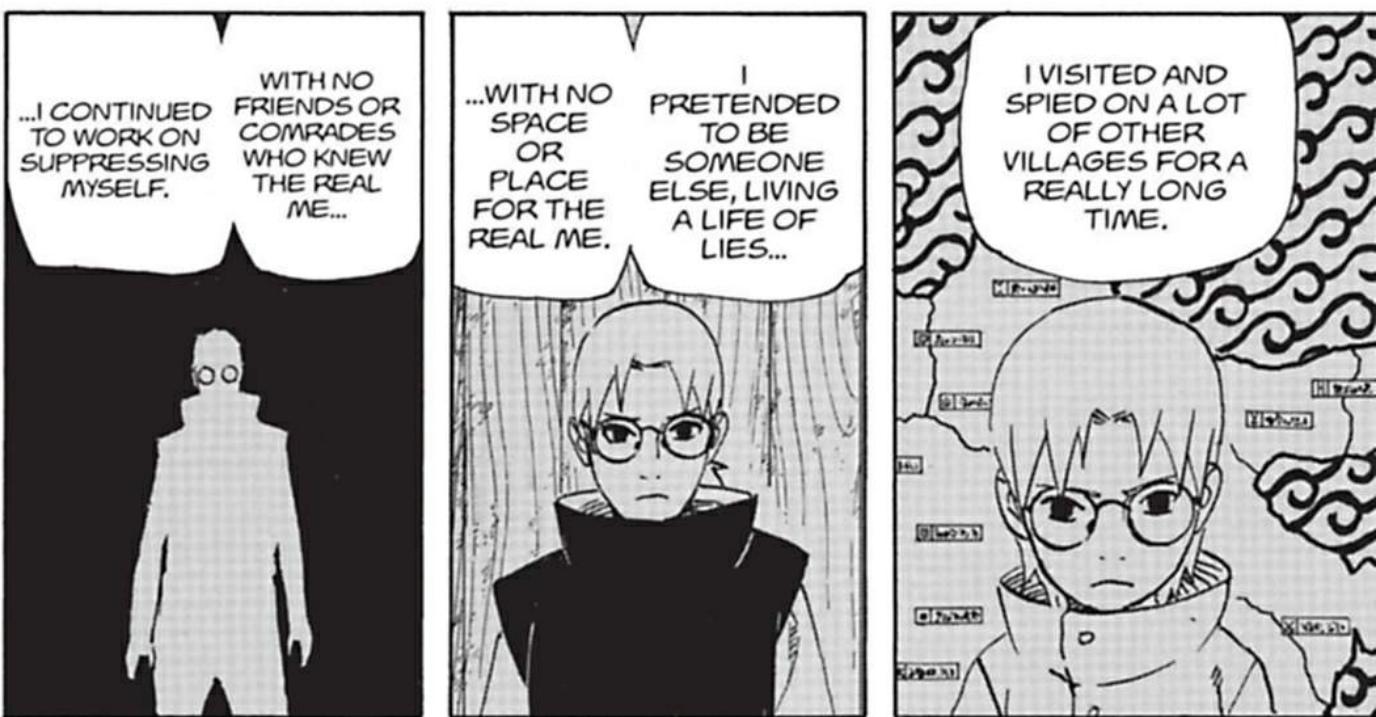
DON'T... EVEN IF THEY TRY TO CONFIRM THE TRUTH ABOUT ITACHI WITH THEIR SUPERIORS, KONOHA'S ELDERS WILL DENY IT VEHEMENTLY.

BROTHER SACRIFICED **EVERYTHING** FOR THESE WORMS WHO WOULD BRAND HIM A TRAITOR...

UNH UNH
FOR THESE WORMS...

WE'RE NOT THE SAME!
...
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT...?
IT'S WHAT ITACHI WANTED.







BOTH ITACHI AND I WORKED FOR THE GOOD OF KONOHA VILLAGE, BUT IN RETURN, ALL WE GOT BACK WAS DISHONOR AND DISGRACE!



...THE VILLAGE OF KONOHA STOPPED TRUSTING ME, AND I WAS TAKEN OFF THE MISSION.



AND AROUND THE TIME I STOPPED KNOWING WHO I EVEN WAS ANYMORE...



SO WHAT IN THE WORLD HAS KONOHA VILLAGE EVER DONE FOR US, EH?



THUS, I SHALL BE YOUR BIG BROTHER AND STICK BY YOUR SIDE... NOW COME JOIN ME.



NO ONE UNDERSTANDS YOU BETTER THAN I.



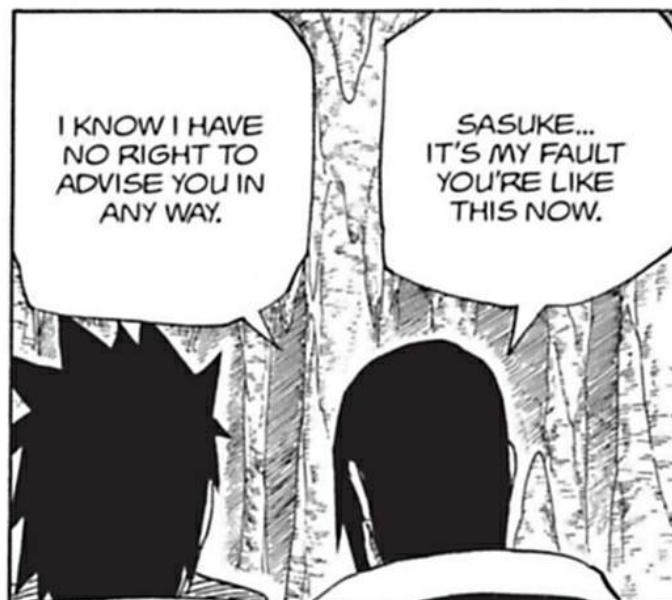
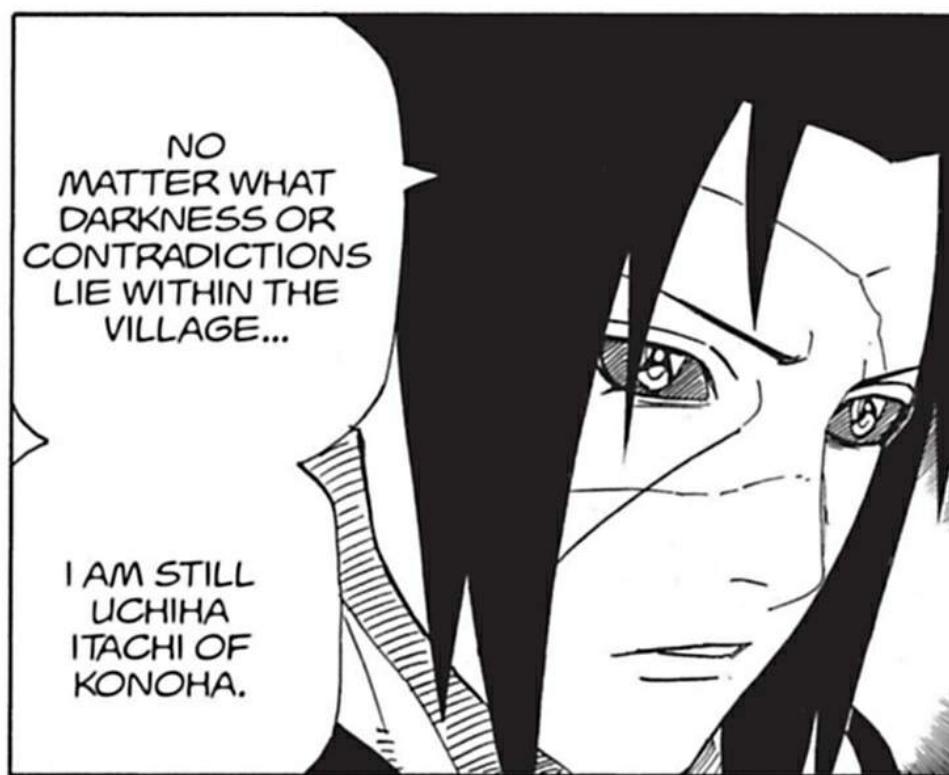
AND THOUGH I AM STILL ALIVE, SOMETHING SIMILAR TO YOU WAS BORN FROM ME TOO.



HOW ITACHI LIVED IS WHAT LED TO THE CREATION OF THE CURRENT YOU.



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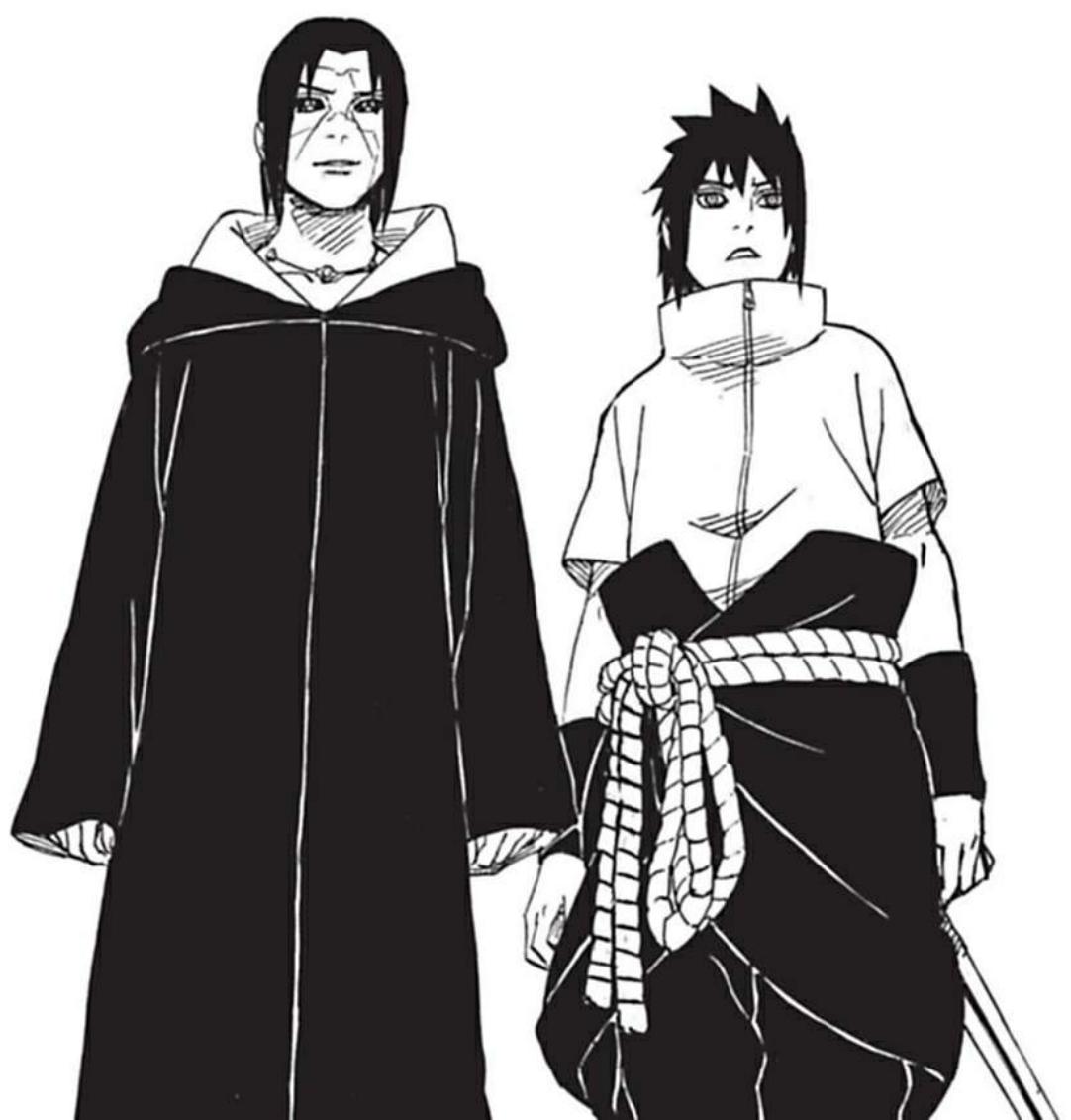


OKAY, HE'S WORDY AND BORING BUT HE'S ALSO RIGHT.





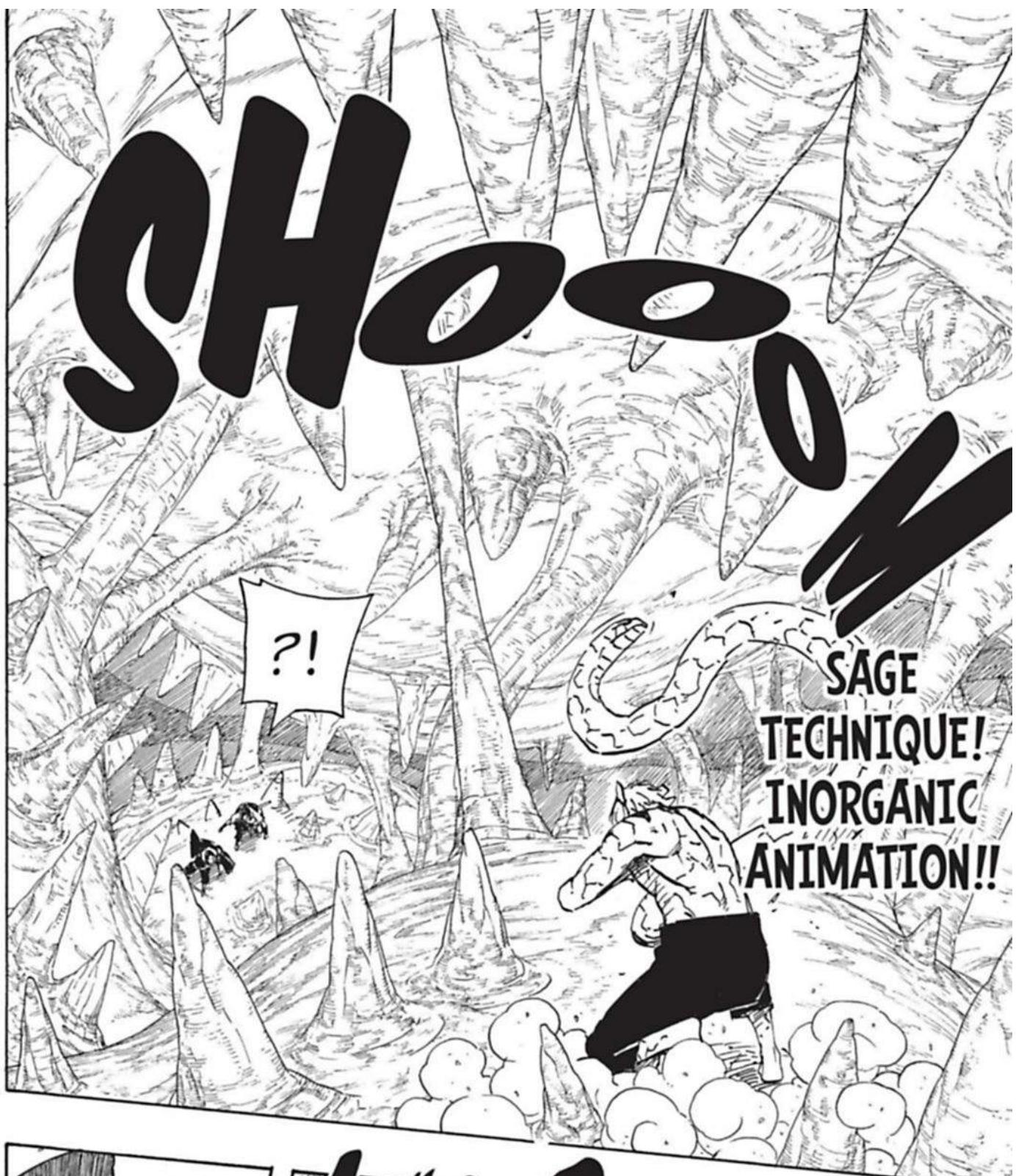


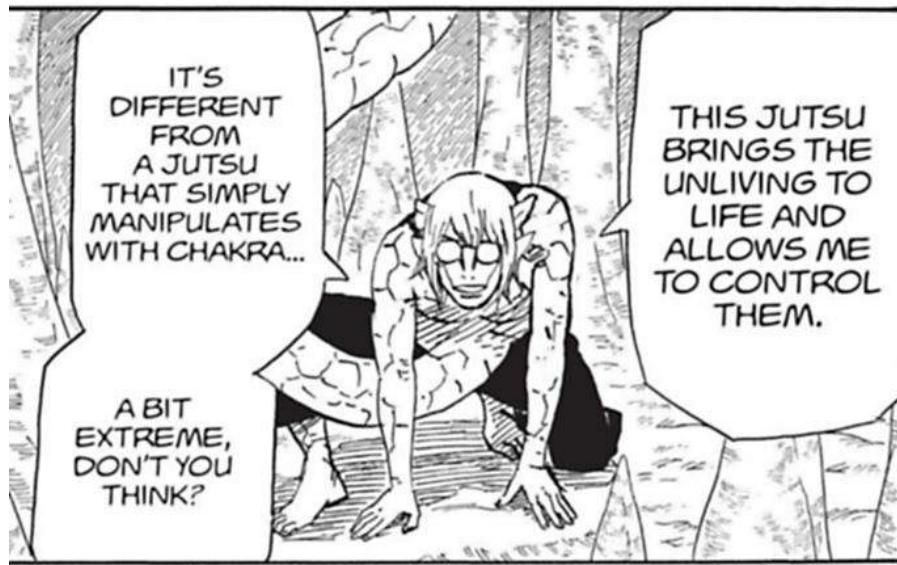




Number 582: Nothing









I HAVE
EVOLVED
FROM
HUMAN TO
SNAKE TO
DRAGON...

ALL THE LAWS
AND PRINCIPLES
OF NATURE
THAT LORD
OROCHIMARU HAD
ONCE COMPILED
AND STUDIED...

...ARE NOW
STORED AND
BEING USED
INSIDE OF ME.

I AM SO NEAR
THE POINT
WHERE I CAN
ACHIEVE AND
CONTROL
EVERYTHING...

UNFOR-
TUNATELY
FOR YOU,
I SHALL STILL
WIN.

NEXT TO ME,
UCHIHA ARE
NOTHING!

I AM THE
CLOSEST
THING IN THIS
WORLD TO THE
SAGE OF SIX
PATHS...

...IT'S LIKE
LOOKING
AT MY
FORMER
SELF...

KABUTO...
WHEN I
LOOK AT
YOU...

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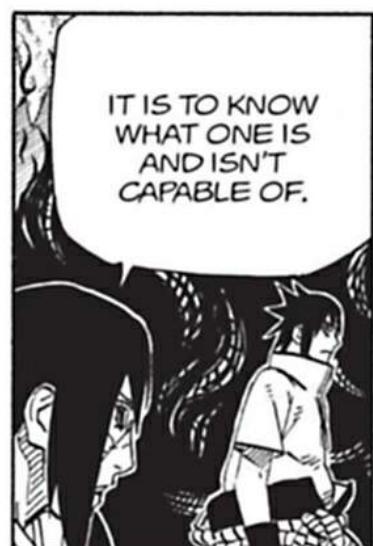
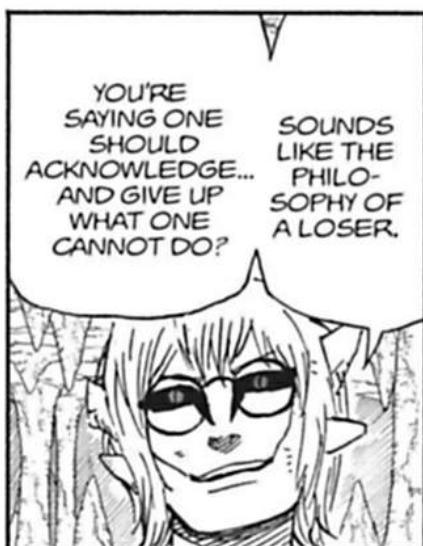
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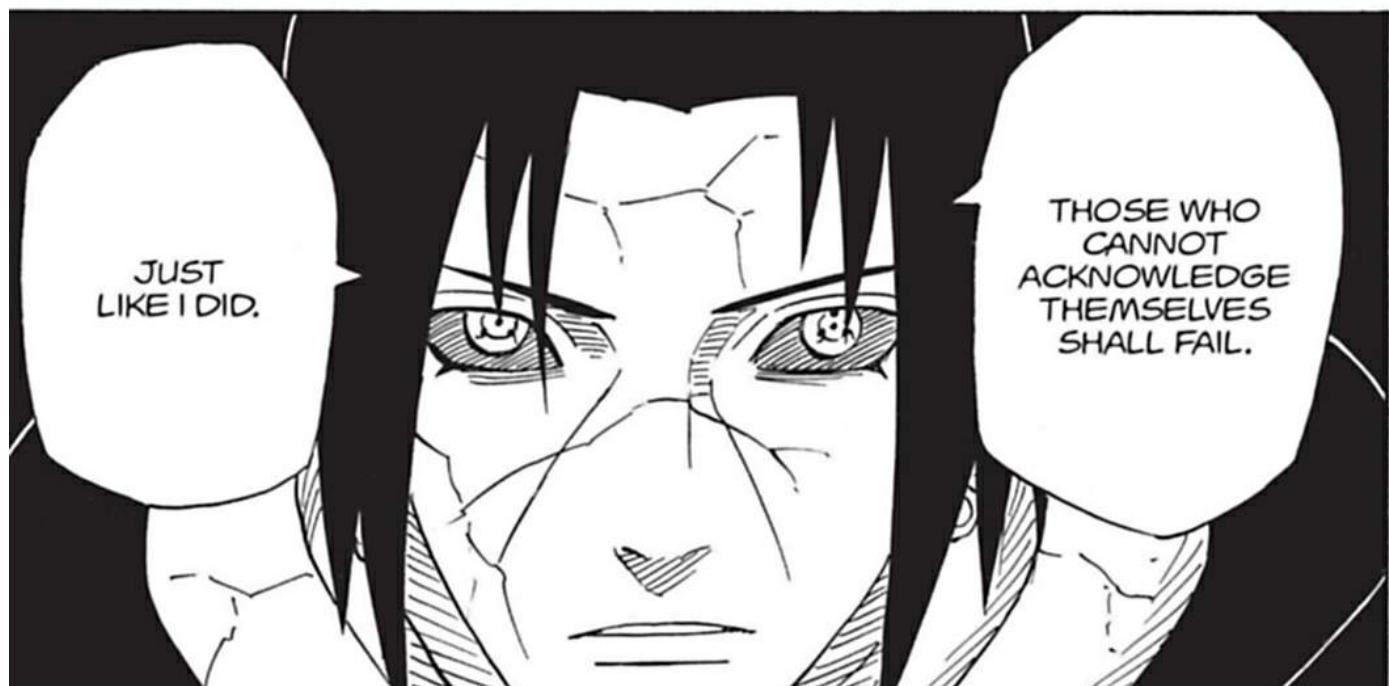
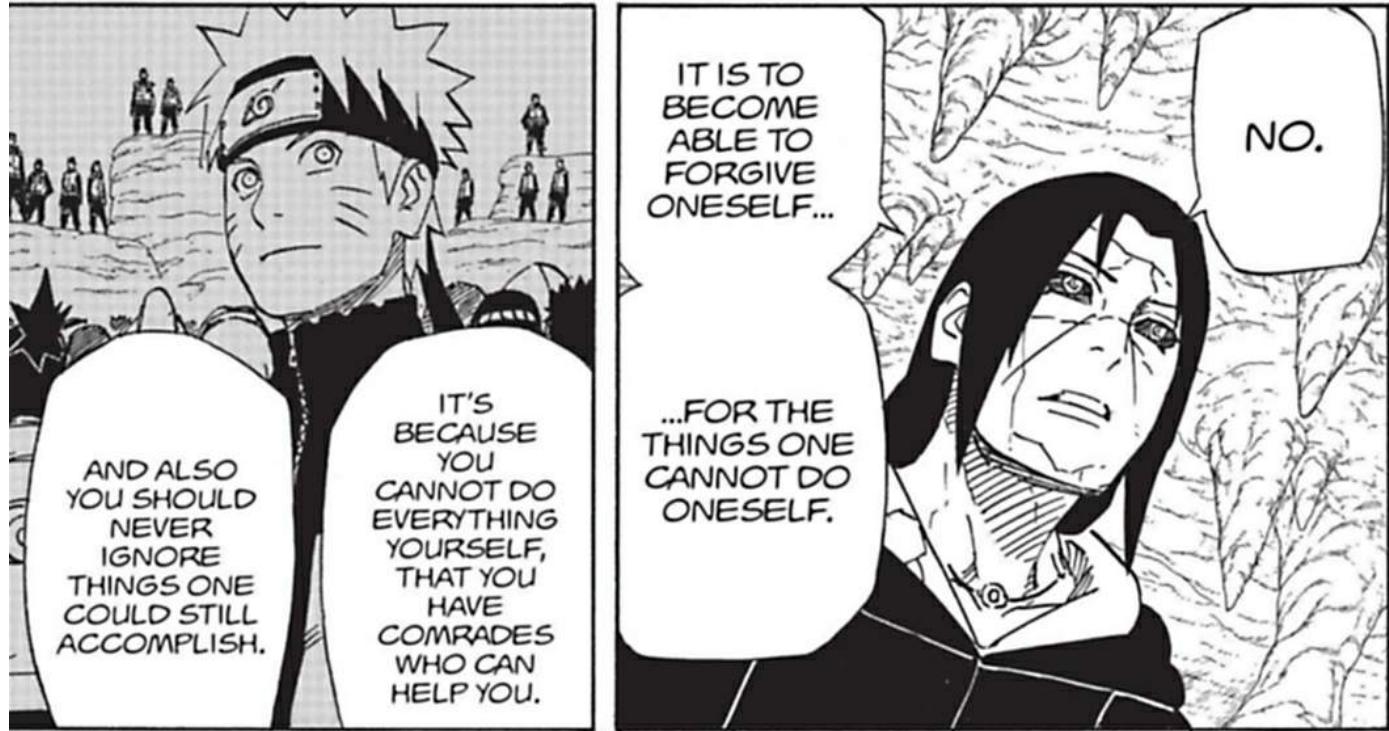
YOU
SEE...

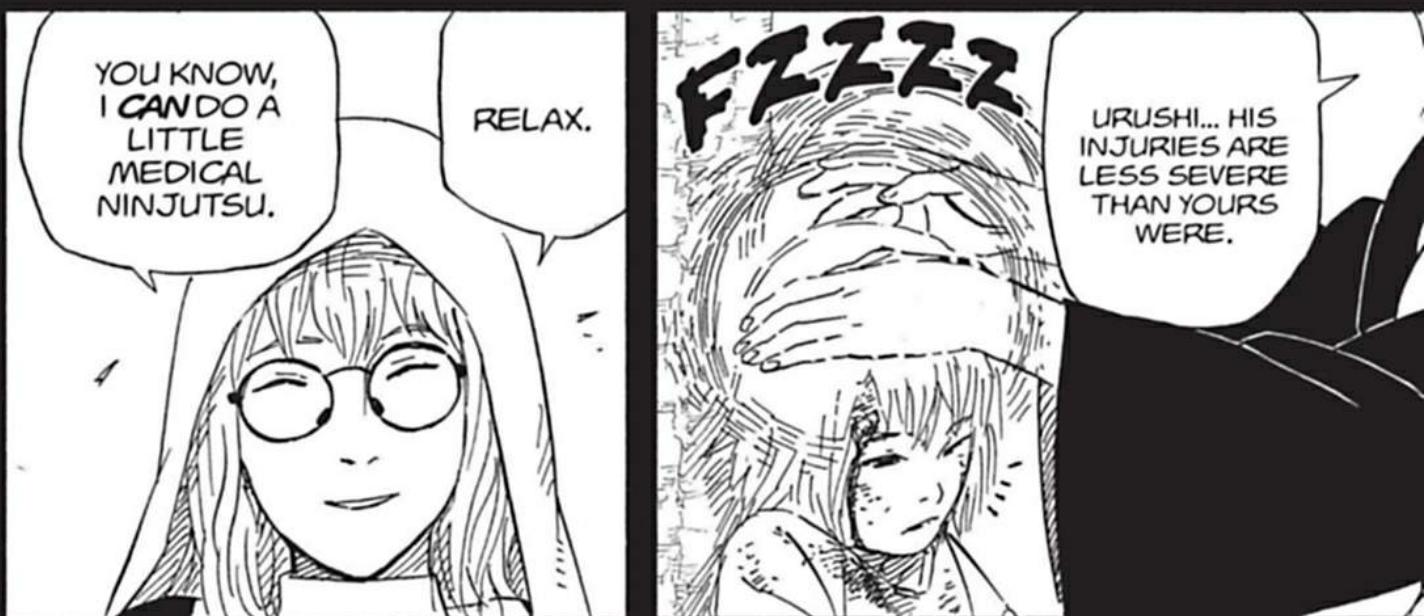
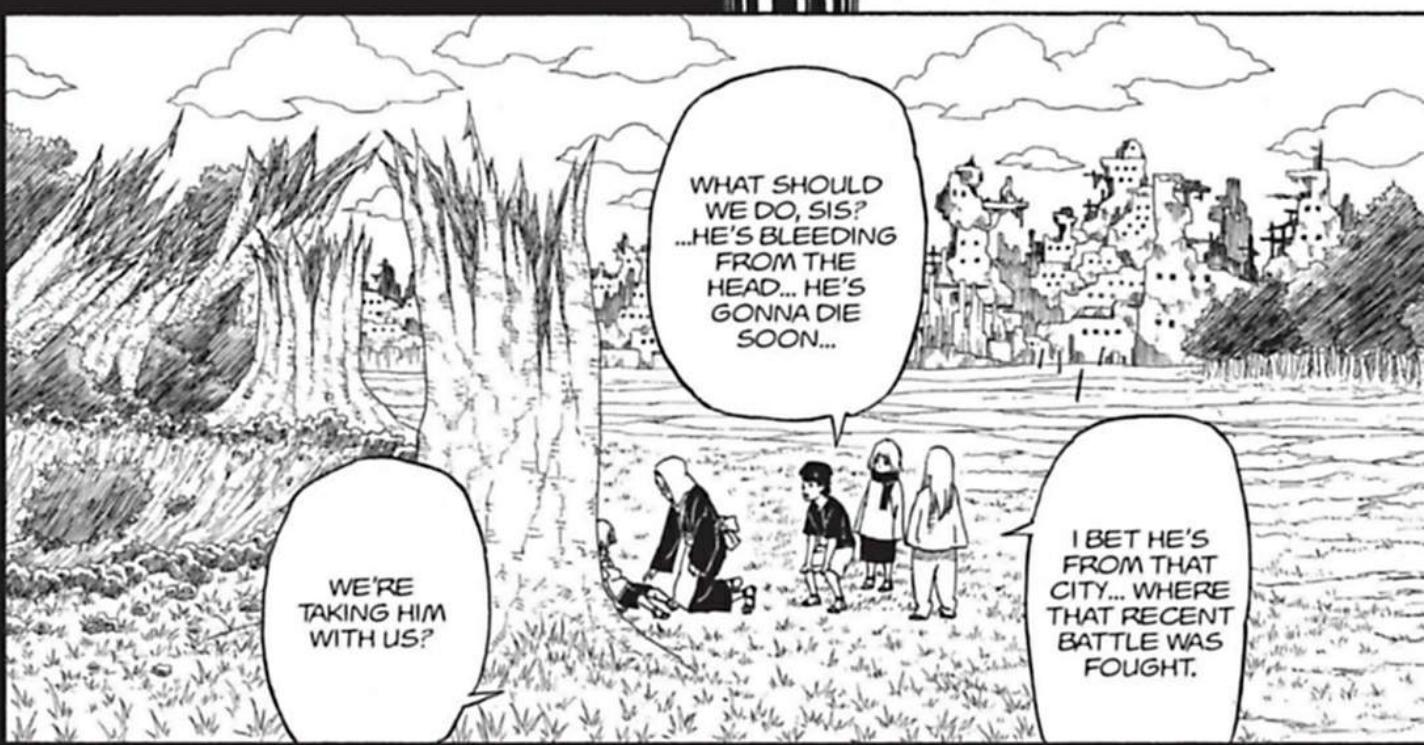
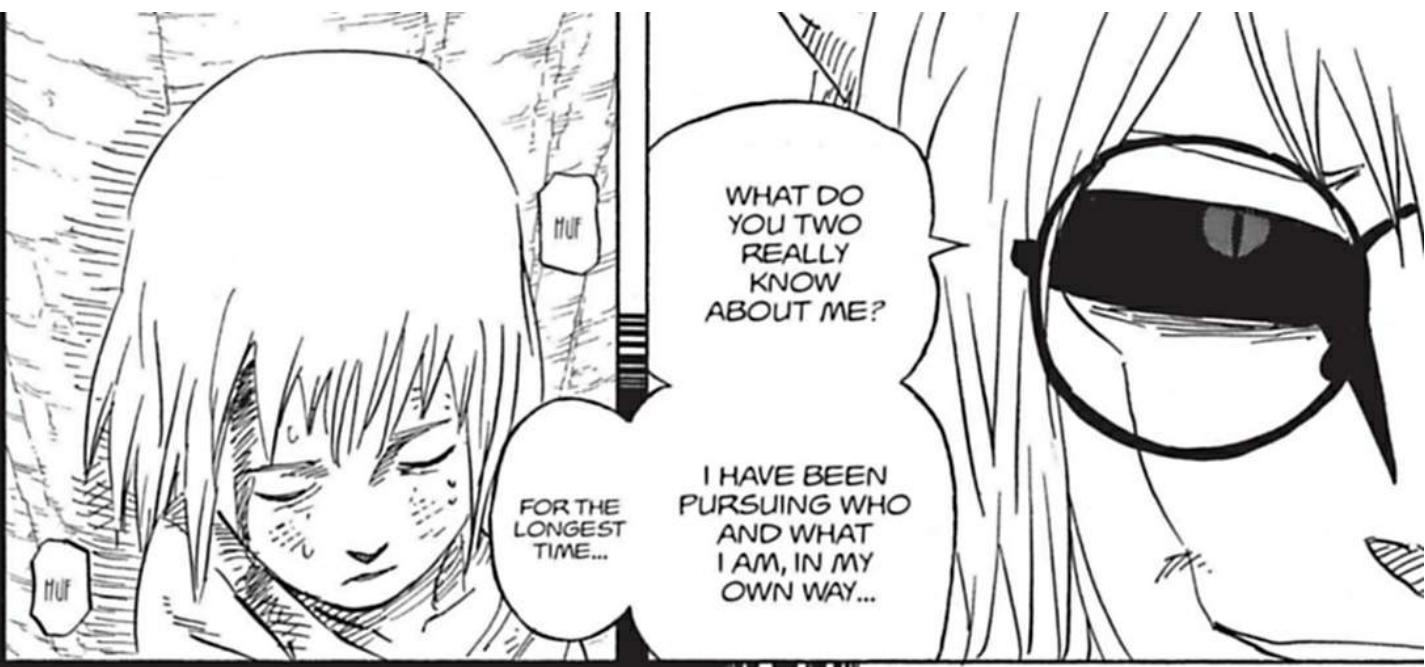
YOU DON'T
KNOW THE
UCHIHA!

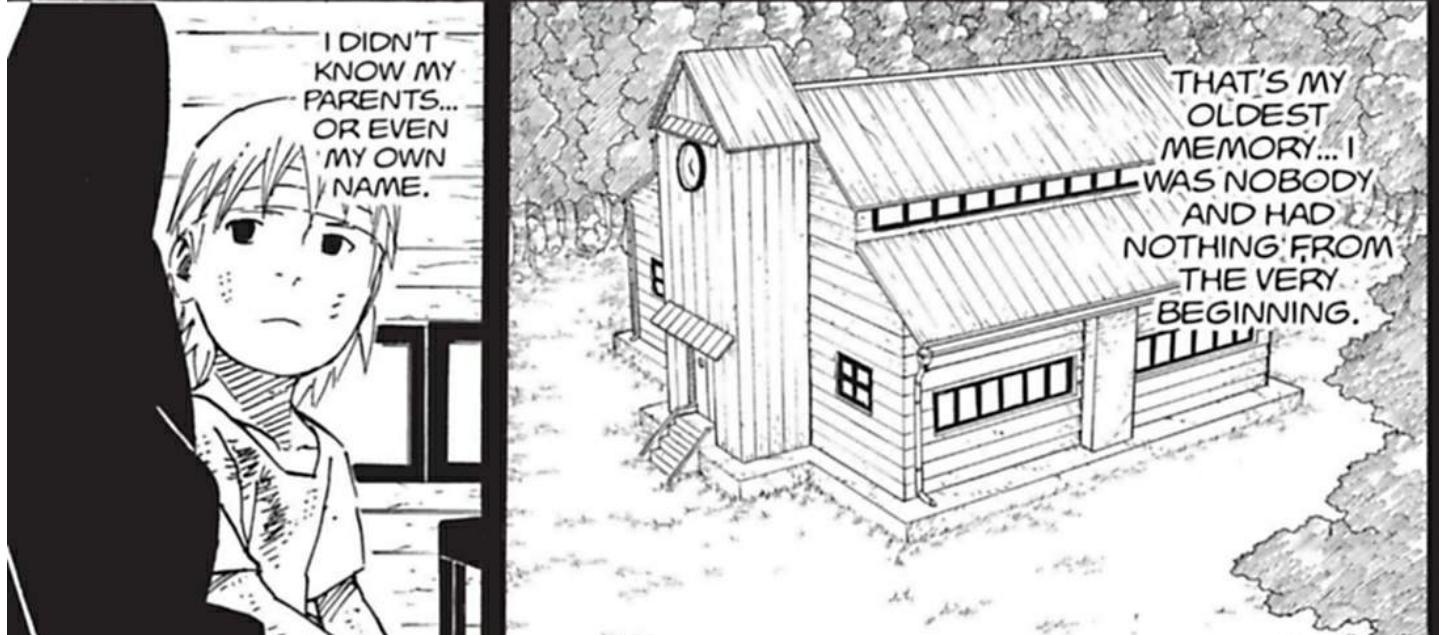
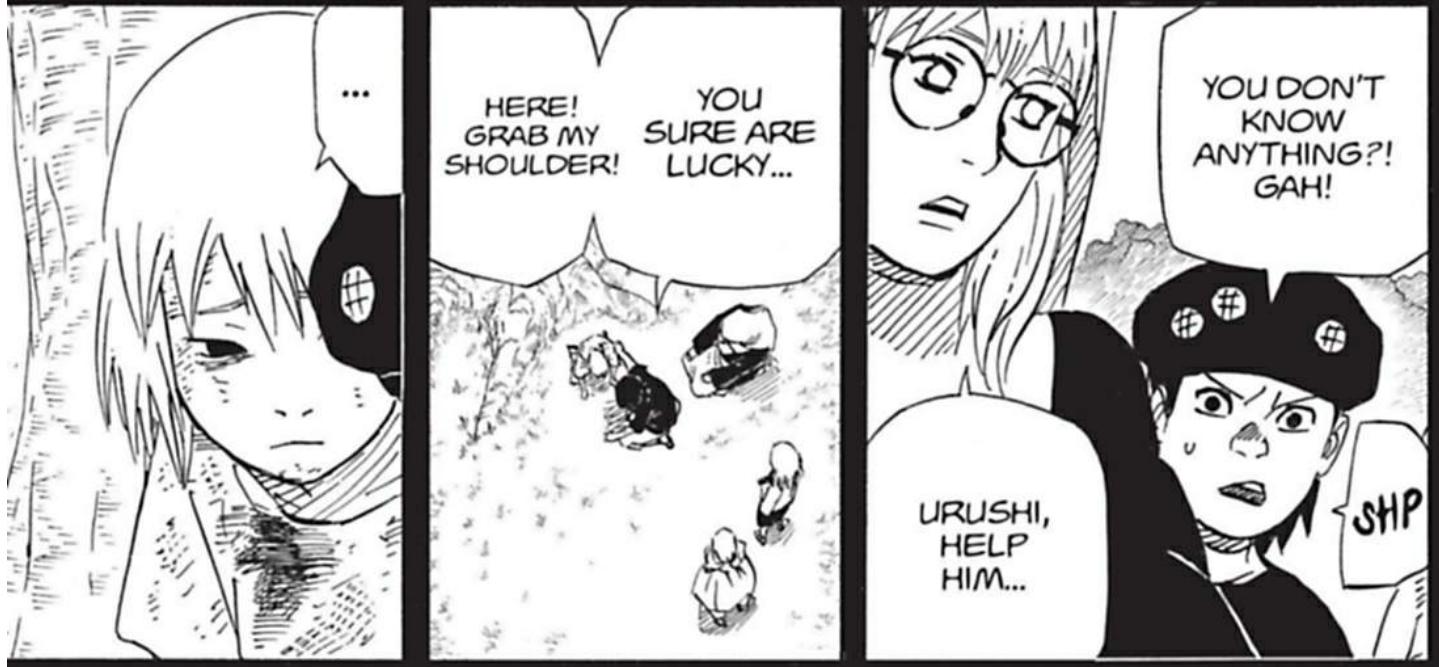
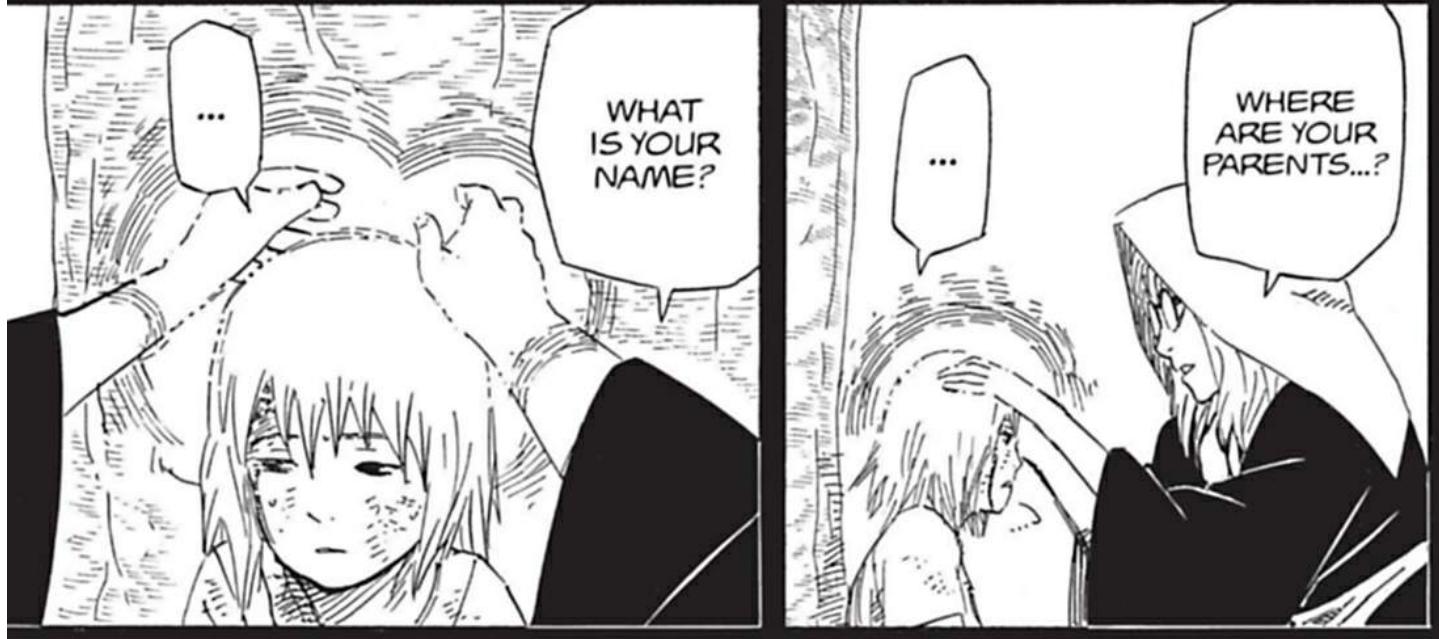


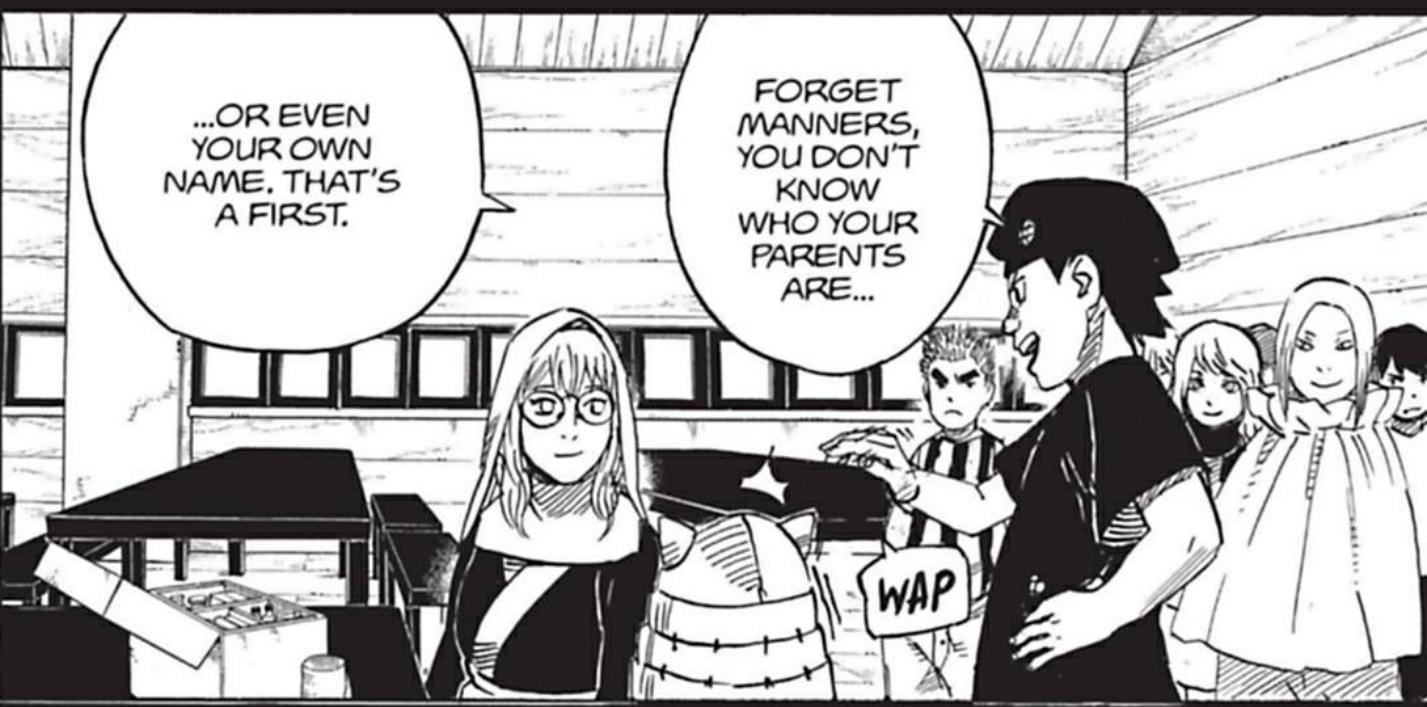
I HATE YOU BUT I UNDERSTAND YOU.

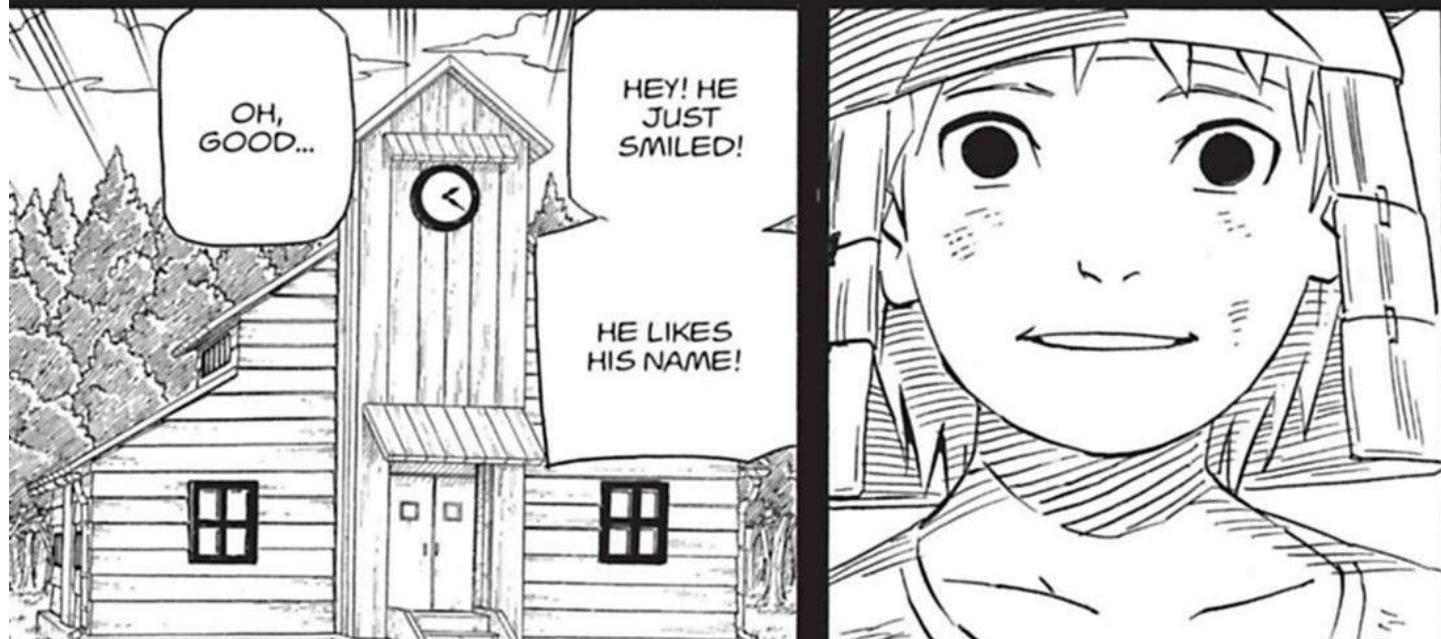
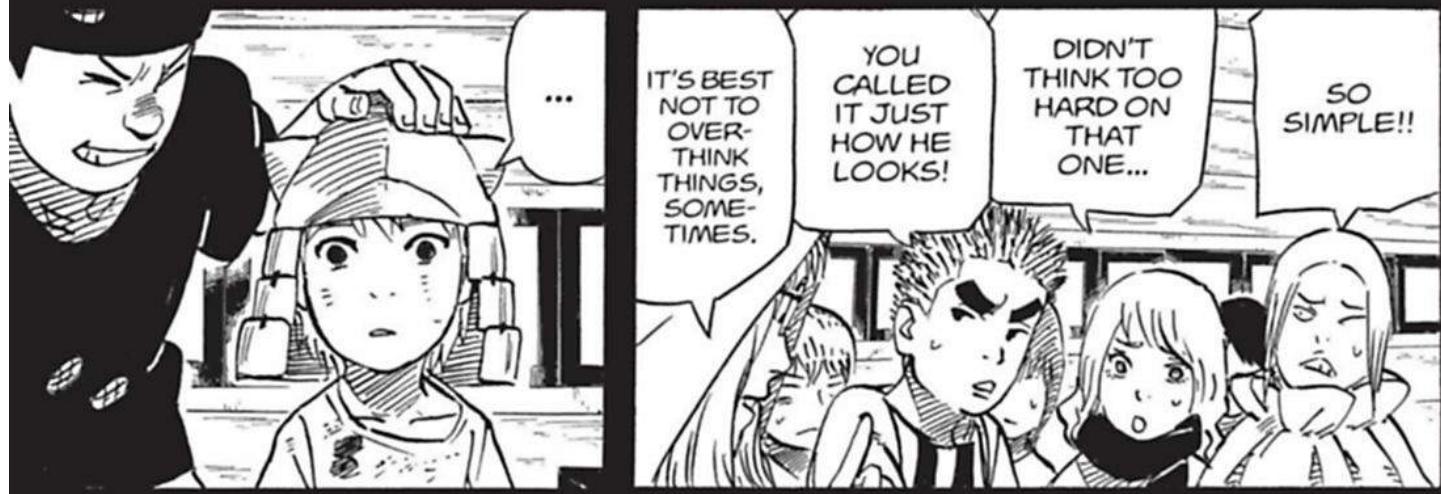
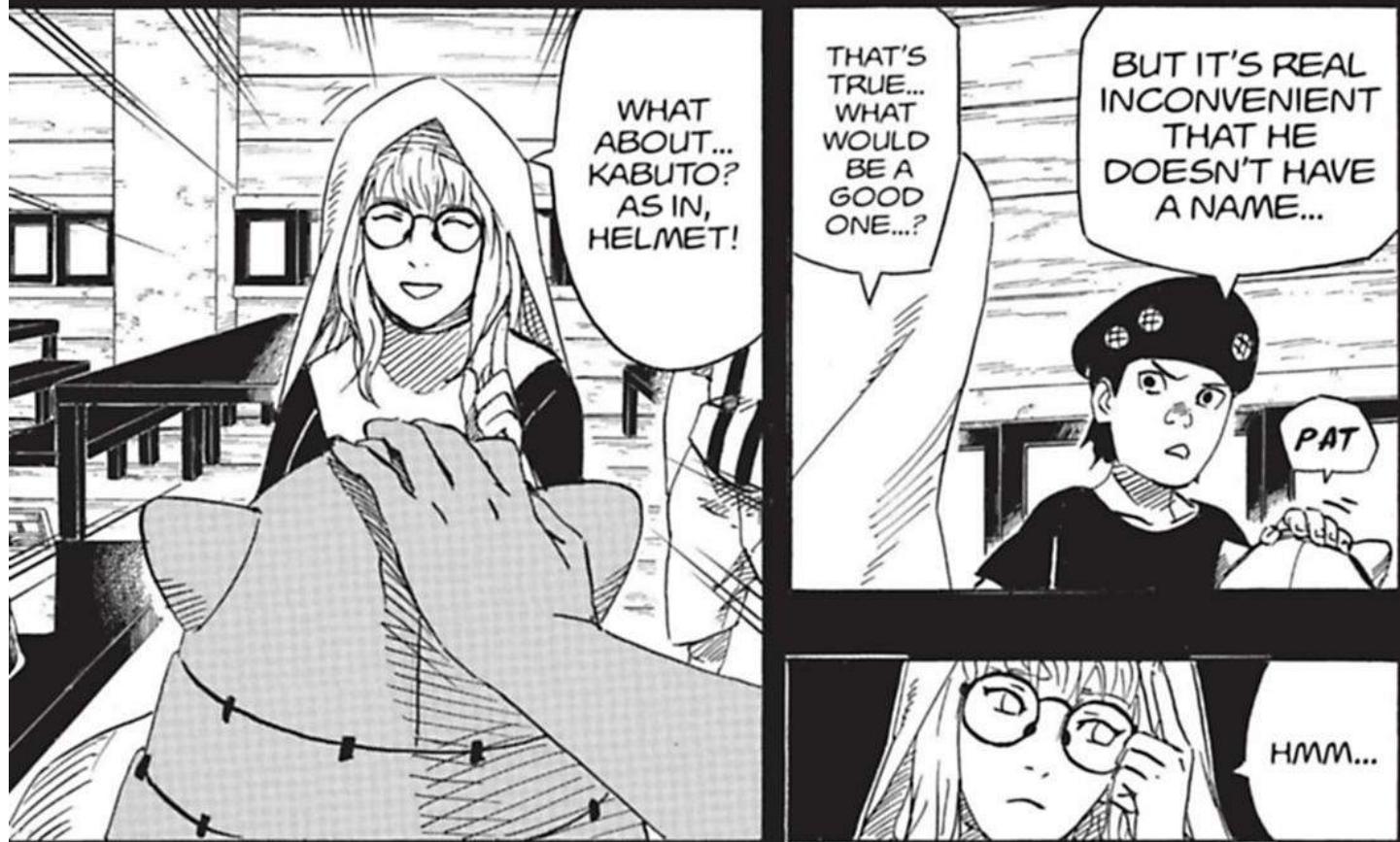


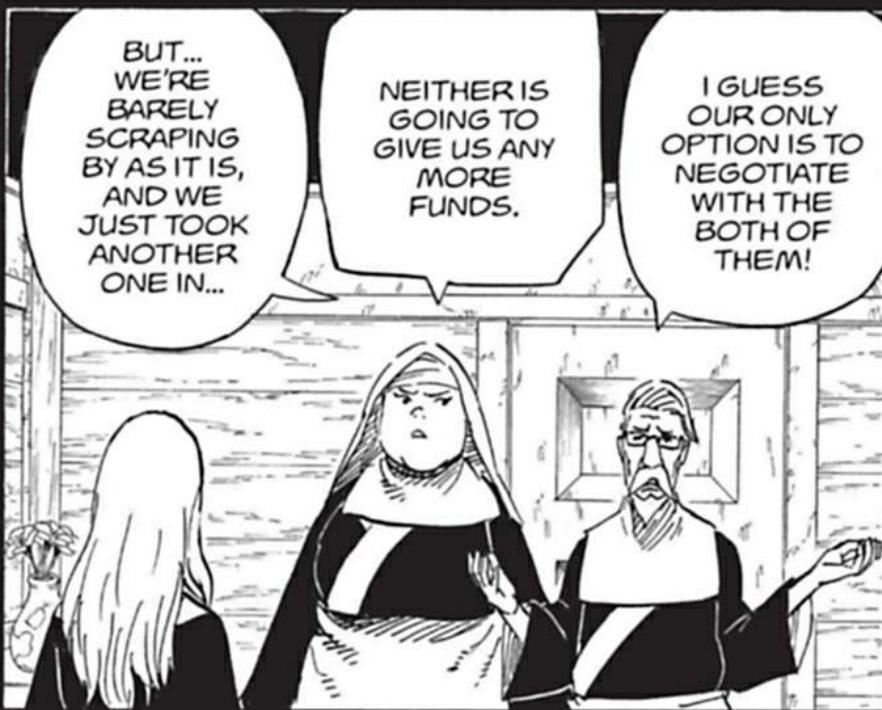
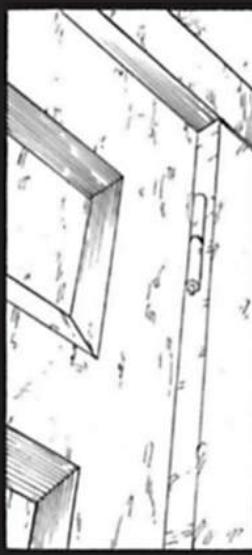
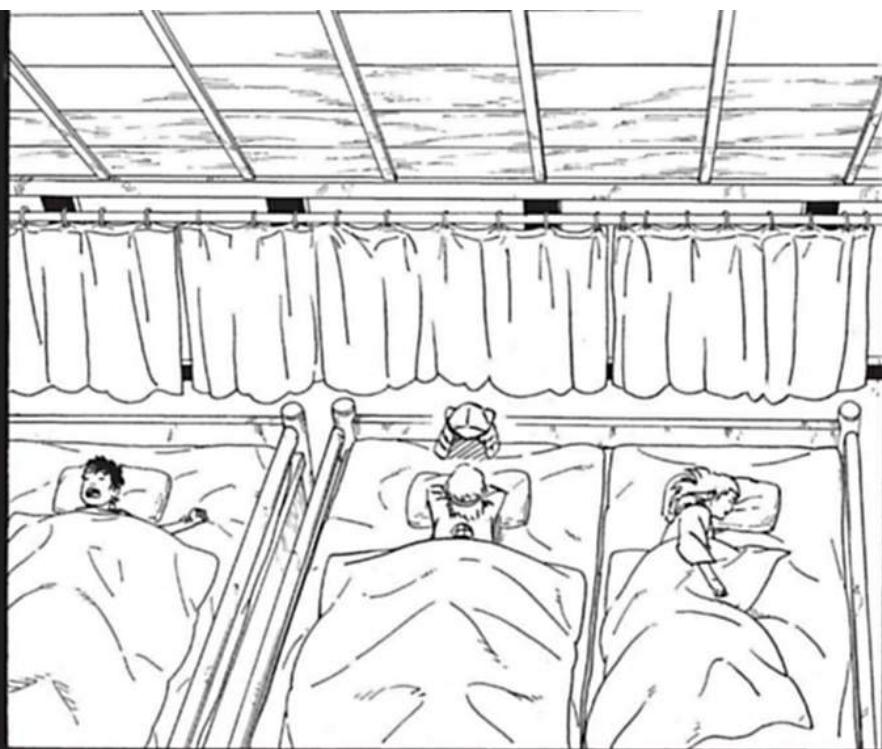


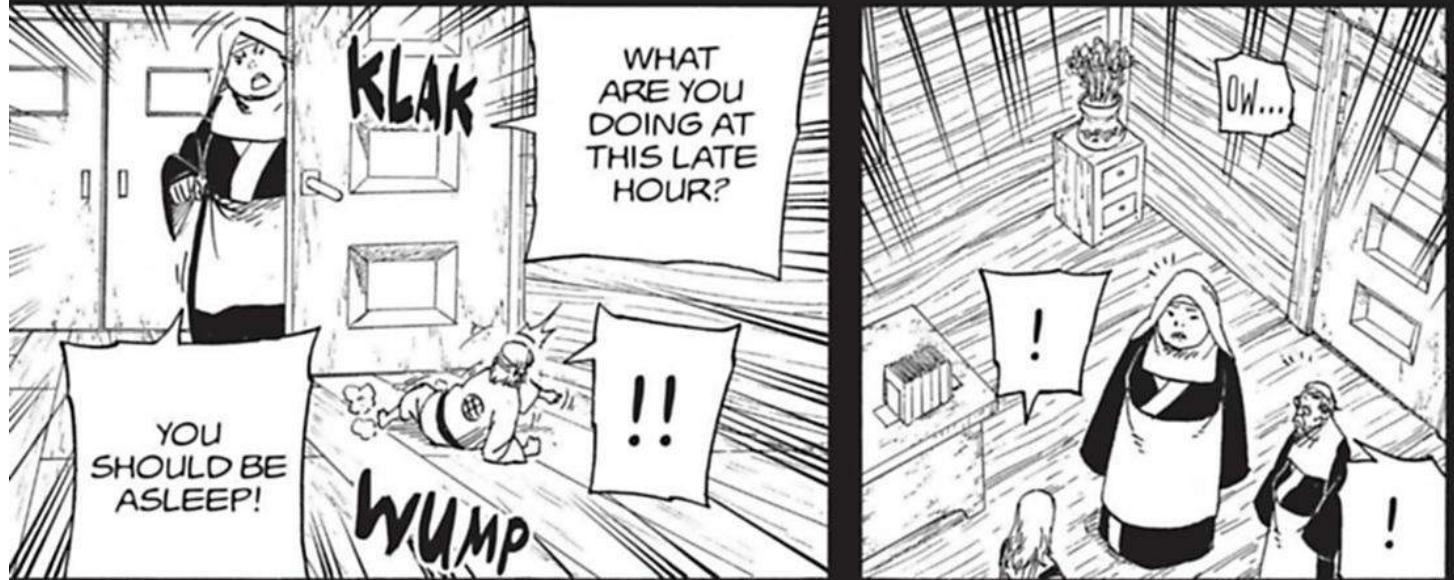
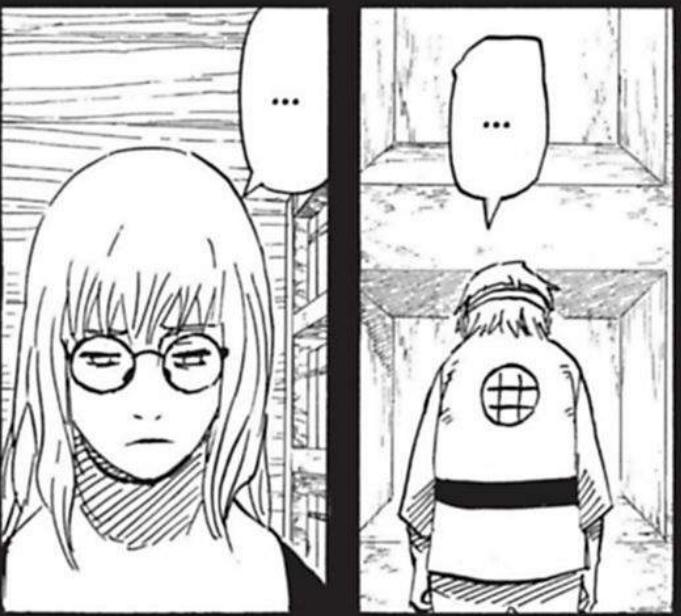
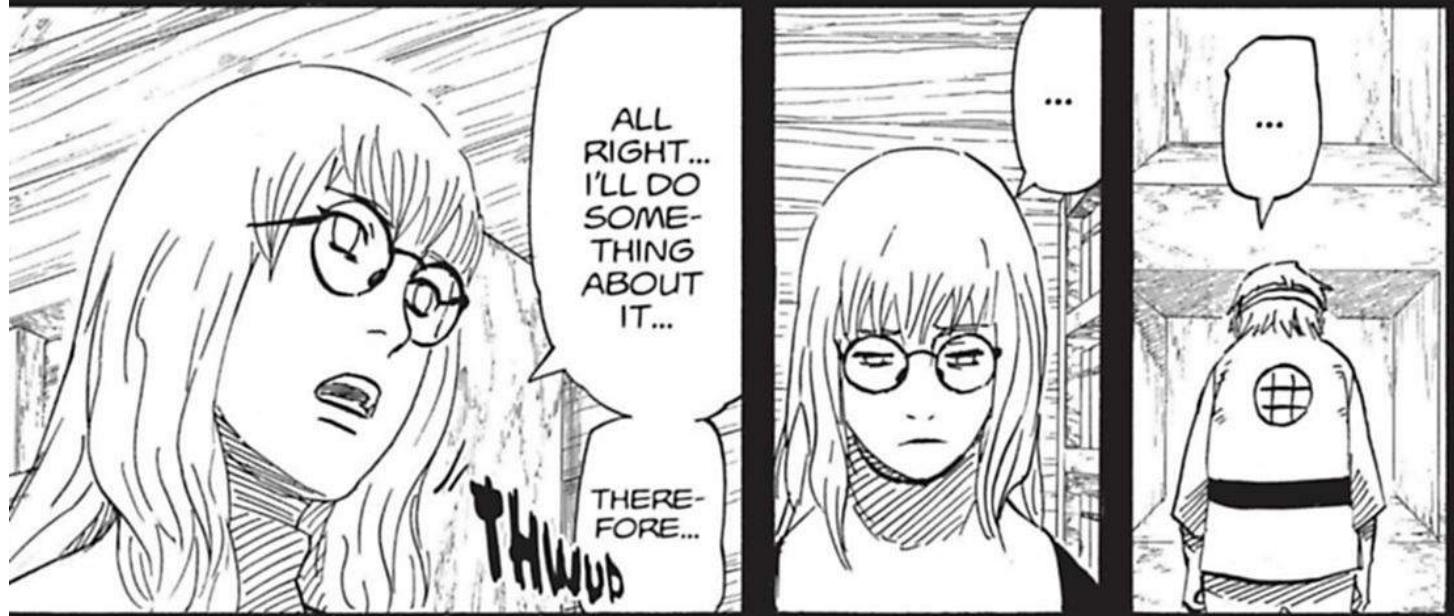


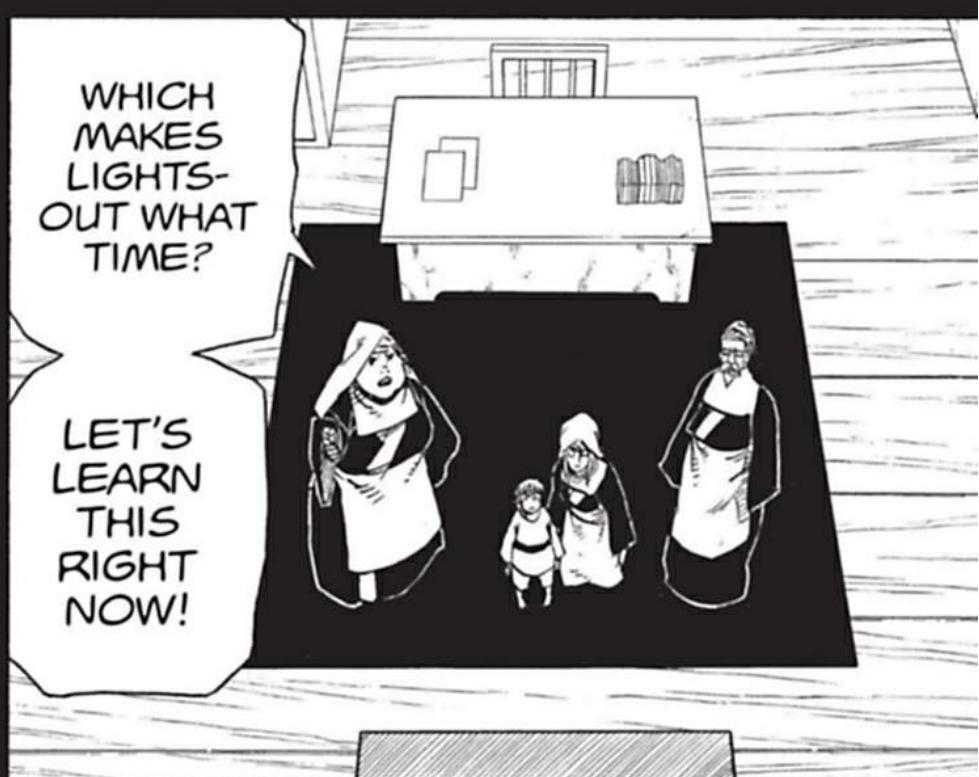
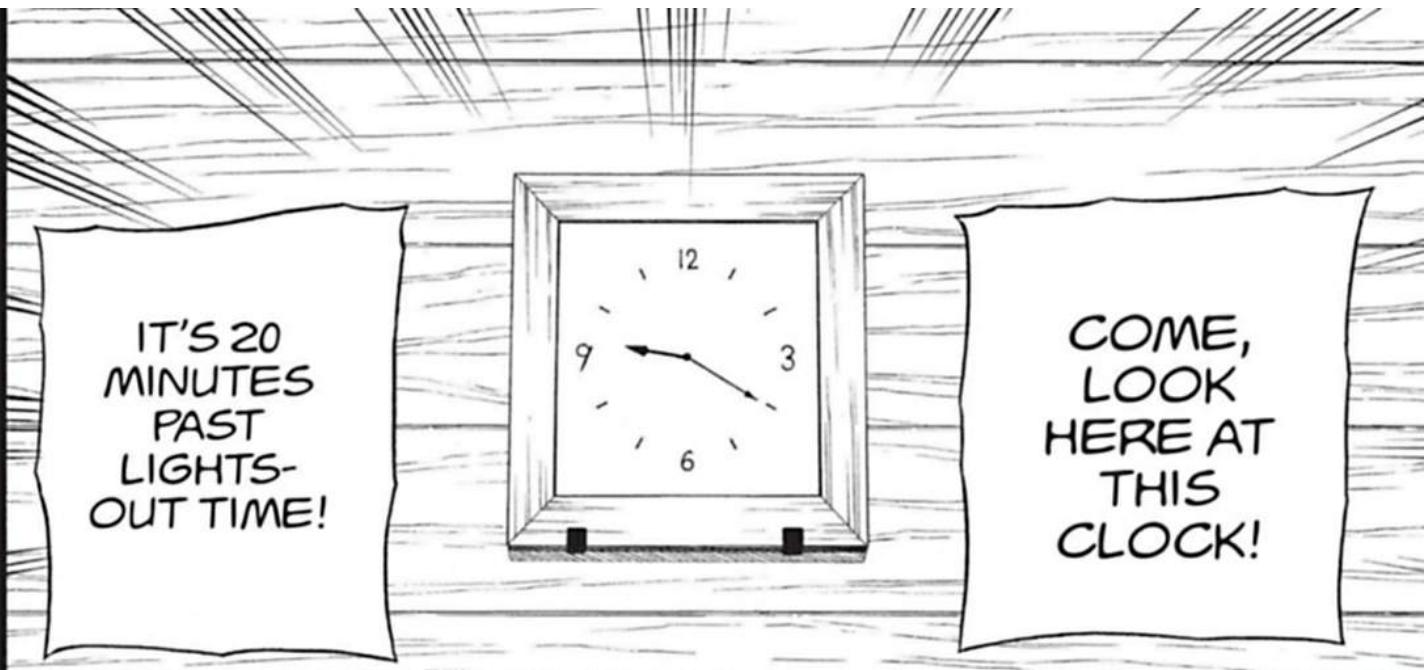


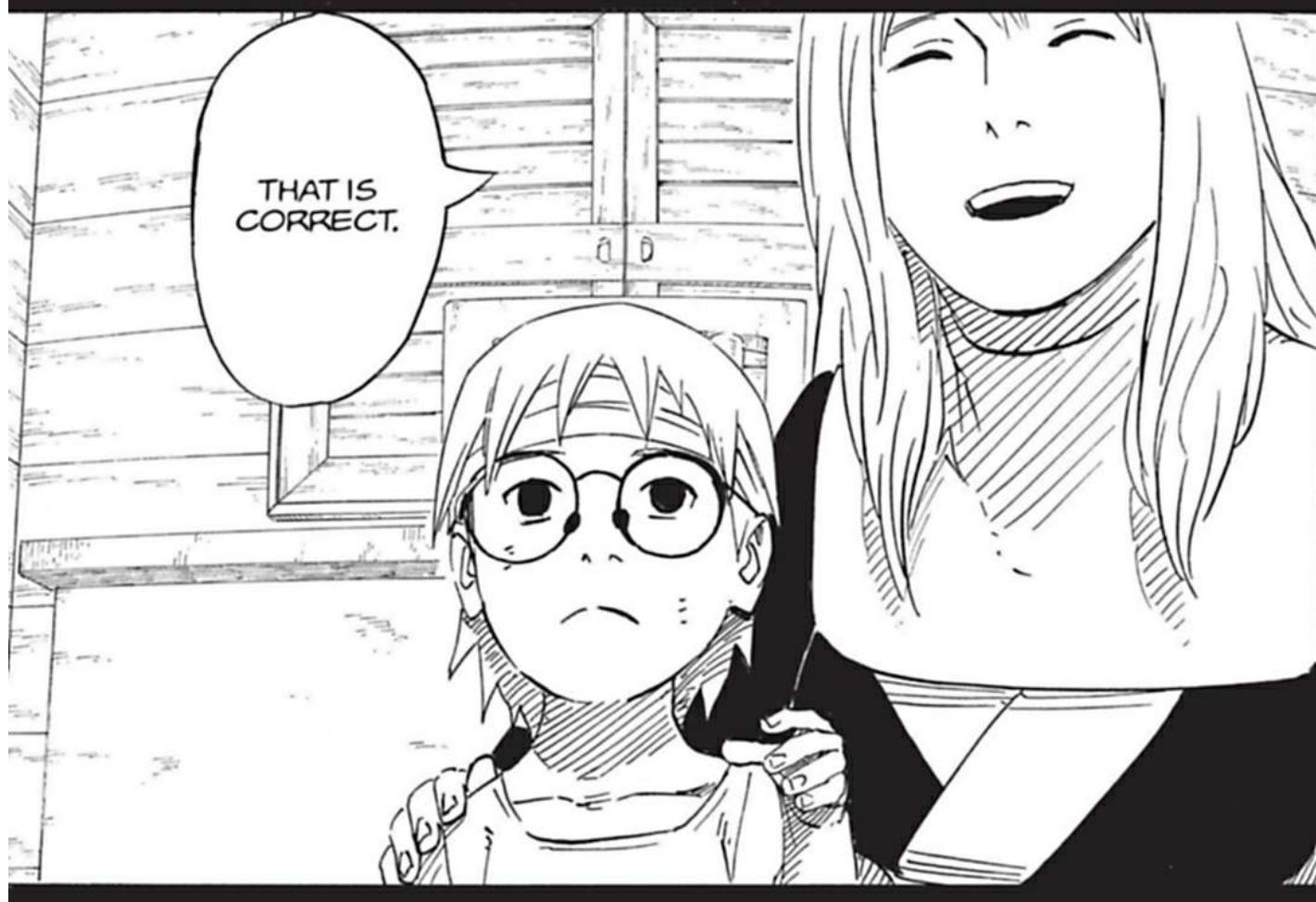


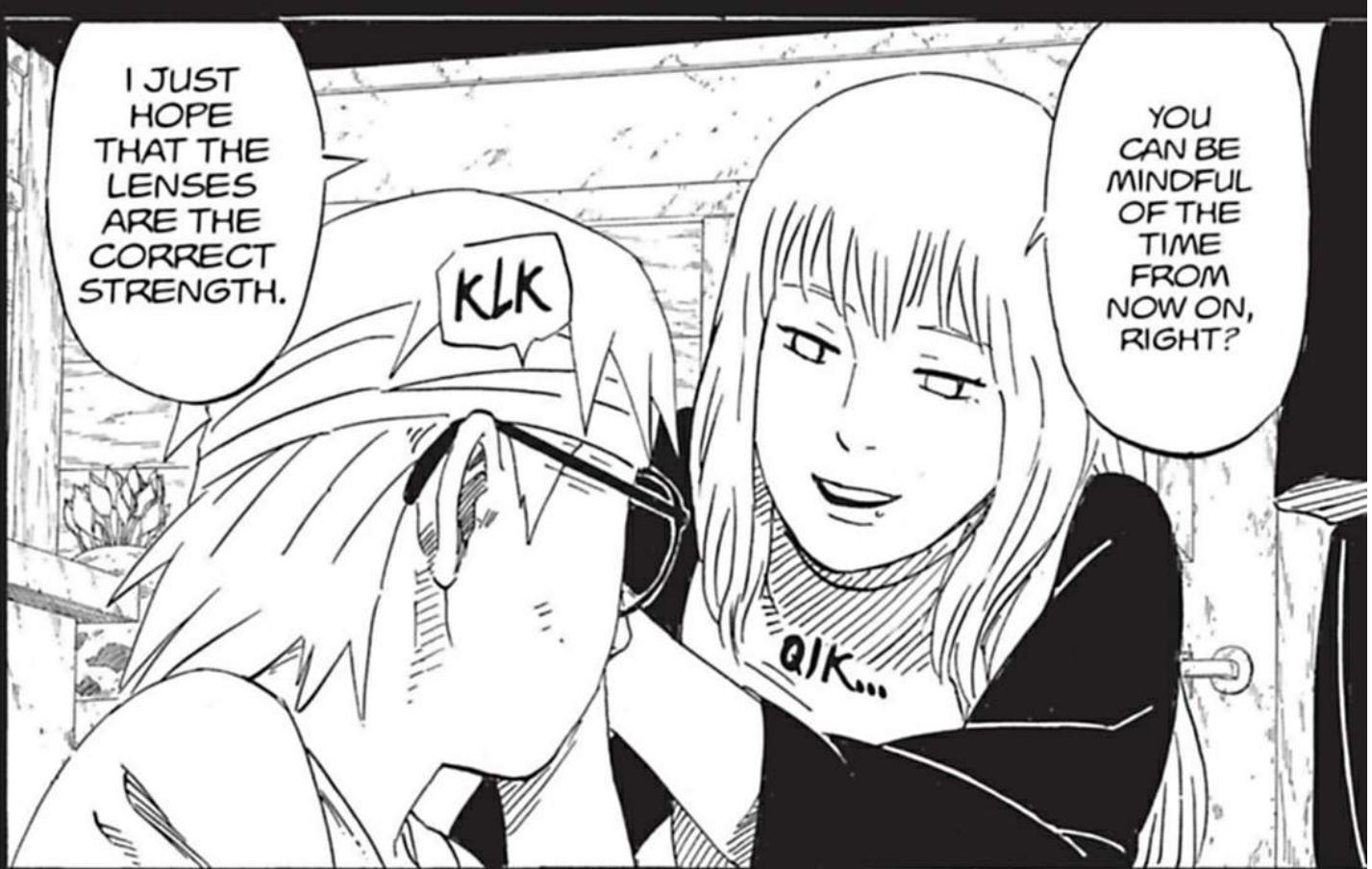


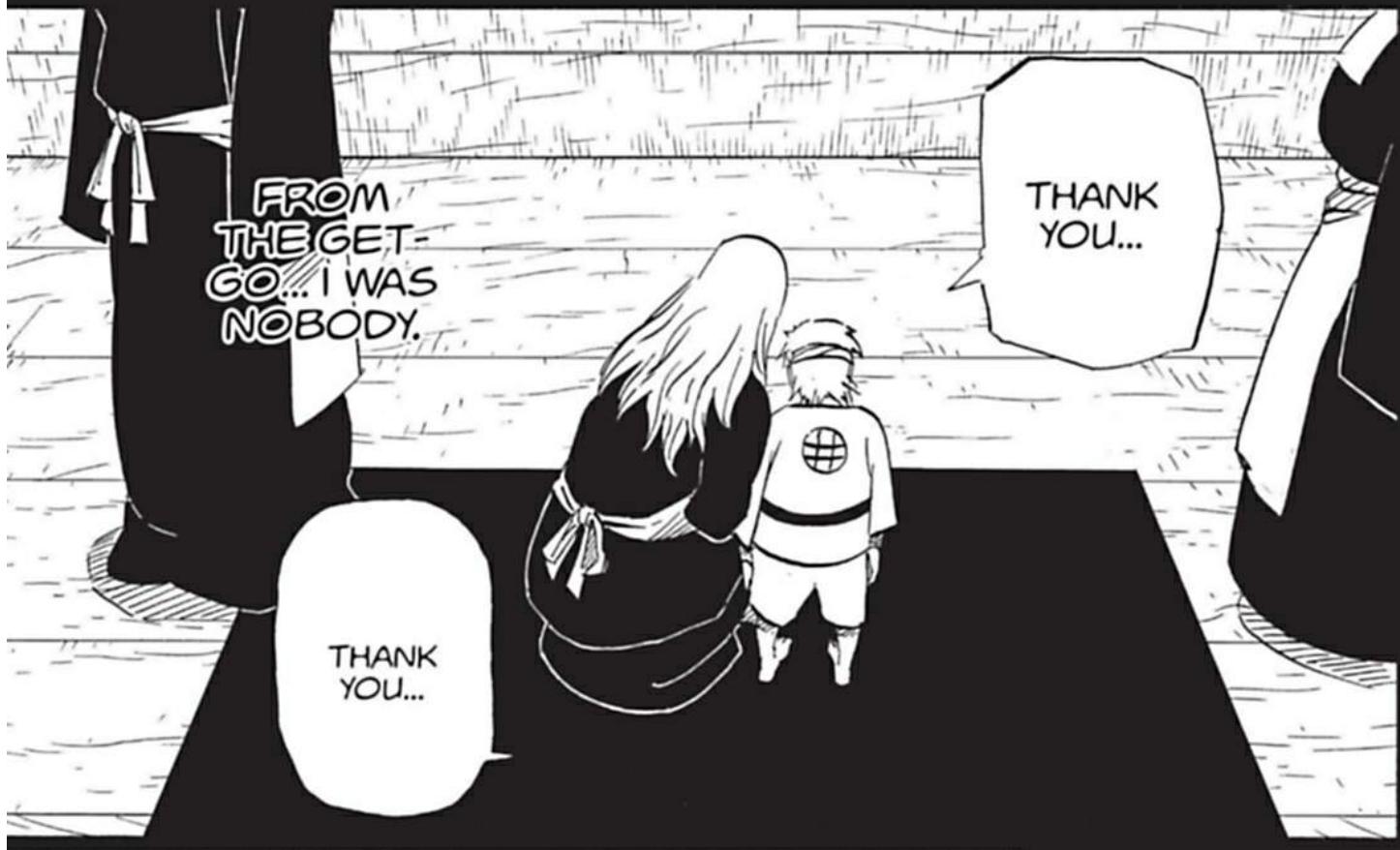




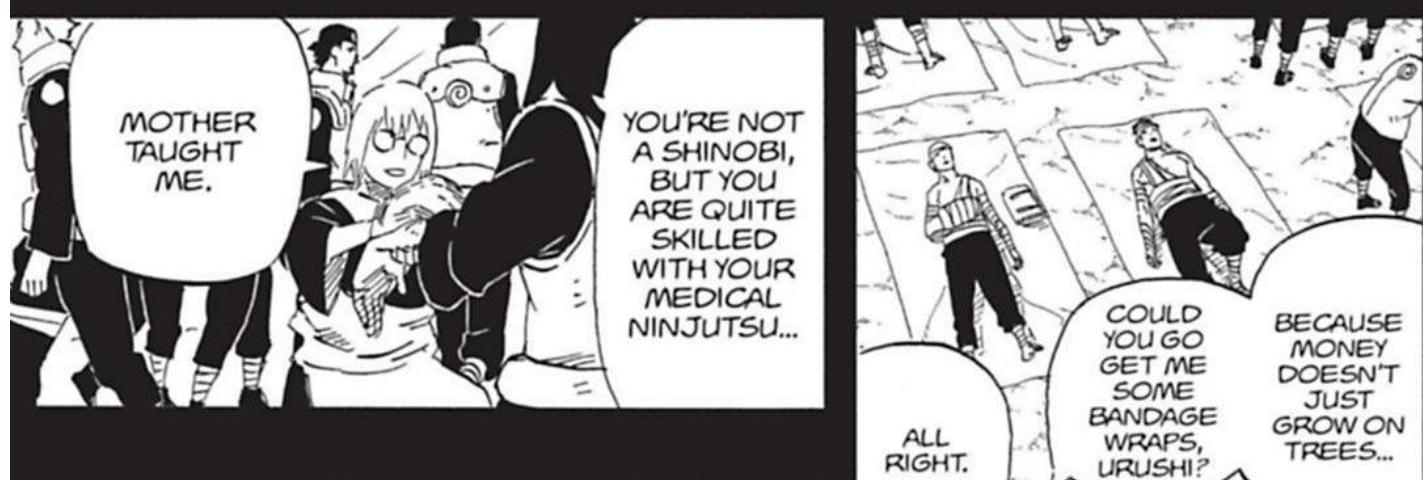
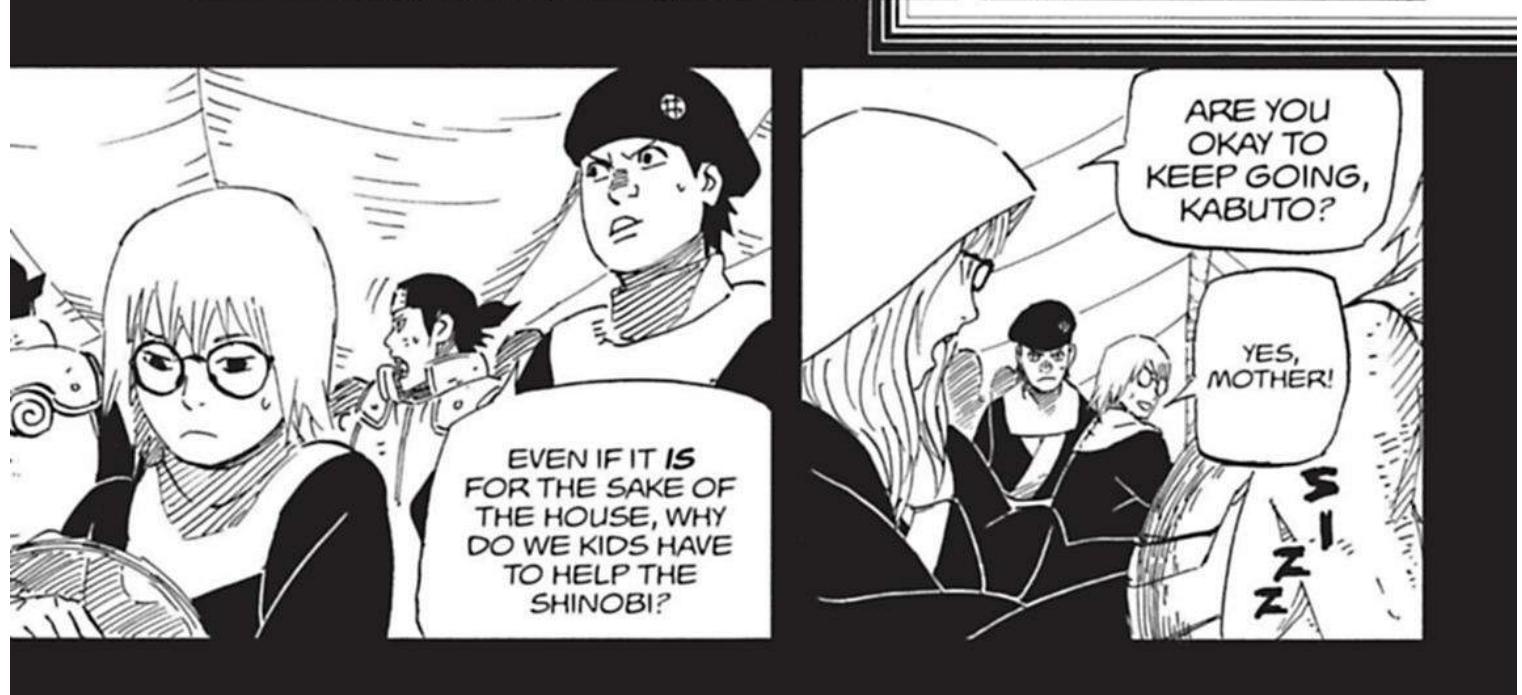


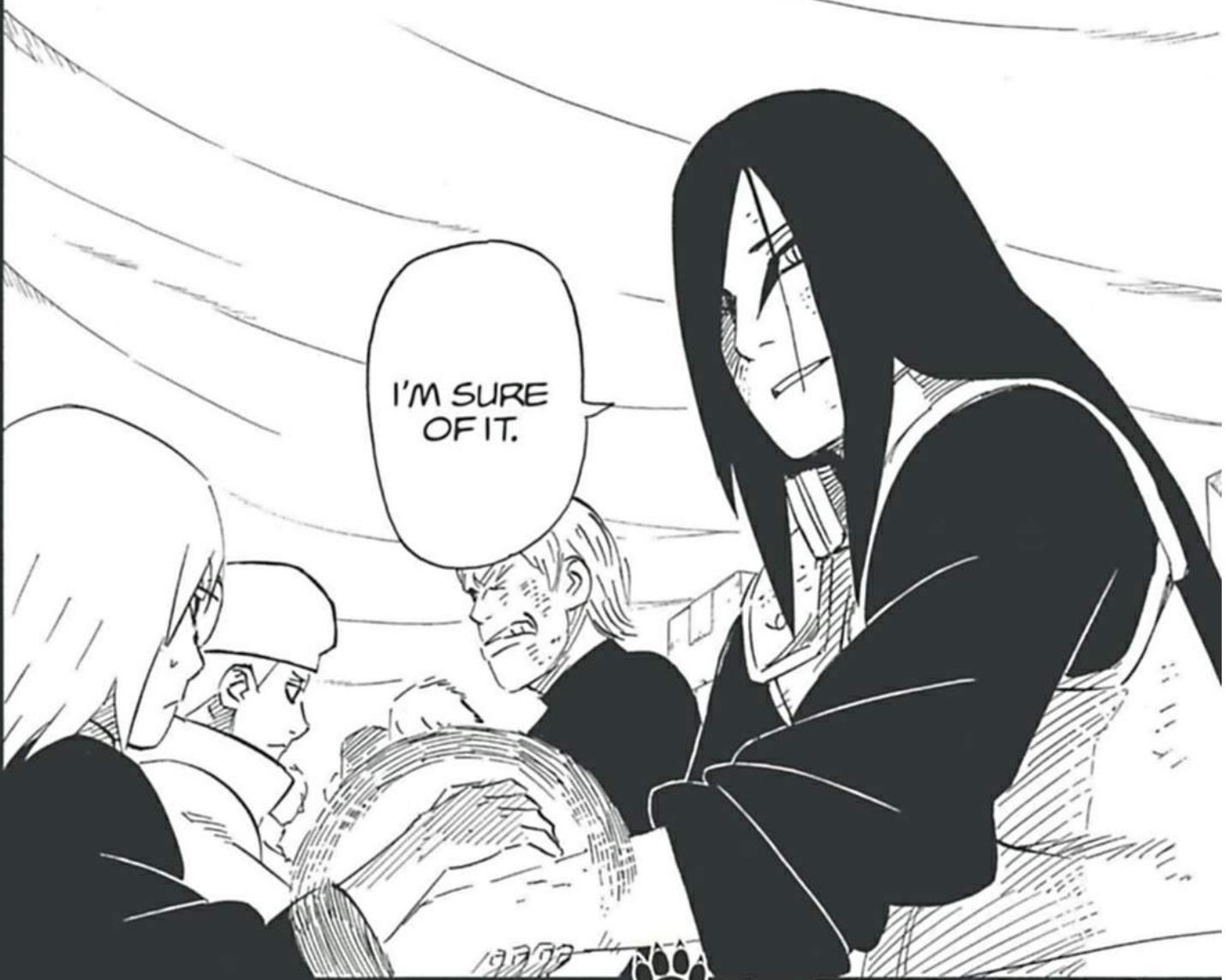












Number 583: Who Are You?



I JUST WANT TO
HELP EARN THE
MONEY FOR THE
ORPHANAGE TO
STAY OPEN SO I
CAN STAY AND
HELP MOTHER
WITH HER WORK.

NO, BUT
THANK
YOU.

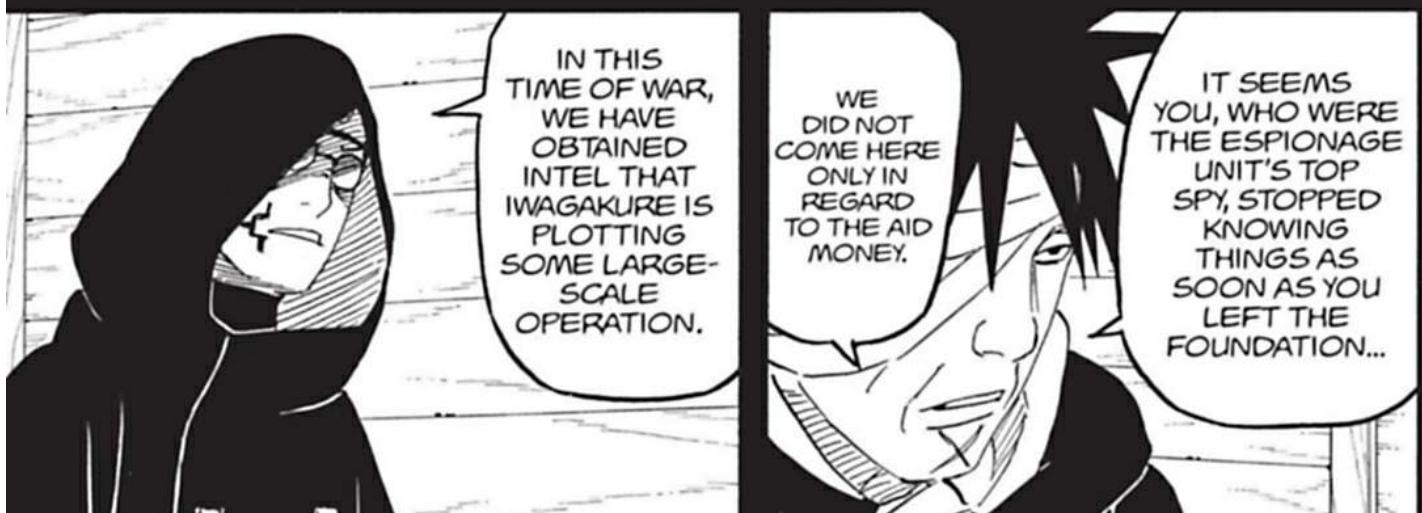
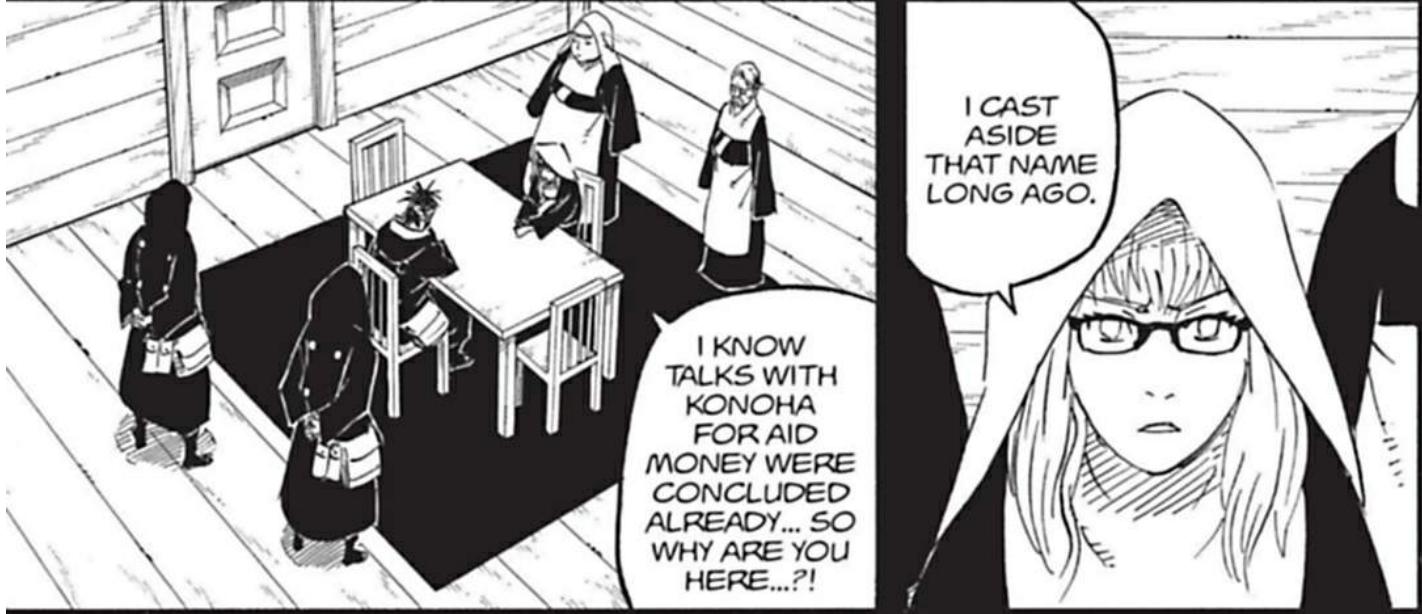
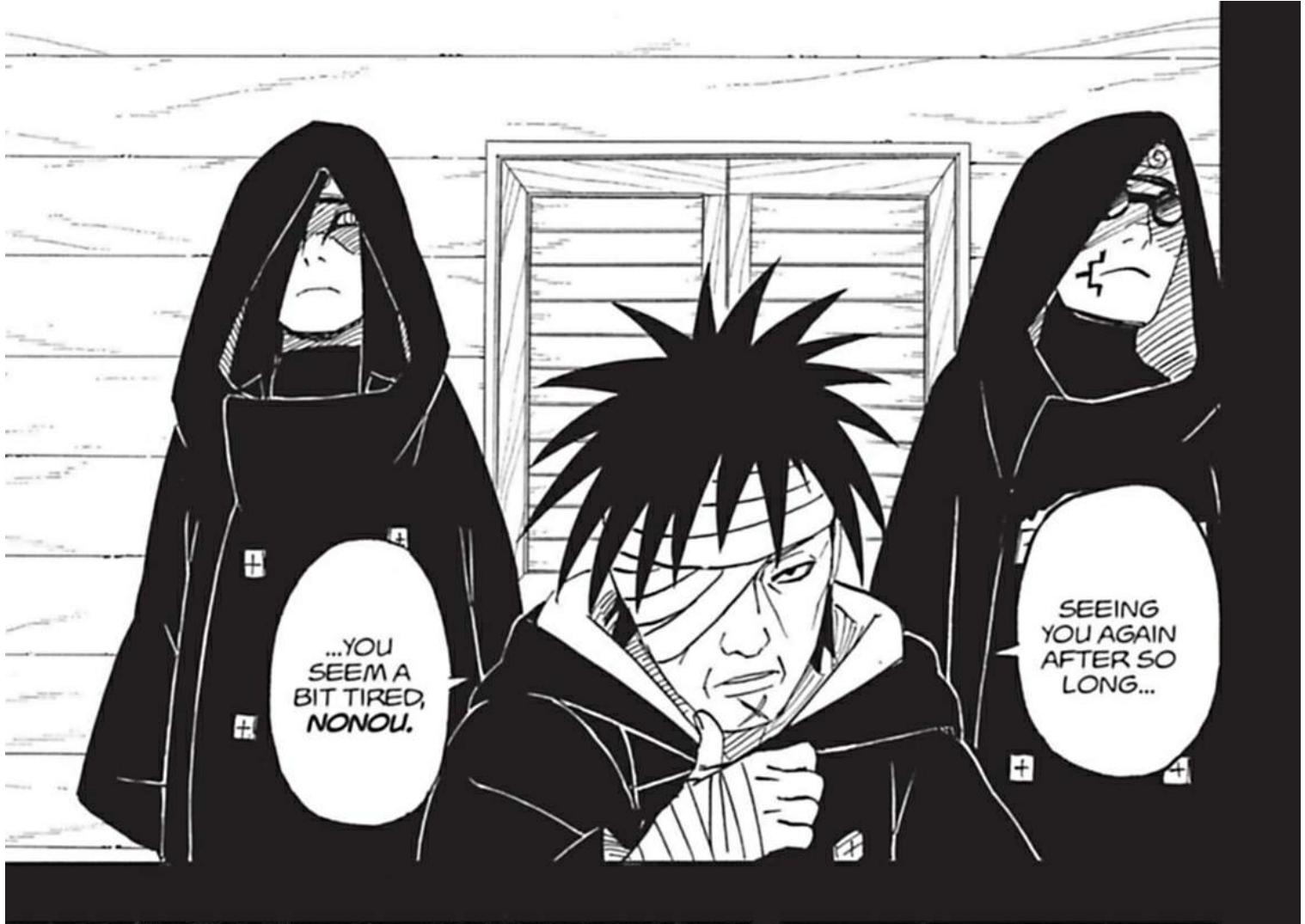


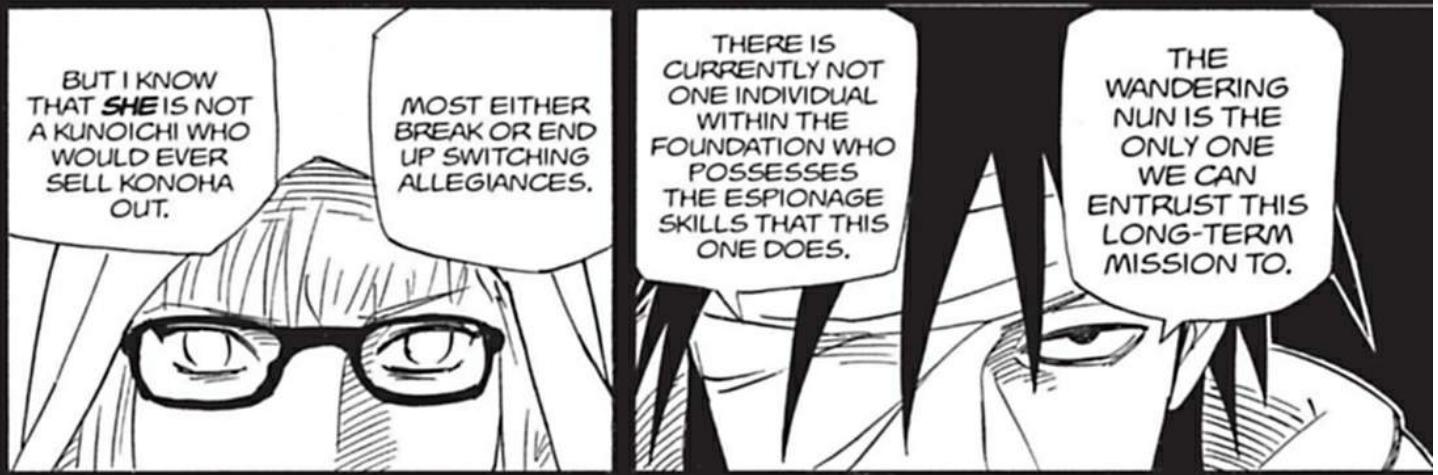
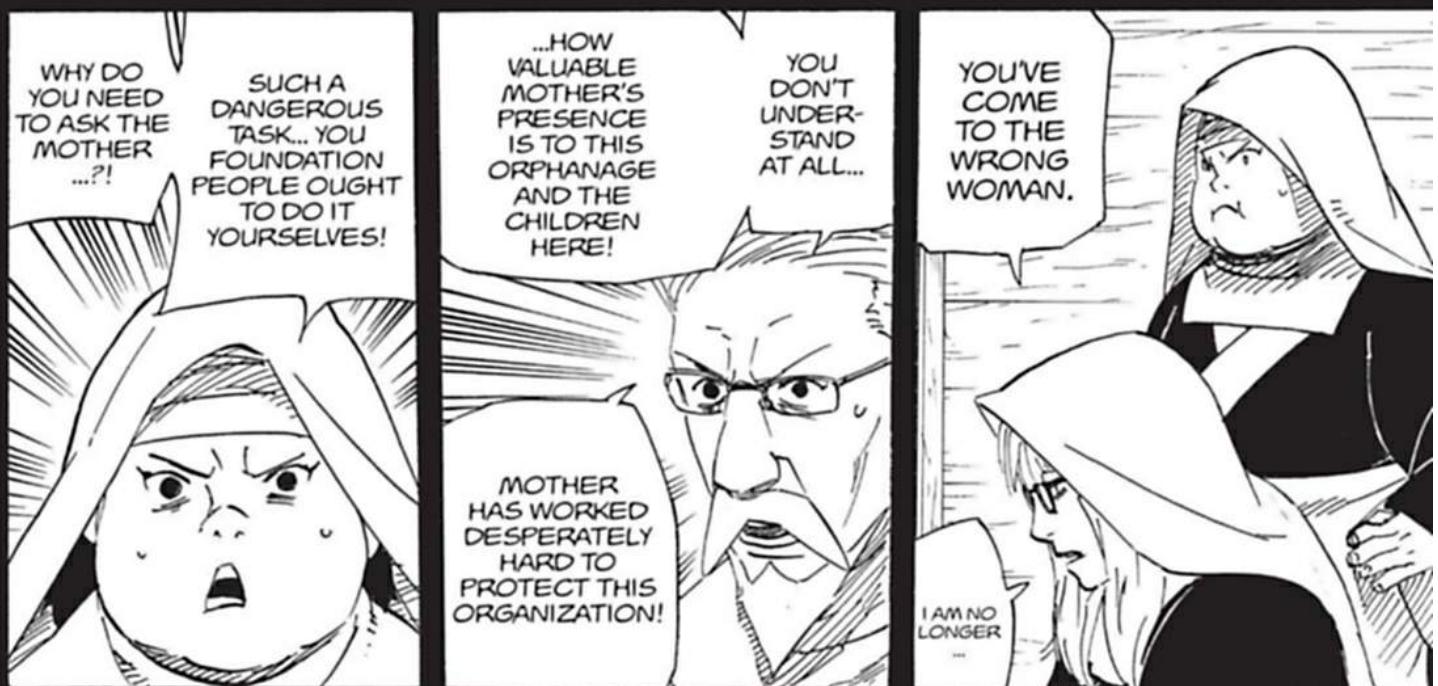
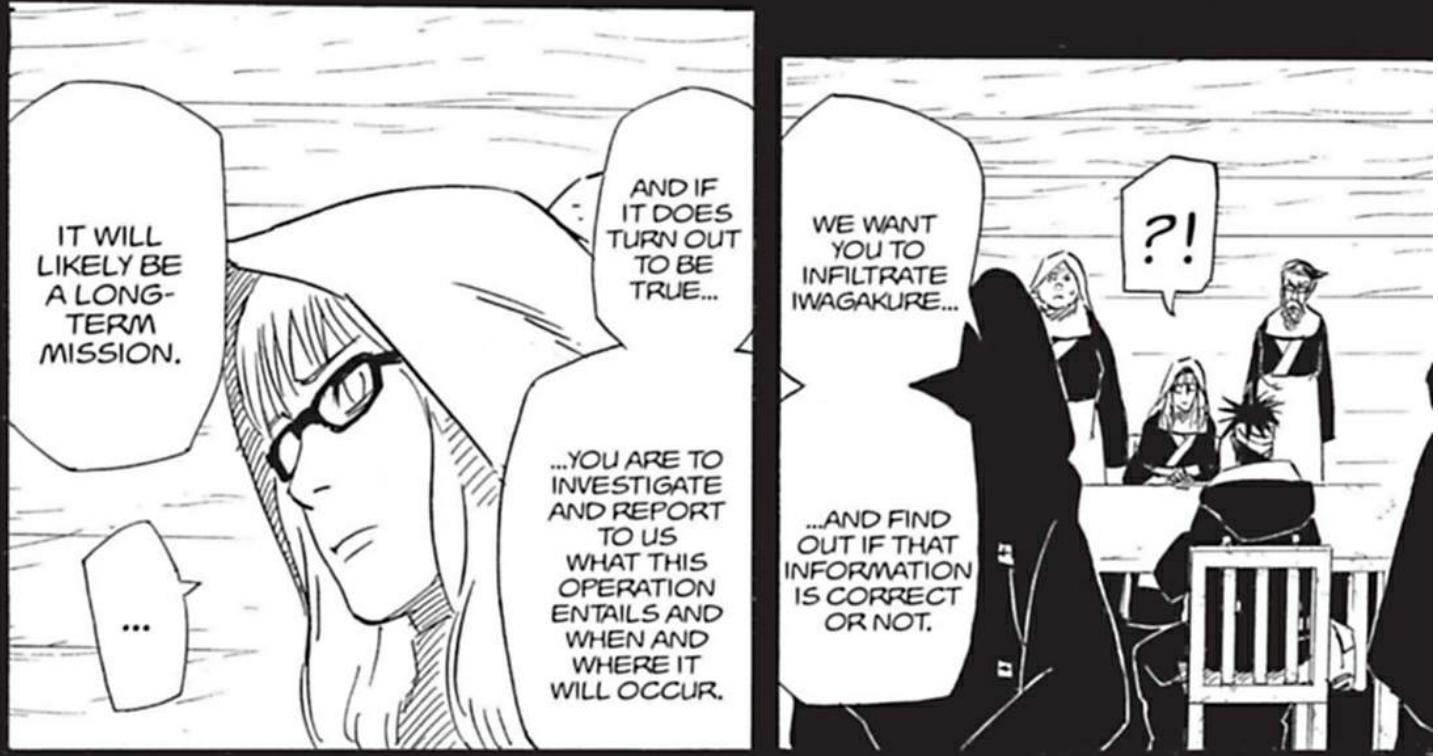
SO, THE
WANDERING
NUN IS NOW
JUST A
BABYSITTER.

SHE'S DONE
SO MUCH
FOR ME...
AND ALL I'VE
DONE IS BUY
HER NEW
GLASSES.

...?
REALLY...
WHAT A
SHAME.







BUT!! WE'VE
ALREADY
RECEIVED THE
THIRD LORD
HOKAGE'S
ASSURANCE!

THERE'S NO
WAY THIS WILL
BE ALLOWED!

FROM YOUR
EXPRESSION,
I CAN TELL
YOU'VE
ALREADY
GUESSED
IT... NONOU.

THAT'S RIGHT...
IF YOU REFUSE,
MONEY WILL
STOP COMING
INTO THE
ORPHANAGE.

CHILDREN
WITH NO
PAST OR
FAMILY ARE
WORTH
SOMETHING,
YOU KNOW...

WHILE
YOU'RE AT IT,
TAKE CARE
THAT YOUR
CHILDREN
NOT GET
SNATCHED,
EITHER.

I RECOMMEND
YOU HIRE A
GUARD OR TWO
TO PREVENT
YOUR MONEY
FROM GETTING
STOLEN.

THIS
ORPHANAGE
LOOKS EASY
TO BREAK
INTO AND
PLUNDER...

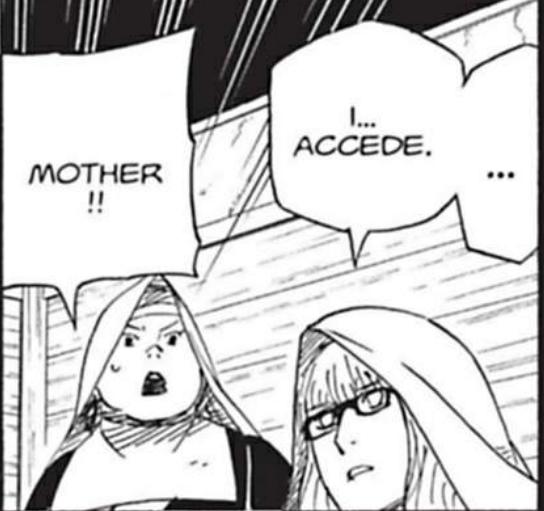
THAT IS,
IF YOU
CAN
AFFORD
IT.

?

YOU'RE
THE ONES
WHO DON'T
UNDERSTAND.

YOU ALL ARE
DASTARDLY!!

HOW DARE
YOU CALL
YOURSLEVS
SHINOBI!!!



HOW FAR WILL YOU GO ...?!!

I TOLD YOU I WOULD ACCEPT THE MISSION!!

I'LL TAKE ONE OF THESE CHILDREN TO REPLACE THEM!

I'VE ALREADY LOST A SUBORDINATE OBTAINING THIS INTEL...

YOU OUGHT TO ASK THEM TO CHOOSE FOR THEMSELVES. I CAN AT LEAST GIVE YOU THAT.

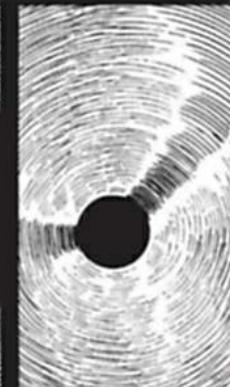
IT'S NOT SO BAD. SOME CHILDREN ACTUALLY WISH TO BE SHINOBI AFTER ALL.

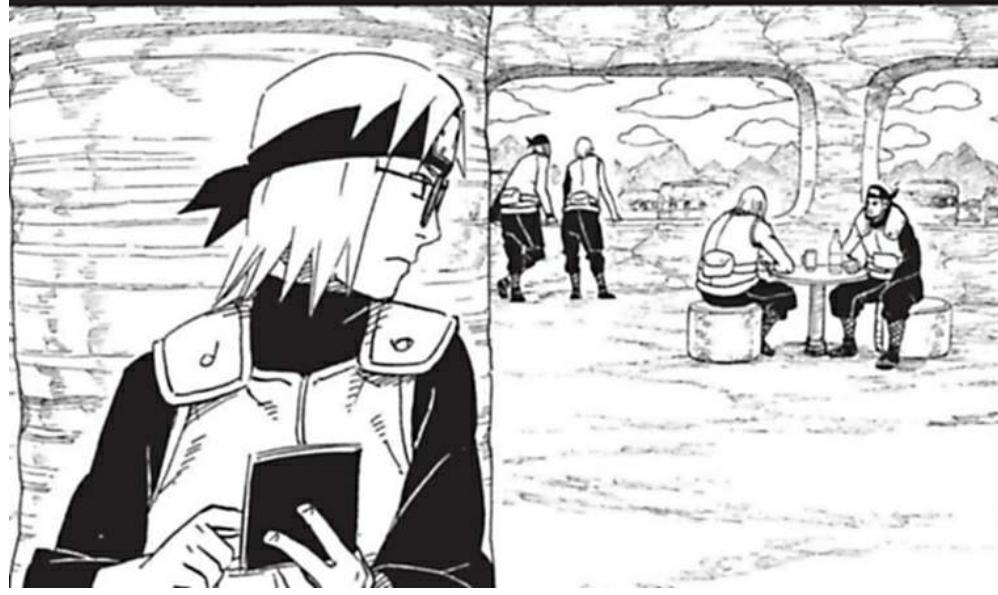
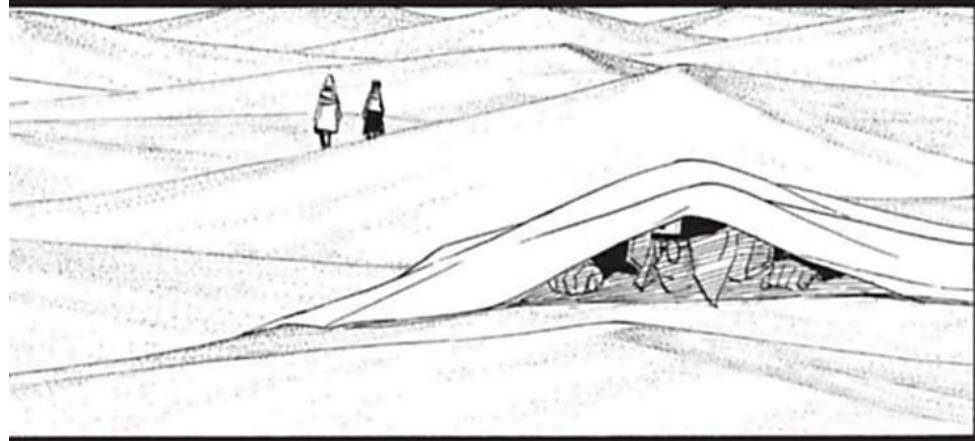
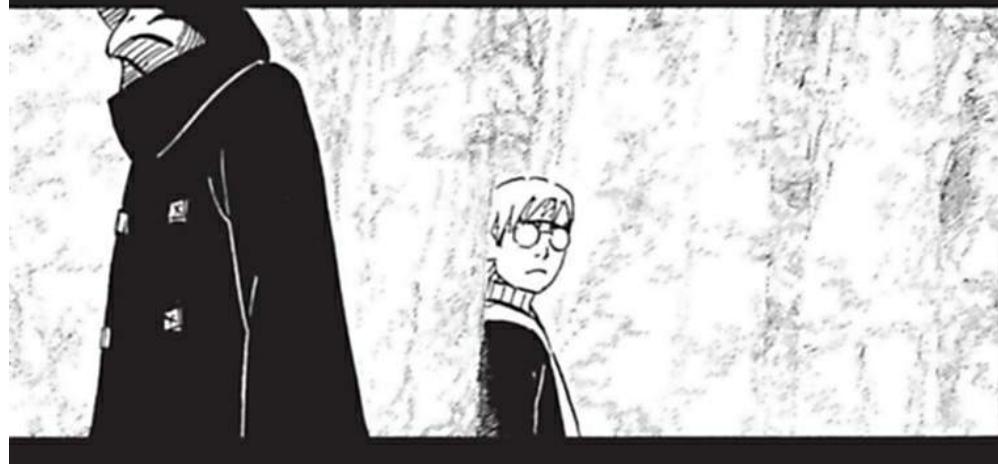
YOUR MISSION SHALL COVER SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS...

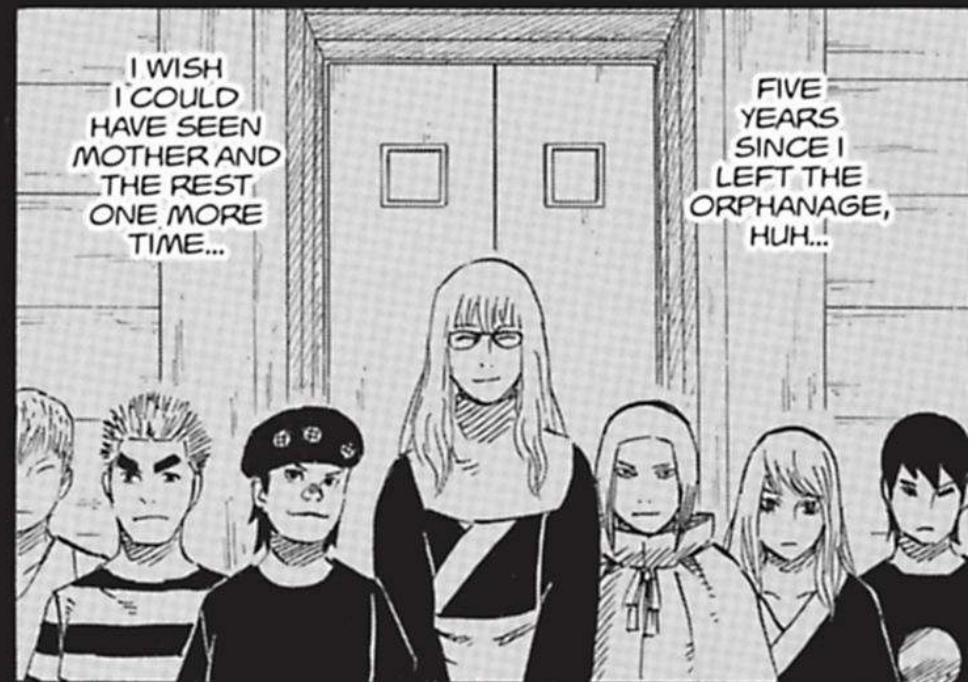
THIS IS A SEPARATE MATTER.

BUT THIS CURRENT ONE IS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE CHILD.

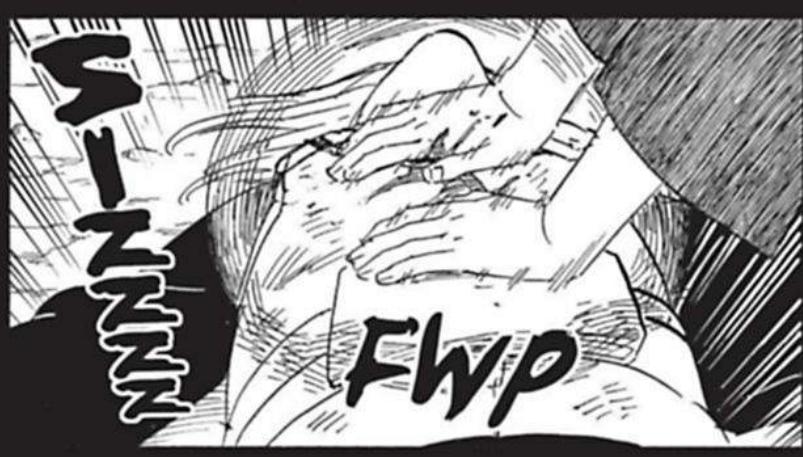
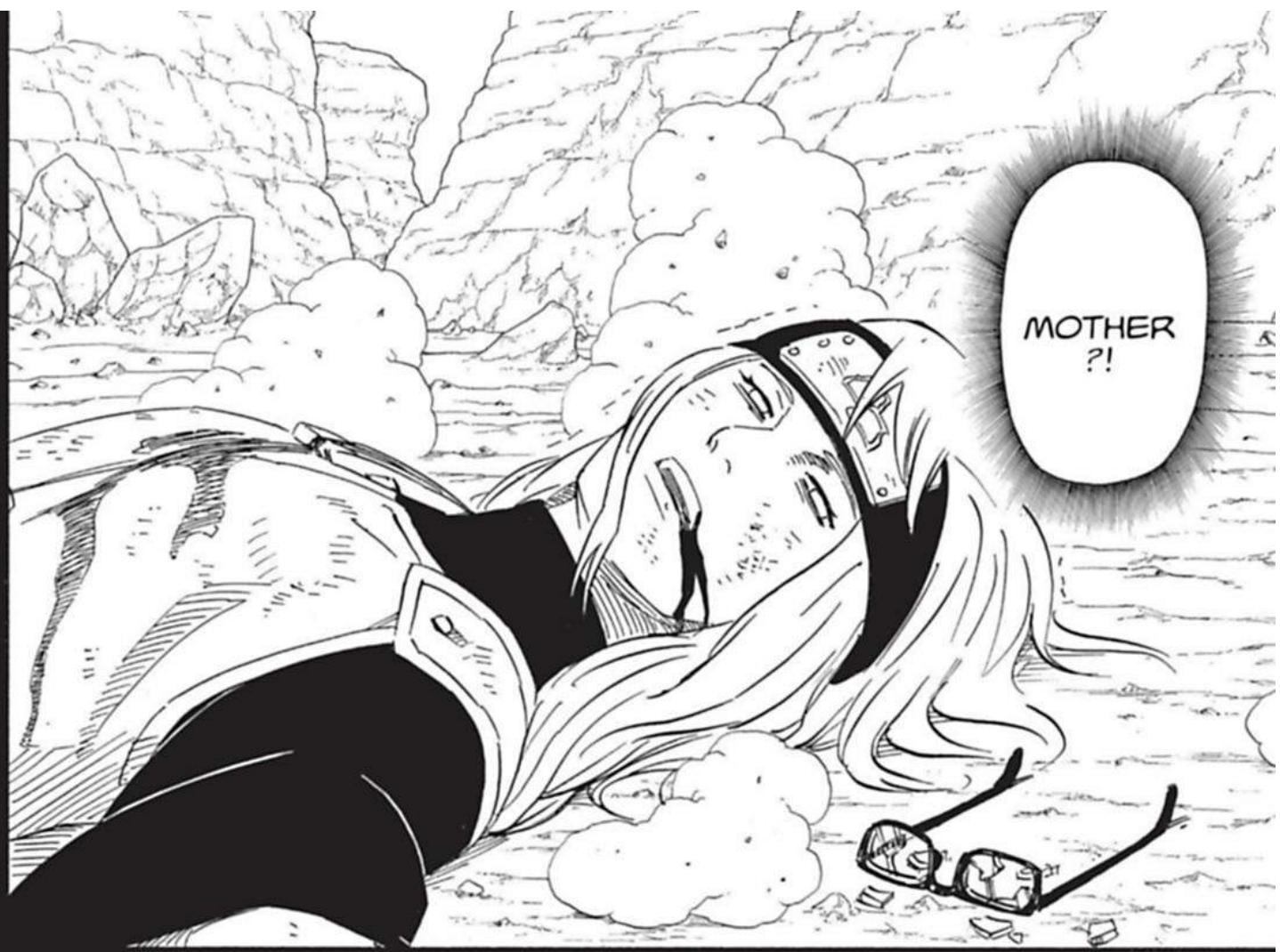


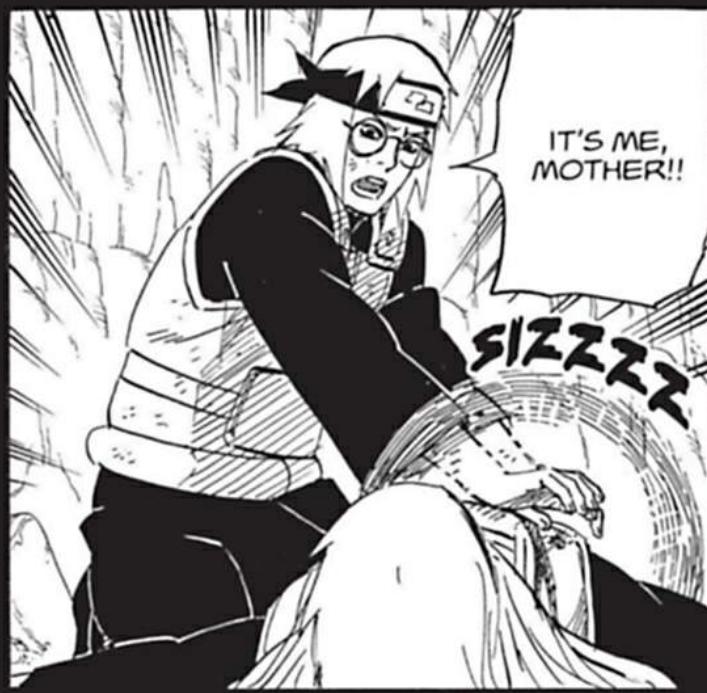








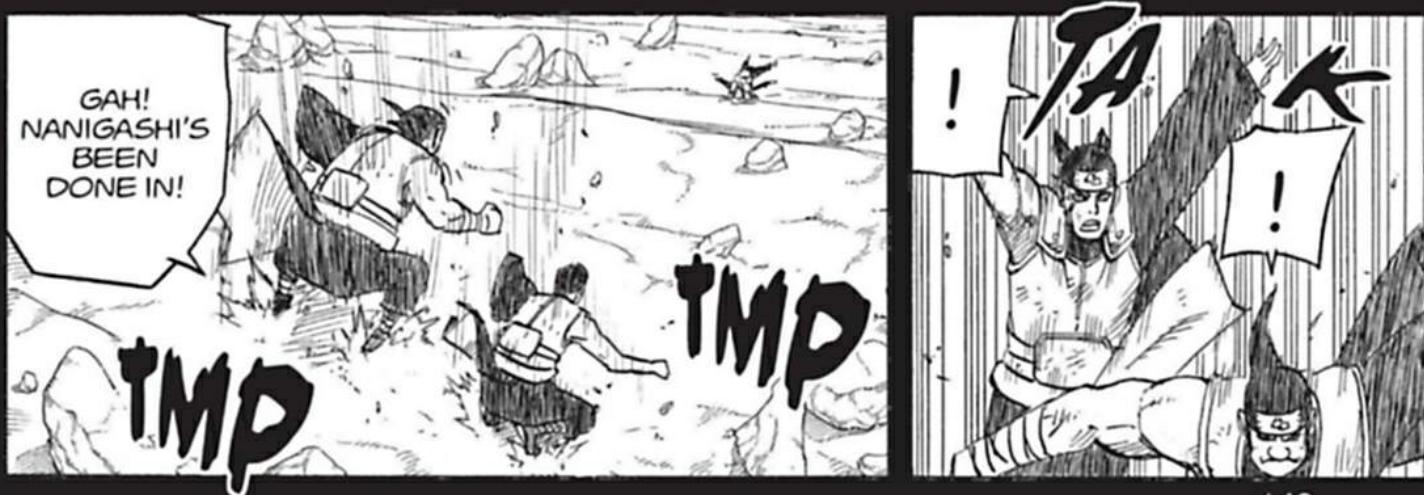
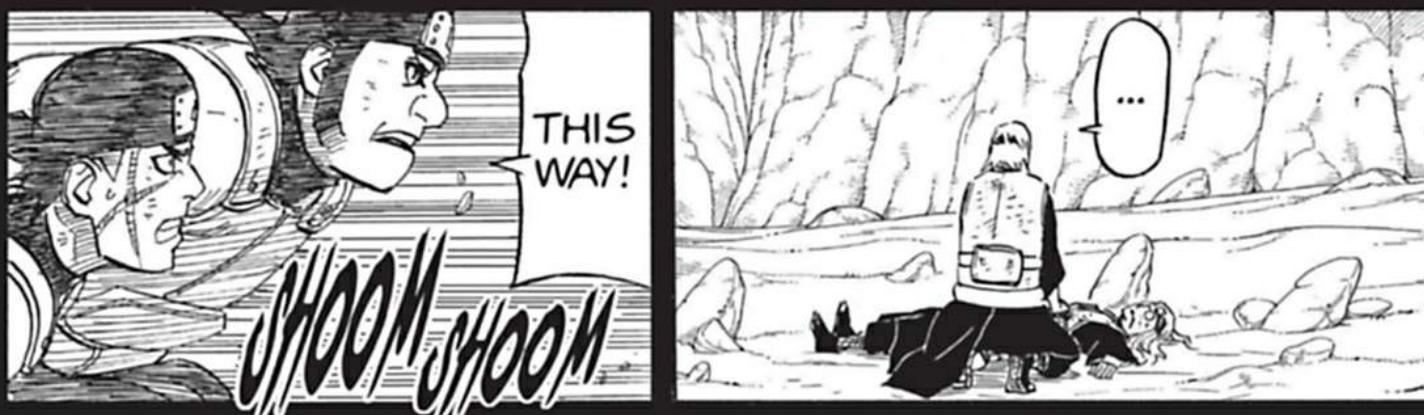


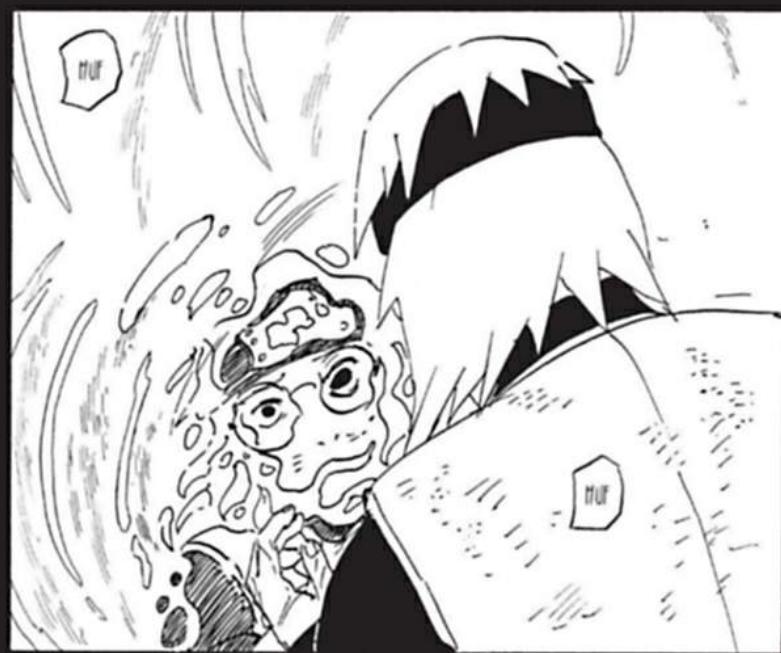
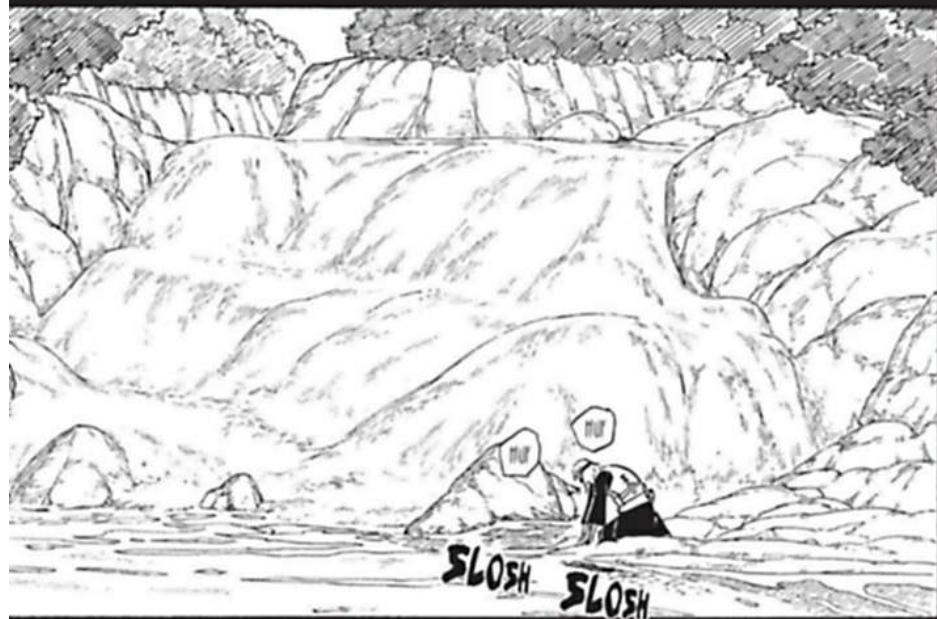


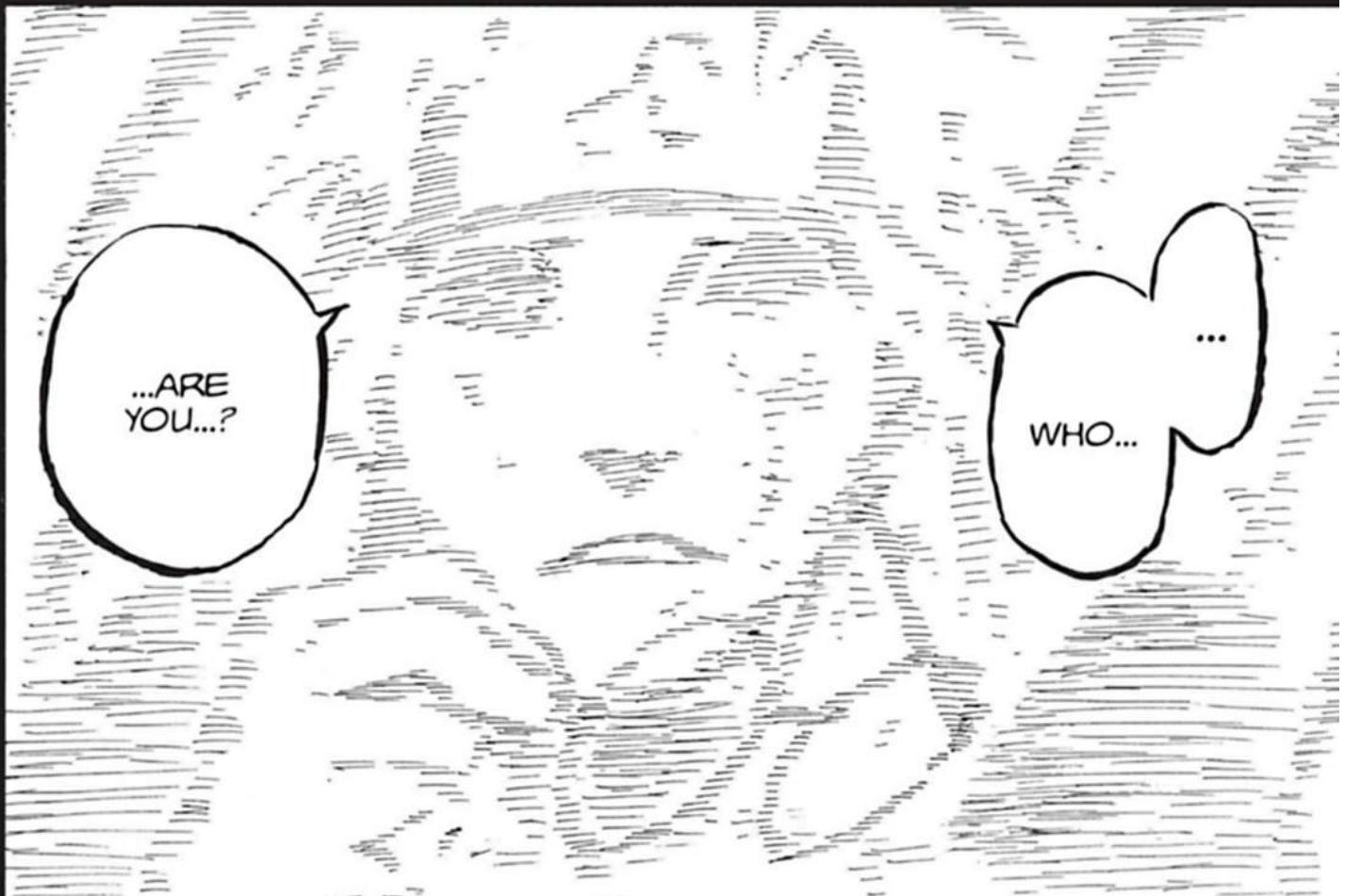
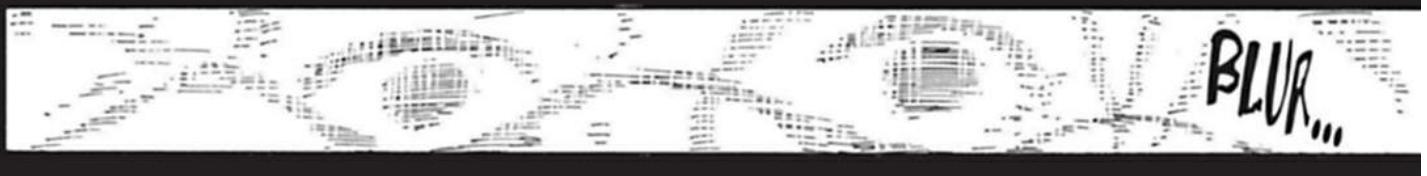
...ARE
YOU...?

WHO...







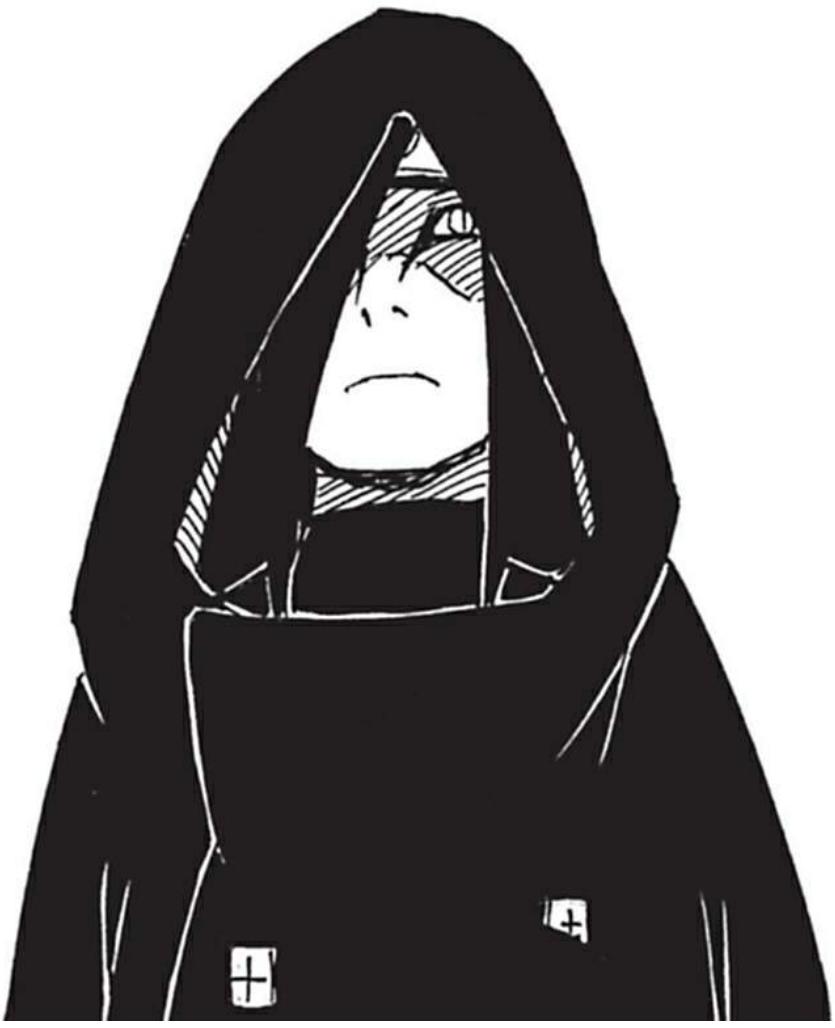


YOU NO
LONGER
SEE
YOURSELF
CLEARLY.

NOT
THE
REAL
ME...

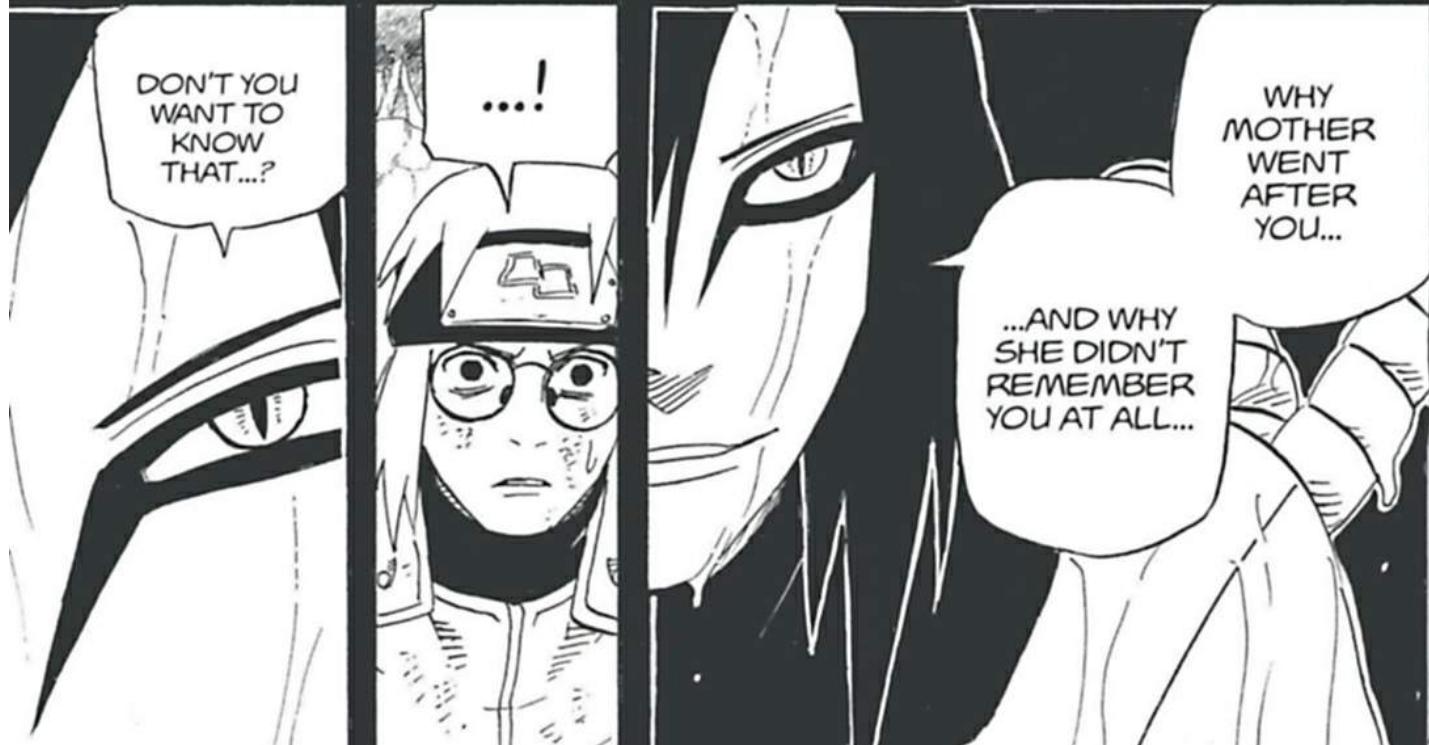
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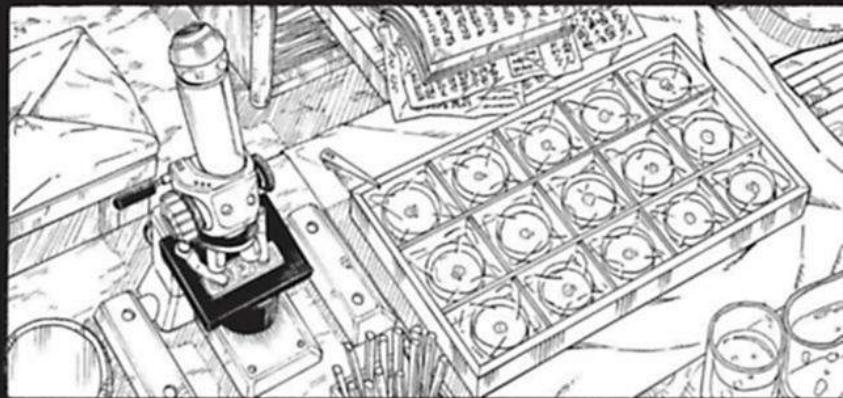
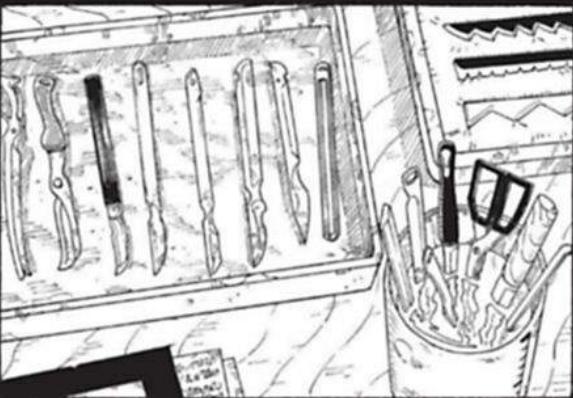
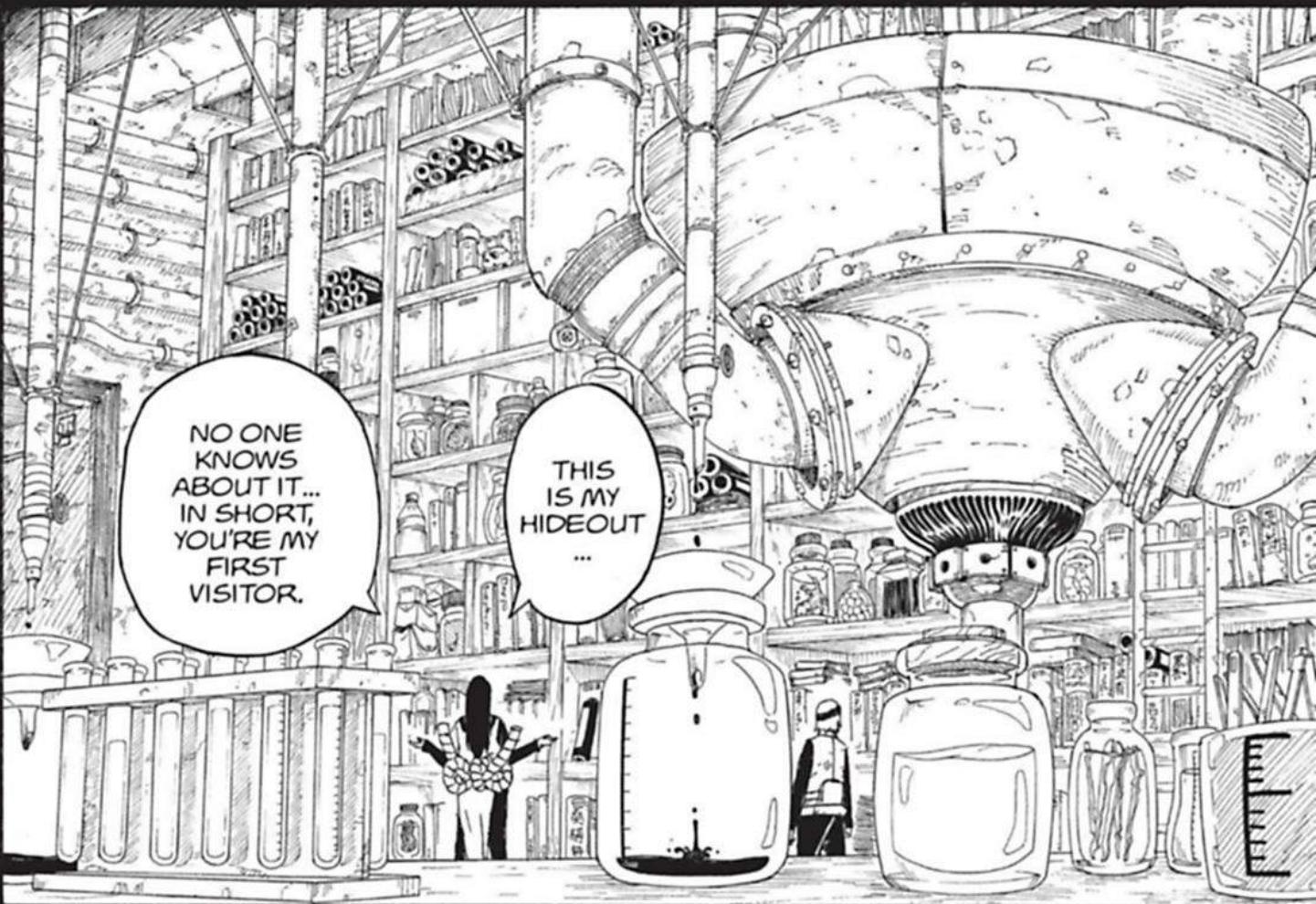
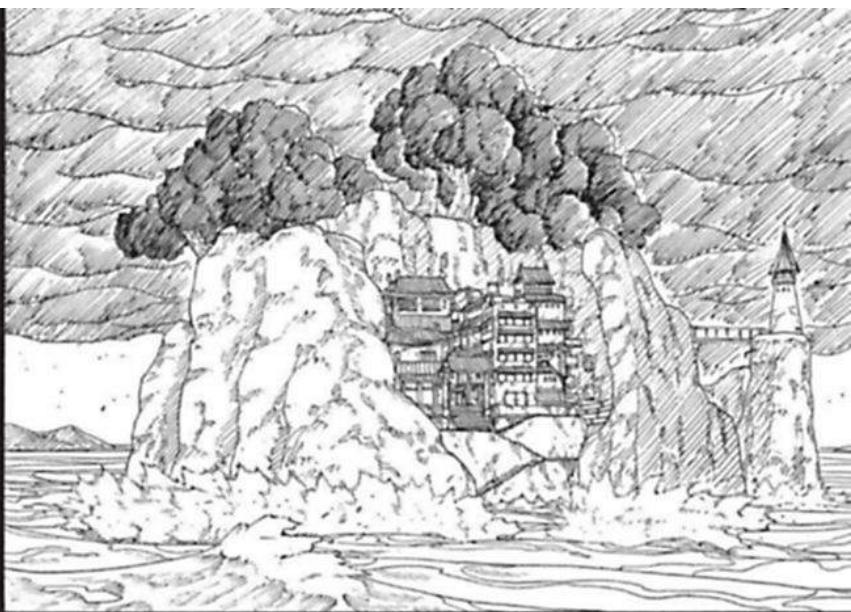


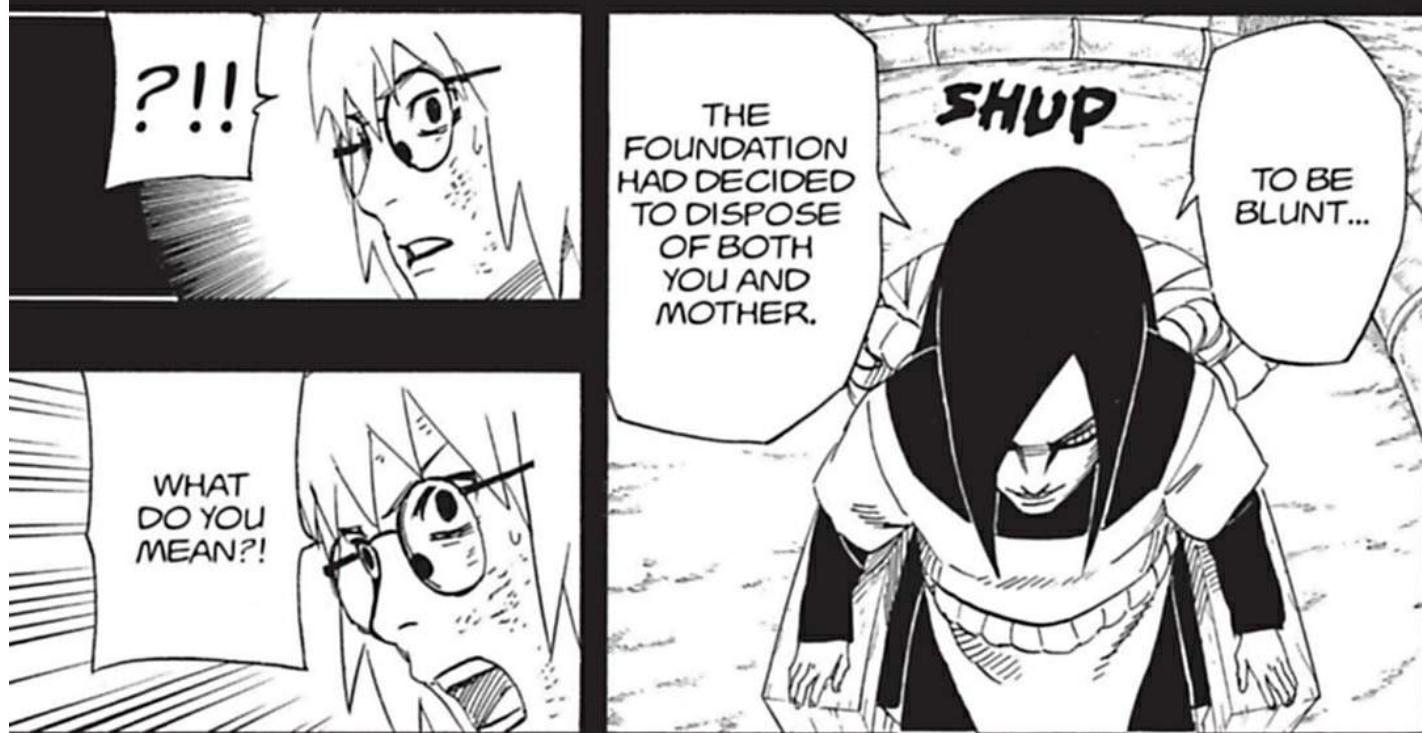


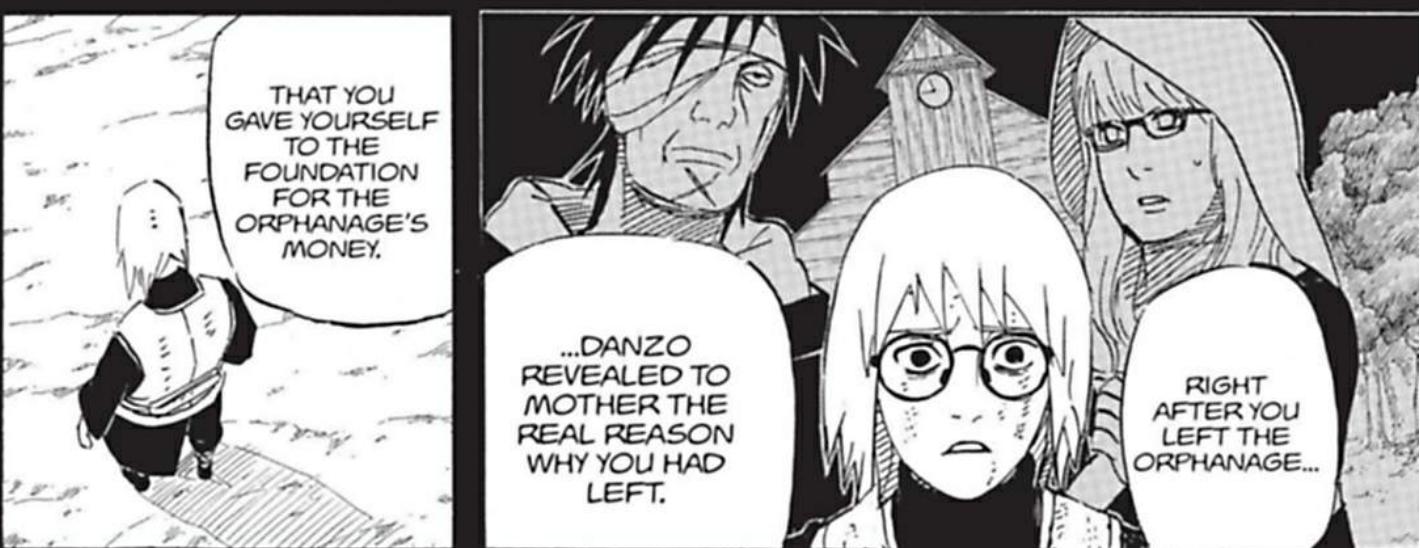
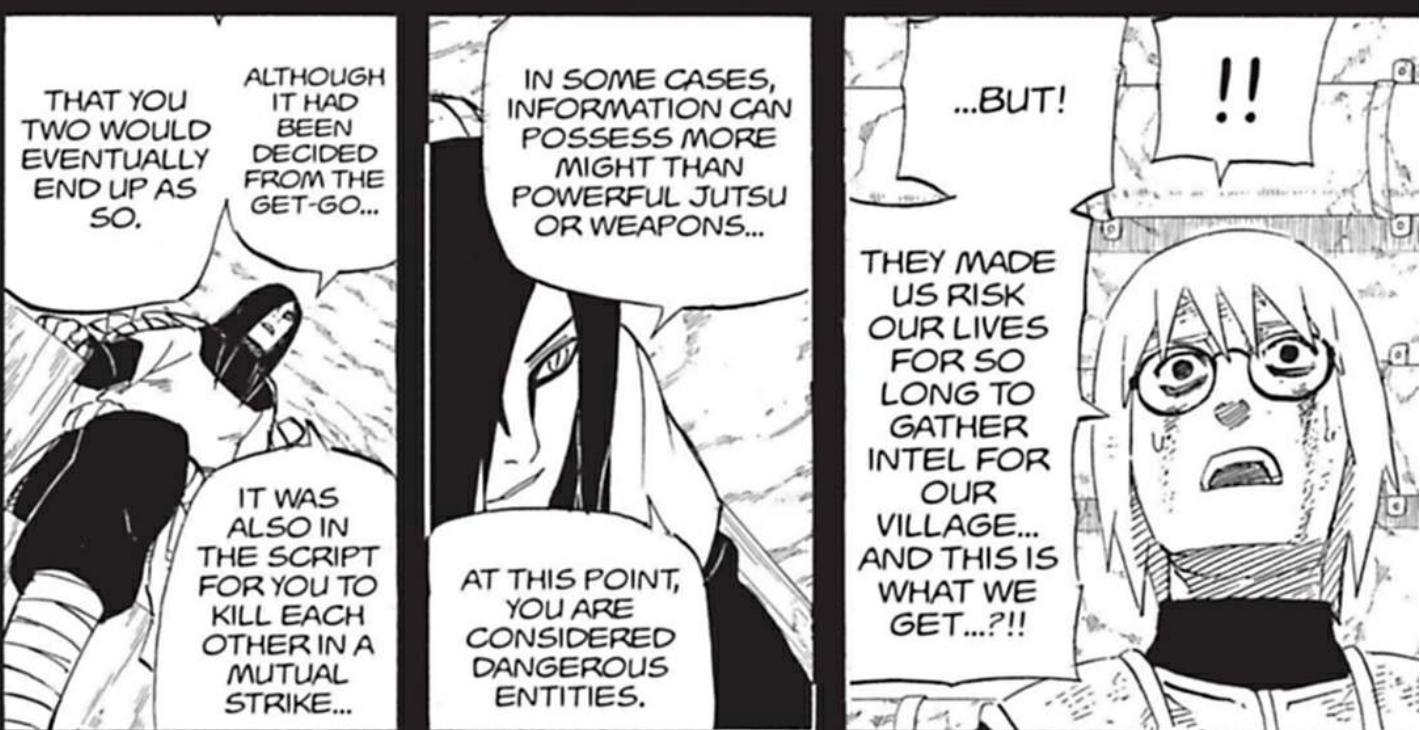


Number 534: Yakushi Kabuto









...BUT THAT ASSASSINATION TARGET WAS ACTUALLY YOU.

IT'S QUITE IRONIC...

MOTHER WISHED TO LIBERATE YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION.

?

AS A CONDITION OF ACCEPTING HER WISH...

DANZO ORDERED HER SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO ASSASSINATE A CERTAIN MAN.

AND WHY DIDN'T MOTHER REALIZE IT WAS ME?!

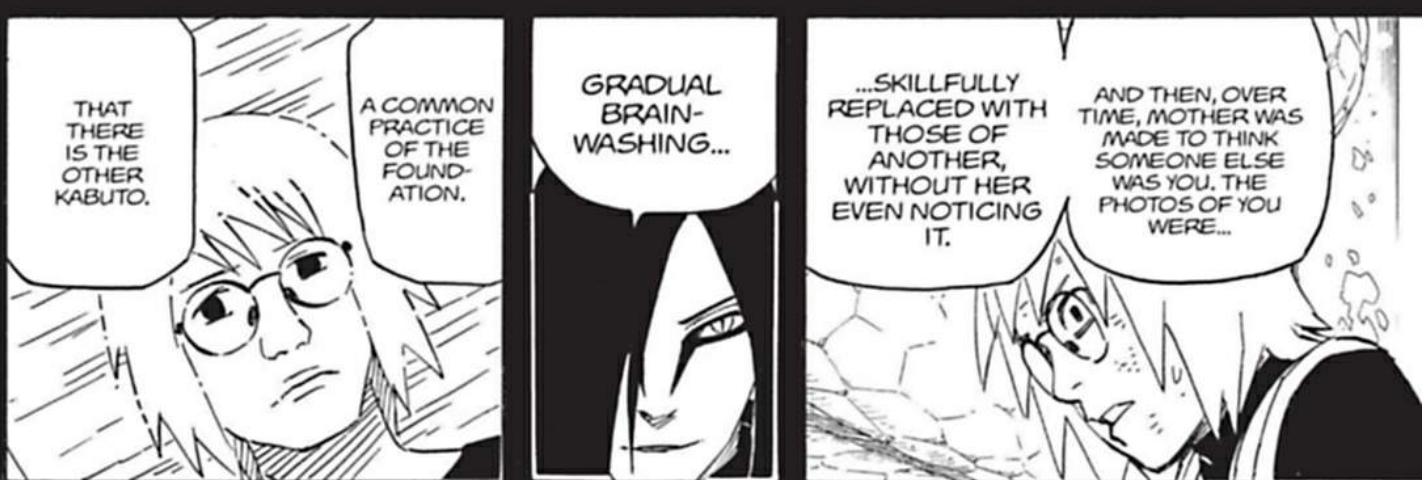
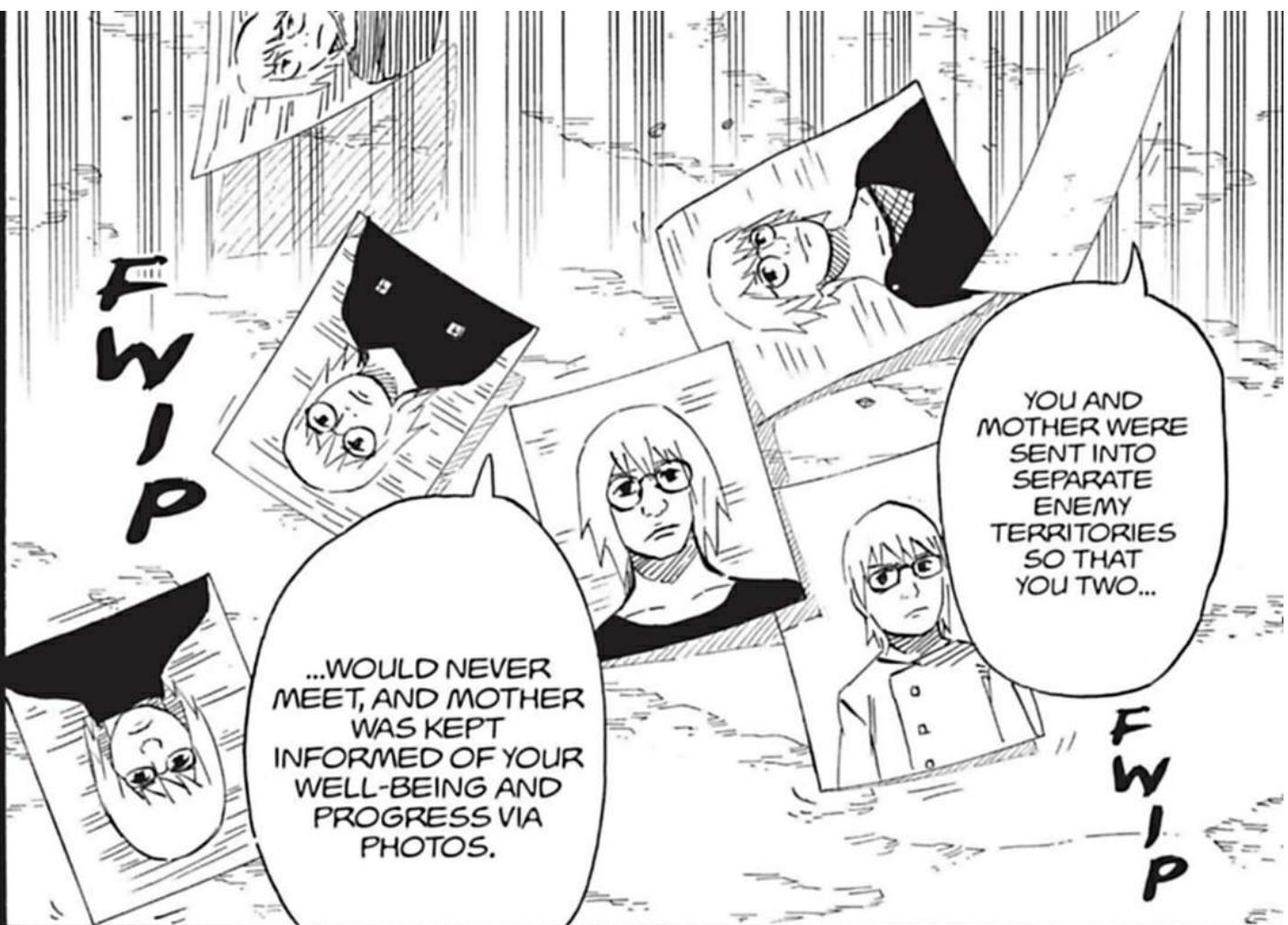
I DON'T GET IT?!

I THOUGHT IT WAS THE CONDITION FOR MY RELEASE?!

TRICKERY ?!

AND THERE WAS OTHER TRICKERY AFOOT TOO...

I TOLD YOU... THE FOUNDATION INTENDED FOR YOU TWO TO TAKE EACH OTHER OUT.



FWD

FWD

YOU'RE
QUICK ON
THE UPTAKE,
DESPITE NOT
REALLY
KNOWING
ANYTHING
ABOUT
YOURSELF...

S-
2
2
2

SIZZLE

WUMP

TUM

AK



BUT THANKS
TO YOU
FOUNDATION
BASTARDS,
I'VE LOST
MYSELF
AGAIN!

AND I
THOUGHT
I'D FINALLY
FOUND IT!

I'VE LONG
WANTED
SOMETHING
TO DEFINE
MYSELF BY!

HUF

THEN... WHO IN THE WORLD...

BUT EVERY-
THING'S
WRONG!!

MOTHER
WAS
SUPPOSED
TO BE THE
PARENT
THAT DIDN'T
FORGET ME,
NO MATTER
WHAT!

THIS
BESTOWED
NAME WAS
MINE AND
MINE
ALONE!

THESE
GLASSES
WERE
WHAT
LINKED
MOTHER
AND ME!



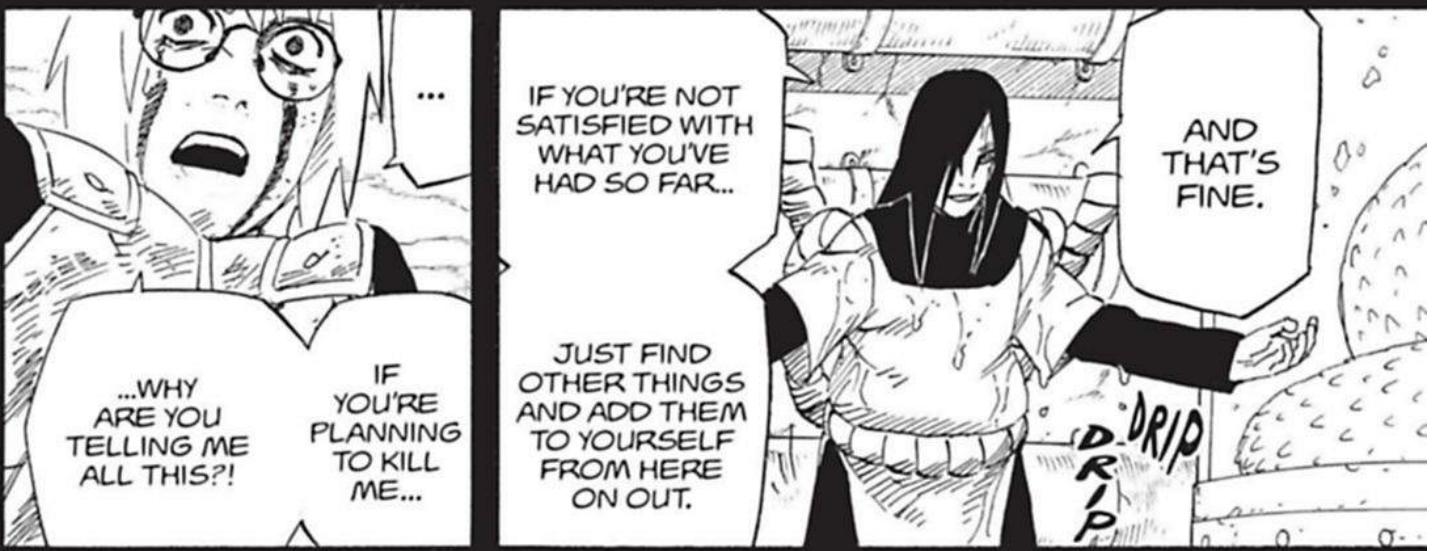
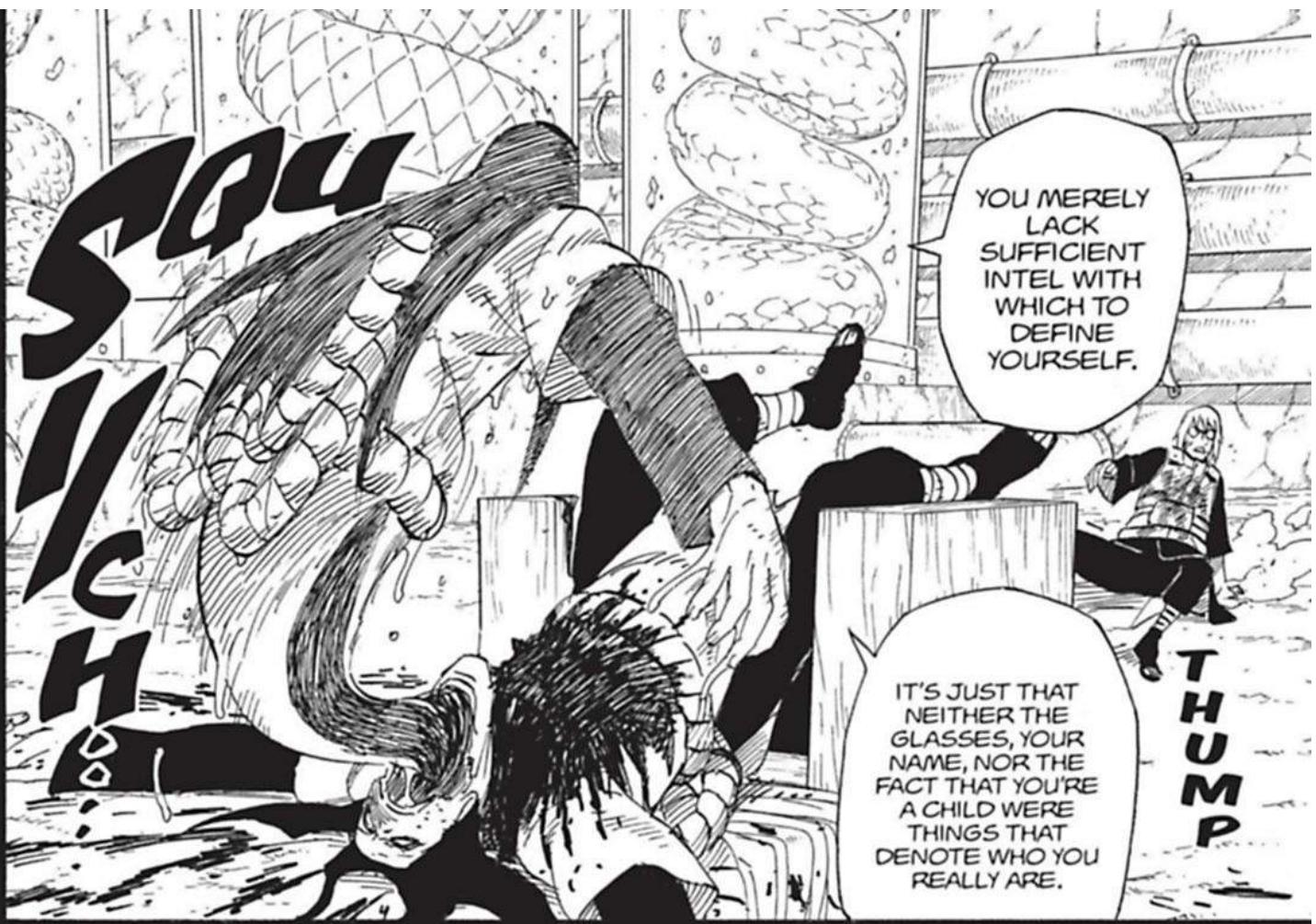
...AM I
?!!

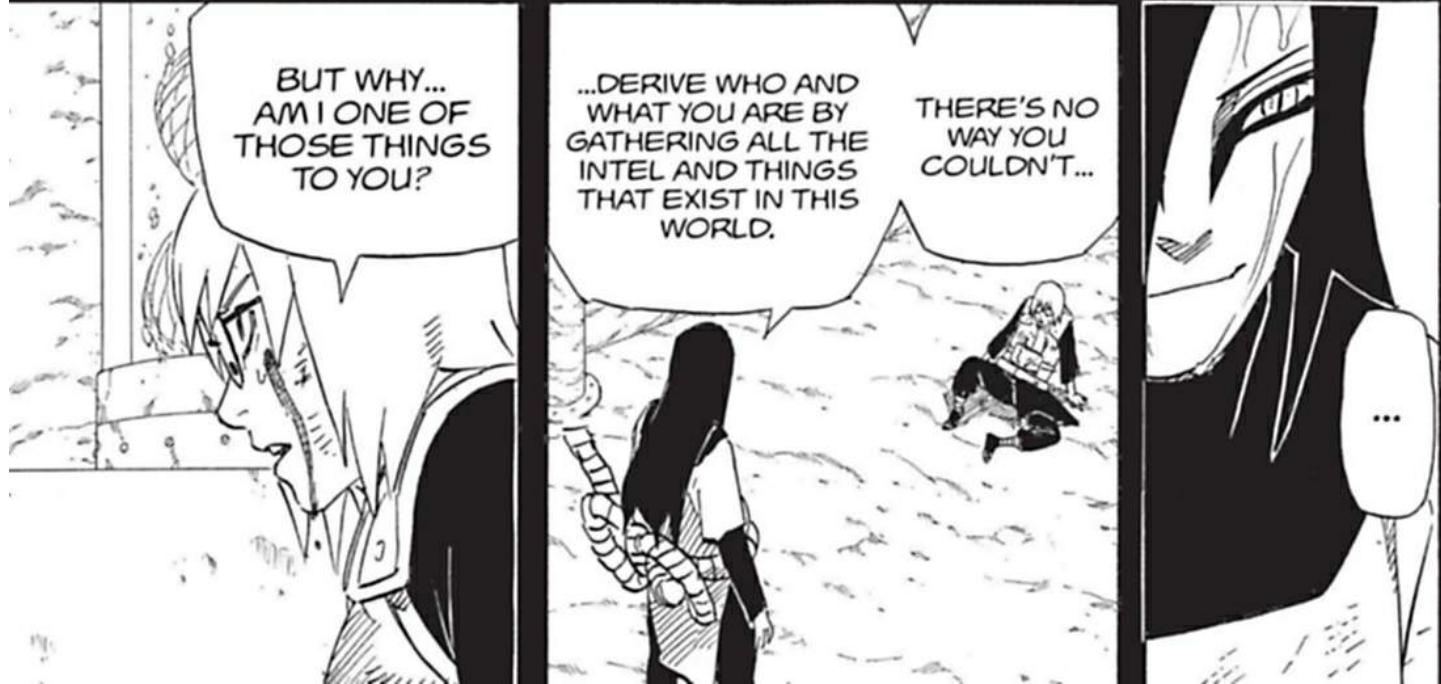
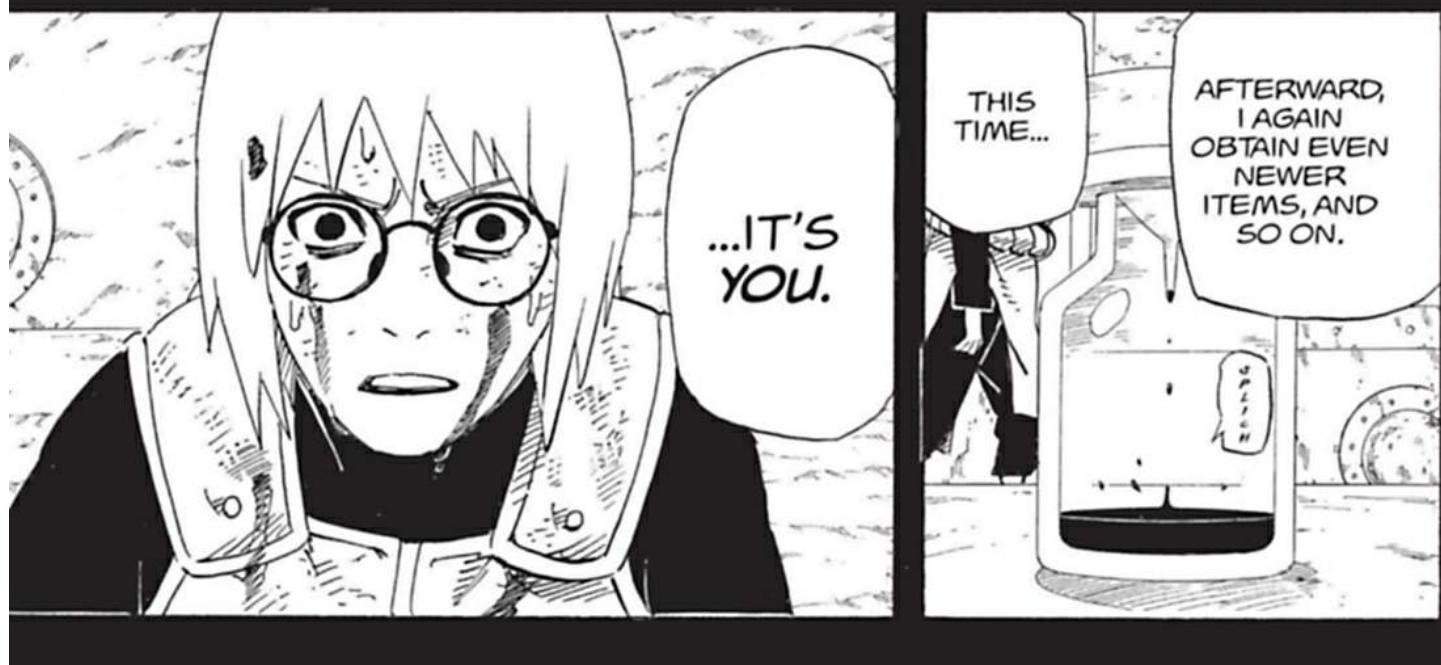
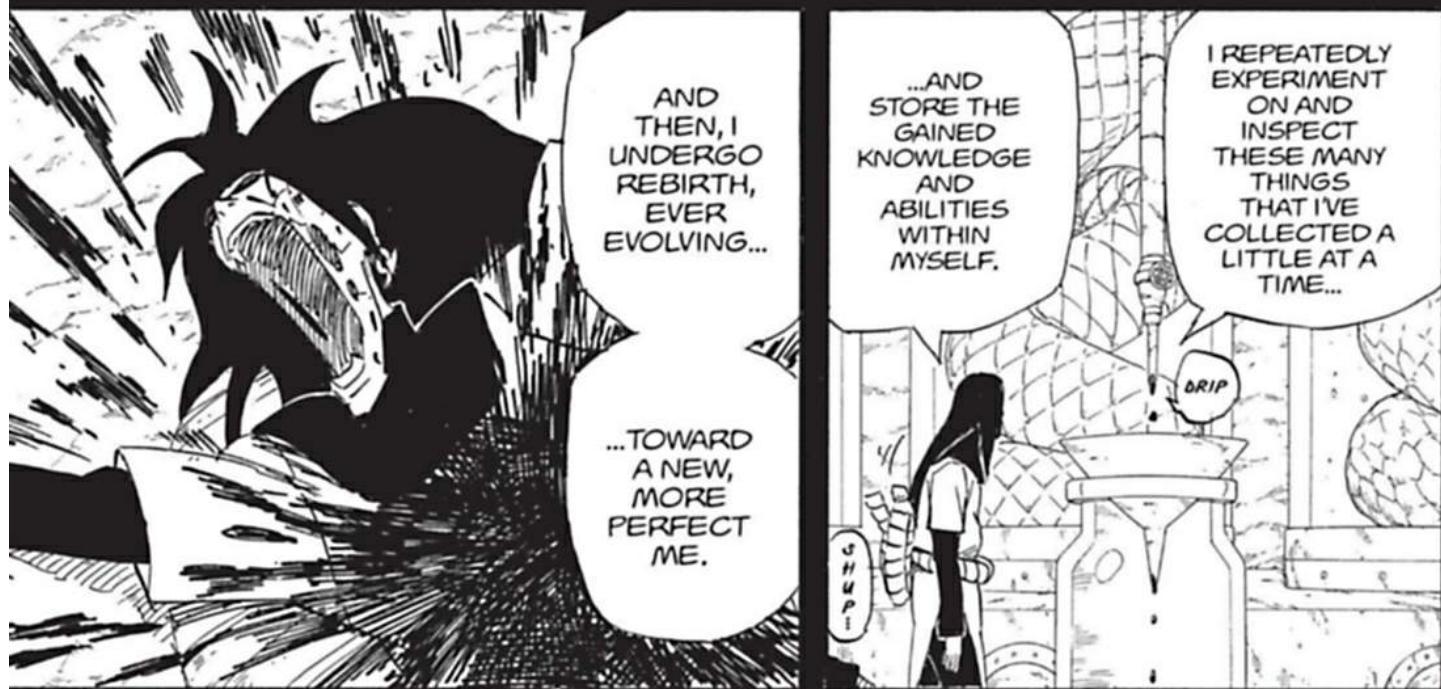


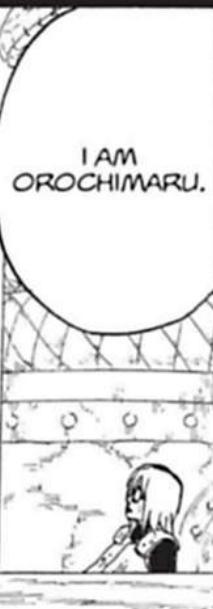
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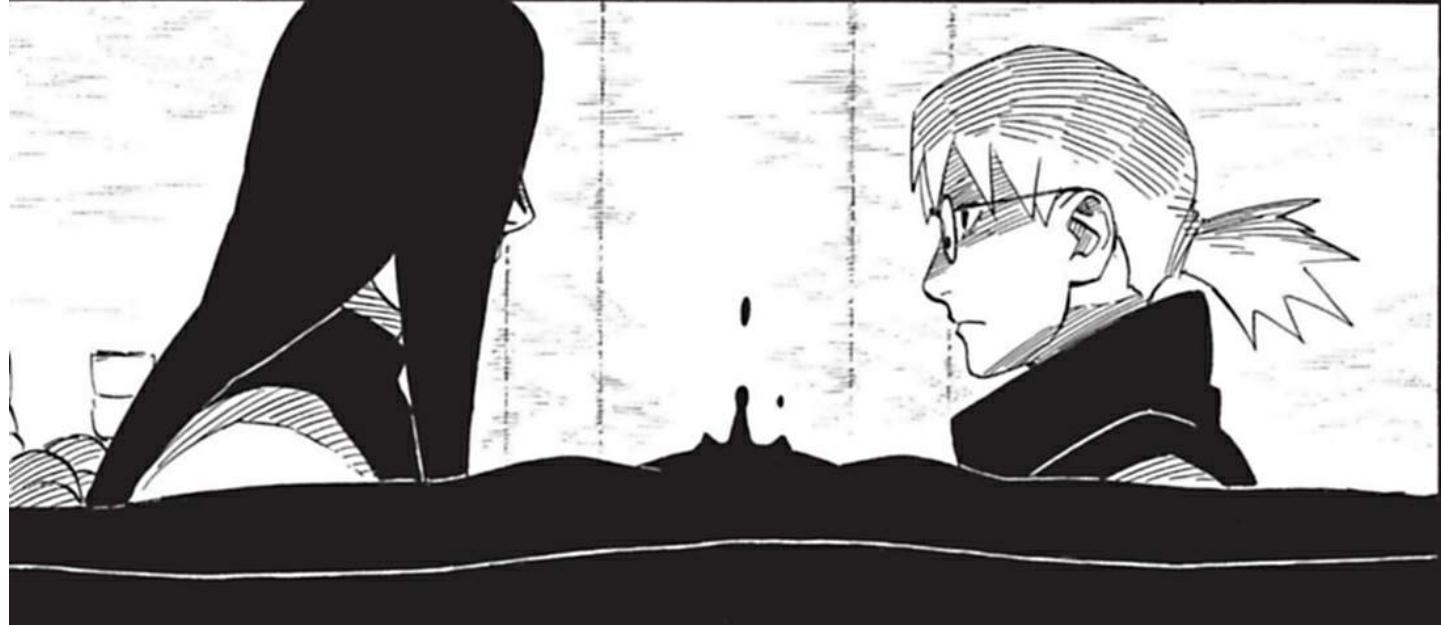
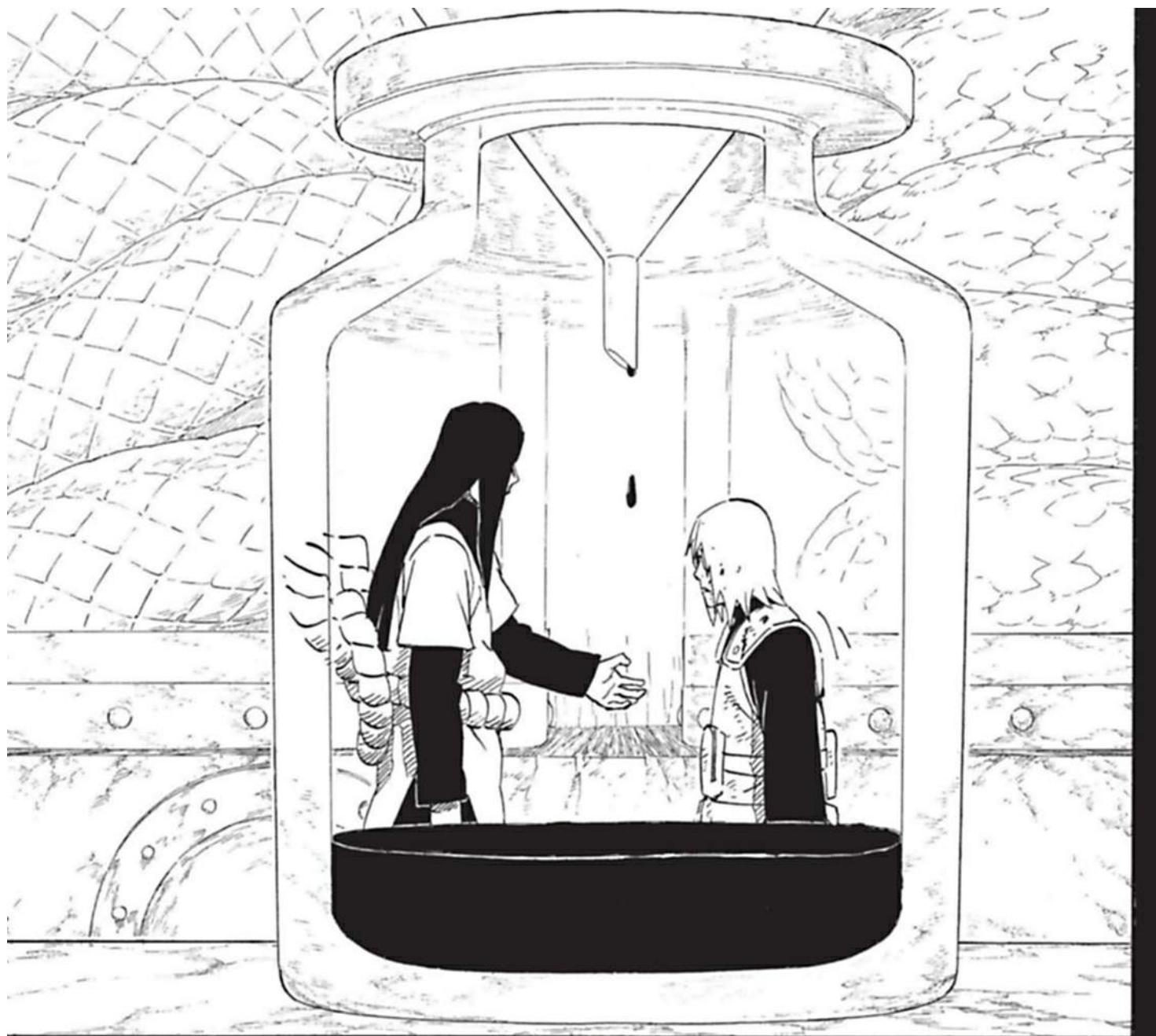
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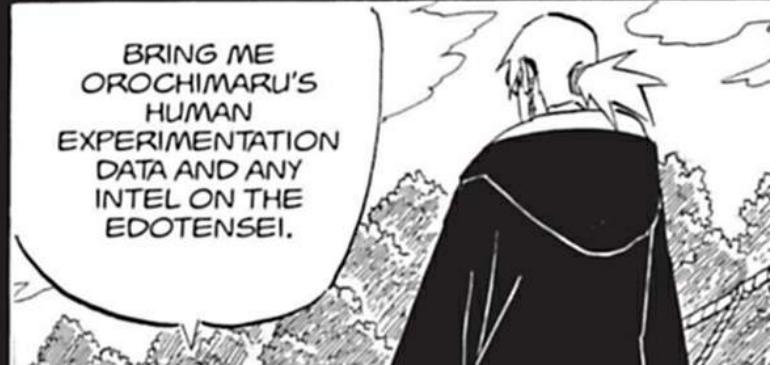




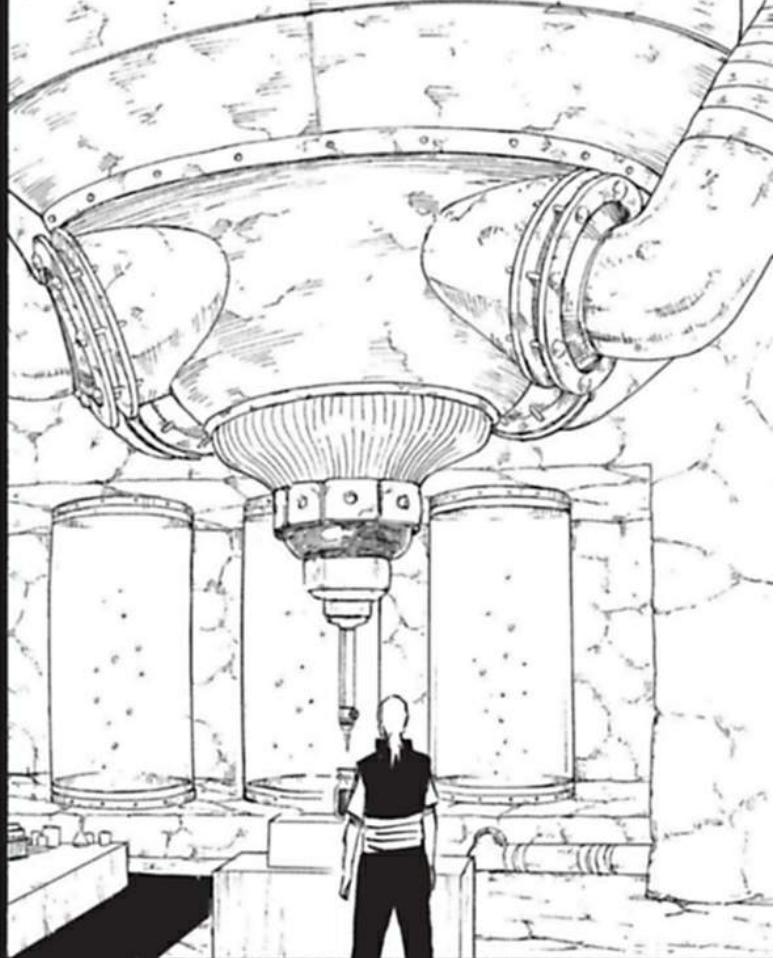
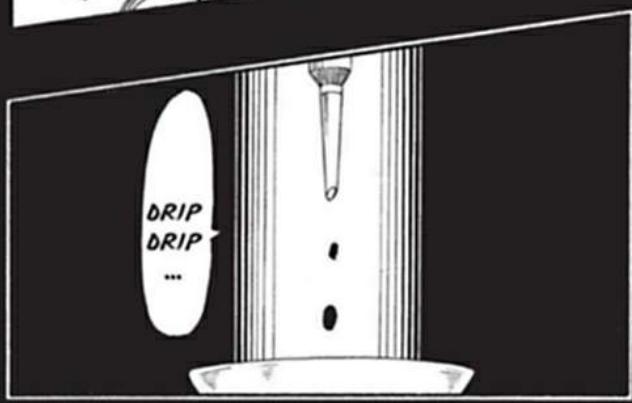










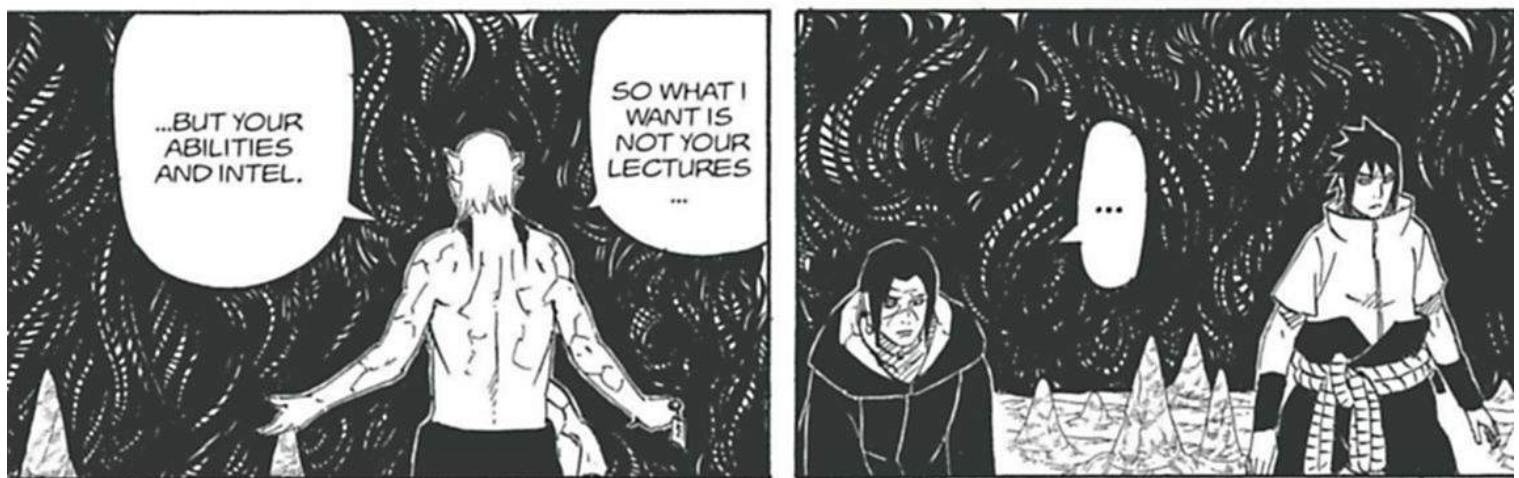


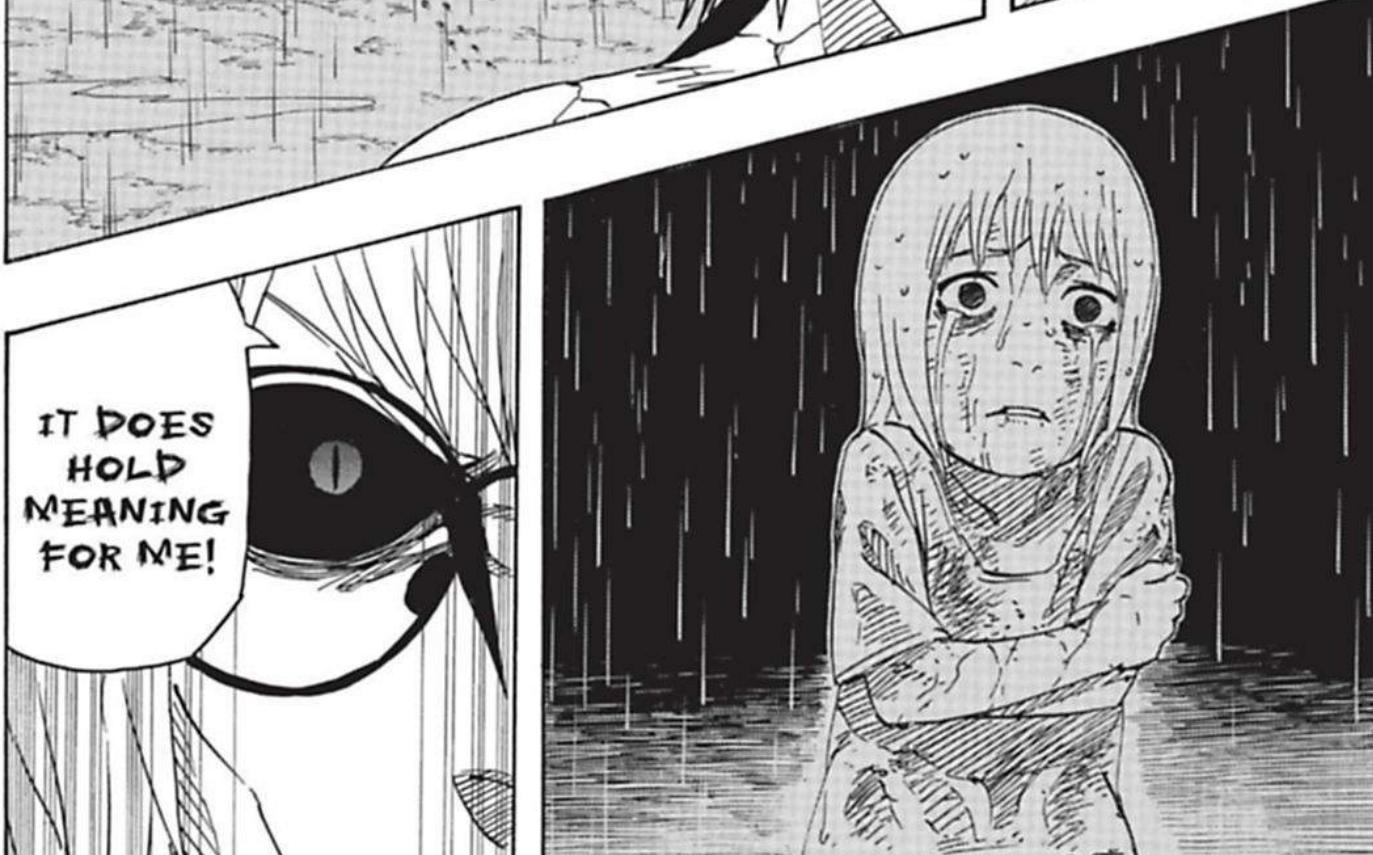
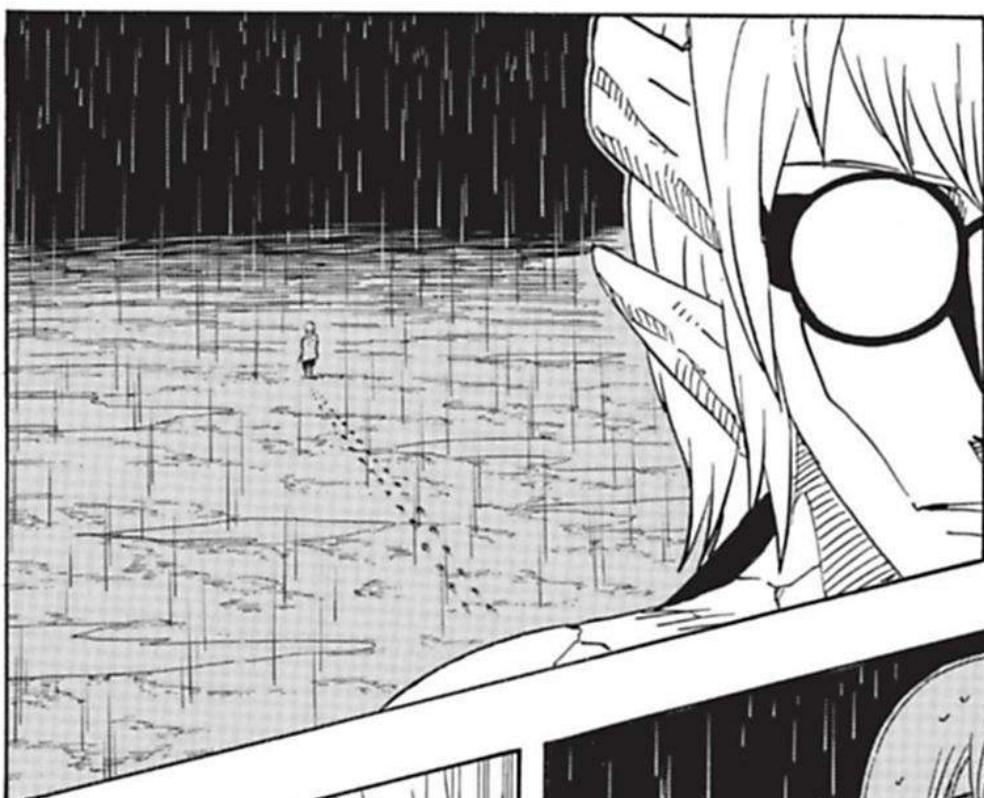


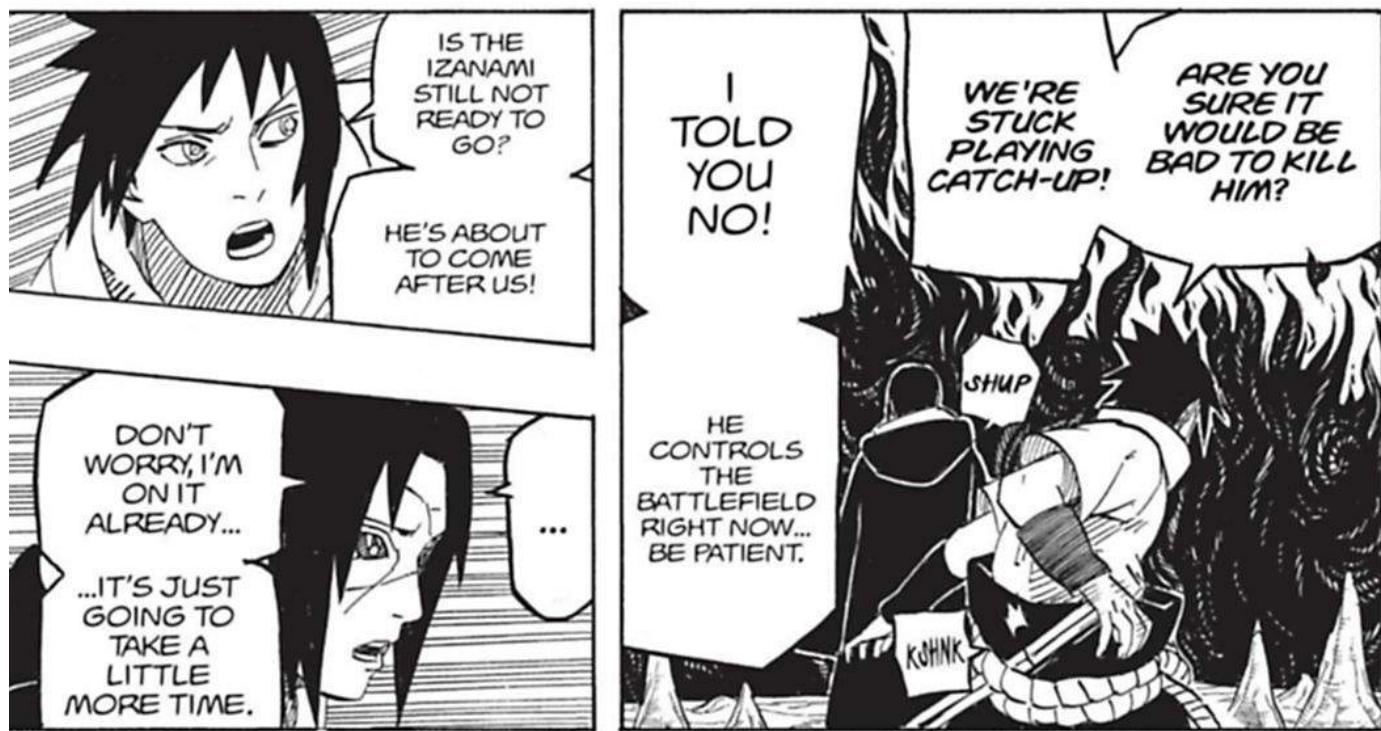
NARUTO



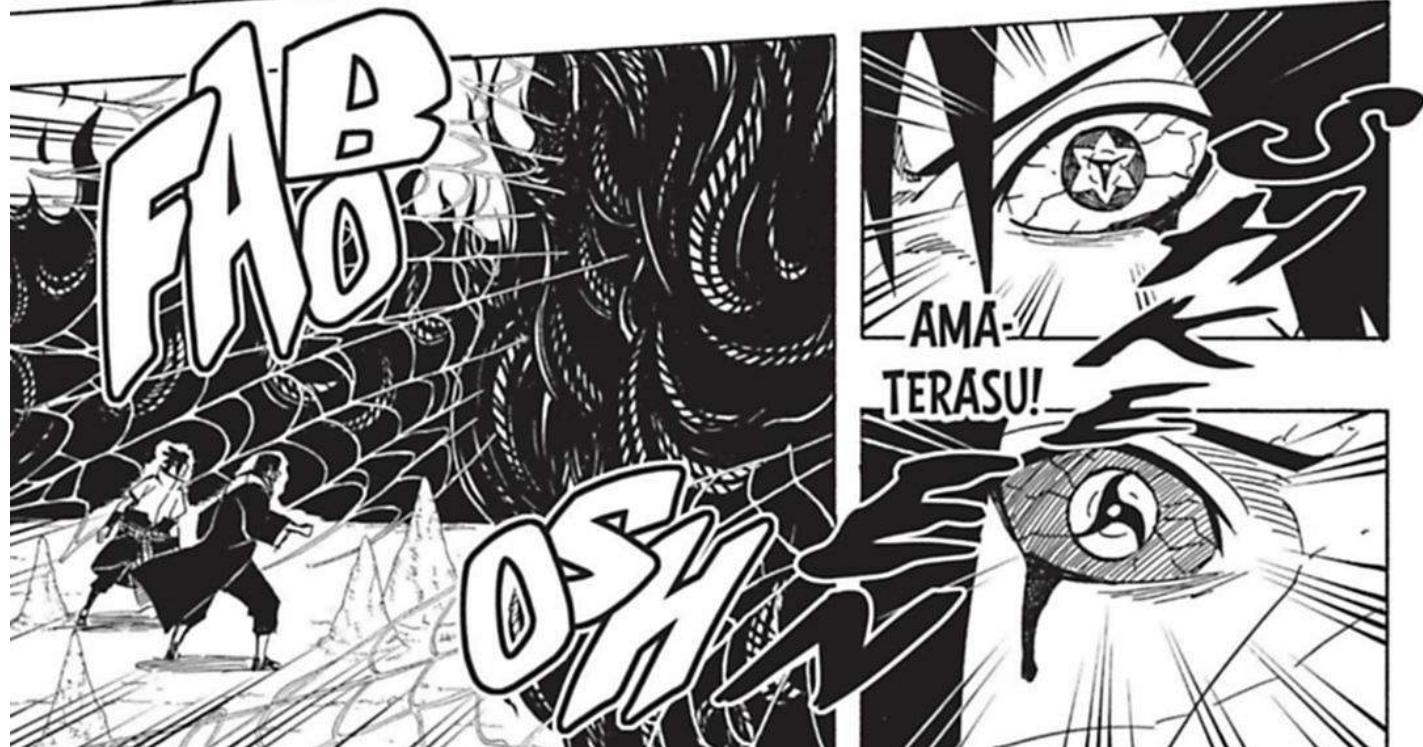
Number 585: I Am Me



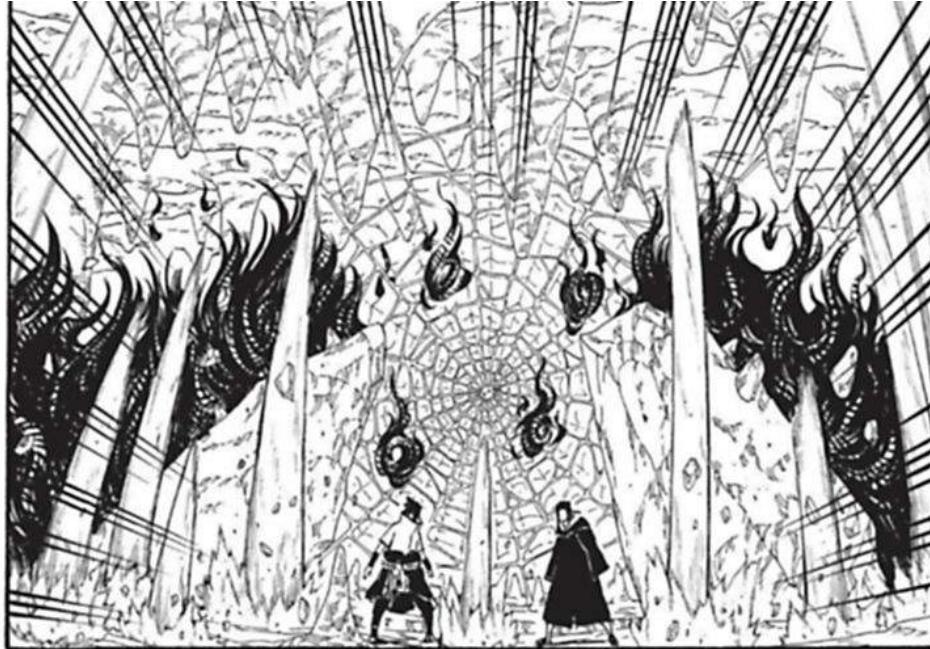


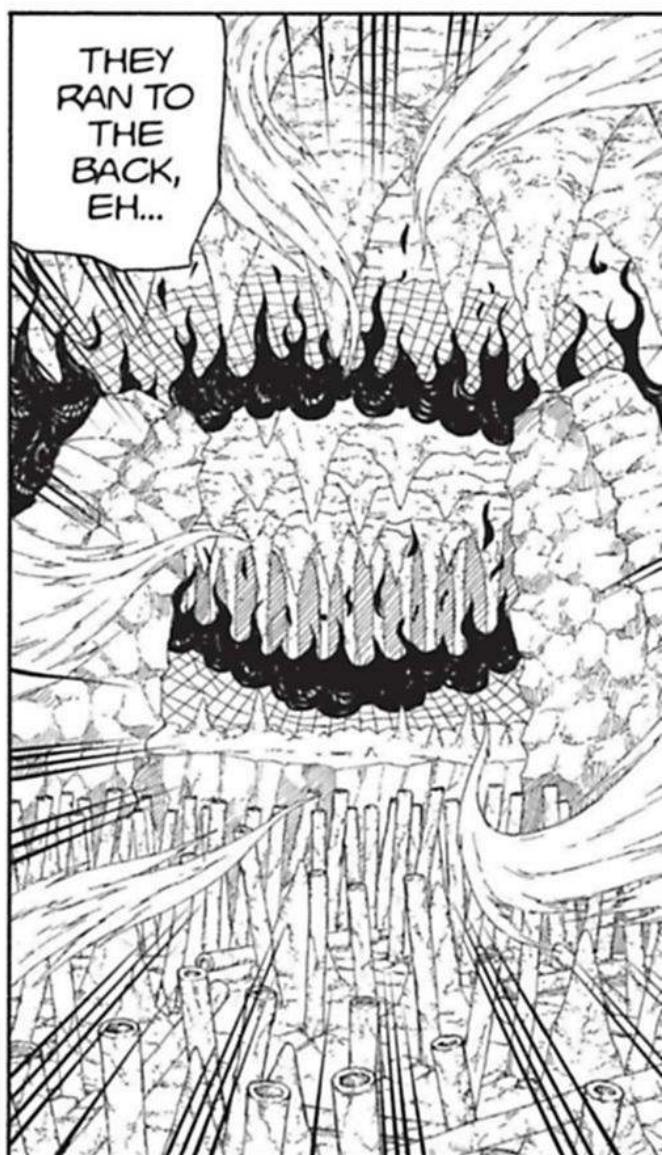
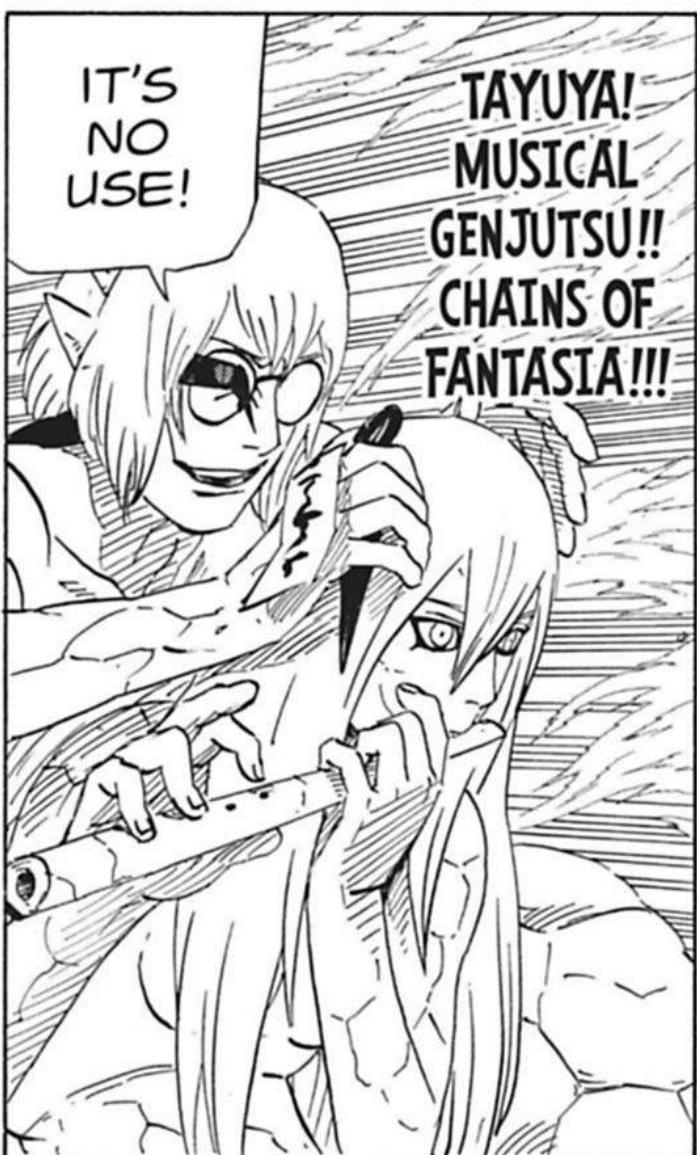
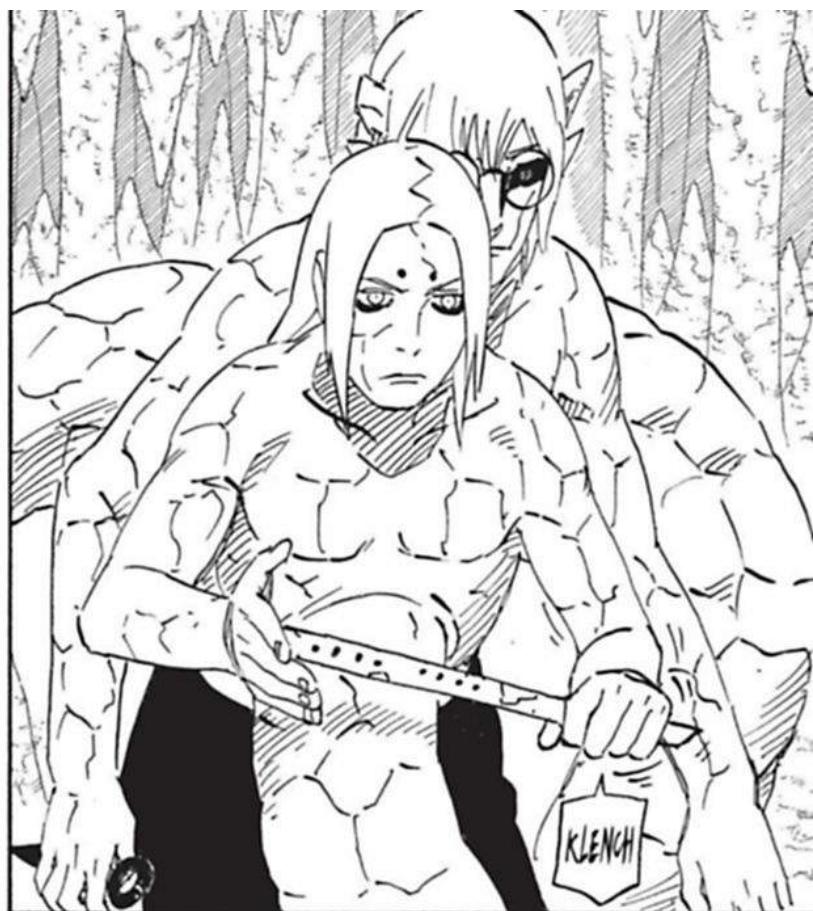
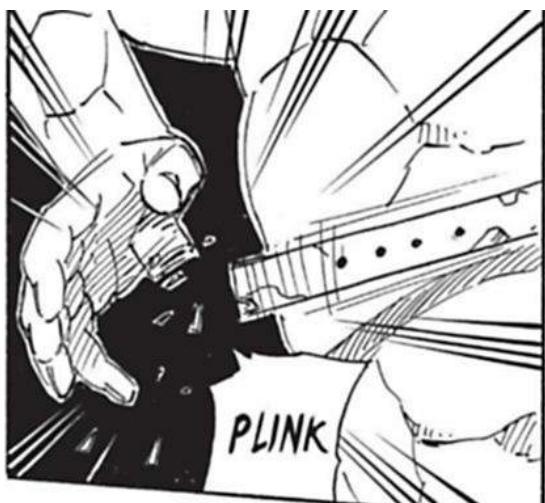




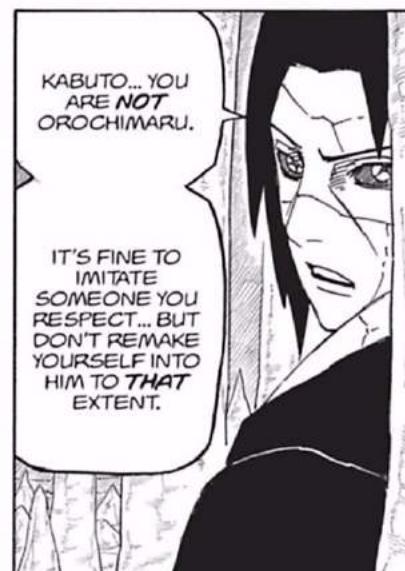
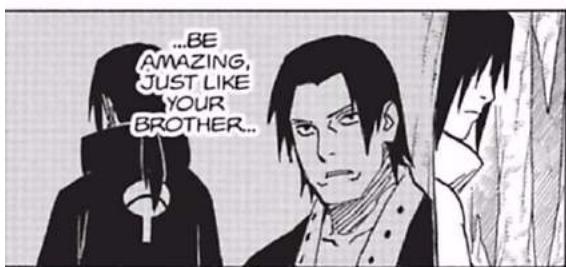
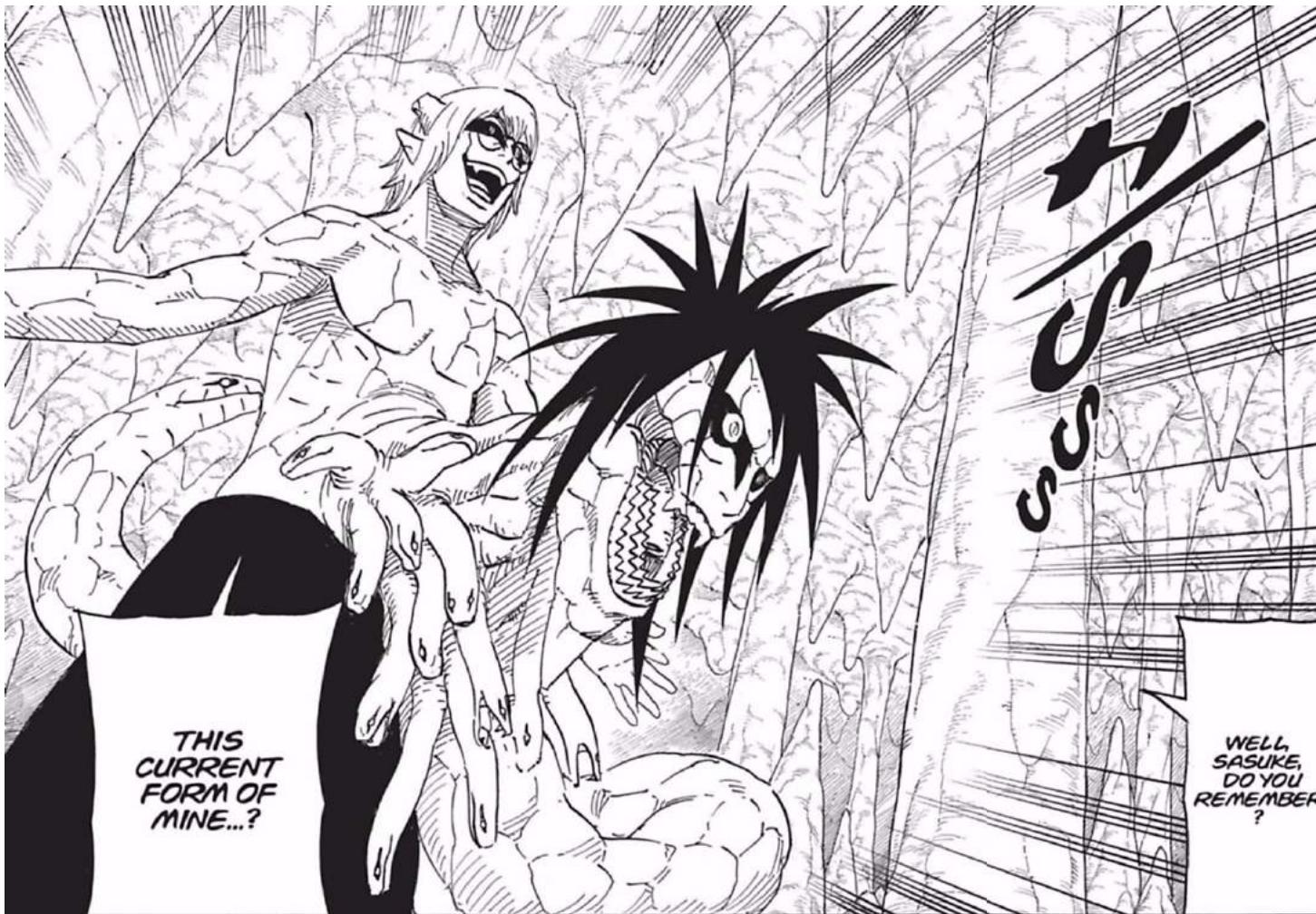


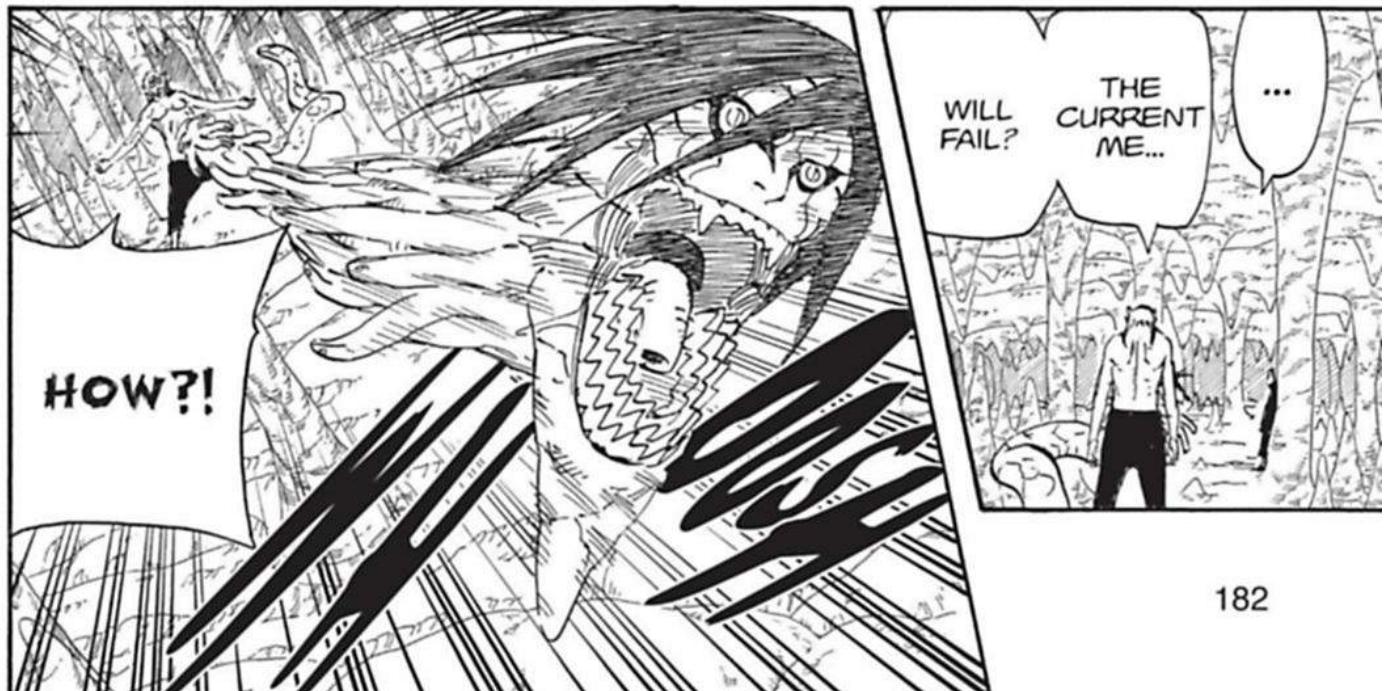
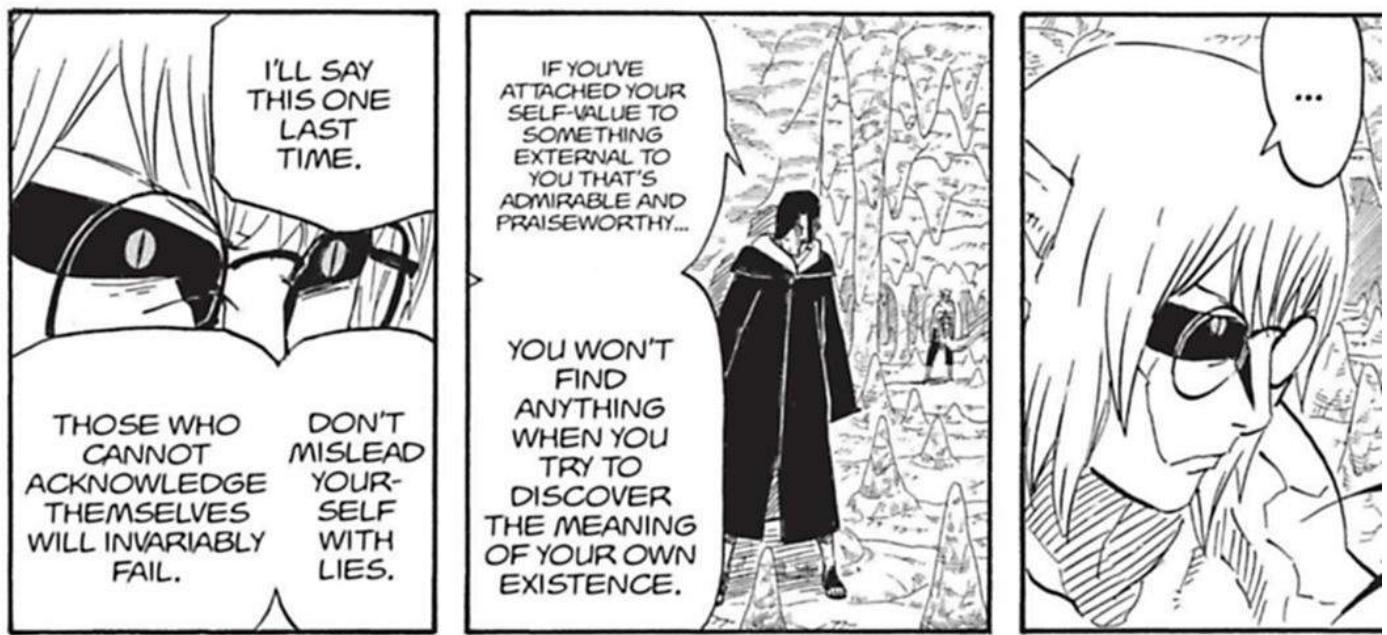
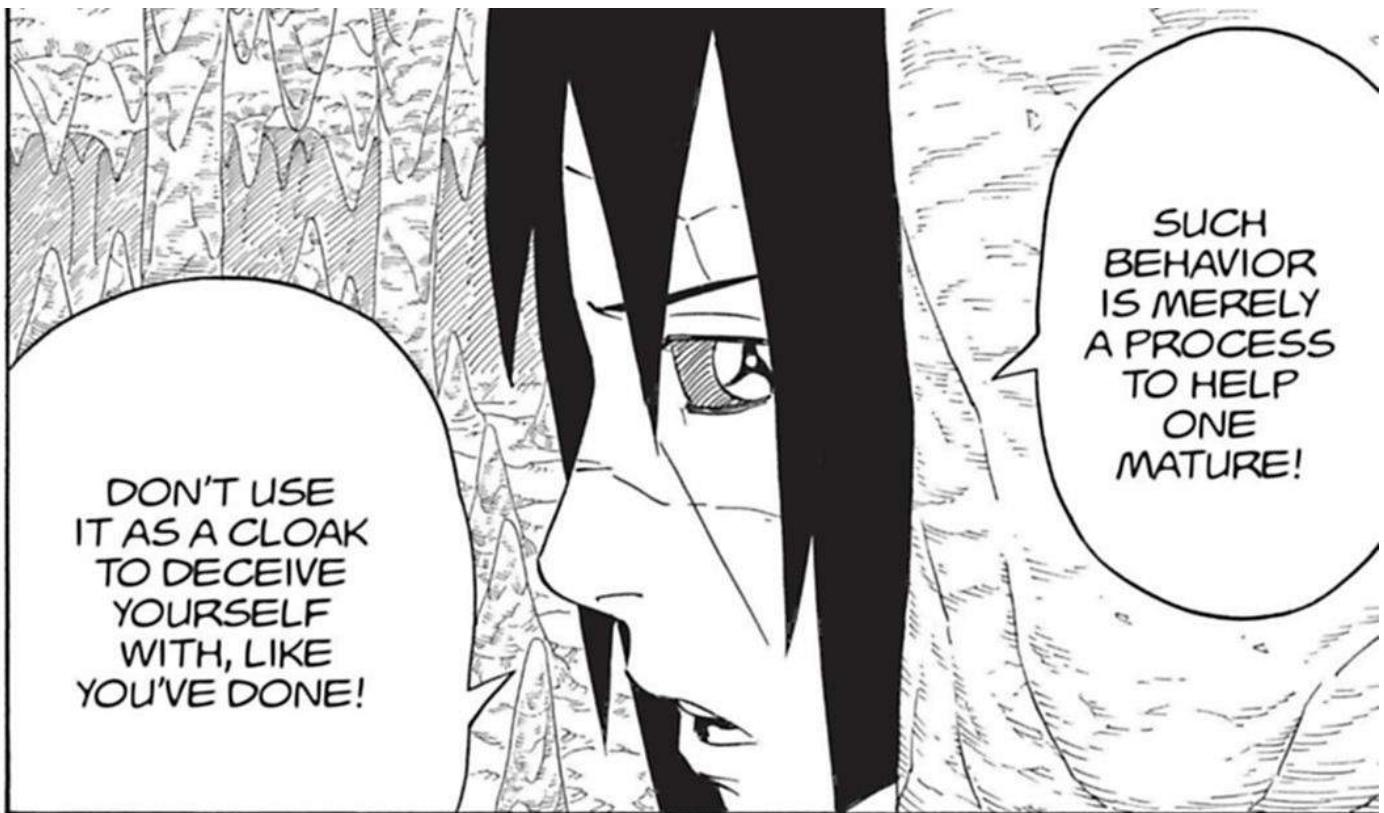


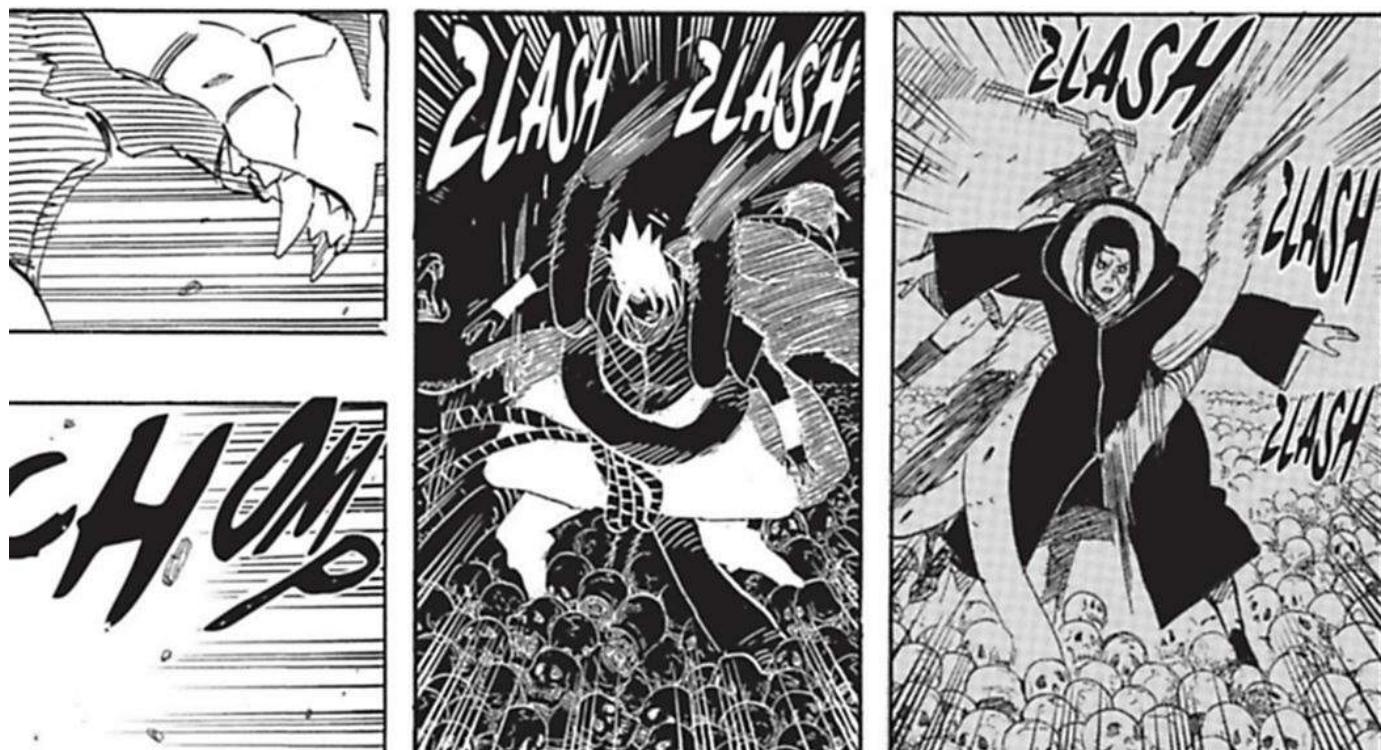


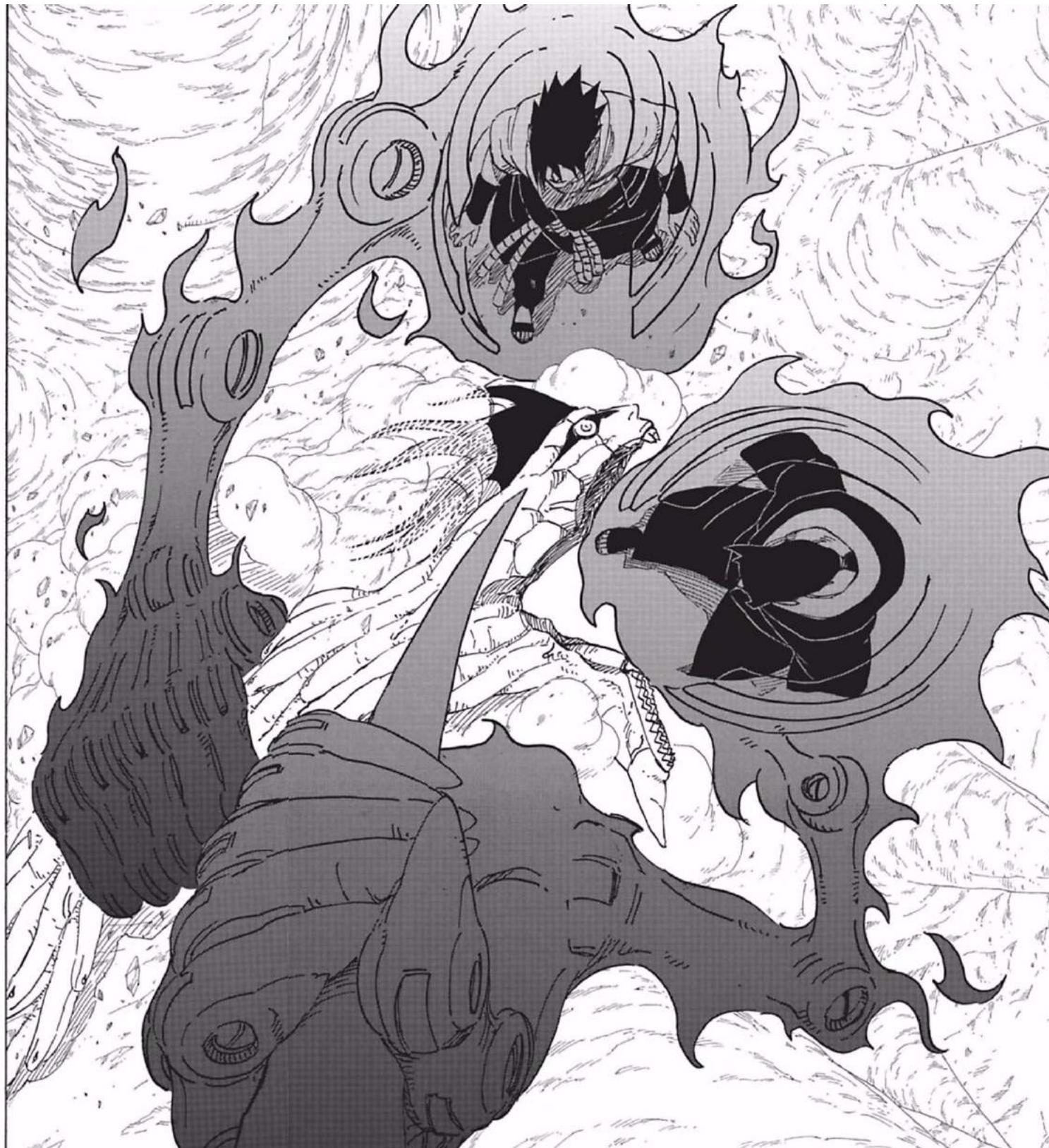
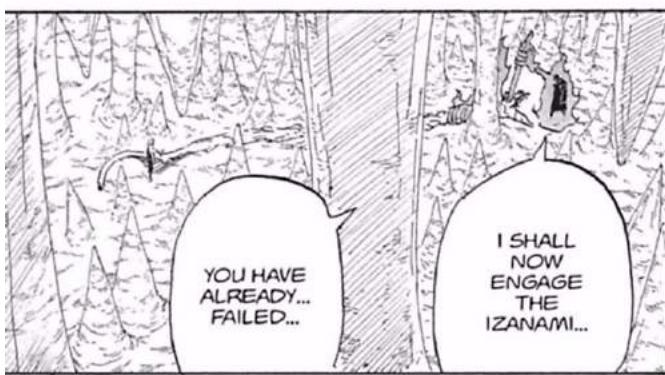


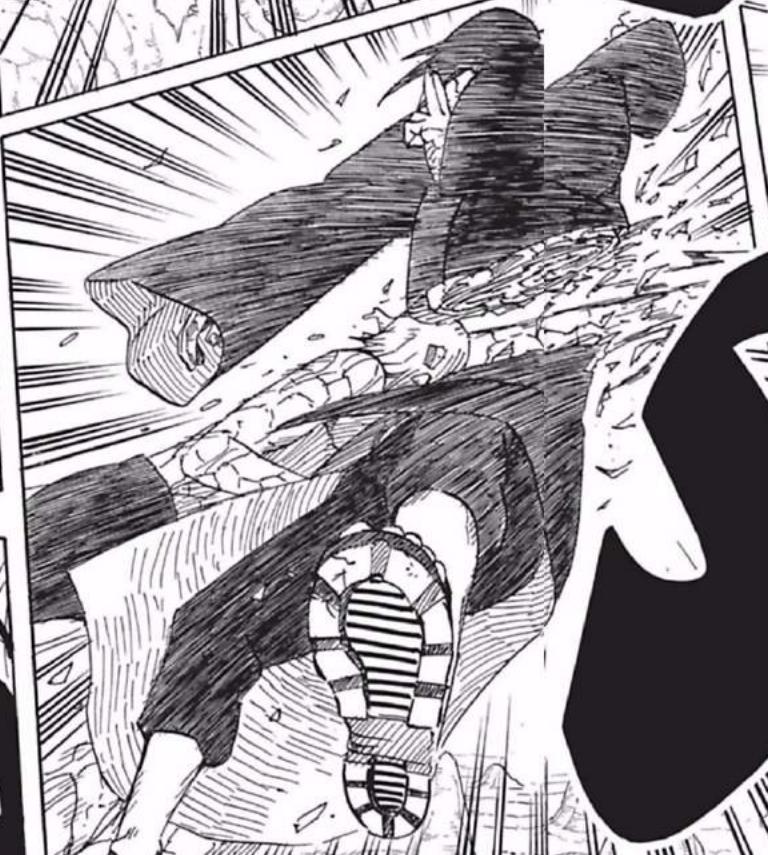
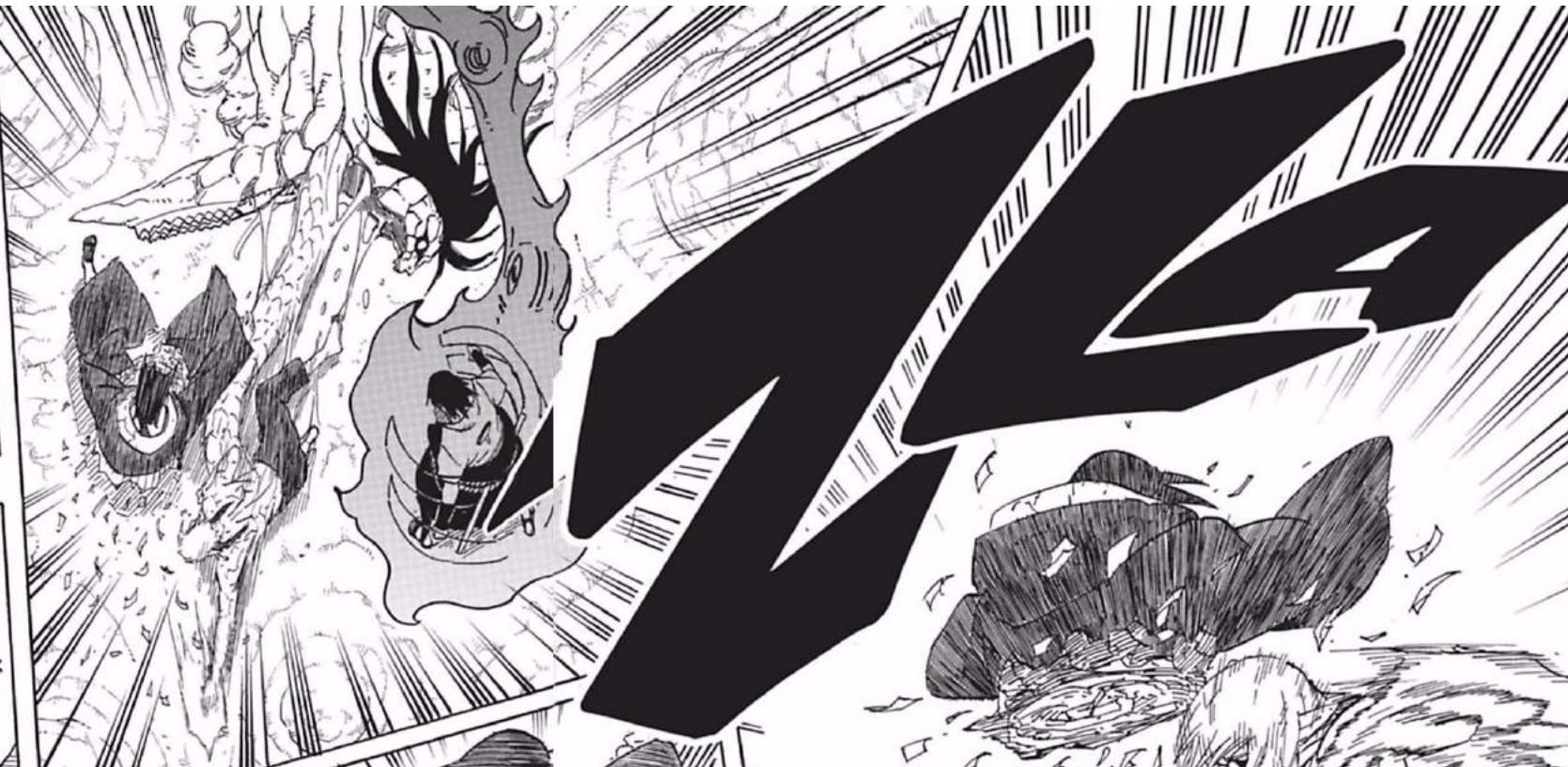
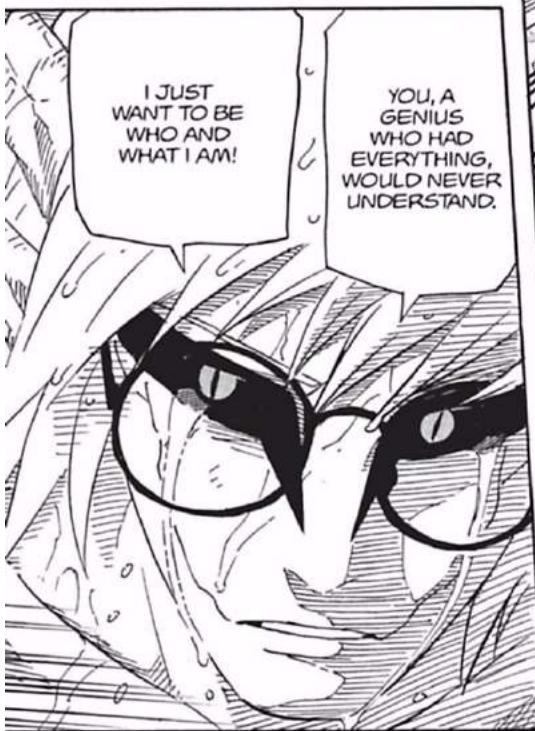




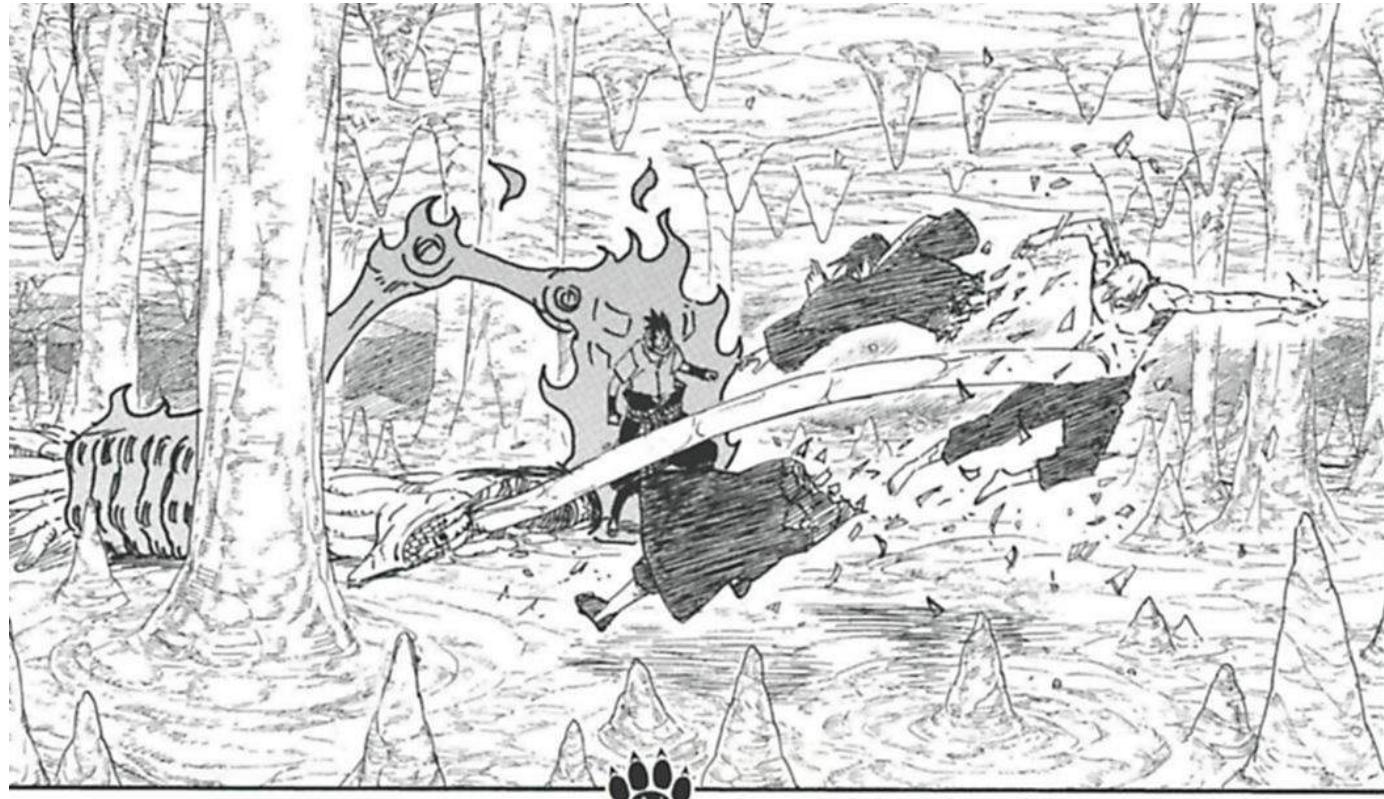




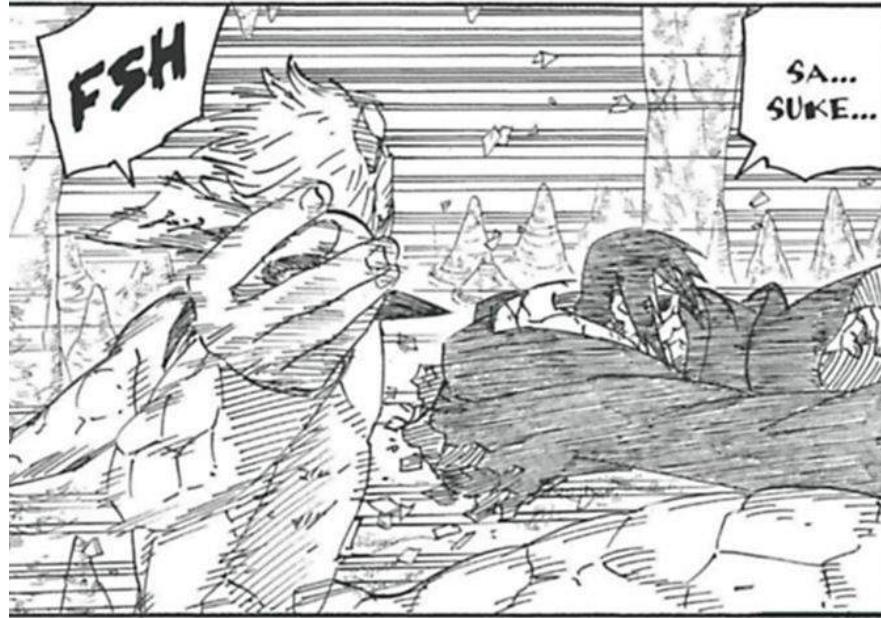


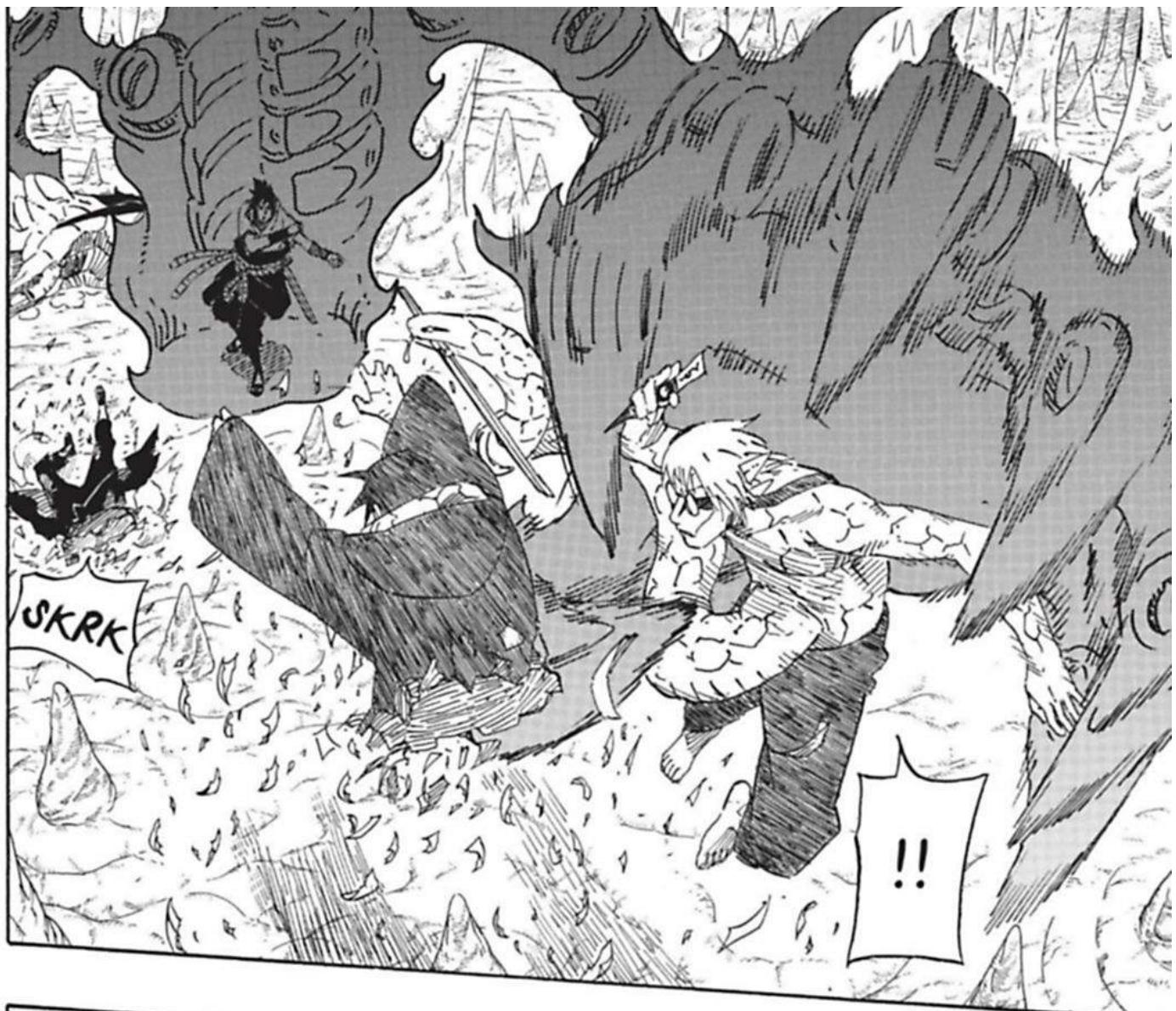


NARUTO



Number 586: The Izanami Activated







FZZZZZ



SPLASH

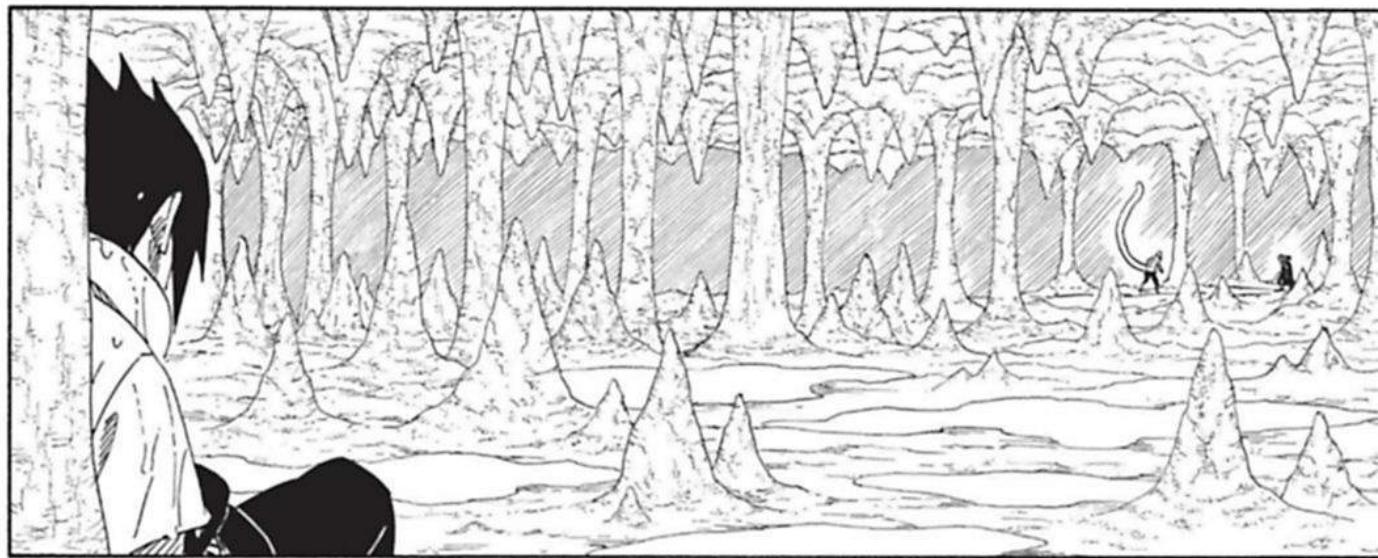
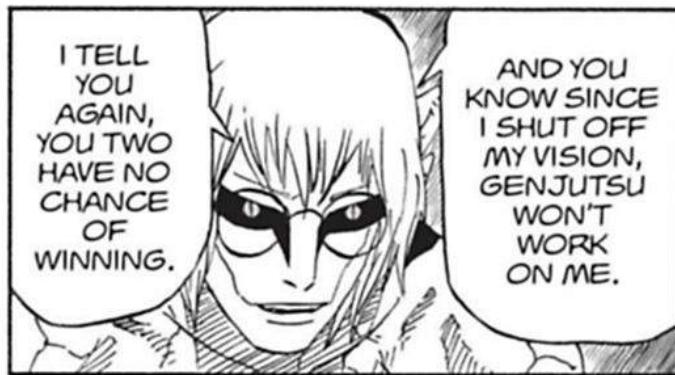
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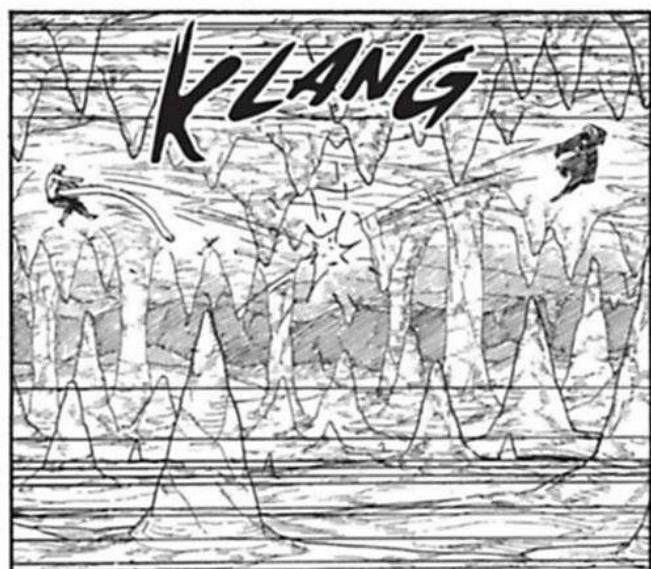
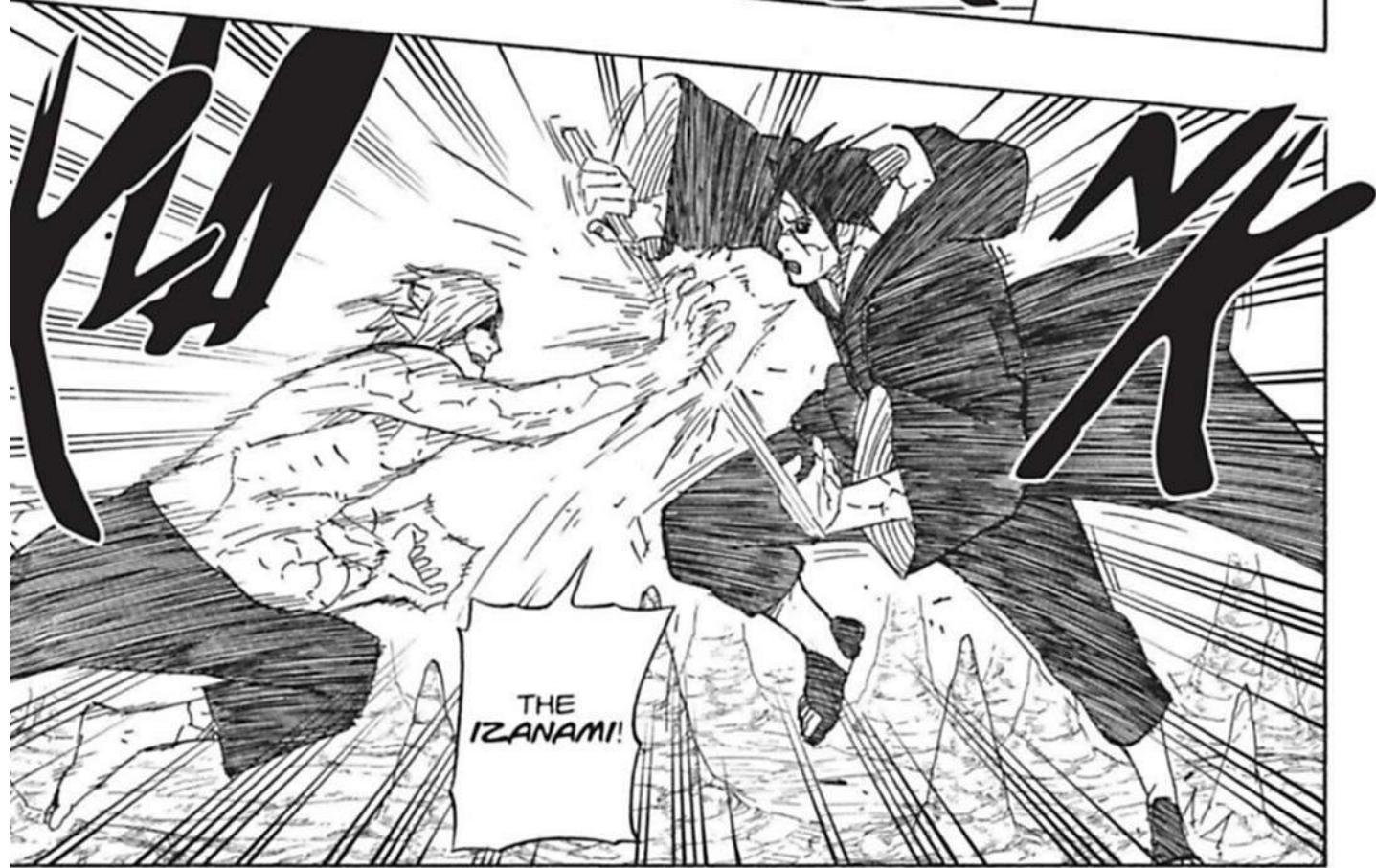


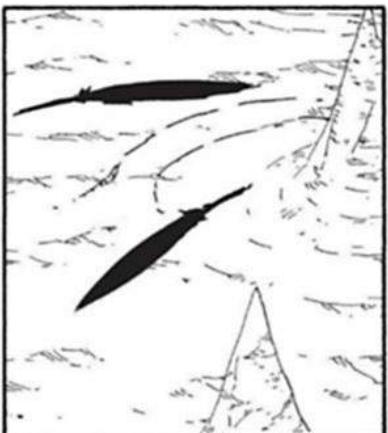
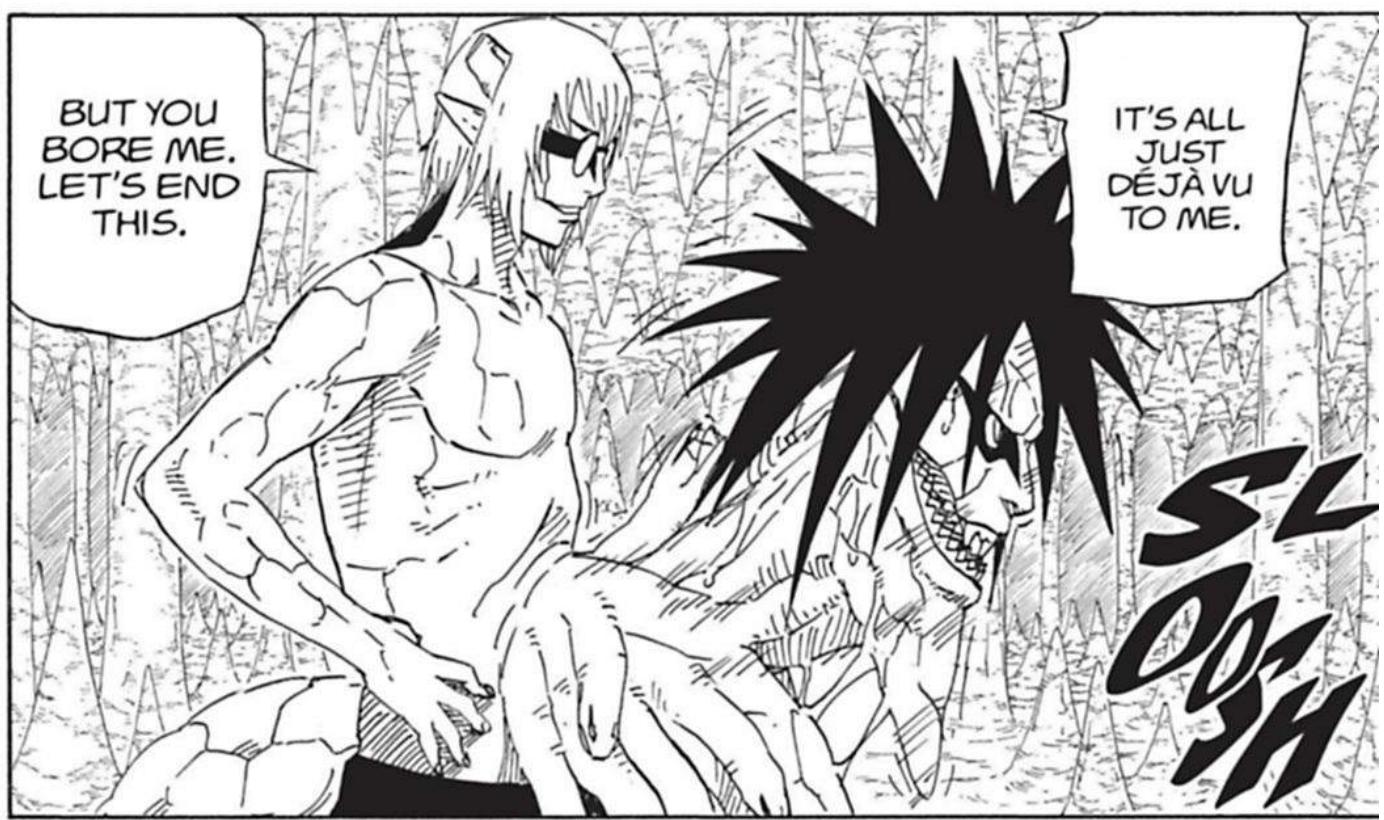
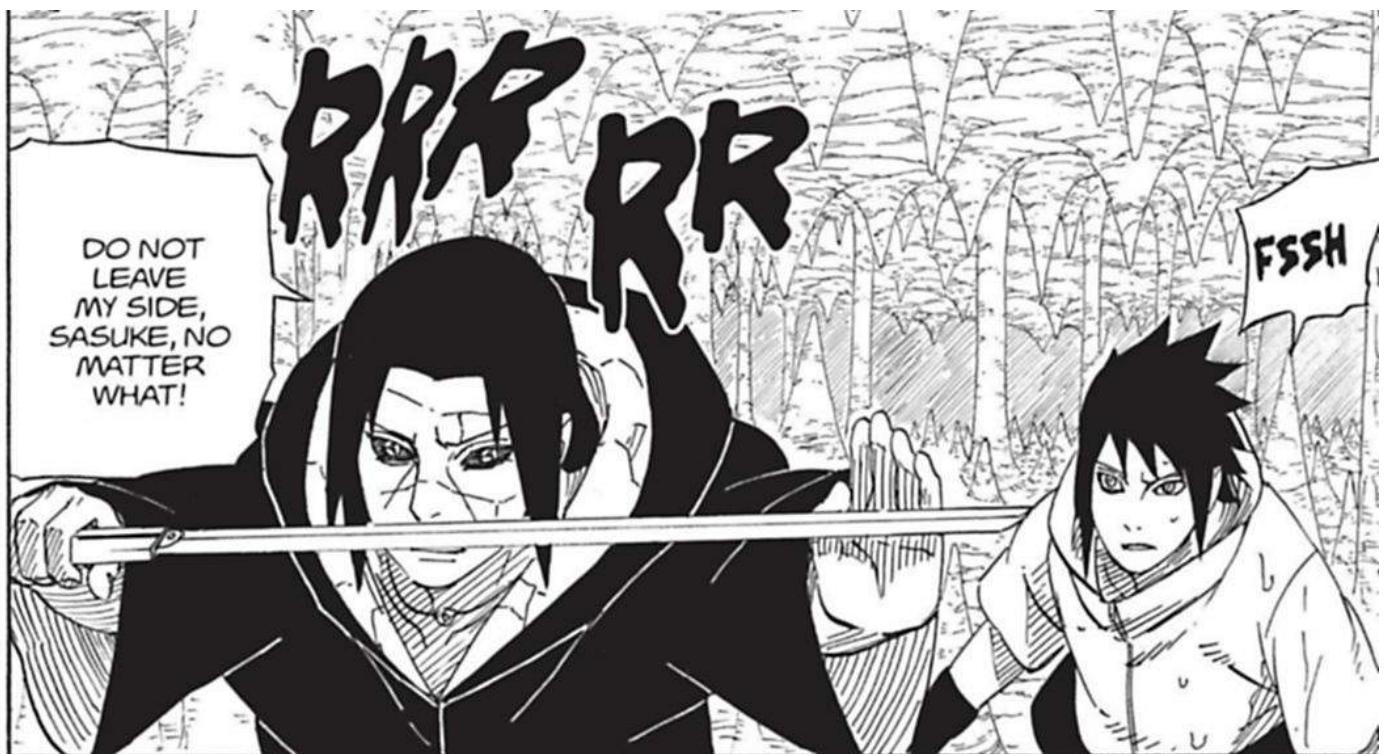
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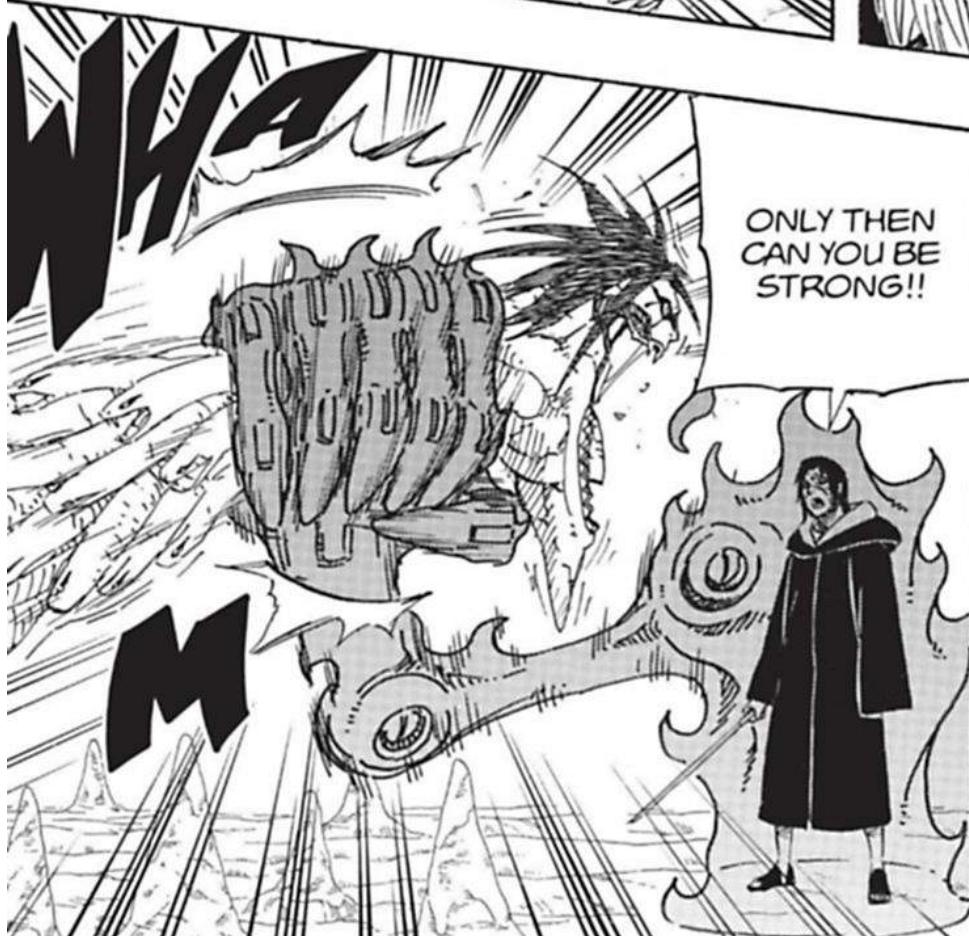
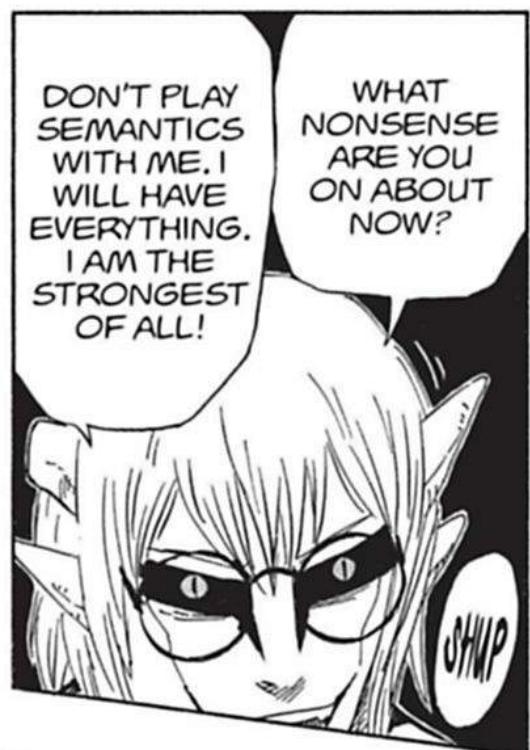


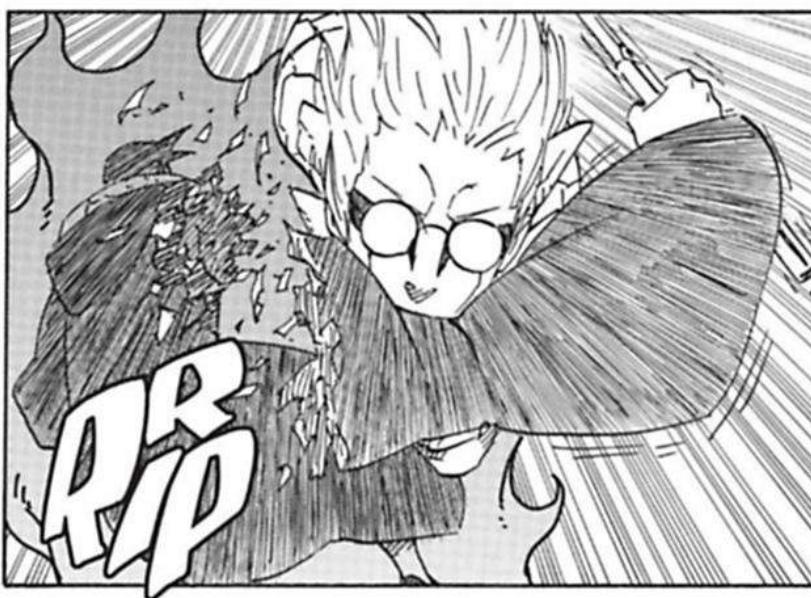
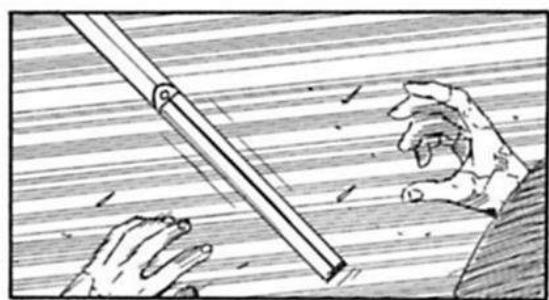
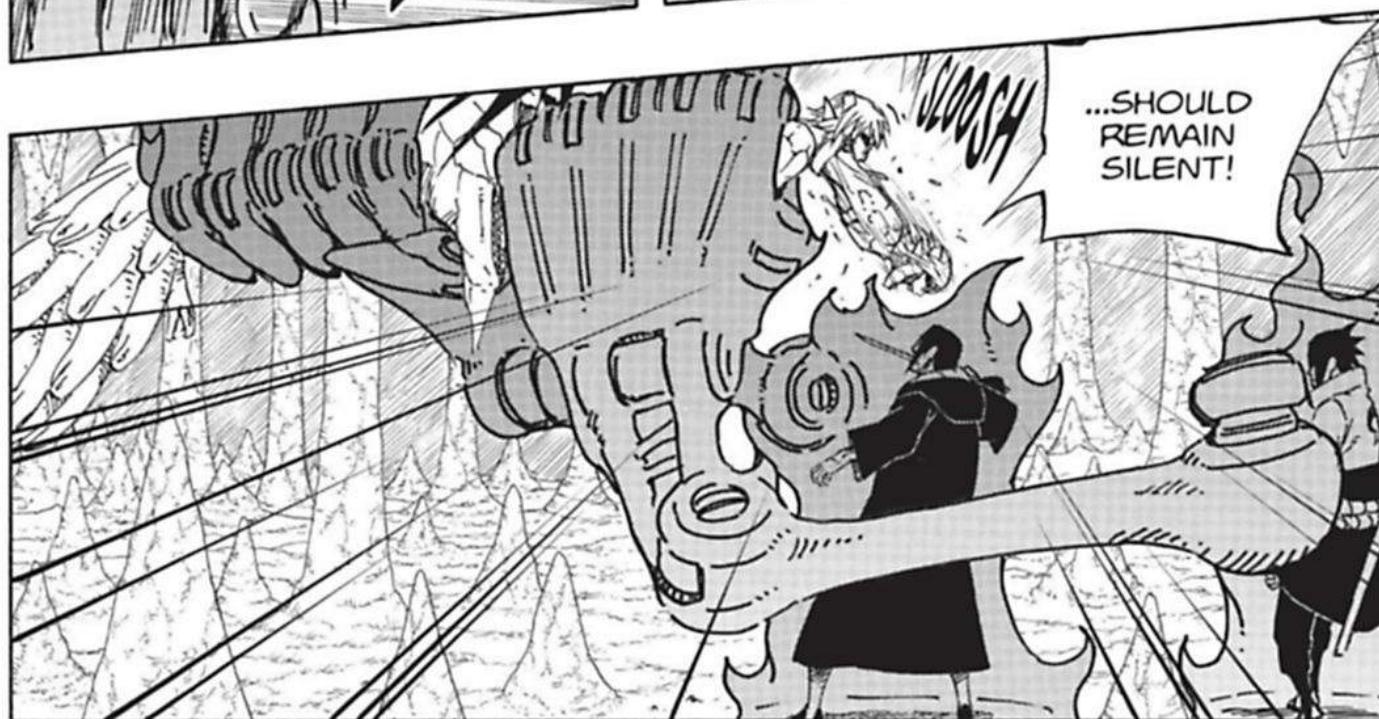












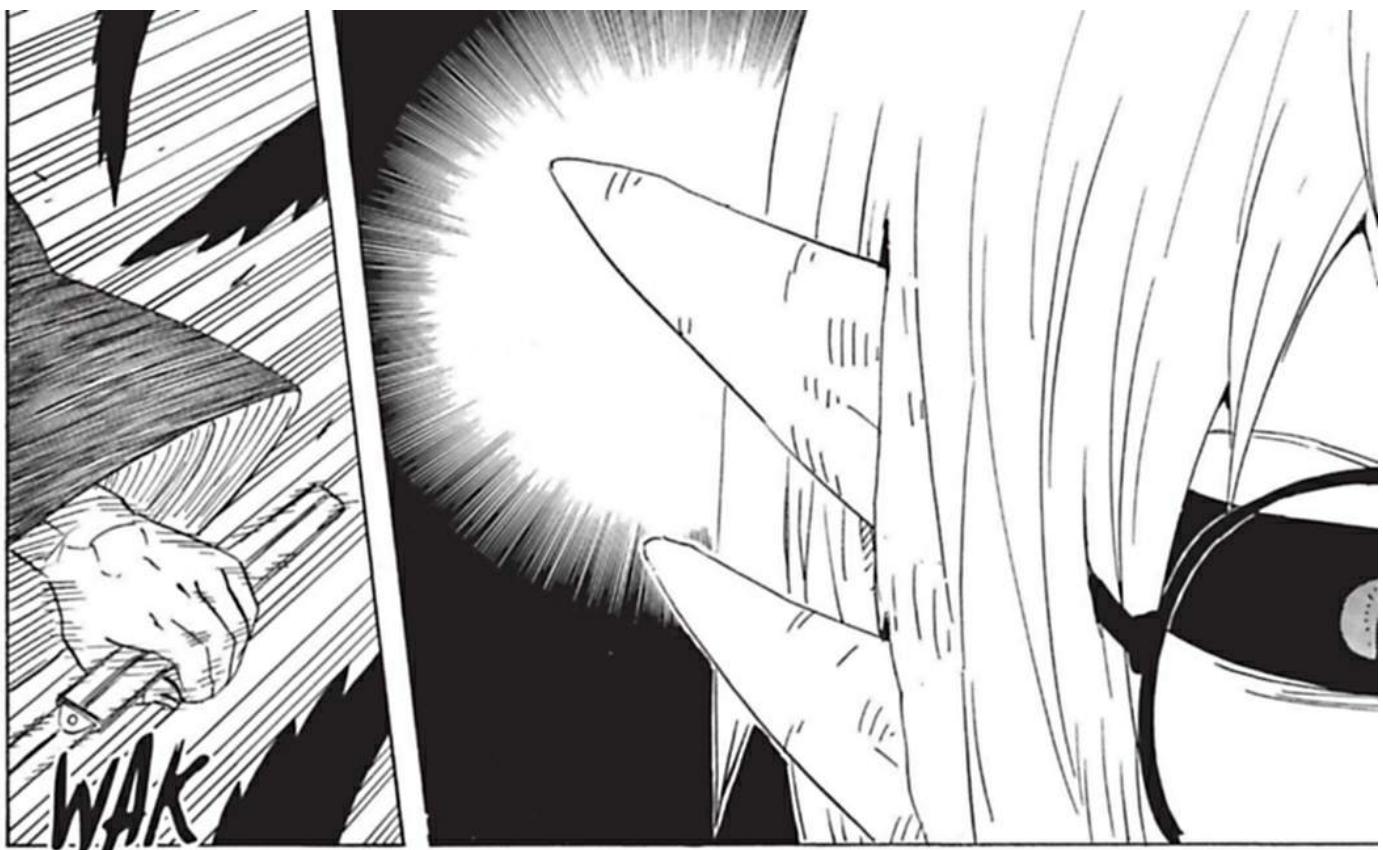












I TRULY
HOLD
YOUR
FATE
IN MY
HANDS!

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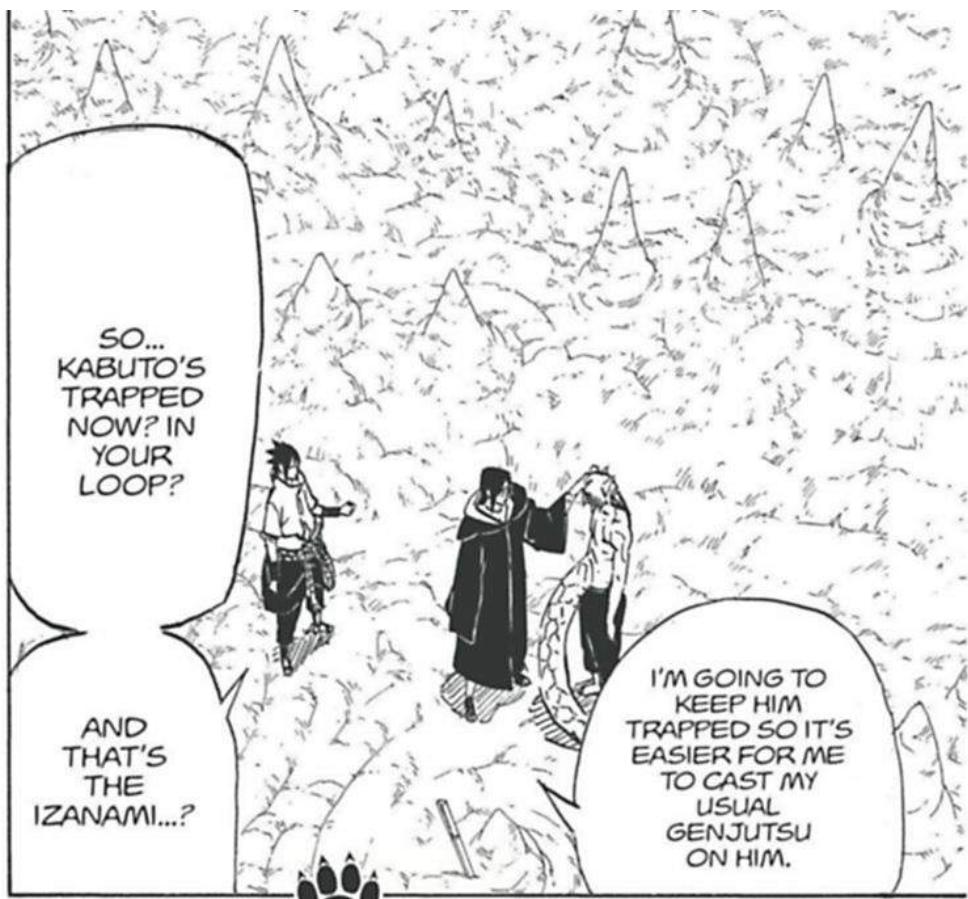
HE
CANNOT
ESCAPE
THIS LOOP.

UCHIHA
ITACHI!!!

...THAT
IS THE
IZANAMI!

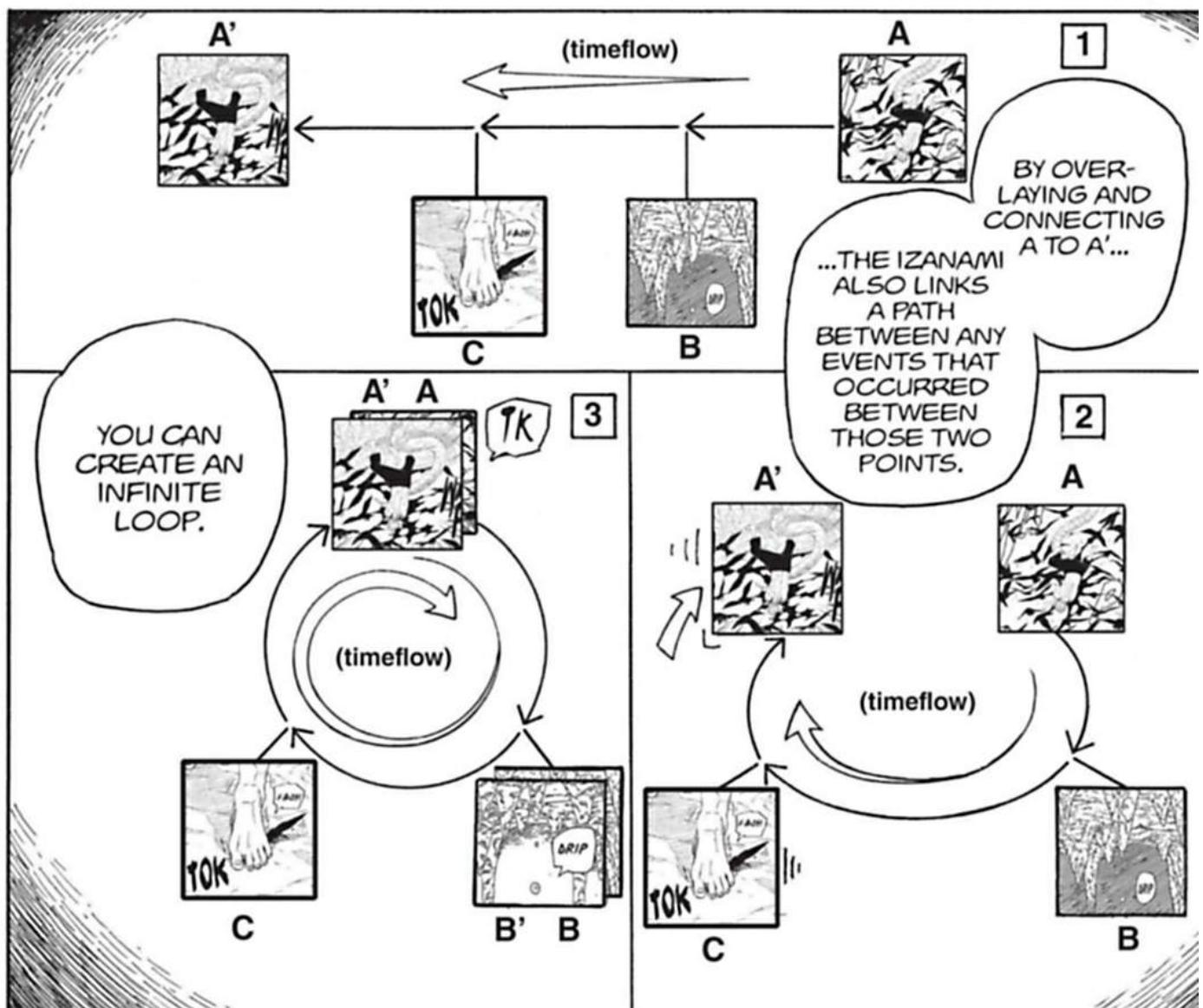
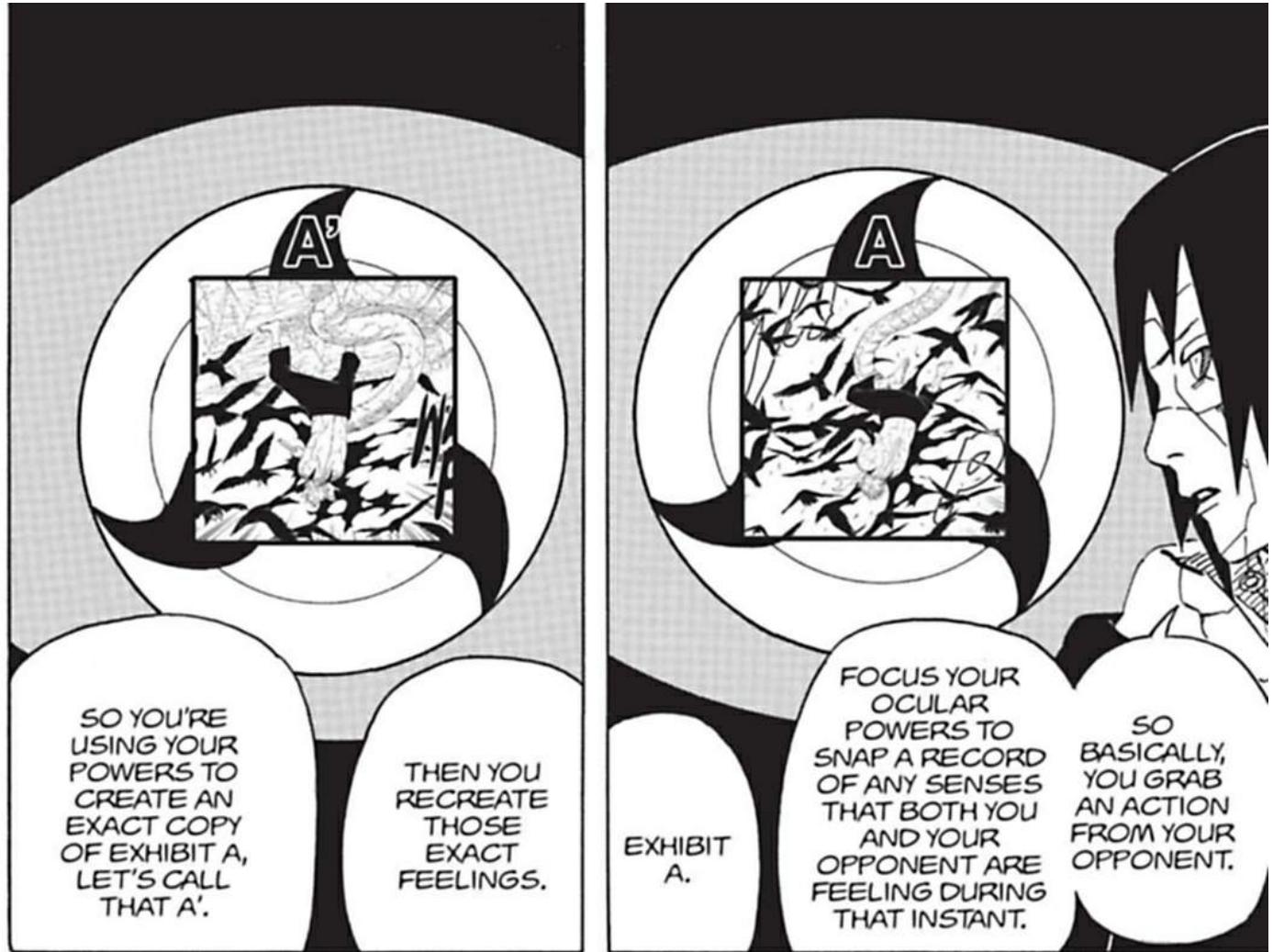
A JUTSU
THAT
DECIDES
ONE'S
FATE...

NARUTO



Number 587: Nine O'clock





SO KABUTO'S CONSCIOUSNESS IS TRAPPED INSIDE.

HE'LL BE FIGHTING A PHANTOM YOU AND A PHANTOM ME FOR ALL ETERNITY ON AN ENDLESS LOOP.

ALL IN EXCHANGE FOR ONE'S OWN SIGHT, OF COURSE.

JUST LIKE WITH THE IZANAGI.

IT'S A PERFECT UCHIHA OCULAR JUTSU DESIGNED TO CHANGE DESTINY.

YOU KNOW SOME ABOUT THE IZANAGI ALREADY.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

NOT QUITE... THERE **IS** AN ESCAPE ROUTE BUILT INTO THE JUTSU. YOU COULD FEASIBLY DISENGAGE FROM THE LOOP.

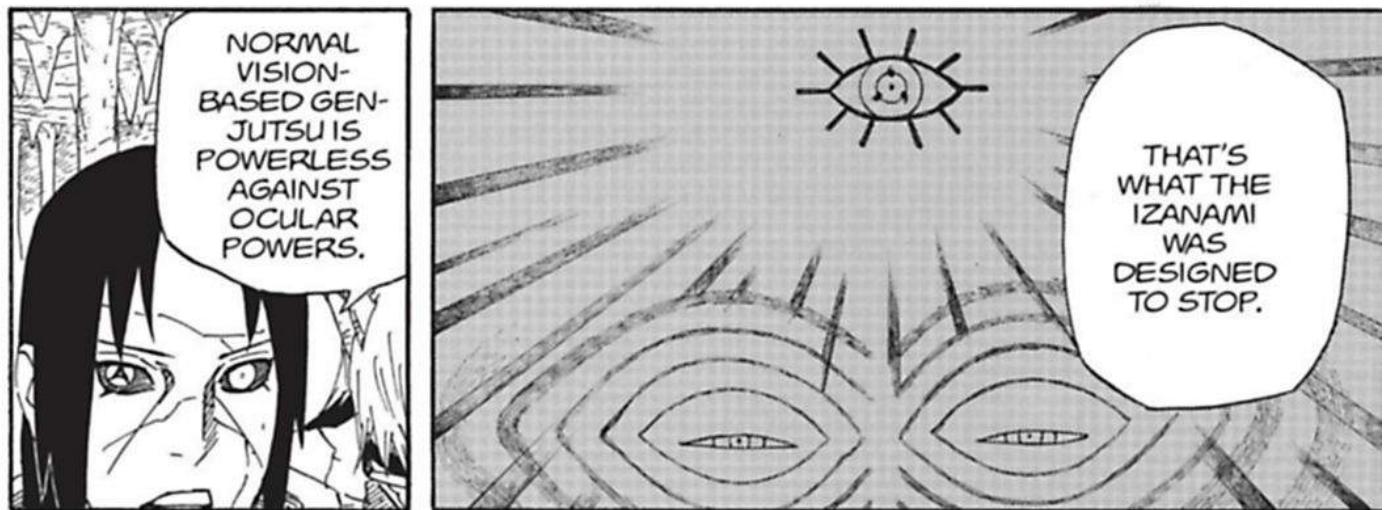
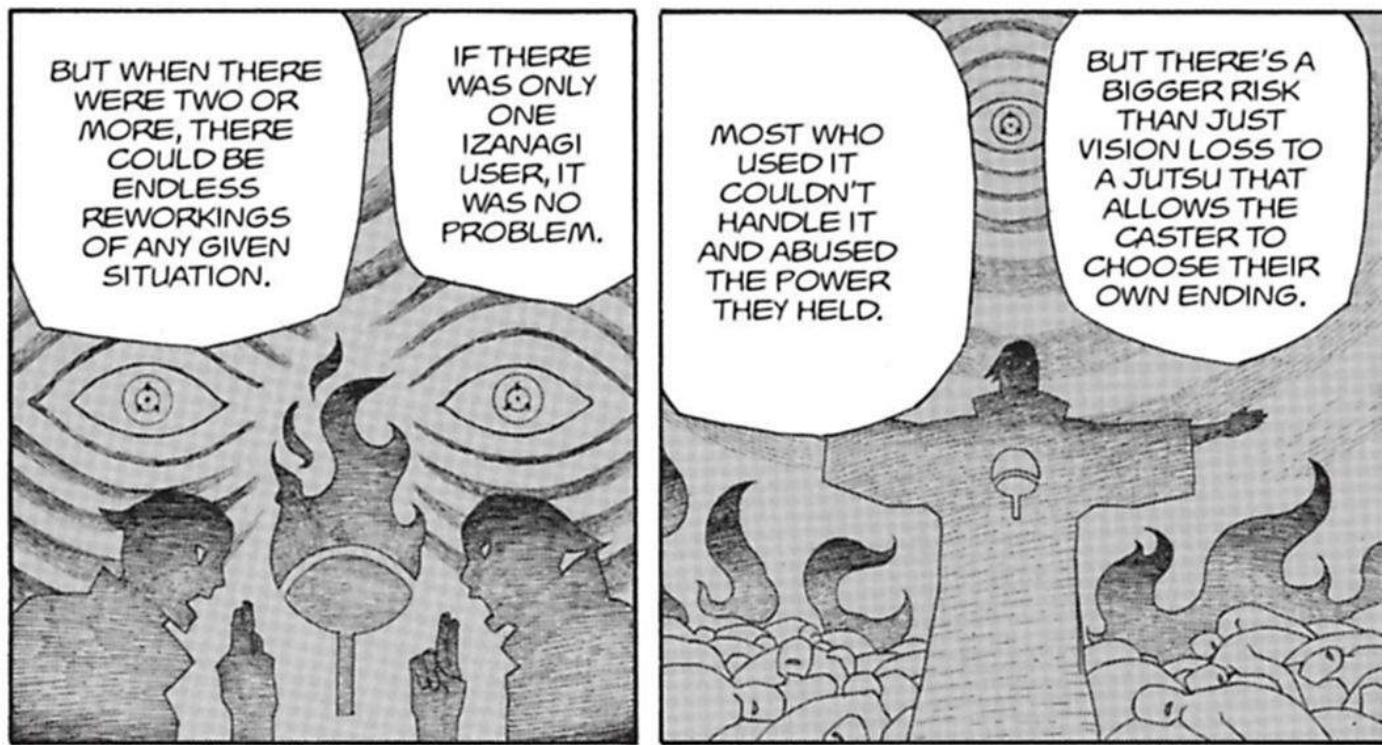
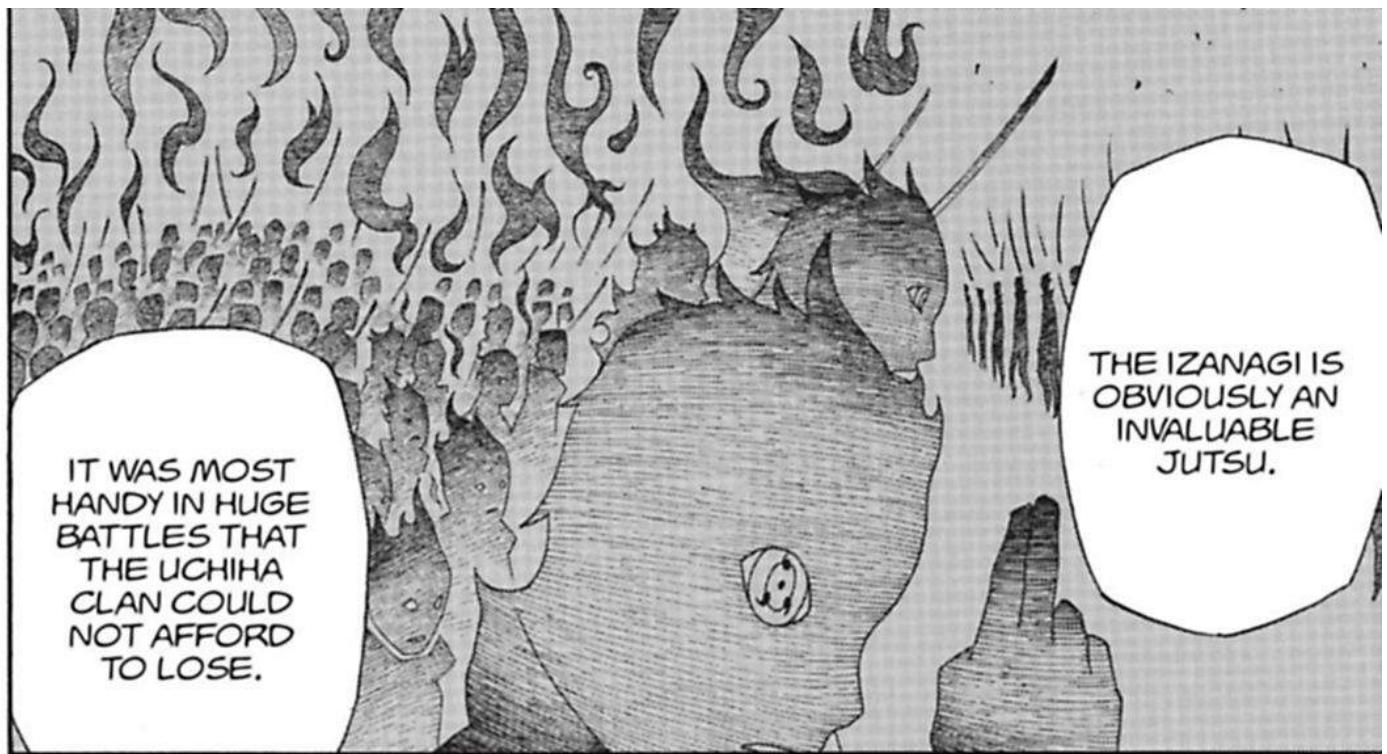
THE IZANAMI WAS DEVELOPED TO ADMONISH AND SALVAGE AN IZANAGI USER.

ULTIMATELY, YOU CAN PICK AND CHOOSE THE MOST DESIRABLE END RESULT.

IF SOMETHING DOES NOT GO THE WAY YOU WANT IT TO, YOU CAN JUST ERASE THAT OUTCOME AND START ALL OVER.

WSSSH!

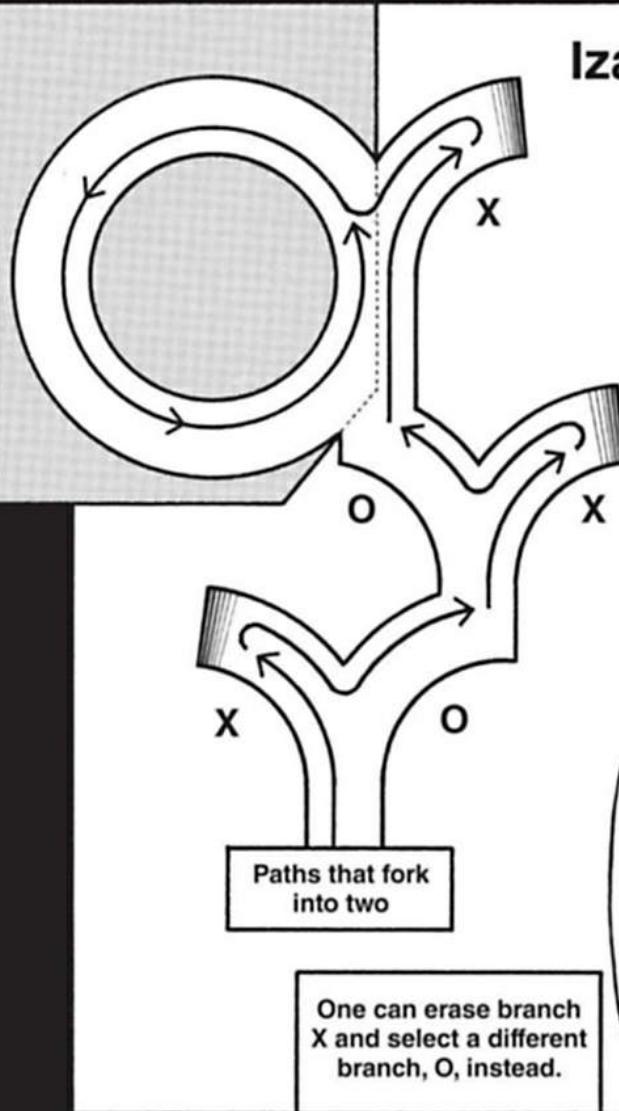
FSH



Izanami

Izanagi

If one erases branch X and proceeds to branch O, one ends up going around in circles.



...AND CAUSE THEM TO ENDLESSLY CIRCLE AROUND IN A LOOP.

THE IZANAMI IS SET UP TO TAKE SOMEONE WHO IS USING THE IZANAGI TO CHANGE AN OUTCOME TO BENEFIT ONESELF...

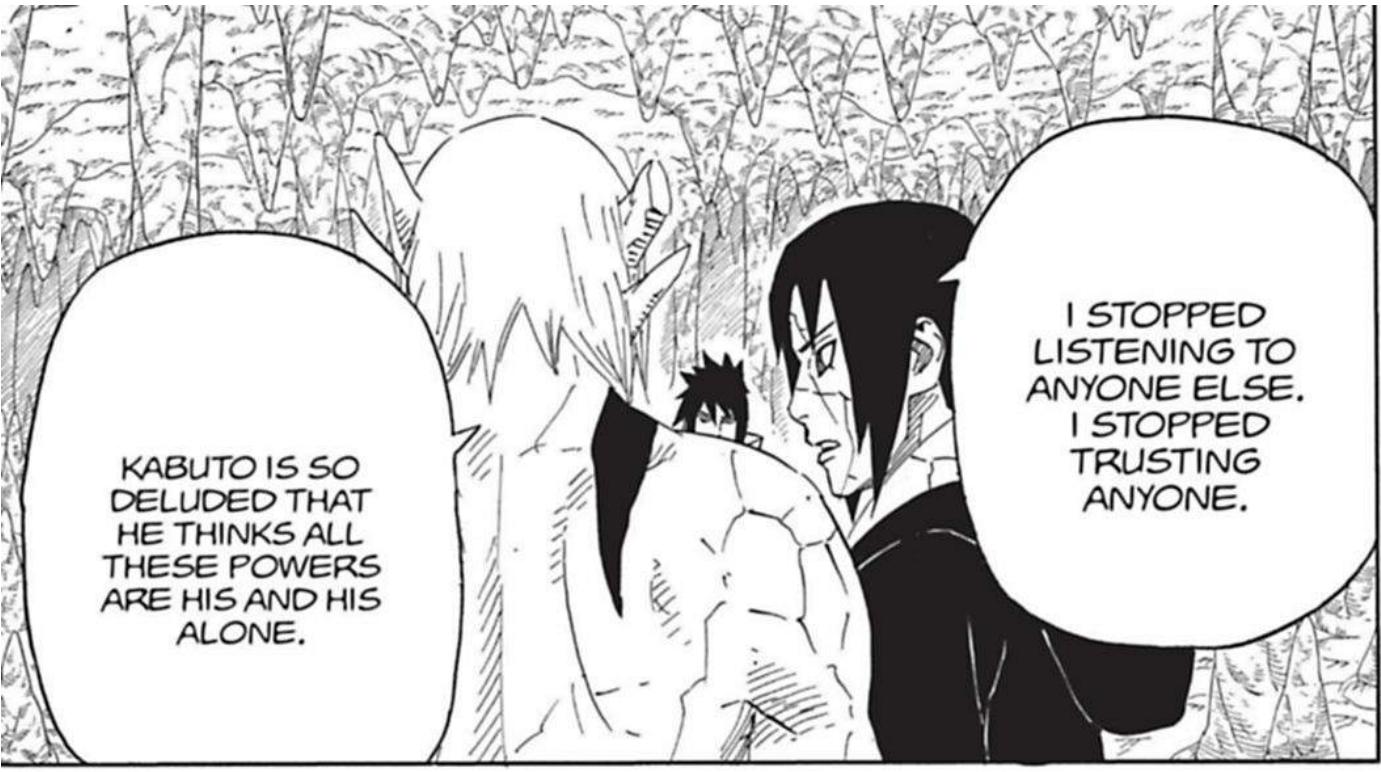


...THERE'S AN ESCAPE ROUTE BUILT INTO THAT LOOP AS WELL...

OF COURSE, SINCE THE IZANAMI IS A JUTSU MEANT FOR STOPPING THE IZANAGI...







KABUTO IS SO DELUSED THAT HE THINKS ALL THESE POWERS ARE HIS AND HIS ALONE.

I STOPPED LISTENING TO ANYONE ELSE.
I STOPPED TRUSTING ANYONE.



BUT HE'S NOT COMPLETELY TO BLAME FOR HIS NOT REALIZING THAT.

WHAT HE IS DOING IS CERTAINLY WRONG.



HE CAN'T FORGIVE HIMSELF FOR WHAT HE'S DONE BECAUSE HE CAN'T SEE HIMSELF FOR WHO AND WHAT HE TRULY IS.

I UNDERSTAND HIM TOO WELL. THE SHINOBI WORLD HAS MADE US BOTH VICTIMS OF OUR OWN EGOS.



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I LOST MY CHANCE. BUT HE CAN STILL FORGIVE HIMSELF BEFORE HE DIES.



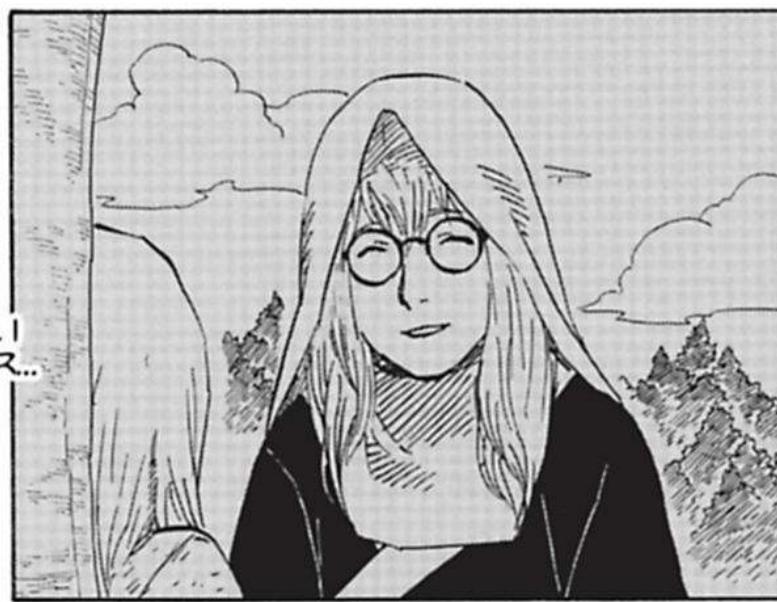


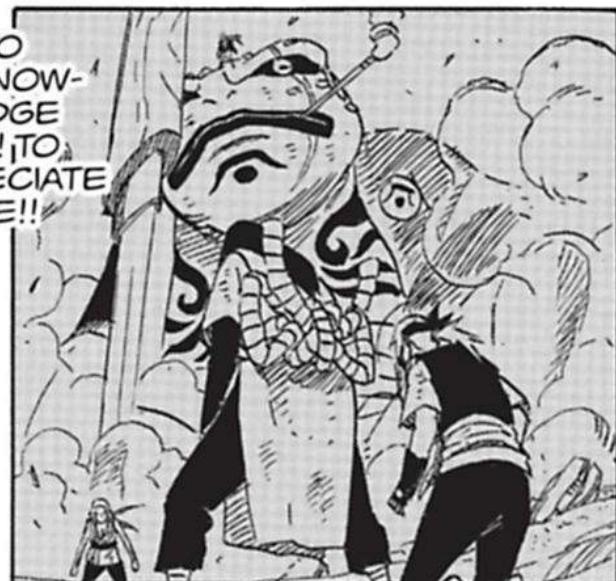
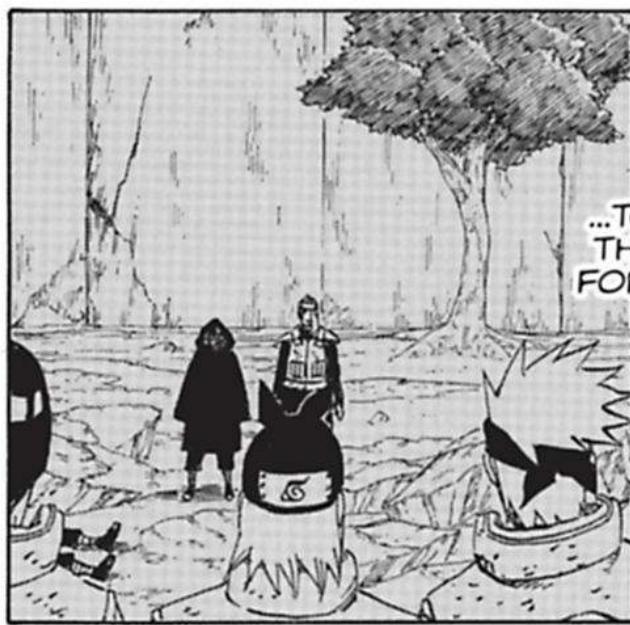




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