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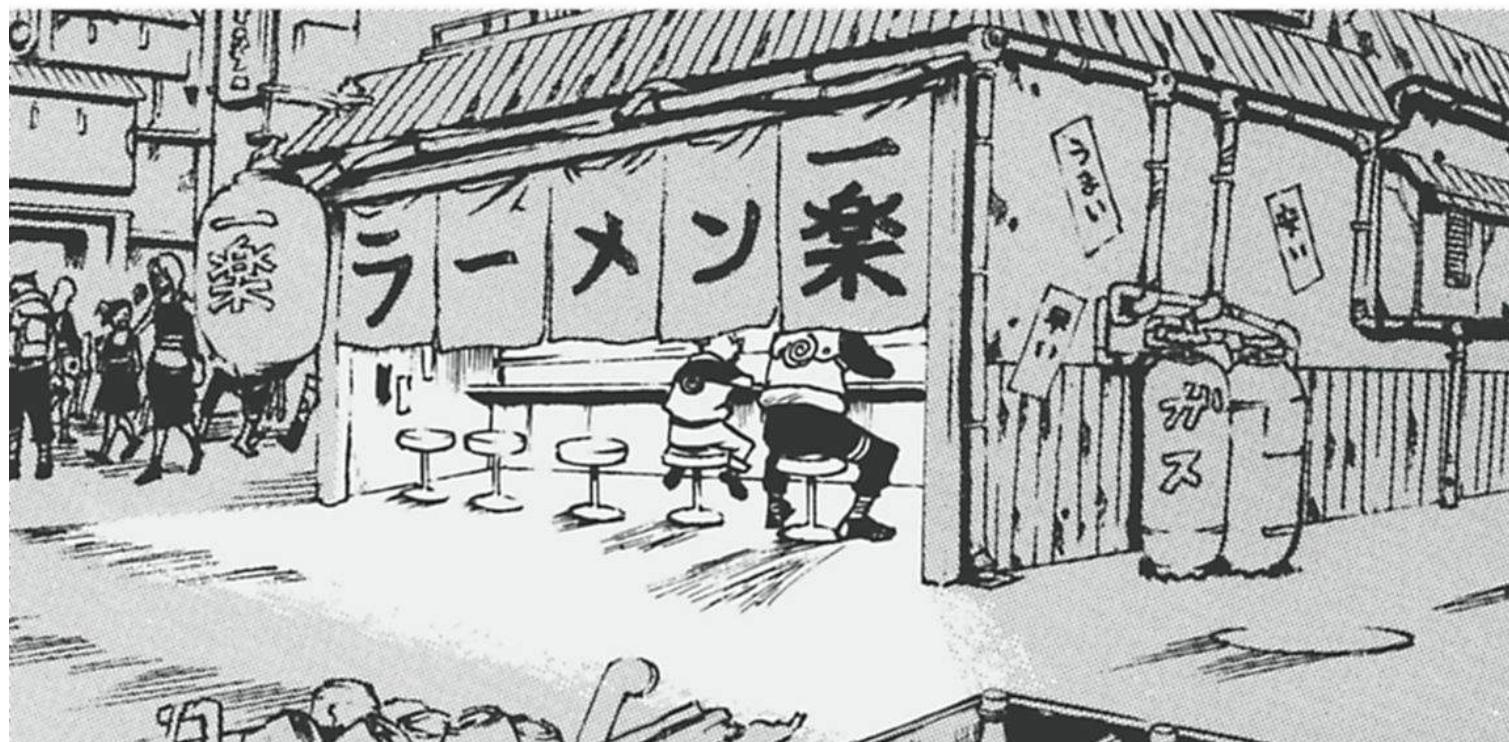
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Ever since I wrote in the author's note of the previous book, volume 47, "The finale having been settled, I am drawing full steam ahead," lots of folks have been asking me, "Is the series ending soon?" but it is simply that the premise has been set; it will keep going for a long, long time! I shall not stop drawing at full steam, so please continue enjoying *Naruto* until the end!

—*Masashi Kishimoto, 2009*



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# NARUTO



光はまだの方へ振り返って見てみた。そこには自分慣れな男が立っていた。

お前は強だよ、さあはすこまを閉う。

アオレのあは

この歌を歌わせるために此處に来た

地を走る、風を吹く。

勢を發揮し、  
風通し

さあやがれや、彼らの草木を燃やせ。

# CHARACTERS



Sasuke サスケ



Naruto ナルト



Sakura サクラ



Kakashi カカシ



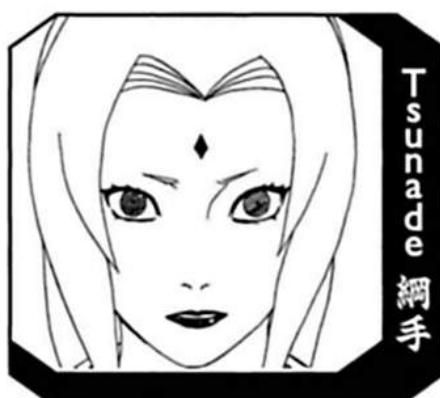
Yamato ヤマト



Sai サイ



Jiraiya 自來也



Tsunade 繩手



Jugo 重吾



Karin 香燐



Suigetsu 水月



Konan 小南



Nagato 長門



Pain ペイン



Fukasaku フカサク



Itachi イタチ



Madara マダラ

## — 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 Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha!

During his battle against Pain, Naruto releases the Nine Tails' power... But when Naruto has a conversation with the Fourth Hokage, he regains control over himself and heads toward Pain's mastermind to end it all!!!



# NARUTO

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THE CHEERING VILLAGE

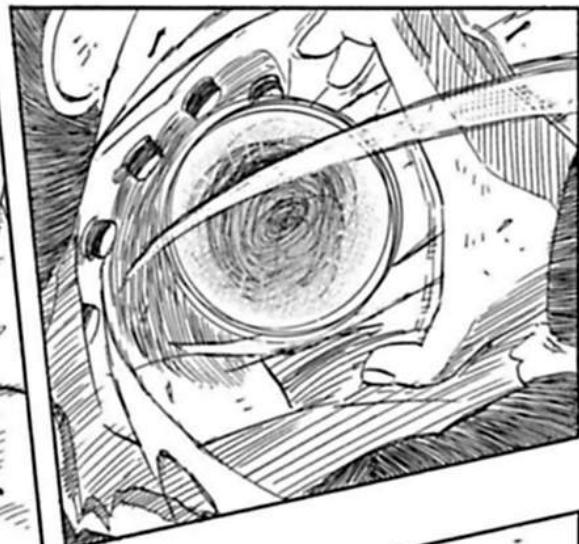
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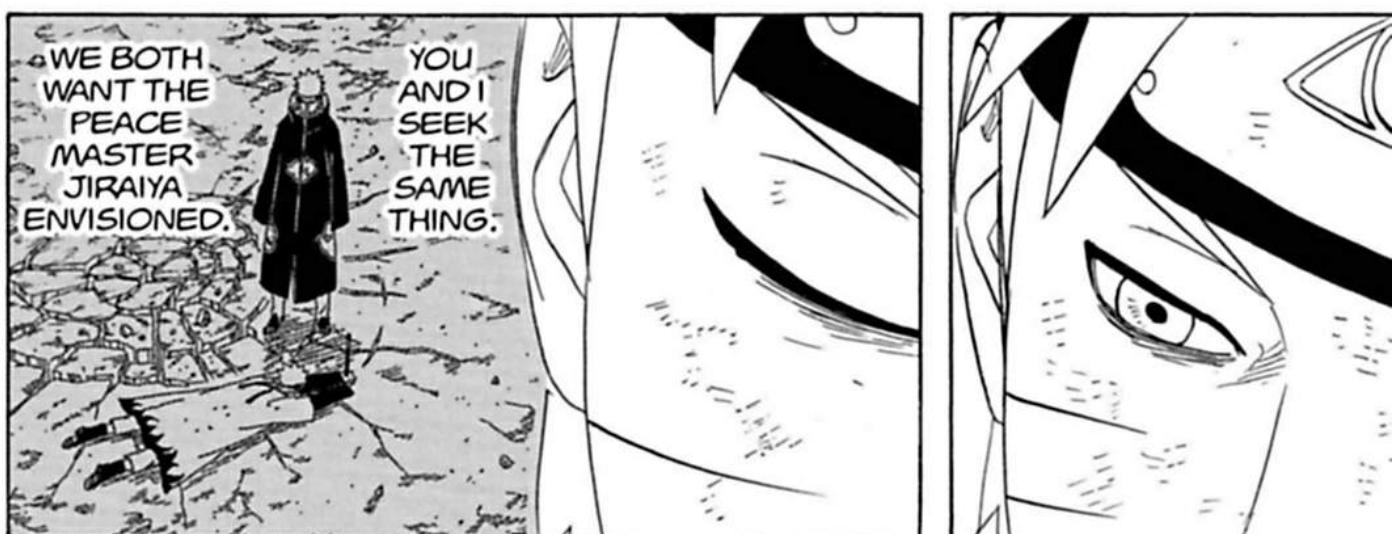
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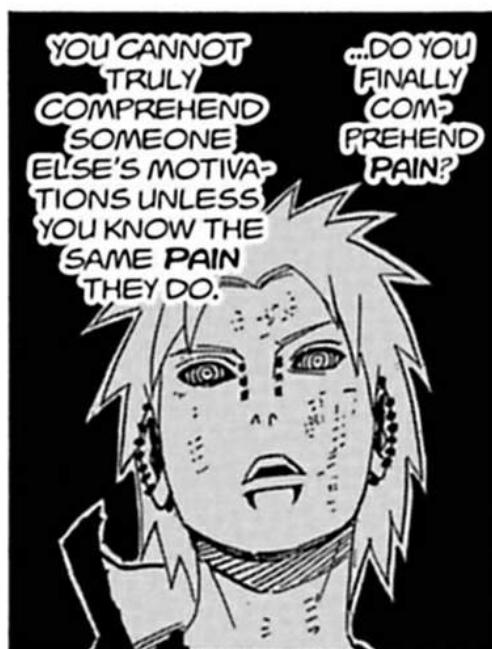
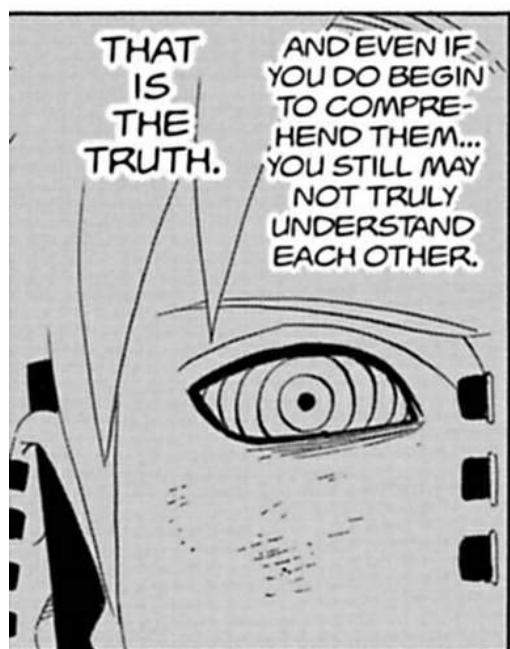
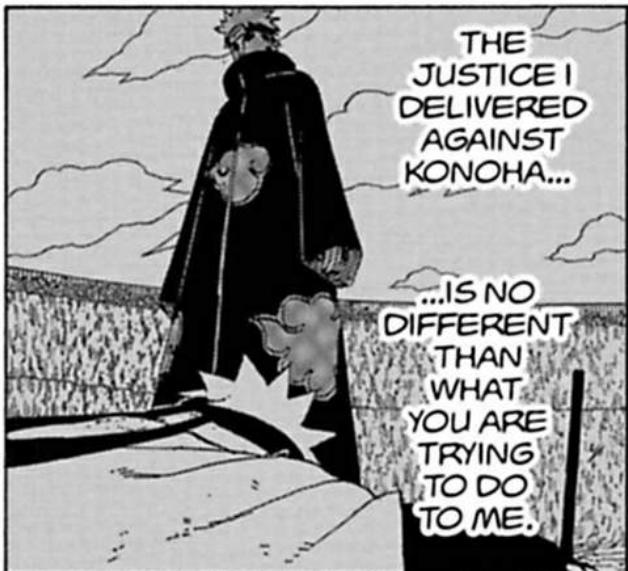


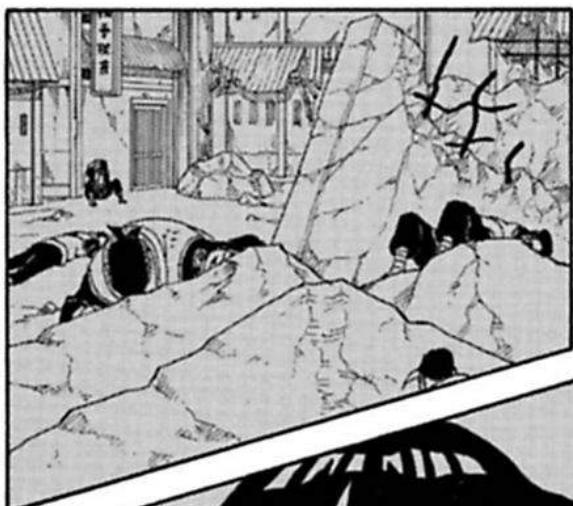
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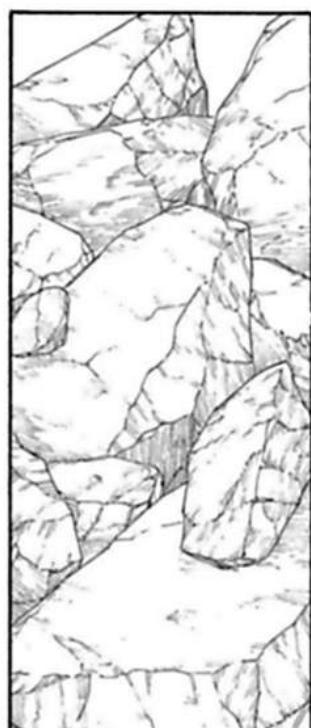


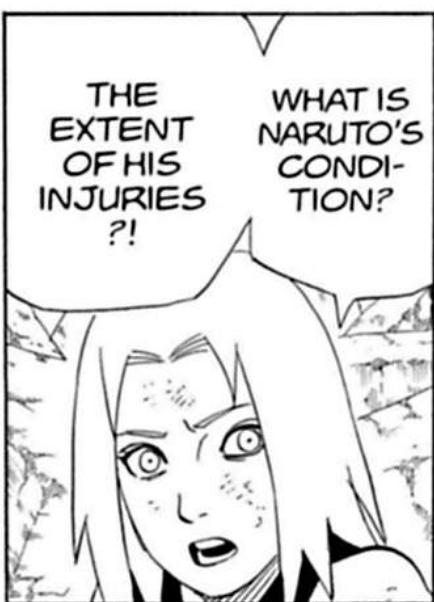
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WHAT IS  
NARUTO'S  
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WHY  
WOULD  
HE BE SO  
RECK-  
LESS?!

HE... IS  
CURRENTLY  
HEADING  
TOWARD  
THE  
MASTER-  
MIND'S  
LOCATION,  
ALONE.

AND  
WHERE IS  
NARUTO  
RIGHT  
NOW?

GOT  
IT!

MASTER  
GUY!  
WE'VE  
GOT TO  
HEAD  
OVER  
THERE!

!

PLEASE  
LEAD US  
TO  
NARUTO!

HE'S  
WEAK-  
ENED!

I DON'T  
CARE!  
HE'S DONE  
ENOUGH  
ON HIS  
OWN!

NARUTO  
HIMSELF DOES  
NOT DESIRE  
REINFORCE-  
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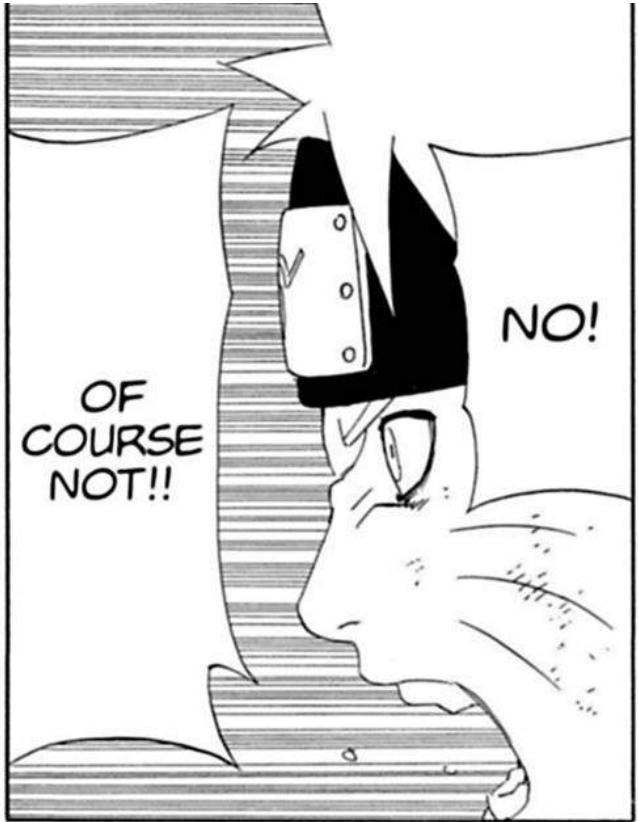
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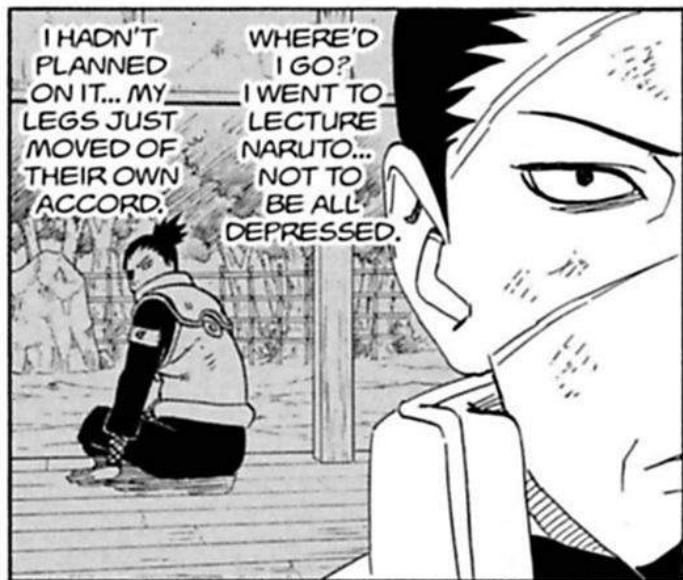


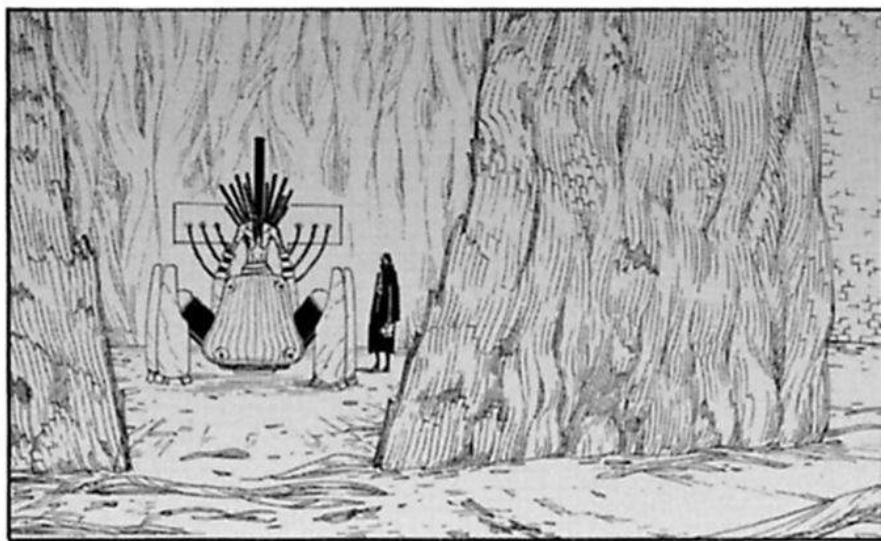
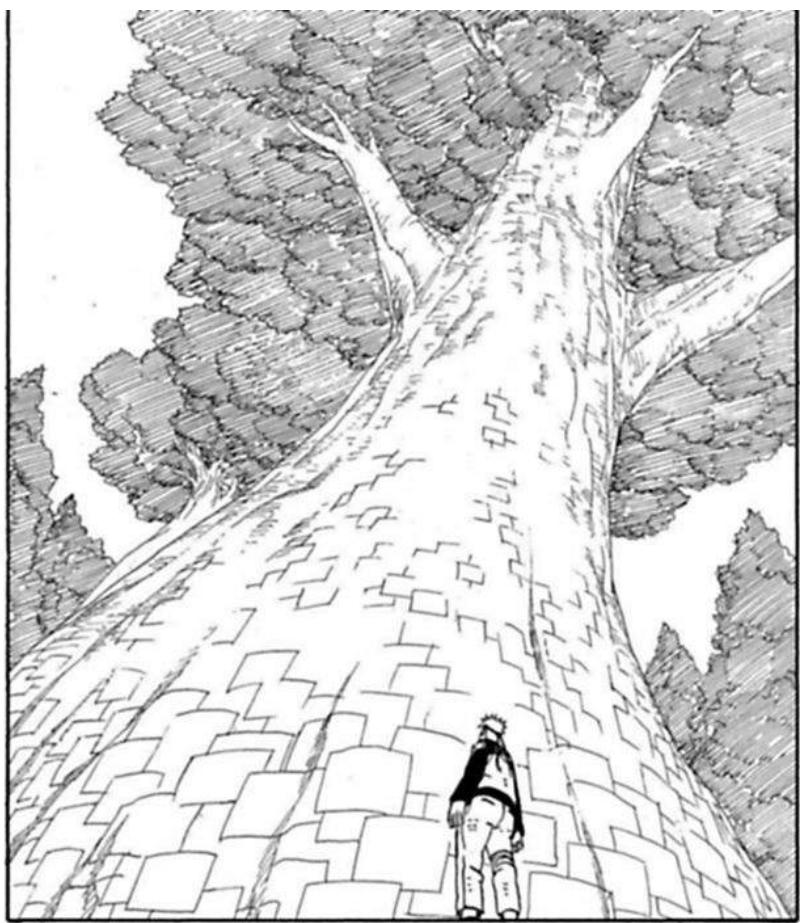
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BUT  
NAGATO  
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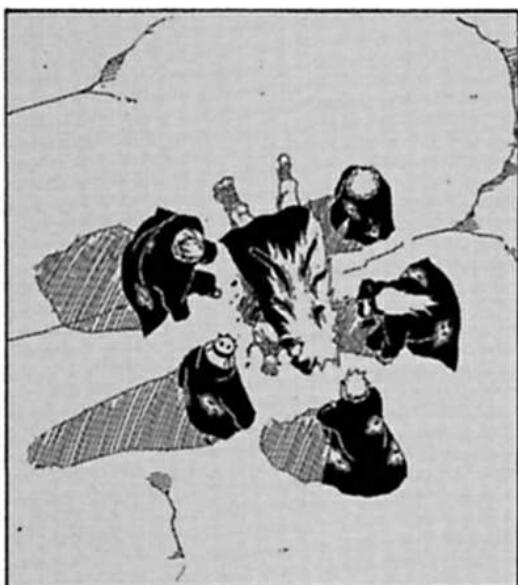
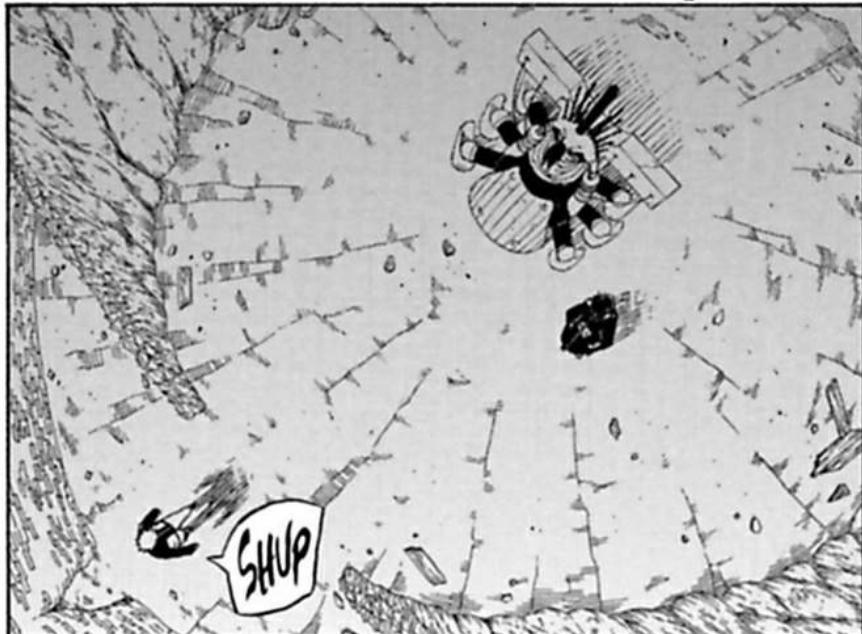
KONAN,  
STAY  
OUT OF  
THIS.

SO,  
THE PEACE  
MAKER  
COMES  
TOTTERING  
IN.

YOU IN  
THE BACK,  
ARE YOU  
THE REAL  
PAIN?

NARUTO

# Number 444: The Response



...AND A  
VICIOUS  
CYCLE OF  
HATRED  
WILL BE  
SET IN  
MOTION.



YOU'RE  
FACING  
THE  
OBJECT  
OF YOUR  
VENDETTA  
...

DO YOU  
WISH TO  
EXACT  
REVENGE?

DO  
YOU  
HATE  
ME?

YOU WILL  
ONLY GET  
PERSONAL  
SATISFACTION.

KILLING NAGATO  
AND ACHIEVING  
VENGEANCE  
ISN'T GOING TO  
CHANGE THE  
WORLD.

BUT  
YOU SEE...  
THAT'S  
WHY I  
FORMED  
THE  
AKATSUKI,  
TO BREAK  
THE CYCLE  
OF  
HATRED.

...THE  
MONSTER  
KNOWN  
AS HATE  
WILL  
ALWAYS  
GIVE  
BIRTH  
TO NEW  
PAINS.

THUS,  
SO  
LONG  
AS WE  
HAVE  
SHINOBI  
CULTURE  
...

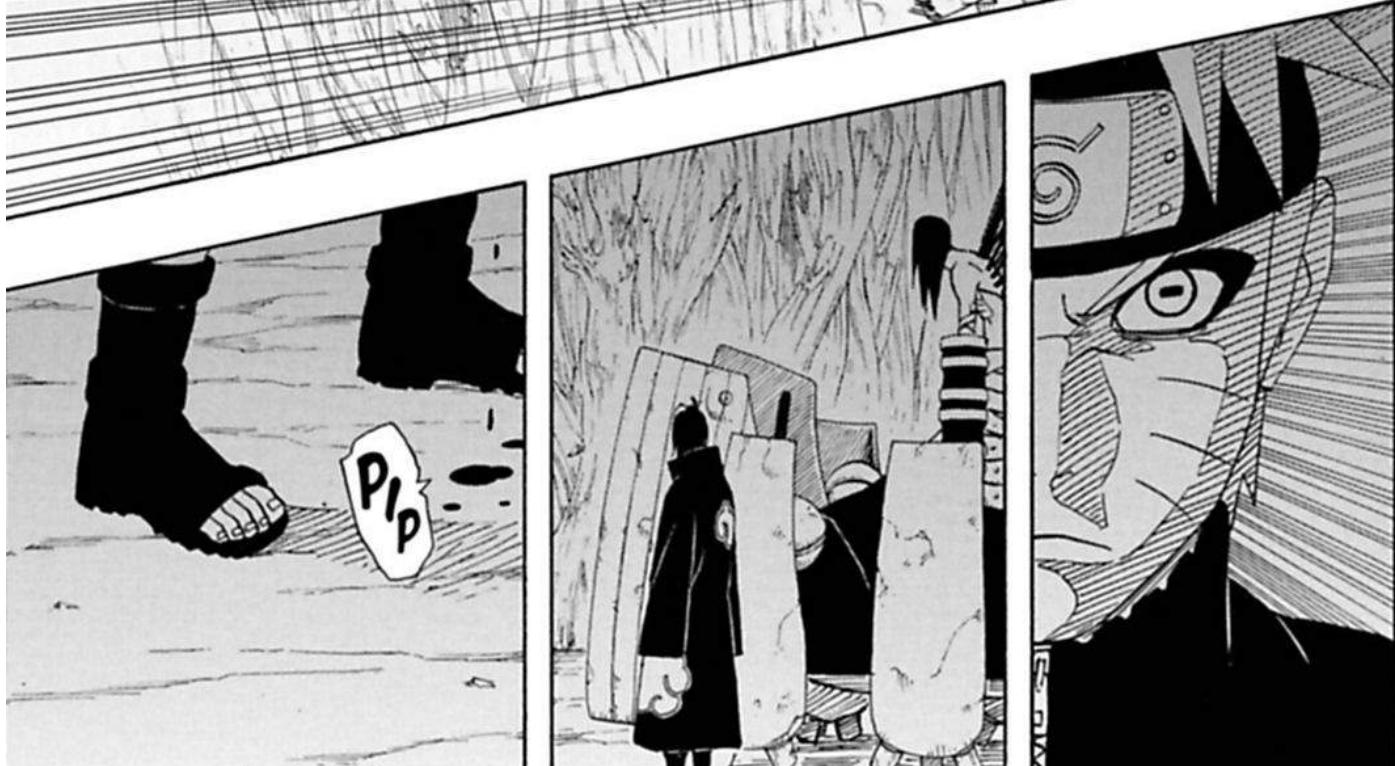
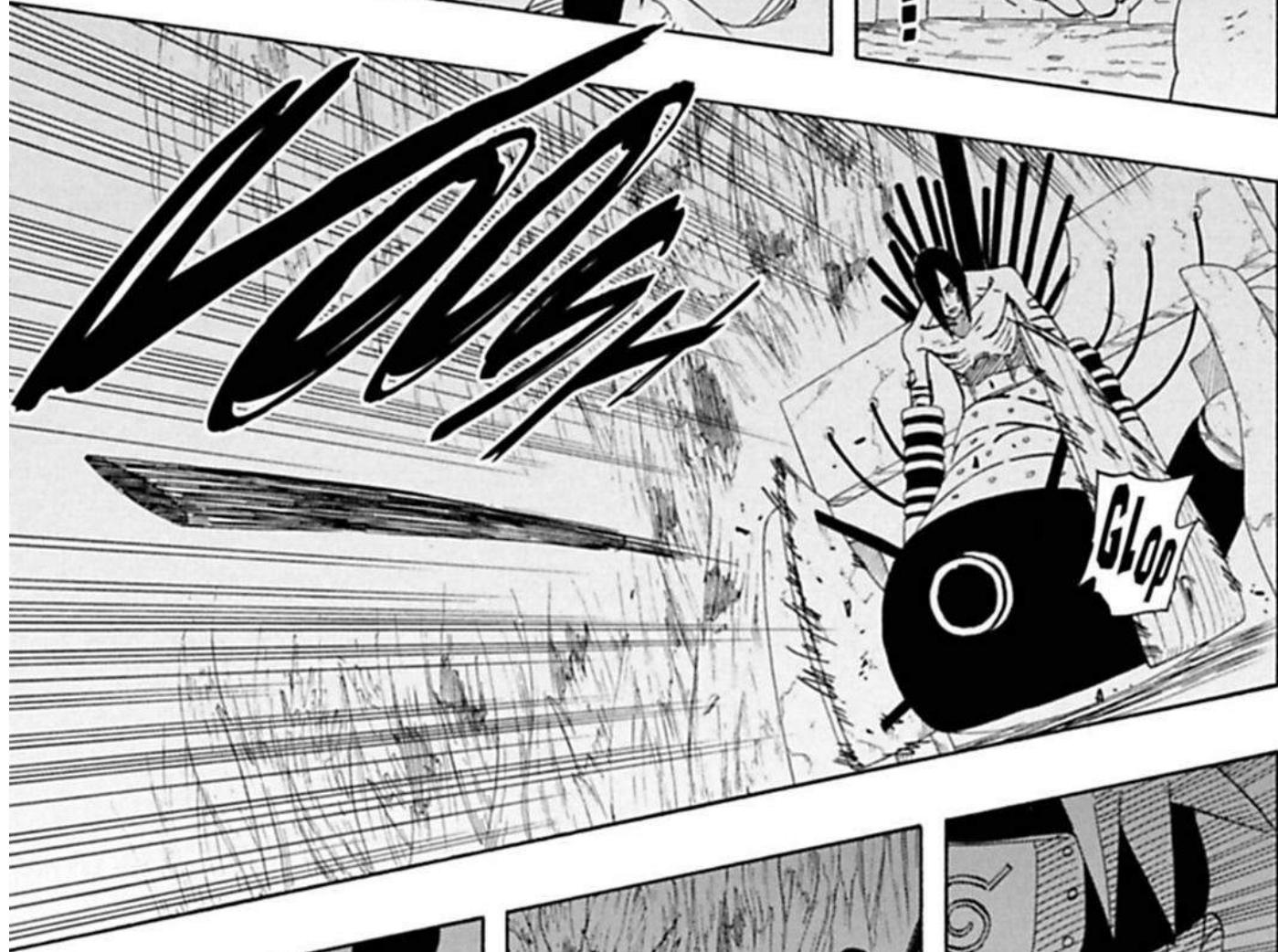


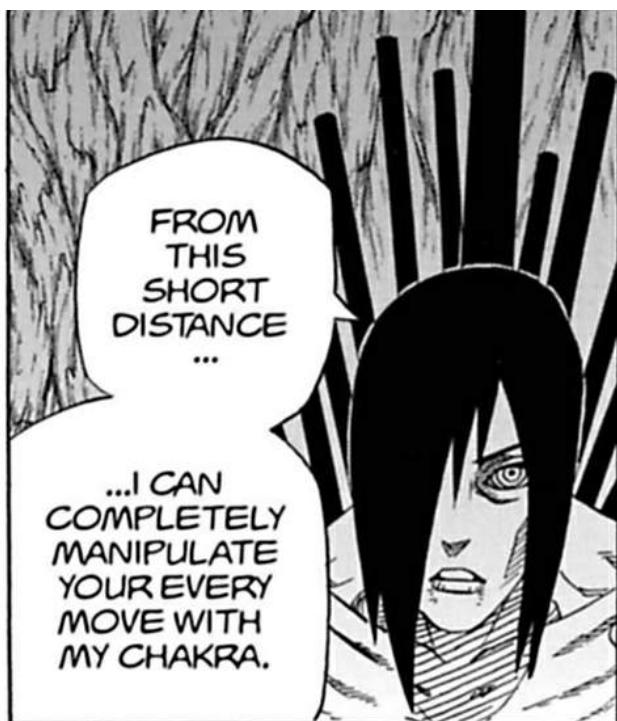
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YOUR PROPER ROLE IS TO SACRIFICE YOURSELF TO ME AND TO THE PEACE I SHALL CONSTRUCT.

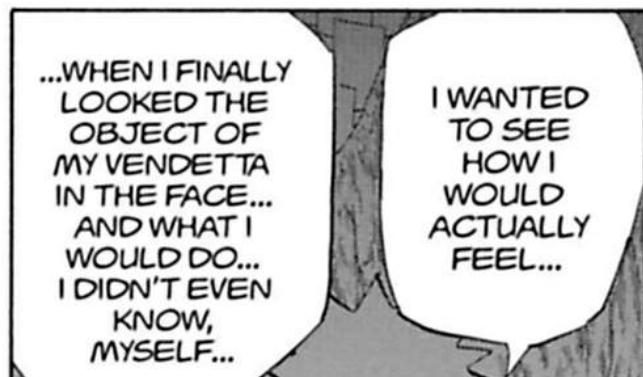
THERE IS NOTHING YOU, WHO HAVE NO ANSWERS, CAN EVER DO.

KRAK

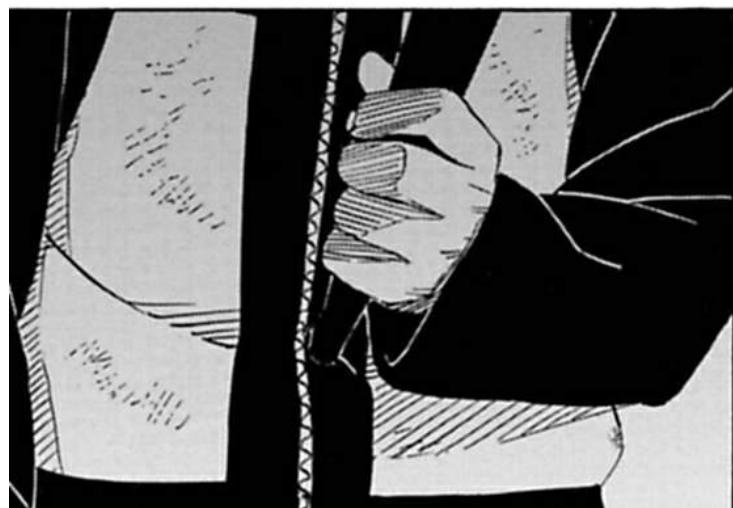




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I WANTED  
TO SEE  
HOW I  
WOULD  
ACTUALLY  
FEEL...





KRAK

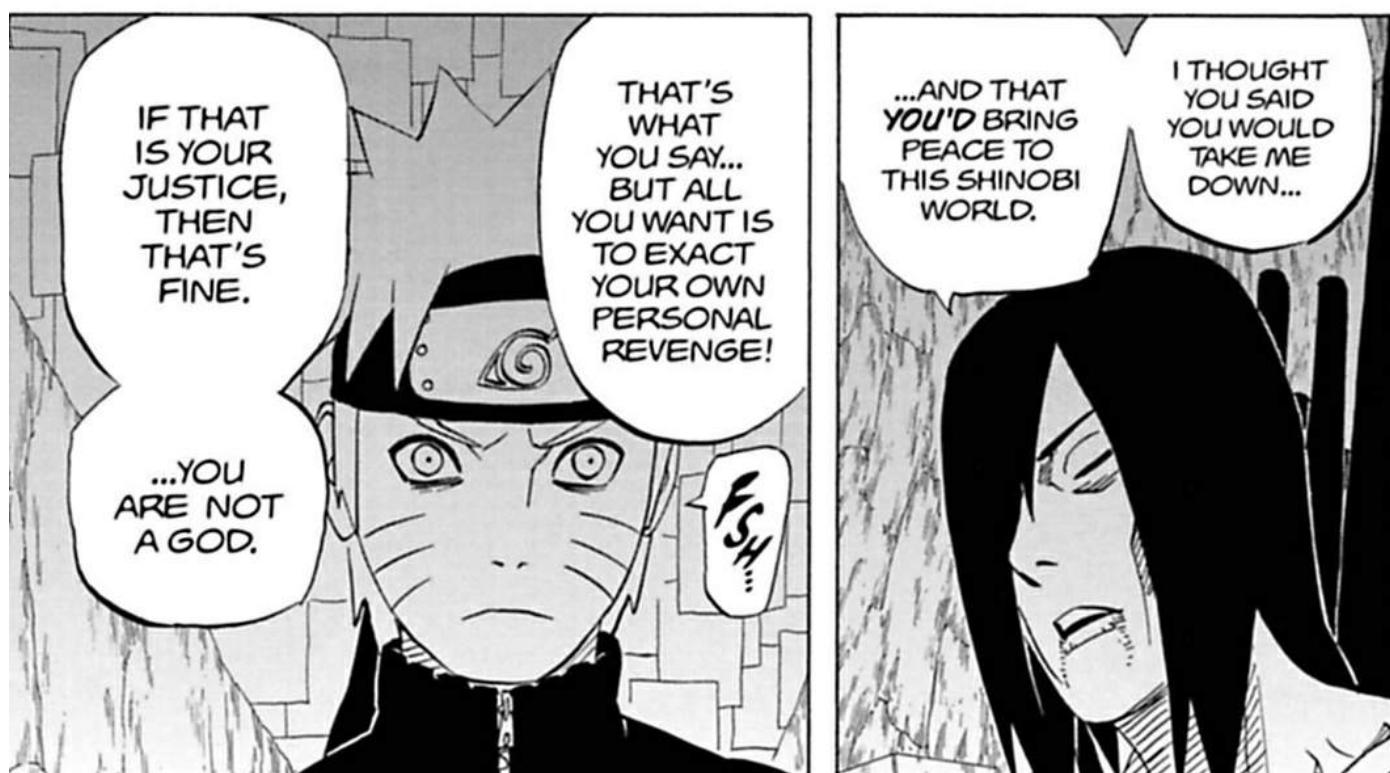
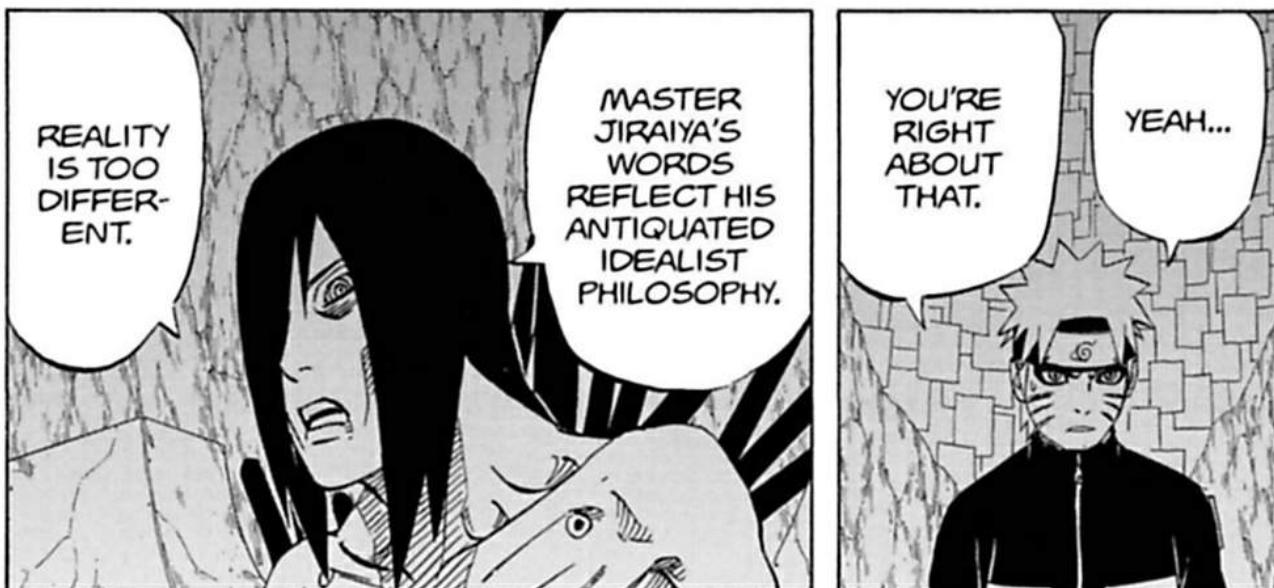


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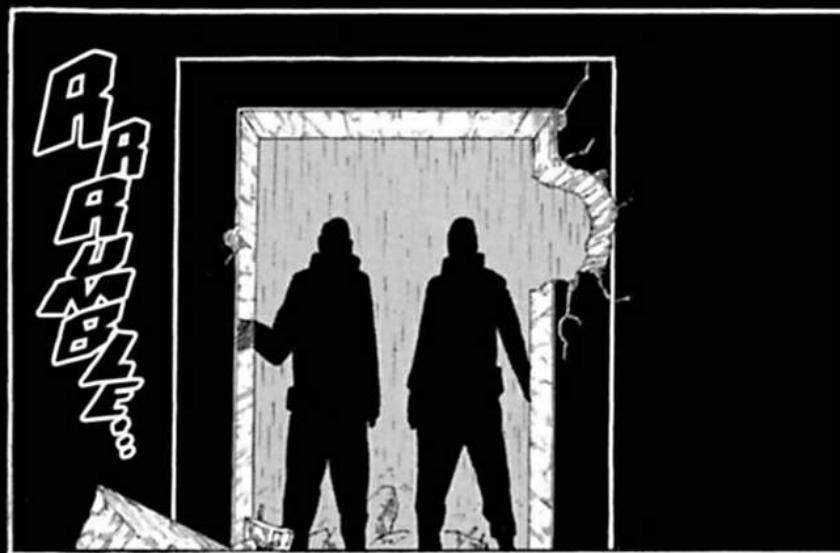


IT'S A STORY THAT TOOK PLACE IN AMEGAKURE, WHICH GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE CONFLICTS OF THE GREAT NATIONS AND WAS TURNED INTO A BATTLEFIELD.

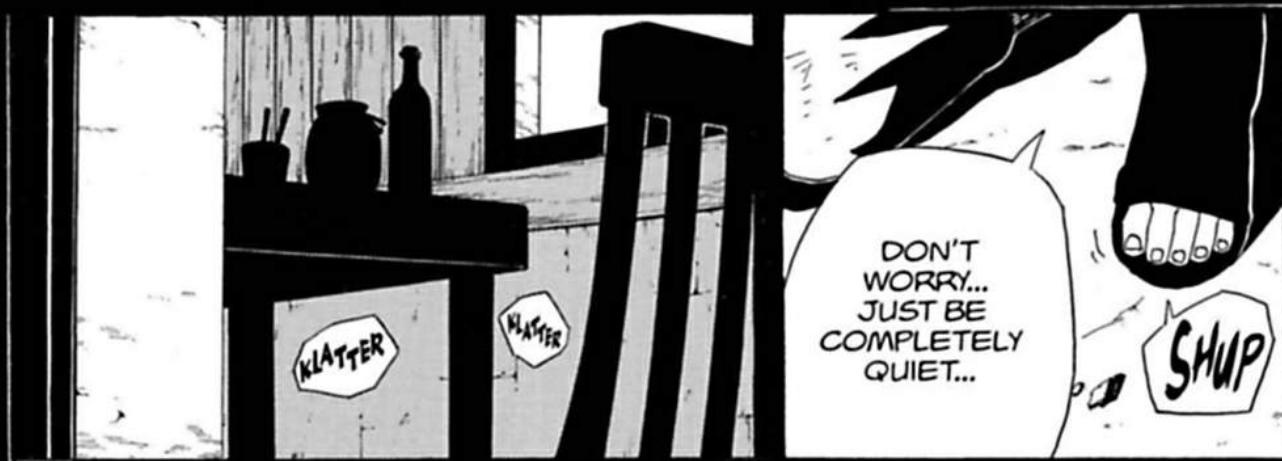
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ONE WAS THE DEATH OF MY PARENTS.

I HAVE EXPERIENCED TWO GREAT PAINS.



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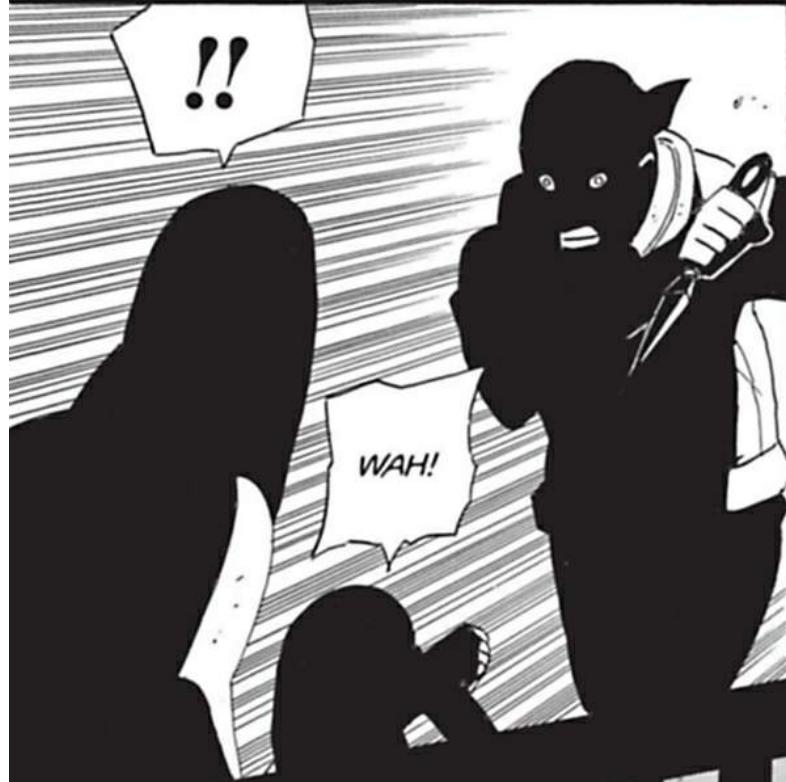


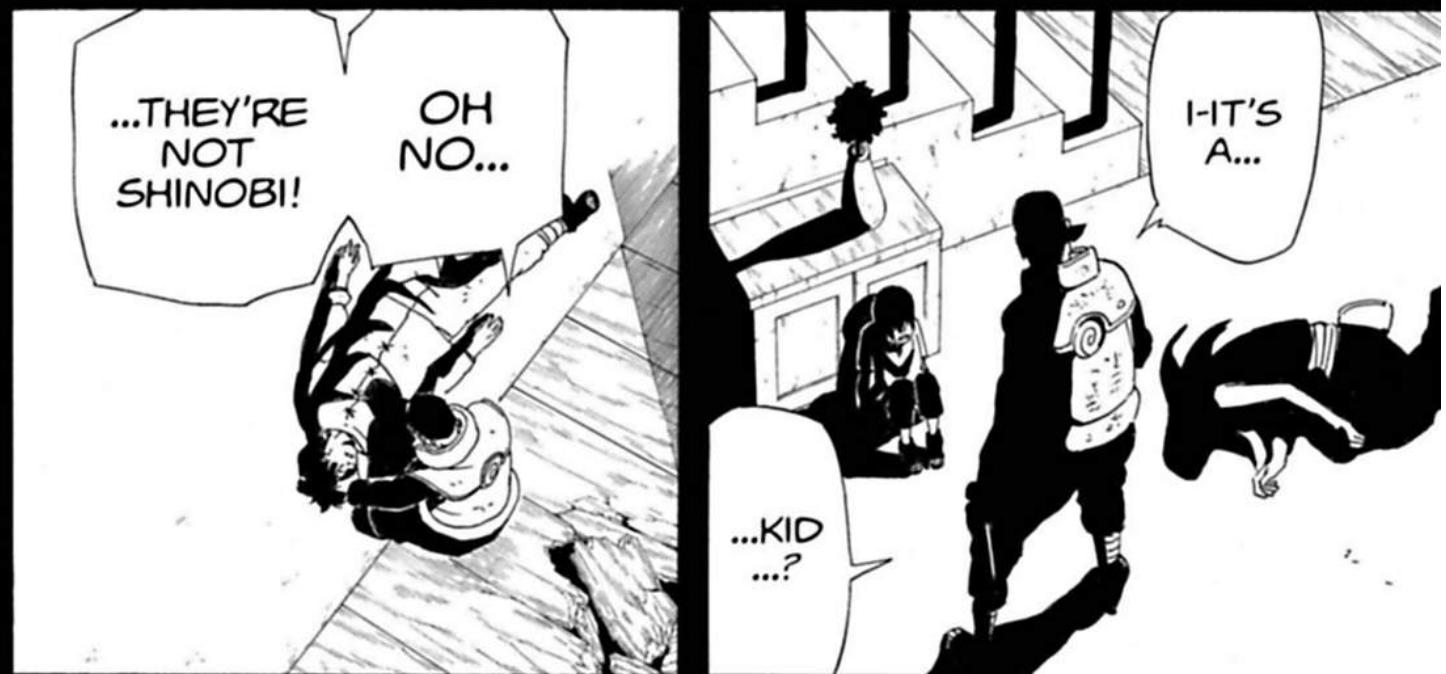


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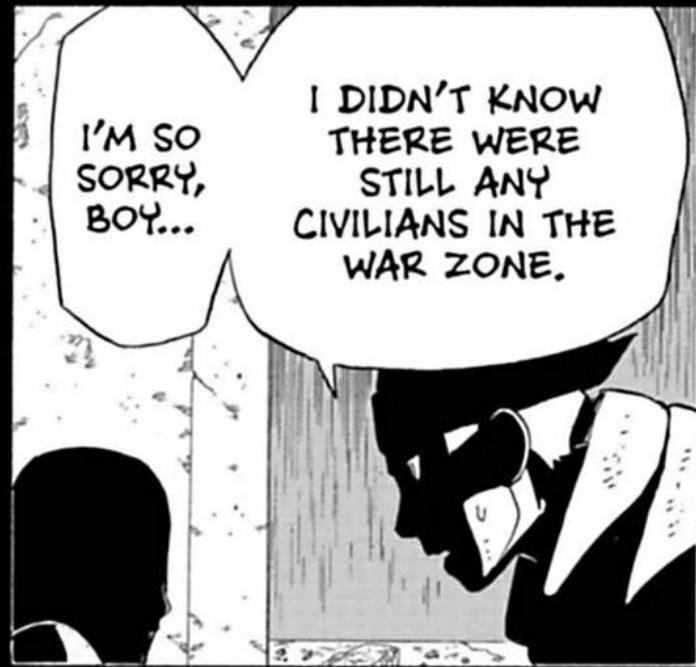


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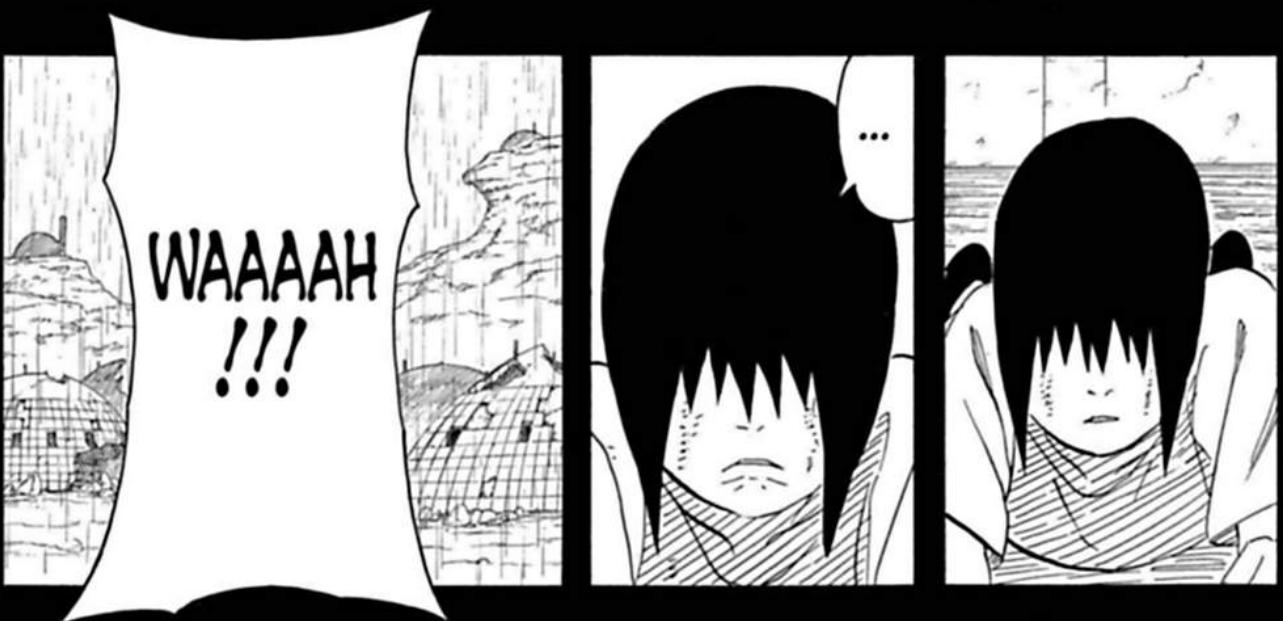
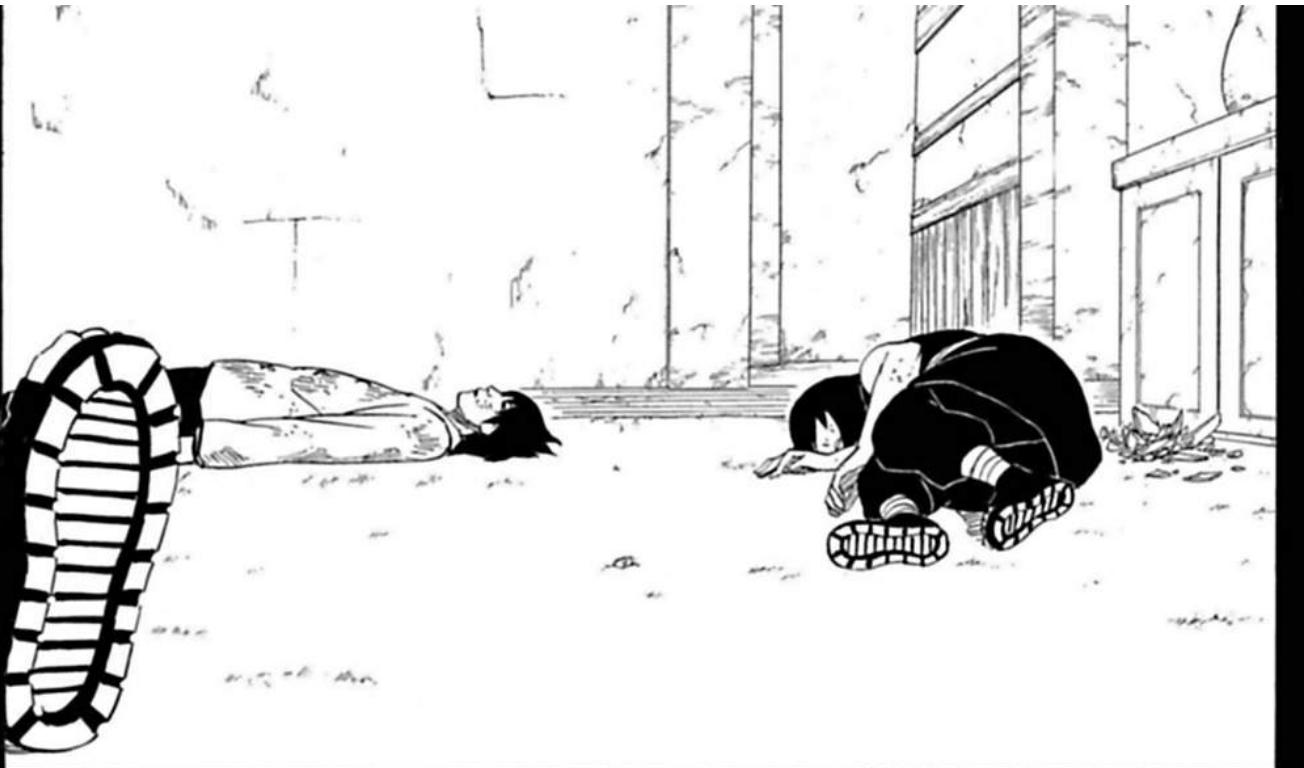
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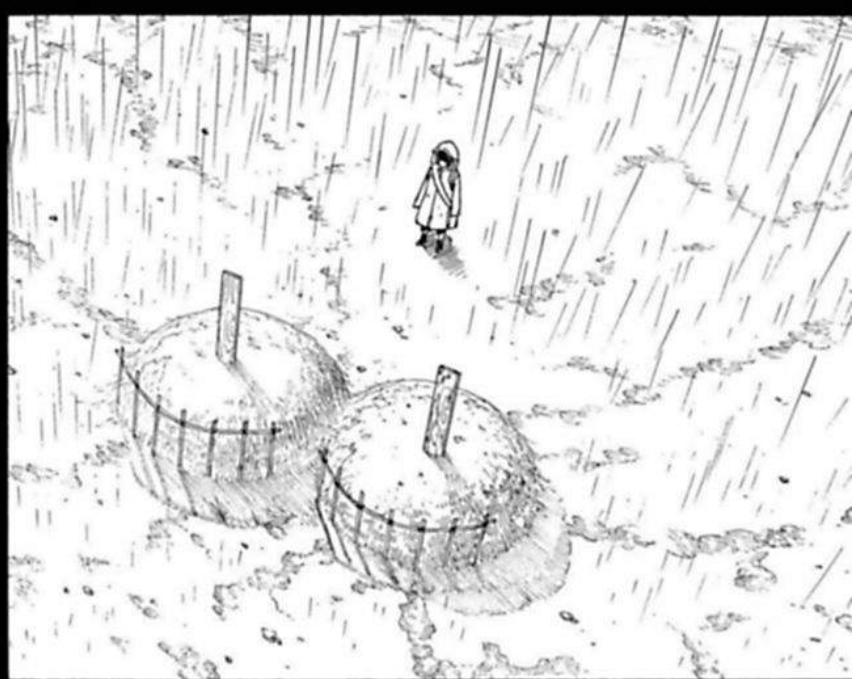




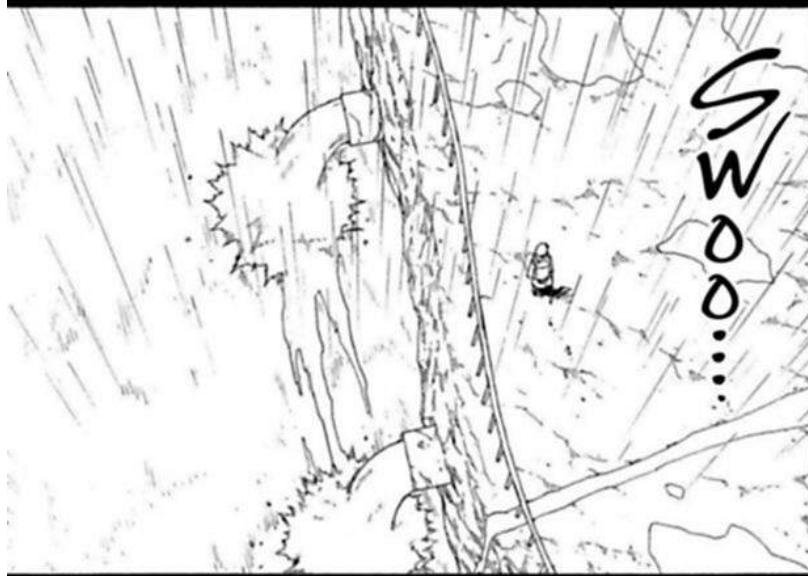
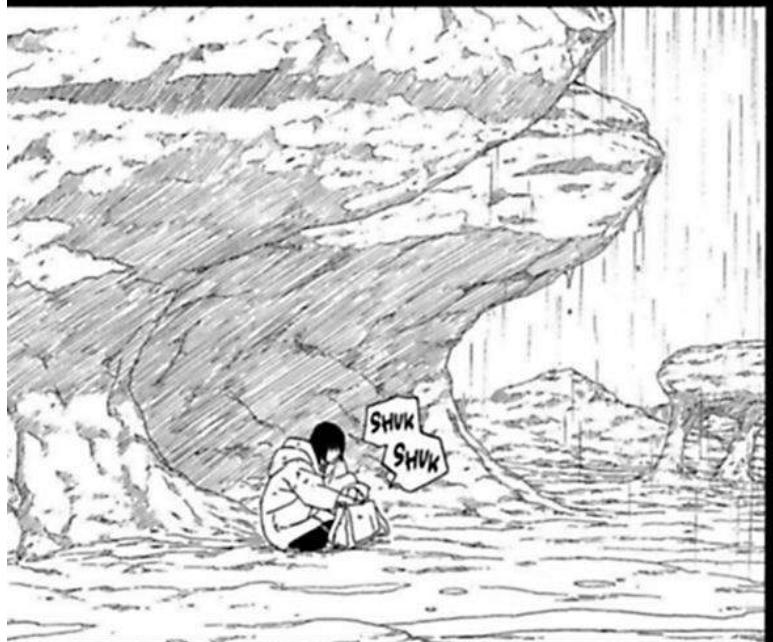
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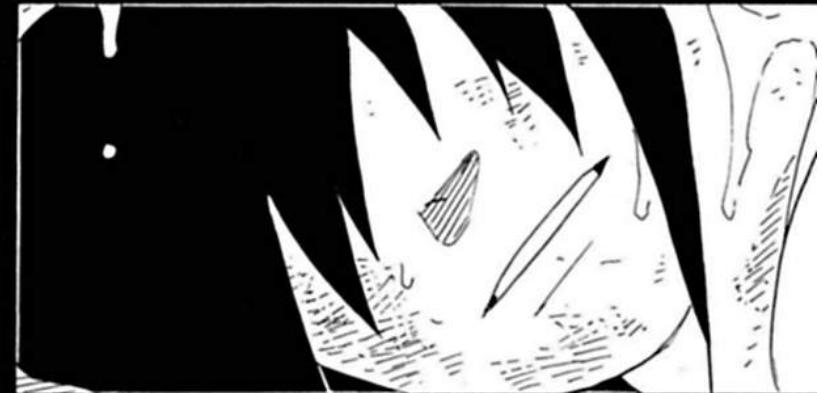
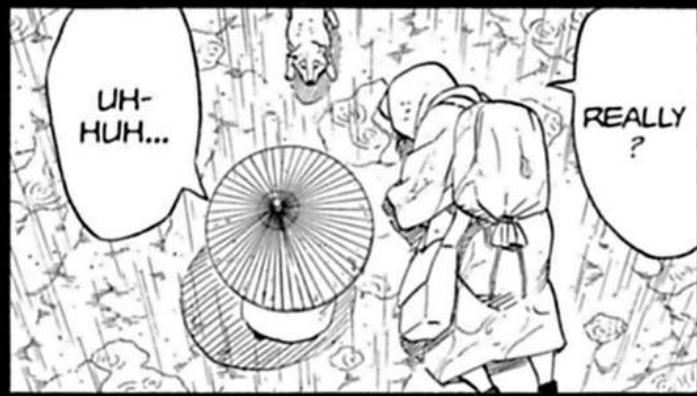
KLOMP

I'M  
REALLY  
SORRY.  
MAYBE  
ASK  
SOMEONE  
ELSE.

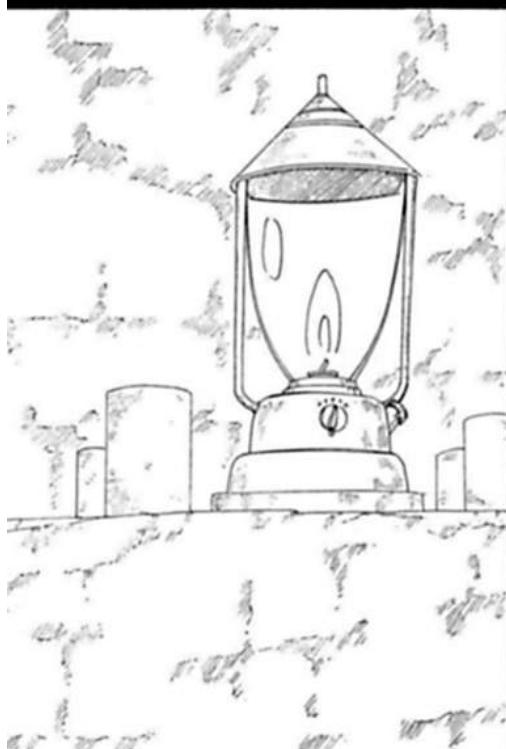
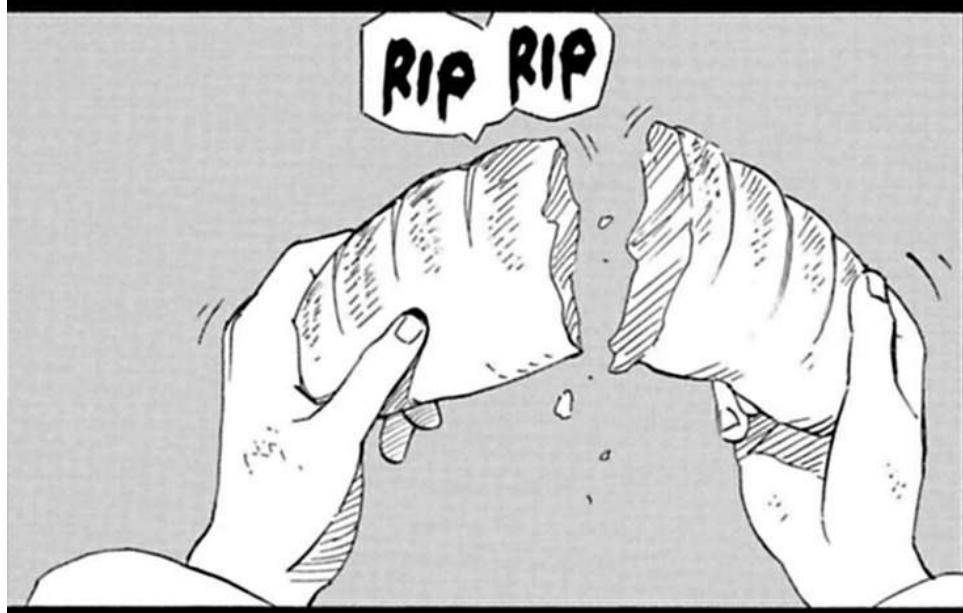
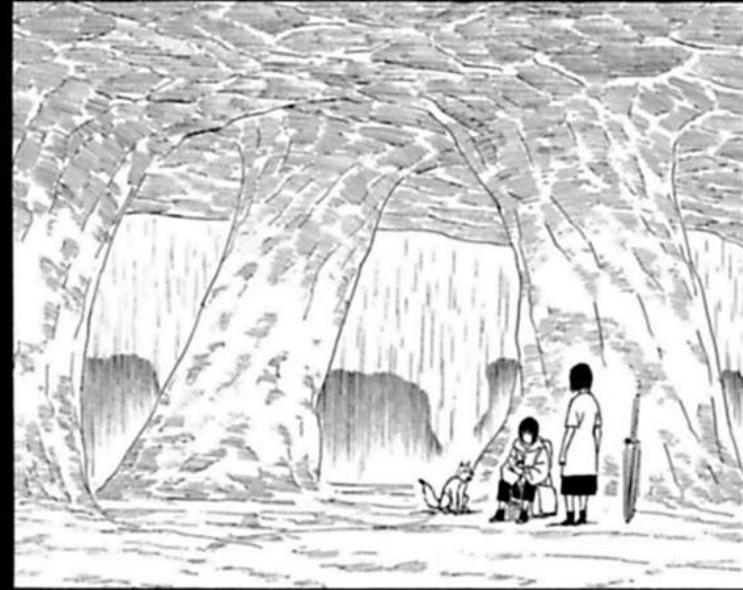
YOU  
KNOW HOW  
THESE  
TIMES ARE.  
WE BARELY  
HAVE  
ENOUGH  
FOR  
OURSELVES  
...

SORRY...  
I'VE GOT  
NOTHING  
FOR YOU.





READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY

THEY WERE ALSO WAR ORPHANS. BUT THEY WERE STRONG, FIGHTING DESPERATELY TO STAY ALIVE.

I JOINED THEM.

THAT'S HOW I MET KONAN HERE...

...AND A BOY NAMED YAHIKO.

NO, CHIBI'S THE DOG... WEIRD NAME ...

...CHIBI.

FISH...

SCRAM!

ANY BIT WOULD HELP...

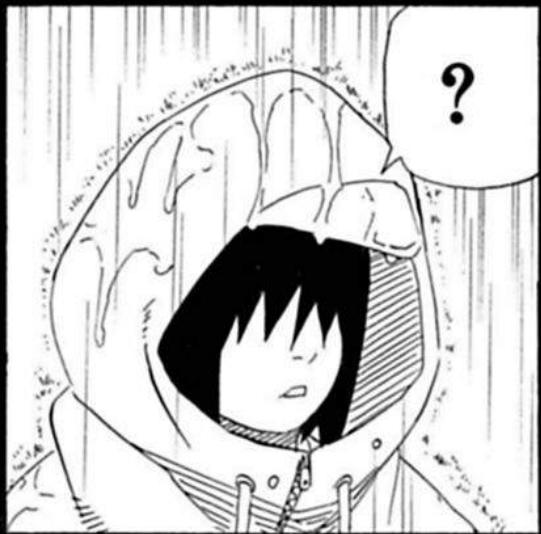
COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE US SOME ALMS?

BUT EVEN UNDER SUCH HARSH CIRCUMSTANCES, YAHIKO NEVER ABANDONED HOPE.

THERE WAS NO SYSTEM FOR HELPING ORPHANS IN THAT CHAOS-RIDDEN SMALL NATION.

THIEVERY WAS THE ONLY WAY FOR ORPHANS TO SURVIVE.

WE STOLE.



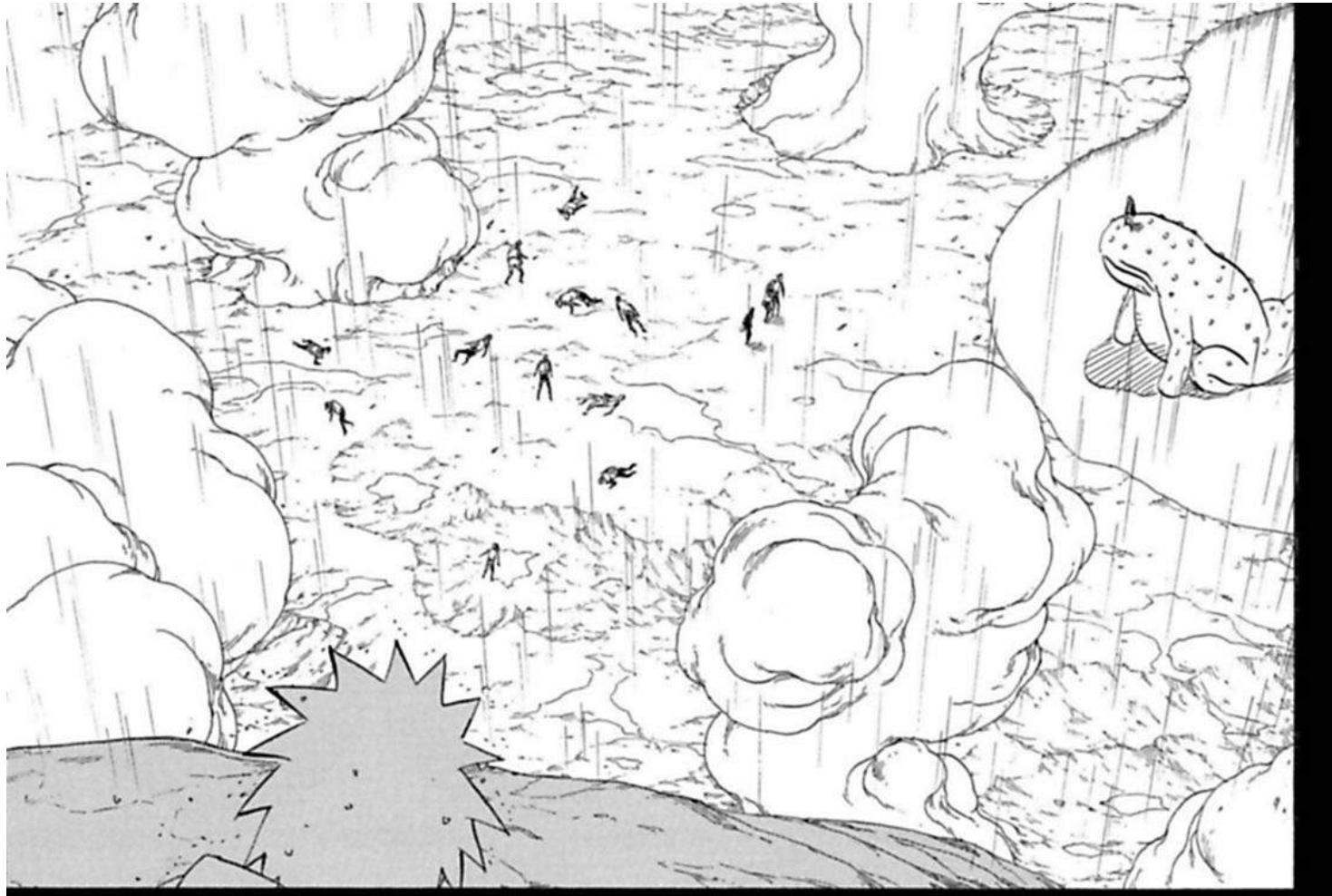
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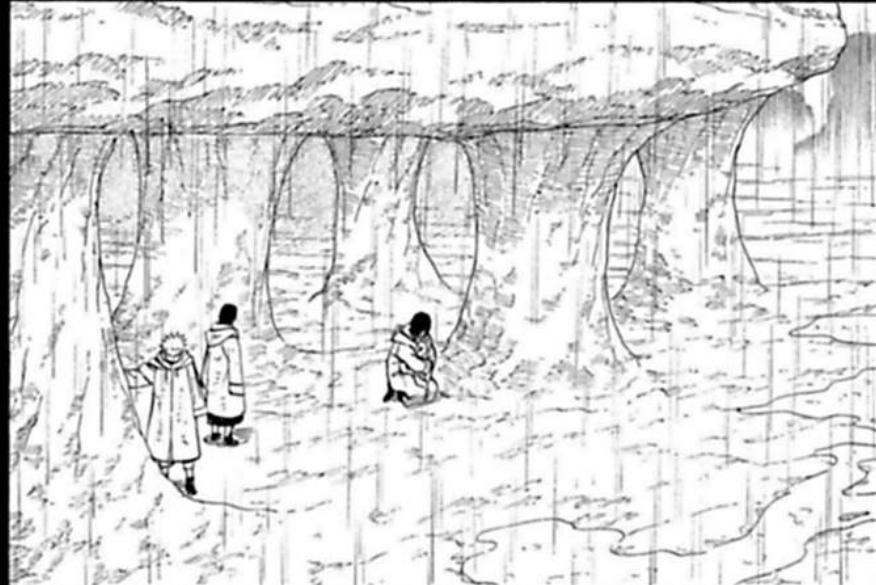
WORLD...  
DOMI-  
NATION  
...?











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WHY  
DOES  
THIS  
HAVE  
TO  
HAPPEN  
?!!

ପ୍ରାଚୀନତାଙ୍କି

**W  
H  
A  
M**

THIS  
WORLD IS  
ALL ABOUT  
NEVER-  
ENDING  
WAR!

**...I WILL  
RULE THIS  
WORLD  
AND MAKE  
IT STOP!**

UNH  
UNH

...WHEN  
YAHICO'S  
DREAM  
BECAME  
MY OWN.

THAT'S  
...



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Number 446:

# I Just Want to Protect Them

NAGATO,  
QUIT  
CRYIN'!

UNH...  
UH...

I'LL  
CHANGE  
THIS  
LAND!

JUST  
LIKE  
THIS  
LAND'S  
RAIN.

WHEN  
YOU GET  
BEAT DOWN,  
JUST CRYIN'  
OVER IT  
AIN'T GONNA  
CHANGE  
ANYTHING.



READ  
THIS  
WAY





WHEN YAHIKO WAS ALMOST KILLED, I STRUCK OUT AND KILLED THAT SHINOBI INSTEAD.

A RENEGADE SHINOBI ATTACKED US.

THE OCULAR JUTSU OF THE RINNEGAN.

IT SEEMS I HAD A SPECIAL POWER INSIDE ME.

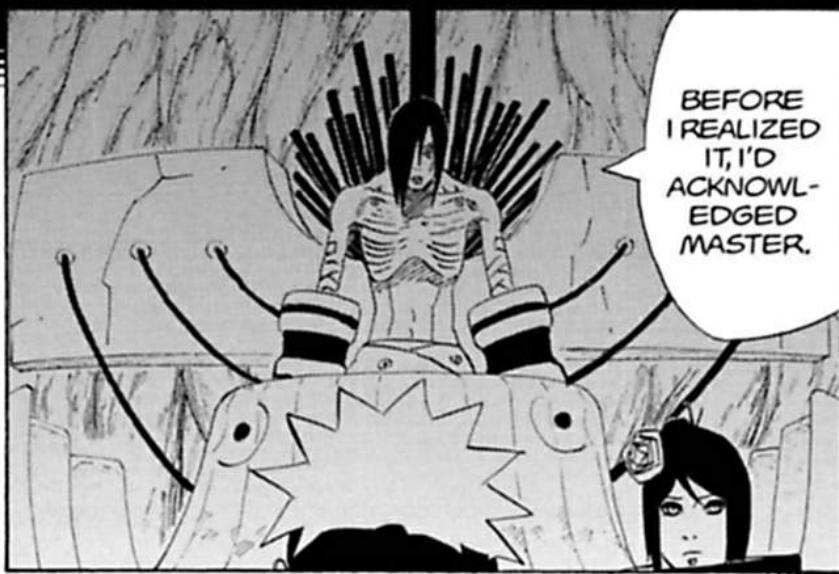
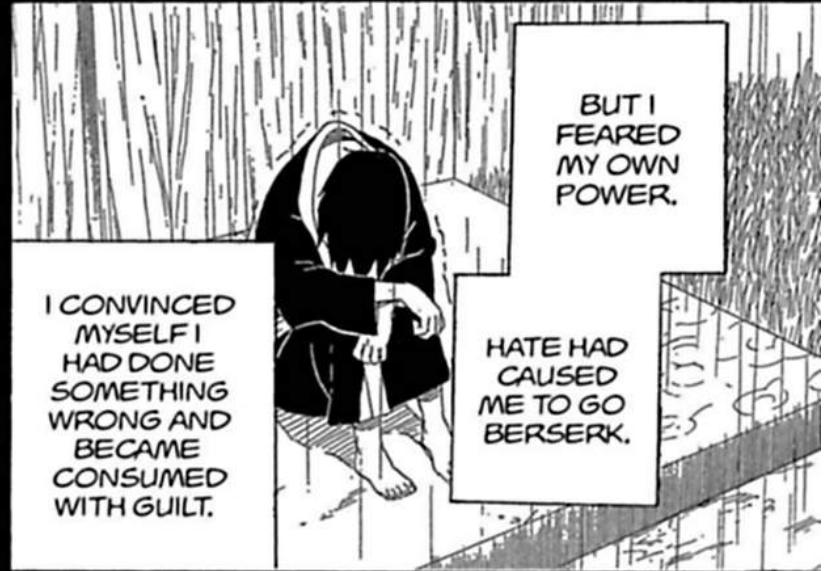
COMPLETELY INVOLUNTARILY...

...BUT IN TERMS OF ME SPECIFICALLY, I FEEL HE WANTED TO HELP ME CONTROL THE POWER OF THE RINNEGAN.

MASTER SAID HE JUST WANTED US TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT OURSELVES...

...BECAME SERIOUS ABOUT TEACHING US NINJUTSU.

AFTER THAT INCIDENT, EVEN MASTER JIRAIYA, WHO AT FIRST HADN'T INTENDED TO...



READ  
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A PERSON MATURES, GROWS UP, BECAUSE YOU EXPERIENCE PAIN.

BUT IT IS BECAUSE ONE UNDERSTANDS SUCH PAIN THAT GENEROSITY TOWARD OTHERS BECOMES SECOND NATURE.

"ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN HURT, YOU LEARN WHAT IT IS TO HATE."

MASTER CONTINUED ON WITH THIS...

"IF YOU HURT ANOTHER, YOU BECOME HATED, IN ADDITION TO SHOULDERING A SENSE OF GUILT."

TO KNOW AND REFLECT ON PAIN, AND COME UP WITH MY OWN ANSWER.

AND HE TOLD ME THAT GROWING UP MEANS TO BECOME ABLE TO THINK AND MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS.

JUST LIKE YOU HAVEN'T.

...HE HADN'T FIGURED OUT A SOLUTION EITHER.

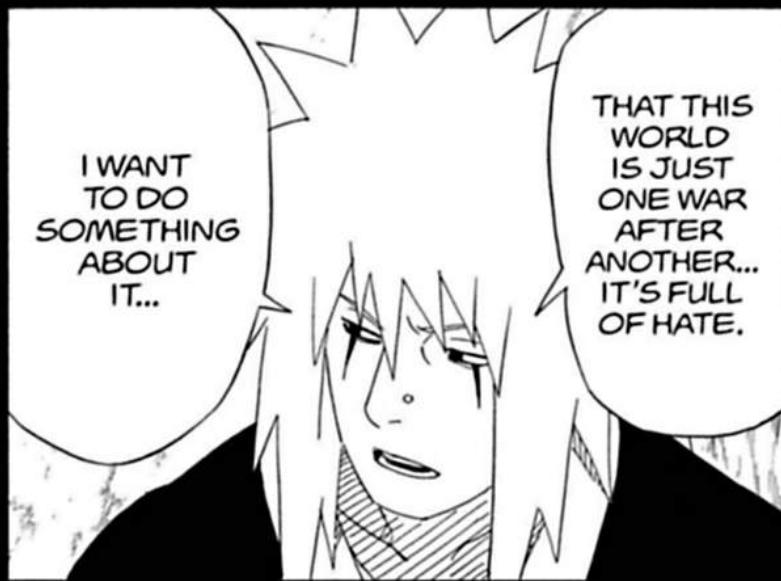
MASTER JIRAIYA SEEMED TO BE ASKING HIMSELF THE SAME QUESTION.



I JUST  
WANT TO  
PROTECT  
THEM.

NO  
MATTER  
HOW MUCH  
PAIN  
BEFALLS  
ME.

BACK THEN,  
I WAS ABLE  
TO COME  
UP WITH AN  
ANSWER  
RIGHT  
AWAY...



THAT THIS  
WORLD  
IS JUST  
ONE WAR  
AFTER  
ANOTHER...  
IT'S FULL  
OF HATE.



HOWEVER,  
MASTER'S  
WORDS  
CONTINUED  
TO LURK  
DEEP DOWN  
AT THE  
BOTTOM OF  
MY HEART.

AFTER WE  
TRAINED  
FOR THREE  
YEARS,  
BOTH MY  
BODY AND  
SOUL GREW  
STRONGER,  
AND I FELT  
AS IF I HAD  
MATURED.

THAT  
ERA WAS  
EVEN  
WORSE  
THAN  
WHAT  
WE HAVE  
NOW.

S  
W  
O  
O  
:

ONCE,  
A REALLY  
LONG  
TIME  
AGO...  
  
...PEOPLE DID  
NOTHING  
BUT BATTLE.  
IT WAS ALL  
JUST ONE BIG  
UNENDING  
WAR.

...FOR  
MASTER  
HAD TOLD  
ME THAT HE  
WONDERED  
IF THE  
SOLUTION  
LAY WITH MY  
RINNEGAN.



NINJUTSU  
STARTED  
OUT NOT AS  
WEAPONS,  
BUT AS  
TEACHINGS  
MEANT TO  
HELP HUMANS  
ACHIEVE  
PEACE.

TIME  
PASSED,  
AND NINSHU  
CAME TO  
BE CALLED  
NINJUTSU.

IT IS SAID  
HE TRAVELED  
ACROSS  
THE WORLD,  
PREACHING  
NINSHU,  
THE SHINOBI  
CREED.

HE WAS  
THE FIRST  
TO DIS-  
COVER THE  
WORKINGS  
OF CHAKRA.  
HE TRIED  
TO LEAD  
THE WORLD  
TOWARD  
PEACE.

ONE DAY,  
A  
MYSTERIOUS  
MONK  
APPEARED.

...AND I THINK HE BELIEVED THERE WOULD COME A TIME WHEN PEOPLE TRULY UNDERSTOOD ONE OTHER AND LIVED IN HARMONY...

"I AM HE WHO SHALL BRING PEACE AND ORDER." THOSE WERE SAID TO BE THE SAGE'S WORDS...

HE WAS CONSIDERED THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD... AND LIKE YOU, HE POSSESSED THE RINNEGAN.

THAT MONK WAS KNOWN AS THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS.

...AND THEN LEFT US TO OURSELVES.

MASTER CONFERRED THE QUEST FOR PEACE ON ME...

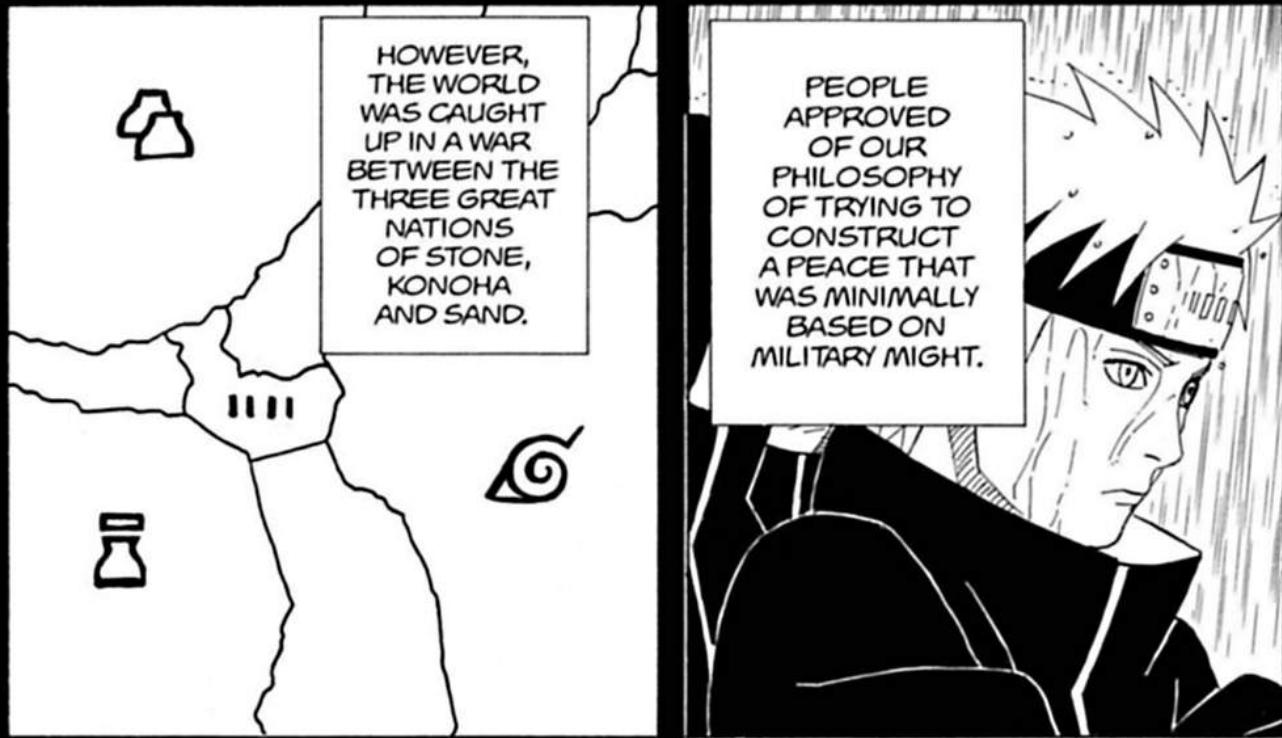
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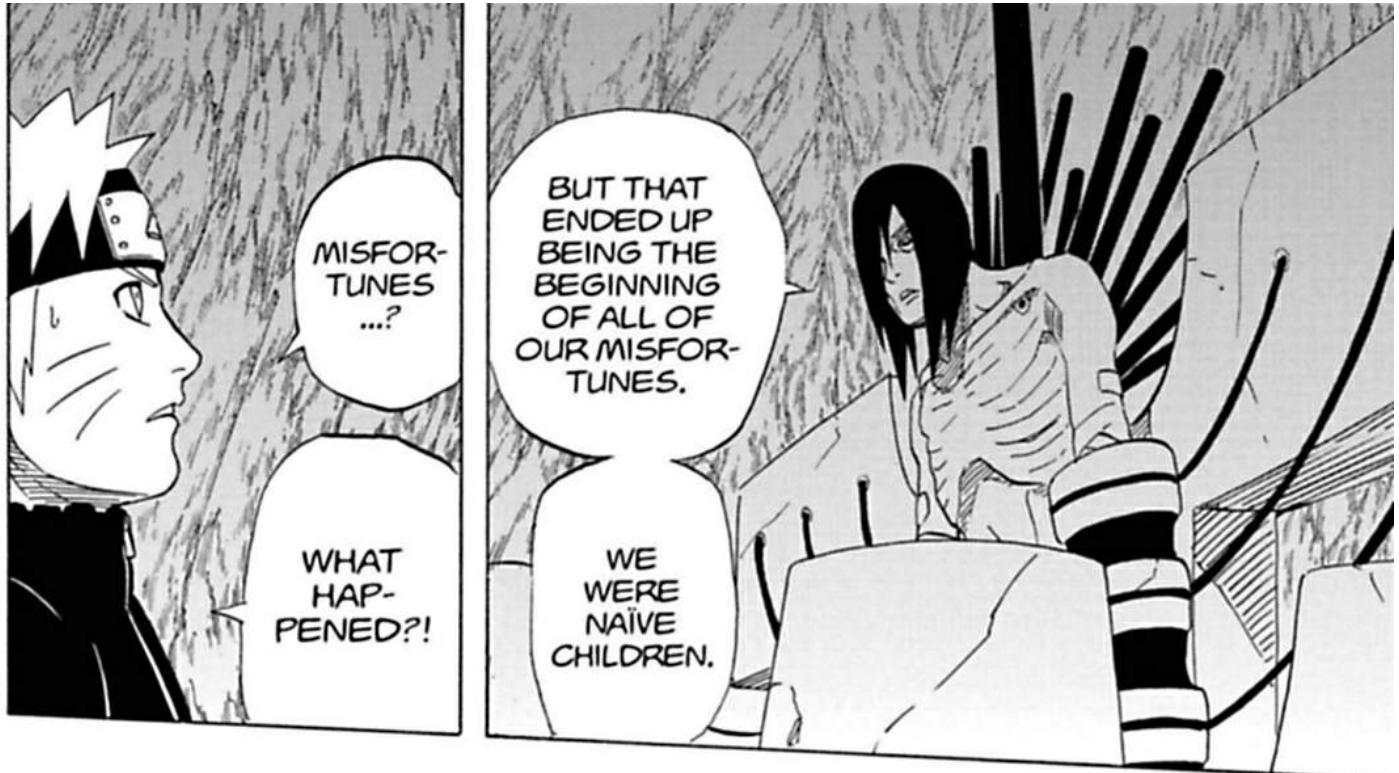
PERHAPS... YOU ARE A REINCARNATION OF THE SAGE.

OUR ORGANIZATION QUICKLY GAINED FAME.

WE STARTED GATHERING COMRADES, WITH YAHIKO AS OUR LEADER.

READ  
THIS  
WAY







...HANZO'S  
SUBORDI-  
NATES AND  
KONOHA'S  
BLACK OPS  
LAY IN WAIT.

THE NEXT DAY,  
AT THE  
RENDEZVOUS  
POINT WHERE  
THE NEGOTIA-  
TIONS WERE  
SUPPOSED TO  
OCCUR...



HANZO,  
TO  
PROTECT  
HIS OWN  
AUTHORITY.



DANZO  
JOINED  
WITH  
HANZO IN  
ORDER  
TO USURP  
THE SEAT  
OF  
HOKAGE.



HANZO  
HAD ALLIED  
WITH THIS  
KONOHA  
MAN  
DANZO  
TO TRY TO  
ERADICATE  
US.



RESIST  
AND I  
MURDER  
HER  
INSTEAD!



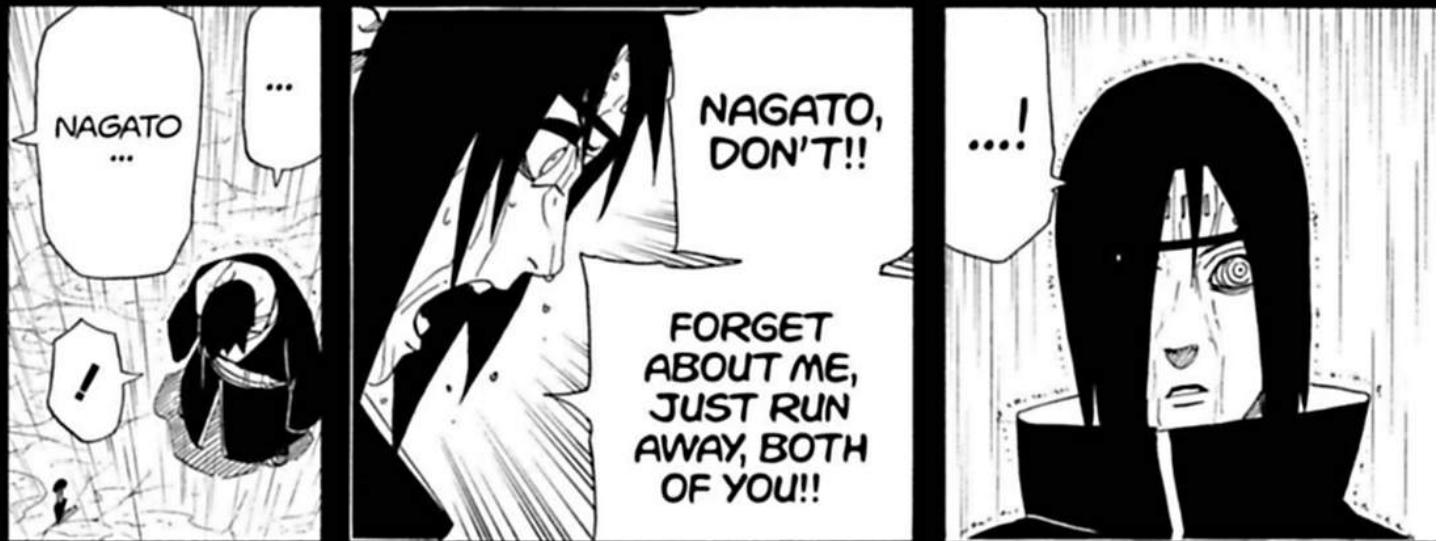
YAHIKO...  
YOU LEAD  
THEM.  
SO YOU  
MUST  
DIE.



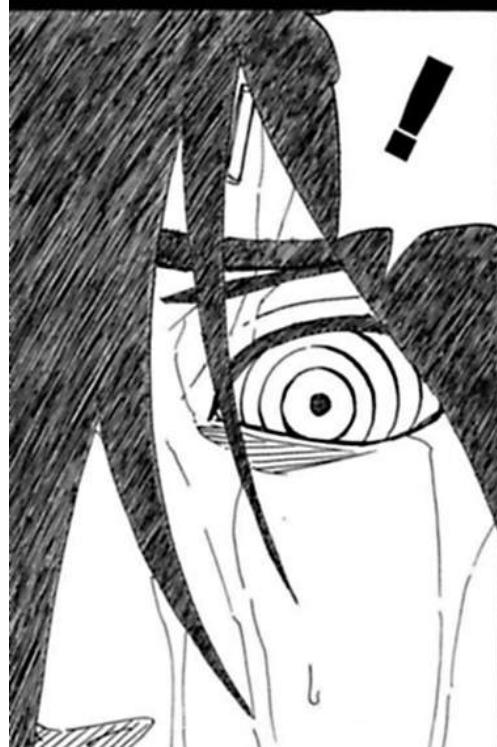
YOUR  
ORGANIZA-  
TION IS  
SIMPLY A  
NUISANCE.

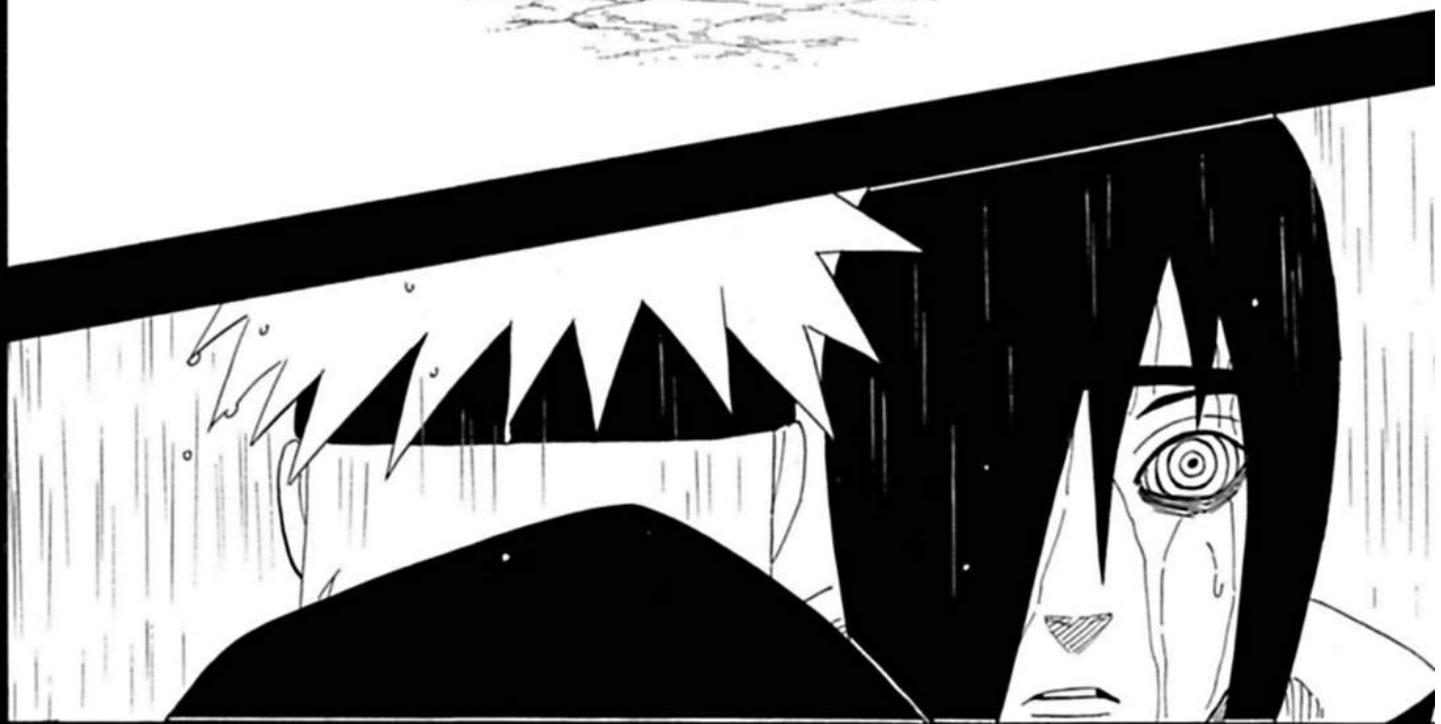


UGH  
...!



READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY



YAHICO !!



IT WAS  
THE SAME  
AS WHEN  
MY  
PARENTS  
DIED.



# Number 447: I Believe





...I WILL  
RULE THIS  
WORLD  
AND  
MAKE IT  
STOP!

THIS  
WORLD  
IS ALL  
ABOUT  
NEVER-  
ENDING  
WAR...



READ  
THIS WAY



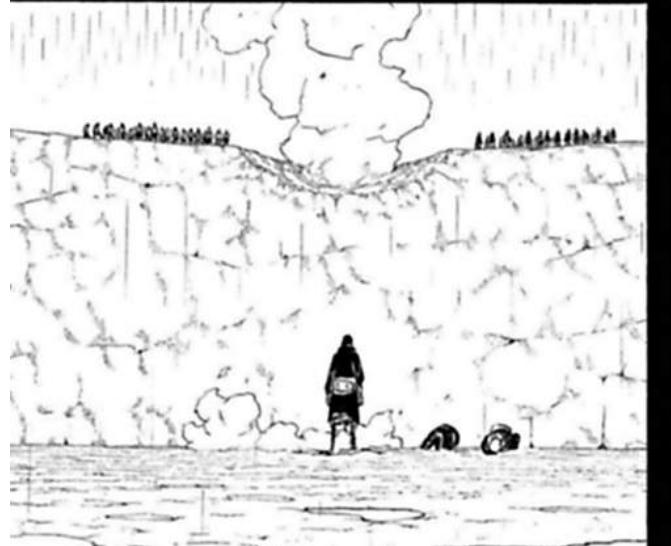
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WA

BO

BWSH

BWSH

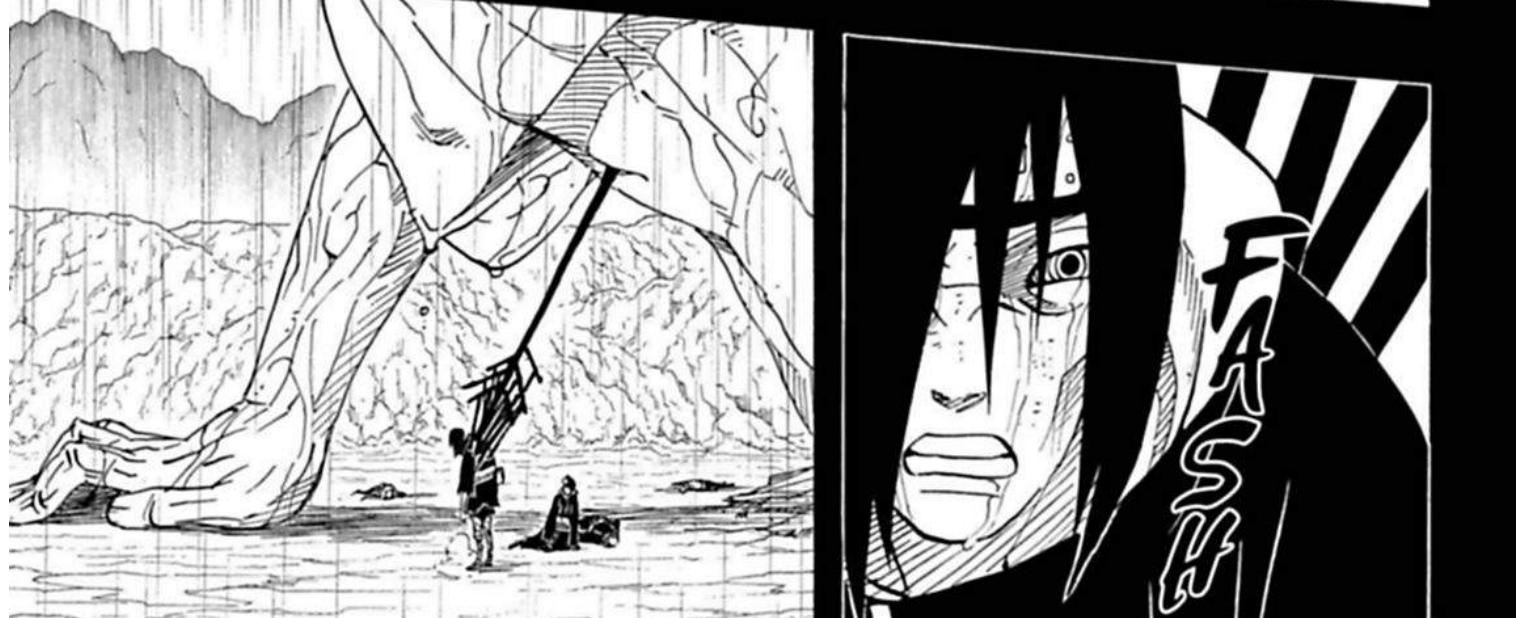


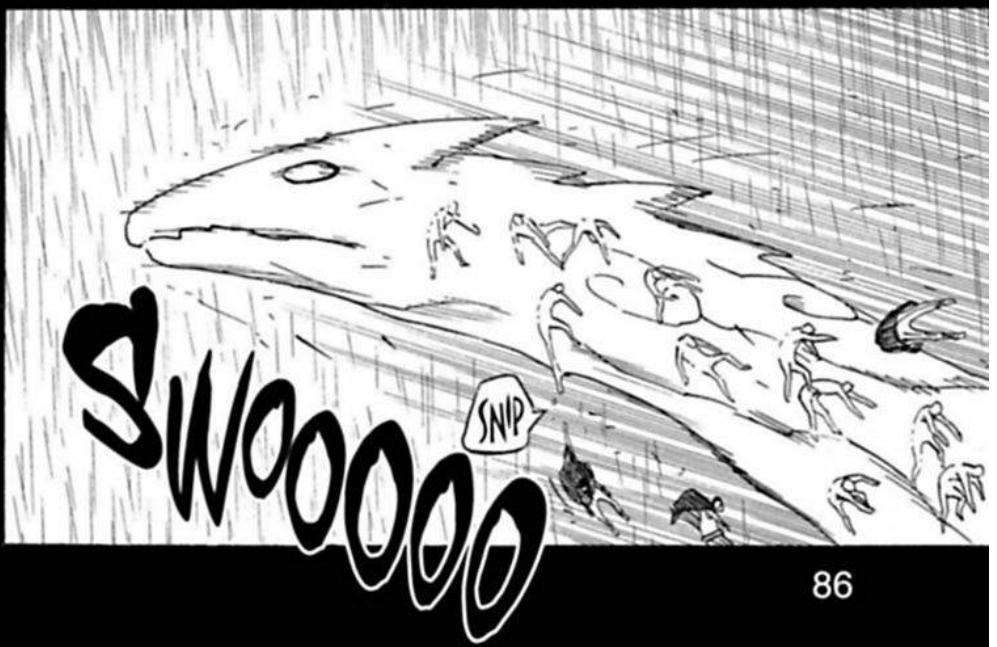






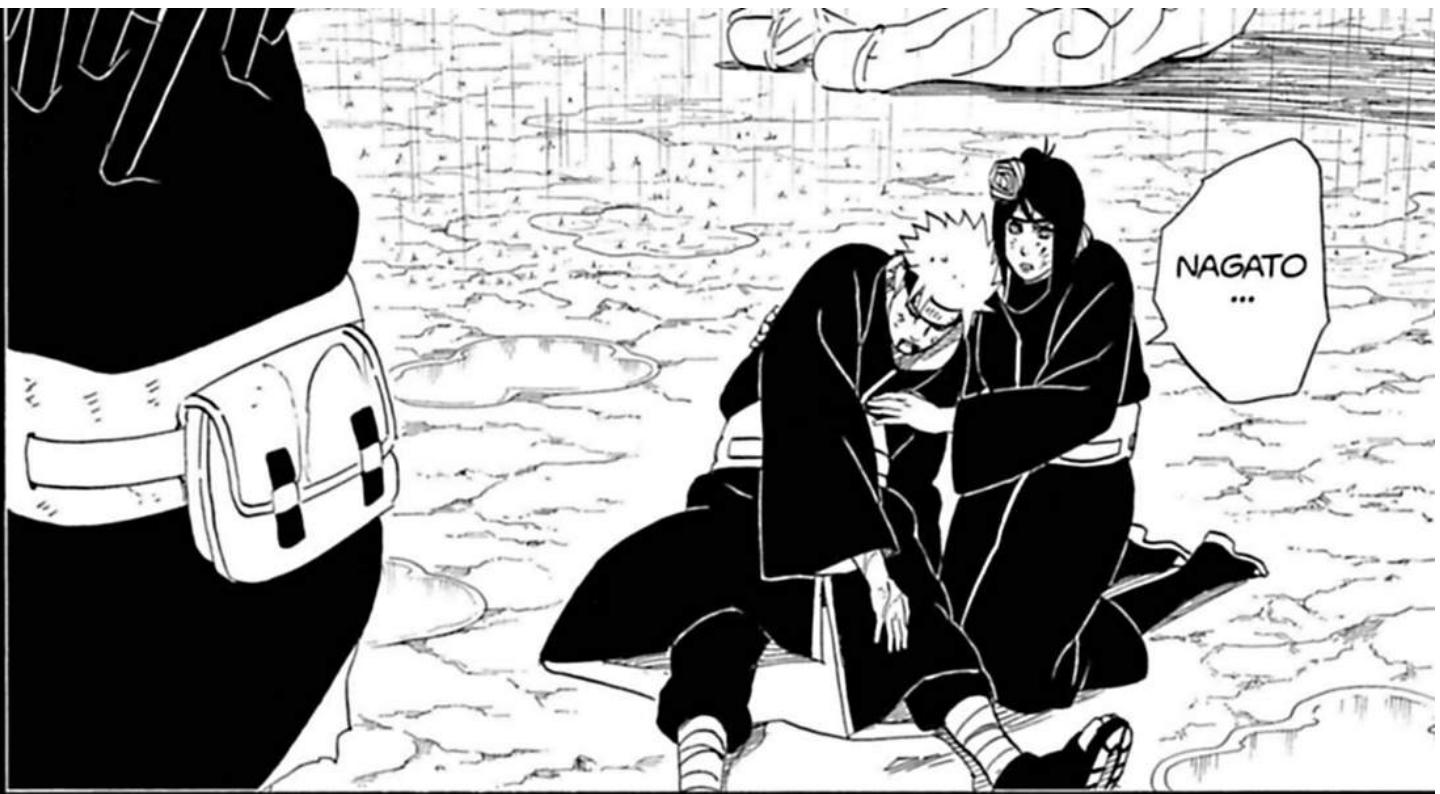
READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY







**RRRUMBLE**

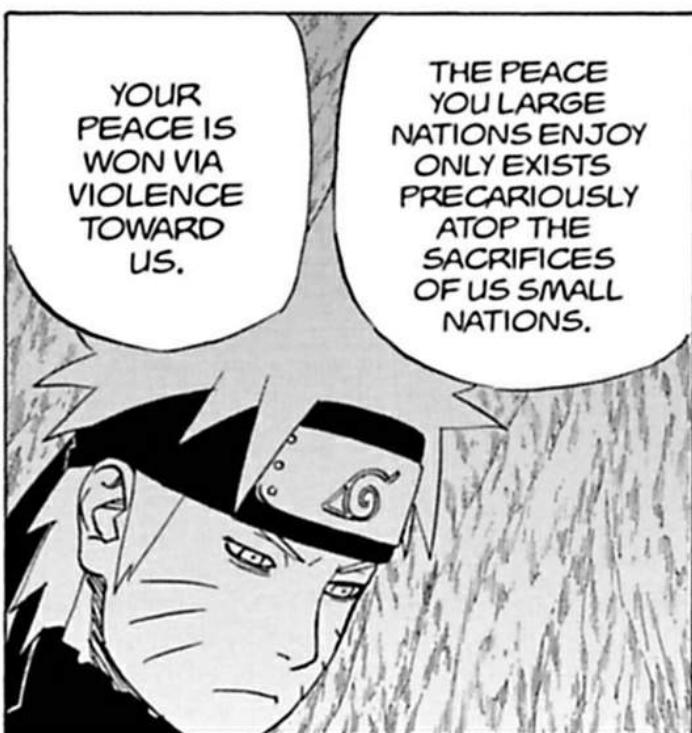
**BOOF...**

**KRAK KRAK KRAK**



**HUF**

**HUF**



EVERYTHING  
MASTER  
JIRAIYA  
SAID IS  
JUST  
WISHFUL  
THINKING.

TRUE  
PEACE  
CANNOT  
EXIST  
IN THIS  
CURSED  
WORLD.

SO  
LONG AS  
HUMANITY  
EXISTS,  
HATE  
WILL ALSO  
EXIST.

JUST BY  
LIVING,  
PEOPLE  
HURT  
OTHERS  
WITHOUT  
EVEN  
REALIZING  
IT.

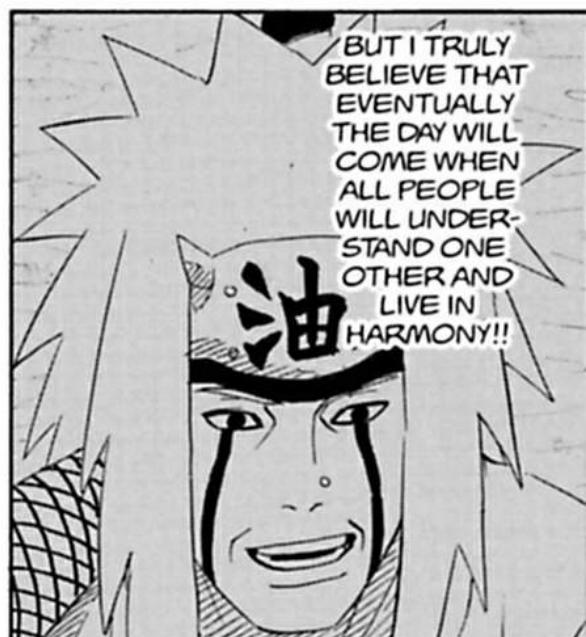


LET'S  
HEAR  
YOUR  
RESPONSE.

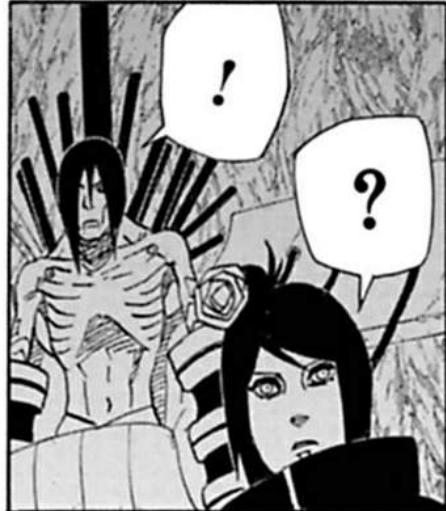
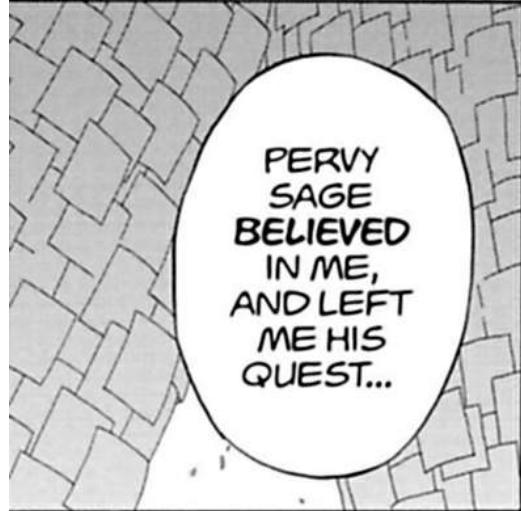


I'VE  
NOW  
TOLD  
YOU MY  
TALE...





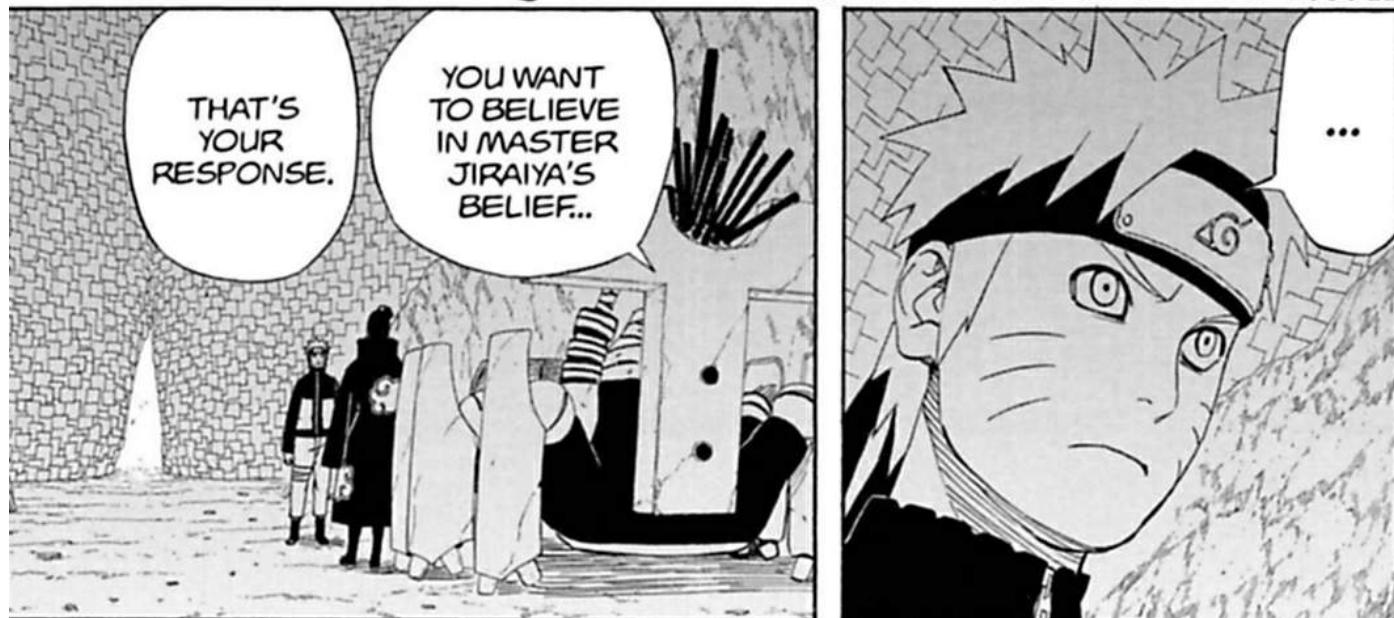
READ  
THIS  
WAY



NARUTO



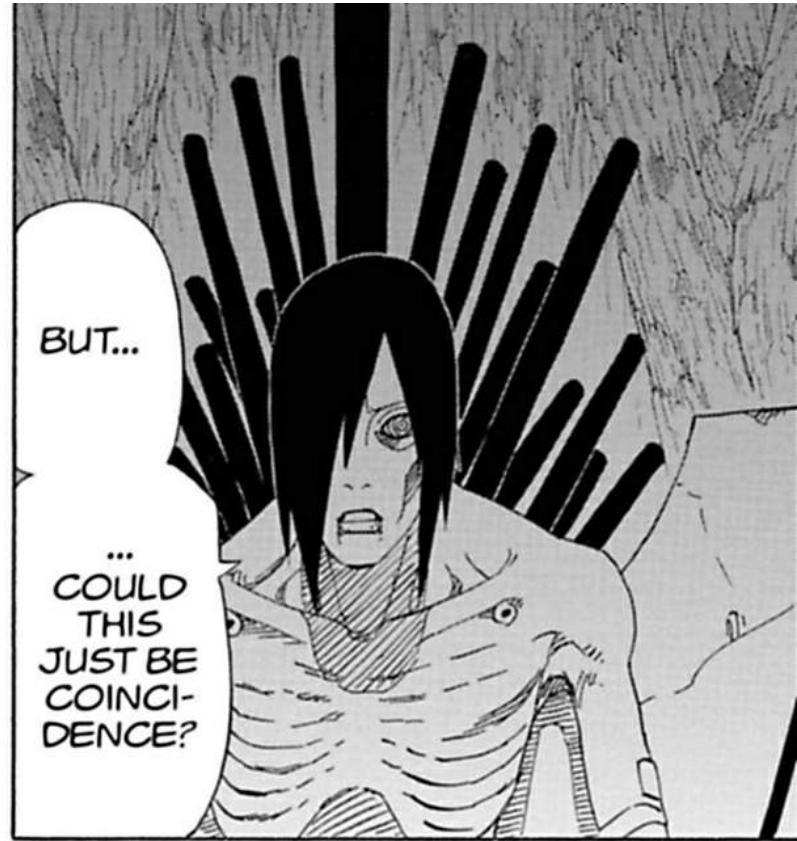
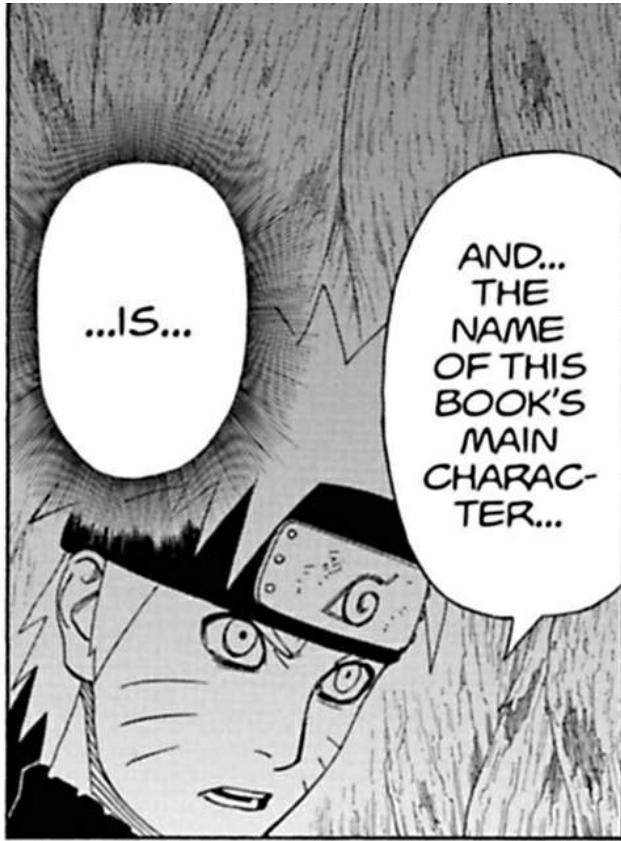
## Number 448: Heirloom...!!





READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY

SO...  
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?

SURE...  
I WAS  
TRYING  
TO WORK,  
BUT  
I'VE GOT  
WRITER'S  
BLOCK...

DO  
YOU...  
HAVE A  
MINUTE?

...I'M  
TAKING  
A BREAK  
AND  
EATING  
BEFORE  
PICKING  
IT BACK  
UP.

...YES.

AND,  
HAVE YOU  
FIGURED  
ANYTHING  
OUT?

...THAT  
YOU  
MEN-  
TIONED  
BEFORE.

I'VE BEEN  
THINKING,  
MASTER,  
ABOUT THIS  
HATRED  
IN OUR  
WORLD...

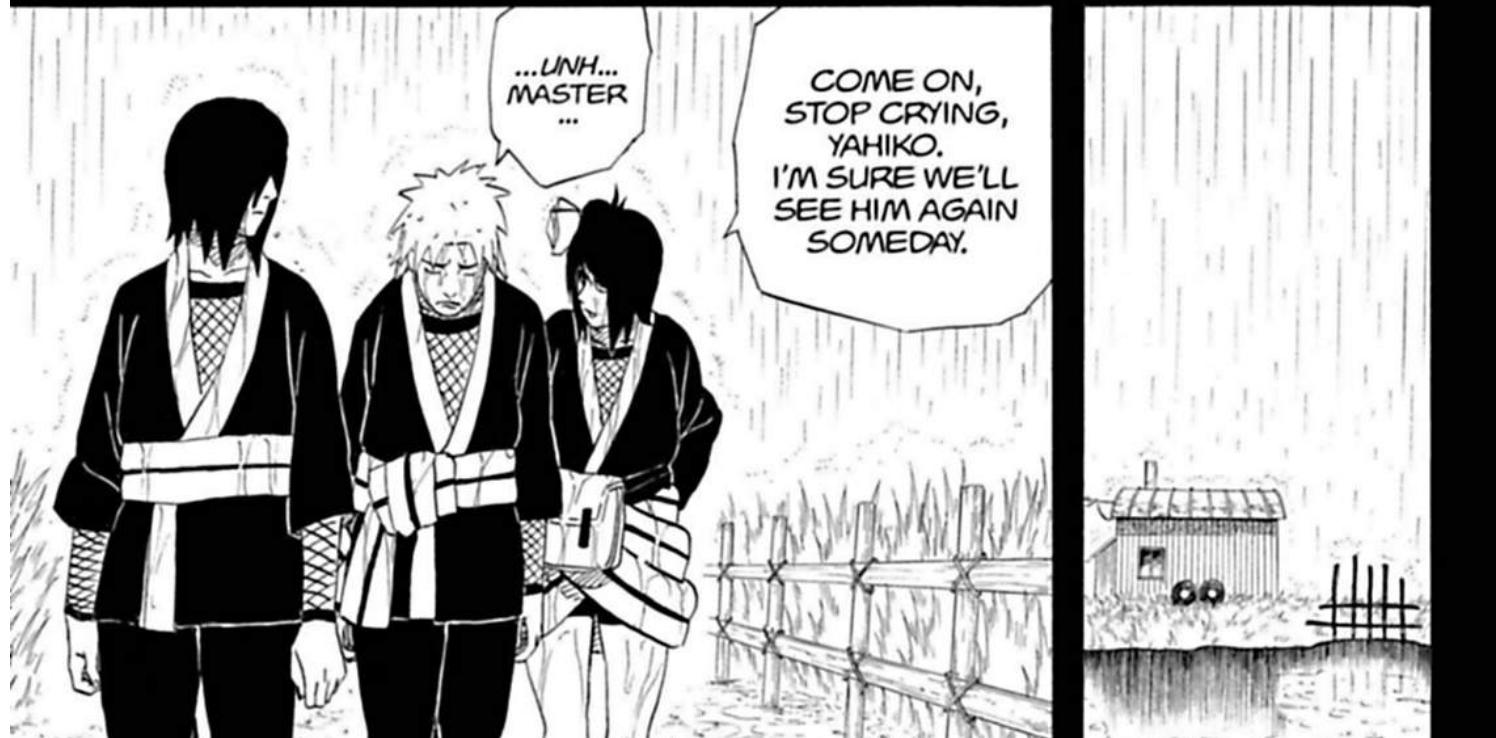
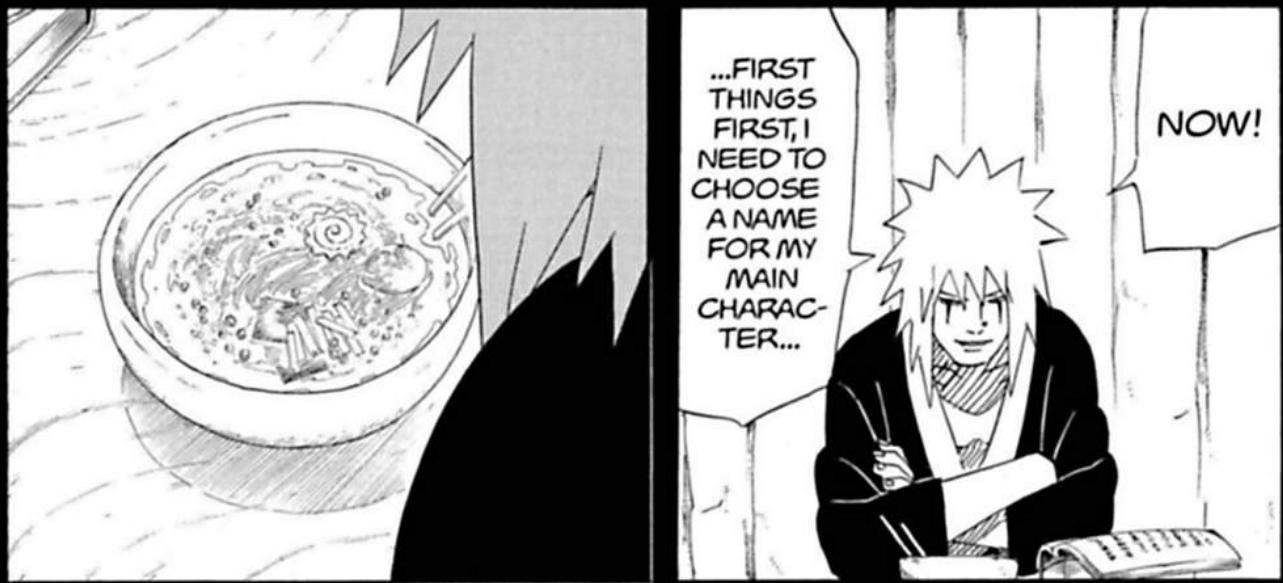
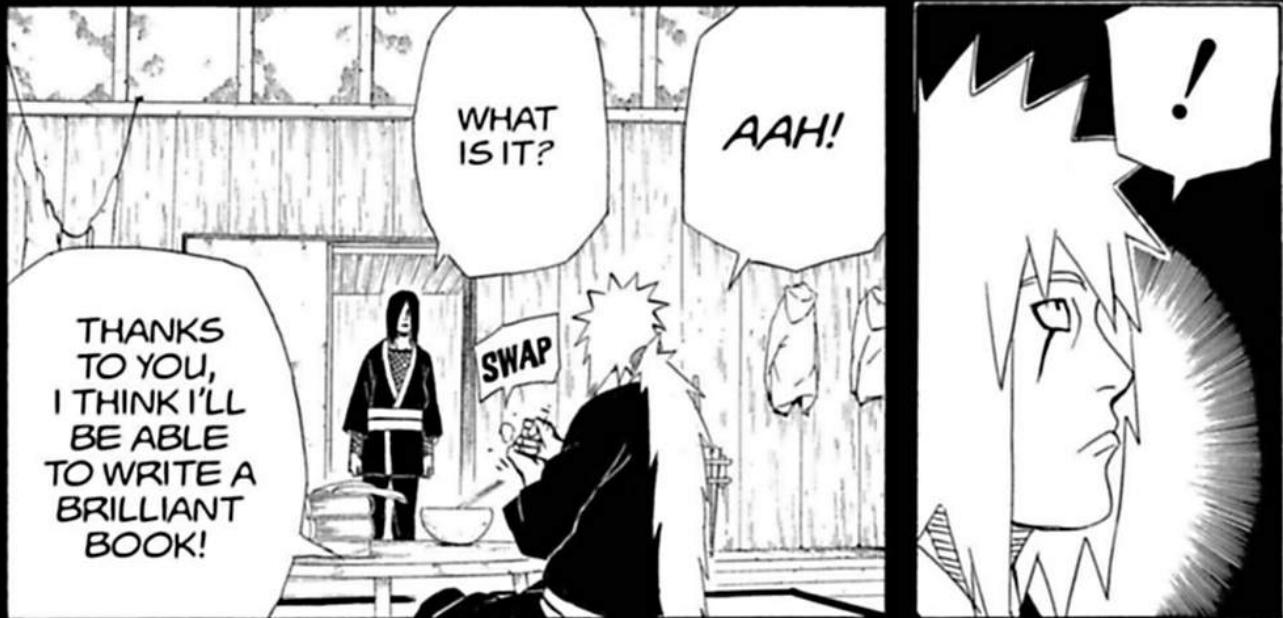
BUT...

...  
PEACE  
...

...I STILL  
DON'T HAVE  
ANY IDEAS  
ABOUT  
HOW TO  
ACHIEVE  
IT...



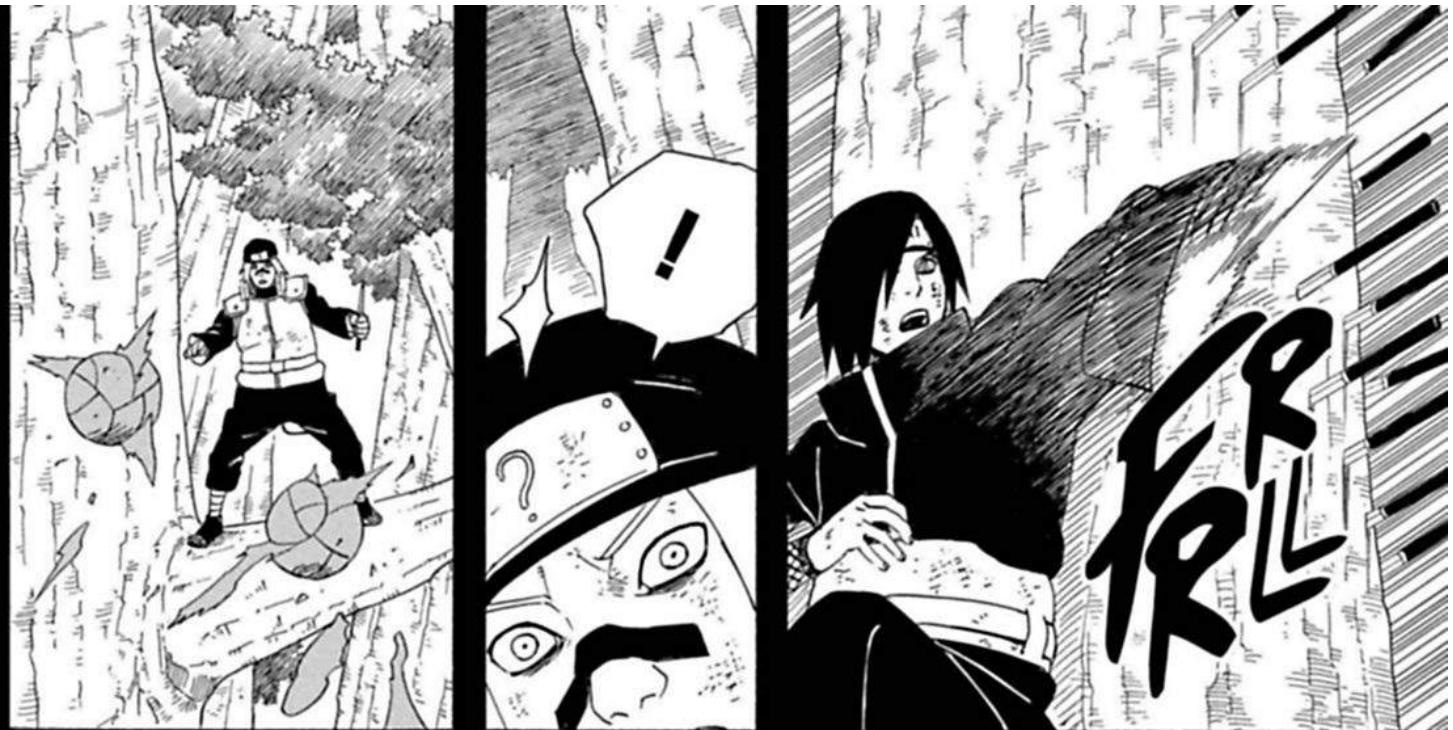
READ  
THIS WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY

AS LONG  
AS WE LIVE  
IN THIS  
CURSED  
SHINOBI  
WORLD...  
THERE WILL  
NEVER BE  
PEACE...

HEH  
HEH  
HEH  
...

...E-EVEN  
IF YOU TAKE  
ME OUT,  
ANOTHER  
ASSASSIN  
WILL JUST  
COME TO  
ATTACK  
YOUR  
VILLAGE  
...

UGH...

IF THERE'S  
SUCH A  
THING AS  
PEACE,  
I'LL FIND  
IT!

I'M NOT  
GIVING  
UP.

...I'LL  
BREAK  
THE  
CURSE.

IN  
THAT  
CASE  
...

MY  
NAME  
IS...

F-SH

WH-  
WHO  
ARE  
YOU  
...?

...

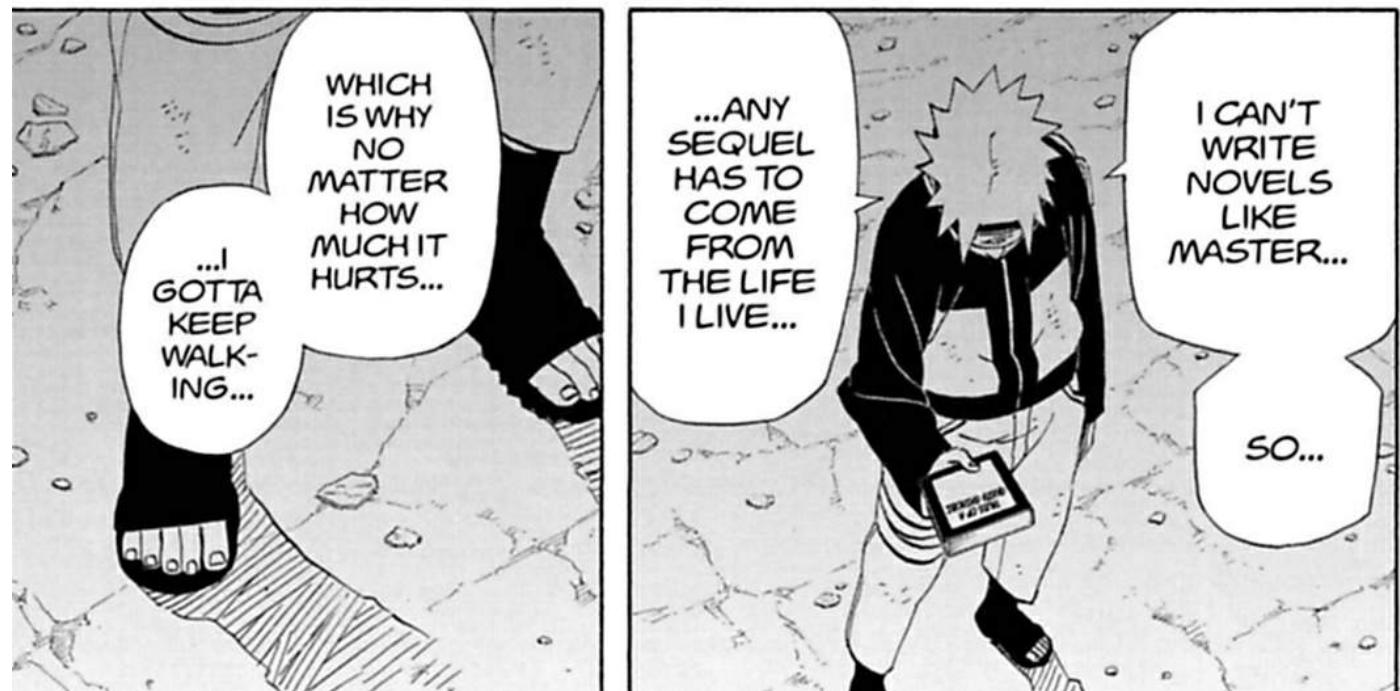
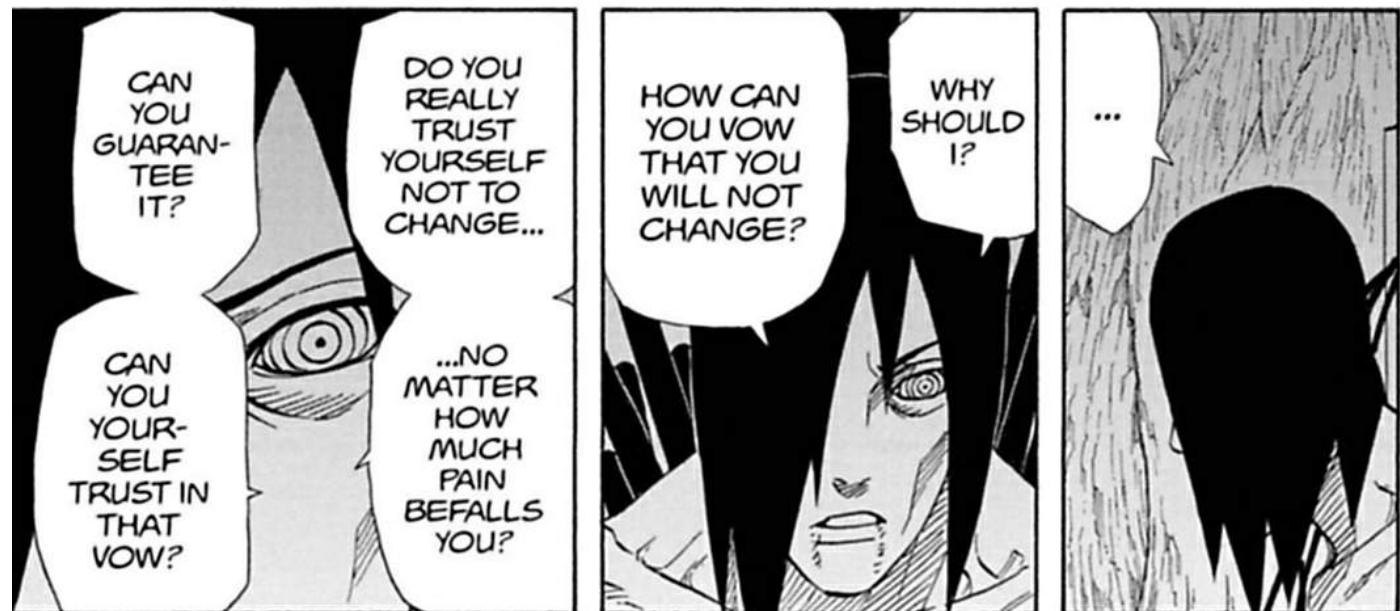


MY NAME  
IS A  
PRECIOUS  
HEIRLOOM  
FROM  
PERVY  
SAGE!



AND I WILL  
BRING  
PEACE TO  
AMEGAKURE!

READ  
THIS  
WAY



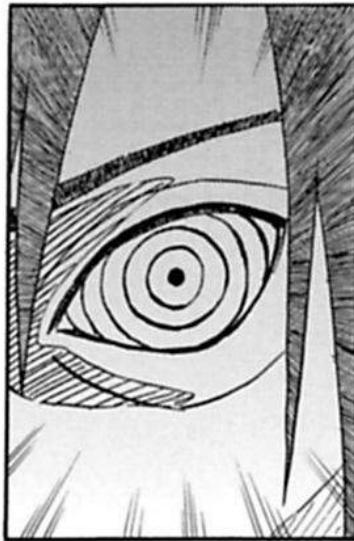


**BECAUSE  
THAT'S  
WHO  
NARUTO  
IS!**

READ  
THIS  
WAY

...I WISH YOU HAD MOVED PAST THE PAIN AND HARNESSSED YOUR POWER TO BRING ABOUT PEACE IN A POSITIVE WAY.

...RATHER THAN RULE THE WORLD THROUGH PAIN...



I JUST GET THE FEELING THAT THE SAGE'S HOPES WERE BESTOWED UPON YOUR EYES.

PERHAPS... YOU ARE A REINCARNATION OF THE SAGE.

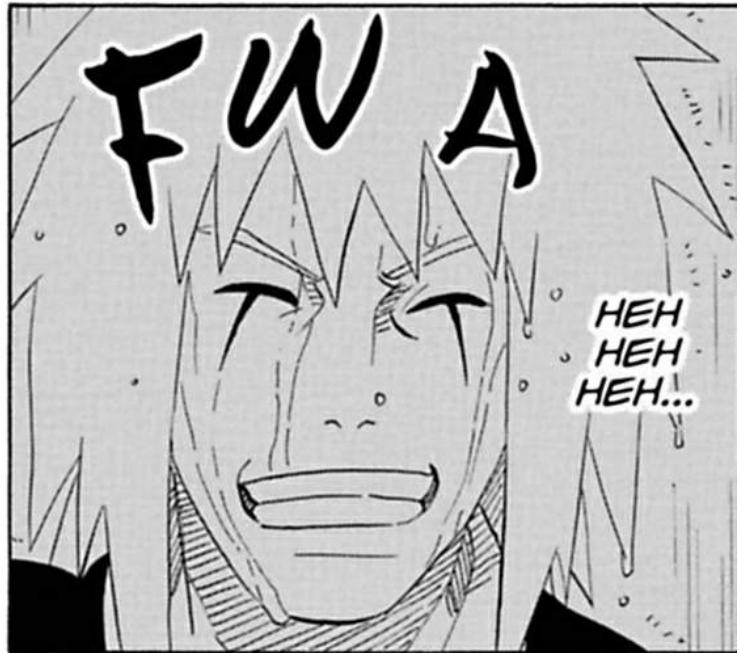


FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE ...

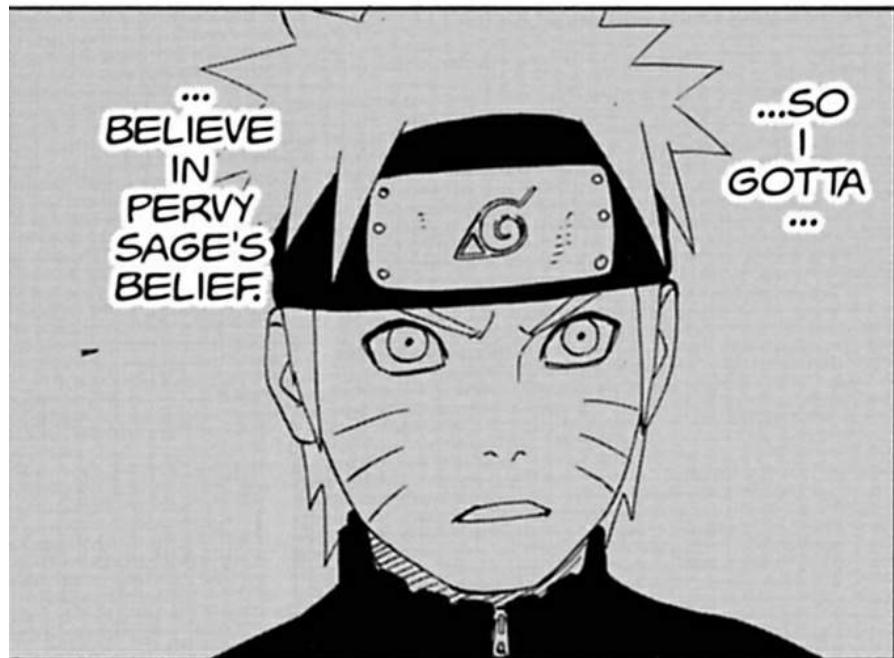
...WHO DECLARED THAT ONE OF MY DISCIPLES WOULD BRING ABOUT A GREAT CHANGE TO THE WORLD OF SHINOBI.

I THINK I SHALL ACCEPT THE PROPHECY OF THIS SAGE I KNOW...



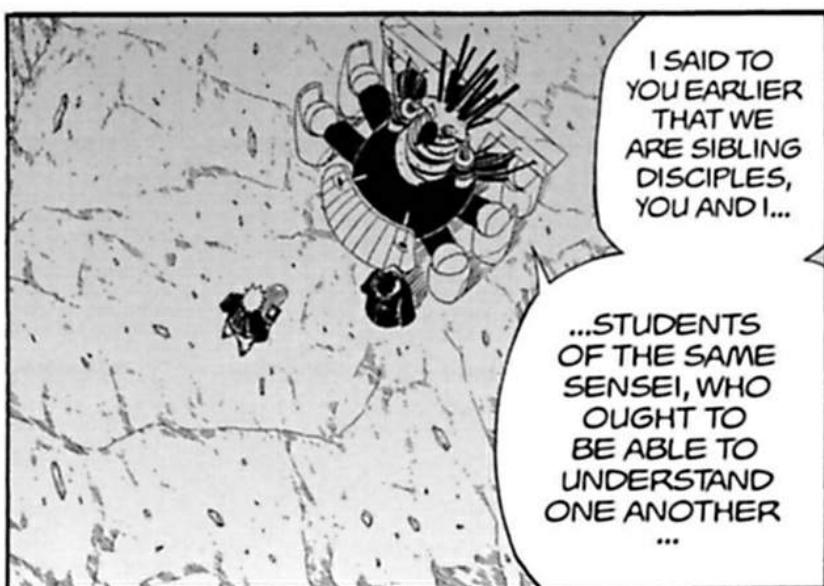


READ  
THIS  
WAY



...SO I GOTTA ...





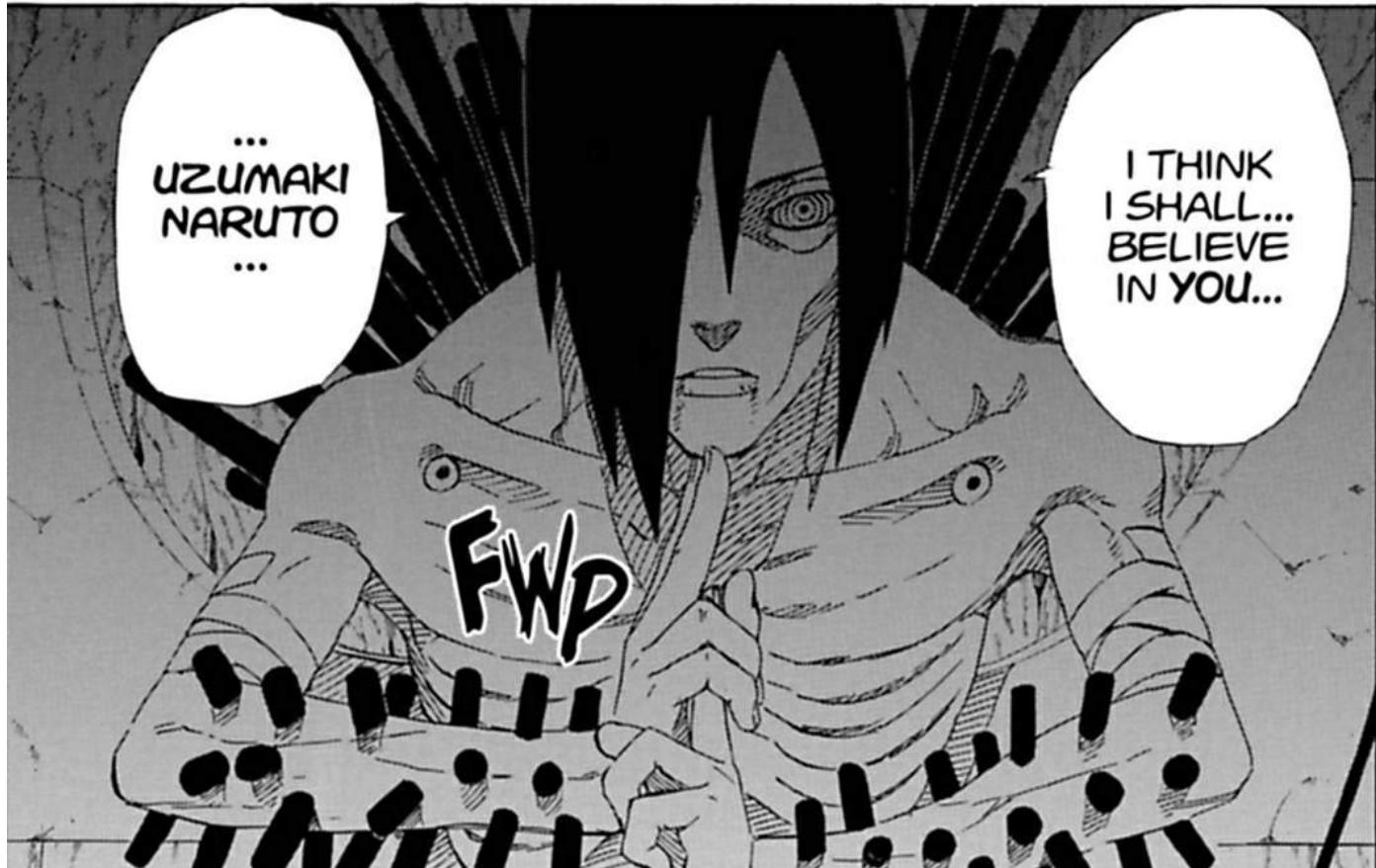
READ  
THIS  
WAY

BUT... YOU GIVE  
ME A VISION OF  
A FUTURE THAT  
SHOWS A DIFFERENT PATH  
FROM THE  
ONE I'VE  
WALKED...

OR  
EVEN...  
IN  
MYSELF  
...

I WASN'T  
ABLE  
TO KEEP  
BELIEVING  
IN JIRAIYA.

NAGATO  
...







# Number 449: The Blossom of Hope

**GEDO  
ART OF  
RINNE  
REBIRTH!!**



I MADE A  
NEW CHOICE...  
EVEN THOUGH  
I'D GIVEN  
UP HOPE...

KONAN...  
IT'S  
ALL  
RIGHT  
...



NAGATO'S  
OCULAR  
POWER  
ITSELF IS A  
JUTSU THAT  
PRESIDES  
OVER LIFE  
AND DEATH.  
HE IS THE  
SEVENTH  
PAIN...

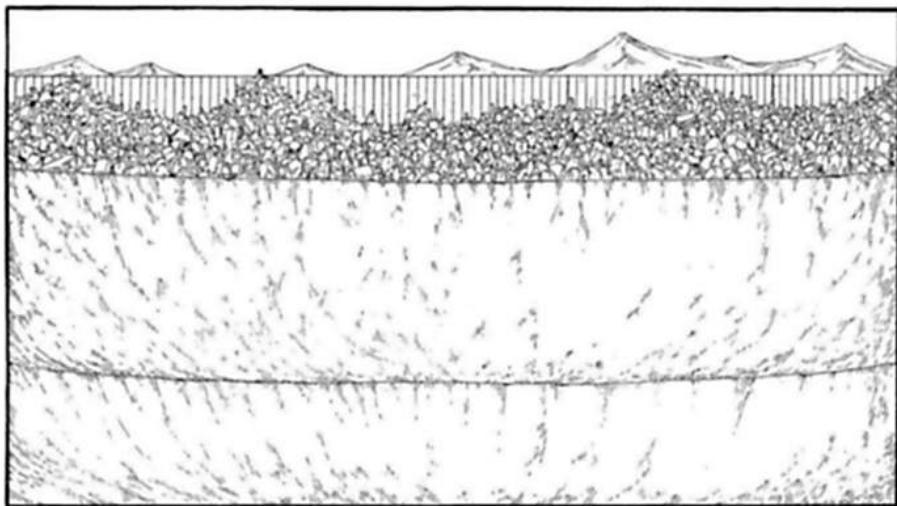
THOSE  
WHO POSSESS  
THE RINNEGAN  
CAN PERFORM  
ALL OF THE  
JUTSU THE SIX  
PAINS USED...

WHAT  
JUTSU  
IS  
THAT?!

...AND  
ARE SAID  
TO EXIST  
OUTSIDE  
THIS WORLD  
OF LIFE AND  
DEATH.

...









READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY

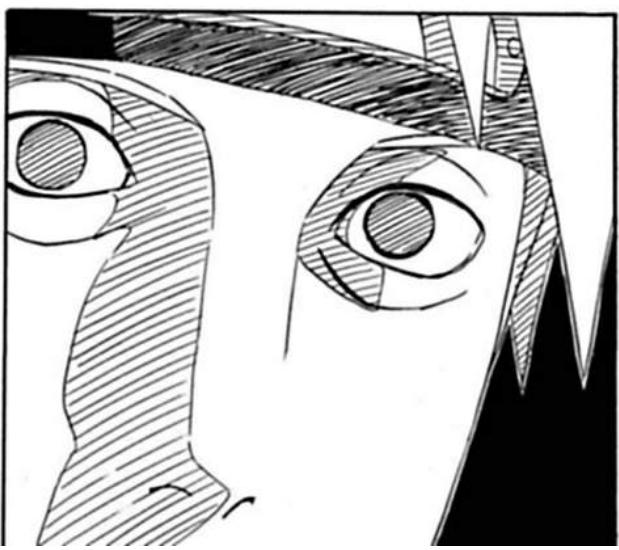
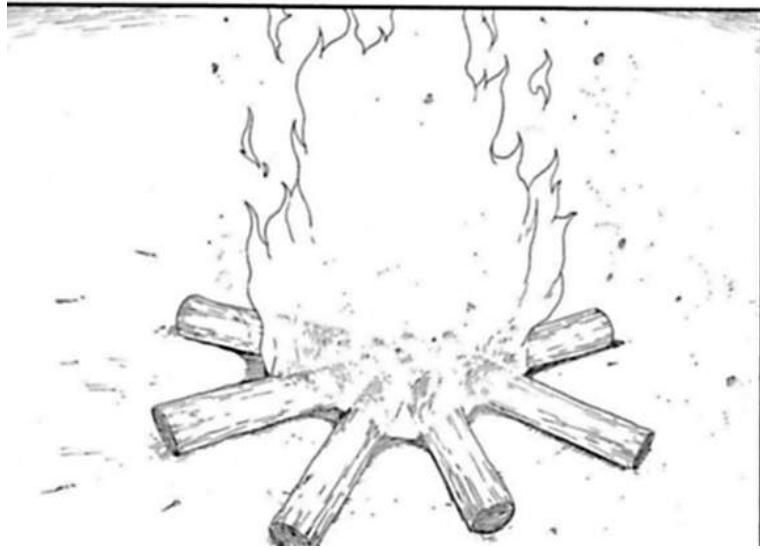
NO  
MATTER WHAT  
THE END  
RESULT WAS,  
FATHER,  
YOU DID YOUR  
BEST.



I'M  
PROUD  
TO BE  
YOUR  
SON,  
NOW.

YOU, WHO  
VIOLATED  
ALL RULES  
IN ORDER  
TO SAVE  
EVERYONE...

I CAN  
SEE THAT  
NOW AND  
UNDER-  
STAND  
YOU...





READ  
THIS  
WAY

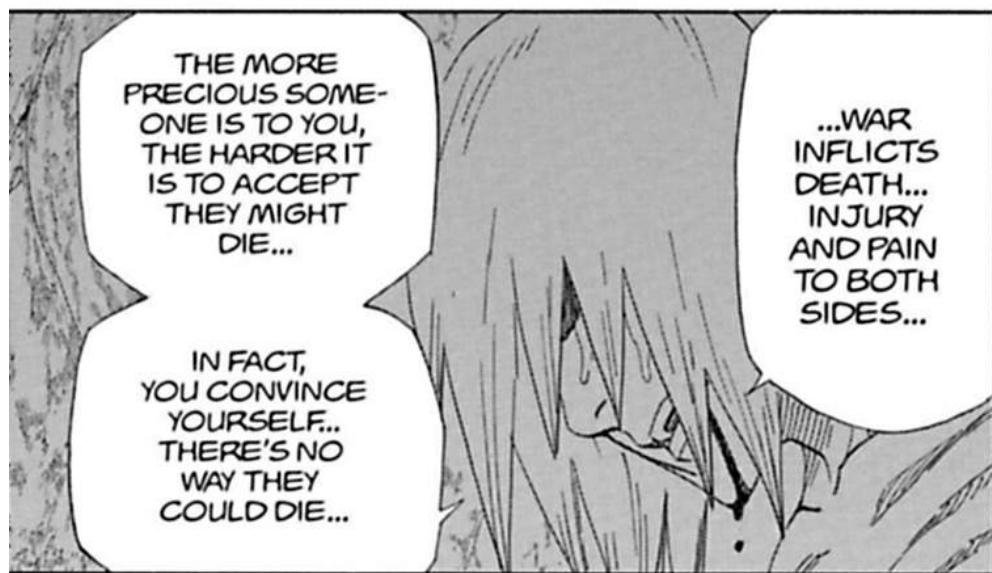


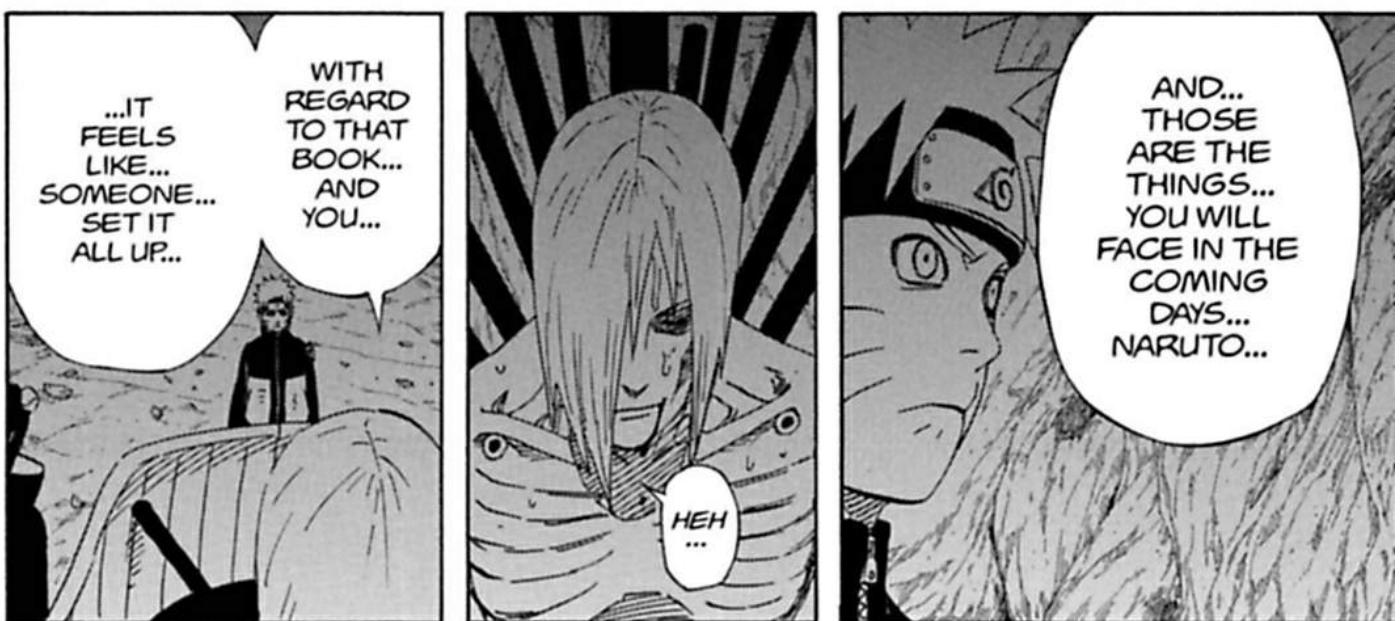
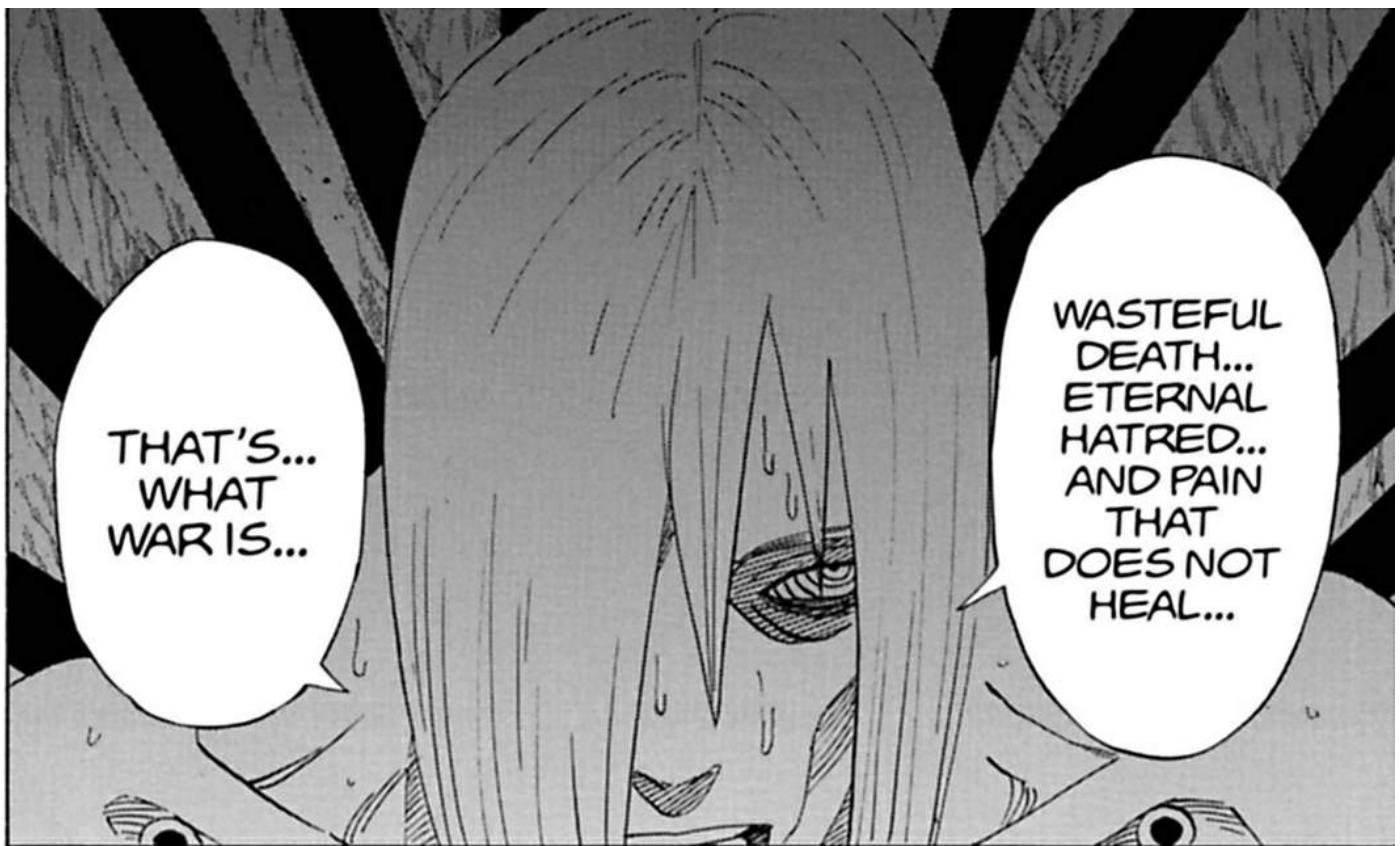


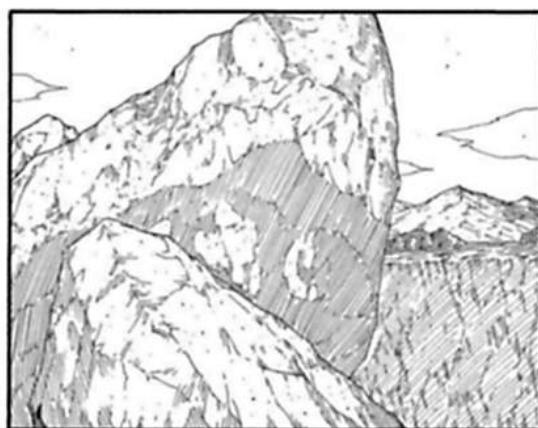
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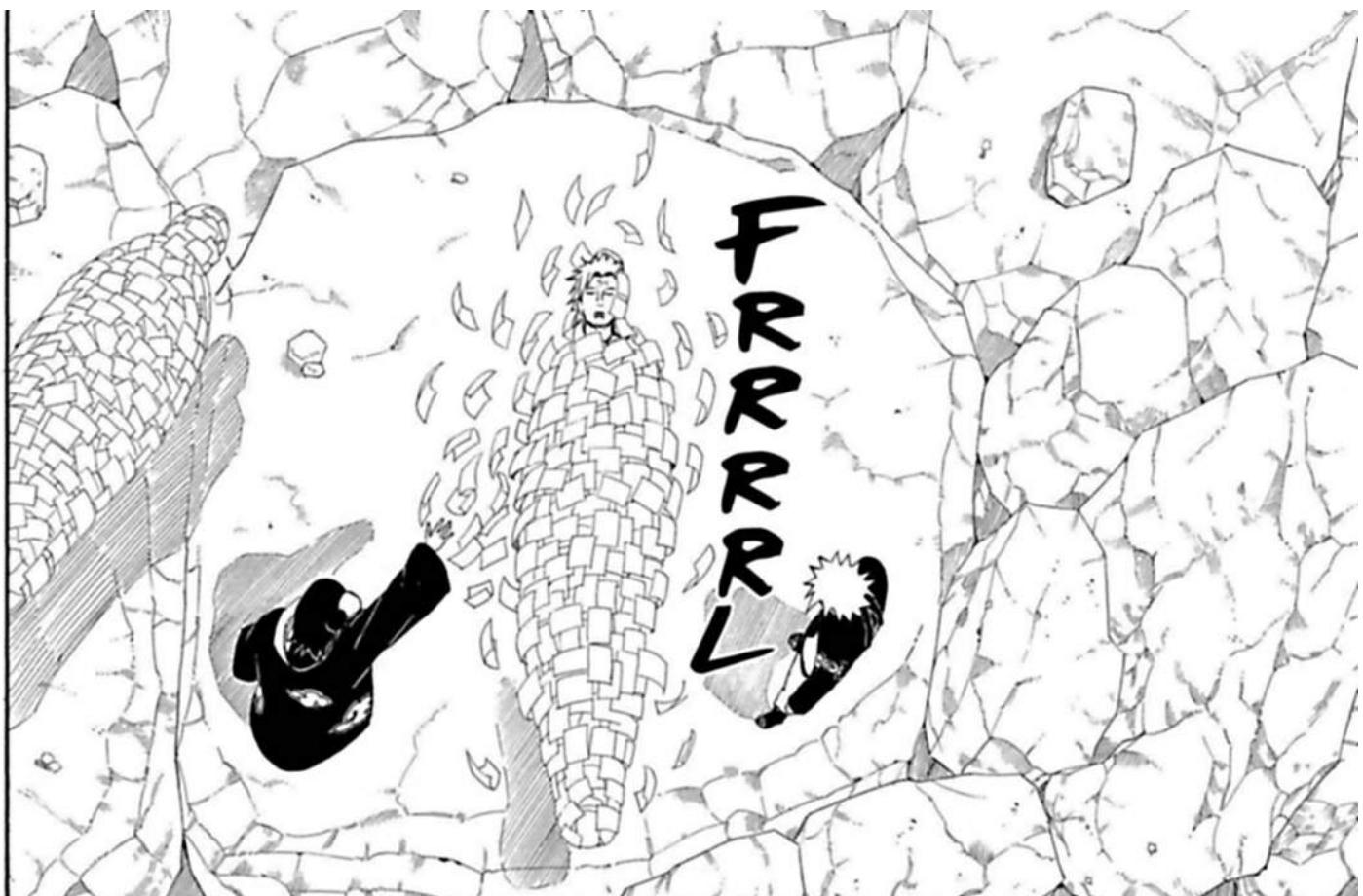


READ  
THIS  
WAY













READ  
THIS  
WAY

JUST  
YOU  
WATCH,  
PERVY  
SAGE!!

TALES OF A  
GUTSY SHINOBI

師

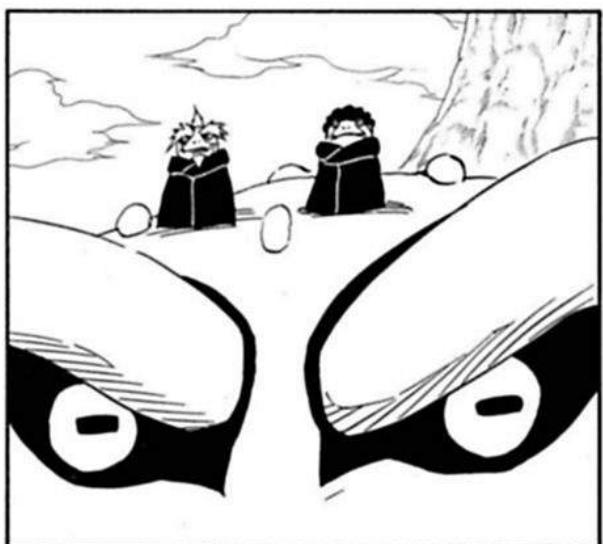
WORLD OF SHINOBI

NARUTO

# Number 450: The Cheering Village!!

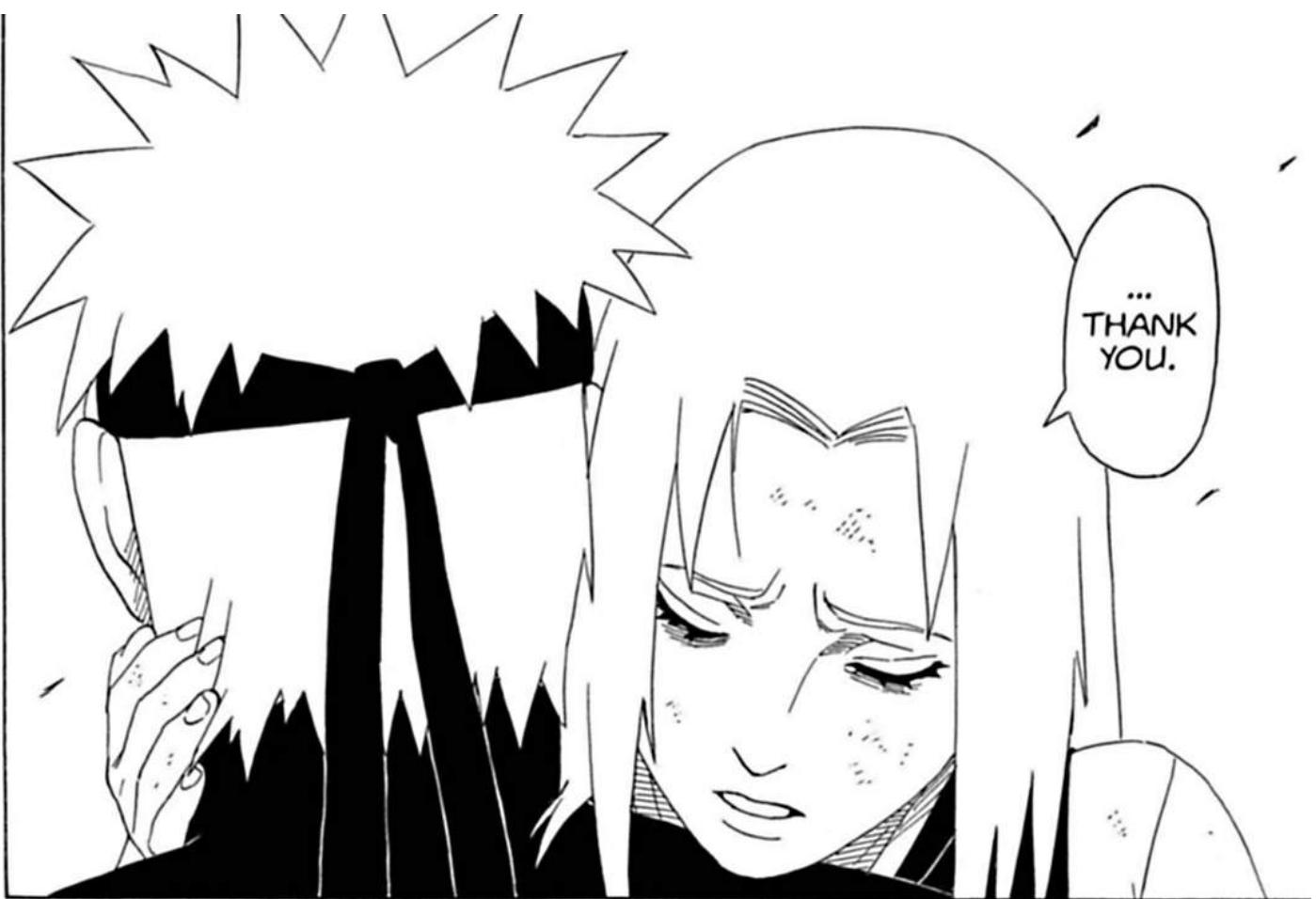






READ  
THIS  
WAY

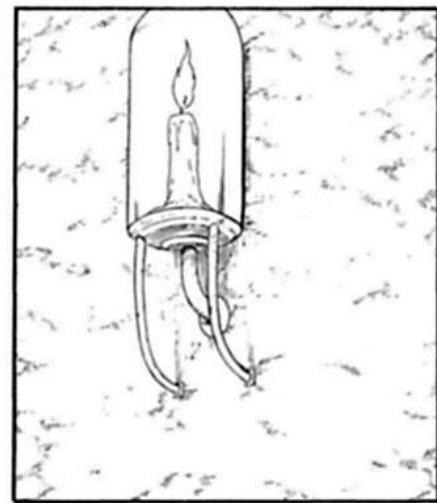




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WAY



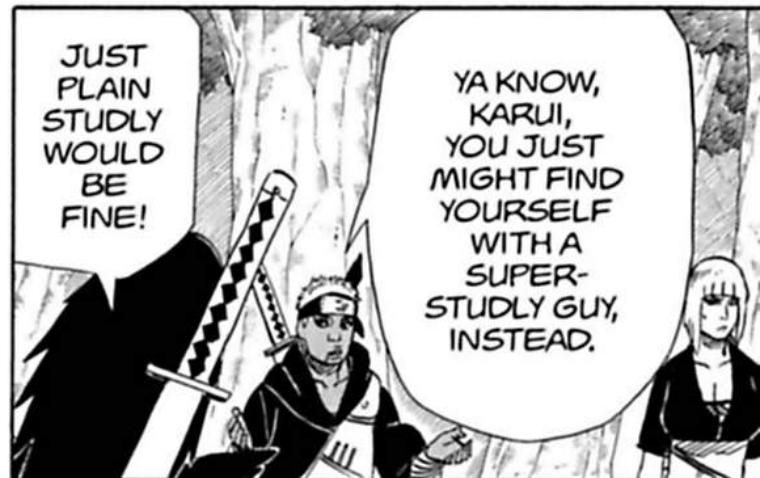
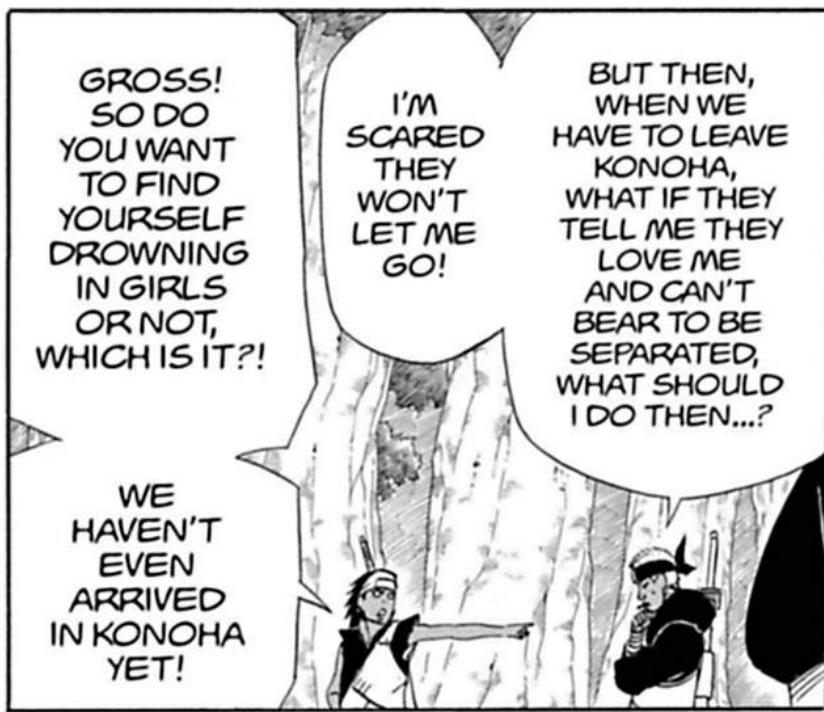






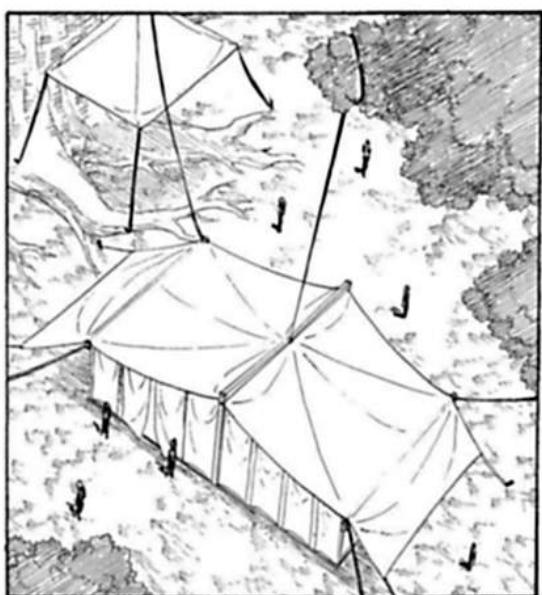
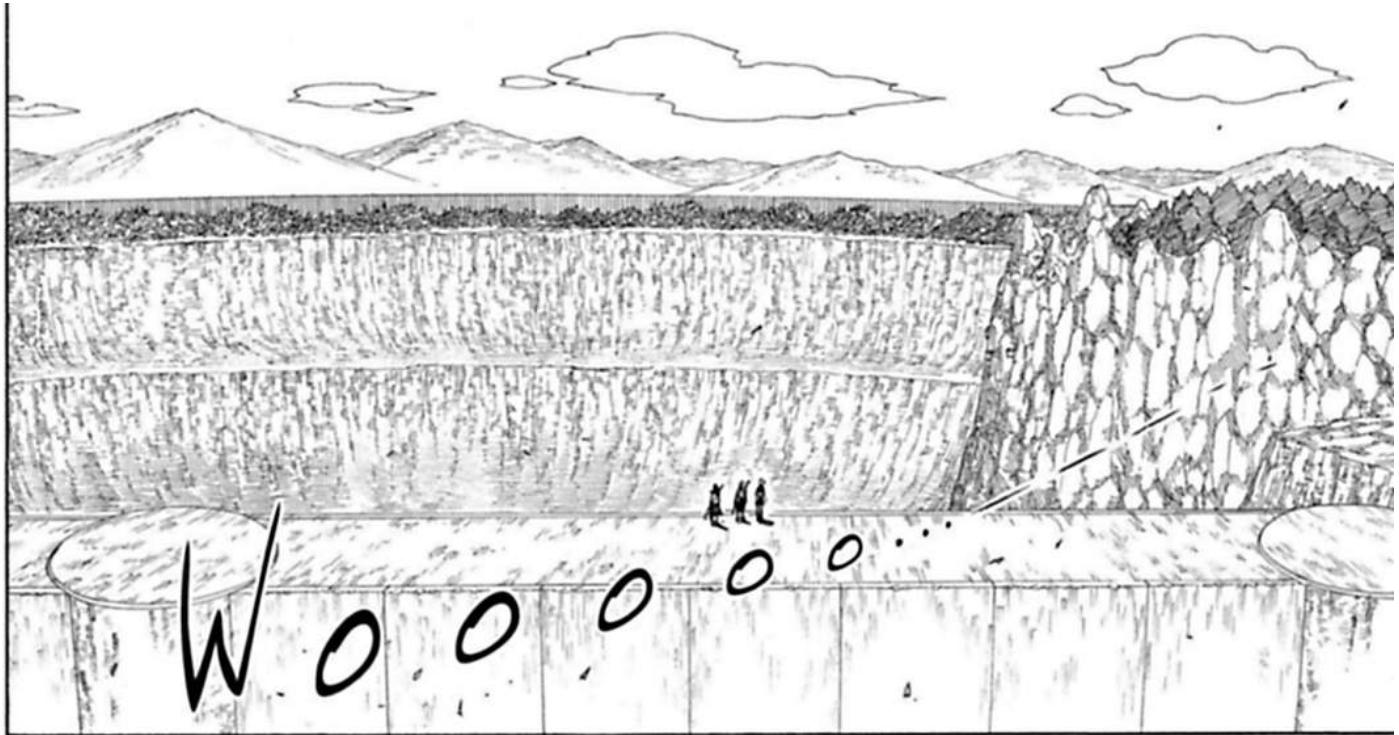
READ  
THIS WAY

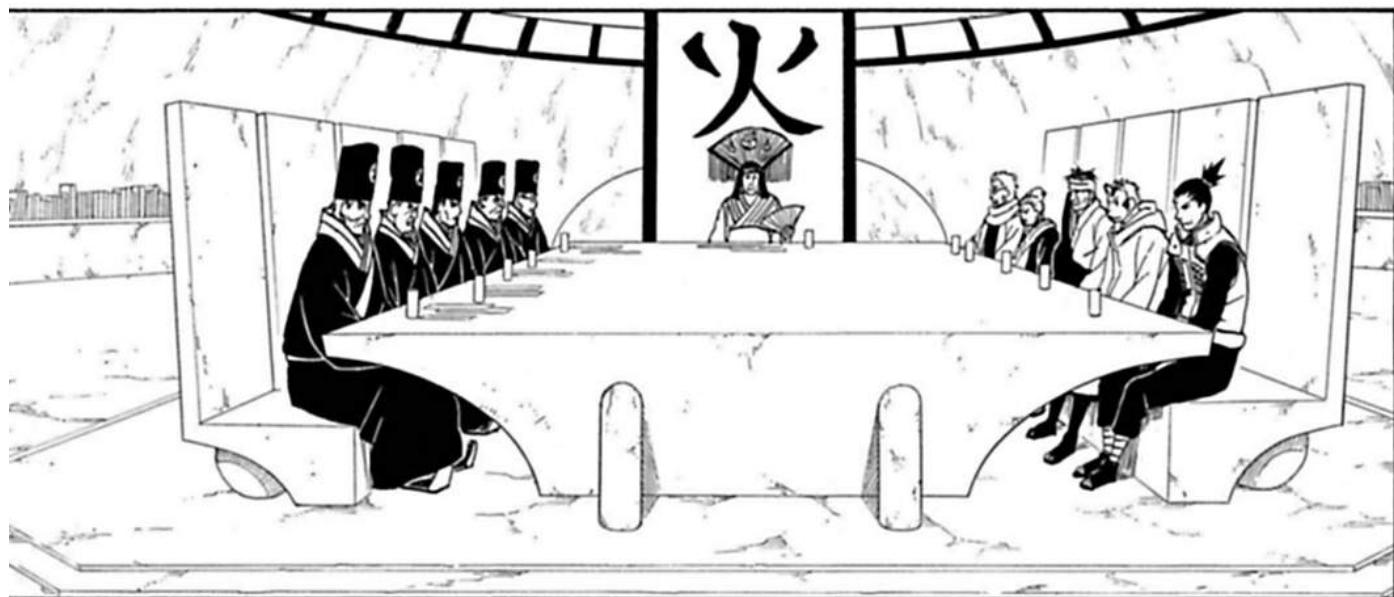
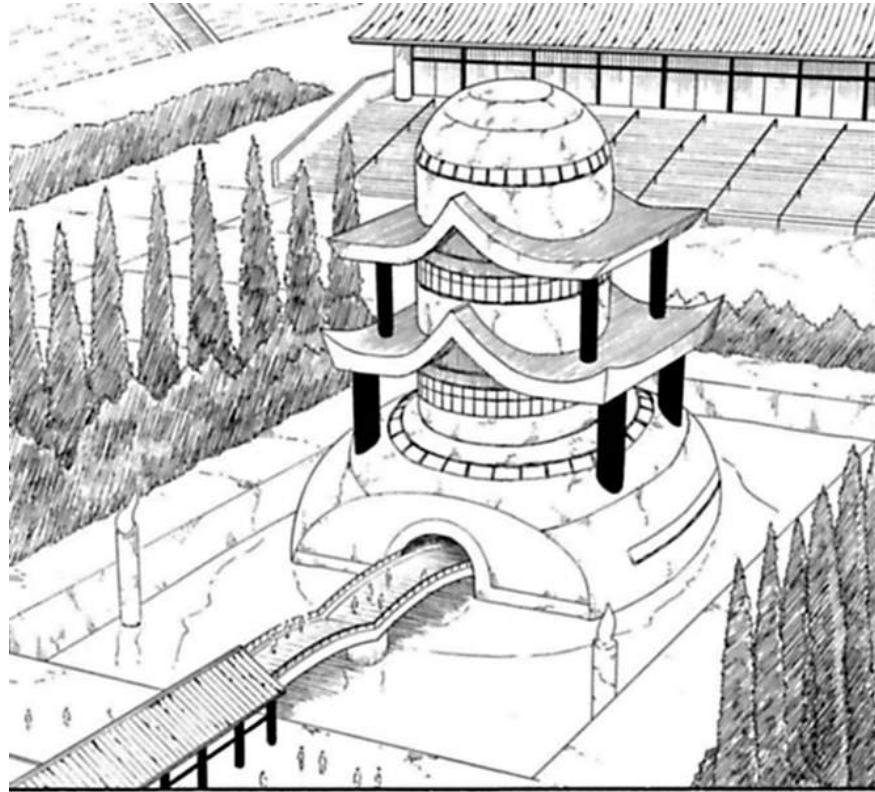


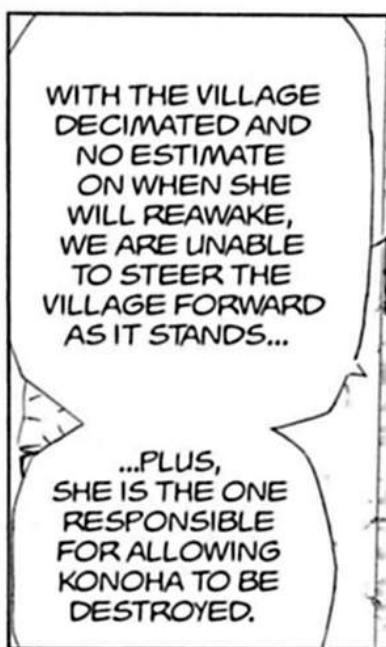


READ  
THIS  
WAY



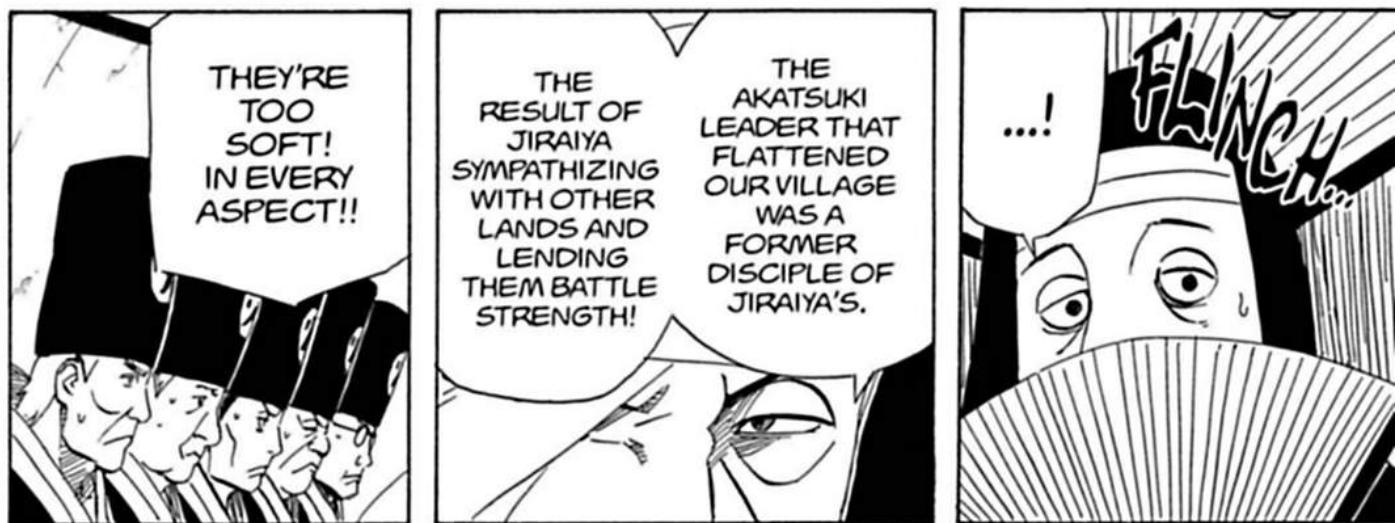




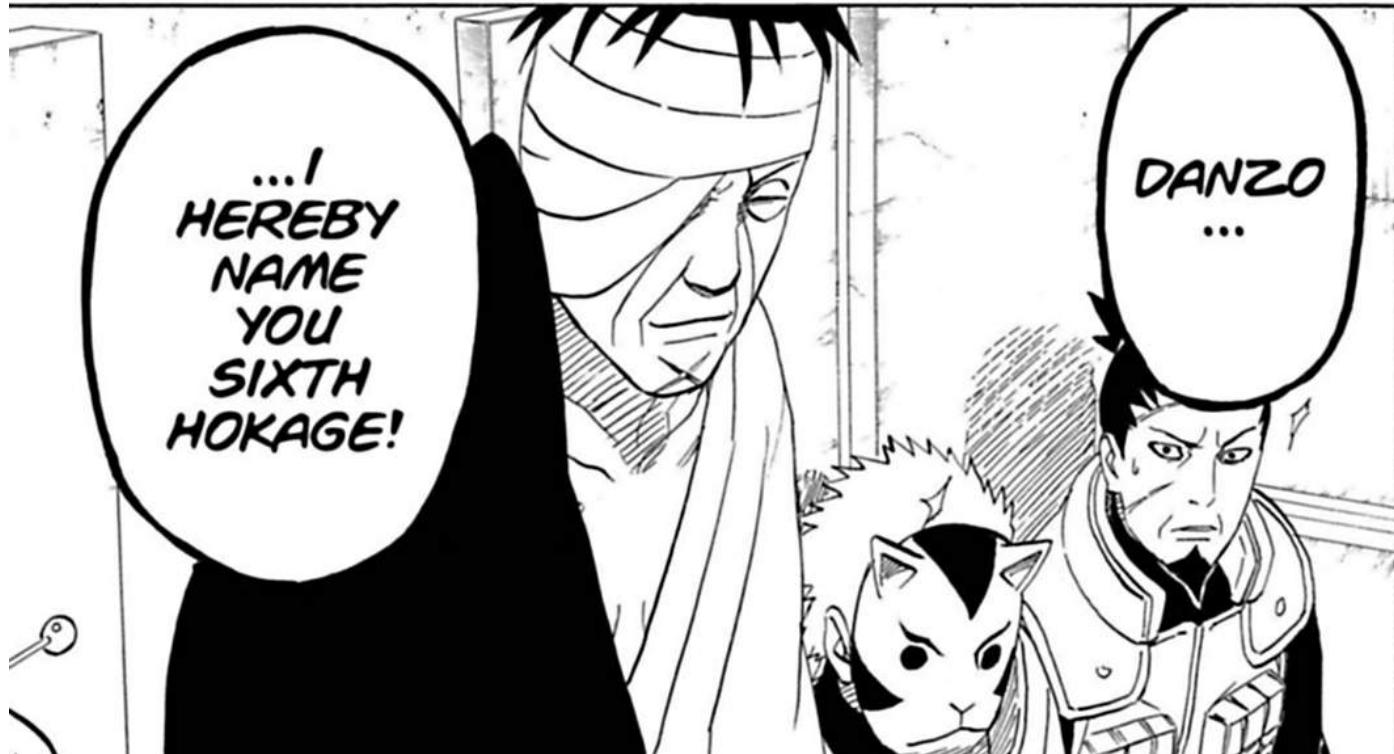
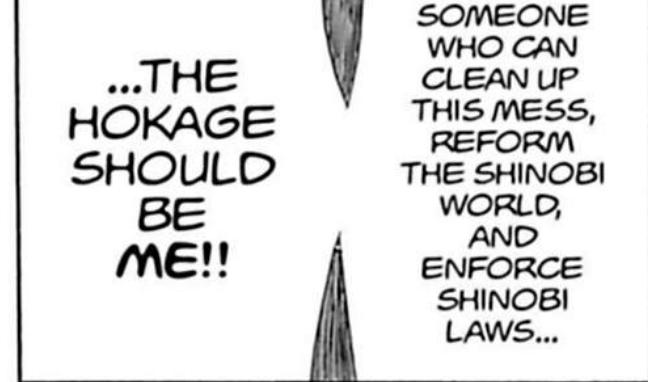


READ  
THIS  
WAY





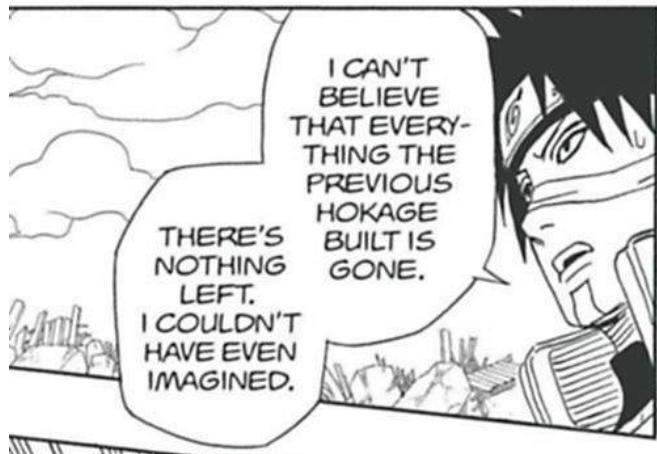
READ  
THIS  
WAY

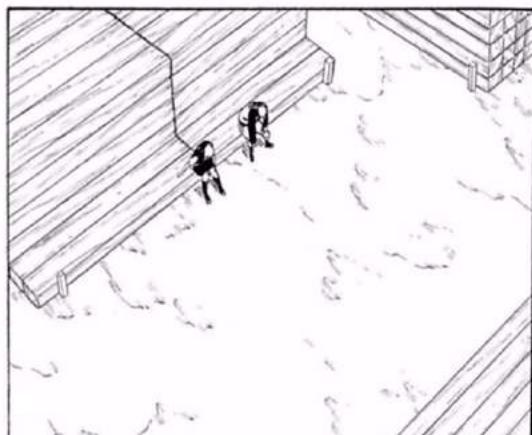
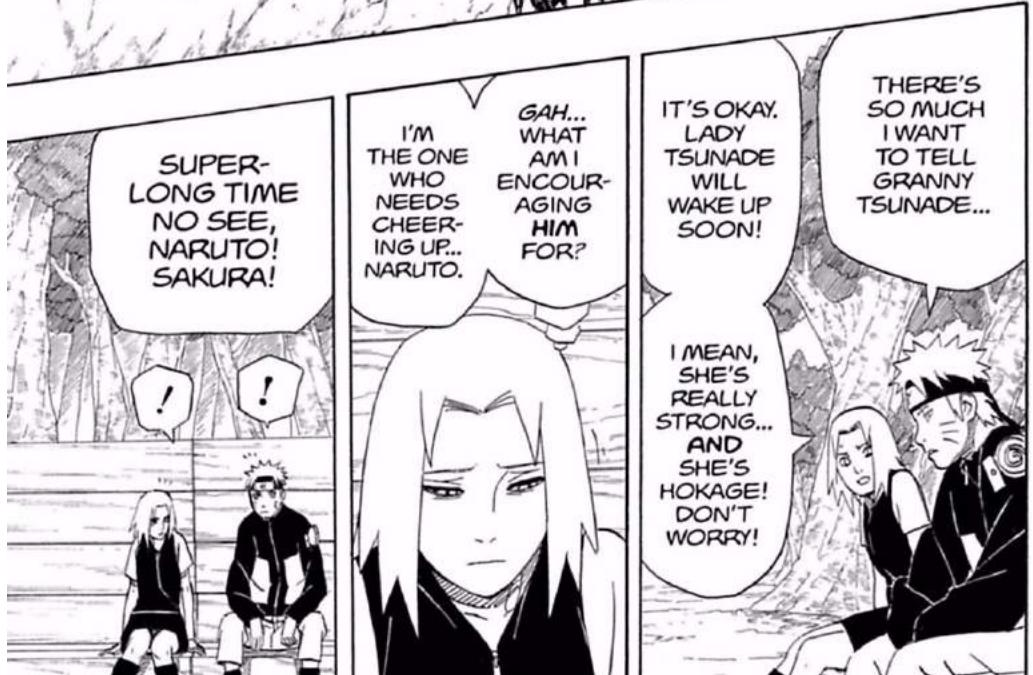
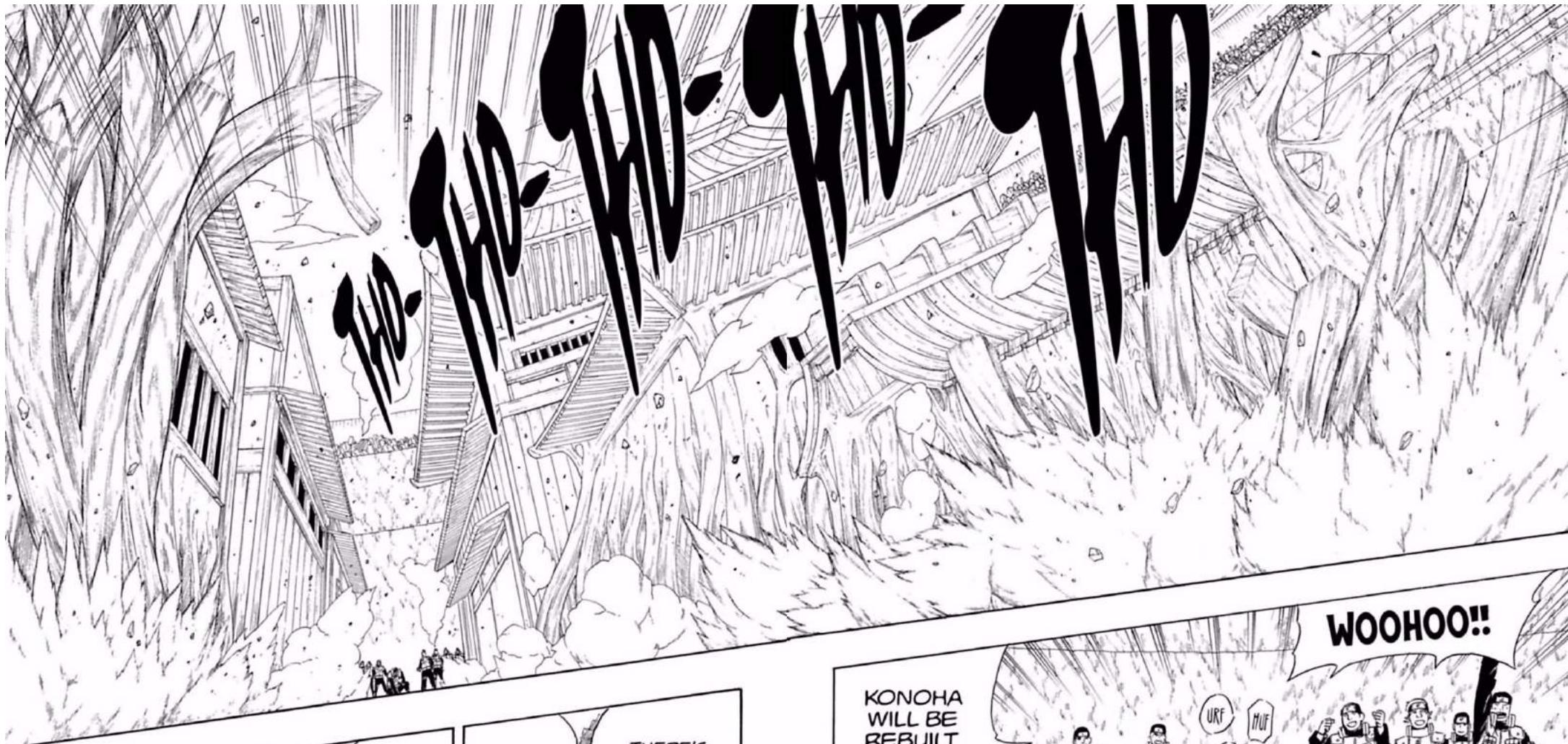


NARUTO



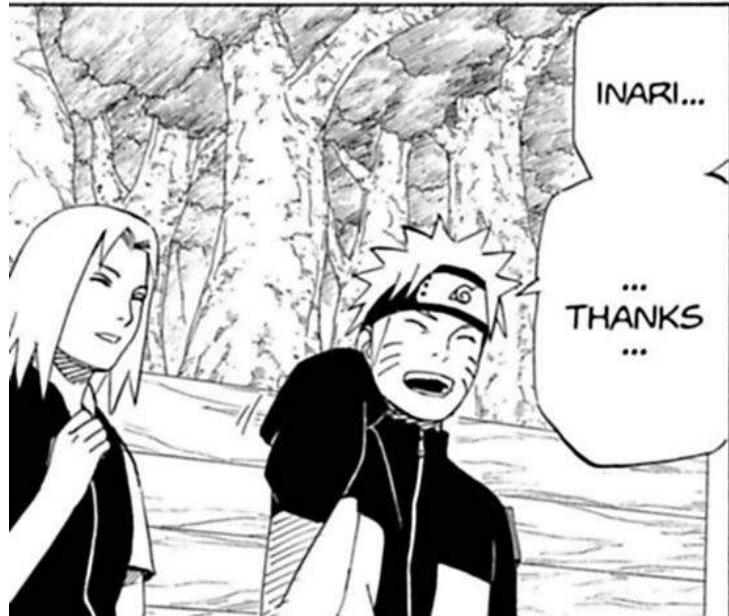
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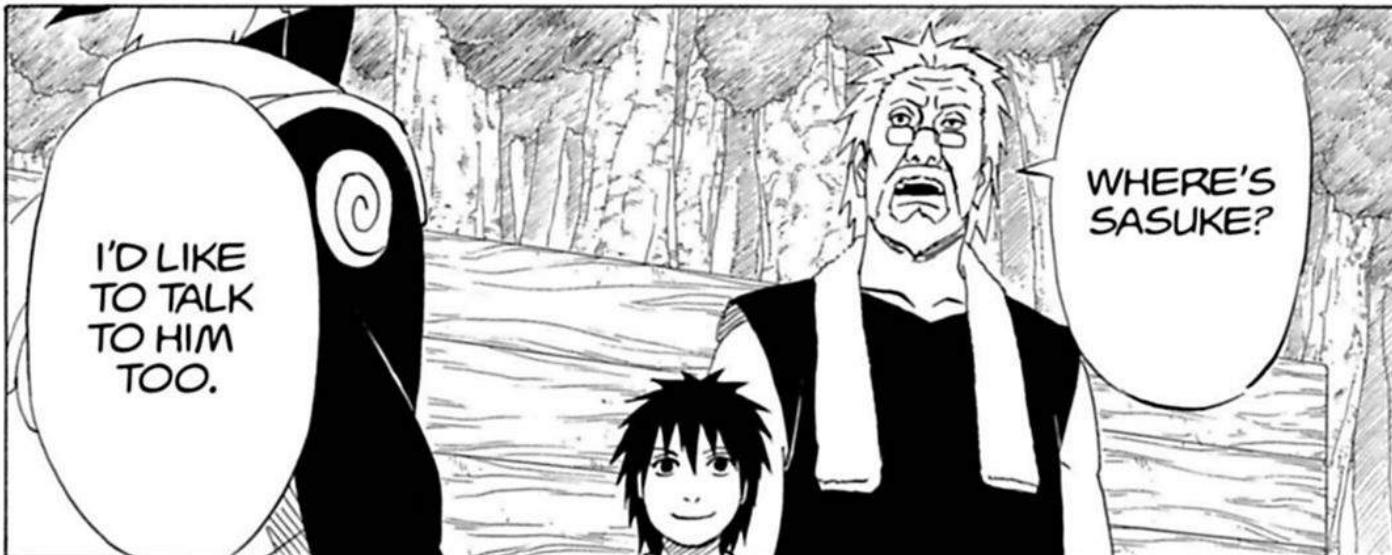






READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY

YOU  
CAN SAY  
HELLO  
TO HIM  
WHEN  
WE GET  
BACK.

BUT  
DON'T  
WORRY...  
I'LL  
GO GET  
HIM!

...NOT  
AROUND  
RIGHT NOW.  
WE KIND  
OF HAD  
A FIGHT  
AND HE  
LEFT THE  
VILLAGE.

?

THANK  
YOU,  
NARUTO  
...

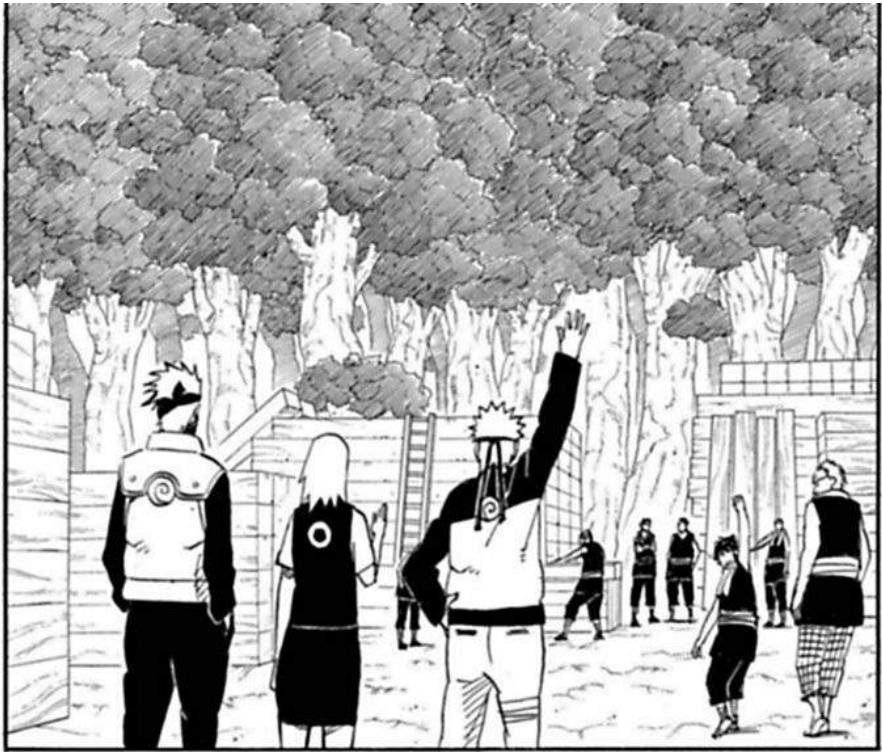
W-WELL  
...  
SASUKE'S  
...ER...  
UM...

SASUKE'S  
...

...  
RIGHT,  
SAKURA  
?!  
I'M SURE  
SASUKE  
WOULD  
BE  
REALLY  
GLAD  
TO SEE  
YOU...

AW  
SHUCKS,  
NO WAY!

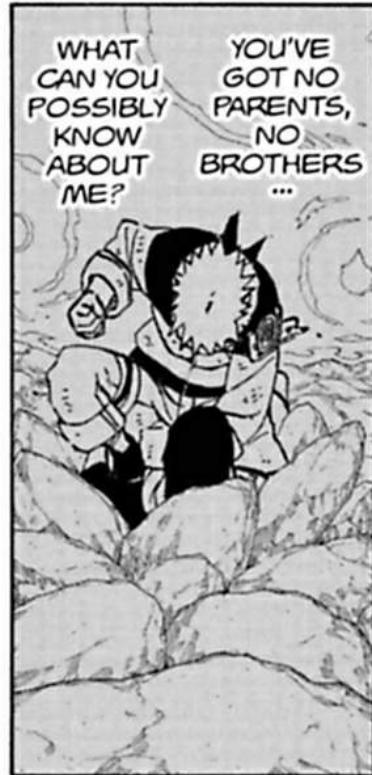
WHAT...  
YOU GUYS  
WERE  
TANGLED UP  
IN A LOVE  
TRIANGLE  
OR SOME-  
THING?

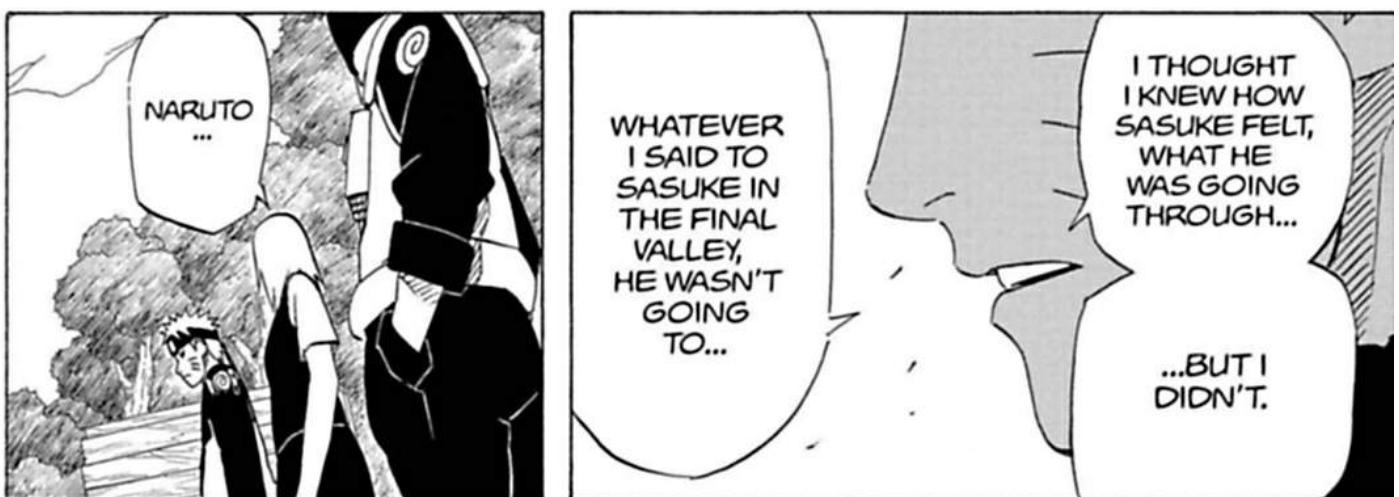


SASUKE...  
WHERE  
ARE  
YOU  
RIGHT  
NOW...?



READ THIS WAY





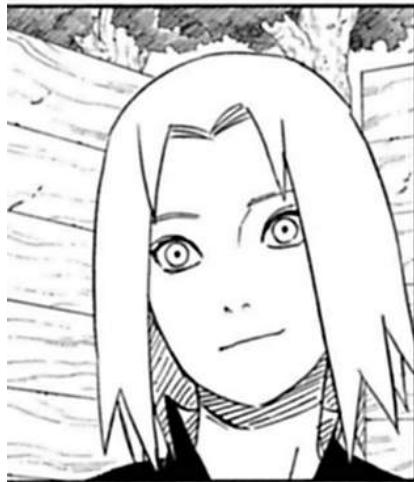
READ  
THIS  
WAY

...BUT  
NEXT TIME,  
I WANT TO  
HAVE A  
PROPER  
FIGHT  
WITH HIM...

IT'S  
PROBABLY  
GOING  
TO HURT  
REALLY  
BAD...

...OR  
EVEN  
ARGUE  
WITH  
EACH  
OTHER  
AGAIN.

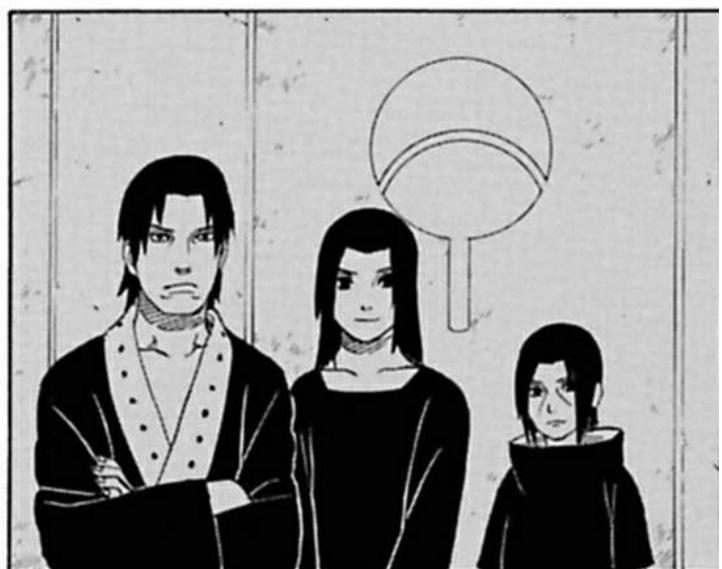
WITHOUT  
UNDER-  
STANDING  
SASUKE'S  
PAIN,  
THERE'S  
NO WAY  
WE COULD  
EVER LAUGH  
TOGETHER.



...CELL  
NUMBER  
SEVEN,  
INCLUDING  
SASUKE,  
CAN ALL  
LAUGH  
TOGETHER  
LIKE WE  
USED TO!!

AND  
THEN,  
SOME-  
DAY...

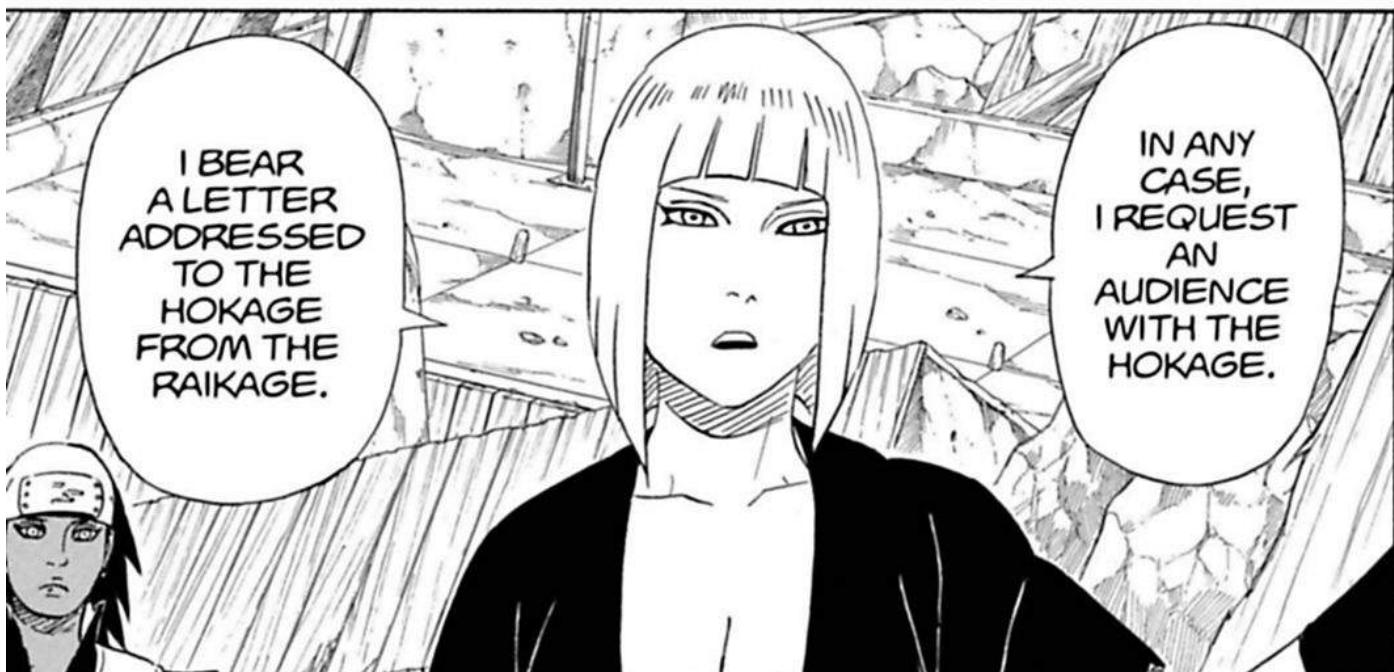




READ  
THIS  
WAY

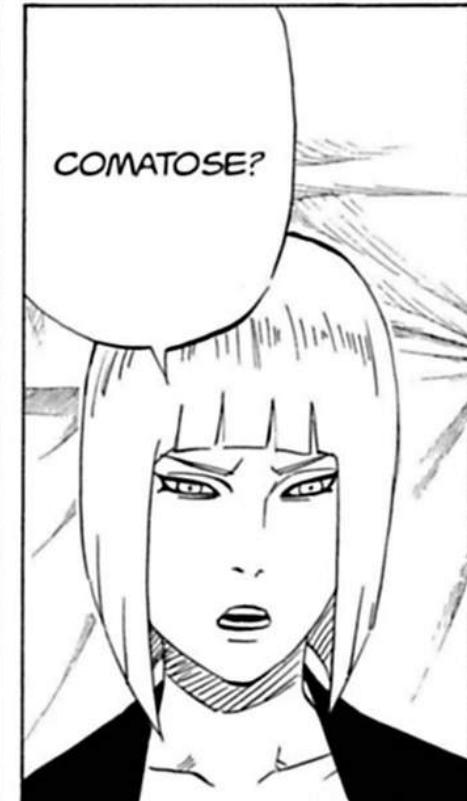
WHAT  
HAPPENED?

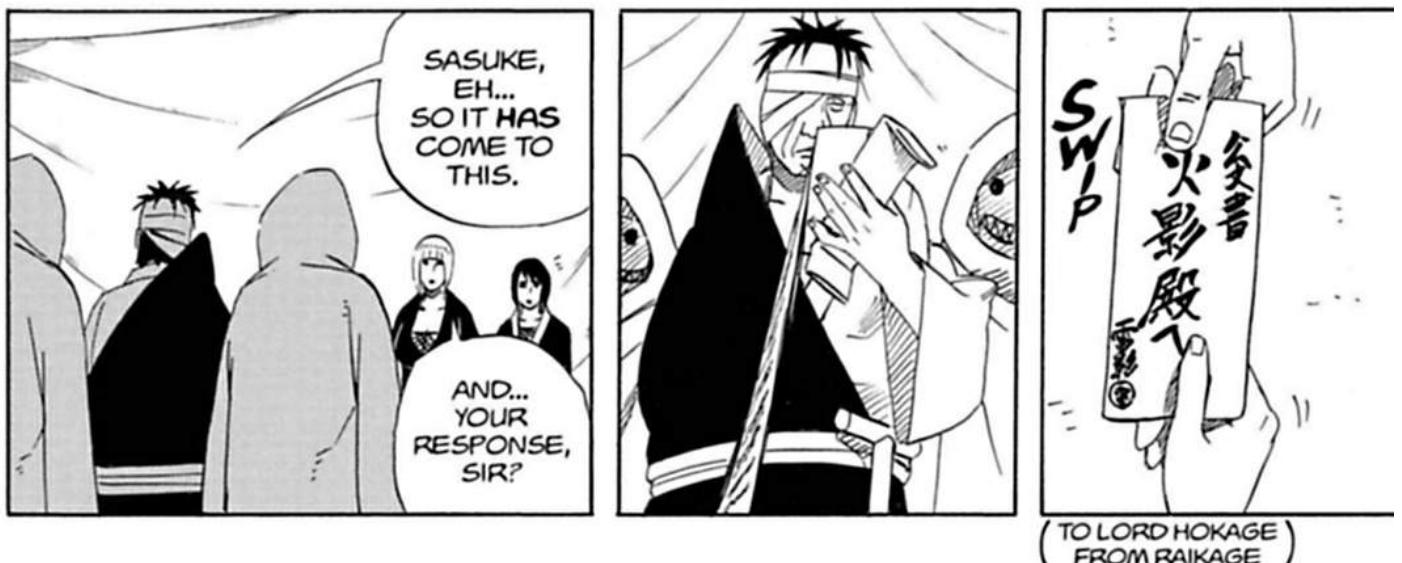
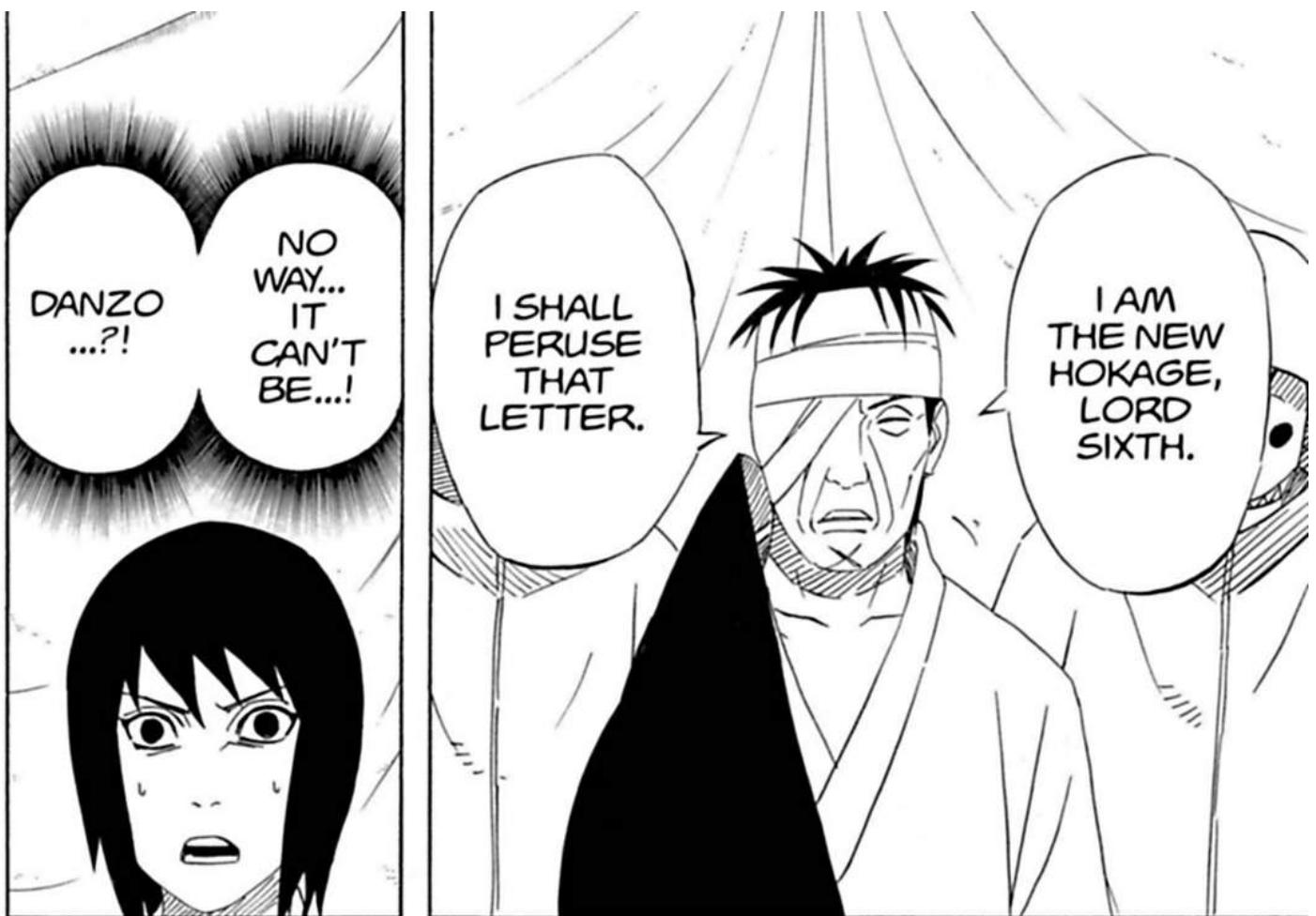
I WAS SURPRISED NOT TO RUN INTO ANY KONOHA LOOKOUTS, AND THEN TO FIND THE VILLAGE IN SUCH A STATE...





READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY

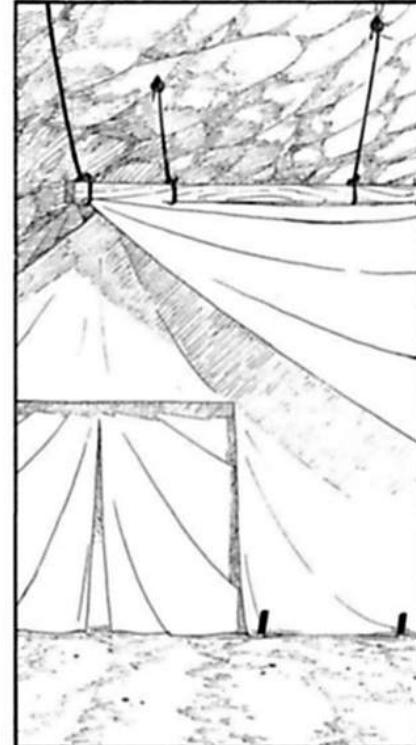


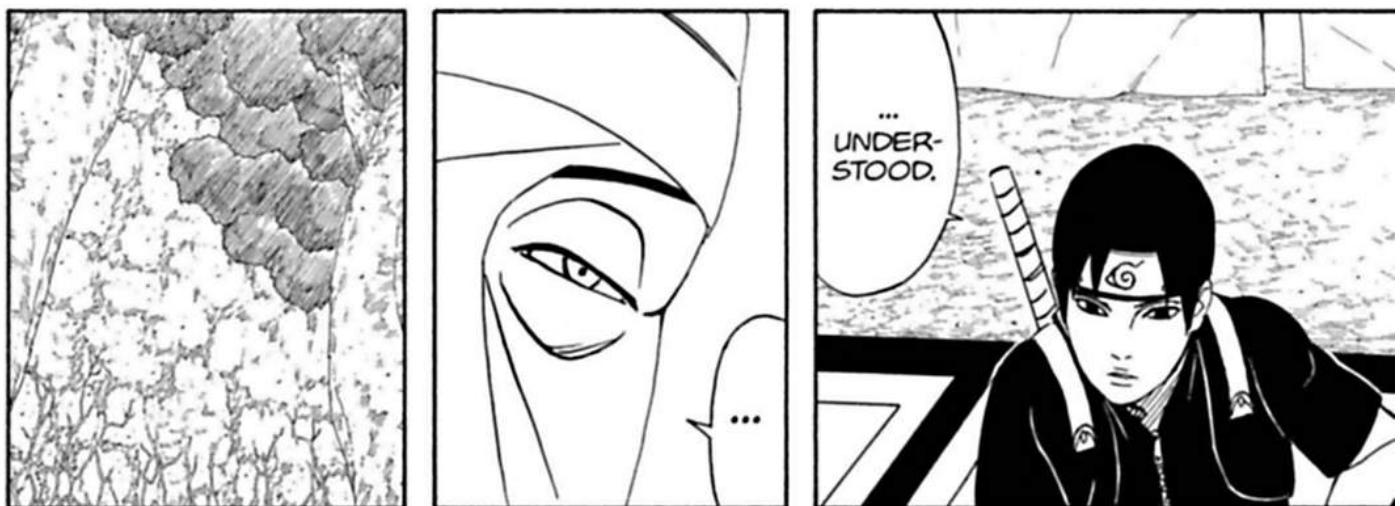






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THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY

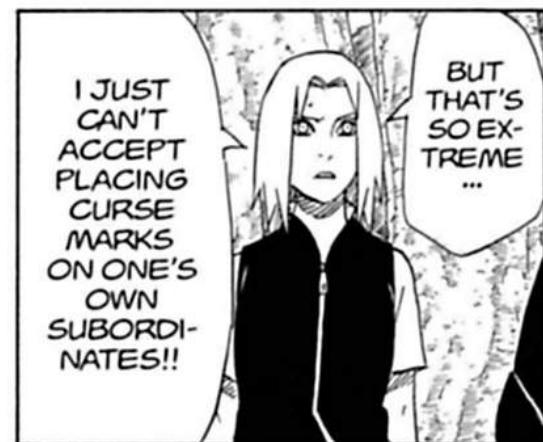
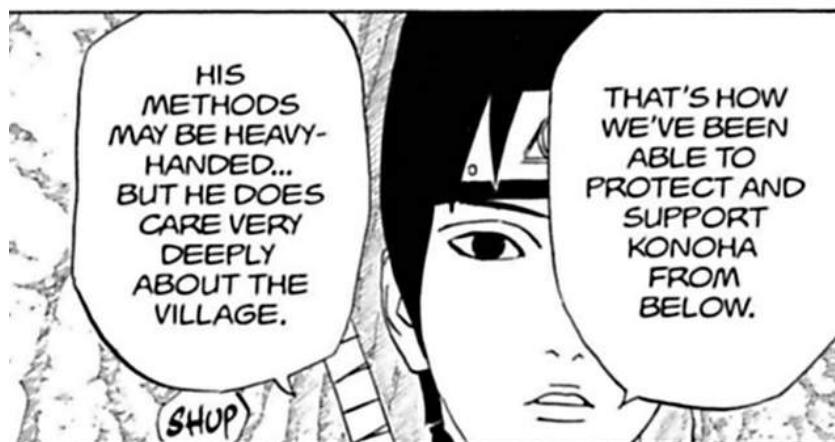
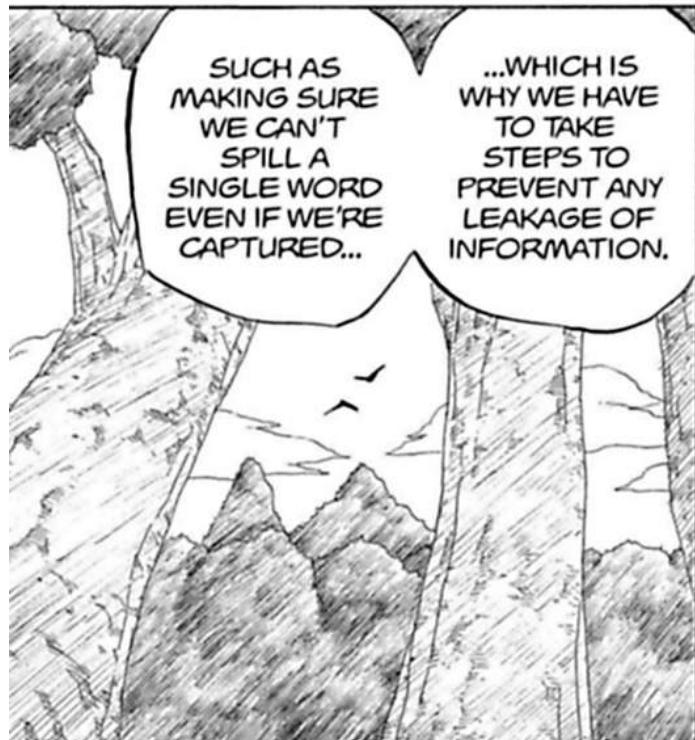




IS THAT... A CURSE MARK ...?



READ  
THIS  
WAY



*SHUP*

!!

SINCE  
YOU  
SEEM  
TO BE  
SUCH  
GOOD  
FRIENDS  
WITH  
HIM!

SO  
TELL US  
ALL  
ABOUT  
THIS  
SASUKE,  
EH.

*KLAK*

READ  
THIS  
WAY



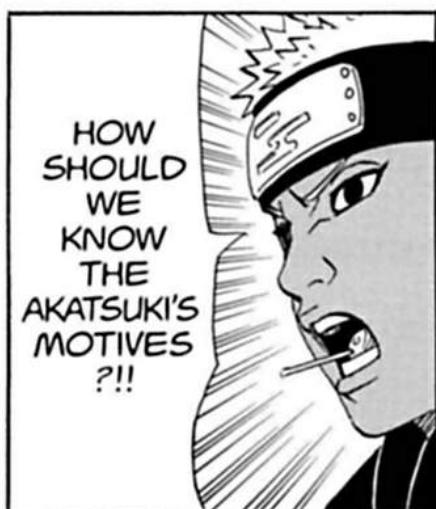






READ  
THIS WAY







IT'S CUZ  
YOU ALL  
LET THAT  
ROGUE  
SHINOBI  
RUN  
LOOSE...

...THAT  
LORD  
RAIKAGE  
DISPATCHED  
US!



NARUTO

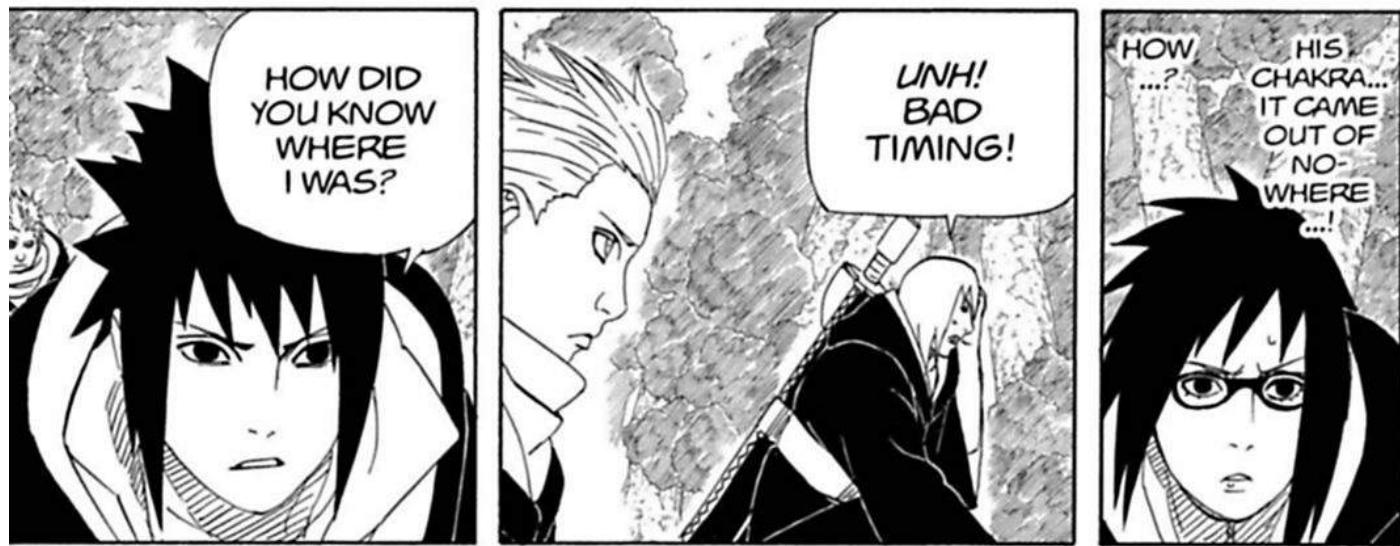
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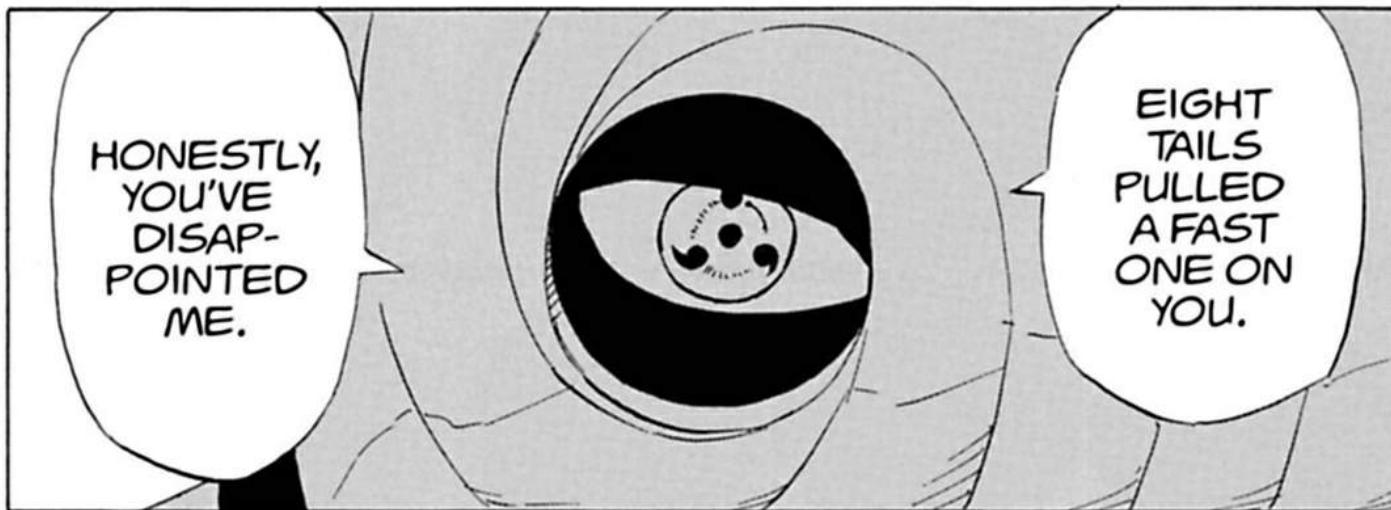




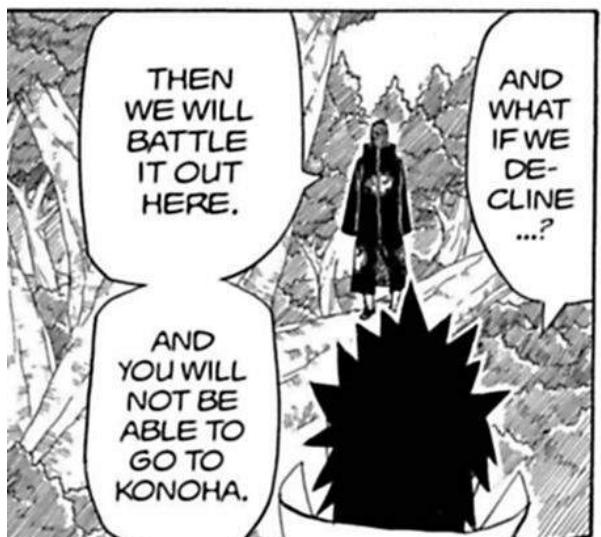
umber 153: Gokage Summit 3 Ewell

READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY



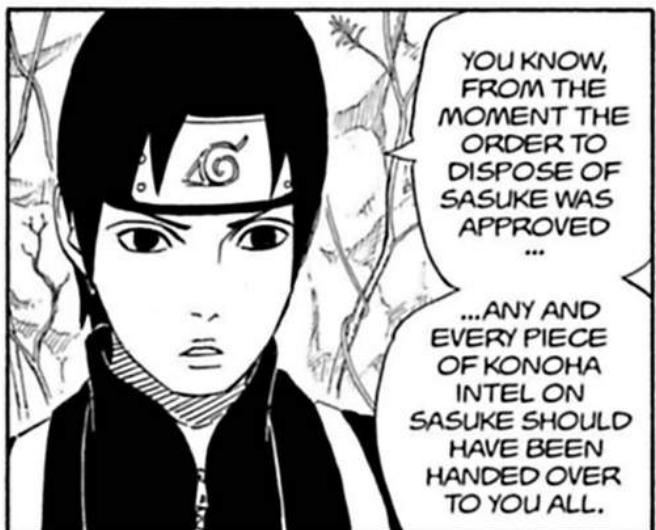


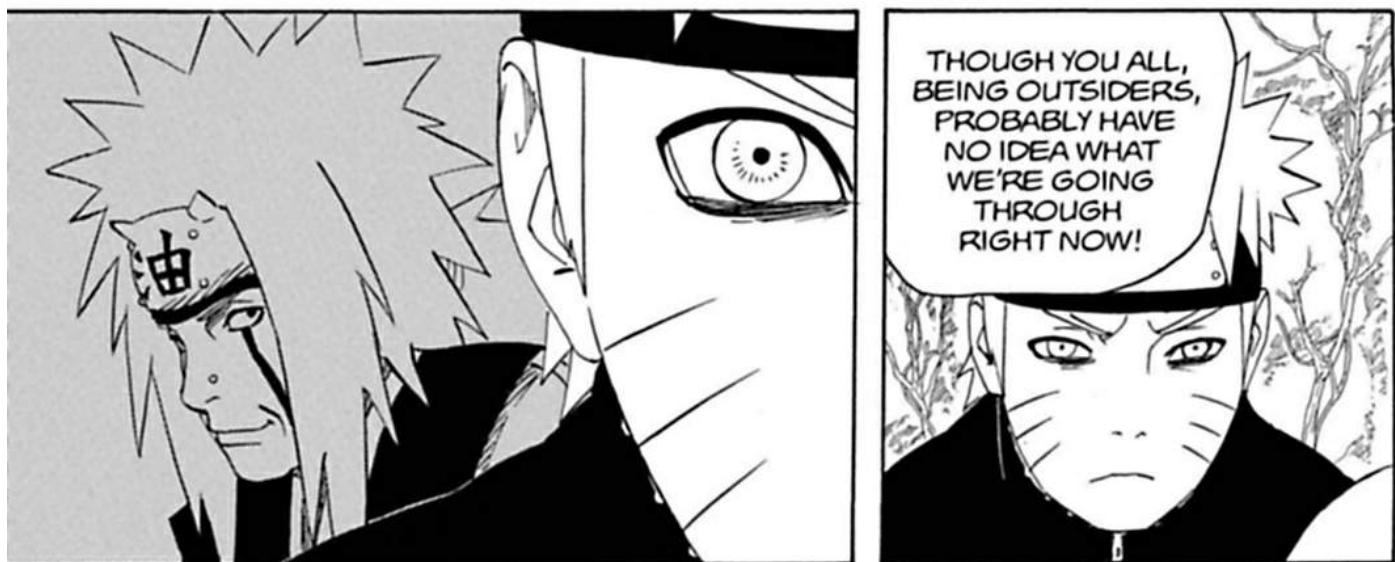
READ  
THIS  
WAY













READ  
THIS  
WAY

COME  
ALONG  
WITH US  
AND  
TELL US  
ABOUT  
SASUKE!

HEY  
BLONDIE,  
YOU'VE  
GOT A  
SHARP  
HEAD  
ON YOUR  
SHOUL-  
DERS!

AND  
GIVE YOU  
EVERY-  
THING  
I'VE GOT  
ON THE  
AKATSUKI.

I'LL HELP  
YOU FIND  
AND  
RESCUE  
YOUR  
TEACHER.

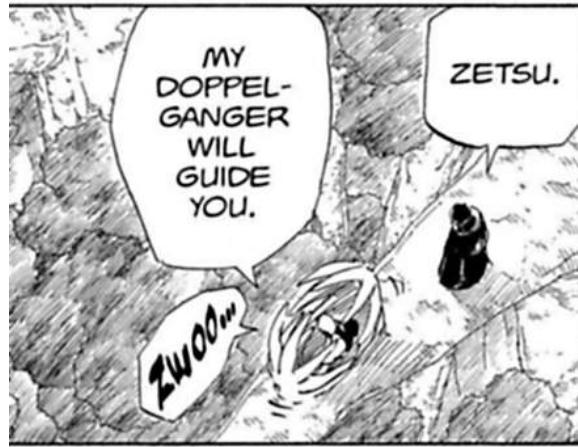
LET ME  
HANDLE  
THIS,  
SAKURA.

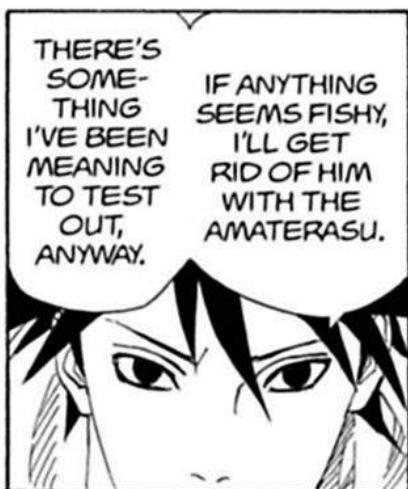
NARUTO!

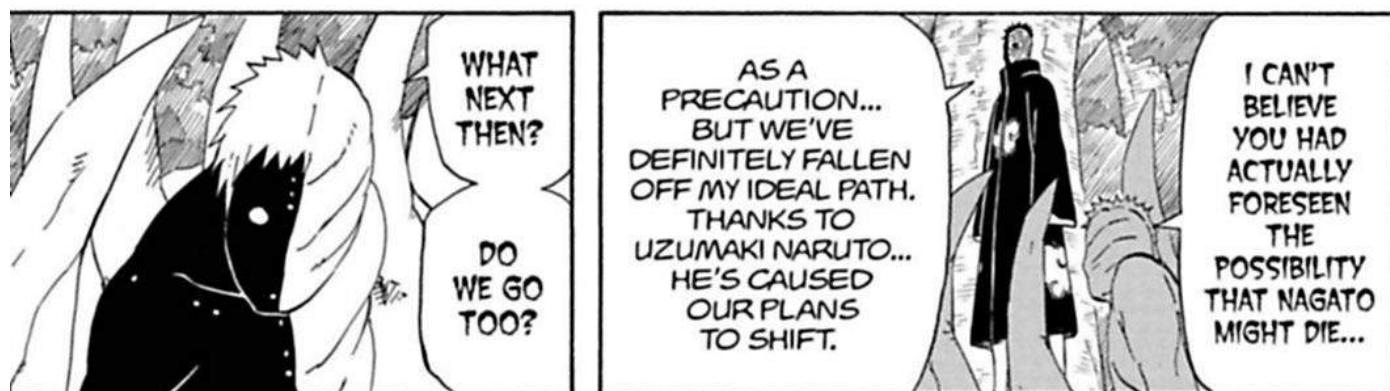
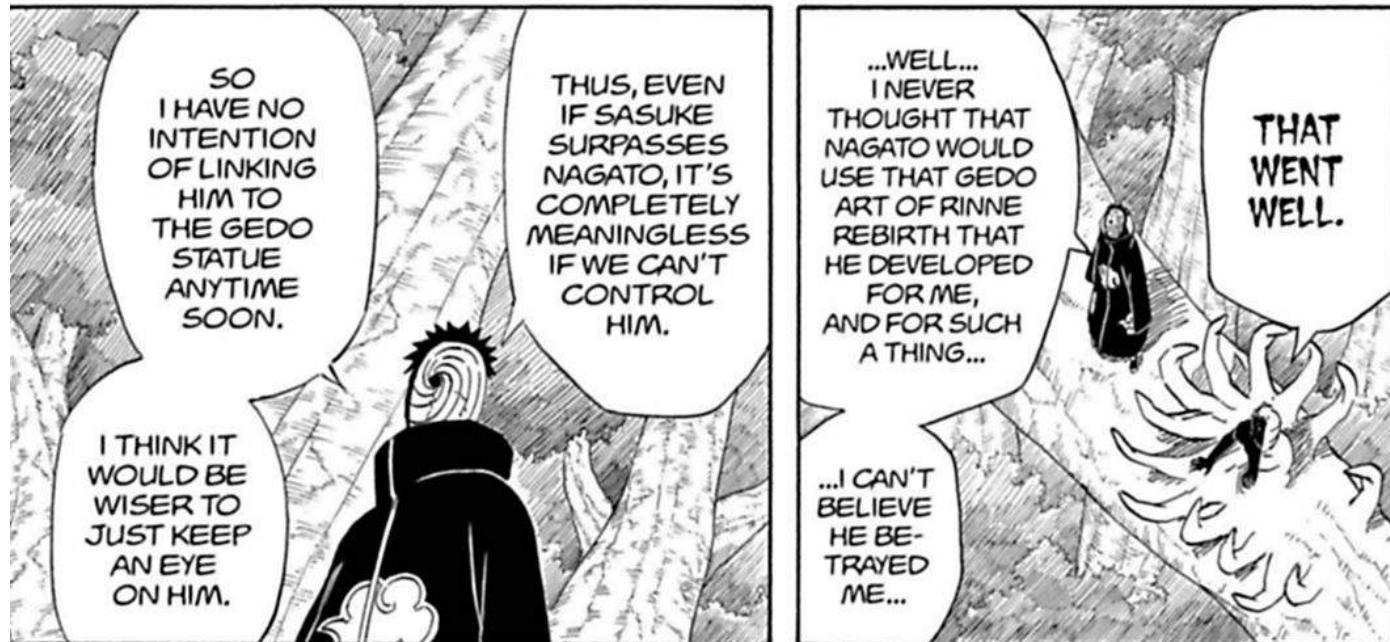
NARUTO  
?!

SO  
WHAT'S  
YOUR  
NAME?



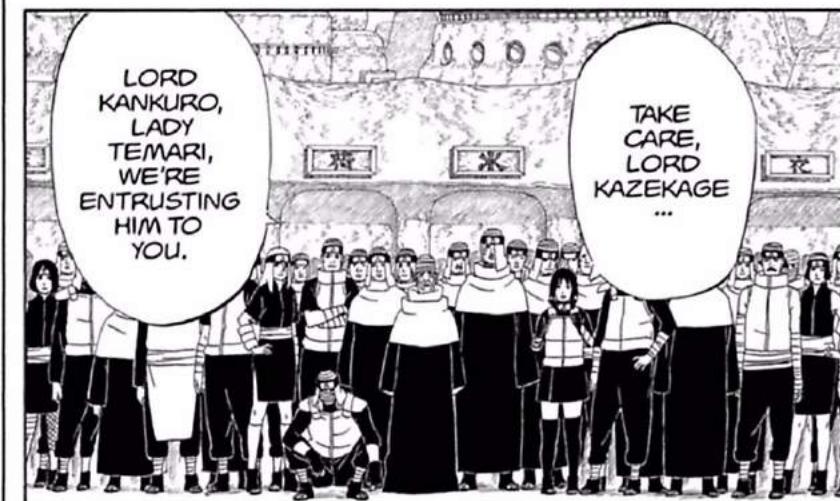
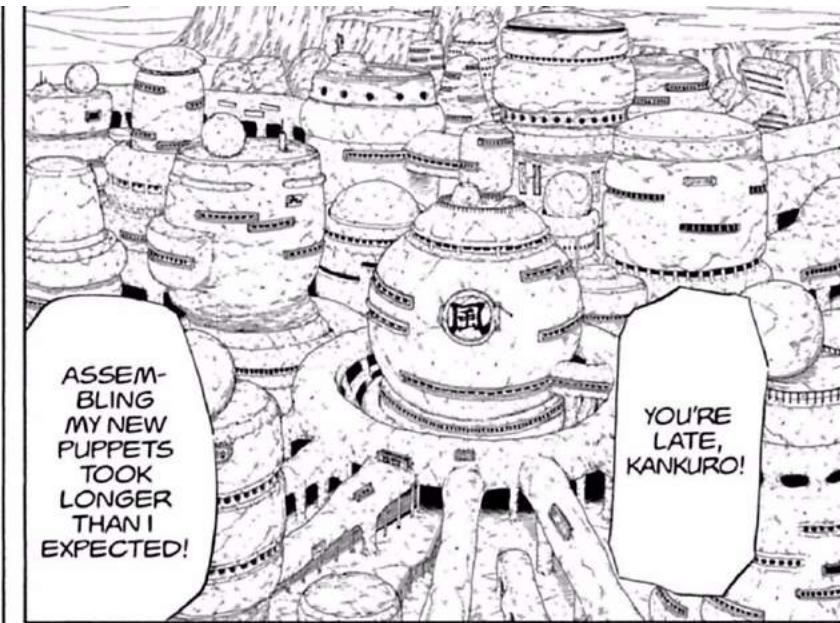








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