

# NARUTO

SHONEN JUMP MANGA

Story & Art by

Masashi Kishimoto

volume

43



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FORGIVE ME!



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450 yen (with tax)...

I truly apologize for this affront. I had decided that this (241) was the right number of pages to bring you, the readers, the Sasuke vs. Itachi arc. But this resulted in the price of the tankobon [graphic novel] going up, for which I feel absolutely terrible. This volume is also a bit thicker, but I do hope that you will read it to the very end.

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2008

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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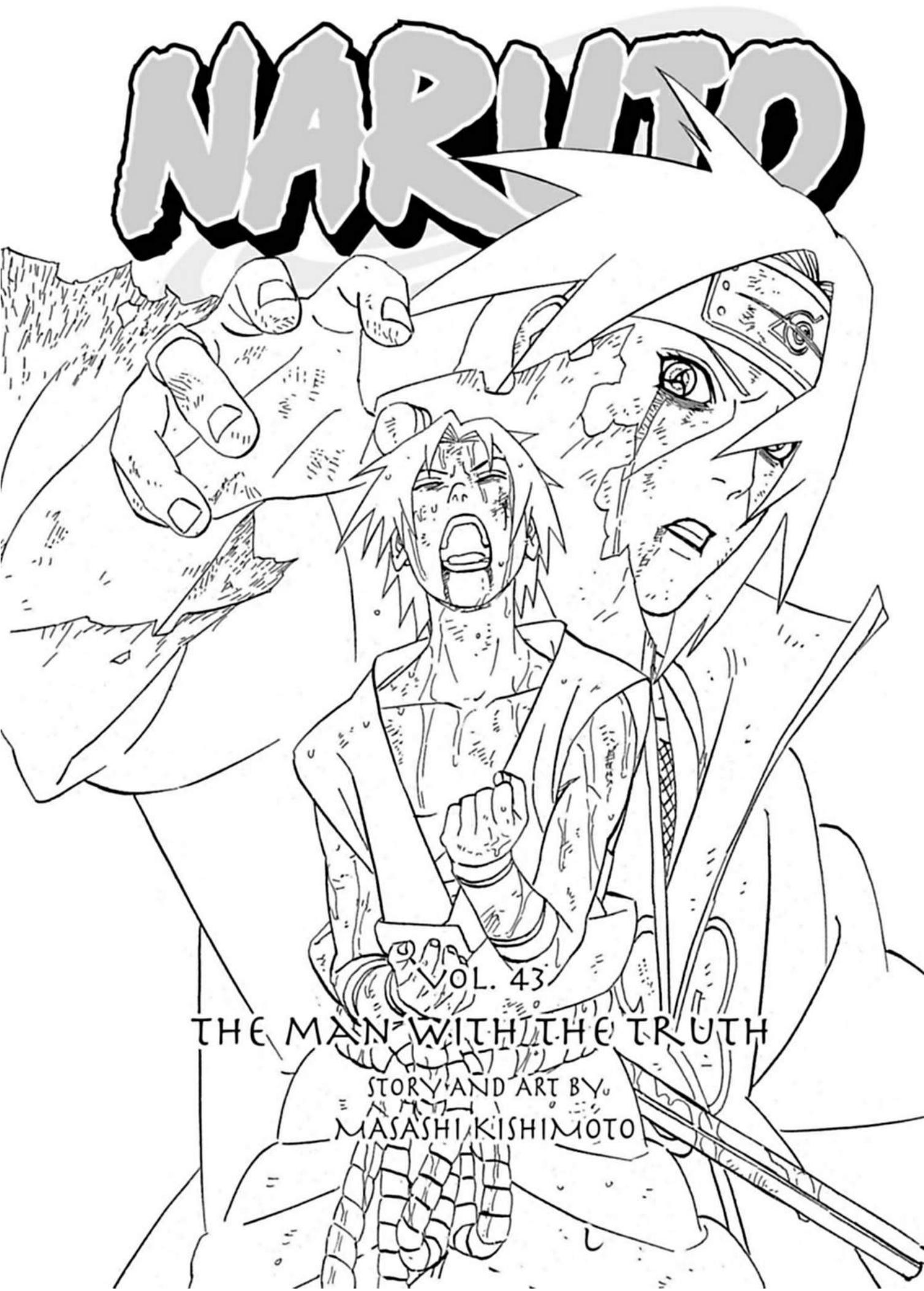


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# CHARACTERS



Sasuke

サスケ



Naruto

ナルト



Sakura

サクラ



Kakashi

カカシ



Yamato

ヤマト



Sai

サイ



Jiraiya

自来也



Tsunade

綱手



Jugo

重吾



Karin

香燐



Suigetsu

水月



Konan

小南



Pain

ペイン



Madara

マダラ



Zetsu

ゼツ



Kisame

鬼鮫



Itachi

イタチ

## THE STORY SO FAR...

Once the bane of the Konohagakure Ninja Academy, Uzumaki Naruto now serves dutifully among the ranks of the Konoha shinobi—an illustrious group of ninja sworn to protect their village from the forces of evil seeking to destroy it from without and within...

However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power...

Two years pass. Naruto and his comrades grow up and head out once more. As their fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki rage on, Sasuke rebels against Orochimaru and takes everything from him. Sasuke then gathers new companions and chases after Itachi. Jiraiya, the man who has trained Naruto for more than two years to deal with the impending attack of the Akatsuki, finally discovers the identity of the Akatsuki leader, Pain, and the secret is then bequeathed to Naruto—after Jiraiya's untimely death. Sasuke once again confronts his brother Itachi and learns not only about his brother's true intentions, but also about the Uchiha Clan's past. And to slake his vengeance, Sasuke challenges him to a battle. Confident that he can win, Sasuke appears to overpower and corner his brother... but then Itachi begins to unleash the full power of the Amaterasu...



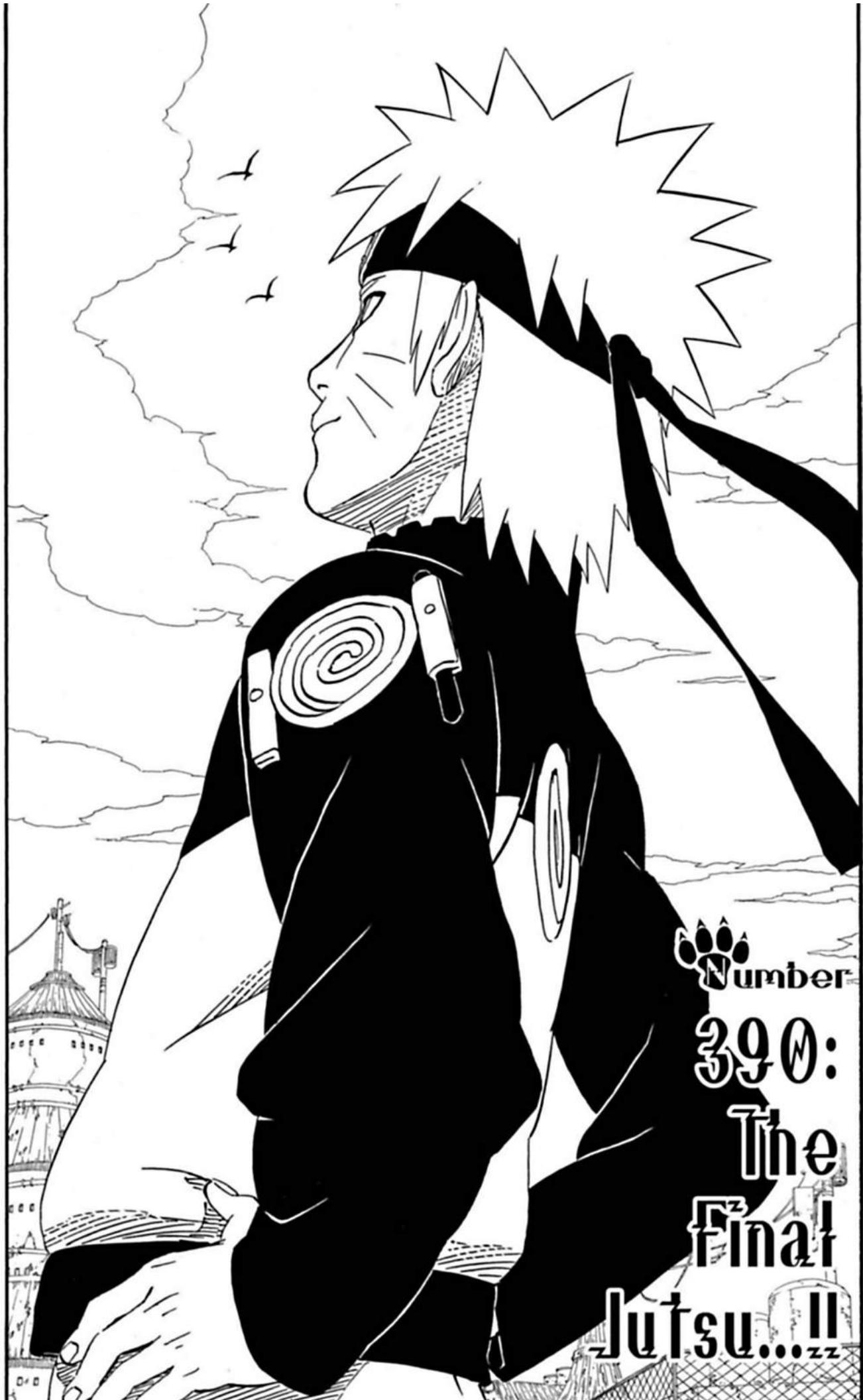
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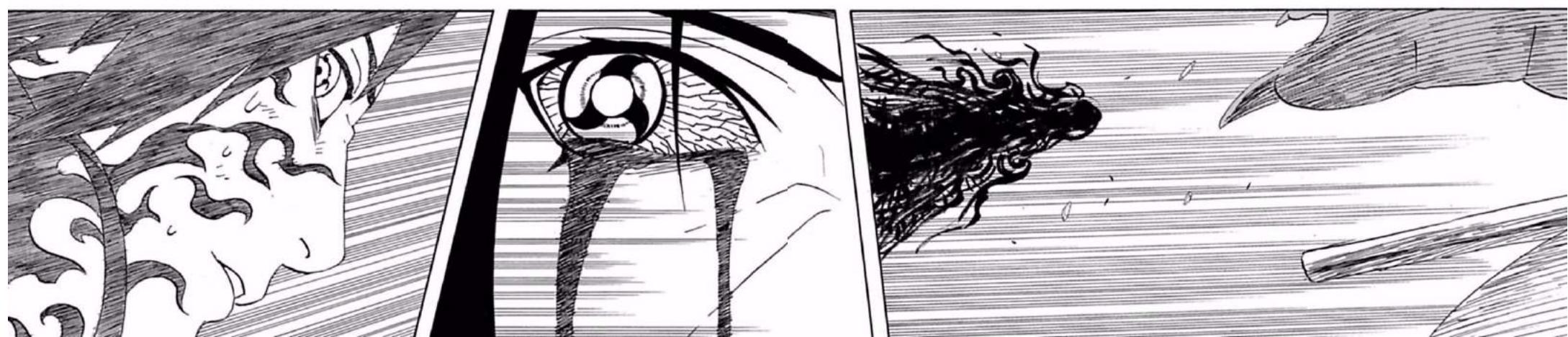
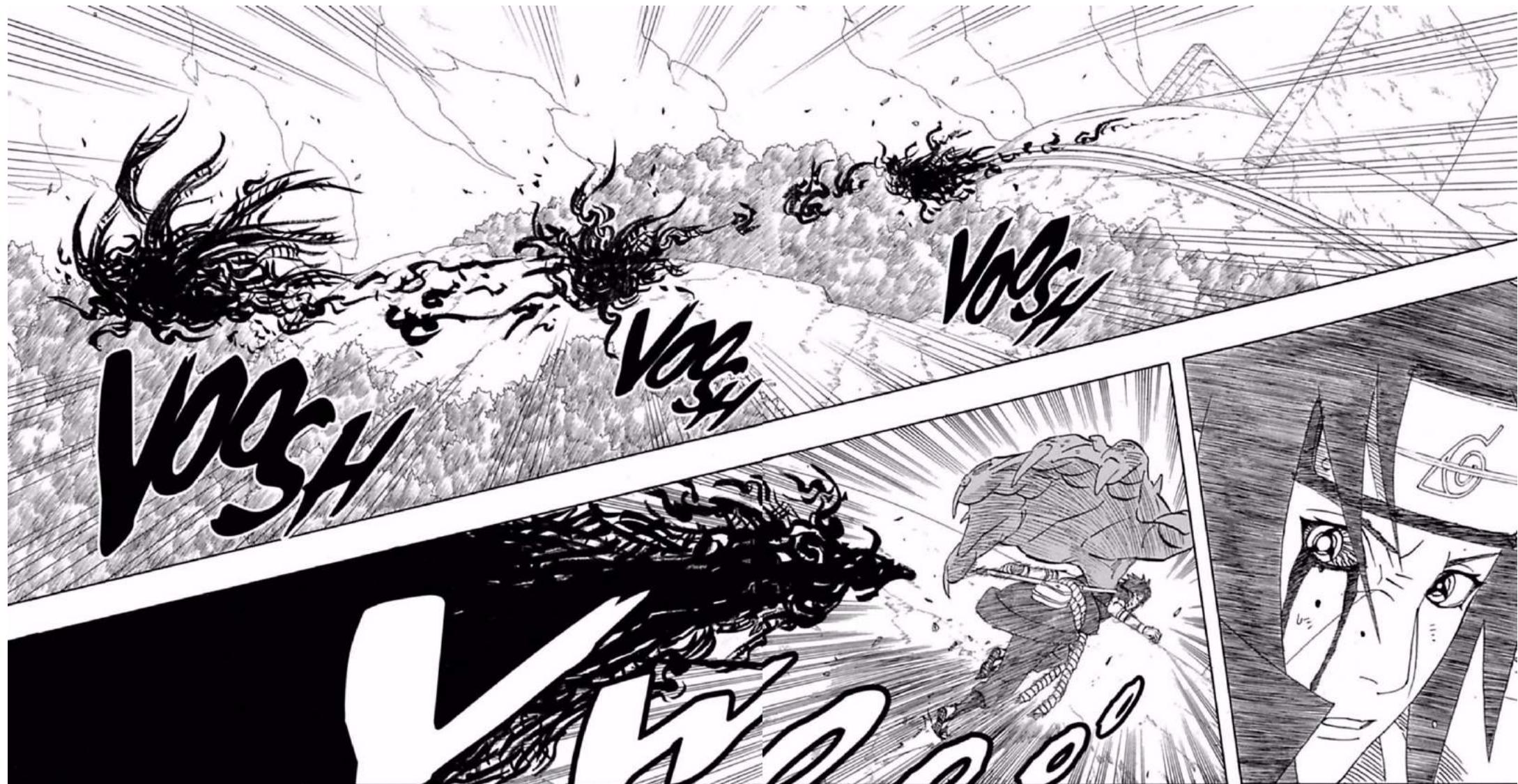
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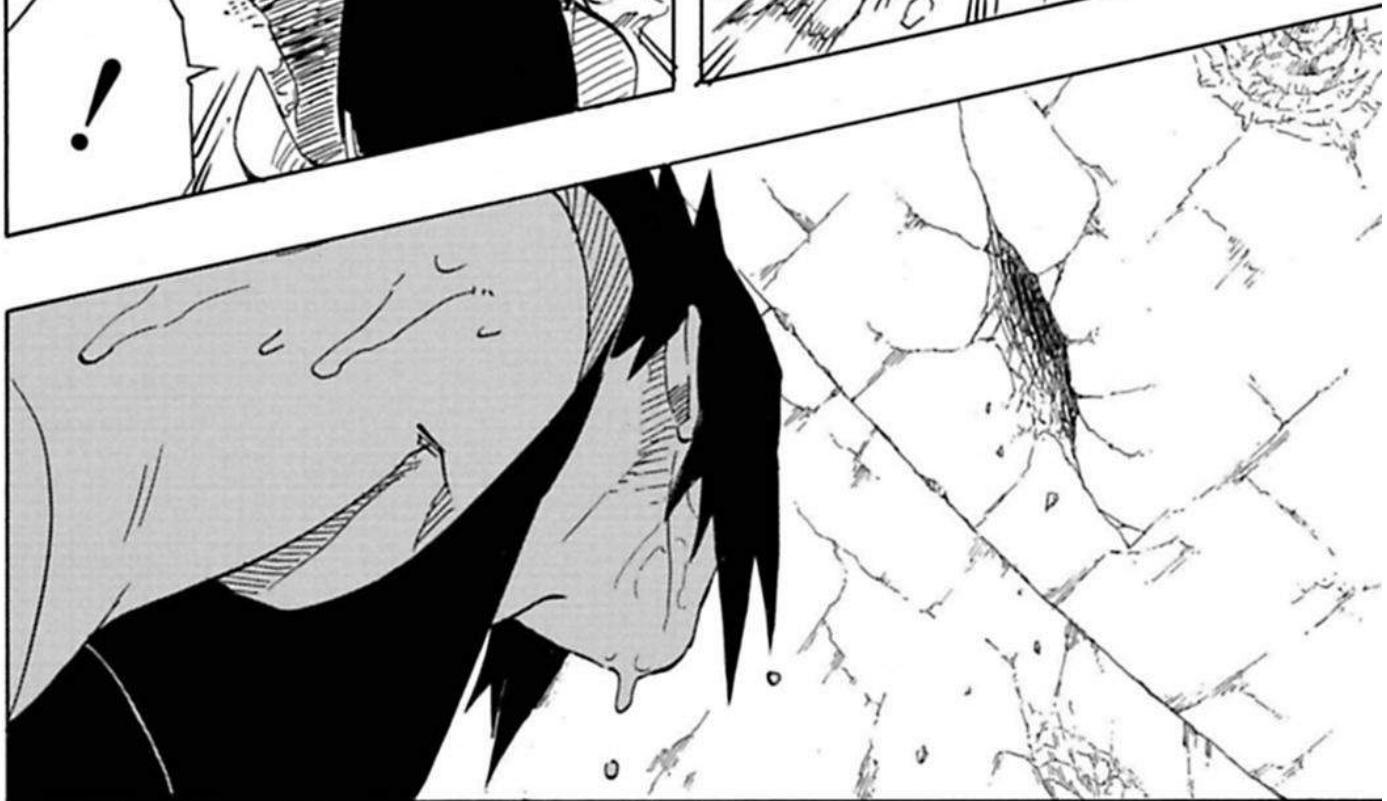






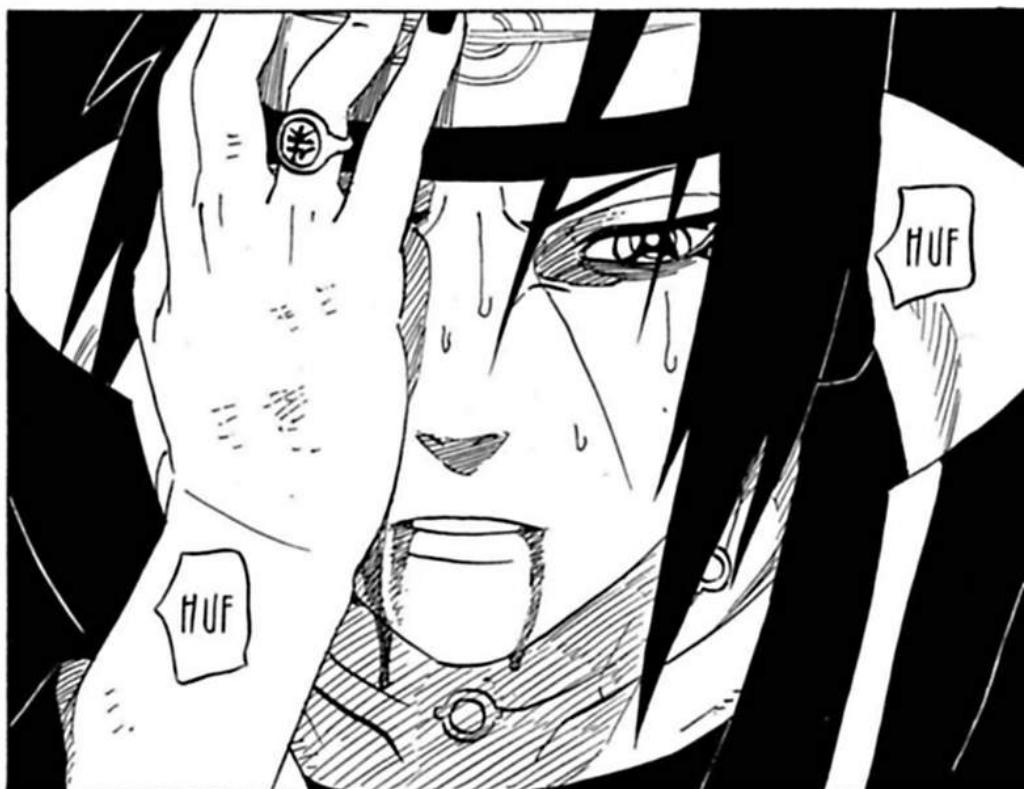
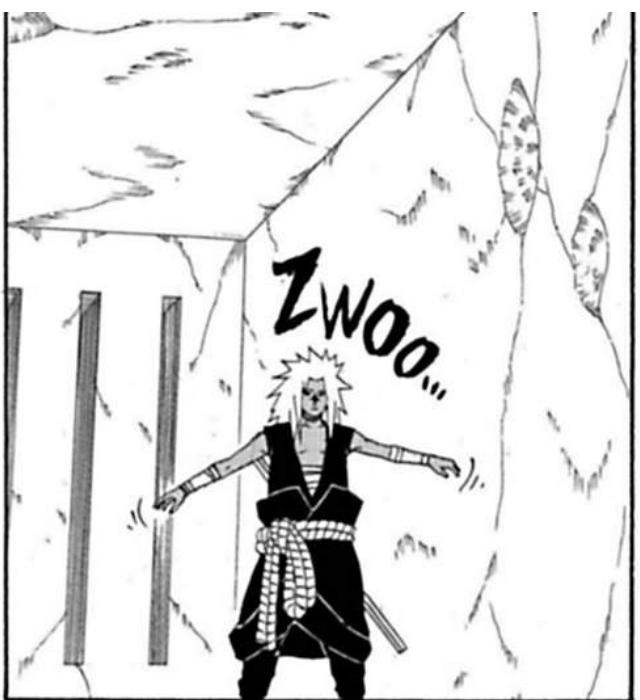
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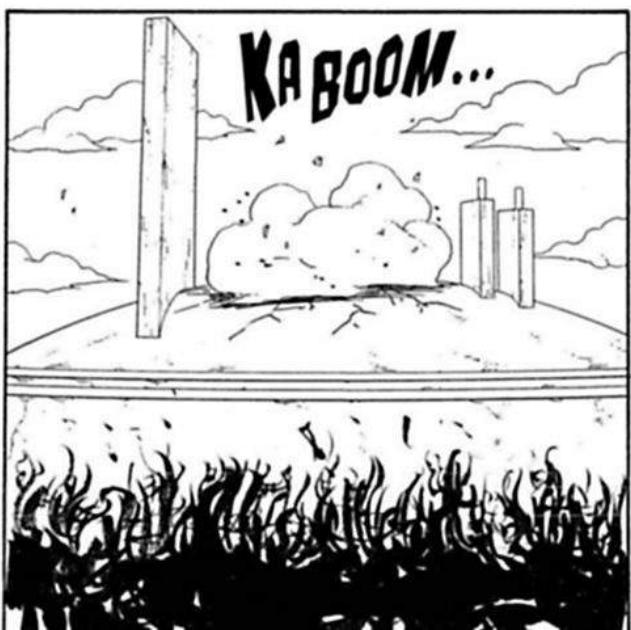
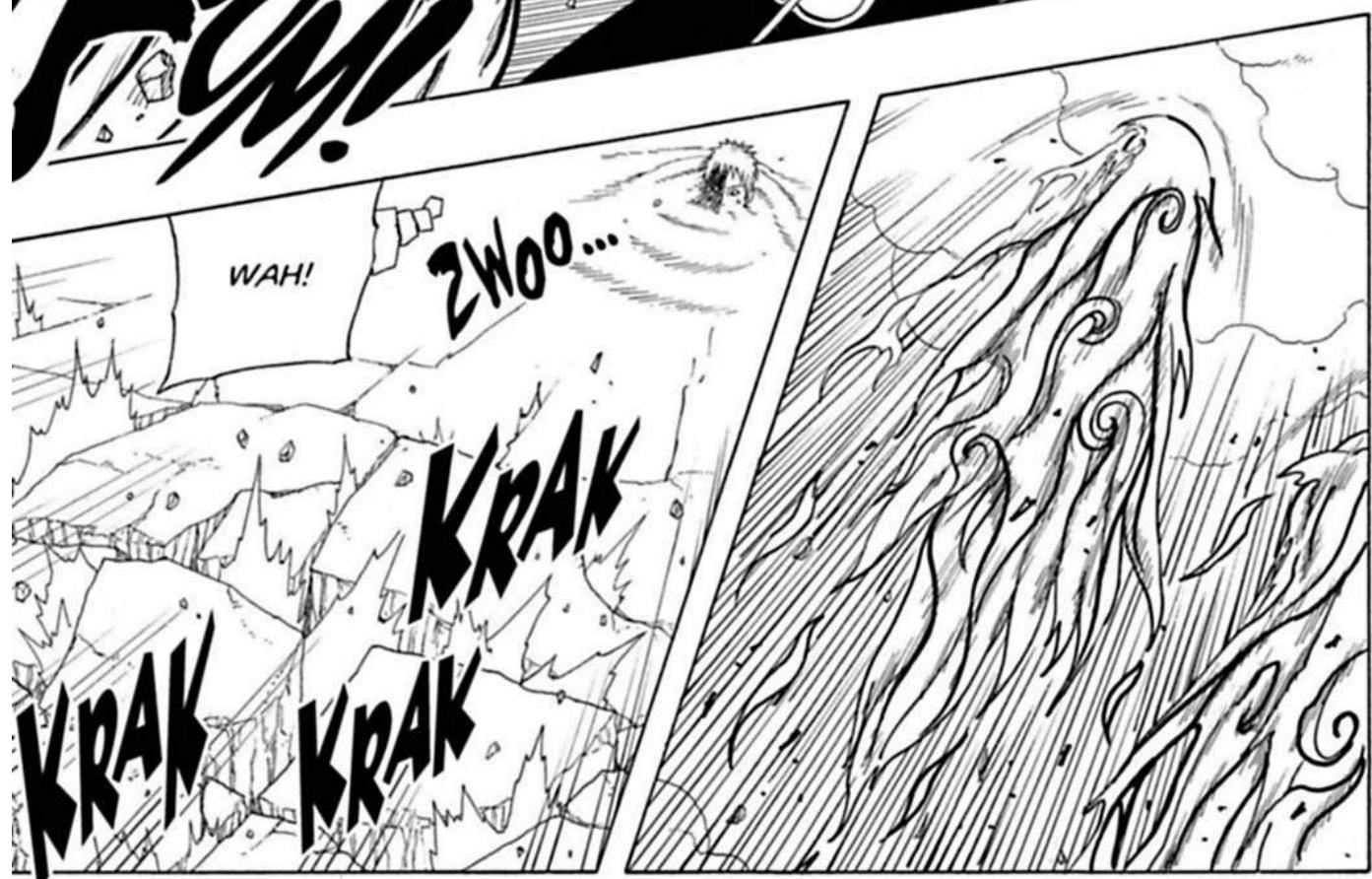


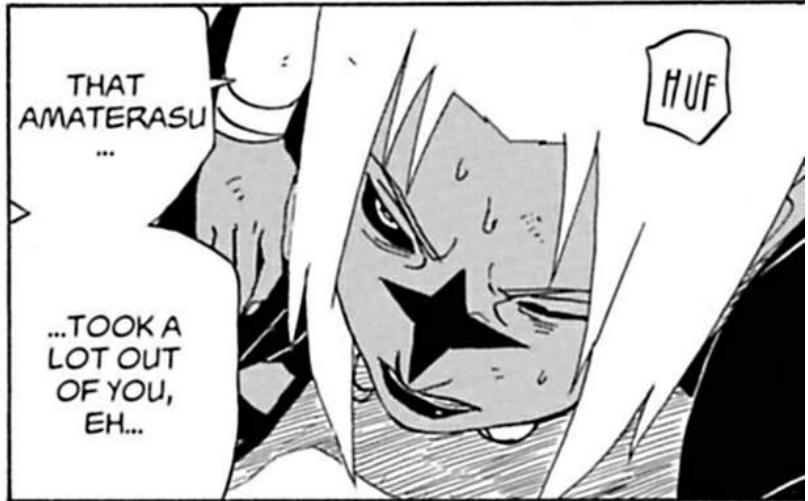
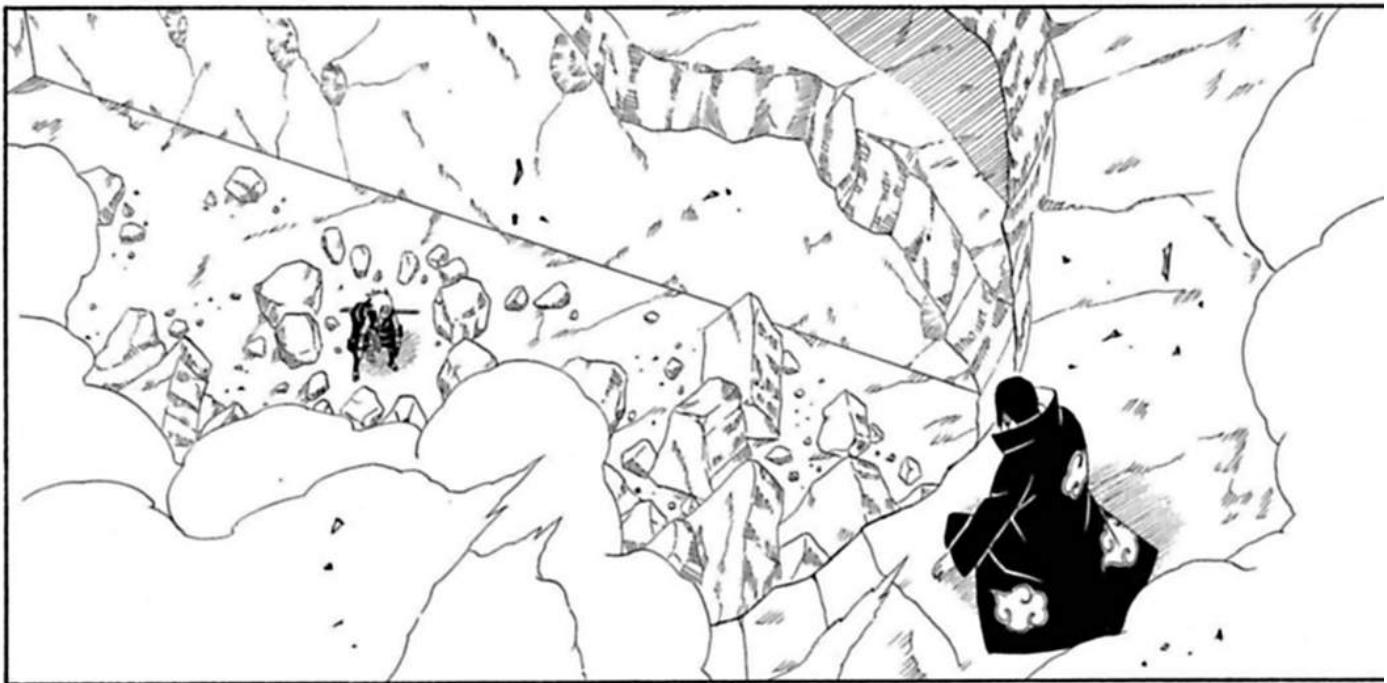
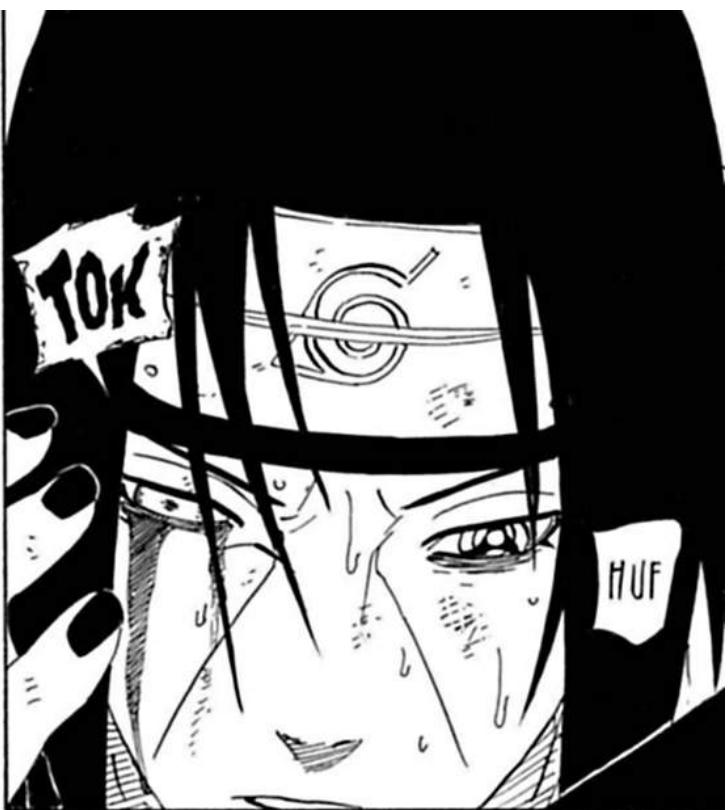


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STYLE!  
ART OF  
DRAGON  
FLAME!!



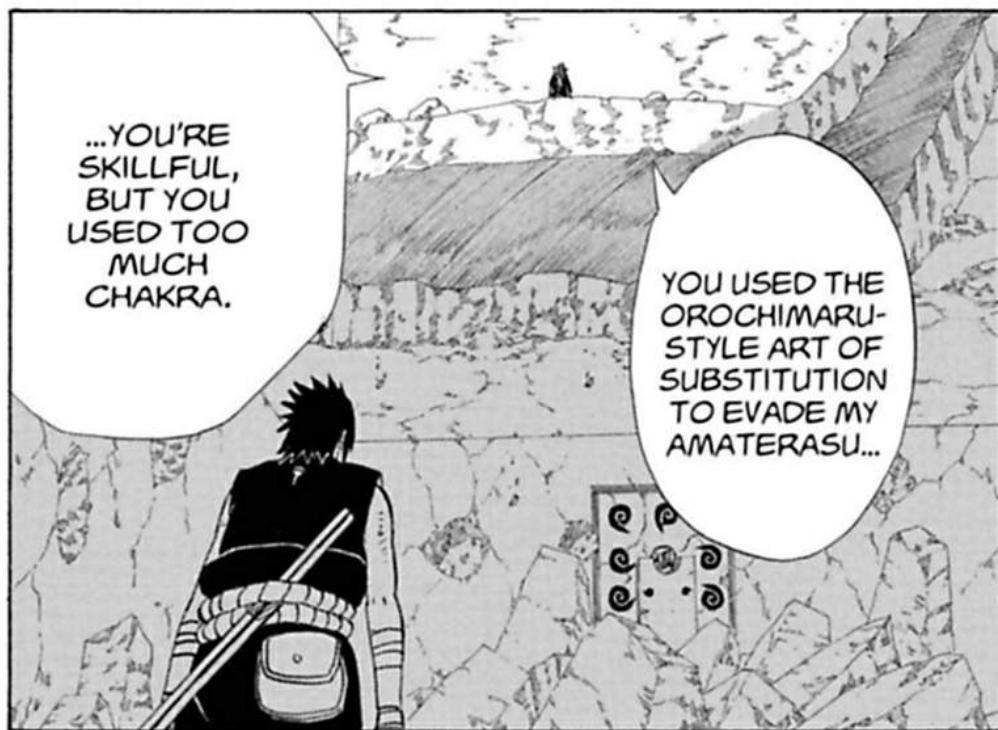




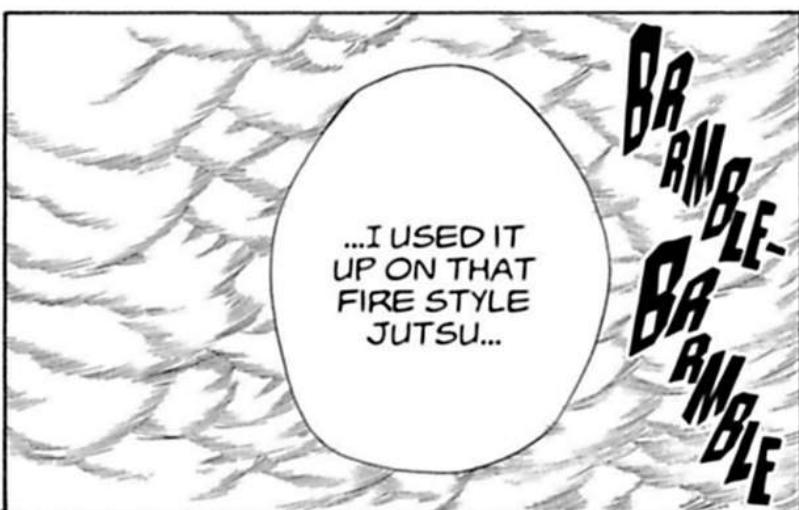


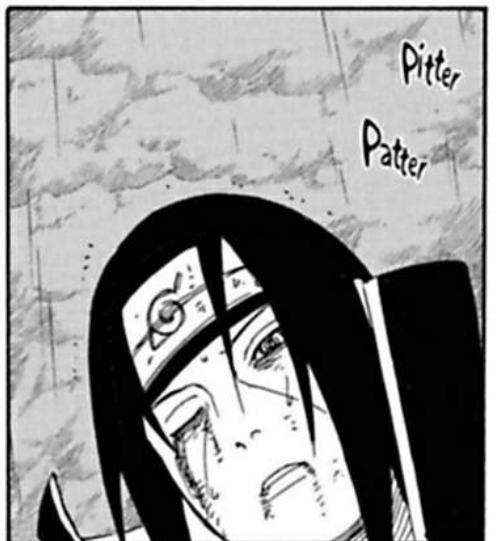
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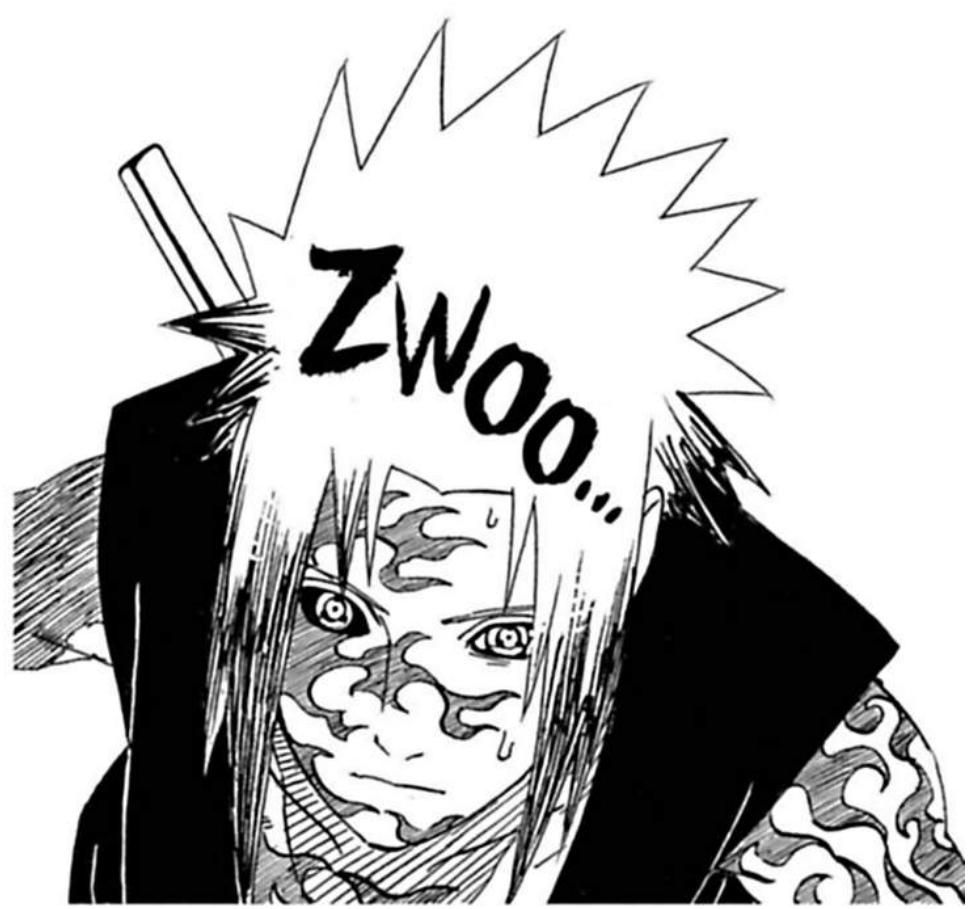




YOU USED THE OROCHIMARU-STYLE ART OF SUBSTITUTION TO EVADE MY AMATERASU...





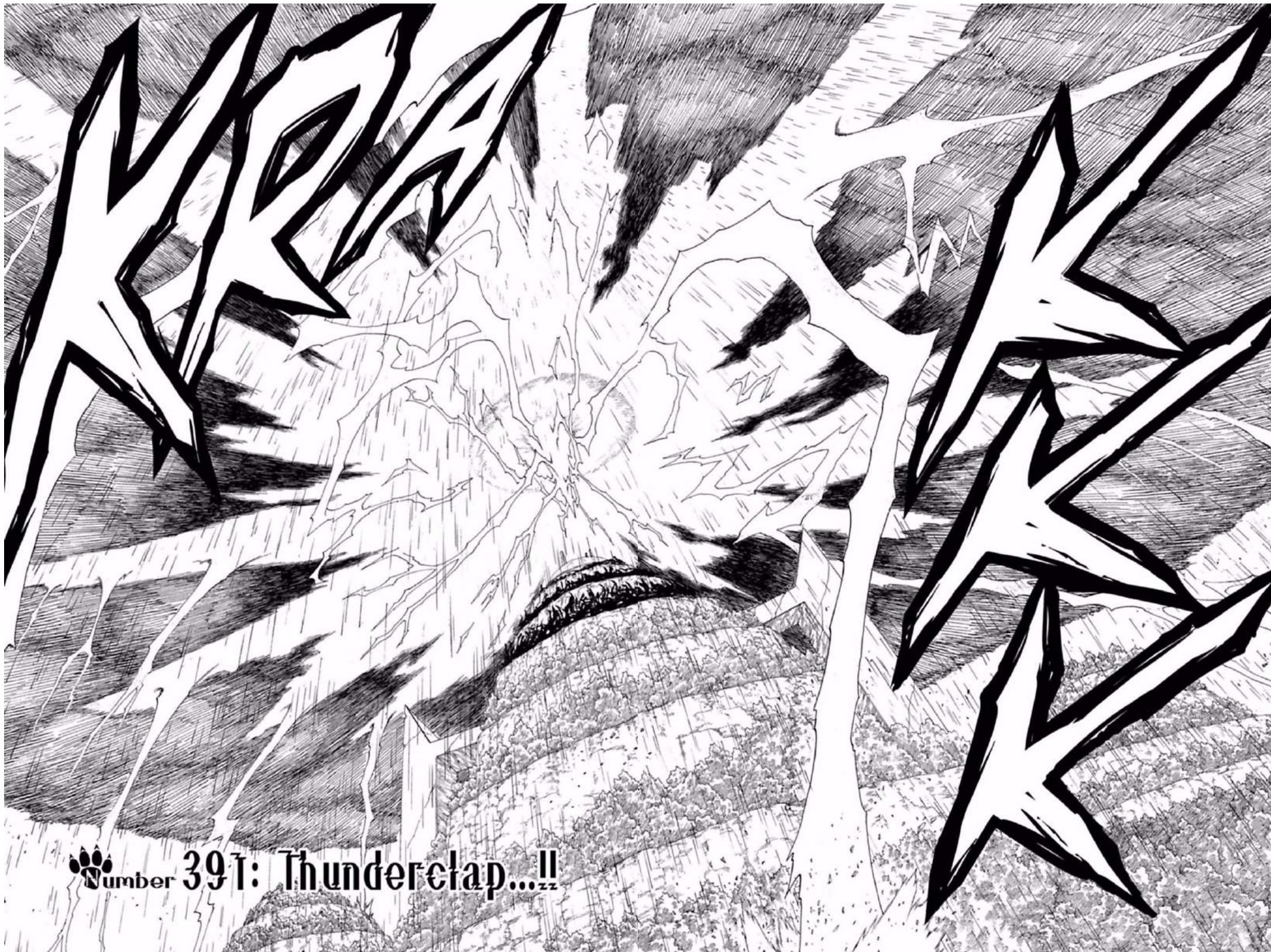




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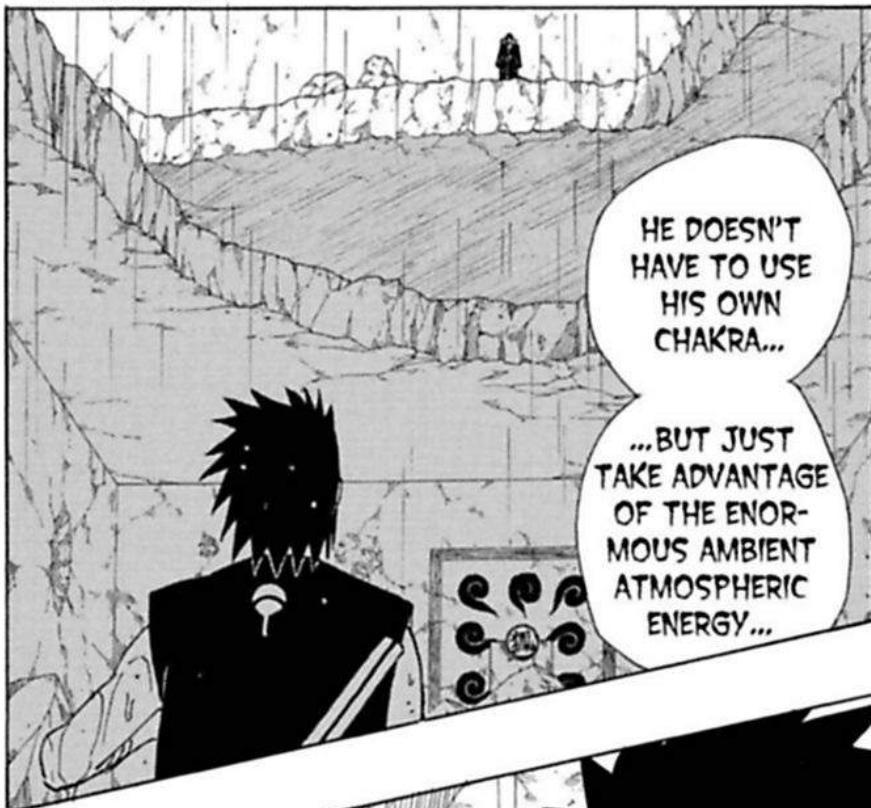


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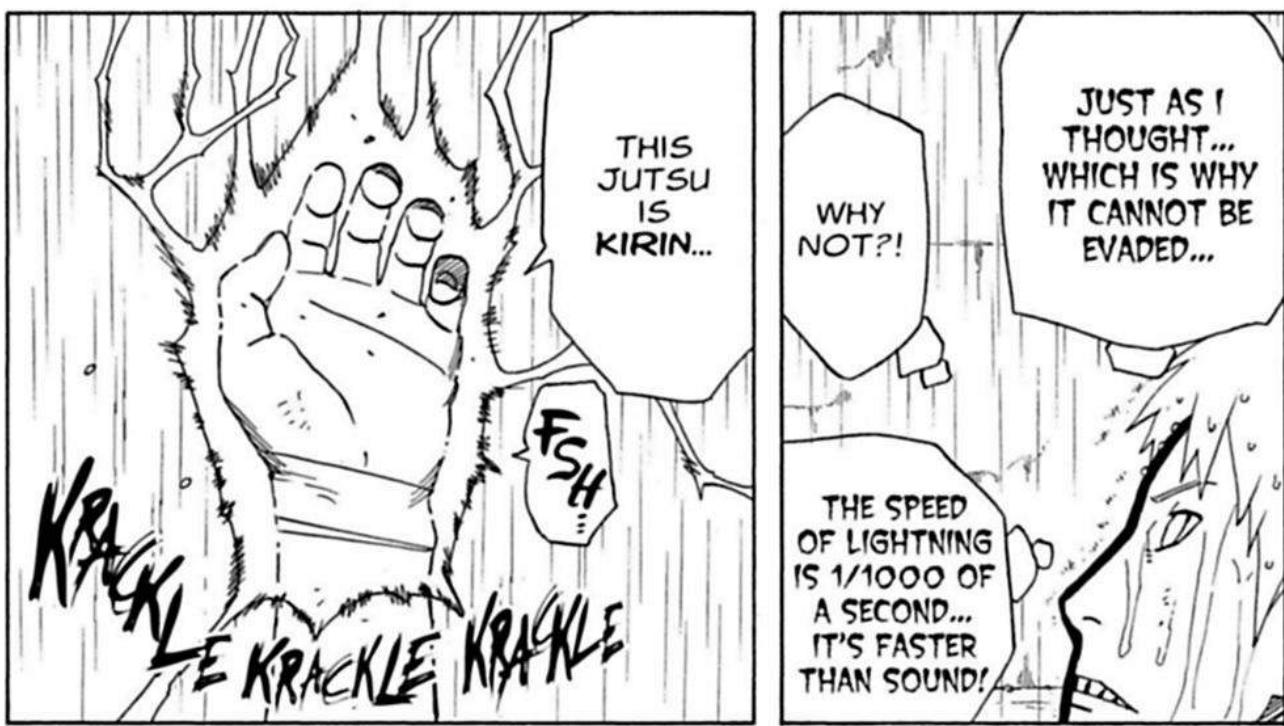


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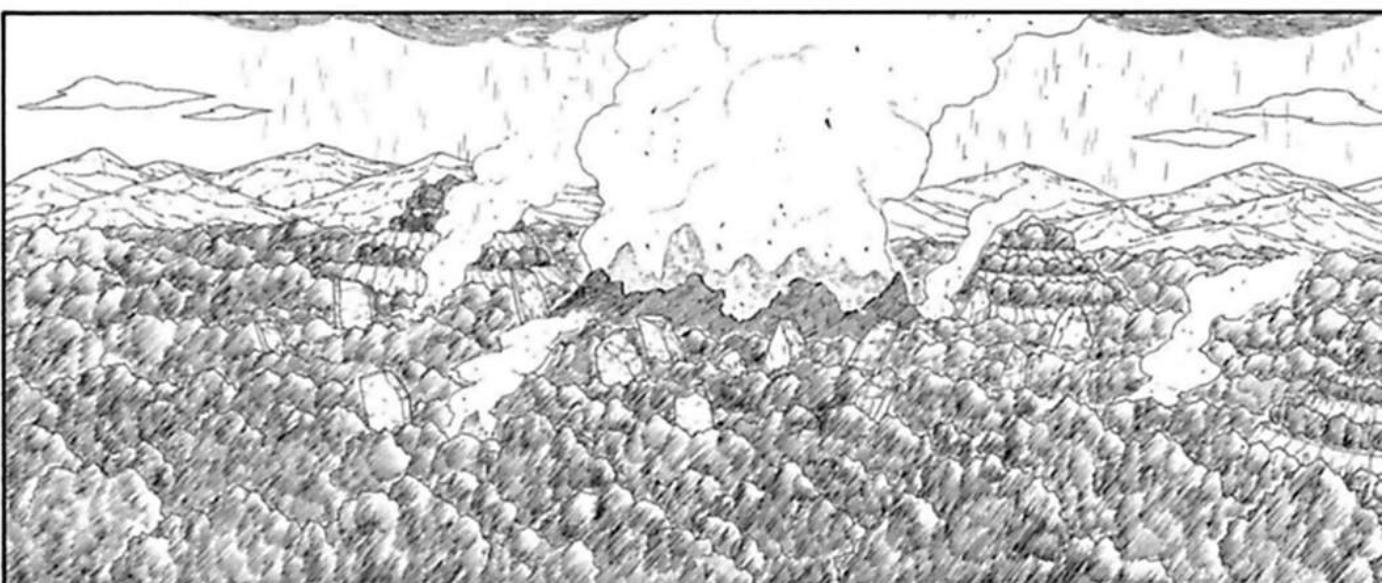
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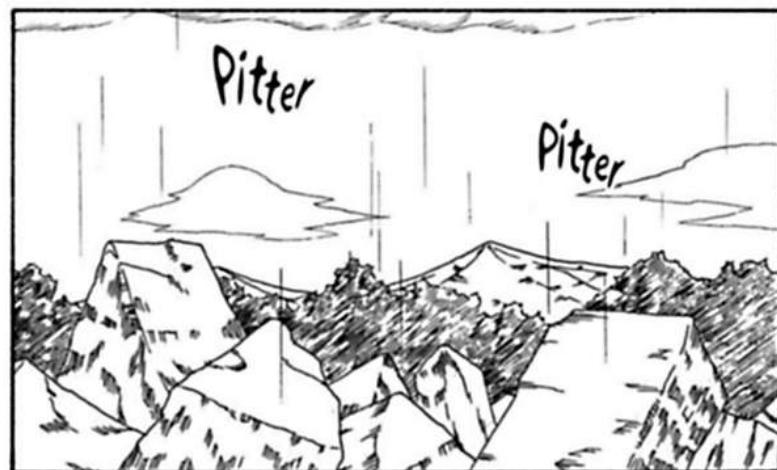


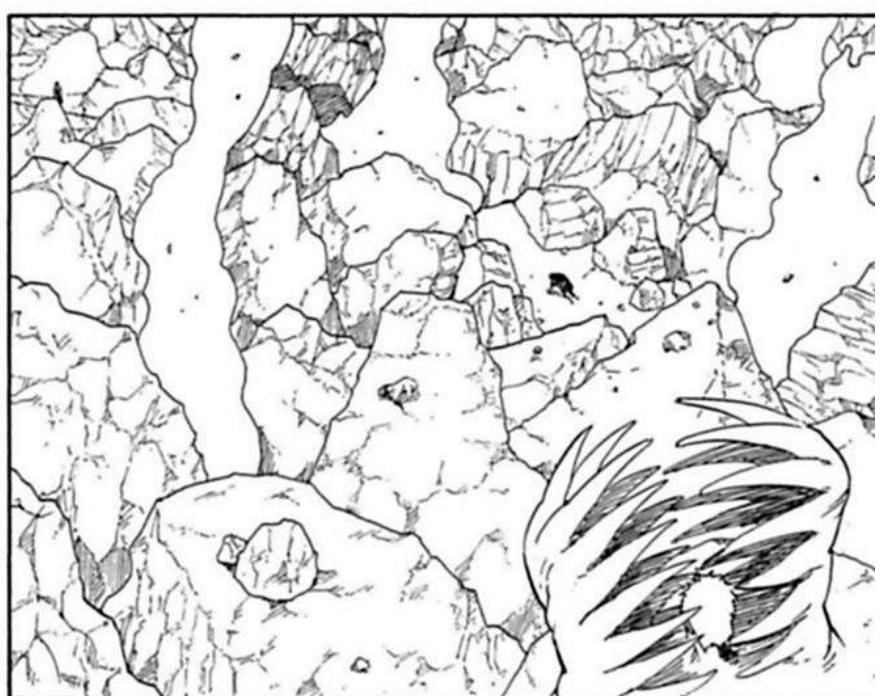
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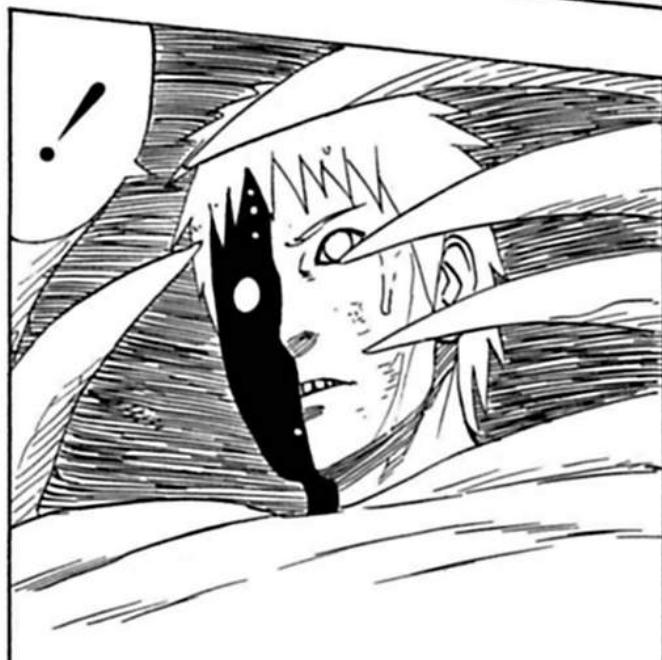


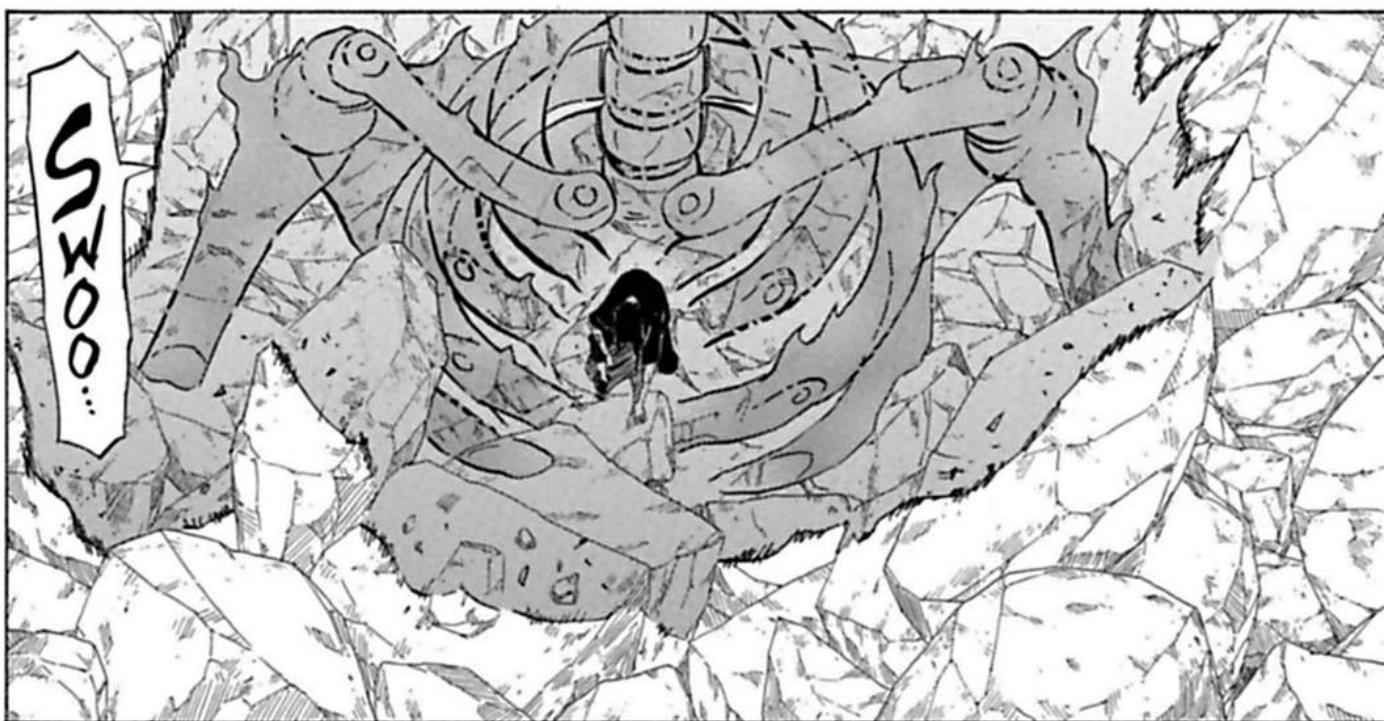
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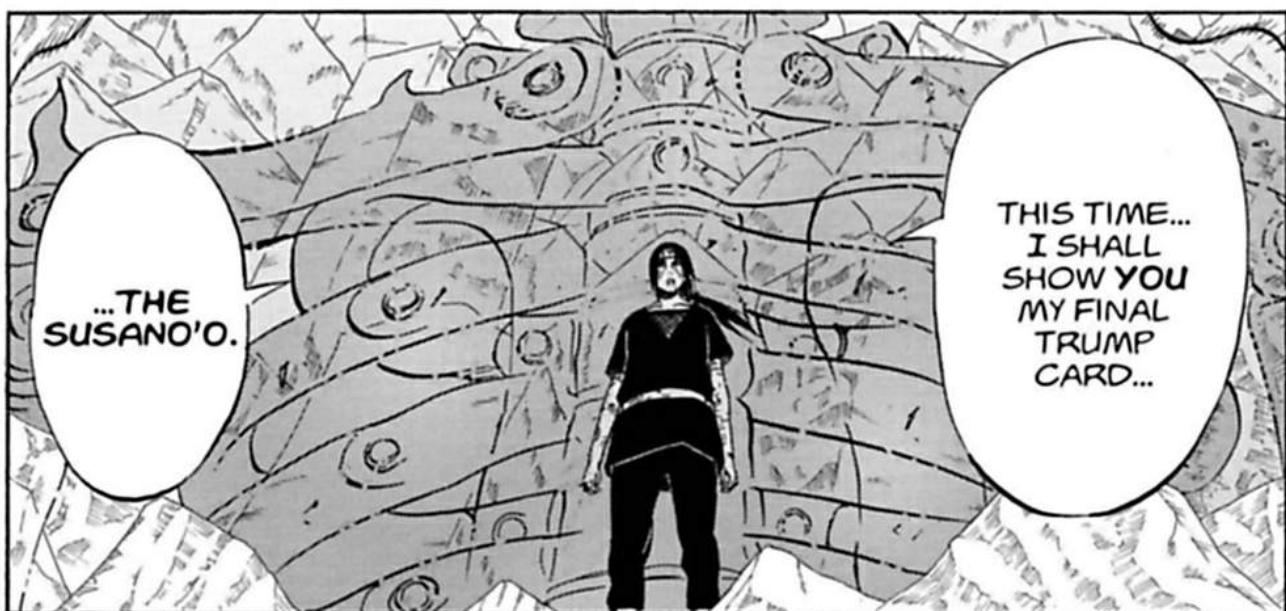
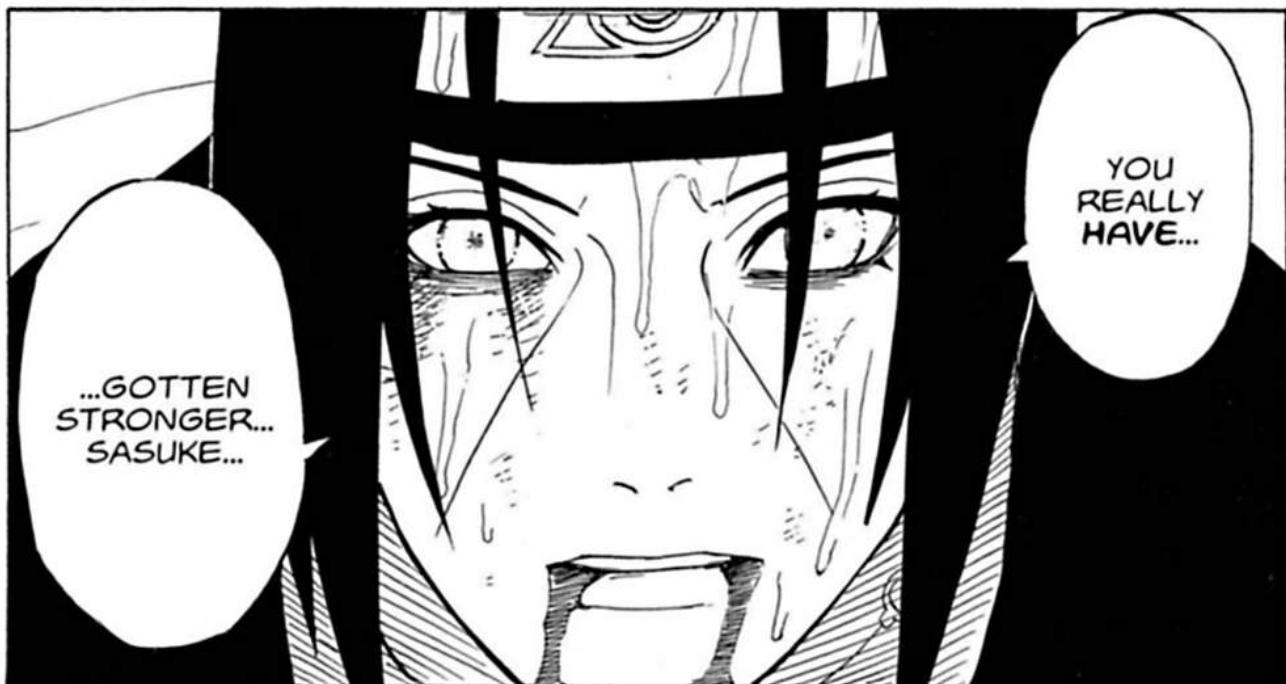




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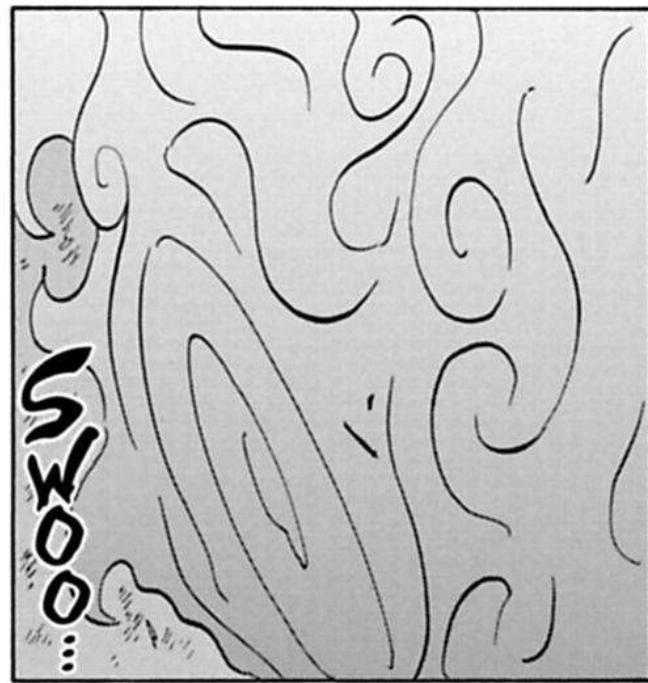


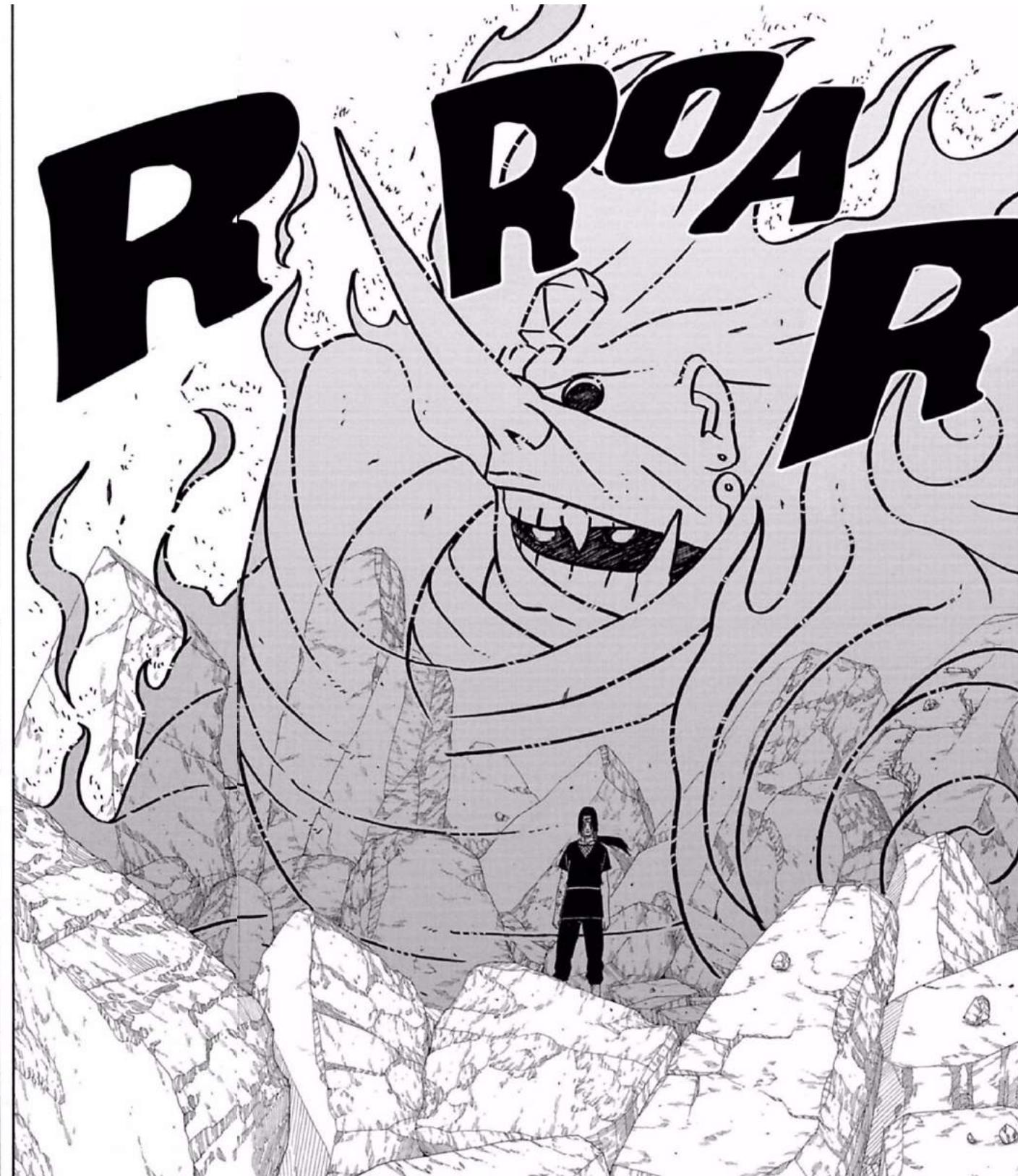
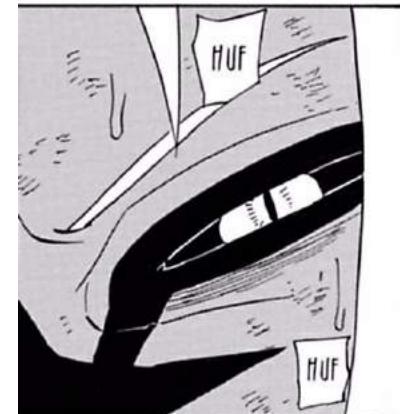
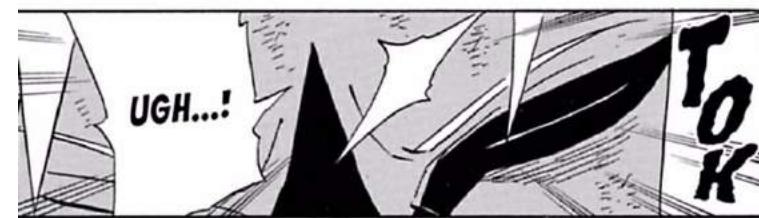
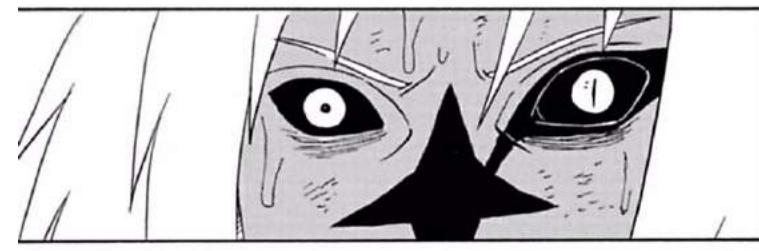
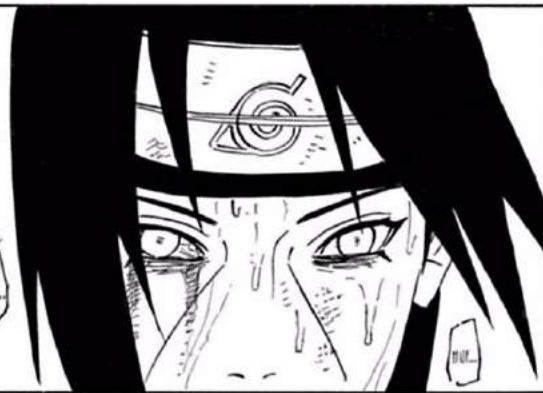
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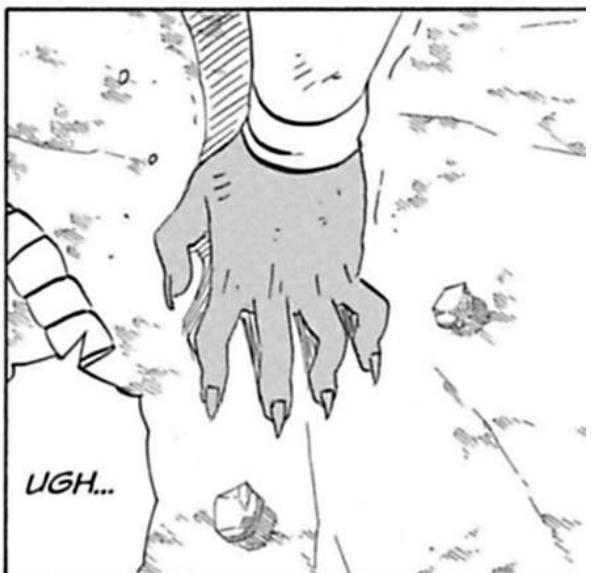




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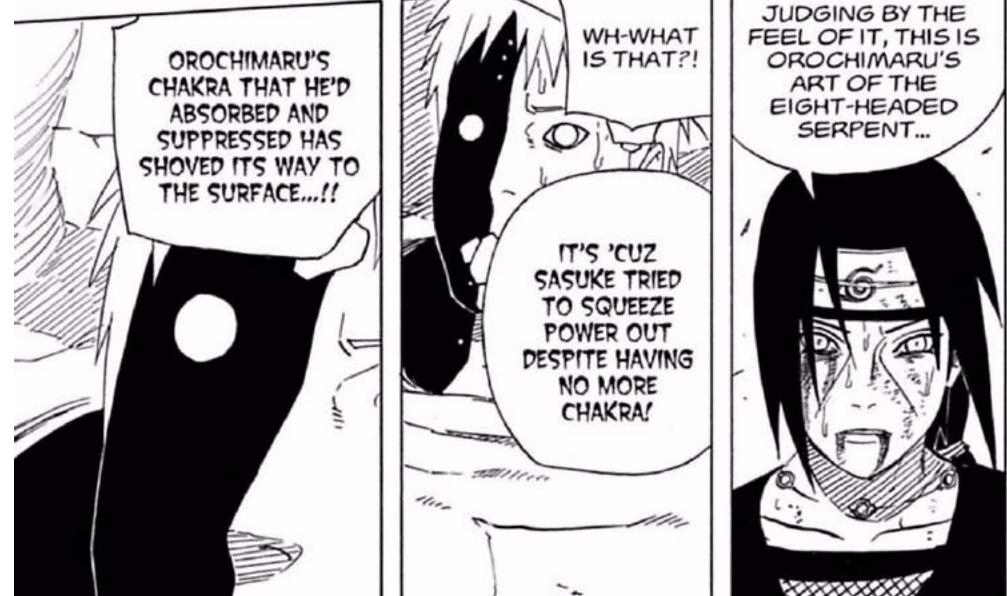
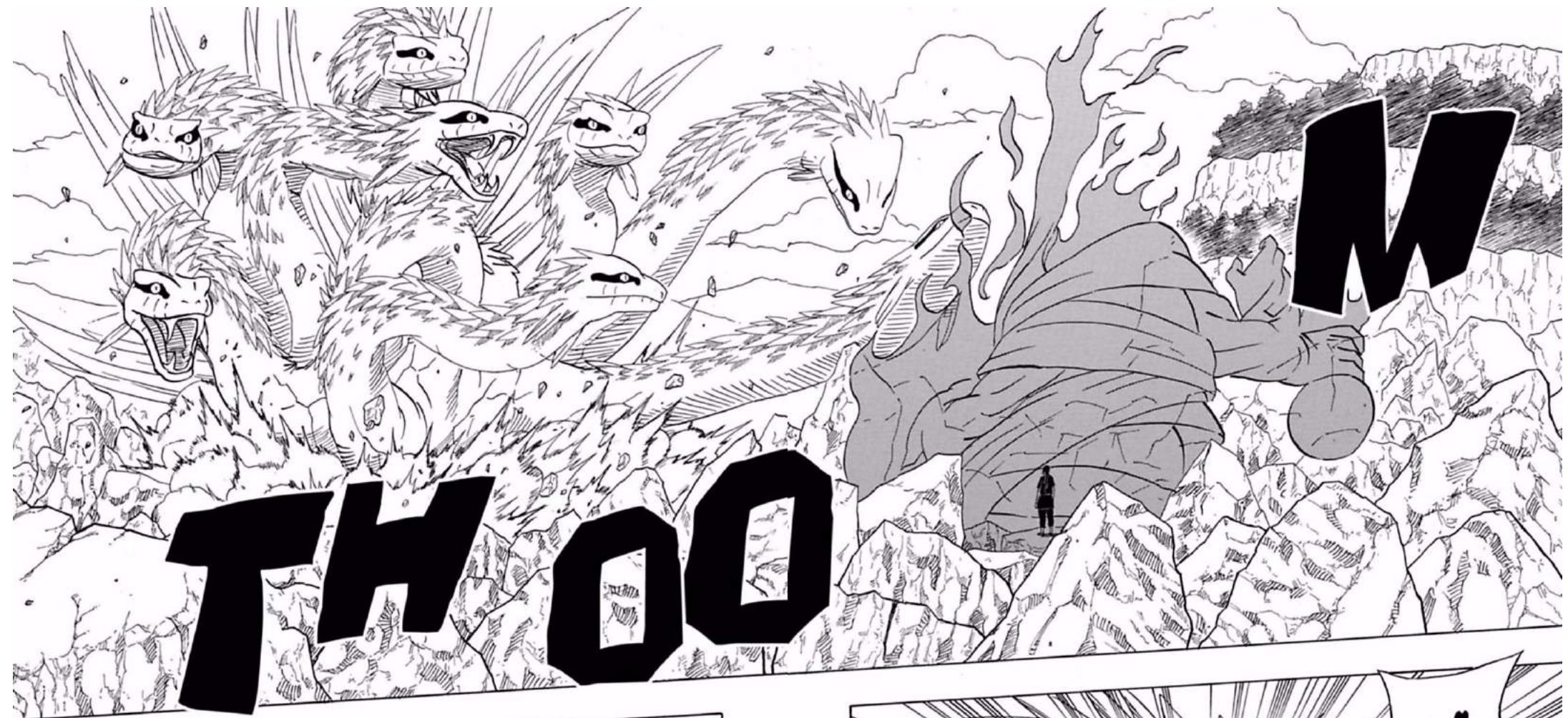


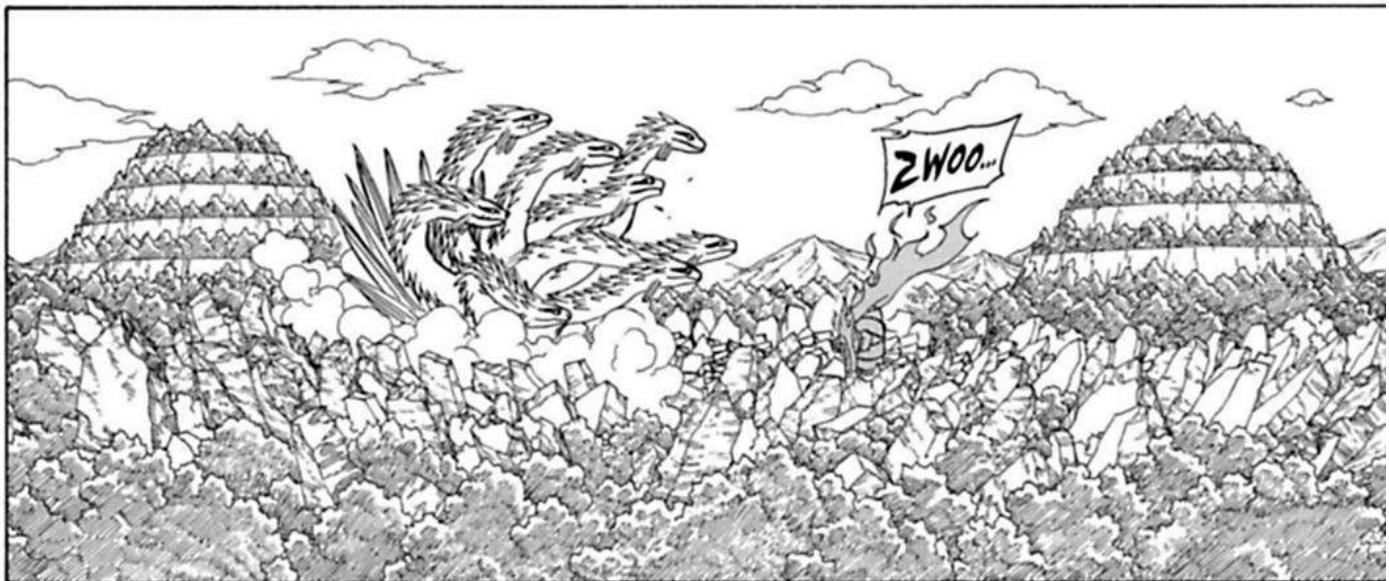
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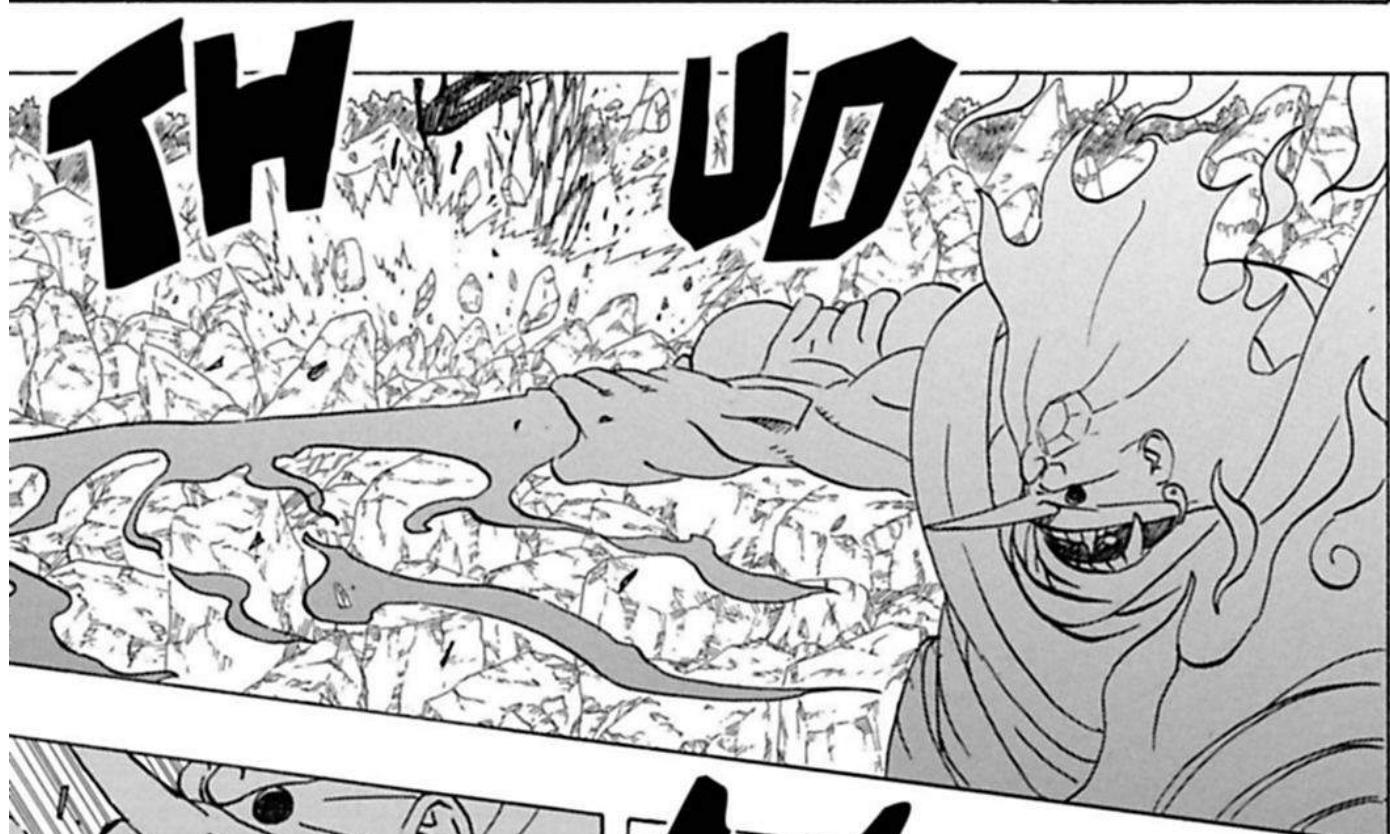


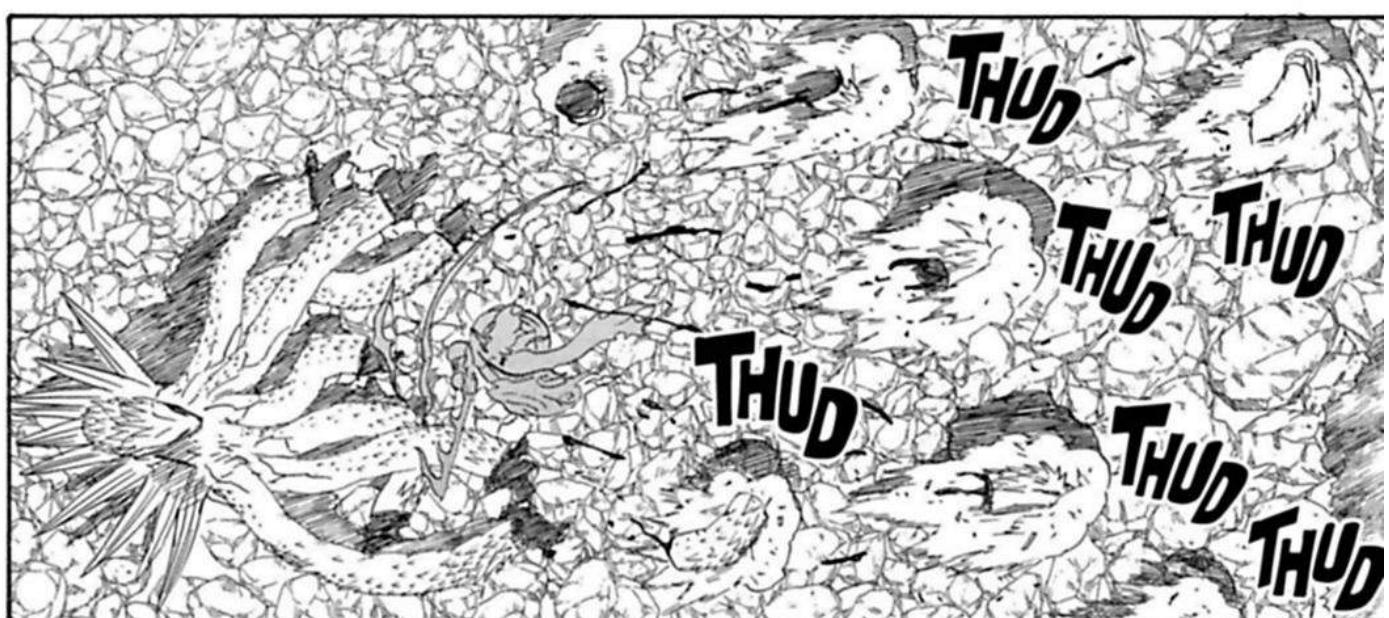
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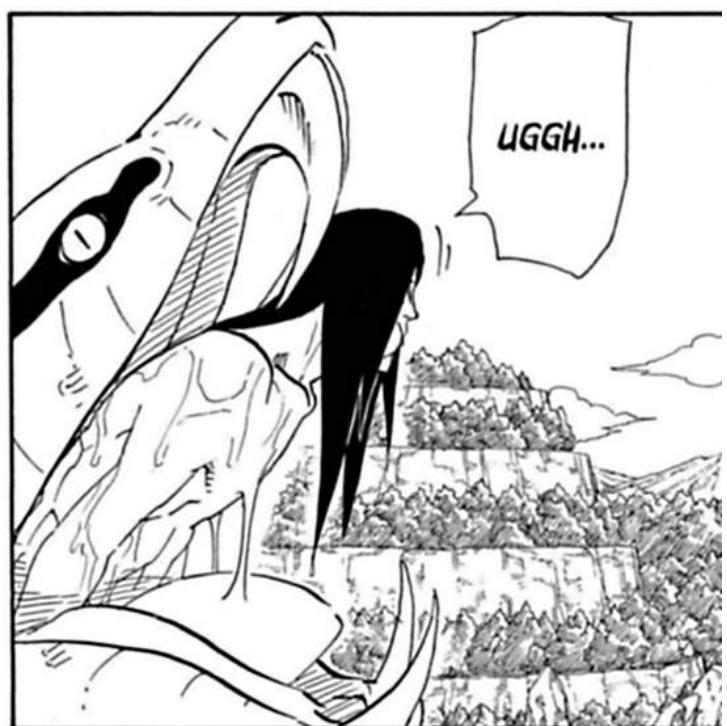




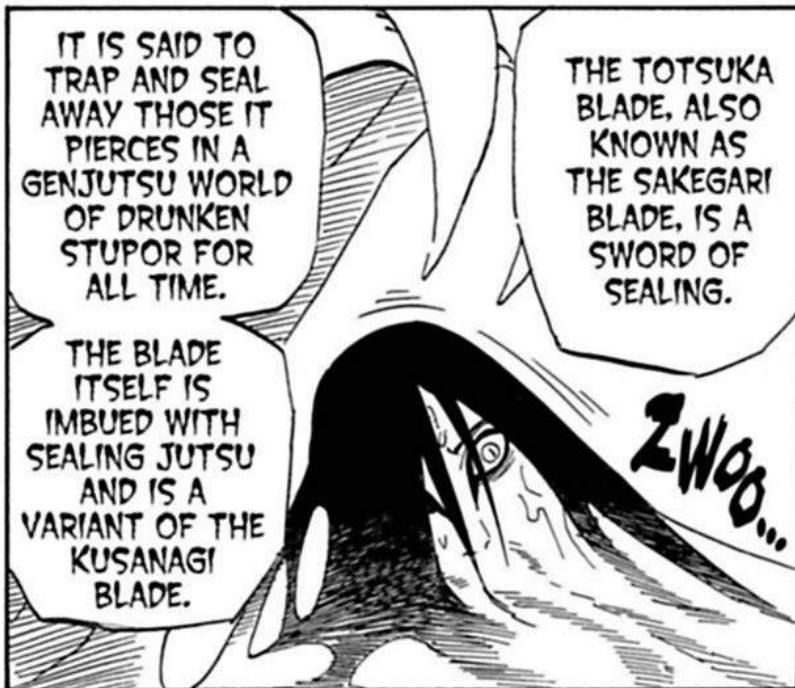
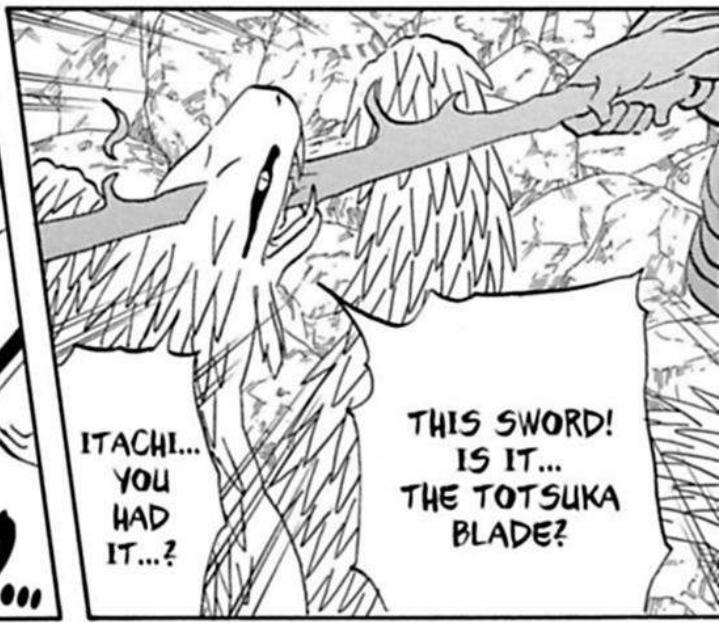
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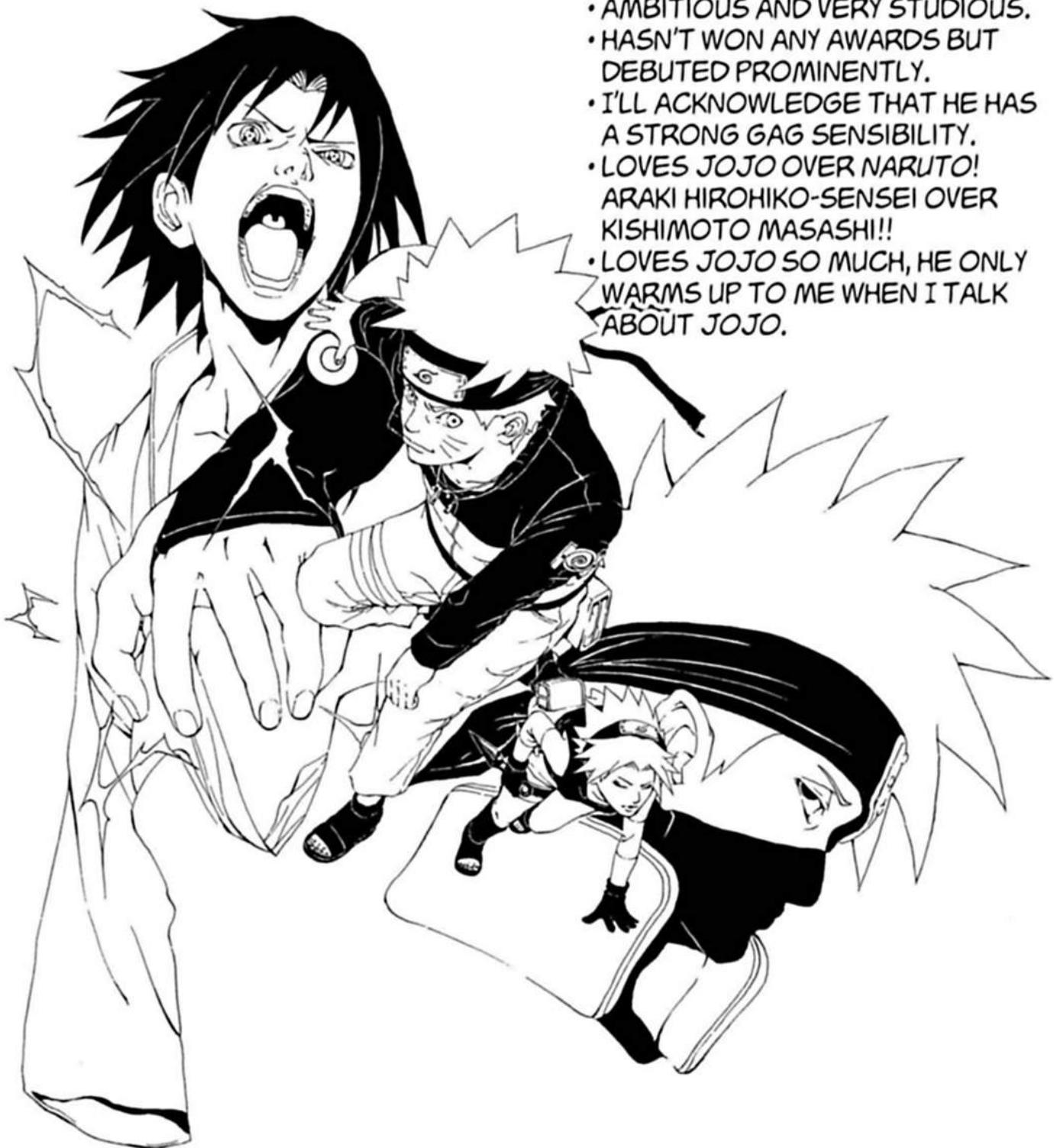


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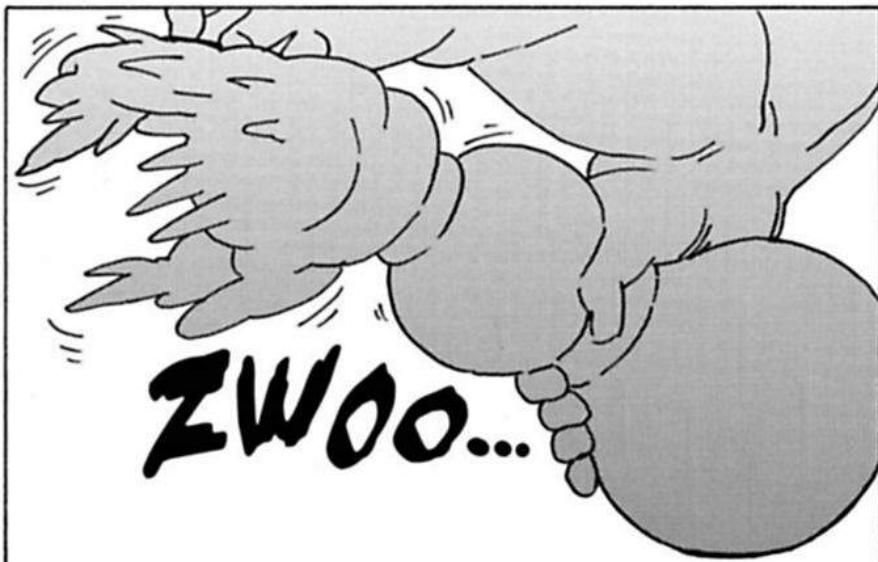
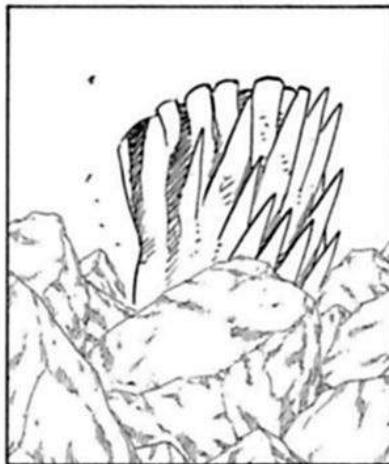
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#### PROFILE

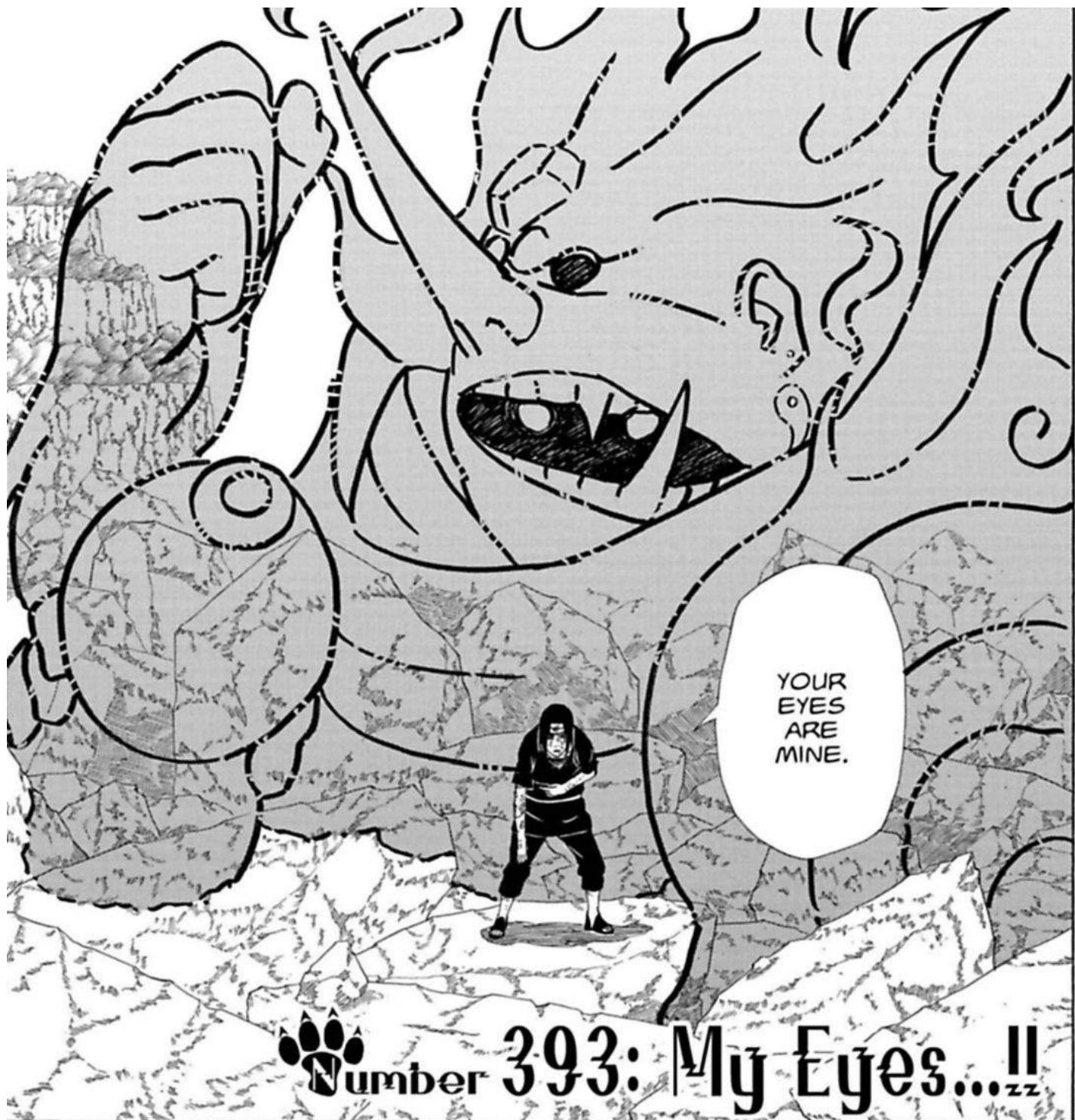
- DESPITE BEING A BRAT WHO JUST TURNED 20, HE'S SO SERIOUS HE'S NOT CUTE AT ALL.
- DOESN'T WARM UP TO ME AT ALL.
- ALWAYS ACTS COOL.
- HAS ALL SORTS OF FUNNY THOUGHTS IN HIS HEAD THAT HE NEVER SHARES.
- AMBITIOUS AND VERY STUDIOS.
- HASN'T WON ANY AWARDS BUT DEBUTED PROMINENTLY.
- I'LL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HE HAS A STRONG GAG SENSIBILITY.
- LOVES JOJO OVER NARUTO! ARAKI HIROHIKO-SENSEI OVER KISHIMOTO MASASHI!!!
- LOVES JOJO SO MUCH, HE ONLY WARMS UP TO ME WHEN I TALK ABOUT JOJO.



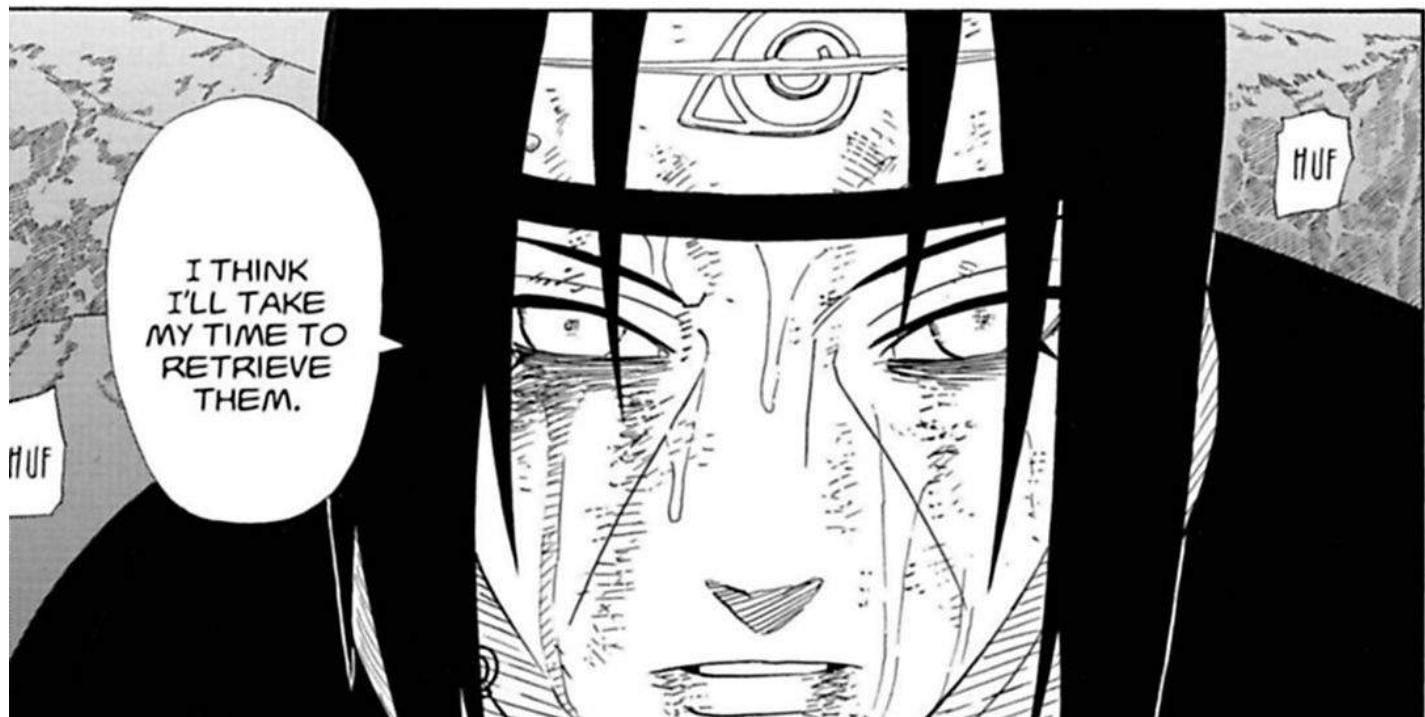
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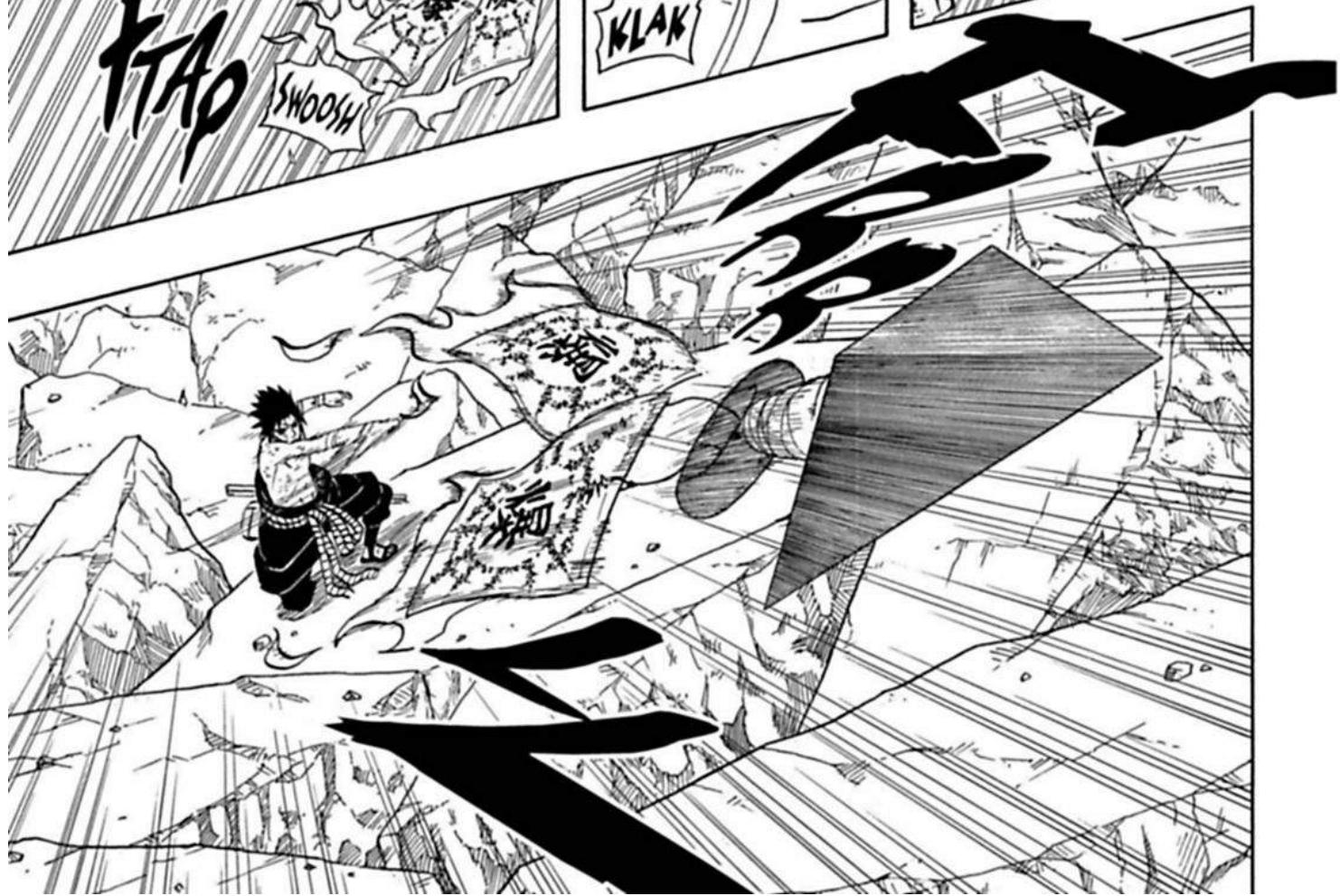




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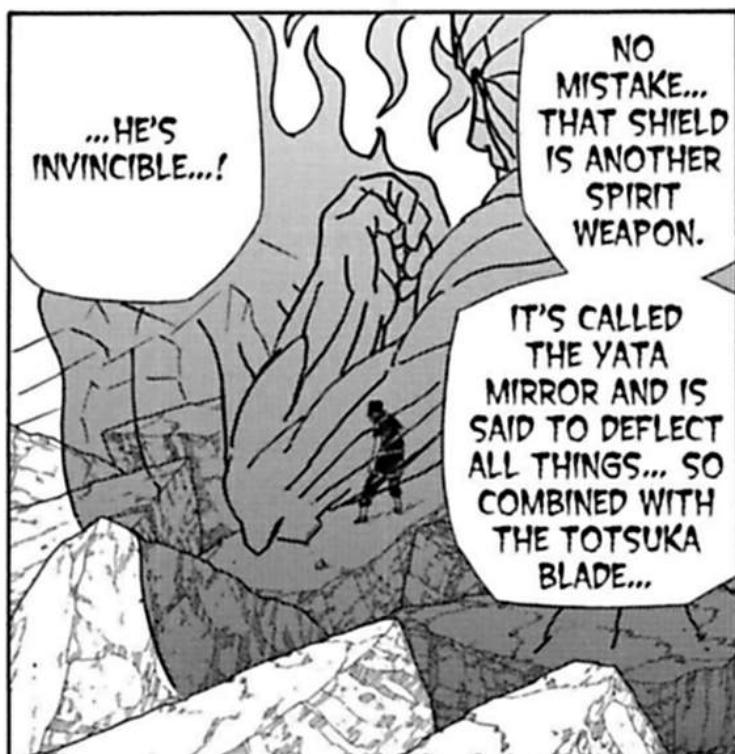


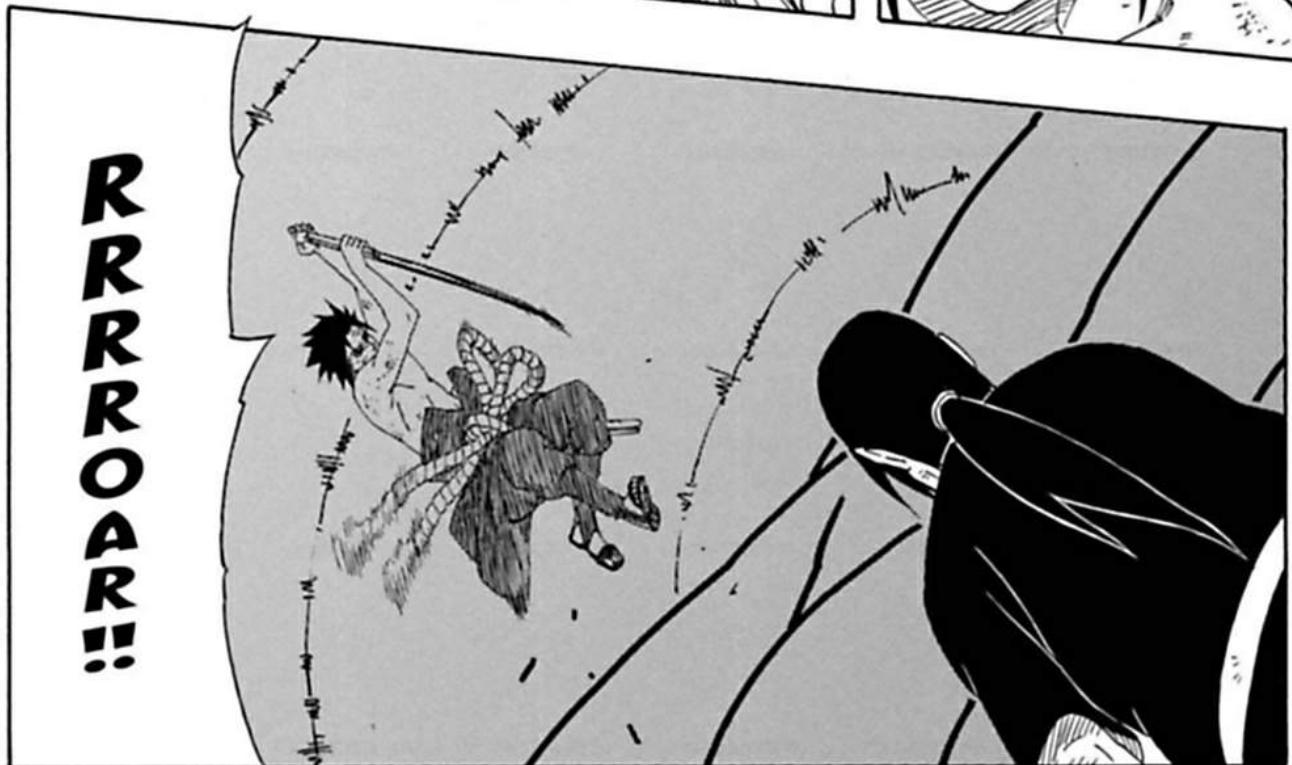
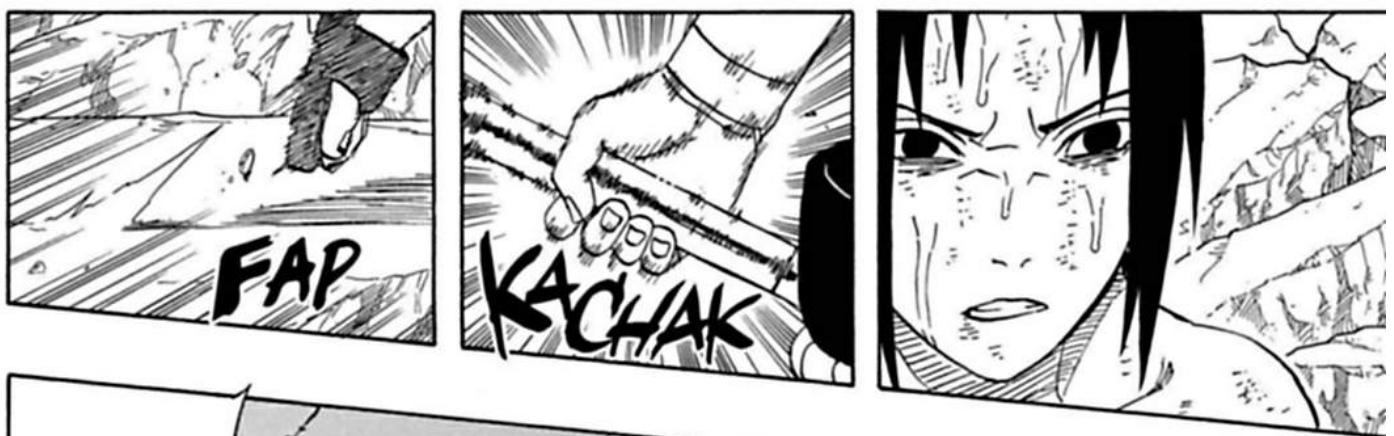
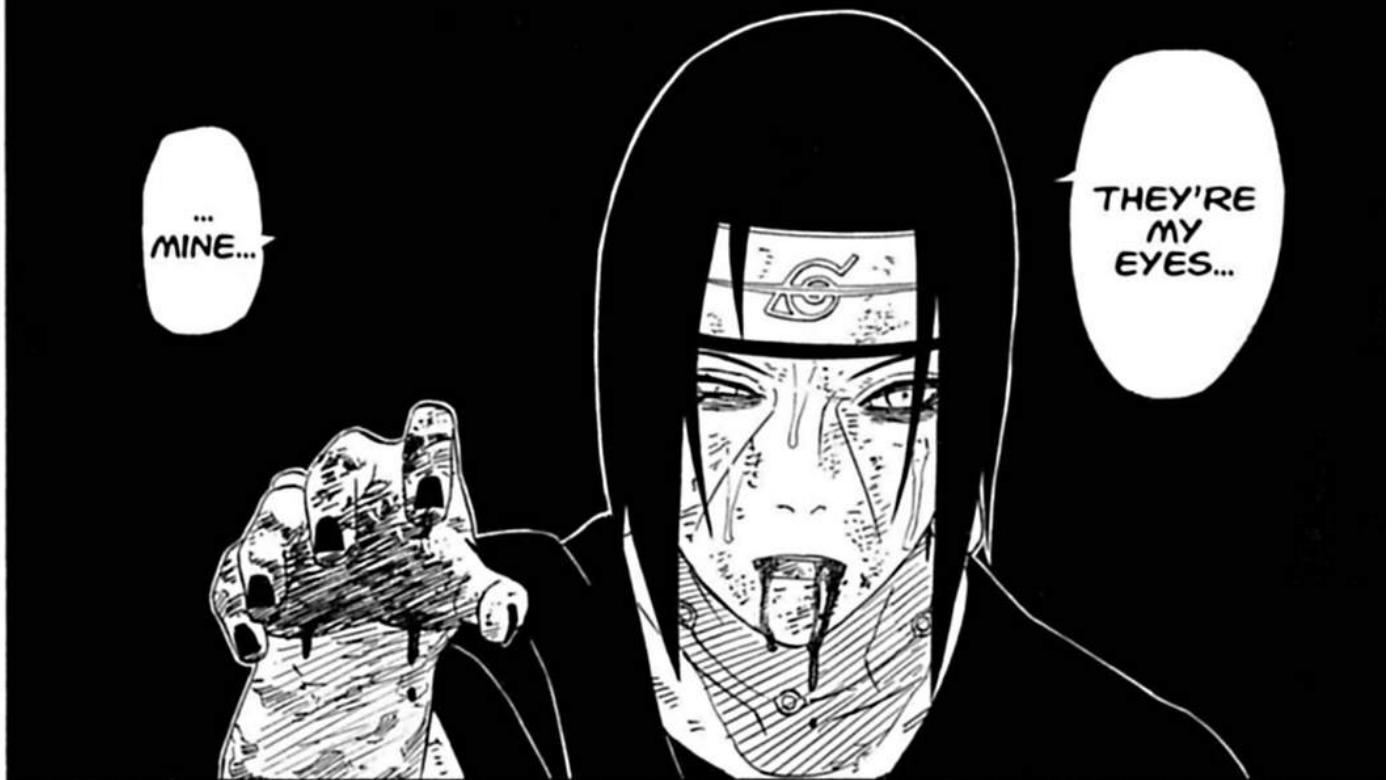




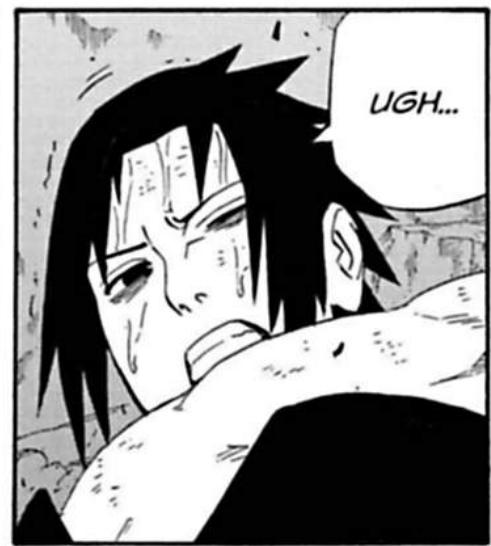


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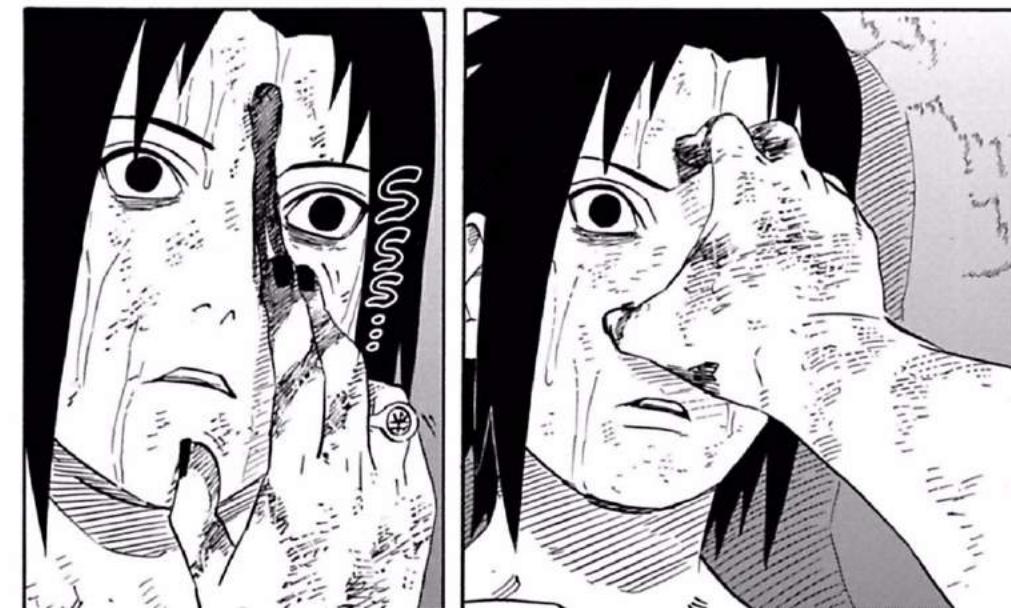
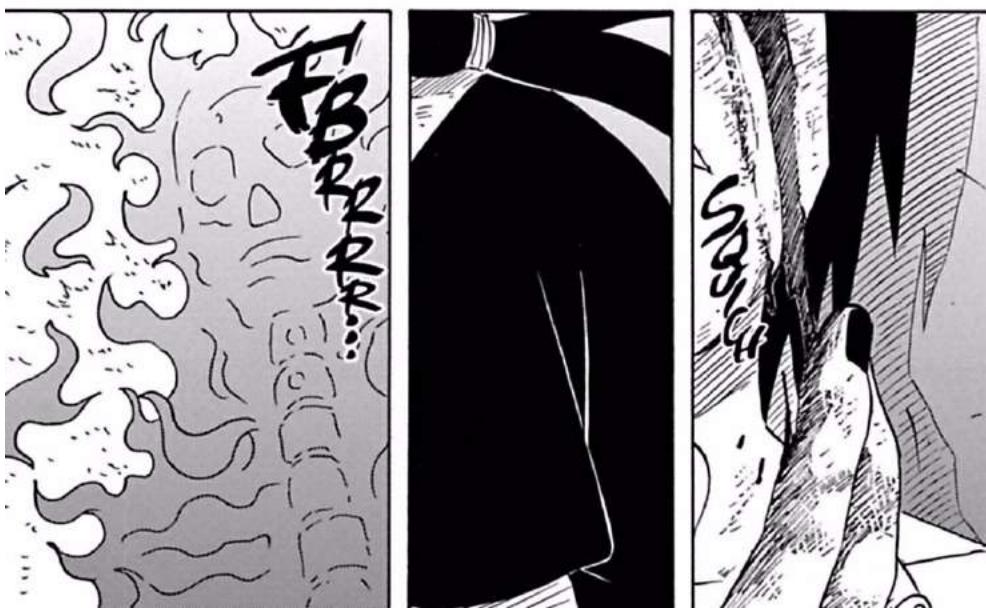
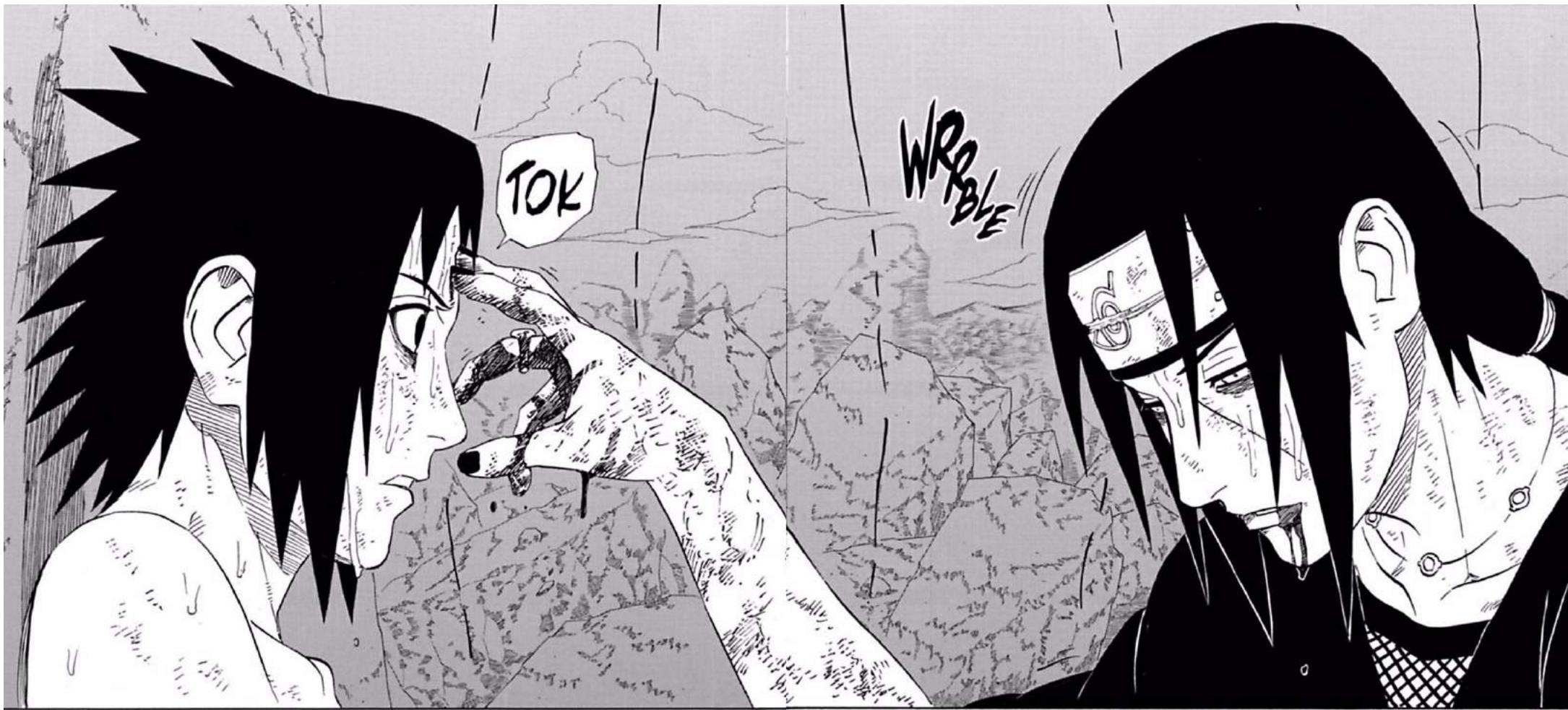
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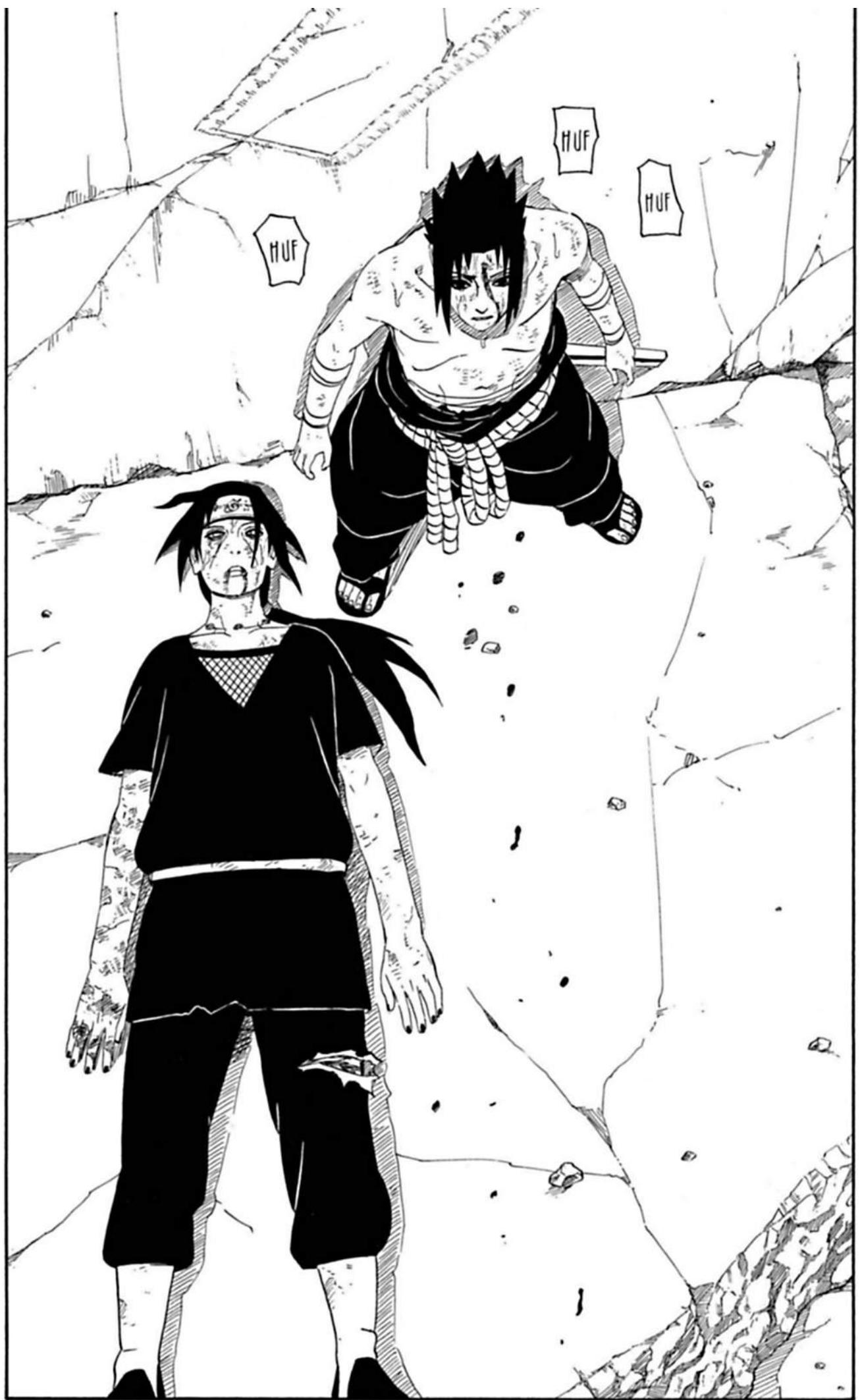


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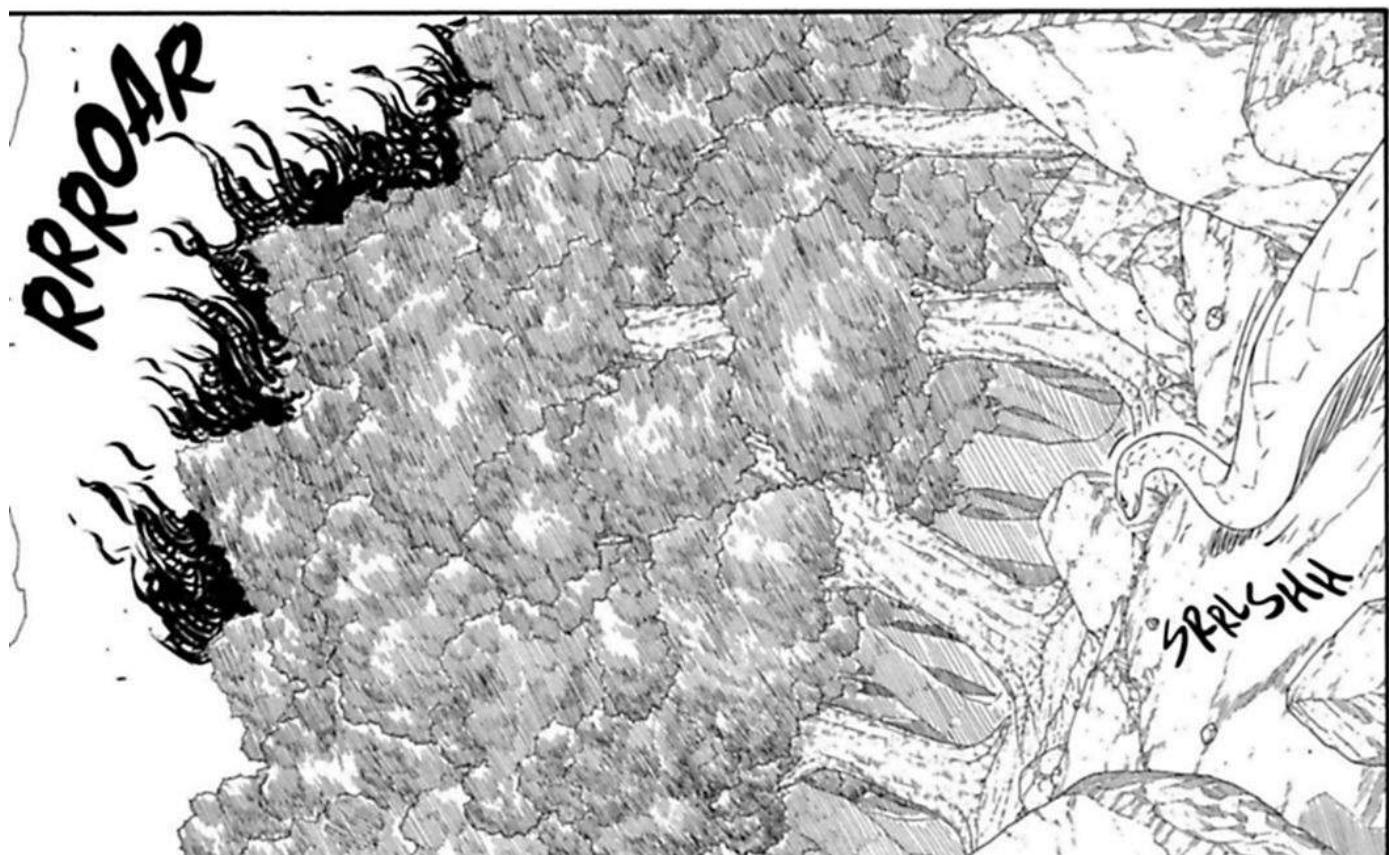
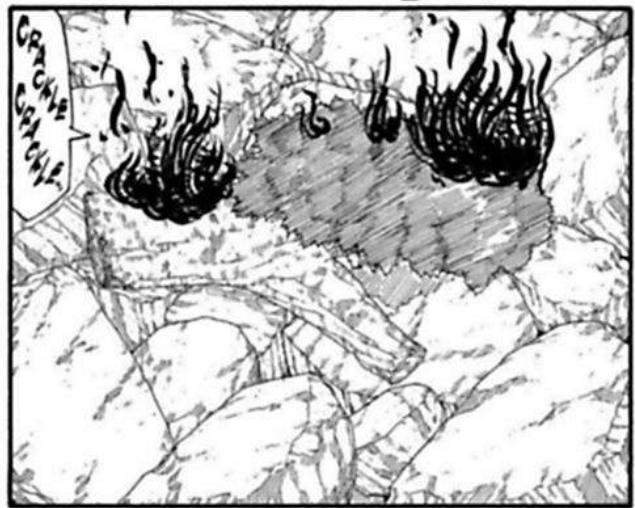






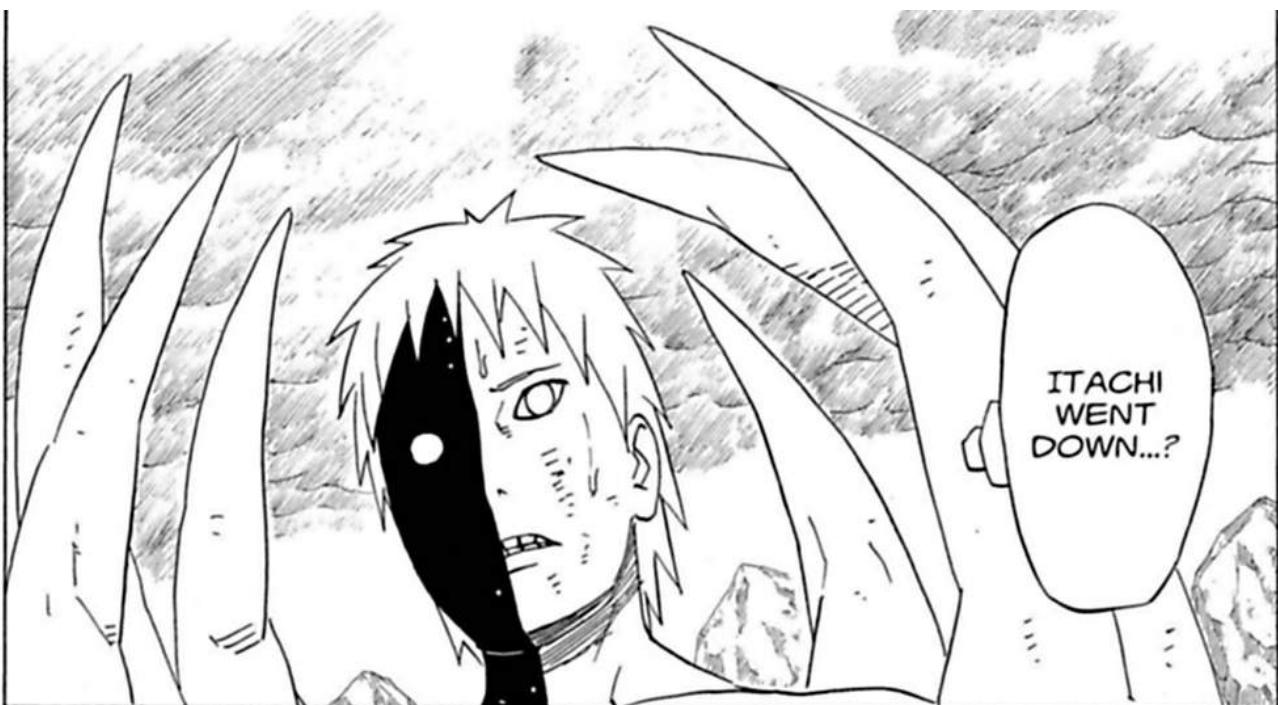


**Number 394: Sasuke's Victory**





**Number 394: Sasuke's Victory**



...DEAD?

**SWOOD'-  
RUMBLE**

**SWOODO..."**

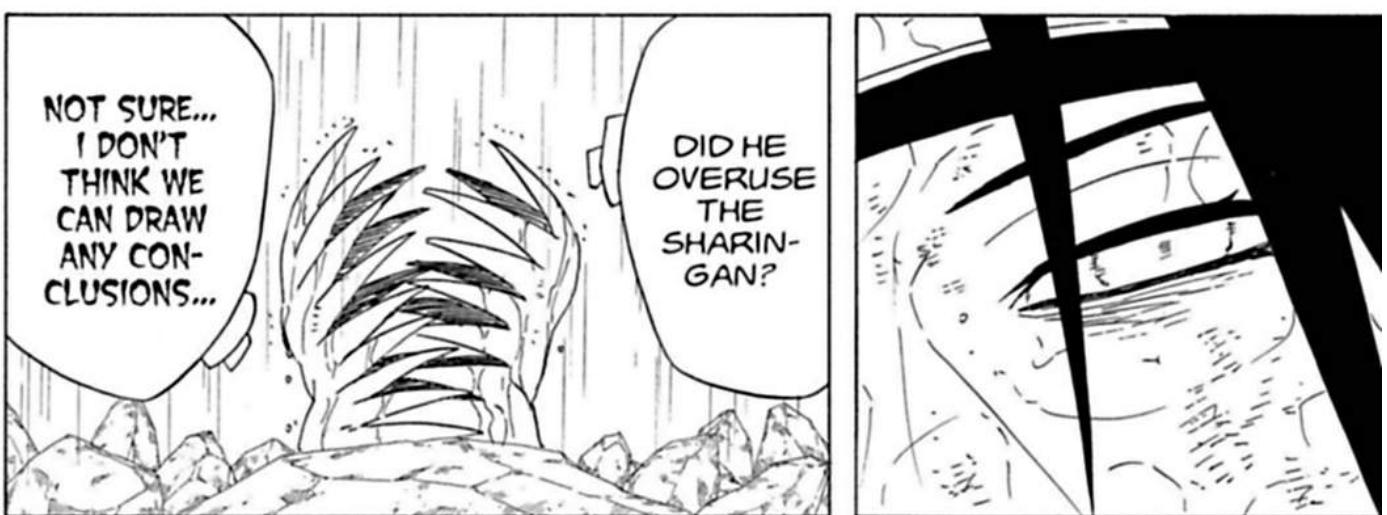
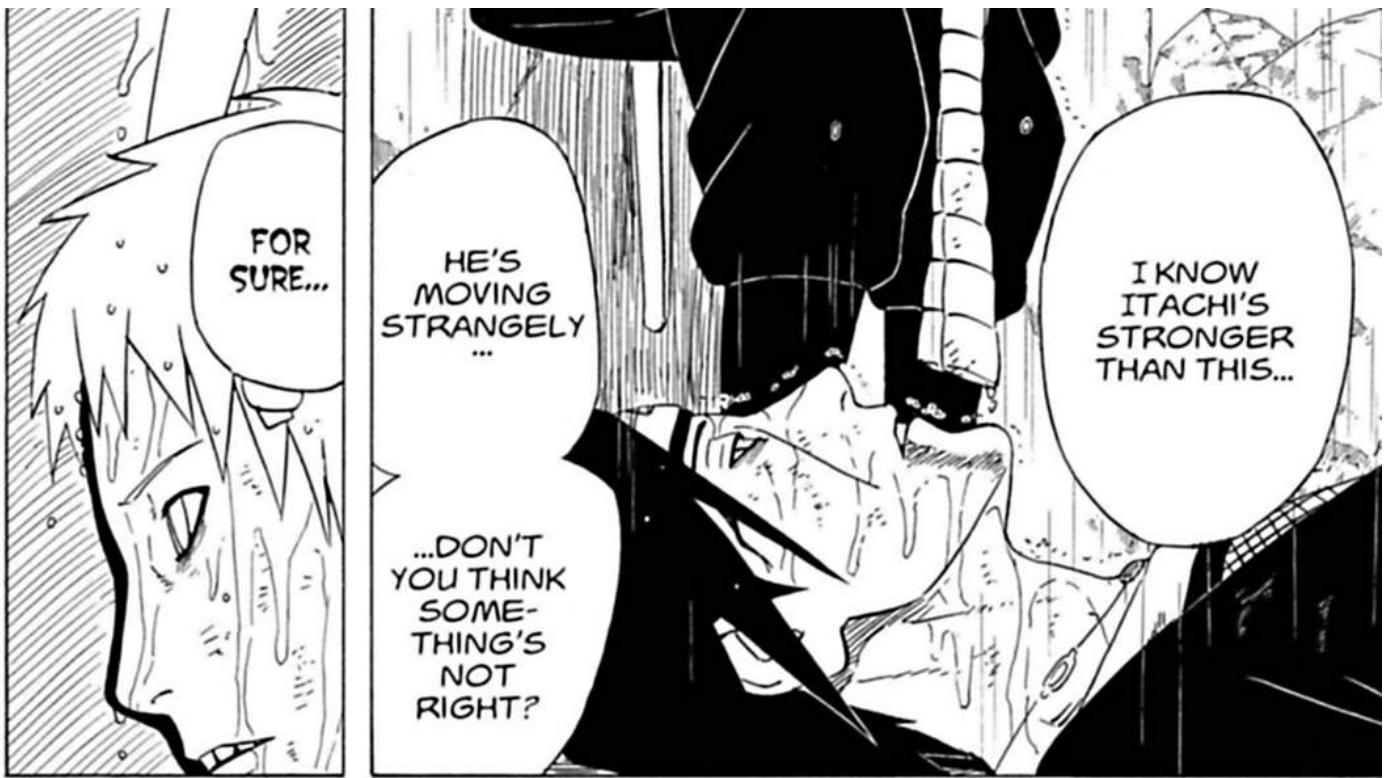
IT'S  
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VICTORY.

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Pitter

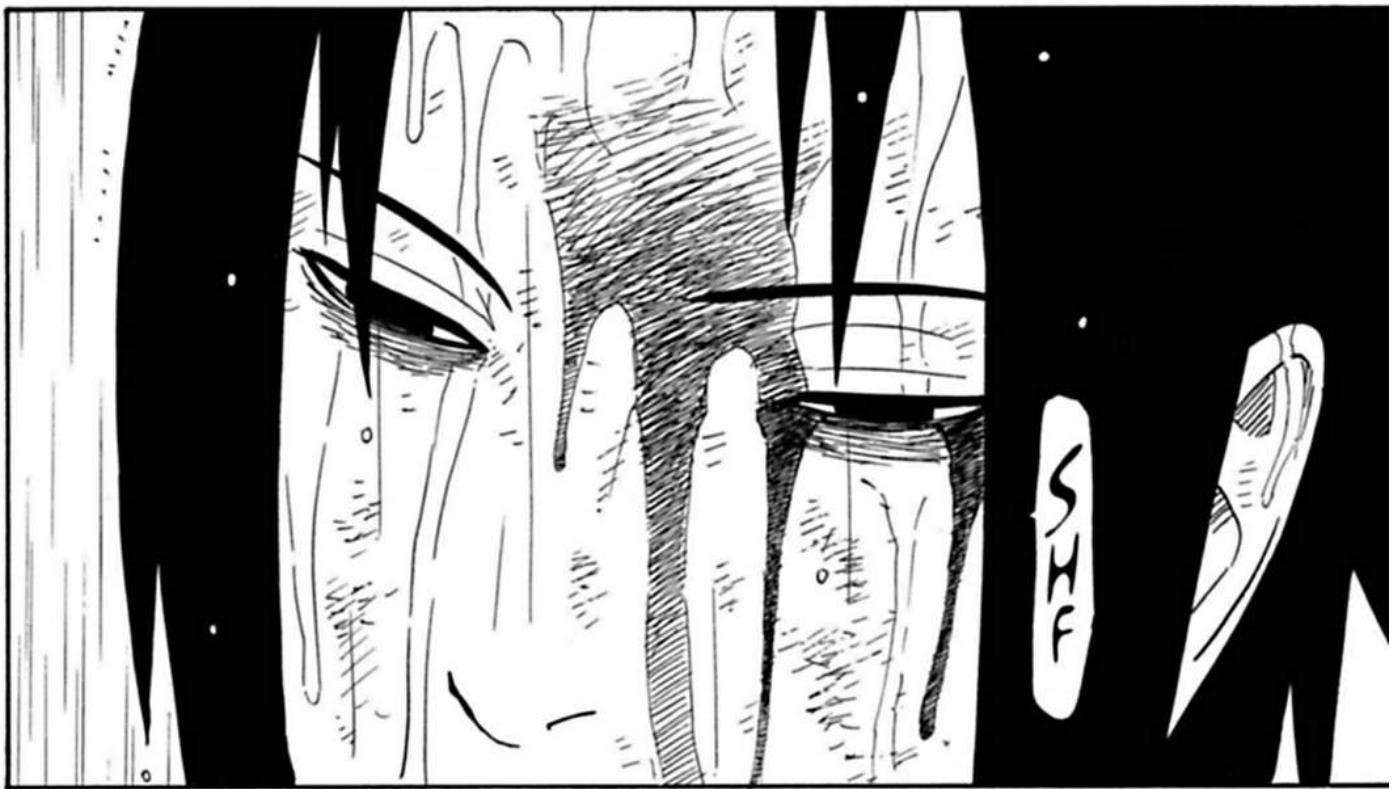
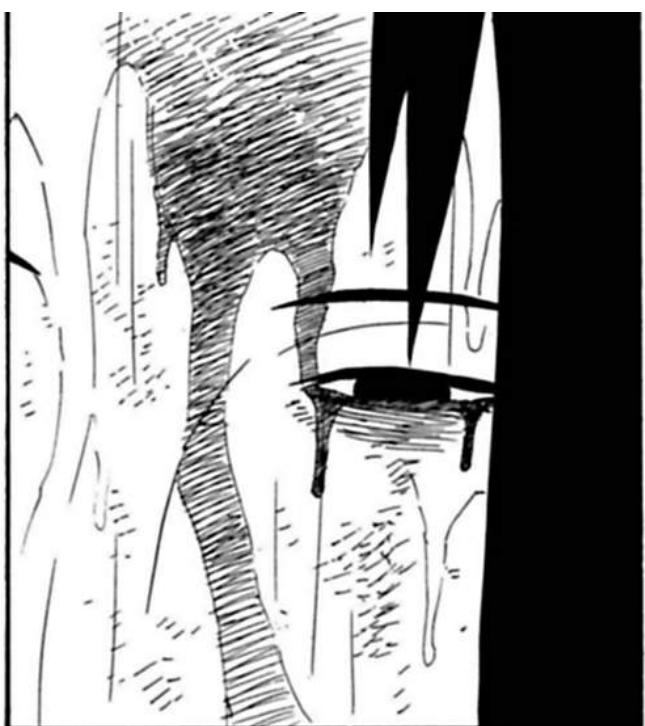
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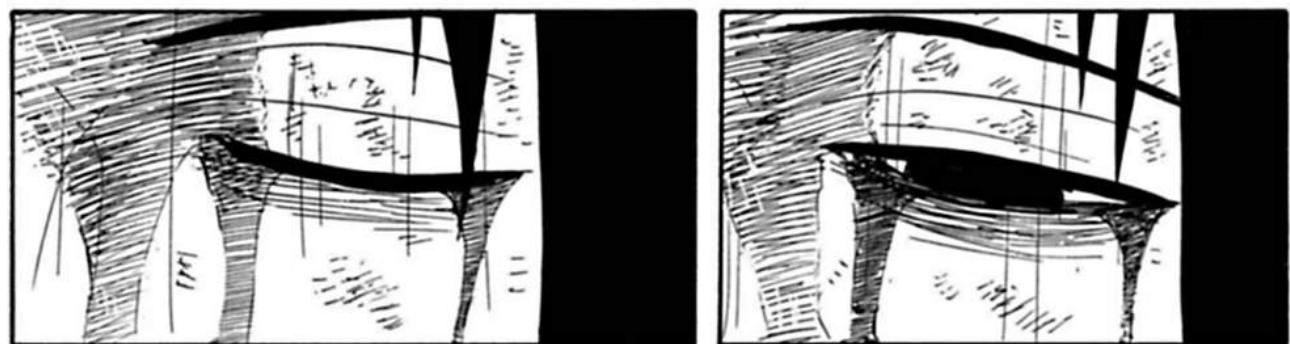
I STILL  
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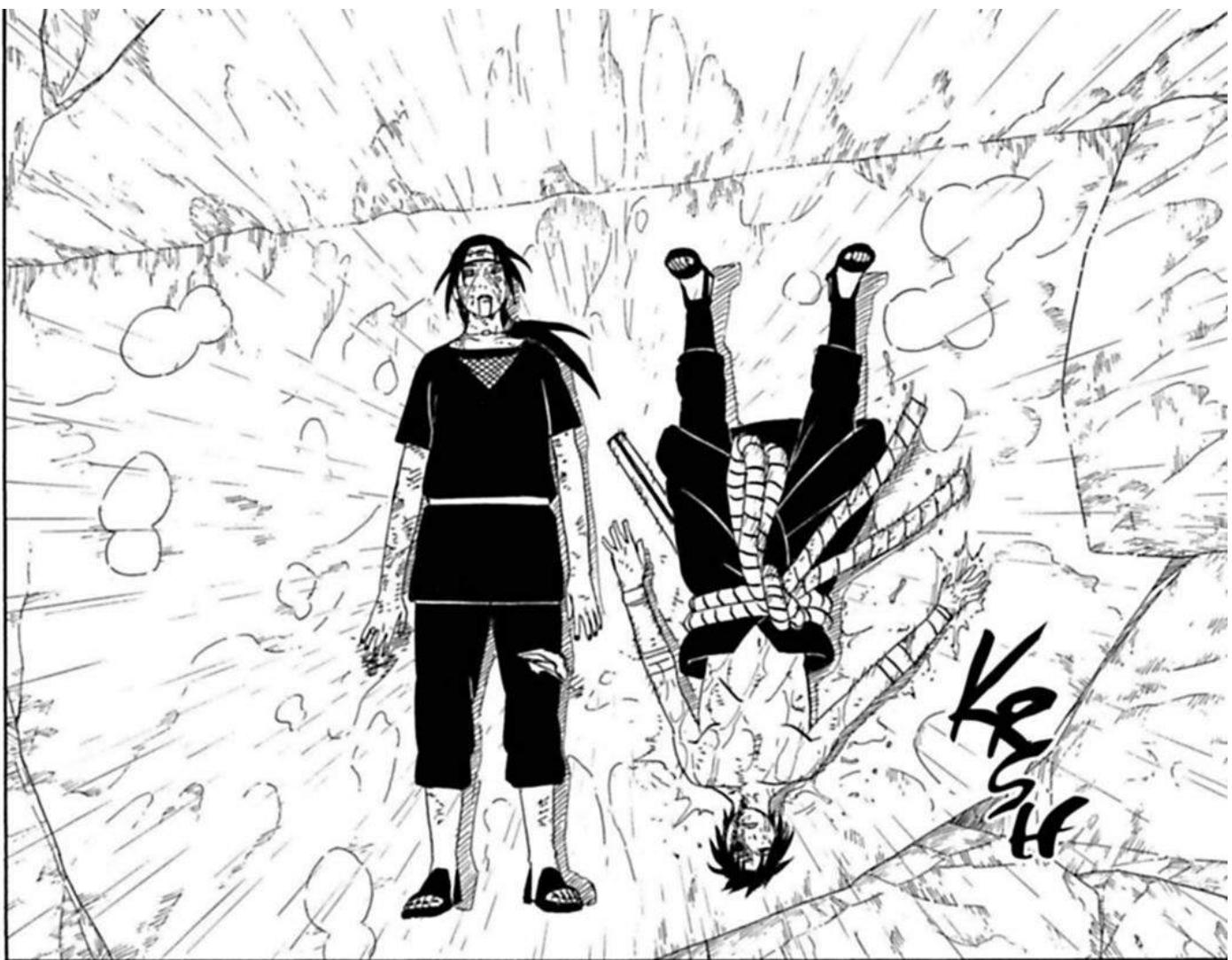


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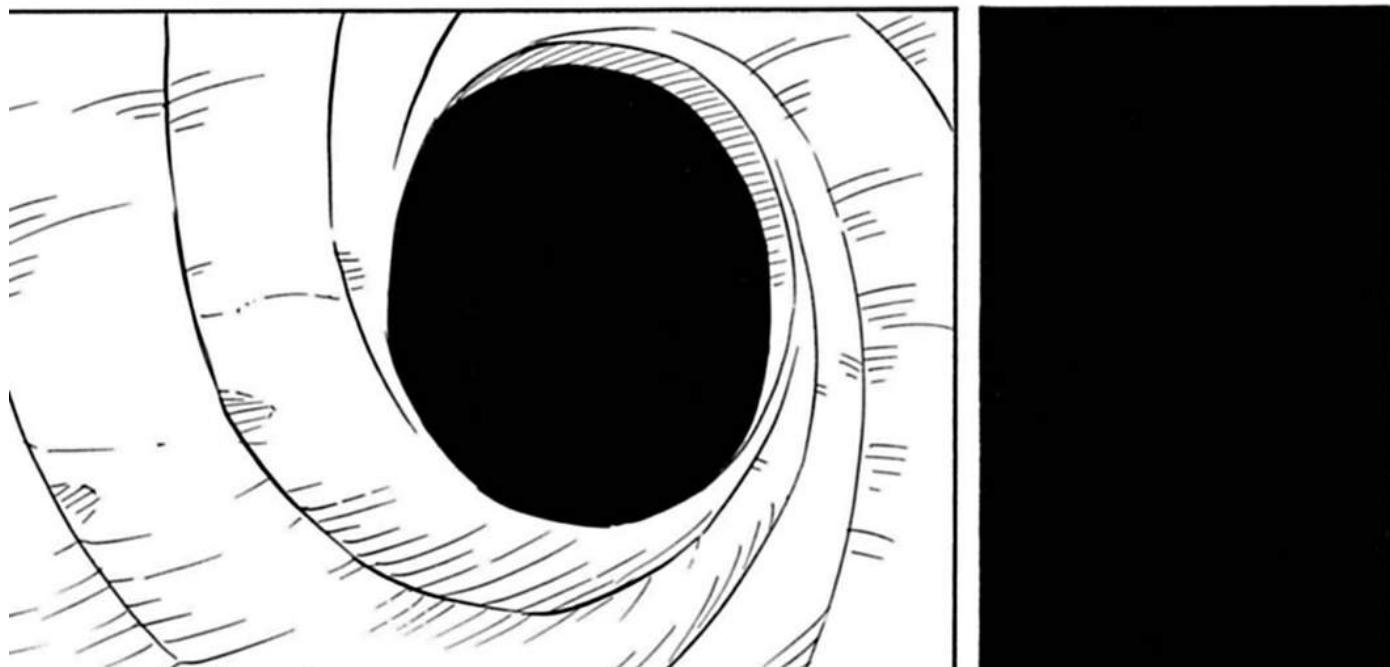
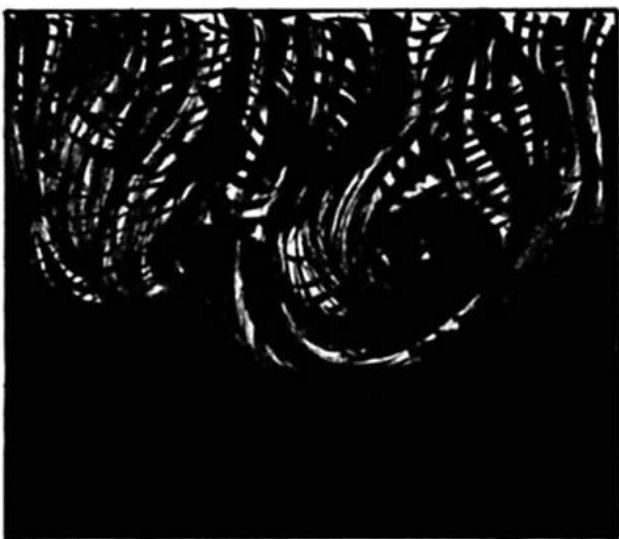








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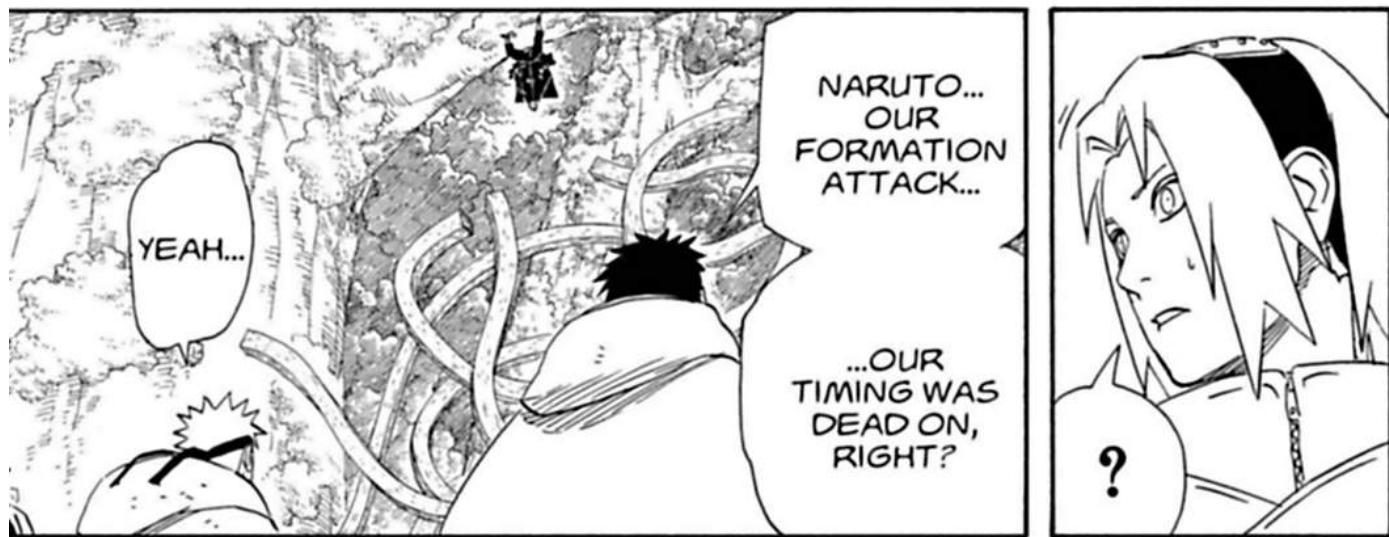


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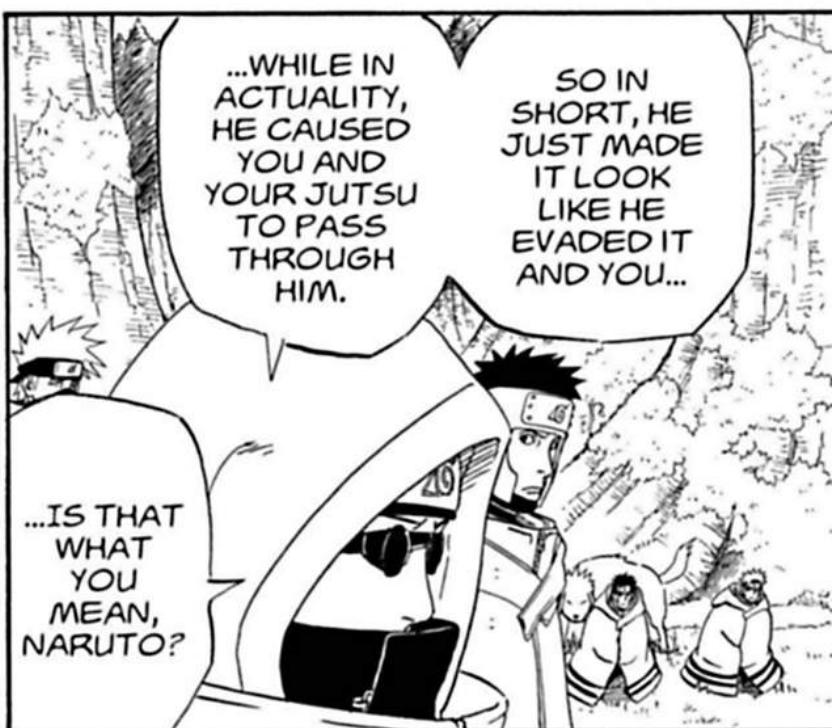
I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
HE'S BEEN  
ABLE TO  
DODGE  
ALL OF  
OUR  
ATTACKS  
...

THIS FOR-  
MATION'S  
NO GOOD  
EITHER,  
HUH...



?





...BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE OF HIM, AND IT'S OVER THERE...

I-I THOUGHT SO TOO AT FIRST, SO I EXPANDED THE RANGE OF MY BYAKUGAN AND SURVEYED THE AREA FOR OTHER CHAKRA...

IT COULD BE A DOPPEL-GANGER ...

...OR SOME SORT OF GENJUTSU, WHERE HE'S MAKING US SEE AN ILLUSION OR VISION ...

WHAT THINK YOU, MASTER KAKASHI?

PASS THROUGH ... NO WONDER ...

THERE!

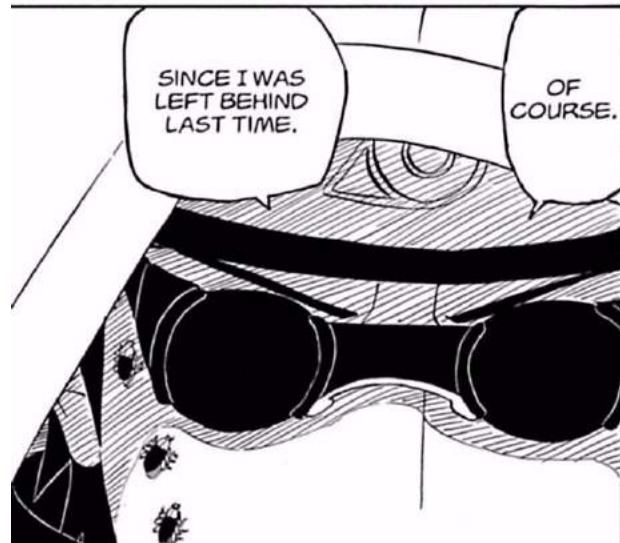


SHINO...?

WHICH MAKES IT A REAL BOther, BUT...

NO MISTAKE, IT'S SOME SPECIAL JUTSU THAT'S UNIQUE TO HIM.

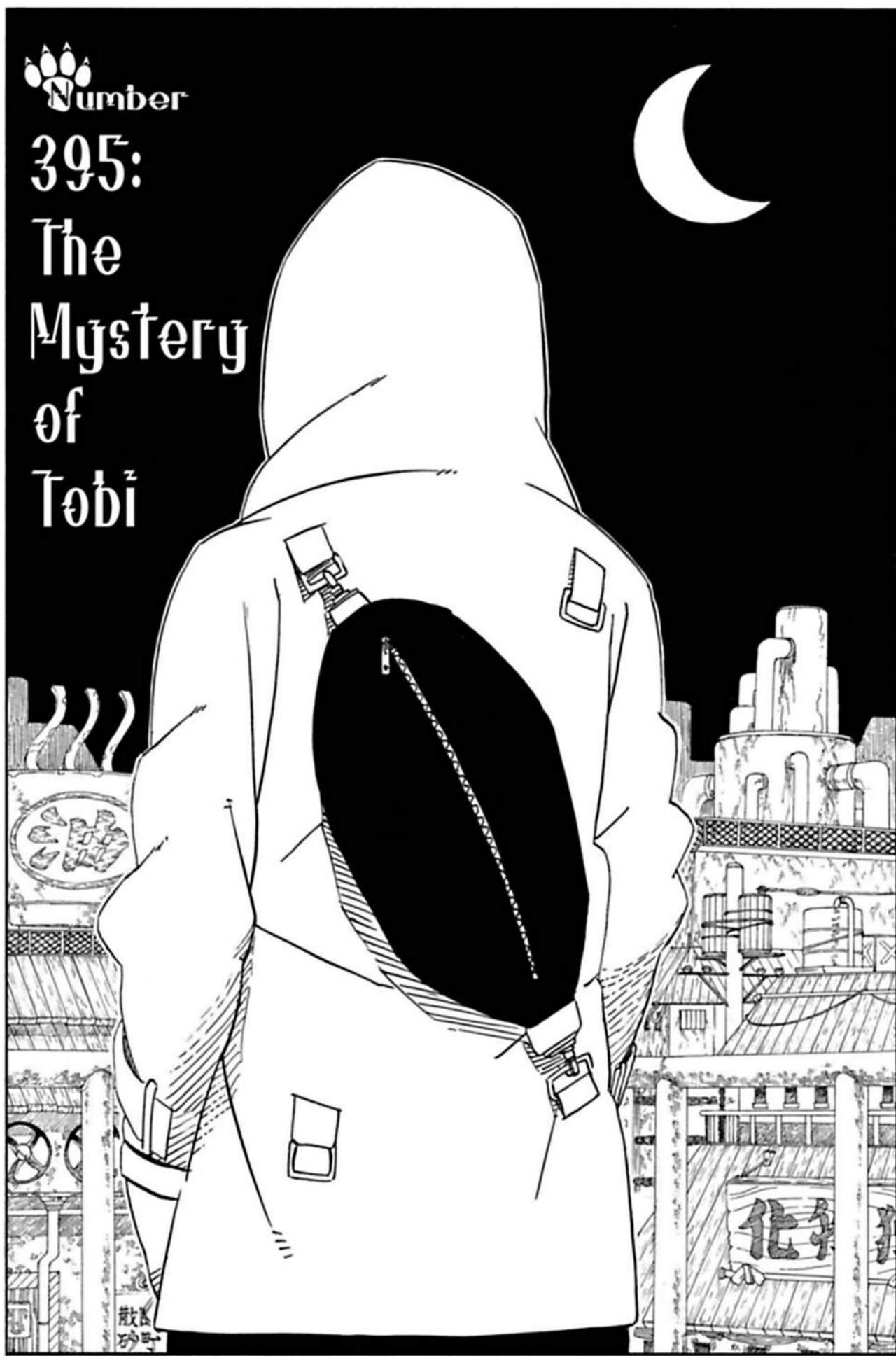
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NARUTO

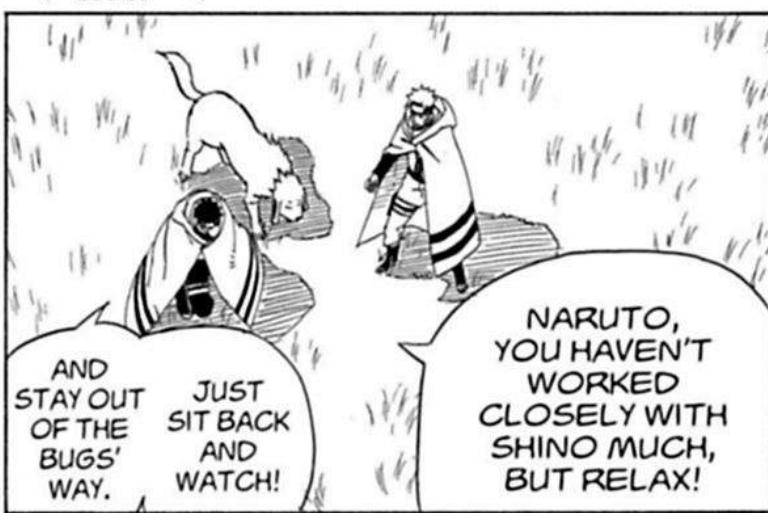
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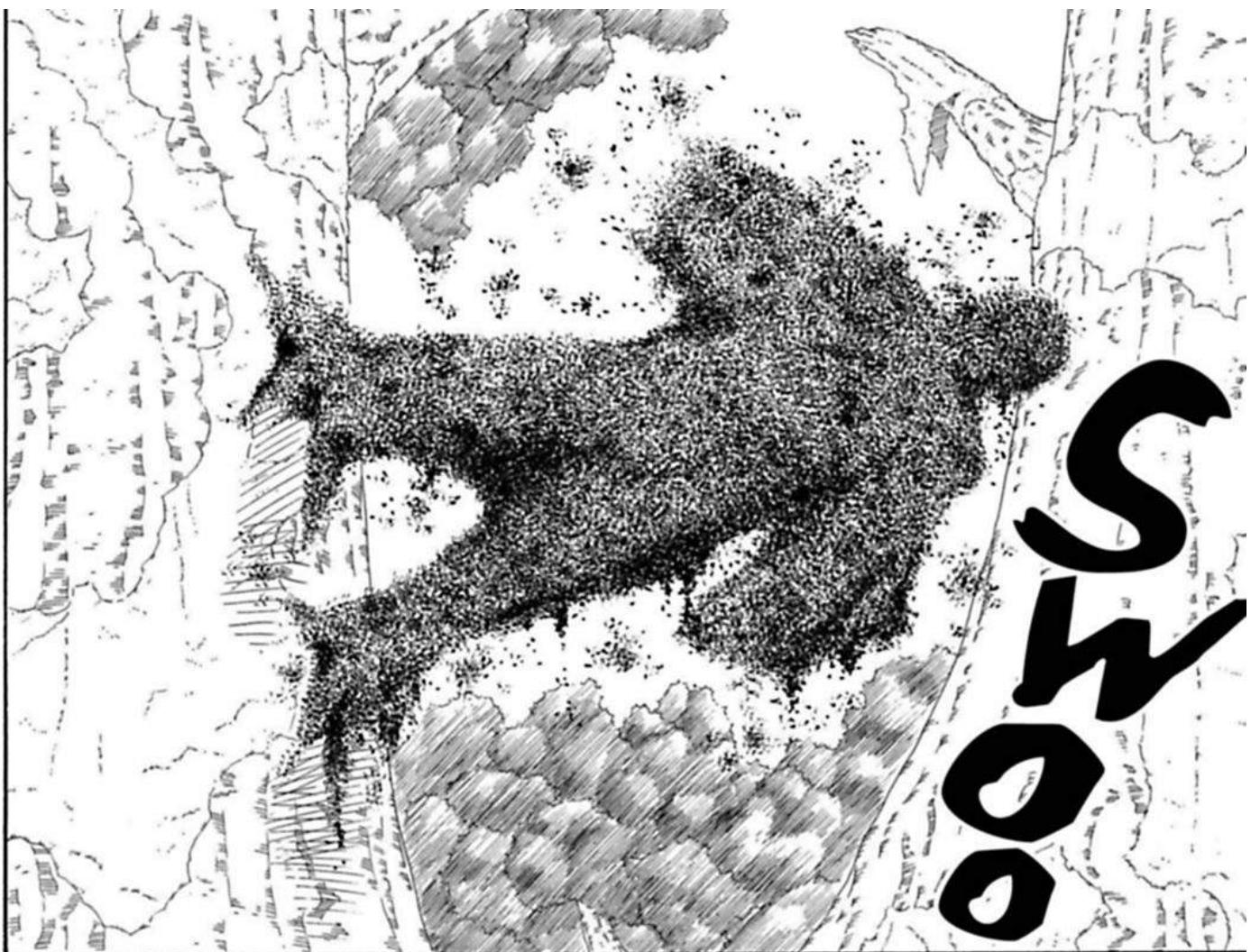


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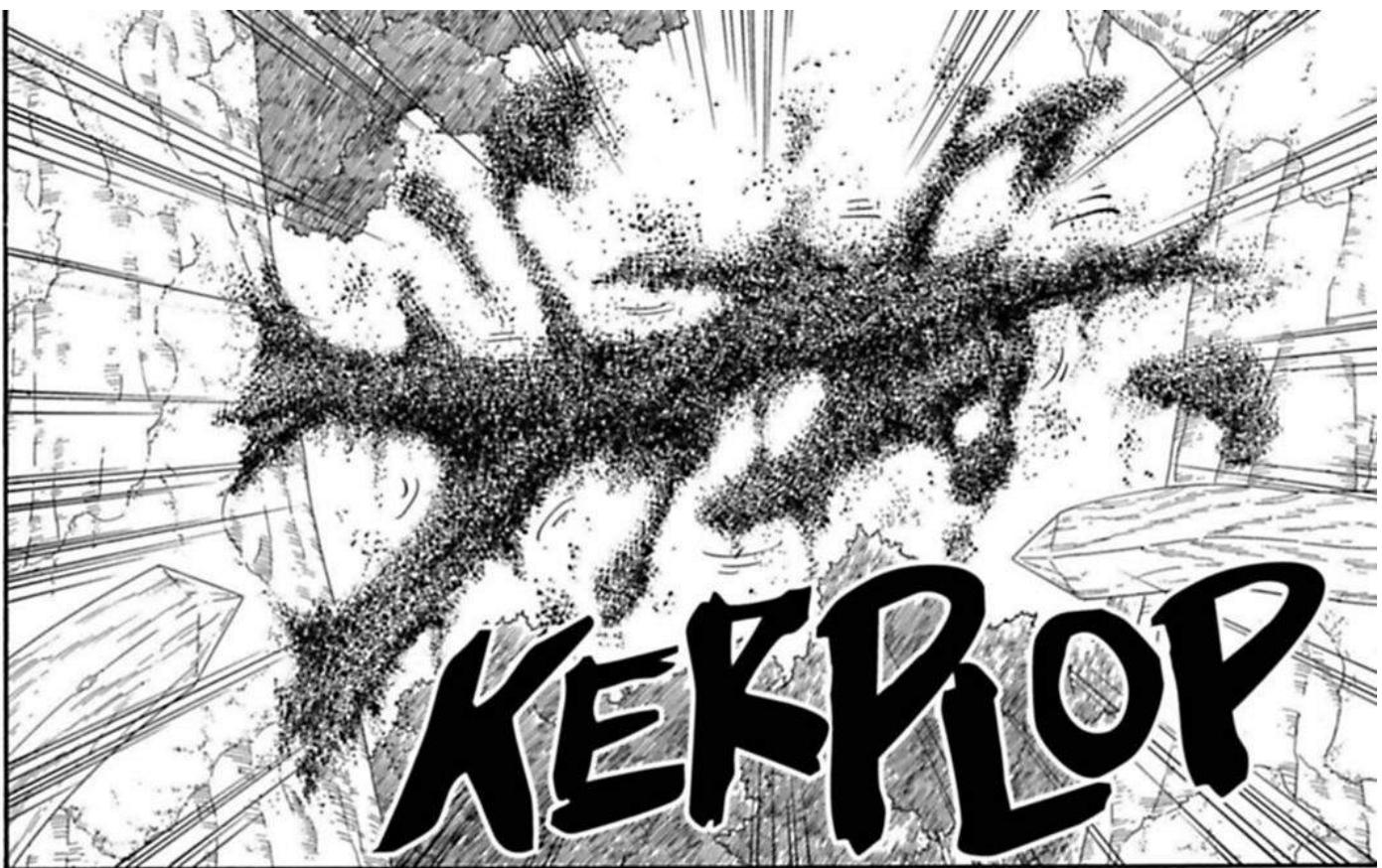


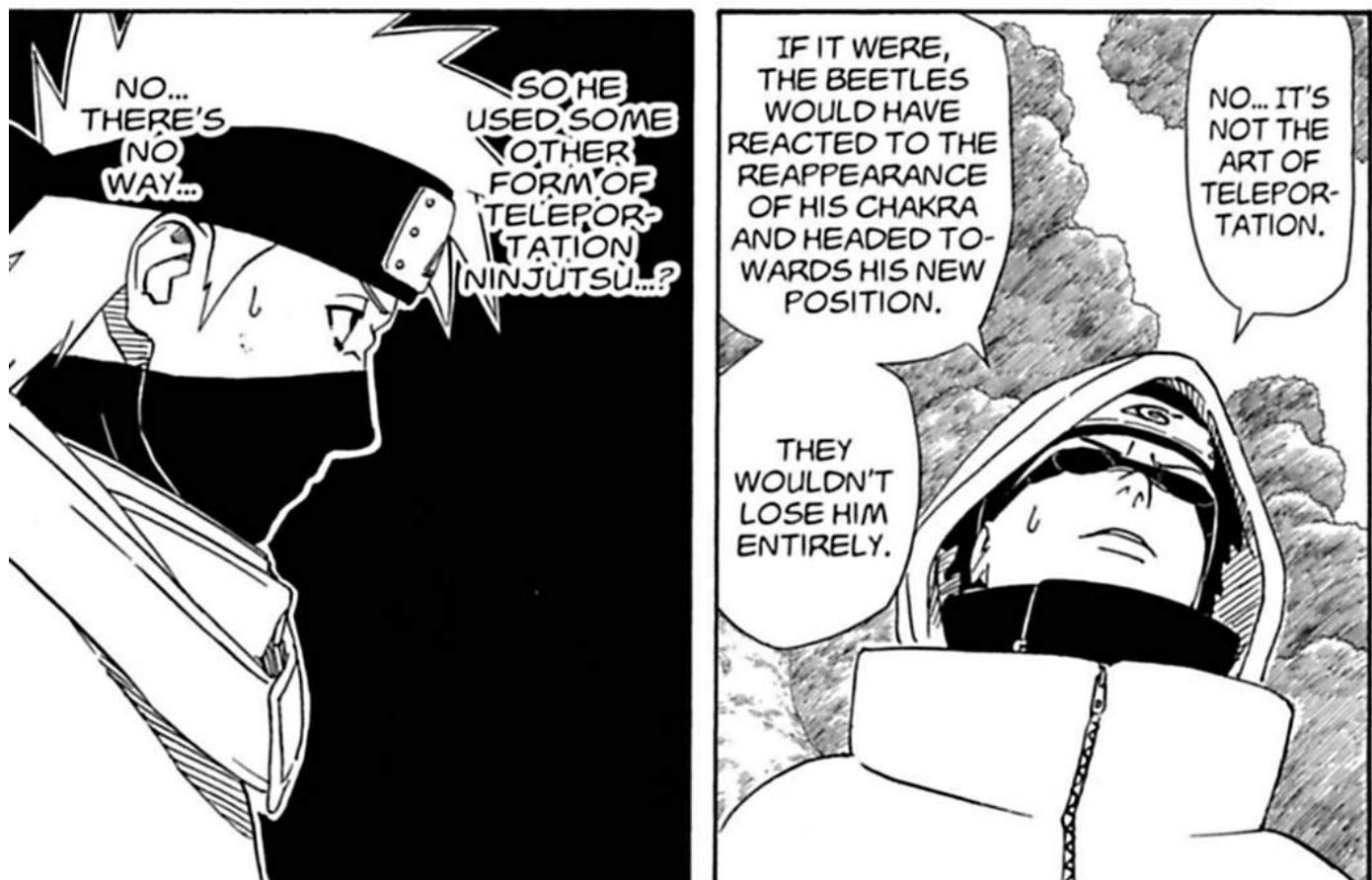
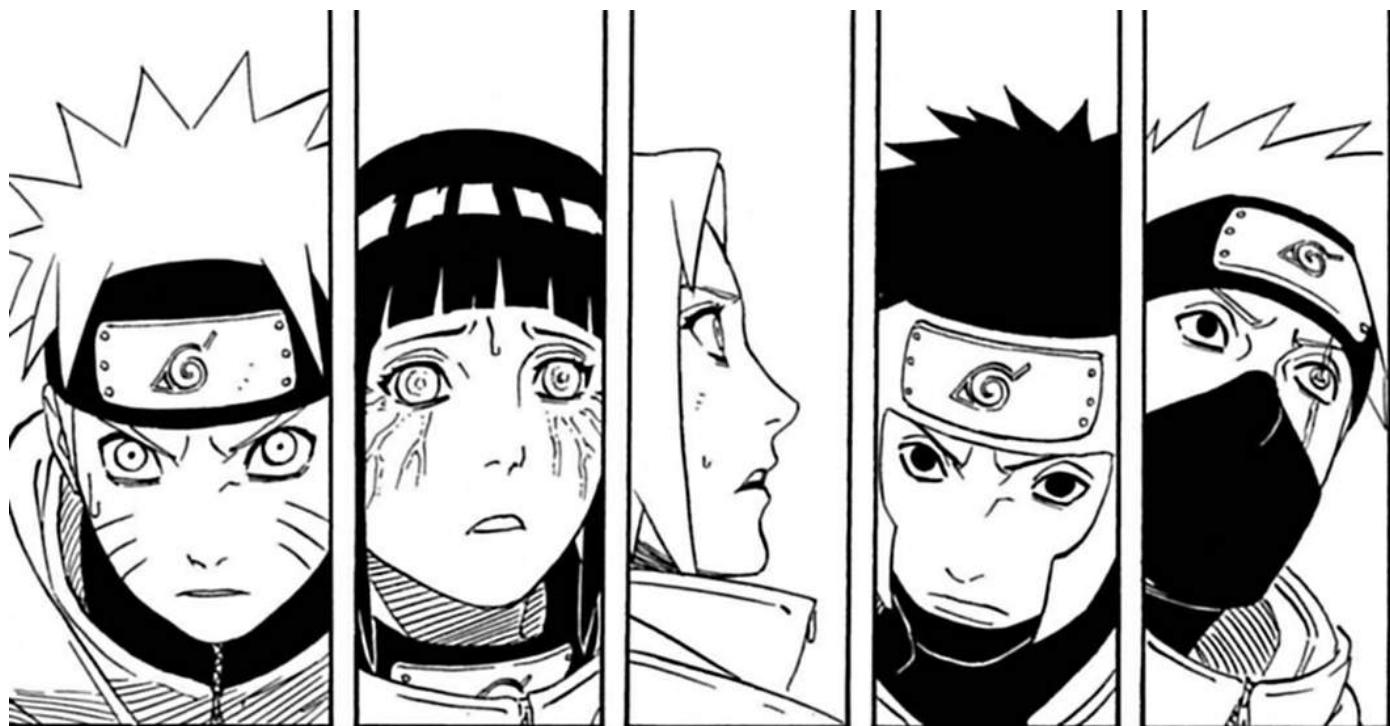


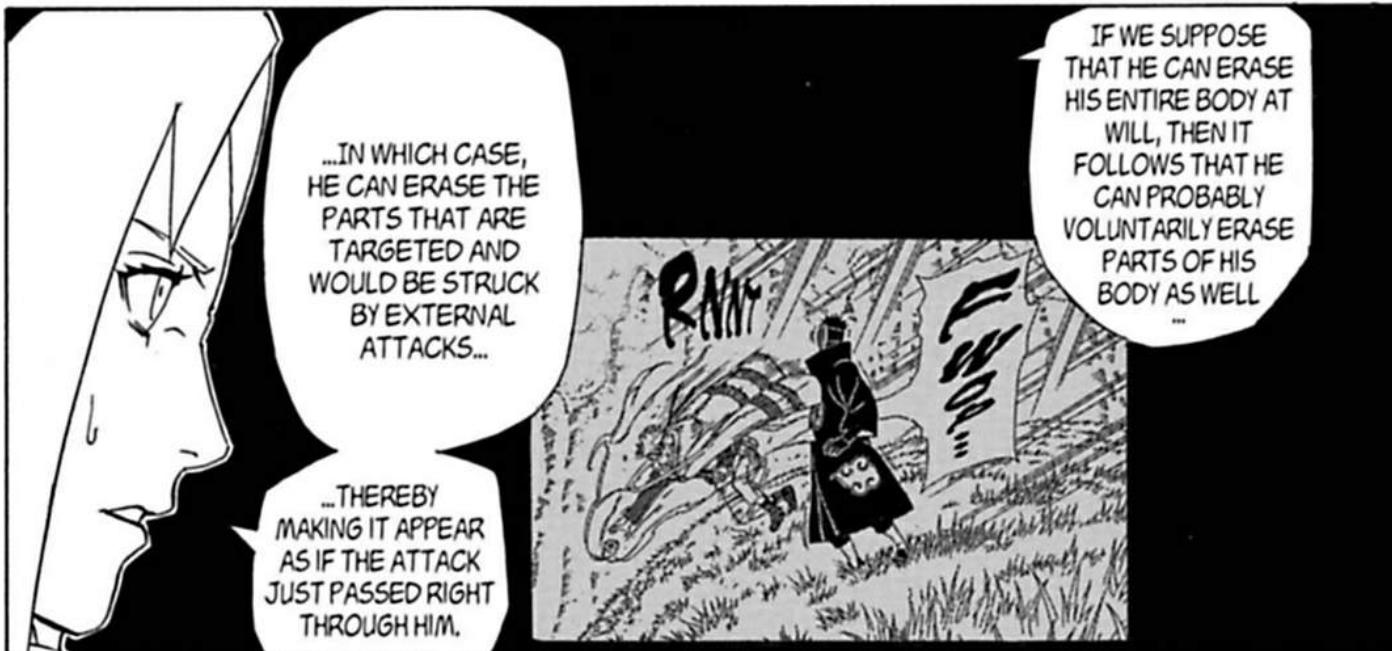
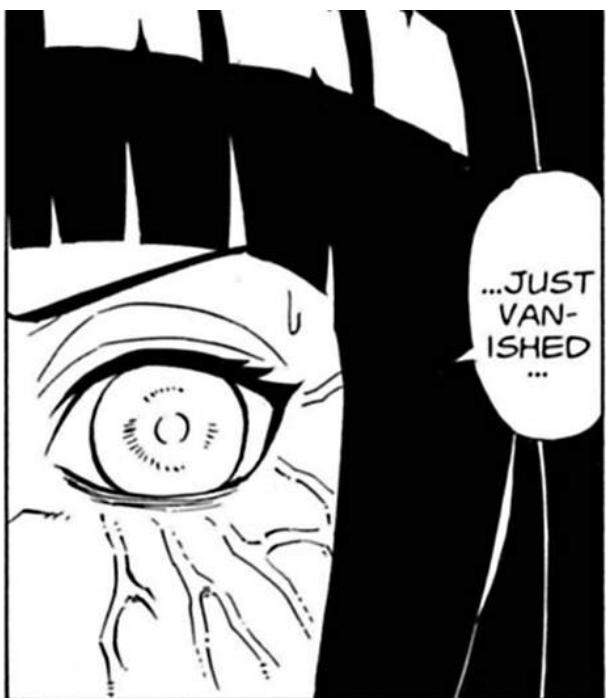












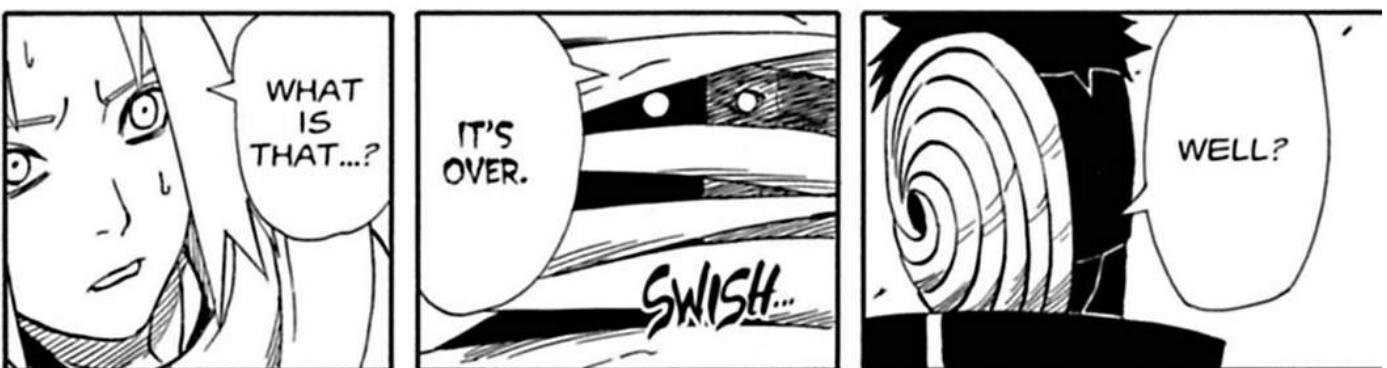
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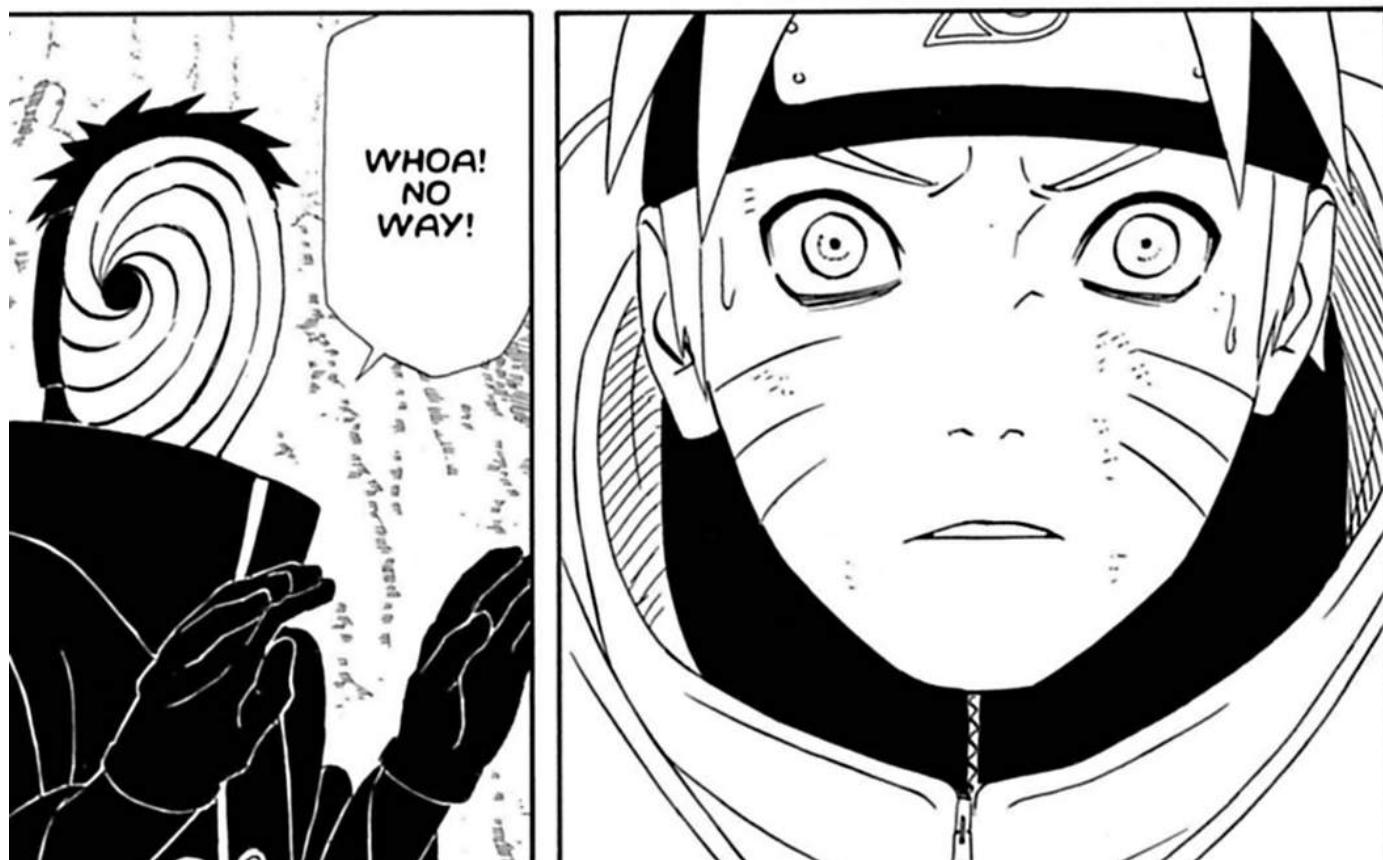
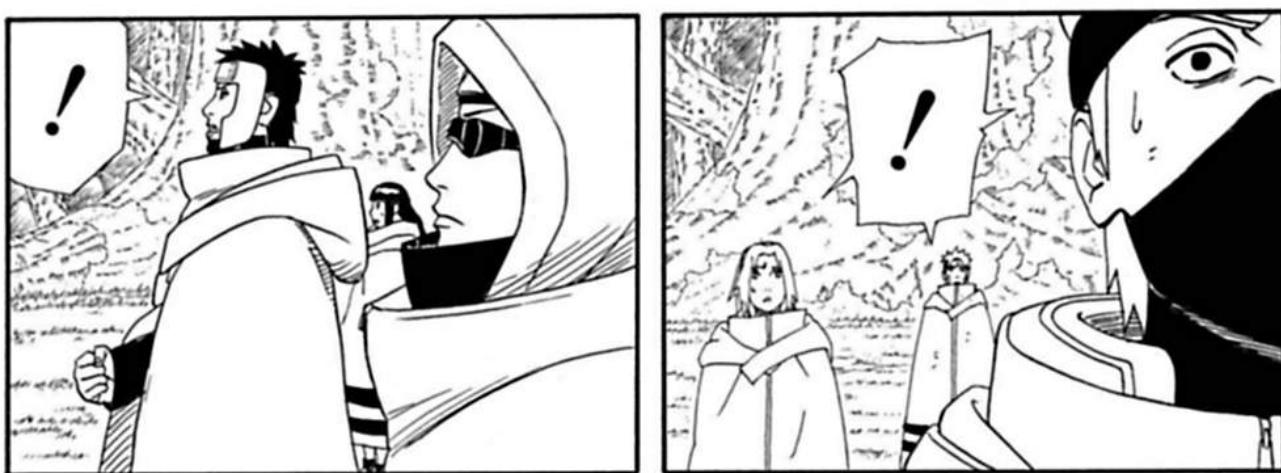
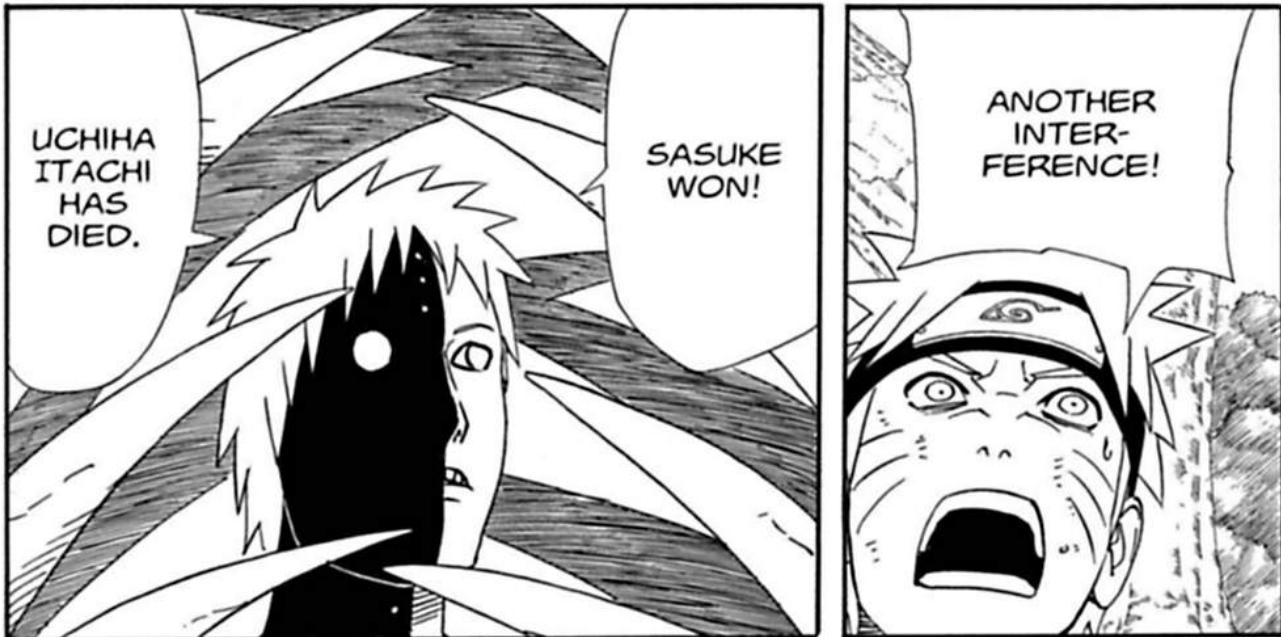


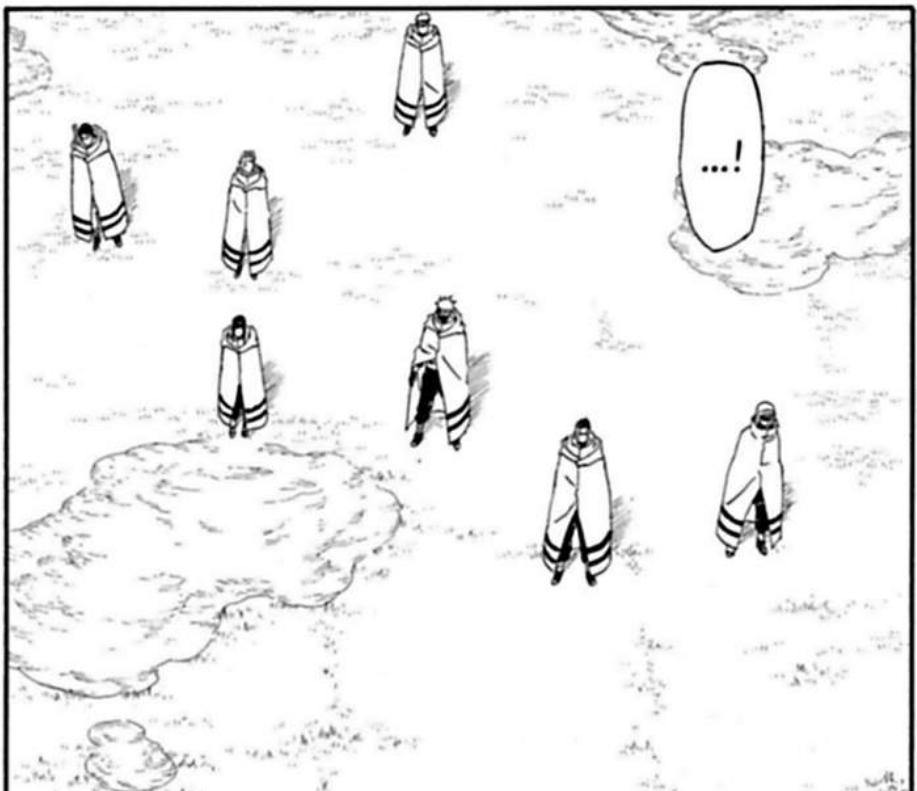
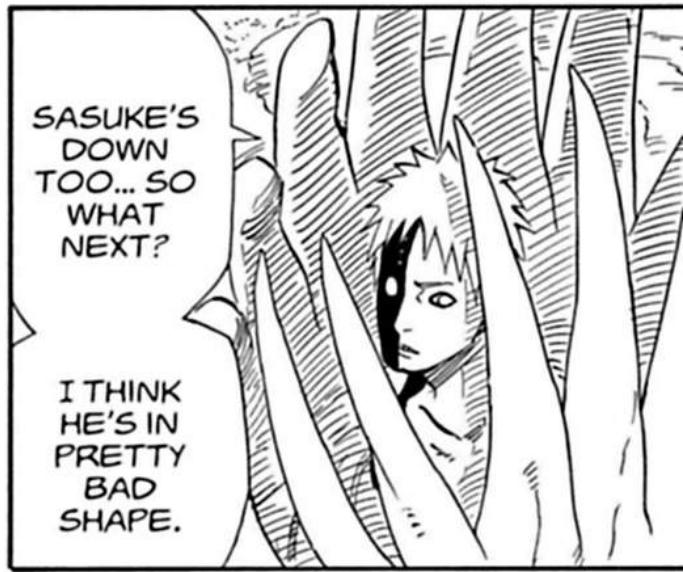
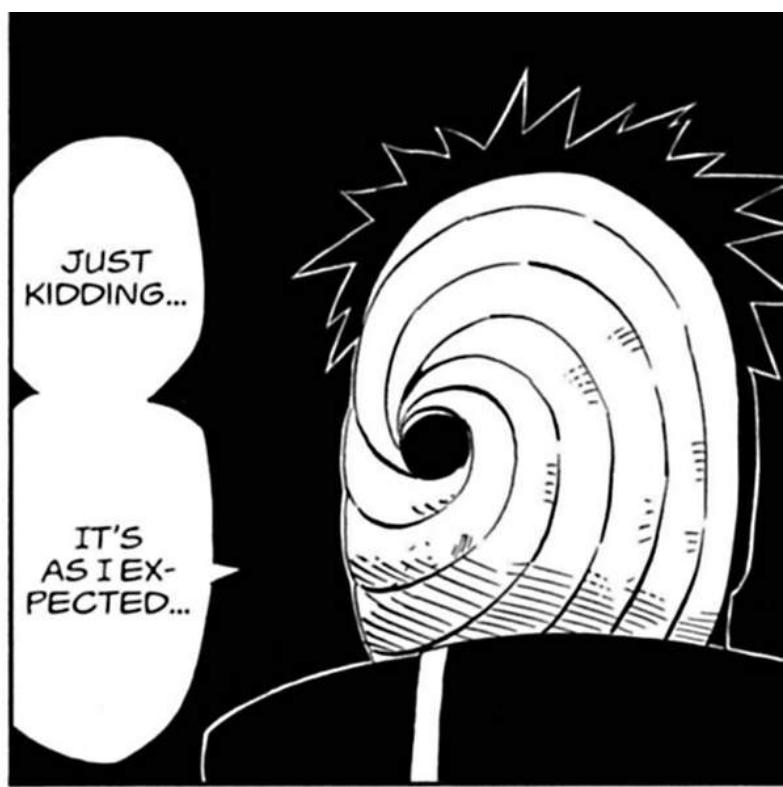
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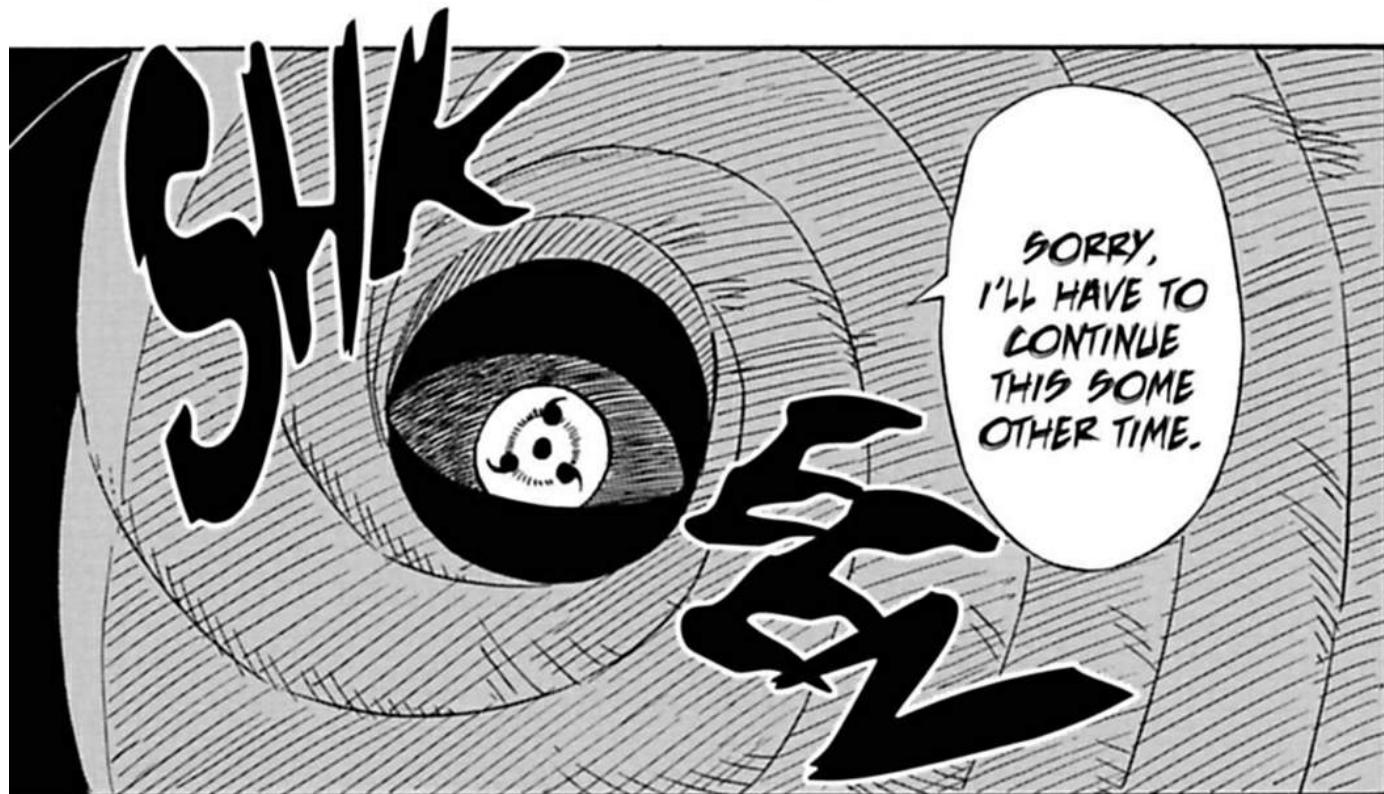
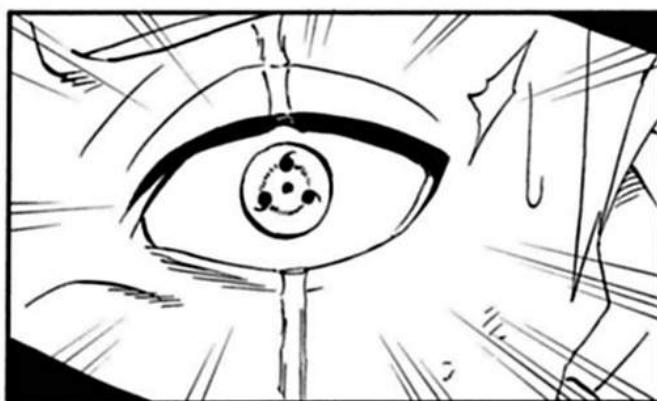




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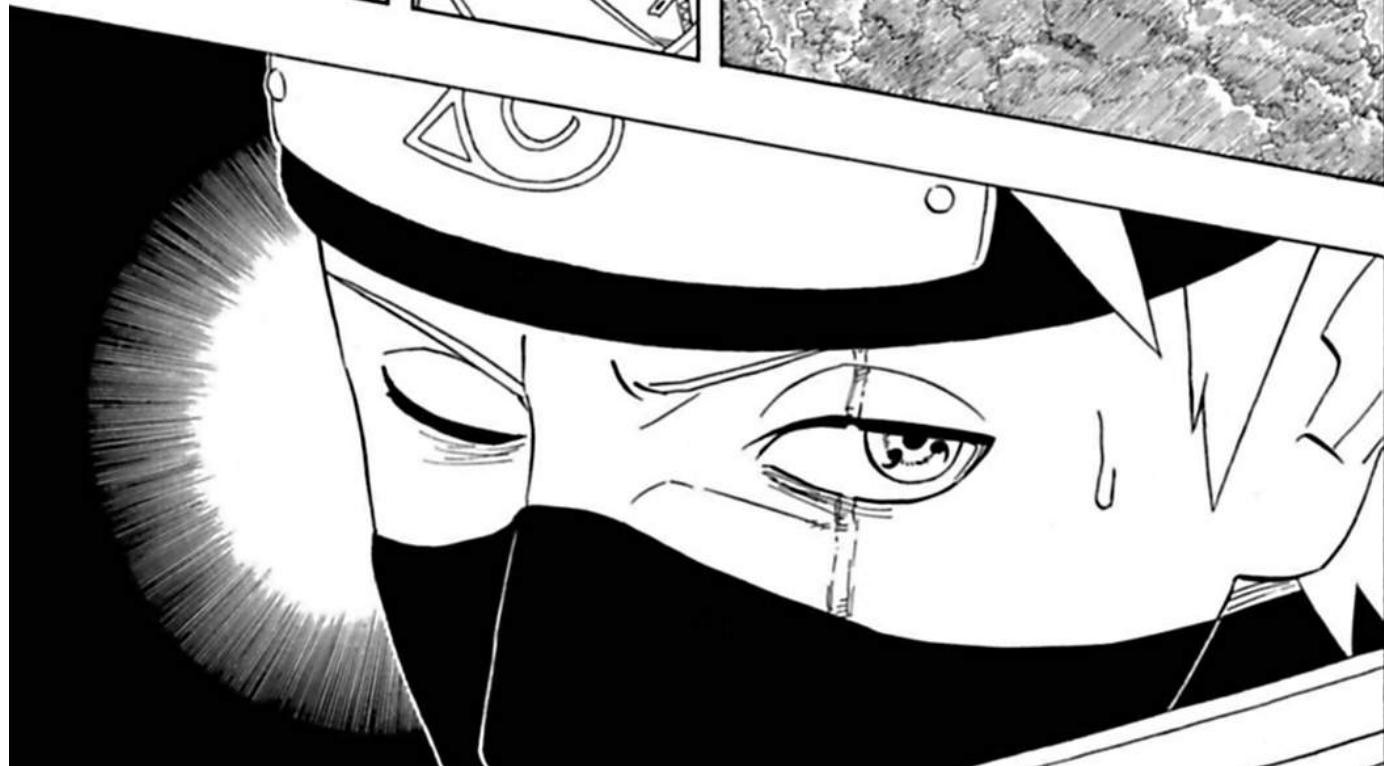


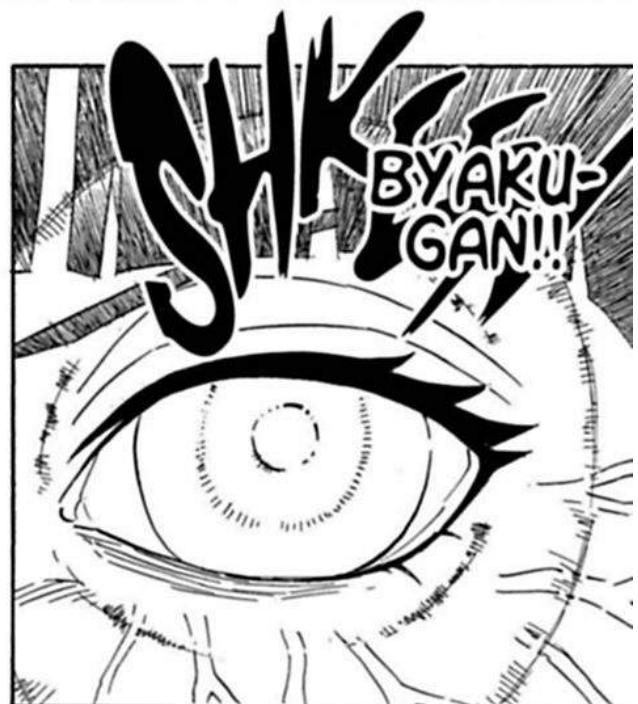


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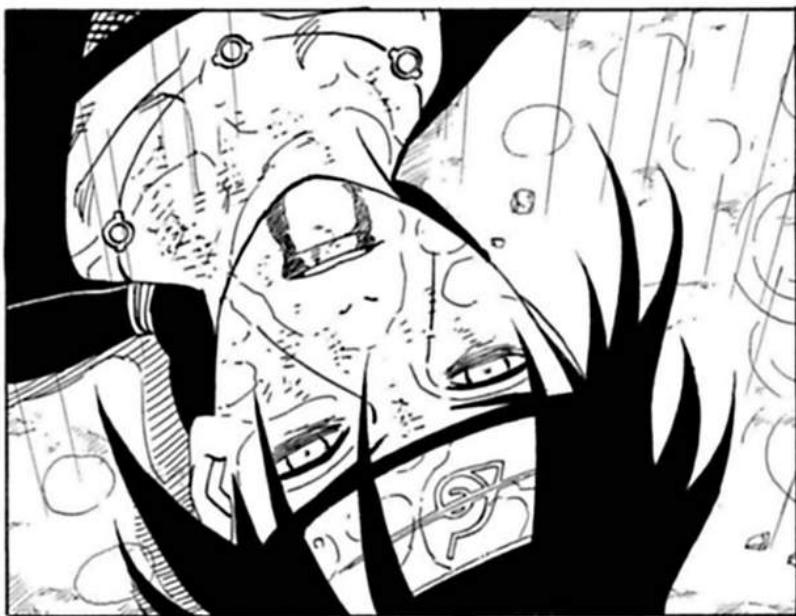


READ THIS WAY





READ  
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IT'S  
ONE OF  
ITACHI'S  
JUTSU....!!

WHAT IS  
THAT?

FABOOOSH

SO THIS  
IS THE  
AMATERASU,  
HMM...  
MY FIRST  
LOOK.

YES,  
SIR!

YAMATO !

SHOOM...

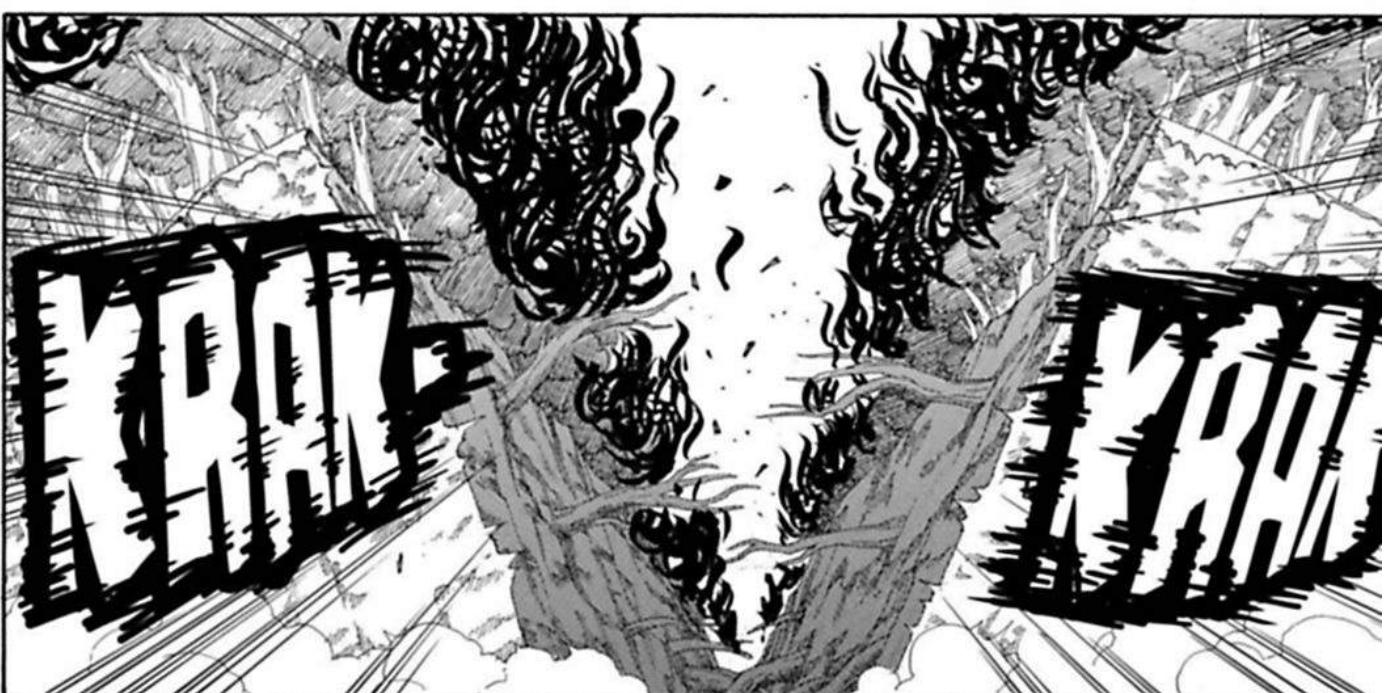
PLANET  
SPLITTER!!

EARTH  
STYLE!

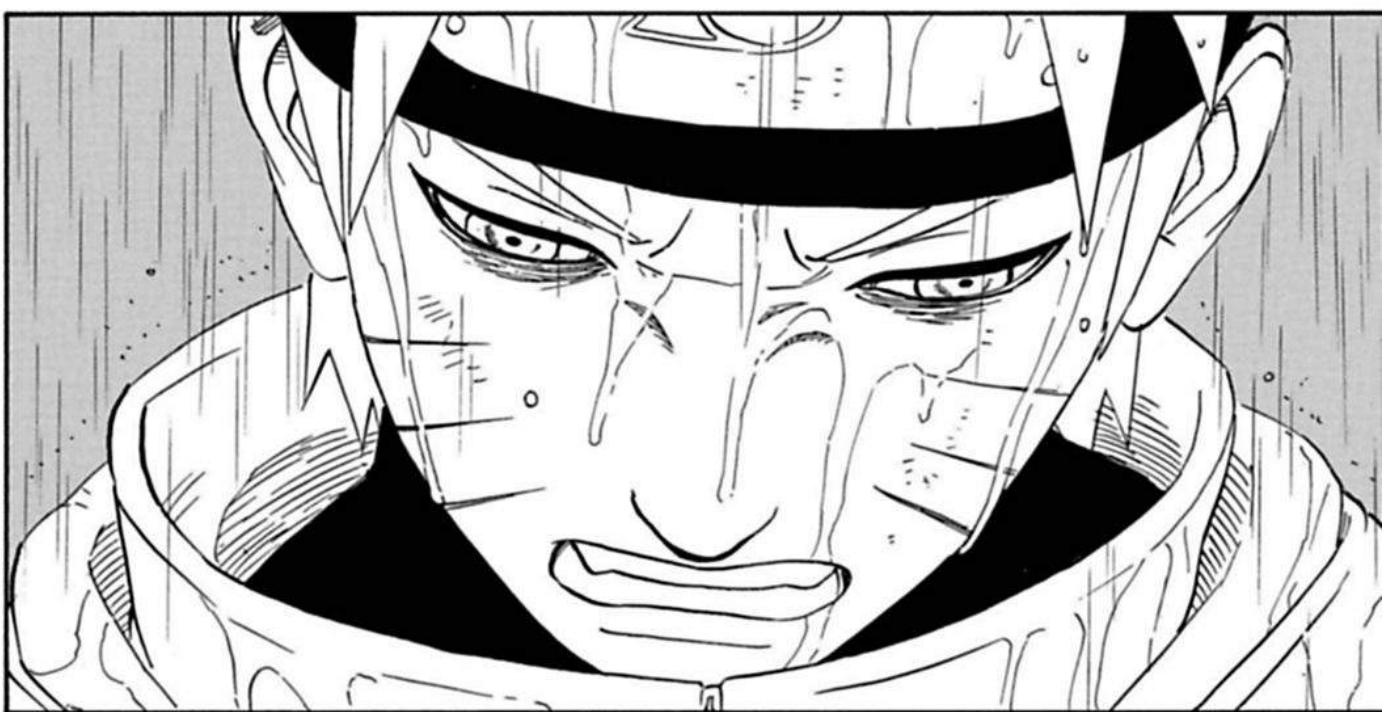
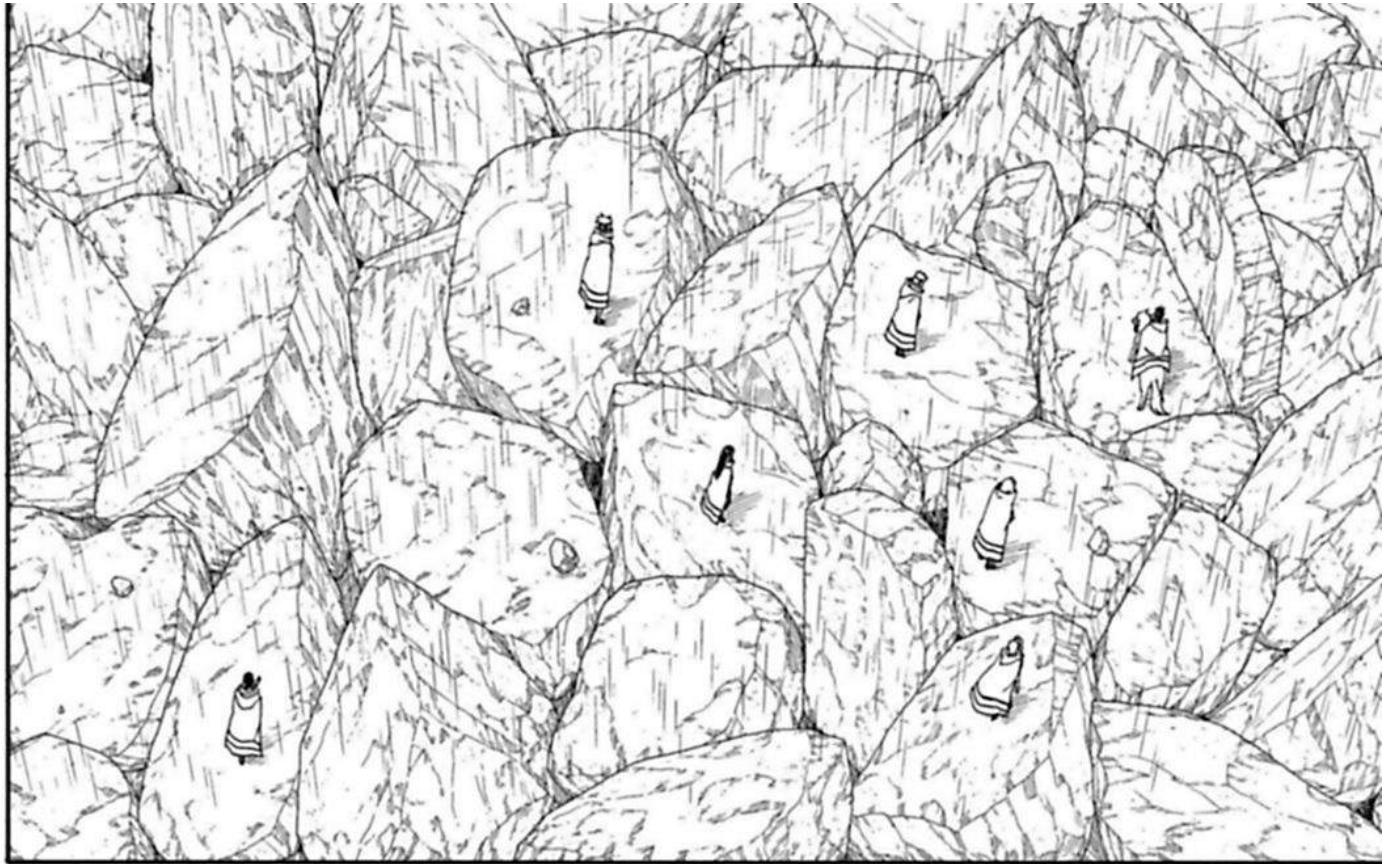
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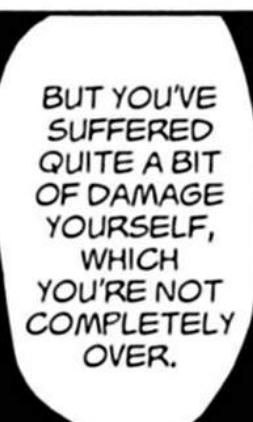


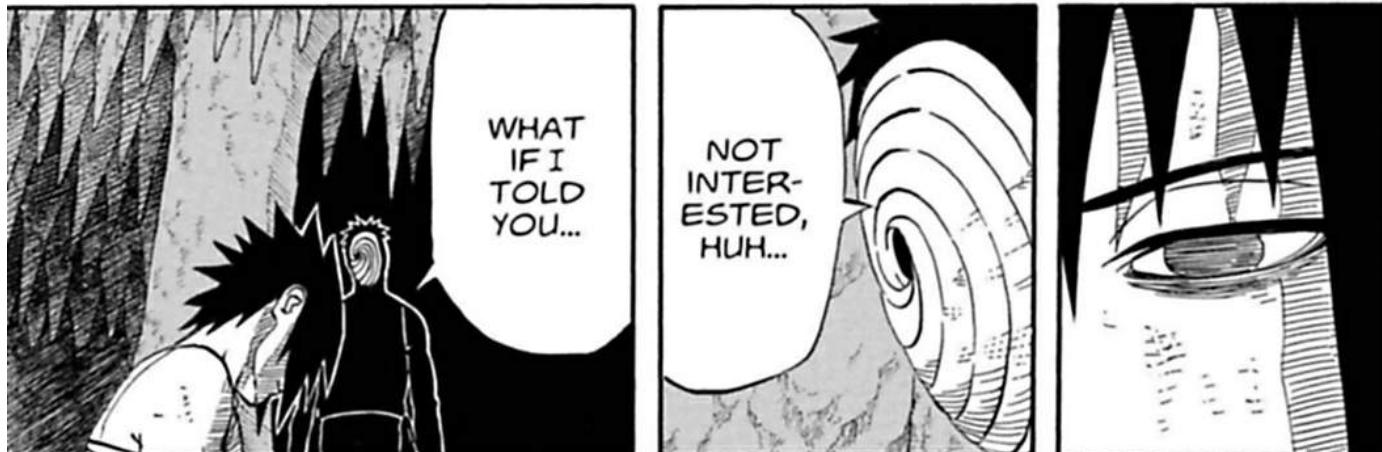
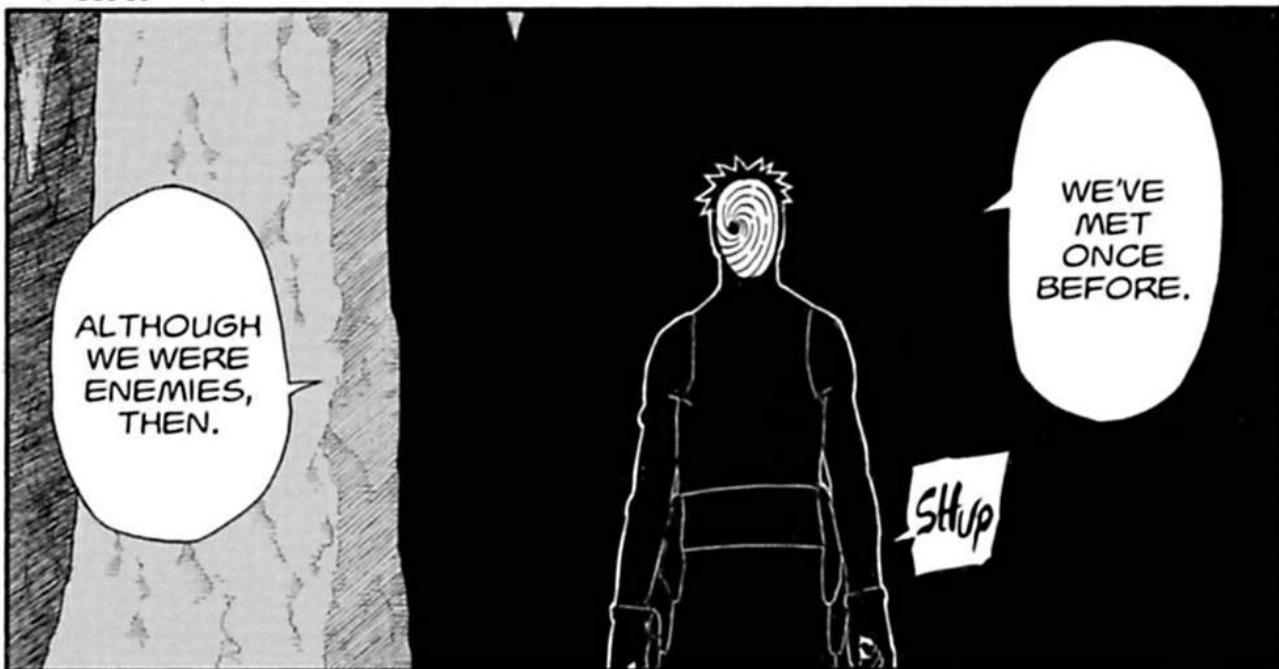


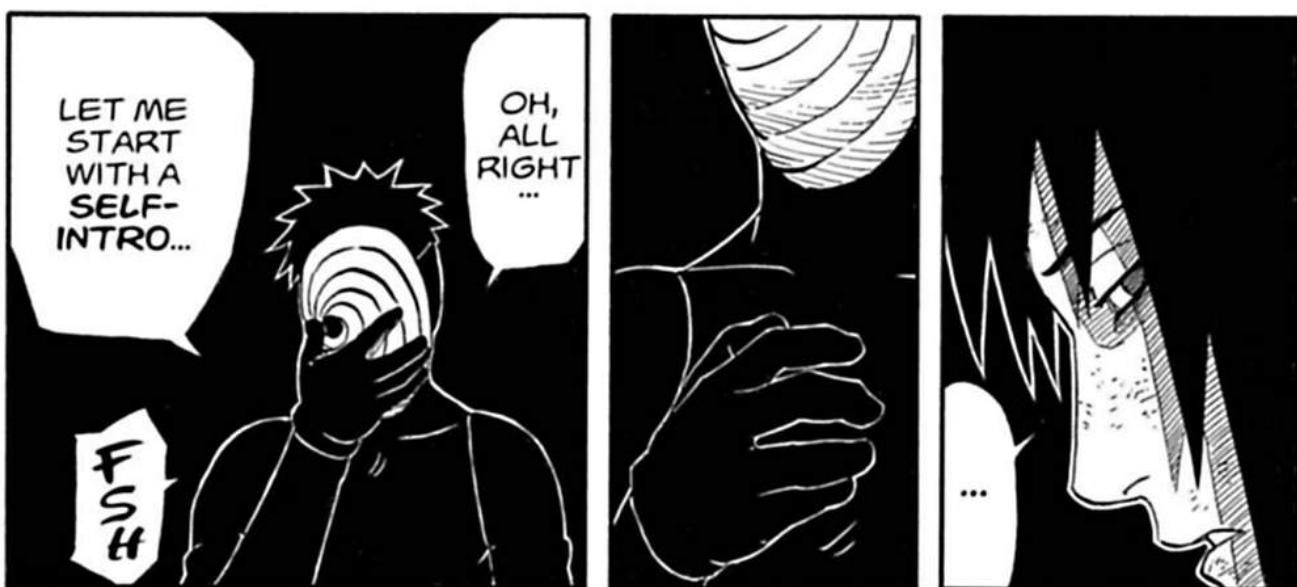
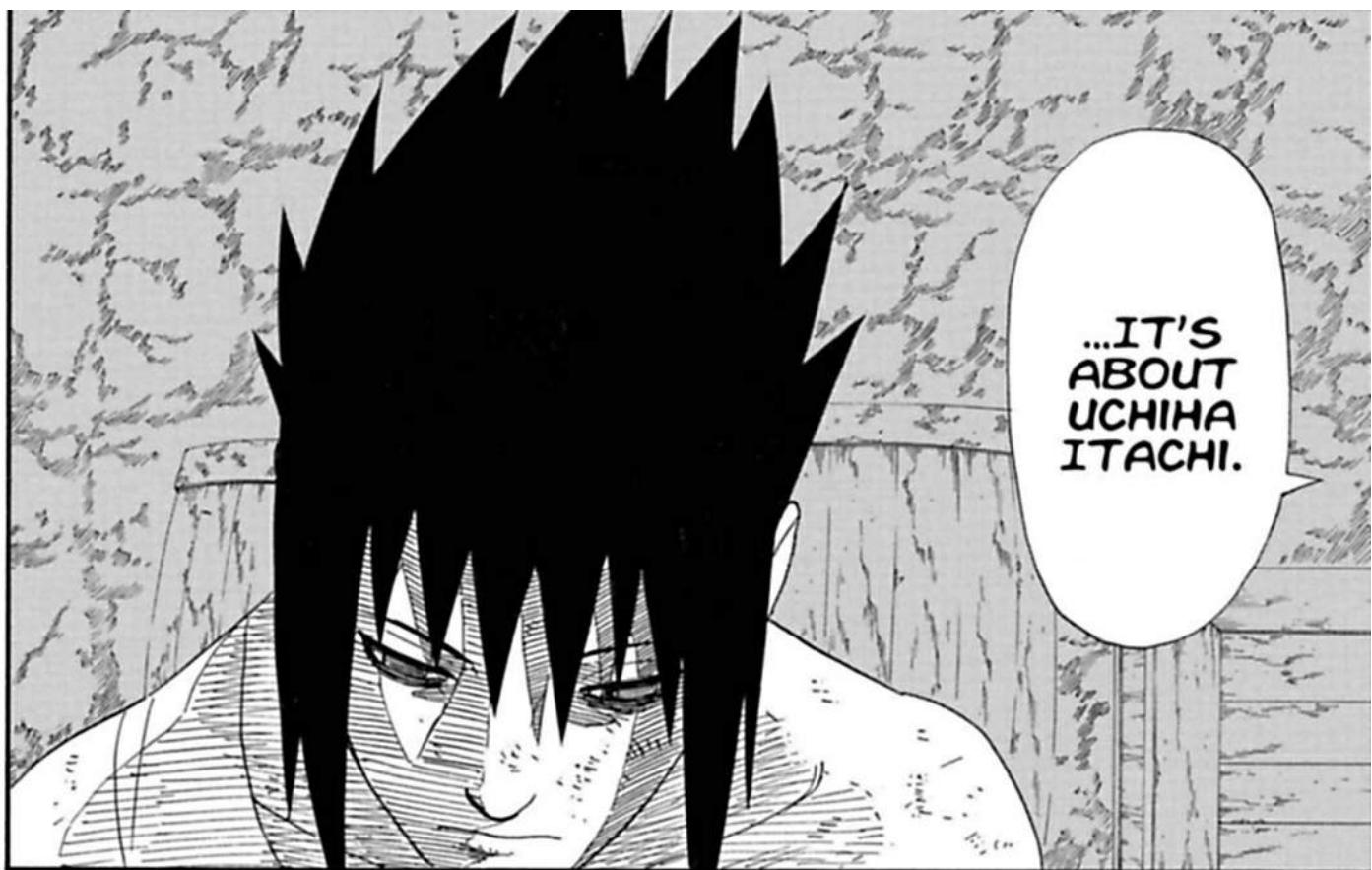


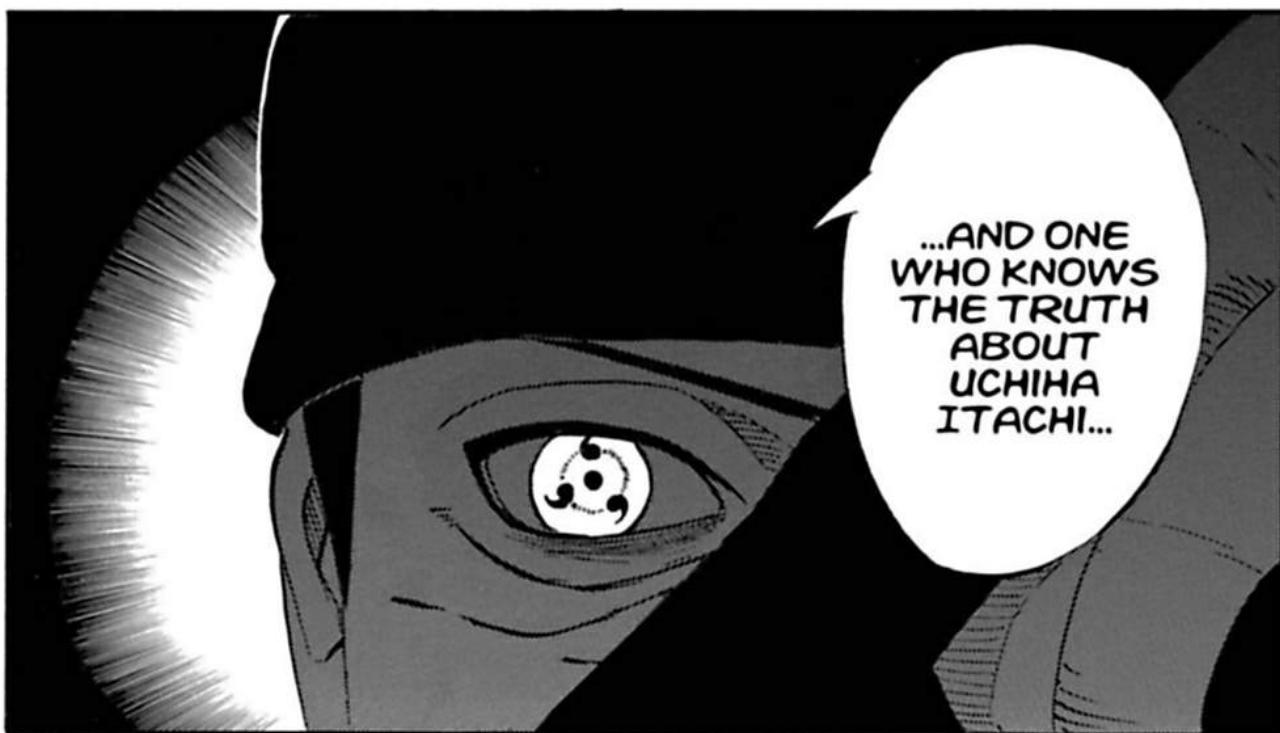
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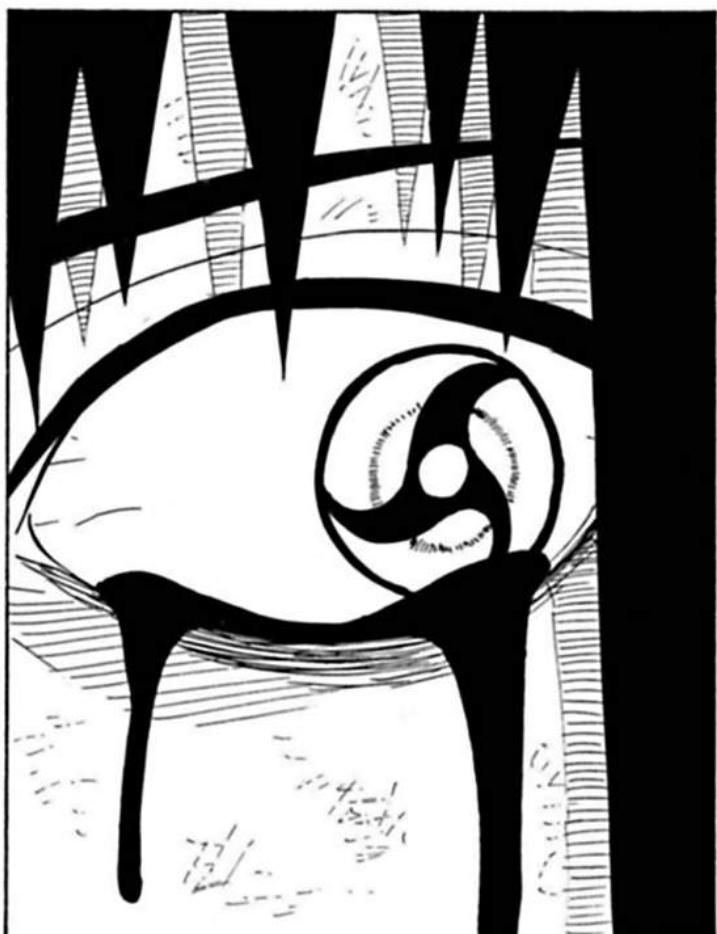




**Number 397: The Man with the Truth**

I KNOW  
THE  
TRUTH  
ABOUT  
UCHIHA  
ITACHI.





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WAY



# FBOOSH

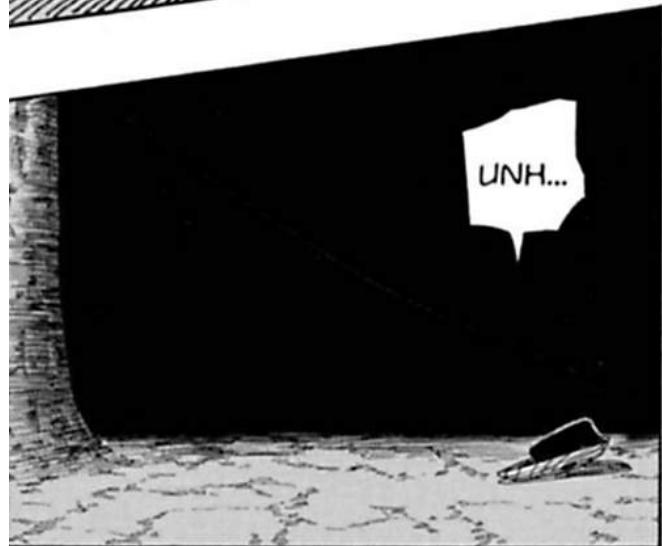
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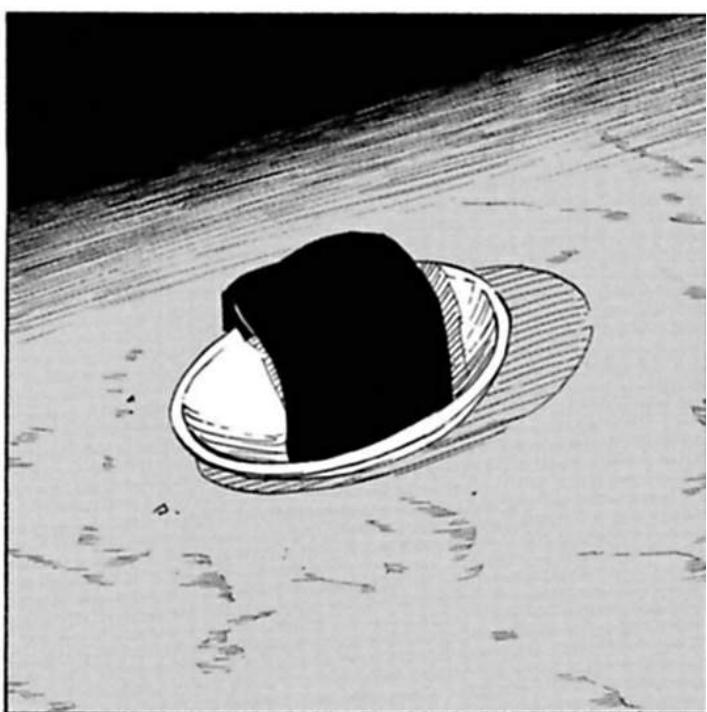
The Man with the Truth

ARGH  
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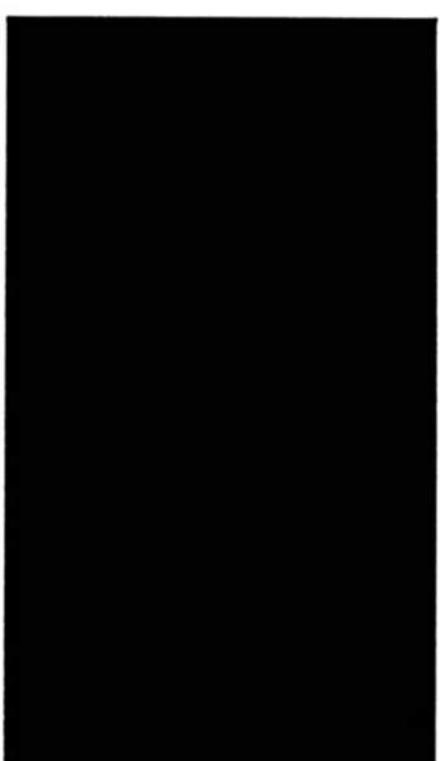
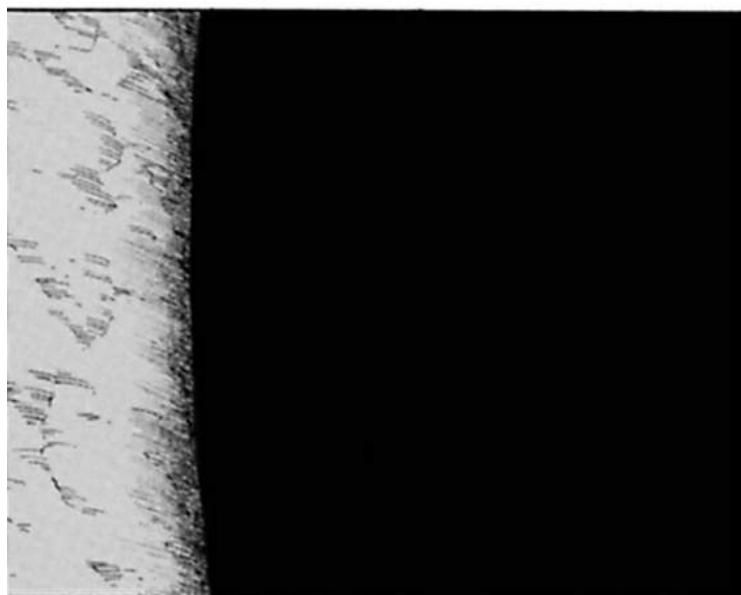
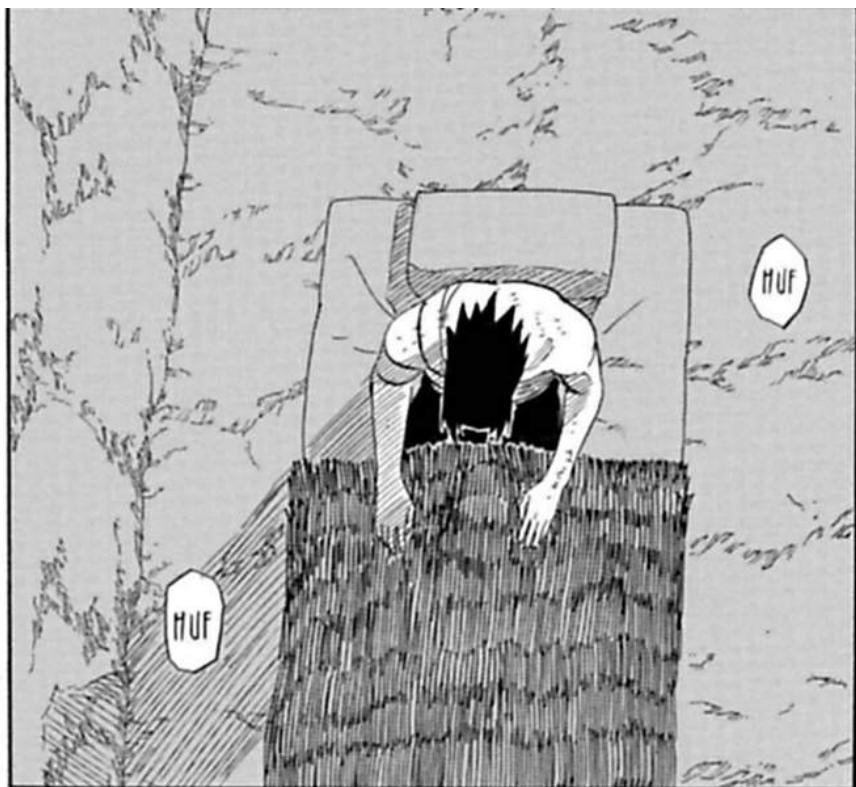
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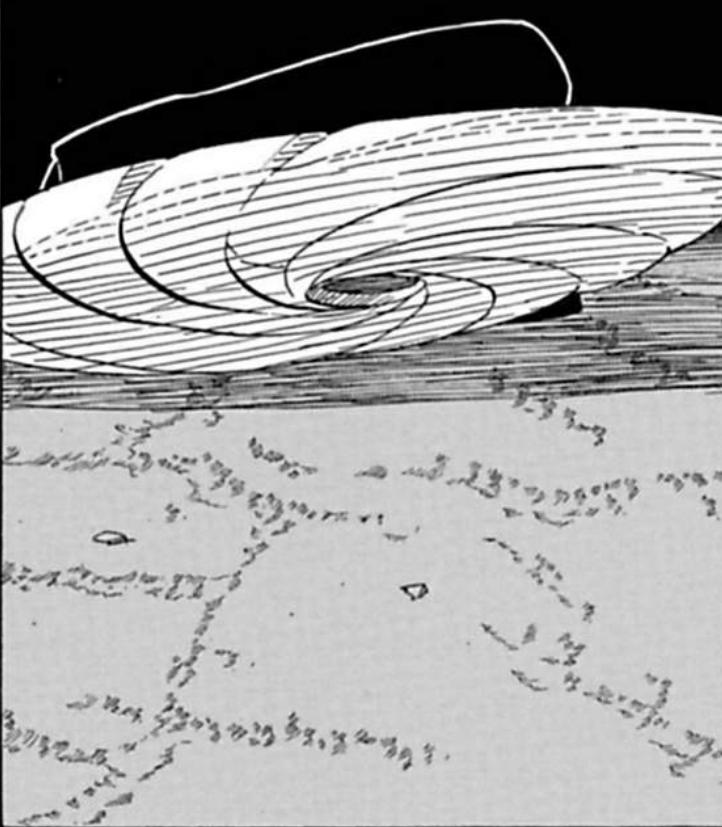
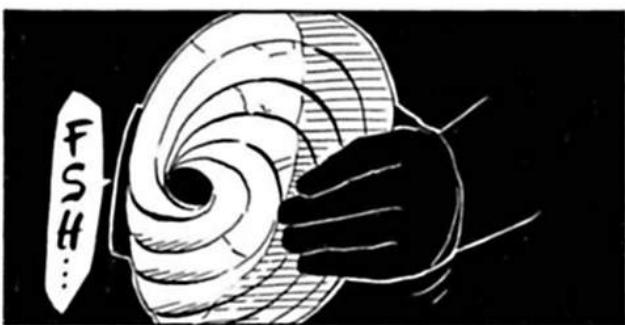


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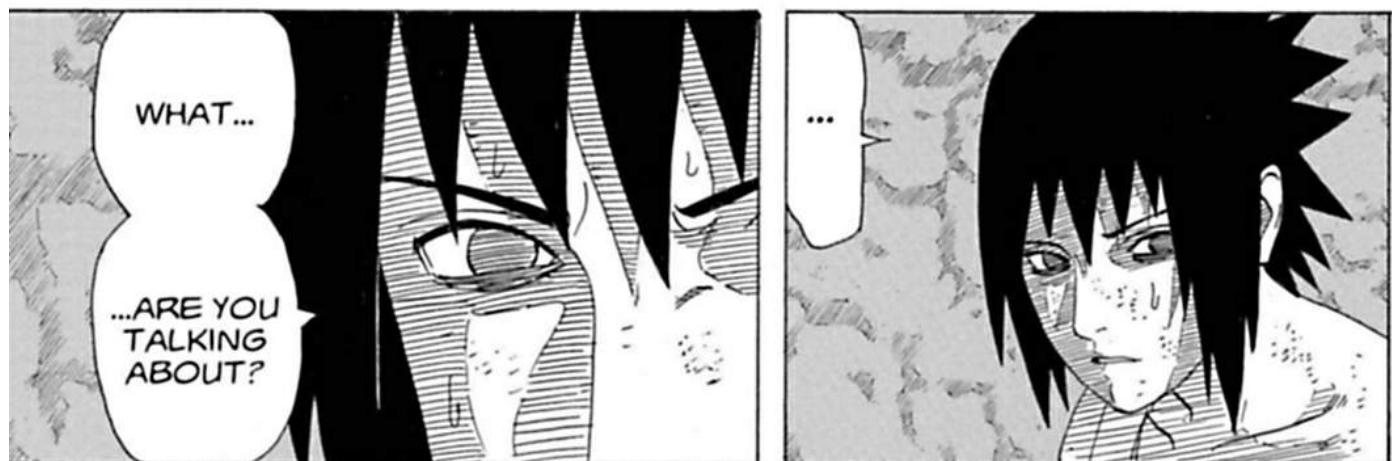


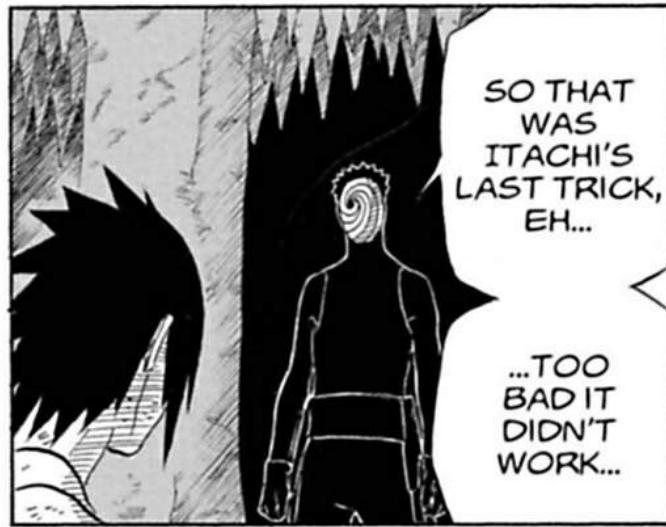


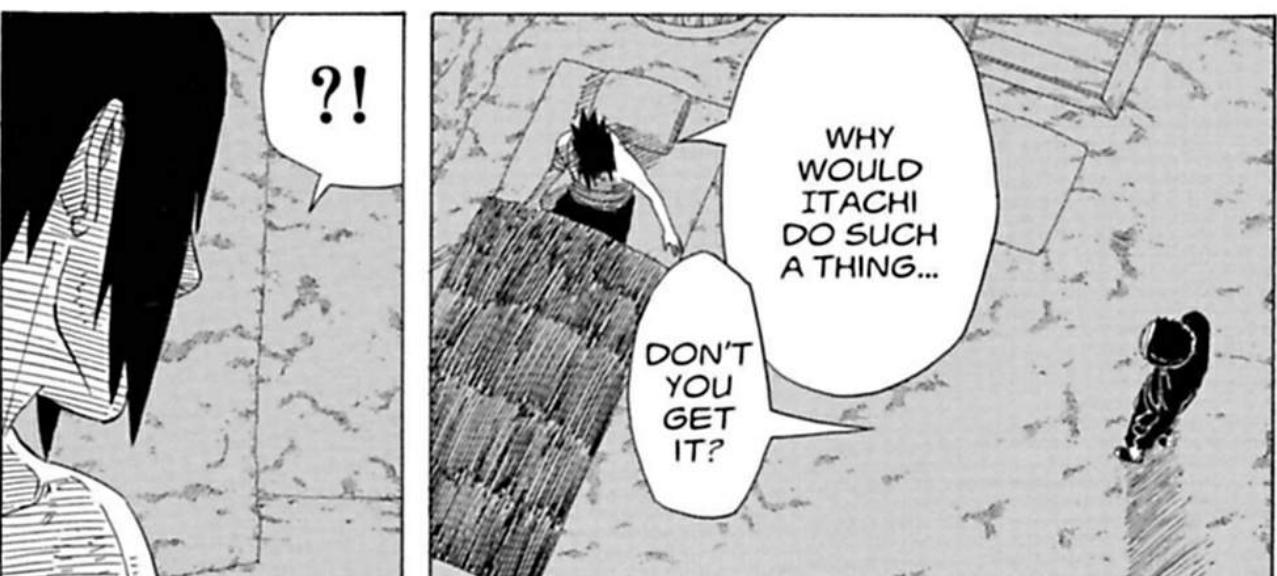
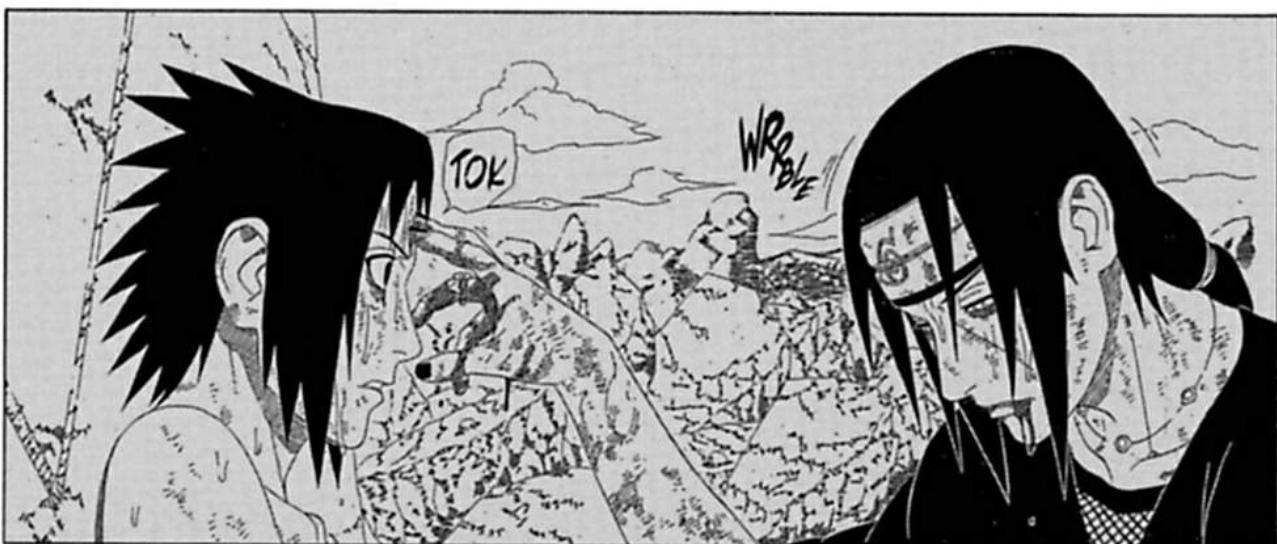
THE  
AMATERASU,  
WHICH  
ITACHI  
SEEMS TO  
HAVE  
IMPLANTED  
IN YOU.

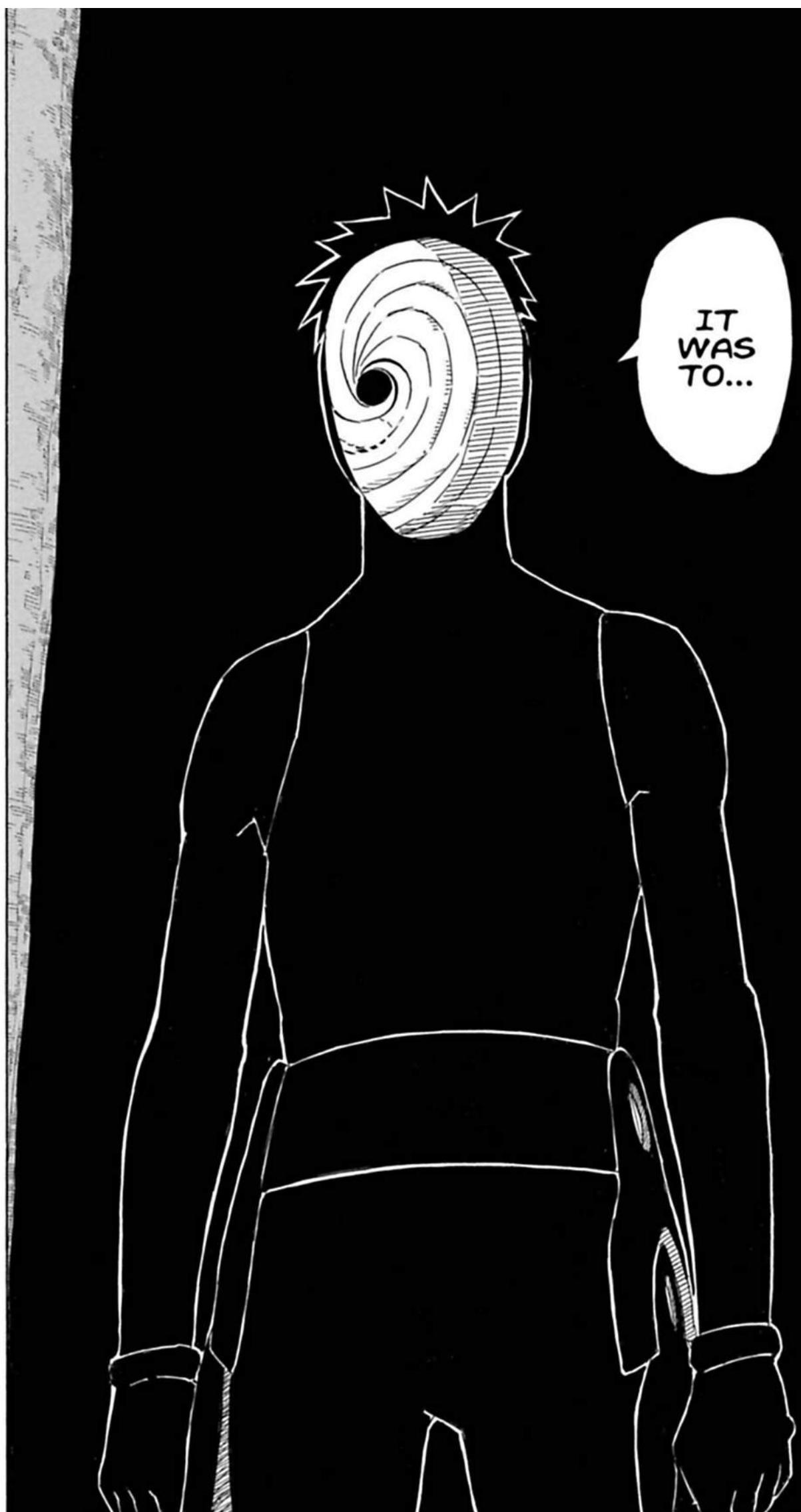


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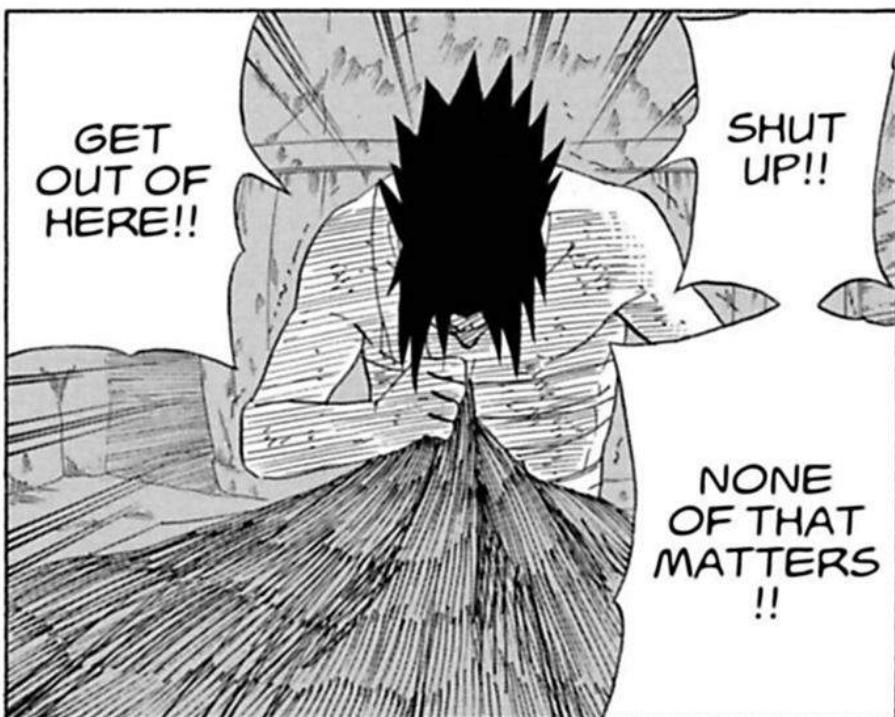
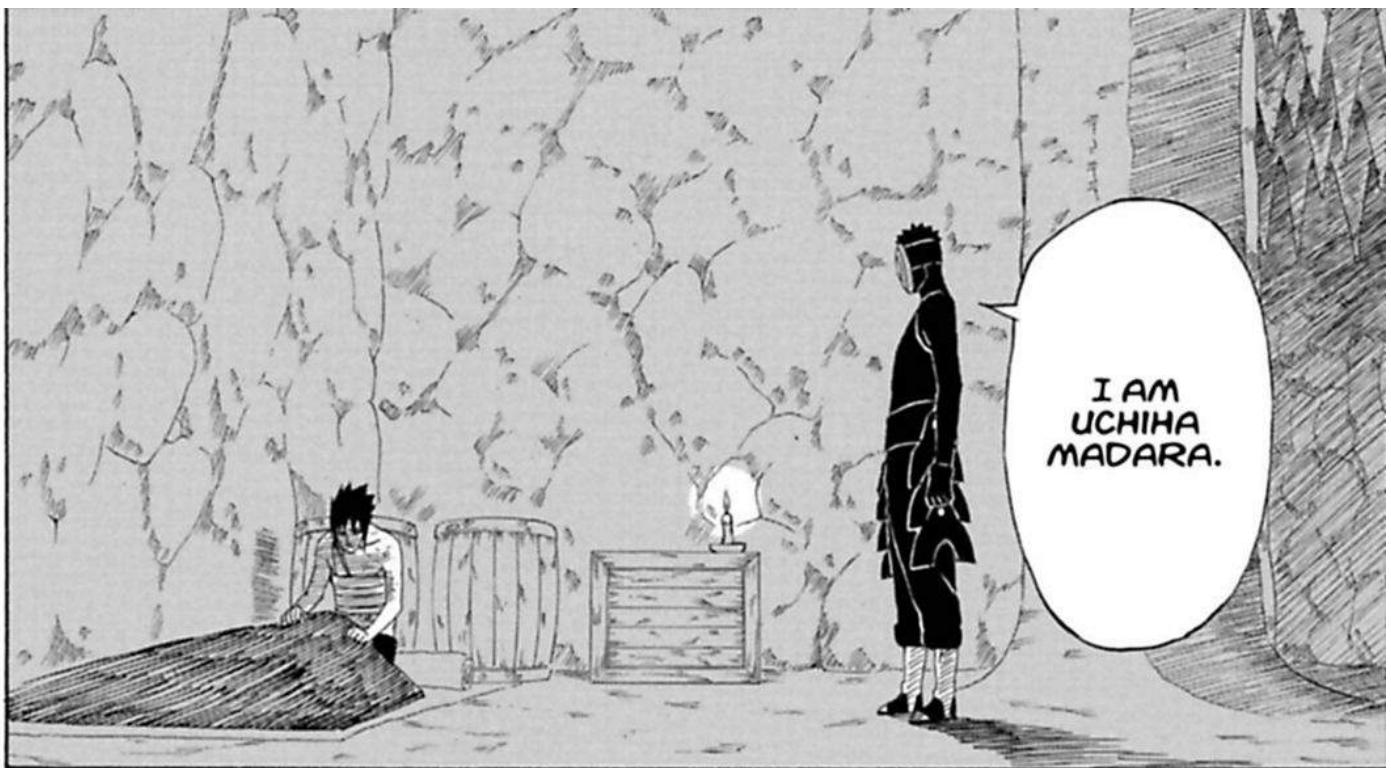


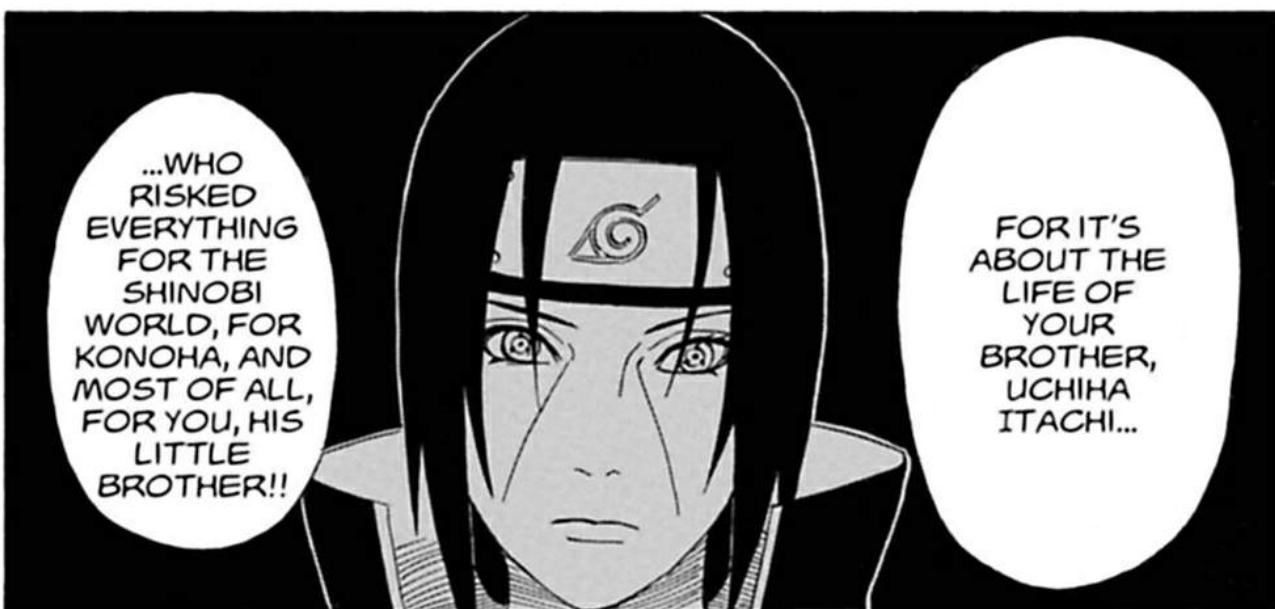
...PROTECT  
YOU.



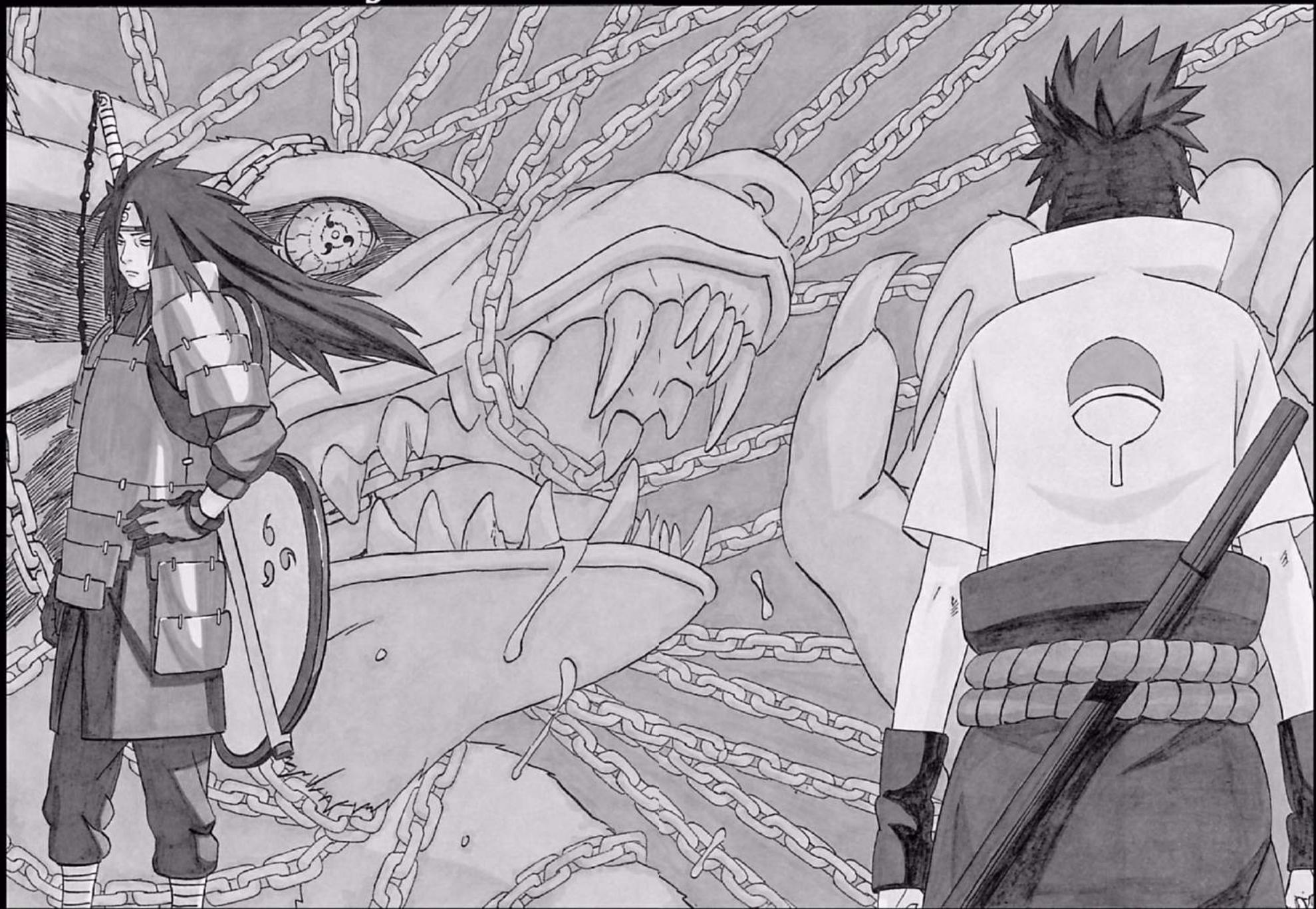
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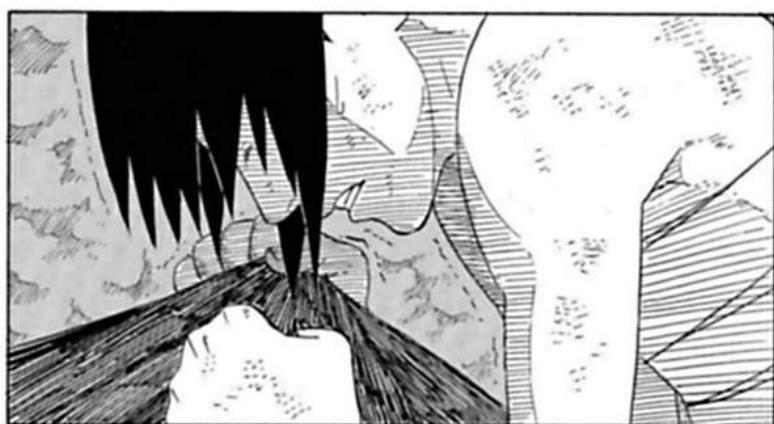




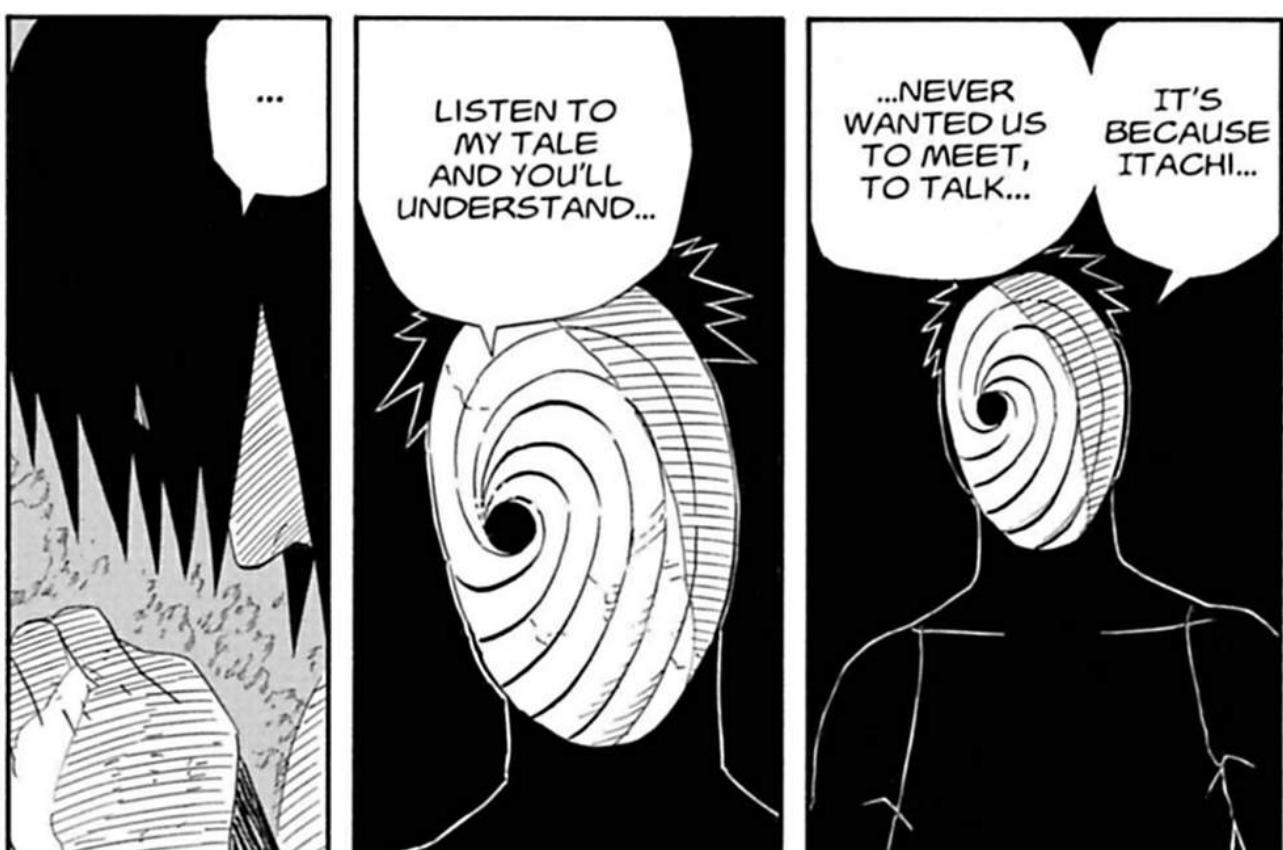
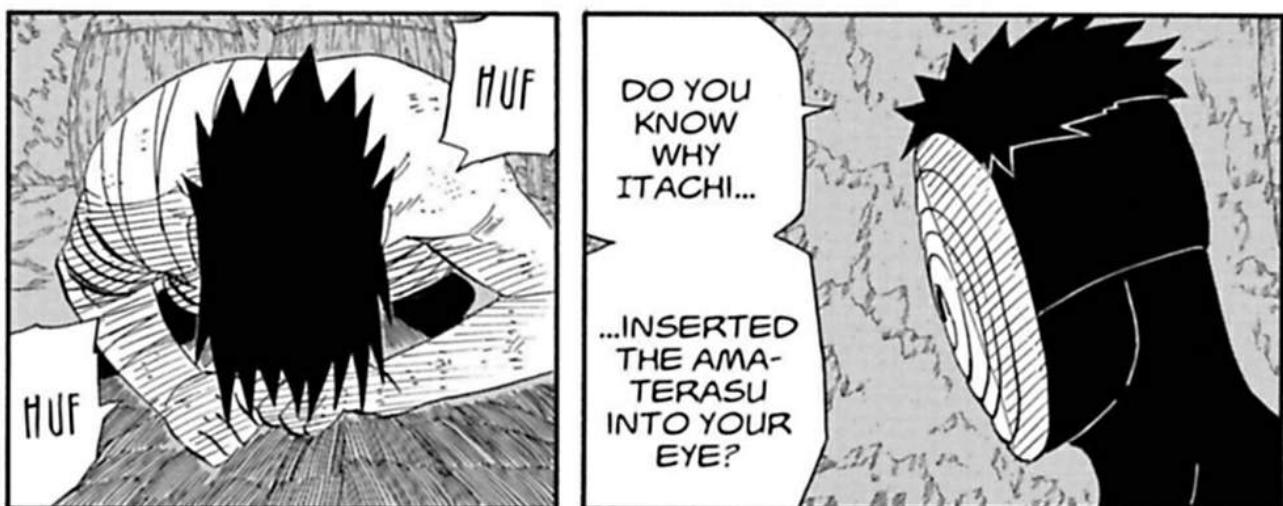
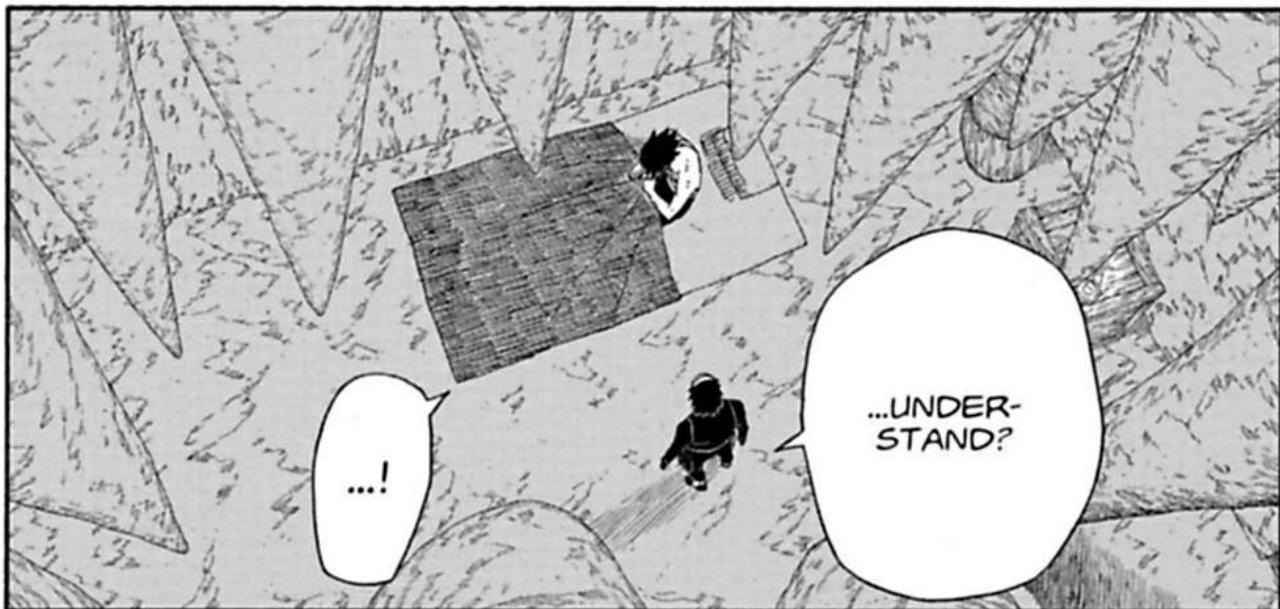
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# NARUTO

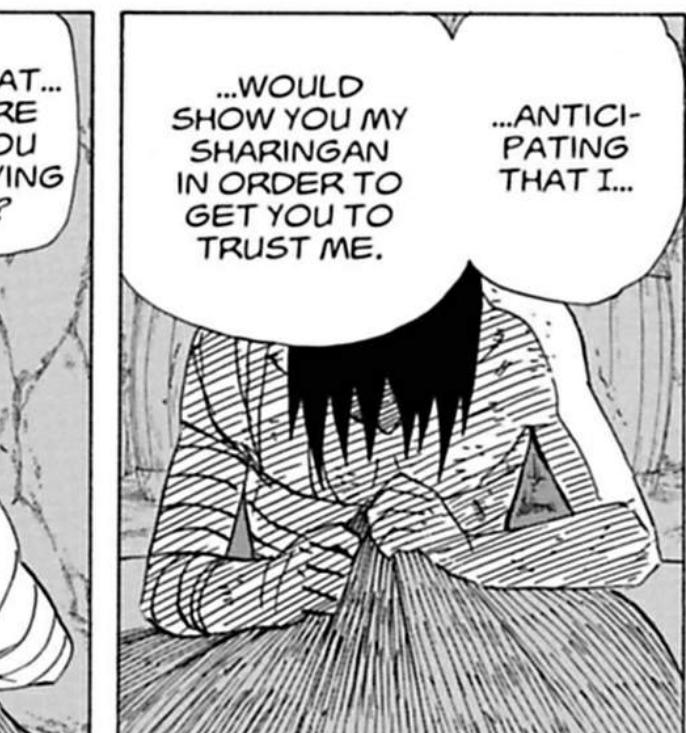
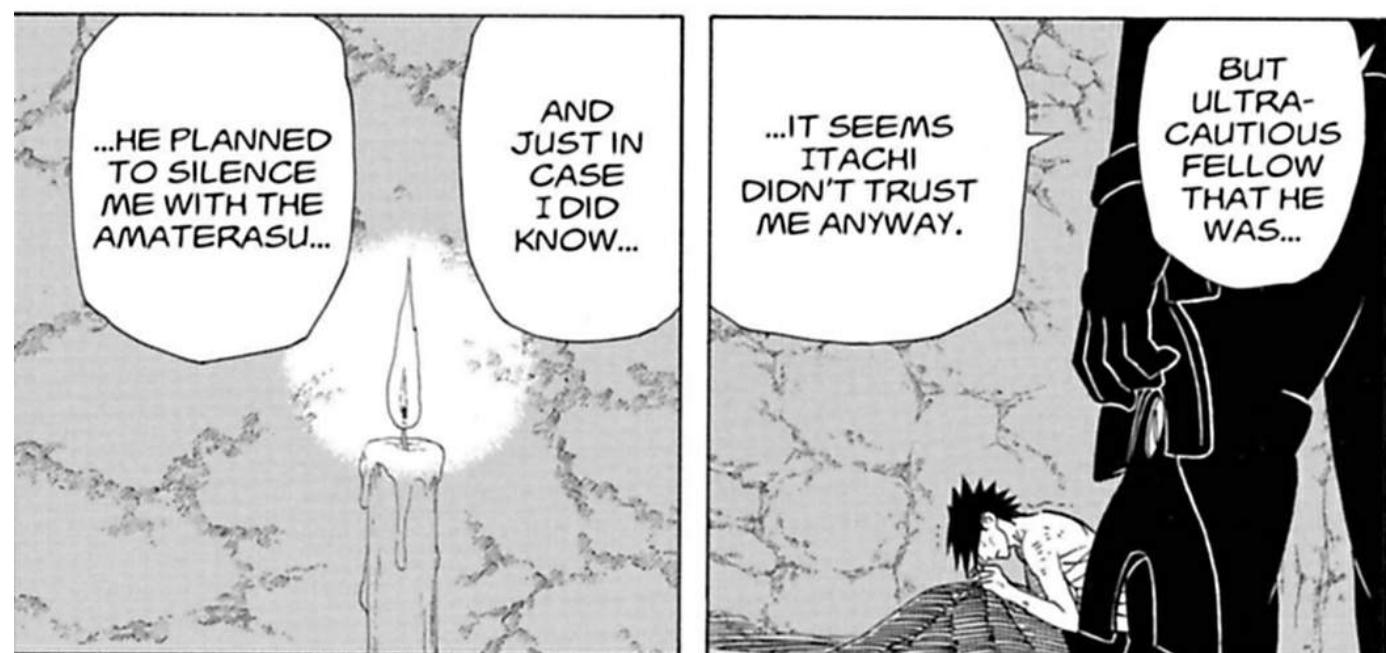
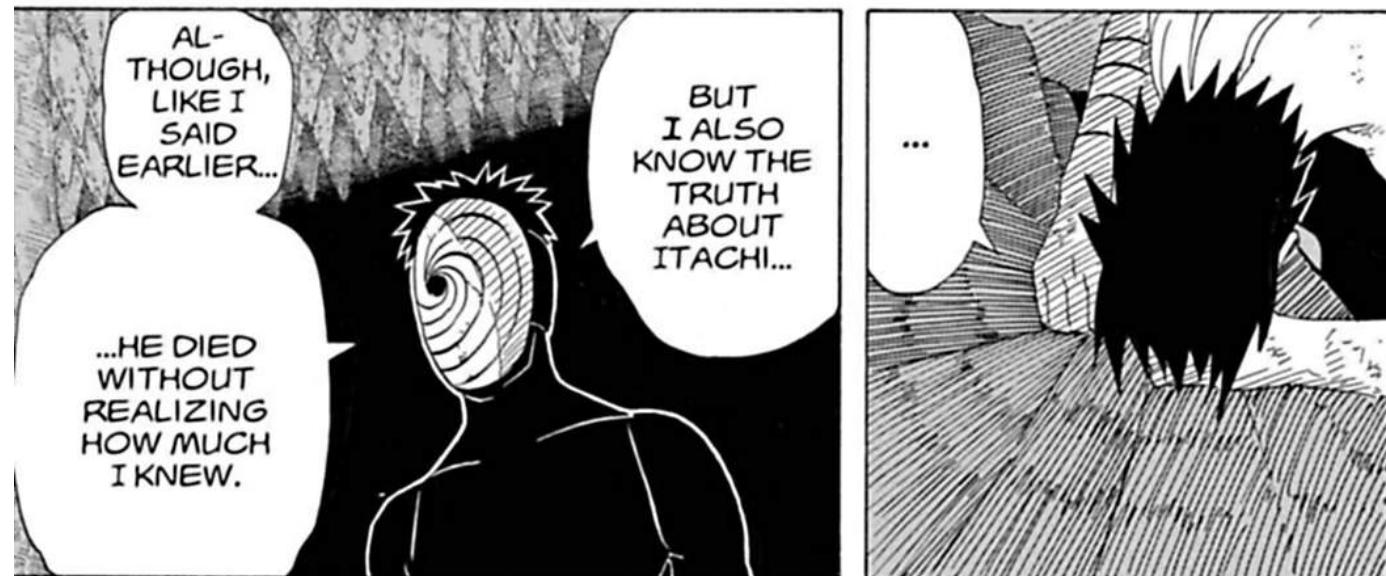


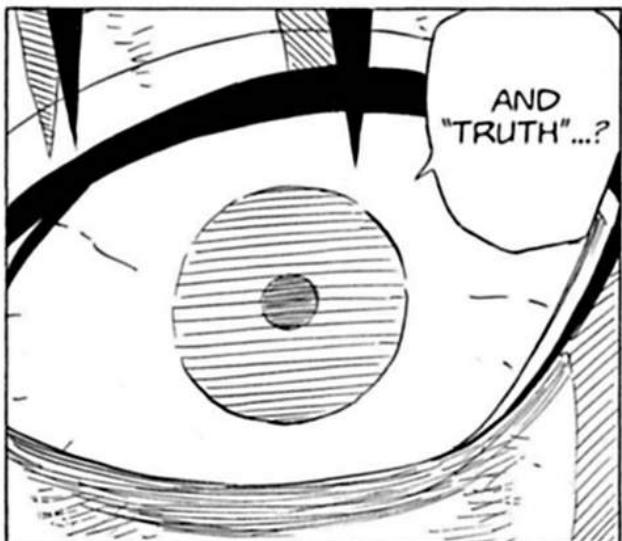
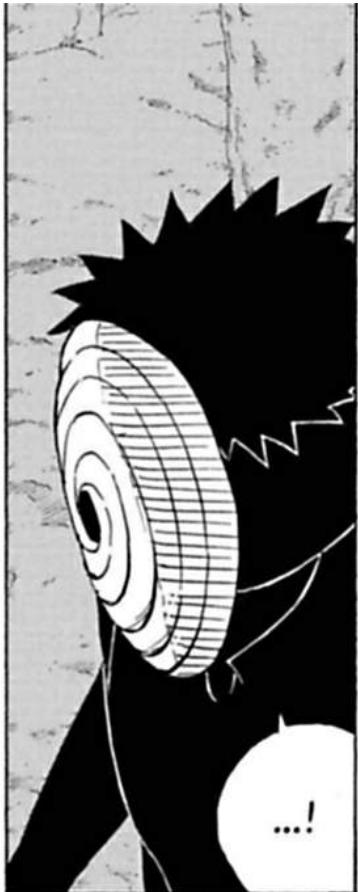
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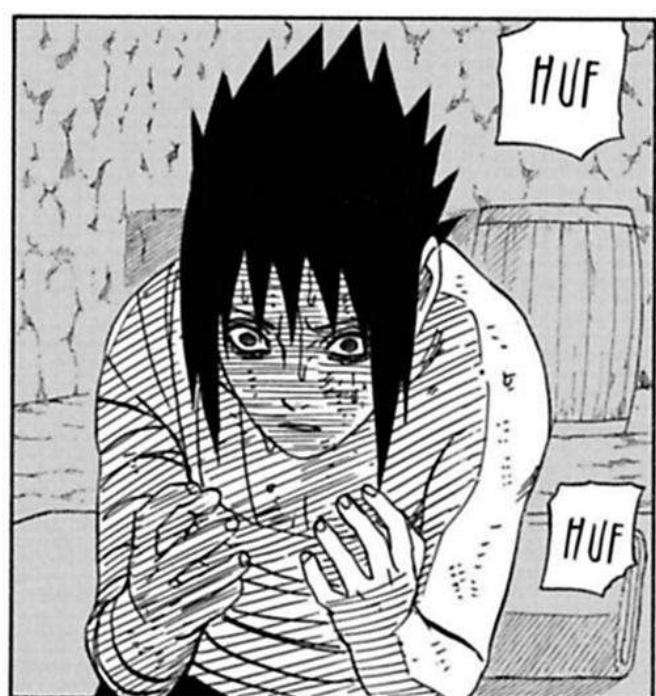
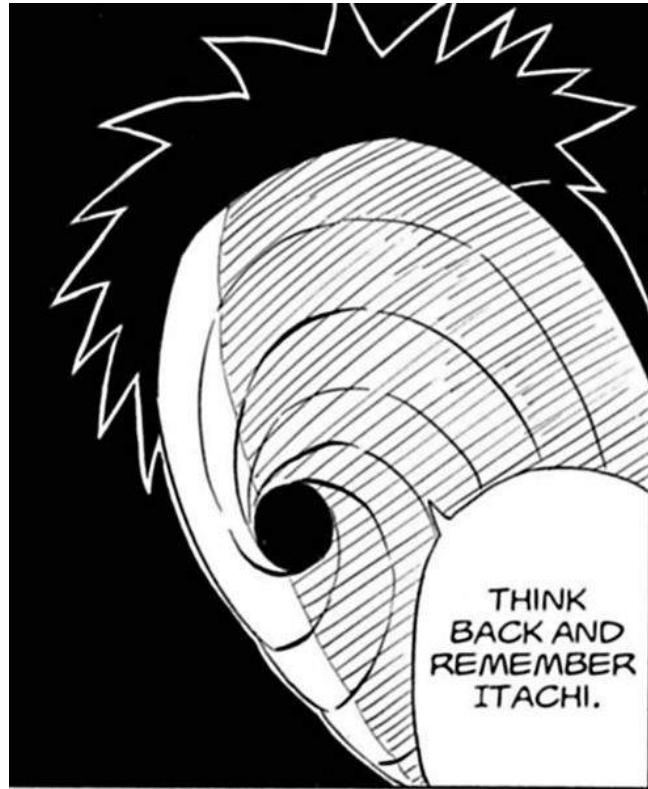




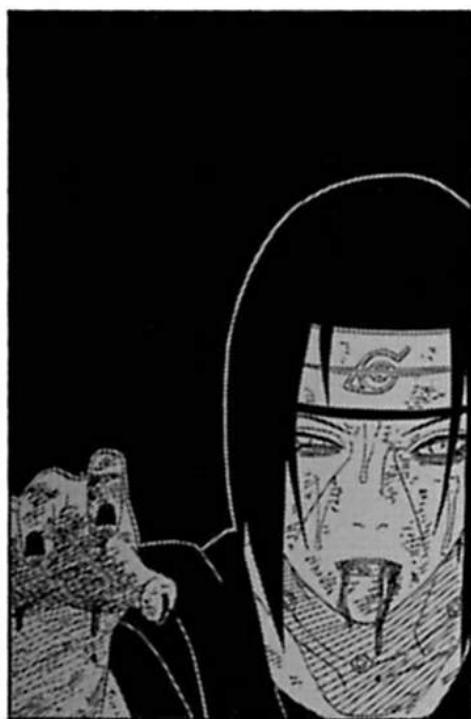
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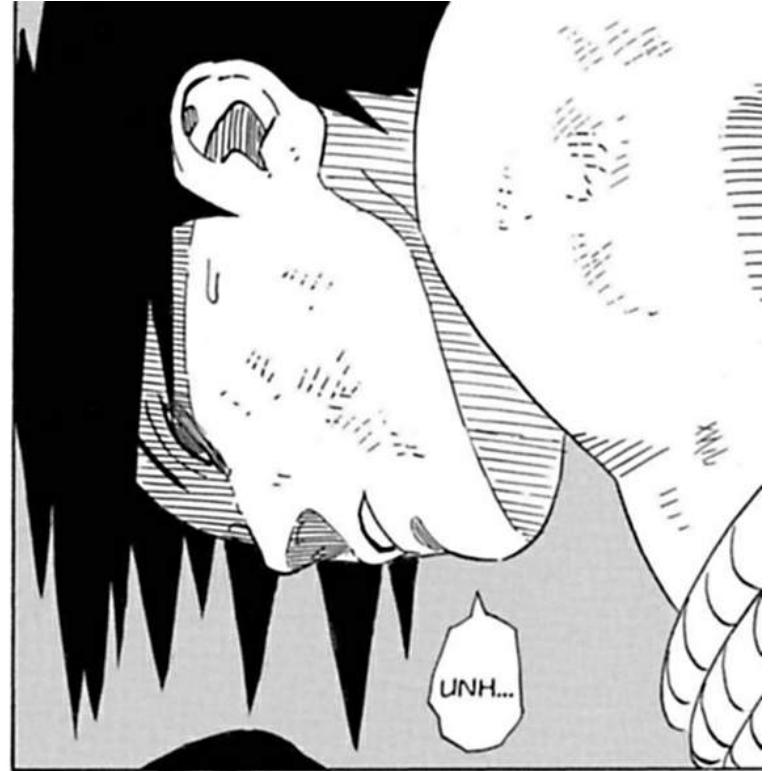




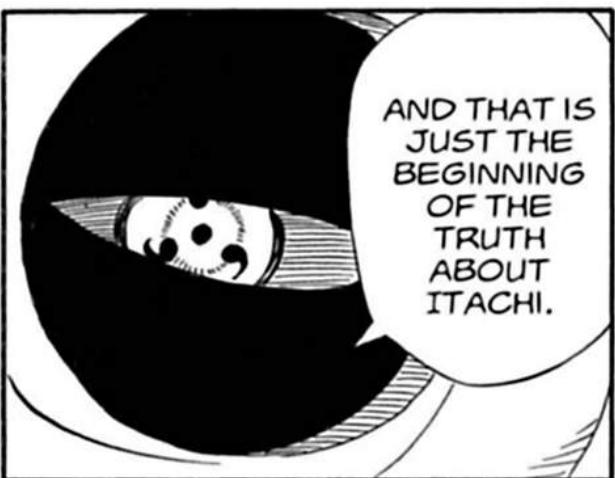
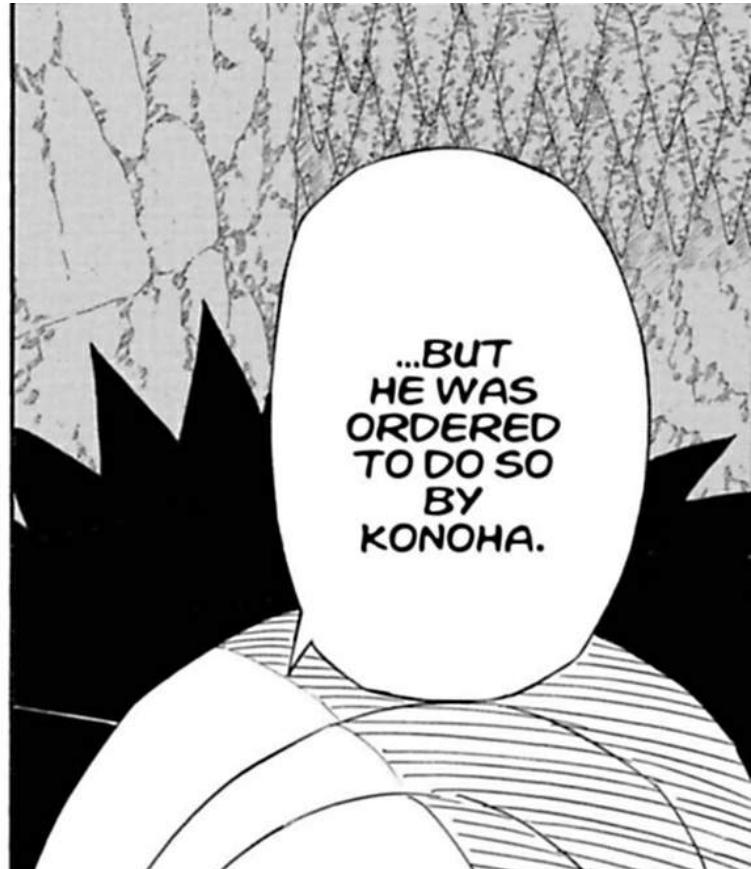




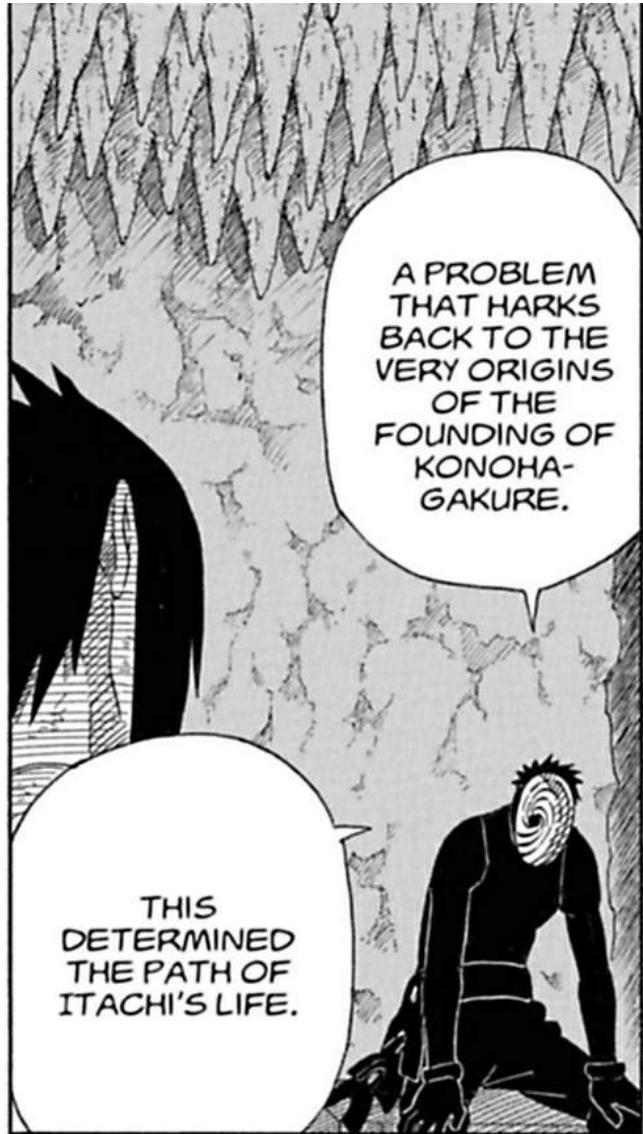












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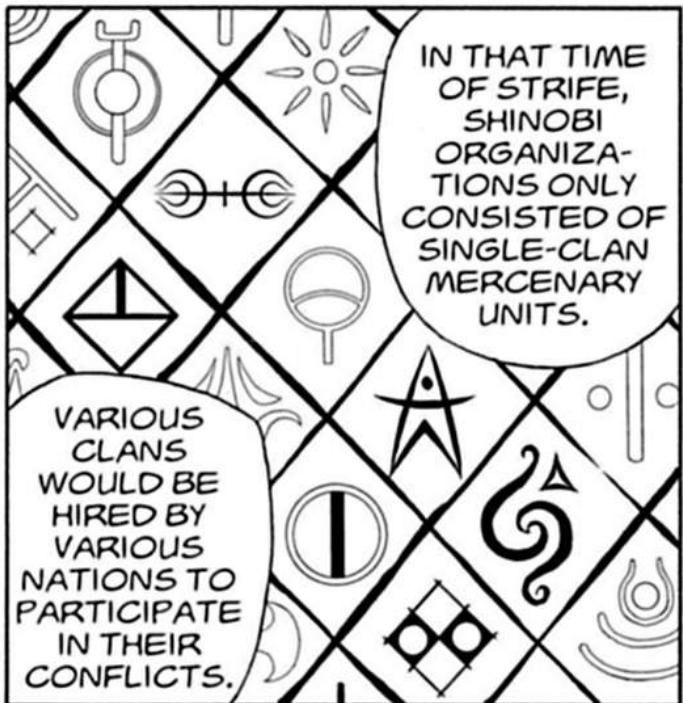


NATIONS  
WERE  
FIGHTING  
OVER THEIR  
RIGHT TO  
EXIST OR TO  
EXPAND THEIR  
BORDERS.



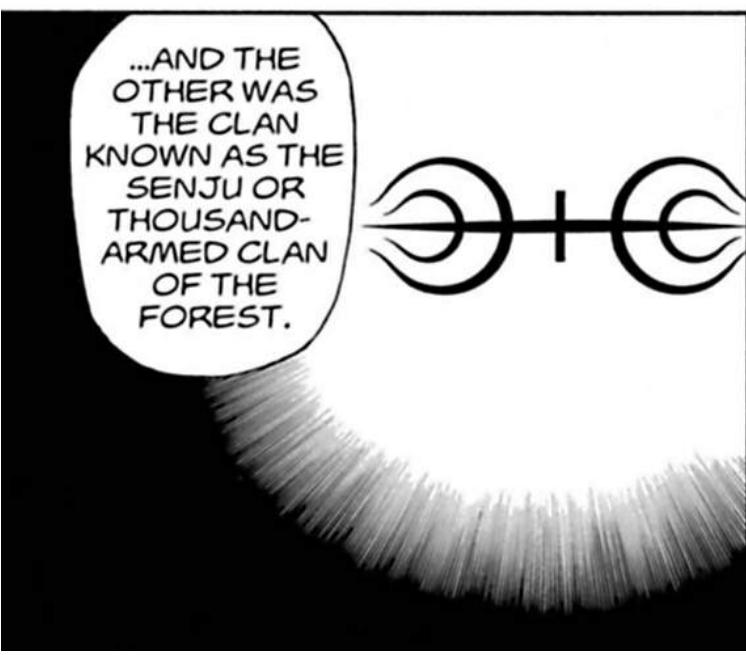
...THAT WERE  
FEARED  
AS THE  
STRONGEST.

AND  
AMONG  
ALL THOSE  
NUMEROUS  
SHINOBI  
CLANS WERE  
TWO...



VARIOUS  
CLANS  
WOULD BE  
HIRED BY  
VARIOUS  
NATIONS TO  
PARTICIPATE  
IN THEIR  
CONFLICTS.

IN THAT TIME  
OF STRIFE,  
SHINOBI  
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TIONS ONLY  
CONSISTED OF  
SINGLE-CLAN  
MERCENARY  
UNITS.

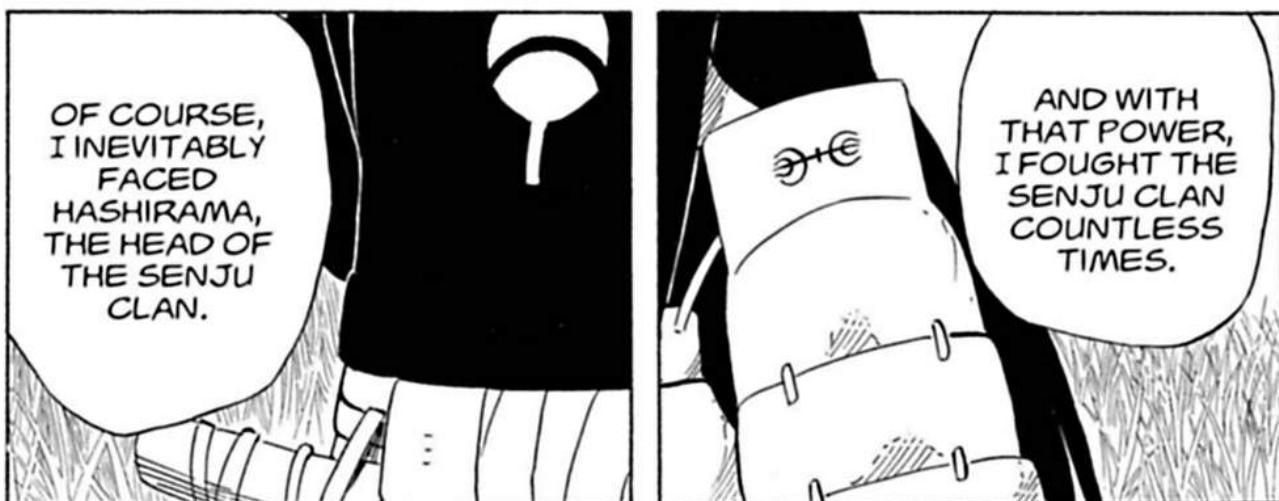


...AND THE  
OTHER WAS  
THE CLAN  
KNOWN AS THE  
SENJU OR  
THOUSAND-  
ARMED CLAN  
OF THE  
FOREST.



ONE WAS  
OUR OWN  
UCHIHA  
CLAN...

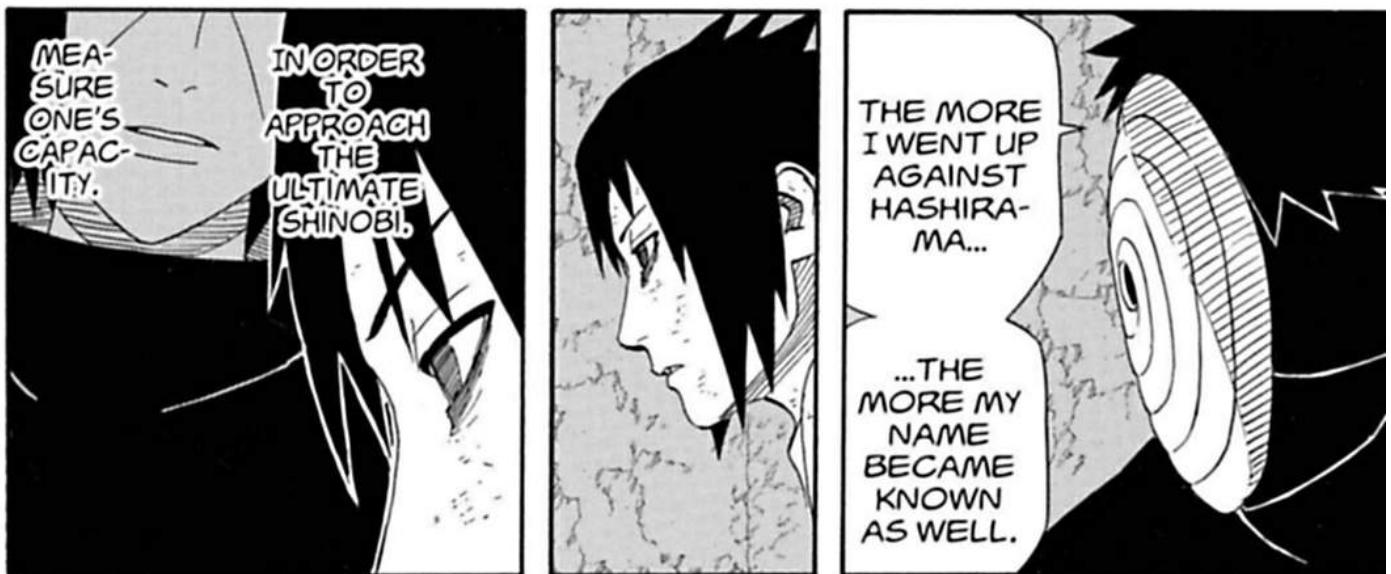
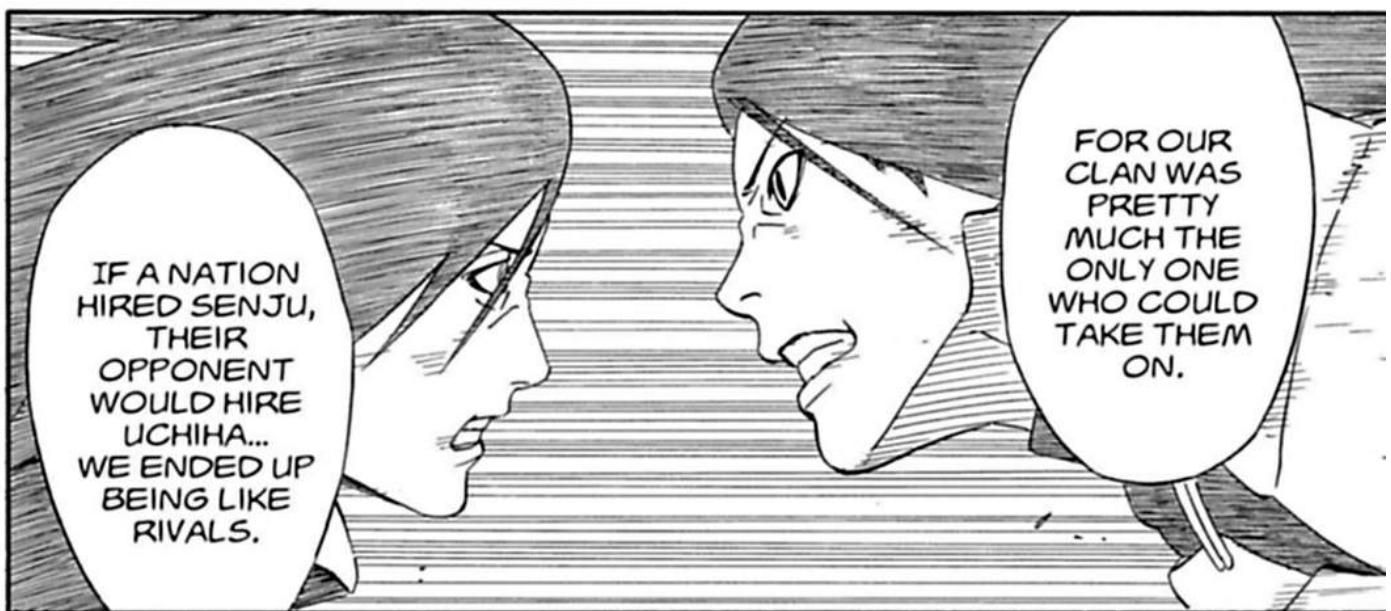




NARUTO

# Number 399: How It All Begins!!





READ  
THIS WAY

...BUT IT WAS TO OBTAIN THE STRENGTH NECESSARY TO PROTECT MY CLAN.

...I DID STEAL THEM...

YOU STOLE YOUR BROTHER'S EYES...

TO PROTECT YOUR CLAN?

...MERELY TO HEIGHTEN YOUR REPUTATION?!

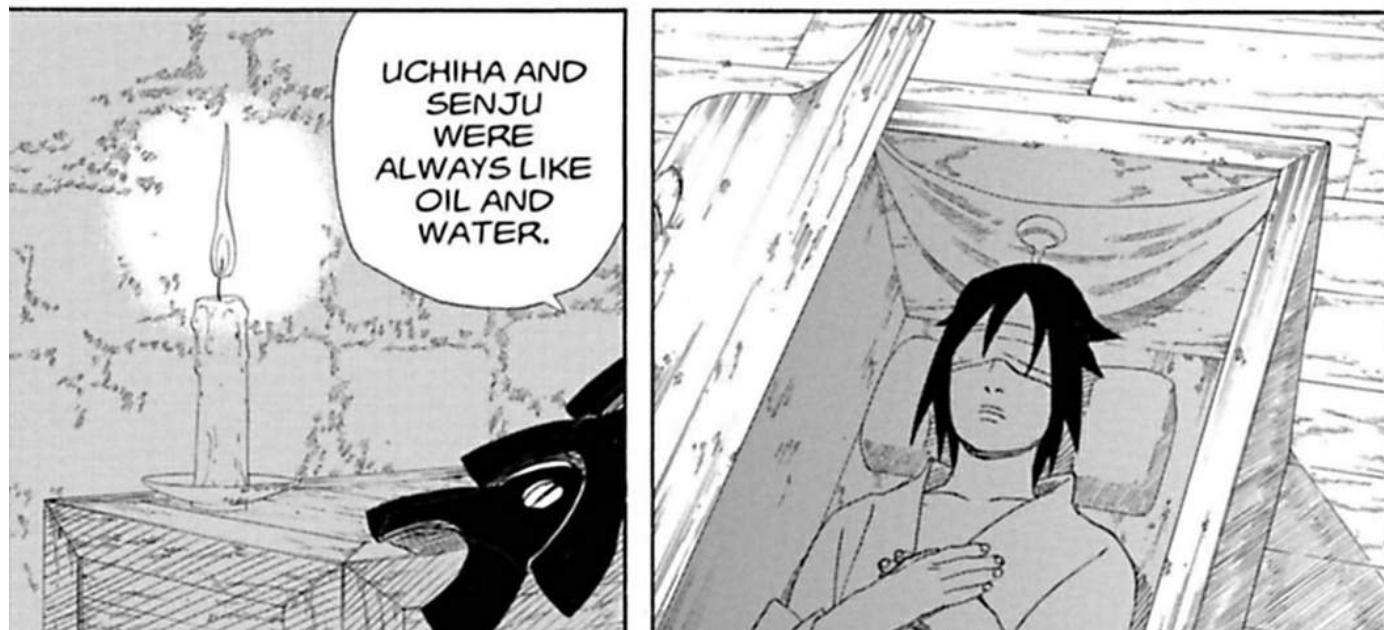
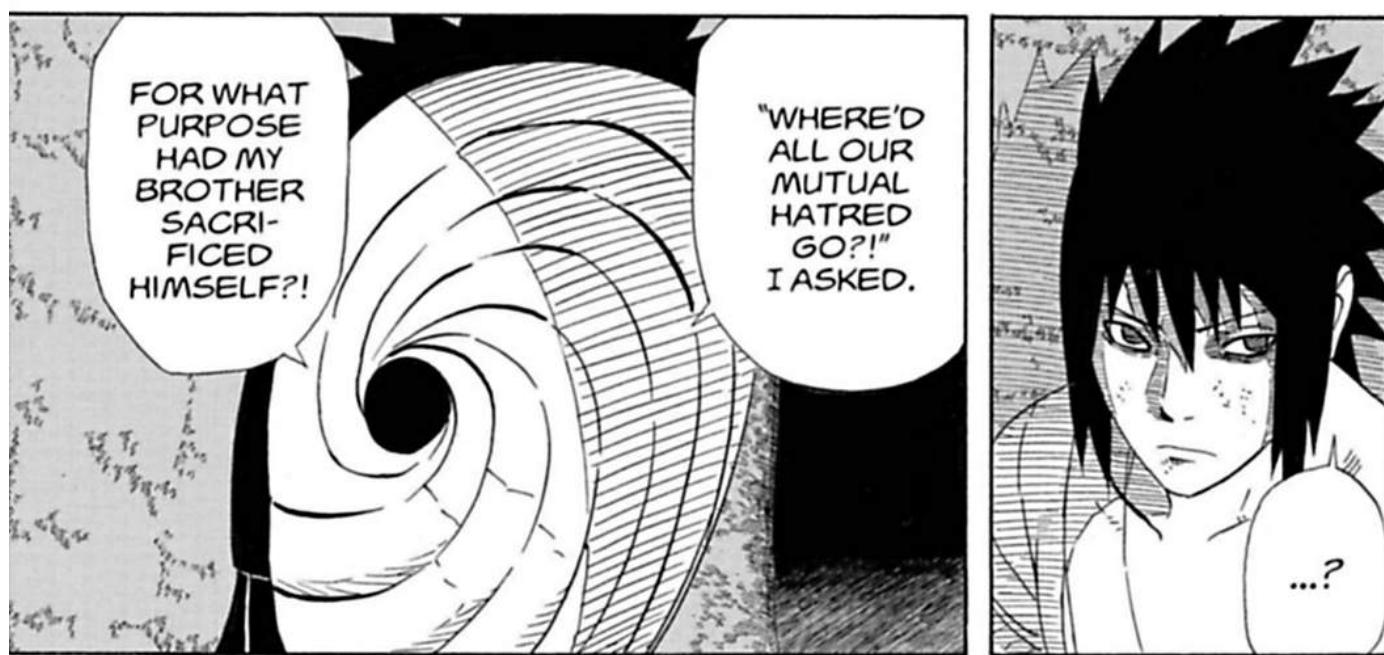
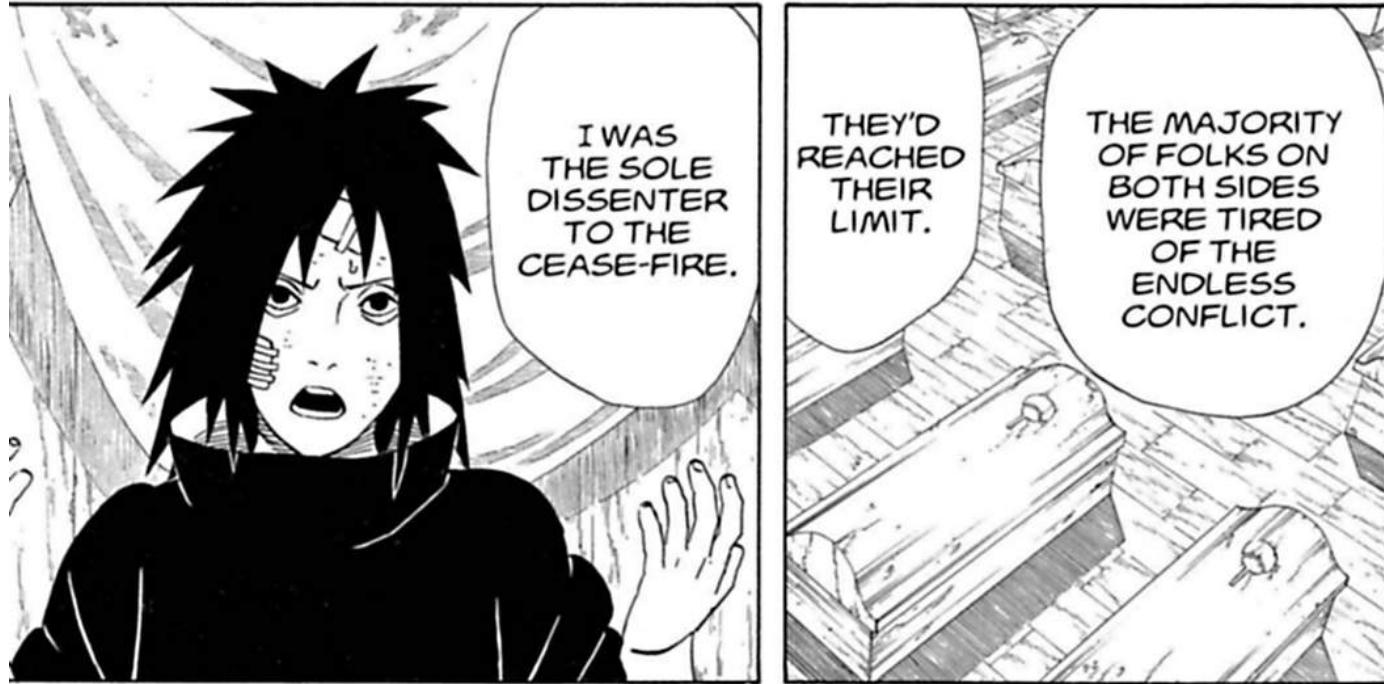
IT WASN'T FOR SELFISH REASONS.

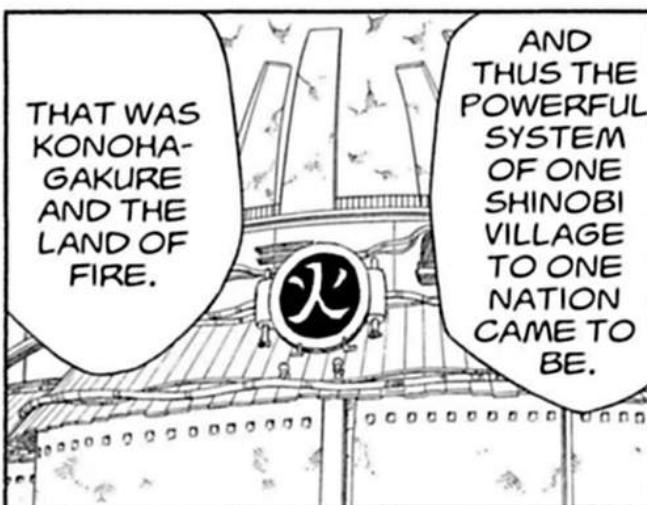
AMIDST FERO-CIOUS BATTLES ...

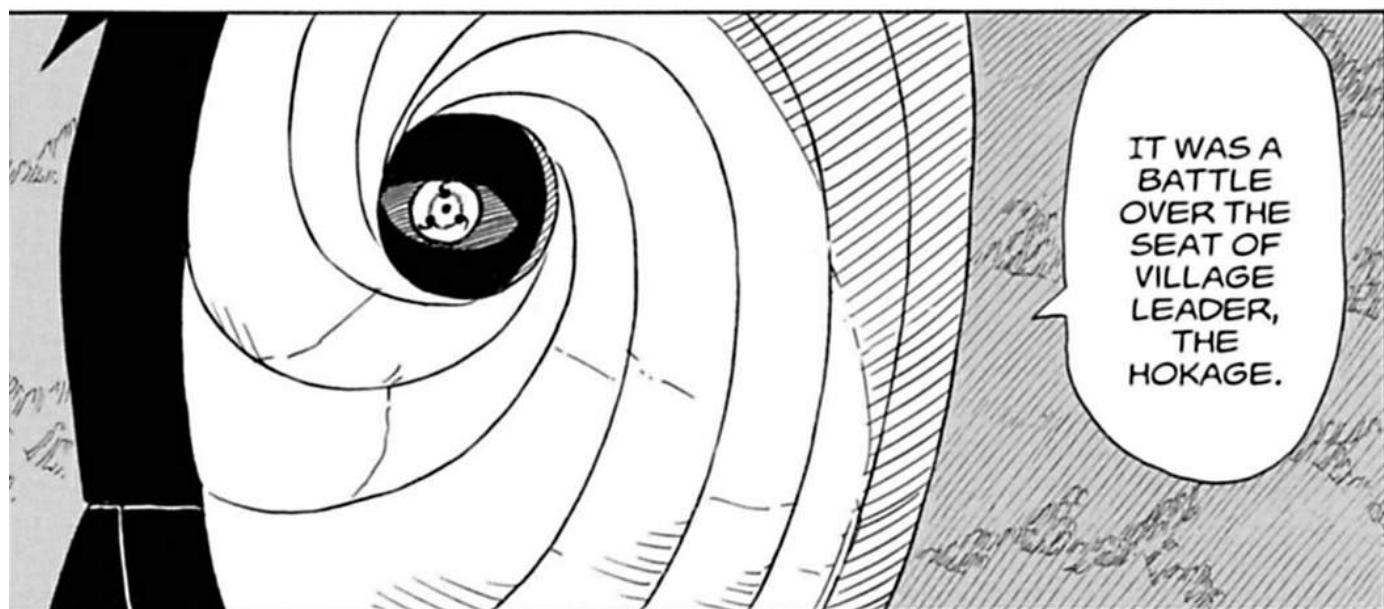
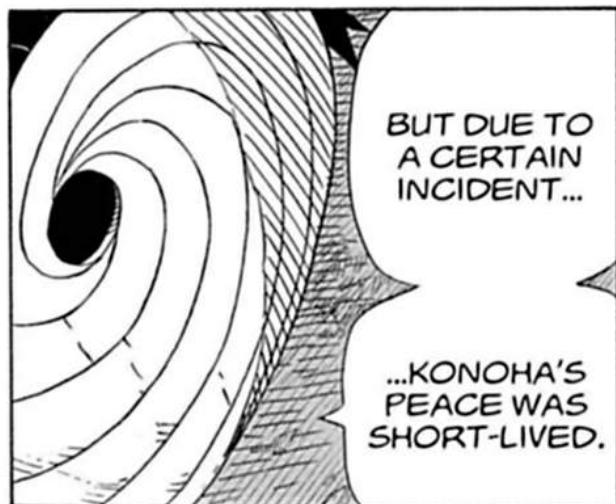
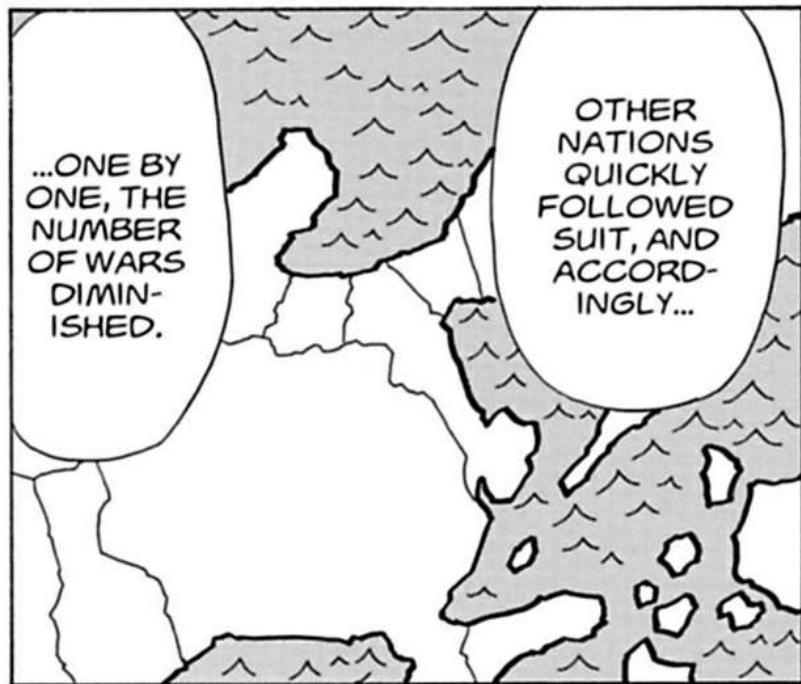
...IT WAS AN UNAVOIDABLE SACRIFICE TO PROTECT THE CLAN FROM EXTERNAL FOES, STARTING WITH THE SENJU CLAN.

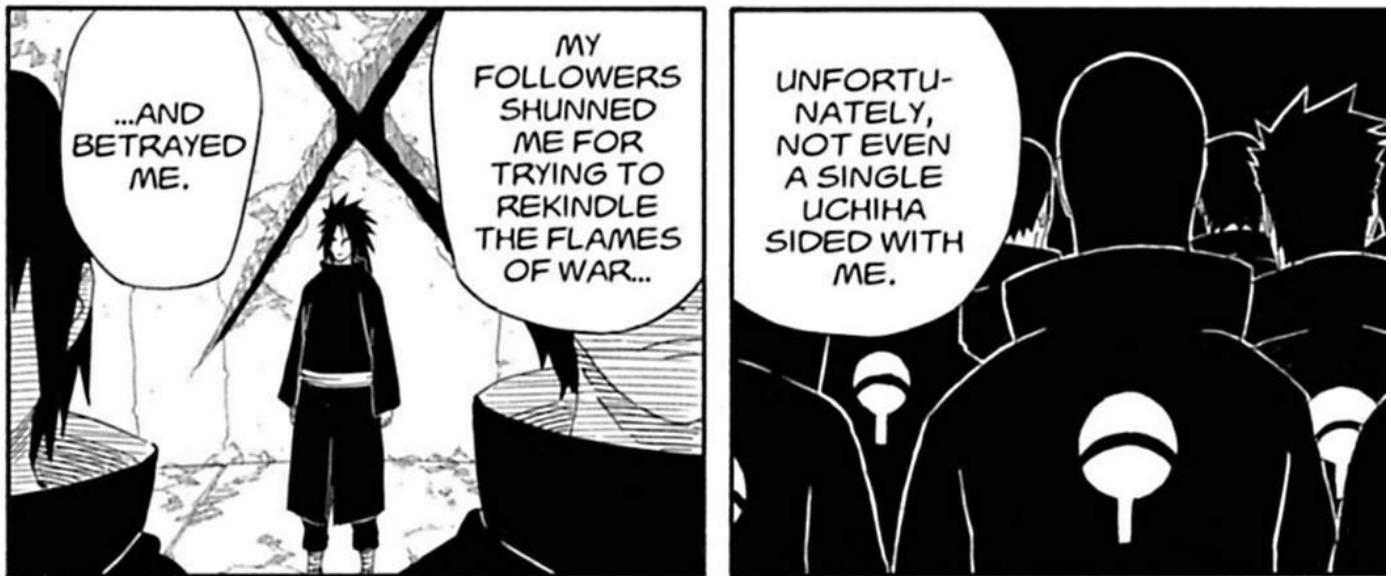
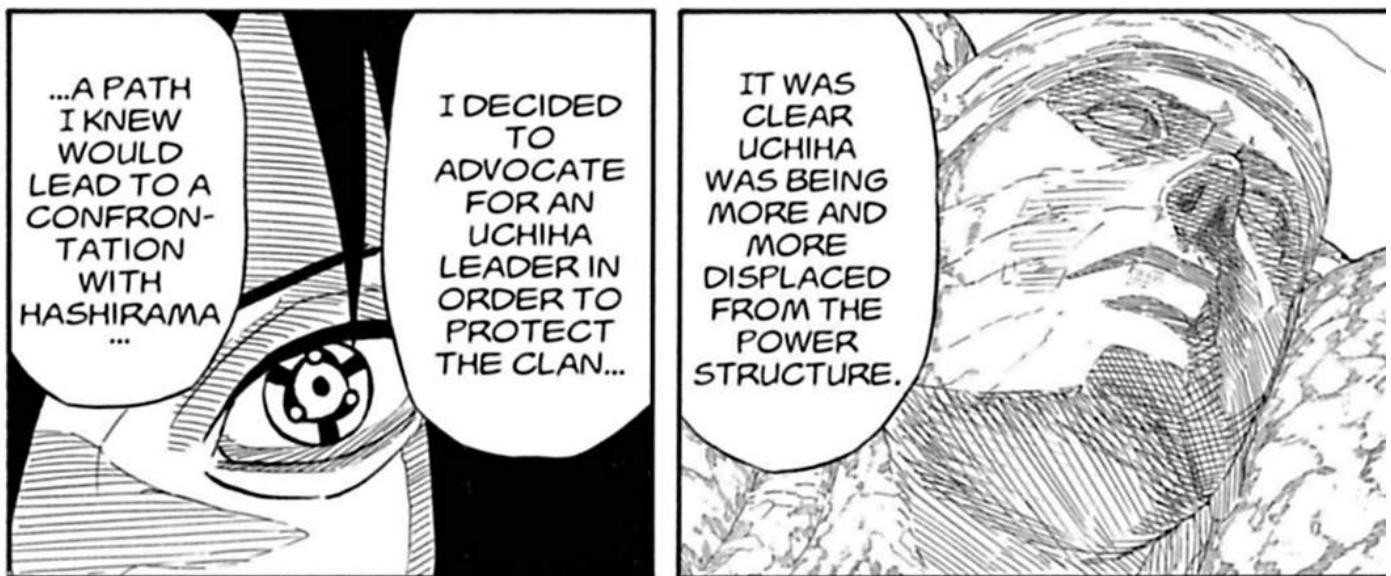
AS UCHIHA'S NAME INCREASED IN PROMINENCE SO DID THE NUMBER OF OUR ENEMIES.











READ  
THIS  
WAY

...BUT SCORNED AS A SELFISH BROTHER WHO STOLE HIS YOUNGER BROTHER'S EYES IN ORDER TO SAVE HIS OWN.

I WAS NOT ONLY ACCUSED AND BERATED FOR HAVING PERSONAL AMBITIONS...

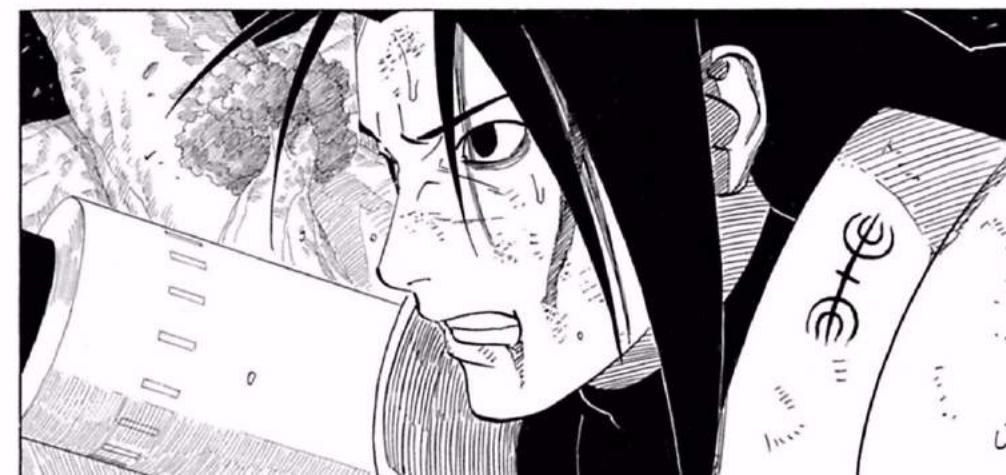
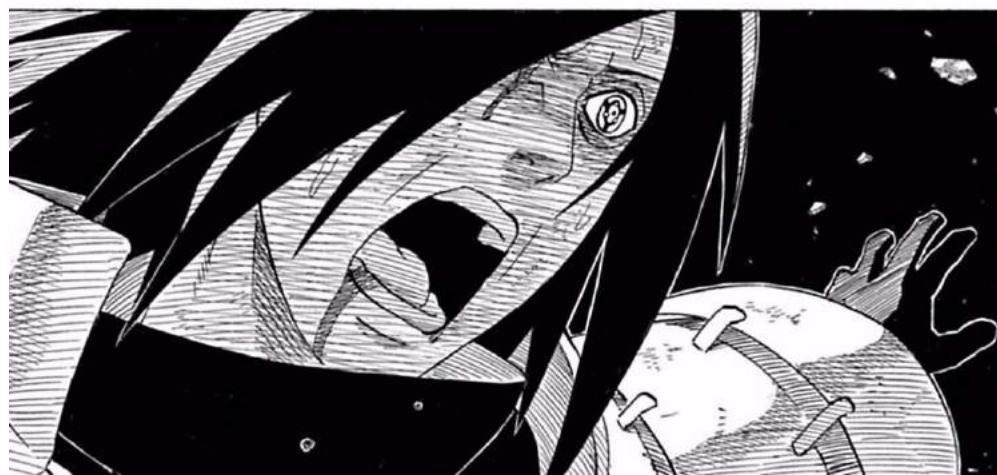
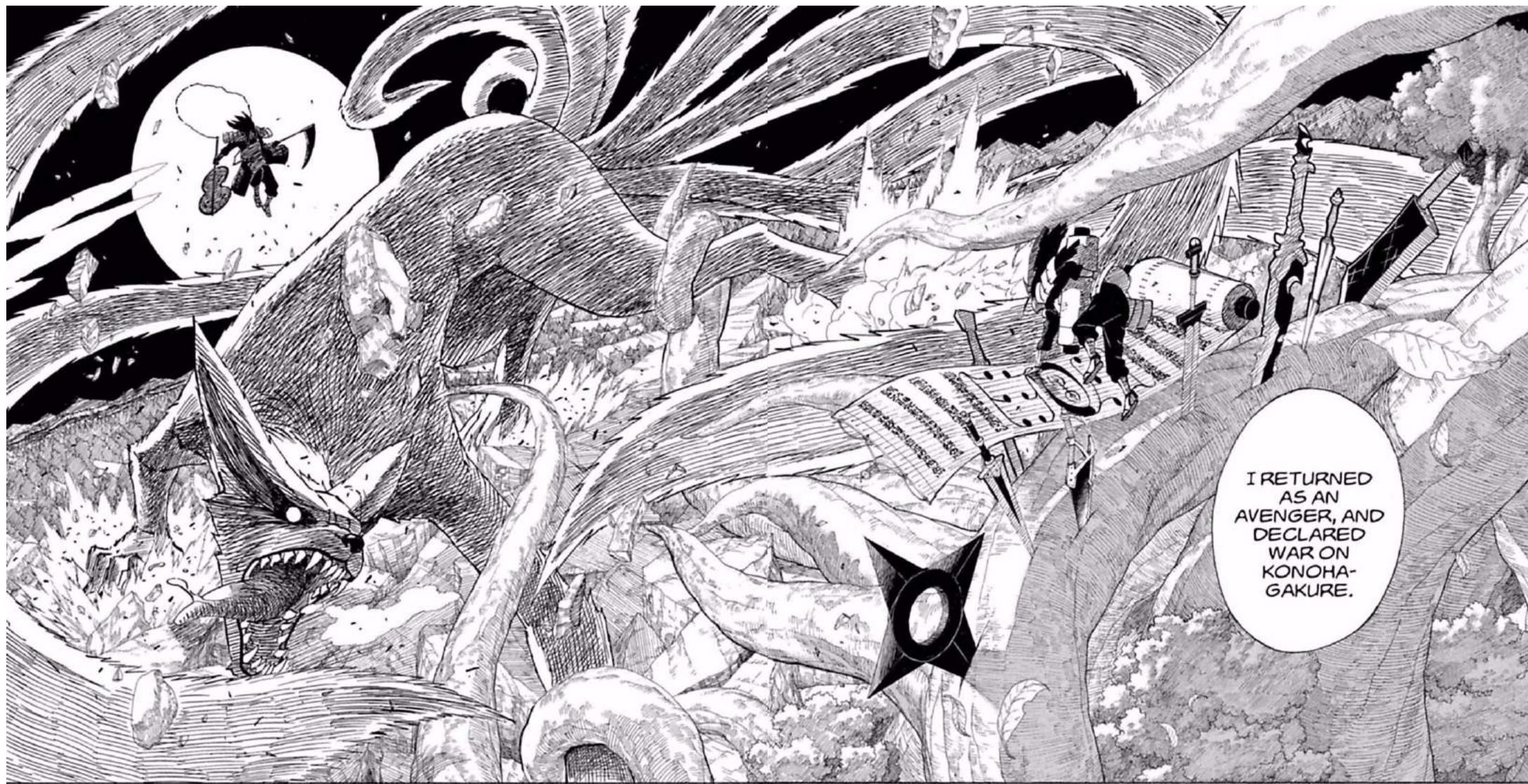
I SWORE I ONLY... WANTED TO PROTECT UCHIHA...!

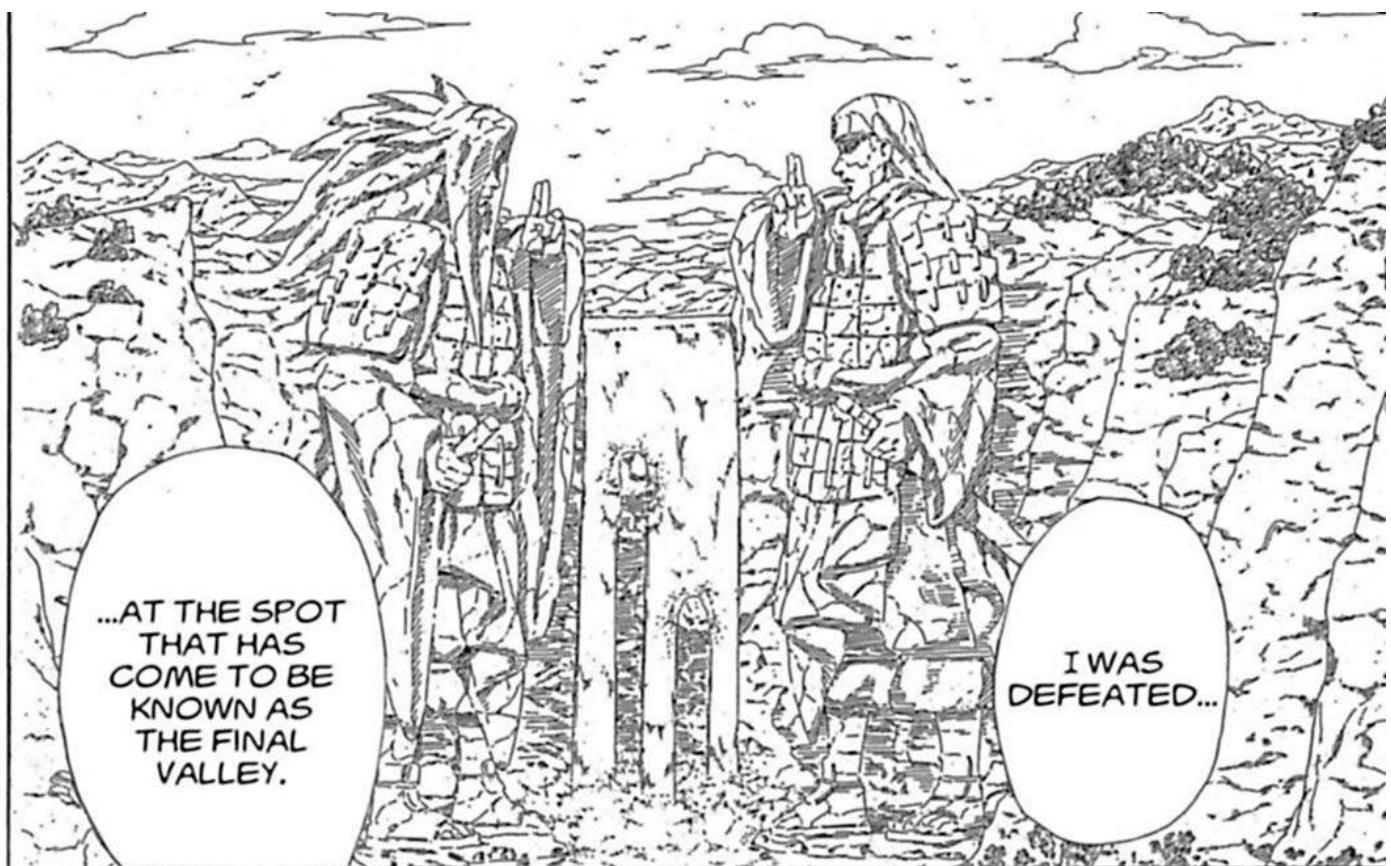
WHAT MAN WILLFULLY HURTS HIS BROTHER?!

HAVING BEEN BETRAYED BY ALL.

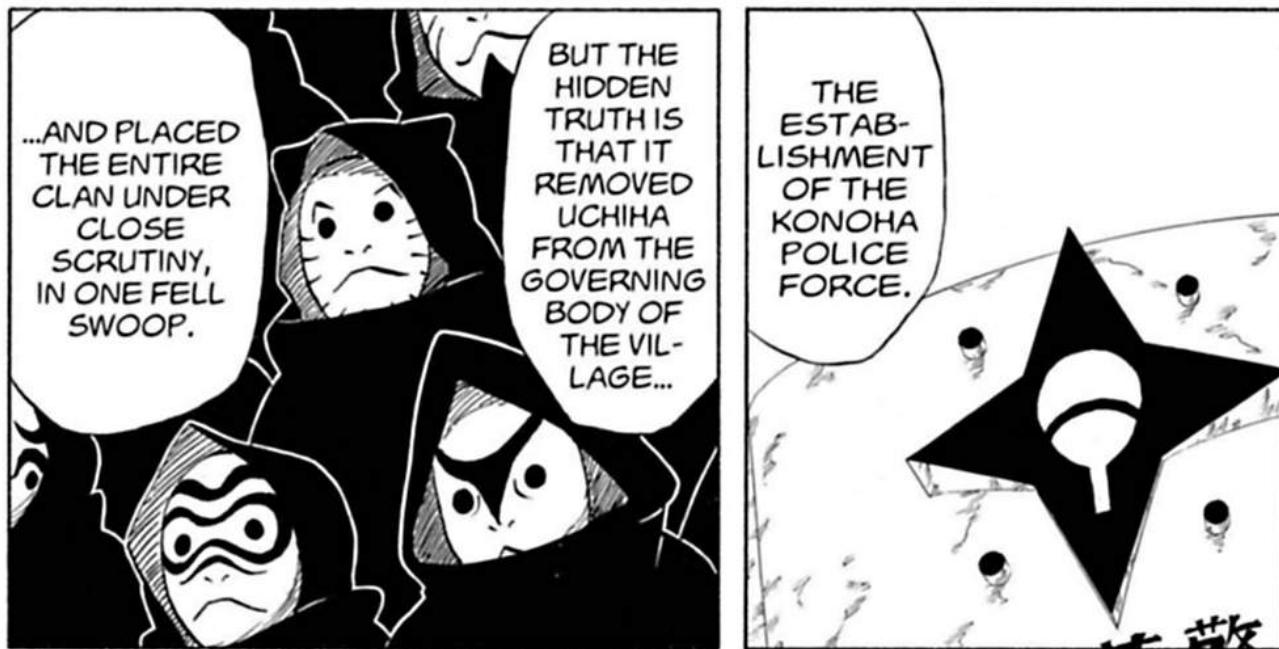
I LEFT KONOHA.





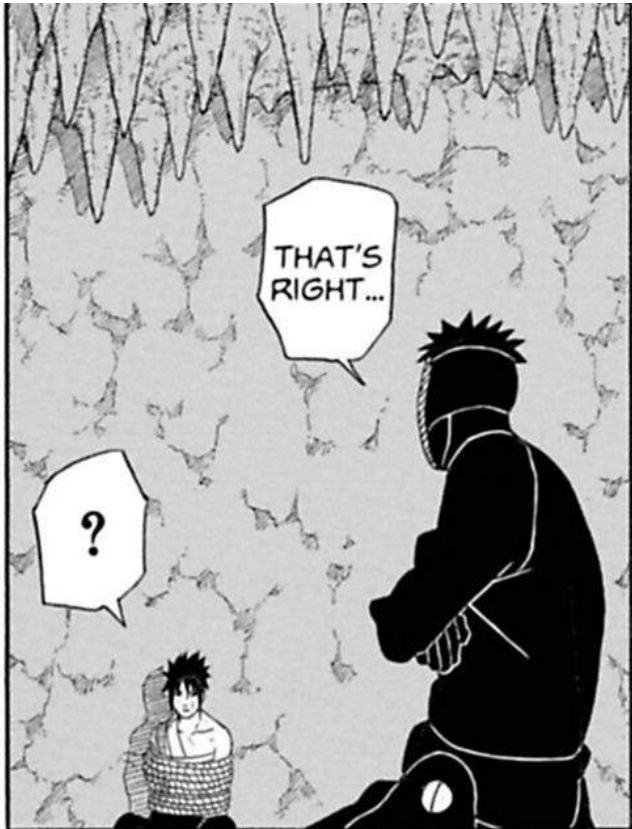


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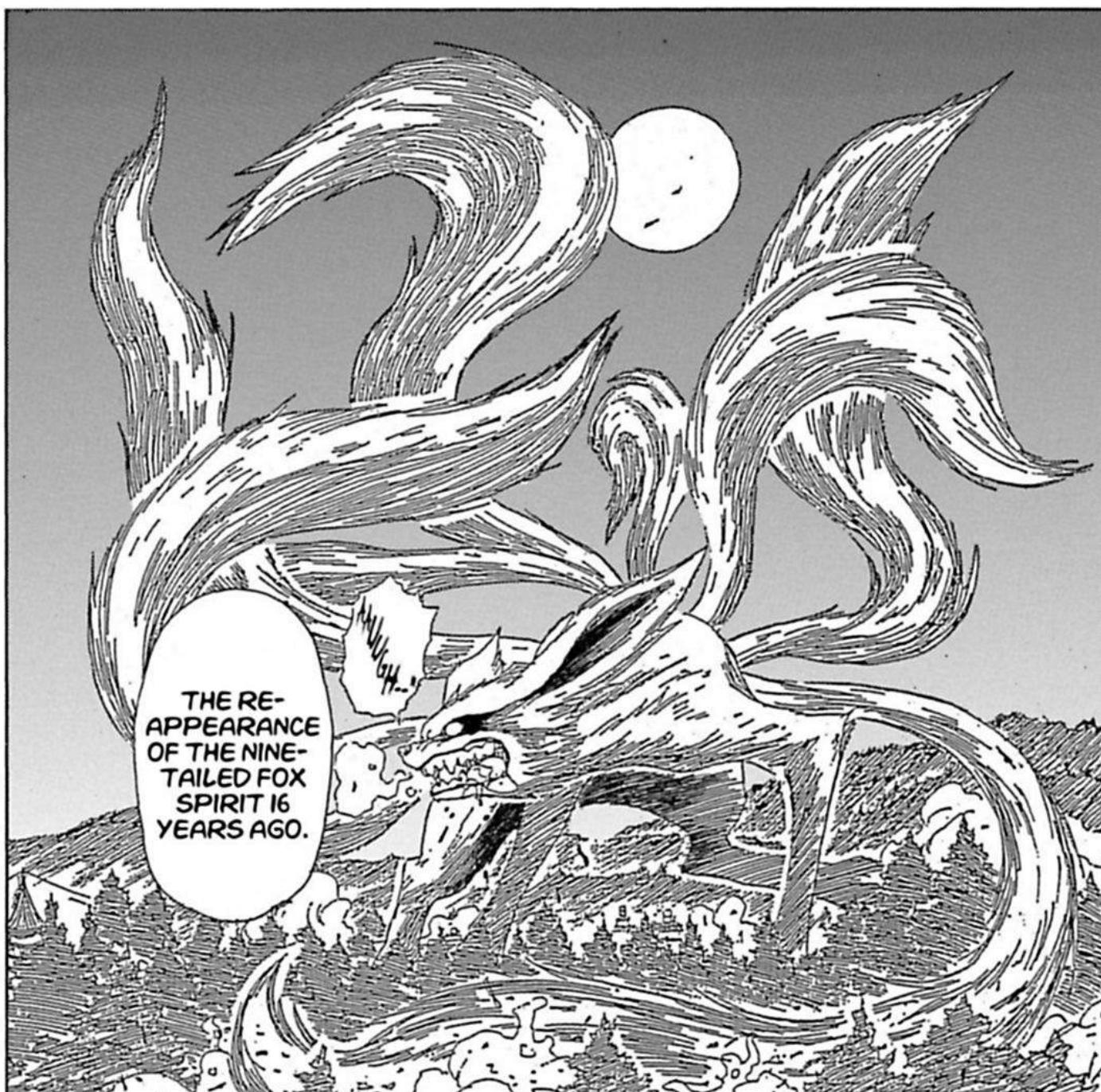


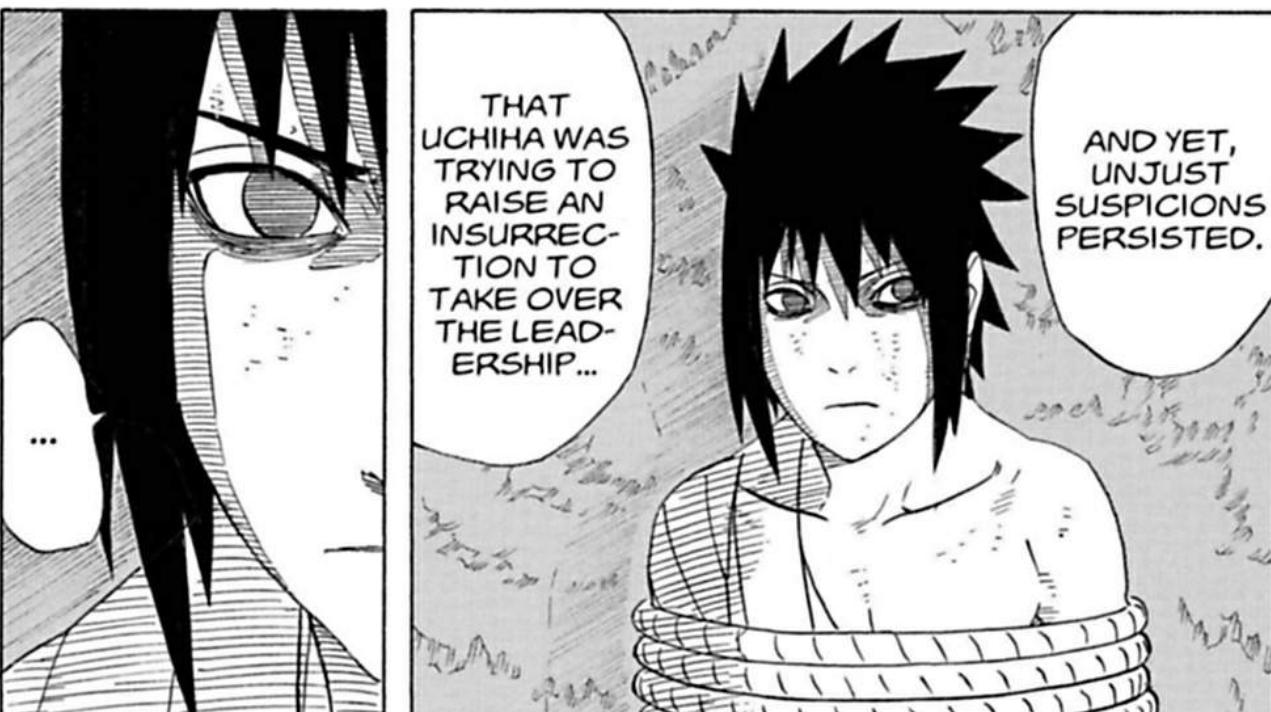
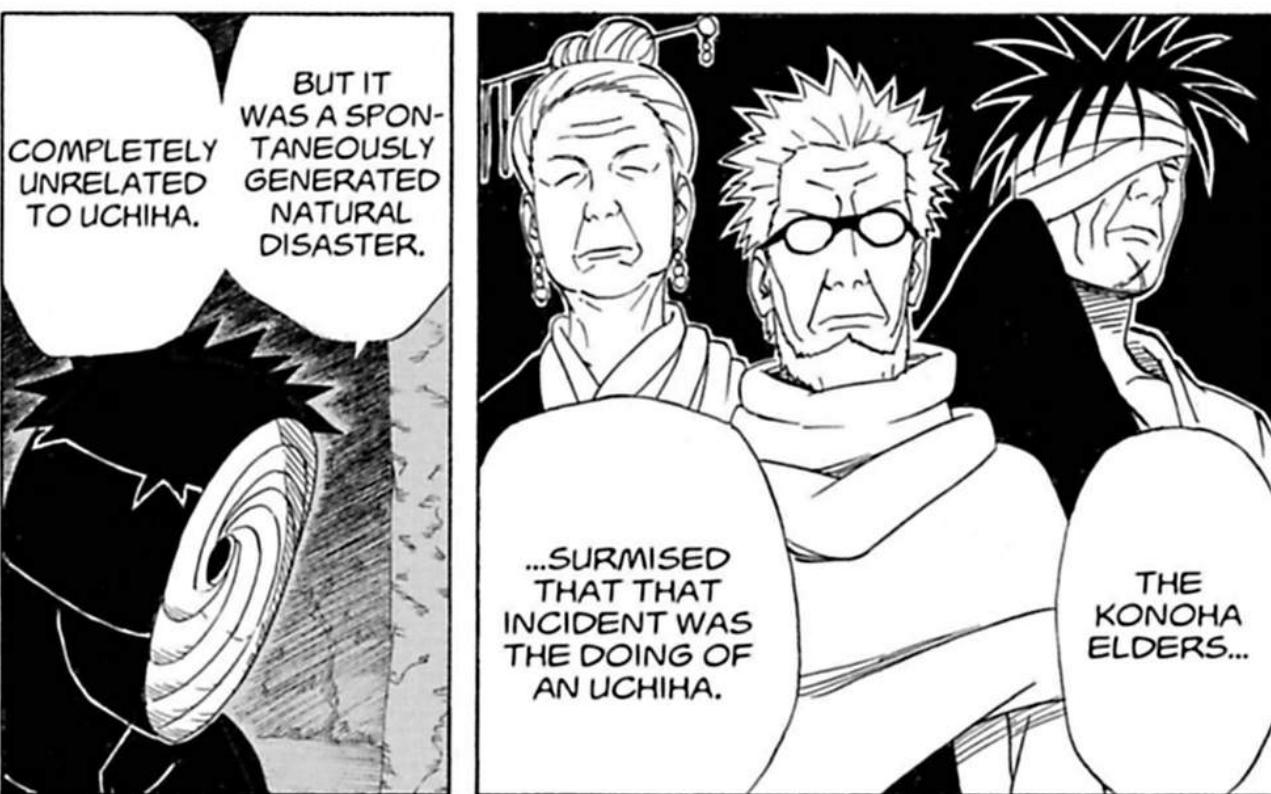
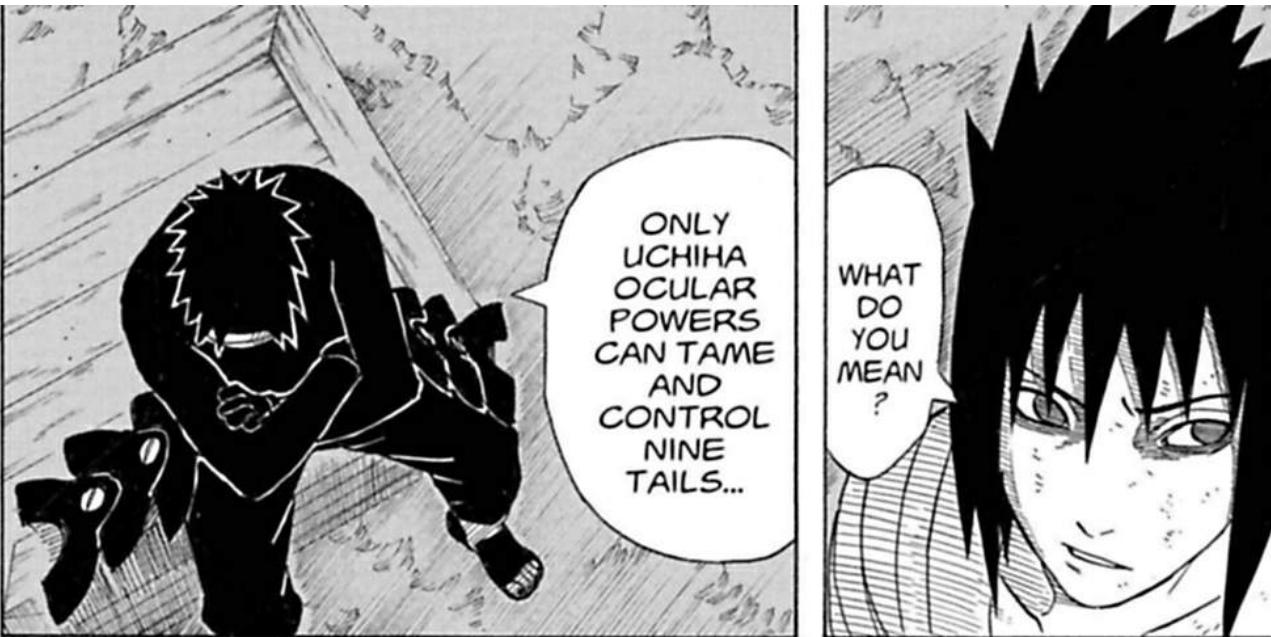
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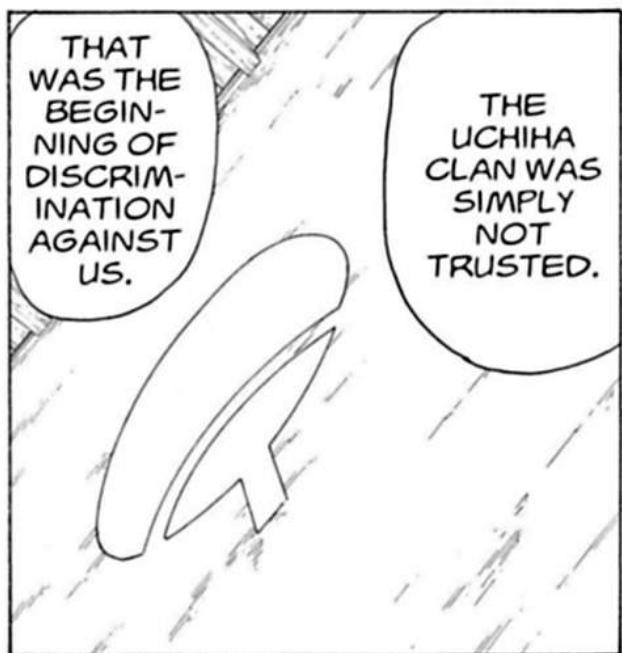
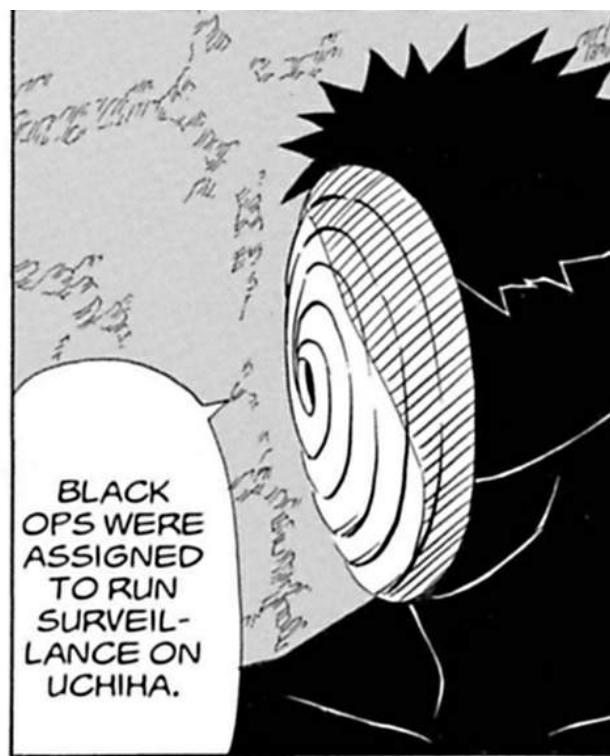
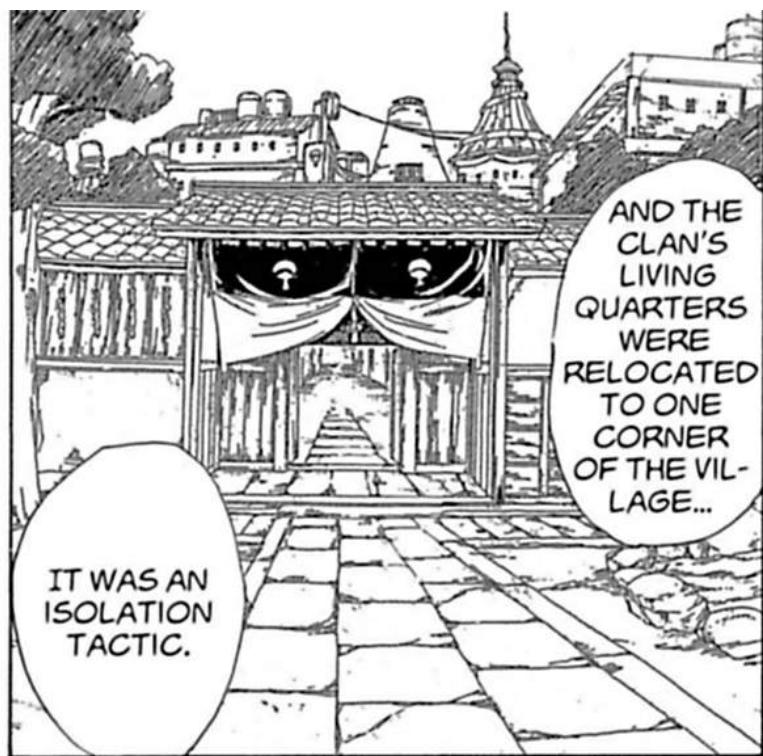


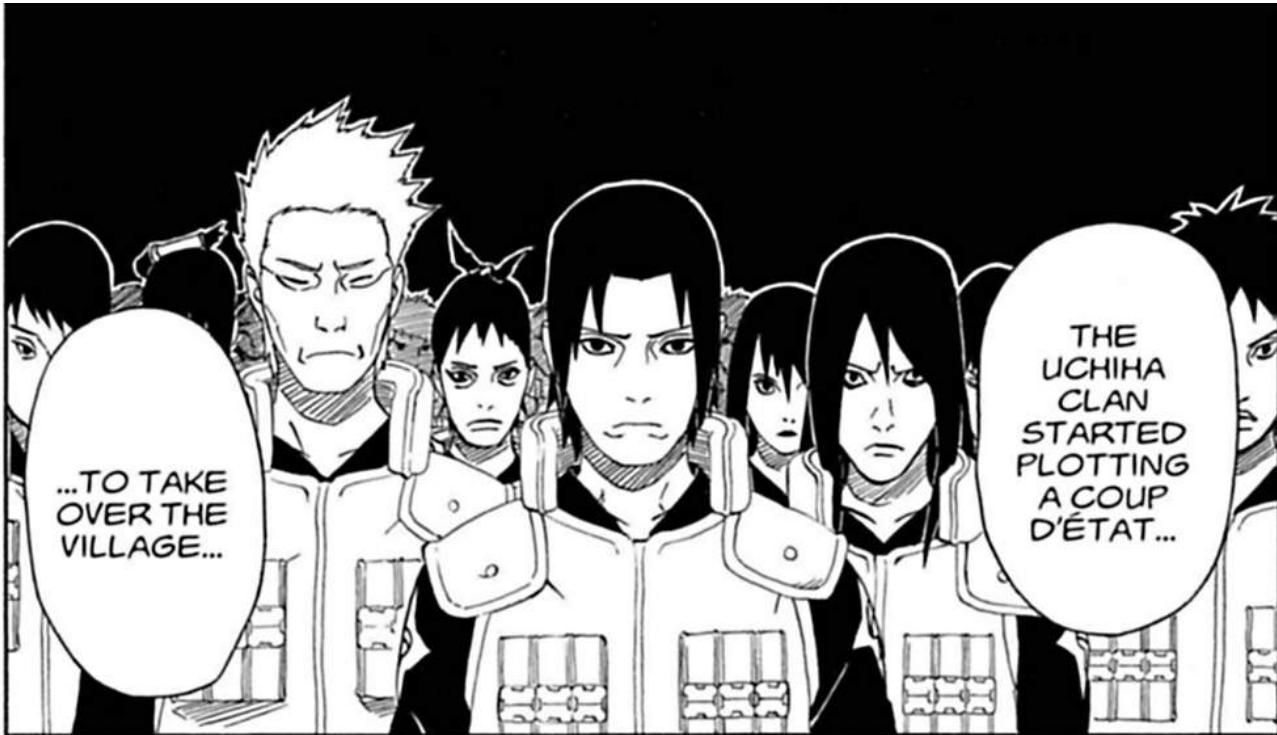


AND THEN,  
A CERTAIN  
OTHER  
INCIDENT  
SEALED  
UCHIHA'S  
FIGURATIVE  
DEMISE.



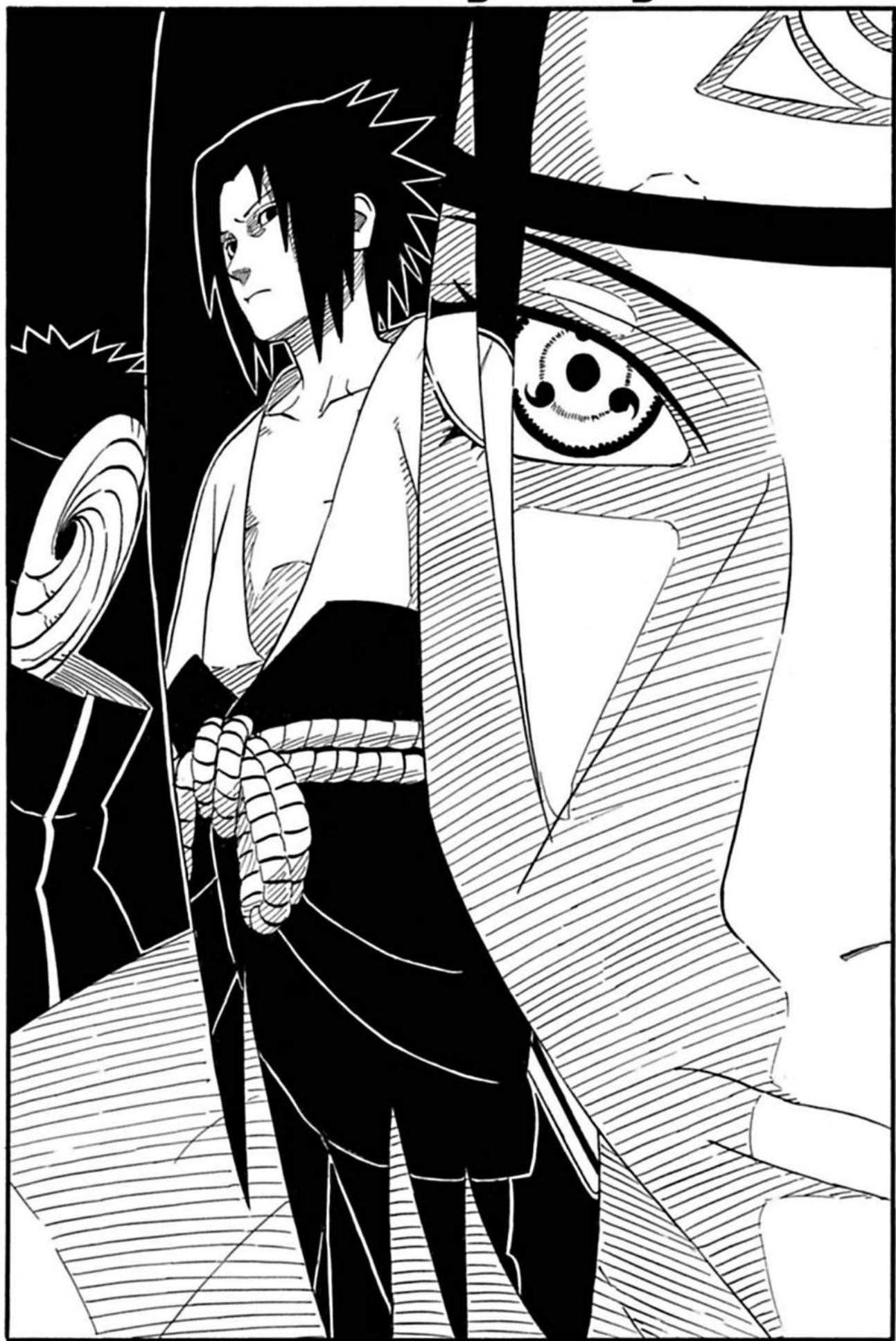






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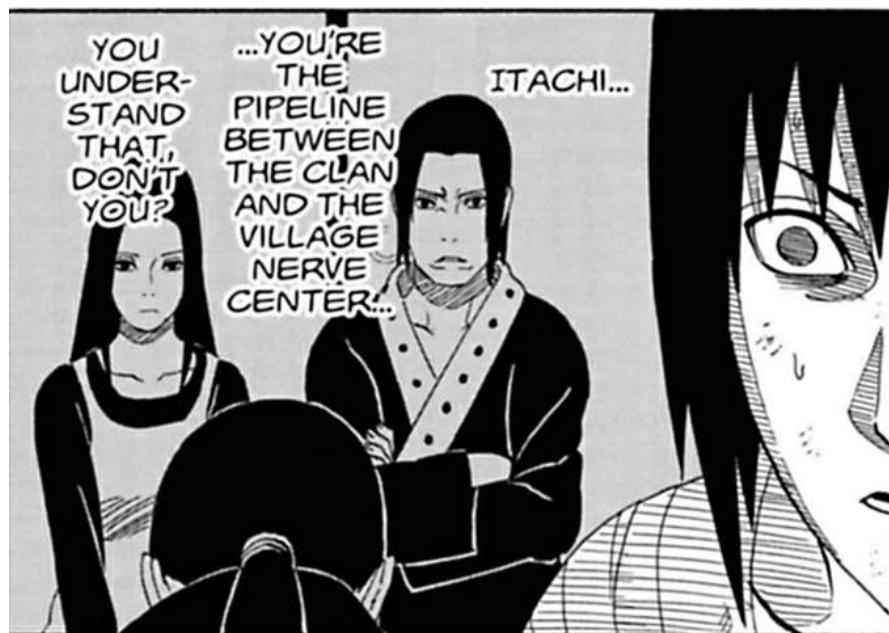
**Number 400: Living a Nightmare**







IN FACT,  
YOUR FATHER  
FUGAKU  
WAS THE  
MASTERMIND  
OF THAT  
ANTICIPATED  
COUP.



AND ITACHI  
WAS A SPY  
WHO  
ENTERED  
THE BLACK  
OPS ON YOUR  
FATHER'S  
ORDERS.

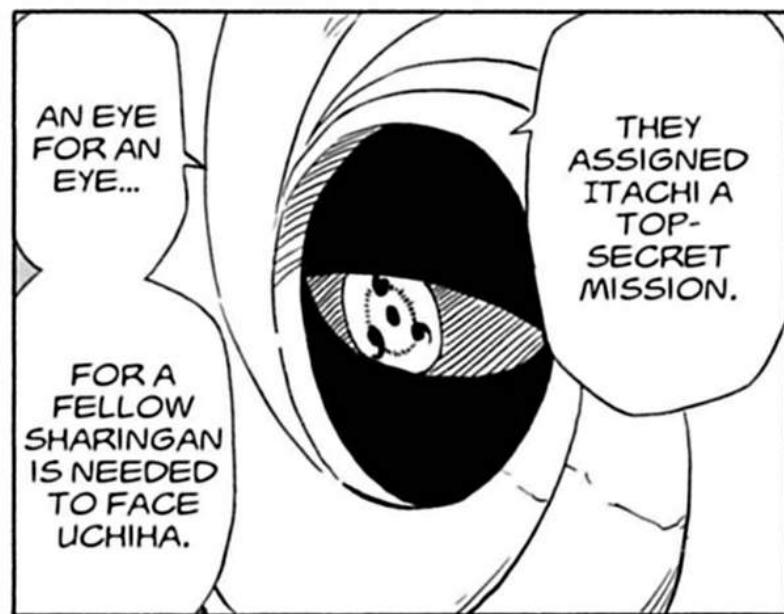


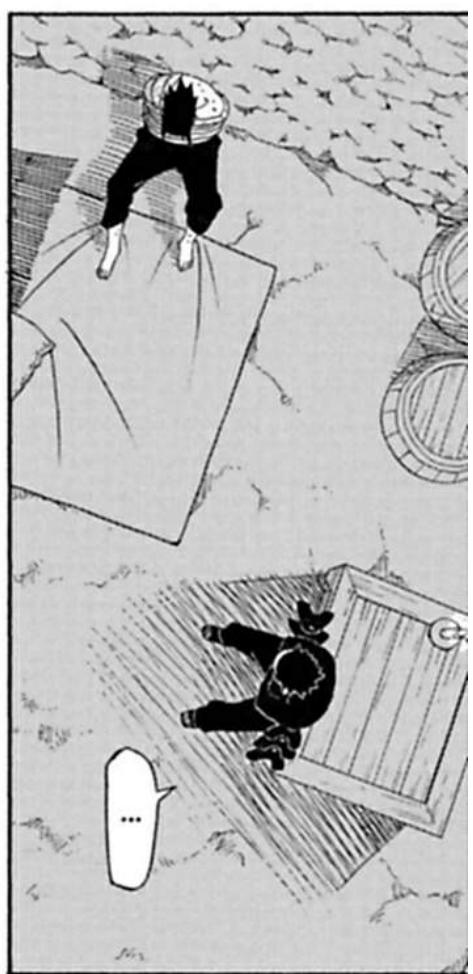
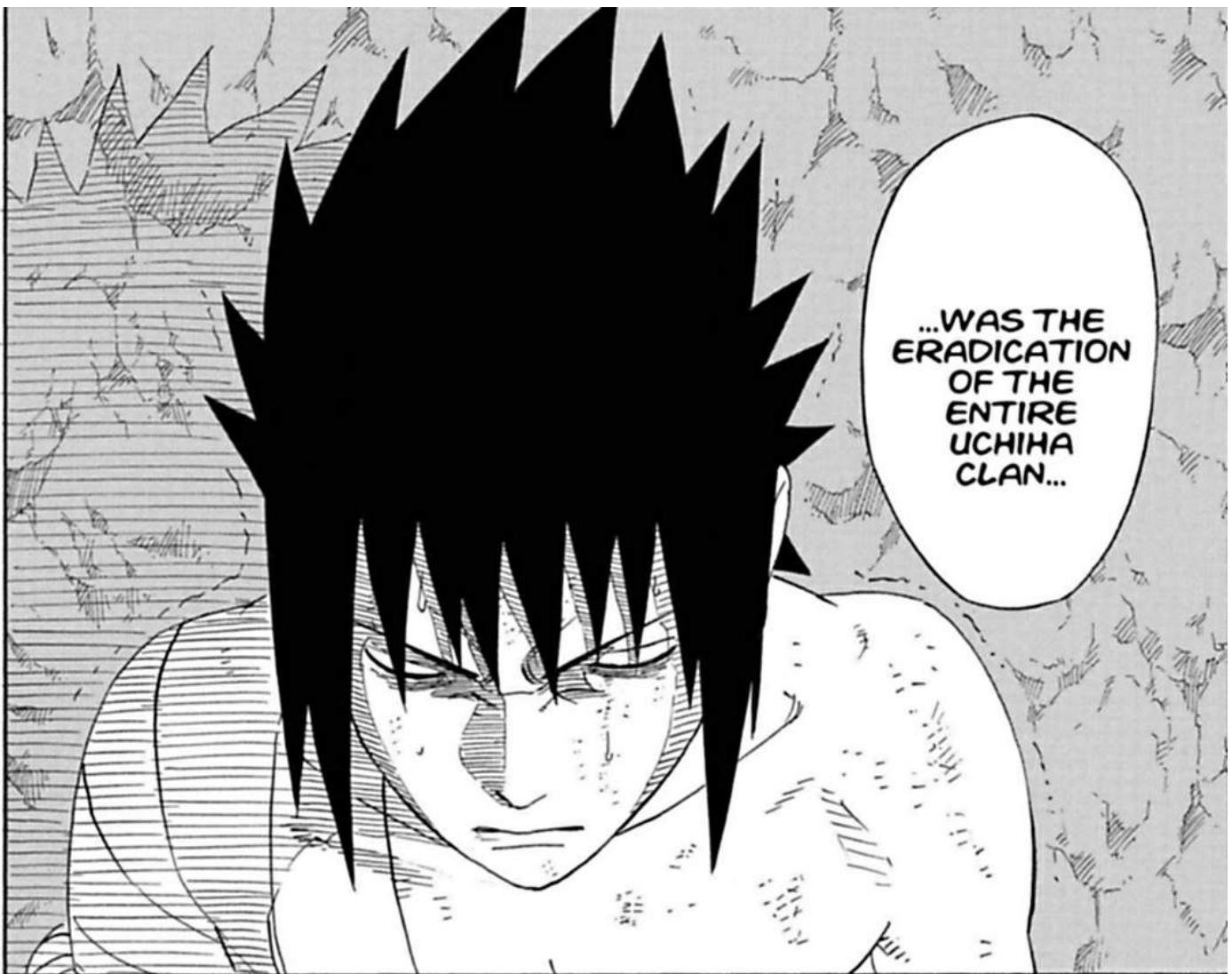
ITACHI WAS  
SUPPLYING  
THE VILLAGE  
WITH  
INTELLI-  
GENCE ON  
UCHIHA.  
  
IN OTHER  
WORDS,  
HE WAS A  
DOUBLE  
AGENT.

HOW-  
EVER...  
IT WAS  
ACTUALLY  
THE OP-  
POSITIVE.



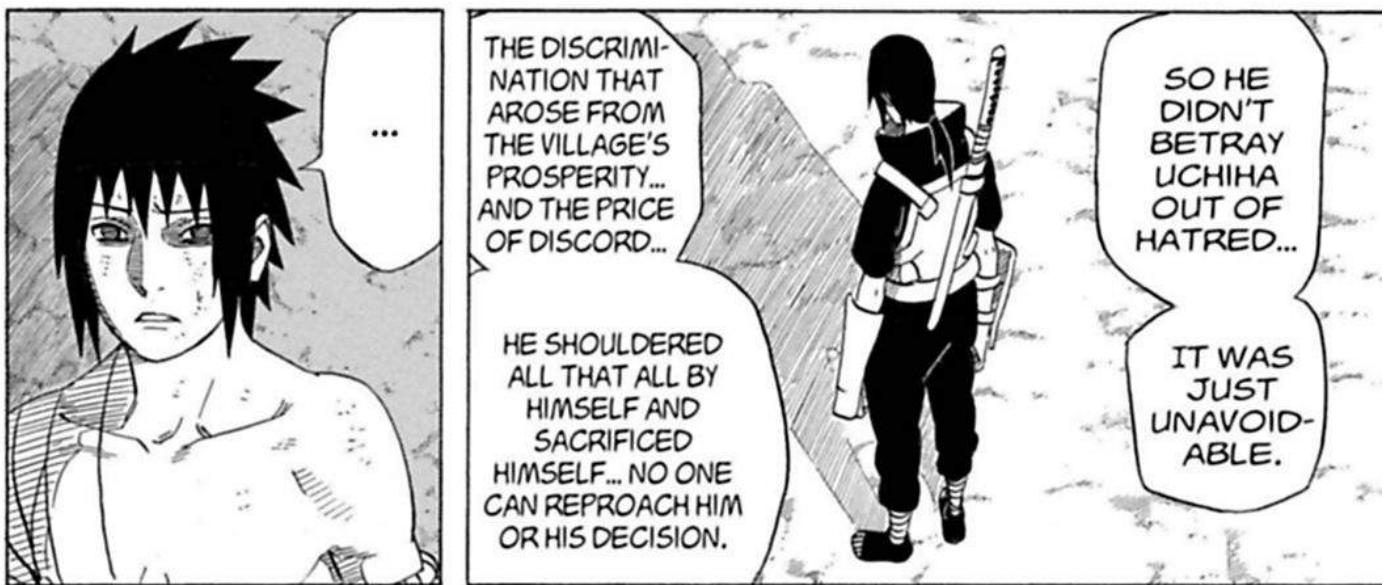
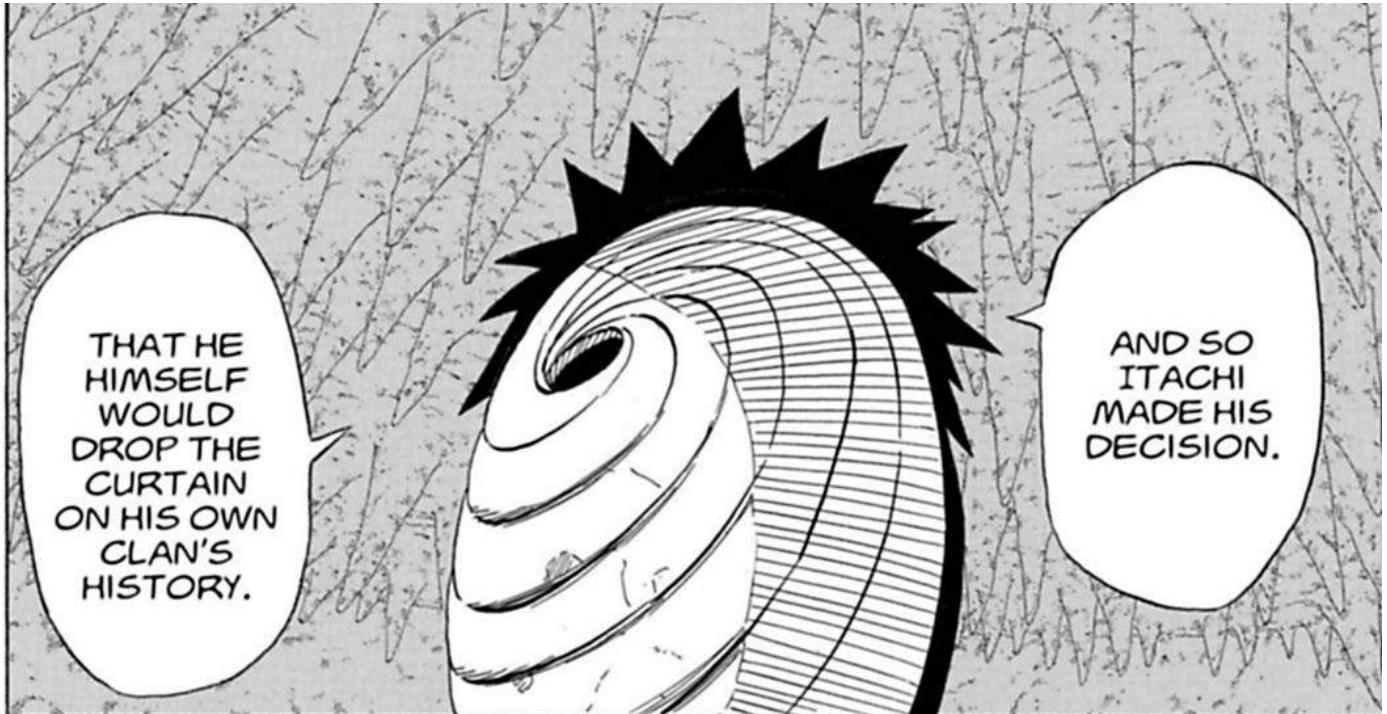
READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY



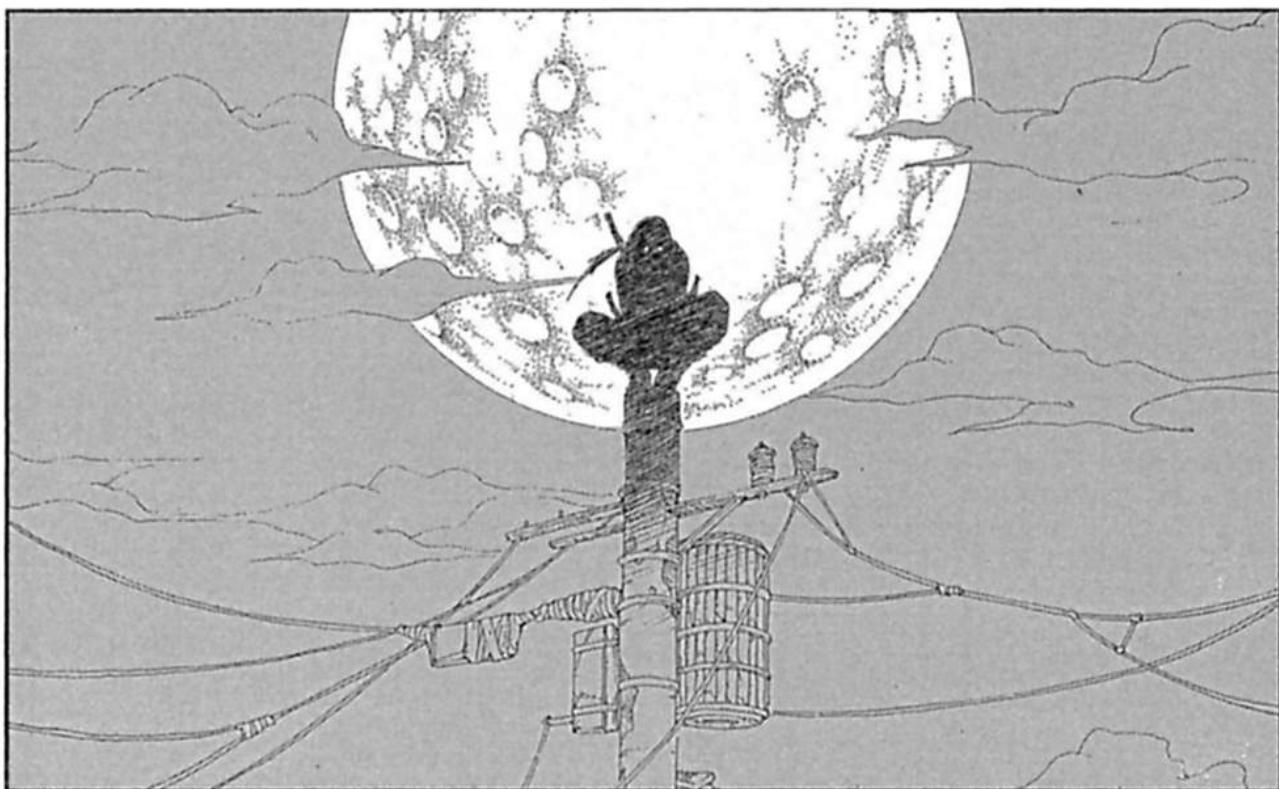


READ  
THIS  
WAY





...LEADING  
TO THAT  
NIGHT...



READ  
THIS WAY

ALL OF  
IT WAS  
PLANNED.

...TO  
BECOME  
KNOWN AS  
A CRIMINAL  
WHO  
MURDERED  
HIS OWN  
CLAN...

...BEAR THE  
BURDEN OF  
DISGRACE  
AND BECOME  
A ROGUE  
SHINOBI...

AND ITACHI  
BRILLIANTLY  
DIS-  
CHARGED  
THE PLAN,  
HIS  
MISSION.

WHICH  
WAS...

EXCEPT  
FOR A  
SINGLE  
MISTAKE.



...HE  
COULDN'T  
KILL HIS  
LITTLE  
BROTHER.

READ  
THIS WAY

...AGAINST  
DANZO  
AND THE  
COUNSEL-  
ORS.

AFTERWARDS,  
ITACHI  
APPEALED TO  
THE THIRD  
HOKAGE, BE-  
SEECHING HIM  
TO PROTECT YOU...



HE  
WORRIED  
ABOUT YOU  
ABOVE ALL  
ELSE.

THAT IF  
ANYTHING  
WERE TO  
HAPPEN TO  
YOU...

HE FLED  
KONOHA  
AFTER  
THREATENING  
DANZO...

...HE WOULD  
LEAK ALL OF  
THE INTELLI-  
GENCE HE  
HAD ON  
KONOHA TO  
UNALLIED  
NATIONS.

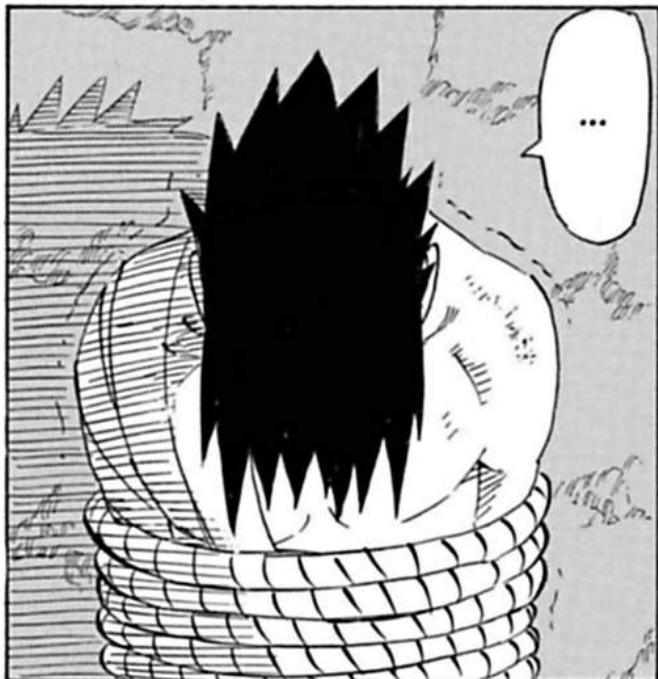
SO HE  
TOLD YOU  
AS MUCH  
AS HE  
COULD.

AND YET  
HE  
COULDN'T  
TELL YOU  
THE FULL  
TRUTH.



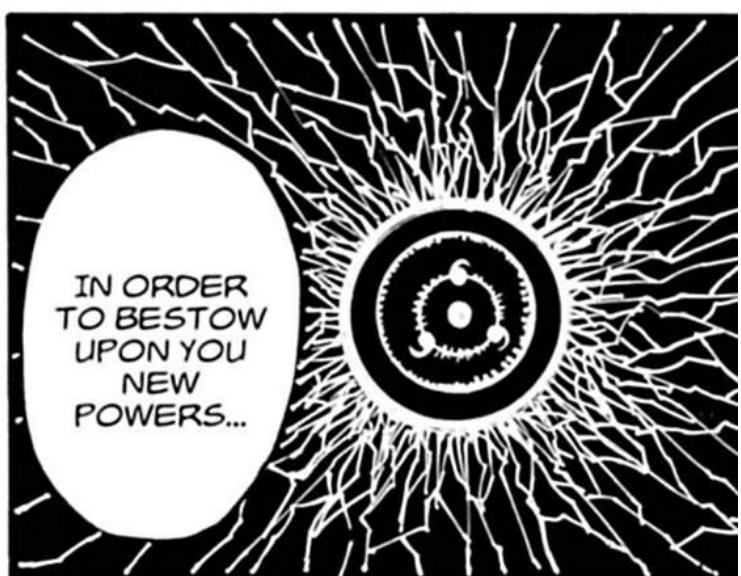


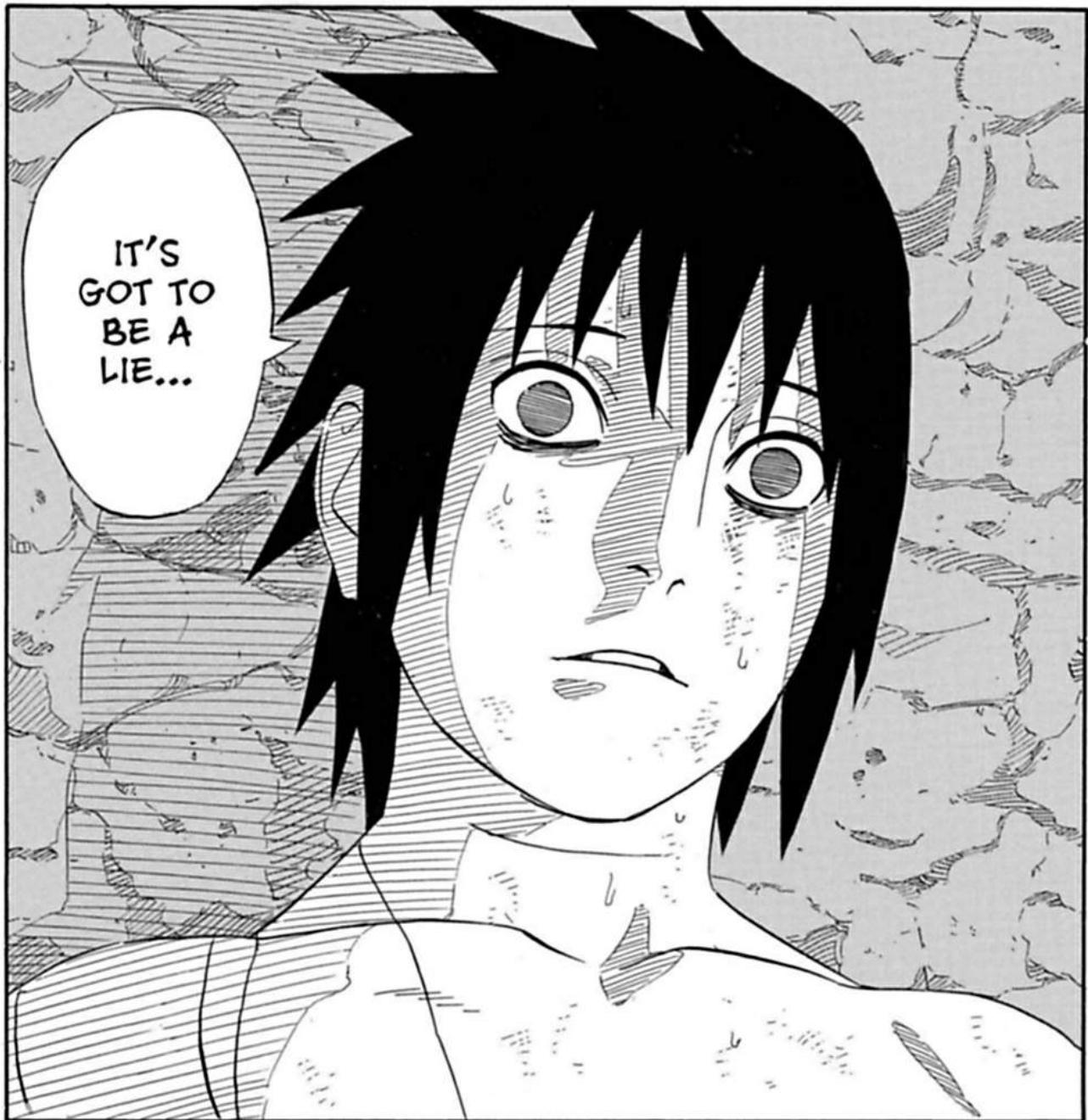
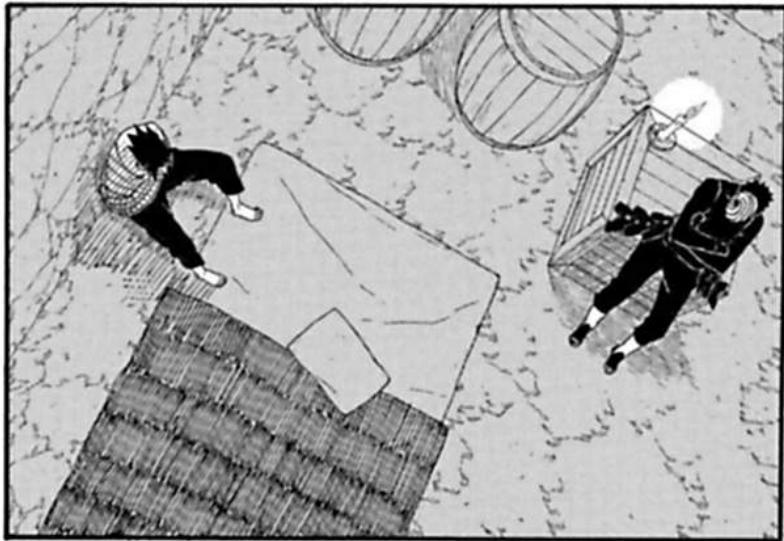
READ  
THIS  
WAY



...YOU  
WILL  
FIND  
ME  
AGAIN.  
AND  
SOMEDAY,  
WHEN YOU  
HAVE THE  
SAME EYES  
AS I...

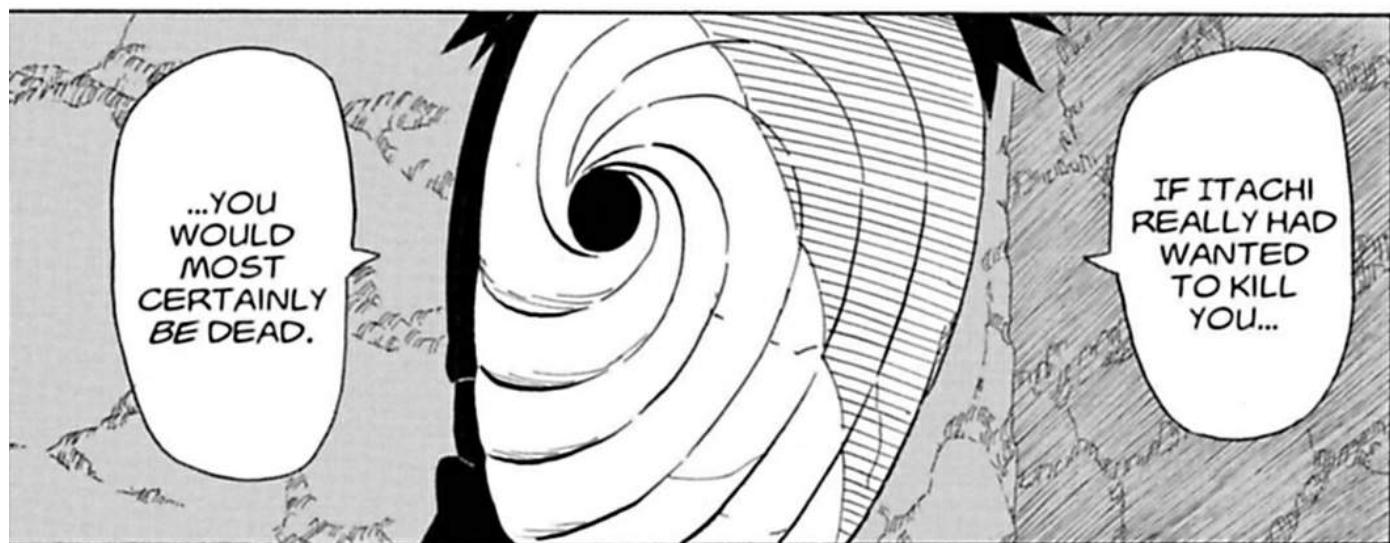






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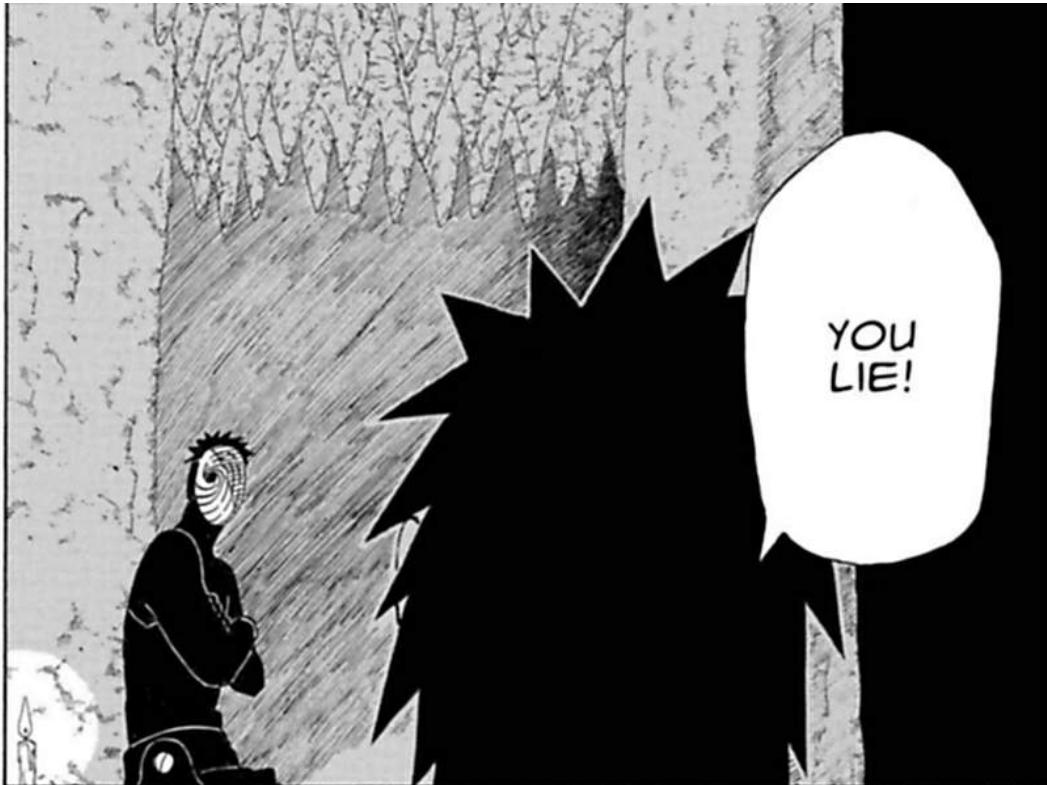
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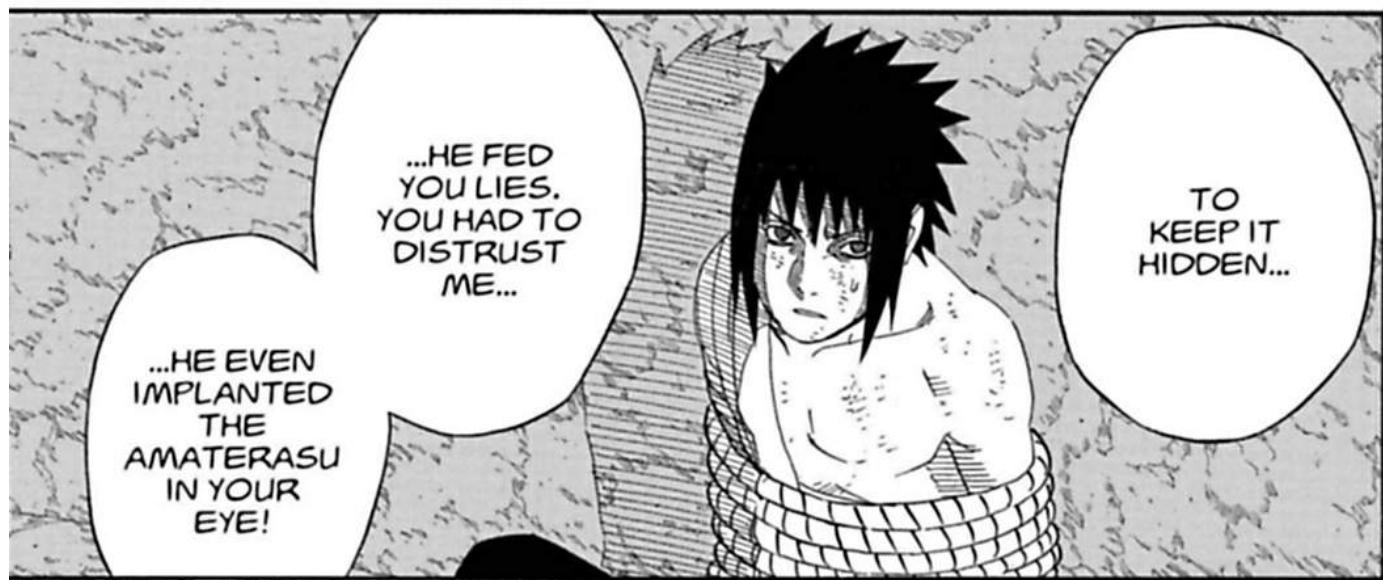


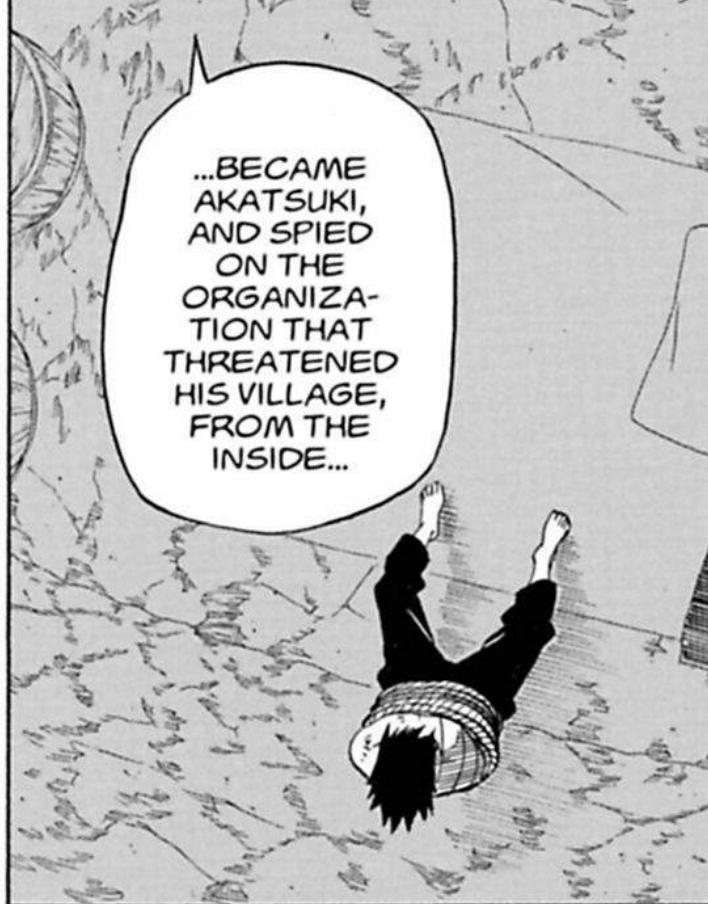
READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY

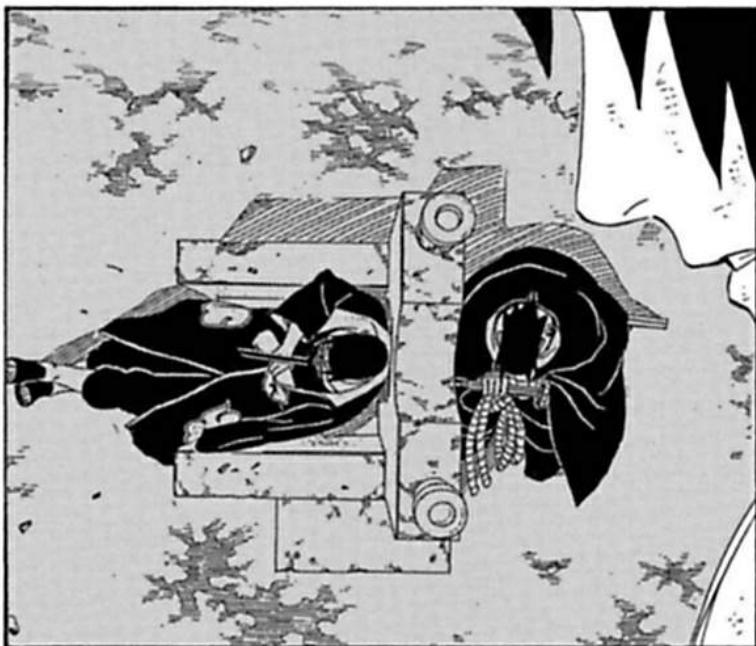
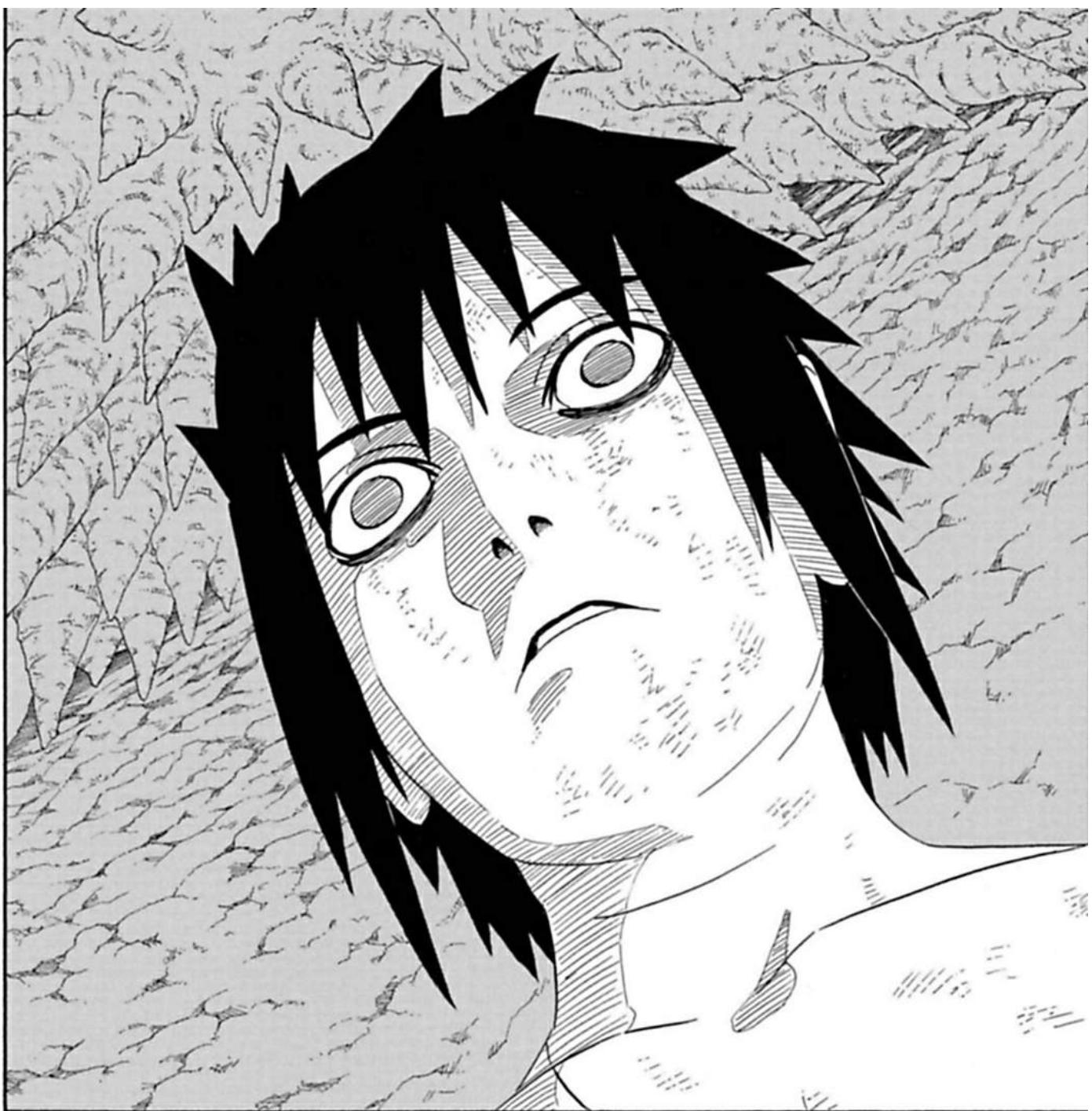






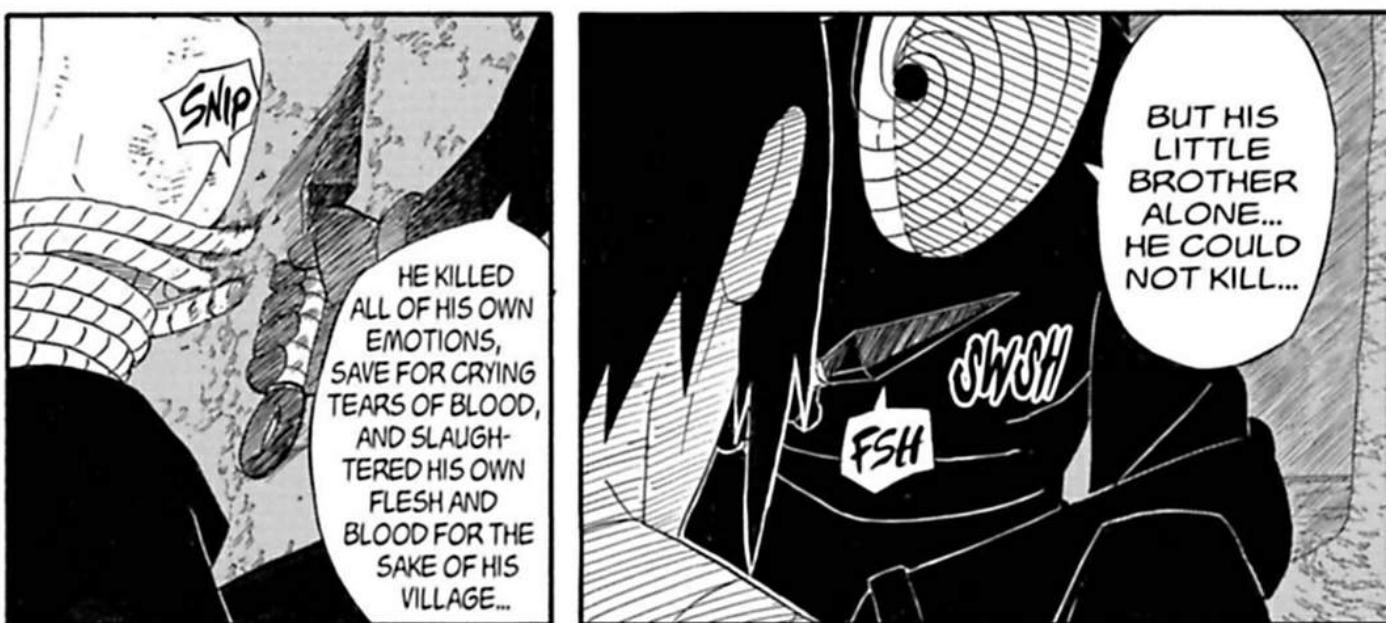
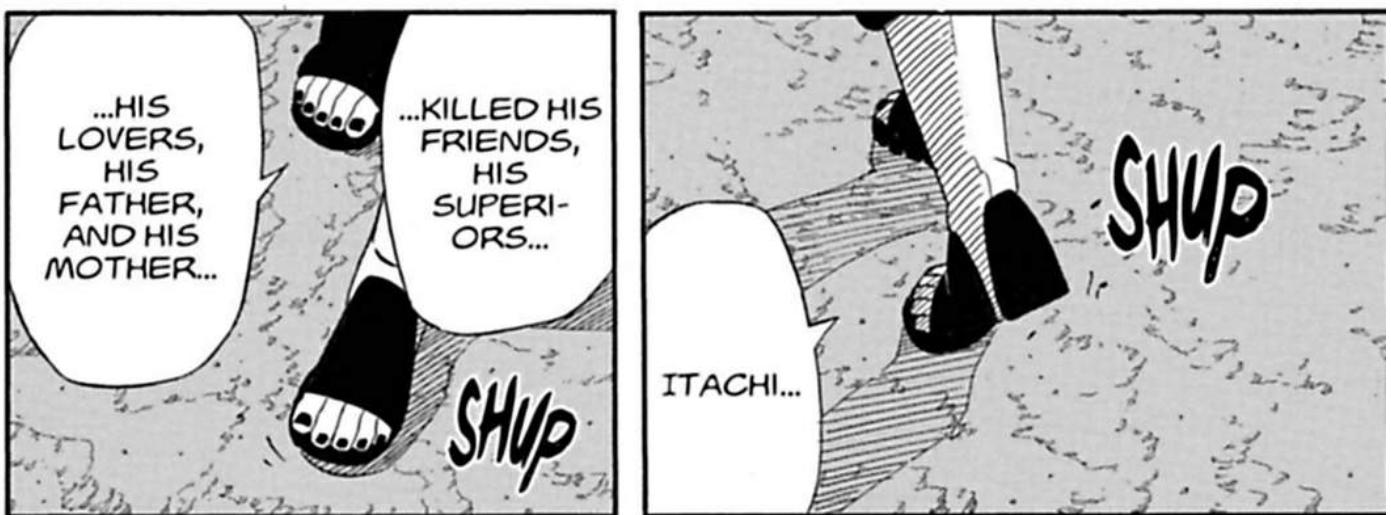
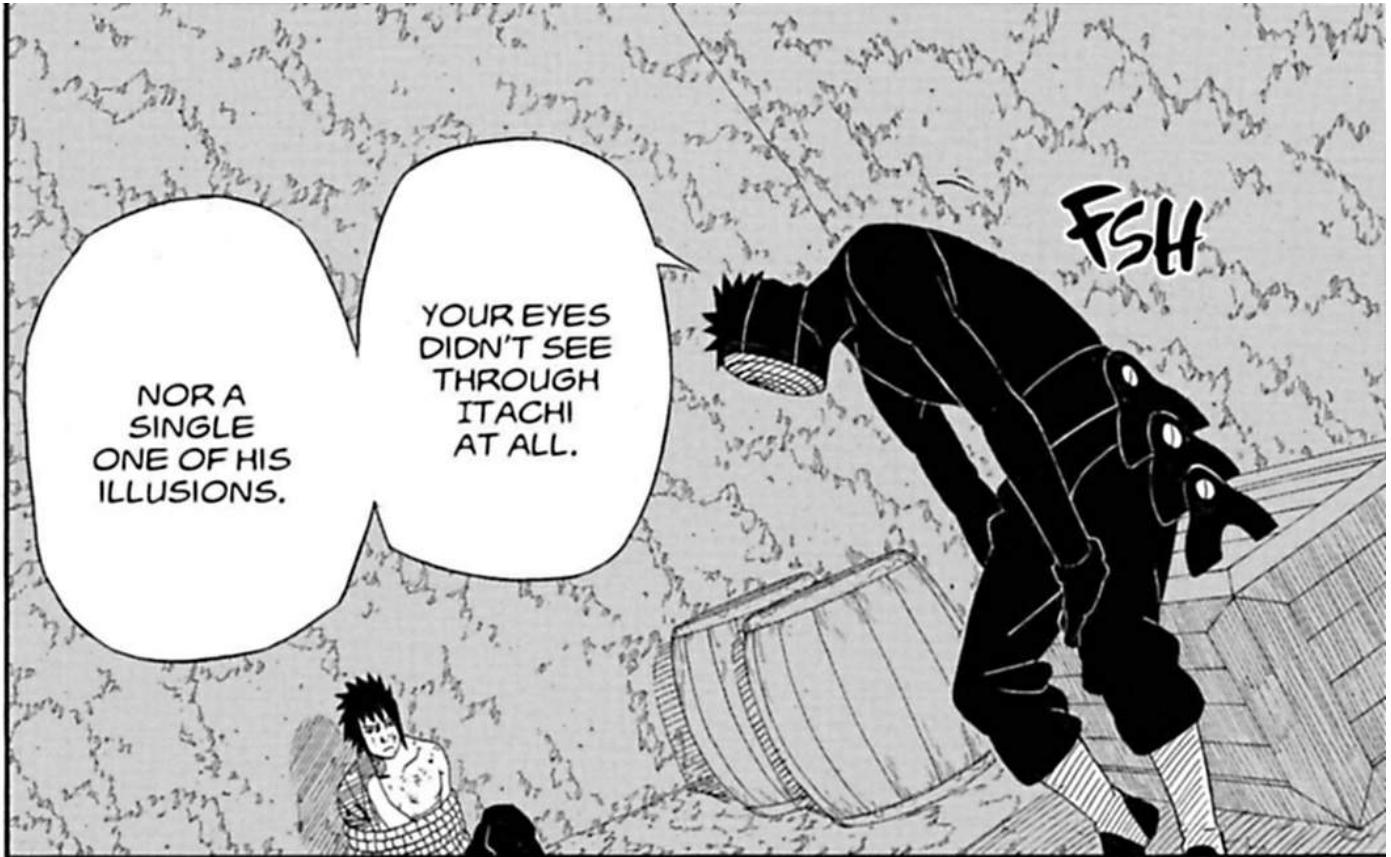
...TO REMIND  
DANZO AND  
THE  
COUNSELORS  
HE WAS  
STILL ALIVE.

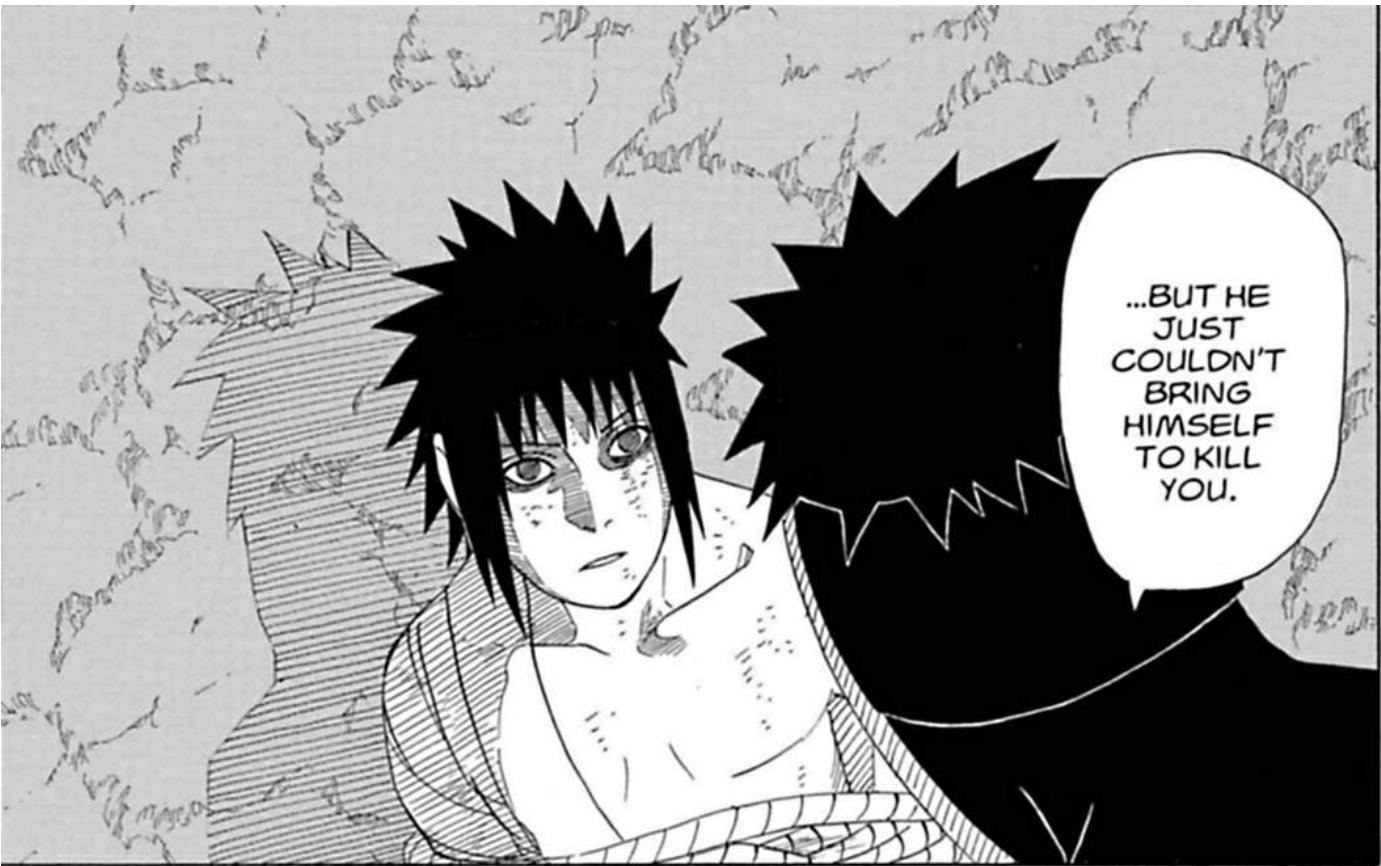




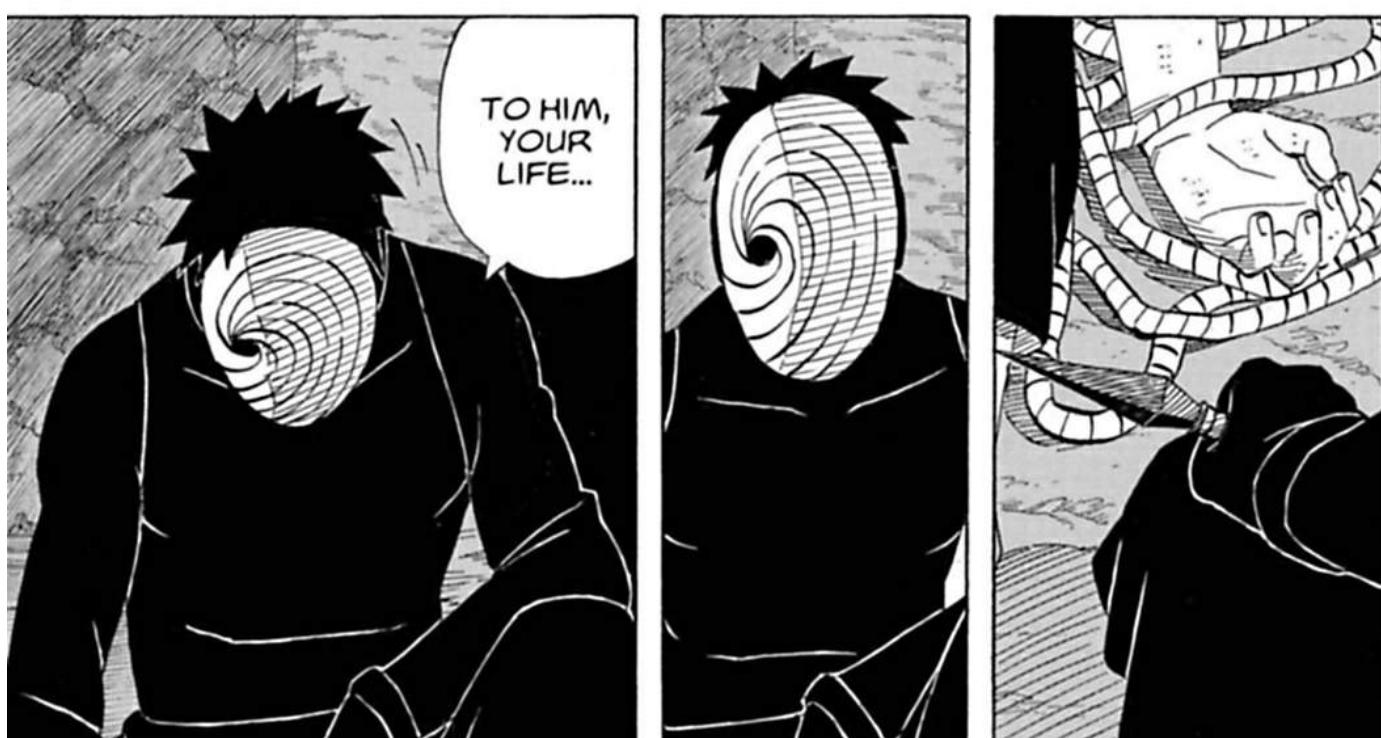
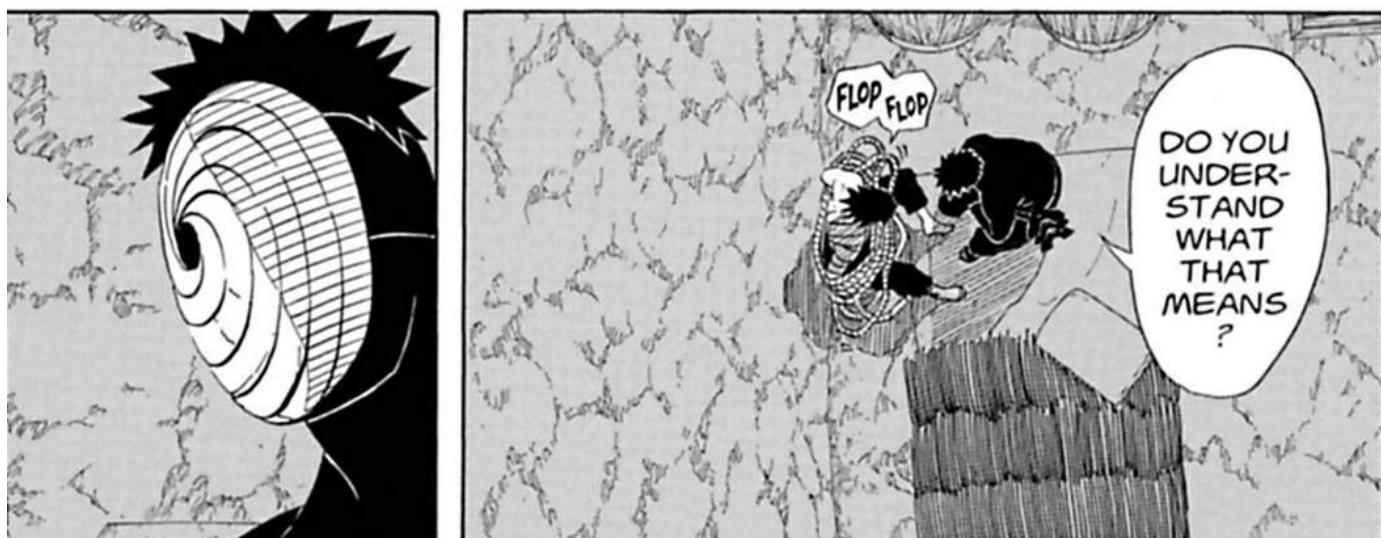
READ  
THIS WAY





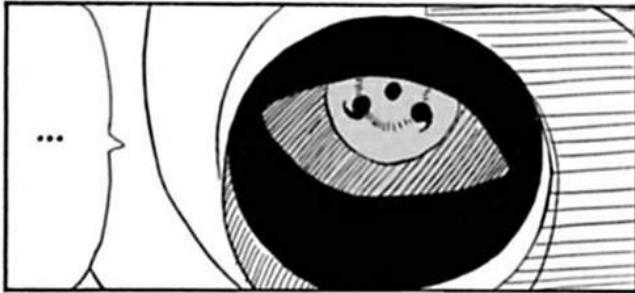


...BUT HE  
JUST  
COULD'NT  
BRING  
HIMSELF  
TO KILL  
YOU.



...WAS  
MORE  
PRECIOUS  
THAN  
EVEN THE  
VILLAGE.

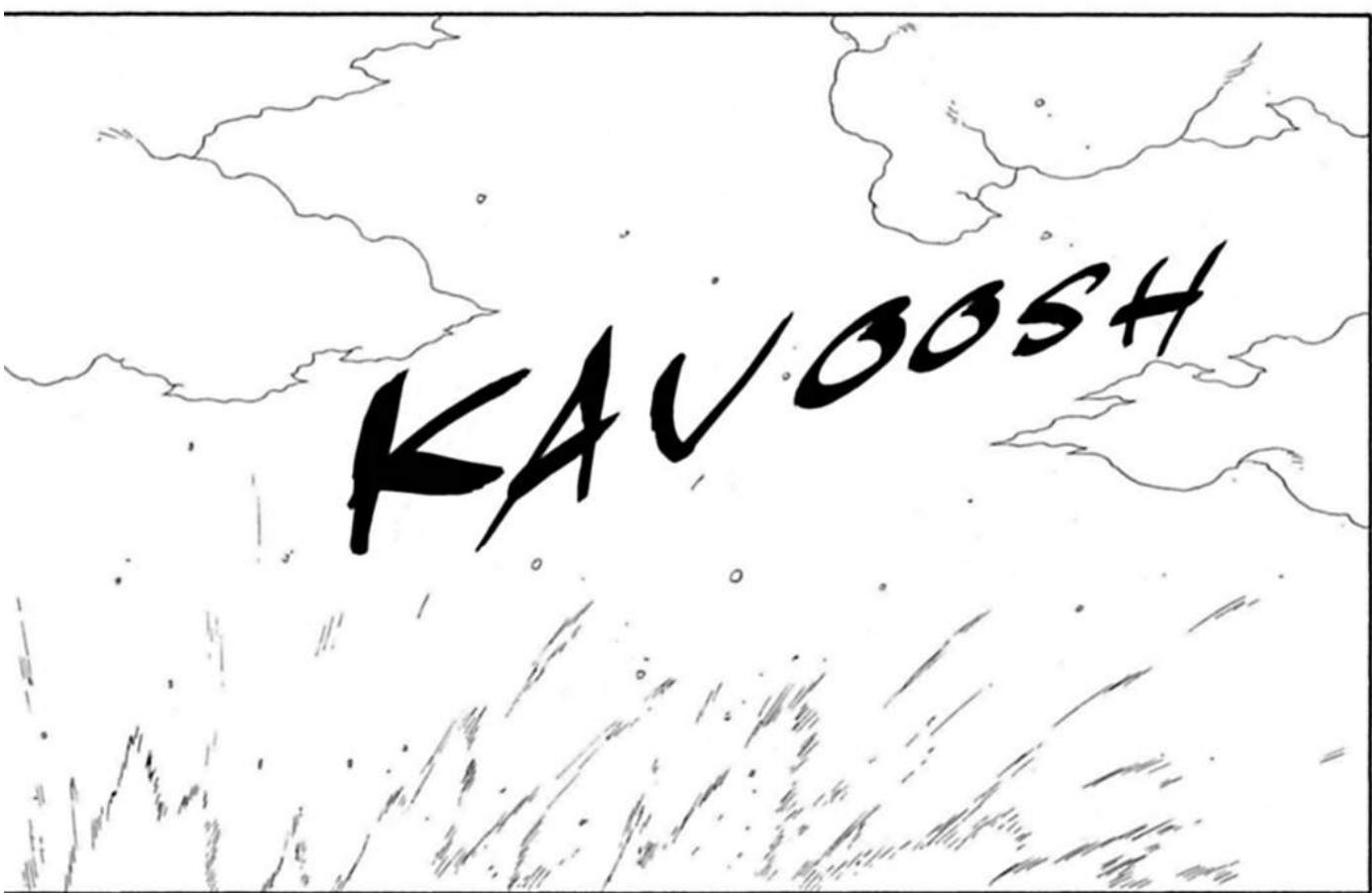
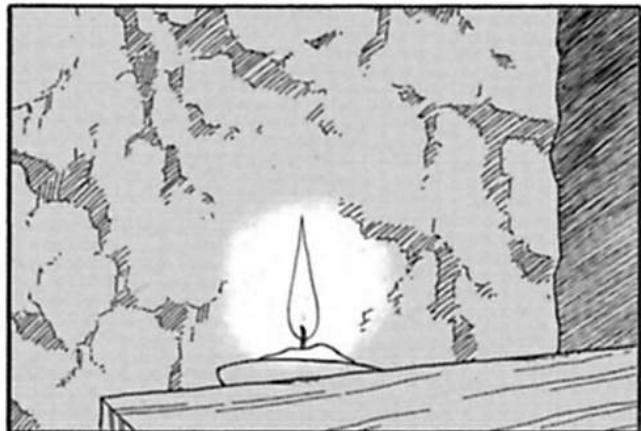
READ  
THIS WAY





...AND  
DIE IN  
FRONT  
OF  
YOU.

BECAUSE  
HE HAD  
TO  
FIGHT  
YOU...





...FOOLING

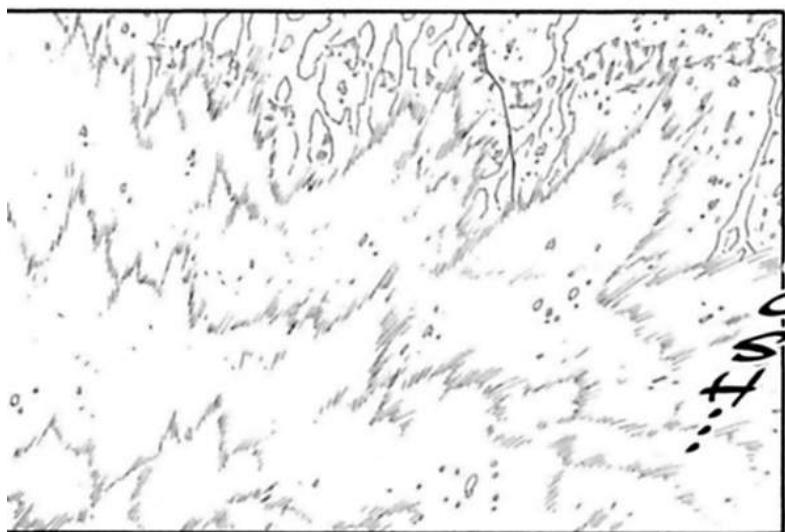
HE BE-  
@UEATHED  
TO YOU  
THE  
UCHIHA  
NAME...

...STILL  
FOOLING  
YOU TO  
THE  
VERY  
END...



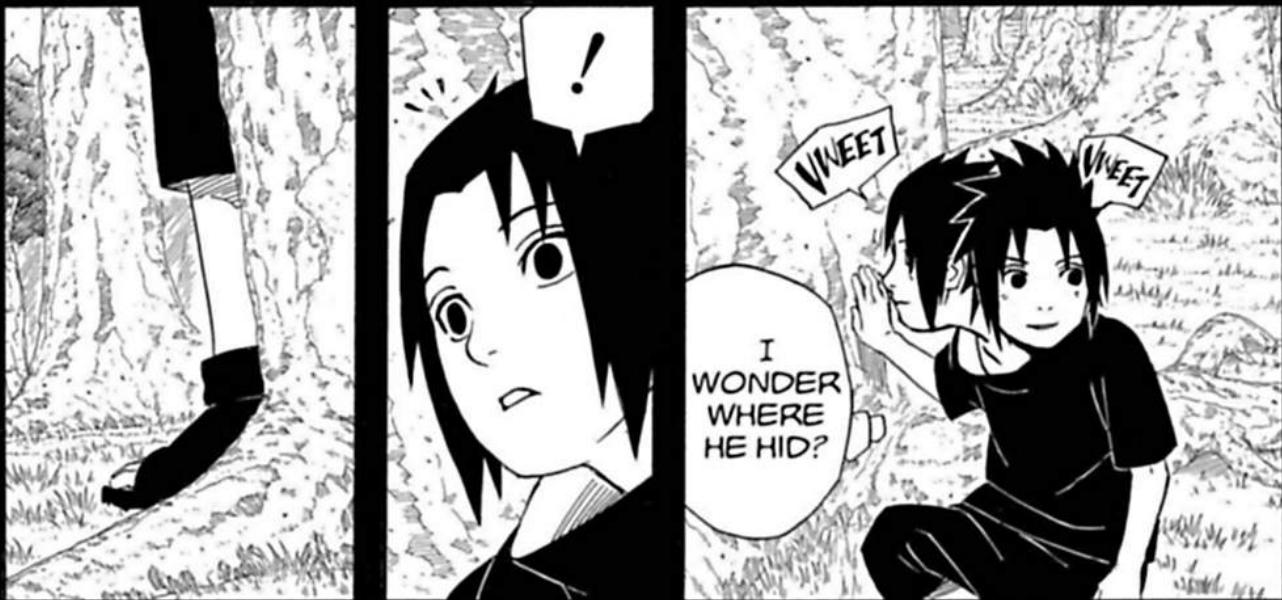
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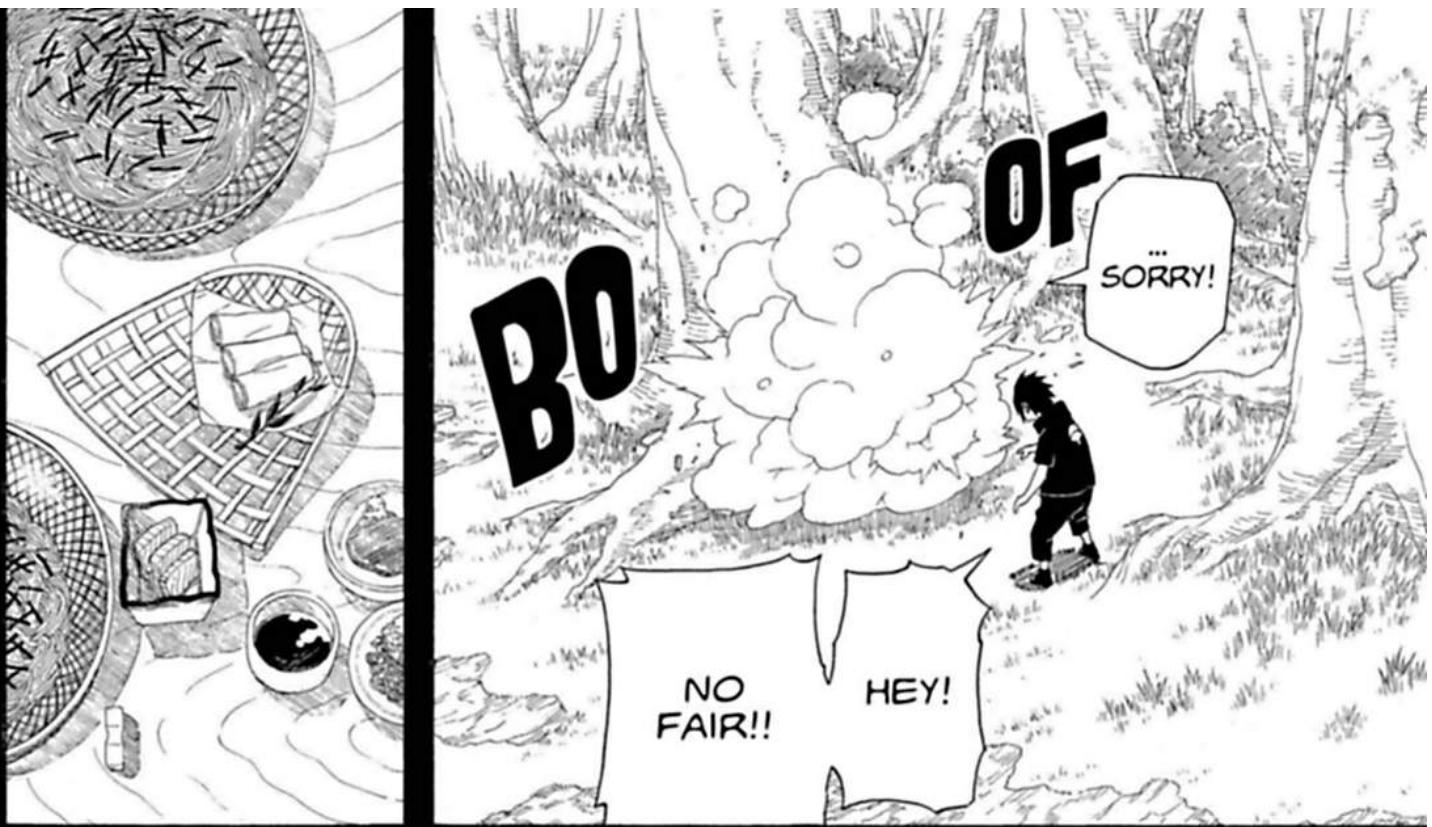
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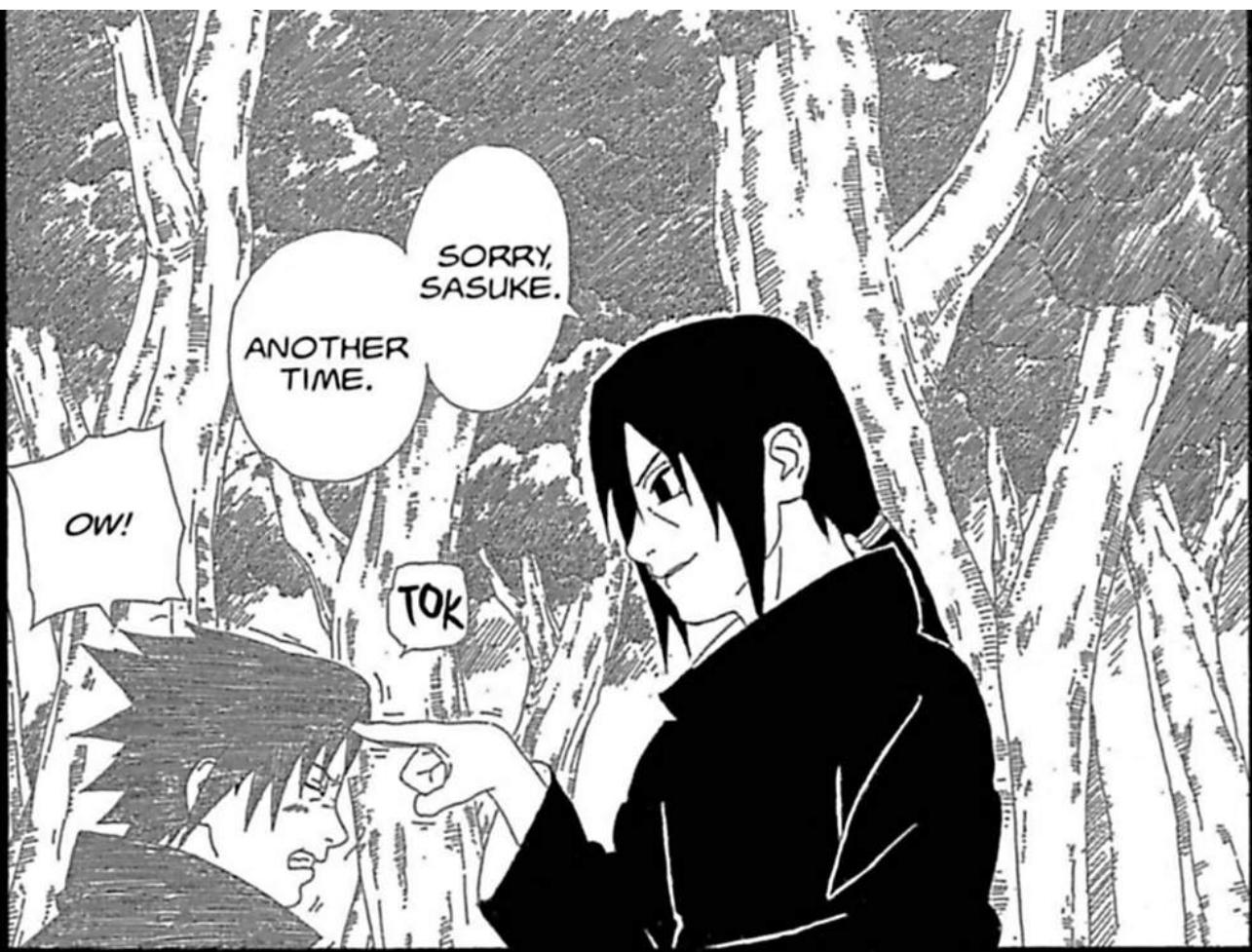


READ  
THIS  
WAY

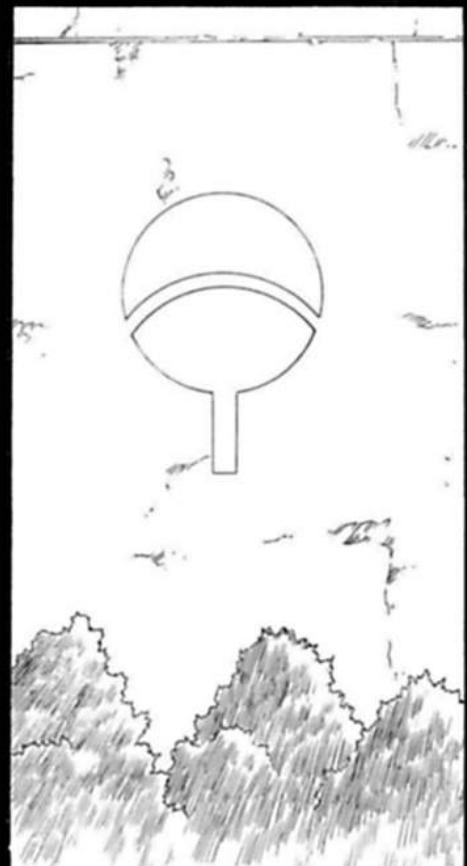
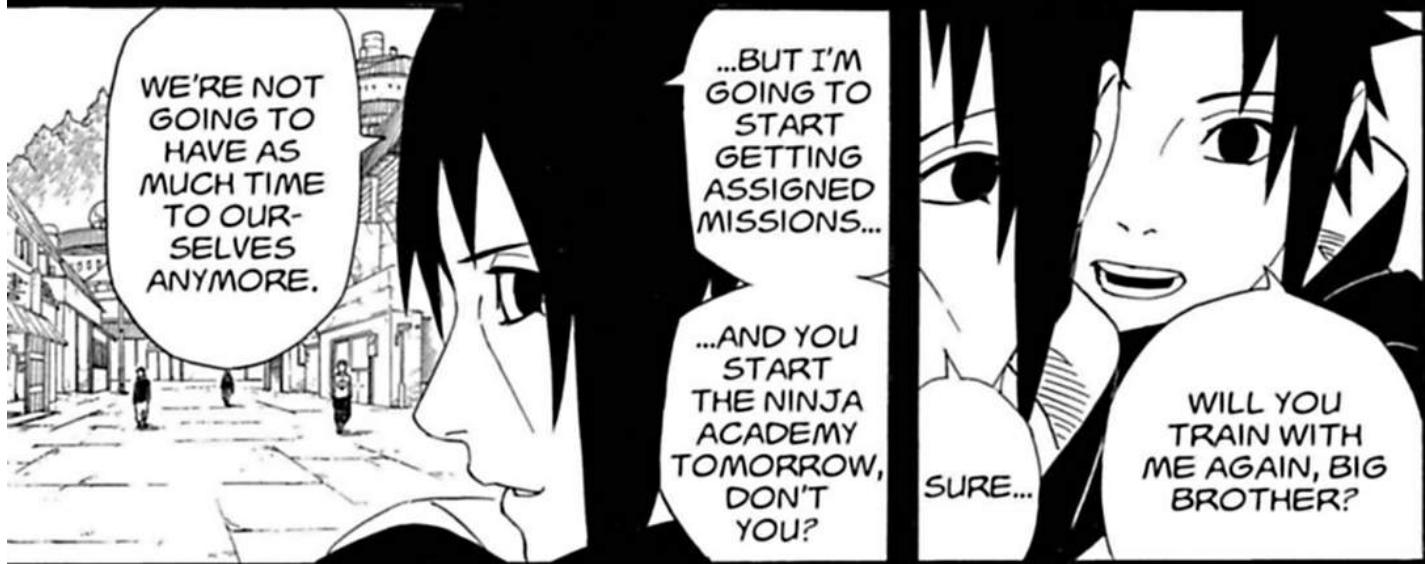






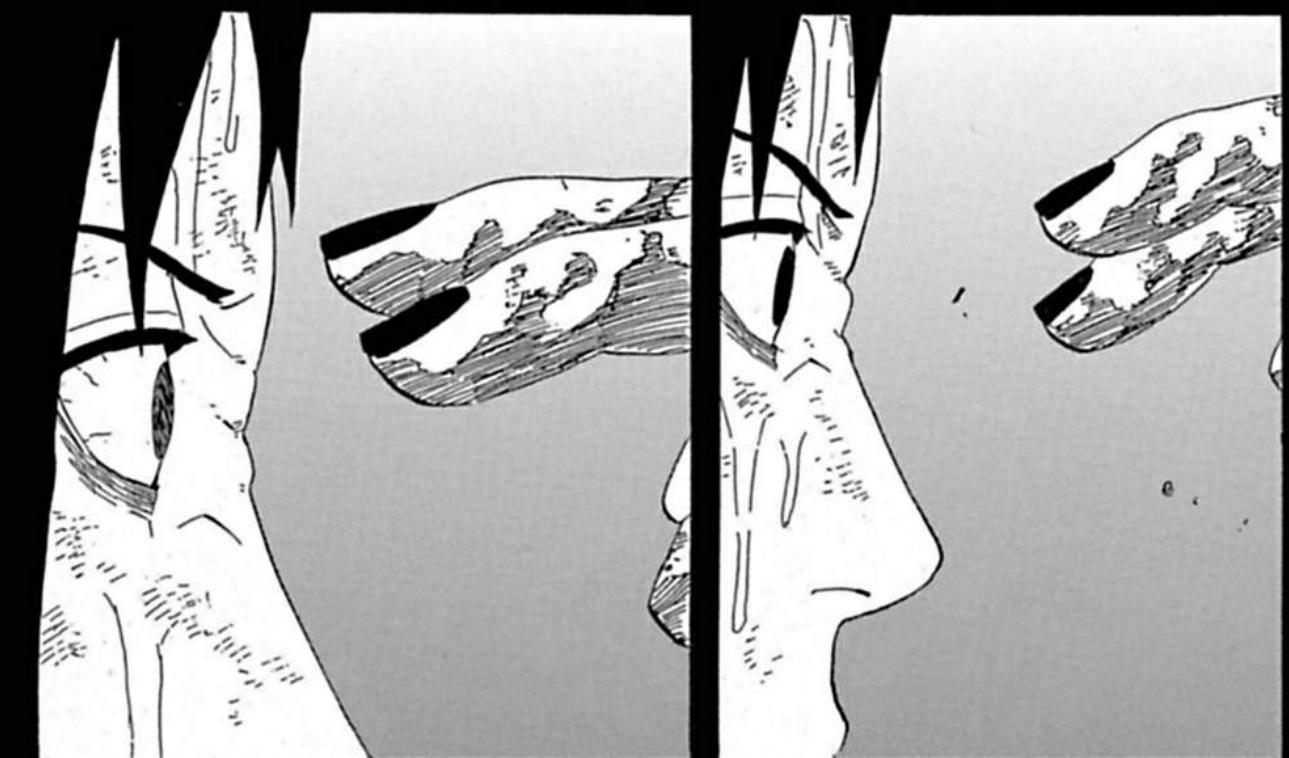
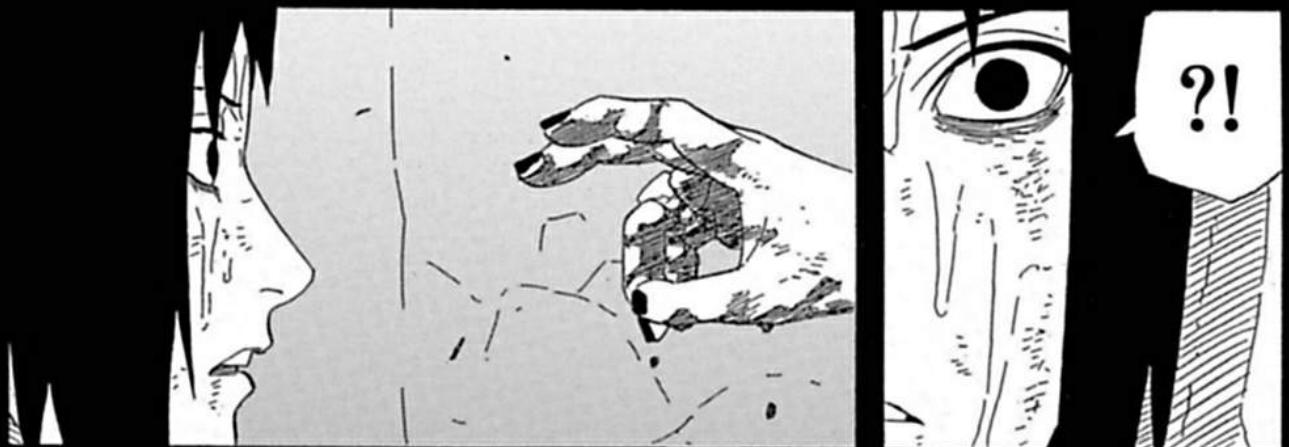


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THIS WAY

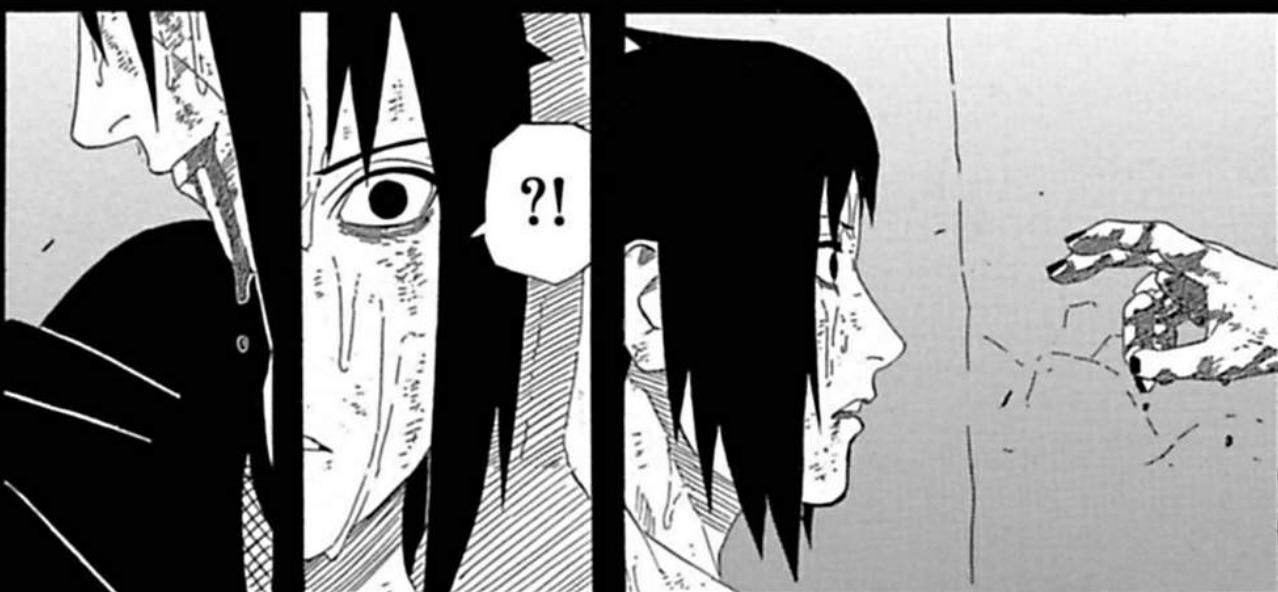
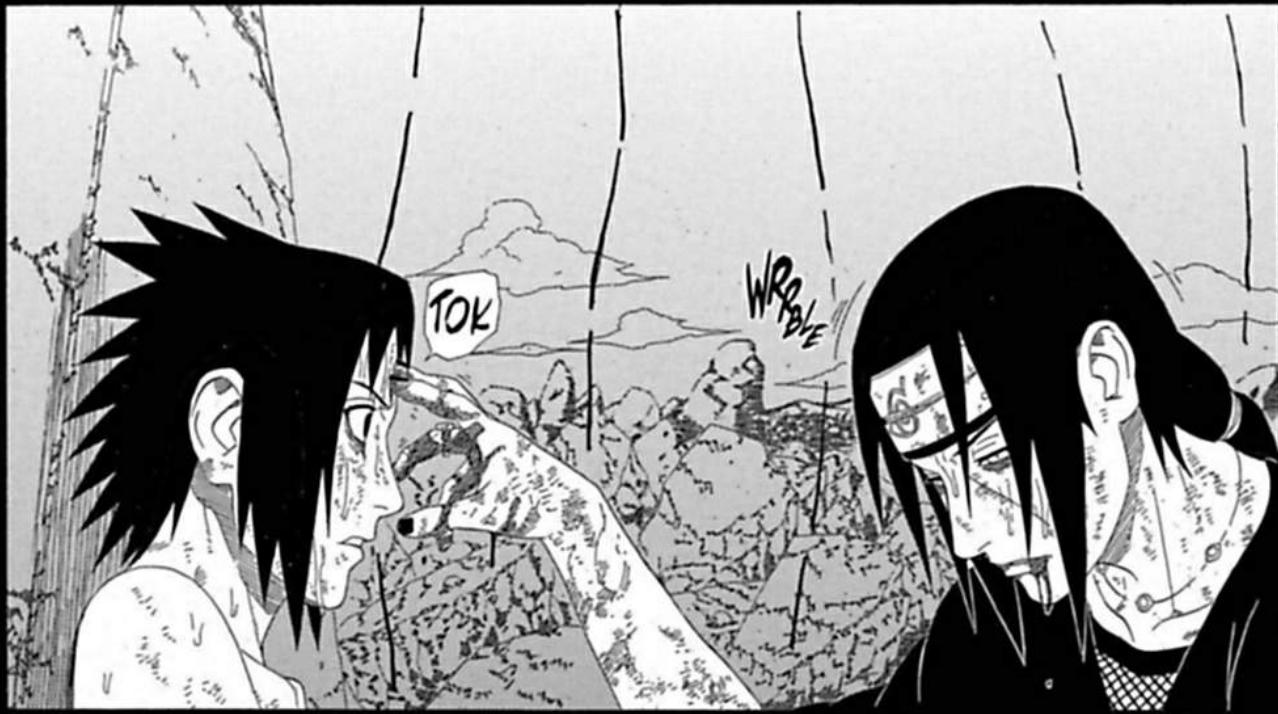








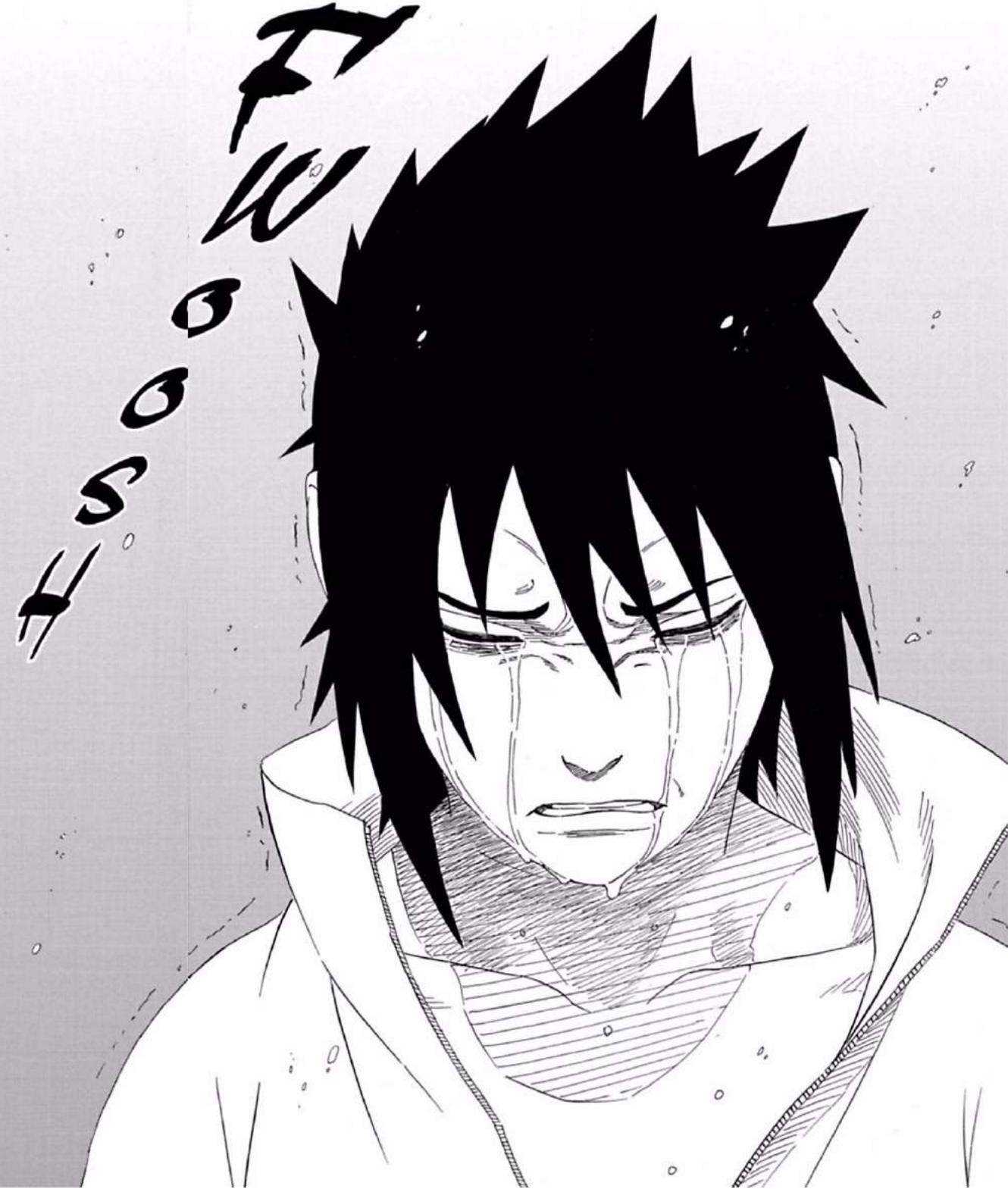
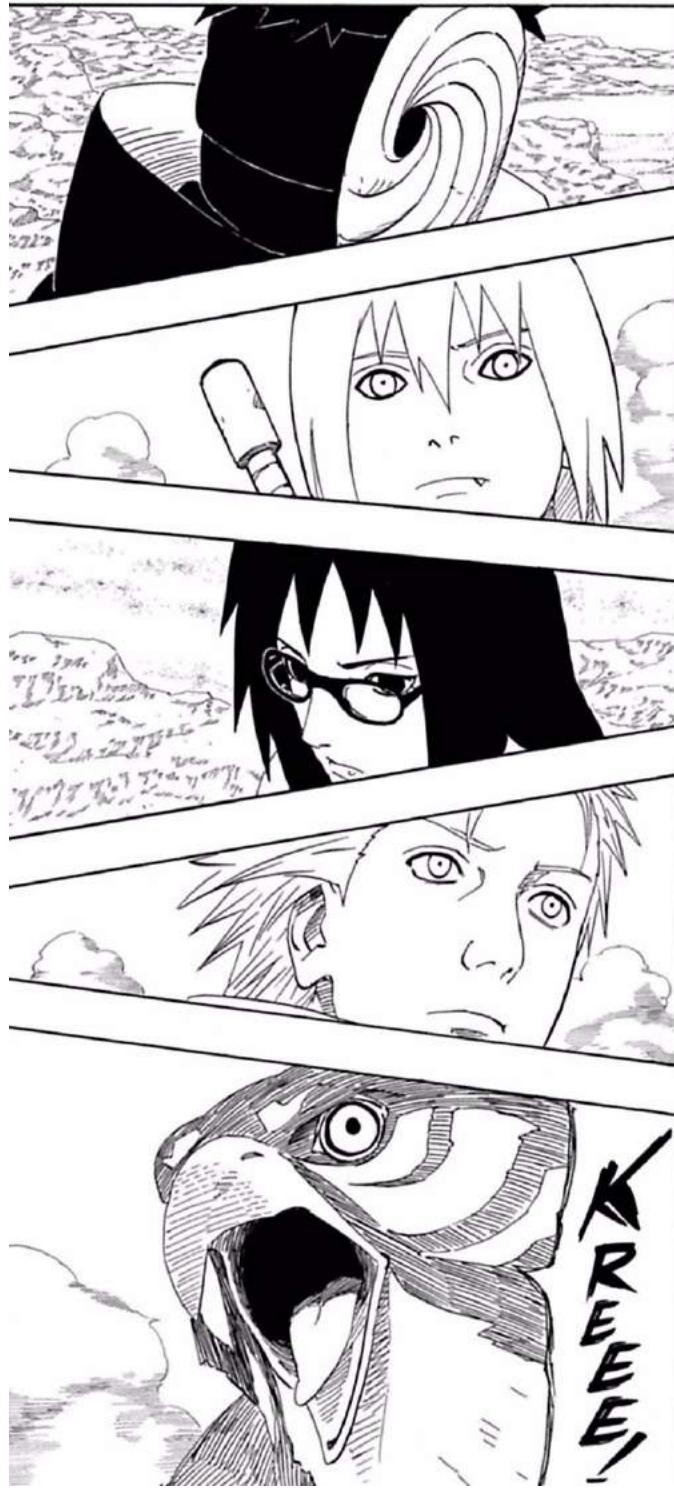
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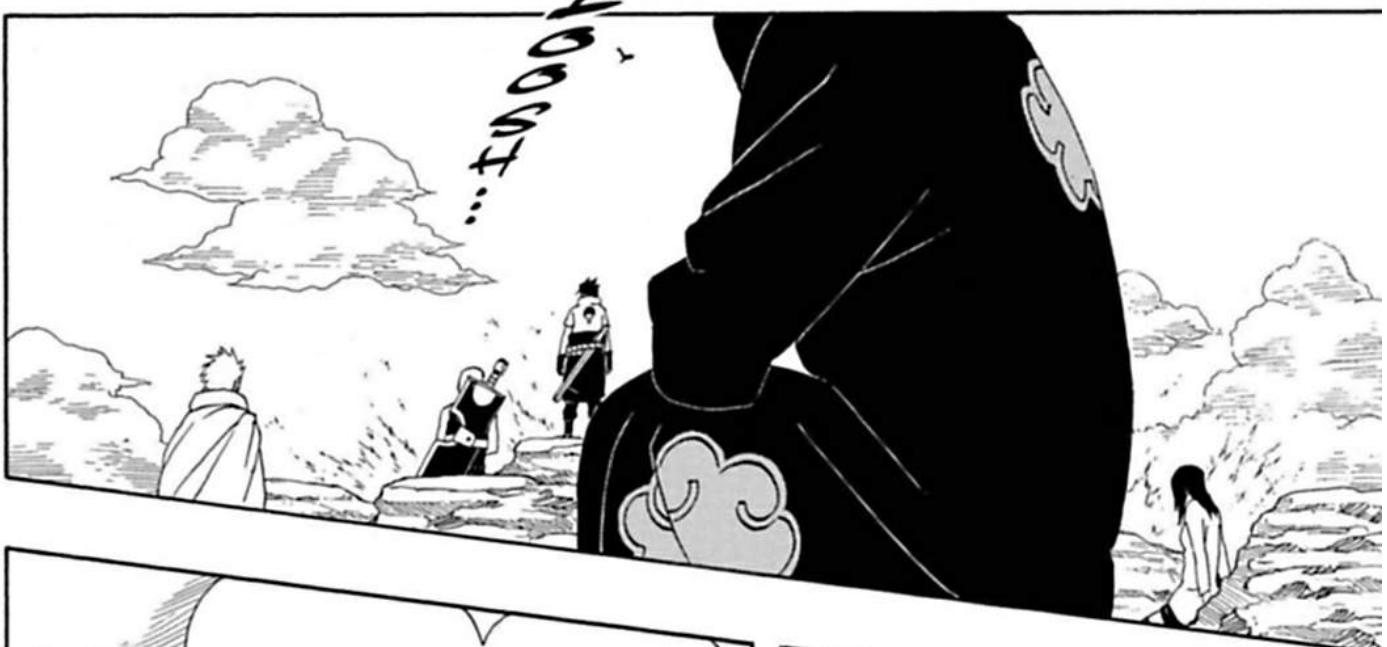
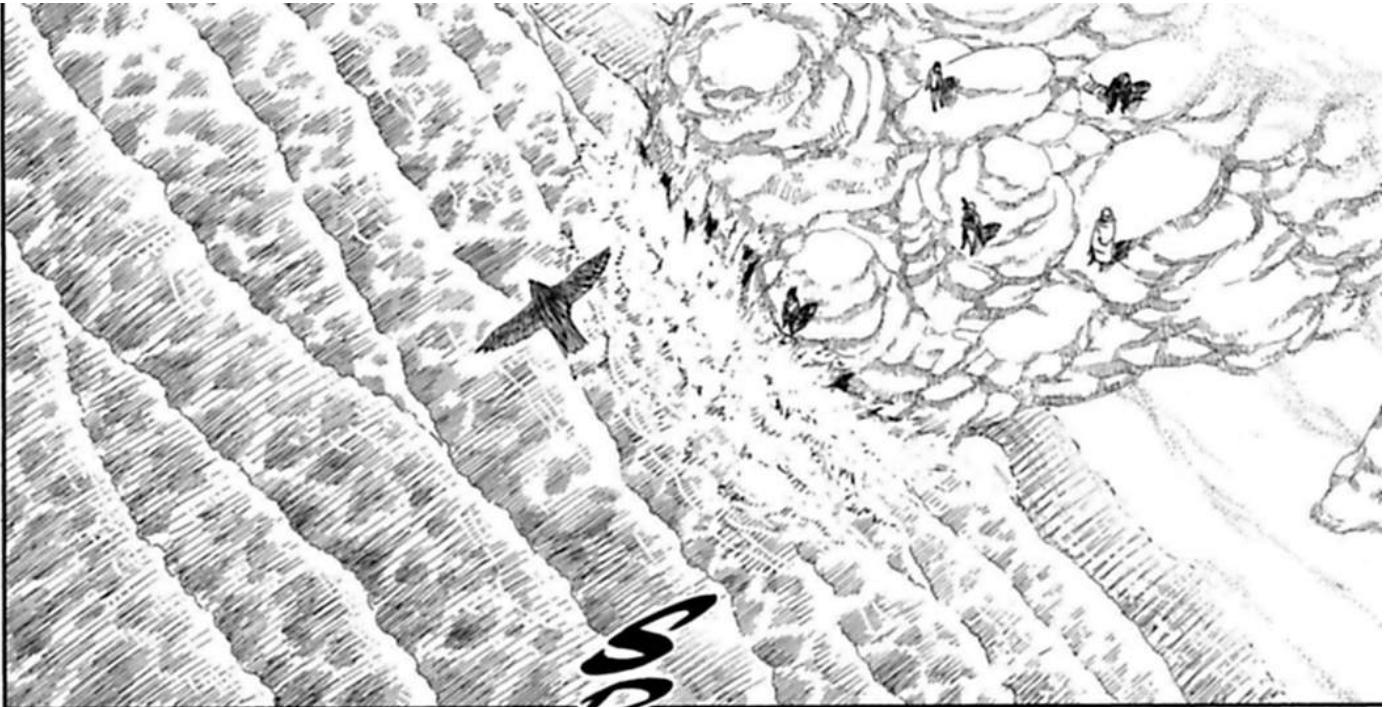


SORRY,  
SASUKE  
...

...THIS  
IS IT.

READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY



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