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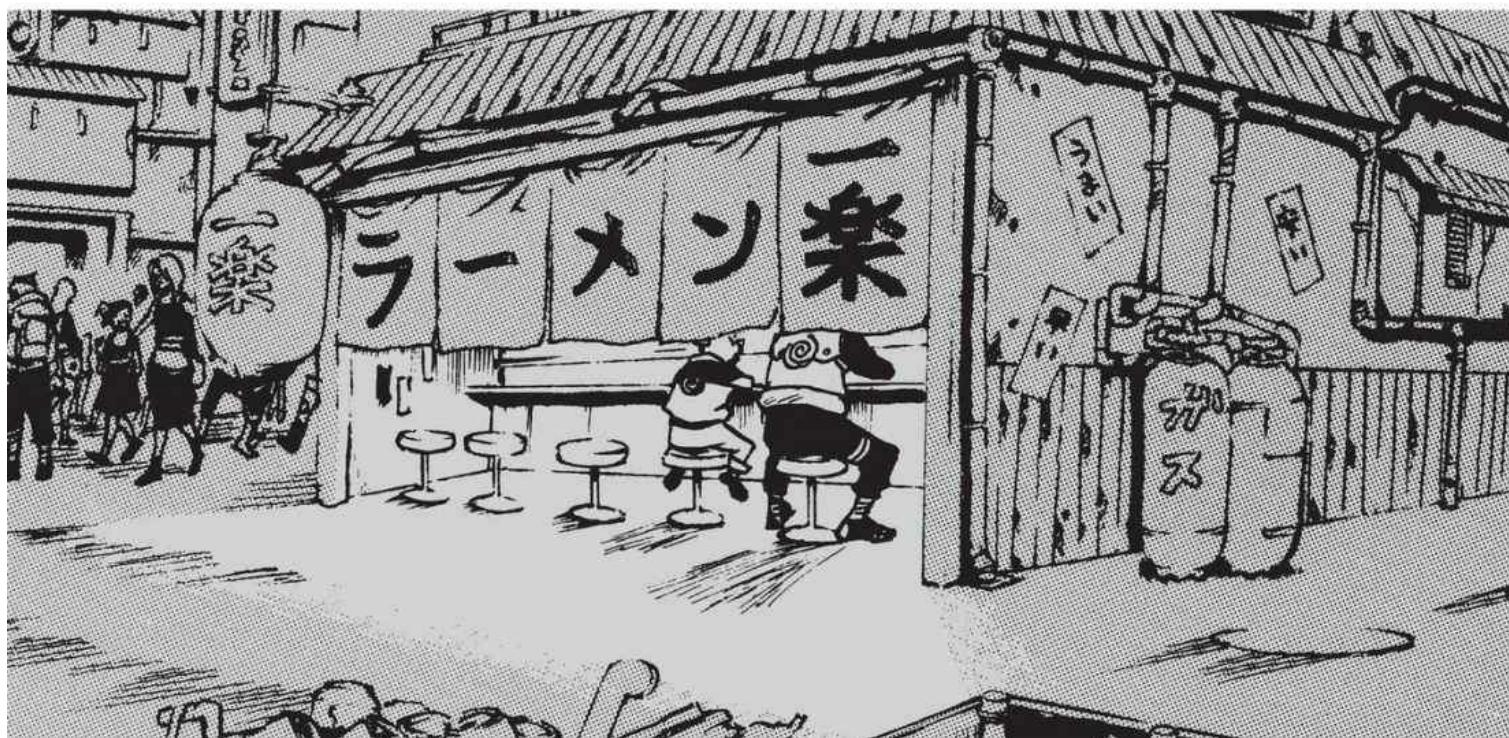
岸本齊史

I visited my family home for the first time in a while and planned to take a really short stroll in the winter snow with my feet exposed. But everything was so nostalgic that I kept going and going. Though I was shivering from the cold, I'd walked over three miles before I realized it. I ended up having someone come give me a ride back.

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2014



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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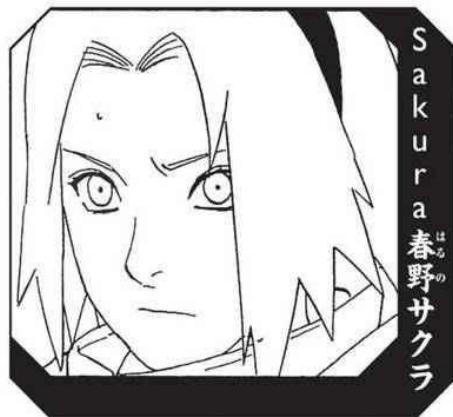


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CHARACTERS





Tsuchikage 土影



Raikage 雷影



Gaara 我愛羅



Tsunade 綱手



Orochimaru 大蛇丸



Eight Tails 八尾



Killer Bee キラービー



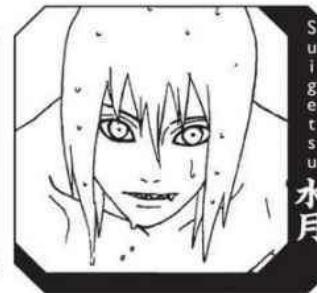
Mizukage 水影



Jugo 重吾



Karin 香燐



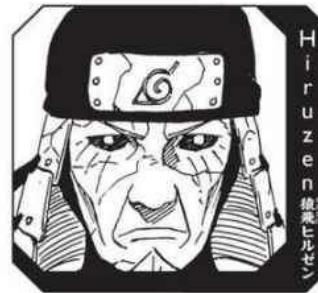
Suigetsu 水月



Madara うちはマダラ



Minato 波風ミナト



Hiruzen 猿飛ヒルゼン



Tobirama 千手扉間



Hashirama 千手柱間

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. And the Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki finally begins. Naruto and his companions face off against the reunited Obito and Madara in order to stop the resurrected Ten Tails! But soon, Obito absorbs the Ten Tails and becomes a Jinchoriki. Then, in order to complete the Infinite Tsukuyomi, he summons forth the Divine Tree. The alliance appears powerless against these forces but Naruto and Sasuke stand tall. Can they stop Obito?!



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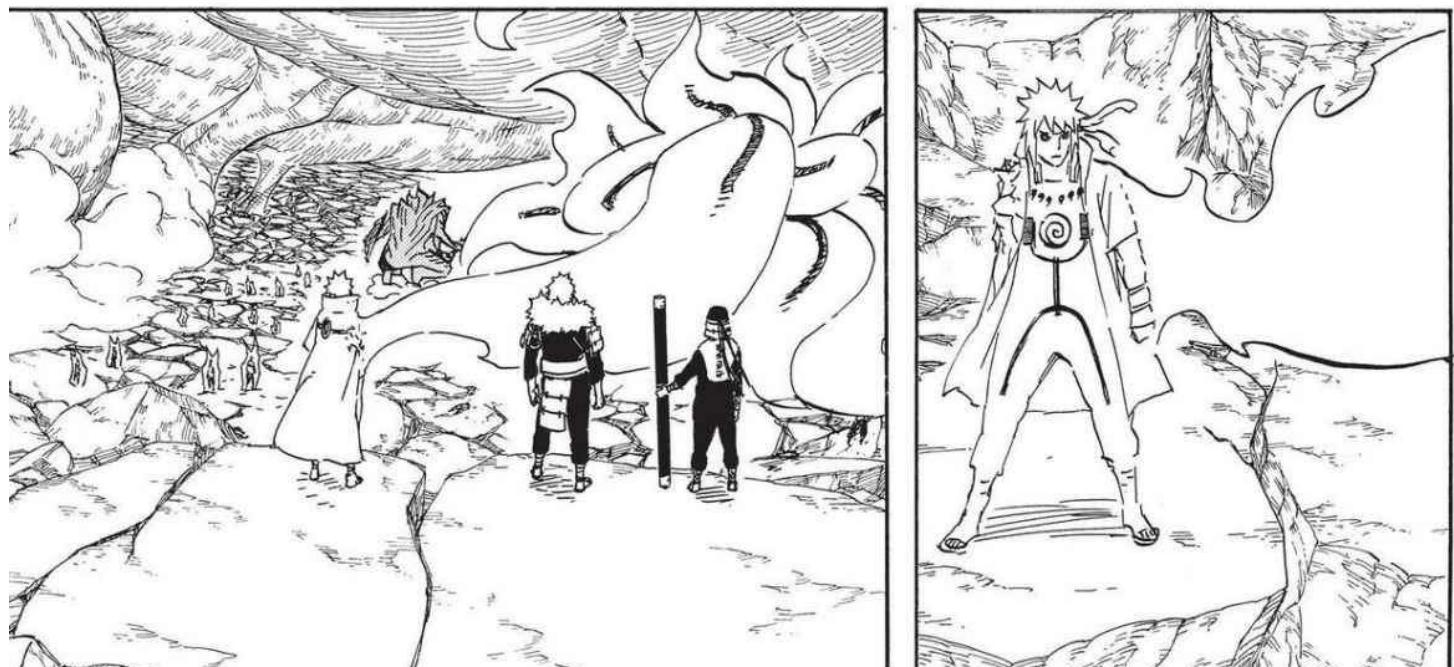
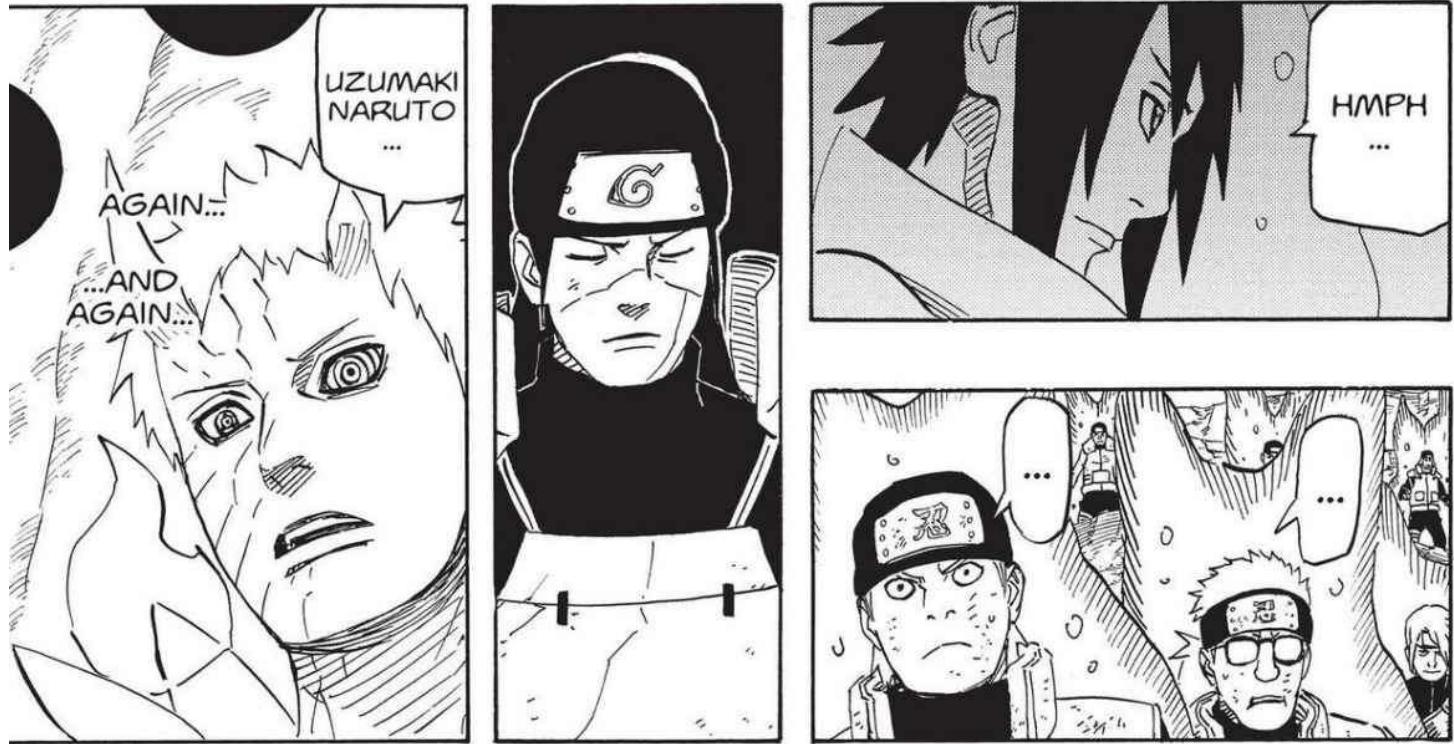
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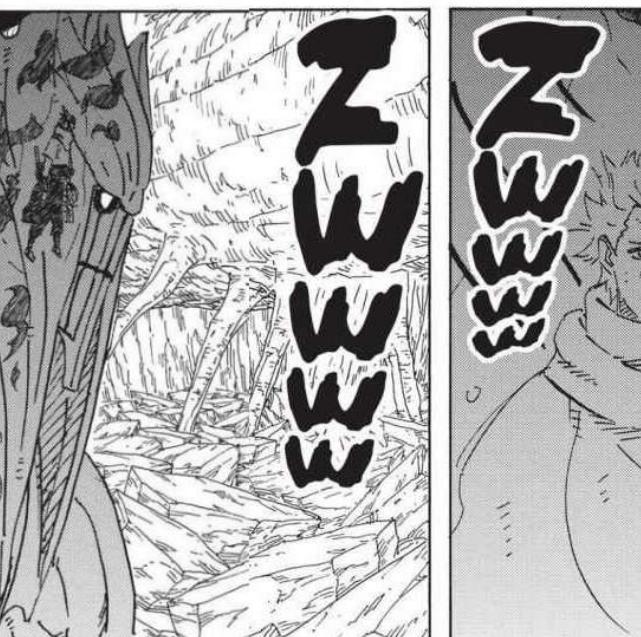
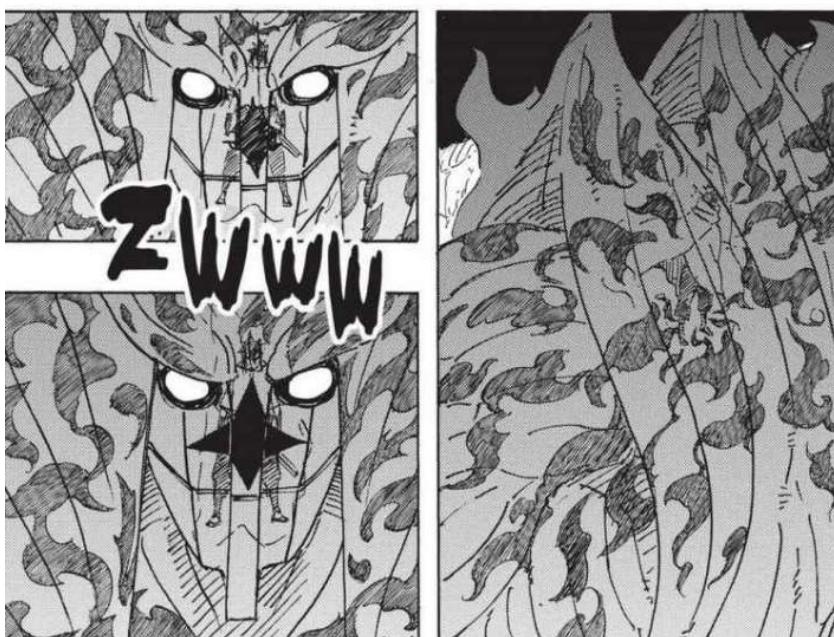


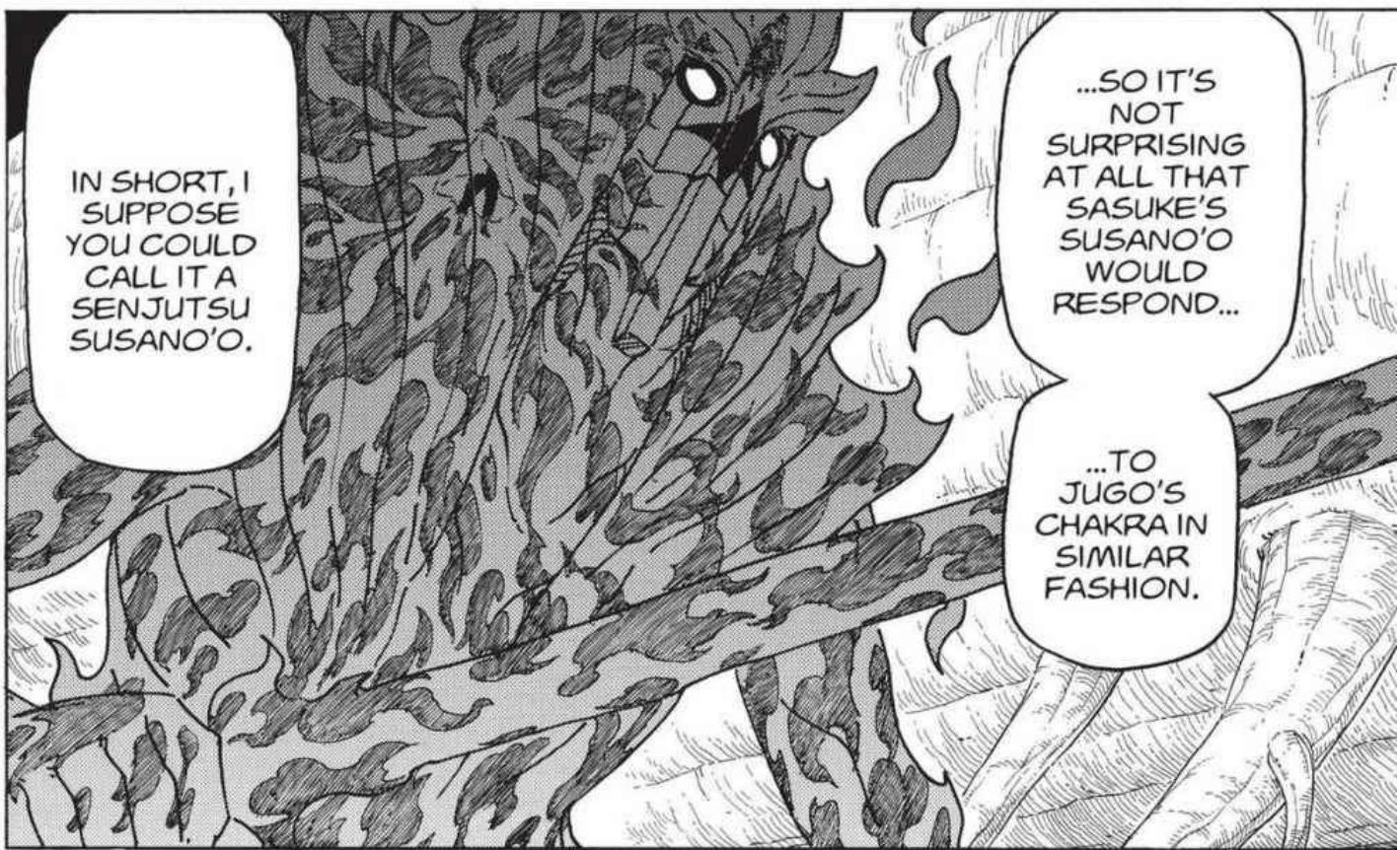
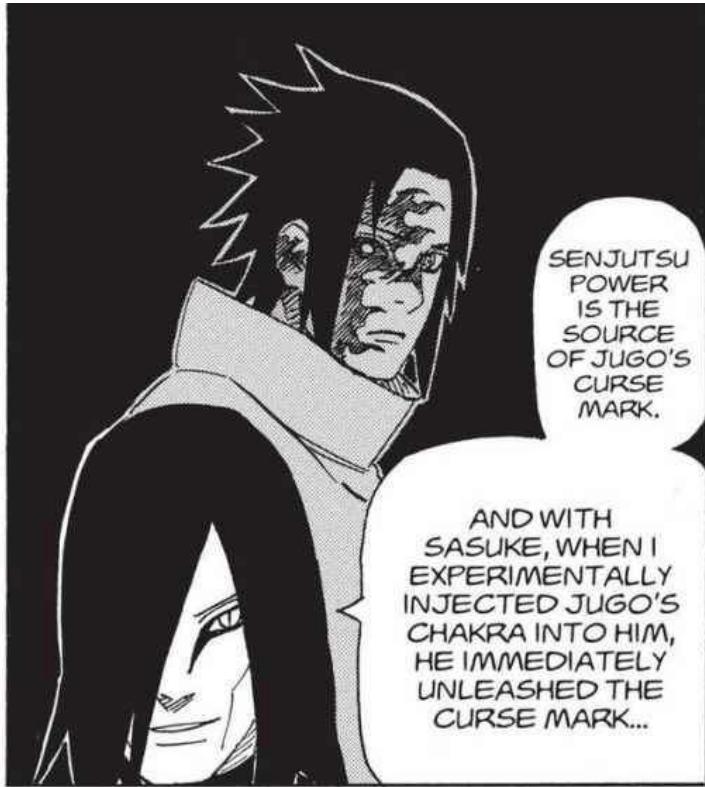
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Number 648: A Shinobi's Dream!!







...THAT
YOU'LL ONE
DAY BE A
SHINOBI
WHO
SURPASSES
MADARA!

YAH
!!

OR RATHER,
UNLIKE THAT
OF ANY I'VE
EXPER-
IMENTED
ON...

WAH!

AND SASUKE,
YOUR POWER
IS UNLIKE THAT
OF THE TWO
BEHIND ME...

I KNOW. MY
GUT TELL'S
ME, BASED
ON INTEL
GATHERED
OVER MY
ENTIRE LIFE...

IT STILL
HASN'T
COME
CLOSE TO
ITS LIMIT...

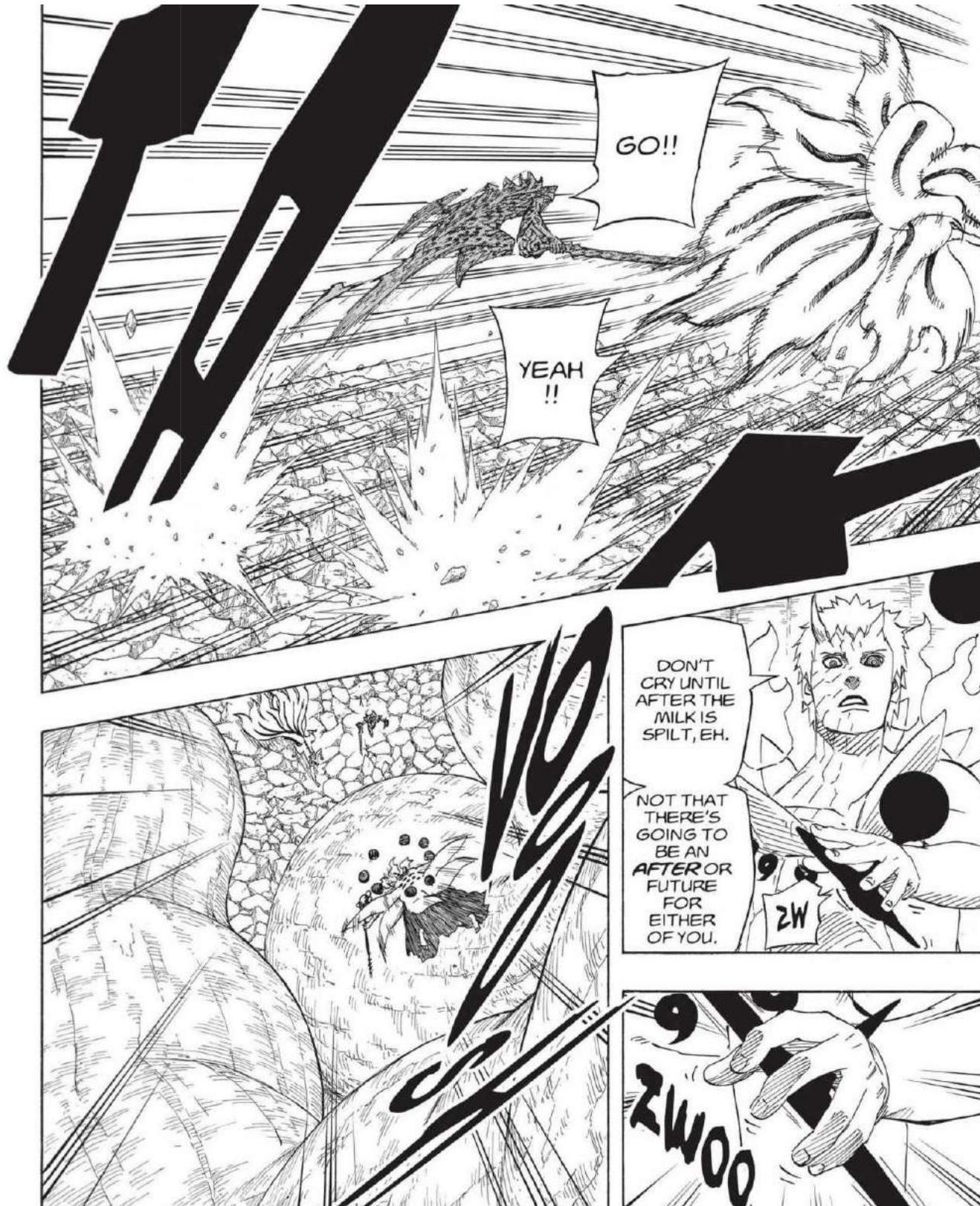
...DEPEND
ON YOU.

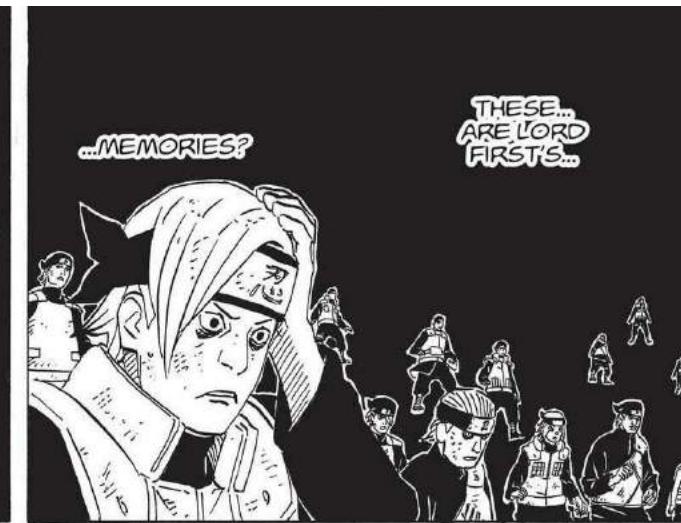
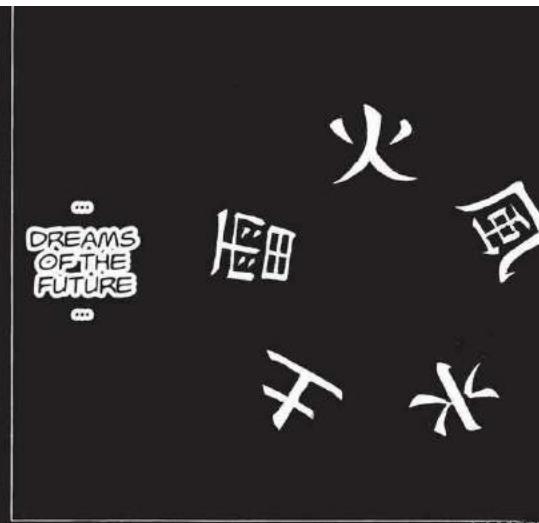
AND, YET,
EVERYONE
LIKES AND
WANTS TO...

...YOU
REMIND
ME SO
MUCH OF
ELDER
BROTHER.

AND
UZUMAKI
NARUTO...

YOU'RE A
FOOLISH, NAÏVE
BRAT WHO
SPOUTS
IDEALISM AT
THE TOP OF
YOUR VOICE.







THIS IS JUST A TRANSACTION, NOT SOMETHING TO GET EMOTIONAL OVER.

DISTRIBUTING THE BIJU THAT LORD HOKAGE HAS COLLECTED TO THE OTHER VILLAGES IS THE CONDITION OF SIGNING THE TREATY.

...YOU'LL MAKE US SUSPICIOUS.

IF YOU BEHAVE TOO HUMBLY...

風

水

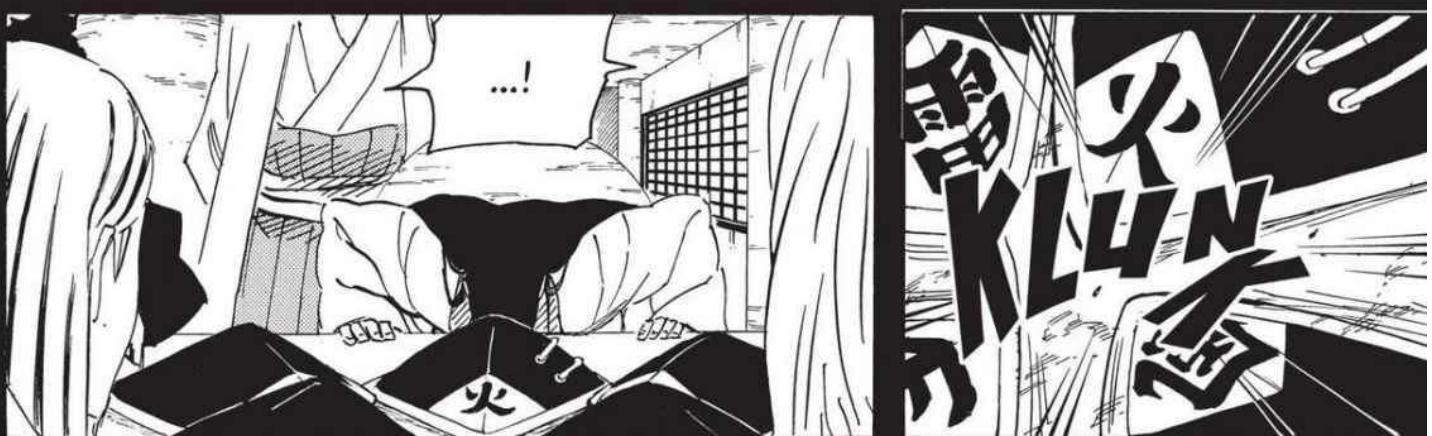
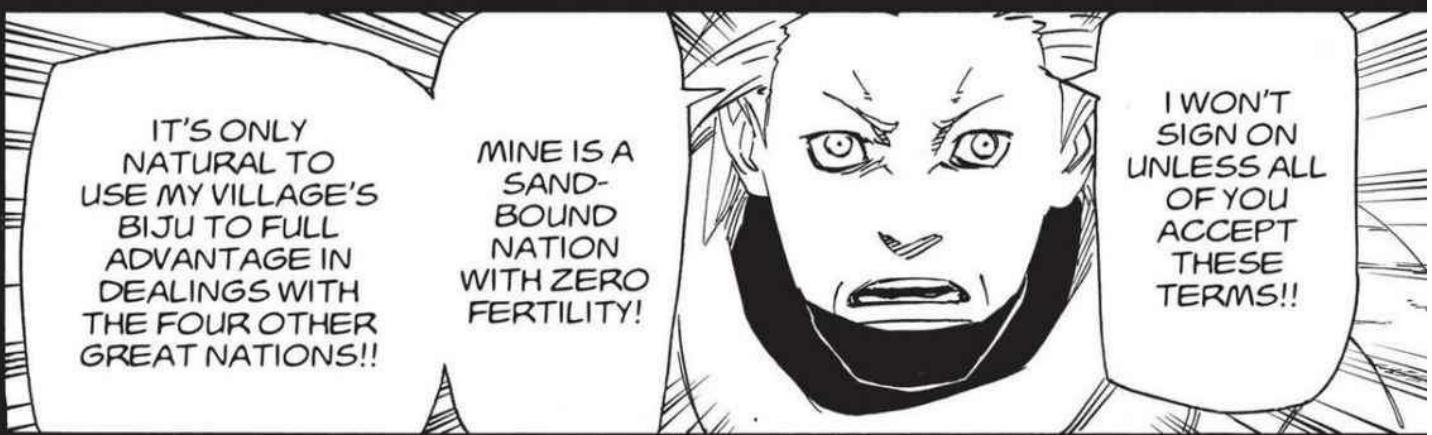
SHUT IT!!

EXACTLY. AND WE'LL ALLOCATE THE BIJU BASED ON POWER BALANCE, BUT YOU WILL BE ACQUIRING THEM FOR A PRICE.

NOT FREE?







AND NOW
TODAY,
EVEN IF OUR
FIVE NATION
TREATY
COMES TO
BE...

...BUT WE EACH
DID WHAT WE
DID TO
PROTECT OUR
BRETHREN
AND CLANS.

THERE PERHAPS
WERE TIMES WE
HAD NO OTHER
CHOICE.

IT'S
TRUE
THAT
WE'VE
NEVER
GOTTEN
ALONG
IN THE
PAST...

BUT I'VE...
GOT THIS
DREAM...
THAT SOME
TIME IN THE
FUTURE...

...I
HONESTLY
CAN'T SAY
HOW LONG
IT'LL LAST
OR IF WE
CAN HOLD
TO IT.

THAT
IS MY...

...AND HELP
EACH OTHER,
WITH ONE
HEART,
REGARDLESS
OF THEIR
AFFILIATION.

...THERE'LL
COME A DAY
WHEN
SHINOBI WILL
COLLABO-
RATE...



PLEASE!

PLEASE!

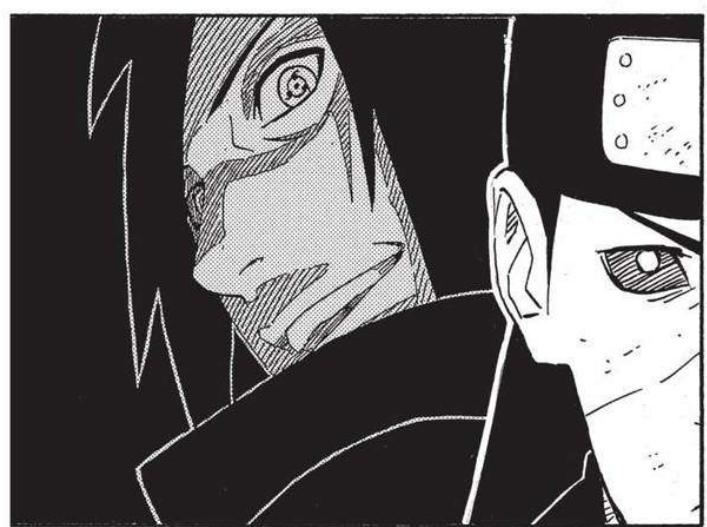
I ASK YOU
TO TAKE
THE FIRST
STEP
TOWARD
THAT
DREAM
TODAY!

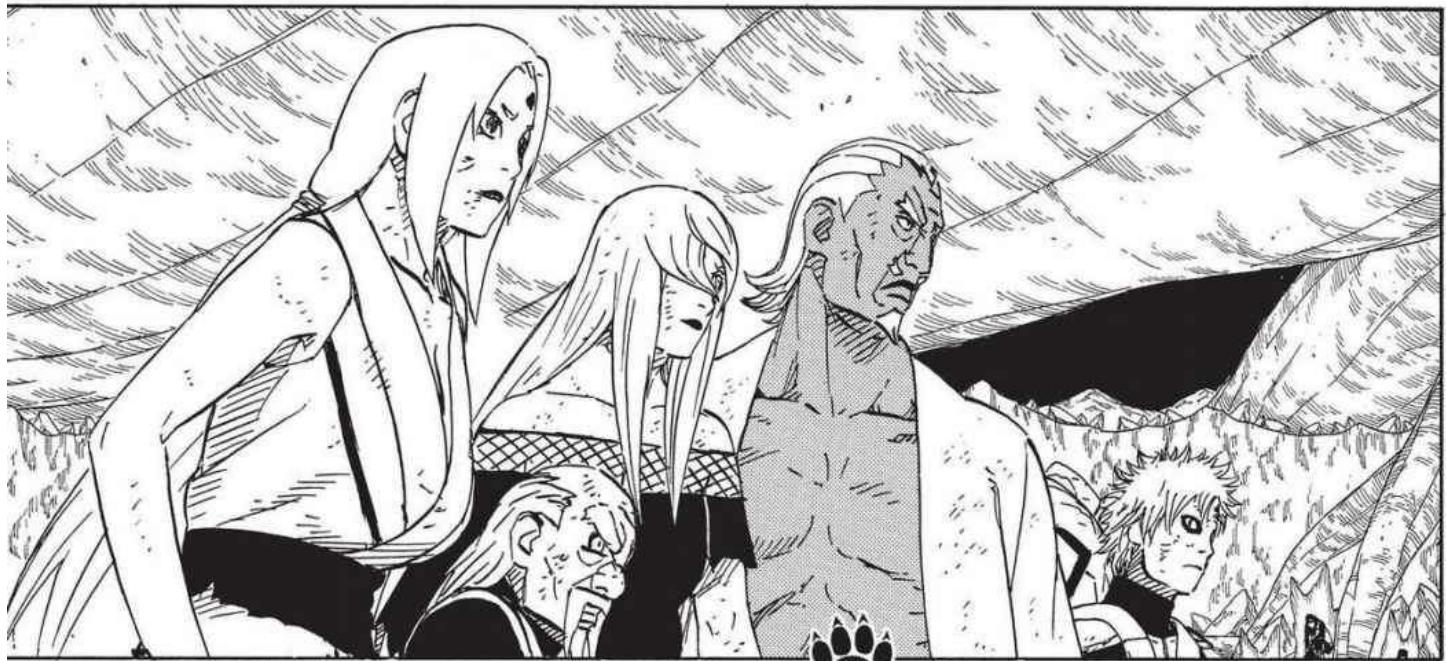
ALL OF
MY, OUR,
BELOVED
CHILDREN!!

I BEG
YOU!!

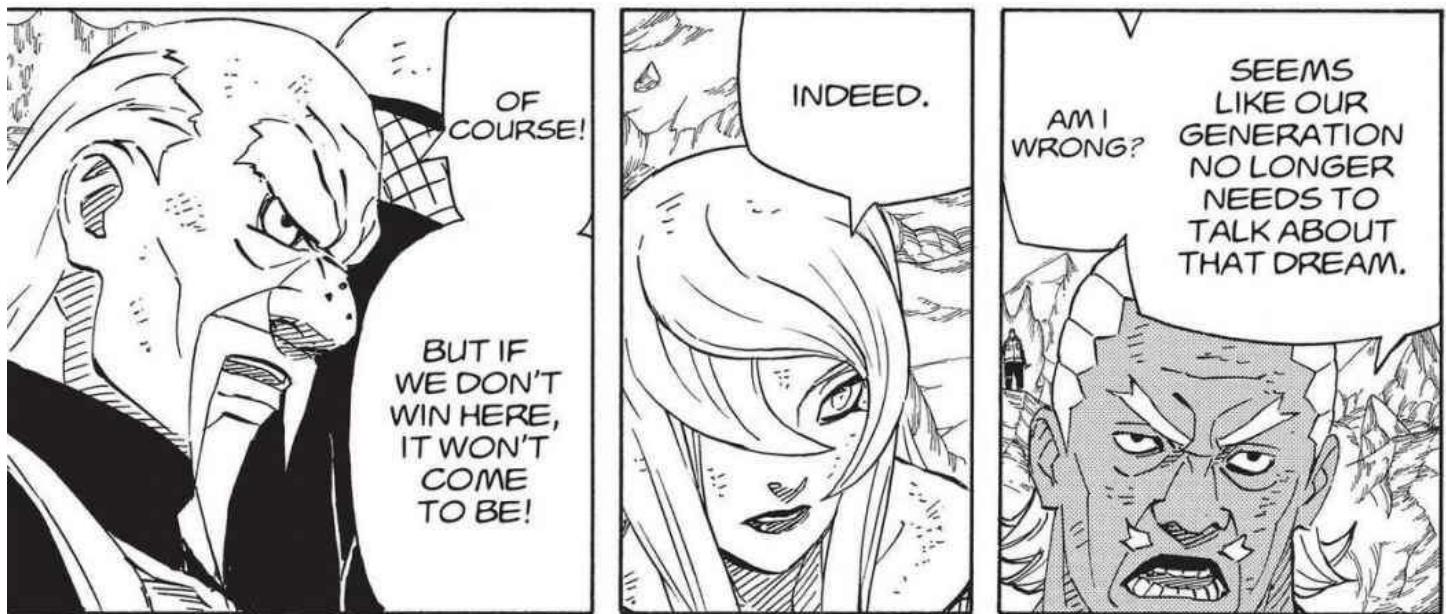
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PLEASE!



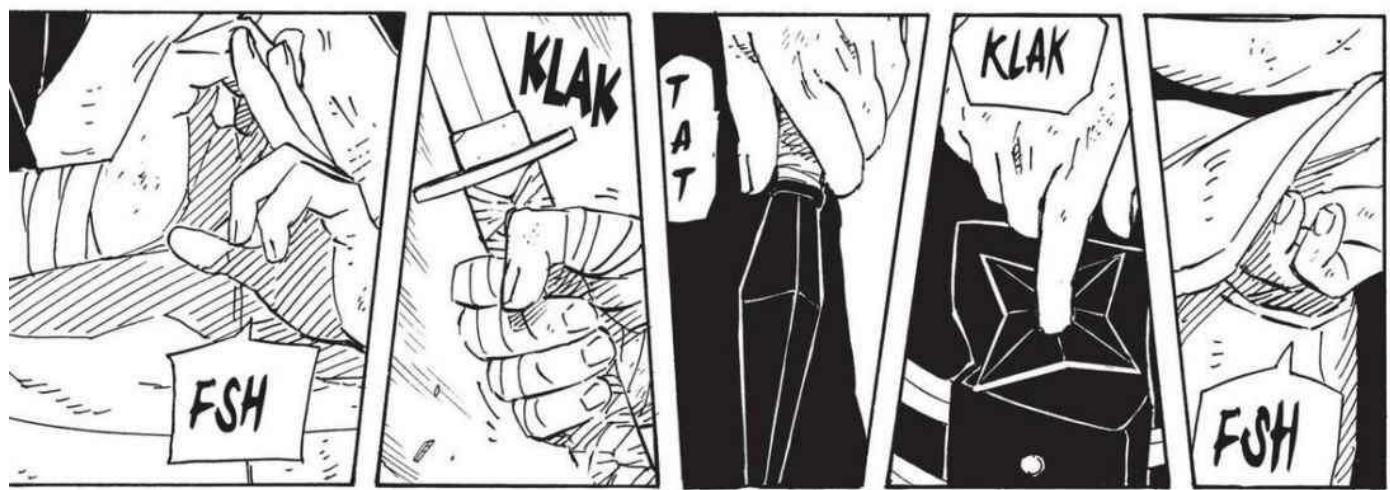
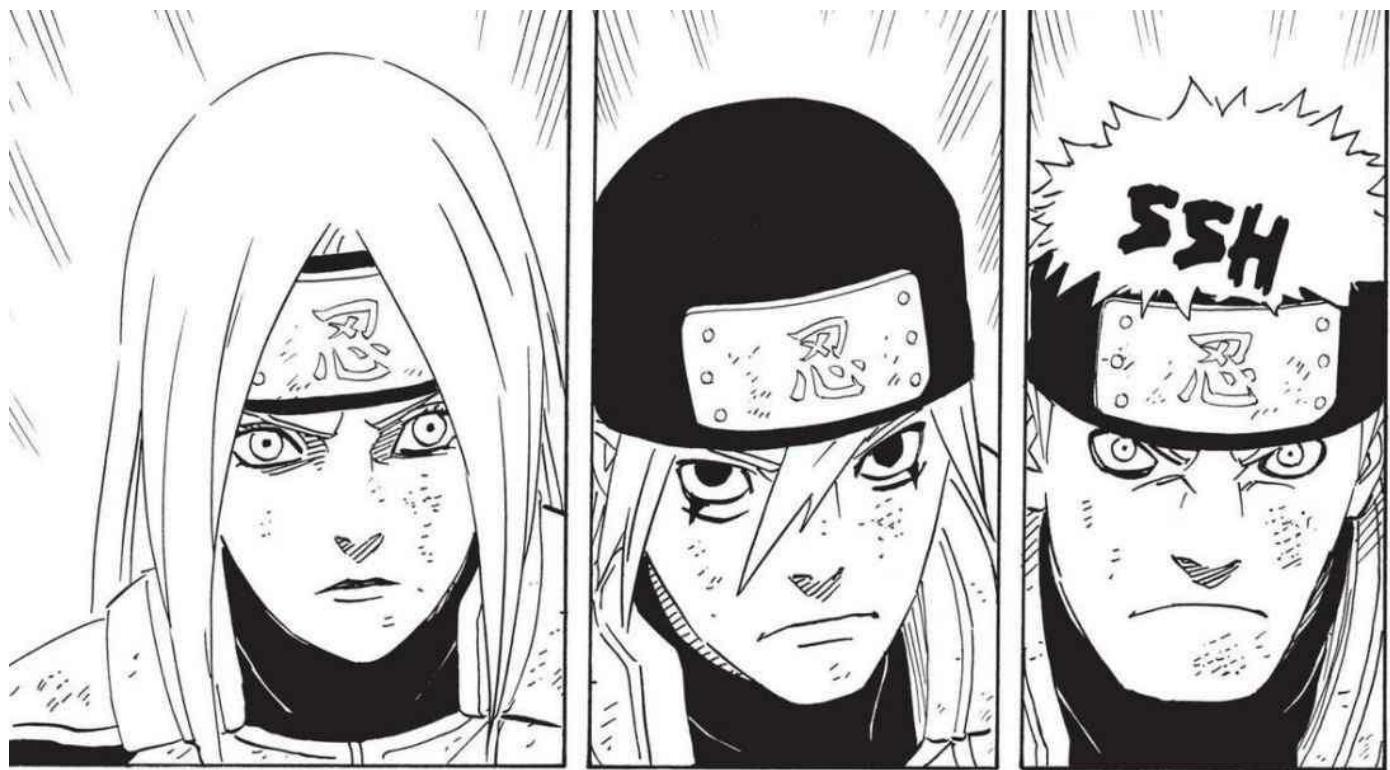




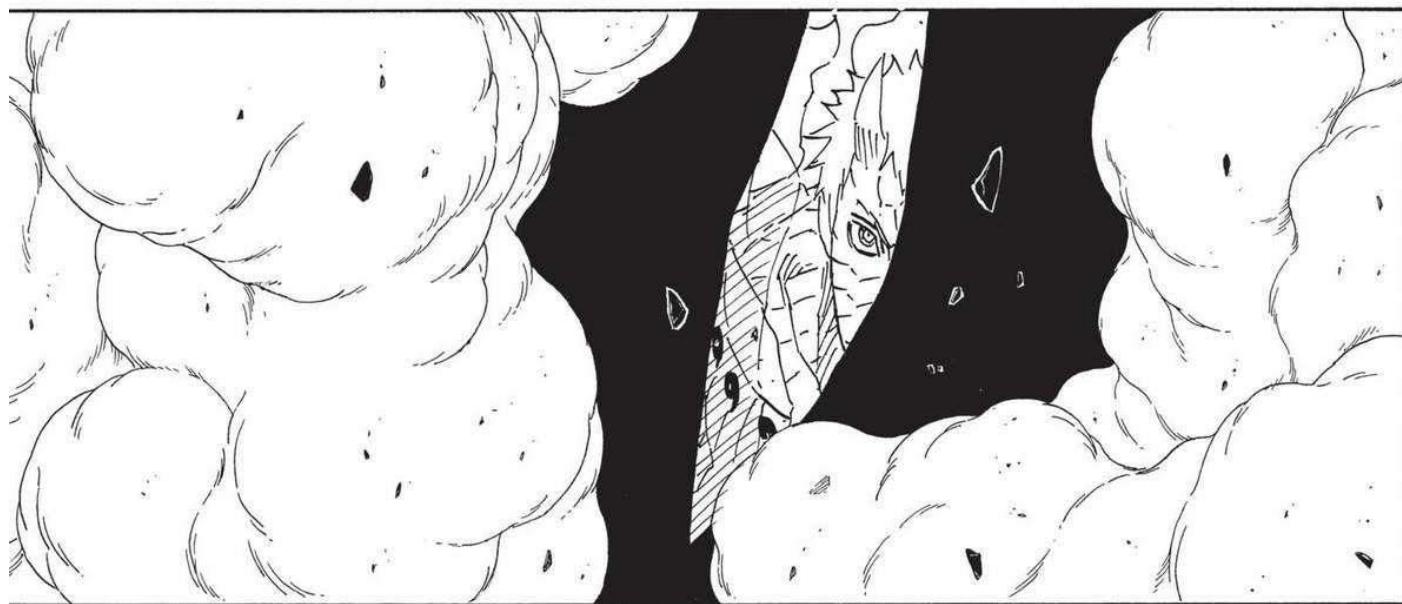
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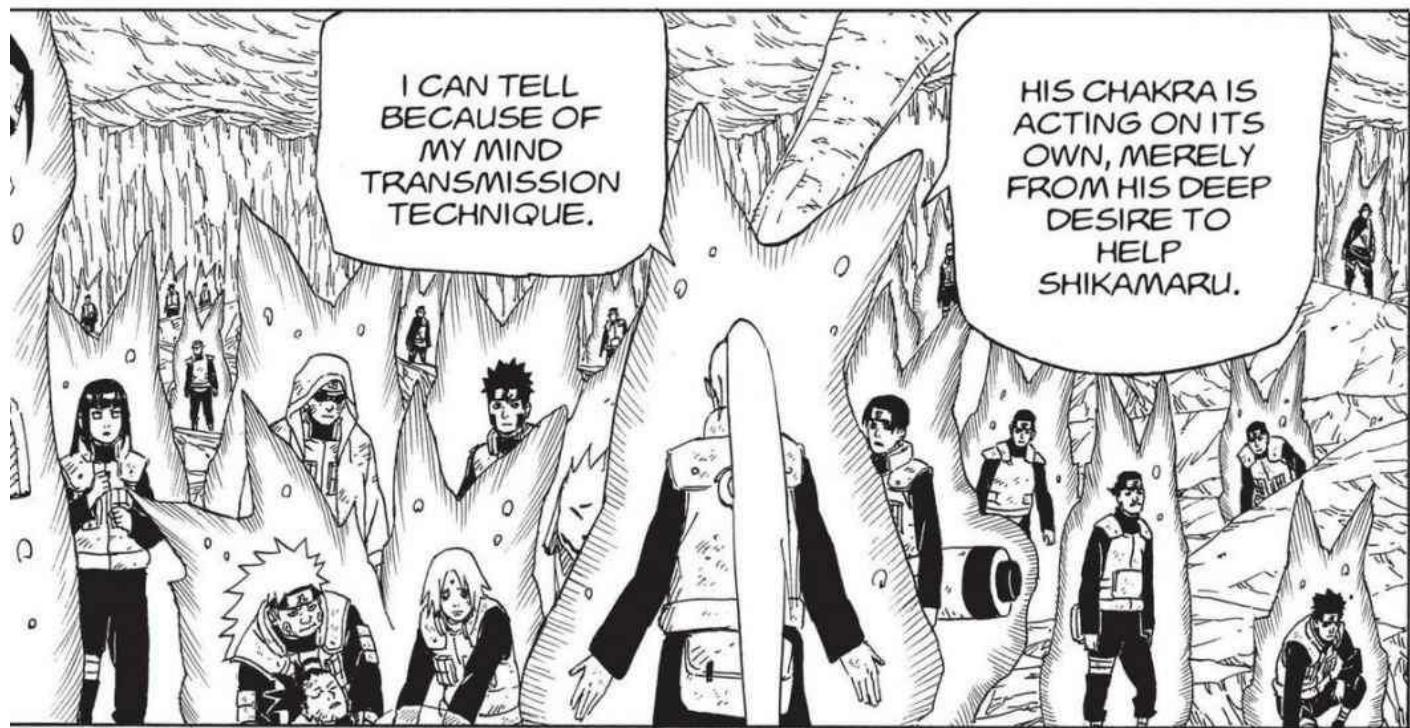
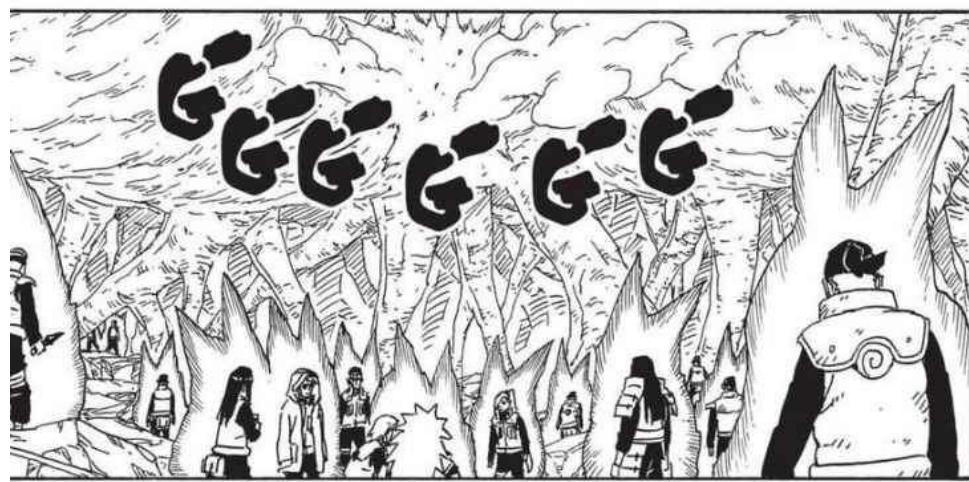


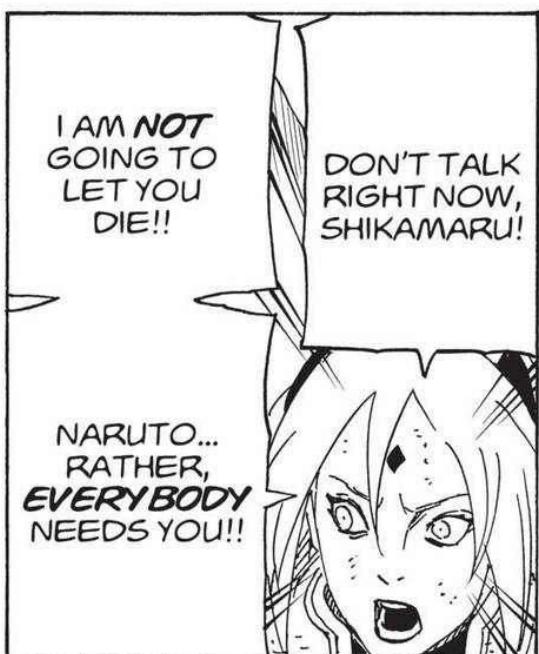
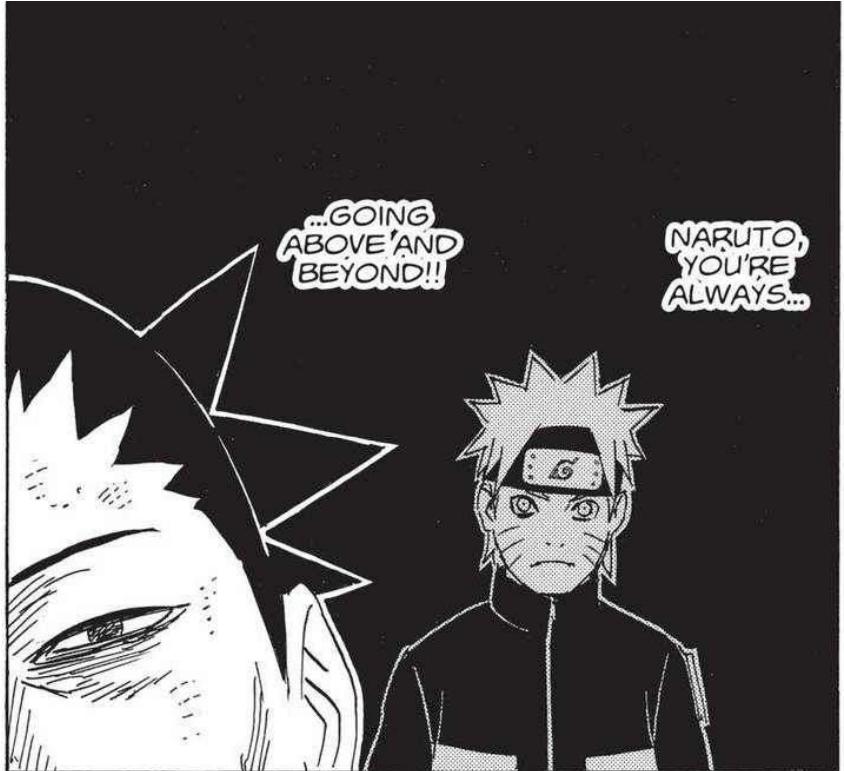


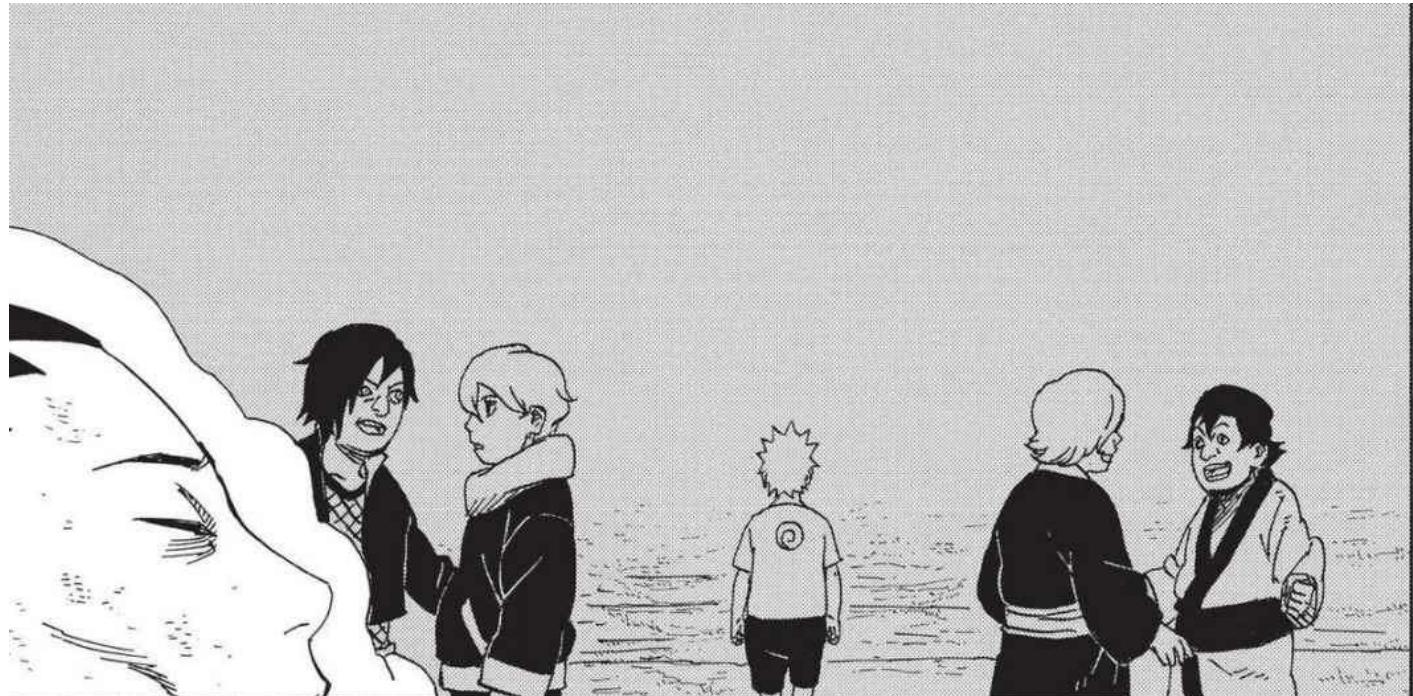










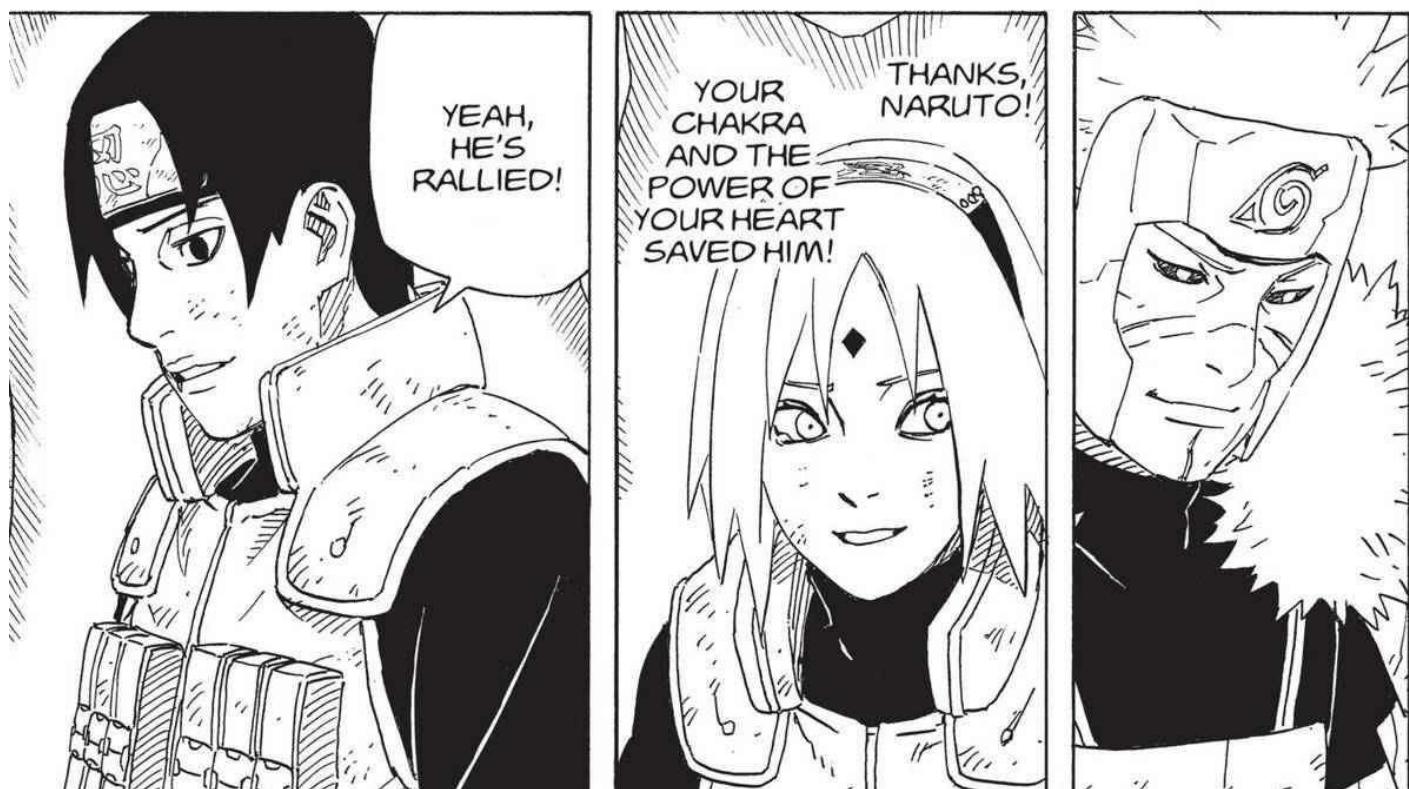


I DON'T WANT
HIM TO EVER
HAVE TO GO
THROUGH
THAT AGAIN,
OR AT LEAST
THAT'S HOW I
FEEL WHEN
HANGING
AROUND HIM.

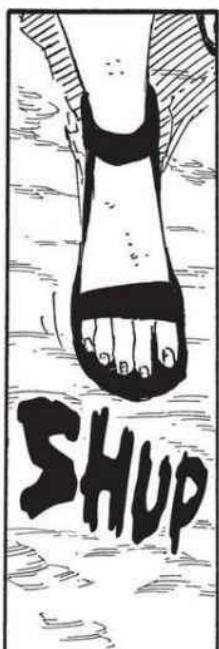
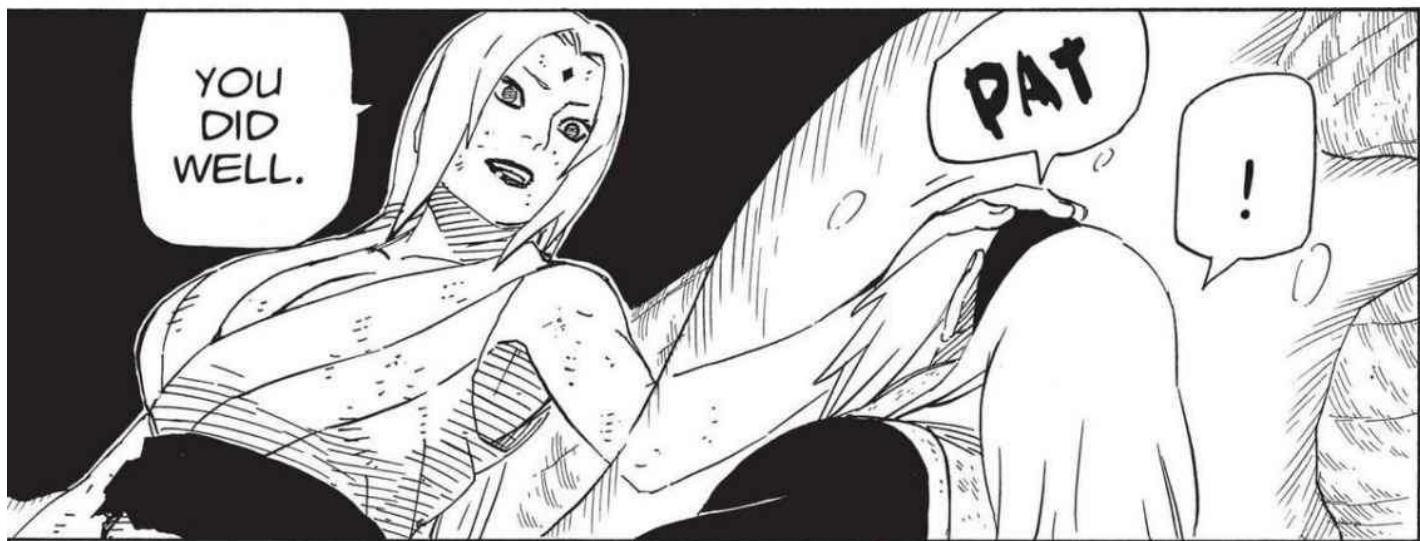
PA, I ONLY
FOUND OUT
LATER THAT
NARUTO HAD
PERSISTED
THROUGH A
TON OF
PAINFUL,
BITTER
THINGS ALL
ON HIS OWN.













...AS AN ACT
THAT RELAYS
ONE'S HEART,
PERHAPS IT
CAN LEAD TO
STRENGTH
AND BE
MERITORIOUS
TOO...

IT SEEMS
THOSE WHO
BECOME
HOKAGE LIKE
PROSTRATING
THEMSELVES,
BUT...

ACTION
AND POWER
ARE WHAT
SHINOBI
RESPECT!

SHINOBI
OUGHT NOT
LOWER
THEIR HEADS
SO EASILY!

WOO-
HOO--!!

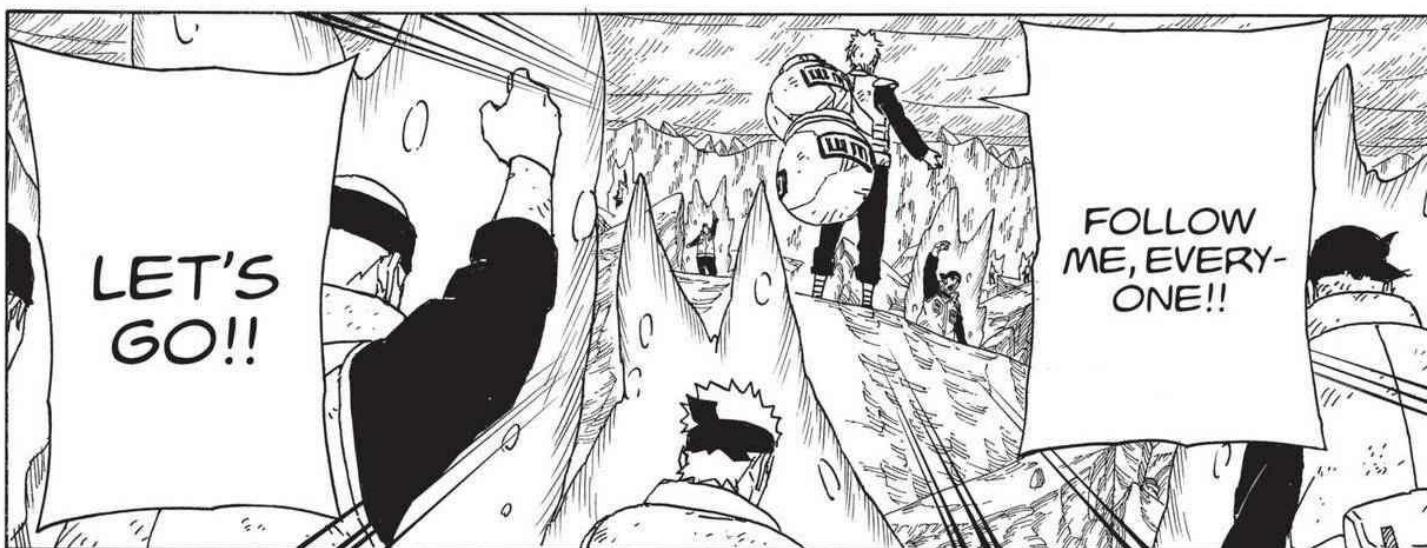
OKAY!
DOUBLE
LARIAT
TIME, BRO!

COME,
Y'ALL!!

YES,
MA'AM!!

LET'S
GO,
ALL!!

AS A WOMAN,
I MUSTN'T
GET A LATE
START ON
BATTLE LIKE I
HAVE WITH
MATRIMONY...



YOUR PAST IS
FILTERING
INTO ME
THROUGH THE
OTHERS...



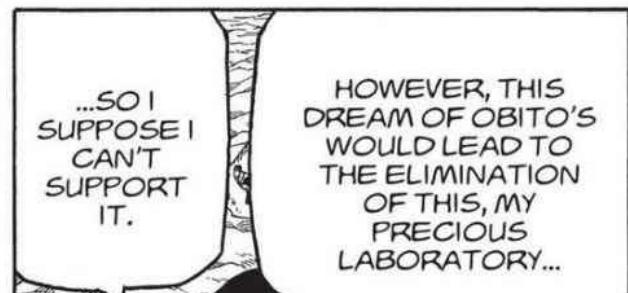


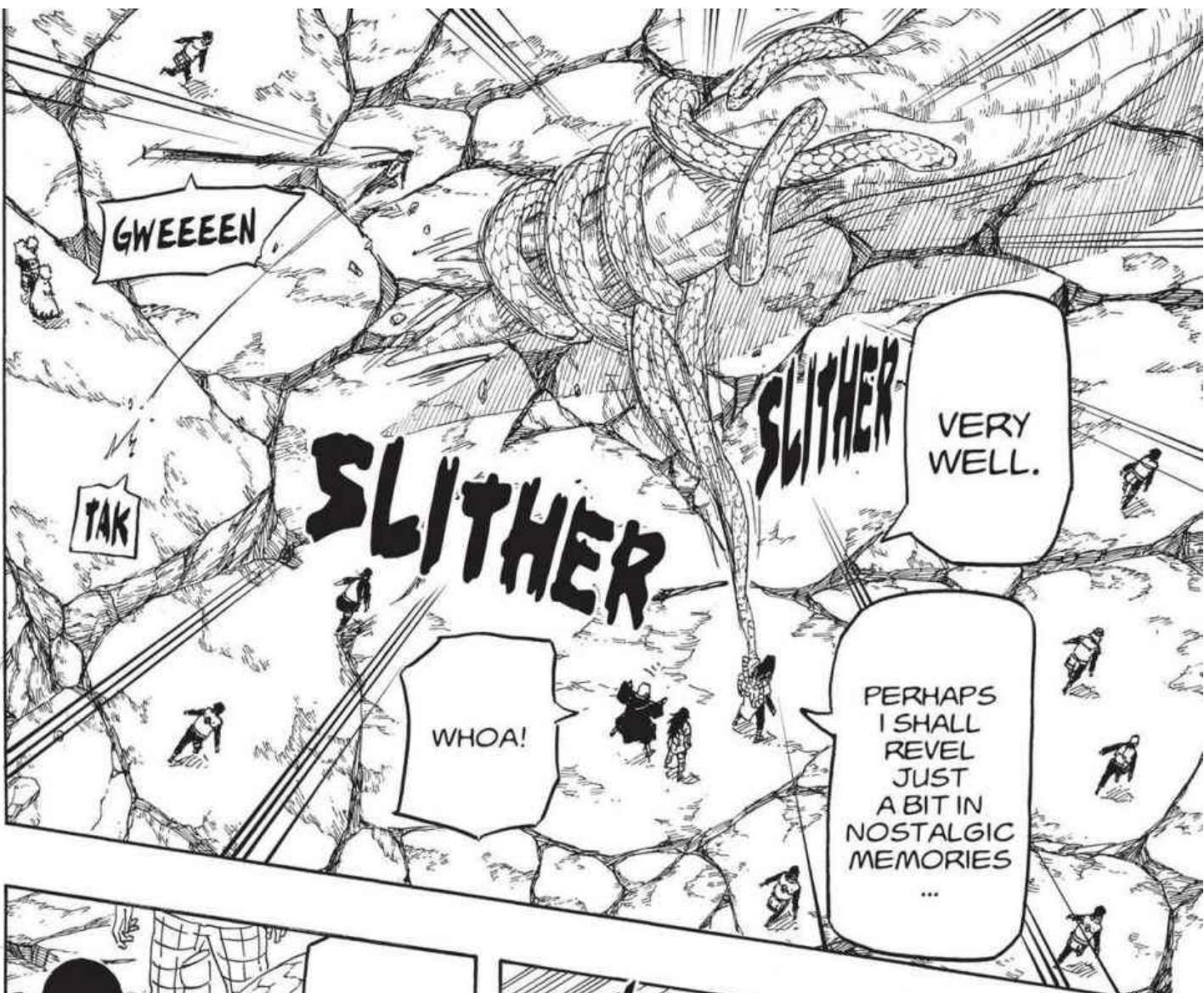


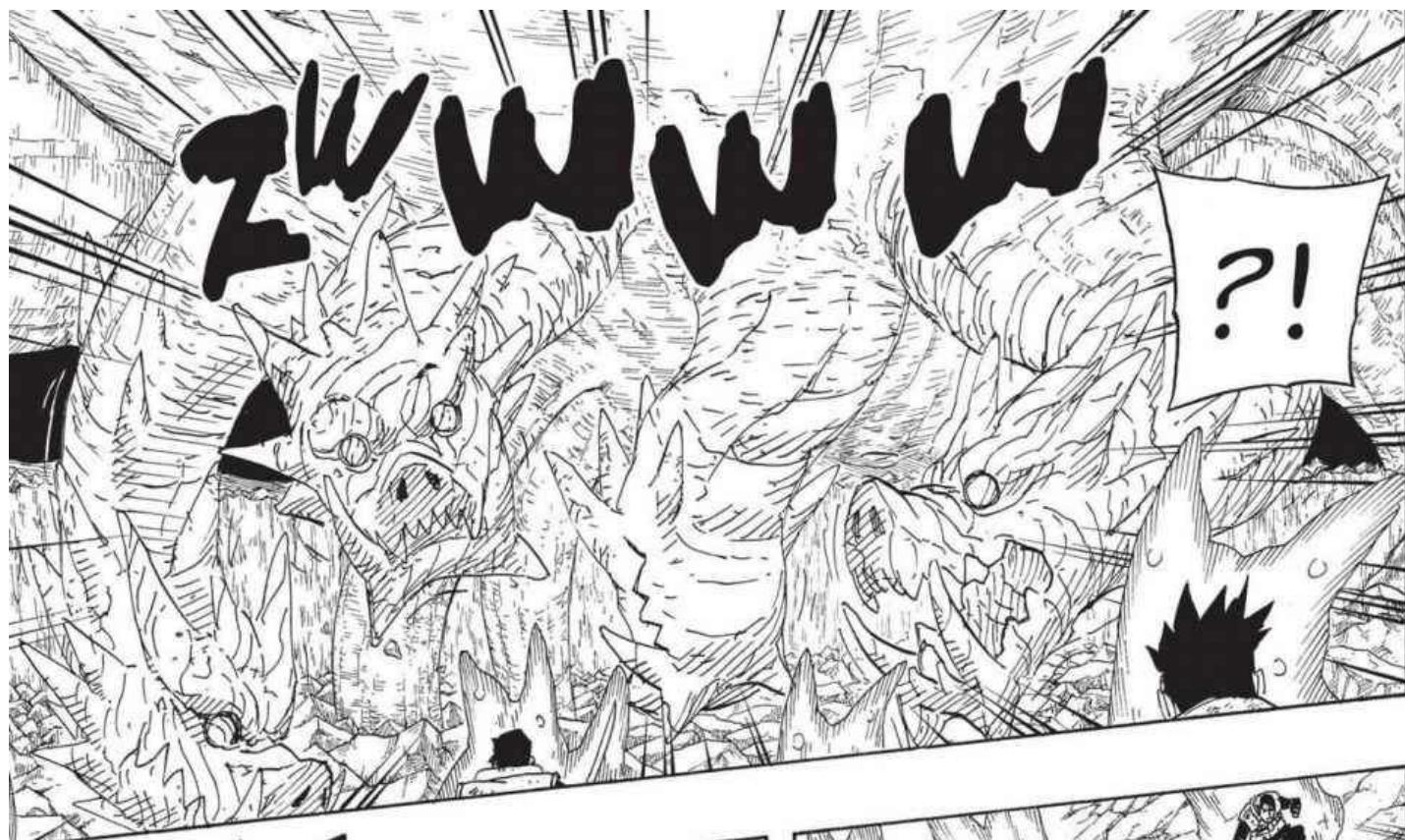


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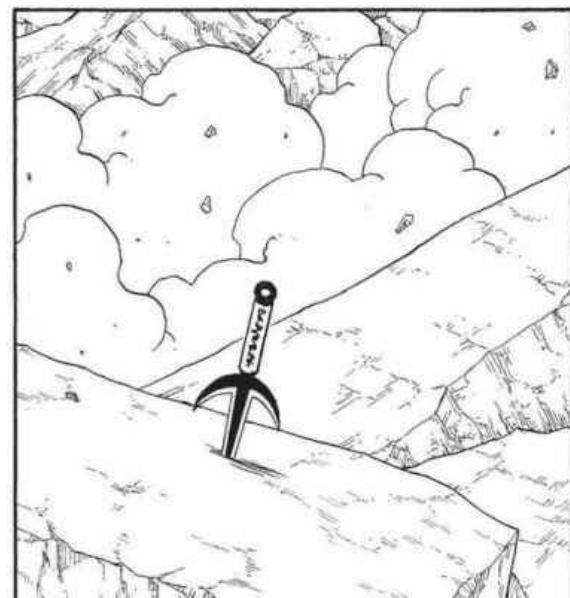


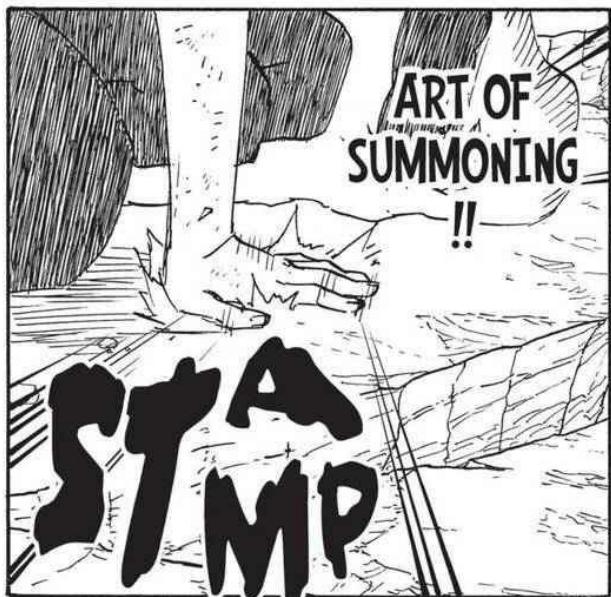
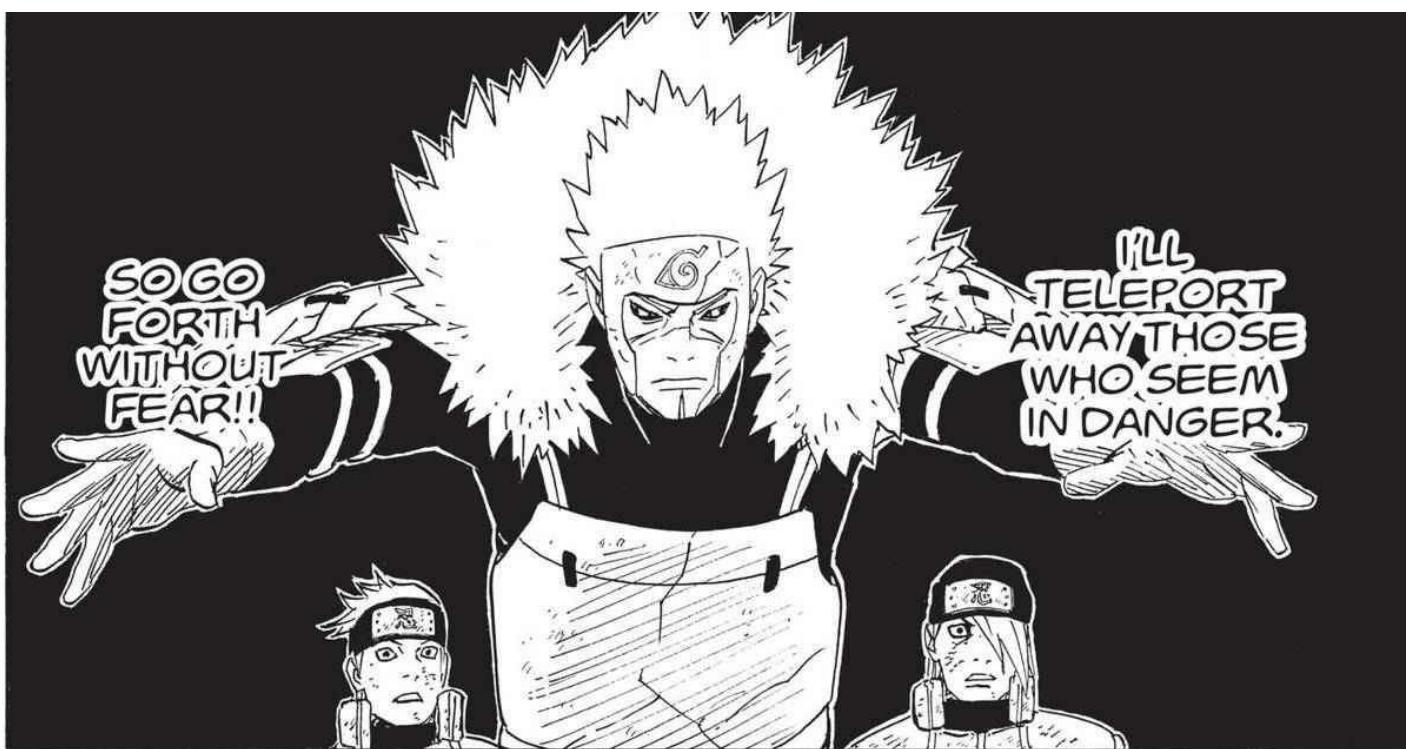




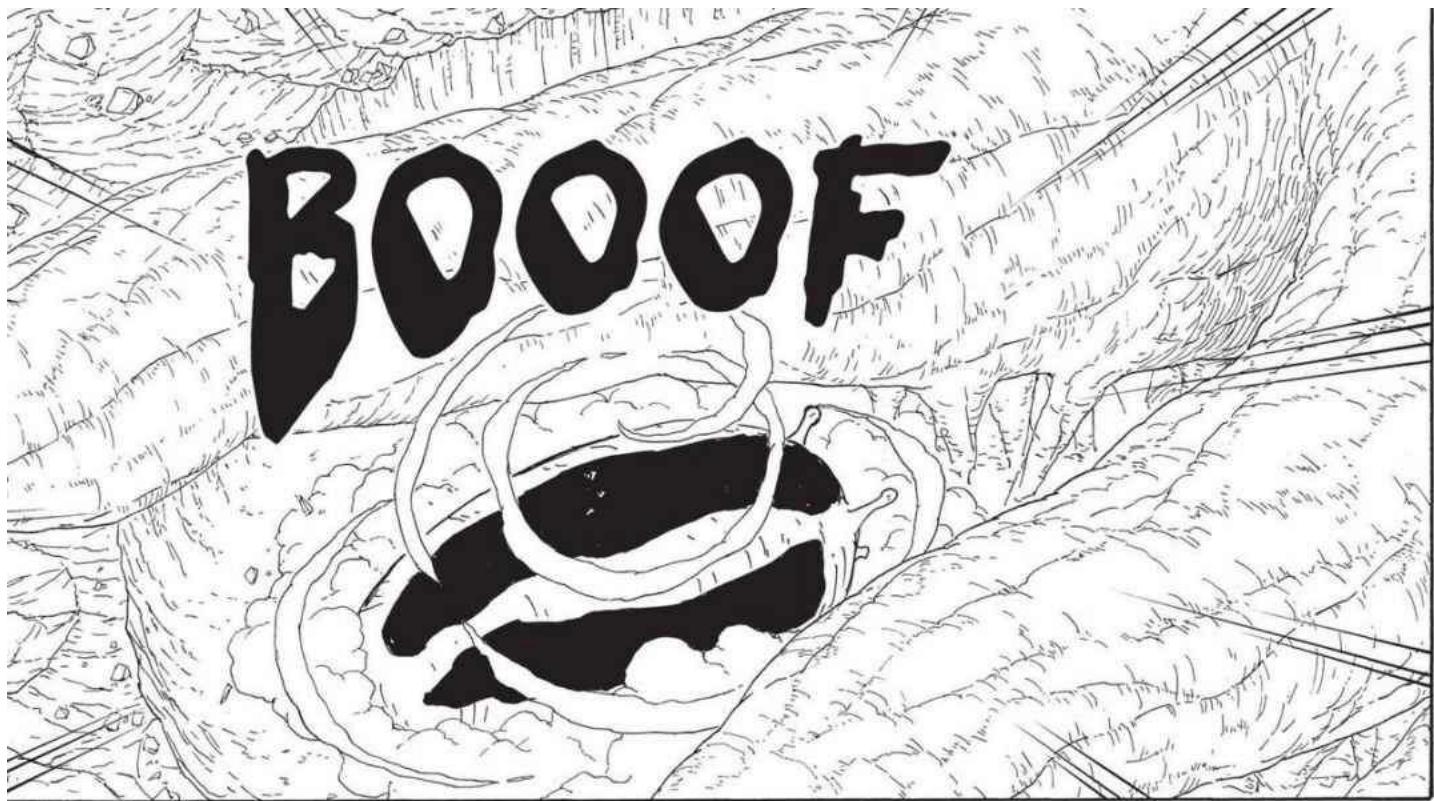


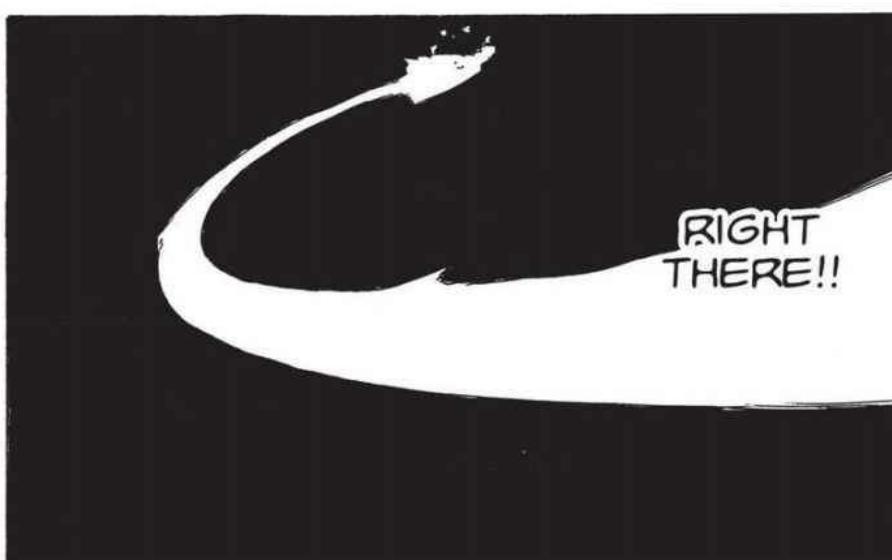
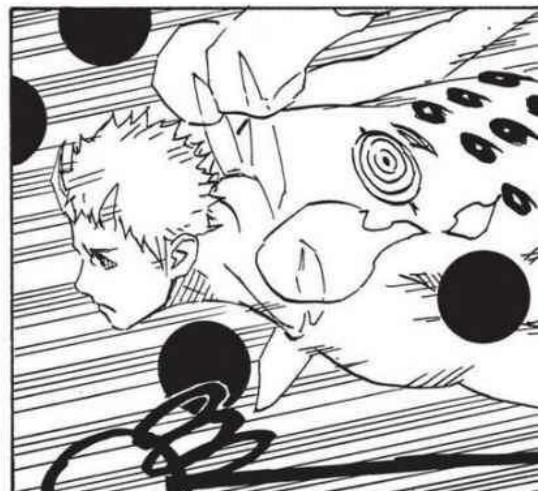
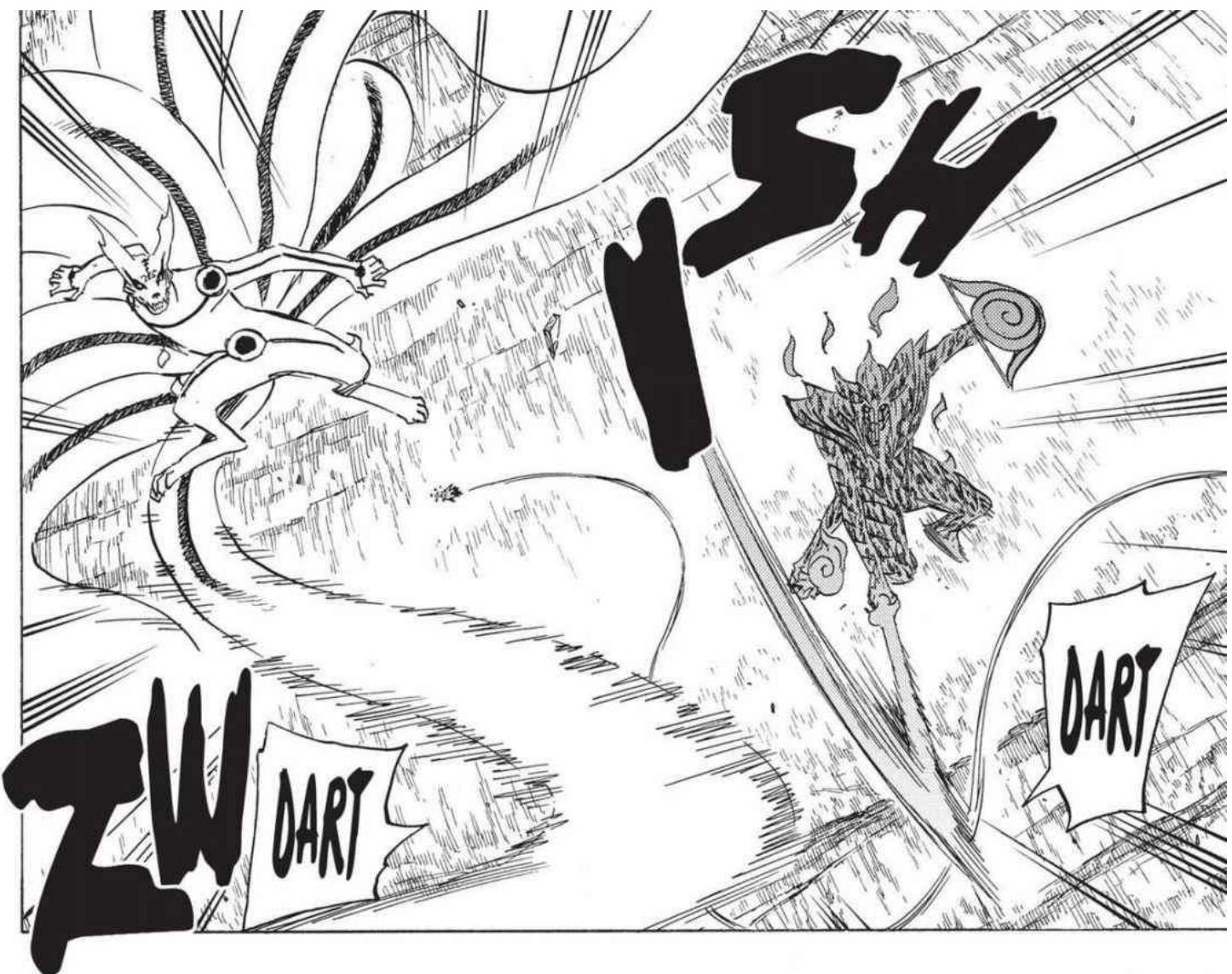
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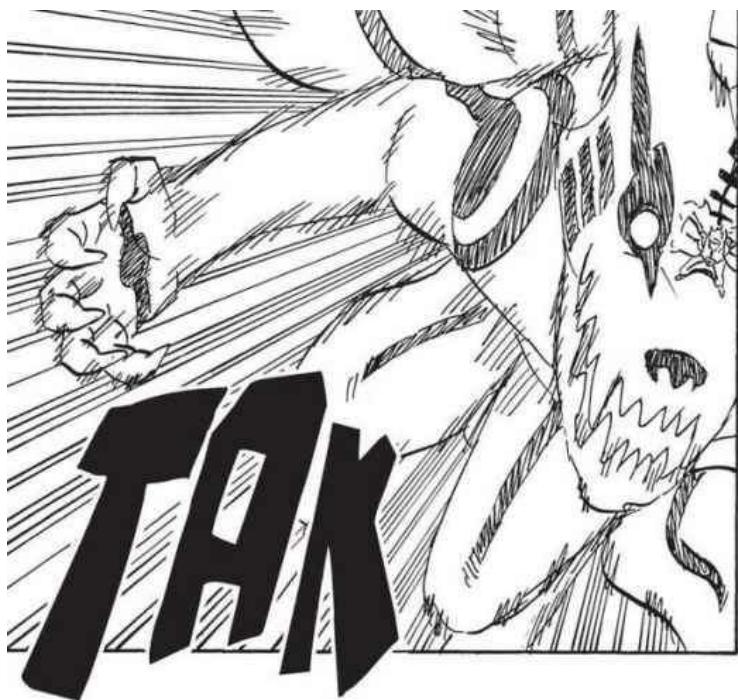


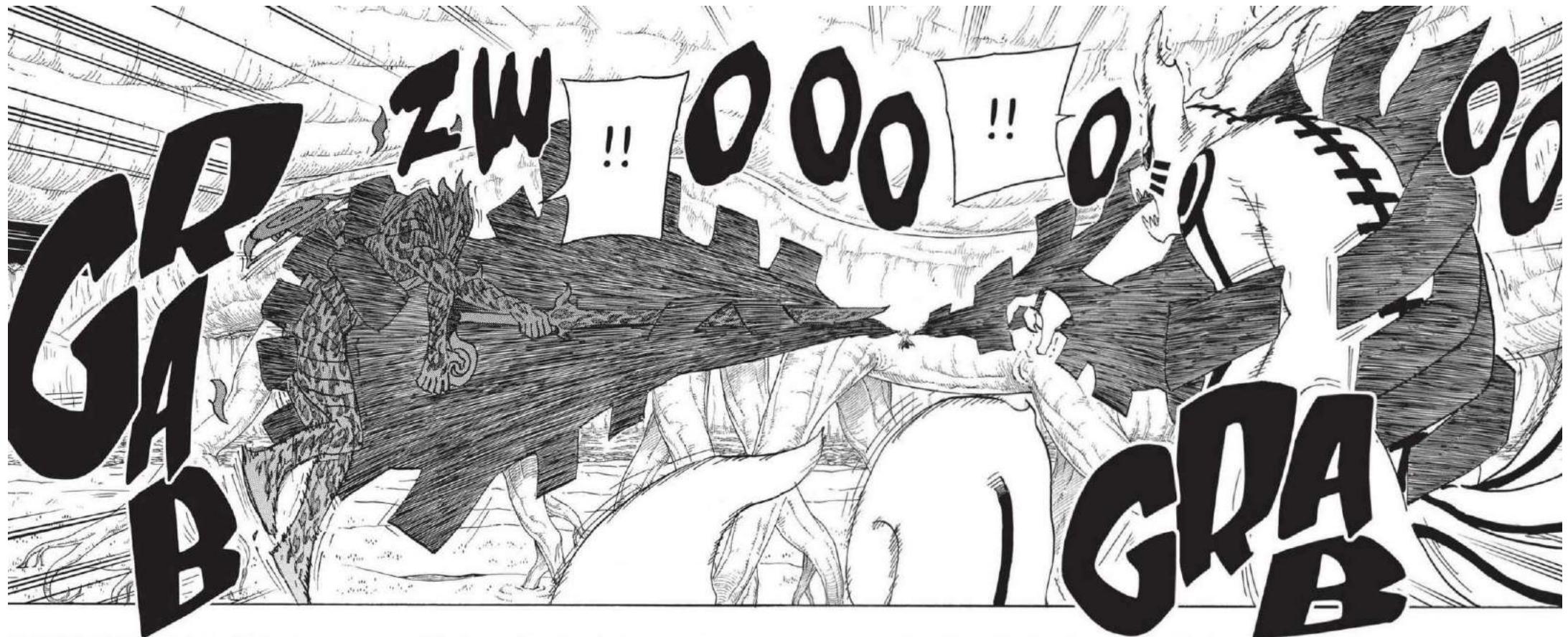


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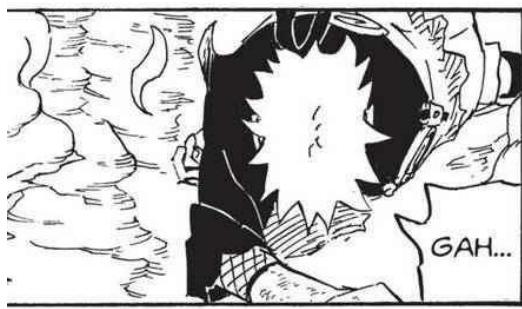
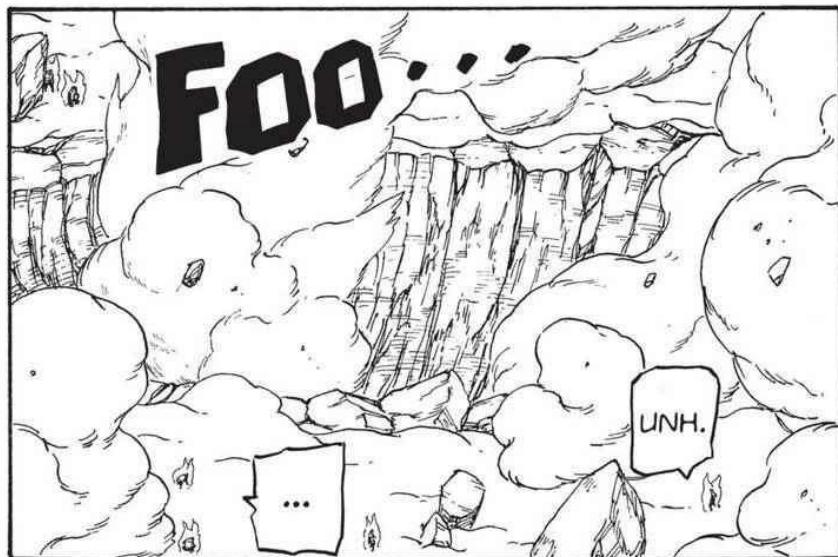
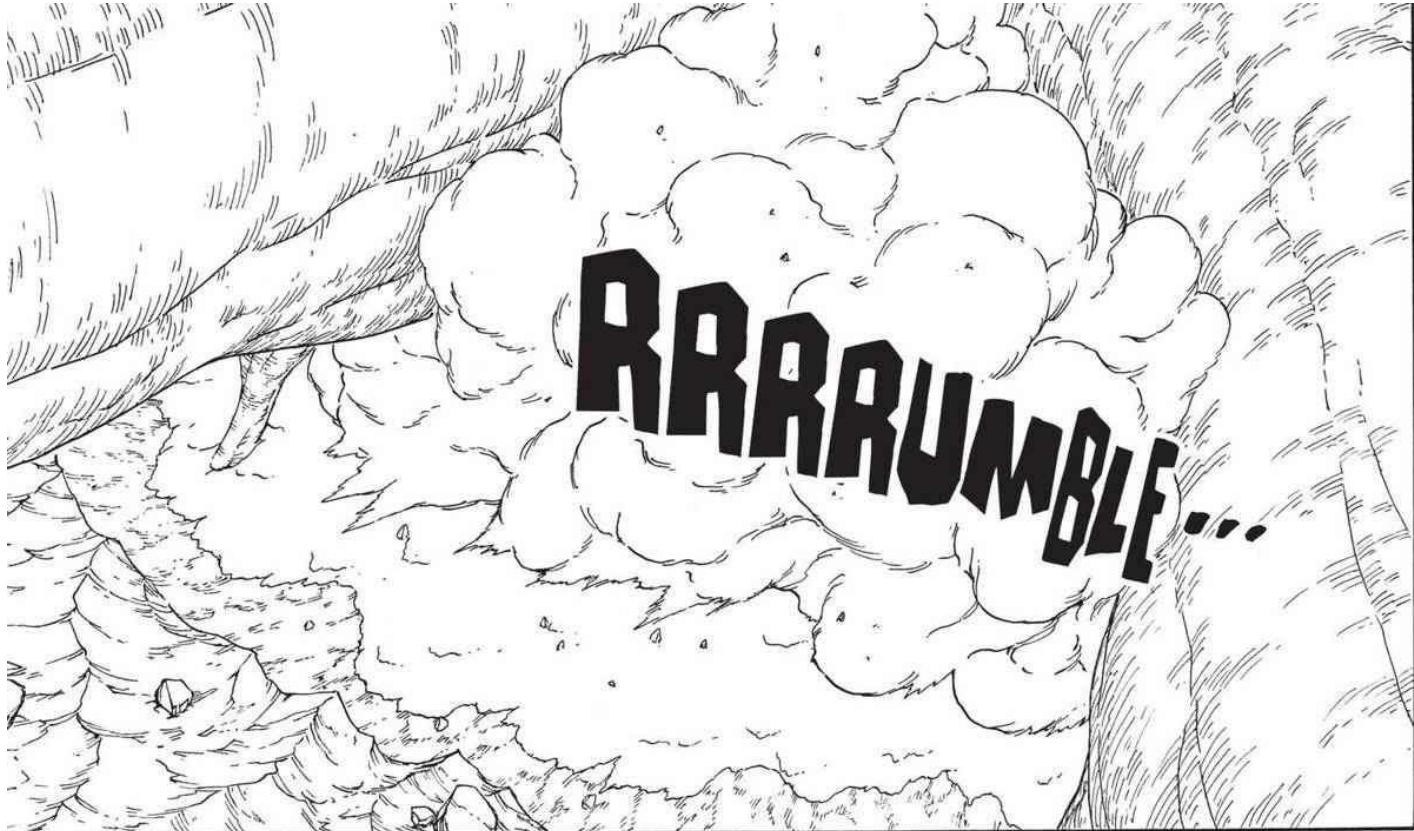


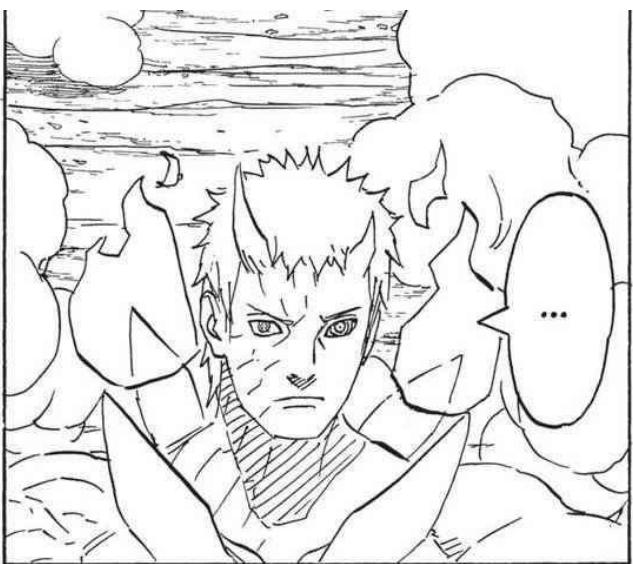


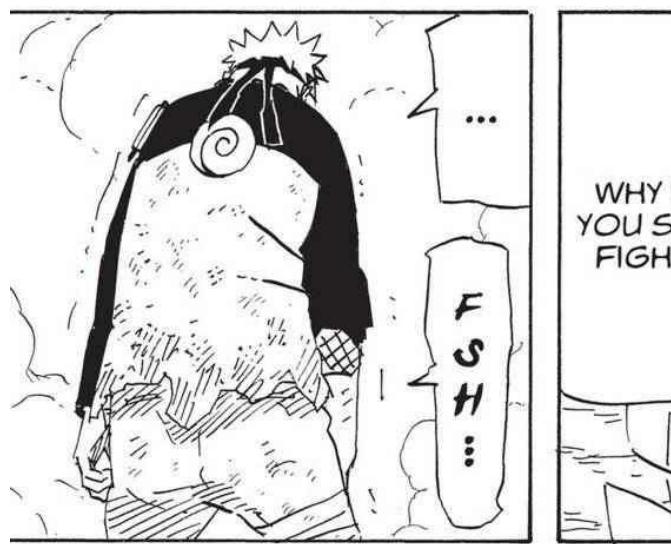
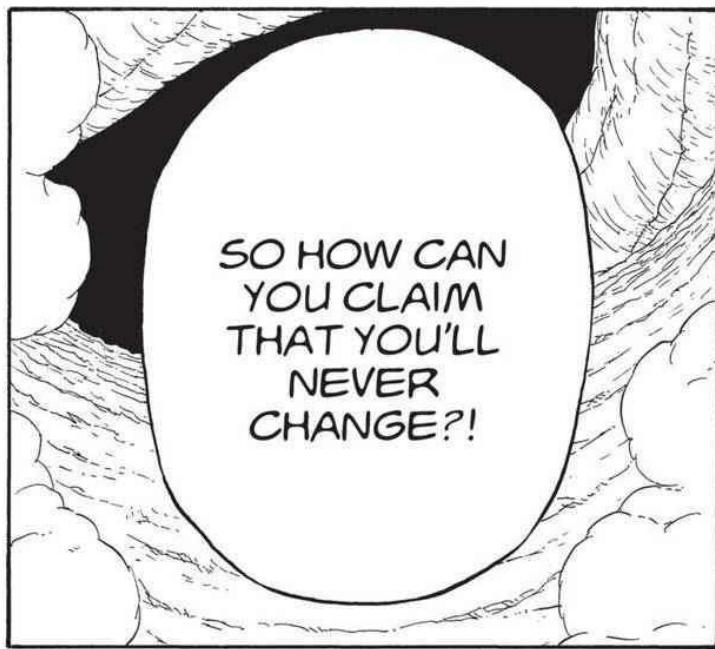


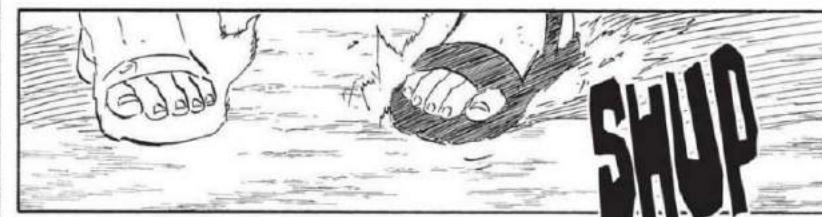




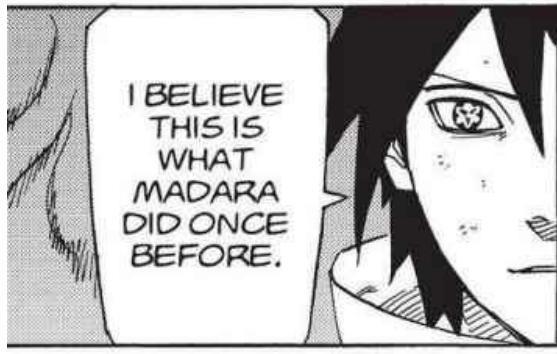






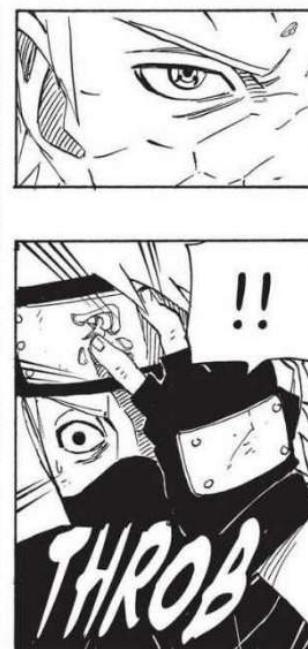
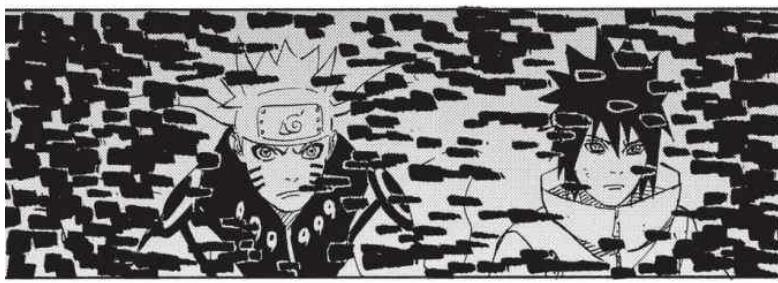
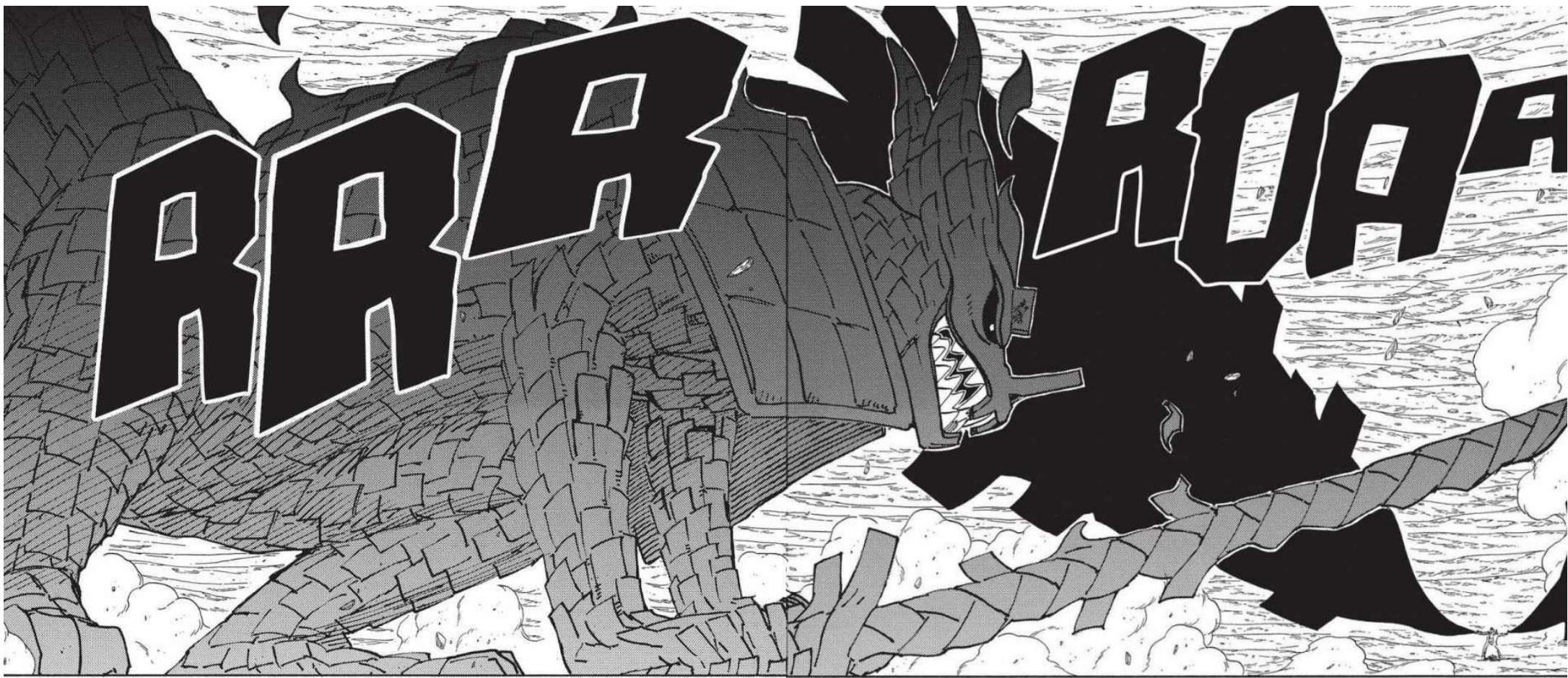




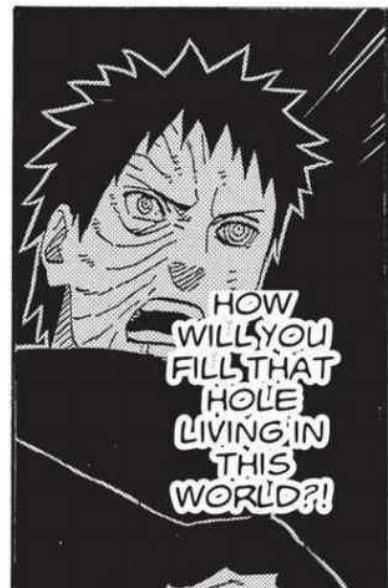
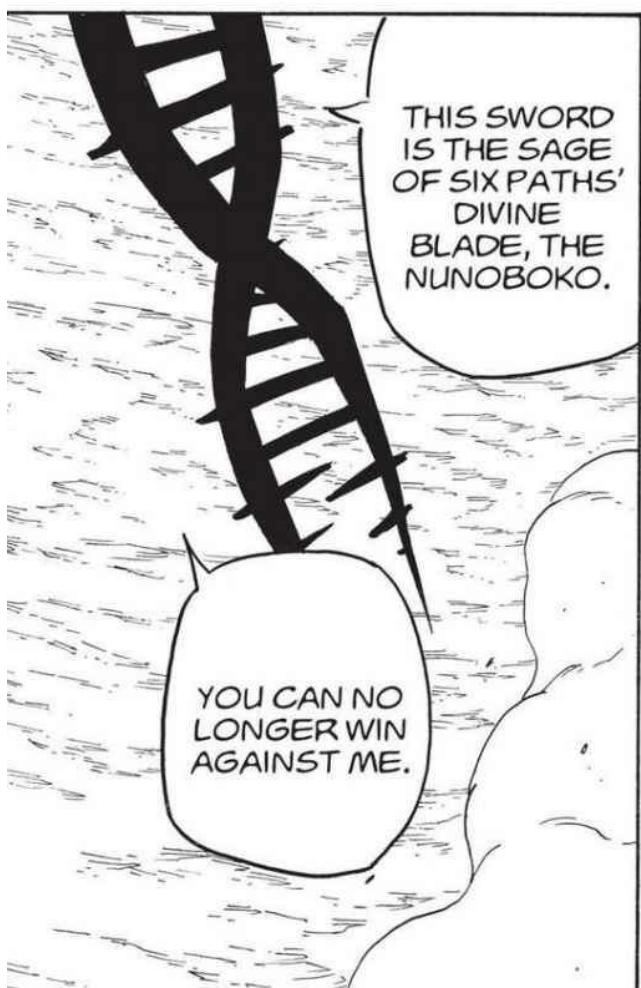
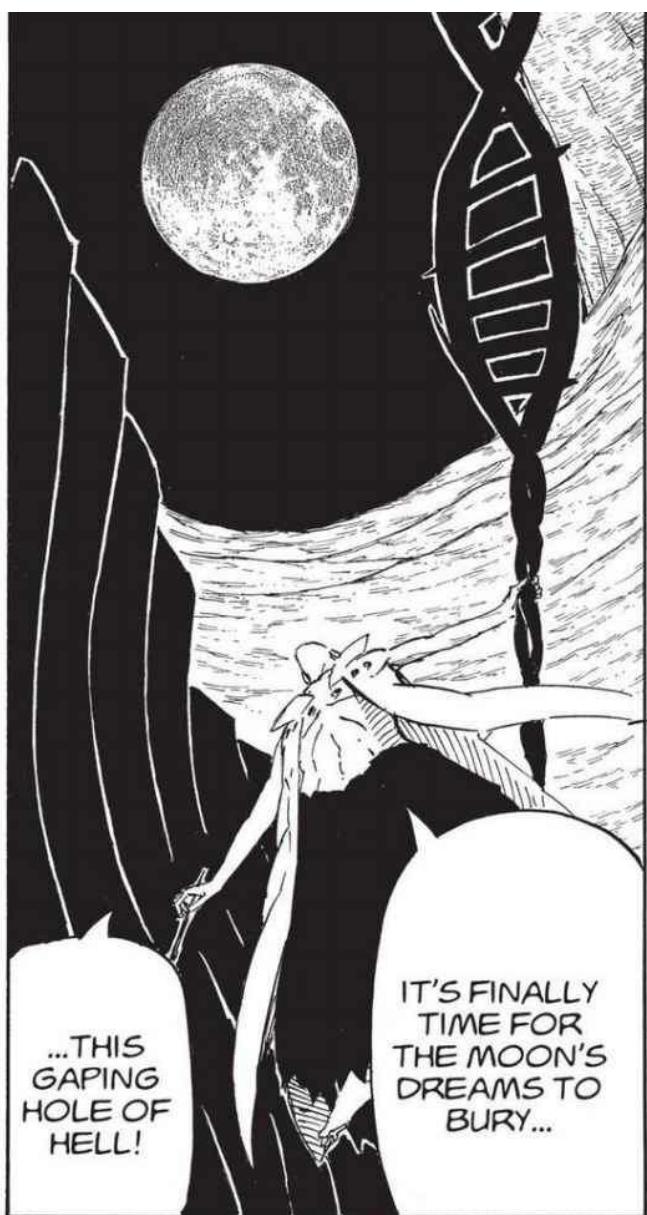


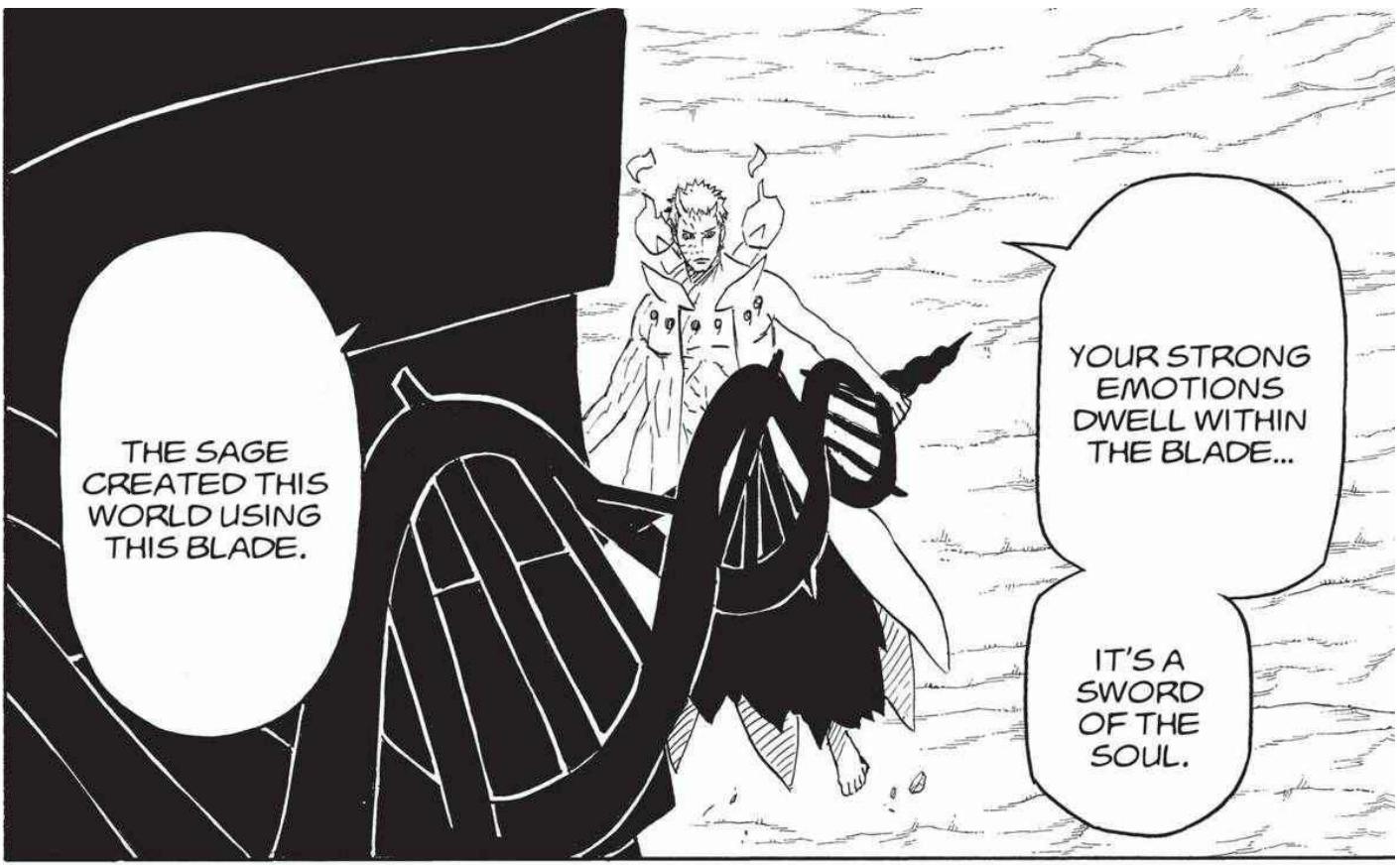
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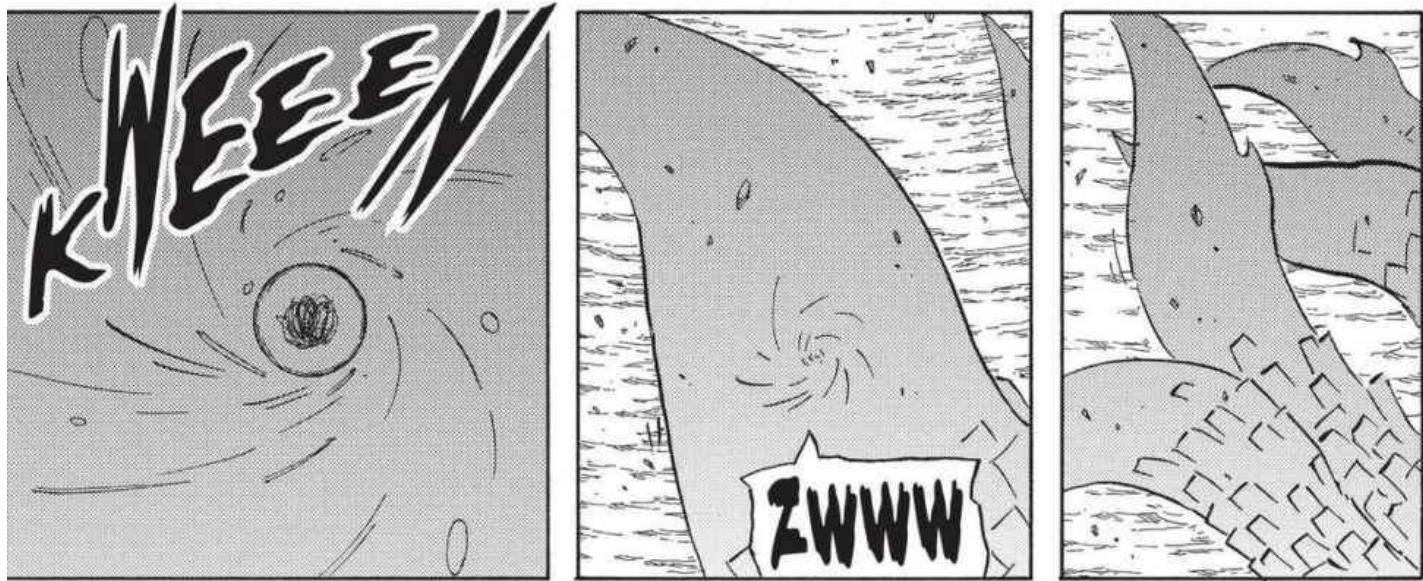


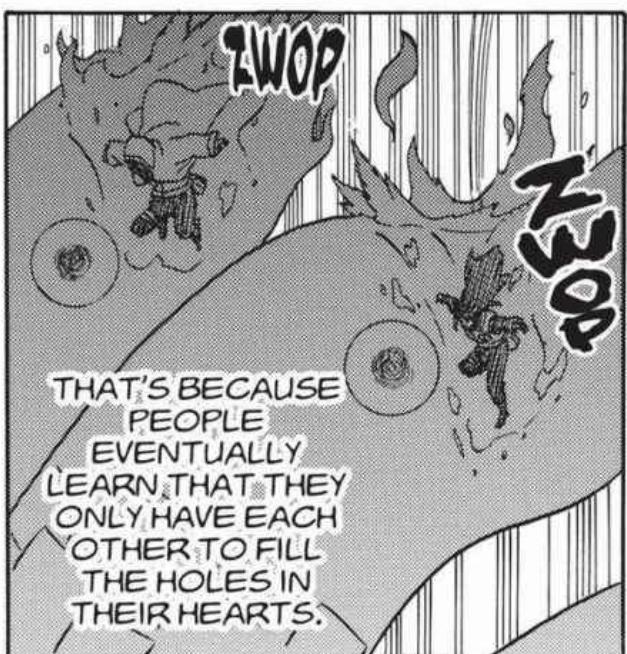






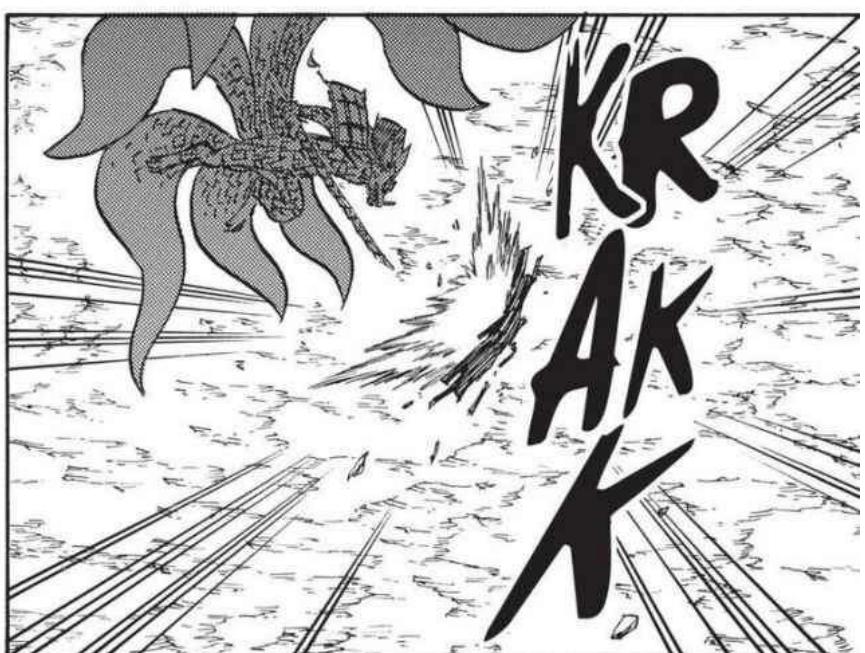


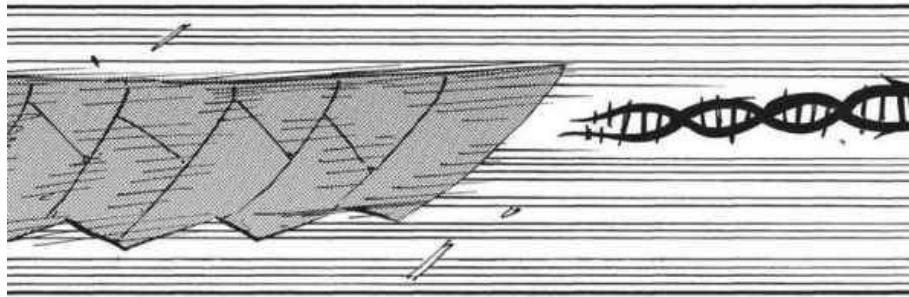
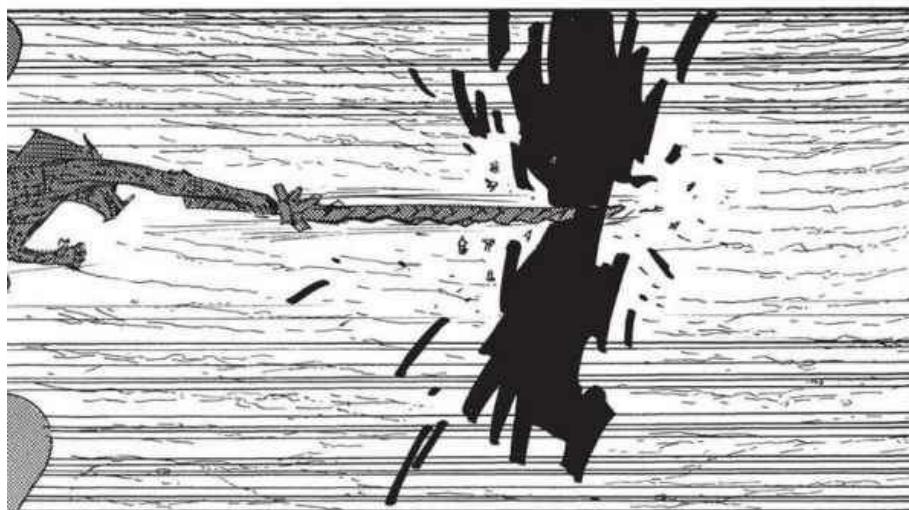
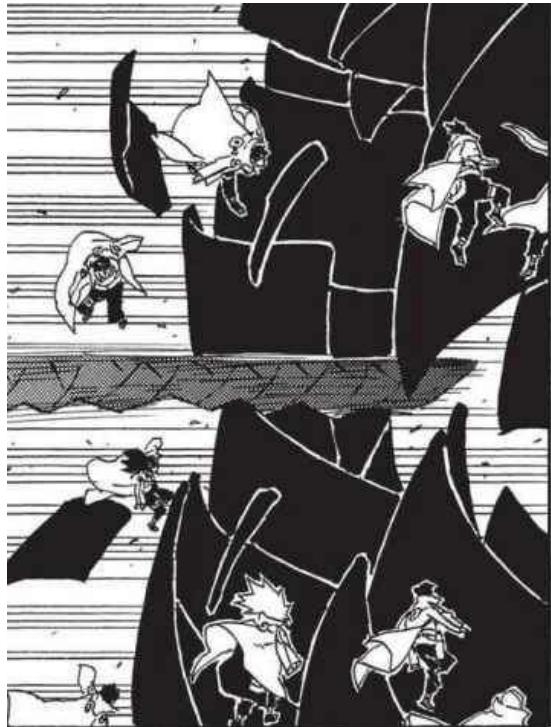


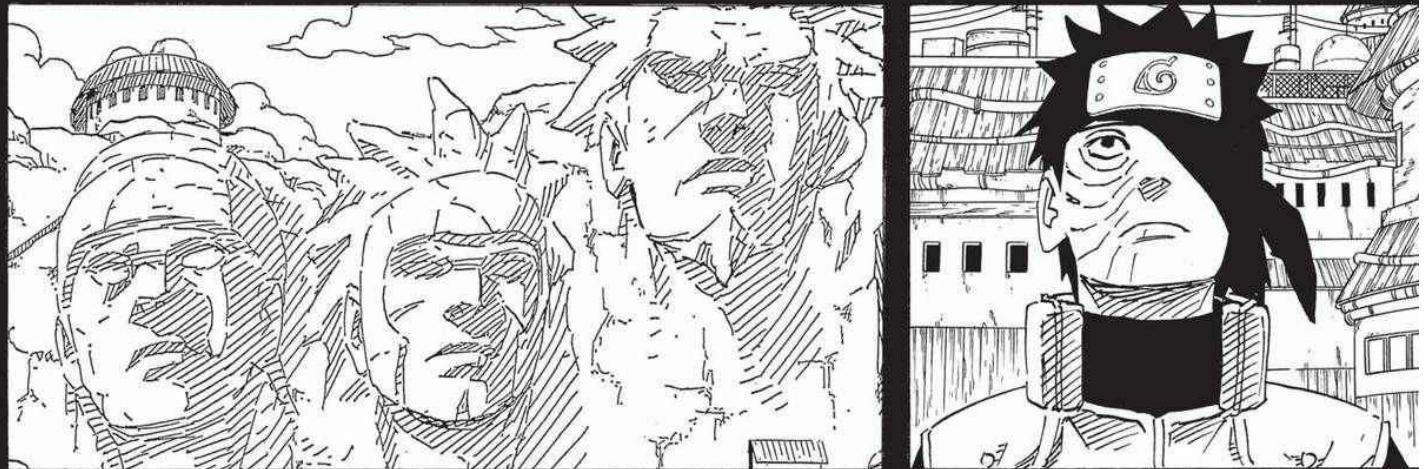
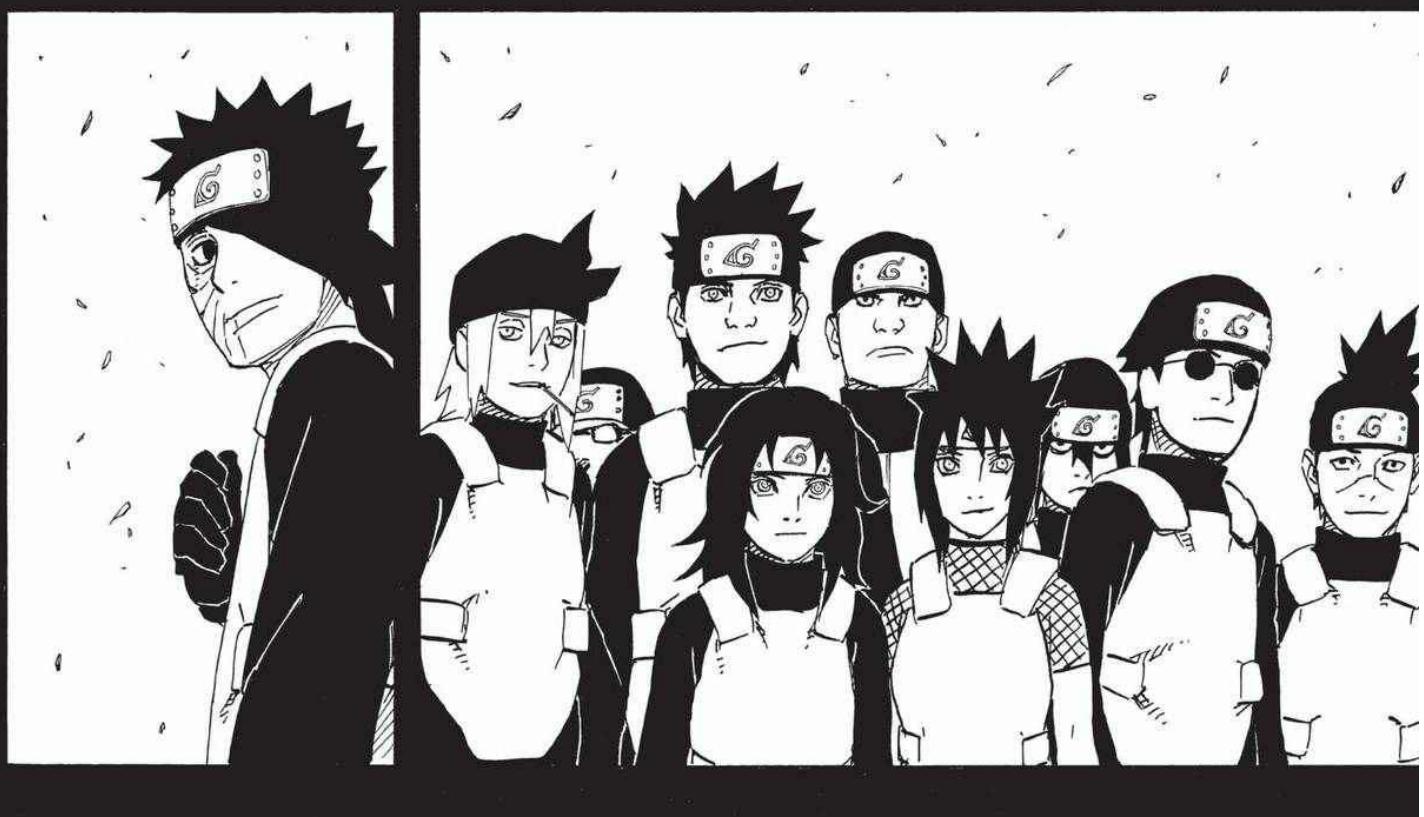
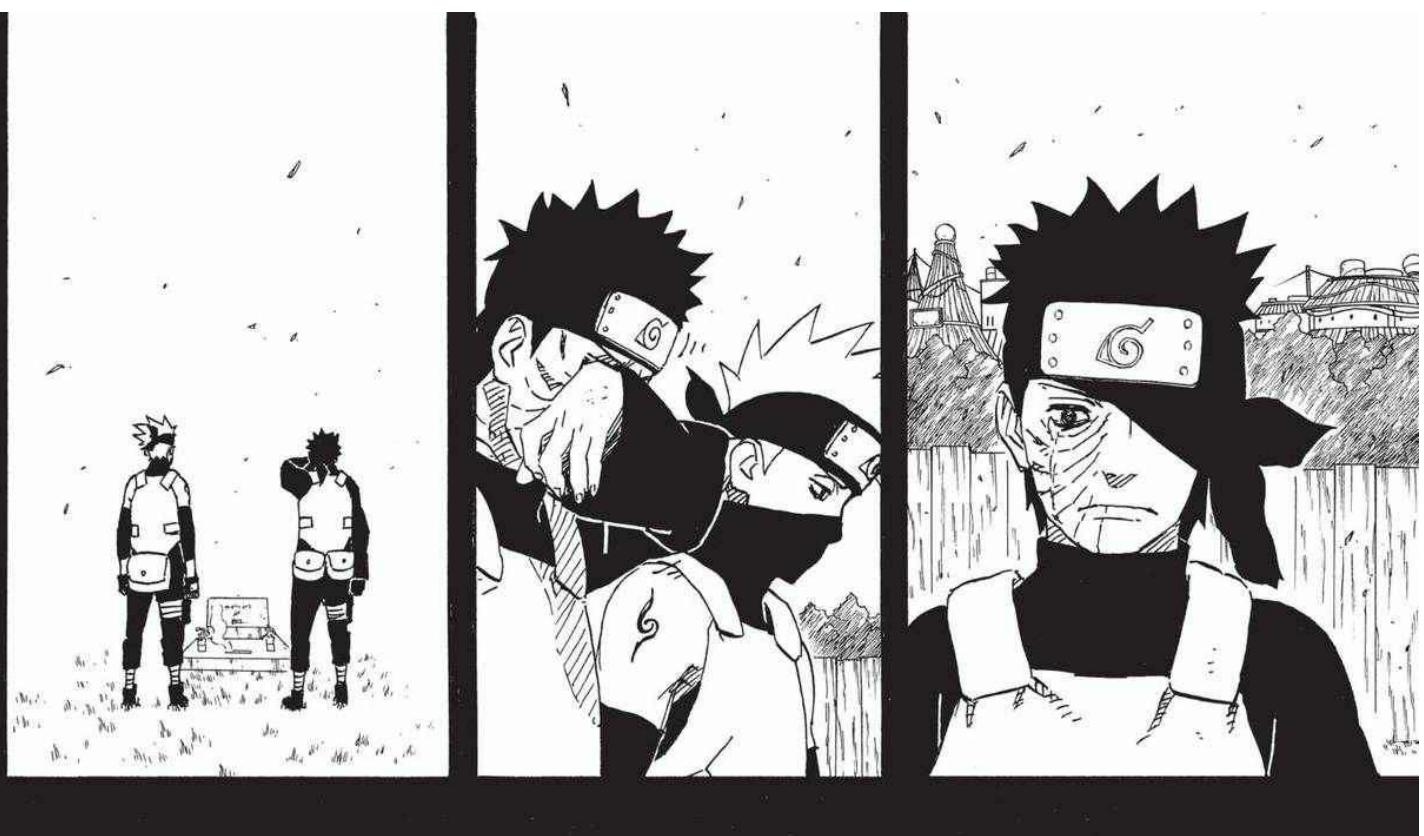


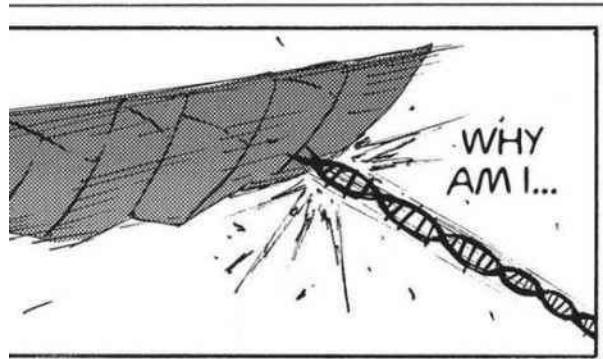


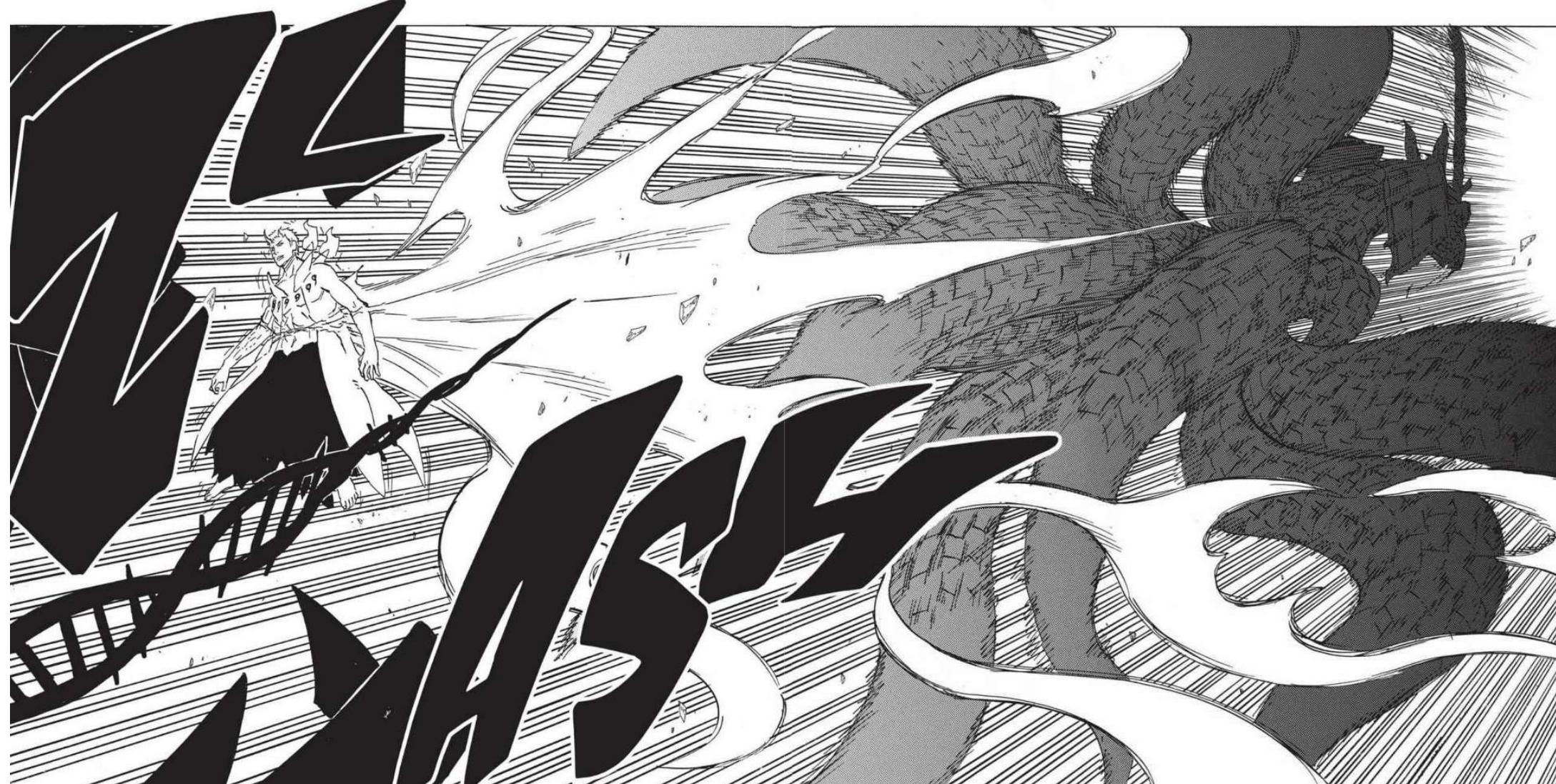










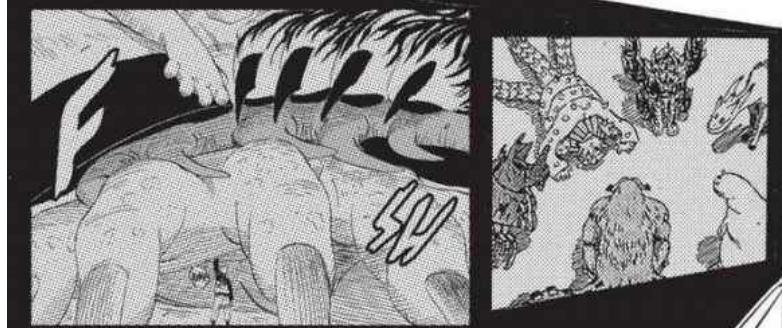
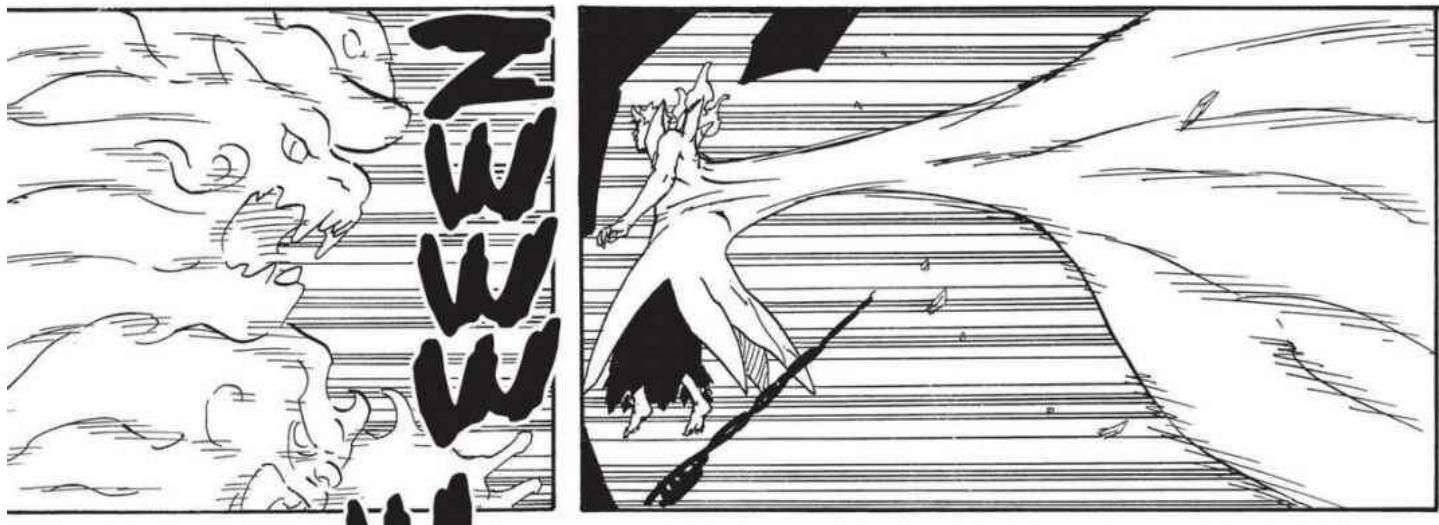












NARUTO, YOU
REALLY ARE
SOMETHING
SPECIAL!

BUT THIS STUNT
WOULDN'T HAVE
WORKED IF THE
OTHER BIJU
HADN'T LIKED
YOU AND GIVEN
YOU PIECES OF
THEIR CHAKRA
BACK THEN.

THEIR CHAKRA
REACTION TO
THE CHAKRA
THEY GAVE
YOU EARLIER.

WE WERE ABLE
TO PULL OUT HIS
BIJU CHAKRA IN
ONE SHOT!

JUST
LIKE WE
THOUGHT!

YUP!





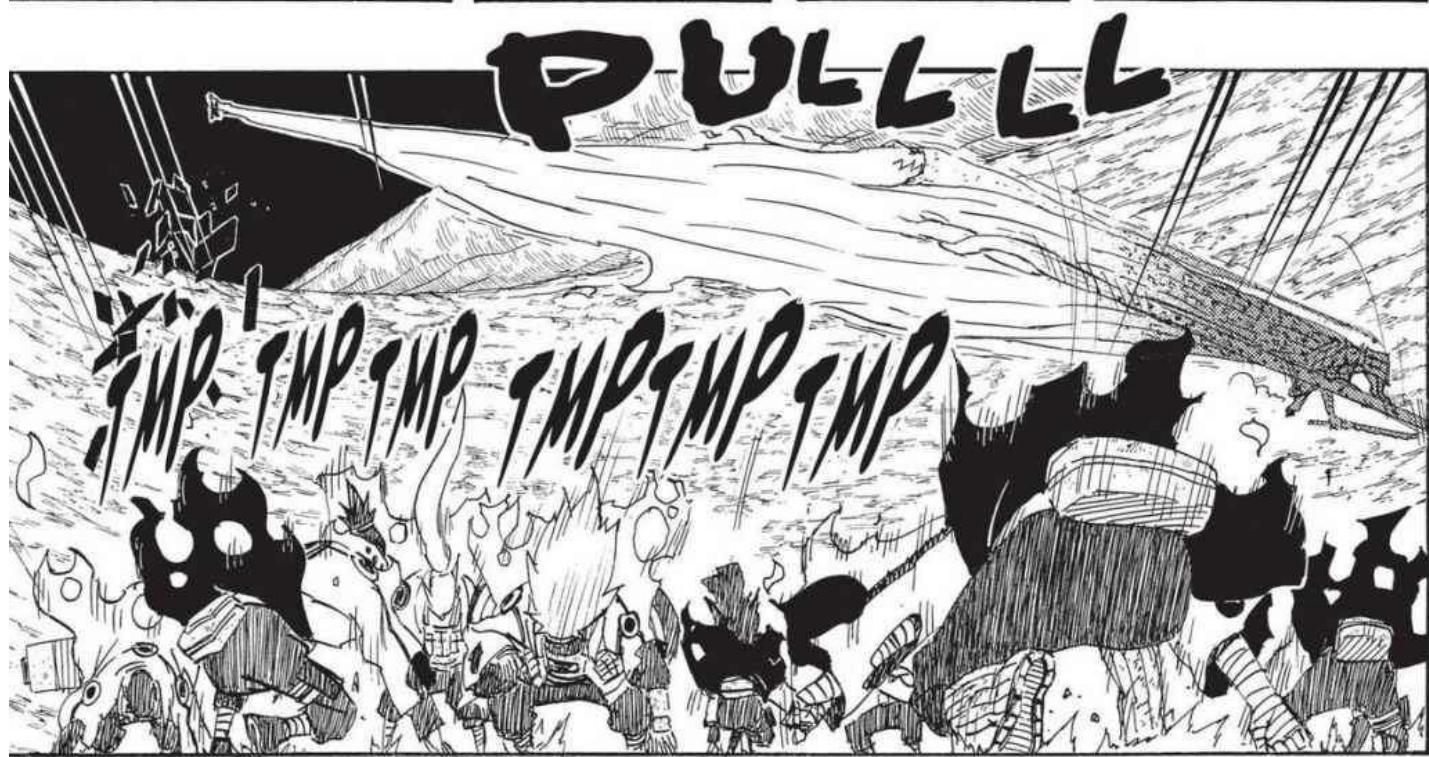
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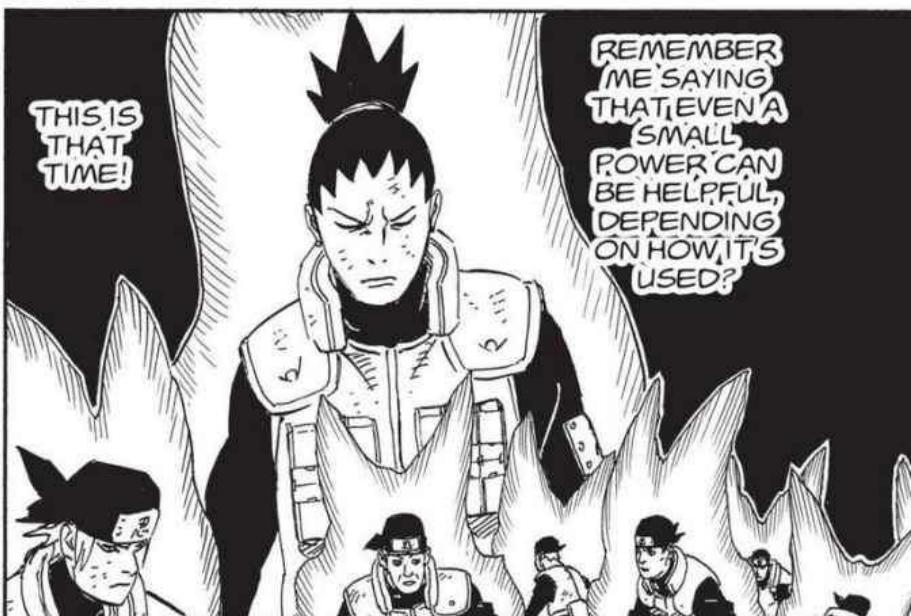
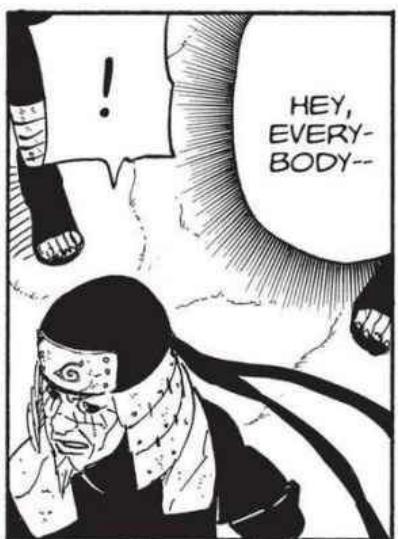
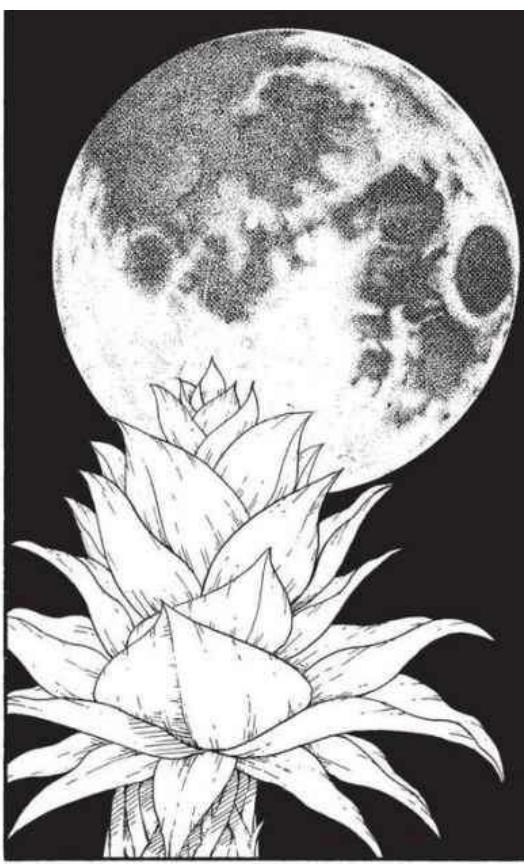


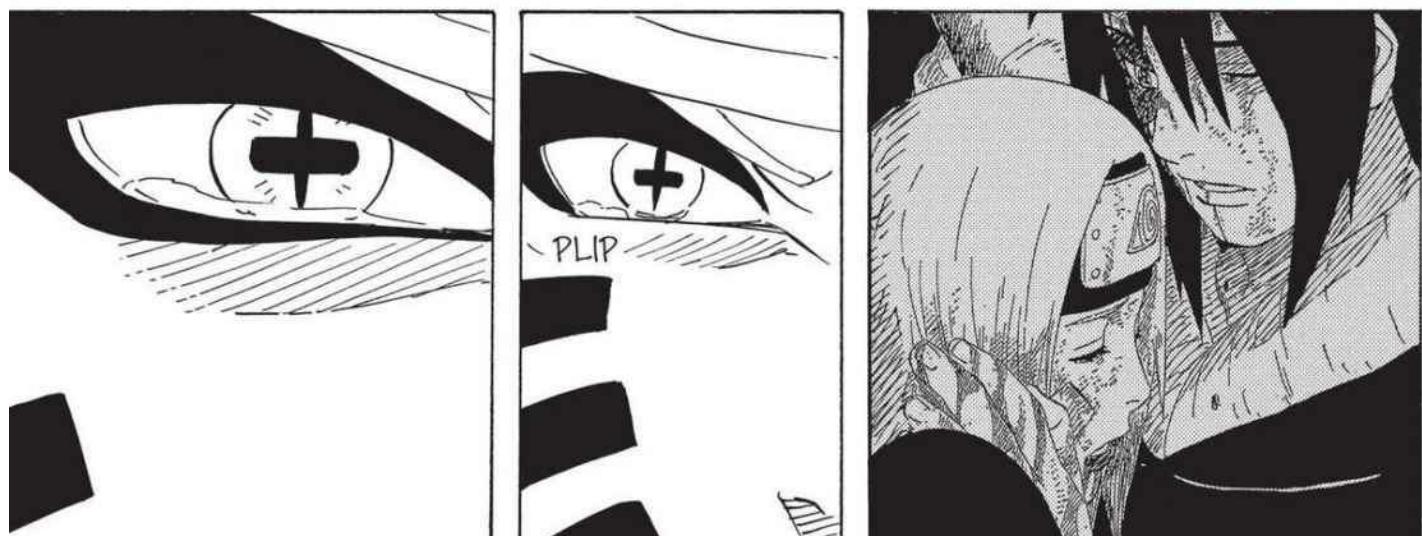
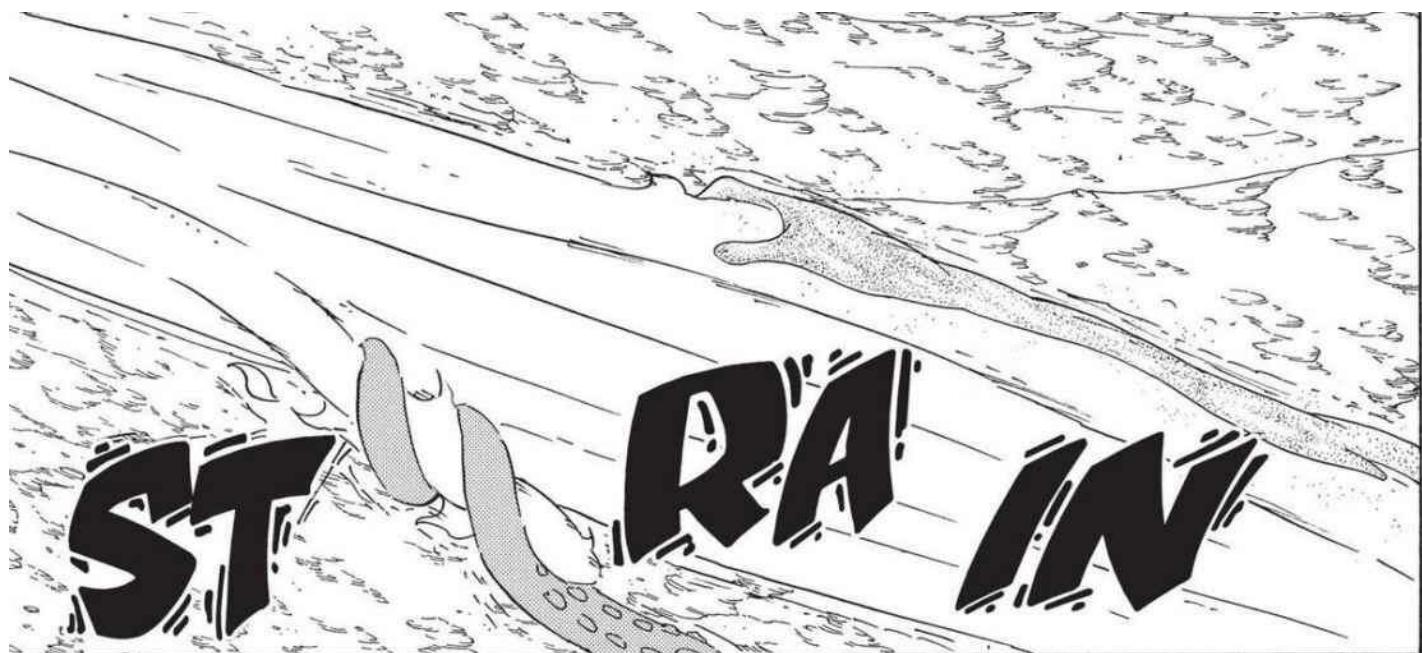
JUST YANK THE OTHER BIJU CHAKRA RIGHT OUT OF HIM!





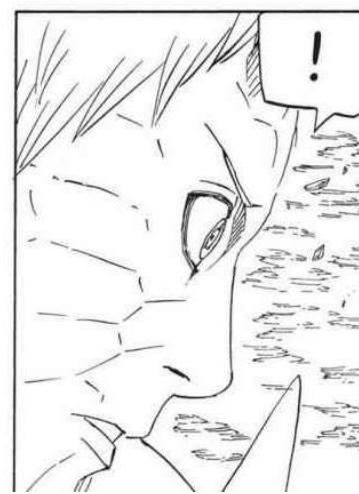
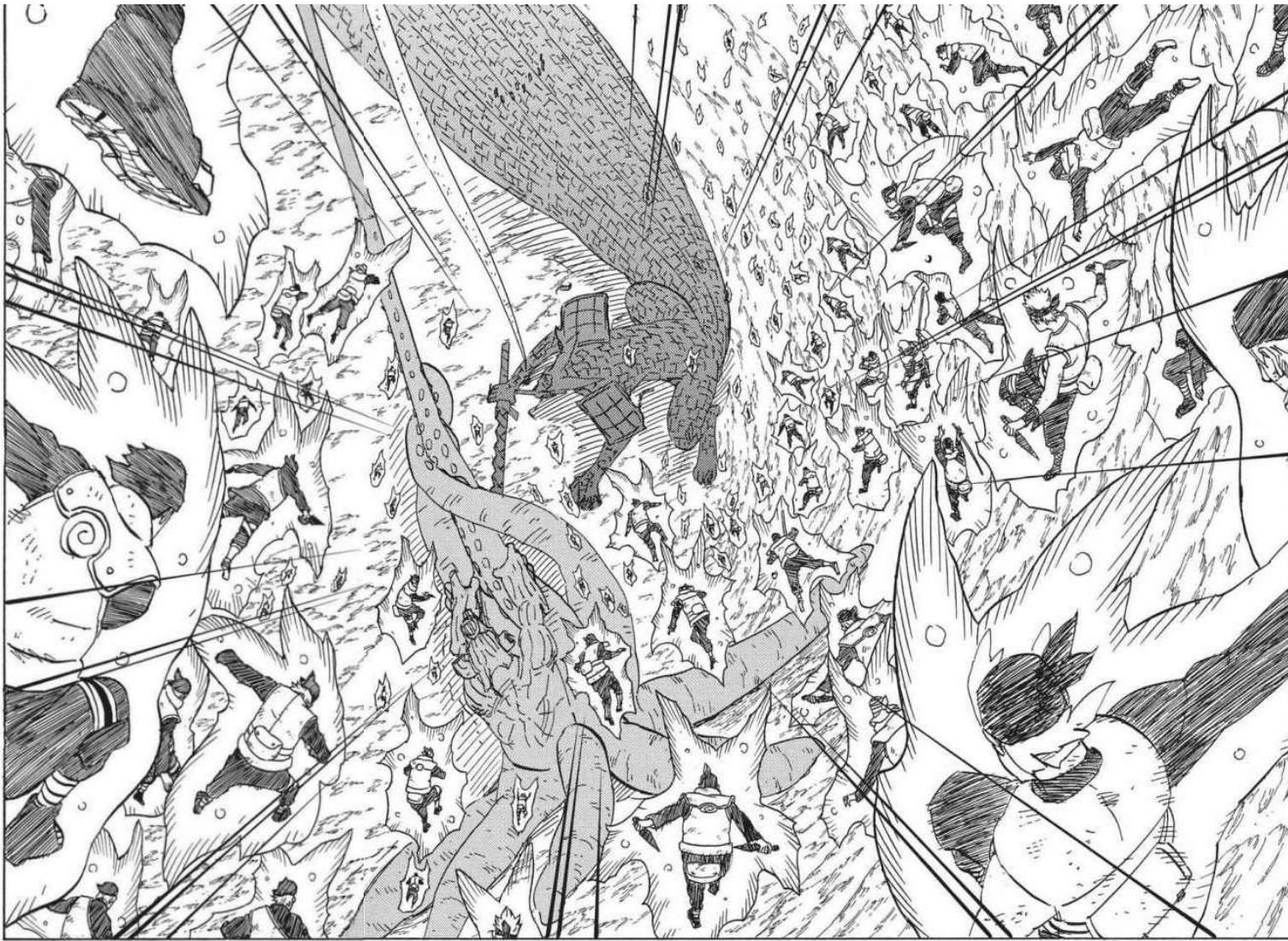




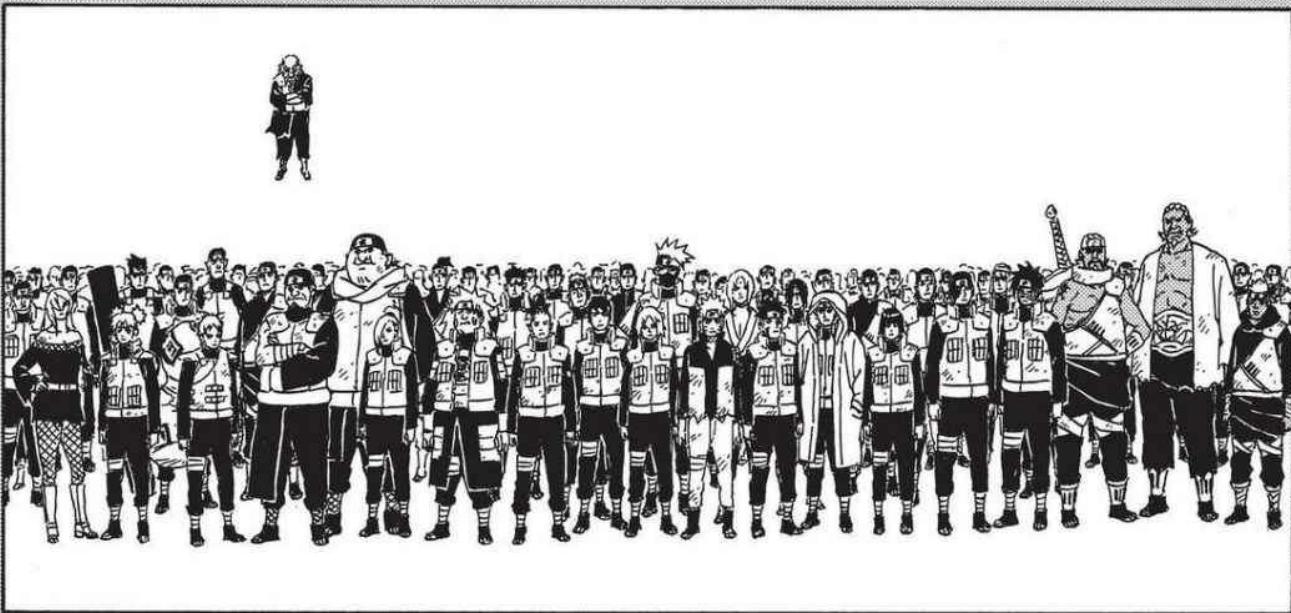
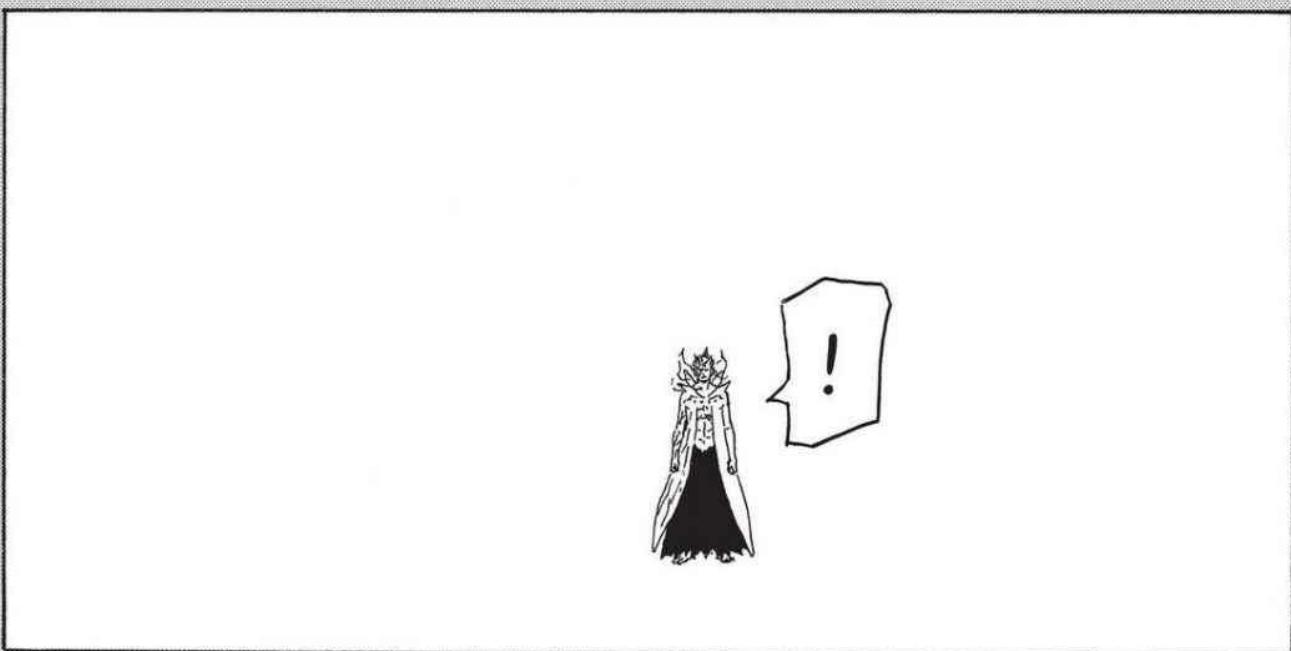


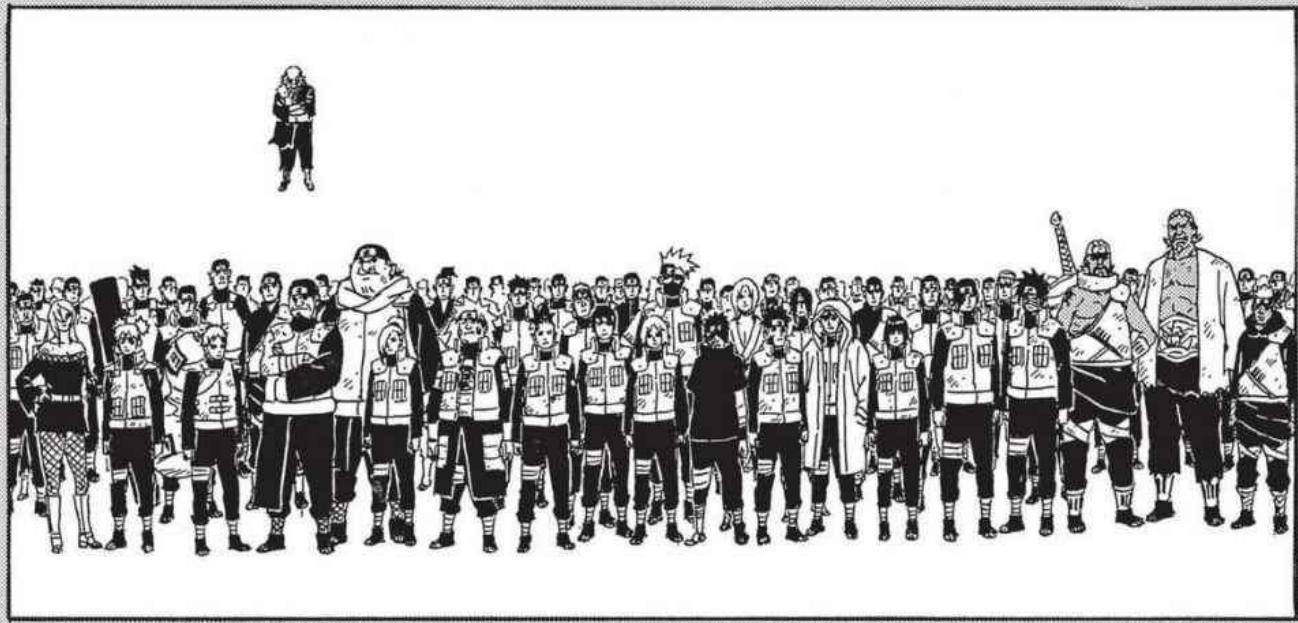
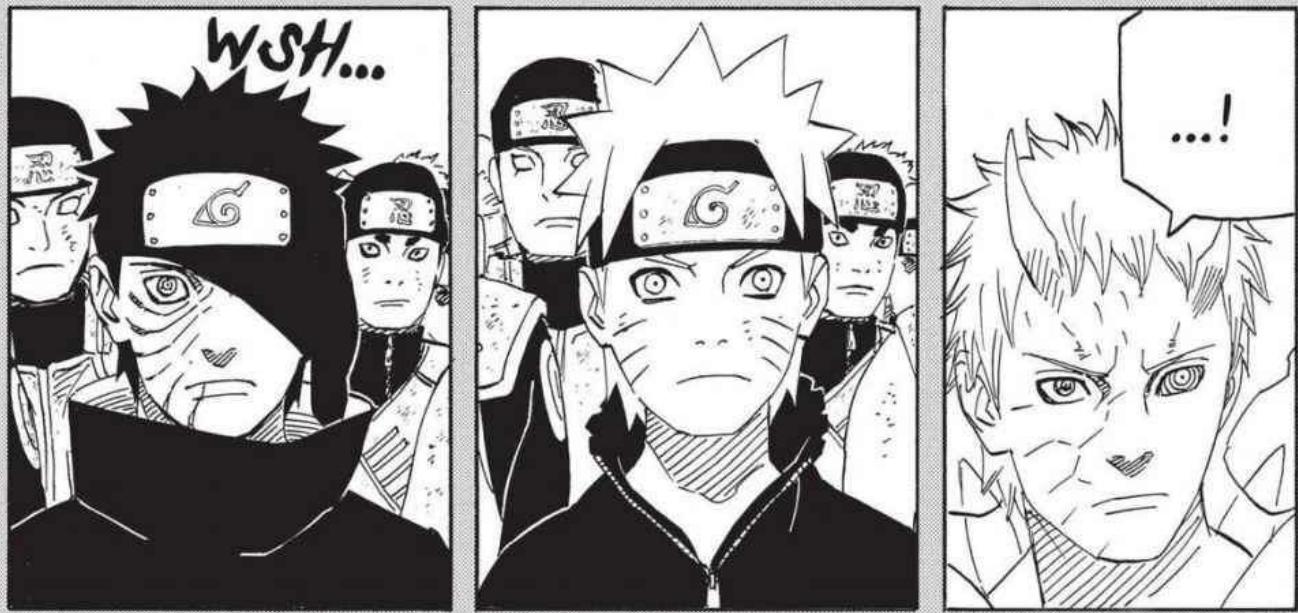








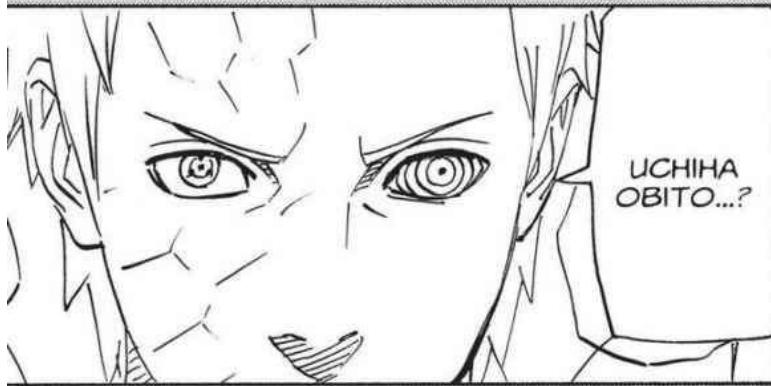






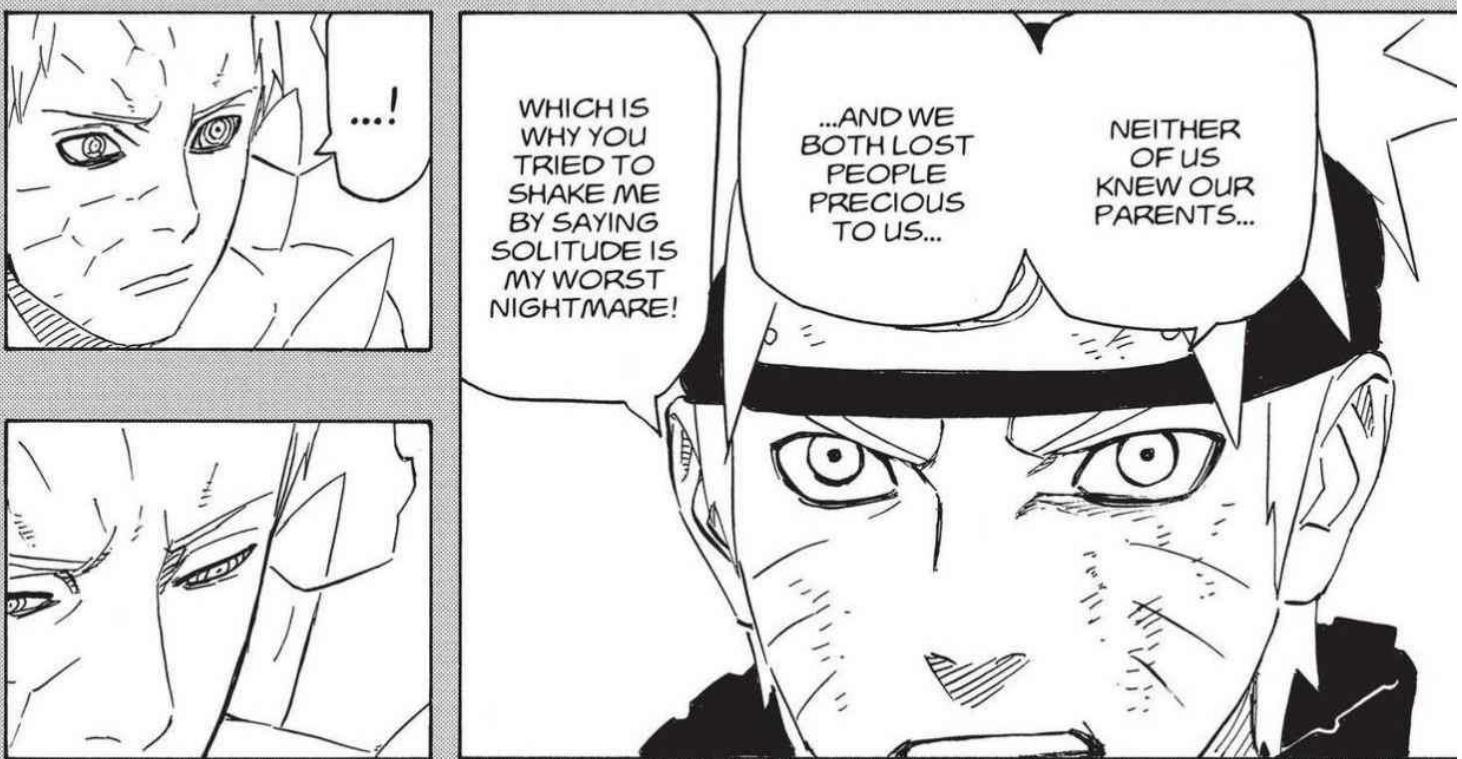
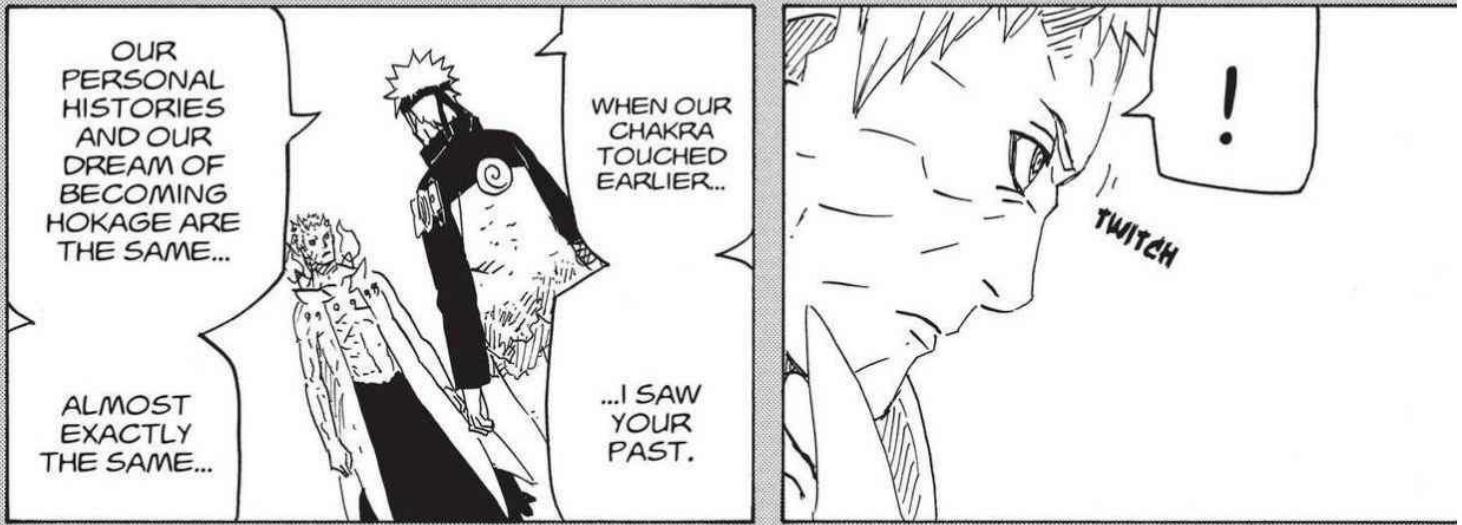


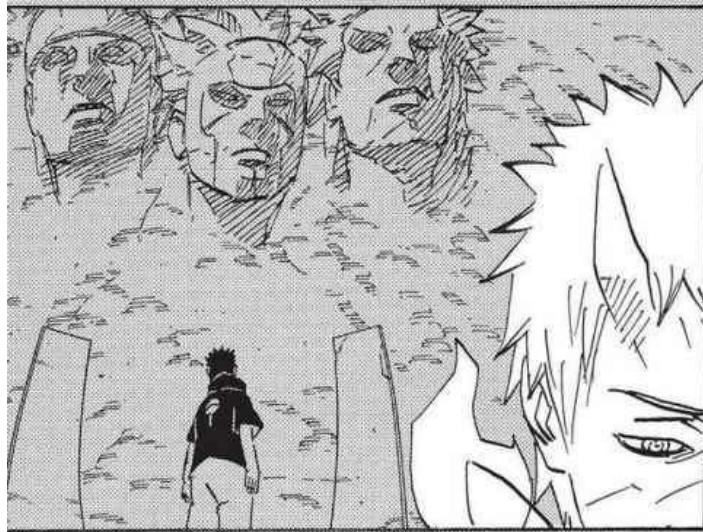






Number 653: I'm Always Watching





I BET
THAT'S
WHY YOU
WANTED
TO BE
HOKAGE.

IN THE BEGINNING,
YOU TOO WANTED TO
BE ACKNOWLEDGED
BY AND PRAISED BY
OTHERS.

IF YOU'RE
THE SAME
AS ME,
THAT IS!



NO ONE...
NOT EVEN
THOSE
PRECIOUS
TO YOU
WOULD EVER
ACKNOW-
LEDGE...

...THIS
CURRENT
DREAM OF
YOURS!!

YOU'VE TURNED ALL
SHINOBI INTO YOUR
ENEMY AND THEN
SPOUT SOME
NONSENSE THAT
YOU'RE DOING IT
FOR THE SAKE OF
THE WORLD...

...WHEN
YOU'RE JUST
DOING IT FOR
YOURSELF!!

BUT
LOOK AT
YOU NOW!



IT'S CUZ
YOU'RE
JUST LIKE
ME THAT--

BUT NOW
YOU'VE
BECOME
THE
EXACT
OPPOSITE
OF A
HOKAGE!

YOU USED
TO HAVE
THE SAME
DREAM AS
ME...

...



NO... IT'S
BECAUSE
OF THAT...

“ ”



FUN...





THAT'S WHY I
WANTED TO SEE
YOU DESPAIR
ABOUT THIS
WORLD.



OR... I
SUPPOSE I
WANTED TO
FEEL AGAIN,
FOR MYSELF...

...THAT
THE PATH
I HAVE
CHOSEN
FOR MYSELF
IS NOT A
MISTAKE.

SHUP



...AND
ABANDON
YOUR
FEELINGS,
YOUR PAST.

TO SEE
WHEN YOU
WOULD
FALL TO
DESPAIR...

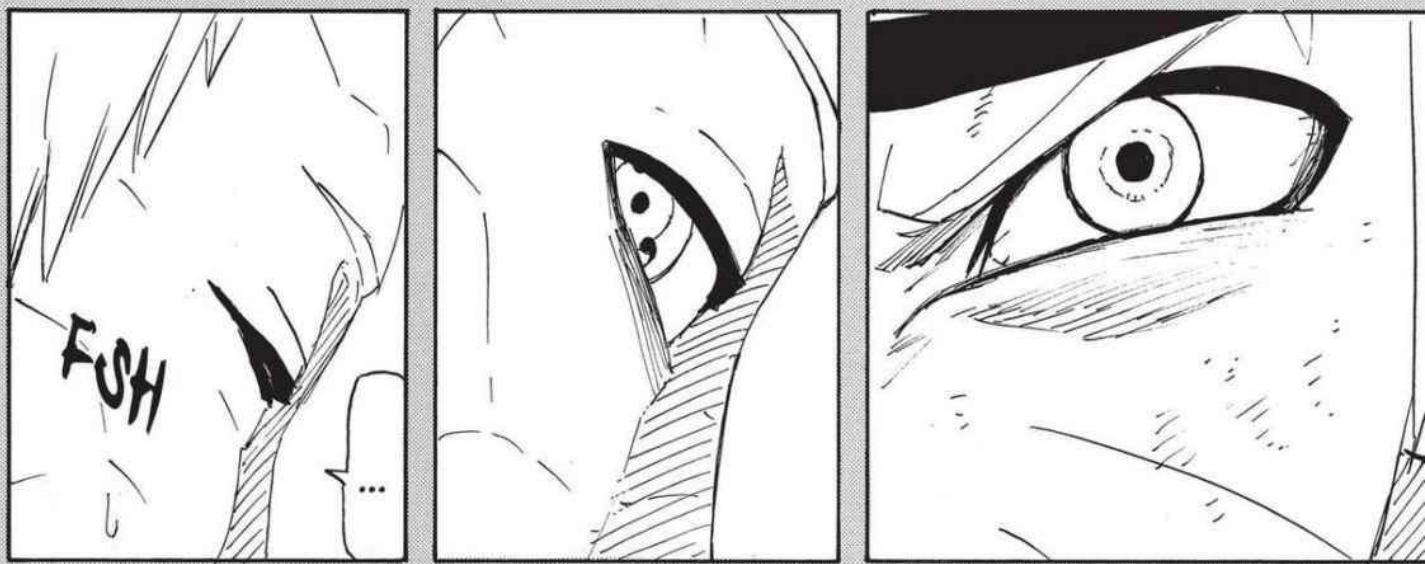
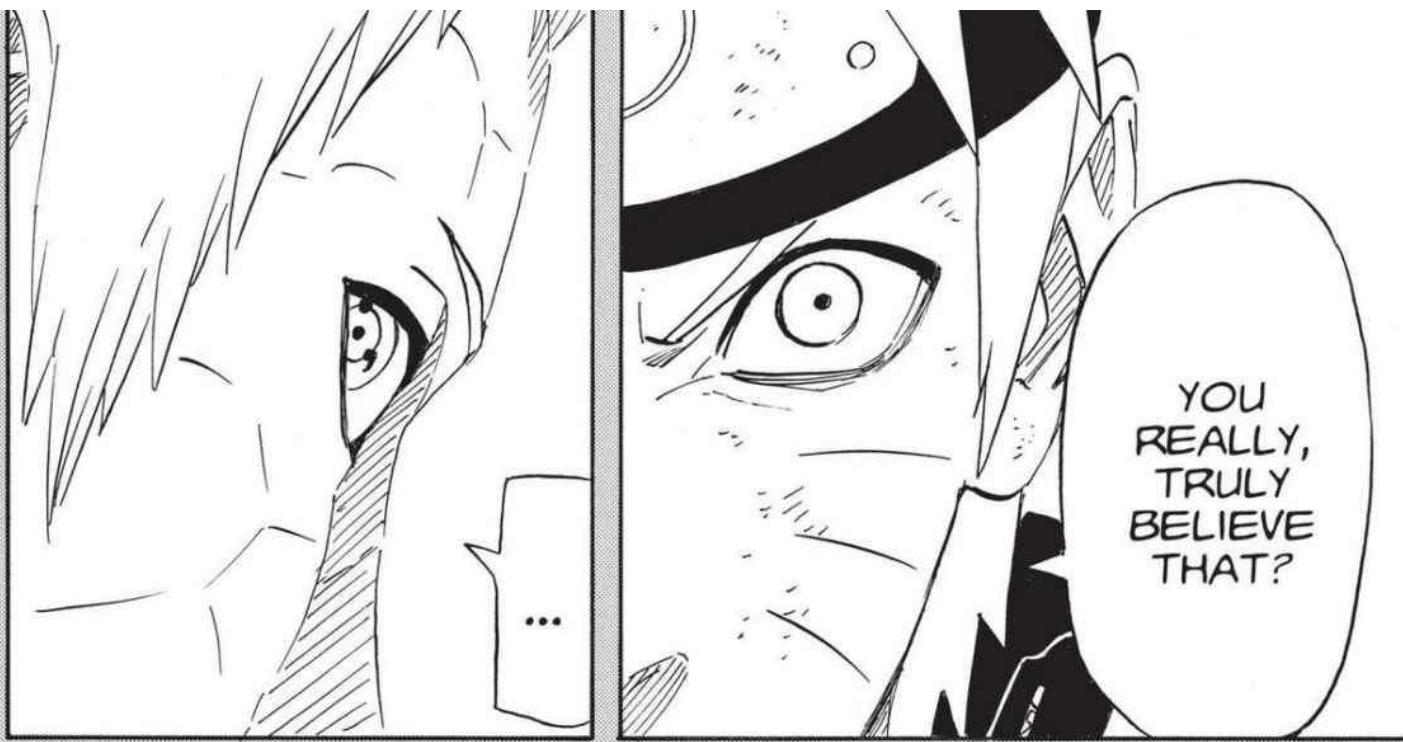
...YOU MADE ME
RECALL THE ME
OF MY YOUTH...
THAT'S WHY I
STARTED
WANTING TO
TEST YOU.



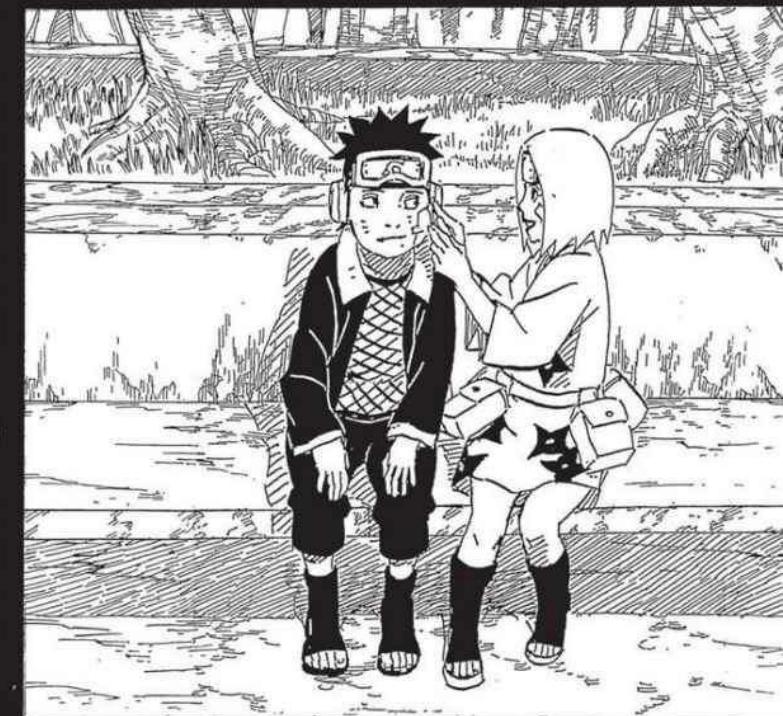
SHUP

WHEN I
WAS
FIGHTING
YOU...





YOU KNOW,
RIN, YOU
SAVING ME...



AND FOR ME
TO DO THAT, I
NEED TO STAY
ALIVE AND
HEALTHY...

GET
WHAT I'M
SAYING?!

CUZ, I
MEAN... I'M
GONNA
BECOME
HOKAGE
AND STOP
THIS WAR,
RIGHT?!

HUH?



YUP, I THINK!
THOUGH
YOU'RE NOT
MAKING
TOTAL
SENSE...

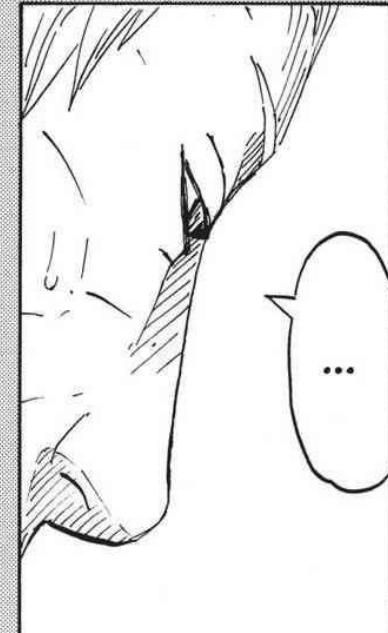
HMM?

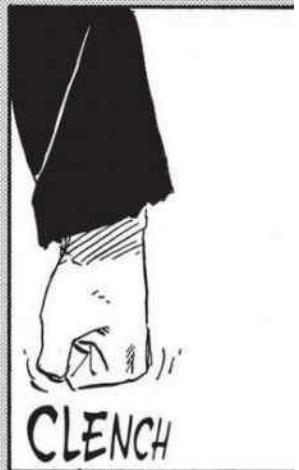
FUH...

SO IT'S LIKE
THIS, YOU
SEE... HOW TO
PUT IT...

...IF YOU
DON'T
STICK BY MY
SIDE AND
KEEP WATCH
OVER ME...

...IN
SHORT,
UM...







WHAT I
WANT TO
KNOW ISN'T
THE EASY
PATH...



WOULD YOU
STILL SAY
THAT EVEN
IF BOTH
PATHS LED
TO THE
SAME END
POINT?



WHO CAN
TELL IN THE
BEGINNING
WHICH ONE IS
THE RUGGED
ONE?

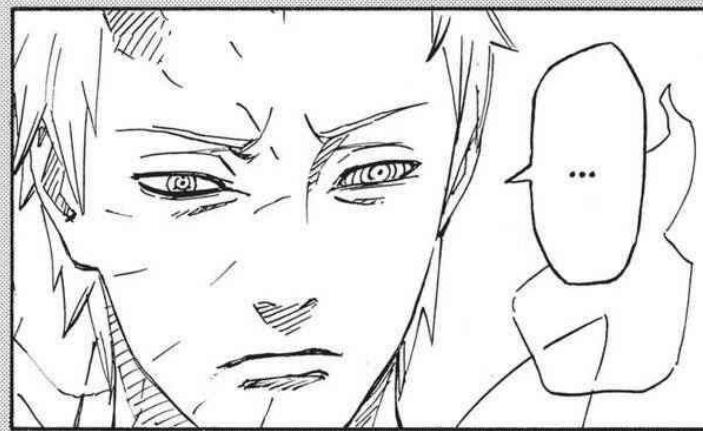
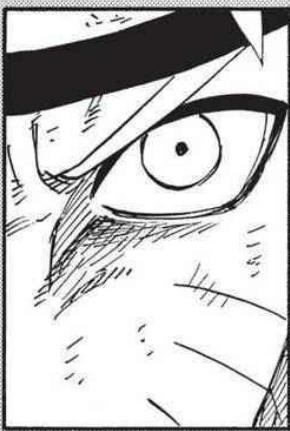
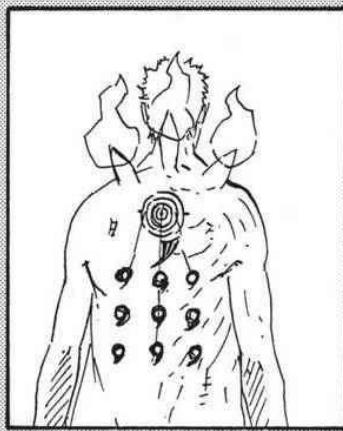
YOU NEVER
KNOW UNTIL
SOMEONE
STARTS
WALKING.

SHUT



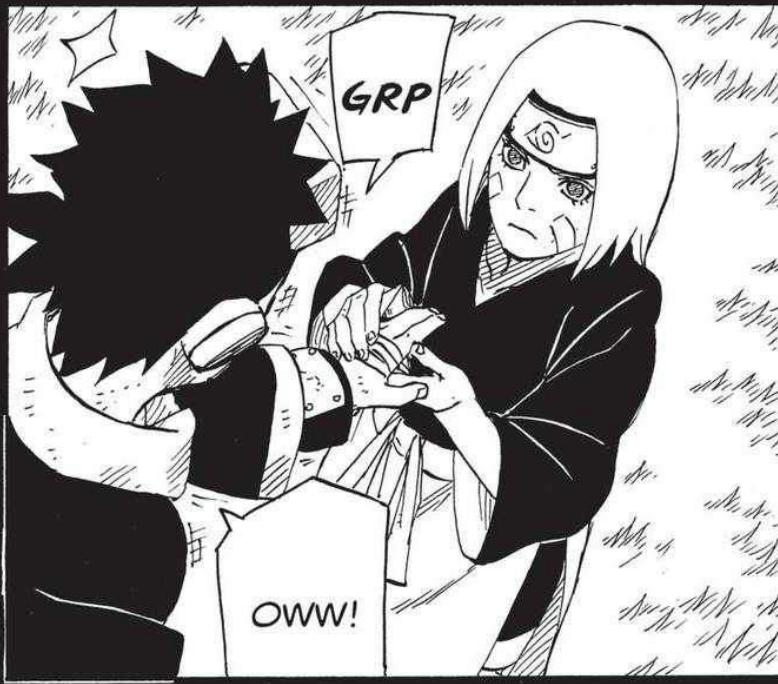
...BUT HOW TO
NAVIGATE THE
RUGGED ONE.

A HOKAGE IS
THE FELLOW
WHO WALKS
AHEAD OF
EVERYONE
ELSE,
SWALLOWING
HIS OR HER
PAIN.



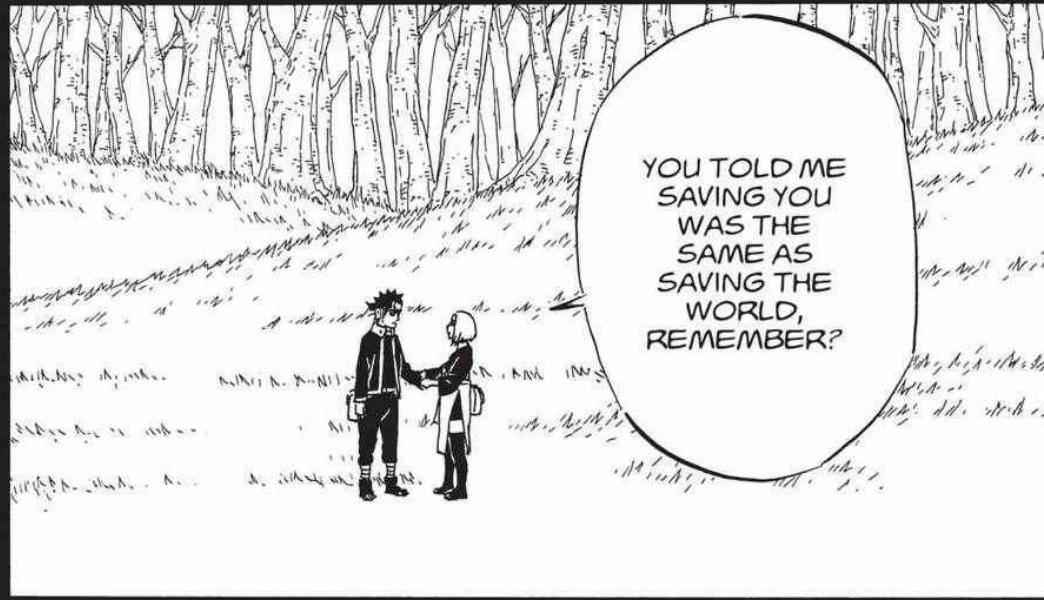
I WAS JUST THINKING HOW I NEEDED THAT... SO THIS WOUND'S...

HA HA! A GUY'S GOTTA GET A SCAR OR TWO TO GET SOME CRED.



I'M ALWAYS WATCHING, YOU KNOW.

DON'T ACT TOUGH AND HIDE YOUR WOUNDS!



BECOME
HOKAGE AND
SHOW ME
HOW YOU'LL
AWESOMELY
SAVE THE
WORLD!

THAT'S
ANOTHER
PROMISE!

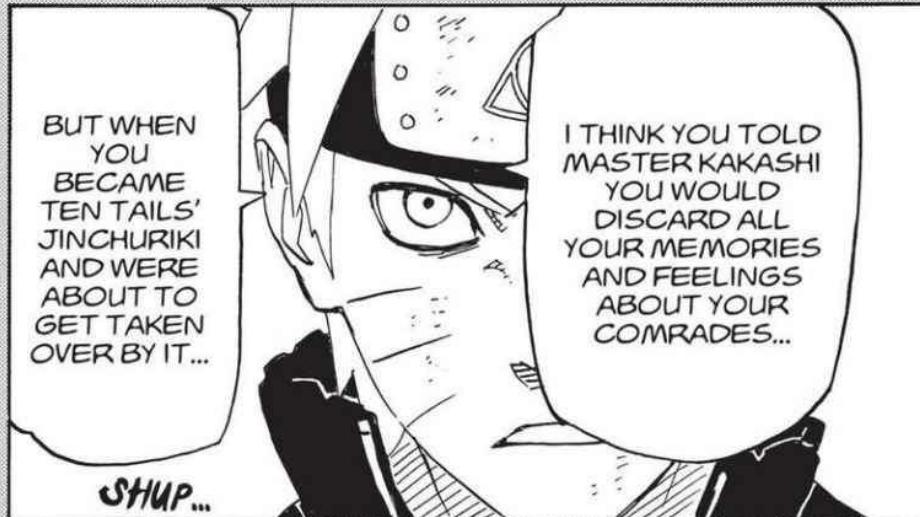
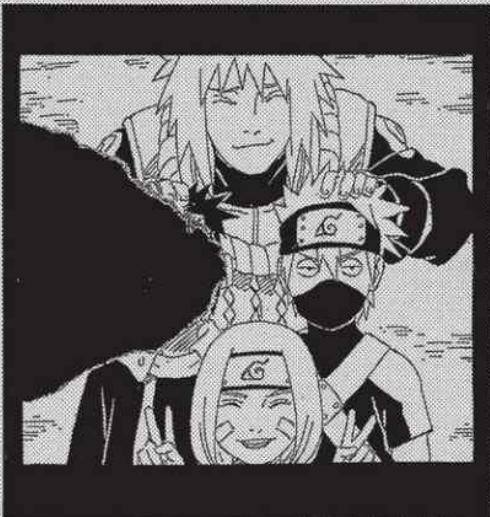
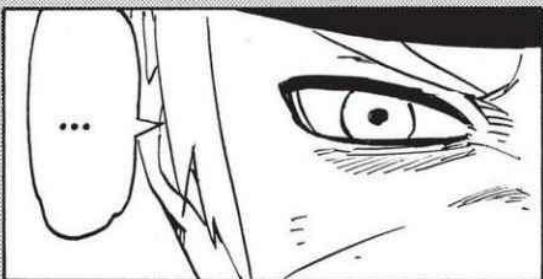
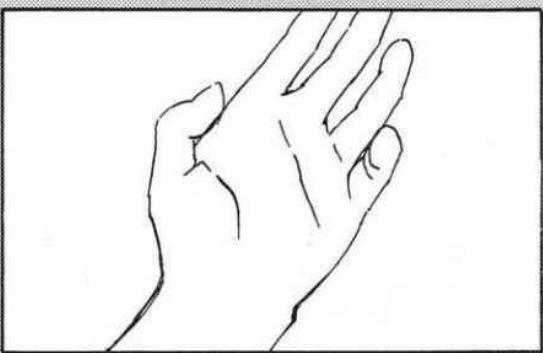
GO FOR IT,
OBITO!

CLENCH

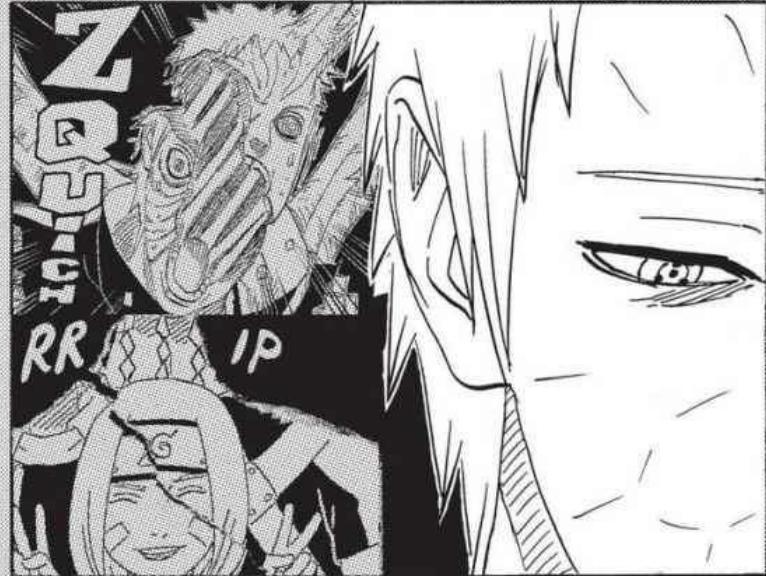
LET'S
GO!

TUG...





DIDN'T YOU TRY TO QUASH TEN TAILS CUZ YOU DIDN'T WANT THAT?



...WAS CUZ YOU STOOD FIRM ON NOT THROWING AWAY THE PAST, AND STAYED YOURSELF, RIGHT?

THE REASON WHY YOU WON AGAINST TEN TAILS AND COULD MANIPULATE IT...



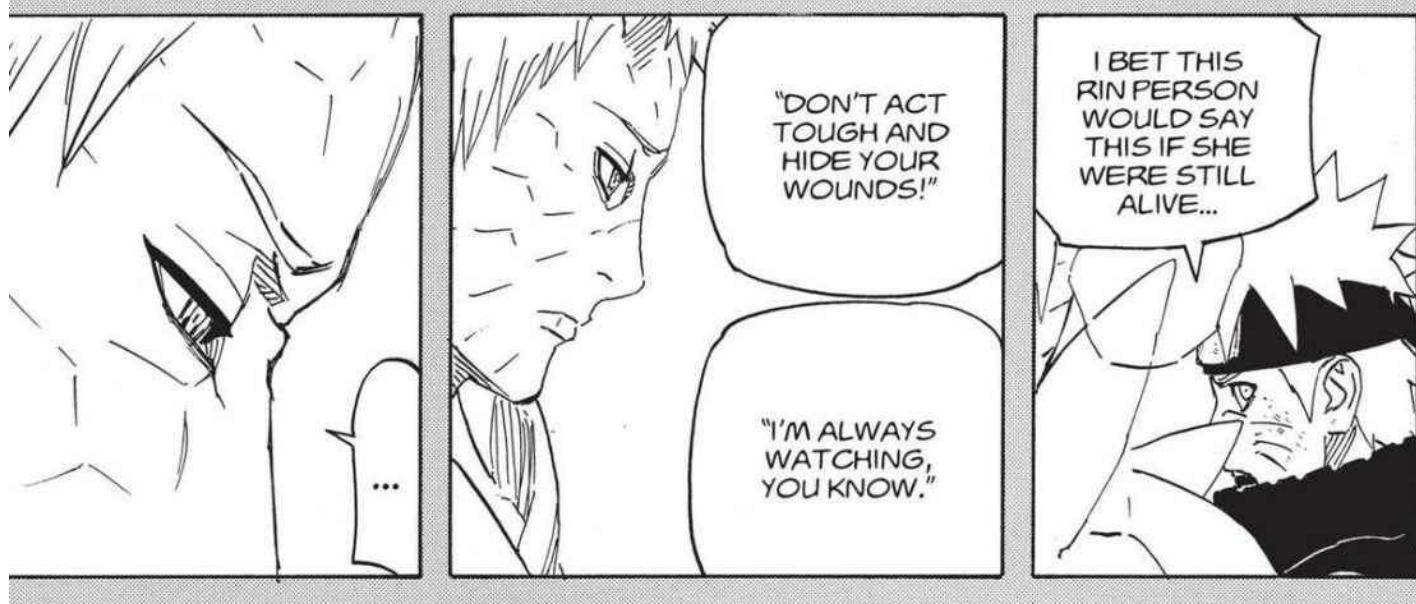
AM I WRONG?

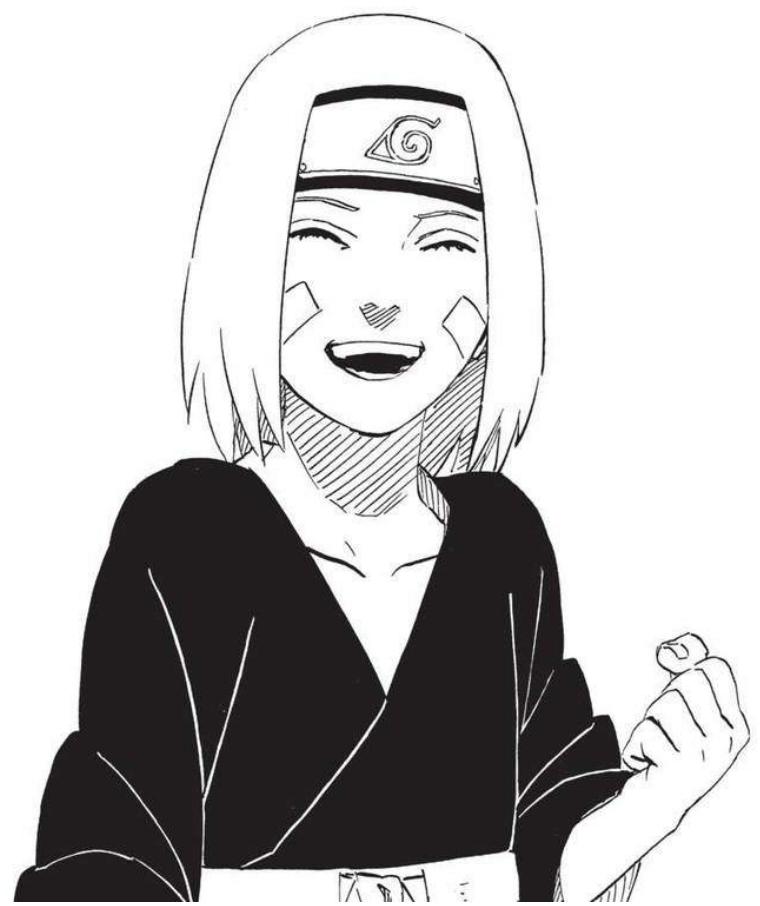
THAT'S HOW YOU COULD STAY OBITO EVEN AFTER YOU BECAME TEN TAILS' JINCHURIKI.

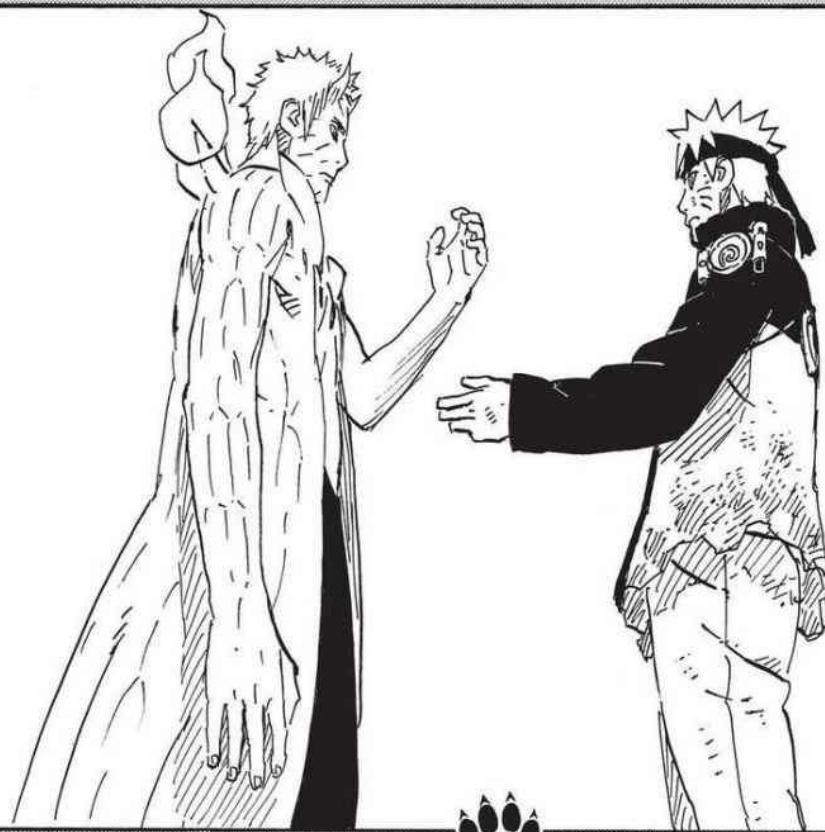
YOU JUST COULDN'T DISCARD MEMORIES OF PA, OR MASTER KAKASHI, OR THIS RIN PERSON, COULD YOU?



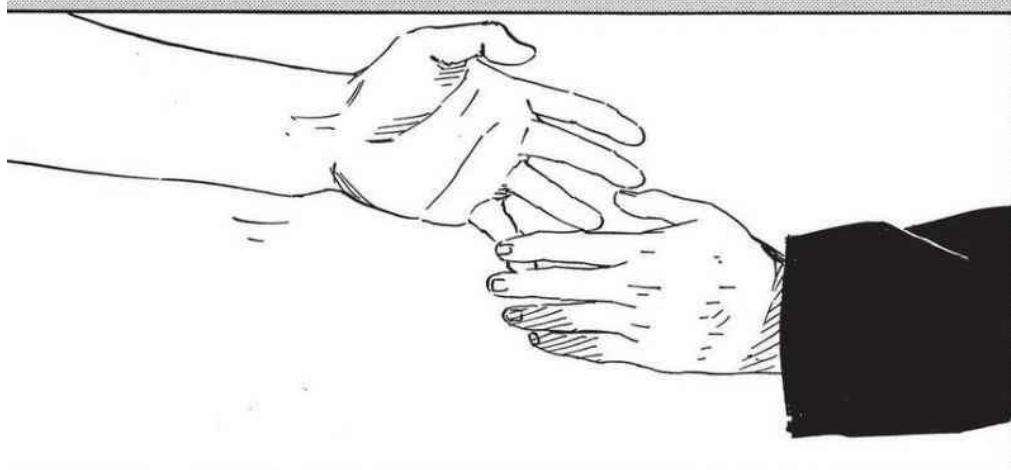
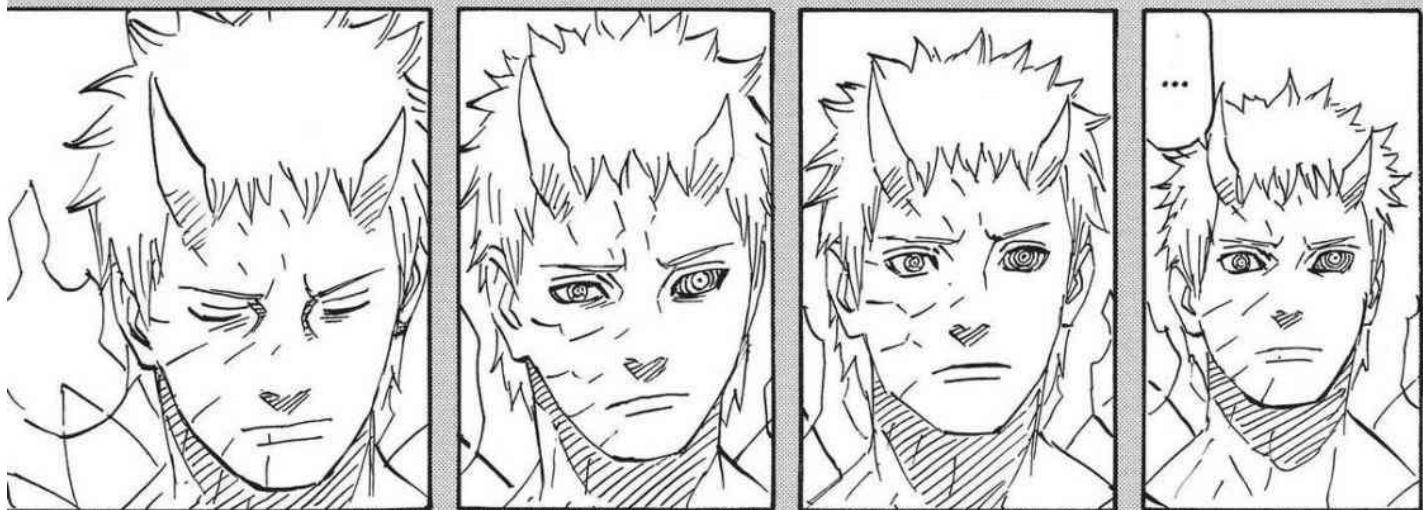




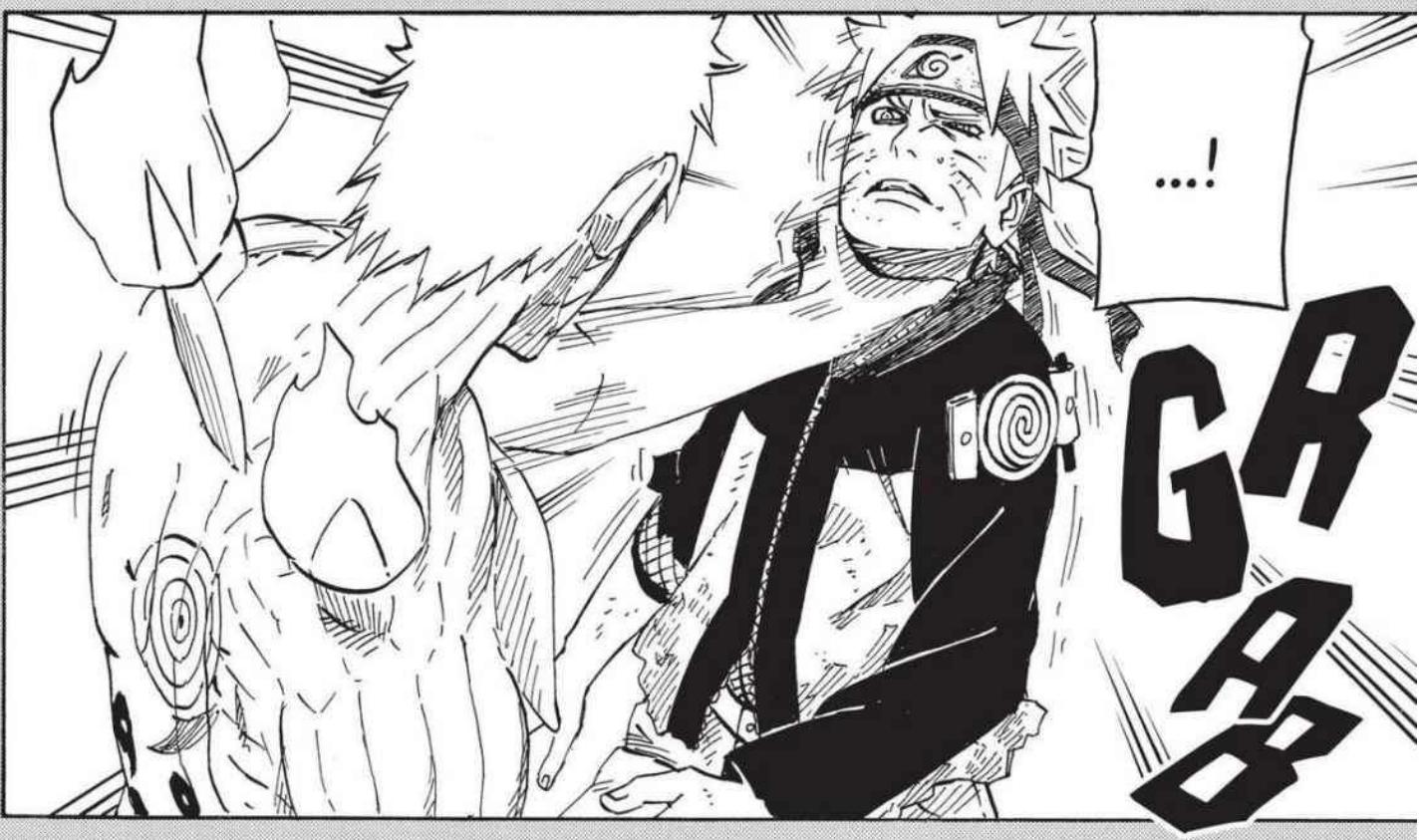


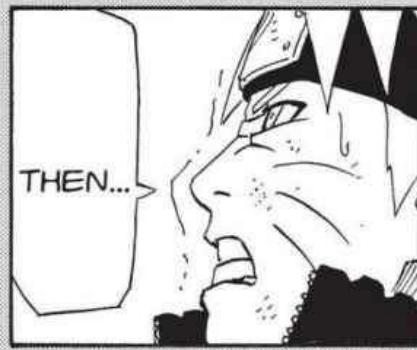


Number 654: I'm Uchiha Obito



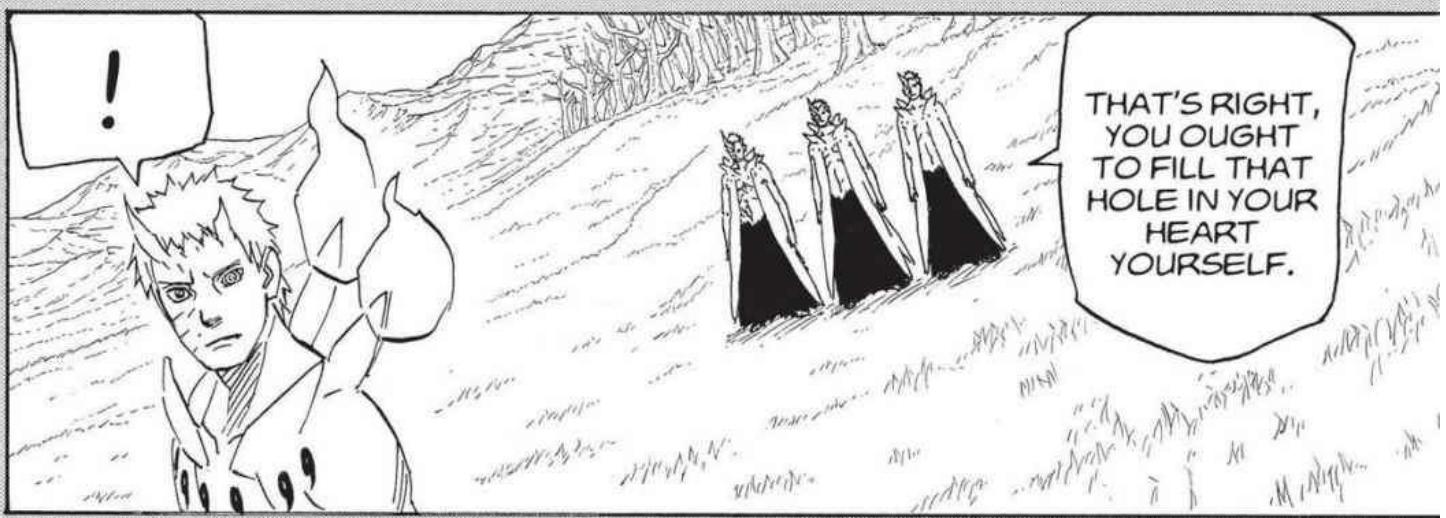
REACH...











NOW...
COME
HERE...

ZWWWWWW...

OTHERS
WON'T BE
OF ANY
HELP.

HOLD
ON, RIN.

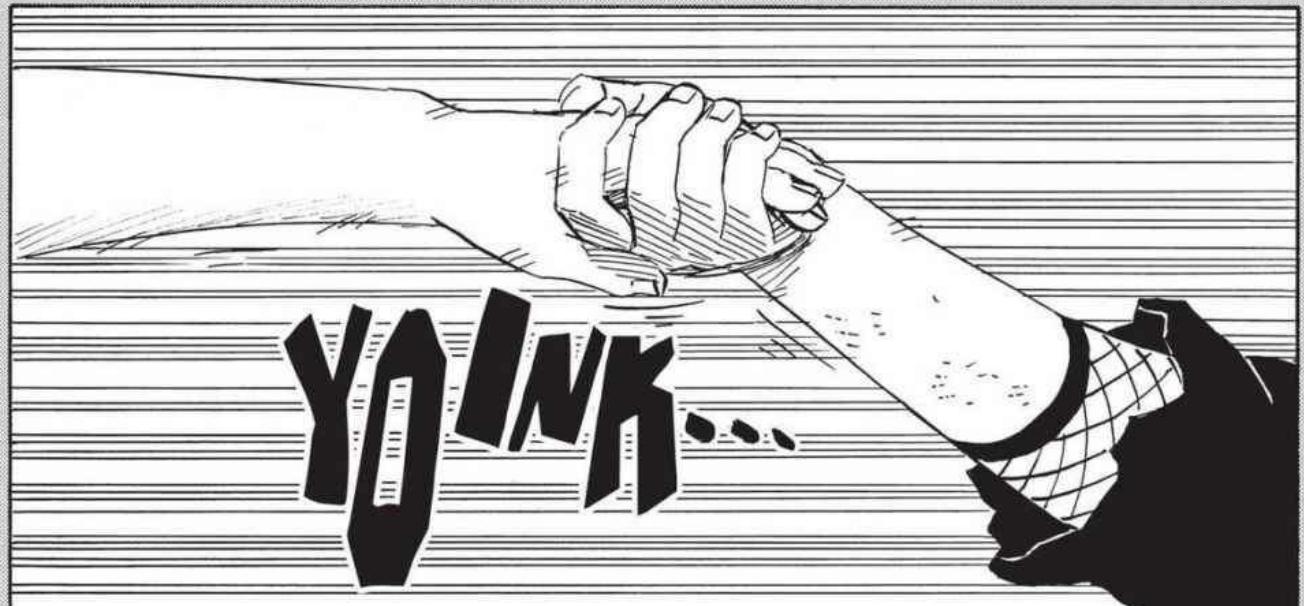
I WON'T
IGNORE
YOU.

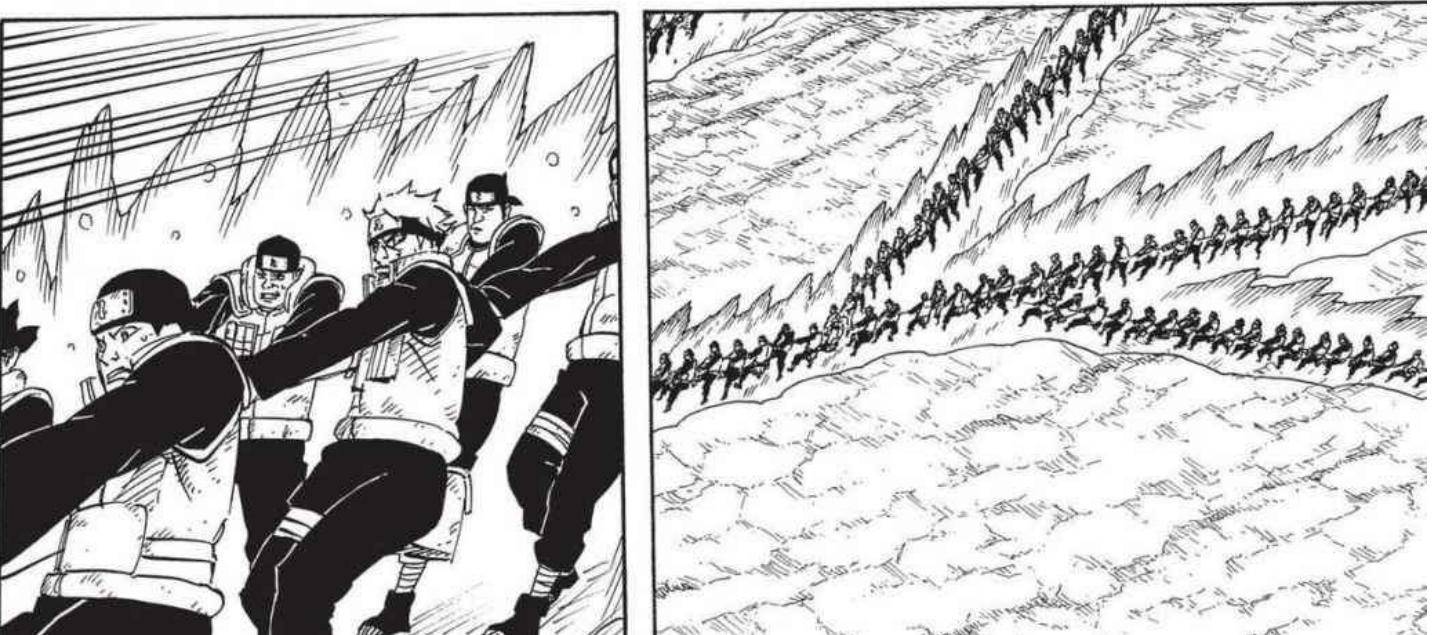
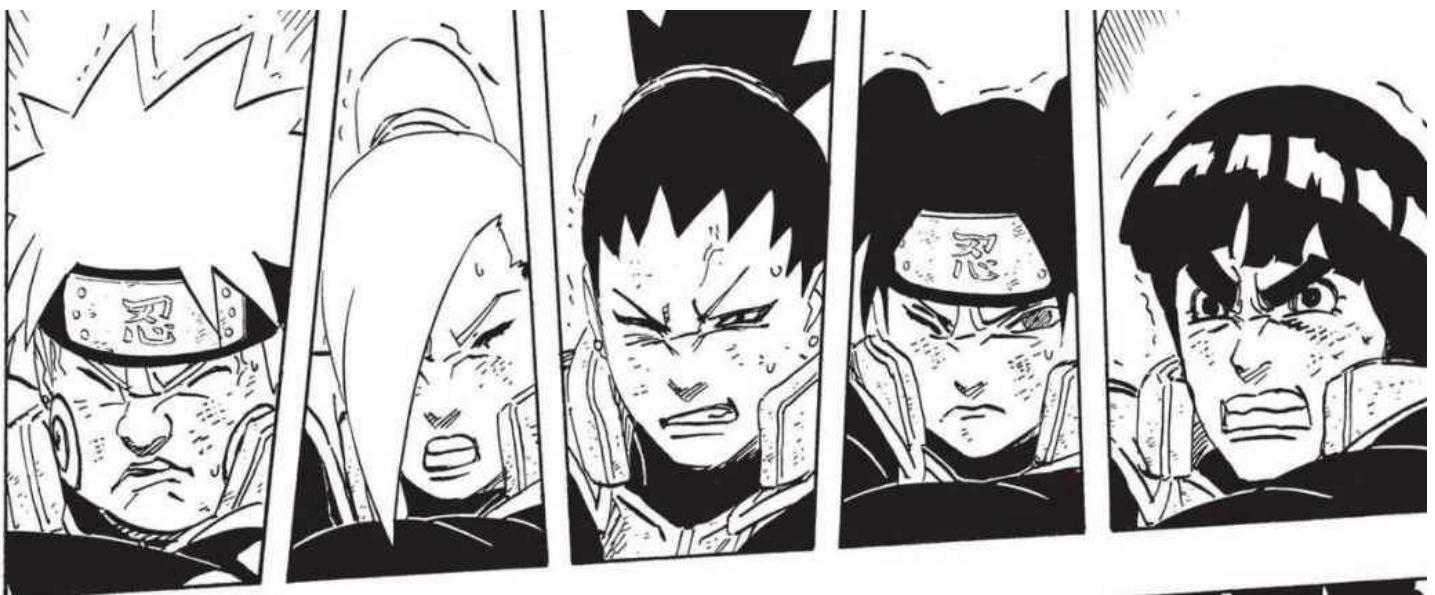
COME...

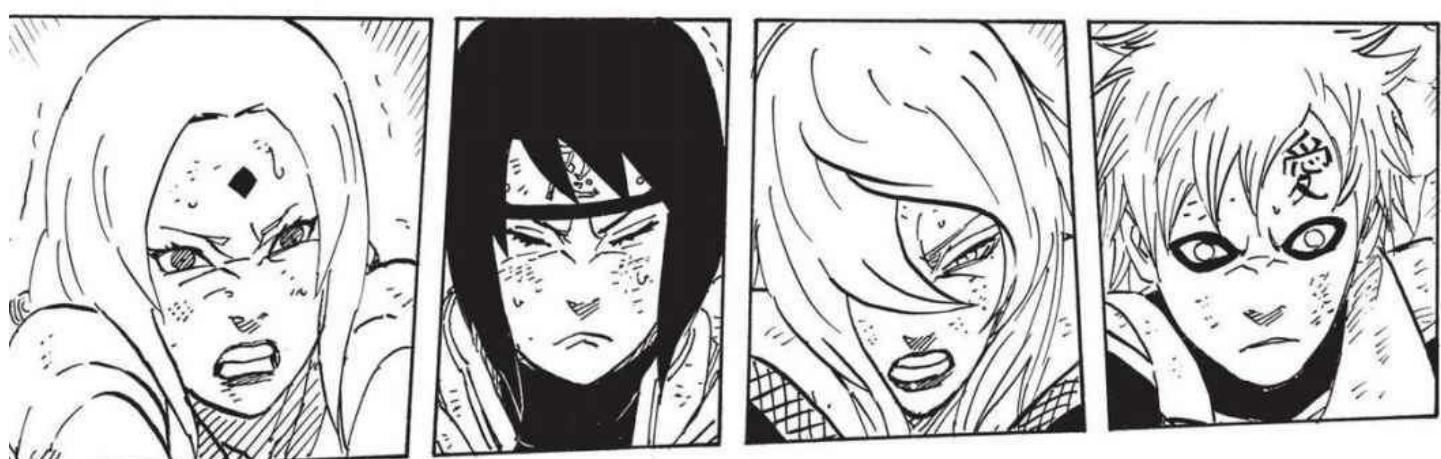
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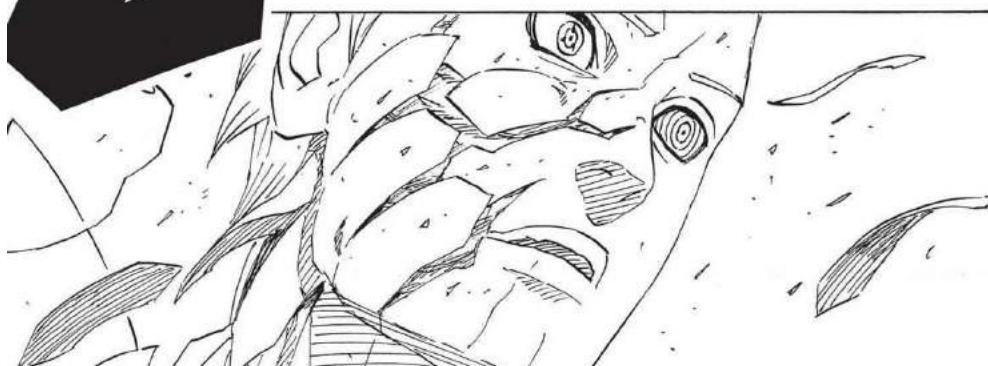
ETCH



ZSH...

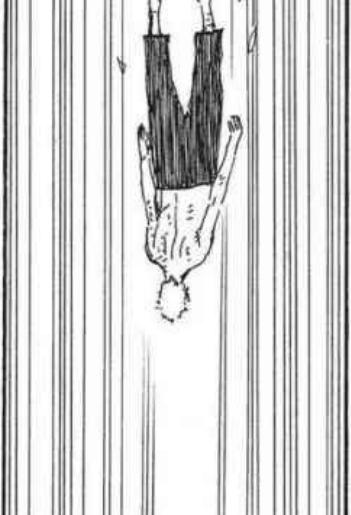
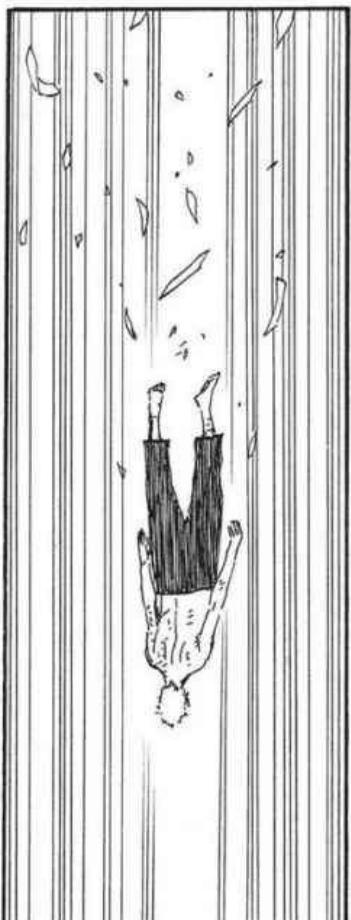
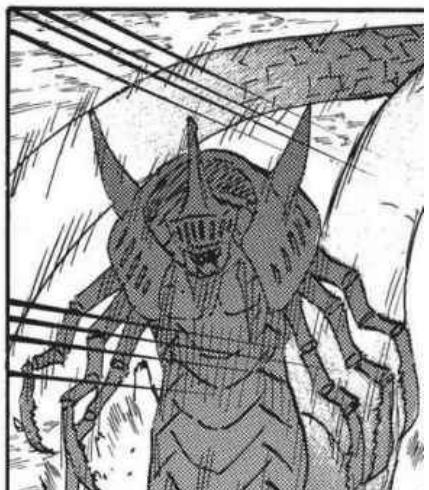
**...EVERYBODY'S
POWER!!!**

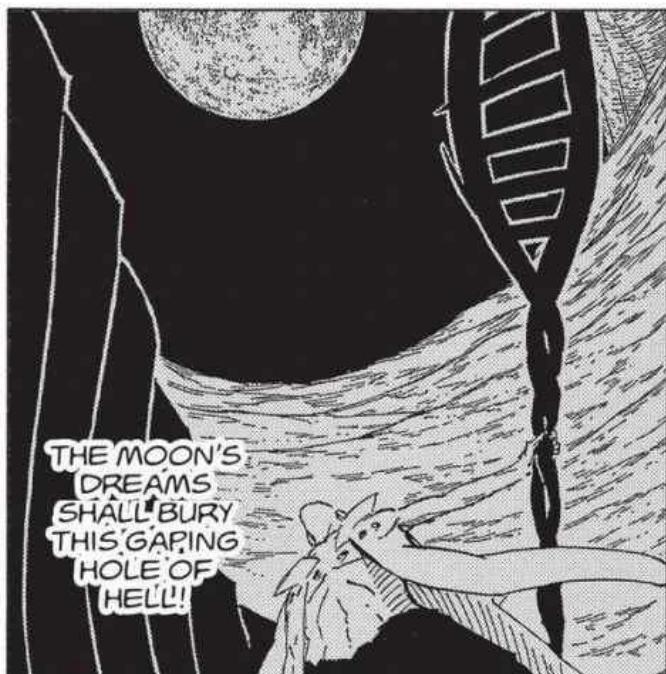
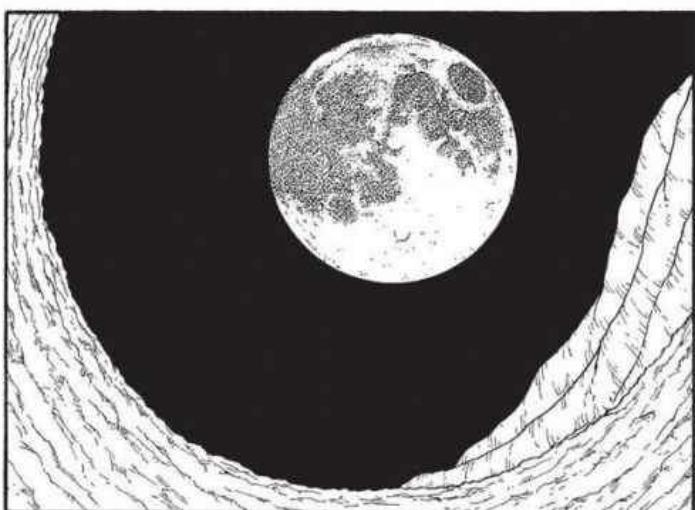
AWOP

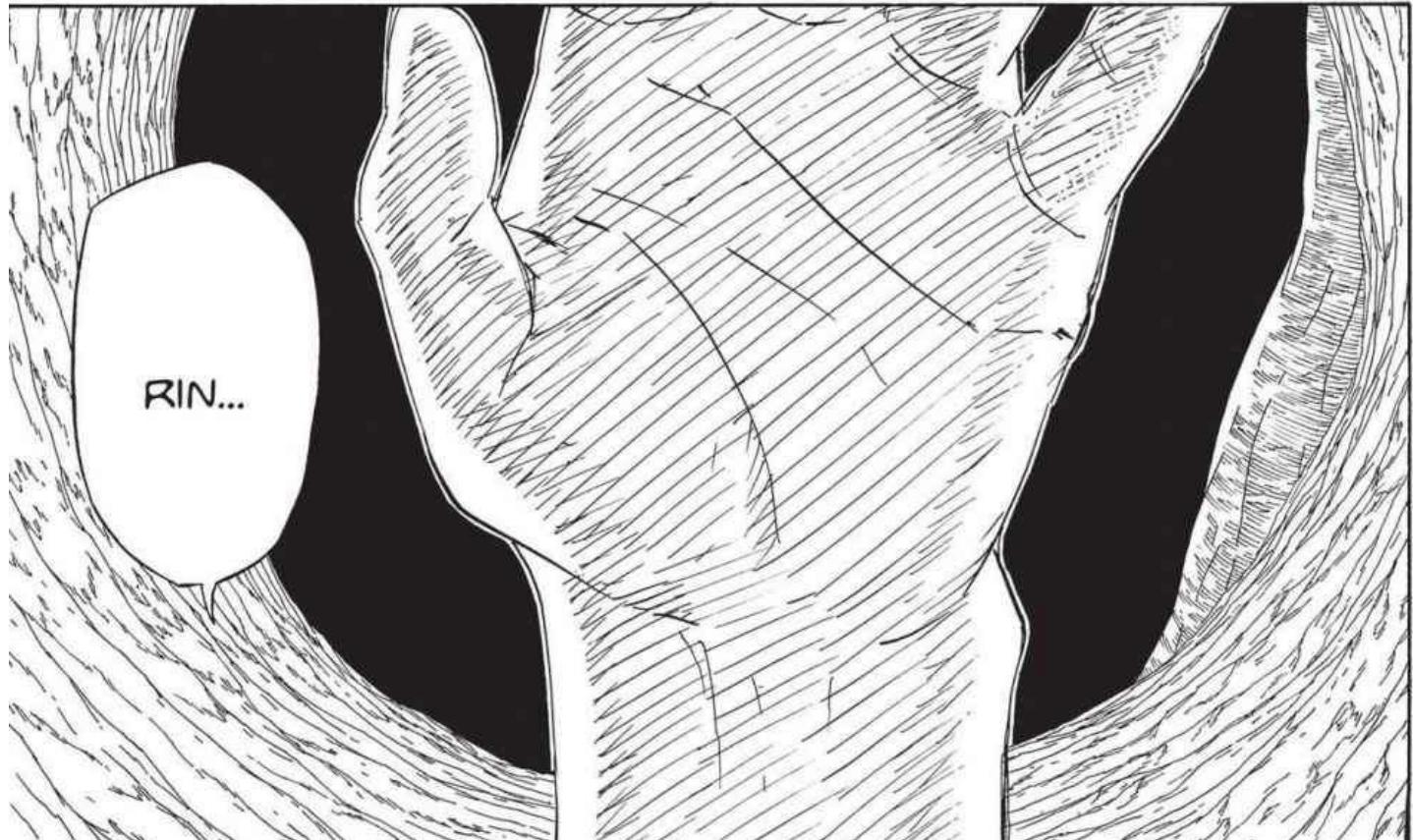
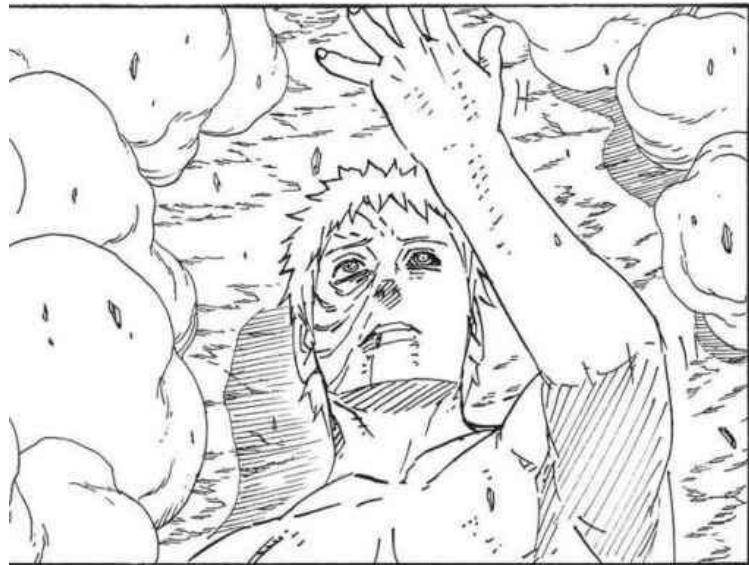


**GOT
'EM!!!**

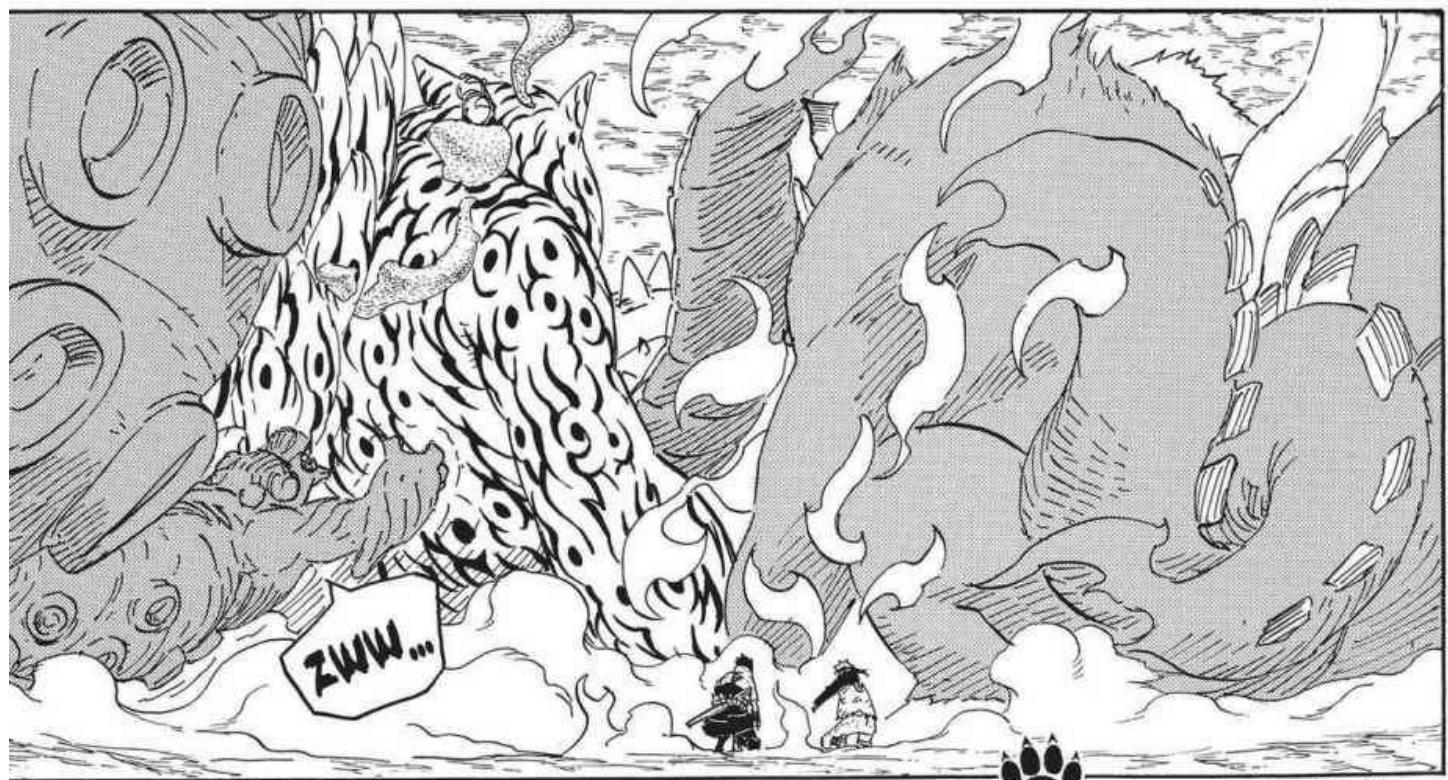




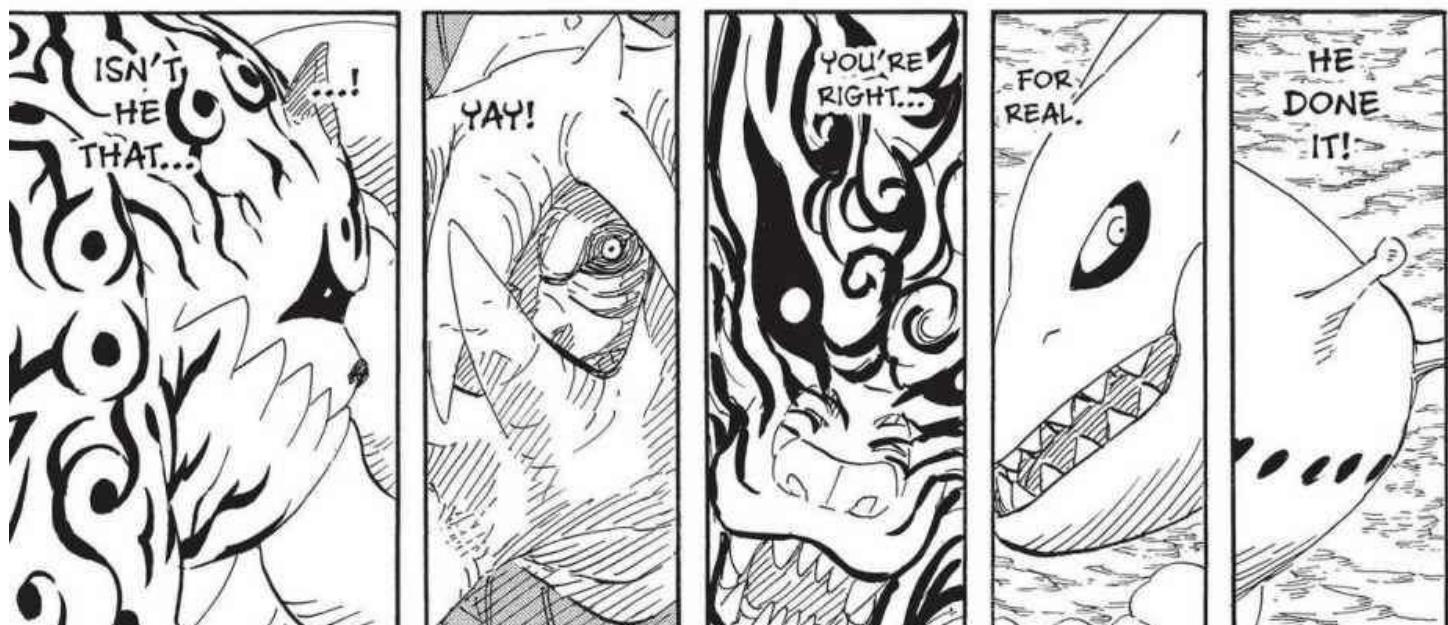
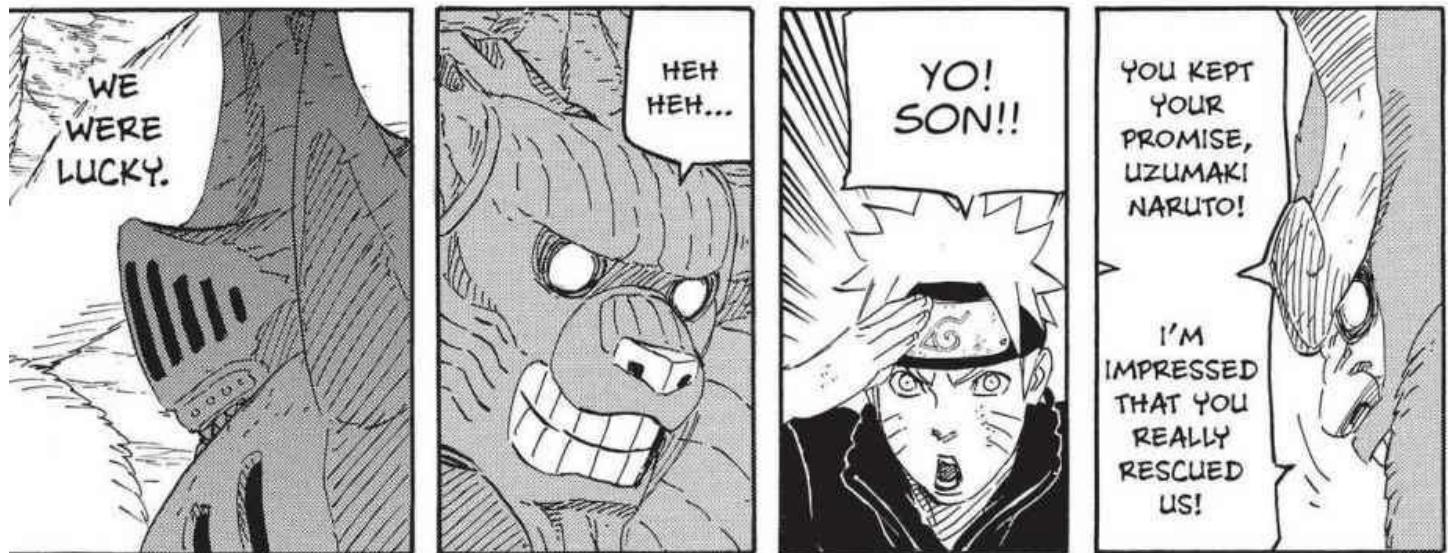


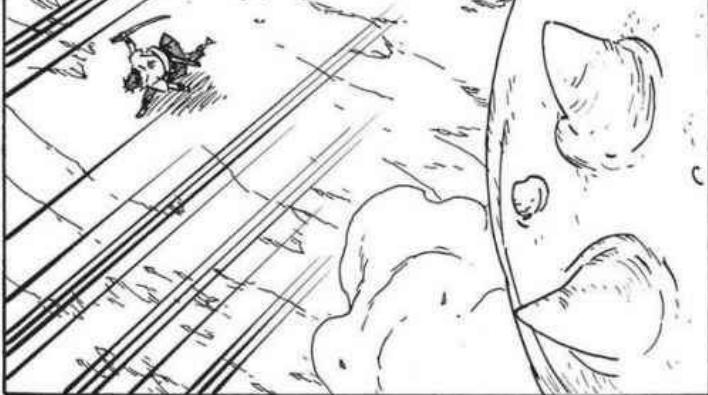




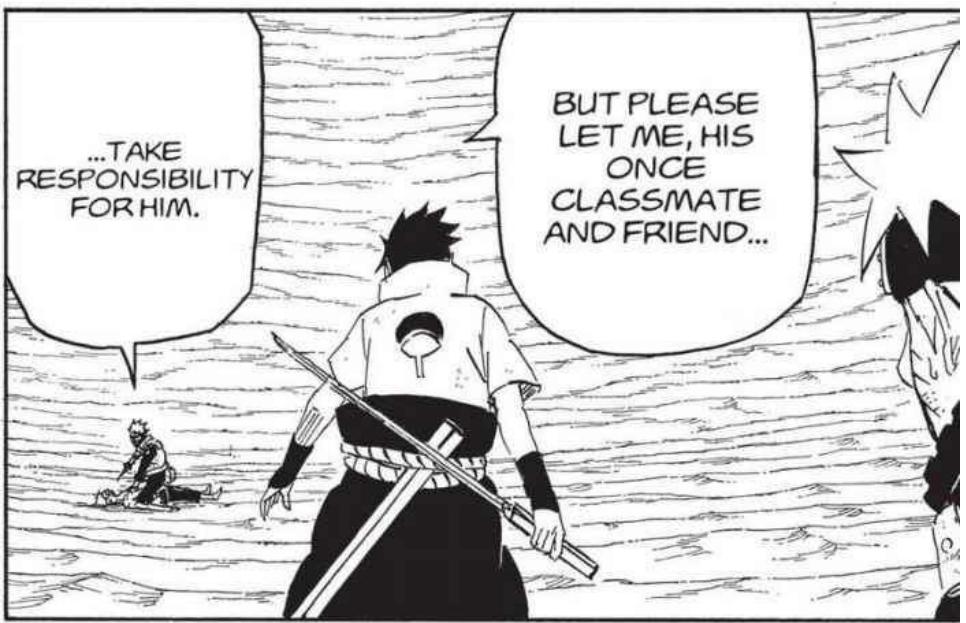
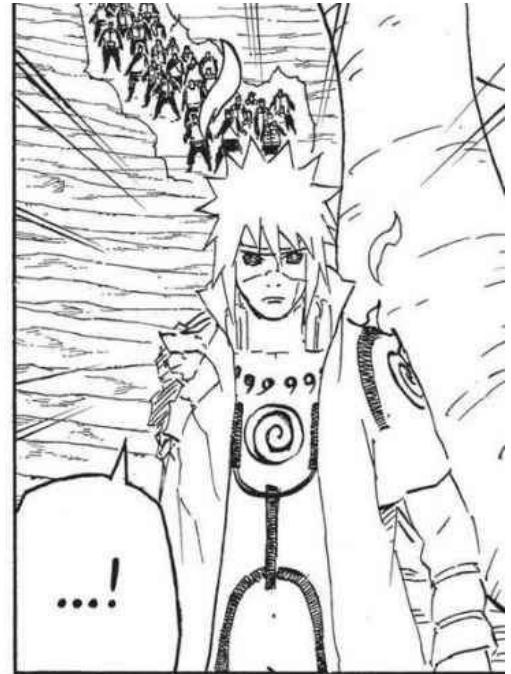


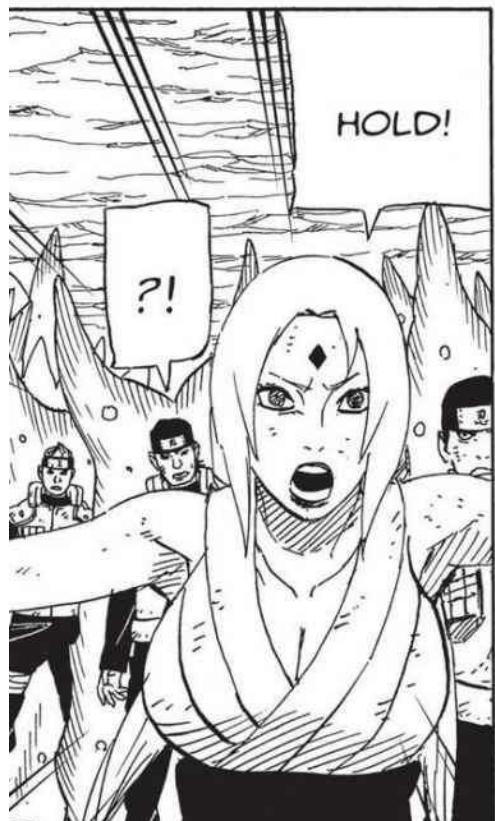
Number 655: Path

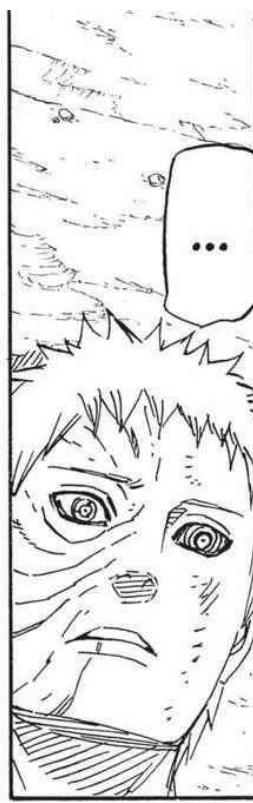


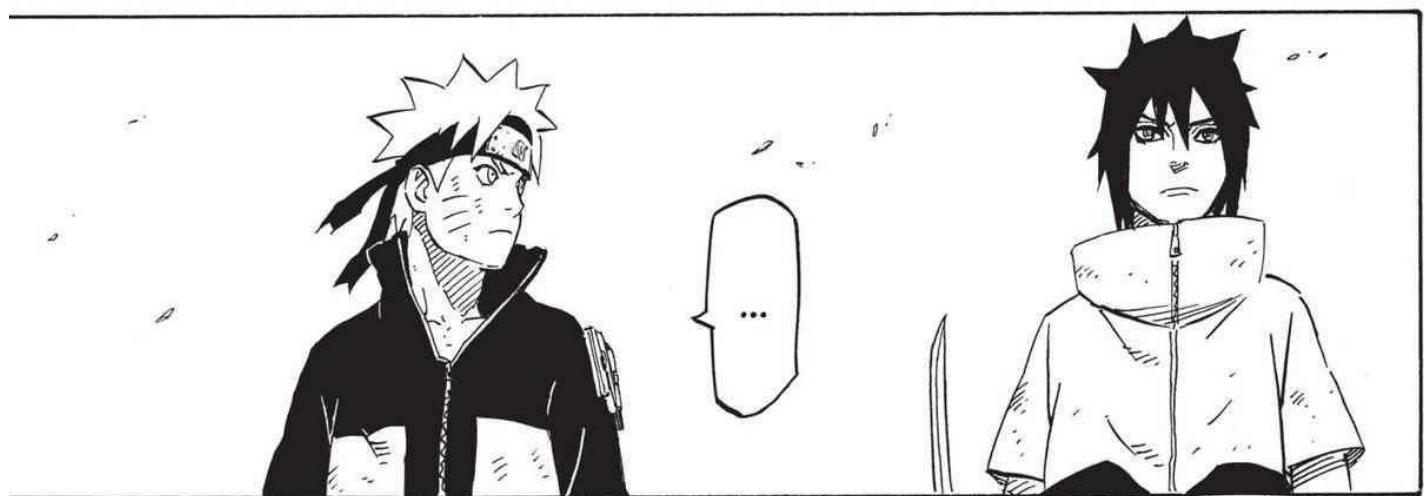


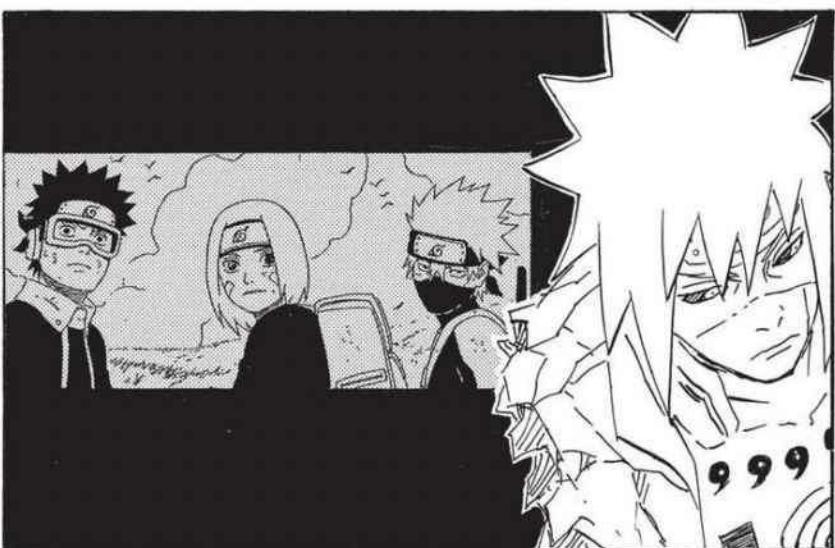
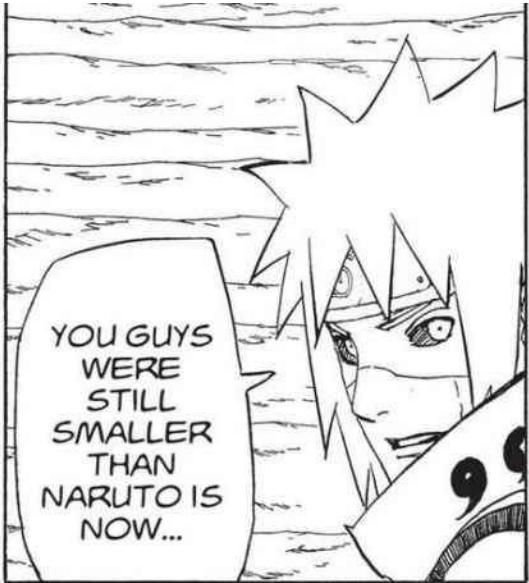


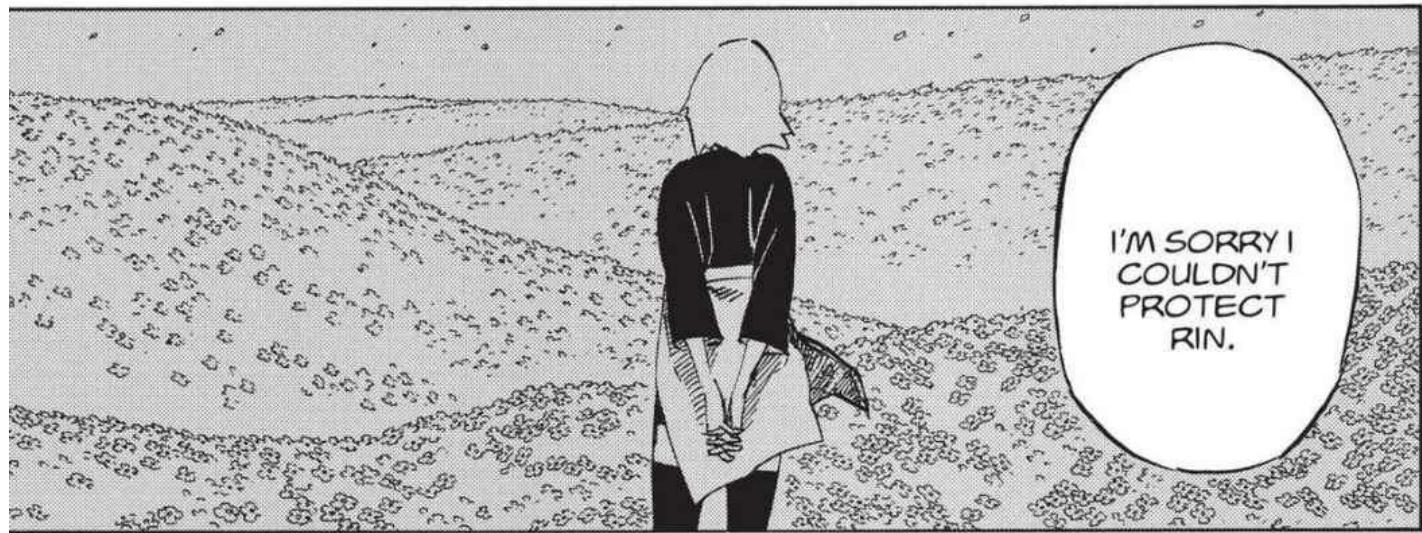
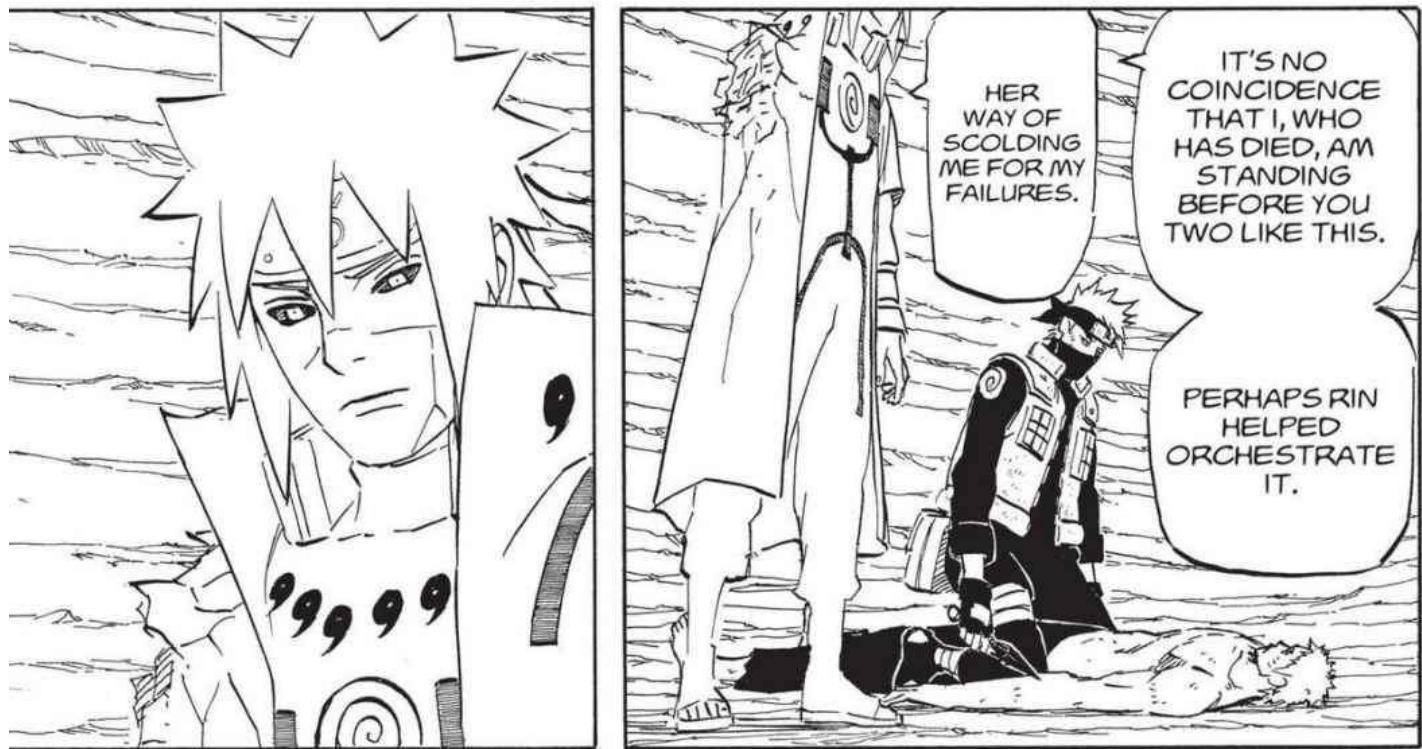


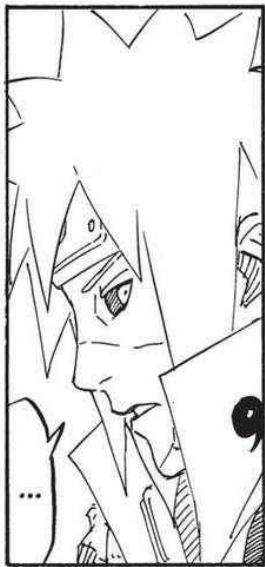


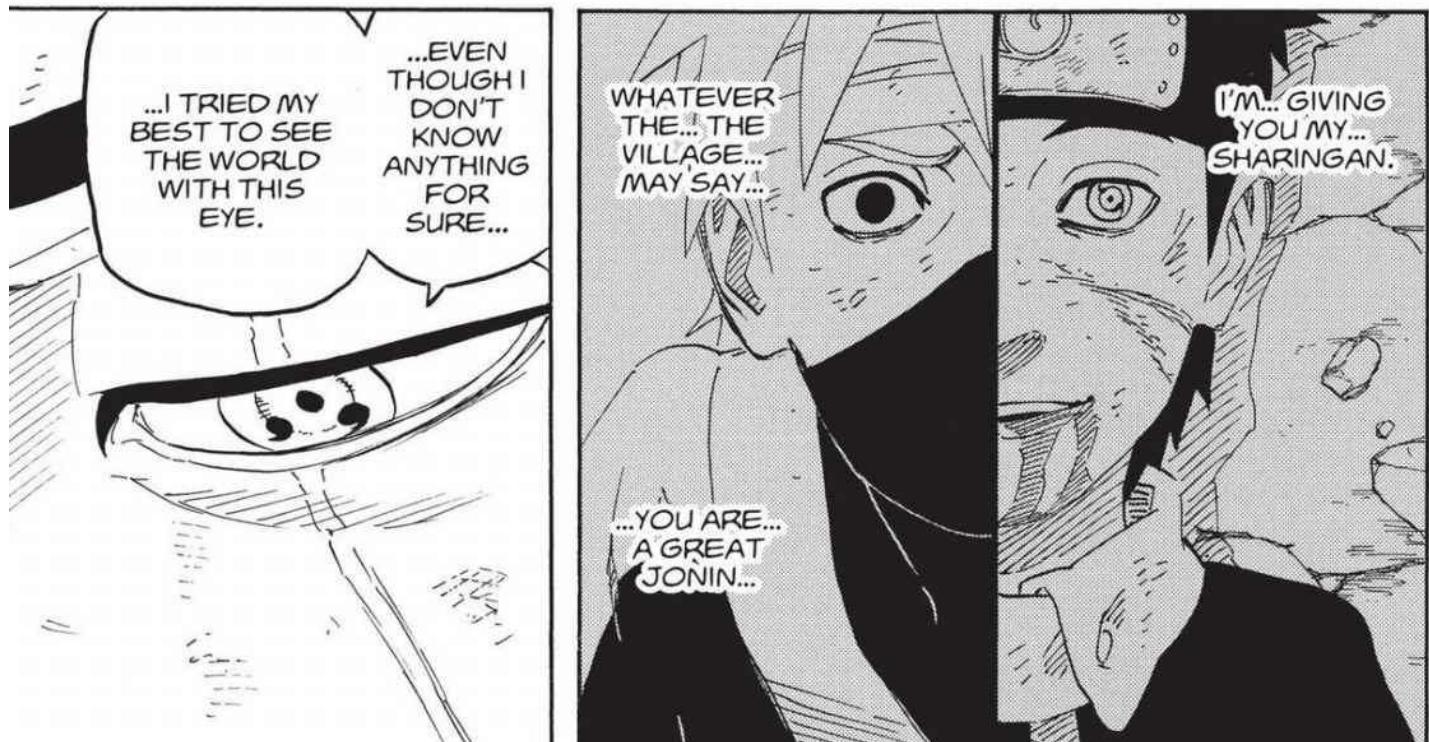
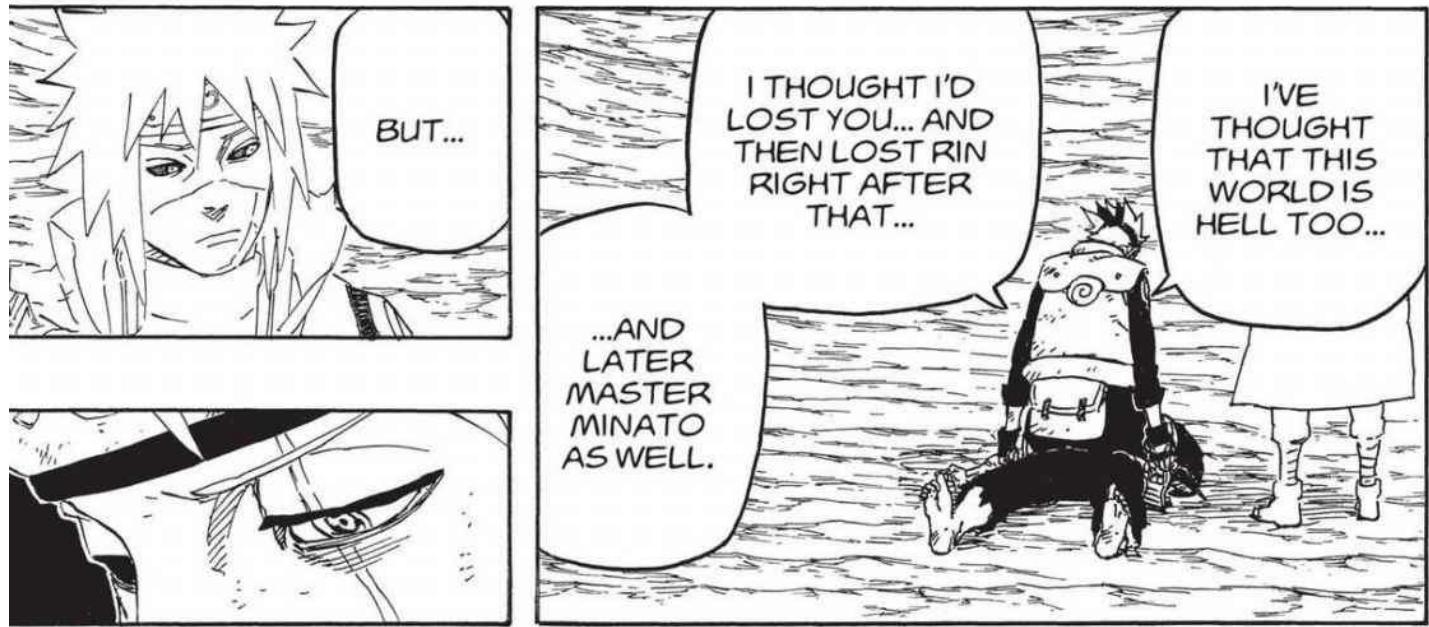


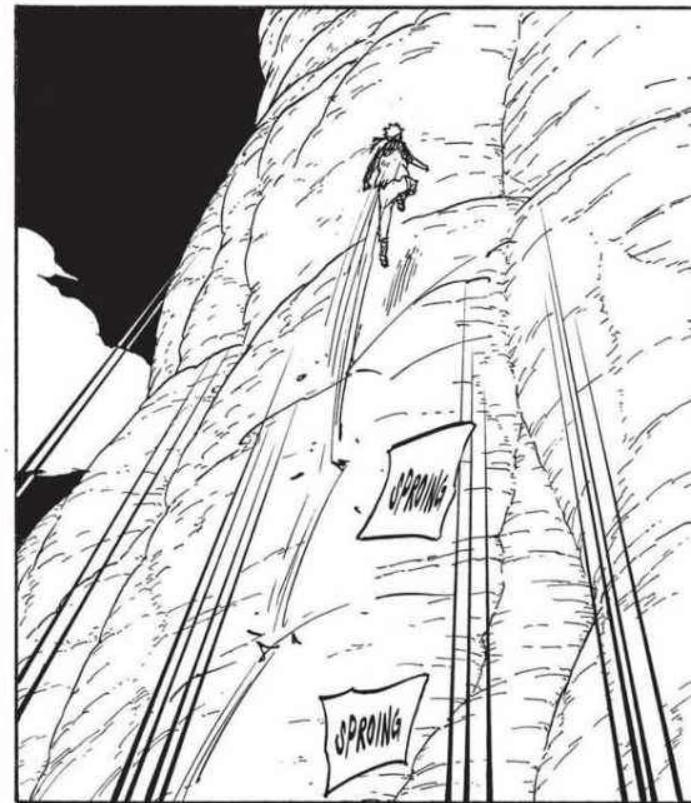


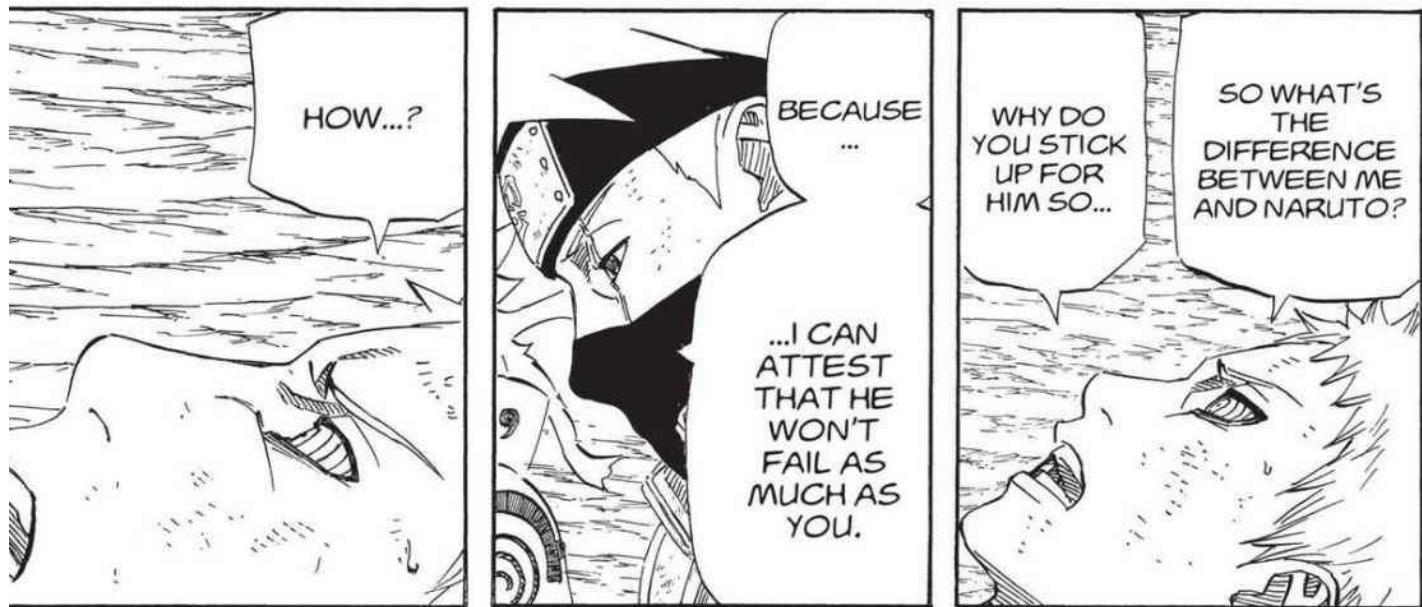




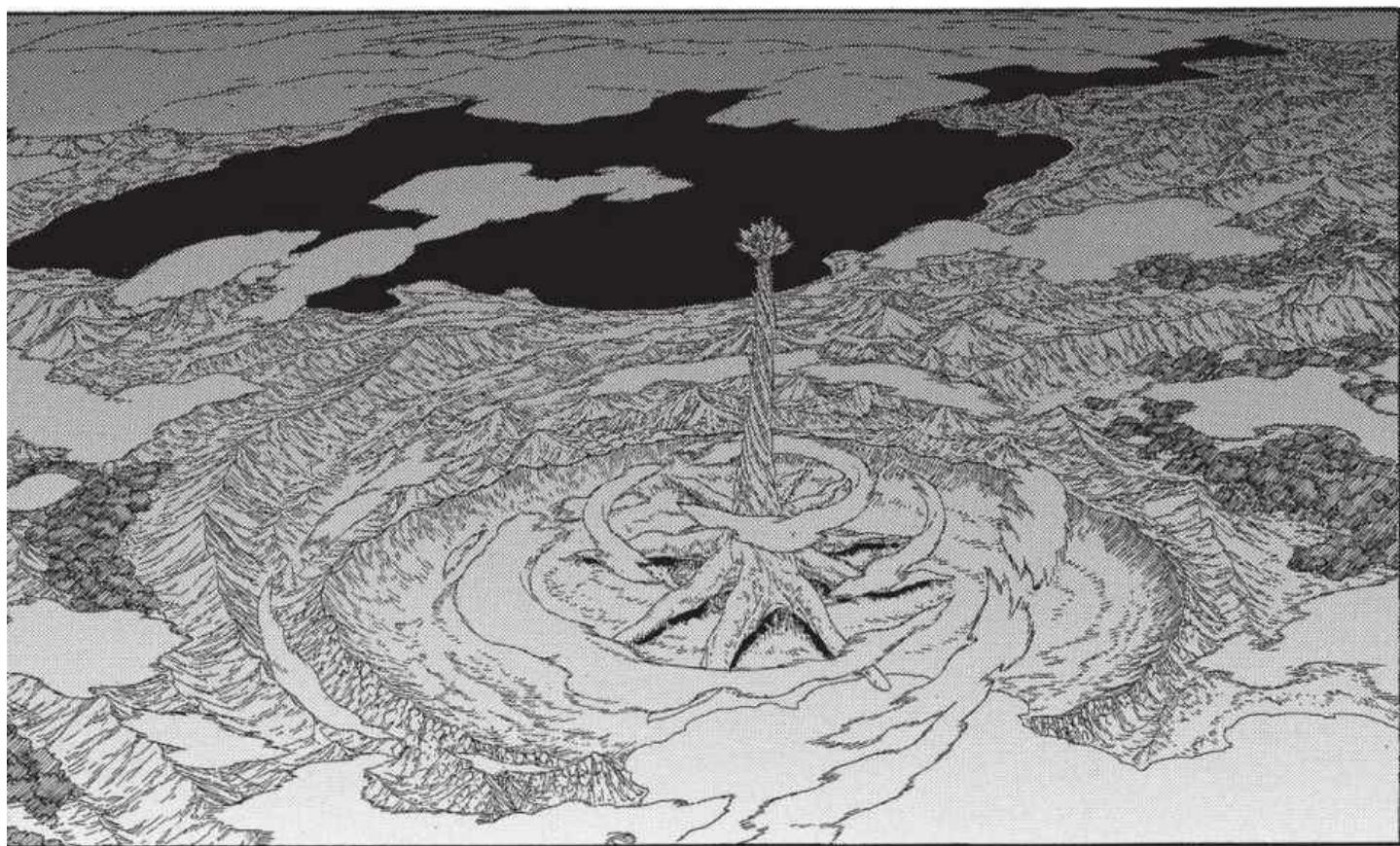
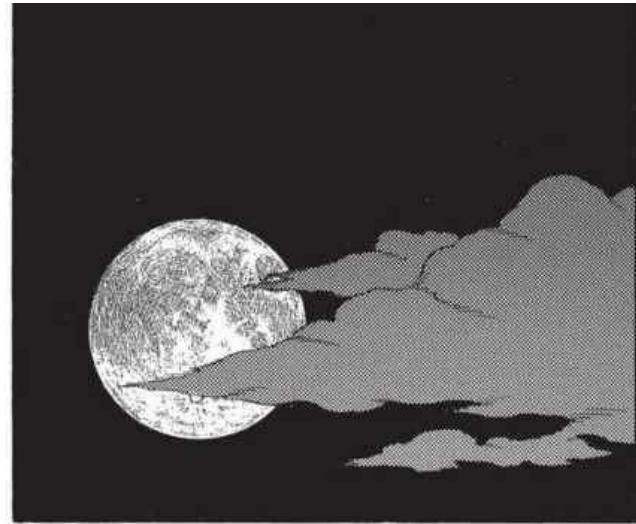












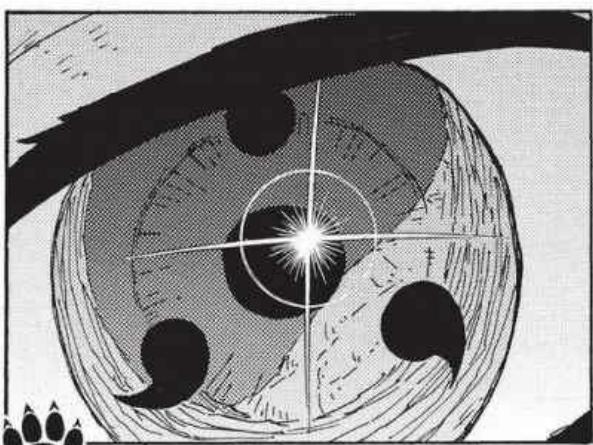
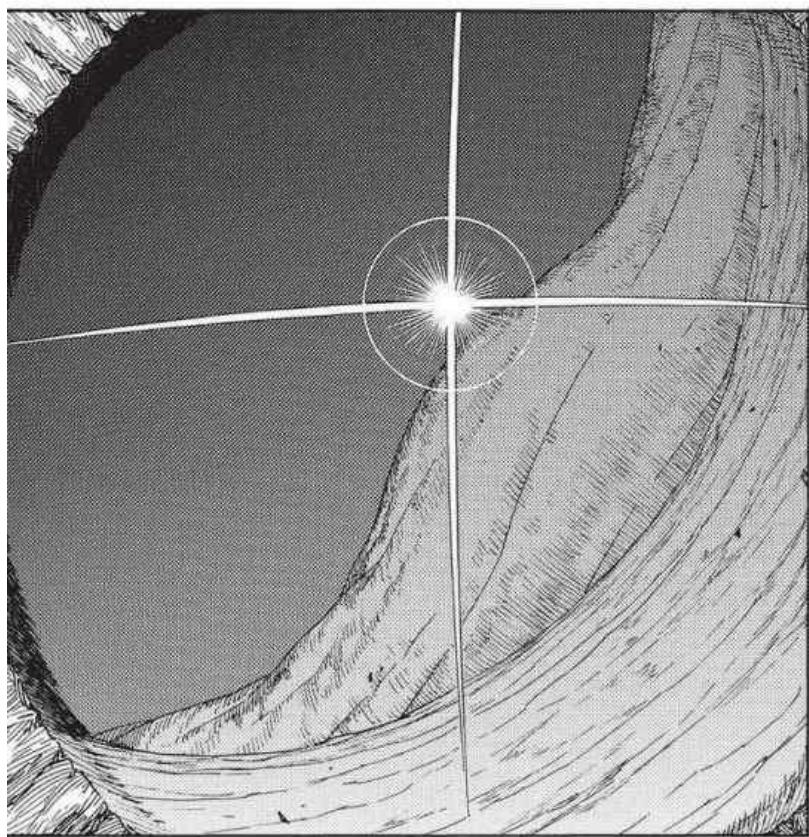
IS SUCH
A THING...
TRULY
POSSI-
BLE...



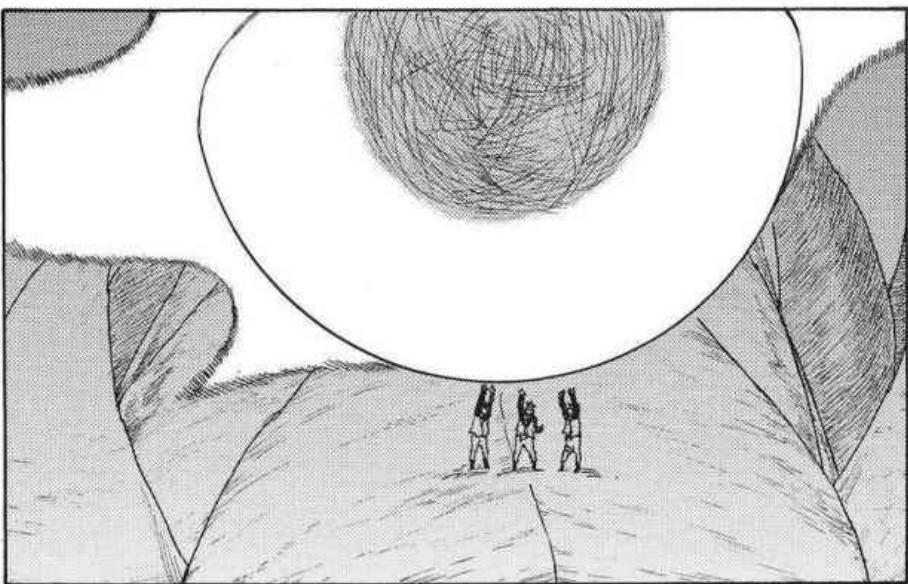
THAT'S WHAT
I BELIEVE...
OBITO.

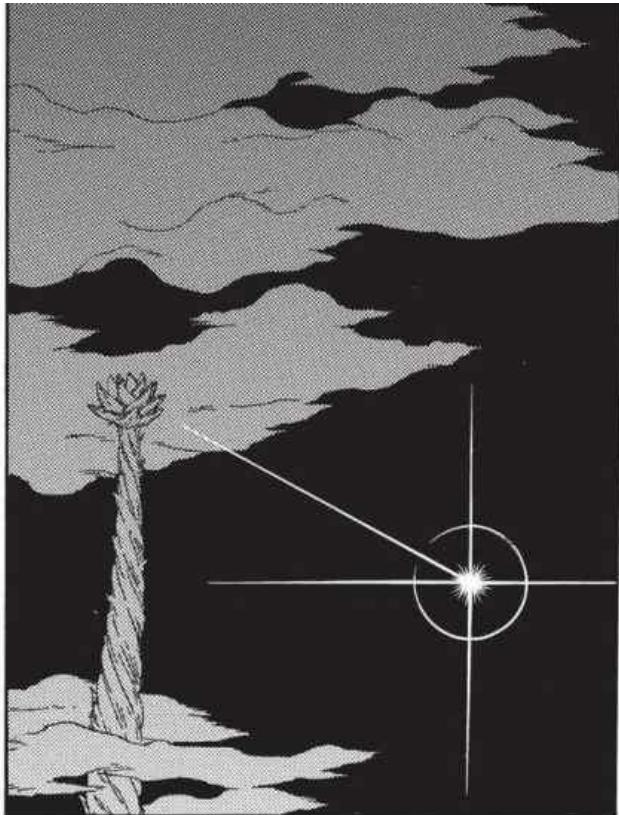
IF COMRADES
THAT YOU TRUST
GATHER AROUND
YOU, HOPE CAN
TAKE PHYSICAL
FORM AND
BECOME
VISIBLE...

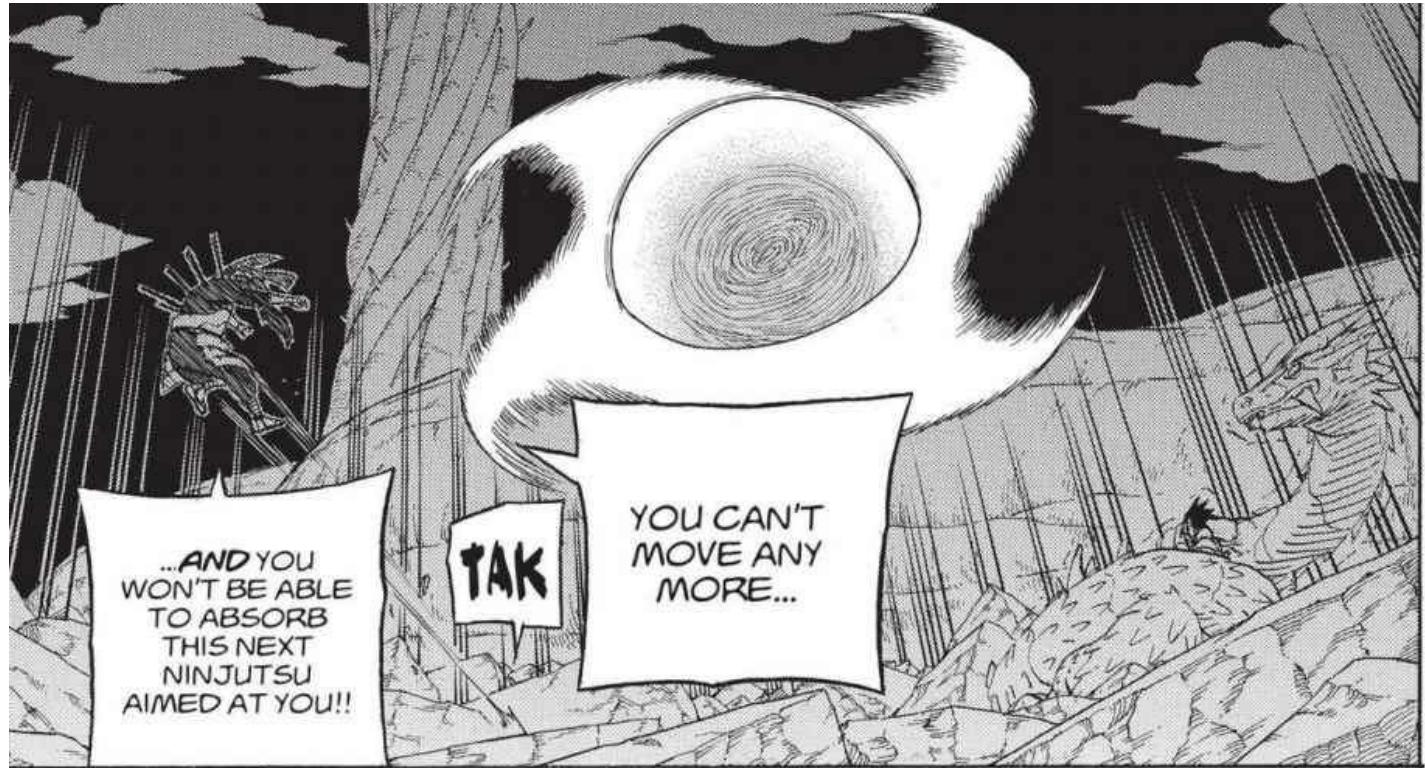




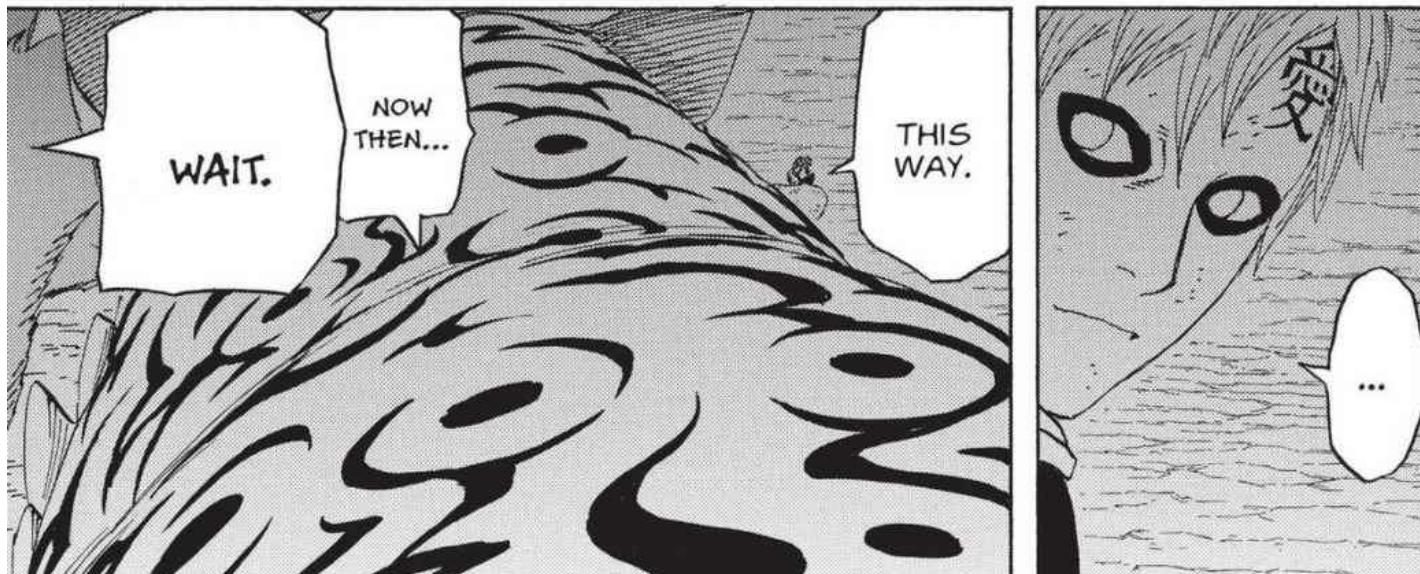
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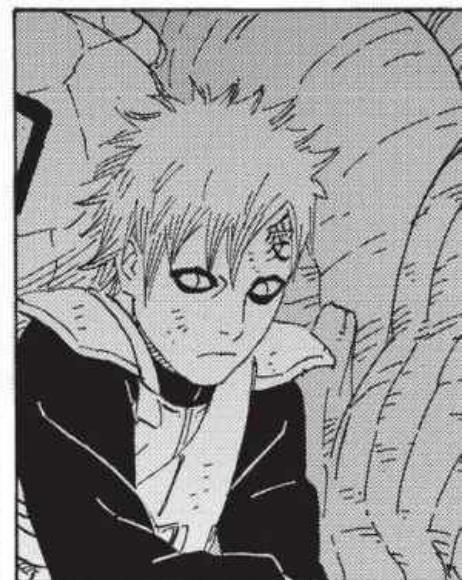
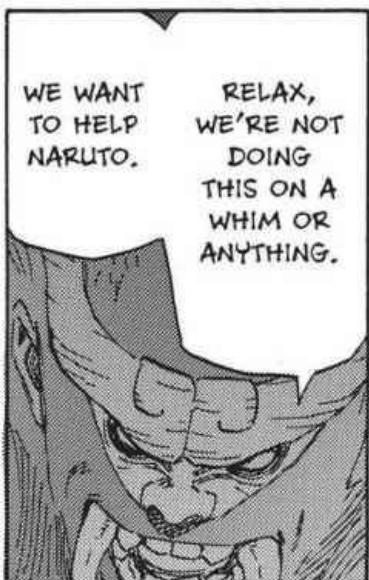




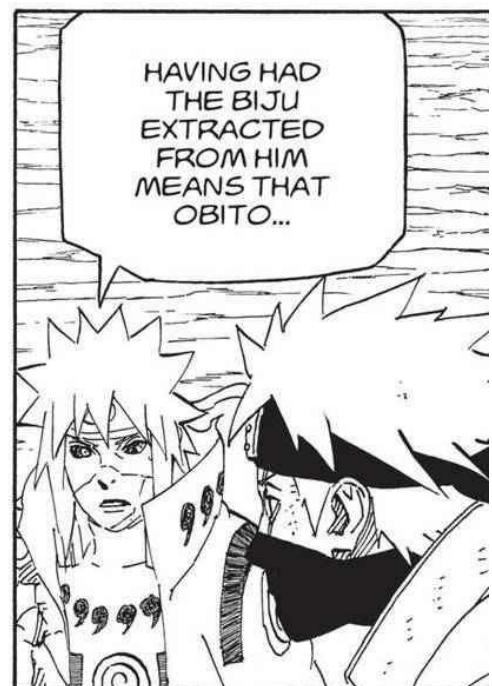
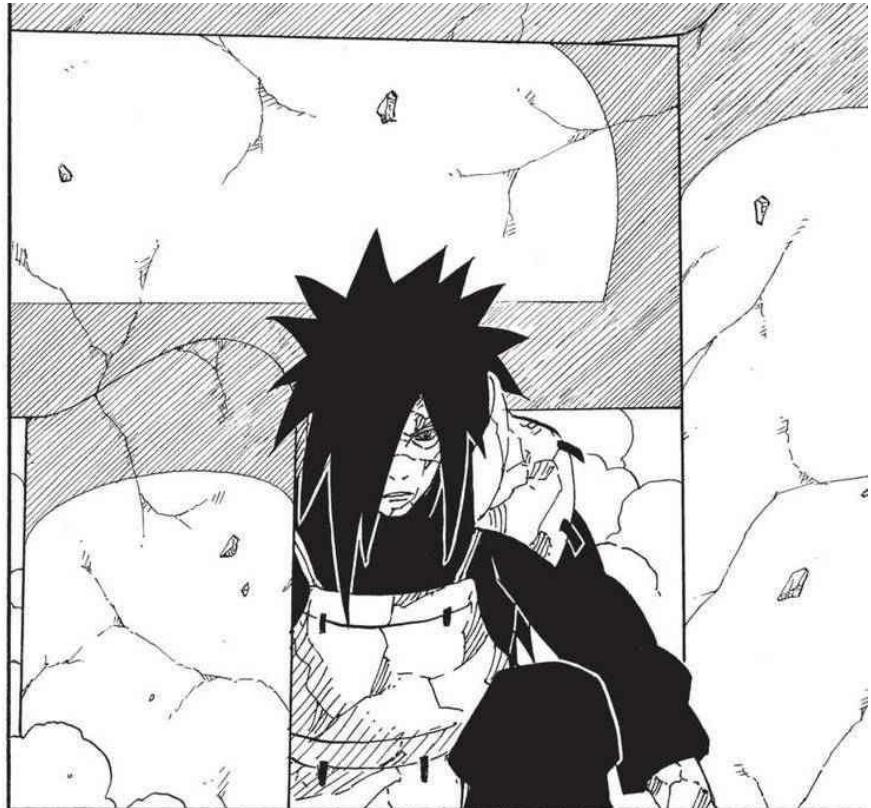












THE
SAGE OF
SIX
PATHS...

...

WHO DO YOU THINK
SCATTERED US ALL
ACROSS THE WORLD
AFTER SPLITTING TEN
TAILS' CHAKRA INTO
NINE PIECES?

HEY
NOW.

HOW DO
YOU
KNOW
SUCH A
THING?!

IS THAT
TRUE?!

SO
THAT'S
HOW IT
GOES,
HUH...

JUST AS
IT WAS
FOR THE
OLD
MAN,
LONG
AGO.

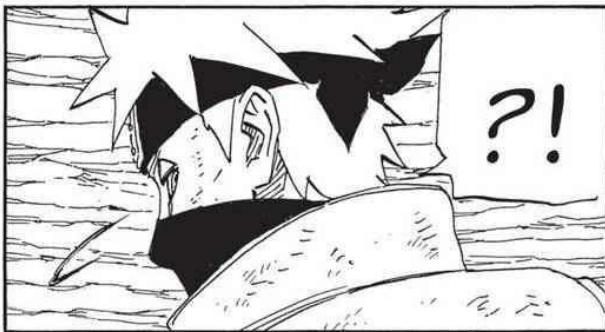
...HE'LL BE SO
WEAK IT'S LIKE
HE IS DEAD,
AND HE WON'T
BE ABLE TO
BUDGE FOR
SEVERAL
MONTHS.

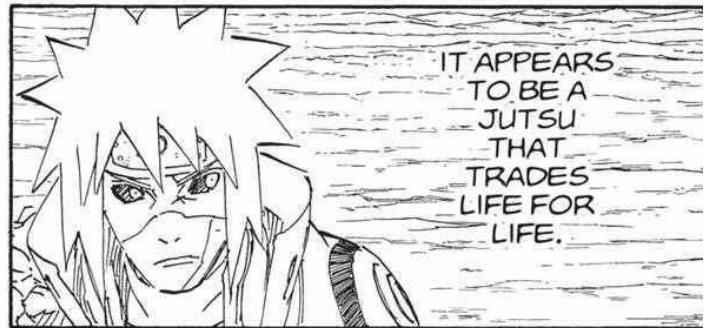
THOUGH
WITH NINE
BODIES
SUCKED OUT
OF HIM AT
ONCE...

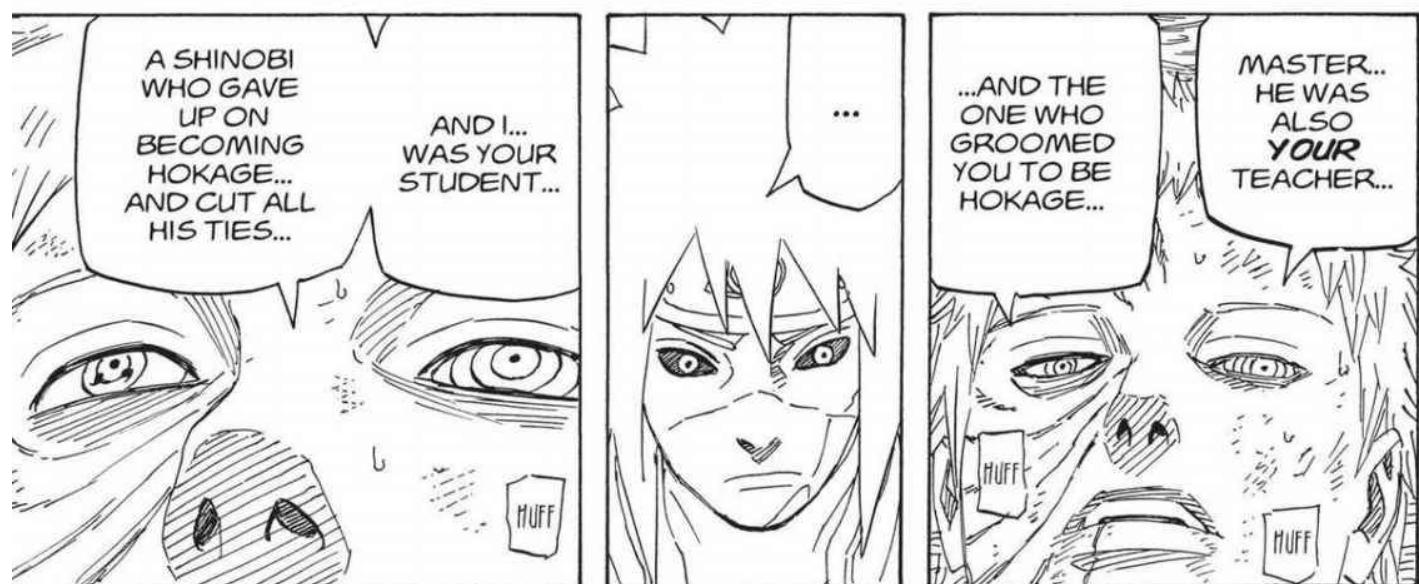
THE NINE
TAILS
INSIDE ME
EXPLAINED,
BUT...

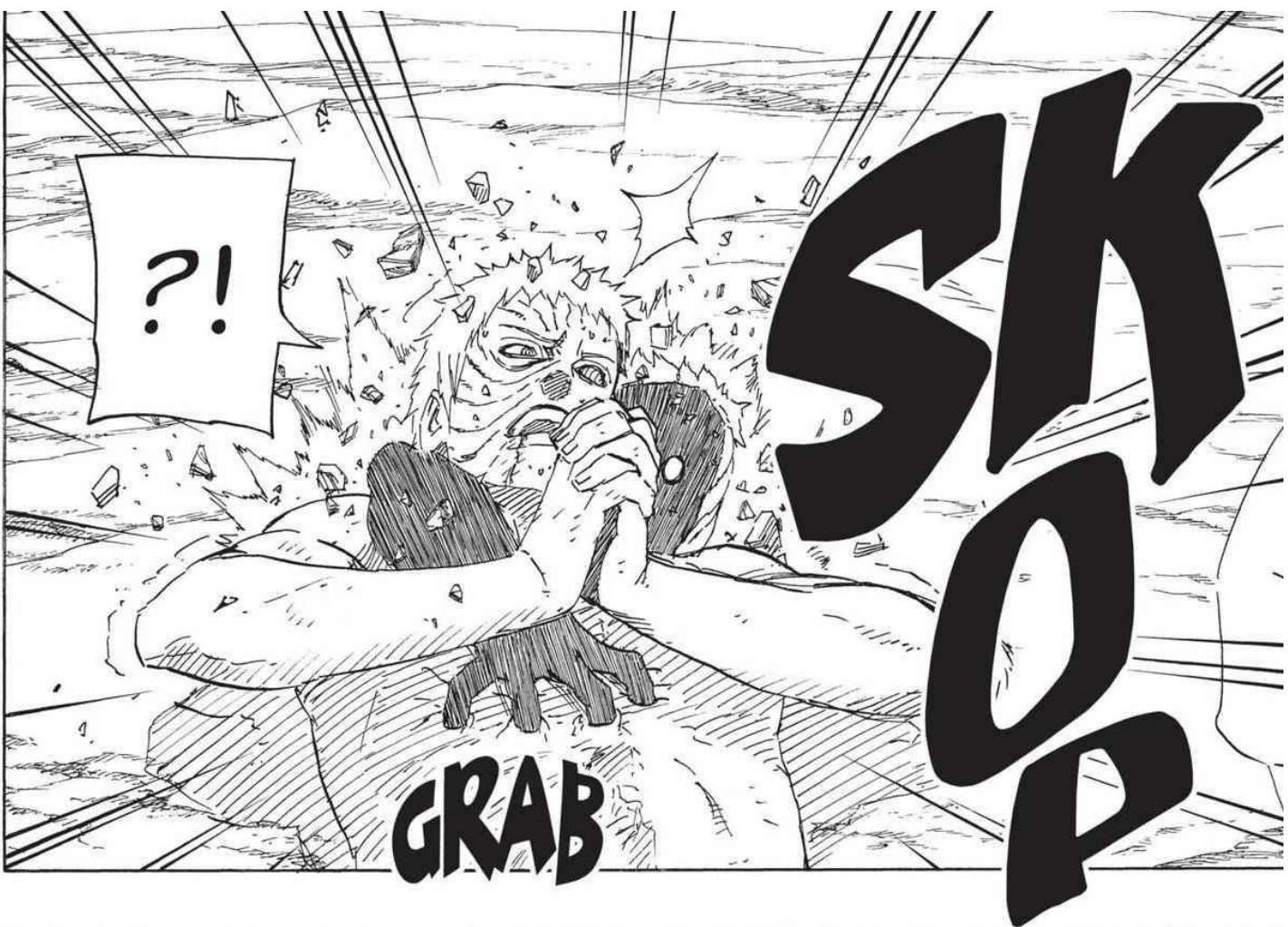
NO NEED
TO WORRY,
KAKASHI.







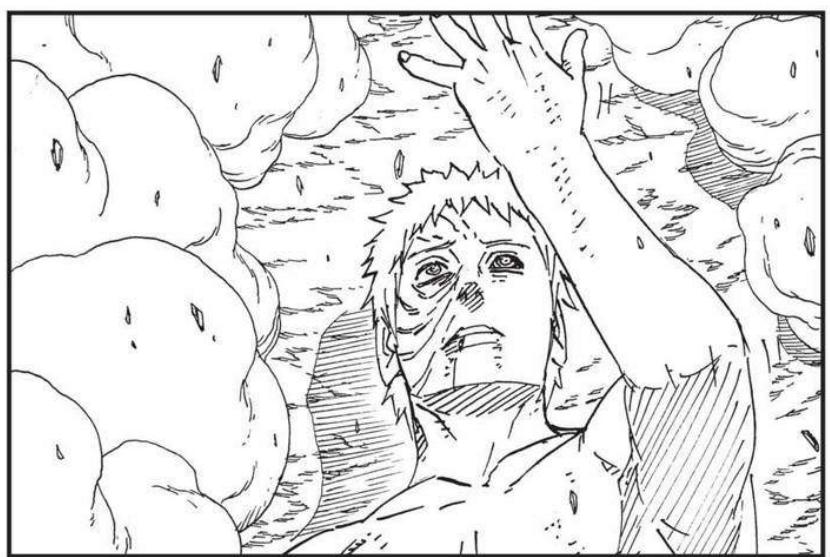


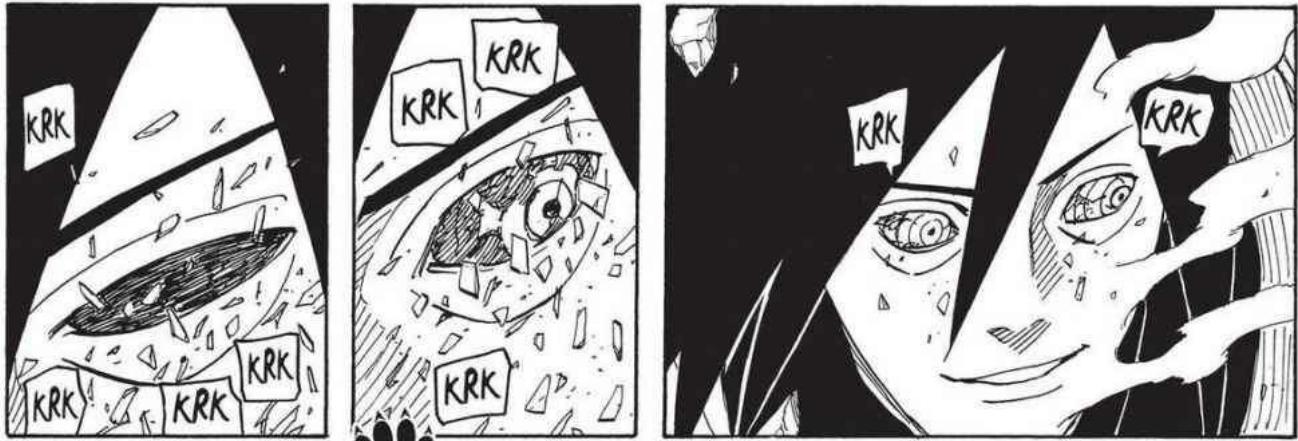






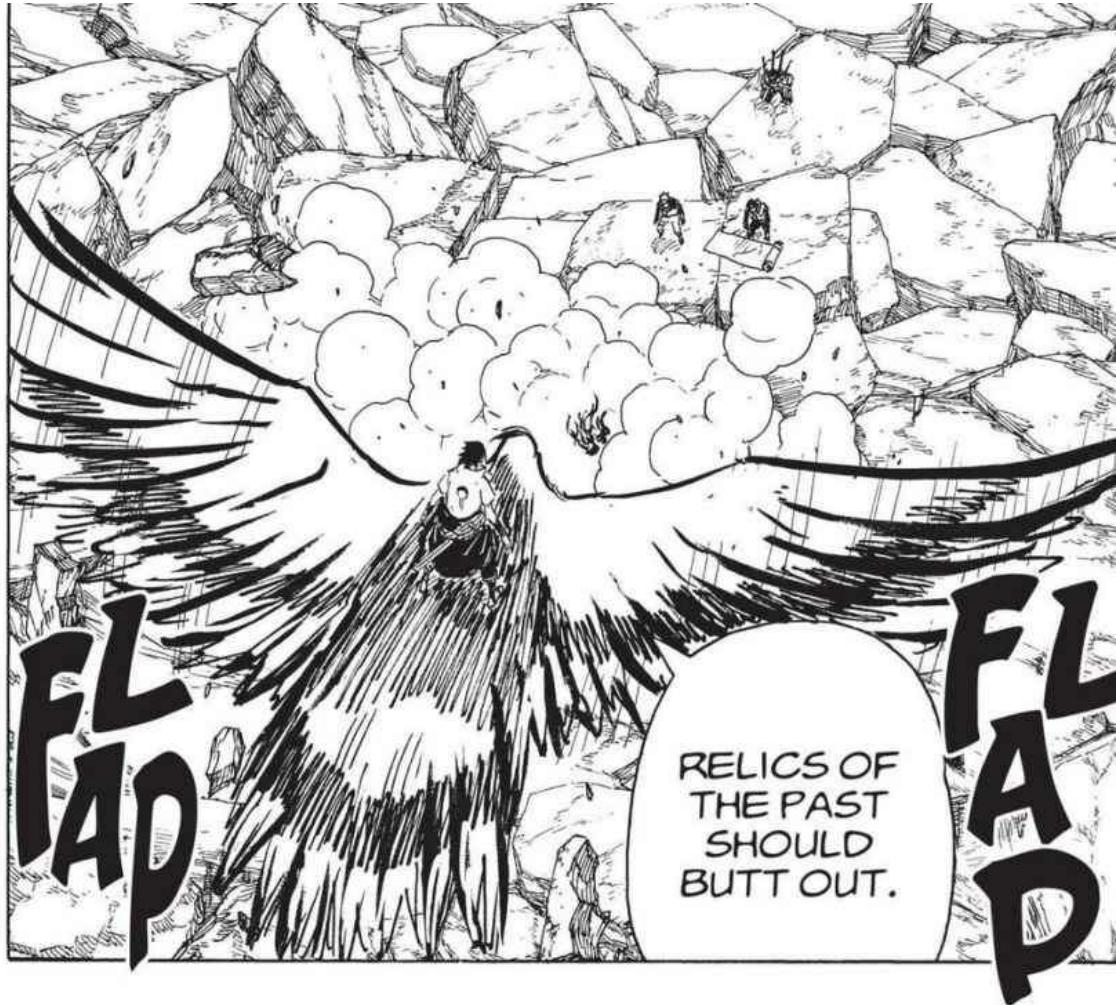


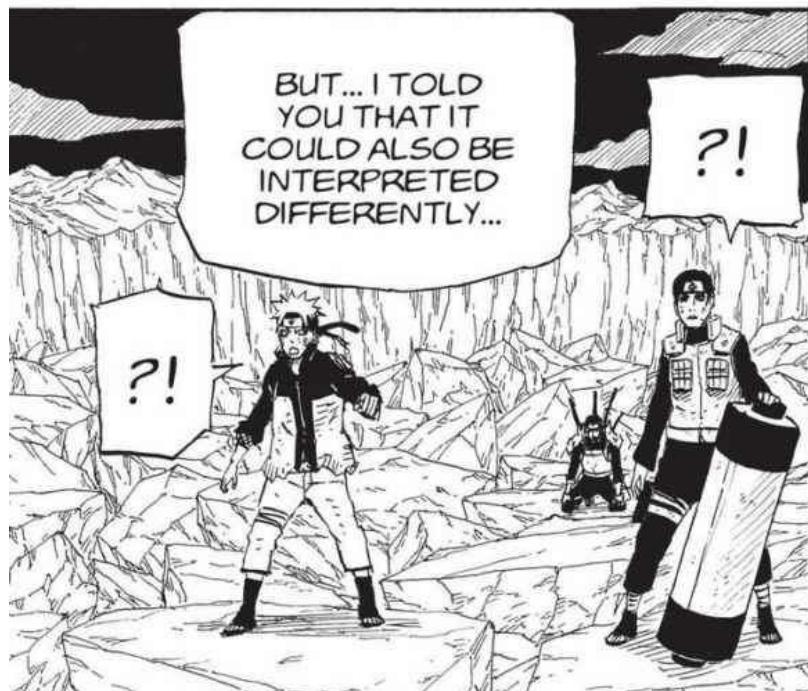
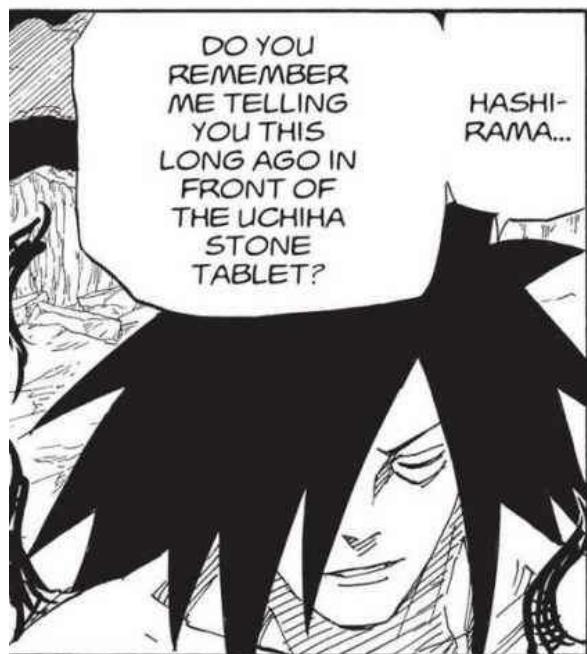


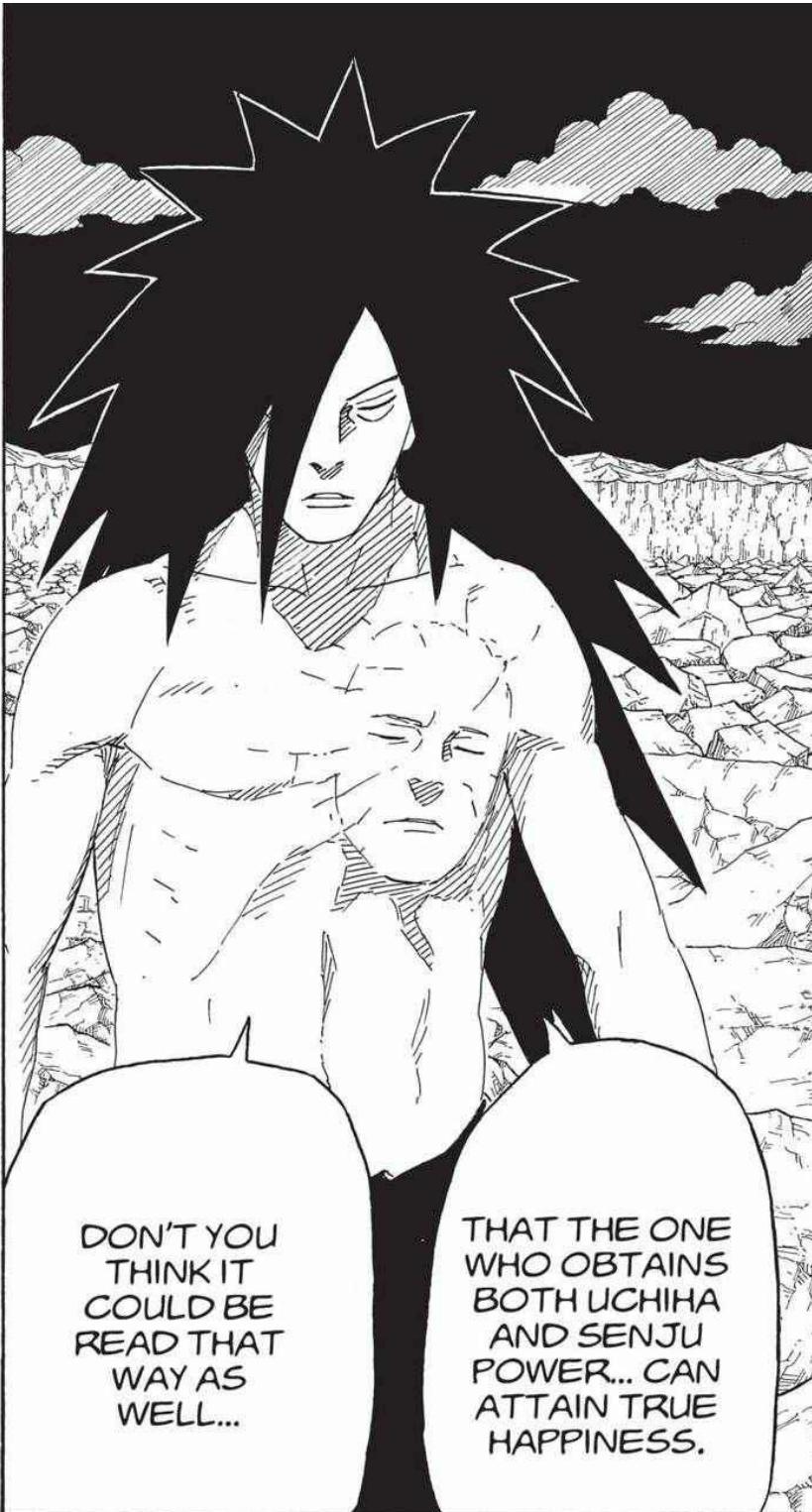


Number 657: Uchiha Madara, in the flesh













TAK TAK TAK

FLASH-ZLASH

...TO KILL
YOU FOR
GOOD...

...AND SEND
YOU BACK
TO THE
AFTERLIFE.

FSH

THIS GIVES
US THE
CHANCE...

...AS YOU
GO TO
YOUR
DEATH!

REGRET
THAT
YOU'RE NOT
STILL EDO-
TENSEI...

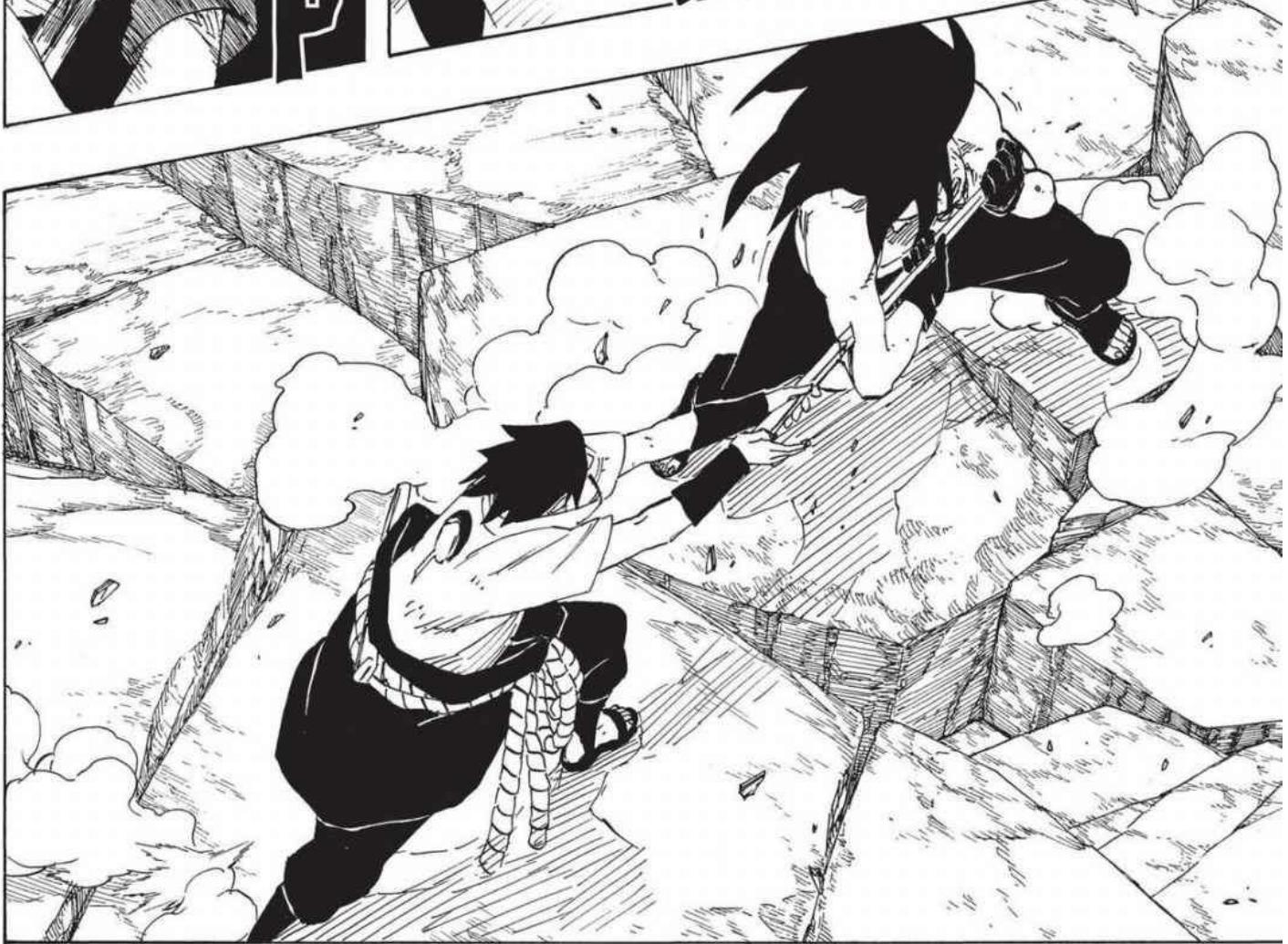
UGH...

!

KL OP

**G
R
A
P**

**Z
I
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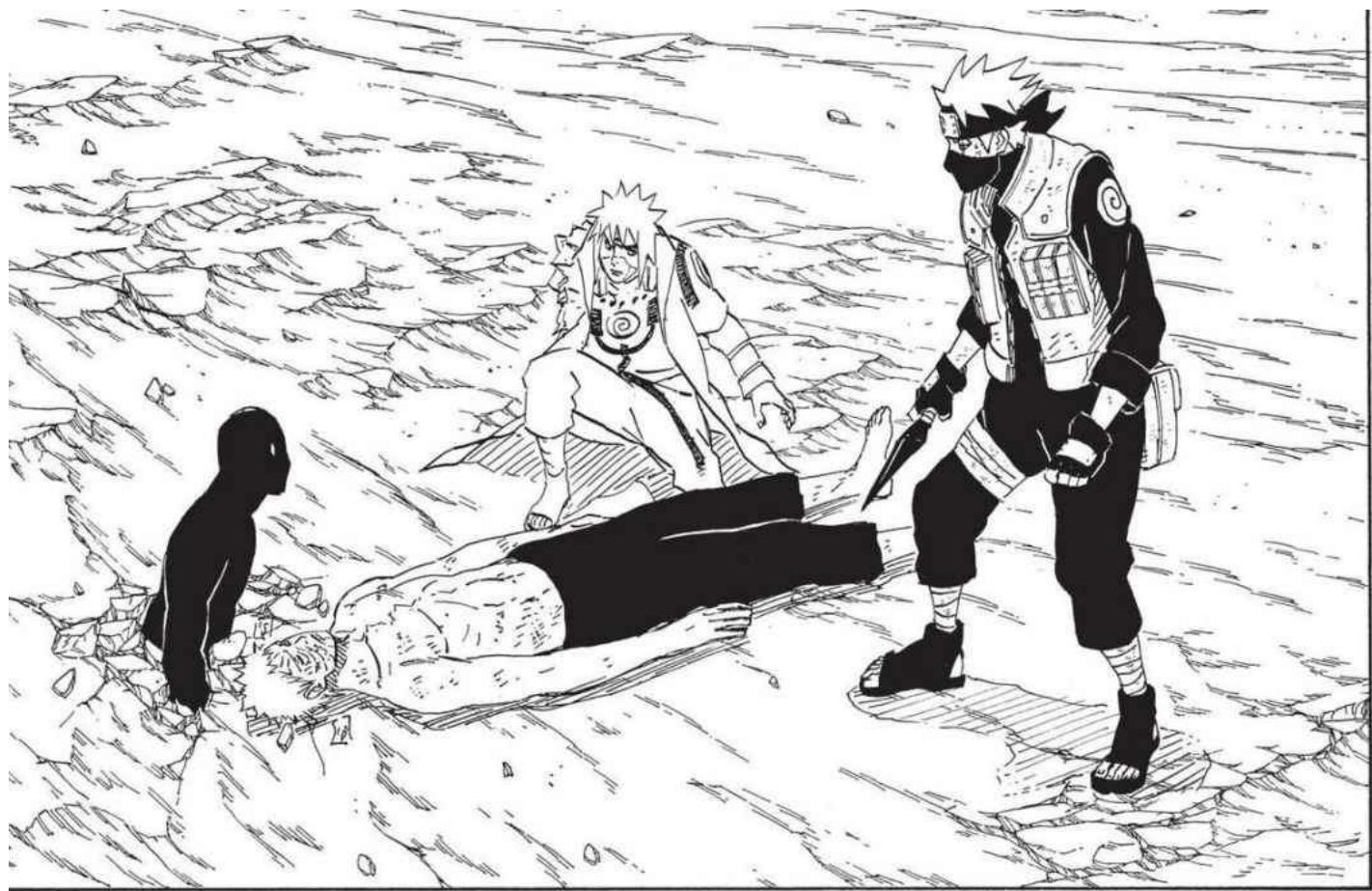
IT MIGHT
NOT BE
A BAD
IDEA FOR
ME TO...

...TAKE
YOUR EYES,
UNTIL I
GET MY
RINNEGAN
BACK.

NO
WONDER
YOU HAVE
GOOD
MOVES.

I CAN
FEEL IT...
YOUR
MANGEKYO...
ARE CHOKU-
TOMOE,
A STRAIGHT
PATTERN.

....!





YOU ALL, OBITO INCLUDED, HAVE PERPETUALLY UNDERESTIMATED MADARA'S PLAN.

AS WELL AS ME.

I THOUGHT YOU'D BEEN CAPTURED...

BLACK ZETSU...

I ELIMINATE ANYONE IN MADARA'S WAY.

I AM MADARA'S WILL, INCARNATE.

SHUP

I CAN'T BELIEVE... HE'S ABLE TO TRANSFORM...

I-I'VE BEEN IMMOBILIZED...

...HIS BLADE SO MUCH IN A MERE INSTANT...

ZEX

WAH! WAH!

YOU GO TO WHERE OBITO IS AND BIDE YOUR TIME UNTIL I GIVE THE SIGNAL.

THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL.

