

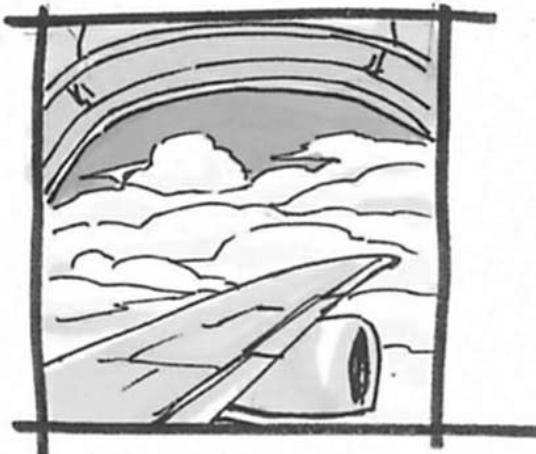
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SHONEN JUMP MANGA

Story & Art by

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I went home to visit my parents for the first time in a long while. The clouds I saw out the airplane window were very pleasant and made me remember that I like clouds.

—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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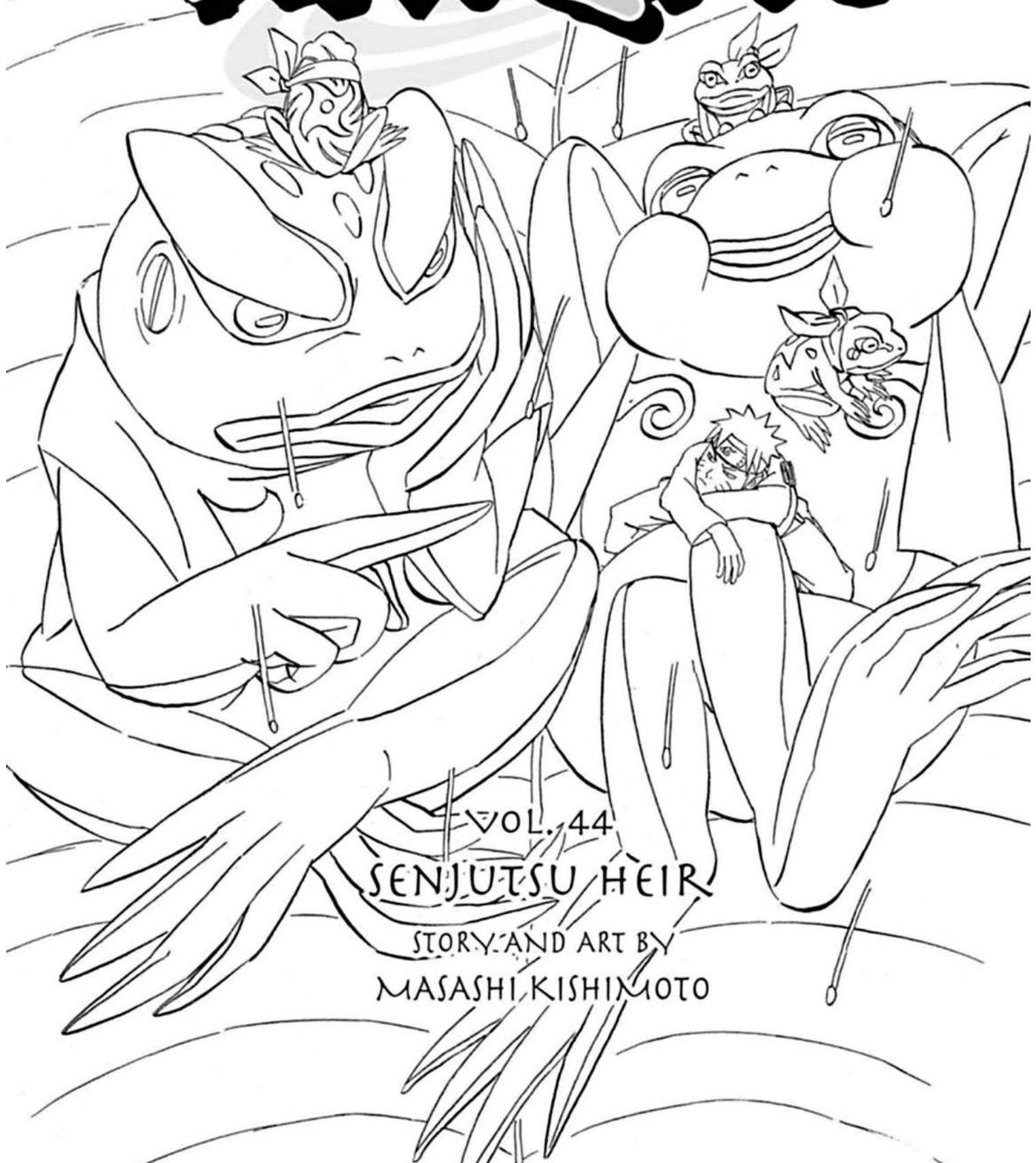
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CHARACTERS



Sasuke

サスケ



Naruto

ナルト



Sakura

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Kakashi

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Yamato

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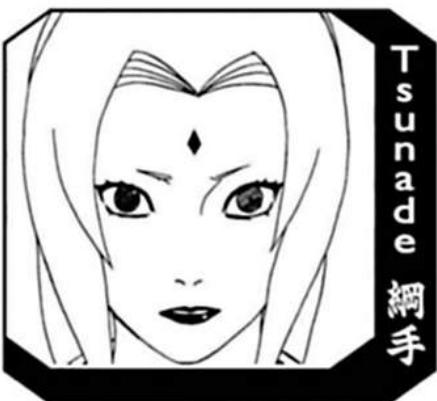
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Tsunade

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Karin
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小南



Pain
ペイン



Madara
マダラ



Zetsu
ゼツ



Kisame
鬼鮫



Itachi
イタチ

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 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. The heroic sibling battle eventually concludes with Itachi's grim death. Sasuke may have fulfilled his lifelong goal, but Madara then tells him the tragic truth about his older brother, Itachi—how he achieved revenge against the Uchiha clan by allowing Sasuke to defeat him and become Konoha's hero. After discovering Itachi's true motivations, Sasuke renames his team Taka, claiming to exist for one sole reason: to destroy Konoha!!



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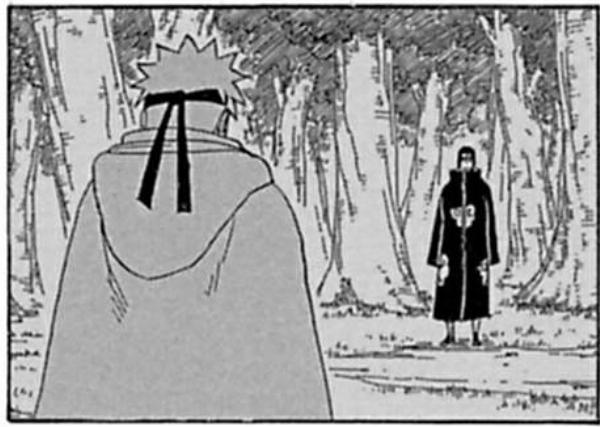
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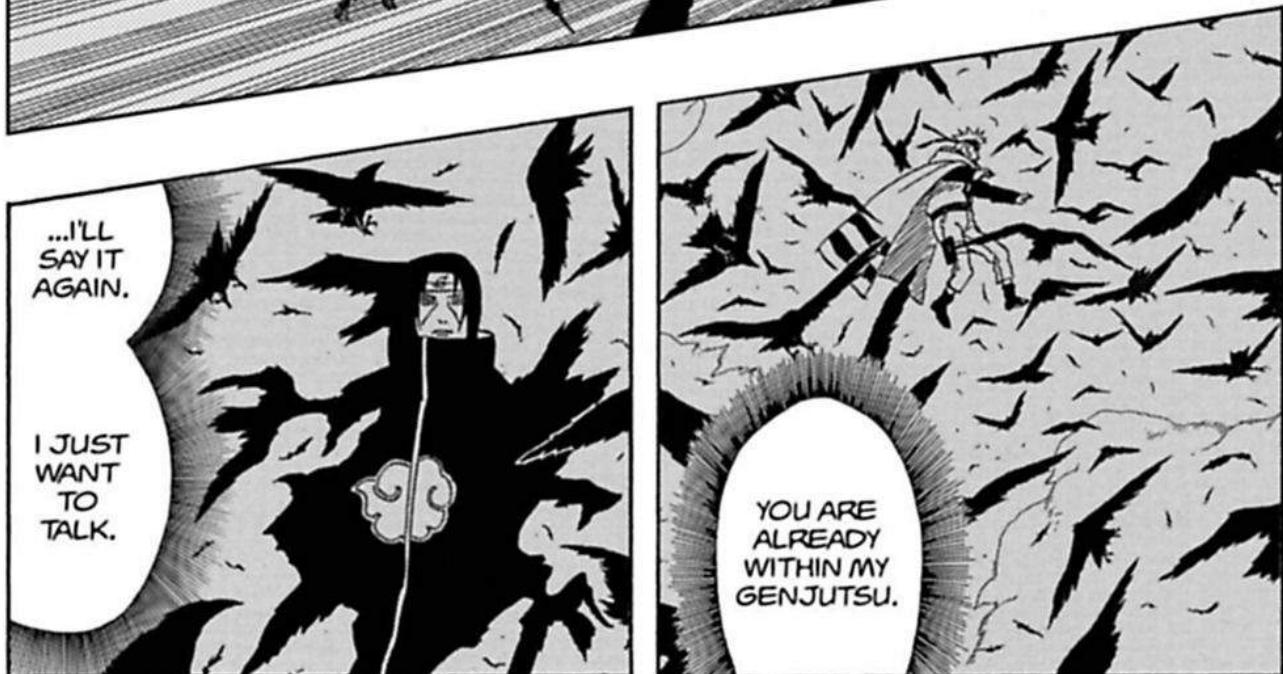
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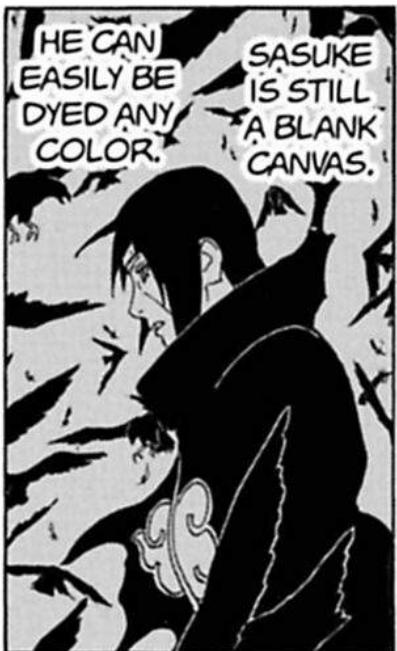




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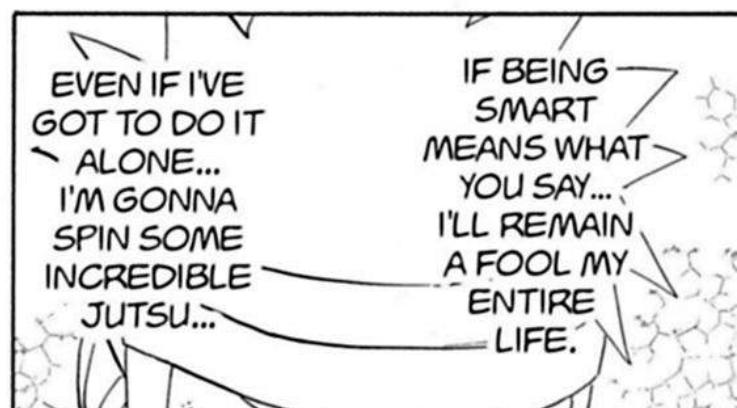
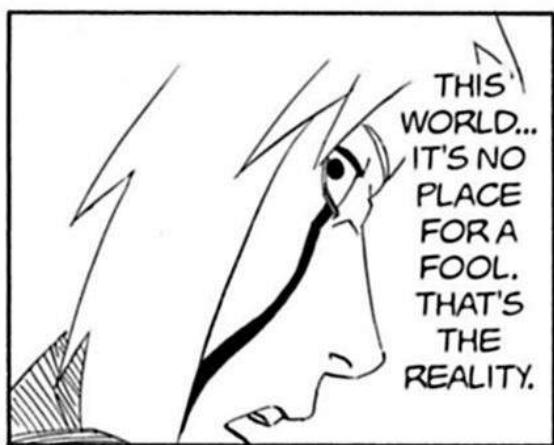




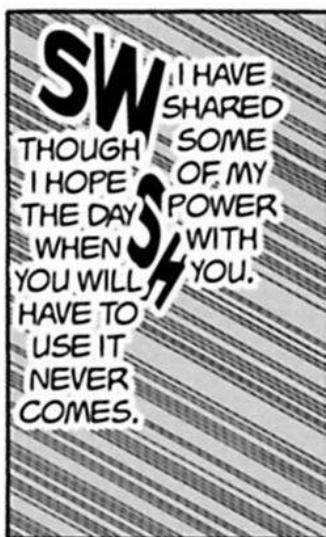


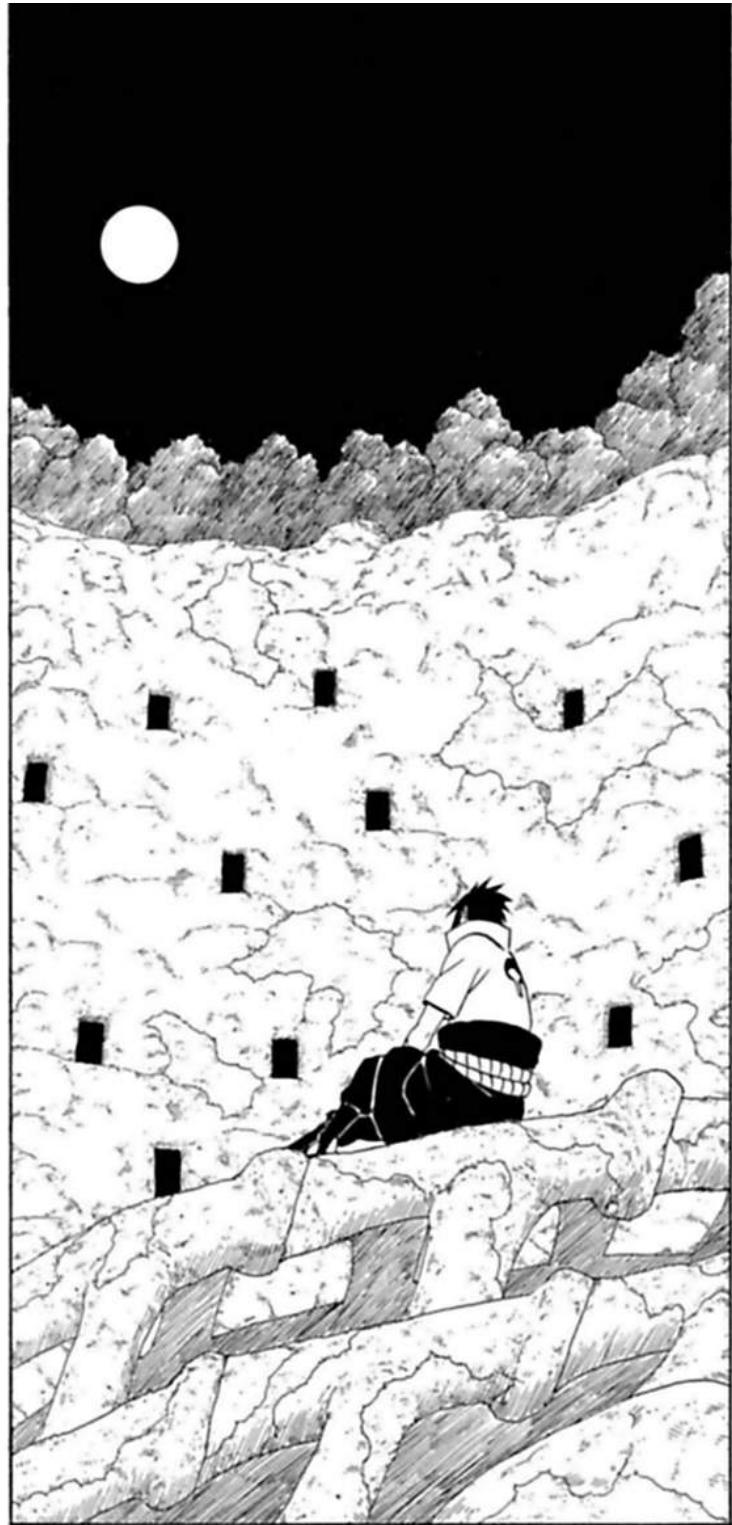
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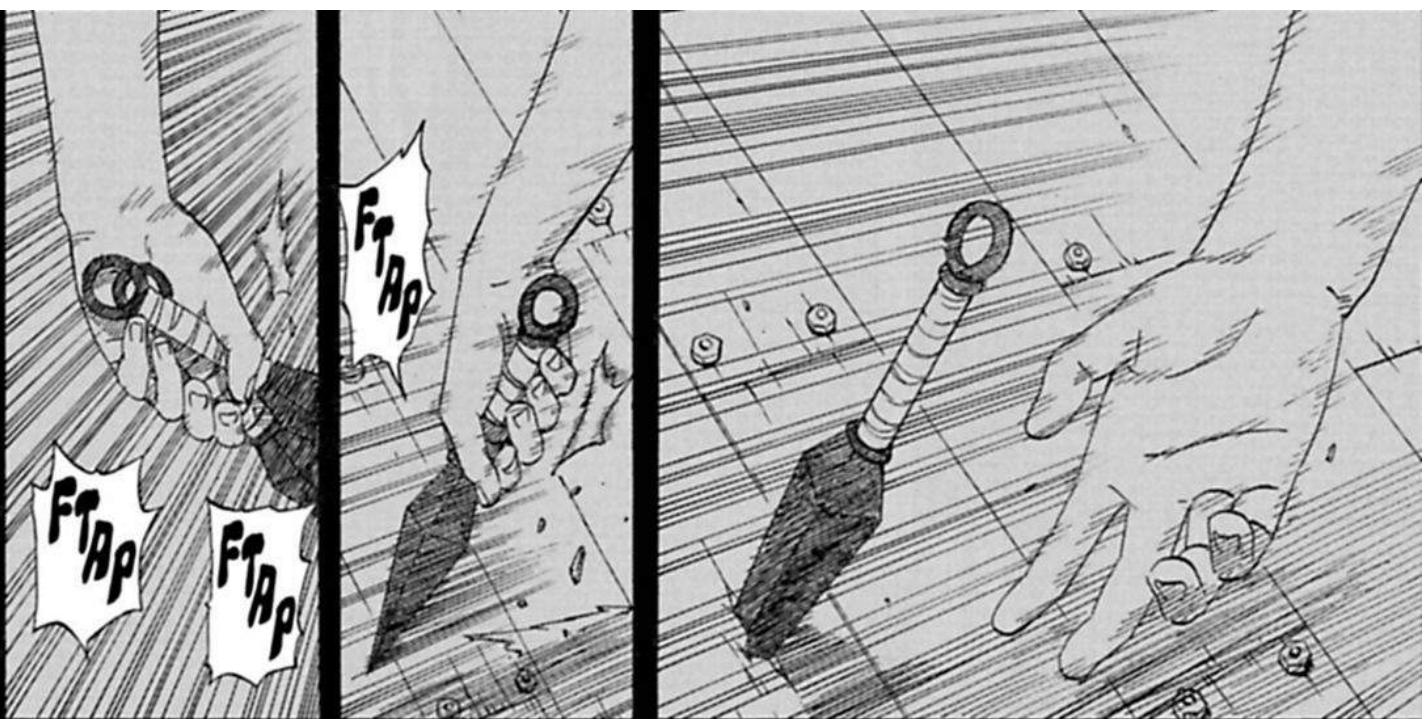
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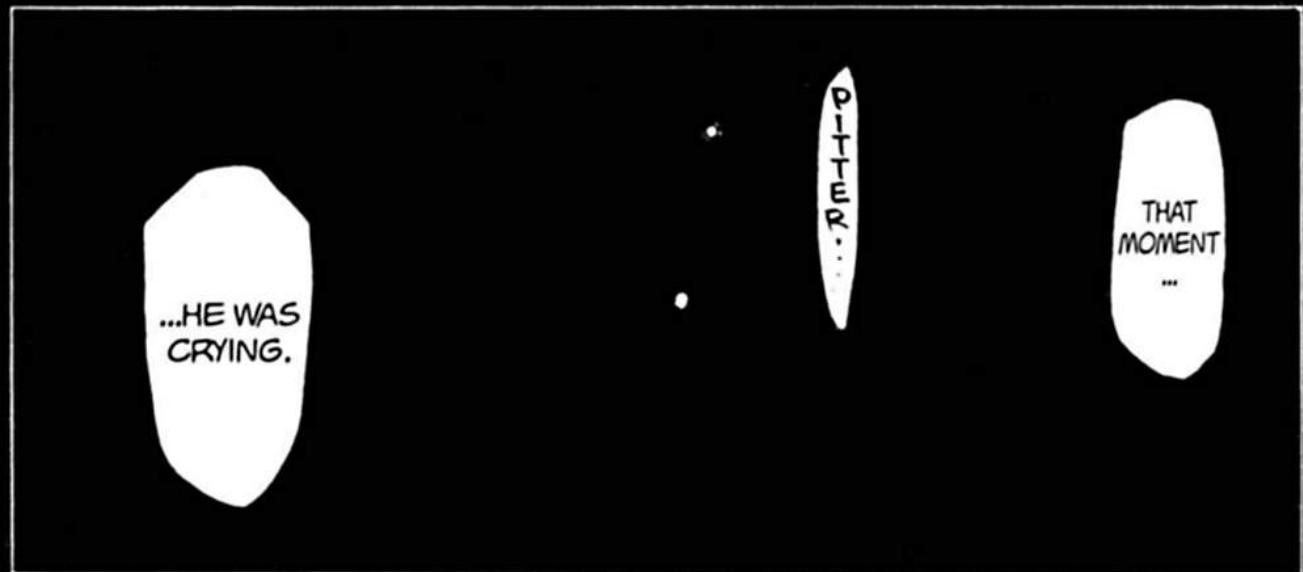
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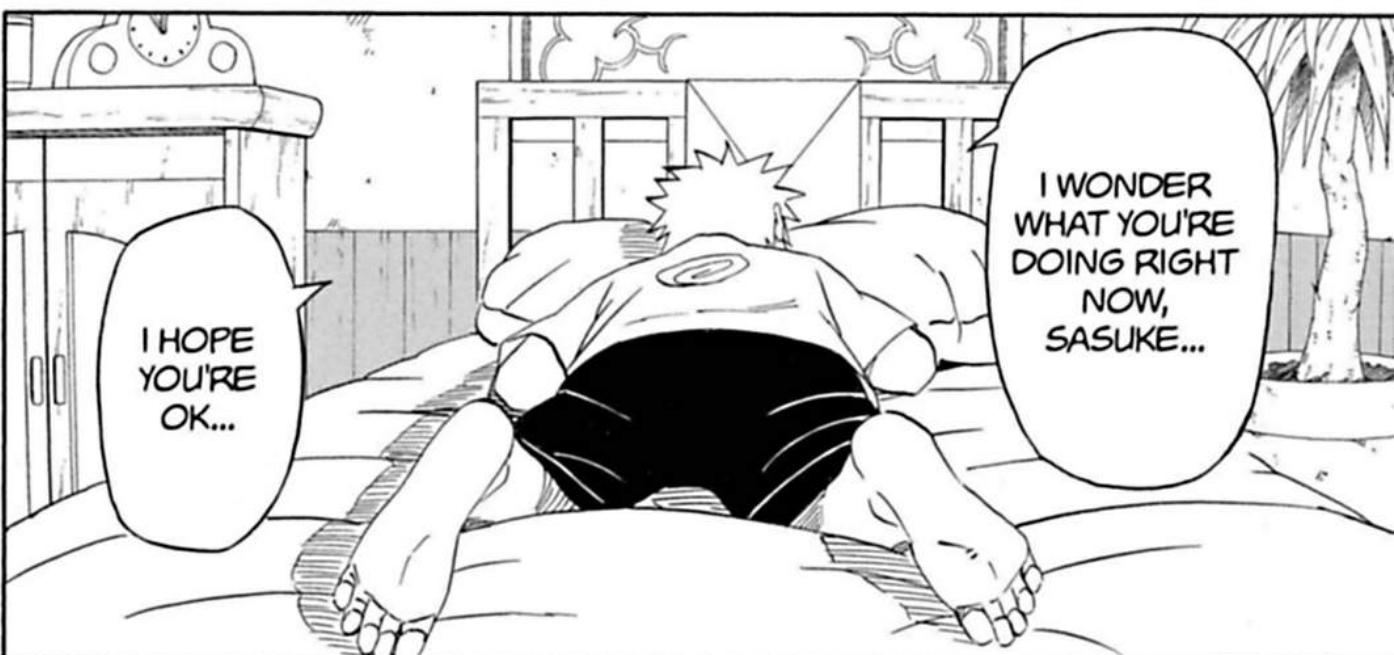






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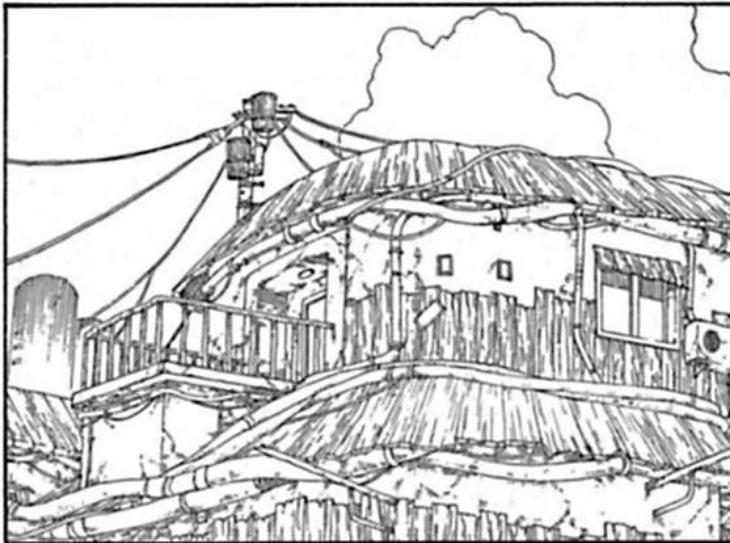
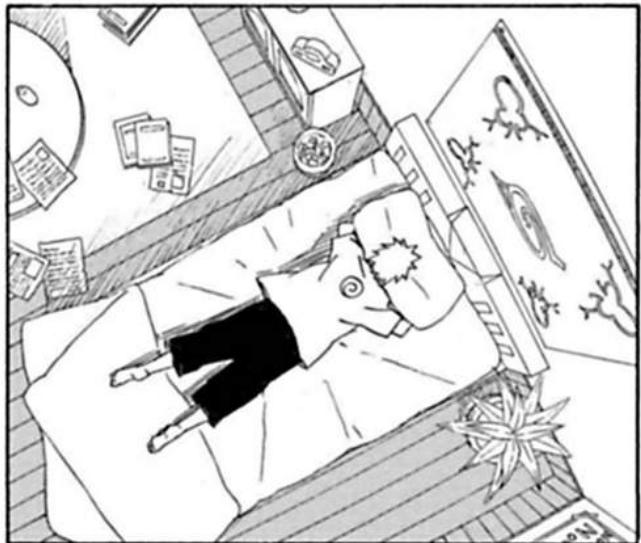
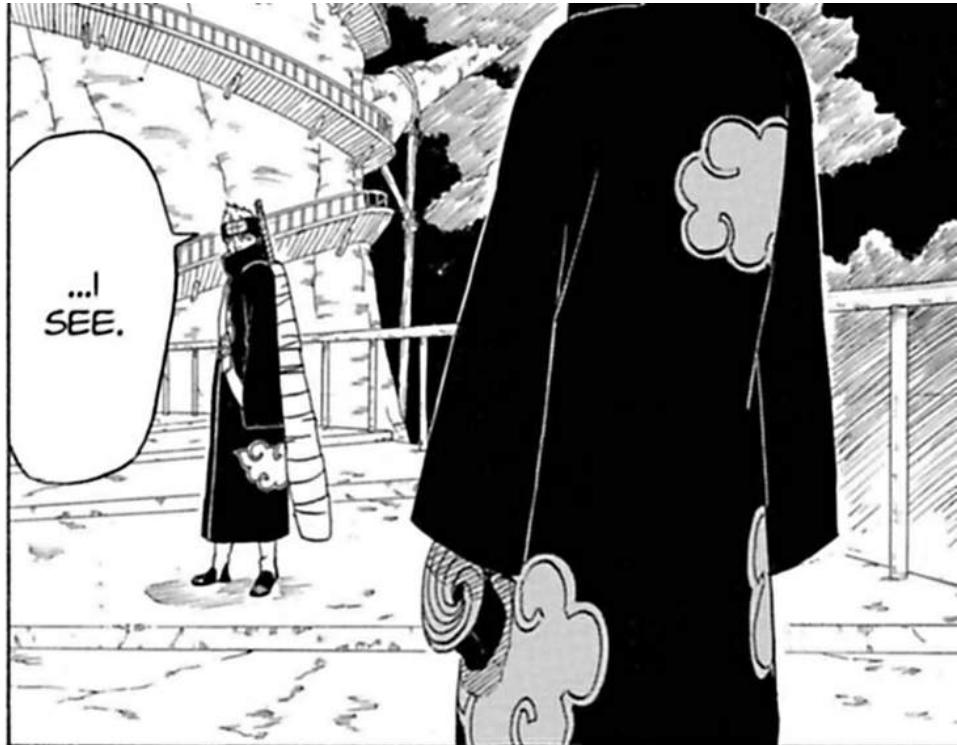






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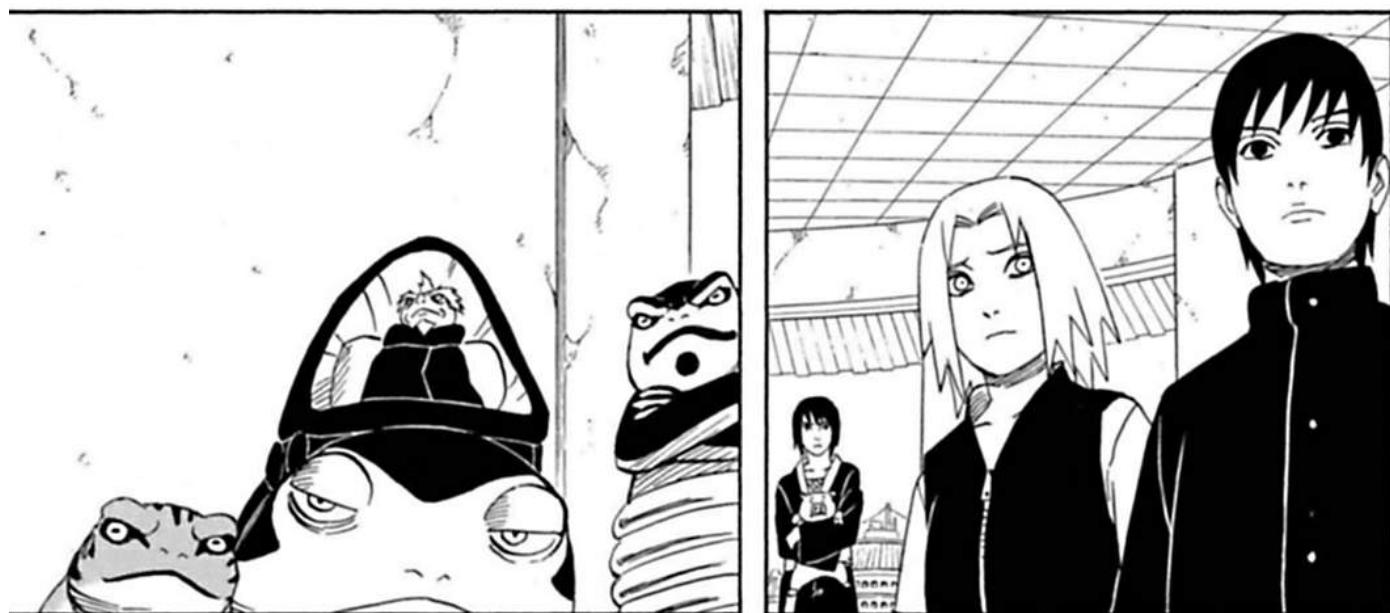


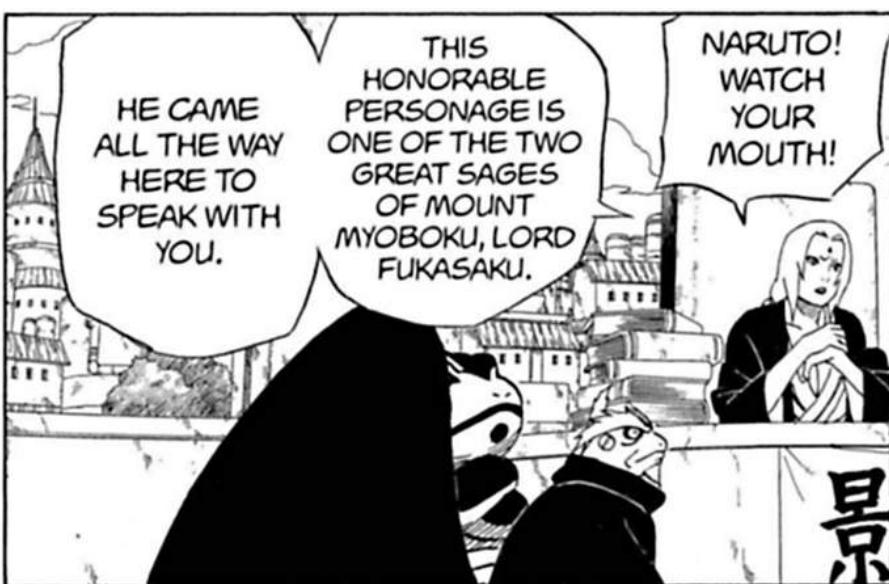
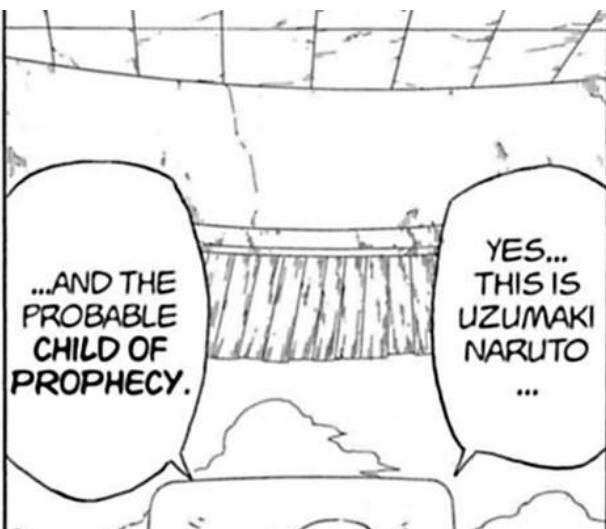
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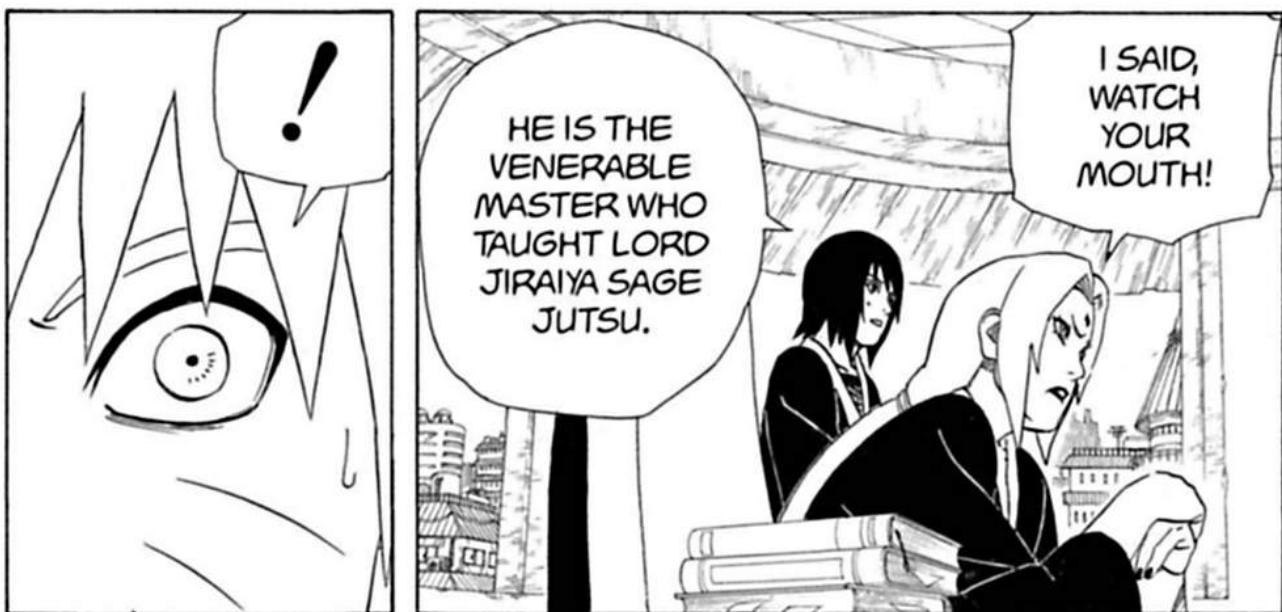


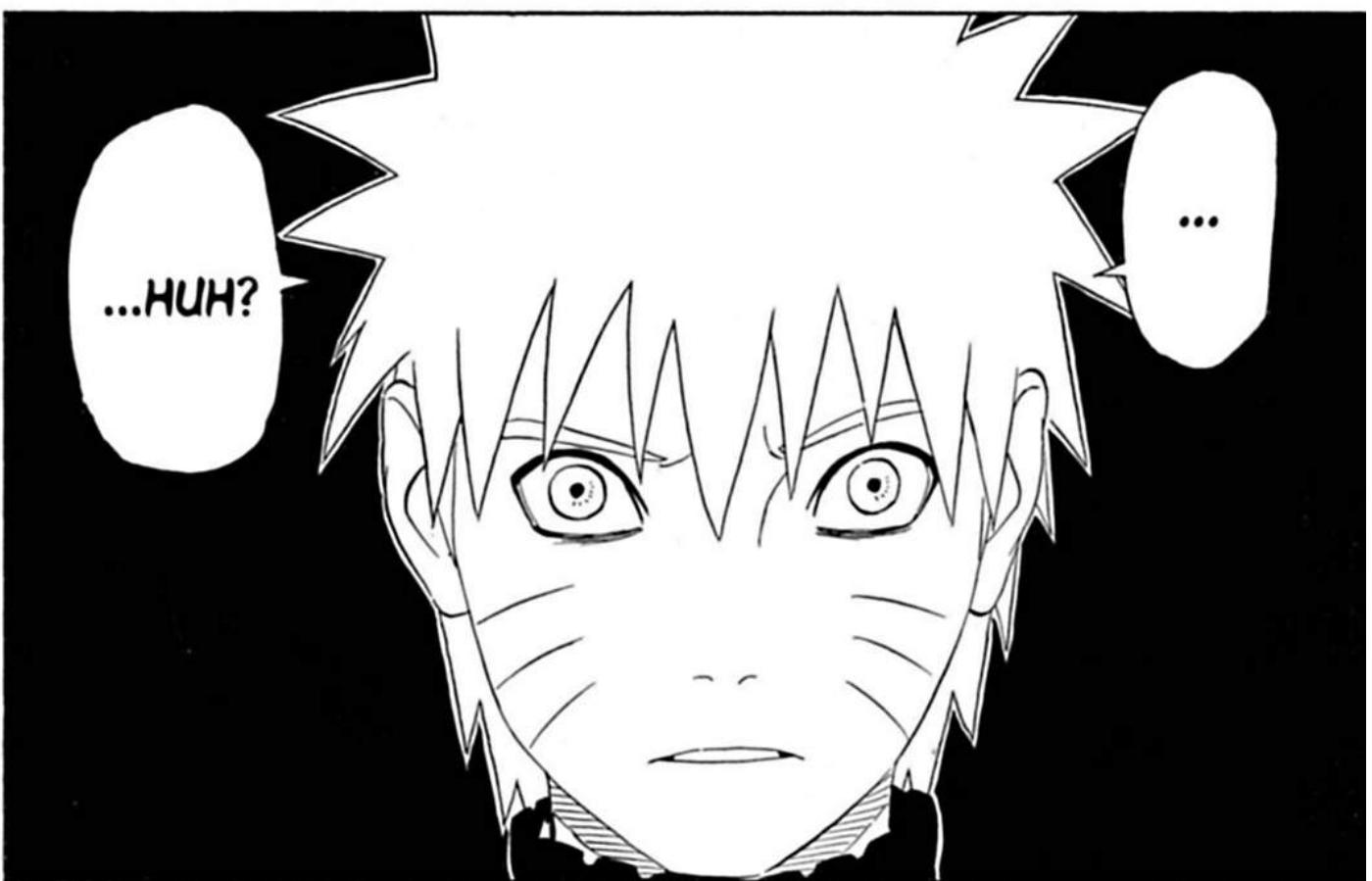
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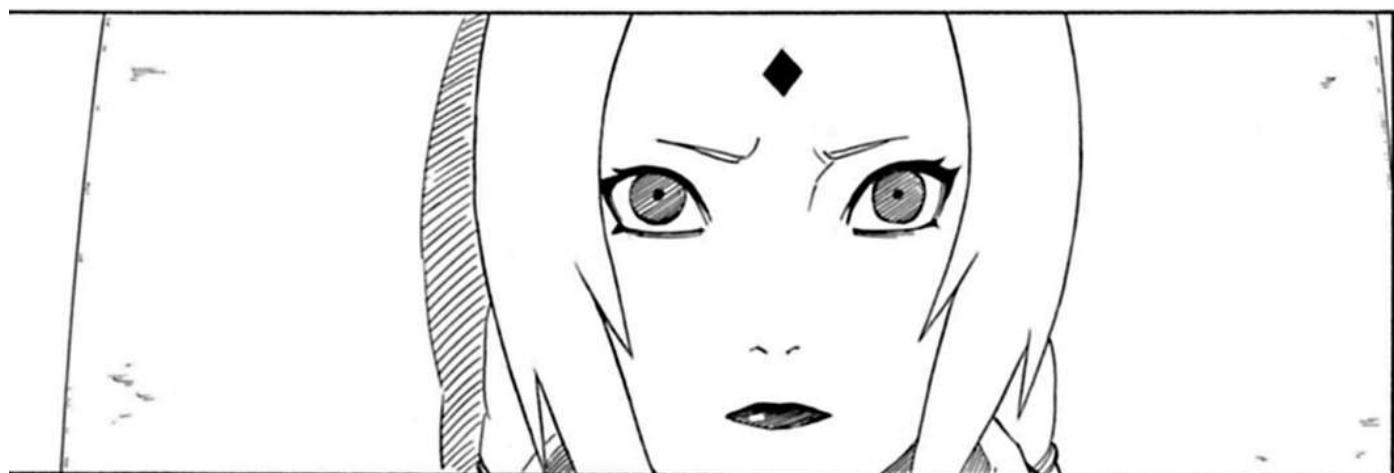
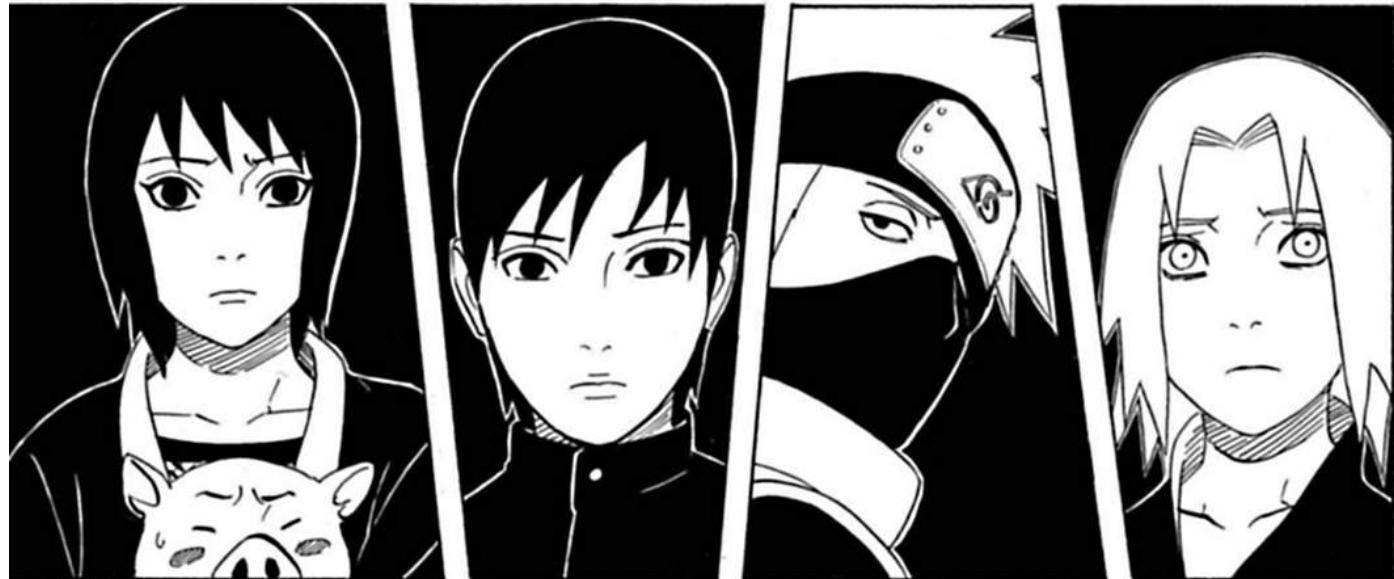


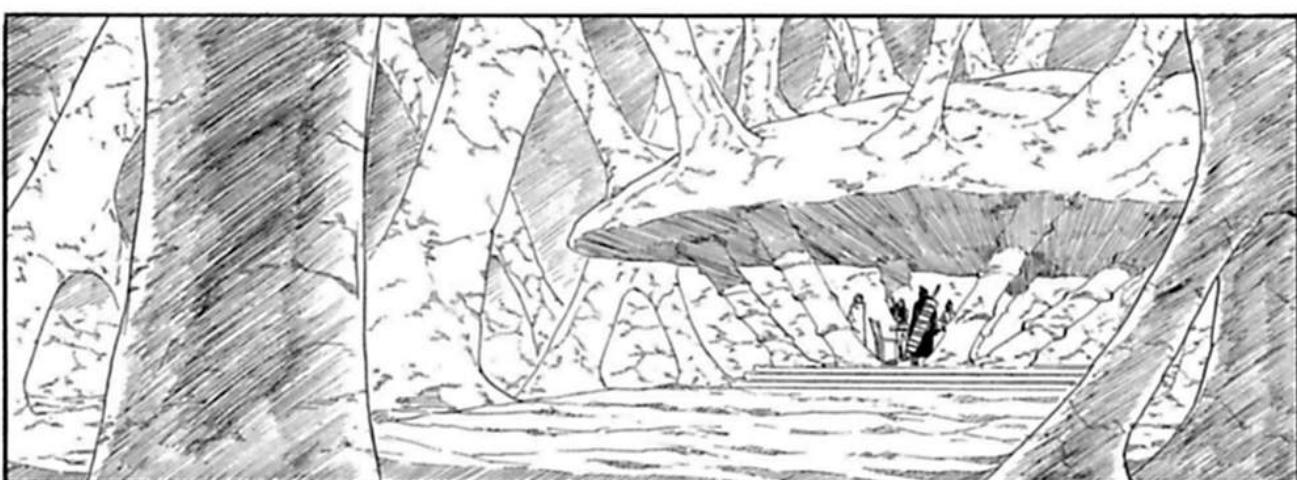
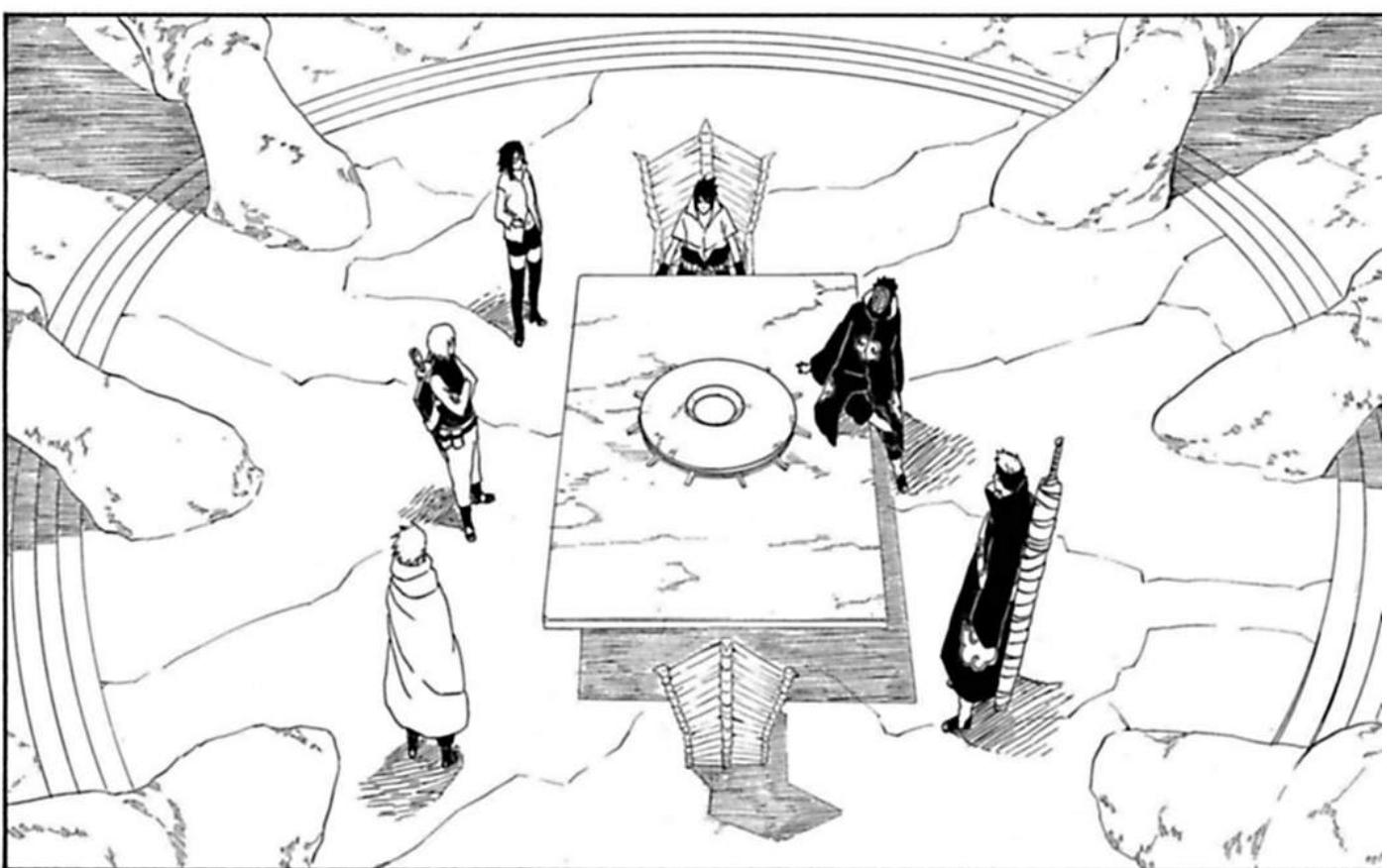
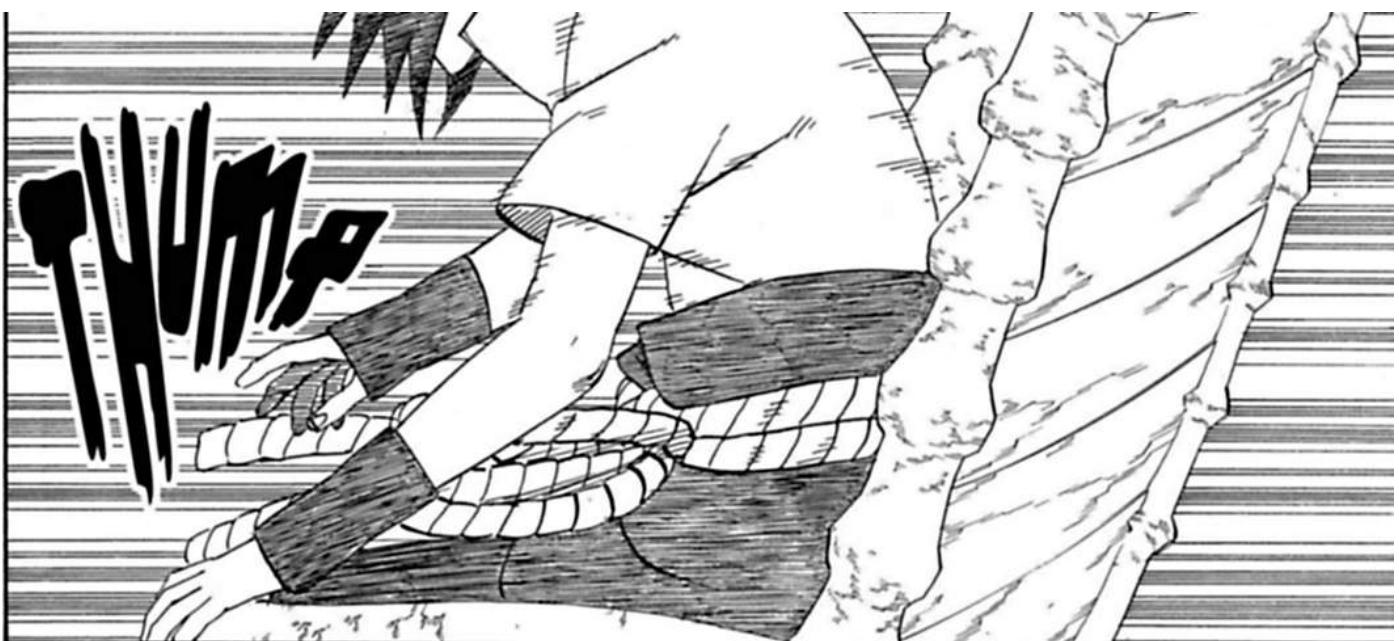
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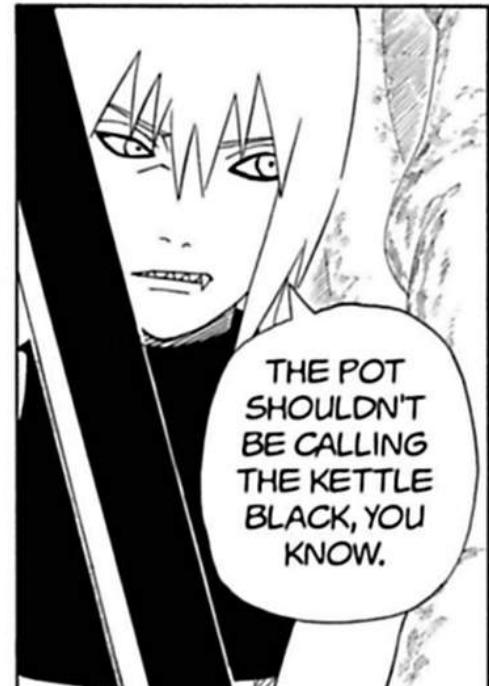


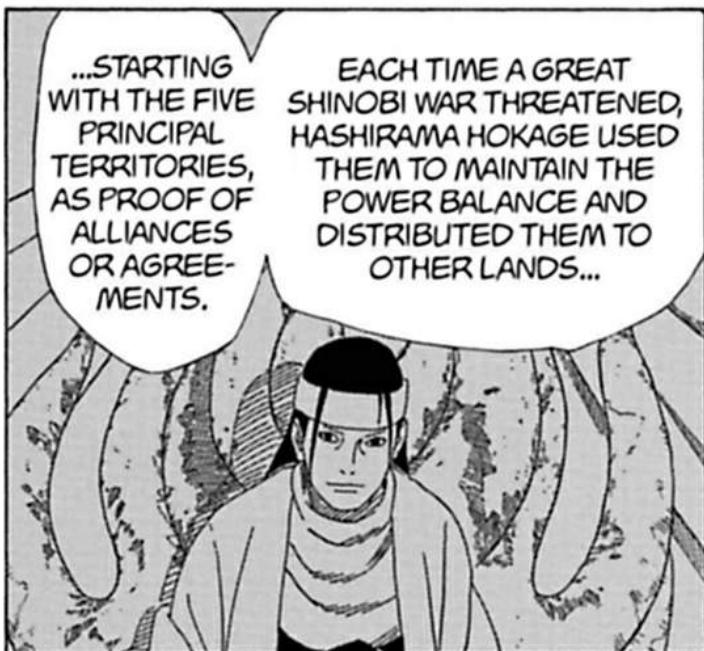


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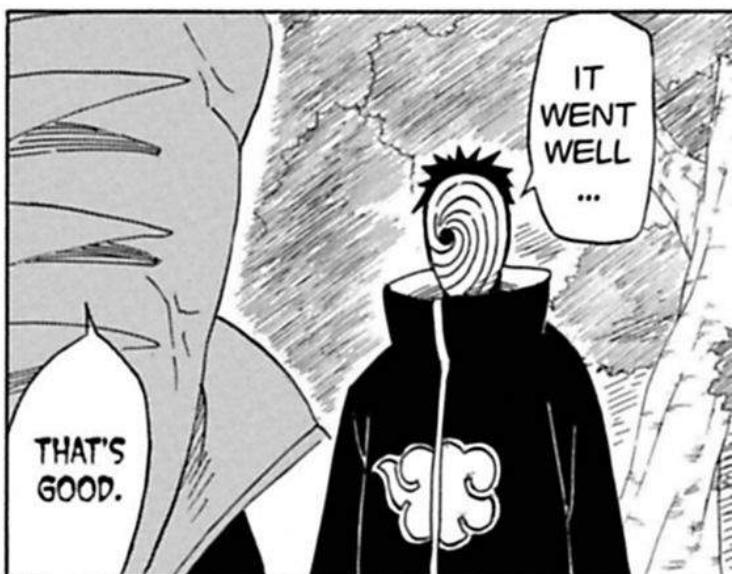
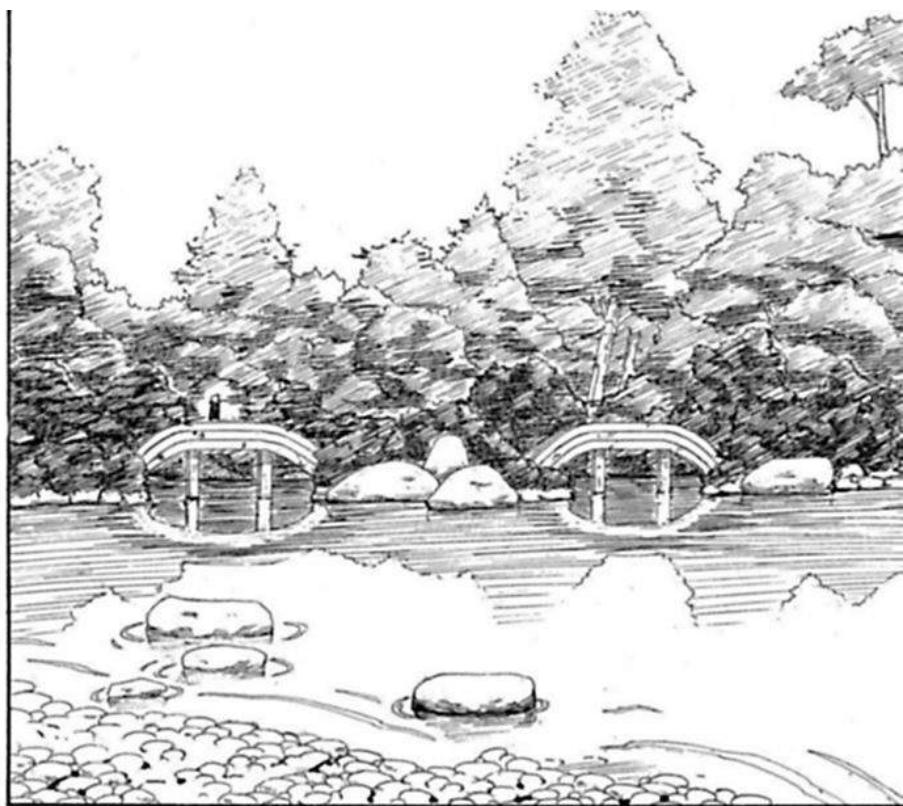


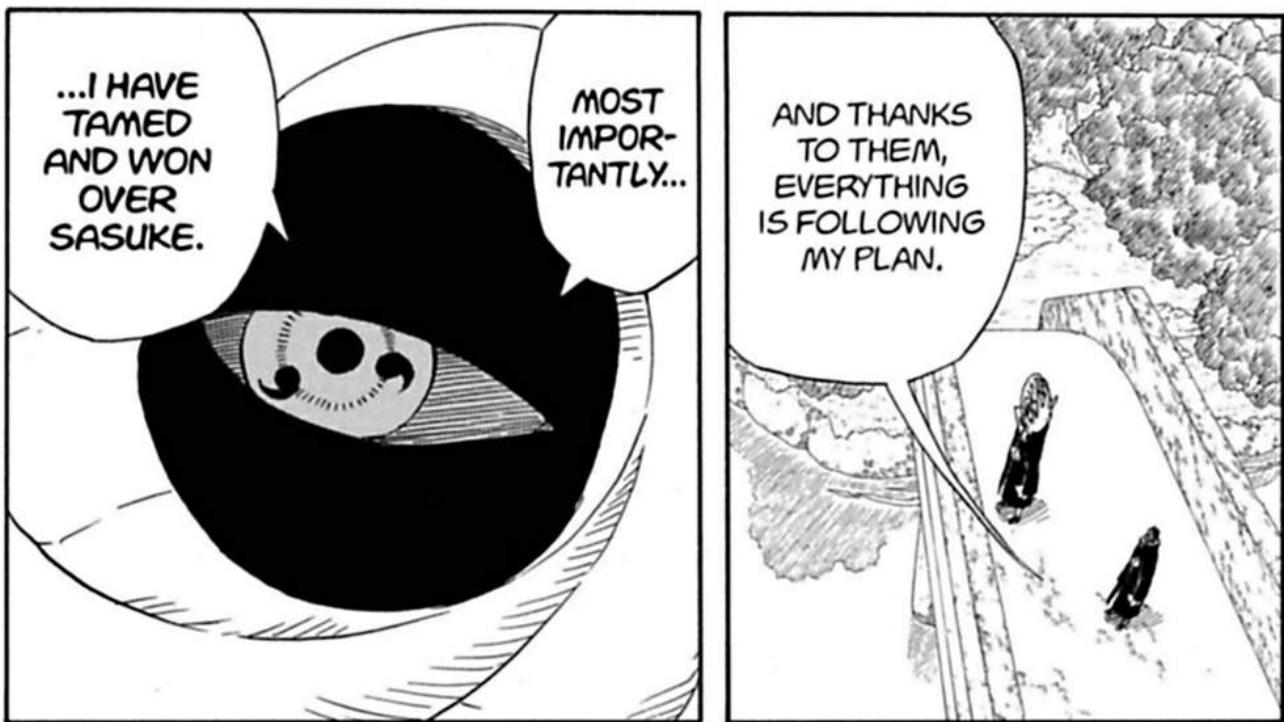




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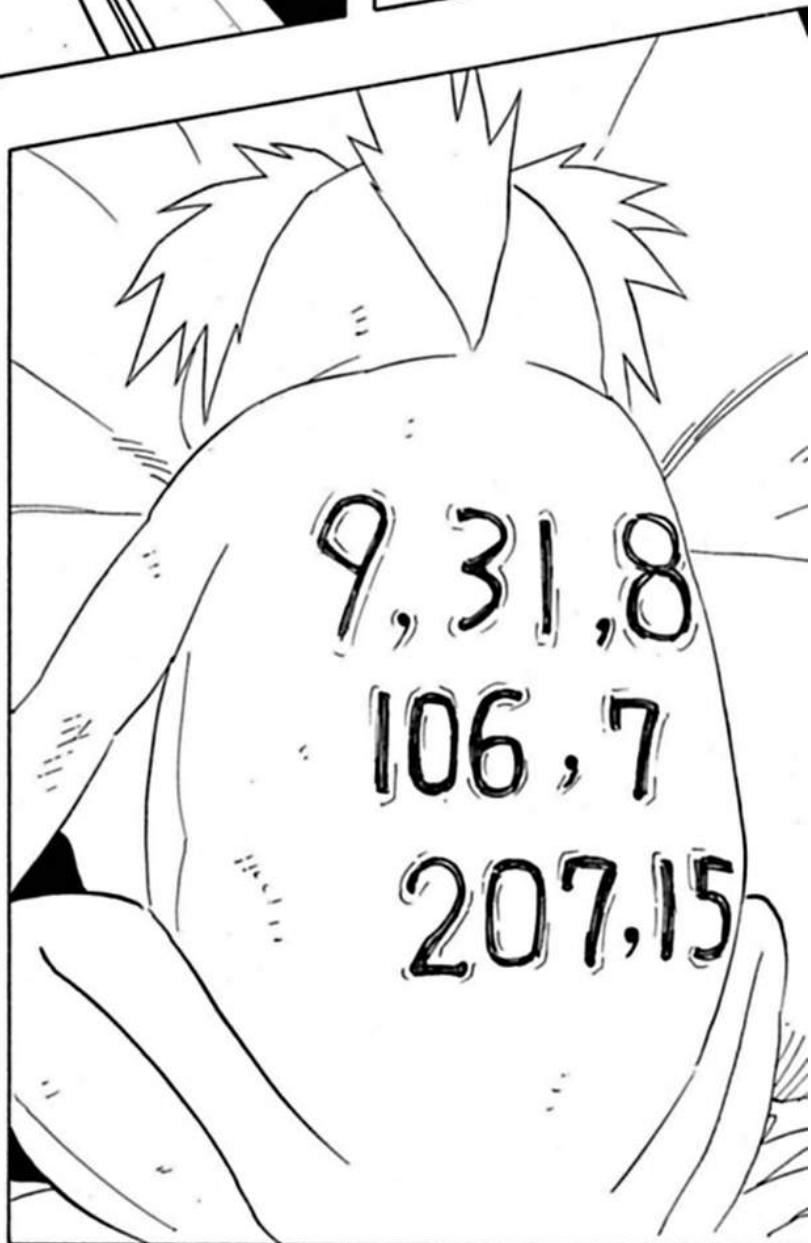
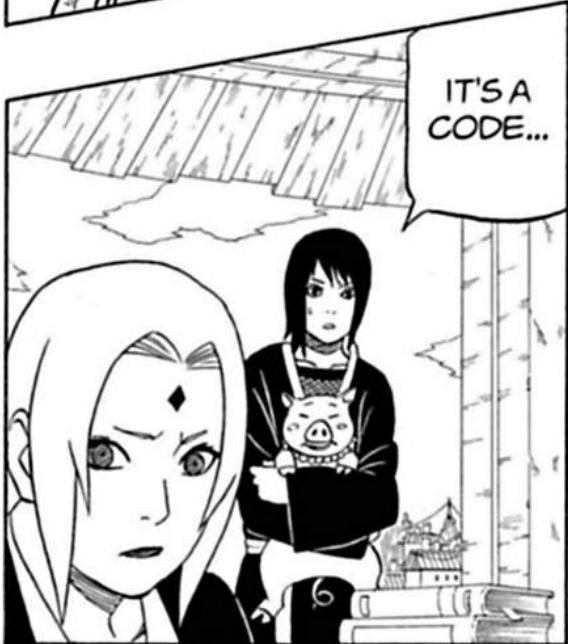




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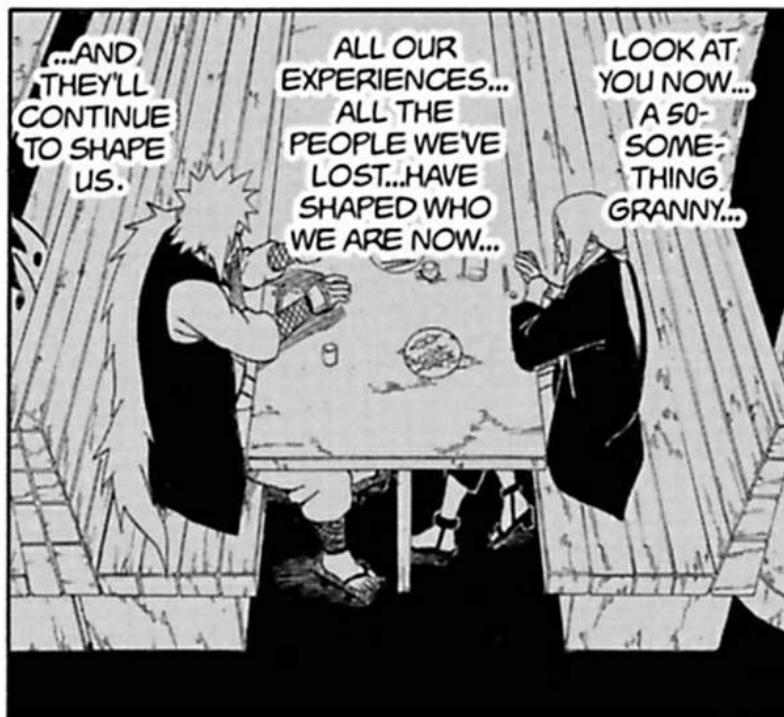
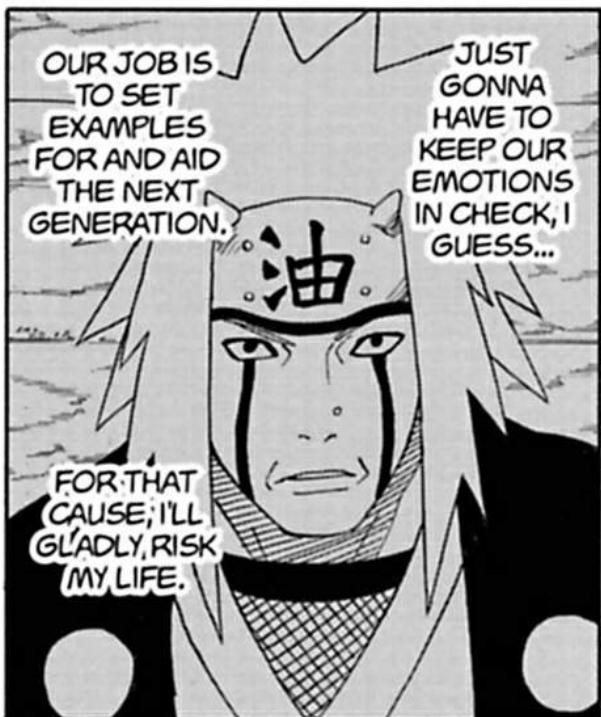
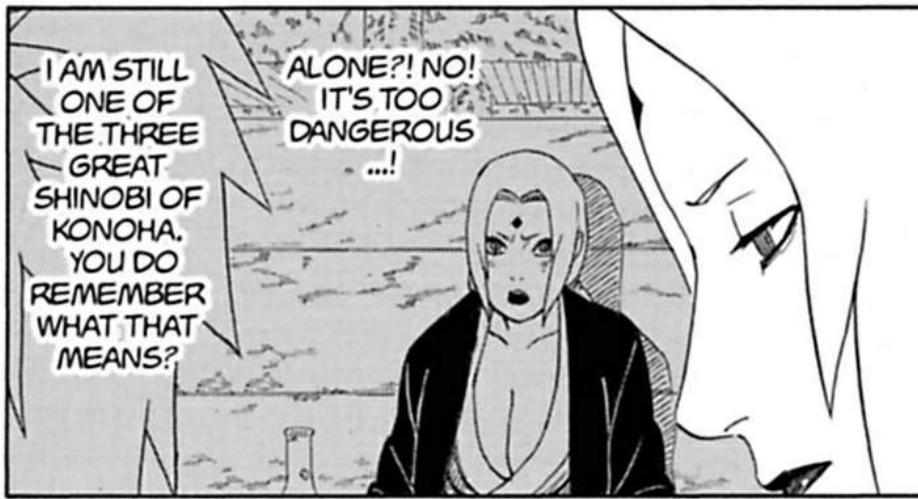


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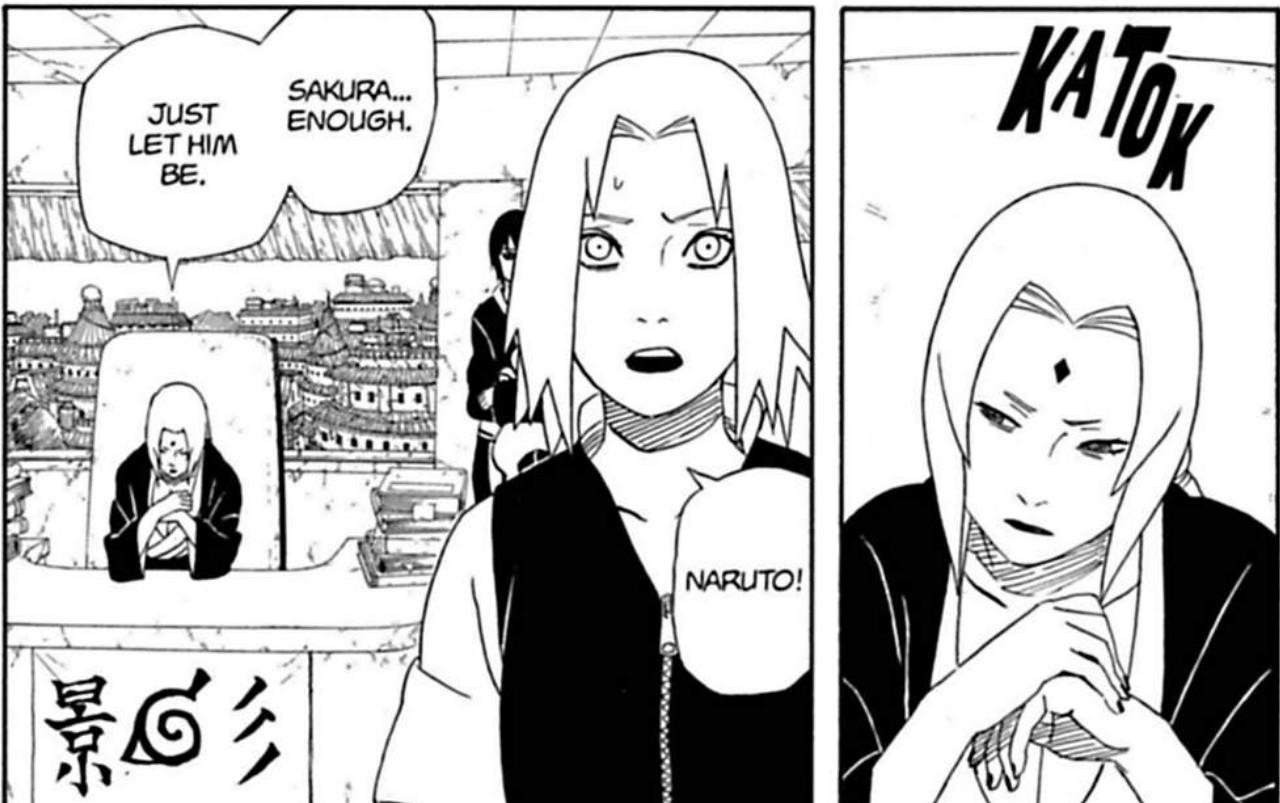
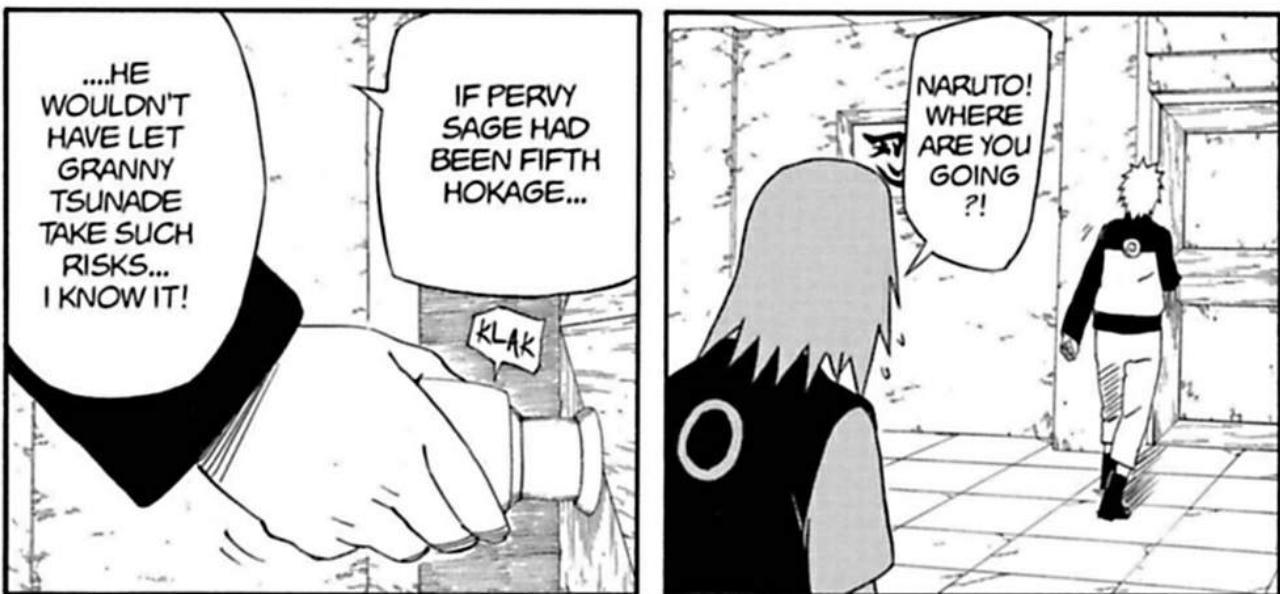
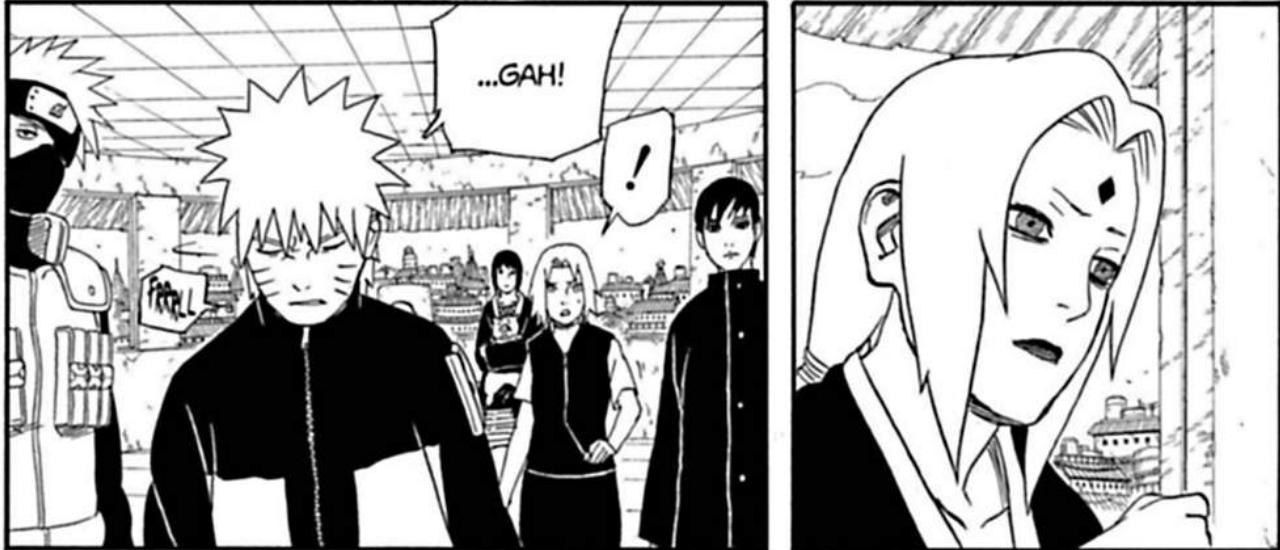


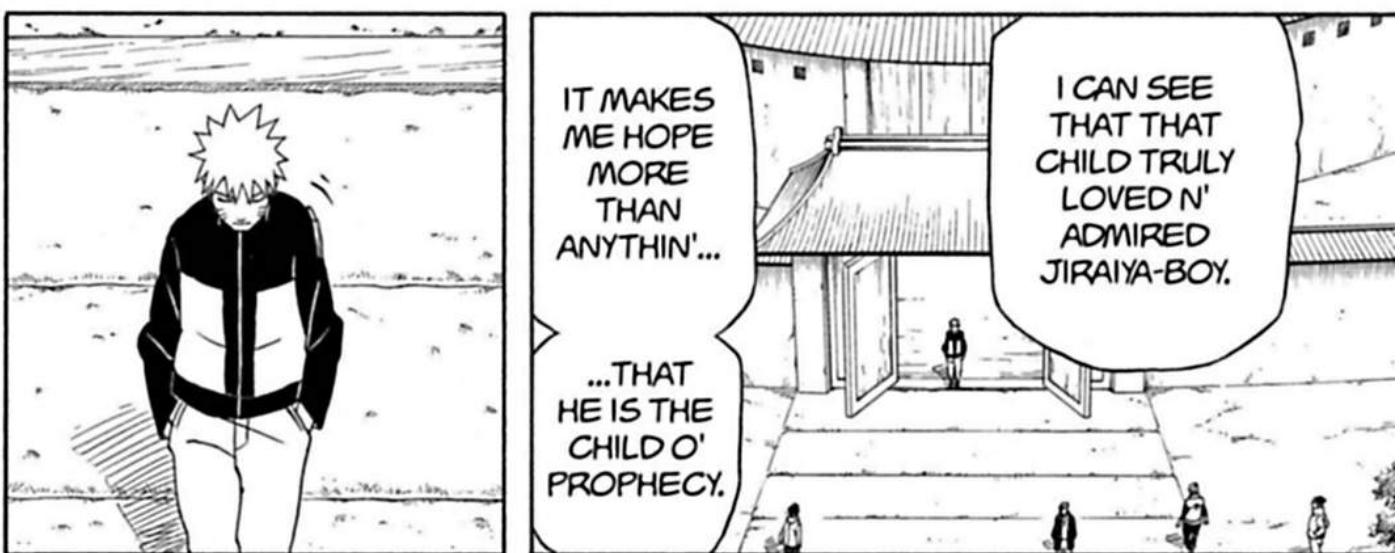
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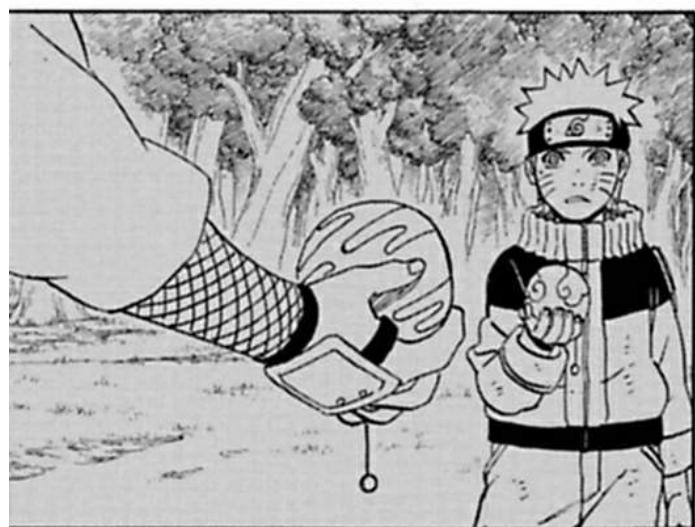




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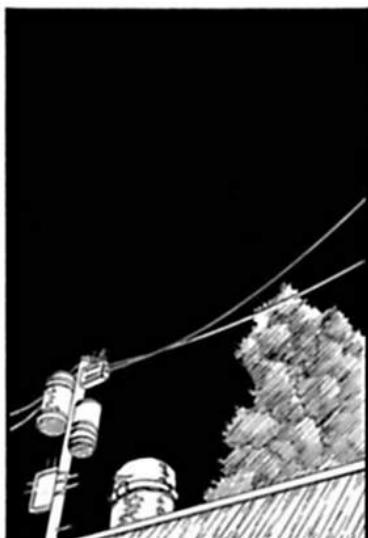






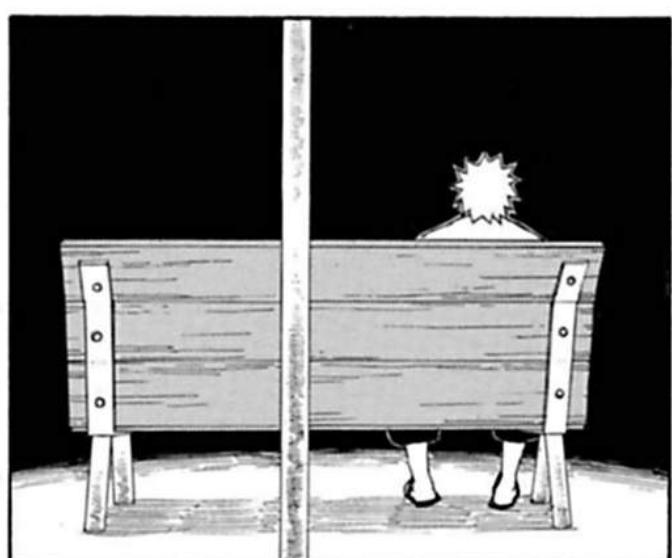
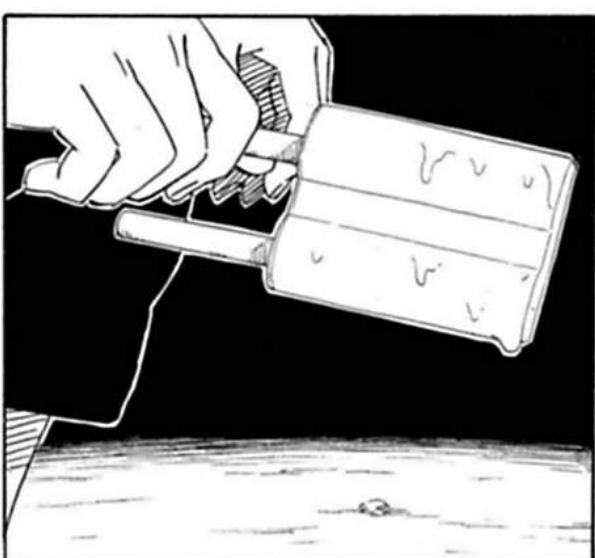
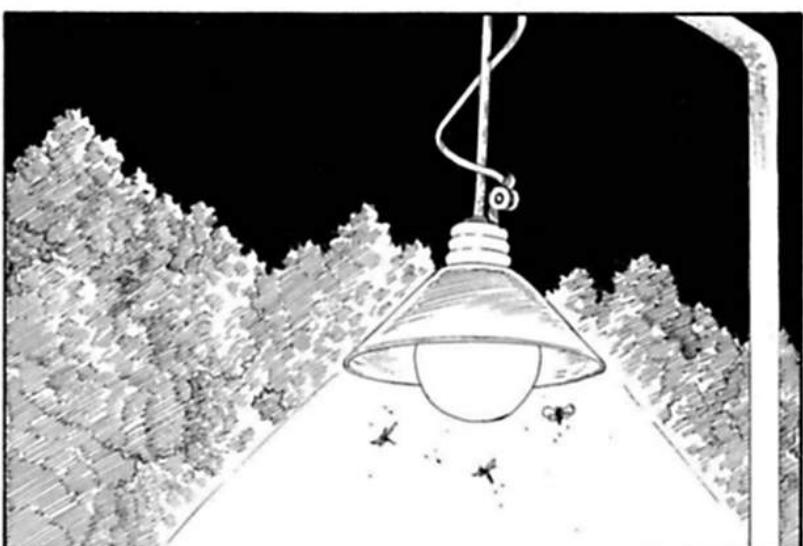


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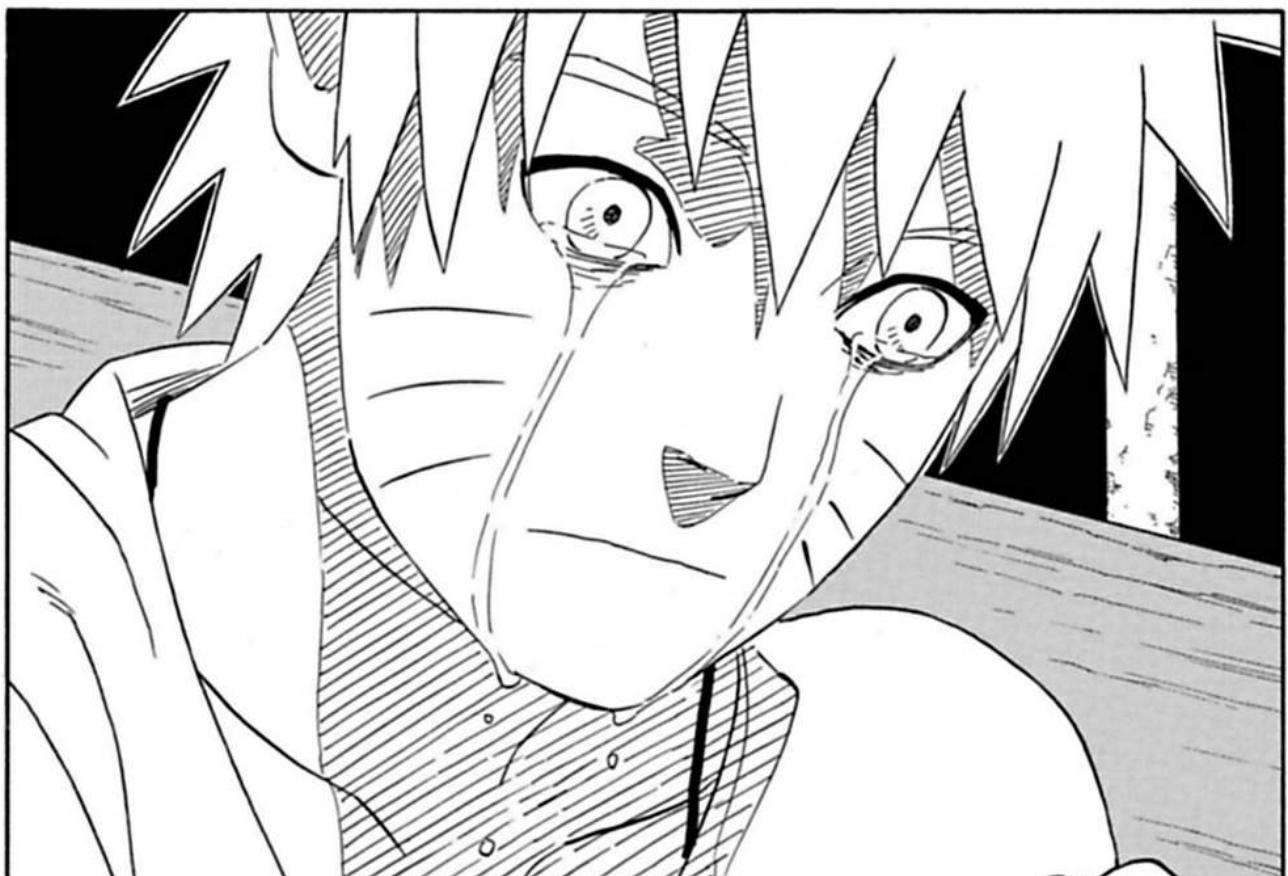
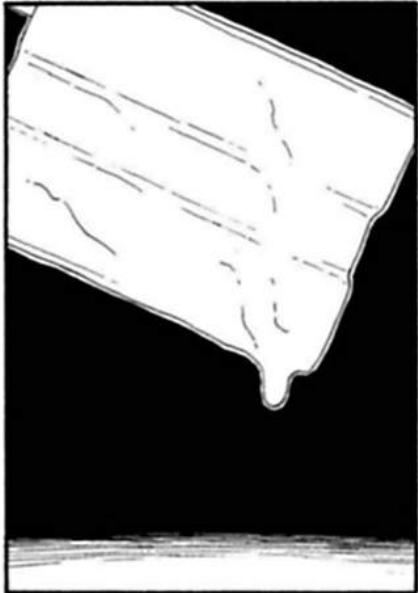


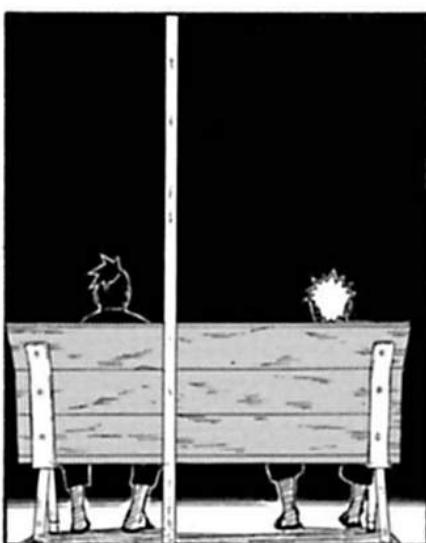


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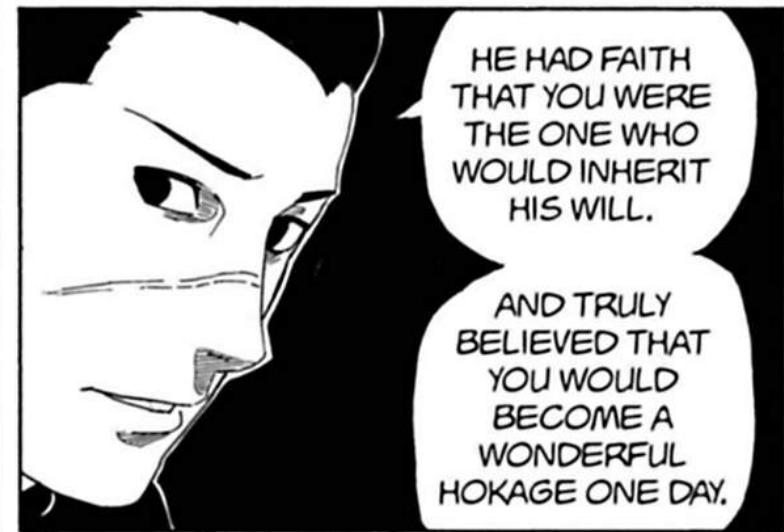


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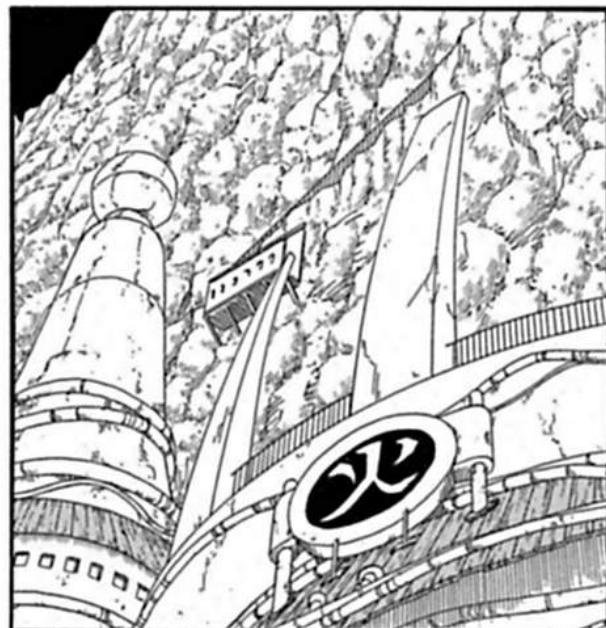
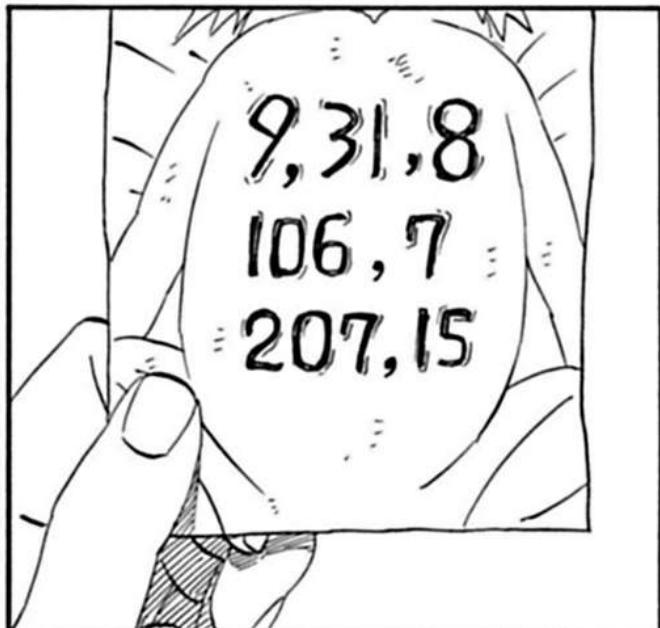


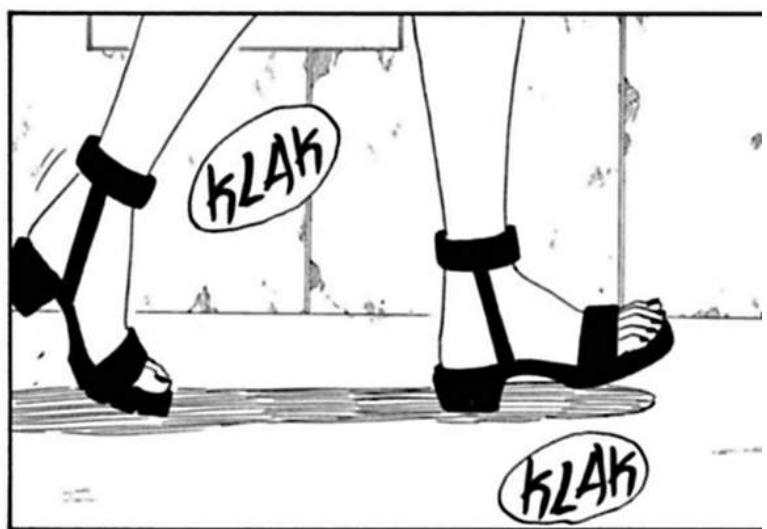
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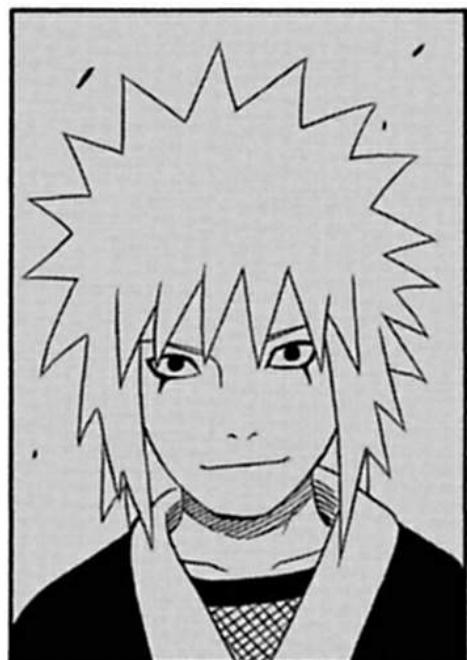


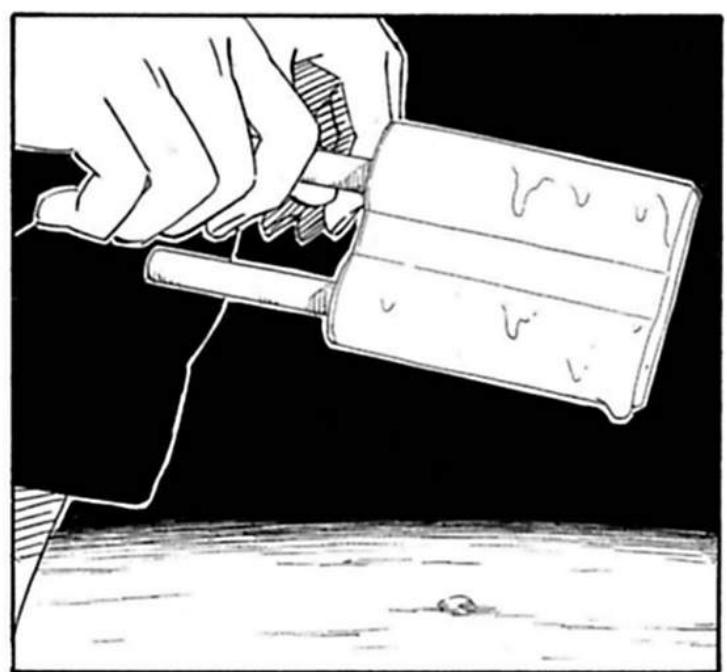


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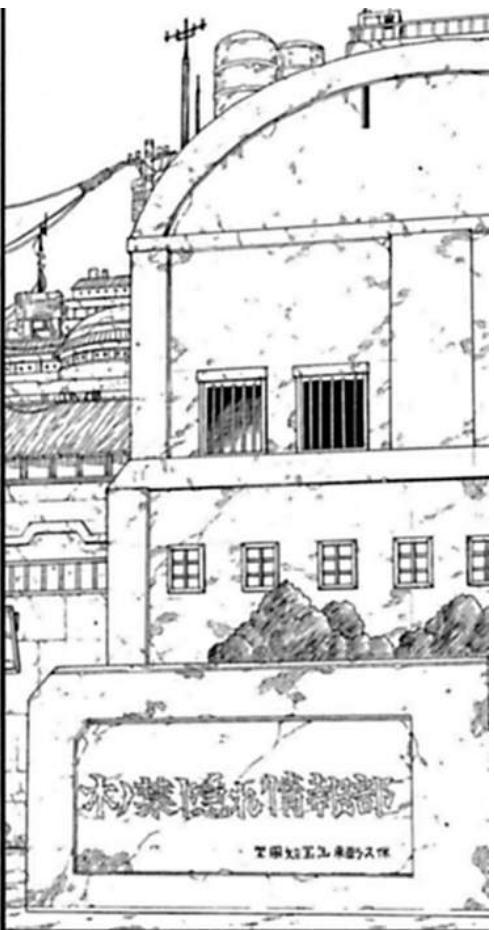
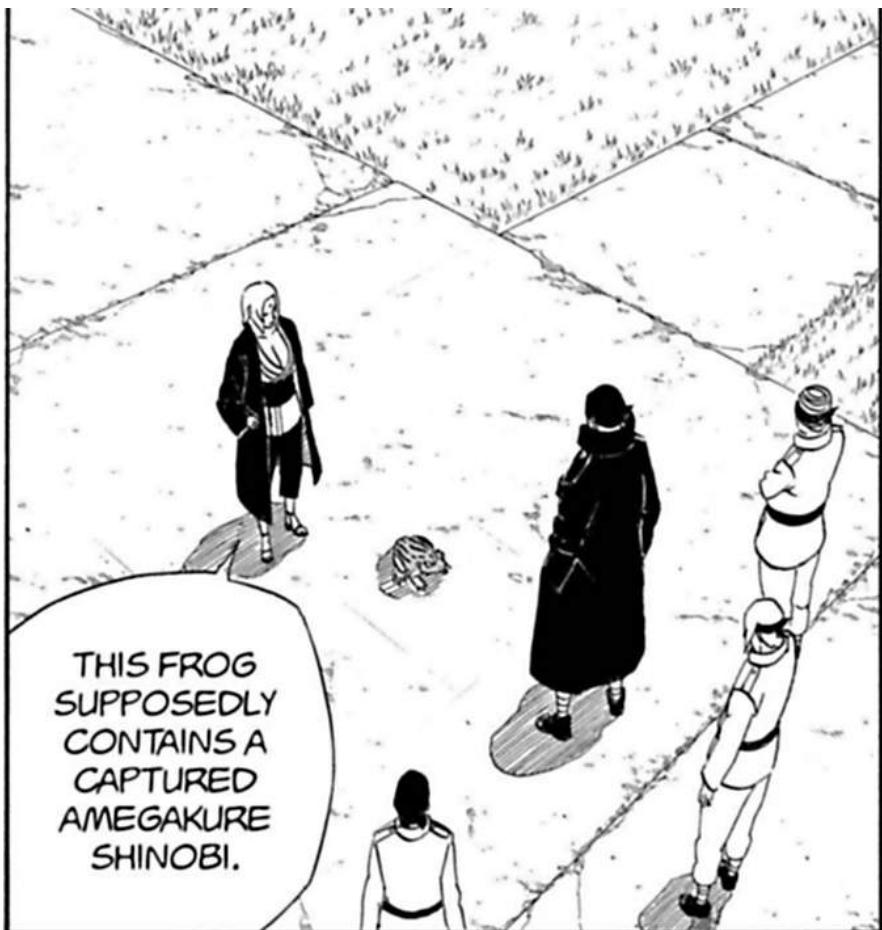






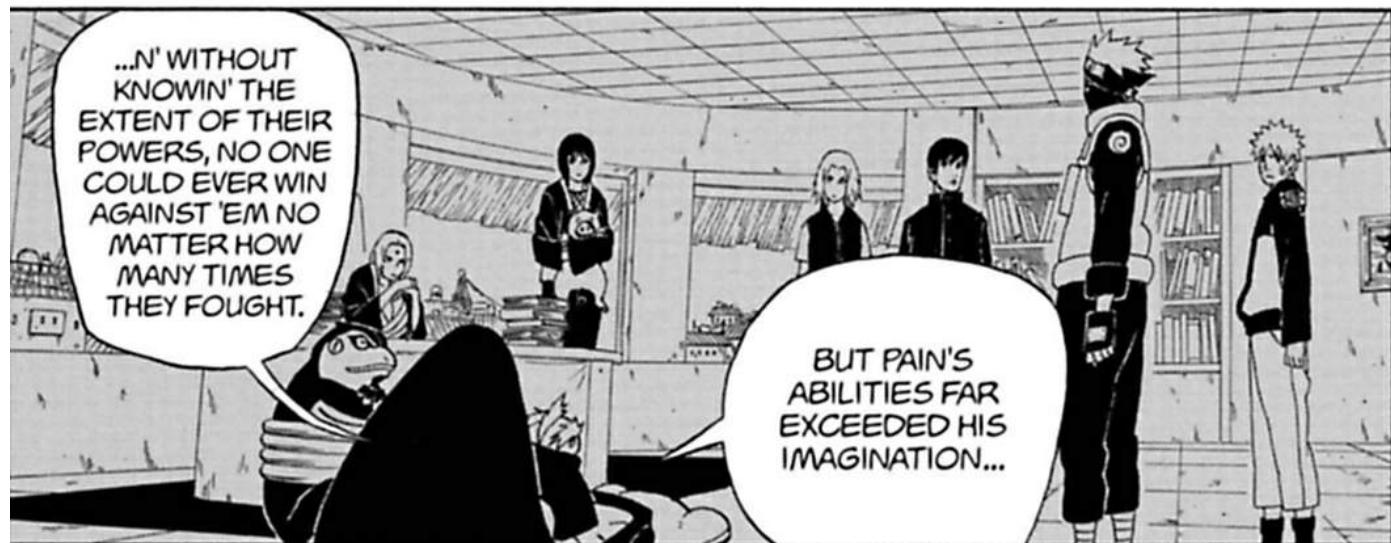






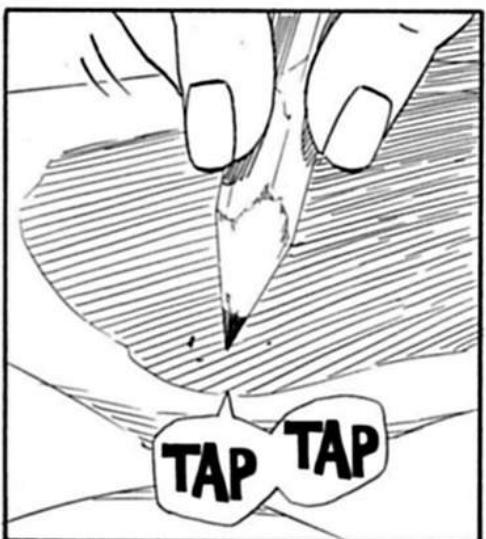
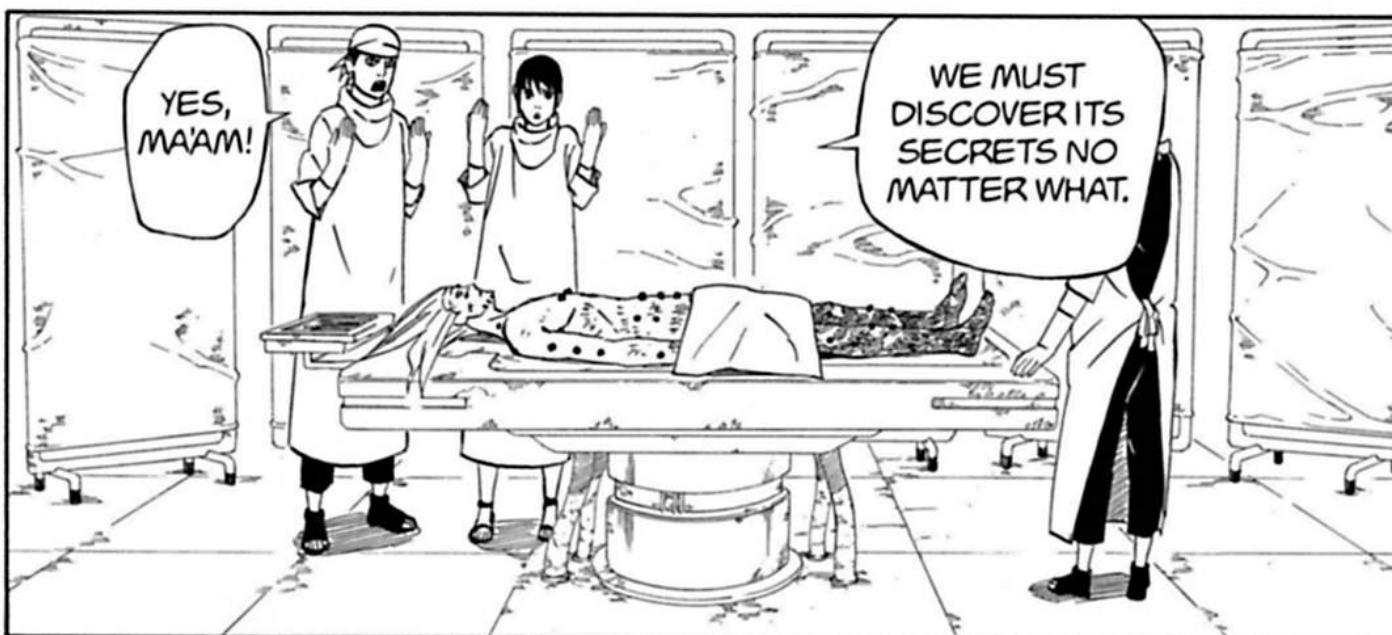
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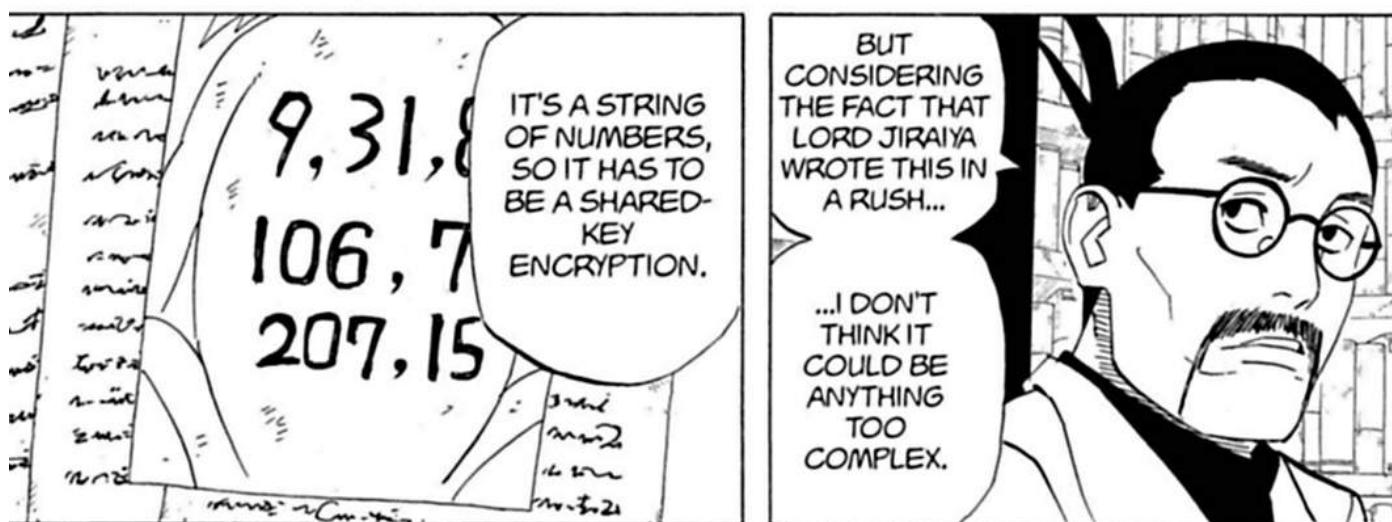


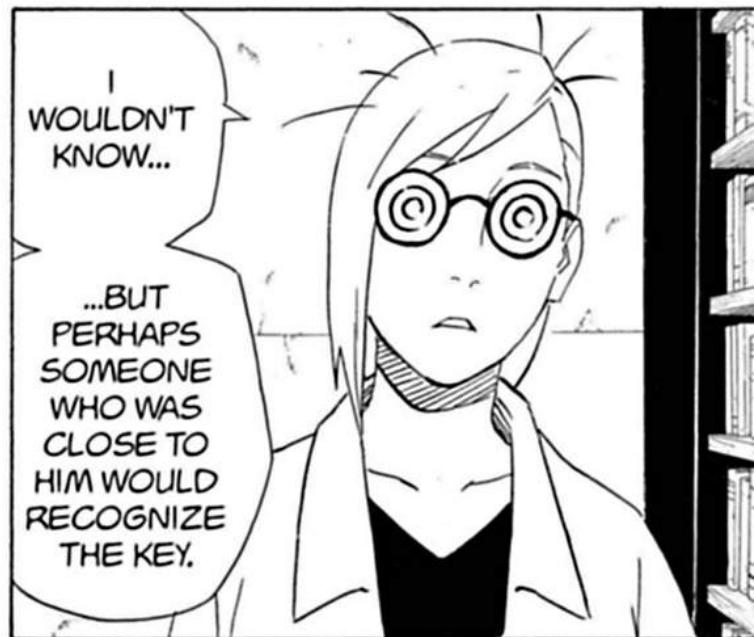
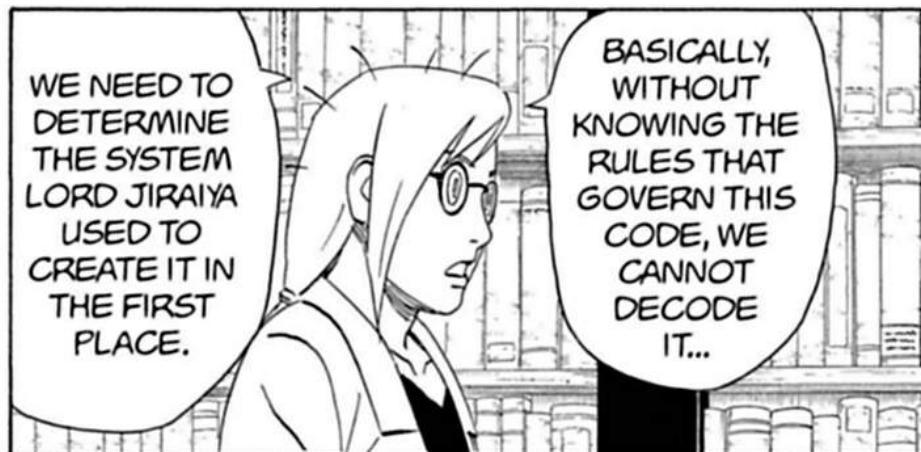


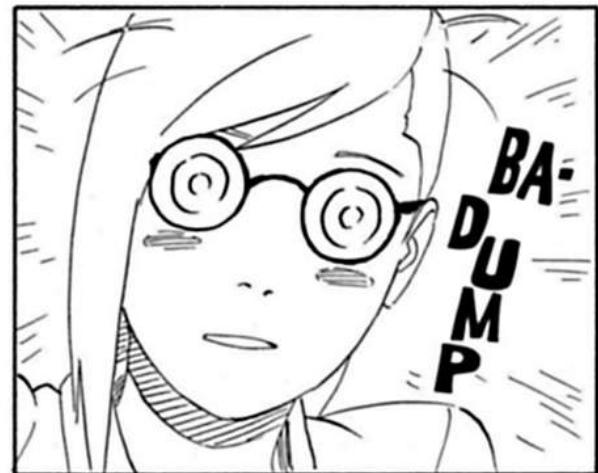
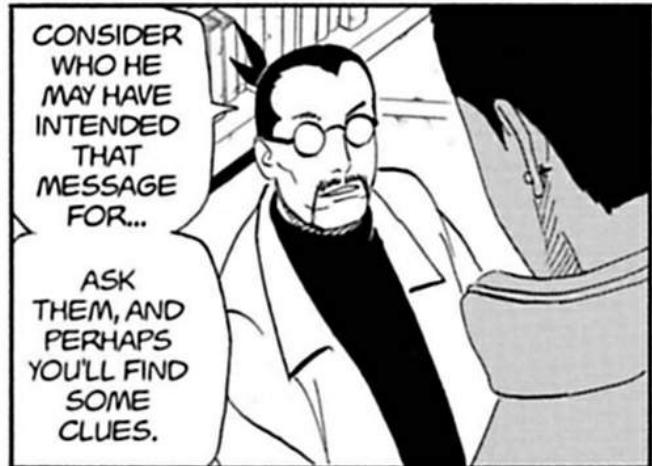
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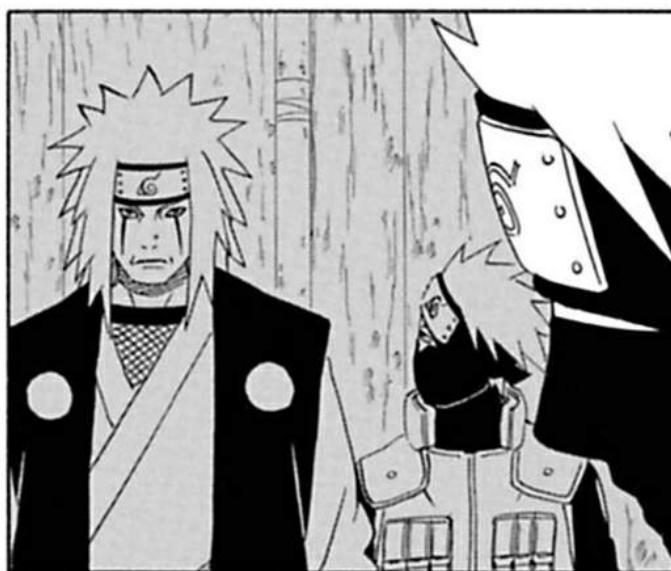
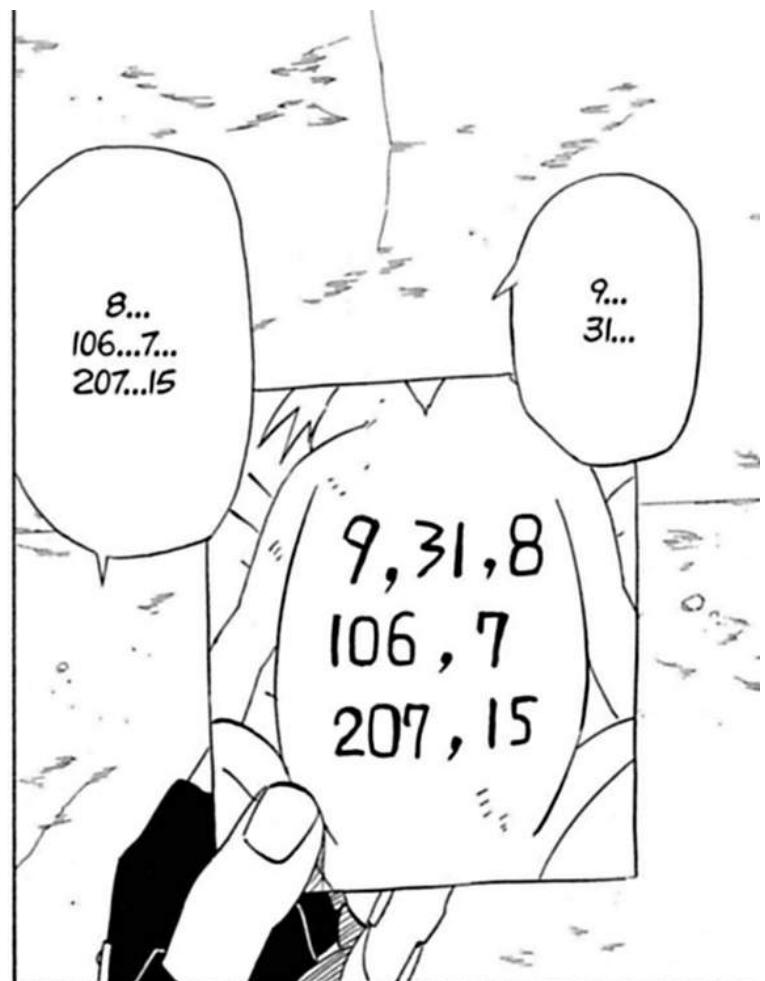


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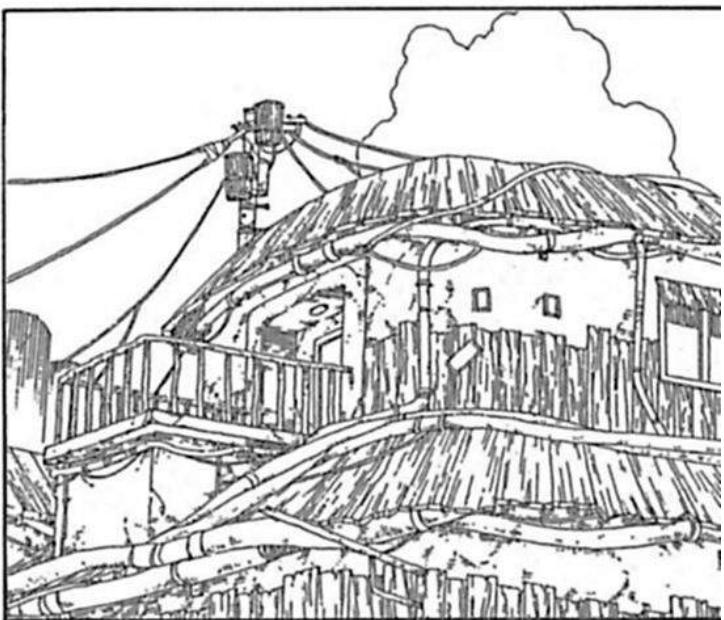




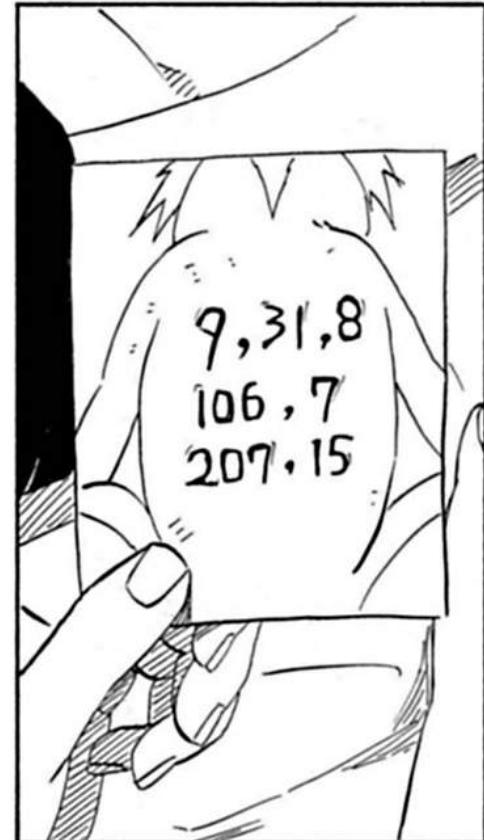


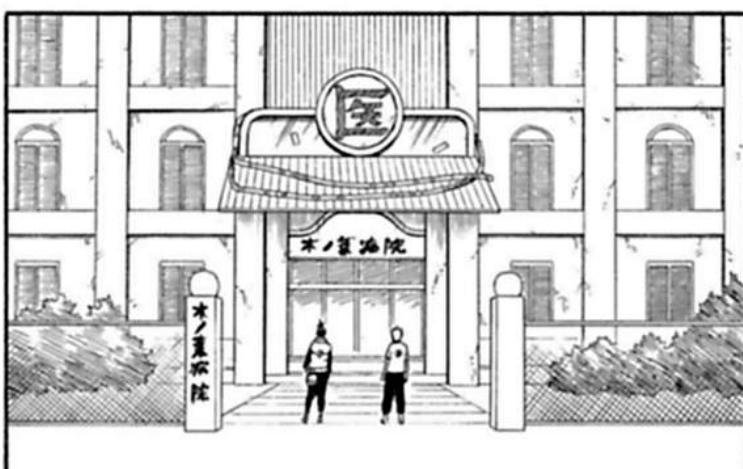
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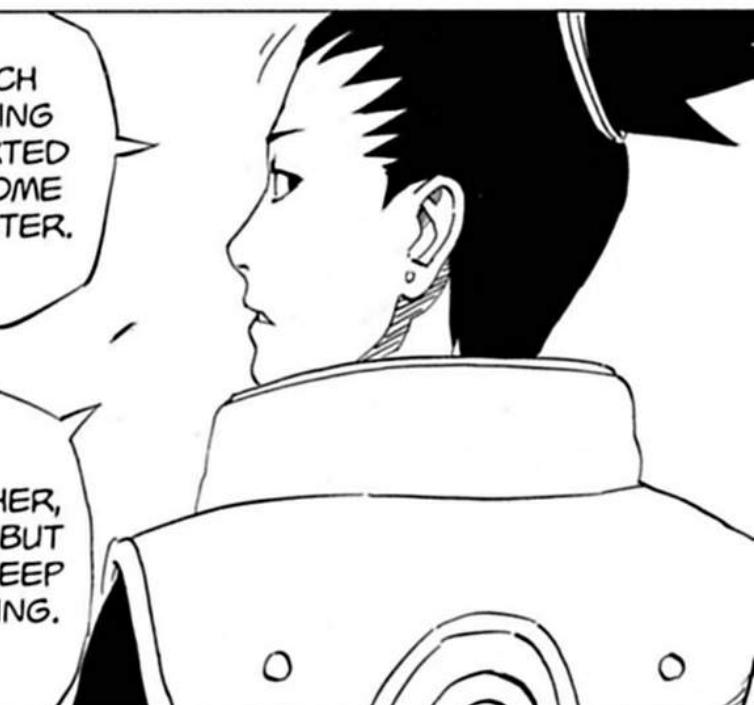
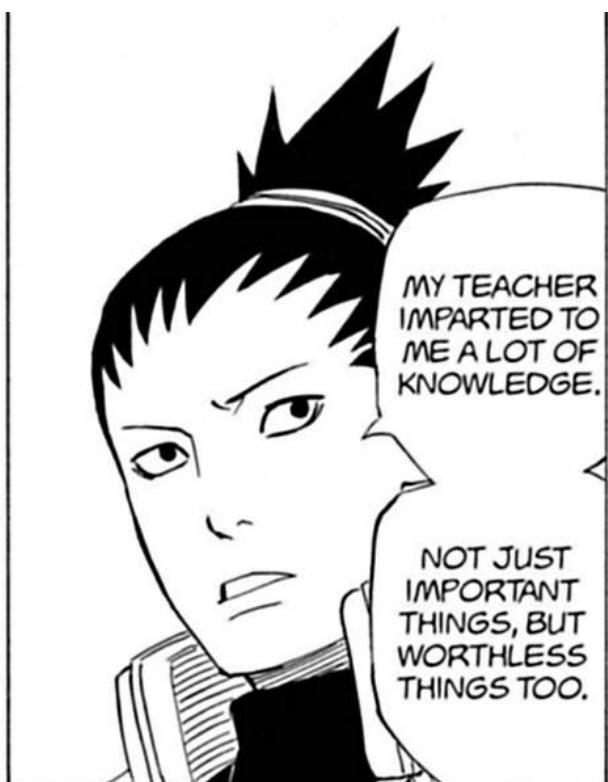


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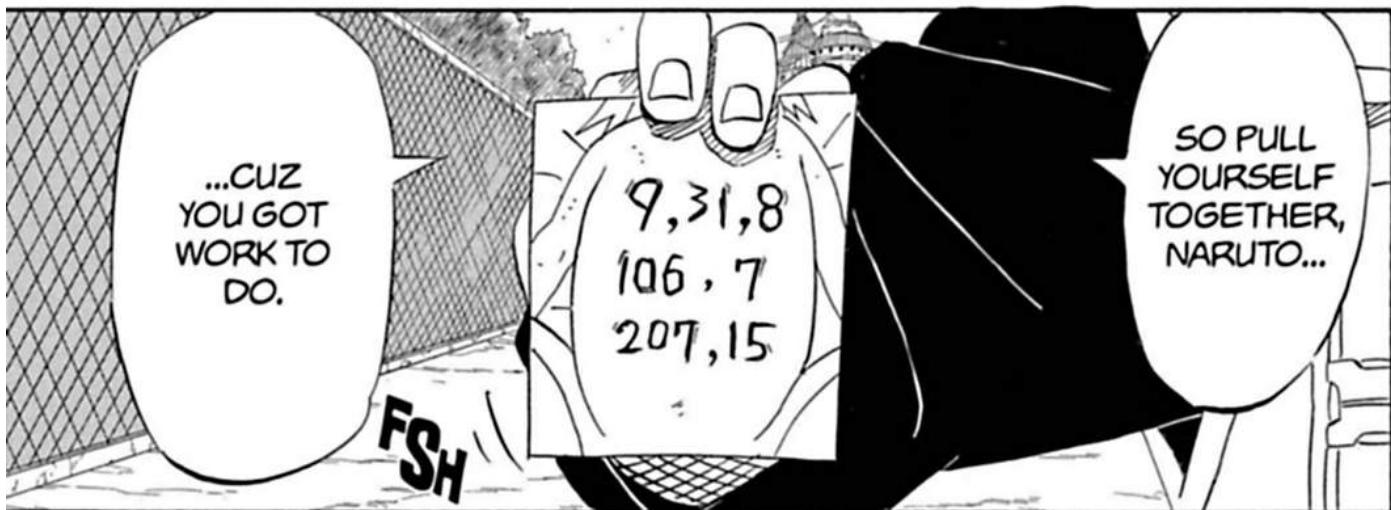
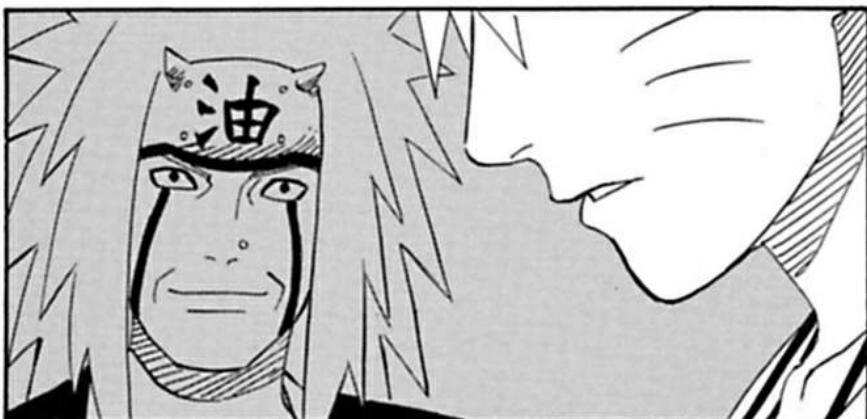


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ASUMA
AND LORD
JIRAIYA,
THAT IS.

IF WE
WANNA
BECOME
ULTRA-
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...AND BE
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YOU WILL
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NARUTO

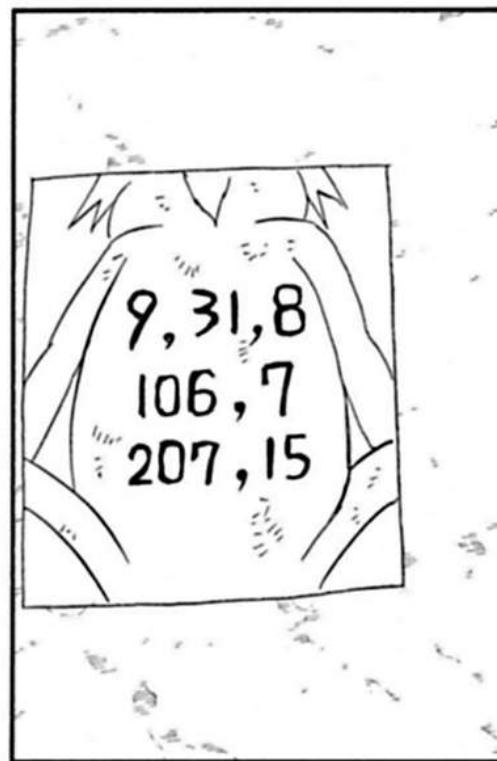


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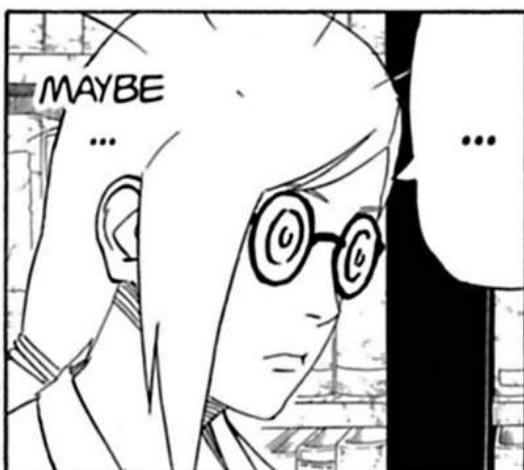




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AND SINCE I WAS TRAVELING WITH HIM, HE WOULD ALWAYS MAKE ME READ HIS HANDWRITTEN DRAFTS.

WELL, THE WHOLE TIME WE WERE TRAINING, PERVY SAGE WAS WRITING A BOOK...

...I MEAN, HE IS AN AUTHOR.

...WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THIS NINE IS THE LETTER 夂?

NARUTO ...

...CUZ IT'D LOOK LIKE THE NUMBER NINE...

...THAT'S WHAT MADE ME THINK OF IT.

ANYWAY, EACH TIME HE USED 夂, I'D STUMBLE OVER THE WORD.

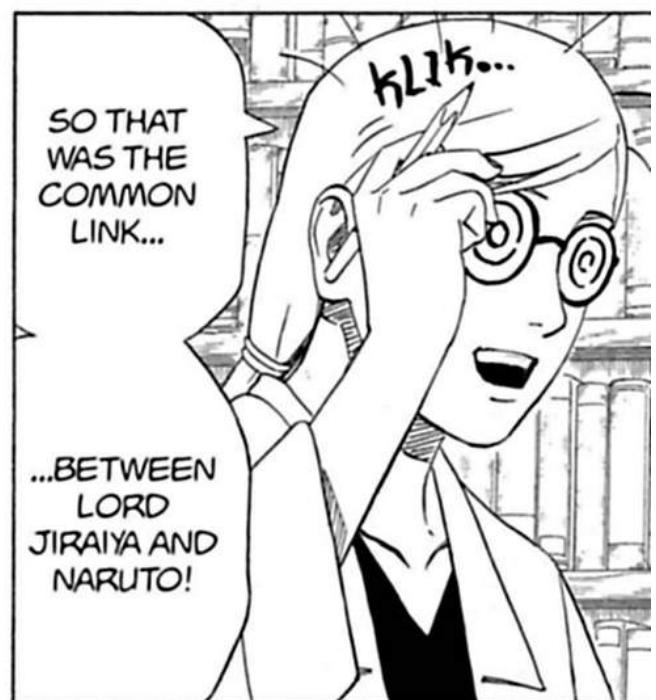
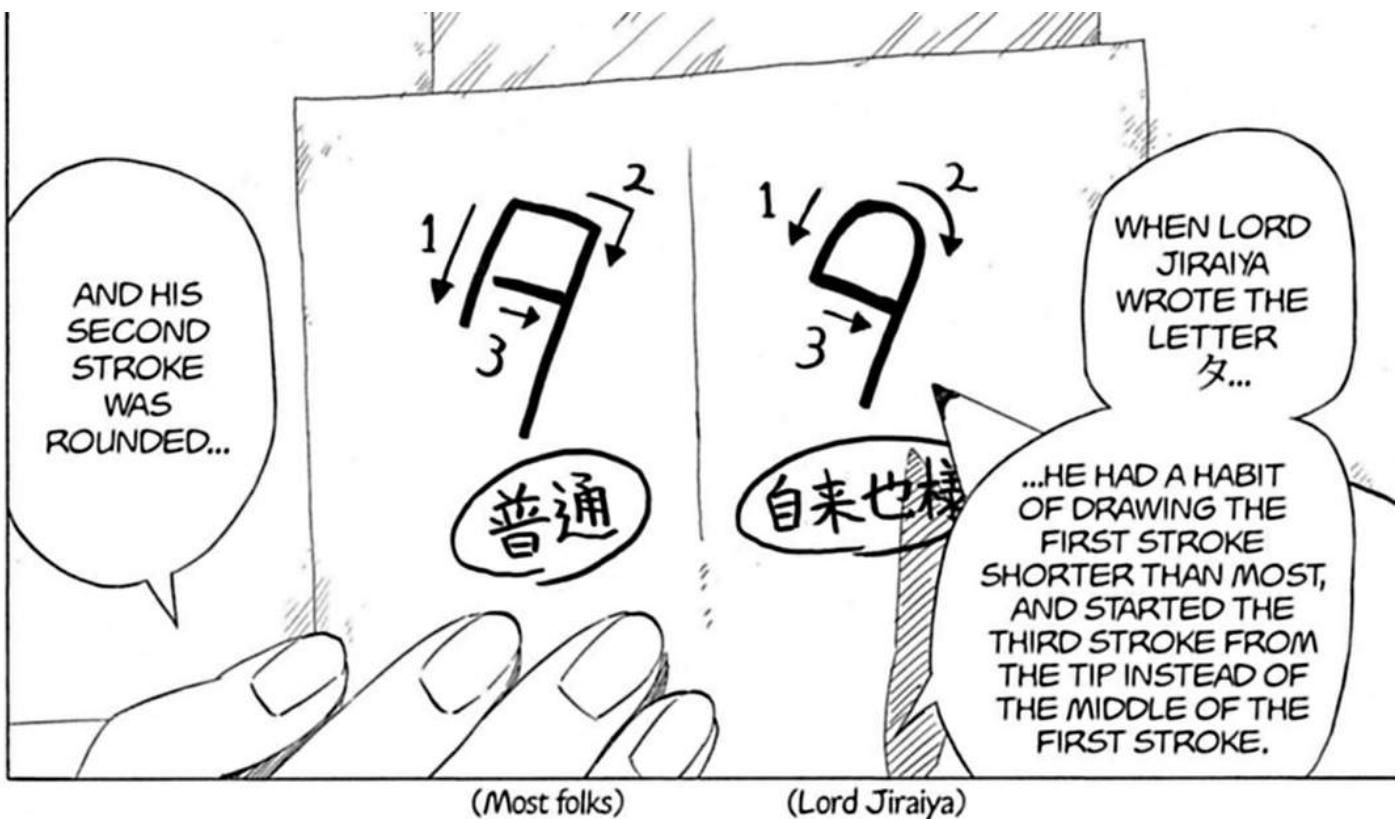
EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE SUPER BORING... HE'D WANT ME TO REVIEW THEM.

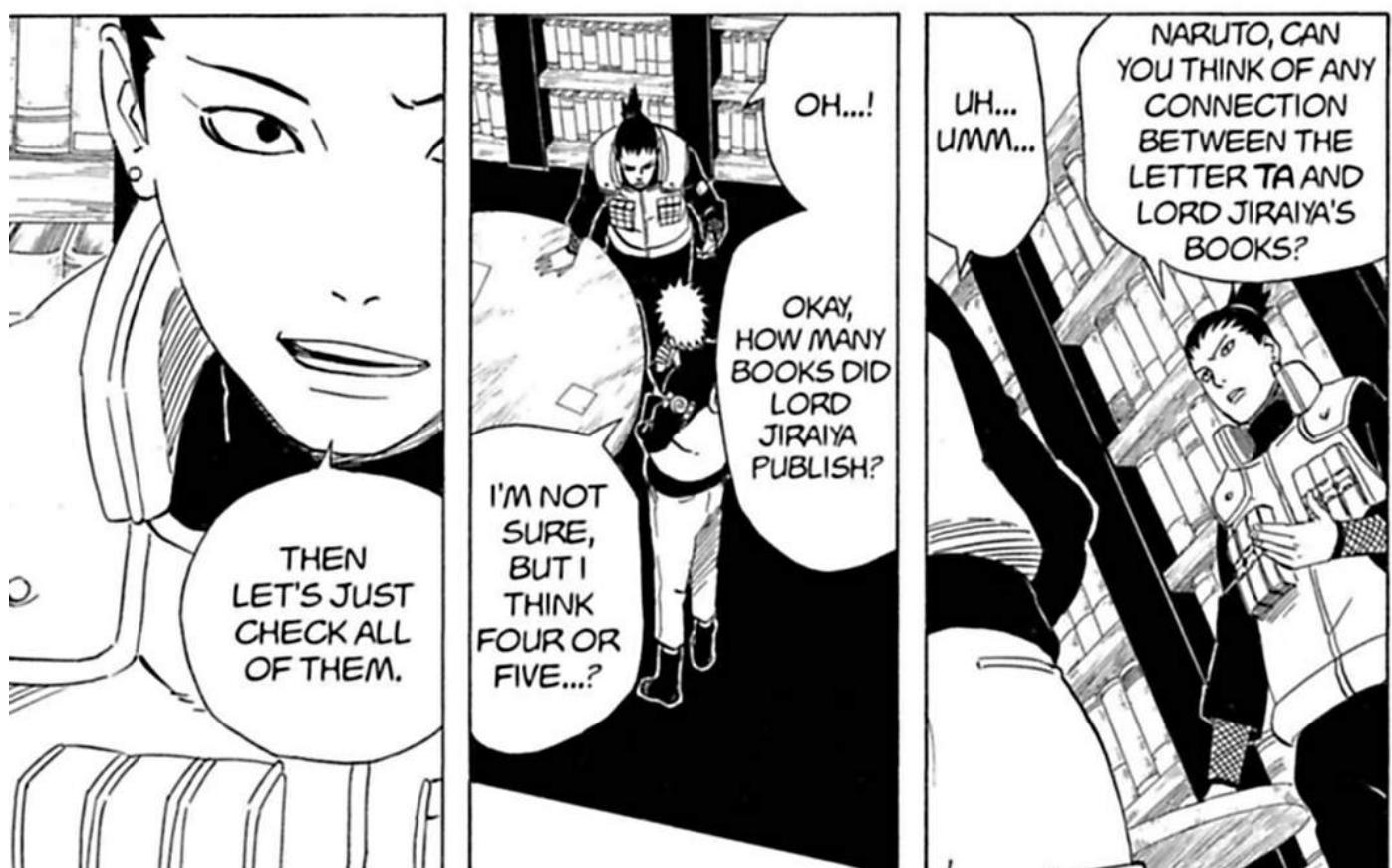
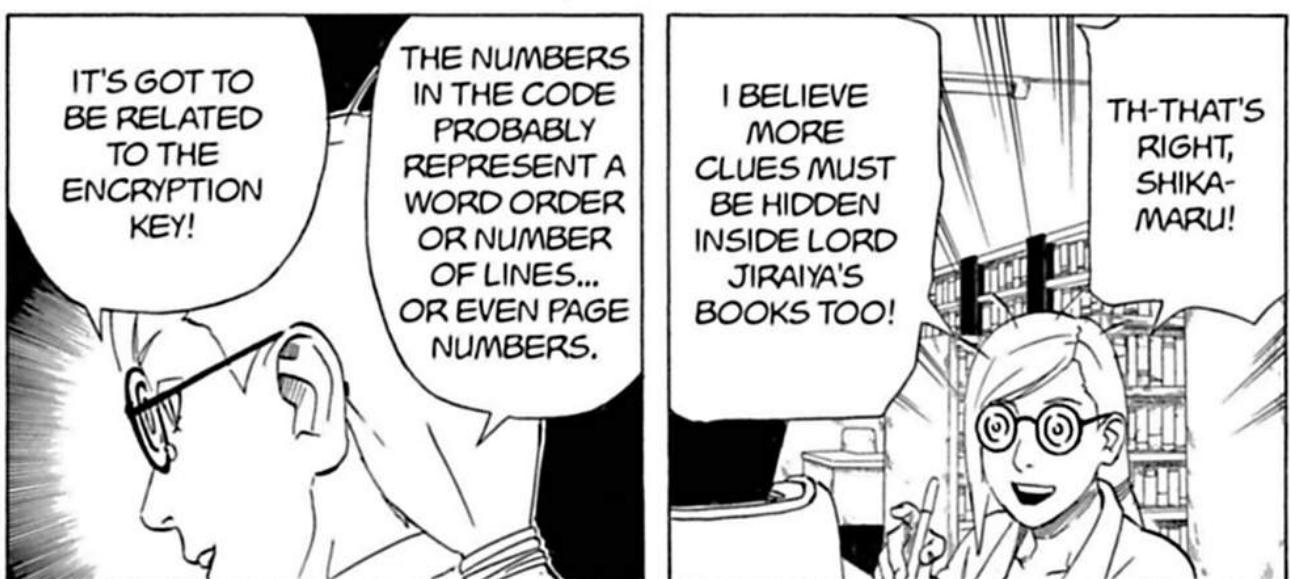
PENMANSHIP QUIRK, HUH...

I SEE... IT'S A PEN-MANSHIP QUIRK!

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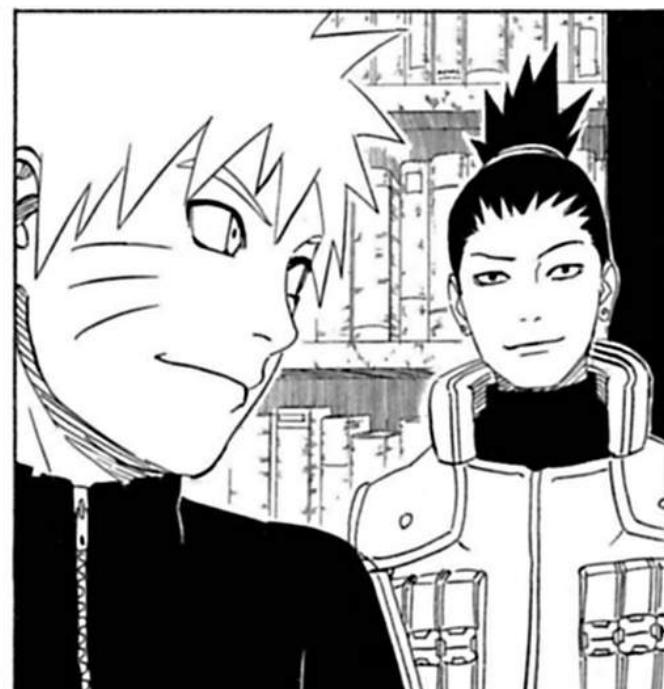
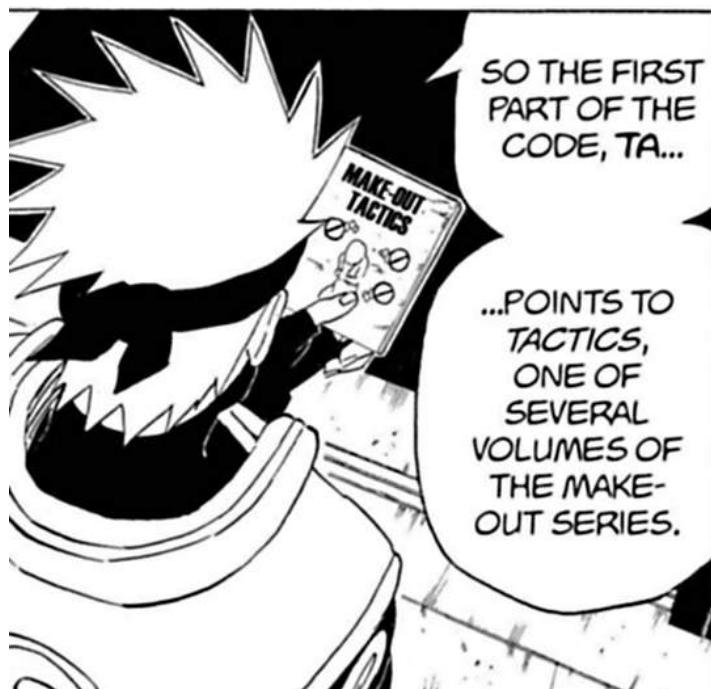
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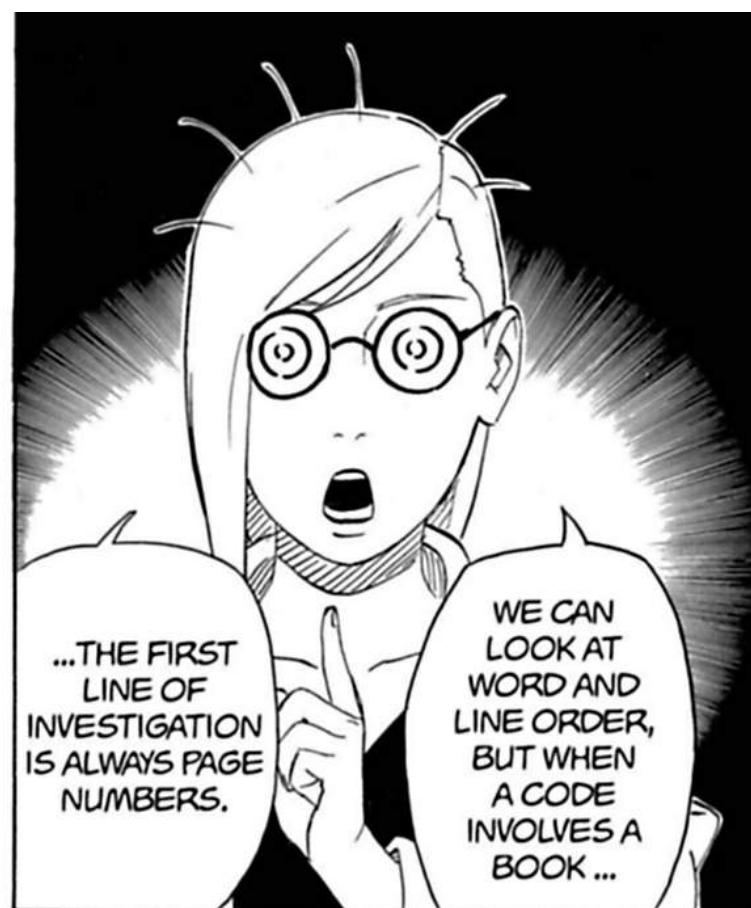
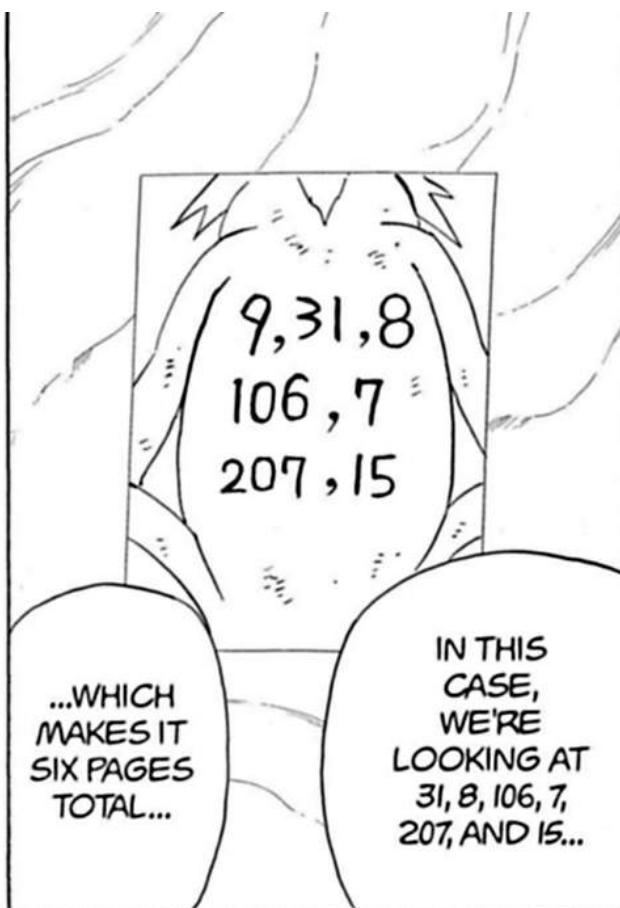


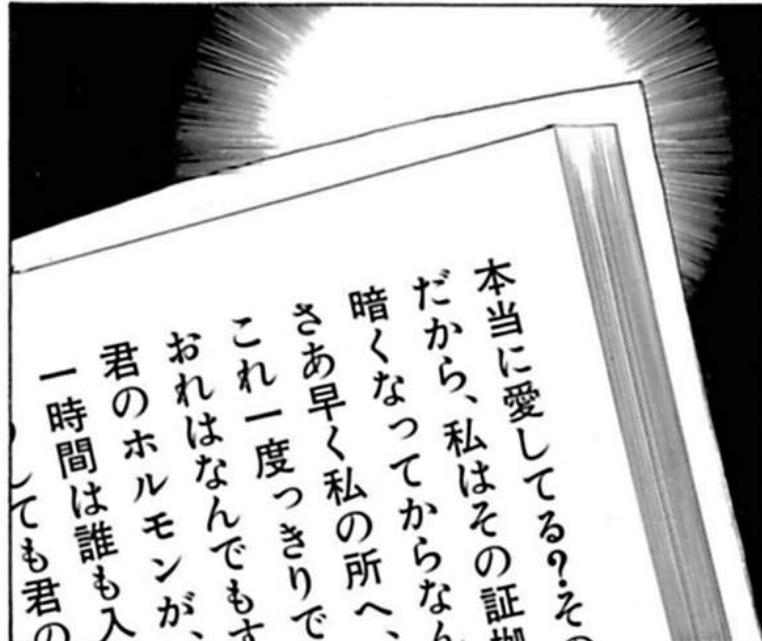




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本当に愛してる

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物々交換と同じだ、それでも君

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葉が邪魔だな……もう君という

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意外に大きいのね、アナタのそ

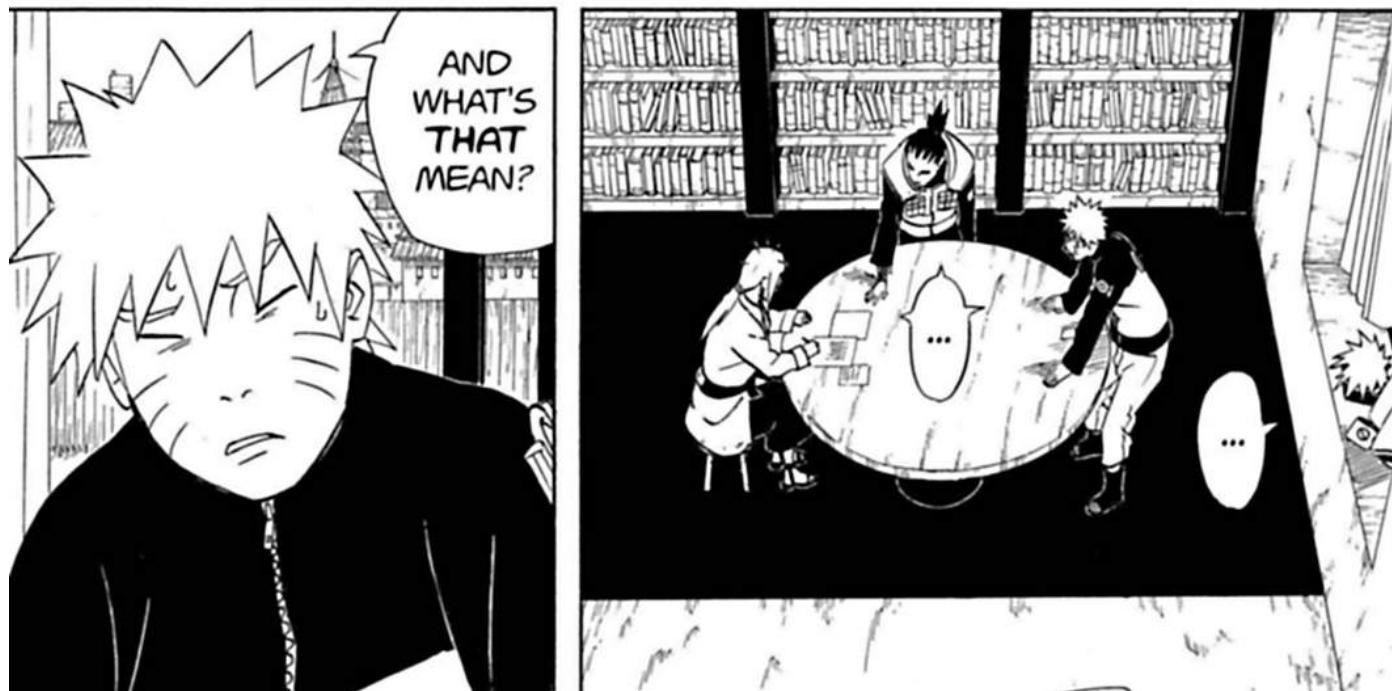
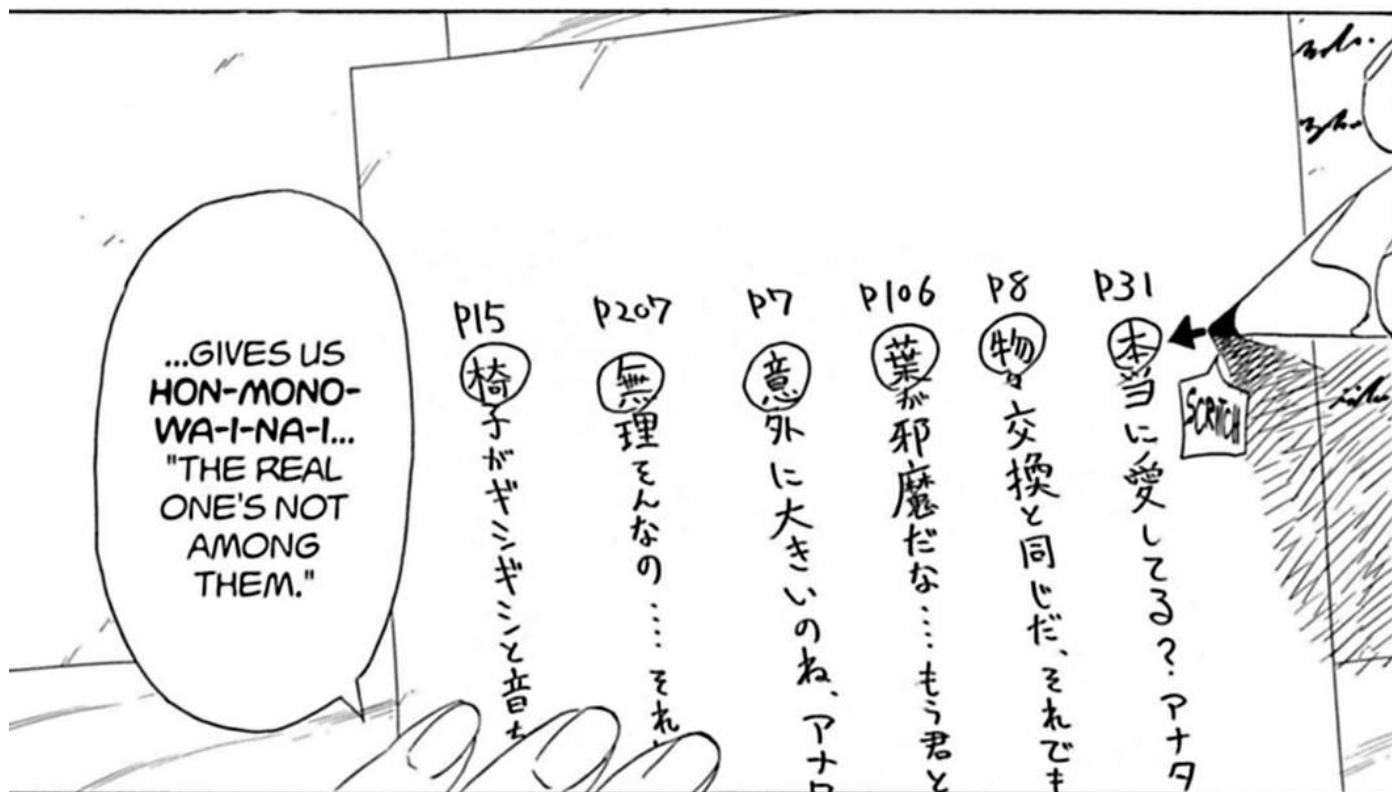
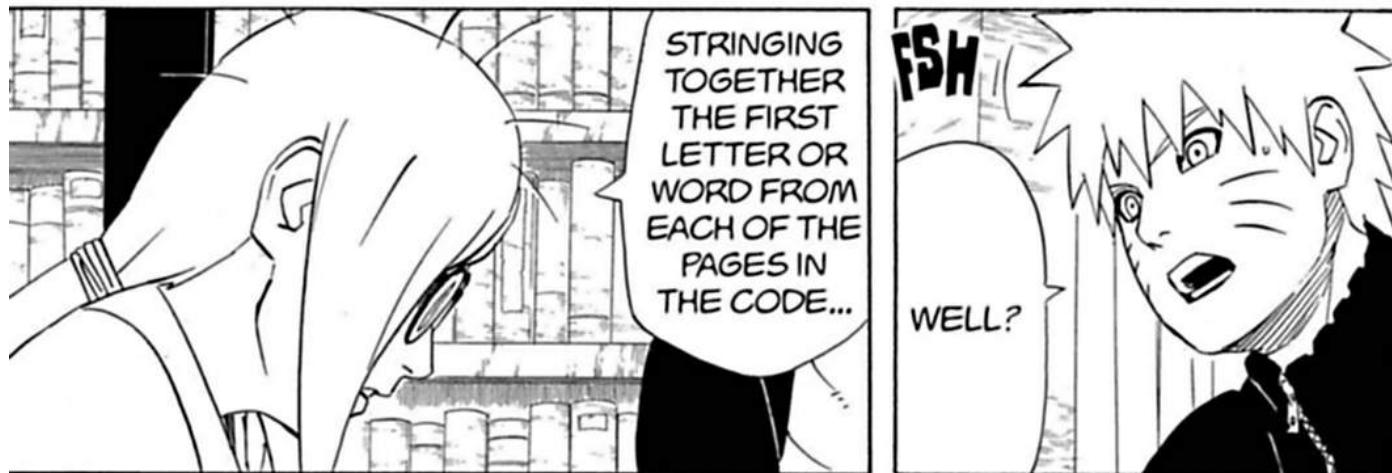
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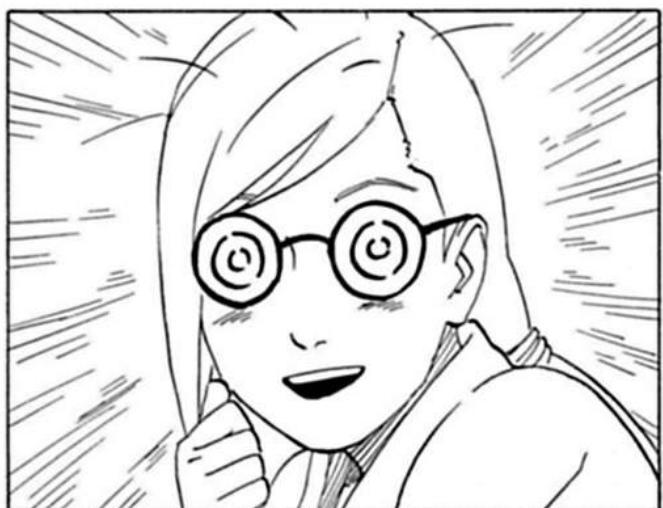
無理そんなの……それじゃ私の

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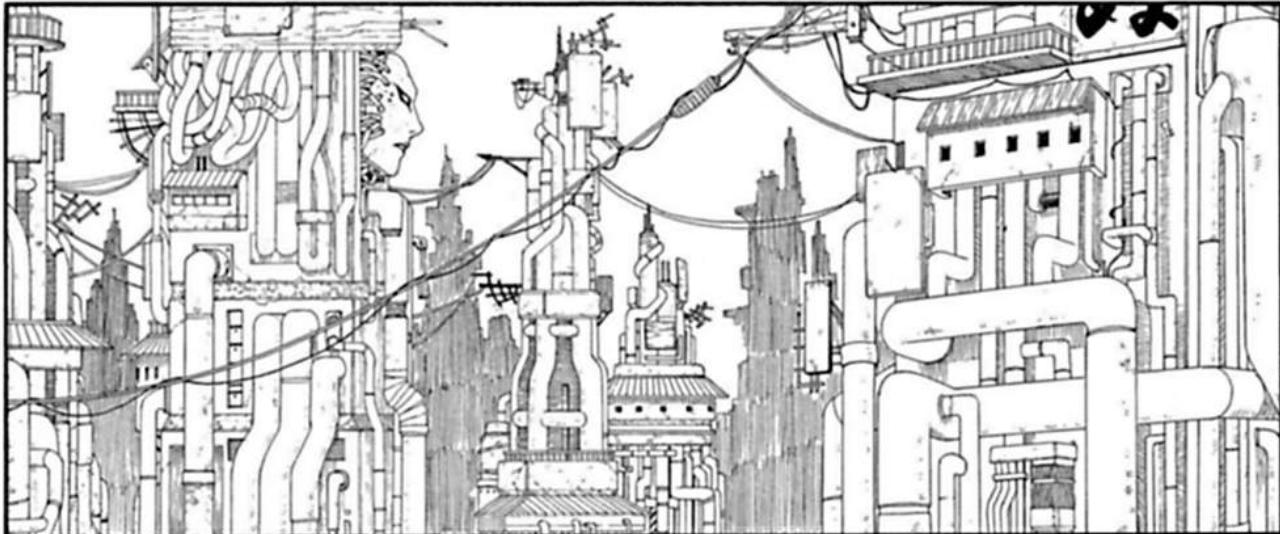
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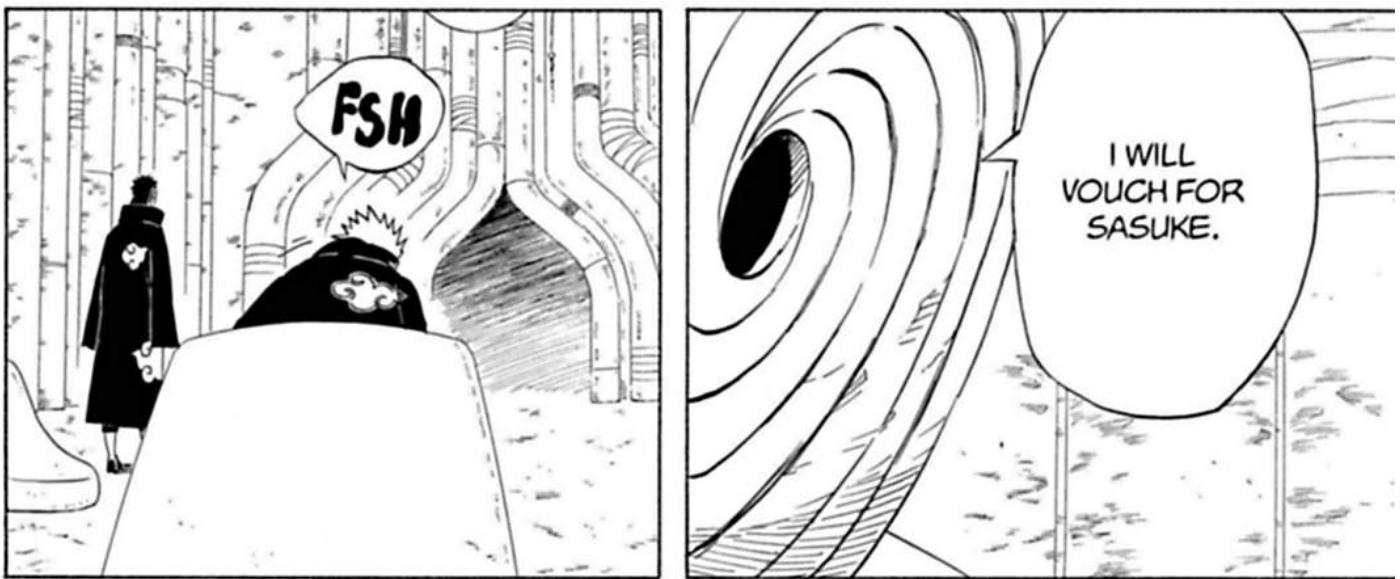
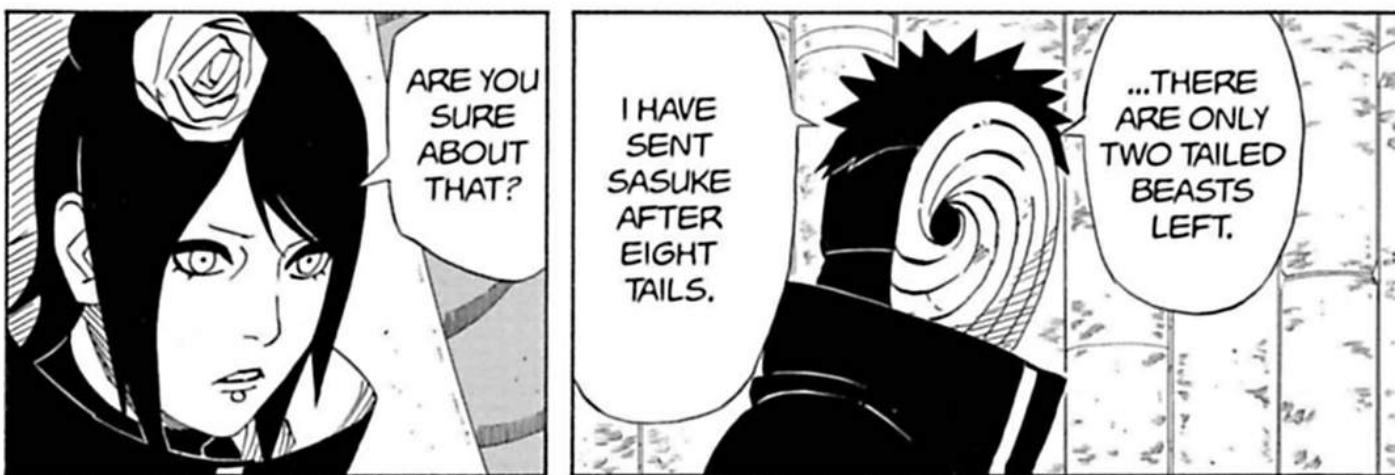
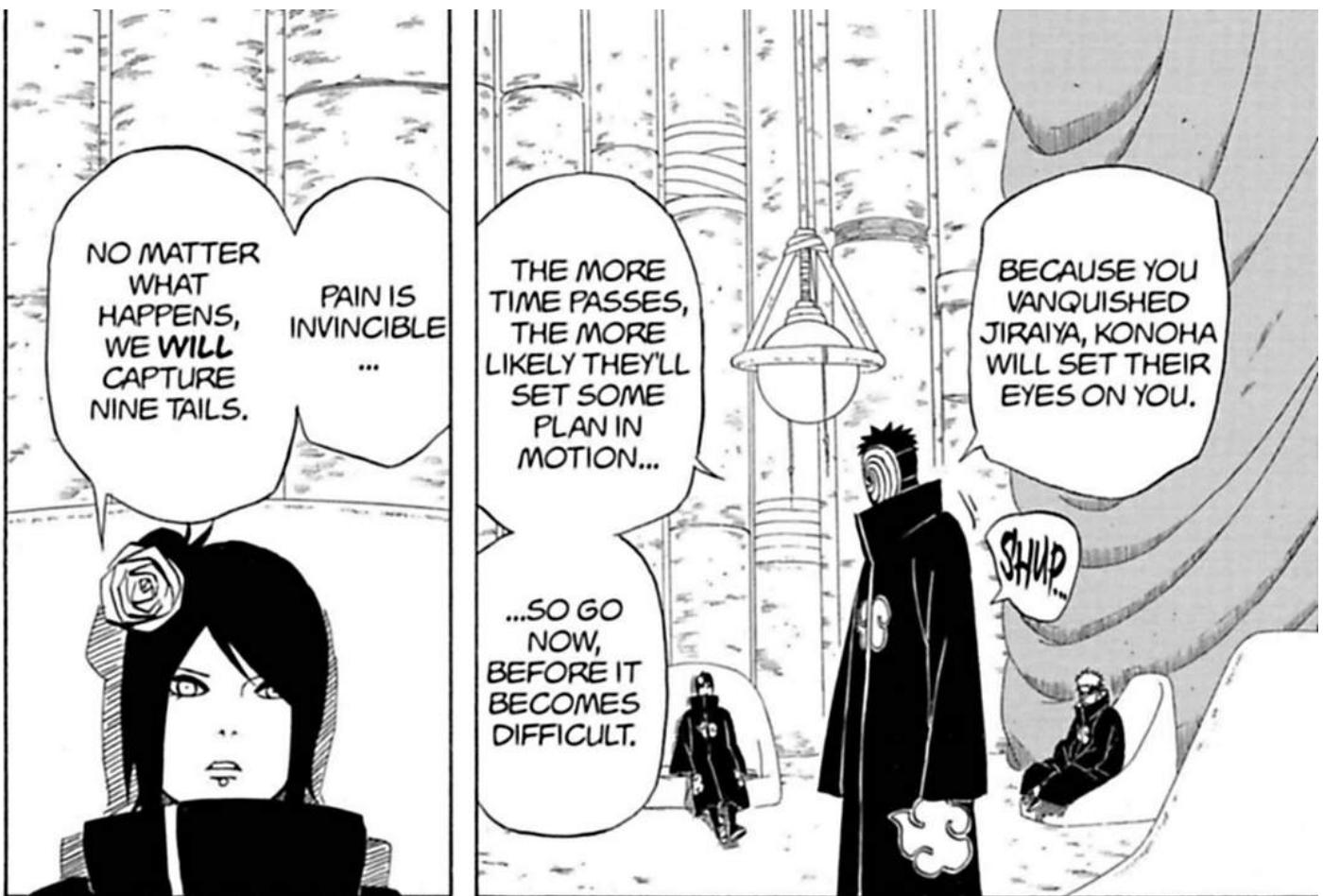






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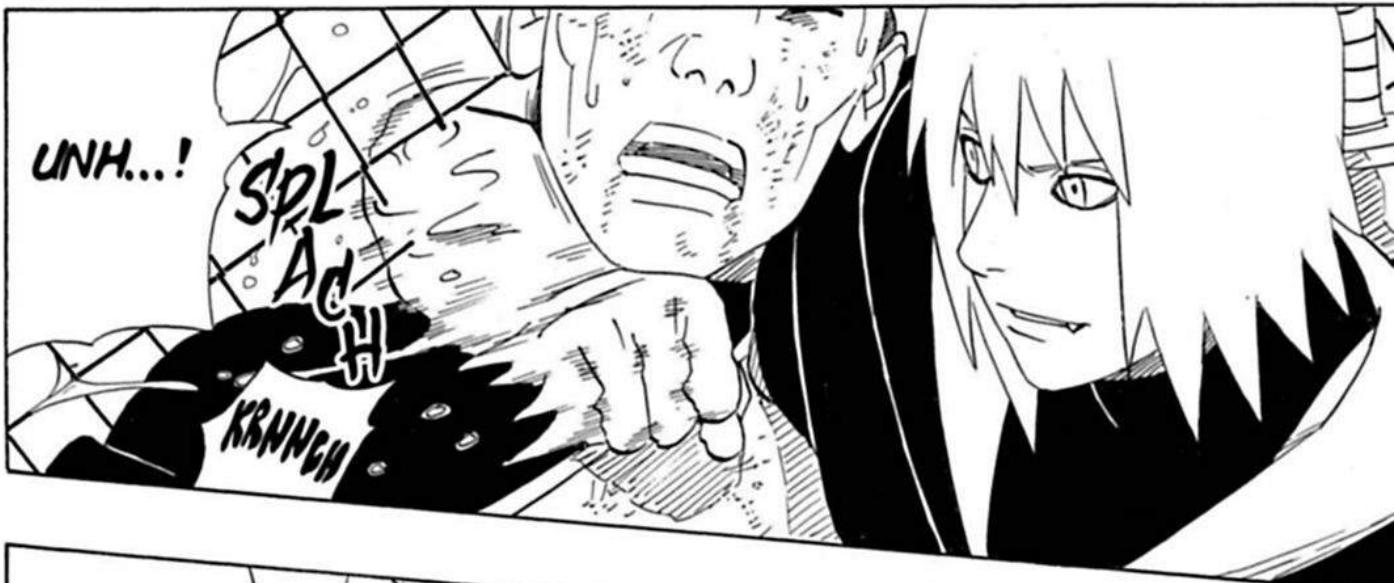
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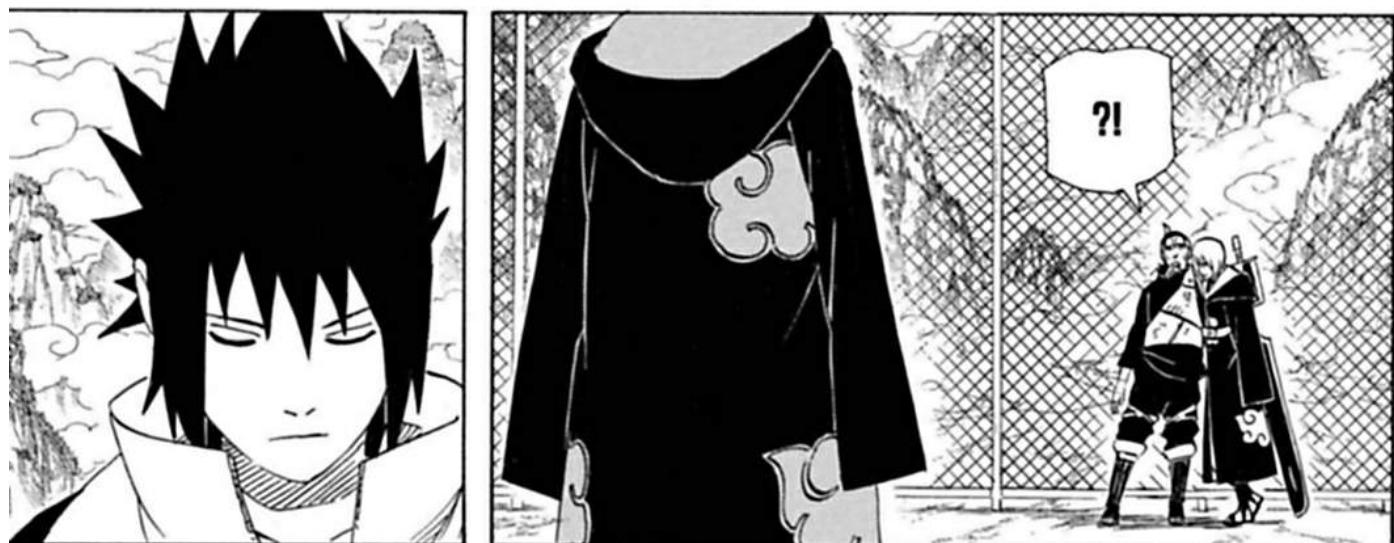
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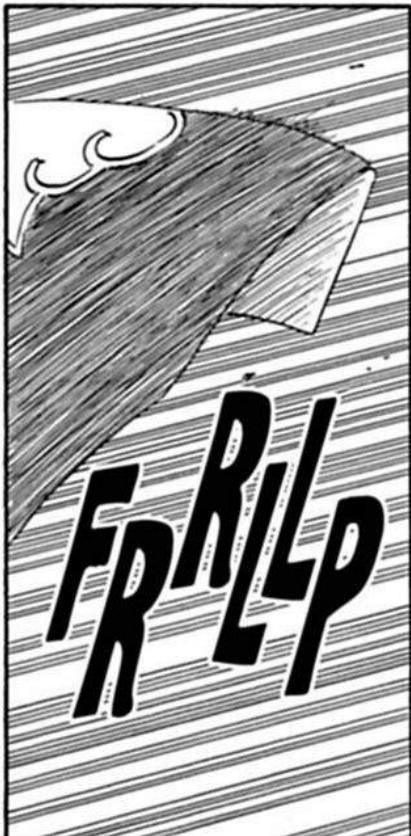


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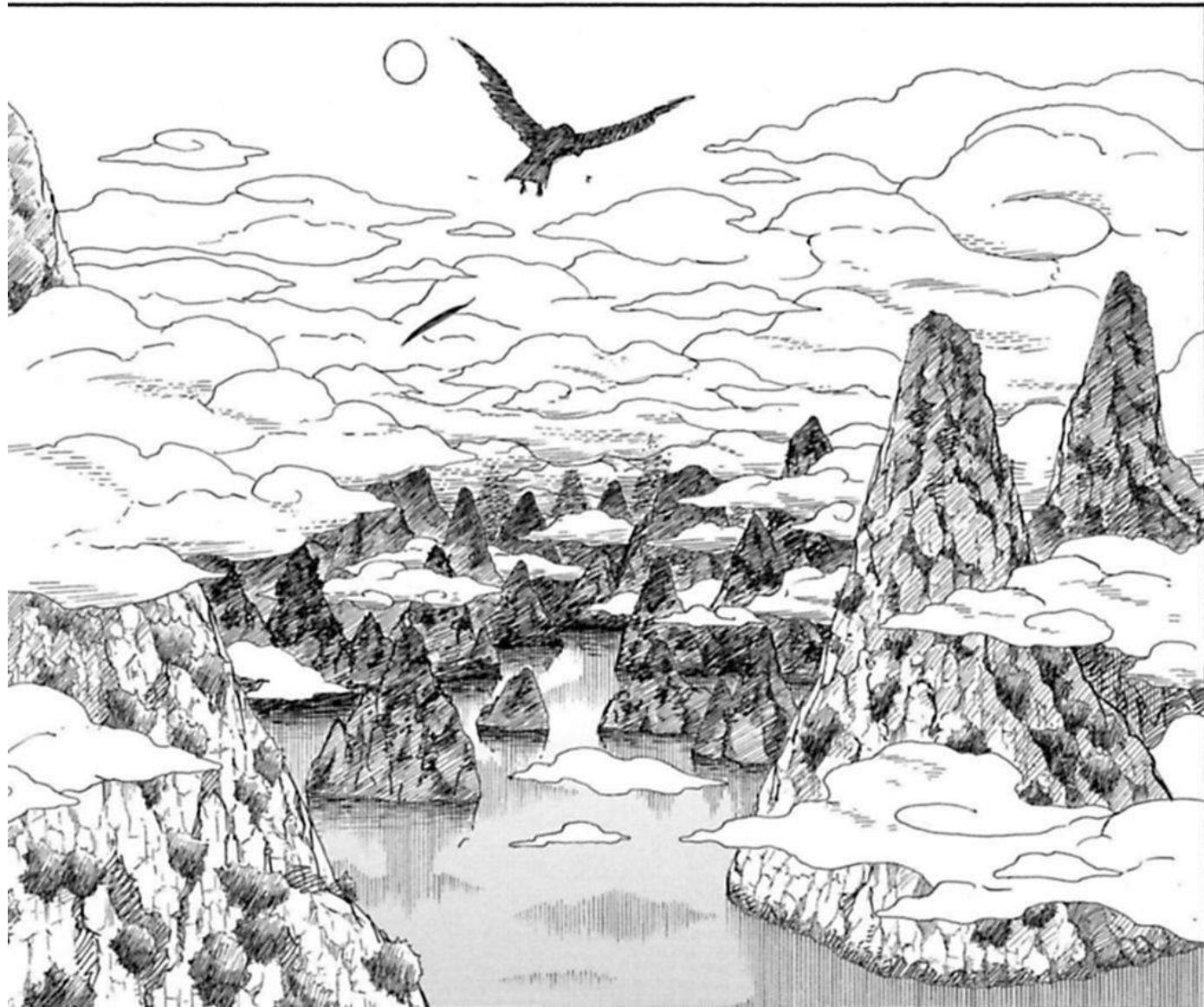
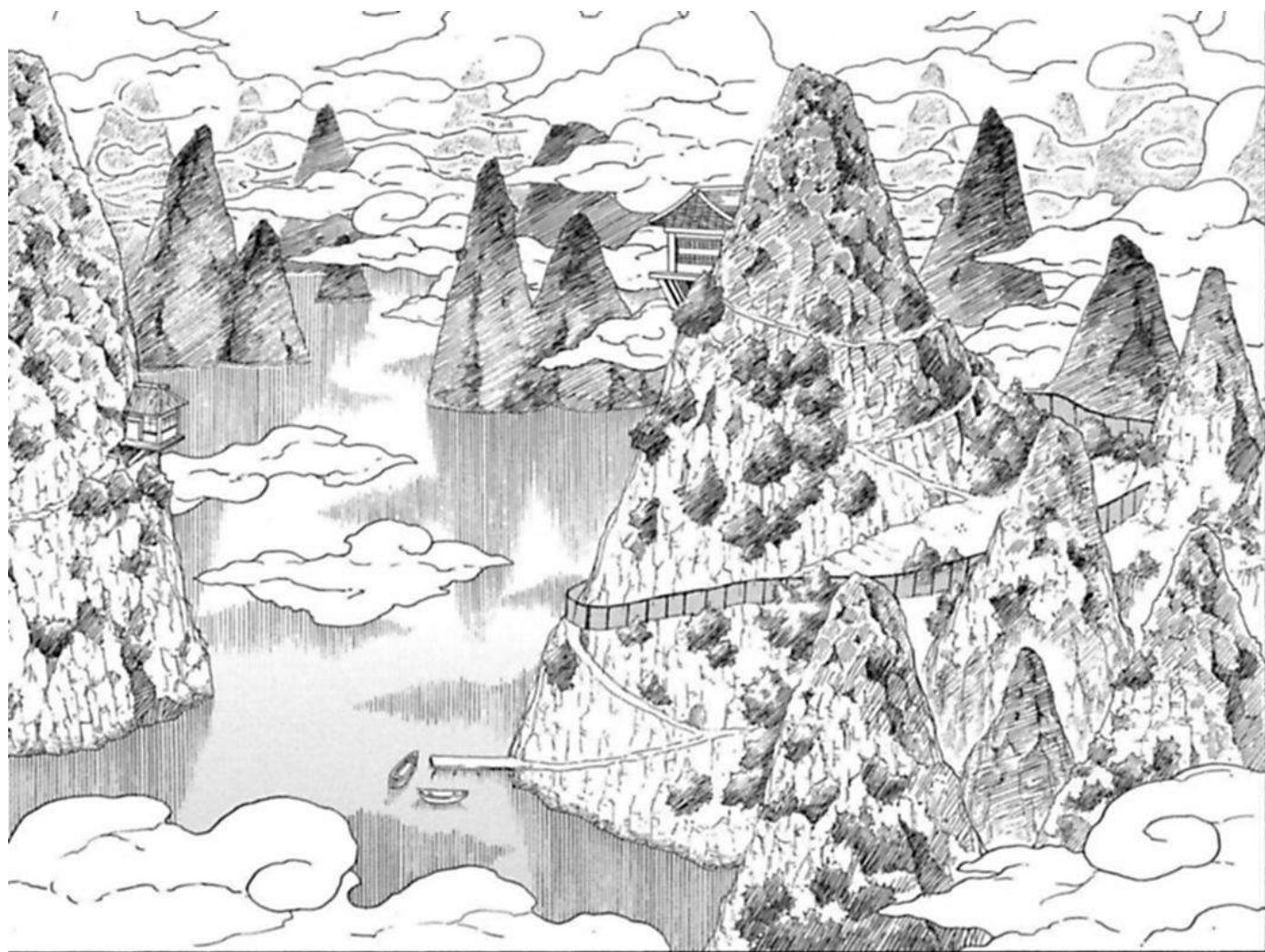




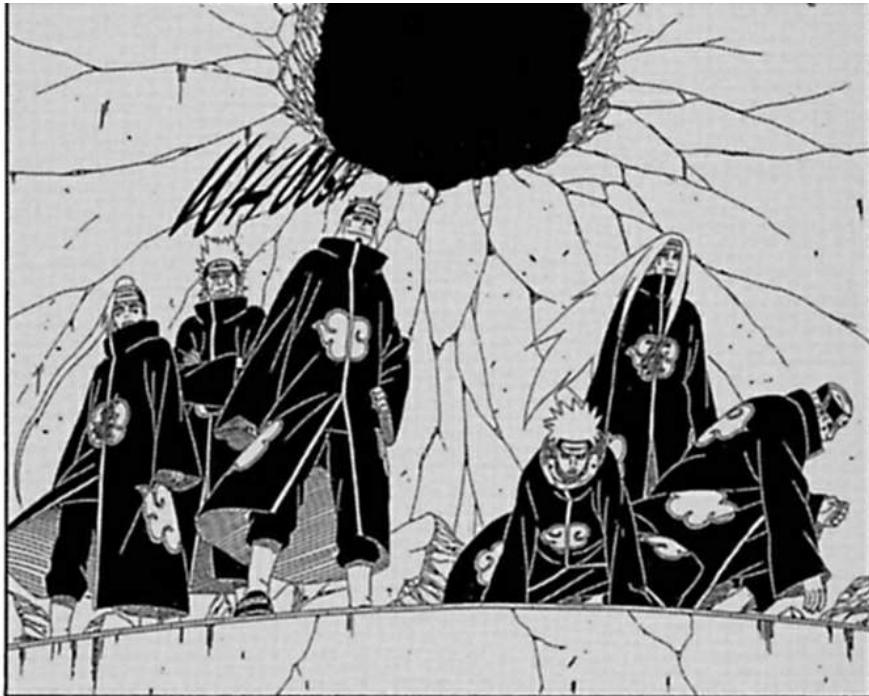
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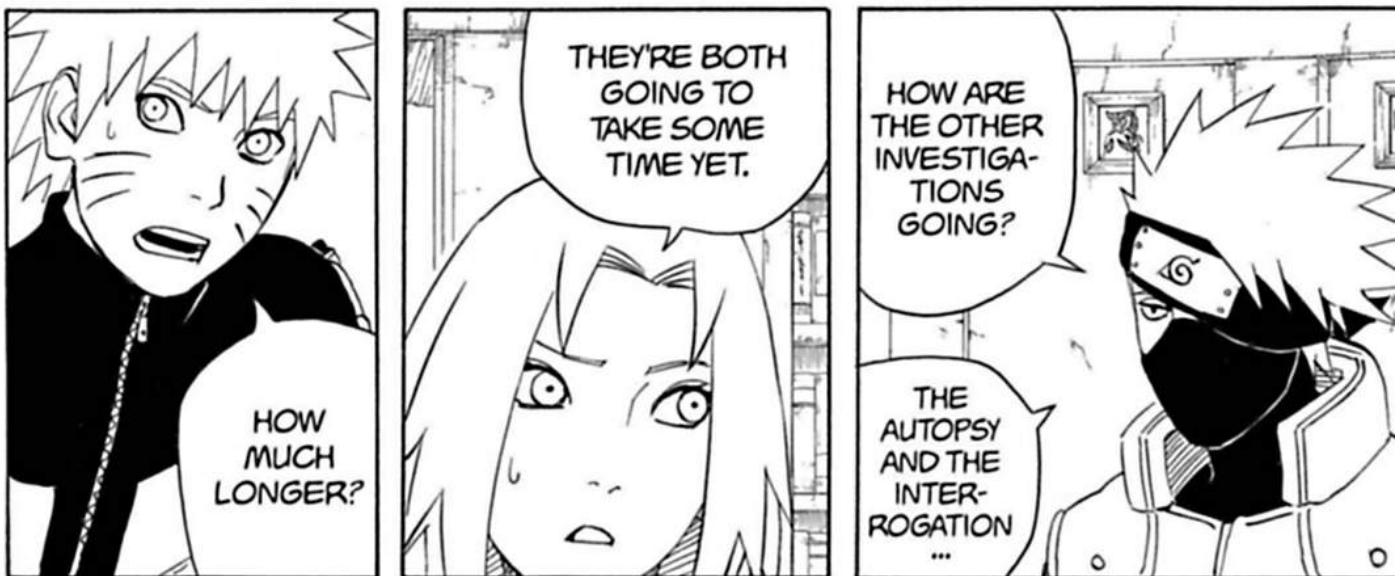


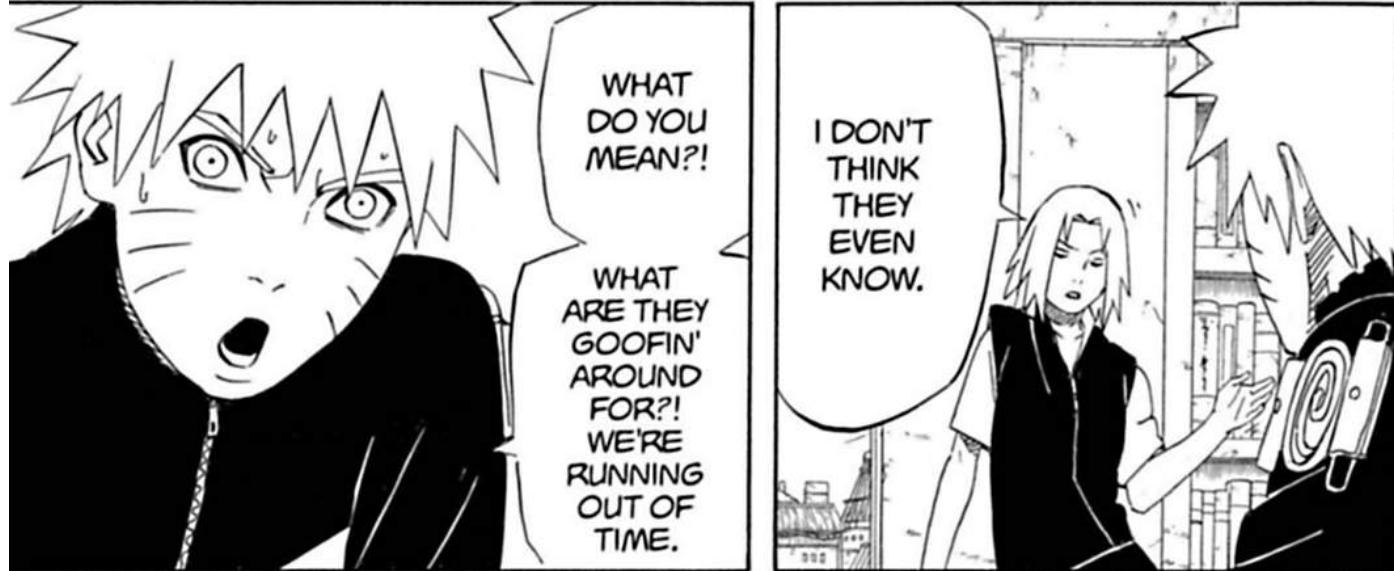






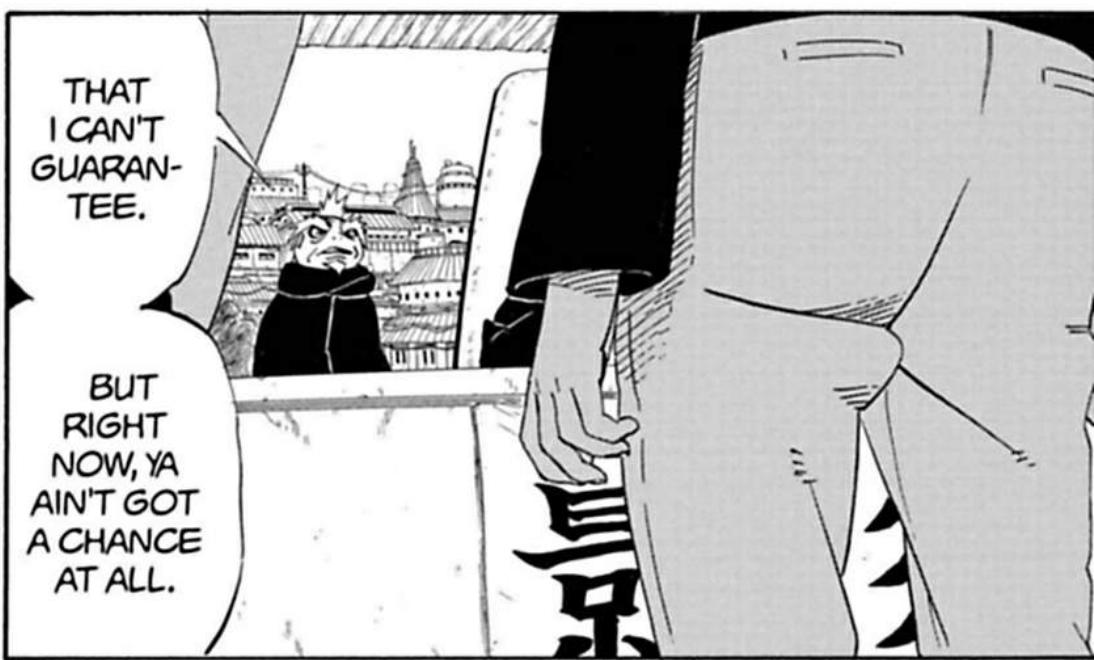


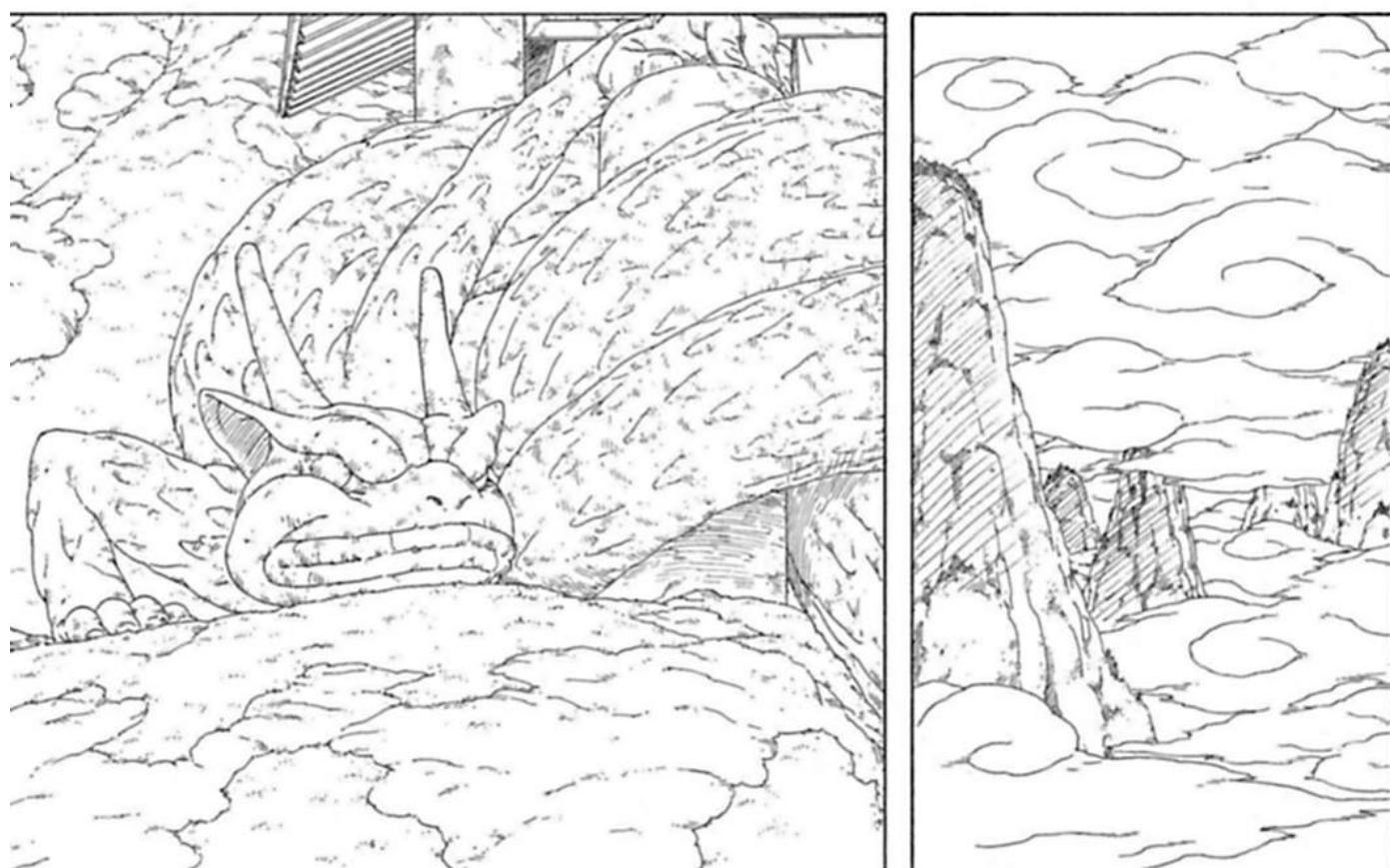














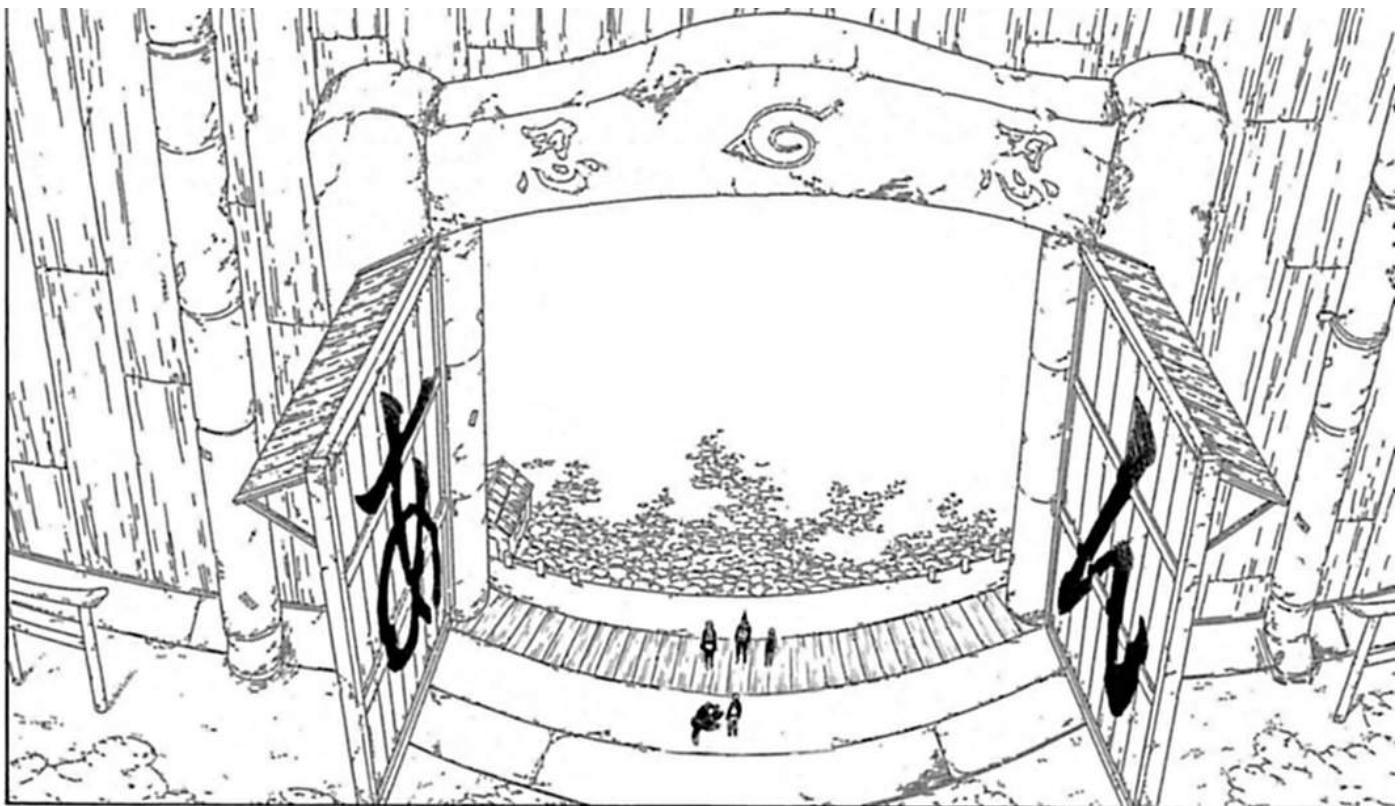


(Storm Cloud Ravine)



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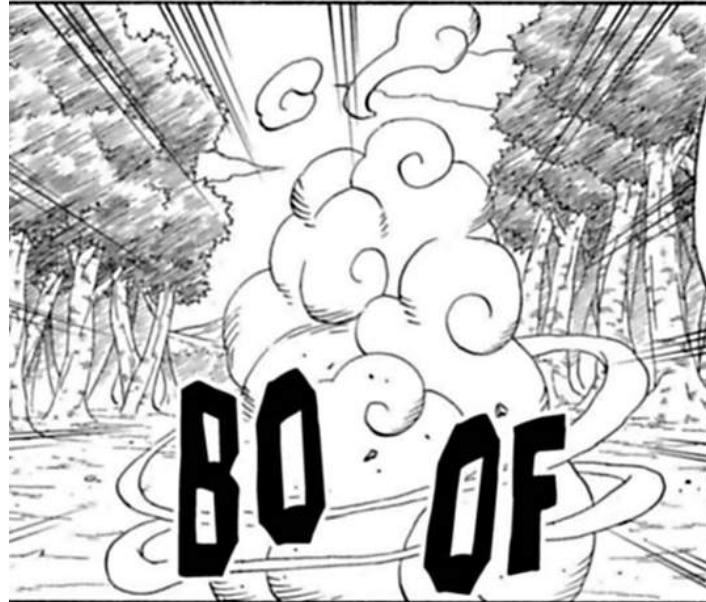


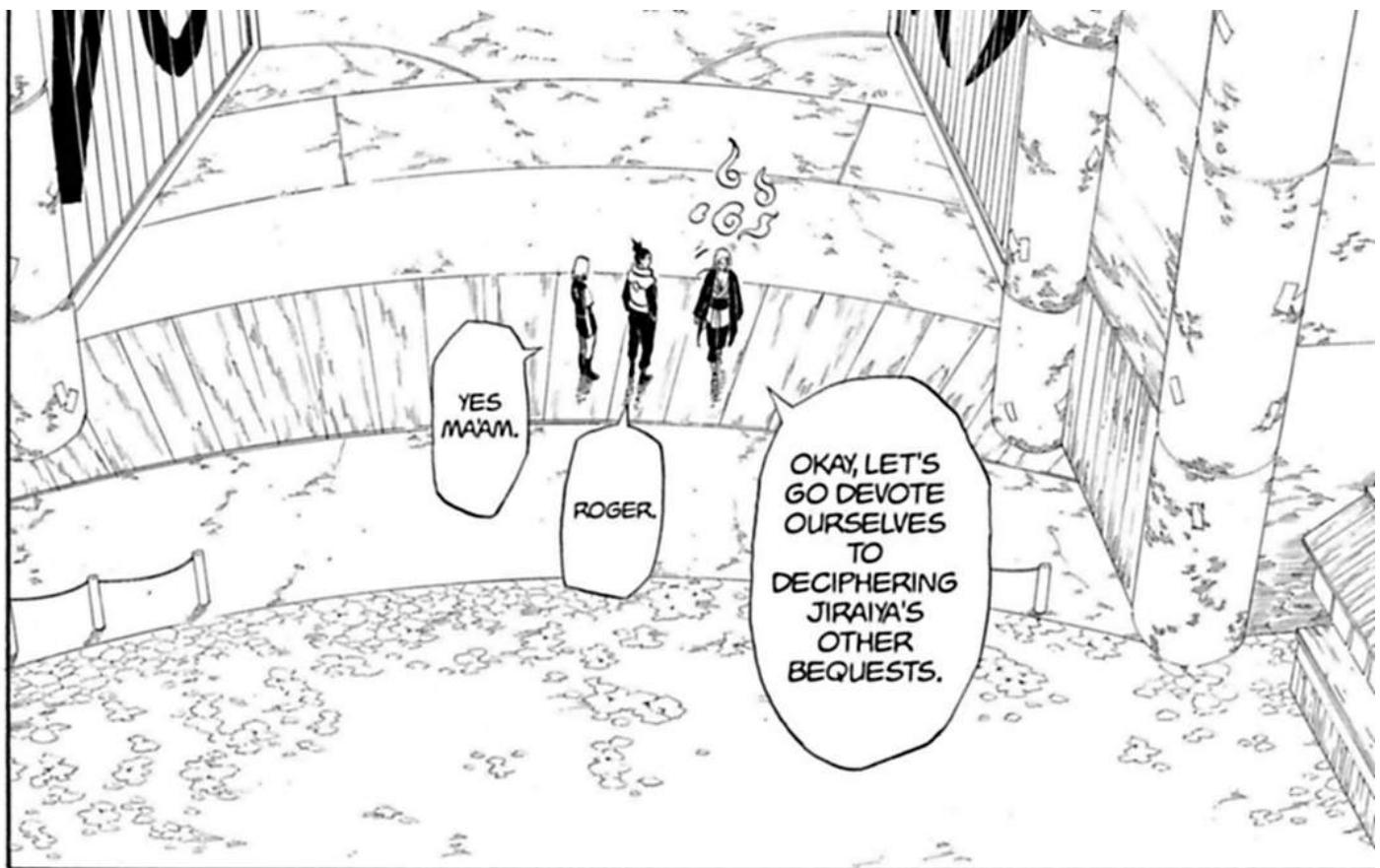
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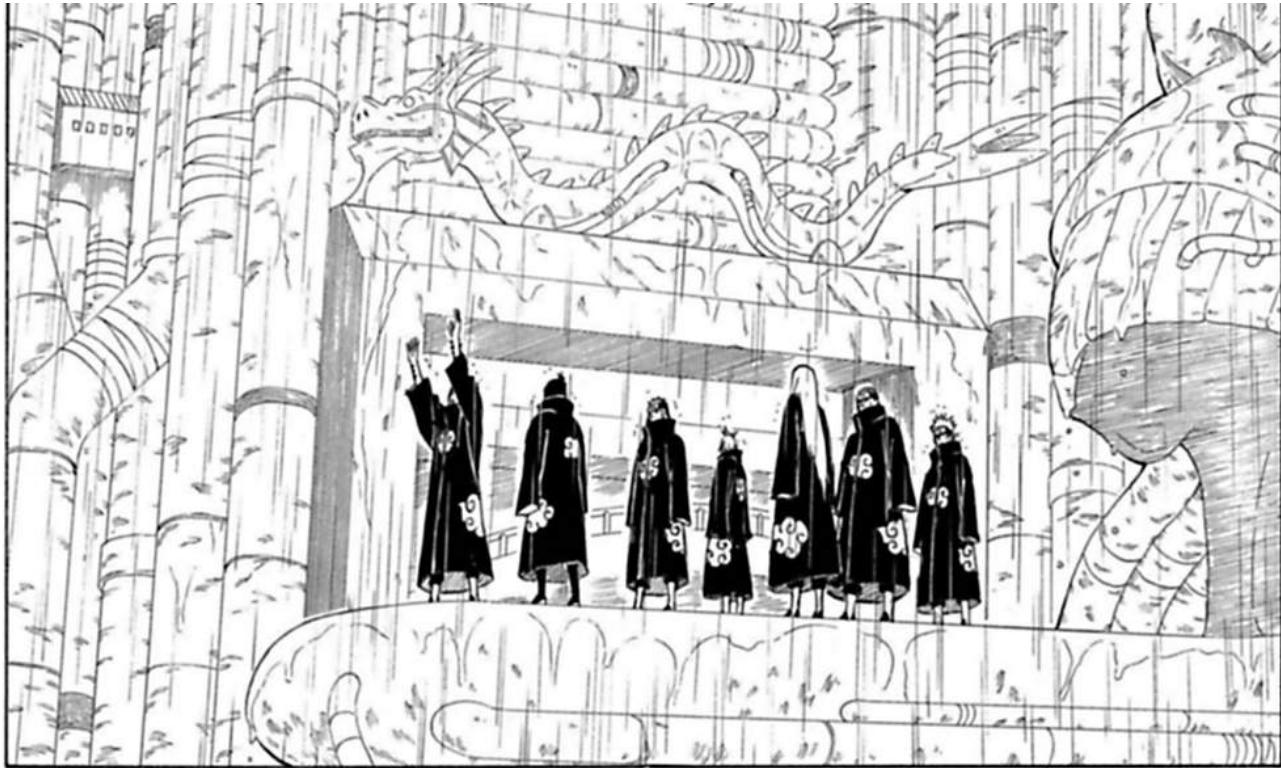


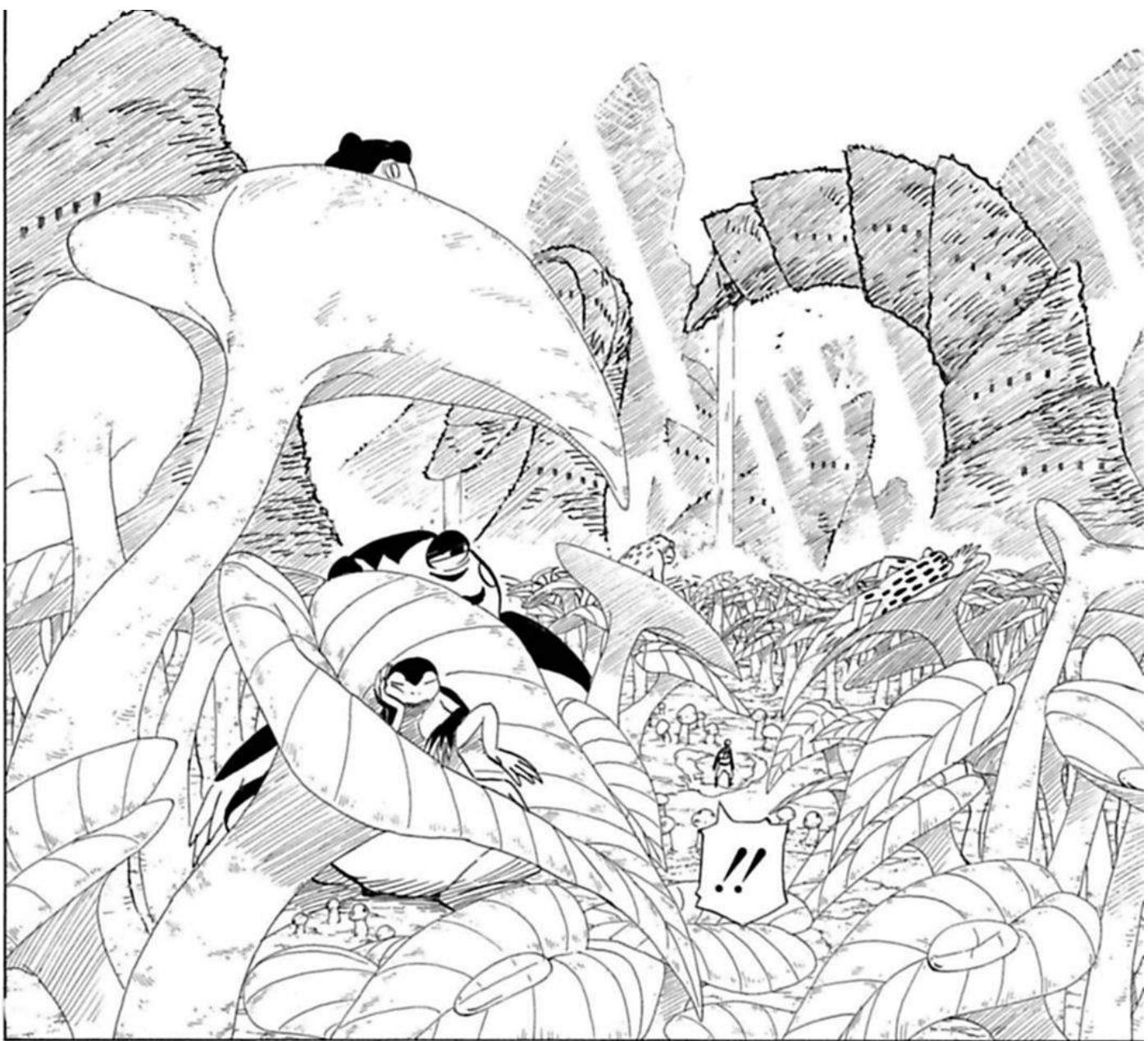


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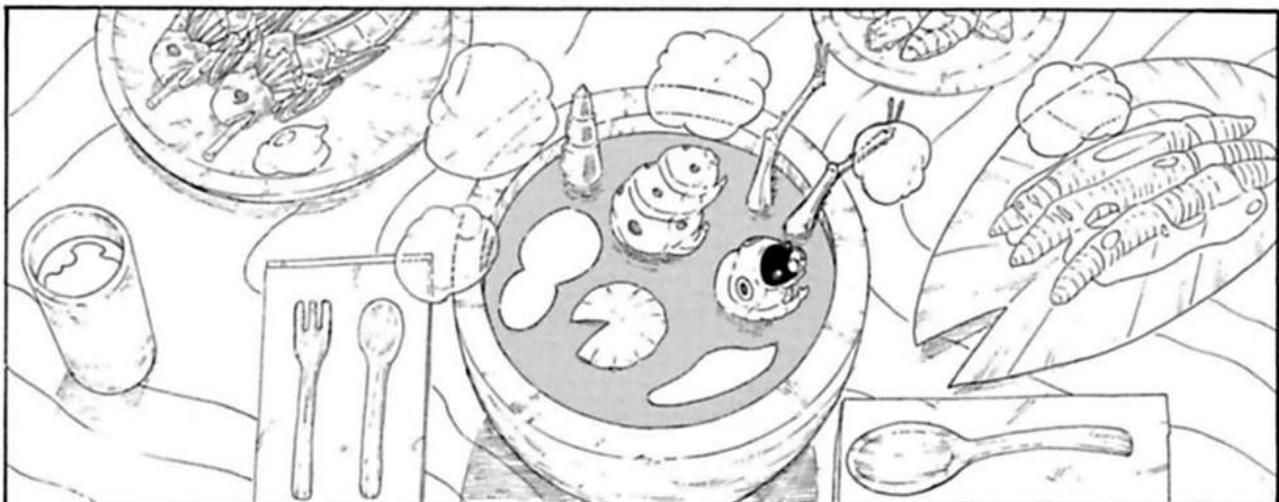
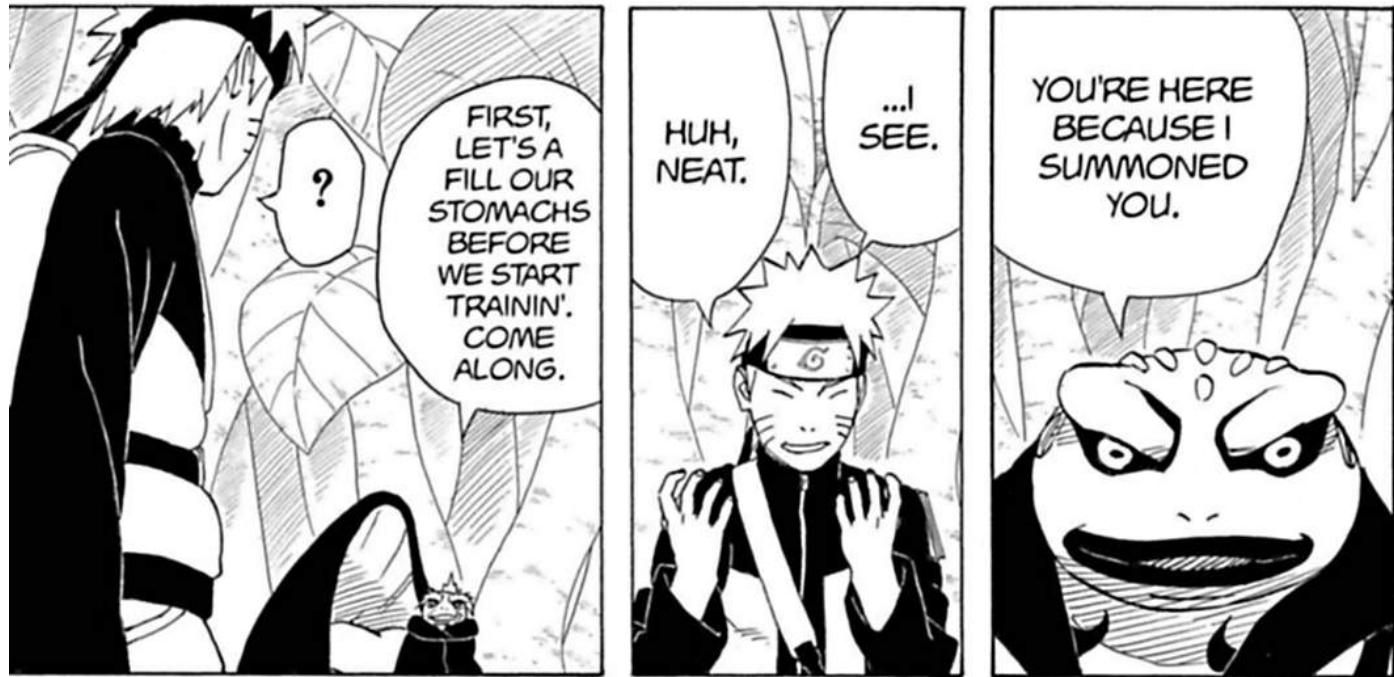


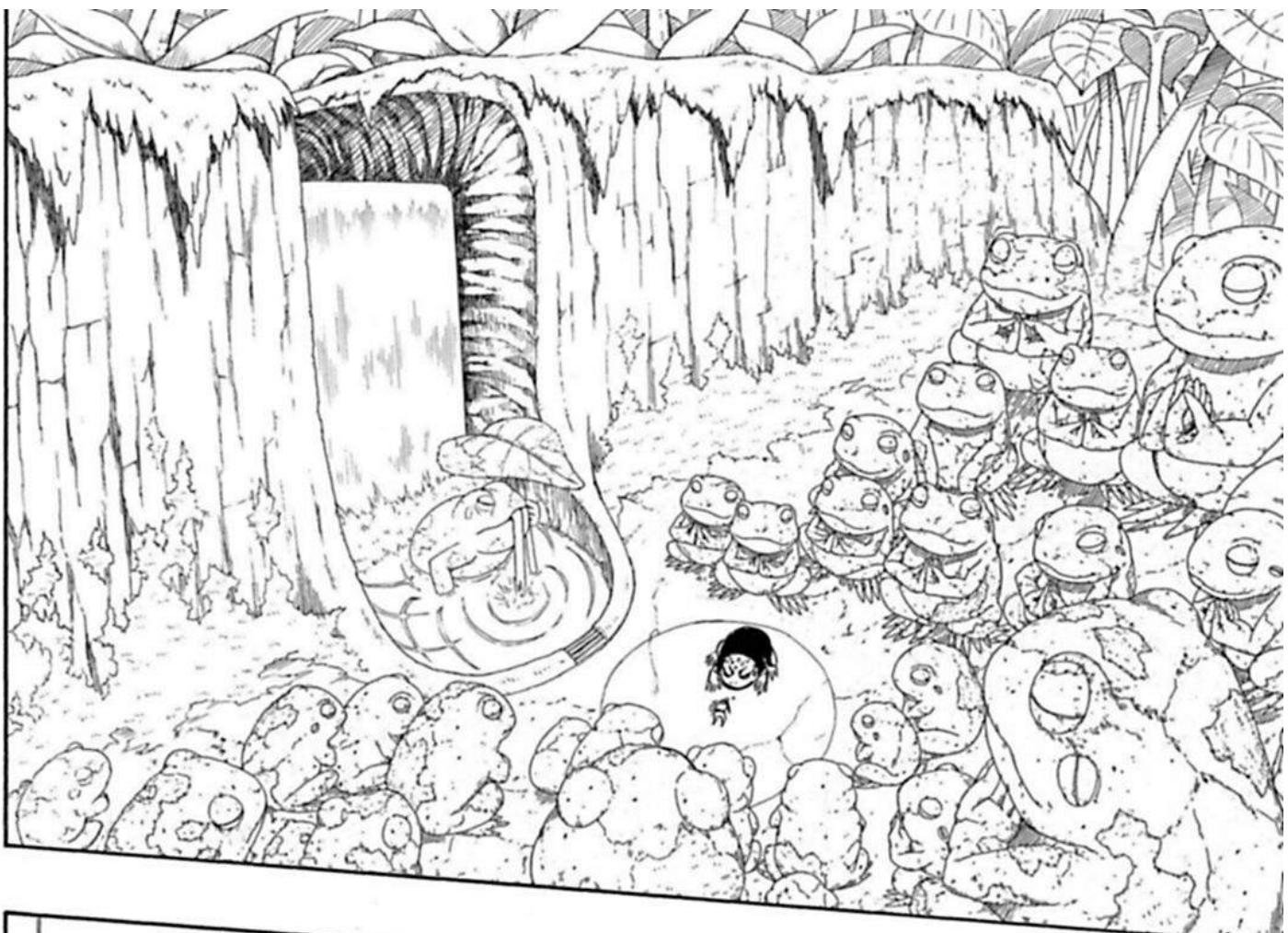




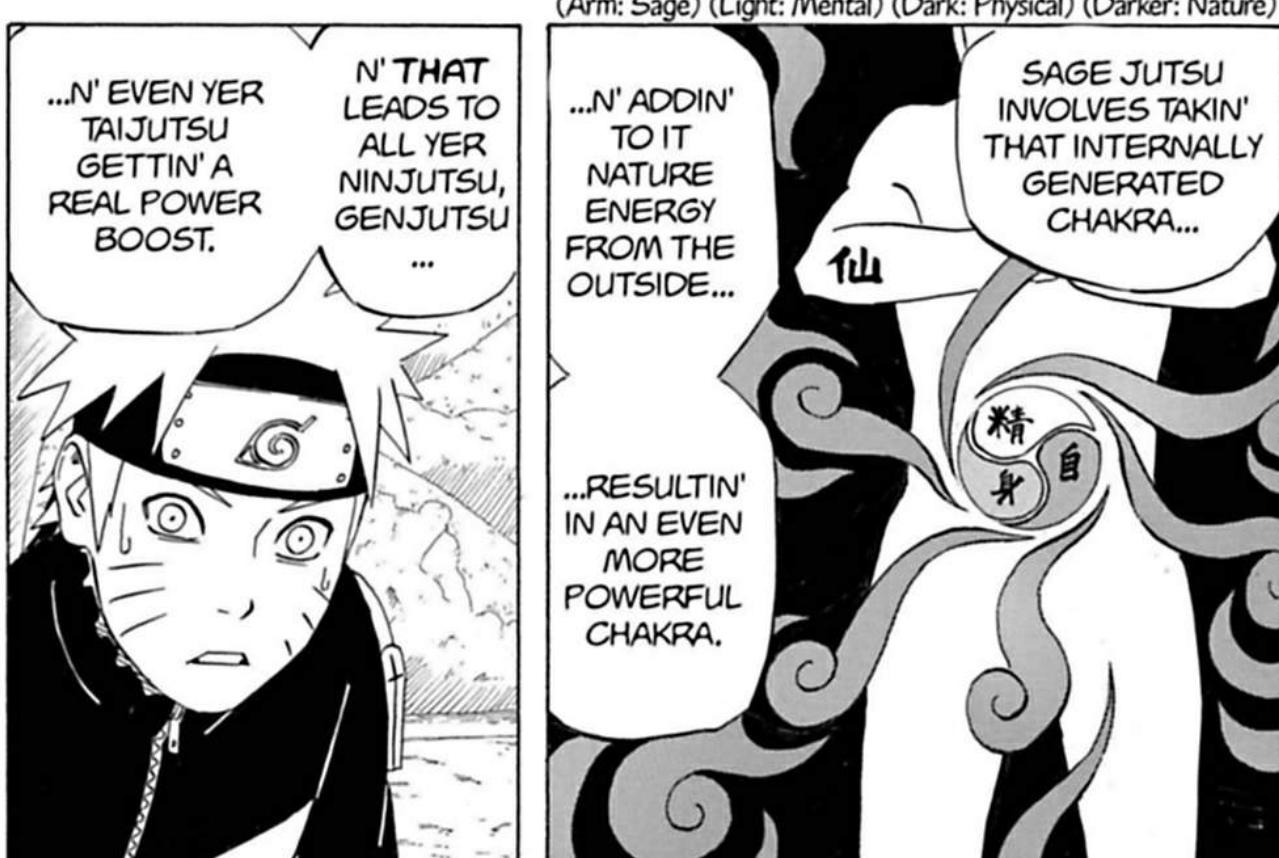
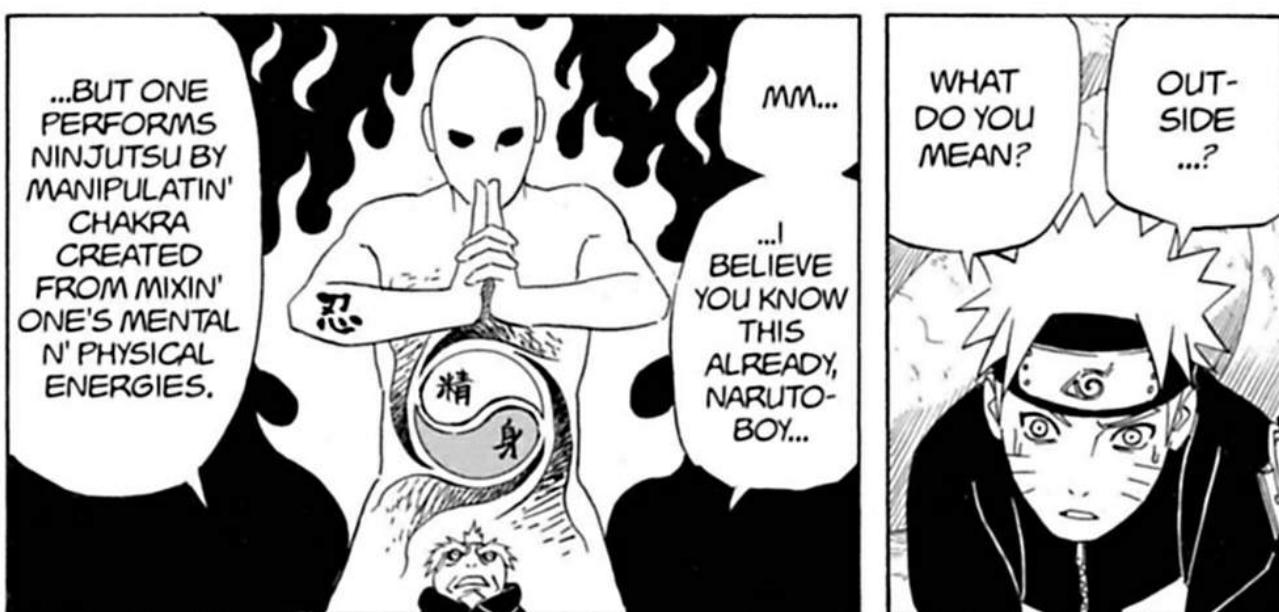


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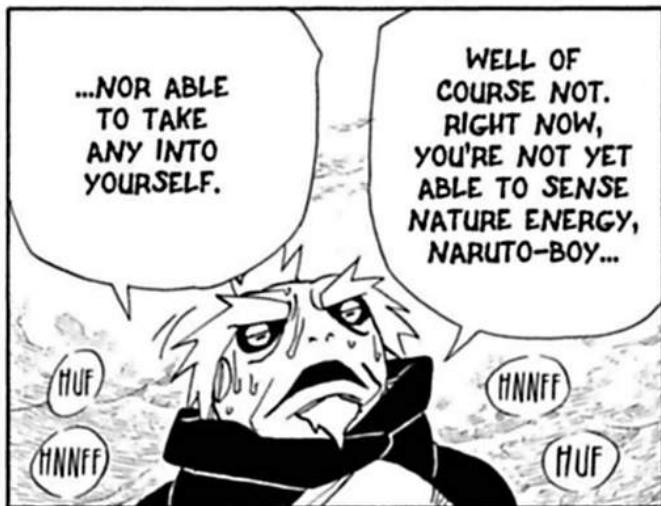


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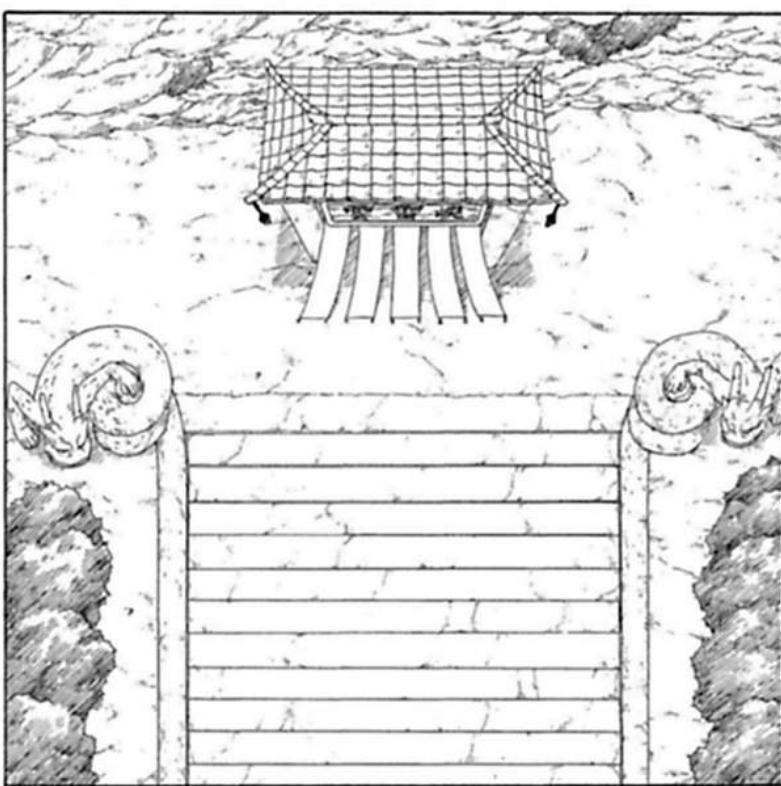


WELL OF COURSE NOT. RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE NOT YET ABLE TO SENSE NATURE ENERGY, NARUTO-BOY...



B-BUT I DON'T THINK I GOT A THING...





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NARUTO

KARIN,
YOU GET
MY BACK.

JUGO,
THE
LEFT.

SUIGE-
TSU,
COVER
THE
RIGHT.

I'LL
TAKE
HIM
DOWN.

HMM...
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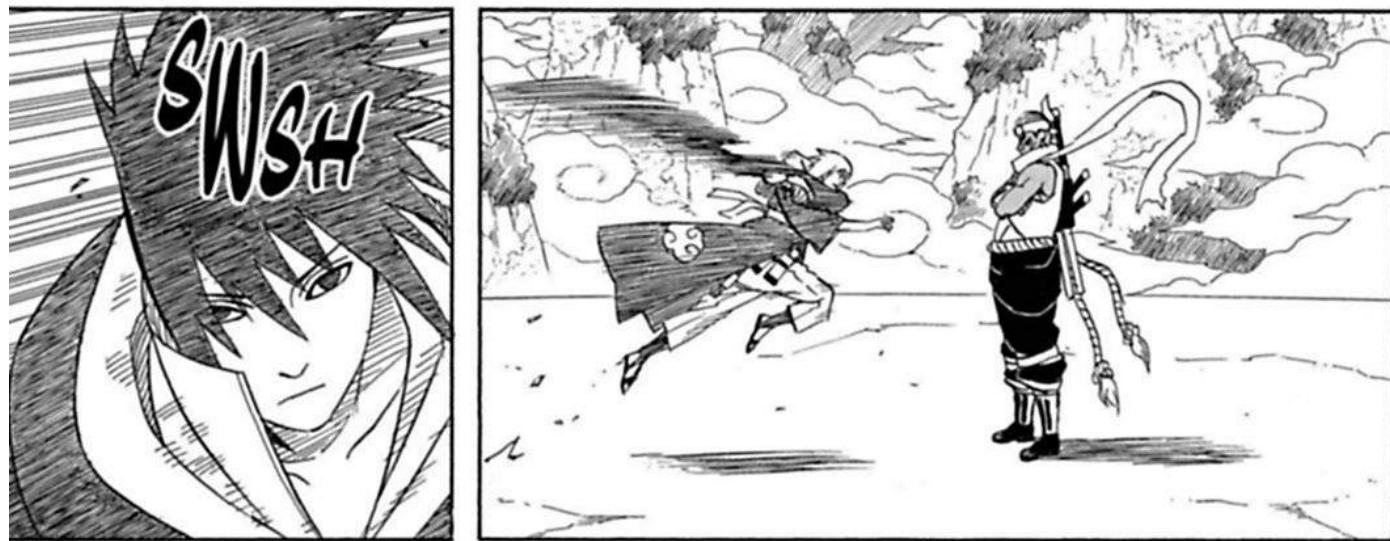
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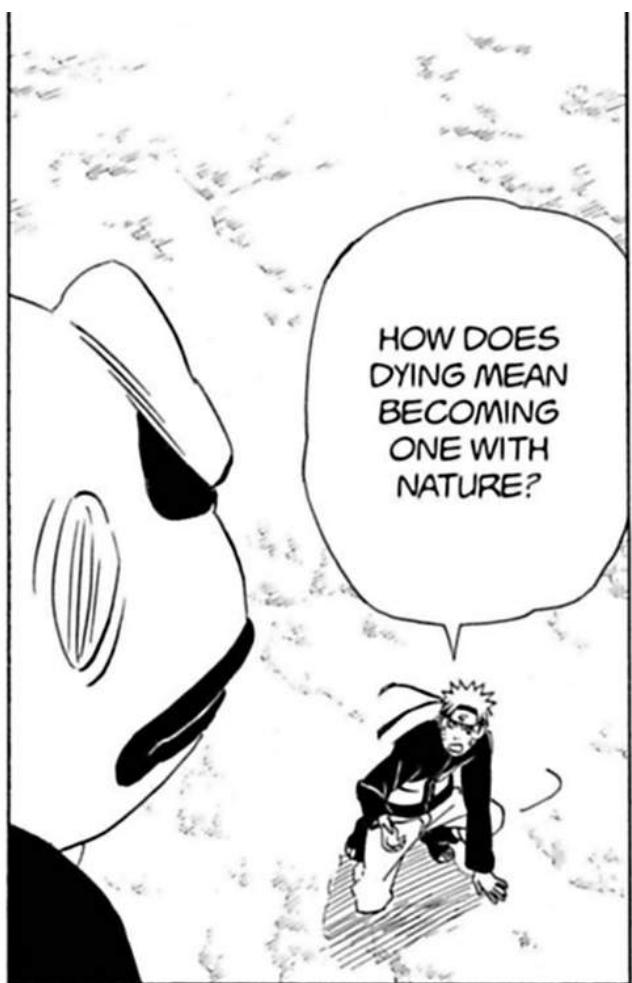




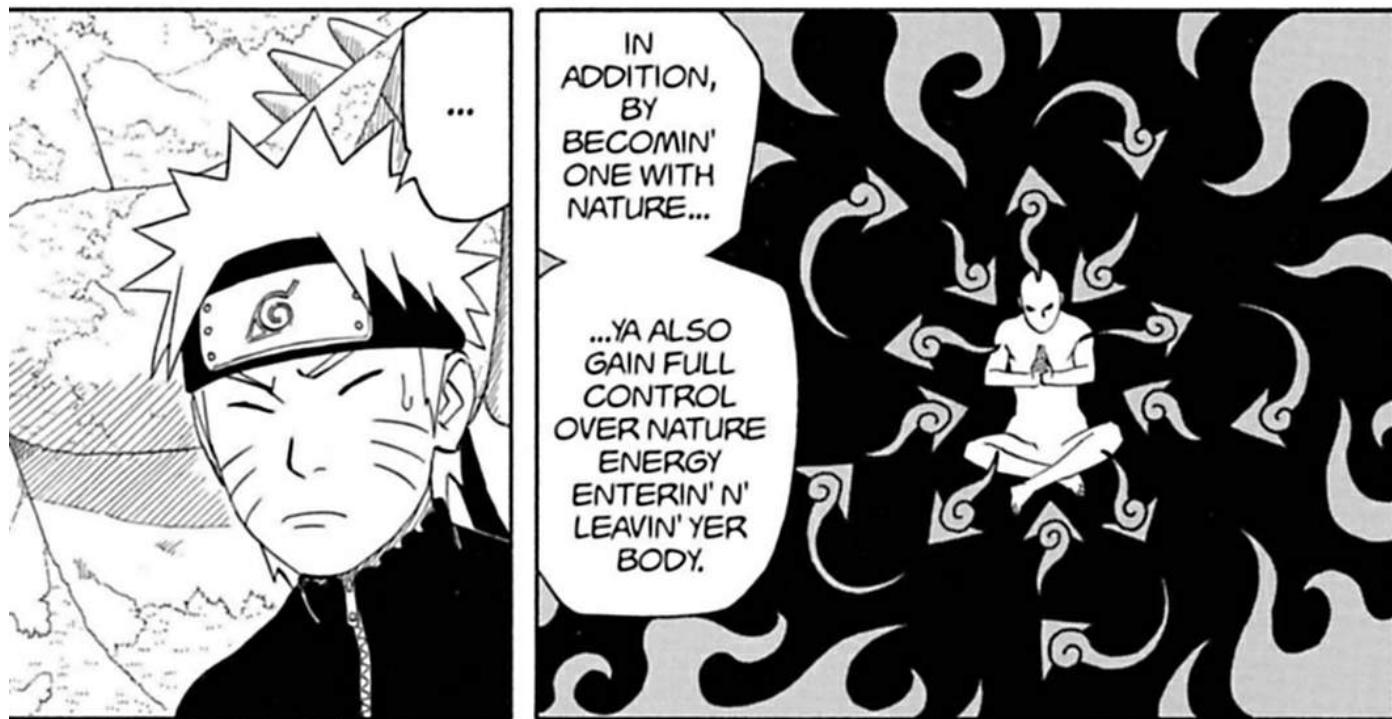
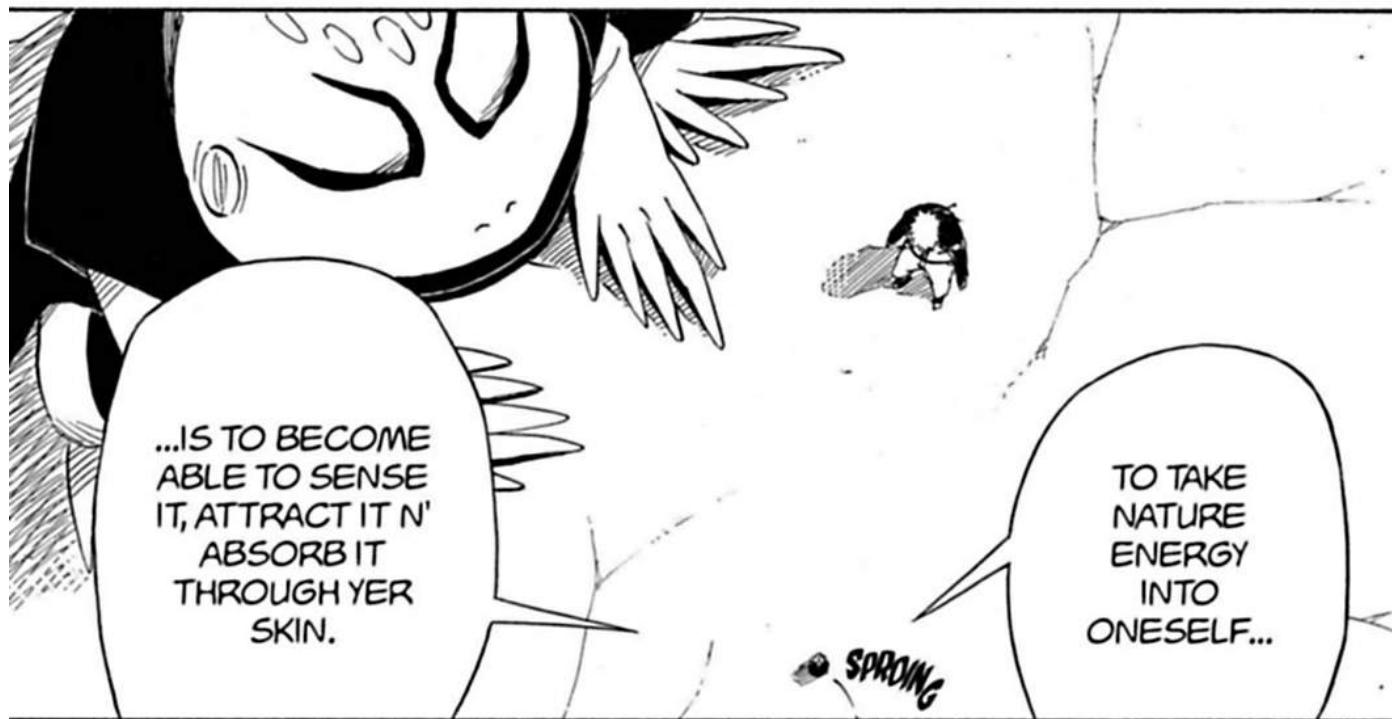


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SO
BASICALLY...
I HAVE TO
BE STILL?

...WHEN WE STOP
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WE ANIMALS
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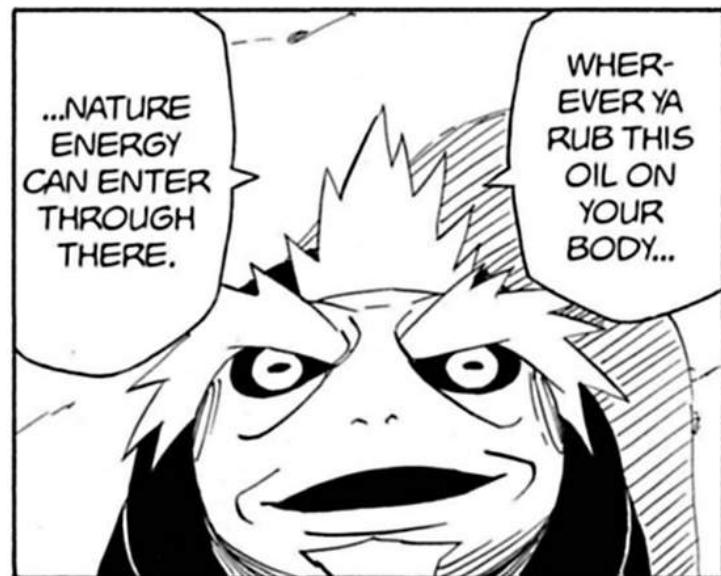
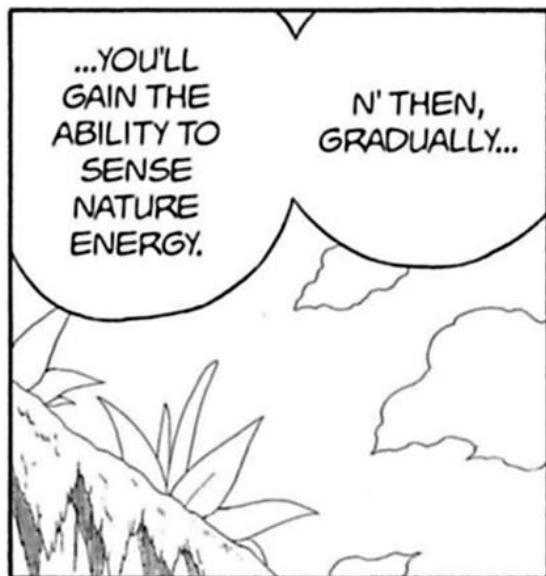


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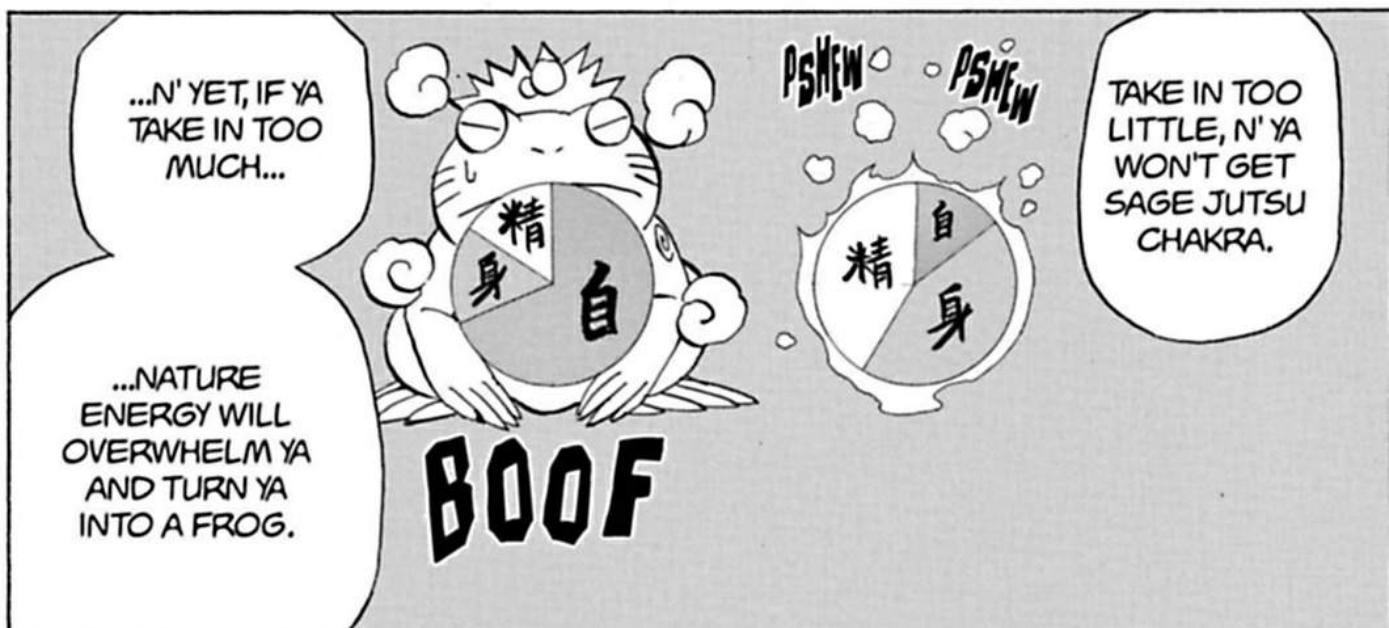


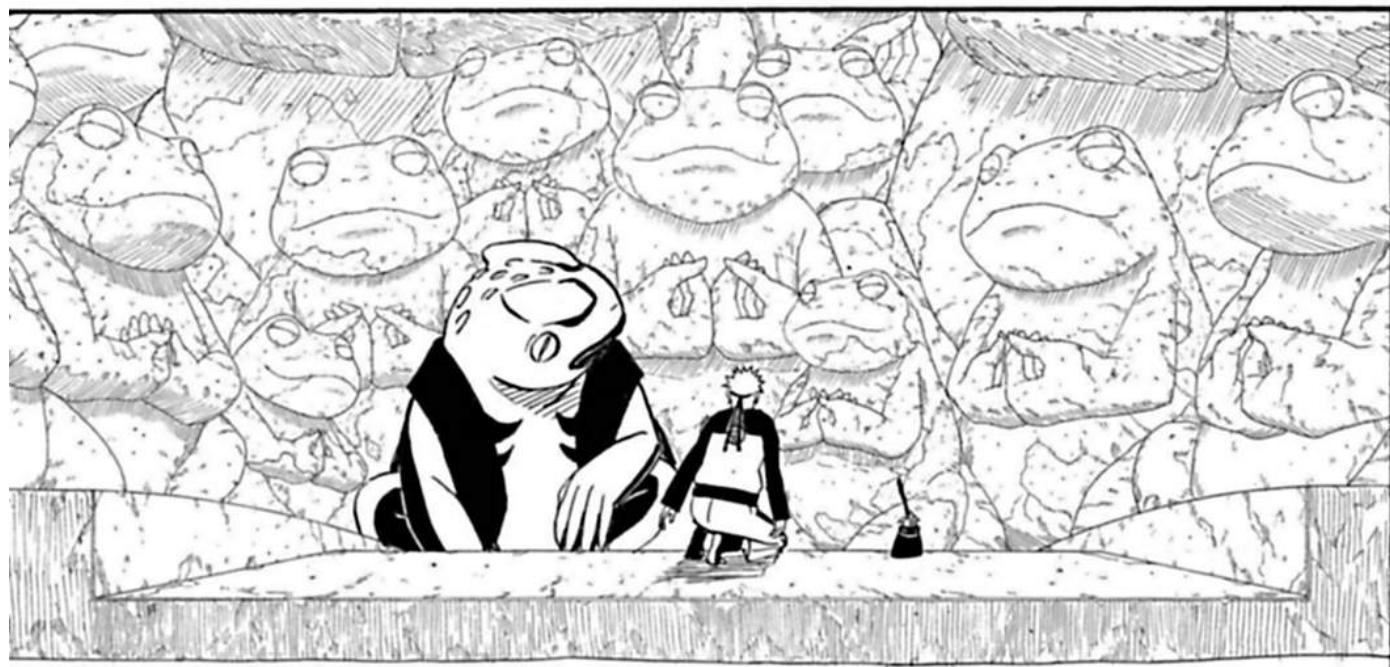
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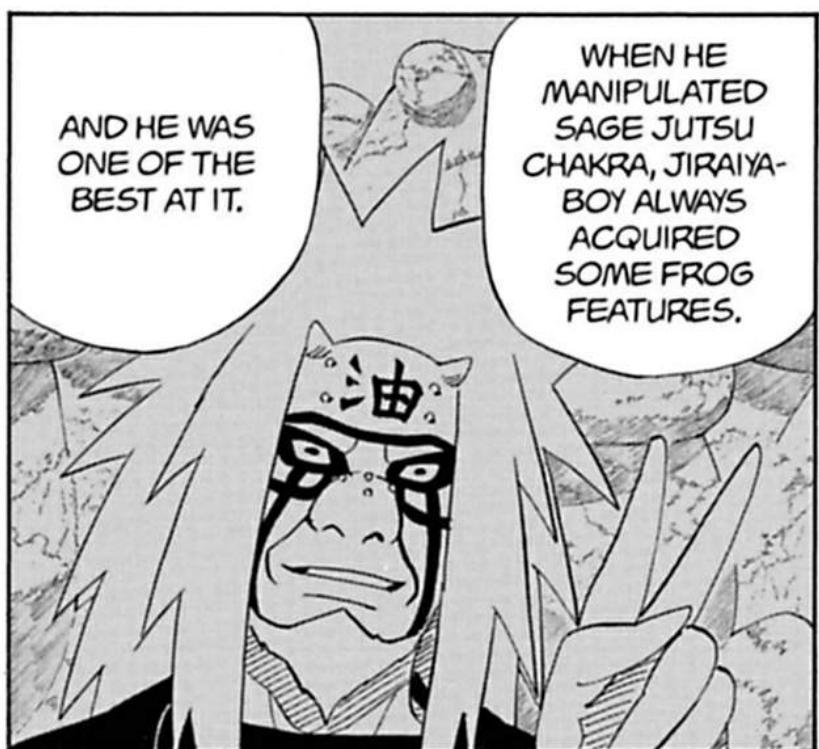
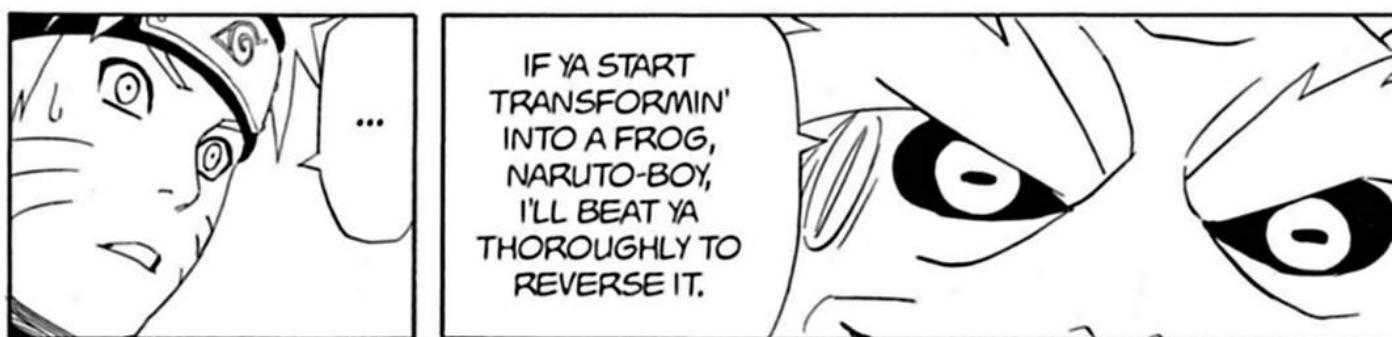




IF YA DON'T MANIPULATE THOSE THREE TOGETHER CAREFULLY, YA CAN'T PRODUCE SAGE JUTSU CHAKRA!!











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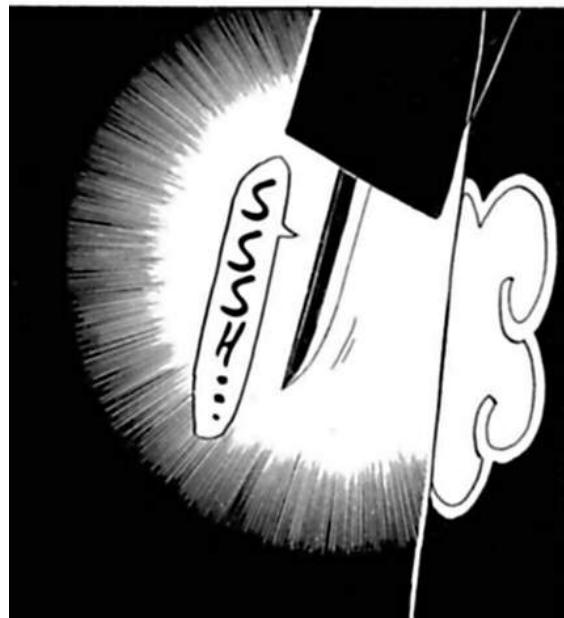


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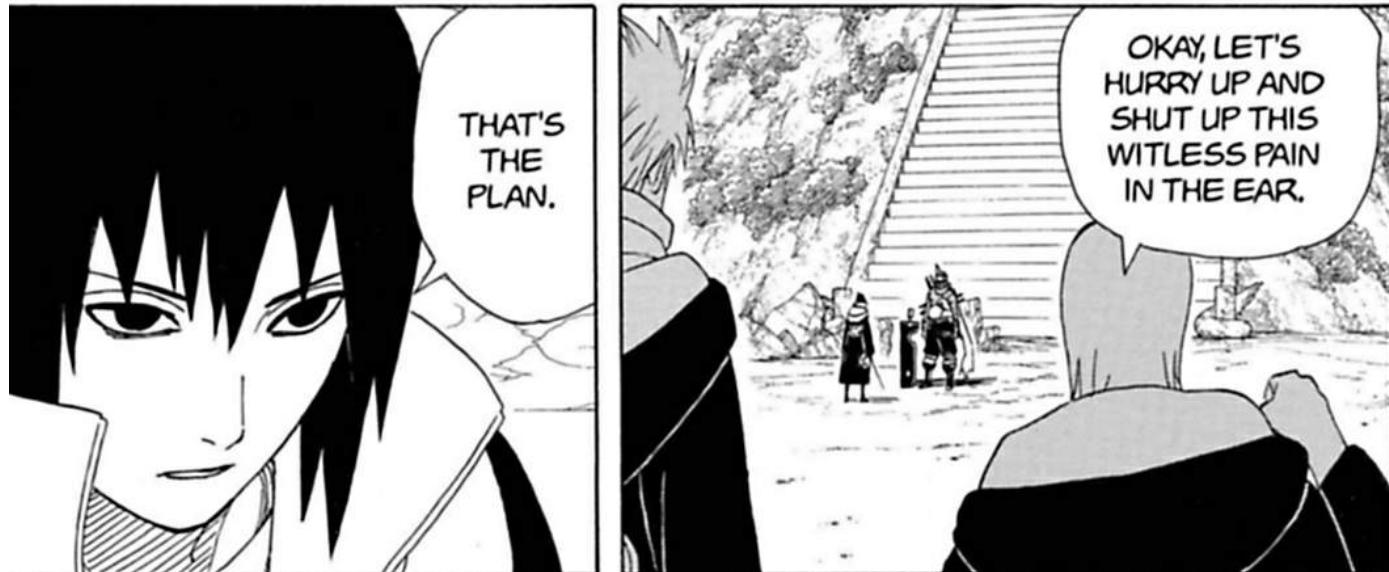


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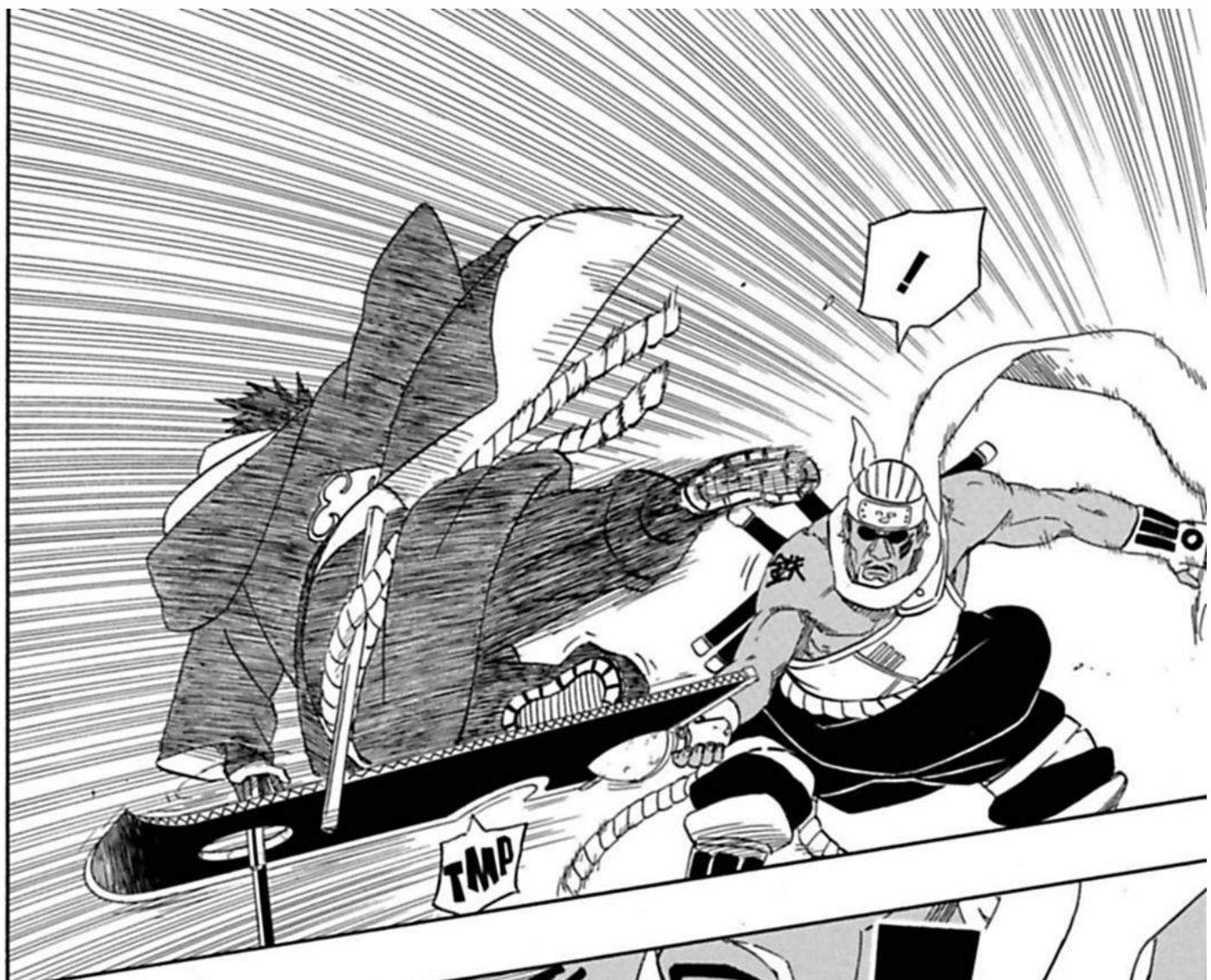


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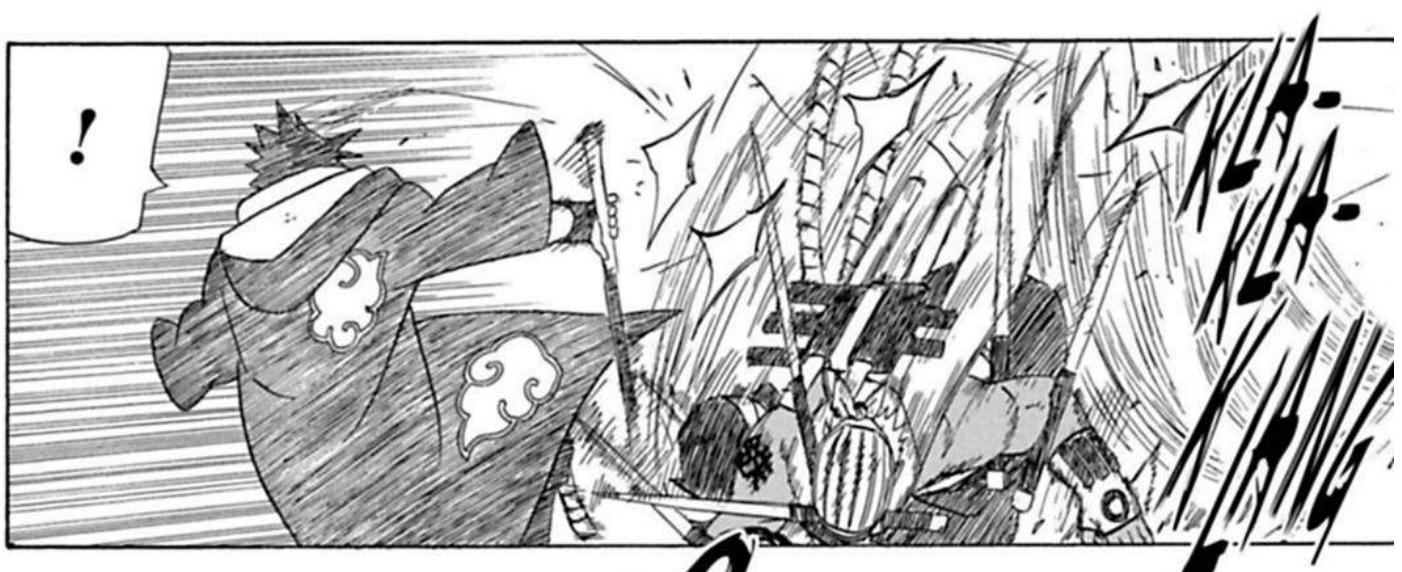
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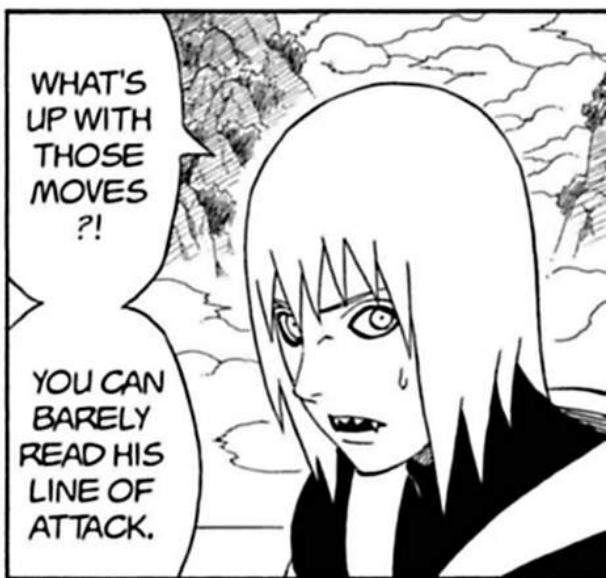


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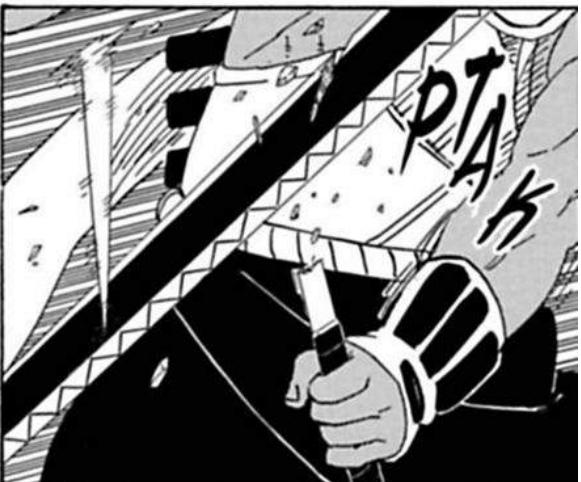
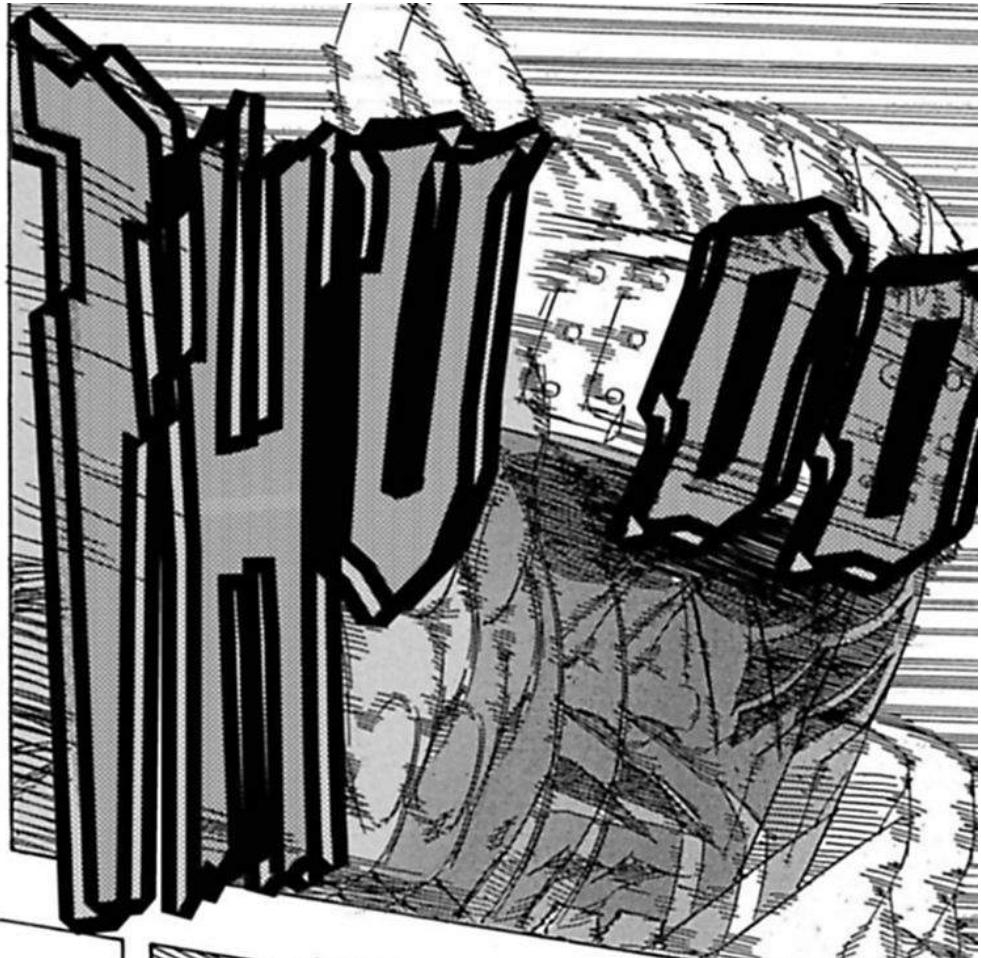
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AND I END
MY FLO' WITH
DA FINISHIN'
BLOW

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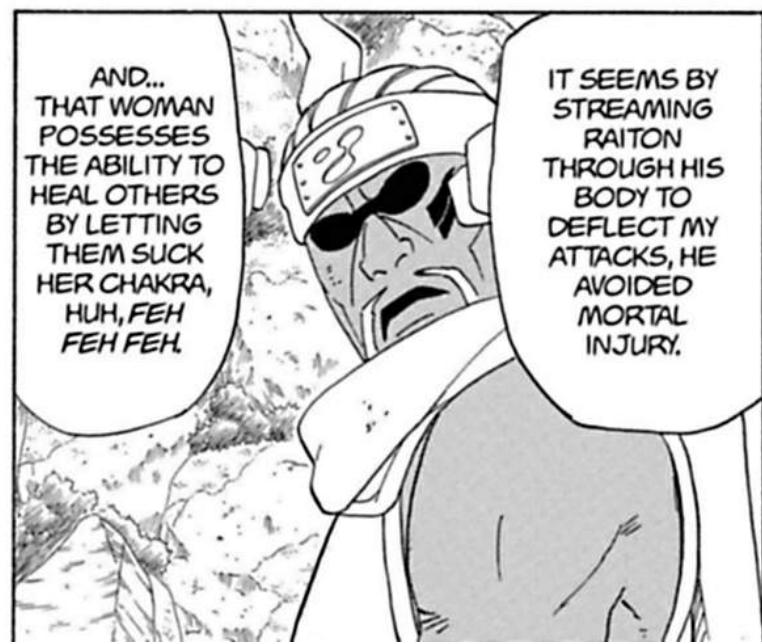








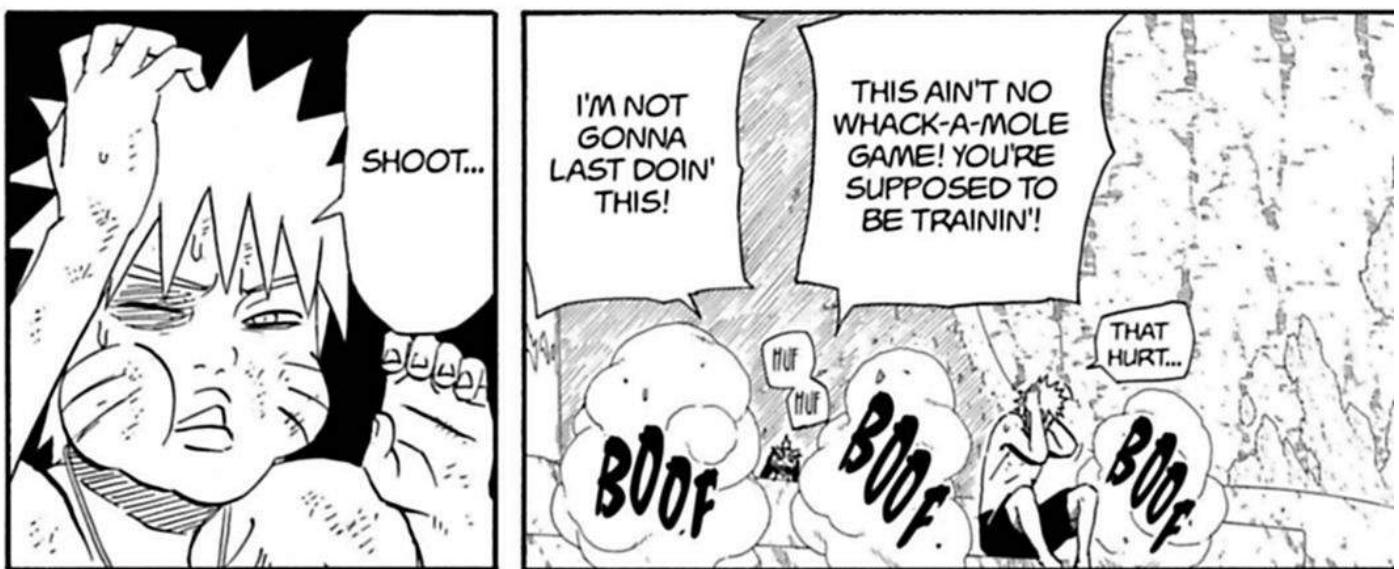
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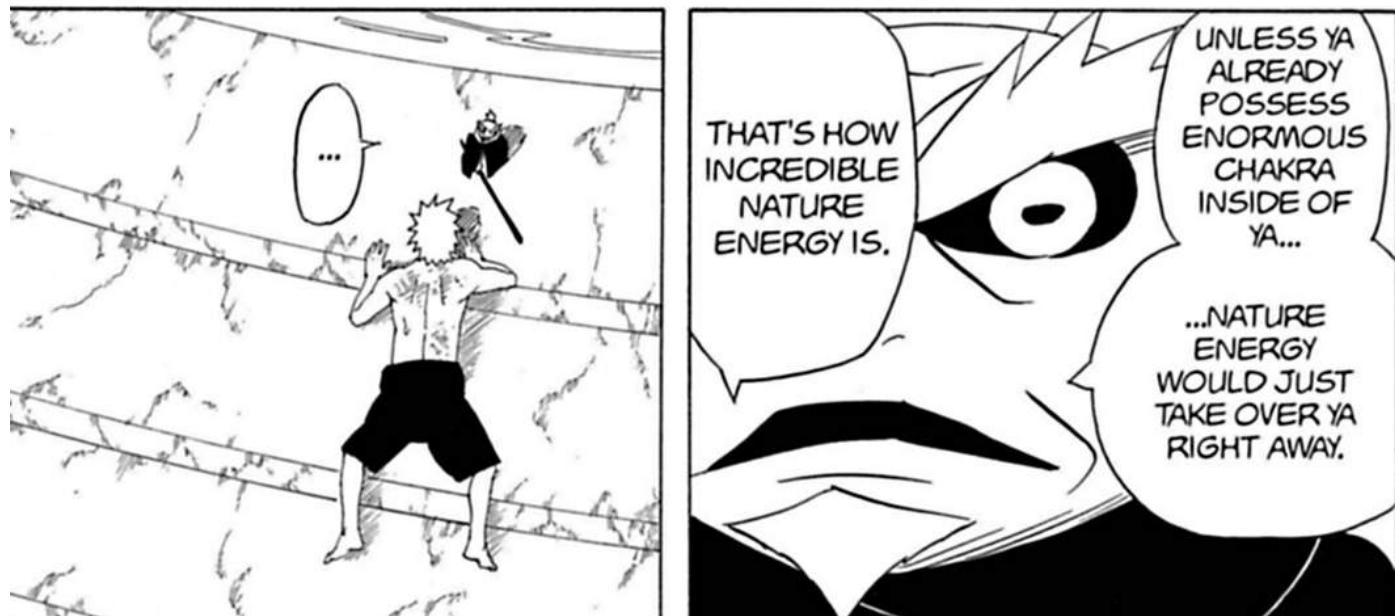


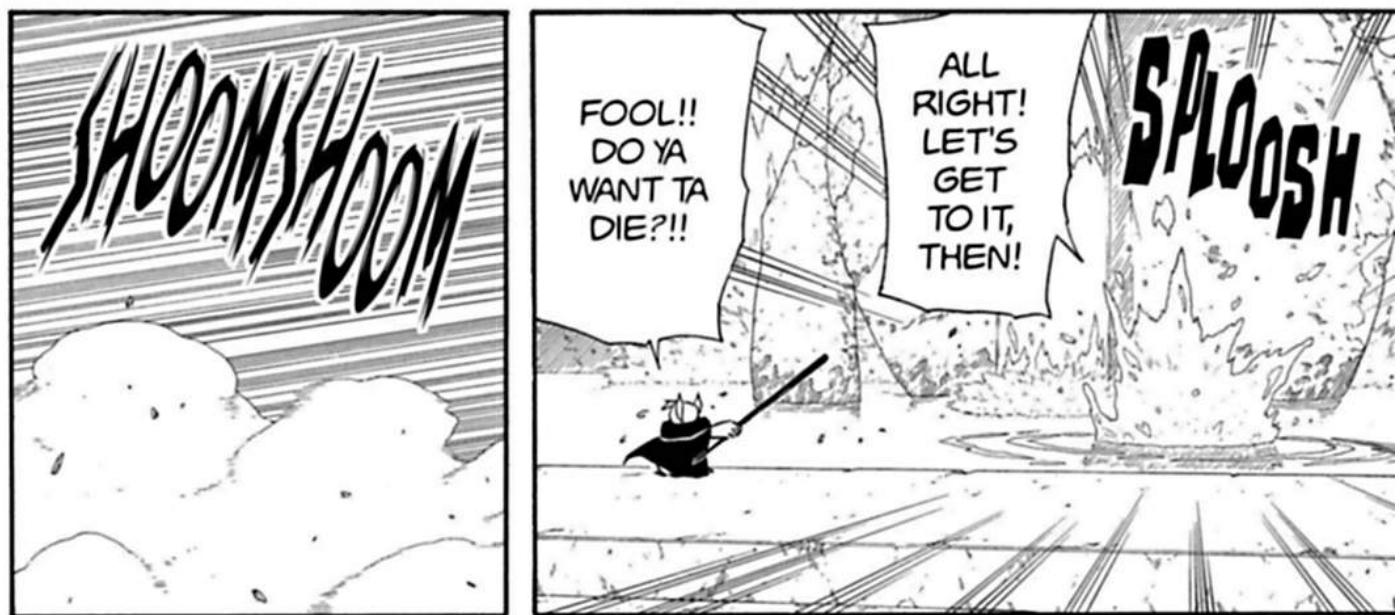
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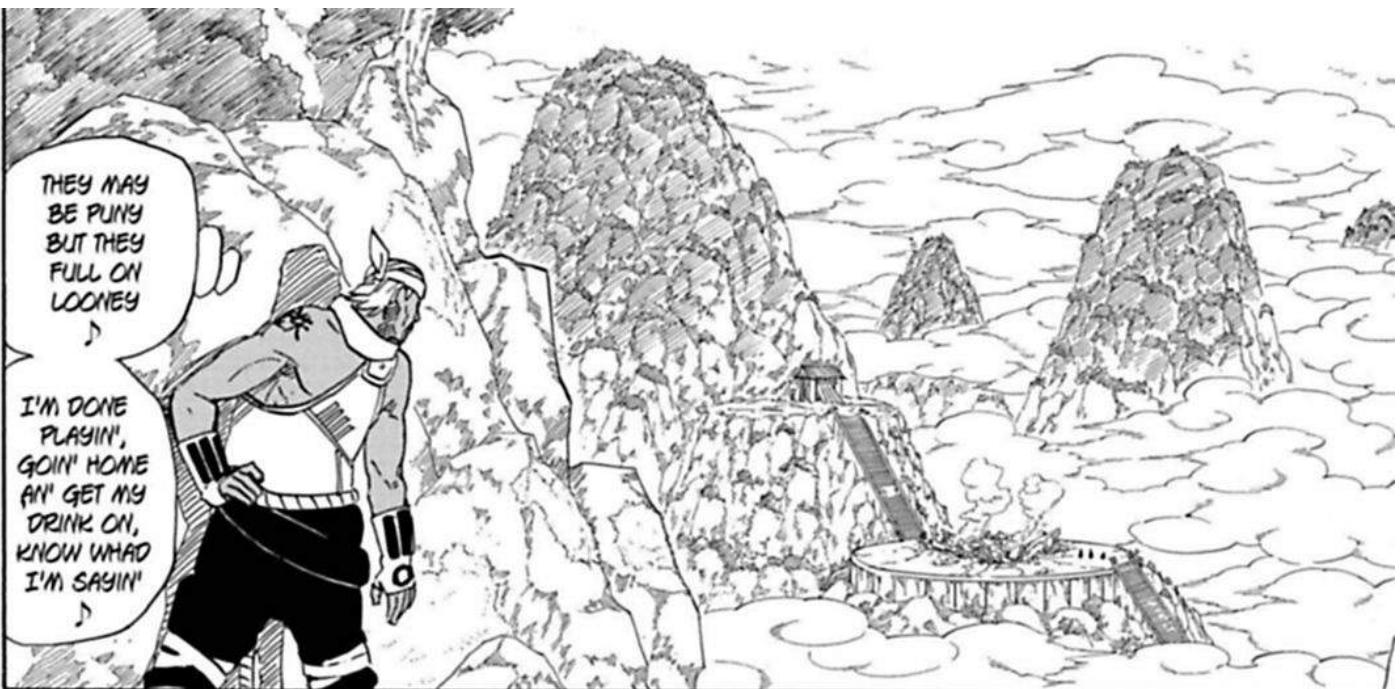












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CAN'T BE
HELPED.
HERE
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WEEEEE!!!!

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