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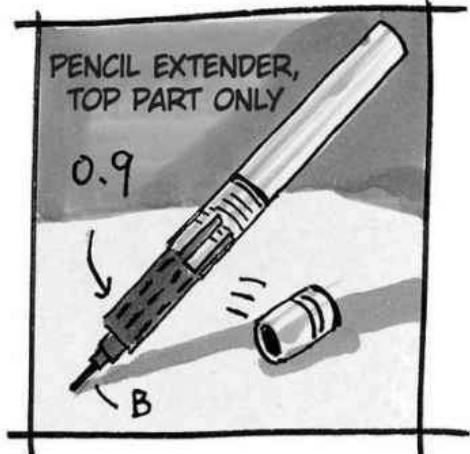
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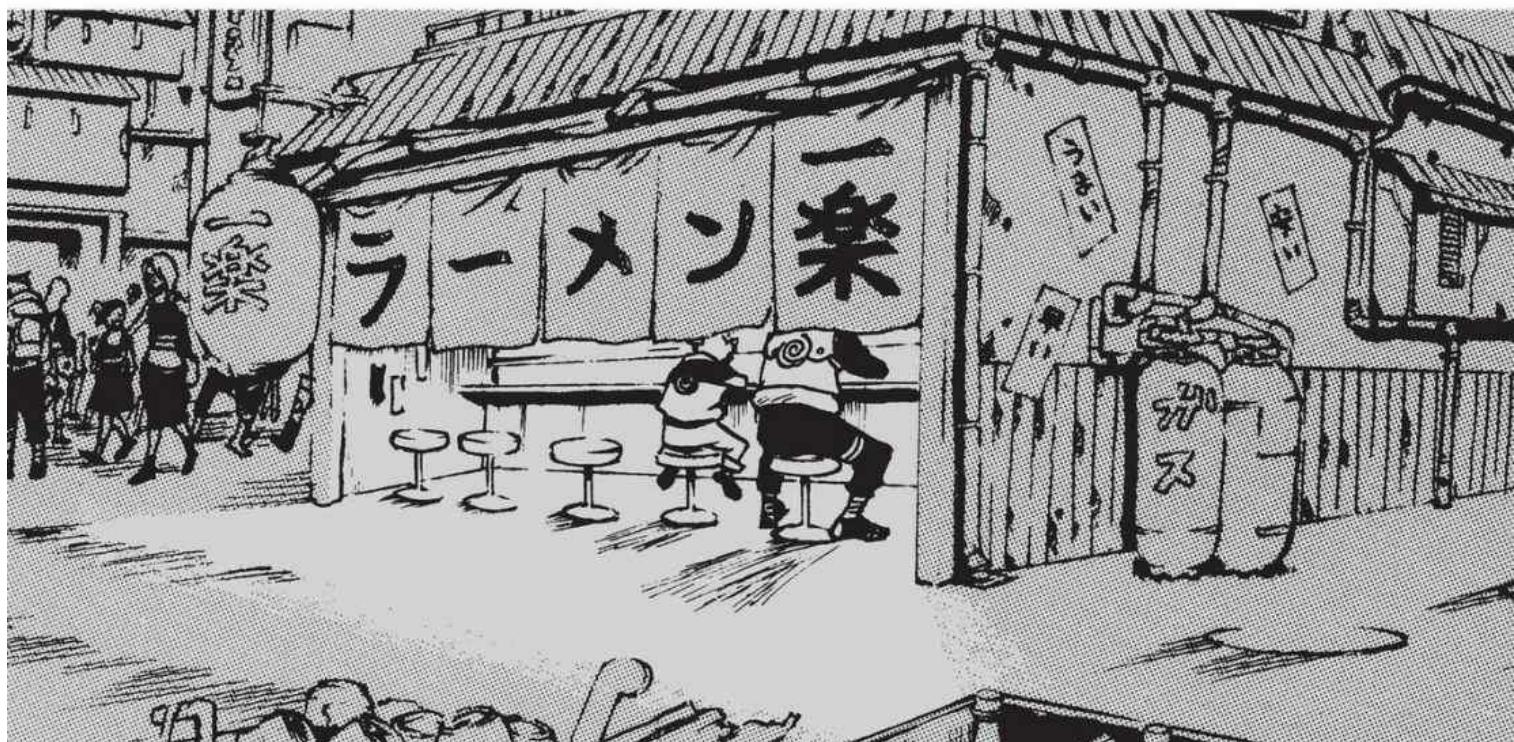
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There's something that I discovered only very recently, in regards to how I draw my manga drafts. I found a B lead 0.9 mm mechanical pencil very easy to draw with. And if I stick it in a pencil extender—that socket you put on the end of a pencil stub to keep using it—it's even easier to draw with. It really reduces the time it takes me to complete a draft!

—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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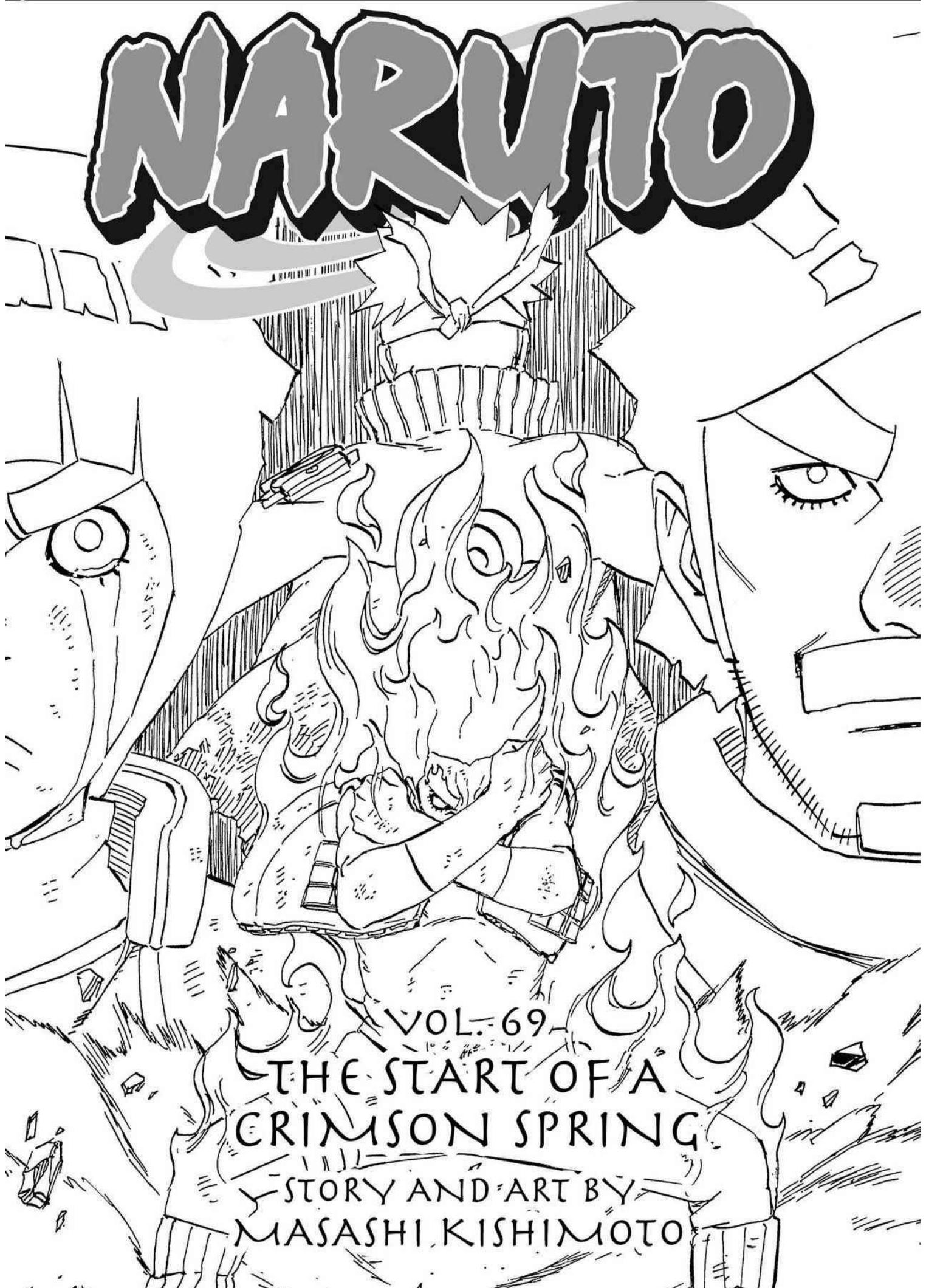
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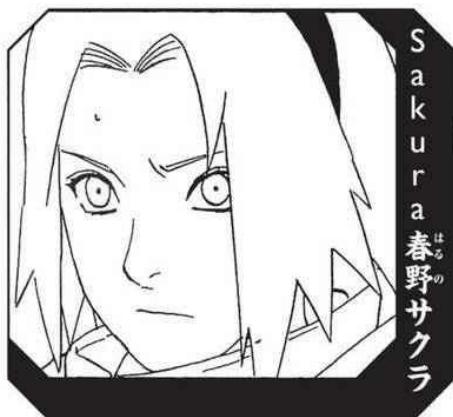
# CHARACTERS



Sasuke  
うちはサスケ



Naruto  
うずまきナルト



Sakura  
春野サクラ



Kakashi  
はたけカカシ



Yamato  
ヤマト



Sai  
サイ



Obito  
うちはオビト



Kurama  
九喇嘛



## 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. Obito absorbs the Ten Tails and summons forth the Divine Tree in order to activate the Infinite Tsukuyomi. However, during the battle, Naruto reminds Obito of the days when he wished to be Hokage. Now defeated, Obito tries to make amends for his mistakes, but Madara soon takes control of the situation and the war continues!



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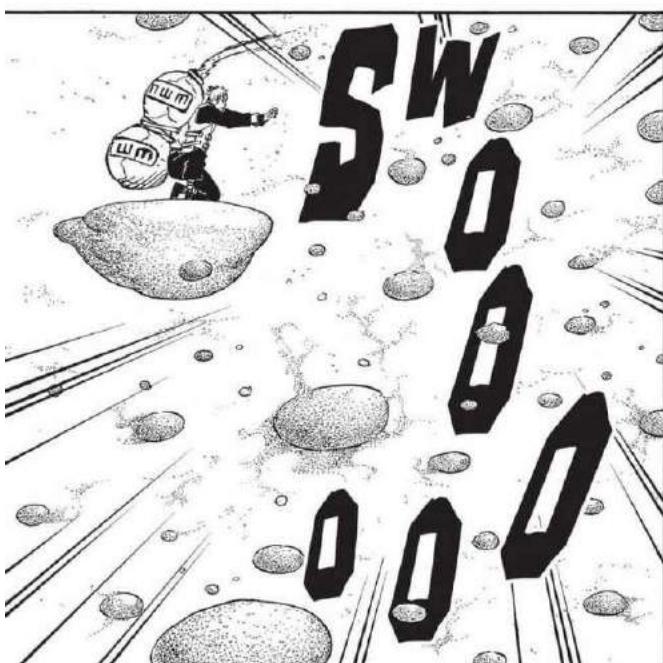


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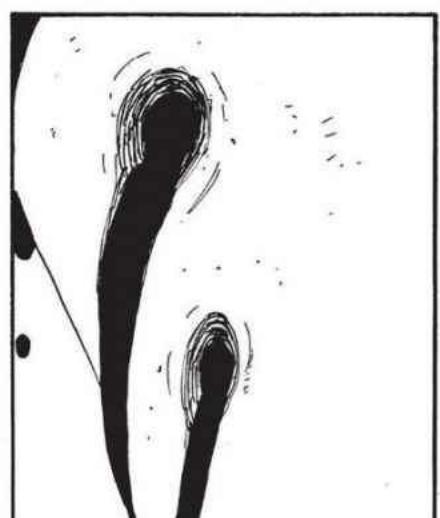
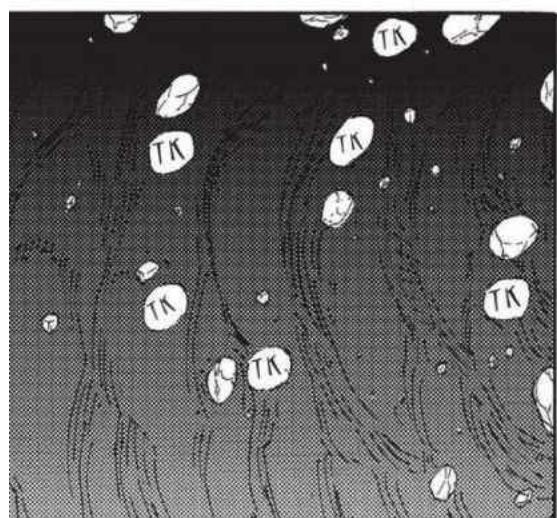


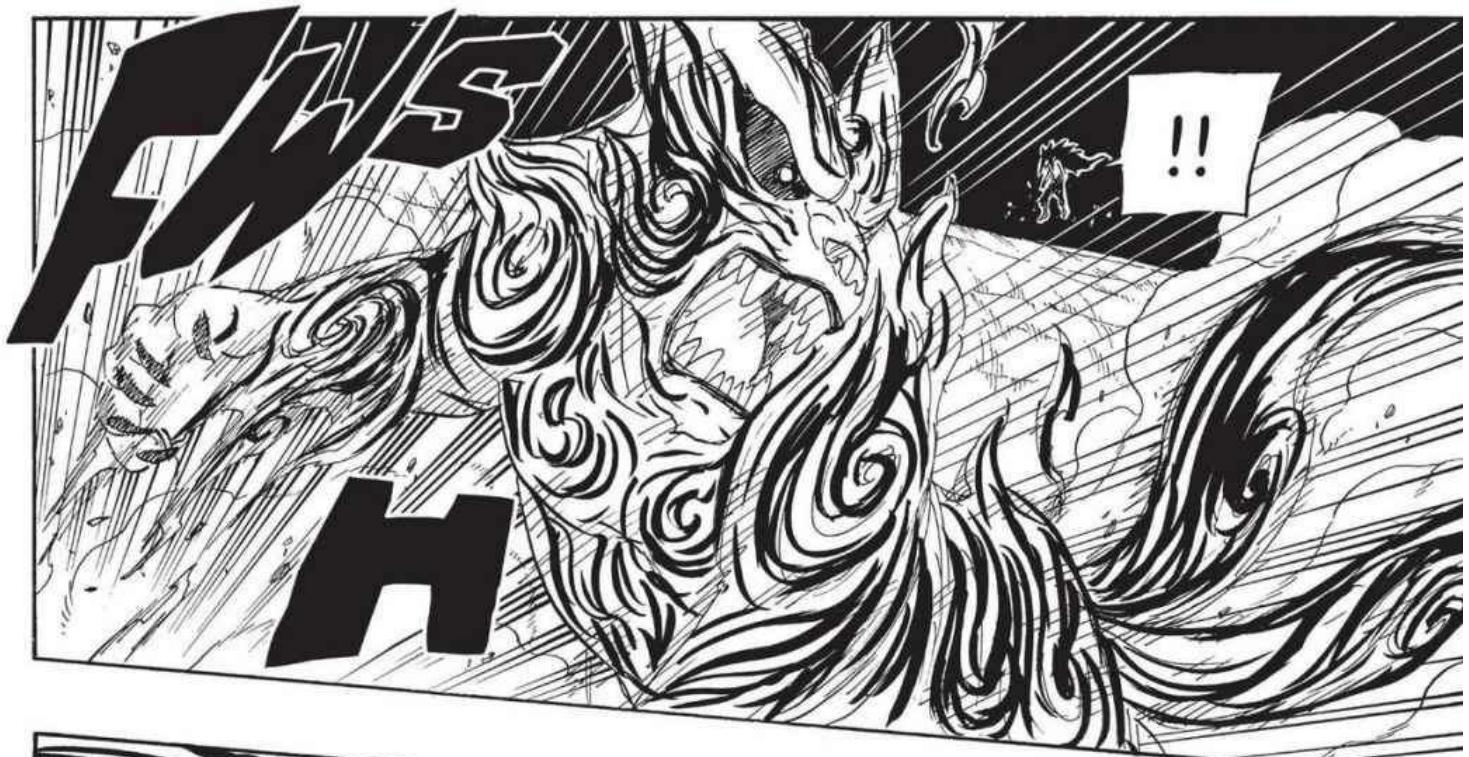
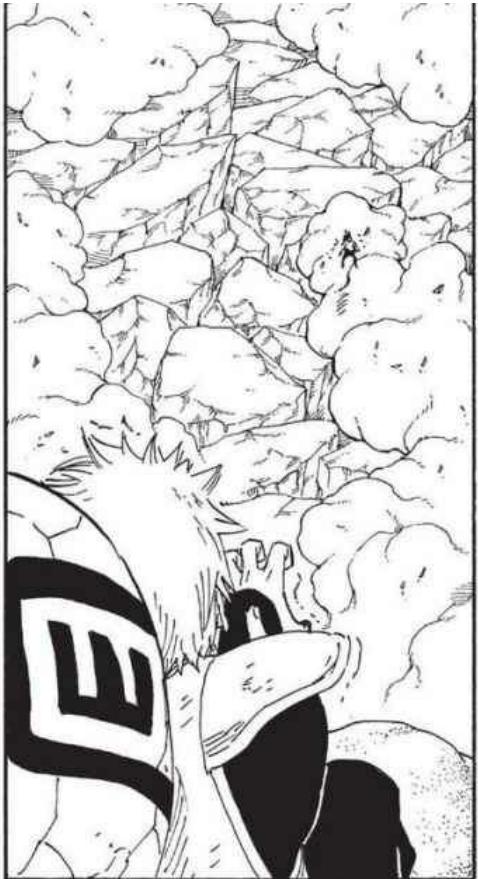
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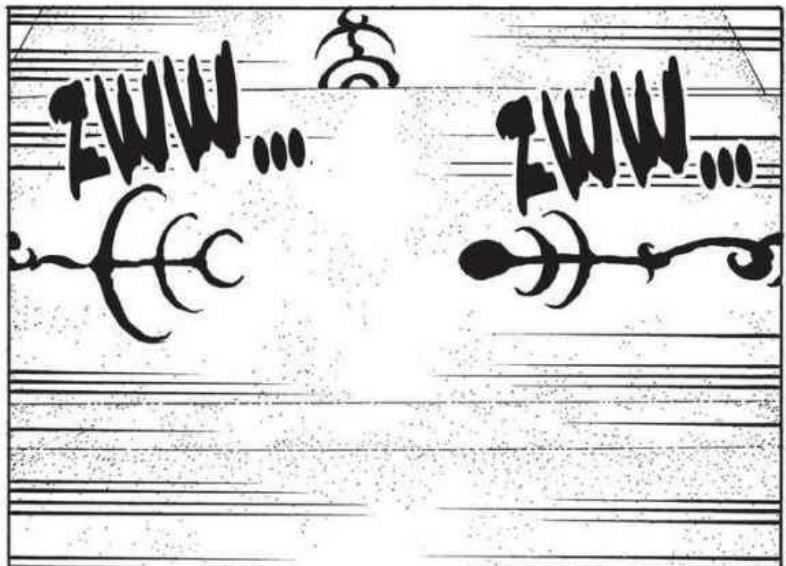
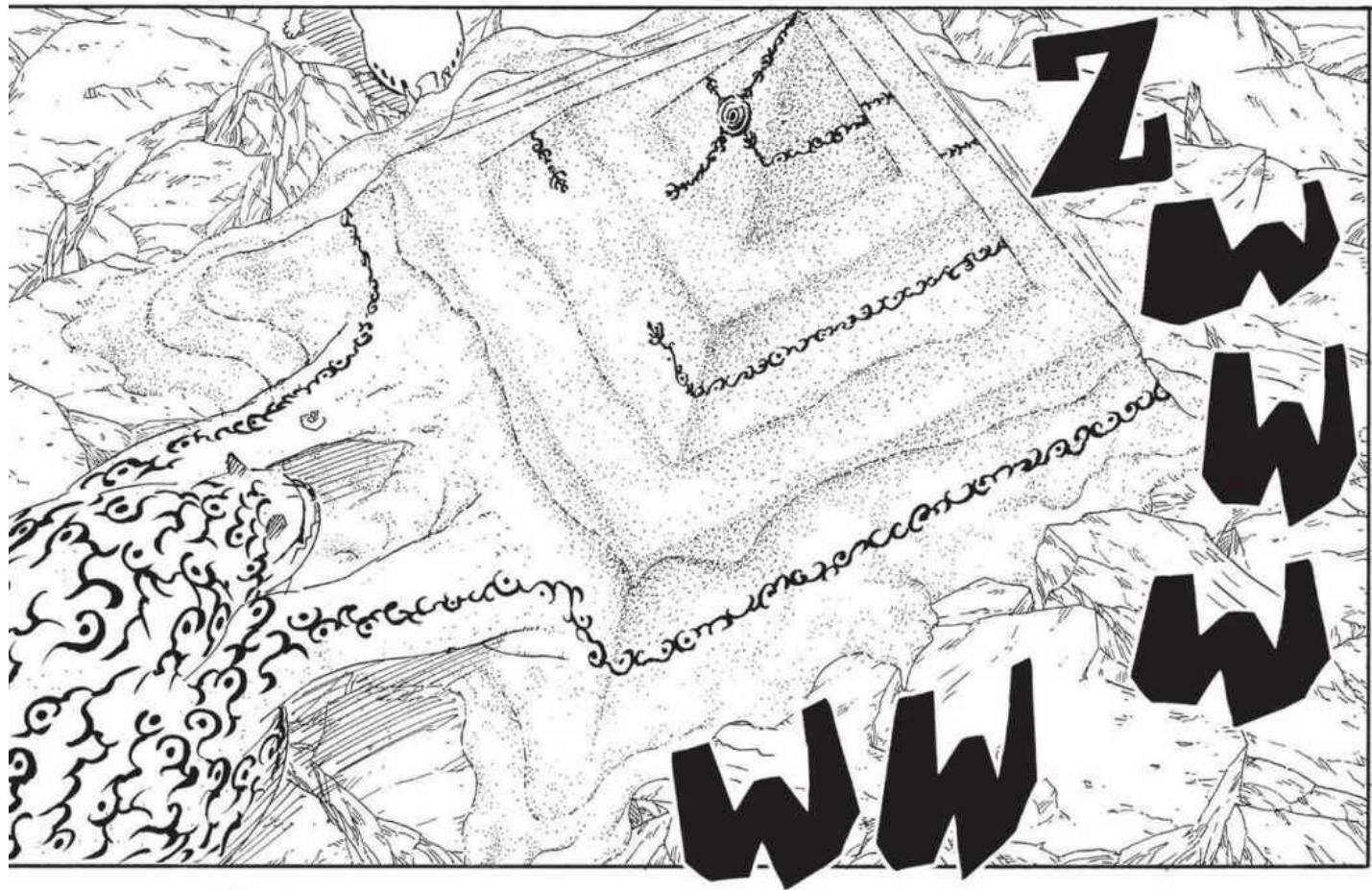
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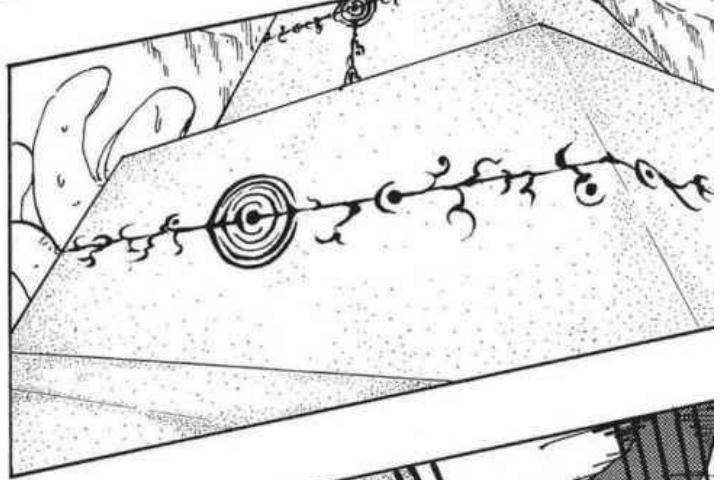
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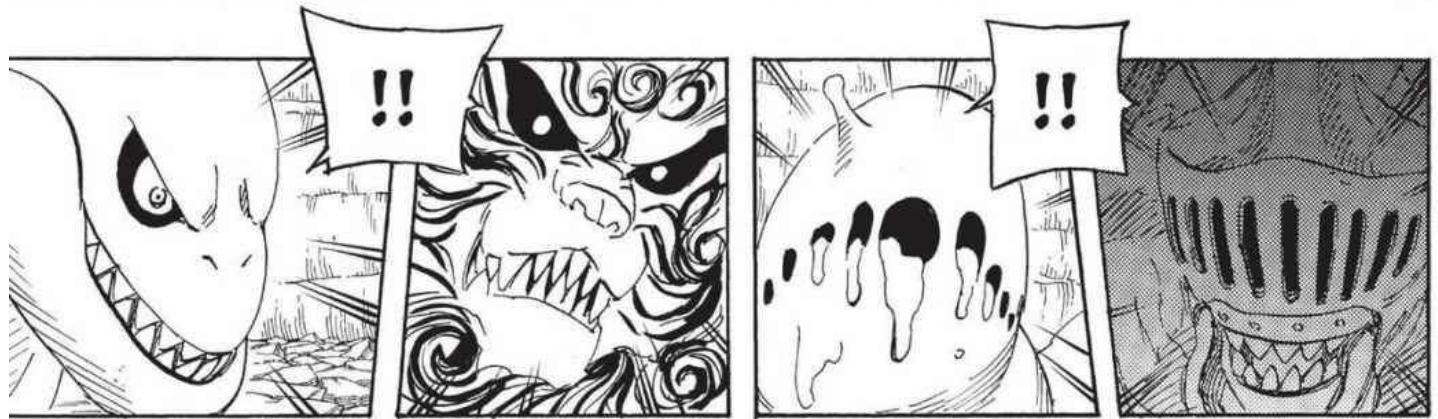
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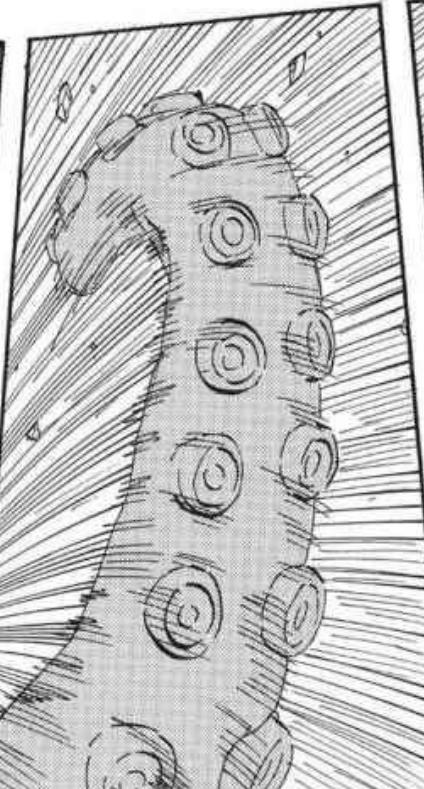


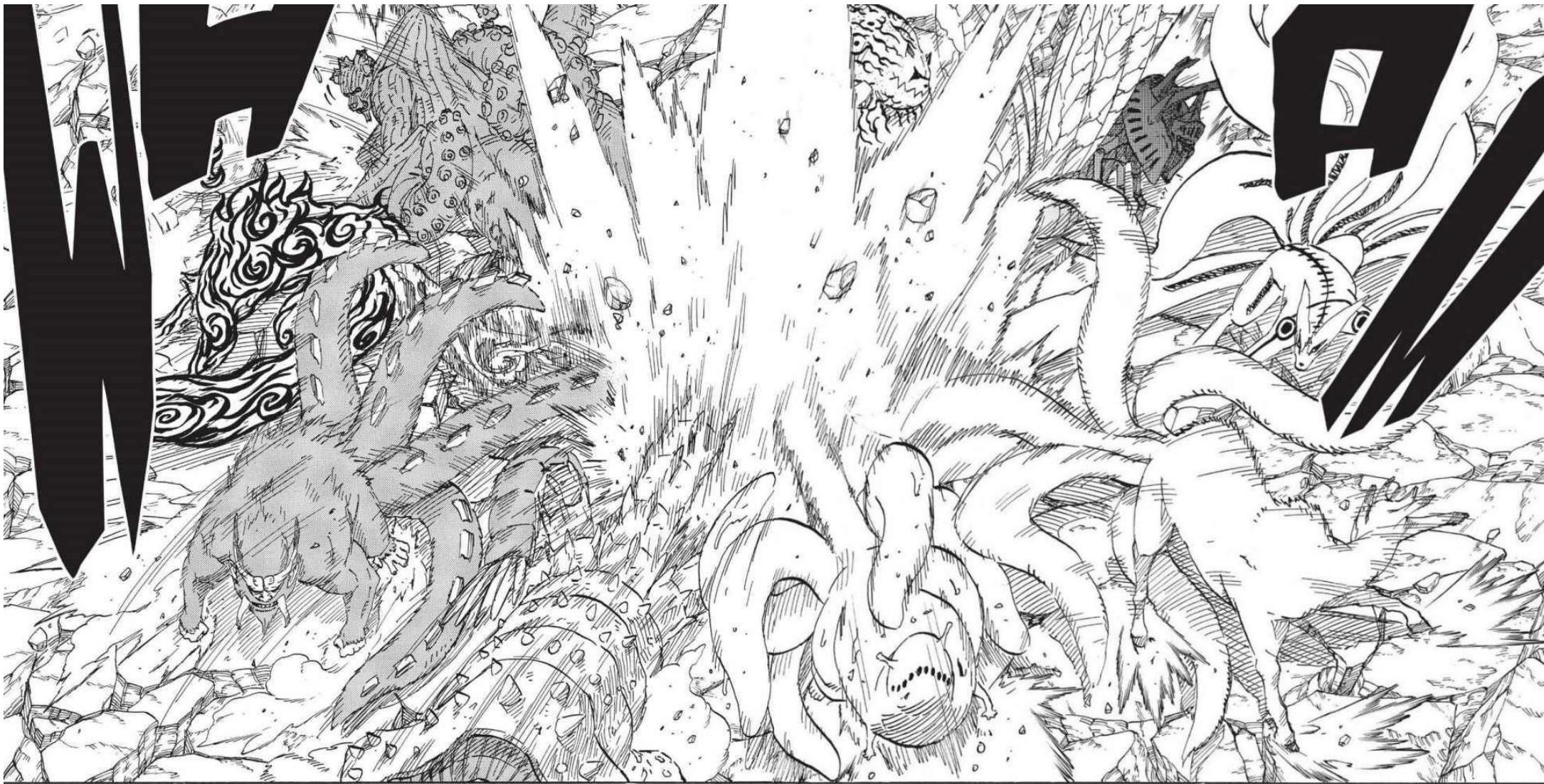


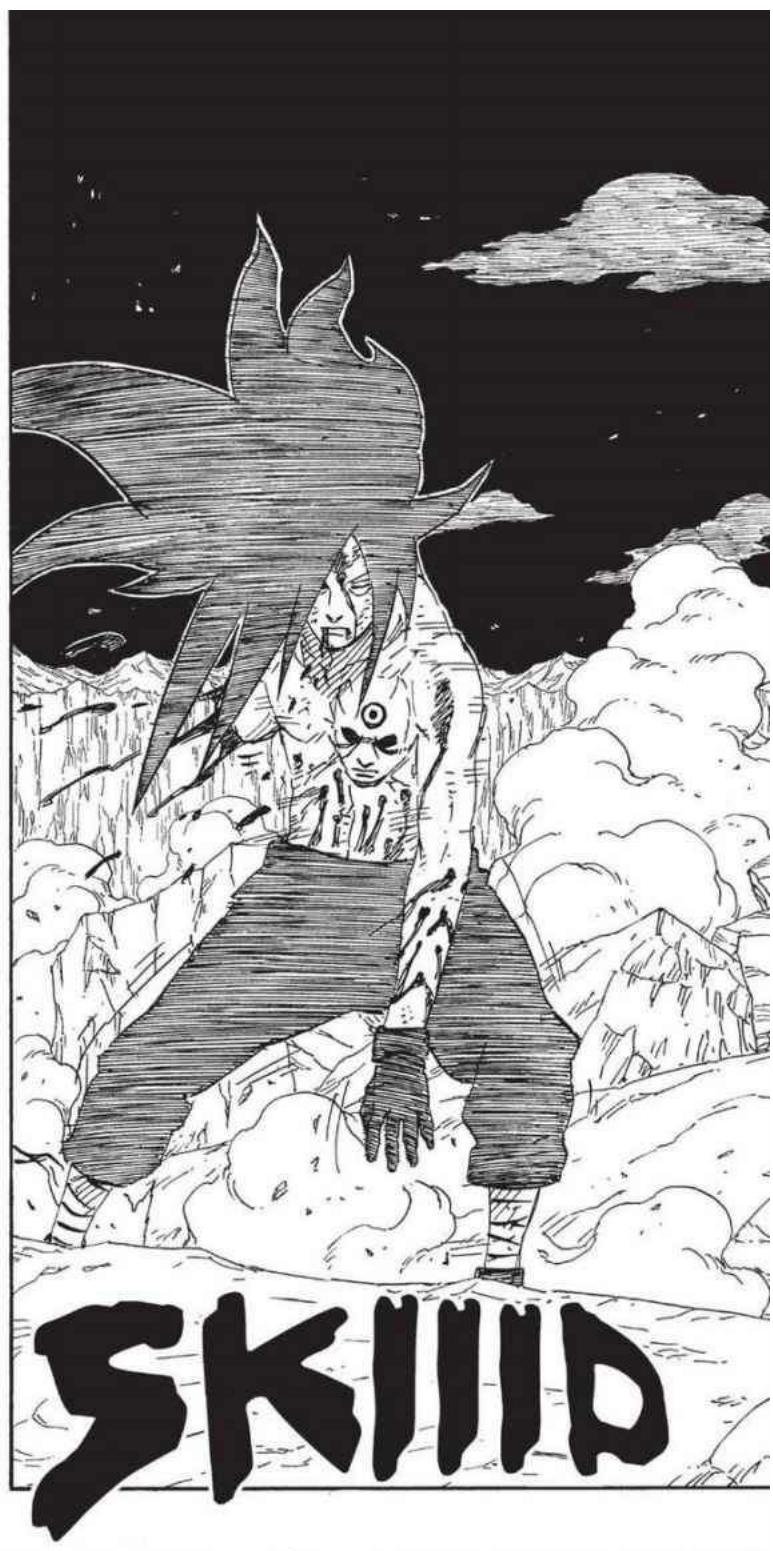
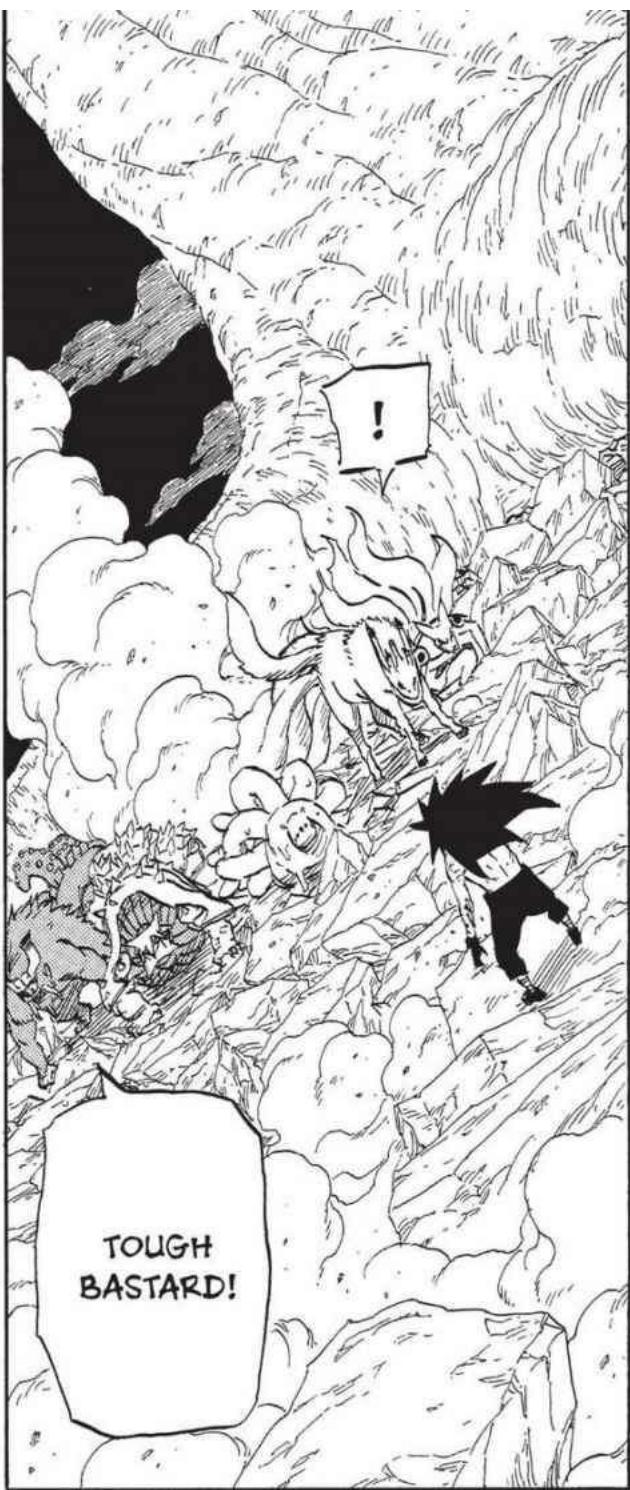


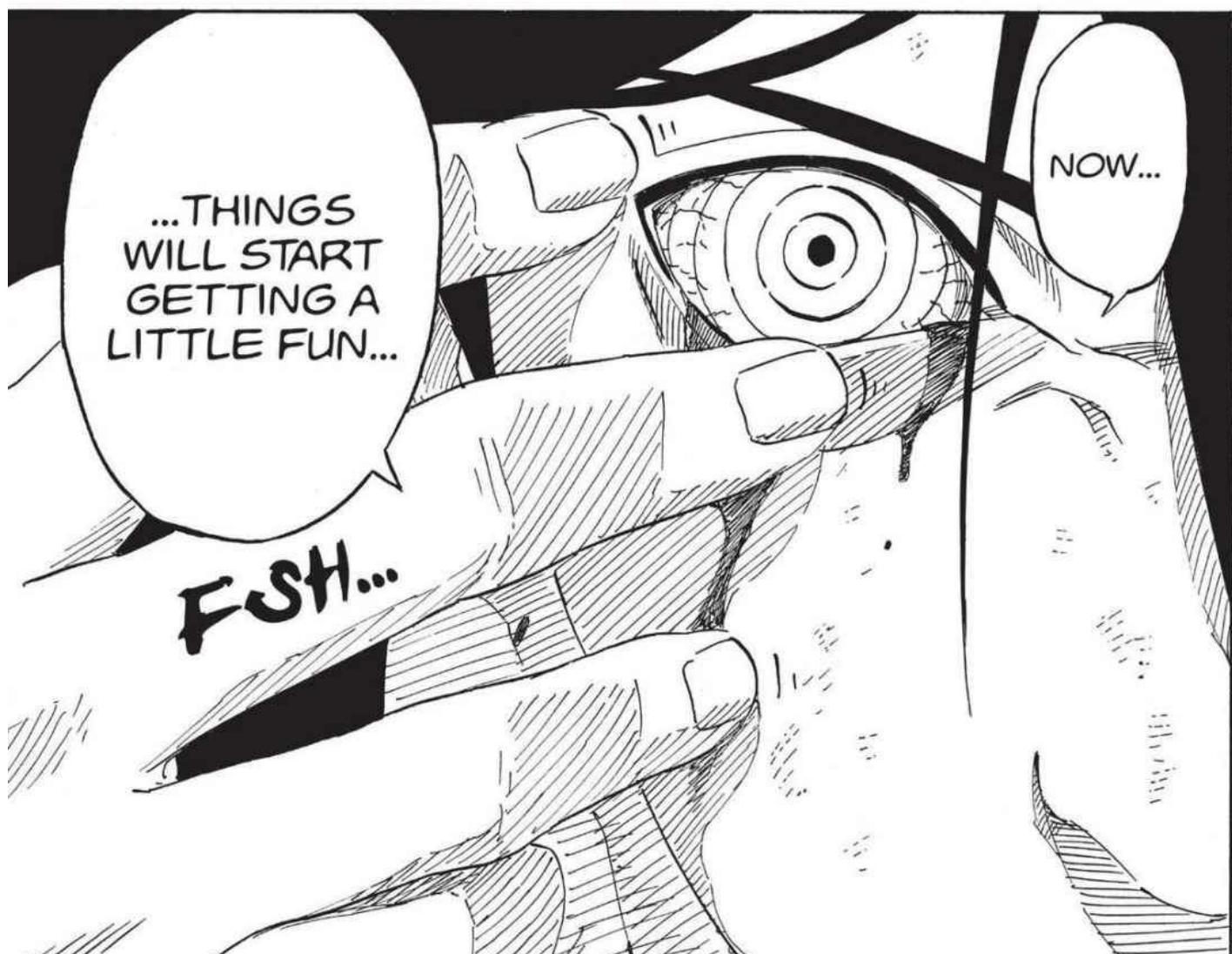




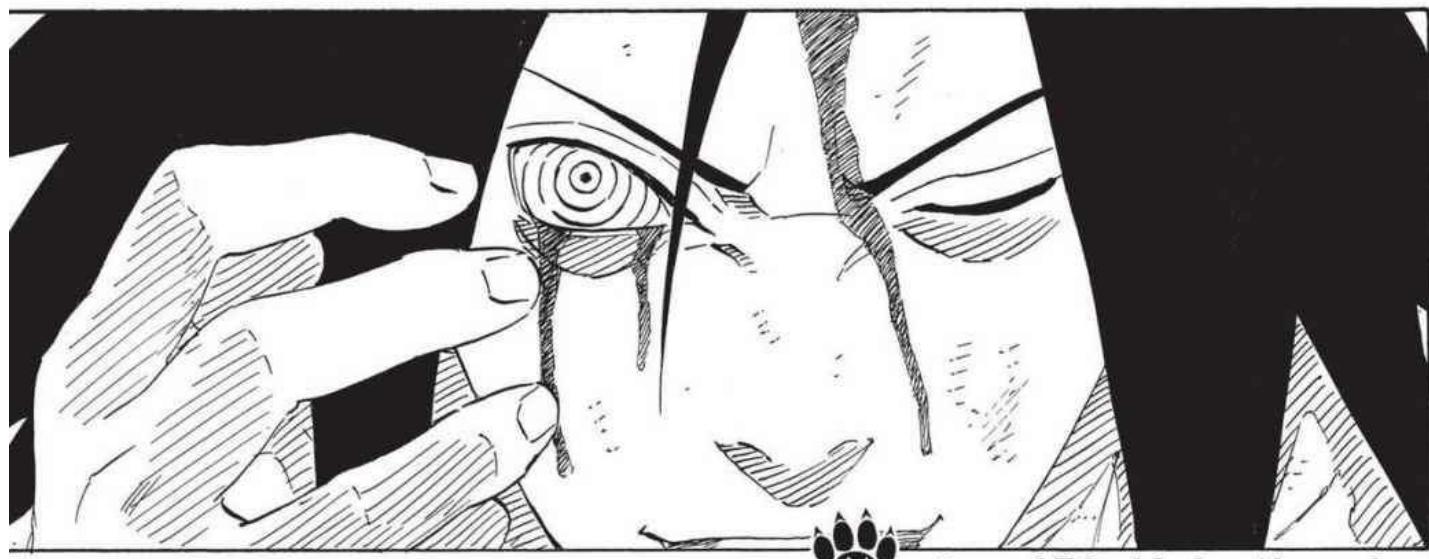




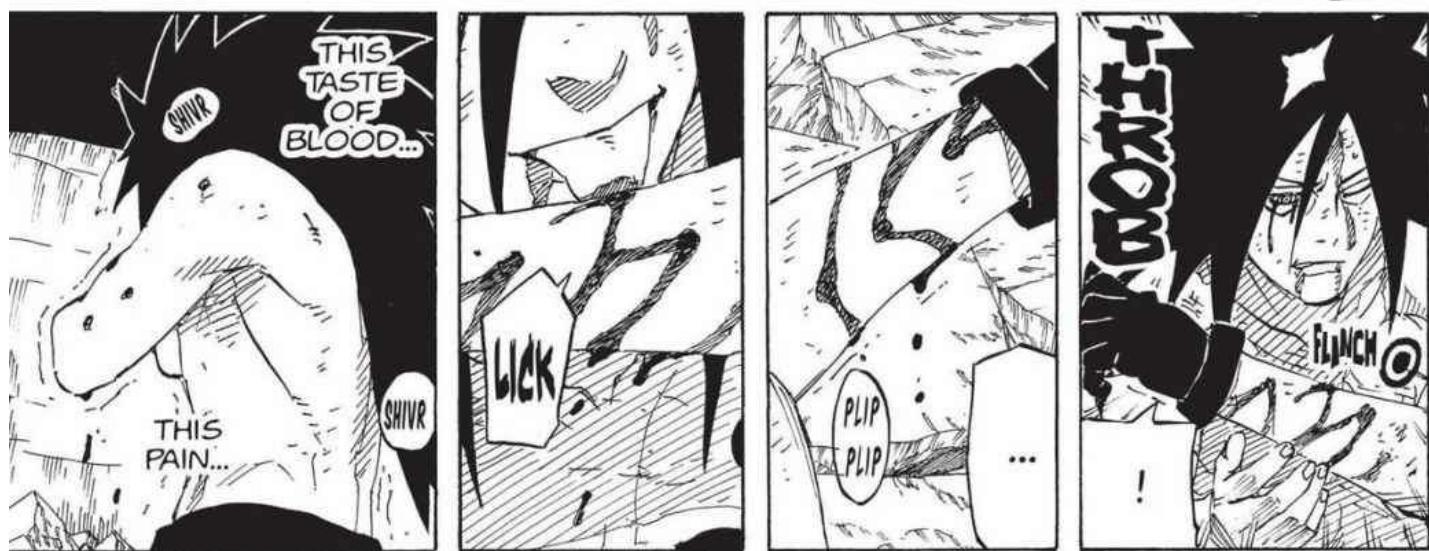






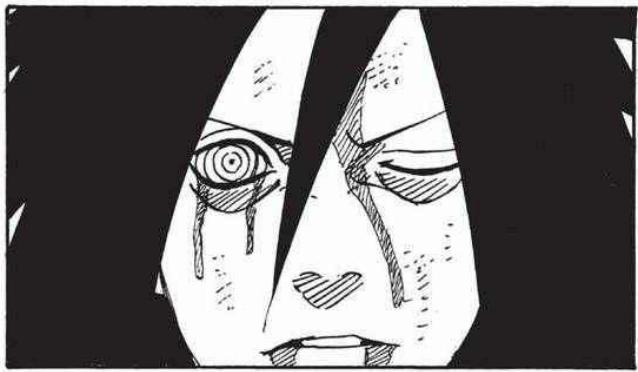


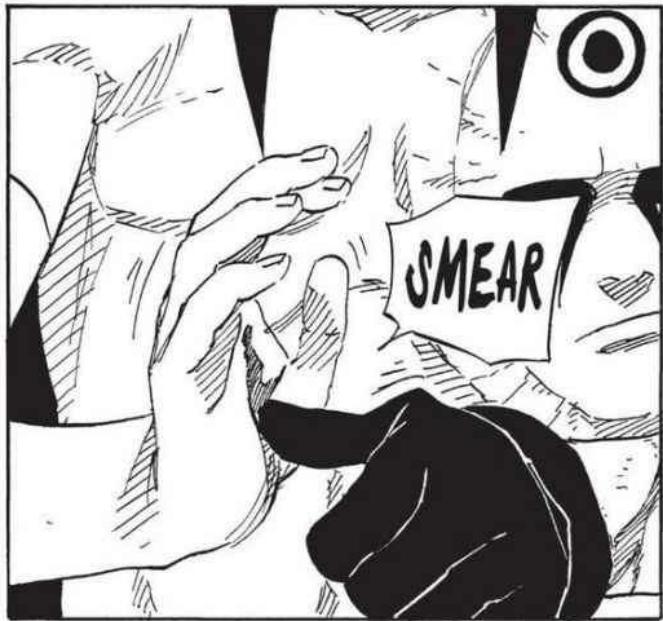
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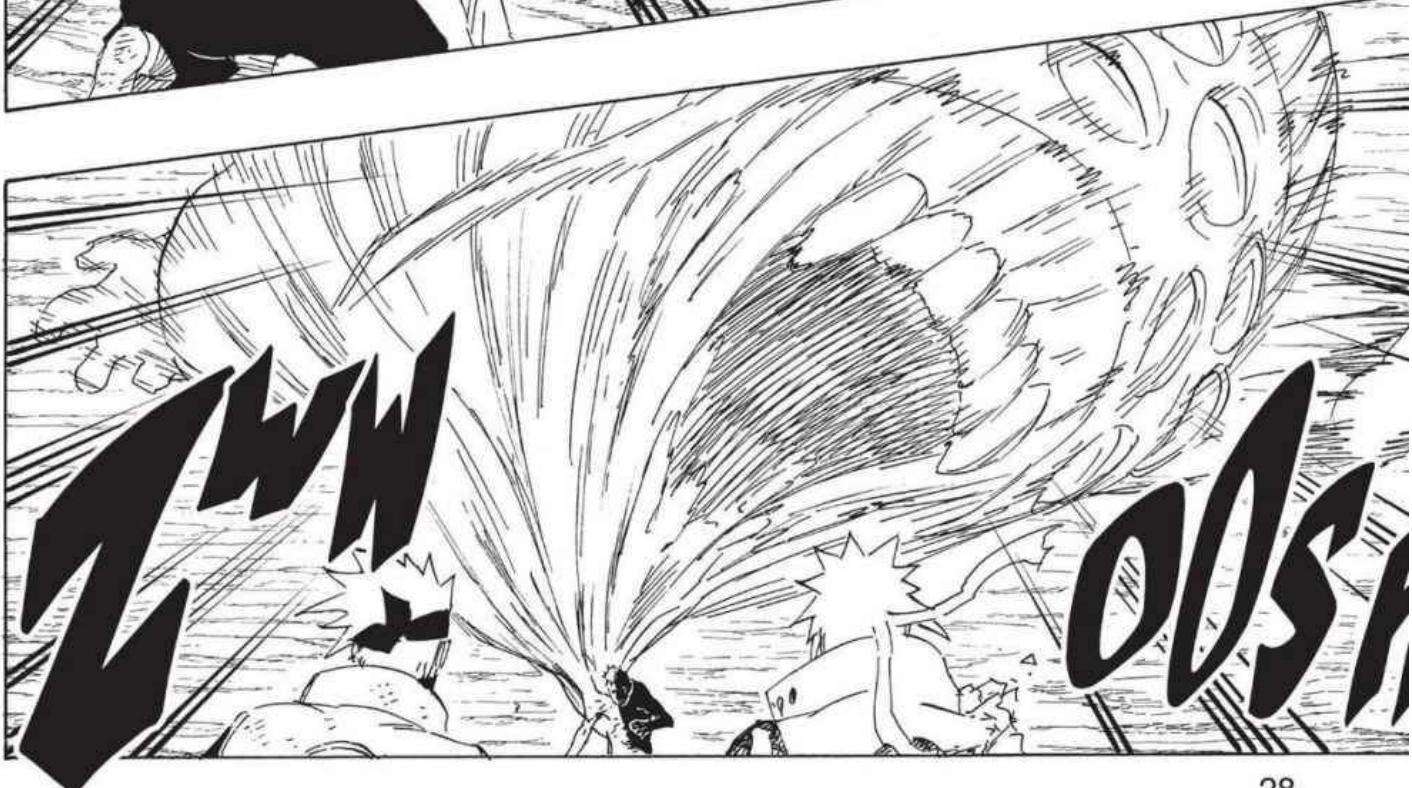


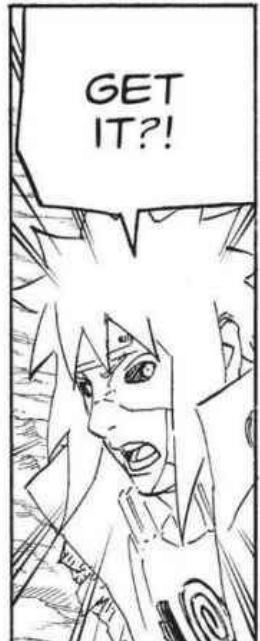


HA HA HA HA  
HA HA HA HA  
HA HA HA HA











HE'S ABLE  
TO SUMMON  
IT EVEN  
WITH FAKE  
EDOTENSEI  
RINNEGAN?!

RRRUMBLE

THAT  
THING  
AGAIN?!

!



!!

HOW'D HE  
COME BACK  
TO LIFE?!

SO HE'S  
NO LONGER  
EDOTENSEI...

HE LIKELY  
HAS REAL  
RINNEGAN  
NOW!

HE'S  
DRIPPING  
BLOOD  
AND  
BEARING  
WOUNDS.

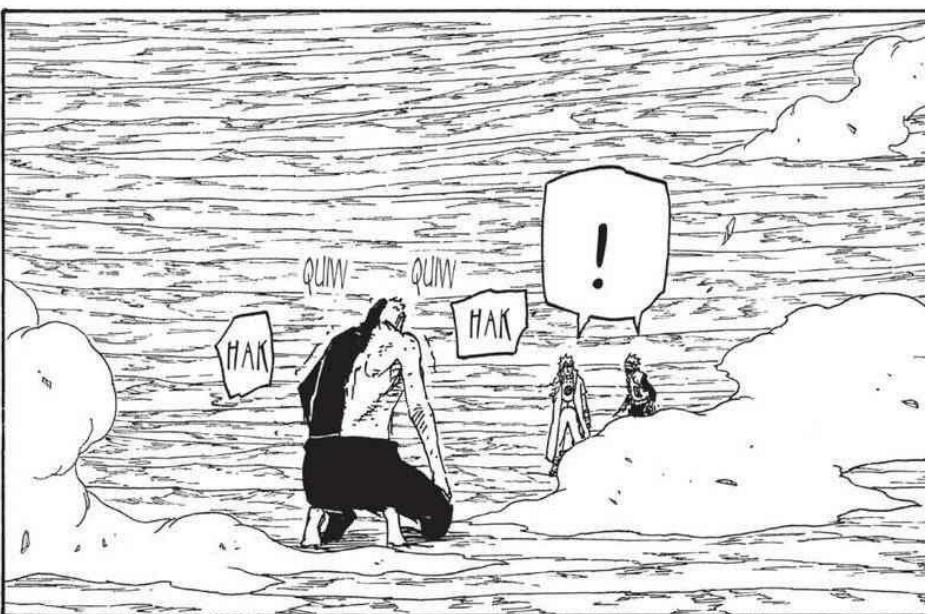
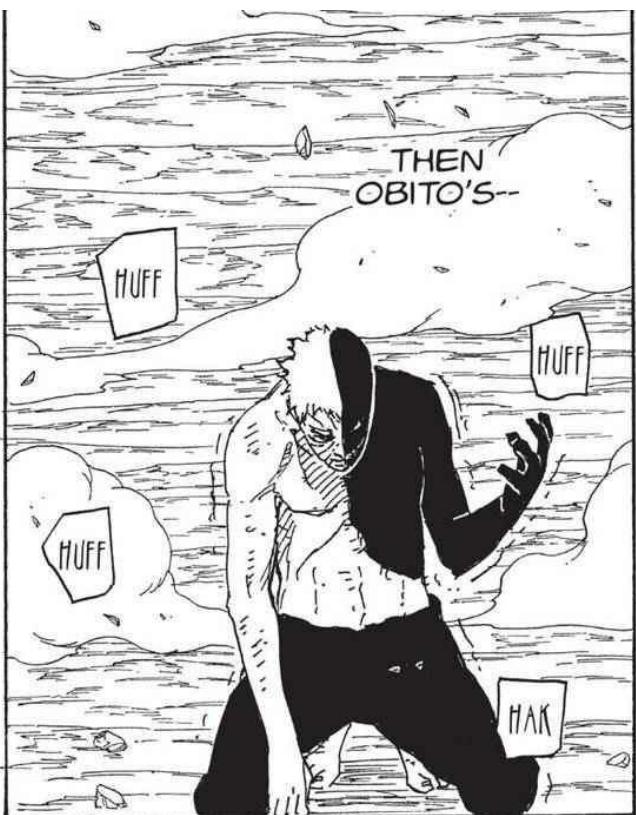


YOU EVEN  
EXTRACTED  
THE BIJU  
FROM  
OBITO...

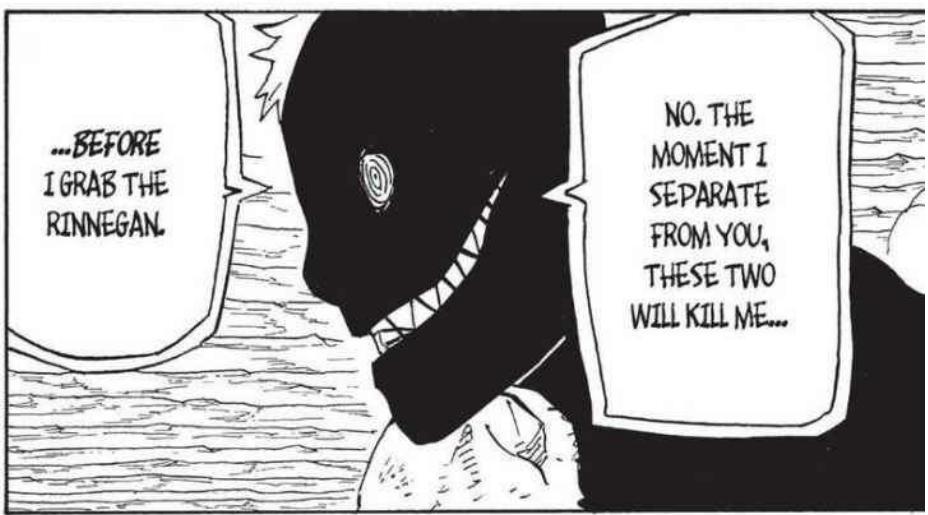
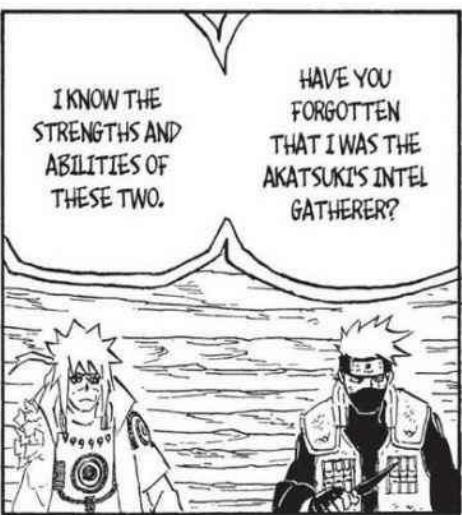
...SAVING  
ME THE  
TROUBLE  
OF  
WEAKENING  
HIM.

I'M  
GRATEFUL  
TO YOU,  
NARUTO...









...MIGHT  
CAUSE ME TO  
FIGHT WITH  
LESS  
REFINEMENT.

KNOWING  
THAT I  
POSSESS  
HASHIRAMA'S  
HEALING  
POWERS...

BUT YOU'RE  
COVERED IN  
BLOOD...

IF I USE THE  
RINNEGAN'S  
TRUE POWERS,  
WE SHOULD  
SEE A  
SOPHISTICATED  
BATTLE.

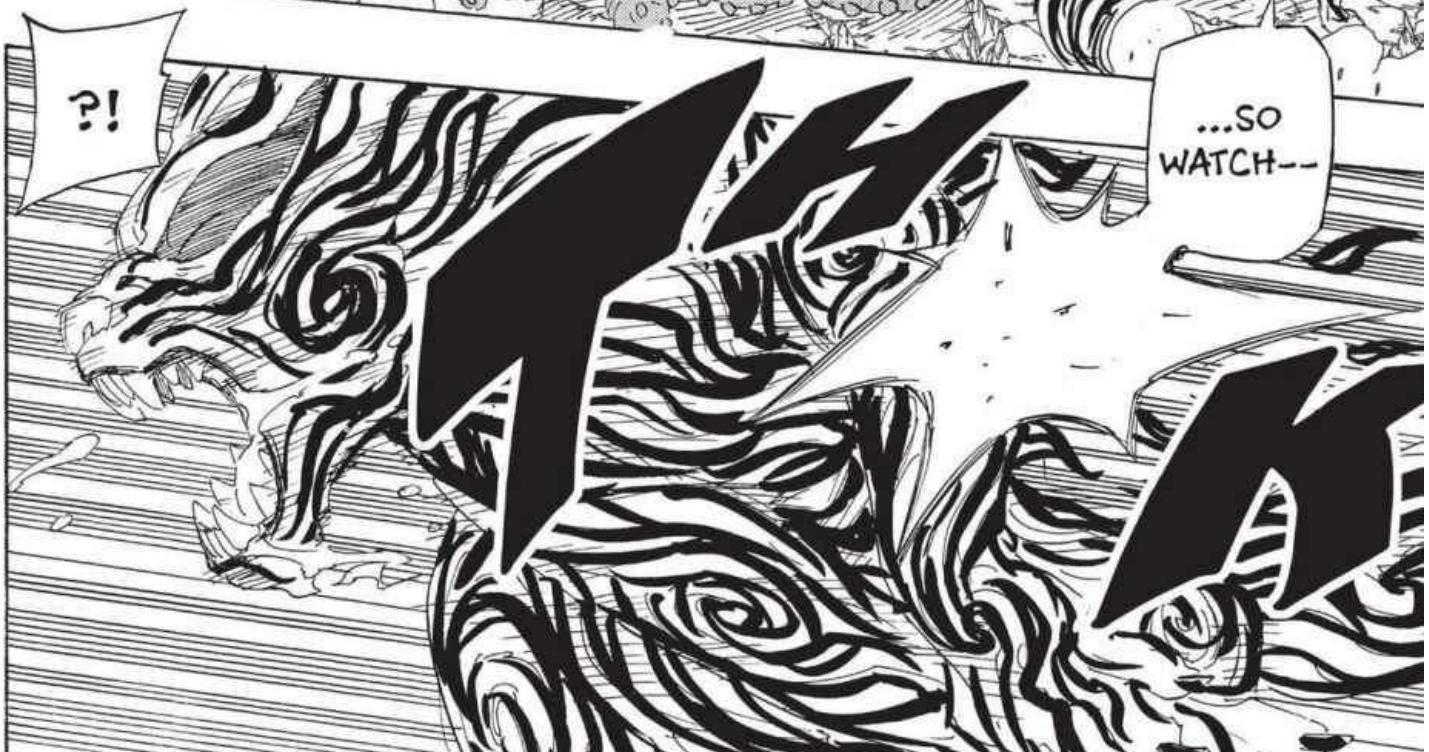
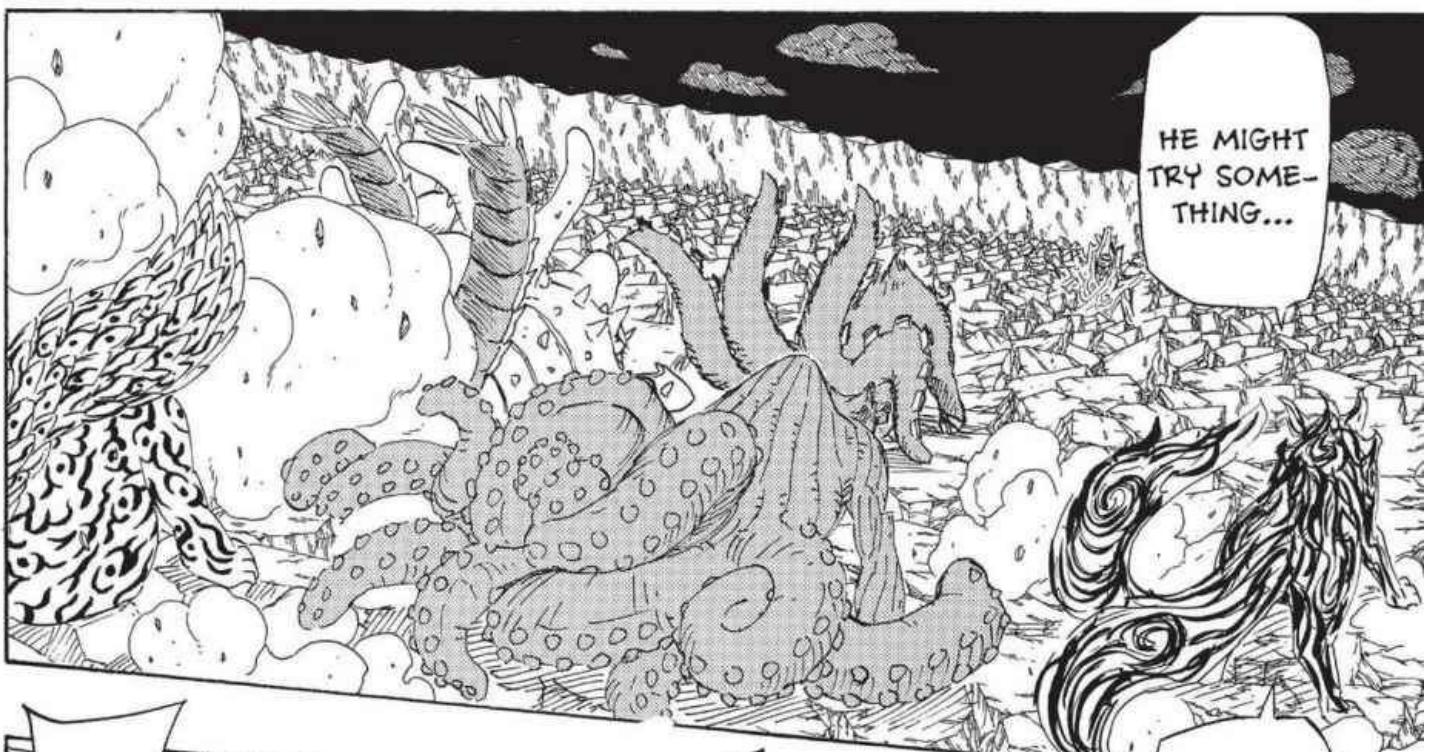
SO I'LL  
BE MORE  
CAREFUL.

CROUCH

TMP

IT'LL ONLY  
BE A FEW  
SECONDS...  
WATCH  
CLOSELY!

SPRING



ARGH!!

**KRA  
KZ**

HUH?!

**S**

**AM**

**clo**

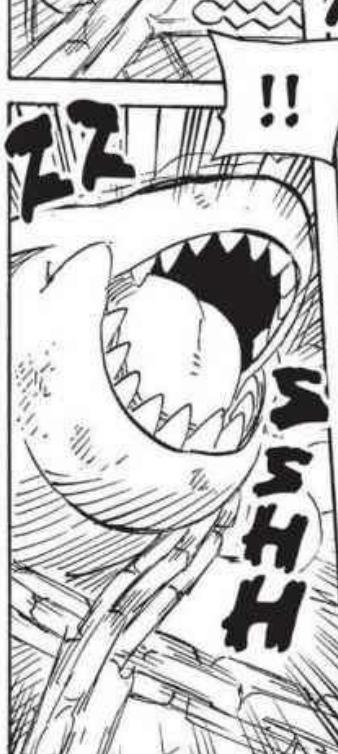
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D**

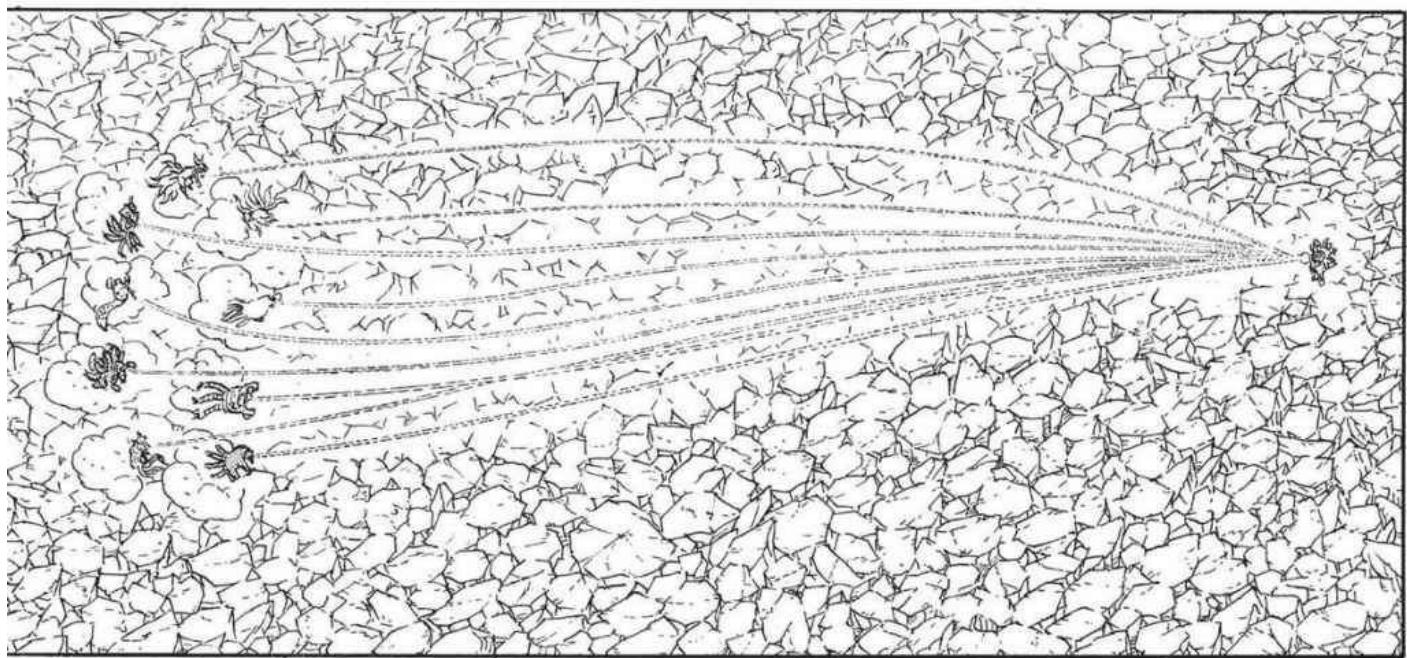
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**M  
P**









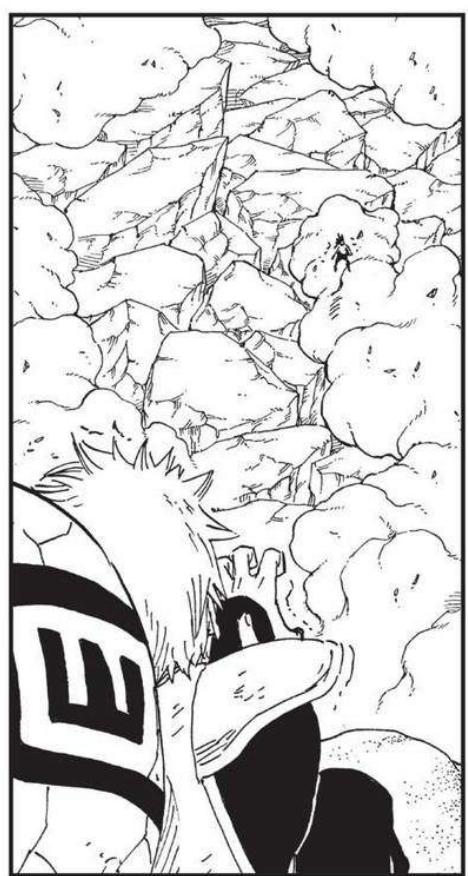
**YANK**

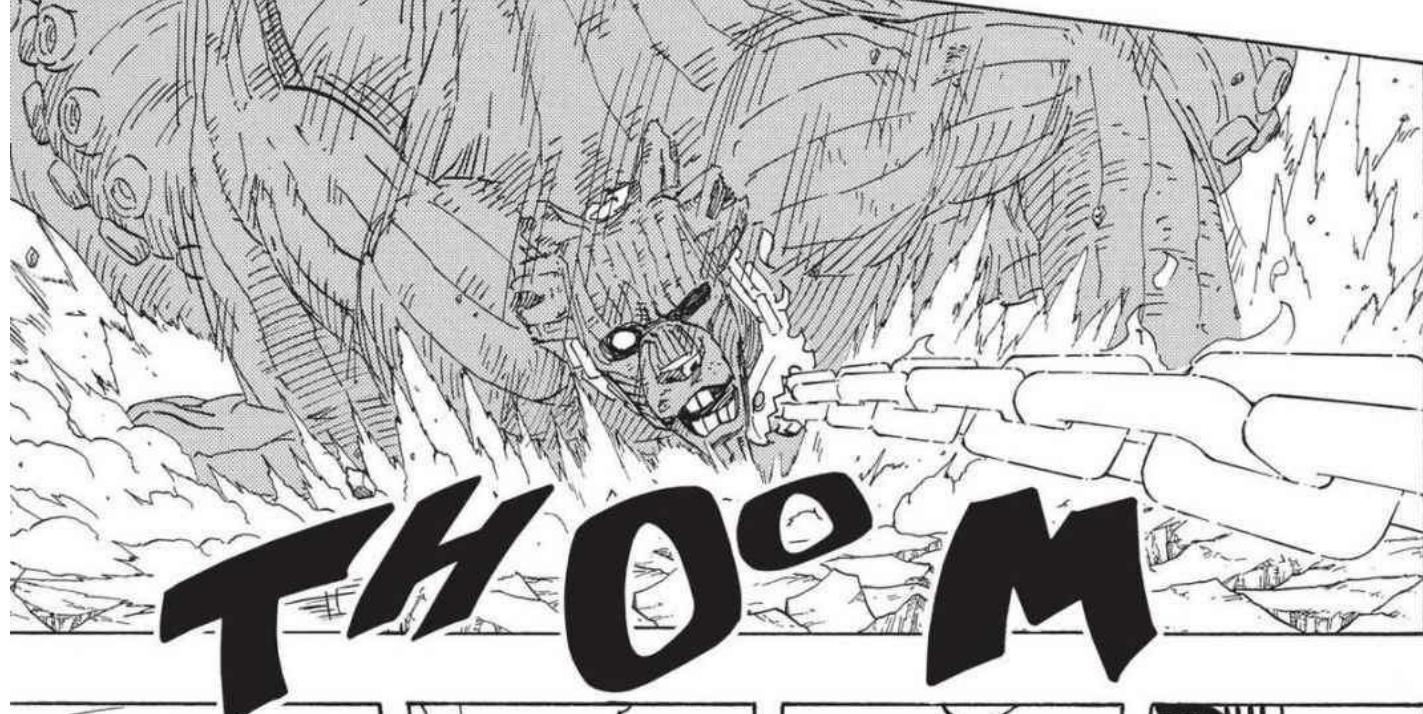


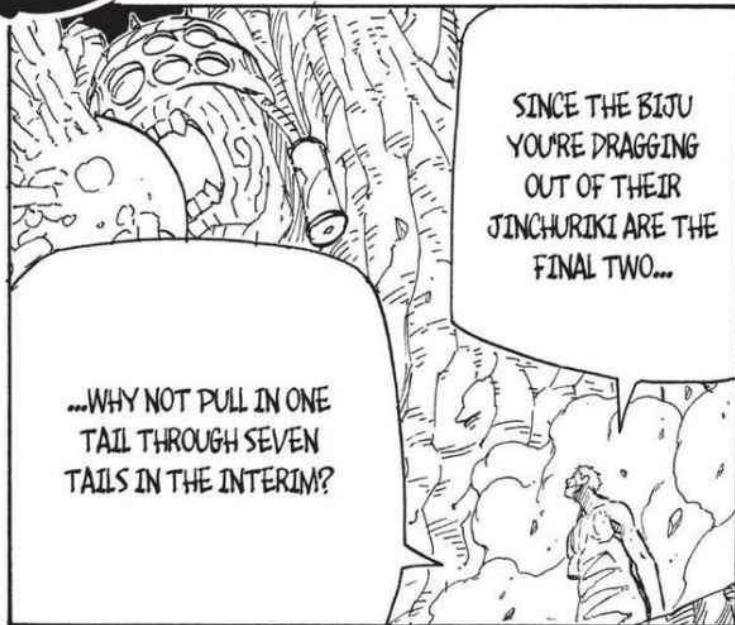
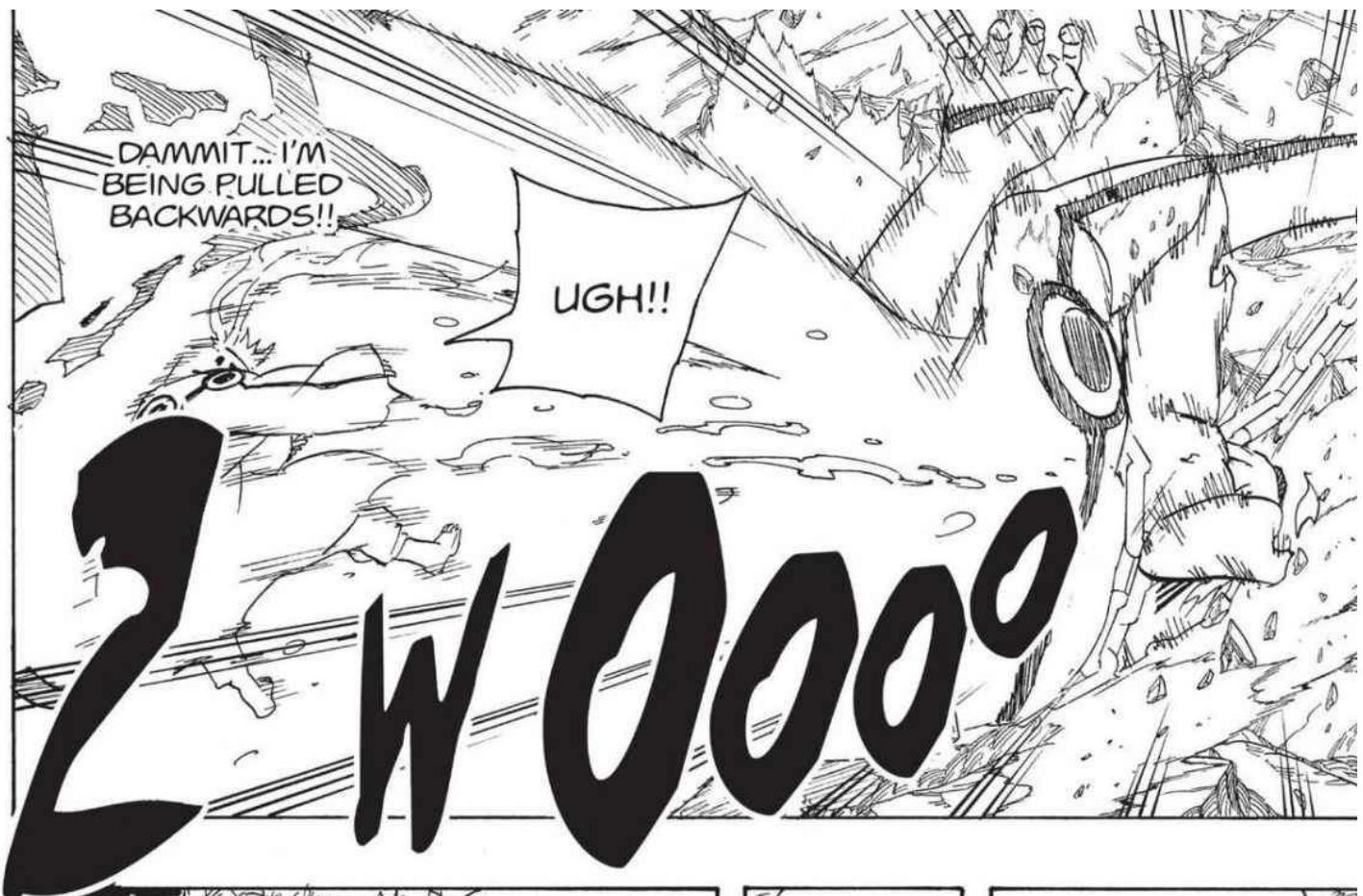
**JERK**

**DARN IT!!**

**JUDGER**

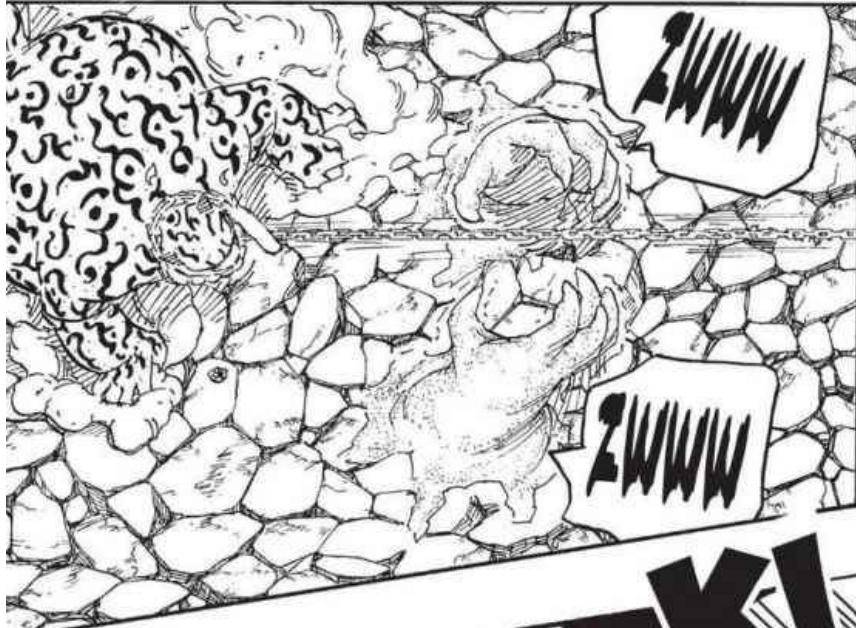


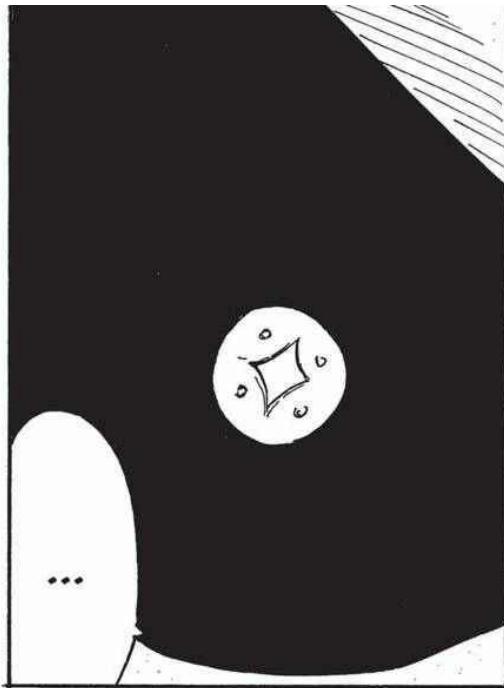




...START  
WITH  
THEM.

**STRAPPIN'**





BUT... YOU  
EXIST TO  
PROTECT MY  
VILLAGE,  
DON'T YOU?

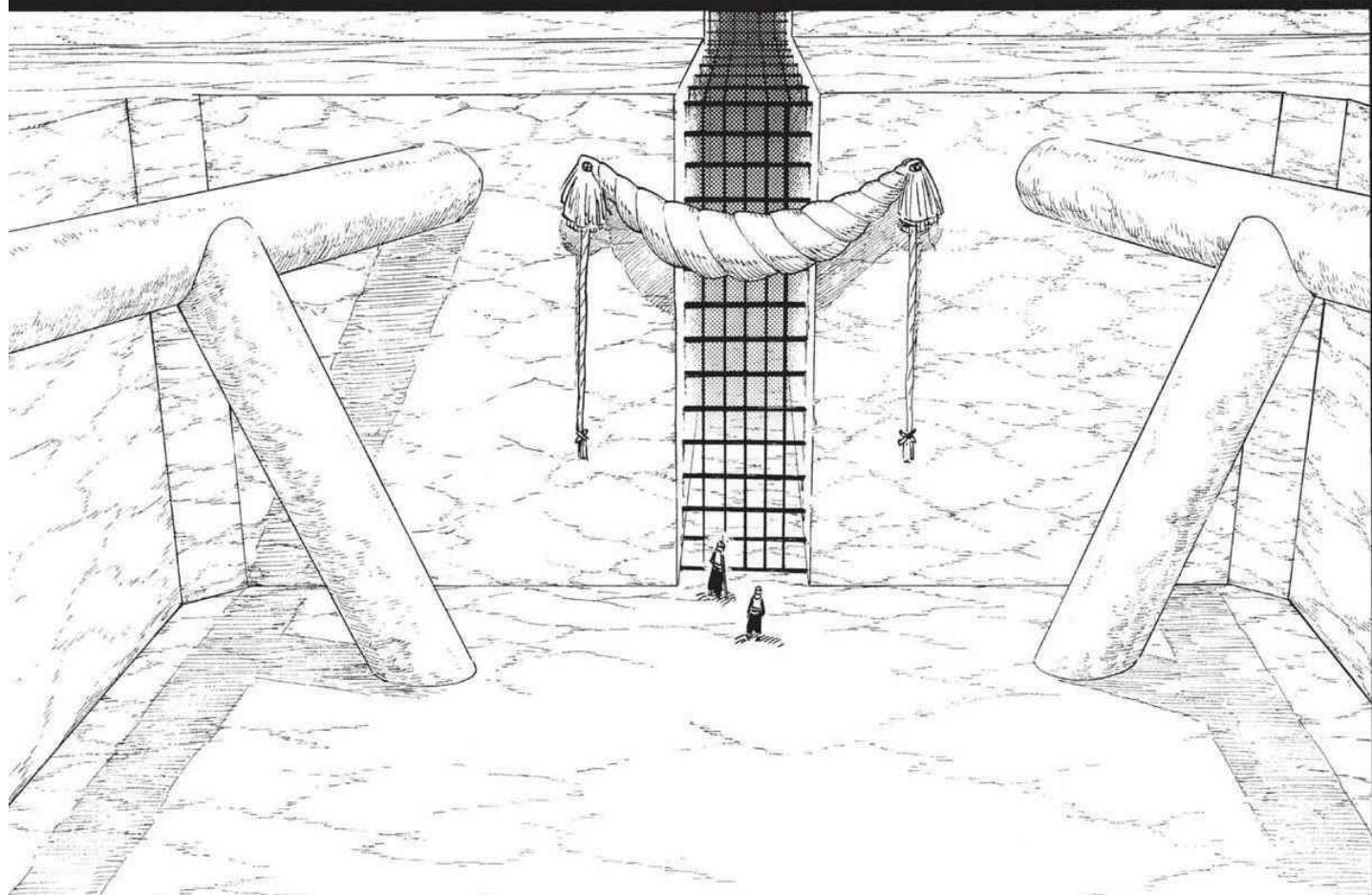
YEAH!  
LOATHE  
'EM!!

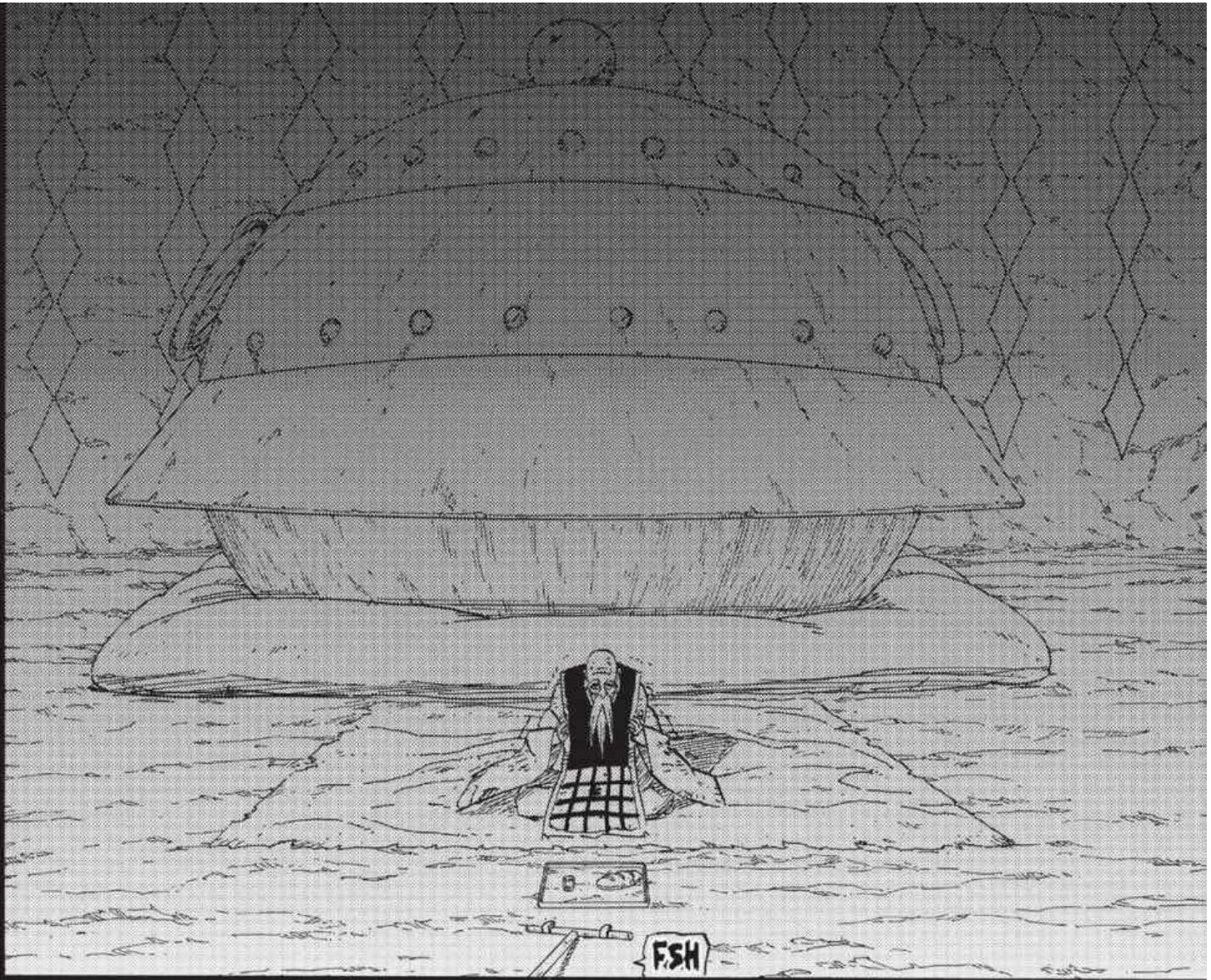
...HATE  
HUMANS?  
YOU...

HERE'S  
YOUR MEAL,  
SHUKAKU!!

YOU  
HUMANS  
ARE LESSER  
THAN US  
BEASTS!

I'VE NEVER  
PROTECTED  
Y'ALL BECAUSE  
I WANTED TO!





SINCE YOU  
KNOW MY  
TRUE NAME.

I DON'T  
REALLY  
MIND.

POOR DAMN  
MONK... THEY  
DON'T EVEN CALL  
YOU BY YOUR  
NAME  
ANYMORE...

...SINCE I'M A  
JINCHURIKI...

WELL, I'D  
DIE THE  
MOMENT I'M  
SEPARATED  
FROM YOU...

CAGED UP  
TOGETHER WITH  
A MAN-HATING  
BEAST WHO'S  
BEEN WITH YOU  
EVER SINCE YOU  
WERE BORN?

YOU MAY BE A  
MONK, BUT DON'T  
YOU EVER GET  
LONELY PUTTING UP  
WITH HUMANS WHO  
HATE YOU... AND A  
BEAST LIKE ME?

...

THERE AIN'T  
EVER GONNA  
BE ANOTHER  
HUMAN LIKE  
YOU AGAIN.

I GOTTA  
SAY,  
YOU'RE AN  
ODD DAMN  
GEEZER.

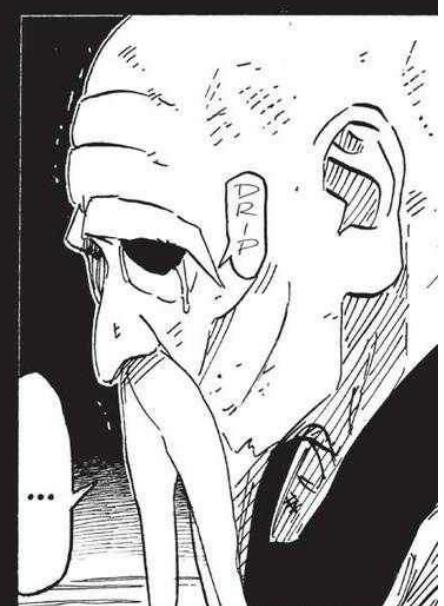
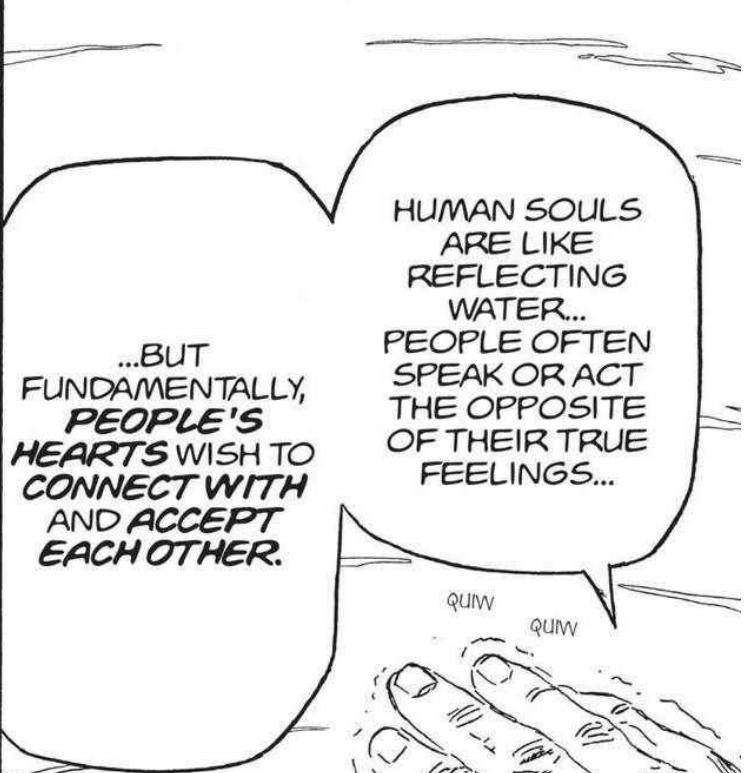
A FRIEND  
OF THE  
HEART  
PROVIDES  
PEACE OF  
MIND, NO  
MATTER  
THE  
SPECIES.

BESIDES,  
THERE'S NO  
NEED... TO  
DISTINGUISH  
BETWEEN MAN  
AND BEAST.

NO... I  
THINK  
YOU'RE  
WRONG  
THERE.

FSH





AND I KNOW ONE DAY THERE **WILL** EMERGE SOMEONE WHO'LL PROTECT, REDEEM AND SHEPHERD YOU.

I'M SURE THERE ARE...

I REALLY CAN'T SEE THERE BEING OTHERS LIKE YOU OUT THERE... FEH...

WE GOT THINGS TO DO!

HEY! HURRY UP AND EAT, OLD MAN!!

QUIVV

QUIVV

KLANG

\*TEXT: ACCEPTANCE

\*TEXT: HEART

AND THE MOMENT YOU COME TO ACCEPT THIS TRUE HEART, YOU TOO WILL LIKELY COMPREHEND...

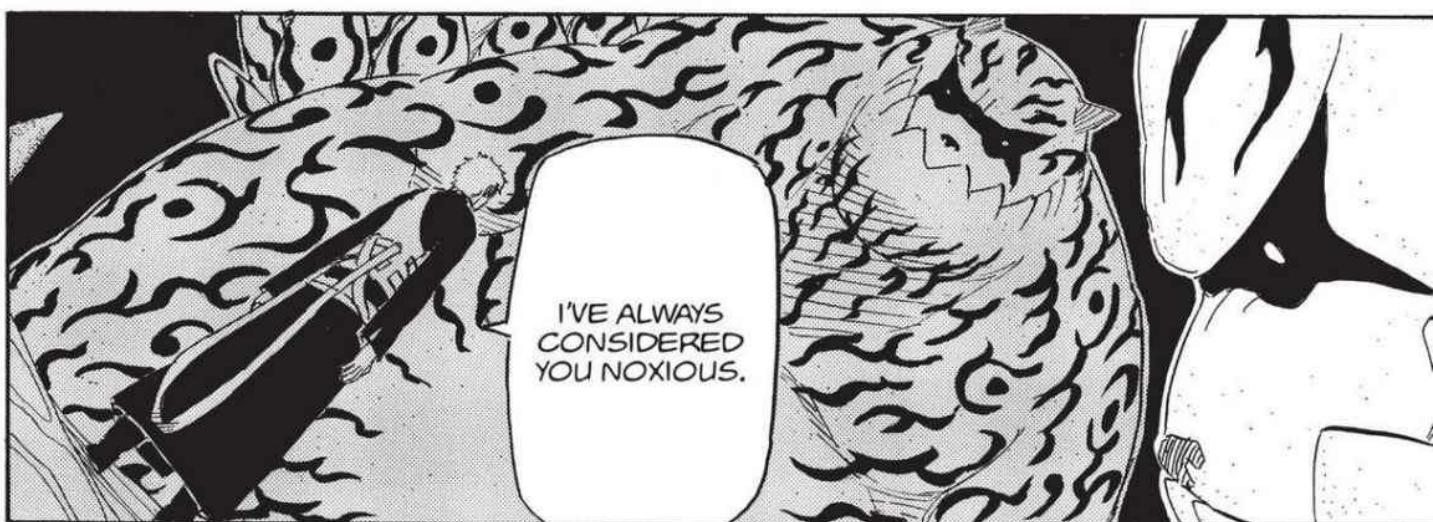
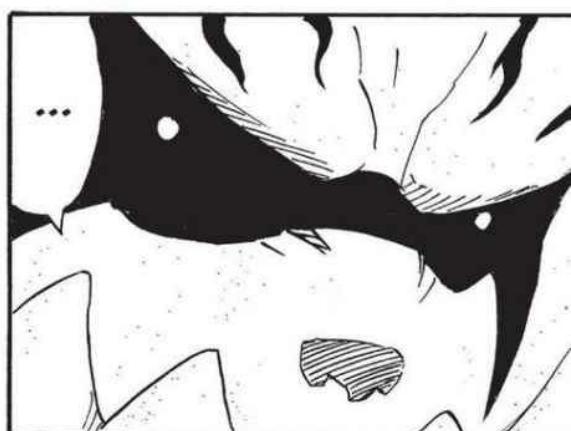
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...OF THESE WORDS MY MENTOR ETCHED ONTO MY PALMS.

...THE MEANING...



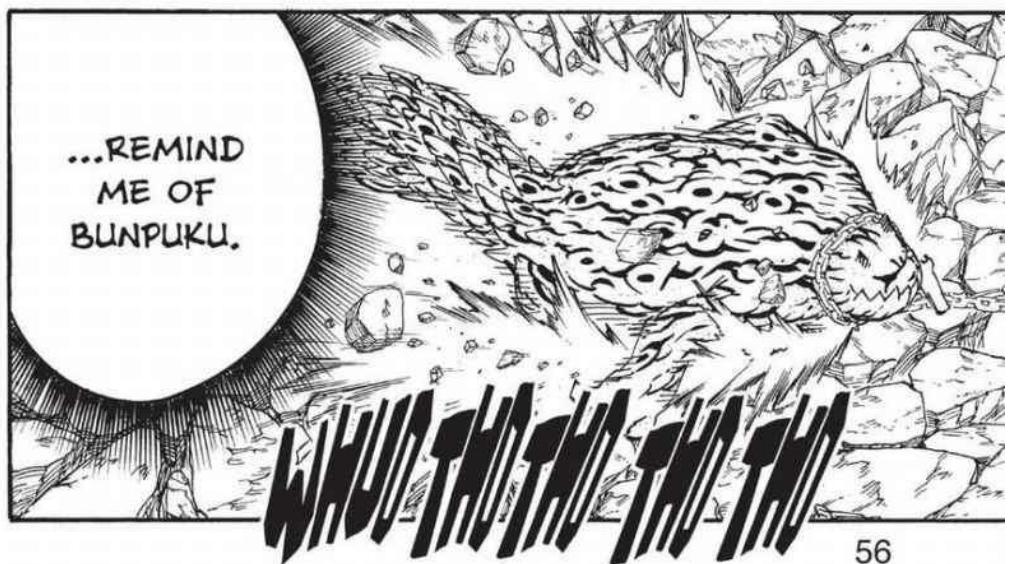
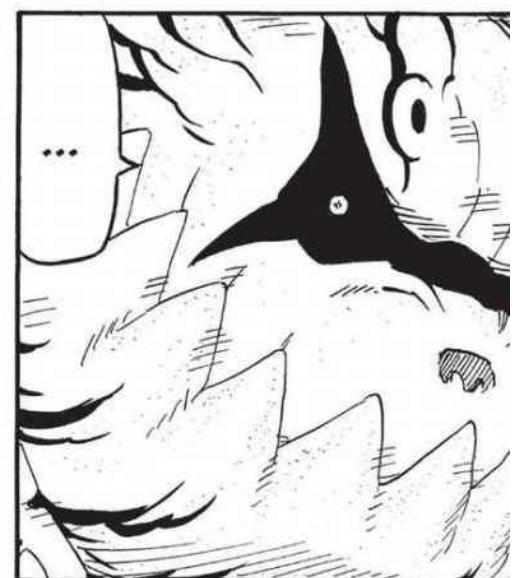
\*TEXT: LOVE



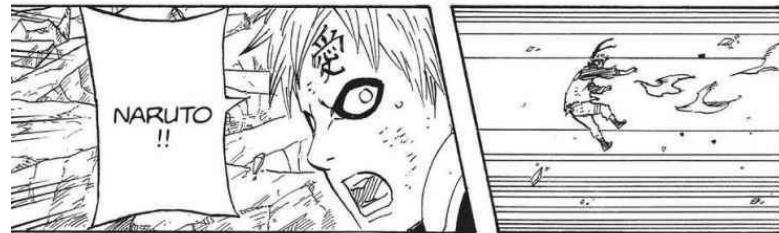
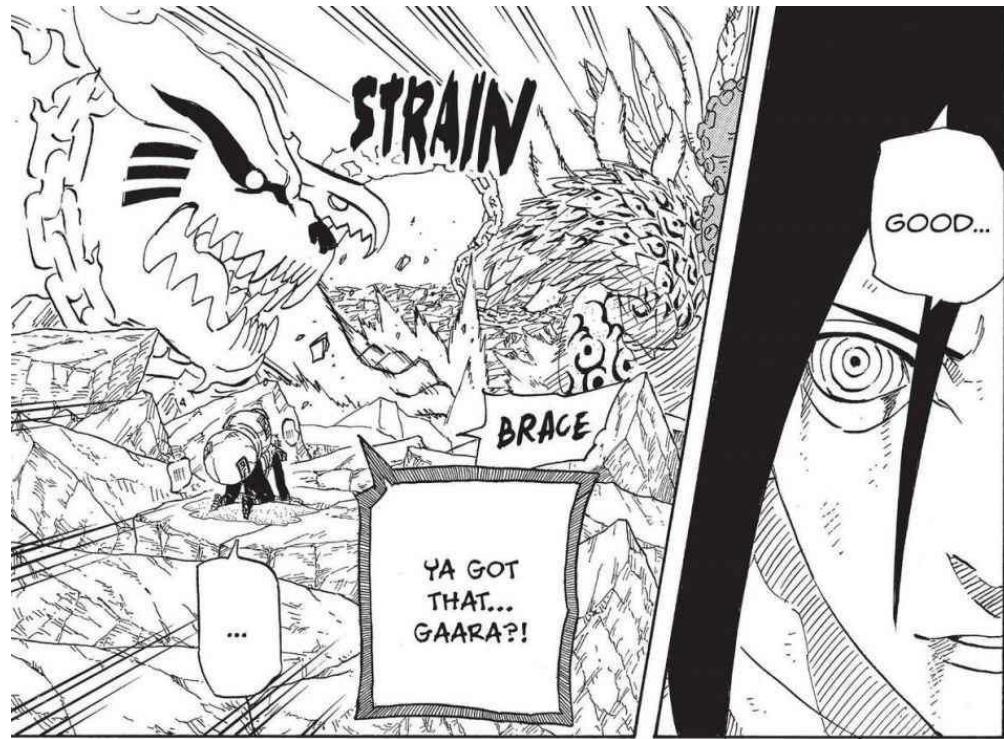






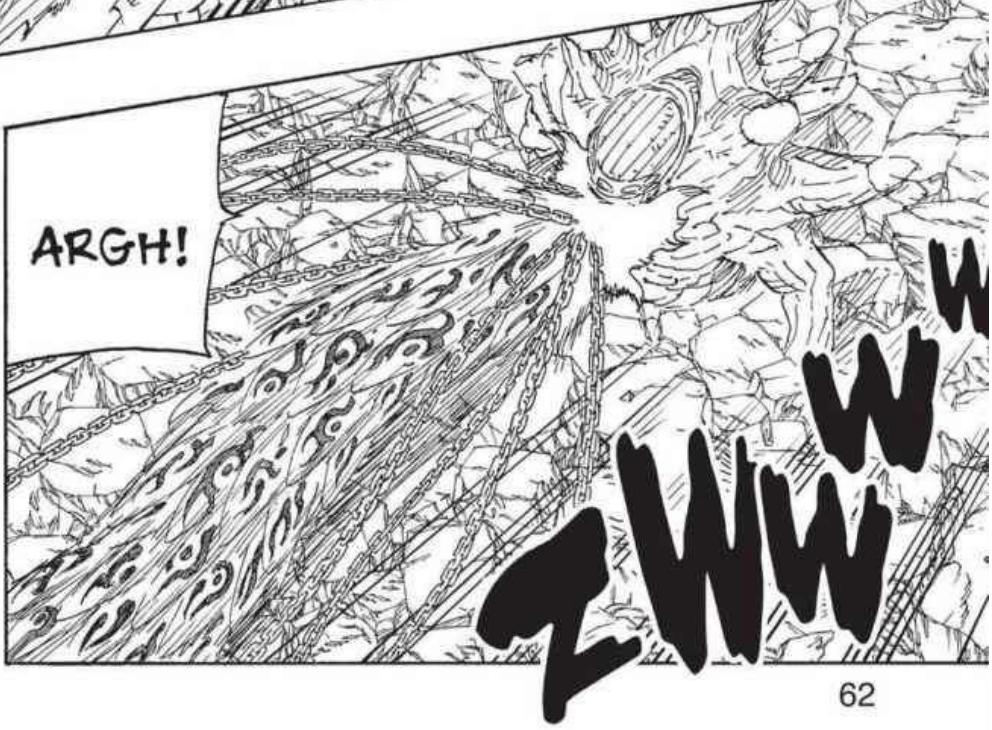
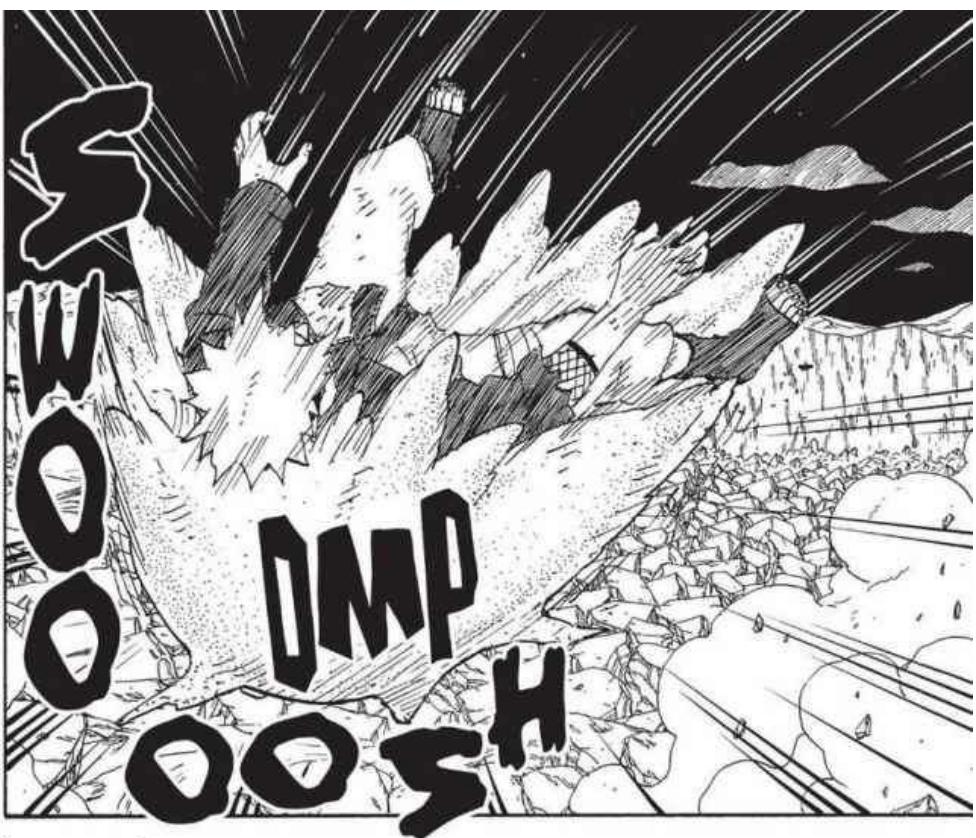










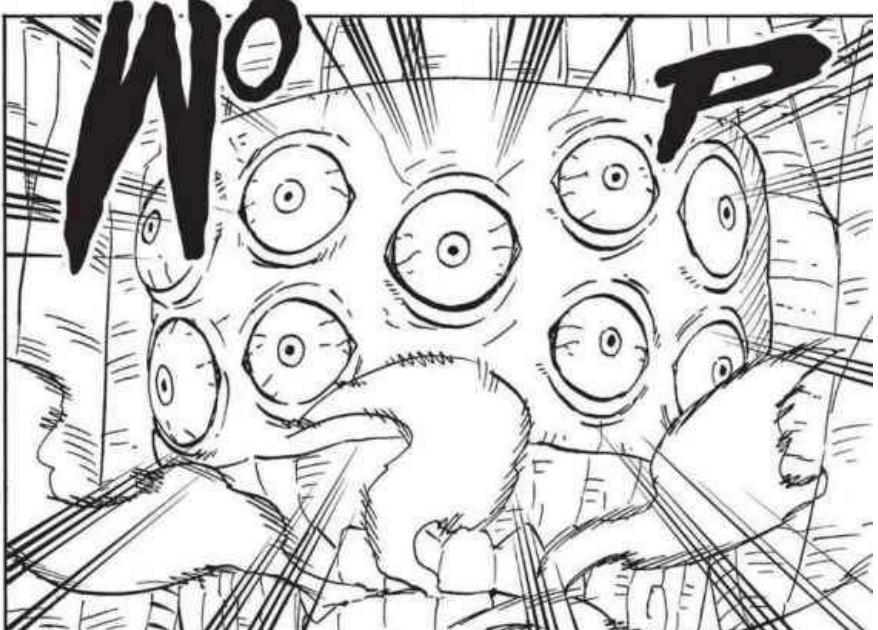
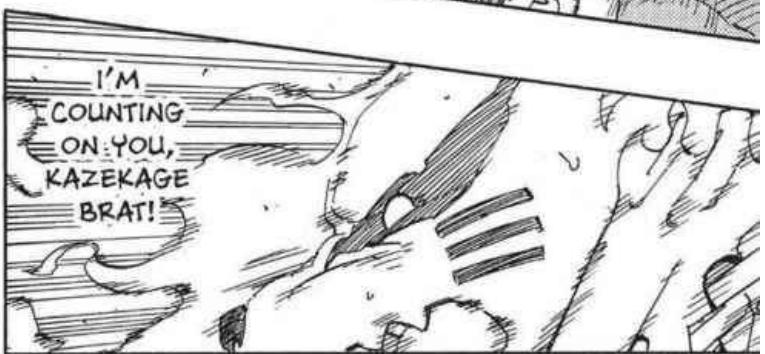
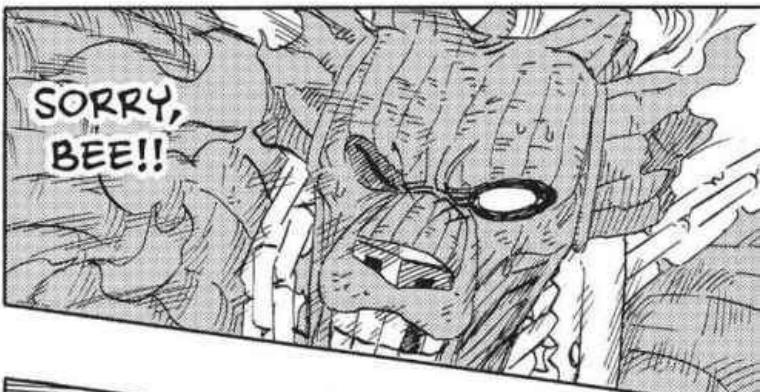


ZWP

SHUKAKU!

OP

ZOO



YOU ARE ALL FLOPS, DUD INVENTIONS OF MINE... ALWAYS FINDING FAULT WITH ME.

H/MPH... YOU REALLY ARE A CHATTERBOX.

WELL... THAT'S ABOUT ALL I CAN EXPECT FROM MY CURRENT STRENGTH.

**RRRRUMBLE**

WELL, BLACK ZETSU'S NICKNAME IS WICKED TONGUE, AND WE WHITE ZETSU CALL OURSELVES WAGGING TONGUES, SO, HA HA HA...

♪

THOUGH YOU WERE FASTER THAN OBITO...

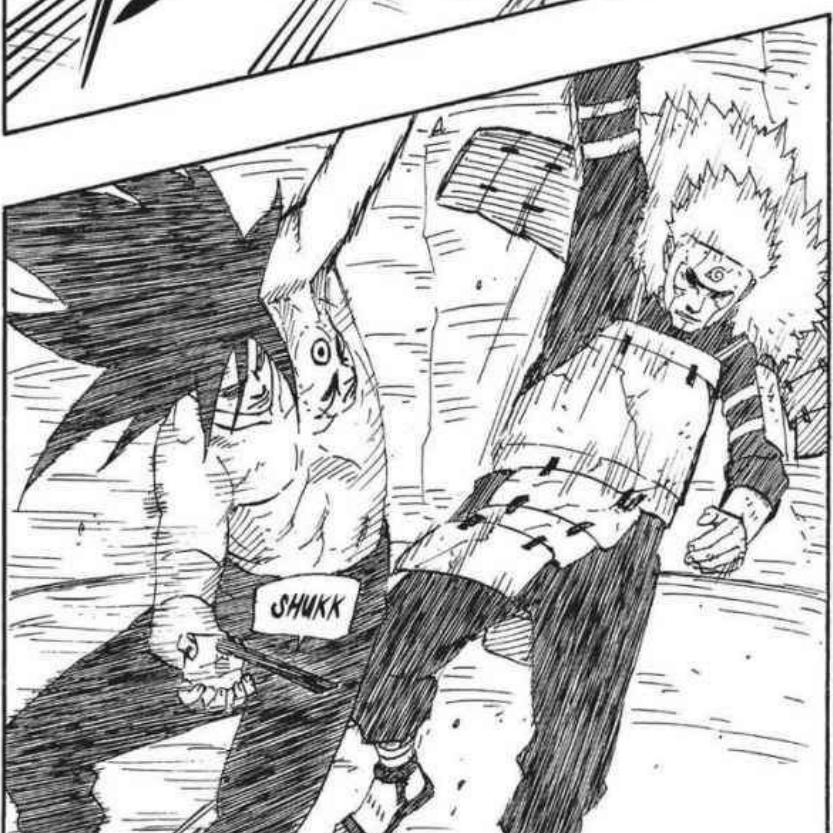
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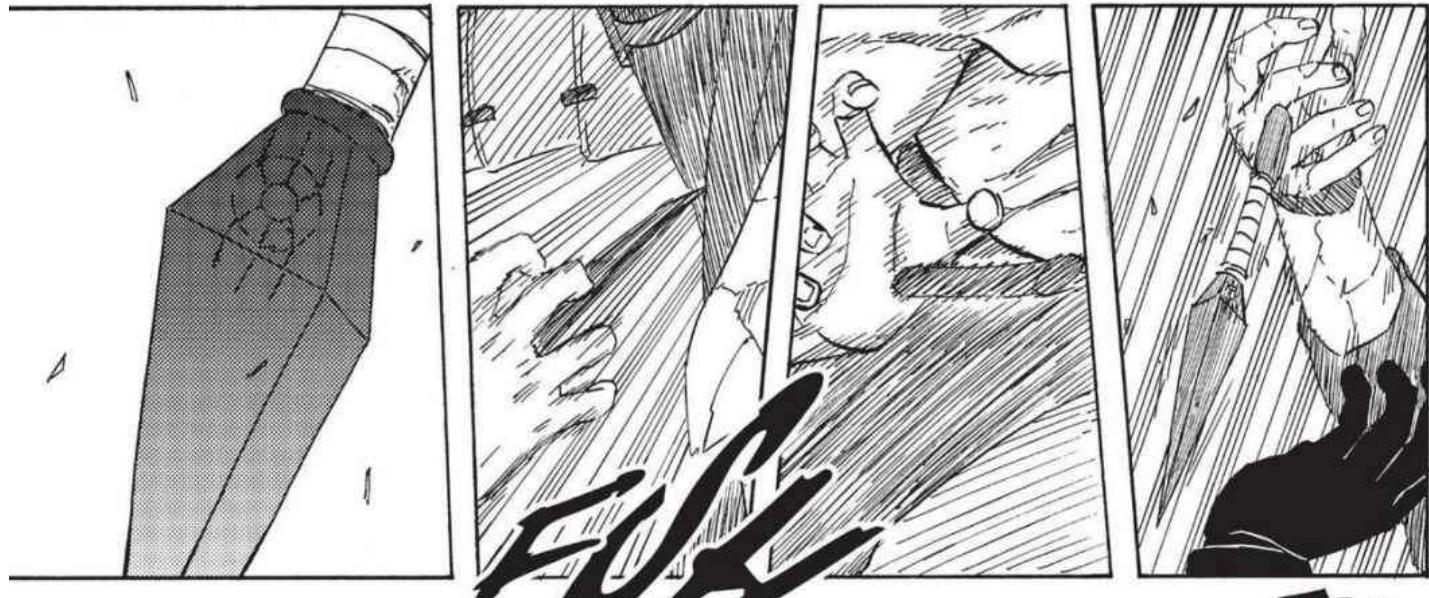
FOR THE BASE IS PRETTY GOOD MATERIAL!

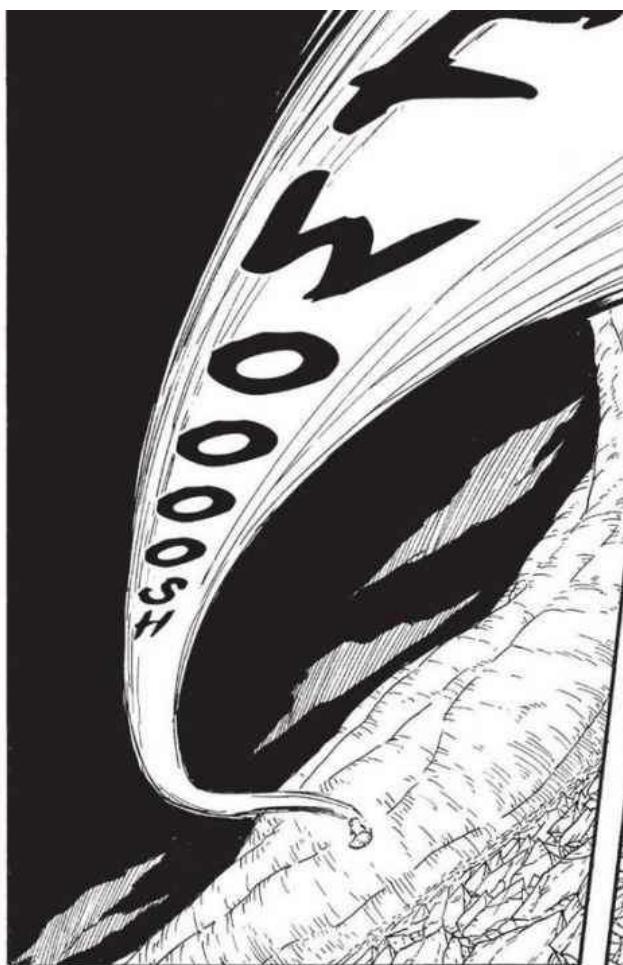
IT SHALL!

THE OTHER BATTLE IS GOING WELL?



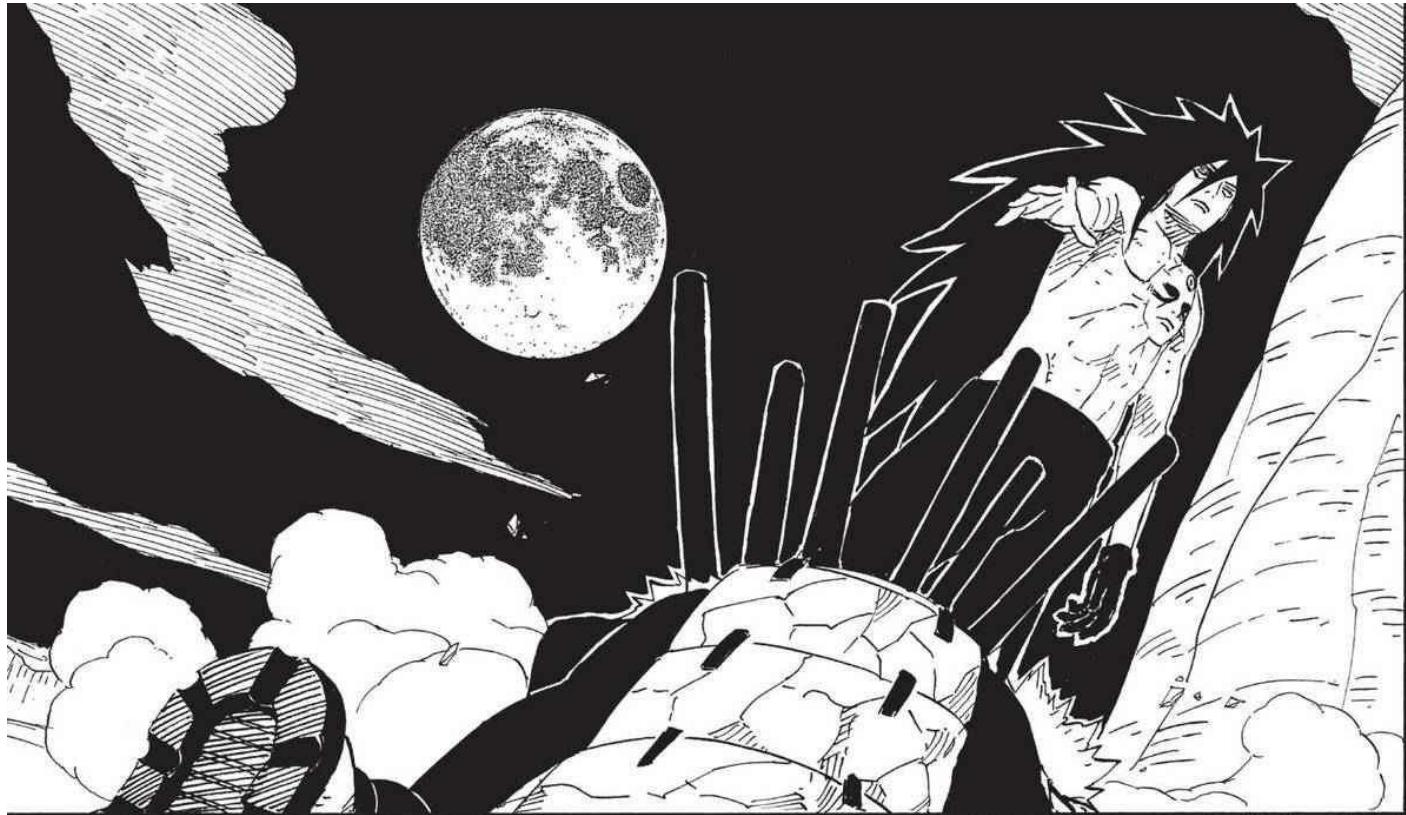




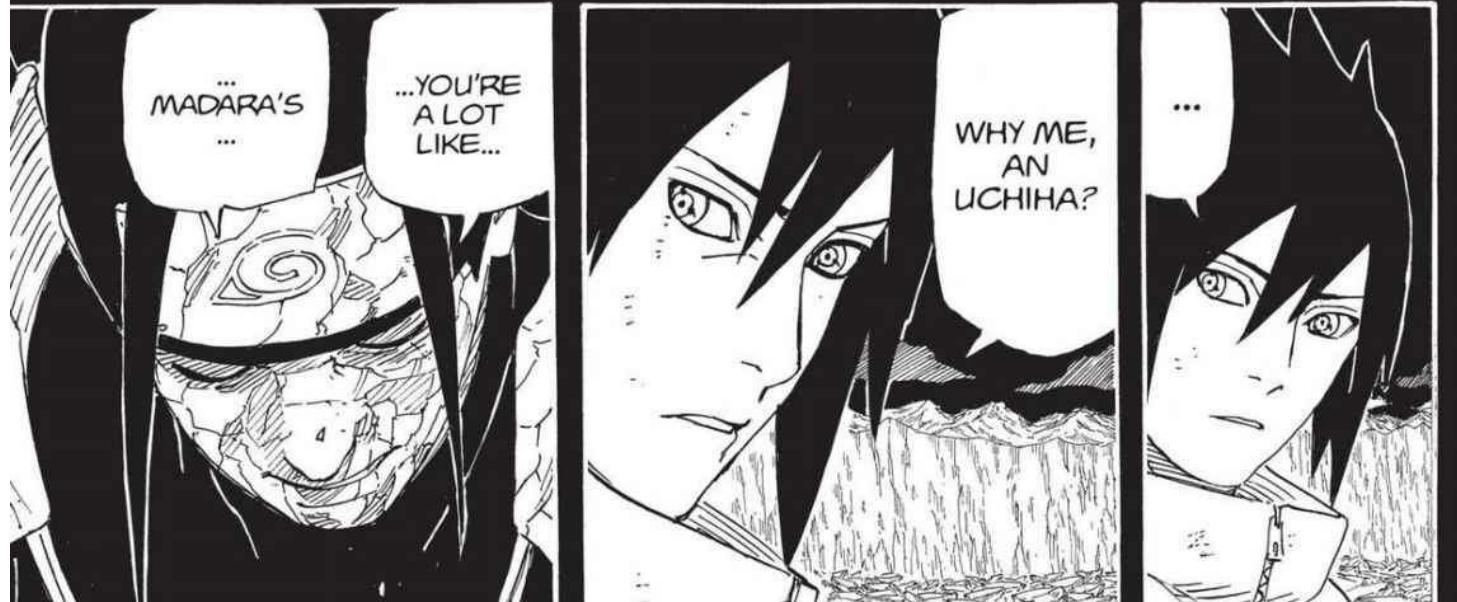


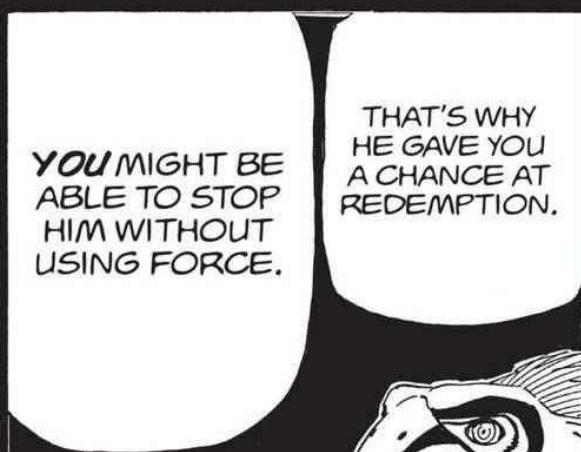
I  
SWEAR  
IT!!

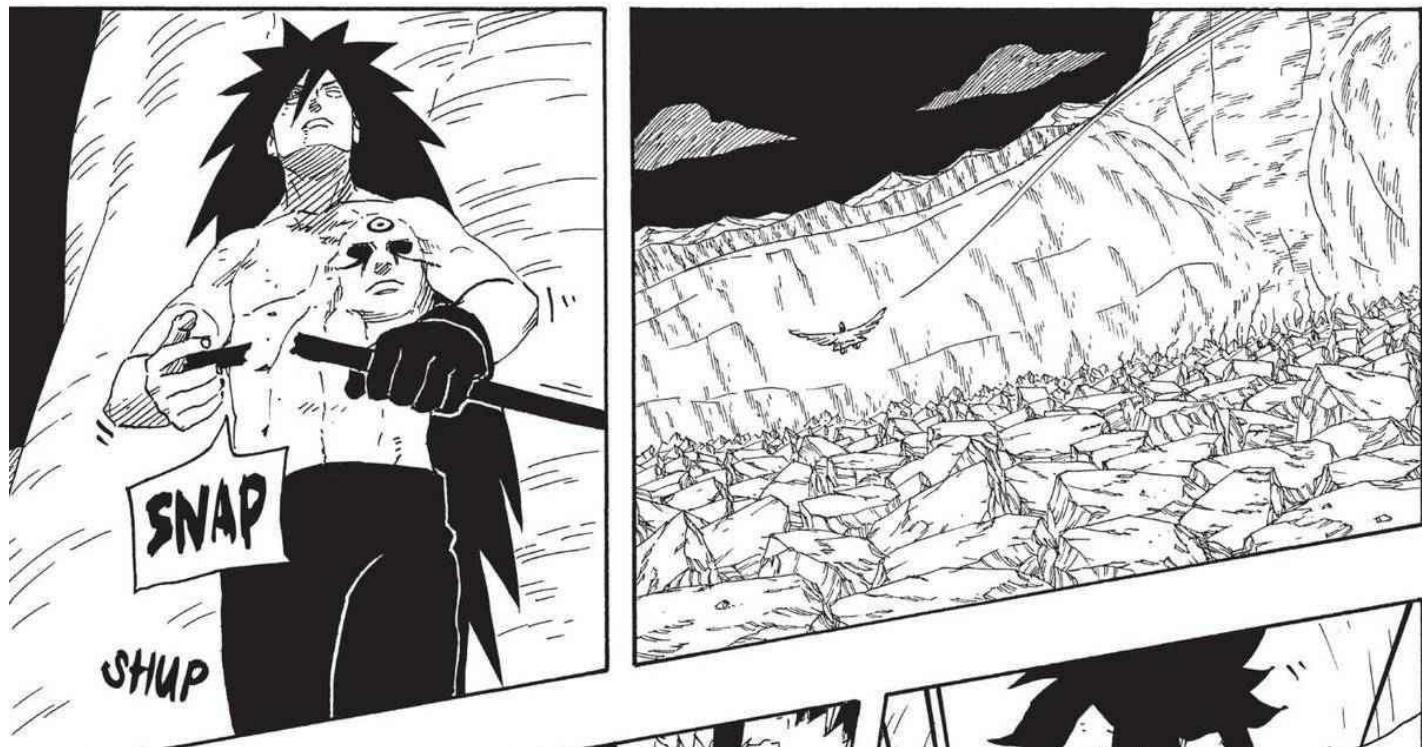


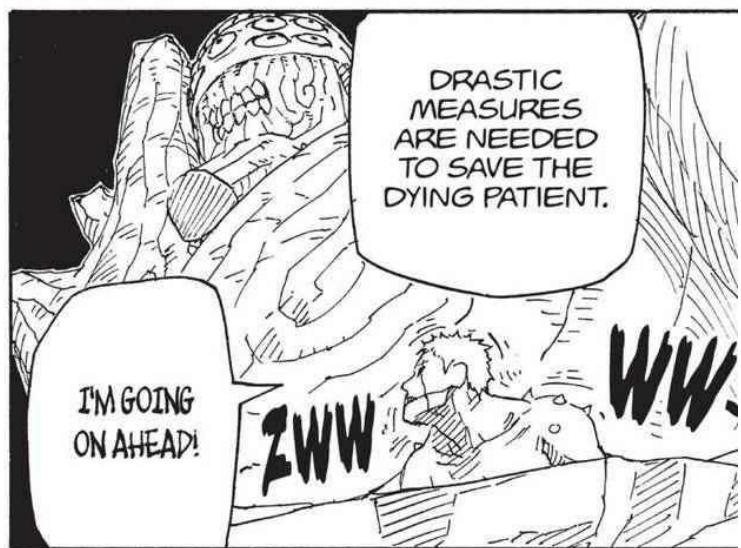
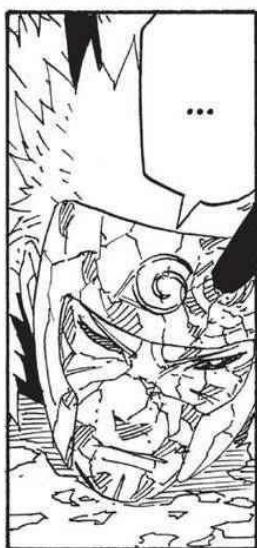












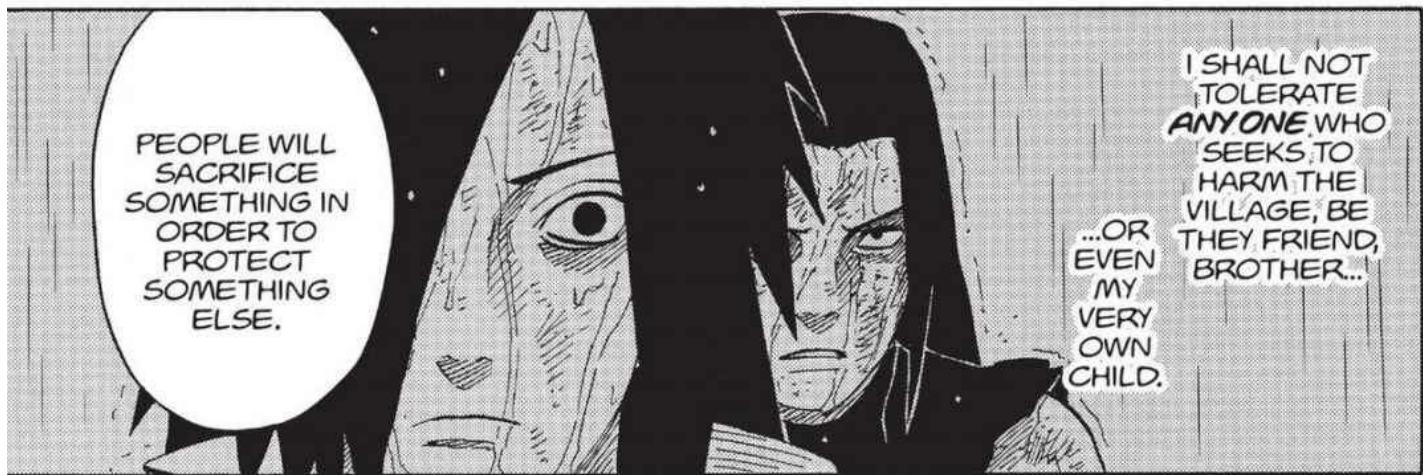


AND THOSE  
TWO THINGS  
STAND  
TOGETHER,  
SIDE BY SIDE.



TO WANT  
ONLY PEACE  
AND DISCARD  
ONLY  
CONFLICT  
WOULD  
CAUSE  
PEOPLE TO  
STOP BEING  
PEOPLE.

THAT  
DUALITY  
IS  
MANKIND  
FOR YOU.



PEOPLE WILL  
SACRIFICE  
SOMETHING IN  
ORDER TO  
PROTECT  
SOMETHING  
ELSE.

I SHALL NOT  
TOLERATE  
ANYONE WHO  
SEEKS TO  
HARM THE  
VILLAGE, BE  
THEY FRIEND,  
BROTHER...

...OR  
EVEN  
MY  
VERY  
OWN  
CHILD.



...IT'S NOT  
A DREAM  
FOR YOU  
TO  
MEDdle  
WITH!!!

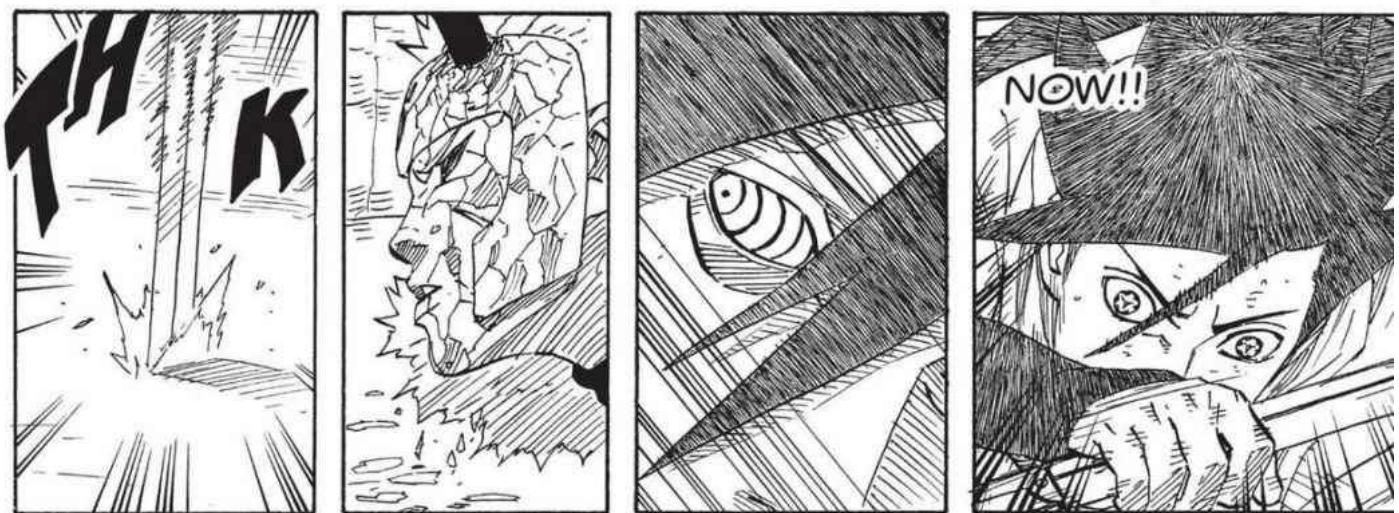


EXCEPT  
IN A TRUE  
DREAM  
WORLD.



HOW-  
EVER...

YOU'VE  
GOT A  
POINT.



BE THEY FRIEND,  
BROTHER... OR  
EVEN MY VERY  
OWN CHILD.

FSH...

STOP,  
MADARA!  
DON'T  
YOU--

KLAK  
IN ORDER TO  
PROTECT  
SOMETHING...  
SOMETHING  
ELSE GETS  
SACRIFICED.

THE  
CHECK IS  
THIS?!

GAH!

...I GAVE  
YOU  
PLENTY  
ENOUGH  
TIME.

HOW  
UNFORTU-  
NATE.





**Number 662: A True Ending**

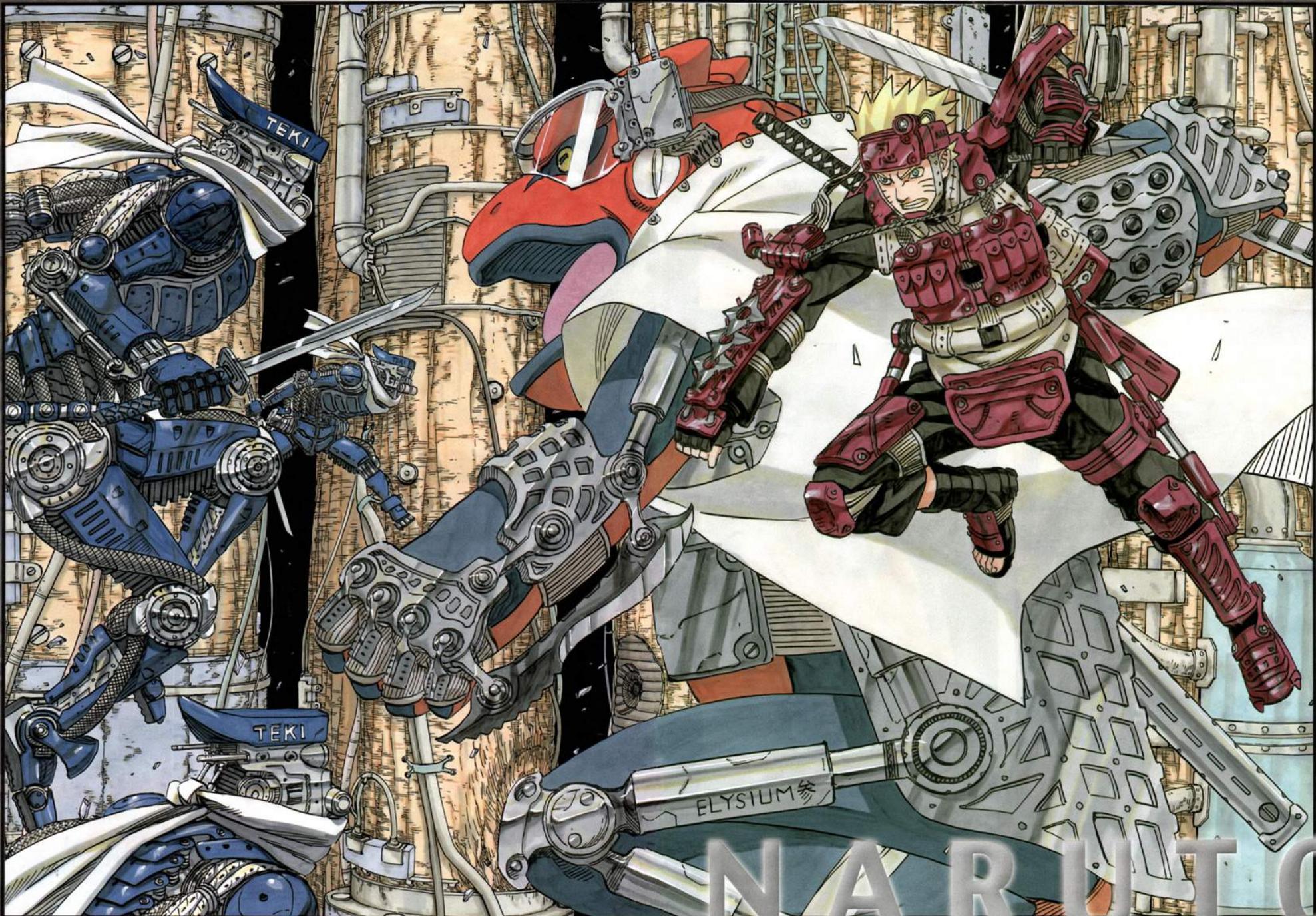


Number 662: A True Ending

THE LATEST VOLUME (68) WILL BE OUT 04/03!! AND THE NARUTO SHIPPUDEN ANIME IS BROADCASTING ON TV TOKYO EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 PM!!!

GRAB IT BY THE THROAT AND RECLAIM YOUR FUTURE! ORDER 7610!!

7610 IS A PLAY ON NUMBERS WHICH  
ACTUALLY SPELLS OUT NA-RU-TO.



岸本 音史  
MASASHI KISHIMOTO

662: THE END OF REALITY

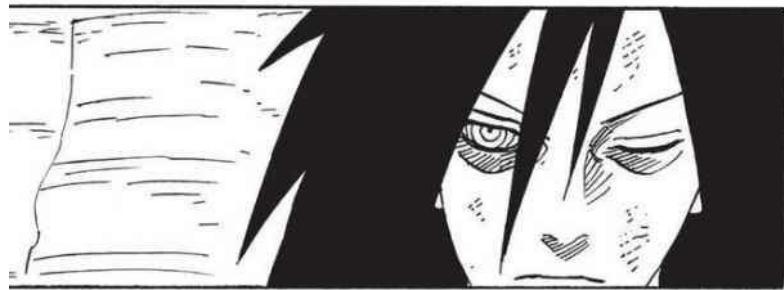
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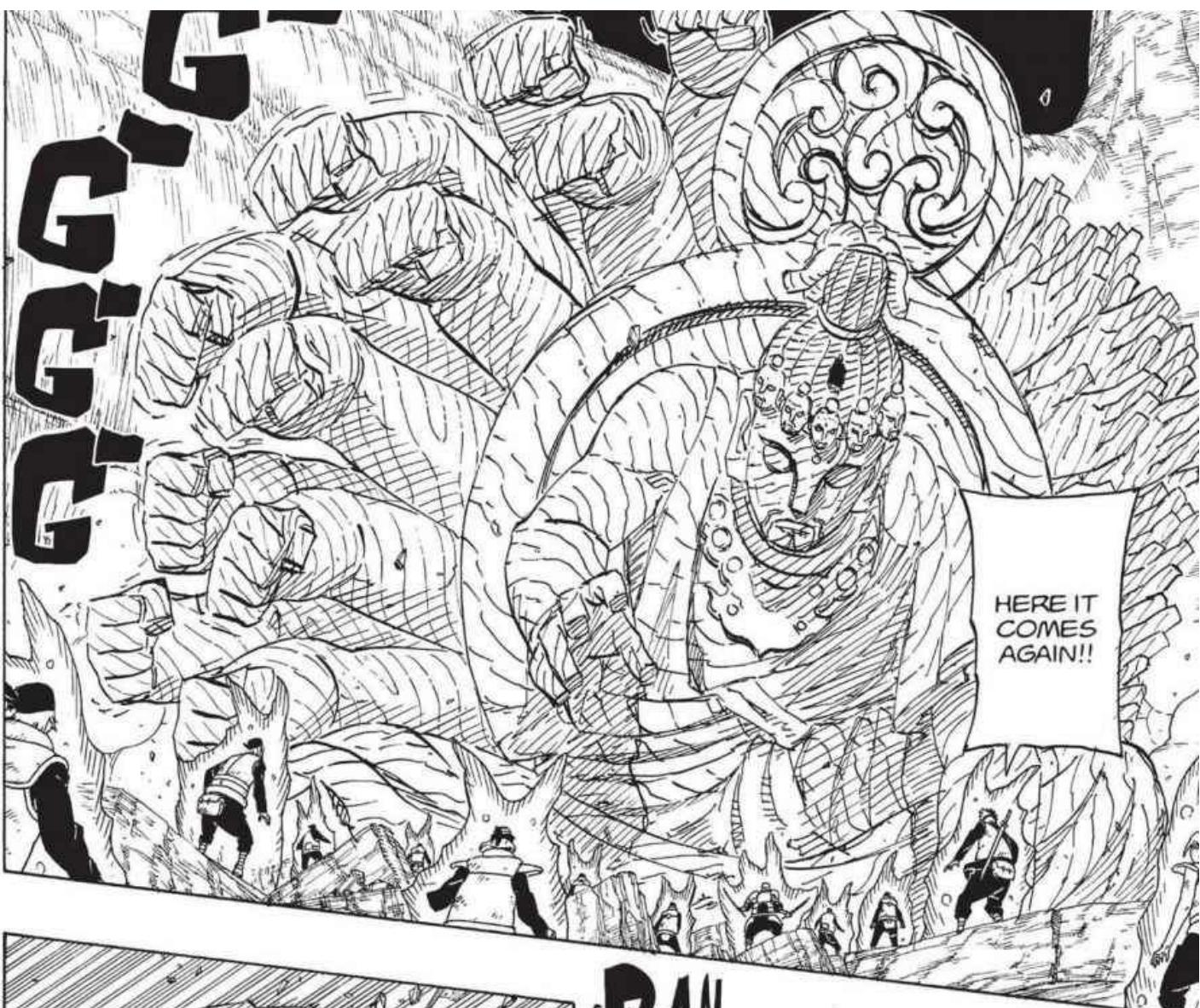
THE 15TH YEAR OF SERIALIZATION ANNIVERSARY COVER AND LEAD COLOR PAGE!!

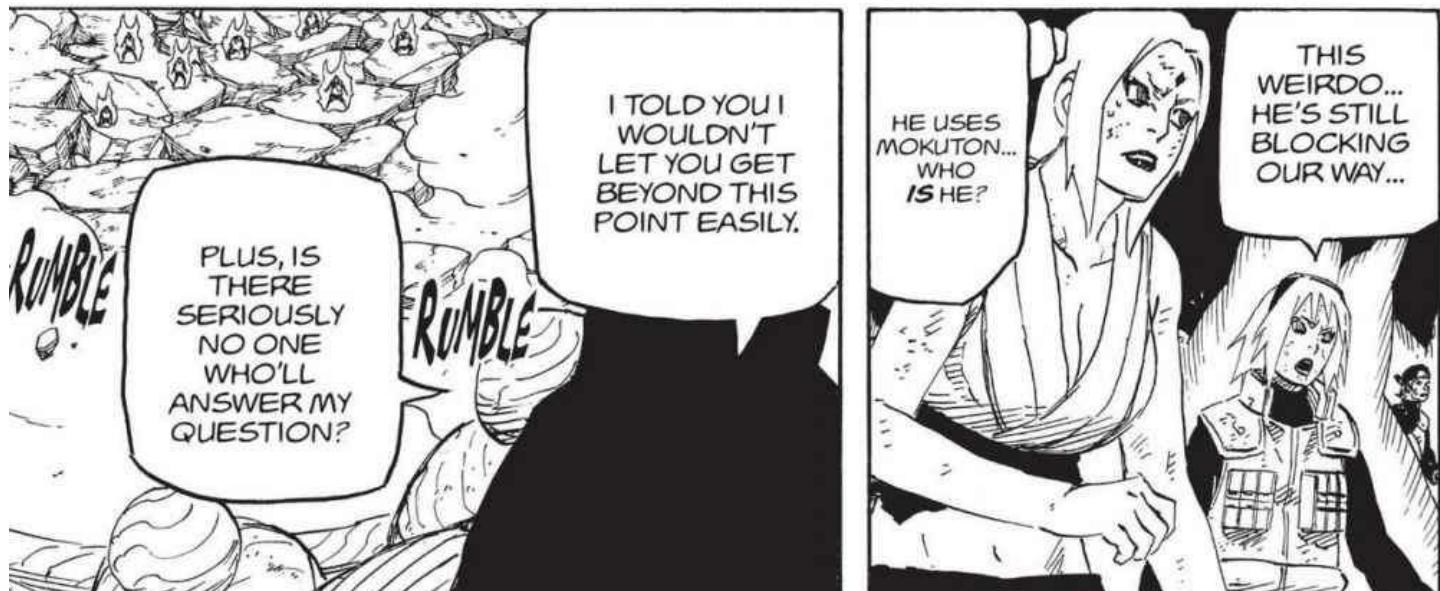
MANGA STREAM  
FOR ADULT READERS

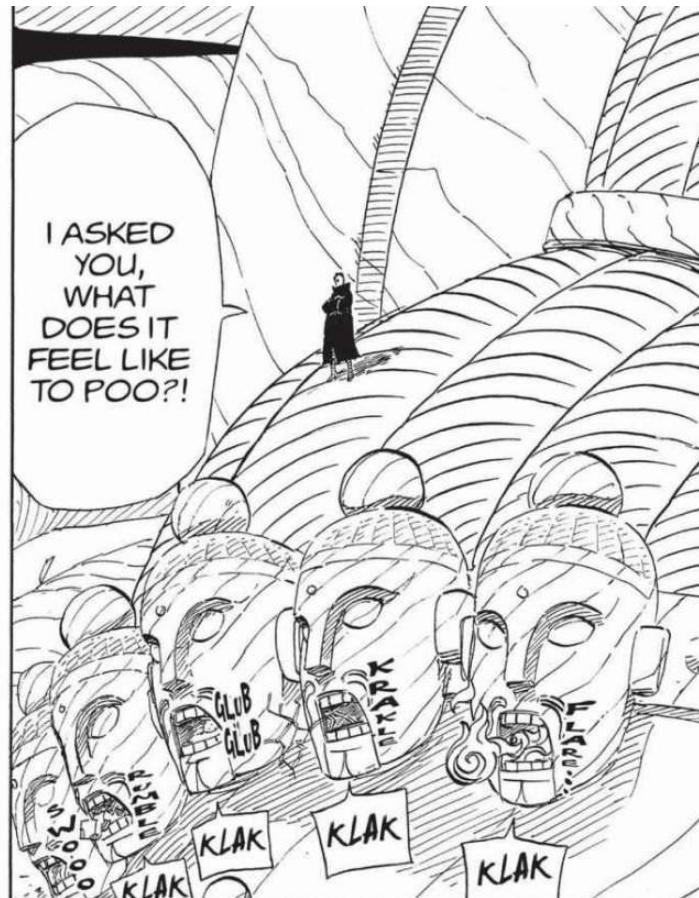
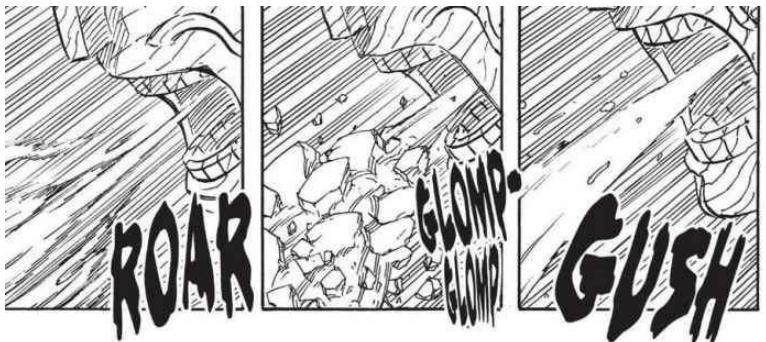
# NARUTO



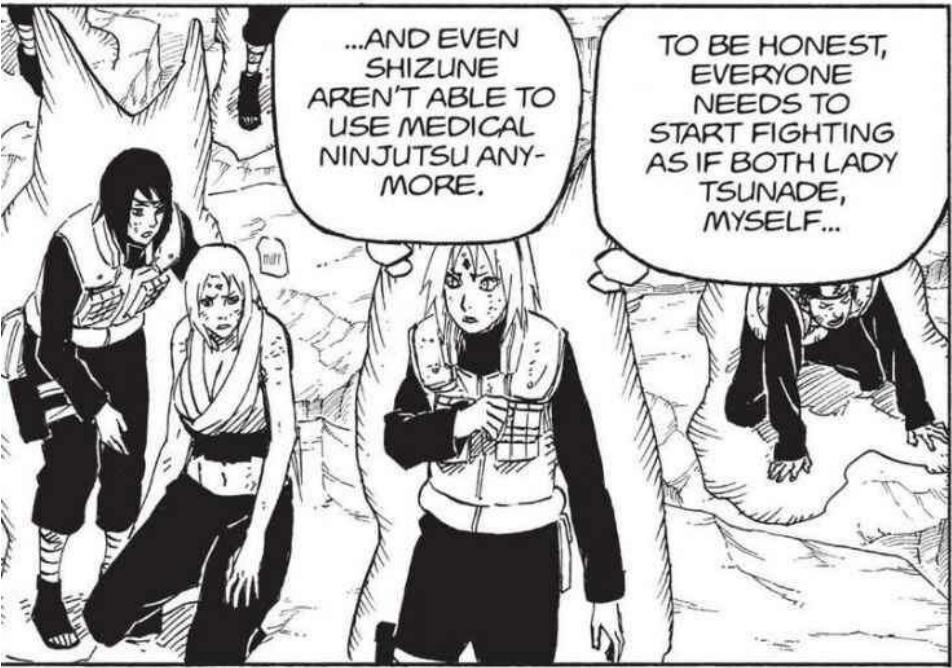










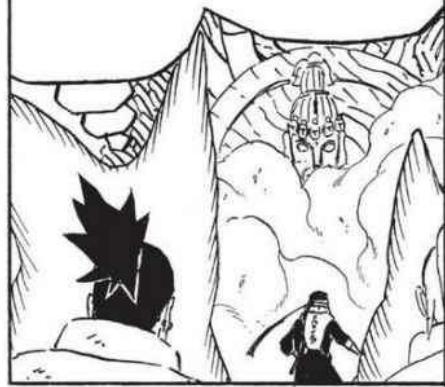


...AND EVEN SHIZUNE AREN'T ABLE TO USE MEDICAL NINJUTSU ANYMORE.

TO BE HONEST, EVERYONE NEEDS TO START FIGHTING AS IF BOTH LADY TSUNADE, MYSELF...

FORGET MADARA... WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT HIM...

IF THIRD GOES DOWN, WE'RE TOAST...



RUMBLE

NOT YET...

RUMBLE

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE, LORD OROCHIMARU!

AND WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO REGROUP.

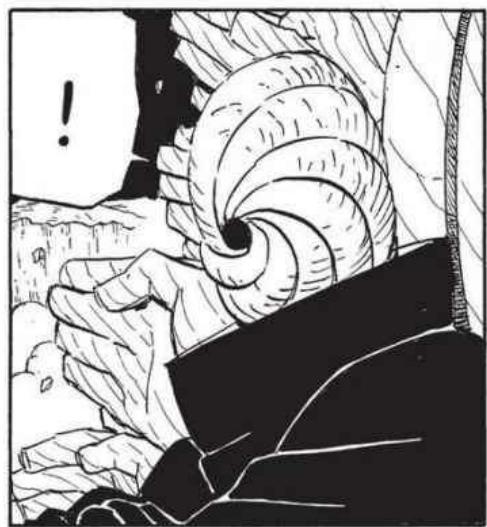
WE'VE BEEN USING BIG ATTACKS TOO LONG!



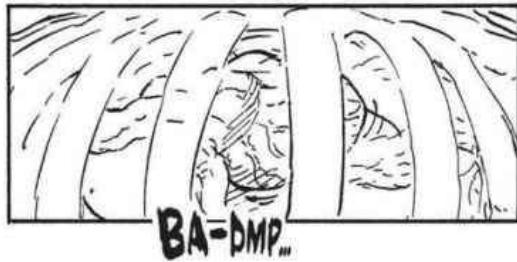
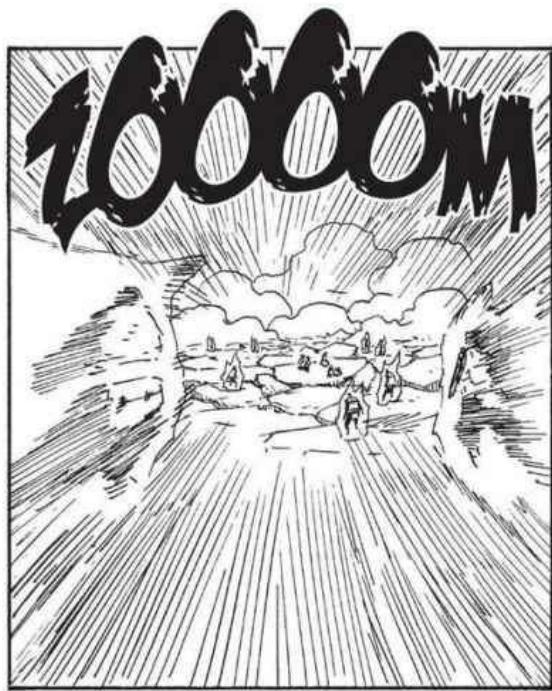
I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE MADARA TO NARUTO BOY...



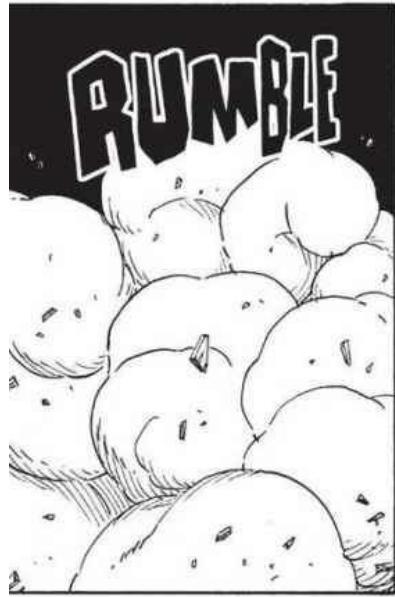


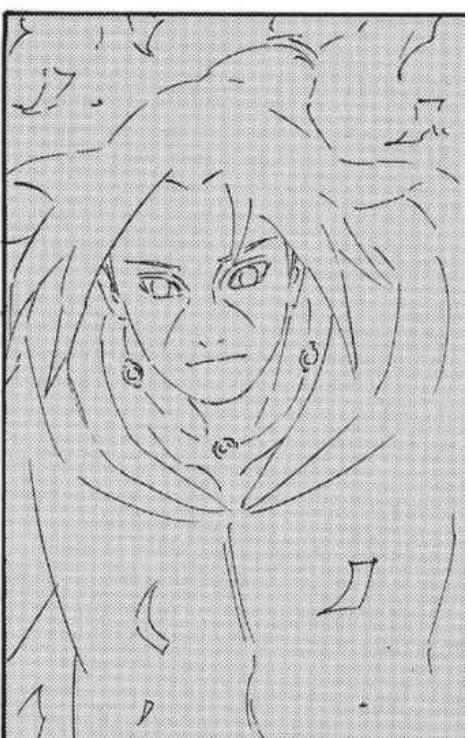


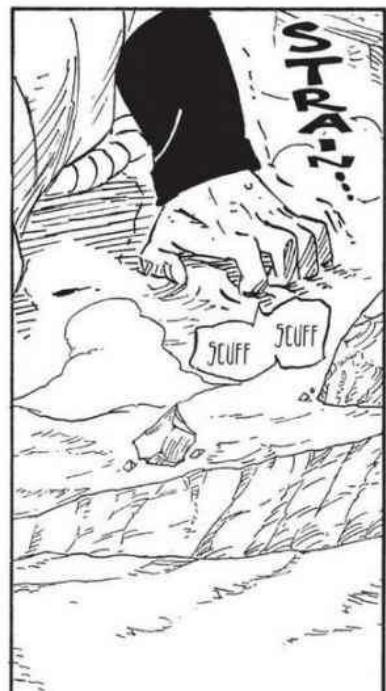
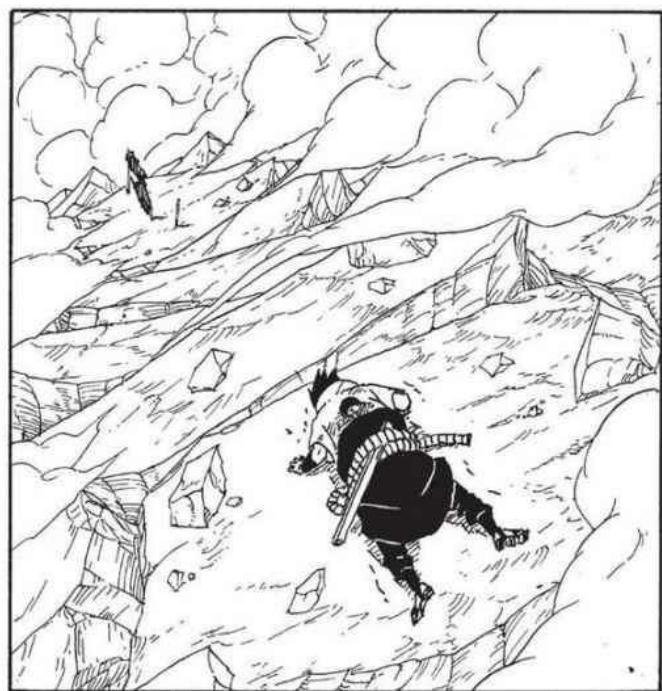
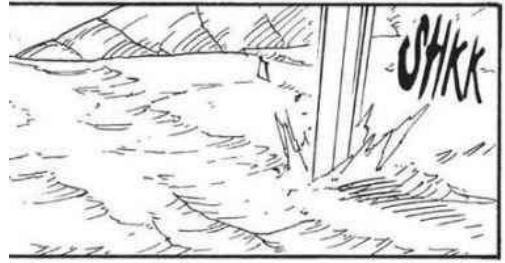




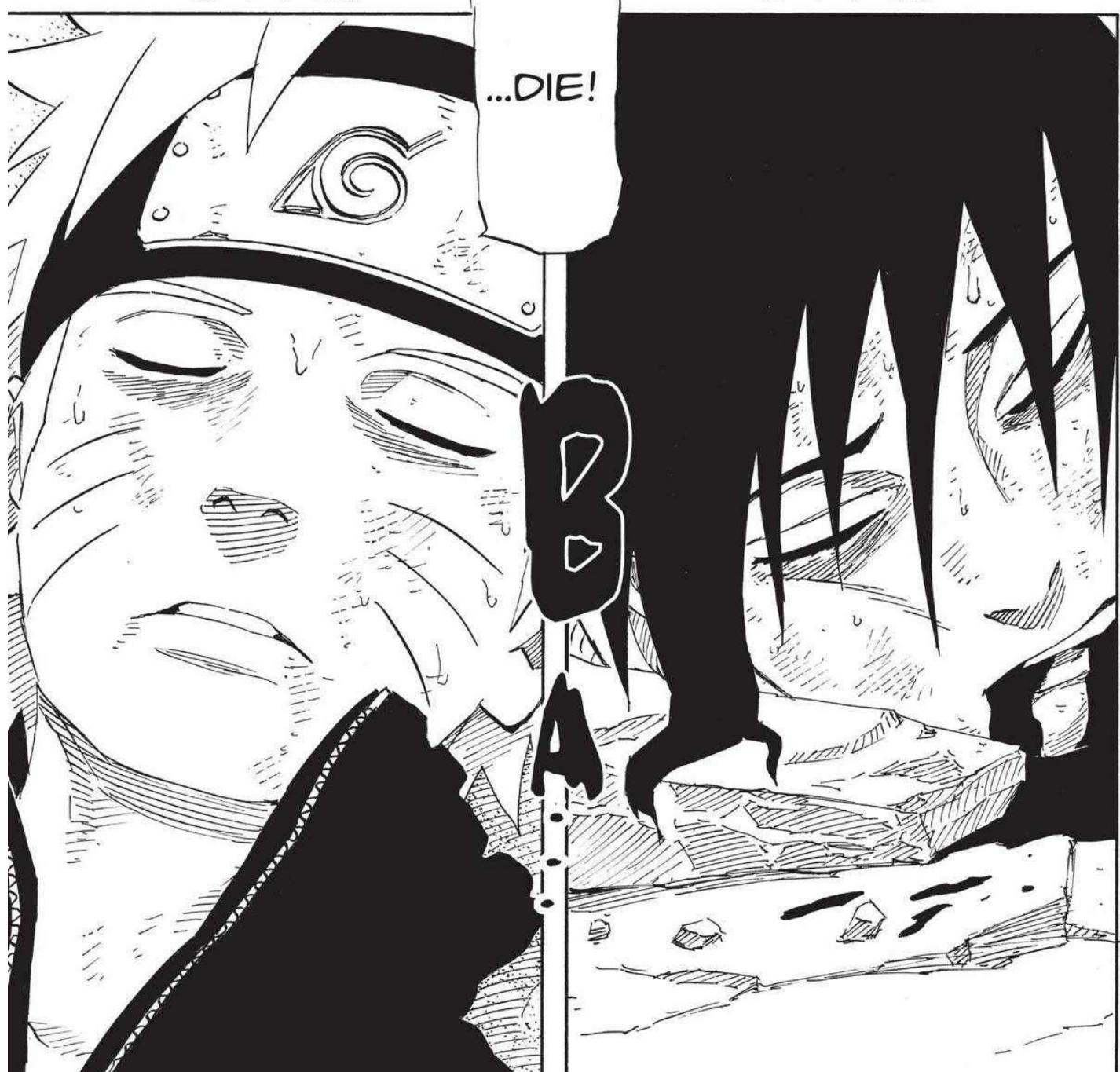
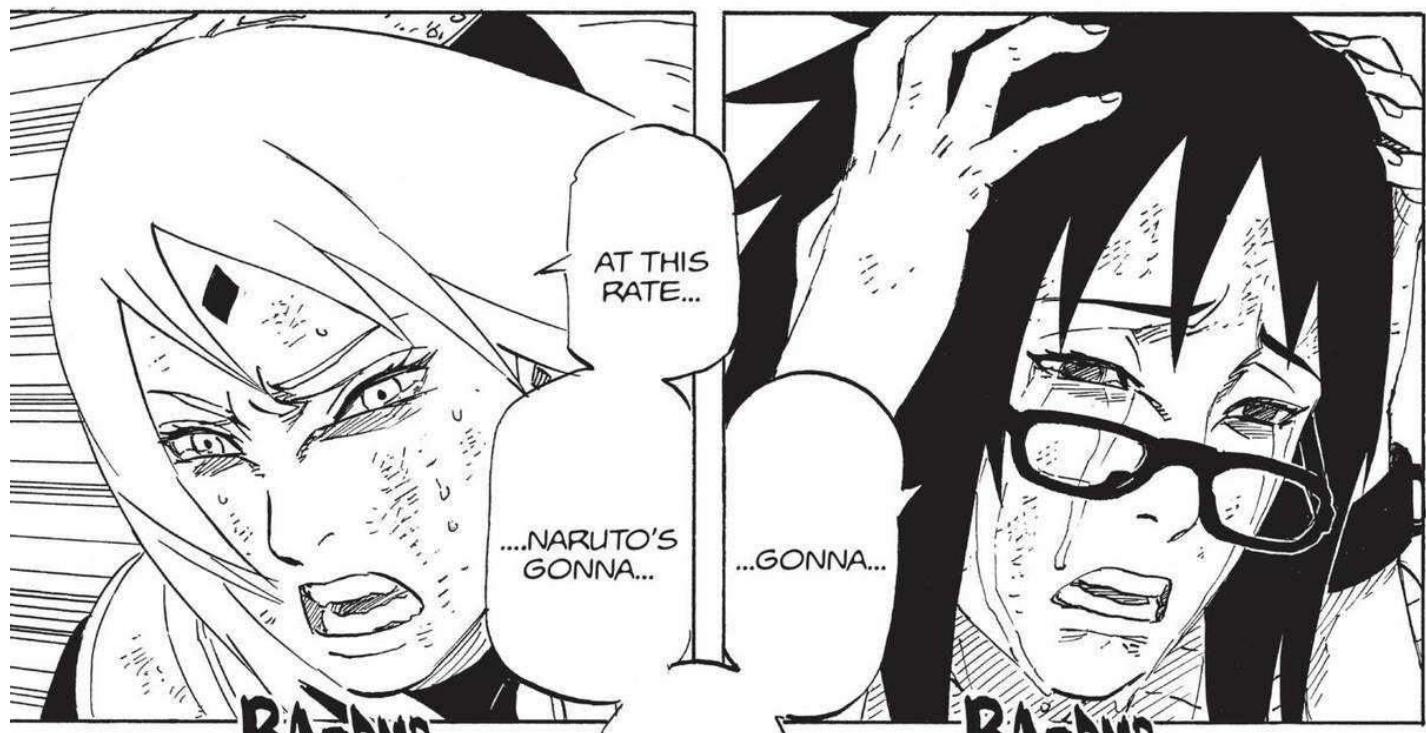








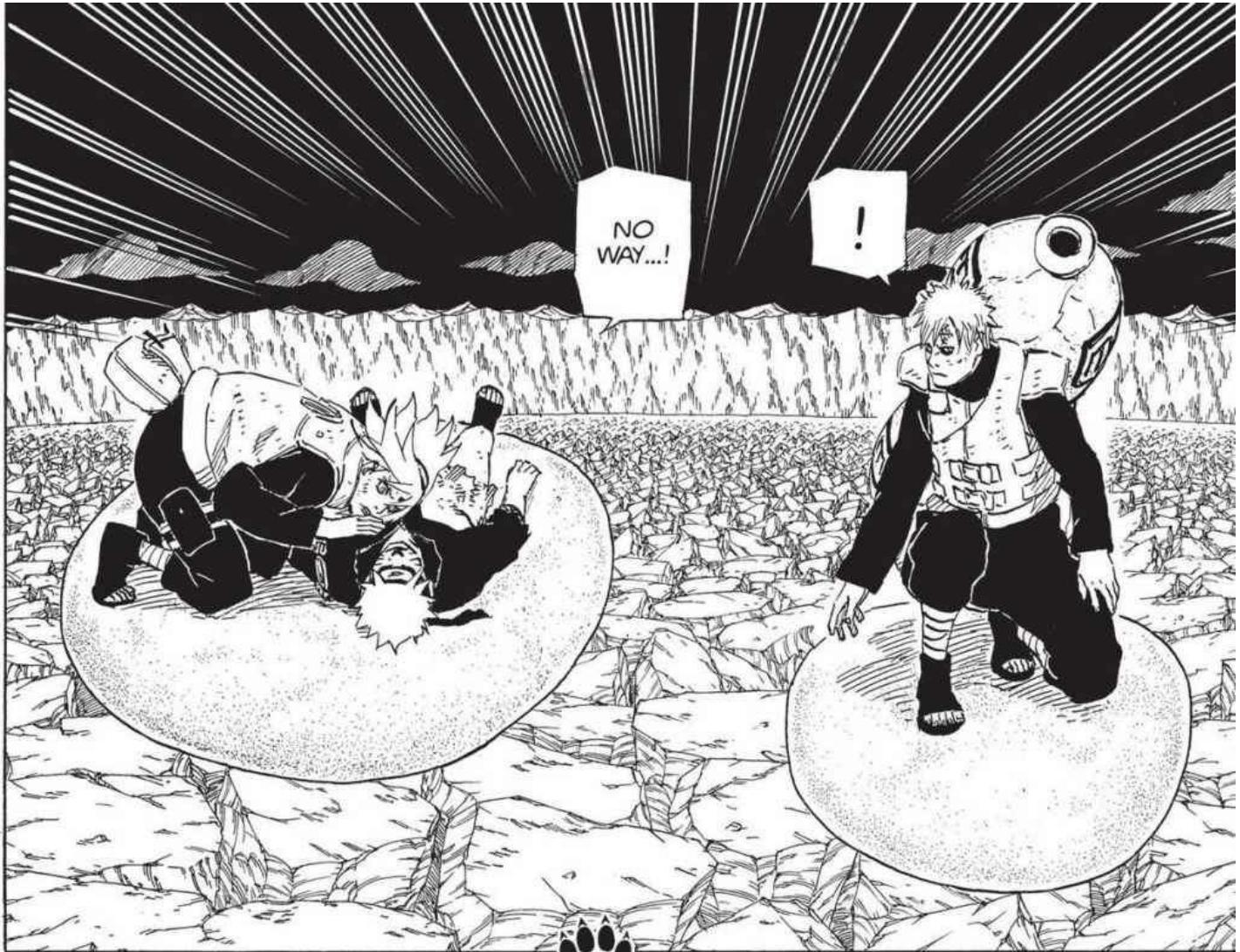




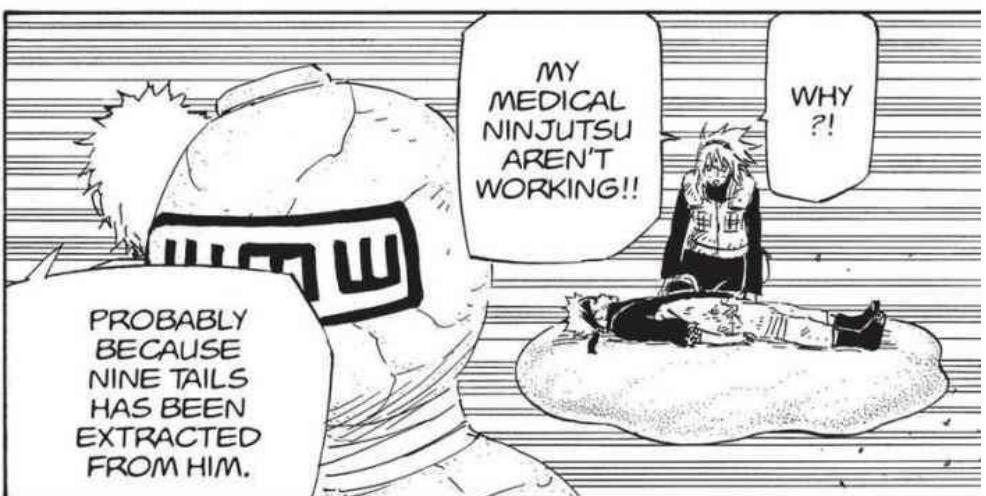
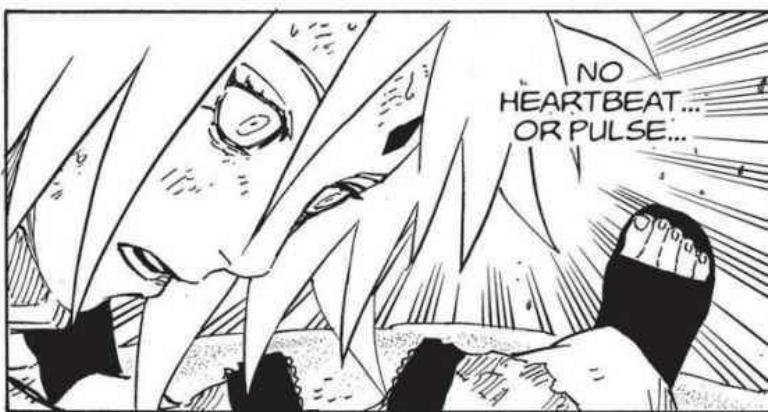


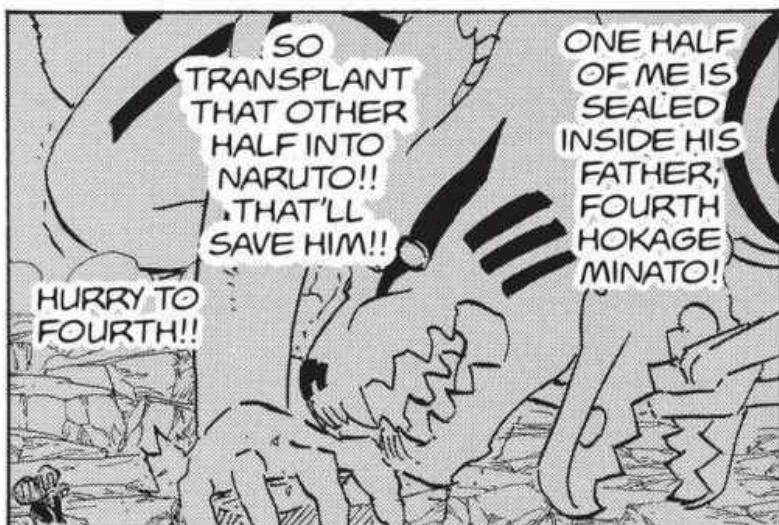
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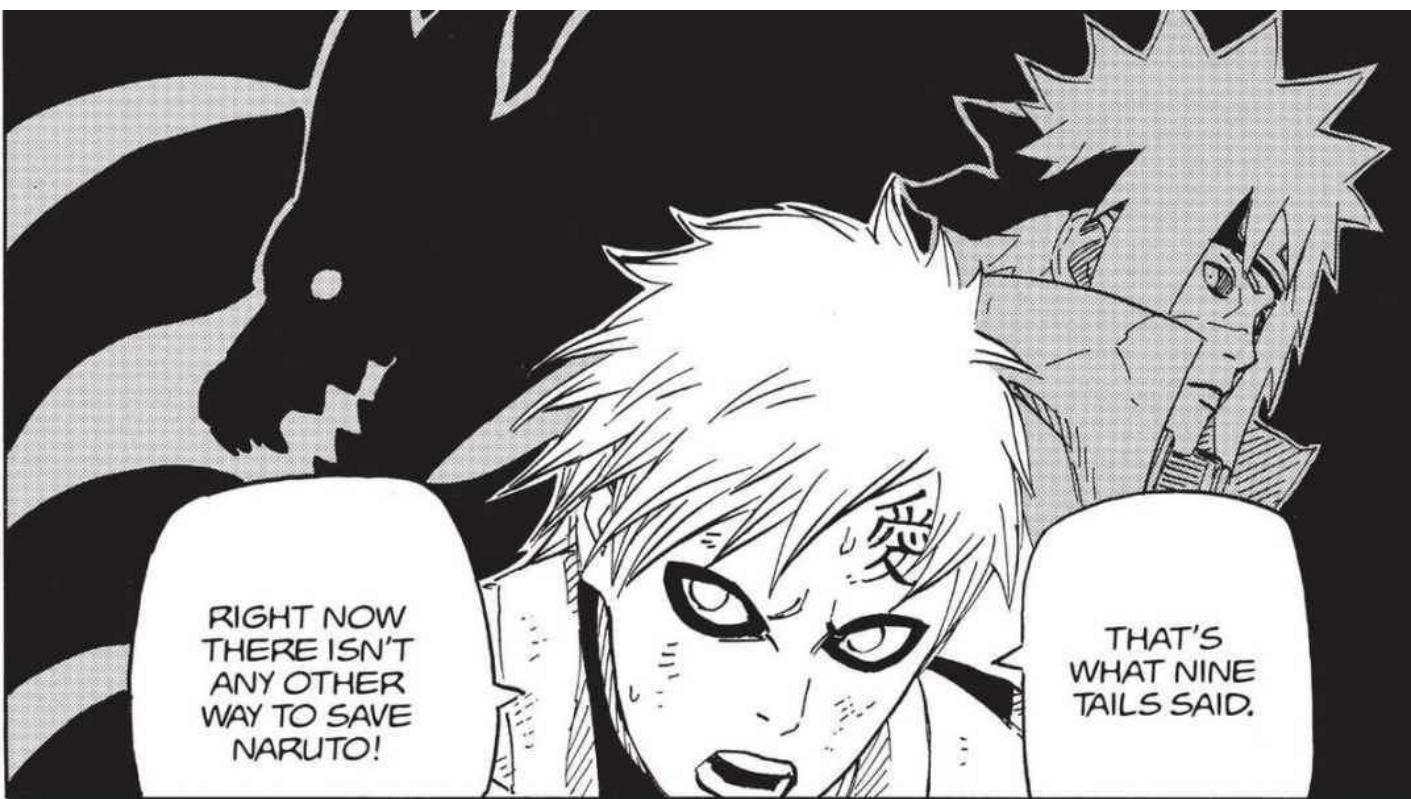


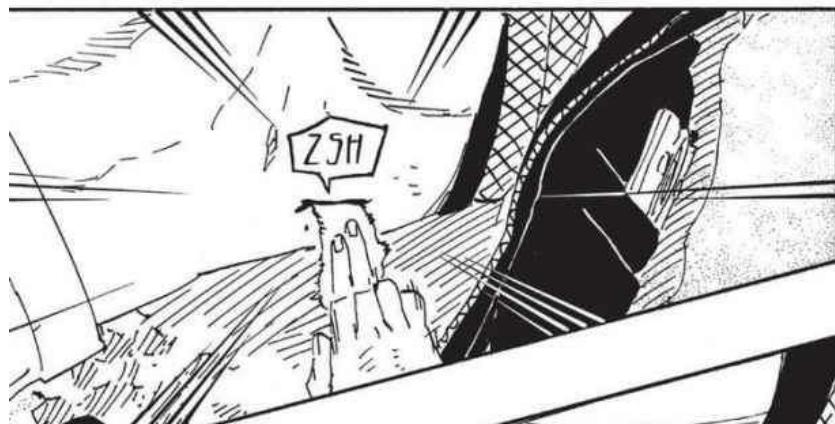


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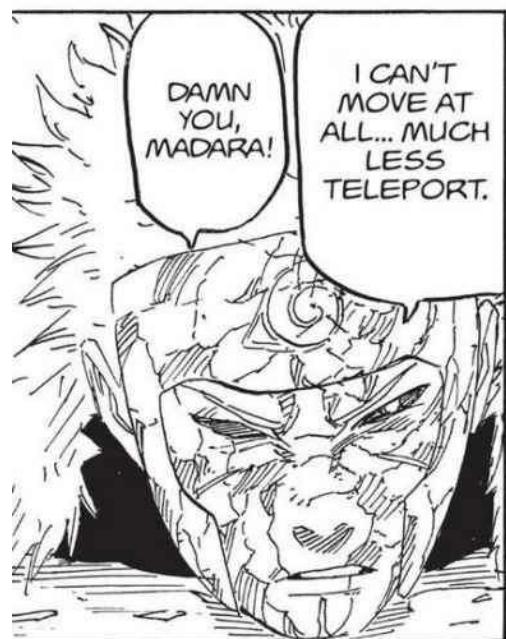
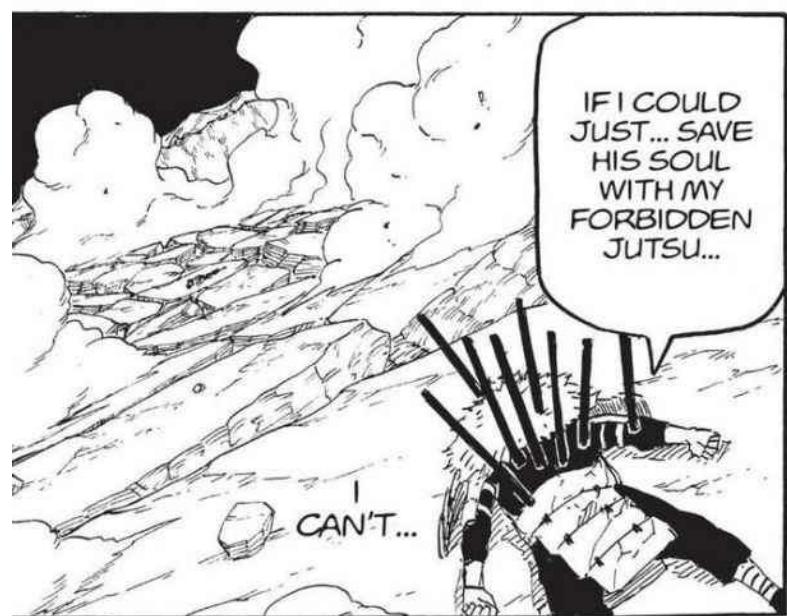


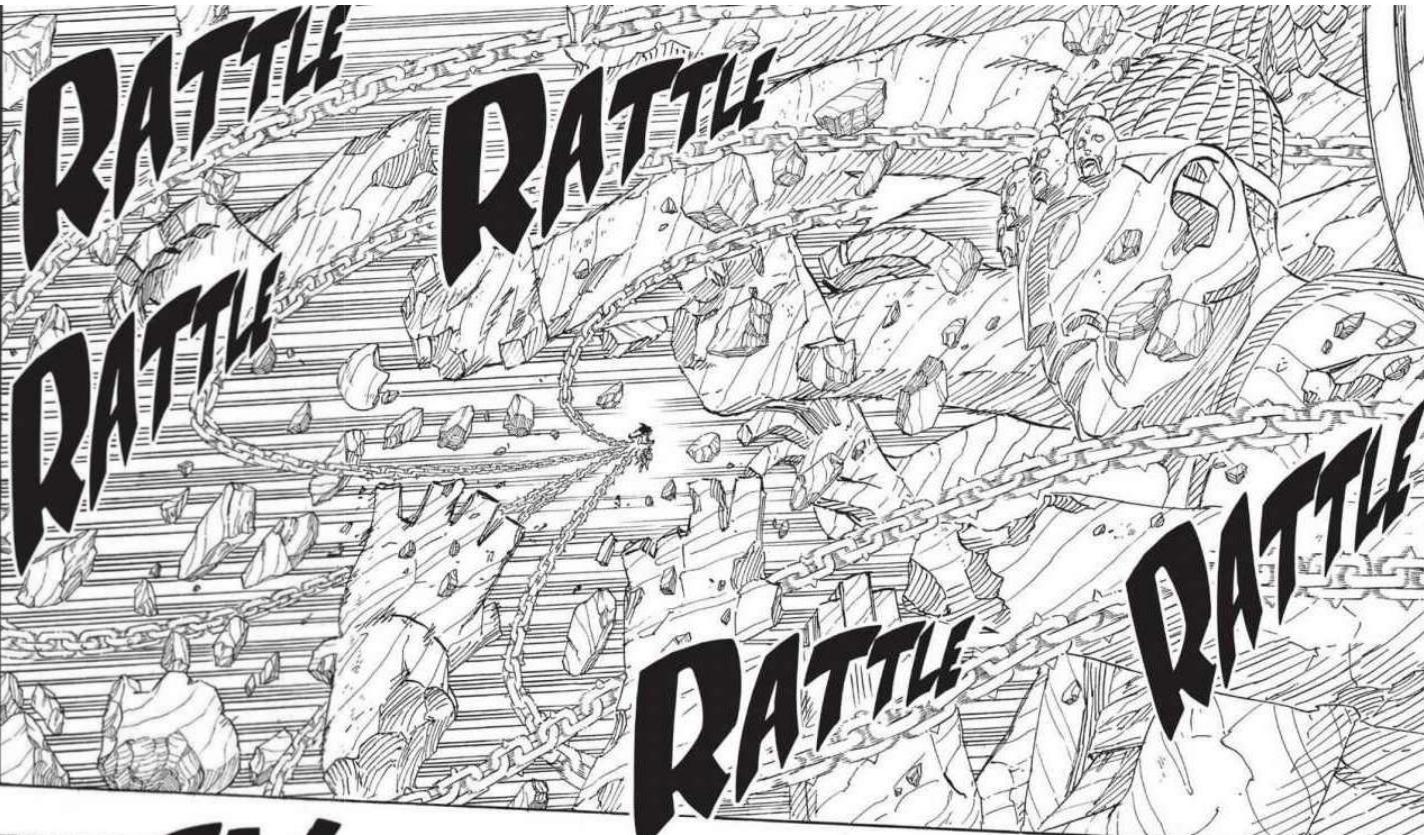


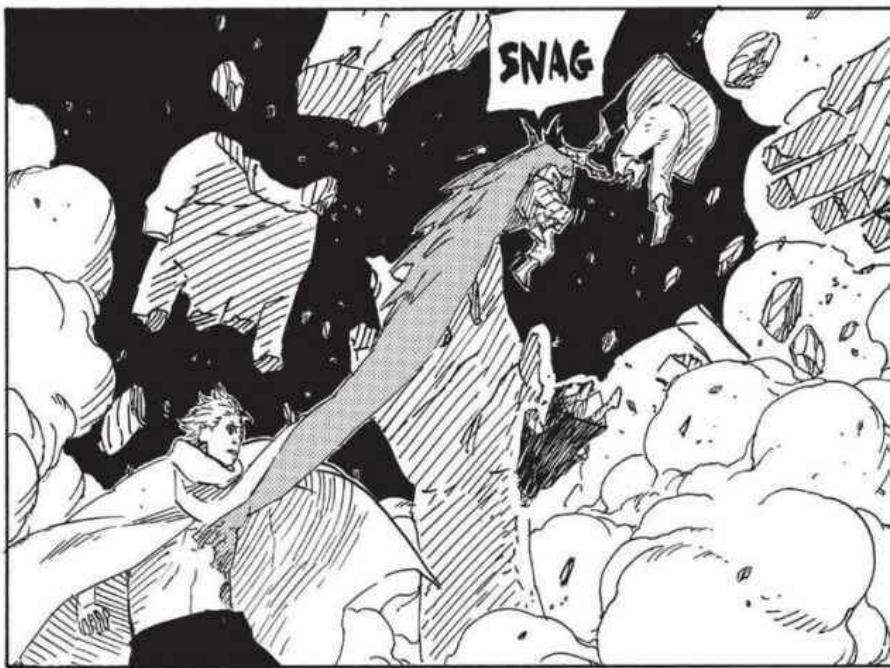


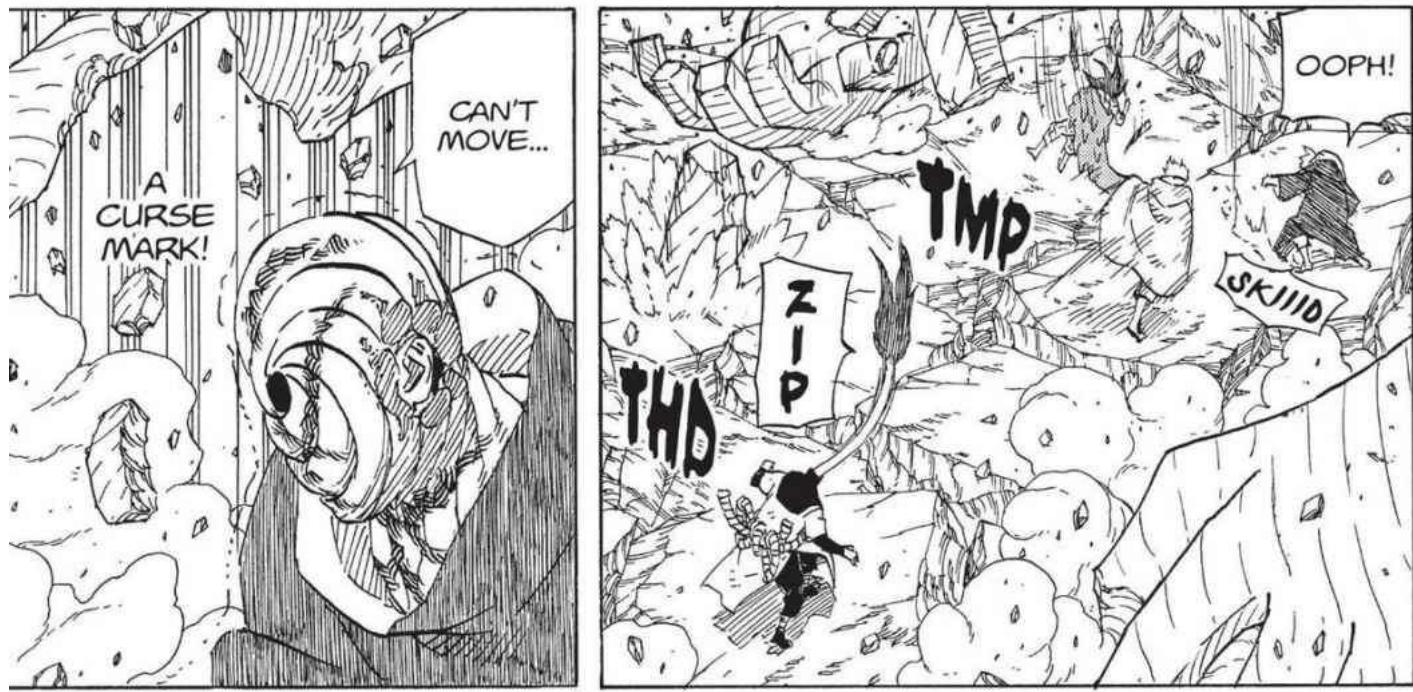


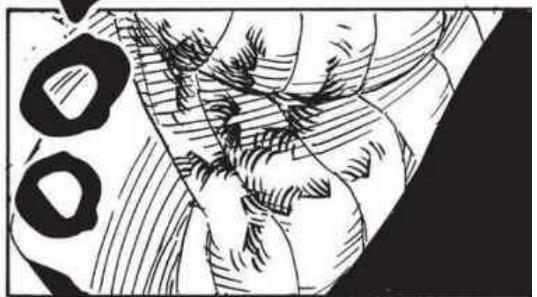
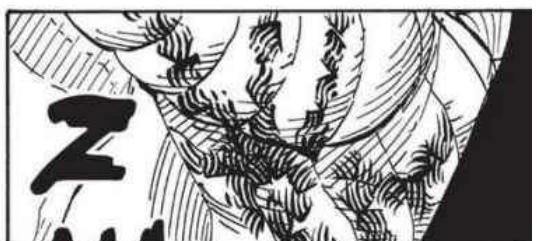


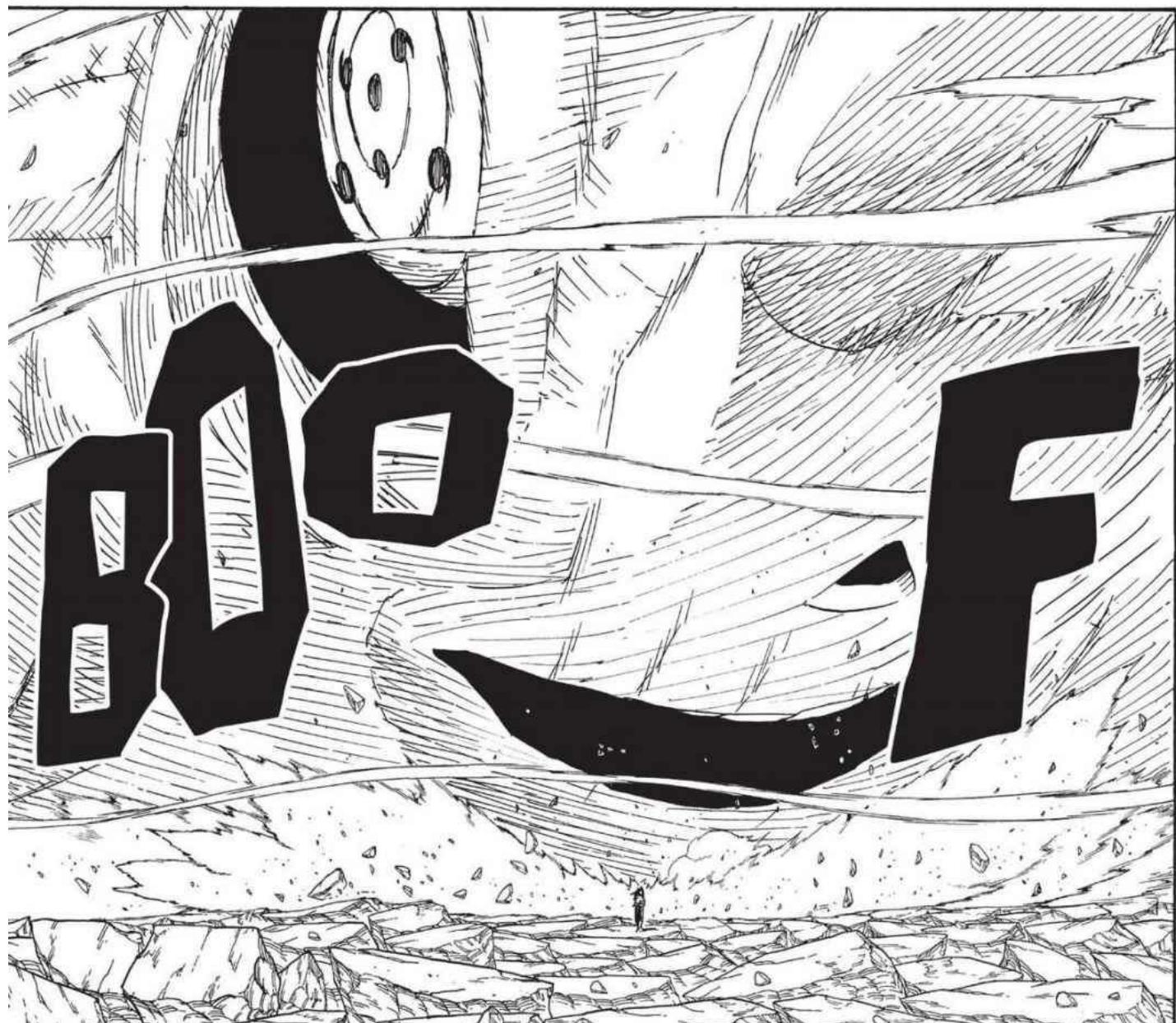


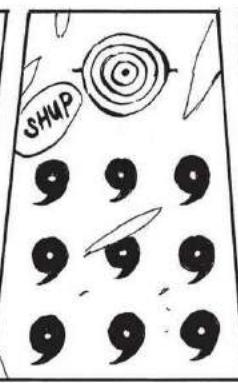
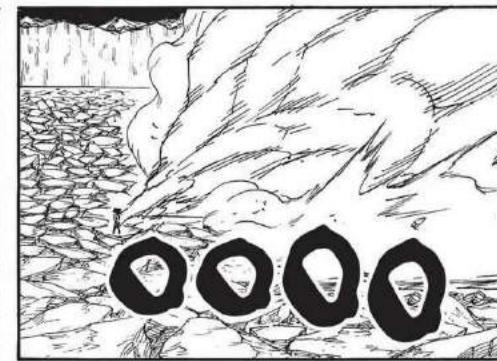
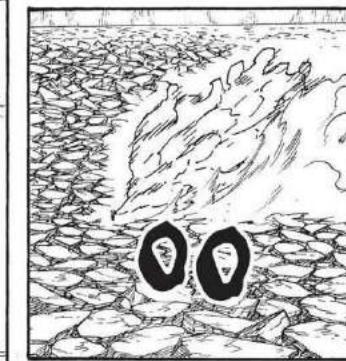


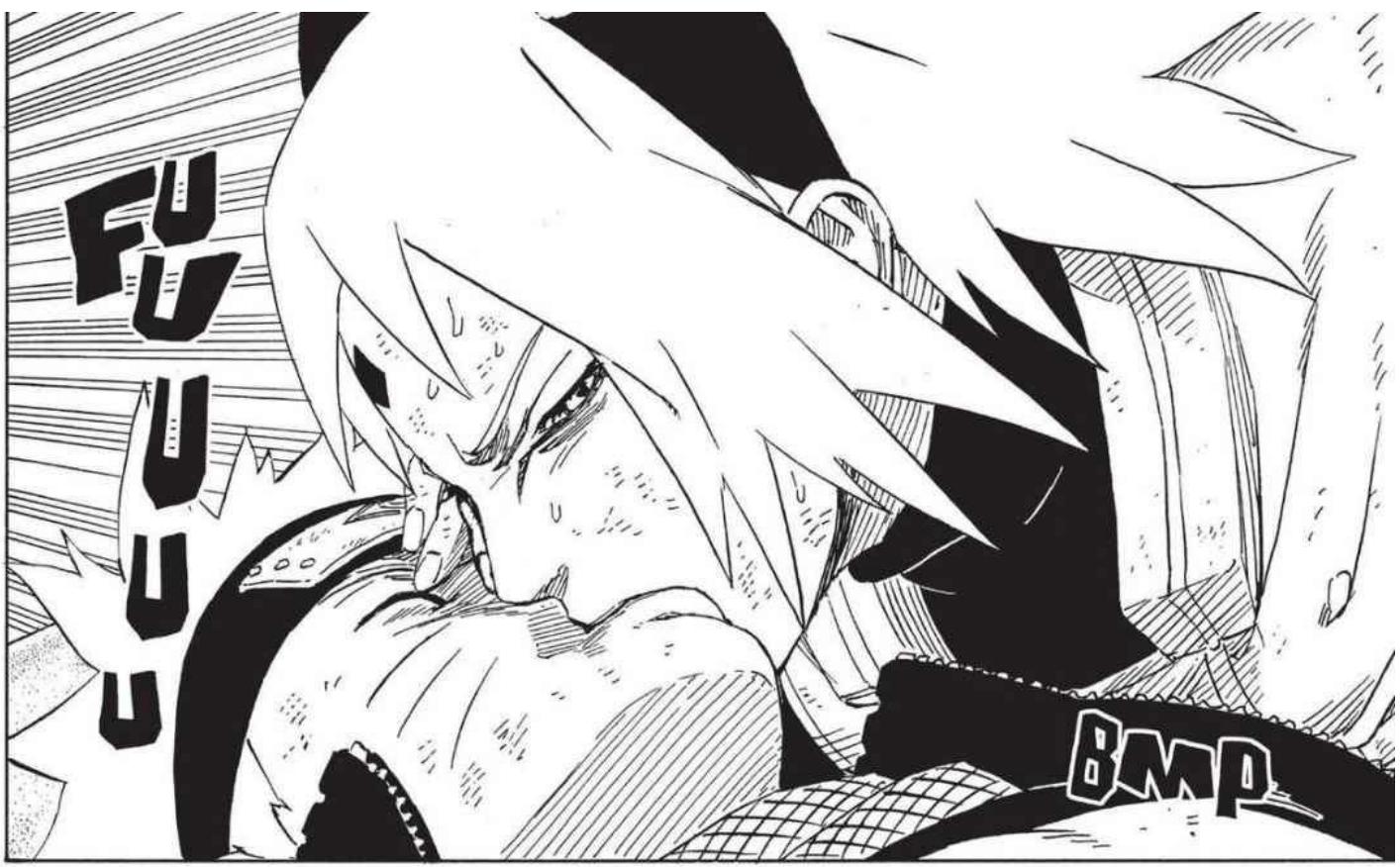












YOU'RE  
NOT  
GOING TO  
DIE, NO  
MATTER  
WHAT!!

BMP

CLENCH

WON'T  
LET YOU  
DIE!

SQUICH

WONT...

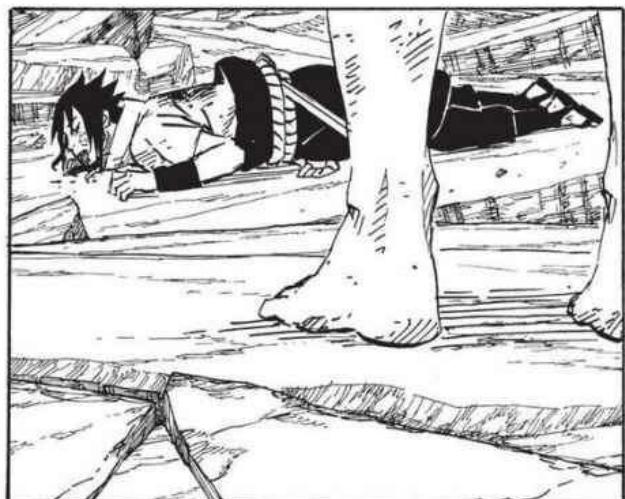
YOUR  
PREVIOUSLY  
RIDICULOUS  
DREAMS... NO  
LONGER SEEM  
SILLY...

FUUUU

NOT WHEN  
WE'RE SO  
CLOSE!!!

CHUP





Number 664: I'm His Father









NEJI!!  
WHY'D  
YOU  
LEAVE  
ME?!!

I CAN'T  
STAND  
BEING  
STUCK WITH  
THIS  
ZEALOUS  
AIRHEAD  
DUO!!

W H A A A A T ? !!

WE'RE  
HEADING  
BACK, LEE!  
TENTEN!!  
MY RED-  
HOT BLOOD  
IS ABOIL!!

YOU'RE  
EXPERIENCING  
SUPER-  
UNEASINESS?!!



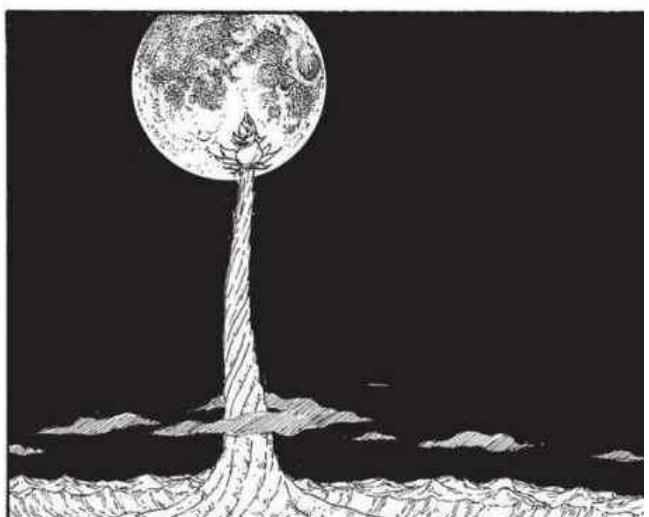
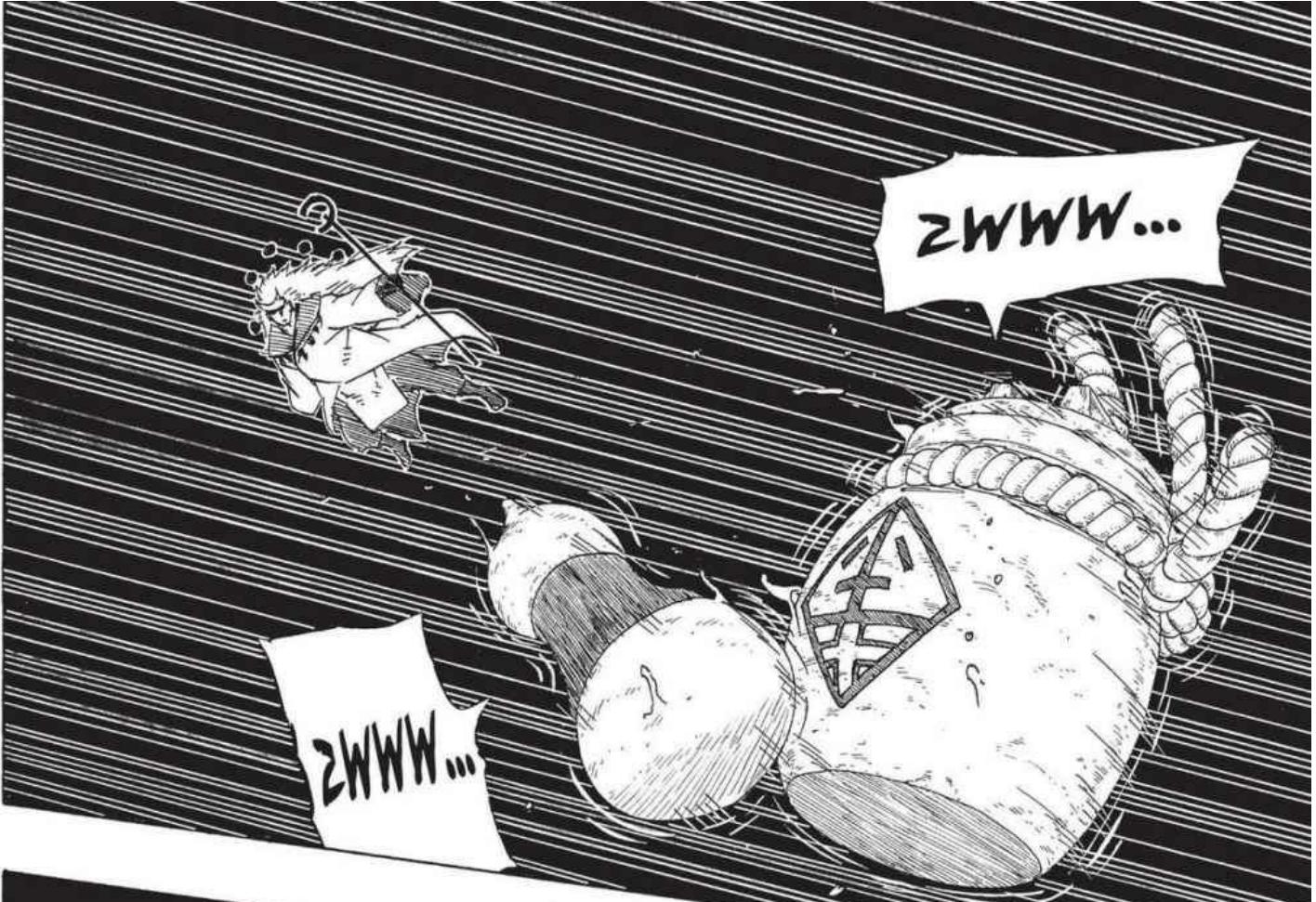
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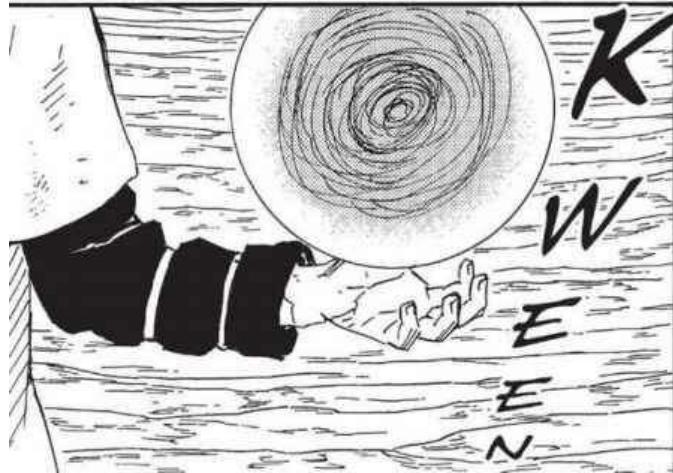
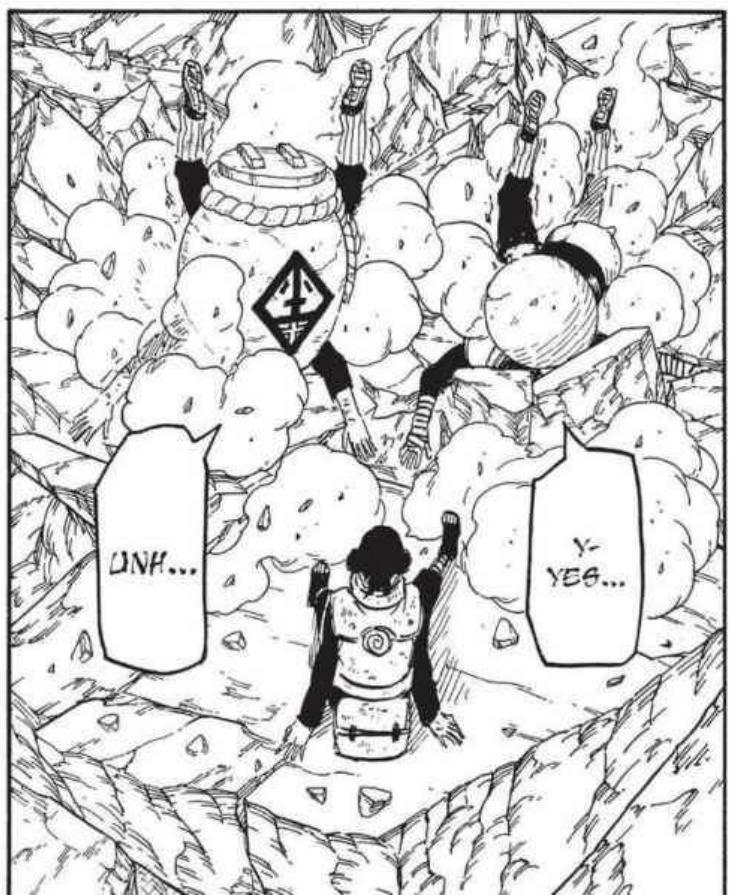
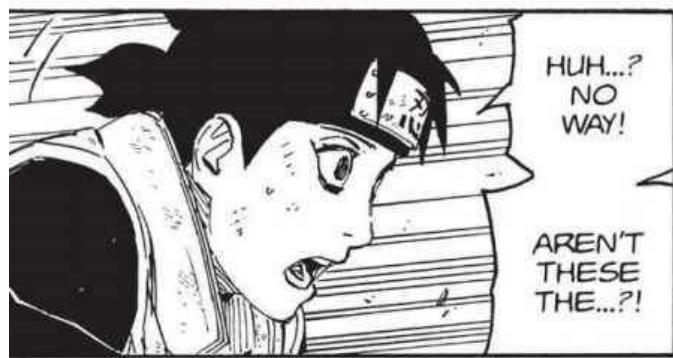
GLUG  
GLUG GLUG

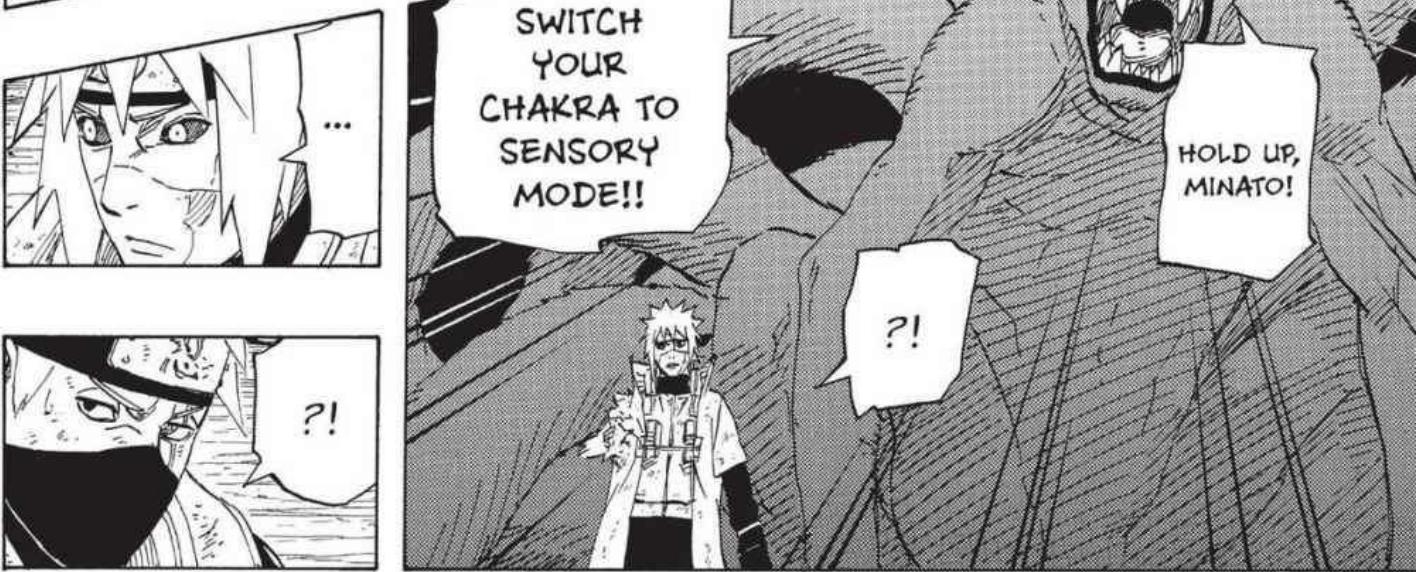
I FEEL  
JUST A  
TAD  
HEAVY.

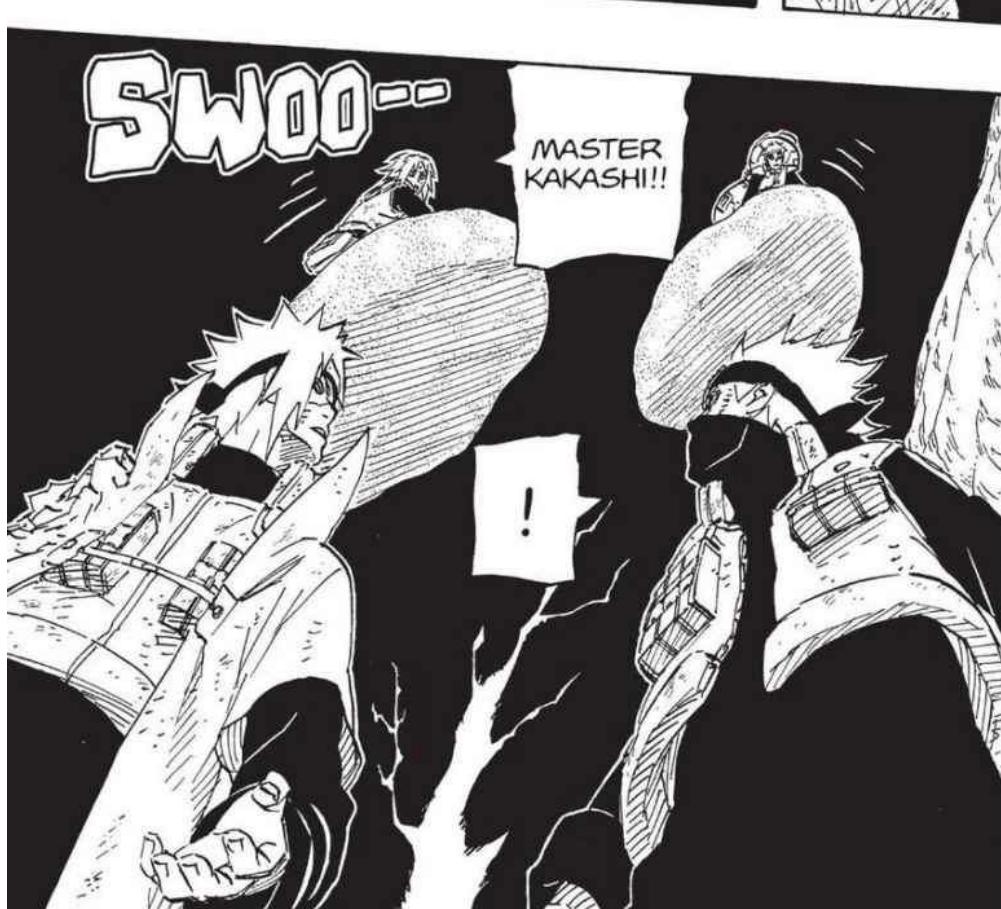
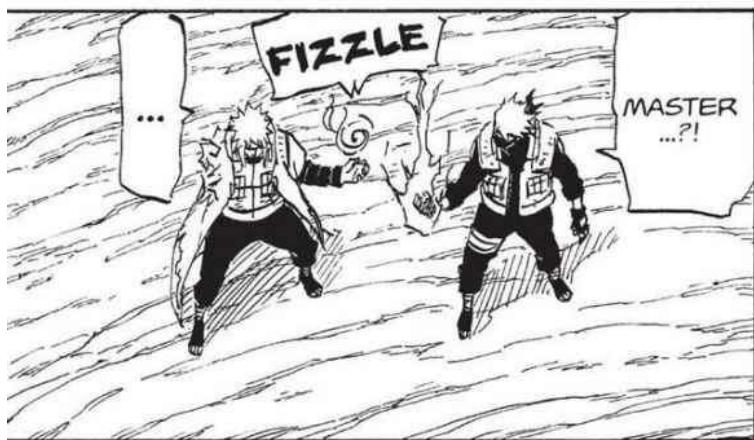
PTOO  
PTOO

SOME-  
THING  
CATCHING  
IN MY  
CHEST...

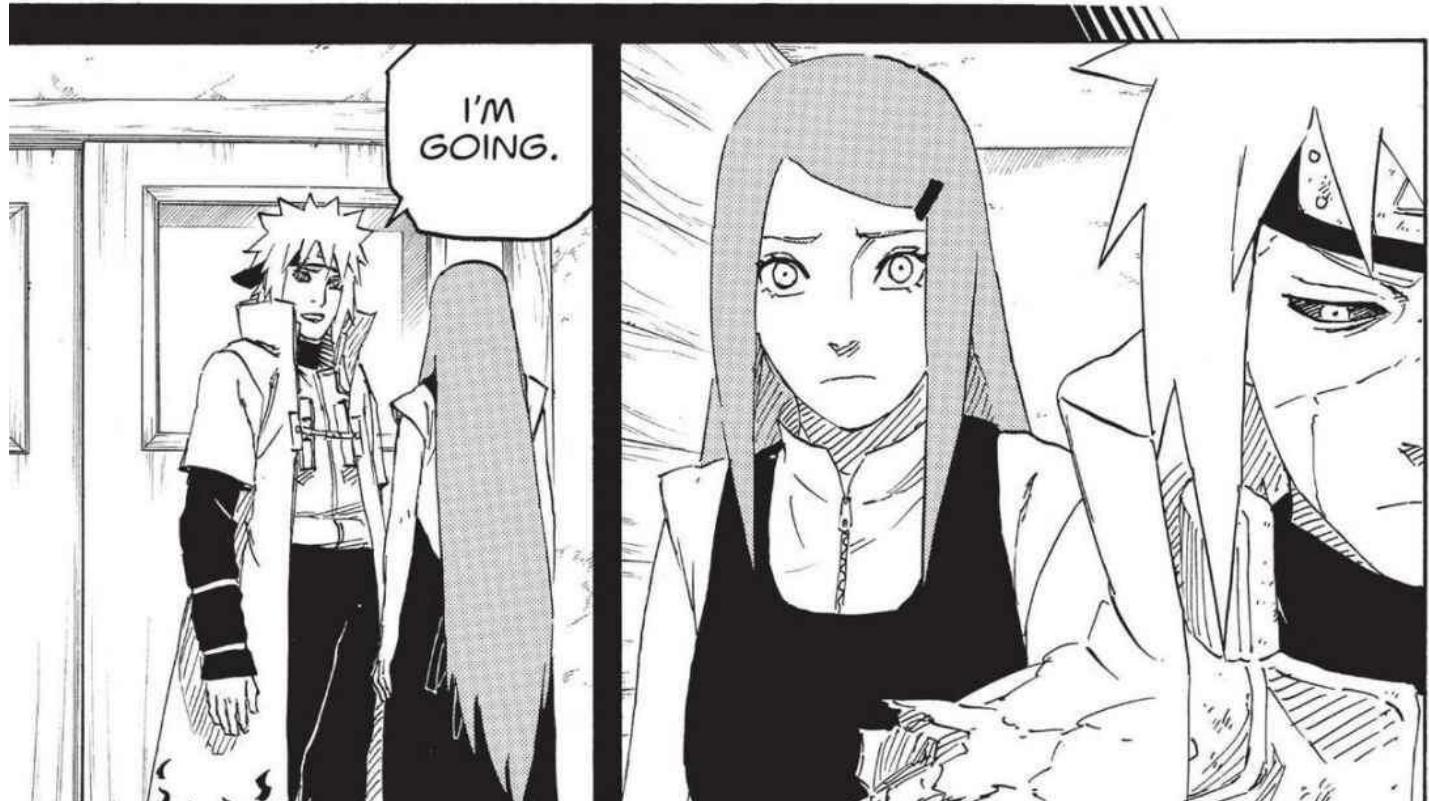


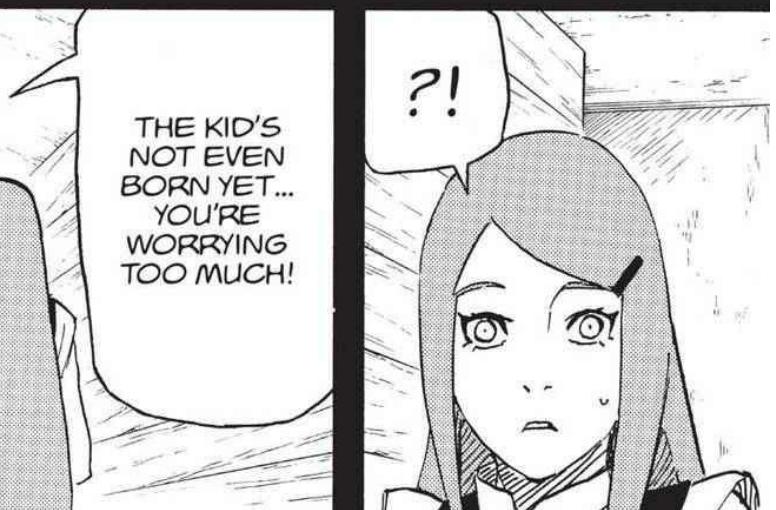
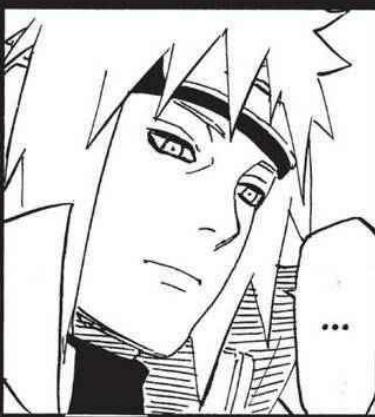
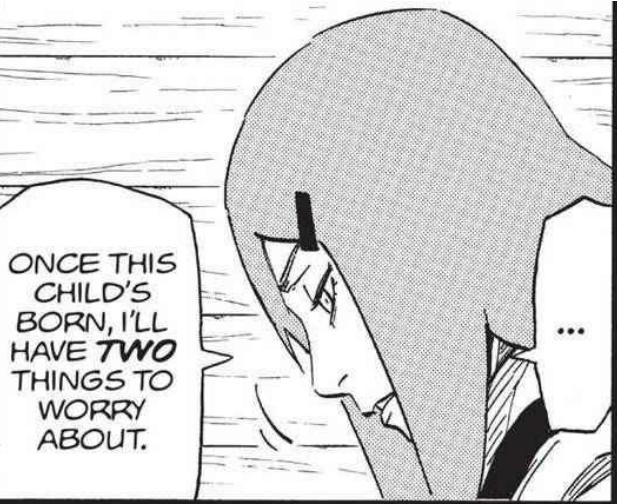


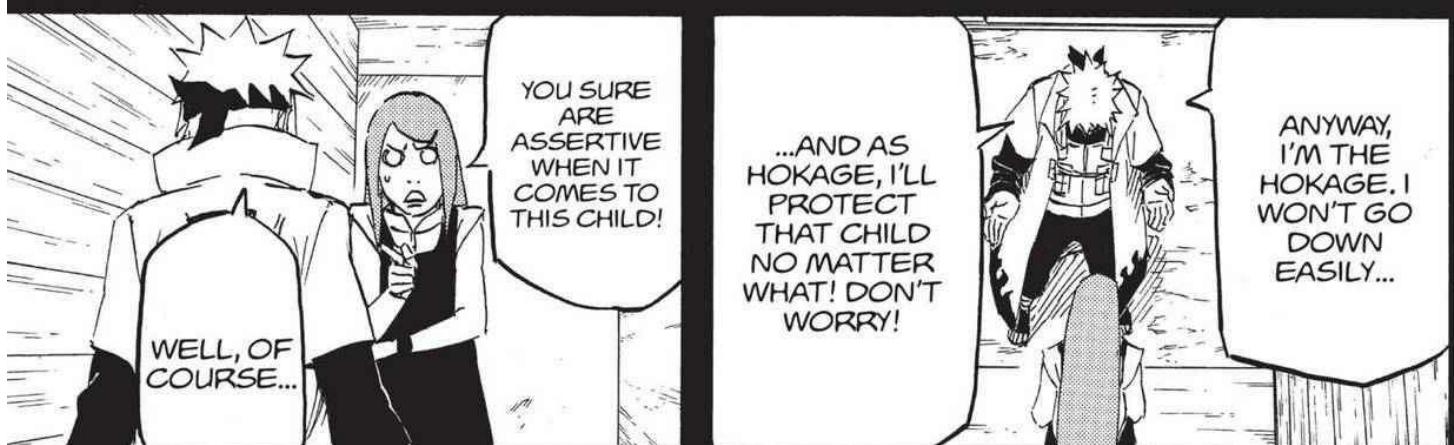
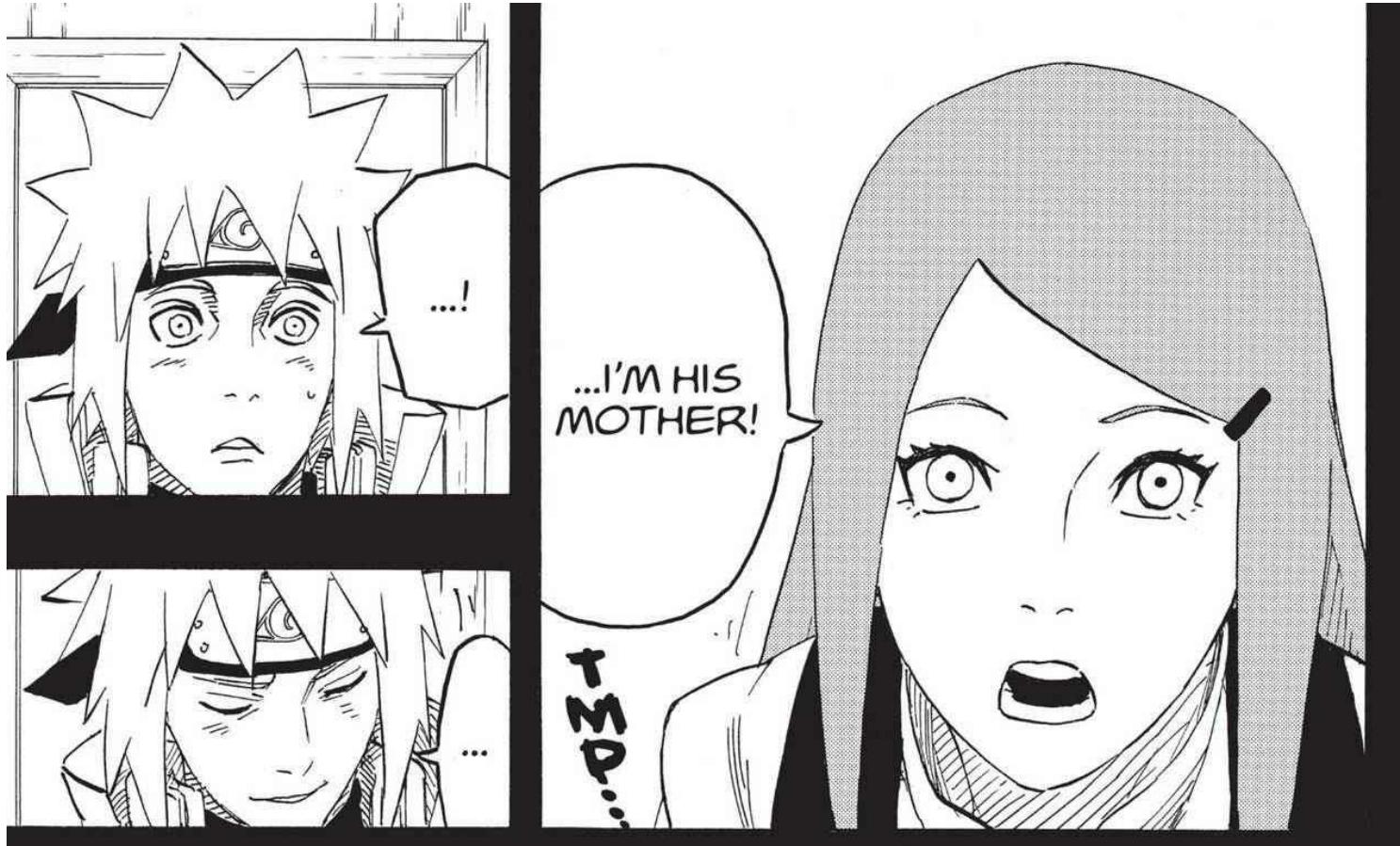


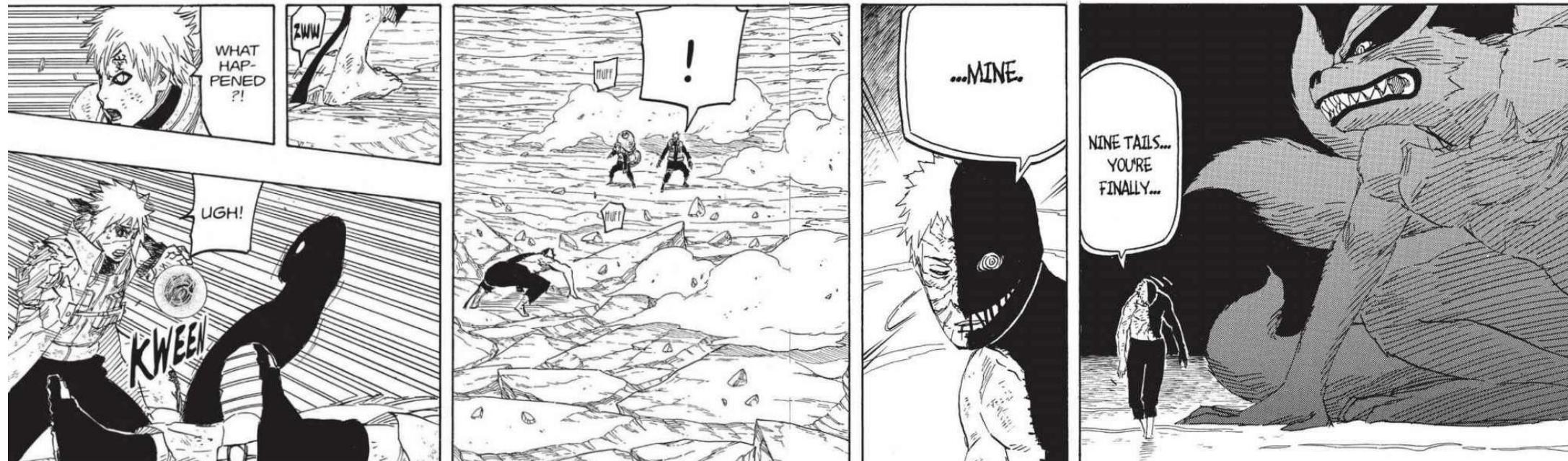
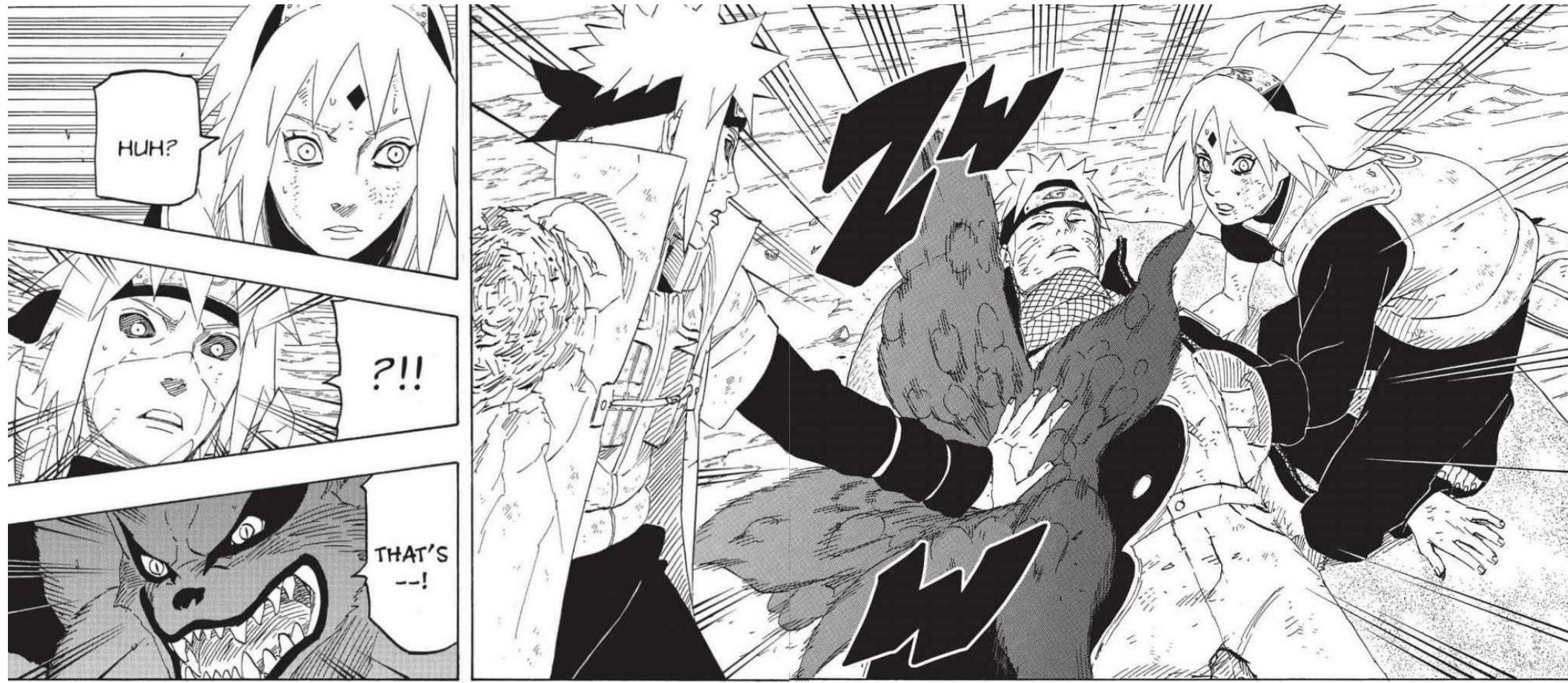


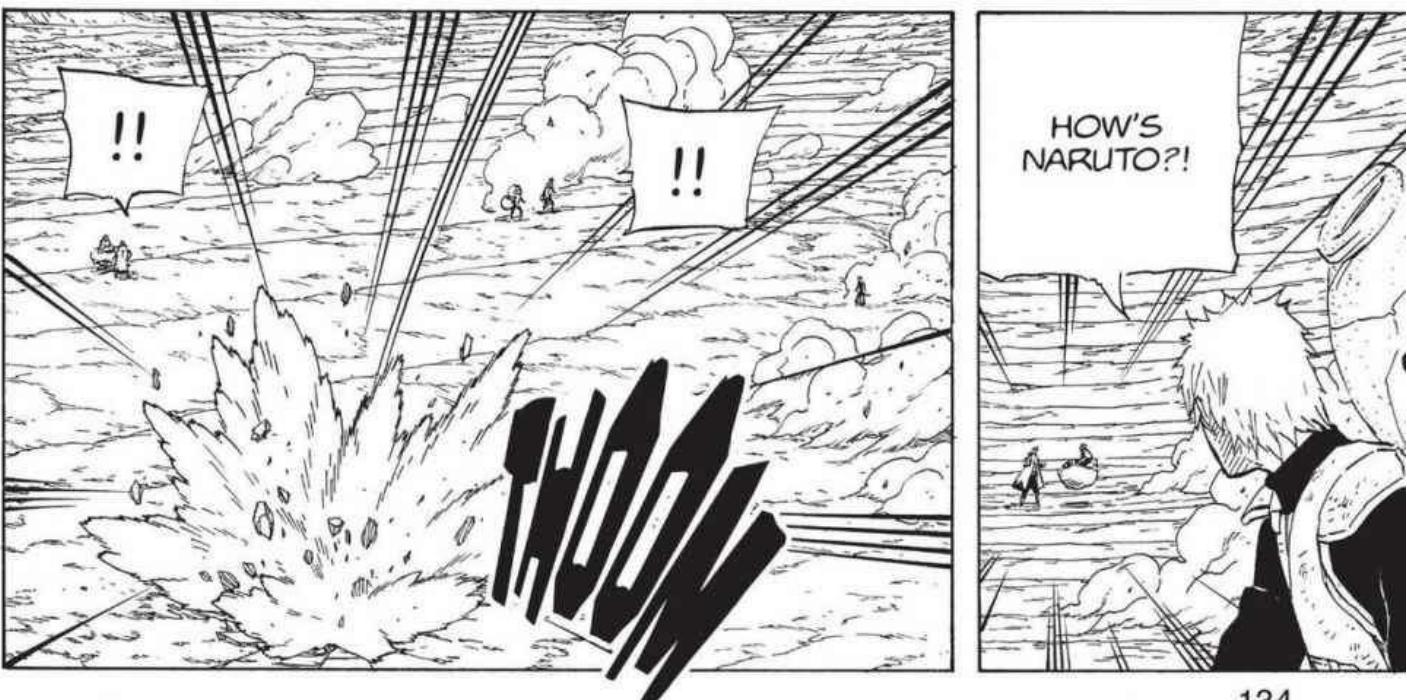






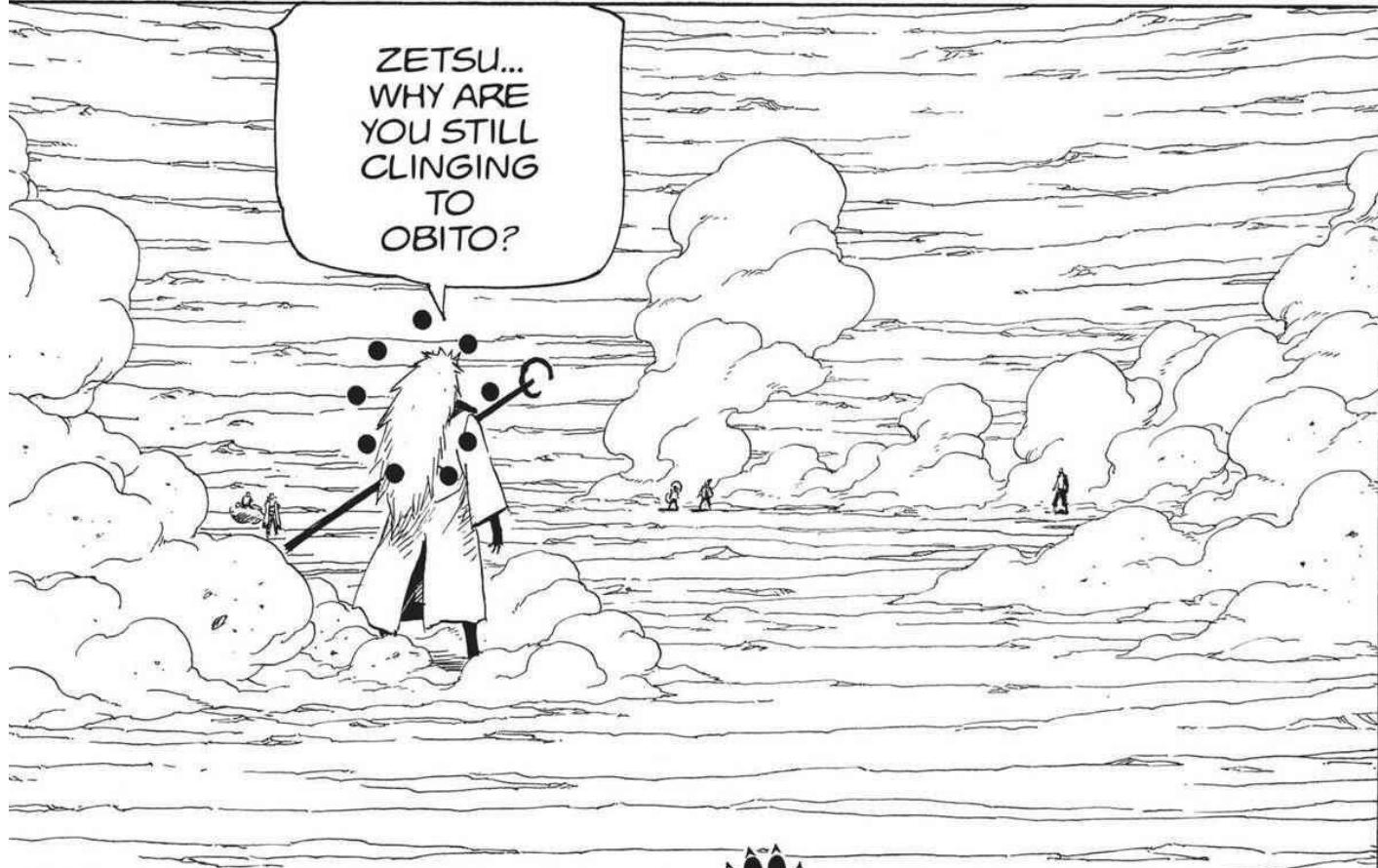










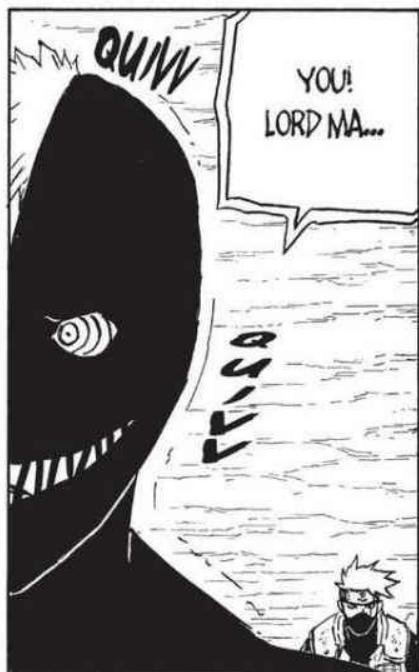
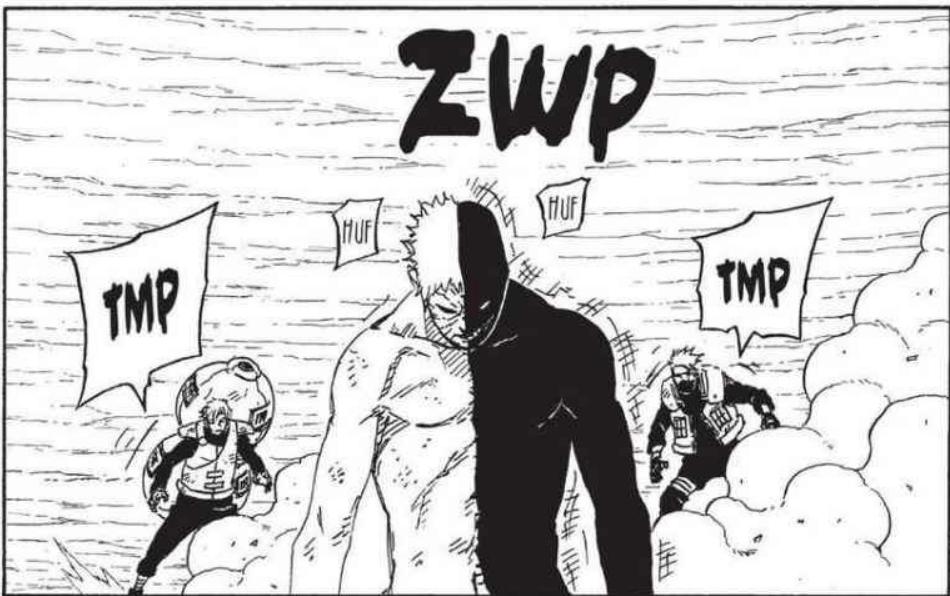


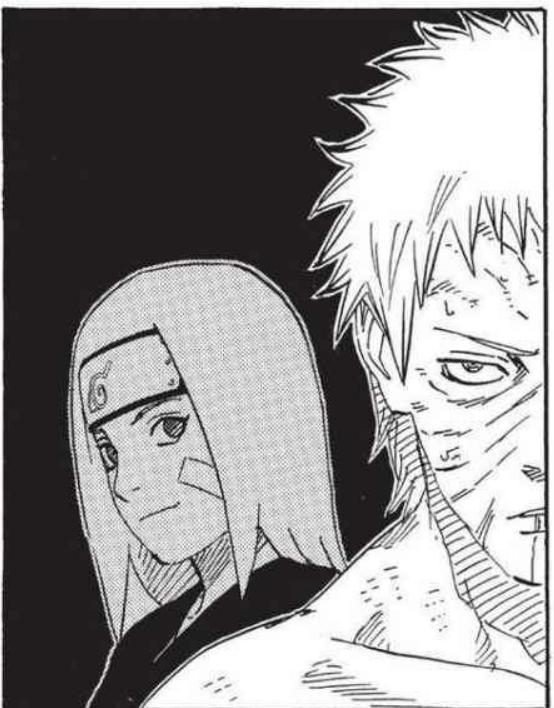
ZETSU...  
WHY ARE  
YOU STILL  
CLINGING  
TO  
OBITO?

**Number 665: The Current Me**









...WHILE I SLEPT THE ETERNAL SLEEP, WAITING TO RETURN.

...AND LET YOU WALK IN MY SHOES...

I LEFT EVERYTHING IN YOUR HANDS...

THAT WAS MY PATH ONCE.

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO LIVE OUT YOUR LIFE AS MADARA, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL...

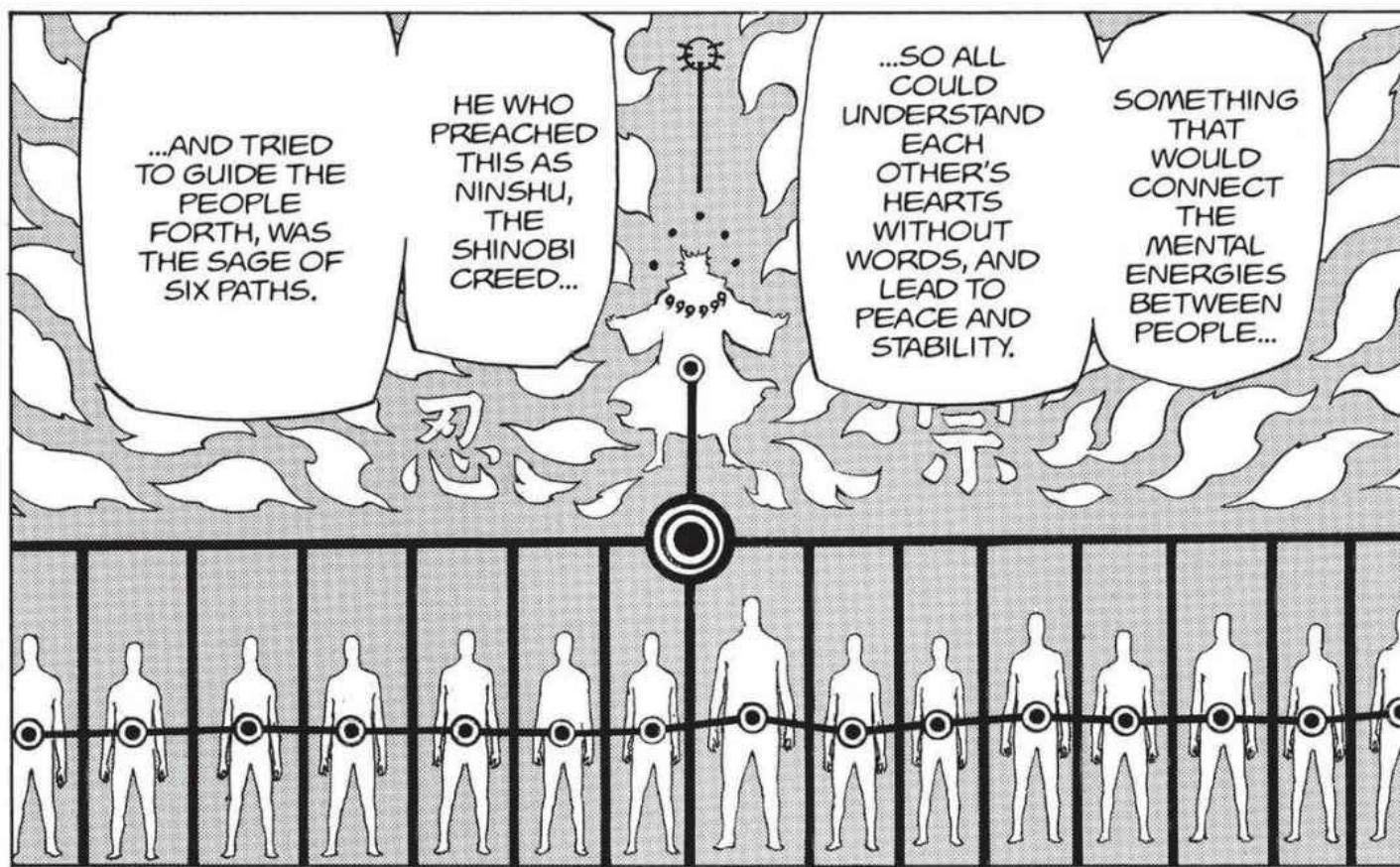
IT'S THE PATH I GUIDED YOU TOWARD.

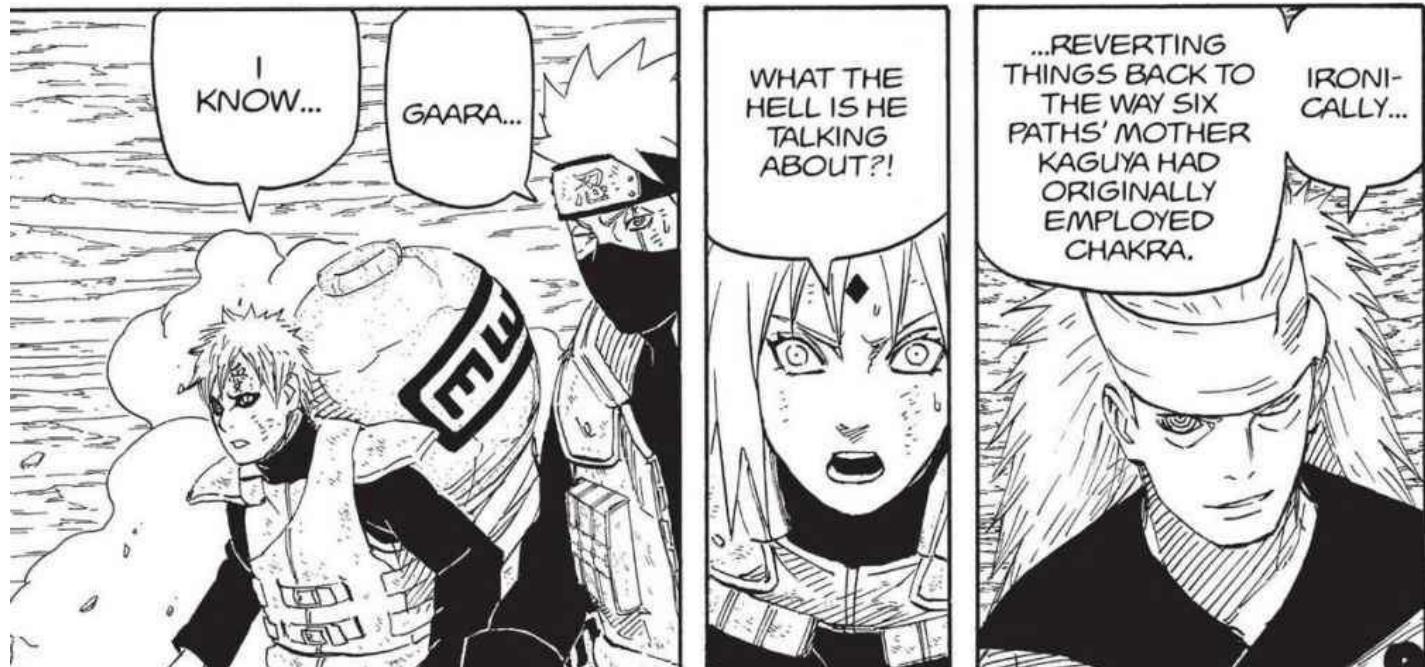
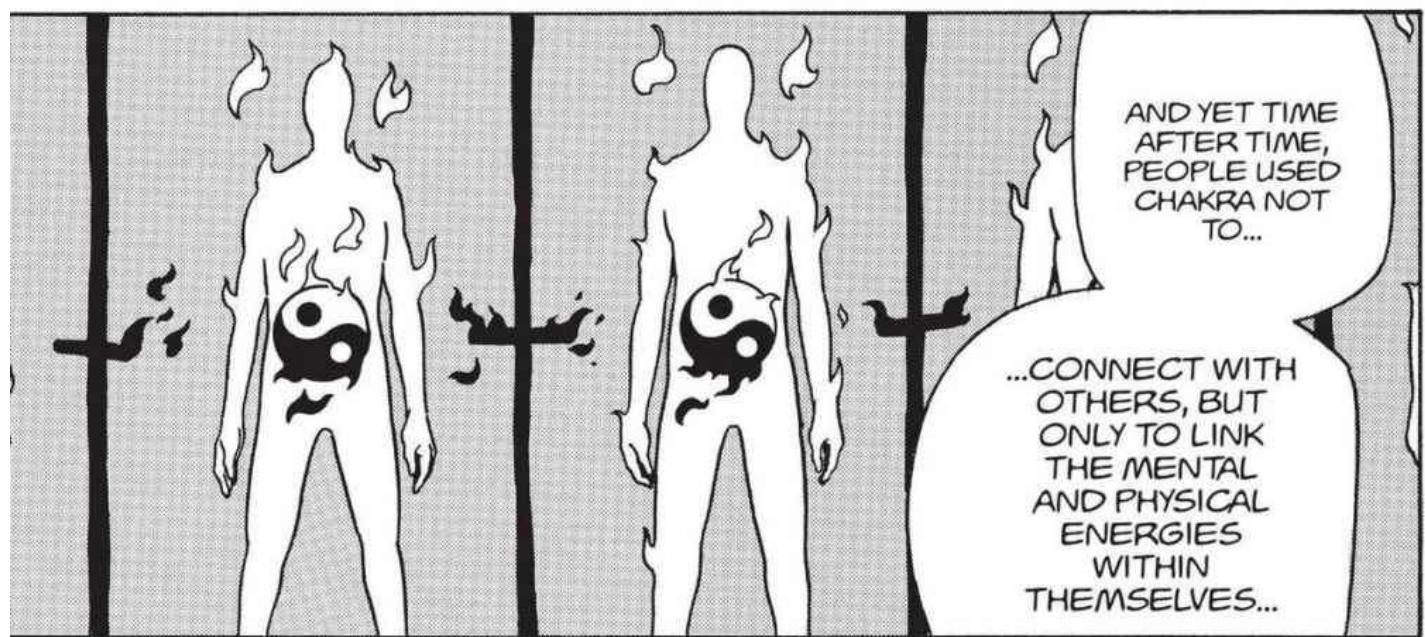
...AS...THE SAVIOR WHO RESCUED THIS WORLD.

THIS WORLD THAT THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS DIRECTED...

GLANCE

7.Y..





AND EVEN IF SOME  
MANAGED TO  
CONNECT HEARTS...

...ALL THEY  
LEARNED WAS  
THAT TRUE  
UNDERSTANDING  
WASN'T  
POSSIBLE.

THE SAGE'S  
ACTIONS  
ENDED UP  
MERELY  
FURTHERING  
THE HUMAN  
PARADOX.

AND THIS REALITY  
COMPELS  
INFINITE  
SUFFERING VIA  
THIS **POWER**  
KNOWN AS  
**CHAKRA**.

...WE WERE  
ALSO  
SEEKING  
WAR AT  
THE SAME  
TIME.

THE REALITY  
IS THAT  
WHILE YOU  
AND I BOTH  
CHASED  
AFTER  
PEACE...

EITHER WAY,  
CHAKRA ONLY  
GAVE RISE TO  
CONFLICT AND  
FALSE HOPE.

...AND THE  
LACK OF  
POWER LEADS  
TO LOSING ALL.

POWER  
LEADS TO A  
DESIRE FOR  
CONFLICT...





SAGE JUTSU...

SHKEEN  
KAMUI!!

SAND  
WAVE

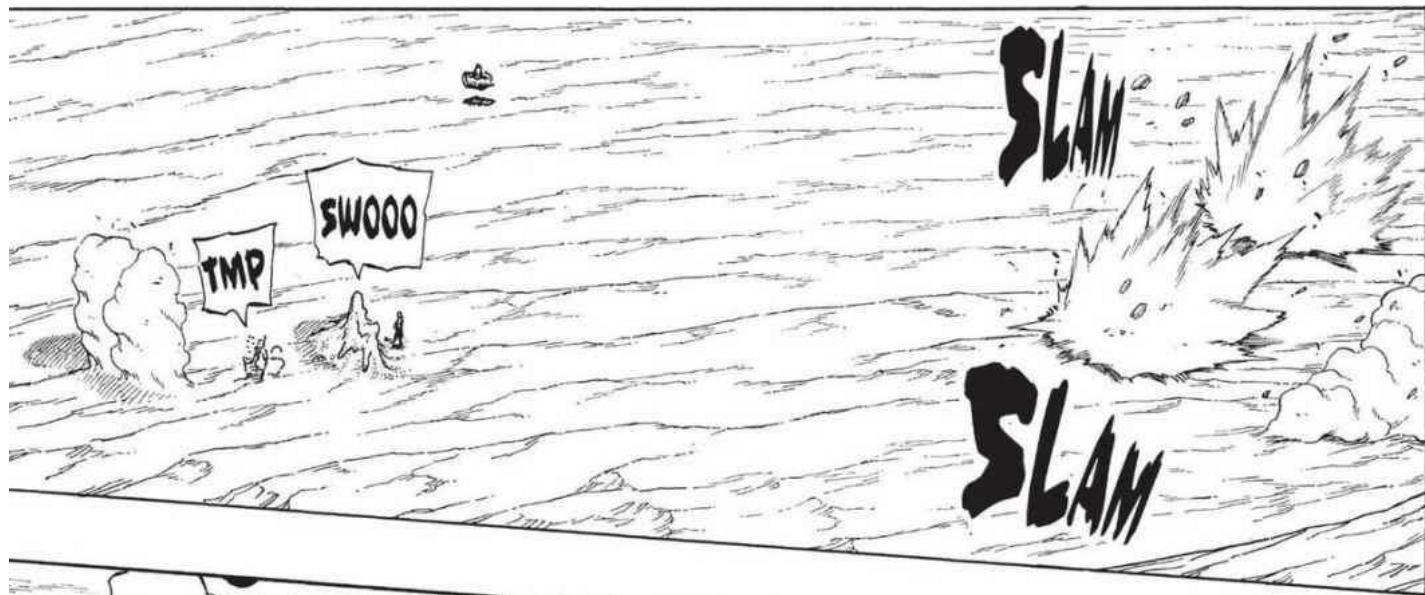


ZWO

OEH...









IN FACT, IT IS MUCH MORE... FOR I CAN TRULY BRING ABOUT PEACE.

NO... WHAT I AM DOING IS NO DIFFERENT THAN A HOKAGE'S ACTIONS.



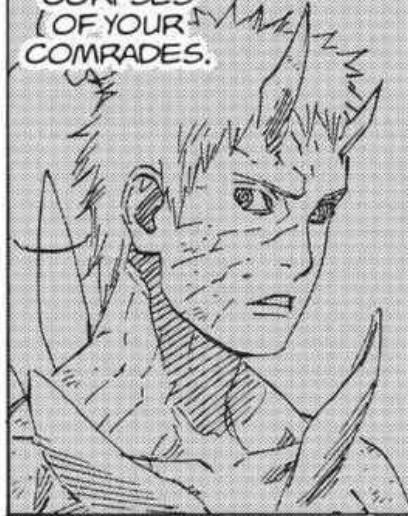
WHAT I WANT TO KNOW ISN'T THE EASY PATH...

...BUT HOW TO NAVIGATE THE RUGGED ONE.

IT'S THE PATH I GUIDED YOU TOWARD.

YOU'LL HAVE TO STEP OVER THE CORPSES (OF YOUR COMRADES).

THERE'S NO NEED TO VOLUNTARILY WALK A PATH YOU KNOW TO BE RUGGED.

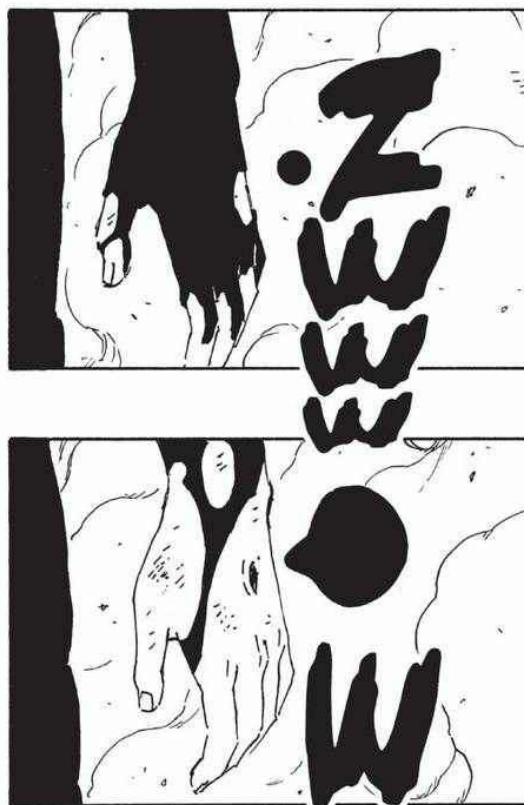


A HOKAGE IS THE FELLOW WHO WALKS AHEAD OF EVERYONE ELSE, SWALLOWING HIS OR HER PAIN.



I LEFT EVERYTHING IN YOUR HANDS AND LET YOU WALK IN MY SHOES.



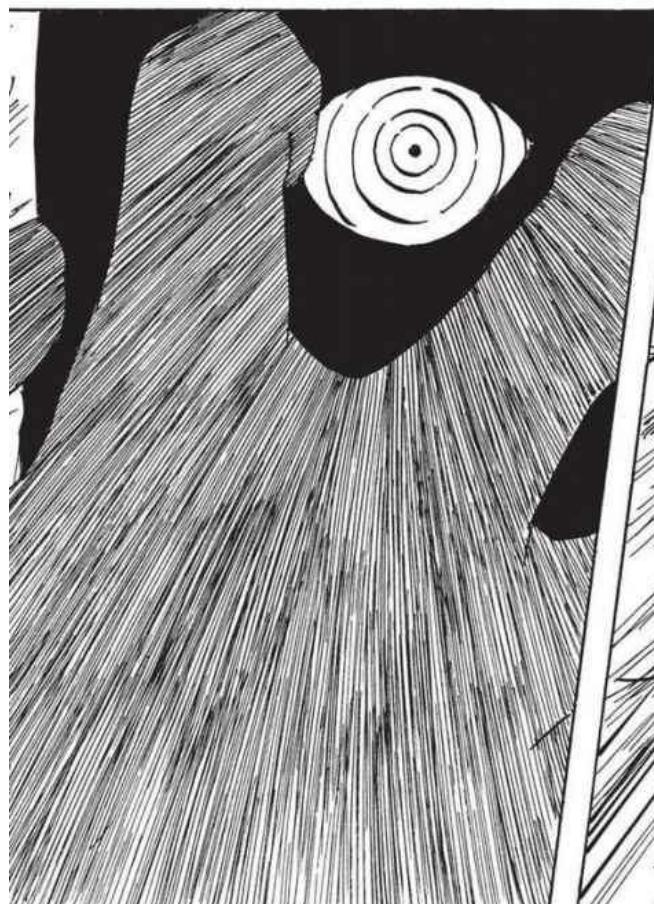
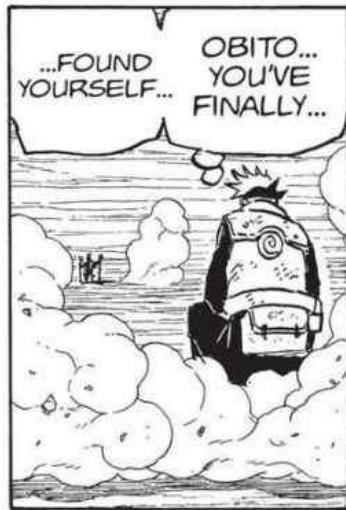






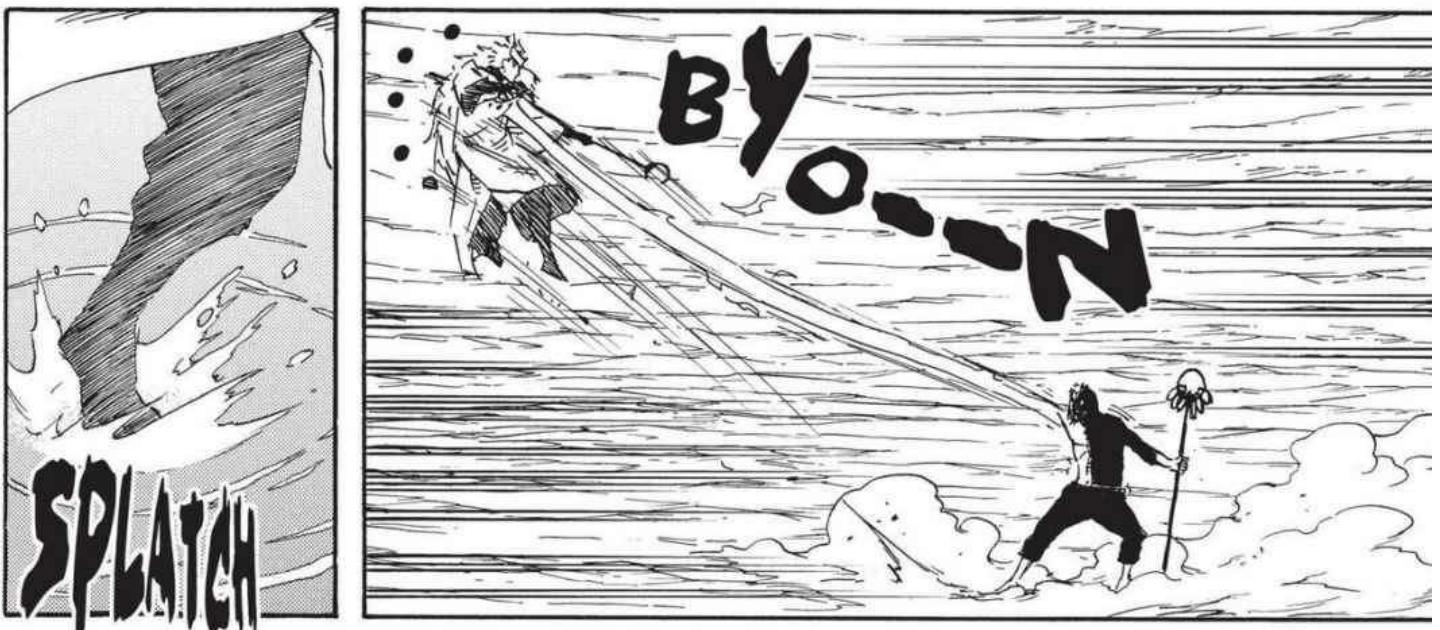


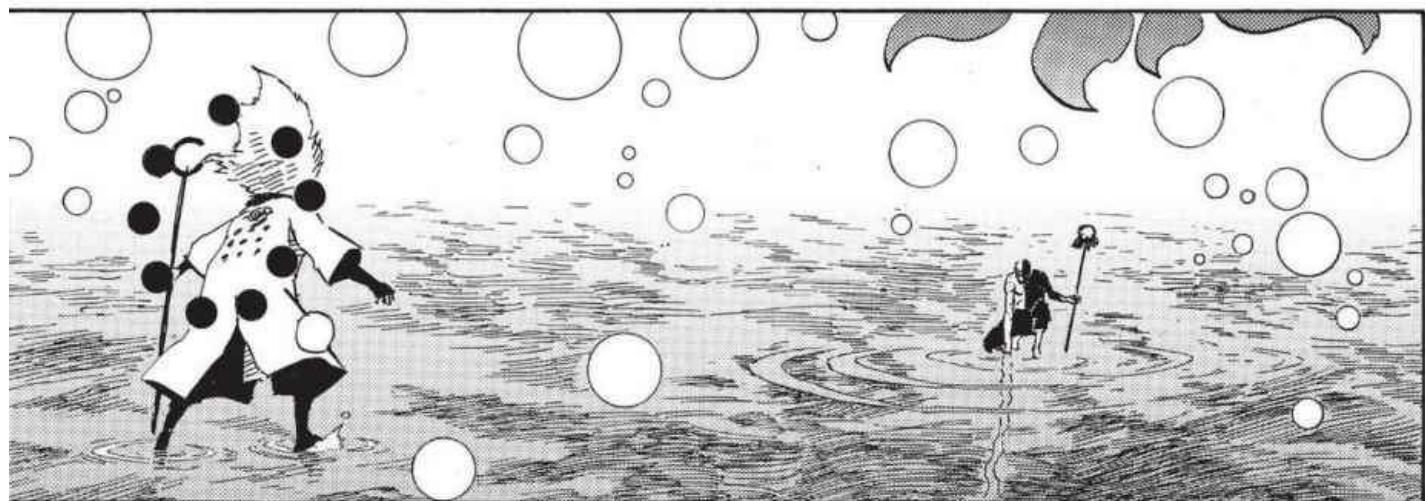
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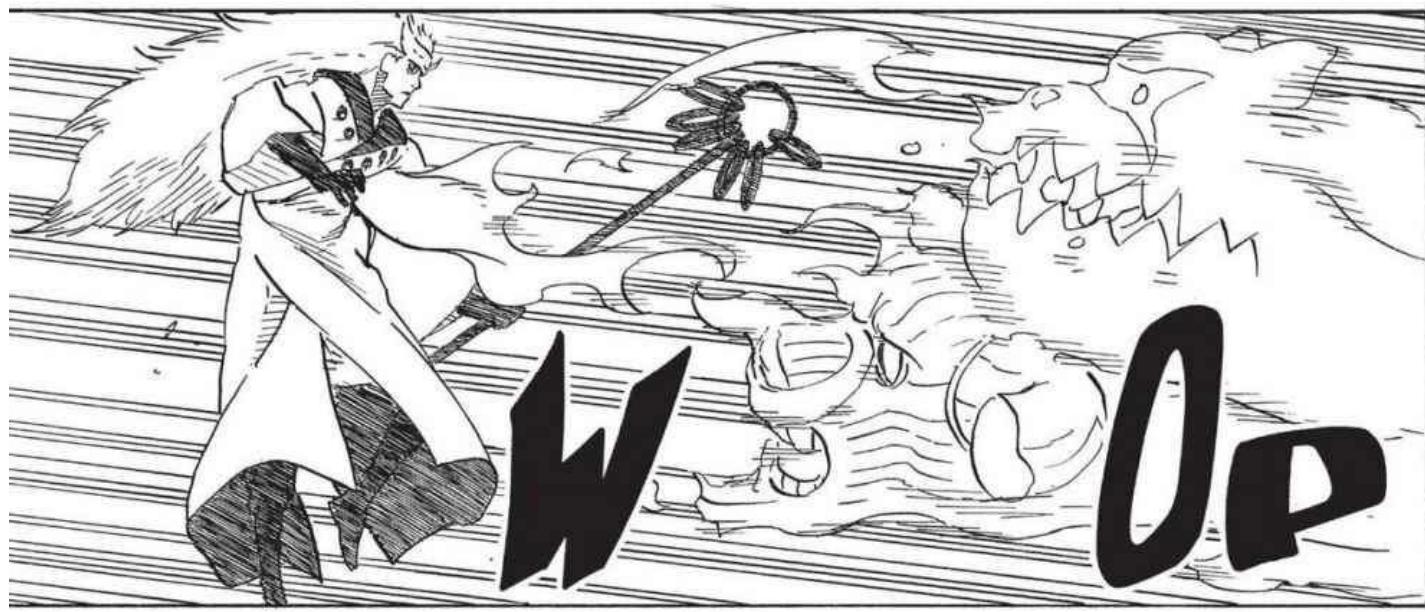


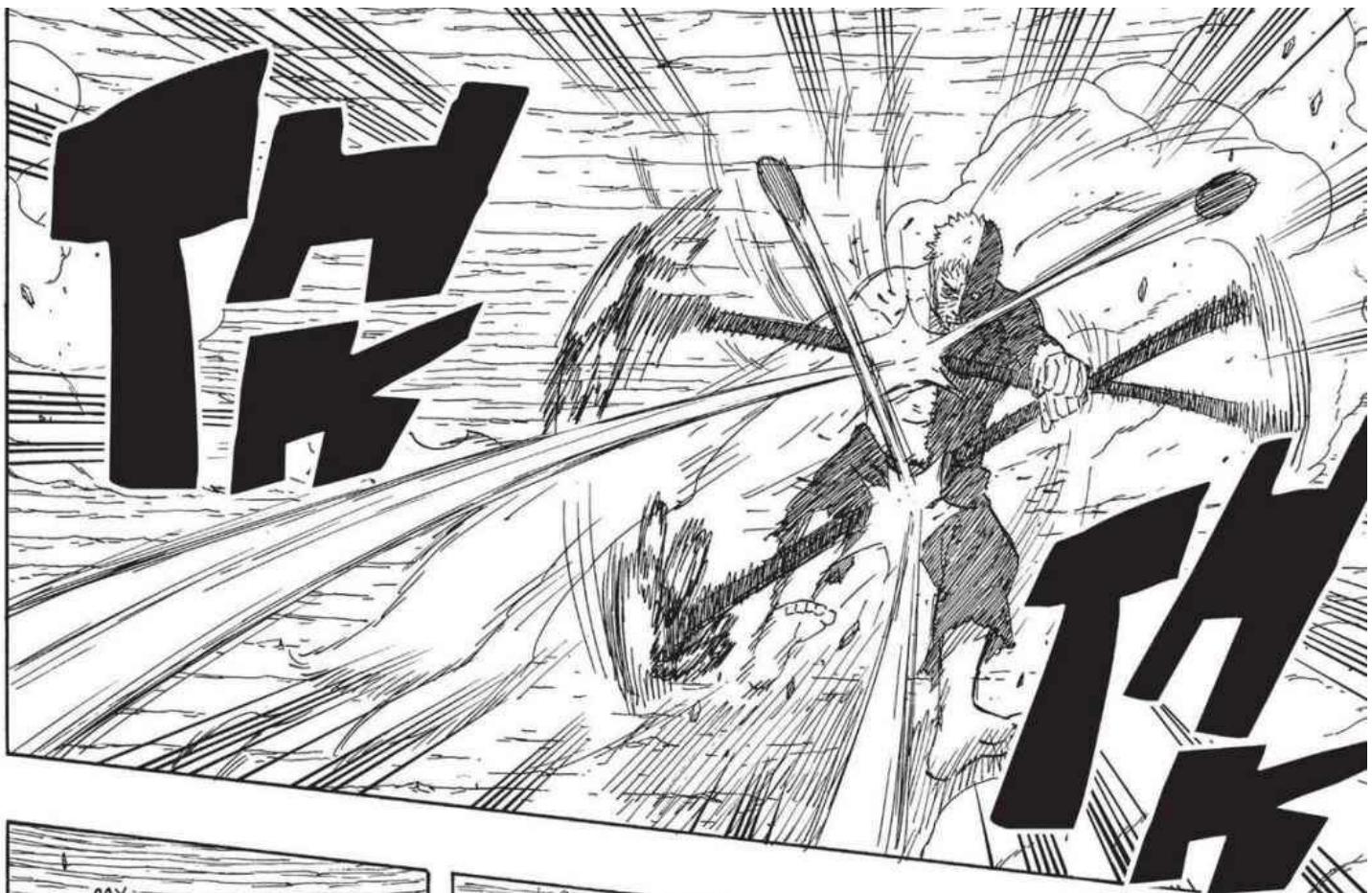
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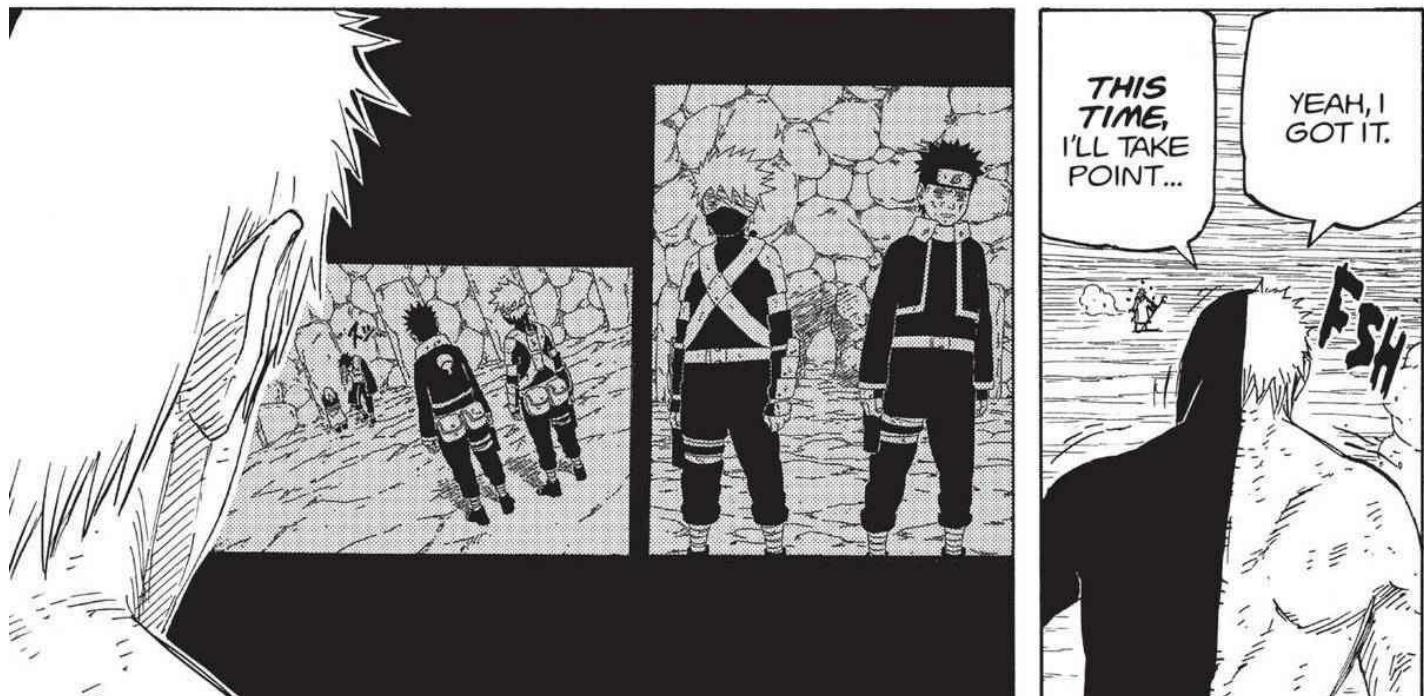
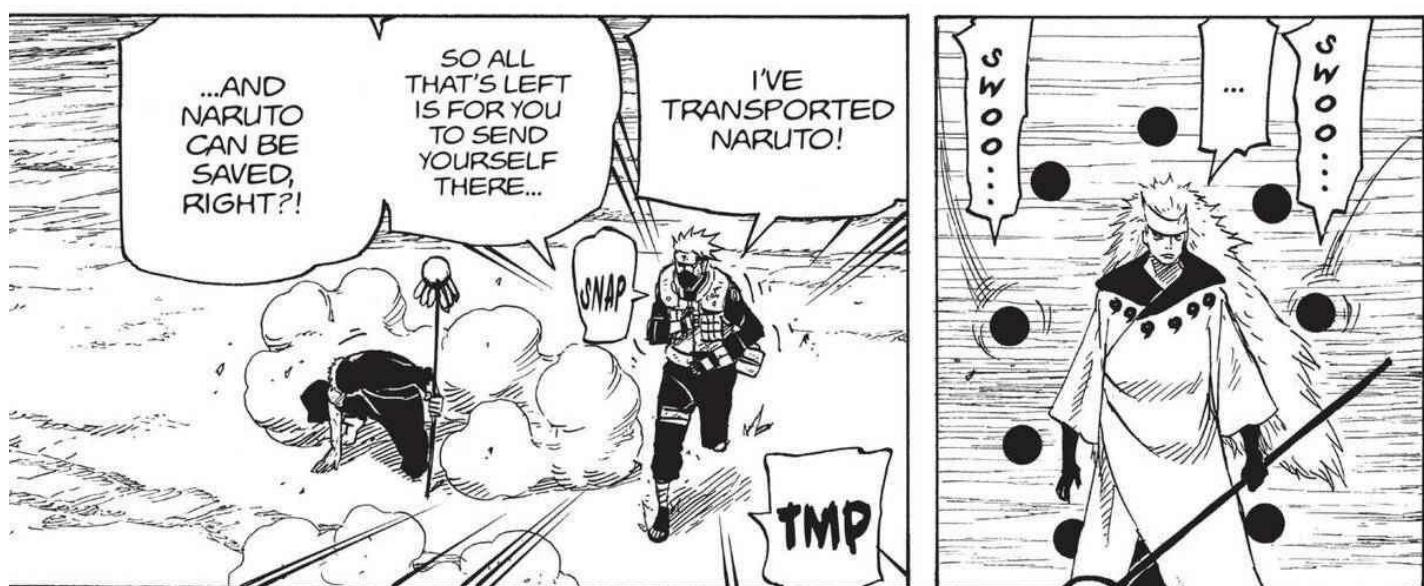
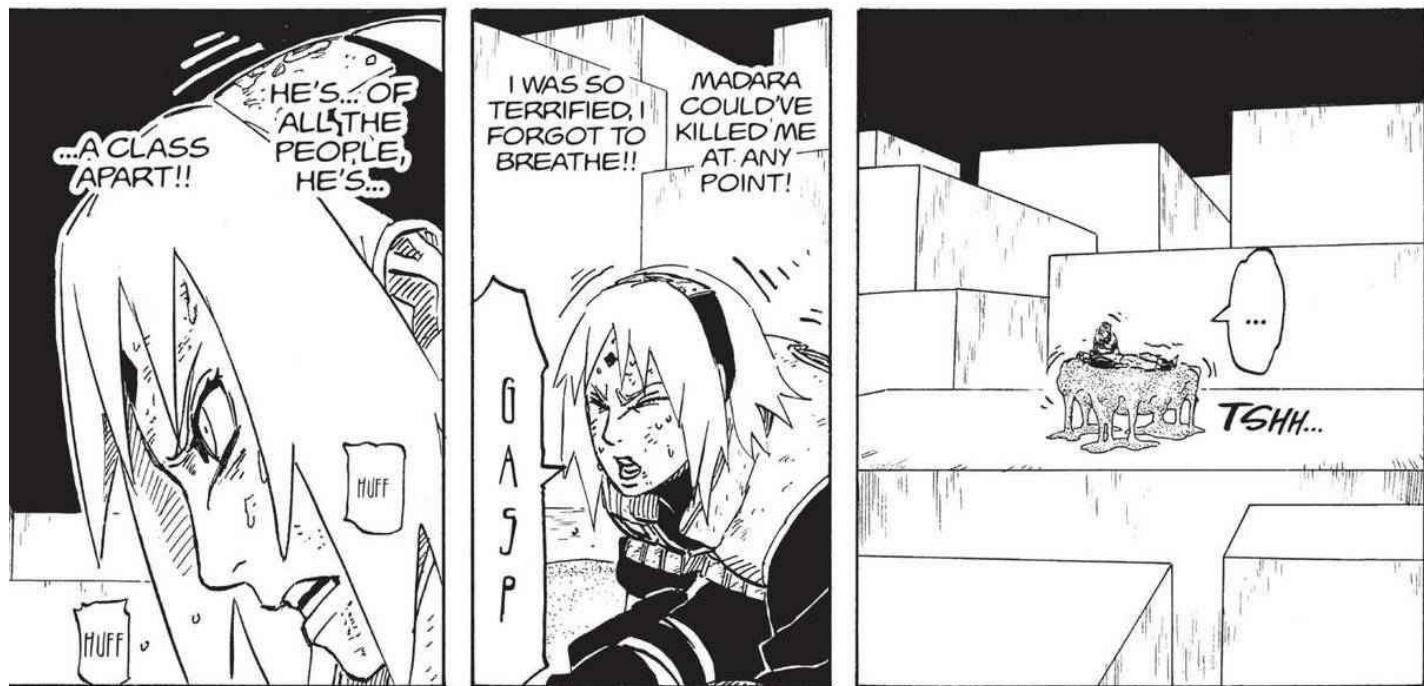




















AND I'VE  
ALREADY  
DISCOVERED  
THAT MY  
ATTACKS ARE  
FASTER THAN  
THEIR KAMUI'S  
TRANSFER  
SPEED.

OBITO HAS MY  
RINNEGAN AND  
NINE TAIL'S. SO  
AS LONG AS I  
DON'T LET HIM  
TELEPORT  
AWAY TO HIS  
TIME-SPACE...





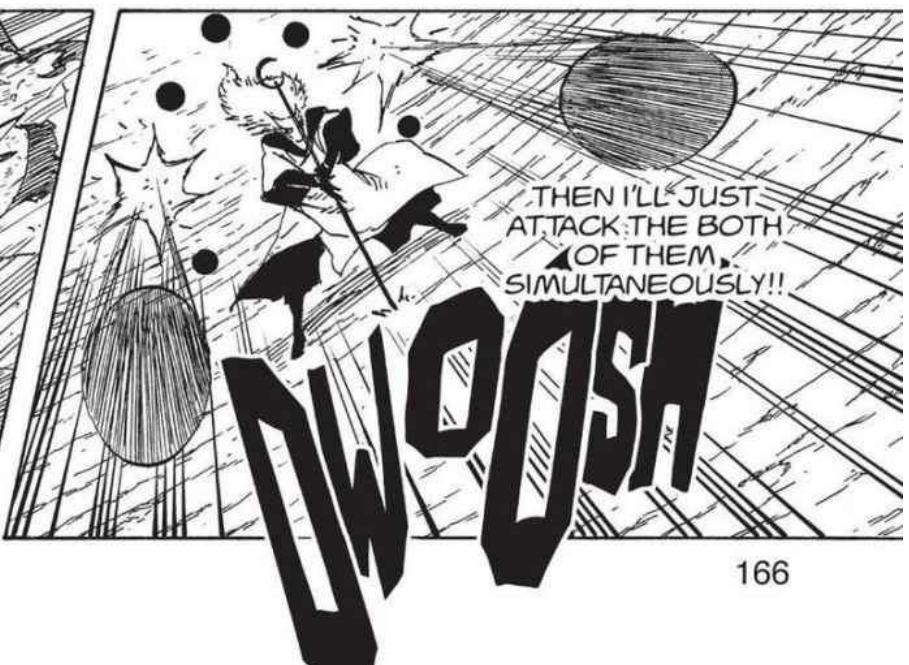
I BET ONE OF THEM WILL TRY TO DISTRACT ME WHILE THE OTHER PERFORMS THE KAMUI.



EITHER OBITO WILL TELEPORT HIMSELF OR HAVE KAKASHI TELEPORT HIM.

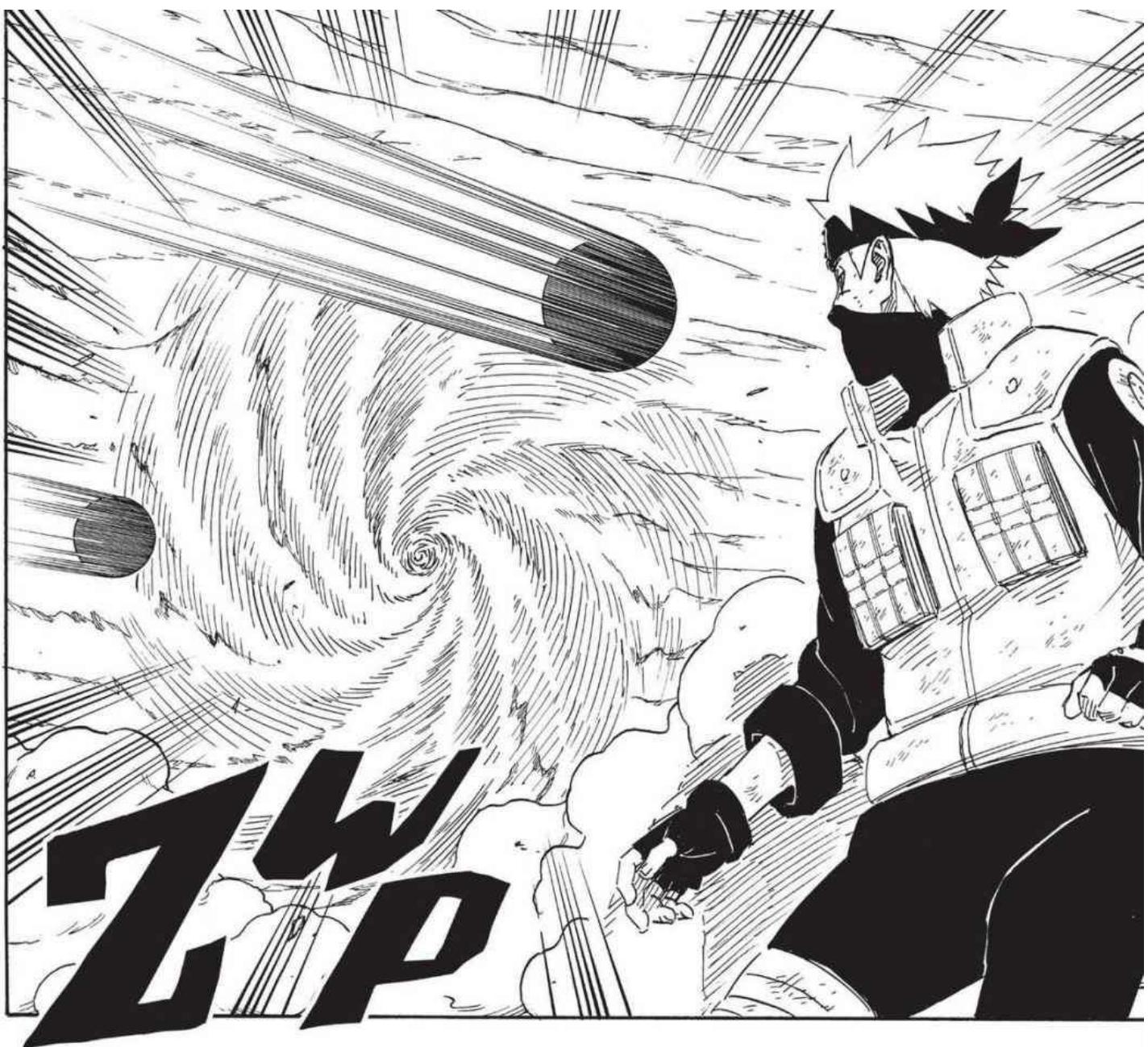


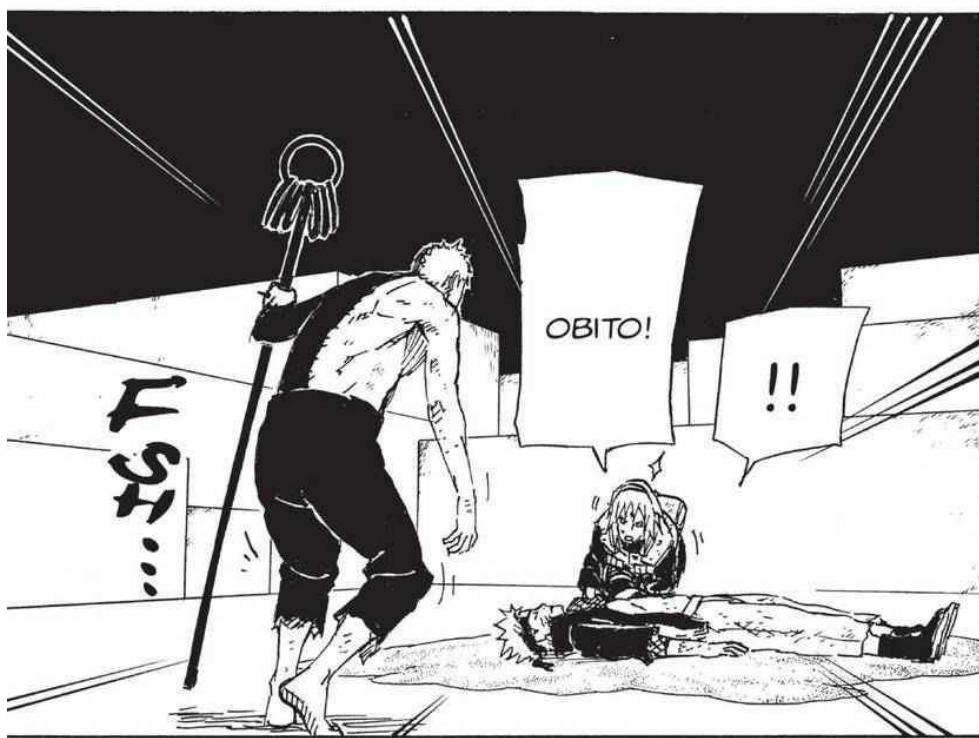
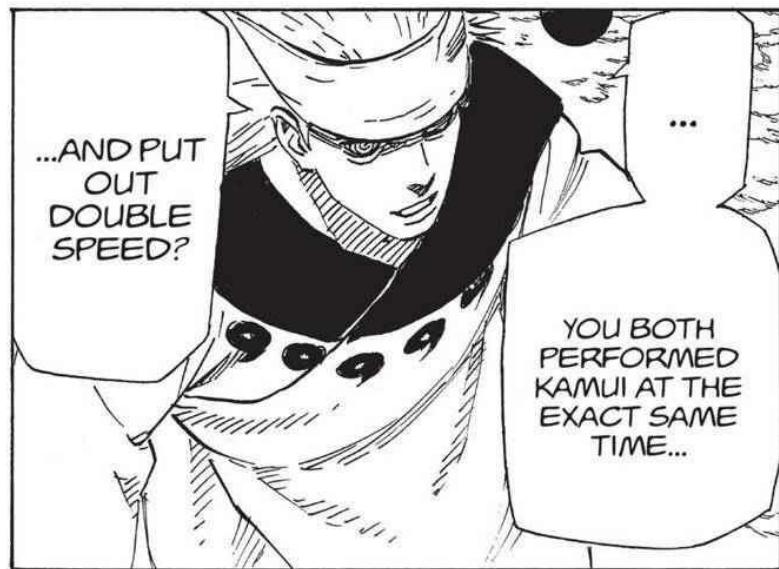
THIS TIME, I'LL TAKE POINT AND YOU'LL BE MY BACKUP, KAKASHI.



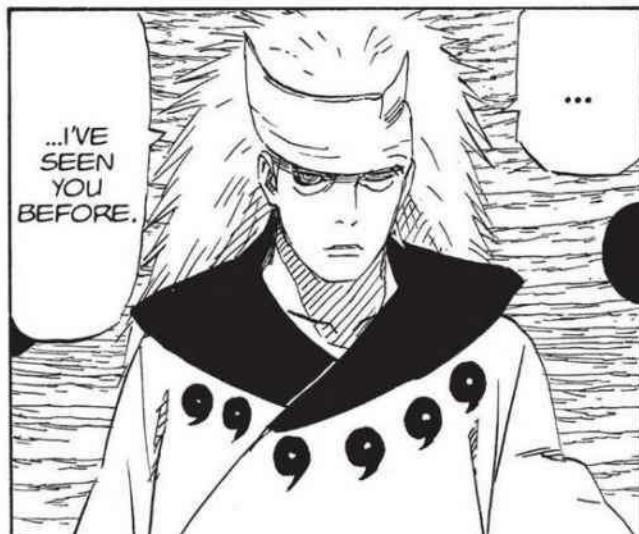
THEN I'LL JUST ATTACK THE BOTH OF THEM SIMULTANEOUSLY!!!

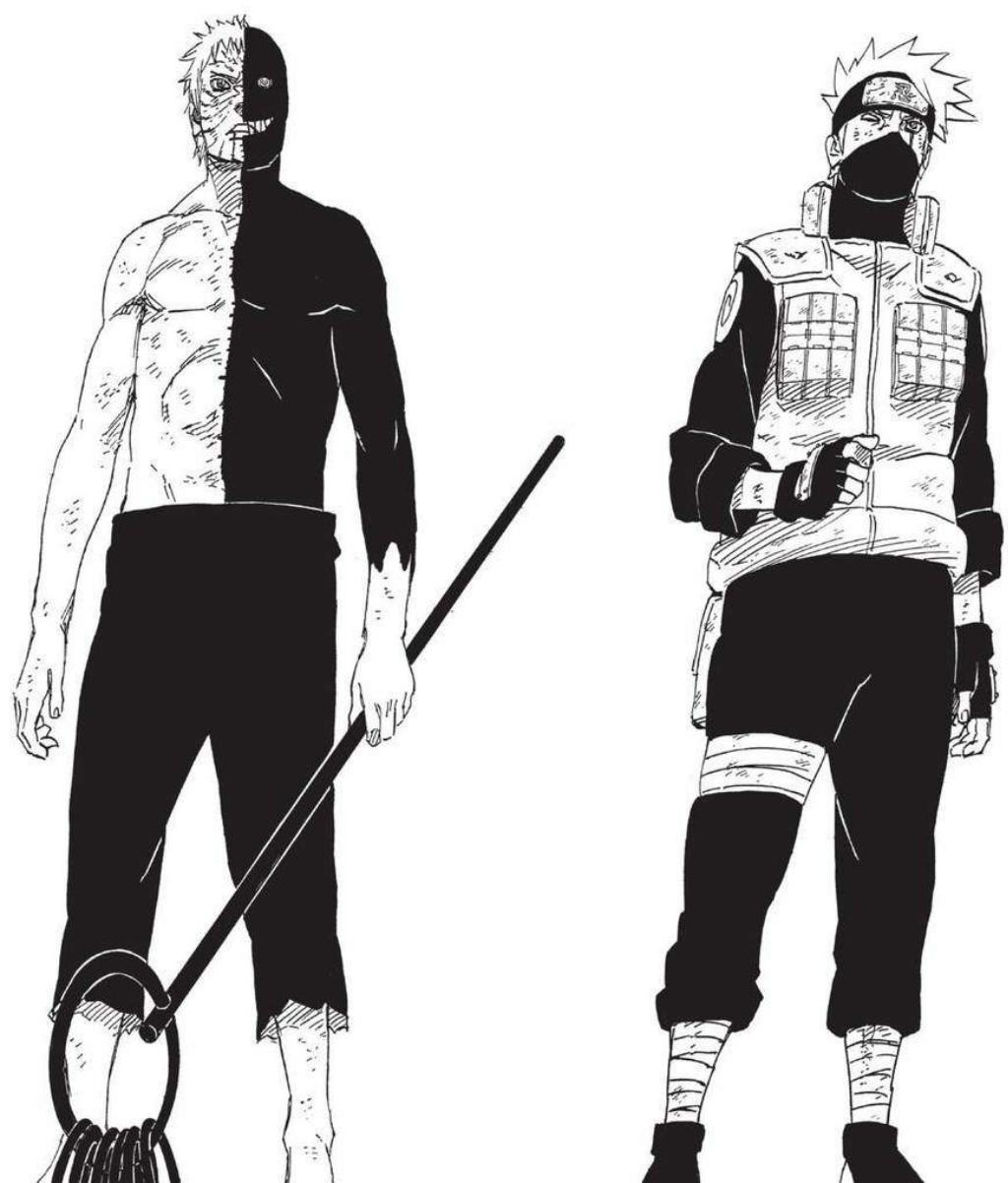






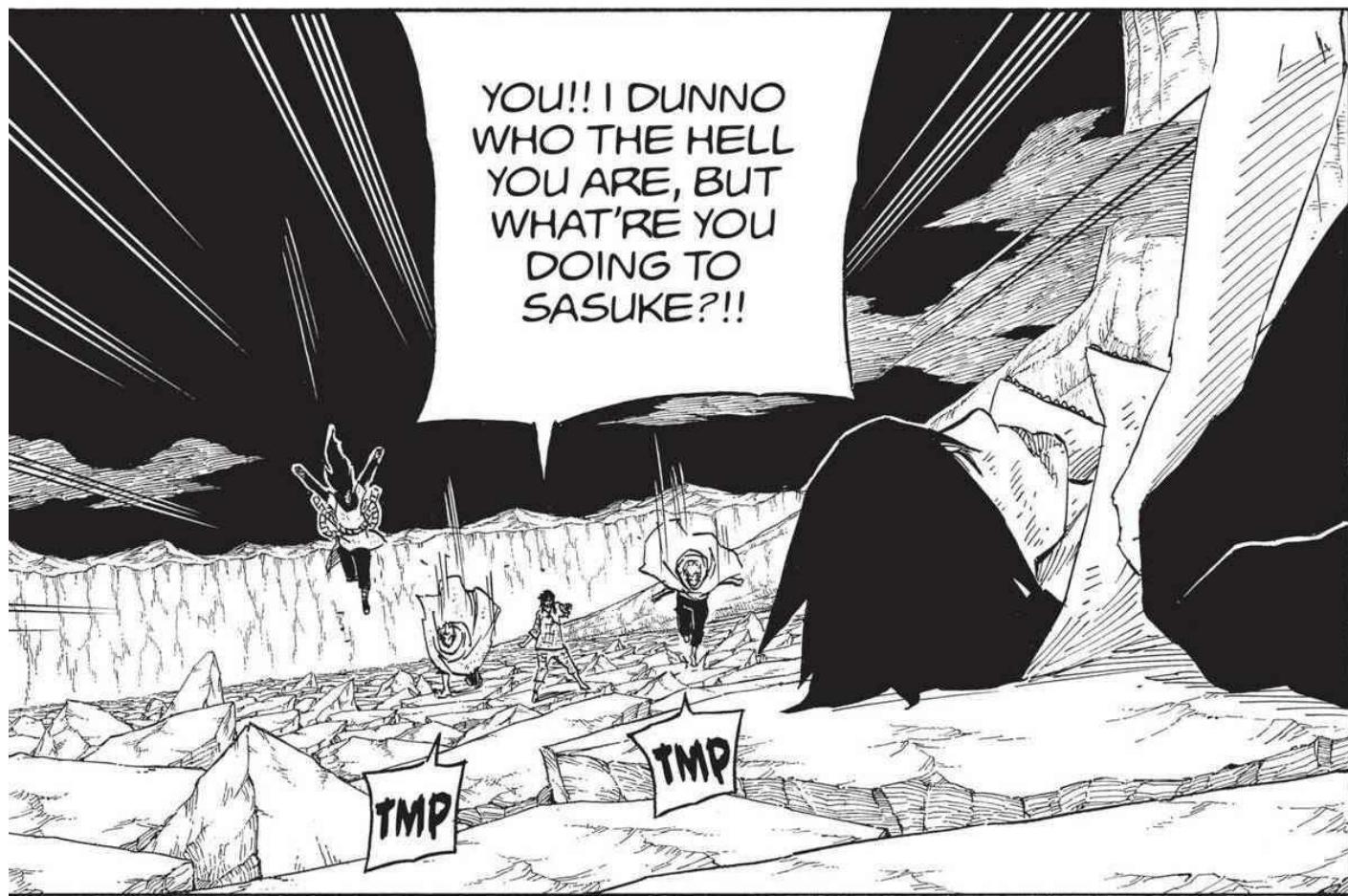




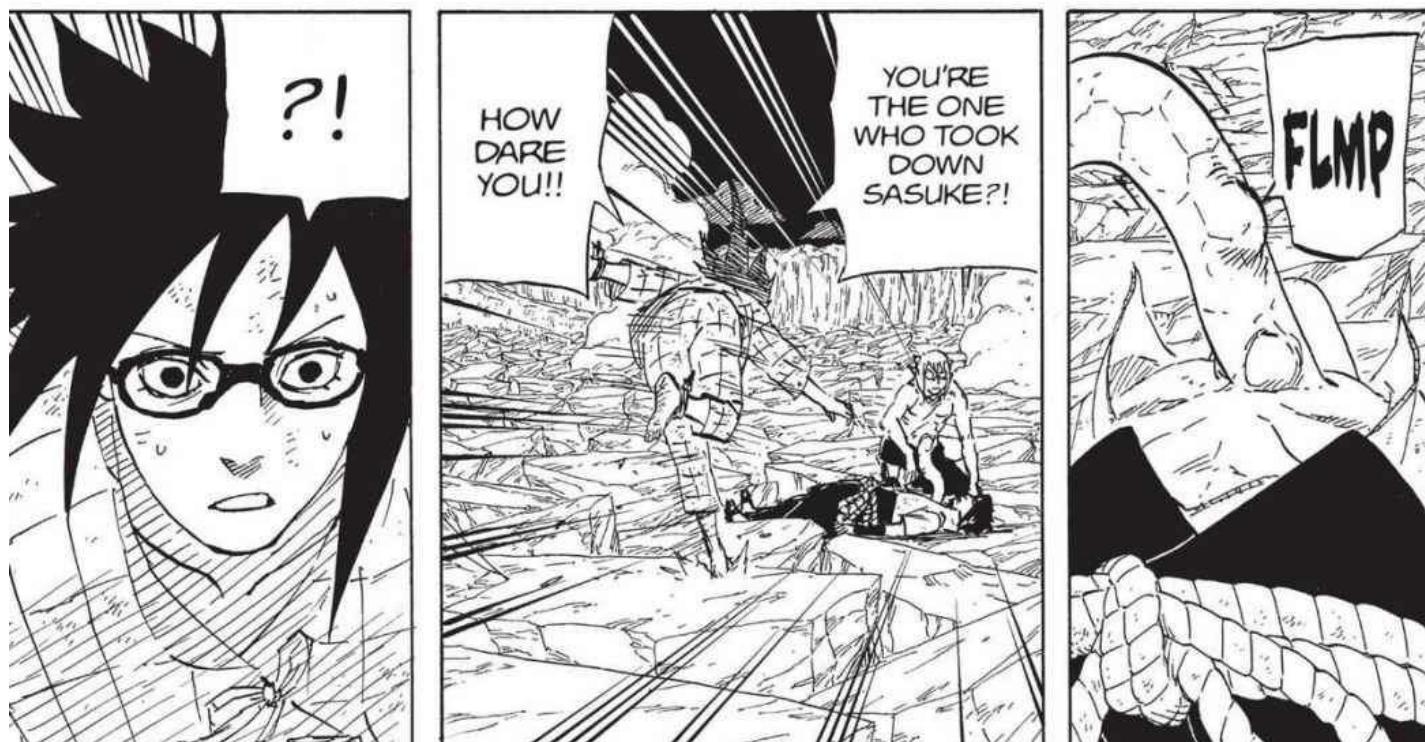


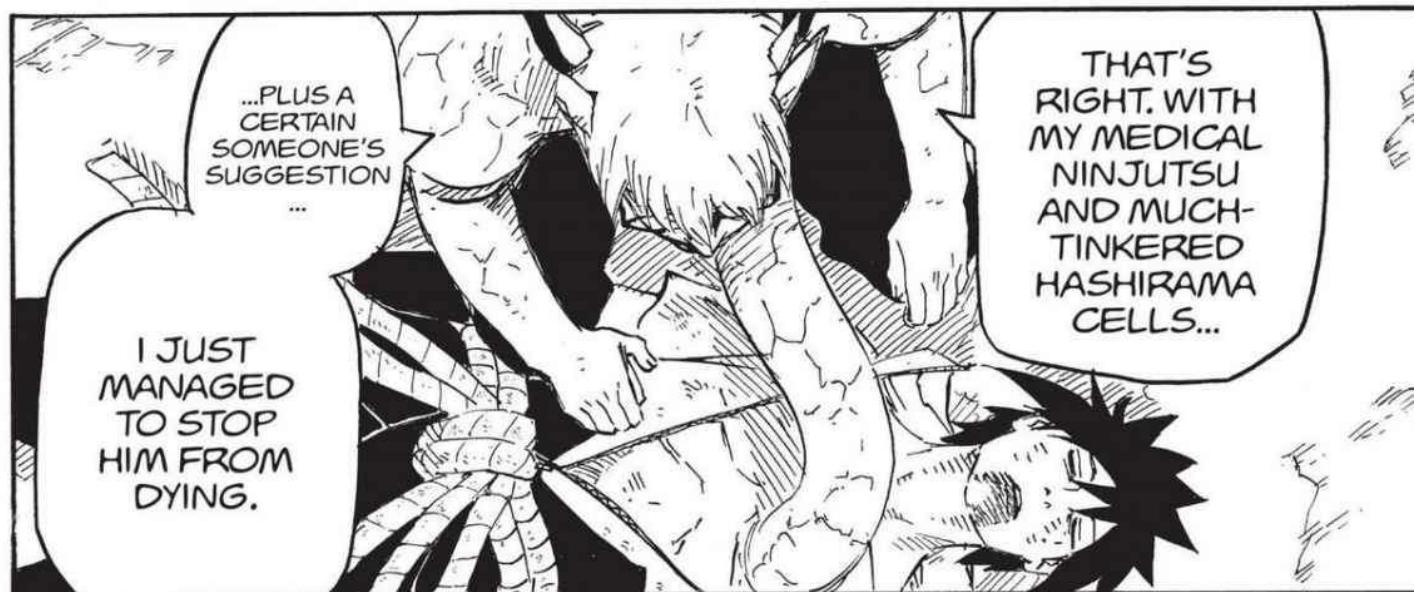
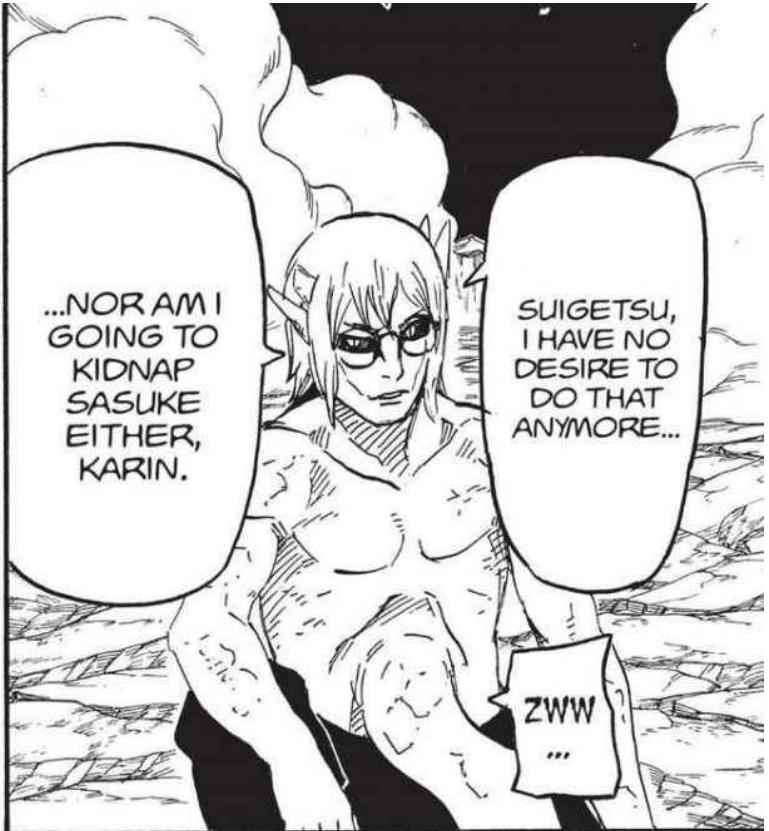


Number 667: The End to Blue Days









THAT ALLOWED YOU TO GIVE ME EASY ANSWERS AND USE ME...

...MAKING ME LOSE MYSELF EVEN MORE.

I'D STOPPED ACKNOWLEDGING RIGHT. THAT'S MYSELF AND DIDN'T KNOW WHO I WAS.

...YOU WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE THE ENDLESS LOOP SET UP BY ITACHI'S IZANAMI...?

THAT YOU'RE HERE MEANS...

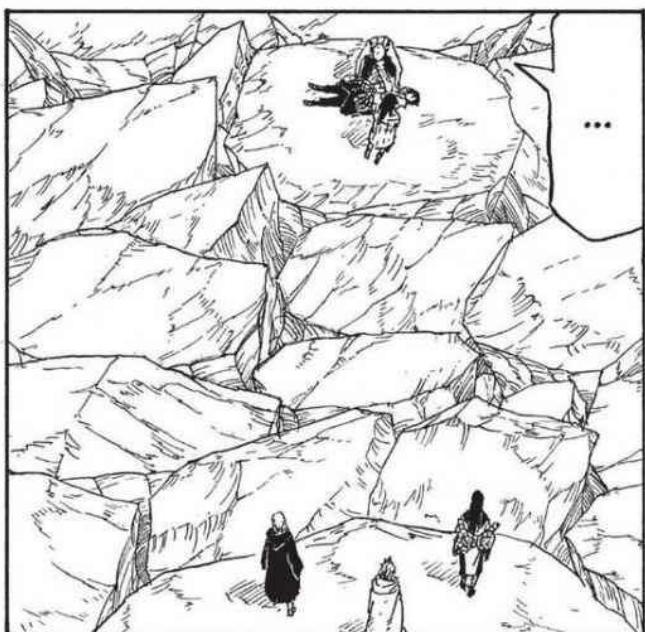
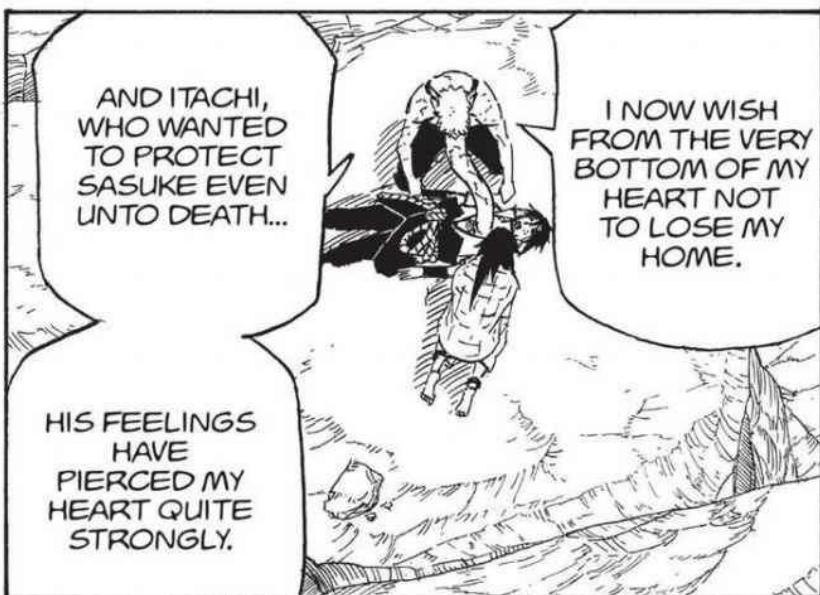
BUT KABUTO...

...THAN KABUTO.

...THAT I AM NO OTHER...

BUT THROUGH THAT JUTSU, ITACHI HELPED ME REALIZE...

AND WHERE MY HOME IS.





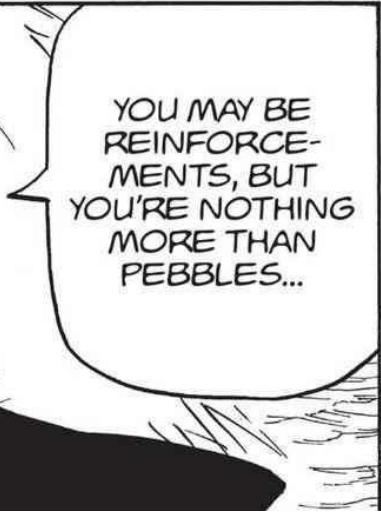
THAT'S  
RIGHT...  
BOTH  
OBITO  
AND I...

...THOUGHT  
WE'D LOST  
OUR PLACE  
IN THIS  
WORLD AND  
DRAGGED  
EVERYONE  
ELSE INTO  
THIS.



BUT I  
KNOW  
NOW WHO  
I AM...

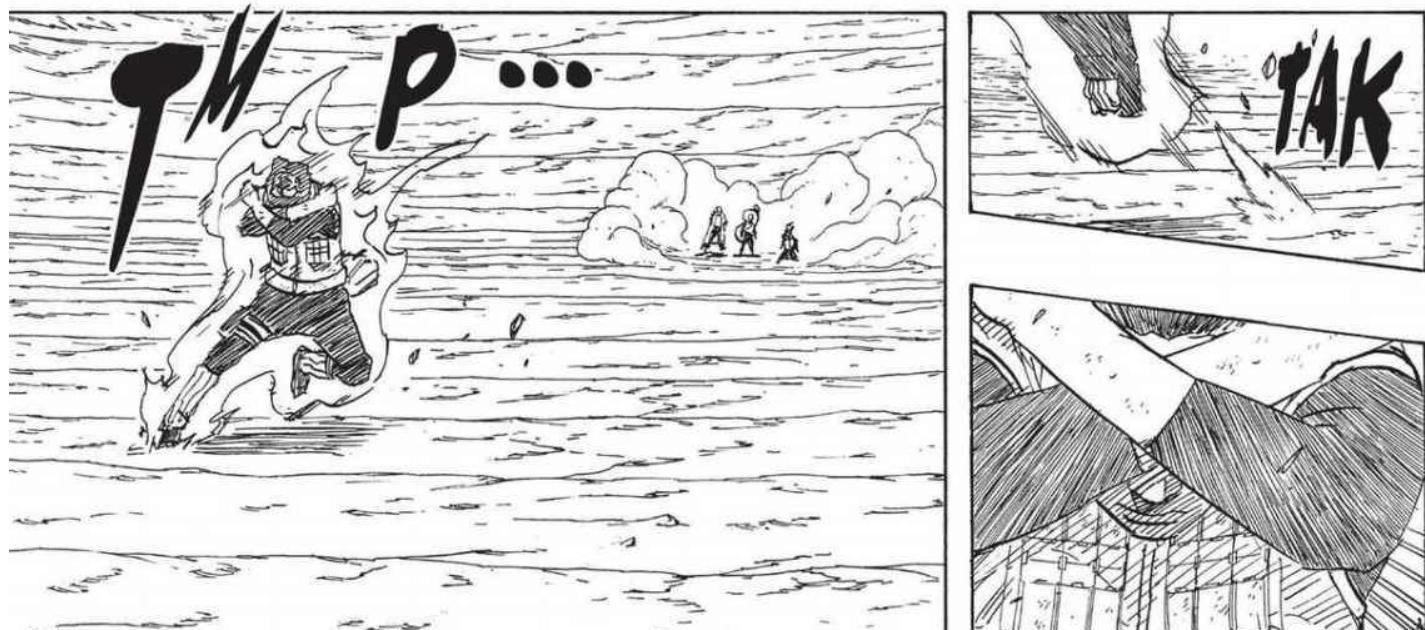
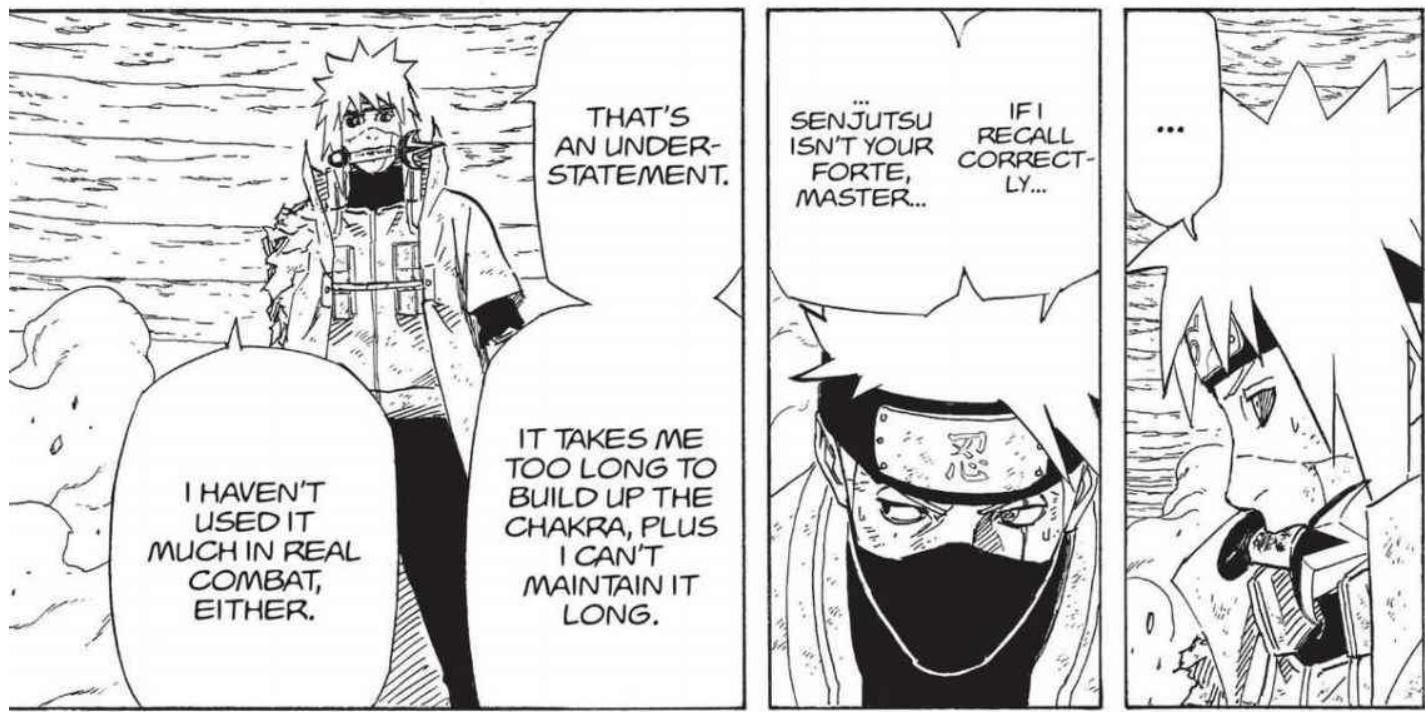
...AND  
WHAT IT  
IS I MUST  
DO!



YOU WON'T  
MAKE ANY  
DIFFERENCE.

YOU MAY BE  
REINFORC-  
EMENTS, BUT  
YOU'RE NOTHING  
MORE THAN  
PEBBLES...







DON'T LET  
THAT ROD OR  
THOSE BLACK  
SPHERES  
TOUCH YOU!!



THW THW



!

TAKE  
THIS!!

FWP

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
GUY'S  
MASTERED  
THE EIGHT  
INNER  
GATES...

THOSE  
ARE  
NOT  
HUMAN  
MOVE-  
MENTS!

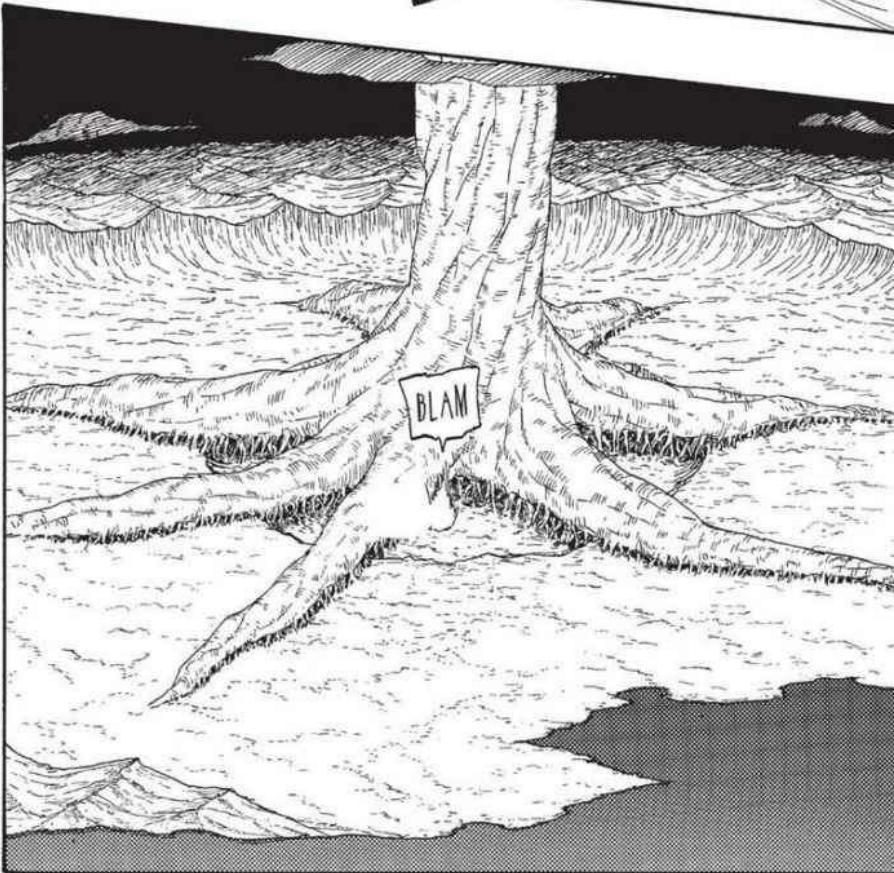
**HIRUDORA!!  
AFTERNOON  
TIGER!!!**

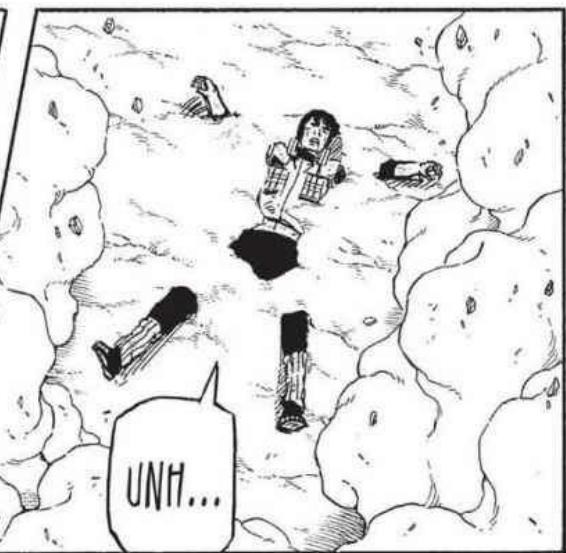
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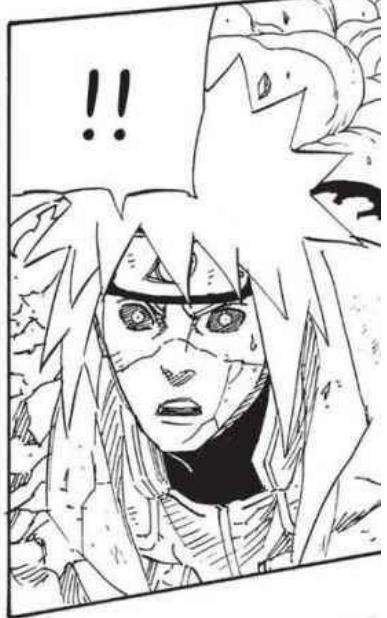
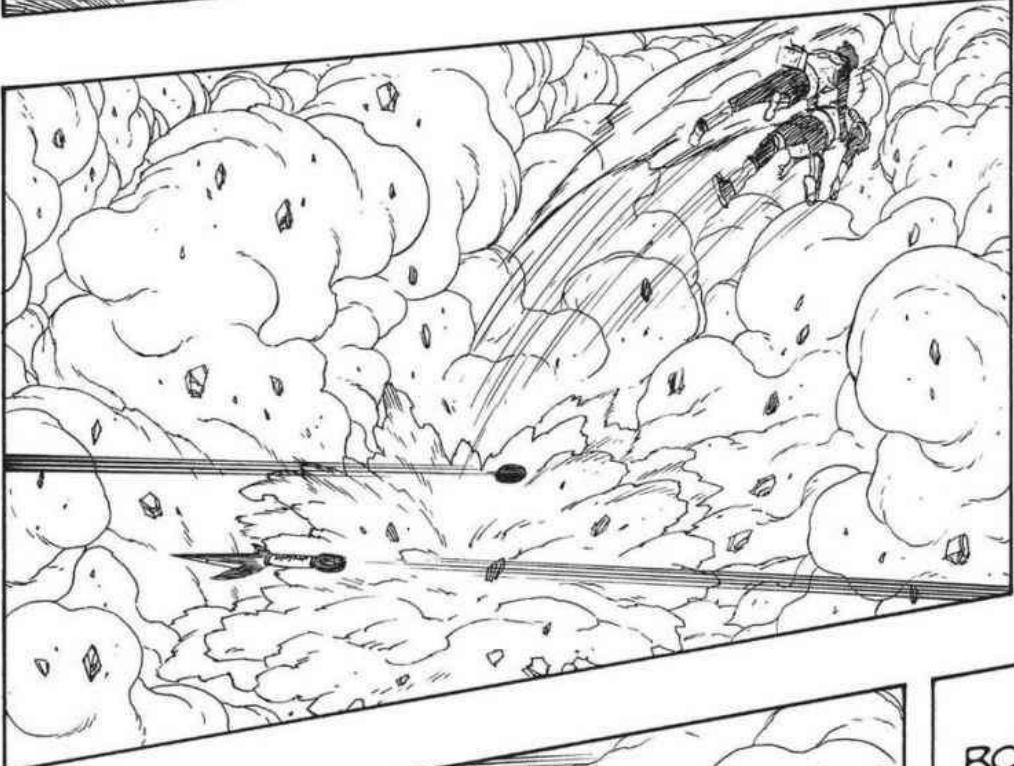
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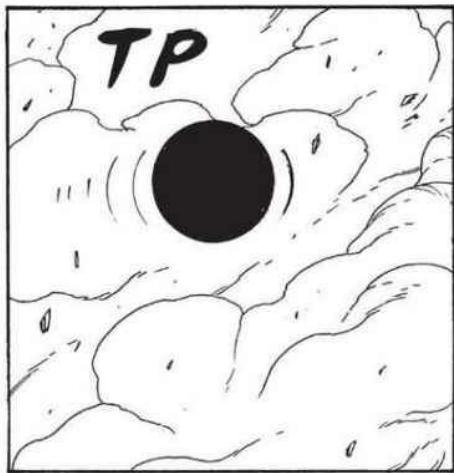
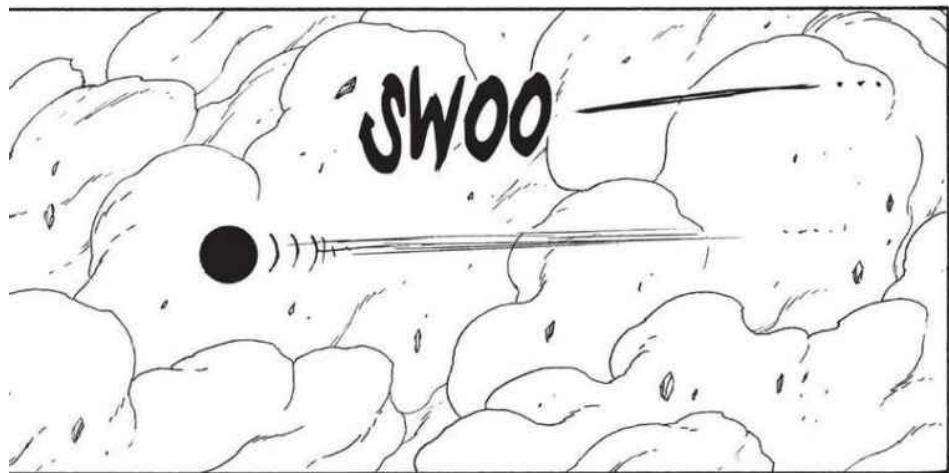
**RUMBLE**

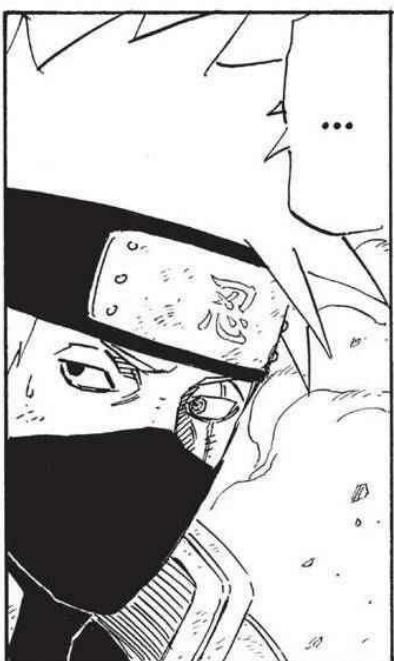
**RUMBLE...**





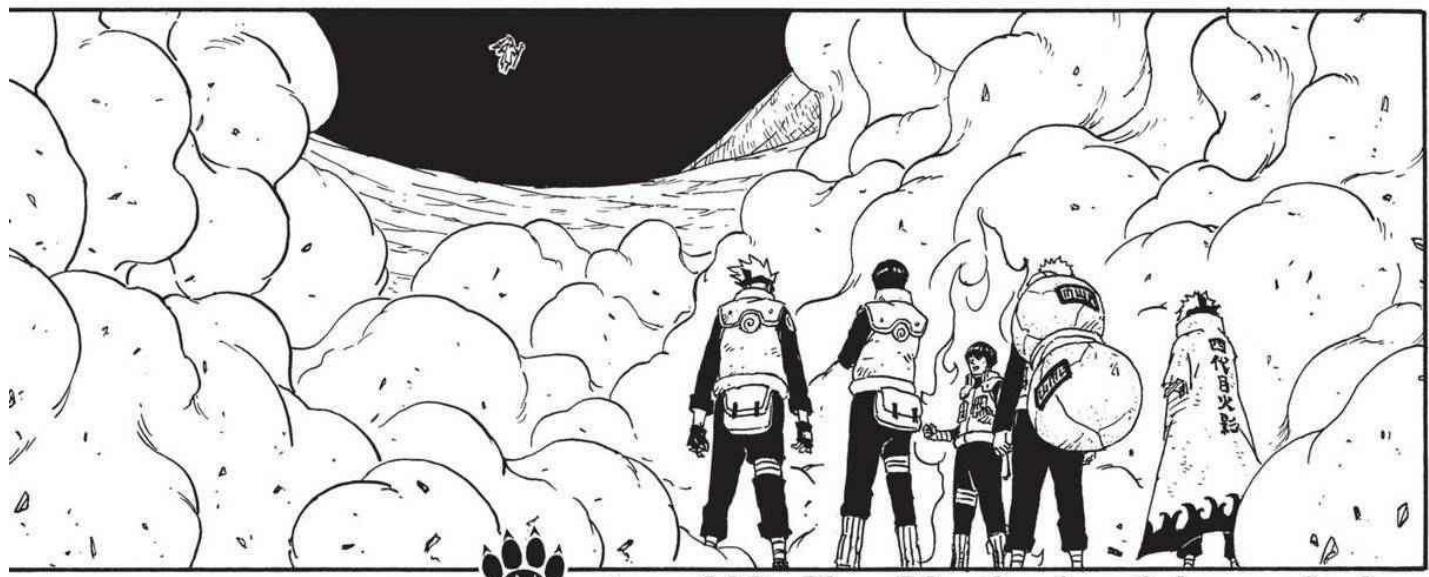






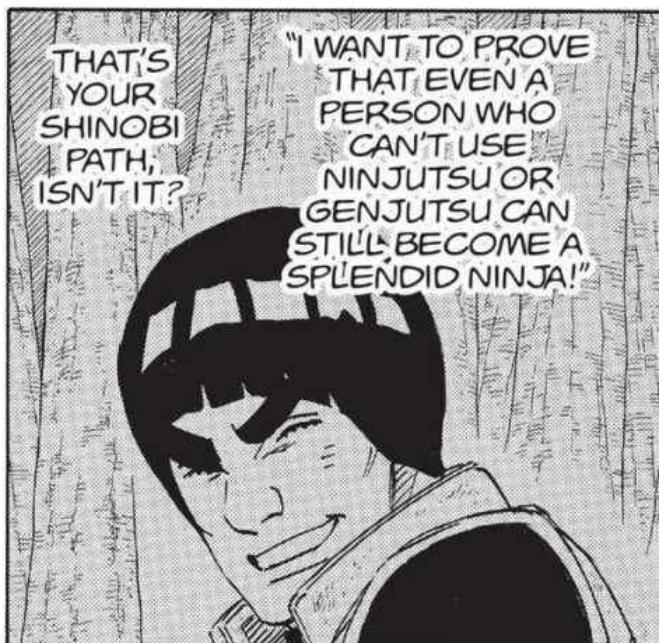


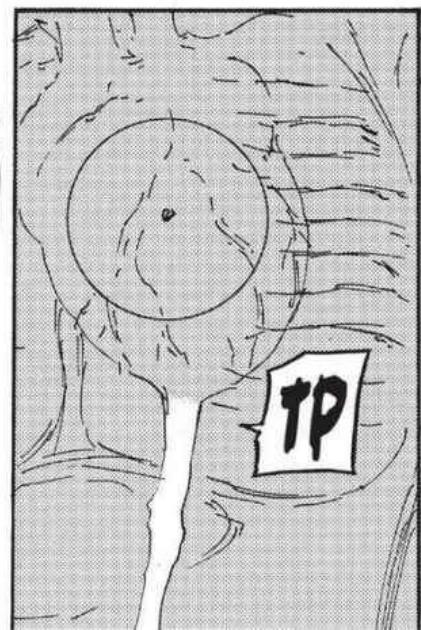
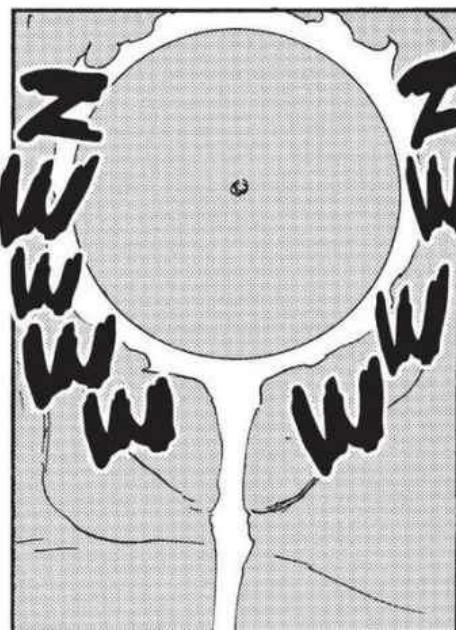
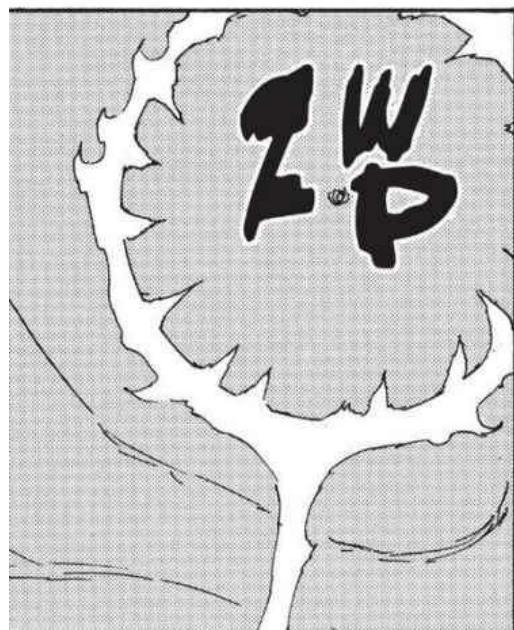
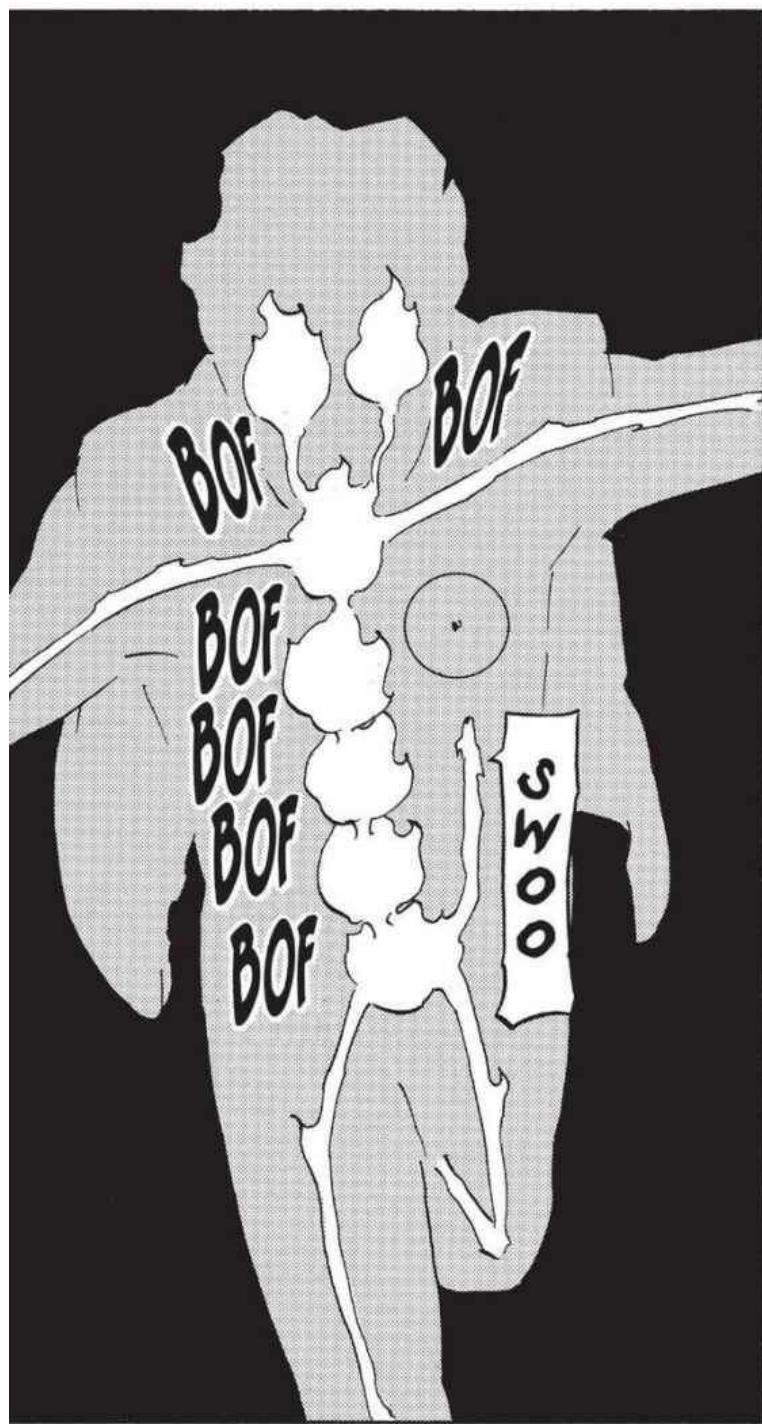




Number 668: The Start of a Crimson Spring













NICE  
GOING  
FOR AN  
"ETERNAL  
GENIN"!!  
AHA HA  
HA!!

HEY,  
MIGHT DAI,  
YOU  
PLAYIN' AT  
TRAINING  
WITH YOUR  
KID AGAIN?

TH-  
THEY'RE  
LIKE  
CATS!!!

AND LONG-  
TORSOED  
FOLK?

SURE!  
THANKS  
FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT!!

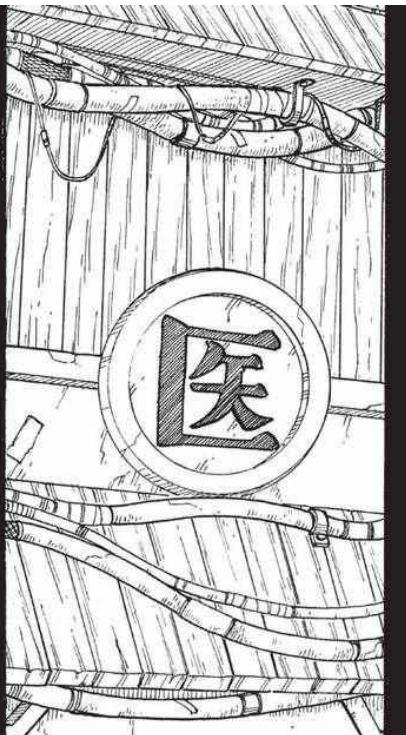
WHADDYA  
THINK  
YOU'RE  
DOING?

HEY, IF  
IT ISN'T  
DAI'S  
BRAT!

WHAT  
THE?!

OWW!

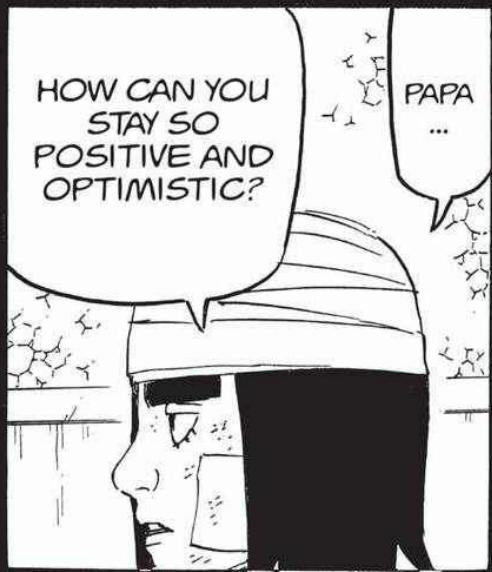
THK



木葉病院

SIGN: KONOHA HOSPITAL

DON'T  
YOU EVER  
MAKE  
FUN OF  
PAPA  
AGAIN!!



WHEN DOES  
ONE'S YOUTH  
COME TO  
AN END?



YOU CAN  
BELIEVE IN  
IT UNTIL YOU  
DIE, BUT  
THERE'S NO  
GUARANTEE  
YOU'LL WIN  
AGAINST  
SOMEONE  
STRONG!

LIKE WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO ME  
TODAY!!

YOU'RE  
CRAZY,  
PAPA!!  
YOUTH  
DOESN'T  
MATTER A  
WHIT WHEN  
YOU DIE!!

C'MON,  
GUY!

THEN YOUR  
YOUTH  
DOESN'T  
COME TO AN  
END WHEN  
YOU DIE?!!

THAT IS  
WHEN YOUTH  
CLIMAXES!!  
WHEN IT  
BURNS  
BRIGHTEST!!

TRUE  
VICTORY  
ISN'T ABOUT  
WINNING  
AGAINST  
SOMEONE  
STRONG.

PAT

!

...

I  
JUST...

IT'S ABOUT  
DEFENDING  
WHAT'S  
IMPORTANT  
TO YOU!

...!



THE EIGHT  
INNER  
GATES...  
A TYPE OF  
FORBIDDEN  
JUTSU!

FATHER,  
WHAT'S  
THIS?!

VOOSH

...AND  
FINALLY  
GRASPED  
THIS UNIQUE  
JUTSU  
AFTER 20  
YEARS!!!

AS A  
GENIN, I  
TRAINED  
DAY  
AFTER  
DAY...

WHEN  
IN THE  
WORLD...?

FATHER'S  
MASTERED  
SUCH'A  
MOVE?!

BUT I SHALL  
IMPOSE ONE  
STRICT  
CONDITION  
UPON THE USE  
OF THIS MOVE.

YOU'VE  
BECOME A  
SPLENDID  
SHINOBI!!

SPECIAL?

AND IT  
SHALL  
BECOME  
A MOST  
SPECIAL  
JUTSU TO  
YOU!

A SELF-  
RULE!!

THIS IS THE  
ONE MOVE  
THAT I CAN  
PASS DOWN  
TO YOU AS  
YOUR FATHER!



HUSH AND JUST RUN AWAY, YOU THREE!

I'LL HOLD THE FORT AND BUY YOU TIME!

BUT YOU'RE A GENIN! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!

YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST ANY OF THEM!!

RUN AWAY...? BUT FATHER!  
OUR OPPONENTS ARE POWERFUL JONIN! THEY'RE THE SEVEN SWORDSMEN!

I MADE IT IN TIME!!

FATHER ?!

...THE GATE OF DEATH, I CAN OPEN IT AND UNLEASH THE EIGHT INNER GATES FORMATION!

I'VE GOT...

NOW'S THE TIME...

THE SELF-RULE...

BUT THAT'S ... !?

!!!

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