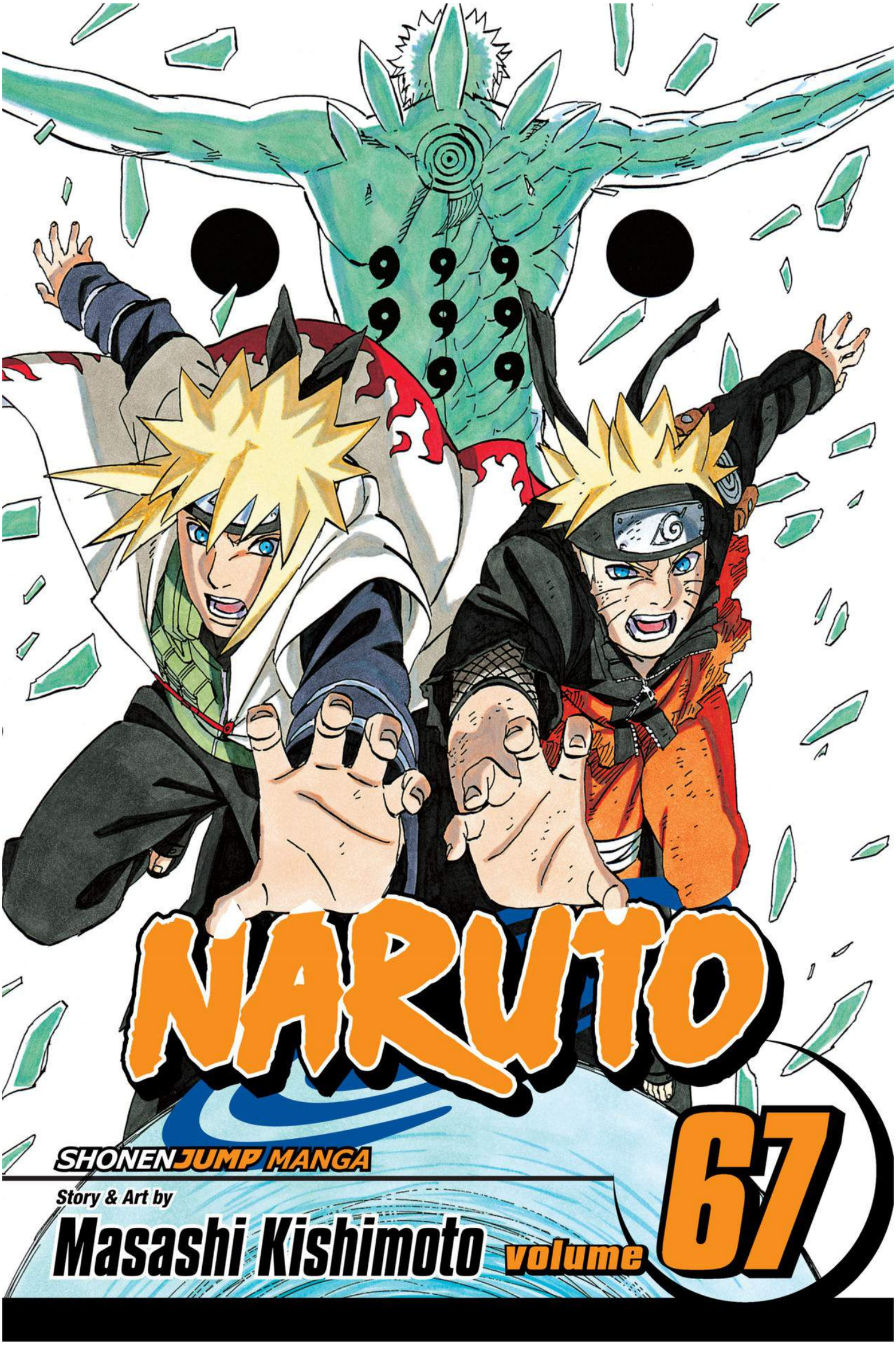
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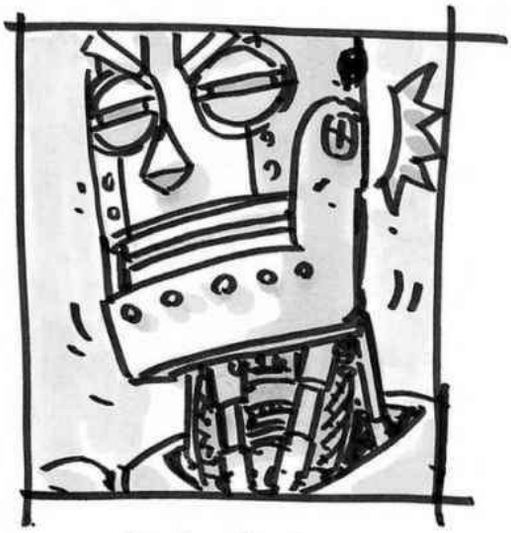

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M...m...my jaw...hurts...!!! What is this?! It's super-duper painful... Even chewing tofu hurts! Is this what they call TMJD?!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2013

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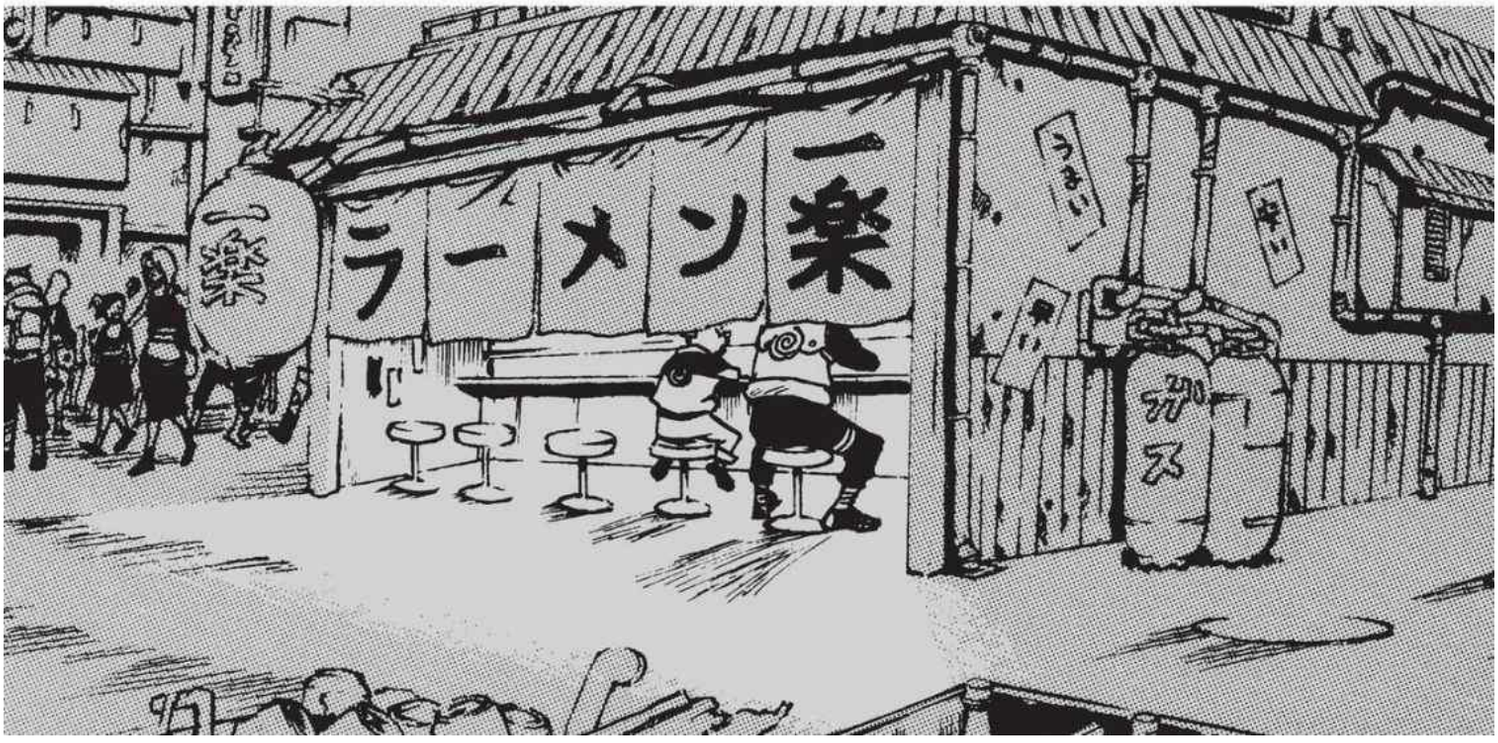

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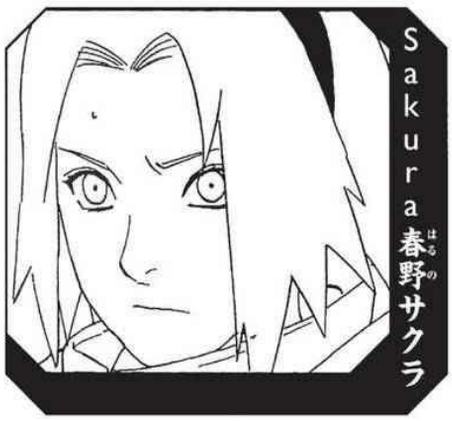
Kakashi はたけカカシ



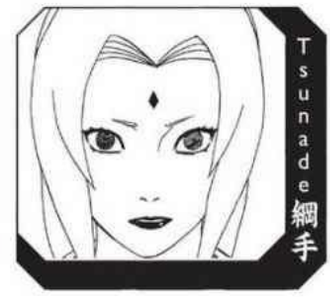
Sakura 春野(はるの)サクラ

Sai サイ

Yamato ヤマト

Kurama 九喇嘛(クラマ)

Obito うちはオビト



THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power…

Two years pass. Naruto grows up and engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. And the Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki finally begins. Naruto and his companions face off against the reunited Obito and Madara in order to stop the resurrected Ten Tails! Ten Tails' power seems too great to handle, but Sasuke enters the battlefield along with the Edotensei-resurrected former Hokage. With Cell 7 reunited at last, the battle starts to turn in Naruto's favor. However, Obito then surprises everyone by becoming the Ten Tails' jinchuriki!

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Number 638: Ten Tails' Jinchuriki, Obito

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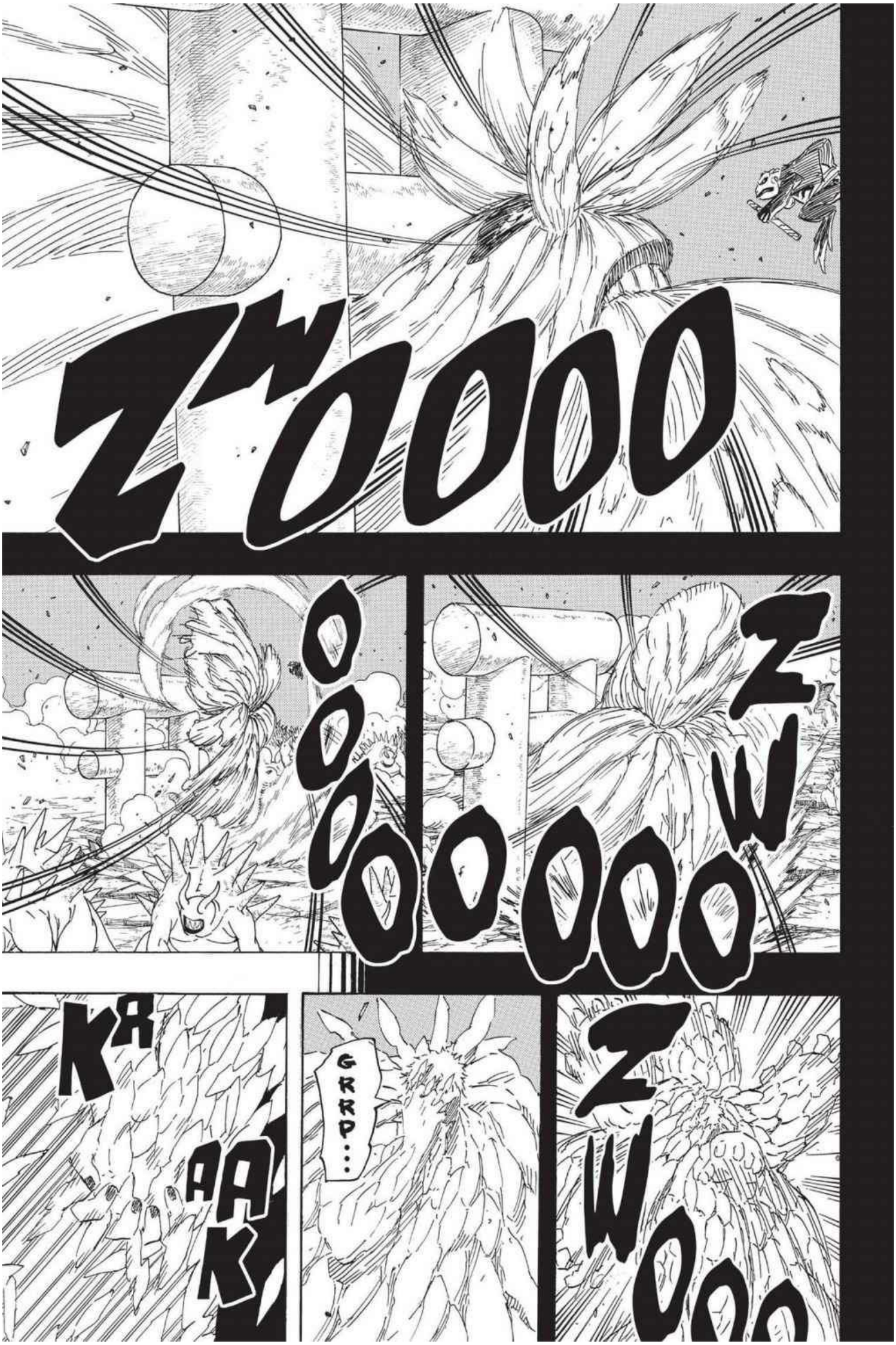
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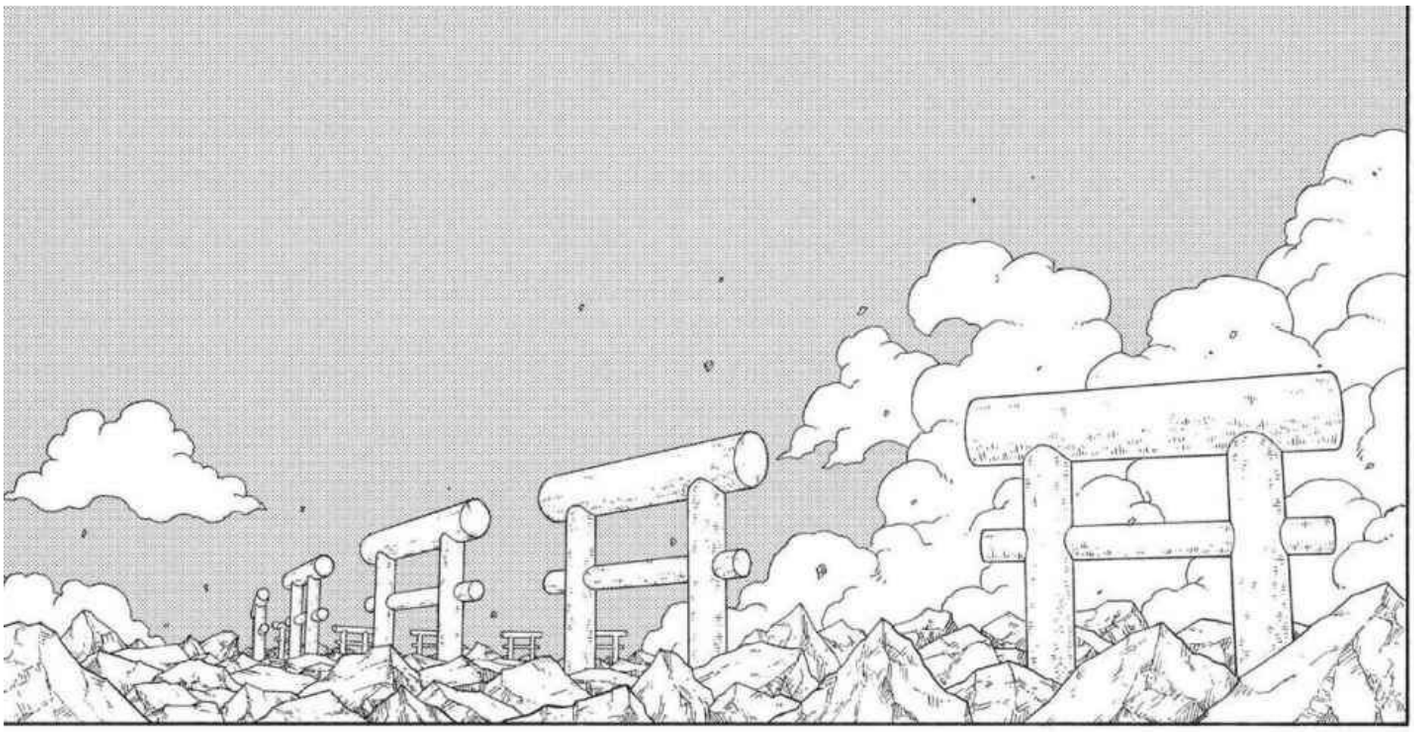
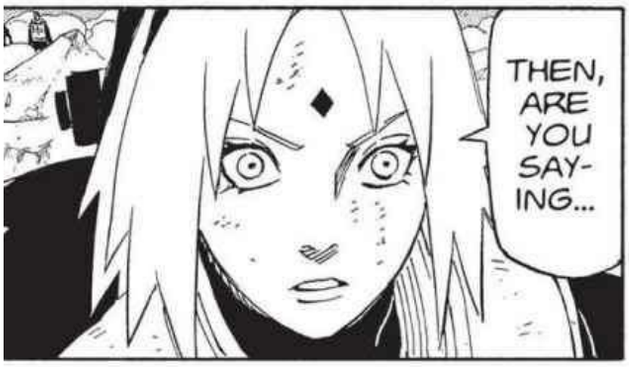



THEN, ARE YOU SAY-ING...

ITS CHAKRA TOO.
ALL OF TEN TAILS... WAS COMPLETELY ABSORBED... INTO THAT MAN...

THAT'S THE TEN TAILS'...

THOOM

...JINCHURIKI?

!!
SH IVER
WH-WHAT IS THIS I FEEL?

MM...
JINCHURIKI, EH. THIS IS BAD.

OBITO...
HE LOOKS EVEN CREEPIER THAN BEFORE.
NARUTO, HOW CAN YOU TELL?!

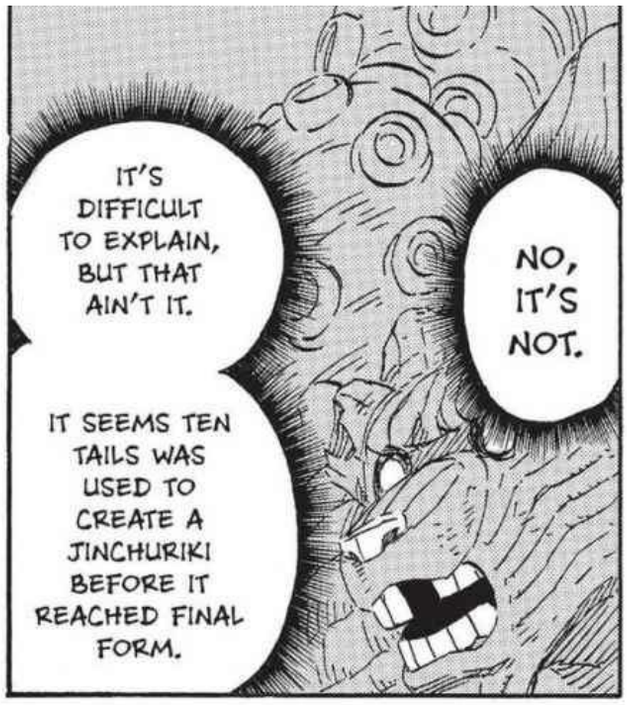
THEY GAVE ME SOME OF THEIR CHAKRA EARLIER, SO IT'S OBVIOUS TO ME!!
I'VE BECOME FRIENDS WITH THE OTHER BIJU!

...PLUS I'VE SEEN THAT SIX PATHS REBIRTH JUTSU BEFORE TOO!

I FELT THE BIJU'S CHAKRA GET SUCKED INSIDE OBITO ONE AFTER ANOTHER...

I SEE.
ANYWAY, HE WAS PERFORMING THE JUTSU TO BECOME A JINCHURIKI ALL ALONG!

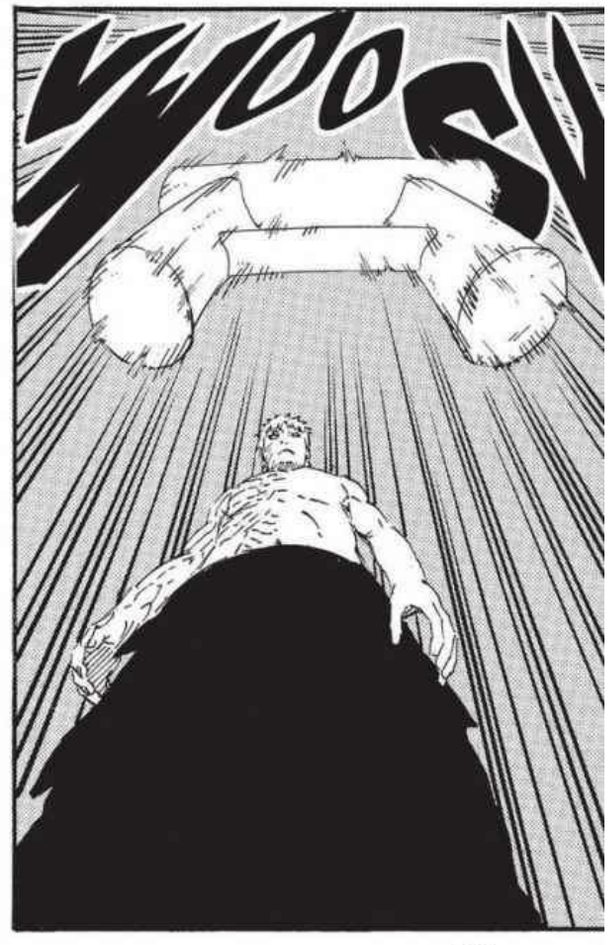
HE WAS WEAVING DIFFERENT SIGNS!!


IT'S DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN, BUT THAT AIN'T IT.
NO, IT'S NOT.
IT SEEMS TEN TAILS WAS USED TO CREATE A JINCHURIKI BEFORE IT REACHED FINAL FORM.

EIGHT-O! IS THAT ITS FINAL FORM?

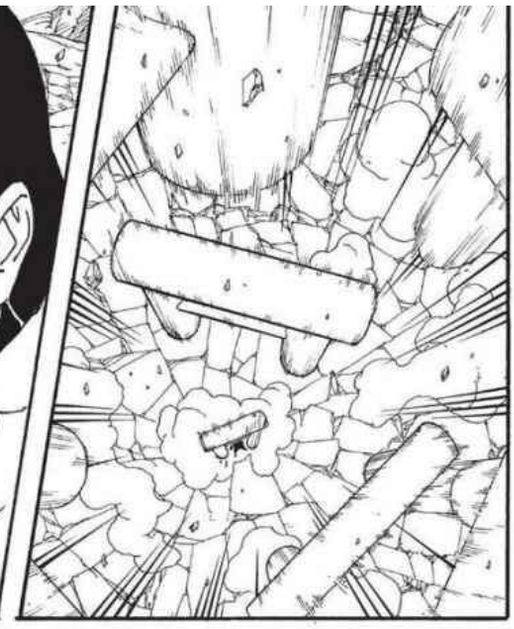
THOOM

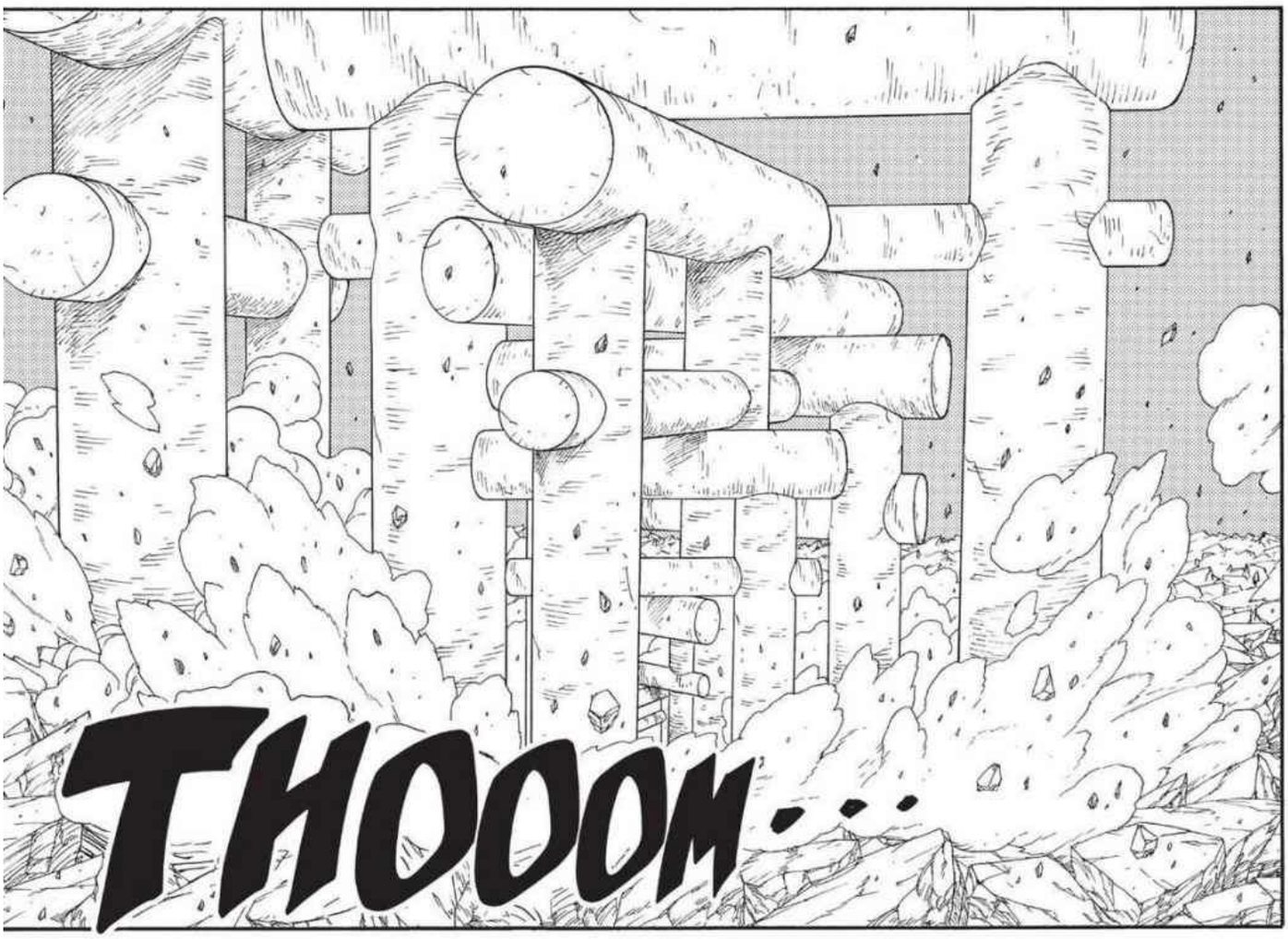
HMPH !!


WOOSH

THOOM
THOOM THOOM

...THE GRACIOUS DEITY GATES ARE STILL IN PLAY!!
EVEN IF YOU'VE BECOME A JINCHURIKI...




THOOOM...

PERK
!!

SPLICH

WHOA!! AWESOME!!

KA^B OO

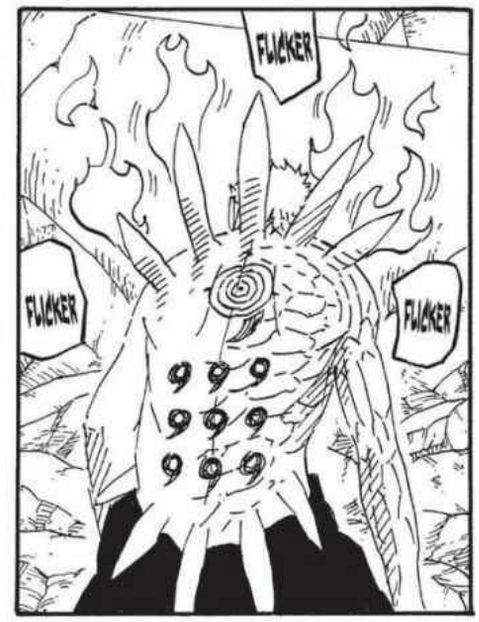
...

SUCH POWER...

THE SAGE ART SEAL THAT HAD EVEN SUPPRESSED TEN TAILS...

THK
G-G-

ZWOOO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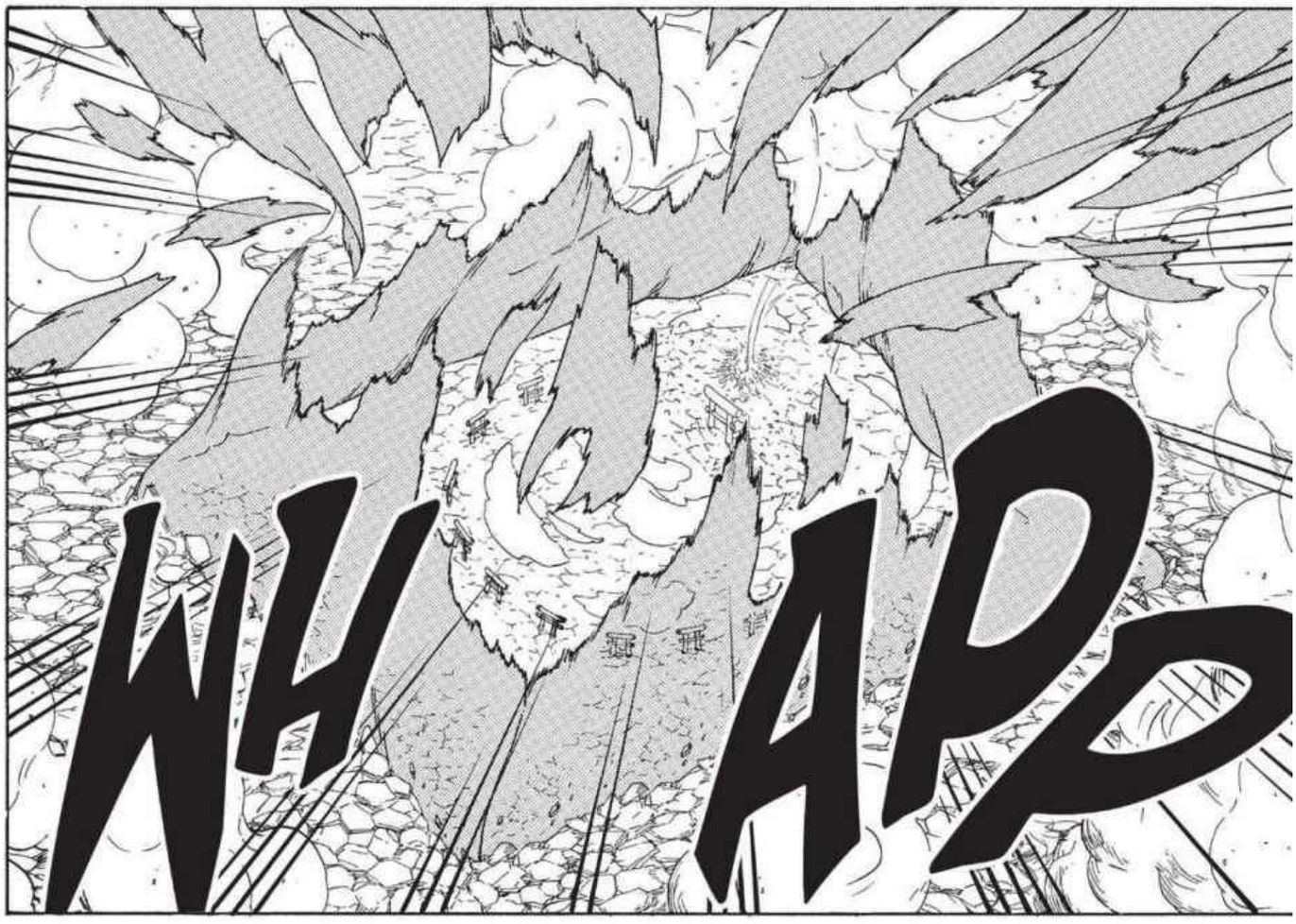
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ARGH!
WHAT ?!
UGH!
UNH!

B-B-B-BOOF
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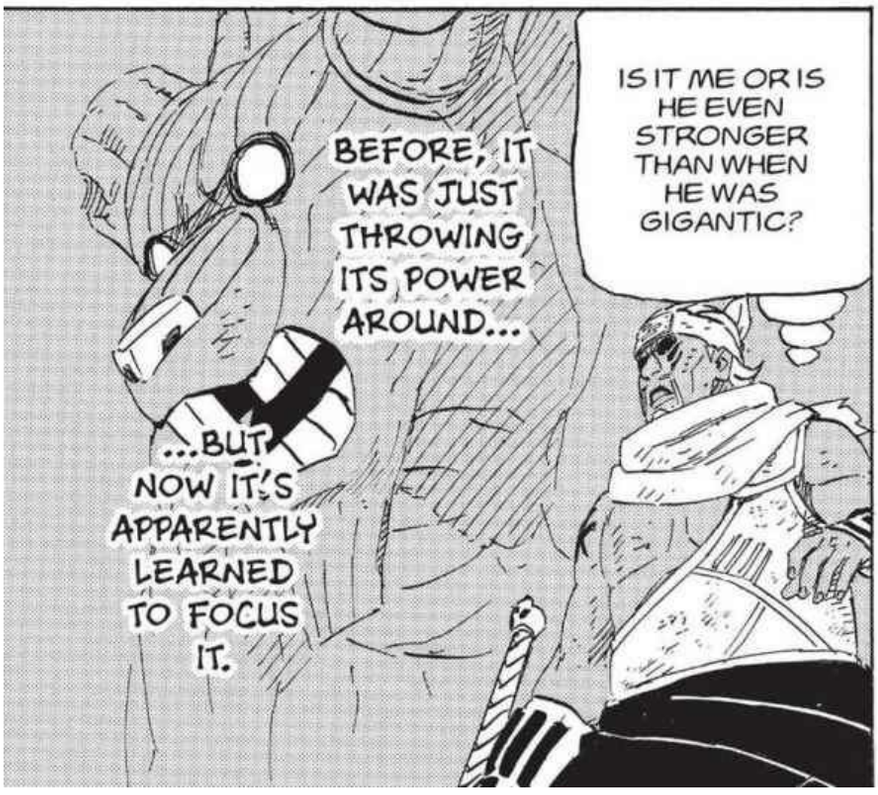
IS IT ME OR IS HE EVEN STRONGER THAN WHEN HE WAS GIGANTIC?
BEFORE, IT WAS JUST THROWING ITS POWER AROUND...
...BUT NOW IT'S APPARENTLY LEARNED TO FOCUS IT.

THE FOUR CRIMSON RAYS FORMATION !!
IMPOS-SIBLE!

HE'S DESTROYED MY BARRIER!

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT FELLOW WHO MADE TEN TAILS' POWER HIS OWN MIGHT DO!!

KEEP YOUR GUARD UP, ALL!!

!!!

TMP

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ENOUGH, OBITO.

STOP THIS ALREADY!

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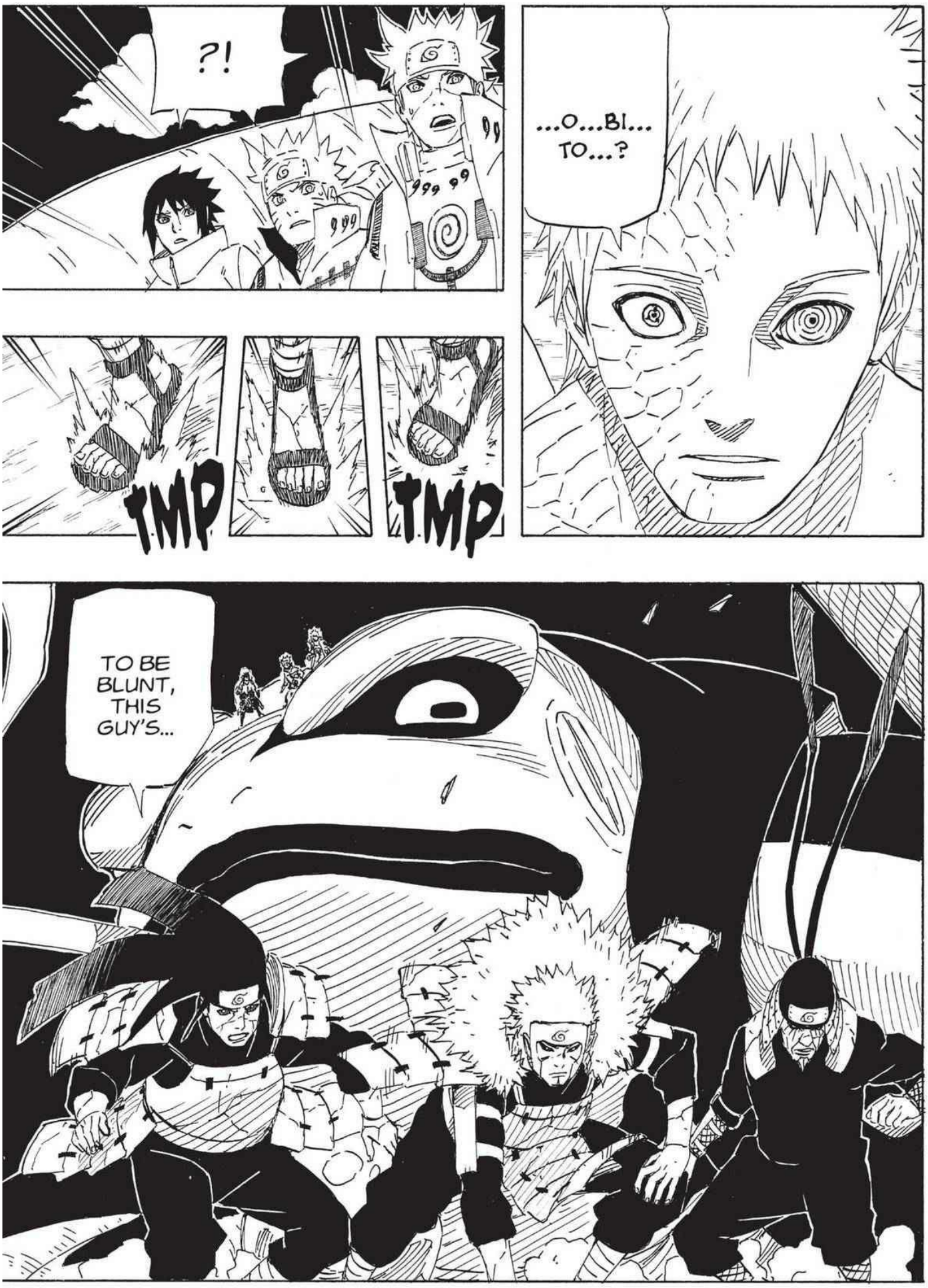
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BLUNT,
THIS
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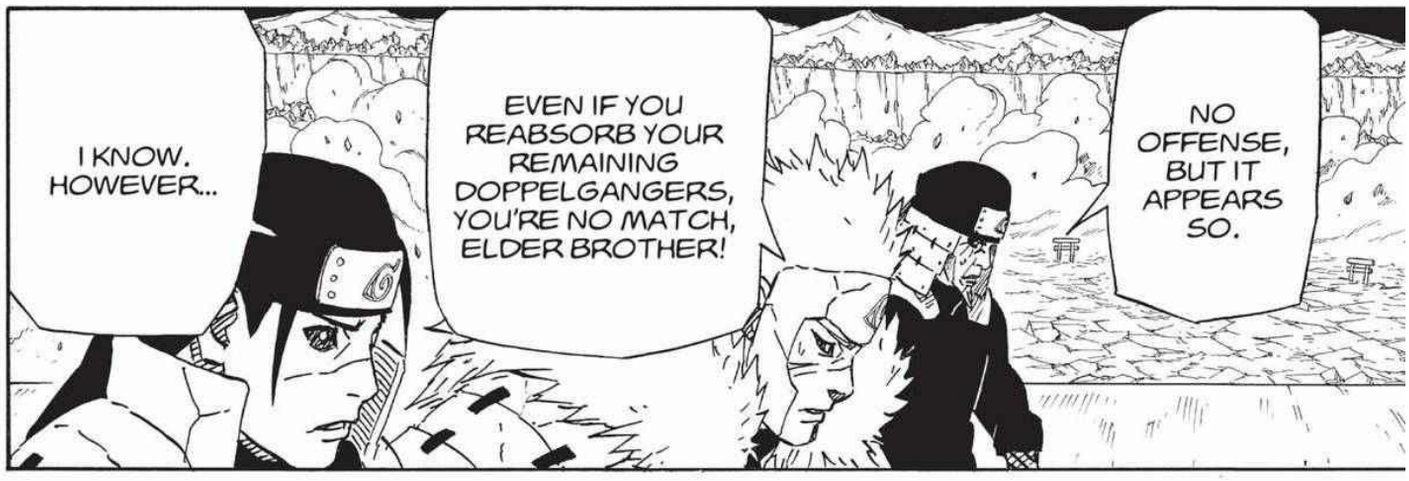
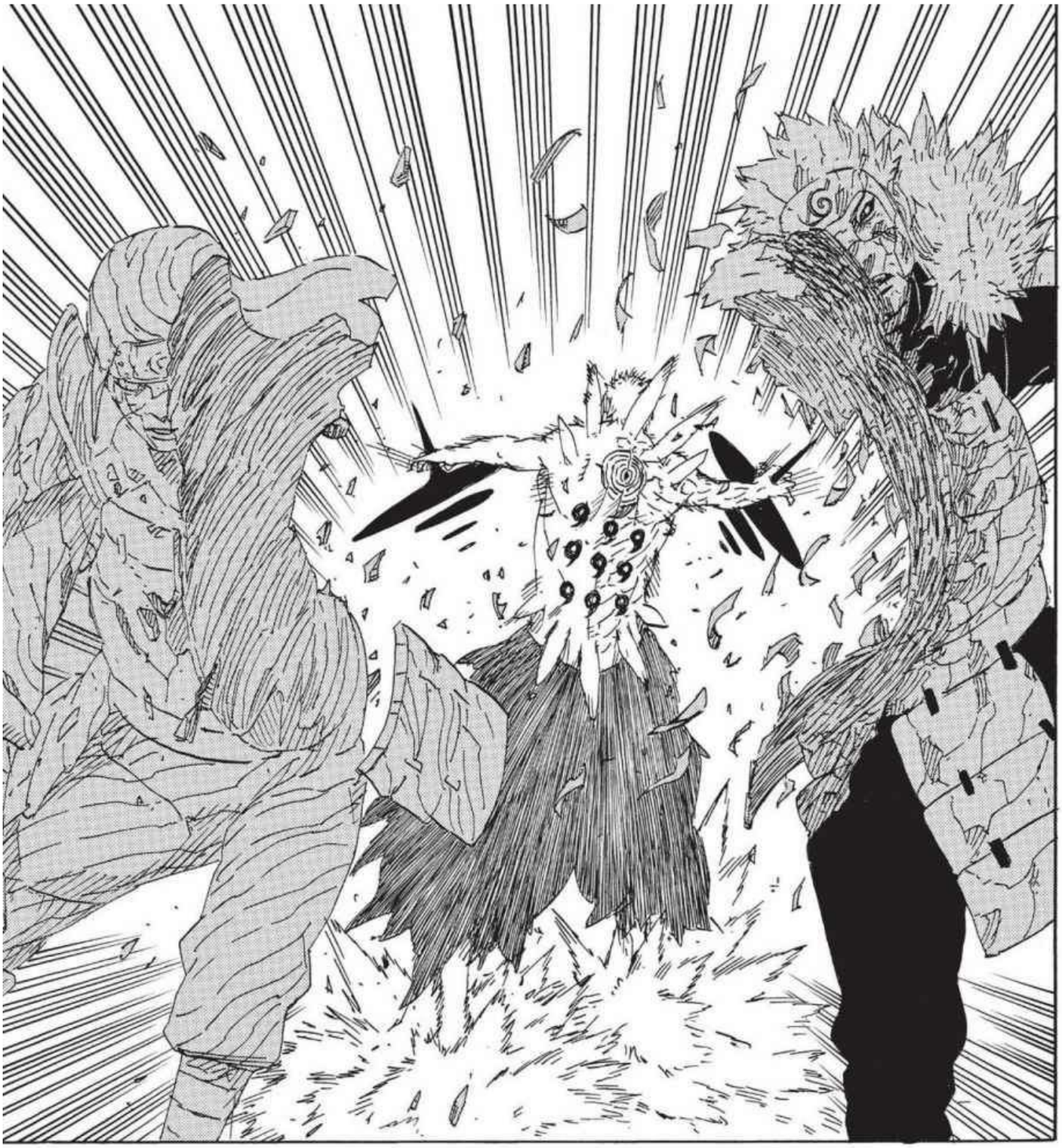
...STRONGER THAN ME!!


I KNOW. HOWEVER...
EVEN IF YOU REABSORB YOUR REMAINING DOPPELGANGERS, YOU'RE NO MATCH, ELDER BROTHER!
NO OFFENSE, BUT IT APPEARS SO.

I CAN'T LET HIM TAKE THE LEAD BEFORE I USE MY TRUMP CARD...
OBITO IS NOW JUST LIKE THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS.

HUH?

...I CANNOT WAIT ANY LONGER.
FUSH...
IT WOULD BE FUN TO WATCH THE HOKAGE BEG FOR MERCY, BUT...



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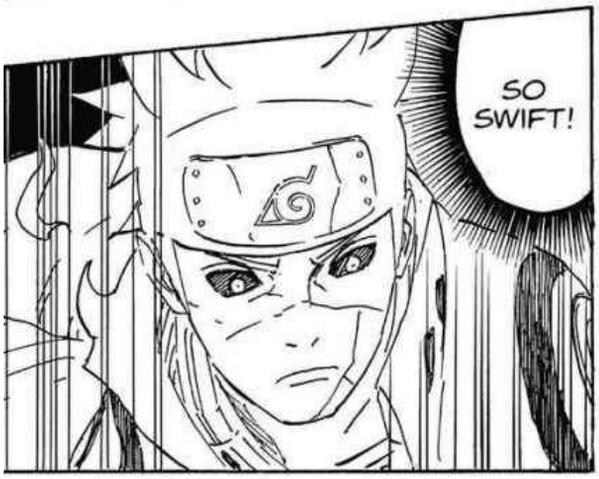

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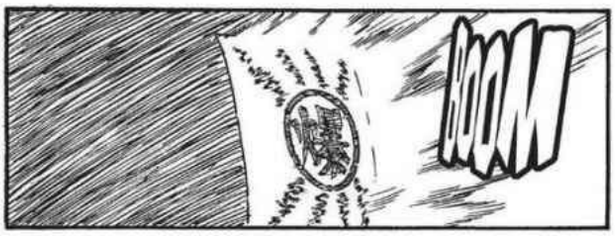
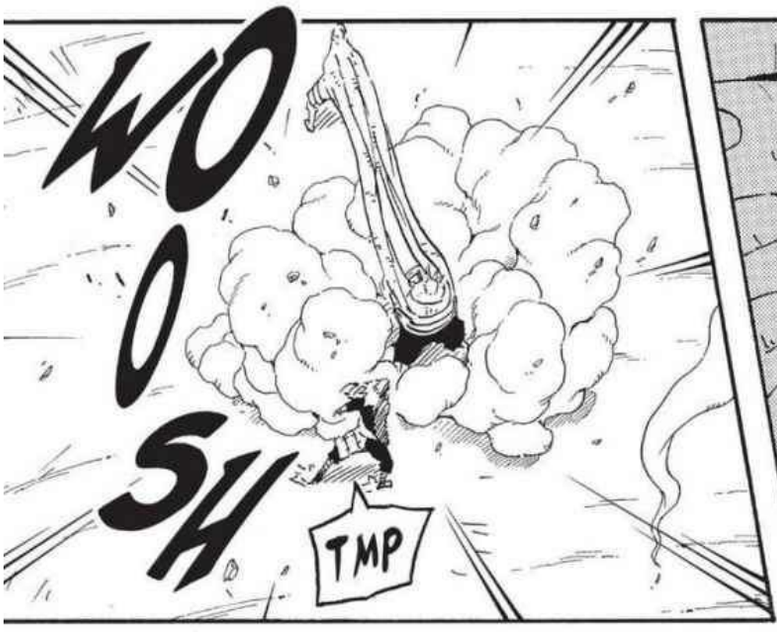
YUP!
ELDER BROTHER !!


BOOM

BOOF
KRAK KRAK
LURCH
KRAK

FLYING RAIJIN JUTSU!
LORD SECOND SURE WORKS QUICKLY!

MINATO! GET YOURSELF AWAY!
TAK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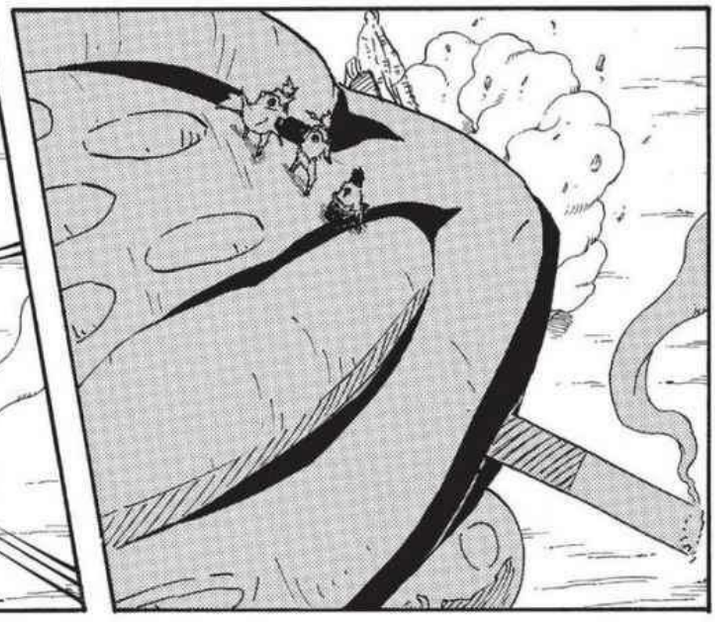
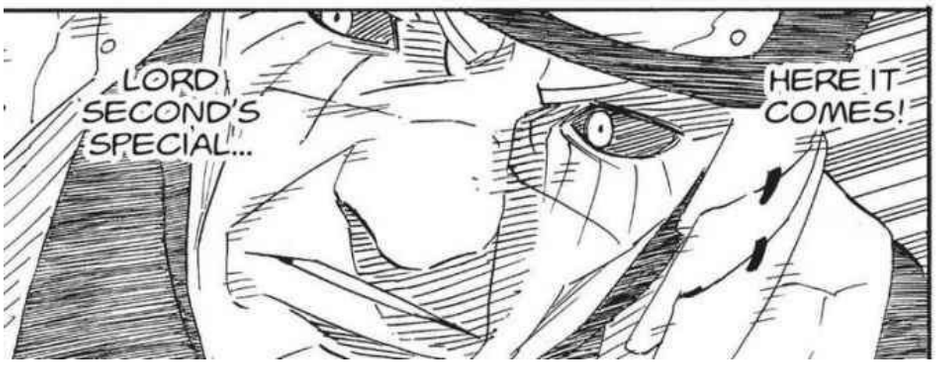
TMP



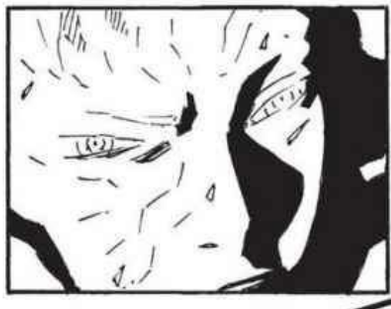
PLUS ANCILLARY JUTSU TO GO WITH IT...
THOUGH THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'M USING IT ON MYSELF.
ZWUB
I CREATED THE EDOTENSEI JUTSU.


LORD SECOND'S SPECIAL...
HERE IT COMES!

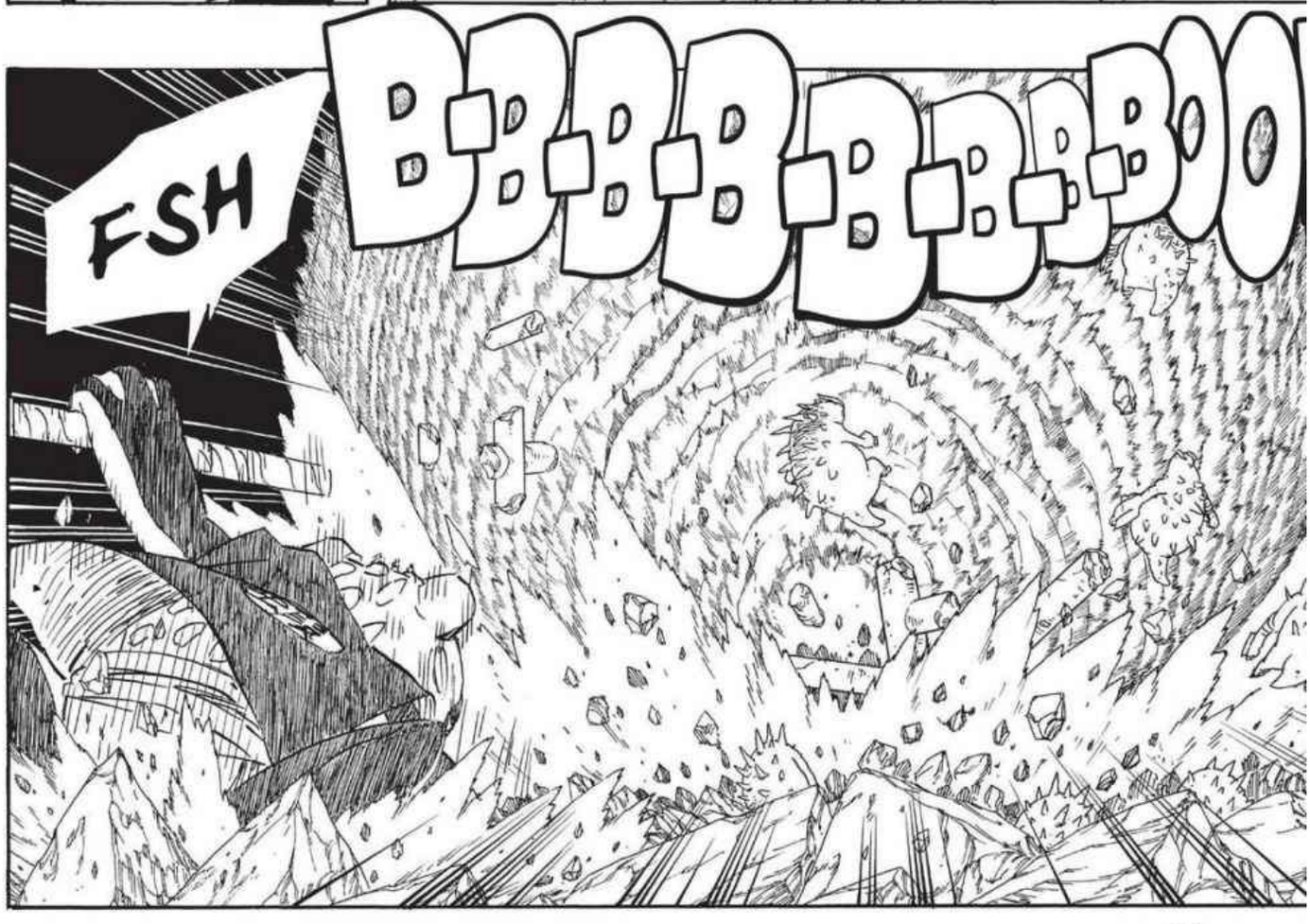
!
I SUSPECTED THAT MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH TO KILL YOU...

EACH TAG SUMMONS YET MORE TAGS, RESULTING IN CONTINUOUS EXPLOSIONS.

FLA SH
FOCALLY CONCENTRATED CONSECUTIVE EXPLOSIONS!



THIS IS HOW IT'S DONE.
FLAP
FLAP
TANDEM EXPLOSIVE TAGS!!

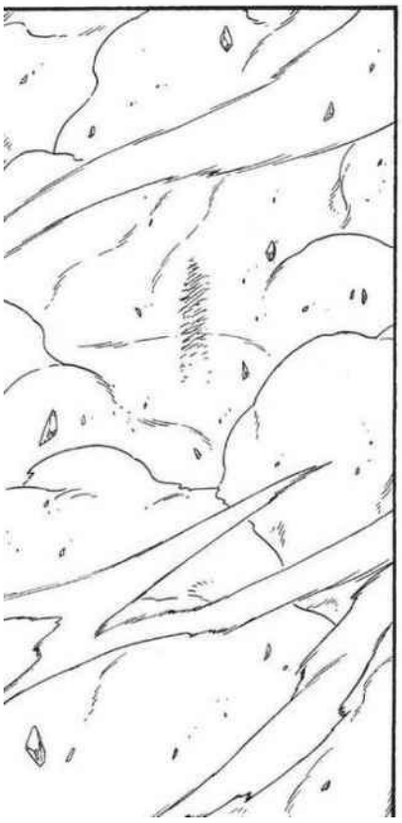

FSH
B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-BOO

TMP

WHUMP
WHAT'S GOING ON? I CAN'T KEEP UP!
!!
DON'T FRET! ALWAYS KEEP ONE EYE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND YOU!

YOU MUST NOT APPROACH HEEDLESSLY!!
ALL OF YOU!

DON'T BE RASH! WE NEED TO--
WE MUST JOIN THEM!!
I DON'T CARE IF THAT'S TEN TAILS' JINCHURIKI OR WHATEVER, BUT OUR LORDS HOKAGE ARE ENGAGED IN BATTLE!



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...
HUFF
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HE'S SOLID AS WELL AS SWIFT...
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BO
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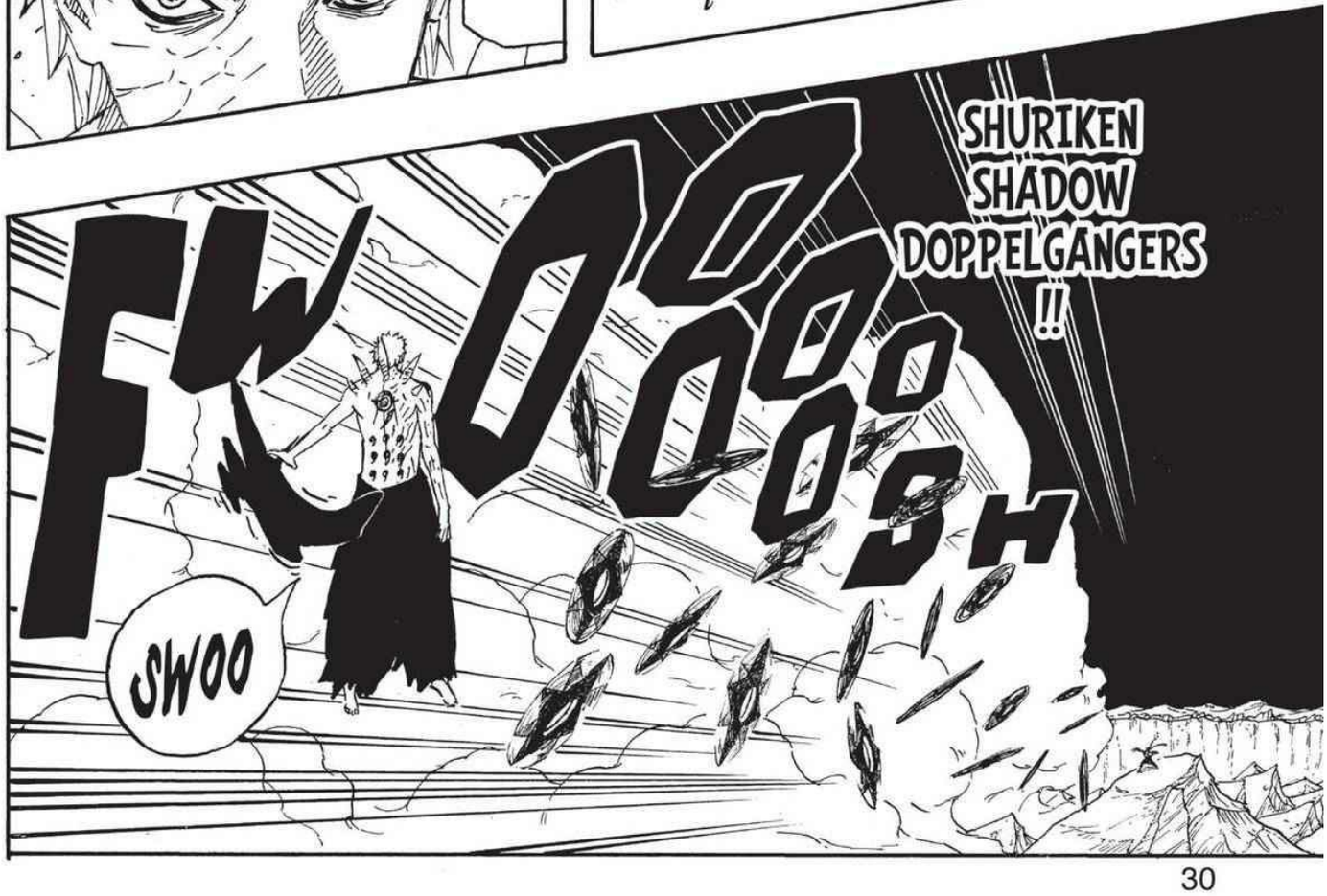
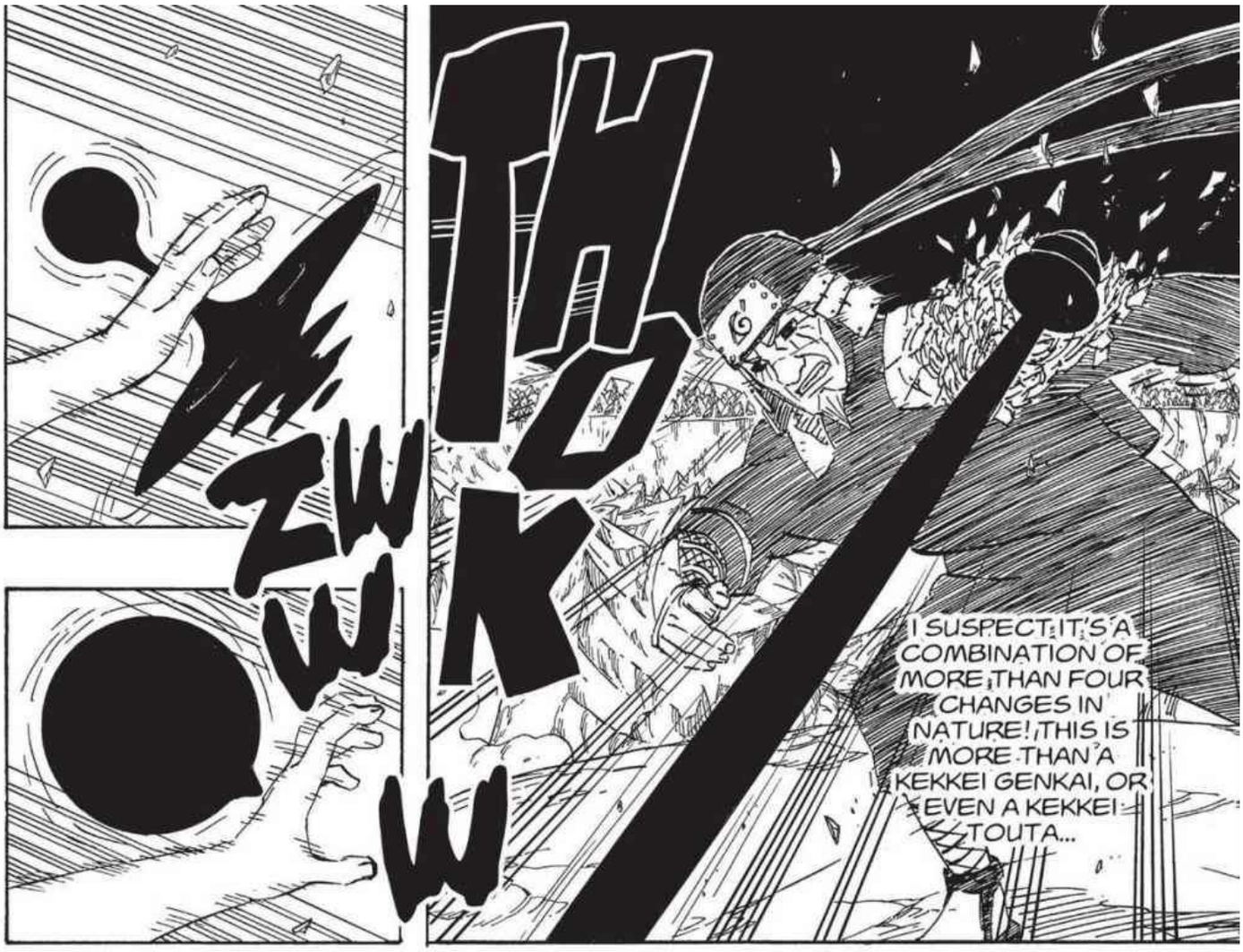
PLUS HE HAS AN ATTACK THAT TURNS ALL TO DUST IN AN INSTANT!

...!


SHURIKEN SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS !!
FWOOOOOSH
SWOO

ZWW...
FSH
ZWOOSH
IT'S SIMILAR TO OHNOKI'S PARTICLE STYLE, BUT ITS SHAPE IS FLUID...
IT CAN SHIFT TO BE EITHER OFFENSIVE OR DEFENSIVE, AND CAN BE CONTINUOUSLY MAINTAINED.
ZWP
ZW
SH

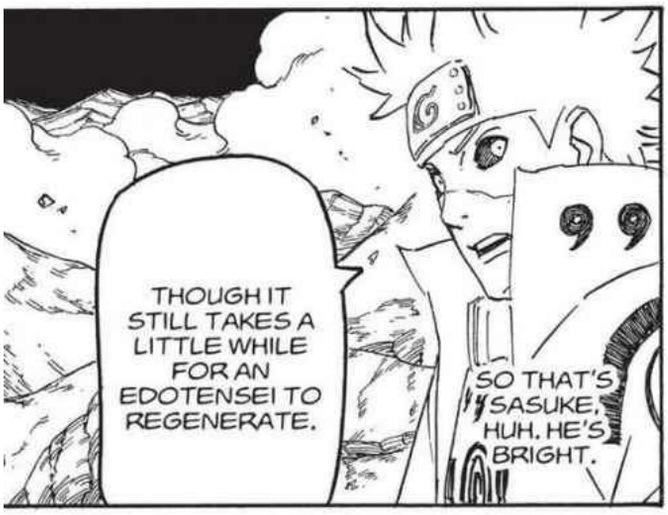

THOK
ZWWW
I SUSPECT IT'S A COMBINATION OF MORE THAN FOUR CHANGES IN NATURE! THIS IS MORE THAN A KEKKEI GENKAI, OR EVEN A KEKKEI TOUTA...

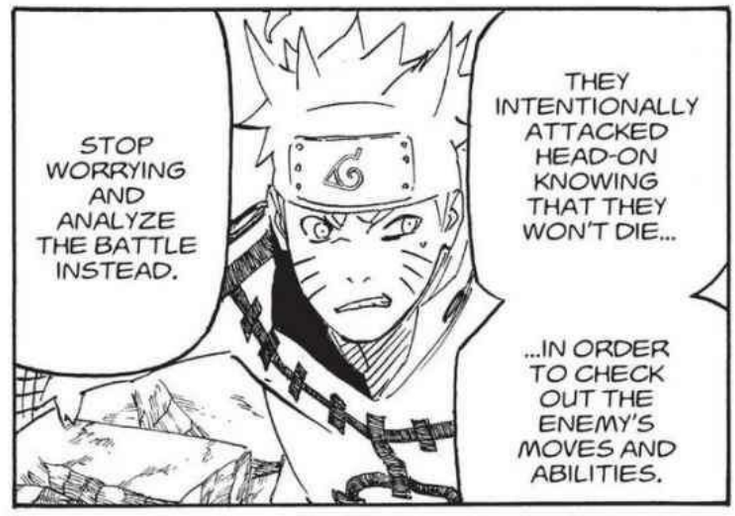
ZWP
BLA

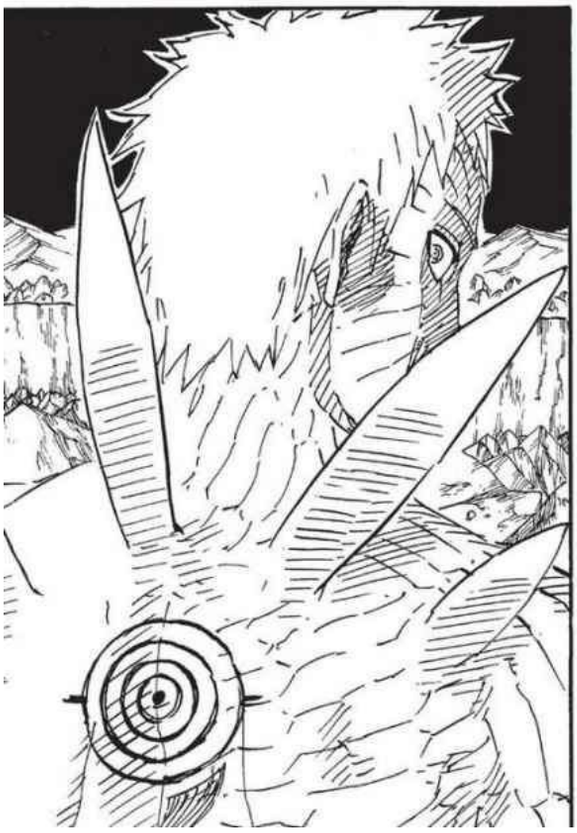
GRAB
...BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE A TIME LIMIT TO HOW LONG HE CAN USE EACH ONE.

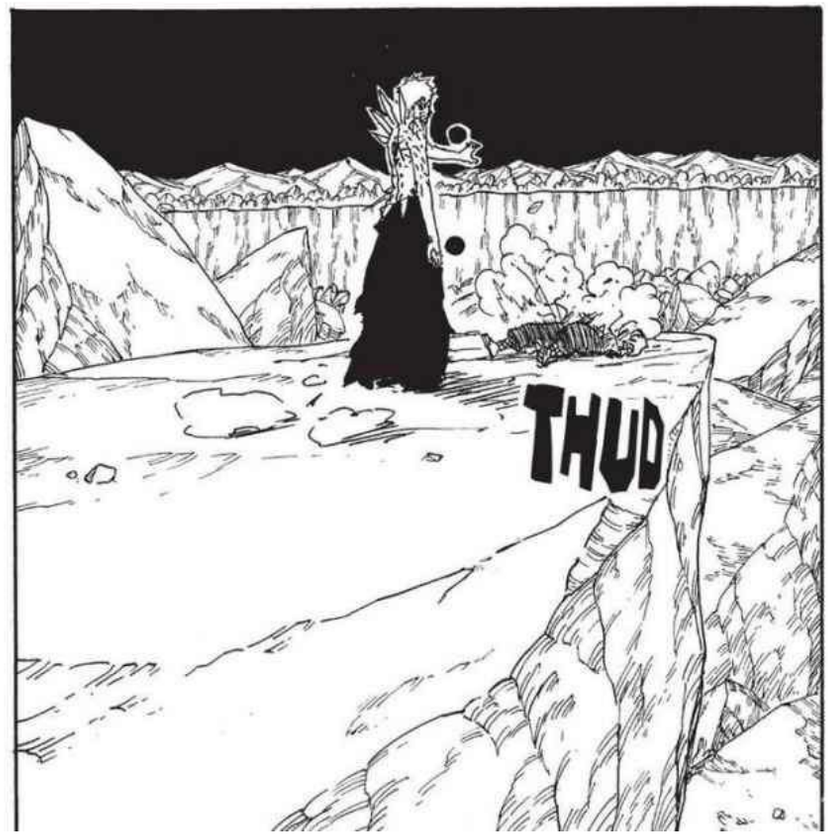
THE HOKAGE ARE ALL EDO-TENSEI.
QUIT YAPPING, NARUTO!

YOU COULDN'T TELEPORT OLD MAN THIRD WITH YOUR JUTSU TOO?!
PA!
I CAN'T TELEPORT ANYTHING THAT I MYSELF, OR MY CHAKRA, ISN'T TOUCHING DIRECTLY.


THOUGH IT STILL TAKES A LITTLE WHILE FOR AN EDOTENSEI TO REGENERATE.
SO THAT'S SASUKE, HUH. HE'S BRIGHT.


STOP WORRYING AND ANALYZE THE BATTLE INSTEAD.
THEY INTENTIONALLY ATTACKED HEAD-ON KNOWING THAT THEY WON'T DIE...
...IN ORDER TO CHECK OUT THE ENEMY'S MOVES AND ABILITIES.

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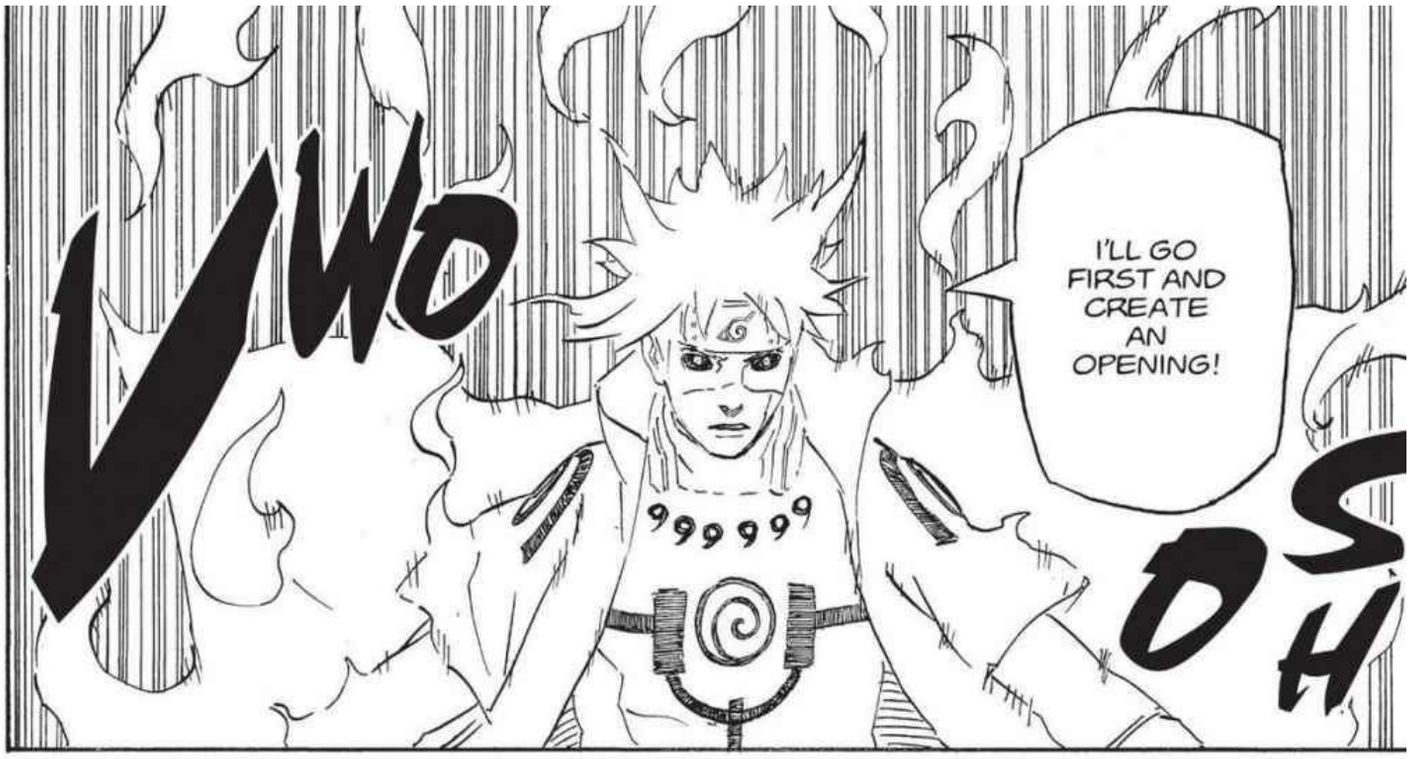
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I'LL GO FIRST AND CREATE AN OPENING!
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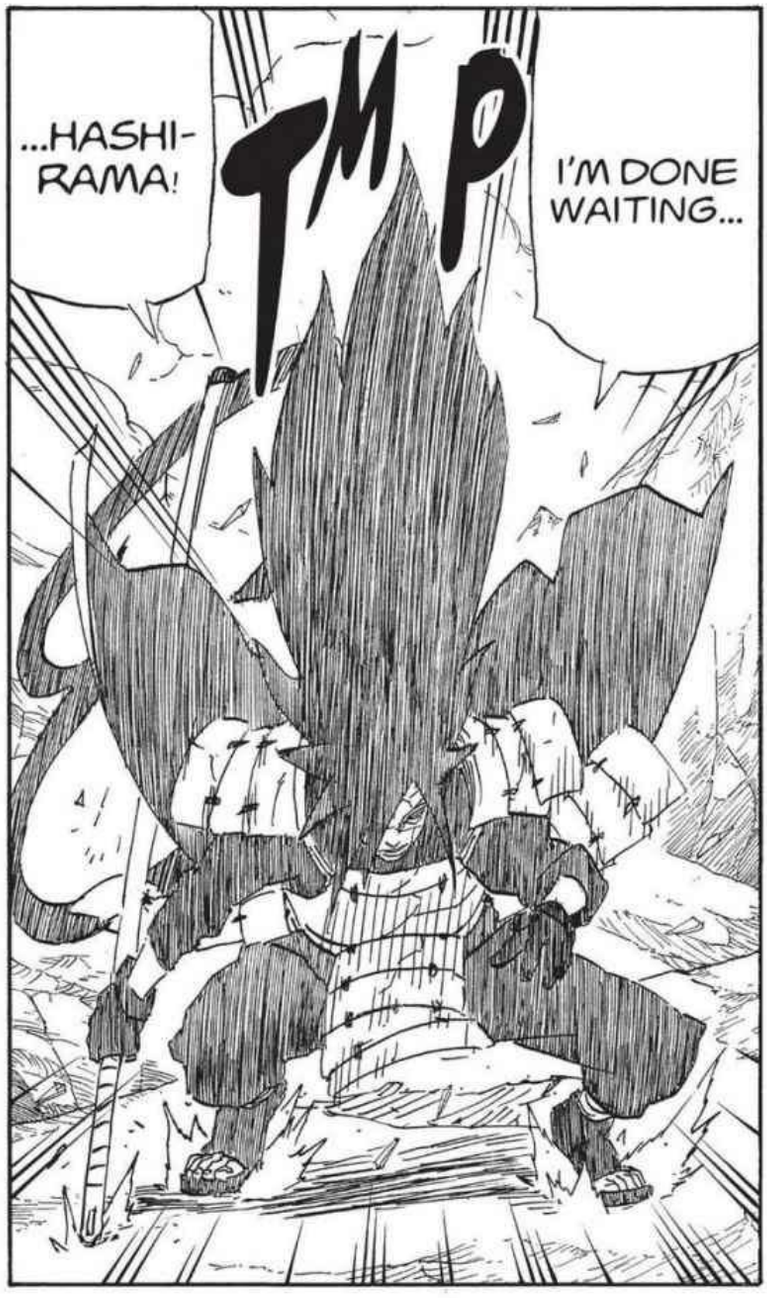
SH
OH


...HASHI-RAMA!
TM P
I'M DONE WAITING...

AT THIS POINT, I FEEL I NEED TO...
TA K

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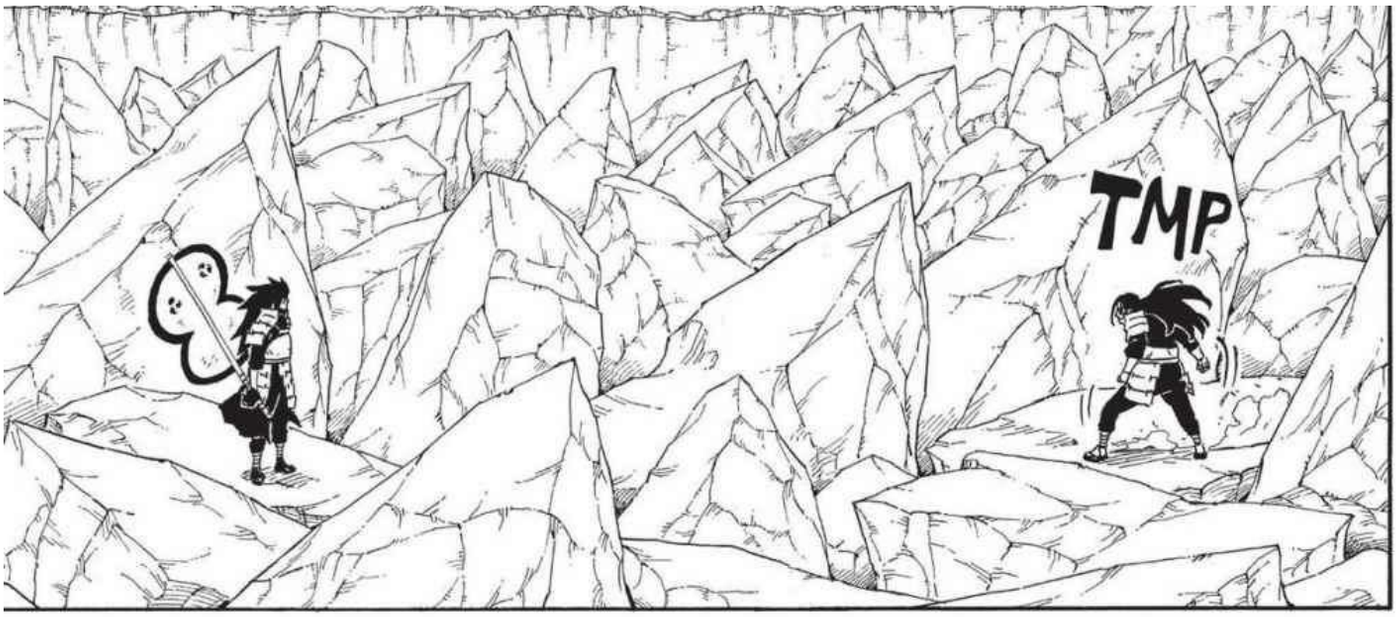
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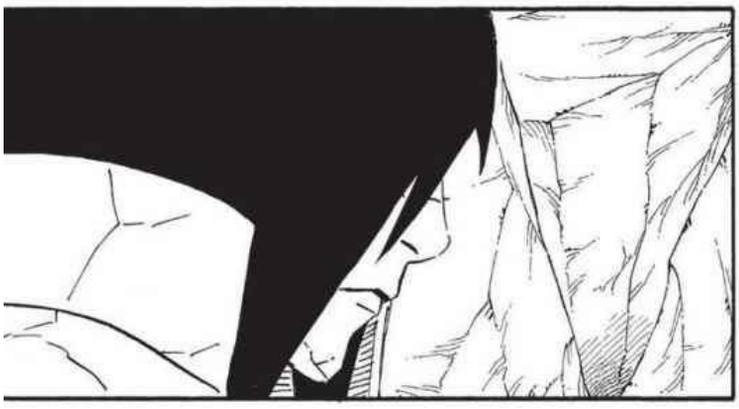

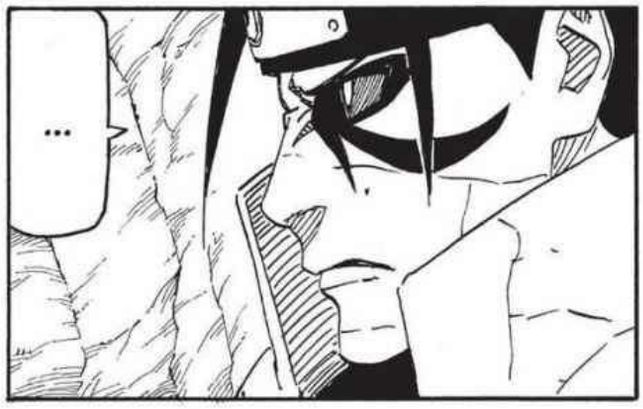
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BULGE BULGE BULGE
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WH-WHAT THE?!
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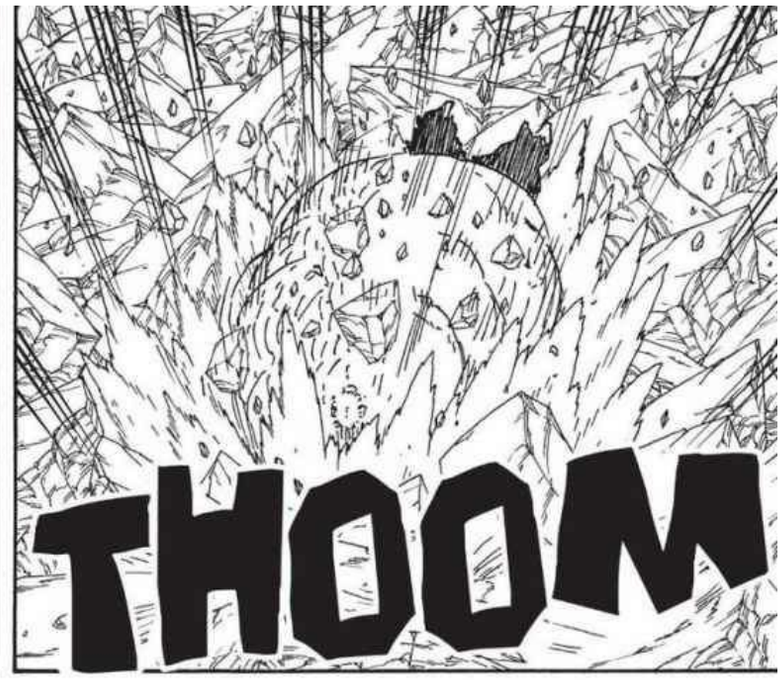
THOOM

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...?
...?

I'LL SUMMON MY ORIGINAL HERE, THEN...
THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO TAKE IT DOWN!
TA
K

I SEE... TEN TAILS HASN'T SYNCED COMPLETELY WITH ITS JINCHURIKI YET!

SH
...IT'S TIME FOR MY RASEN-FLASH SUPER-CIRCLE DANCE HOWL STAGE THREE. IT'S BEEN A WHILE!

FSH

UGH!!
WAH !!
THK

GAMAKICHI, BELOW!!

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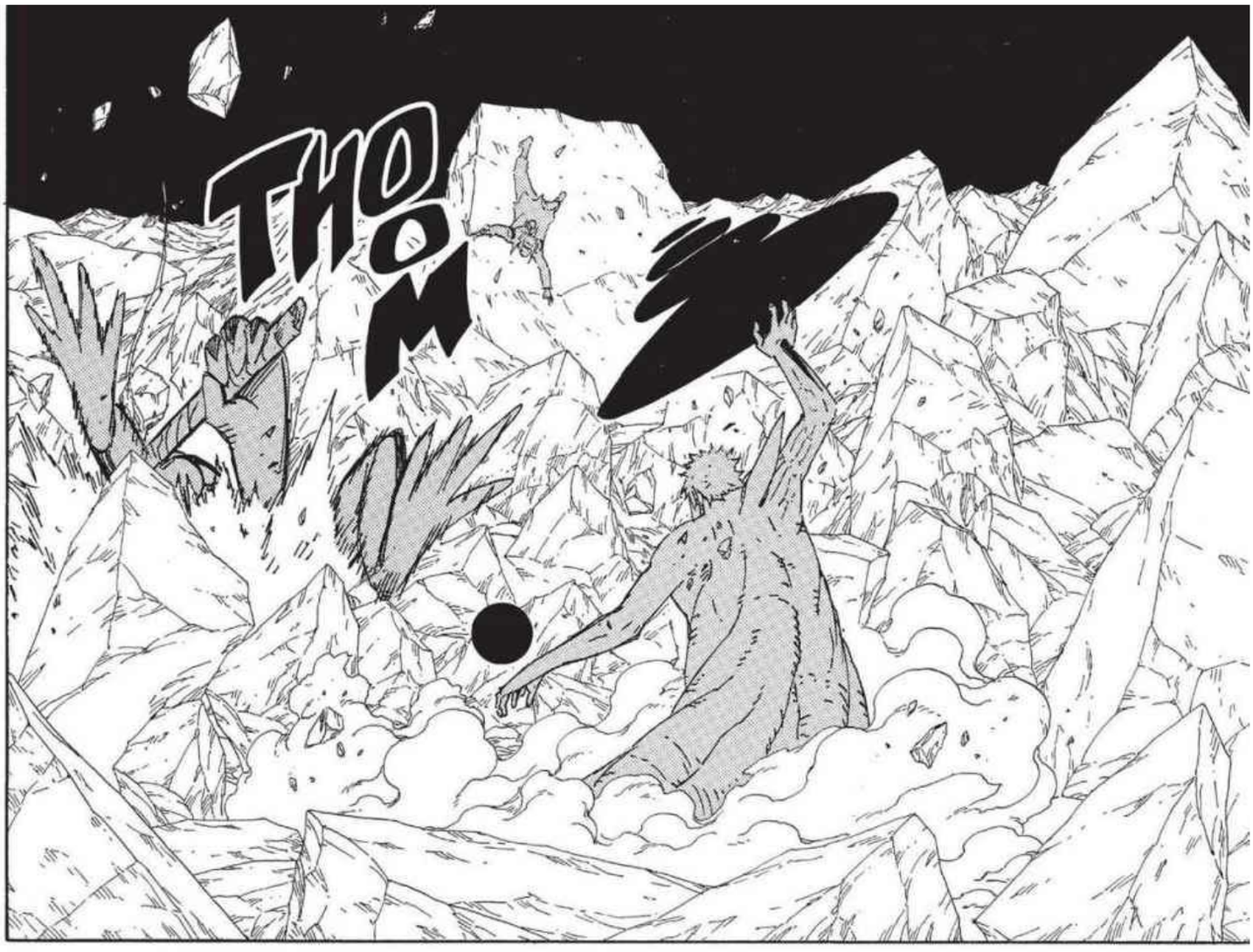
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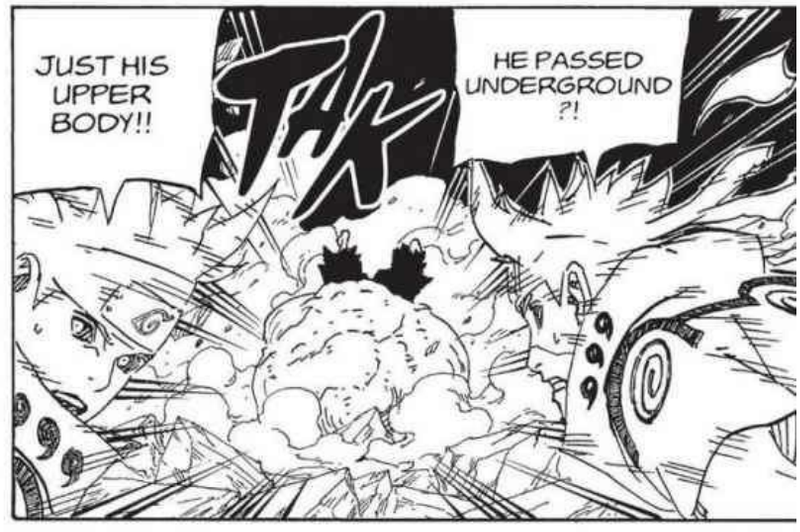
SHOOM

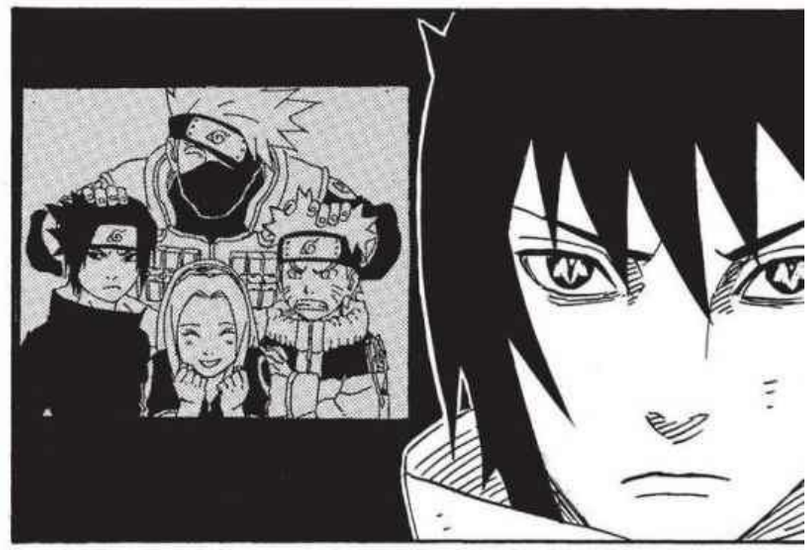

JUST HIS UPPER BODY!!
TAK
HE PASSED UNDERGROUND ?!

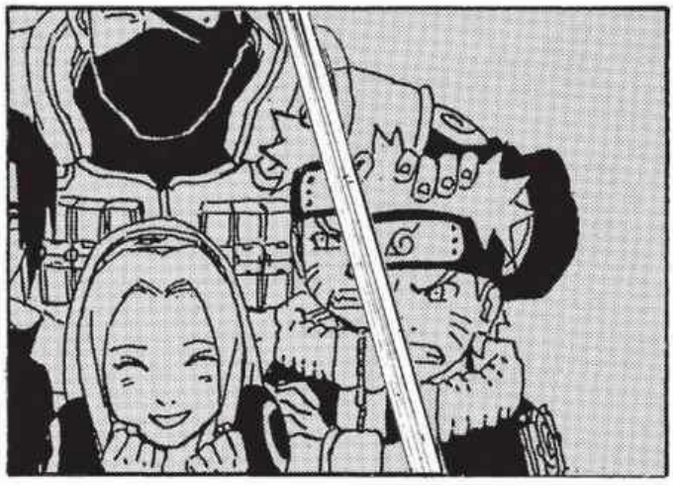
!!

SSH

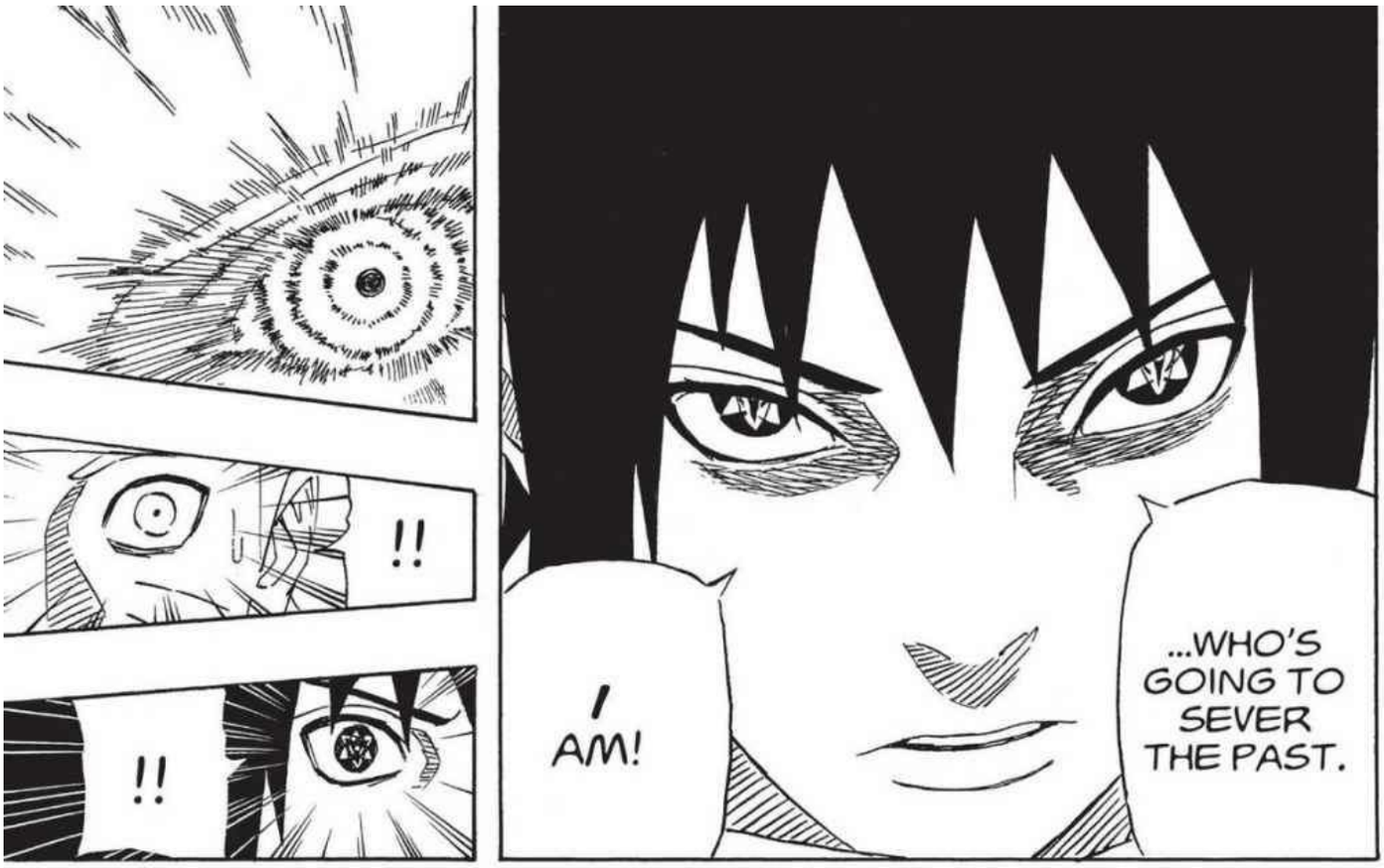
THUK
UGH!
WHAPWHAP
GAH!!
!
SWSH
!!

SASUKE!





YOU'RE NOT THE ONE...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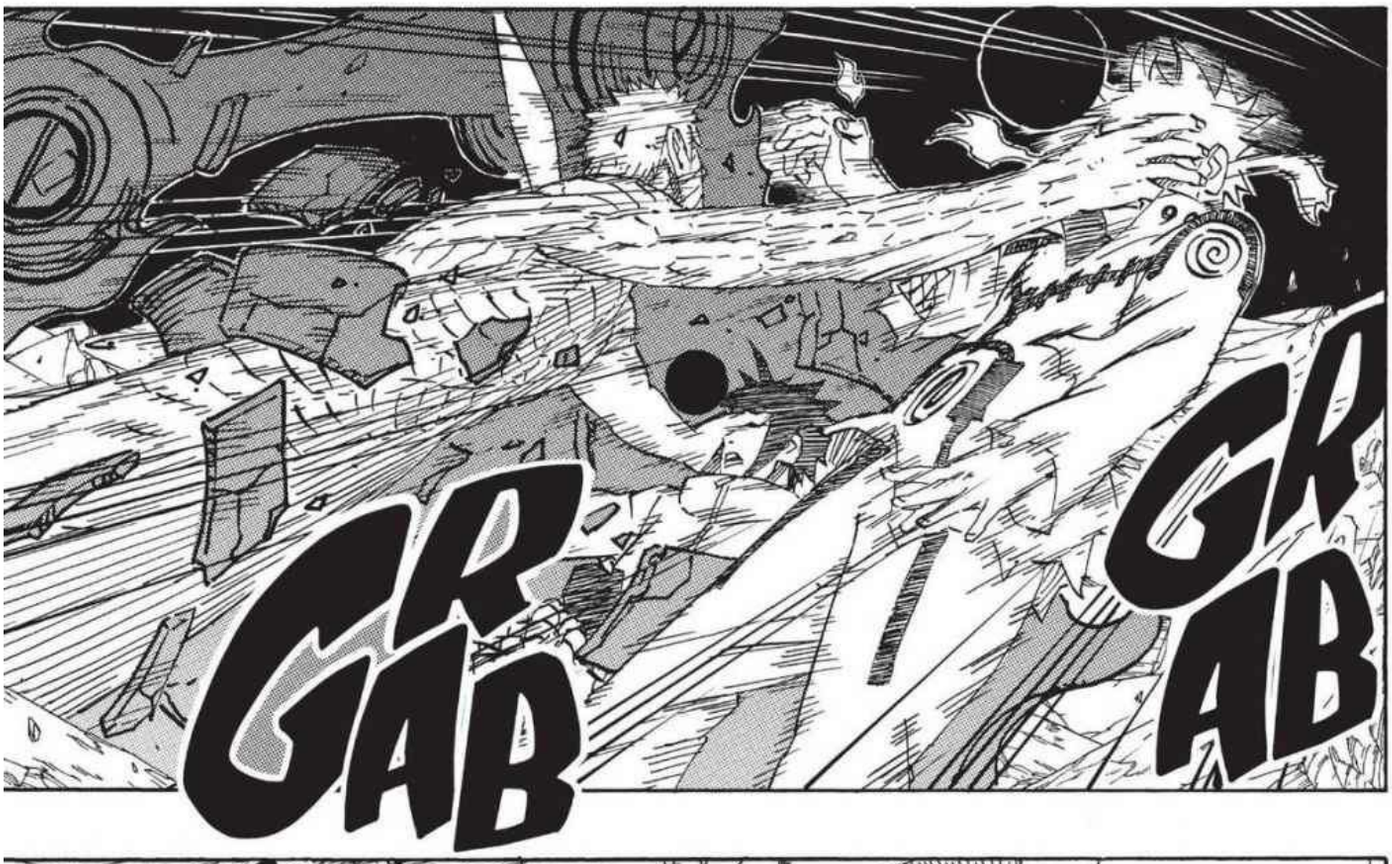
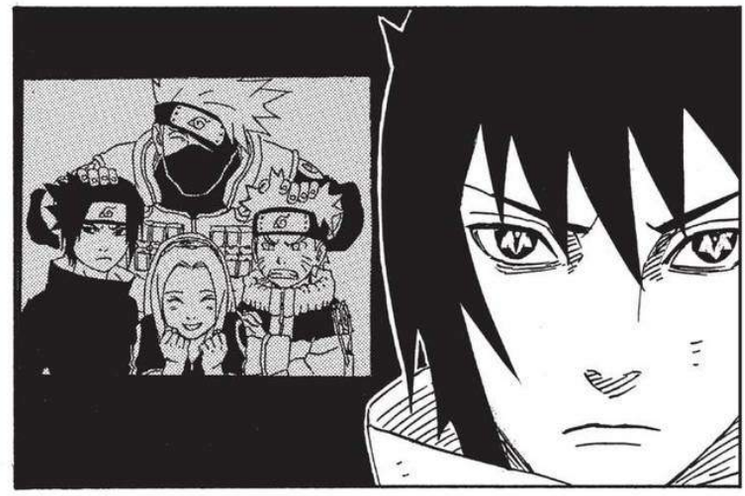
I AM!
...WHO'S GOING TO SEVER THE PAST.


GR GAB
GR AB

SKID
FLYING RAIJIN JUTSU!!
BE IN TIME!!



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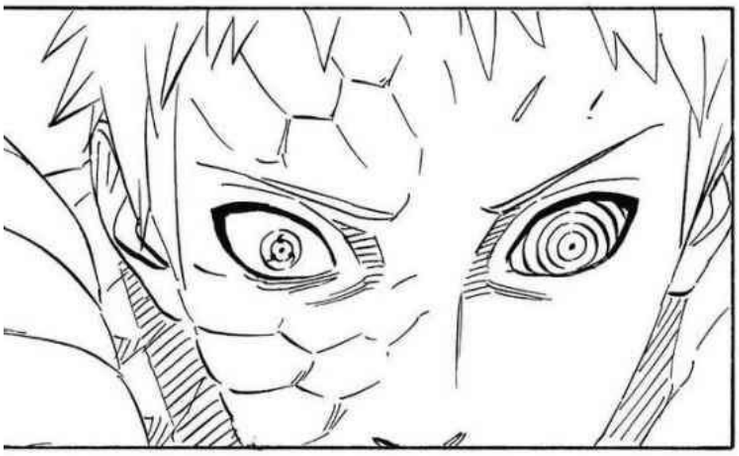

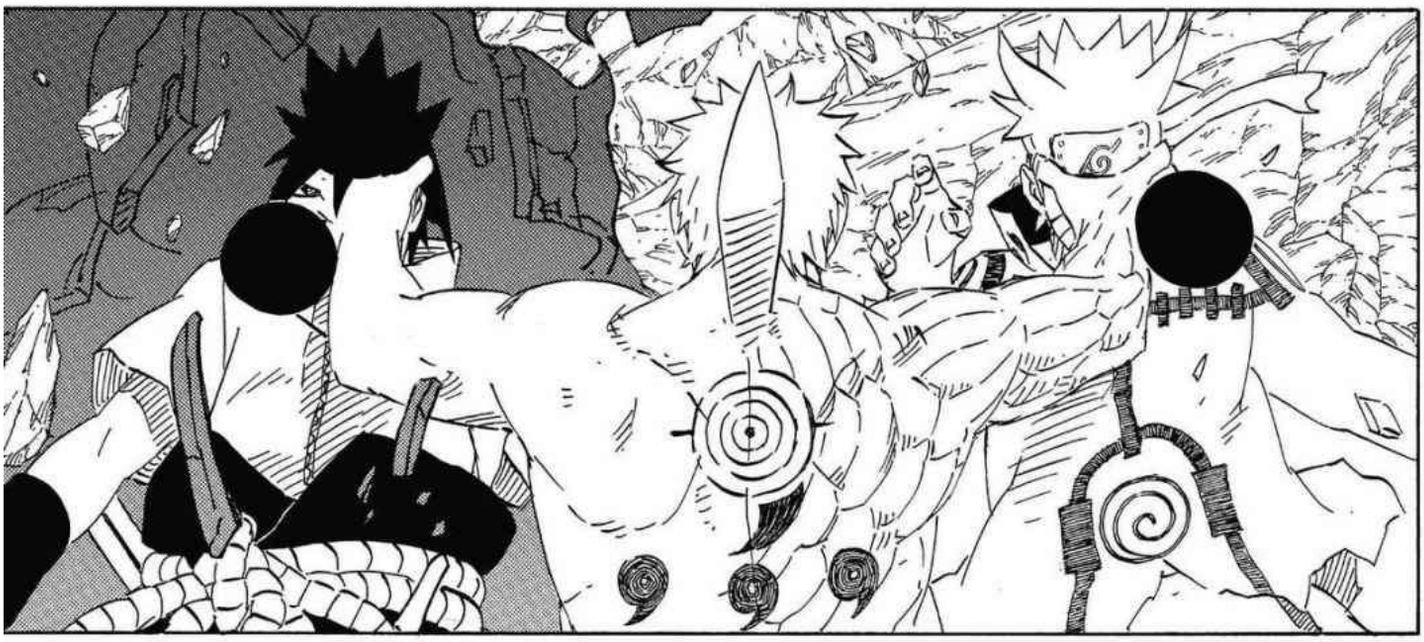

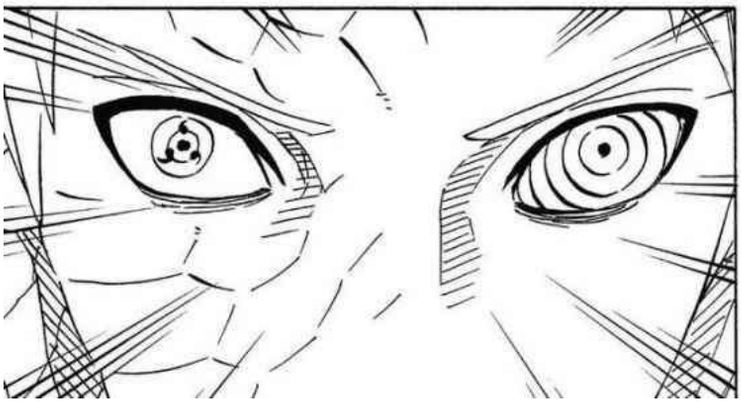

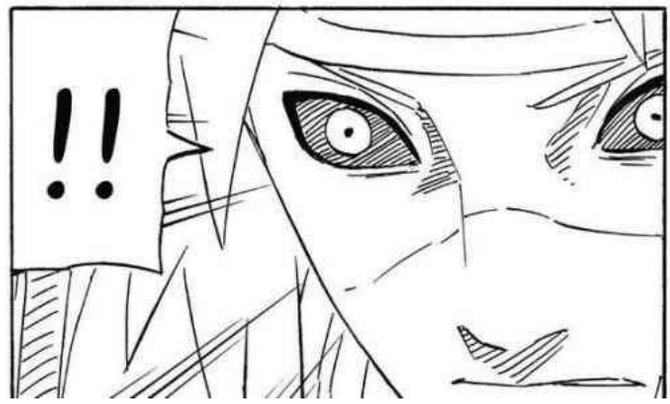

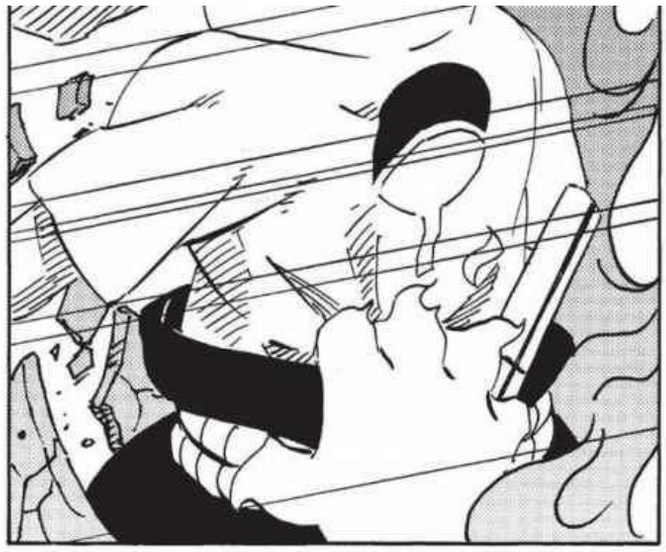

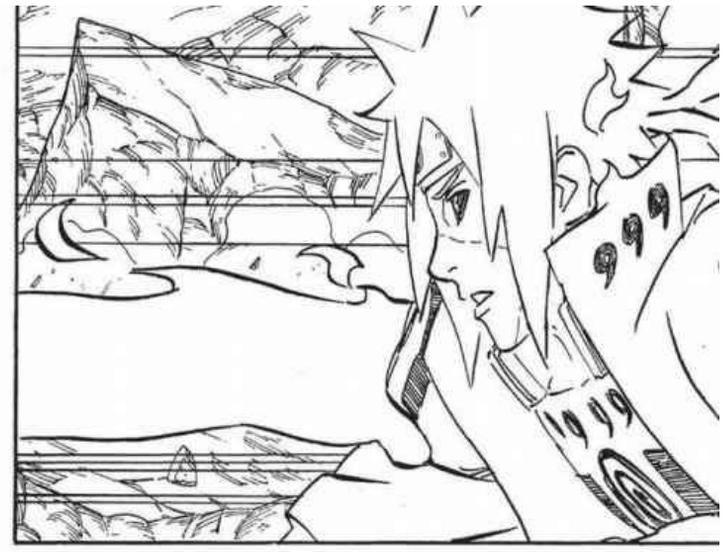

WSH
SSH
SSH
WSH

...?

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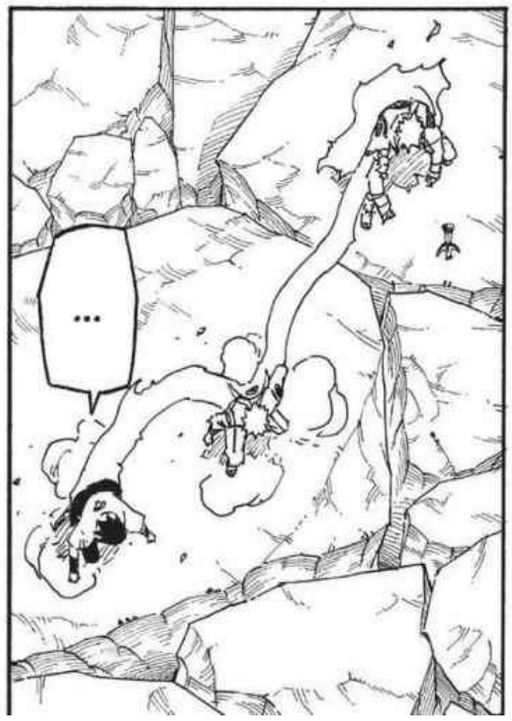
YIKES! I THOUGHT WE WERE GONNA DIE!!

OWWW...

LOOKS LIKE MY CHILD IS AS ACCOMPLISHED AS SASUKE.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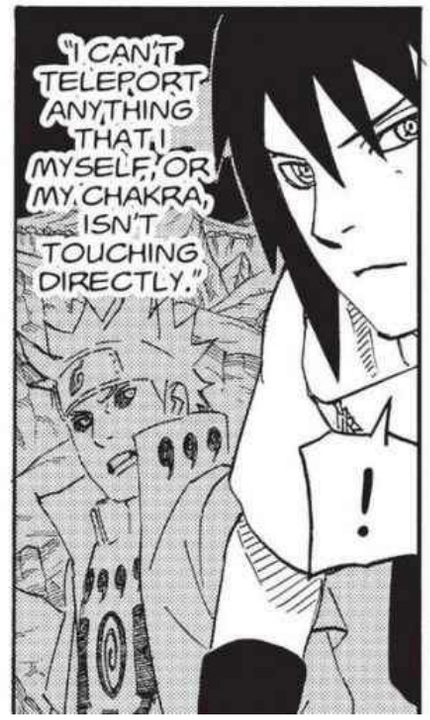
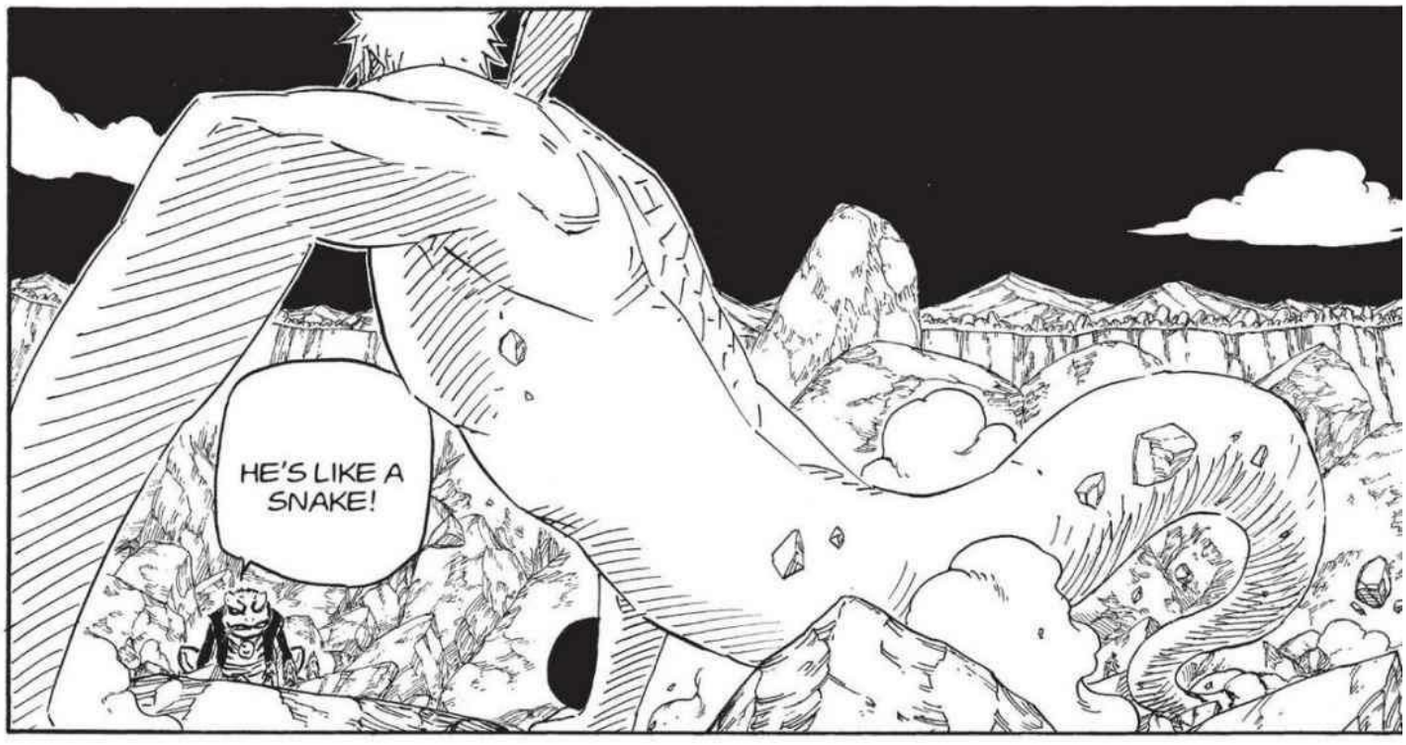

"I CAN'T TELEPORT ANYTHING THAT, I MYSELF, OR MY CHAKRA, ISN'T TOUCHING DIRECTLY."
!

KREE

KLATTER KLATTER KLATTER KLATTER

NOW THEN.


HE'S LIKE A SNAKE!

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WE *MUST* TAKE HIM DOWN WHILE HE'S STILL UNABLE TO USE HIS BODY WELL!

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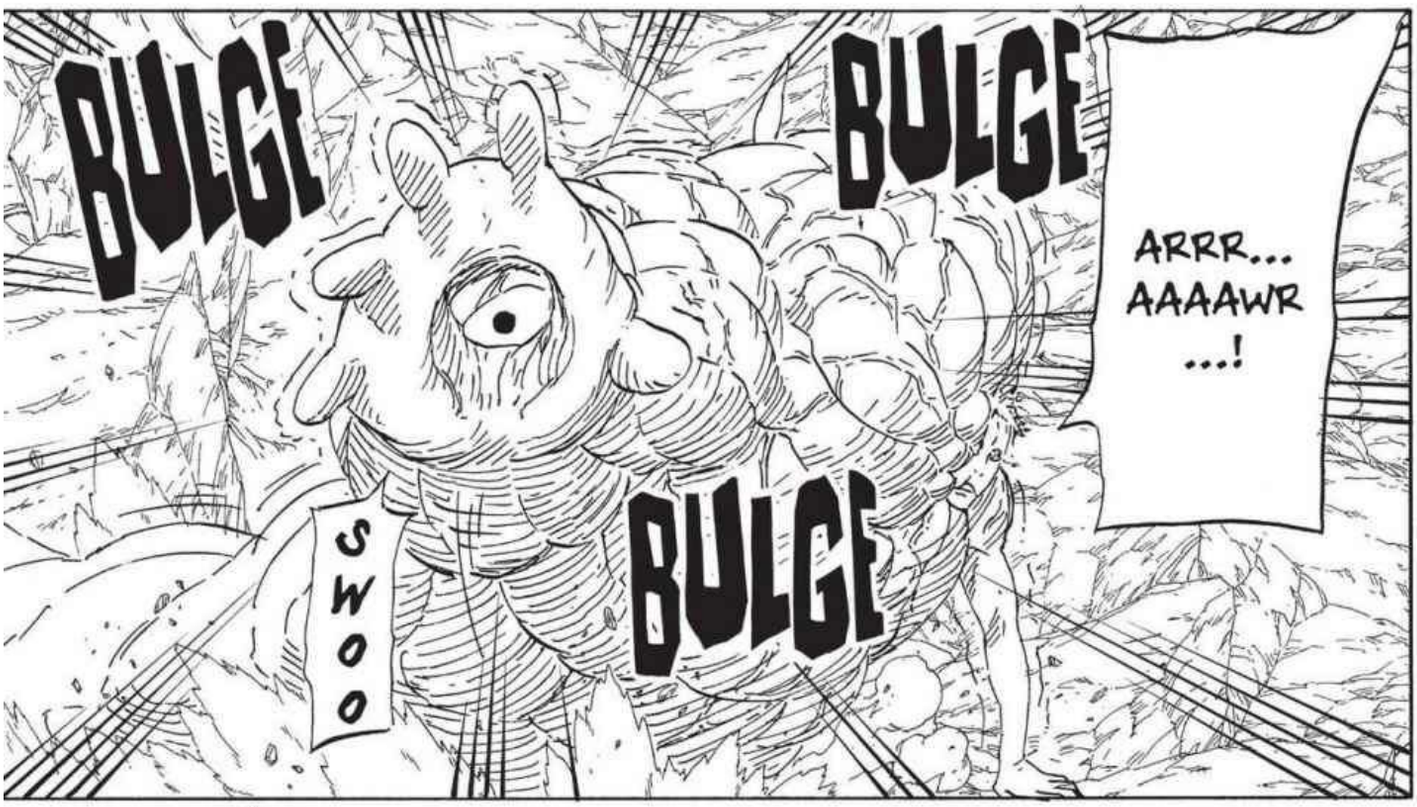
BULGE
BULGE


BULGE
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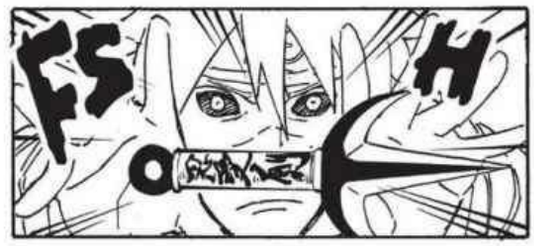
ARRR... AAAAWR ...!
SWOO

BLAM
THOOM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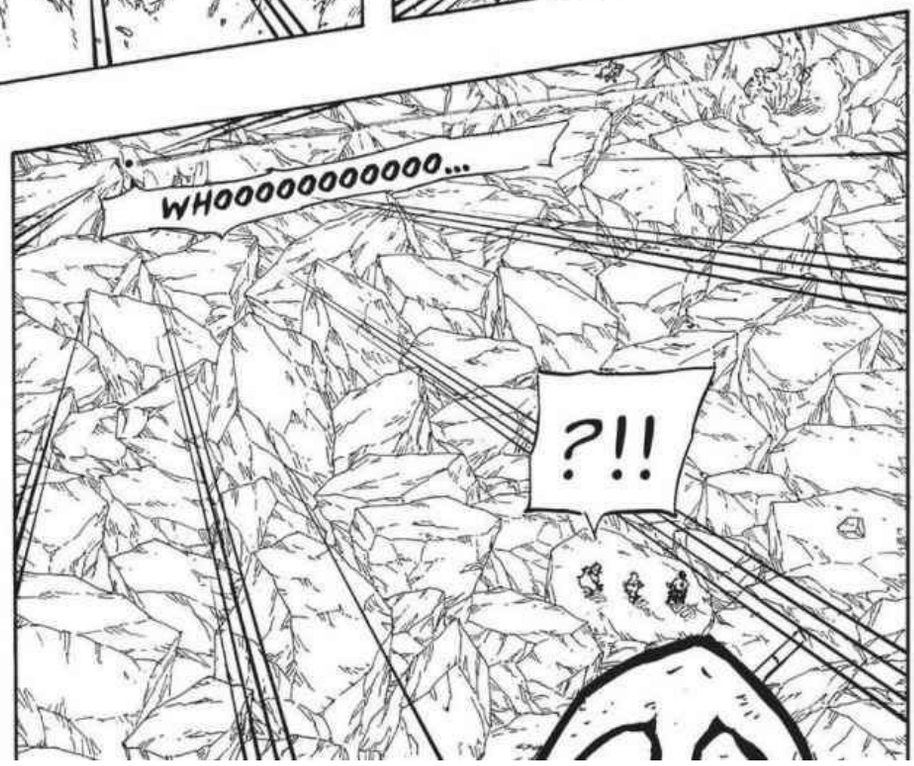
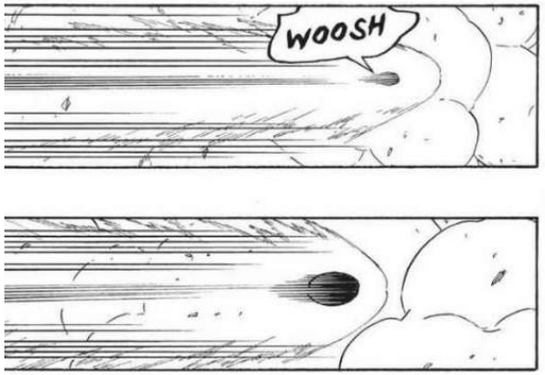
FLASH


WHOOOOOOOOOOOO...
?!!

HE WENT AFTER YOUR DOPPEL-GANGER, PA?
?


WOOSH

I DON'T THINK THAT WAS IT!
NAH!

...?!

...!!

WHO
FWO

WAFT

GLAD HE MISSED CUZ THAT WILL KILL US.

WE CAN'T CARELESSLY APPROACH HIM.

IT LOOKS LIKE OBITO'S CONSCIOUSNESS IS MERELY CLINGING TO TEN TAILS' GREAT POWER...

HE BARELY HAS ANY CONTROL OVER IT!

HIS ATTACK MISSED!

HE HIT HIMSELF WITH HIS OWN ATTACK.

I'LL CREATE AN OPENING, YOU TWO IMMEDIATELY HIT HIM WITH YOUR STRONGEST COMBO!

THIS TIME, I'LL GET THE RASEN-FLASH SUPER-CIRCLE DANCE HOWL STAGE 3 IN FOR SURE!

BULGE BULGE BULGE BULGE
GAAAAAARGH...

TWITCH
...

BULGE
...RIN...

BULGE BULGE
RI...
...IN...

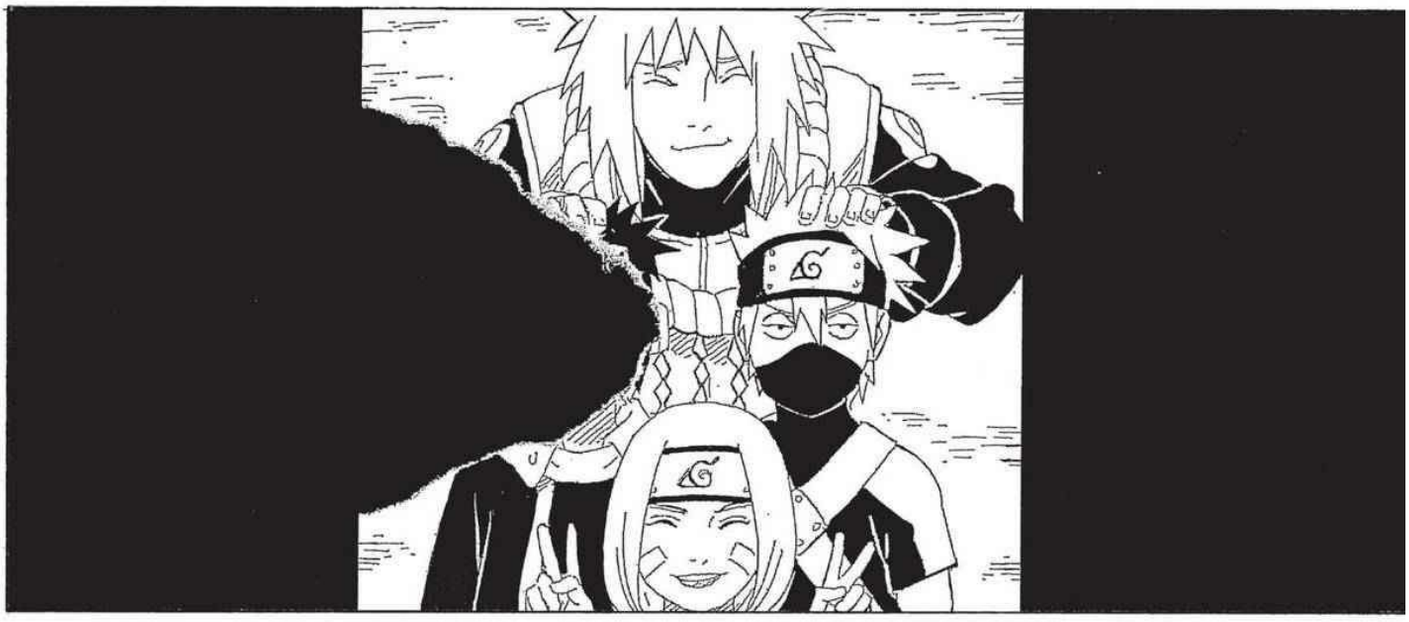
OF COURSE I'M GONNA BECOME HOKAGE!

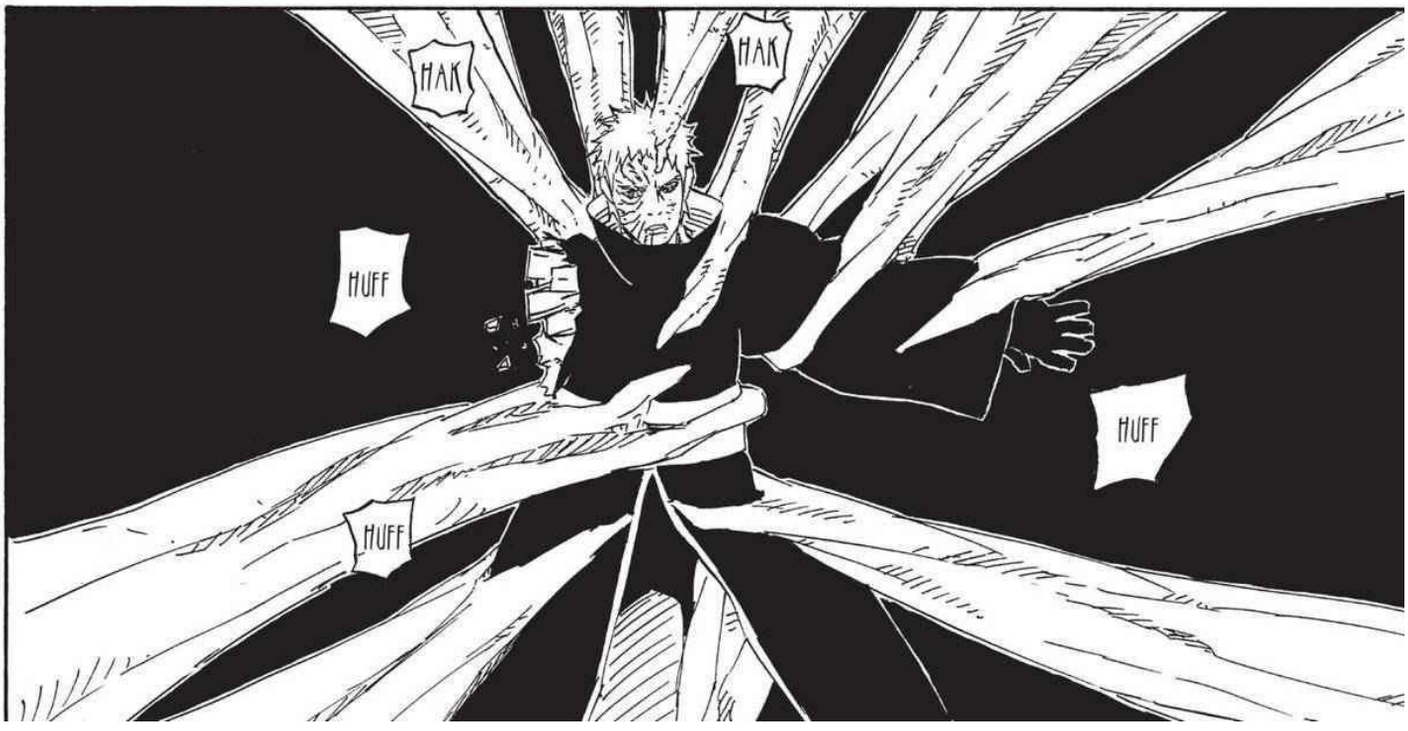
THK THK THK

AND THEN...

FWSH

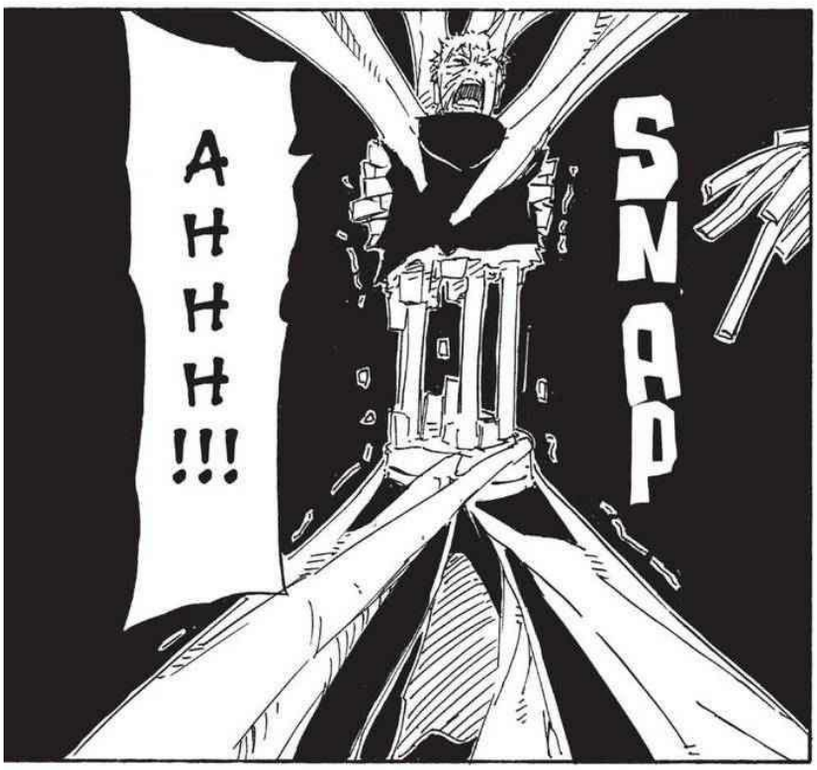
RIGHT, MASTER?
...I WON'T HAVE ANY TIME FOR GIRLS!




HAK
HAK
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

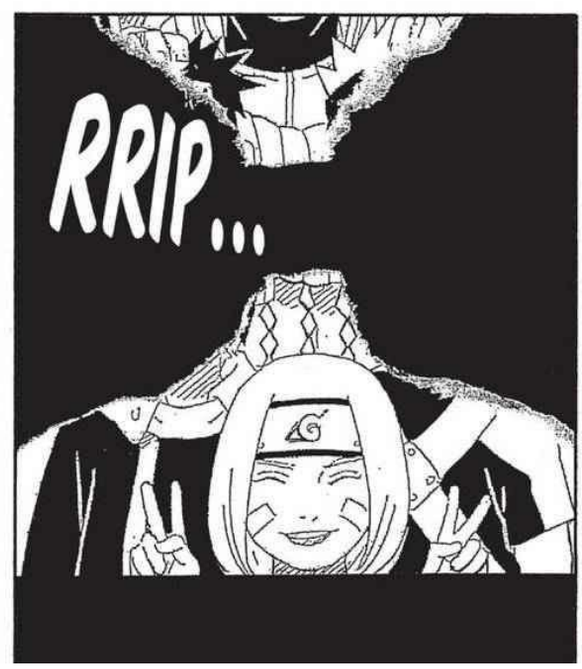
SNAP

GARGH!!


SNAP
AHHH!!!

RRIP...

HUFF
WEEZ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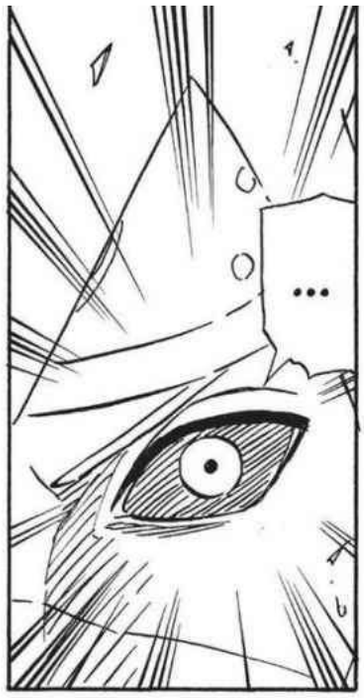
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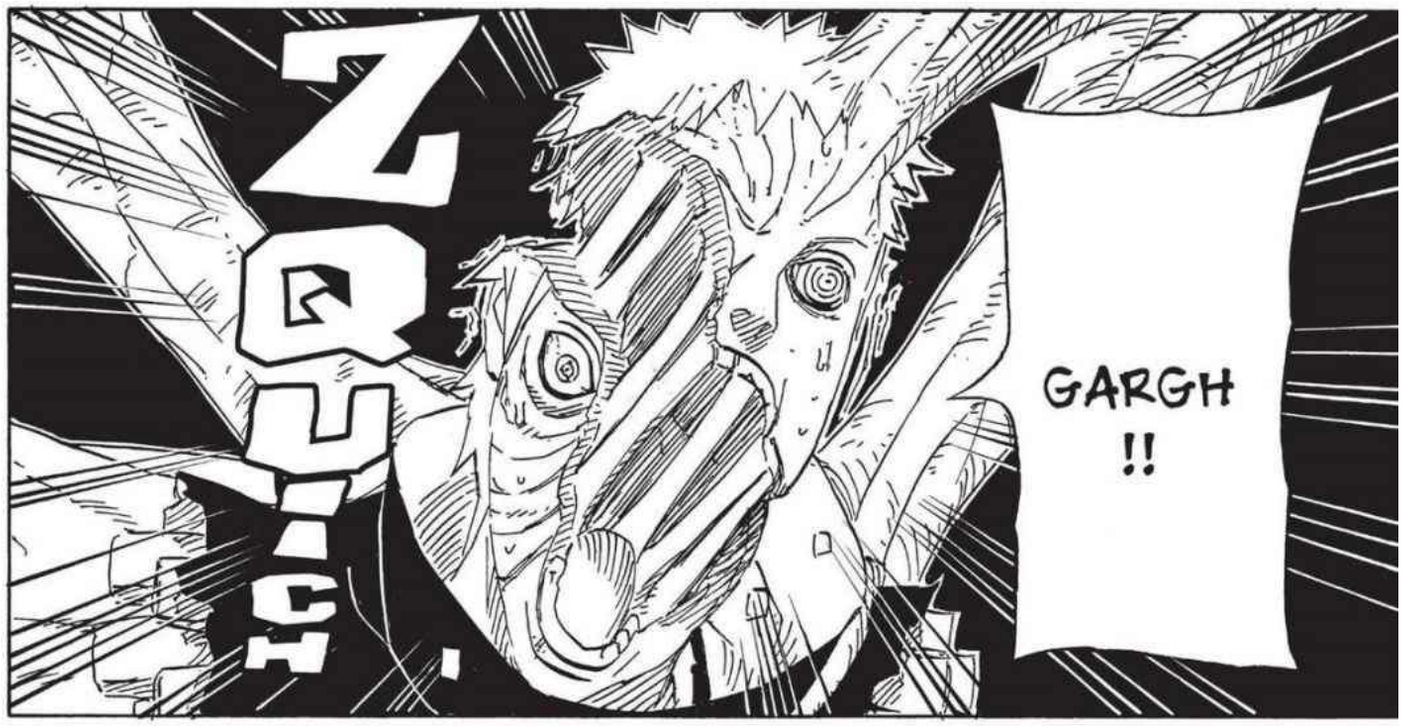
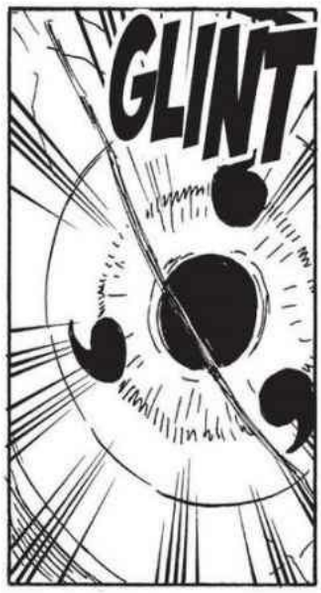
WHO... ARE... YOU...?

OBITO!
HERE I COME !!


ZQUICH
GARGH !!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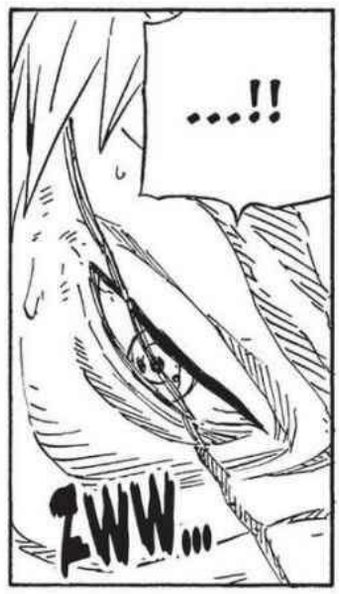
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ZWW...

RR
IP

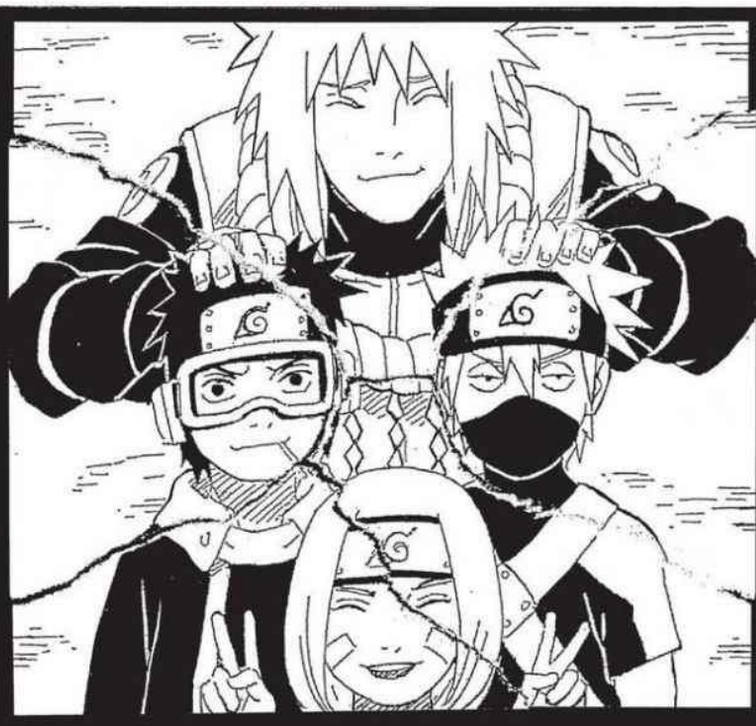
AHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!

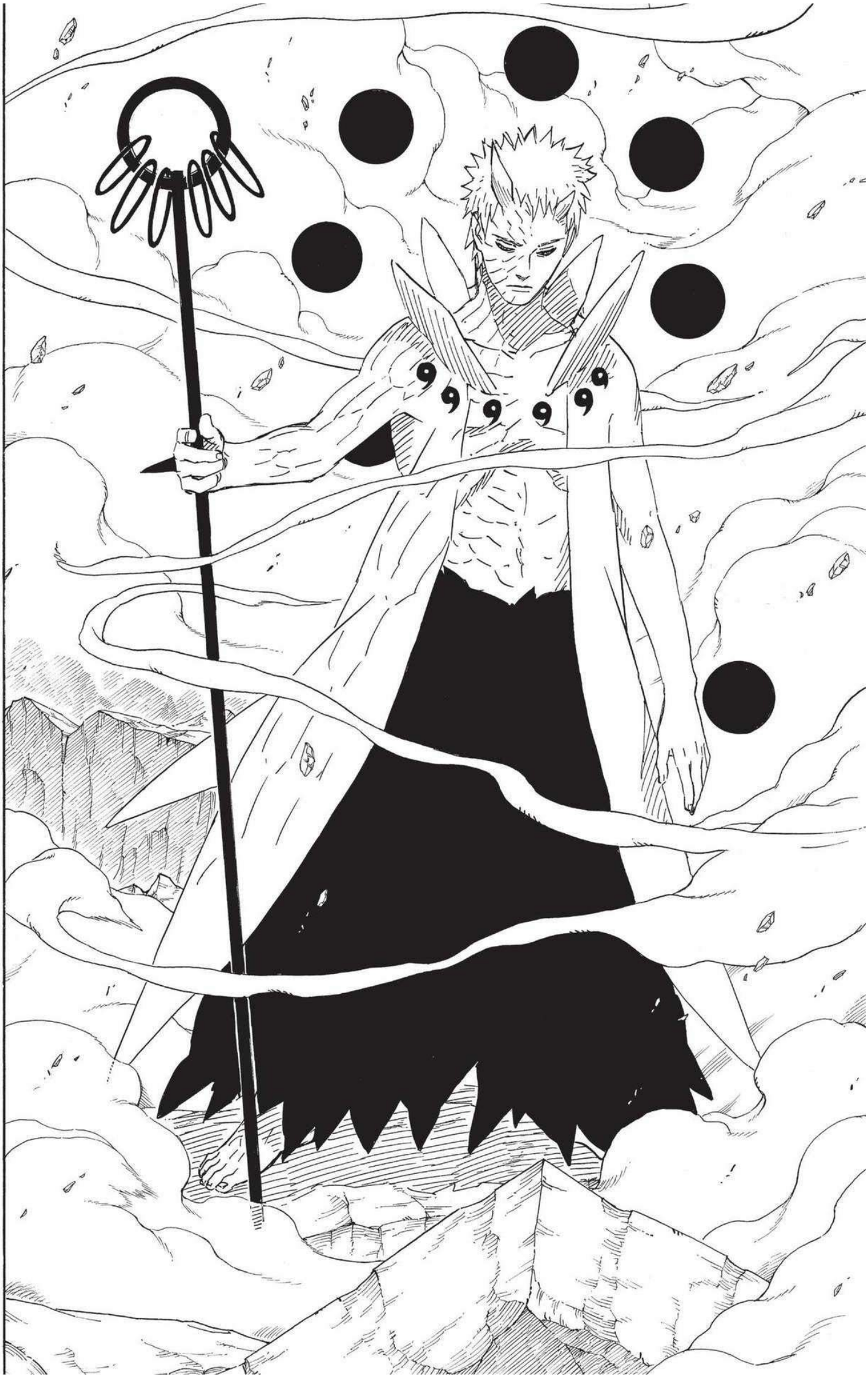
SNAP

SNAP

SNAP

SNAP

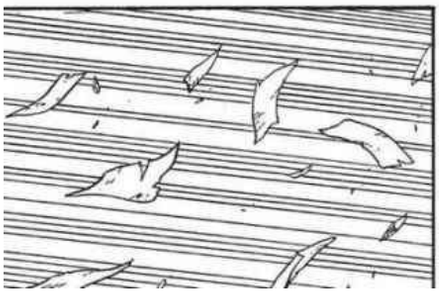




...MASTER.
FINALLY ...

?!!

SHOOT!



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NARUTO, STAY FOCUSED!
PA!!

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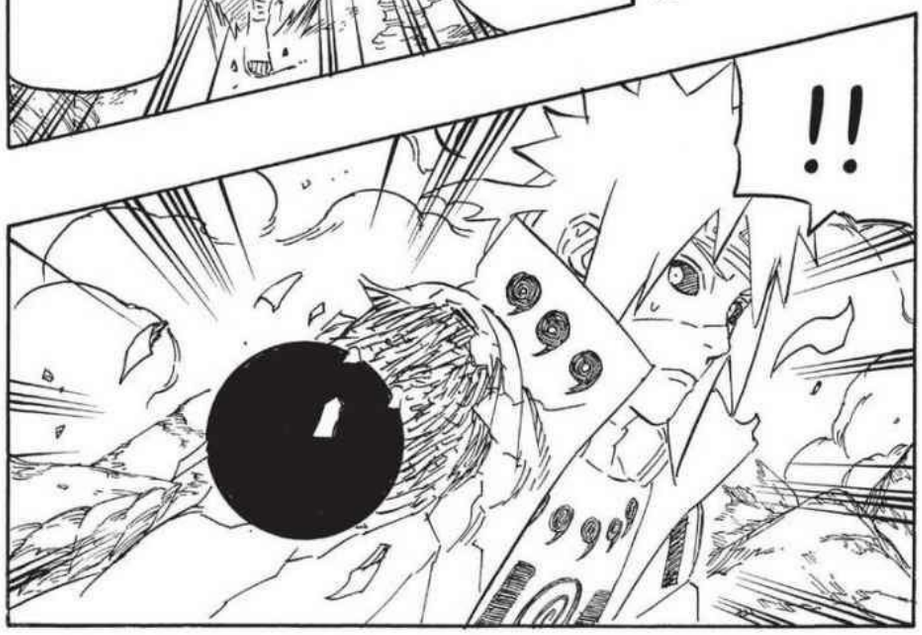
FFT
I USED FLYING RAIJIN TO ESCAPE.
HE MAY HAVE GOTTEN ME, BUT I'M FINE!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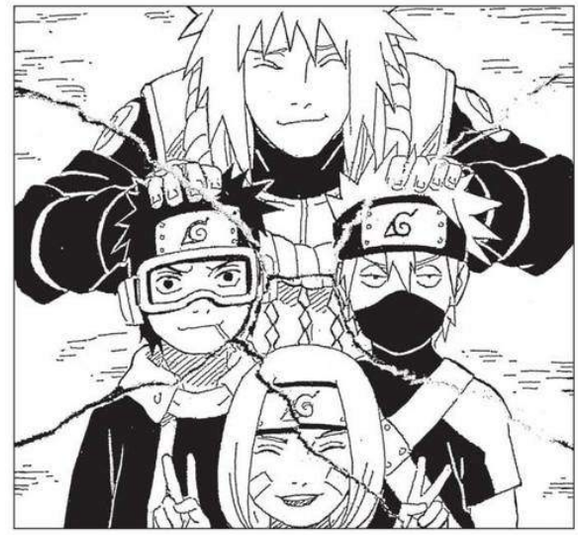
ARE YOU SURE?

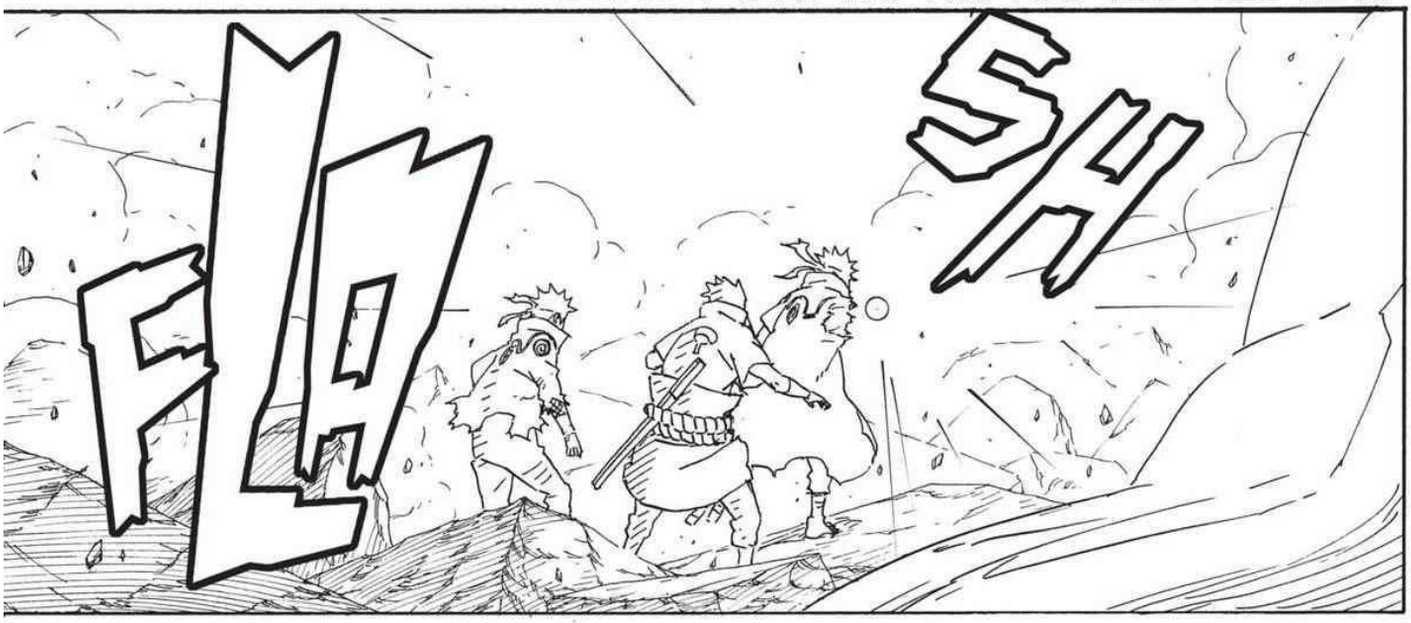
WHEN DID HE...?
AH!! HE ATTACHED IT TO ME SO IT WOULD TELEPORT ALONG WITH ME!

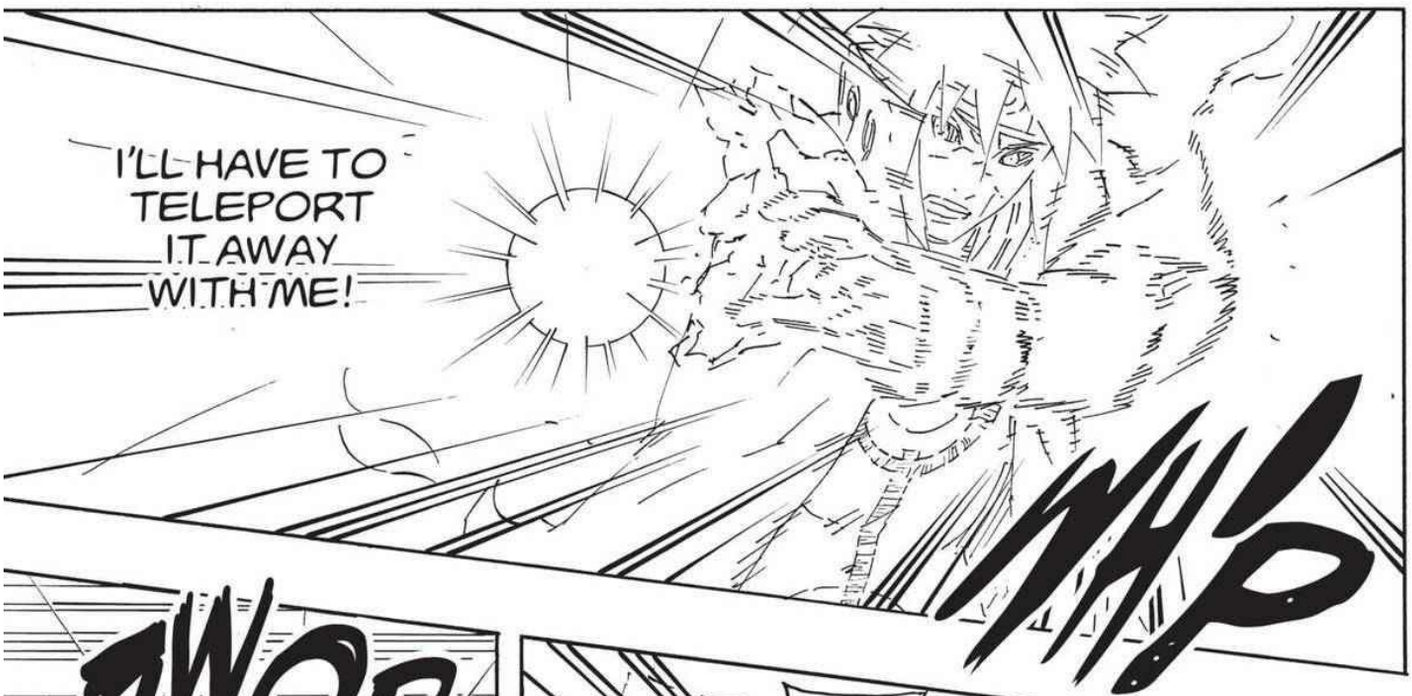
!!

FLASH



Number 641: You Two Are the Main Act!!





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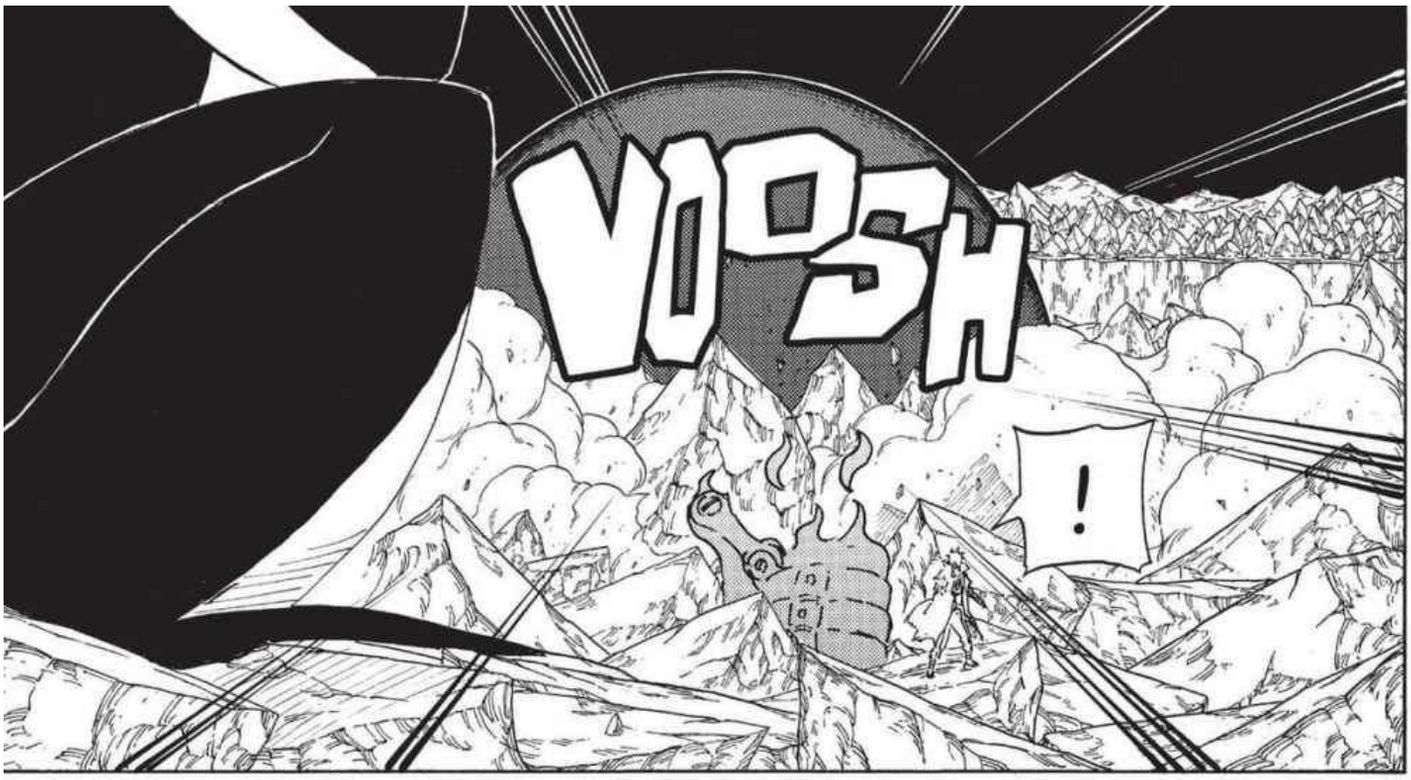
YOU CAN HAVE THIS BACK.
FFT
PAT


VOOSH
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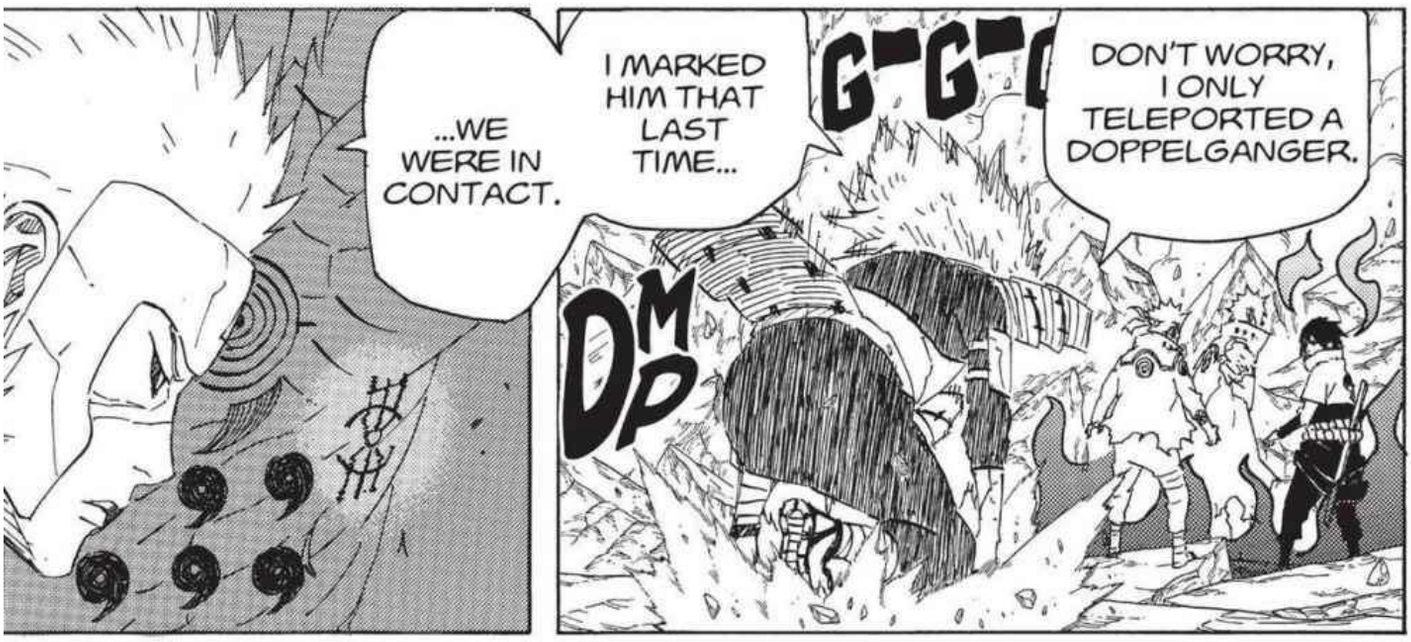
...WE WERE IN CONTACT.
I MARKED HIM THAT LAST TIME...
DON'T WORRY, I ONLY TELEPORTED A DOPPELGANGER.
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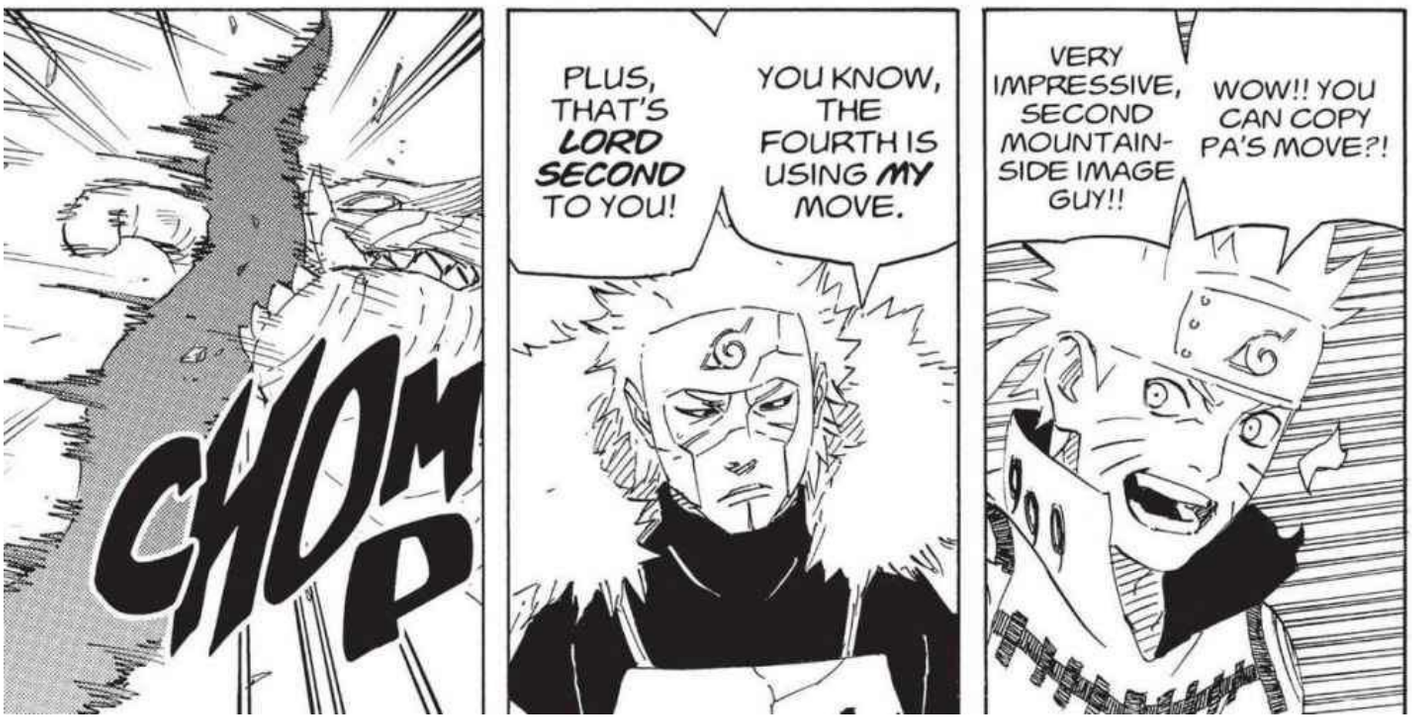
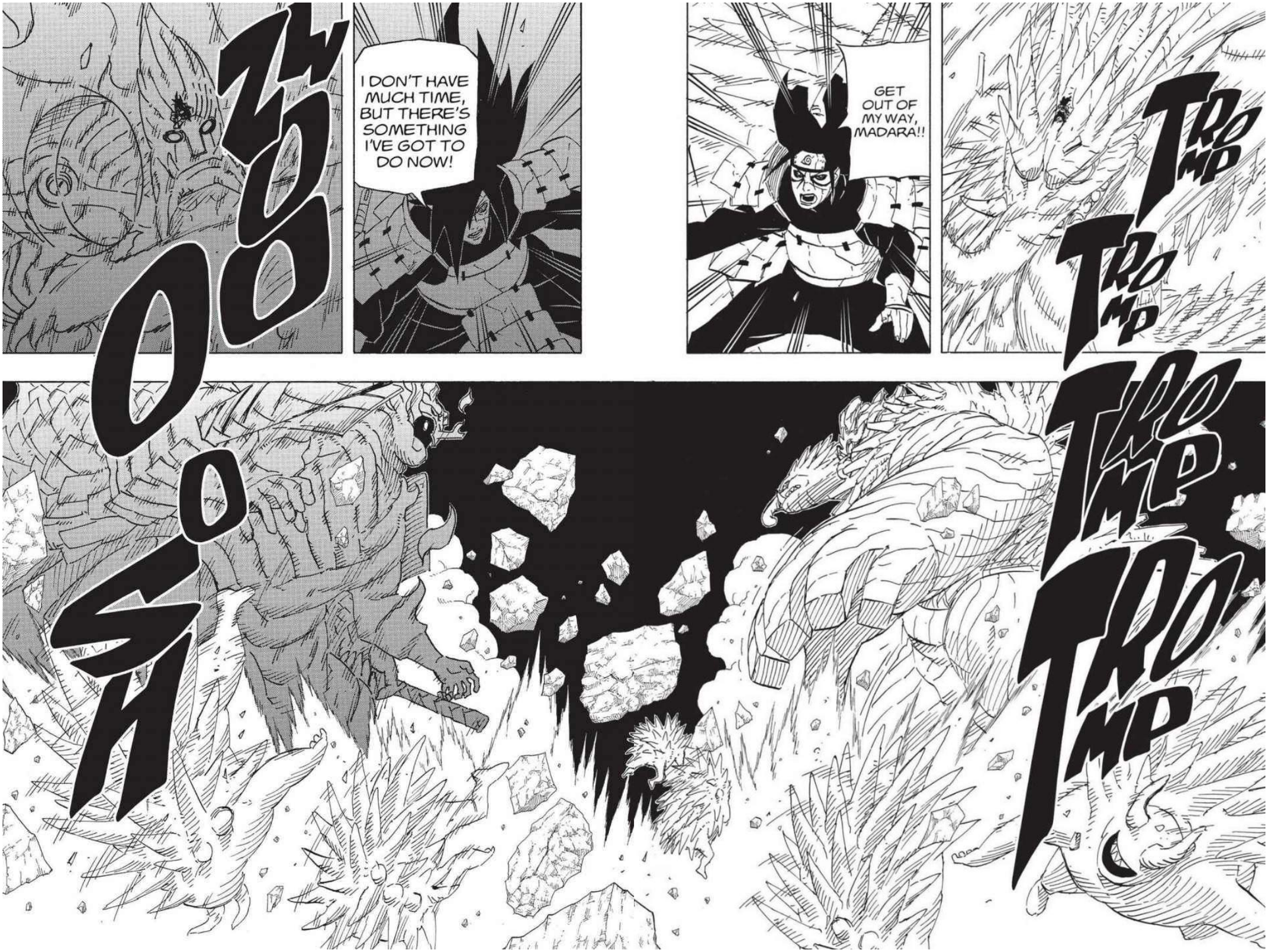

CHOMP
PLUS, THAT'S LORD SECOND TO YOU!
YOU KNOW, THE FOURTH IS USING MY MOVE.
VERY IMPRESSIVE, SECOND MOUNTAIN-SIDE IMAGE GUY!!
WOW!! YOU CAN COPY PA'S MOVE?!


ZUOO
I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO DO NOW!
GET OUT OF MY WAY, MADARA!!
TROMP
TROMP
OSHO
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP

I'M TAKING ANOTHER CHUNK OF YOU!

?

IT'S LIKE THEY'RE ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEVEL!
WH-WHOA!

THO
WAH!!
ARGH!!

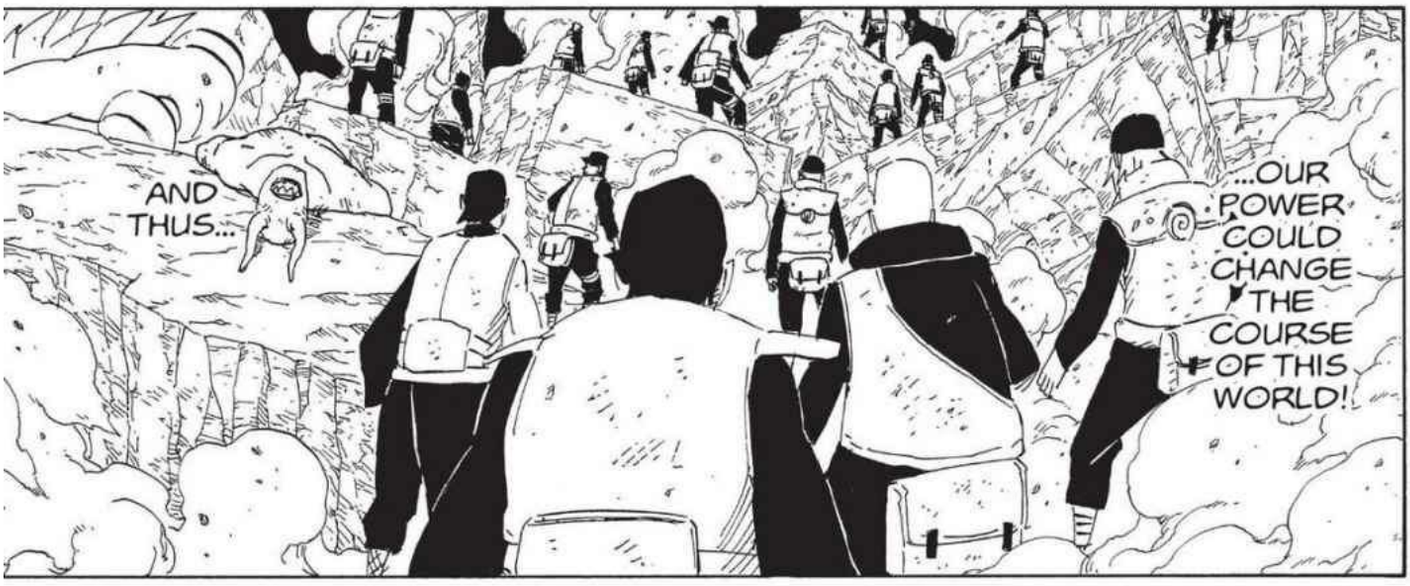
THK
DK
FOR SURE, WE'D JUST GET IN THEIR WAY IF WE TRIED TO JOIN IN.

SO THIS IS THE BATTLE CAPACITY OF OUR PREDECES-SORS!

WE MAY NOT BE ANY HELP RIGHT NOW, BUT THERE MAY COME A TIME WHEN WE WILL BE NEEDED.
!
...DEPENDING ON HOW IT'S USED.

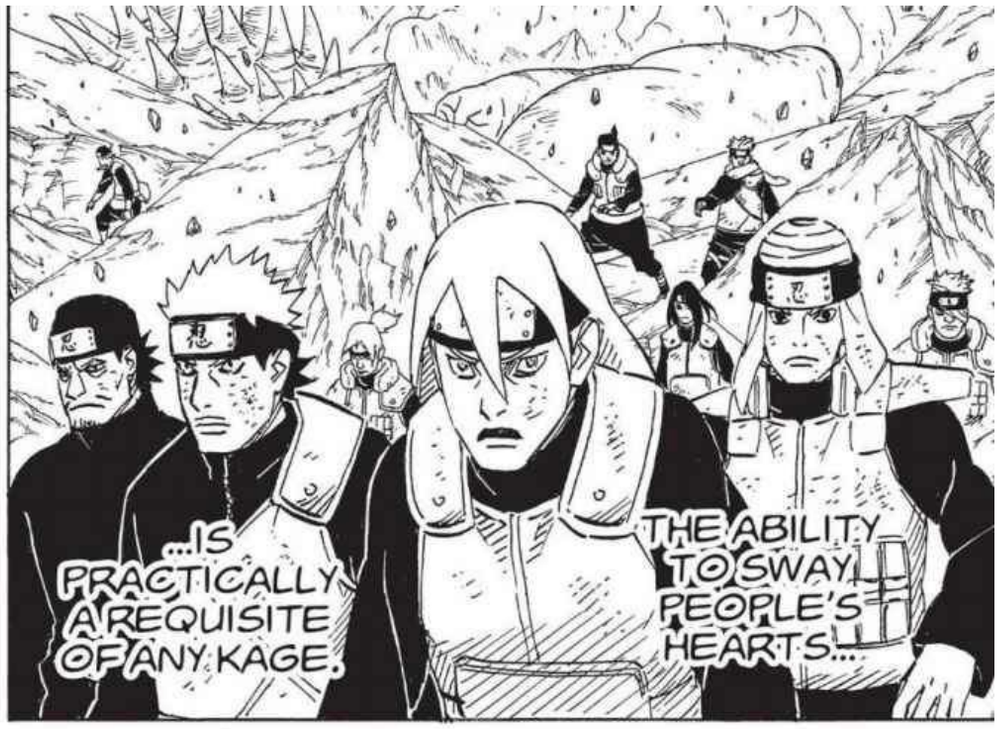
EVEN A SMALL POWER CAN BE HELPFUL...

SO DON'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF THE BATTLEFIELD...
...FOR IF SUCH A TIME ARRIVES...
THAT YOU, SHIKA-MARU?


AND THUS...
...OUR POWER COULD CHANGE THE COURSE OF THIS WORLD!

SHIKAMARU, YOU WOULD MAKE A GREAT HOKAGE.

...WE CAN'T AFFORD TO RELAX AND LET OUR GUARDS DOWN FOR EVEN ONE SECOND!!



WE WON'T GET HIM BY JUST THROWING JUTSU IN HIS DIRECTION.

HE BLOCKED IT, HUH. HE'S FAST.

FWUMP

TMP

FWP
BO
OF
G'G'
GLA
RE
BZT...
BZT...
...EXCEPT THAT THIS GUY WE'RE FACING'S ABSOLUTELY NO JOKE.
YOU'RE A BIT... OF AN ACCIDENTAL COMEDIAN.
I'D NORMALLY POKE FUN AT YOUR JUTSU NAMES...
IT SEEMS I'LL HAVE TO CREATE AN OPENING WITH MY...
...RASEN-FLASH SUPER-CIRCLE DANCE HOWL STAGE 3, AFTER ALL.

!!

AMATERASU!!!

THE TWO OF US WILL COMBINE OUR FLYING RAIJIN.

GO AHEAD AND PUT YOUR MARK ON ME TOO.

FSH

A DOPPEL-GANGER'S FLYING RAIJIN IS TOO SLOW.

YES, SIR. PLUS WITH THESE BODIES, WE CAN ALWAYS...

FSH

SHEESH, NO NEED TO TURN IT INTO A COMPETITION!

NARUTO, THIS TIME, ***I'LL MATCH YOUR CHAKRA LEVEL*** USING MY SHARINGAN.

LET'S GO, FOURTH.

PAT

YEESH!

I SAID THAT ***I'D*** MAKE AN OPENING FOR ***YOU!***

SASUKE! NARUTO !!

NO, ***WE*** WILL!

PA, Y'ALL CAN BE THE MAIN ACT!!

I'LL CREATE AN OPENING!

HARDLY A SURPRISE ATTACK.

I COULD TELL YOU WERE AMASSING CHAKRA IN YOUR LEFT EYE.

SWIRL

THWOK

INFERNO STYLE, FLAME CONTROL!!

WIND STYLE, RASEN-SHURIKEN!!

TH

K

A PINCER ATTACK?

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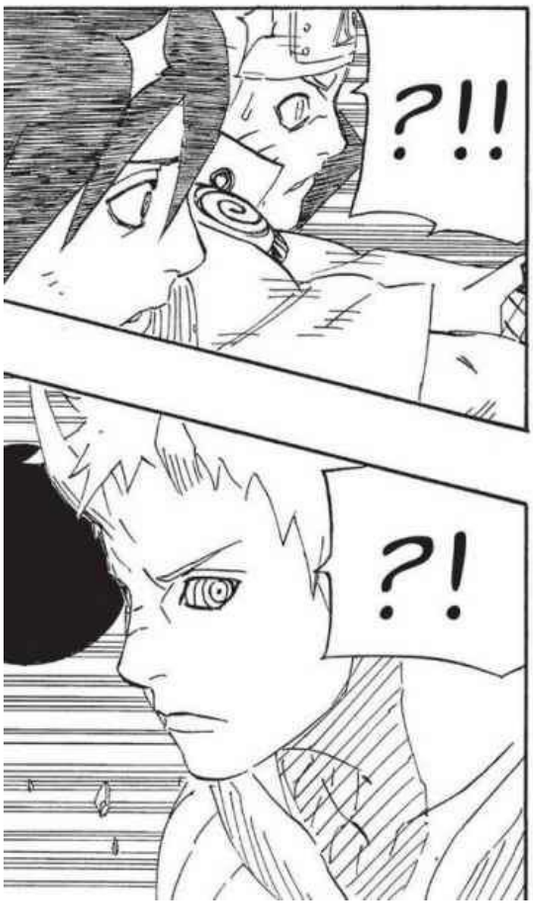
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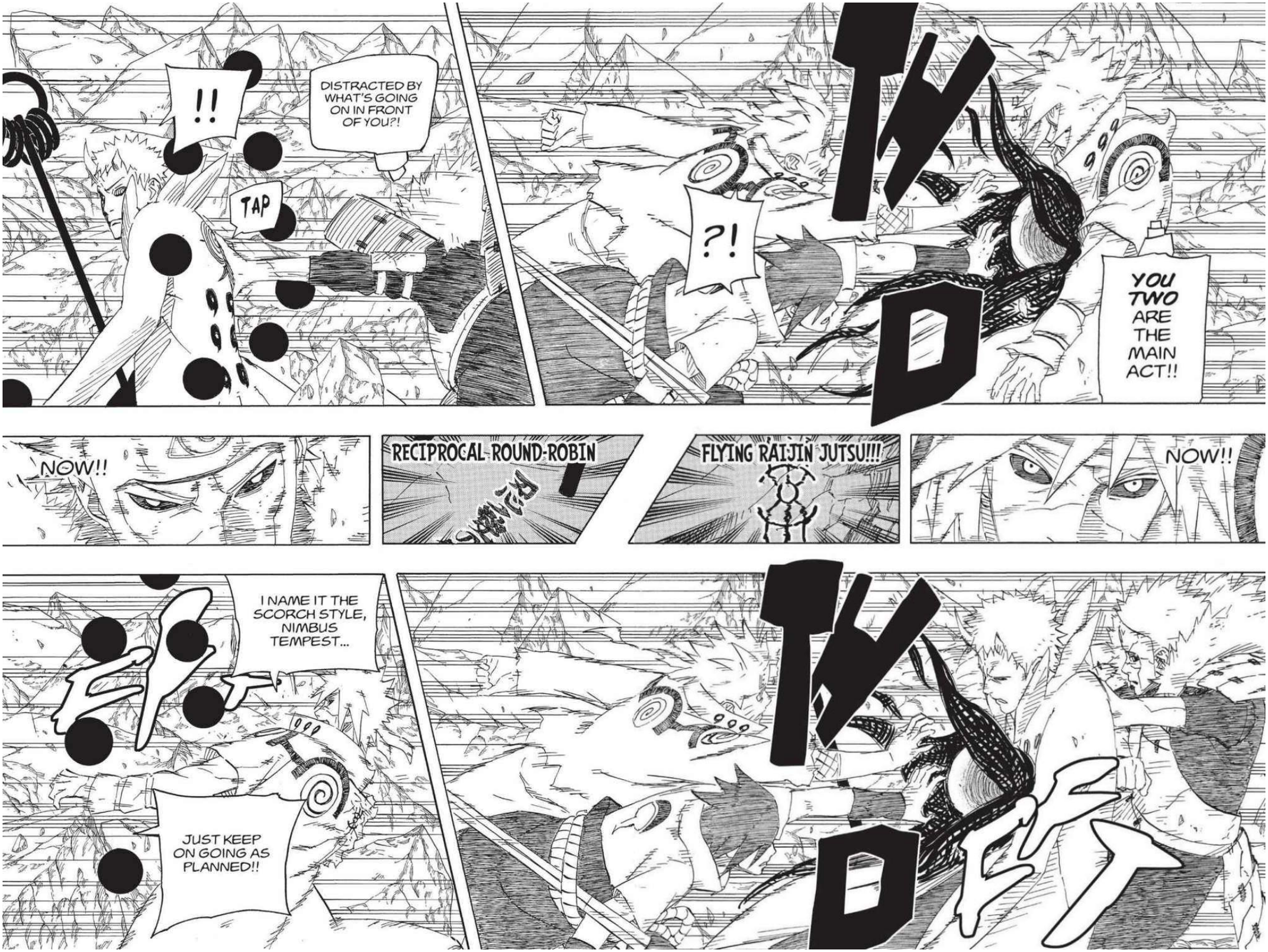
FWD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DISTRACTED BY WHAT'S GOING ON IN FRONT OF YOU?!
TAP
?!
YOU TWO ARE THE MAIN ACT!!
NOW!!
RECIPROCAL ROUND-ROBIN
FLYING RAIJIN JUTSU!!!
NOW!!
I NAME IT THE SCORCH STYLE, NIMBUS TEMPEST...
JUST KEEP ON GOING AS PLANNED!!

...
THE TWO OF THEM...
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH NARUTO AND SASUKE?
HINATA!
YAH!!!
BL
A
M
TMP
THEY SWITCHED PLACES BY TELEPORTING!
HUFF
...ARE LAUGHING...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
!
VOOSH
WOSH

Number 642: An Opening

CRASH
VWOOO
!
!

WE HAVE TO AVOID THOSE BLACK TRANSFORMING SPHERES, AND OUR ATTACKS DON'T WORK ON HIM...
HIS OFFENSE AND DEFENSE IS SO FAST...
NO EFFECT AT ALL...

...
SWOO

THIS GUY'S EVEN MORE PERFECT THAN HOW I IMAGINE MYSELF IN MY DREAMS!
WHAT A PAIN.
TAK

THAT'S ODD...
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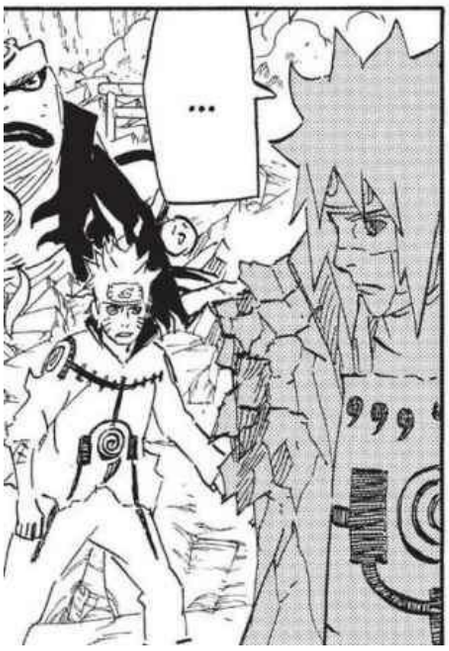
TMP
IT'S LIKE HE'S TRULY OBTAINED DREAMLIKE POWER.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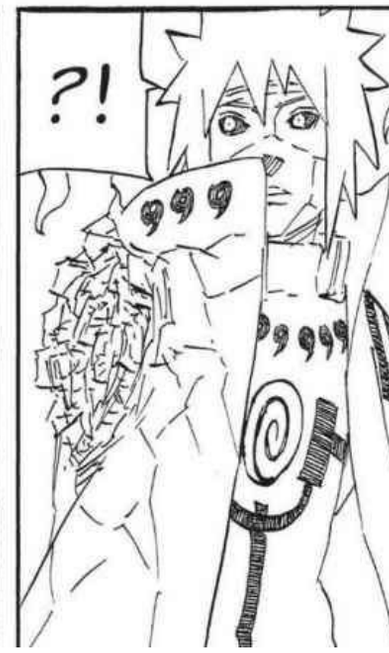
YOU ONLY HAD AN ARM TORN OFF.
THERE SHOULD BE DUST SWIRLING AROUND TO RESTORE IT BY NOW.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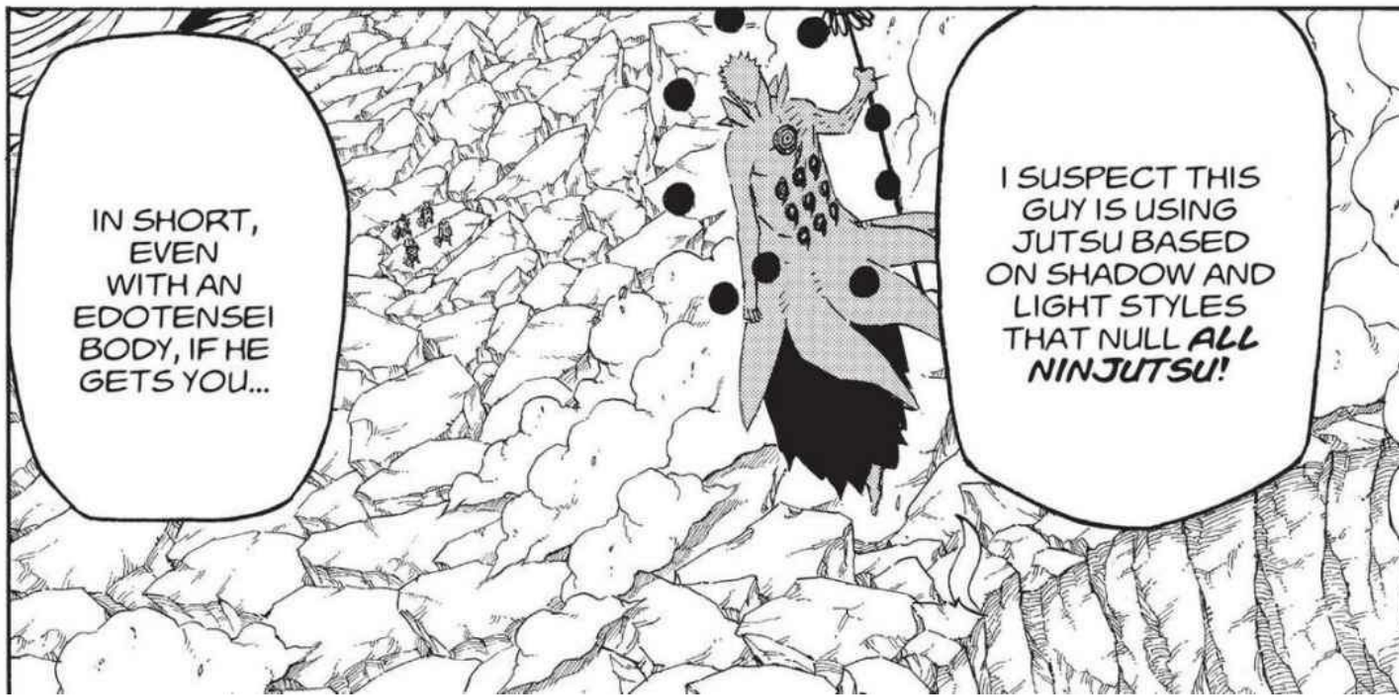
I HAVE COME TO POSSESS THE SAME POWER AS THE FOUNDER OF SHINOBI.
YOU CAN NO LONGER MEASURE ME BY THE STANDARDS YOU ARE USED TO.

EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE GOT AN EDOTENSEI BODY.
FOURTH, TRY NOT TO GET SERIOUSLY WOUNDED ANY MORE.

WHAT DOES HE MEAN?

...YOUR JUTSU...
DON'T TELL ME...


IN SHORT, EVEN WITH AN EDOTENSEI BODY, IF HE GETS YOU...
I SUSPECT THIS GUY IS USING JUTSU BASED ON SHADOW AND LIGHT STYLES THAT NULL ALL NINJUTSU!

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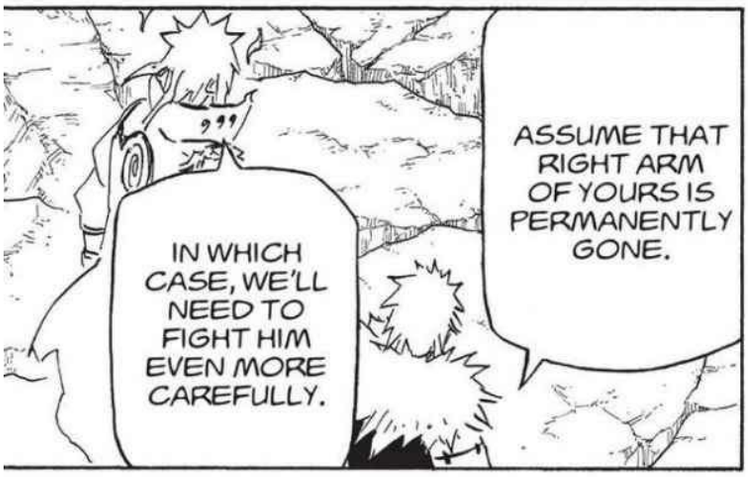
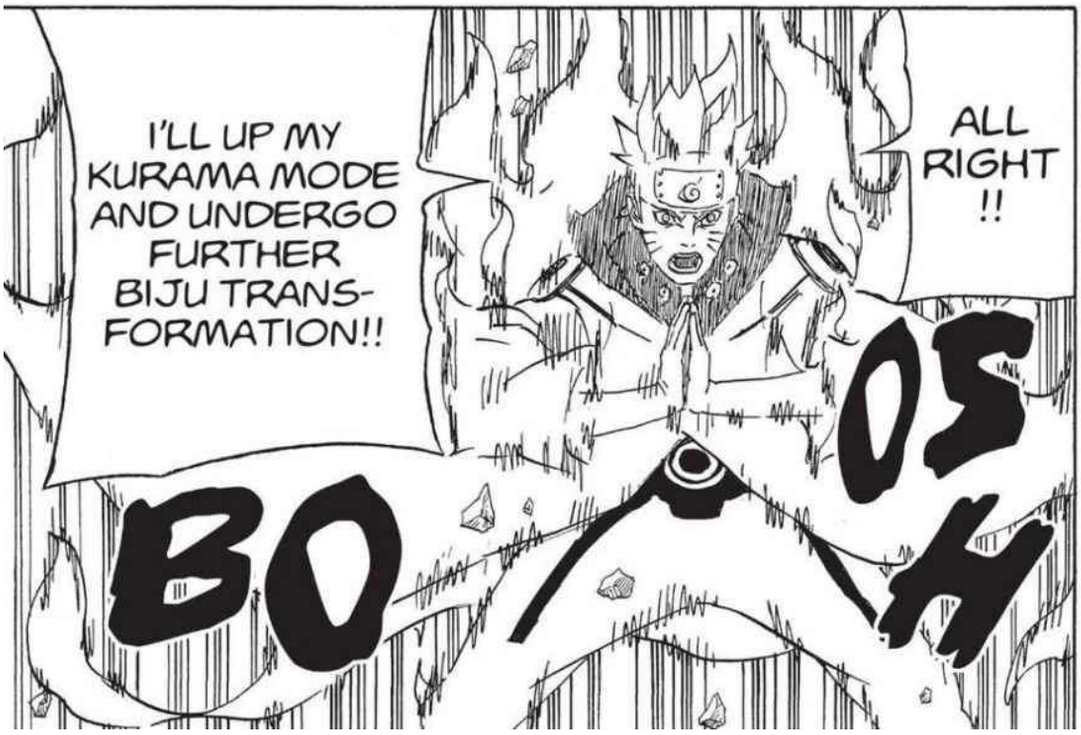

ASSUME THAT RIGHT ARM OF YOURS IS PERMANENTLY GONE.
IN WHICH CASE, WE'LL NEED TO FIGHT HIM EVEN MORE CAREFULLY.

SHUP
SASUKE...
WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO TAKE THE LEAD. CAN YOU KEEP UP?
WHAT ?

...YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO REGENER-ATE...
...AND CAN EVEN DIE!


I'LL UP MY KURAMA MODE AND UNDERGO FURTHER BIJU TRANS-FORMATION!!
ALL RIGHT !!
BO
OSH

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE THE UCHIHA!

IF YOU WANT TO ENTER PERFECT BIJU MODE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGHT IN NORMAL MODE FOR A WHILE!

BULGE
SYRUP GUN !!!

YOU NEED TO DO WITHOUT NINE TAILS POWER FOR A BIT!
KURAMA, C'MON! LEND ME SOME MORE OF YOUR CHAKRA, WILL YA?!

...
YOU'RE AS GOOFY AS YOUR FATHER, SO MUCH SO...
...THAT EVEN HE'S DUMB-FOUNDED.
S-SORRY.
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FOOSH
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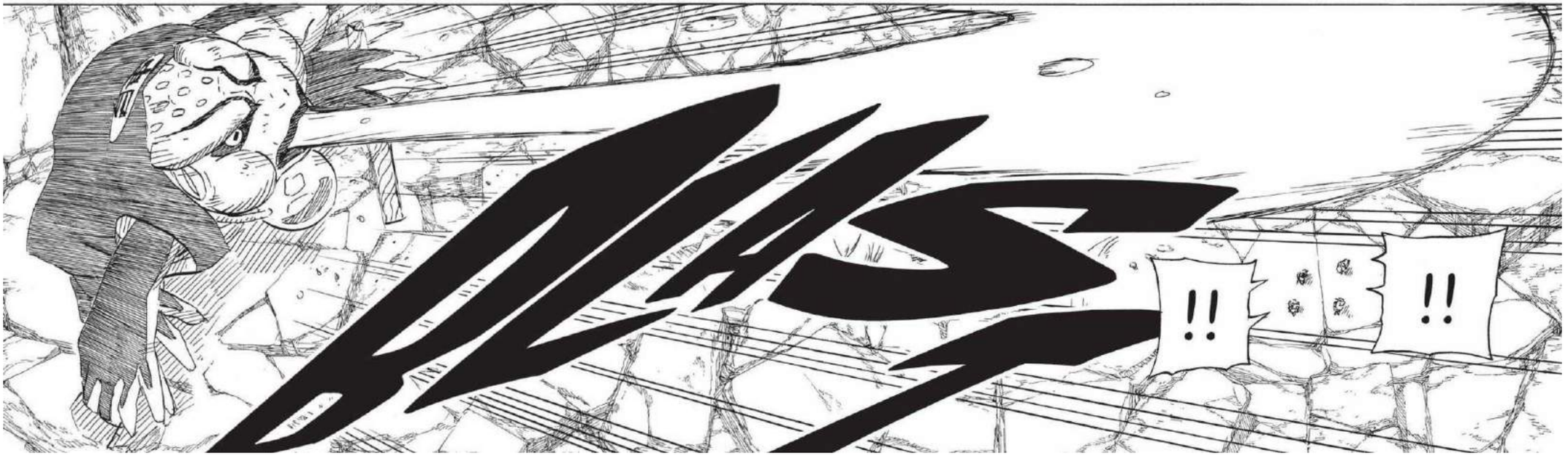
HUH?
ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE OUR SITUATION EVEN WORSE?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SQUOCH
SPLAT

I WANTED TO REPAY HIM WITH A PARTIN' SHOT!!
SORRY, BUT WE'RE APPROACHIN' THE TIME LIMIT FOR THE SUMMONING!
SPLICH

WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT, GAMAKICHI?!
A MOUNT MYOBOKU TOAD?
IF YOU'RE GONNA MAKE A MOVE, DO SOMETHING DIVERSIONARY OR A COMBO WITH--

!

BO
OF
SORRY-O!

THANKS FOR THE EFFORT!
GO REST UP!

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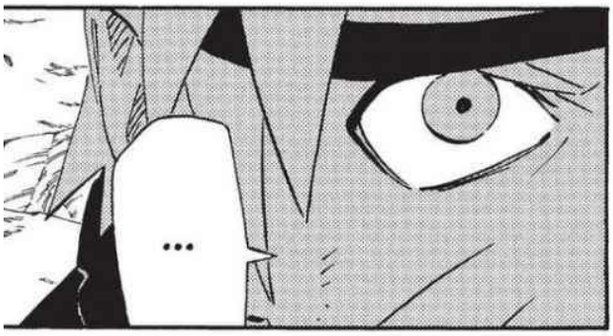
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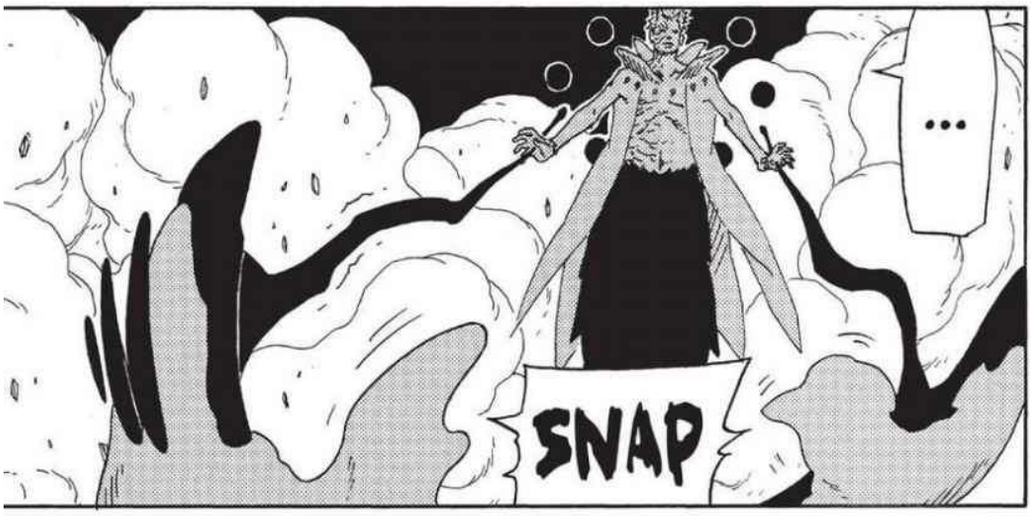
STRE...TCH
SQUELCH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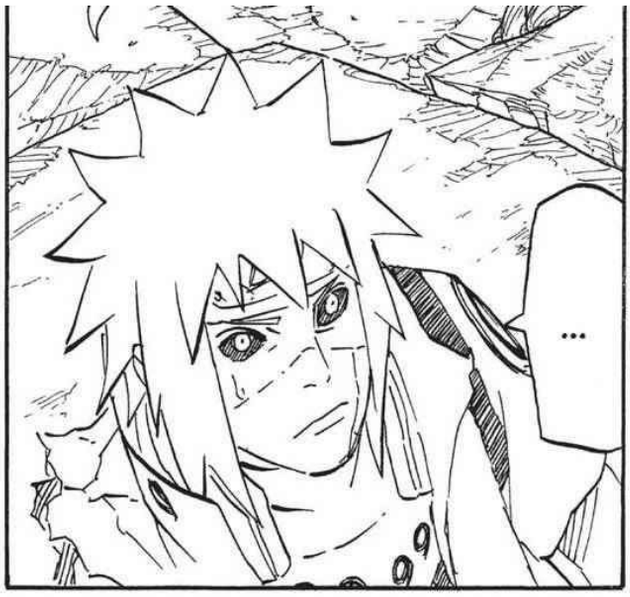
SNAP

HOLD ON...
HMM?

FSH
THIS IS MY CHANCE!!

WHY ARE YOU DOING SUCH THINGS ?!
OBITO, I THOUGHT WHAT YOU WANTED WAS TO BECOME HOKAGE?!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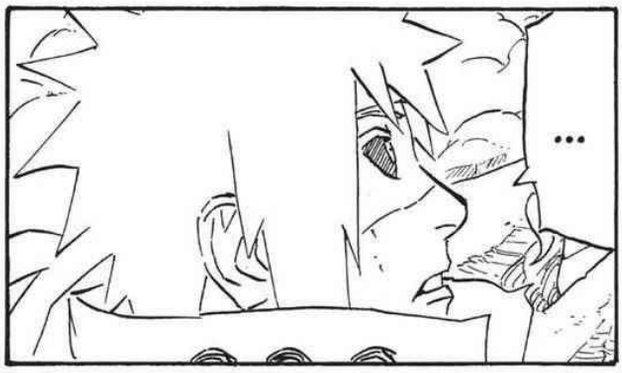
A LECTURE NOW?
IT'S A LITTLE LATE FOR THAT... MASTER.

YOU'RE ALWAYS TOO LATE WHEN IT MATTERS MOST.
WHAT'S MASTER MINATO DOING?!
I'M ASKING YOU WHAT THE YELLOW FLASH IS UP TO!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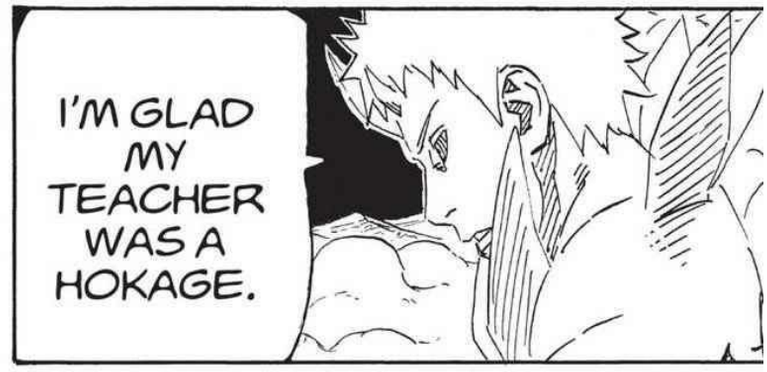
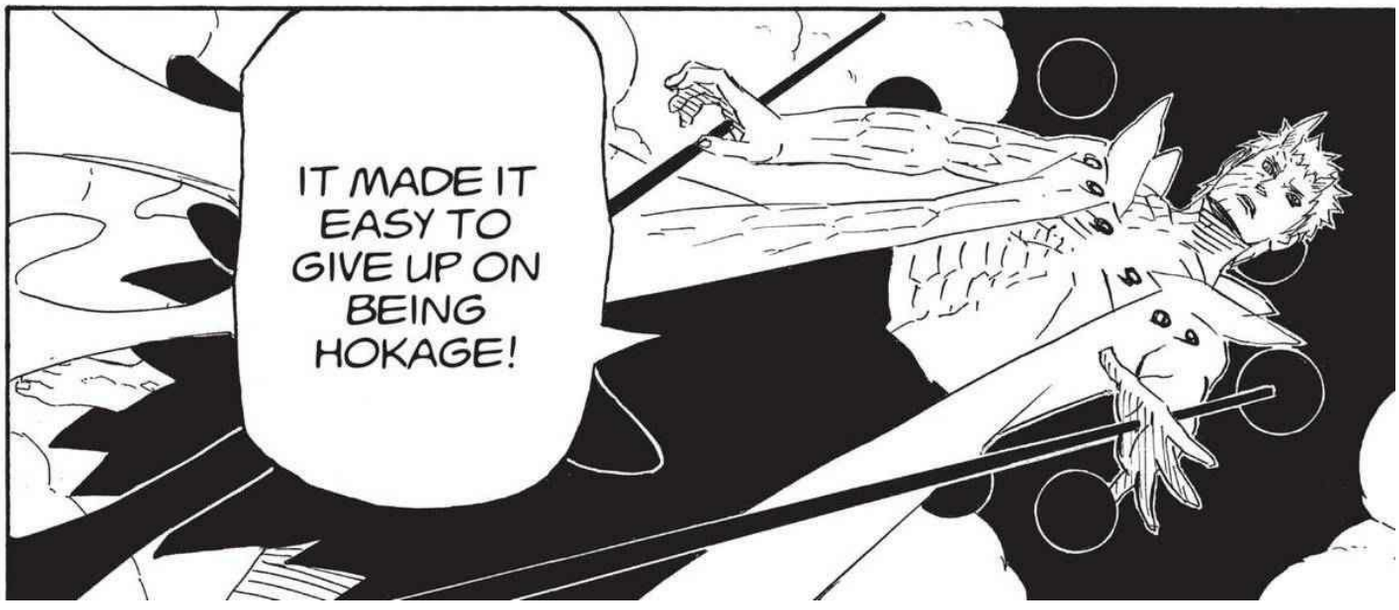
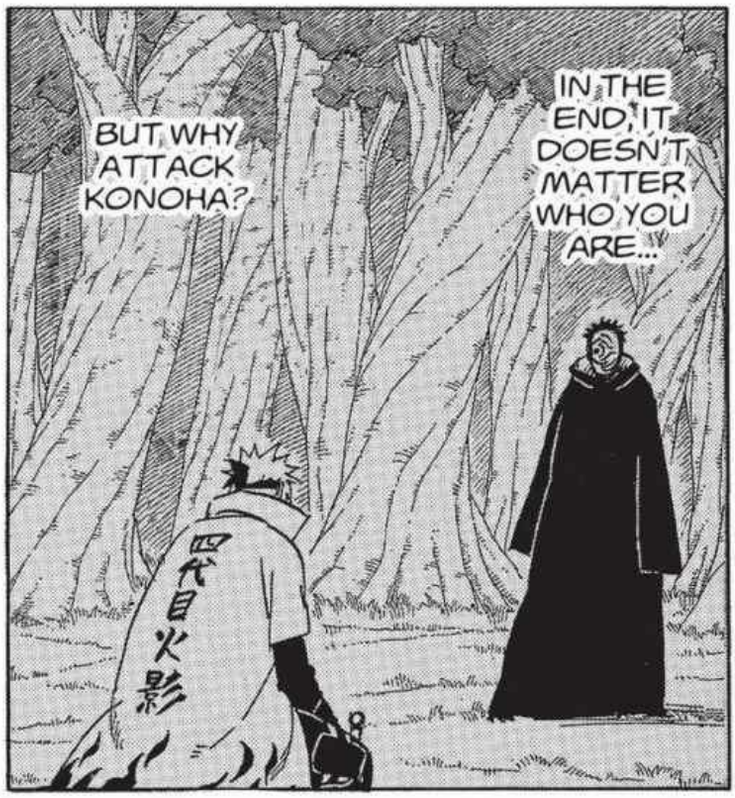

I'M GLAD MY TEACHER WAS A HOKAGE.


IT MADE IT EASY TO GIVE UP ON BEING HOKAGE!


BUT WHY ATTACK KONOHA?
IN THE END, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU ARE...
四代目火影

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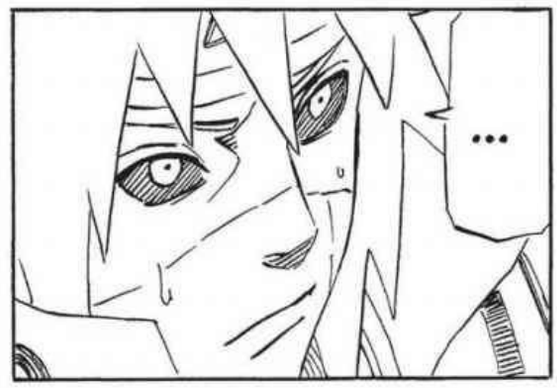
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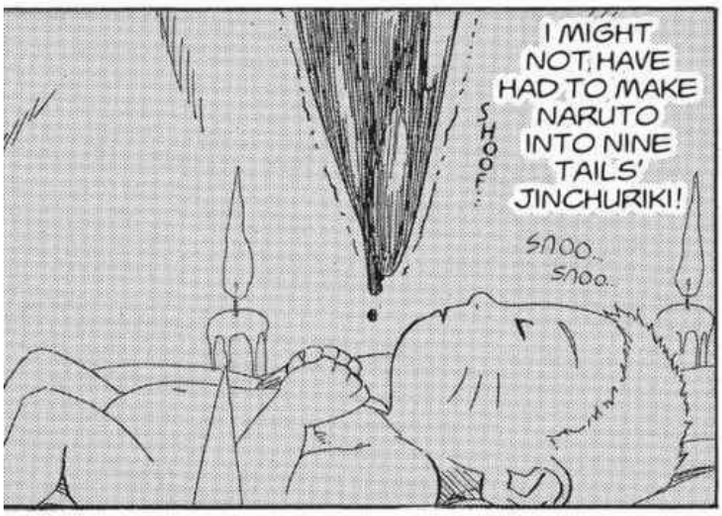
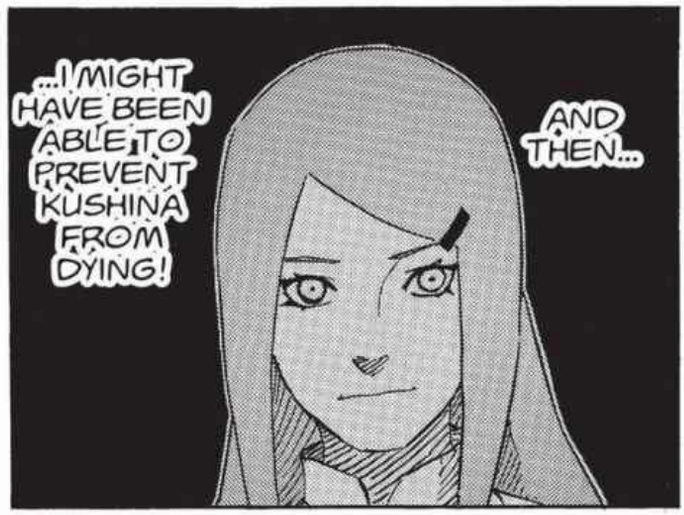
...I MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STOP HIM!
IF I HAD ONLY REALIZED THAT THAT MAN WAS OBITO...

FOR THE SAKE OF WAR... BUT ALSO FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE.
YOU COULD SAY, IT'S... FOR FUN, BUT ALSO AS PART OF A PLAN...


I MIGHT NOT HAVE HAD TO MAKE NARUTO INTO NINE TAILS' JINCHURIKI!
SHOOT
SNOO...
SNOO...

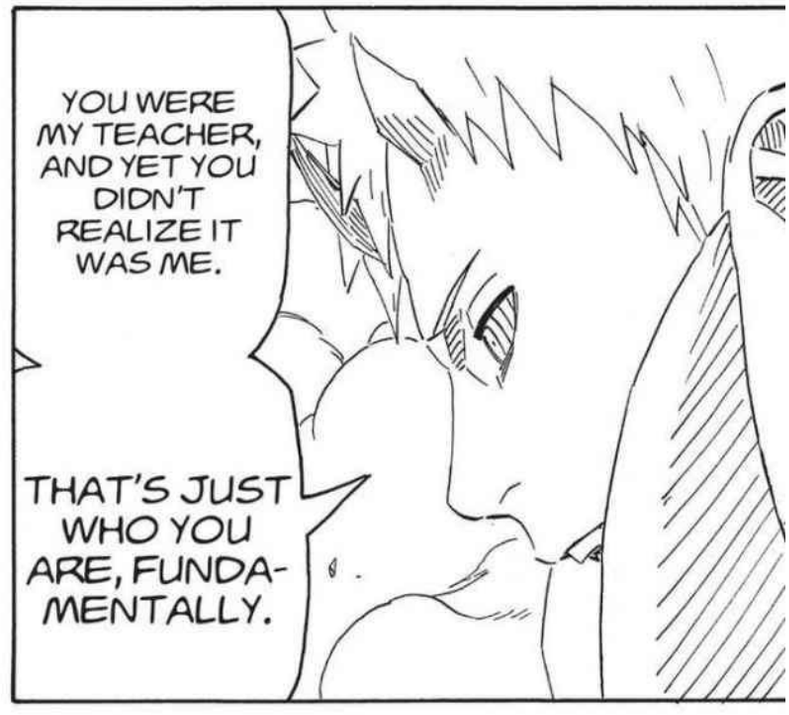

...I MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PREVENT KUSHINA FROM DYING!
AND THEN...

PERHAPS THE SHINOBI WORLD WOULDN'T HAVE ENDED UP LIKE THIS EITHER!!

...I HAD NOTICED THAT THAT WAS OBITO!!

IF ONLY...

YOU, WHO DIED A HERO HOKAGE, ARE BEING EXPOSED AS A DISGRACE IN FRONT OF YOUR SON.
HOW SAD...


YOU WERE MY TEACHER, AND YET YOU DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS ME.
THAT'S JUST WHO YOU ARE, FUNDA-MENTALLY.

HE'S CAUGHT ON!
THE KID'S NOT A TOTAL GOOFBALL...

A HOKAGE IS A PITIABLE EXISTENCE COMPARED TO WHAT I AM NOW.
THAT'S RIGHT.
ZWW

YOU, WHO COULDN'T BECOME HOKAGE, HAVE NO RIGHT TO INSULT ANY OF THEM!

FSH

...

ESPECIALLY NOT MY PA WHO ACTUALLY BECAME HOKAGE!

TAP

NARUTO ...?

...!

...!

KOPI

GASH GASH

?!!

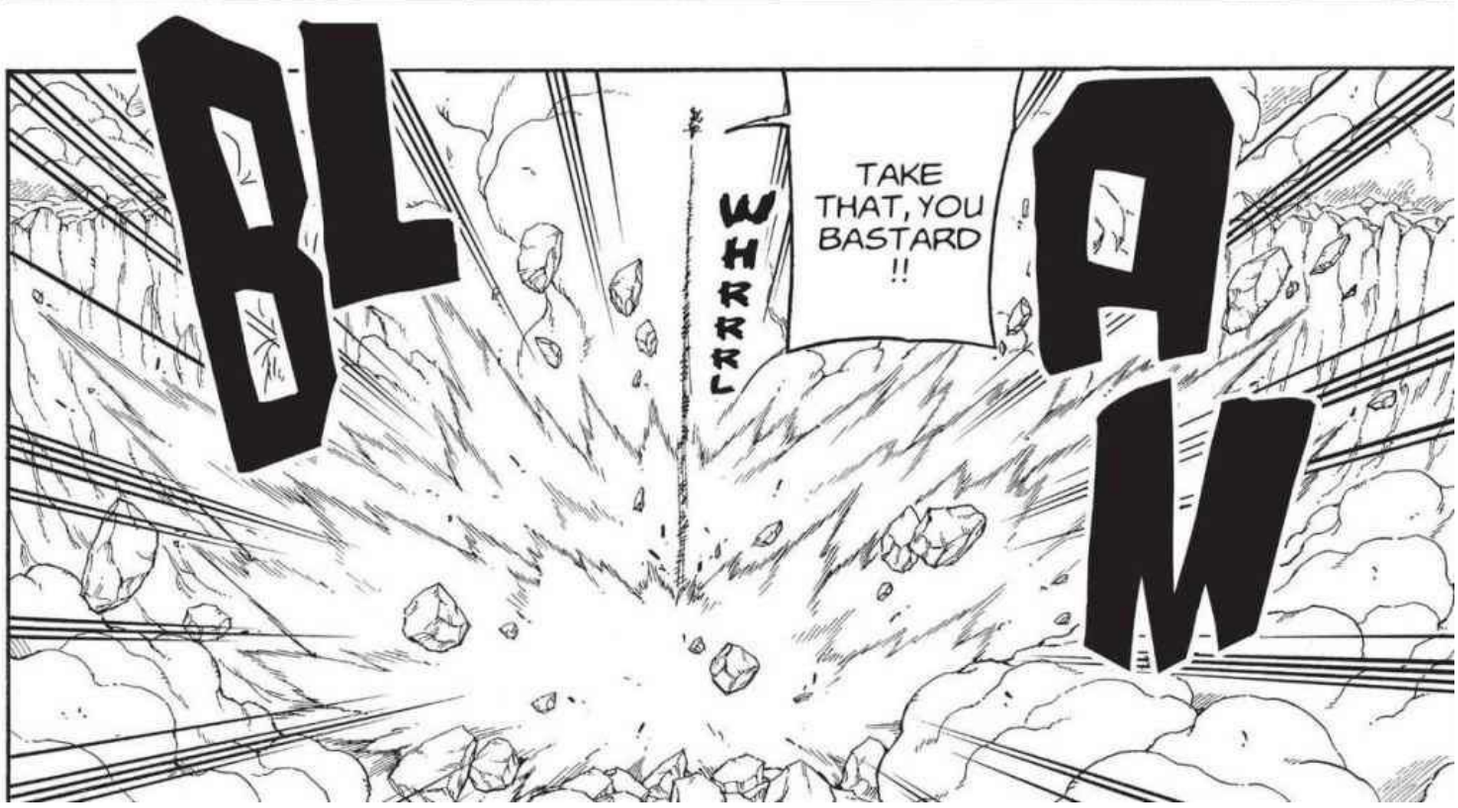
...!

THAT WORKED ?!
WHY? HOW?

NINJUTSU MAY NOT WORK...
IT'S EFFECTIVE! SO IT IS JUST AS I THOUGHT!

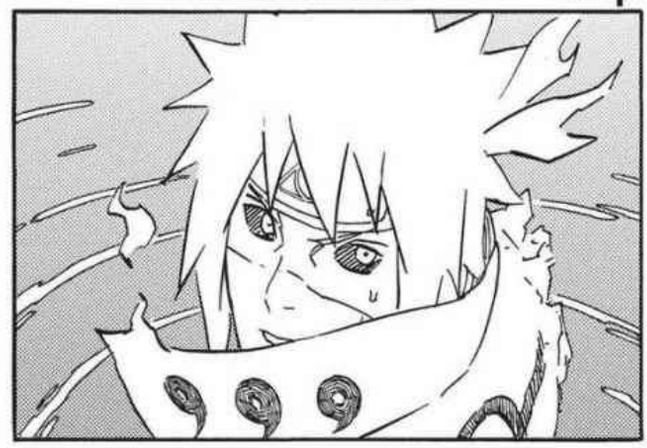
FIT
SL...A
HOW DARE YOU PUT HIM DOWN !!!

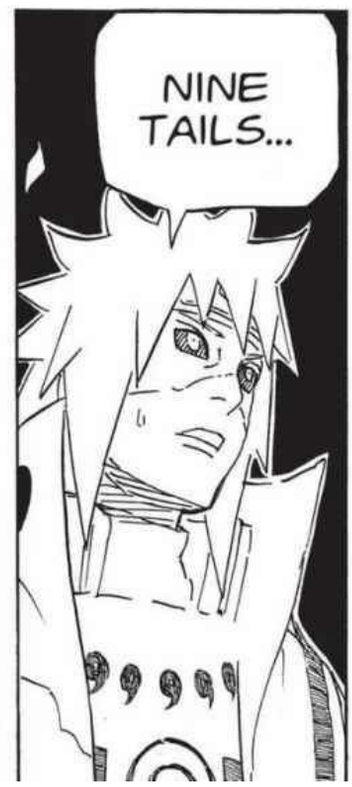
...BUT IT SEEMS SENJUTSU DOES!!



HE'S GROWN INTO QUITE A SON, EH, MINATO?
!
HE'S EVEN MASTERED THE SAME SENJUTSU AS MASTER JIRAIYA?!
IT'S NO WONDER HE MANAGED TO SWEET TALK MY OTHER HALF.

Number 643: Fist Bump





NARUTO, LISTEN UP. I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.
HE'S NOT THAT NEWBORN BABE ANY-MORE.
IN FACT, TOMORROW IS...
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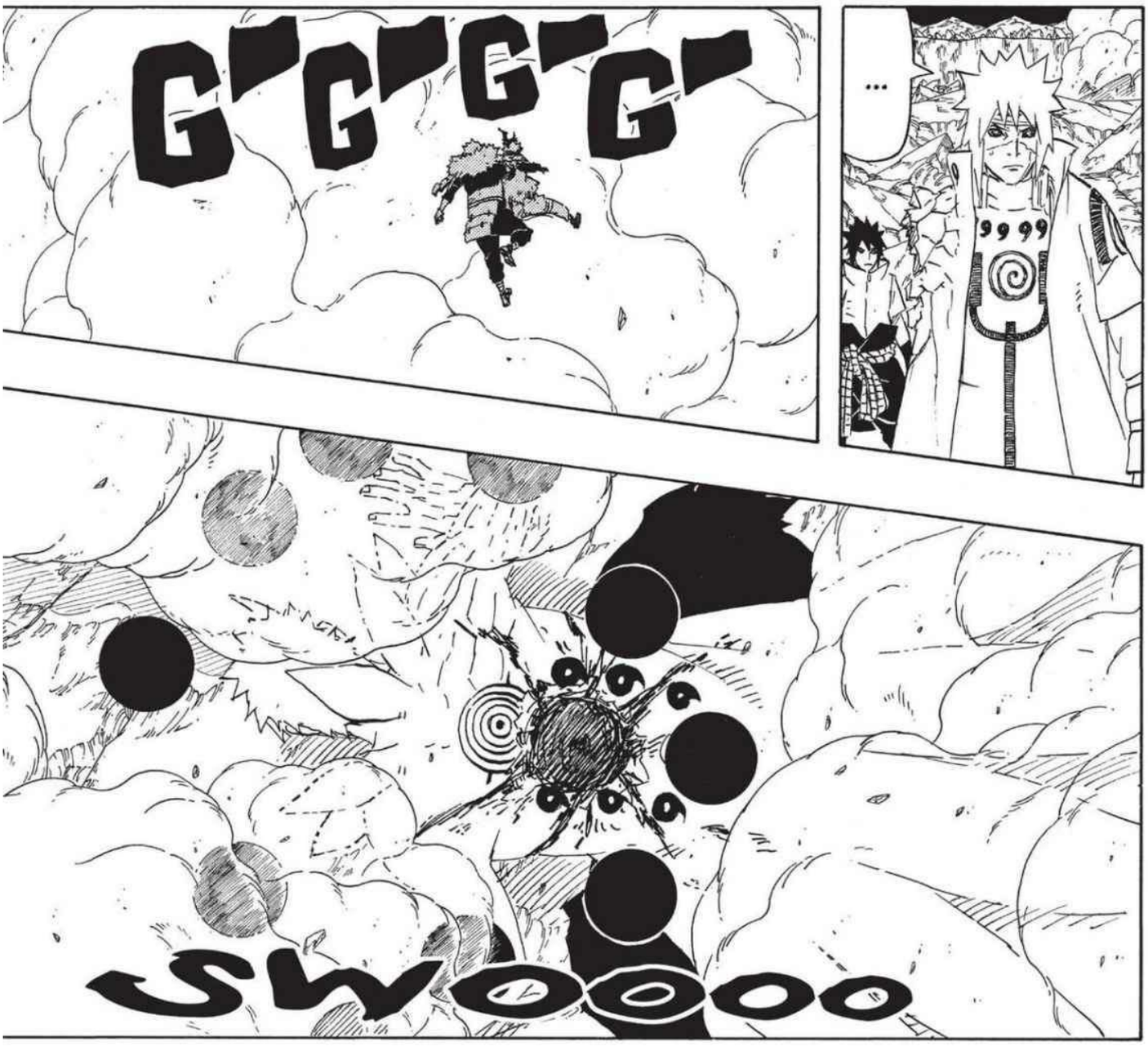
...WHAT THIS WORLD HAS BECOME, RIGHT NOW.


GGGGG
...
SWOOOO

AND WITH TEN TAILS INSIDE ME, I CAN'T PASS THROUGH THINGS EITHER.
SZZZZZZ...
WHAT A BOTHER...

I CAN'T BELIEVE TEN TAILS' JINCHURIKI HAS SUCH A WEAKNESS.
SKOP

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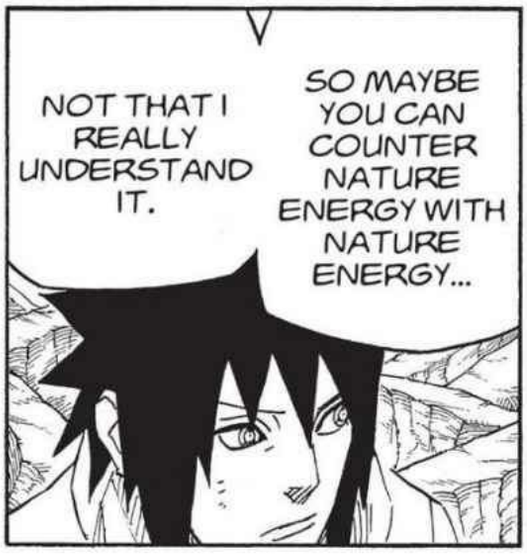
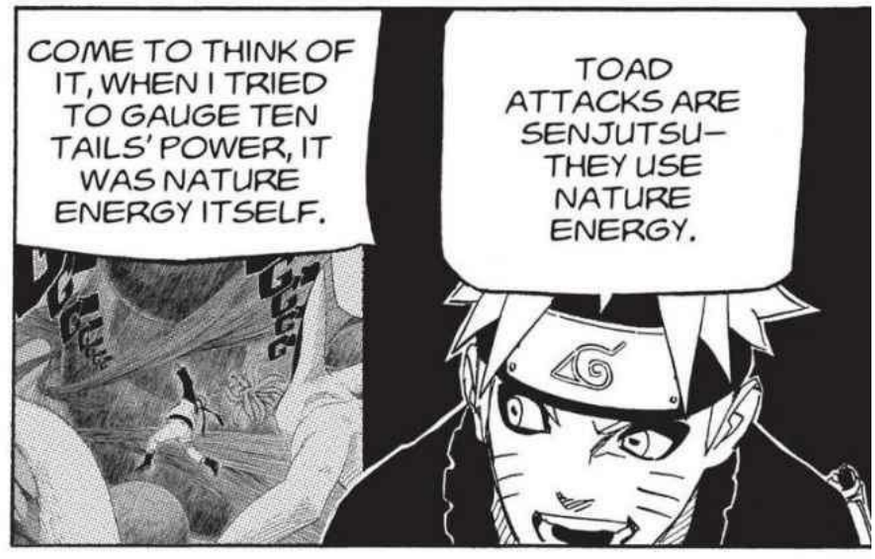
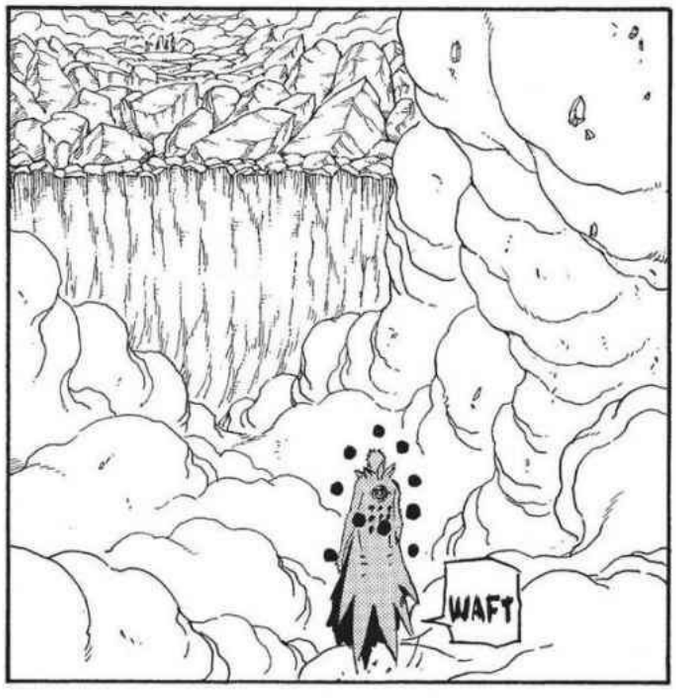
IT'S JUST LIKE I THOUGHT!

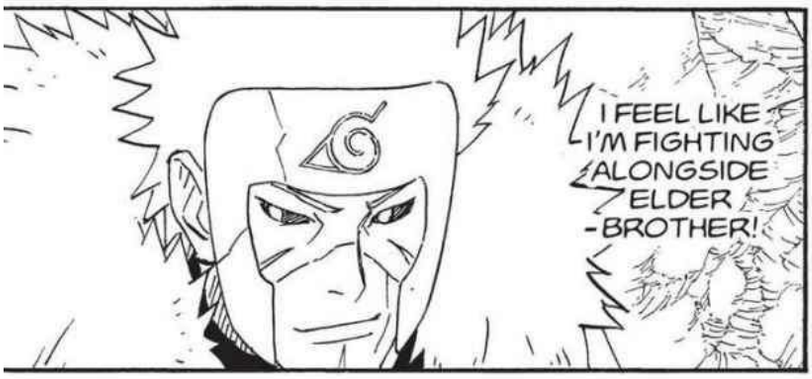
SAGE POWER?
SAGE MOVES WILL WORK!!


NOT THAT I REALLY UNDERSTAND IT.
SO MAYBE YOU CAN COUNTER NATURE ENERGY WITH NATURE ENERGY...


COME TO THINK OF IT, WHEN I TRIED TO GAUGE TEN TAILS' POWER, IT WAS NATURE ENERGY ITSELF.
TOAD ATTACKS ARE SENJUTSU— THEY USE NATURE ENERGY.


WAFT

ALL RIGHT! NEXT UP, HE'S GETTING A FROG PUNCH TO THE FACE!
I'M JUST GLAD I LEARNED SENJUTSU!!
WHAP


I FEEL LIKE I'M FIGHTING ALONGSIDE ELDER BROTHER!

...

...AND HAS EVEN MASTERED SAGE POWER.
HE INSTANTLY GRASPED HOW TO USE THE FLYING RAIJIN WITH ME...
FSH

IT CLEARLY WORKED, BUT HE'S RECOVERED ALREADY, AND NOW HE'S GUARDING HIS BACK.
IF WE TELEPORT BEHIND HIM CARELESSLY, WE MIGHT GET ERASED.

BOOF

...

THOTHO

I OUGHT TO START PREPARING FOR THE TSUKUYOMI. LET'S TIDY UP...
FSH

!

!

!
...!

...WORTH SAVING IN THIS REALITY.
THERE IS *NOTHING*...

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WAFT...
THIS WORLD IS ALREADY DEAD.

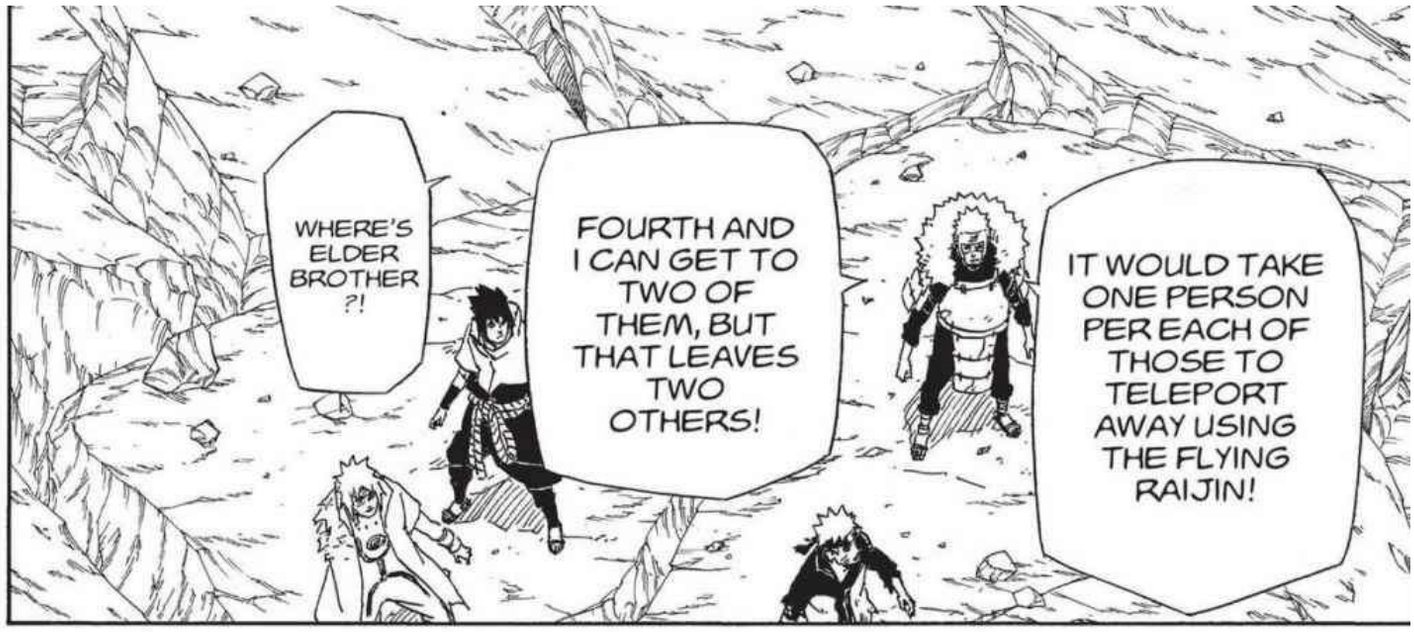
...!

GWEEEEN
!!
!!

WHAT TO DO?! THINK, MAN!

THERE'S TOO MANY OF 'EM!
EVEN IF WE ALL WERE TO CREATE AN EARTH WALL, IT WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH!

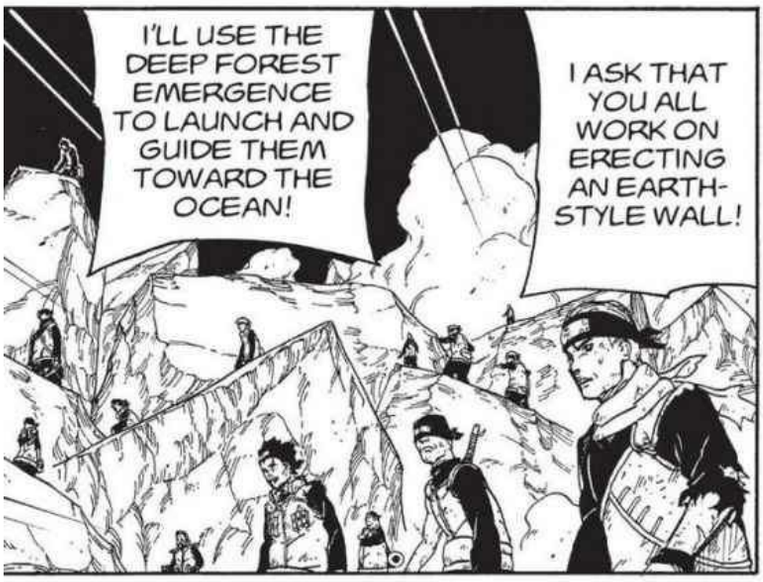
HEY, THIS IS SUPER BAD!
...
FOUR OF THEM? ALL AT ONCE?!



KEEP FIGHTING!!

G-G-

THOOM


I'LL USE THE DEEP FOREST EMERGENCE TO LAUNCH AND GUIDE THEM TOWARD THE OCEAN!
I ASK THAT YOU ALL WORK ON ERECTING AN EARTH-STYLE WALL!

WE ONLY NEED TO CHANGE THE SPHERES' TRAJECTORIES !!
DO NOT GIVE UP, ALL! I AM WITH YOU!!
THE OTHER HOKAGE WILL ALSO TAKE MEASURES AND REPEL THEM ACROSS THE OCEAN!!

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AM

BOOF
I WON'T LET YOU!
FSH
ZWP

BLA BM
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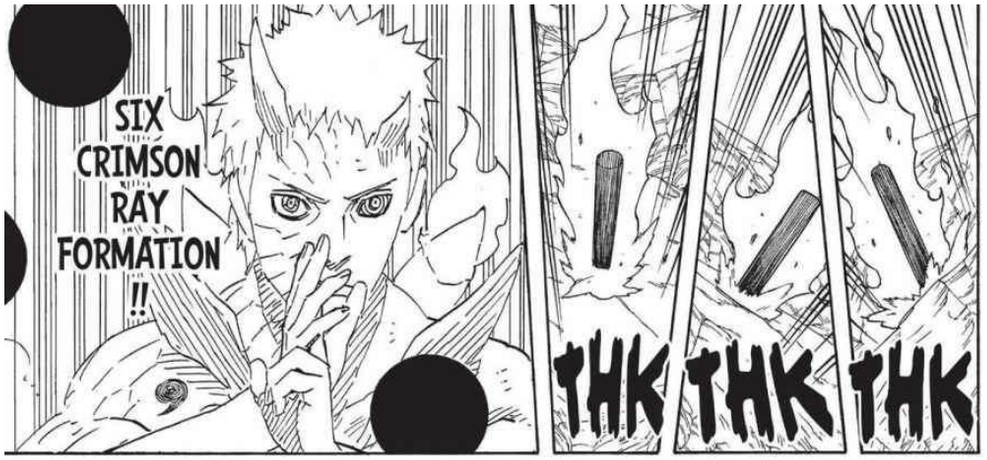
SIX CRIMSON RAY FORMATION !!
THK THK THK

THK THK THK
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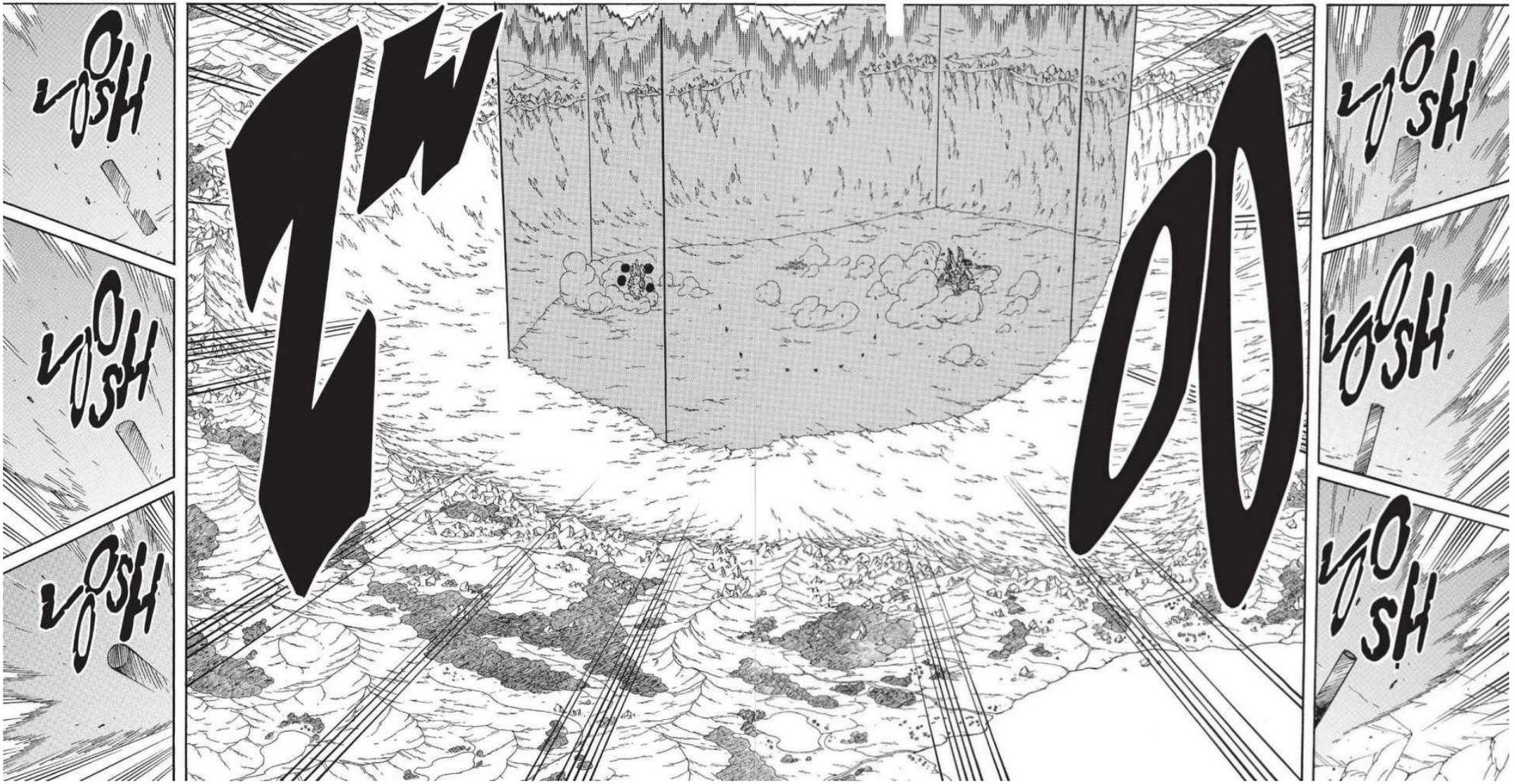
WOSH
WOSH
WOSH
WOSH
WOSH
WOSH

HE'S TRAPPED EVERYONE INSIDE THE BARRIER, PLUS MADE IT SO WE CAN'T EXPEL THE BIJU BOMBS!

DON'T TELL ME WE'RE...
H-HEY...
A BARRIER !!

FOURTH, CAN YOU HANDLE TWO OF THEM?!
OUR ONLY CHANCE NOW IS TO TELEPORT THOSE SPHERES ***OUTSIDE*** THE BARRIER USING THE FLYING RAIJIN.

ZZMMMMMPPPP
ENDGAME.

YOU INTEND TO TELEPORT THE STALK ITSELF OUTSIDE?
YOU THINK I'D LET YOU DO THAT?
YOU CANNOT SAVE ANYONE!

BUT THERE IS ONE WAY...
WE COULD...

SINCE WE CAN'T MARK THEM, I CAN ONLY TAKE ON ONE.
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SHUP
PA, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'LL WORK OR NOT, BUT I'VE GOT AN IDEA.

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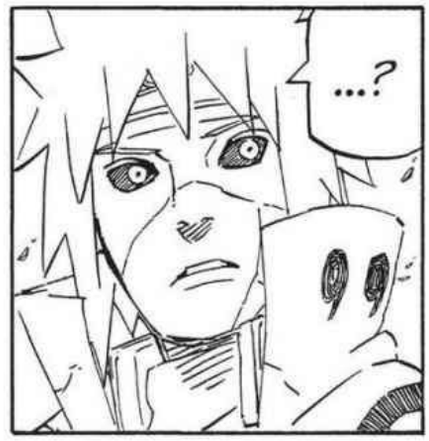
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BUMP FISTS WITH ME?
FSH

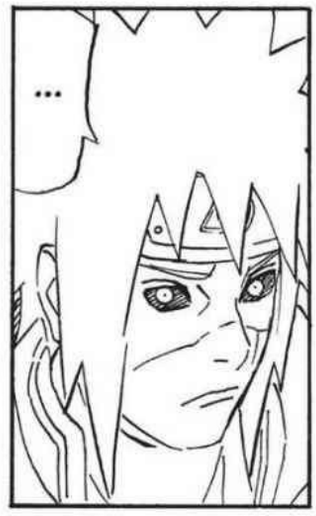
BUMP

YO, MY OTHER HALF, HOW YA BEEN?
WOULDJA MIND SHARING SOME OF YOUR CHAKRA WITH ME?
?!

NARUTO, MINATO'S USELESS. HE CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
HE COULDN'T EVEN PROTECT YOUR MOTHER!

TO BE ASKED A FAVOR FROM MYSELF IS A BIT WEIRD...

YOU KNOW WHAT TOMORROW IS, DON'T YOU?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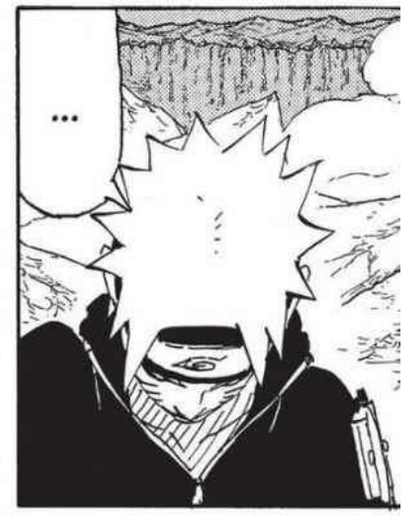
NOR HIS OWN SUBORDINATES.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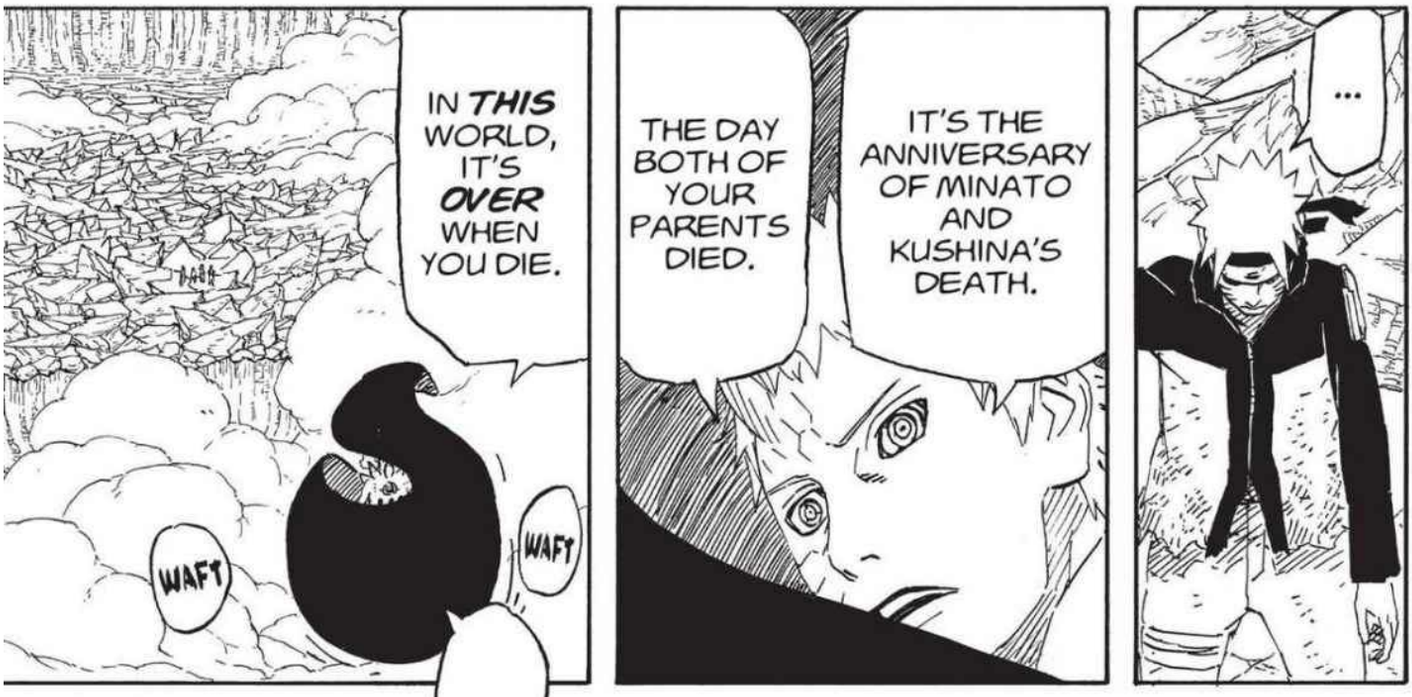
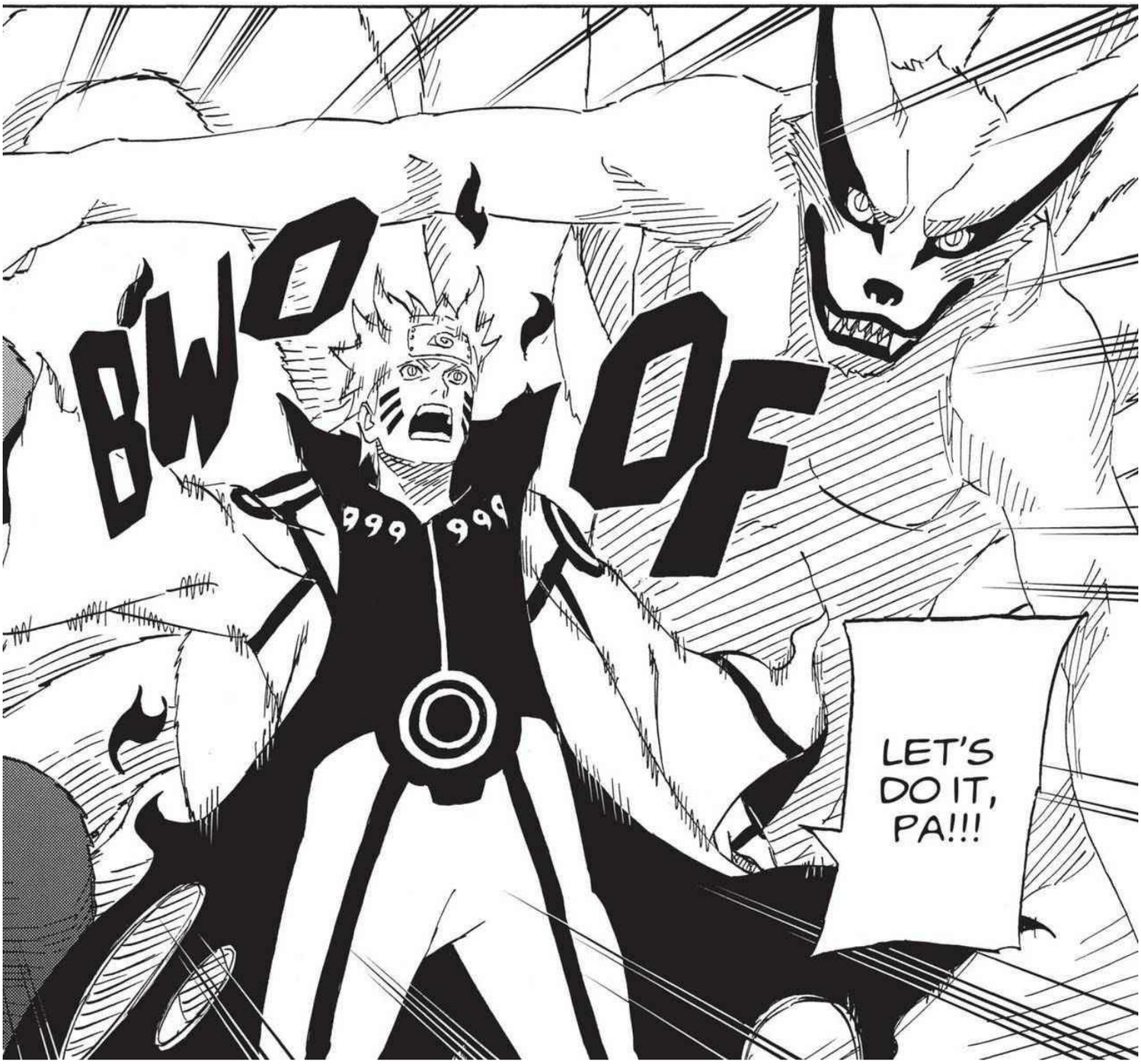

IN THIS WORLD, IT'S OVER WHEN YOU DIE.
WAFT
WAFT
THE DAY BOTH OF YOUR PARENTS DIED.
IT'S THE ANNIVERSARY OF MINATO AND KUSHINA'S DEATH.
...

YOU SEE...
OH, RIGHT, WHICH MEANS...
...IT'S ALSO THE DAY I WAS BORN!

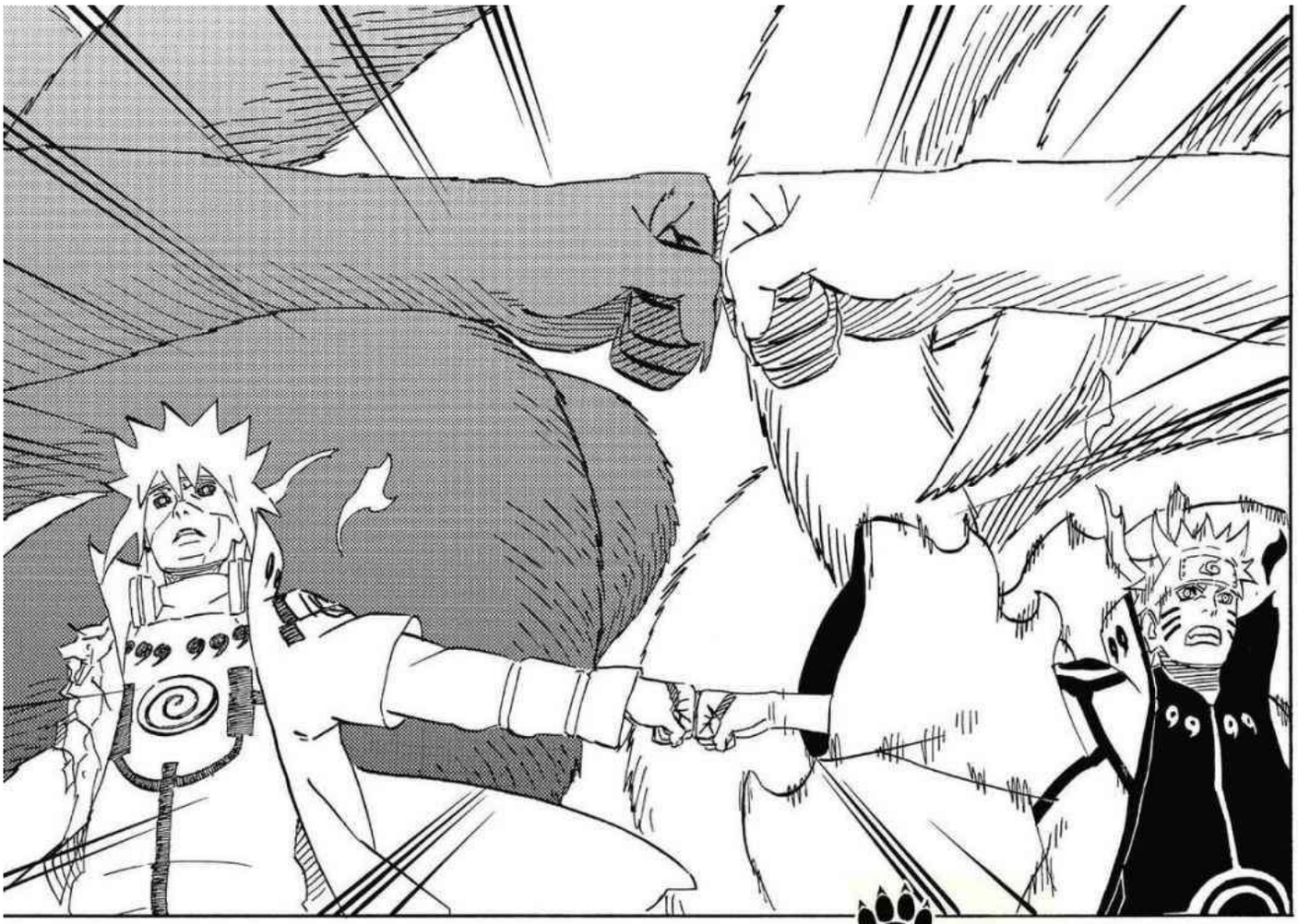
...
ZWW...
SO YOU SEE, IT'S NOT OVER...
...
!

...CUZ I EXIST IN THIS WORLD!!!

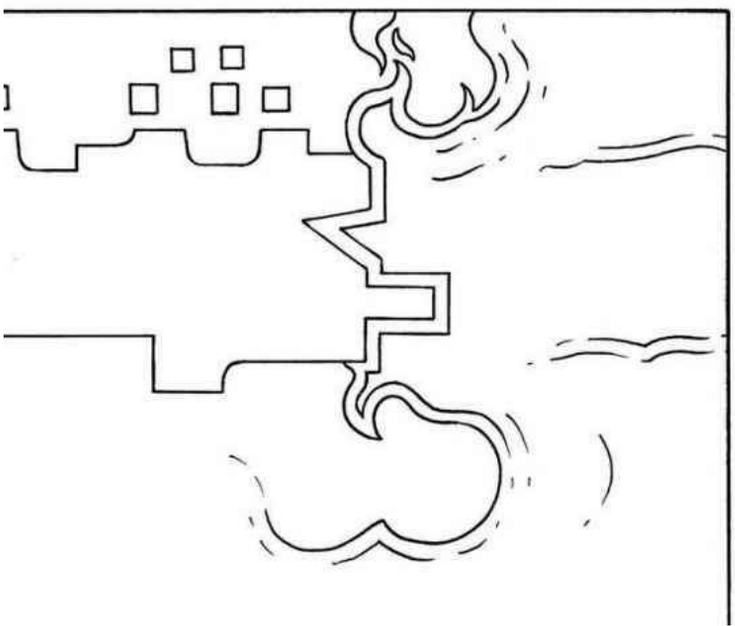

BWOOF
LET'S DO IT, PA!!!

...KUSHINA!
OUR NARUTO SURE HAS GROWN REAL STRONG...
...
YEAH !!

BUMP

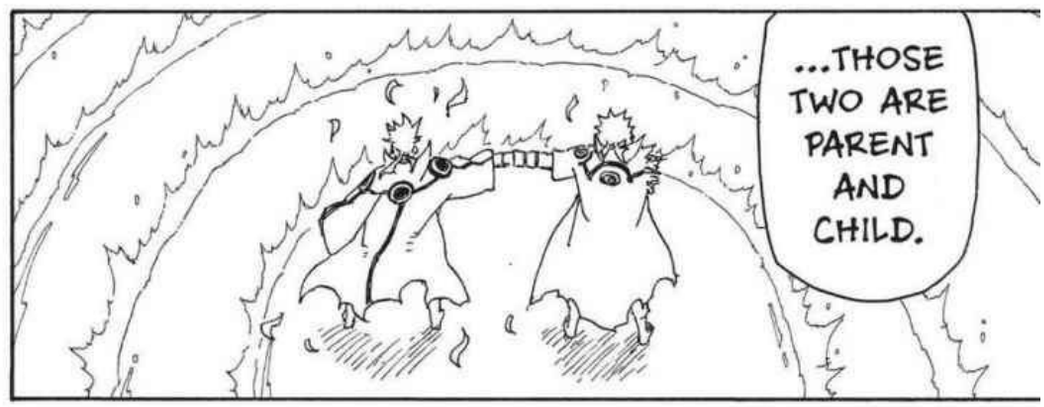


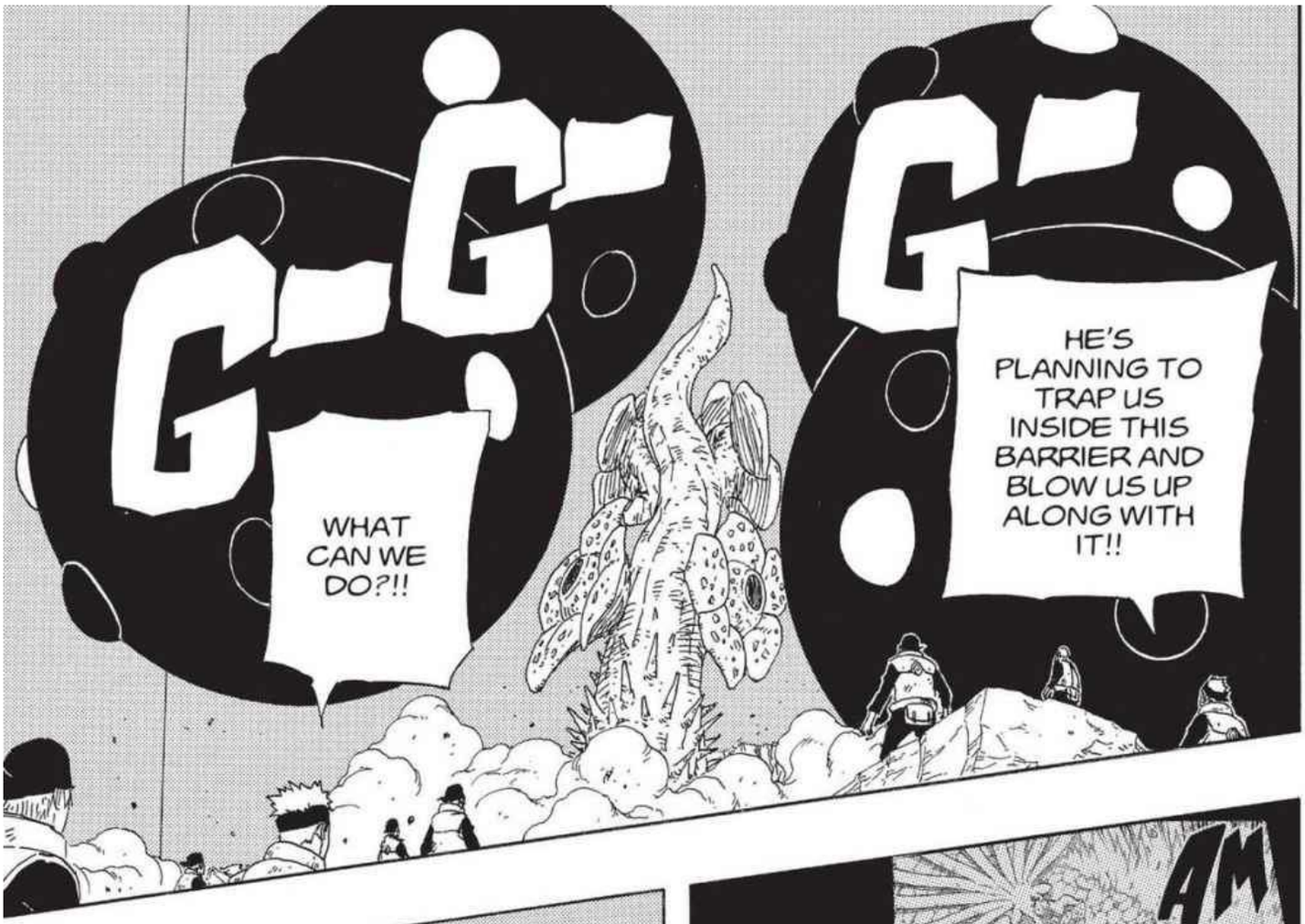
Number 644: I Know



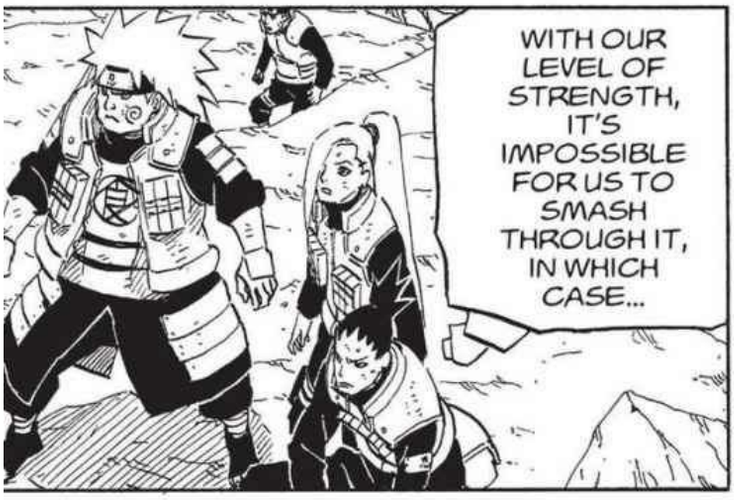
...

PLUS...
YEAH... WE TWO USED TO BE ONE AFTER ALL.
THANK GOODNESS FOR THE CHAKRA OF YOU TWO! IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT.


...THOSE TWO ARE PARENT AND CHILD.


G-G!
WHAT CAN WE DO?!!
G!
HE'S PLANNING TO TRAP US INSIDE THIS BARRIER AND BLOW US UP ALONG WITH IT!!

I THINK IT'S ACCURATE TO SAY THAT THIS ONE'S LIKELY TO BE ON PAR WITH THE HOKAGE'S!
AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, THE BARRIER LOOKS RED.

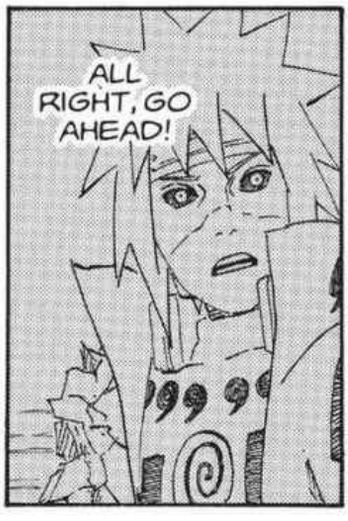

WITH OUR LEVEL OF STRENGTH, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO SMASH THROUGH IT, IN WHICH CASE...

GAH!! NOTHING'S COMING TO MIND, PA!!

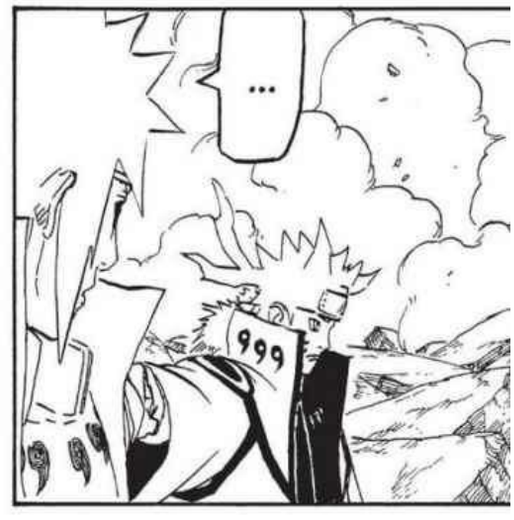
...

THE HOKAGE'S BARRIER DIDN'T LET BIJU BOMBS THROUGH EITHER.
BLAM
BWF
BOOM
GLP GLP GLP GLP

...GIVE ME SOME TIME TO FOCUS...
JUST...
WHAT'S YOUR PLAN, NARUTO?


ALL RIGHT, GO AHEAD!

LET ME EXPLAIN WHAT KURAMA AND I CAME UP WITH.
YOU TELL ME IF IT'LL WORK OR NOT, OKAY?!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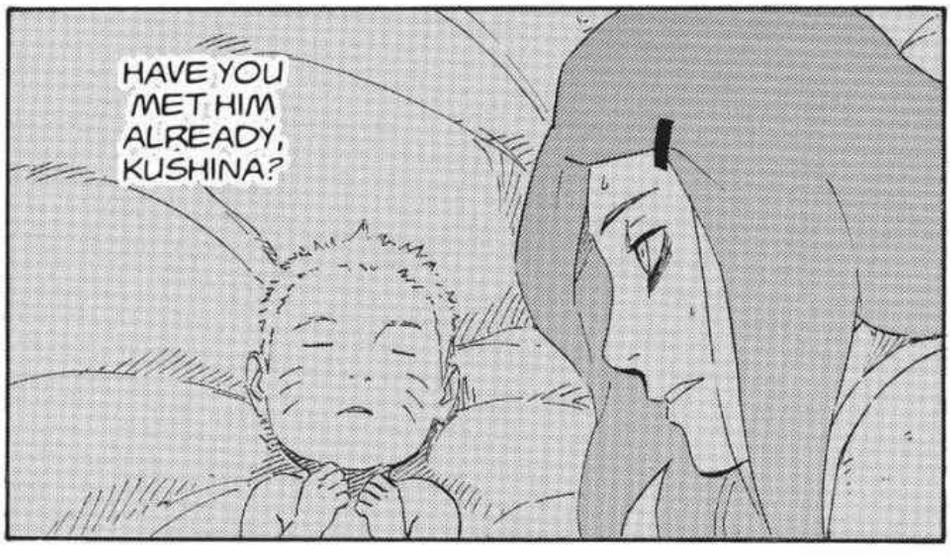
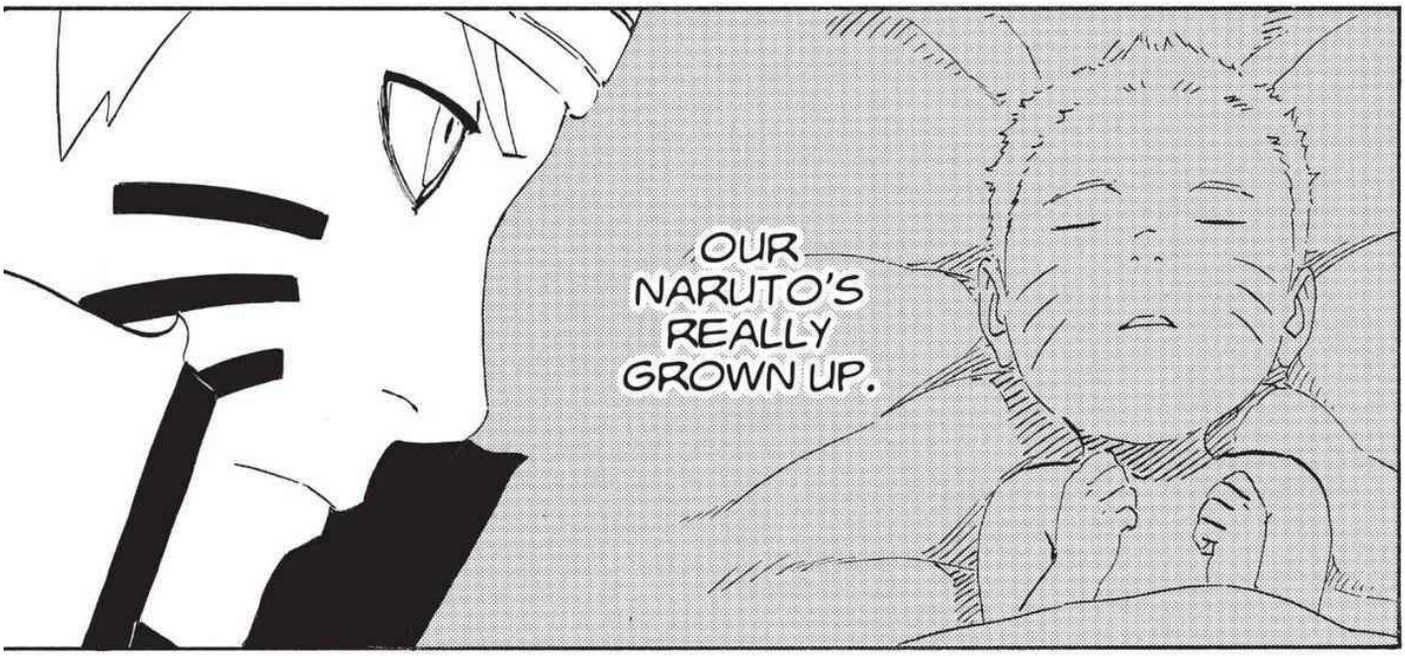

HAVE YOU MET HIM ALREADY, KUSHINA?

...


OUR NARUTO'S REALLY GROWN UP.

NARUTO...
I'M SO SORRY...

...

THE REAL TOUGH PART IS ABOUT TO START NOW, PA!

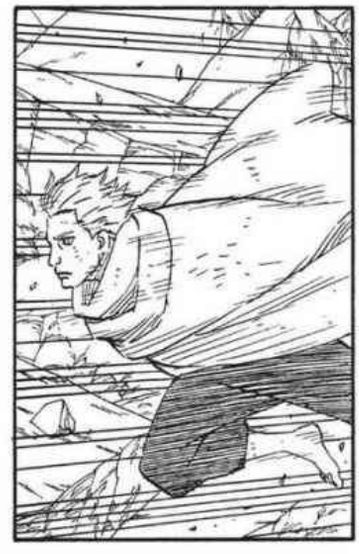
I'M SURE IT'S BEEN A LONG, HARD ROAD FOR YOU UP UNTIL NOW!

!!
?!!
PLIP
PLIP
BLIP

I NOTICED IT WHEN I HEALED EVERYONE.
IT SEEMS IT HAD MERELY SHRUNK DOWN.
IT HADN'T GONE OUT?!

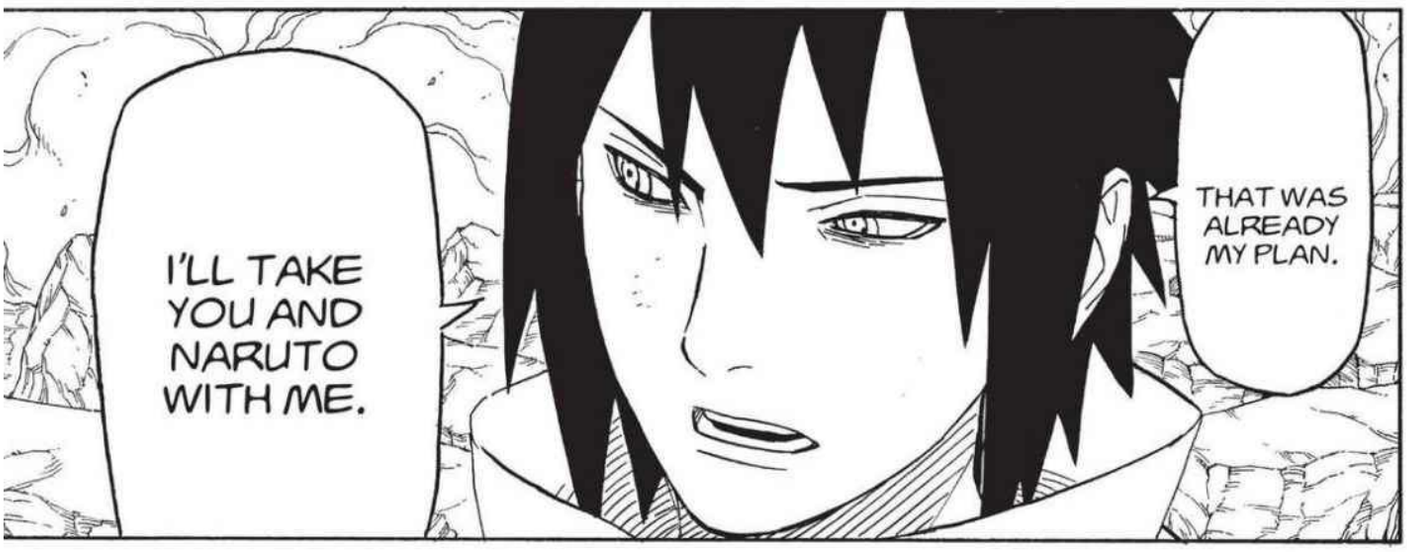
ZWOO
!!
TH-THIS IS NARUTO'S!
PLIP
PLIP

THIS ISN'T JUST NINE TAILS...
HAVE YA NOTICED, EIGHT-O? ♪
I SENSE TWO NINE TAILS, ONE LIGHT AND ONE DARK, YO!



IT'S ACTUALLY BIGGER AND STRONGER THAN BEFORE!!
ZWWW...

SASUKE, THIS IS LOOKING BAD. LET'S ESCAPE TO OUTSIDE THIS BARRIER!
JUGO.
USE THE SNAKE REVERSE-SUMMONING.
!!
YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT PROTECTING US FROM THAT ATTACK WITH THIS CHAKRA, NARUTO?!


I'LL TAKE YOU AND NARUTO WITH ME.
THAT WAS ALREADY MY PLAN.

THERE'S NO TIME! JUST DO IT!!
HMPH... WHAT'S YOUR CHAKRA GONNA ACCOMPLISH?
GET OVER HERE, WILL YA?!
I HAVEN'T GIVEN YOU TWO ANY OF MY CHAKRA YET!

BL
AW
VOO
SH
!
!
G
G
!!!

HE'S GOT ALMOST AS MUCH CHAKRA AS I!
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE SHARED HIS CHAKRA WITH EVERY OTHER SHINOBI!

NO! ACTUALLY, THIS HAS NINE TAILS' CHAKRA MIXED IN...
!

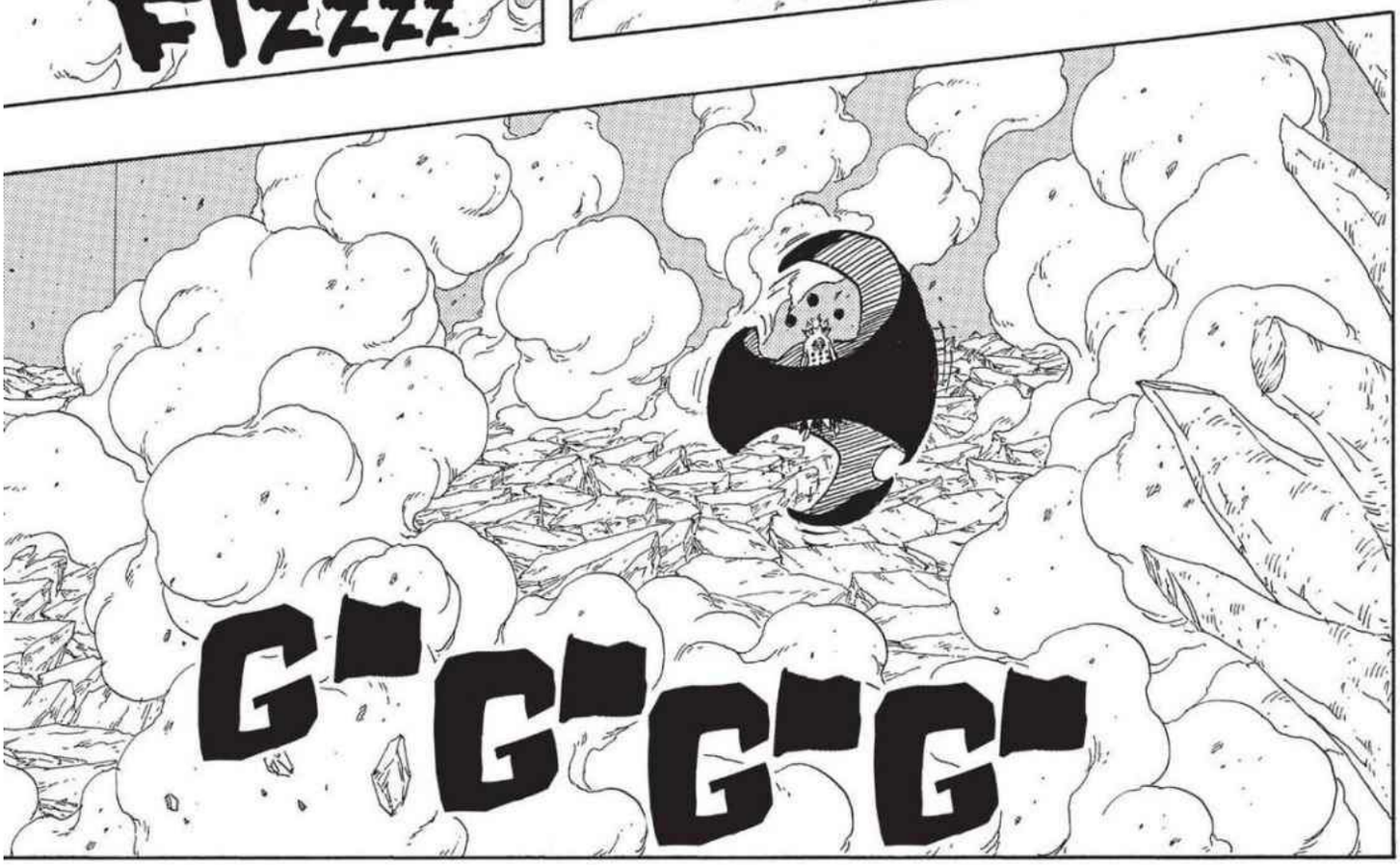
THAT WON'T HELP YOU WITHSTAND THE SHOCK WAVE OF FOUR TEN TAIL'S BIJU BOMBS EXPLODING TOGETHER.

FSH
BEGONE!

BWWF
ROARR
BOOM
SHOOO

PEEL
FIZZZZ

FIZZZZ
ZZZZ



WHAT THE...?

NOT QUITE... CHECK IT OUT.
THIS CHAKRA PROTECTED US AGAIN!!
CHOJI, LOOK OVER THERE! WE'RE...

WHAT HAPPENED?
?!

NOW YOU'VE SAVED ALL OF SHINOBI-KIND FOR A SECOND TIME.
FOURTH ...

...

...I MUST CONTINUE MAKING AMENDS.
HUF
HUF
I'VE STILL FAILED MORE TIMES THAN THAT, SO...

HE MOVED EVERYONE USING THE FOURTH HOKAGE'S FLYING RAIJIN JUTSU!

THIS ISN'T JUST NARUTO'S CHAKRA...
NARUTO'S MANAGED TO MASTER THAT TOO?!
IT WAS AN ART OF TELEPORTATION.

...OUTSIDE THE BARRIER!

EVERYONE, WITH THAT JUTSU?
PA JUST TELEPORTED EVERYONE OUTSIDE THE BARRIER.

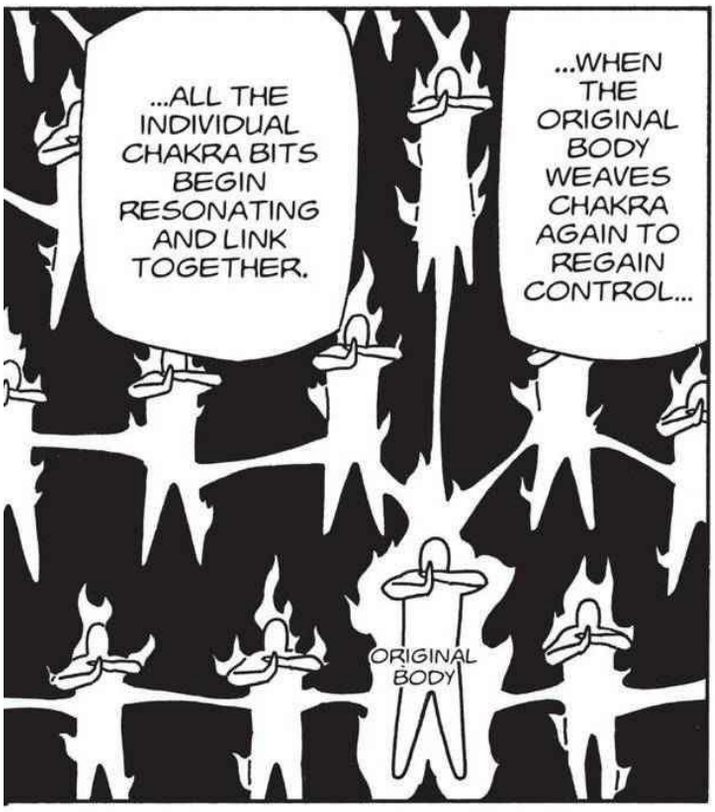
WHAT DID YOU DO?
!

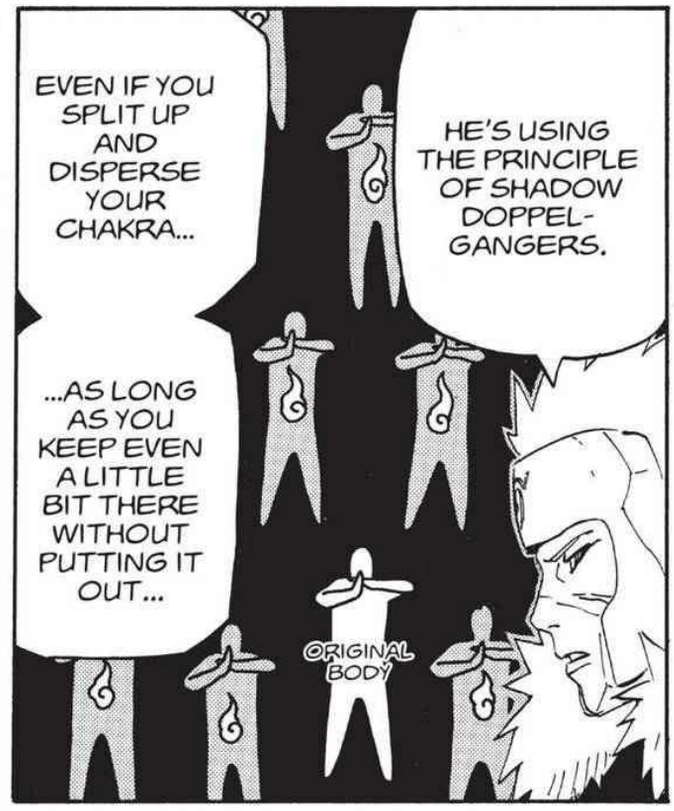
...I'D SHARED KURAMA'S CHAKRA WITH EVERYONE EARLIER!
CUZ...

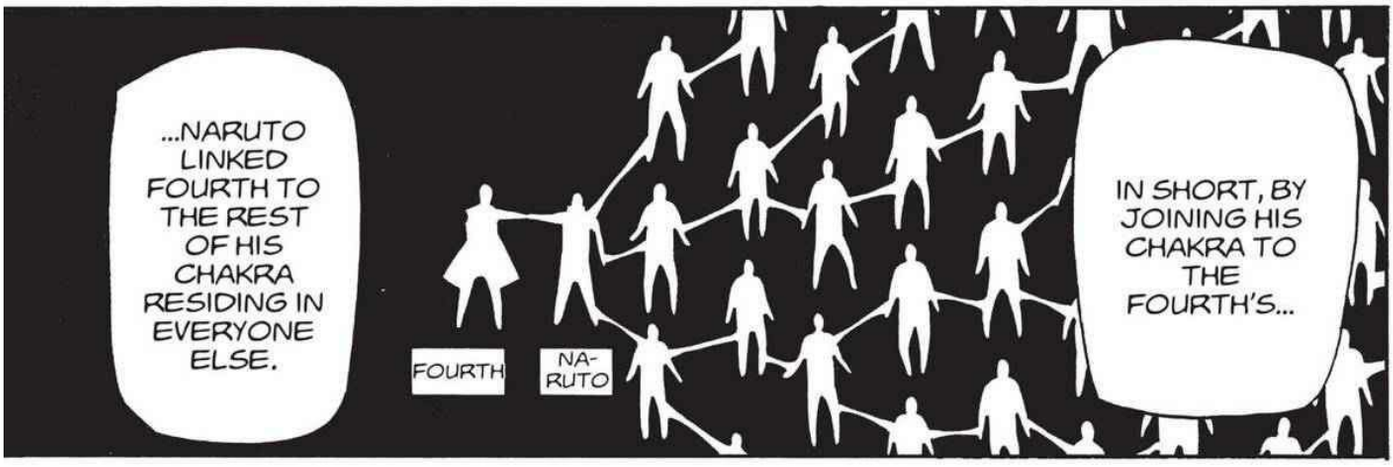
I CAN'T TELEPORT ANYTHING THAT I MYSELF, OR MY CHAKRA, ISN'T TOUCHING, EVEN INDIRECTLY.
BUT HOW?

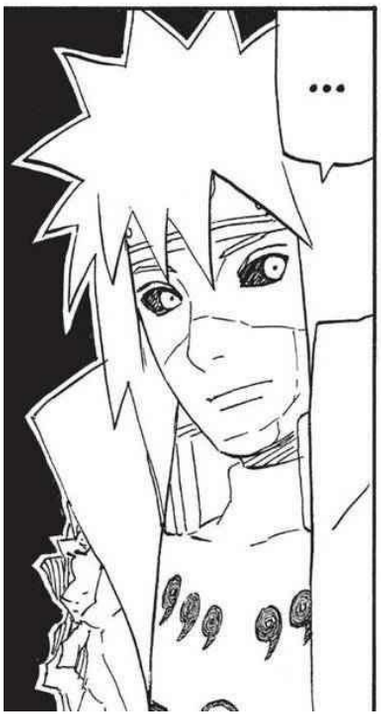
SO I CONNECTED PA'S CHAKRA WITH MINE AND KURAMA'S! THAT'S ALL!

RIGHT! IF WE ARE ALL IN INDIRECT CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER, IT'D WORK!
...IN-DIRECT-LY...
SO IF PA AND OUR CHAKRA AND EVERYBODY WERE TO UH, ER...


...ALL THE INDIVIDUAL CHAKRA BITS BEGIN RESONATING AND LINK TOGETHER.
...WHEN THE ORIGINAL BODY WEAVES CHAKRA AGAIN TO REGAIN CONTROL...
ORIGINAL BODY


EVEN IF YOU SPLIT UP AND DISPERSE YOUR CHAKRA...
HE'S USING THE PRINCIPLE OF SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS.
...AS LONG AS YOU KEEP EVEN A LITTLE BIT THERE WITHOUT PUTTING IT OUT...
ORIGINAL BODY


...NARUTO LINKED FOURTH TO THE REST OF HIS CHAKRA RESIDING IN EVERYONE ELSE.
FOURTH
NA-RUTO
IN SHORT, BY JOINING HIS CHAKRA TO THE FOURTH'S...


...

I CAME UP WITH THAT JUTSU!
IT'S MY JUTSU!
OLD MAN SECOND, YOU SURE KNOW A LOT ABOUT MY SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS TOO!

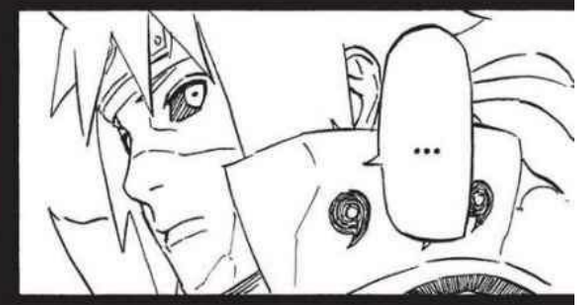
RIGHT, NARUTO?
HUH?! DID I?
NEVER MIND...

...ALL FOUR OF US, EH...
YOU TREAT US LIKE WE'RE HUMAN TOO... WHAT KIND OF CHILDREARING HAS LED TO THIS, EH? HEH HEH HEH.

ALL RIGHT! THEN LET'S ALL FOUR OF US JOIN FORCES!!
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN'T DO IF WE BORROW NINE TAILS'... I MEAN, KURAMA'S POWER.
YEAH, LET'S TRY IT.

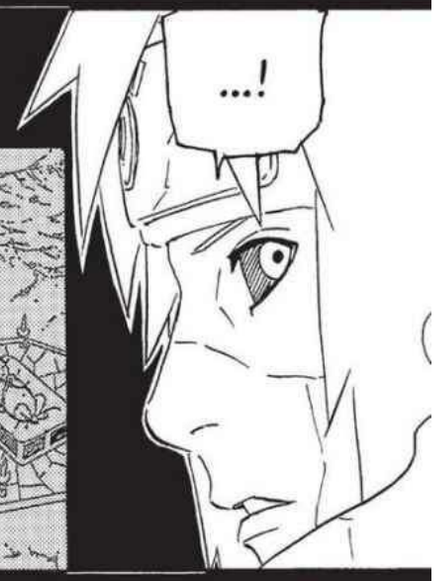
I'VE...
...MET MA'S CHAKRA...

I KNOW ALREADY!
GUYS DON'T NEED TO TALK!
I WISH THERE WAS MORE TIME TO TALK TO THE GROWN-UP YOU...

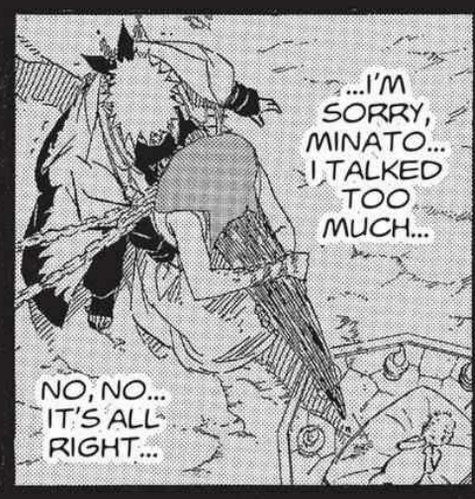

...

NARUTO...
HUH?!

THERE REALLY IS... SO MUCH MORE I WANT... TO TELL YOU...
SO MUCH! THERE'S SO... SO... MUCH...!
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU LONGER... I LOVE YOU.


...!

MY WORDS TO YOU AS YOUR FATHER...
NARUTO...


NO, NO... IT'S ALL RIGHT...
...I'M SORRY, MINATO... I TALKED TOO MUCH...

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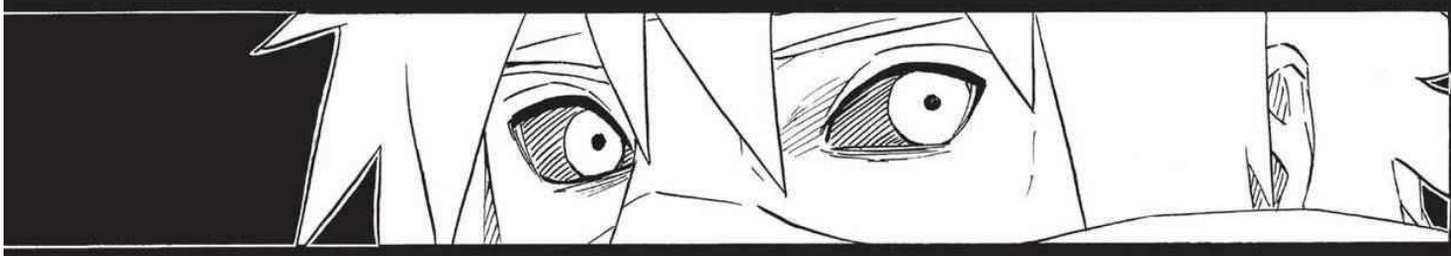
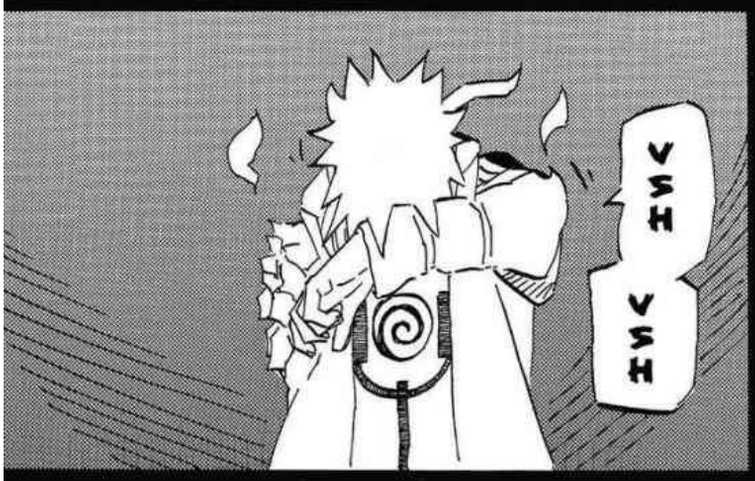
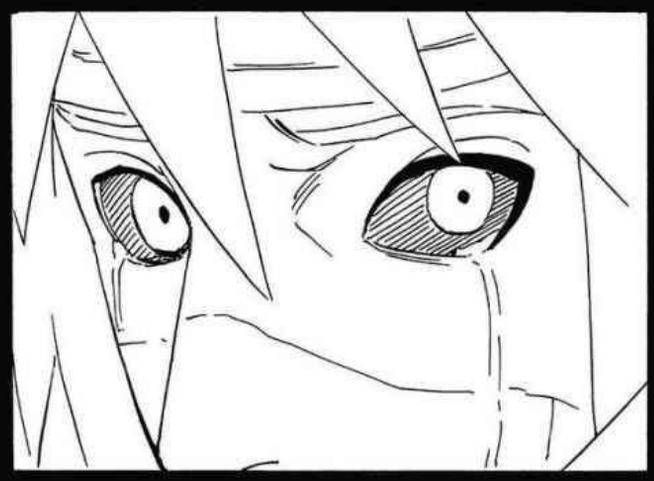


SEE, I KNOW ALREADY!

...IS DITTO GABBY, CHATTERBOX MA, RIGHT?!
WHAT YOU WANNA SAY...





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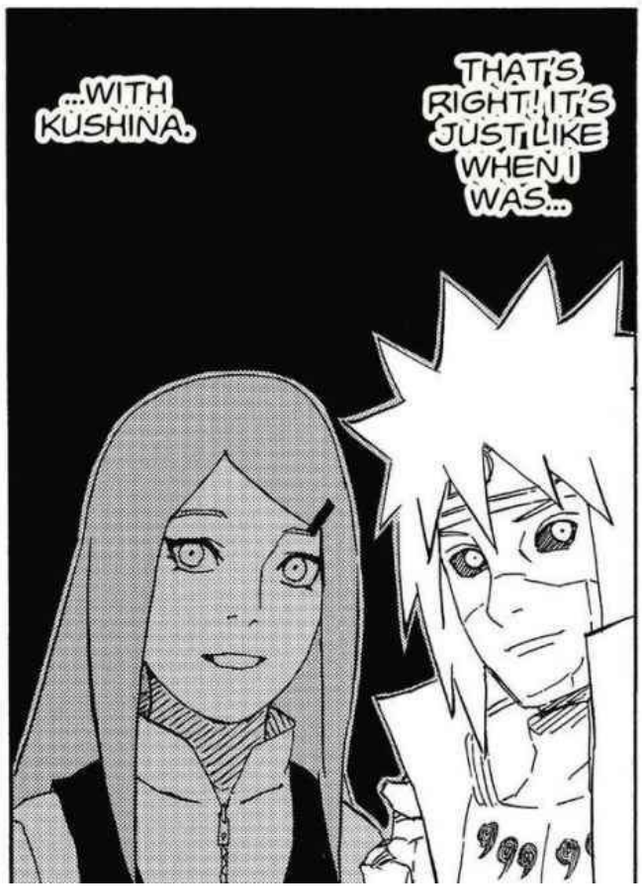
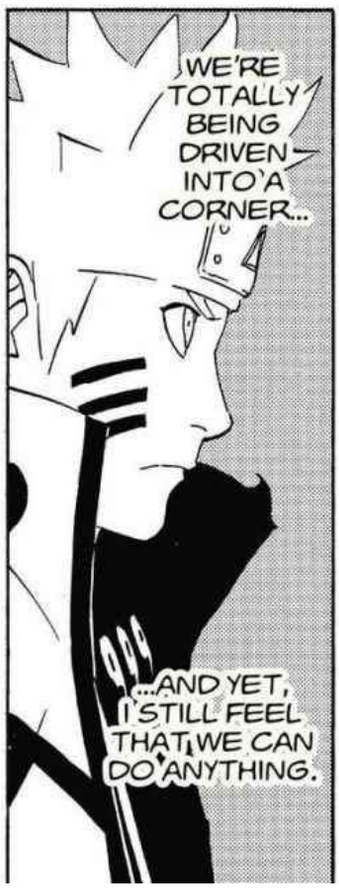




LET'S GO!!

I FEEL POWER WELLING UP INSIDE ME!

ZWI

TAK

!!

SH

...BUT DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN THAT **NOTHING OTHER THAN SENJUTSU** WORKS AGAINST HIM?

NARUTO, LETTING LOOSE A VIGOROUS SHOUT AND SHOWING OFF IS ALL WELL AND GOOD...

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT AN IDIOT...

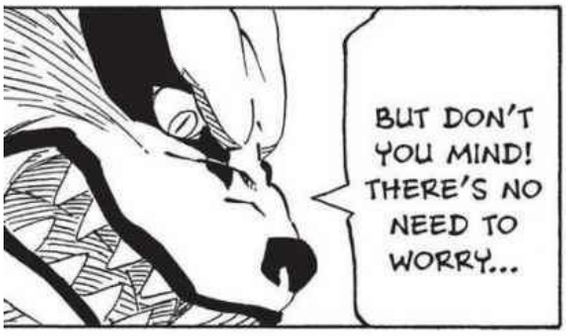
NARUTO'S GOT THIS MUCH CHAKRA...?

!

...

DMP

THAT'S RIGHT!!!
OKAY, YOU'RE AN EVEN BIGGER FOOL THAN MY ELDER BROTHER!
ALL THAT CHAKRA AND IT'S BEING WASTED ON HIM...
OR PERHAPS NOT QUITE THE SAME FEELING?


BUT DON'T YOU MIND! THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY...

HMPH
I-I NEVER REALLY CARED ABOUT BEING STUPID, Y'KNOW!!

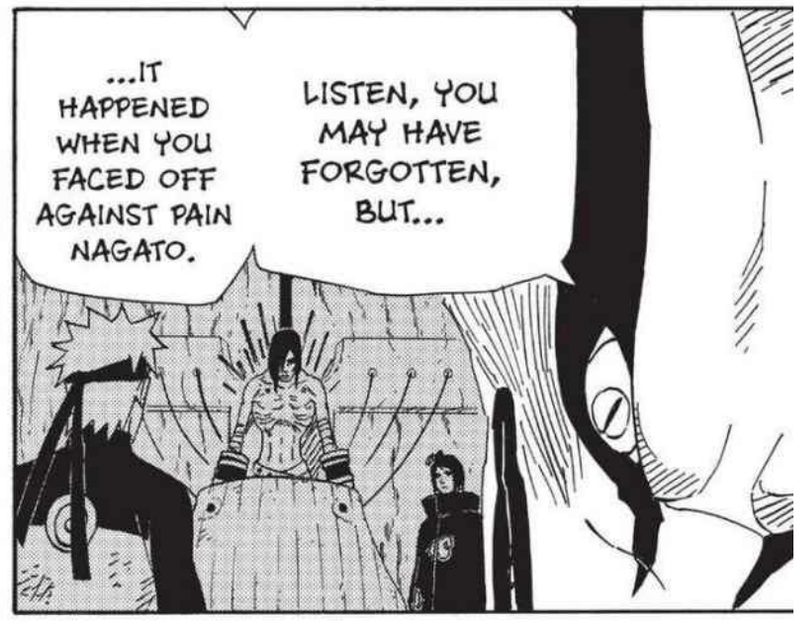
NO, NO, NOT THAT...

GUFFAW GUFFAW
GWA HA HA HA! YOU'VE ALREADY SURPASSED ALL PREVIOUS HOKAGE...
SHADDUP!! STUPID, STUPID KURAMA!
...IN STUPIDITY!
GWA HA HA HA! FOOLS ARE EASILY LIKED AND TRUSTED BY OTHERS!

HUH?!

...WHILE IN BIJU STATE!
I MEANT THAT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO UNDERGO SAGE TRANSFORMATION...

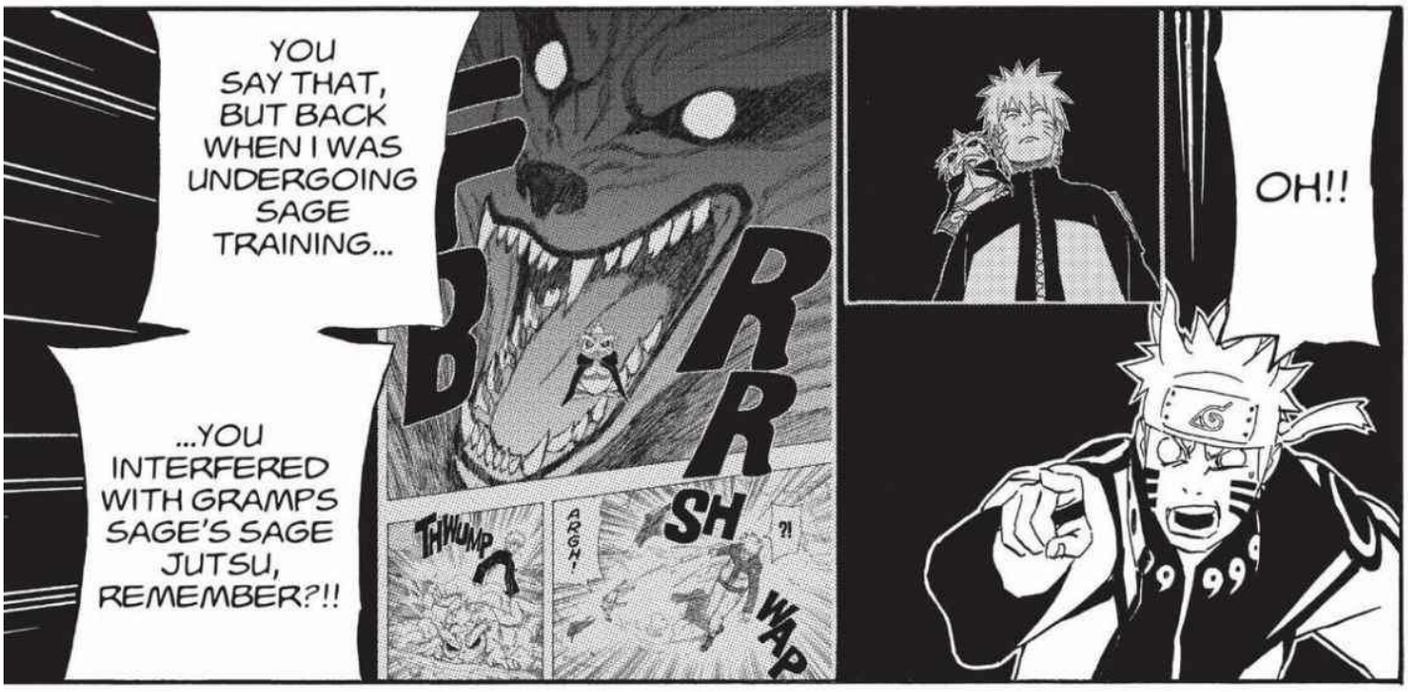
...MY CHAKRA LEAKED OUT, EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE IN SAGE MODE AT THE TIME.
I GOT SO IRKED BY WHAT HE WAS SAYING, THAT...


...IT HAPPENED WHEN YOU FACED OFF AGAINST PAIN NAGATO.
LISTEN, YOU MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN, BUT...

FOR REAL?
MMM...

...

MY POWER AND YOUR SAGE POWER ACTUALLY SYNCED TOGETHER.


YOU SAY THAT, BUT BACK WHEN I WAS UNDERGOING SAGE TRAINING...
...YOU INTERFERED WITH GRAMPS SAGE'S SAGE JUTSU, REMEMBER?!!
THWUMP
ARGH!
SH
?!
WAP
OH!!

THAT WOULD BE YOU!!
YOU STUBBORN BASTARD...
!
SNEER
WAGGLE

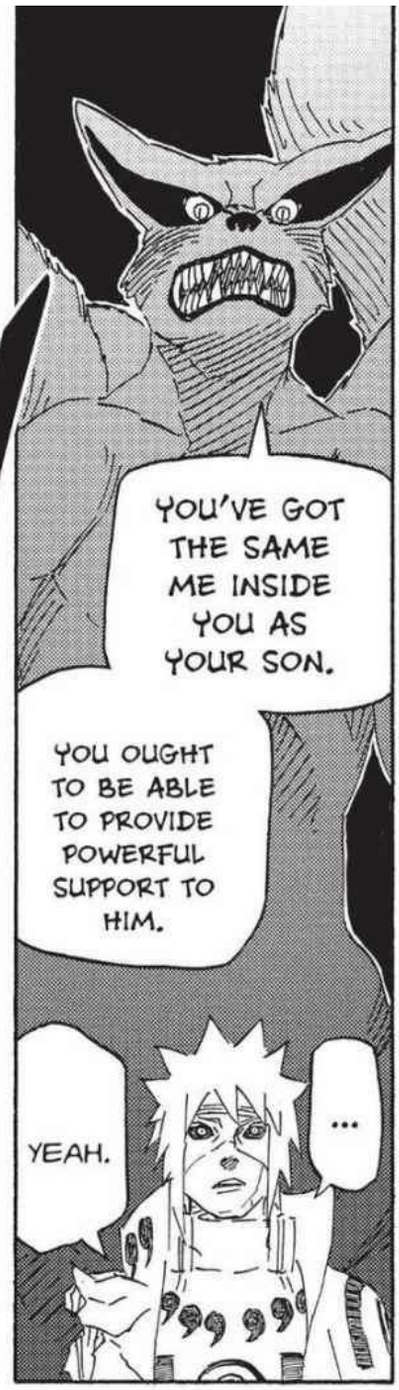
PLUS, IT STUCK IN MY CRAW THAT YOU WOULD RELY ON SENJUTSU WHEN YOU HAD MY CHAKRA!!
THAT'S BECAUSE I HAD NO INTEREST IN SHARING SPACE WITH TOADS!

YOU BASTARD! GIVE ME THE RESPECT I DESERVE!
LOOM

YOU JUST CAN'T BE UP FRONT ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS, CAN YOU...?
SNEEER

WHAT'S STUBBORN ABOUT THAT, EH?!!
SO WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY...
...IS THAT I'M WILLING TO LET YOU USE BOTH MY POWER AND SAGE POWER RIGHT NOW!!

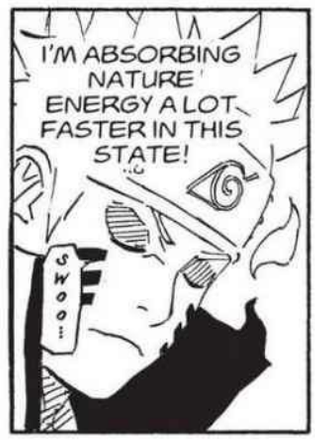
WOOSH
I KNOW THAT ALREADY!
TAK


YOU'VE GOT THE SAME ME INSIDE YOU AS YOUR SON.
YOU OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE POWERFUL SUPPORT TO HIM.
YEAH.
...

FEH!
HAH, YOUR FAULT FOR LIKING AND TRUSTING ME.
NOW THEN!
FSH

GLINT

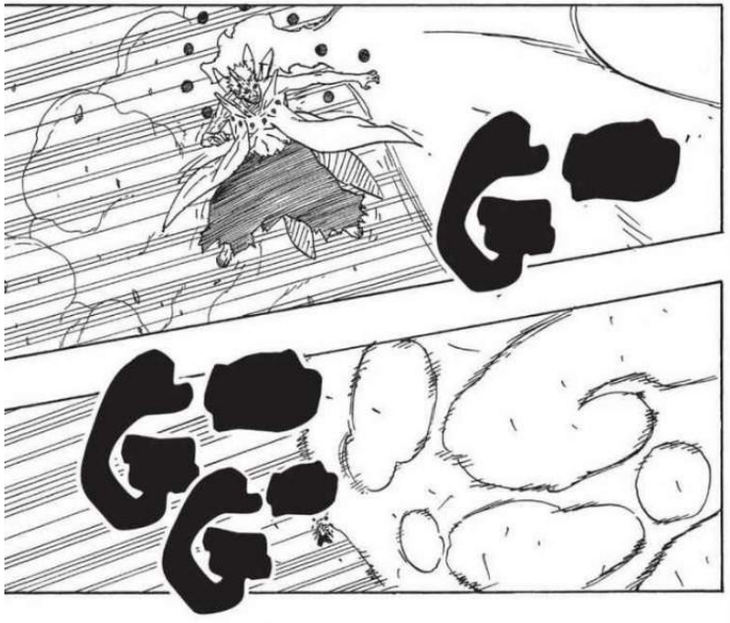
TMP



ALL RIGHT THEN!!

KWEEEEN
THO
...!
BOOF
JUST FORGE AHEAD... WE'LL WARD OFF HIS ATTACKS WITH OUR CHAKRA!!
LET'S DO IT!
TAP
TAP
OLD MAN SECOND!!
GOTCHA !!
ZSH
NARUTO, ADD SENJUTSU TO THE RASENGAN!!

RASENGAN!!!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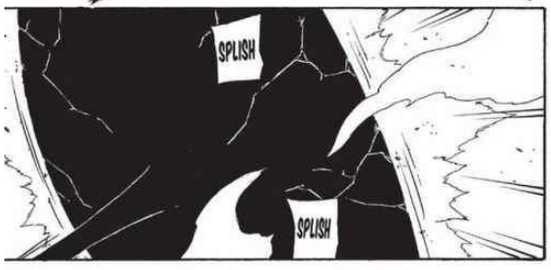
RAAAAAR!!!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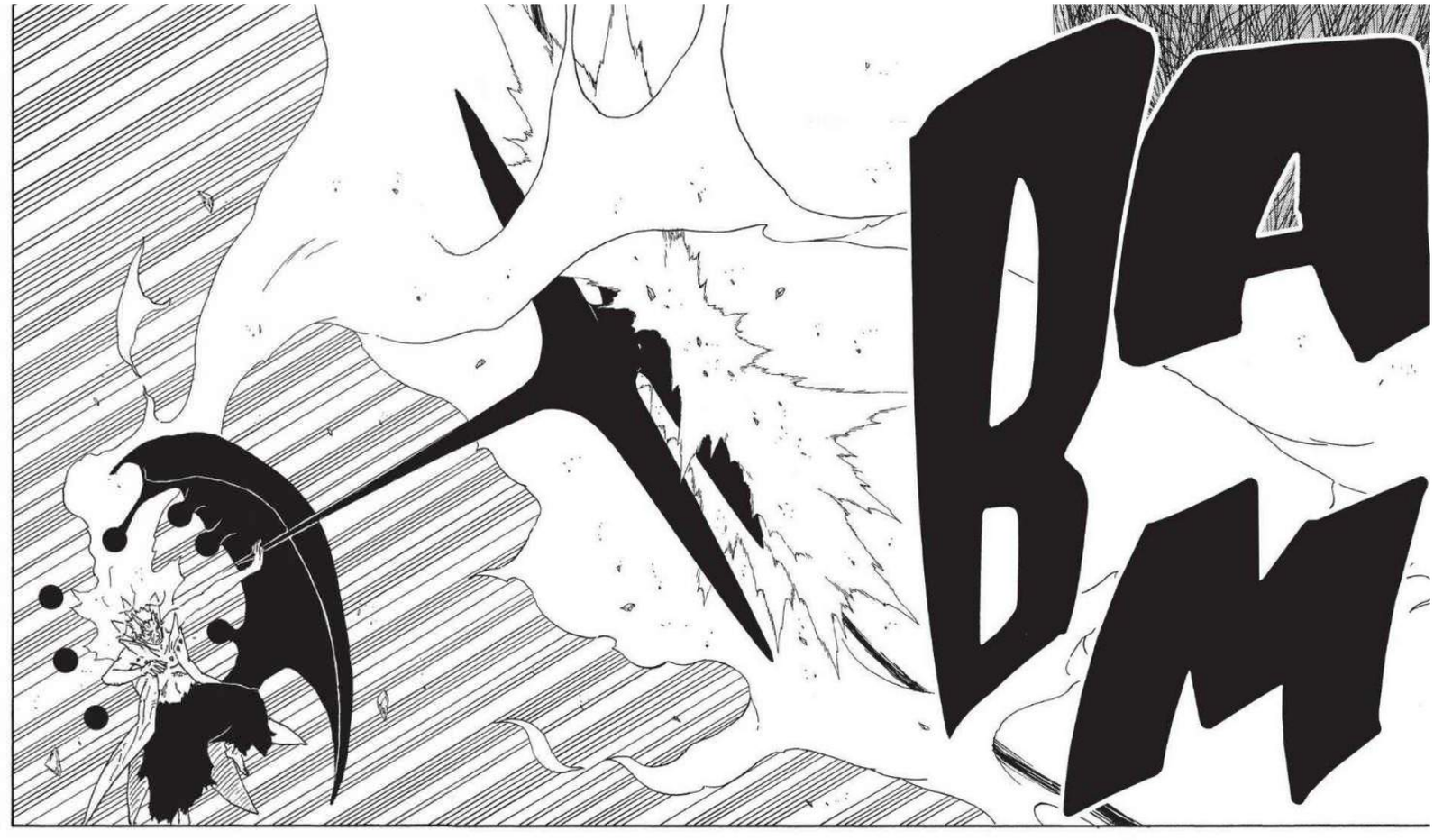
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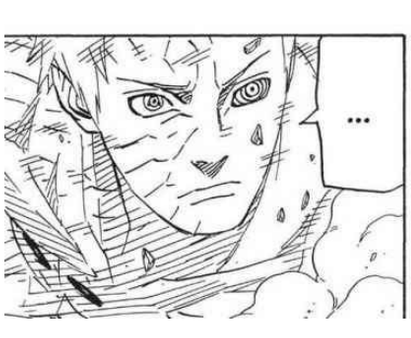
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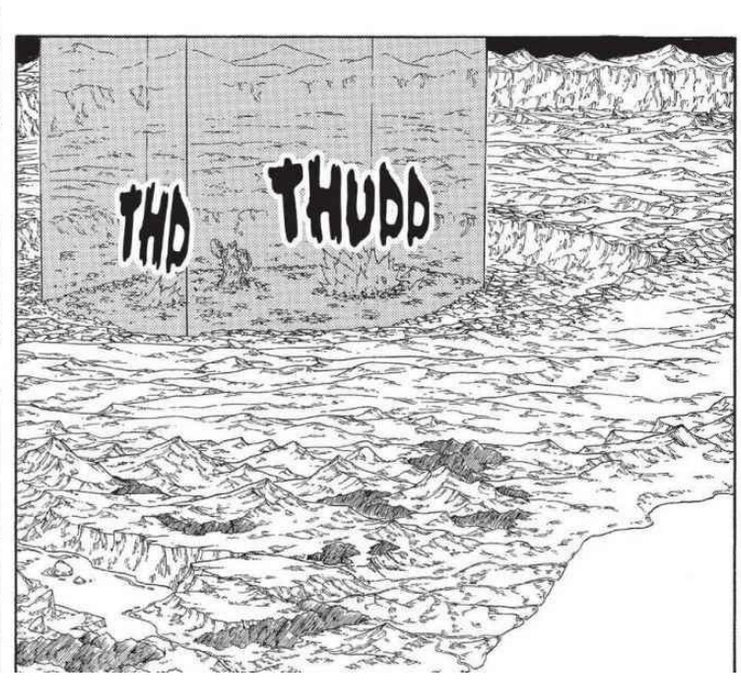

THD
THUDD

BO
OM

PLOP
USING ONLY THE FLYING RAIJIN ISN'T ENOUGH...
HE SAW IT COMING, UNSUR-PRISINGLY.
PLOP

KLATTER
KLATTER
HE USED IT DEFENSIVELY THIS TIME.
THAT BLACK THING SURE IS SOLID, DARN IT!!

WE JUST NEED TO WRECK THAT BLACK THING, THAT'S ALL!

ZWWW
...LET'S TRY ADDING SENJUTSU TO A BIJU BOMB!

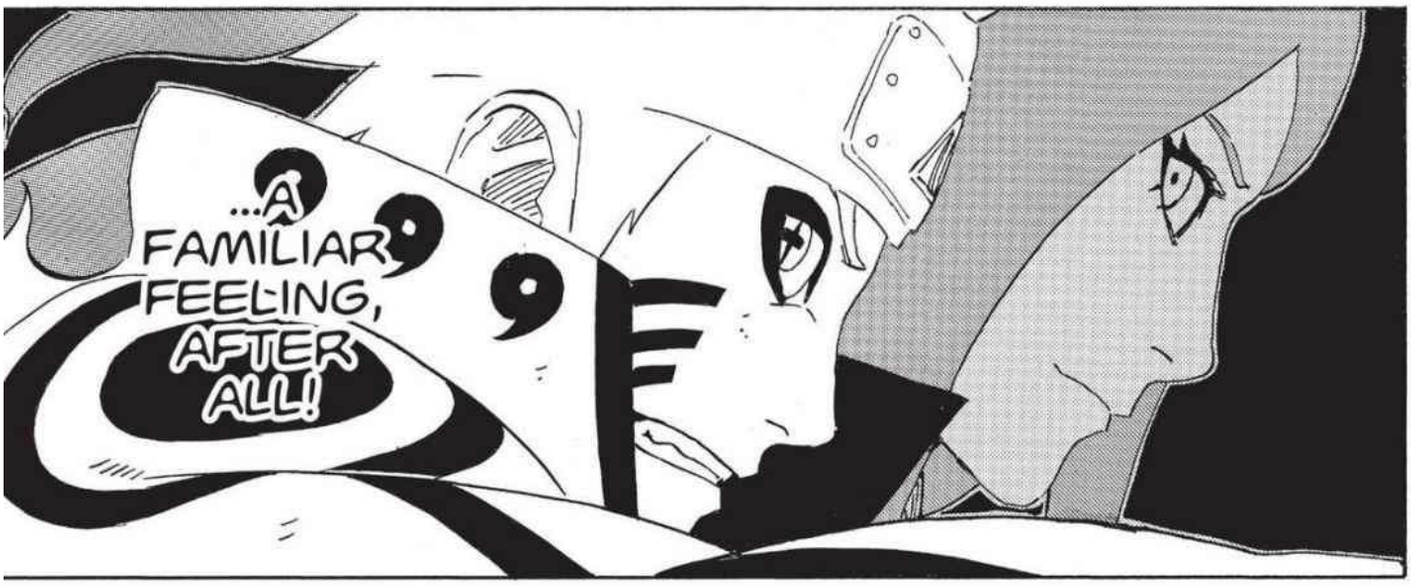
BUT HOW?

THIS TIME...
'KAY!

IT IS...
OF COURSE!

HEY, OTHER KURAMA, YOU HELP TOO!

NICE! GOOD THINKING!
YOU MIGHT JUST BECOME A GREATER HOKAGE THAN ELDER BROTHER!


...A FAMILIAR FEELING, AFTER ALL!

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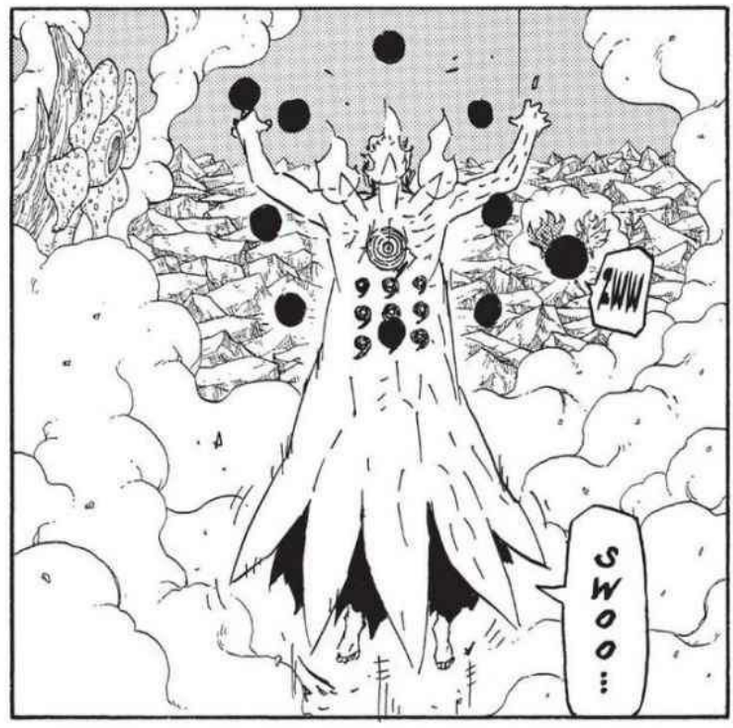

SWOO...
MMZ

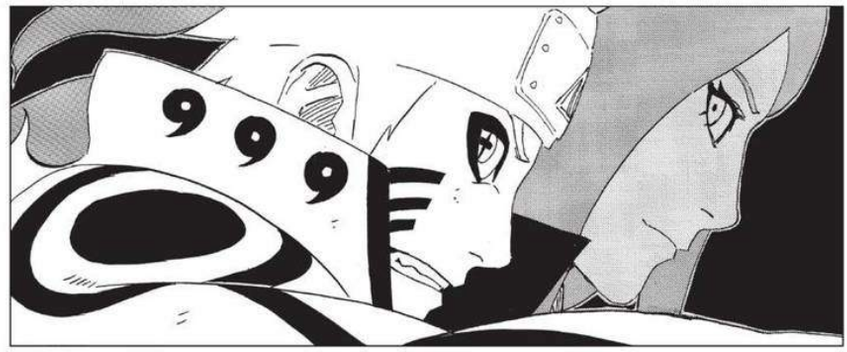
WITH PERFECT CONTROL OVER THIS MUCH CHAKRA?
THIS IS NARUTO NOW?

KL
NO HARM IN TAKING MEASURES EARLY.
AP

HOW FAR...
...WILL YOU...
CLENCH

LET'S START THIS!
LURCH
LURCH
!
?!
LURCH

THO
!
HE'S LAUNCHING THE INFINITE TSUKUYOMI ALREADY?!
BULGE BULGE
TH-
THO



...W
WWW
ZW
ZQUILCH...
KRK
KRK
KRK
FWMP
FWMP
FWMP
ZW
O O O
VWOOOSH
ZWW
I'LL SUSPEND THE BARRIER FOR NOW...

Number 646: Divine Tree

WHOA !!
AARGH !!

THD-THD-THD-

?!!
?!!
SHRR
RRRRRRR
RRRRL

AAAR...
GUH...

?!
WWWWWW...

HELP!

GAH! IT SUCKS ALL YOUR CHAKRA IN ONE SWOOP!!!

RUN, OR YOU'RE DEAD!!

THRR

IT'S GOING AFTER ALL OF US, ONE BY ONE!

A-A-RE YOU FREAKIN' SERIOUS?!

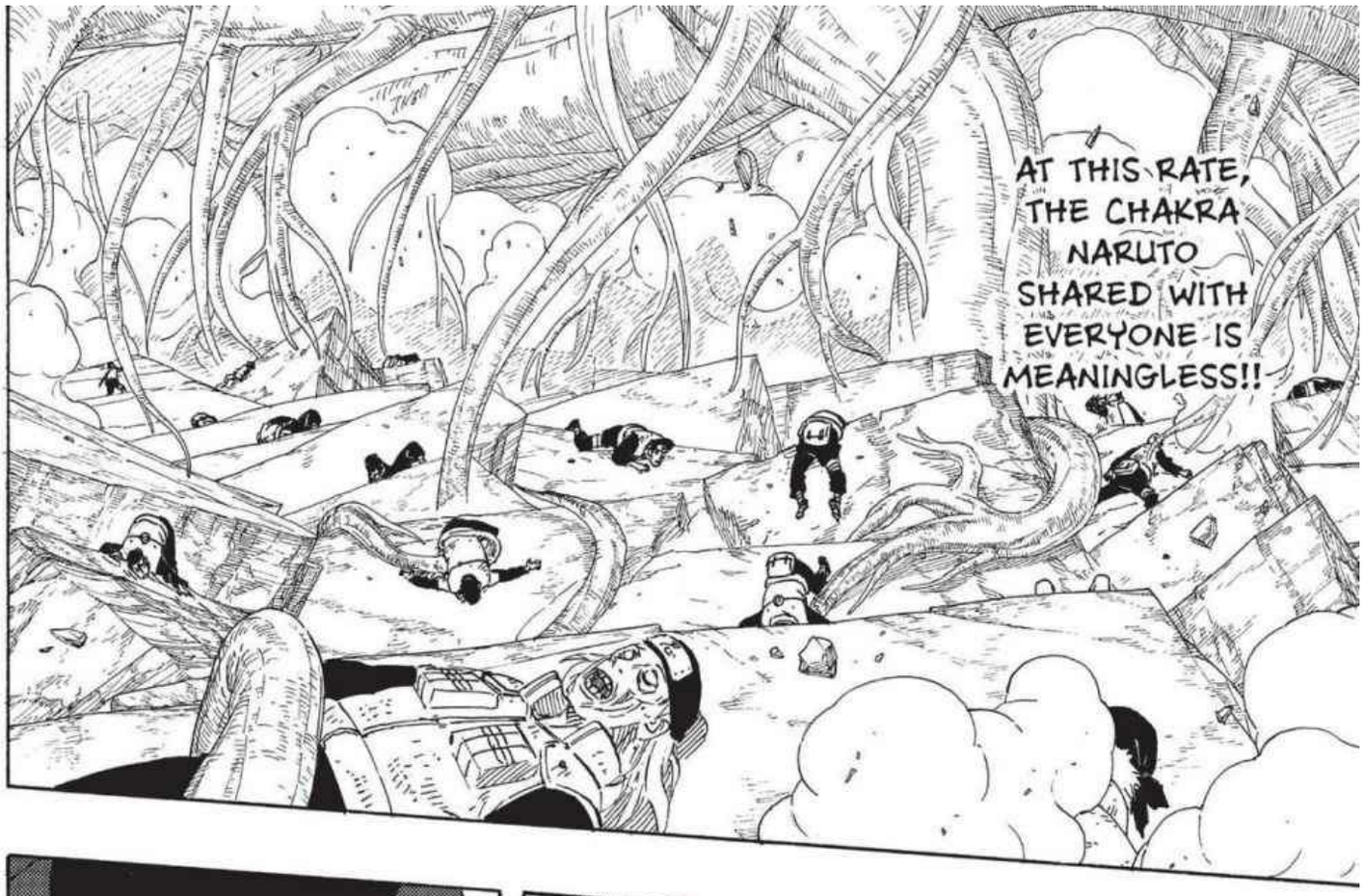
TEN TAILS' FINAL FORM!!!

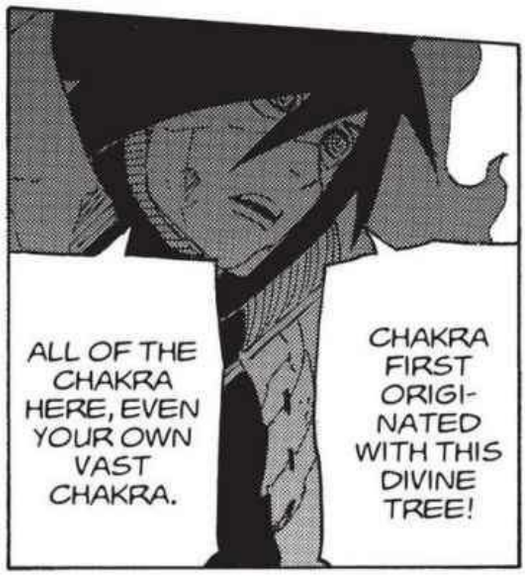
THIS IS THE DIVINE TREE!

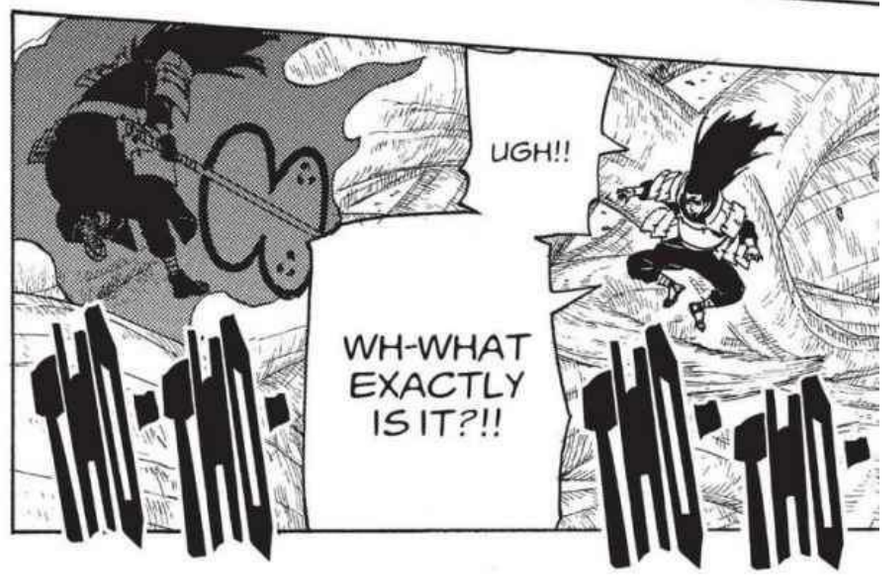
IT KNOWS THAT YOU HAVE MORE CHAKRA THAN MOST OF THE OTHERS.

WHY DO I GET SO MANY COMING AT ME, EH, FOOL, YA FOOL?!!

TAK


AT THIS RATE, THE CHAKRA NARUTO SHARED WITH EVERYONE IS MEANINGLESS!!


ALL OF THE CHAKRA HERE, EVEN YOUR OWN VAST CHAKRA.
CHAKRA FIRST ORIGI-NATED WITH THIS DIVINE TREE!


UGH!!
WH-WHAT EXACTLY IS IT?!!
THD-THD-
THD-THD-

ZWP

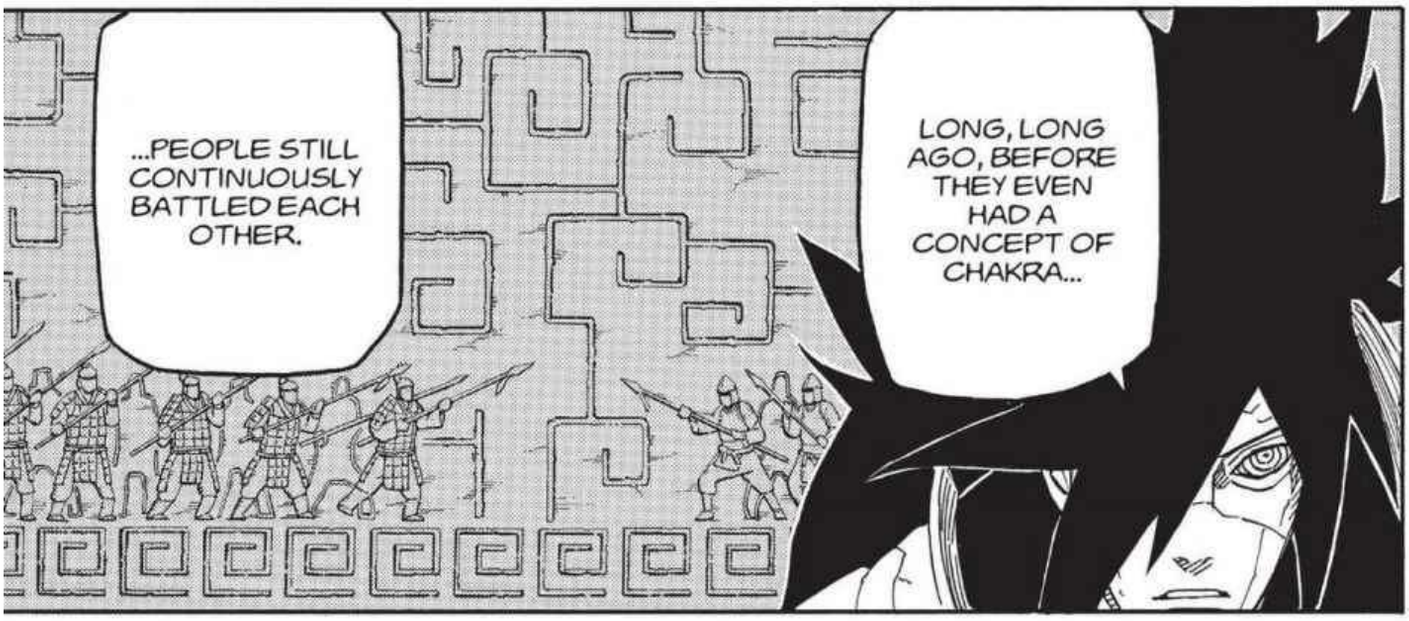
THIS THING'S JUST TRYING TO GET IT BACK, THAT'S ALL.
IT'S WE HUMANS WHO STOLE CHAKRA FROM THE DIVINE TREE LONG AGO.
ZW
W
W

WHAT?
...

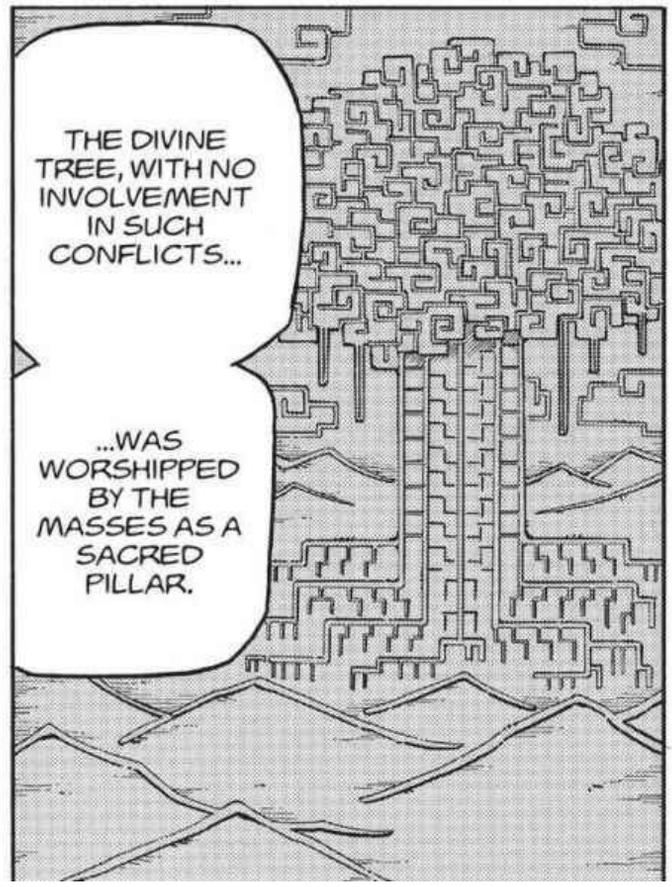
?!

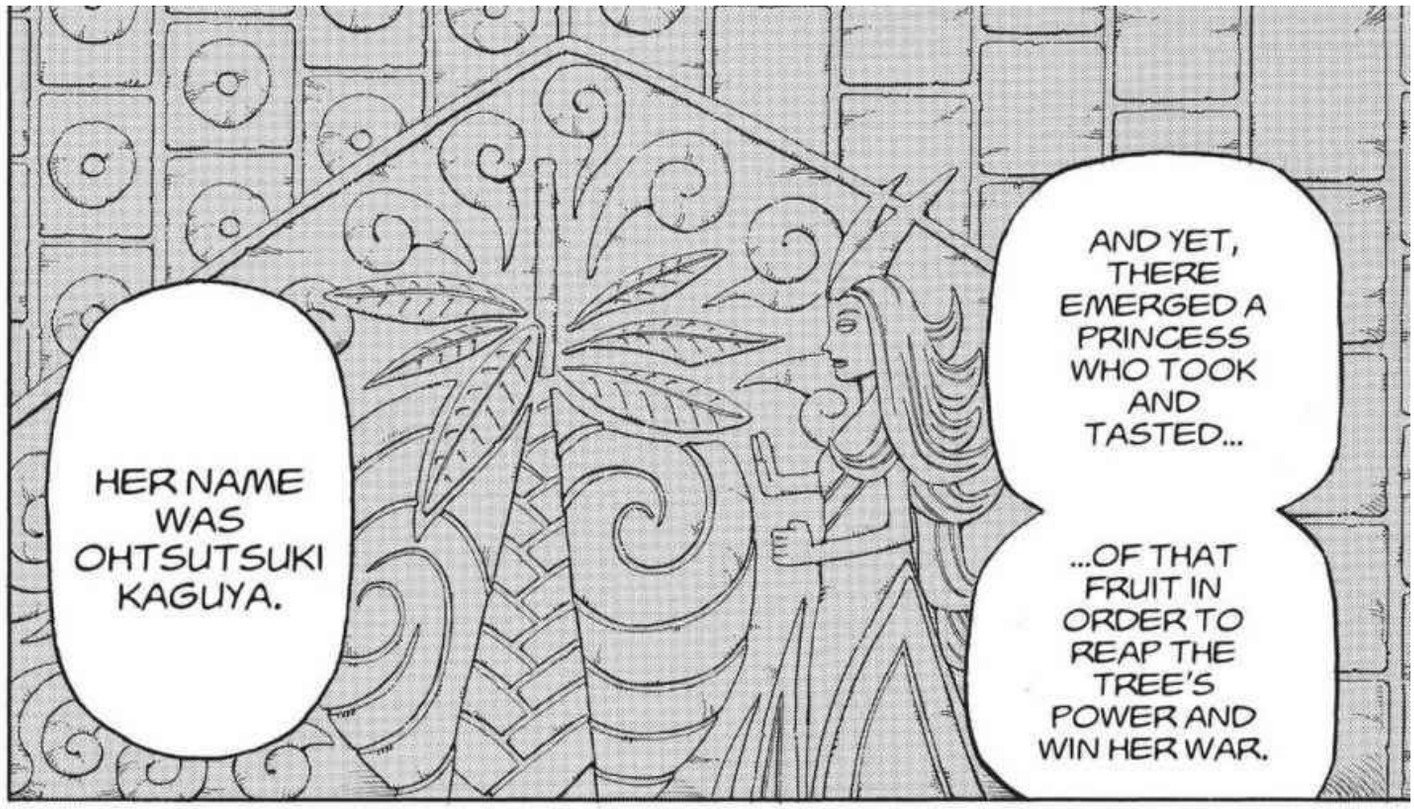
DO YOU KNOW HOW AND WHY SHINOBI CAME TO BE, HASHIRAMA?
THE ENDLESS FLOW OF TIME HAS CAST AN OBFUS-CATING FOG OVER THE FACTS.
FWSH

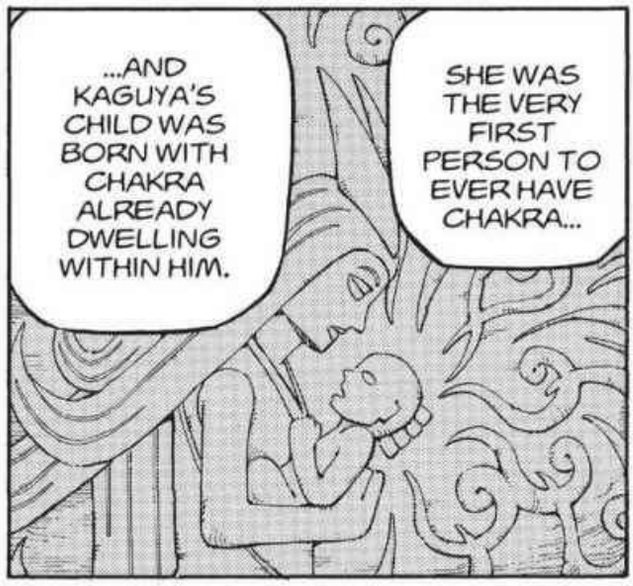
FWSH
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

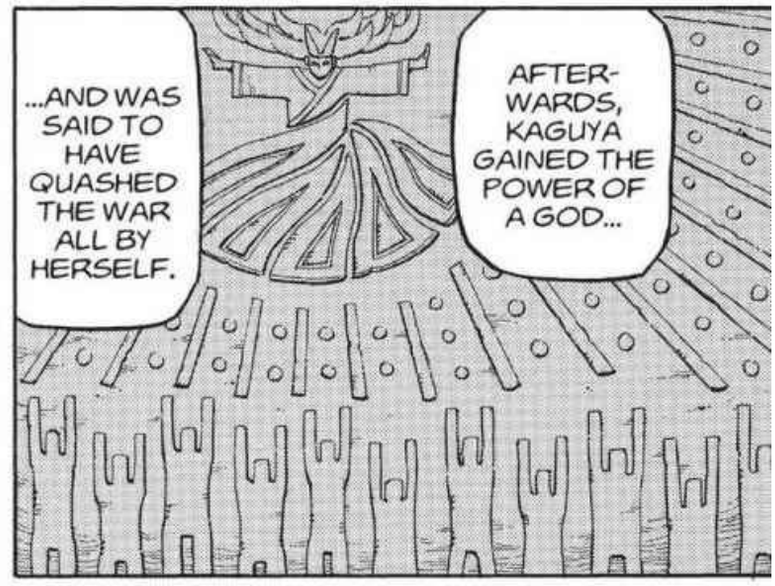

...PEOPLE STILL CONTINUOUSLY BATTLED EACH OTHER.
LONG, LONG AGO, BEFORE THEY EVEN HAD A CONCEPT OF CHAKRA...

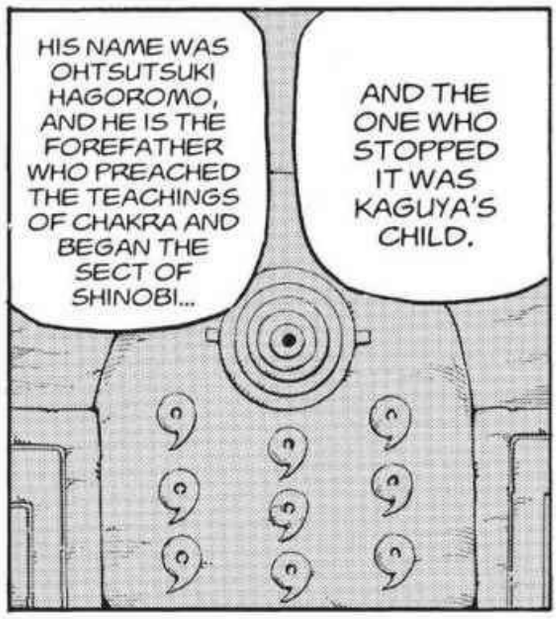
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IF ANY SIGNIFICANCE IT HOLDS...
AND THEN ONE DAY, THE TREE BORE A FRUIT THAT WAS SAID TO BE PRODUCED ONLY ONCE A MILLENNIUM.
...BUT ACCORDING TO LEGEND THAT FRUIT WAS NEVER TO BE TOUCHED.

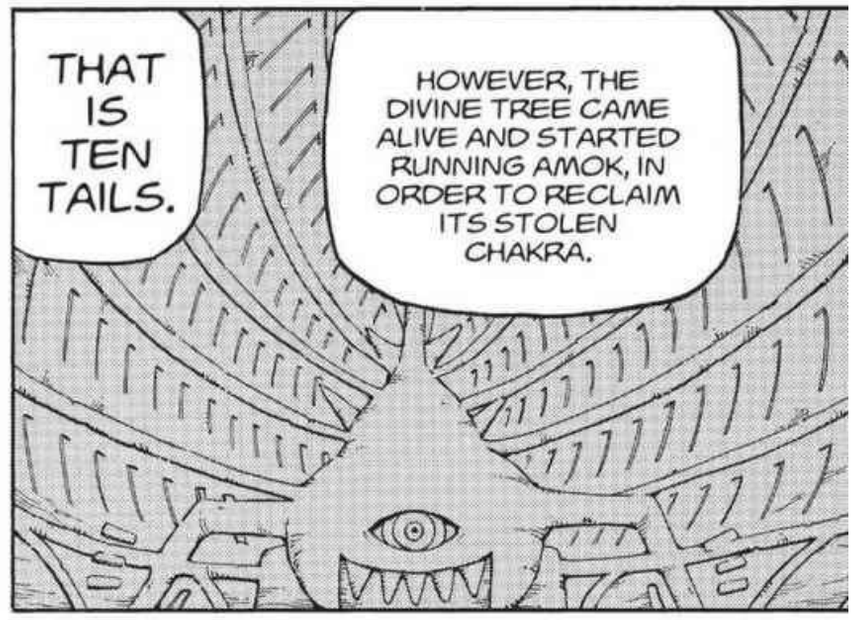

THE DIVINE TREE, WITH NO INVOLVEMENT IN SUCH CONFLICTS...
...WAS WORSHIPPED BY THE MASSES AS A SACRED PILLAR.


HER NAME WAS OHTSUTSUKI KAGUYA.
AND YET, THERE EMERGED A PRINCESS WHO TOOK AND TASTED...
...OF THAT FRUIT IN ORDER TO REAP THE TREE'S POWER AND WIN HER WAR.

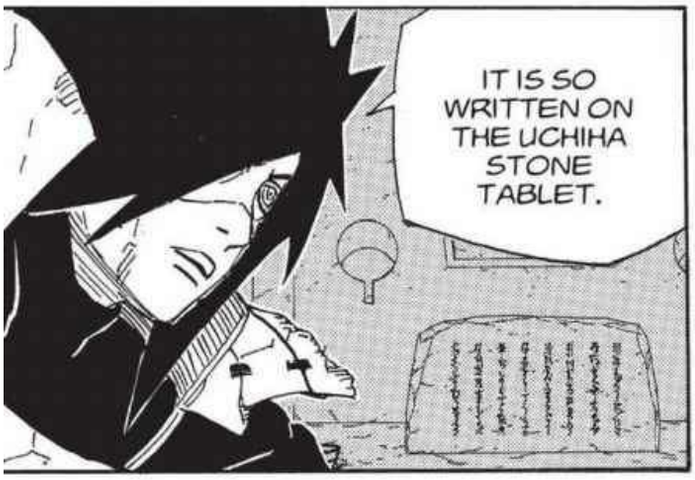

...AND KAGUYA'S CHILD WAS BORN WITH CHAKRA ALREADY DWELLING WITHIN HIM.
SHE WAS THE VERY FIRST PERSON TO EVER HAVE CHAKRA...


...AND WAS SAID TO HAVE QUASHED THE WAR ALL BY HERSELF.
AFTER-WARDS, KAGUYA GAINED THE POWER OF A GOD...


HIS NAME WAS OHTSUTSUKI HAGOROMO, AND HE IS THE FOREFATHER WHO PREACHED THE TEACHINGS OF CHAKRA AND BEGAN THE SECT OF SHINOBI...
AND THE ONE WHO STOPPED IT WAS KAGUYA'S CHILD.


THAT IS TEN TAILS.
HOWEVER, THE DIVINE TREE CAME ALIVE AND STARTED RUNNING AMOK, IN ORDER TO RECLAIM ITS STOLEN CHAKRA.

THE MAN KNOWN AS THE SAGE OF SIX PATHS.

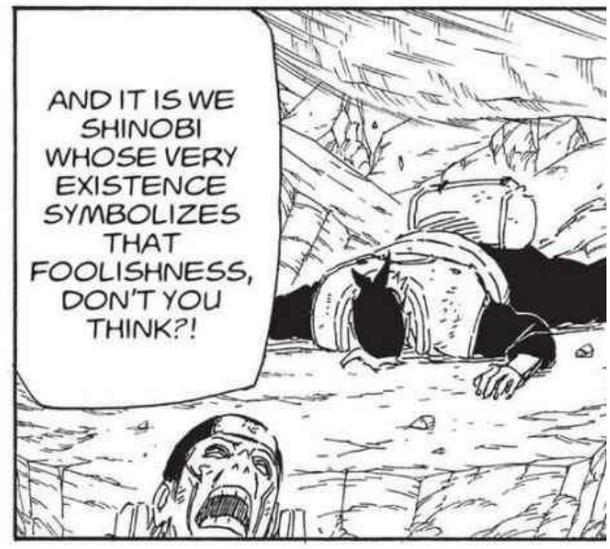


FROM THE TIME PEOPLE TASTED OF THE FRUIT...
...HUMANS HAVE BEEN CURSED...
...AND DESTINED TO HATE EACH OTHER EVEN MORE!

I DESPAIRED UPON LEARNING ALL OF THIS.
THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS AS *TRUE DREAMS* IN THIS WORLD, HASHIRAMA!

DREAMS OF THE FAR FUTURE.
YOU JUST CAN'T SEE IT; WHAT'S EVEN FURTHER AHEAD...

IN WHICH CASE, I'D RATHER...
SO RELYING ON THE POWER OF THE DIVINE TREE AGAIN BY USING A GREAT GENJUTSU...
ZW
ZWW


AND IT IS WE SHINOBI WHOSE VERY EXISTENCE SYMBOLIZES THAT FOOLISHNESS, DON'T YOU THINK?!

YEAH...

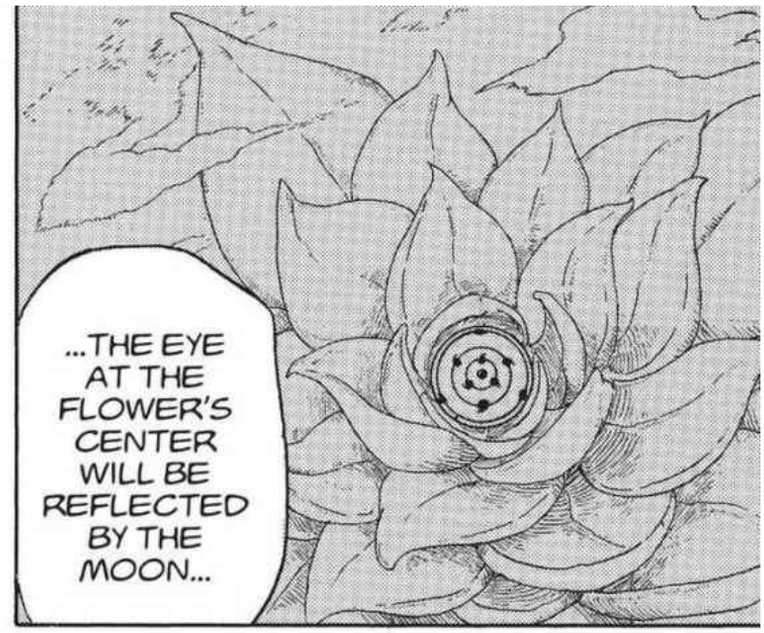
...
IS THAT WHAT YOU MEANT BY "DREAMS OF THE FAR FUTURE"?!
THK
TAK

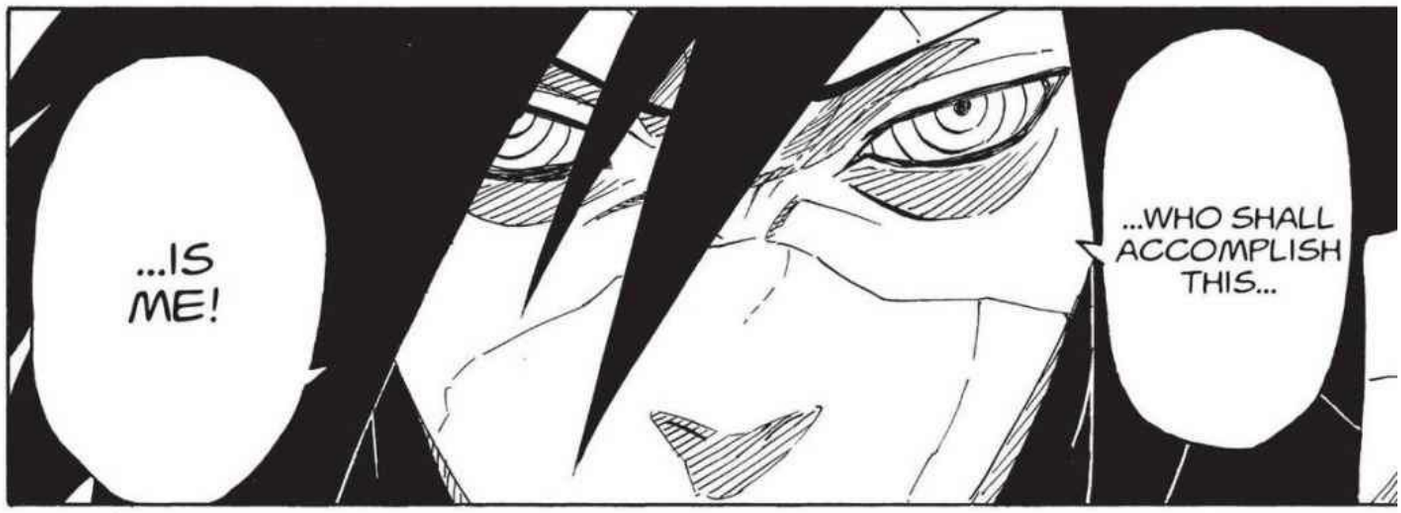
BUT ONE THING IS OFF...

WHEN THIS DIVINE TREE BUD BLOSSOMS...

?

BUT THE ONE...
...AND THE INFINITE TSUKUYOMI WILL BE FULLY ACTIVATED.


...THE EYE AT THE FLOWER'S CENTER WILL BE REFLECTED BY THE MOON...


...IS ME!
...WHO SHALL ACCOMPLISH THIS...

NARUTO !!!

FWP

!!
WAH!!
ZWOOSHOO

WATER STYLE, SEVERING WAVE!!
ZLASH-ZLASH

I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SENSE NARUTO, BUT IT'S USELESS!
GAH! THERE'S TOO MANY!

SPROUT SPROUT

ZWWWWW
WSH...

FEH!
TAK

SORRY, NO! MY CHAKRA'S BEEN DRAINED BY THAT LAST FLYING RAIJIN AND THESE VINES!
FOURTH, CAN YOU TELEPORT DIRECTLY TO NARUTO'S SIDE?!

THK

KRK

KRK

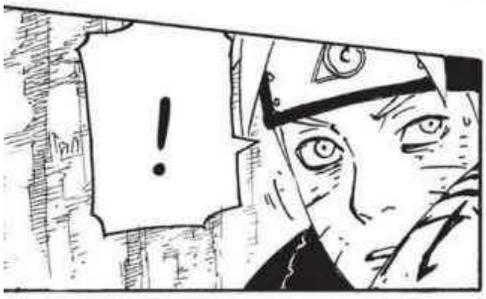
KRK

KRK

TMP
GOOD!
LET'S TELEPORT AWAY!
TAP
TAP

GRAB
TAK

HAVE THINGS FINALLY SETTLED DOWN?!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FFT

...

NOW, BE STILL...

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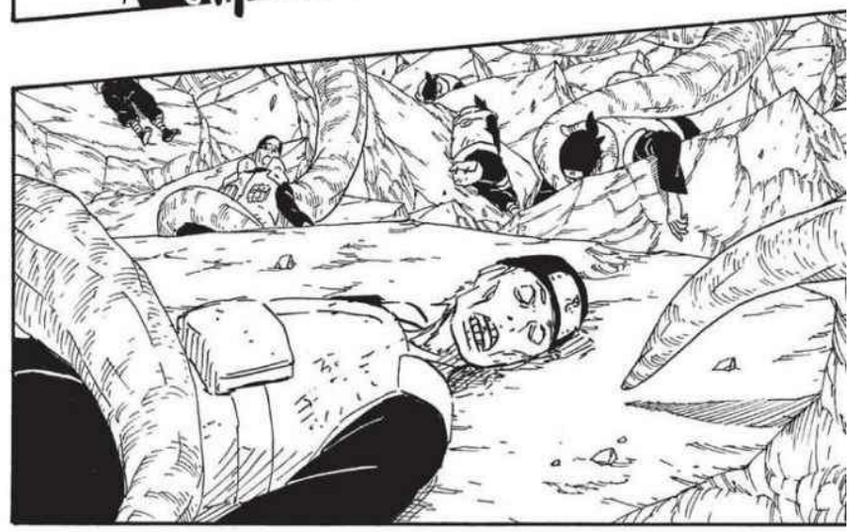
GRT



UGH...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SAKURA?

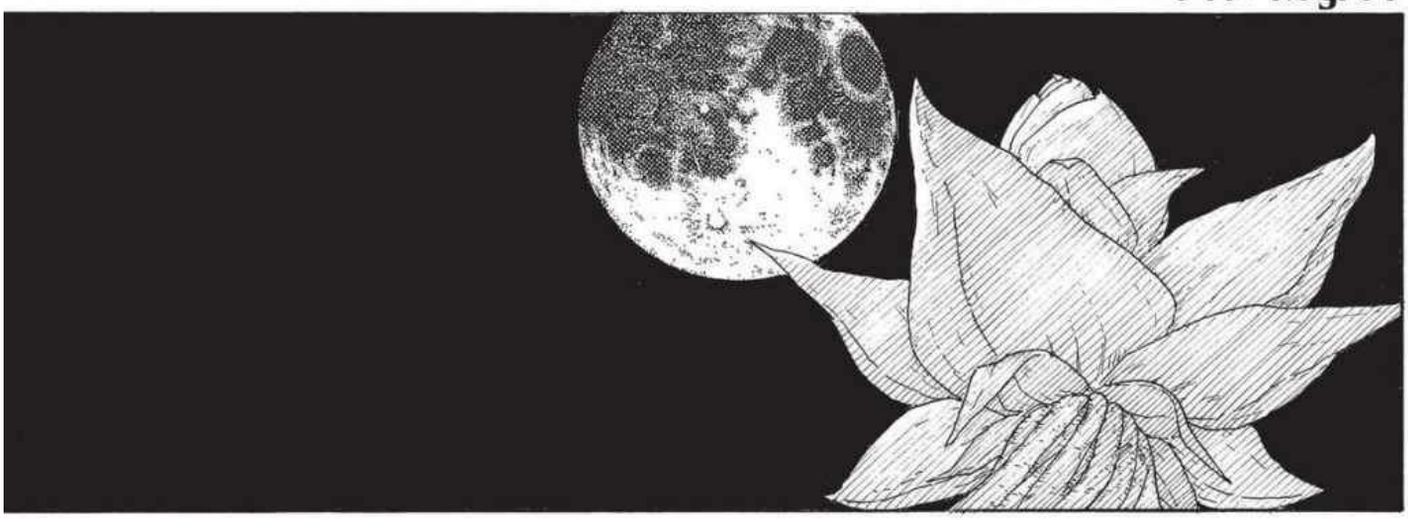
...THIS...
CAN'T TAKE...
...ANY MORE...

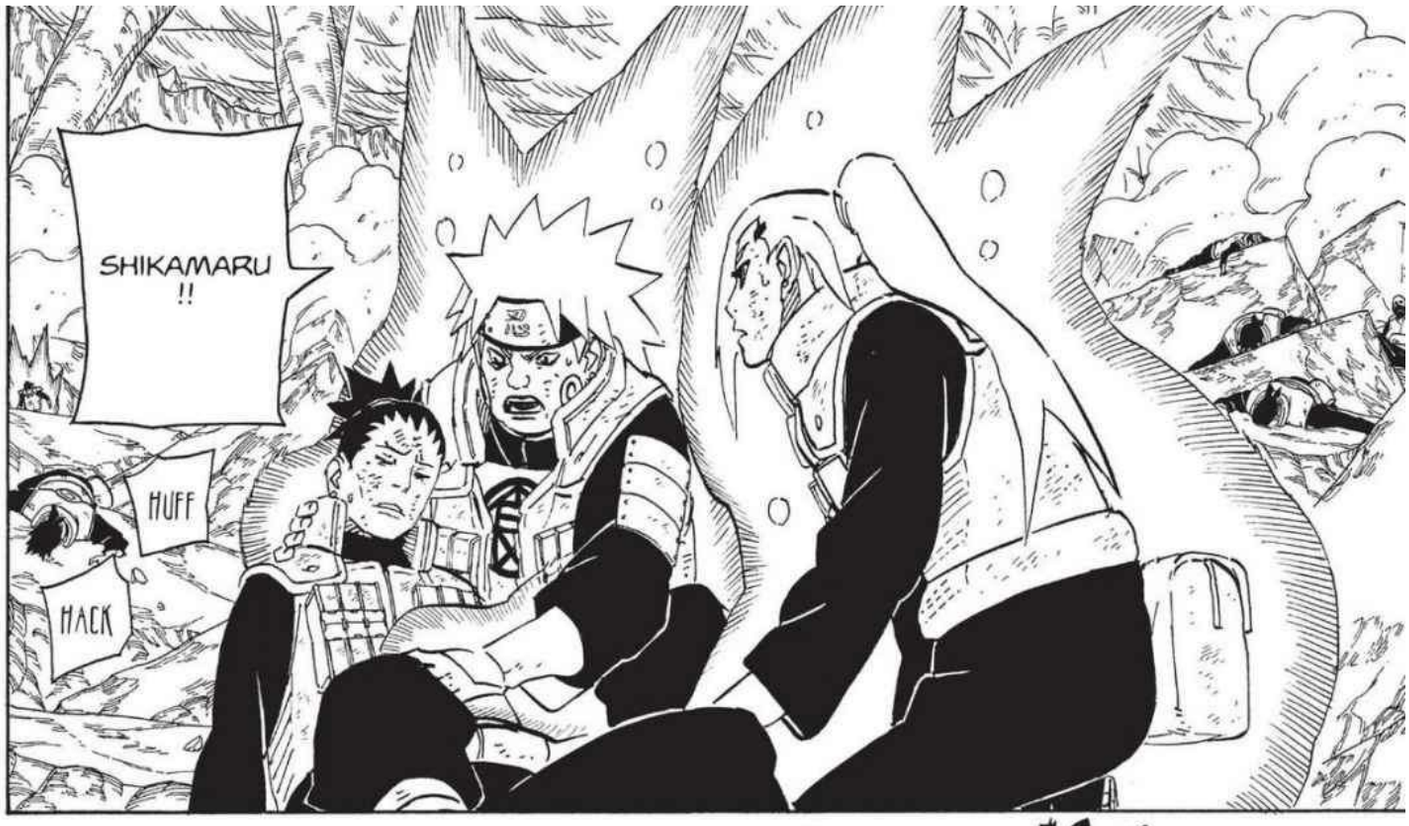
HACK
HUF...

...YOU'VE ALL ENDURED PLENTY ALREADY.

SWOO...
MMZ

Number 647: Regret




SHIKAMARU !!
HUFF
HACK

!
LADY KATSUYU! LET'S BEGIN DISTANCE HEALING, STAT!

TAK
TAK
TAK
HEY, HEY! HE LOOKS REAL BAD!

NO WAY.
...
IN SHORT...

THEY HAVE LOST ALL THEIR CHAKRA AND DIED AS WELL.
EVEN MY MINI FRAGMENTS ATTACHED TO EVERYONE HAVE BEEN DRAINED.

B-BUT WHY?!
THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE.

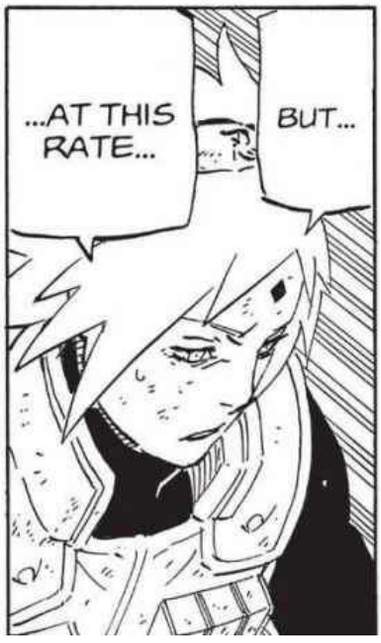
...EVERYONE IS IN THE SAME STATE AS MY FRAGMENTS.

TAK
SAKU-RA!

LOOKS LIKE I'LL... BE RIGHT ON YOUR HEELS...
SO SORRY... PA...

SHIKA-MARU !!
SORRY... MA...

TWP


...AT THIS RATE...
BUT...

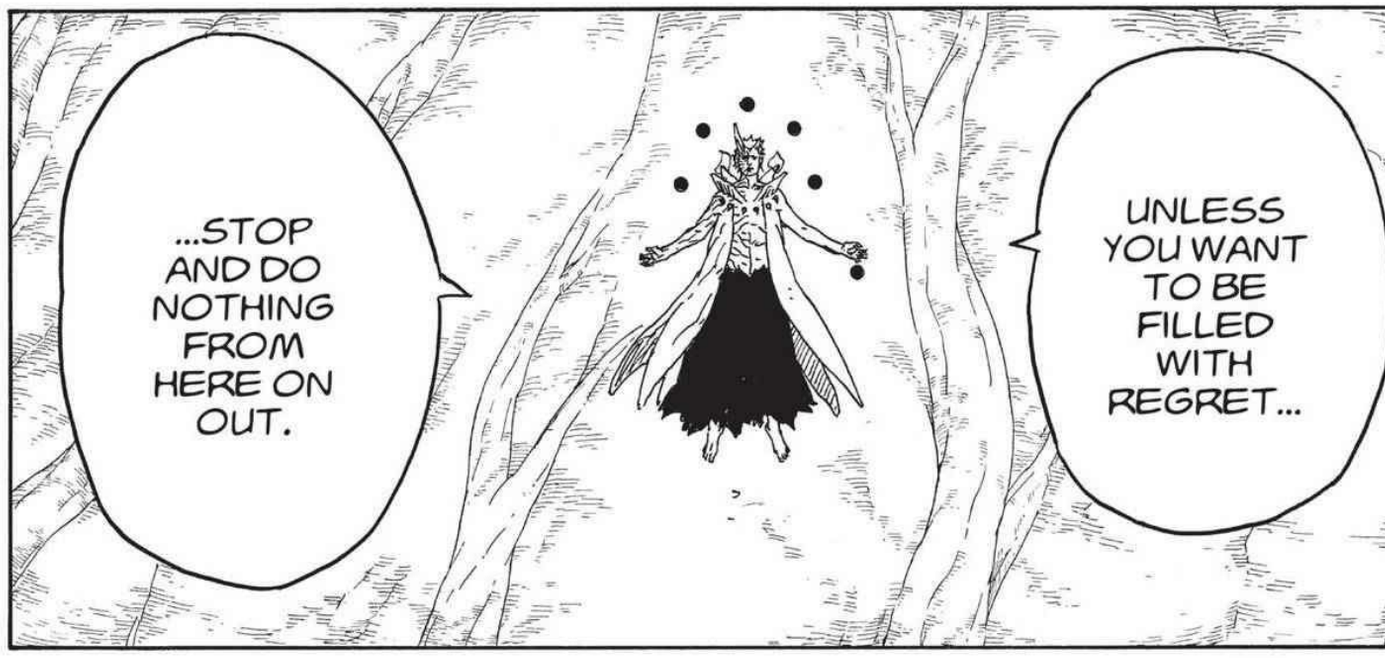
...WE MIGHT AS WELL GO DOWN FIGHTING TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITIES!!
IF WE'RE GONNA DIE ANYWAY...

SHINOBI ARE DONE FOR. THERE'S NO NEED TO KEEP GOING.
IF YOU DON'T RESIST, I WON'T KILL YOU.

...WE'LL ALL DIE BEFORE WE EVEN GET TO FIGHT!!

THIS SHALL BECOME A WORLD WHERE NO ONE WHO ACKNOWLEDGES YOU WILL EXIST!!...
AND IF YOU KEEP STANDING AGAINST US, YOU'LL CONTINUE TO LOSE YOUR COMRADES ONE BY ONE...
GR...UGH.

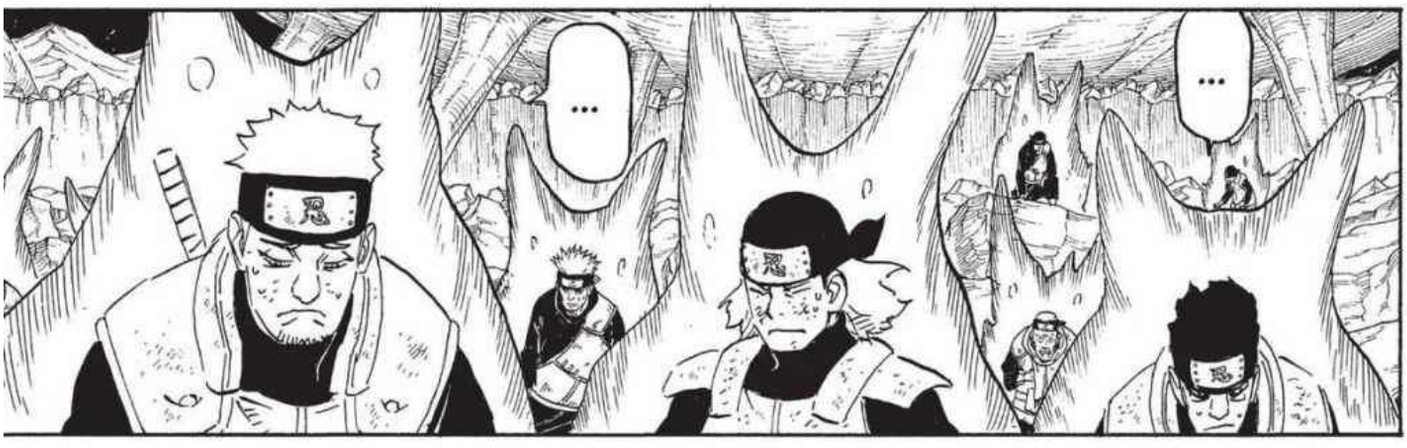
...
GNASH


...STOP AND DO NOTHING FROM HERE ON OUT.
UNLESS YOU WANT TO BE FILLED WITH REGRET...

THAT'S RIGHT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEAR DEATH OR KEEP ENDURING ANY MORE PAIN.
YOU'LL BE ENTERING A DREAM.

YOU MEAN IF WE DON'T DO ANY-THING...
...WE'LL BE SAFE?

DO NOT GIVE UP!!
IF YOU GET PUT UNDER GENJUTSU, YOU'LL BE THE SAME AS DEAD!!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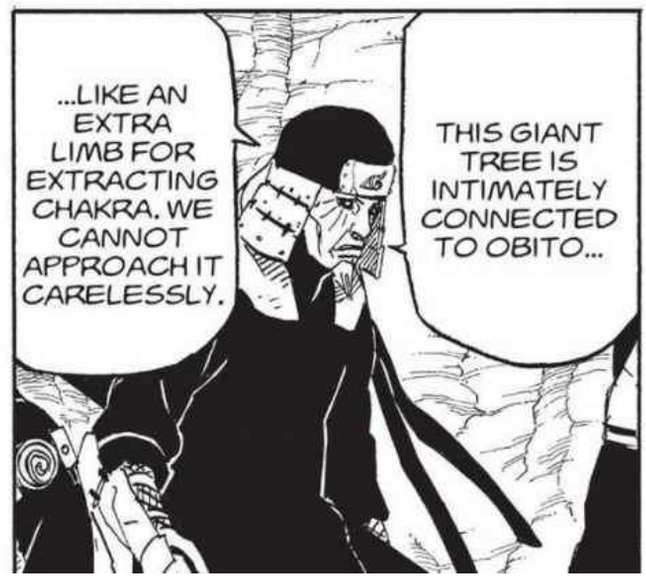
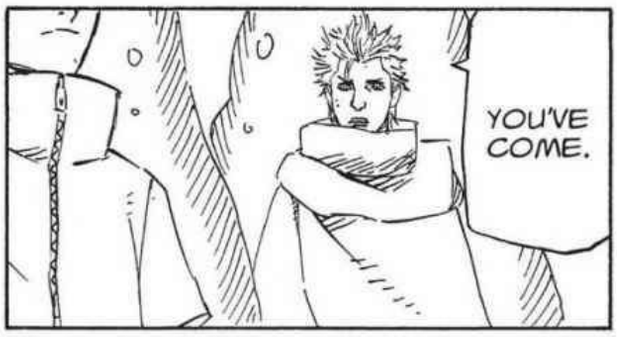
SUCH WORDS OF WEAKNESS.
SO VERY UNLIKE YOU...
SWSH


THIS GIANT TREE IS INTIMATELY CONNECTED TO OBITO...
...LIKE AN EXTRA LIMB FOR EXTRACTING CHAKRA. WE CANNOT APPROACH IT CARELESSLY.

...MASTER SARUTOBI.
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, JUGO!
SASUKE!

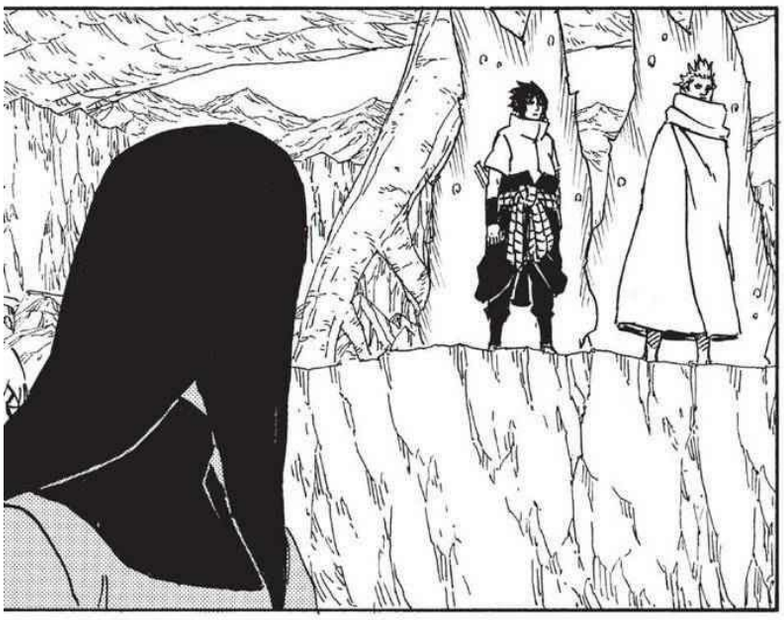

YOU'VE COME.

...

OROCHI-MARU, YOU'RE QUITE LATE!
AND THE GOKAGE?
I HAD THEM HEALED, SO AS LONG AS THEY DON'T CHICKEN OUT, THEY SHOULD BE COMING.
HMPH, STILL AS SARCASTIC AS EVER, EH.

...IS TO GO JUMP SASUKE AND LICK HIM ALL OVER, DAMN IT!!
QUIVER
QUIVER

WHO CARES ABOUT THAT?
I WONDER HOW LONG IT'LL TAKE TO CUT DOWN?
HUH, THIS TREE REALLY IS HUGE, SEEING IT SO CLOSE UP.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW...



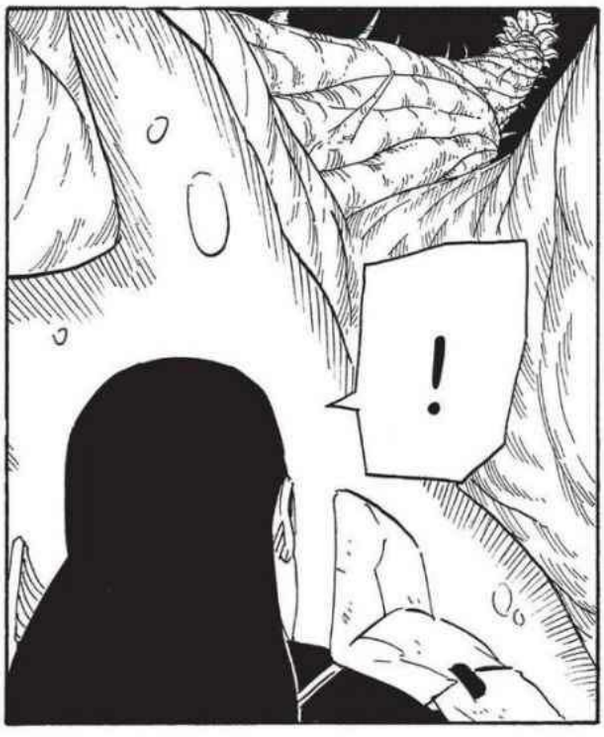
R-RIGHT! I KNOW THAT ALREADY, DAMN IT!
...IS TO HEAL THE ALLIED FORCES SHINOBI, NO?

WHAT'S GOING ON...?
...

HE SEEMS TO BE IN A FOUL MOOD...

SO WHEN'S IT GOING TO BLOOM?

KEE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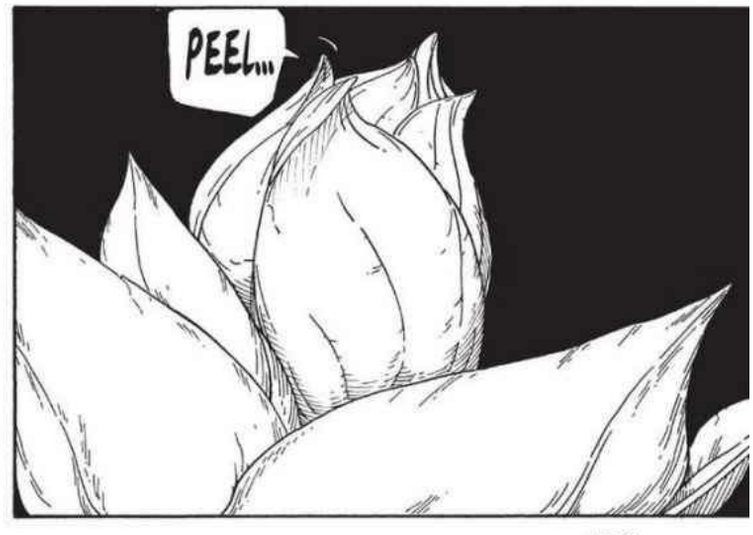
EIGHT TAILS' AND NINE TAILS' JINCHURIKI ARE STILL ALIVE...
...GET IT?

SO EIGHT TAILS' AND NINE TAILS' CHAKRA...
...ARE ESSENTIAL FOR IT TO BLOOM AND COMPLETE THE JUTSU...

HOWEVER, IF IT CONTAINS EVEN A SMALL AMOUNT OF EACH OF THEIR CHAKRA, IT'S FINE.
IN SHORT, IT'S NOT LIKE IT CANNOT BLOOM.
ZWW...

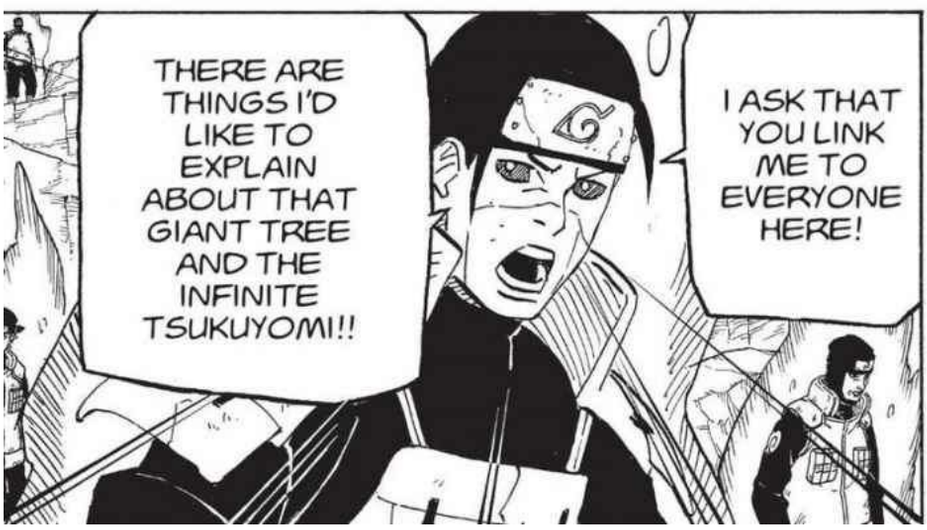

PEEL...

...BY USING YOUR SAGE POWER.
IN THAT TIME, I SHALL STOP OBITO AND SWITCH PLACES WITH HIM...

ALL THAT IS AFFECTED IS HOW LONG IT'LL TAKE TO BLOOM.
ズゥゥゥゥゥ
THERE'S ABOUT 15 MINUTES TO GO...

...
THIS IS BAD. I MUST RELAY ALL THAT MY ORIGINAL BODY HAS HEARD TO THE REST OF THE ALLIED FORCES!

ARE THERE ANY OF THE YAMANAKA CLAN HERE?!
!
Y-YES, SIR!
DO YOU KNOW THE MIND TRANSMISSION TECHNIQUE?!


I ASK THAT YOU LINK ME TO EVERYONE HERE!
THERE ARE THINGS I'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN ABOUT THAT GIANT TREE AND THE INFINITE TSUKUYOMI!!

UH, YES, I DO, SIR!!

THIS SENSATION...

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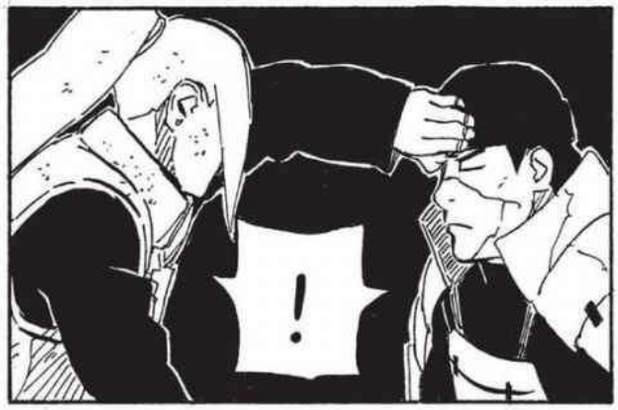
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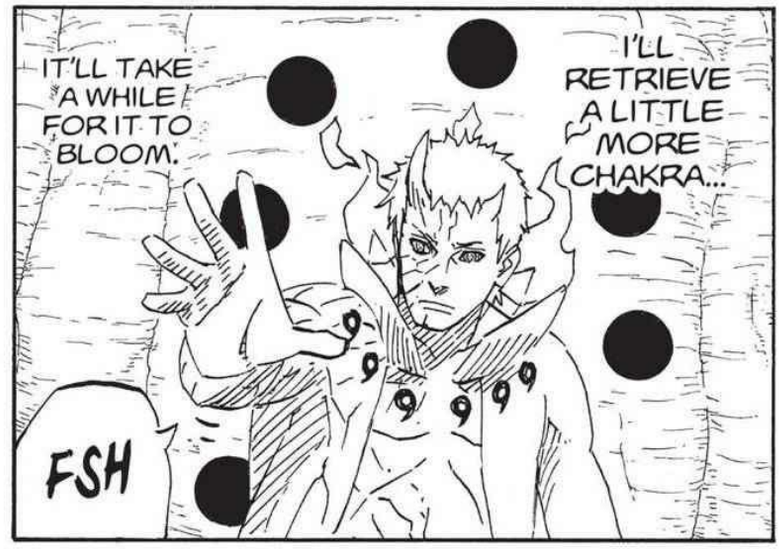
I-IT MEANS THAT THE LORDS GOKAGE ARE CLOSE ENOUGH TO BE WITHIN RANGE OF MY JUTSU!
THIS VOICE IS UNMISTAKABLY LORD HASHIRAMA'S!
AH! IS THAT YOU, TSUNA?!
GRAND-FATHER!!

LISTEN CAREFULLY!!

I HAVE THINGS I MUST RELAY TO YOU FIVE AND EVERYONE ELSE!
WHOOPS! THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO BE REMINISCING!

!!
...JUST NOURISHMENT FOR THAT TREE?!
SO WE'RE ALL...


IT'LL TAKE A WHILE FOR IT TO BLOOM.
I'LL RETRIEVE A LITTLE MORE CHAKRA...
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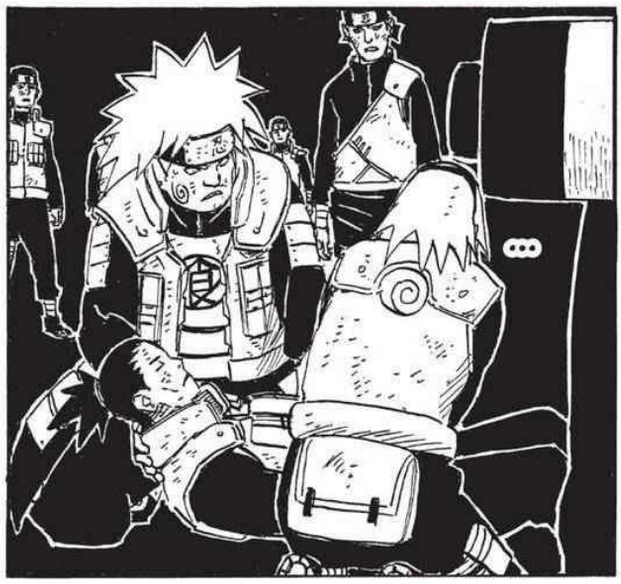
PLUS WE ONLY HAVE ABOUT 15 MINUTES? THAT'S CRAZY WHEN WE CAN'T EVEN GET NEAR IT!
THEN HOW'RE WE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT IT?!
THAT'S WHAT SHINOBI ARE?!

BUT...

...WITHIN THE REMAINING TIME.
WE MUST EITHER CUT DOWN THAT TREE OR DEFEAT THE CASTER...
AND YET, DOING NOTHING WILL YIELD THE SAME RESULT.

...NOT TO GIVE UP?!!
DID I NOT TELL YOU...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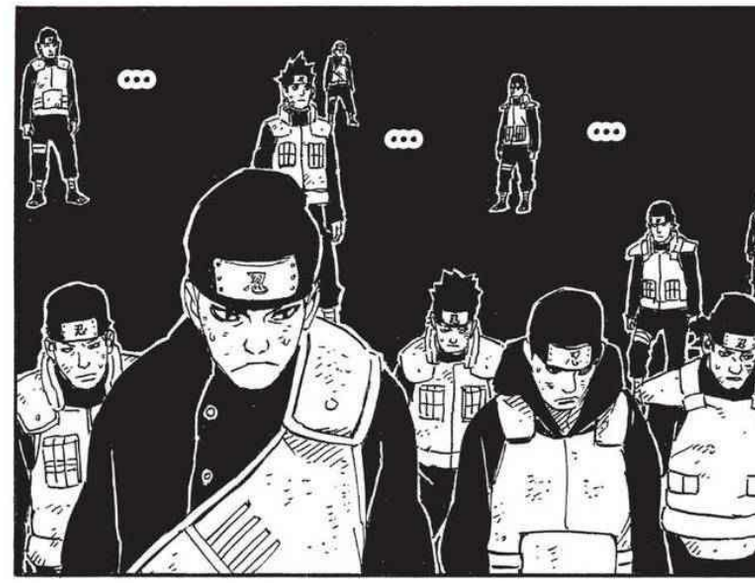
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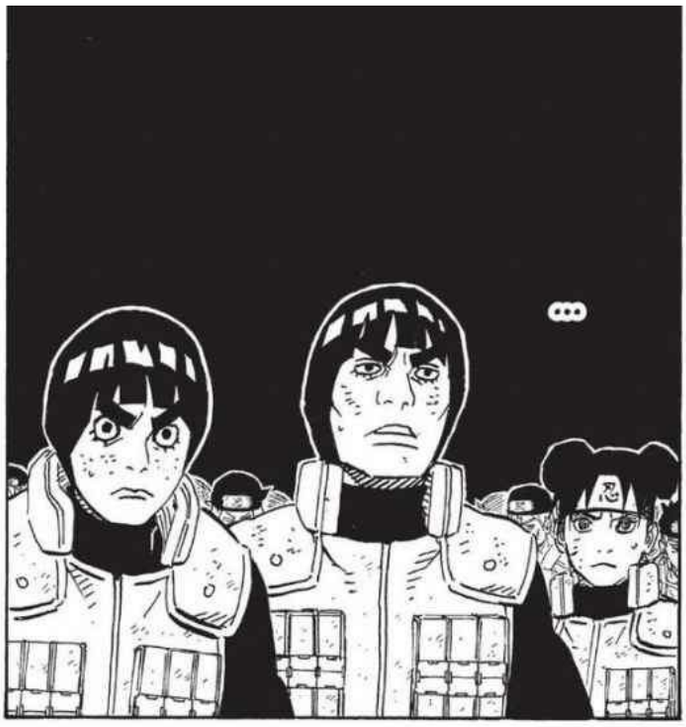
SO, YOU SAY, BUT YOU'RE AN EDOTENSEI, A PERSON FROM THE PAST...
...BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE!
WE ALL ARE STILL OF THE LIVING!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IT'S...
...OVER...
IF THIS IS WHAT WAS TO BE, WE SHOULD'VE NEVER...
ZWW...

ZWW...
ZWW

GR...
GRR...

I'LL TAKE YOU TO A WORLD WHERE THERE ARE NO REGRETS.
THAT'S RIGHT. JUST STAY LIKE THAT.

THOOM
THOOM

BLAZE
...

LET'S GO, JUGO.
SURE.

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...COMING THROUGH MY JUTSU...
...FEELINGS FROM NARUTO'S HEART...

THESE ARE...
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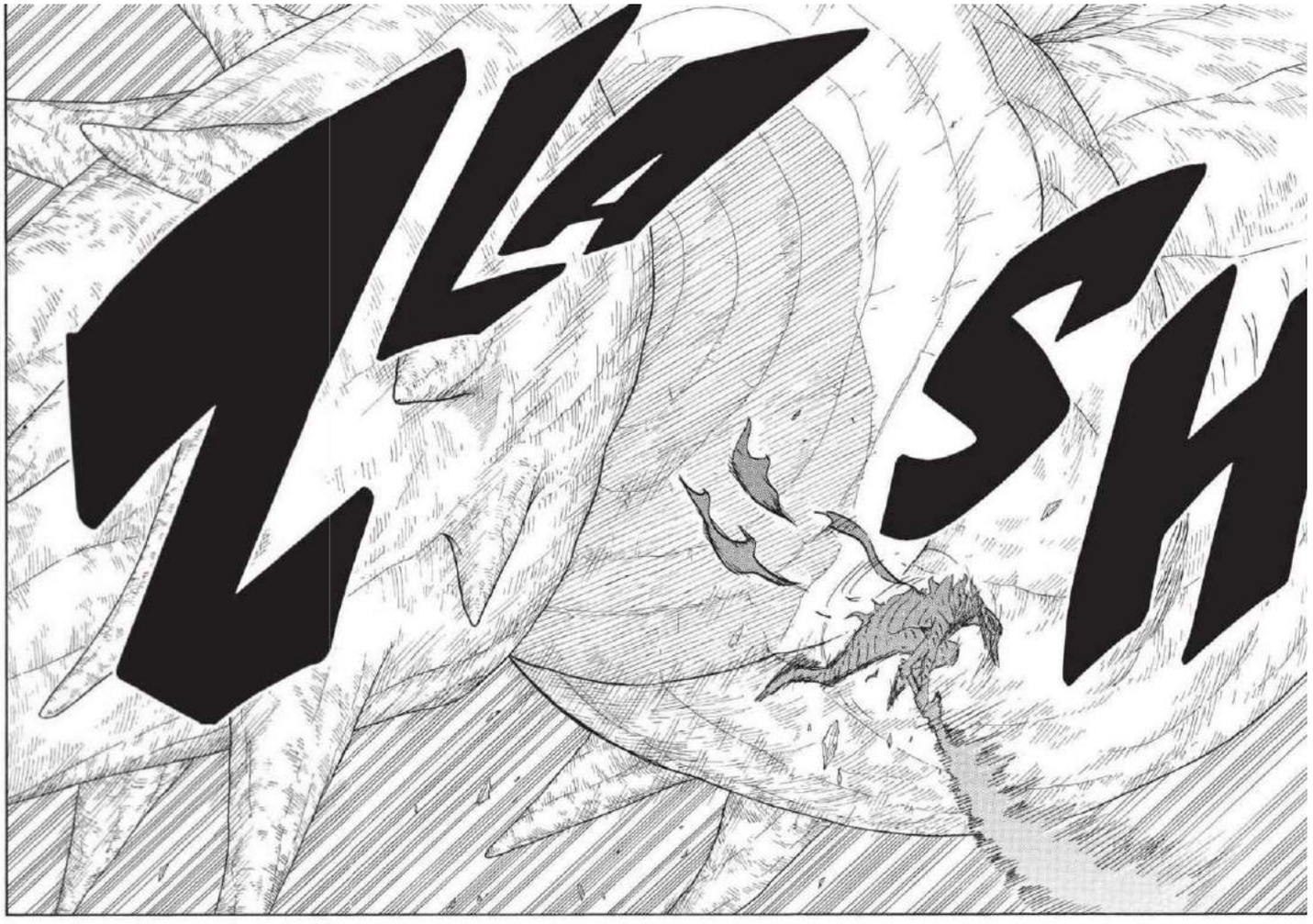
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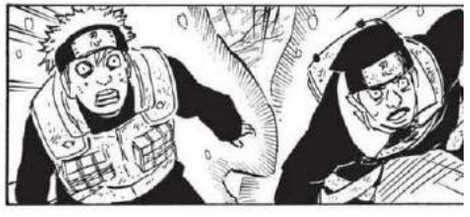
YOU THROWING IN THE TOWEL, NARUTO?
CUZ I'M NOT.



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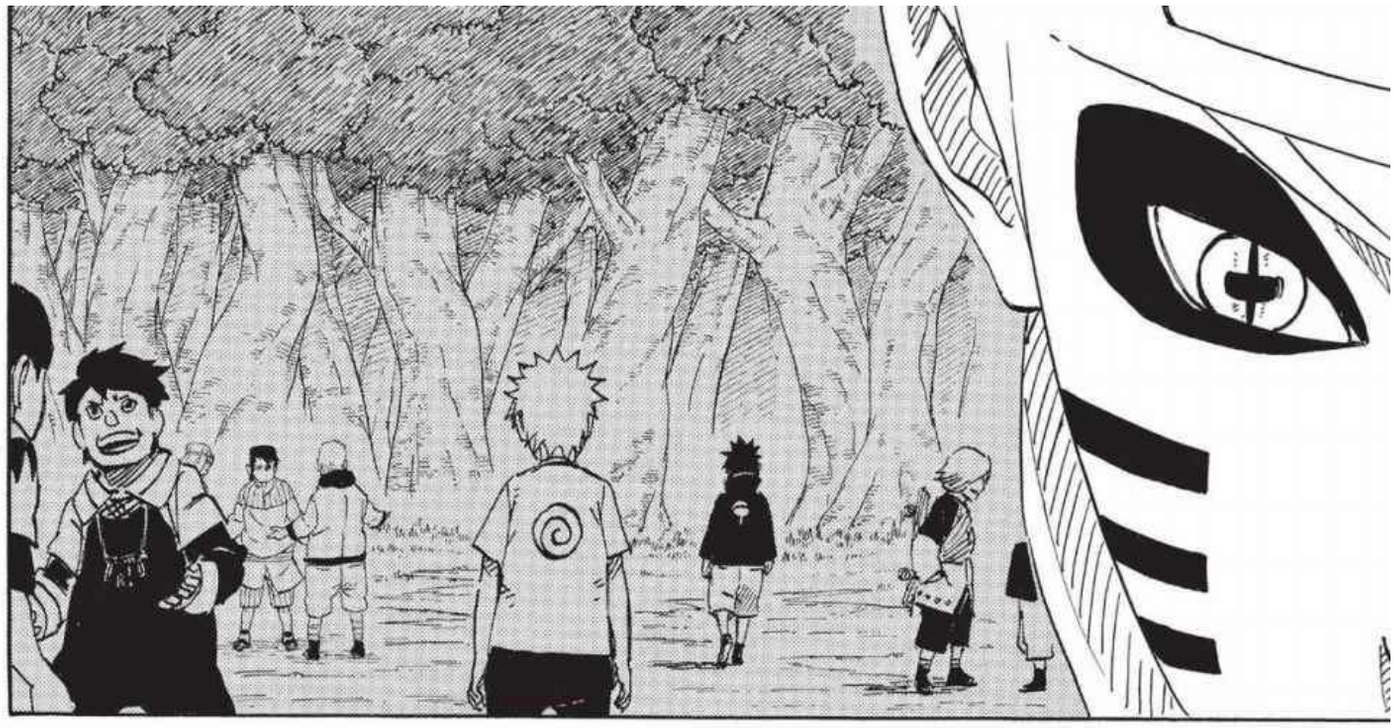

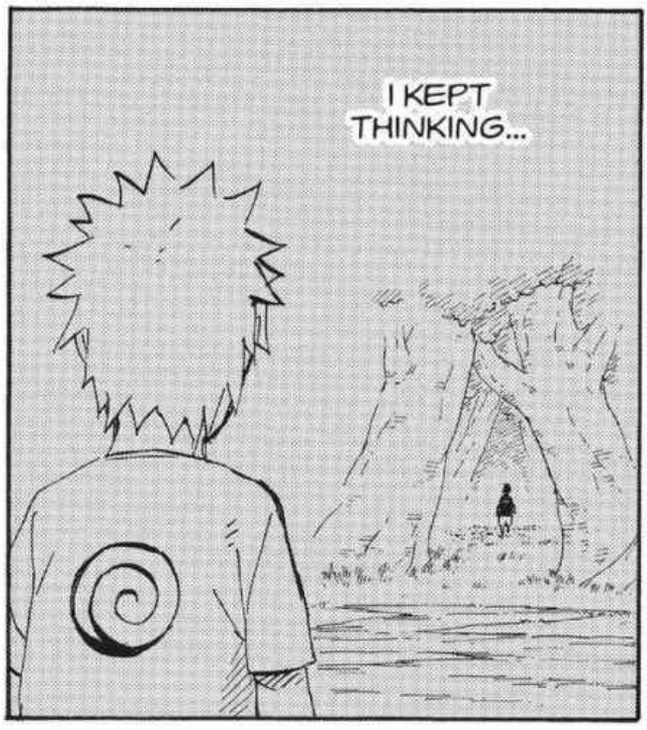
I KEPT THINKING...

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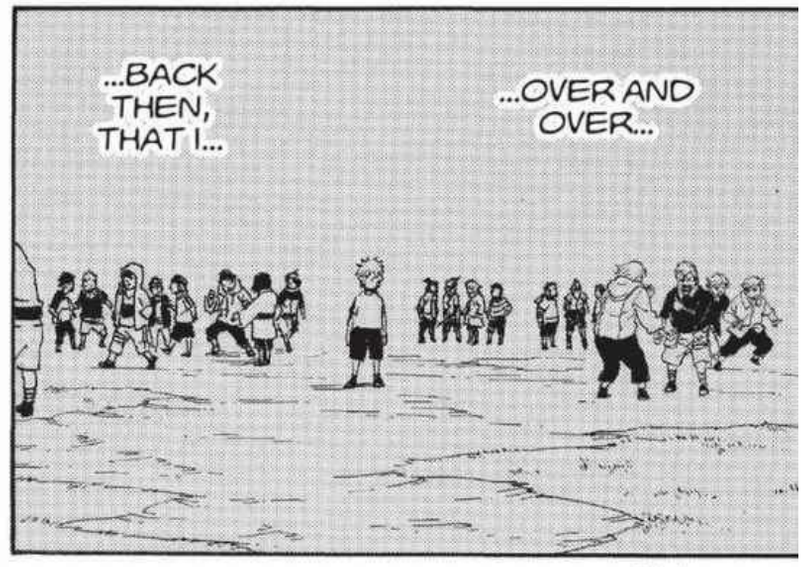
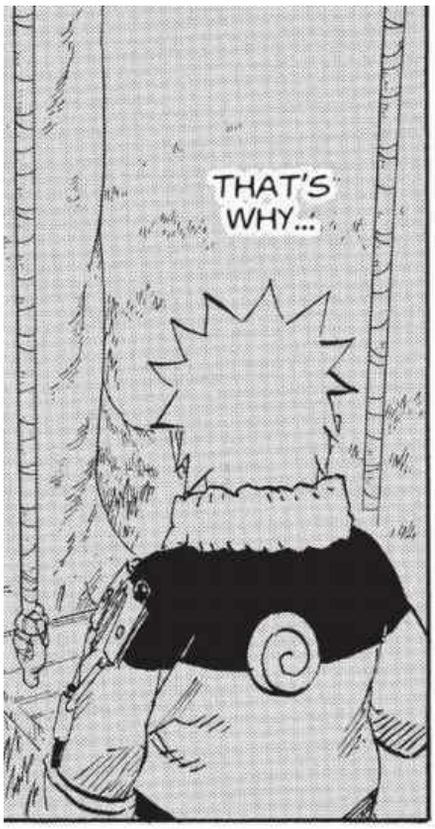
...SHOULD'VE CALLED OUT TO HIM.


...BACK THEN, THAT I...
...OVER AND OVER...


THAT'S WHY...

HIS THOUGHTS ARE FLOWING IN...

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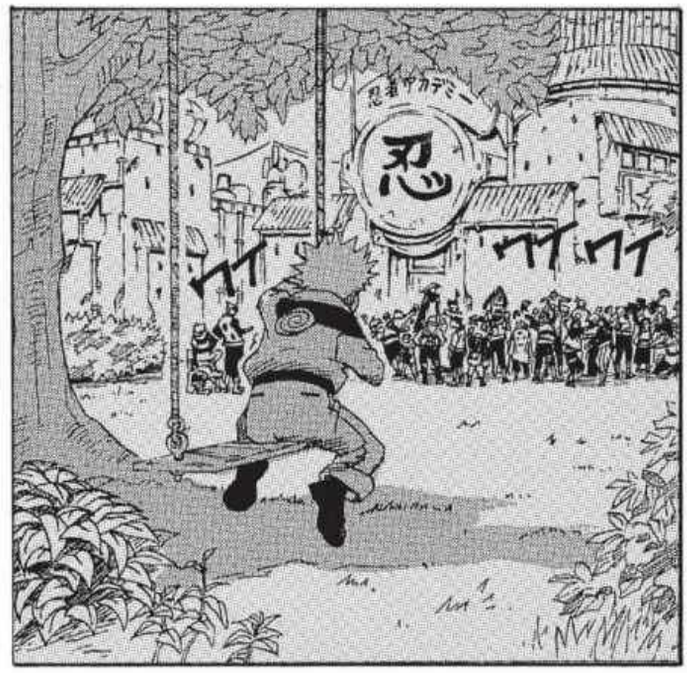
THESE ARE...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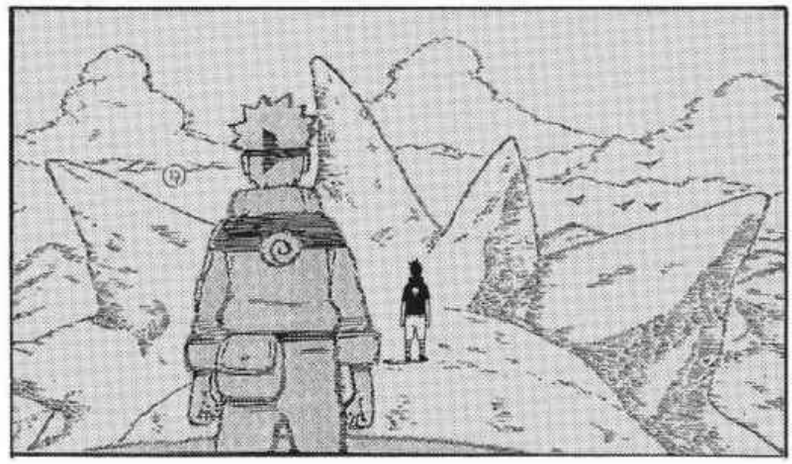
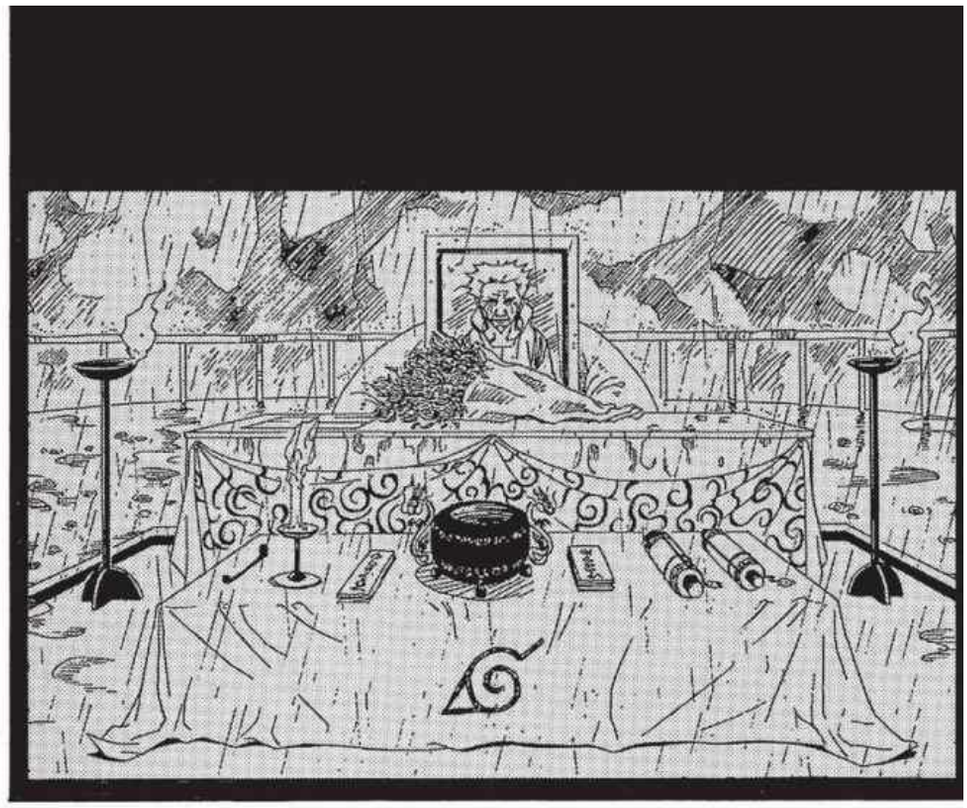
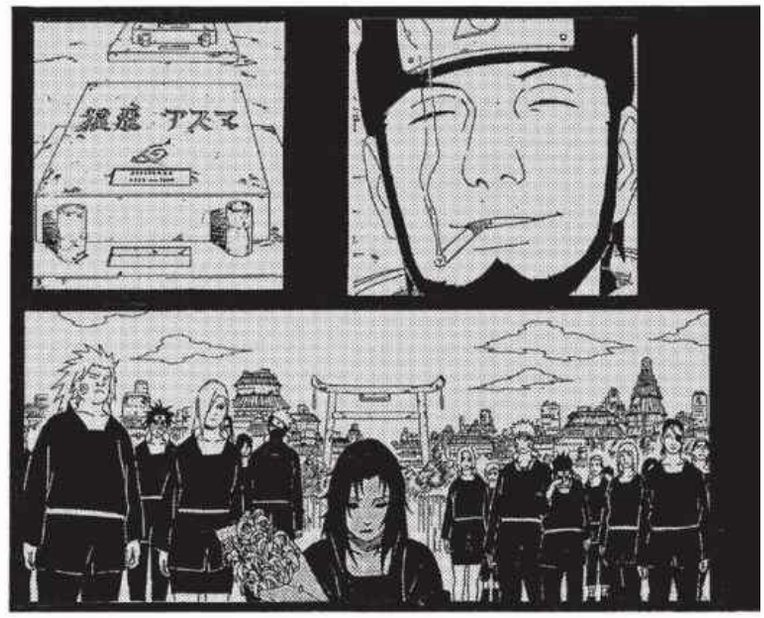
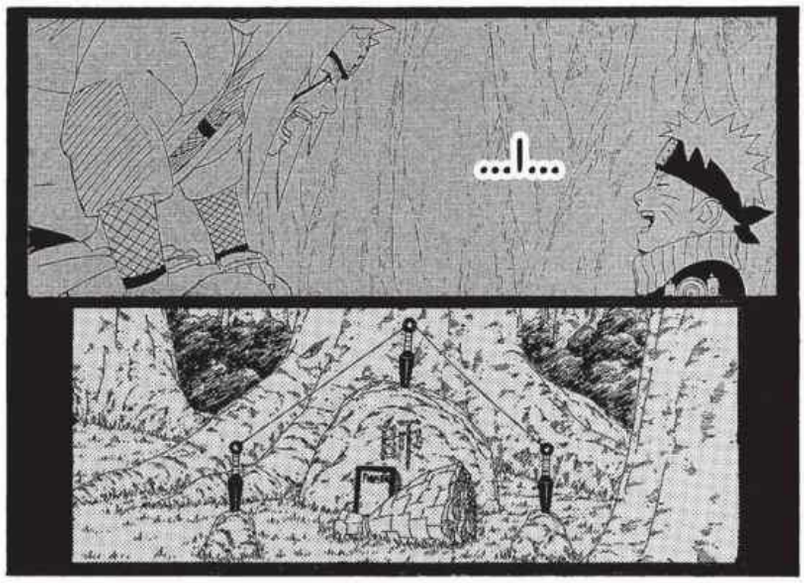
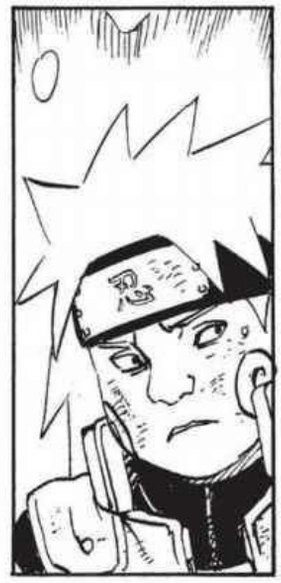
IT'S FROM THAT DAY...

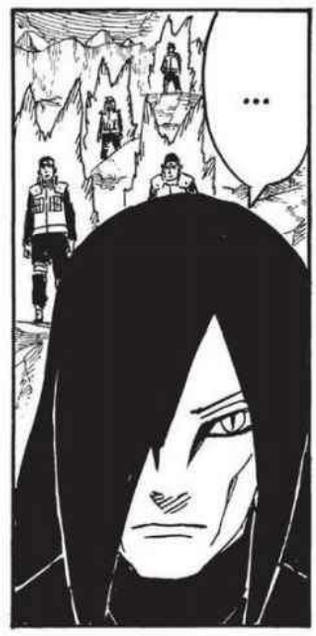








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...I DON'T WANNA REGRET ANYTHING!

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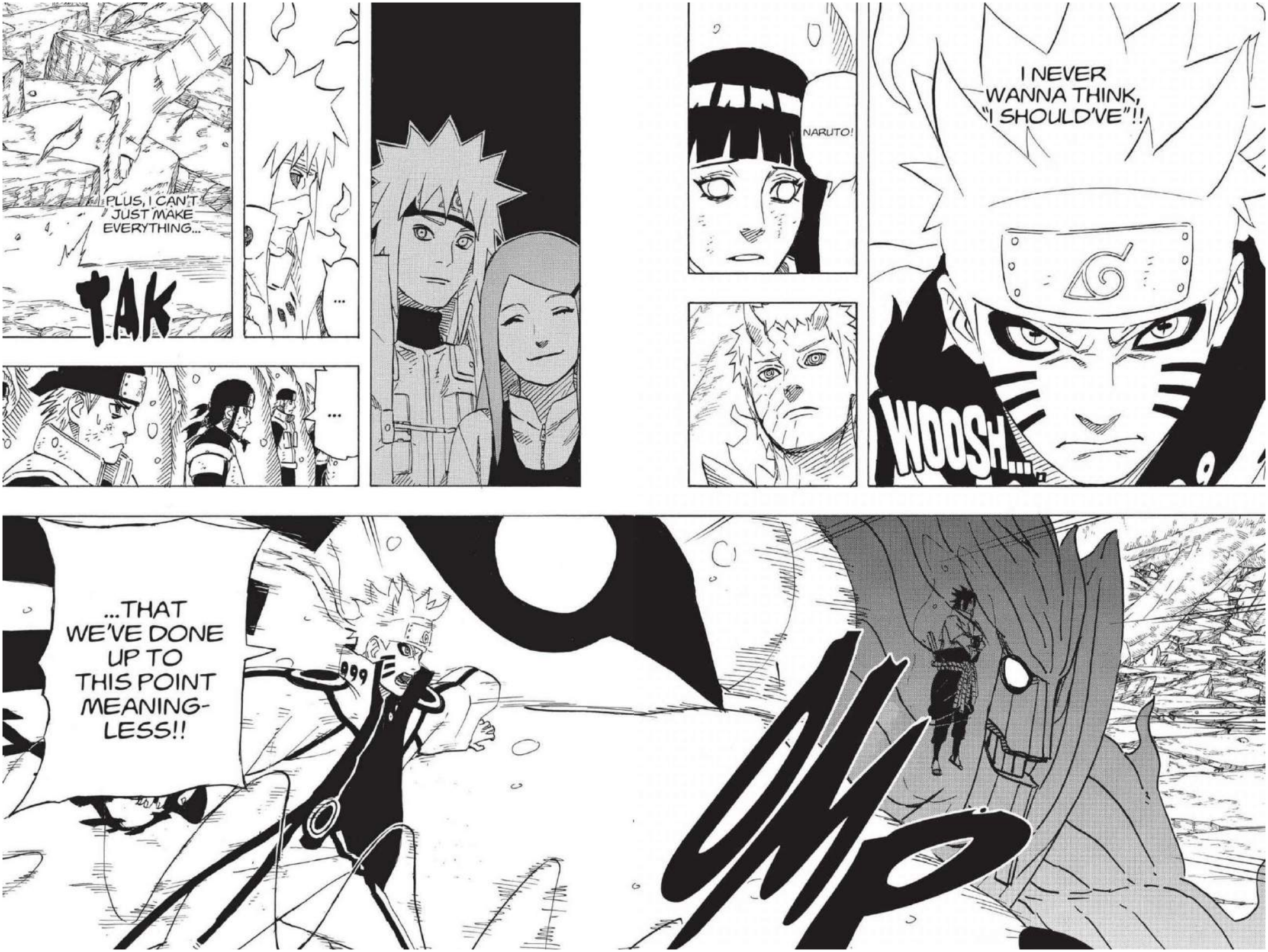
PLUS, I CAN'T JUST MAKE EVERYTHING...
TAK
...
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NARUTO!
I NEVER WANNA THINK, "I SHOULD'VE"!!
WOOSH...
...THAT WE'VE DONE UP TO THIS POINT MEANING-LESS!!
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