



SHONEN JUMP MANGA

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Masashi Kishimoto

volume

53



When the time came to put together the plot for *Naruto* volume 53, I consulted my wife, and this is what resulted. Stories about Mother.

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2010

岸本斉史



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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THE BIRTH OF NARUTO
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CHARACTERS



Sasuke サスケ



Naruto ナルト



Sakura サクラ



Kakashi カカシ



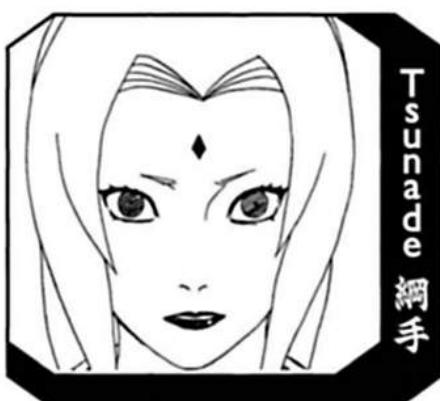
Yamato ヤマト



Sai サイ



Jiraiya 自來也



Tsunade 綱手



Jugo 重吾



Karin 香燐



Suigetsu 水月



Kisame 鬼鮫



Itachi イタチ



Madara マダラ



Motoi モトイ



Killer Bee キラービー



Gaara 我愛羅

— 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...

In the years that pass, Naruto engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. Elsewhere, after winning the heroic battle against Itachi and learning his older brother's true intentions, Sasuke allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

Upon Madara's declaration of war, an Allied Shinobi Force is formed. Naruto, sent away in the name of protecting the jinchūriki, begins training to control Nine Tails. As he struggles, he learns of Bee and Motoi's past, and realizes the importance of trust!!



NARUTO

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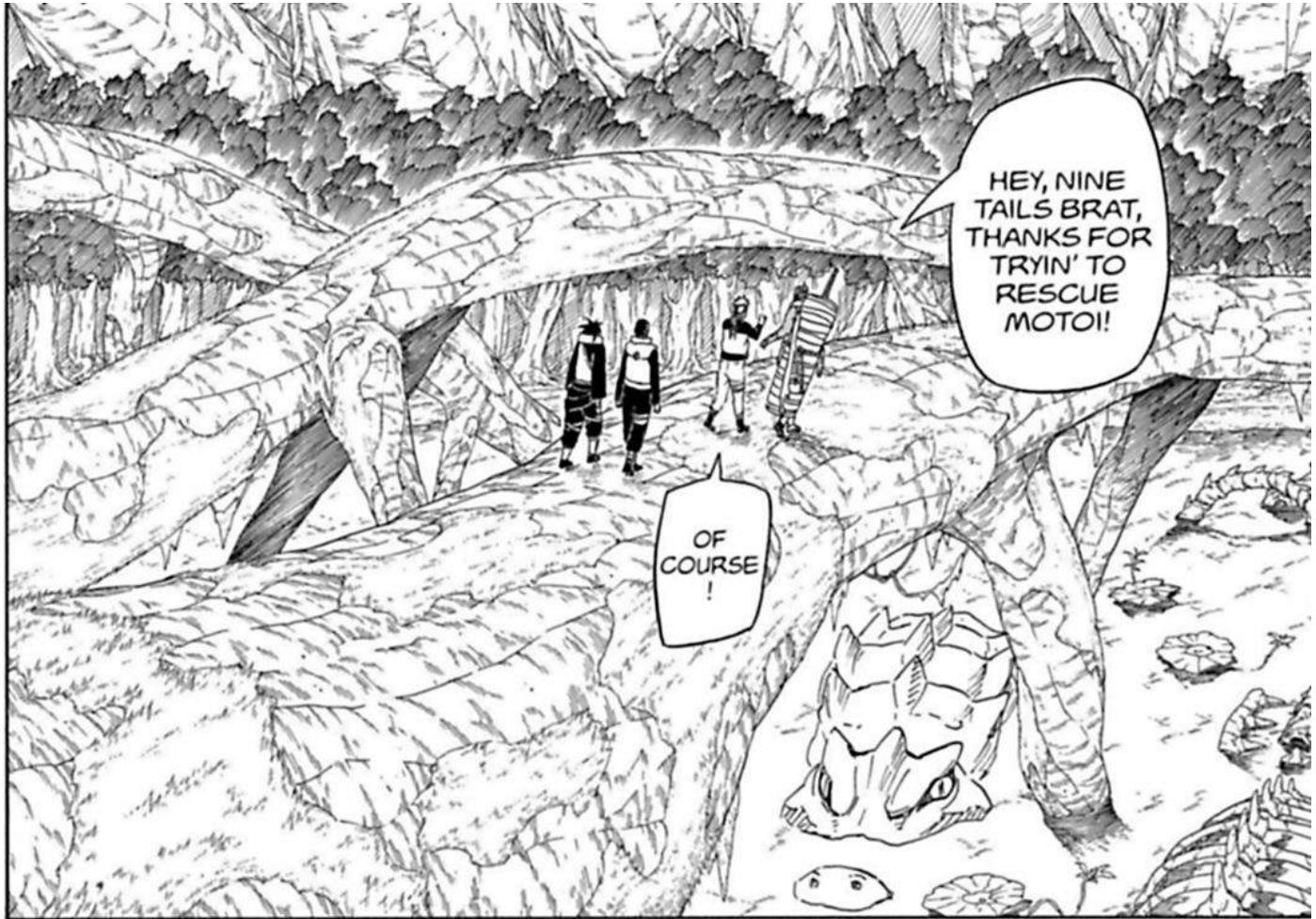


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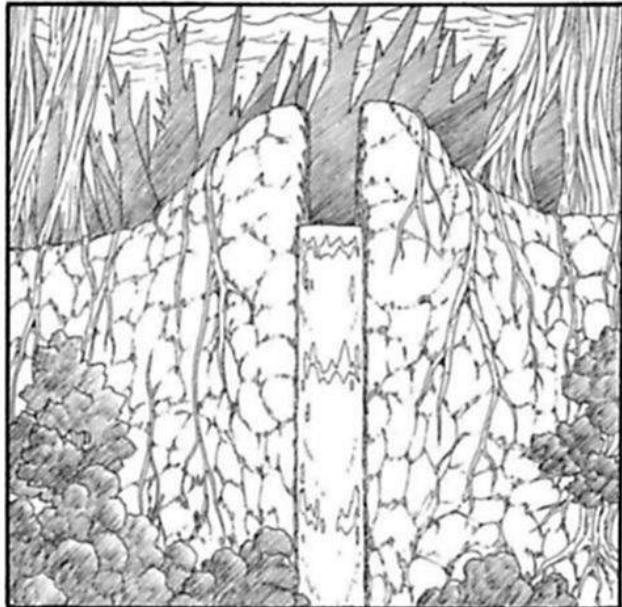


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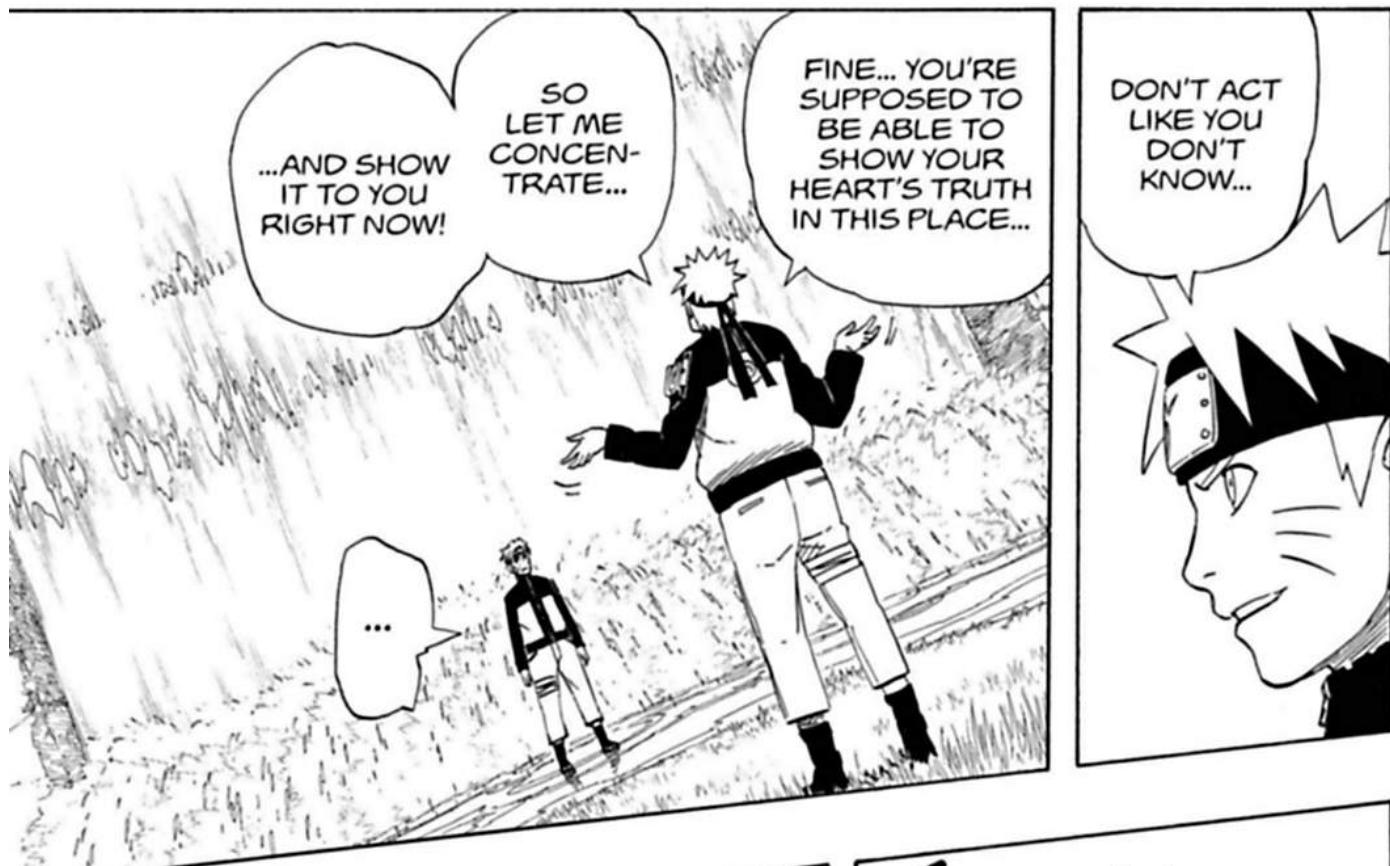
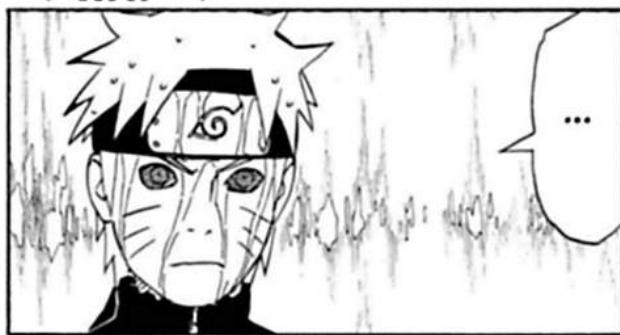


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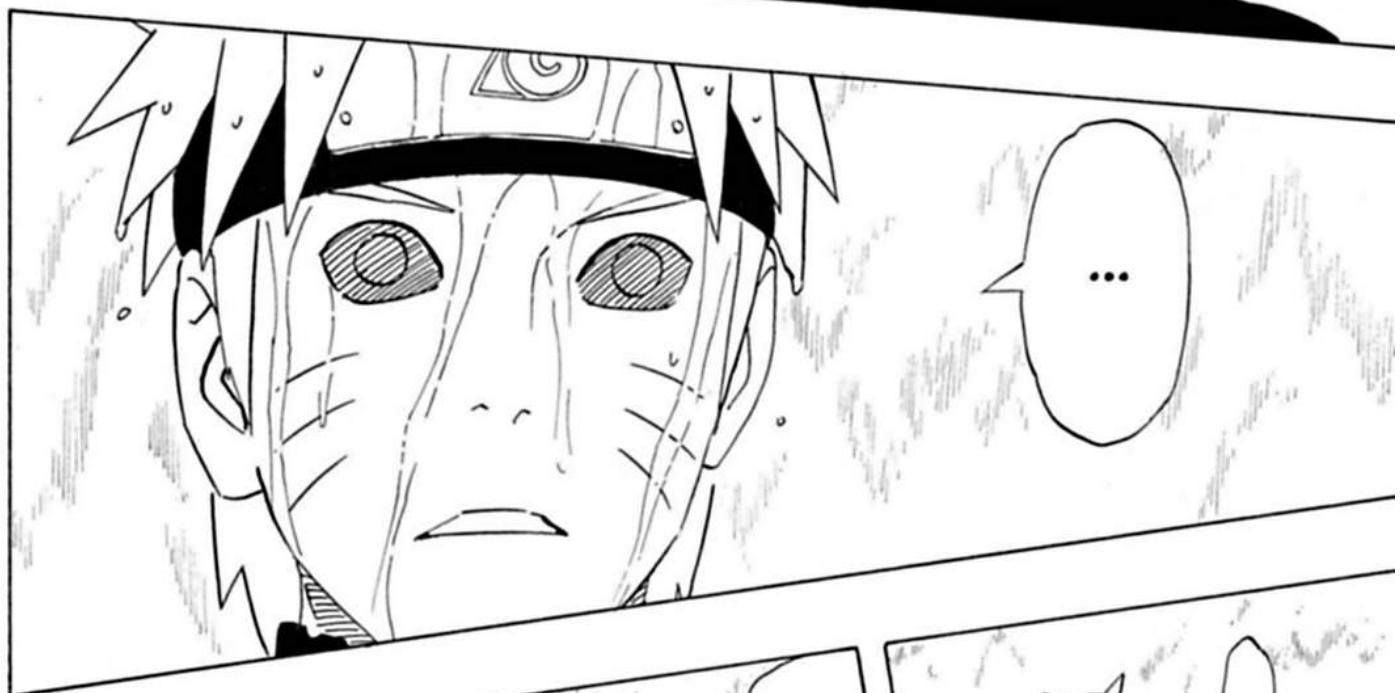
HOKAGE CANDIDATE No.1

@NARUTO



READ
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WAY





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READ
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**BRING
IT
ON!!**

FROM THIS
MOMENT...
I SHALL BE YOUR
INSTRUCTOR

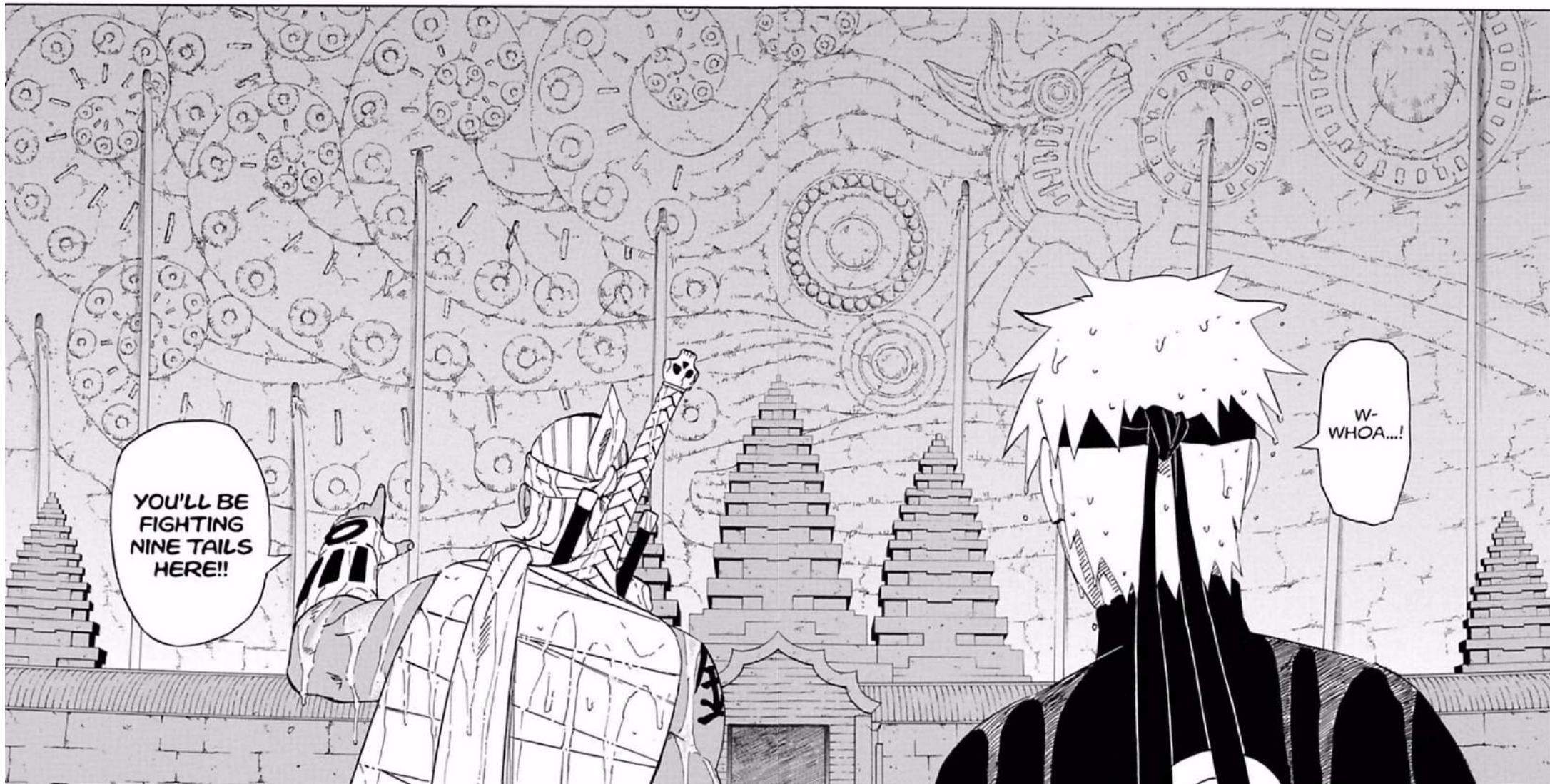
♪
YA BETTER
PREPARE
YOURSELF, OR
ELSE YA MAY
SUFFER DEATH
OR TORTURE
♪

SHALL WE TRY
CONTROLLING
NINE TAILS'
POWER NOW?!

SH
up

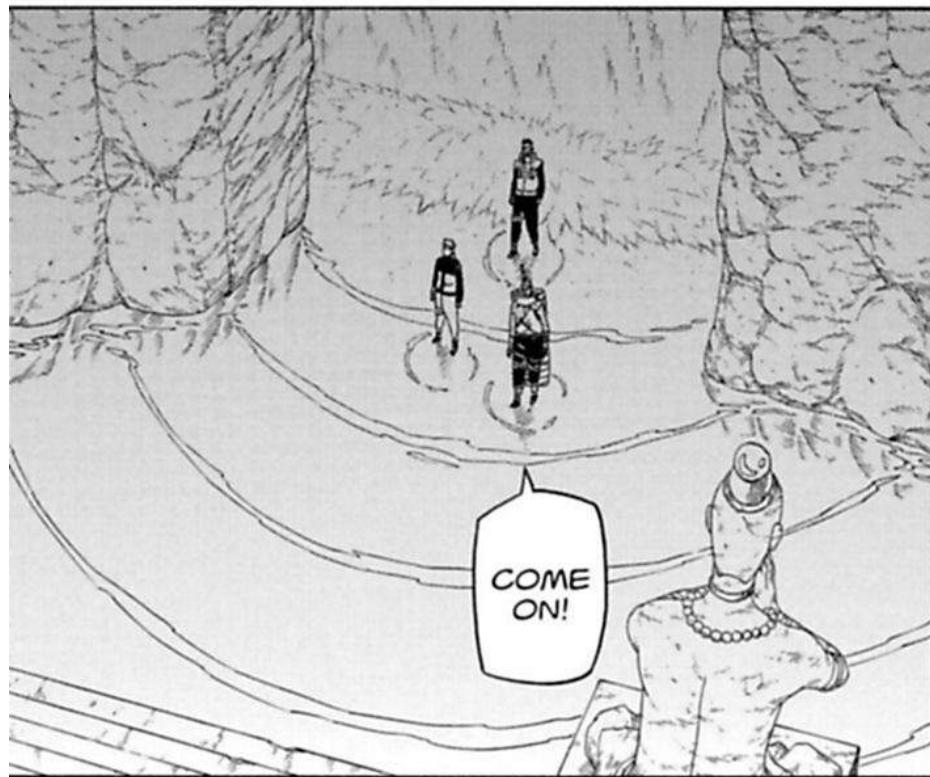
FOLLOW
ME,
NARUTO!

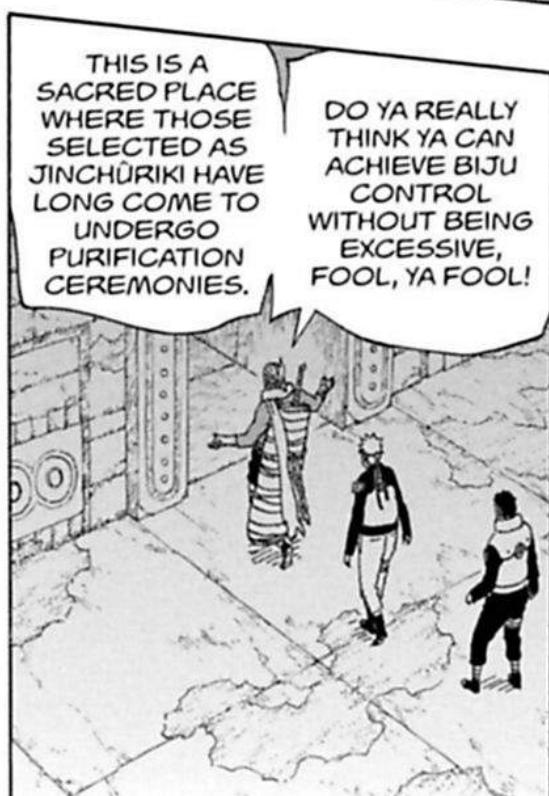
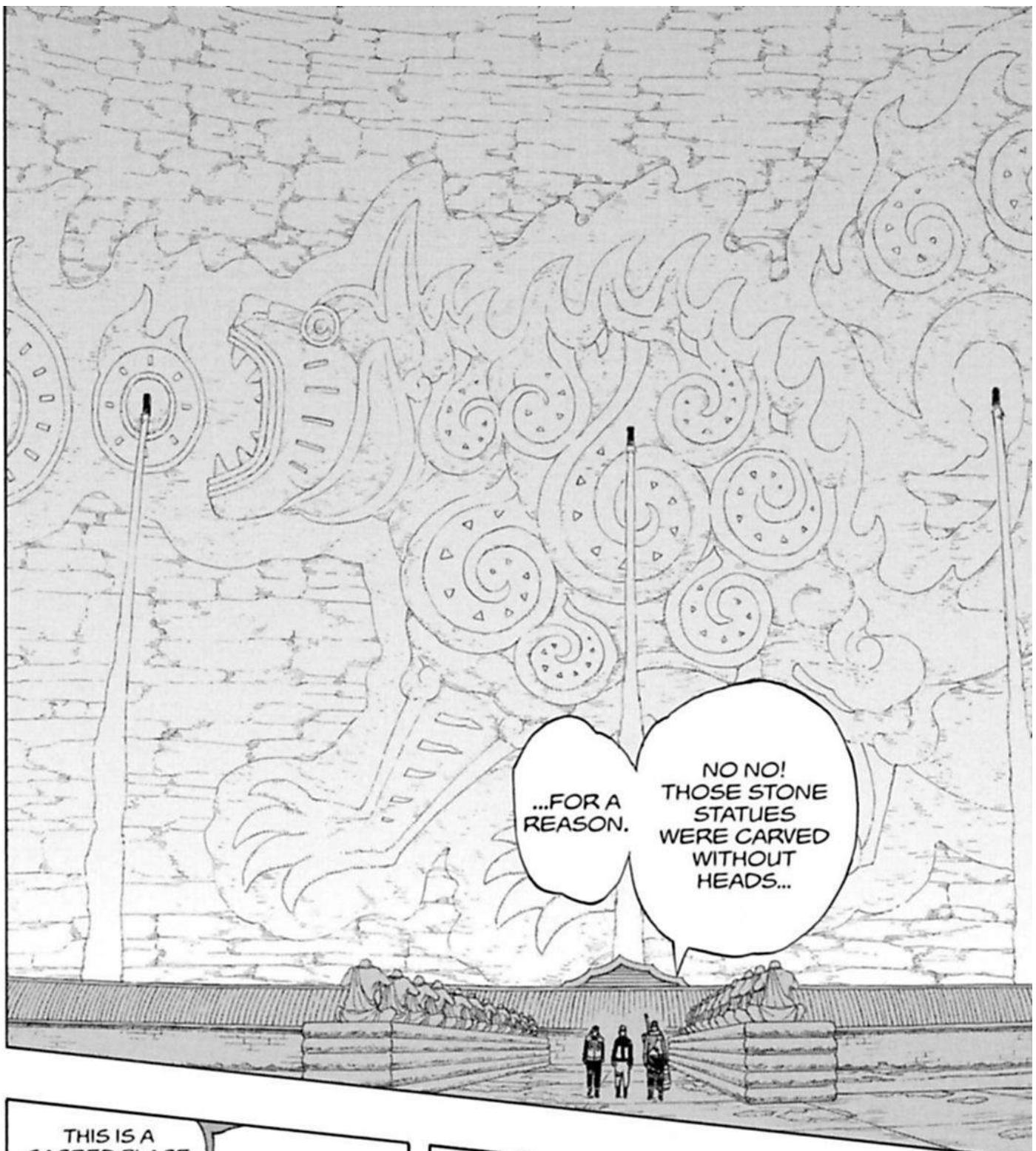
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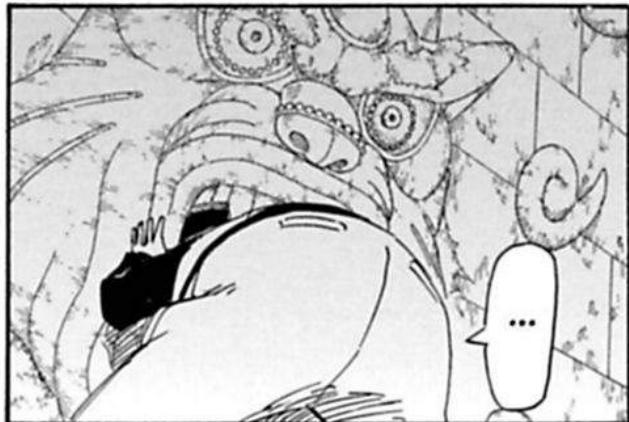


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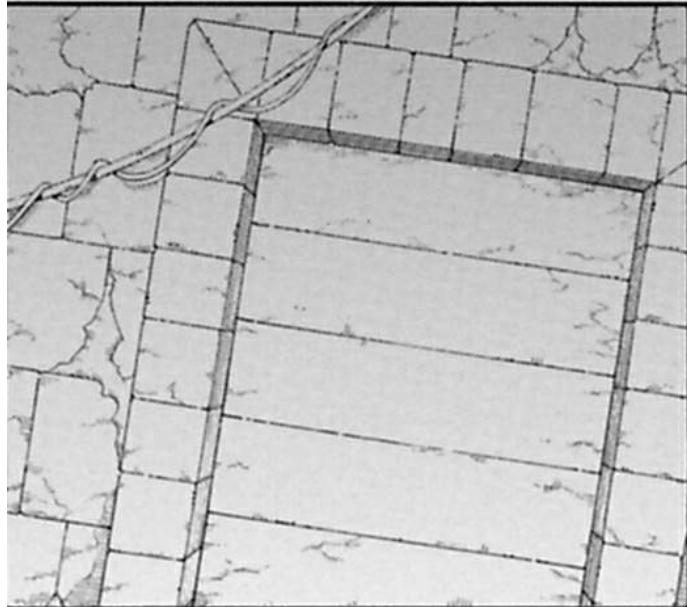








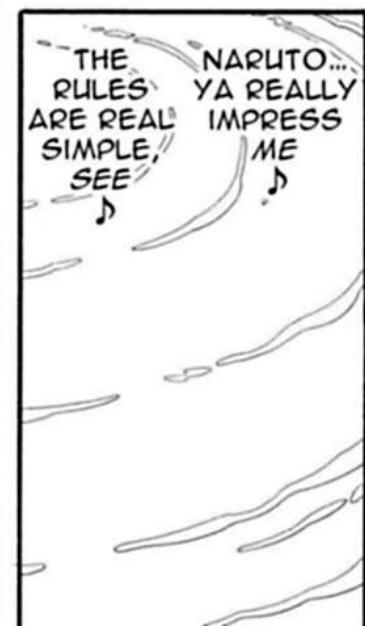
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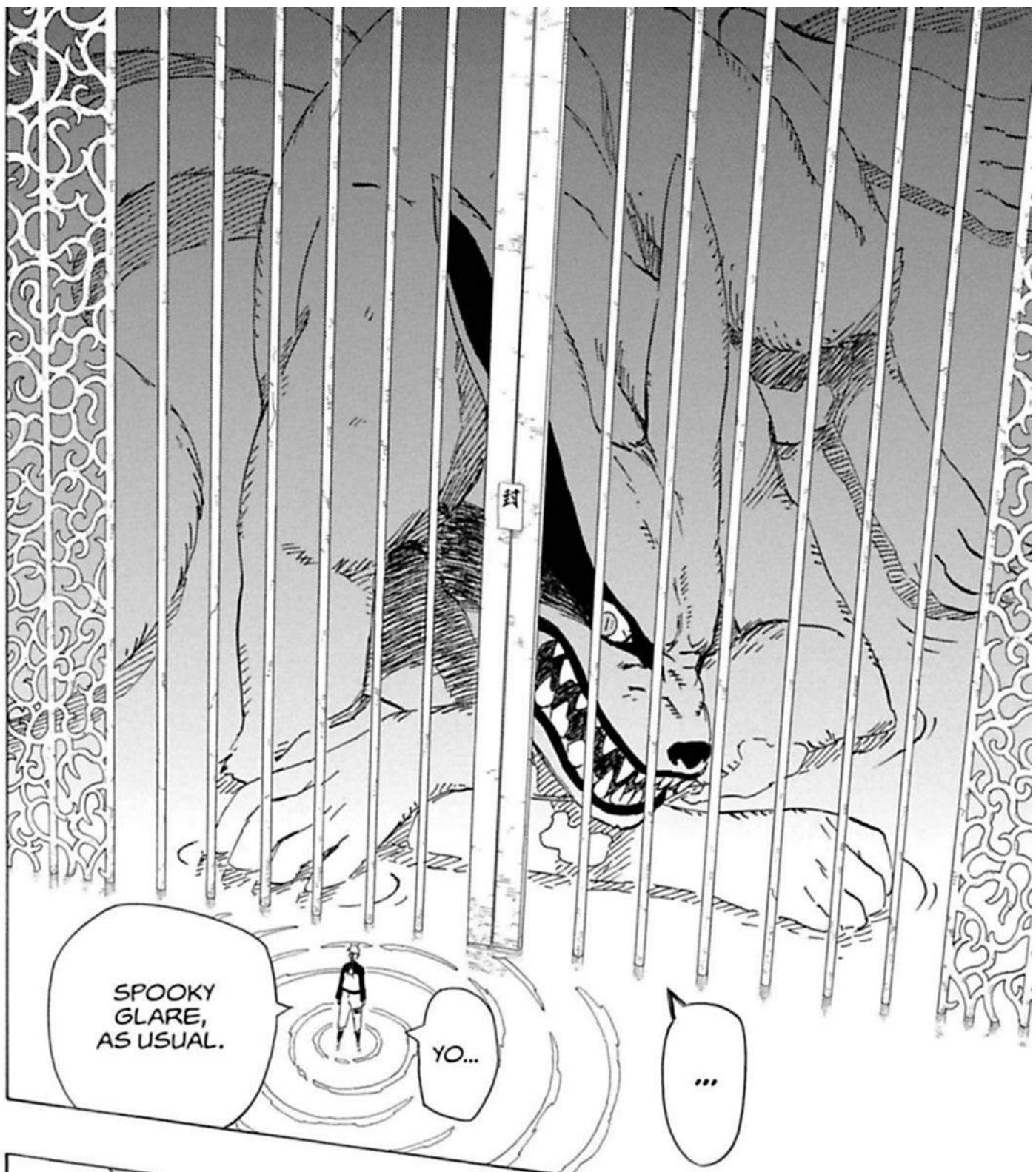
ALL RIGHT, THEN!
I'M GONNA SHUT
THE DOOR...
AND TELL YA HOW
TO DEAL WITH
NINE TAILS!



ONCE YOU
GREET NINE
TAILS INSIDE
YOUR MIND,
UNDO THE
SEAL!

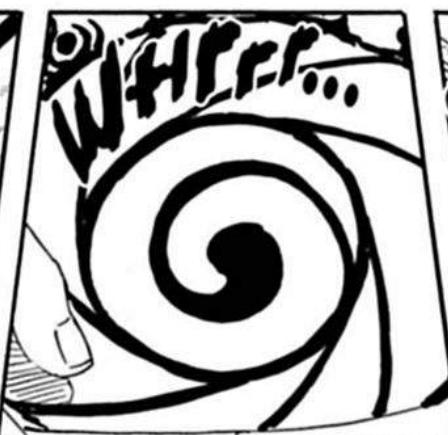
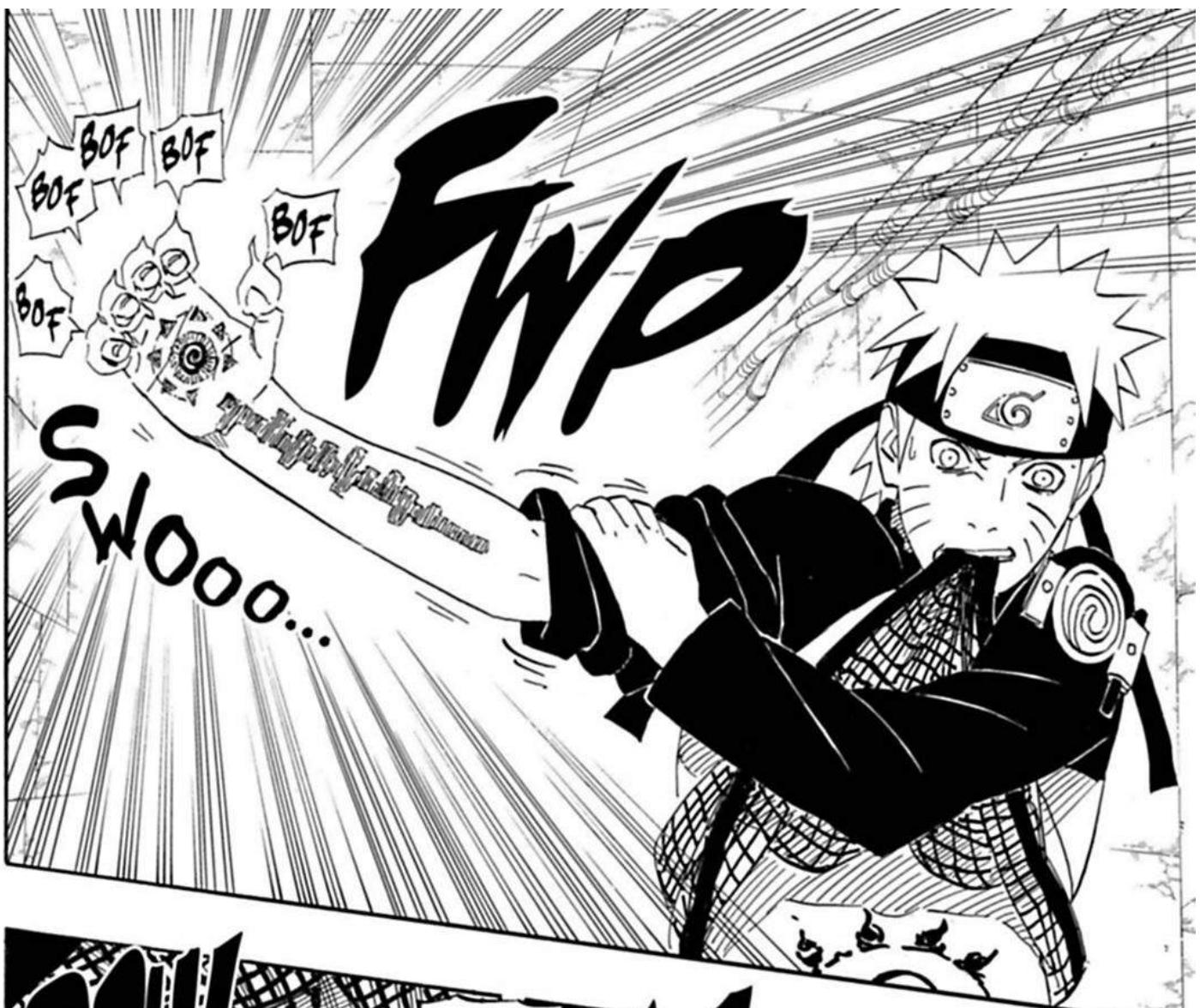


THE
RULES
ARE REAL
SIMPLE,
SEE
♪
NARUTO...
YA REALLY
IMPRESS
ME
♪



READ
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WAY





READ
THIS WAY



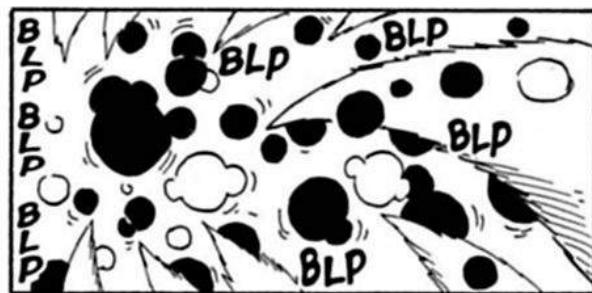
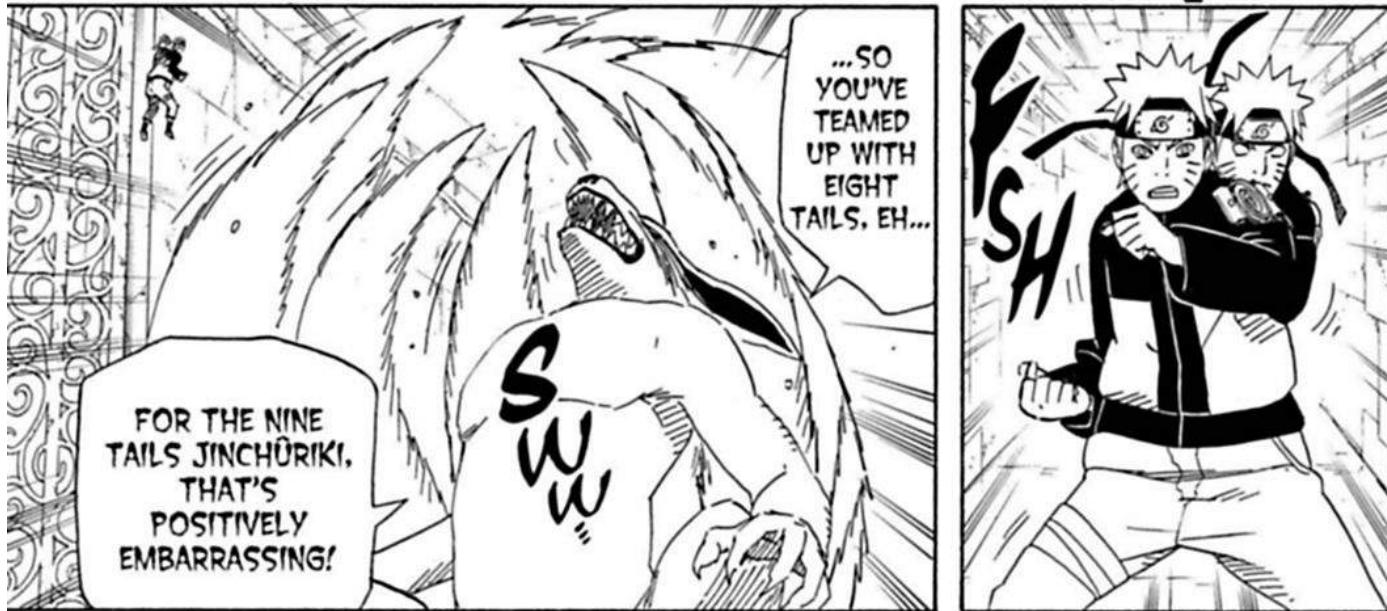


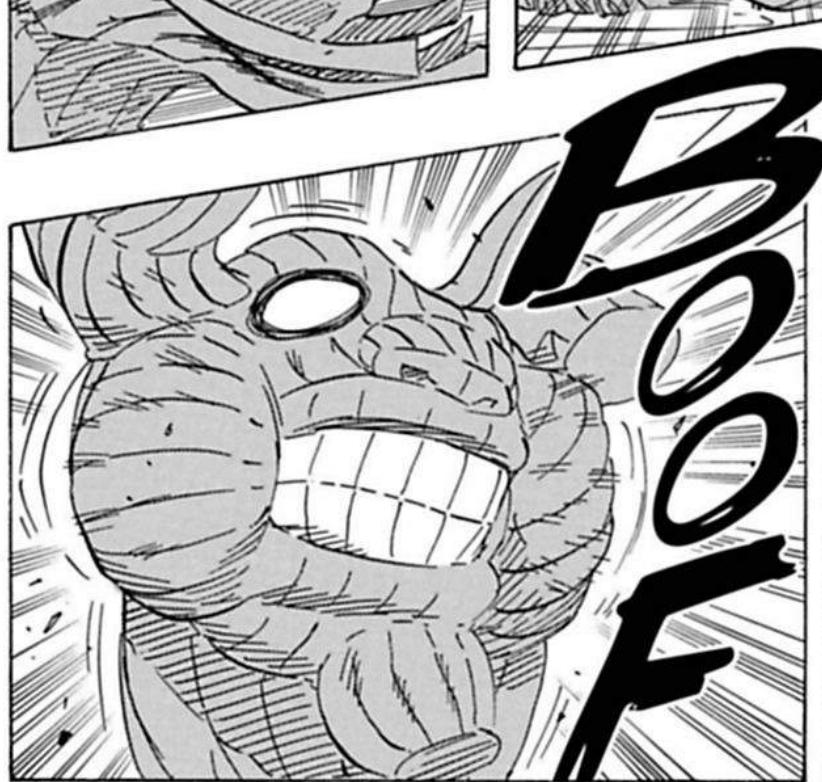
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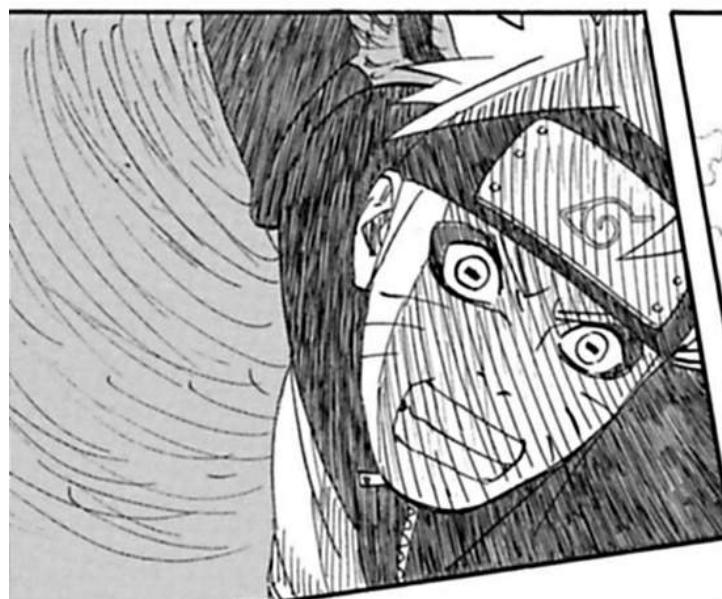
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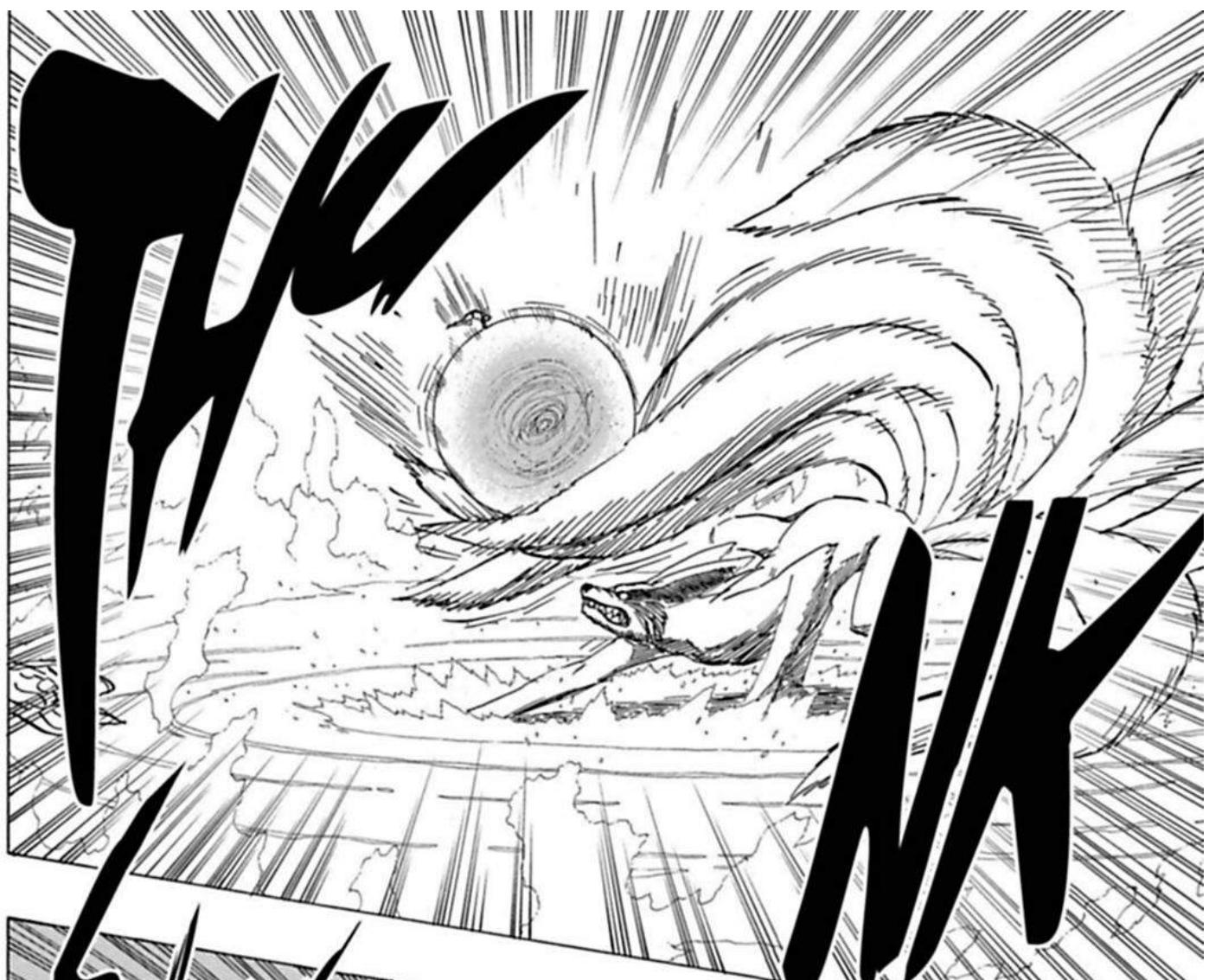
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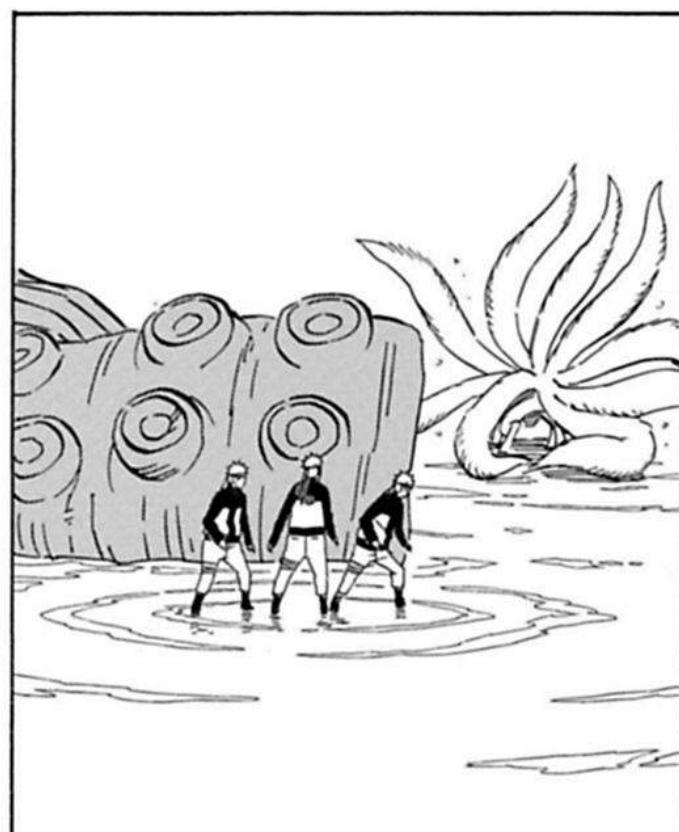




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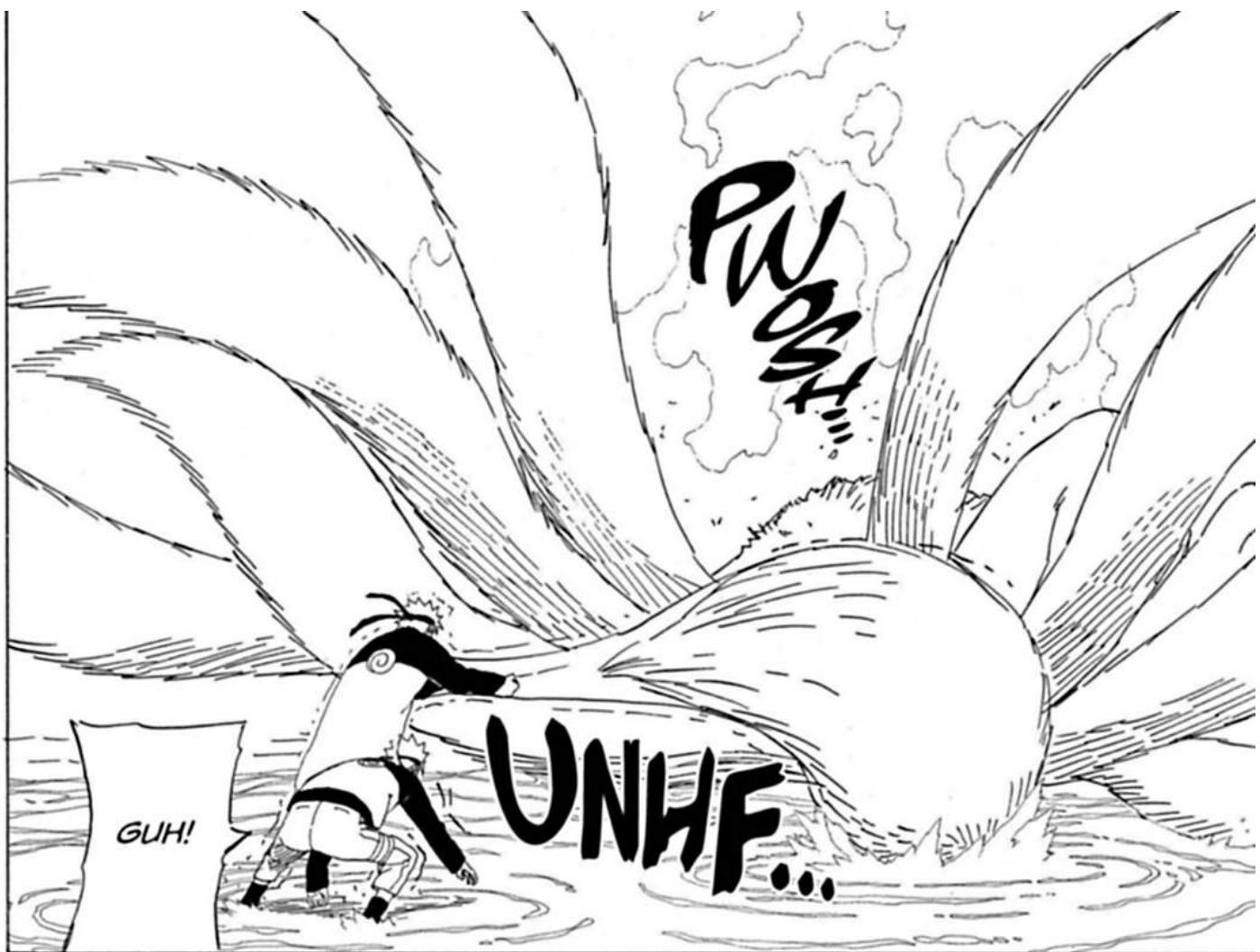




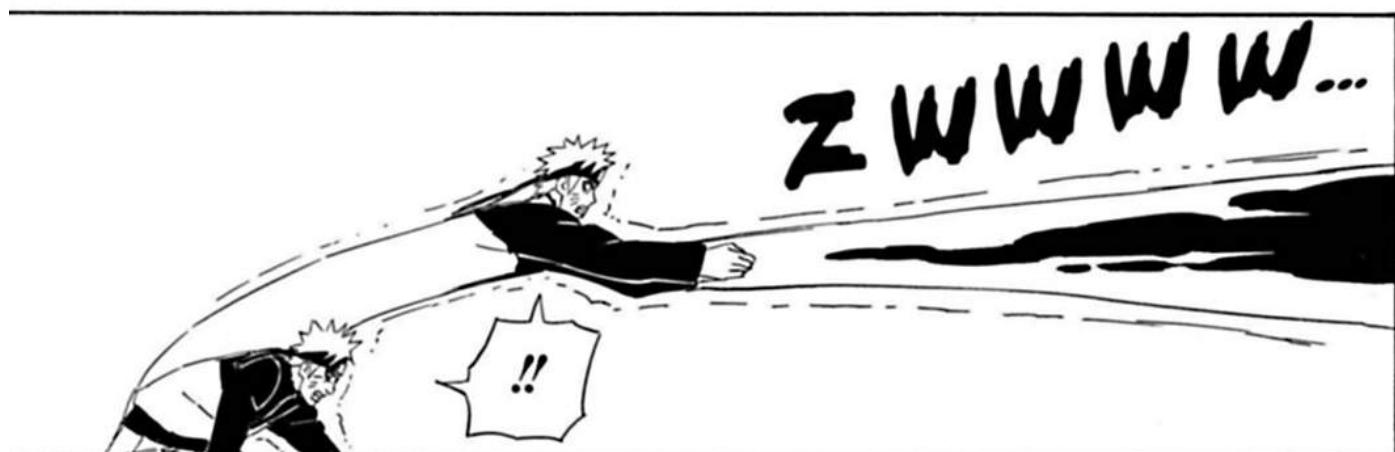








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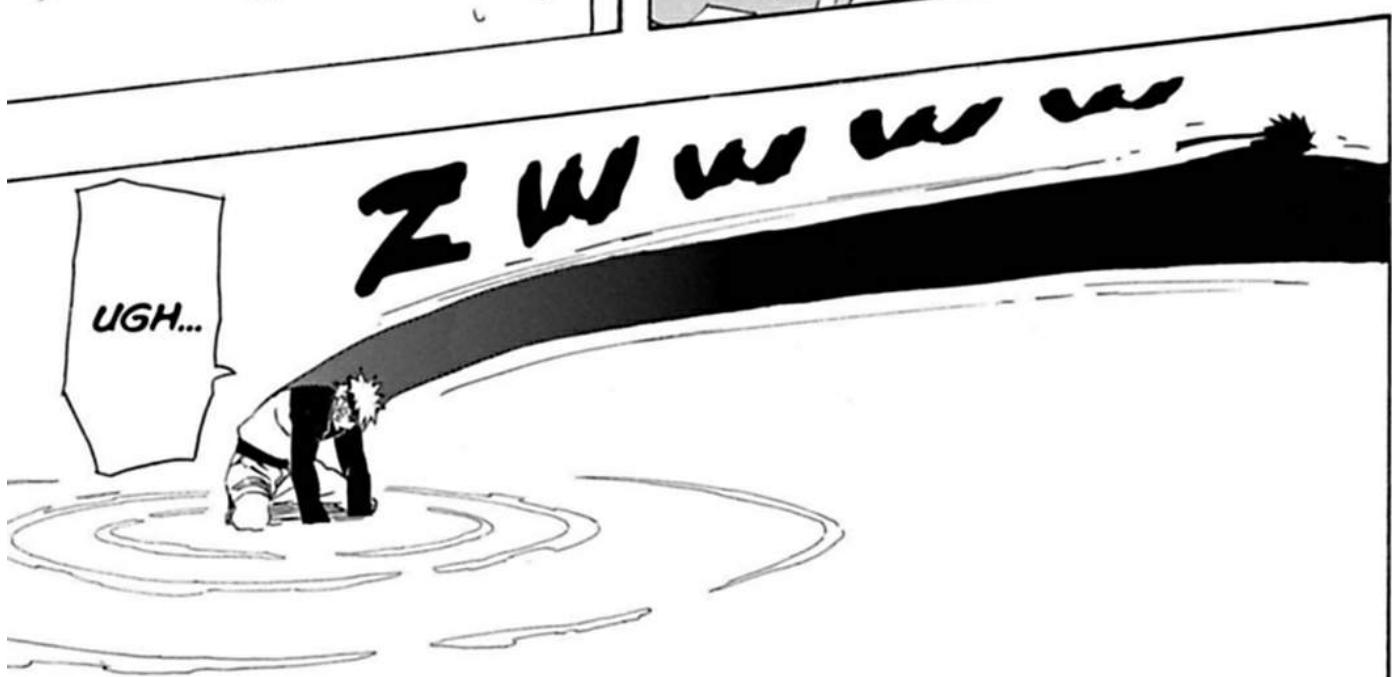




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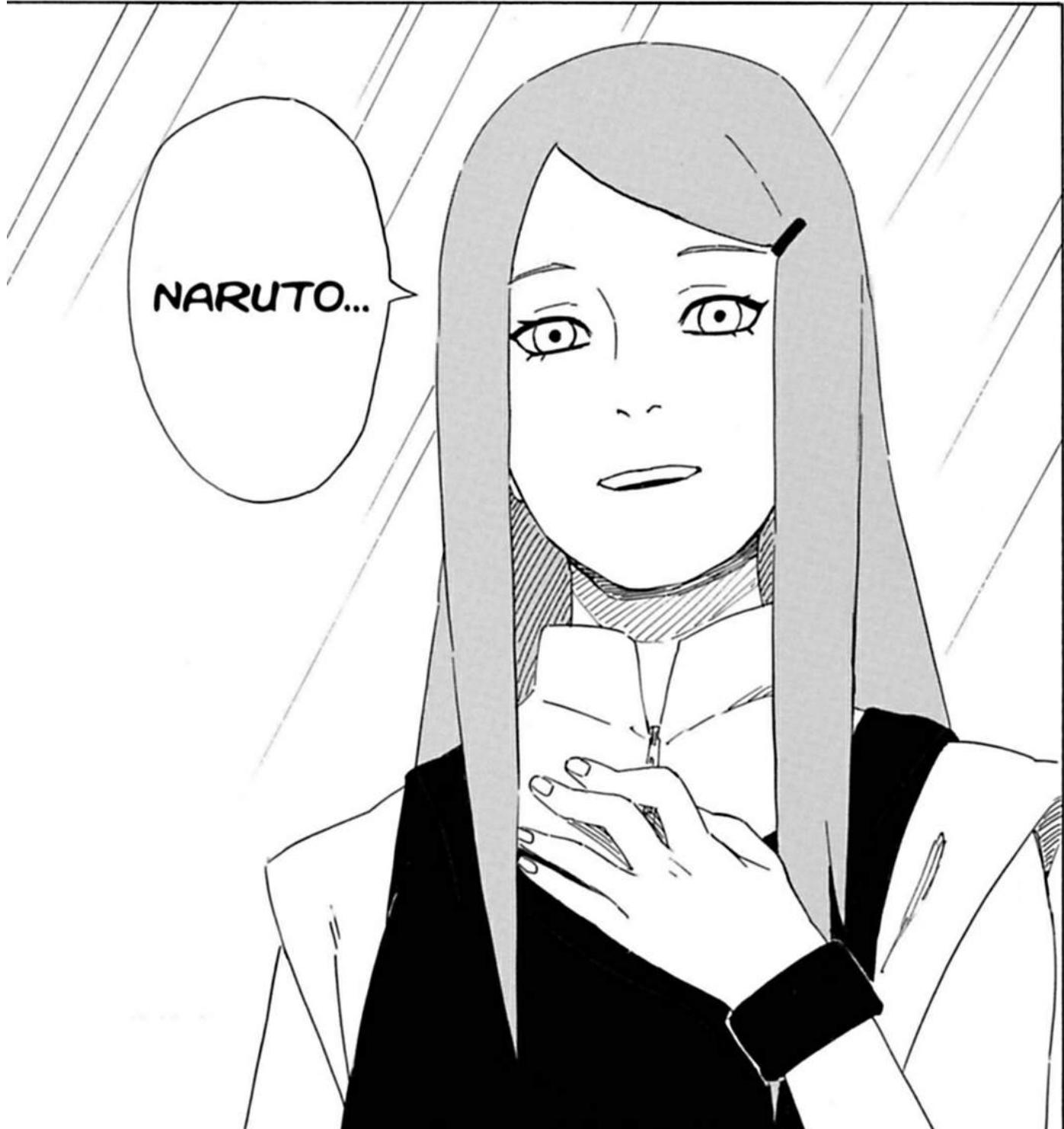


ZWWWWWW...





READ
THIS
WAY



NARUTO

Number 498:



AND HOW
COME YOU
KNOW MY
NAME?!

HUH?
WHERE'D
YOU
COME
FROM?!



...

AAH...
OF
COURSE...

My Ma's Red Hair



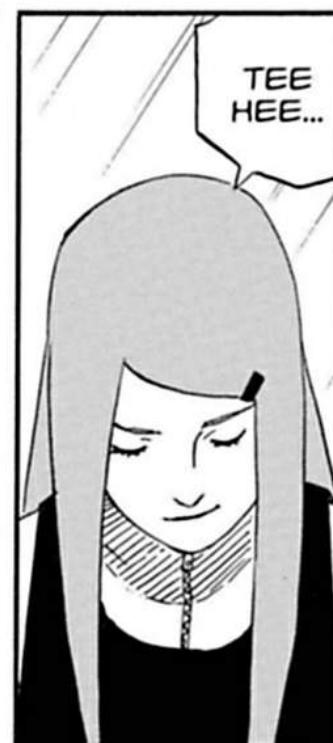
WELL
THEN...
WHY DON'T
YOU GUESS
WHO I AM,
NARUTO?



YOU
GOT IT?



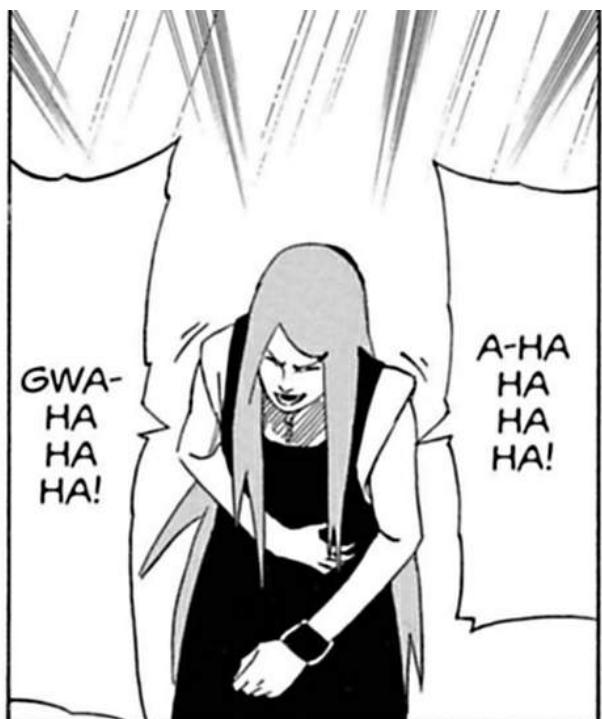
DON'T
TELL
ME....!



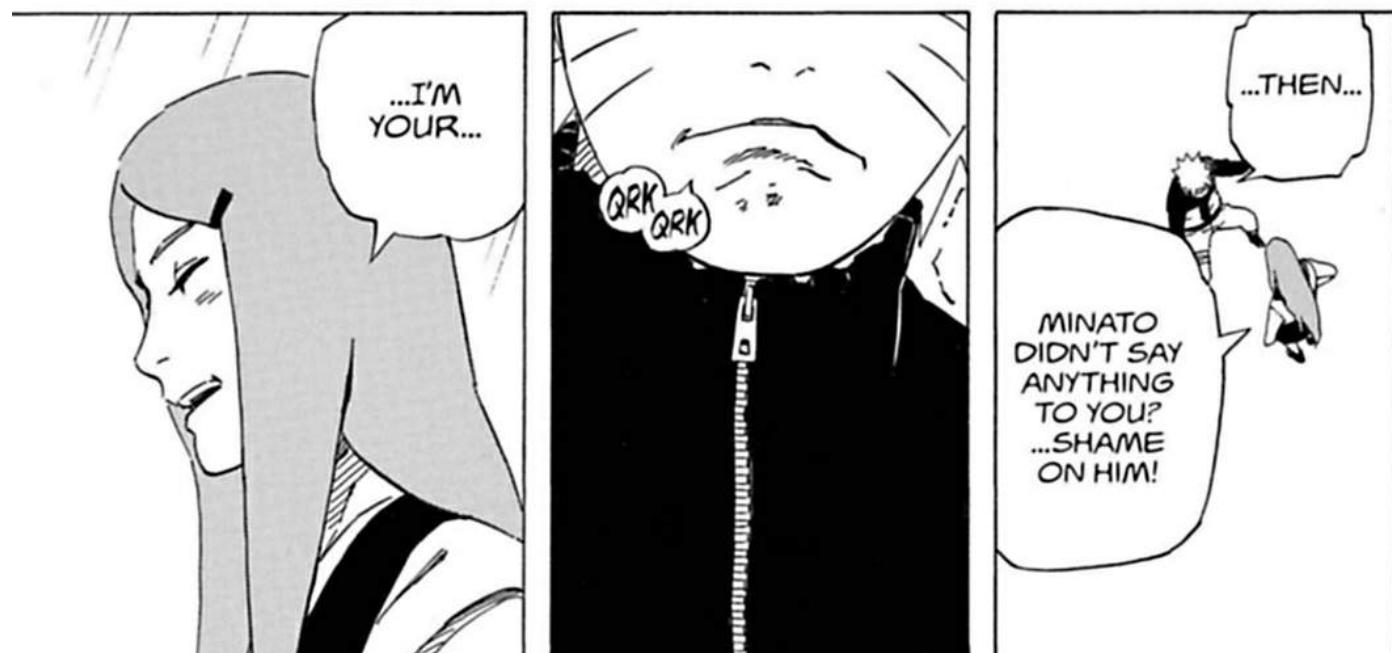
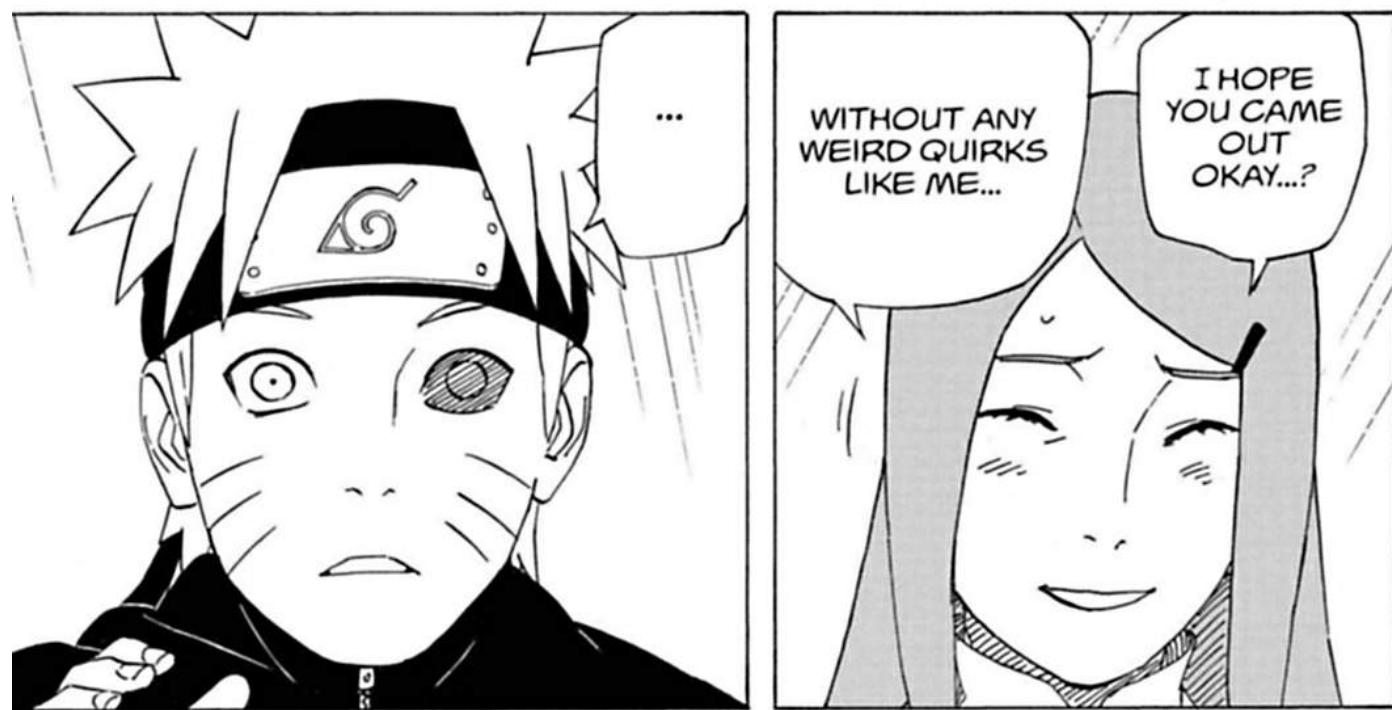
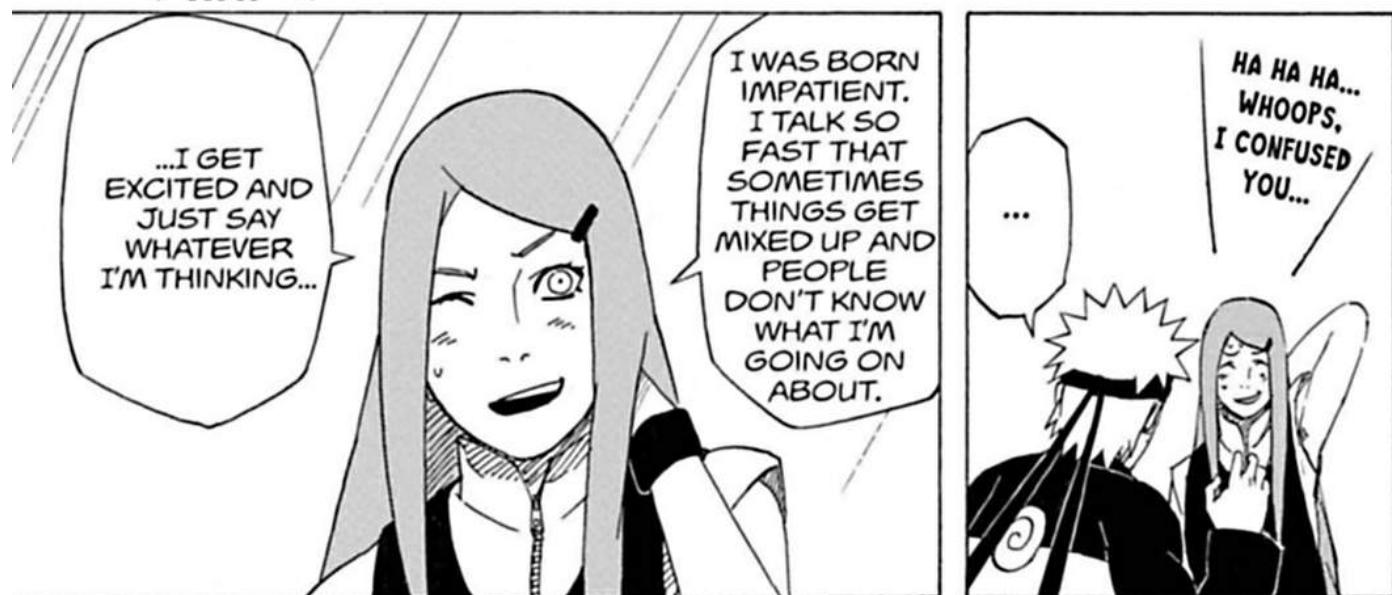
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HEE...

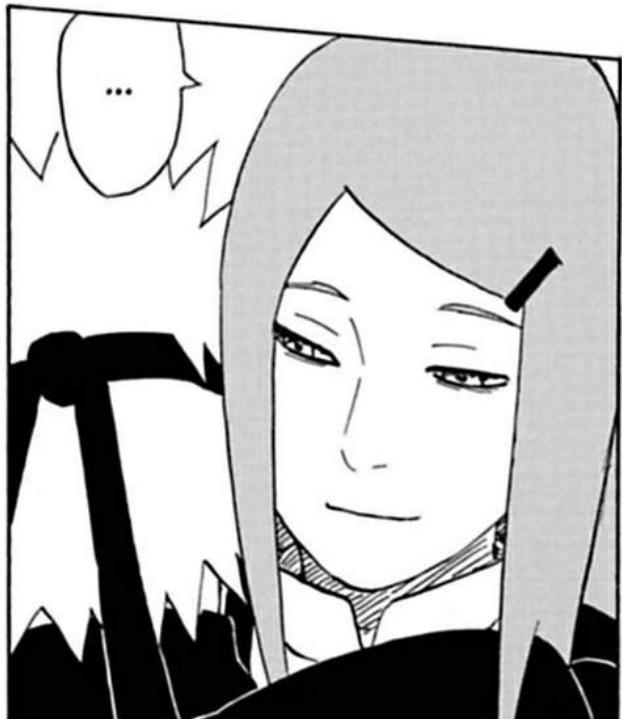


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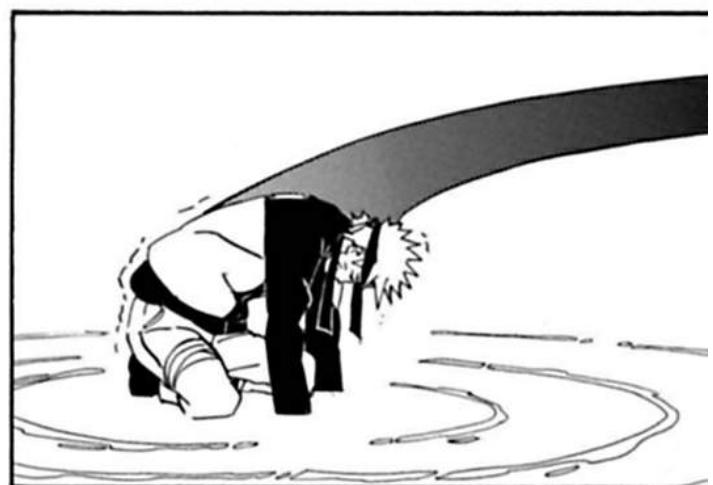
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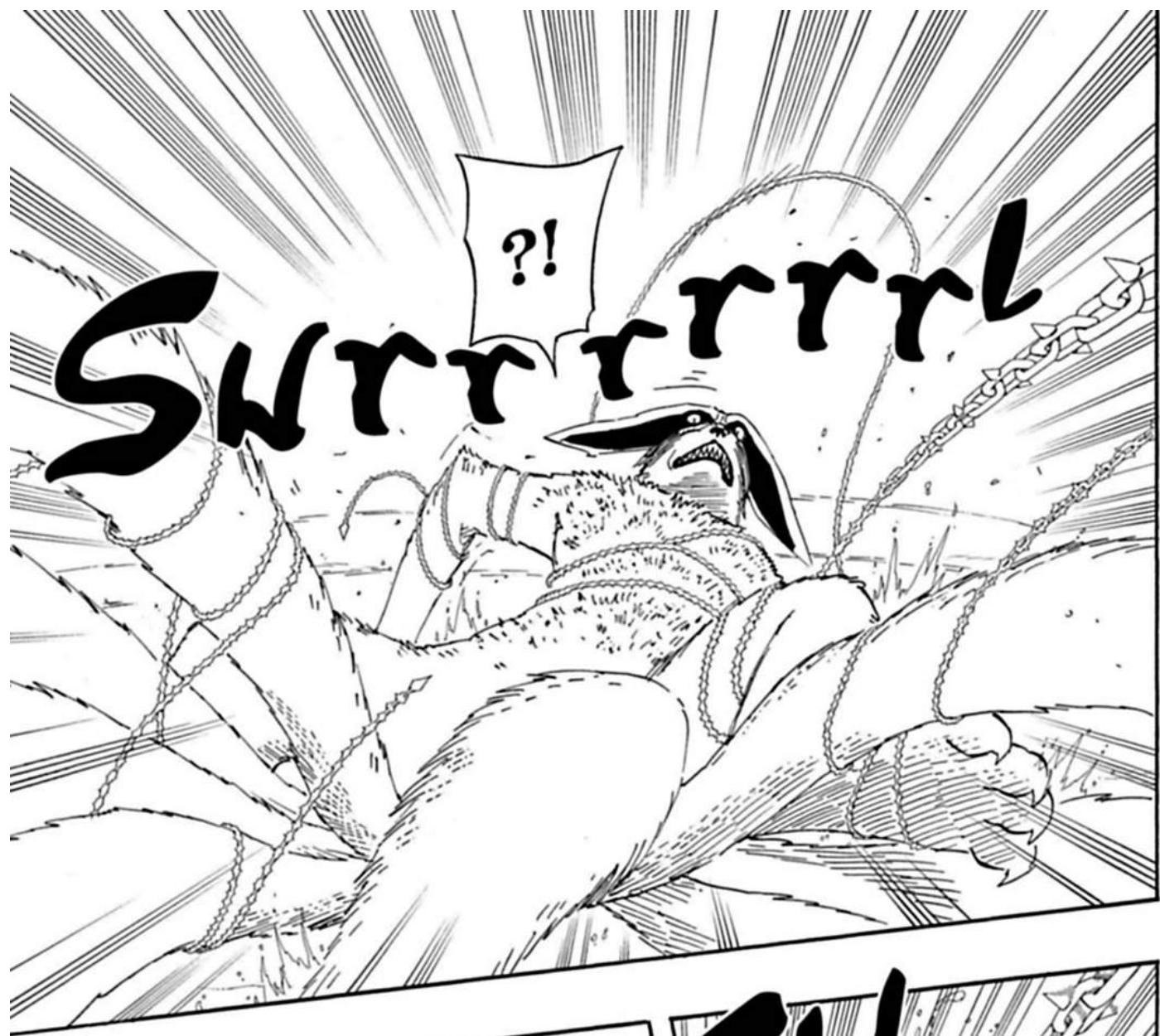




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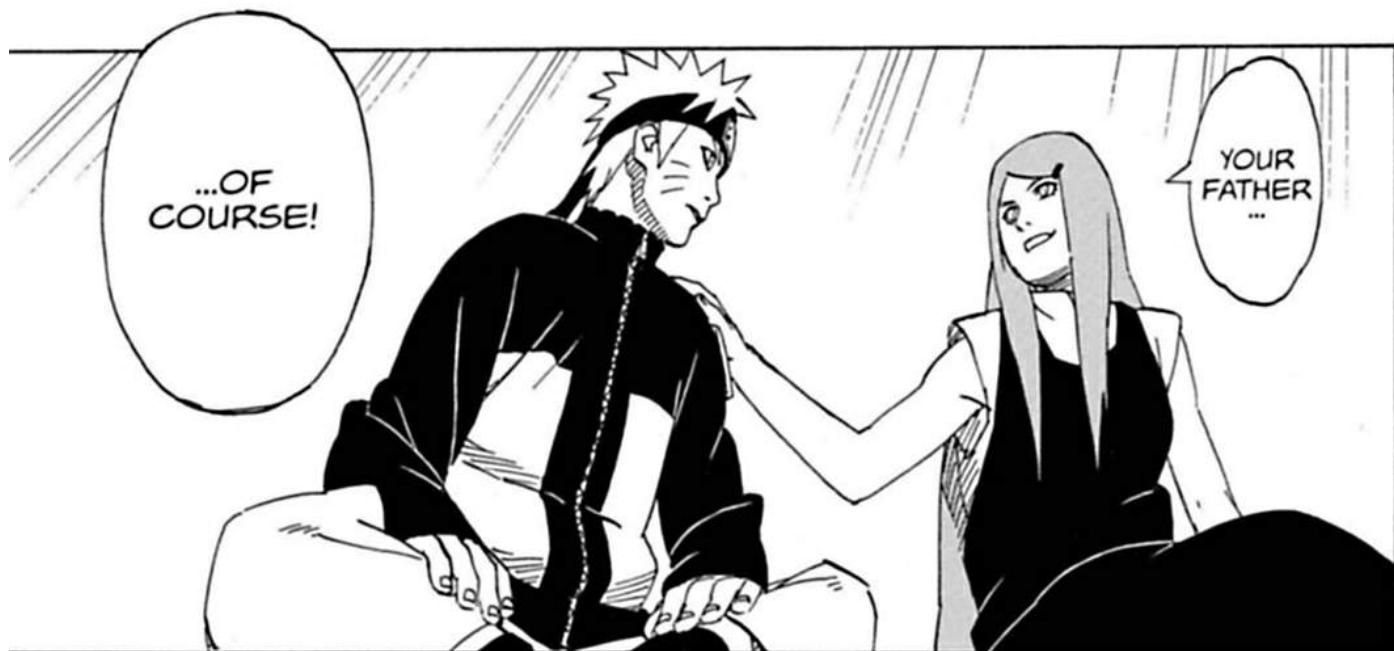


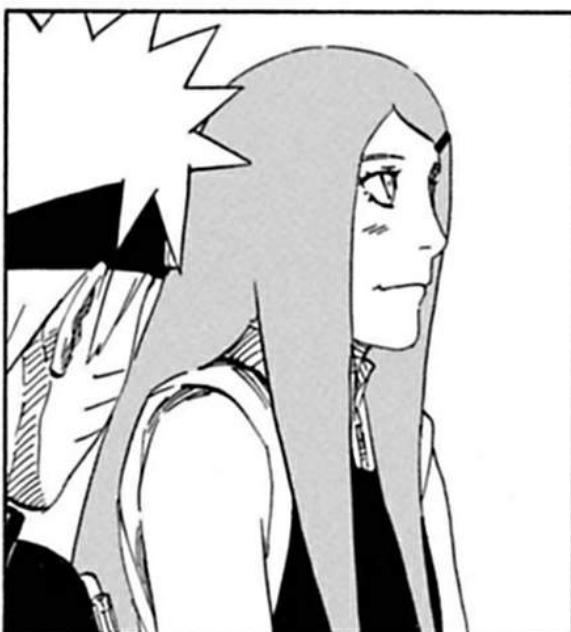






READ
THIS
WAY





MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF YOUR FATHER, MINATO, WAS THAT HE SEEMED RATHER GIRLY AND UNDEPENDABLE...

YOUR FATHER AND I WERE BOTH STILL LITTLE KIDS WHEN WE FIRST MET.

BACK WHEN I WAS A JUNIOR NINJA, I HAD JUST MOVED FROM ANOTHER SHINOBI VILLAGE, SO I DIDN'T KNOW A WHOLE LOT ABOUT KONOHA...

...I DIDN'T WANT TO BE SNUBBED BY EVERYONE, SO THIS IS WHAT I SAID...

THE VERY DAY I'D MOVED, WE HAD TO SHARE IN CLASS AT THE ACADEMY WHAT WE WANTED TO BE WHEN WE GREW UP...

OH, REALLY ...?

YEAH...

AND?

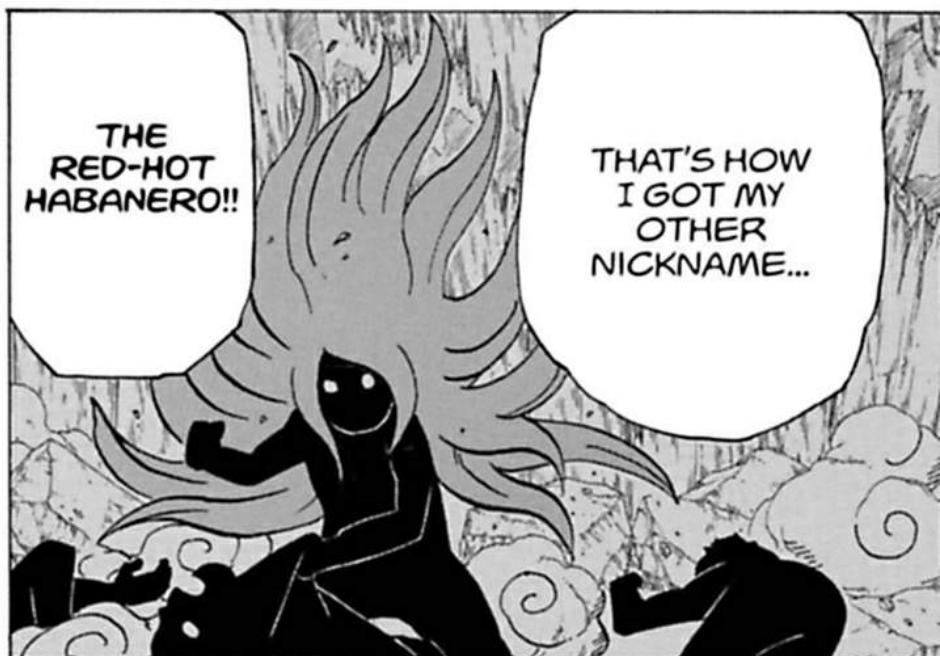
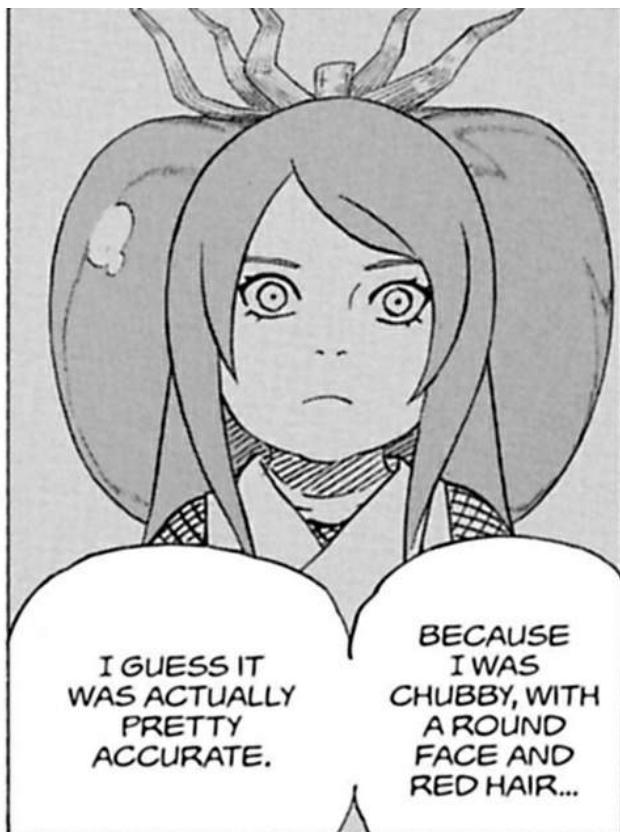
YOU SEEM TO BE A LOT LIKE ME!

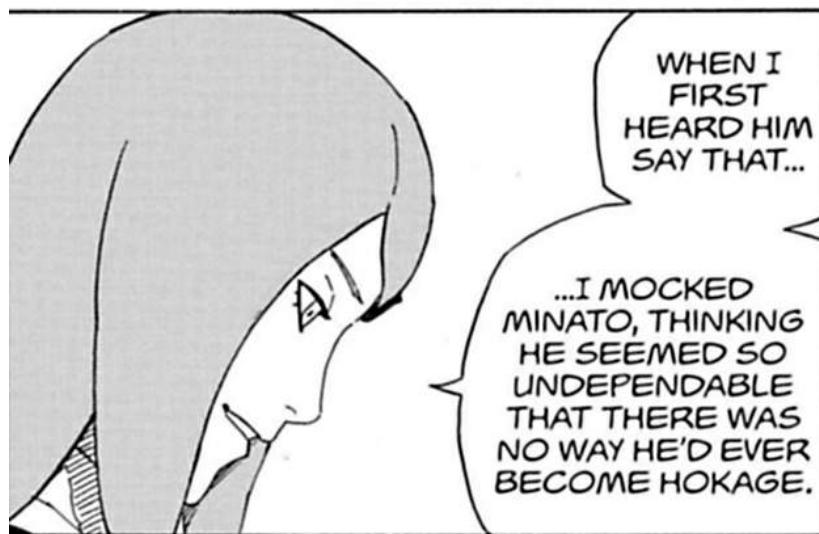
THAT'S MY MA!

IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND... YOU'RE LIKE ME!

...YUP...

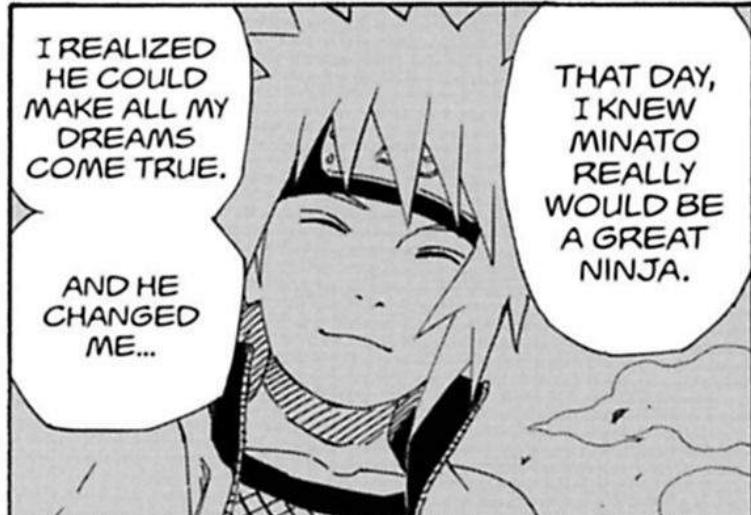
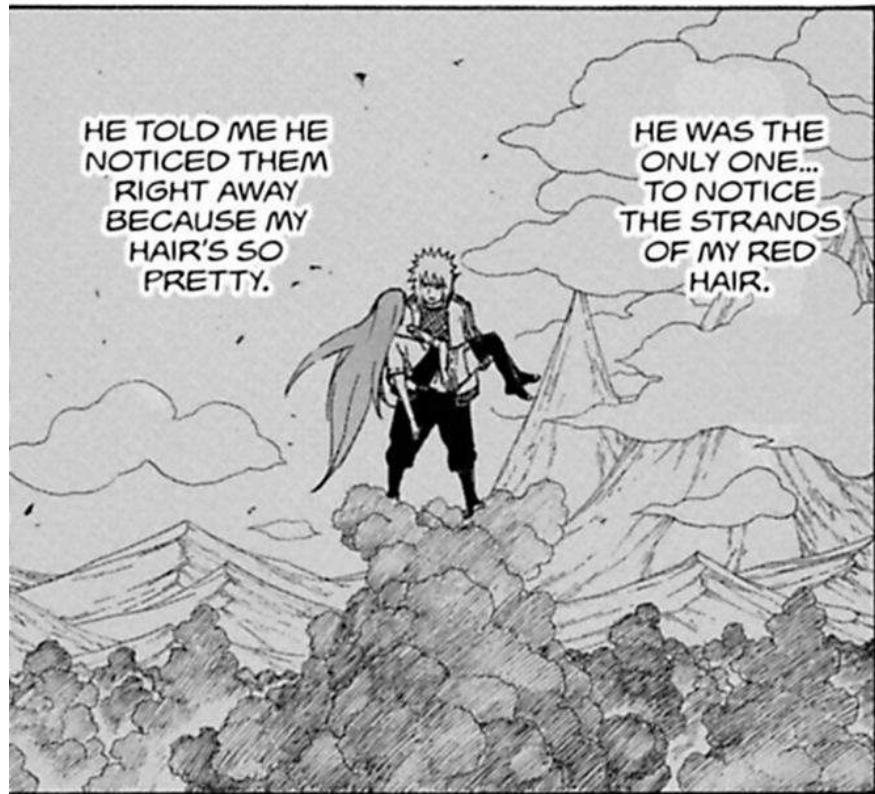
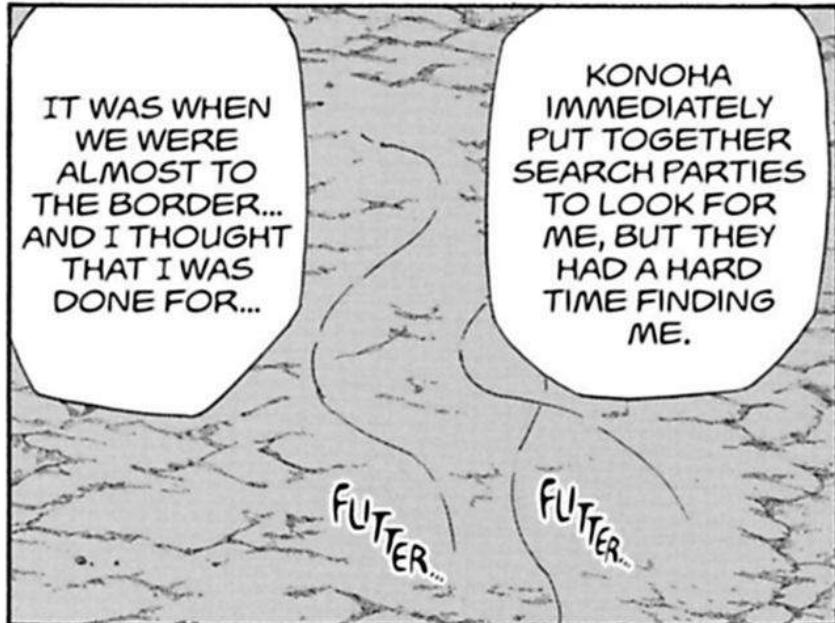
I'M GONNA BE THE FIRST FEMALE HOKAGE!



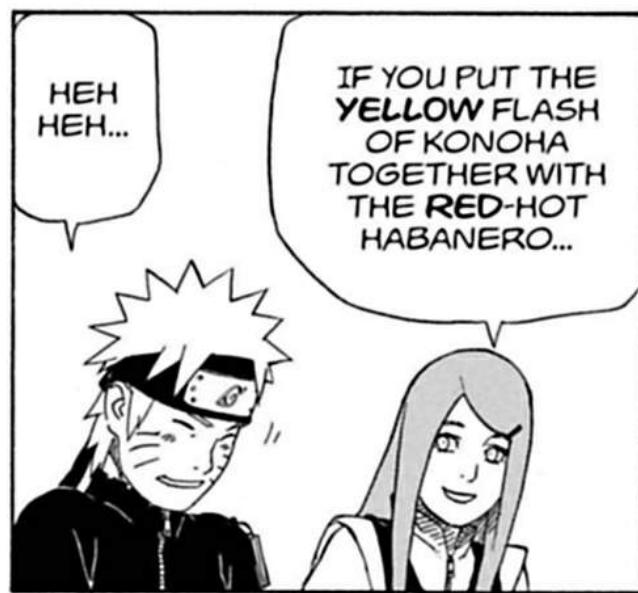


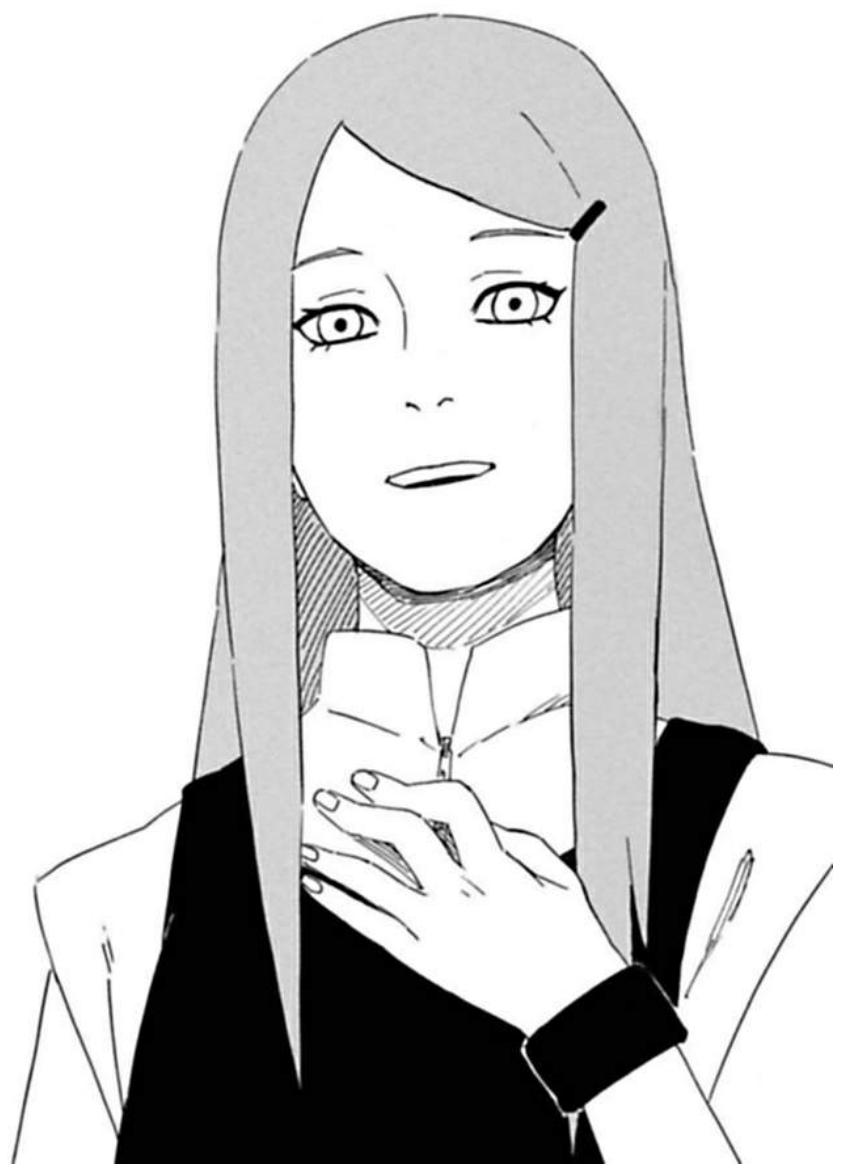


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RRRRRRRRRRRRRR



Number 499:-A-New-Seal!!

I
LOVE
YOU.



I FEEL
SO
CALM...



WOW...

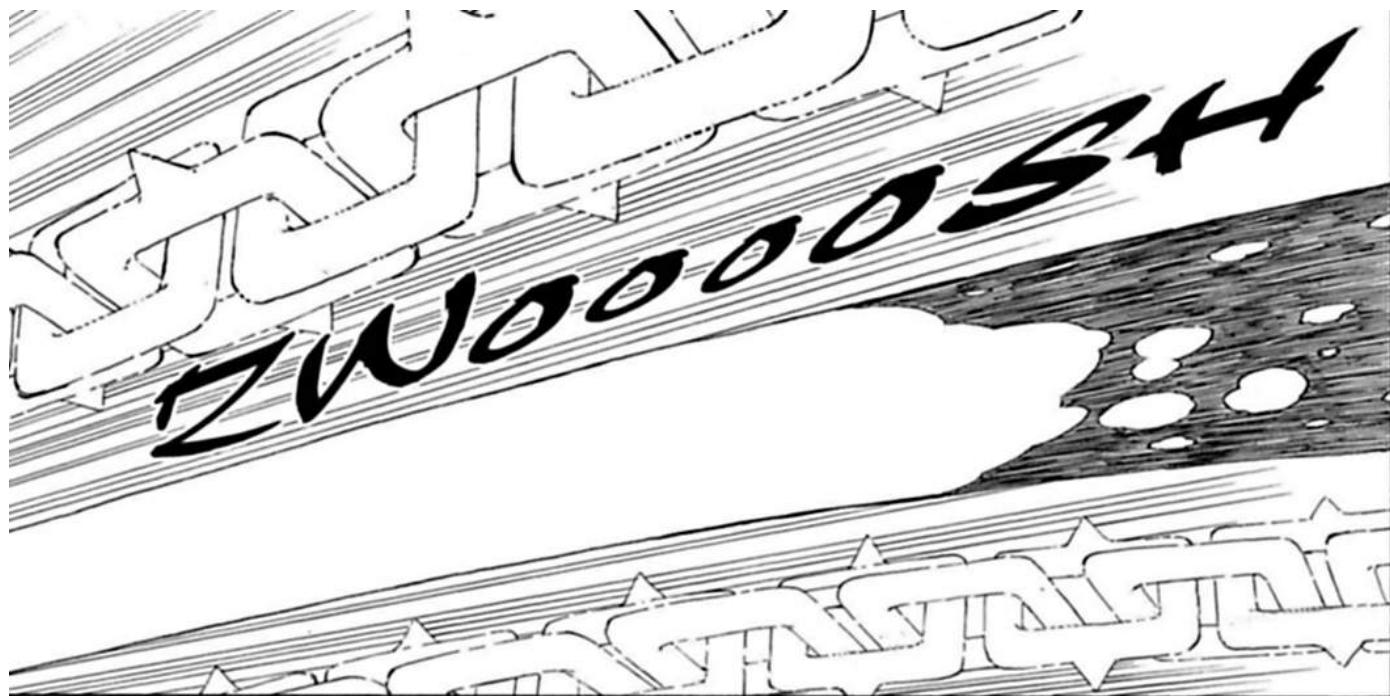


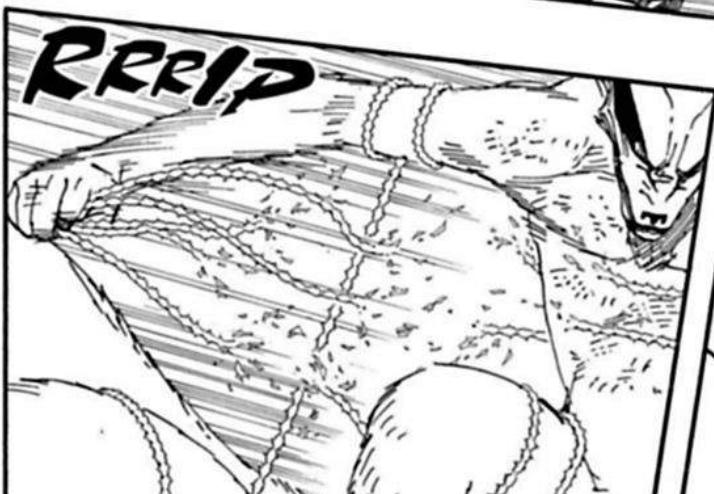
...SO
HAPPY!!!



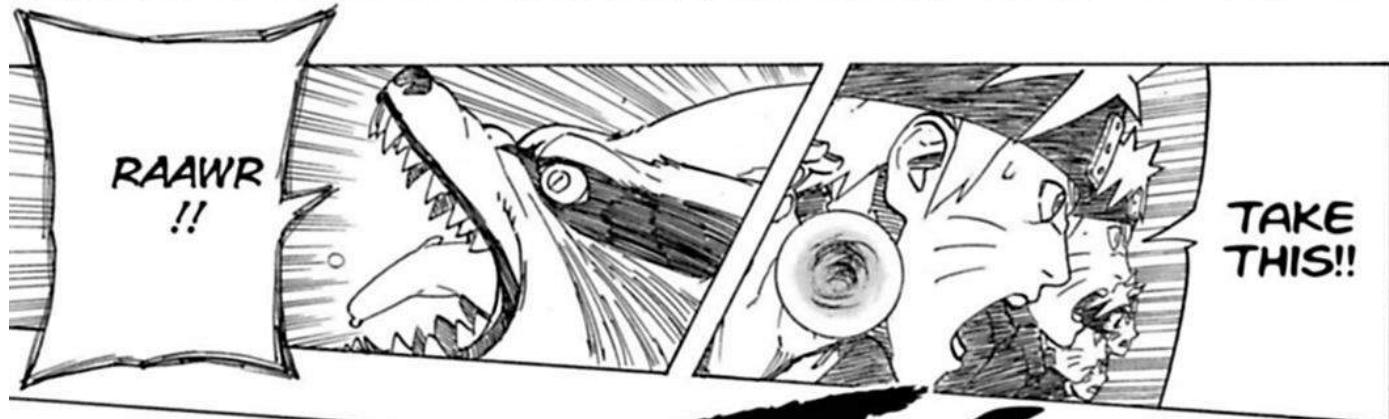
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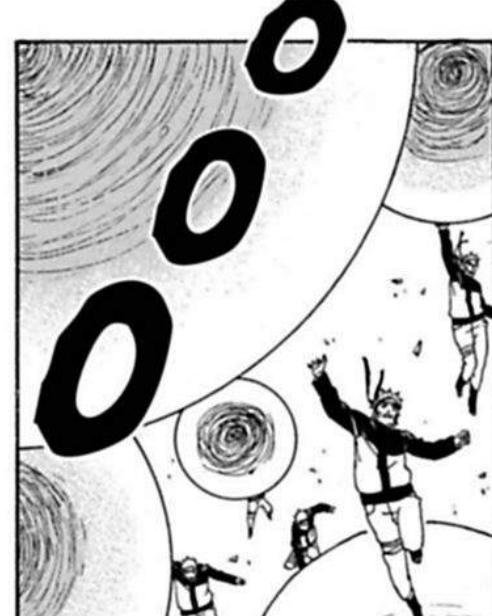
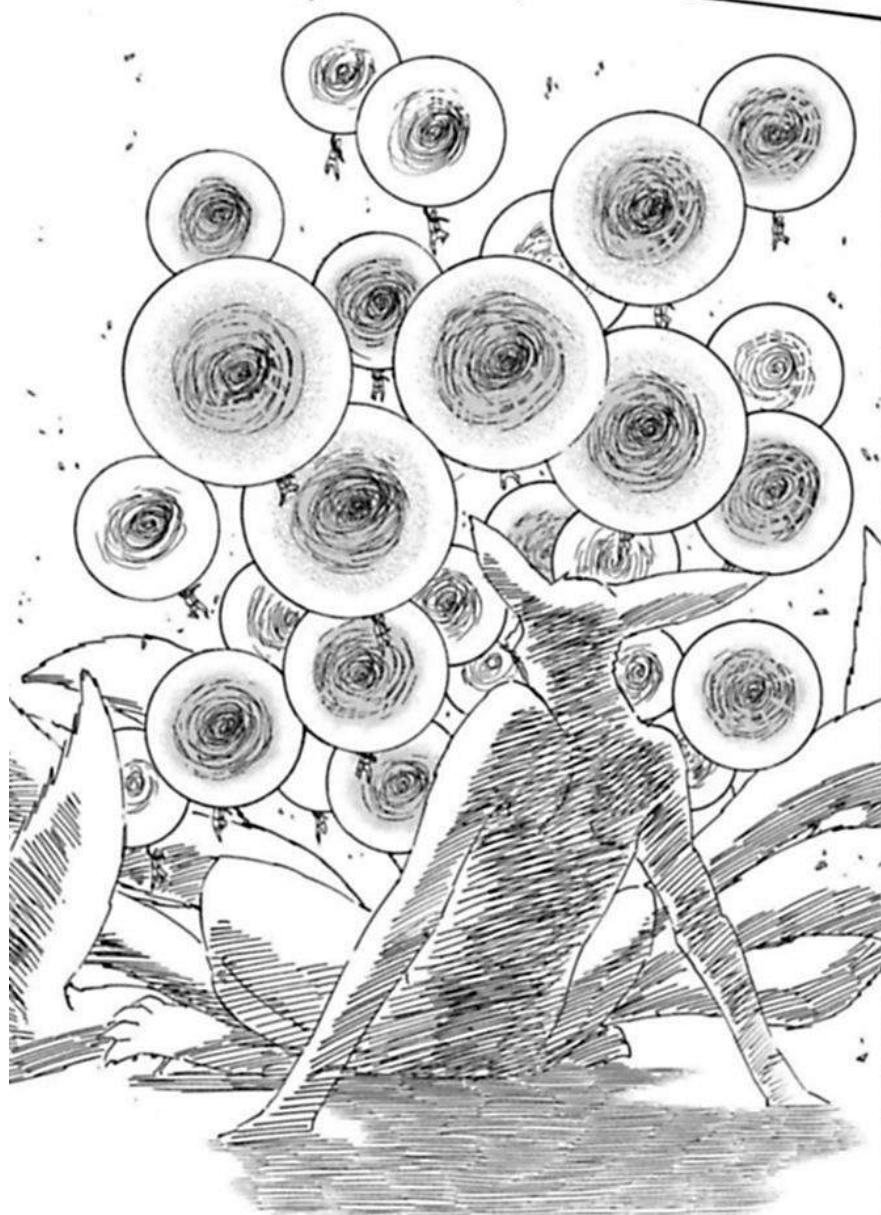
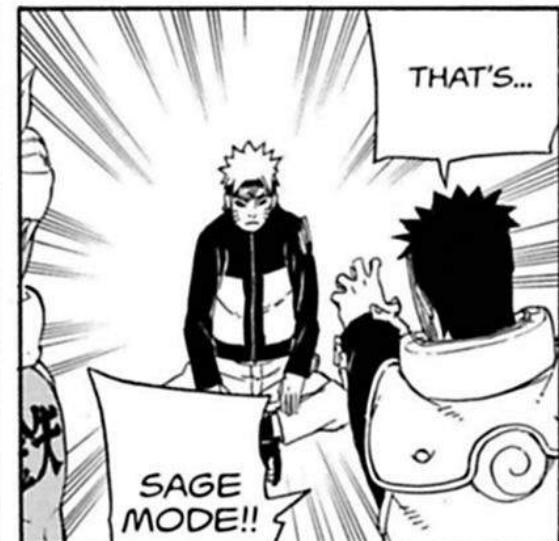


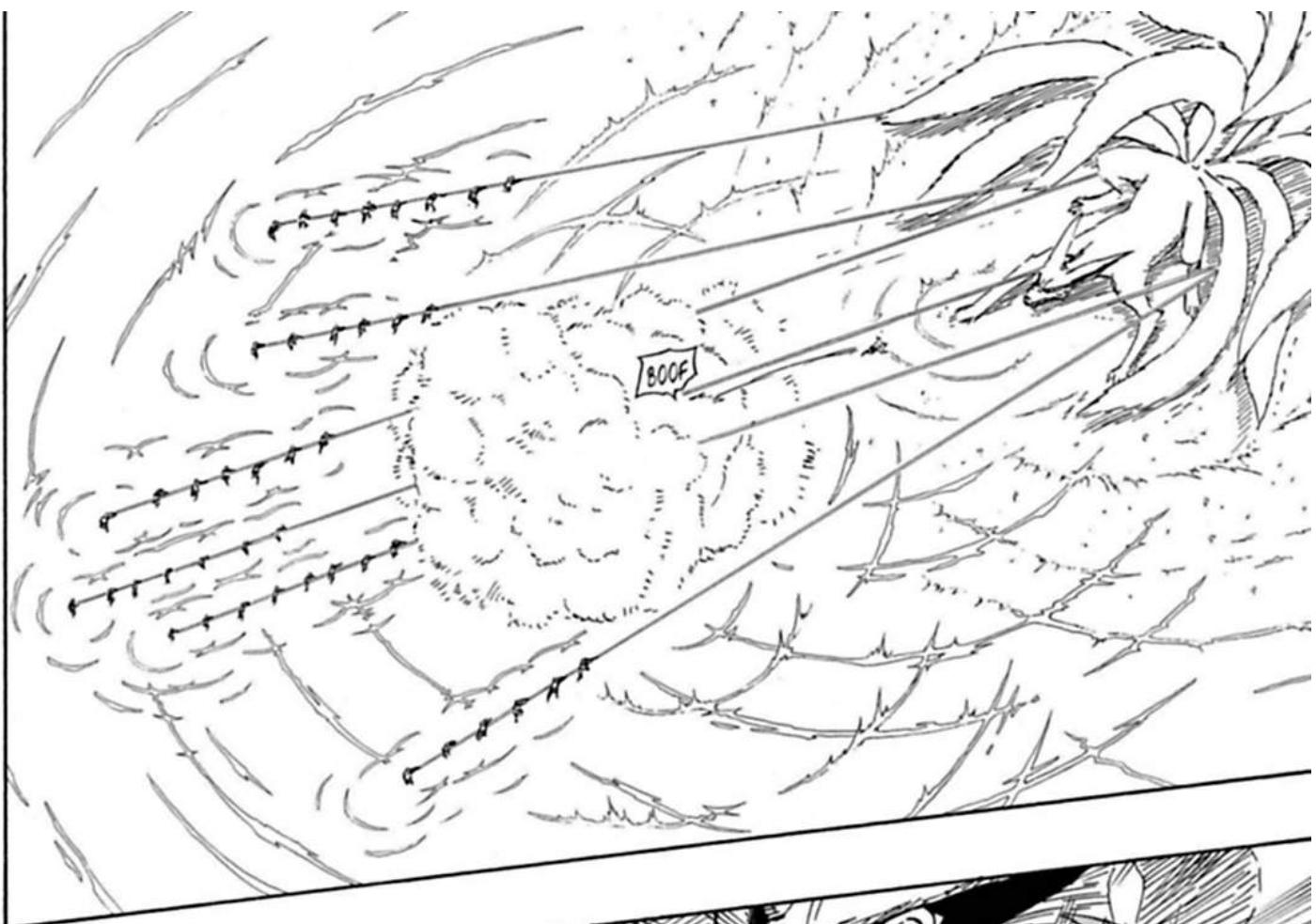
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G-G-G-G-G

ZWOO...

RAWA

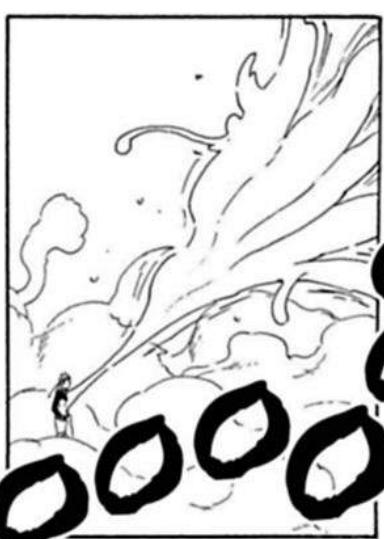
RAAR
!!
GET
OUT!!

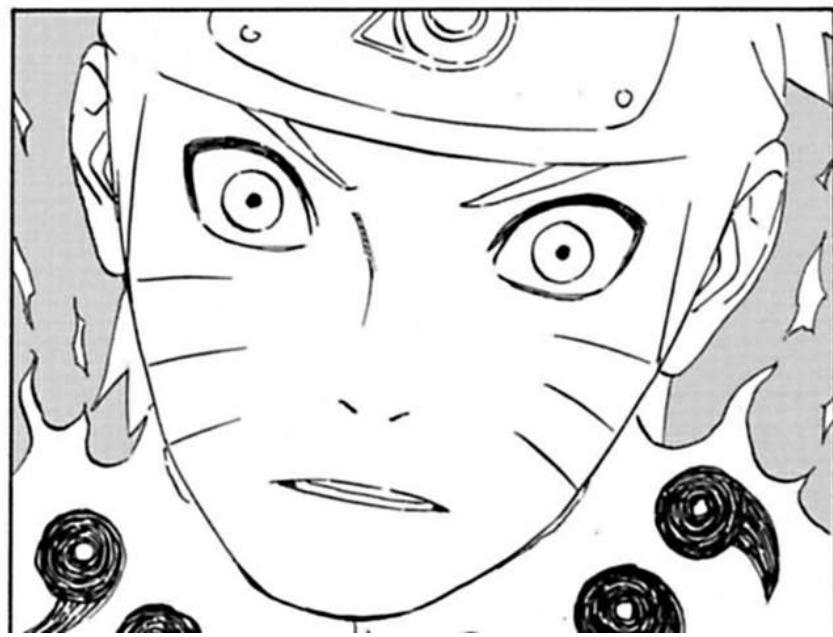
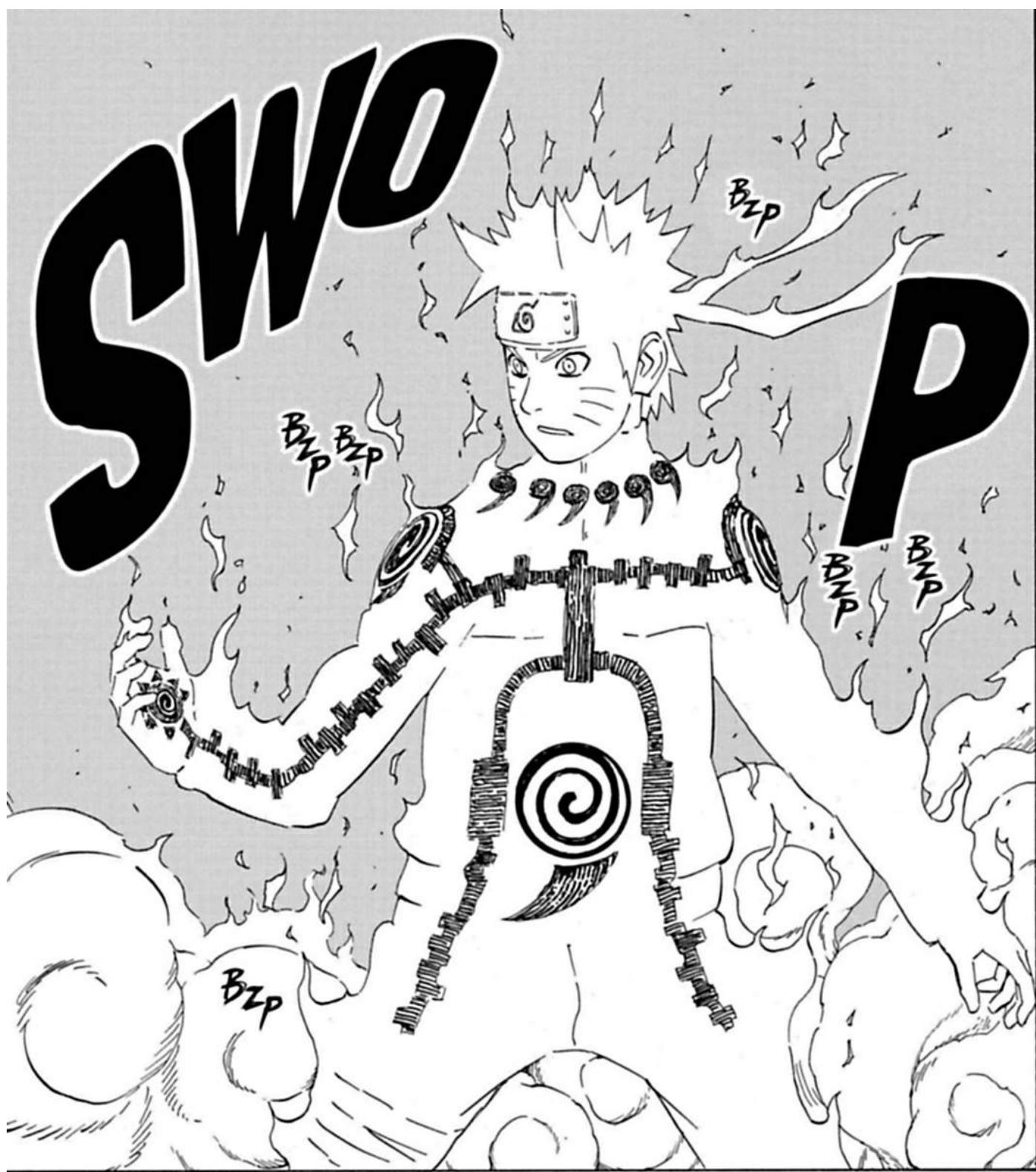
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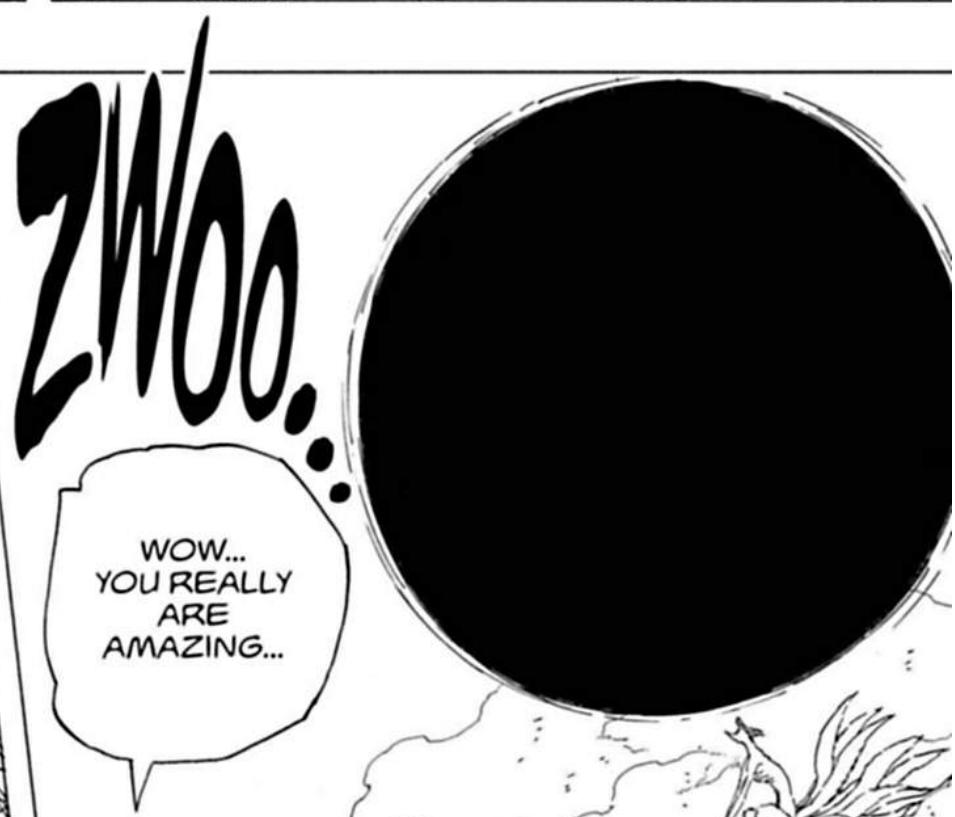
PULL
!!

SHWOOP

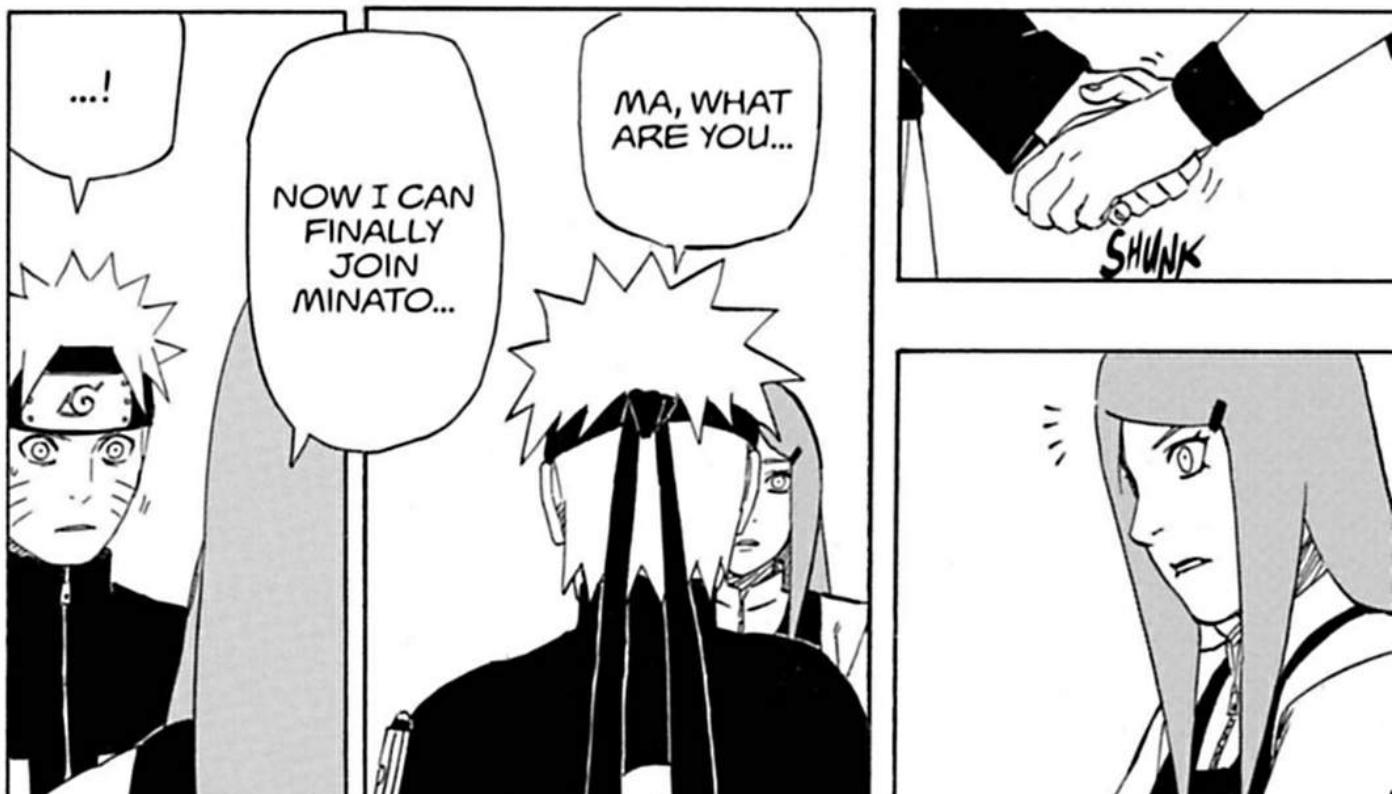
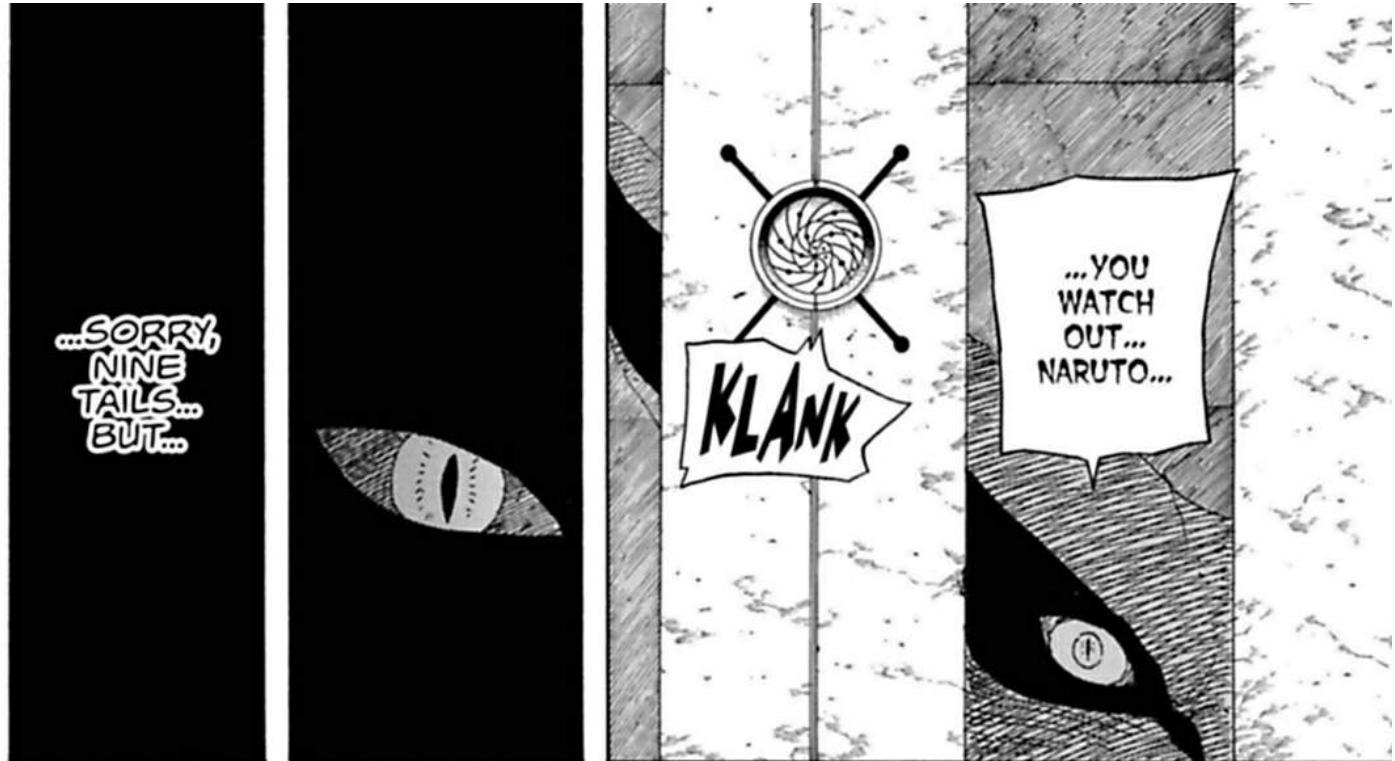
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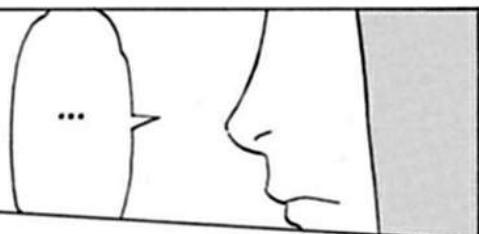
READ
THIS
WAY

I'M GOING TO
TELL YOU THE
TRUTH ABOUT
THAT DAY.

...ABOUT THE
INCIDENT
THAT
HAPPENED
16 YEARS
AGO... WHEN
YOU WERE
BORN.



BUT BEFORE
I GO, THERE
ARE SOME
THINGS I
NEED TO
TELL YOU...



THE TRUTH
ABOUT
16 YEARS
AGO...?



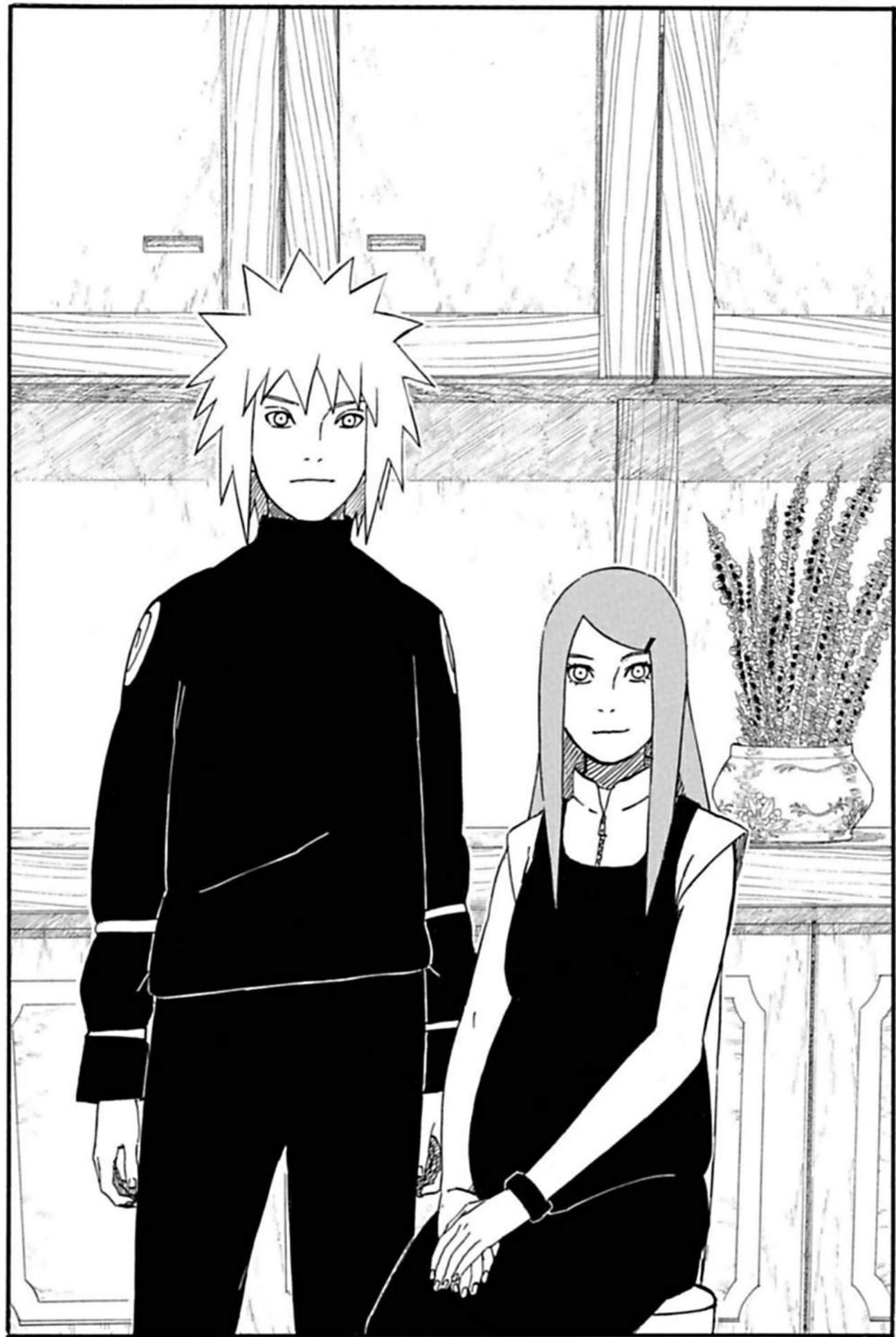
...WAS
ME.

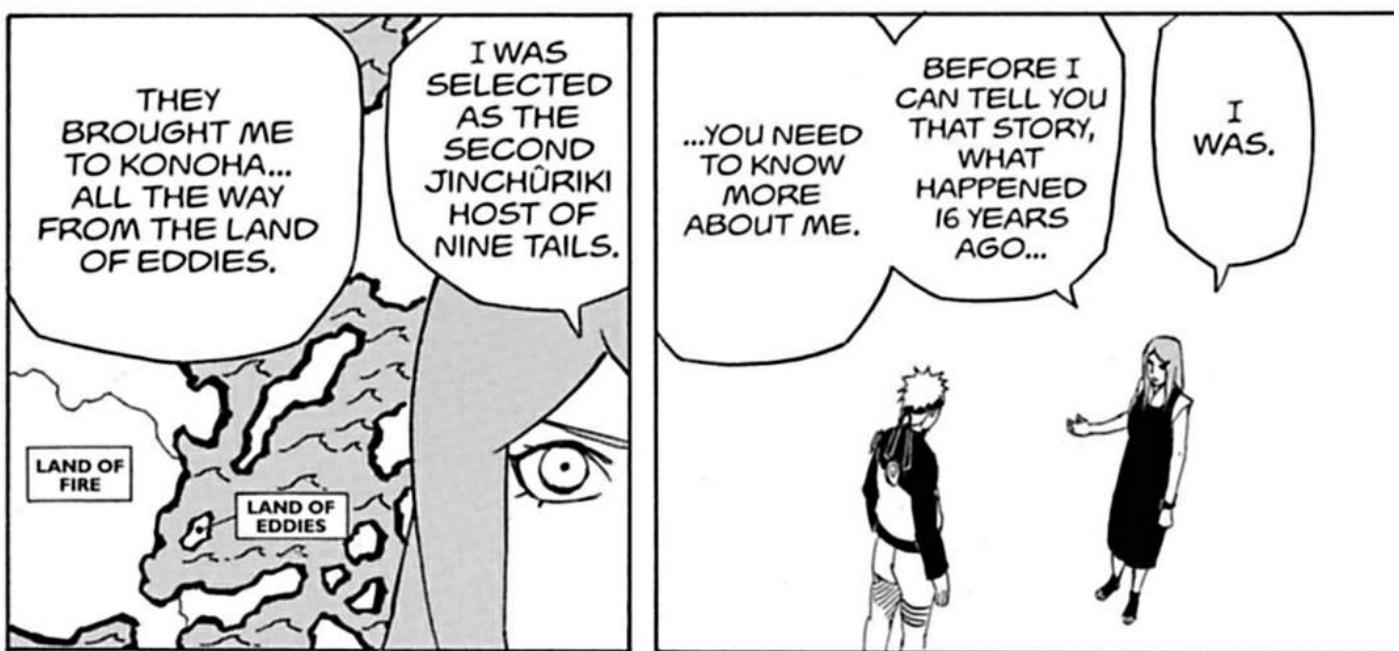
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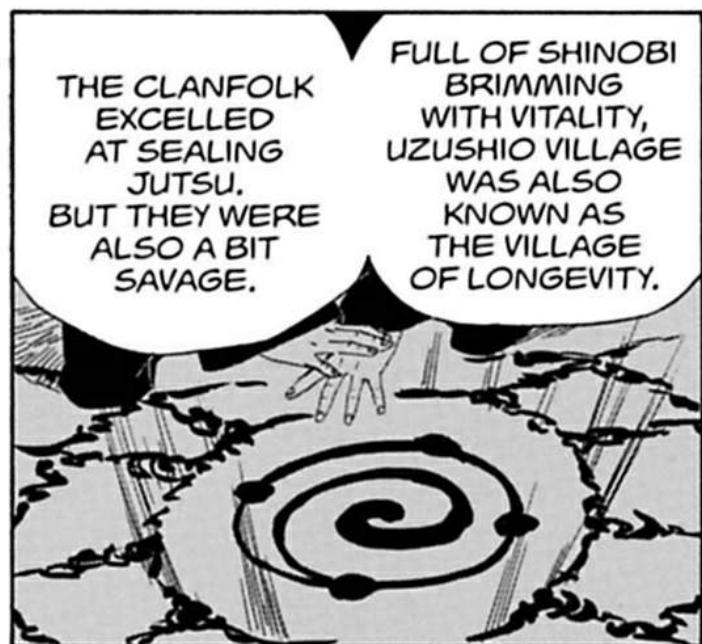
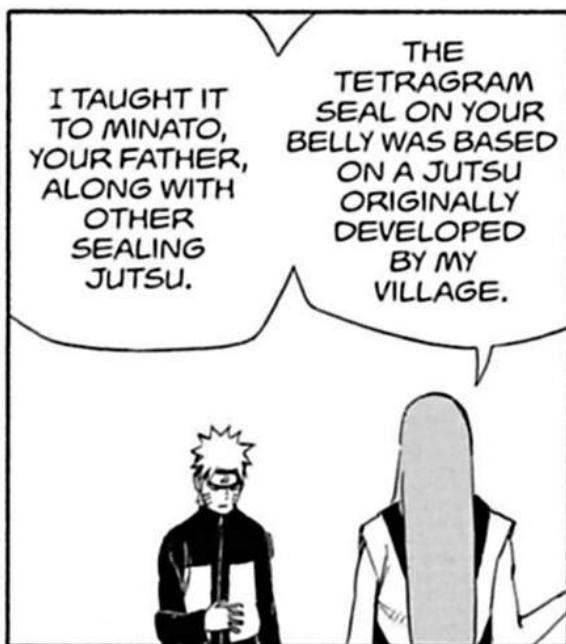
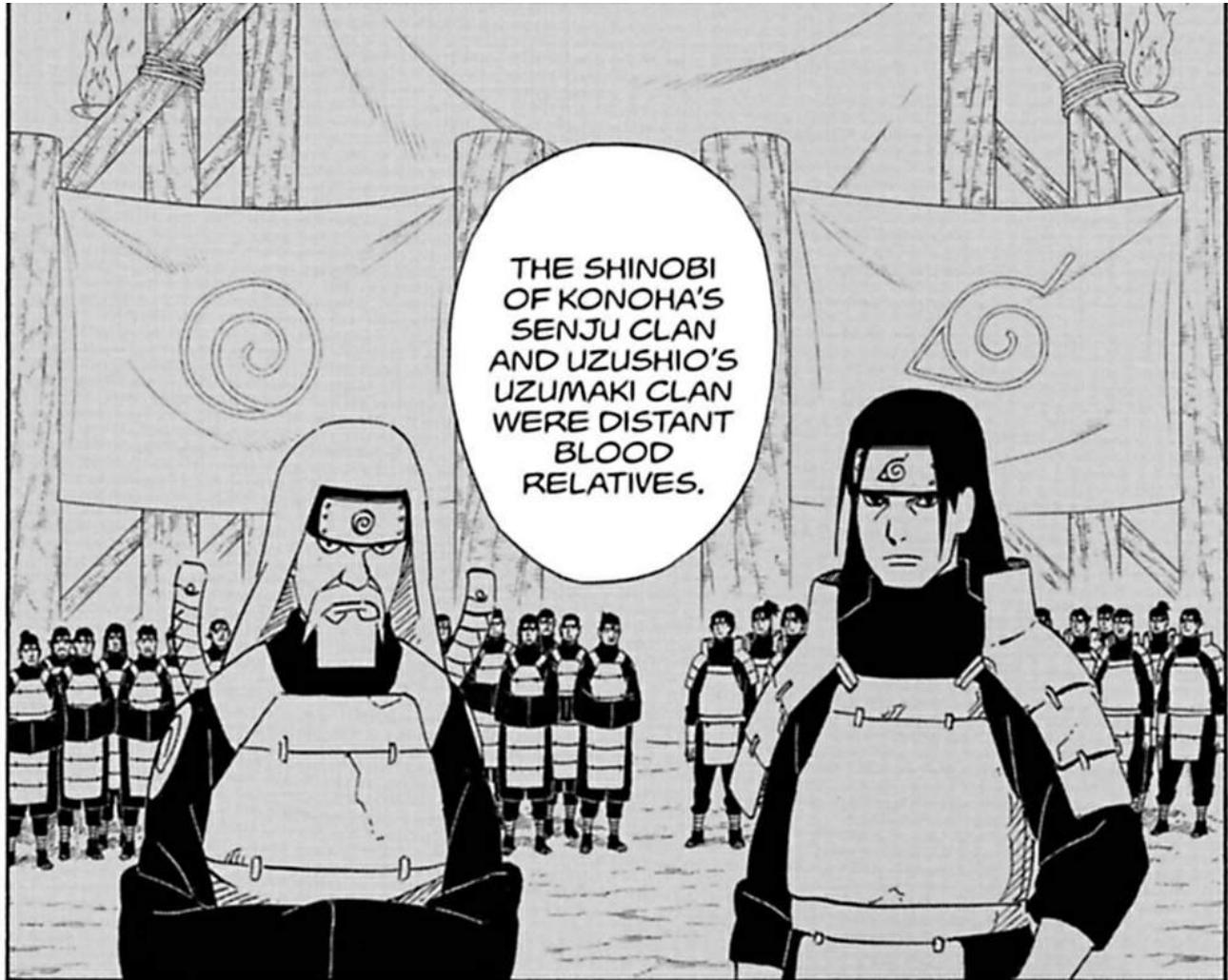
...WITH THE
FACT THAT
THE PREVIOUS
JINCHŪRIKI OF
NINE TAILS,
BEFORE YOU...

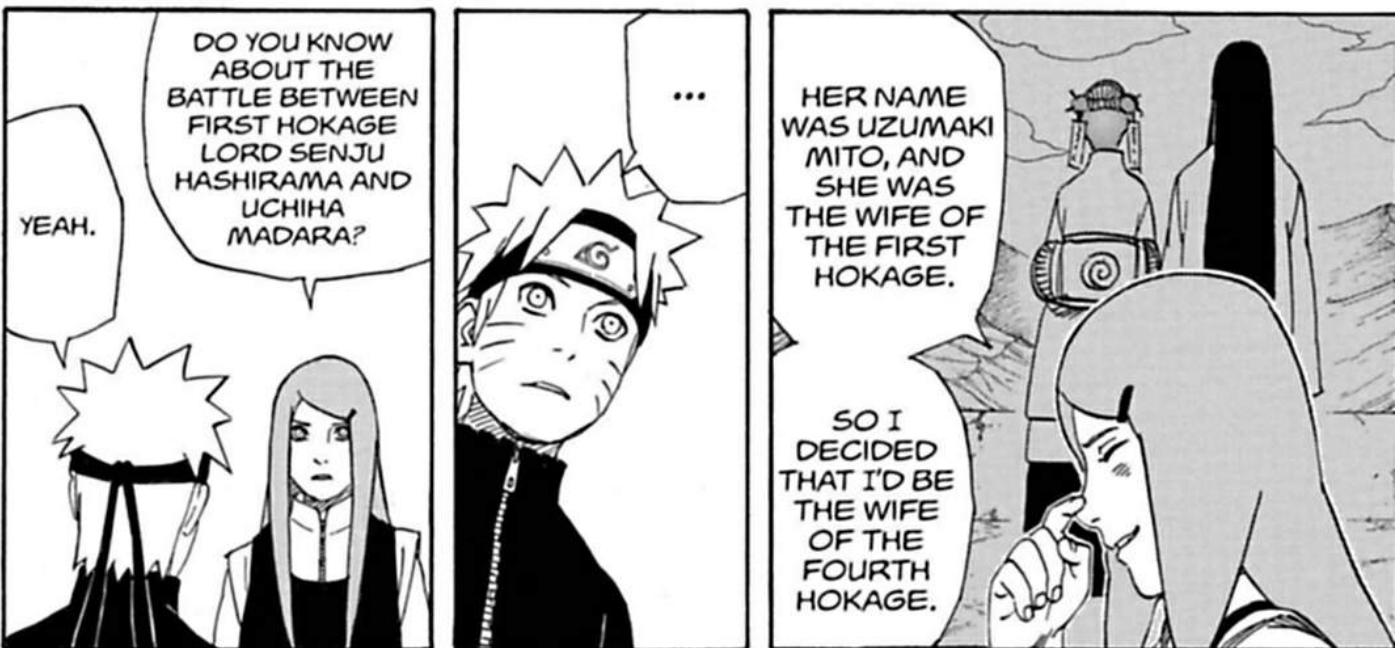
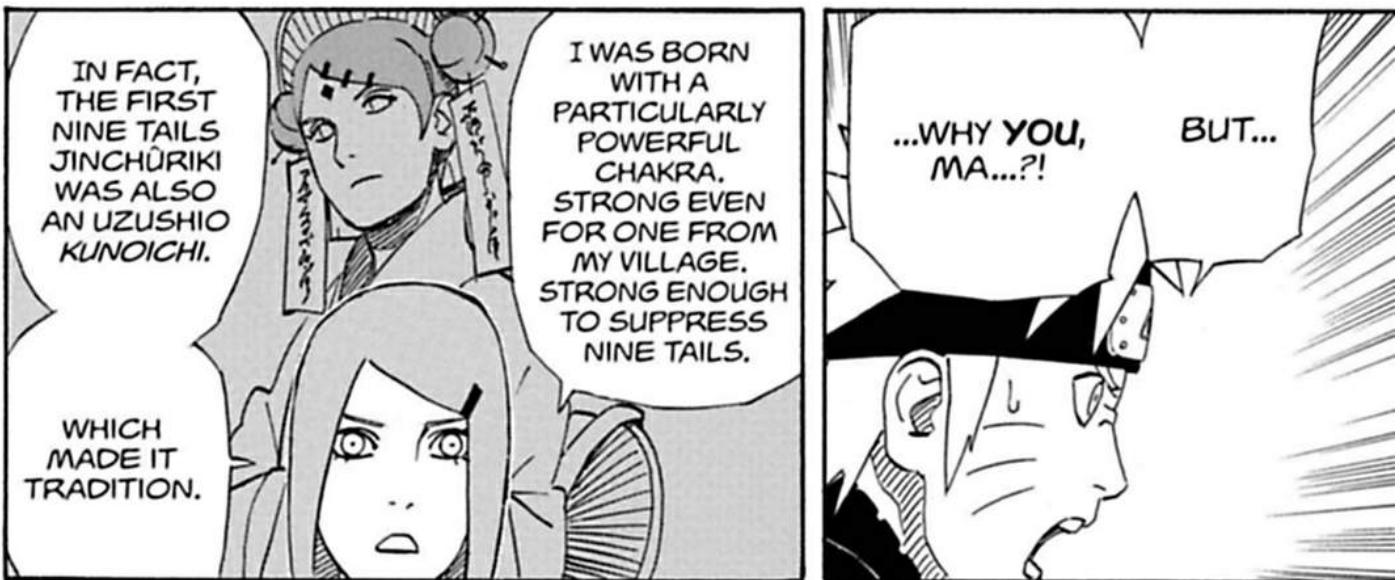
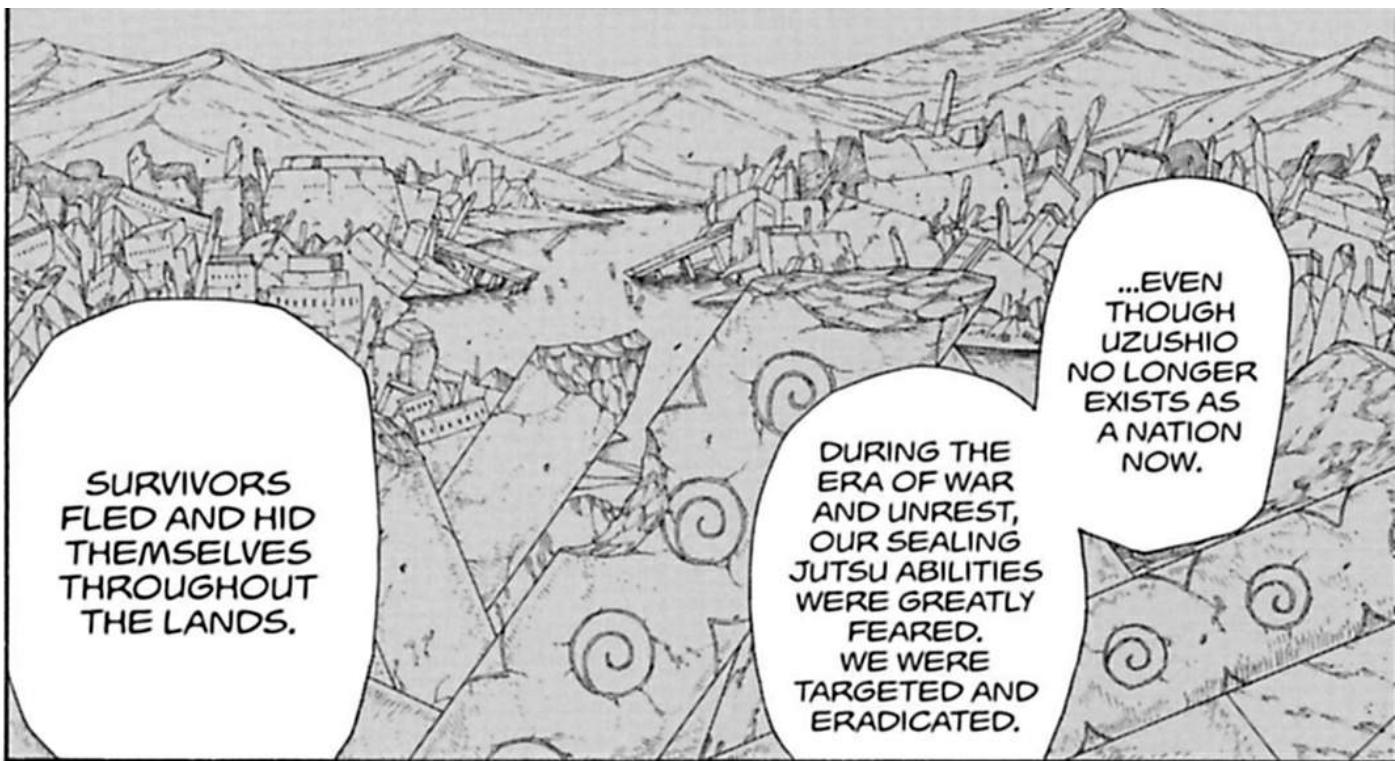


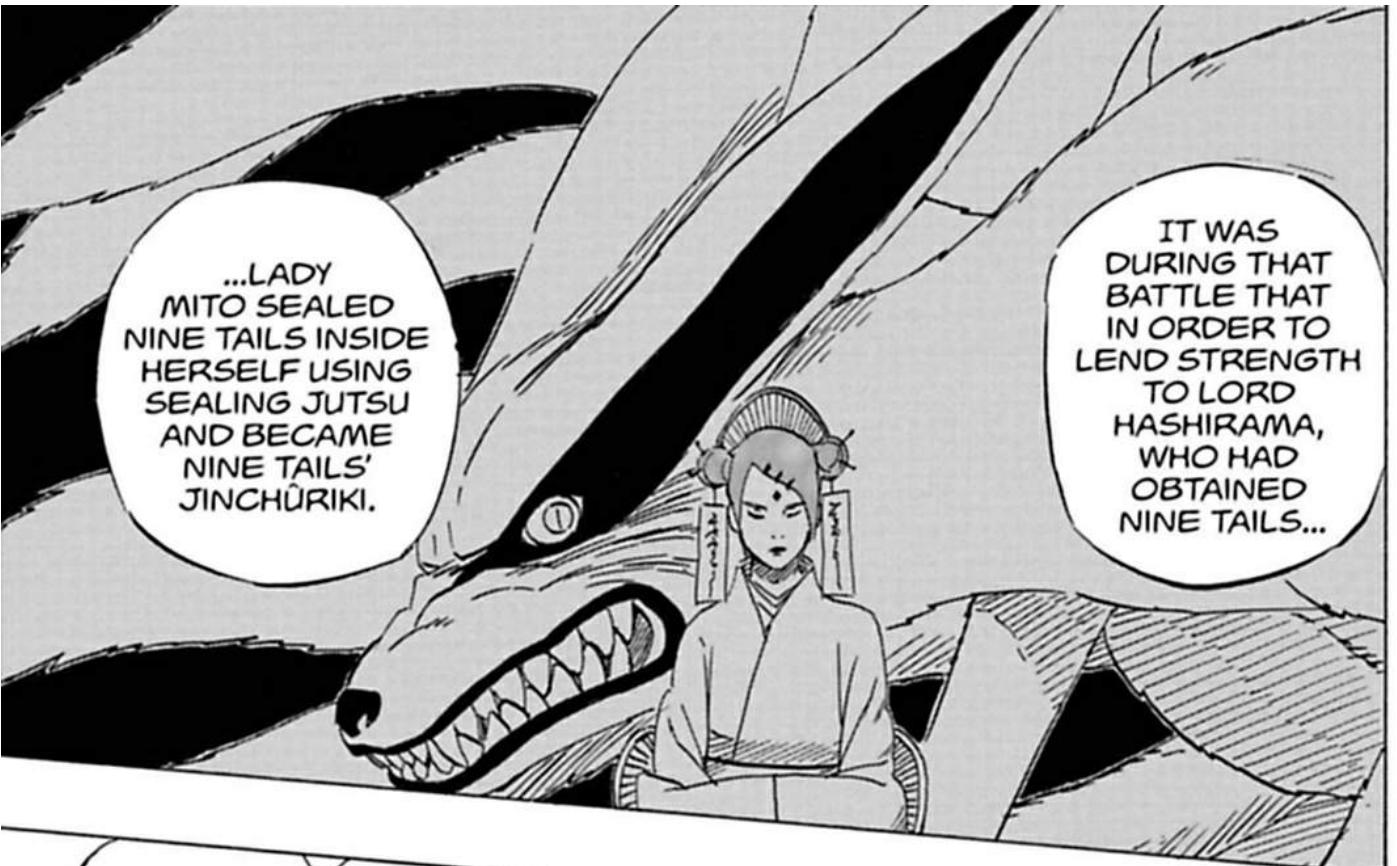
Number 500: The Birth of Naruto





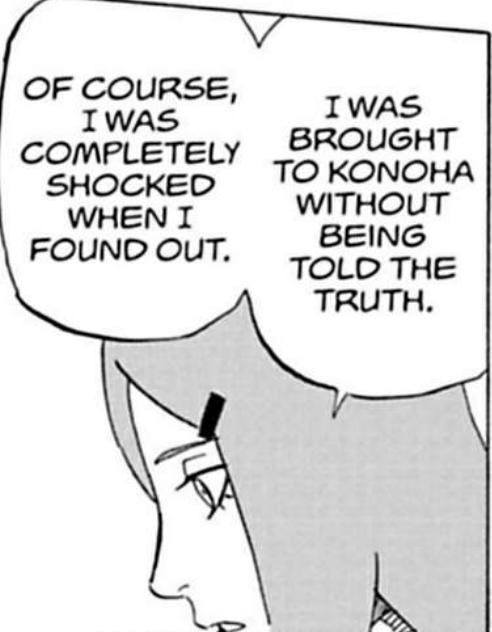






...LADY MITO SEALED NINE TAILS INSIDE HERSELF USING SEALING JUTSU AND BECAME NINE TAILS' JINCHŪRIKI.

IT WAS DURING THAT BATTLE THAT IN ORDER TO LEND STRENGTH TO LORD HASHIRAMA, WHO HAD OBTAINED NINE TAILS...



OF COURSE, I WAS COMPLETELY SHOCKED WHEN I FOUND OUT.



I WAS BROUGHT TO KONOHA WITHOUT BEING TOLD THE TRUTH.



THEY WEREN'T EVEN TREATING YOU LIKE A PERSON?!



WHEN LADY MITO APPROACHED THE END OF HER LIFE...



EVER SINCE, KONOHA HAS POSSESSED NINE TAILS...



...I WAS BROUGHT IN TO BECOME NINE TAILS' NEXT VESSEL.



I WAS SO LONELY. THE RESPONSIBILITY ALMOST RUINED ME.

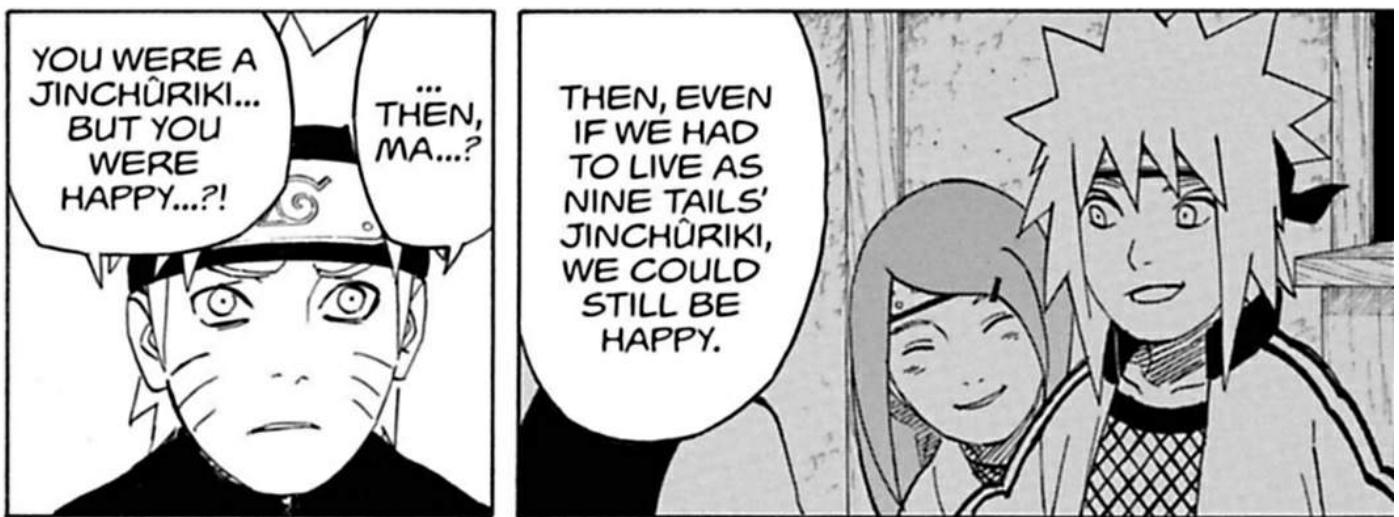


THE ONLY ONES WHO KNEW WERE LORD THIRD AND A FEW OF THE ELDERS. NOT EVEN THE THREE GREAT SHINOBI KNEW.

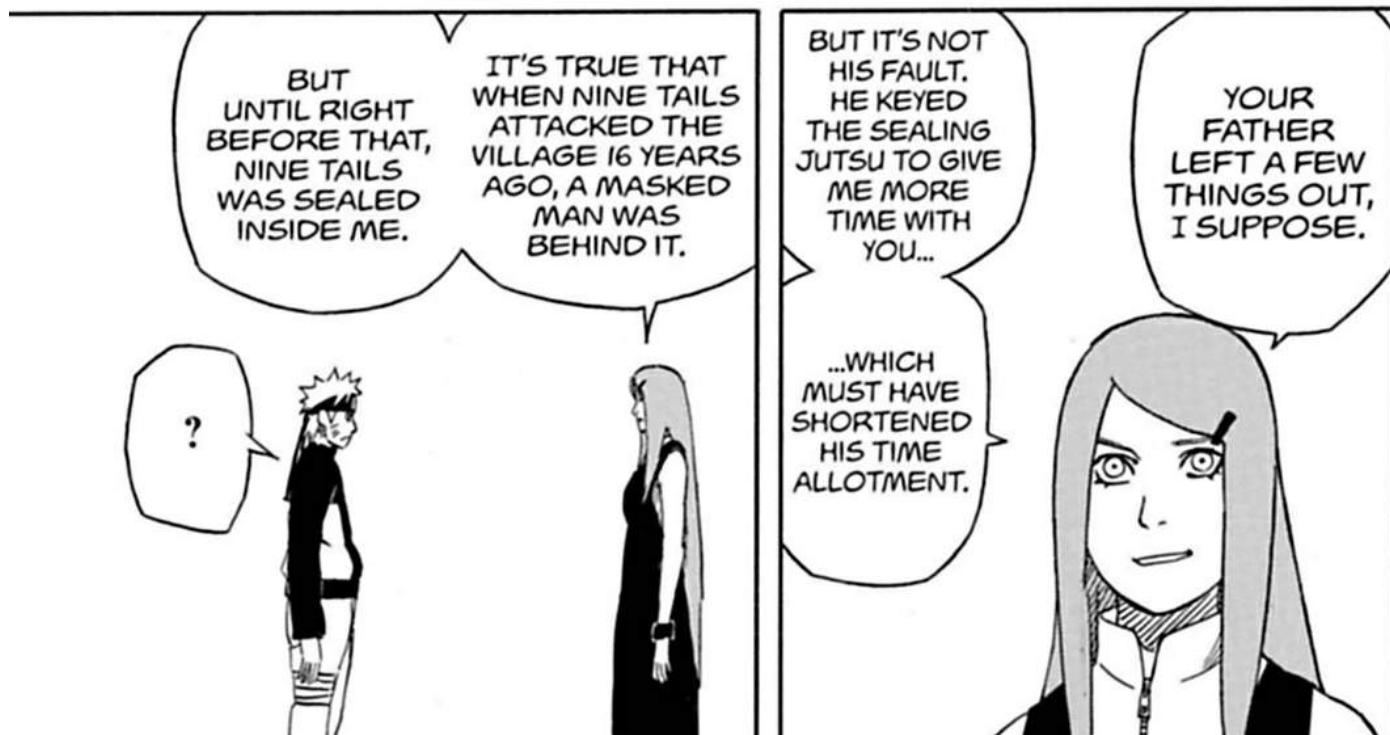
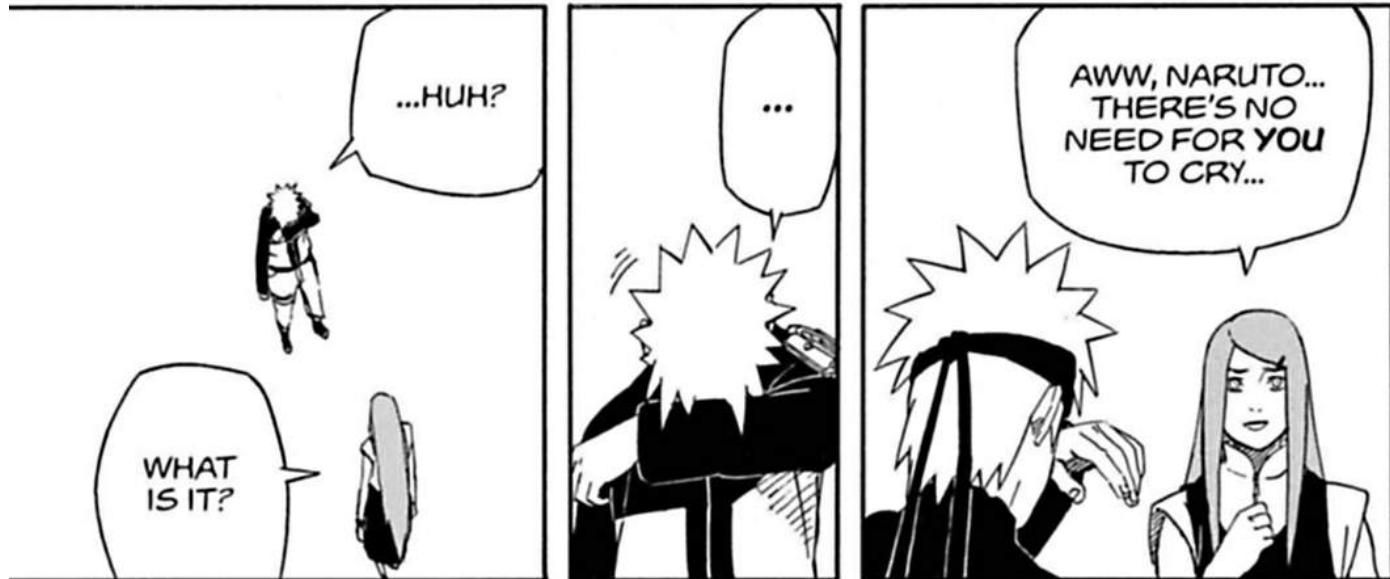
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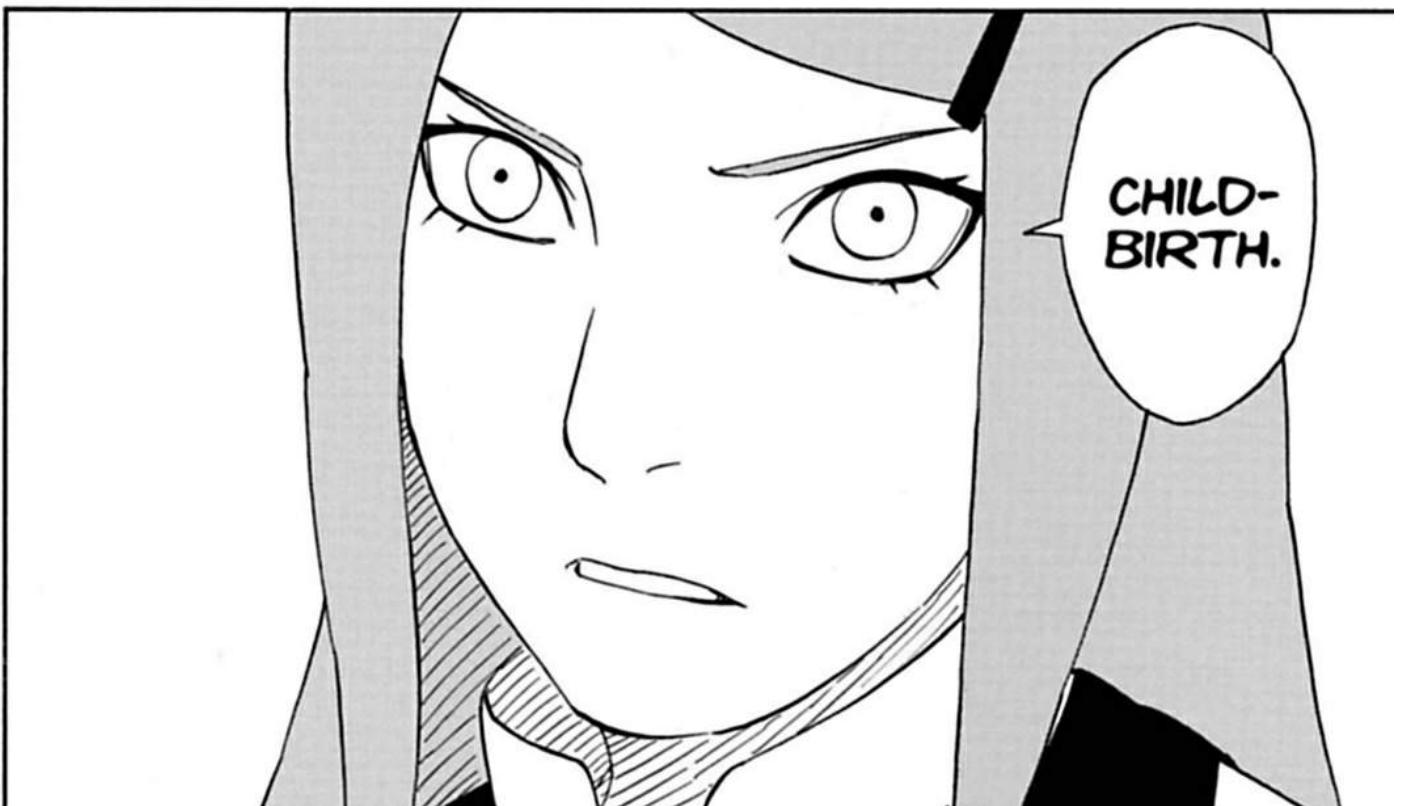


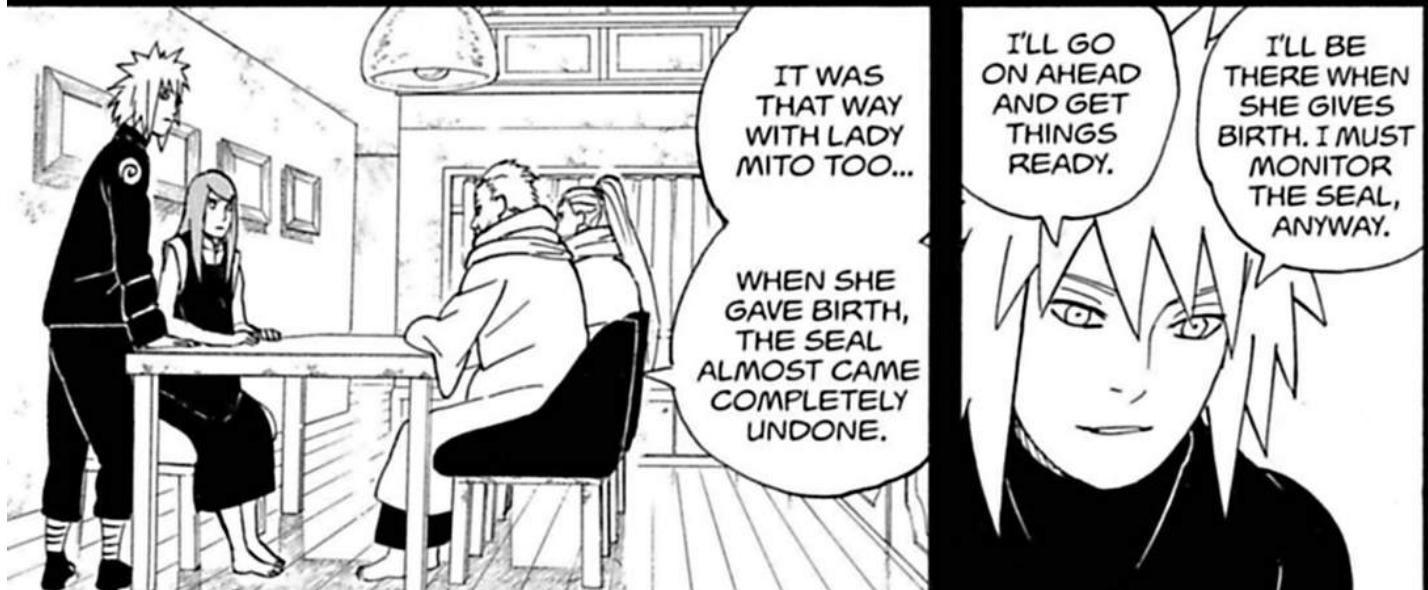
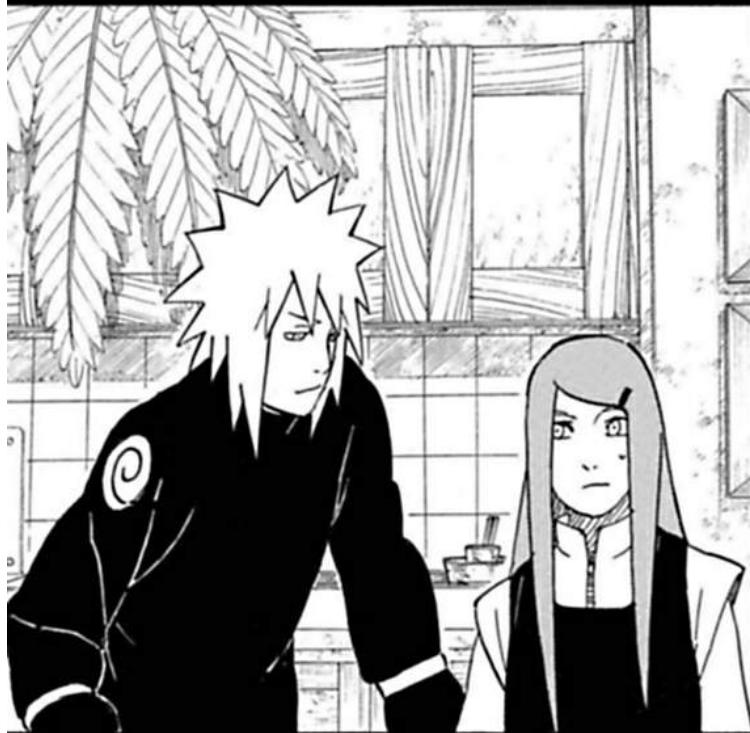
BUT THEN LADY MITO TOLD ME...

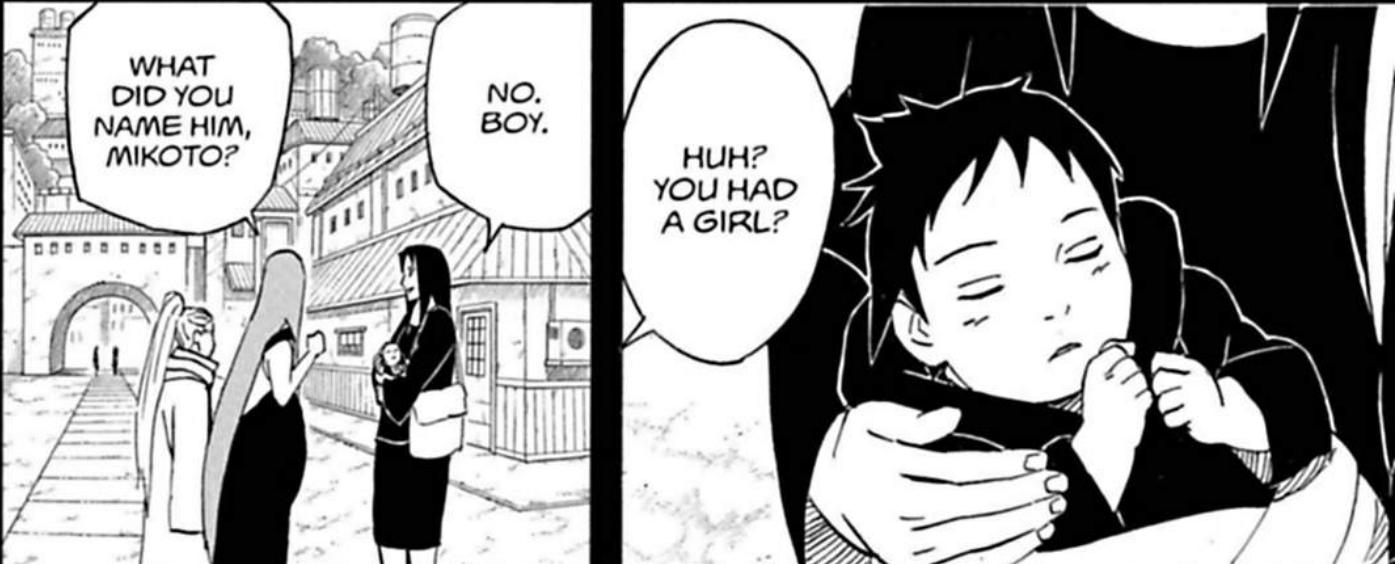
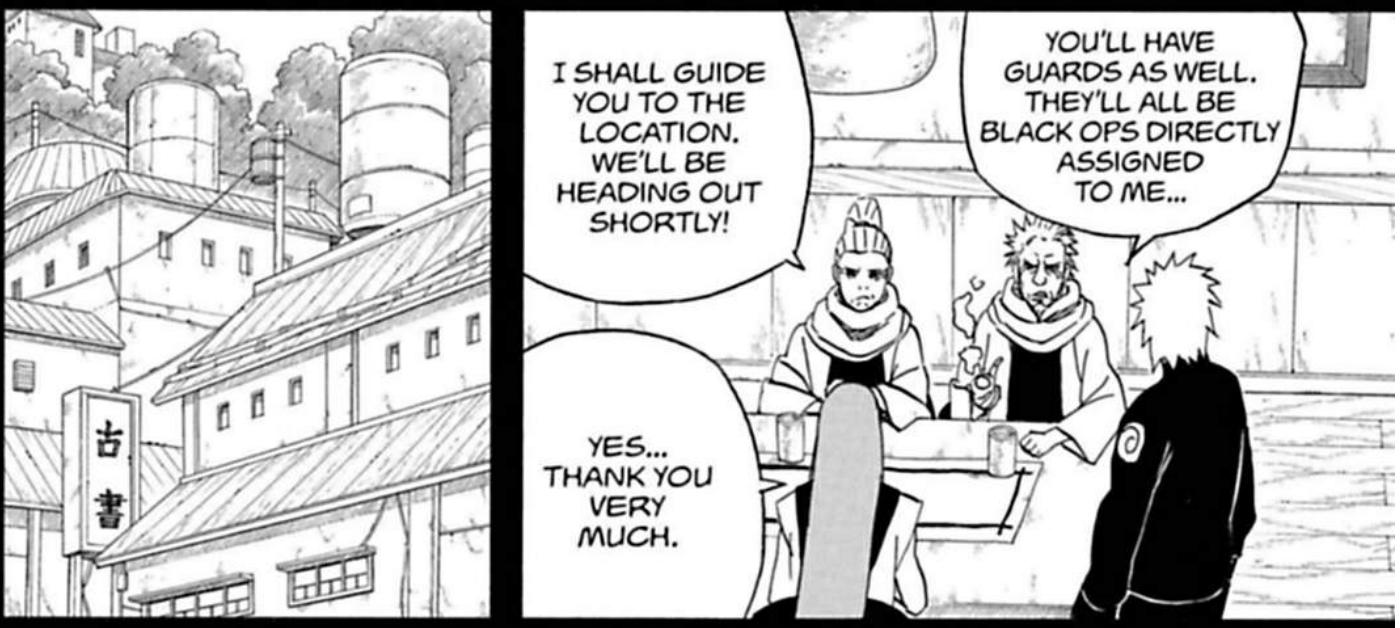
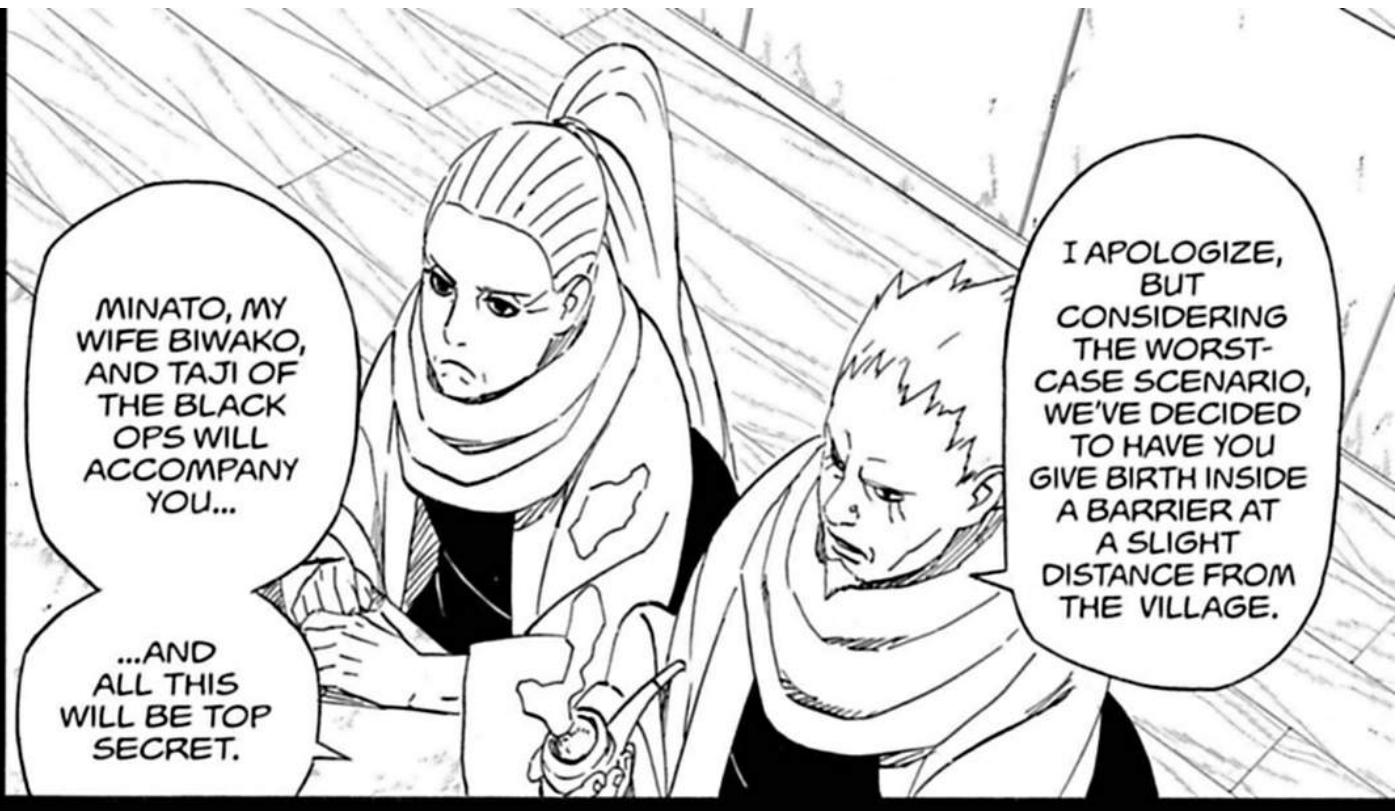


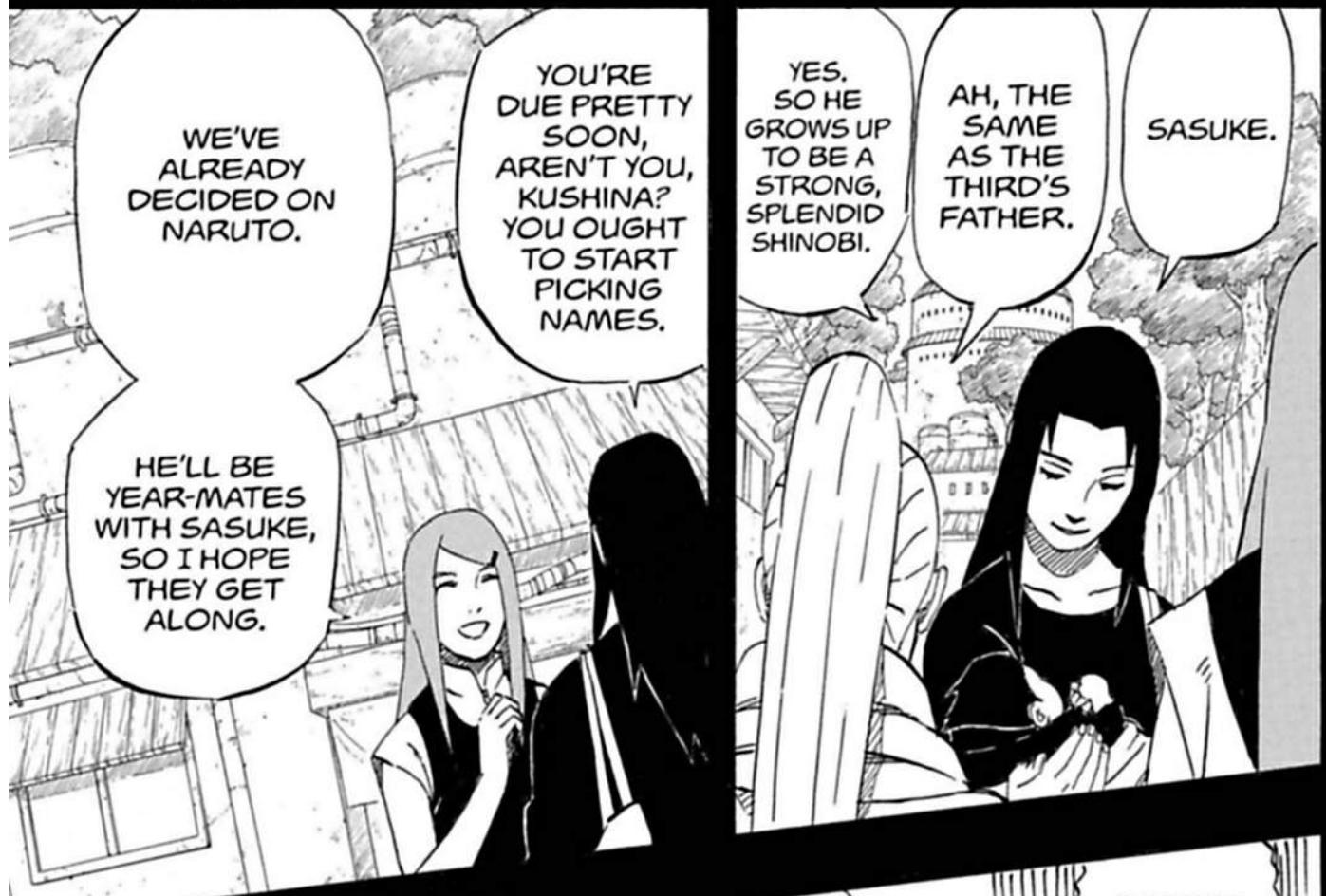
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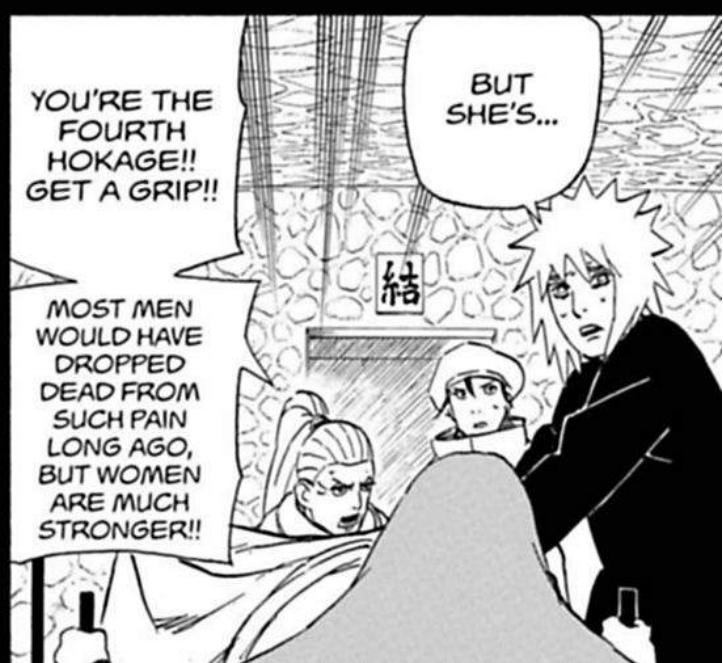
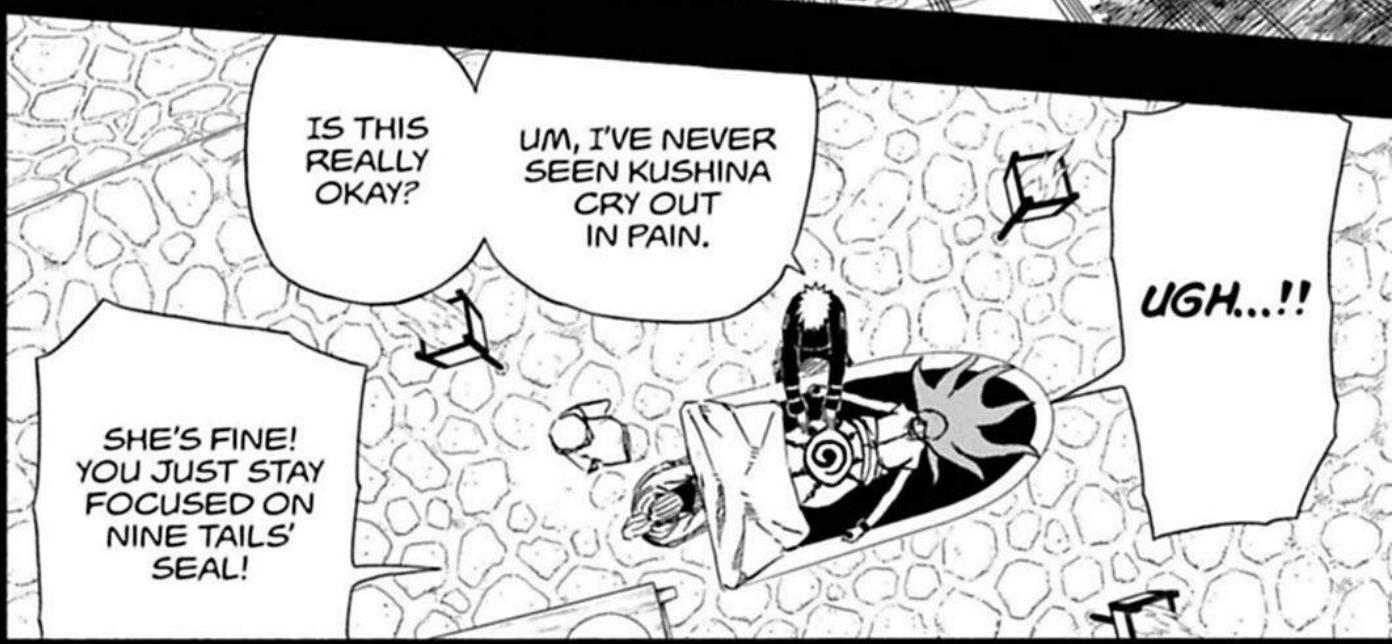


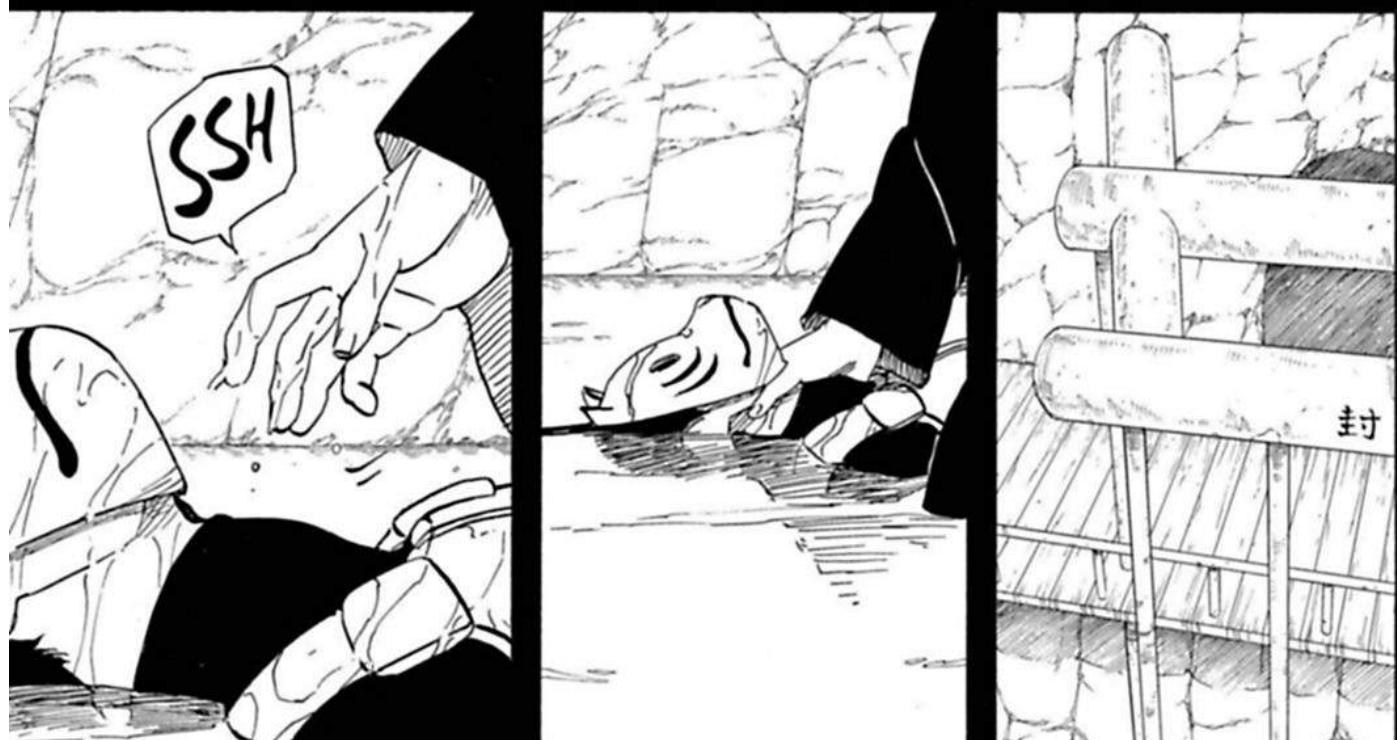


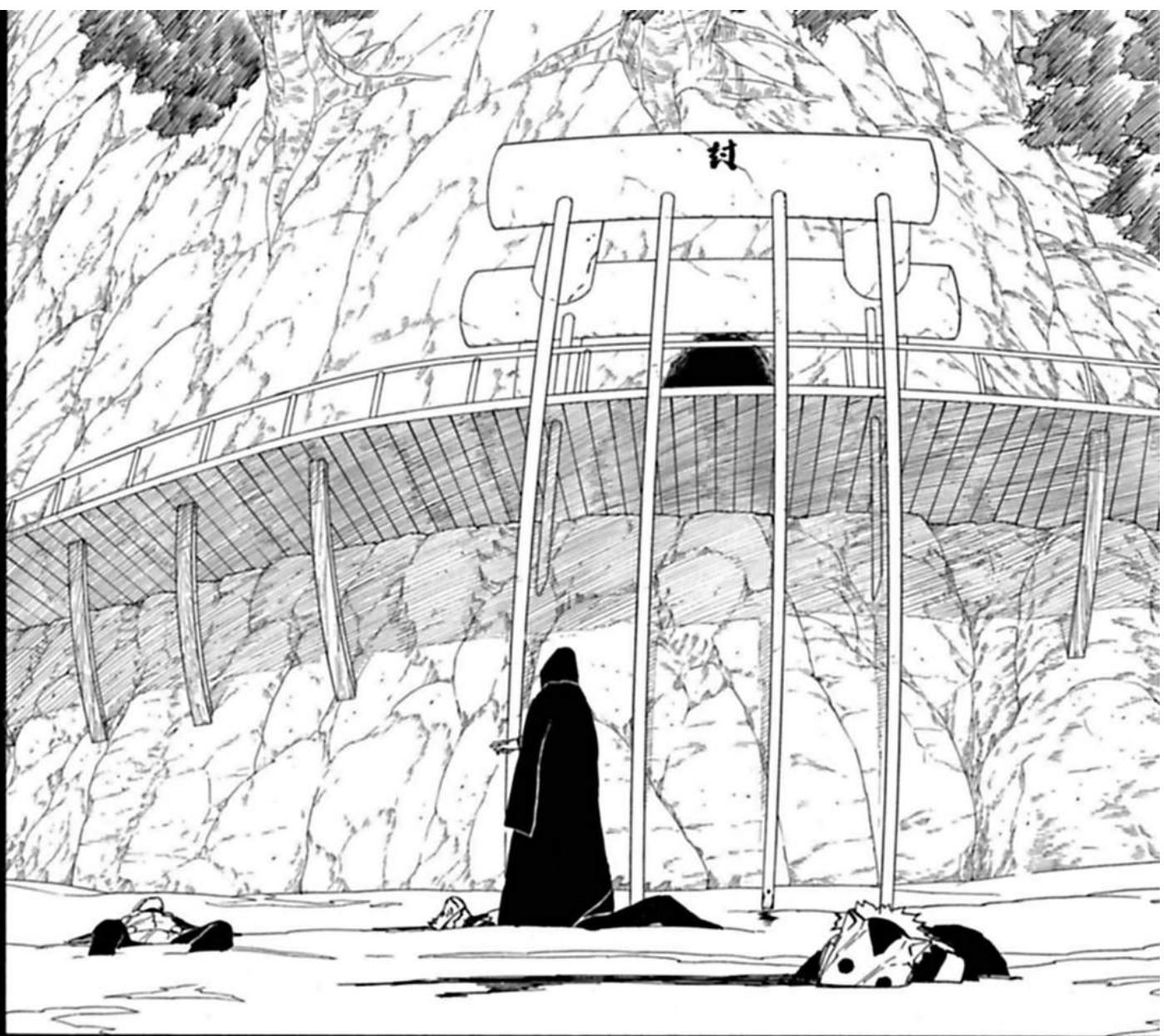




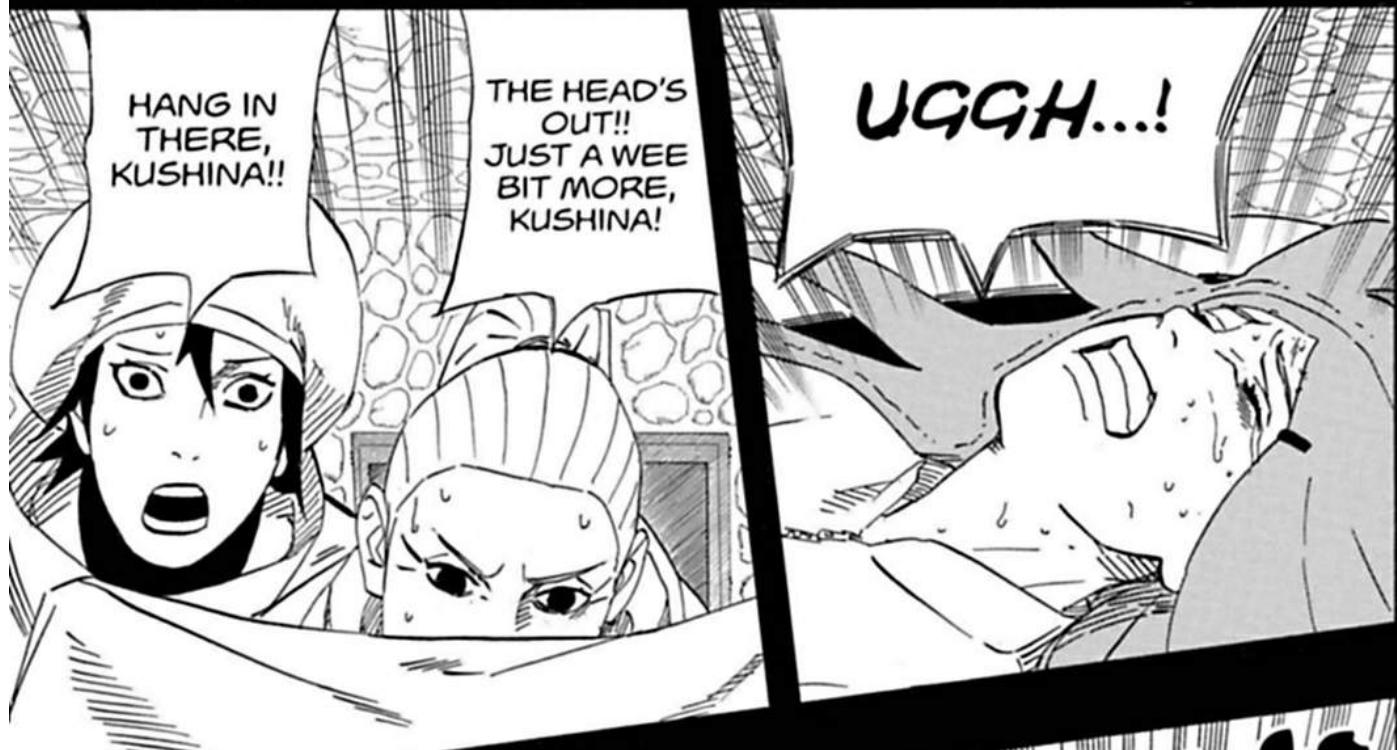






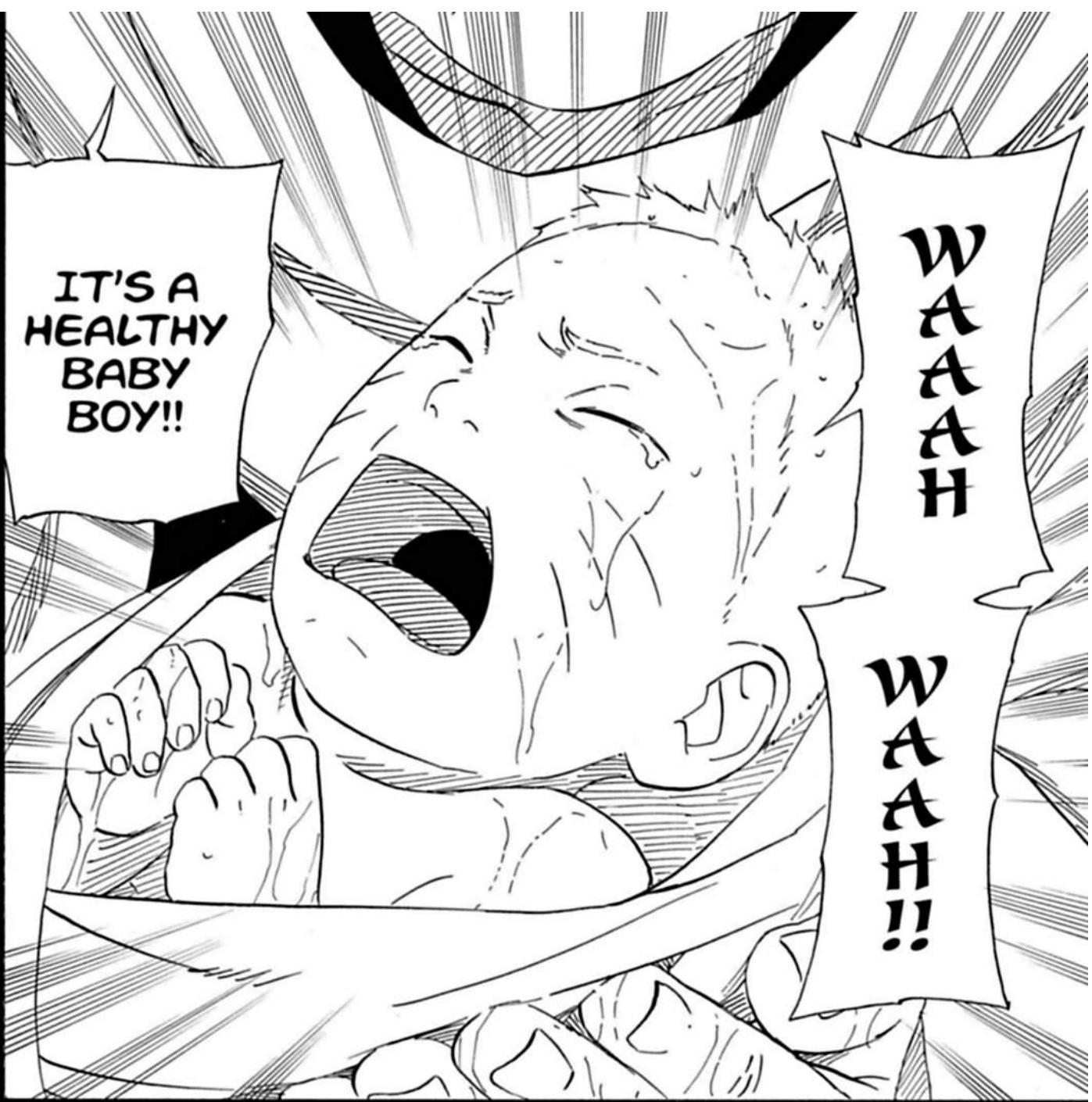


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UGGH...!



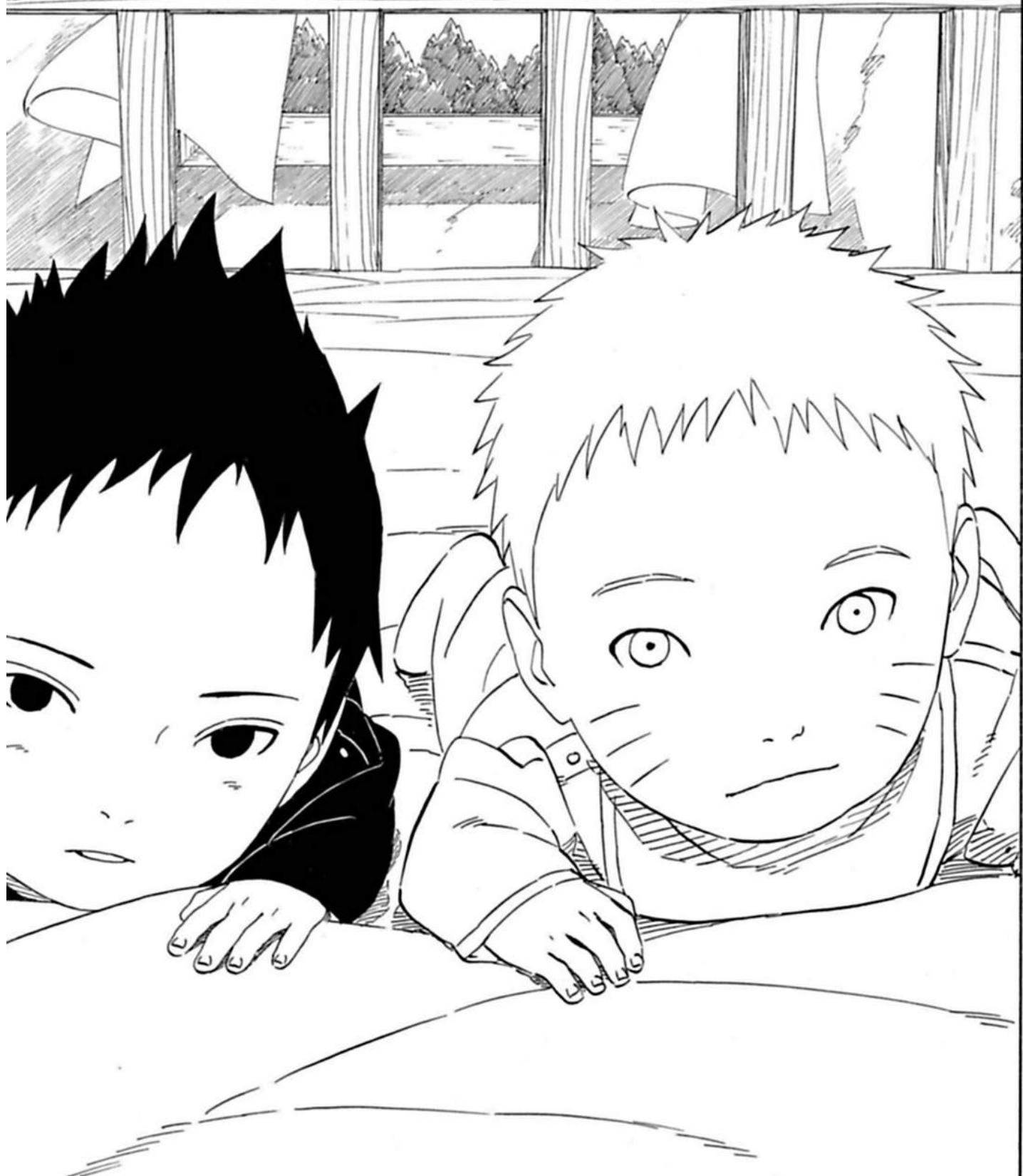


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NARUTO

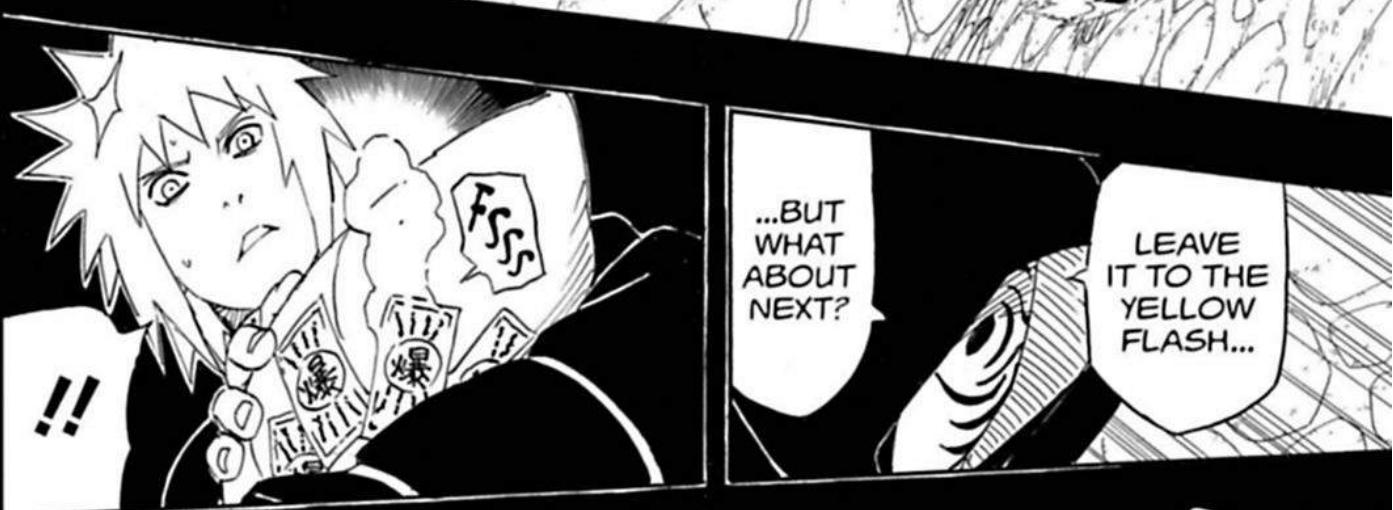
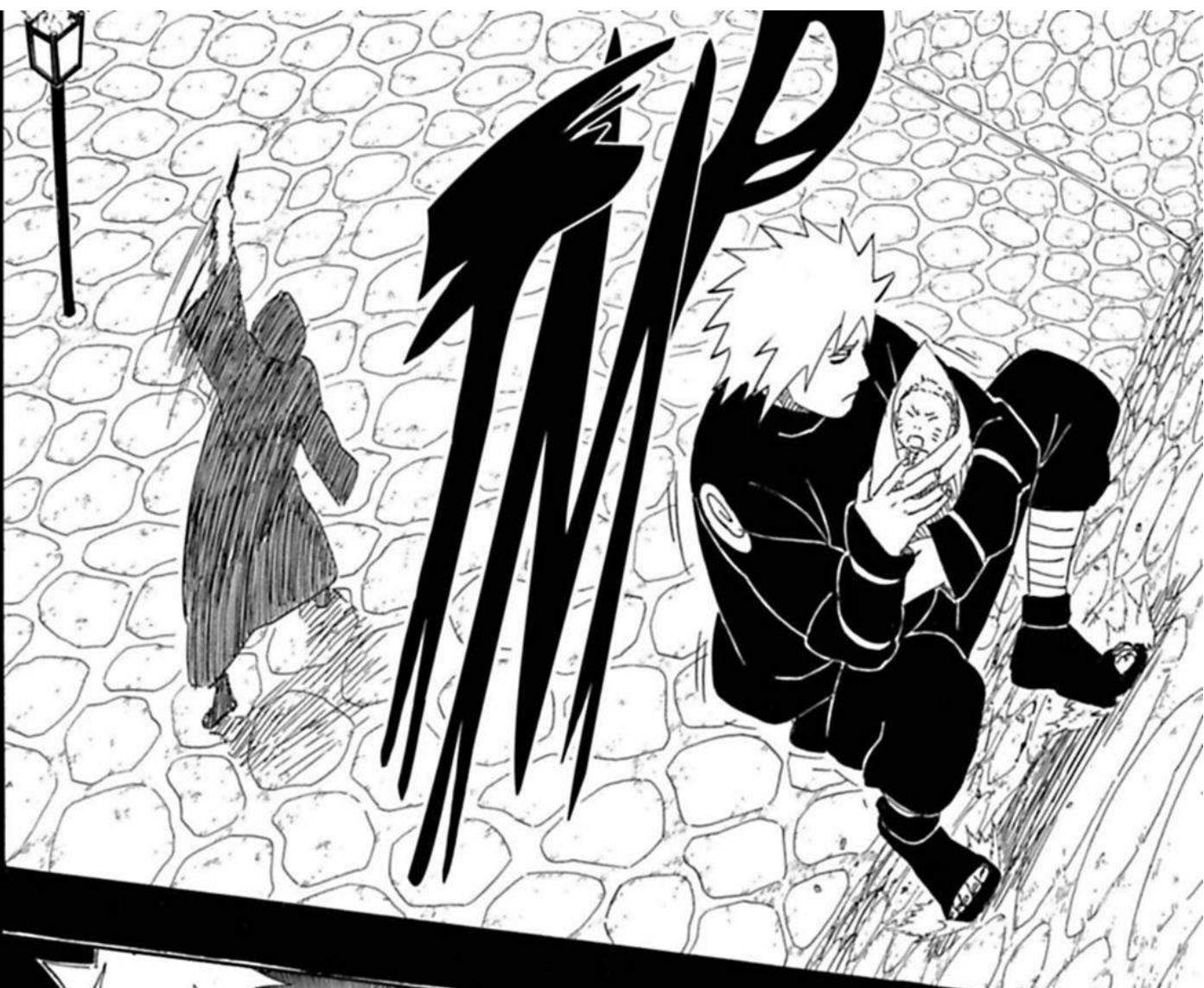
Number 501: Nine Tails Attacks!!





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BOOM

NARUTO MINATO!
!!

SCREECH

OW...

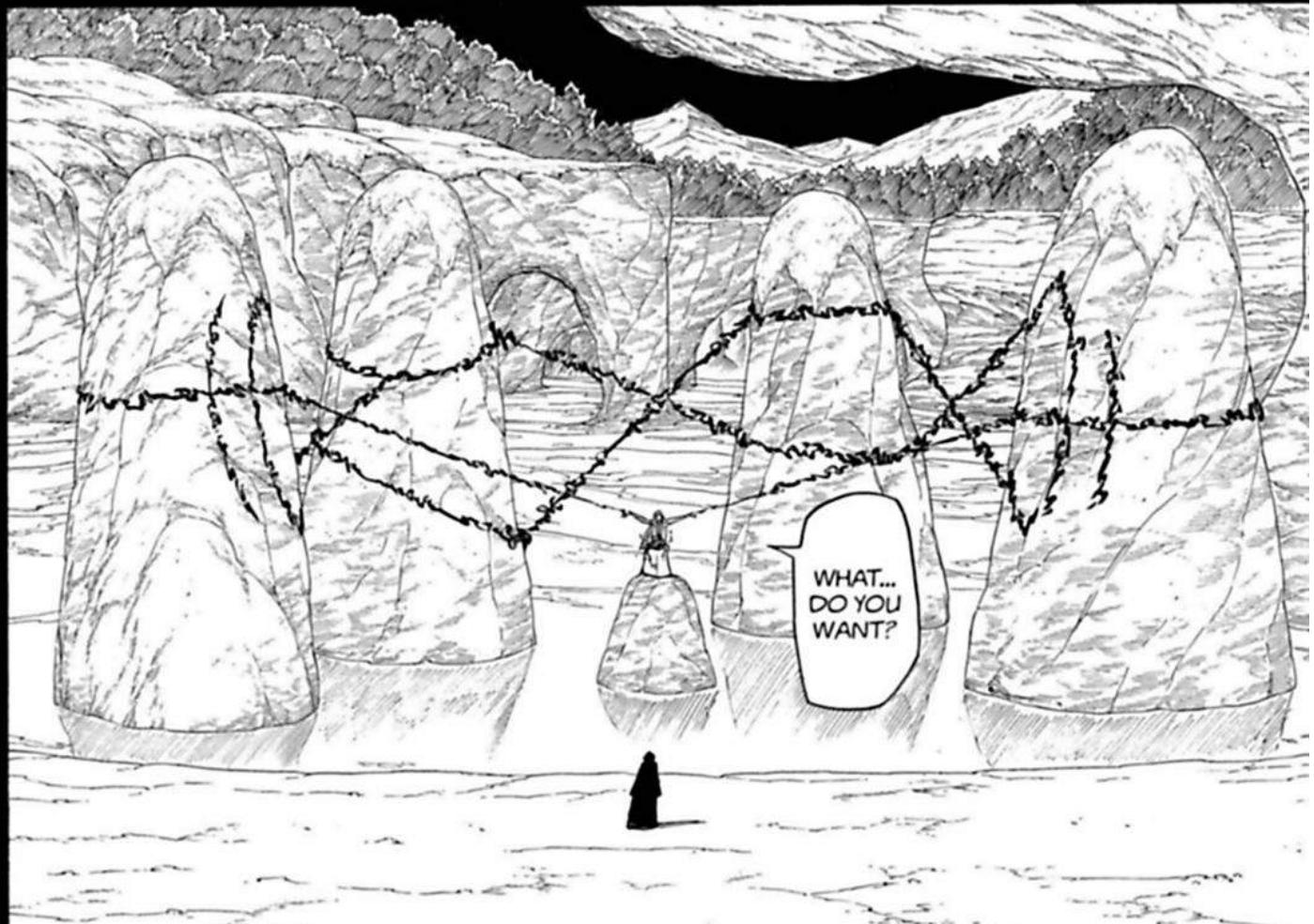
NARUTO'S
NOT
HURT...

...PHEW...

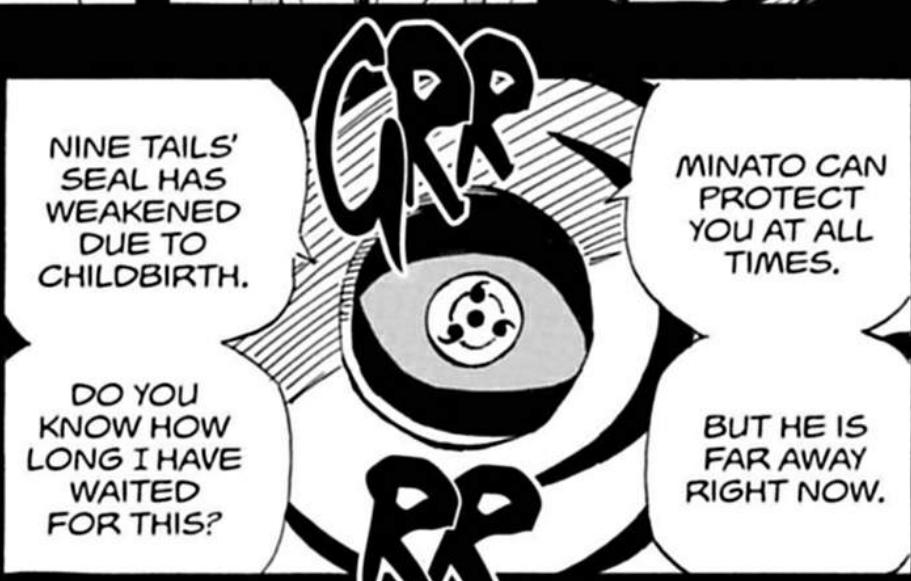
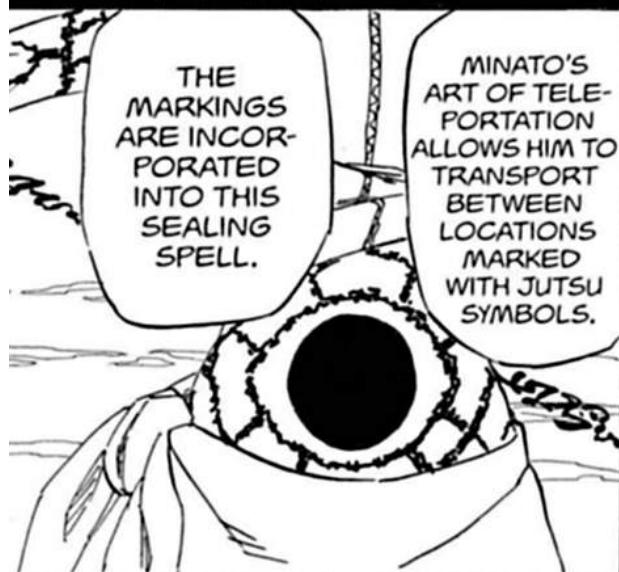
SIGH
...

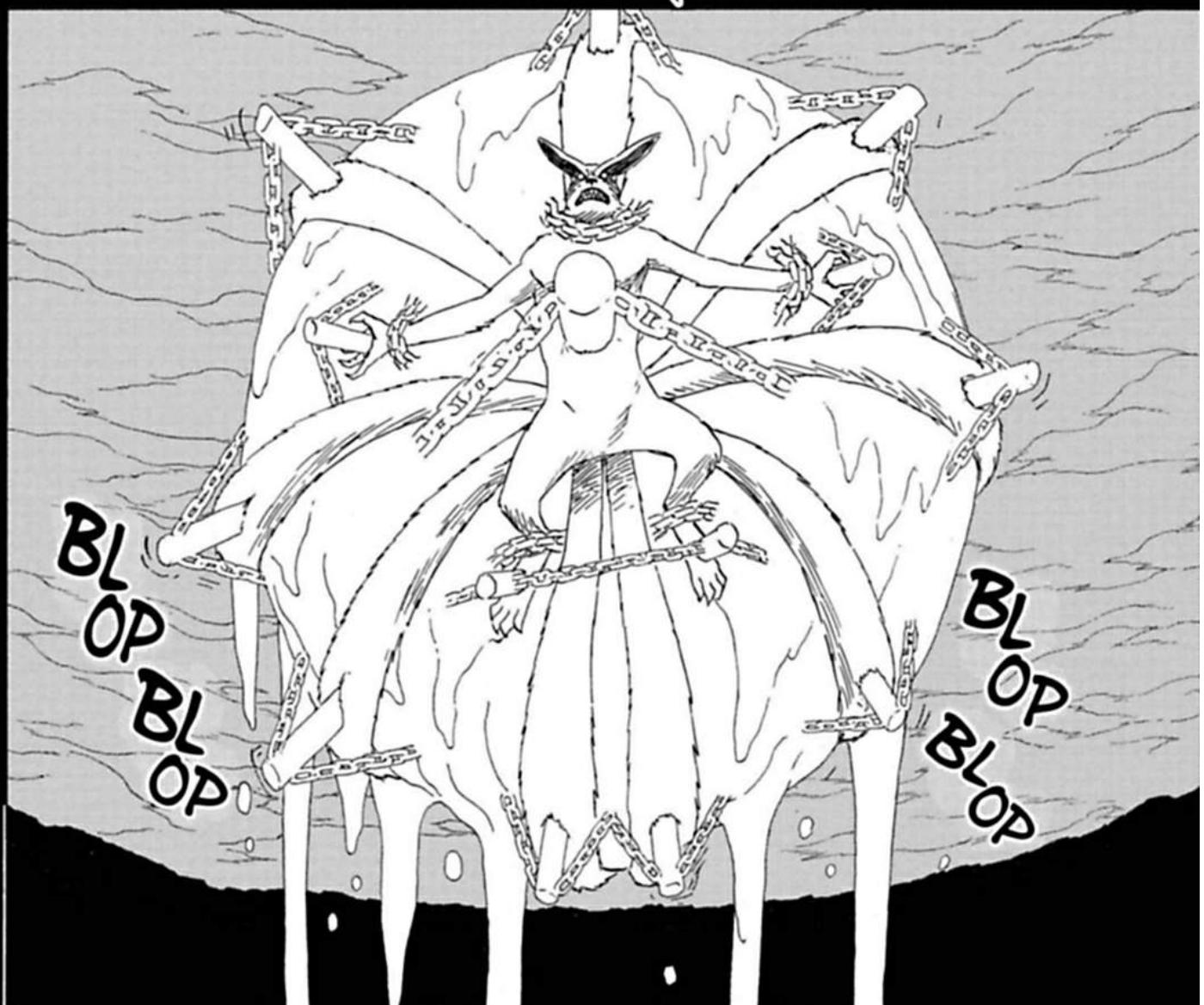
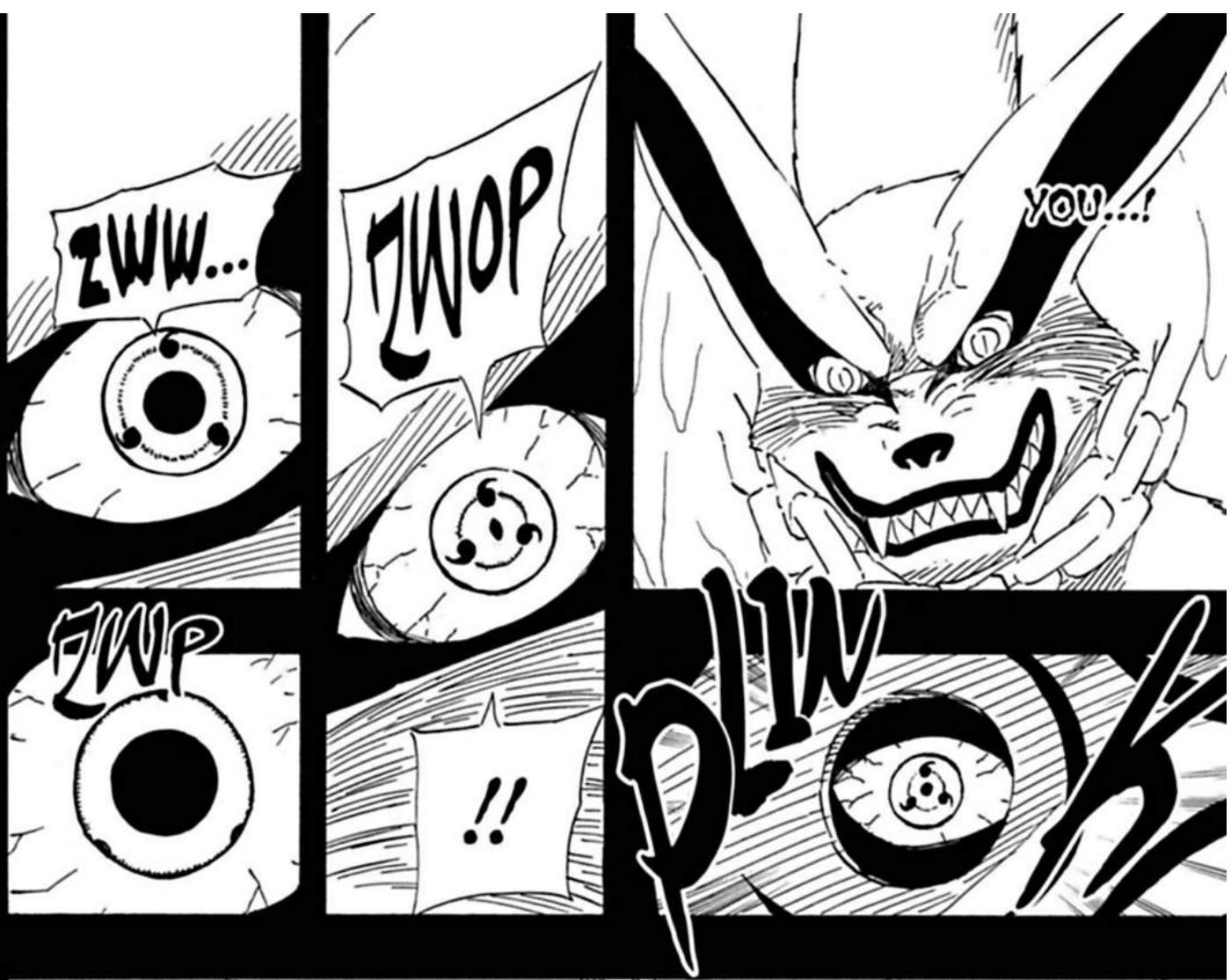
WAHH! WAHH!

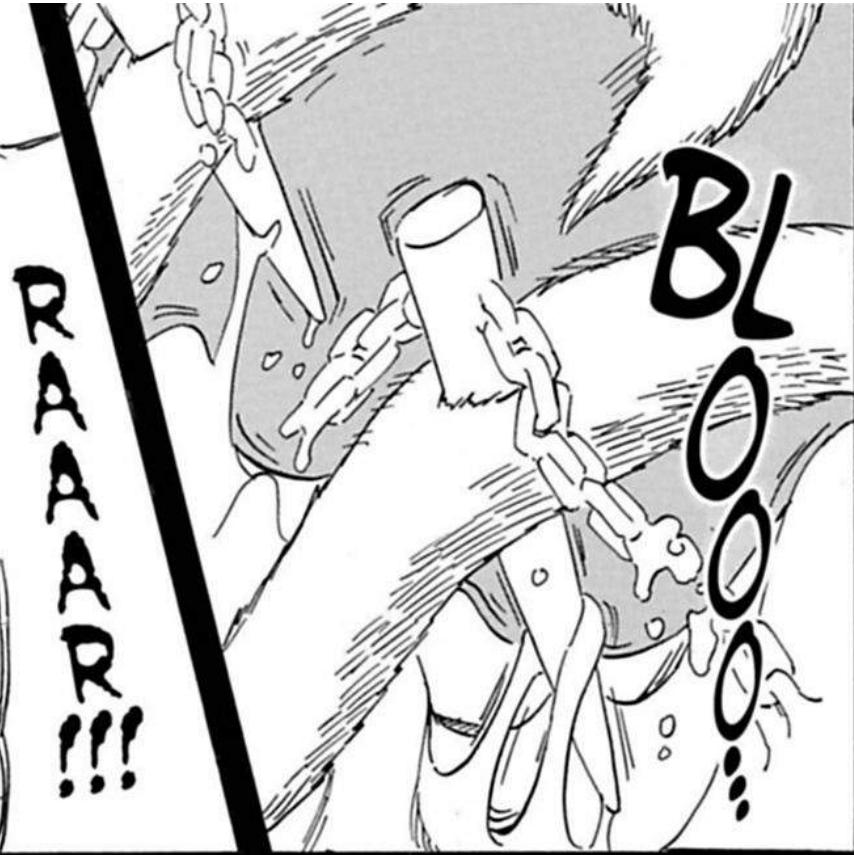
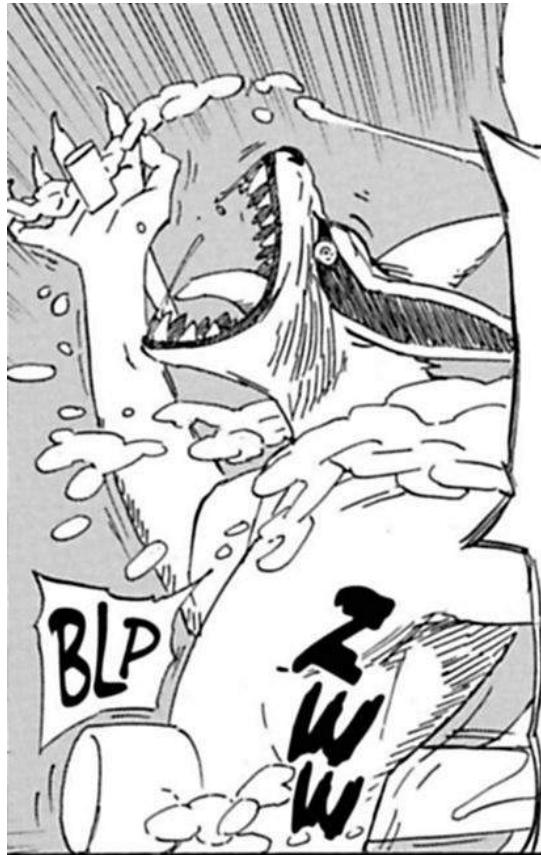




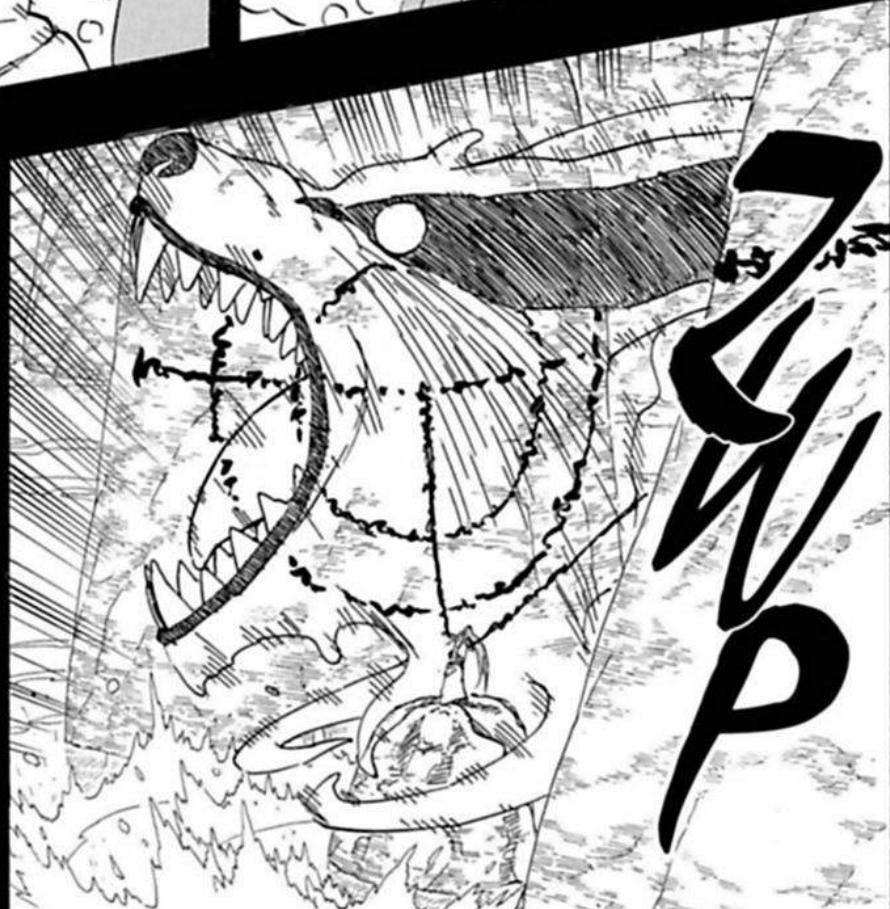
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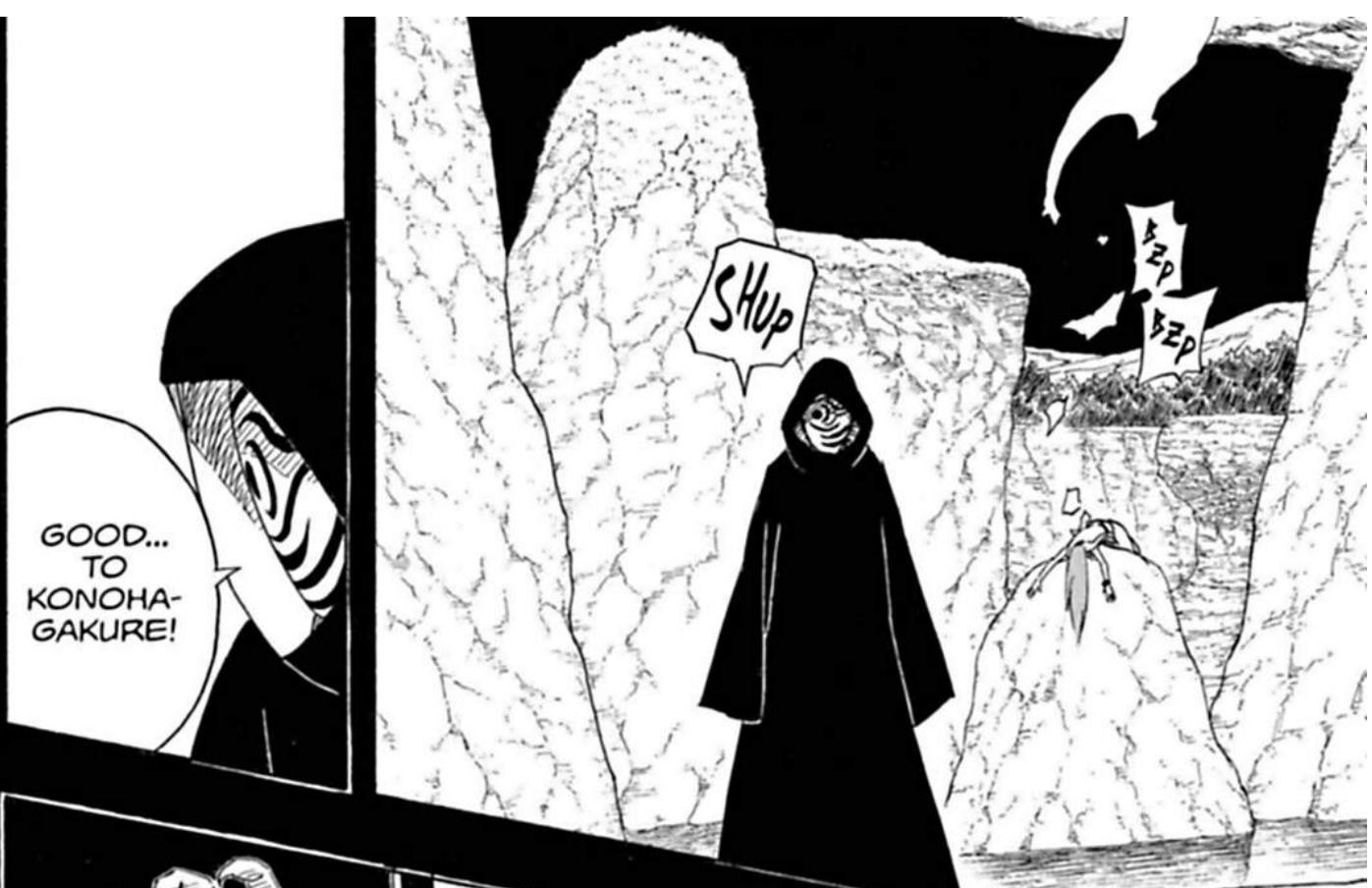


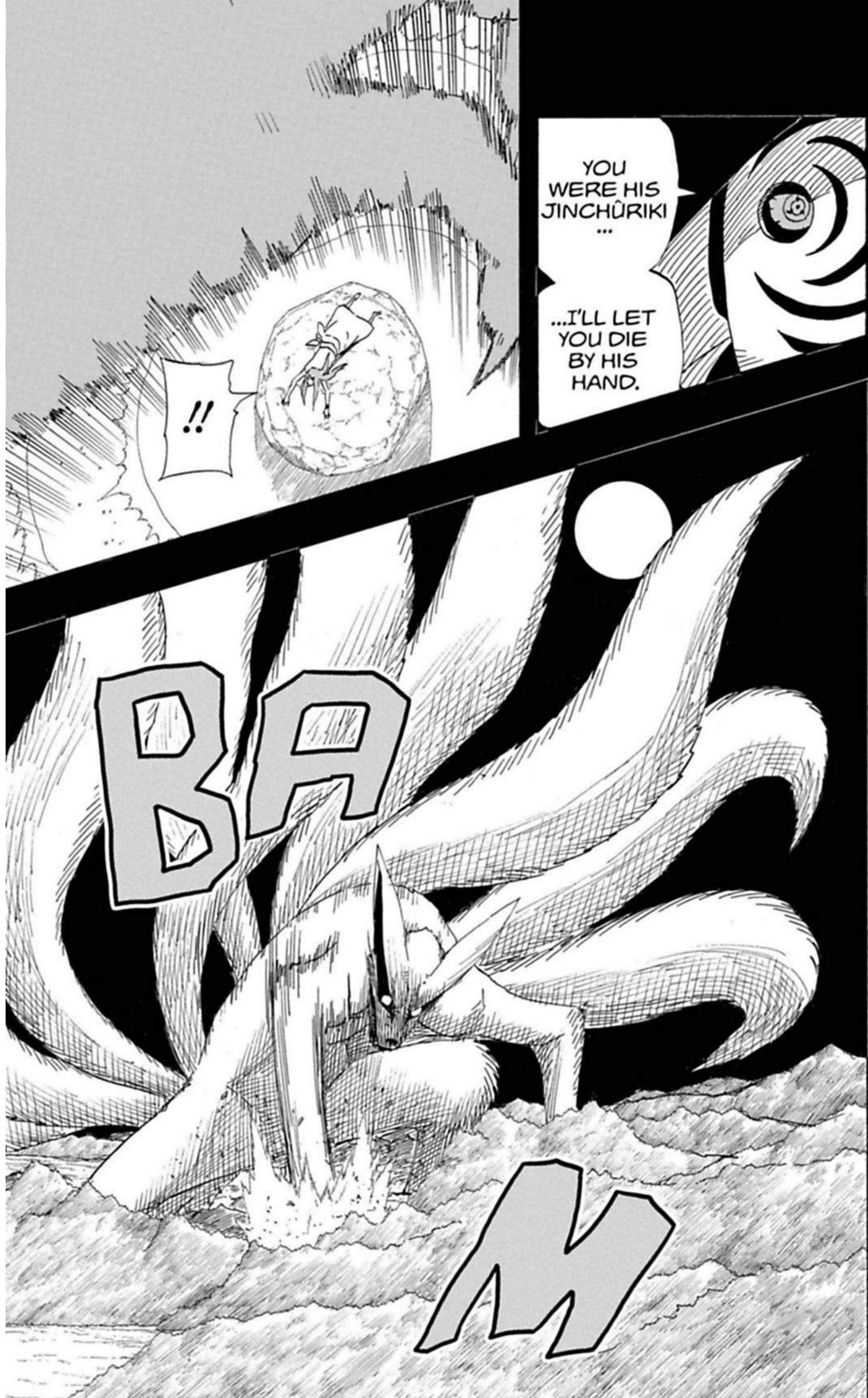
BLOOO



RAAAARR!!!

RAH
ROOM





YOU
WERE HIS
JINCHŪRIKI
...
...I'LL LET
YOU DIE
BY HIS
HAND.

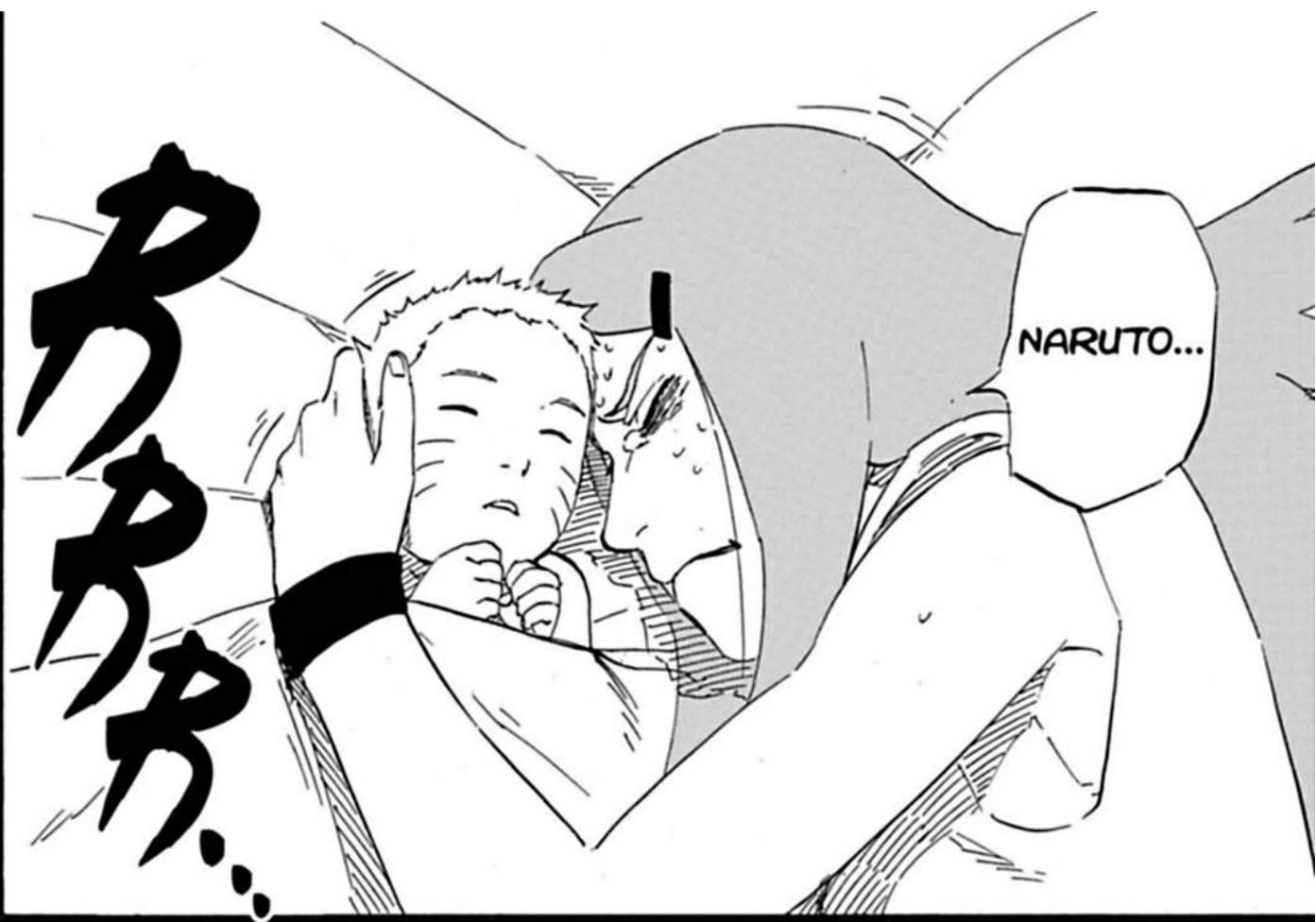
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NARUTO

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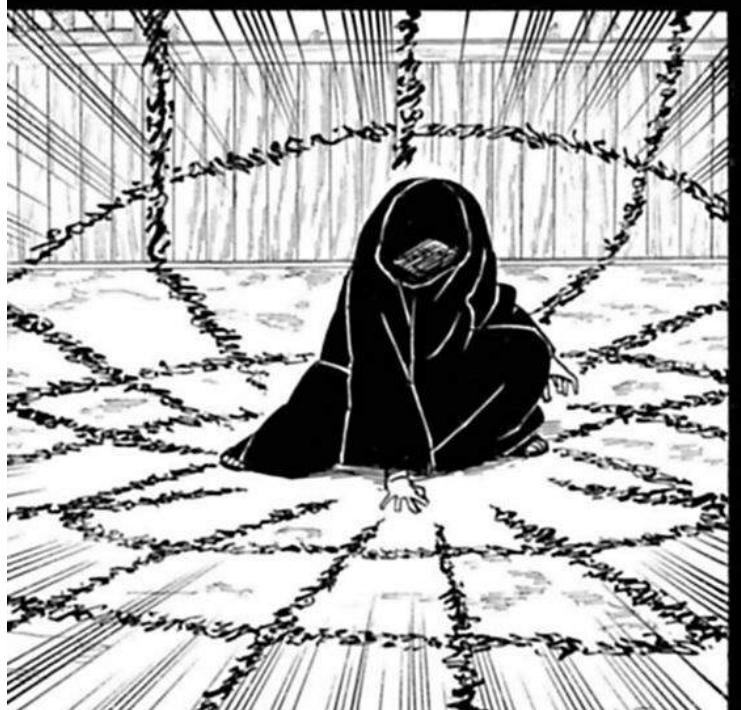
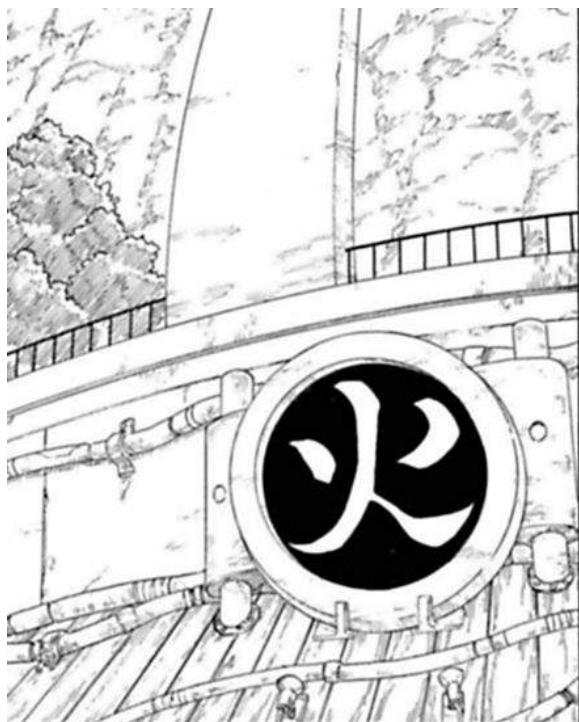
**502:
The
Fourth
Lord's
Death
Match!!**





HMM...?
WHY DON'T
WE JUST
DO ROCK,
PAPER,
SCISSORS
AGAIN FOR
TODAY?

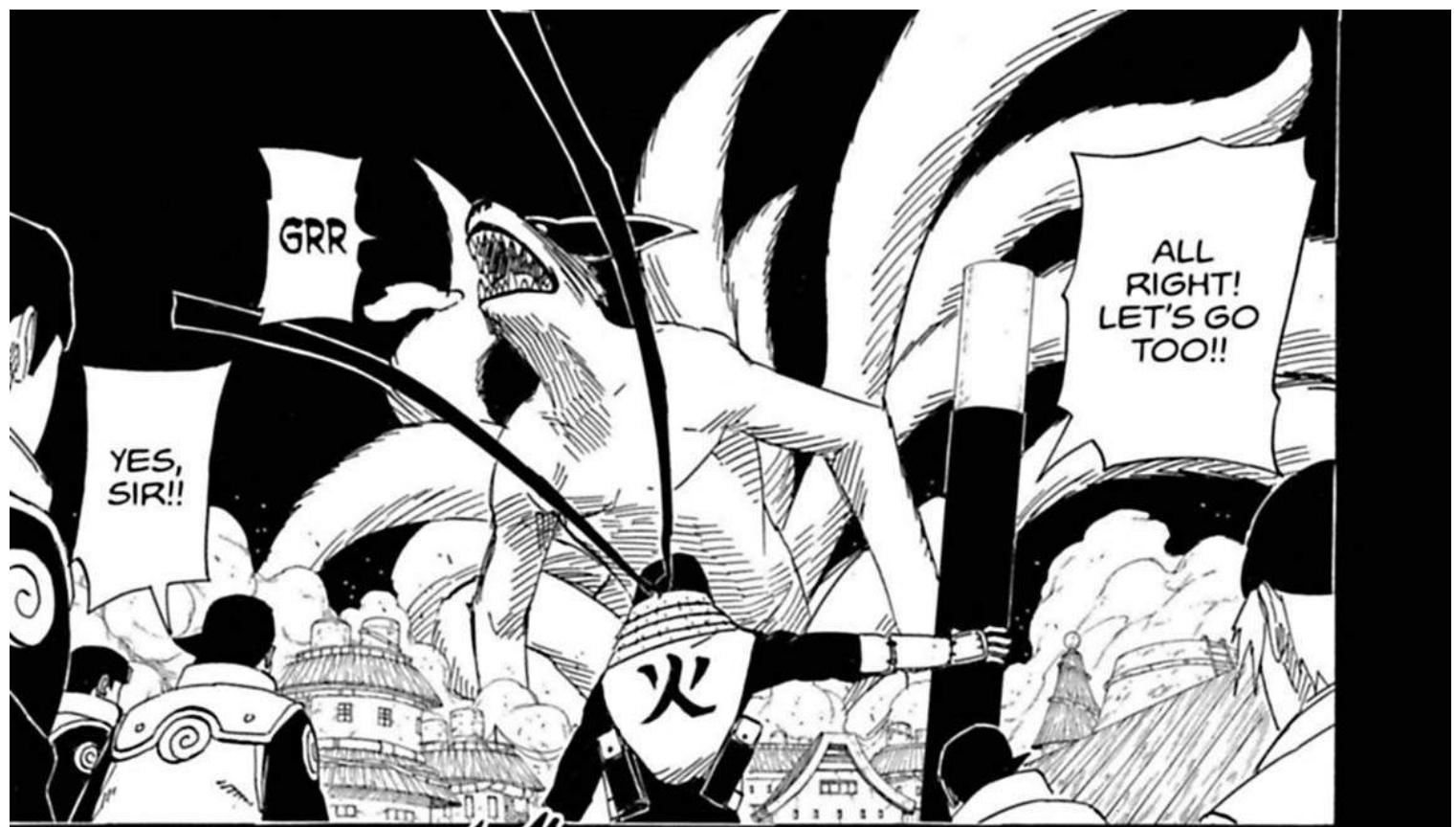














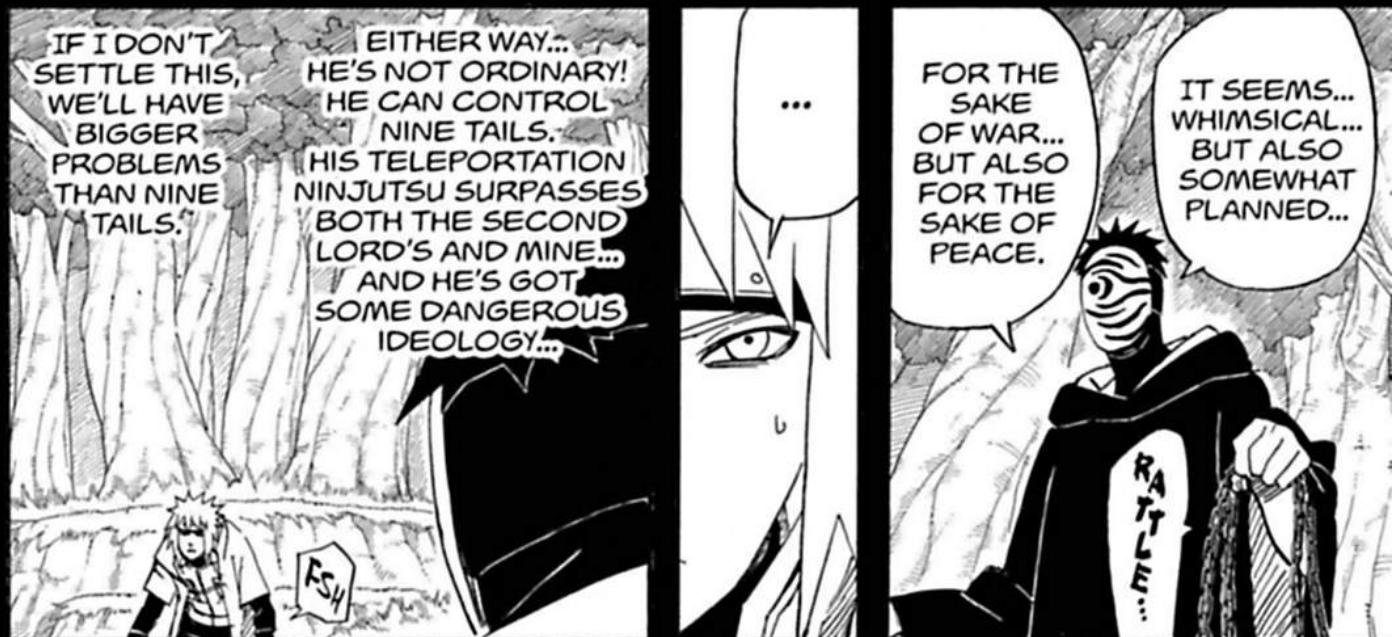
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HE MANAGED TO DEFEAT THE BLACK OPS DIRECTLY ASSIGNED TO LORD THIRD, GET PAST THE HIGHEST-LEVEL CLASSIFIED BARRIER...

SO THAT'S HOW HE WAS ABLE TO GRAB KUSHINA AND MOVE SO QUICKLY!

HE USES TELEPORTATION NINJUTSU TOO?!



THERE
IS NO
HOPE
FOR YOU!

I HAVE TO
ENTRUST
THE
VILLAGE
TO THE
THIRD
LORD...
AND JUST
TAKE
THIS GUY
DOWN
RIGHT
HERE,
RIGHT
NOW!!

IF HE'S
ANYTHING
LIKE MADARA,
HE
SHOULDN'T
BE ABLE
TO MAINTAIN
NINE TAILS
IN REAL
SPACE FOR
THAT LONG...

IF I
TRANSPORT
MYSELF
TO THE
VILLAGE...
HE'LL COME
TO THE
BATTLEFIELD
WITH ME...
IT'LL BE
CHAOS...





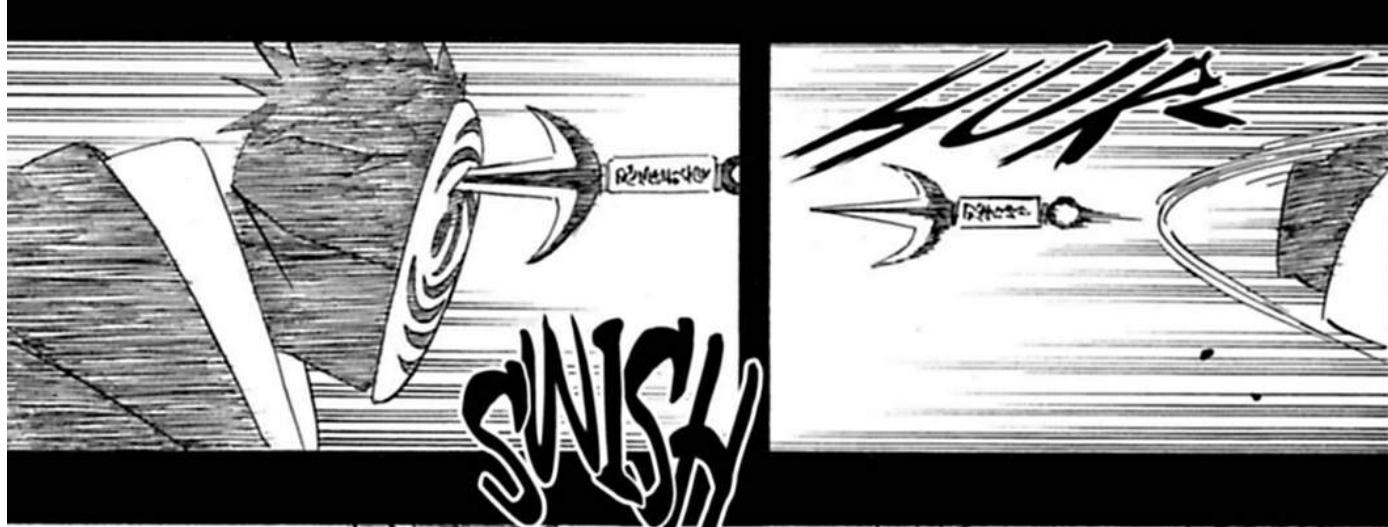
HE KNOWS
HE'S
VULNERABLE
WHEN HE
ATTACKS.

I HAVE TO
AIM FOR A
MUTUAL
STRIKE,
PRECISELY
TIMED!

MY
PHYSICAL
ATTACKS
DON'T
AFFECT
HIS BODY...
BUT HE
MAKES
HIMSELF
SOLID
WHEN HE
ATTACKS
ME...



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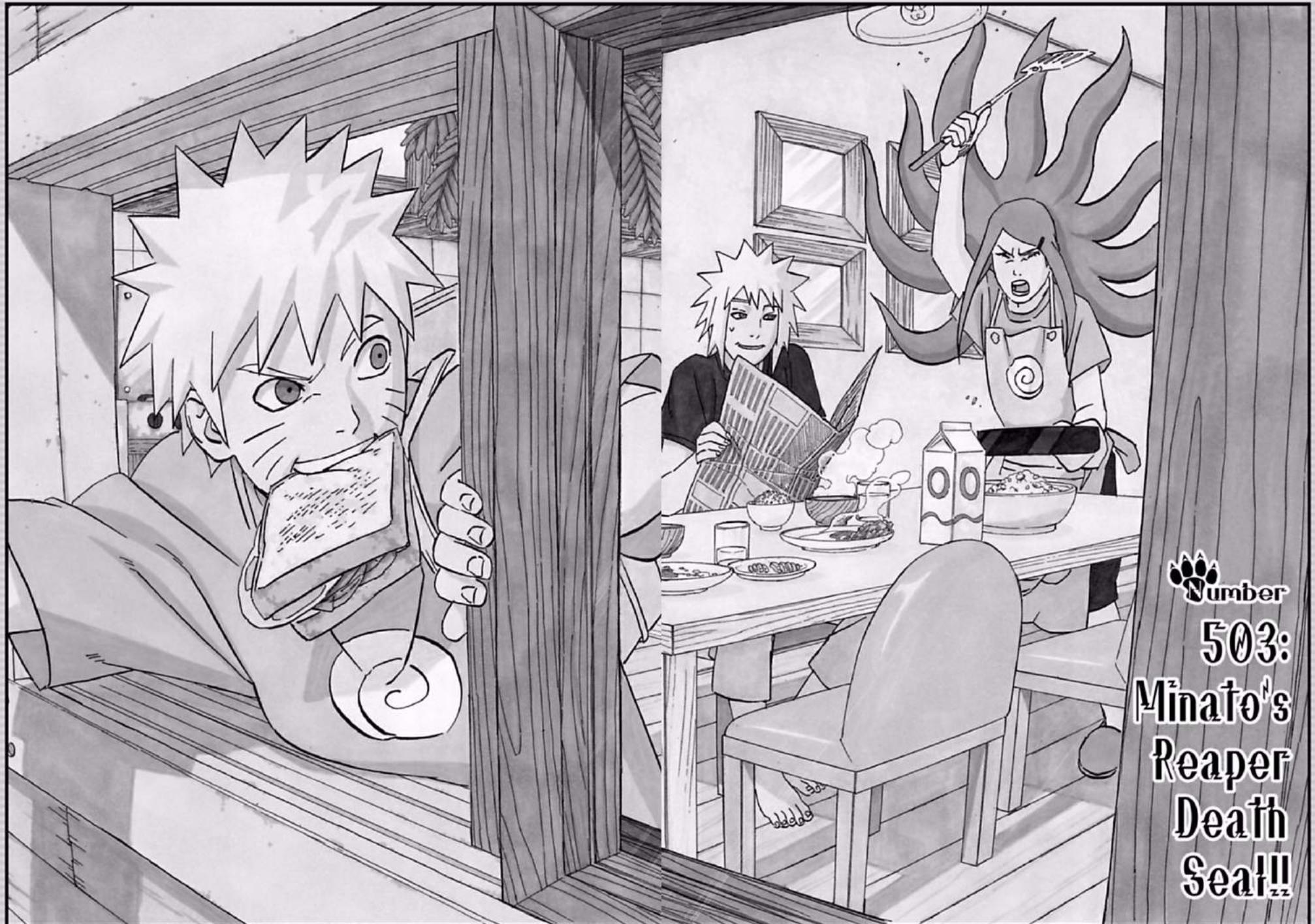




RASEN-
GAN!!

GAK!!





Number

503:
Minato's
Reaper
Death
Seal!!

NARUTO











THOOM...

KABOOM!

WE'VE
DRIVEN
HIM OUT
OF THE
VILLAGE!

MINATO,
WHERE
ARE YOU?!

NOW
KEEP
AT HIM,
ONE
AFTER
ANOTHER!







READ
THIS WAY

KUSHINA...
FORGIVE
ME...

I SHALL
RULE
THIS
WORLD...

...

I'M GOING TO
NEED A LOT
OF CHAKRA TO
TRANSPORT
SUCH A LARGE
OBJECT AWAY!

THAT'S
GONNA BE
TOUGH, EVEN
FOR ME!

HOLD
NINE
TAILS
DOWN!

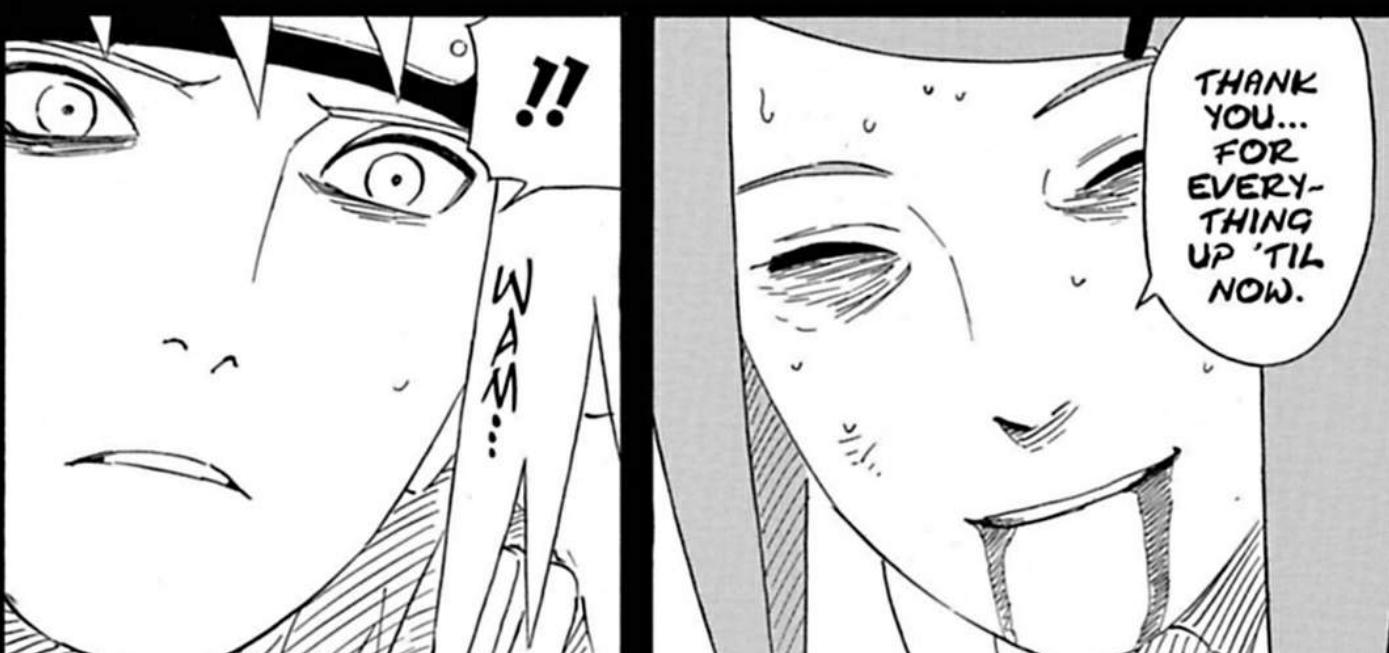
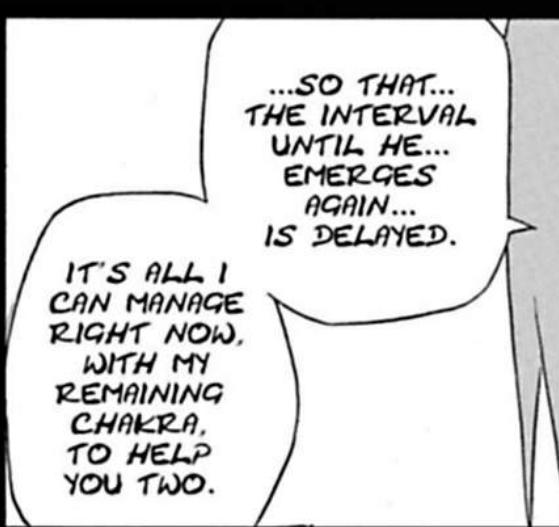
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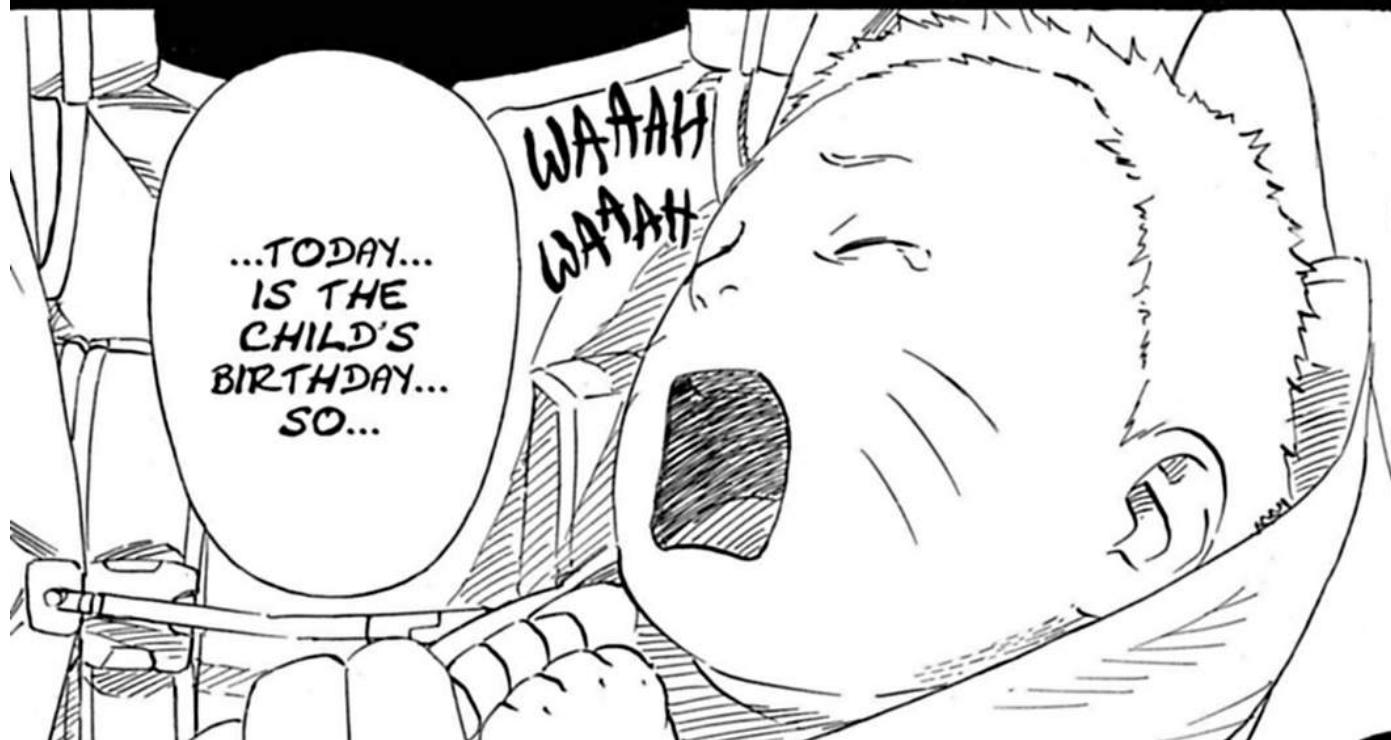
UGH!

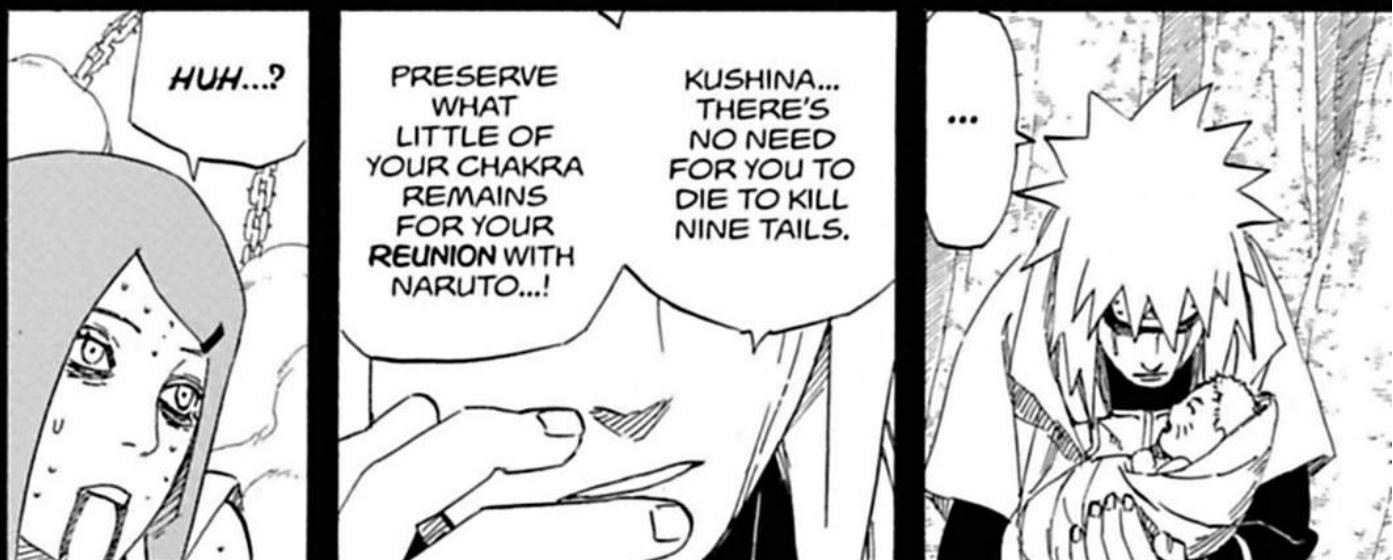
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...WITH THE SEALING JUTSU THAT I CAN DO, NOT BEING A JINCHŪRIKI...

...THE SHIKIFŪJIN REAPER DEATH SEAL!

AND THEN I'LL TAKE NINE TAILS WITH ME...

IT'LL BE PART OF AN EIGHT-SIGNED SEAL.

I'M GOING TO SEAL THE REST OF YOUR CHAKRA INSIDE NARUTO.

BUT... THAT JUTSU RESULTS IN THE CASTER'S DEATH...

...!

WITH THE REAPER DEATH SEAL, WE CAN AT LEAST SEAL AWAY HALF OF NINE TAILS FOREVER.

AND THE OTHER HALF...

IF YOU TAKE NINE TAILS WITH YOU, THERE WILL BE NO JINCHŪRIKI UNTIL HE REEMERGES, AND THE BIJU BALANCE WILL BE UPSET, WHICH ISN'T GOOD.

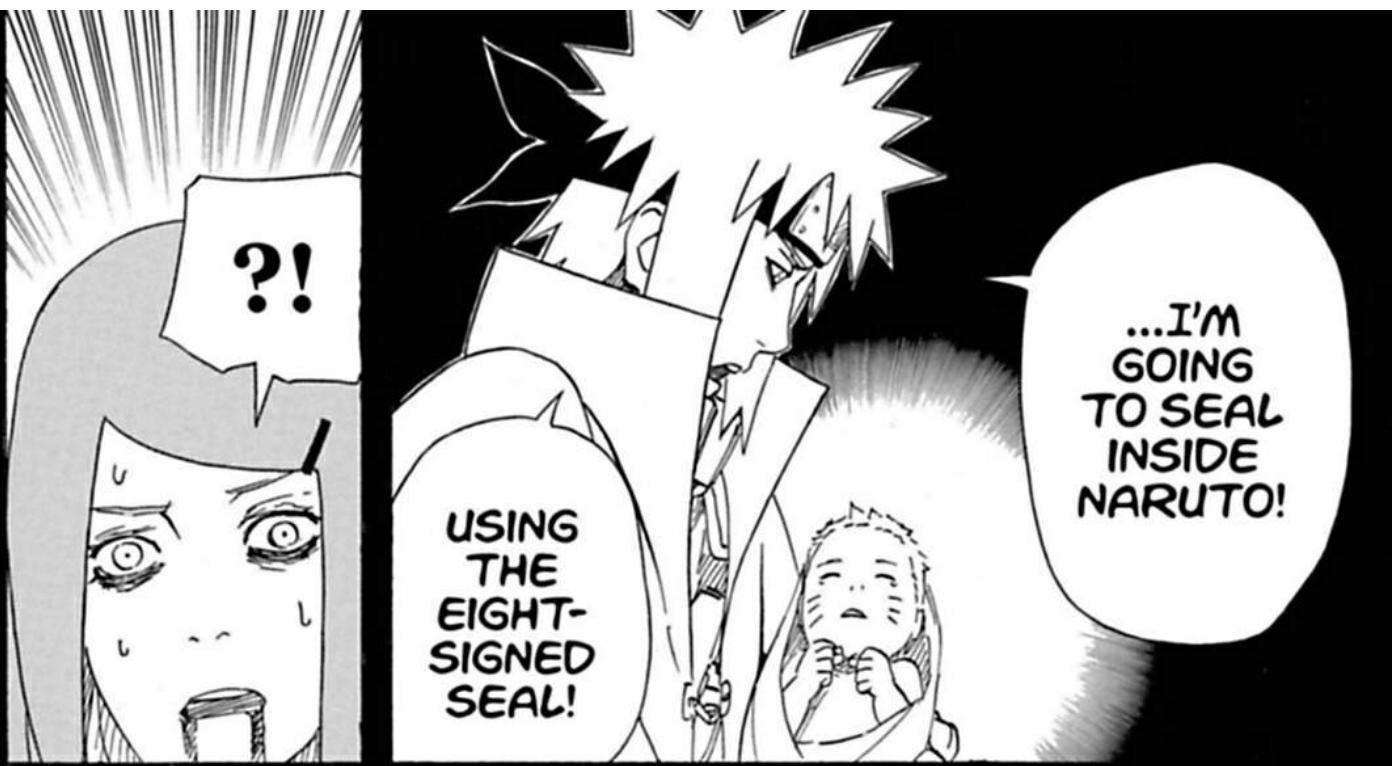
PARTLY BECAUSE IT'S PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SEAL AWAY SUCH A LARGE VOLUME OF POWER...
...BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT'S NOT STRATEGICALLY WISE...

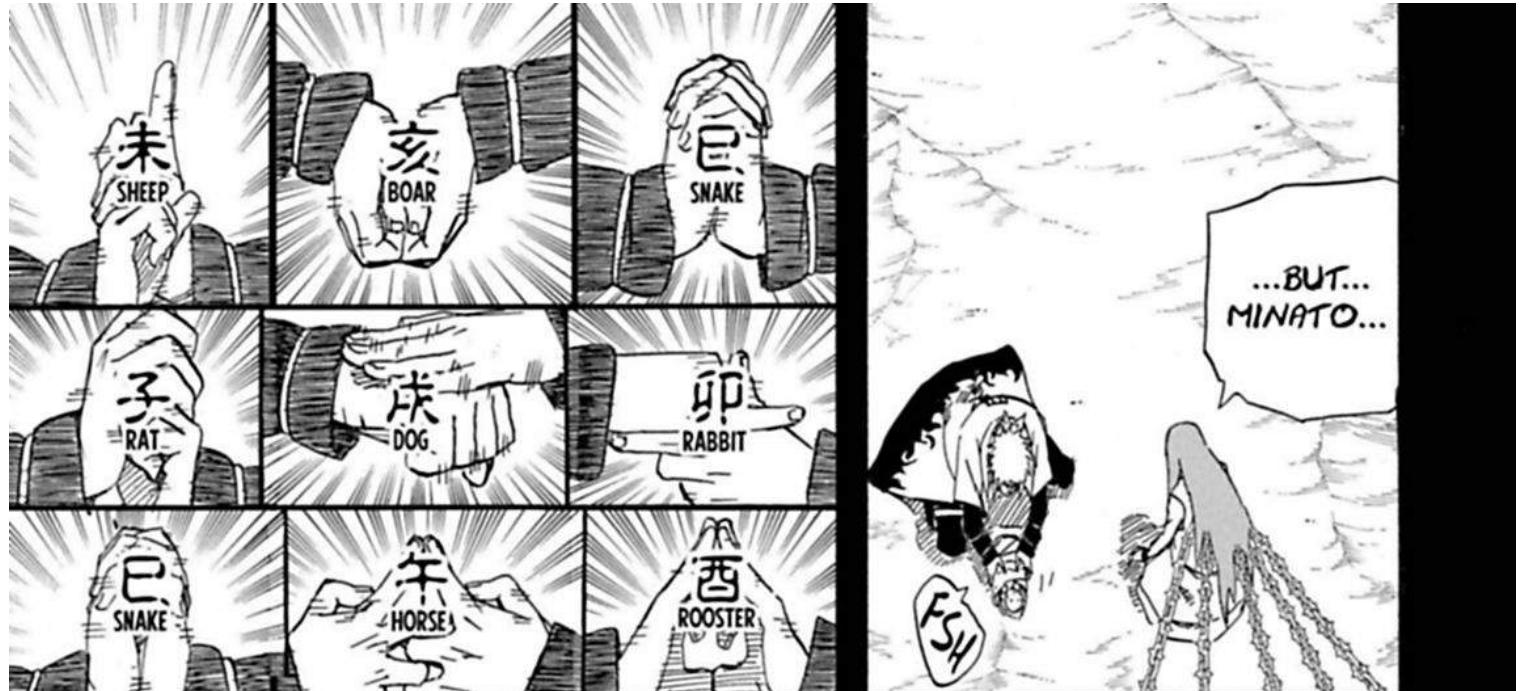
FURTHERMORE... I'M ONLY GOING TO SEAL AWAY HALF OF NINE TAILS...

AND THE SAVIOR THAT SHALL EMERGE IS THIS CHILD OF PROPHECY...

IN THE FUTURE... TERRIBLE THINGS ARE LIKELY TO BEFALL THE SHINOBI WORLD.

HUH? THE WHAT? PERHAPS... YOU'RE THE CHILD OF PROPHECY...





NARUTO

Number 504: Thank You

YOU WON'T
HAVE A
WHOLE LOT
OF TIME TO
SPEND WITH
GROWN-UP
NARUTO...

AFTER THIS
REAPER
DEATH SEAL,
I'M GOING
TO SEAL
YOUR CHAKRA
INSIDE
NARUTO...

...BUT I WANT
YOU TO HELP
HIM WHEN
HE TRIES
TO CONTROL
NINE TAILS'
POWER AS A
JINCHŪRIKI.

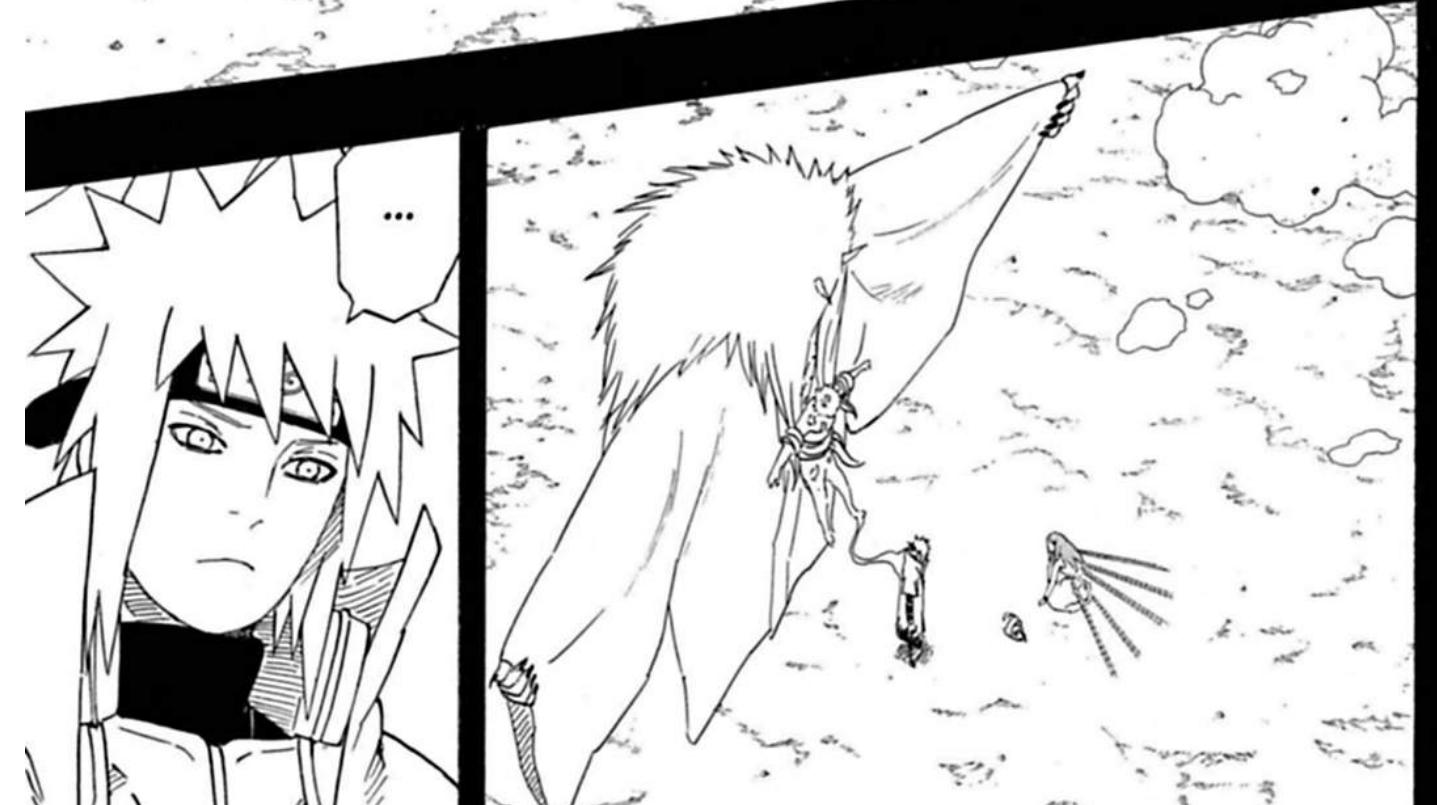
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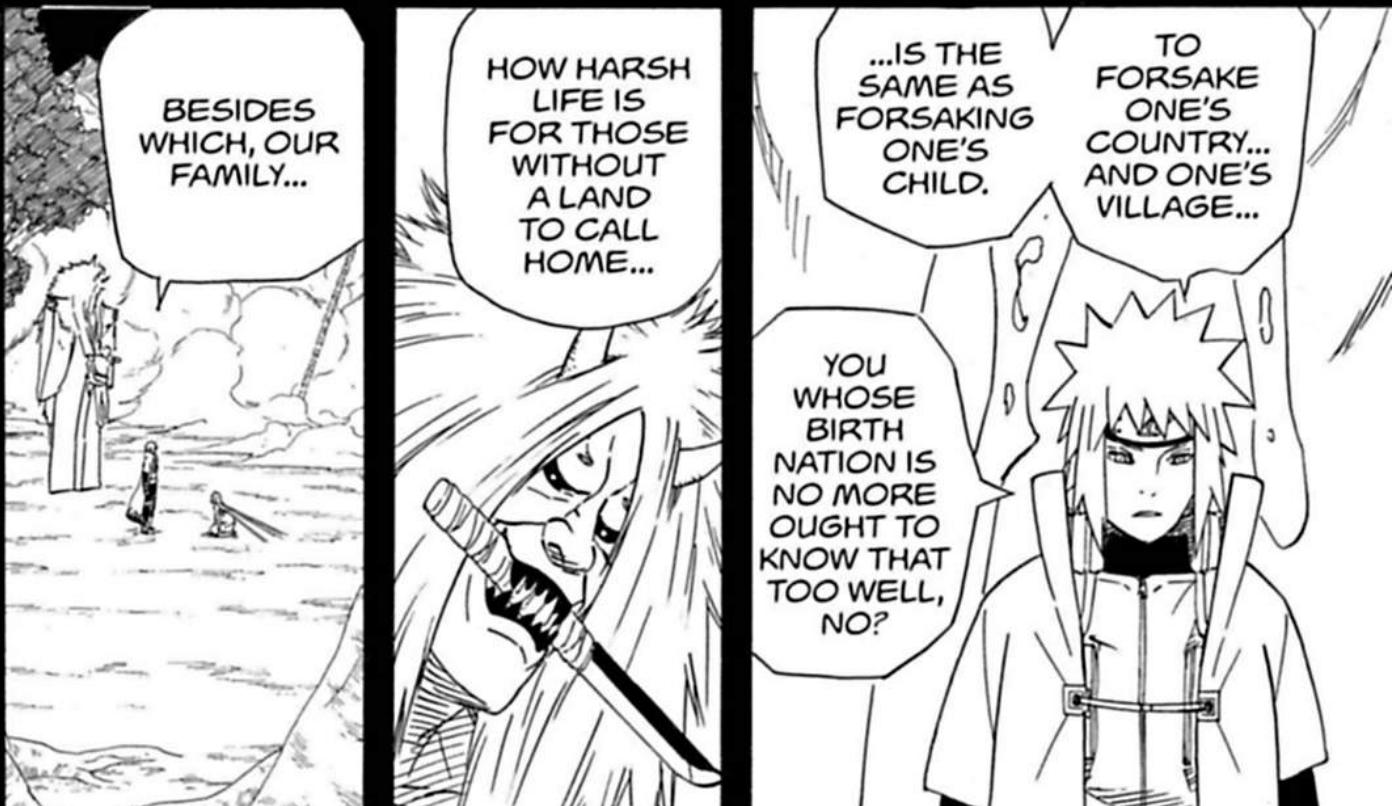
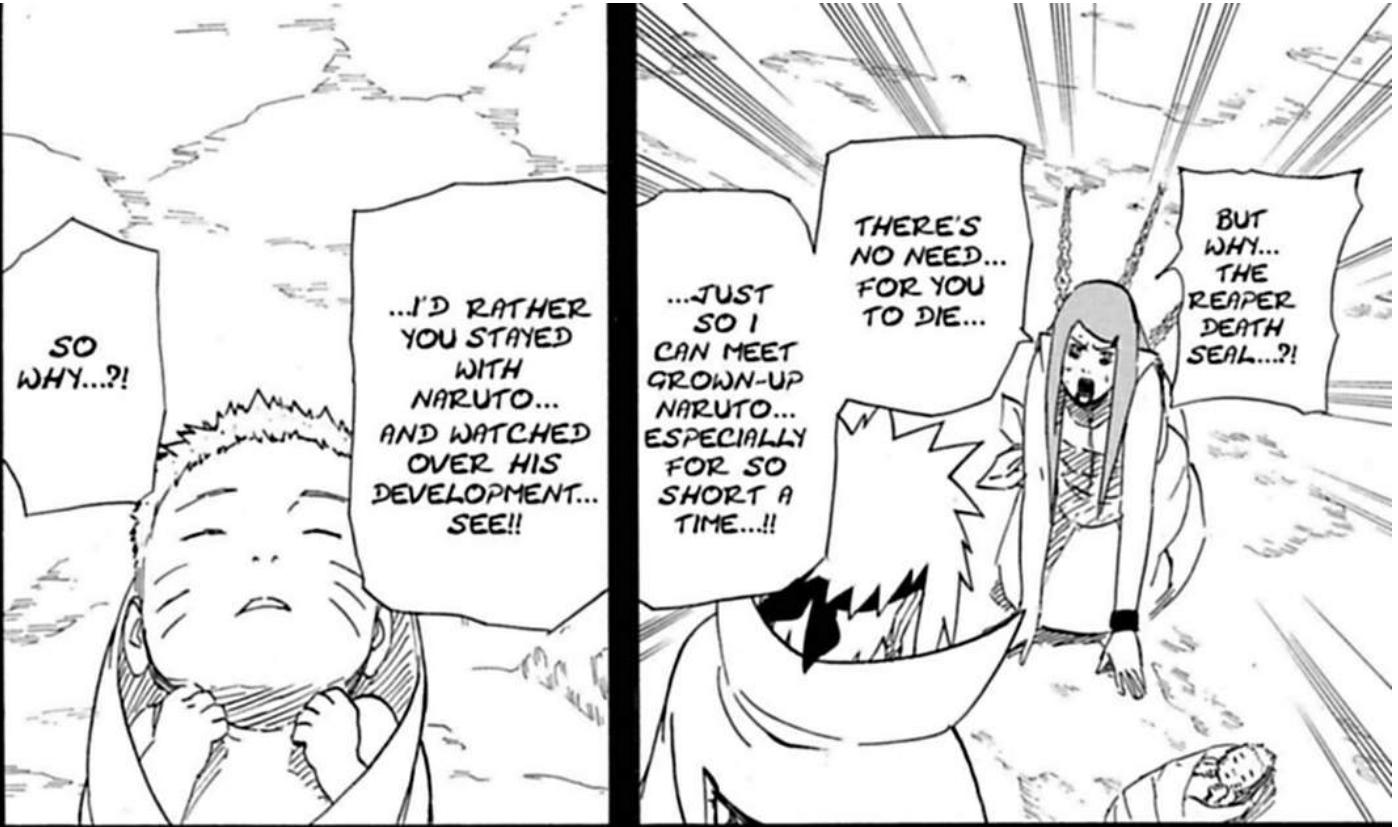
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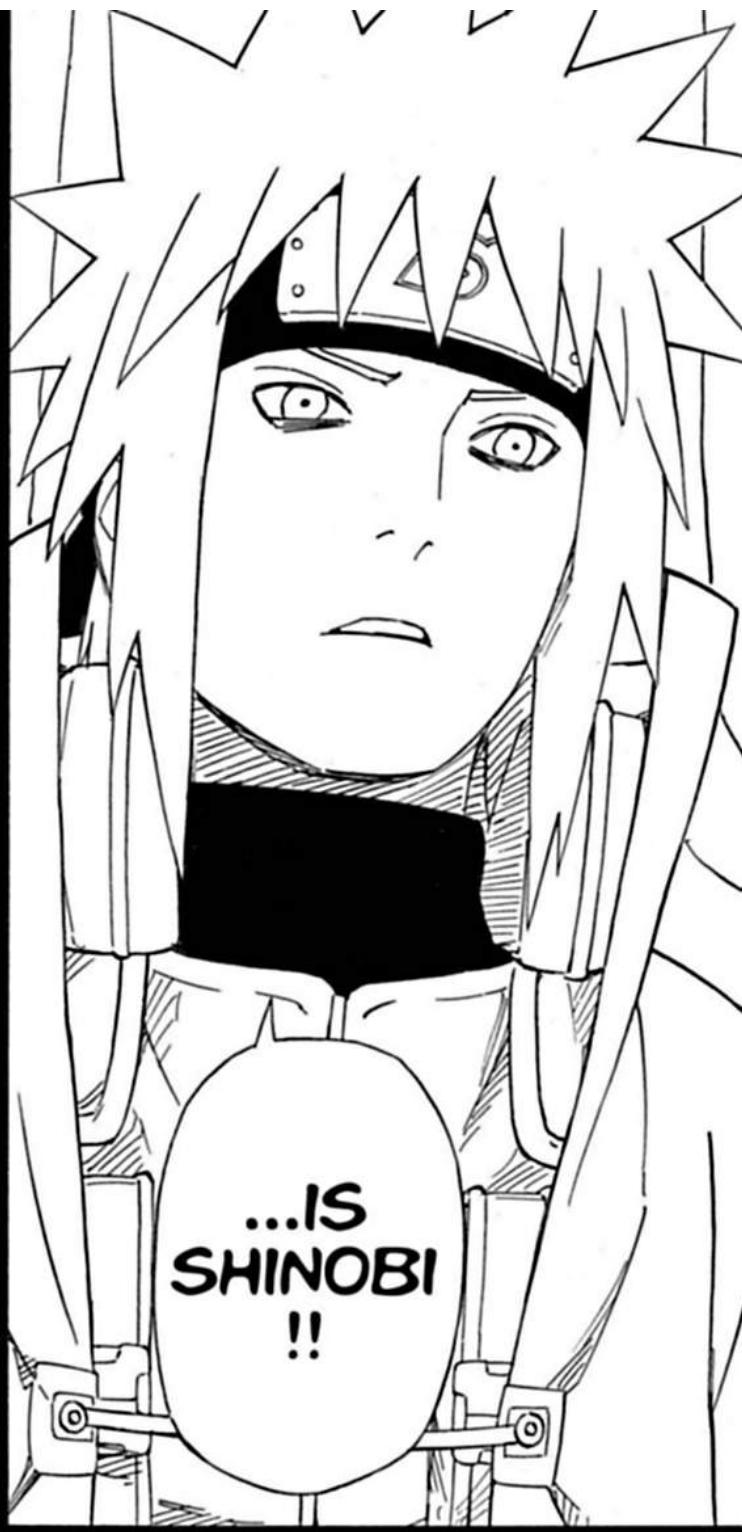
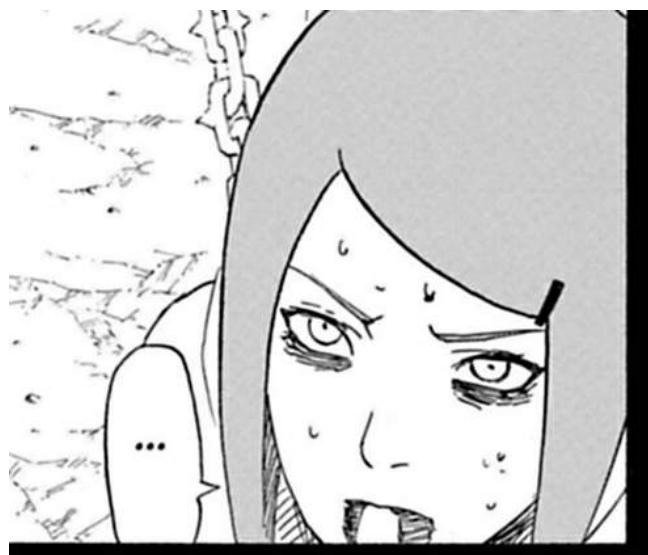
HE'S
OUR
SON...

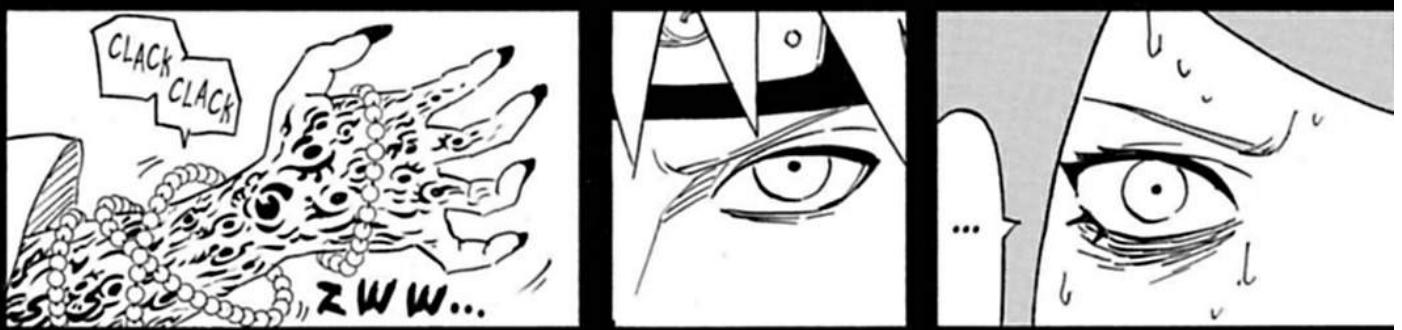
...WHICH IS
EXACTLY
WHY...
I DON'T
WANT HIM
TO BEAR
SUCH...
A HEAVY
BURDEN....!

HE'S
OUR
SON...

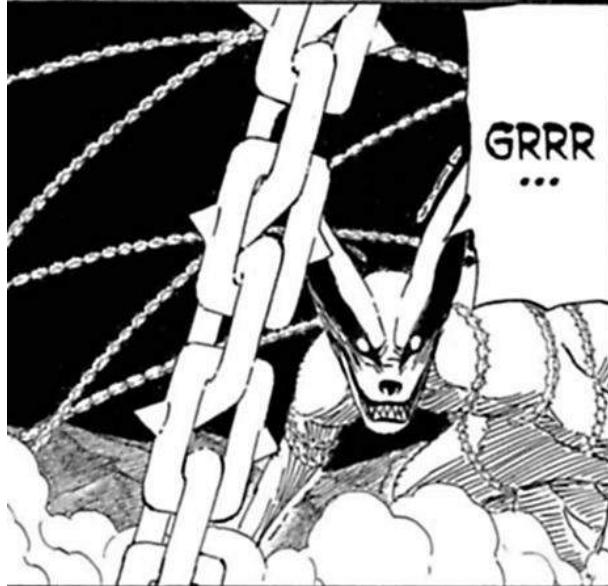




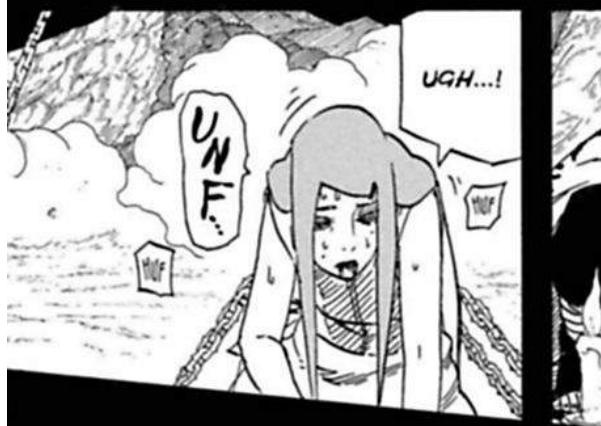


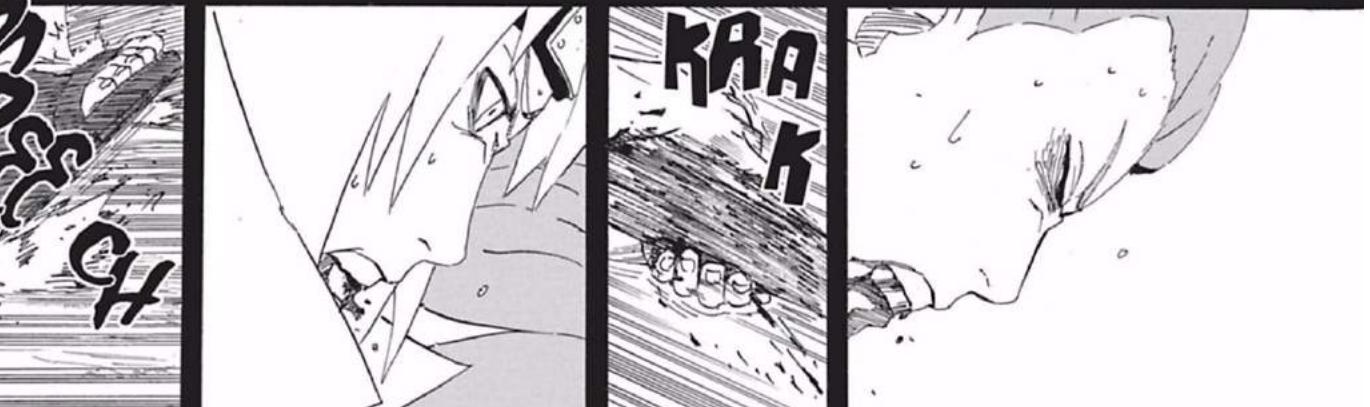
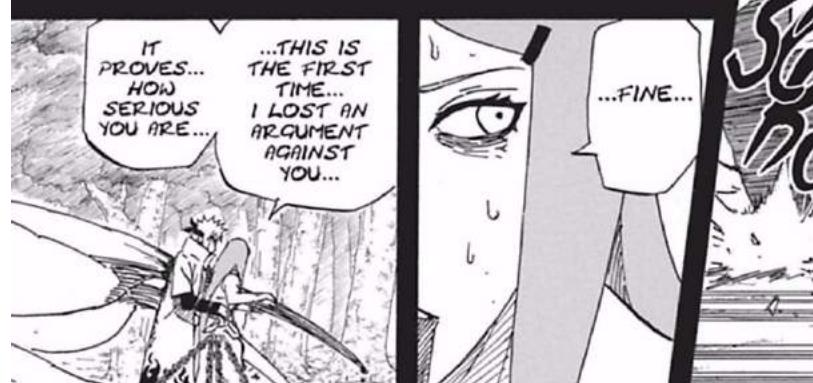
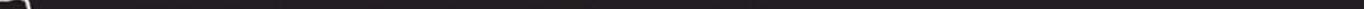
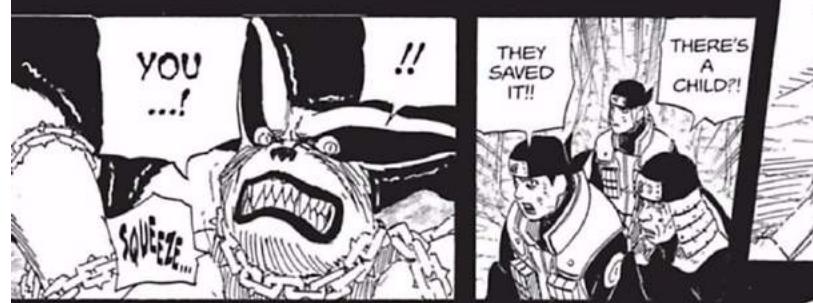
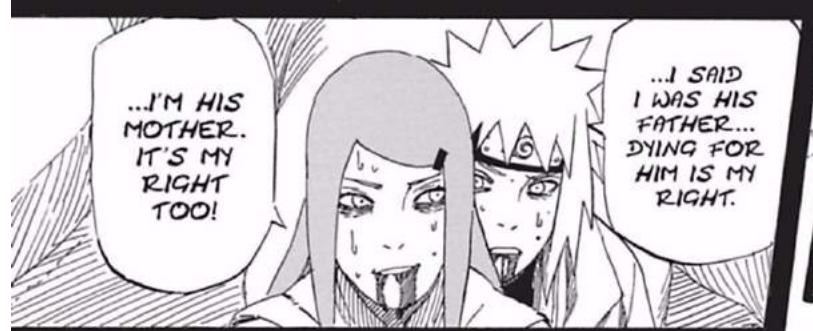
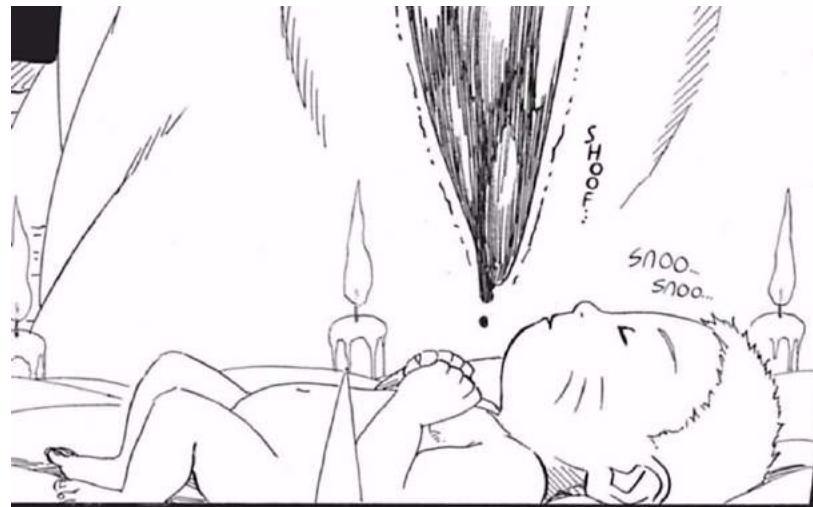


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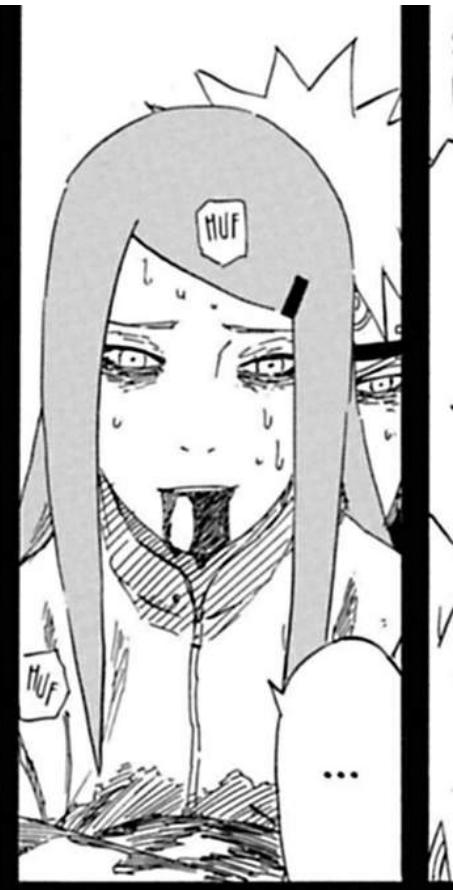
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WAY







NARUTO...
THERE'LL
BE PLENTY
OF HARD...
AND PAINFUL...
TIMES AHEAD...



BE WARY
OF...
MASTER
JIRAIYA,
YA KNOW...!

...PLUS...
SPEAKING
OF THE
THREE
PROHIBI-
TIONS...



THERE
REALLY IS...
SO MUCH
MORE
I WANT...
TO TELL
YOU...

...I WANT
TO BE
WITH YOU
LONGER...
I LOVE
YOU...

...
SO
MUCH!
THERE'S
SO...
SO...
MUCH...!

...MAKE
SURE TO
HAVE
DREAMS...
...AND THE
CONFIDENCE...
TO MAKE
THOSE
DREAMS...
COME
TRUE...!!

TAKE
CARE...
OF
YOUR-
SELF...!



MY
WORDS
TO YOU
AS YOUR
FATHER...

NARUTO
...



NO
NO...
IT'S
ALL
RIGHT...

...I'M
SORRY,
MINATO...
I TALKED
TOO
MUCH...

...

...IS
DITTO
YOUR
LOQUACIOUS
MOTHER...
I GUESS...

EIGHT-SIGNED
SEAL....!

I'M SO
SORRY...

READ
THIS
WAY

OKAY, SURE,
I WENT
THROUGH
A LOT AS A
KID BECAUSE
I WAS A
JINCHŪRIKI...

DON'T
APOL-
OGIZE.

...AND
MAKING YOU
BEAR OUR
BURDEN...

...FOR
MAKING YOU
NINE TAILS'
VESSEL...

...BUT
I WOULD
NEVER
BLAME YOU
OR PA FOR
THAT.

...AND
NOT GIVING
YOU THE
LOVE YOU
NEEDED...!

FOR NOT
BEING ABLE
TO BE AT
YOUR SIDE
AS YOU
GREW UP...

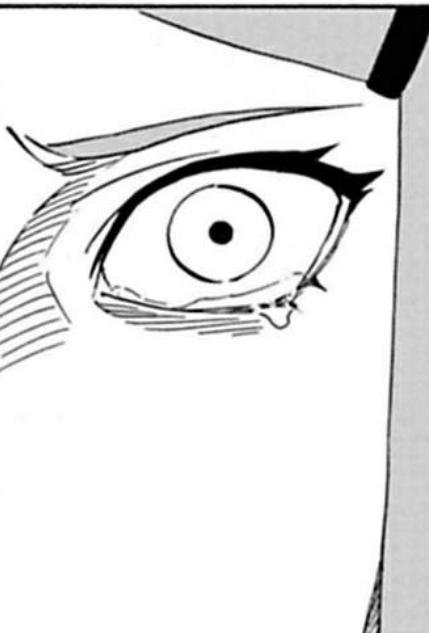
...SINCE
YOU AND
PA...

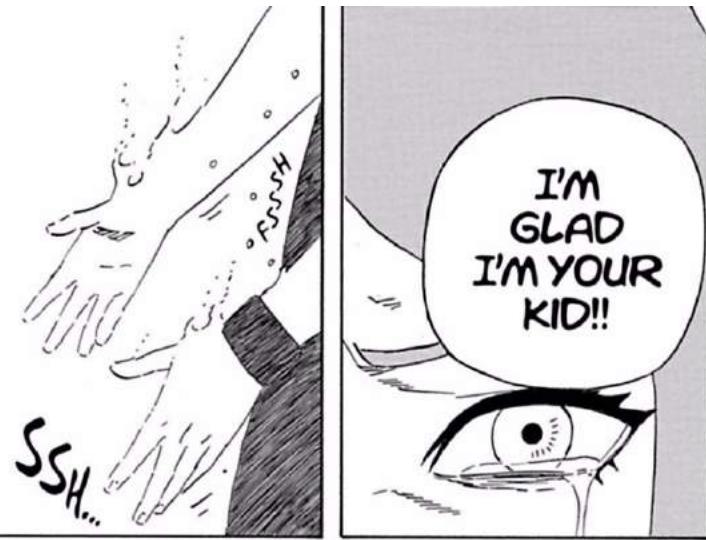
...
WEREN'T
AROUND...

SO YEAH,
I NEVER
REALLY HAD
PARENTS...

YOU DIED
FOR ME,
YOU AND
PA...

BUT
NOW
I DO...





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