

# NARUTO

SHONEN JUMP MANGA

Story & Art by

Masashi Kishimoto **volume**

**56**



岸本斉史

I'm always in a quandary over who to draw on the cover of each graphic novel volume... but I usually choose characters that were very prominent in the storylines within that volume. But lately they've all been unsightly old fogeys!!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2011

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.



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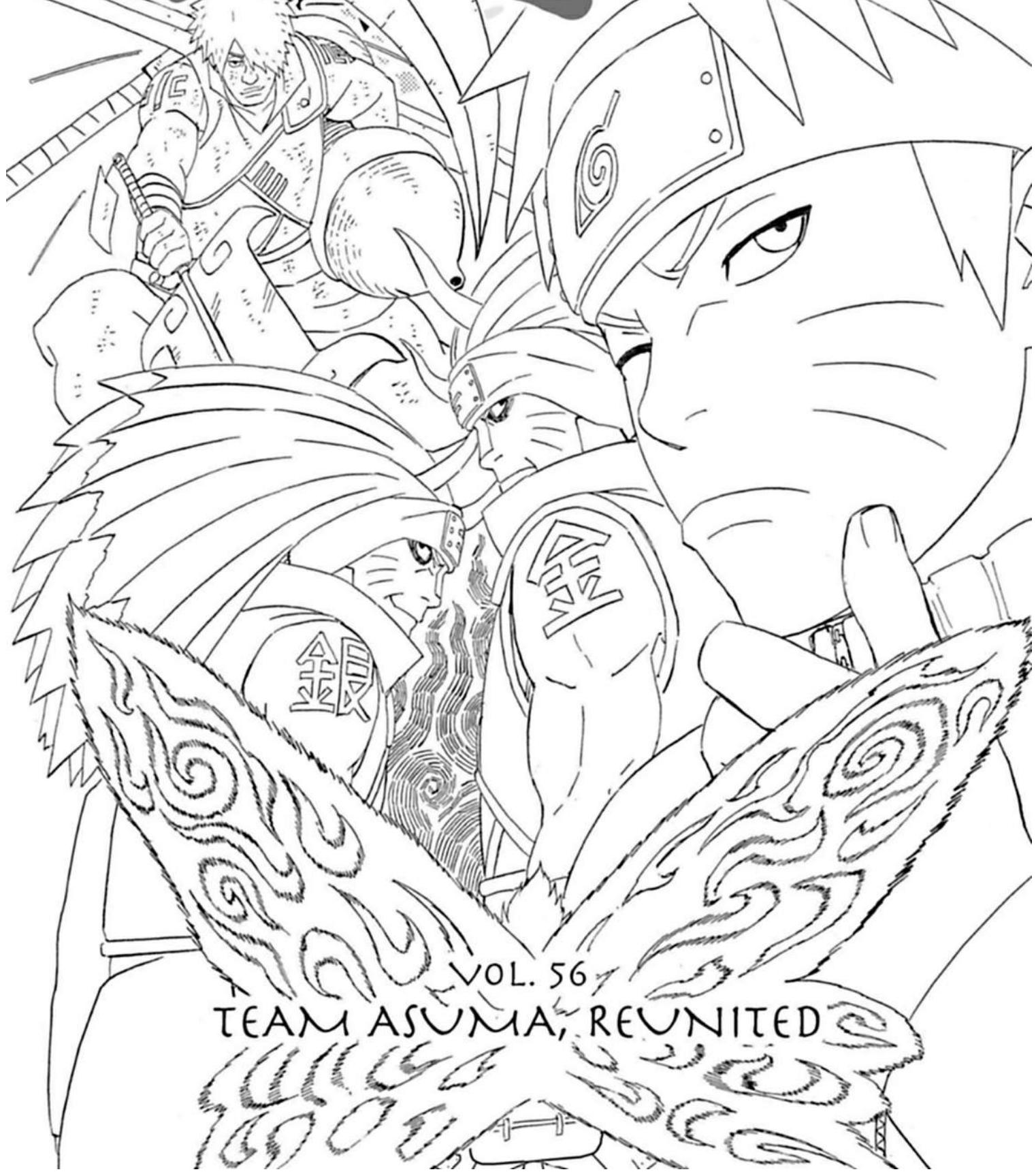
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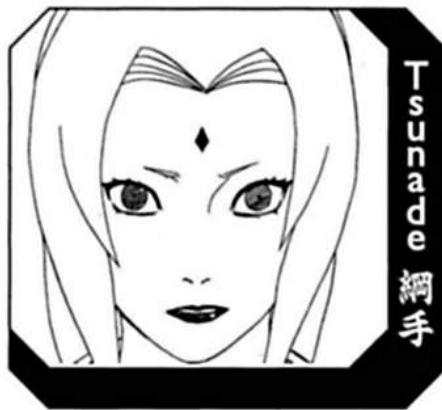


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# CHARACTERS





## 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. 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, the Five Kage put together an Allied Shinobi Force. The Fourth Great Ninja War against the Akatsuki begins. Naruto continues training, still sequestered from the battlefield, while the Allied Forces fight harsh battles against the heroes Kabuto has resurrected. And do additional enemies threaten the main regiment of the Allied Forces?!



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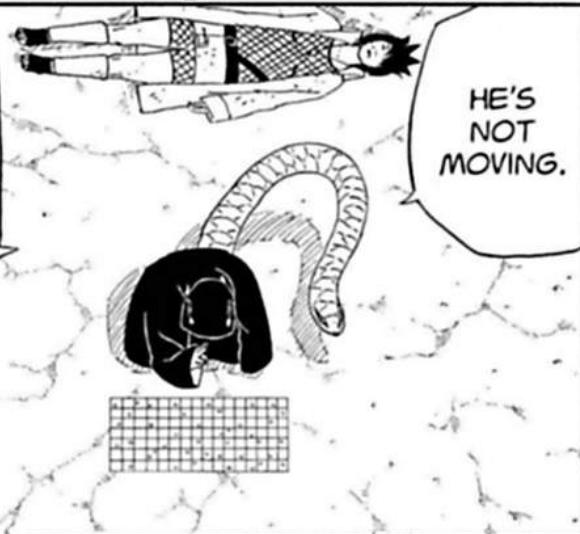


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## Number 525: The Kage Resurrected!!

THE SECOND TSUCHIKAGE HAS BEEN DETECTED. THEY CALLED HIM THE NULL MAN BECAUSE HE HAD NEITHER FORM NOR CHAKRA.



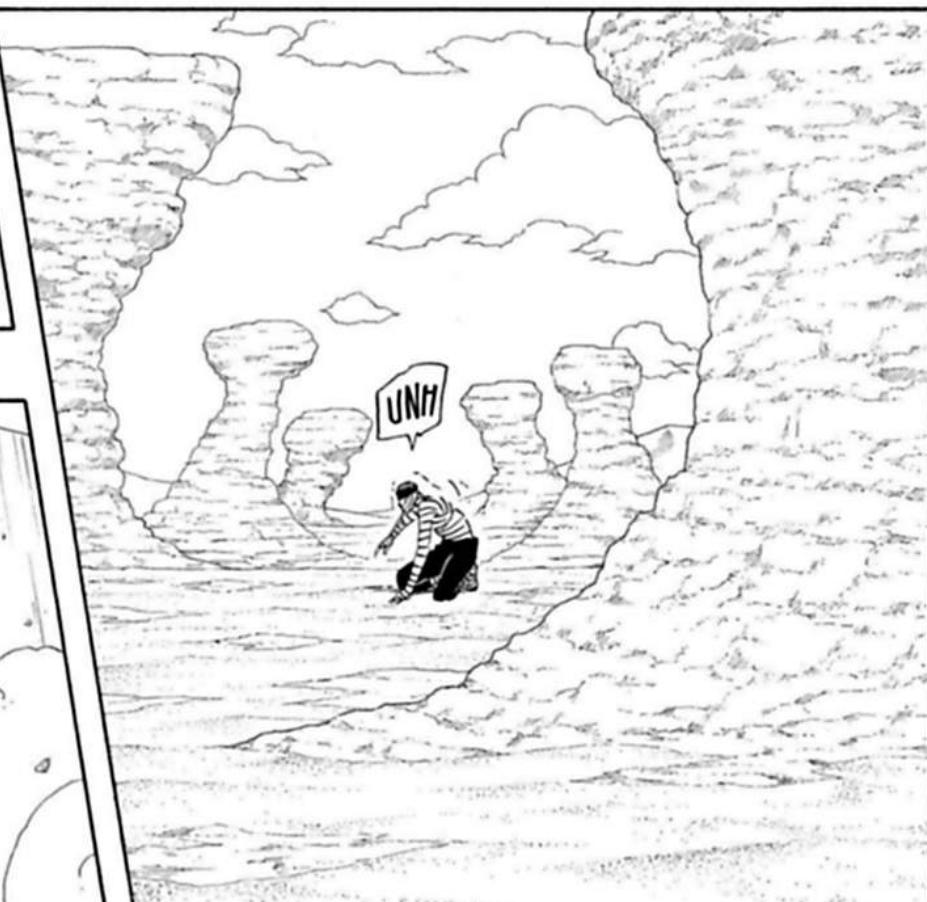
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!!



**BOOF**

UNH



FISH

Number 525:  
The Kage  
Resurrected!!

RECALLING  
THE DEAD  
FROM THE  
UNDER-  
WORLD AND  
ENSLAVING  
THEM.

I WAS  
FORCED  
TO  
SUMMON  
YOU ALL  
HERE.

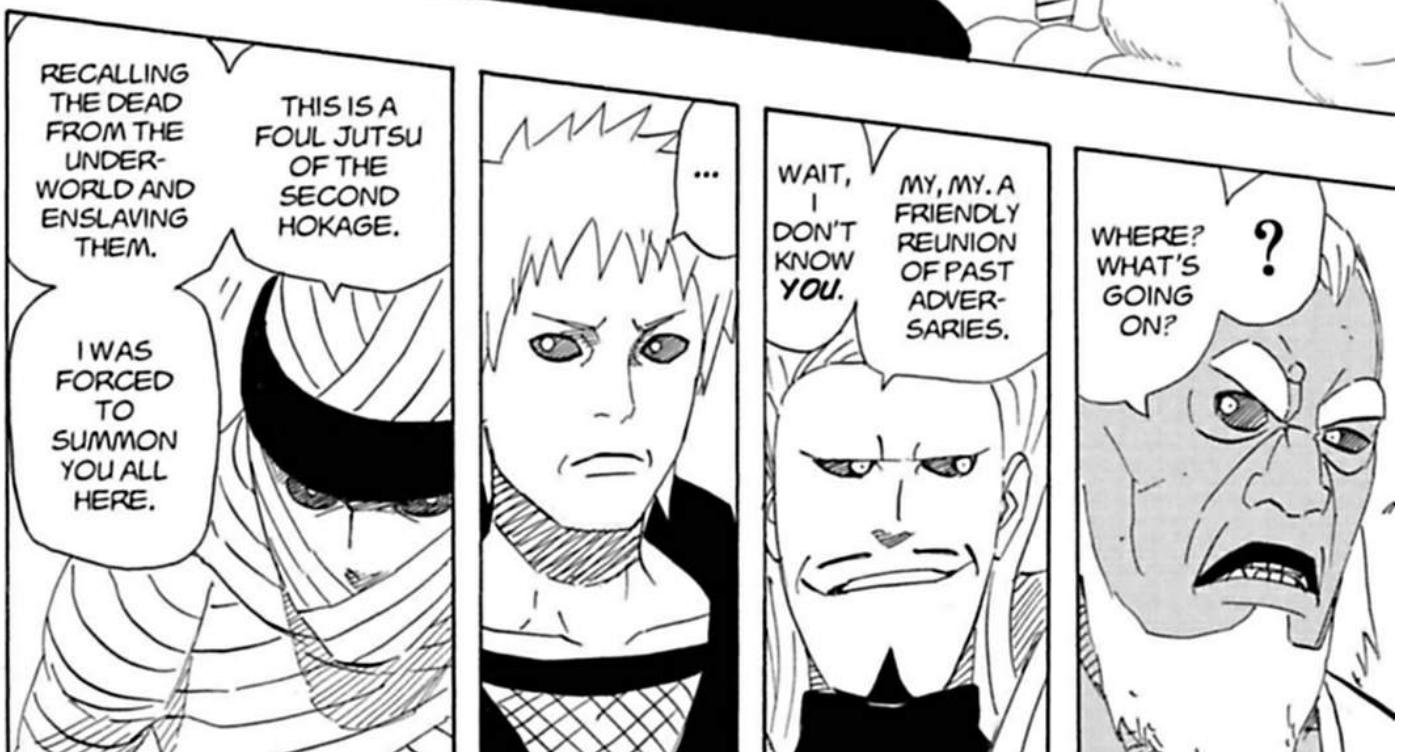
THIS IS A  
FOUL JUTSU  
OF THE  
SECOND  
HOKAGE.

...  
WAIT,  
I  
DON'T  
KNOW  
YOU.

MY, MY. A  
FRIENDLY  
REUNION  
OF PAST  
ADVER-  
SARIES.

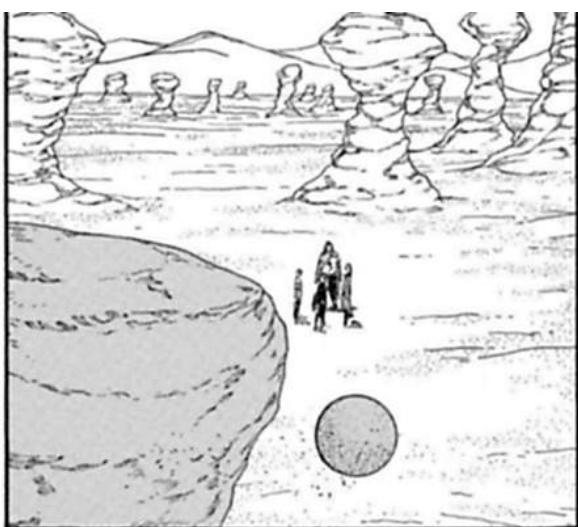
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WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?

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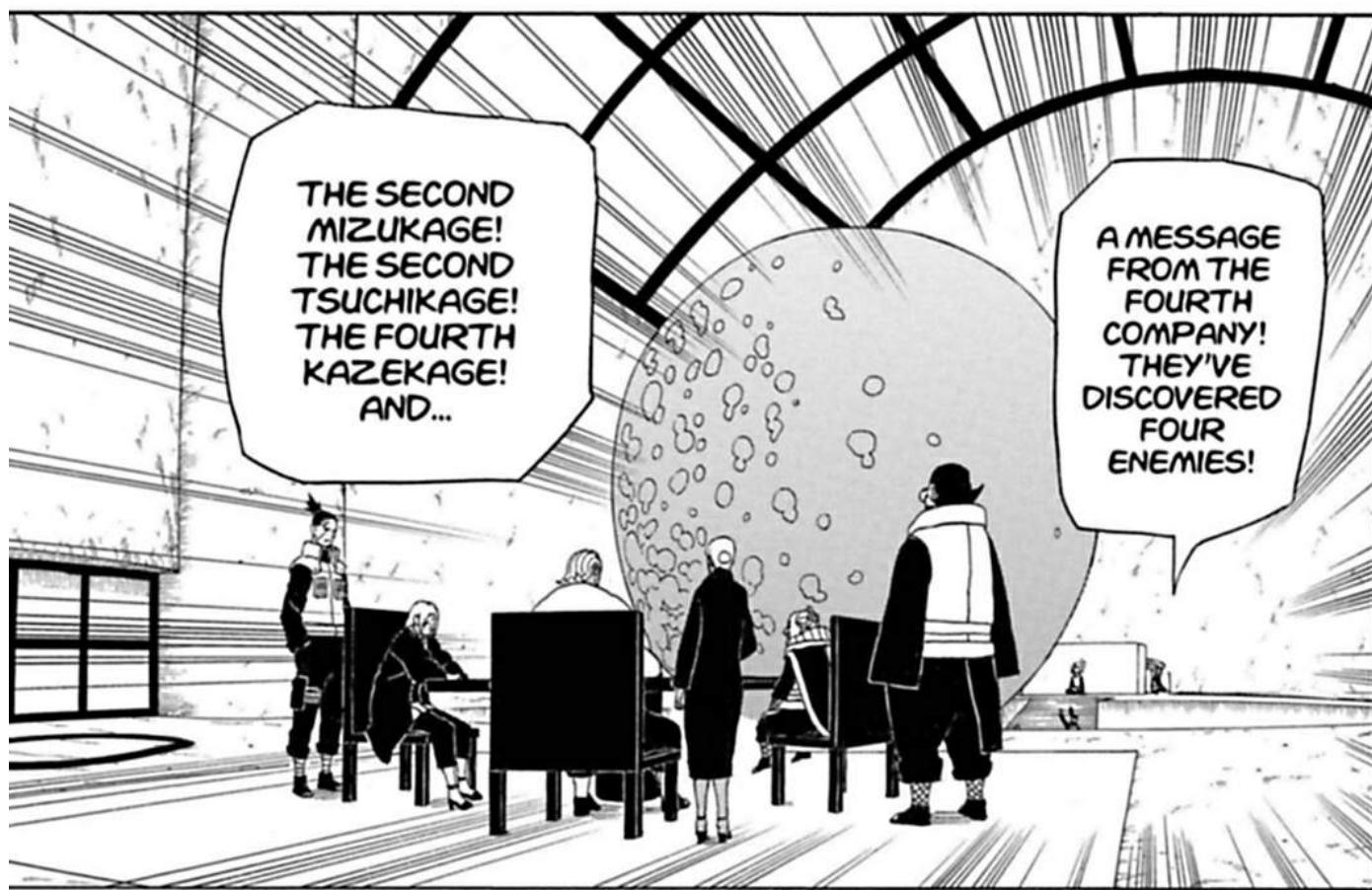
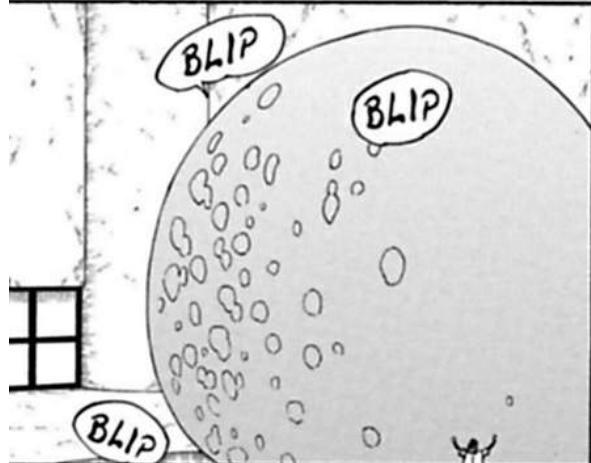


READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS WAY





READ  
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KA  
VOOOOOSH

EACH ONE IS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE LAST!!

!!

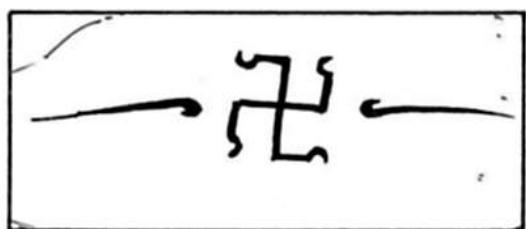
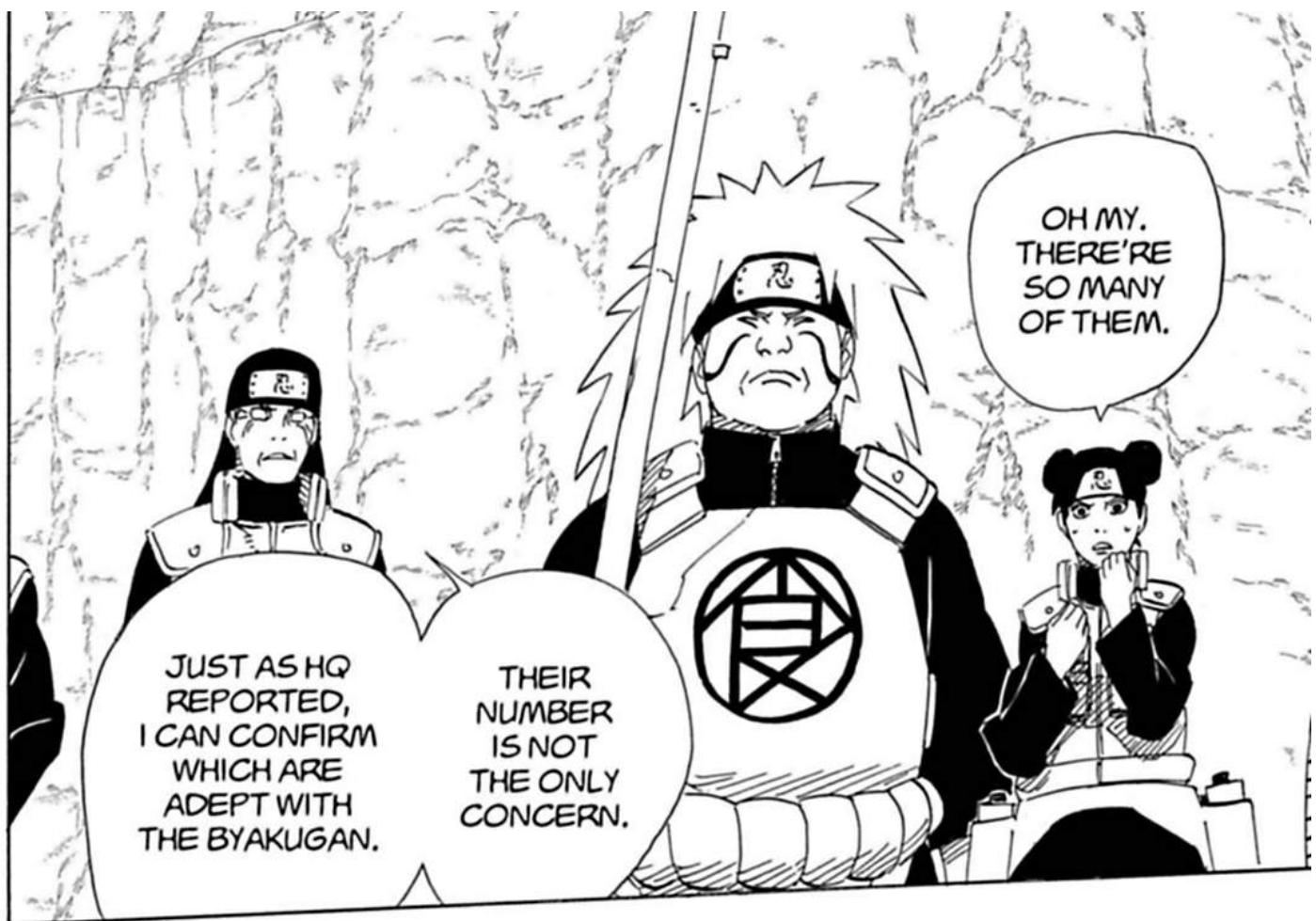
NO!!  
THERE ARE TOO MANY EDOTENSEI ATTACKING FIRST COMPANY!!

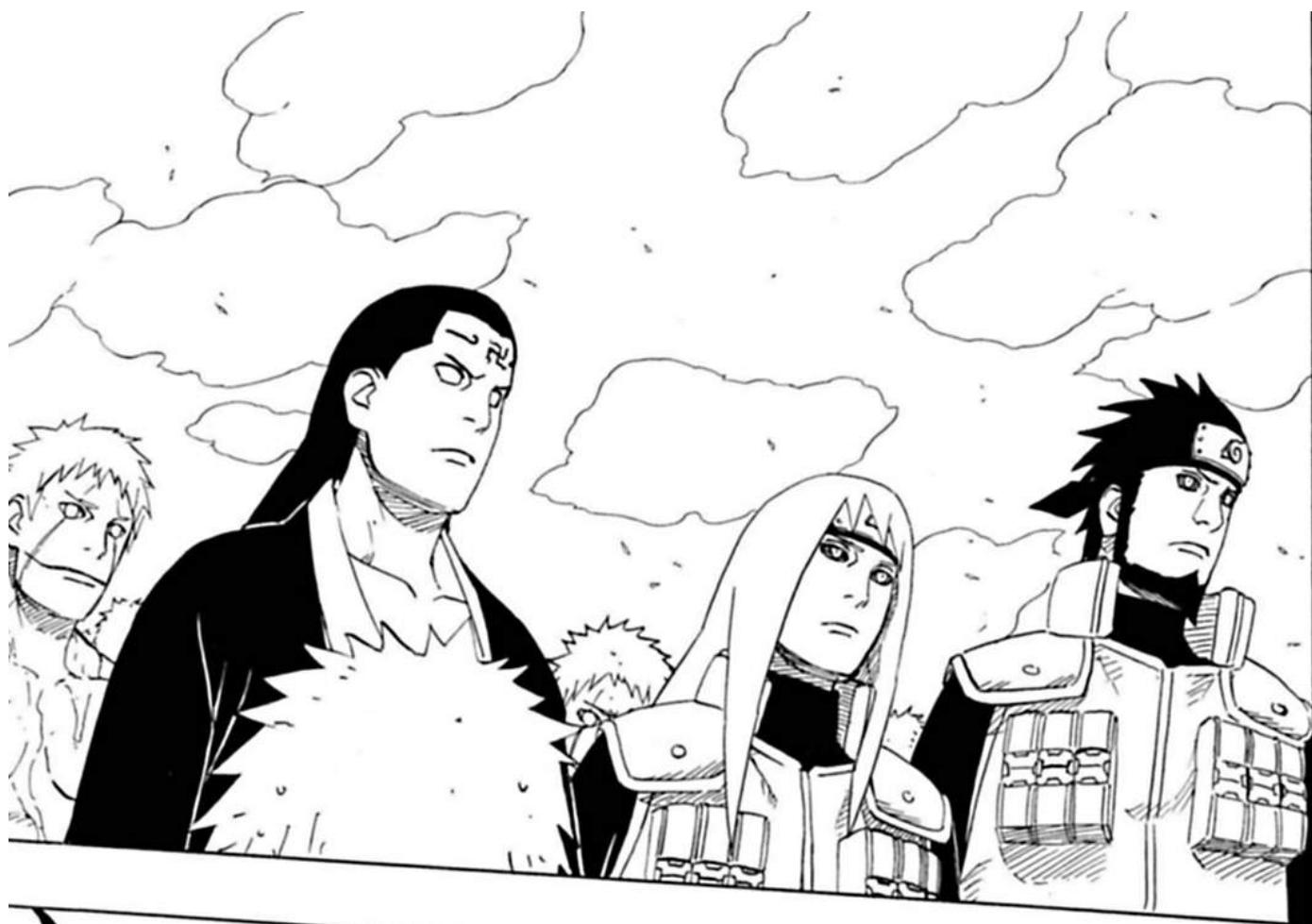
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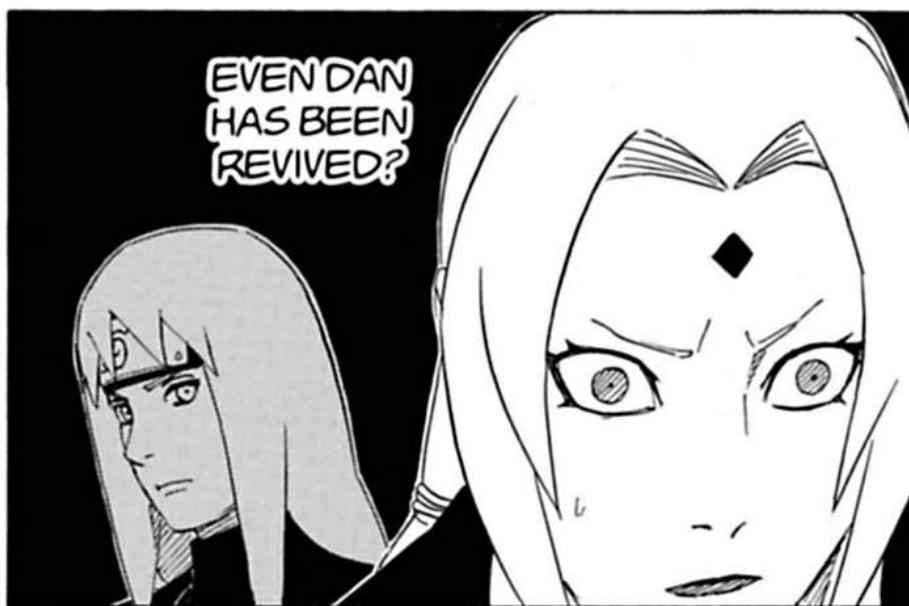
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YES,  
SIR!!

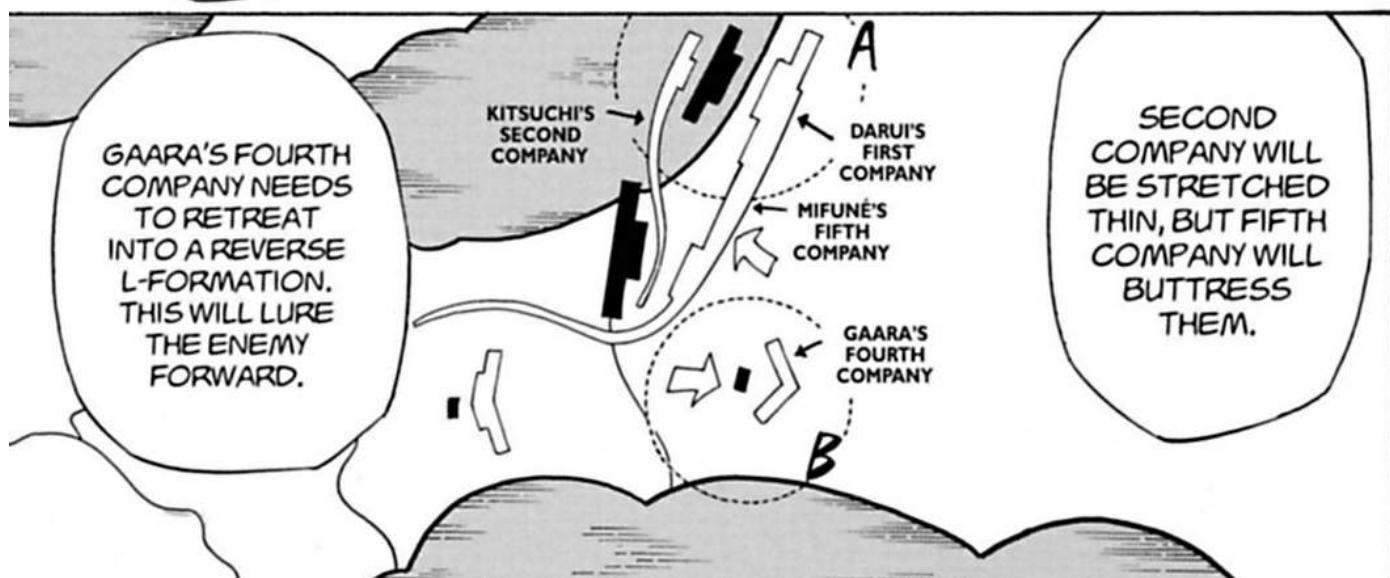
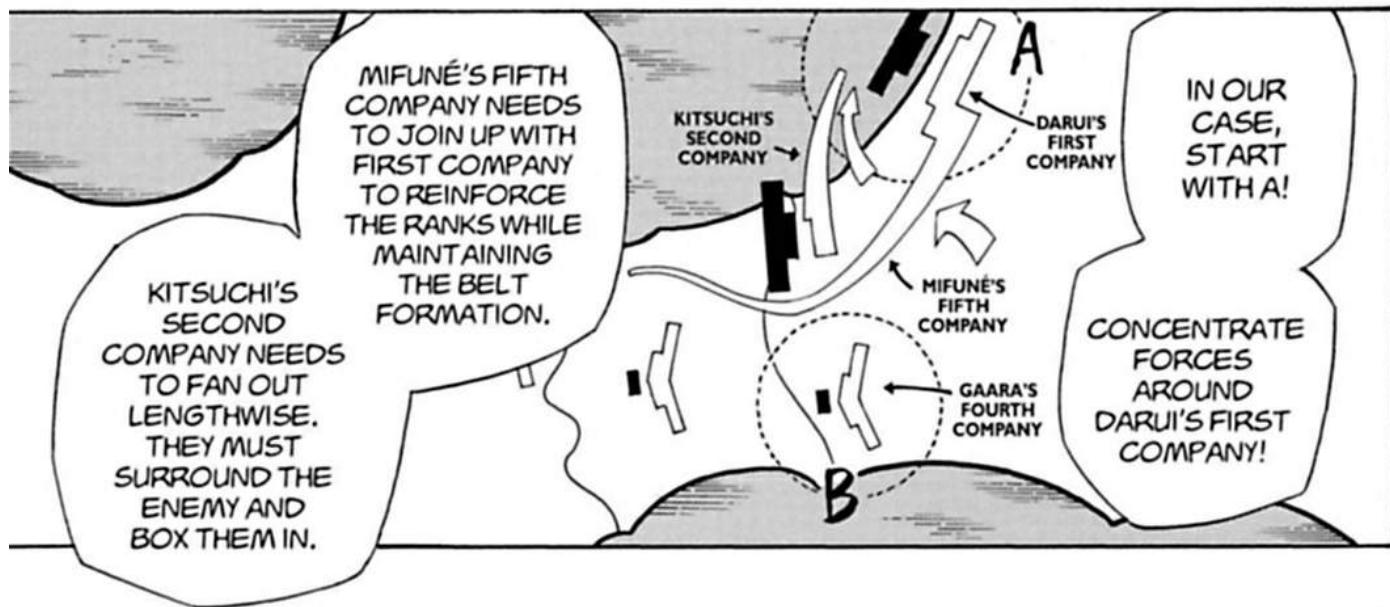
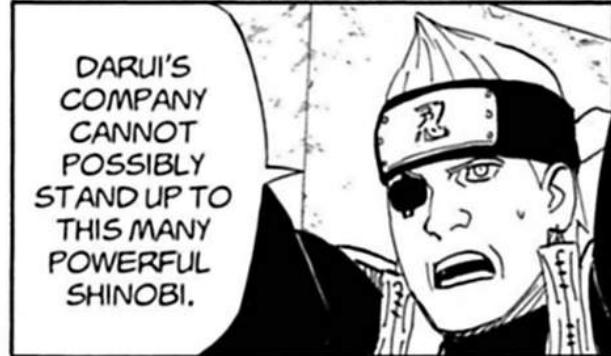
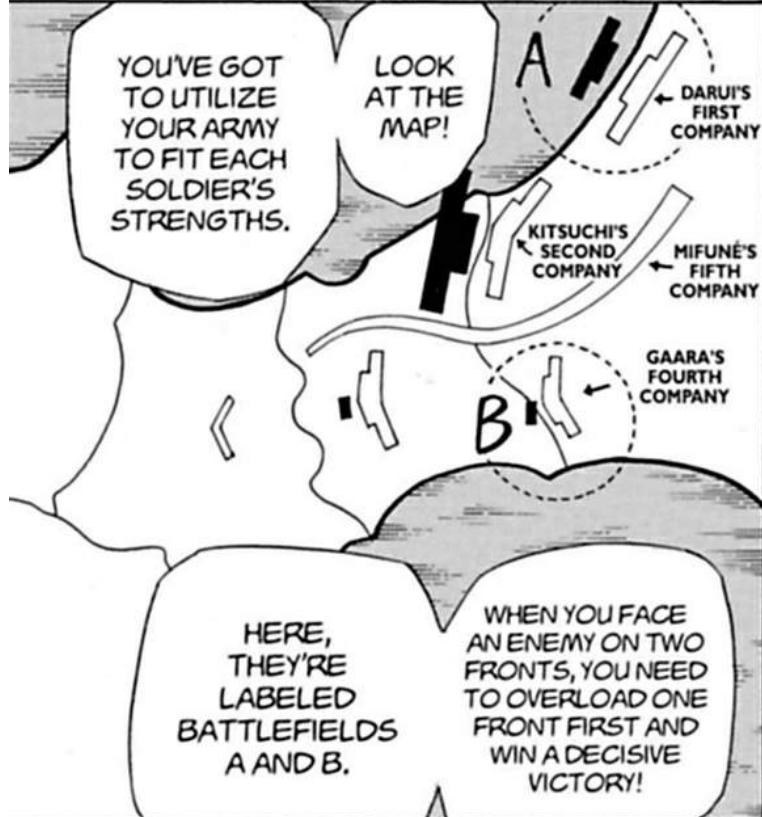
HERE THEY COME. GIVE THE SIGNAL TO PREPARE FOR BATTLE.

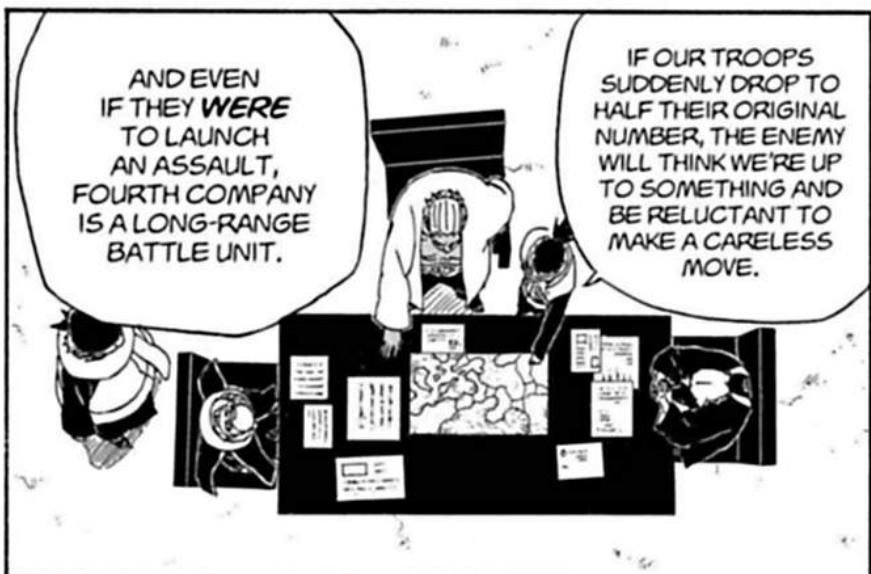
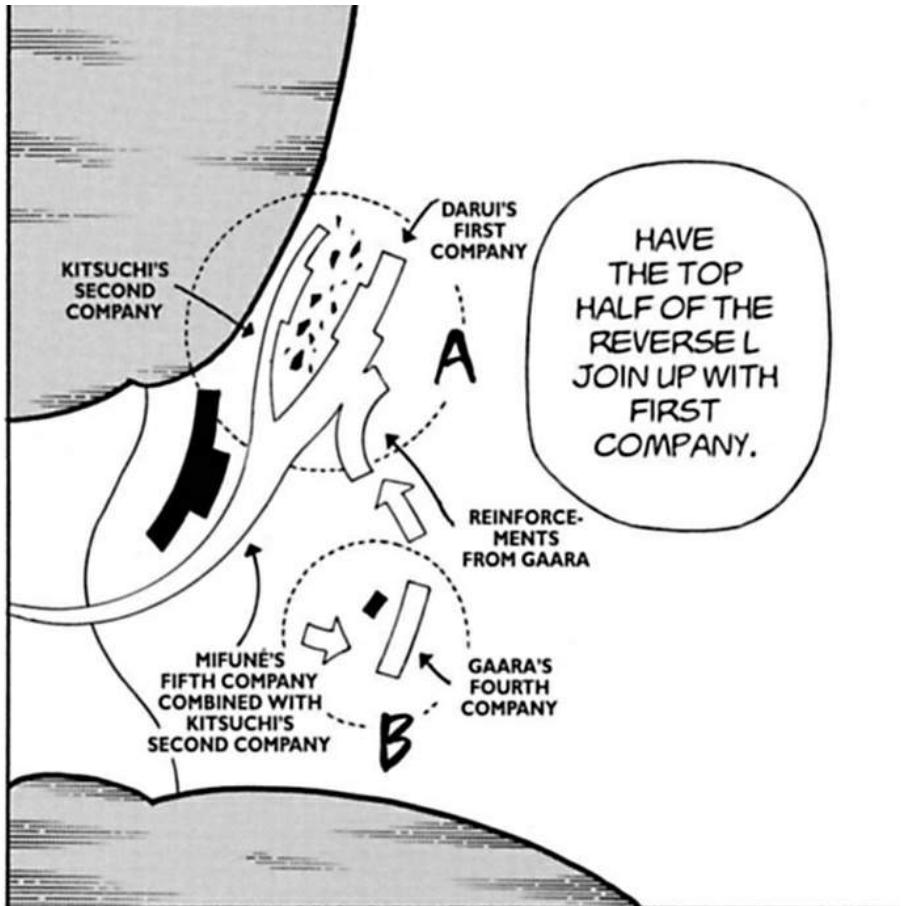
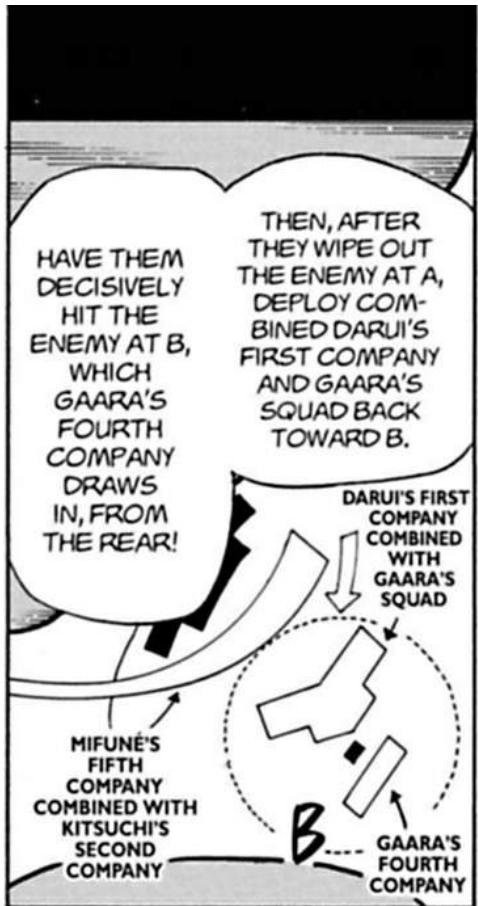




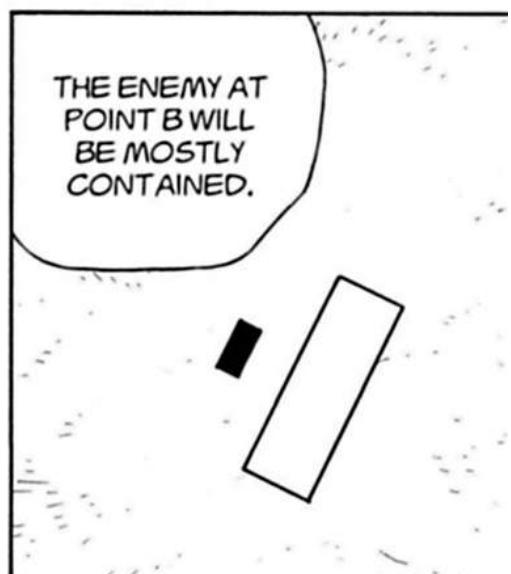


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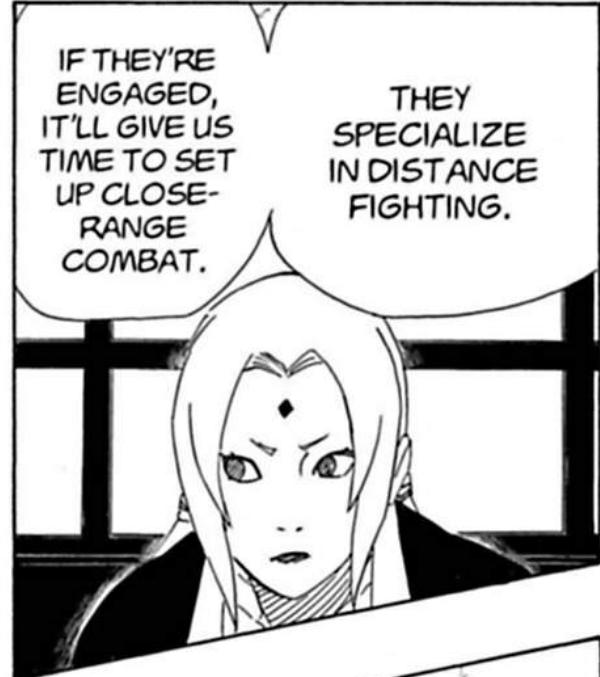


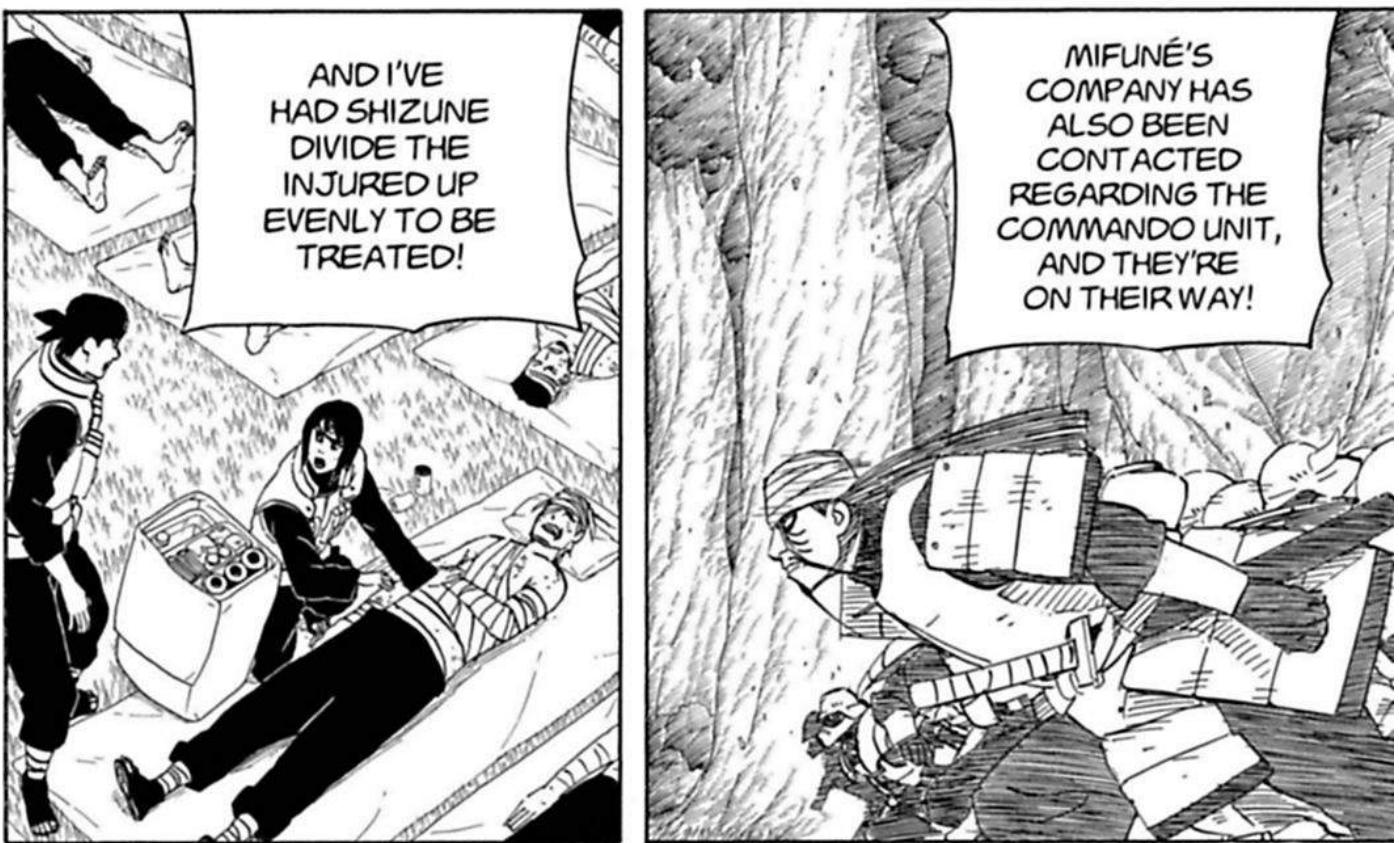


IF OUR TROOPS SUDDENLY DROP TO HALF THEIR ORIGINAL NUMBER, THE ENEMY WILL THINK WE'RE UP TO SOMETHING AND BE RELUCTANT TO MAKE A CARELESS MOVE.

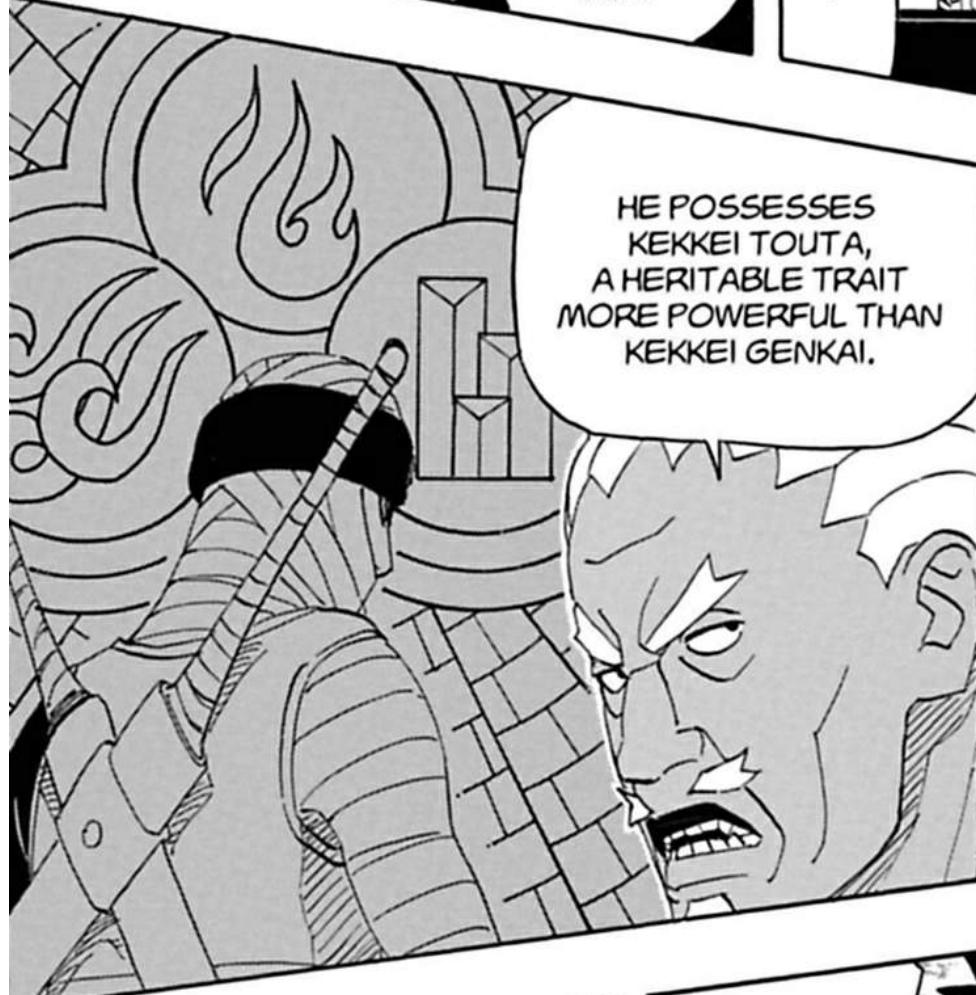


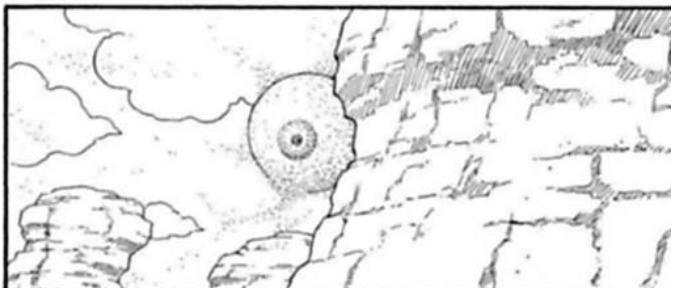
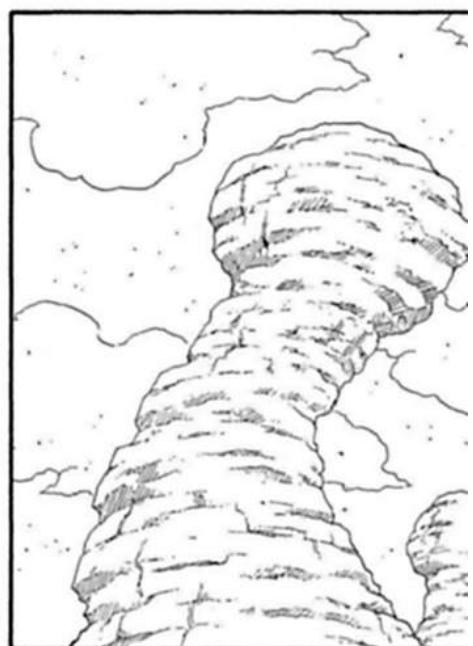
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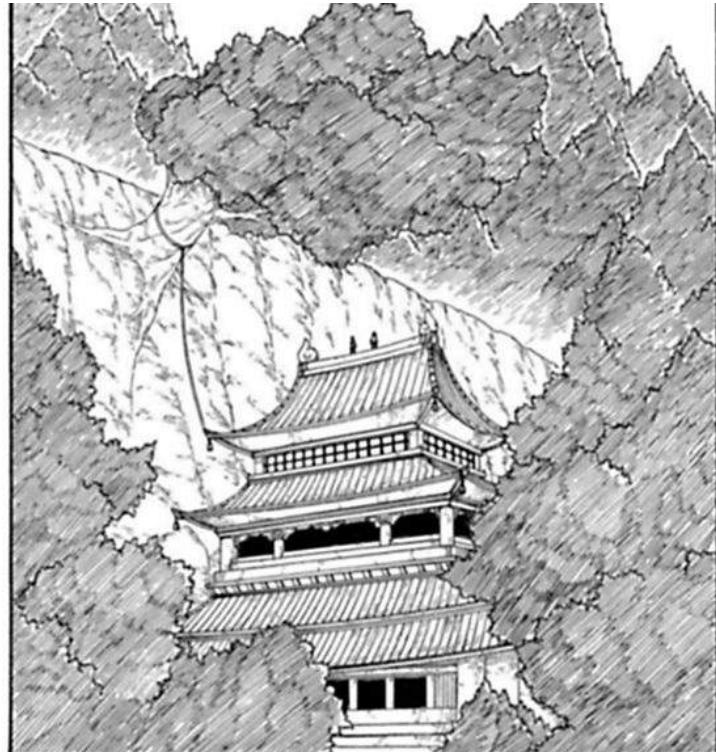




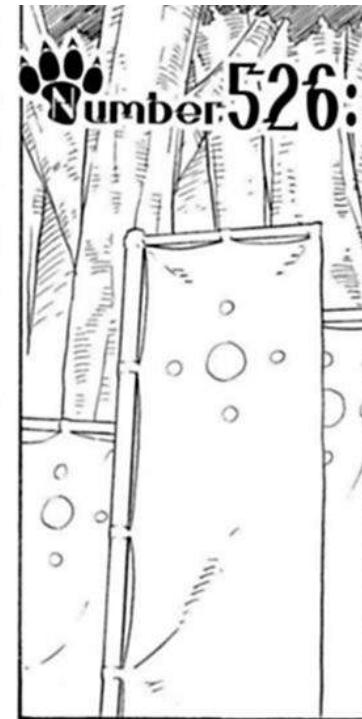
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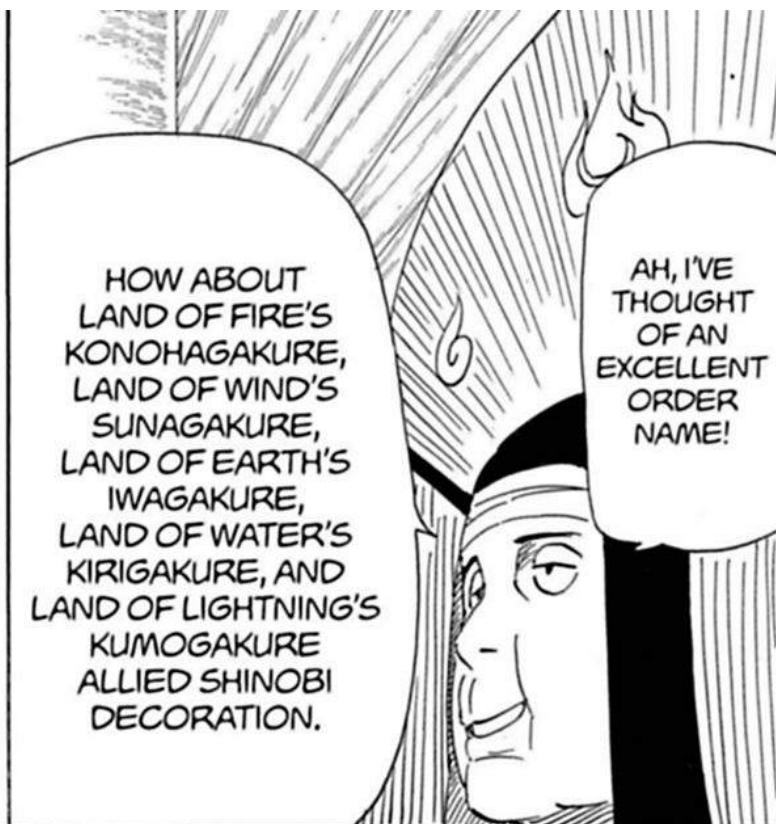




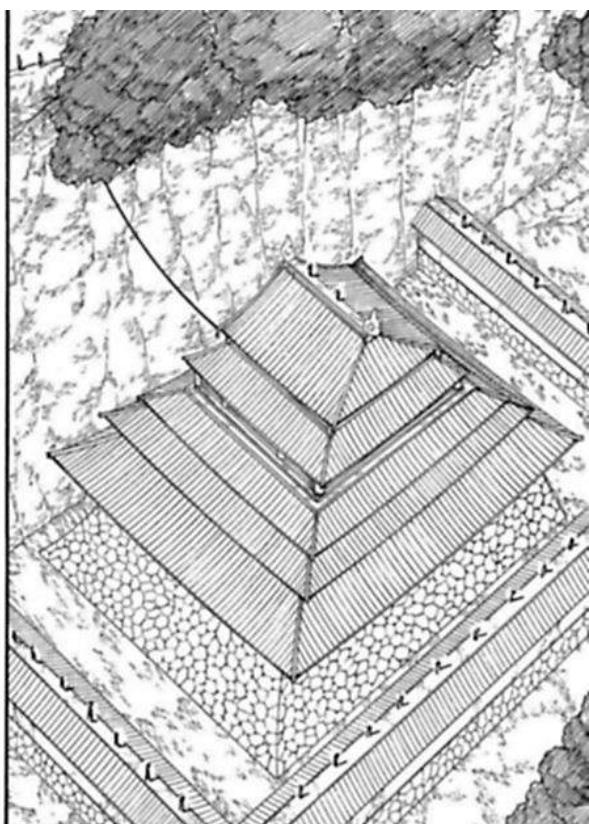


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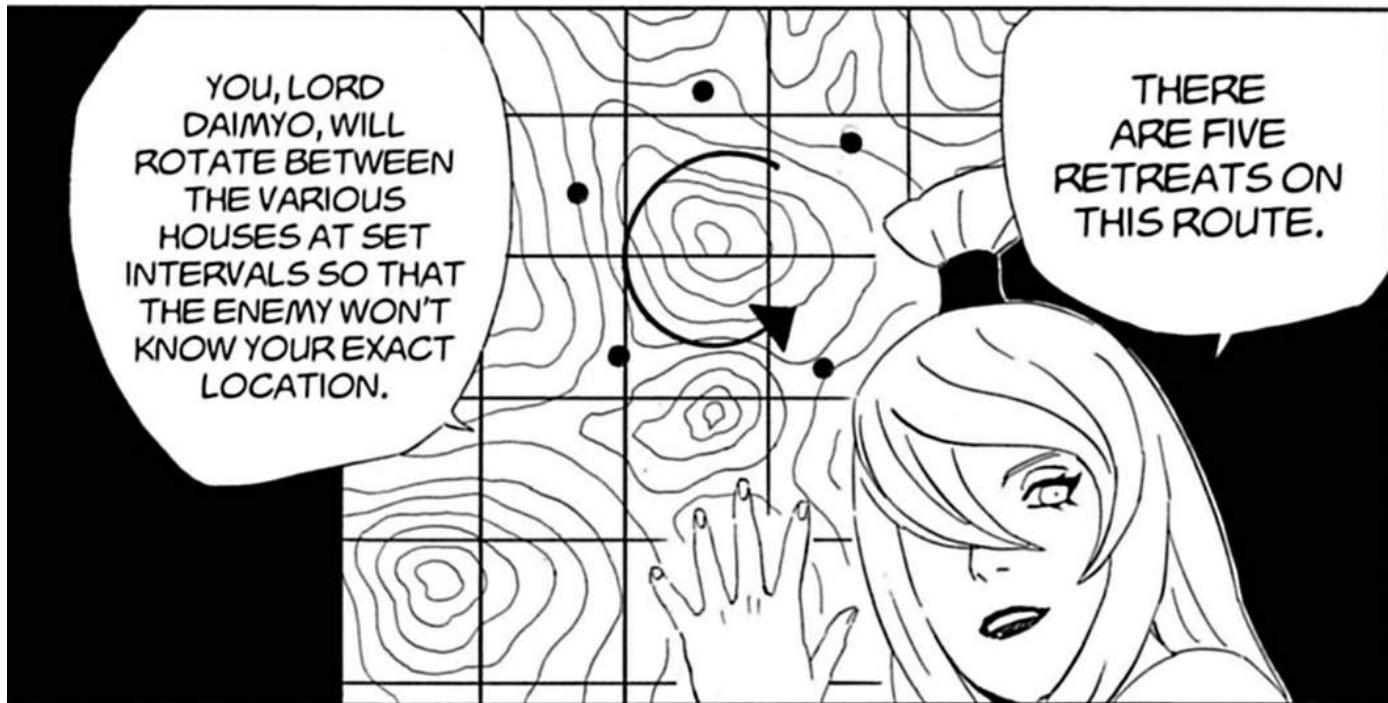
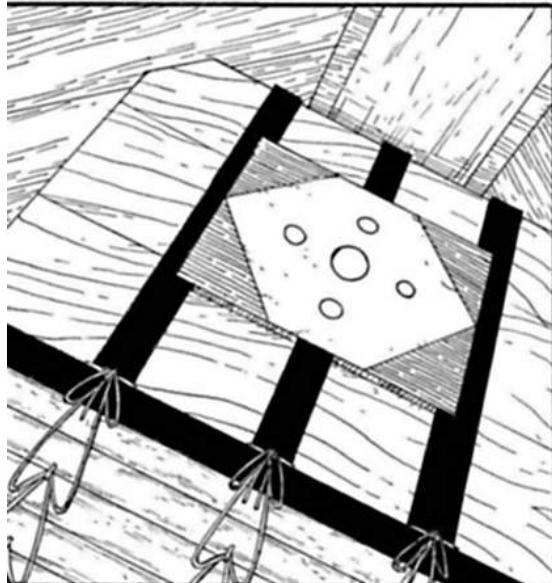


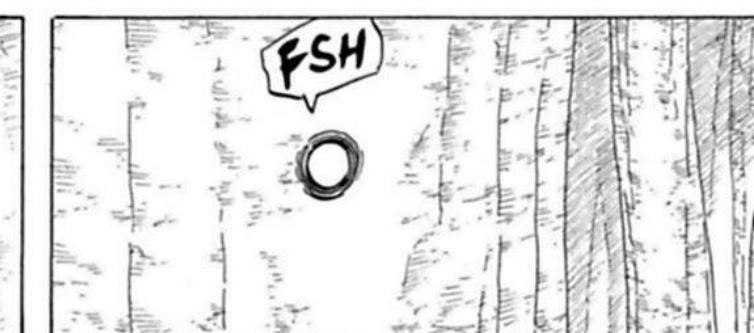


HOW ABOUT  
LAND OF FIRE'S  
KONOHAGAKURE,  
LAND OF WIND'S  
SUNAGAKURE,  
LAND OF EARTH'S  
IWAGAKURE,  
LAND OF WATER'S  
KIRIGAKURE, AND  
LAND OF LIGHTNING'S  
KUMOGAKURE  
ALLIED SHINOBI  
DECORATION.

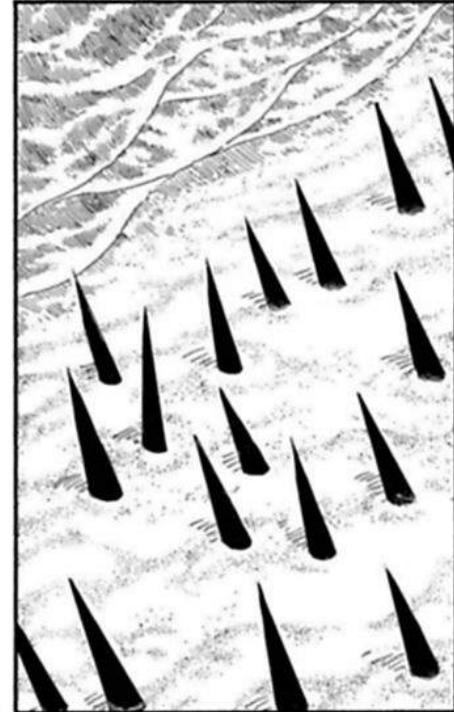


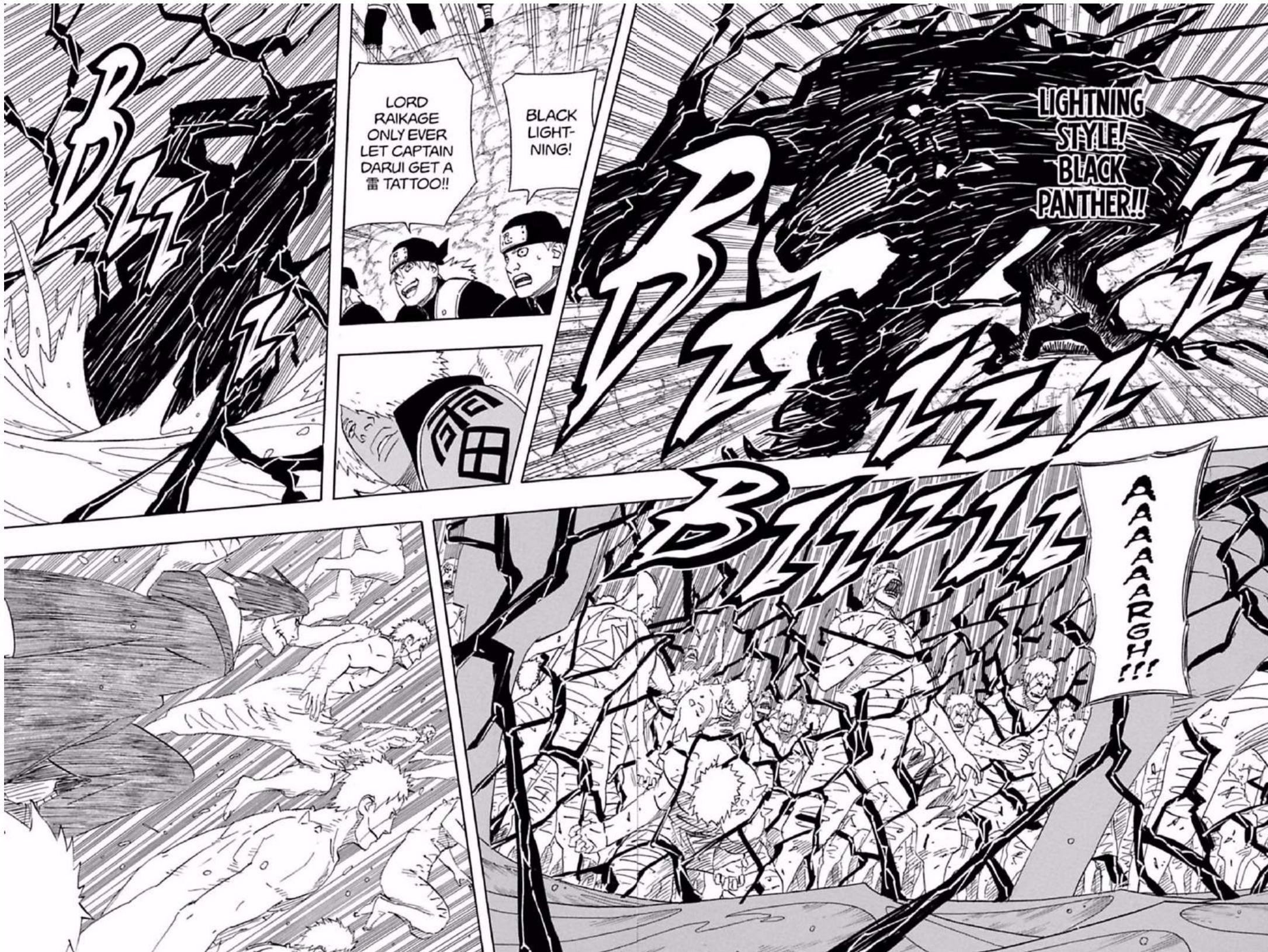
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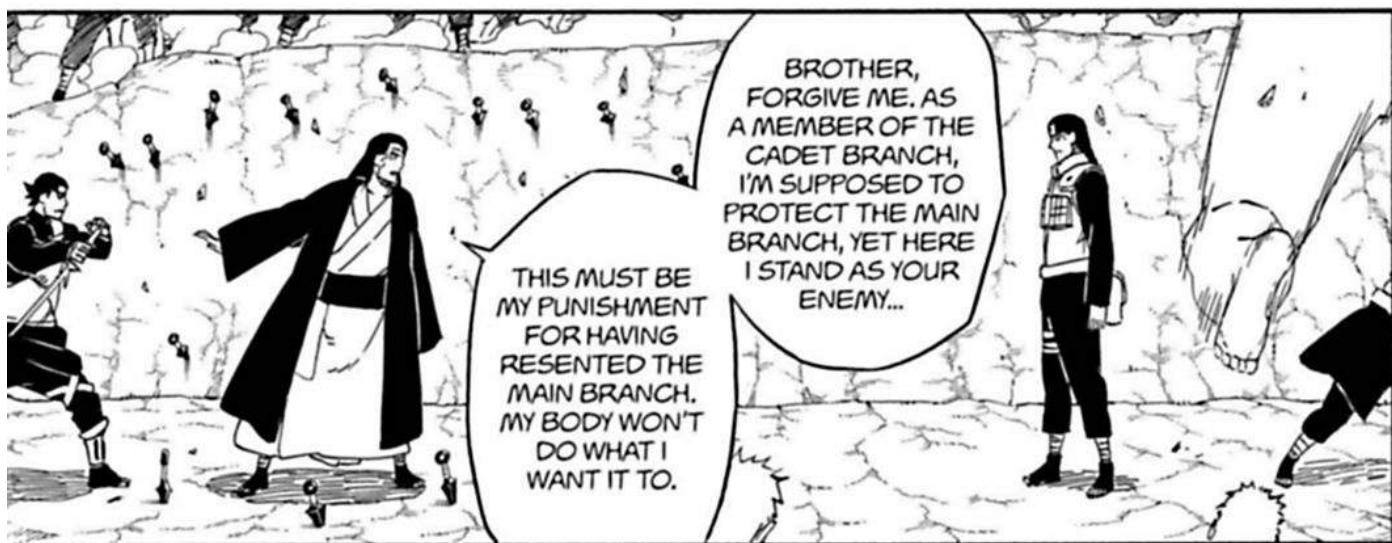
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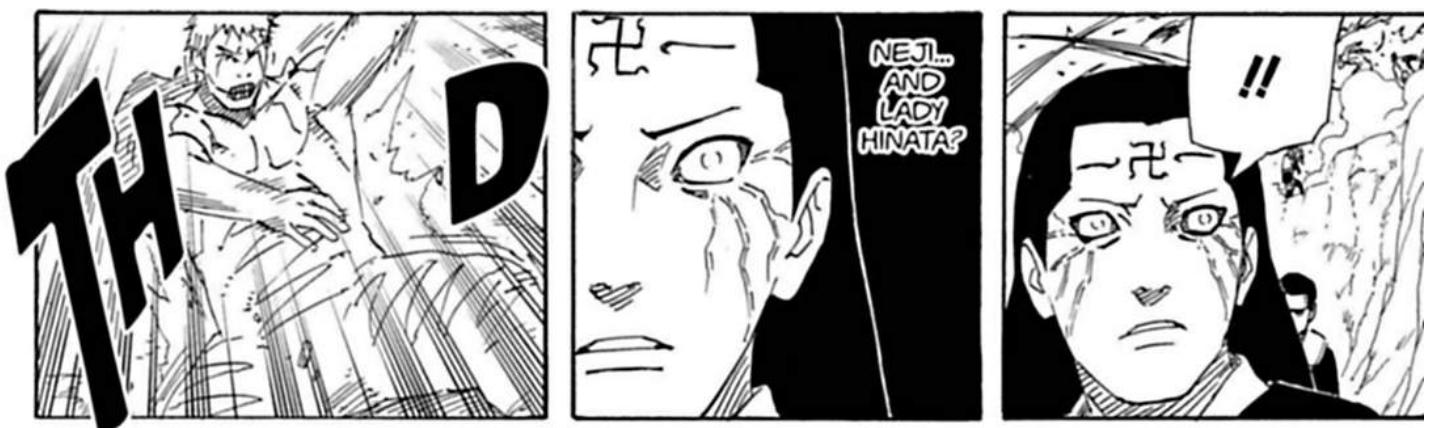


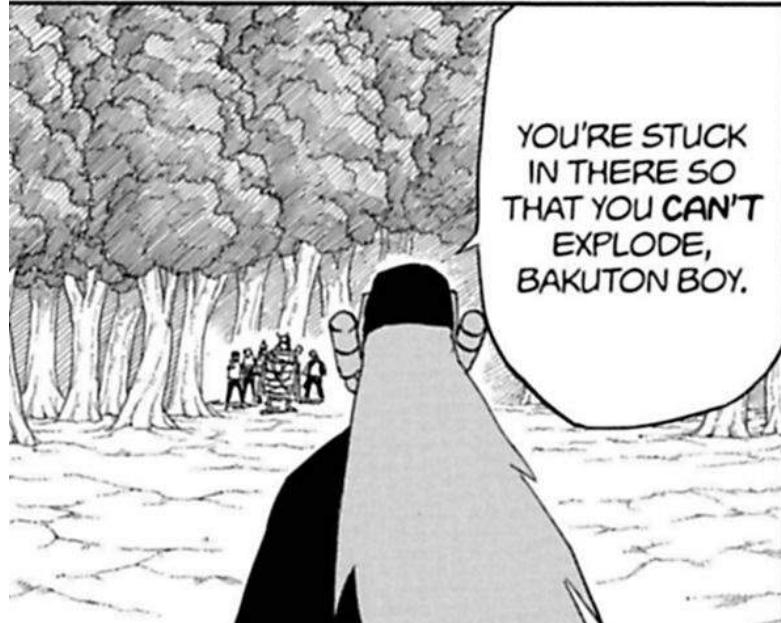
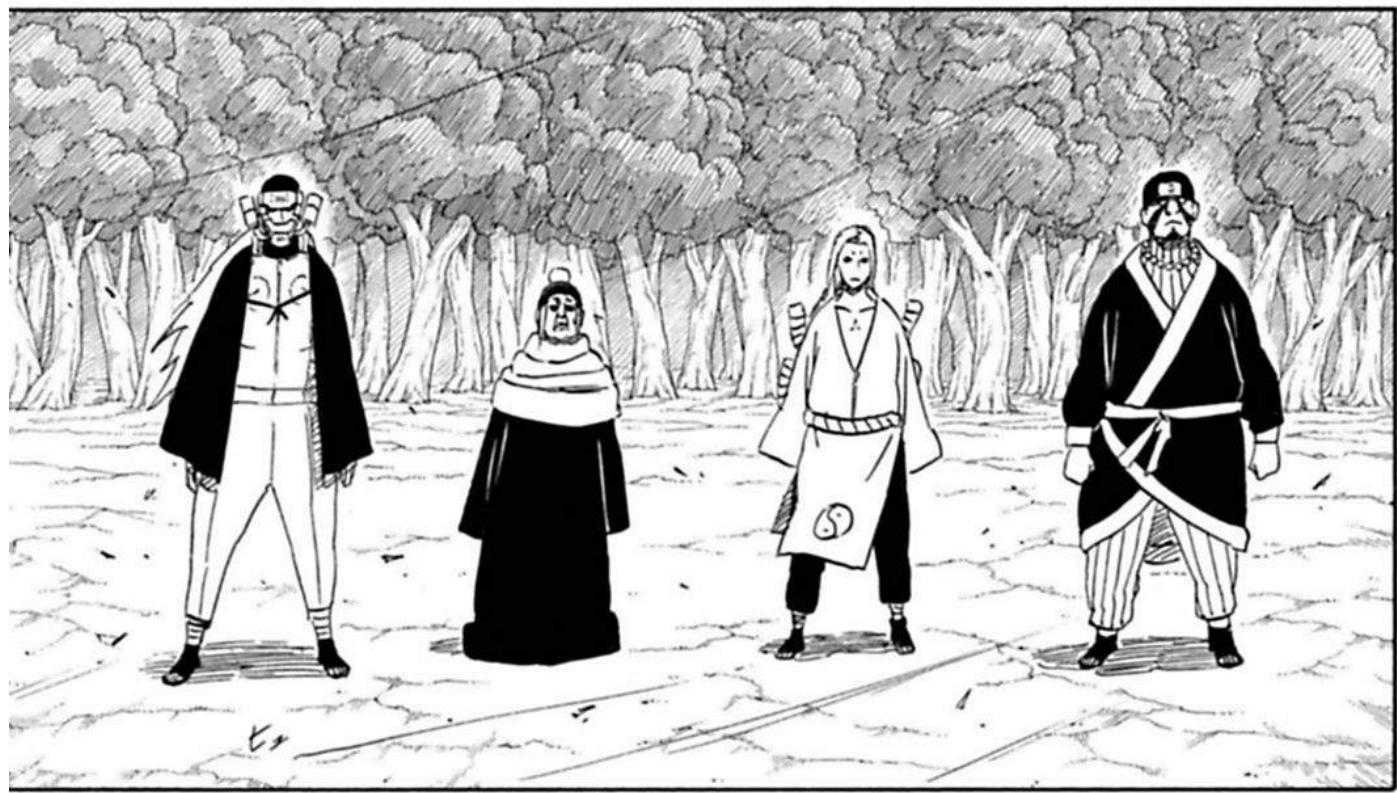




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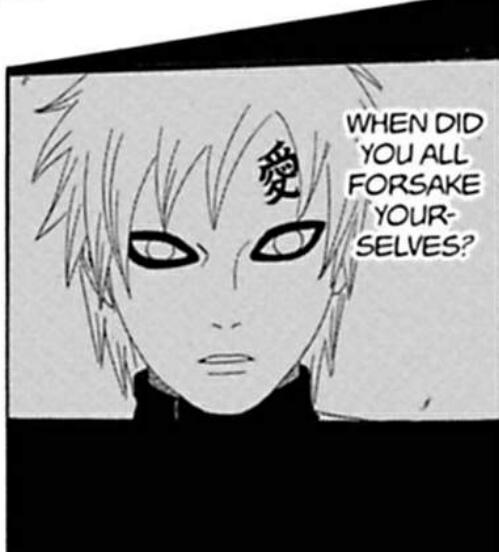
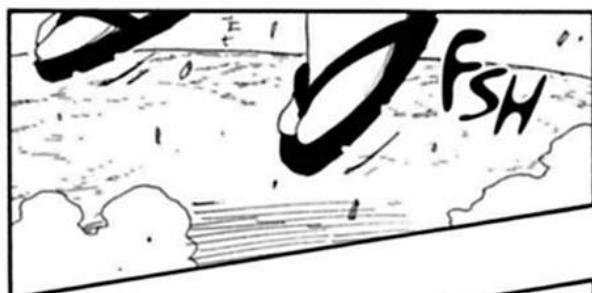
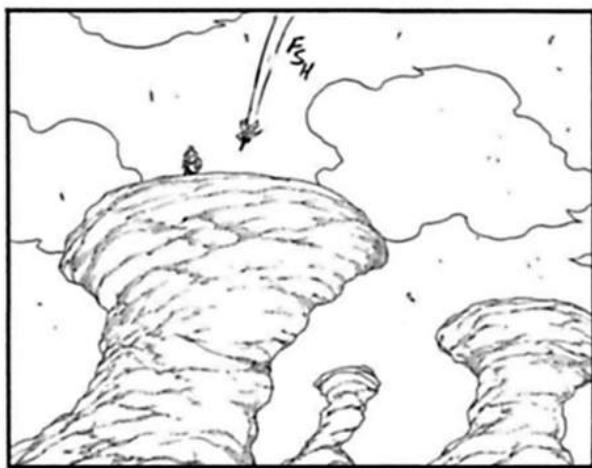








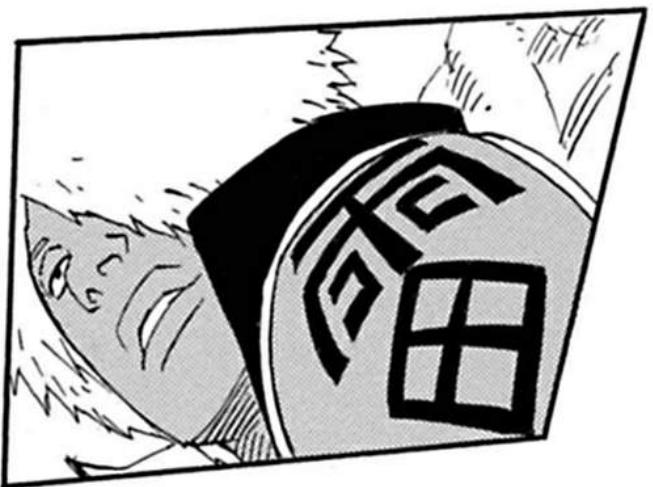
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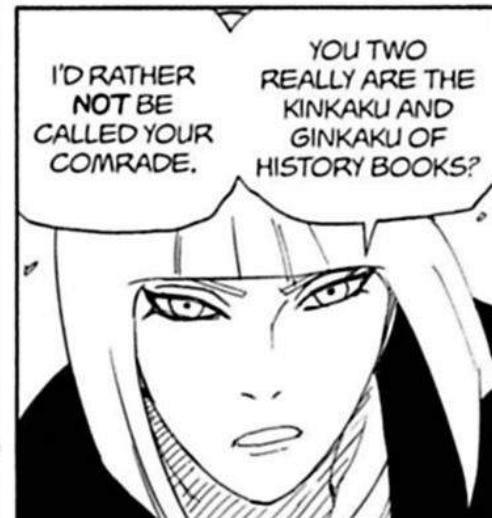
READ  
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## Number 527: Forbidden Words





SHICHISEI-KEN, THE SEVEN STARS BLADE, SEVERS AND CURSES THAT SPIRIT WORD!

KOKINJO, THE GOLD ROPE, SQUEEZES THE SPIRIT WORD OUT OF A TRAPPED NINJA!

THOSE ARE THE GOLD & SILVER BROTHERS' NINJA TOOLS!

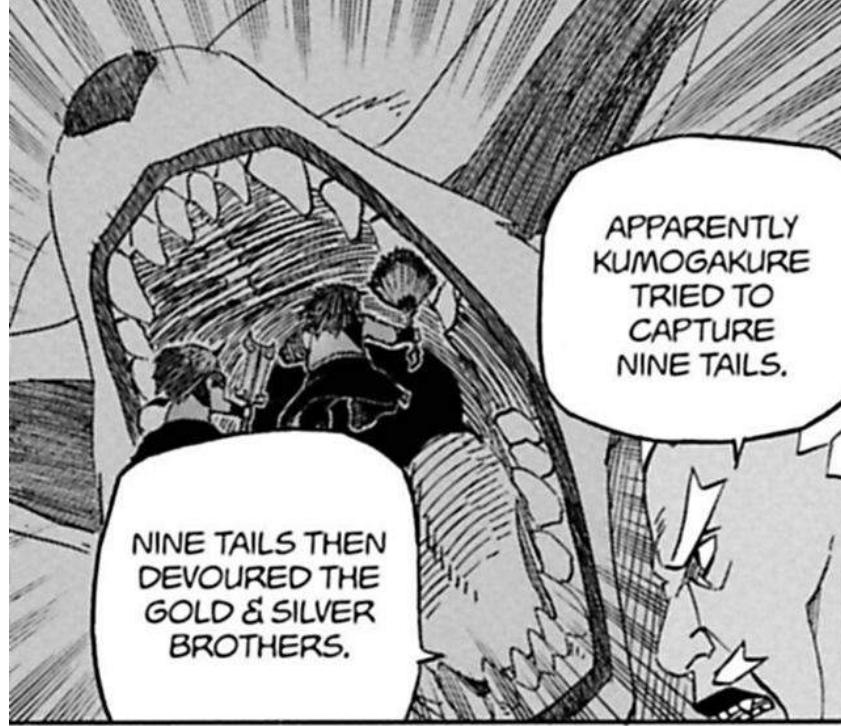
BASHOSEN, THE LEAF FAN, CONJURES UP ALL FIVE CHAKRA NATURES—FIRE, WATER, LIGHTNING, WIND, AND EARTH!

IT RECORDS THE SPIRIT WORD AND SEALS ITS SPEAKER WITHIN IT! BENIHISAGO, THE CRIMSON GOURD.

THOSE ARE FOUR OF THE FIVE MOST POWERFUL NINJA TOOLS IN THE KUMOGAKURE COLLECTION.







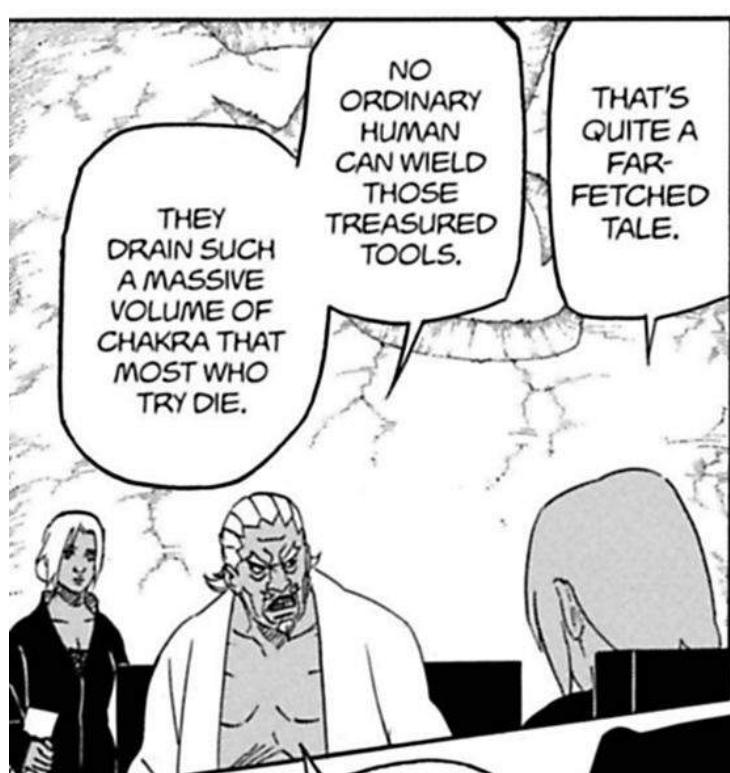
NINE TAILS THEN  
DEVORED THE  
GOLD & SILVER  
BROTHERS.

APPARENTLY  
KUMOGAKURE  
TRIED TO  
CAPTURE  
NINE TAILS.



THEY WIELDED  
THE FIVE  
TREASURED  
TOOLS OF  
THE SAGE OF  
SIX PATHS.

BUT I'D  
NEVER HEARD  
THAT THEY  
POSSESSED  
NINE TAILS'  
CHAKRA.



THEY  
DRAIN SUCH  
A MASSIVE  
VOLUME OF  
CHAKRA THAT  
MOST WHO  
TRY DIE.

NO  
ORDINARY  
HUMAN  
CAN WIELD  
THOSE  
TREASURED  
TOOLS.

THAT'S  
QUITE A  
FAR-  
FETCHED  
TALE.



SINCE THEN,  
THEY'VE  
BOTH BORNE  
NINE TAILS'  
CHAKRA.



BUT THEY WERE  
SO UNRULY THAT  
NINE TAILS FINALLY  
COULD'NT STAND IT  
ANYMORE AND  
VOMITED THEM  
BOTH BACK UP.

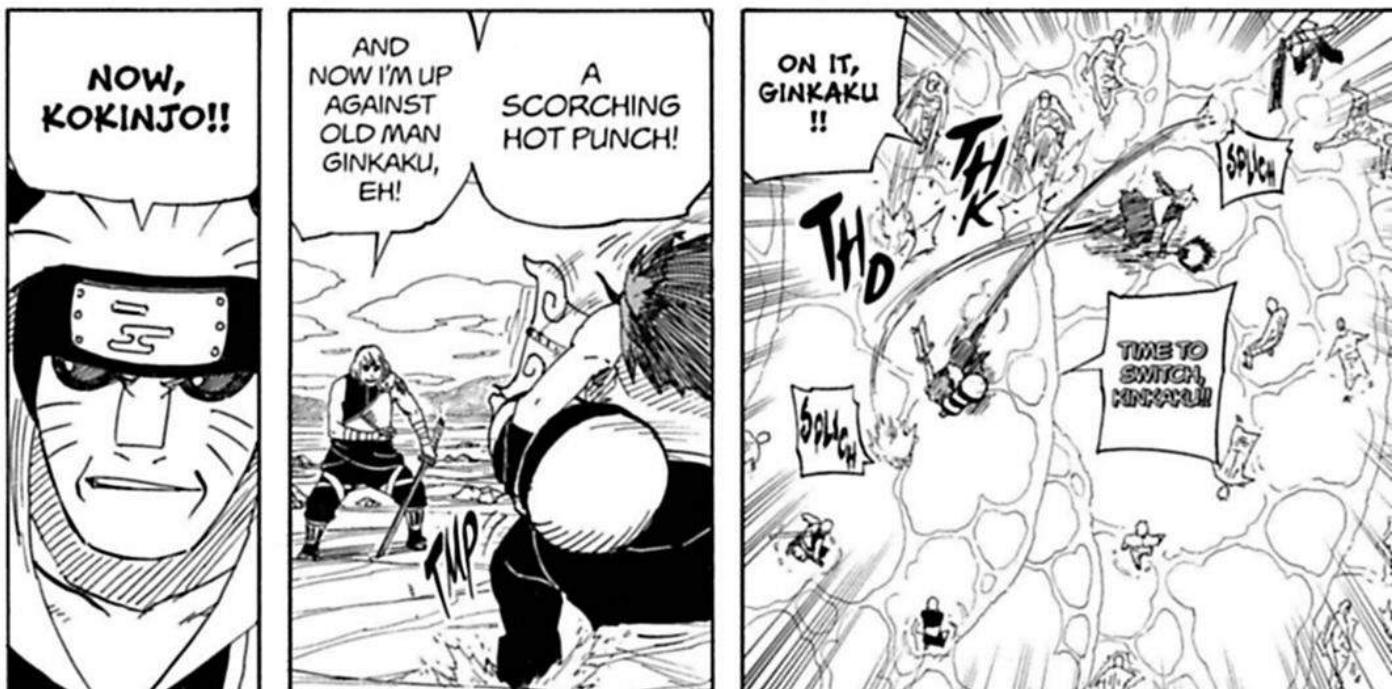
THEY WERE  
INSIDE NINE  
TAILS FOR  
MORE  
THAN TWO  
WEEKS.



BUT THEY  
ARE NOW MORE  
LIKE MONSTERS,  
INFUSED WITH  
THE CHAKRA OF  
THE NINE-TAILED  
BEAST!

UGH!

HAW



READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY









READ  
THIS  
WAY





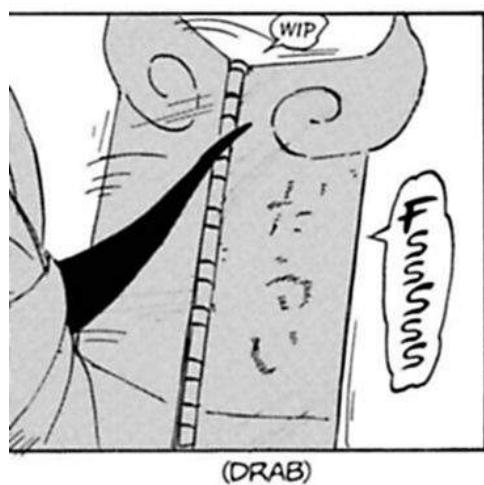




WHAT'S  
GOING ON?  
MISS SAMUI  
DIDN'T SAY  
ANYTHING.  
WHY IS SHE  
TRAPPED?!



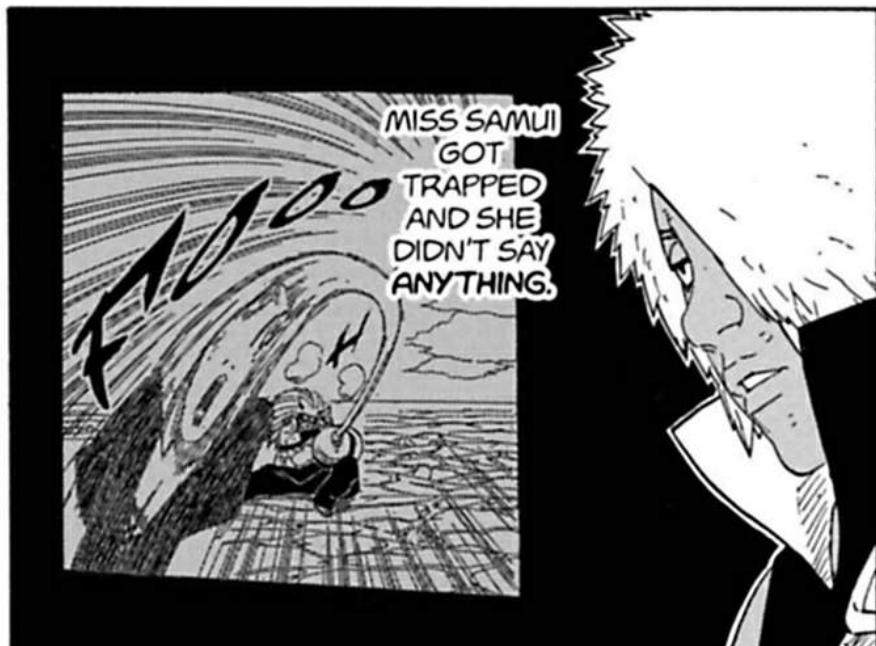
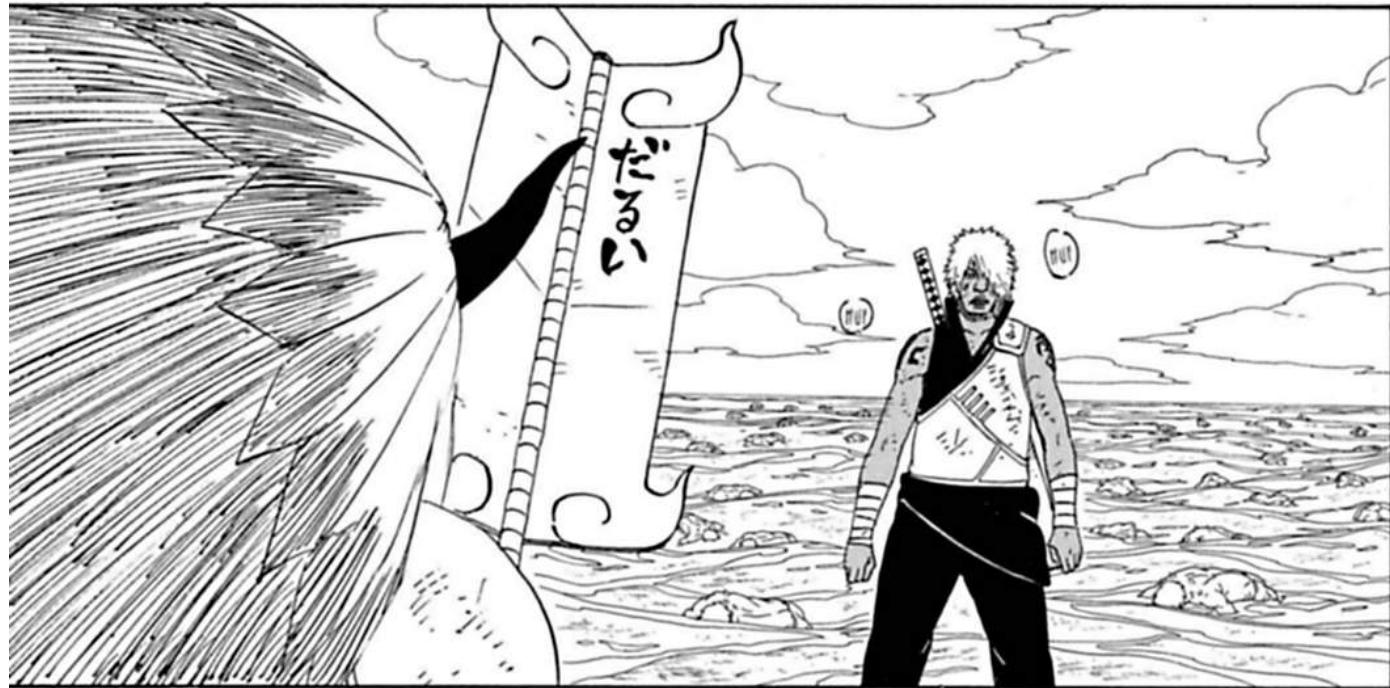
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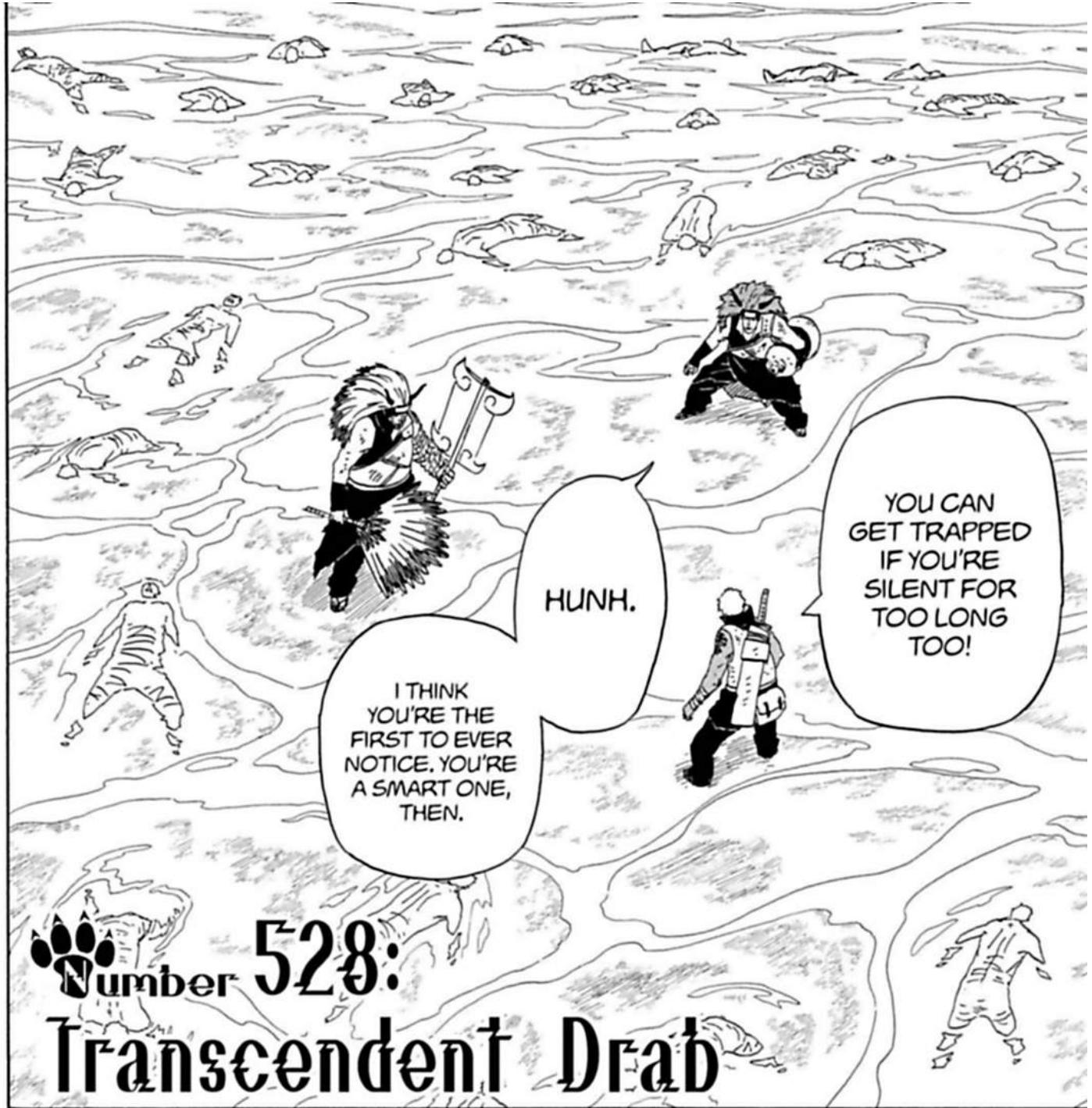


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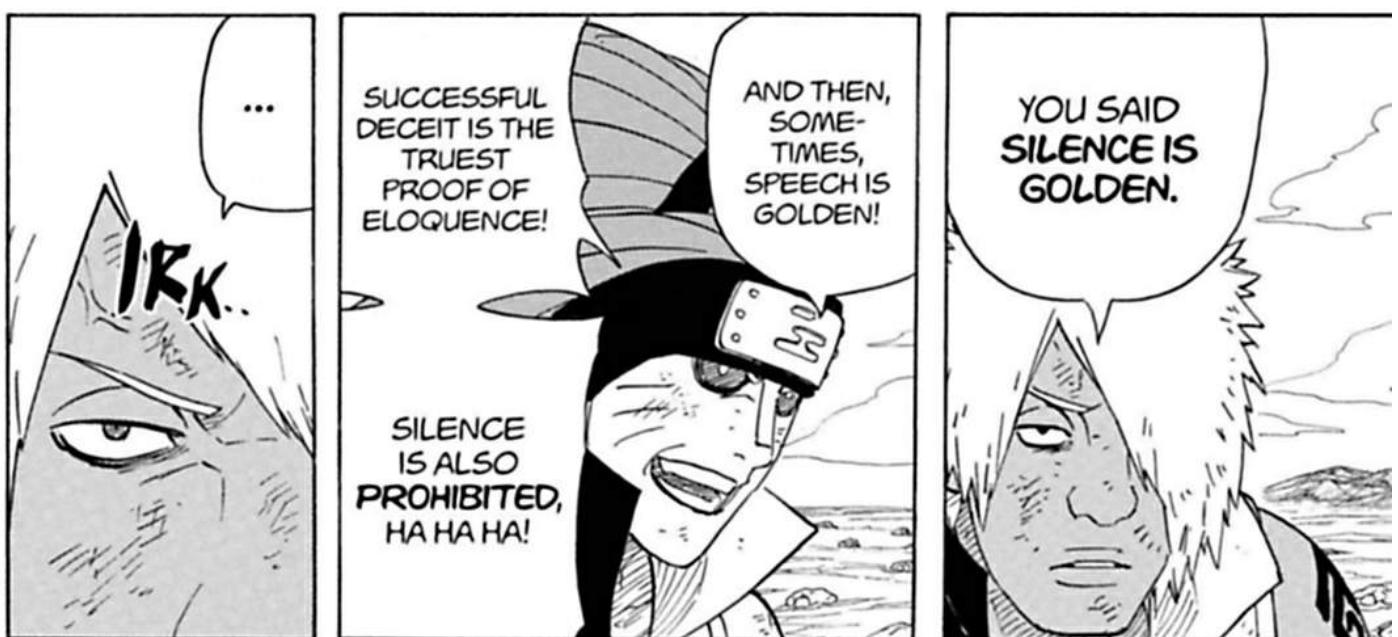


## Number 528: Transcendent Drab





Number 528:  
**Transcendent Drab**



READ  
THIS  
WAY

...YOU TWO ARE  
DISGRACES IN  
KUMOGAKURE.

THAT'S  
WHY...

IN THE SHINOBI  
WORLD, DECEIT AND  
BETRAYAL ARE  
PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE  
BATTLE TACTICS.  
SO WORDS ARE ALSO  
NINJA TOOLS.

I TOLD YOU!  
WORDS ARE  
MERELY TOOLS  
PEOPLE USE TO  
TRICK EACH  
OTHER.

BUT...

DO NOT  
BLAME  
YOURSELF.

I'M SORRY,  
SIR. YOU CHOSE  
ME AS YOUR  
BODYGUARD,  
YET I FAILED TO  
PROTECT YOUR  
LEFT ARM.

YEAH, YOU'RE  
JUST A LITTLE  
RABBIT, A PAWN  
OF THE RAIGAKU.  
WE ARE GOLD  
AND SILVER, YOU  
ARE BRONZE,  
A CHEAP  
IMITATION! SO  
SHUT YOUR TIMID  
LITTLE BRONZE  
MOUTH!

WHADJA  
JUST SAY,  
YOU PUNY  
LITTLE  
BUNNY!

SERIOUSLY,  
THIS CURRENT  
GENERATION OF  
SHINOBI. ALL  
BRONZE AND  
NO GOLD OR  
SILVER,  
I SWEAR...

TOK

YEAH.  
THIS  
ONE...

TWO  
RIGHT  
ARMS?

I CAN  
MANAGE  
WITHOUT  
A LEFT  
ARM.

FSH

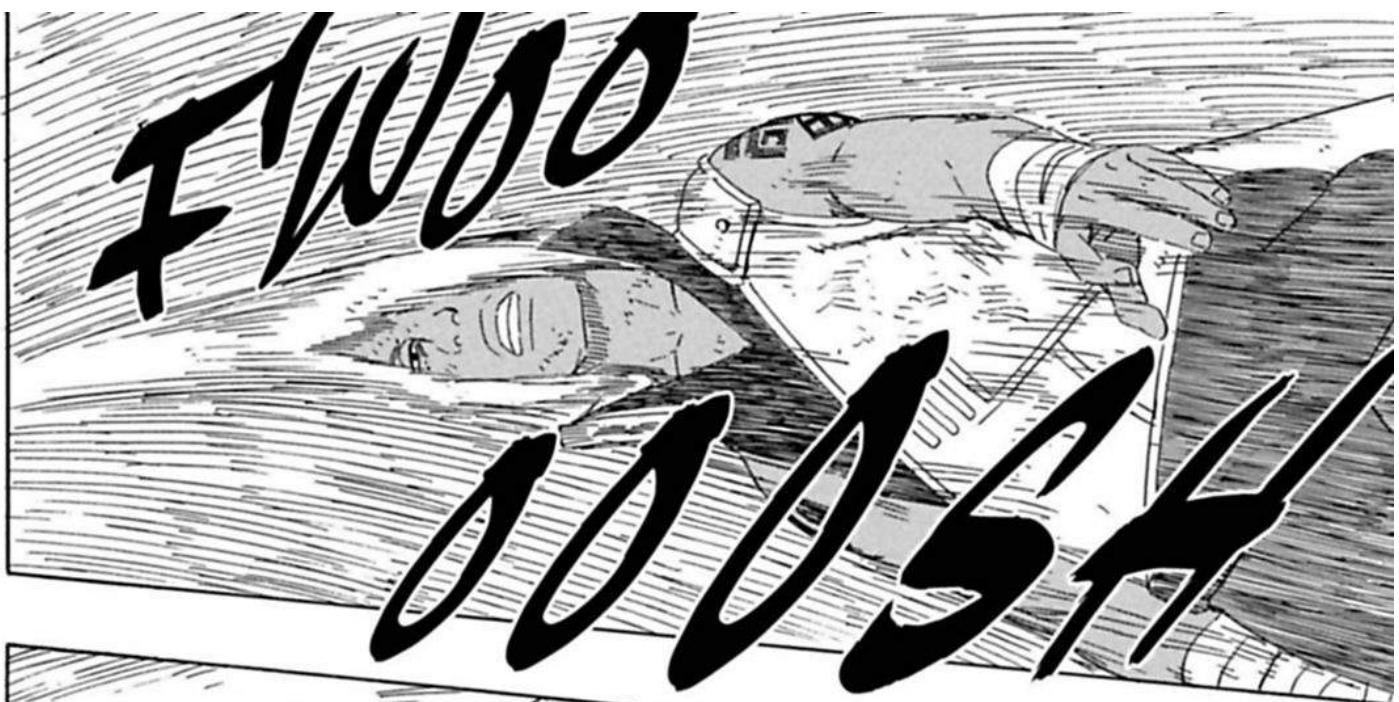
FOR  
I'VE GOT  
MYSELF  
TWO RIGHT  
ARMS.

...

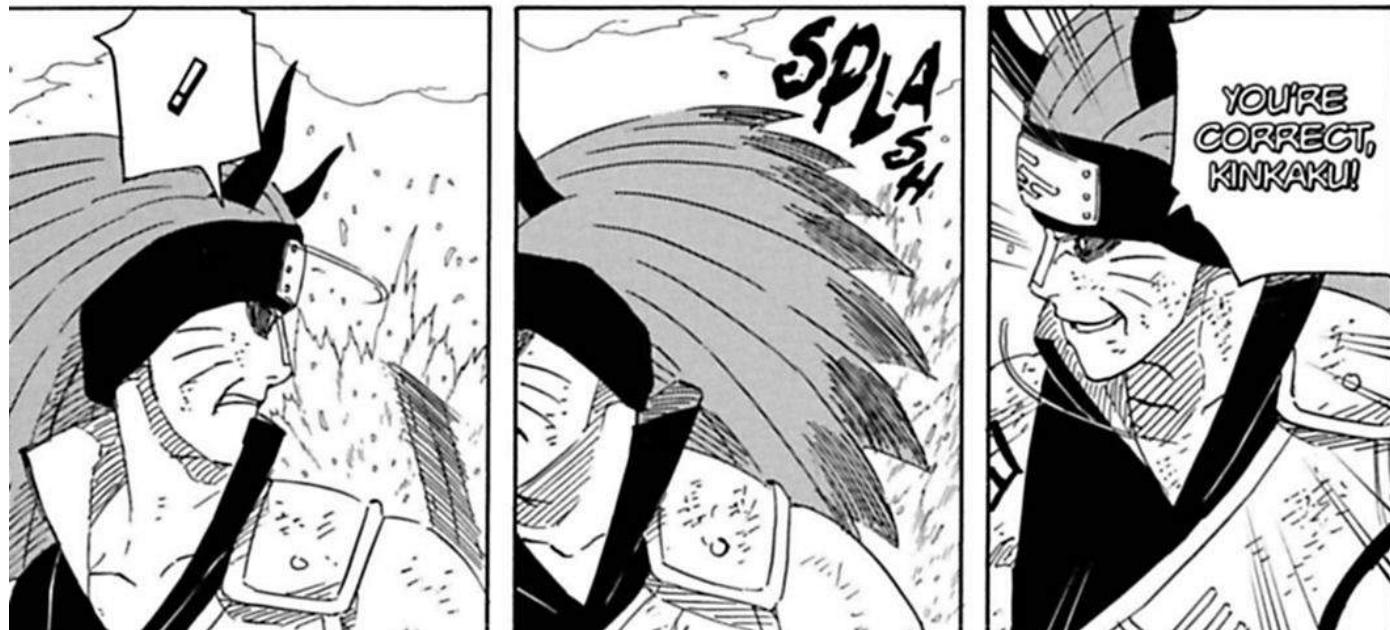
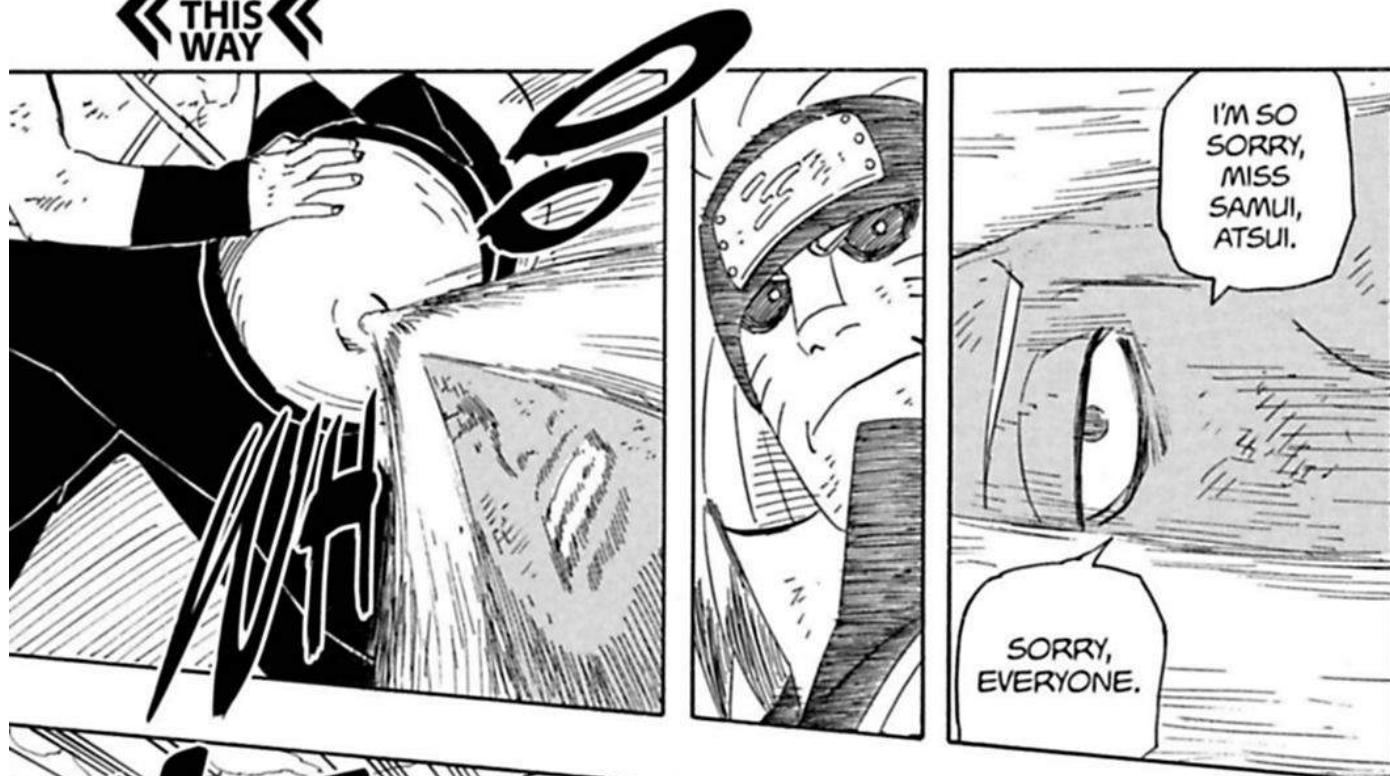


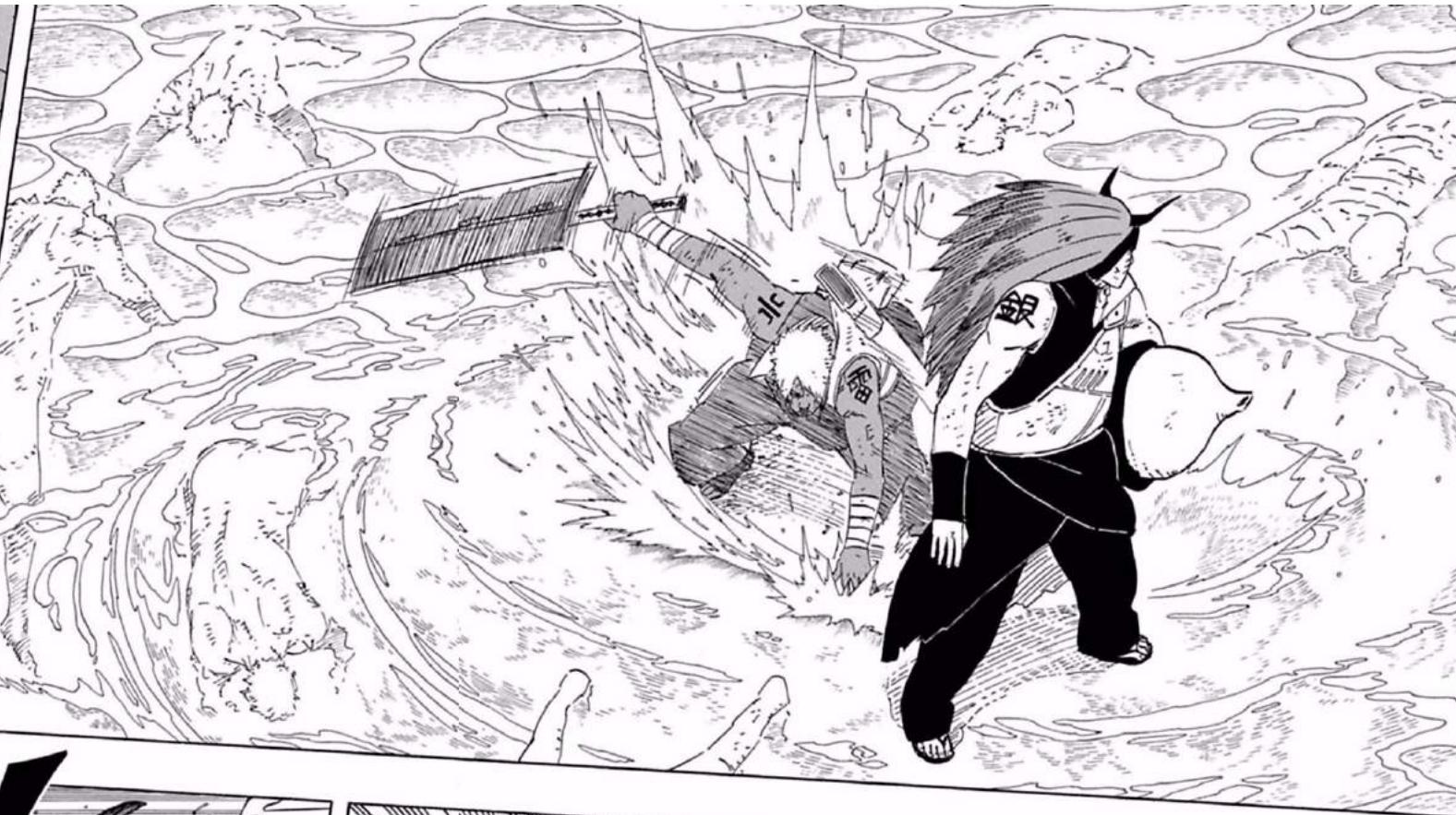
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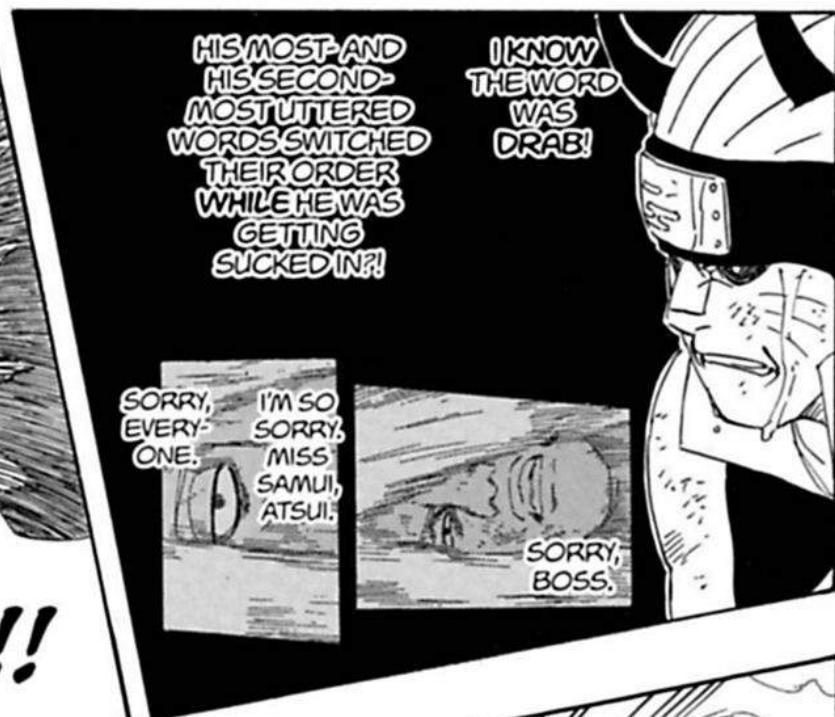
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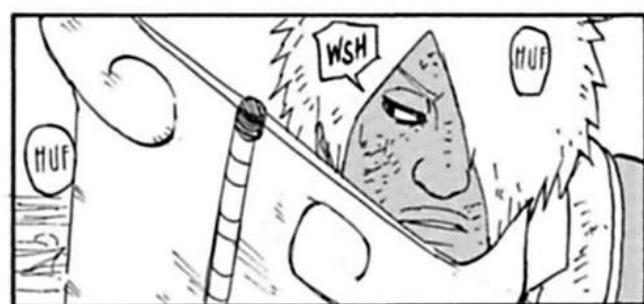


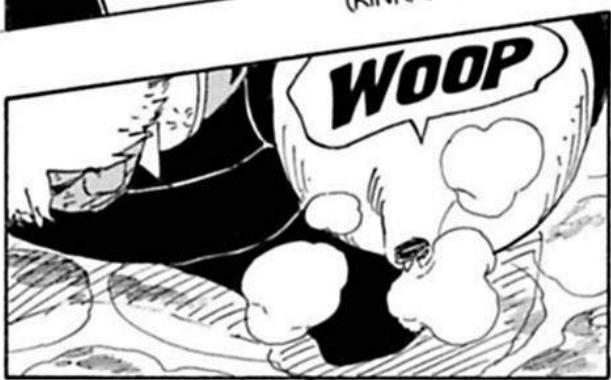
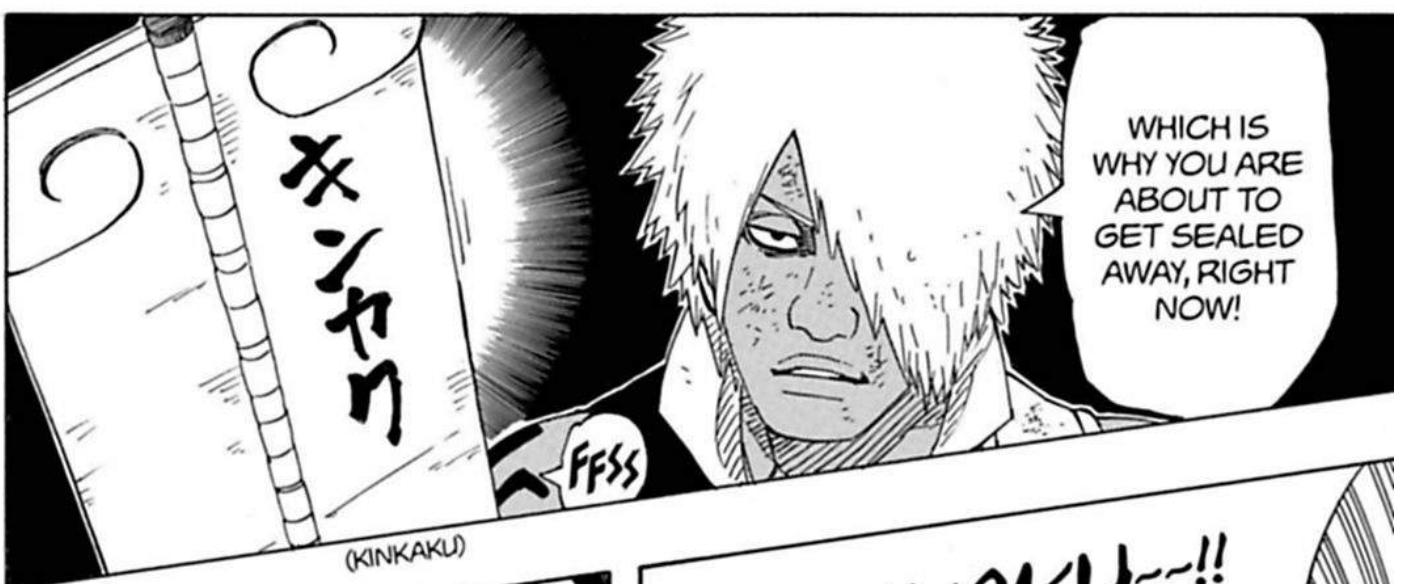
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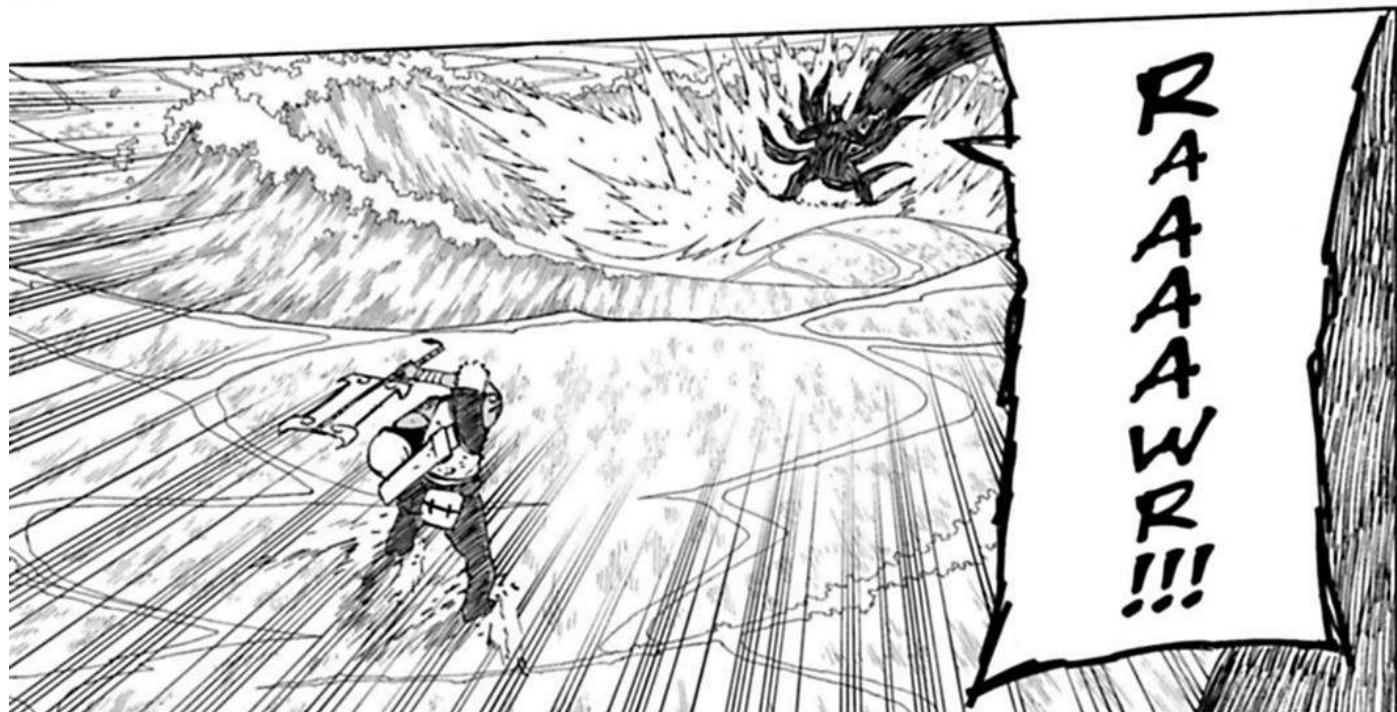




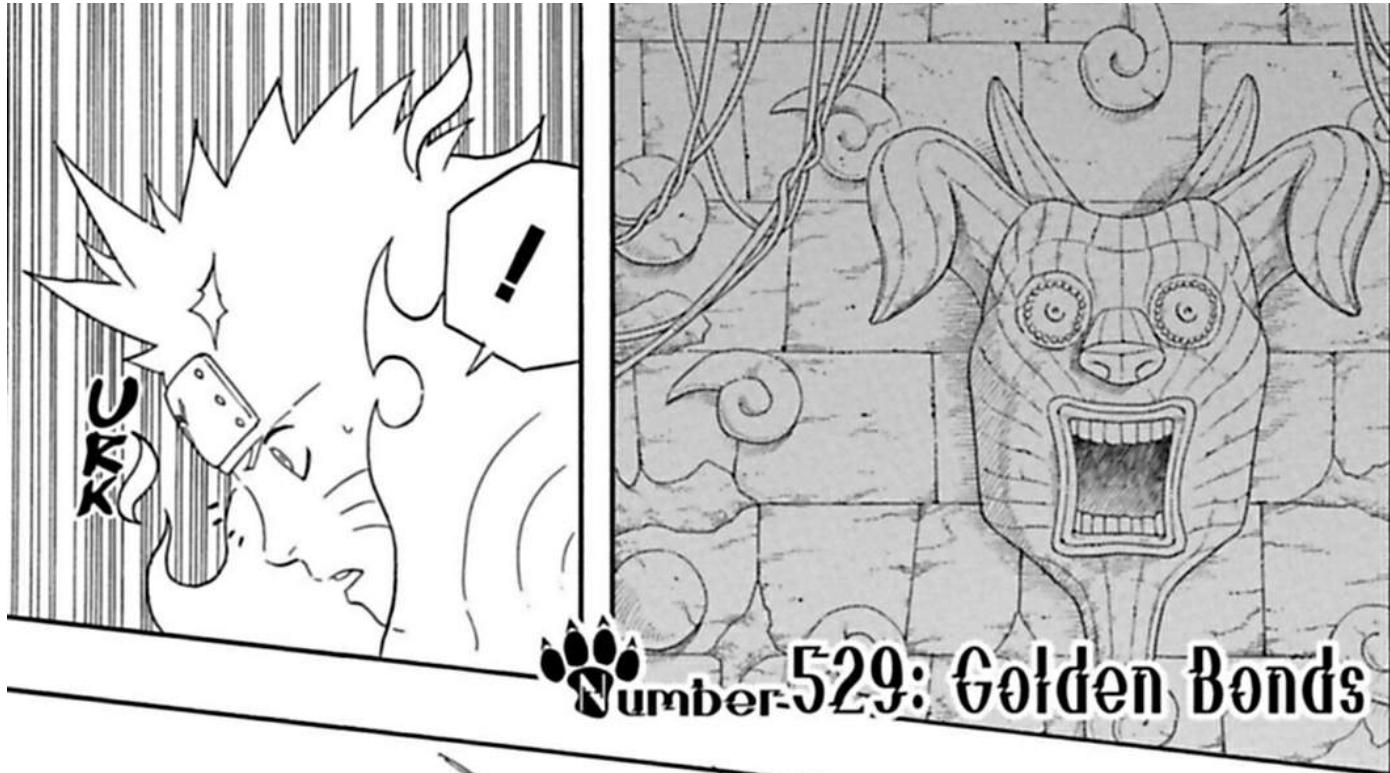




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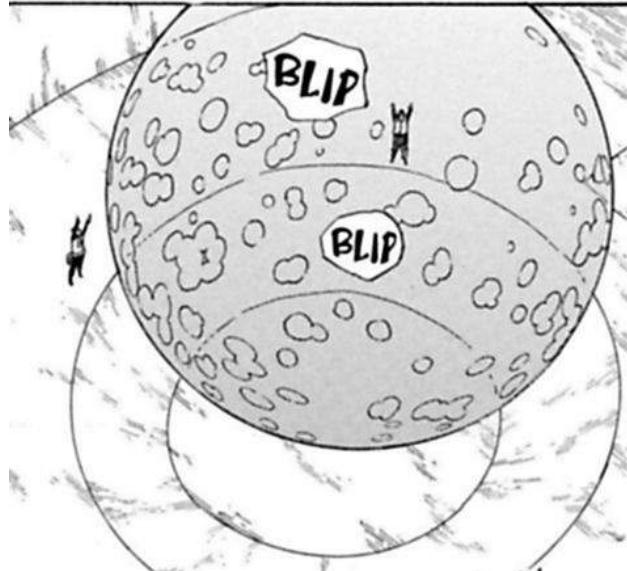
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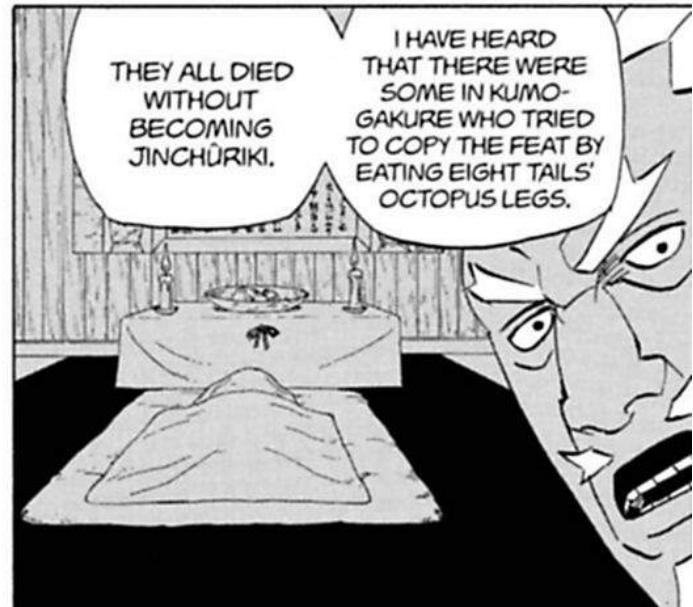
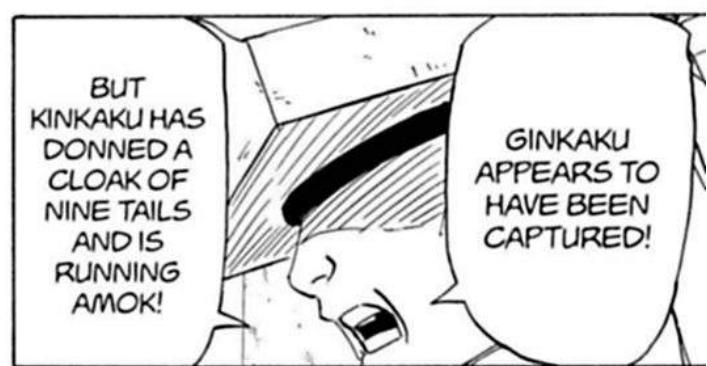


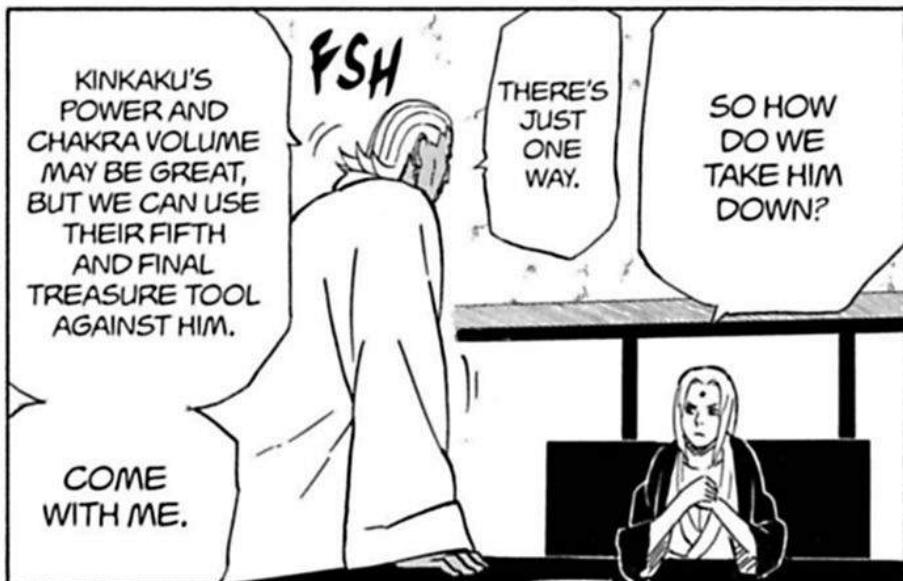
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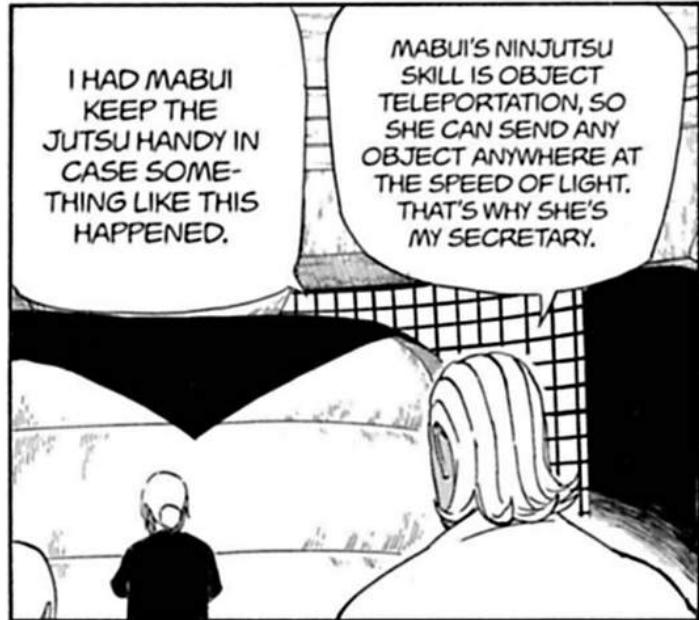
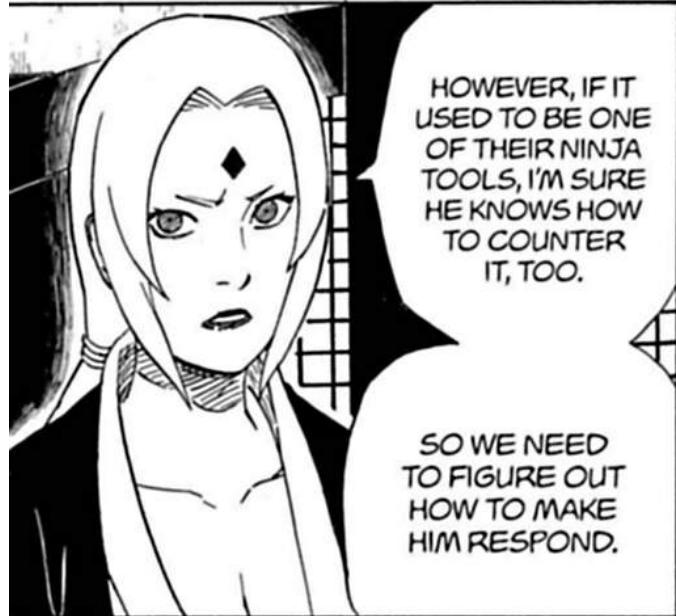
YOU DON'T NEED THE OTHER TOOLS FOR THE JAR TO WORK. ALL YOU DO IS SAY THE TARGET'S NAME AND IF THEY RESPOND, THEIR VOICE IS RECORDED AND THEY'RE TRAPPED INSIDE IT!

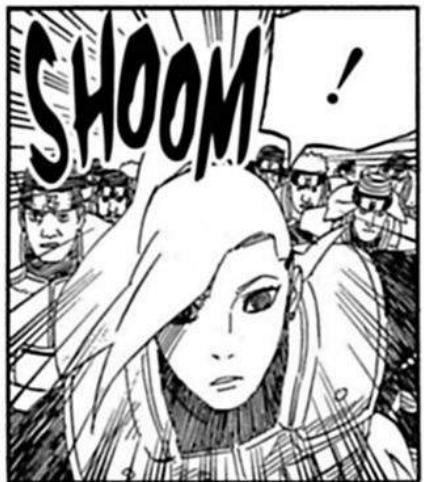
DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ANYTHING SPECIAL.

THIS IS THE FIFTH TREASURE THAT WAS USED TO SEAL AWAY EIGHT TAILS.



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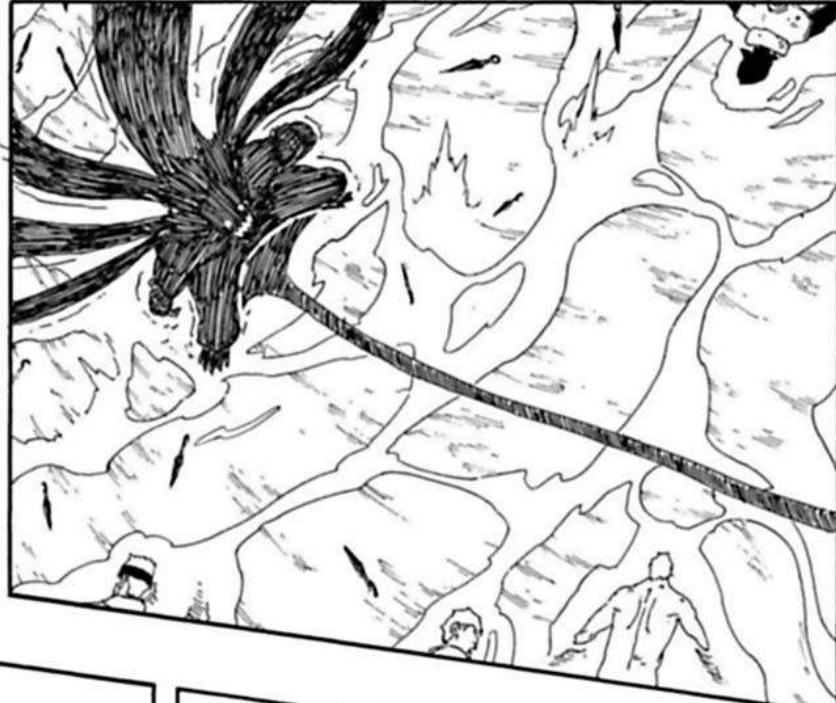


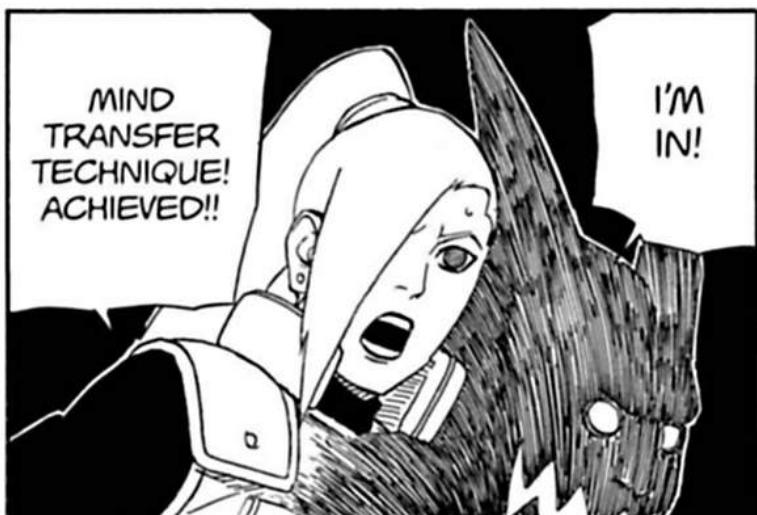






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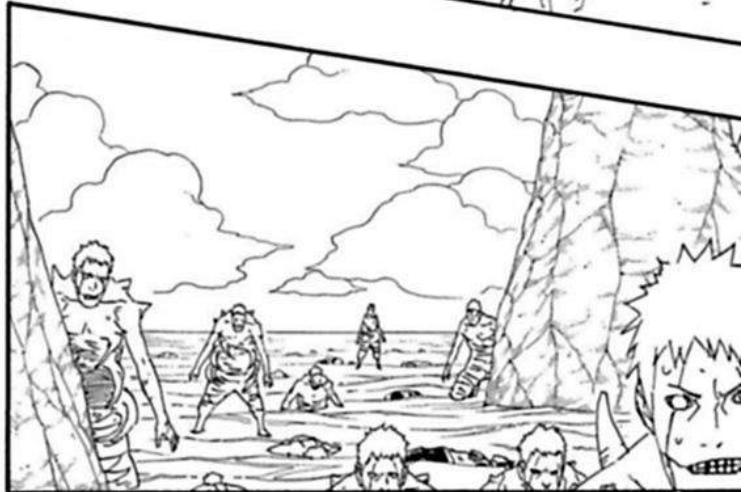


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## Choji's Decision



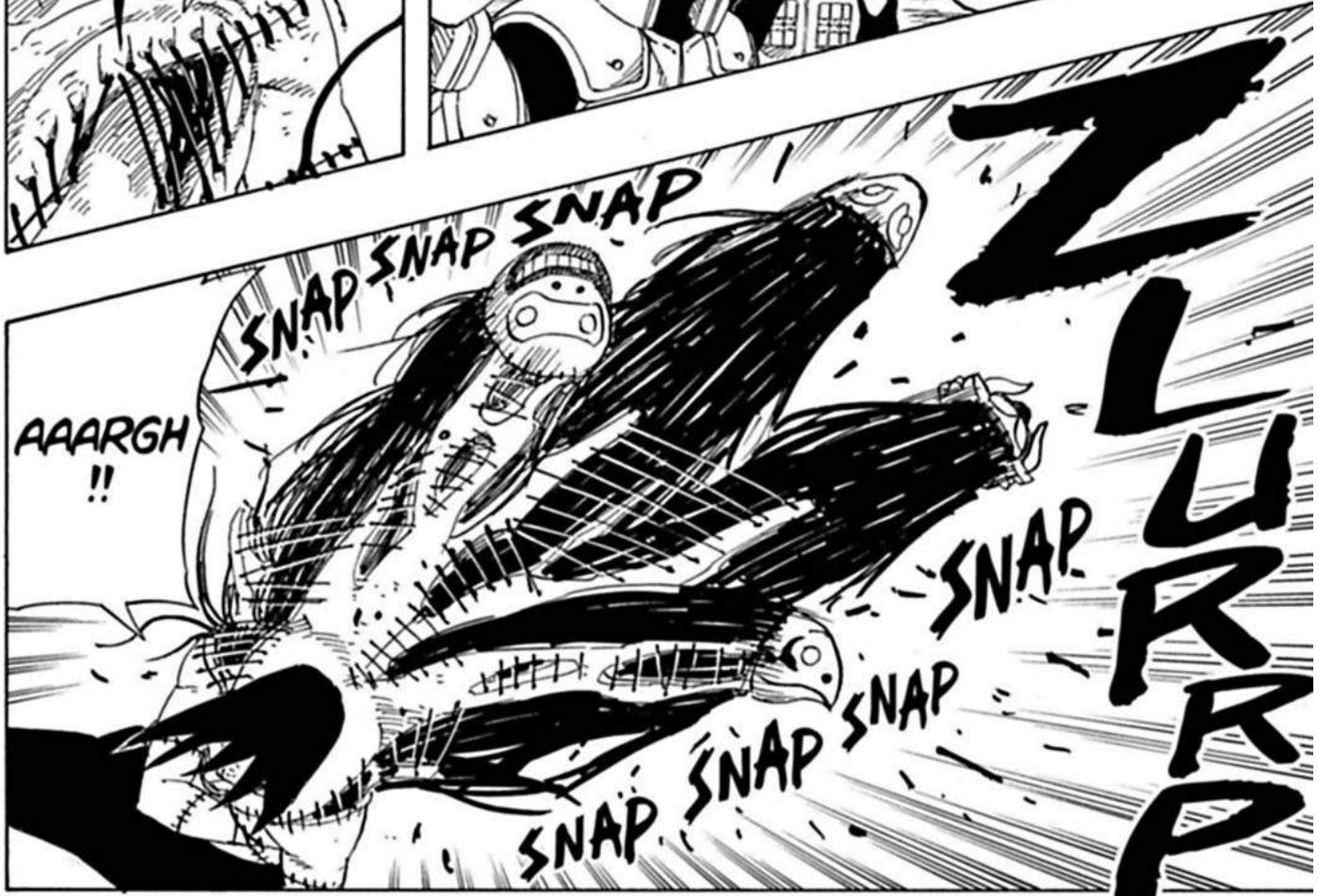


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SO, SHADOW BRAT, YOU TOOK DOWN HIDAN?









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THIS  
WAY

IT'S NOT  
THAT EASY...  
WITH YOU  
AS OUR  
OPPONENT!

HURRY UP  
AND SHUT  
ME INSIDE  
A BARRIER!

CHOZA,  
IS THE FOUR  
FLAMES  
FORMATION  
NOT READY  
YET?!

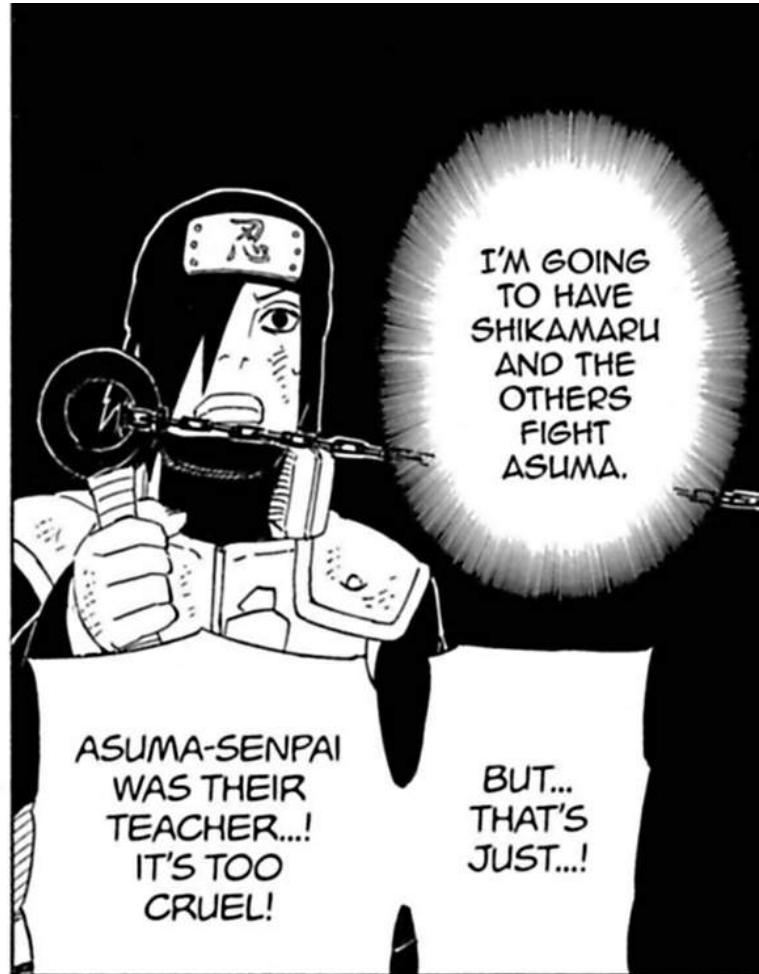
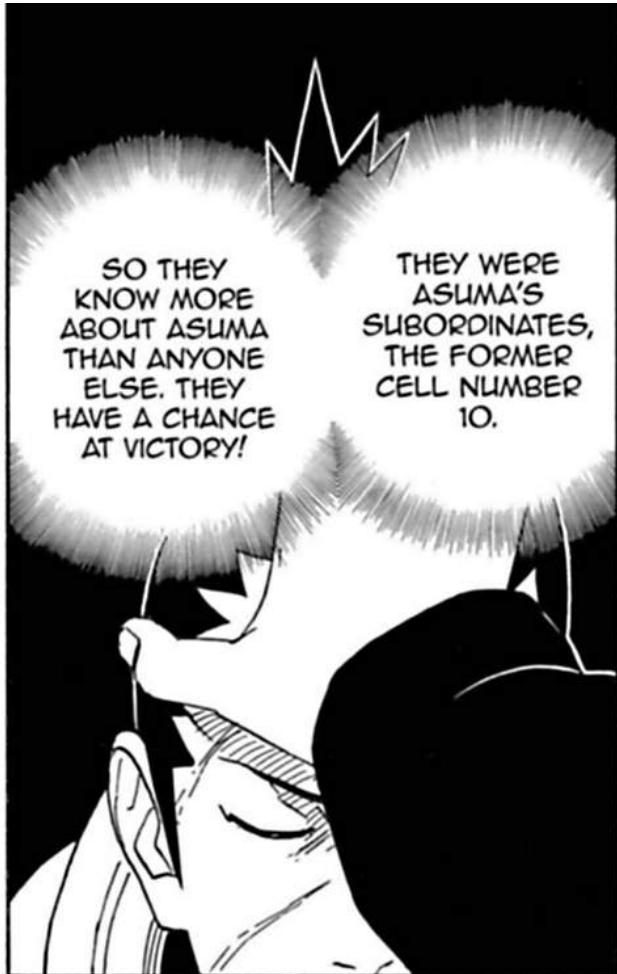
BEFORE  
I USE THE  
GHOST  
TRANSFOR-  
MATION  
JUTSU!!

SOME  
WEIRD BLACK  
THINGS ARE  
SHOWING UP!  
BE CAREFUL!

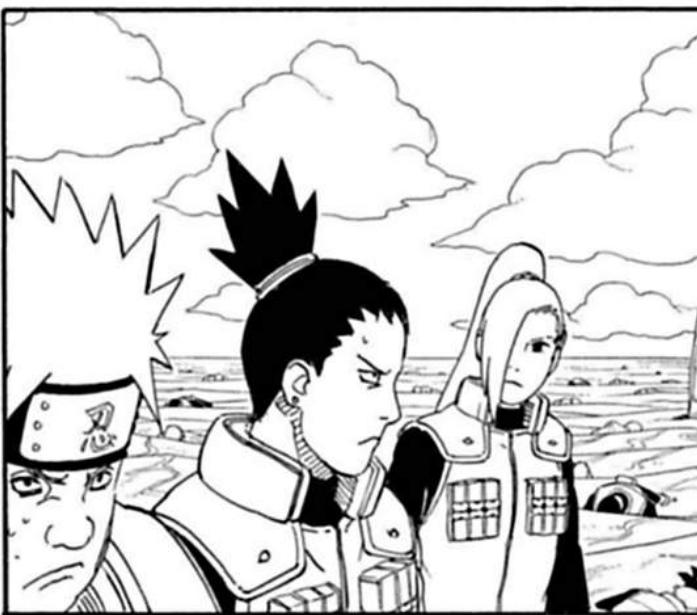
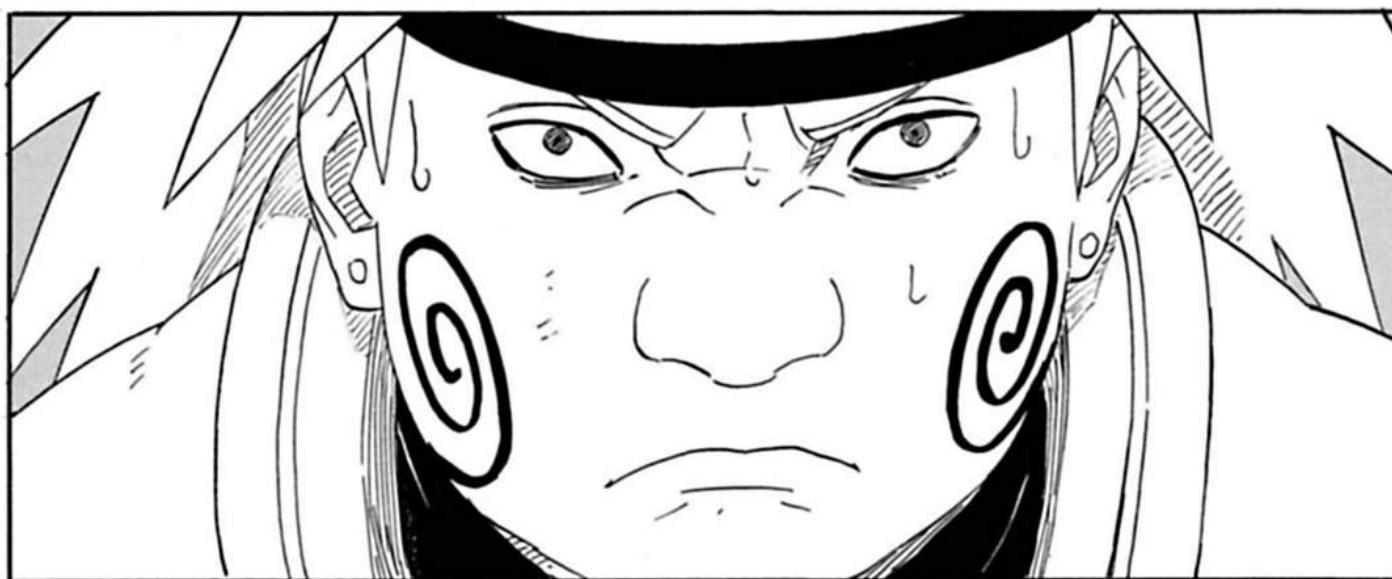
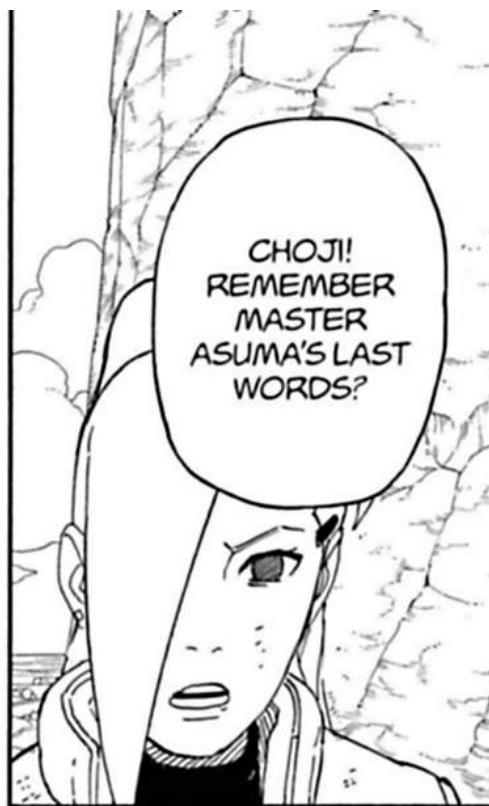
















EVERYONE'S  
GOING TO  
THINK I'VE  
BEEN PLAYING  
POSSUM  
AGAIN!

I DON'T CARE  
IF IT WAS THE  
AKATSUKI OR  
OROCHIMARU!  
WHOEVER  
REANIMATED ME  
WILL ABSOLUTELY  
REGRET IT!!

HOW  
UNDIGNIFIED!

OVER  
THERE!

I CAN  
FEEL LORD  
OROCHIMARU'S  
CHAKRA PASS  
THROUGH MY  
SKULL, SEEP  
INTO MY FLESH  
AND BONES.

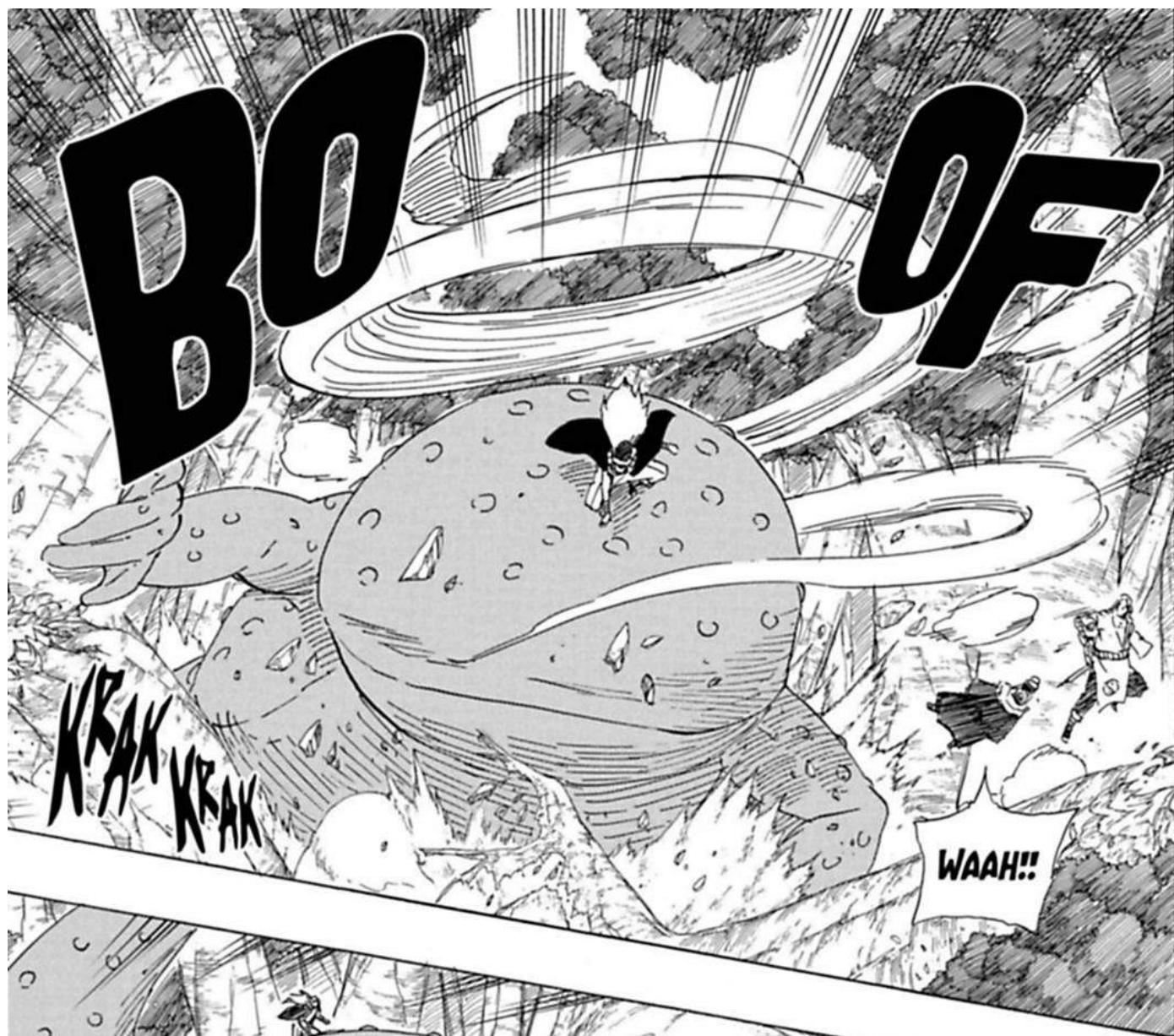
I MUST  
ACHIEVE MY  
OBJECTIVE!

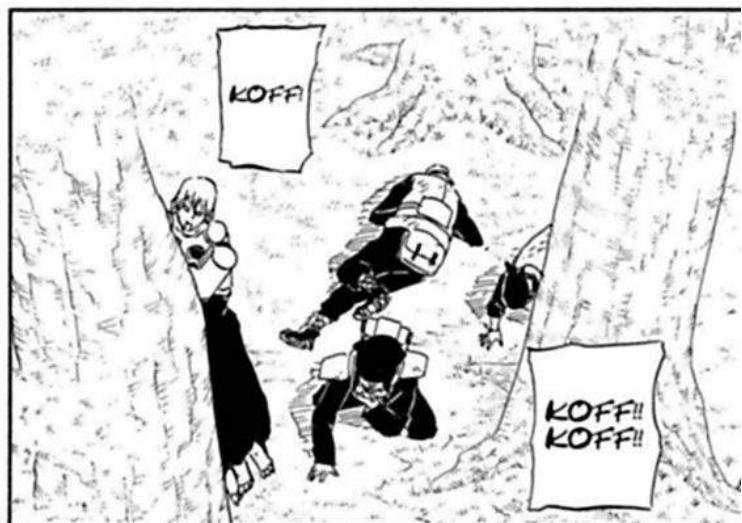
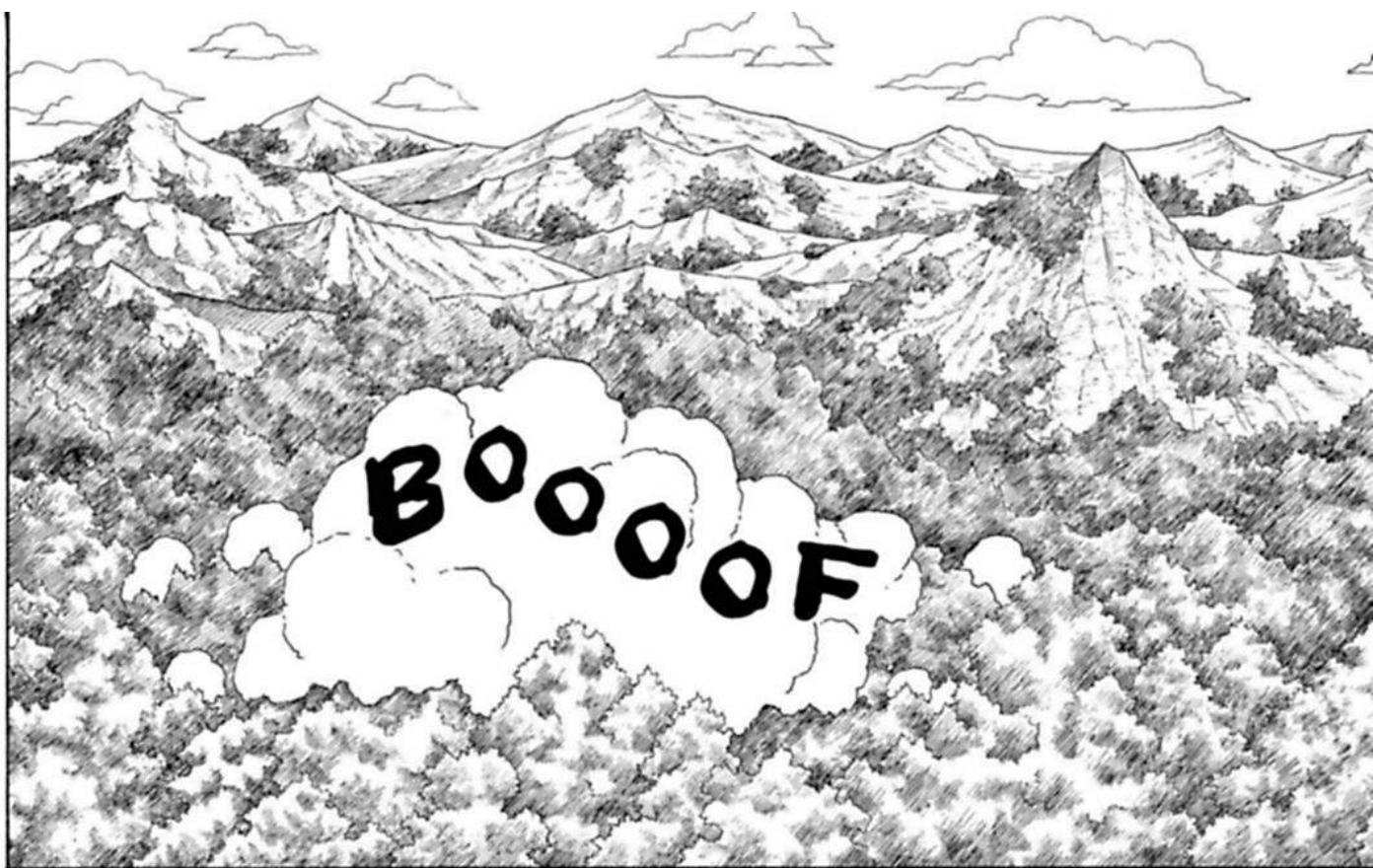
THIS  
DISTANCE  
SHOULD  
WORK.

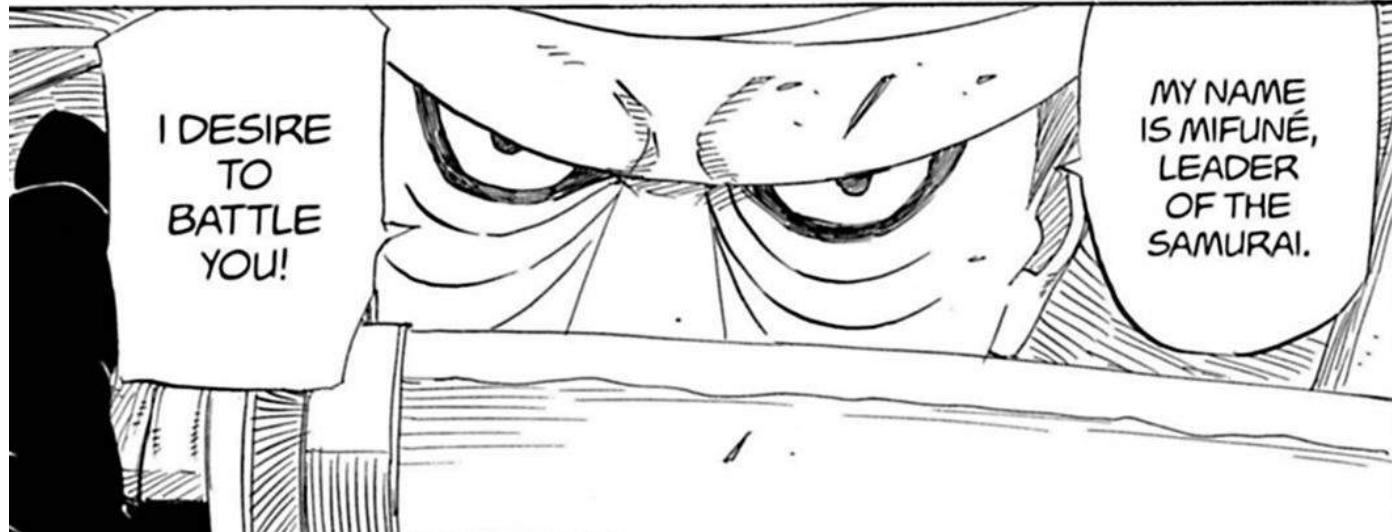
KUCHIYOSE  
SUMMONING!!

YOU BE  
QUIET,  
FACE  
MASK!!

I'M TRYING TO  
CONCENTRATE!  
BE QUIET,  
PUPPET  
GRANNY.







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**Number 531: Team Asuma, Reunited!**

**BOOM**

**TAK TAK**

YOU  
THREE.

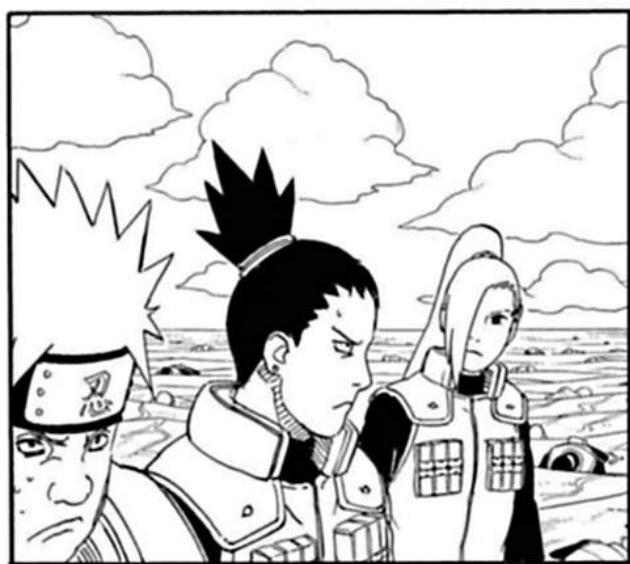


**Number 531: Team Asuma, Reunited!**





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WE NEED  
TO HEAR YOU  
ACKNOWLEDGE  
IT, MASTER.

WE'RE  
PREPARED  
FOR THE  
INEVITABLE.



...!

...!

YOU'RE  
ALL FINE  
SHINOBI.

CHOJI,  
SHIKAMARU,  
INO...



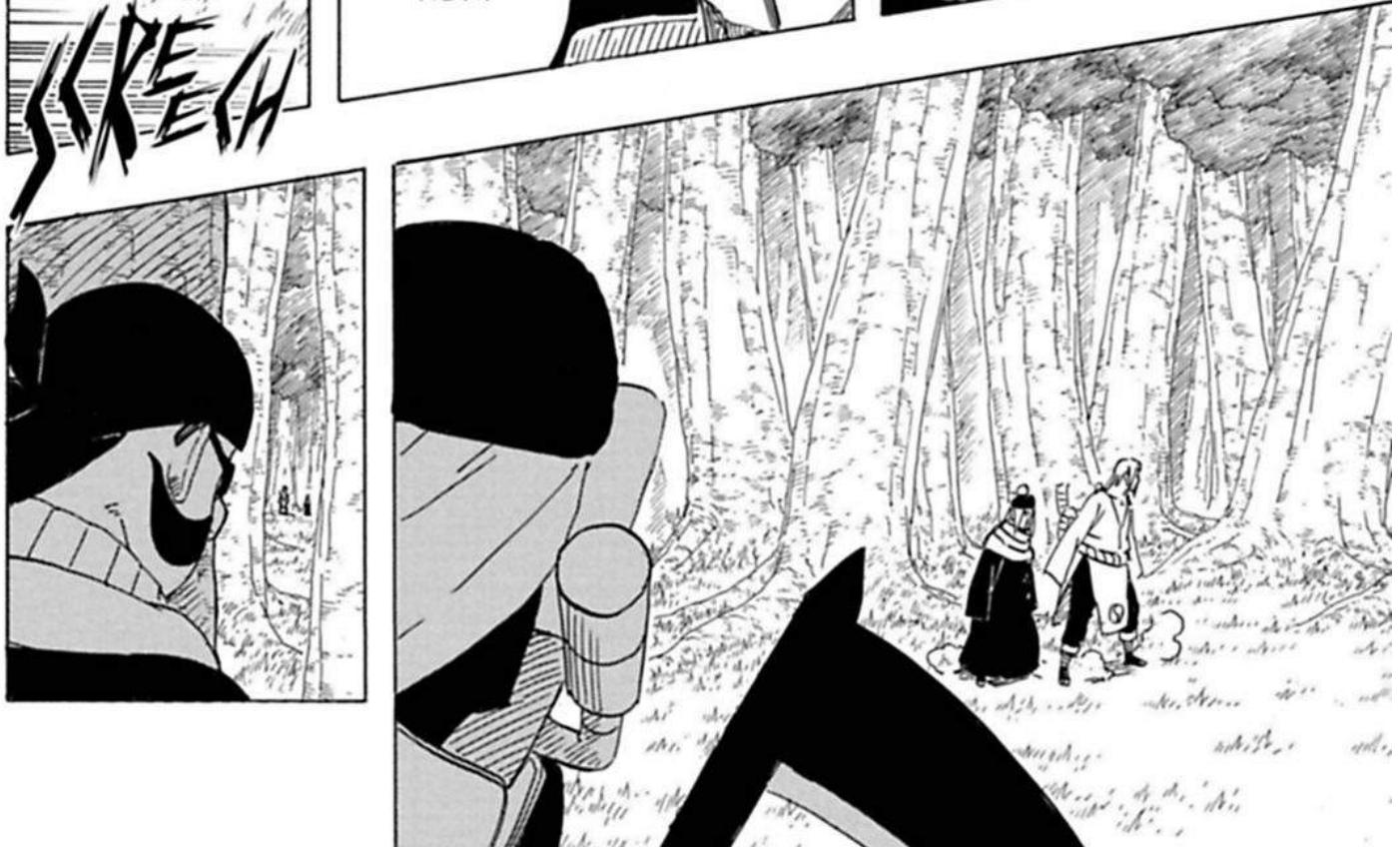
IT'S ALL  
THANKS  
TO YOU!



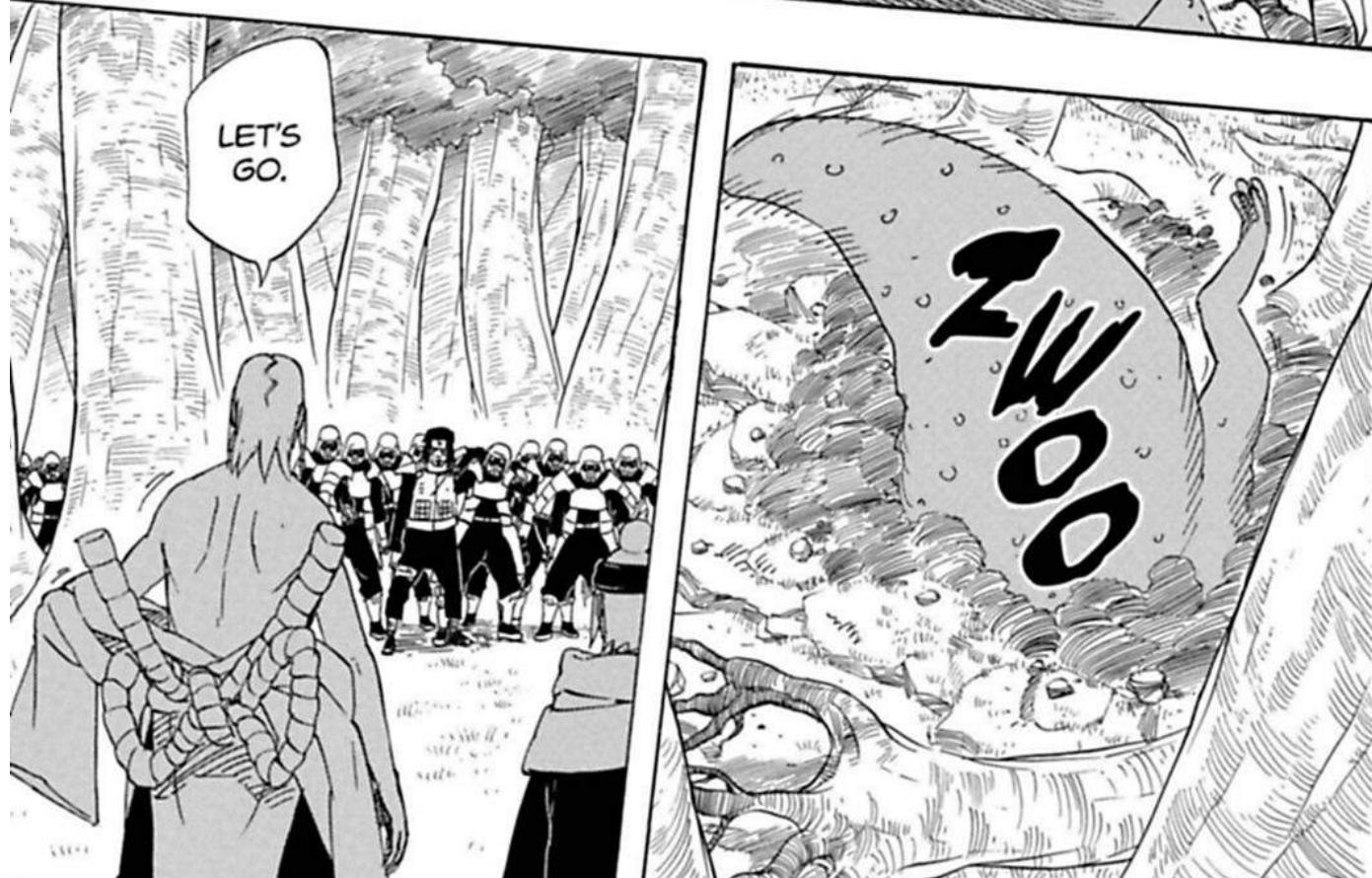
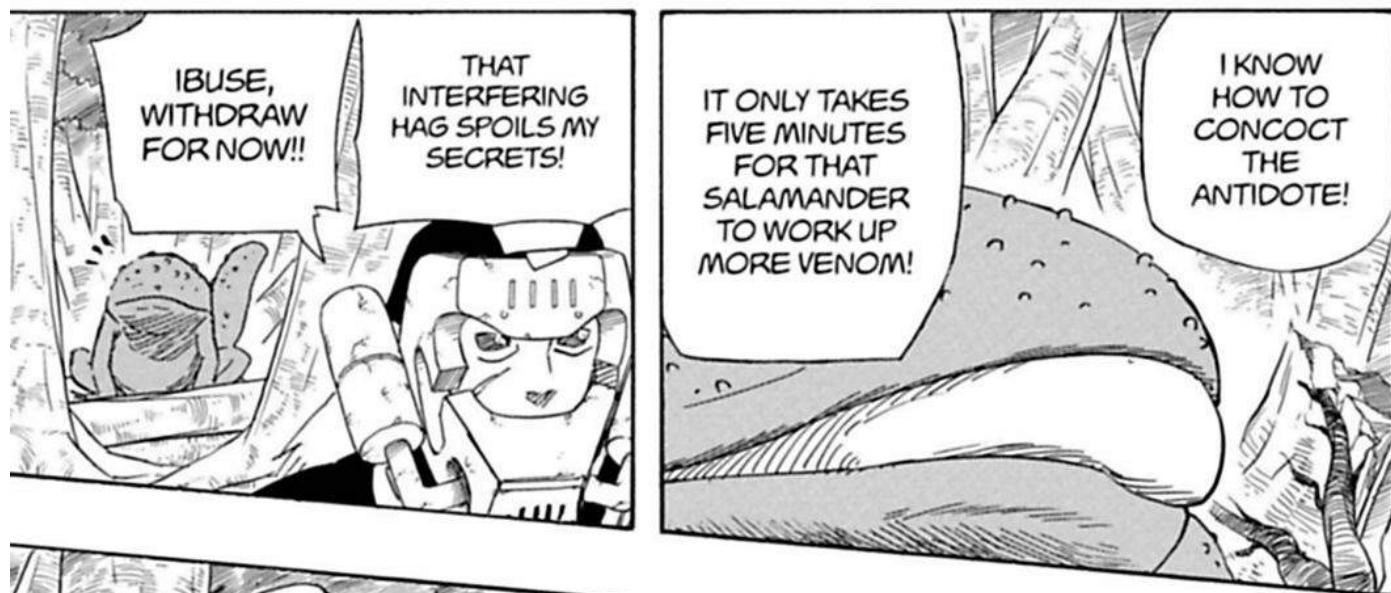


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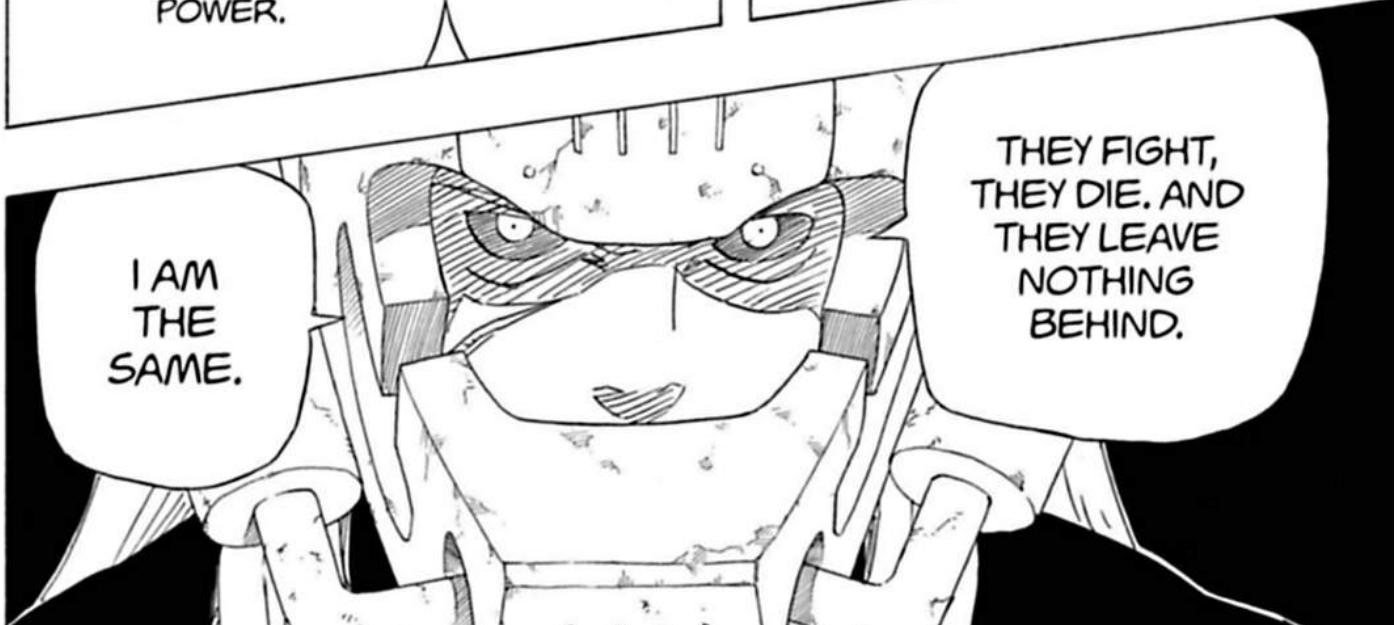
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WHAT DRIVES ME IS MY CONVICTION!

YOURS HAS BECOME WARPED!

YOU ARE WRONG. IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF LIFE OR DEATH.

IT IS FINE BY ME IF I SHOULD LOSE MY LIFE IN THE PURSUIT OF PEACE!

AND THUS ONE CAN LIVE ON IN OTHERS' MEMORIES, LIKE MY FAMED BLADE KUROSAWA HERE.

KLAK

ACCORDING TO THE SAMURAI WAY, PEOPLE THEMSELVES ARE SWORDS!

I TOLD YOU. CONVICTION LIVES FOREVER.

WHAT CAN YOU GLEAN FROM A LUMP OF IRON?

DO NOT COMPARE PEOPLE TO BLADES!

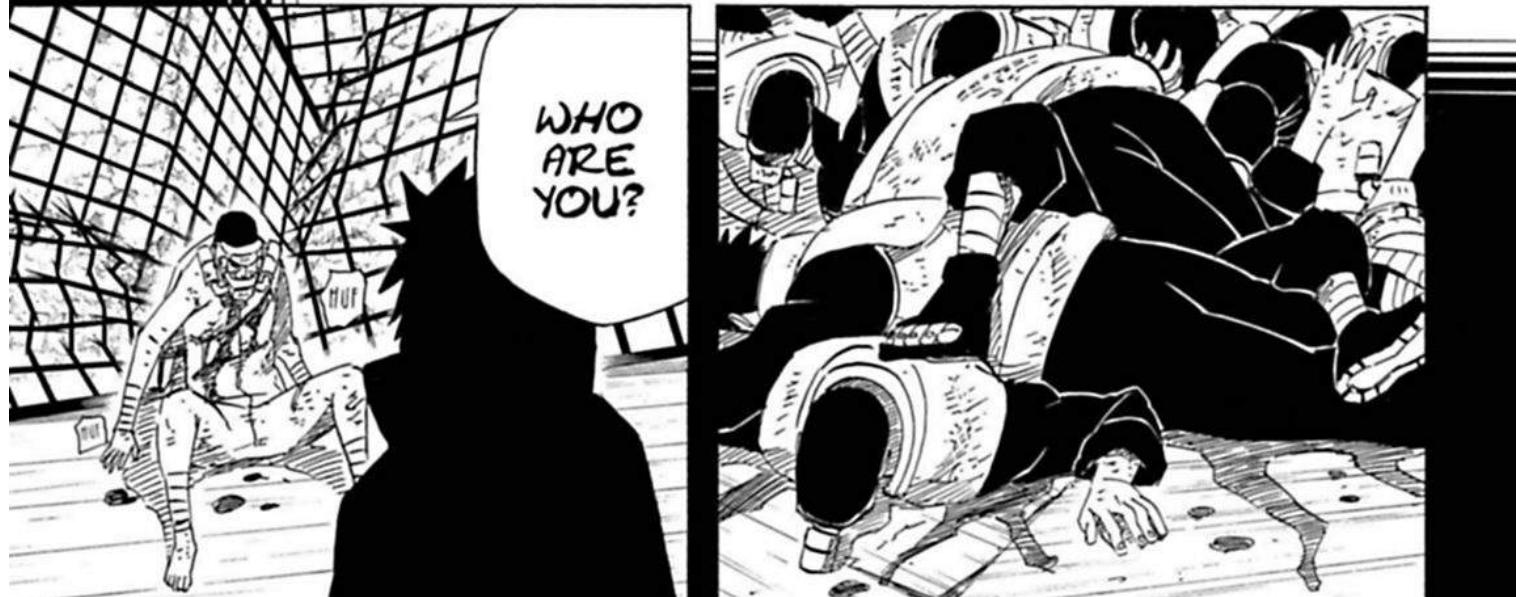
I SHALL ERASE YOU SAMURAI, ONCE AND FOR ALL!

ENOUGH NON-SENSE!

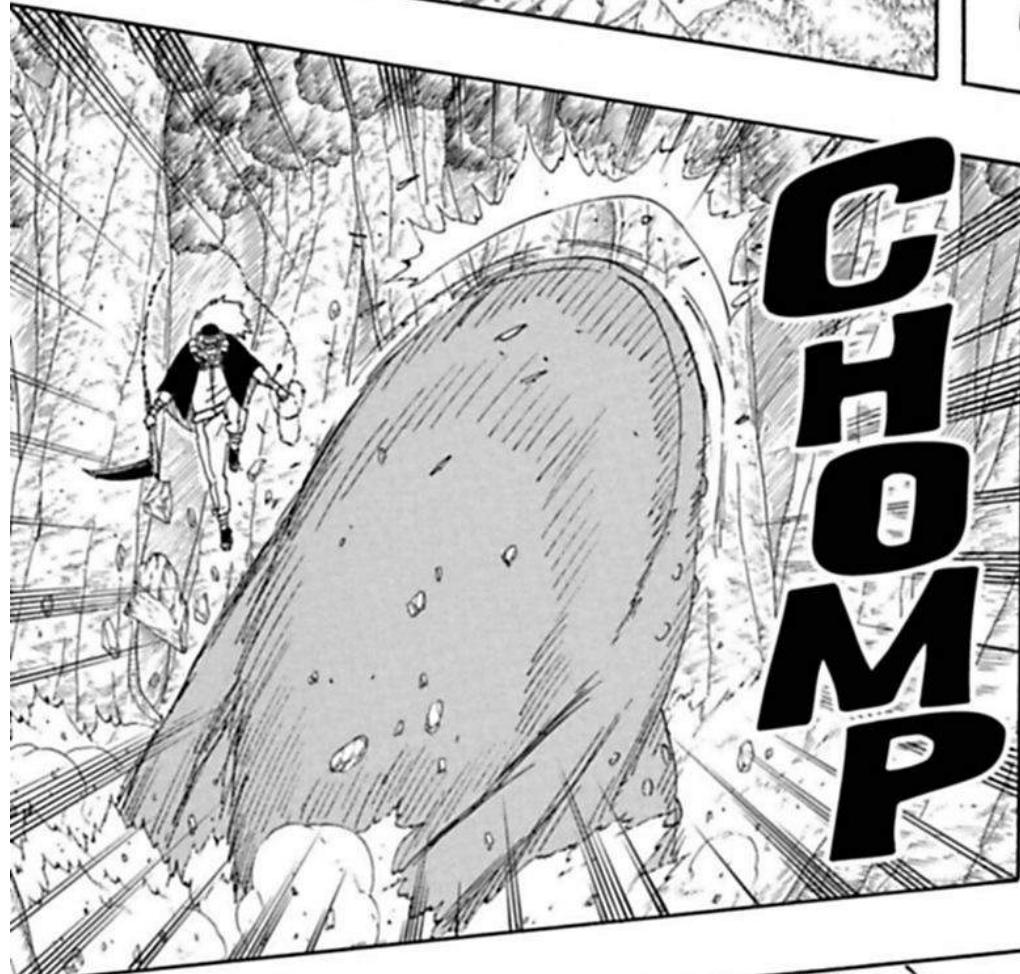
INCLUDING YOUR PRACTICE OF SEPPUKU...

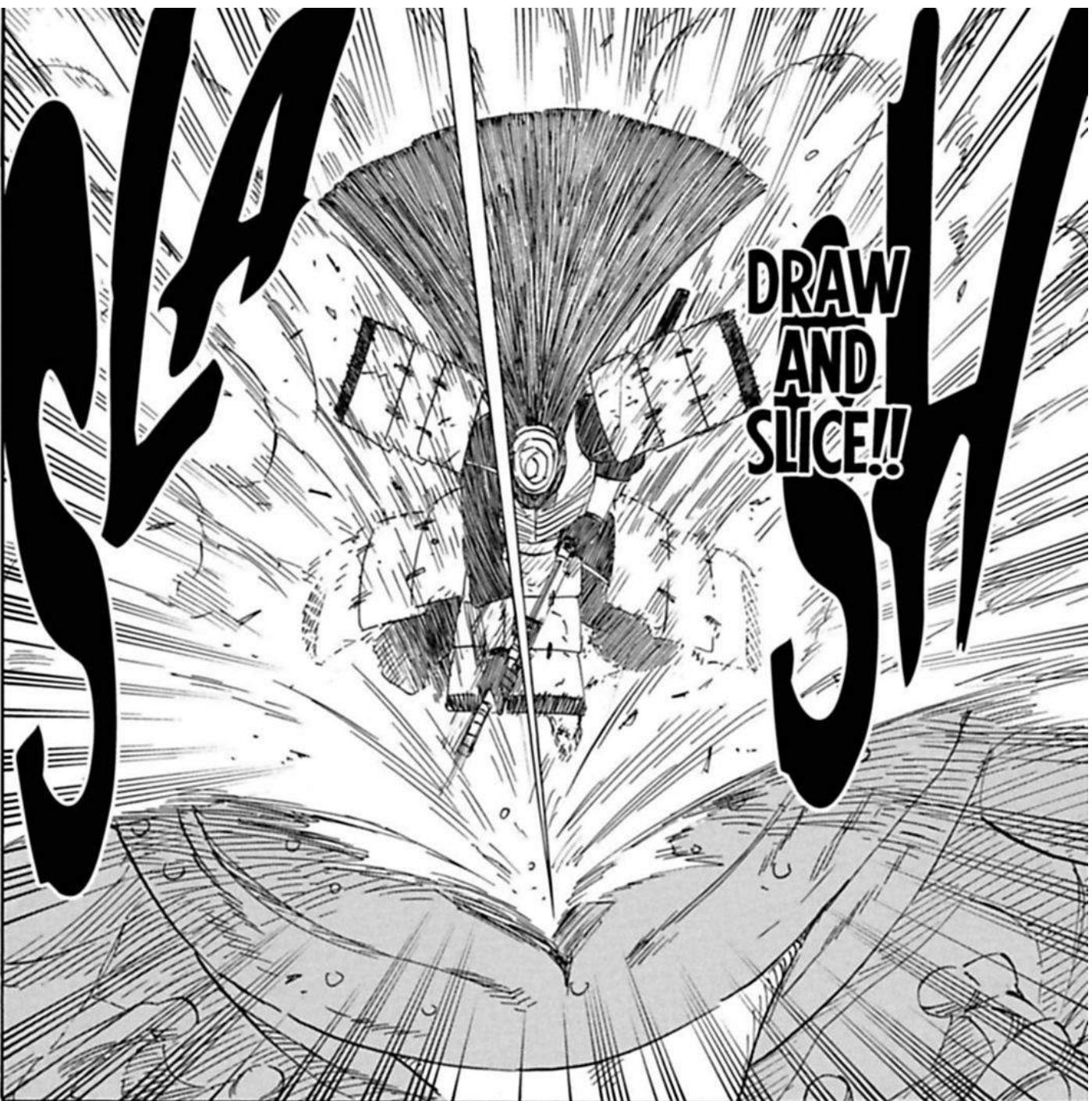
WHY DO YOU SAMURAI TRY TO CUT SHORT AND ERASE YOUR LIVES SO MUCH?

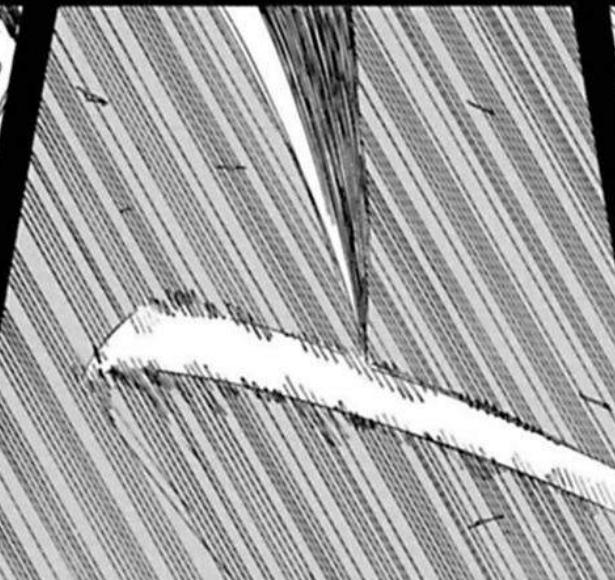
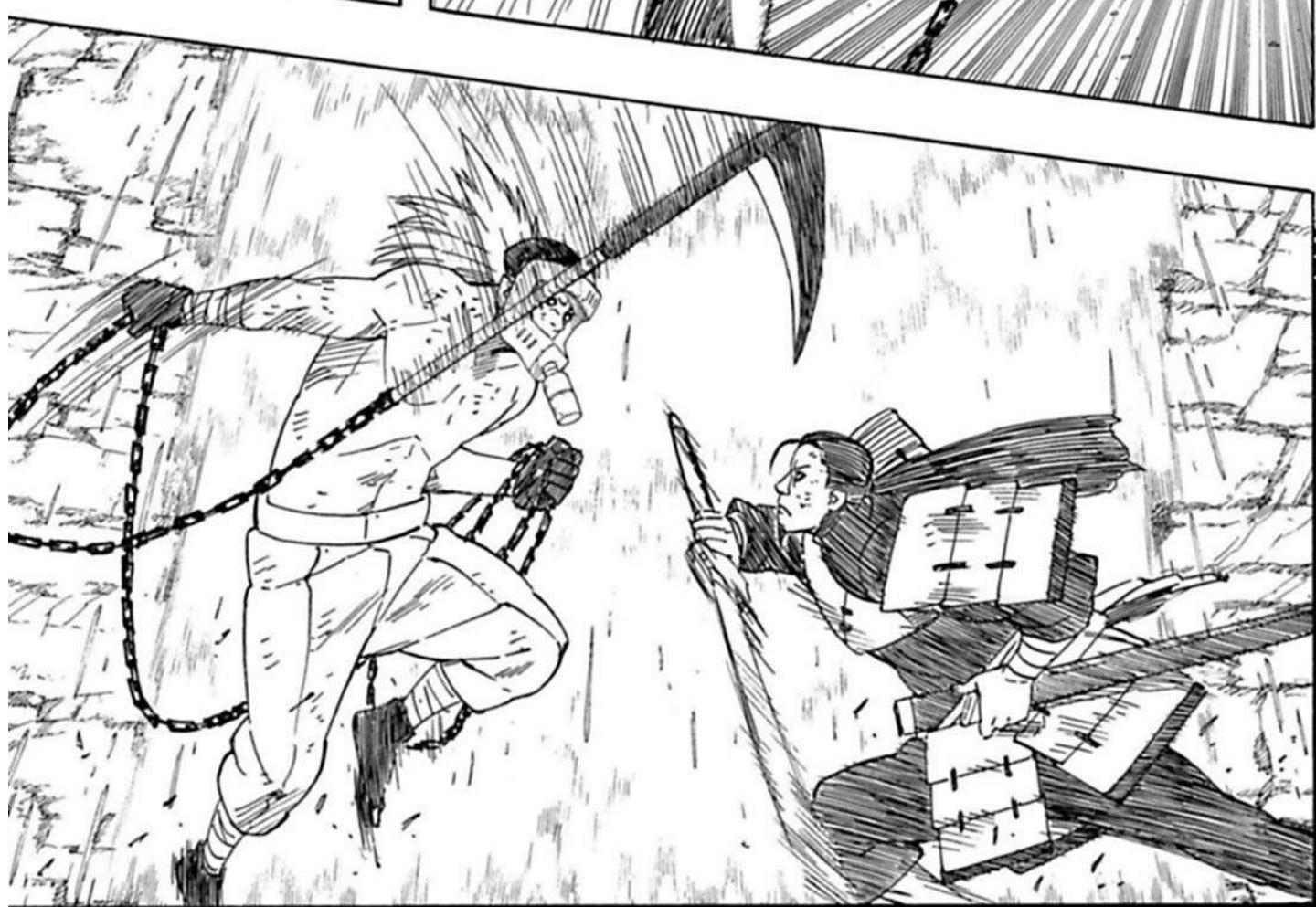
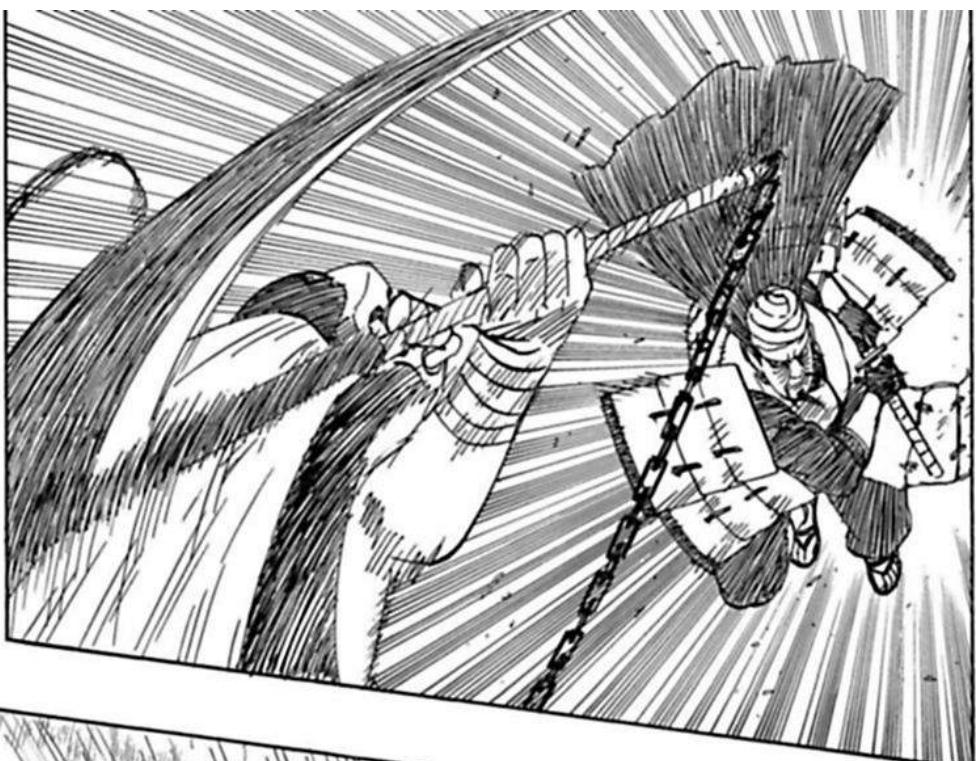


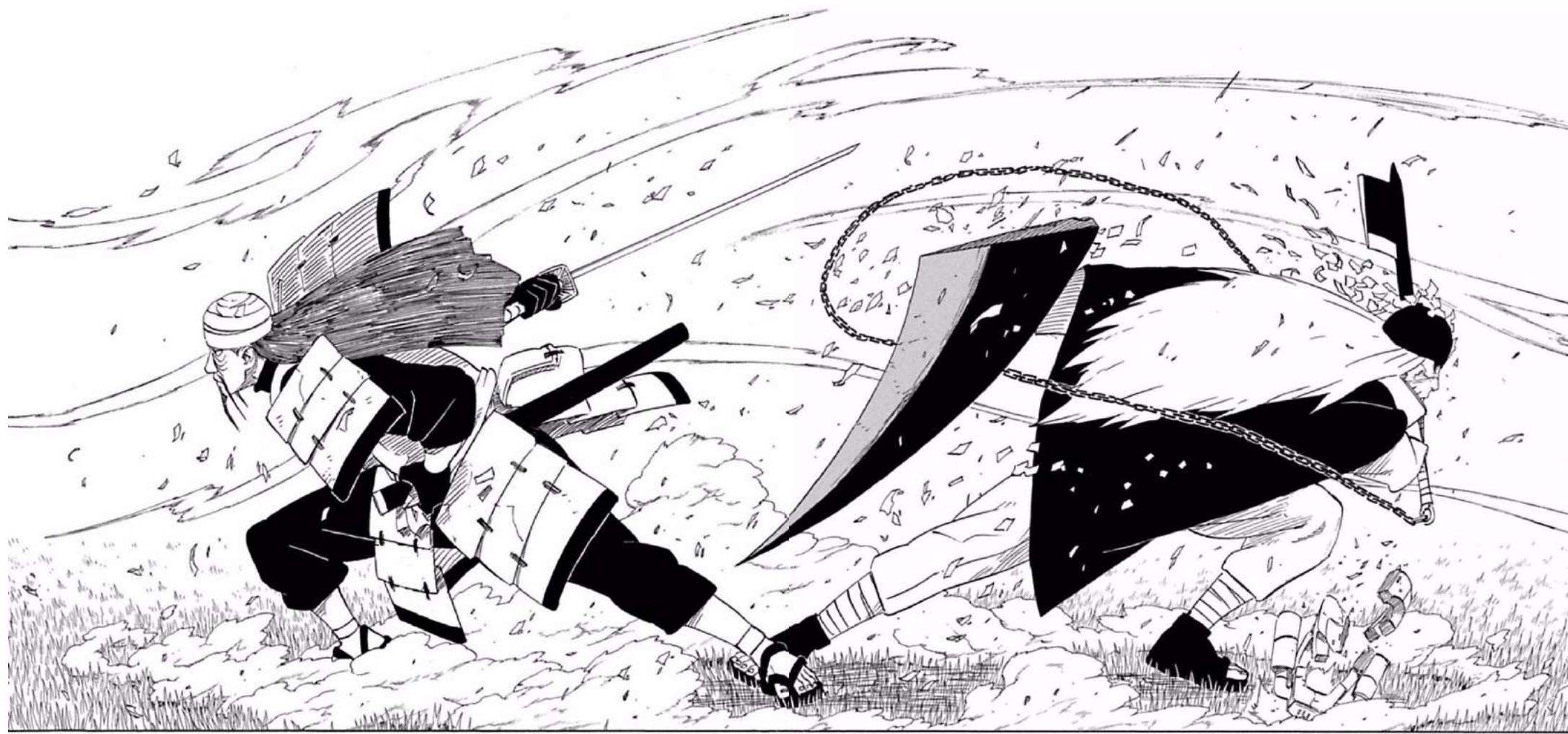
















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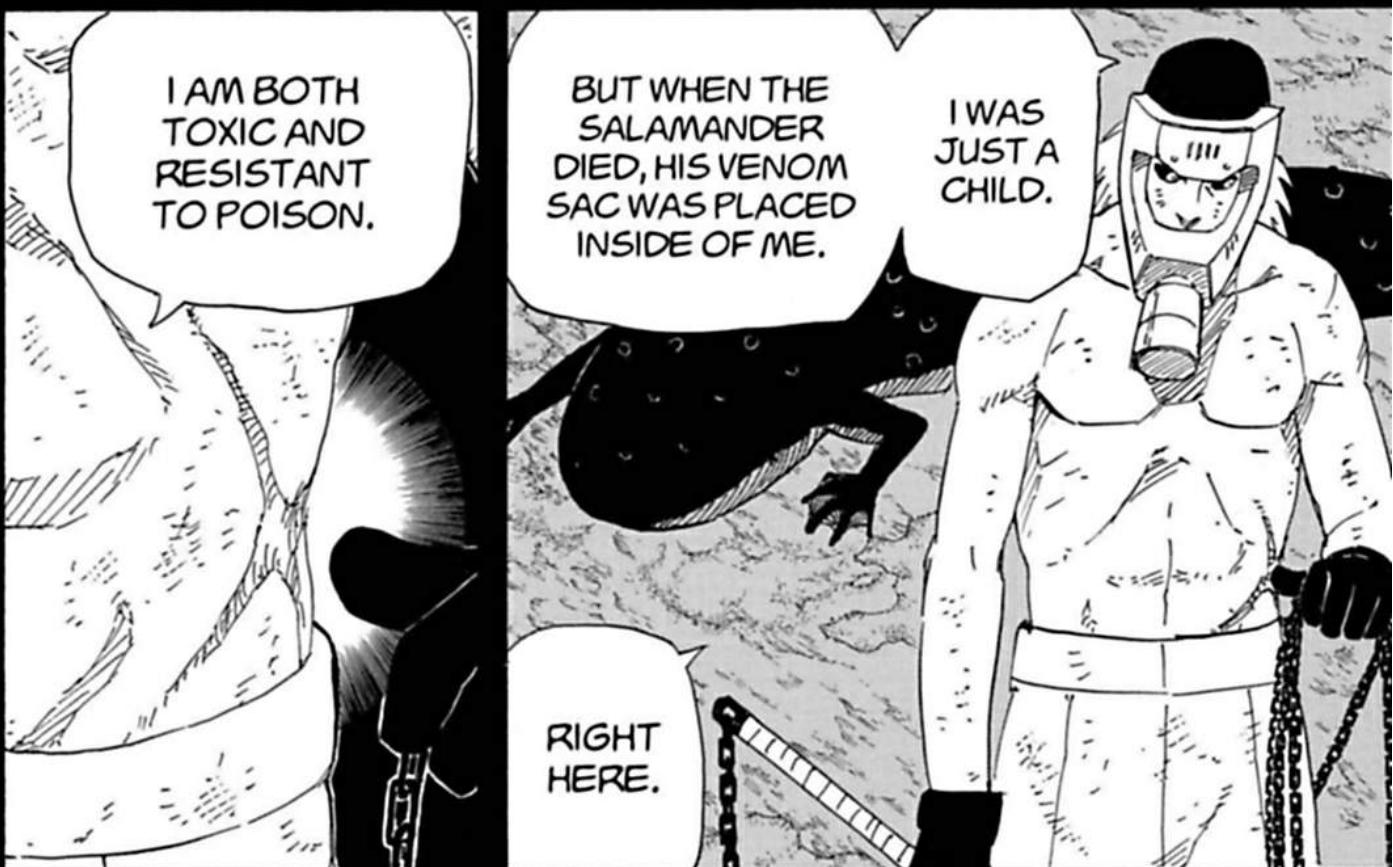
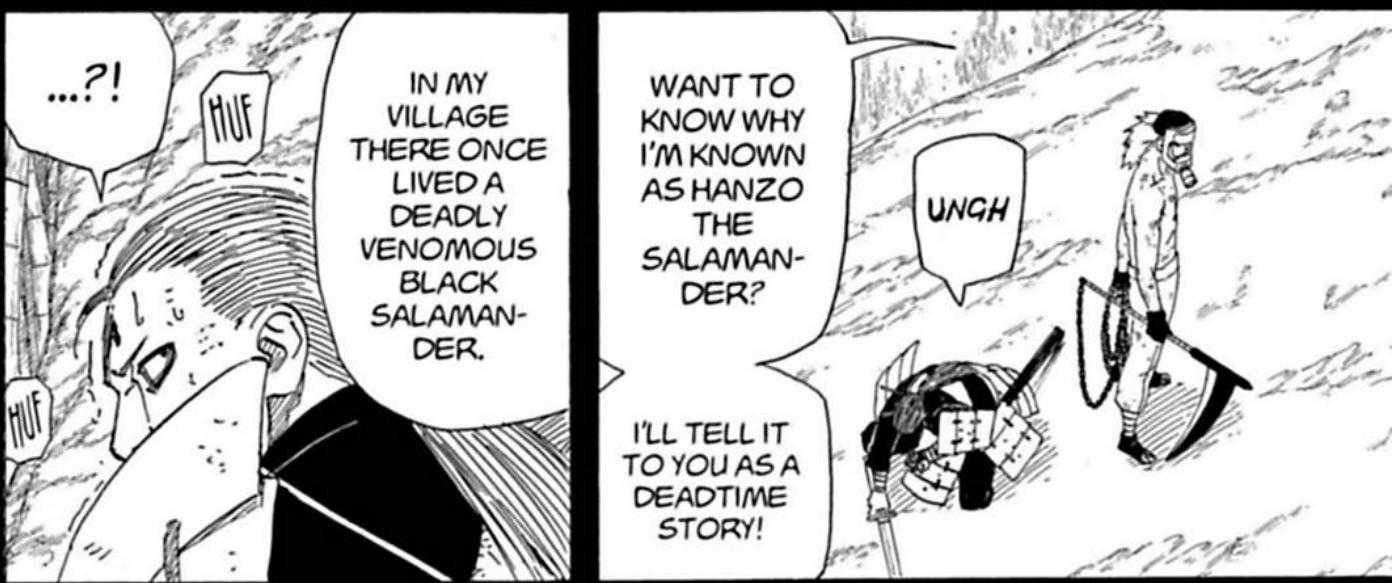
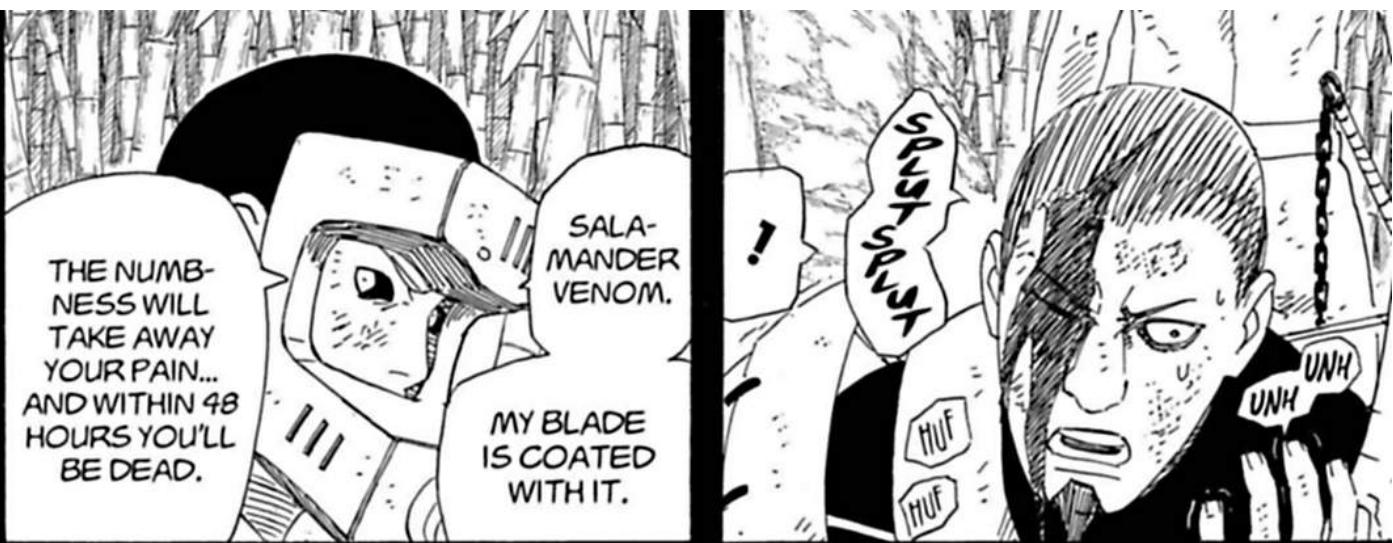
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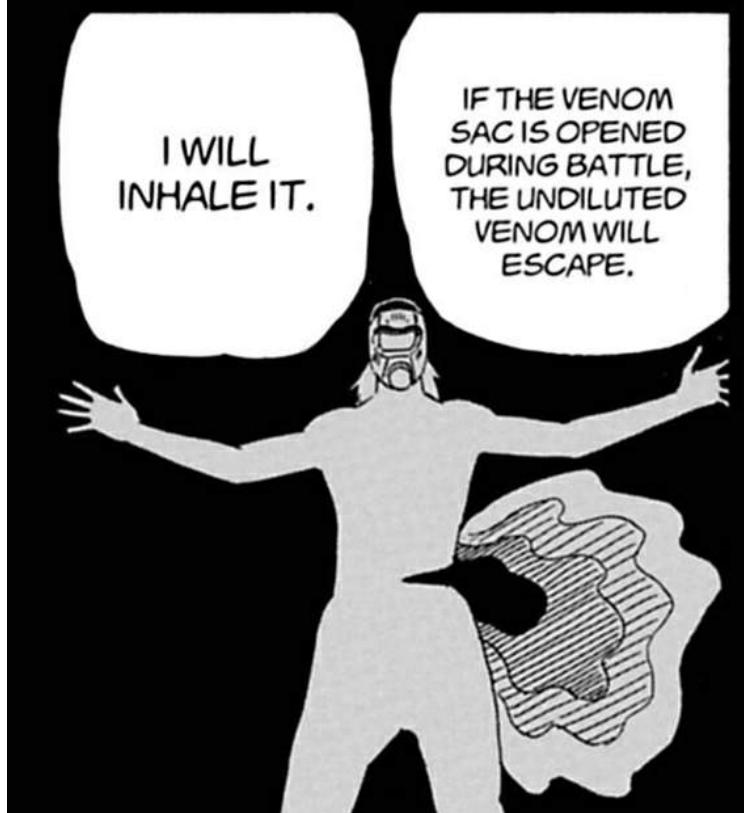
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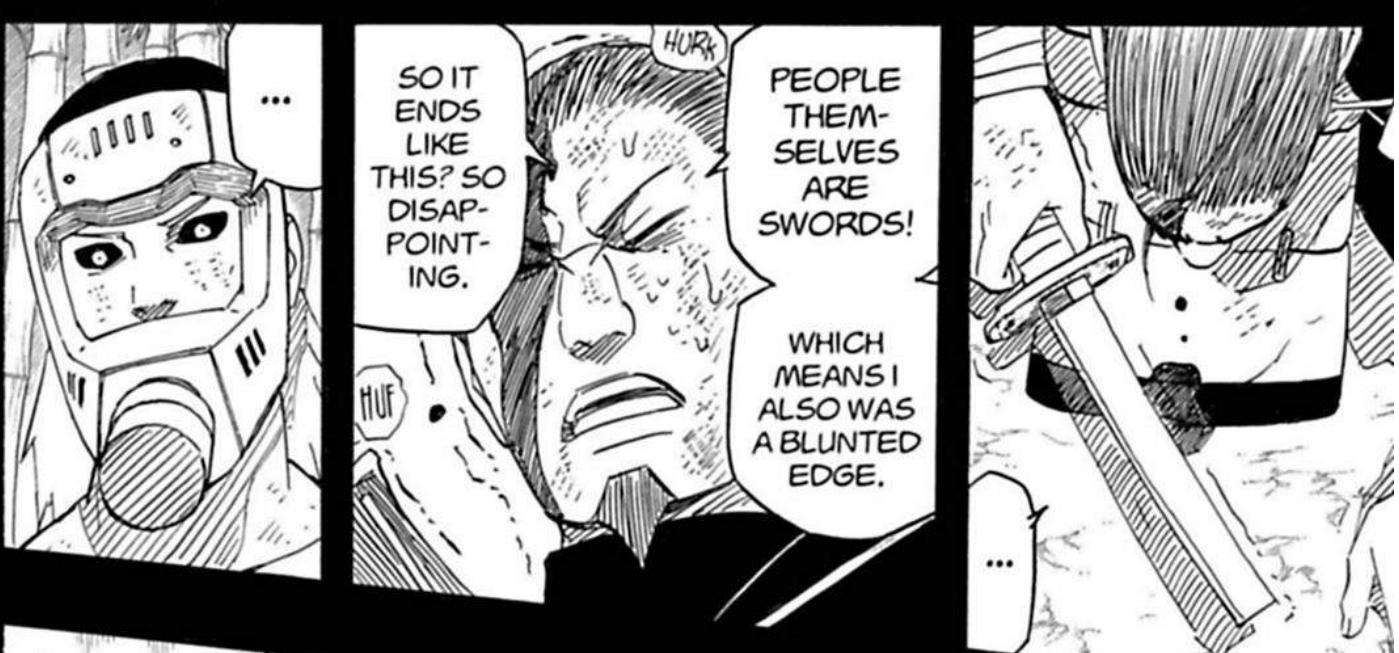
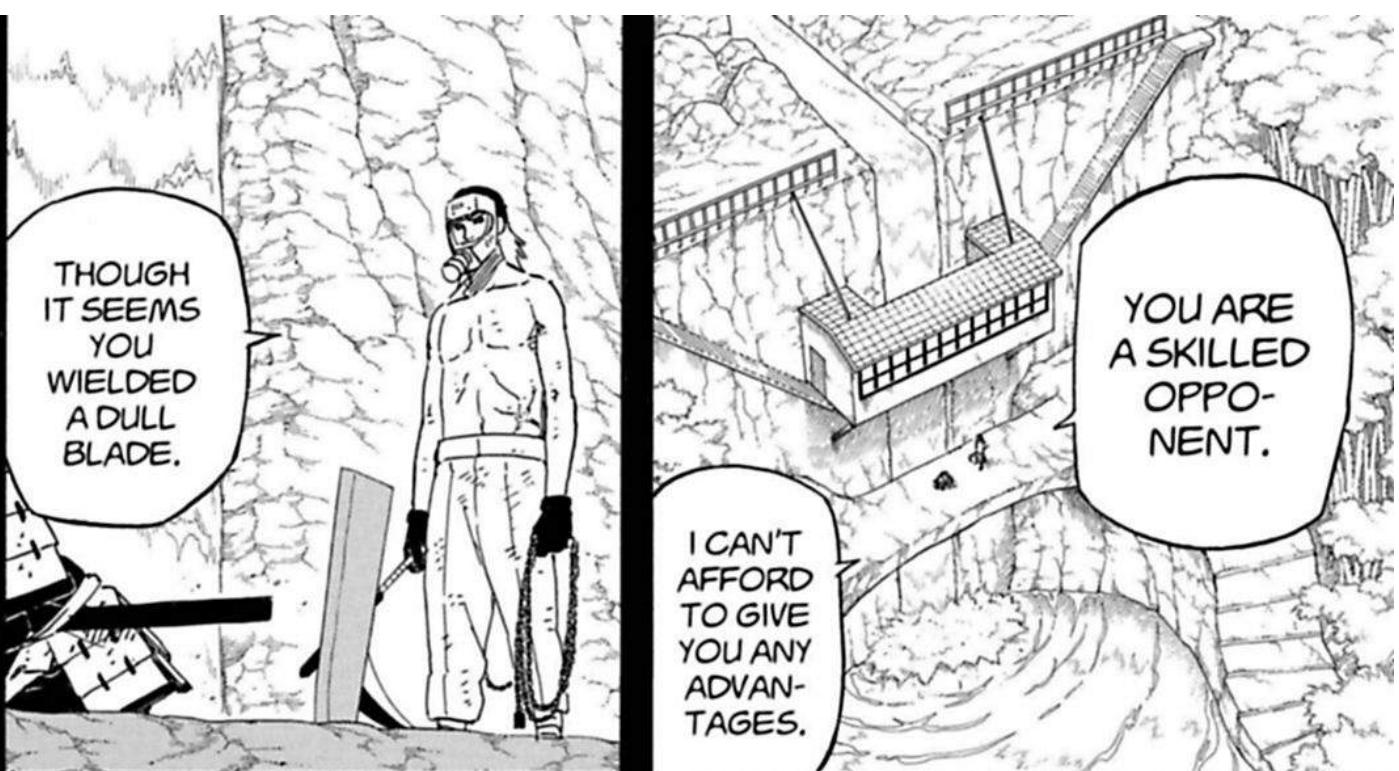
Mifune-vs.-Hanzo-Decided!!





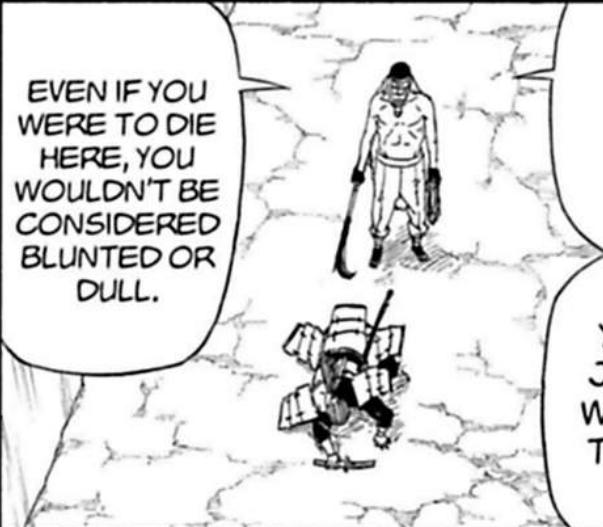
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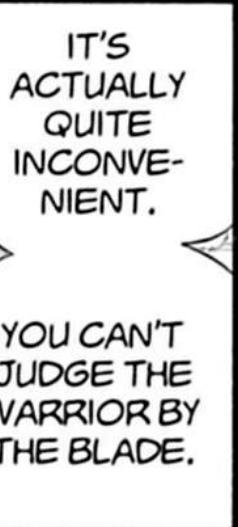




LOSS OF CONVICTION IS THE END.

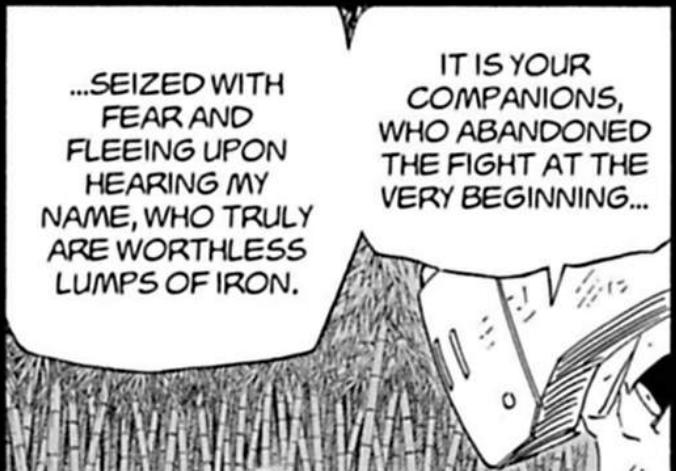


EVEN IF YOU WERE TO DIE HERE, YOU WOULDN'T BE CONSIDERED BLUNTED OR DULL.

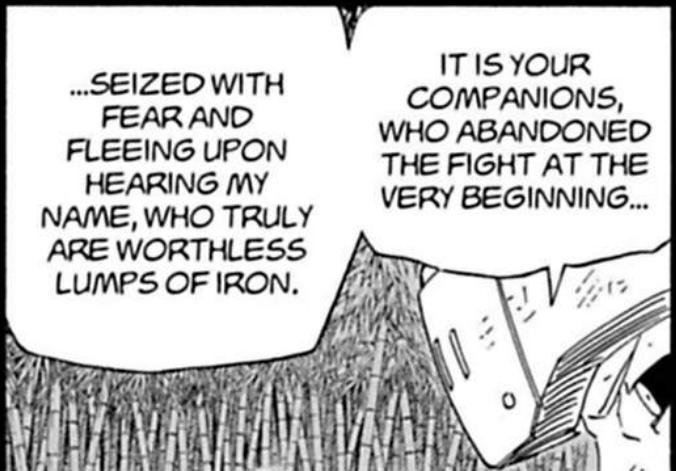


IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE INCONVENIENT.

YOU CAN'T JUDGE THE WARRIOR BY THE BLADE.

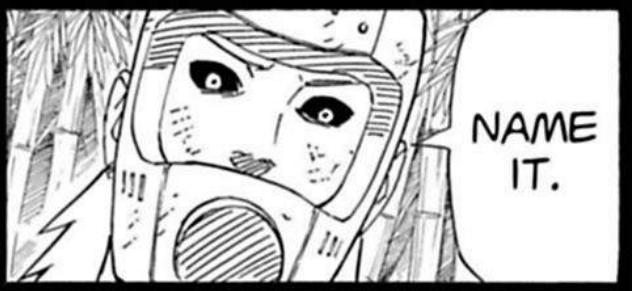


...SEIZED WITH FEAR AND FLEEING UPON HEARING MY NAME, WHO TRULY ARE WORTHLESS LUMPS OF IRON.

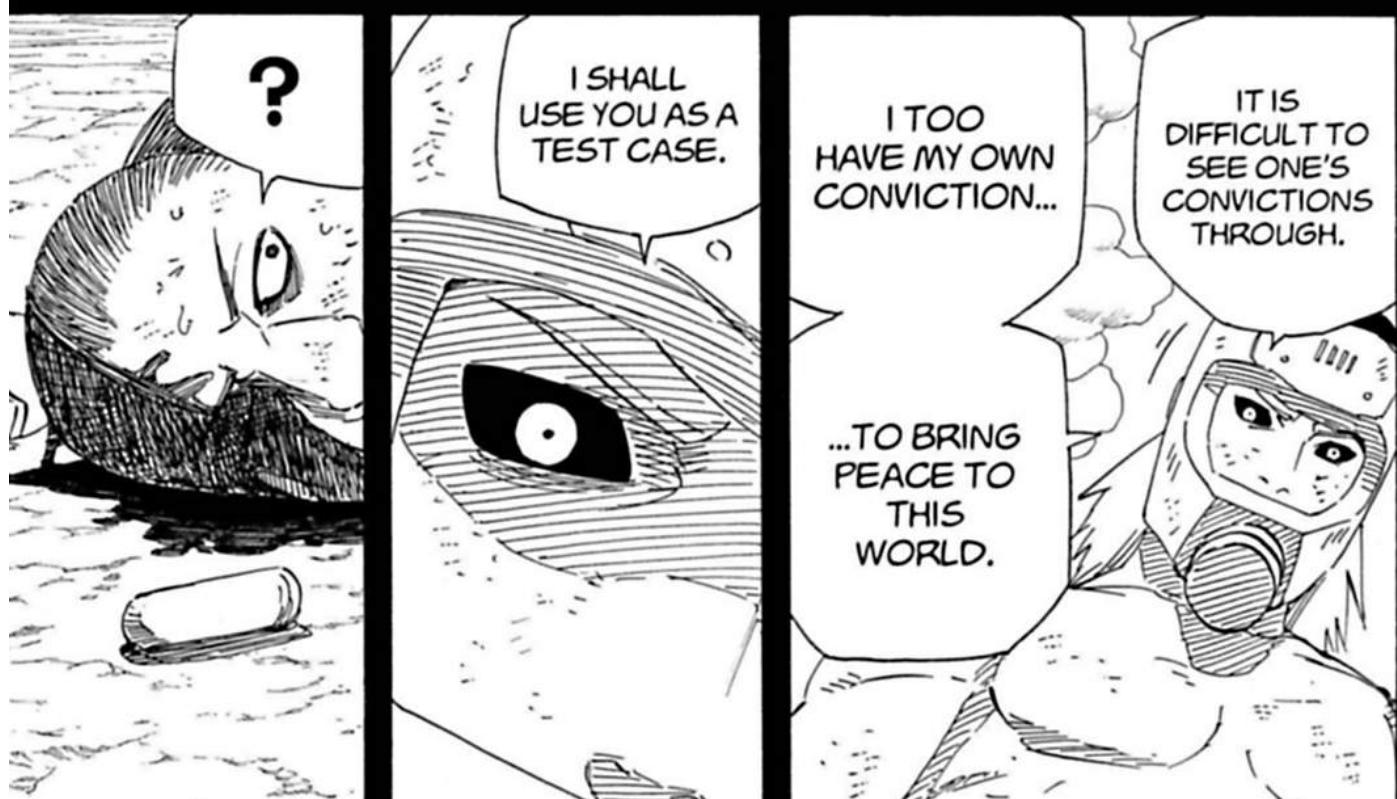
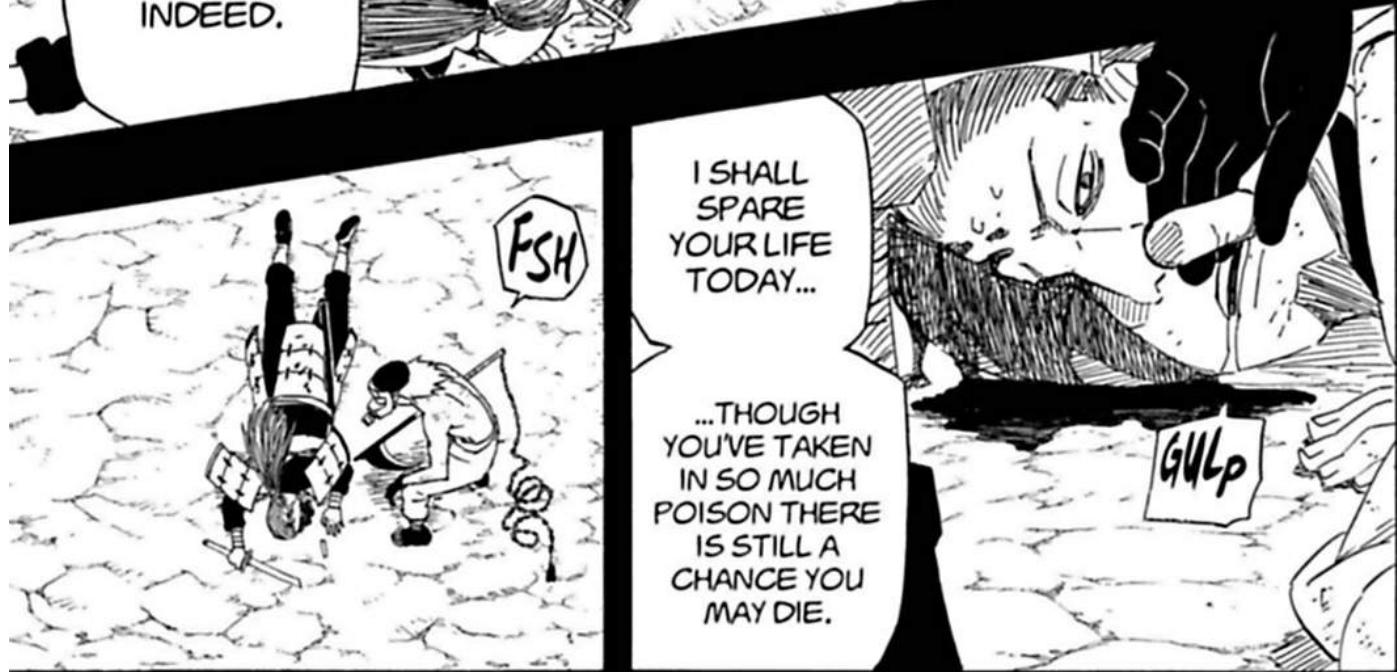


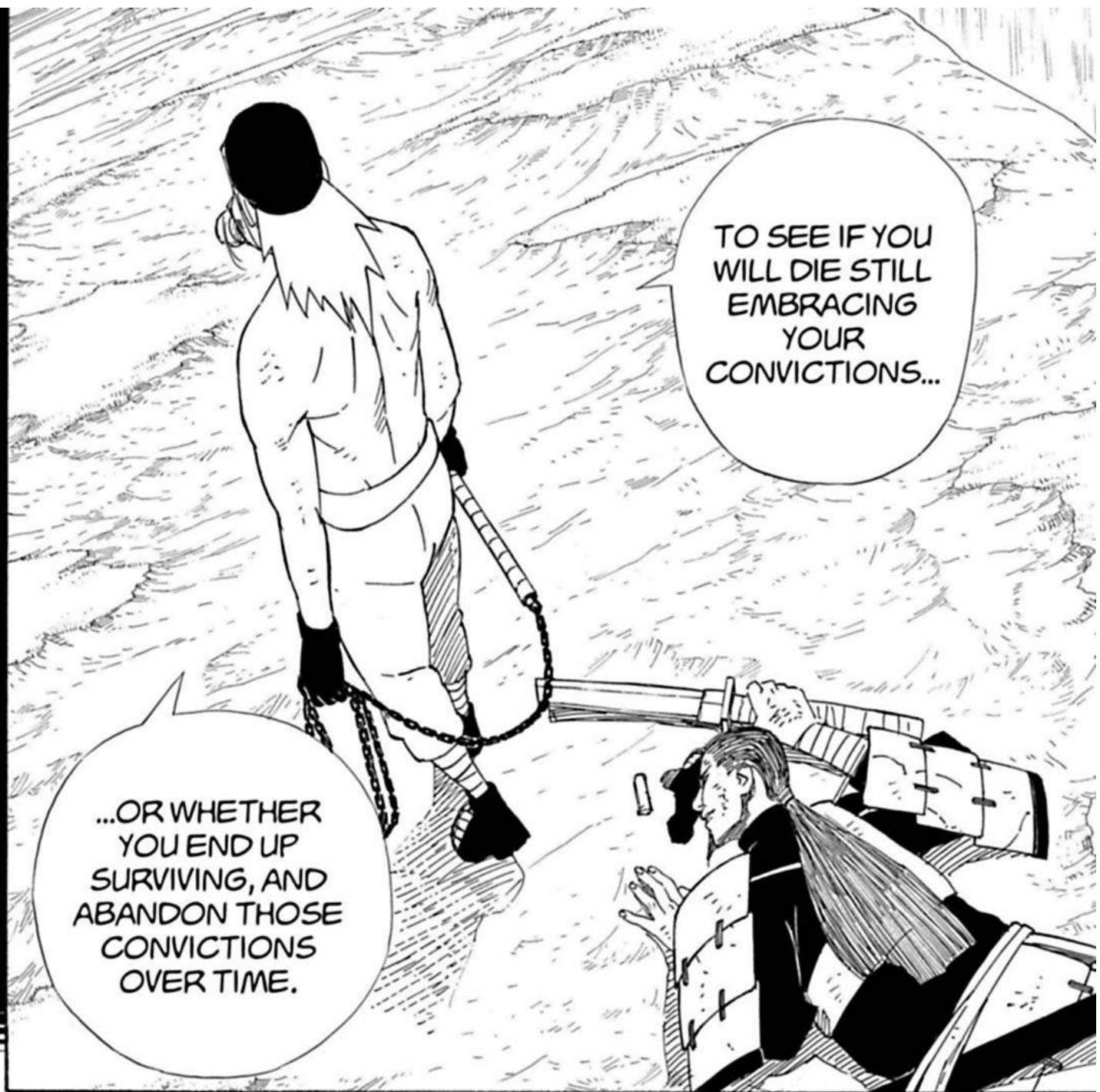
IT IS YOUR COMPANIONS, WHO ABANDONED THE FIGHT AT THE VERY BEGINNING...

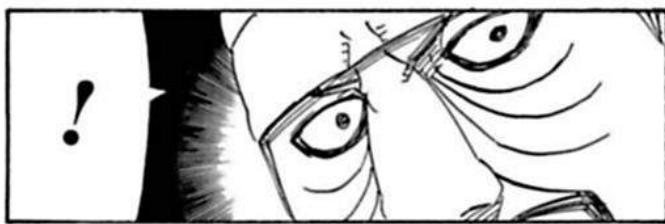


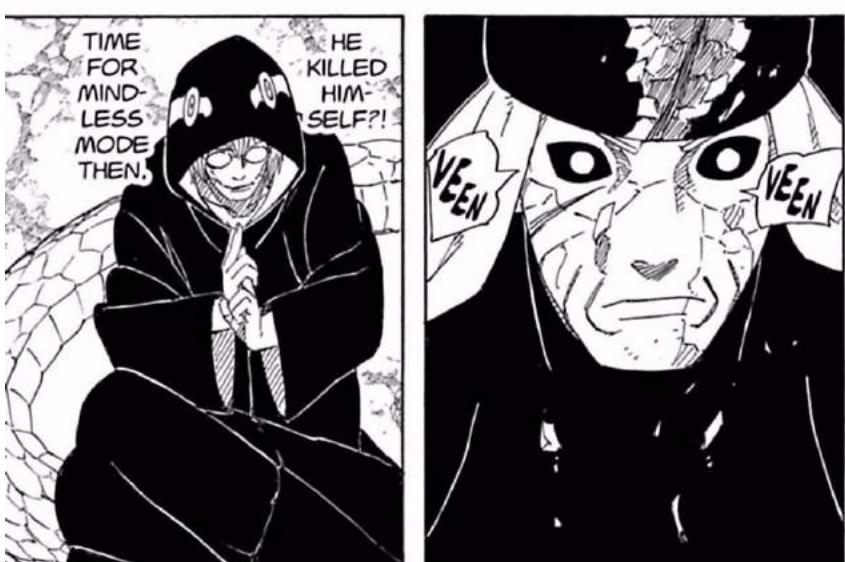
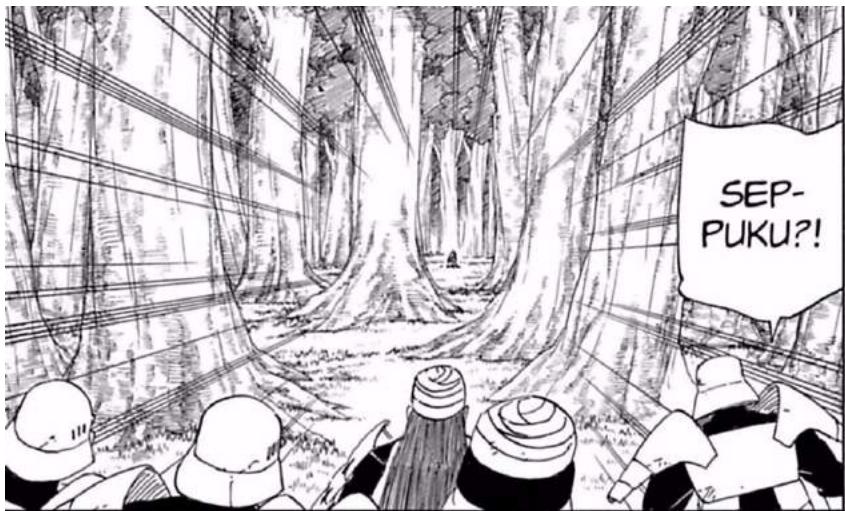


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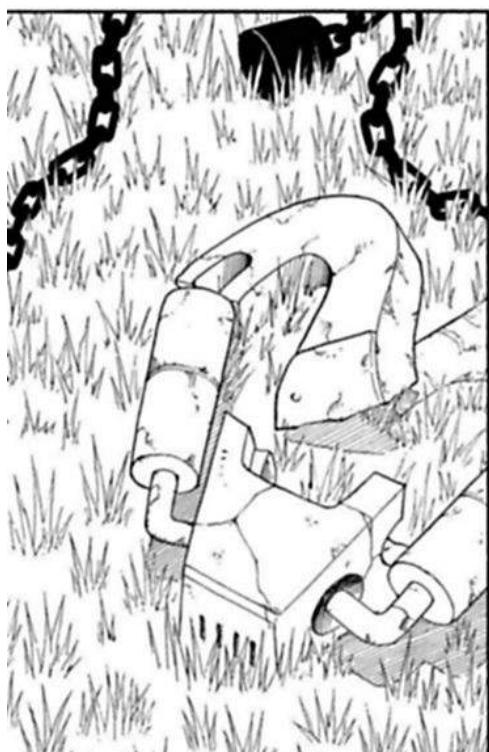








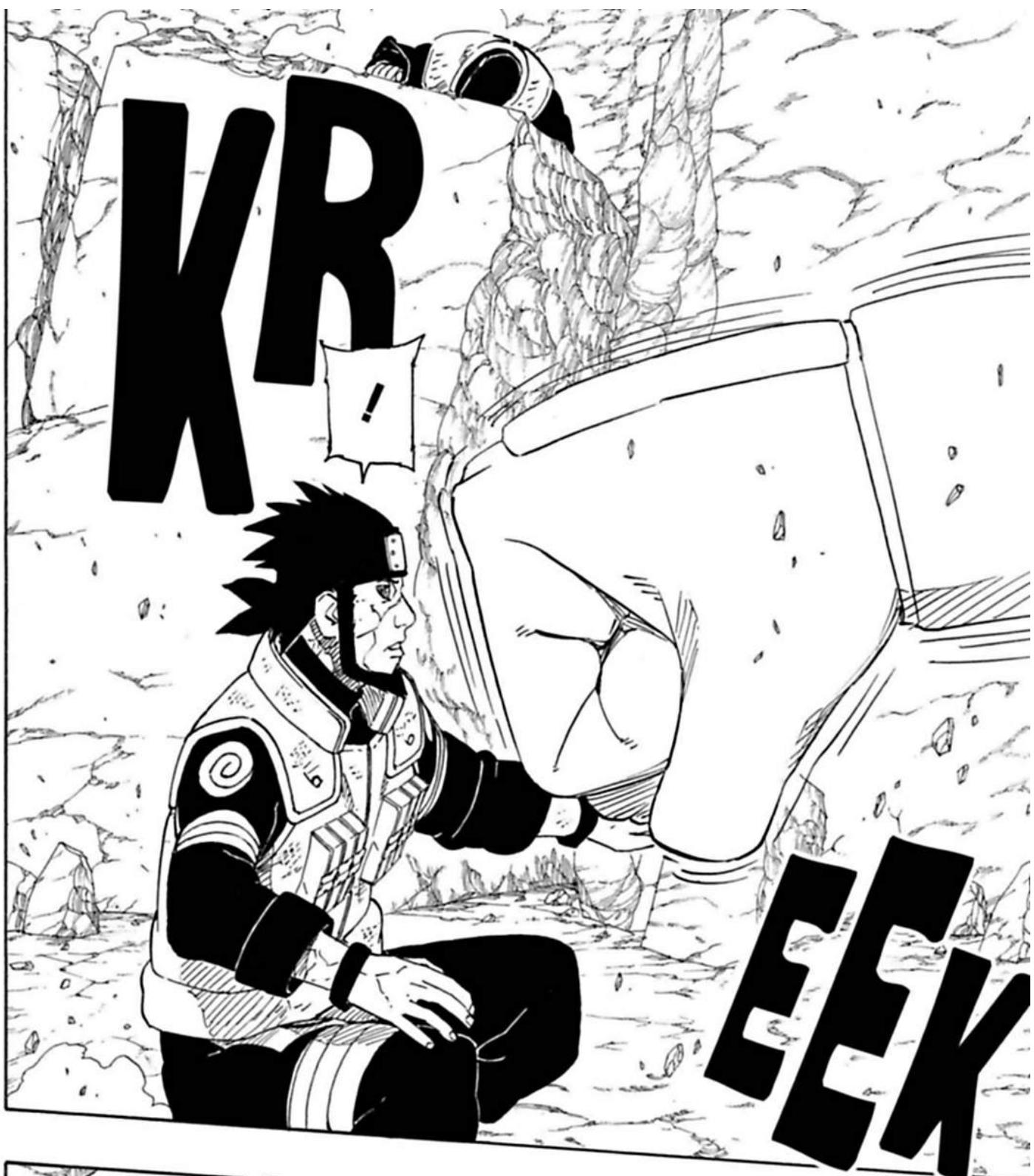
YOU SHOW  
YOU'RE NOT  
JUST A  
BLUNTED  
BLADE!





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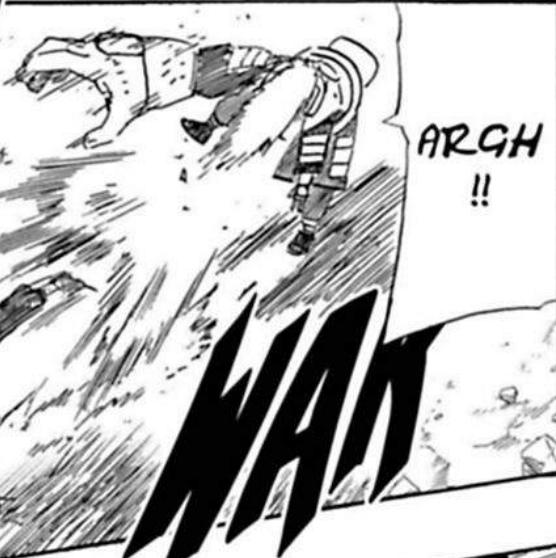




I CAN'T  
TAKE MY  
MASTER  
DOWN!!

I'M  
SORRY!  
I CAN'T  
DO IT!!

TH



ARGH  
!!

CHOJI  
!!

WIND  
STYLE! DUST  
STORM  
JUTSU!!

FWp FIGHT  
!!

FWp

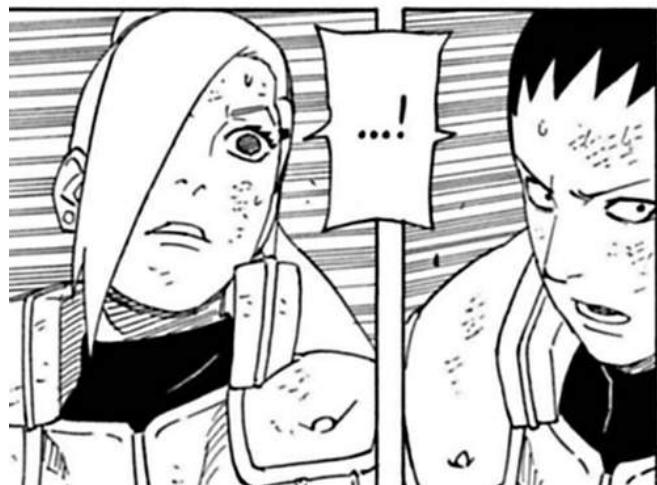
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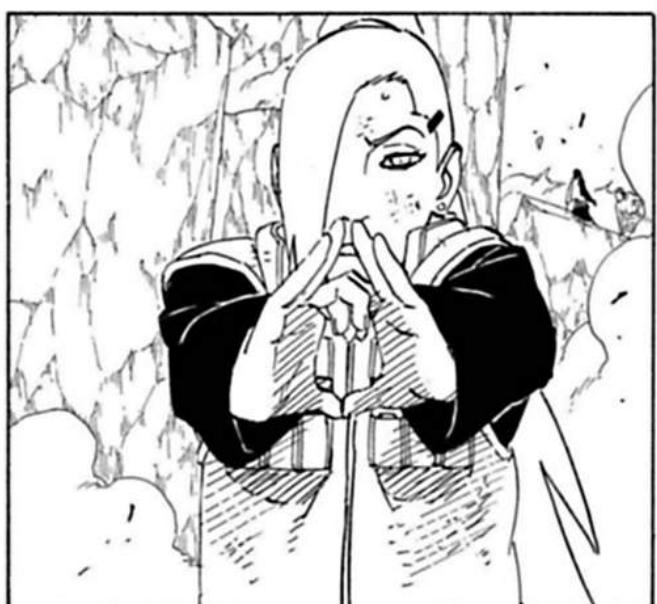


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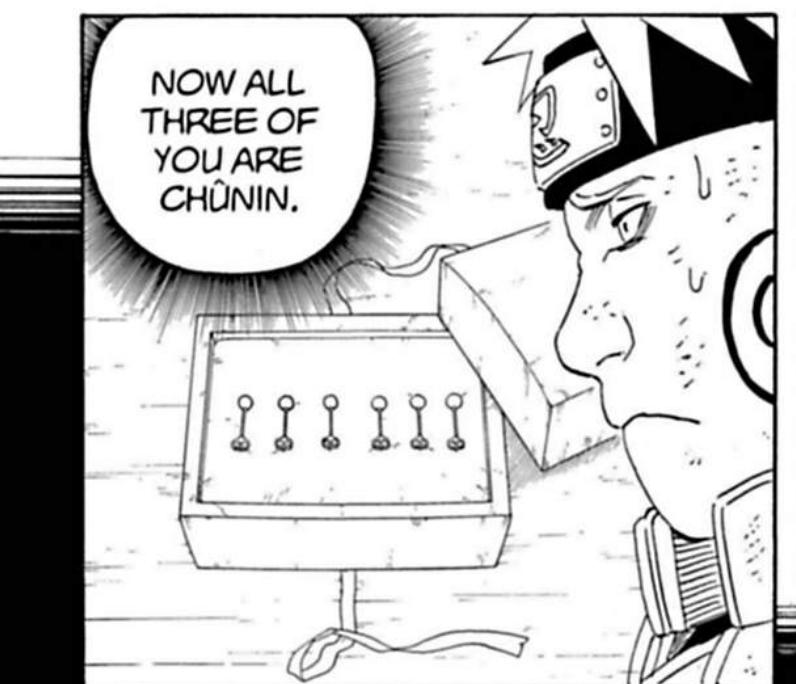












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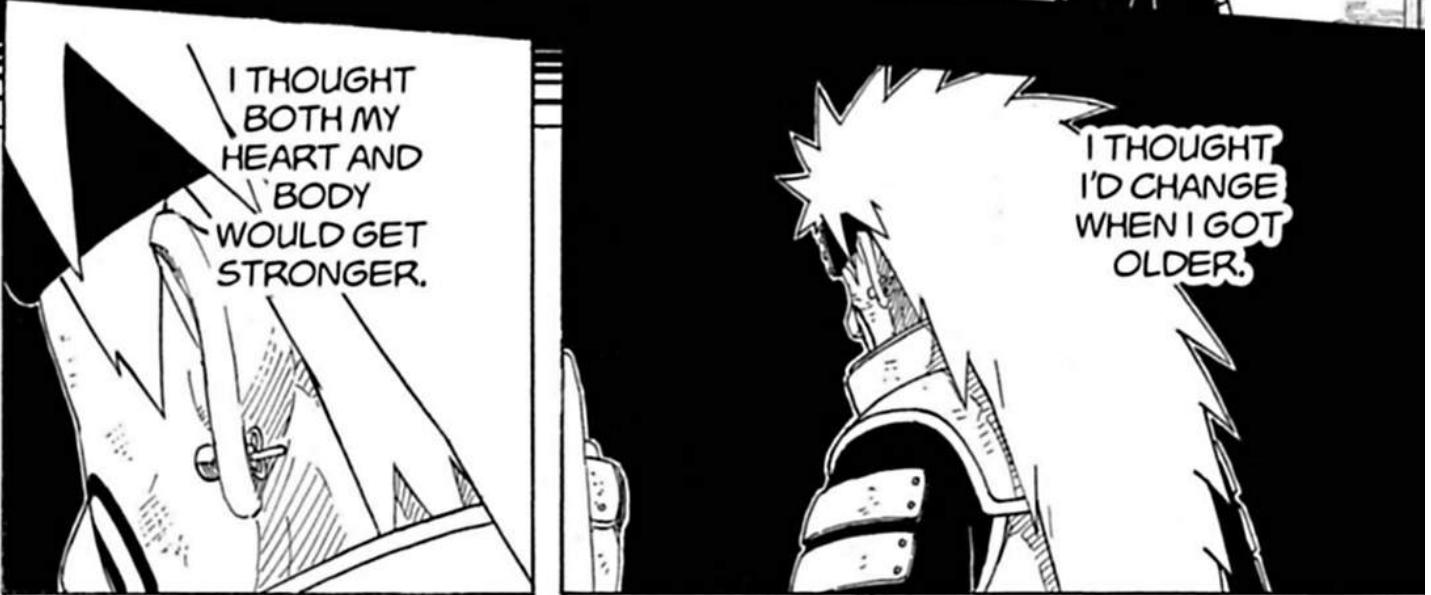
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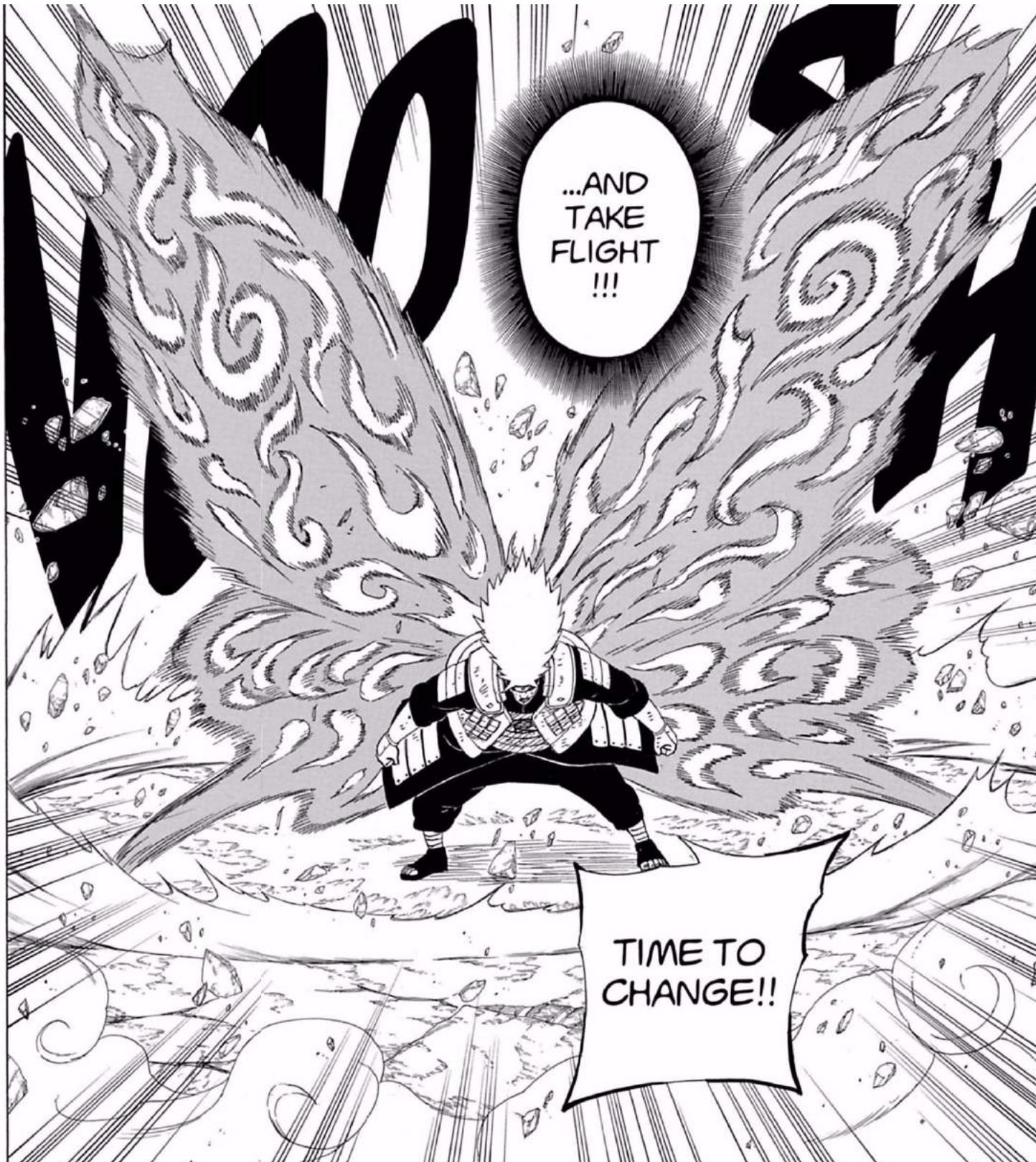


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Farewell, Ino-Shika-Chō!!

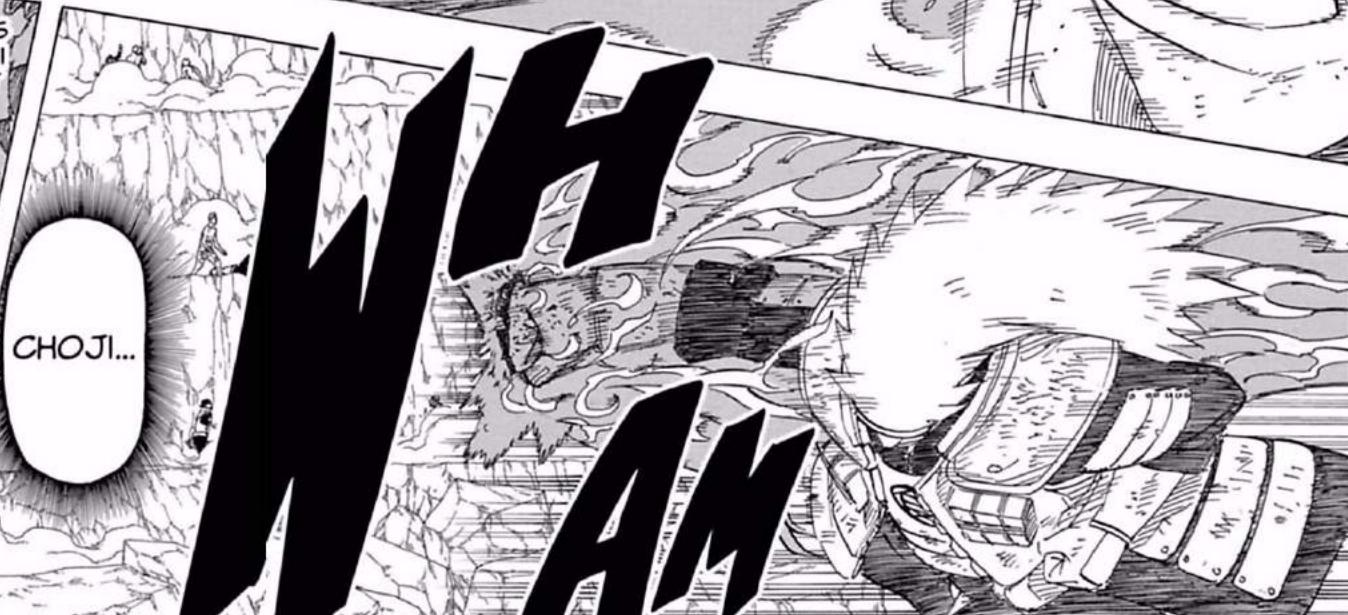
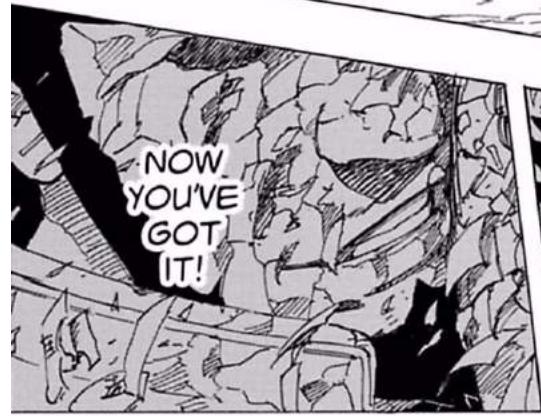
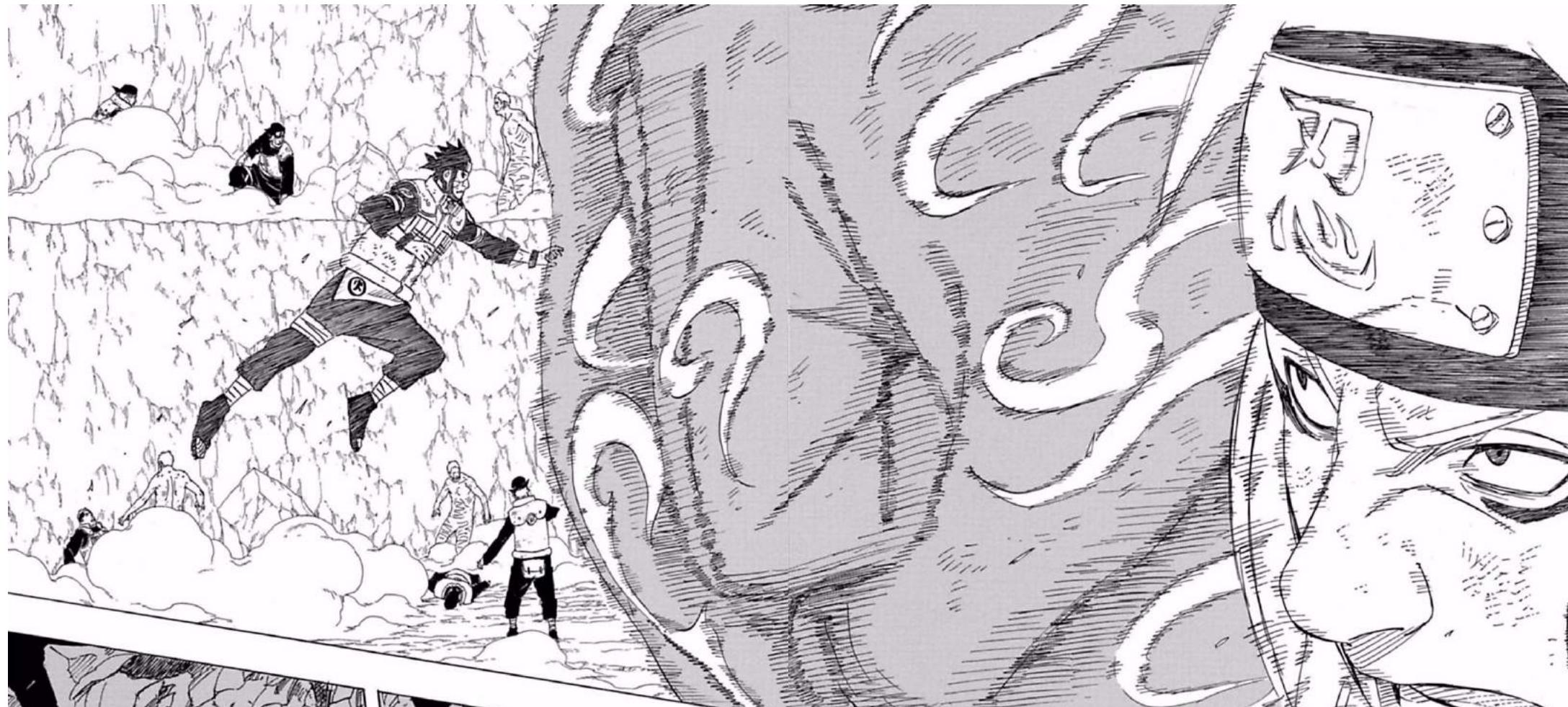








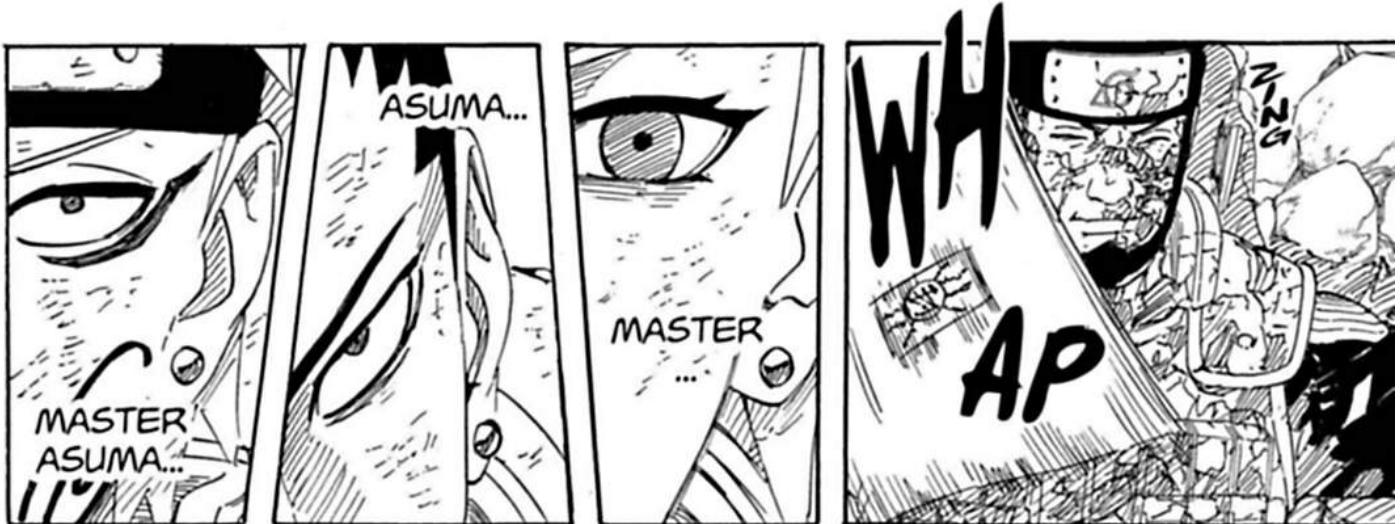






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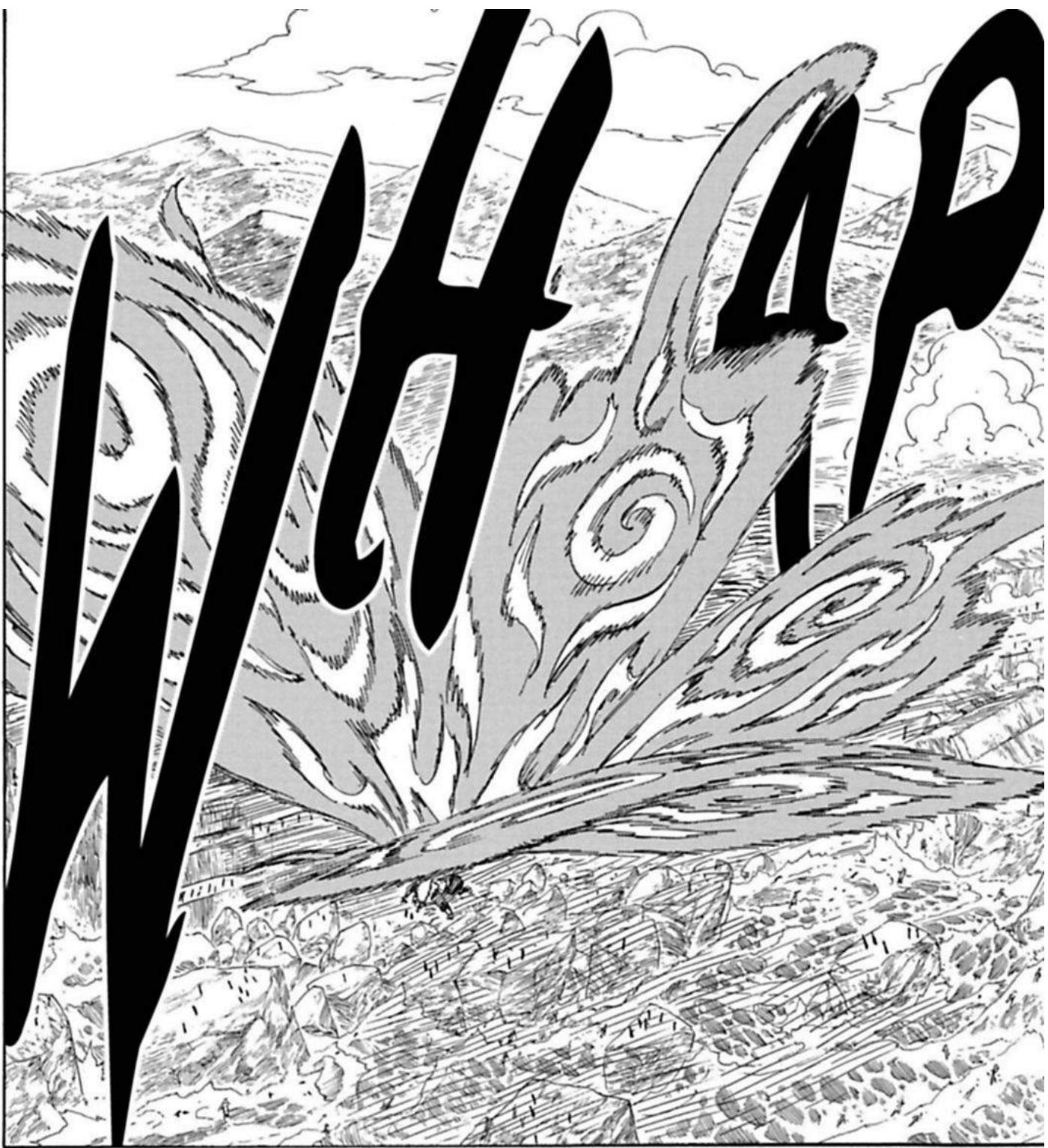


THANK  
YOU.

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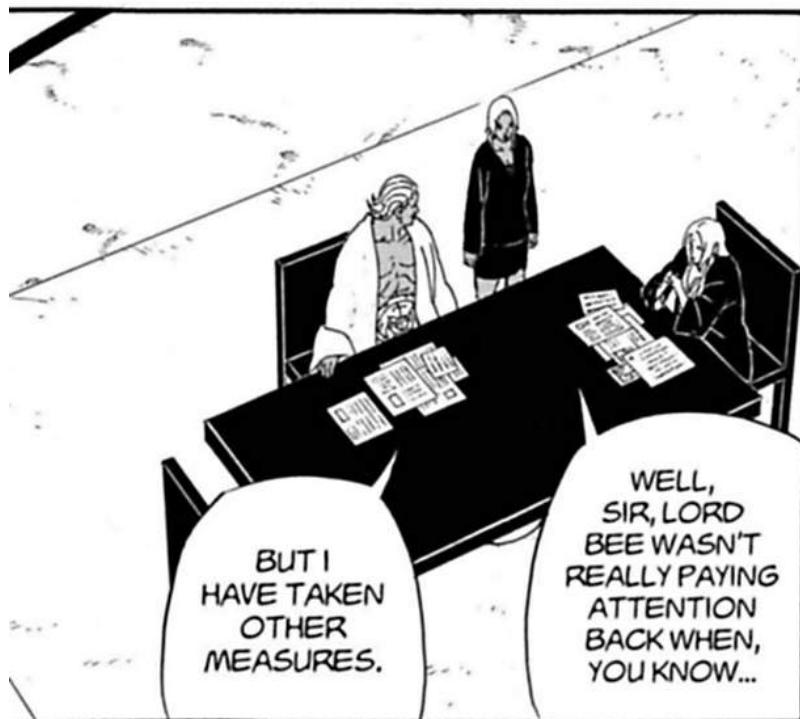








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