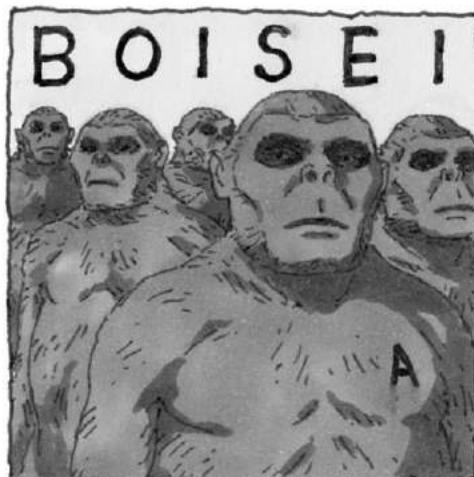




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At the beginning of the 2000s, the "Chocola Saurs" series of toys sold with sweets was a huge craze at the *Naruto* studio. Each box contained sweets plus one dinosaur surprise figure. Among the 24 different ones was an ape-man called "*Australopithecus boisei*" that I somehow found myself strangely drawn to. With a sidelong glance at everyone else who was keen on collecting all 24, I alone decided on the eccentric path of single-mindedly amassing as many Boiseis as I could. When I line up the 11 that I received from acquaintances or bought on Yahoo! Auctions, it makes quite a spectacle. Even now, though the boom itself has passed, their bizarre aura shows no sign of decline. I think I want a few more. Maybe I'll hunt down a 12th.

-Mikio Ikemoto, 2020



小太刀右京

Thank you so much for all of your thoughts and opinions. I have been getting feedback from all over the world and reading it thanks to dictionary and translation software. (And also tons from all you Japanese fans as well!). I am constantly amazed by the number of *Naruto* and *Boruto* fans in the world. I previously read each and every one of your thoughts, and I use all of them as reference. My sincerest apologies that I haven't sent any replies, but please consider the manga itself as my reply! However, the great number of fans makes me wonder if there might be aliens among you too. If there are, please quietly let me know!

-Ukyo Kodachi, 2020

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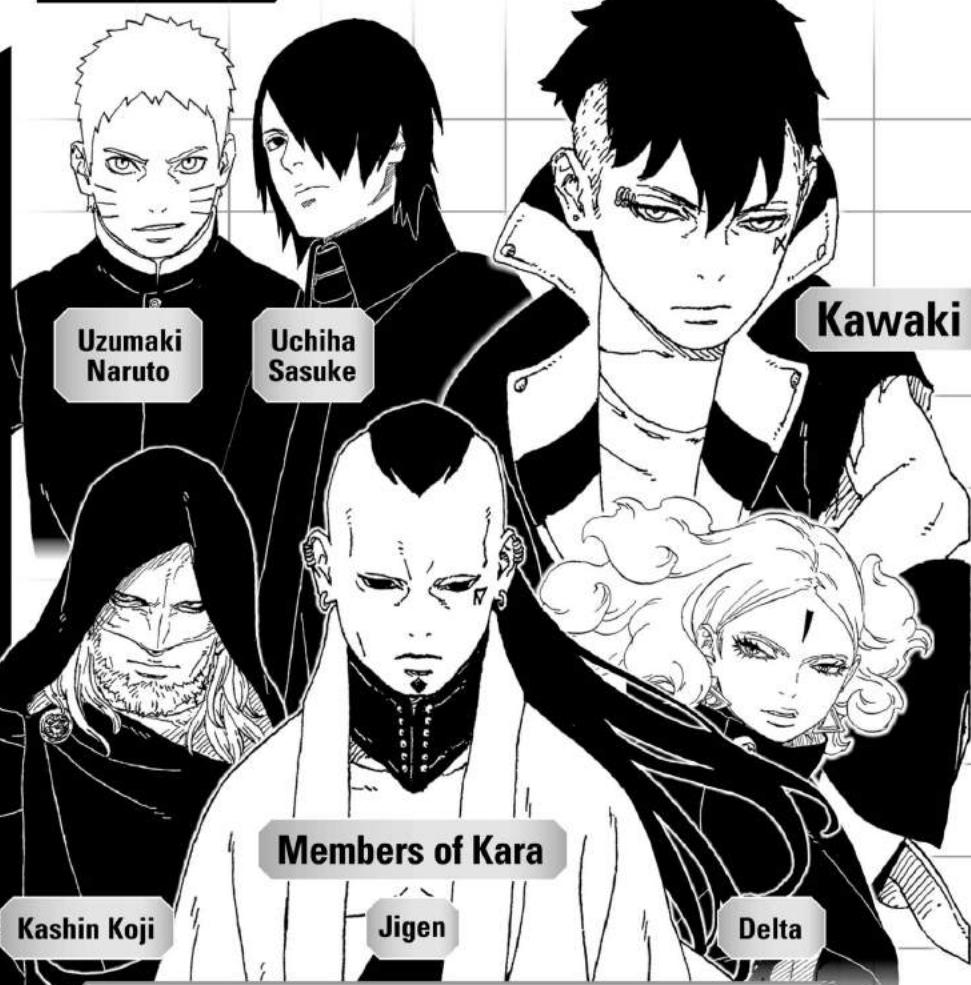
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He's Bad News

**Members of Kara**

Kashin Koji

Jigen

Delta

STORY

The Great Ninja War that shook the world and shed much blood is now history. Naruto has become the Seventh Hokage, and the people of Konohagakure Village are enjoying peace. Yet Naruto's son Uzumaki Boruto has a glum life, perhaps due to his father's too-great influence.

Rebelling against Naruto while simultaneously craving his praise, Boruto decides to enter the Chunin Exam along with his teammates Sarada and Mitsuki. However, Boruto ends up secretly using a prohibited Scientific Ninja Tool and is stripped of his shinobi status by his father.

Just then, members of the Ohtsutsuki Clan attack the arena! Boruto faces off against them alongside Naruto, Sasuke, and others, and they achieve victory with a Rasengan that father and son weave together. However, a strange mark appears on Boruto's right palm...

Afterward, Boruto happens upon a young man named Kawaki who bears the same Karma as himself. And it is he who is proven to be what Kara has been calling the Vessel.

In order to place Kawaki under his protection, Naruto moves him into his own home. Kara member Delta shows up and battles Naruto. Kawaki loses his right hand protecting Naruto and his daughter Himawari. However, he is given one of Naruto's prosthetic hands and starts feeling at ease with life in the Village...



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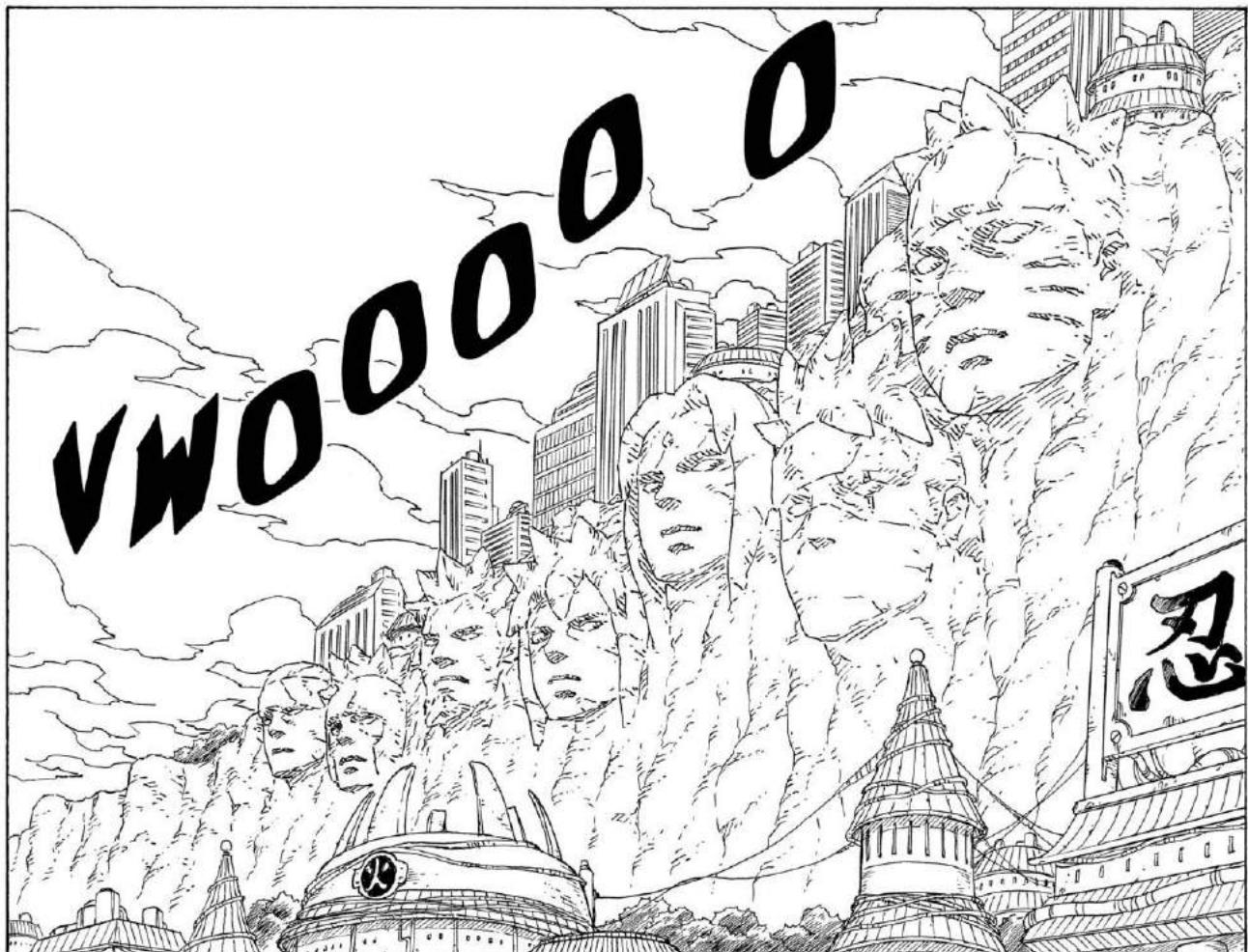


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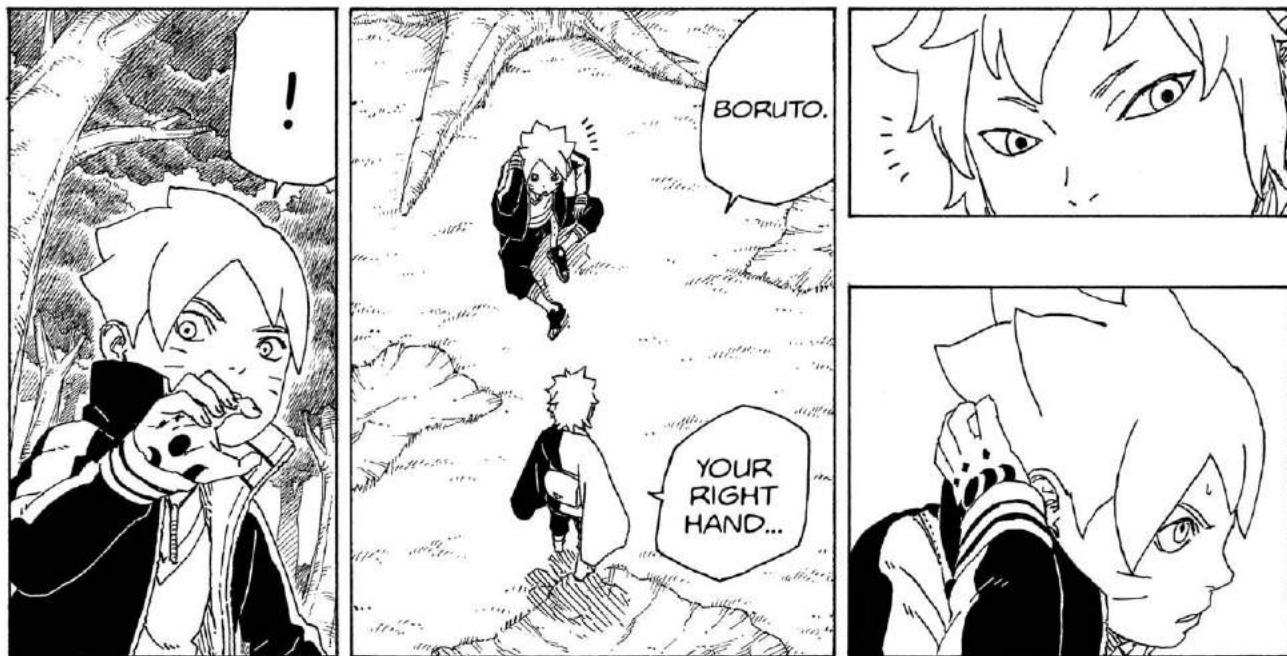


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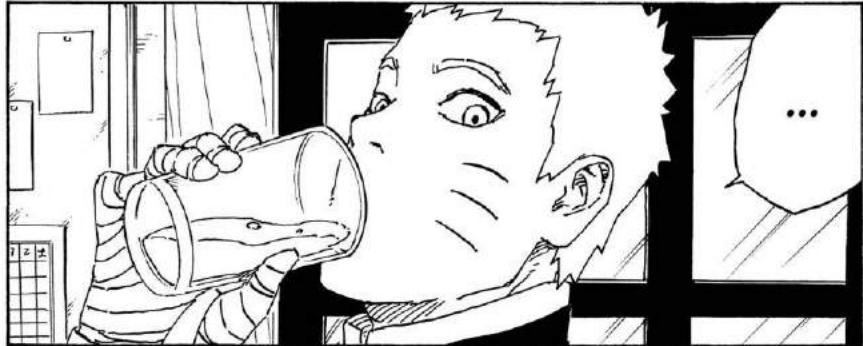
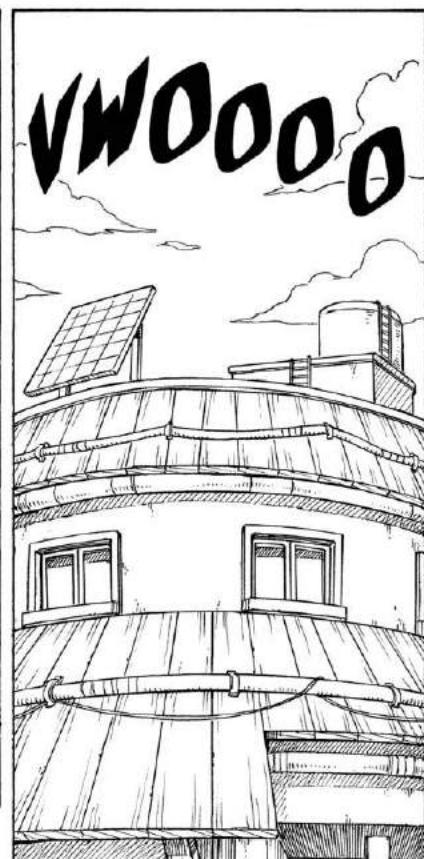
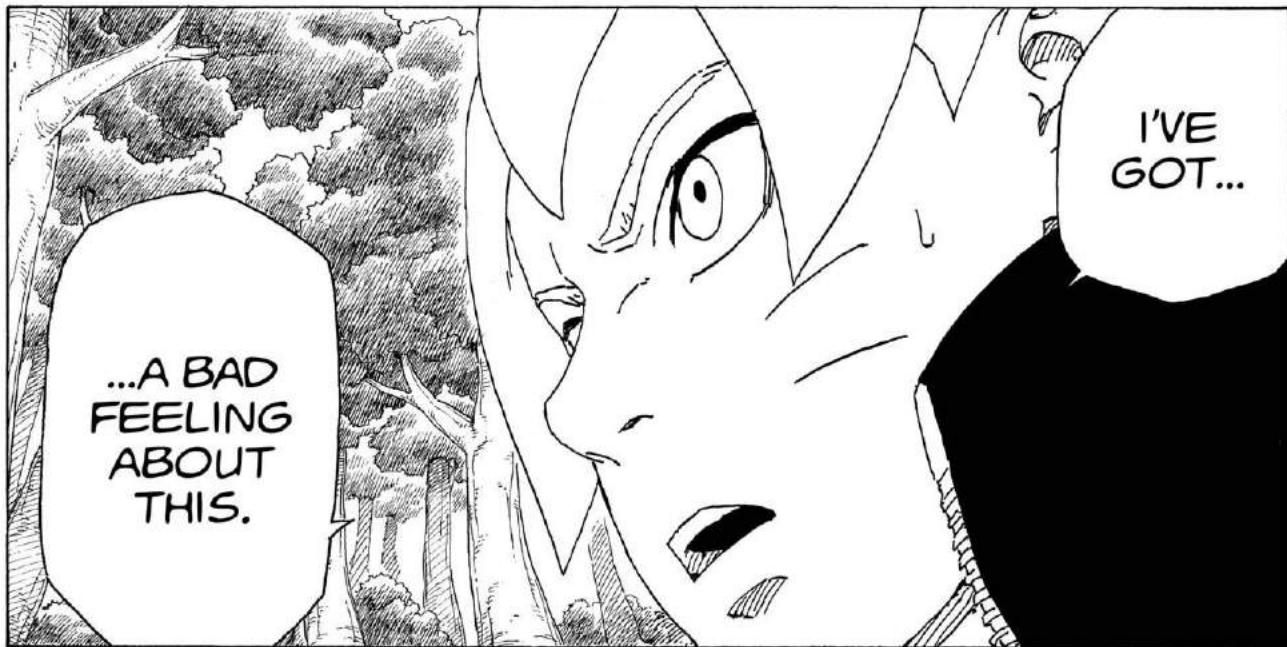
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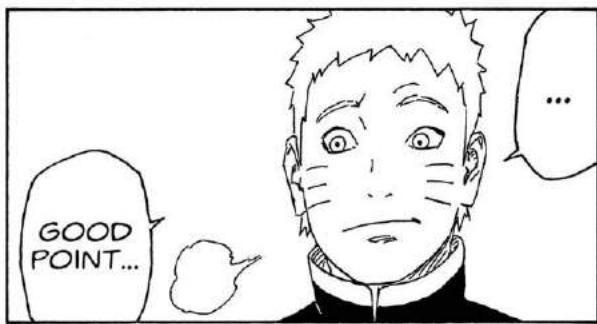




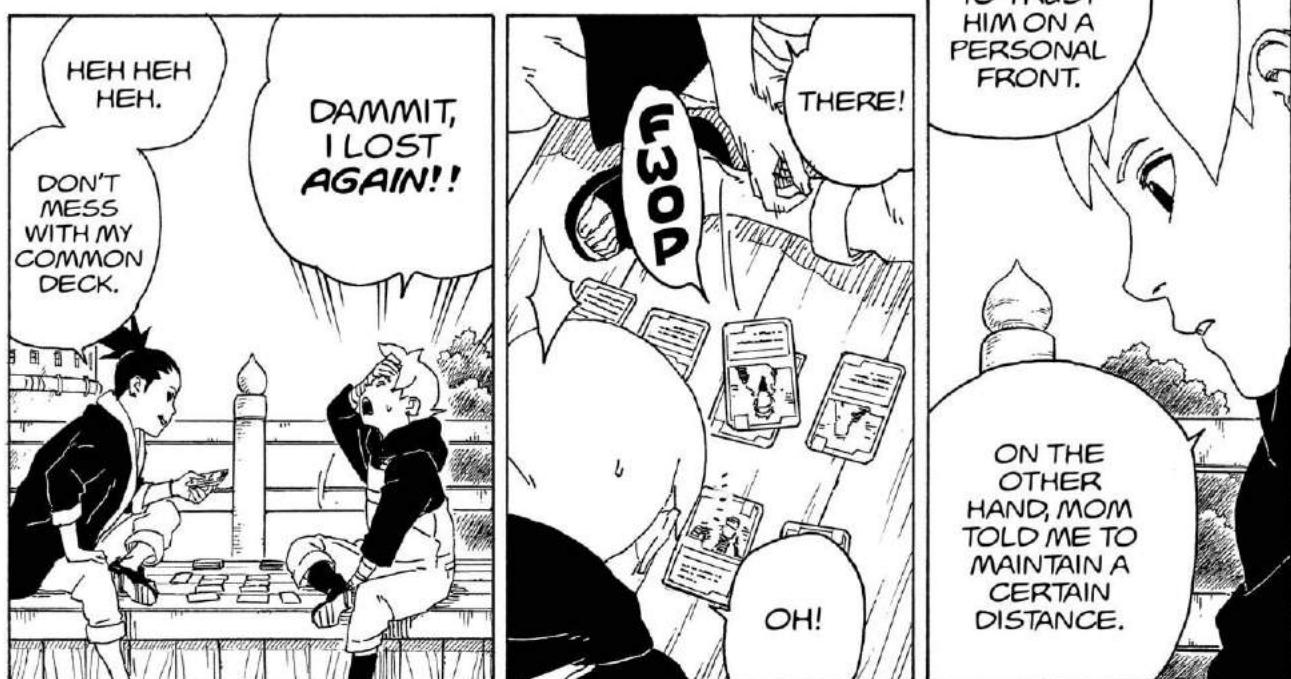


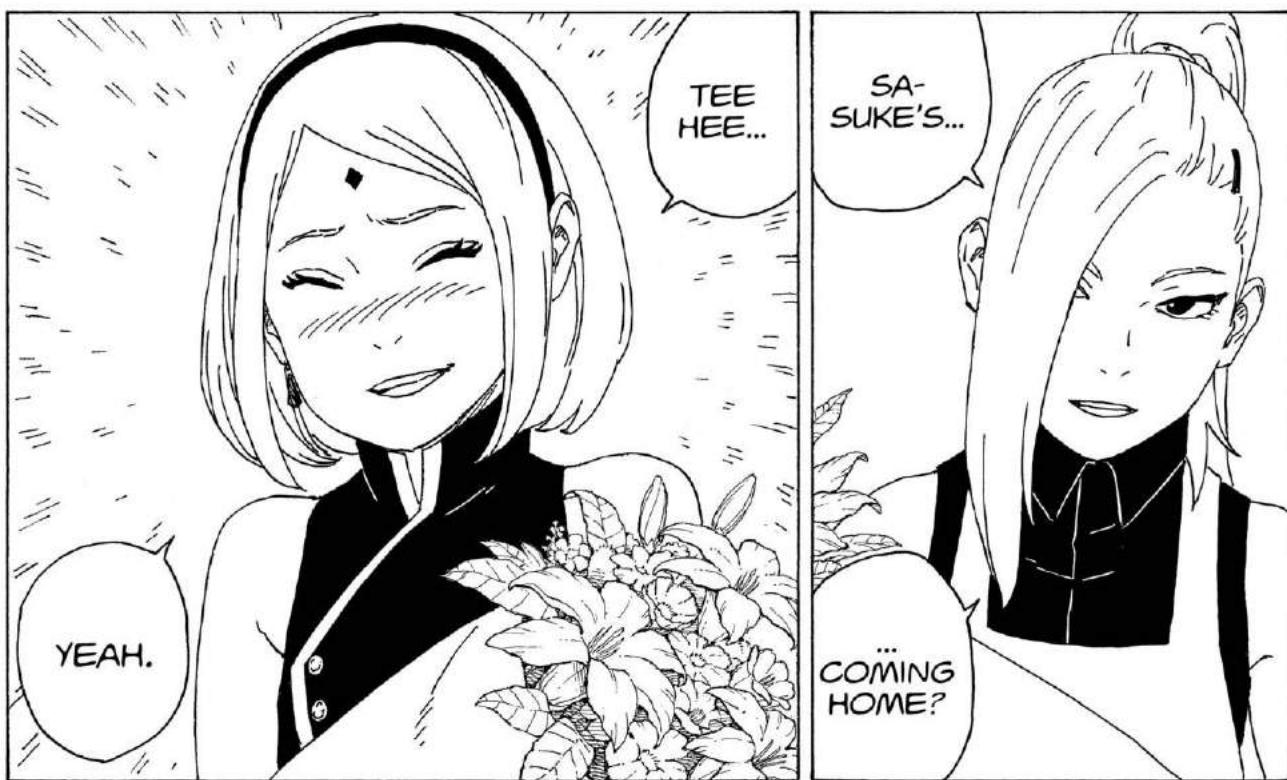
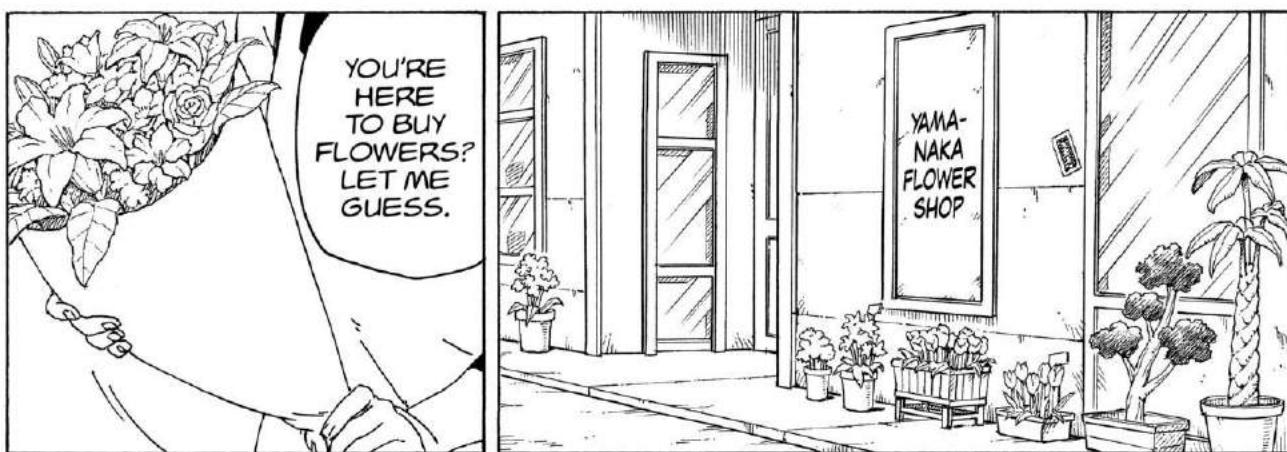




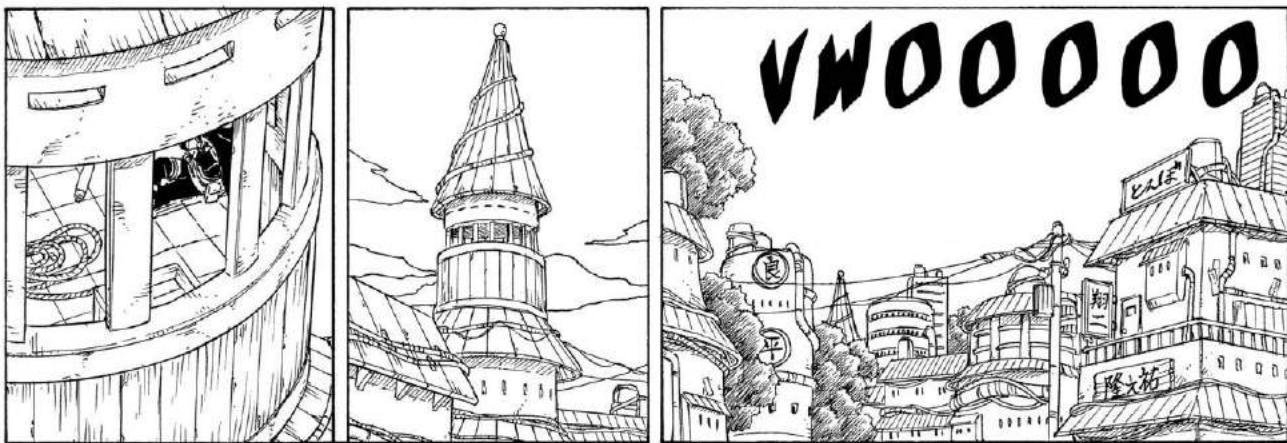


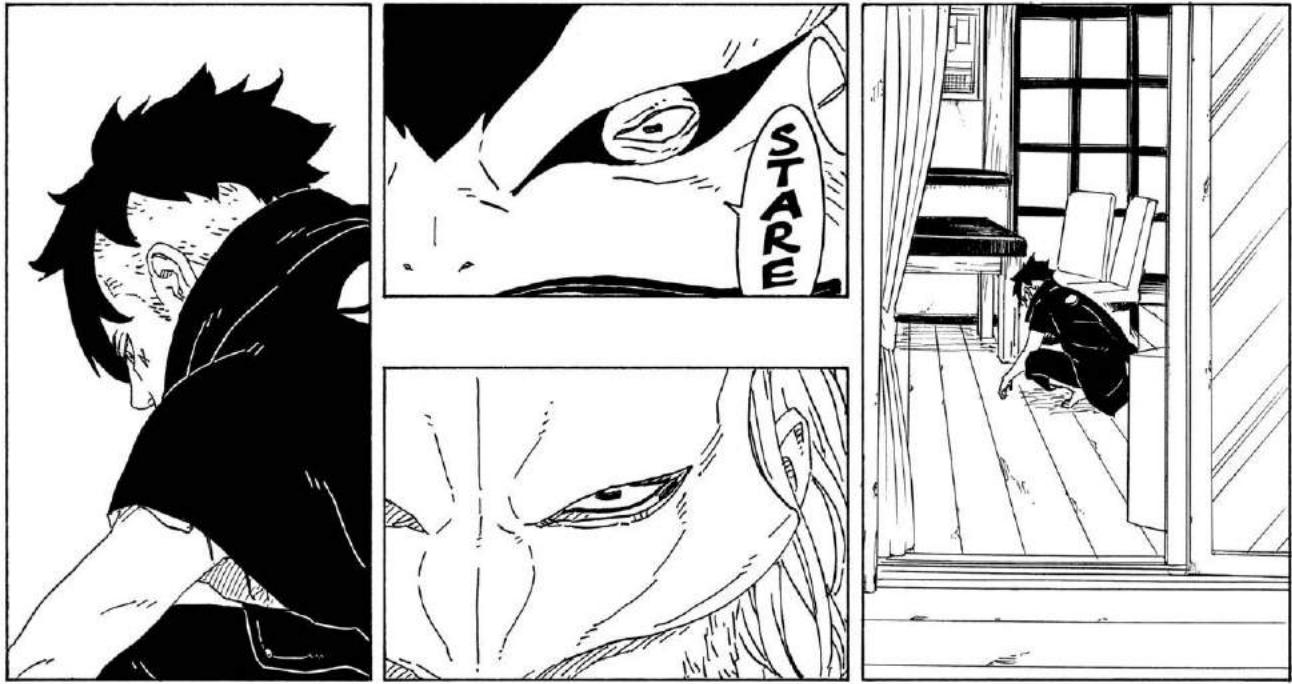
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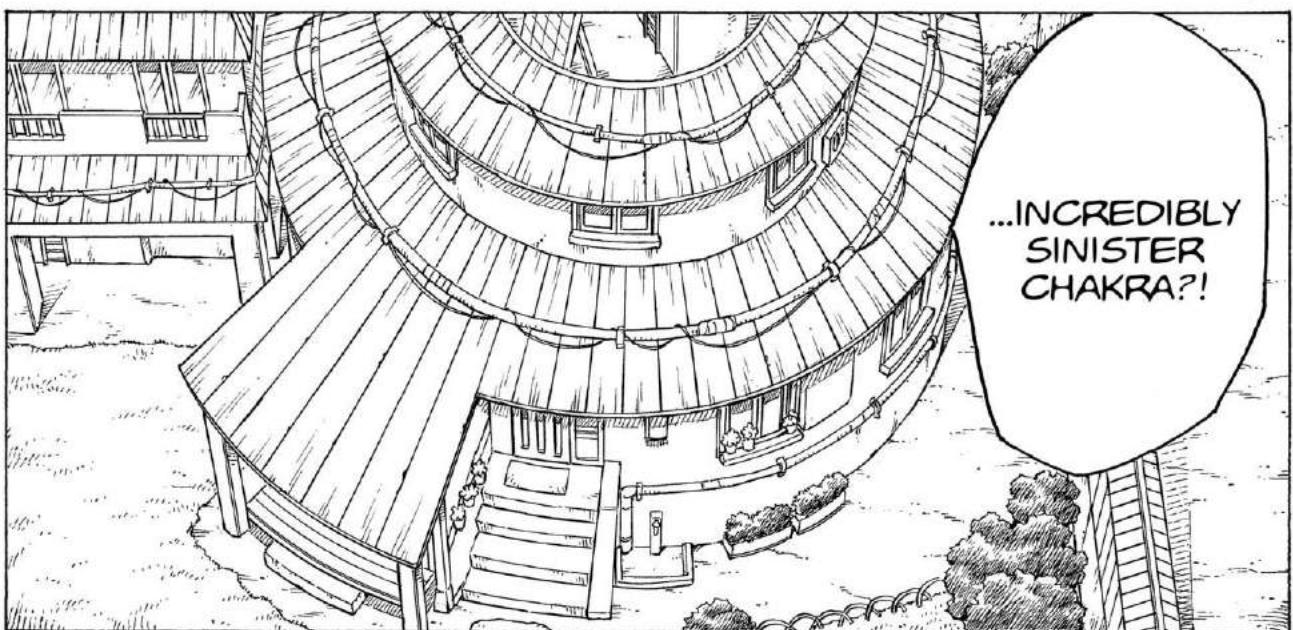
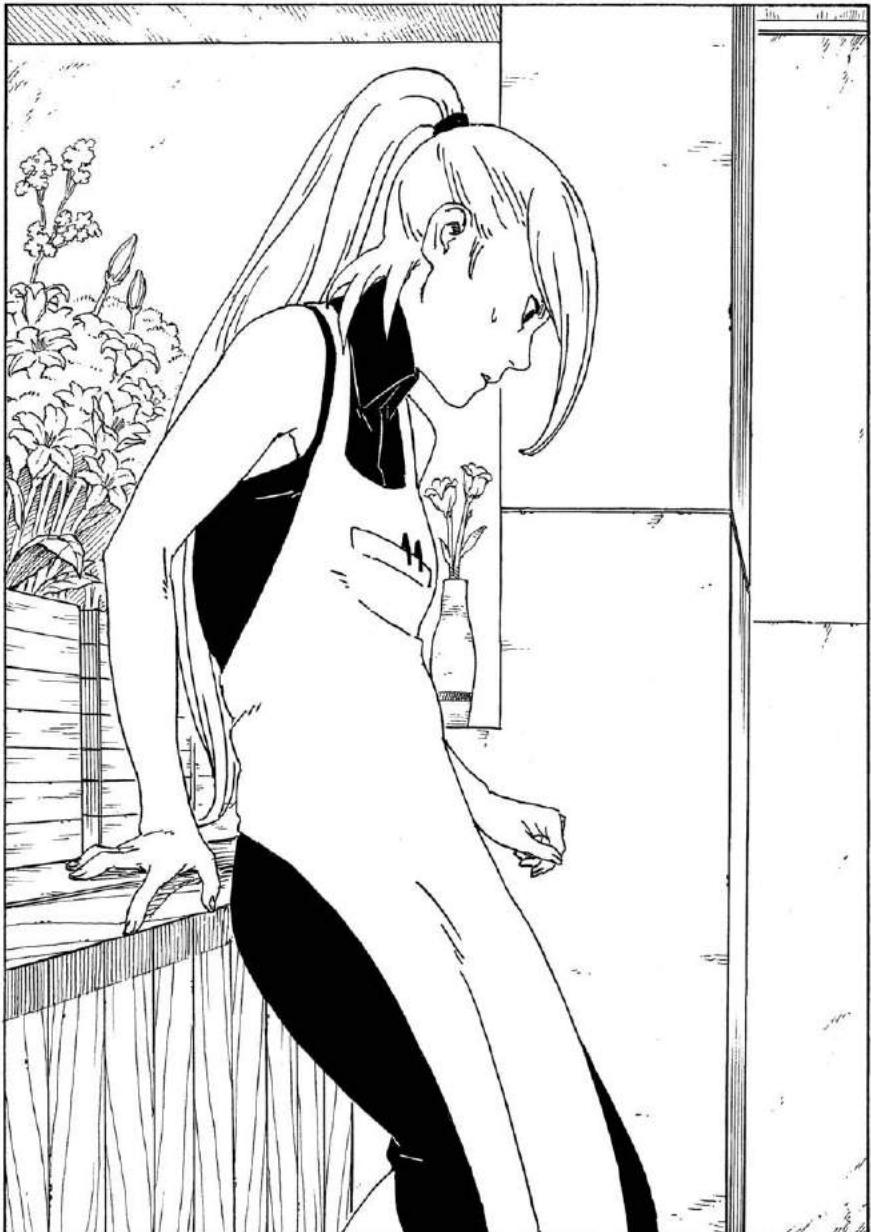
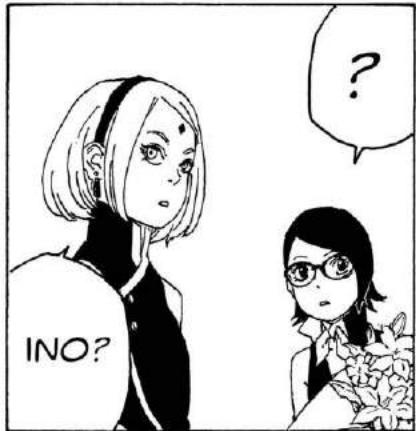


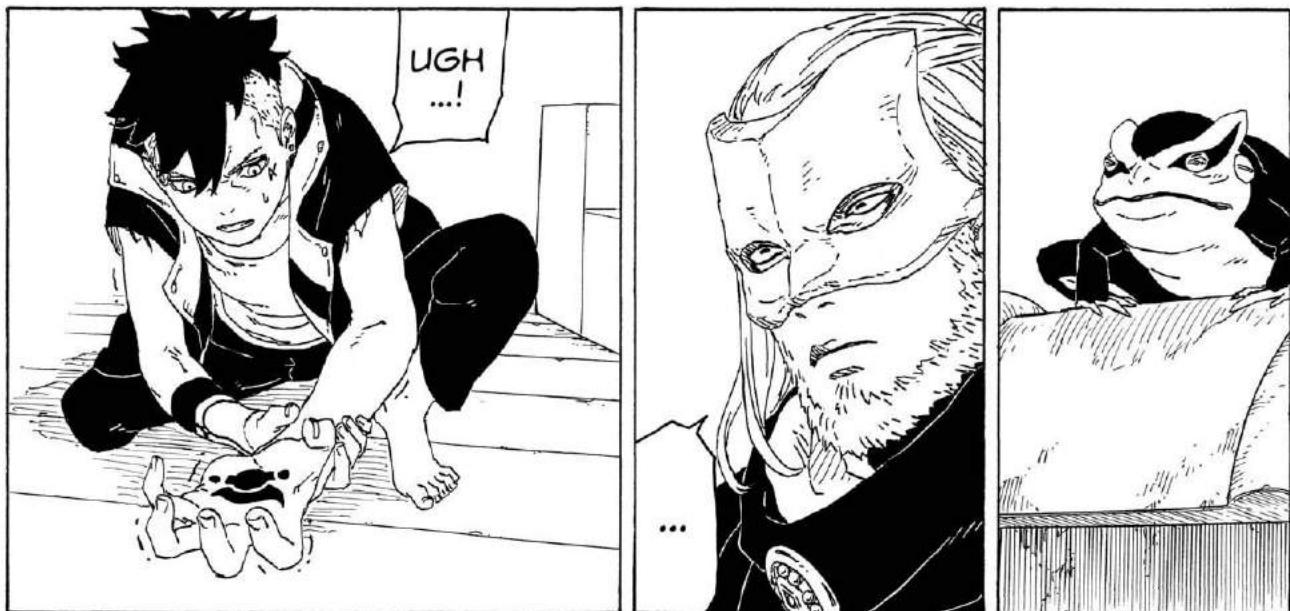
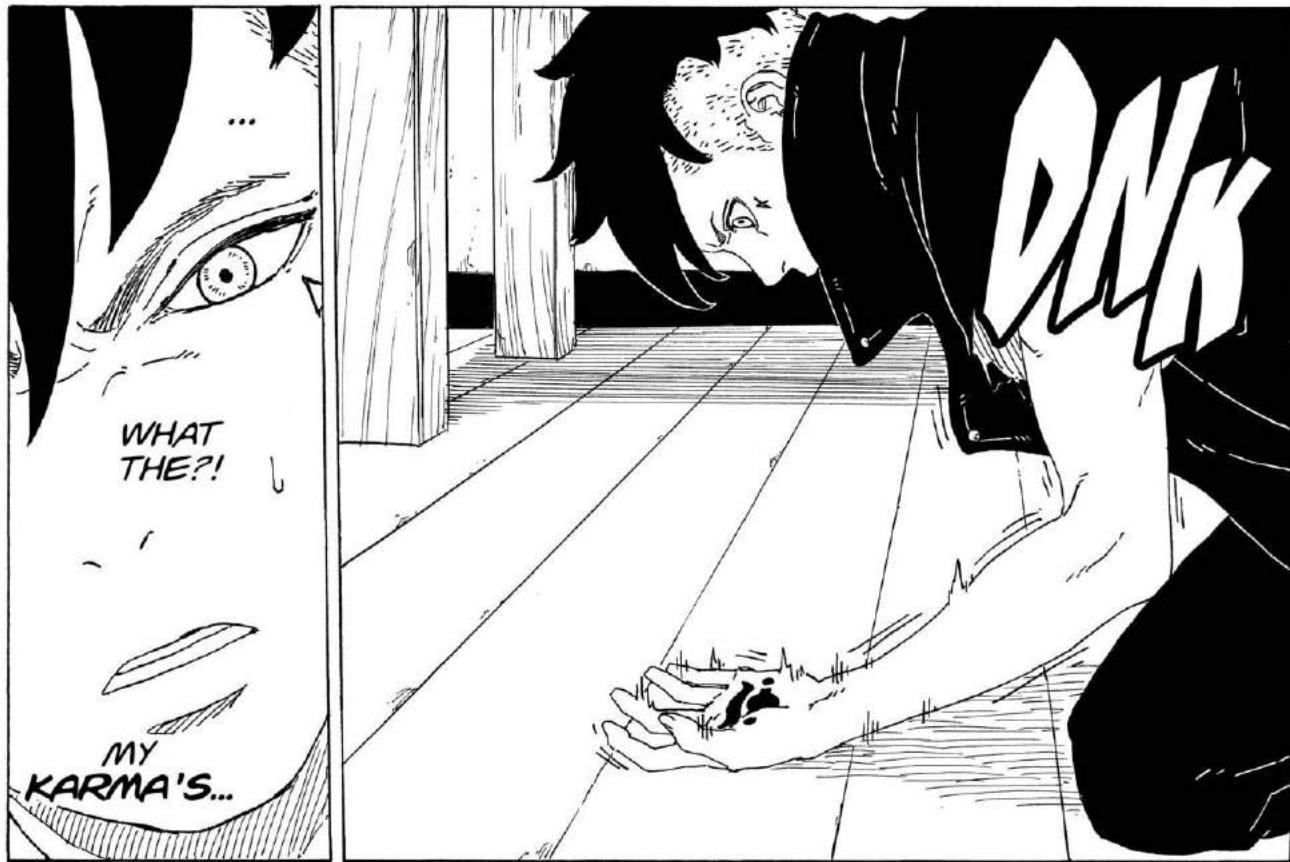
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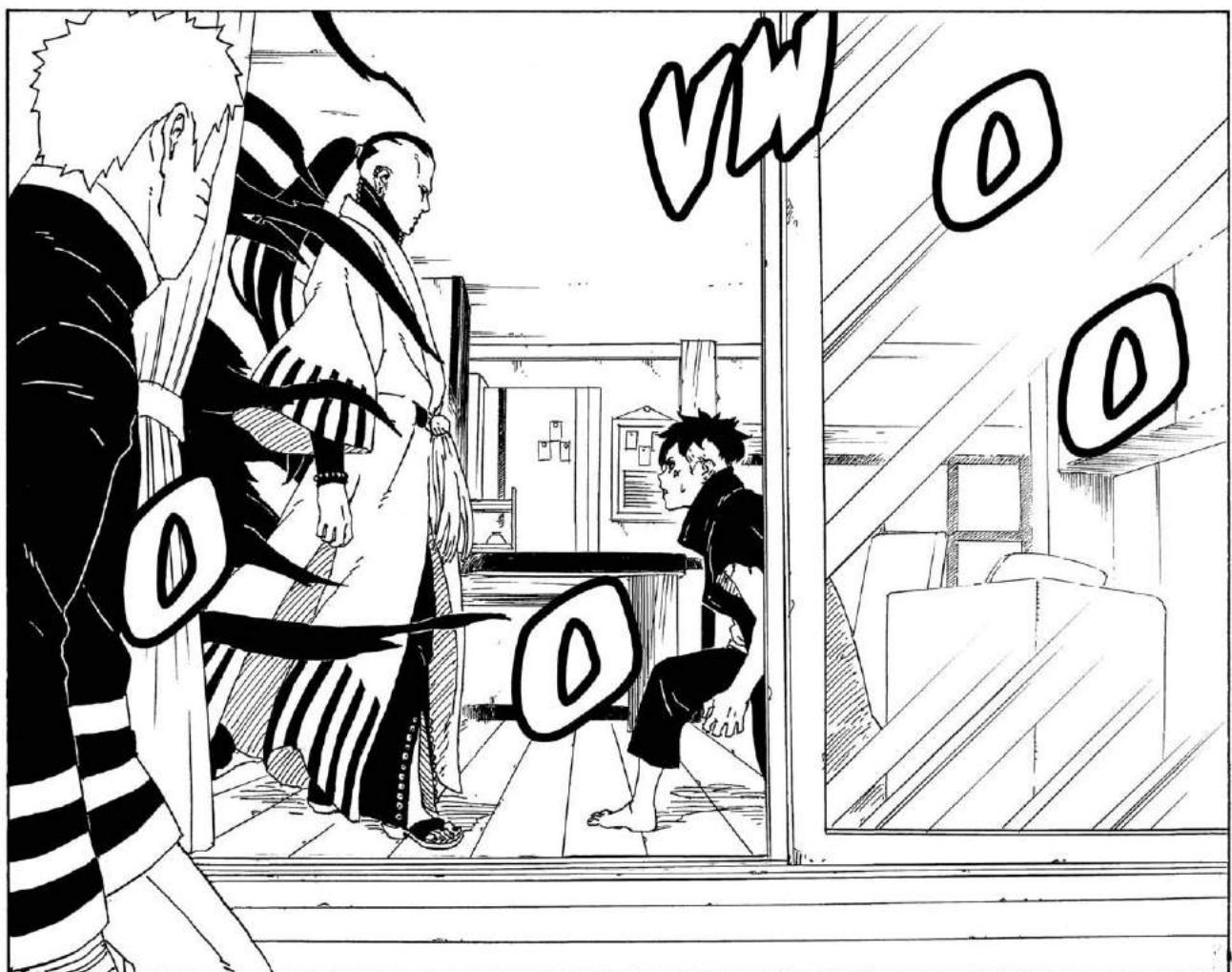


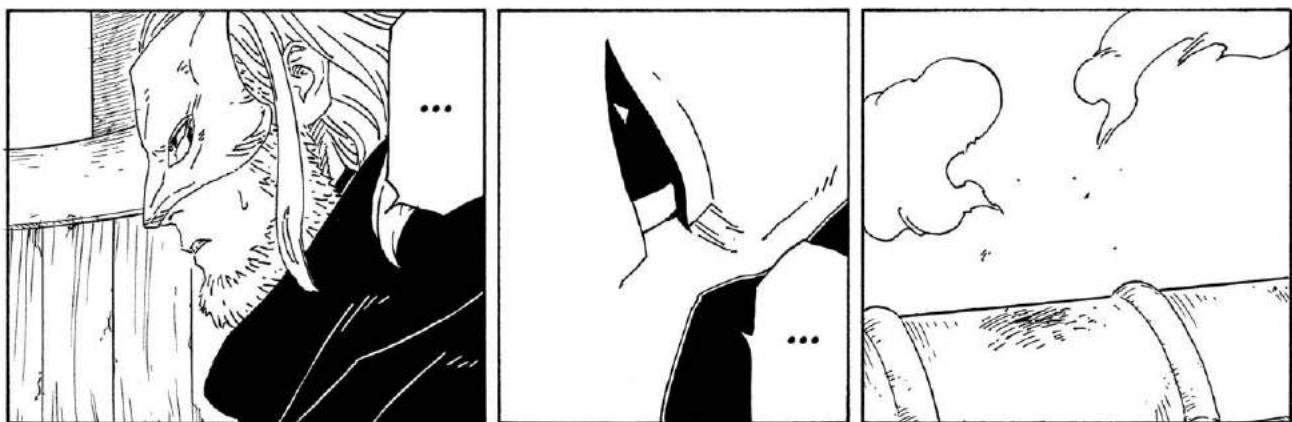
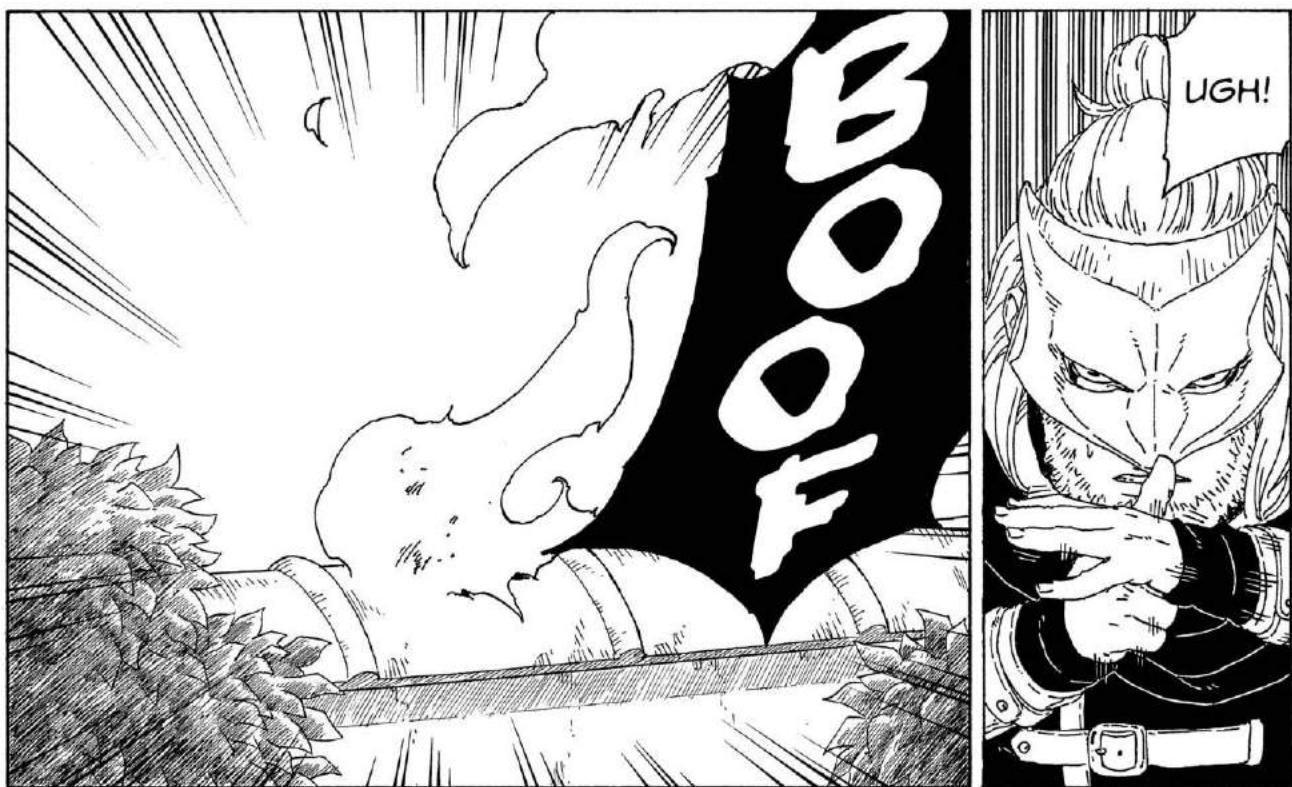
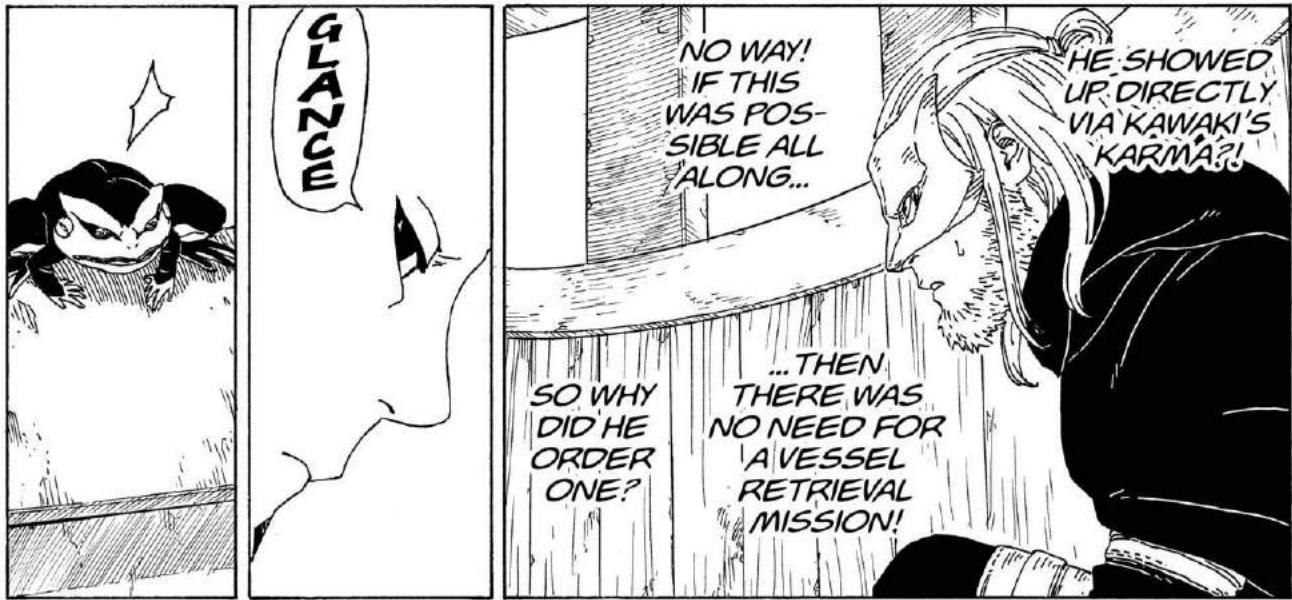


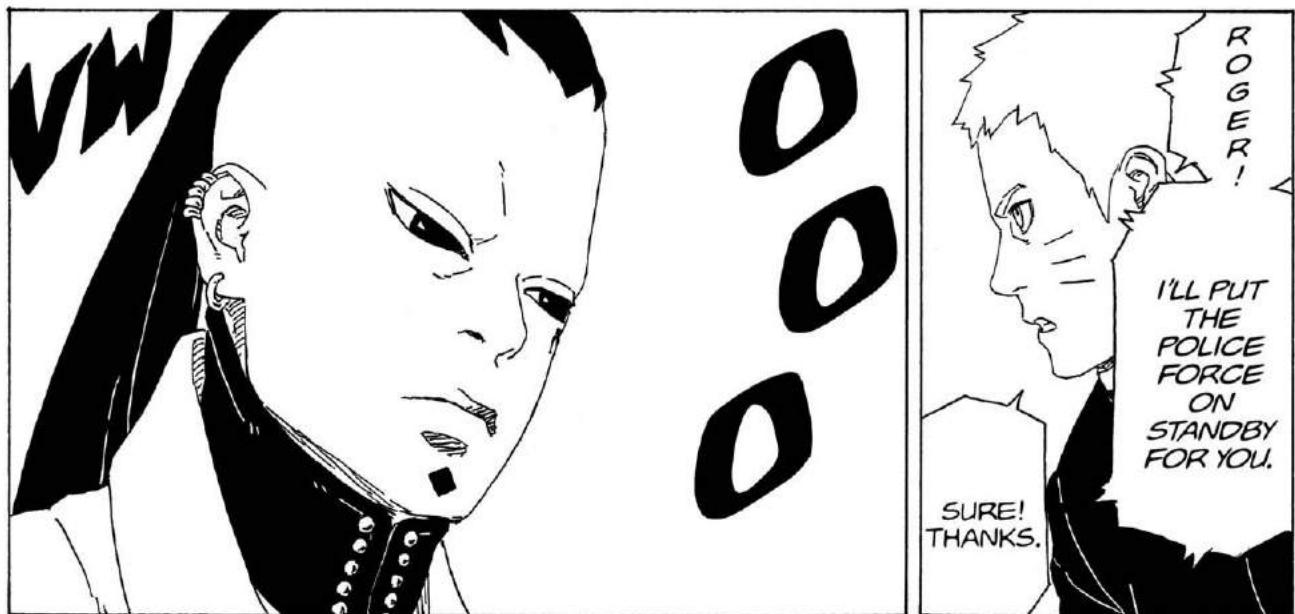
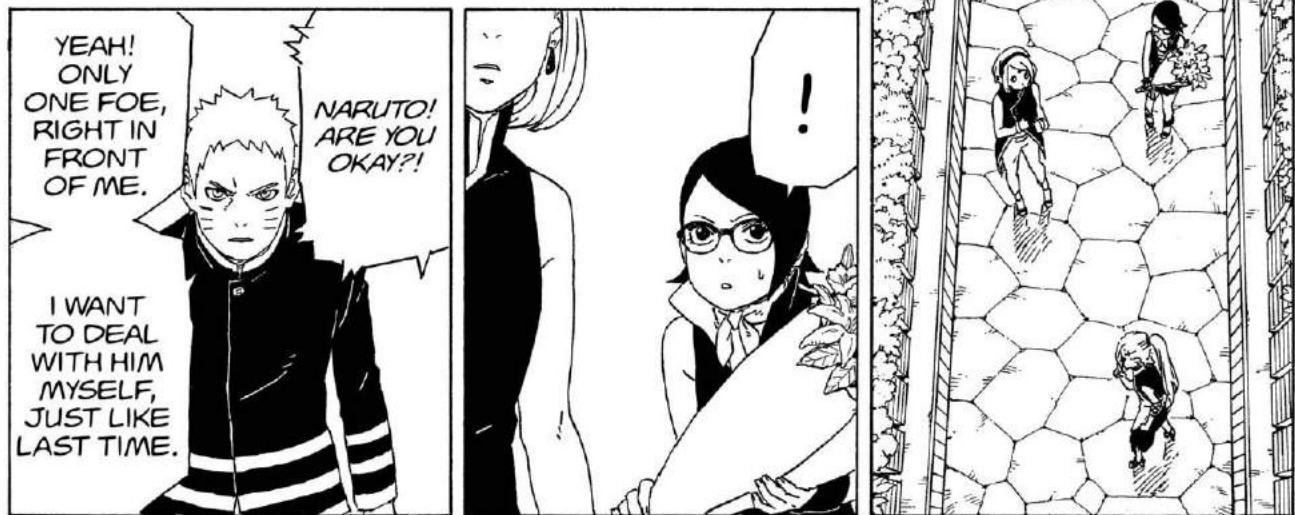
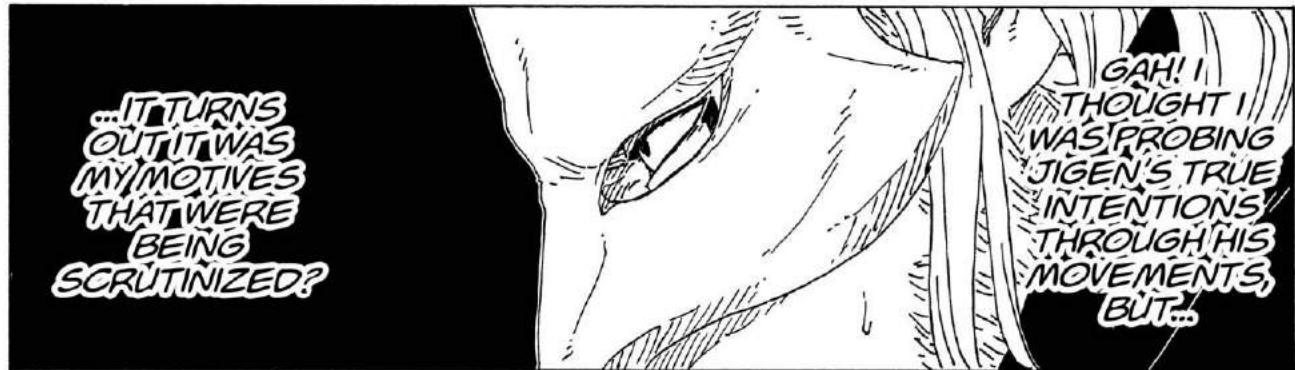


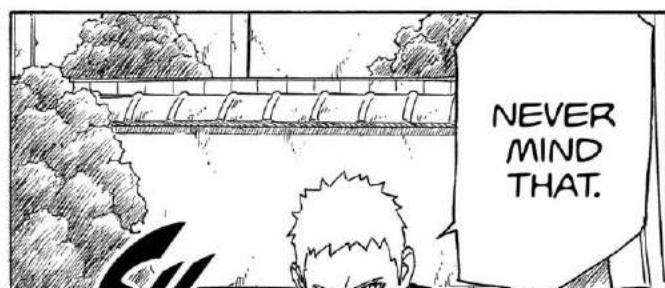
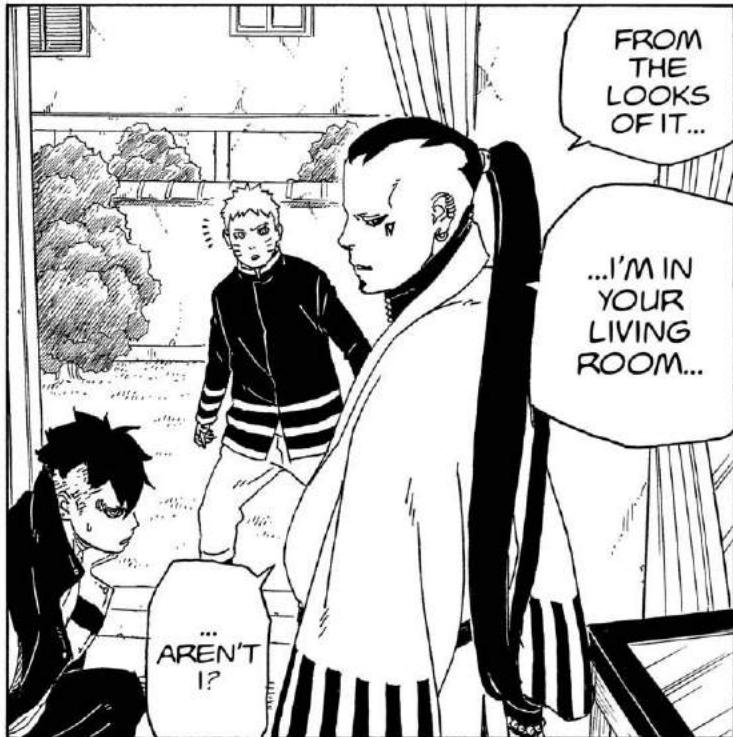






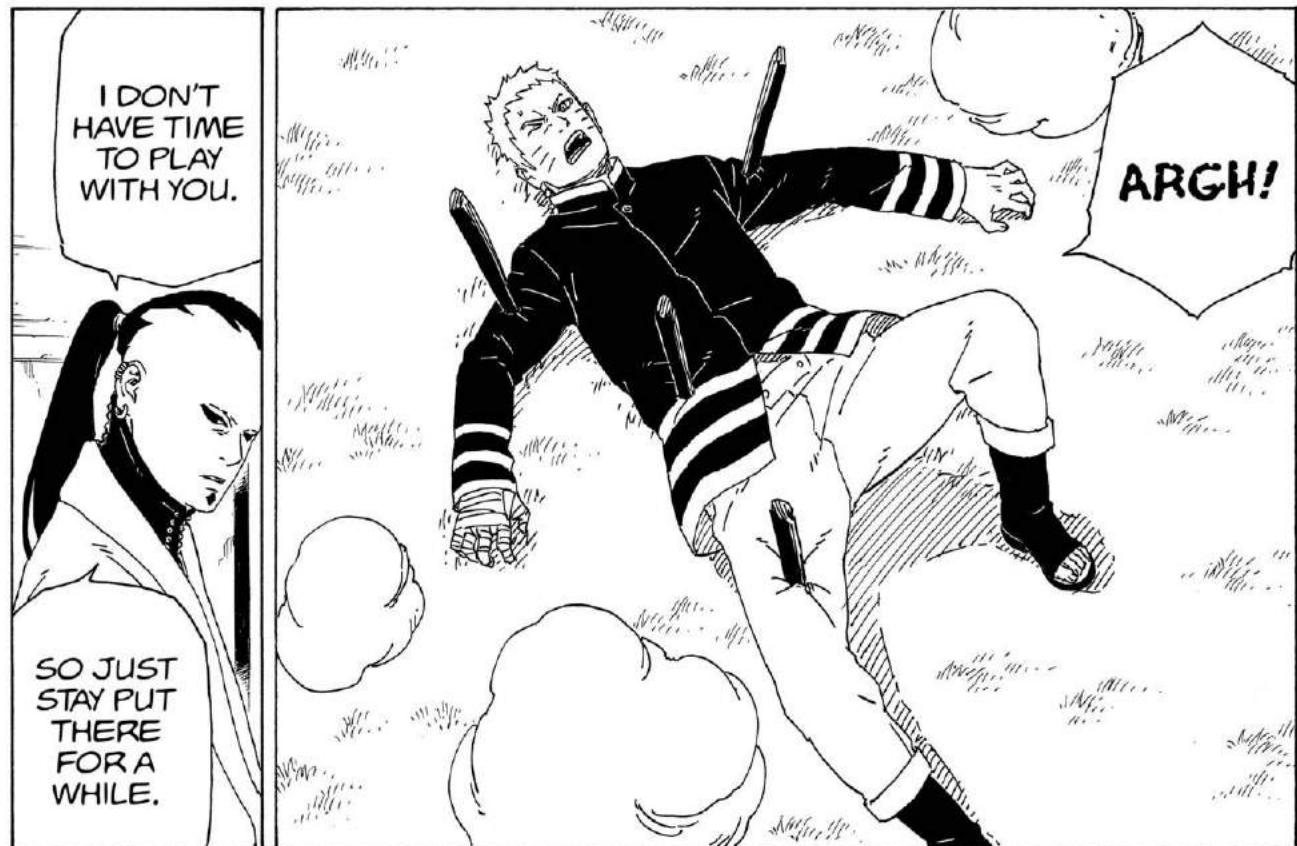


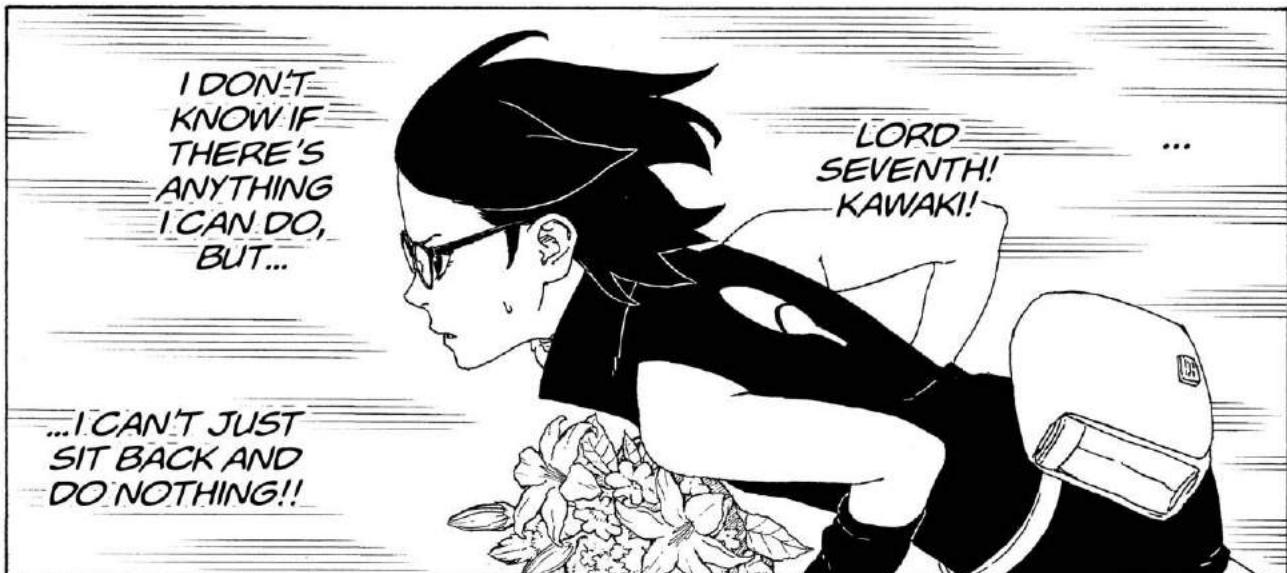
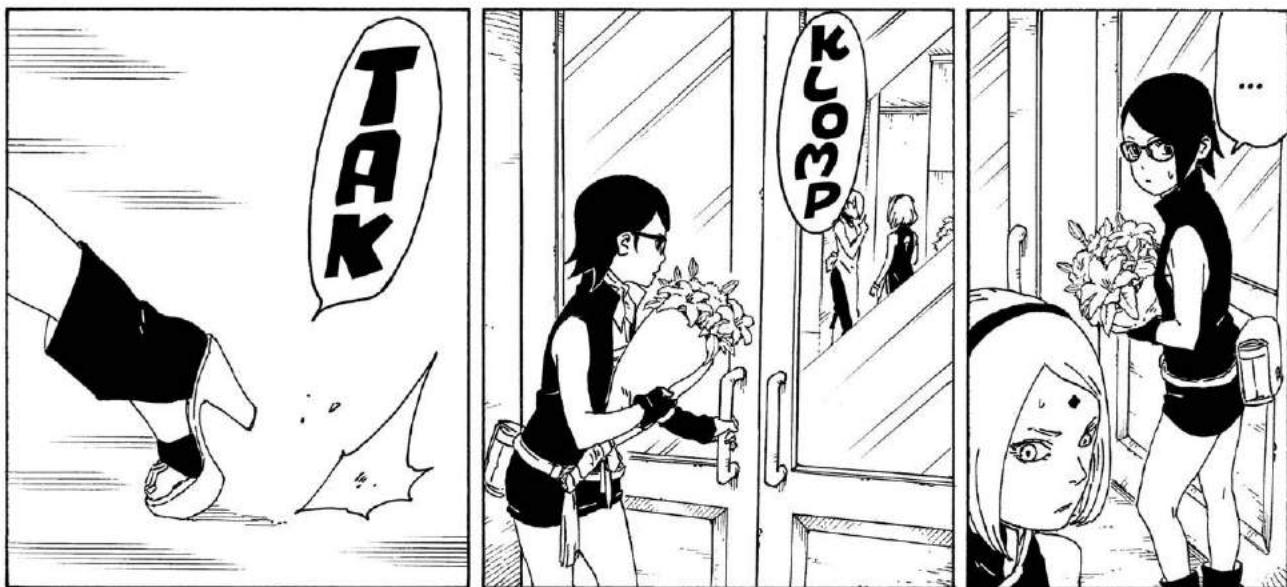
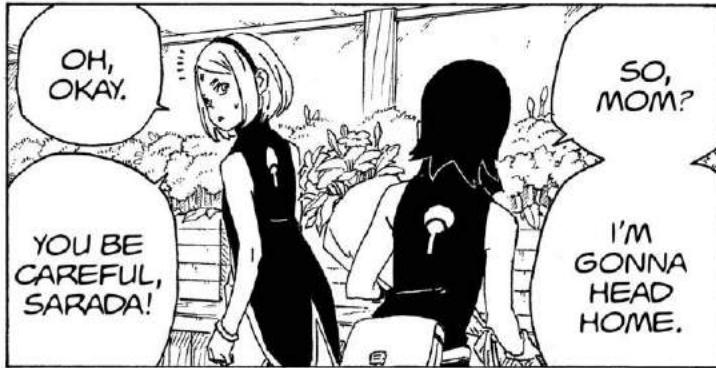
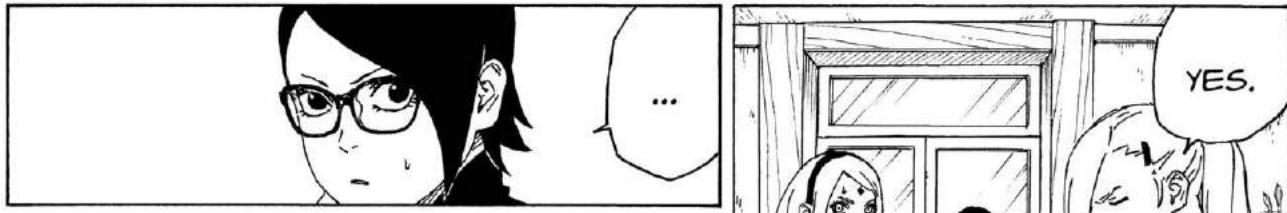


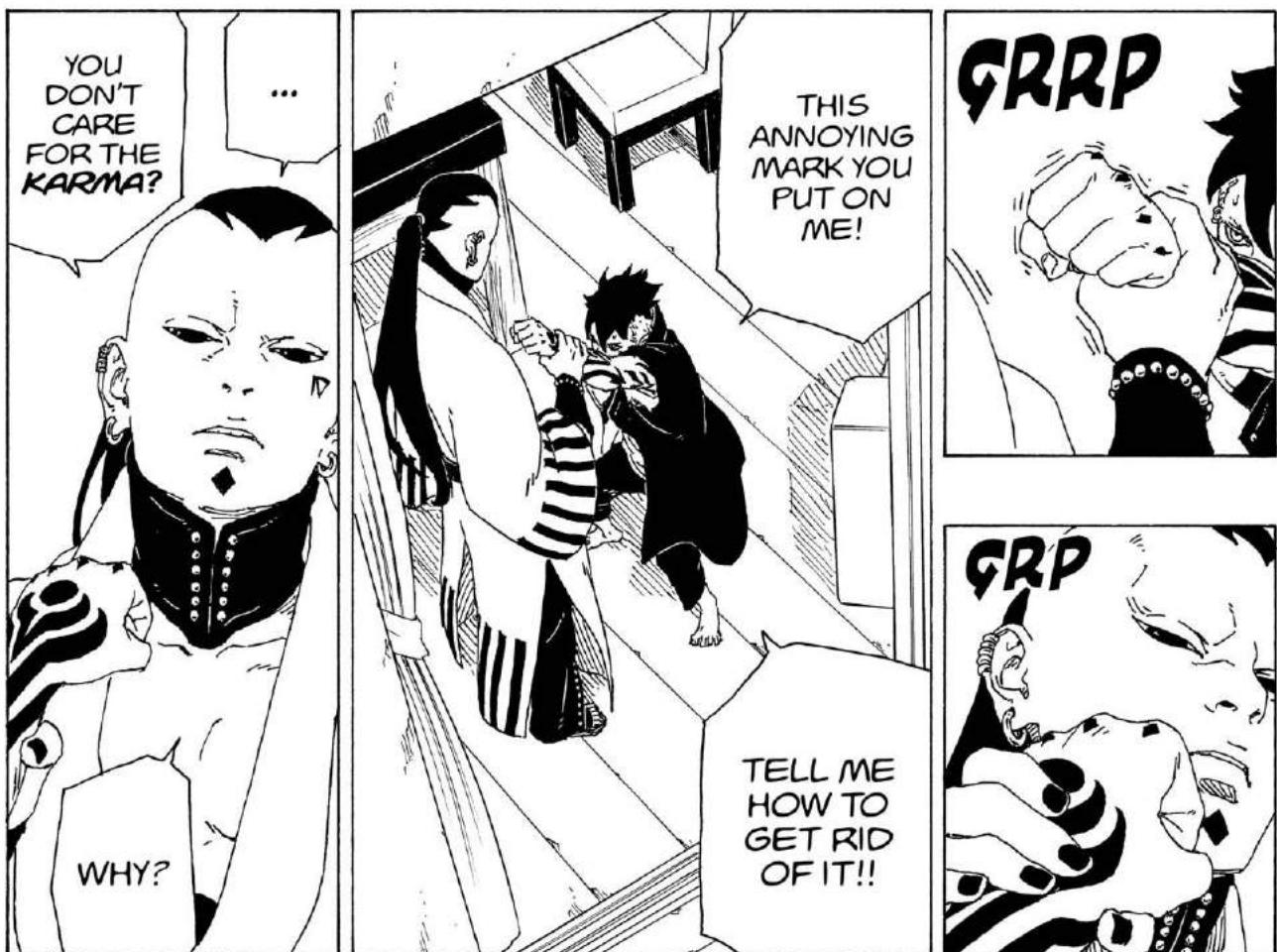


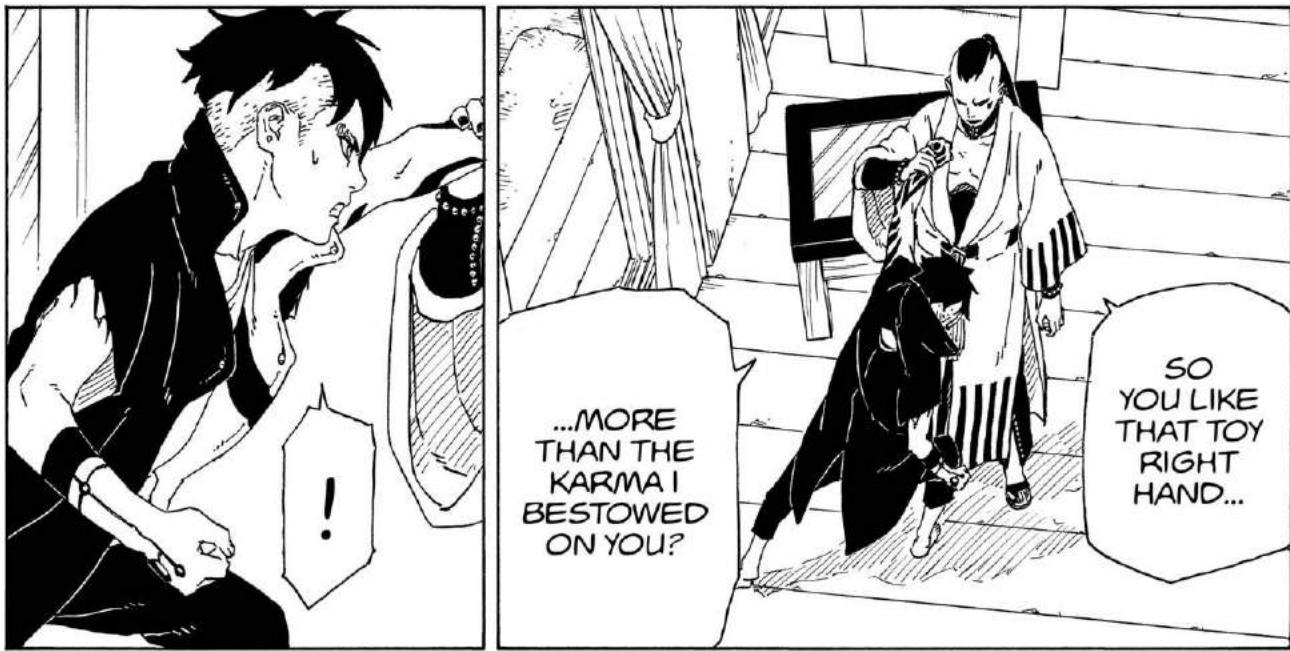
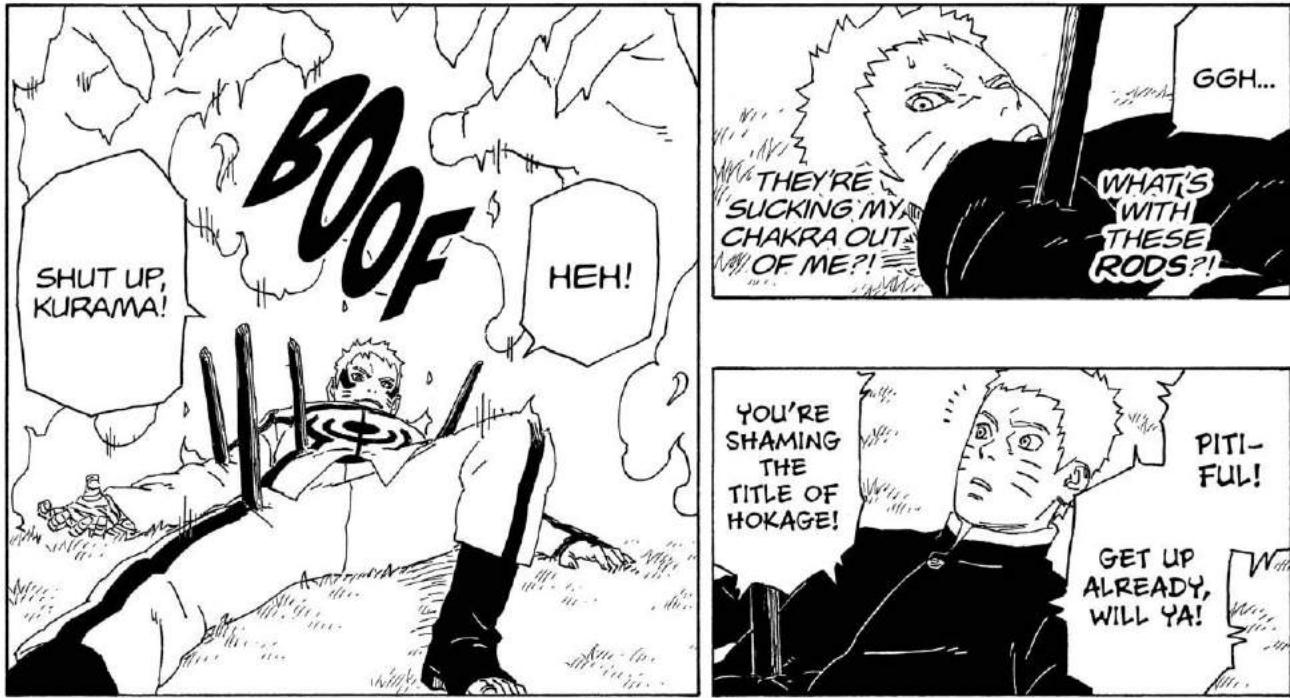


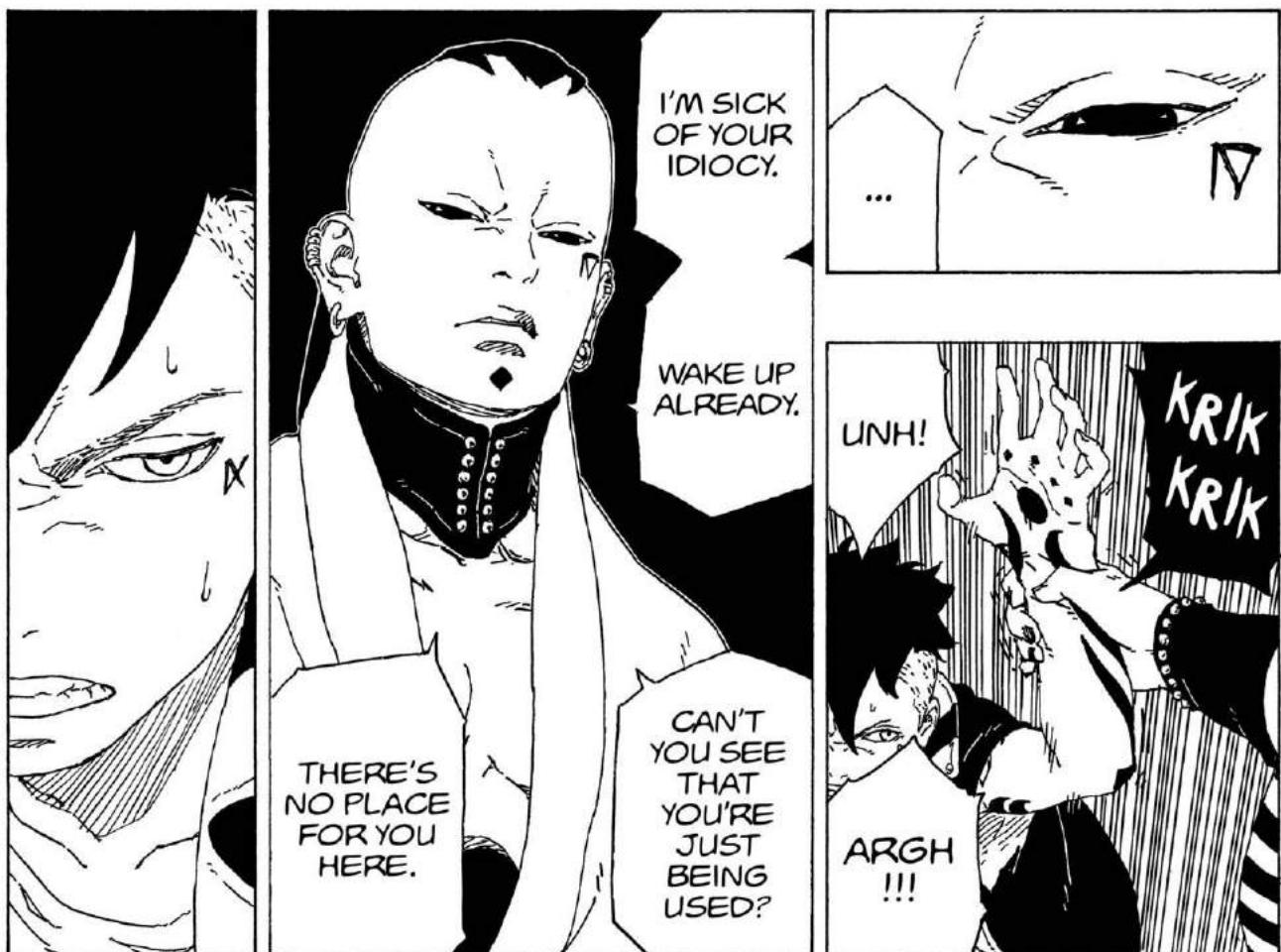






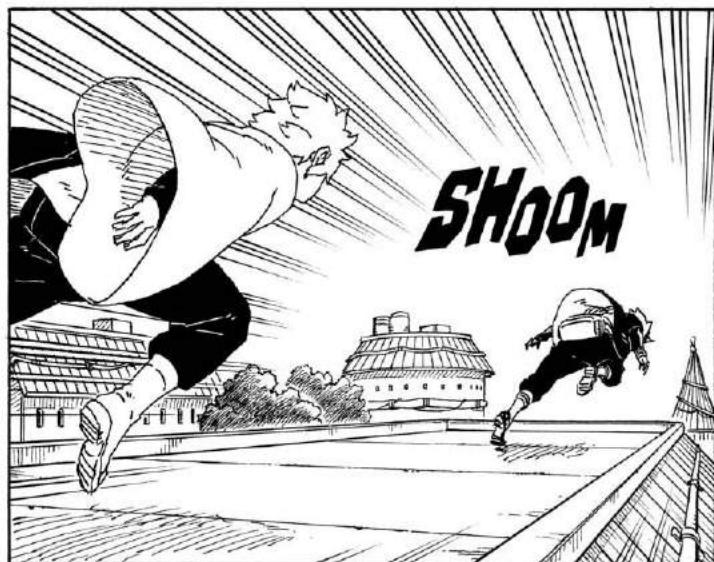








THE KARMA'S SPREADING MORE!



IF IT ISN'T BORUTO AND MITSUKI.















Shinobi Hiden Column 5: Daimyo and Shinobi

Shinobi are in contractual relationships with nations. While each Hidden Village is, in theory at least, a vassal of the daimyo who is its sovereign ruler, in actuality they are in a contractual relationship of equals, where the Village executes the daimyo's will through accepting missions. Each Hidden Village is its nation's largest military force. However, it is not its only military force. In actuality, ordinary soldiers armed with spears, katana, bows and so forth, carry out "safer" missions such as border patrol and maintaining public order. Not all daimyo possess enough funds to continuously contract with a Village. Military actions involving ninja cost an immense amount of money. Short-term subversive activities are one thing, but a lengthy war where only ninja are employed would incur a sum huge enough to ruin a nation. That is why small states that do not contain Hidden Villages, such as the former Land of Waves (which is currently making great advances as an economic superpower), must hold to a policy of relying on ordinary soldiers for day-to-day armaments, and only hiring shinobi in times of need. Only ninja can counter ninja.

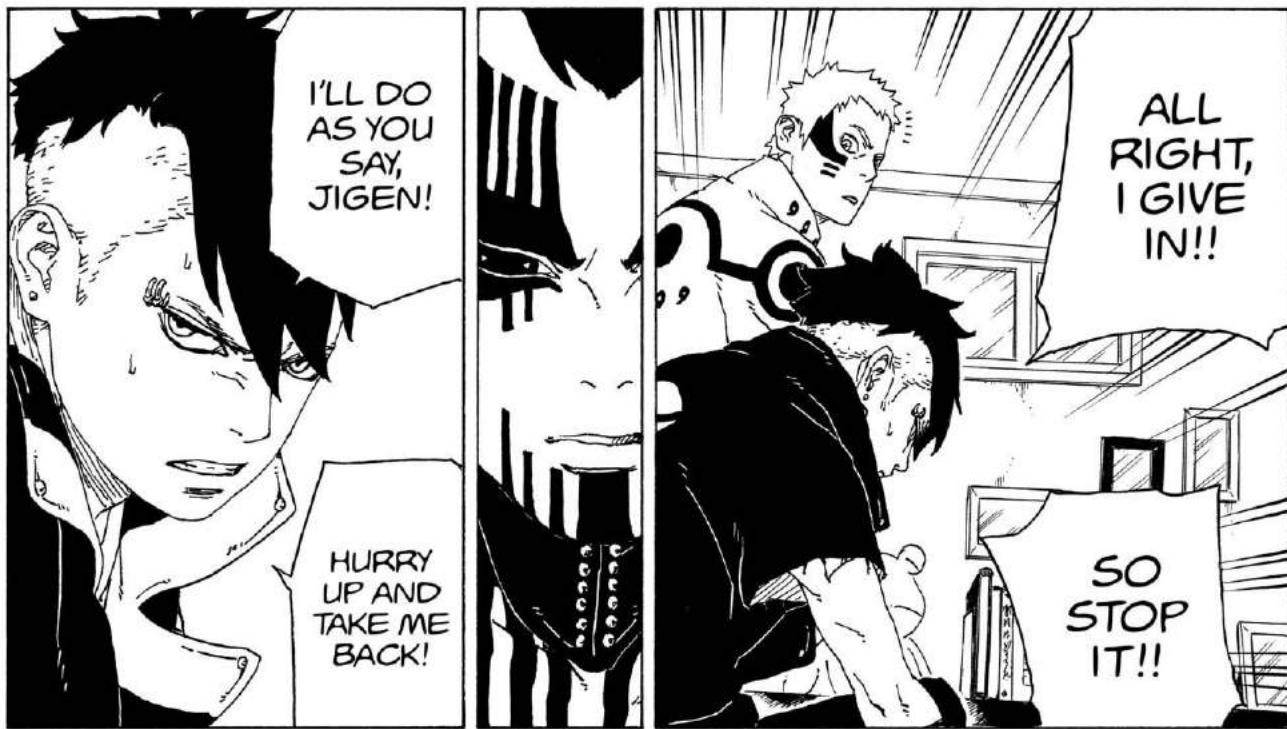
However, during this long peace, every daimyo has started wanting to reduce their massive military spending. This is only natural, as they are in the business of collecting taxes from their citizens and then (re)distributing it. The chain of events that led to Operation: Demolish Konoha, where Sunagakure (Hidden Sand) Village felt forced into demonstrating the threat of Konoha in reaction to the Land of Wind's disarmament, is still a fresh memory. That's right; daimyo do not consider the perpetual existence of shinobi to be necessary. The cases of Ohtsutsuki Kaguya, and then Momoshiki, were sufficient to remind daimyo of the importance of shinobi. The current Land of Fire daimyo, Ikkyu, holds Naruto in high esteem, and supports him in all possible ways, but his own political power is not rock-solid either. Members of the council of elders who wish to remove the too-heroic Uzumaki Naruto appear to be seeking to oust Ikkyu along with Naruto. Among them are quite a few individuals who are under **Kara**'s control through **Outers**. The reason why **Kara** is able to not-so-secretly move squads inside the Land of Fire is due to the actions of politicians and merchants opposed to the Ikkyu-Naruto administration.

Text: Ukyo Kodachi



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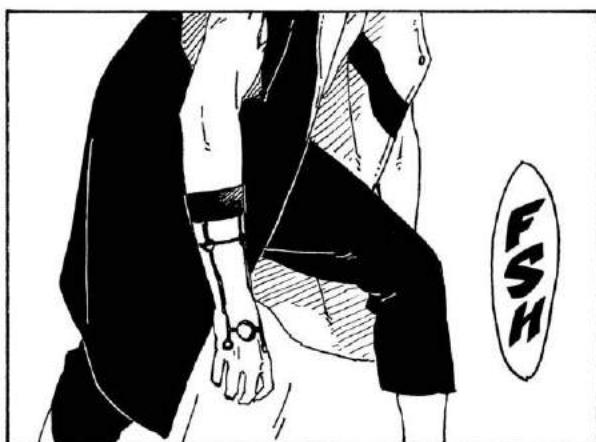




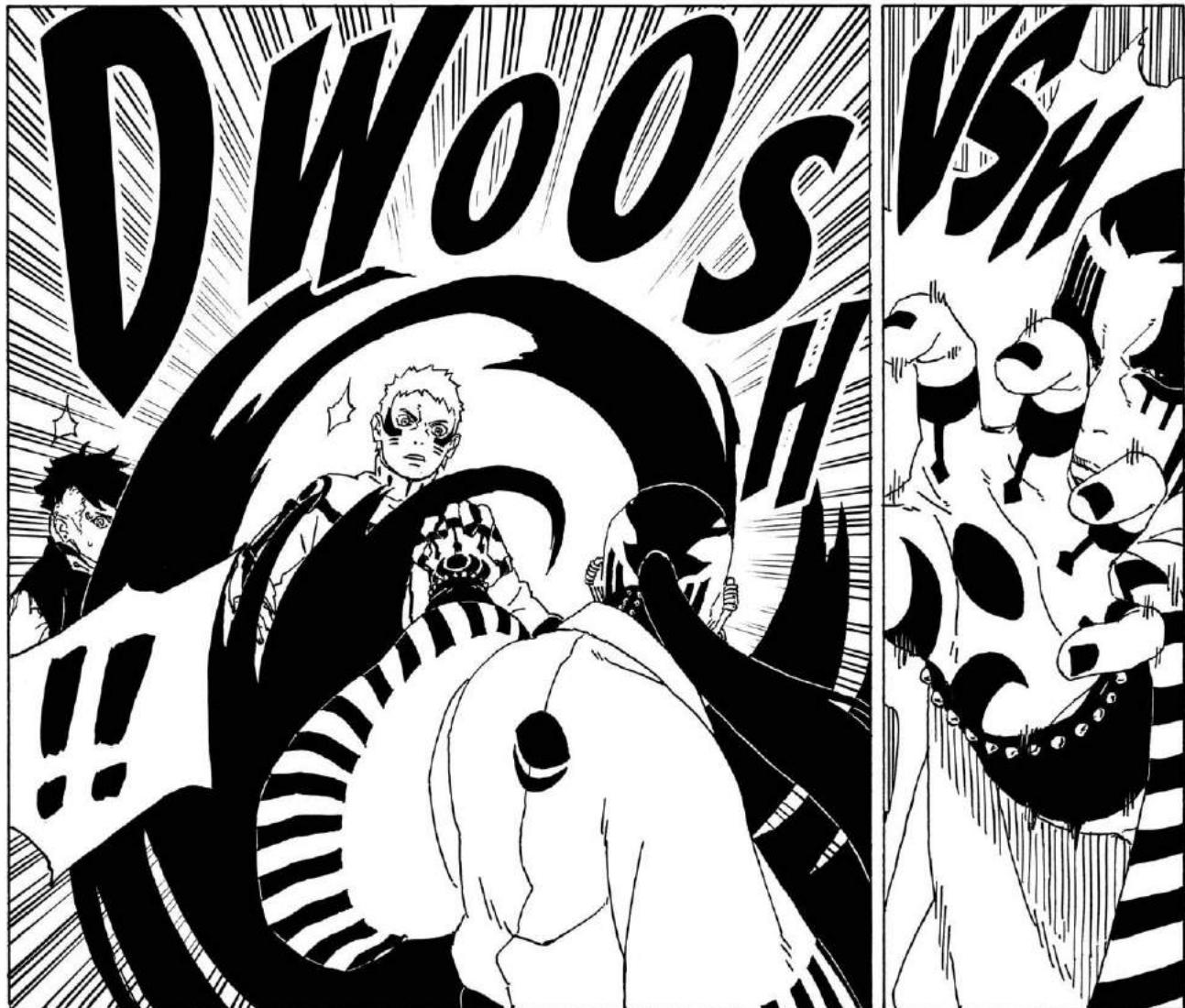


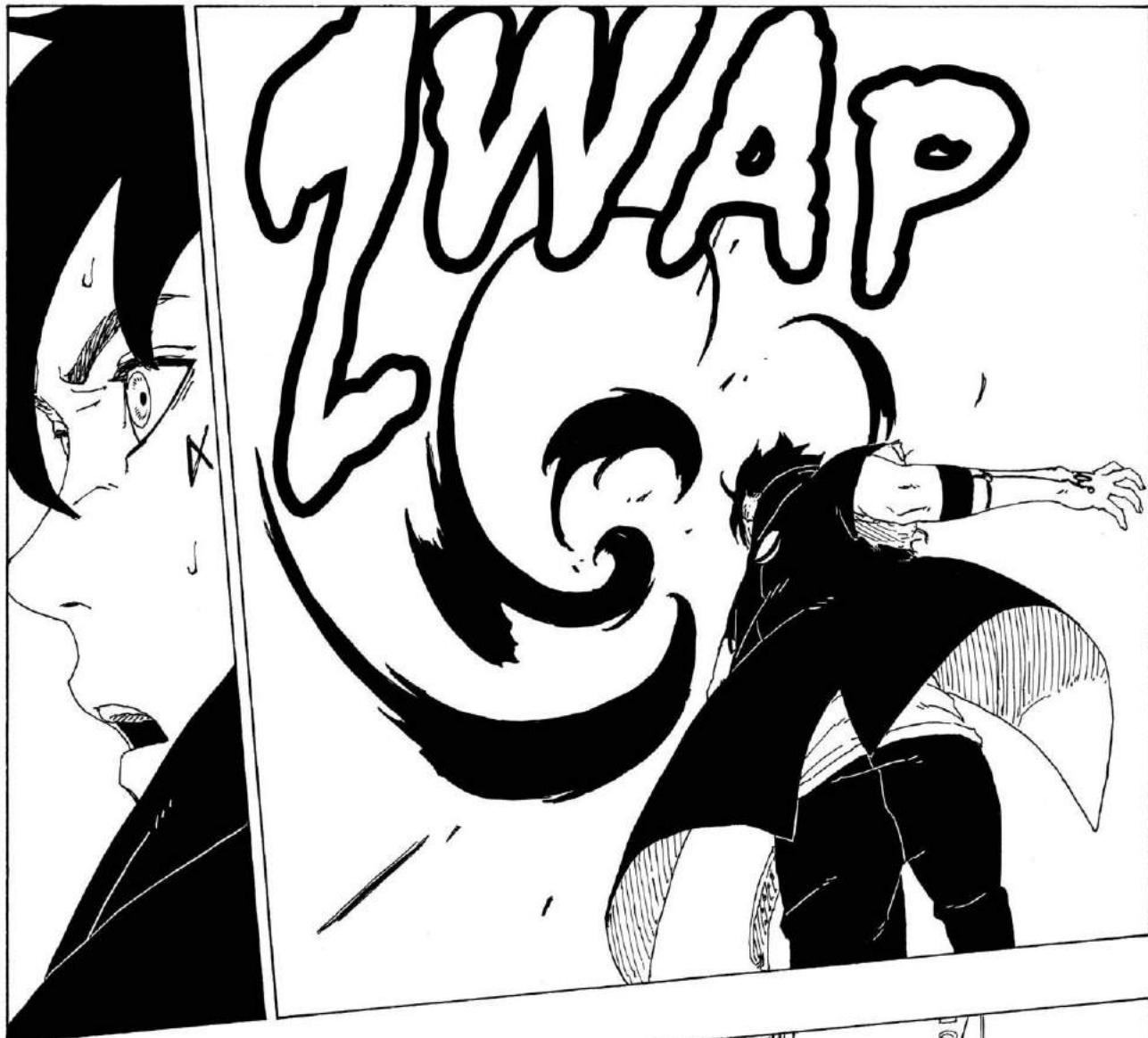
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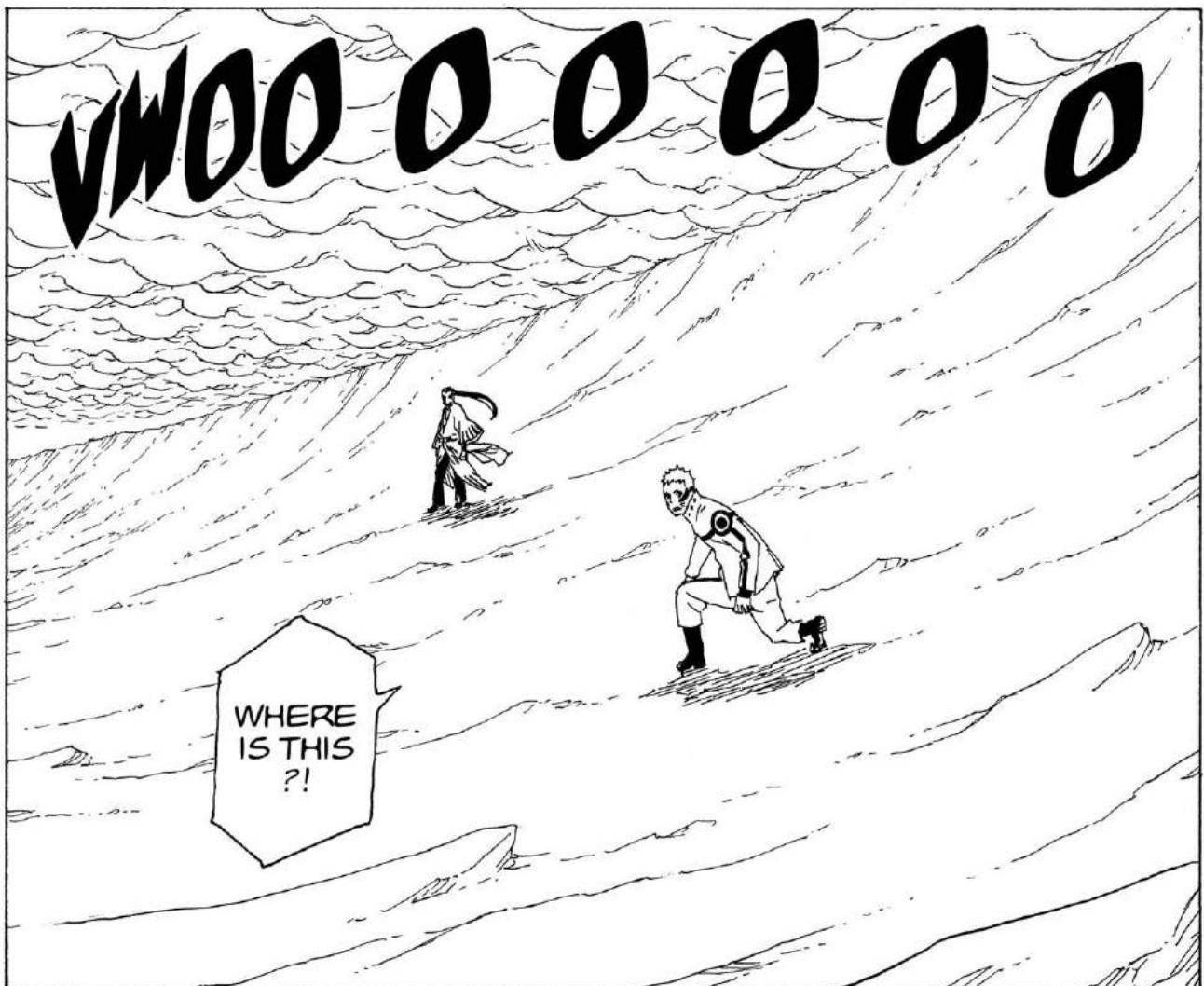
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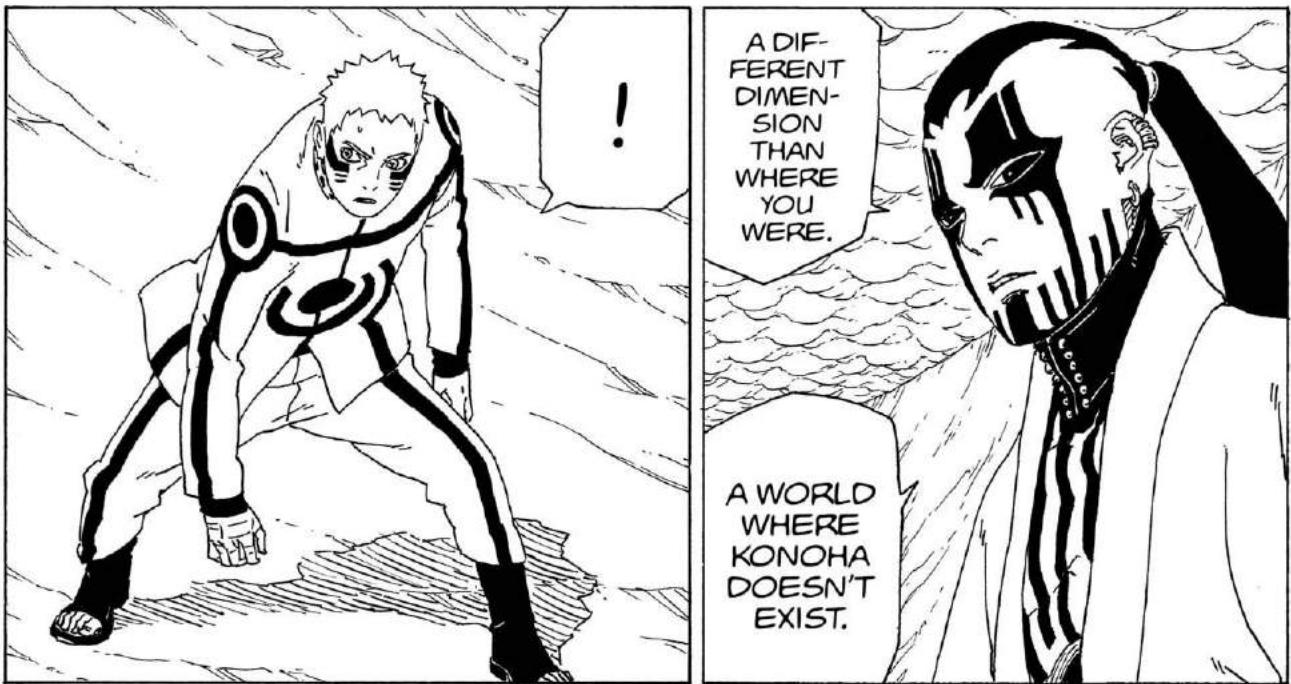






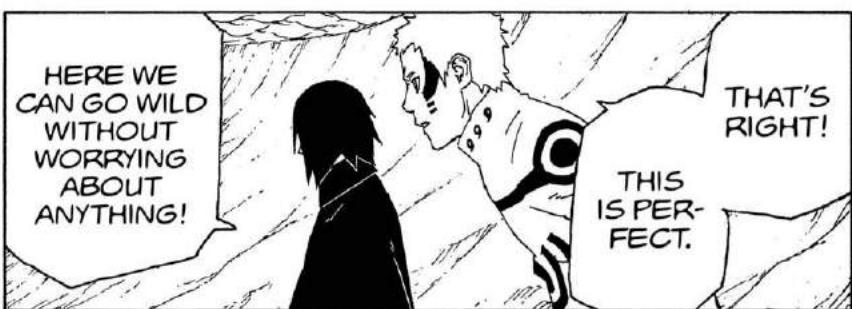
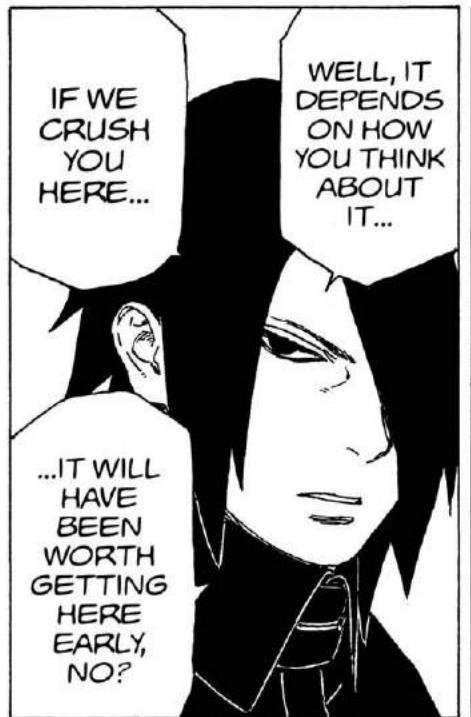




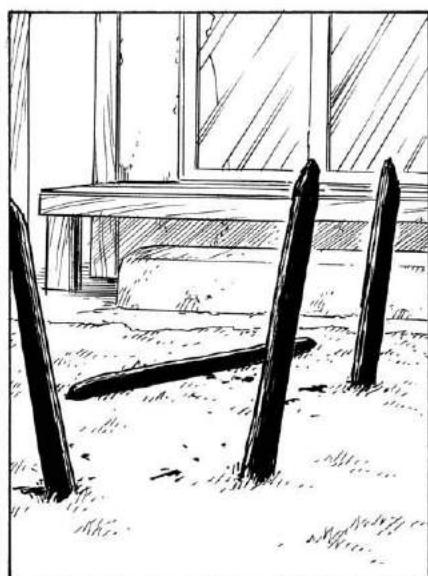
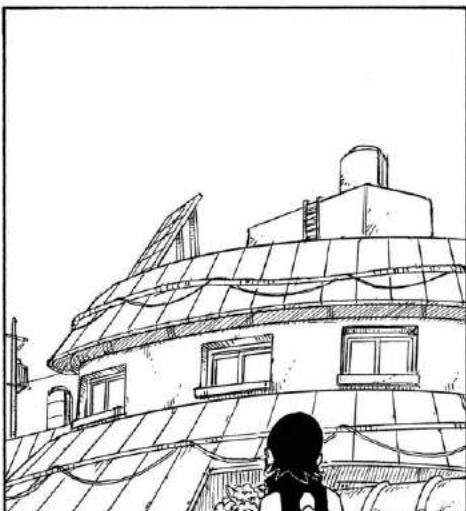






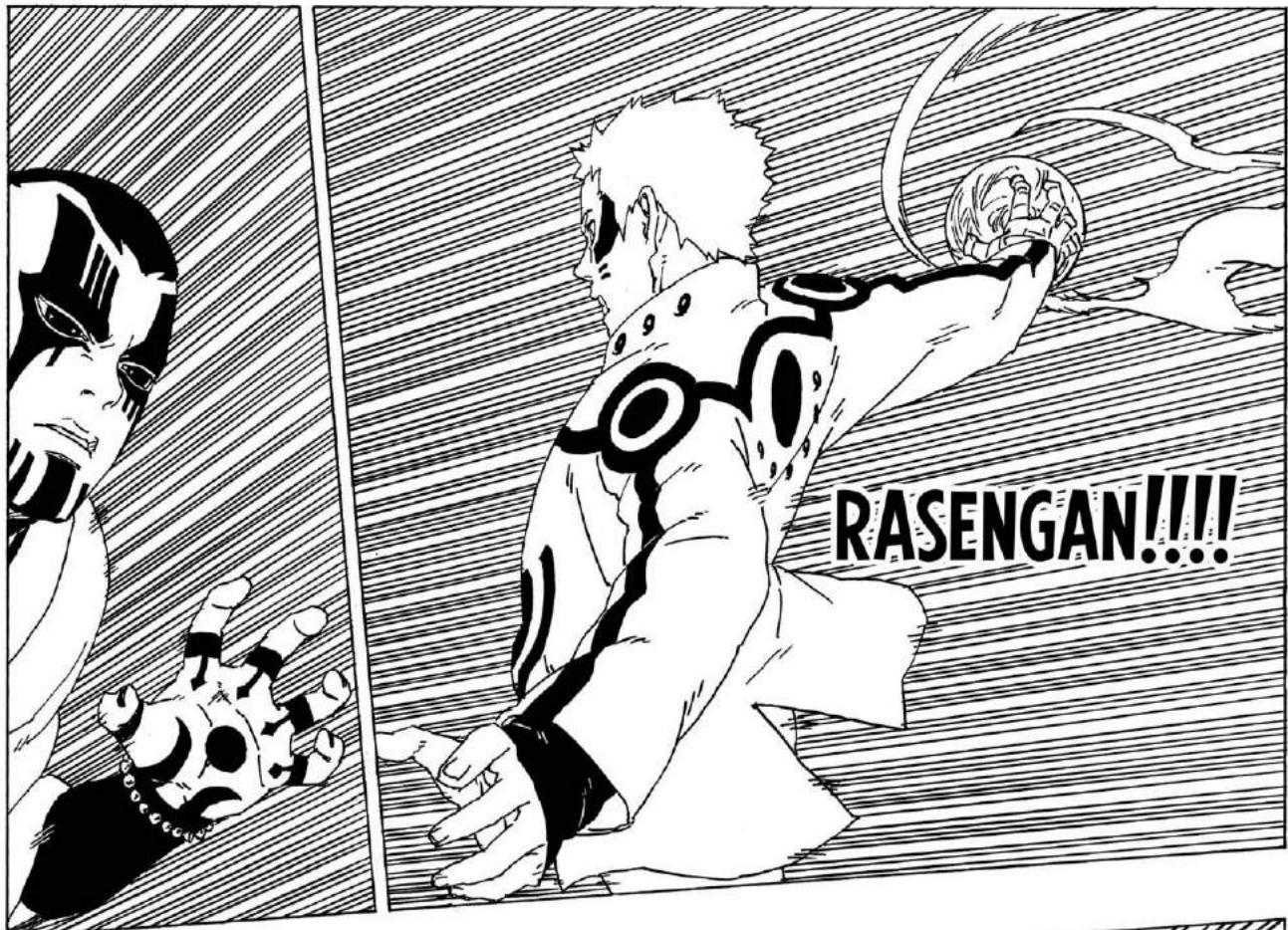




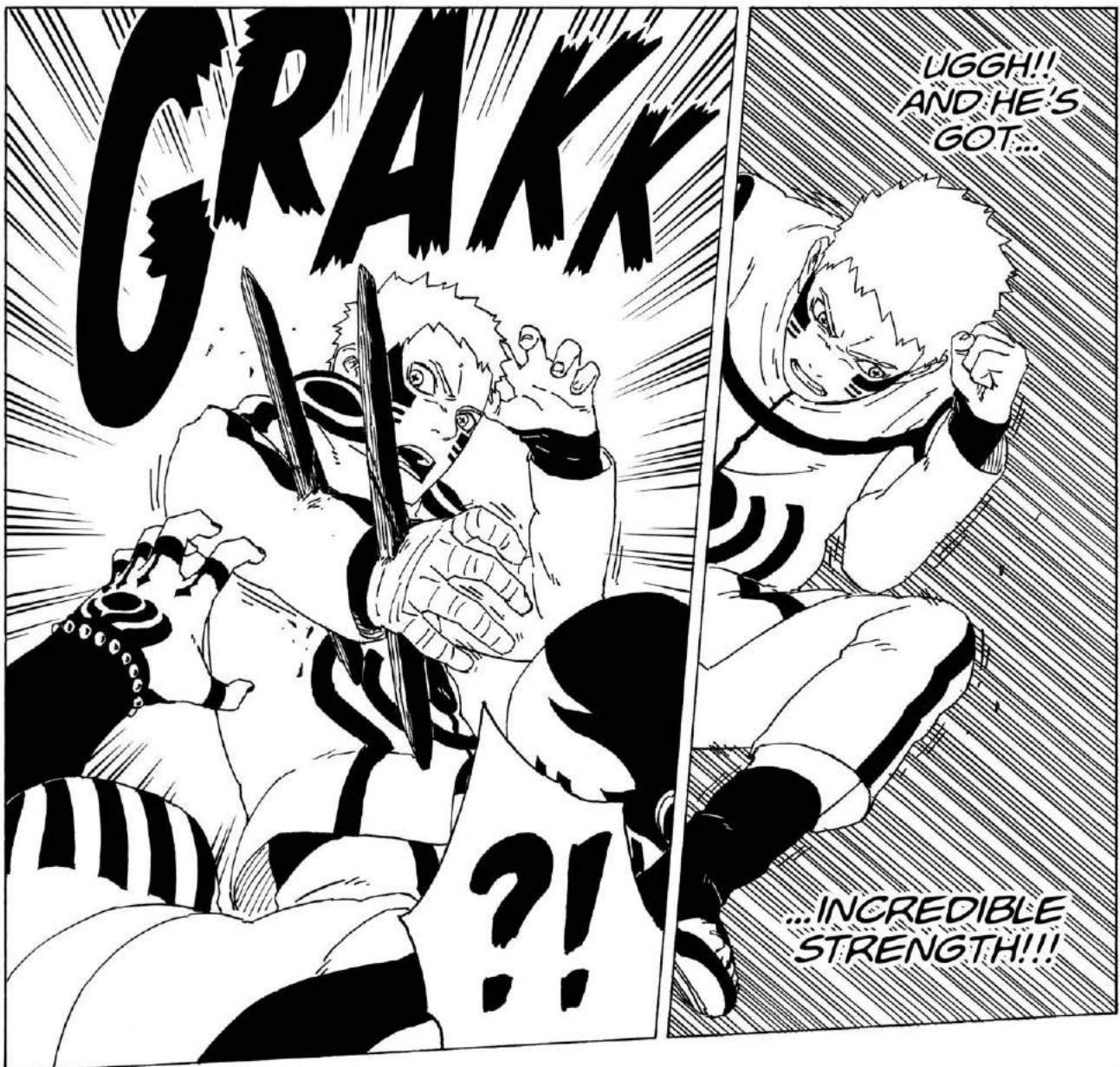


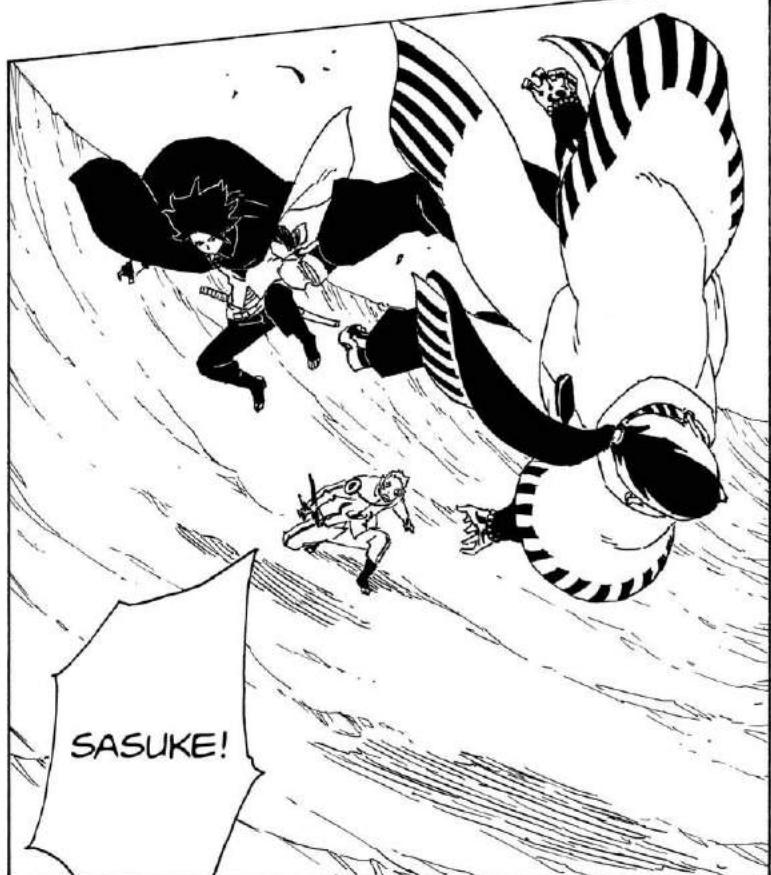






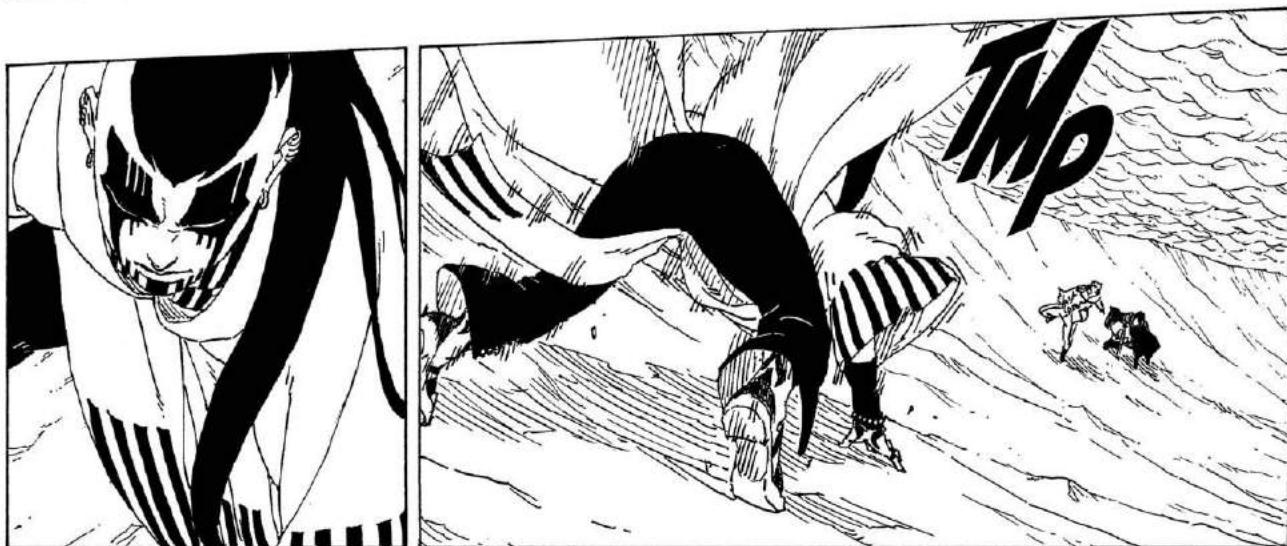
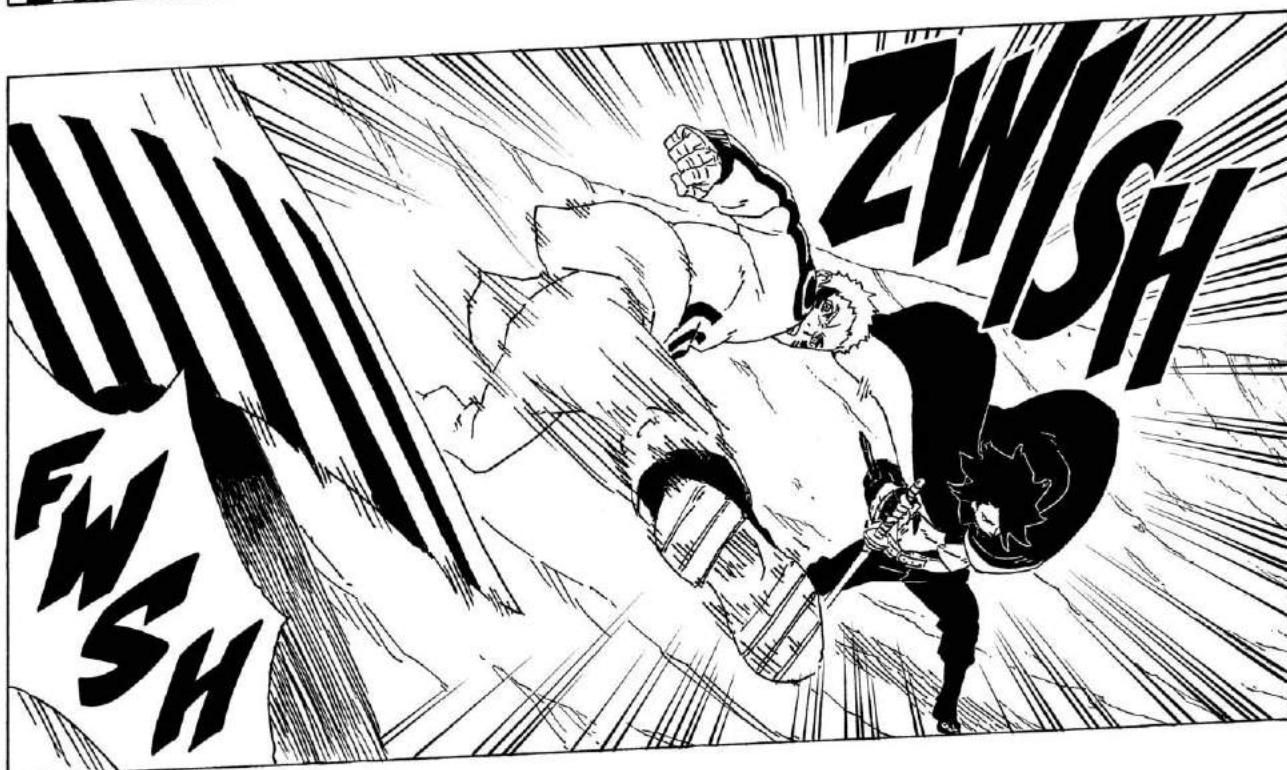
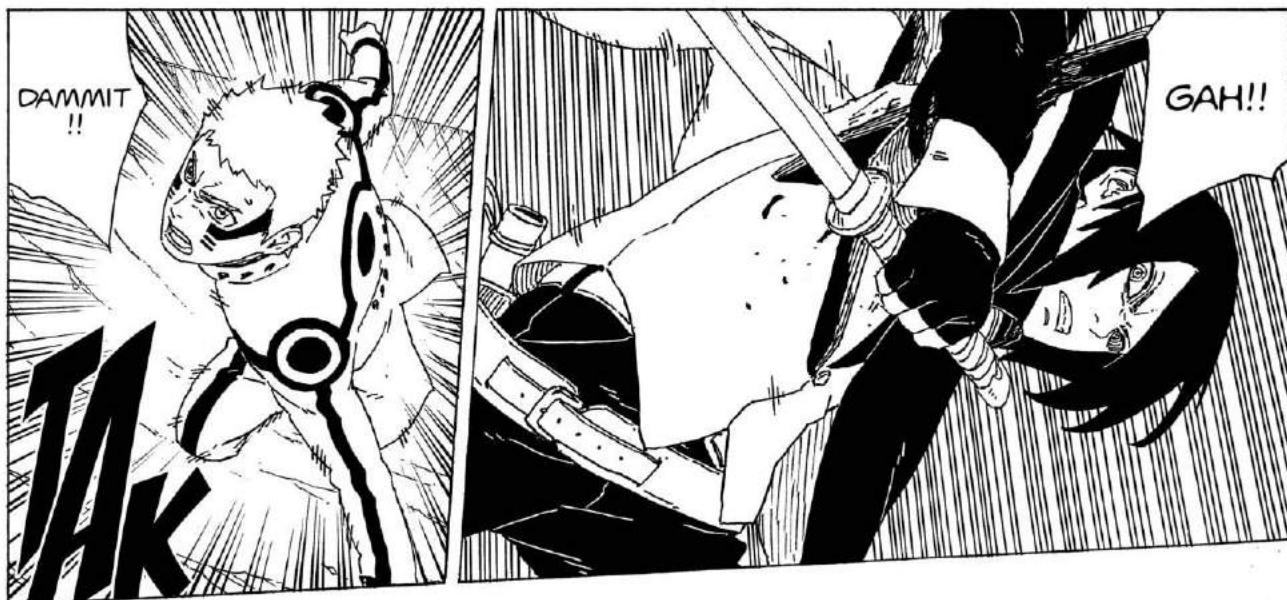


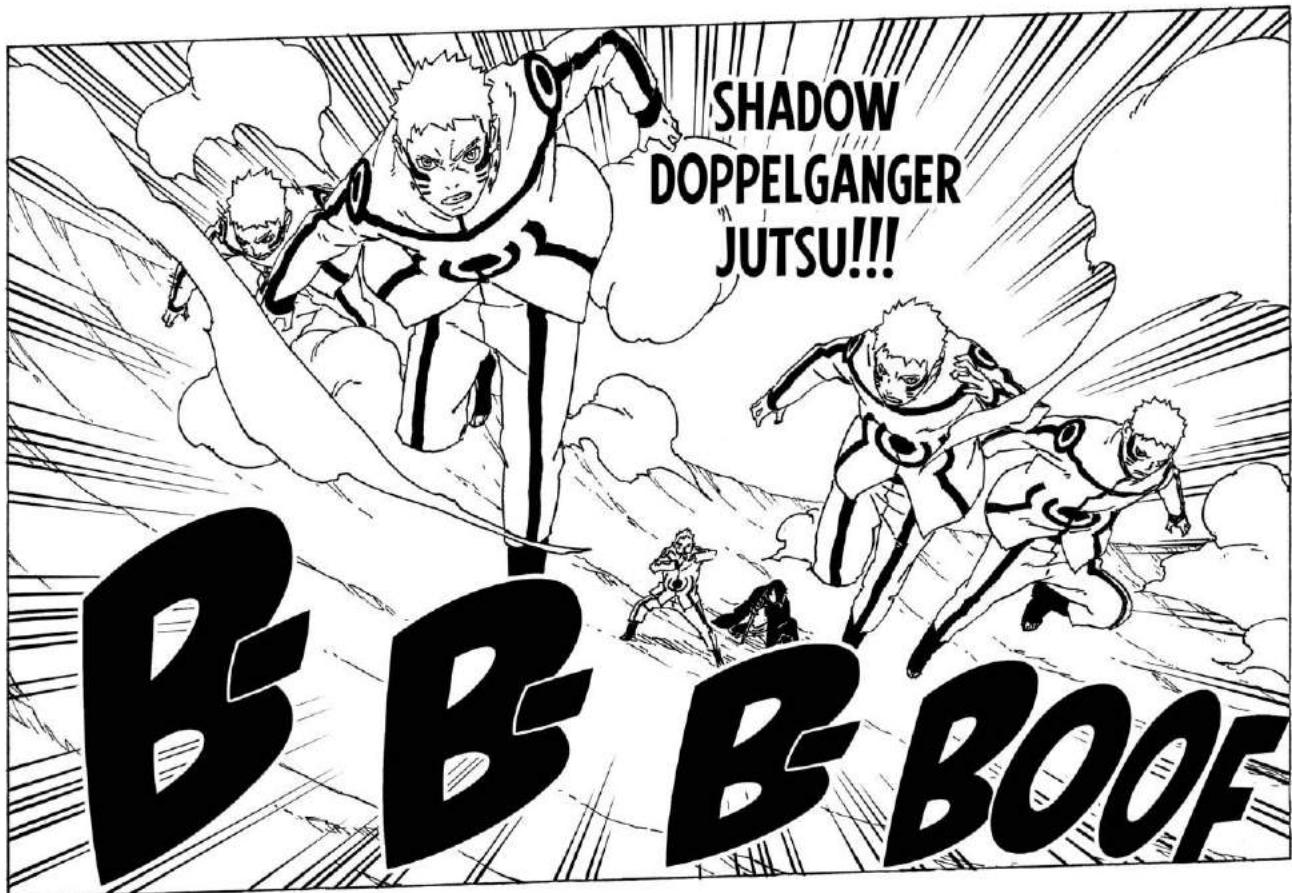
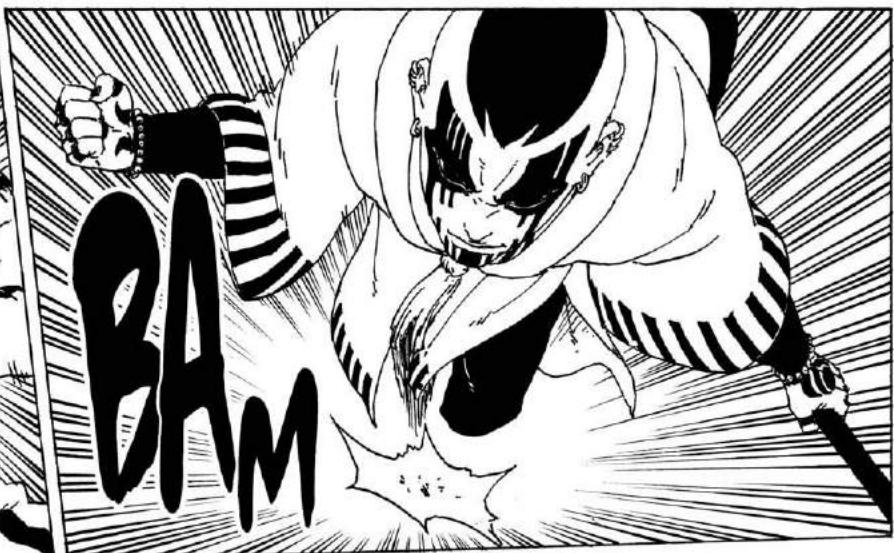
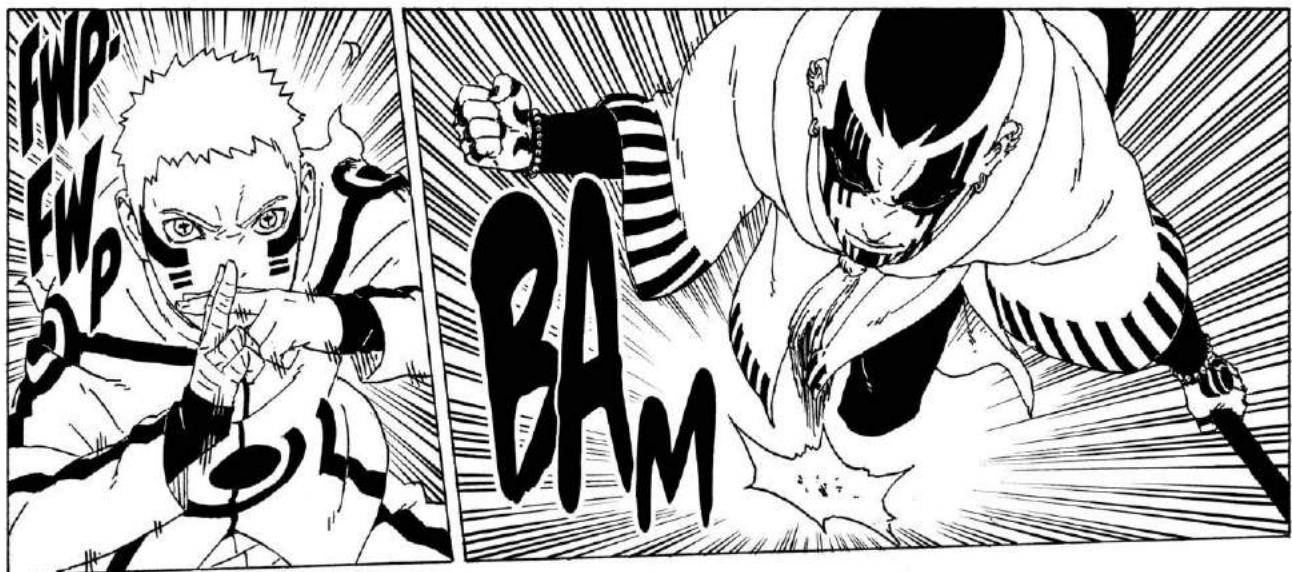




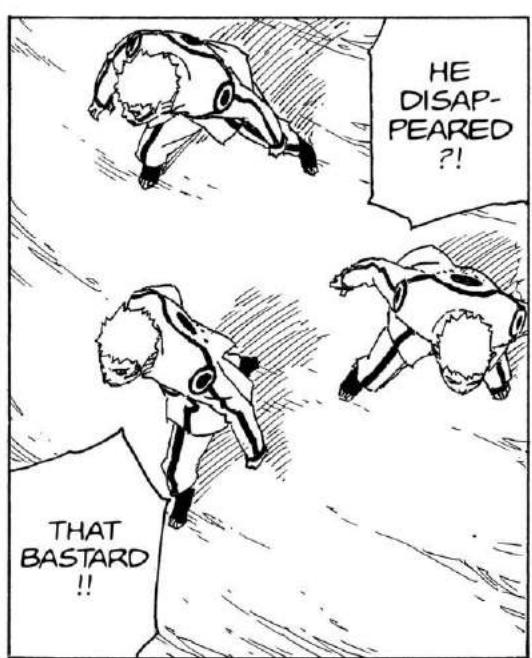




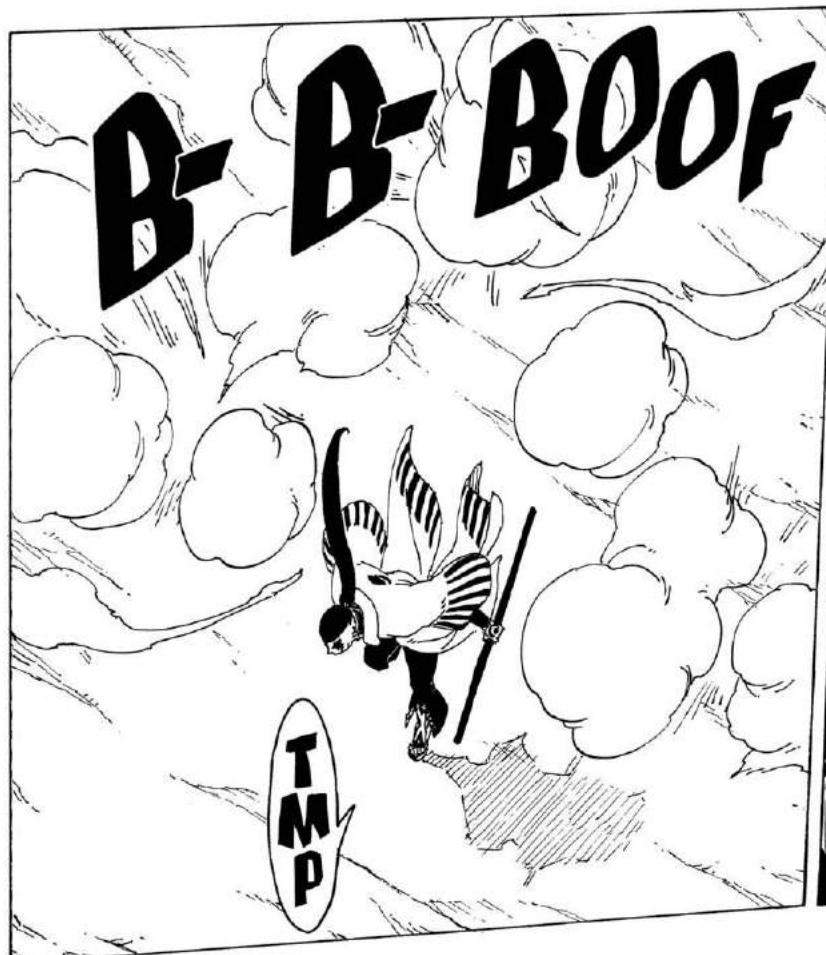
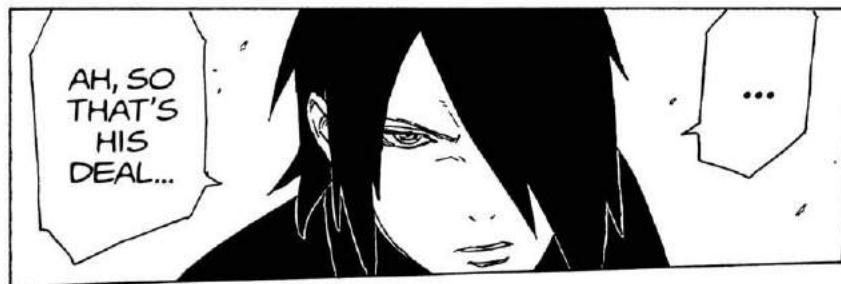
















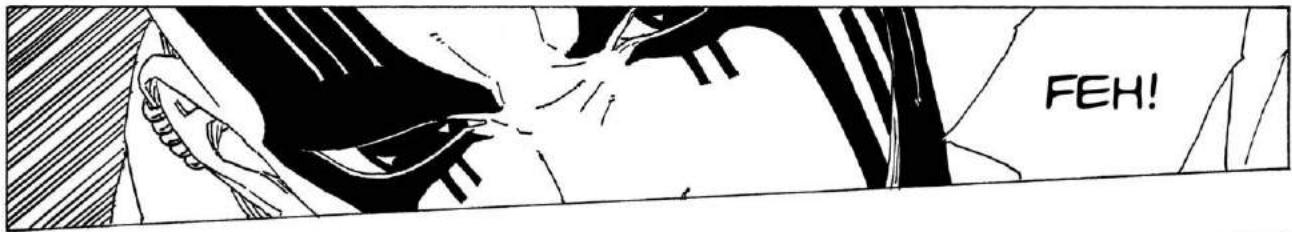




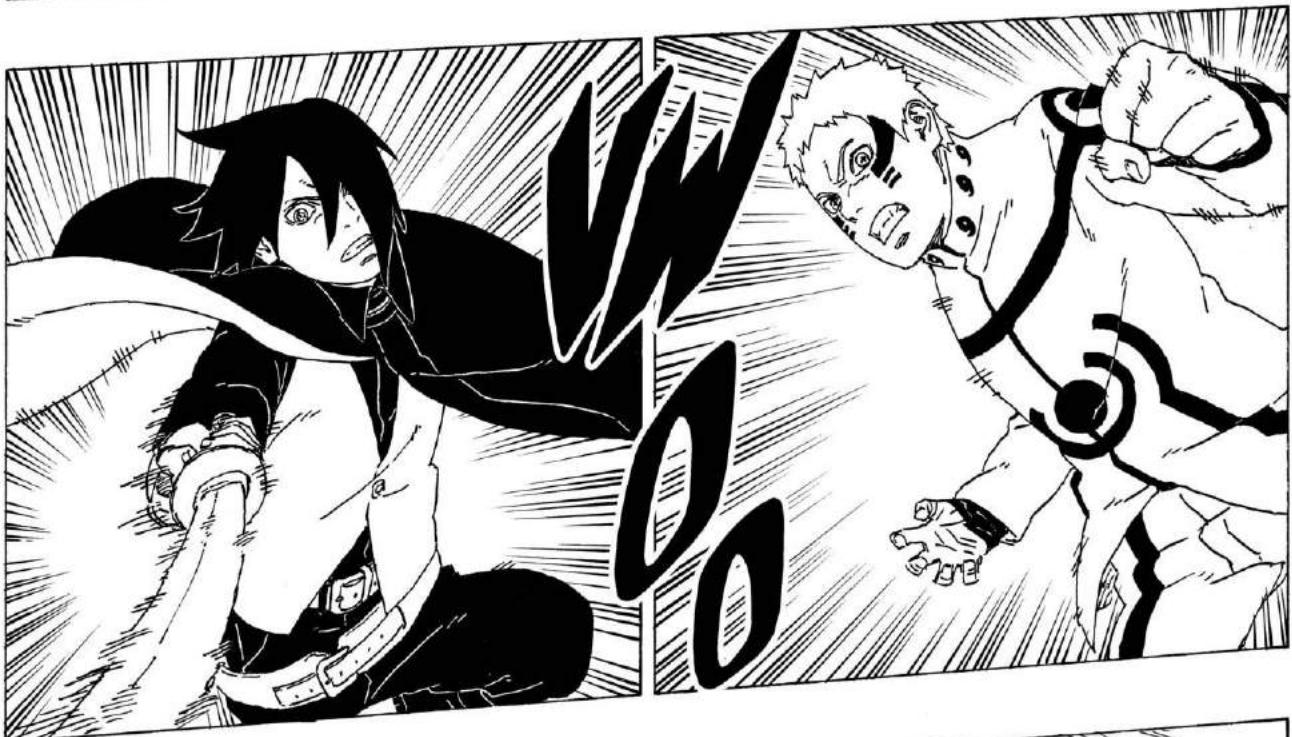






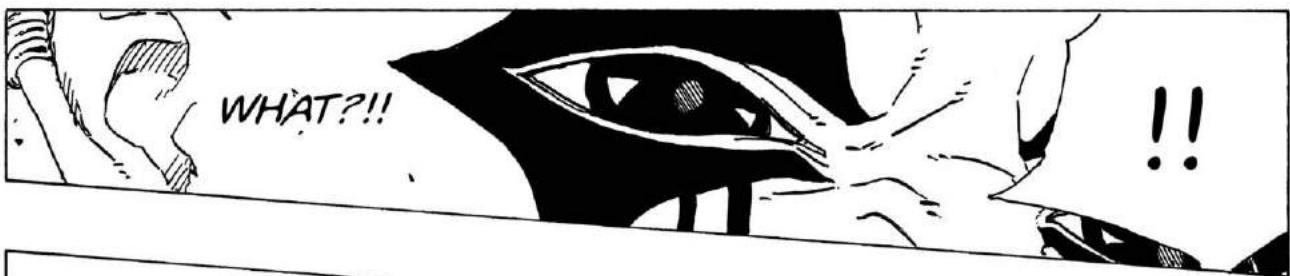


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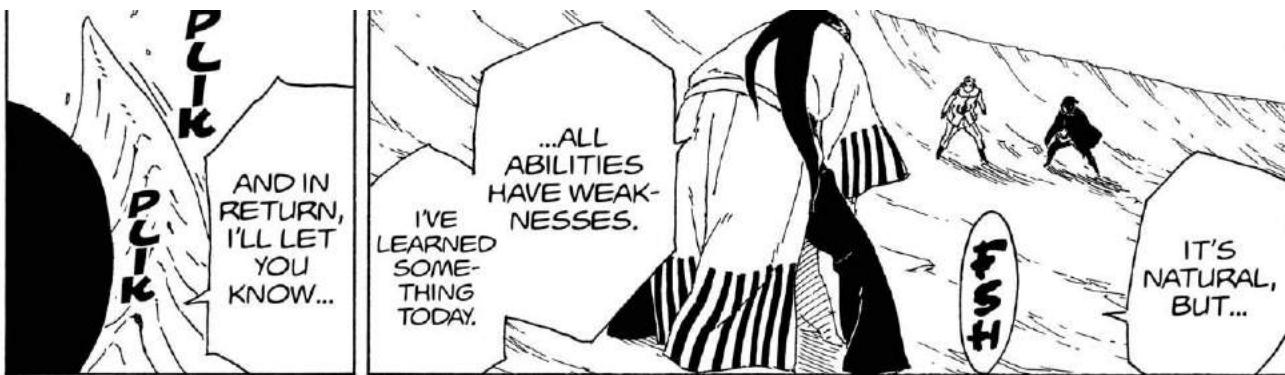












Shinobi Hiden Column 6: Shinobi Crime

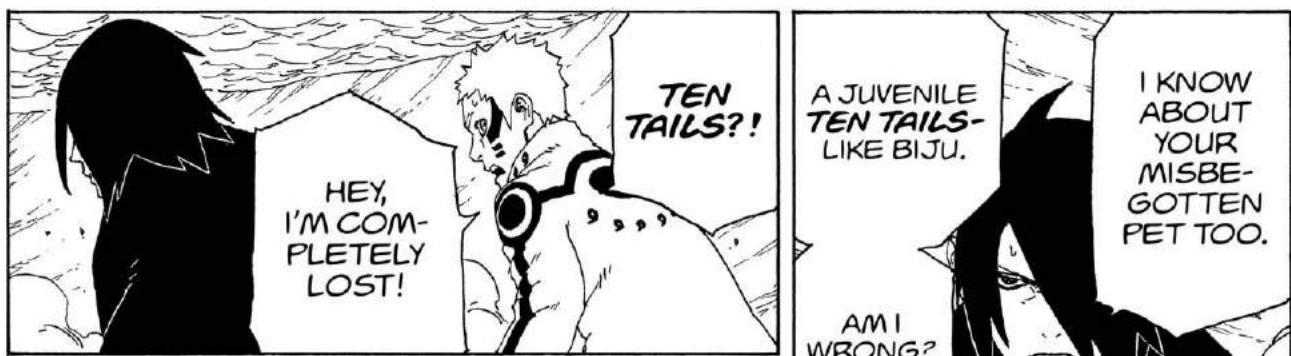
Only shinobi are able to crack down on shinobi crime. It's the only process that is practical, because no matter how many Village police officers are deployed, they would likely be unable to capture a shinobi. Thus, it has recently become practice for each Village to establish a unit called the Police Force and task them with cracking down on internal crime. Previously in Konoha Village, the Uchiha clan, which was on the losing side of political strife, was essentially forcibly assigned this task, but it is currently undertaken by the distantly related Fuuma clan (whose members do not possess sharingan). The Police Force's authority falls short of that wielded by the undercover Black Ops unit, and thus there exists tension between the two squads. Those who commit major crimes such as killing daimyo and overthrowing governments get put on wanted lists distributed across nations by the network of daimyo and are treated as international criminals. While they retain the right to a court trial, in many instances the shinobi's discretion to pronounce summary judgment on the scene is recognized.

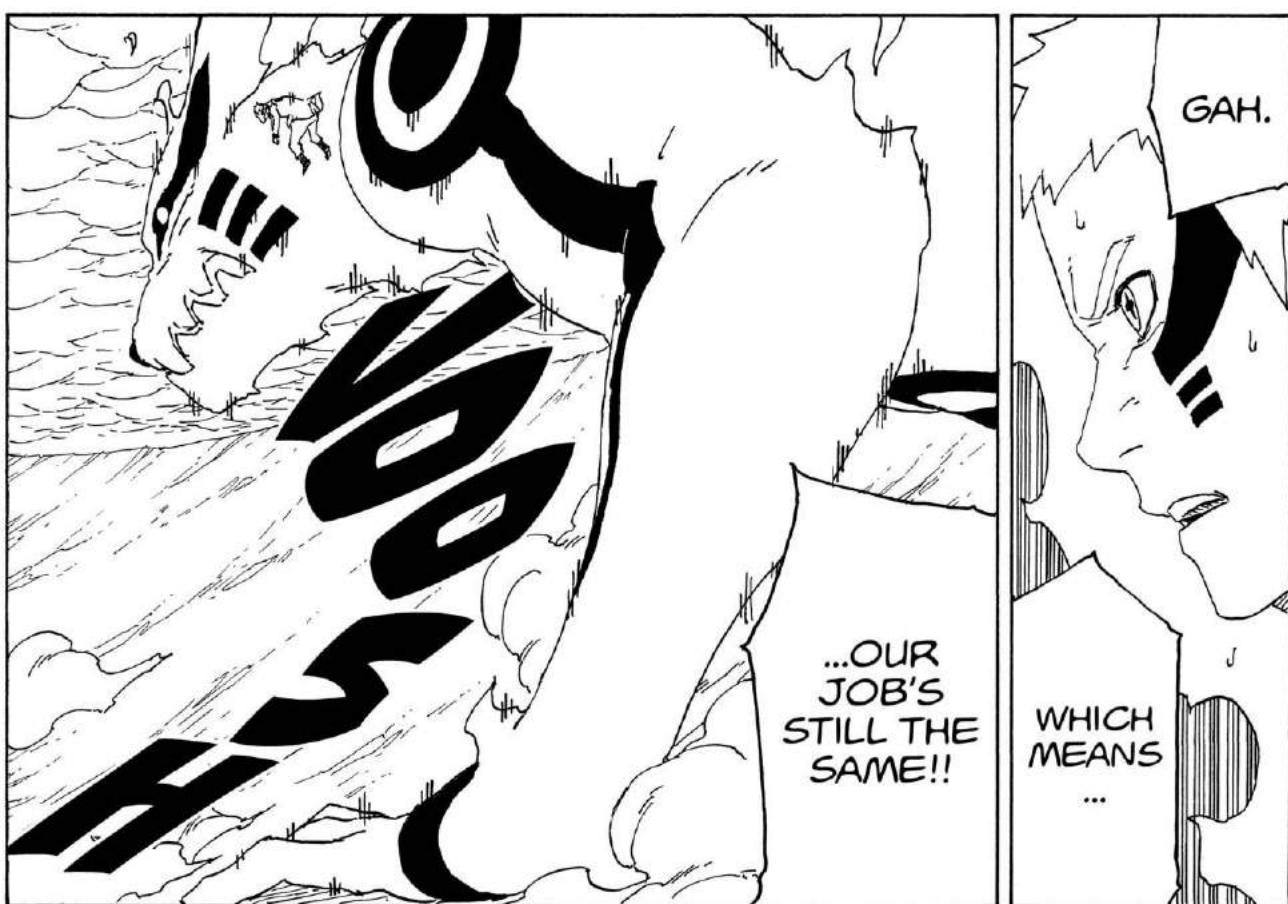
Having said that, in instances of even greater crimes (such as coups d'état), there are cases where peremptory orders are issued by the perpetrators' homeland or Village to have them brought back by any means necessary and subjected to interrogation under the label of a trial. Hefty monetary rewards are offered for such international criminals, and they are pursued irrespective of Village. Most are shinobi, and those chasing after these underworld villains who grace Bingo Book pages are also shinobi. At the same time, the underworld constantly requires the abilities of shinobi. Drug cartels and human trafficking rings that cannot commission Villages utilize international criminals via under-the-table commissions and monetary awards. For example, **Akatsuki** had strong connections with the underworld. No matter the type of shinobi, they cannot operate independently of society. In order to differentiate them from rogue ninja, ninja who forsake their Village to be active in the underworld are sometimes referred to as "brigands." For example, **Mujina**, who were involved in the kidnapping of Tento, are representative of brigands. In addition, Uchiha Sasuke, who is a rogue ninja rather than a genin of his Village, could be considered a "brigand" as well, in terms of the big picture. The superiority of such freelance shinobi is acknowledged due to their freedom. The fact that they can survive as such is proof of their remarkable abilities.

**|||| Number 38:
He's Bad News**

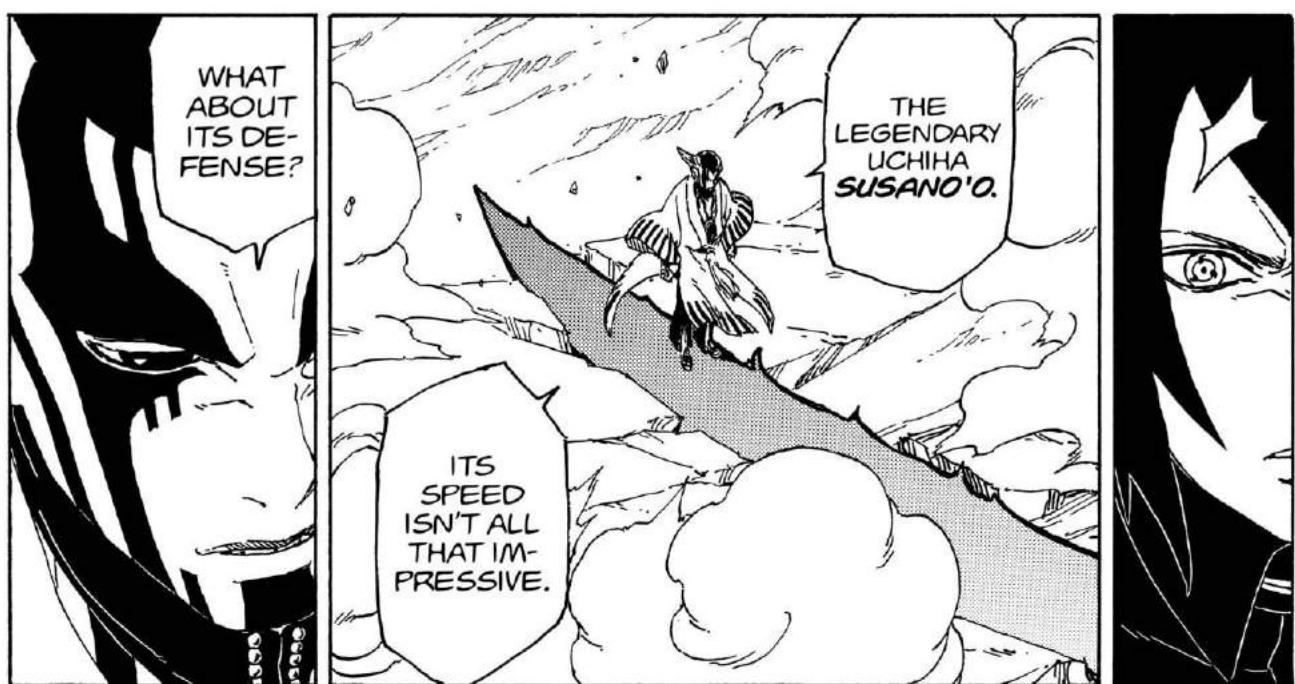
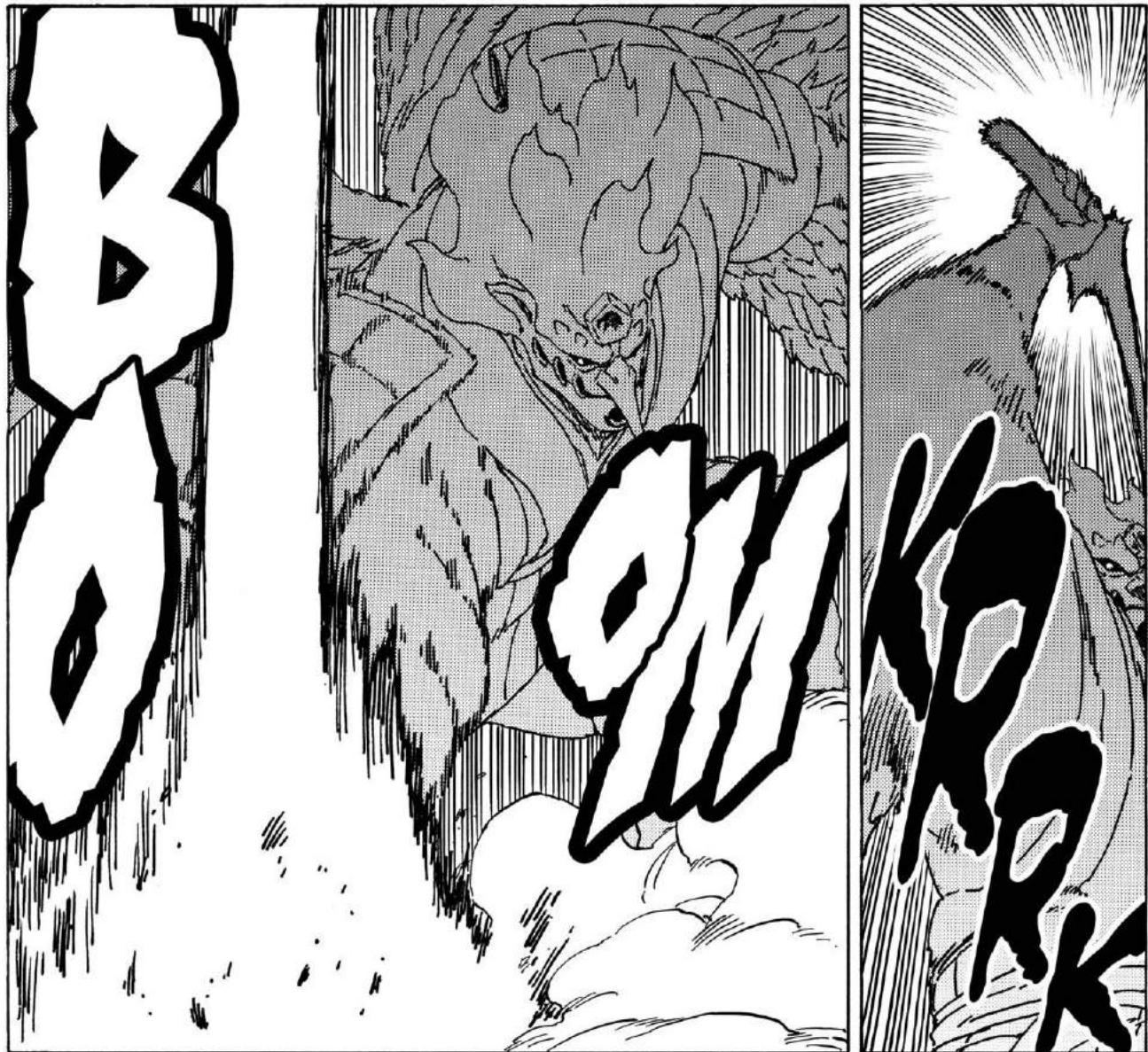


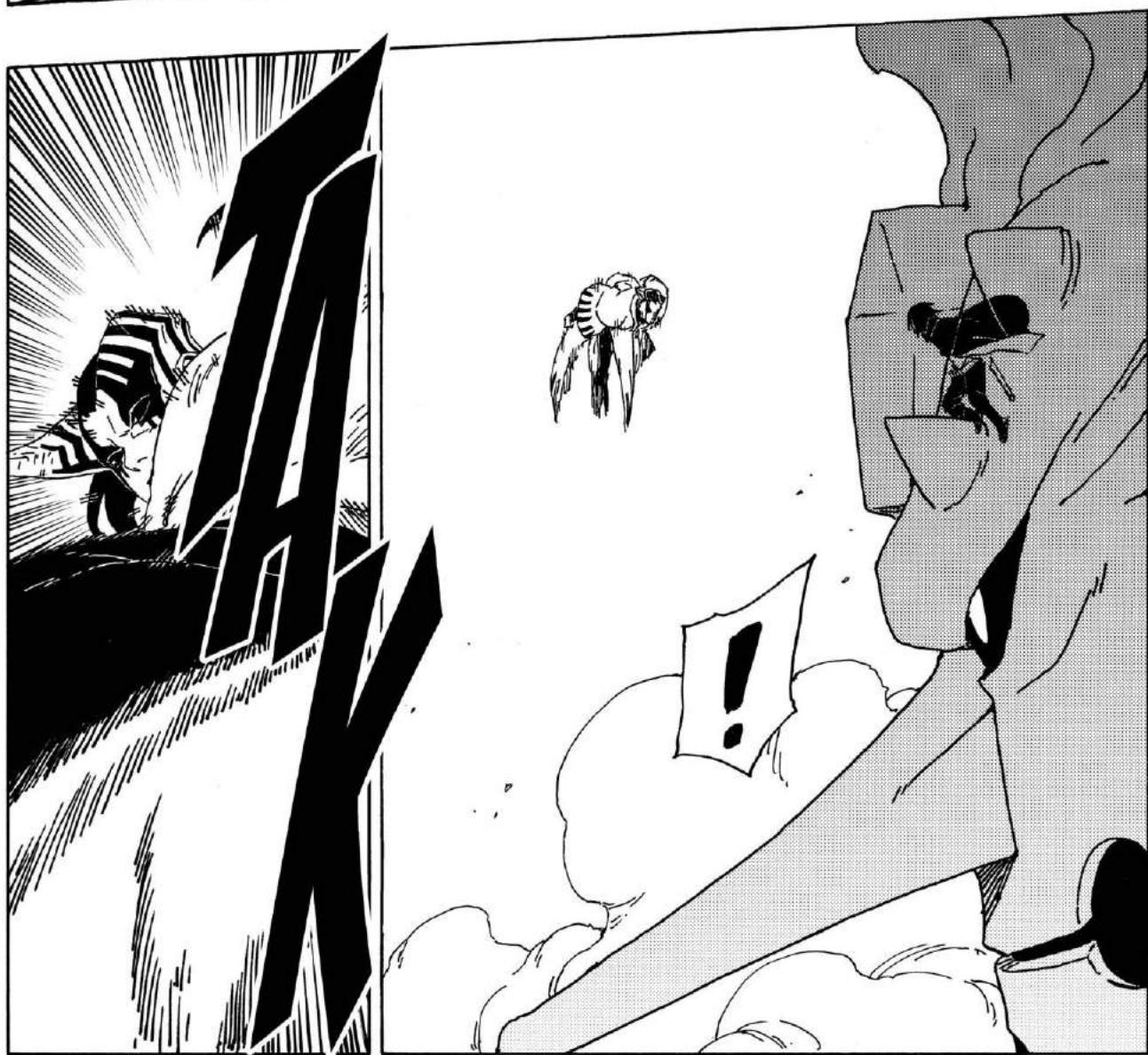
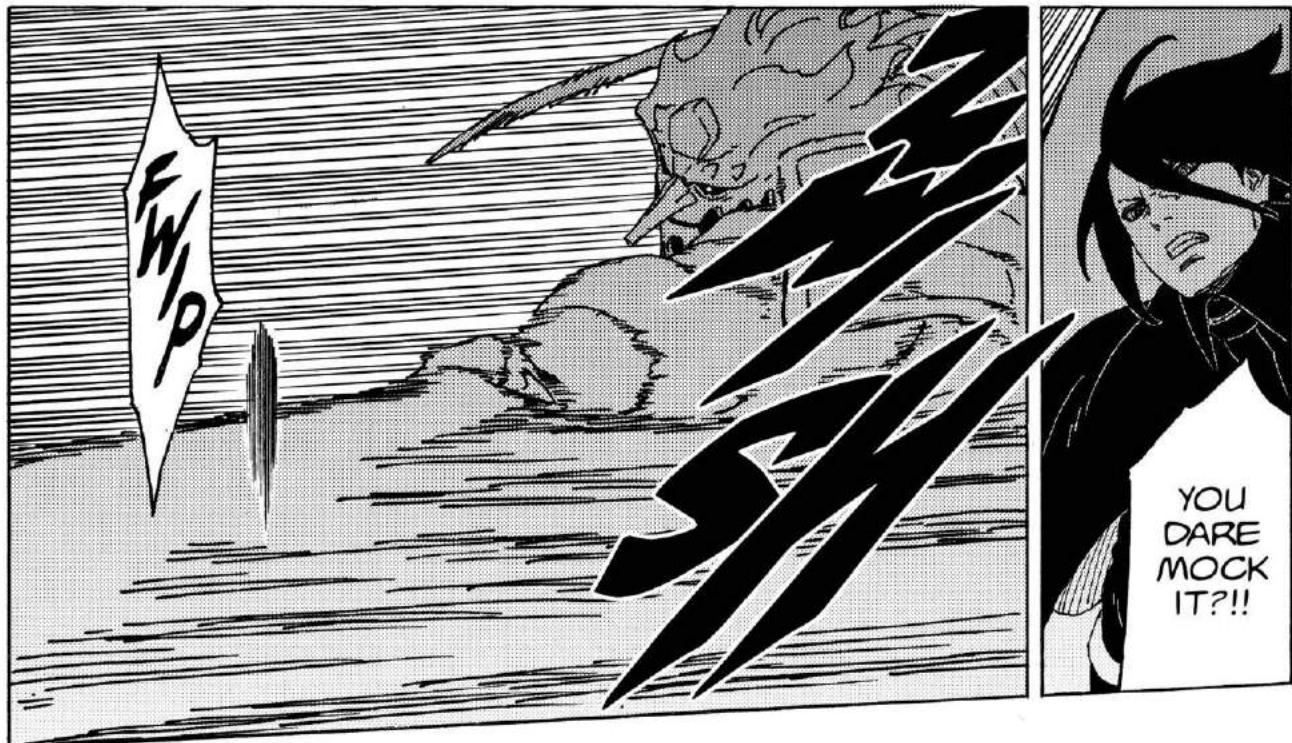


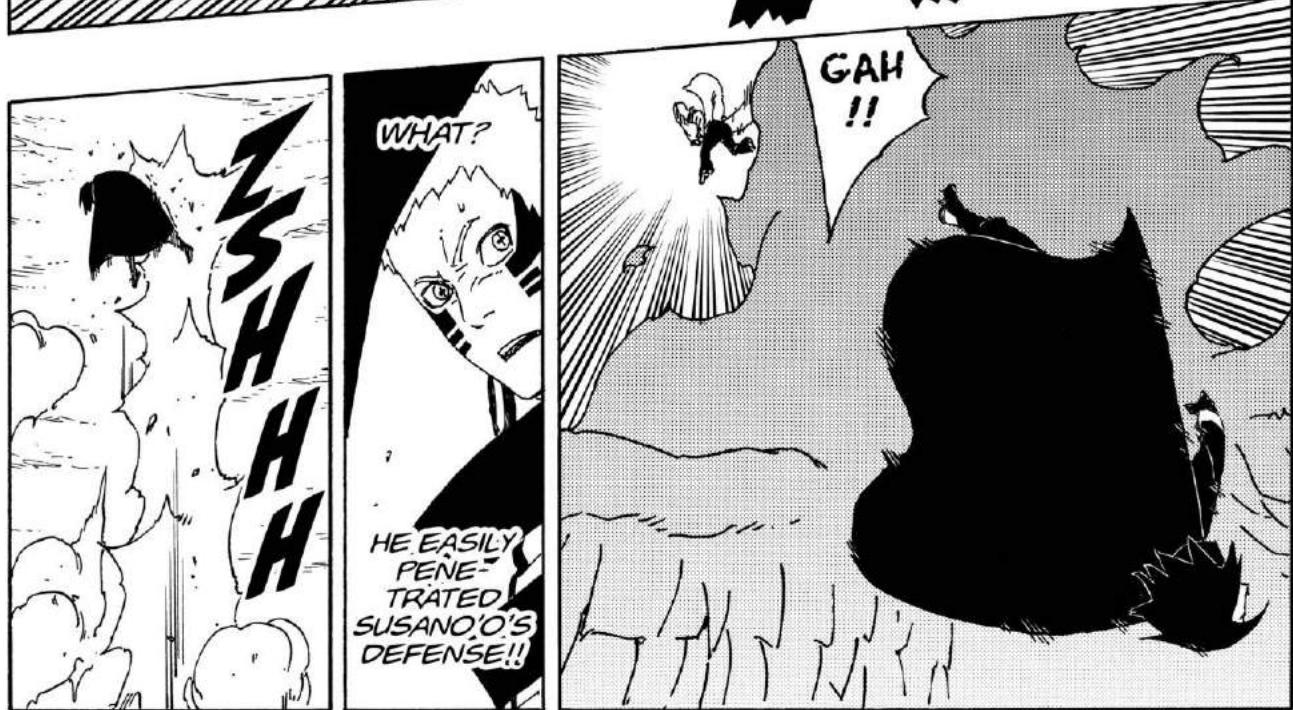


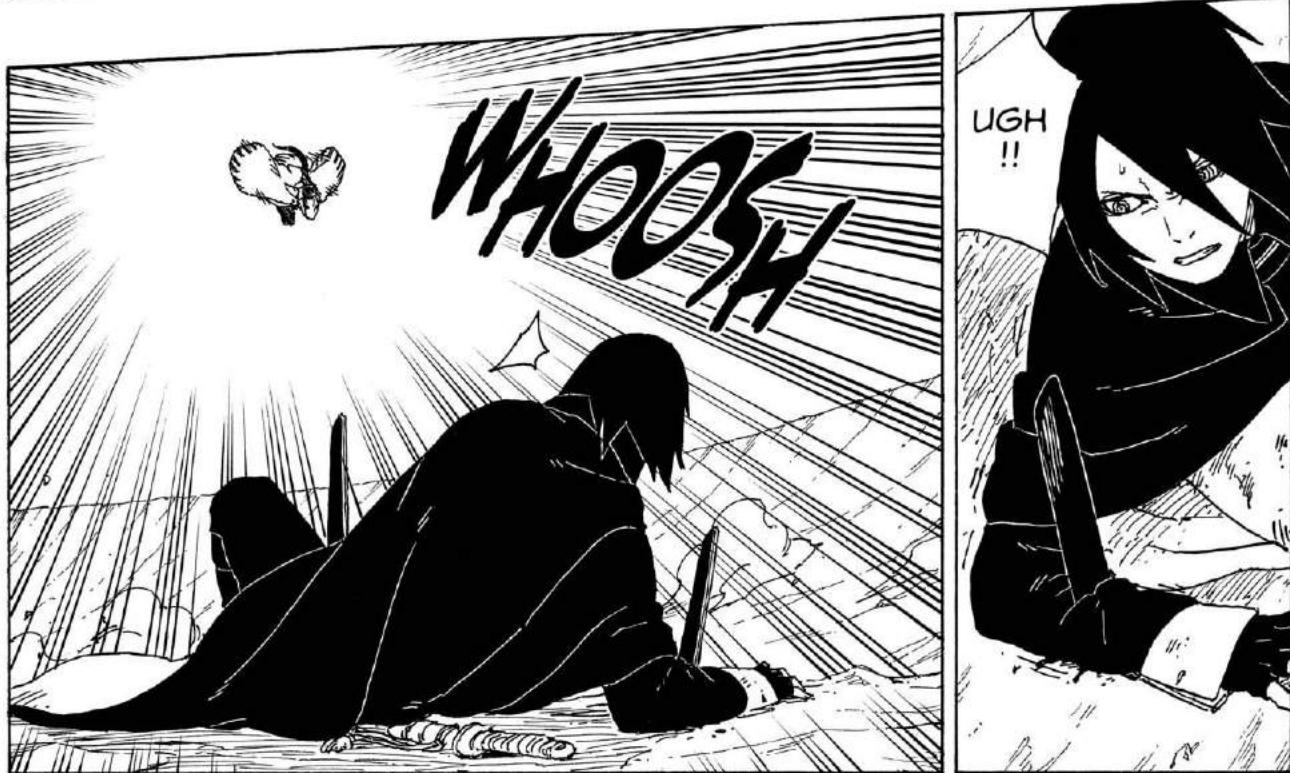


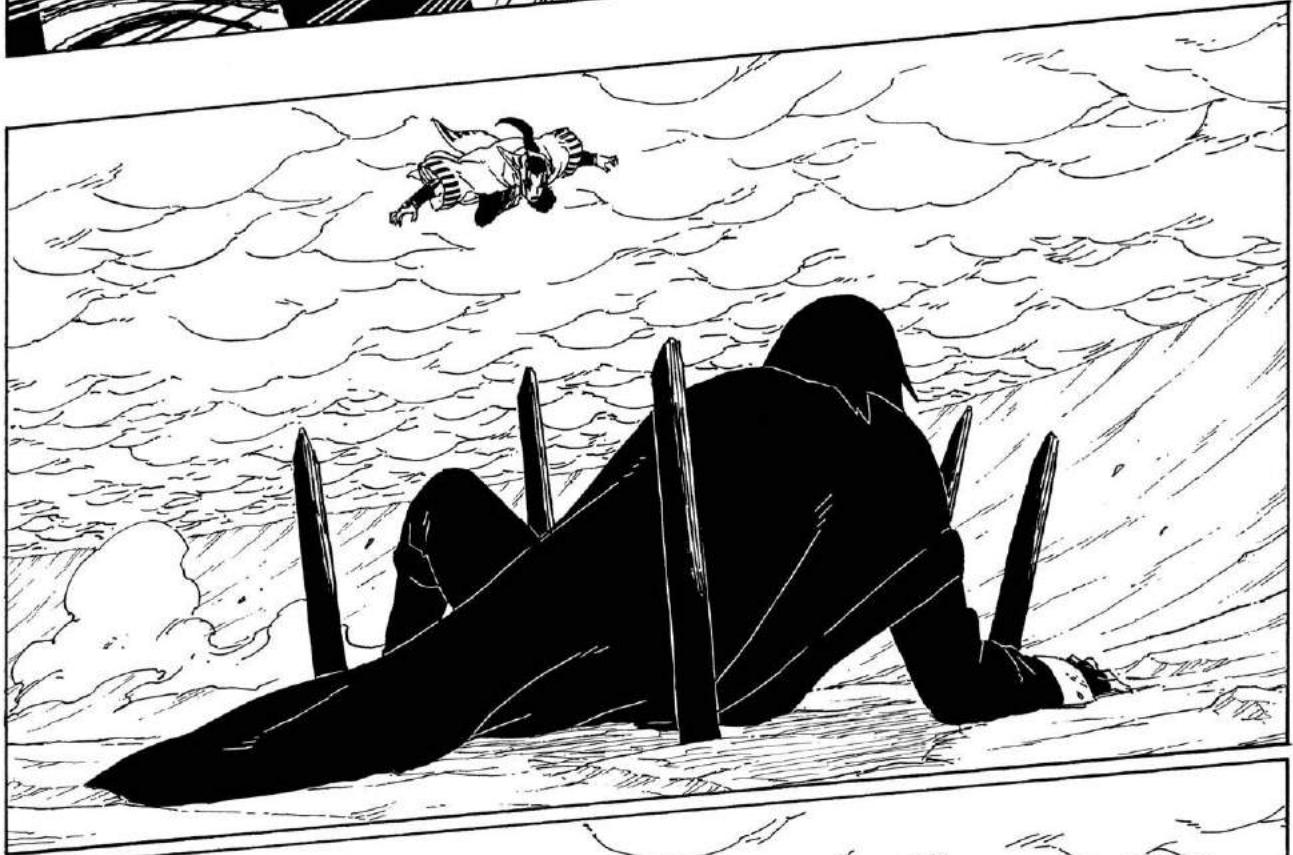




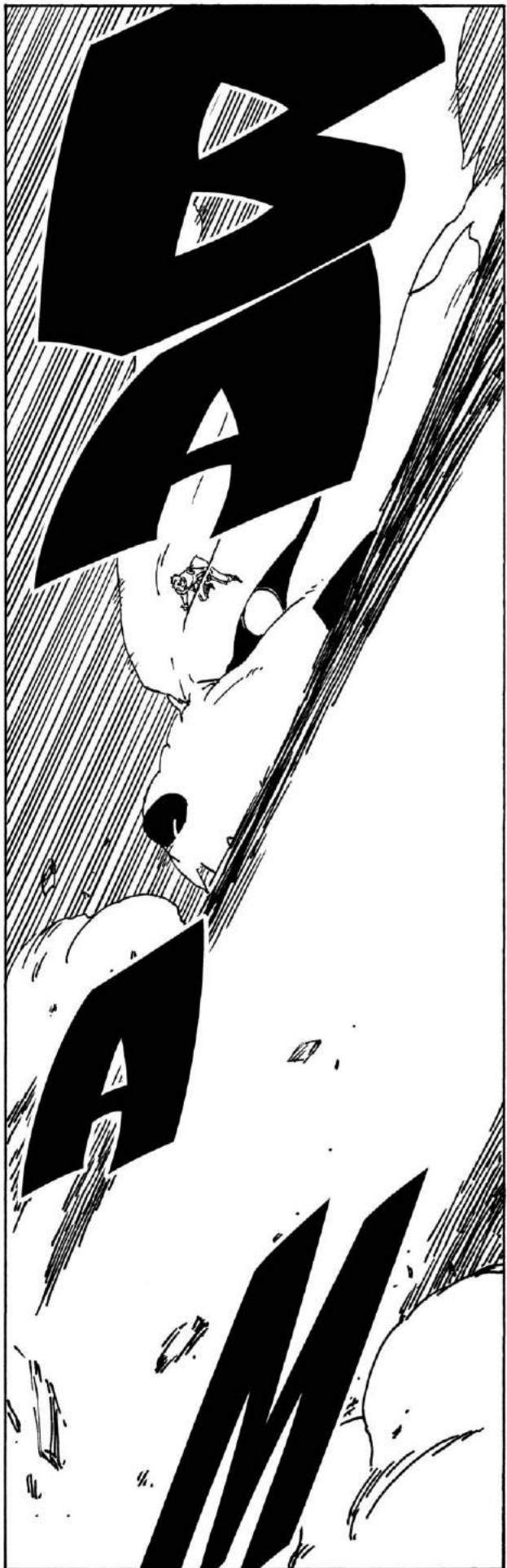


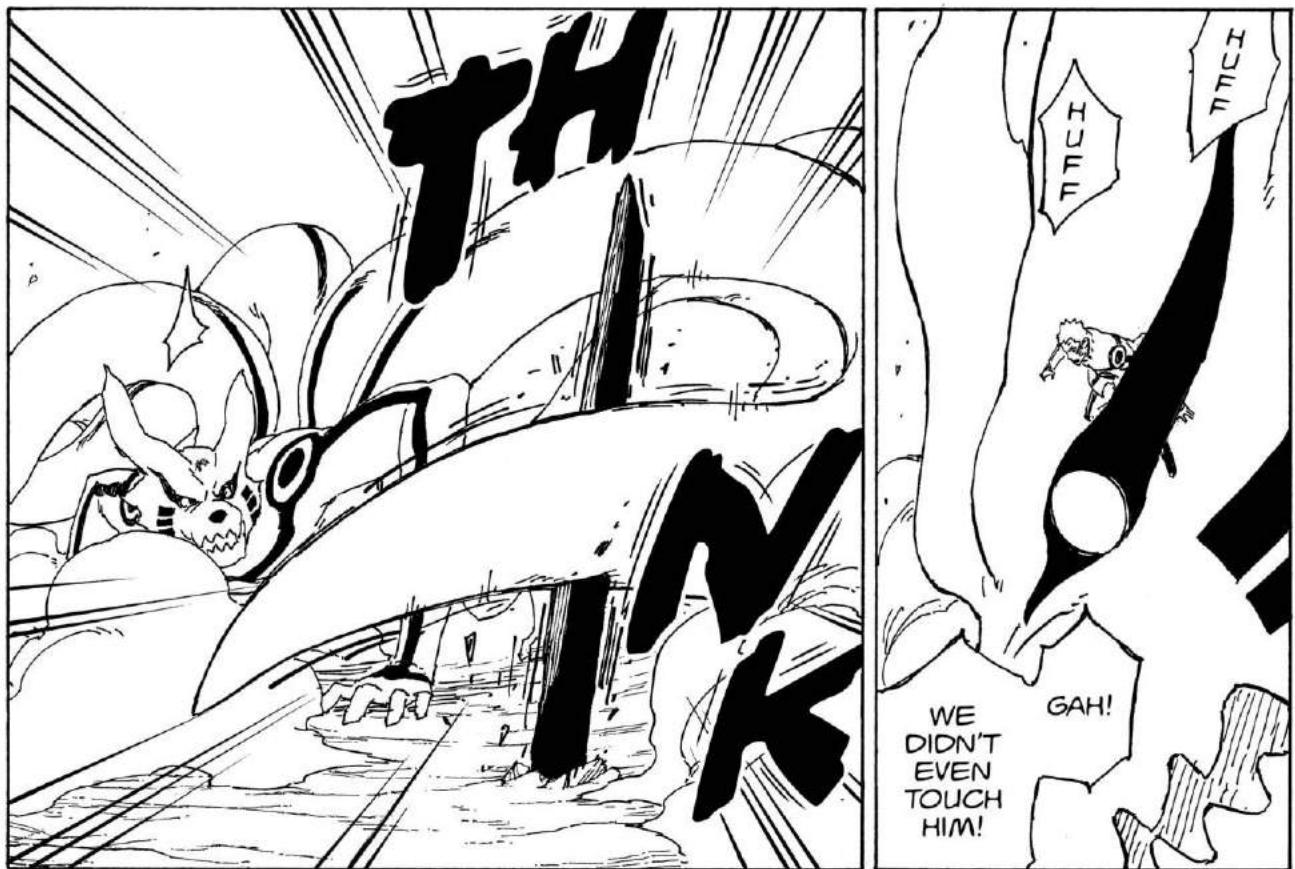


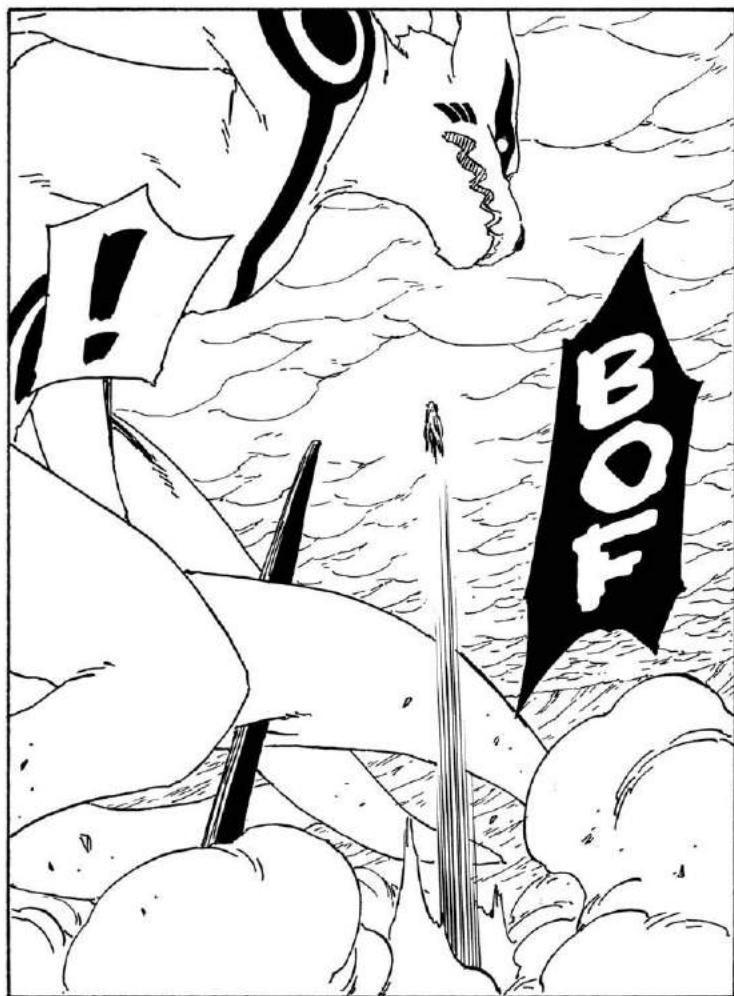






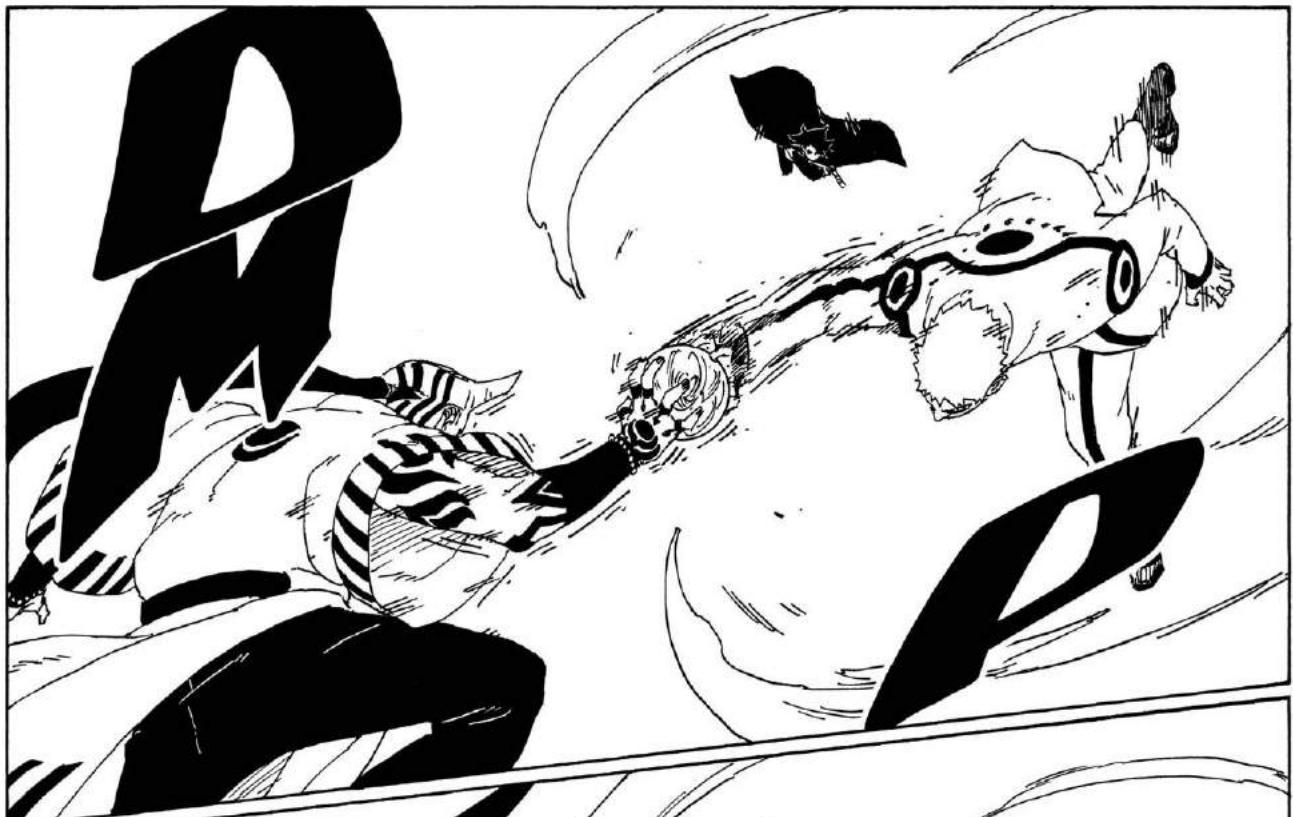




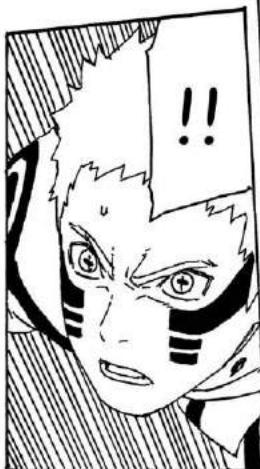




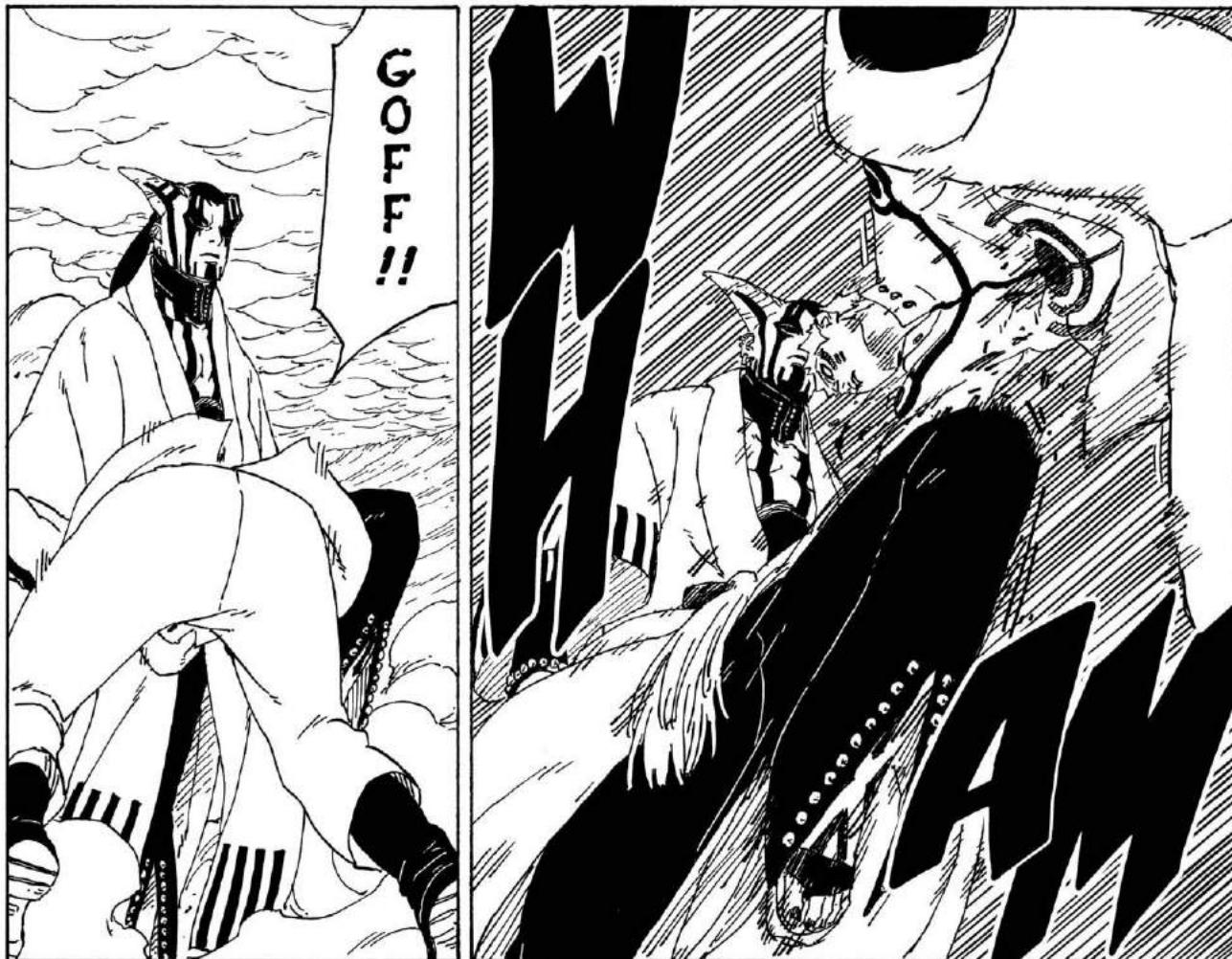
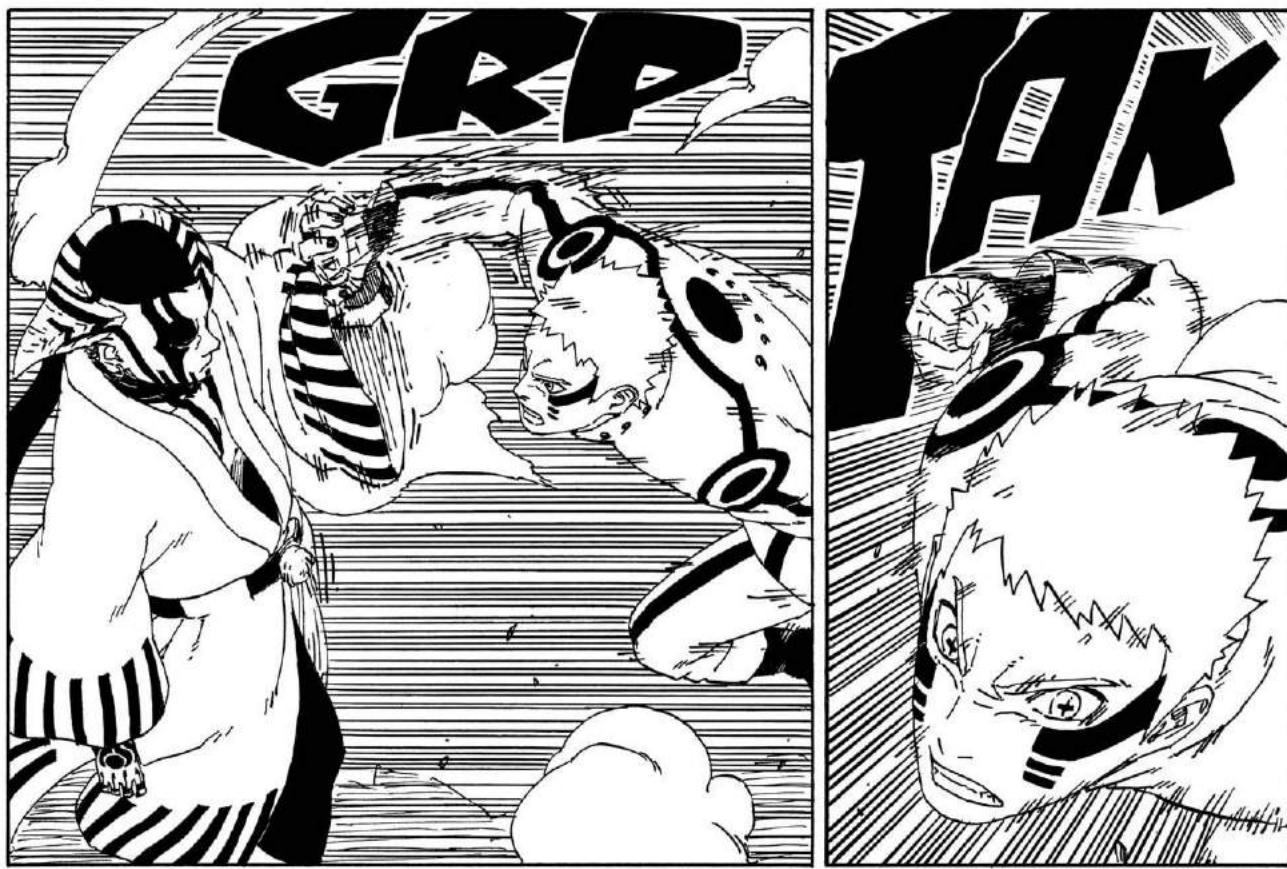




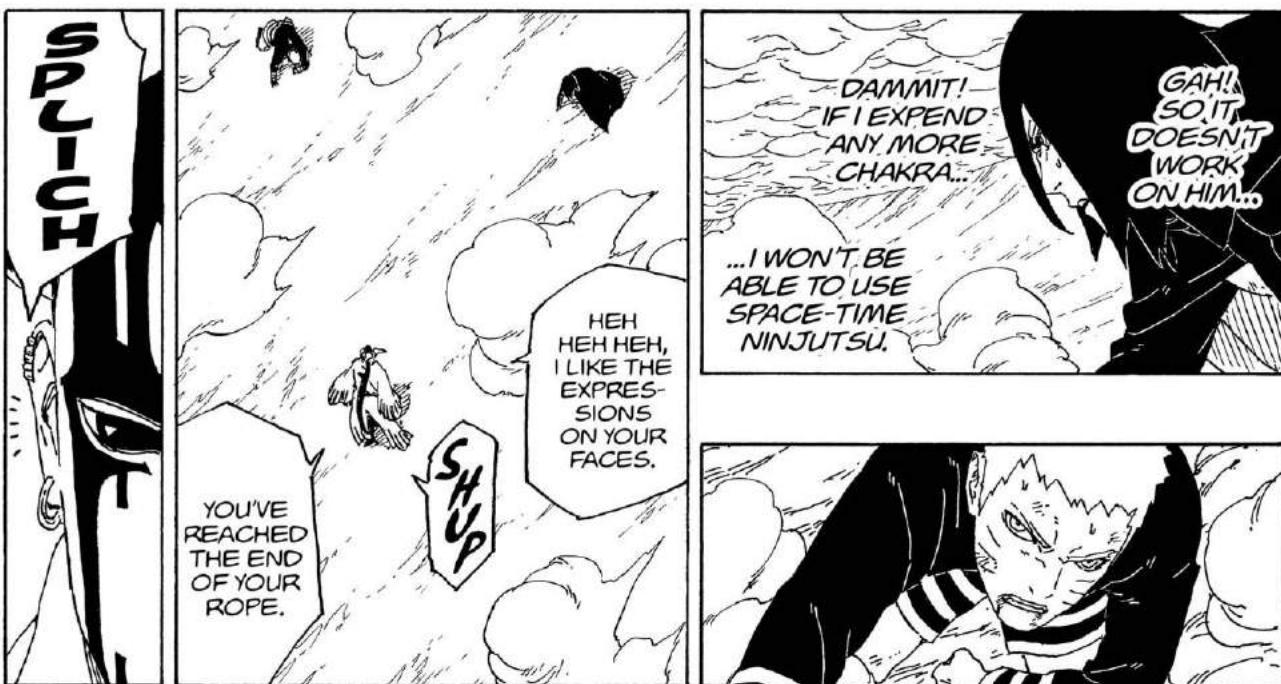


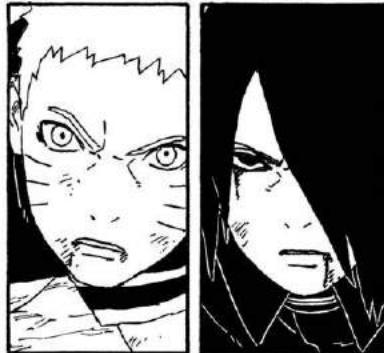




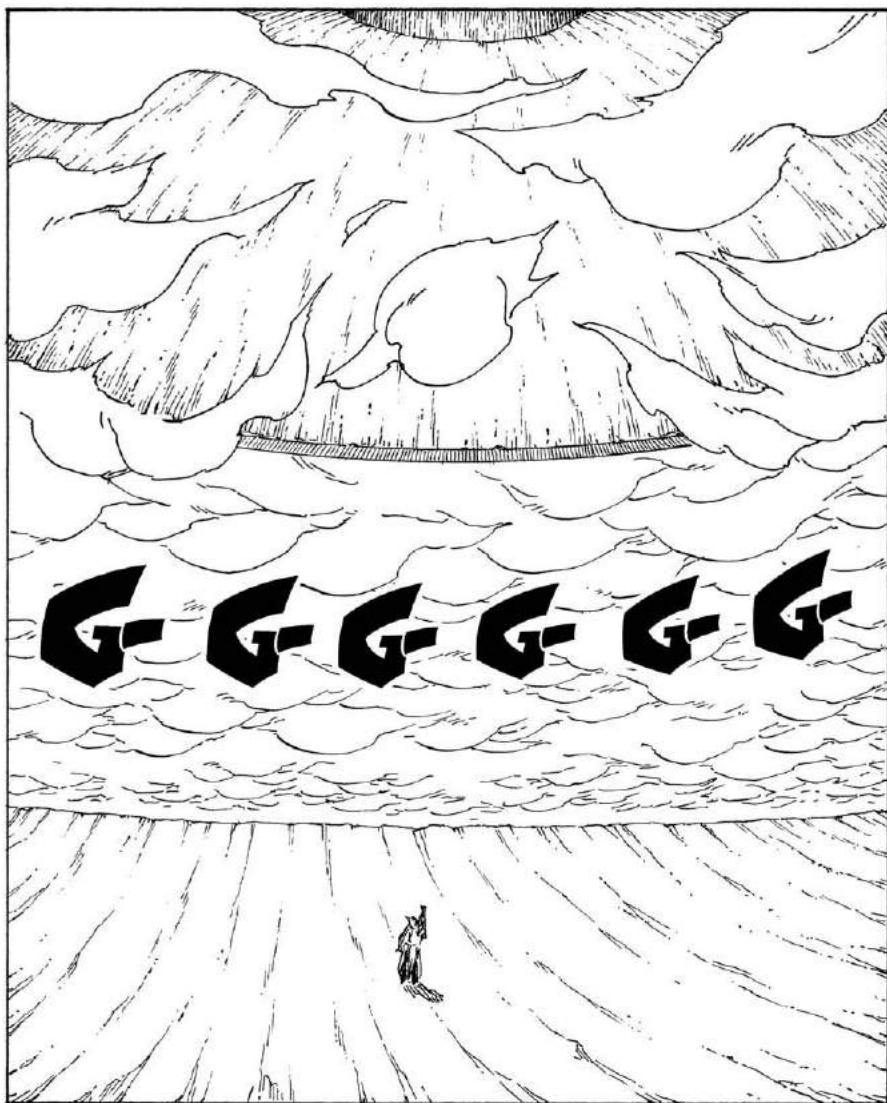
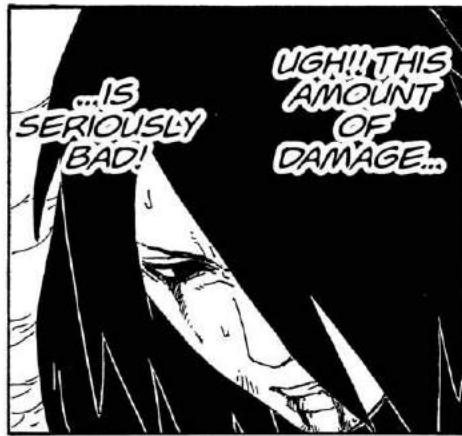


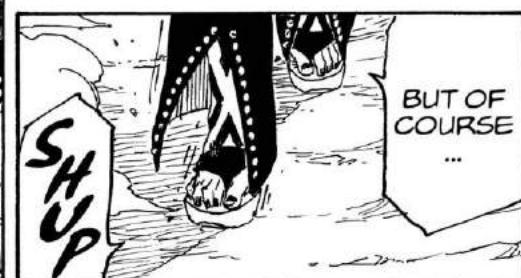










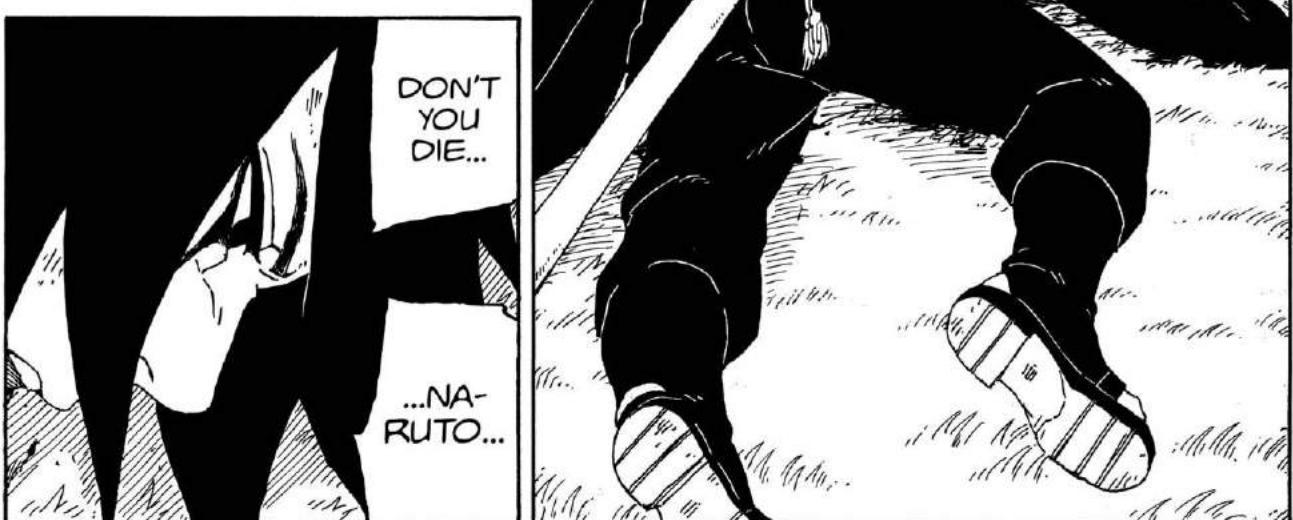
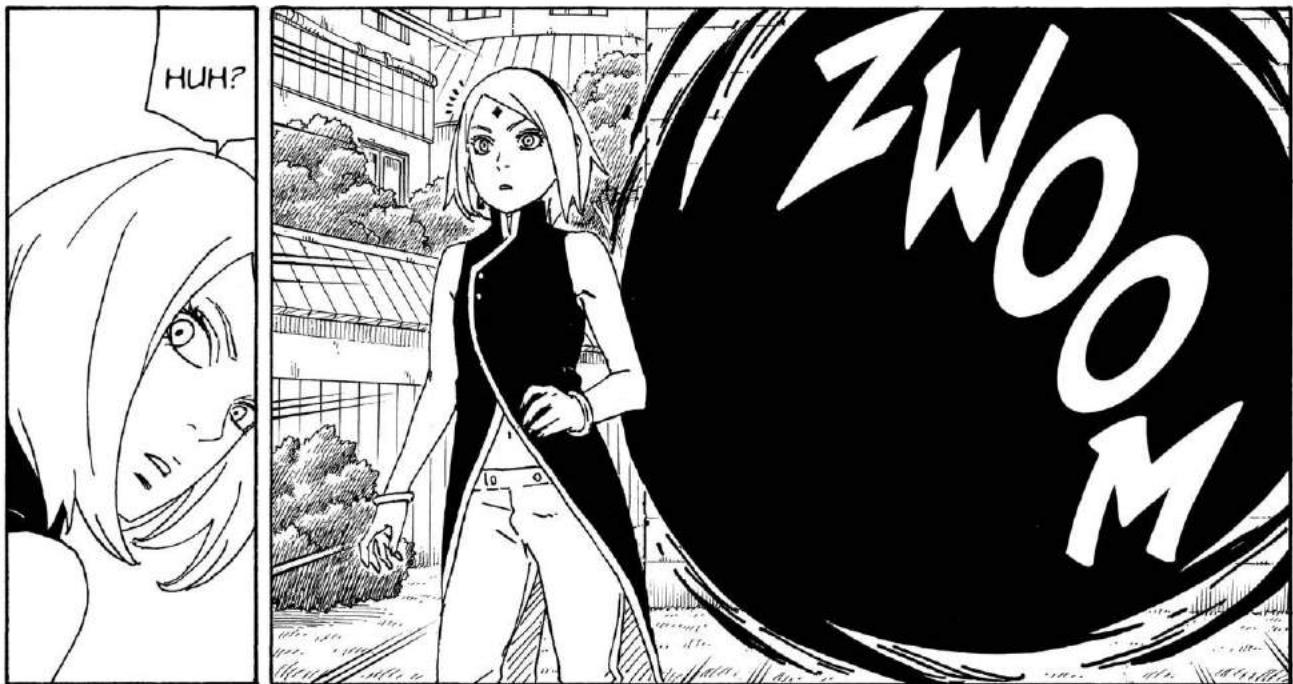








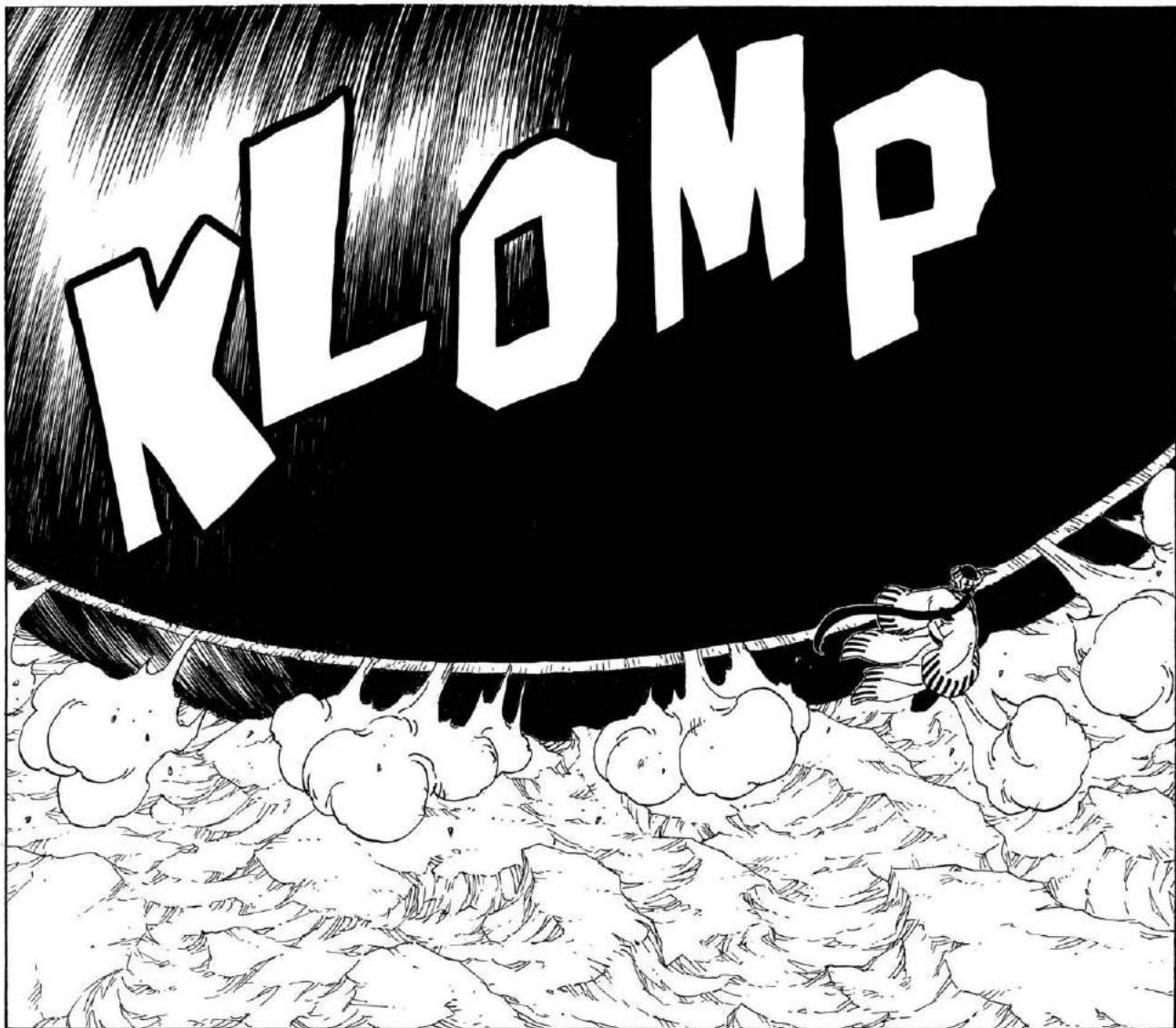
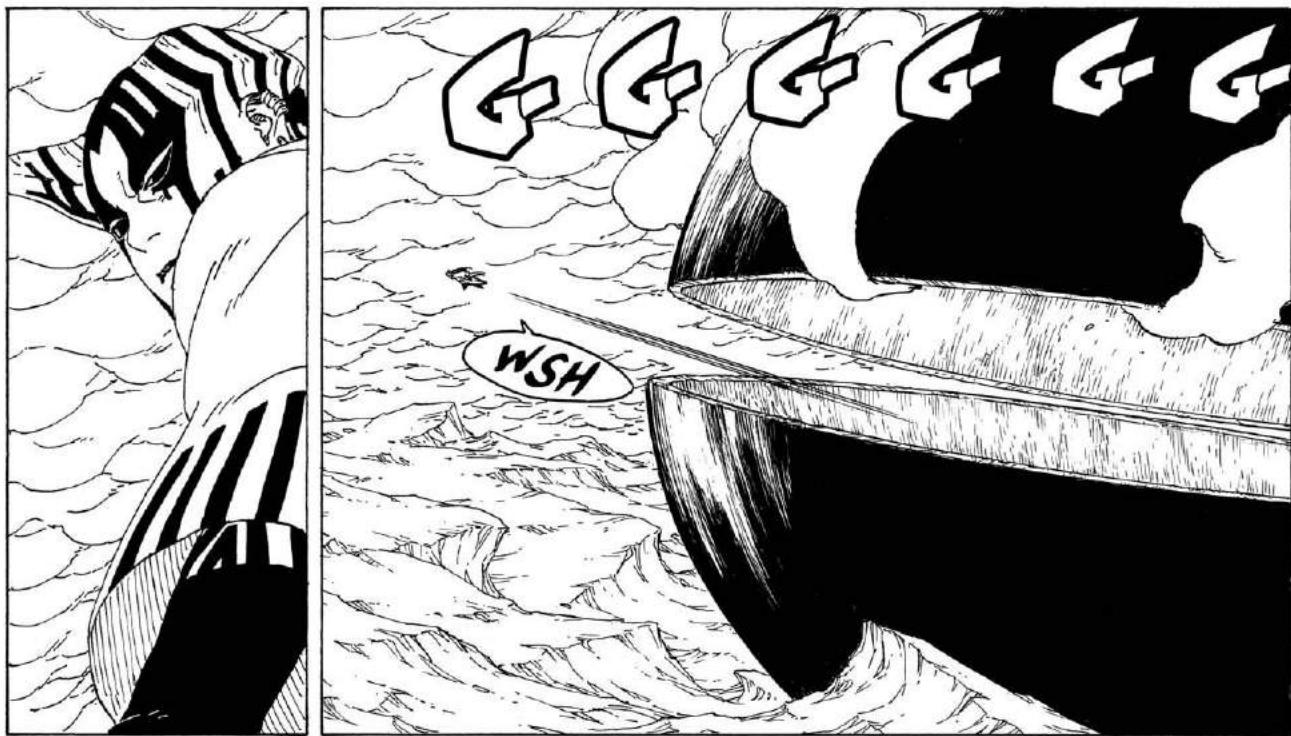


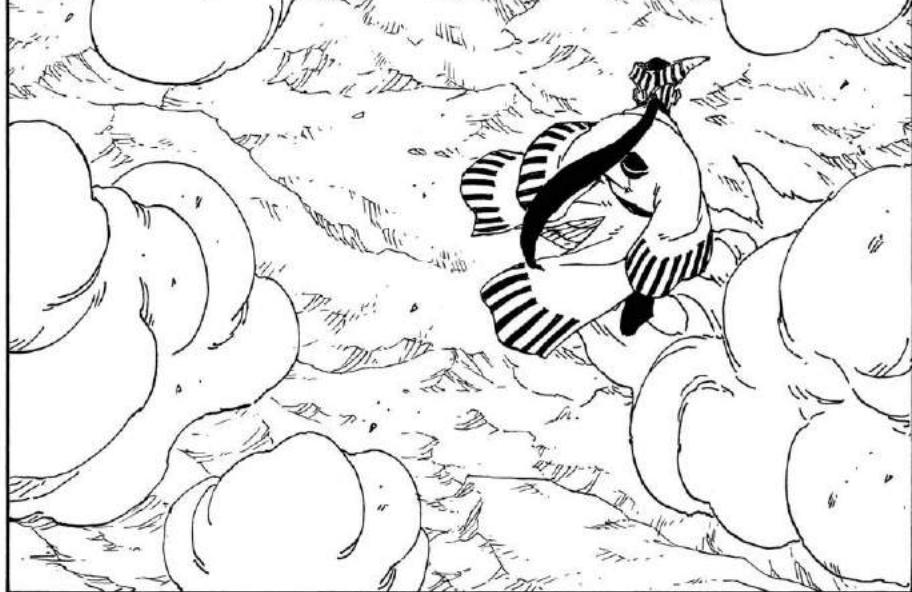


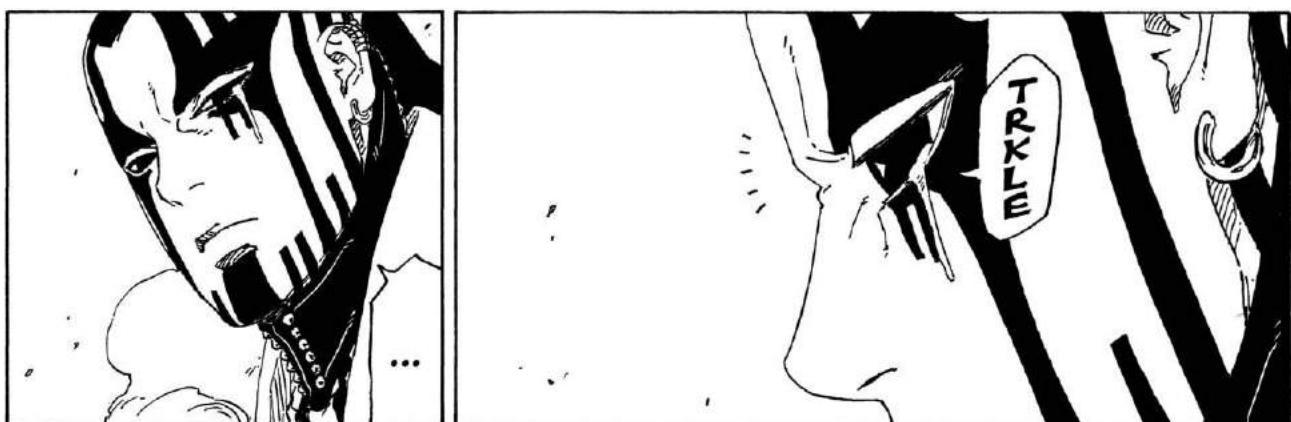
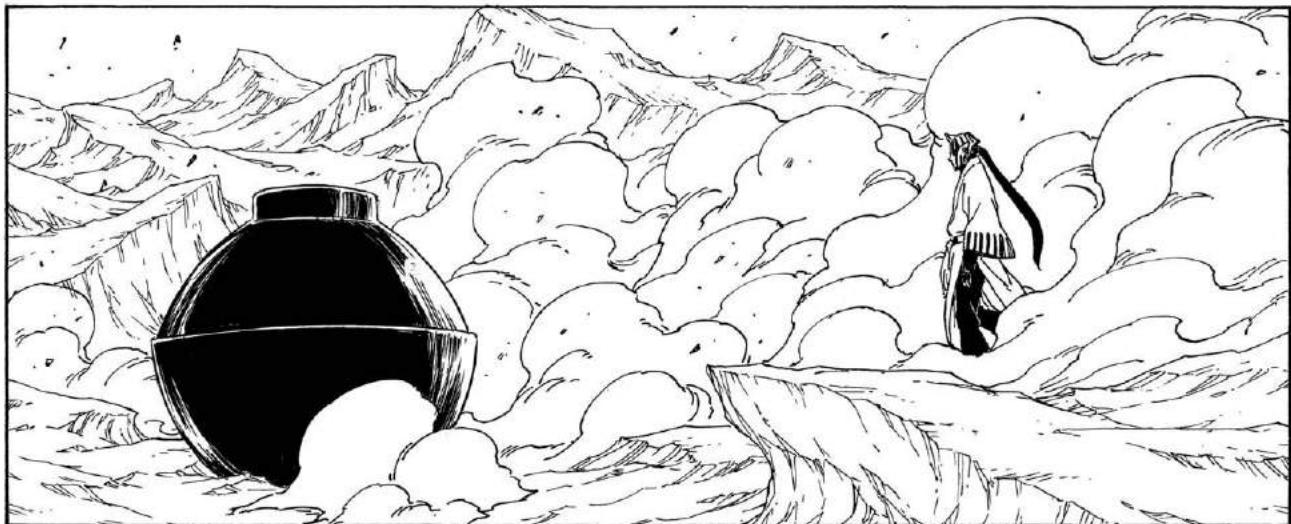




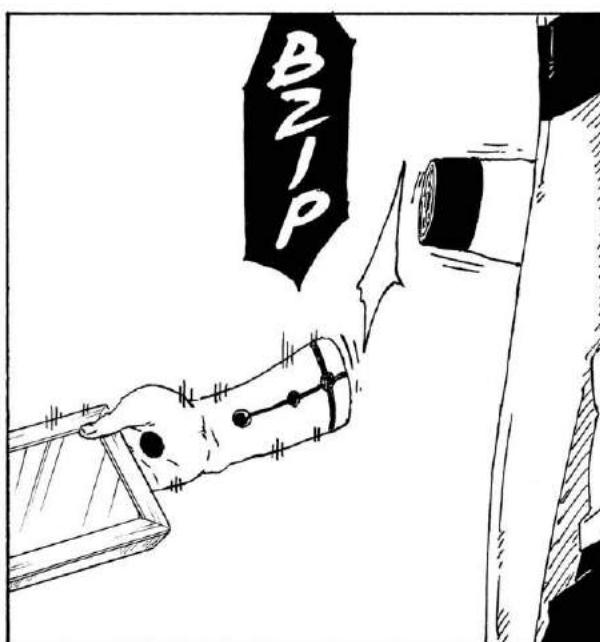


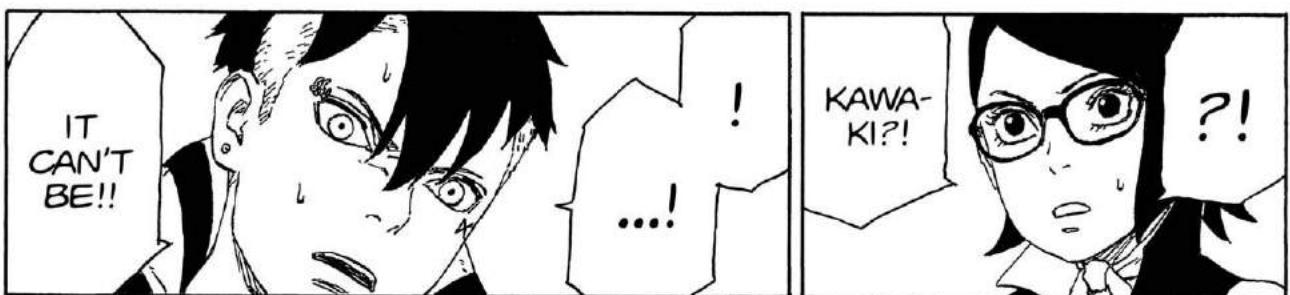












Shinobi Hiden Column 7: Science

Shinobi can be outstanding scientists as well. Orochimaru, Yakushi Kabuto and Katasuke are representative examples, but even otherwise, all front-line shinobi (excluding exceptions such as Naruto) possess well-rounded scientific knowledge. This can be said to be a byproduct of them trying to understand all things in nature in order to hone their jutsu. Because being a ninja involves using jutsu, they must grasp all the interlaced factors that make up the world, plus many are genuinely curious as well. One cannot use jutsu that one does not understand. One can use Raikiri (Lightning Blade) because one knows what lightning is, and one is able to use genjutsu because one fathoms how people perceive the world. Every time something about the world is revealed through science, new jutsu are born. In the near future, ninjutsu that meddle with computer networks and ninja who can manipulate electronic devices will likely emerge. Or perhaps they already exist. Such science and technology is spreading across the Villagers' world in addition to the shinobi world. In past wartime eras, it was not unusual for shinobi to clandestinely attend Villager academic conferences, as well as vice versa. Every Hidden Village listens carefully to the words of brilliant scientists, whether they are shinobi or not.

To rephrase, the number of outstanding scientists possessed by a Hidden Village relates directly to its rating. Extraction maneuvers in order to secure researchers (including coarse tactics like kidnapping) are commonplace occurrences in the shinobi world. For if one can scientifically elucidate an enemy's jutsu, it could lead to unilateral victory. In addition, shinobi science and technology extend to the medical field as well. These past ten years, knowledge of the human body revealed by medical ninja (much of it gained by slicing and dicing the bodies of both enemies and allies on the battlefield) has started to be widely shared with the medical community at large. Thus, even regular doctors who do not use medical ninjutsu can currently perform advanced medical procedures. However, such strides have not all been positive. Technology regarding potent drugs being kept under wraps by Hidden Villages came to be leaked, leading to evil drug dealers selling those substances. Such drug lords have wealth on the scale of small nations, like the old Gato Company, and are expanding their influence by hiring rogue ninja. It is rumored that there even exist Hidden Villages built by such drug dealers in remote regions. Part of the reason Naruto and the others are so busy is they are battling such scoundrels, the darkness that was birthed by peace, every day.

|||| Number 39: Proof



