



NARUTO

SHONEN JUMP MANGA

Story & Art by

Masashi Kishimoto volume

28



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Uh... Oh! Right! I wanted to let you all know that with this volume begins Part Two, so I look forward to your patronage. To those who have not yet read Part One, please read from volume 1. Then again, feel free to read it from the middle as well... (laughs).

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2005



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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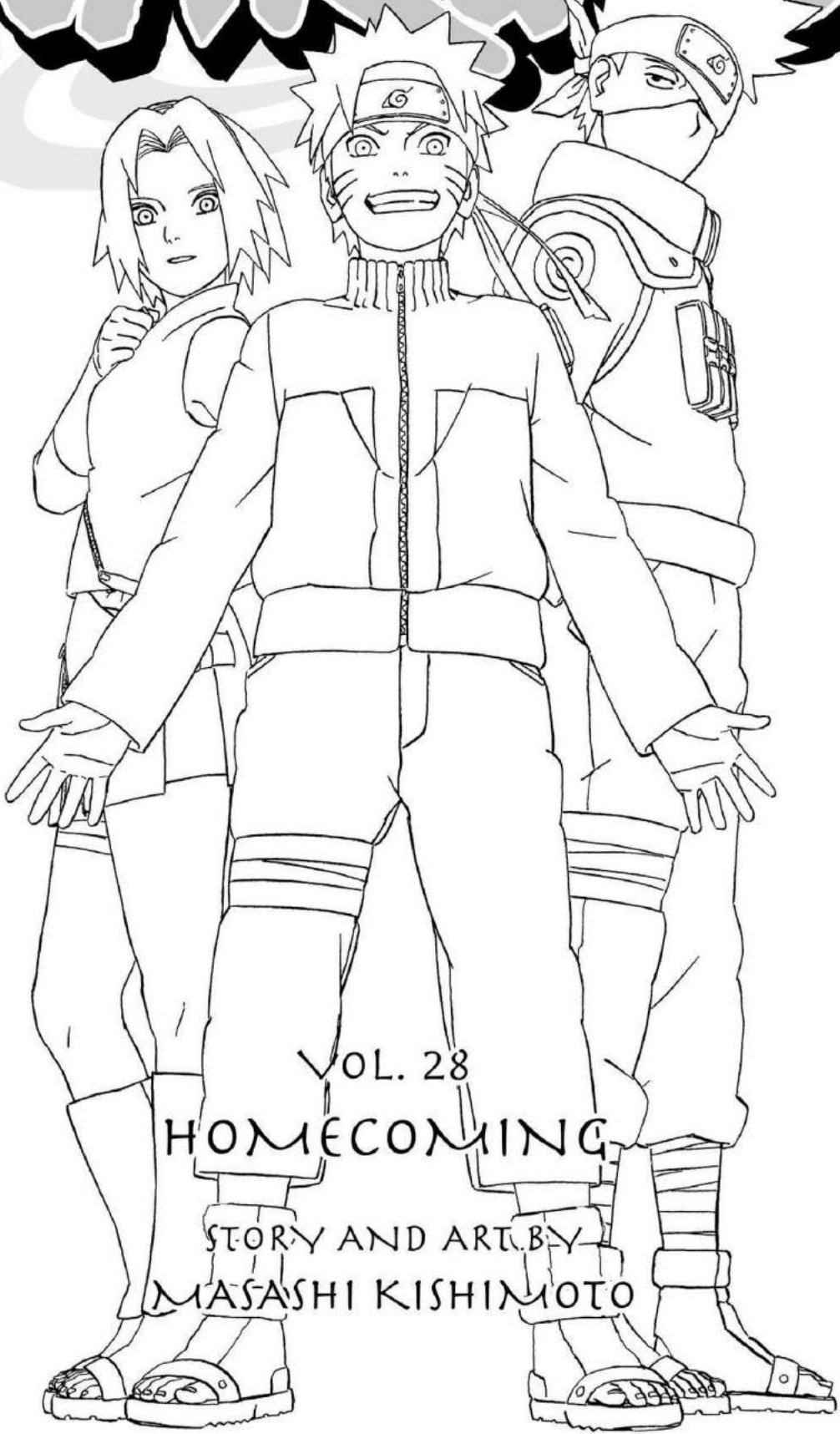
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STORY AND ART BY
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CHARACTERS



Sakura
春野サクラ



Tsunade



Jiraiya



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Kakashi



Naruto
ナルト



Sasuke

Ebizo**Granny Chiyo****Gaara****Sasori****Deidara****Kankuro**

Twelve years ago a destructive nine-tailed fox spirit attacked the ninja village of Konohagakure. The Hokage, or village champion, defeated the fox by sealing its soul into the body of a baby boy. Now that boy, Uzumaki Naruto, has grown up to be a ninja-in-training, learning the art of ninjutsu with his teammates Sakura and Sasuke. During the Second Chūnin Exam, Orochimaru, a former student of the Third Hokage, attacks Naruto and the others. He leaves a curse mark upon Sasuke and then vanishes.

During the Third Exam, Orochimaru and company return to launch *Operation Destroy Konoha*, a campaign that ends with the sacrifice of Lord Hokage's life. Following the fierce battle against Orochimaru and Kabuto, Lady Tsunade then becomes the Fifth Hokage.

In the wake of the battle, Konoha suffers yet another loss when Sasuke, tempted by Orochimaru's offer of power, leaves with the Sound Ninja Four. Desperate to save his friend, Naruto enters into a bitter fight with Sasuke, but is ultimately unable to stop him. Amid movement by both Orochimaru and the mysterious organization the Akatsuki, Naruto and the others begin further training!!

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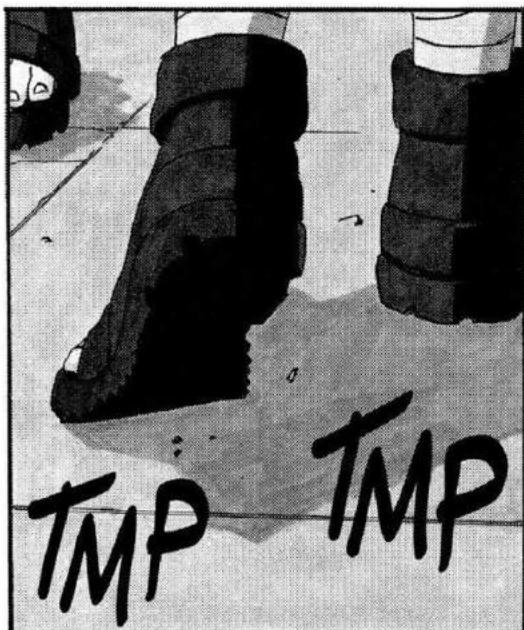
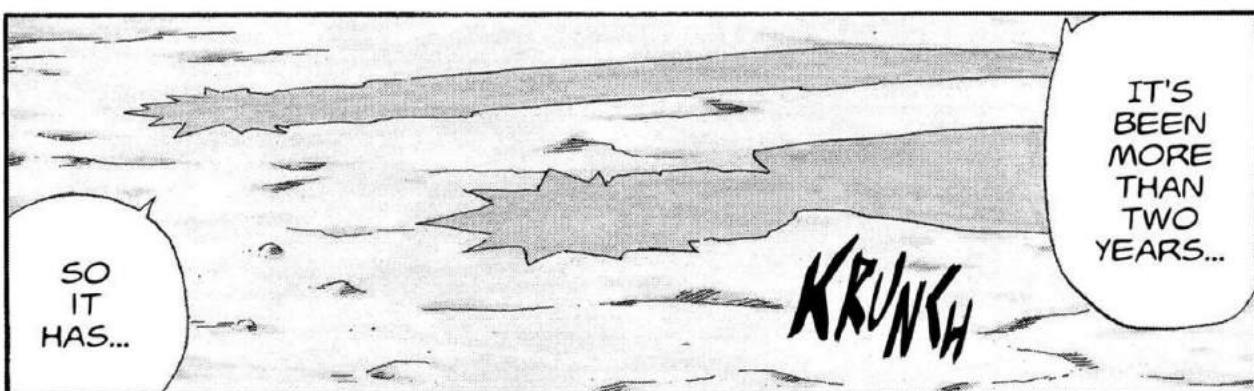
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SECOND JUTSU POPULARITY SURVEY!!



● The Jutsu Popularity Survey Results ●

1st Place/Rasengan 6,354 votes	8th Place/Sharingan 1,531 votes	15th Place/Mind Transfer Technique 535 votes
2nd Place/Chidori 5,665 votes	9th Place/Byakugan 1,197 votes	16th Place/Reverse Lotus 513 votes
3rd Place/Lightning Blade 5,188 votes	10th Place/Mangekyo Sharingan 670 votes	17th Place/Sakura Blizzard* 511 votes
4th Place/Tsukuyomi 3,447 votes	11th Place/Art of Suffocating Darkness 653 votes	18th Place/Ninja Harem 509 votes
5th Place/8 Trigrams 64 Palms 1,624 votes	12th Place/Ninja Centerfold 617 votes	19th Place/Shadow Doppelganger 499 votes
6th Place/Summoning 1,611 votes	13th Place/Lions Barrage 616 votes	20th Place/One Thousand Years of Death 490 votes
7th Place/Shadow Possession 1,575 votes	14th Place/Summoning: Blade Dance 576 votes	

*Sakura's Jutsu from the movie *Ninja Clash in the Land of Snow*

RESULTS OF THE FIFTH CHARACTER AND

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2nd Place/
Uzumaki Naruto
5,614 votes

4th Place/
Umino Iruka
4,128 votes

8th Place/
Haruno Sakura
2,394 votes

11th Place/
Temari
1,037 votes

9th Place/
Hyuga Hinata
1,598 votes

7th Place/
Hyuga Neji
2,497 votes

● More of the Character Popularity Survey Results ●

12th Place/Inuzuka Kiba 788 votes
13th Place/Rock Lee 722 votes
14th Place/Yamanaka Ino 717 votes
15th Place/Haku 706 votes
16th Place/Tsunade 595 votes
17th Place/Might Guy 559 votes

18th Place/Kimimaro 478 votes
19th Place/Yakushi Kabuto 473 votes
20th Place/Gekko Hayate 434 votes
21st Place/Aburame Shino 377 votes
22nd Place/Fourth Hokage 345 votes
23rd Place/Jiraiya 317 votes

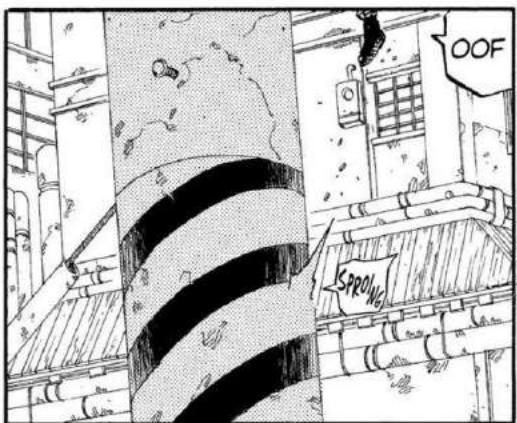
24th Place/Tenten 280 votes
25th Place/Tayuya 225 votes
26th Place/Sarutobi Asuma 221 votes
27th Place/Orochimaru 211 votes
28th Place/Hoshigaki Kisame 202 votes
29th Place/Shizune 163 votes
30th Place/Kankuro 117 votes

This poll was conducted in Japan.

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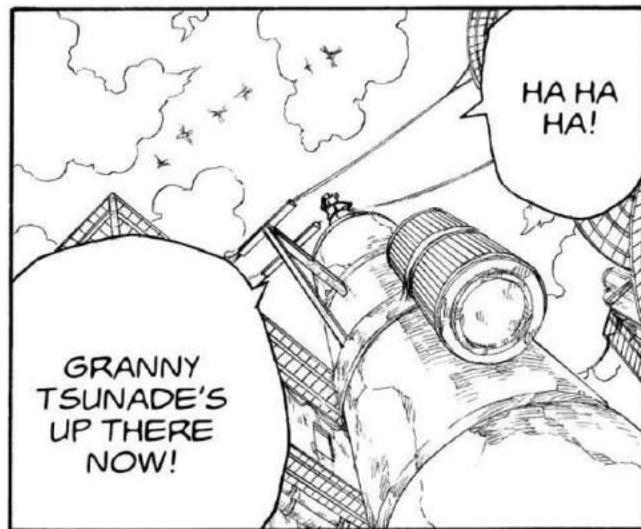


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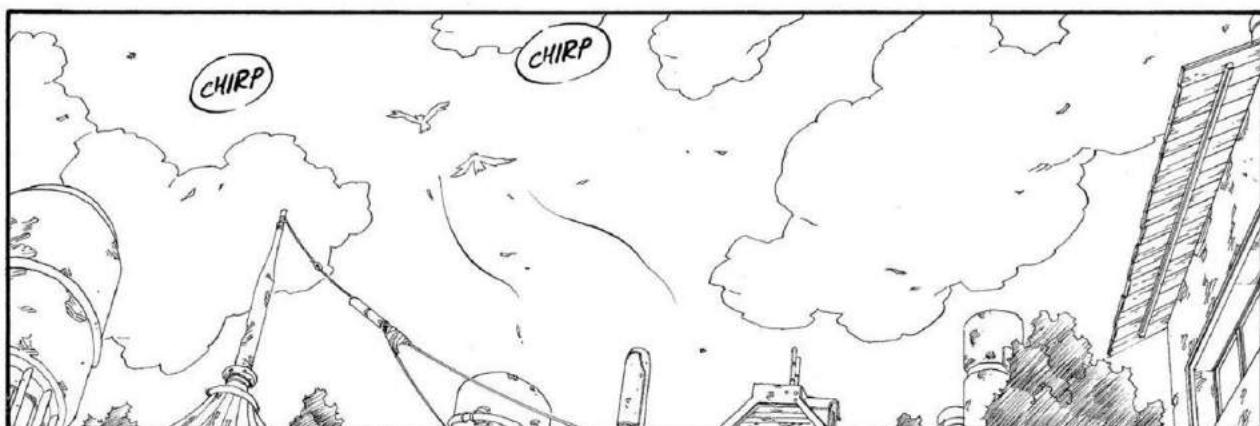


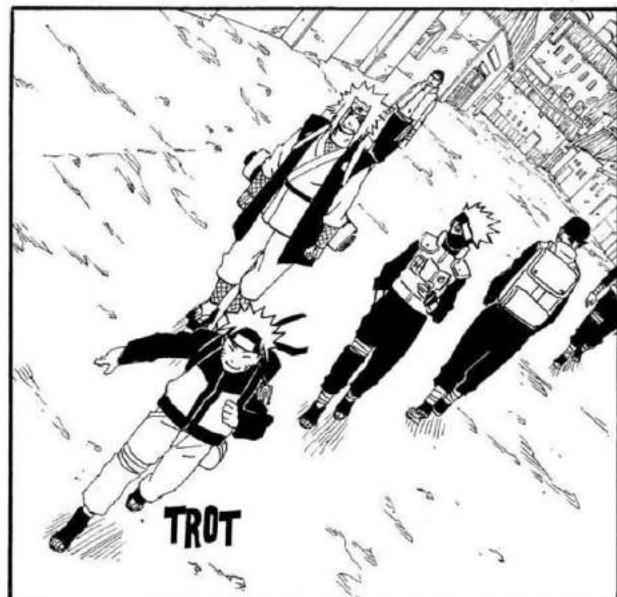


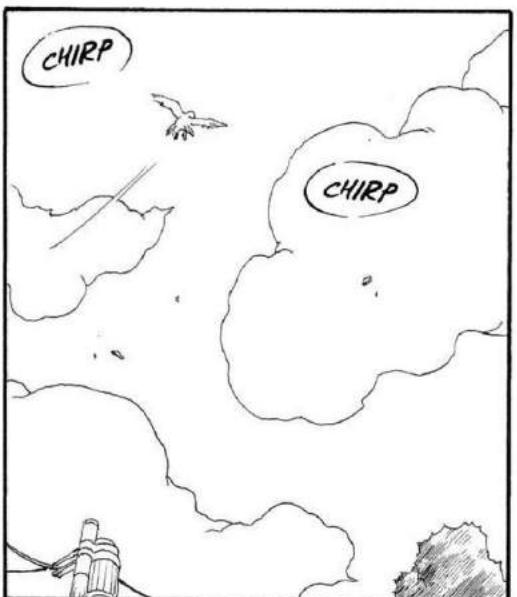


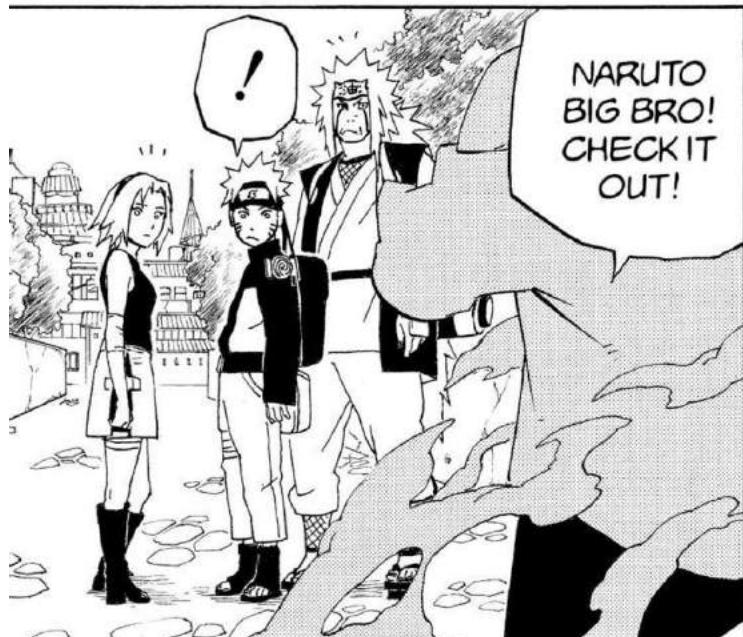
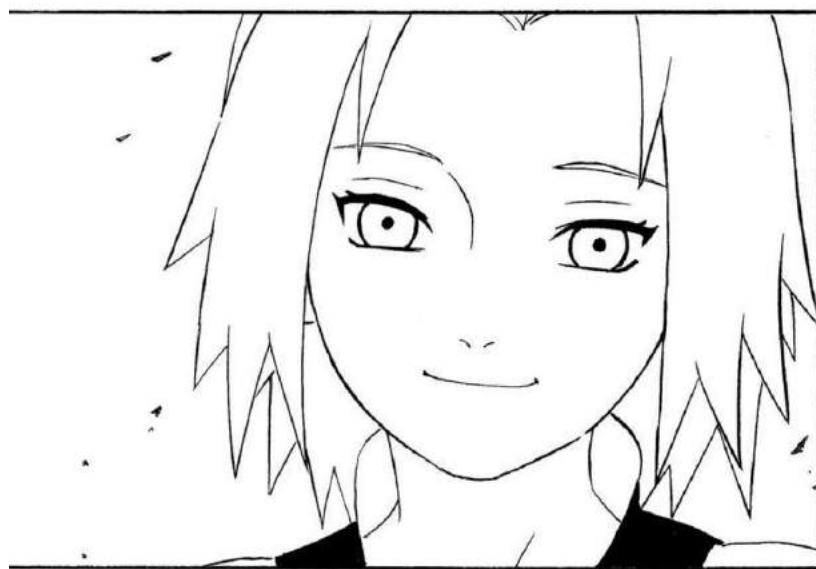
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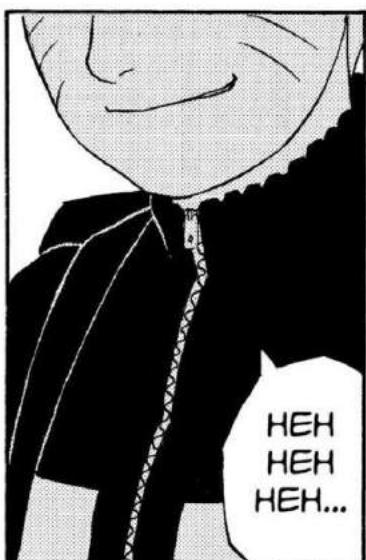












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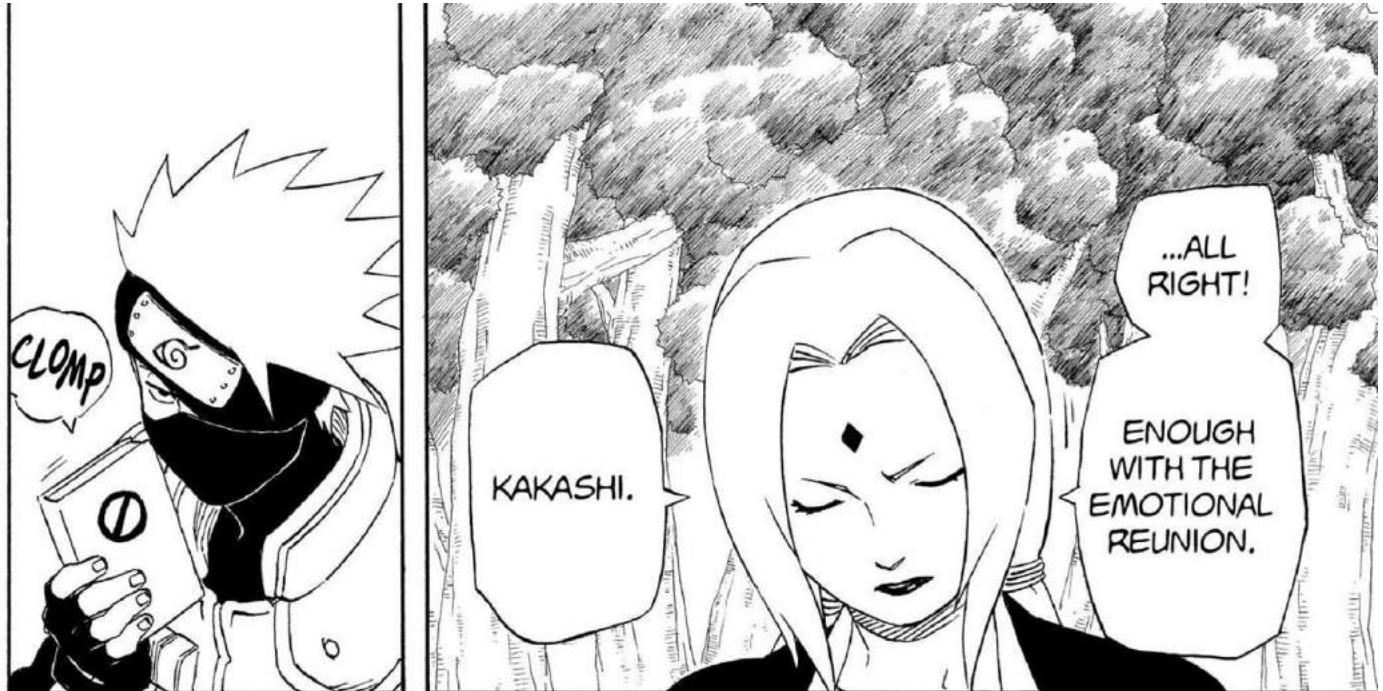
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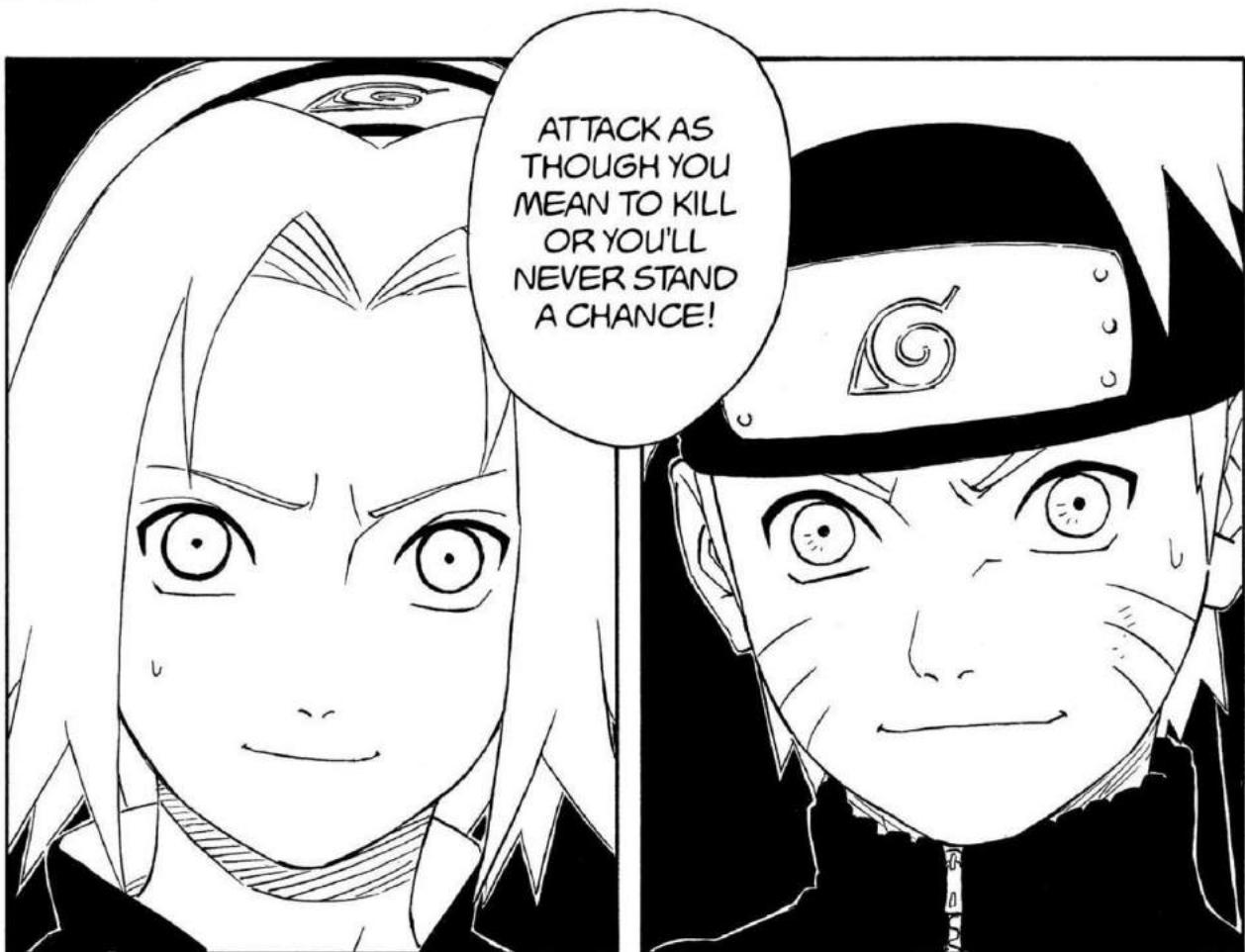
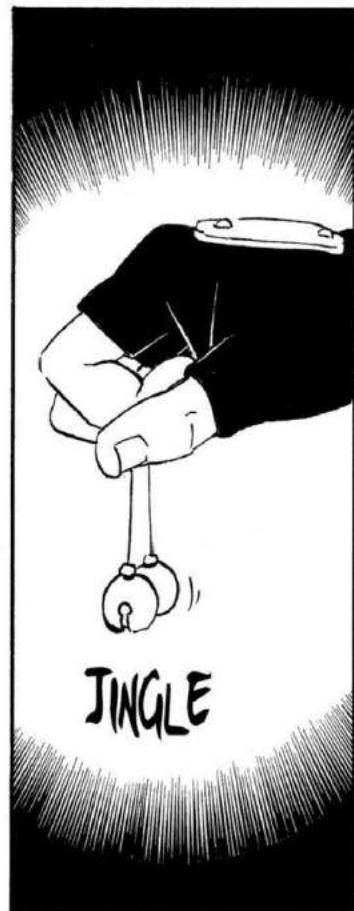
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WHO IS THIS
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NARUTO?











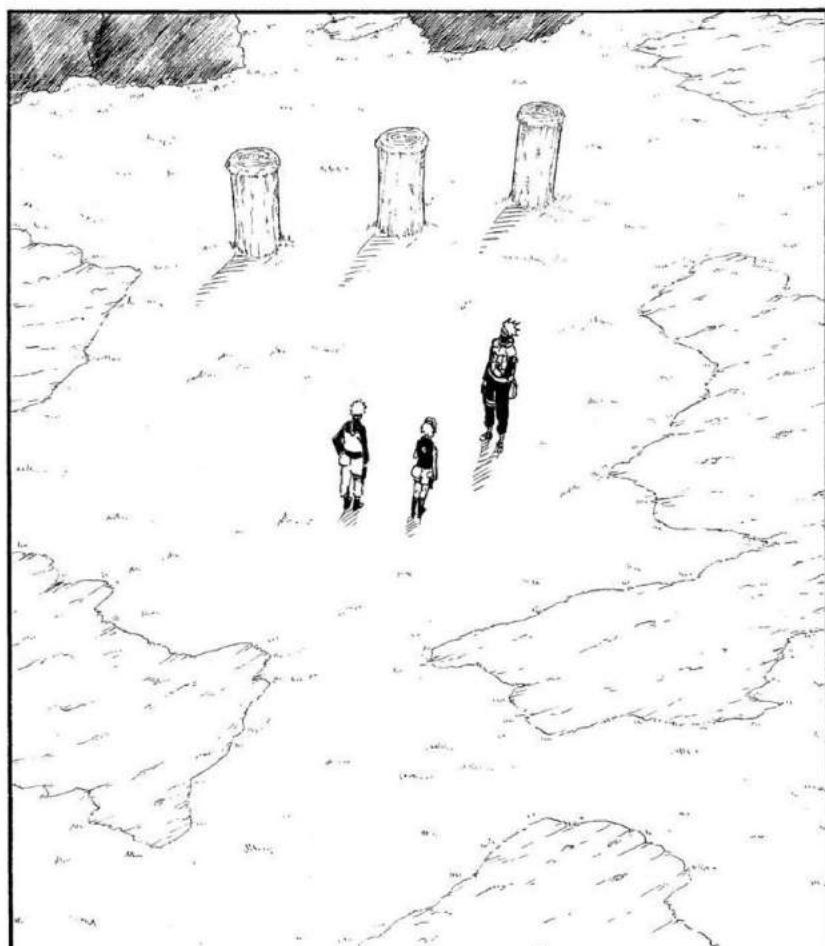
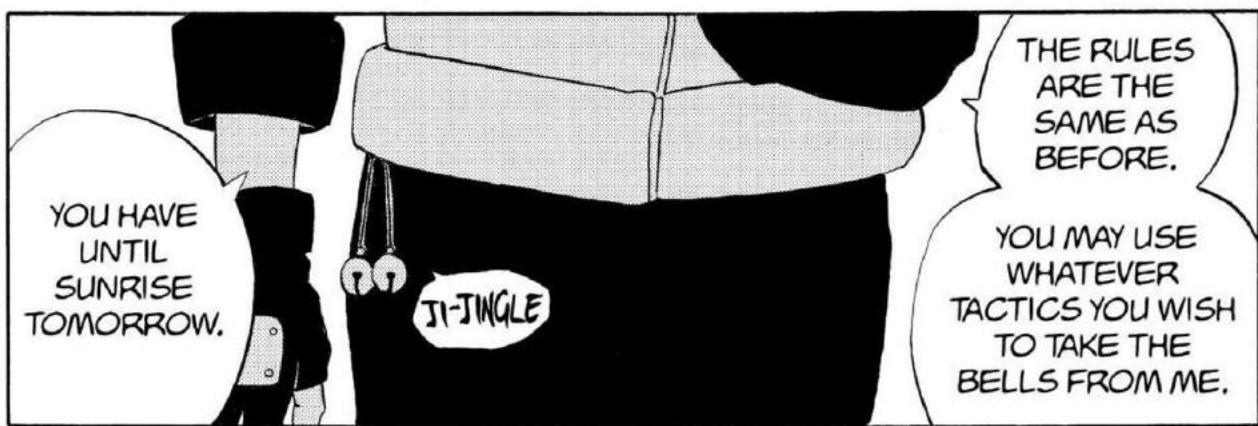
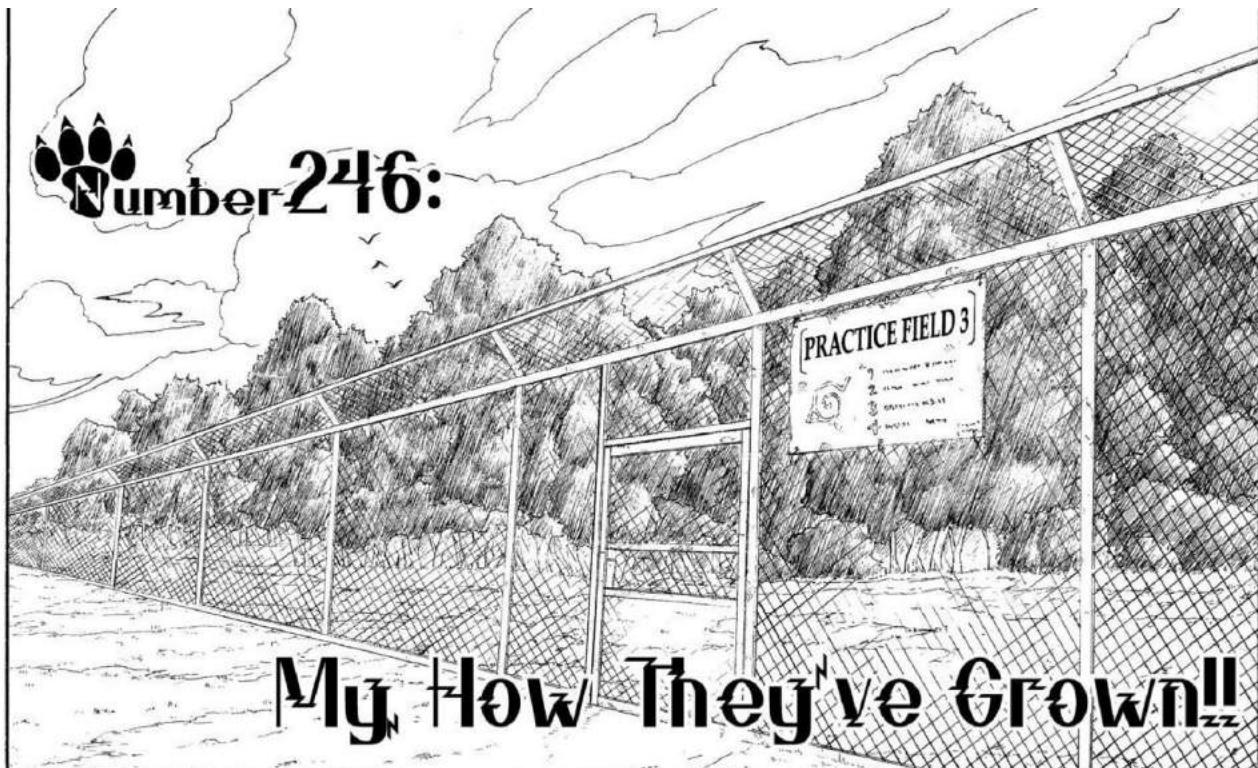
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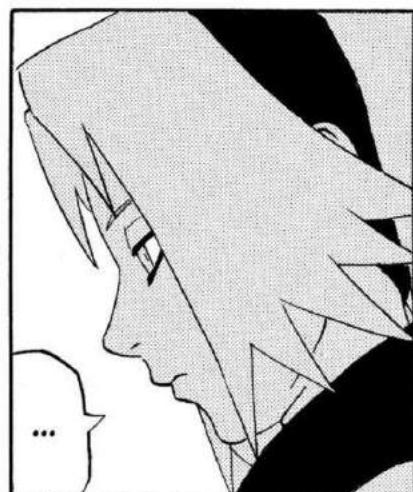
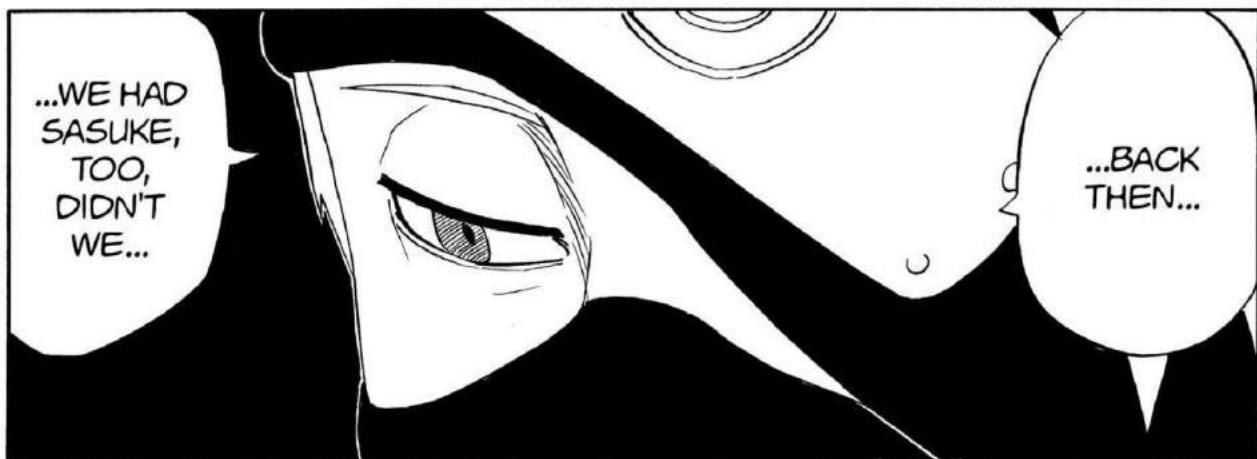


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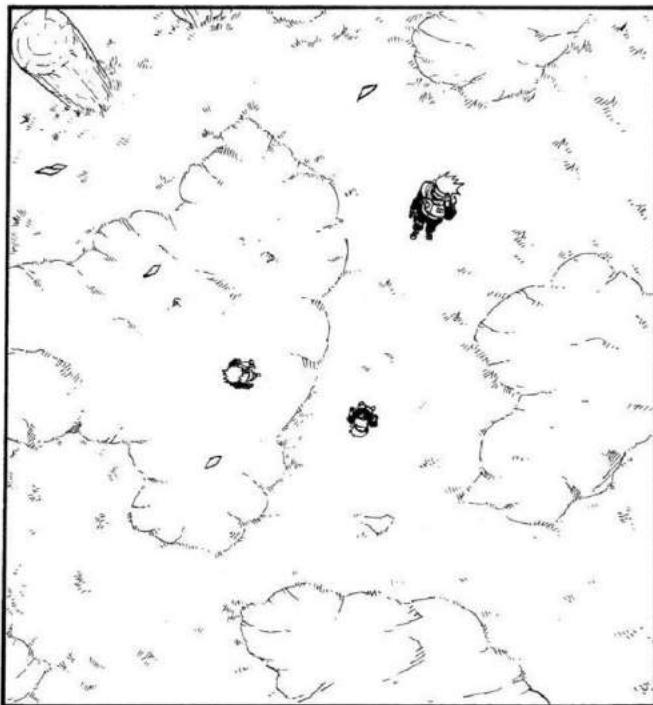
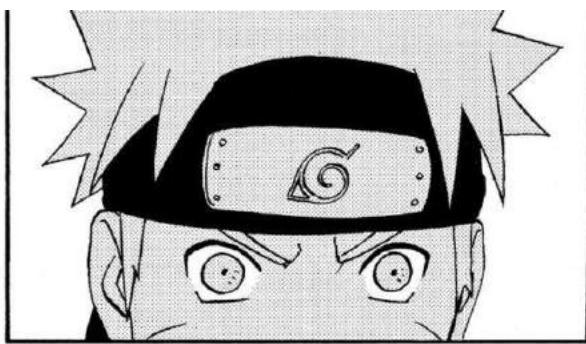
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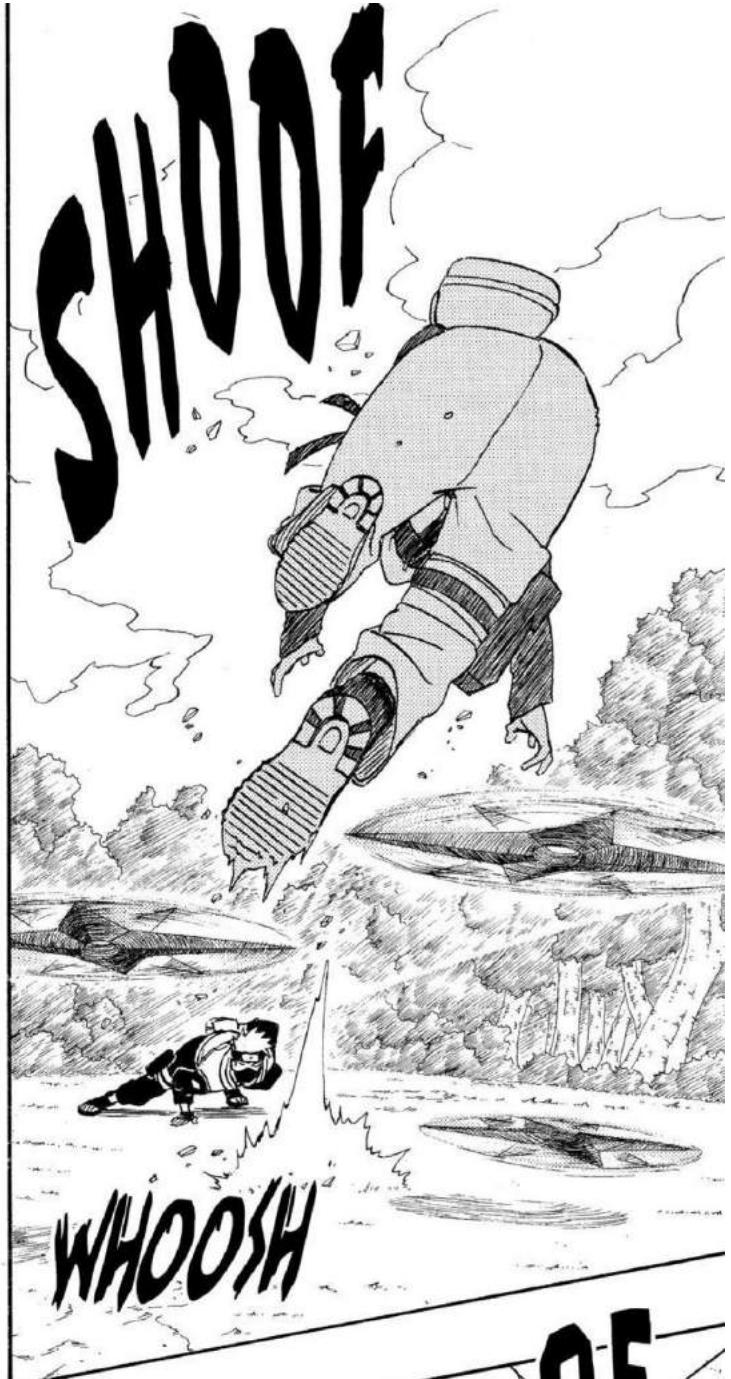












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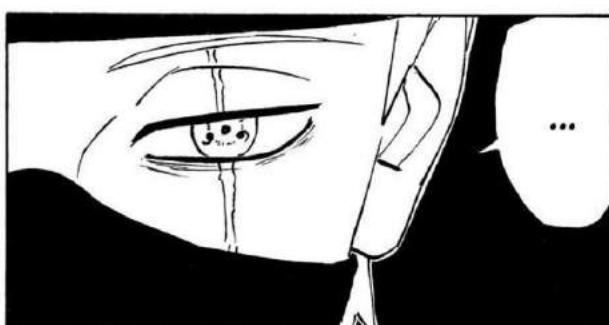
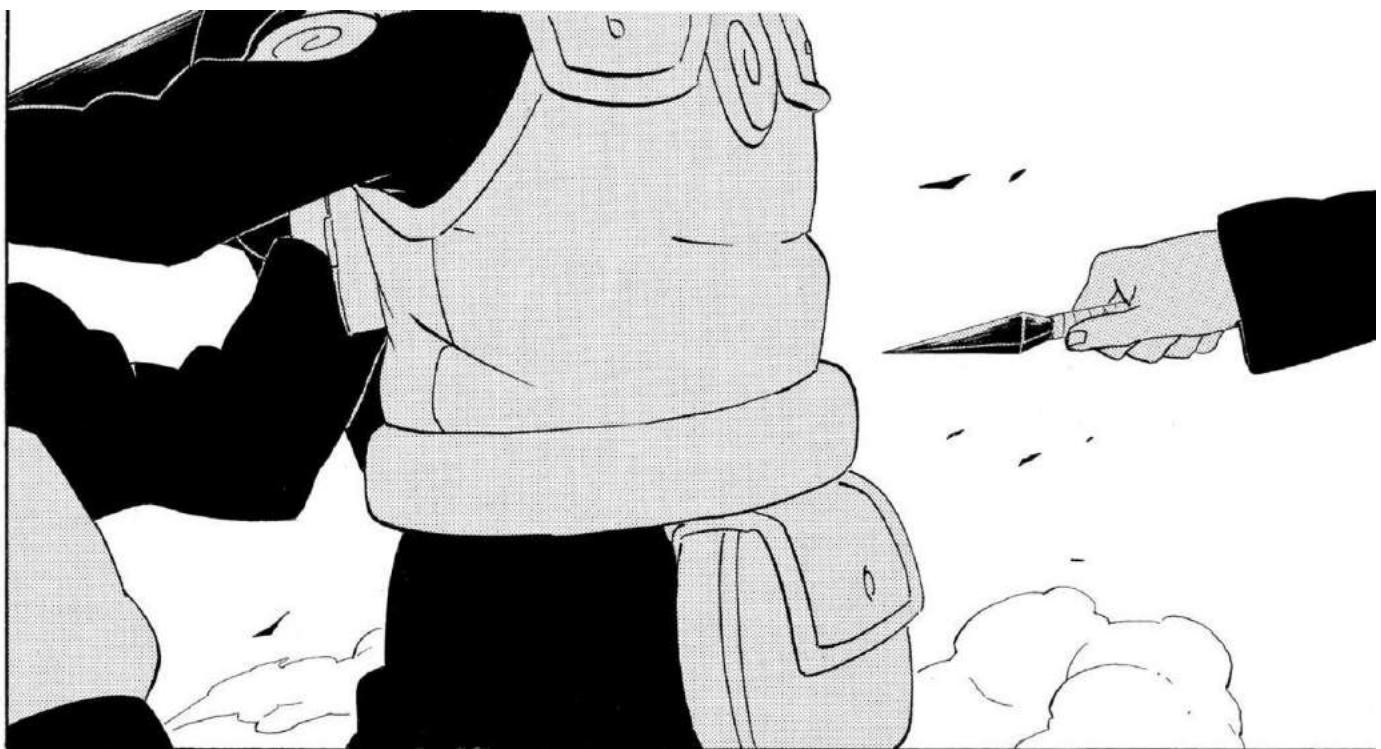


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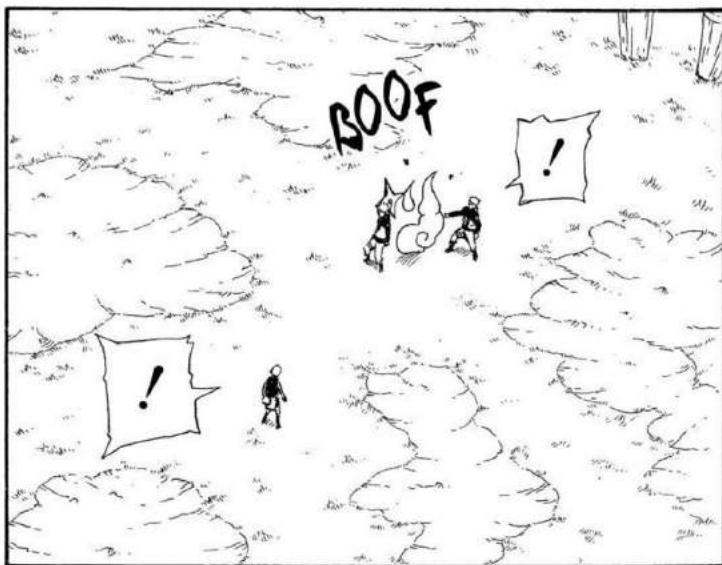


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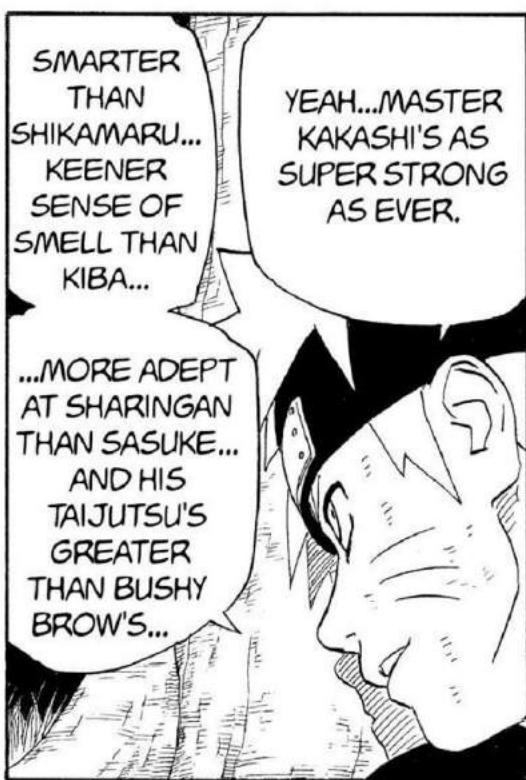
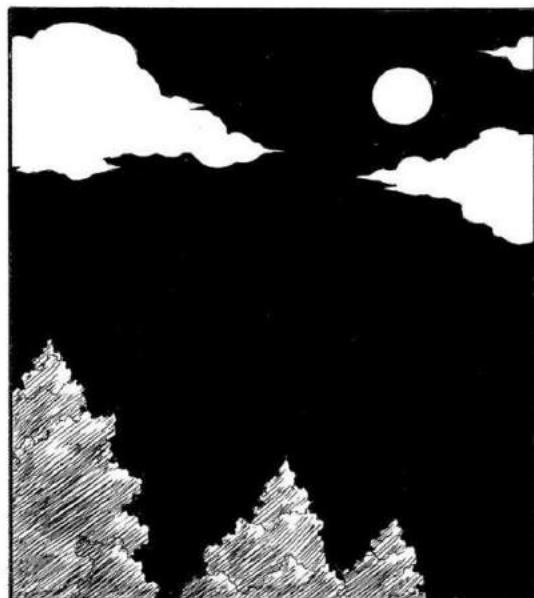
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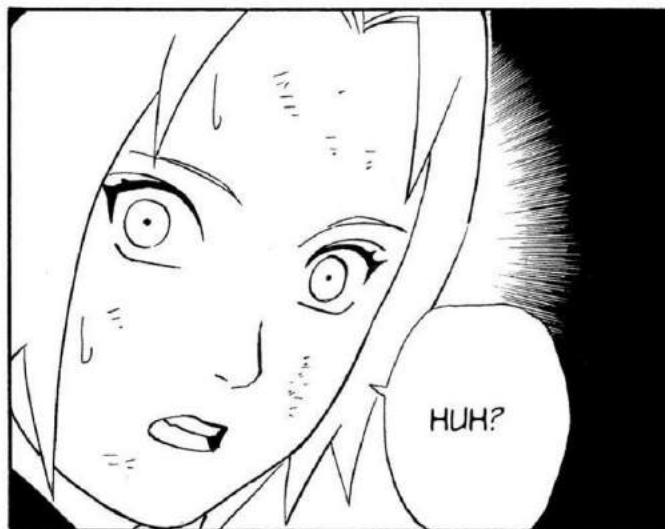
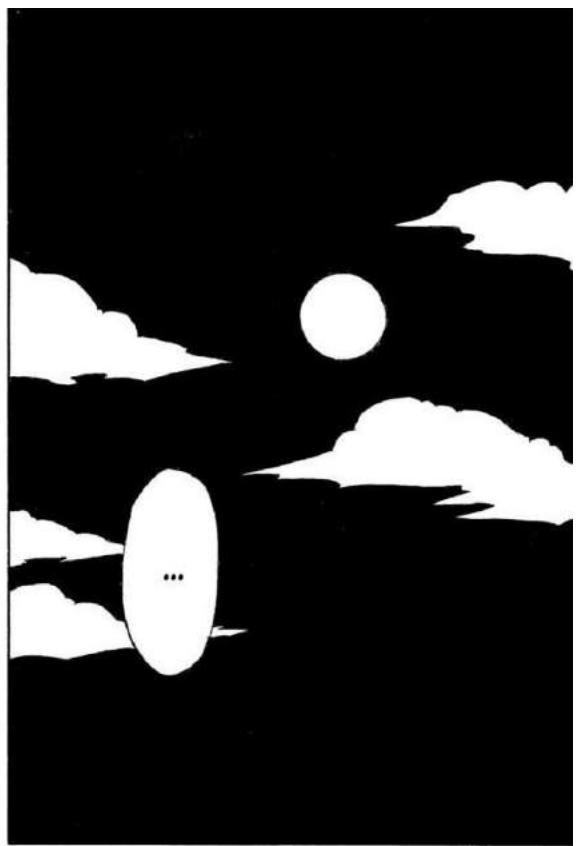
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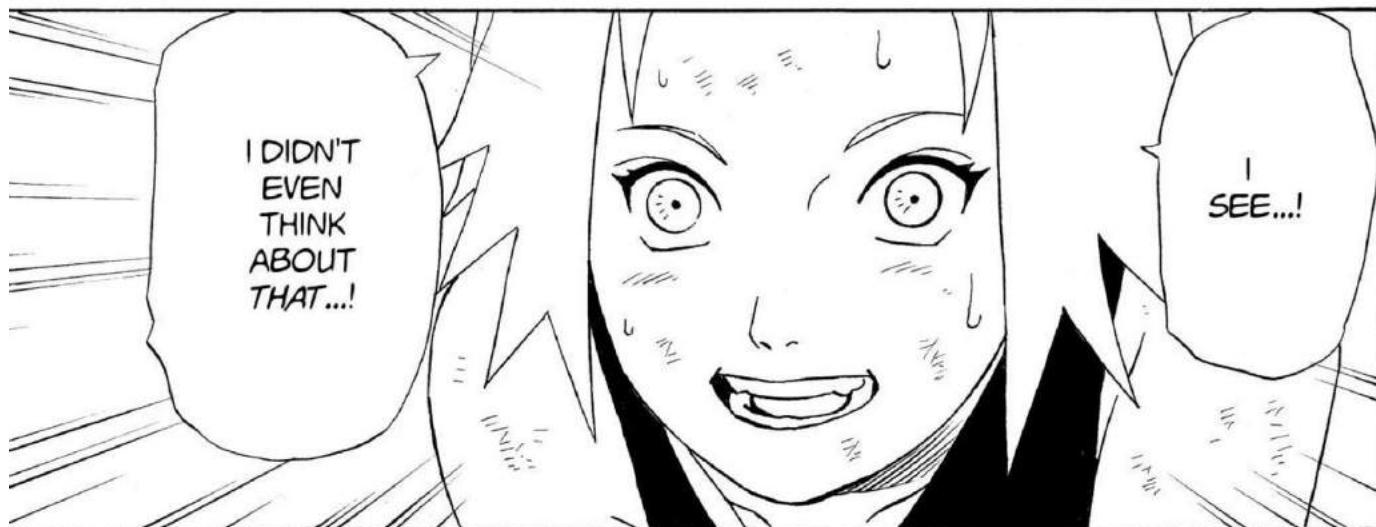


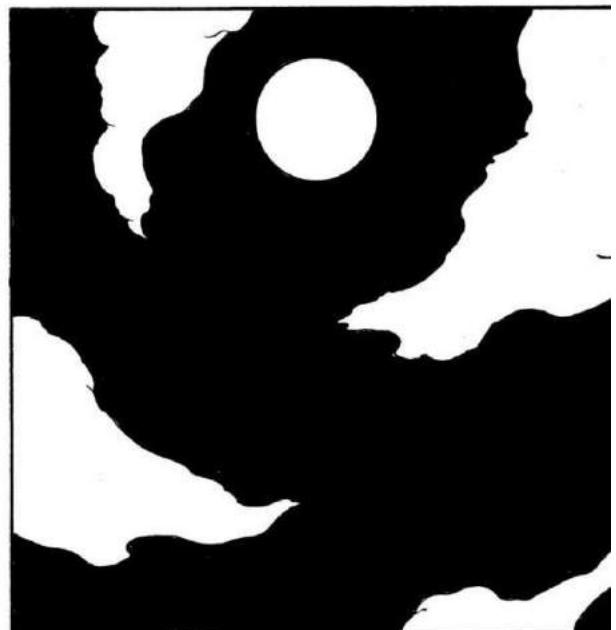
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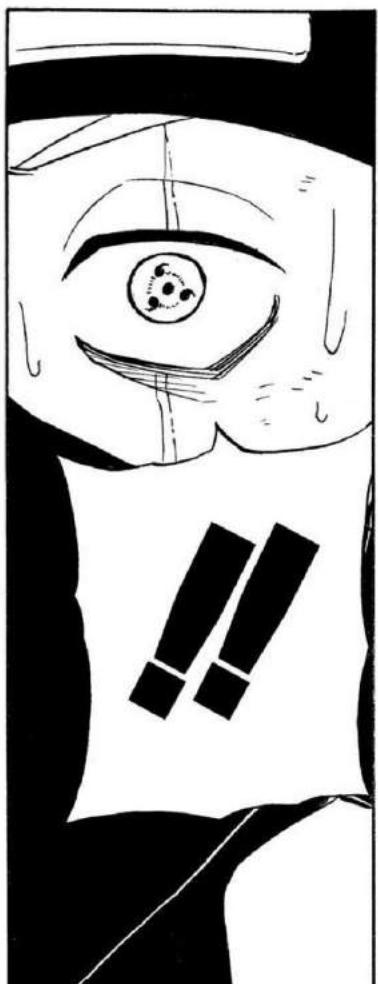


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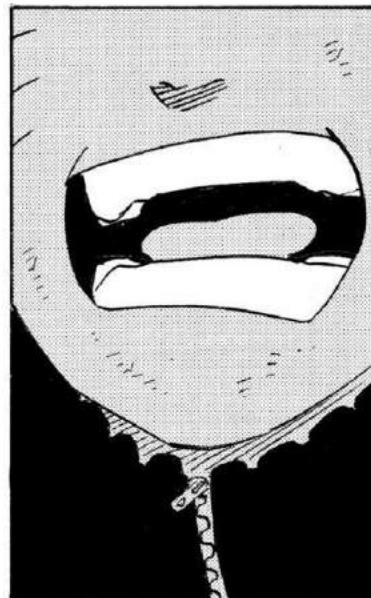
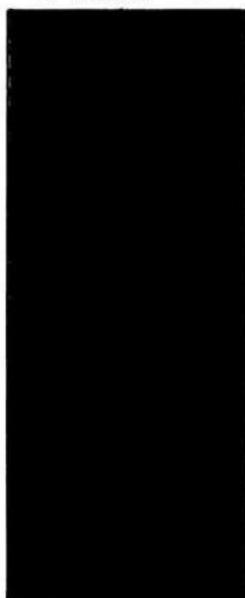








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THE WORLD OF KISHIMOTO MASASHI MY PERSONAL HISTORY, VIDEO GAMES PART I

SOMETIMES, IF I DRAW TOO LONG, I START THINKING, "HAVE I EVER SPENT TIME IN MY LIFE DOING ANYTHING OTHER THAN DRAWING PICTURES?"

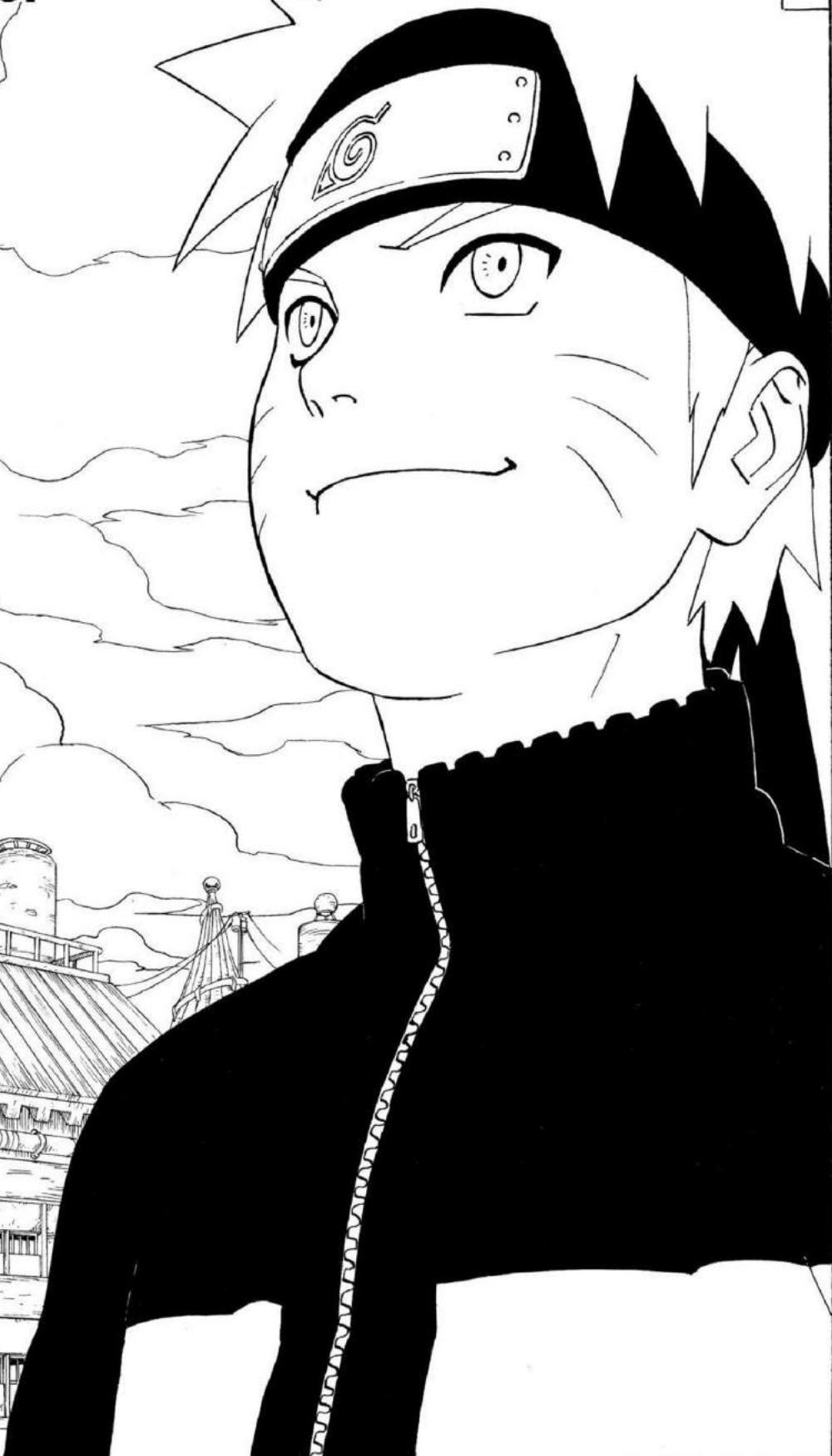
AND THEN IT COMES TO ME. YES, THERE IS ONE OTHER THING.
WHICH IS...VIDEO GAMES.

EVER SINCE I WAS A KID, I LOVED PLAYING VIDEO GAMES ALMOST AS MUCH AS I LOVED DRAWING. MY FRIENDS ALL DID, TOO... AND EVEN MY FOLKS, SO I DON'T THINK OF MYSELF AS AN EXCEPTION... BUT IN ANY CASE, I LOVED VIDEO GAMES AND PLAYED THEM A LOT. OF COURSE, THE STANDARD GAME PLATFORM AT THE TIME WAS THE FAMILY COMPUTER, A.K.A. THE FAMICOM.

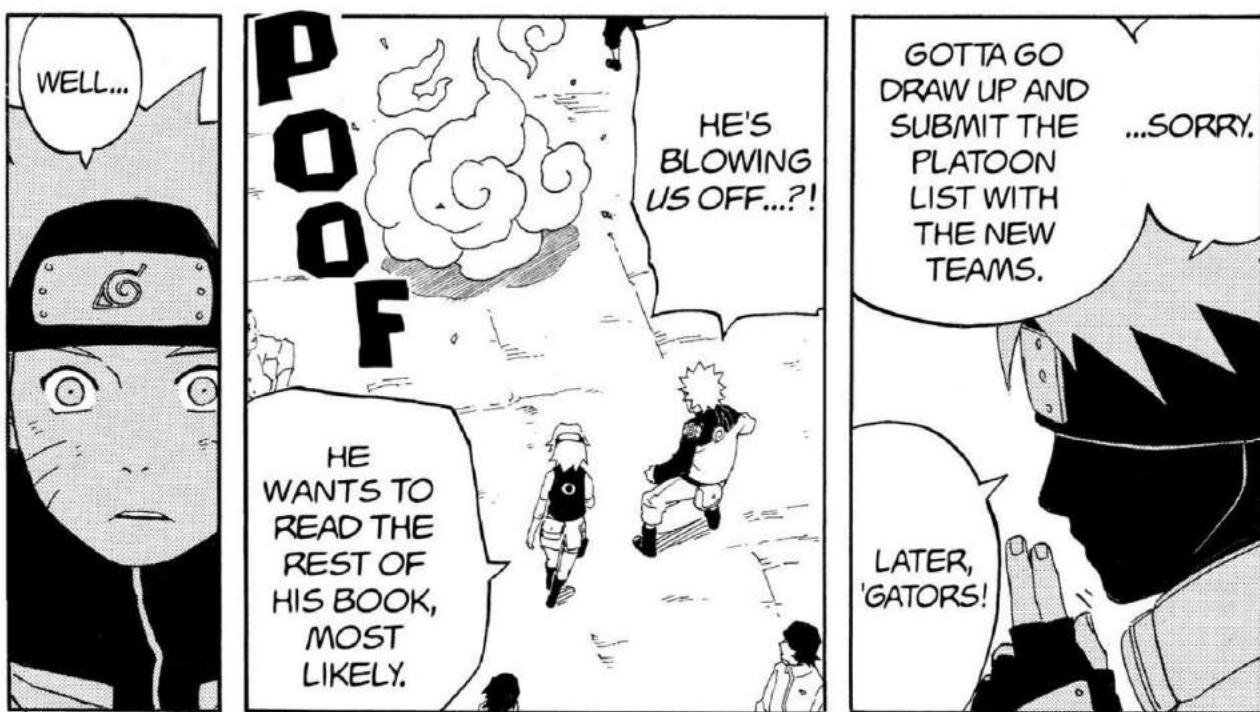
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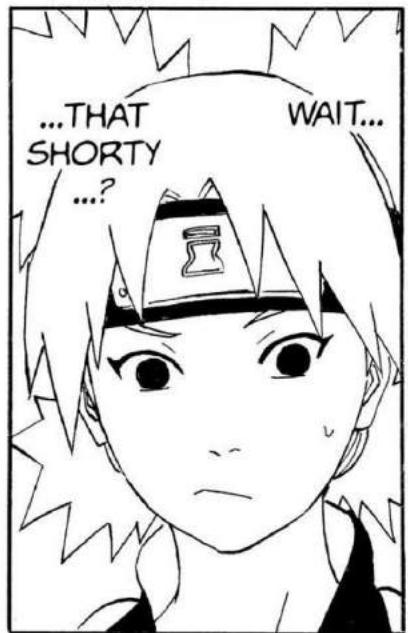


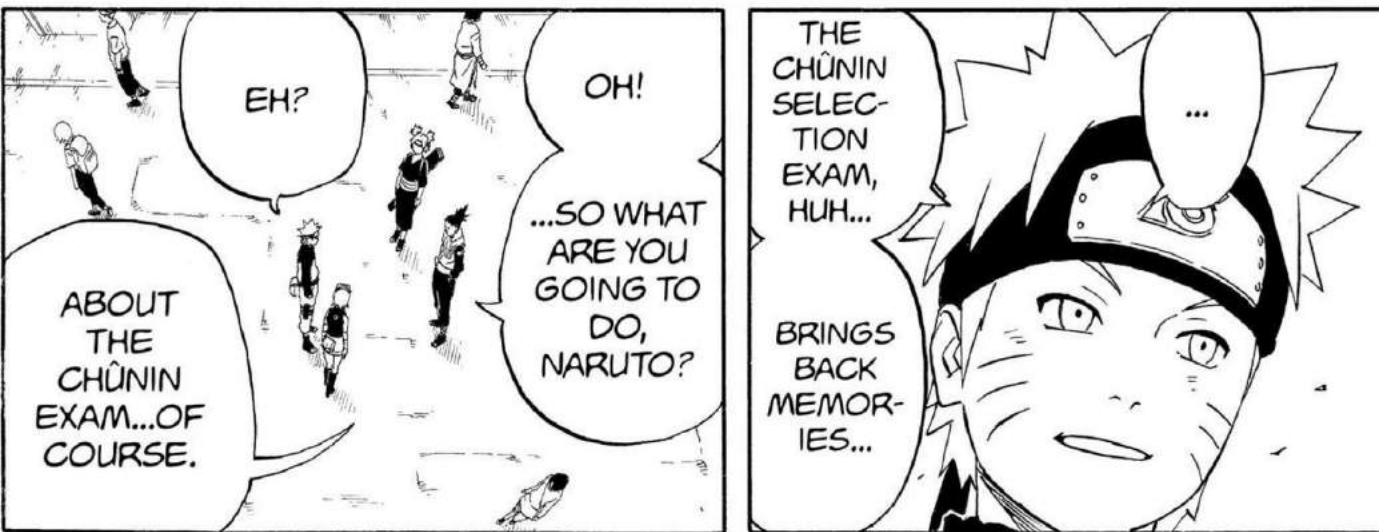




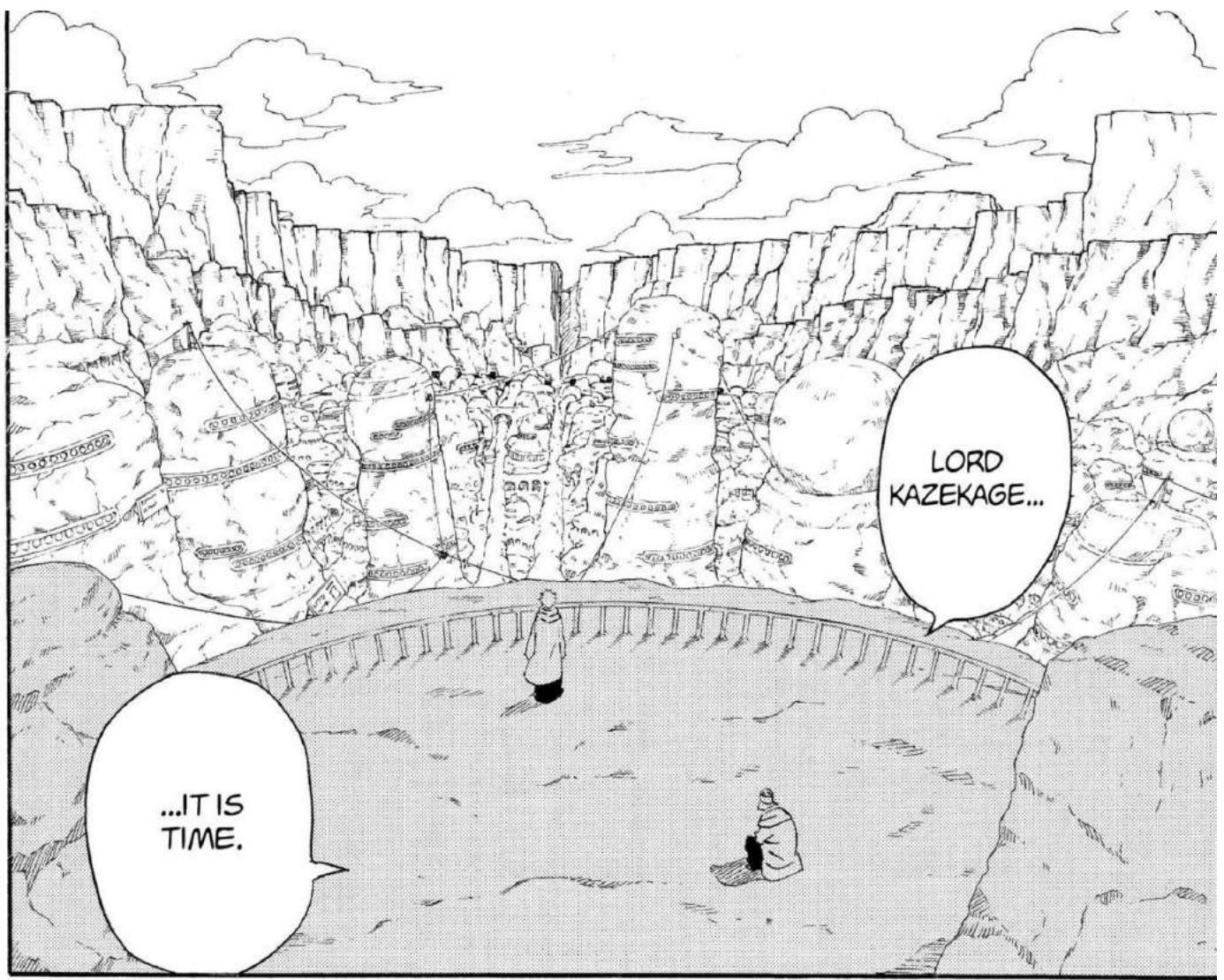


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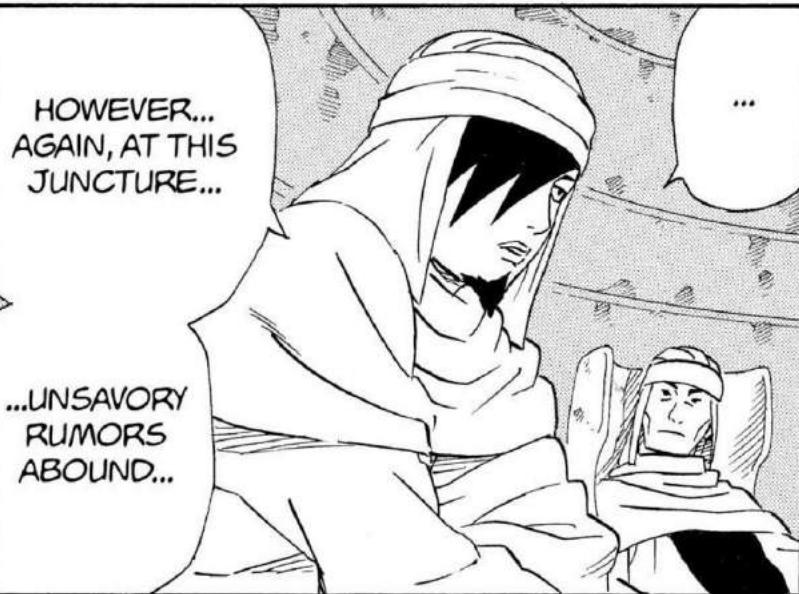
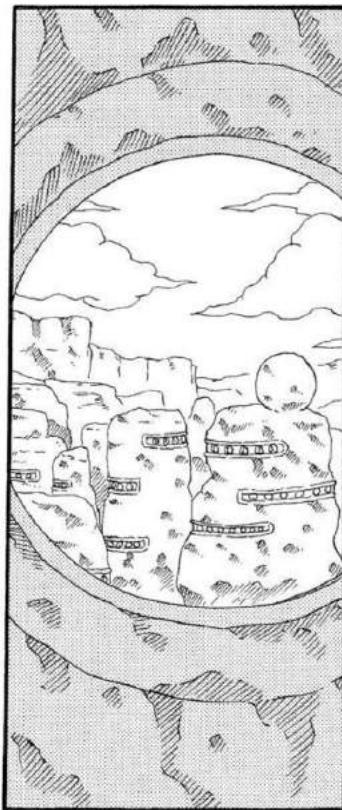


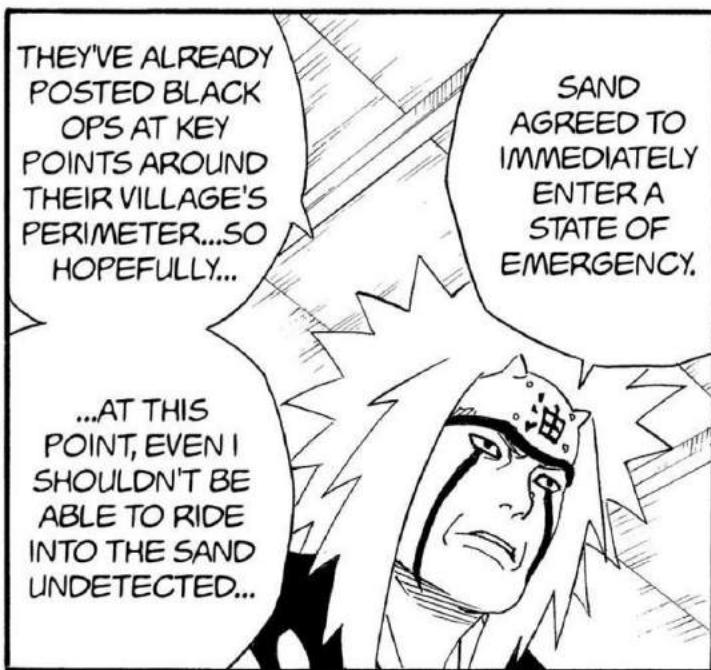


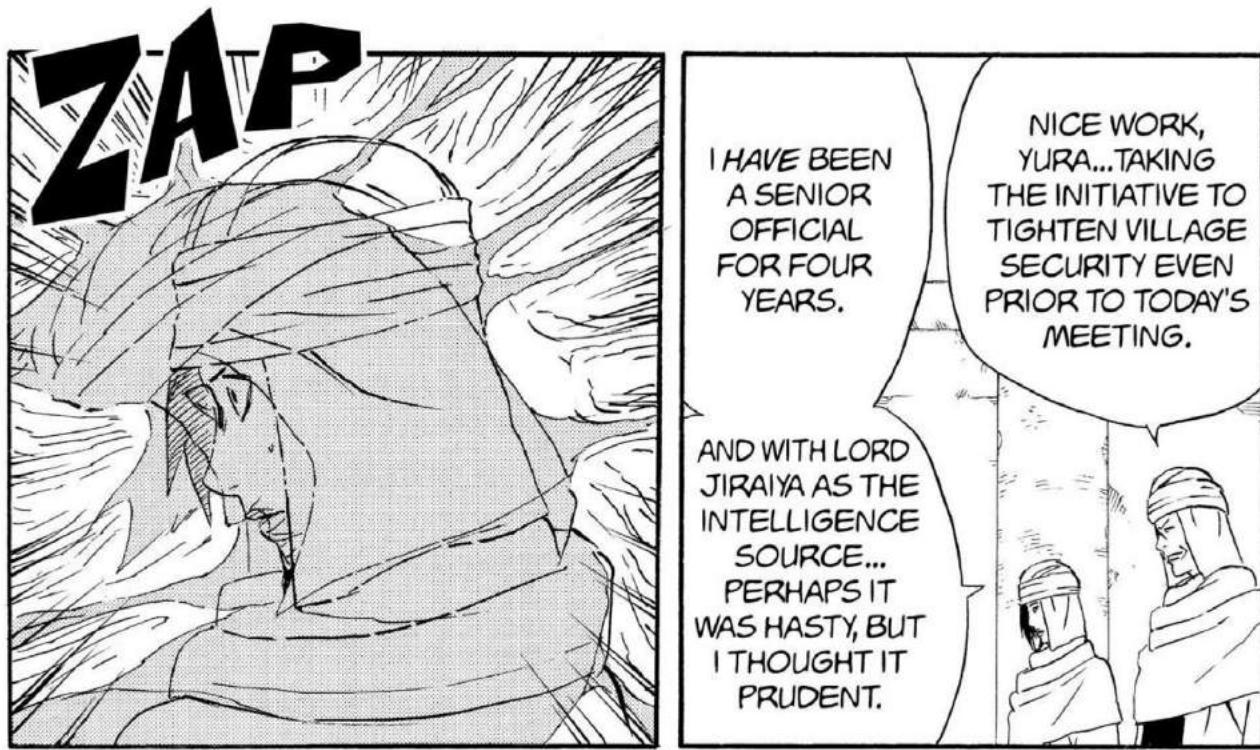
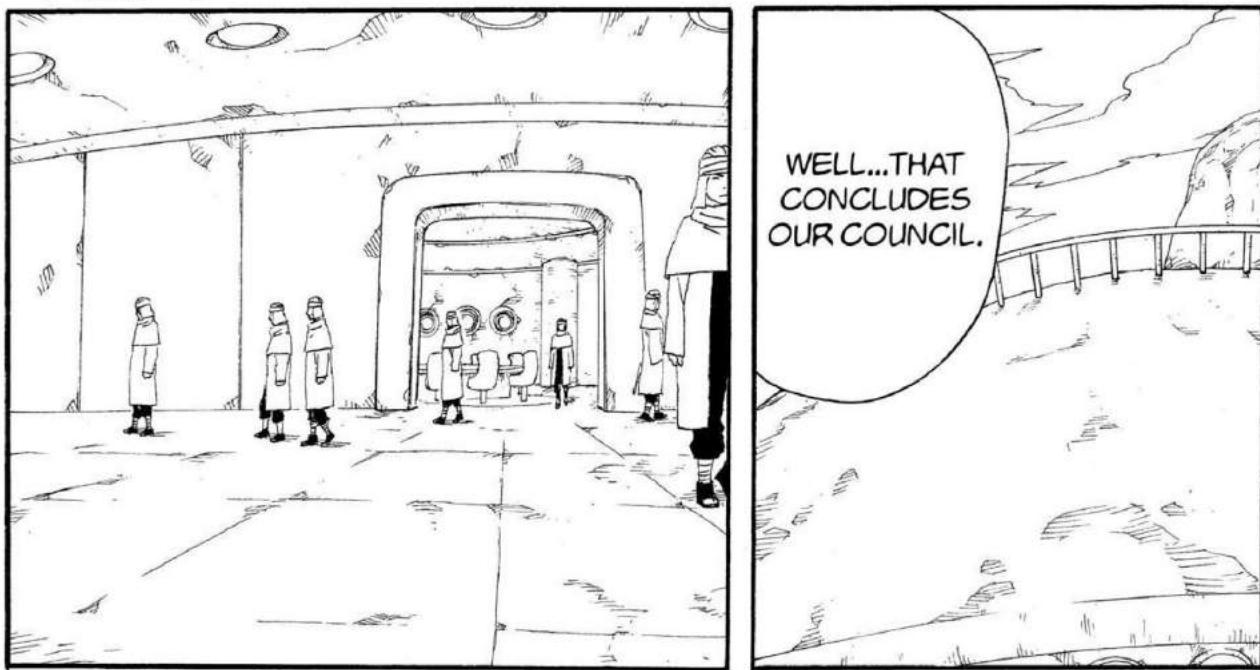
WE HAVE SEEN GREAT SUCCESS IN RECRUIT DEVELOPMENT SINCE WE INCORPORATED KONOHA'S TRAINING PROGRAMS INTO OUR CURRICULUM.

...AND OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER ALLY NATIONS' SHINOBI VILLAGES HAVE FLOURISHED.

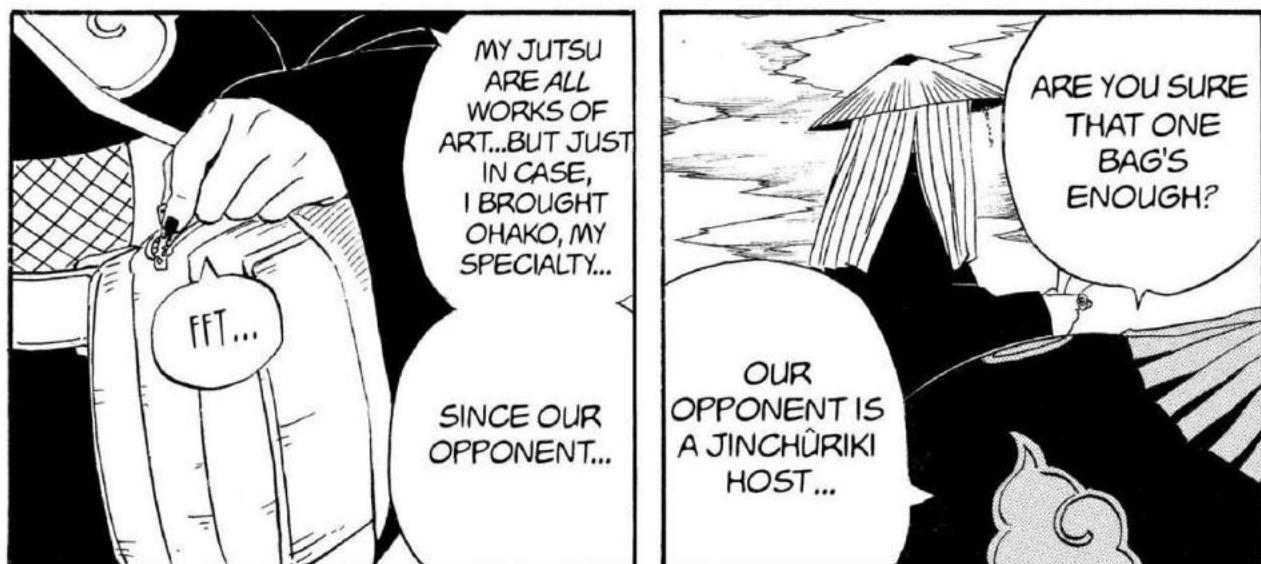
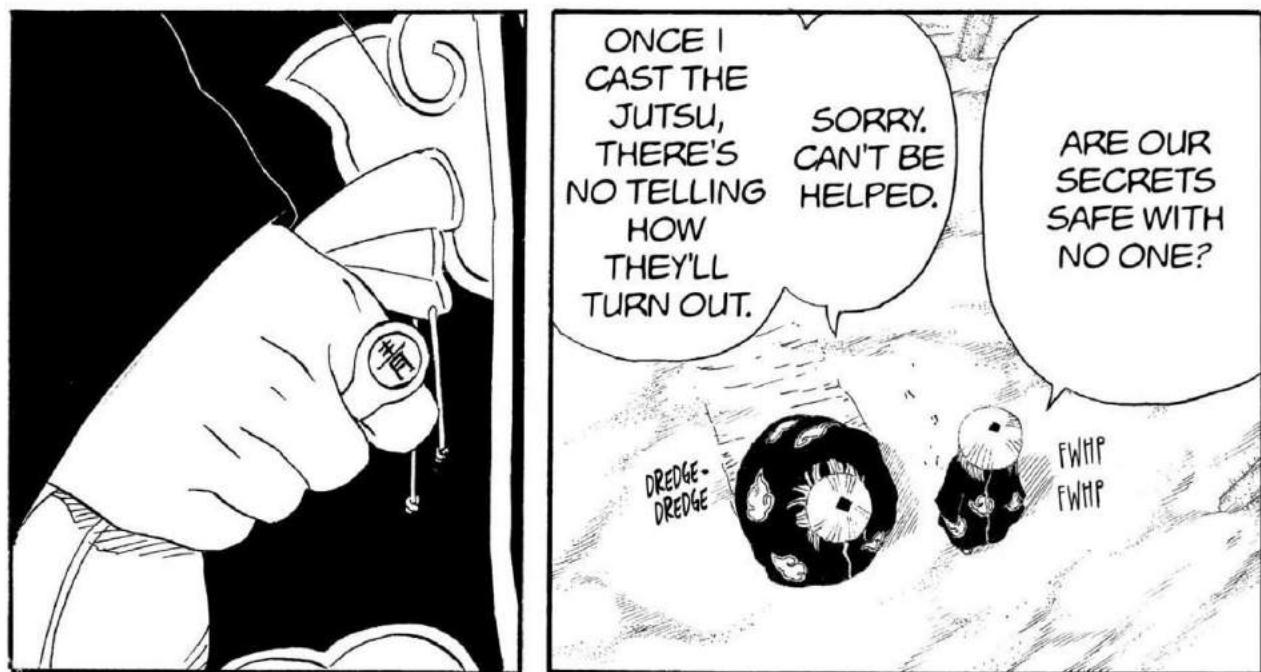
OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, THIS VILLAGE'S POWER HAS STABILIZED...

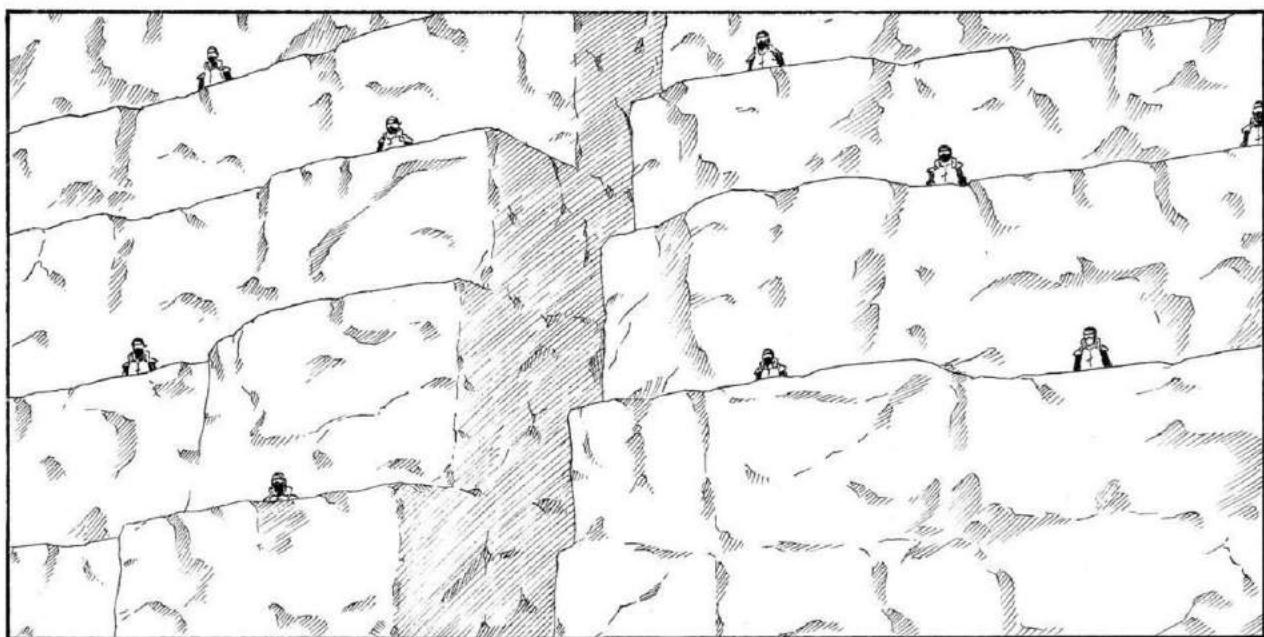
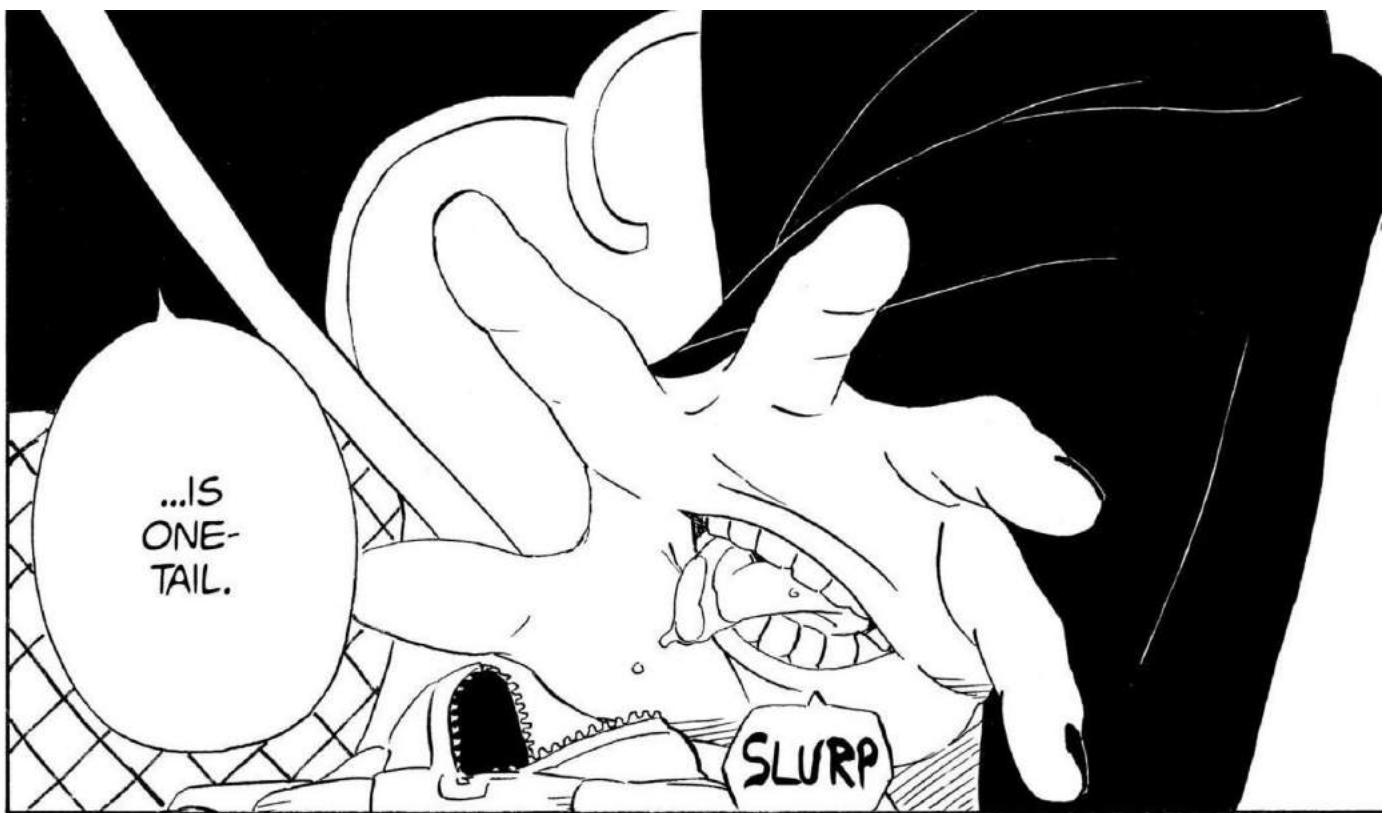


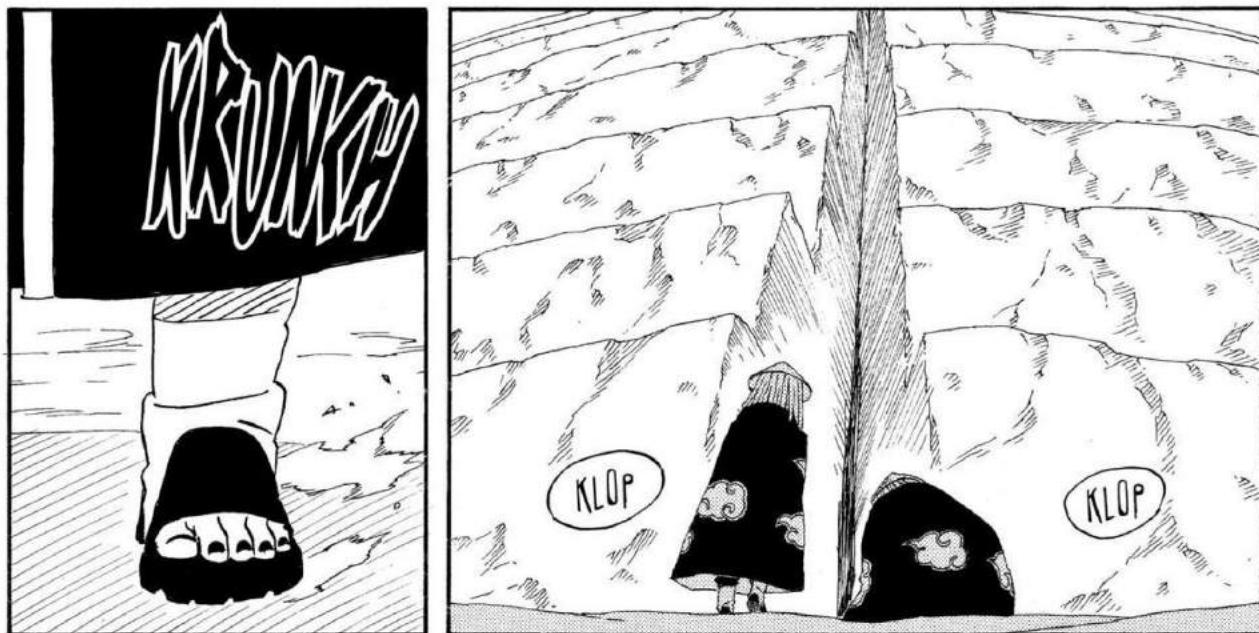


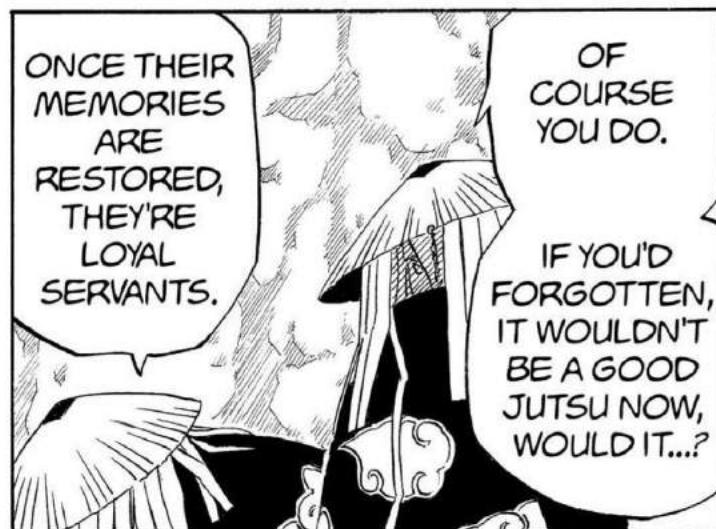
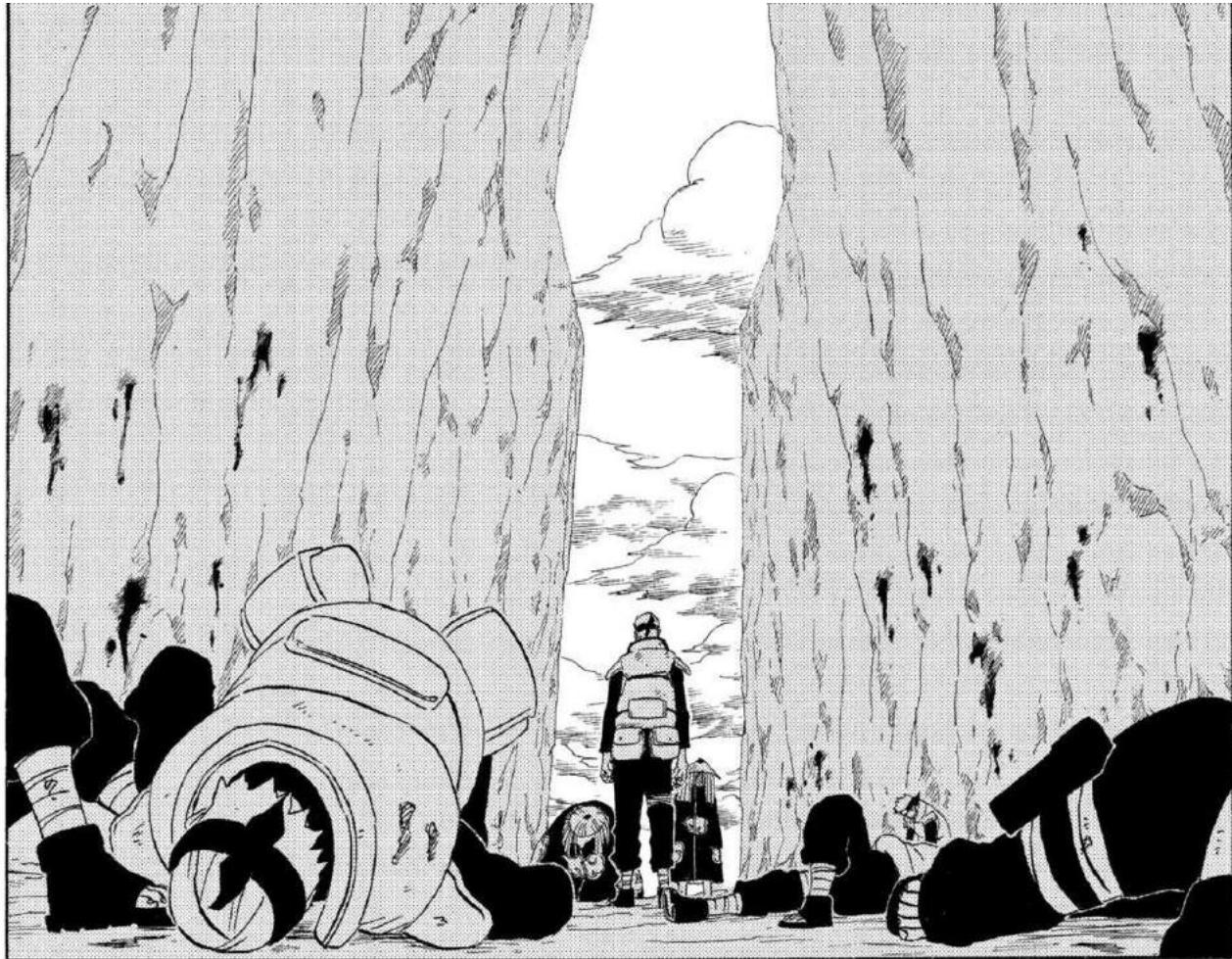




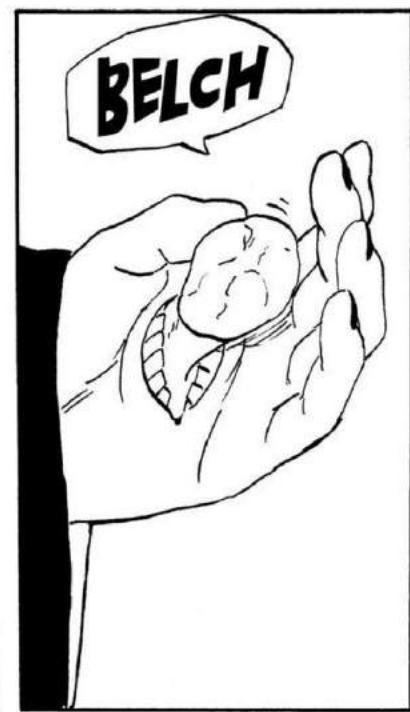
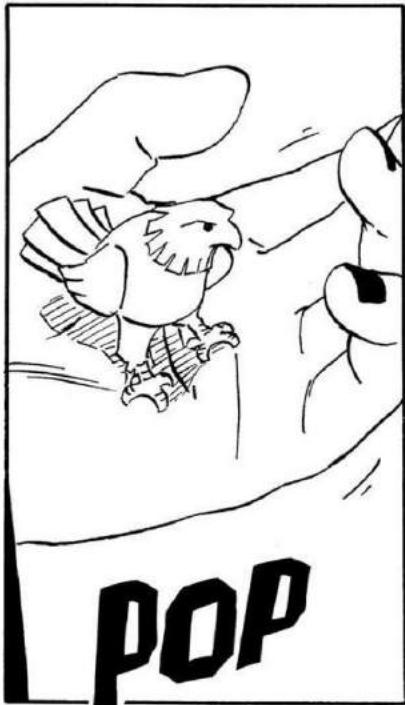


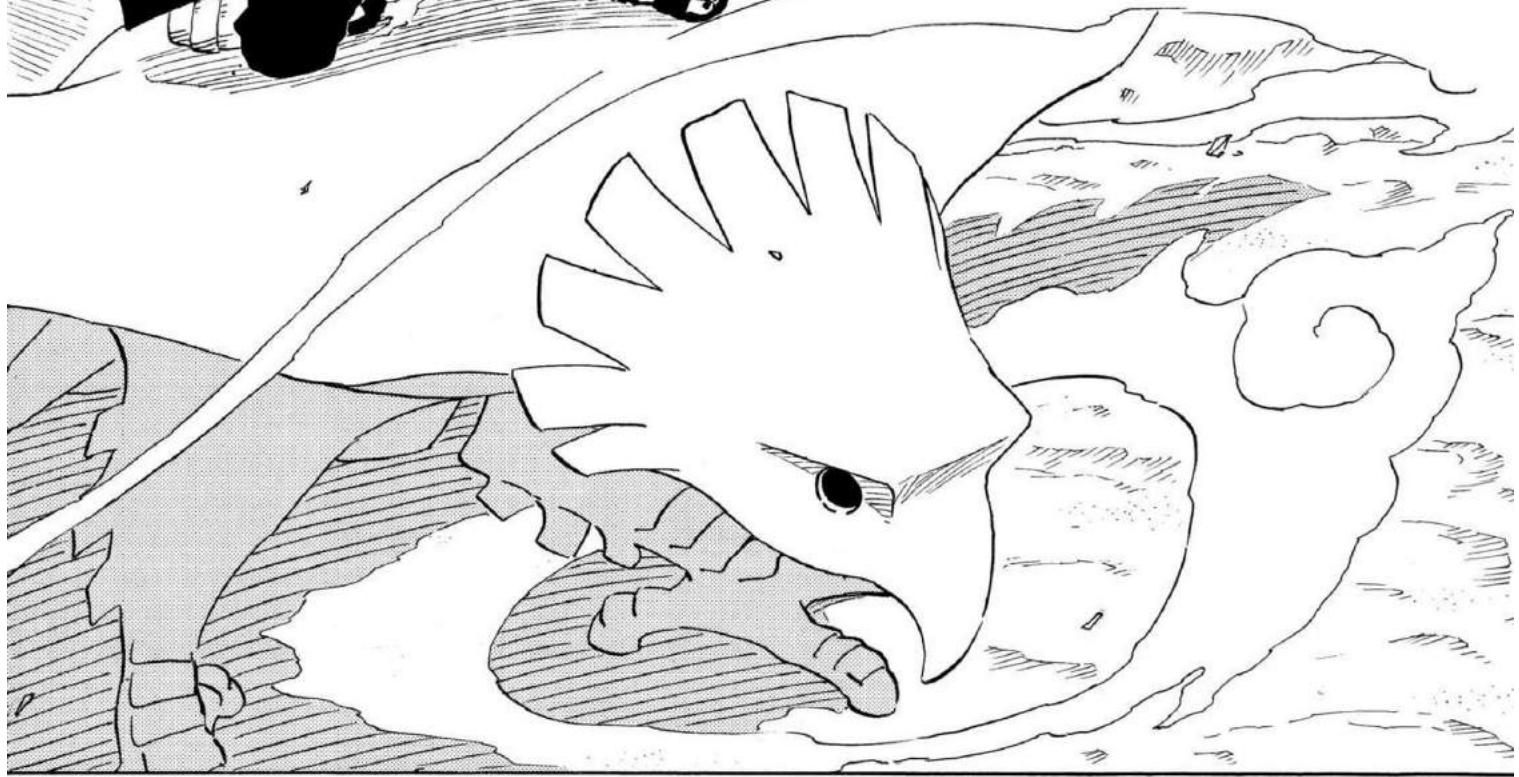


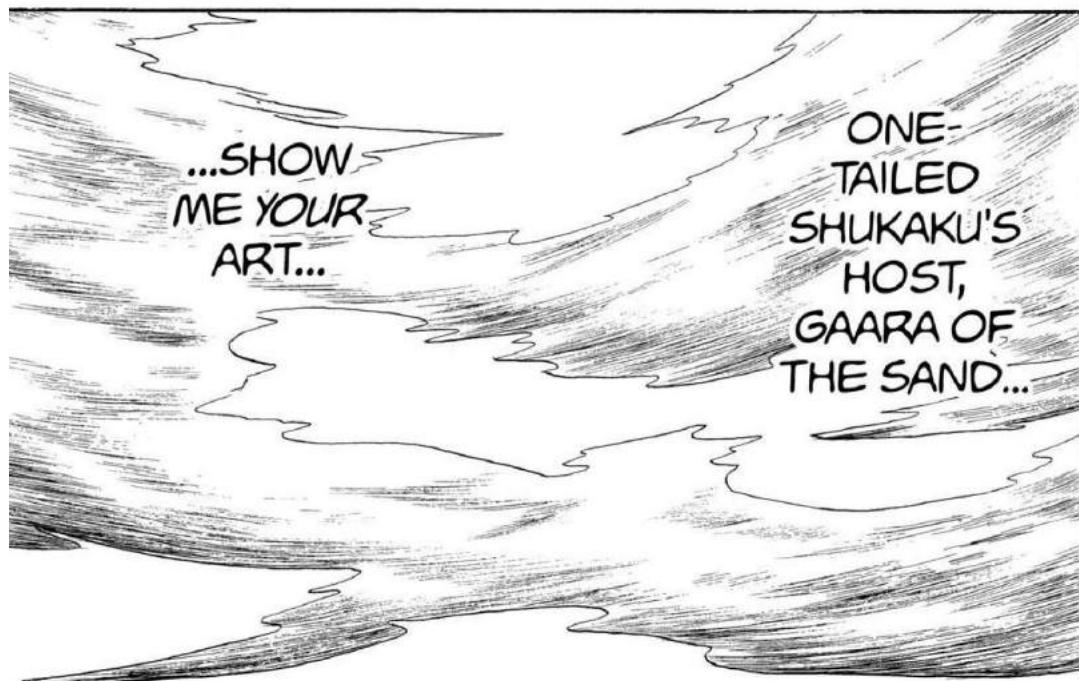
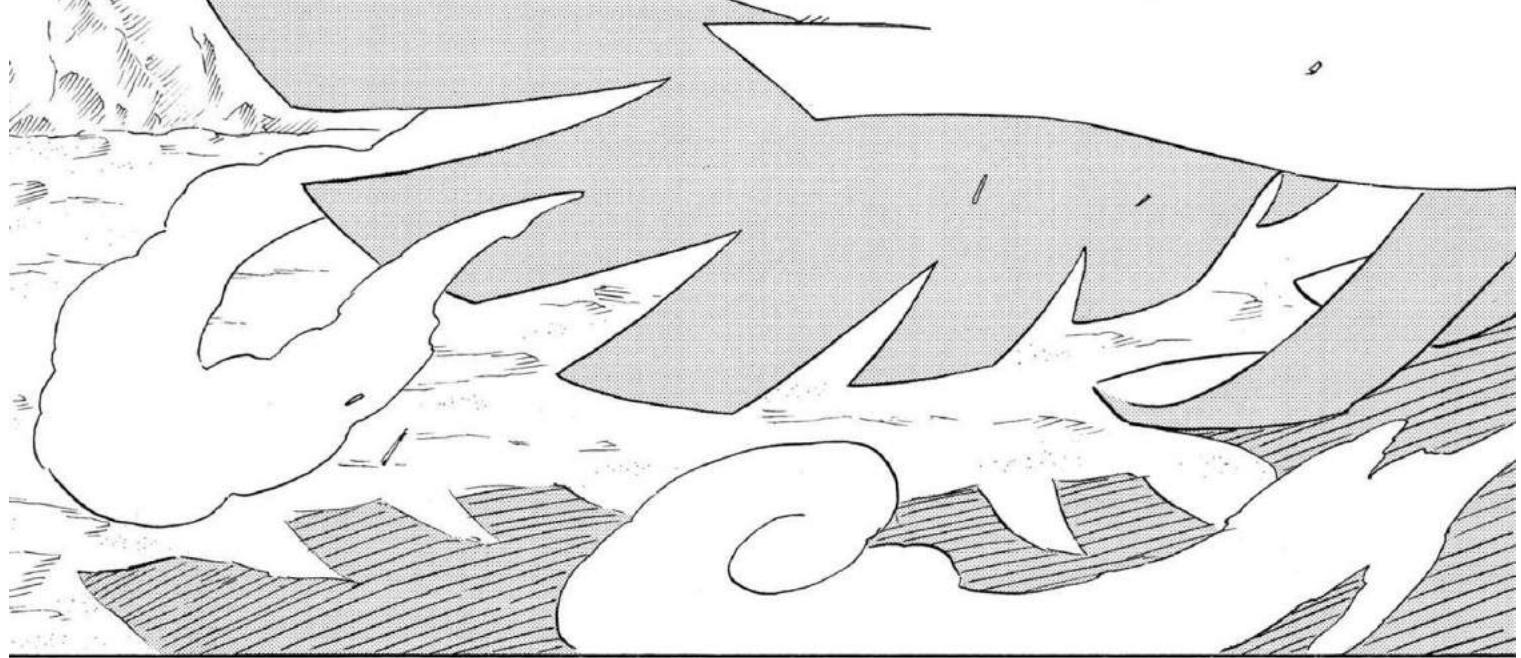




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THE WORLD OF KISHIMOTO MASASHI
MY PERSONAL HISTORY, VIDEO GAMES PART 2

AS I PREVIOUSLY WROTE IN VOLUME 25, I ESPECIALLY LIKED CARTRIDGE GAMES, SUCH AS "THE LEGEND OF ZELDA," "ZELDA 2: ADVENTURE OF LINK," "THE MYSTERIOUS CASTLE MURASAME," "KID ICARUS," "CASTLEVANIA," AND "METROID." YOU COULD SAVE AND RELOAD THESE GAMES, WHICH, FOR ME BACK THEN, WAS TREMENDOUSLY APPEALING. RECENTLY, MANY OF THESE GAMES WERE RE-RELEASED FOR THE GAME BOY, SO I DECIDED TO TRY THEM OUT AGAIN... I WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED TO DISCOVER THEY WERE STILL QUITE FUN. IN FACT, I BEAT THEM ALL (ALTHOUGH BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF FREE TIME, I WAS ONLY PLAYING THEM SPORADICALLY).

MOST OF MY CURRENT ASSISTANTS ARE ALSO OF THE FAMICOM GENERATION, SO WE OFTEN REMINISCE ABOUT THAT ERA, HAVING DISCUSSIONS LIKE, "REMEMBER HOW WE HAD TO 'RIOT' WITH JUST TWO CHARACTERS," OR "IN MISSISSIPPI ("MURDER ON THE MISSISSIPPI"), REMEMBER HOW YOU COULD KILL WITH JUST A SINGLE KNIFE THRUST," AND SO ON. AT SOME POINT, THE CONVERSATION WOULD ALWAYS TURN TO EITHER TO DRAGON QUEST OR THE FINAL FANTASY SERIES (I BET IT'S TRUE FOR YOU ALL AS WELL). WITH ONLY PARTIAL ALLEGIANCES--I.E. FF FANS WHO STILL LIKE DQ AND DQ FANS WHO STILL OWN FF GAMES--THERE EMERGE SOME BIZARRE COMMENTS. AS THE TALK GETS MORE AND MORE HEATED, SOMEONE WILL INvariably SHOUT OUT, "SO WHAT ABOUT YOU, KISHIMOTO-SAN?"

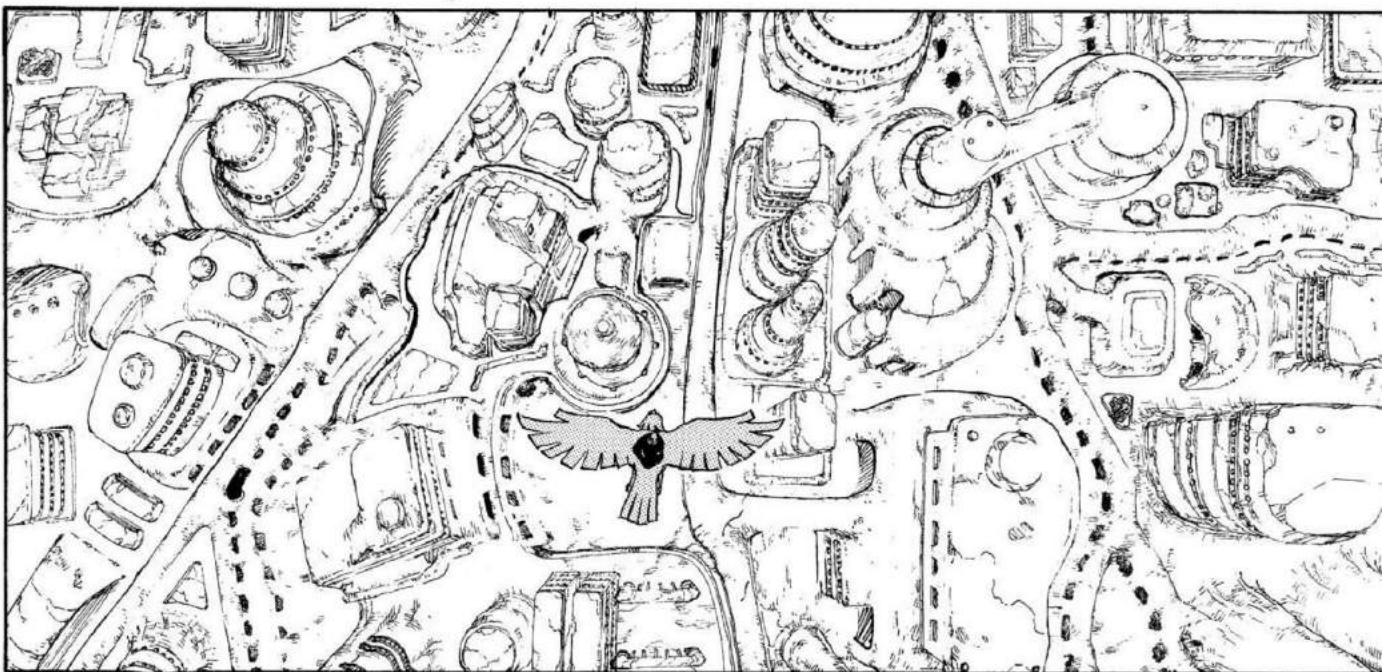
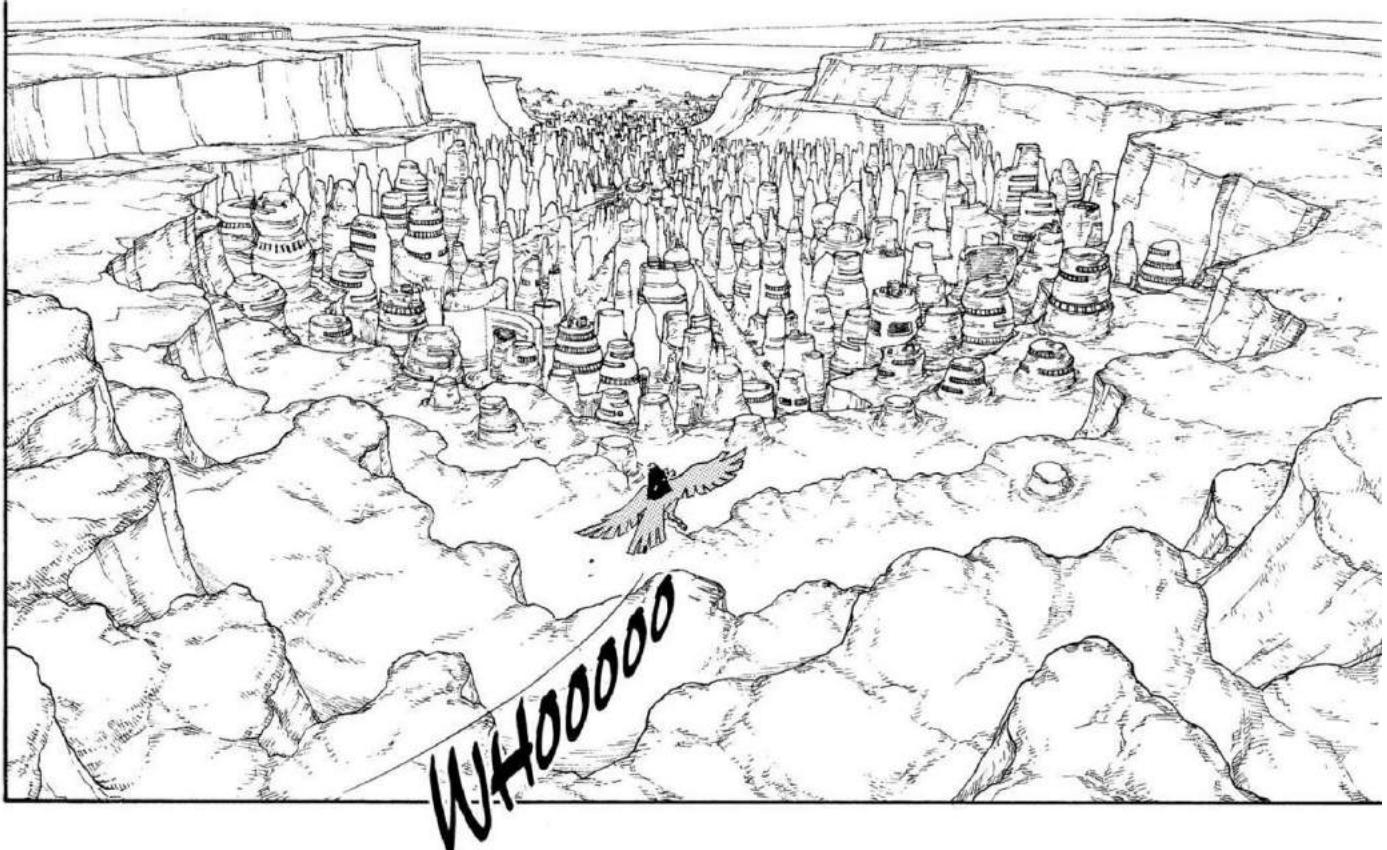
AND MY REPLY WOULD BE, "I LOVE TORIYAMA-SENSEI'S ART, AND THE VERY FIRST GAME I EVER BOUGHT WAS DRAGON QUEST, SO I WANT TO SAY I'M A DQ FAN... BUT I WAS ALSO DRAWN TO FF BECAUSE OF ITS GLITCHES, LIKE THE ABILITY TO LEVEL-UP BY ATTACKING ONE'S ALLIES IN FFII AND TO CANCEL ATTACKS BY PRESSING THE A AND B BUTTONS SIMULTANEOUSLY. IN FFIV, THE LITTLE TWINS PALOM AND POROM MADE ME CRY EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A GAME. THE TRANSITION FROM PIXEL ART TO POLYGONAL 3D, COMPUTER GRAPHICS IN FFVII WAS SO GROUNDBREAKING THAT I CAN'T DENY THAT I LOVE FF AS WELL. SO AM I A FF MANIAC? ...YET DQ WAS SO BALANCED TOO. I LOVED HOW PRINCE SAMANTORIA OF DQII--WHO ALWAYS DIED SO EASILY--WAS ABLE TO MASTER THE ZAORIKU, OR REVIVE SPELL. AND EVEN THOUGH THE "SPELL OF RESURRECTION" WAS REALLY LONG, THE MUSIC THAT PLAYED DURING THE PASSWORD SCREEN BECAME MY FAVORITE OF THE DQ SERIES. BUT THEN, DQI~III'S "LEGEND OF THE HERO LOTO", IS A THREE-PART WORK THAT REALLY WAS A CLASSIC FOR ME TOO.

...SO IT'S REALLY HARD FOR ME TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE TWO. AND MY ASSISTANTS, TOO, THEY ALWAYS END UP GIVING VAGUE ANSWERS AS WELL. SO THE DEBATE IS USUALLY SETTLED WITH MUTUAL ADMIRATION FOR AND AGREEMENT ABOUT HOW INCREDIBLE THE COLLABORATION PROJECT GAME "CHRONO TRIGGER" WAS. WE ALL JUST LOVE VIDEO GAMES.

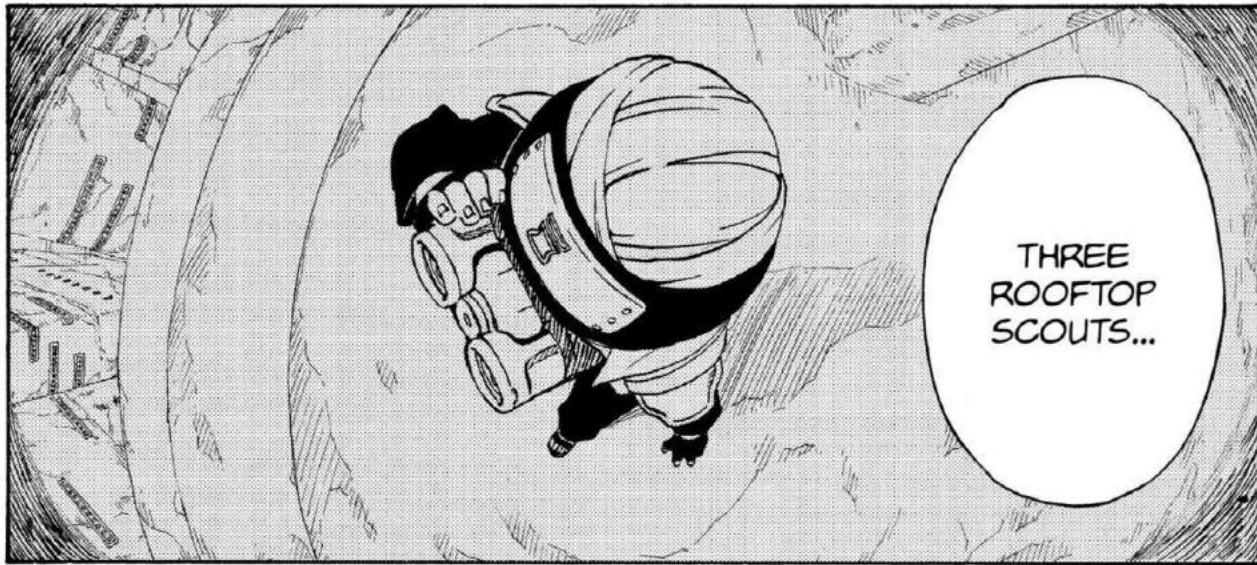
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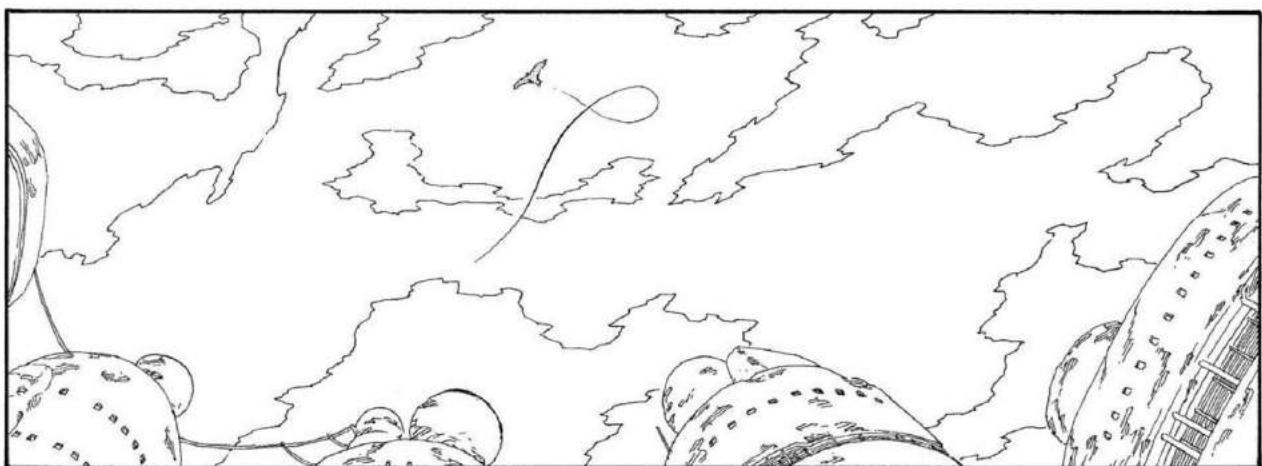
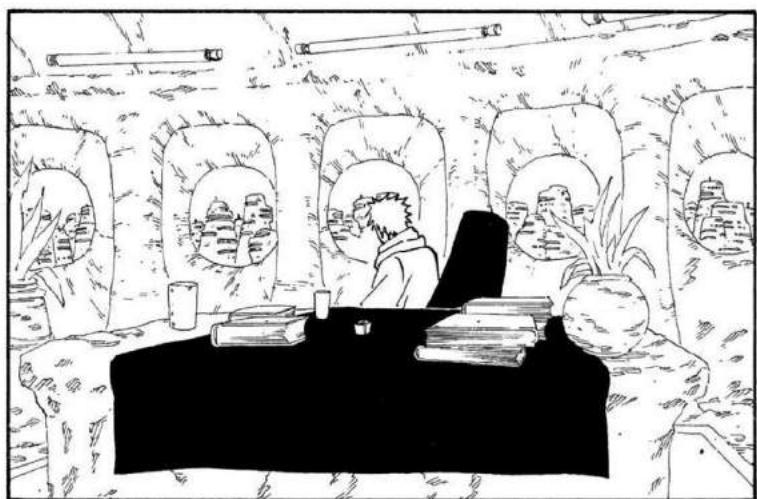
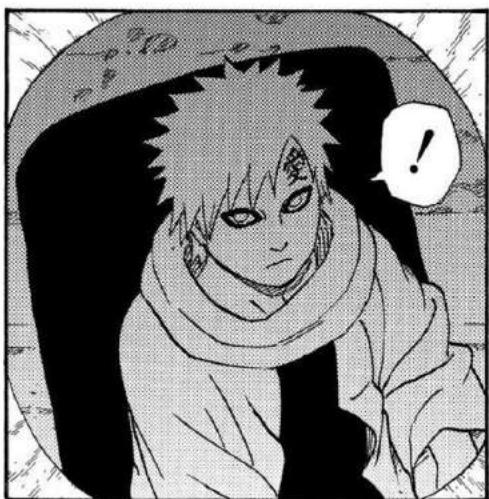
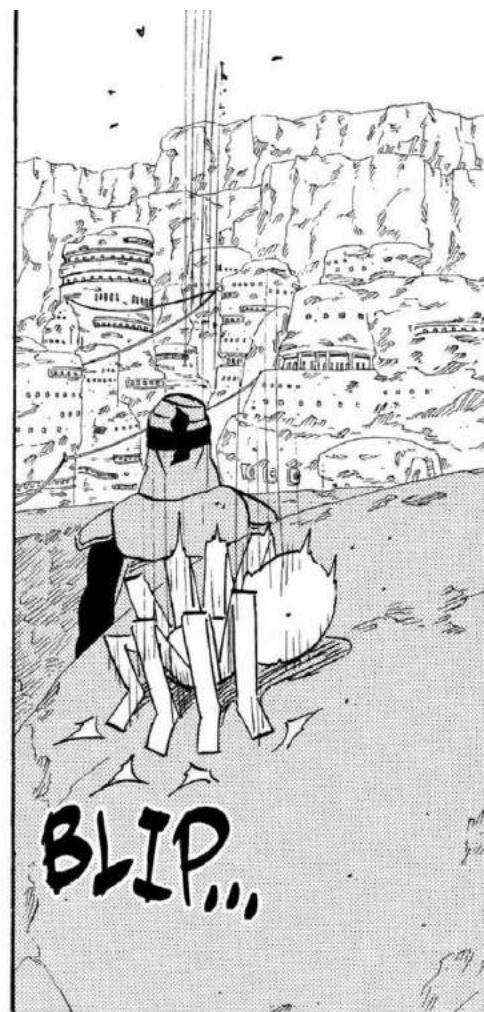
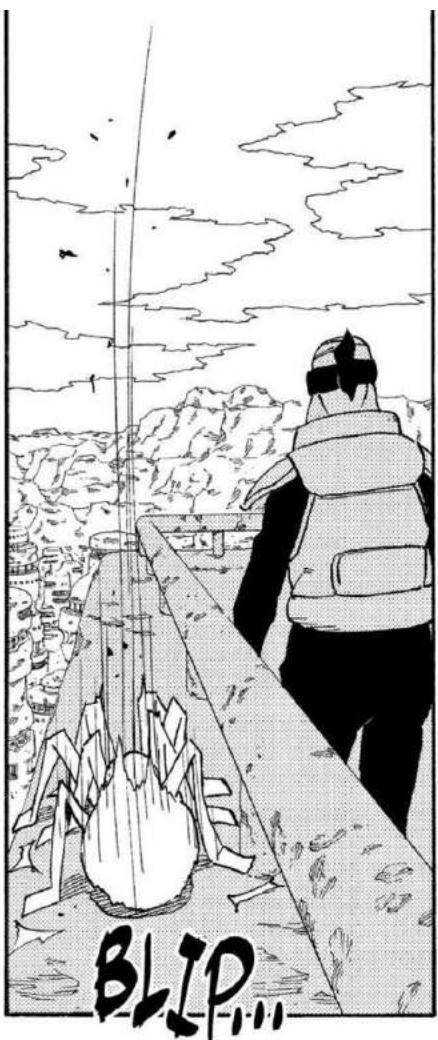


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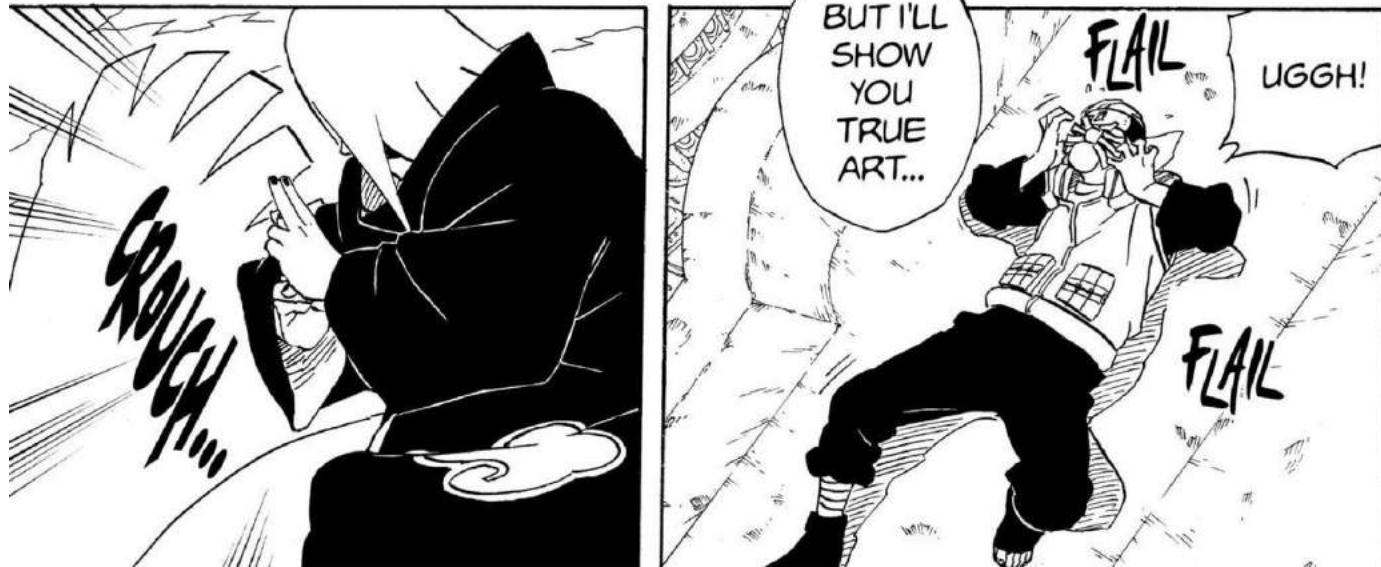
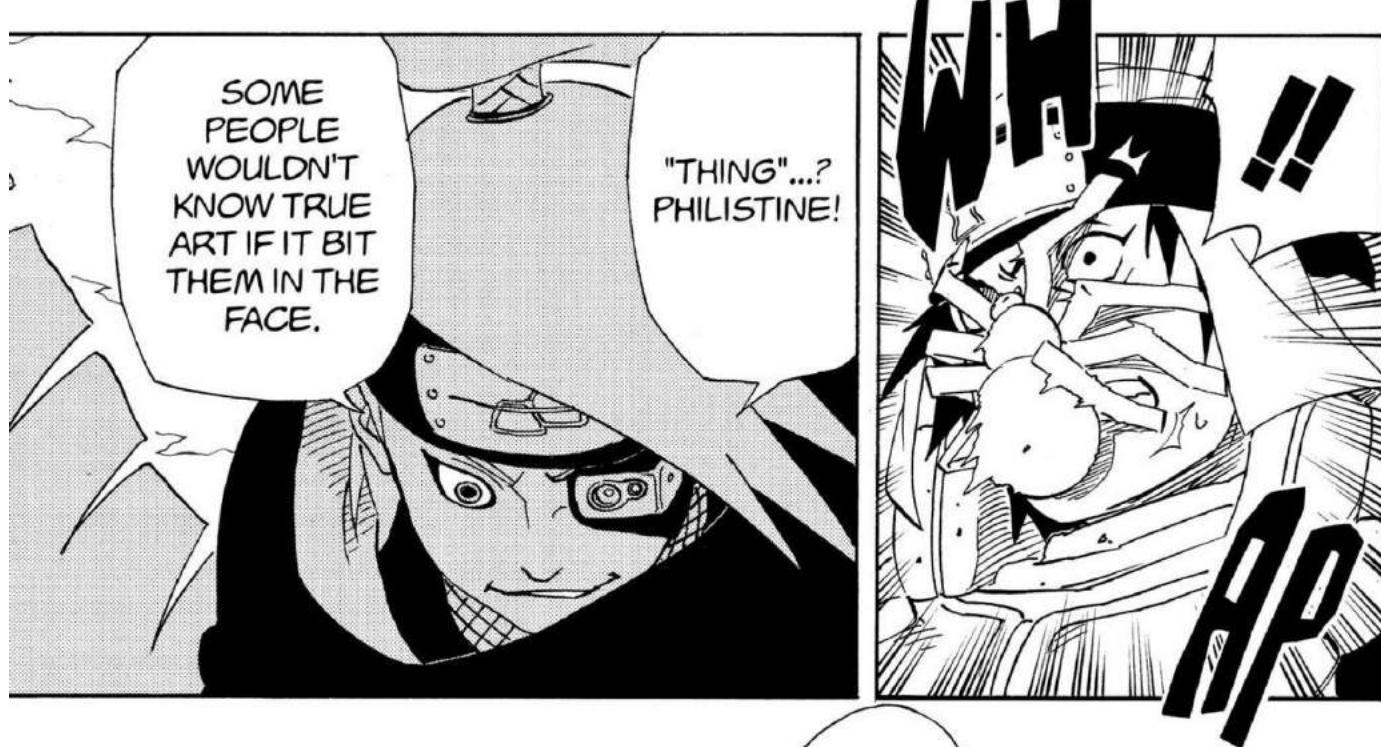


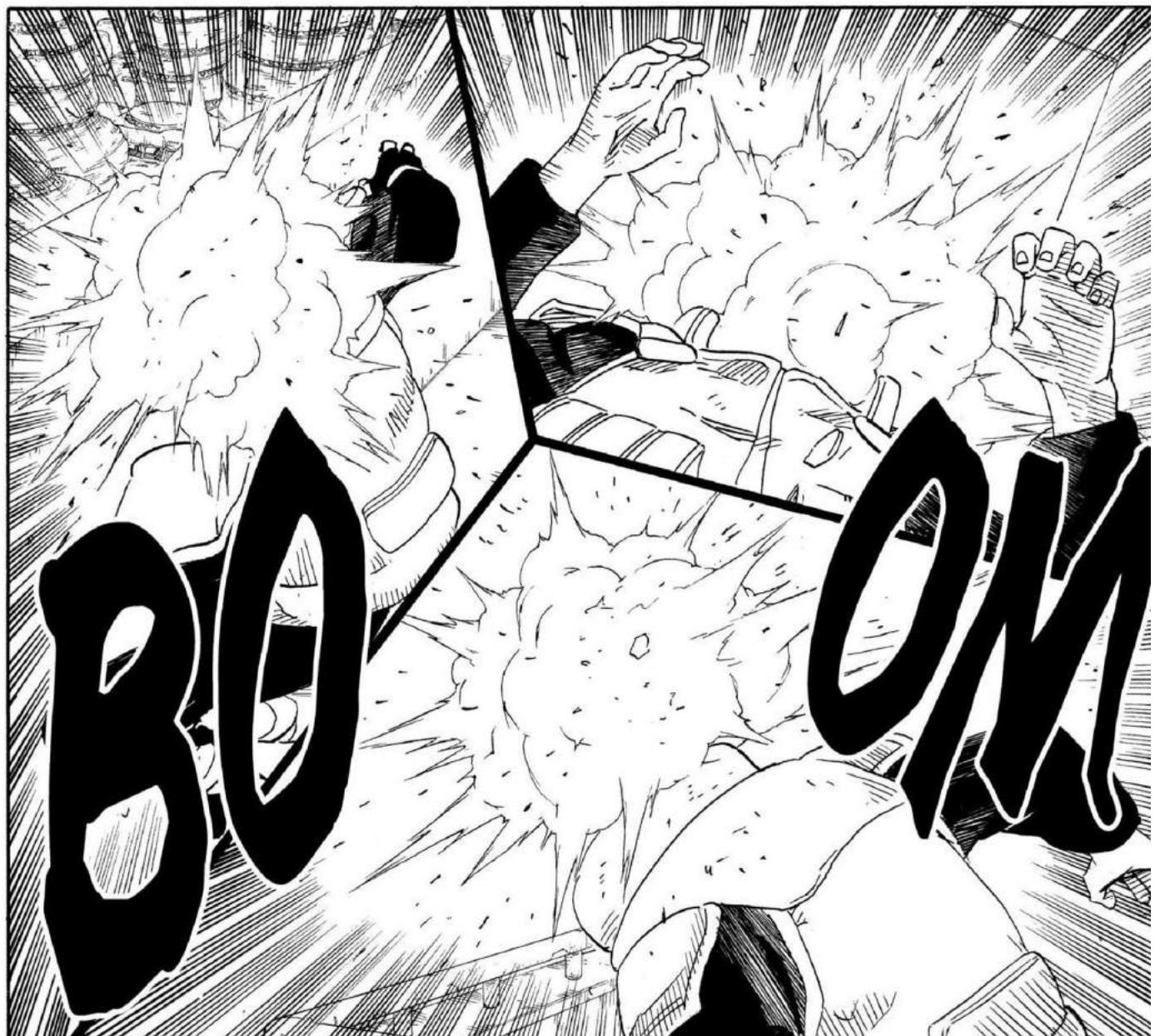
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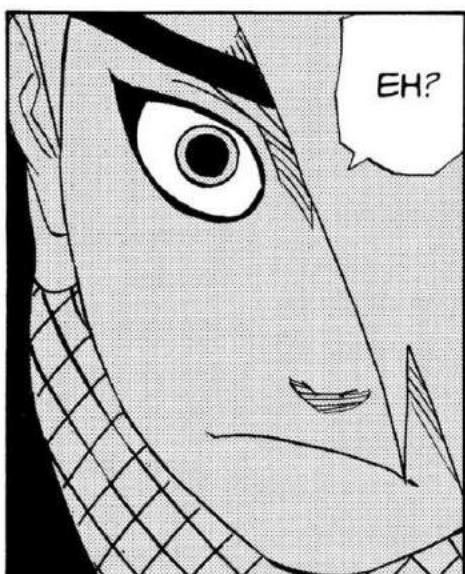


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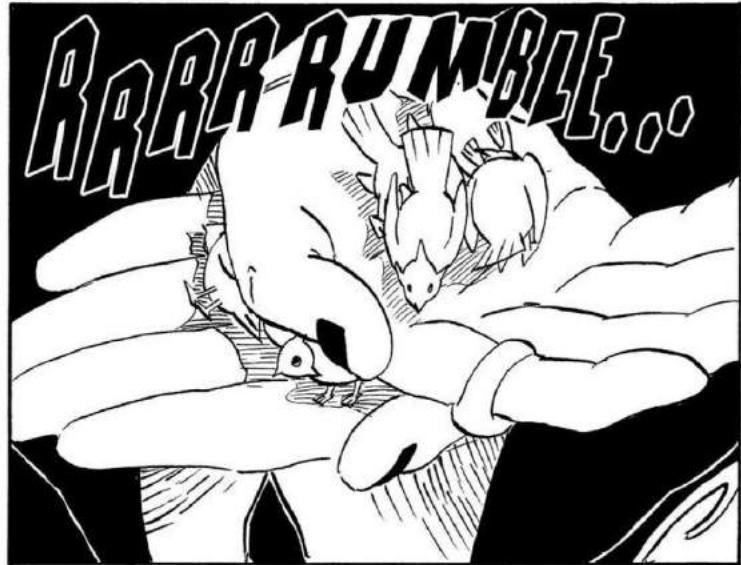


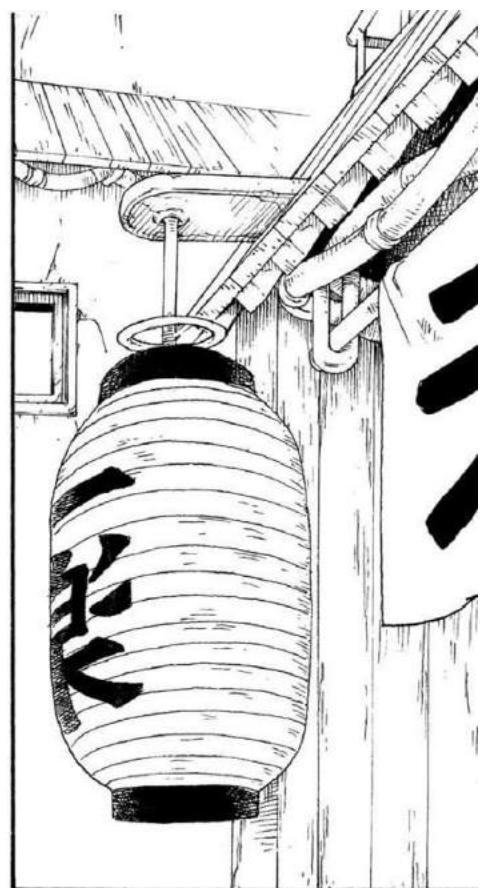
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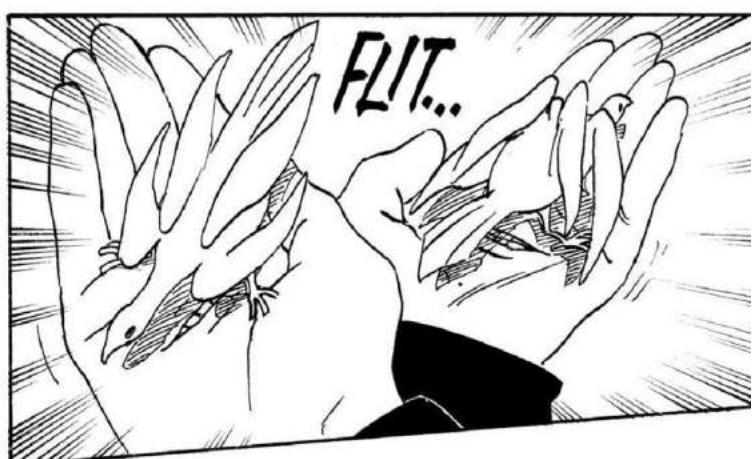


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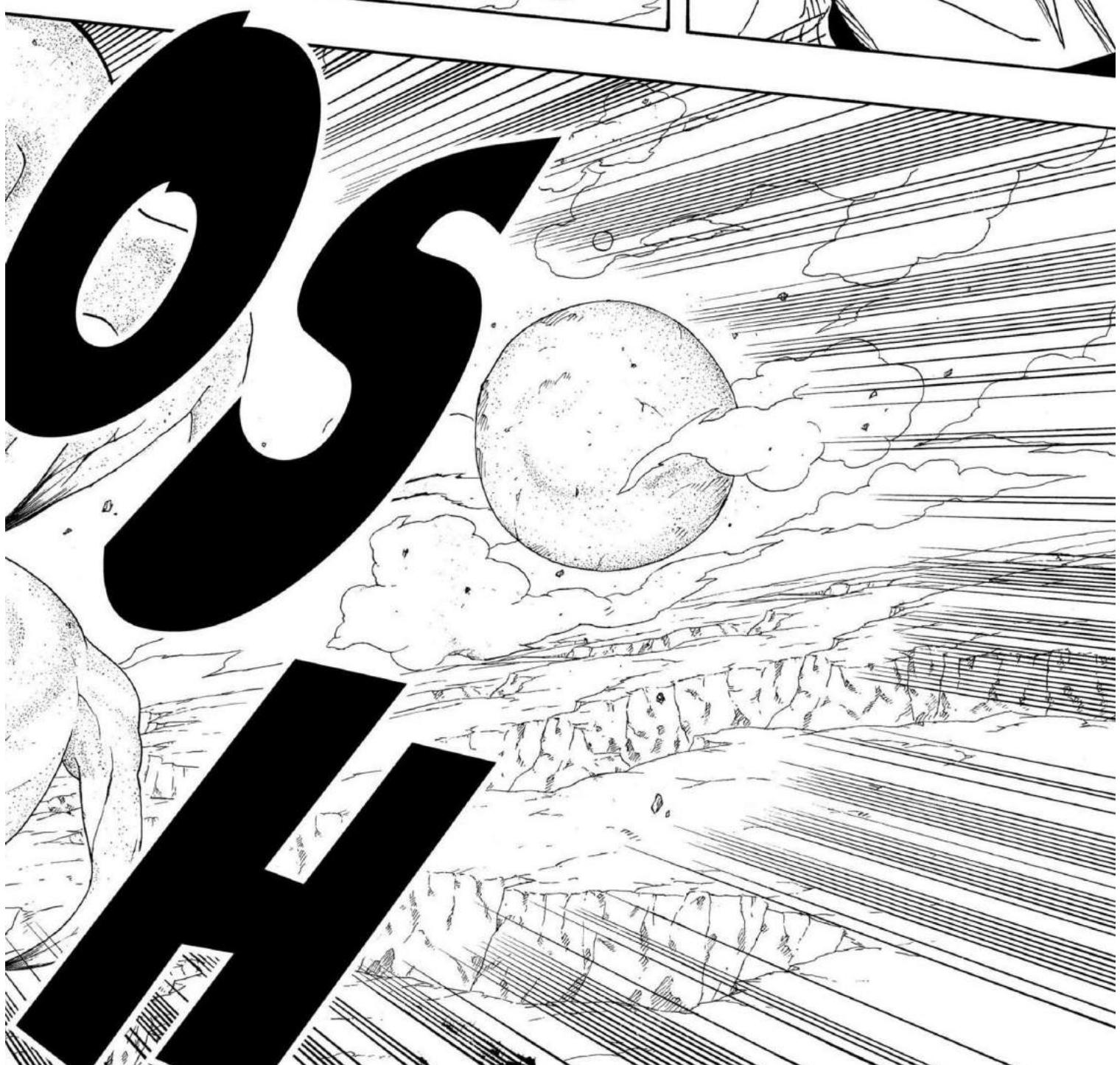


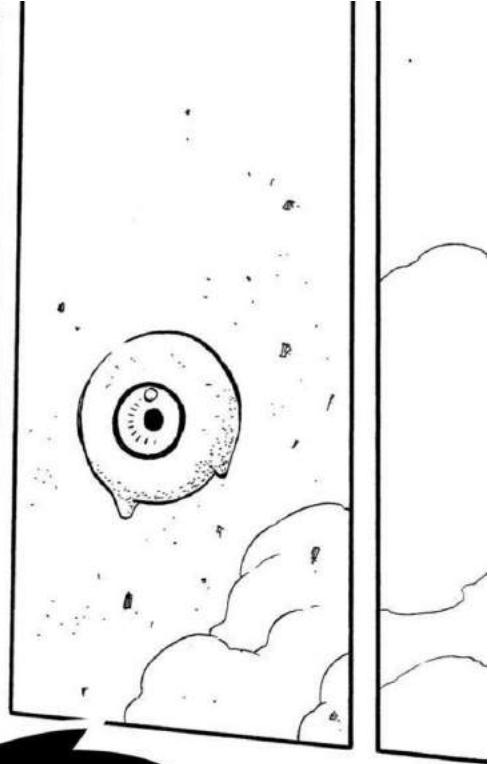


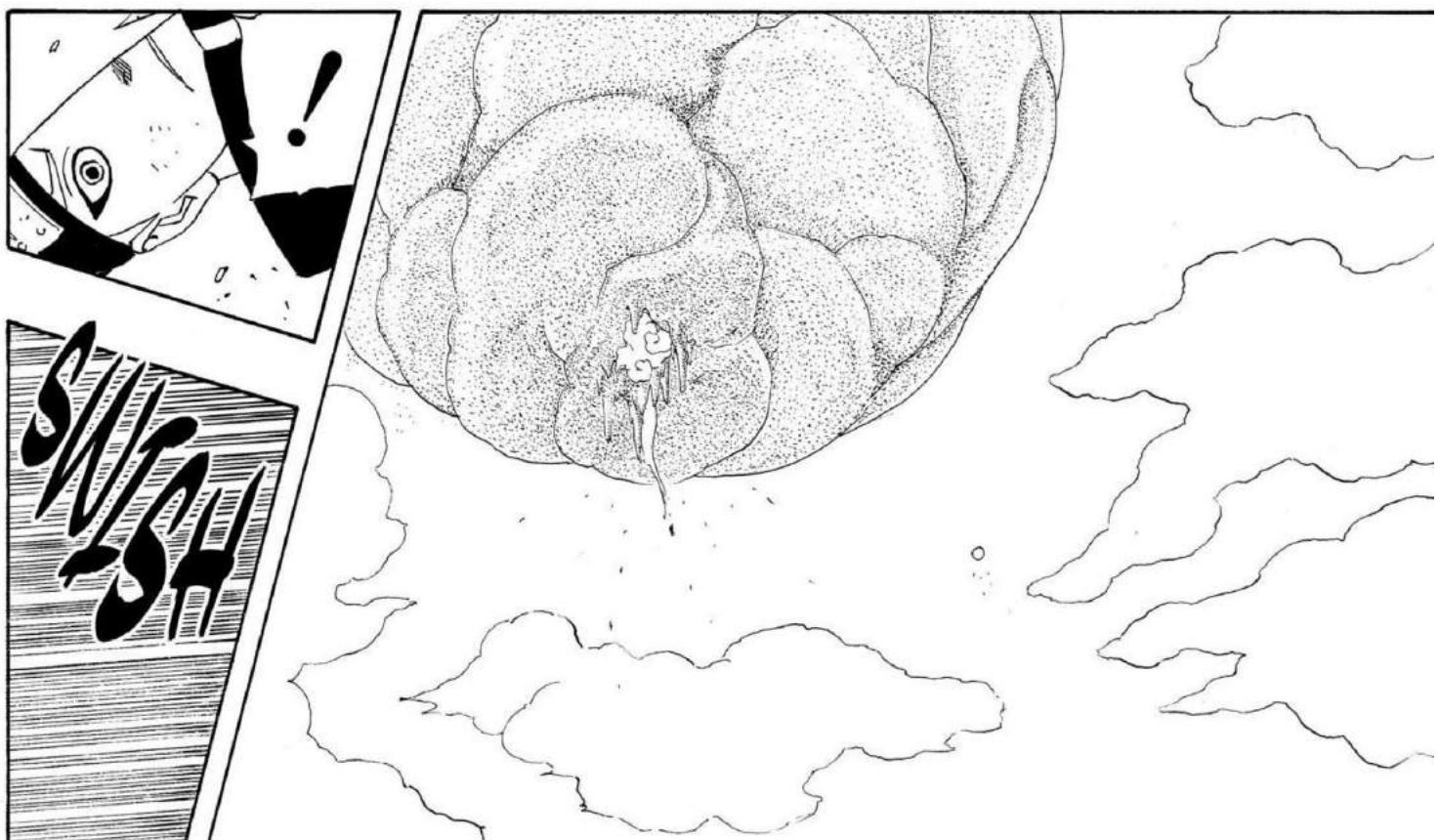
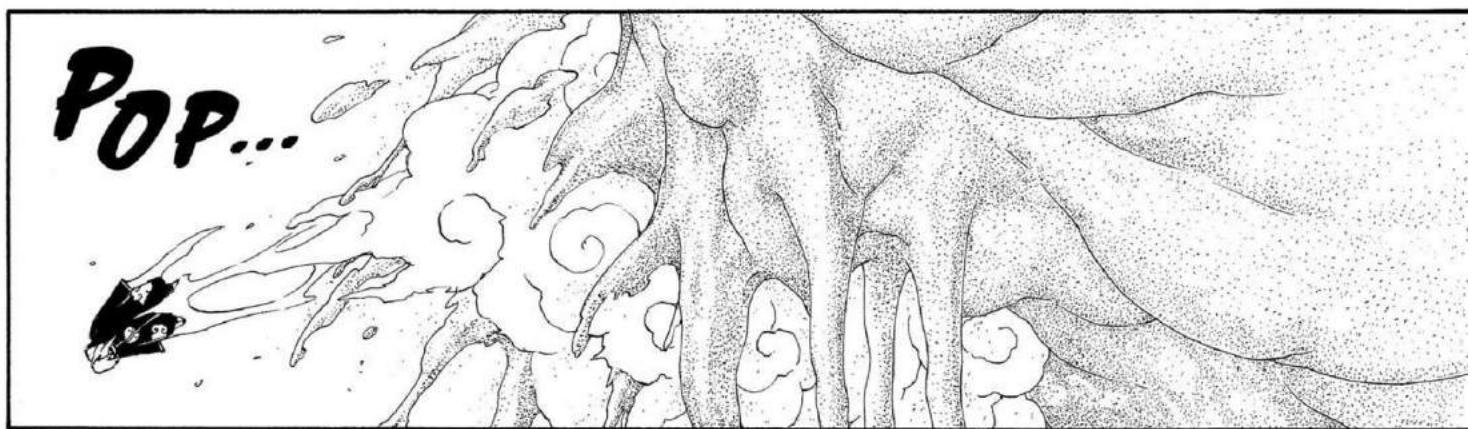
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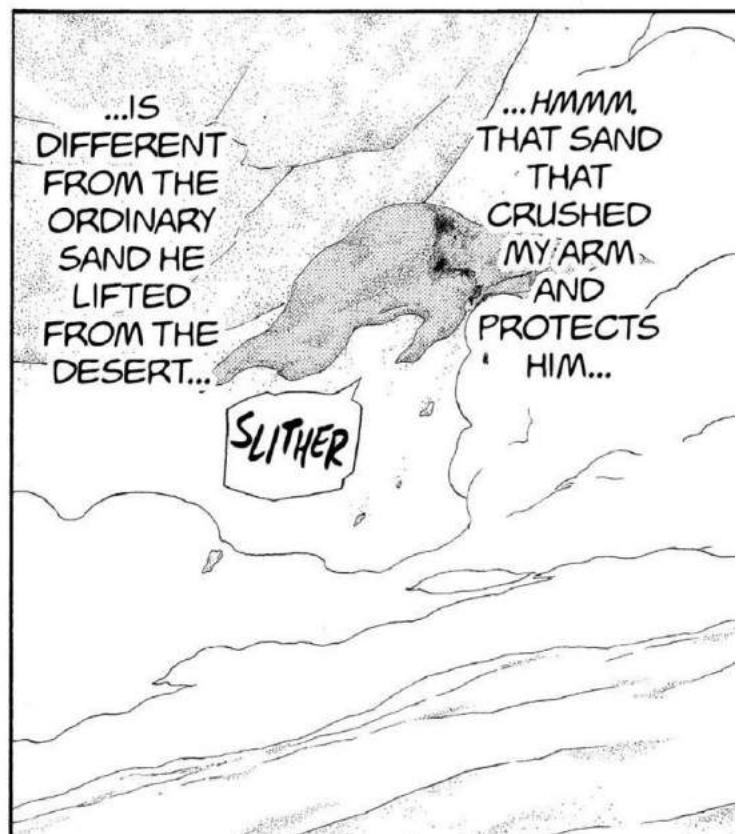
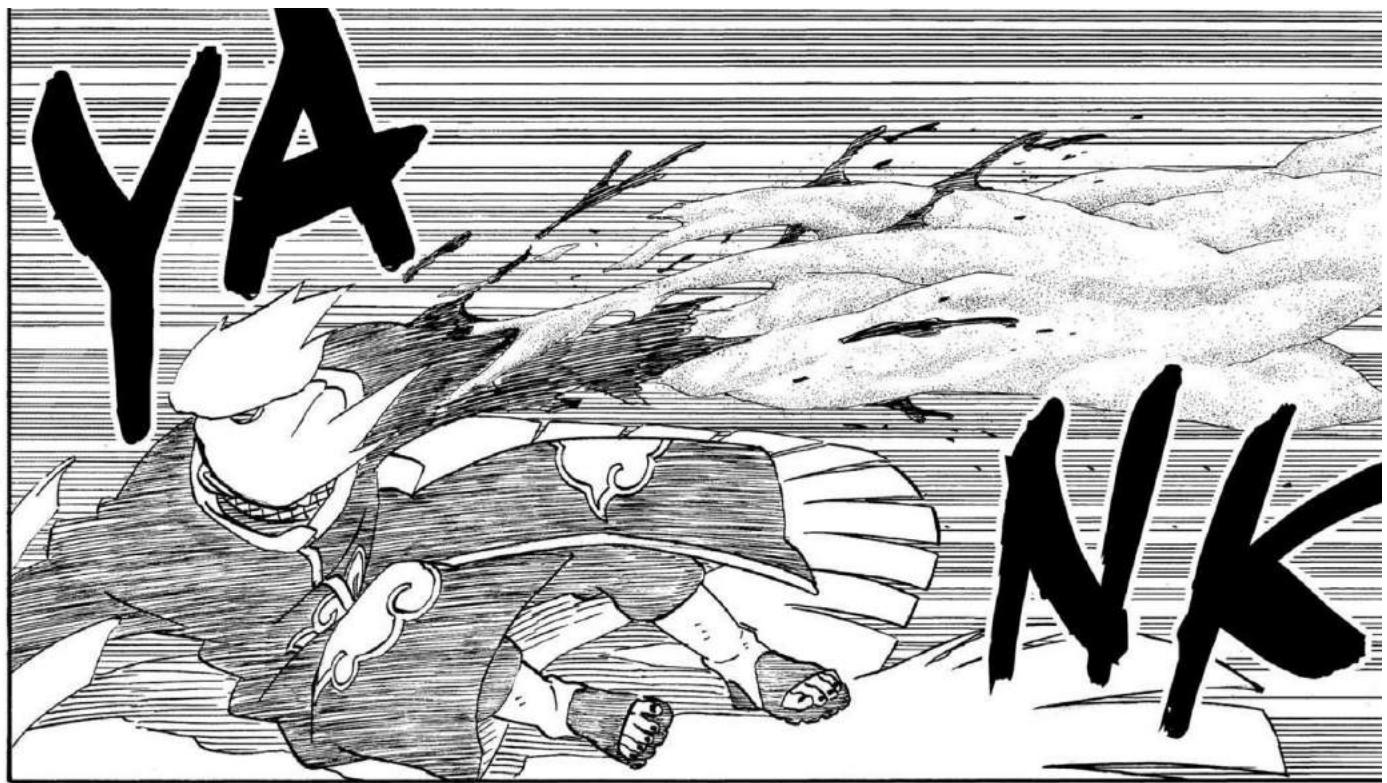
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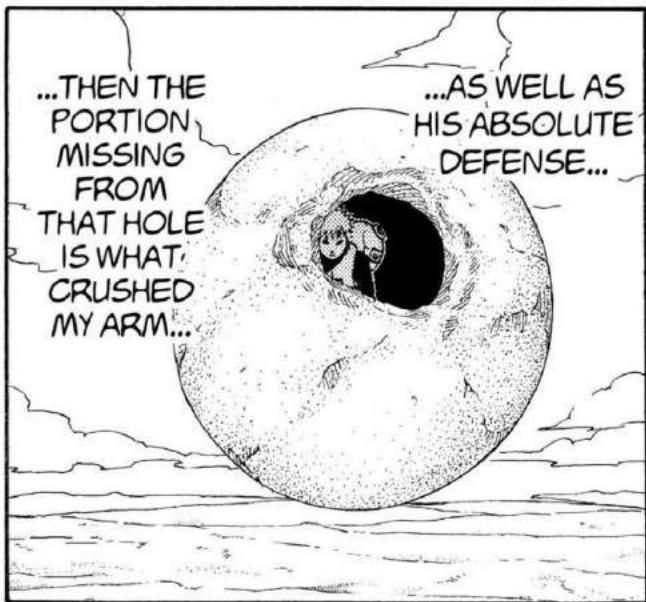


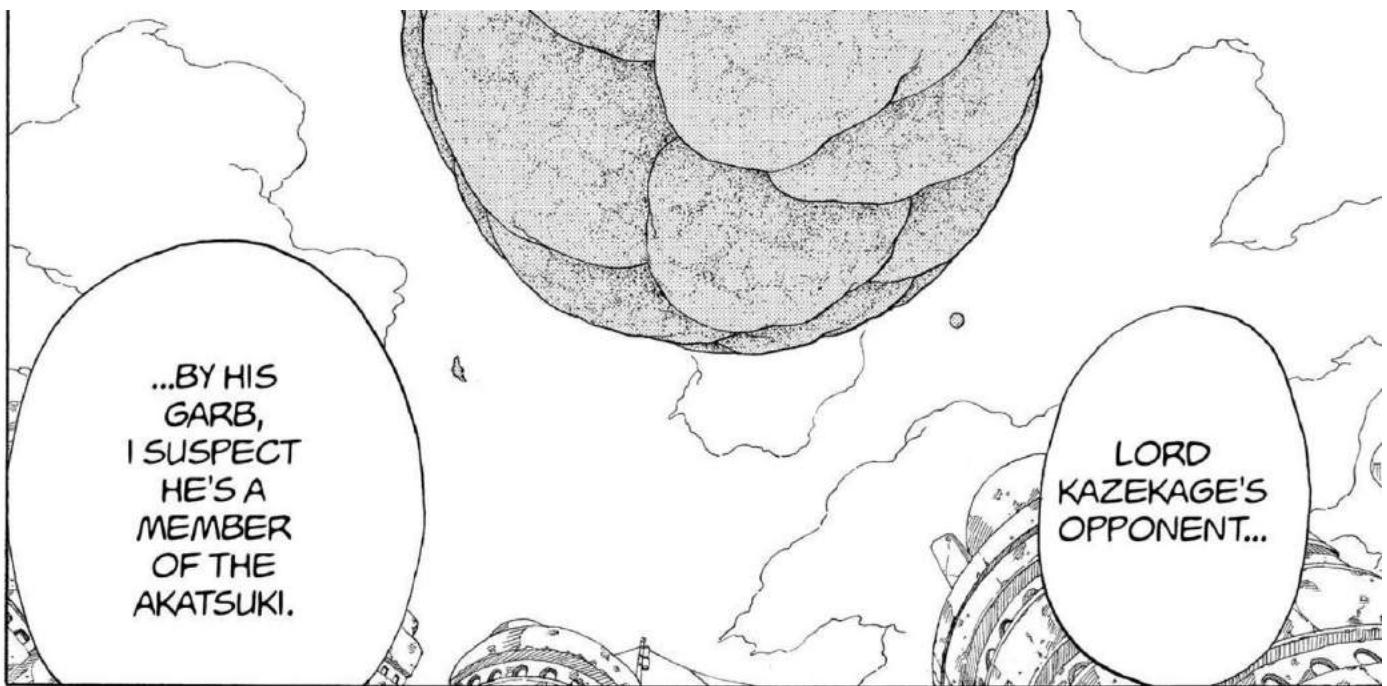
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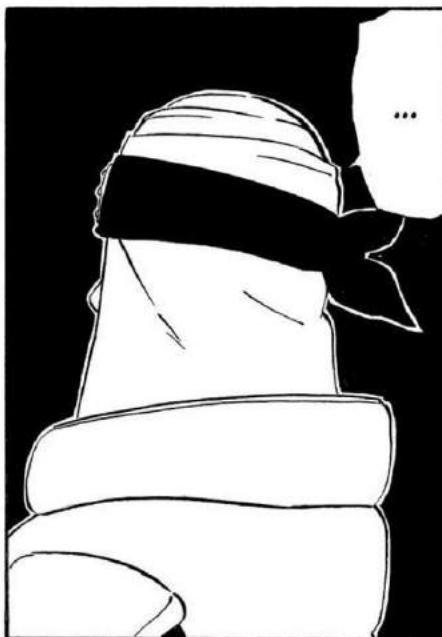


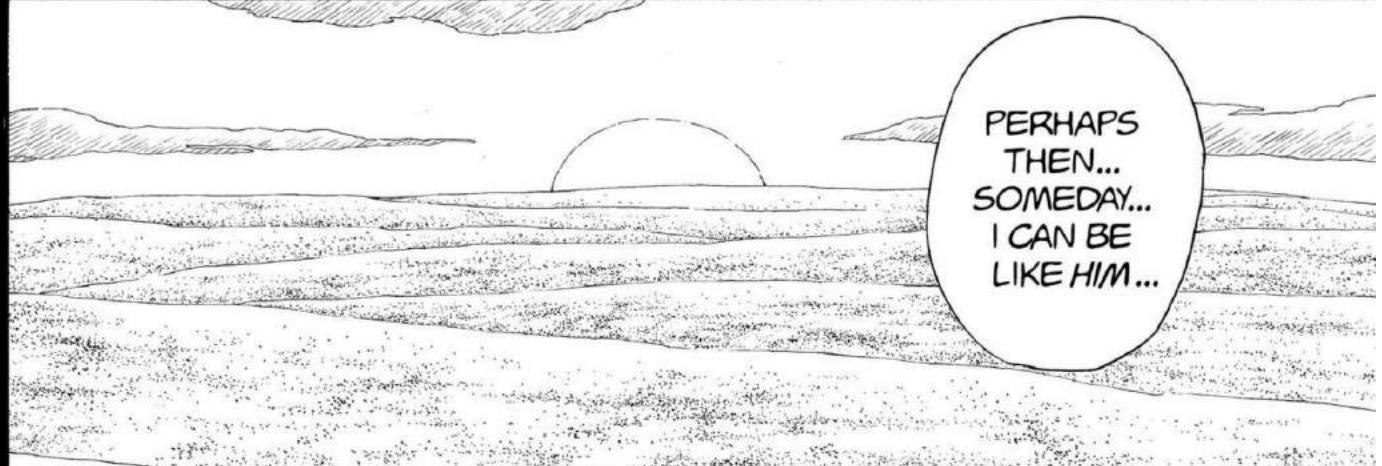
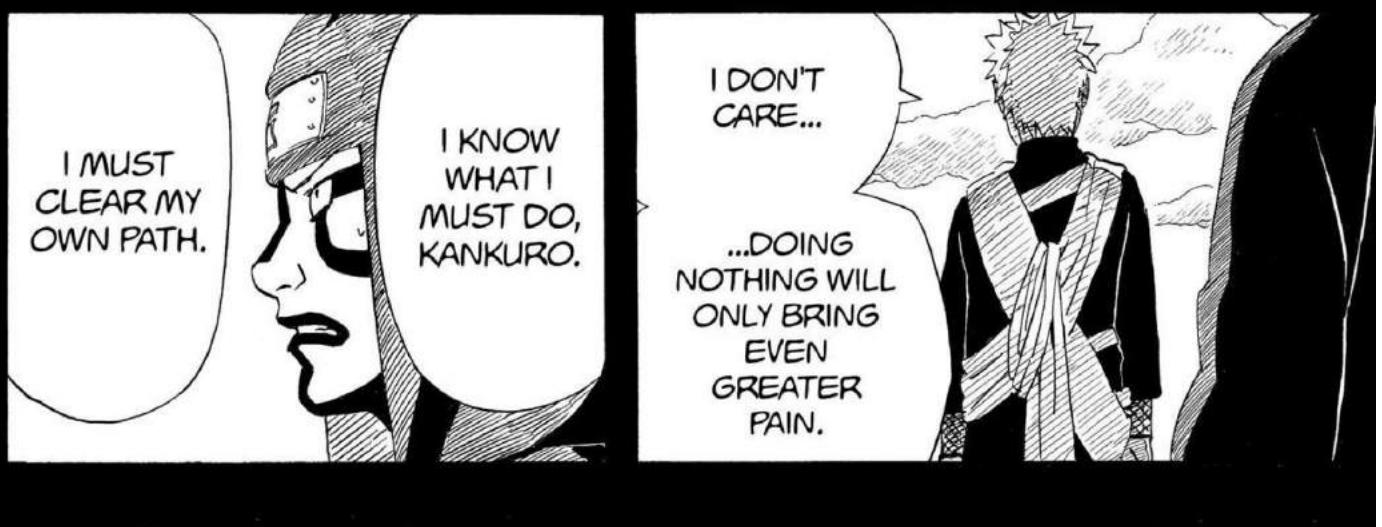
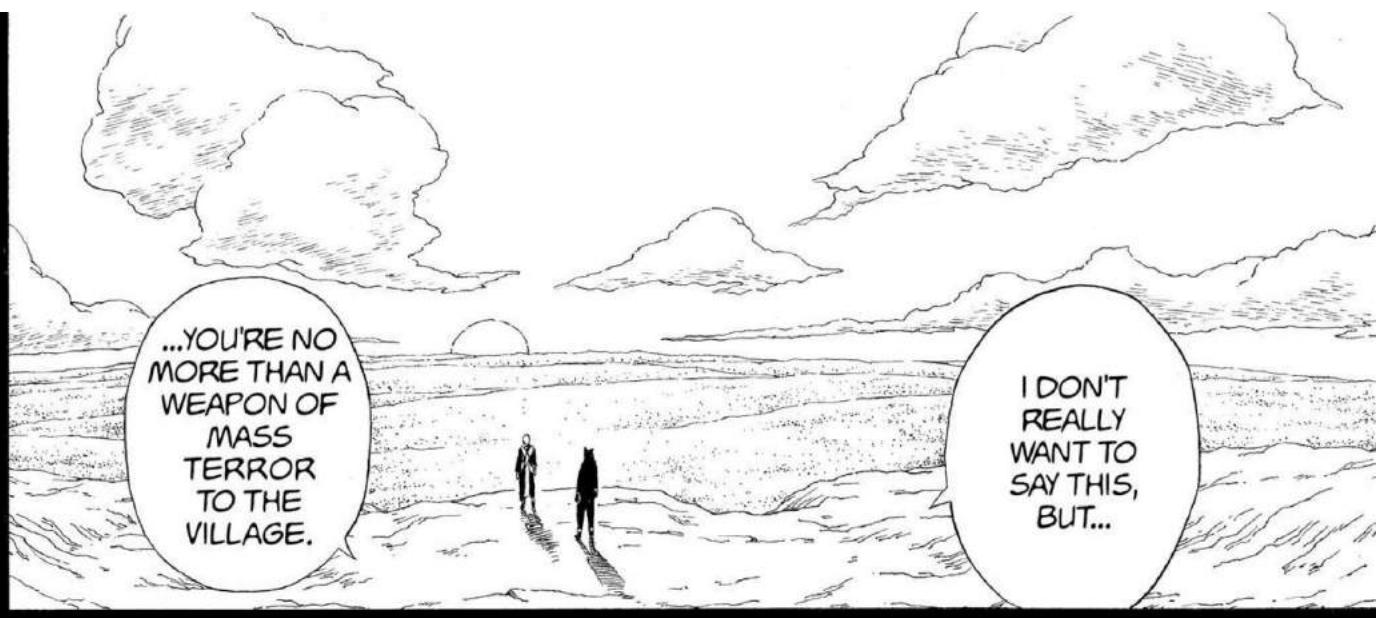


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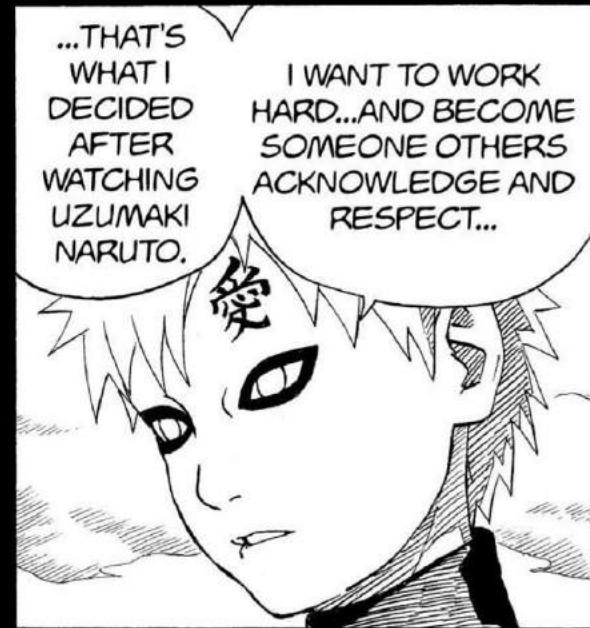


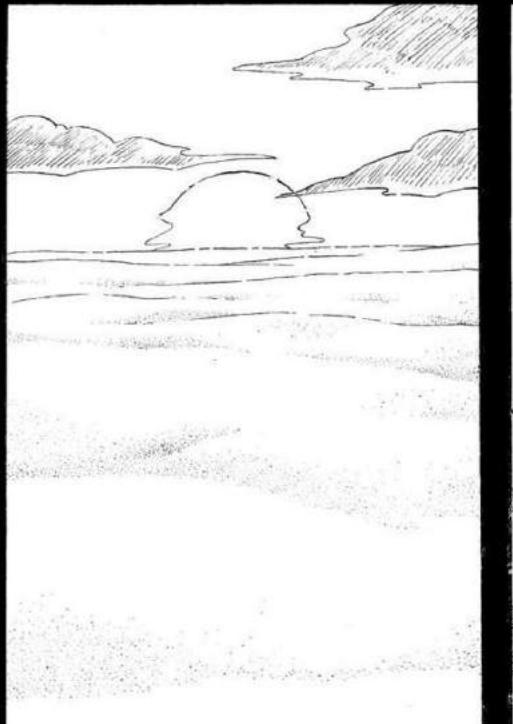
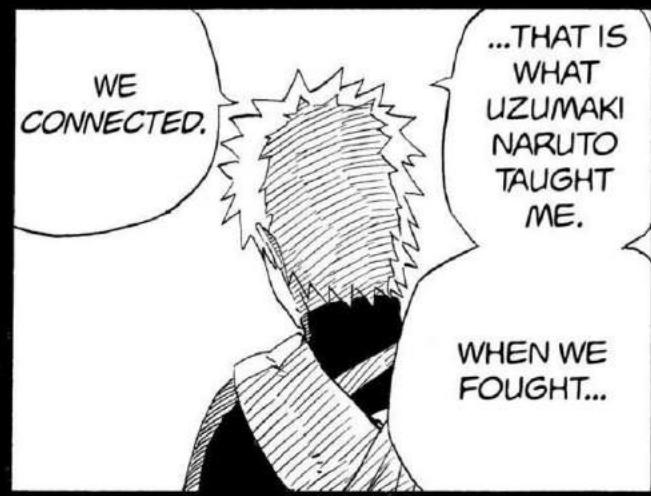


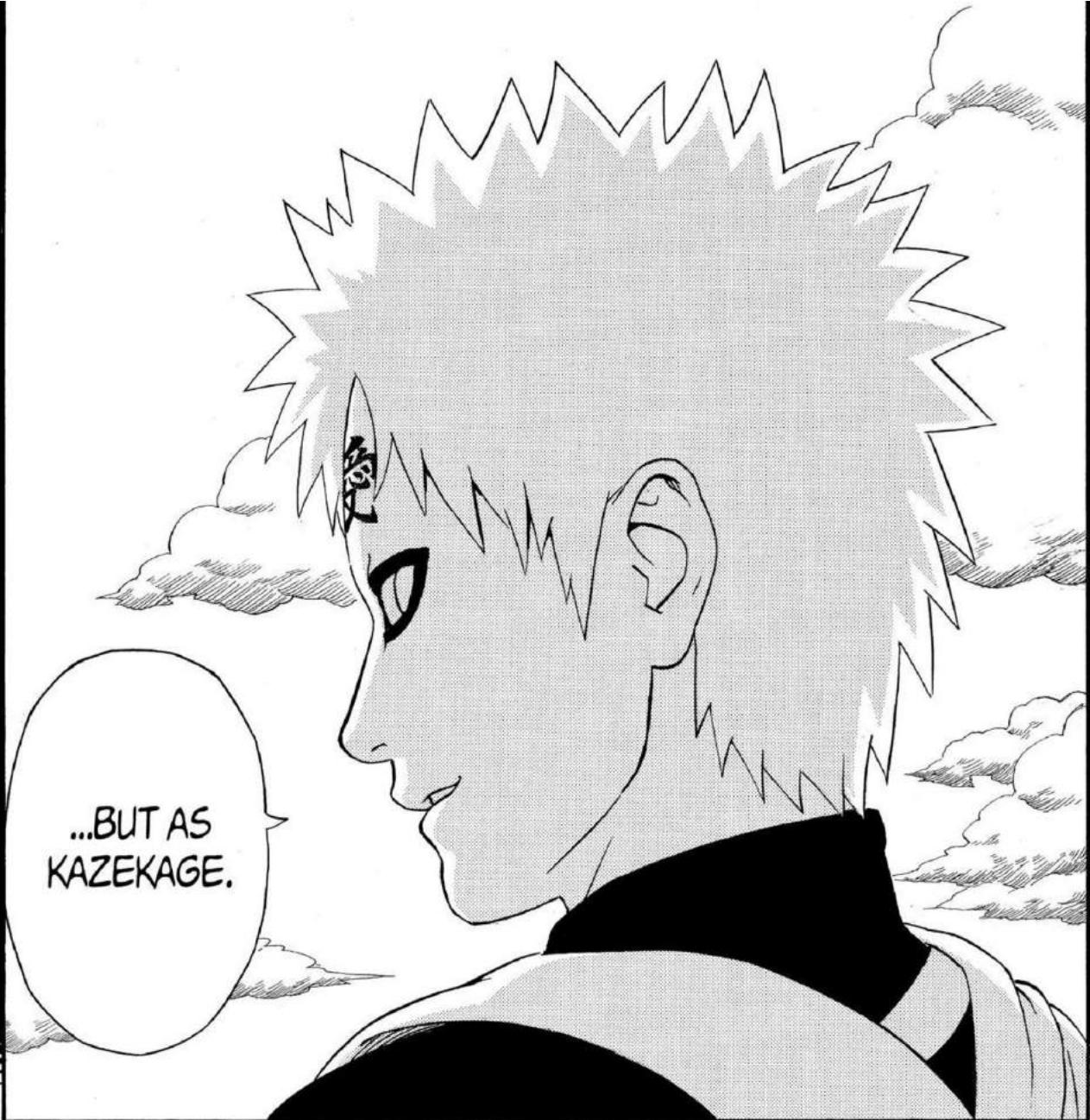


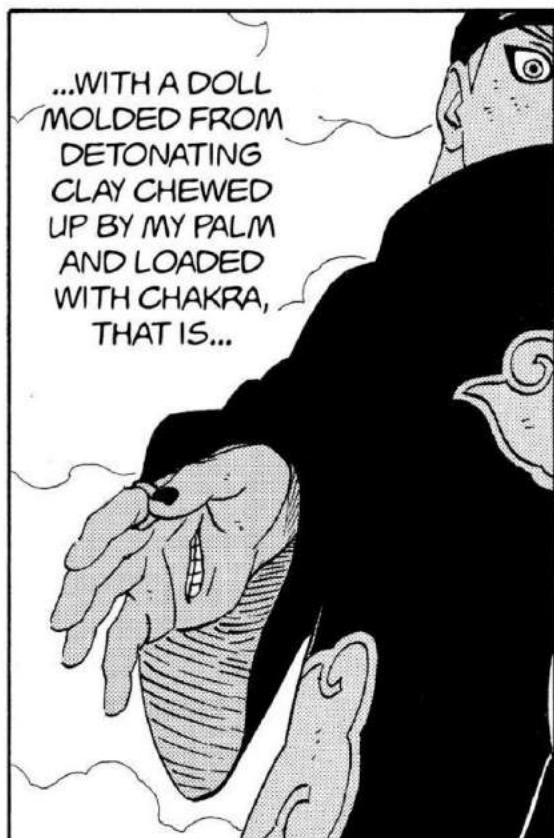


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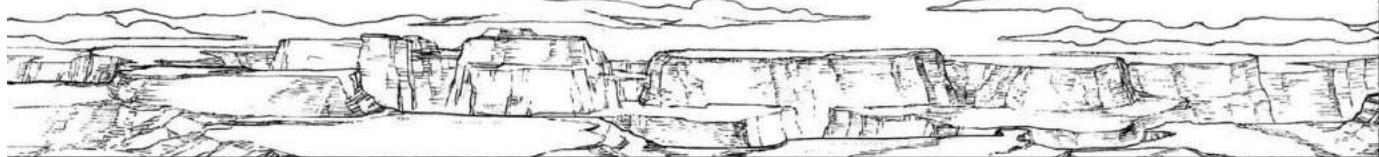








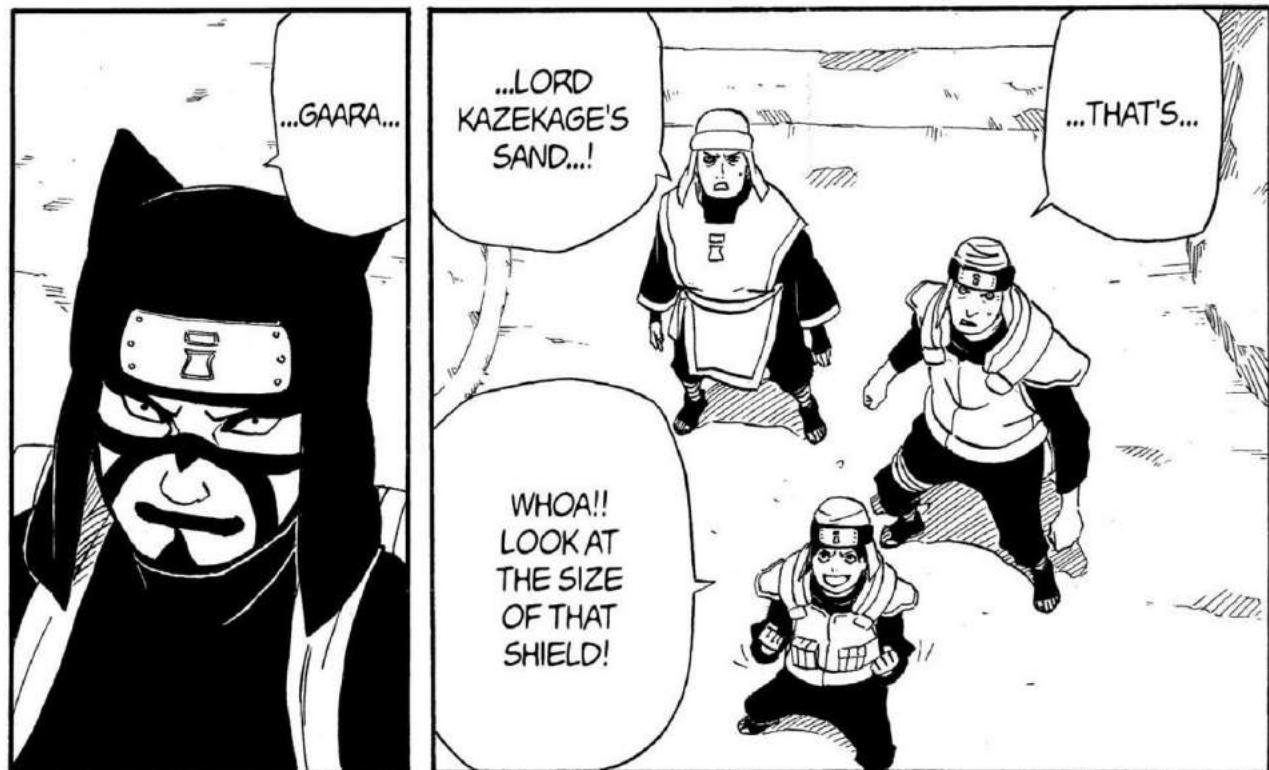
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OHAKO IS
MY PRIZE
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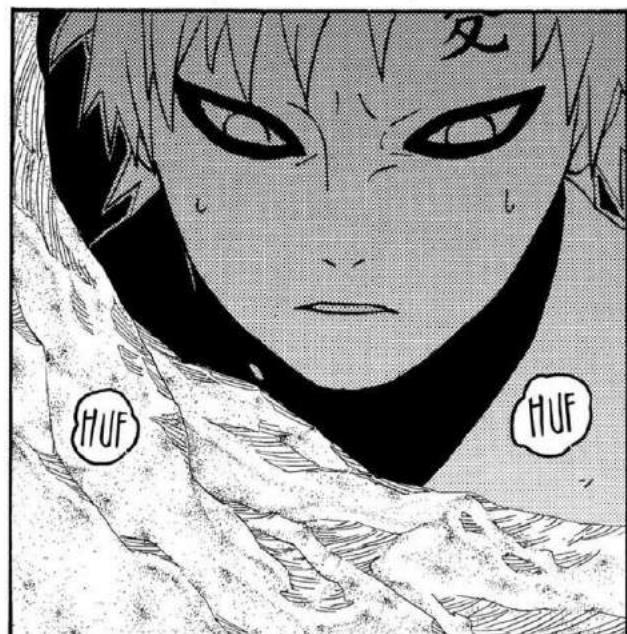


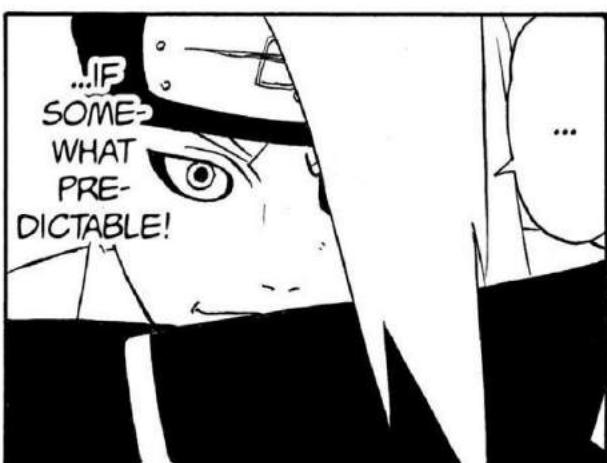
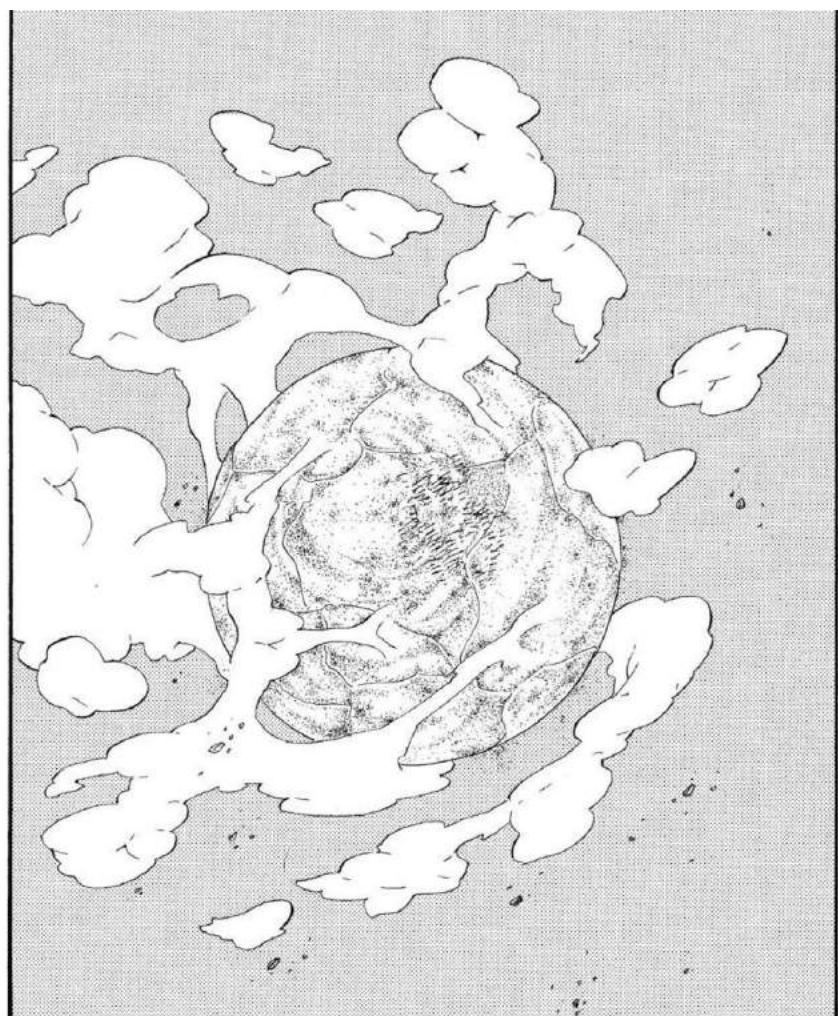
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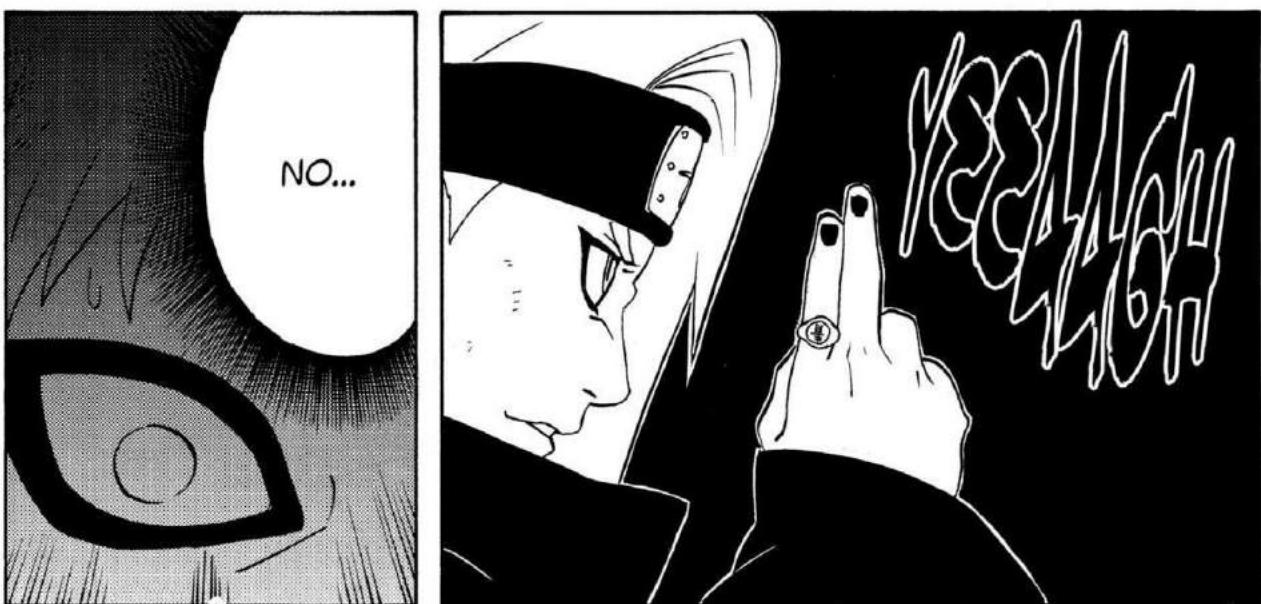
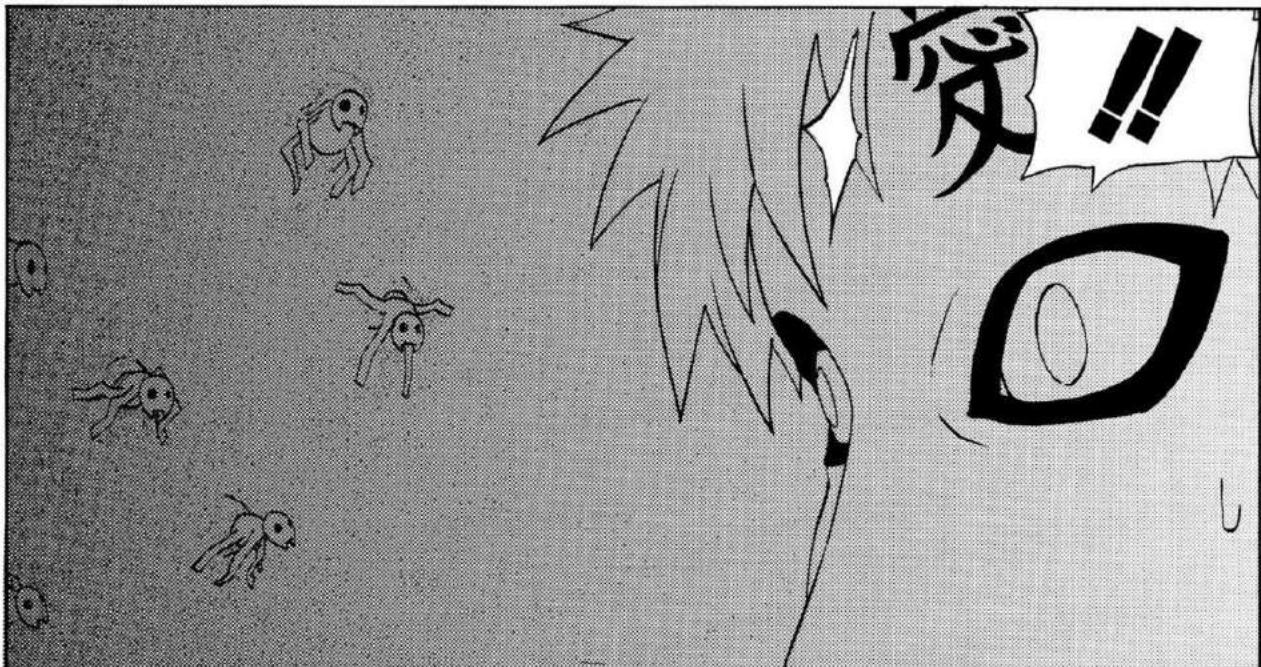


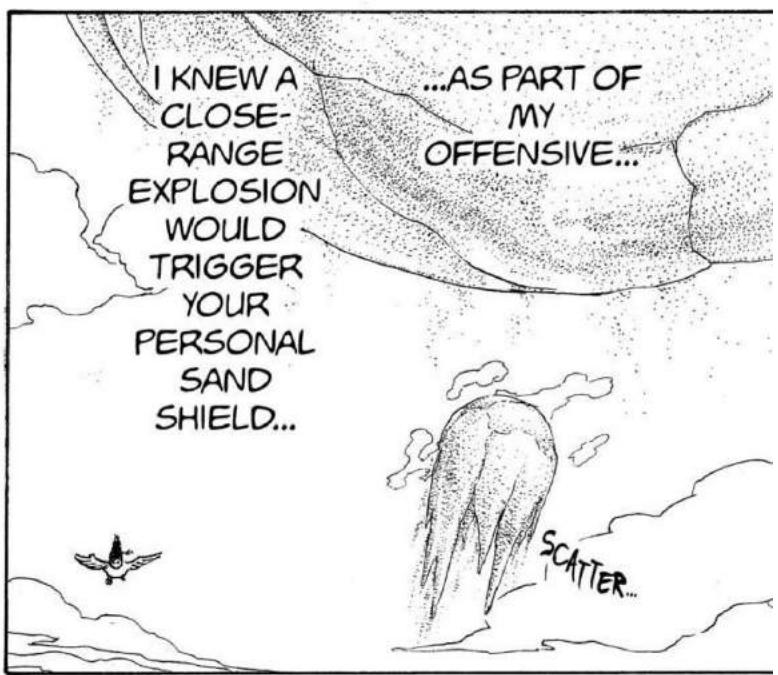
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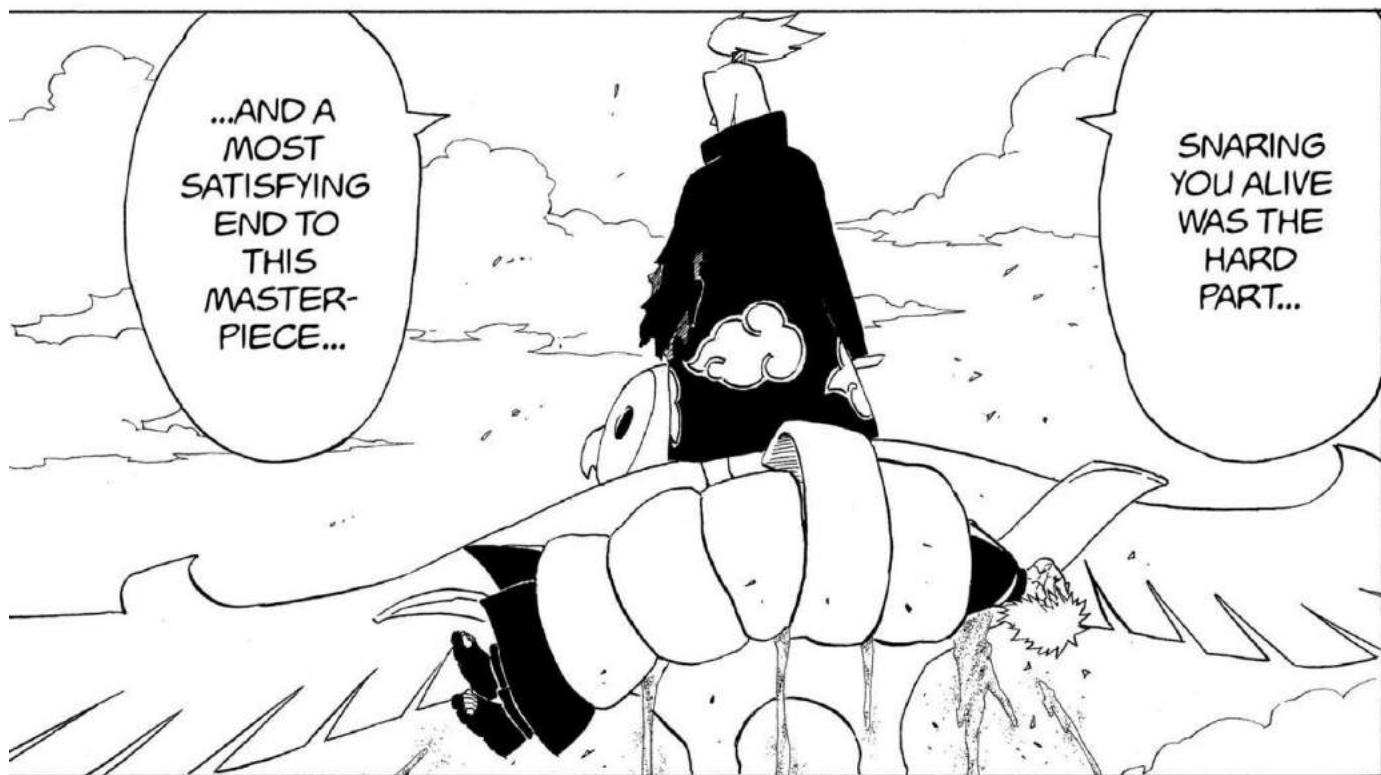


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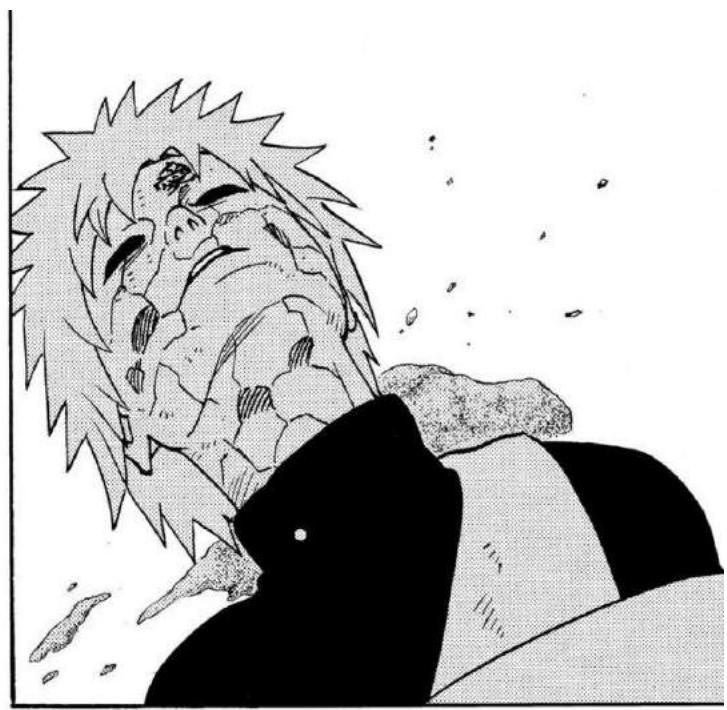
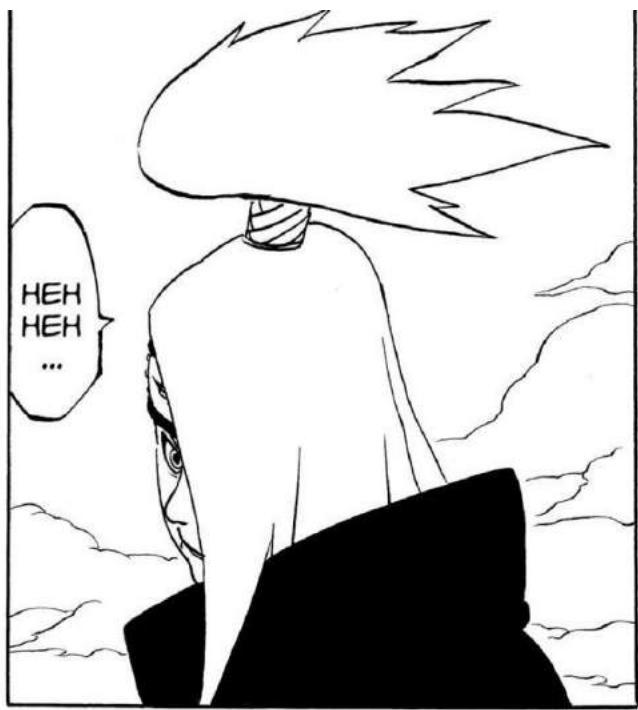
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Number 250:



New Squad, First Mission!!



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I CAN'T
JUST STAND
AROUND
AND DO
NOTHING!!

HE'S
POWERFUL
ENOUGH
TO TAKE
DOWN
GAARA!

KANKURO!
WAIT!

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YOU'LL
ACCOM-
PLISH???

I'LL
TRY!!
ALL
RIGHT
...!

IF WE CAN PIN
DOWN THEIR
HIDEOUT, WE
CAN RALLY THE
TROOPS AND
ATTACK!!

THAT'S
NOT
WHAT I'M
SAYING!

WHIRL

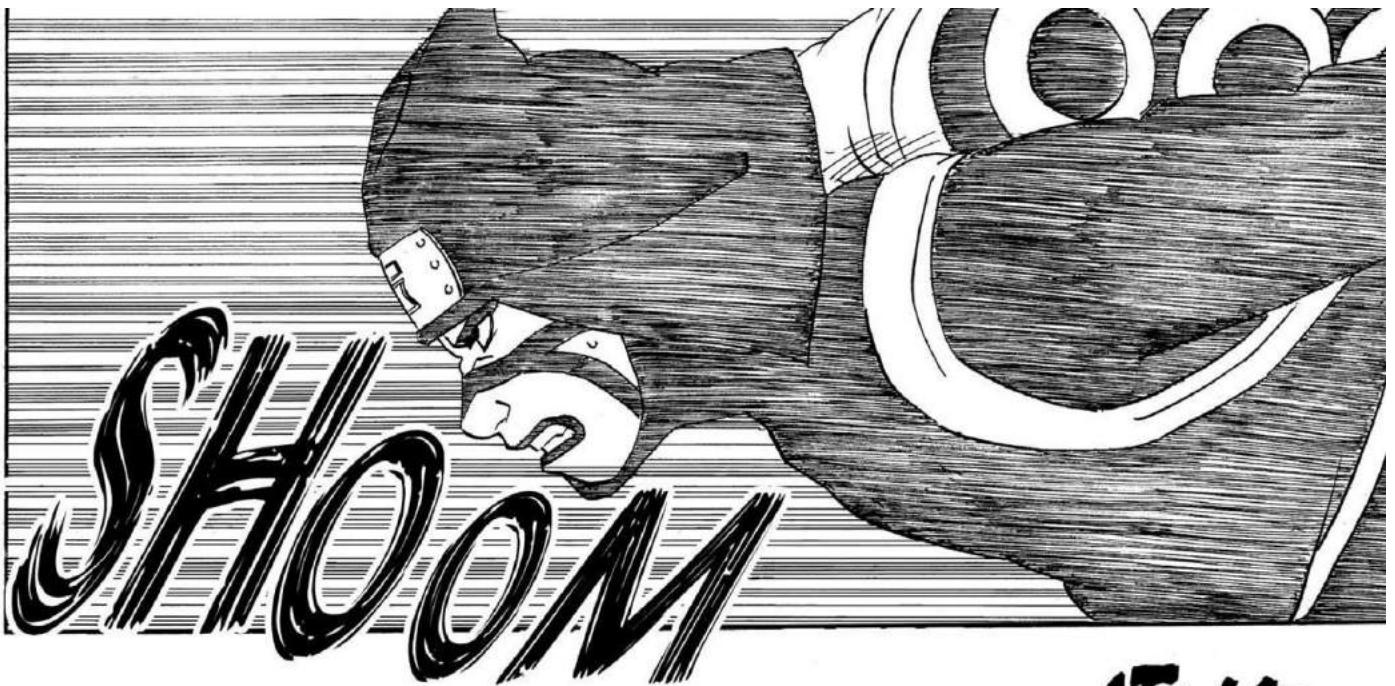
BE SMART
ABOUT
THIS...TRACK
HIM...DON'T
TRY TO
ATTACK!

...GAH...!

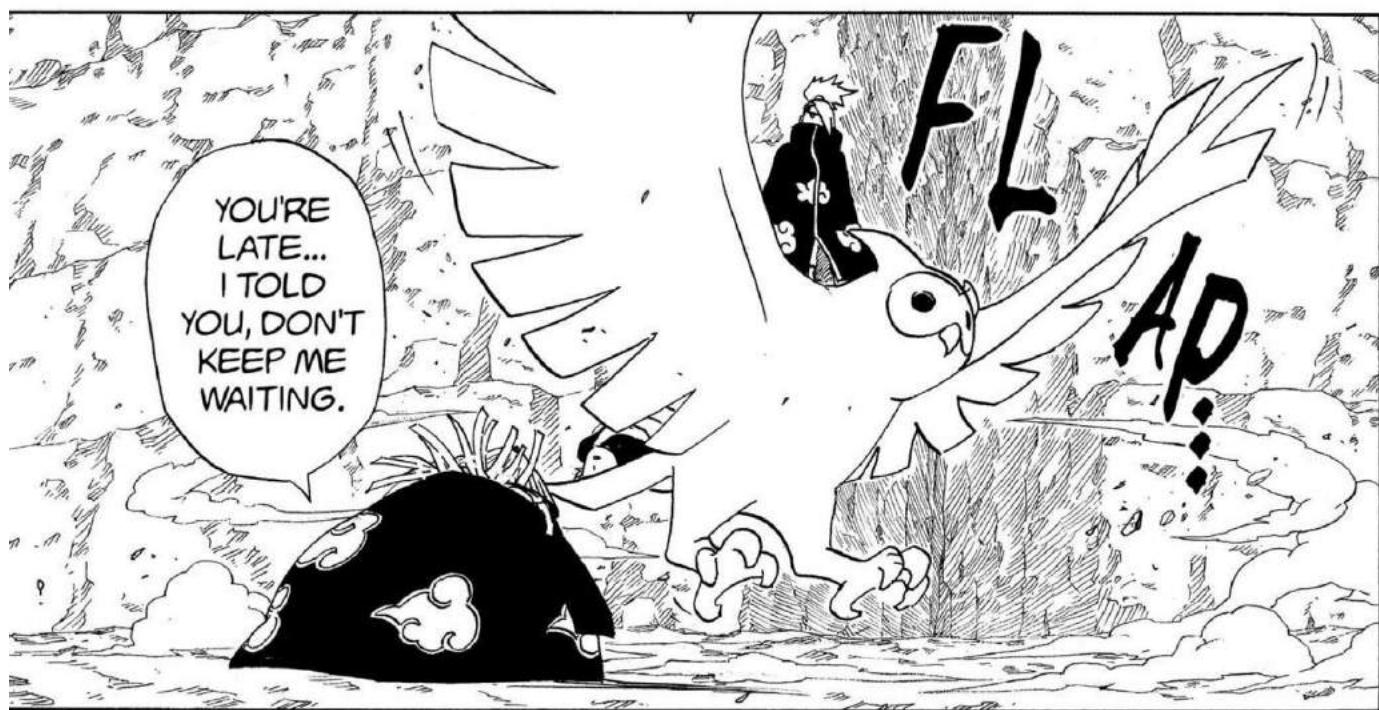
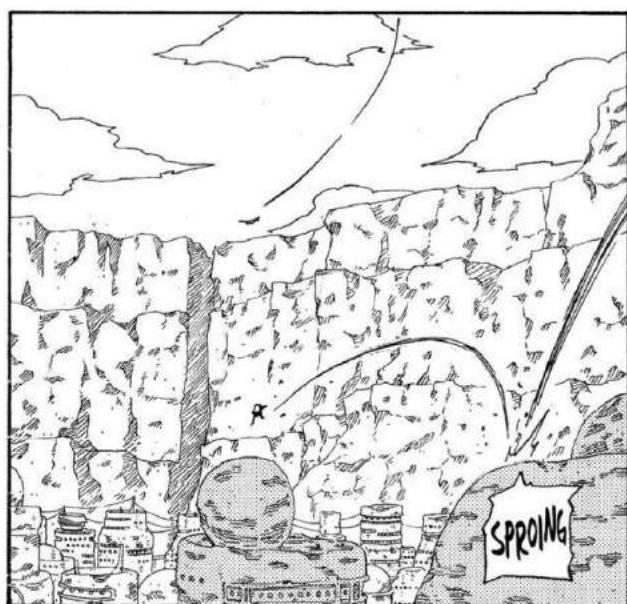
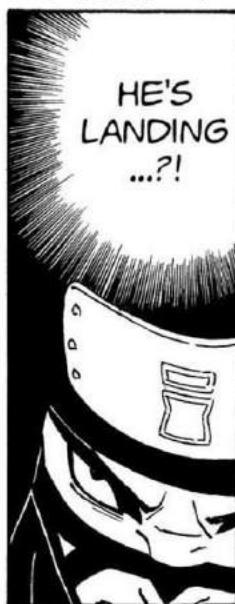
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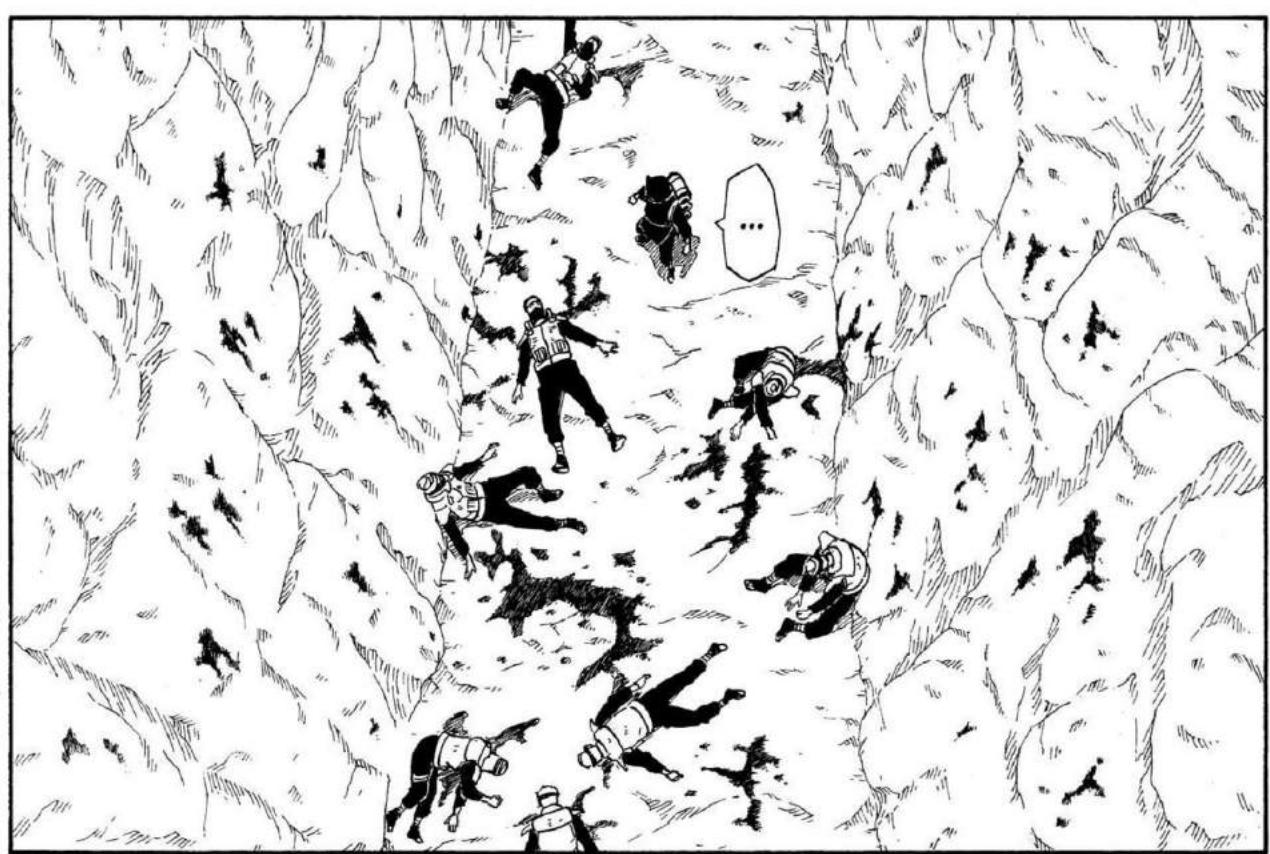
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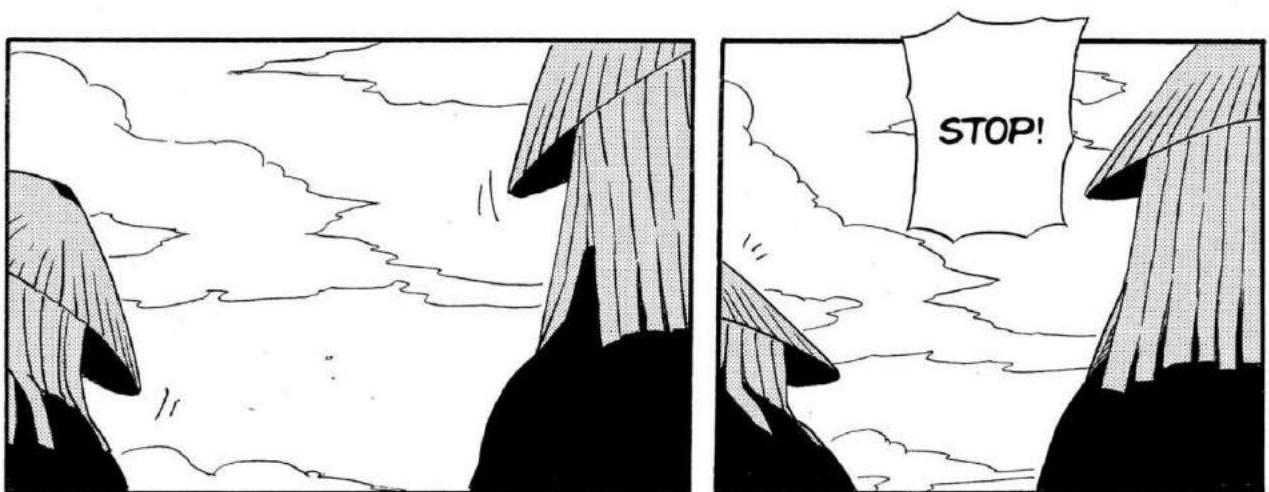
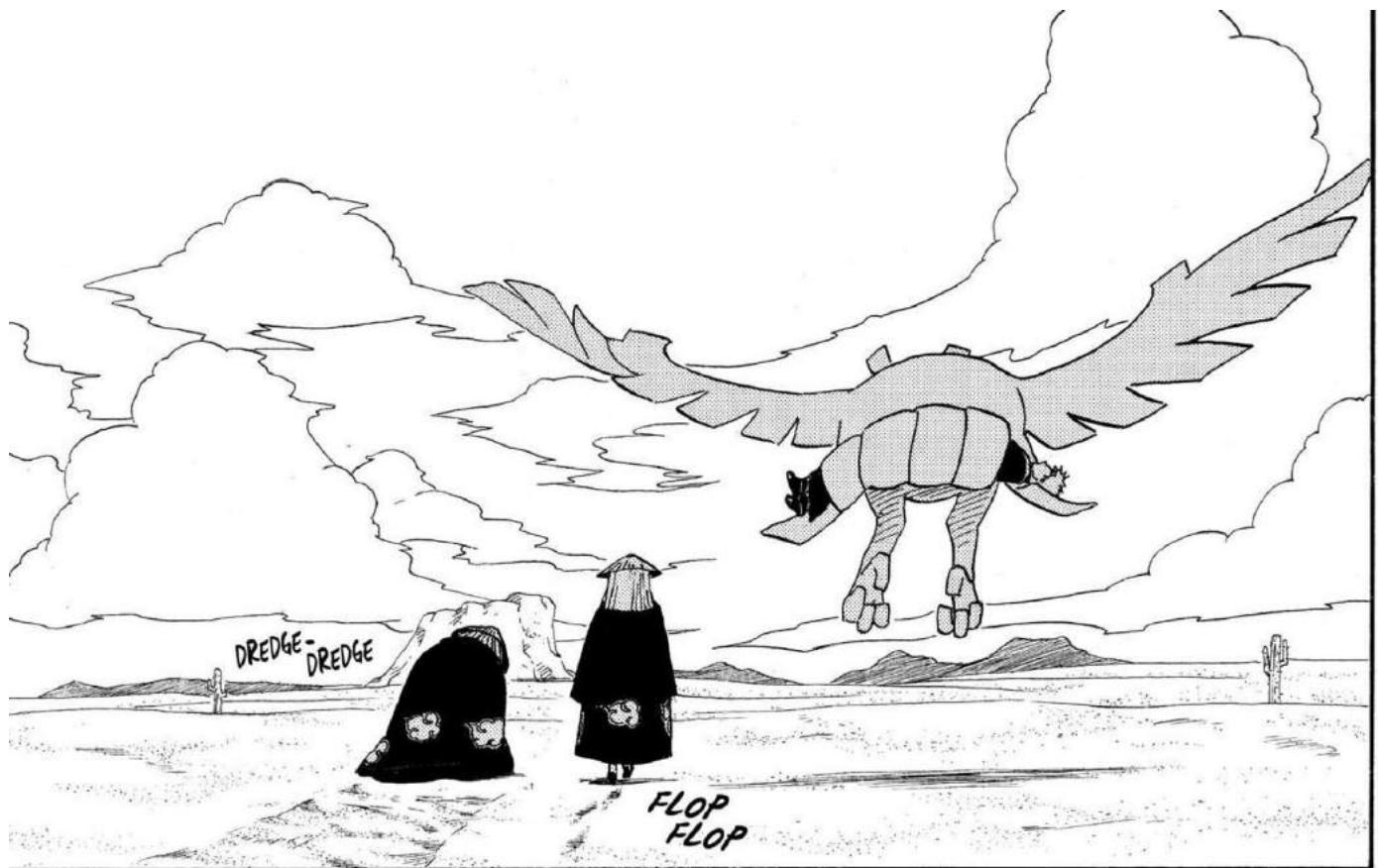
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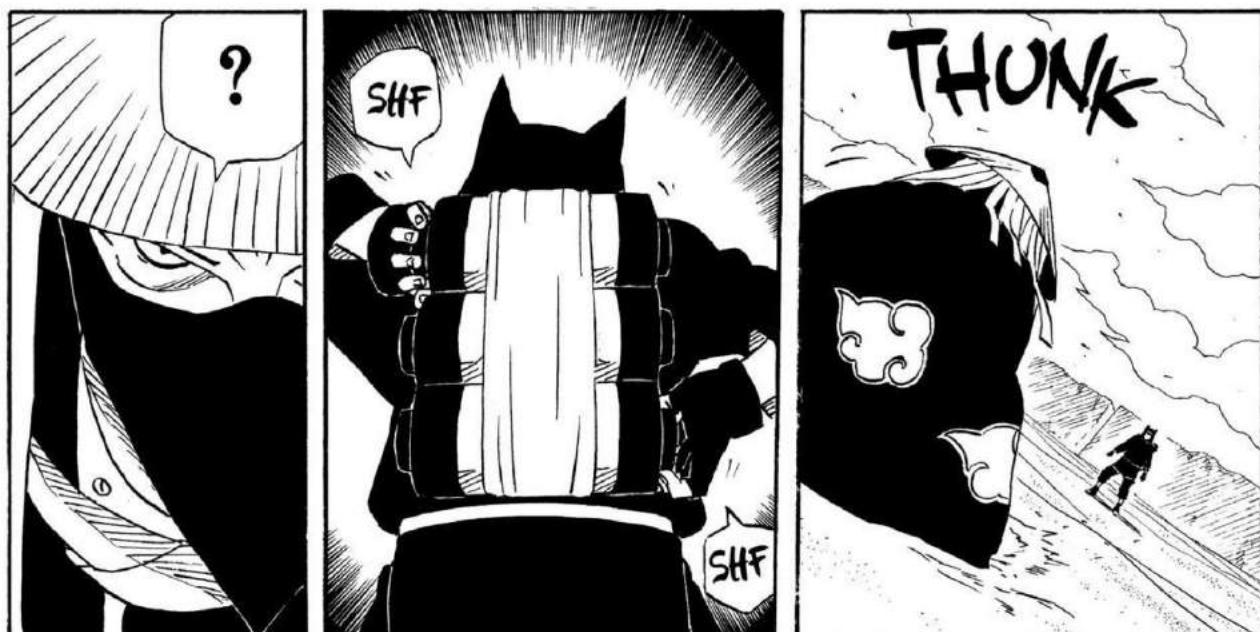
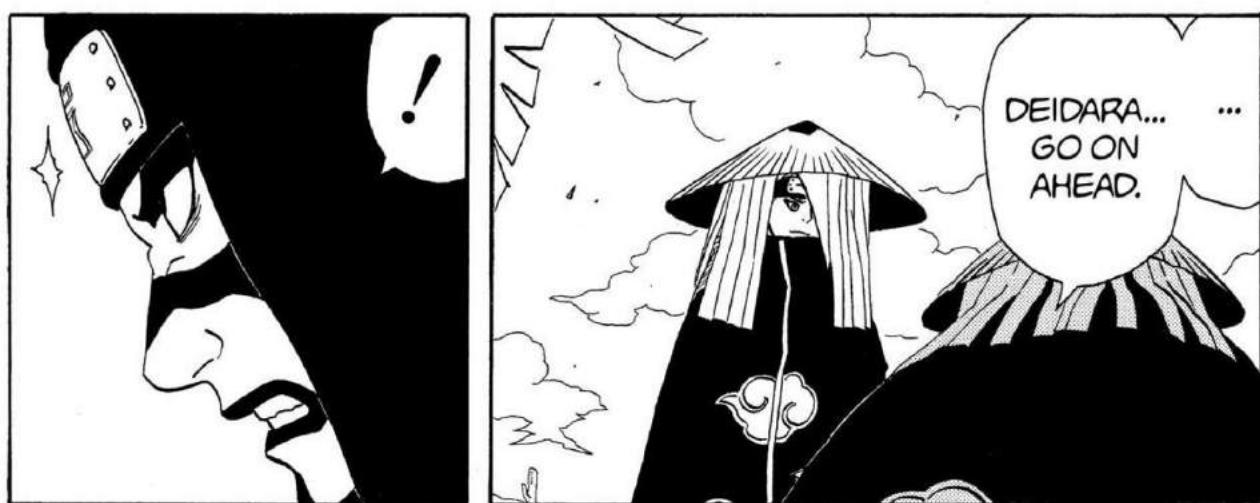


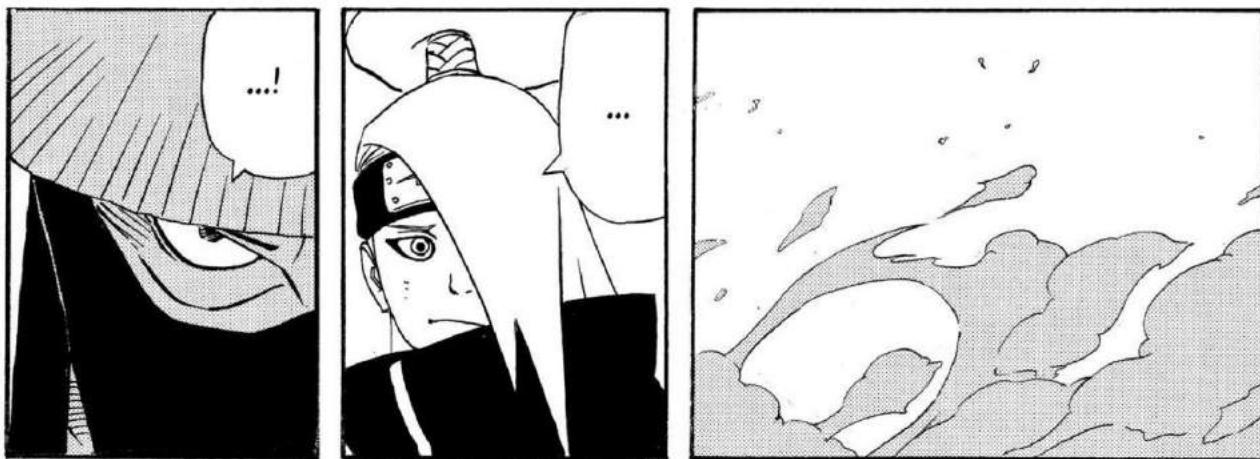
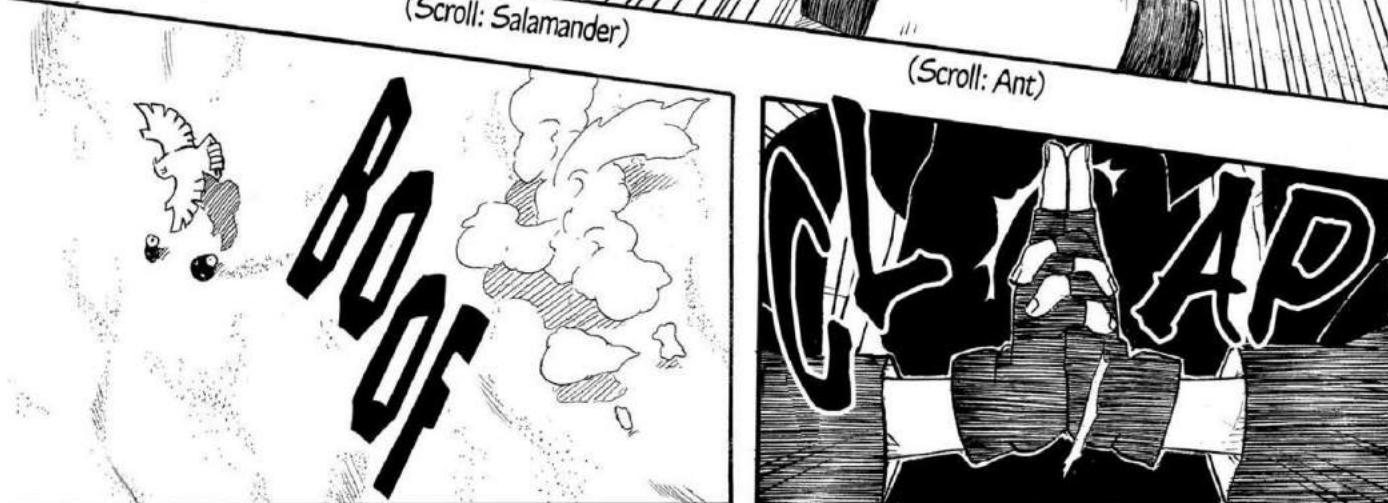
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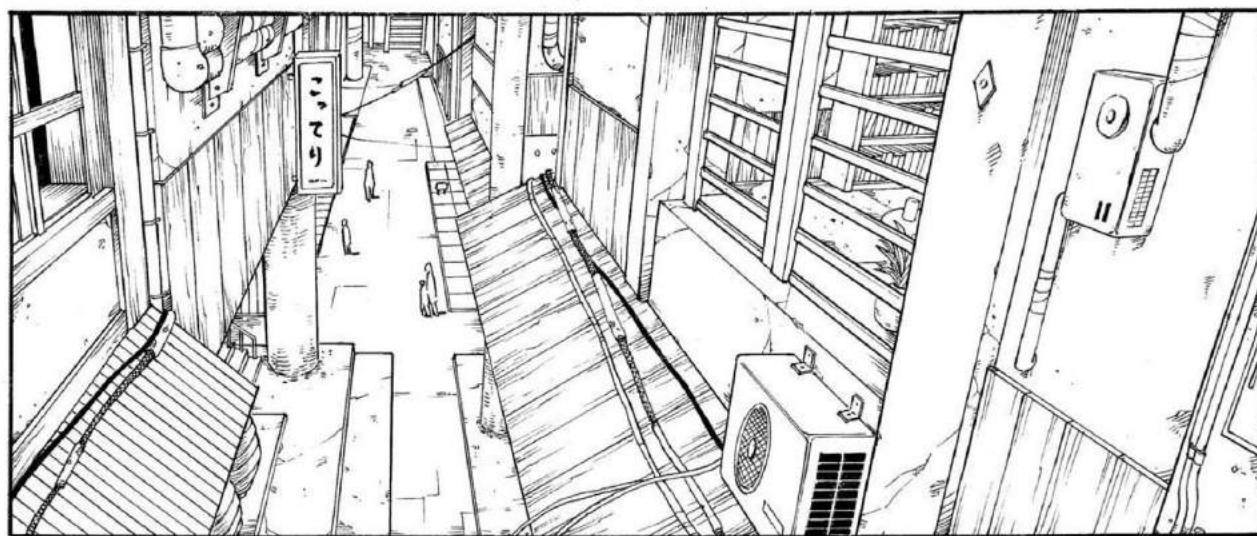


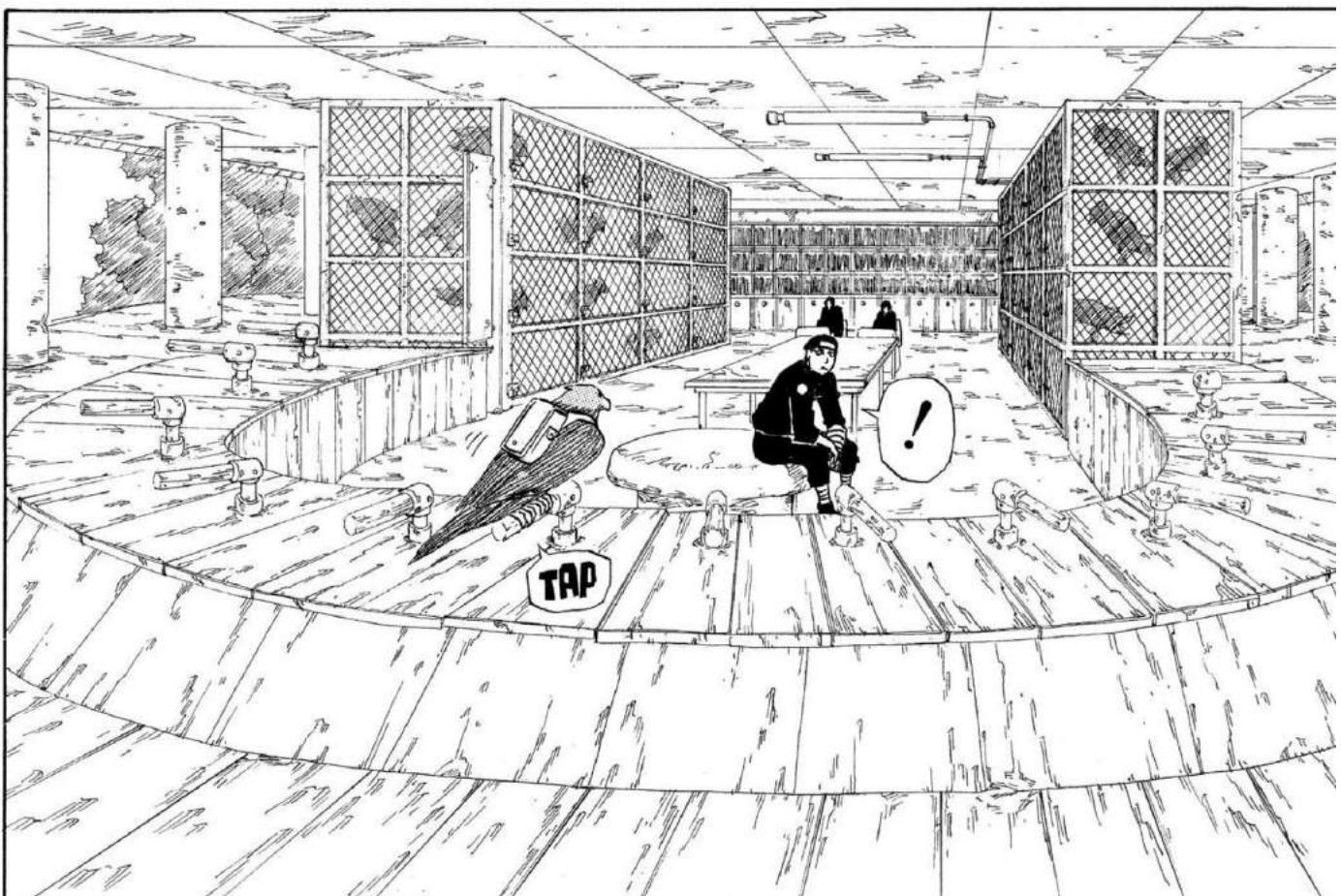
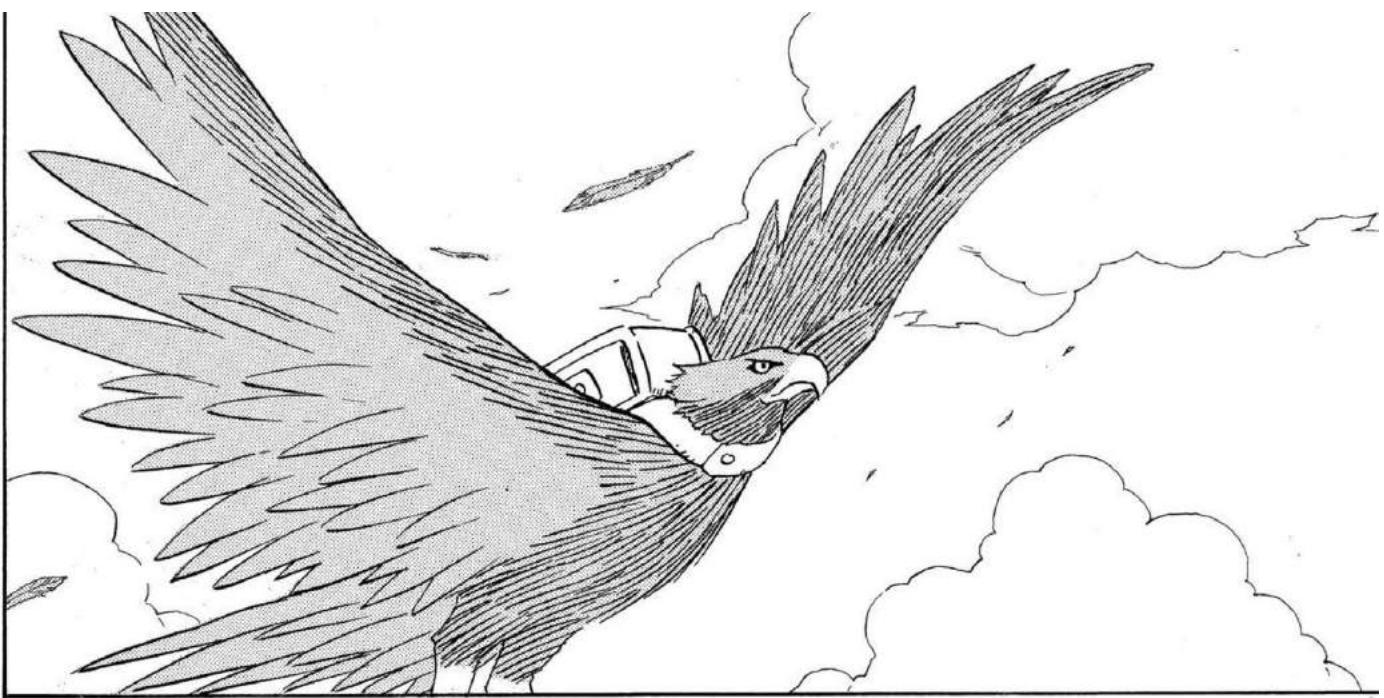


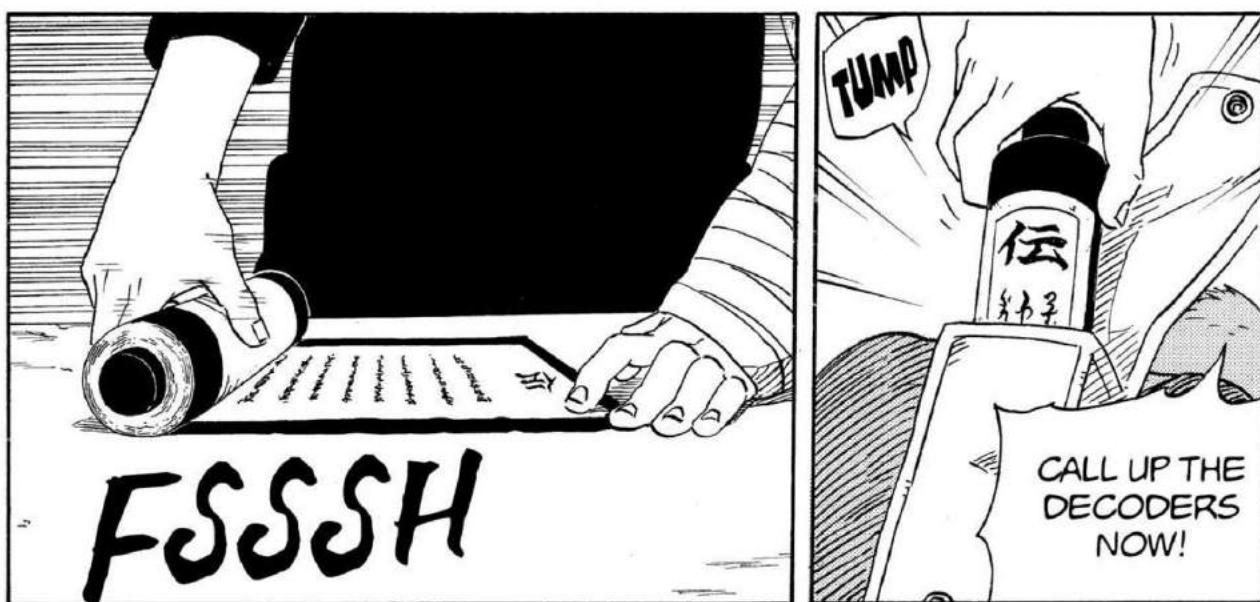


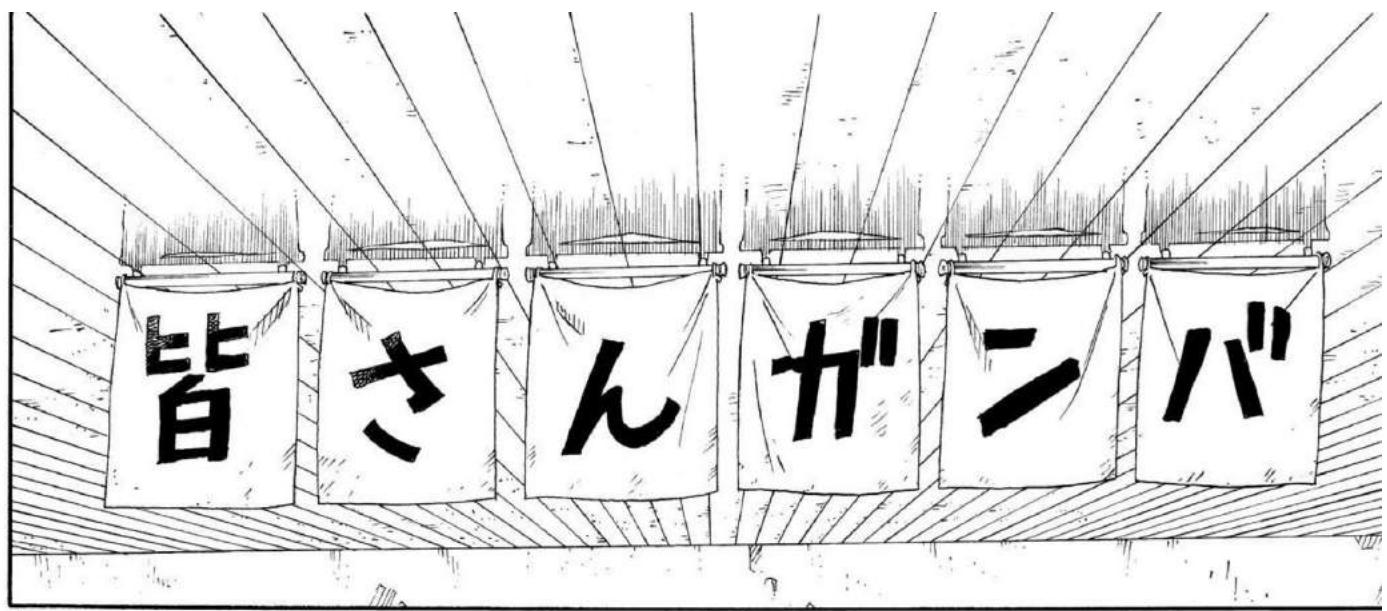








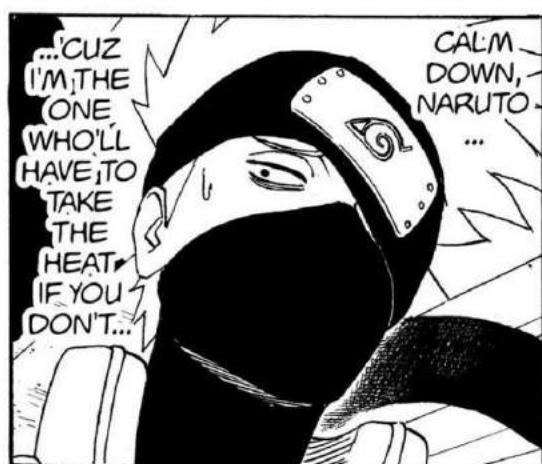




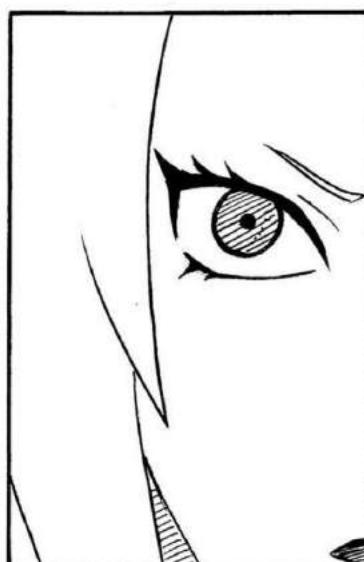
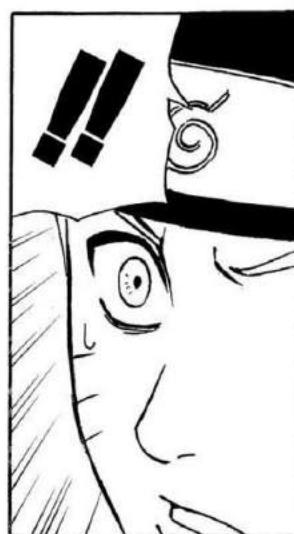
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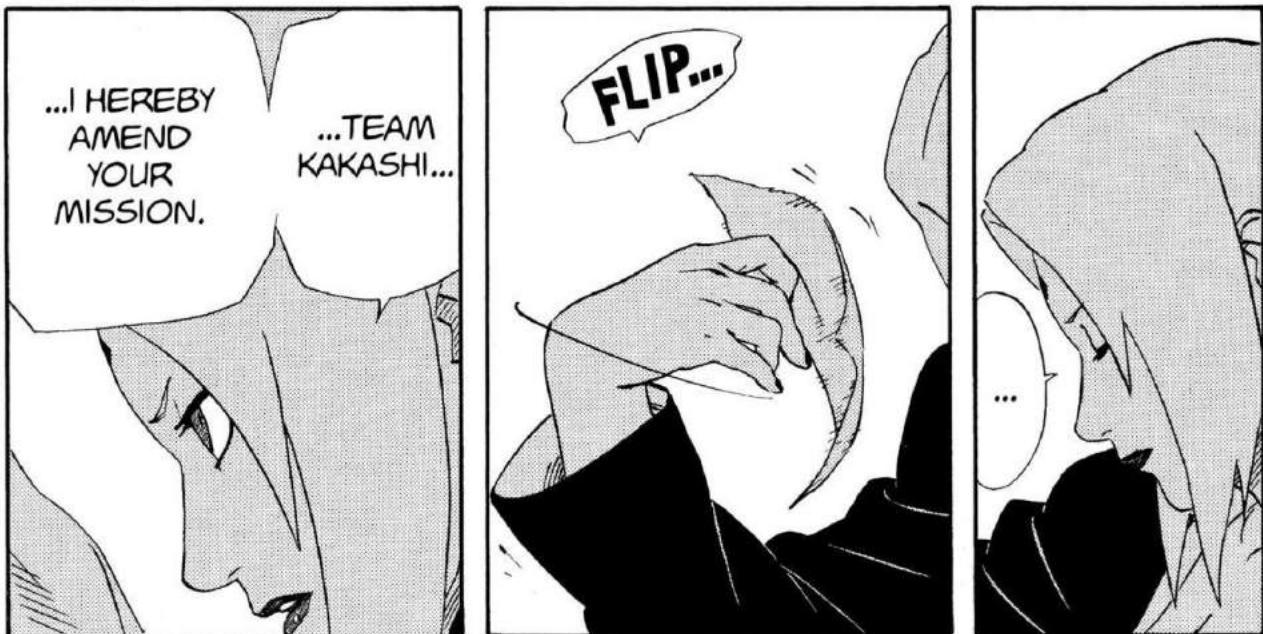


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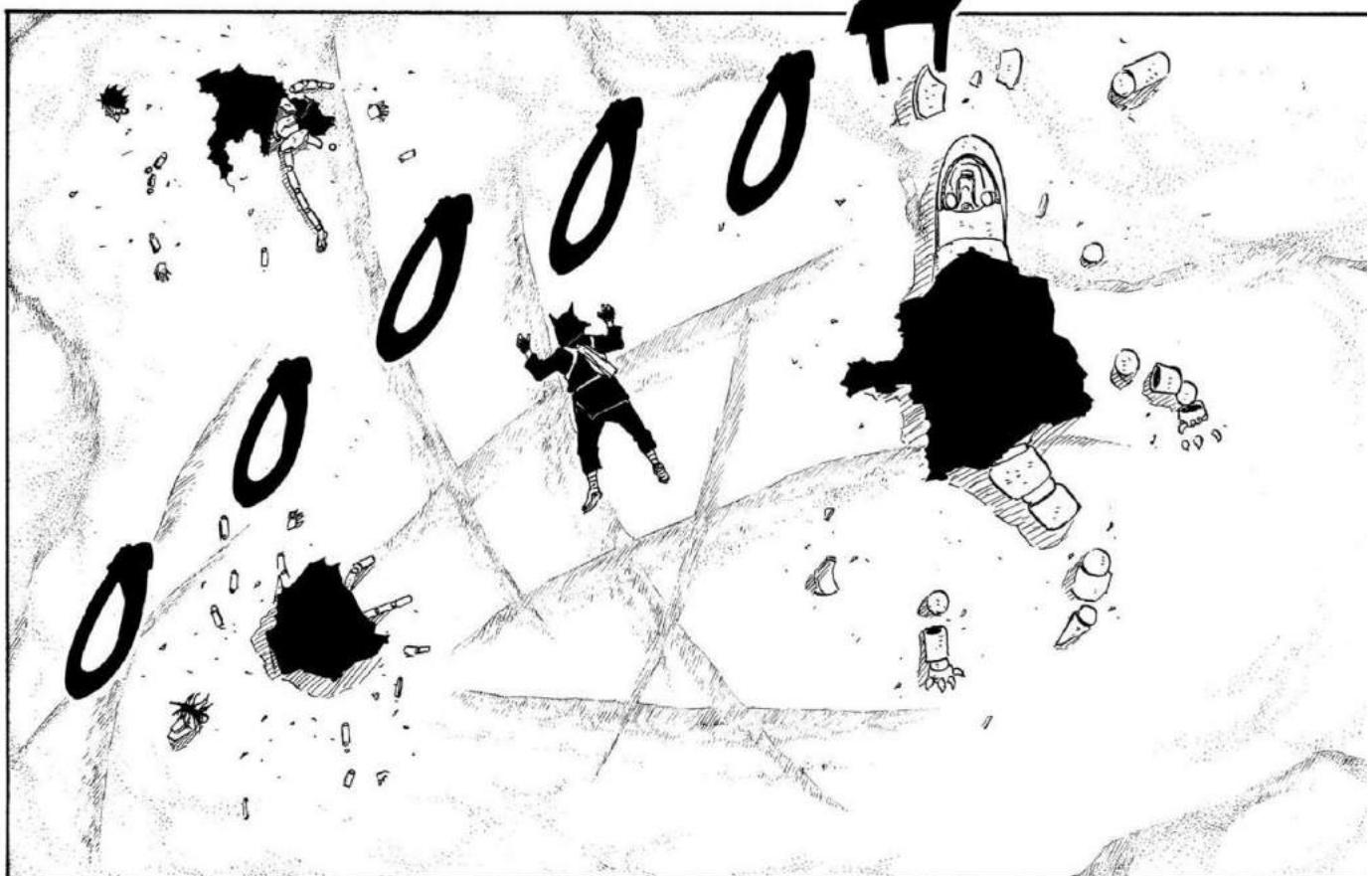




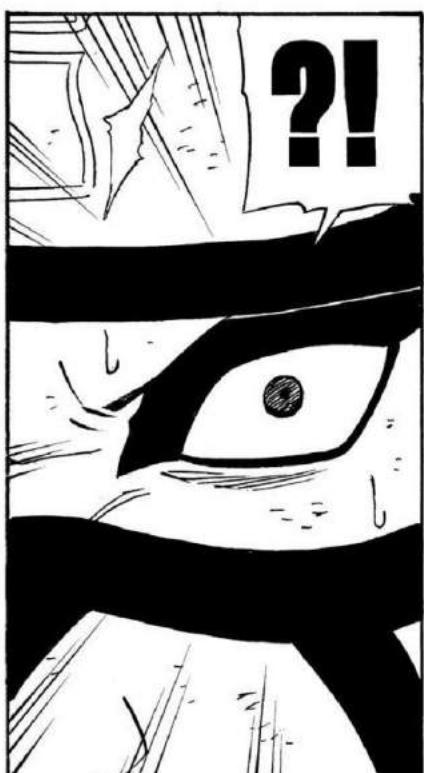
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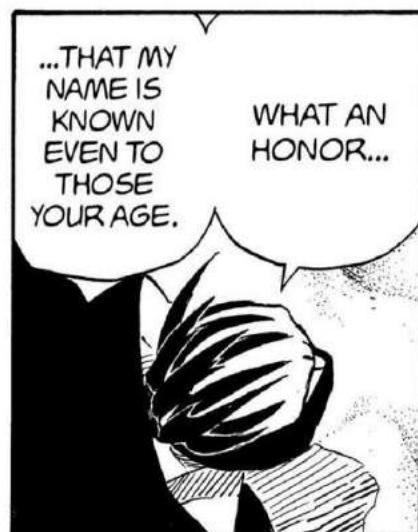
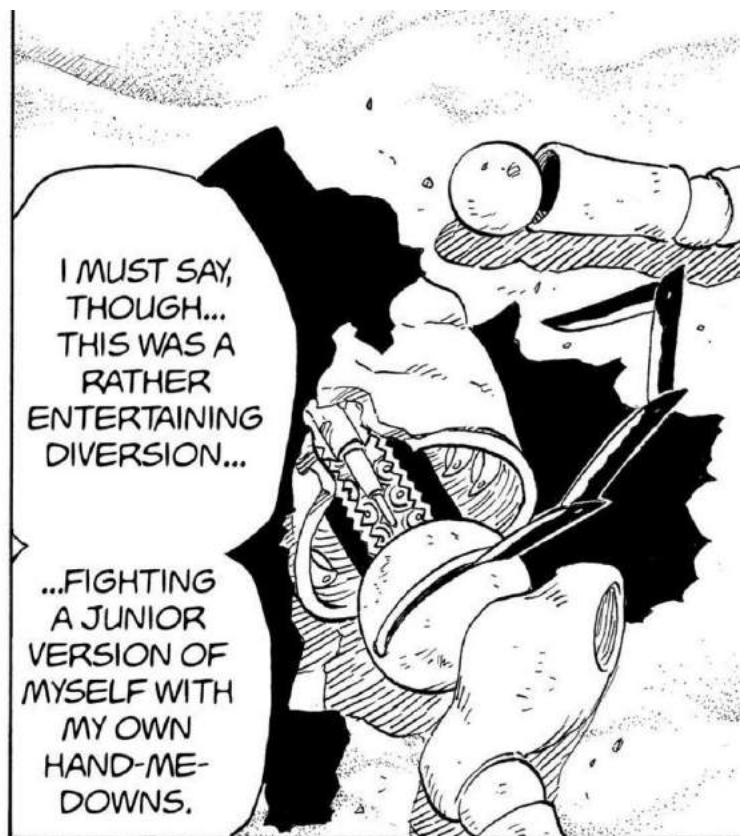
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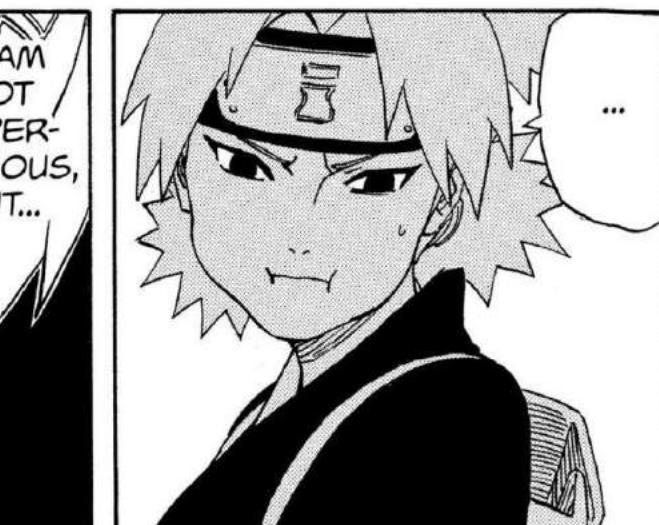
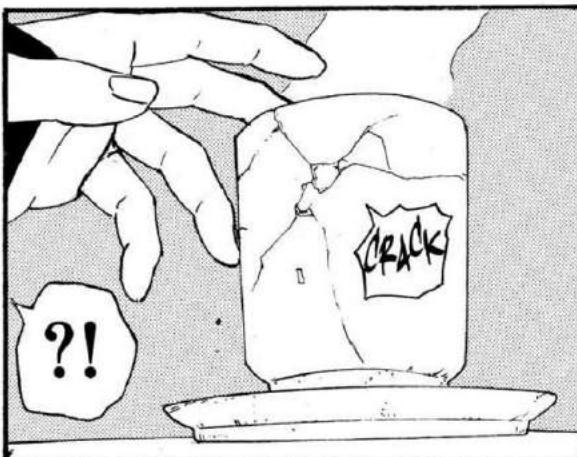
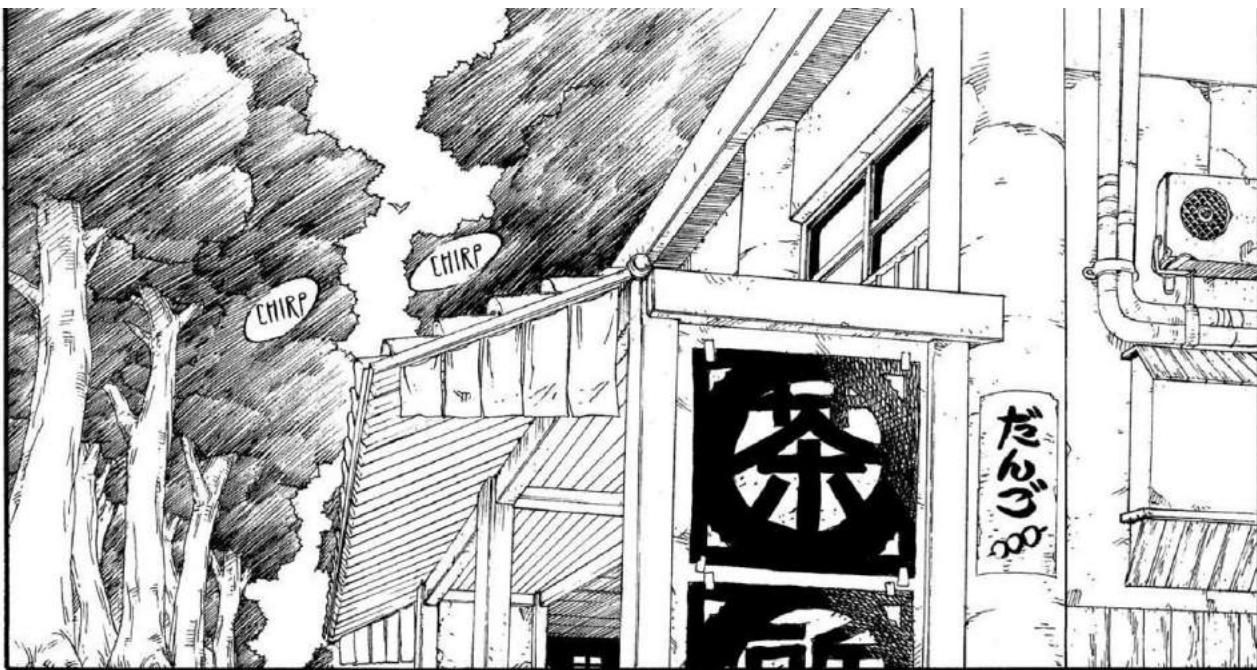




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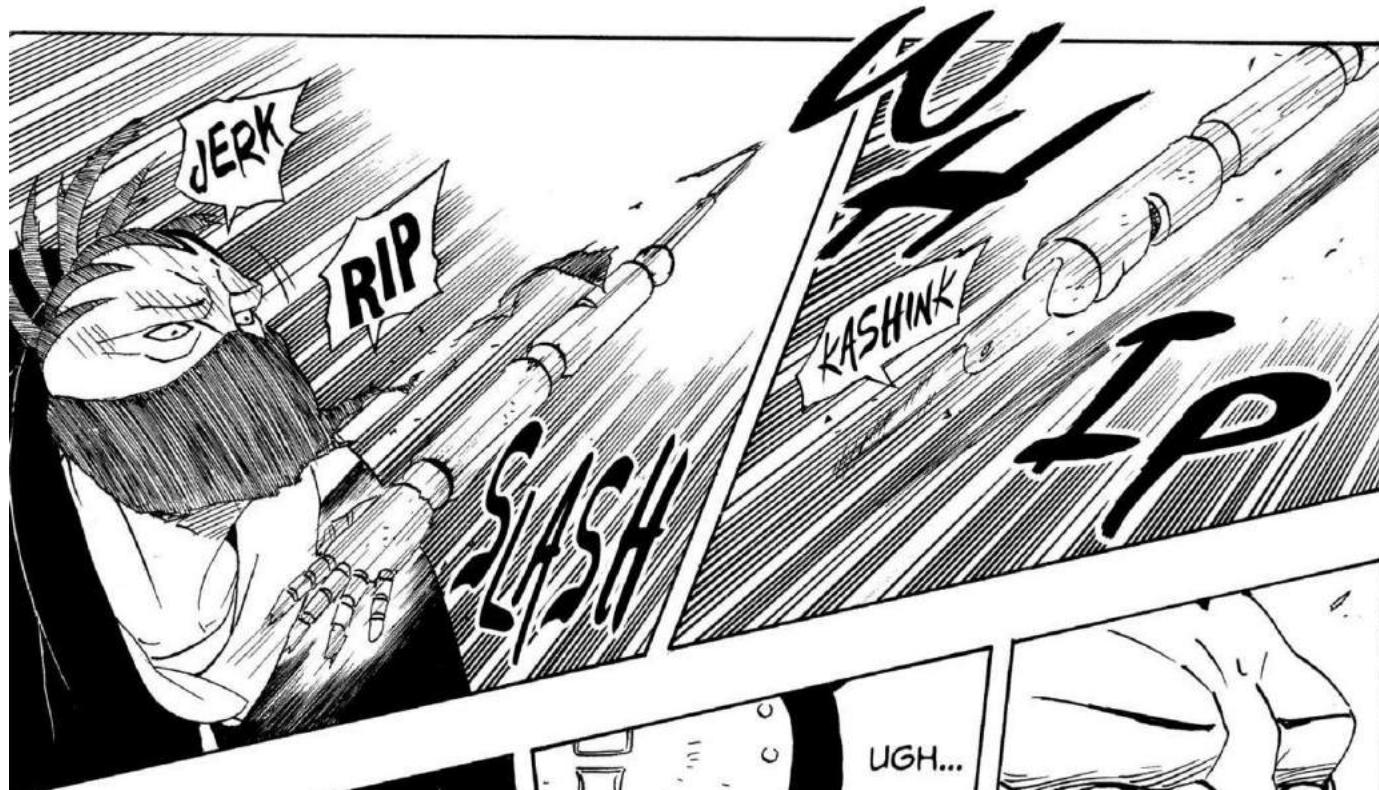
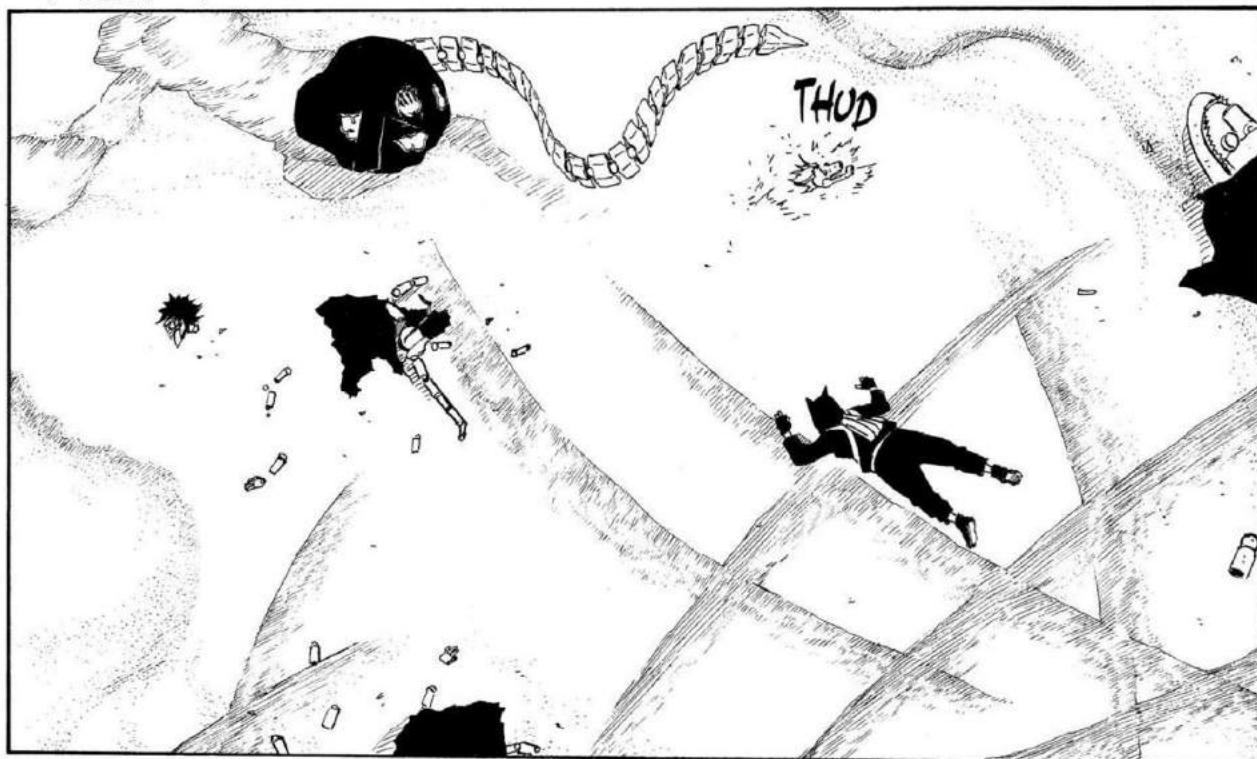


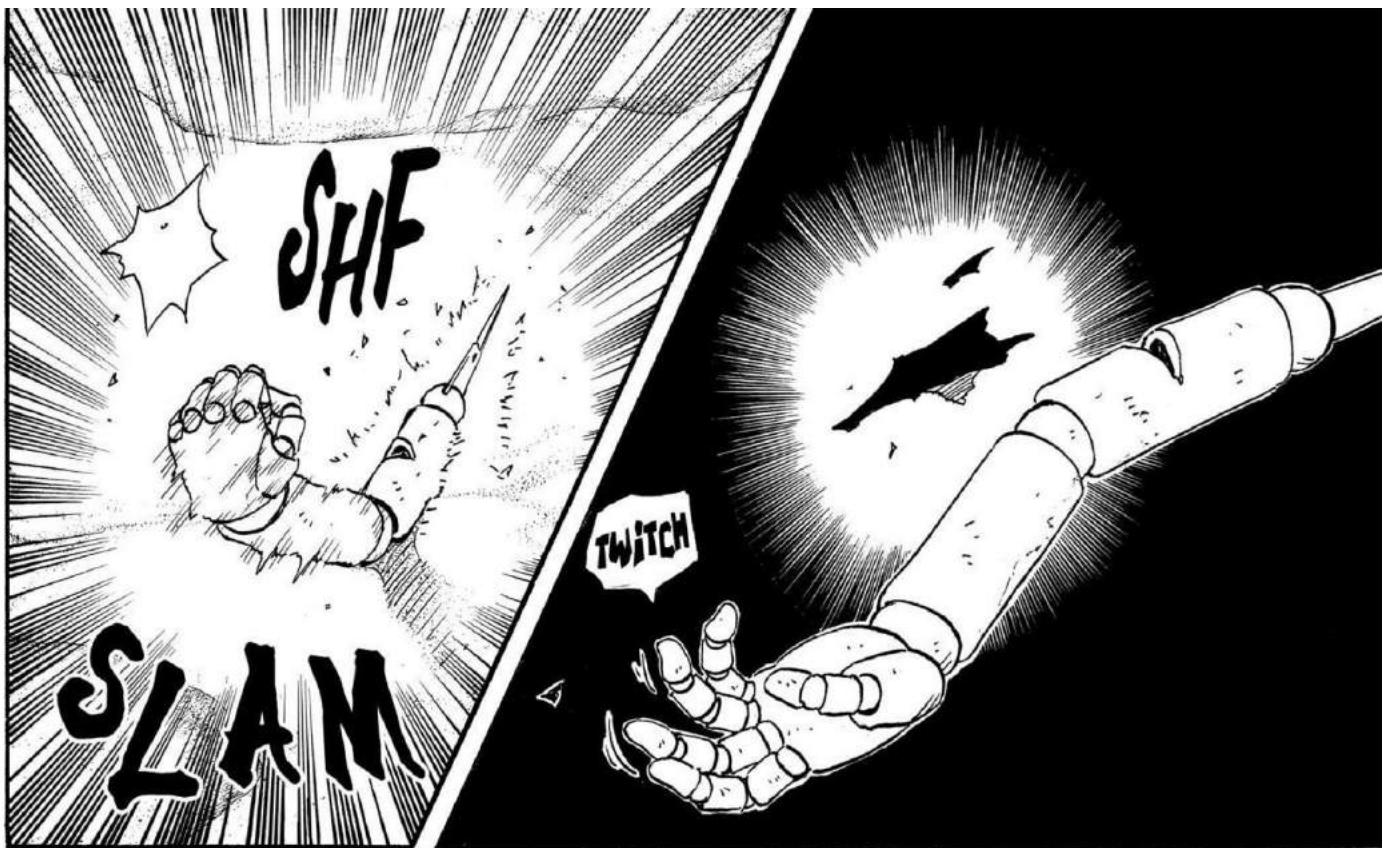


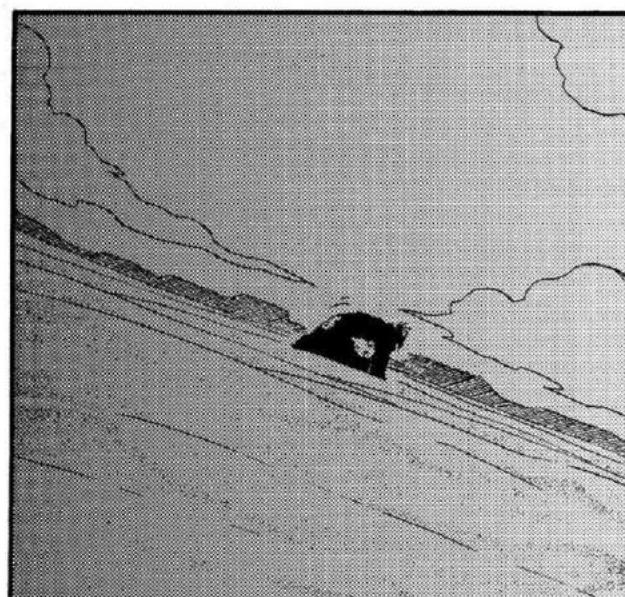
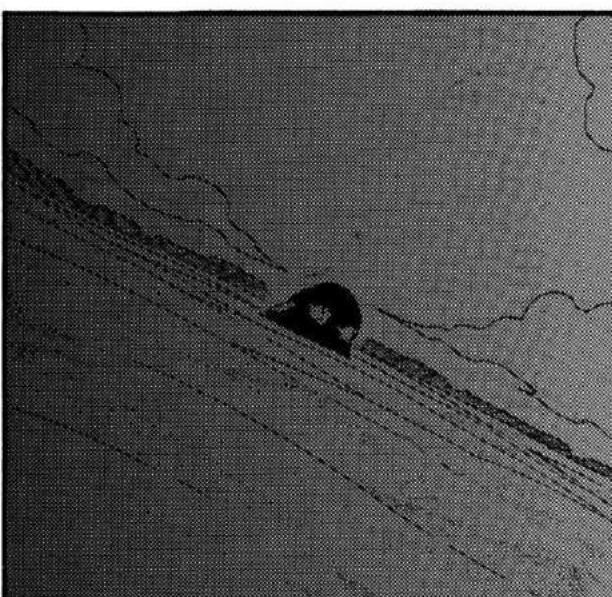
...I HAVE A
WEIRD
FEELING
SOMETHING
BAD'S ABOUT
TO HAPPEN...



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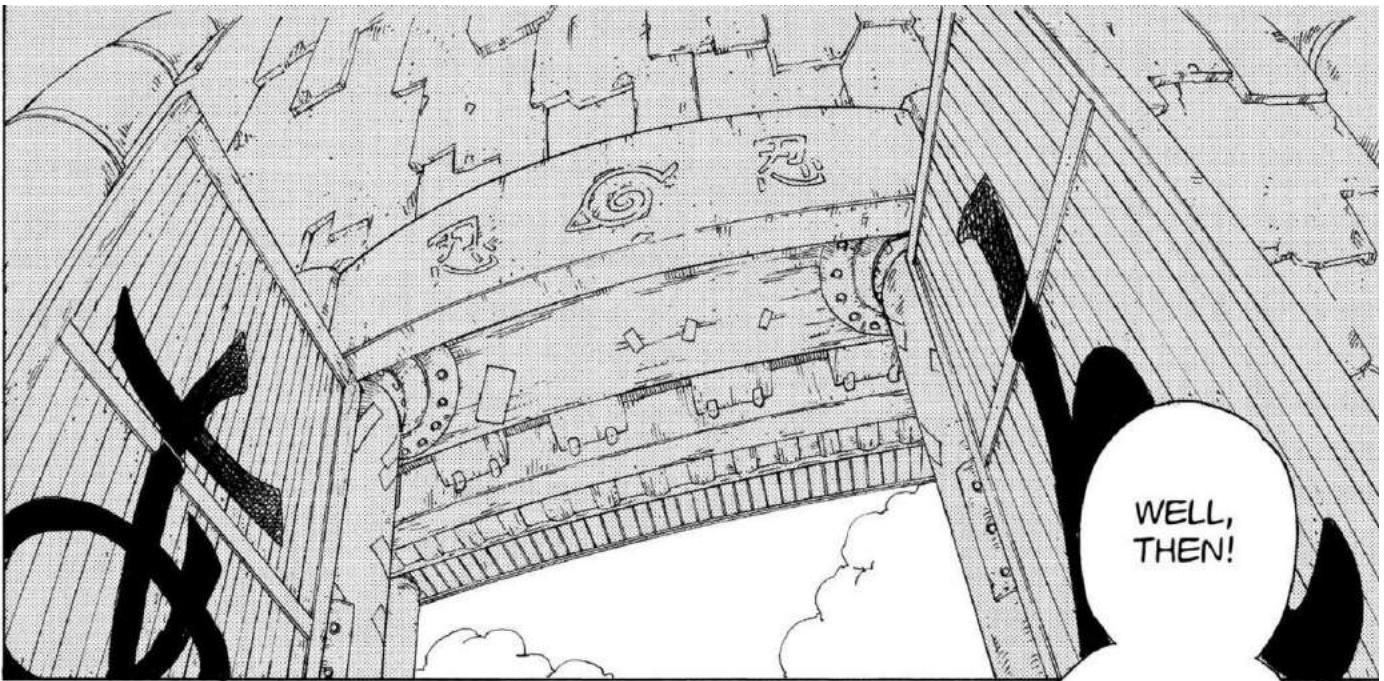




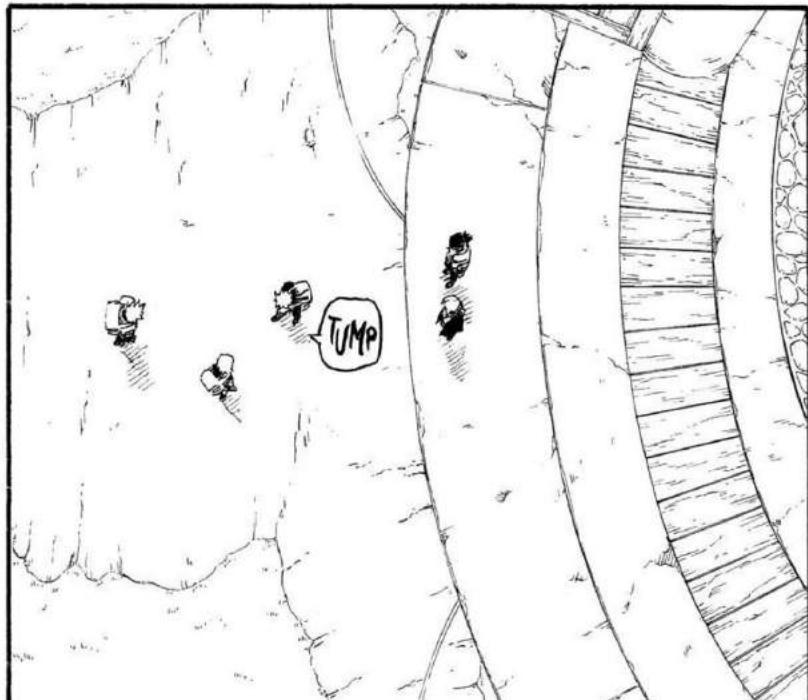
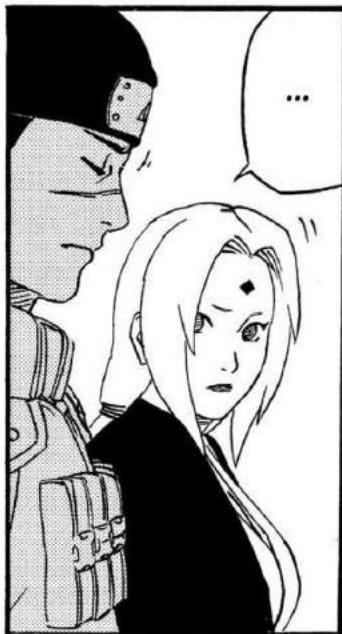


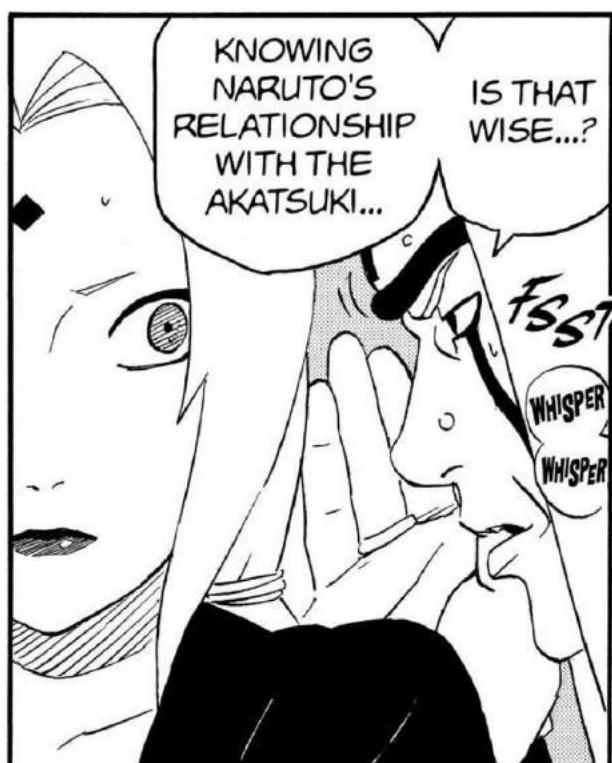
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HE IS!
OVER
THERE!!



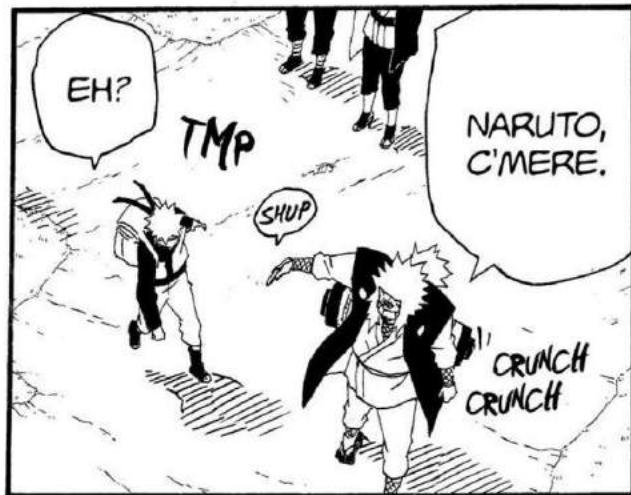


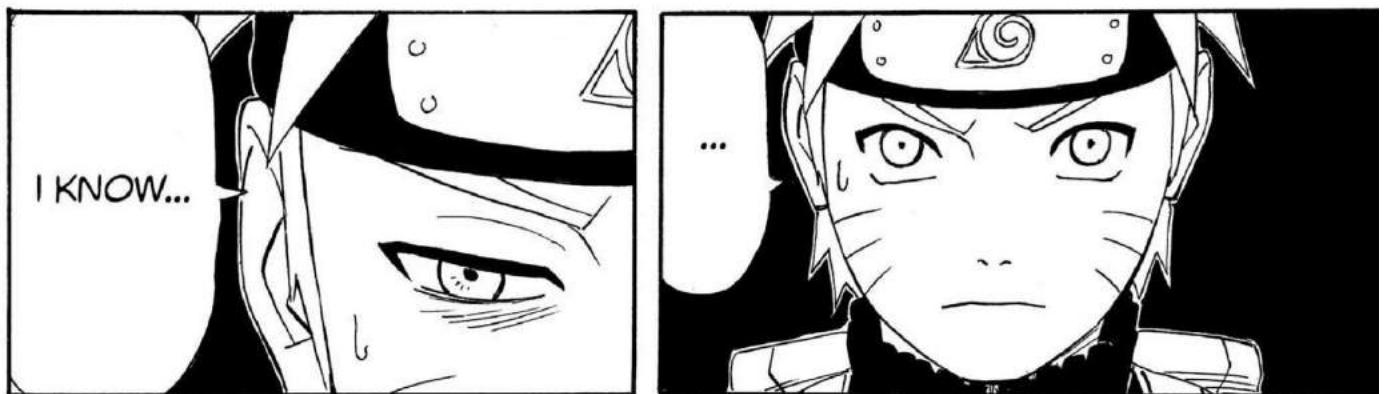
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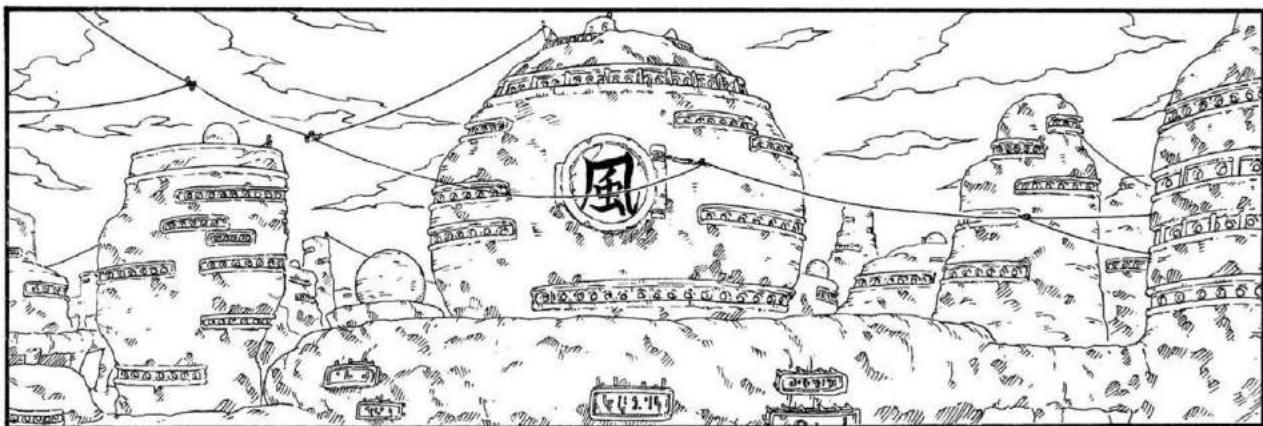
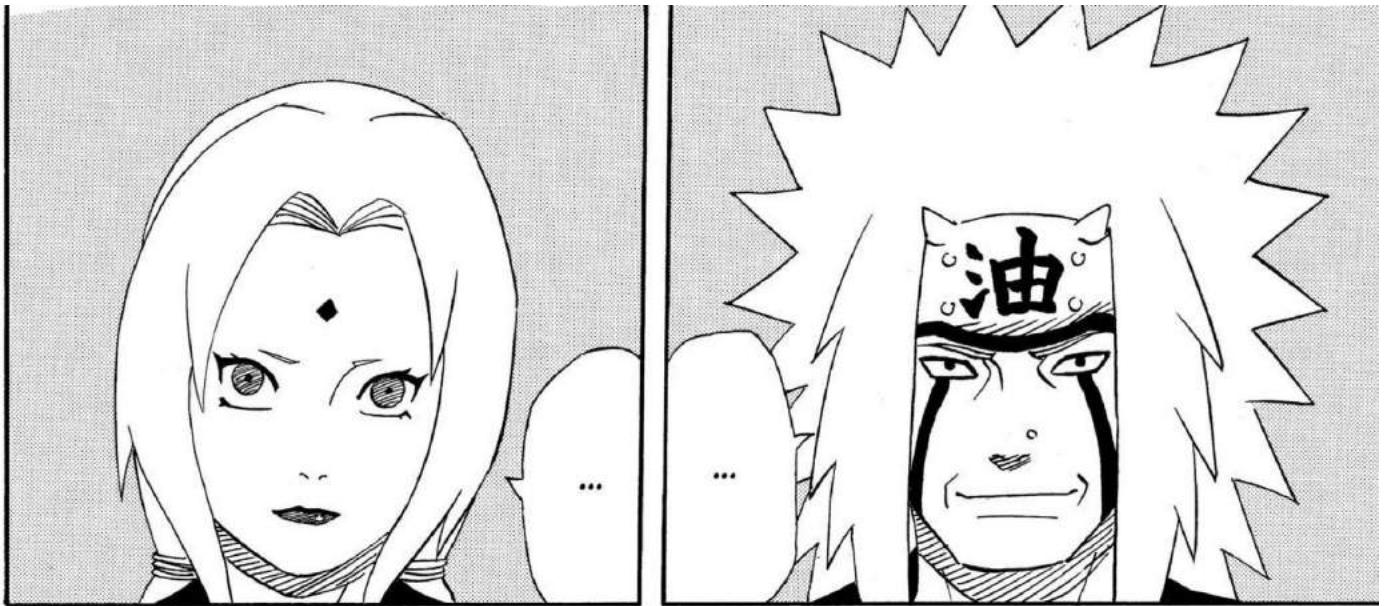
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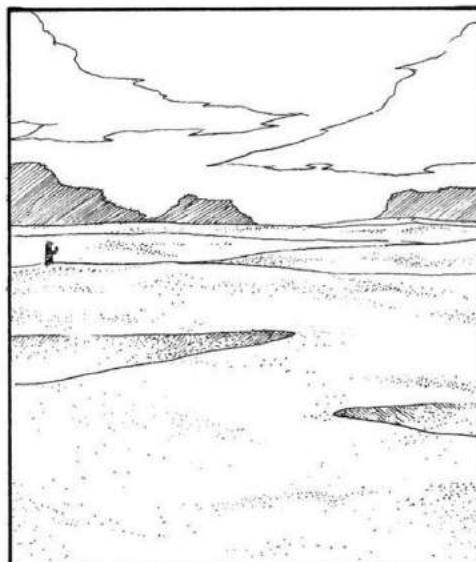




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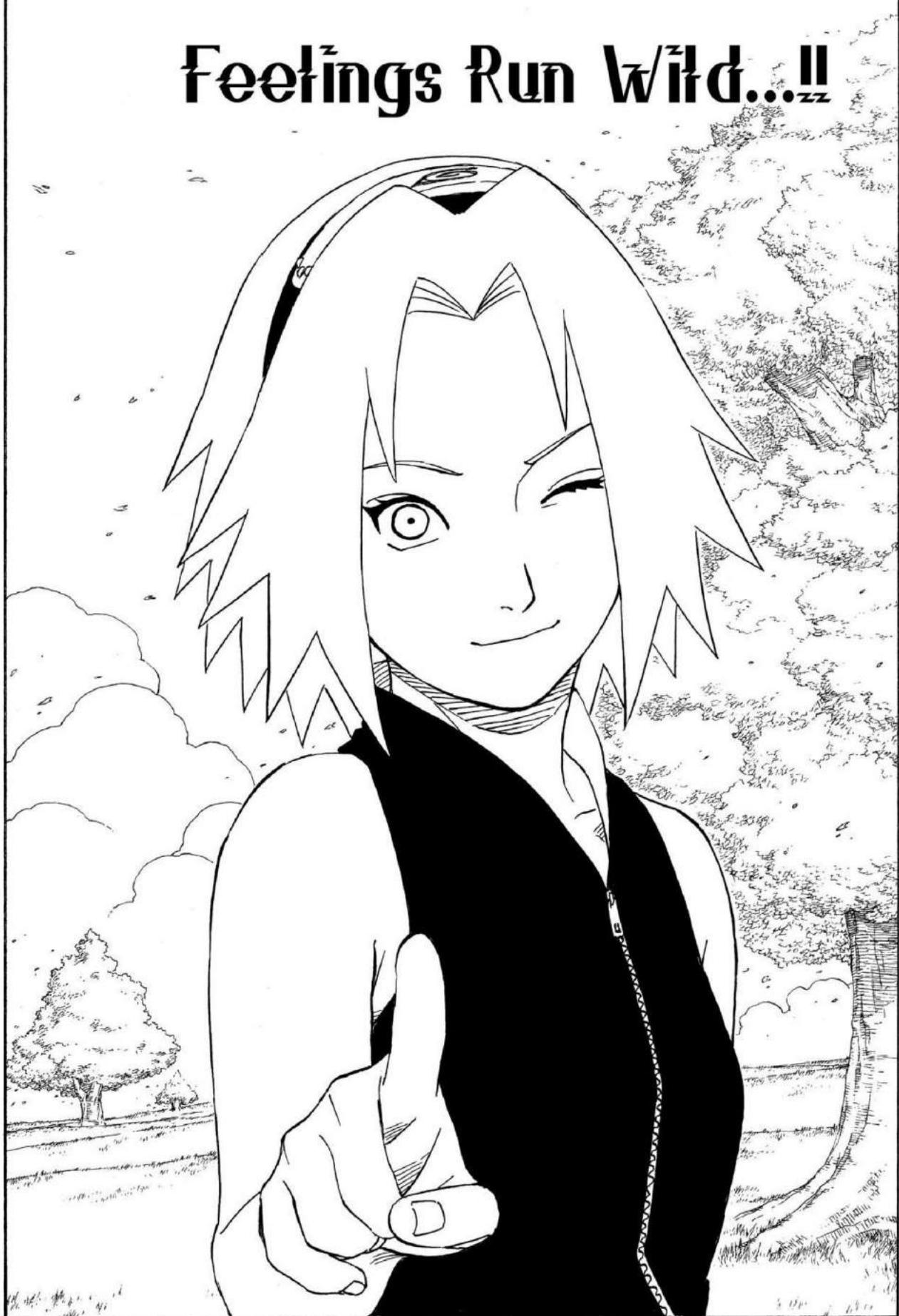


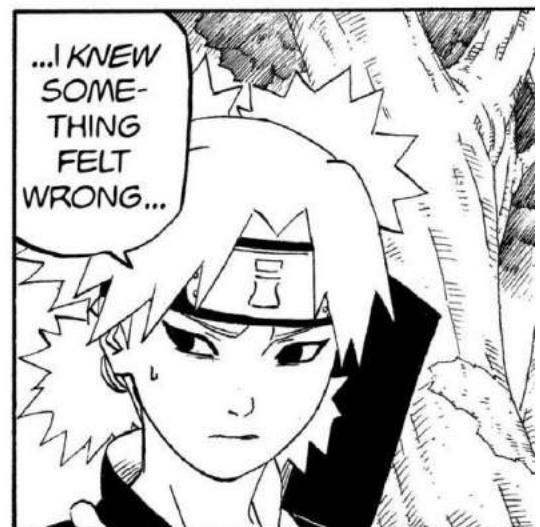
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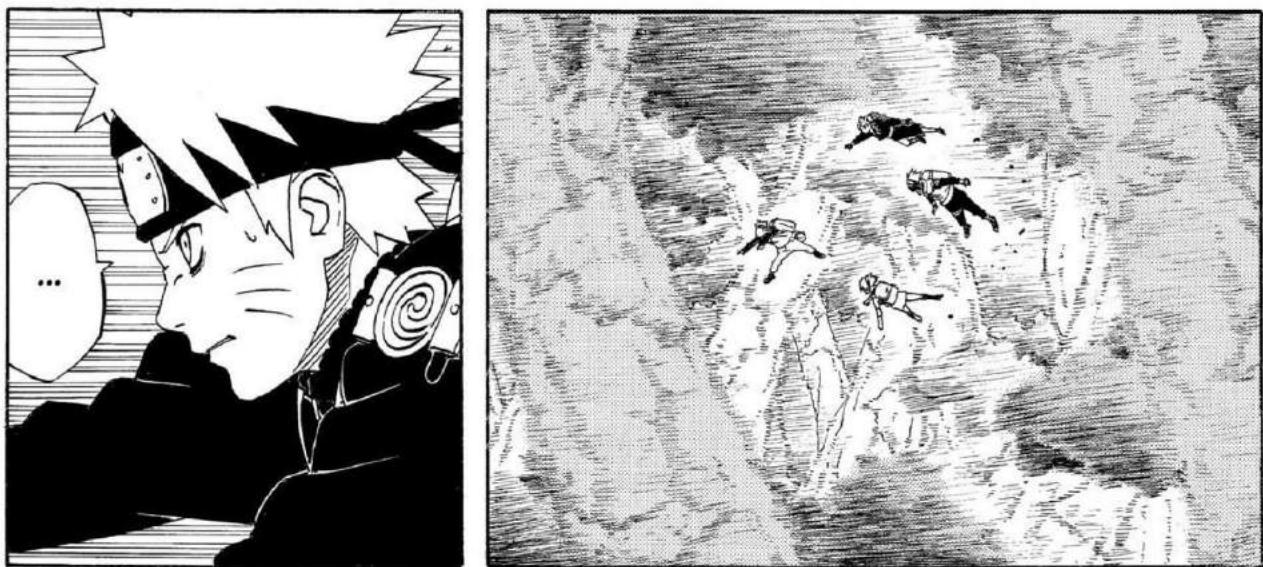
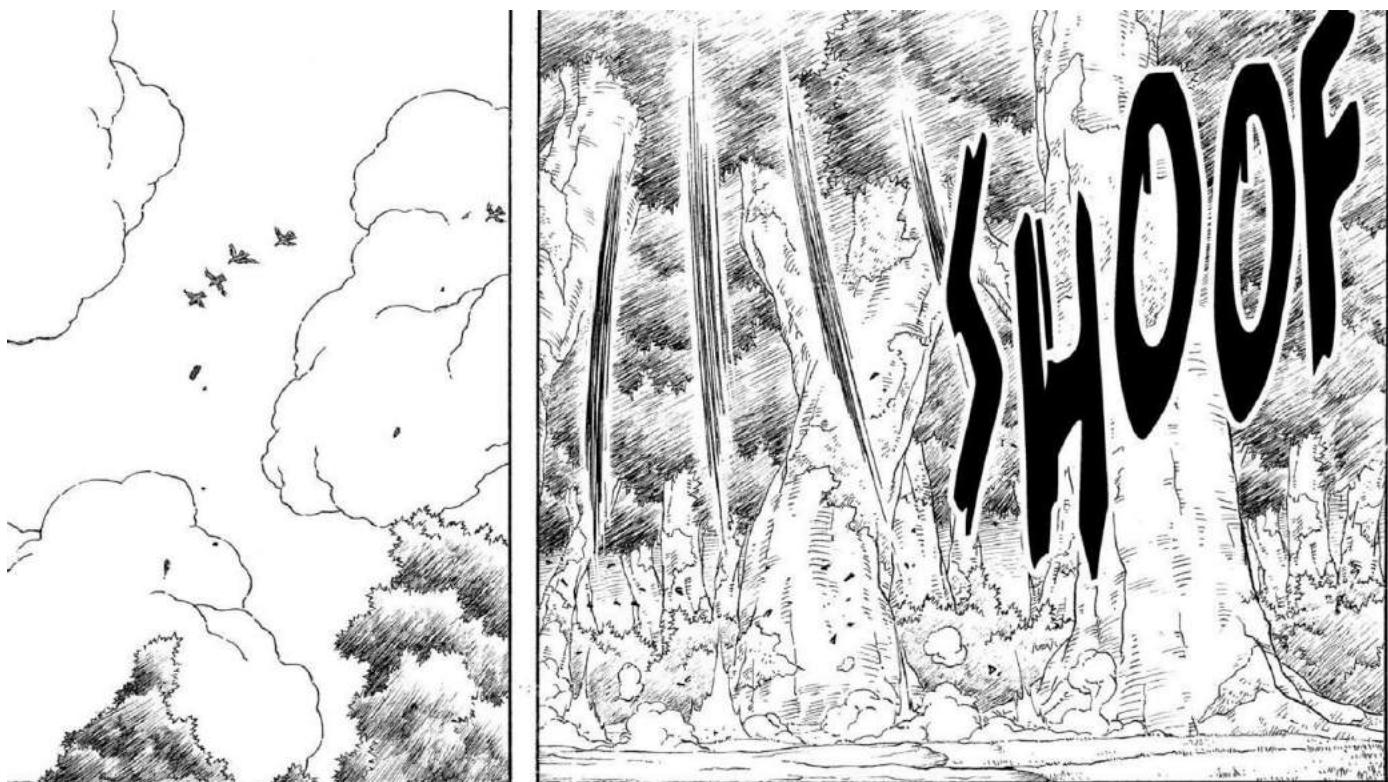


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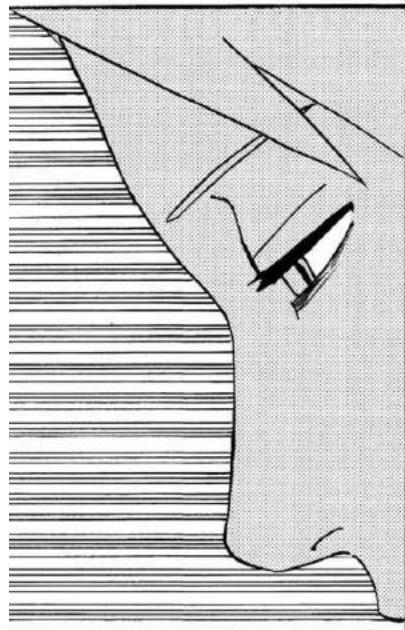


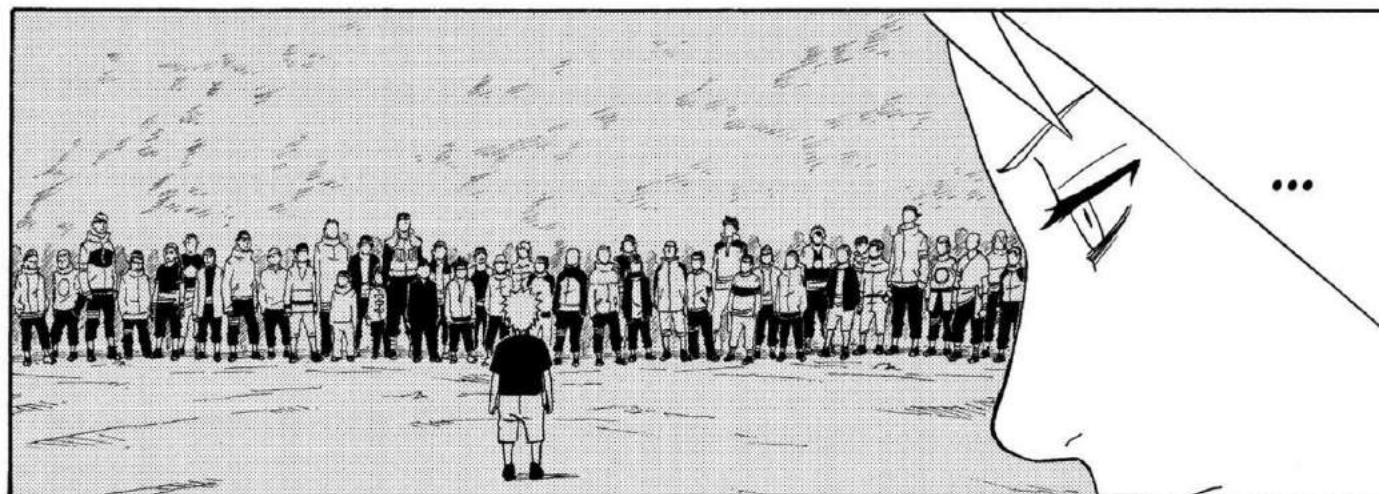




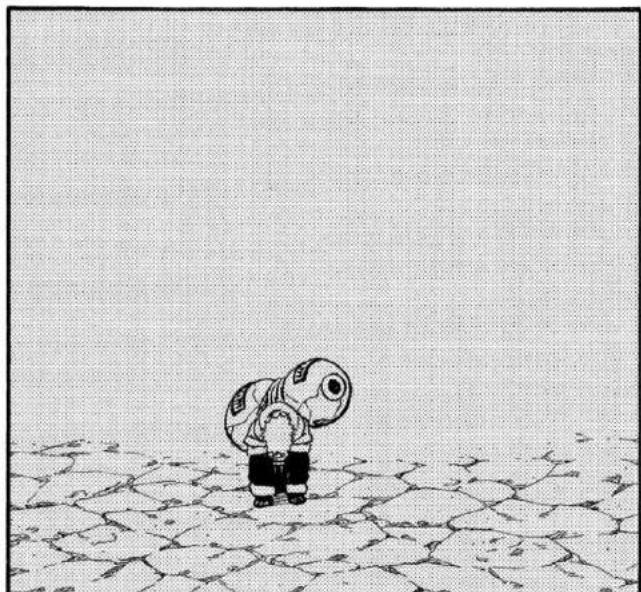
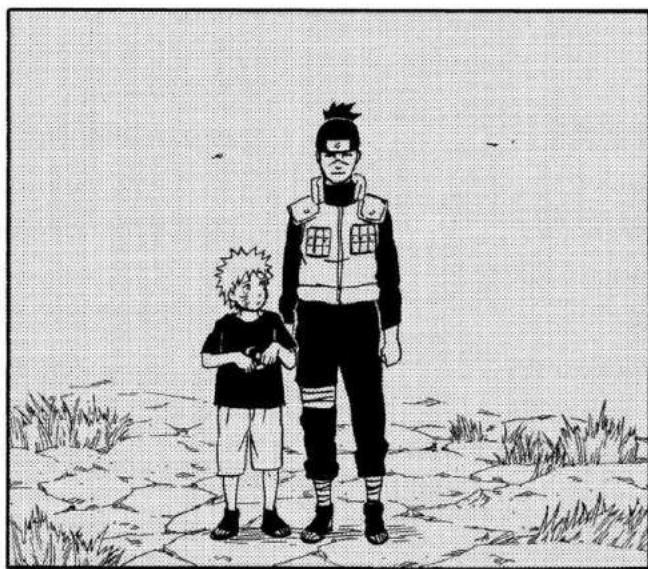
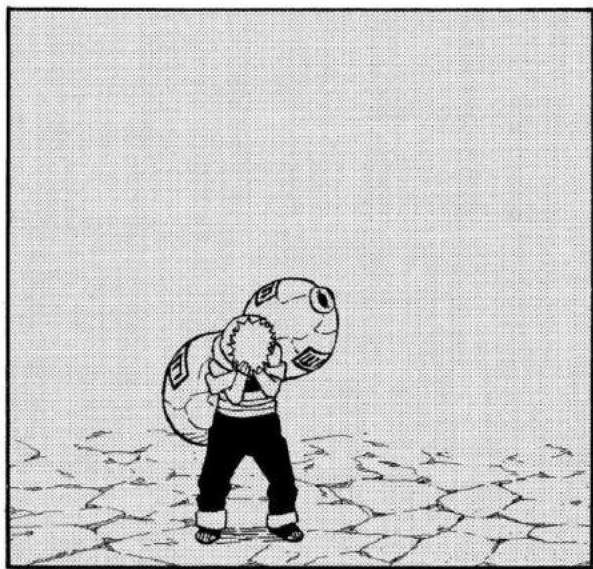
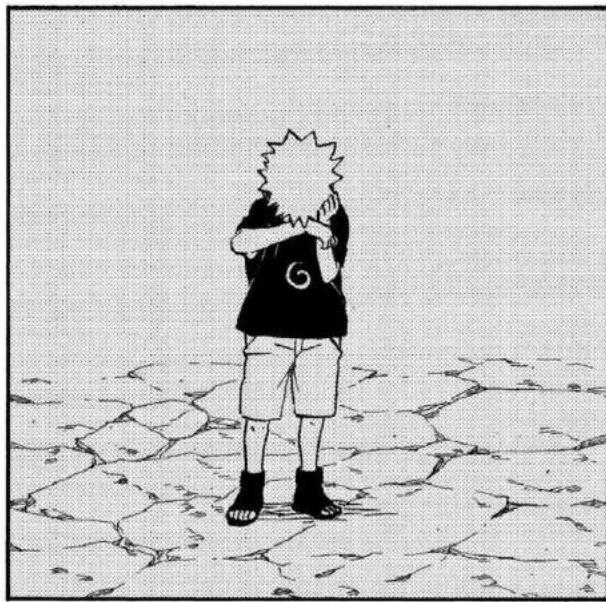
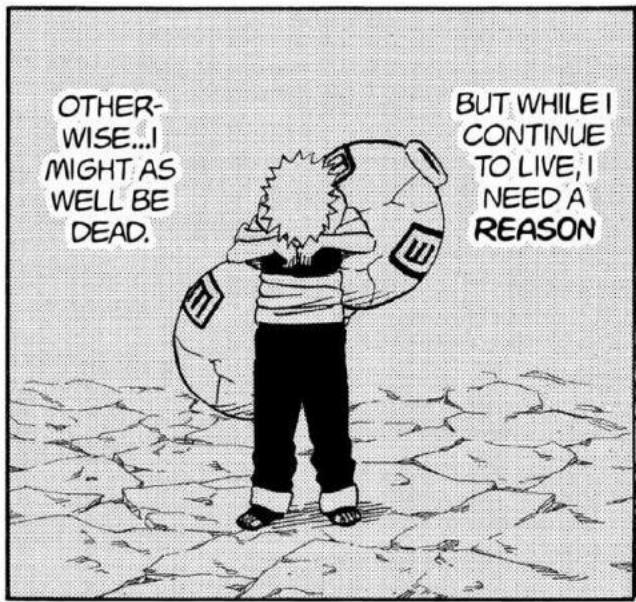


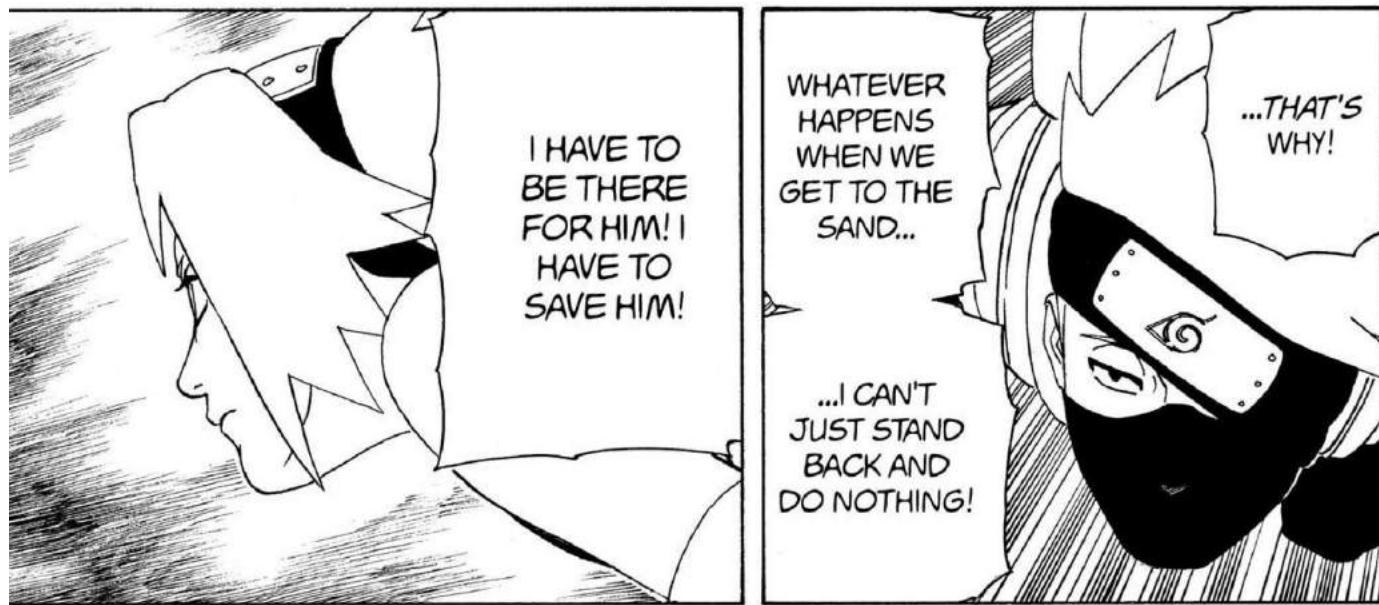
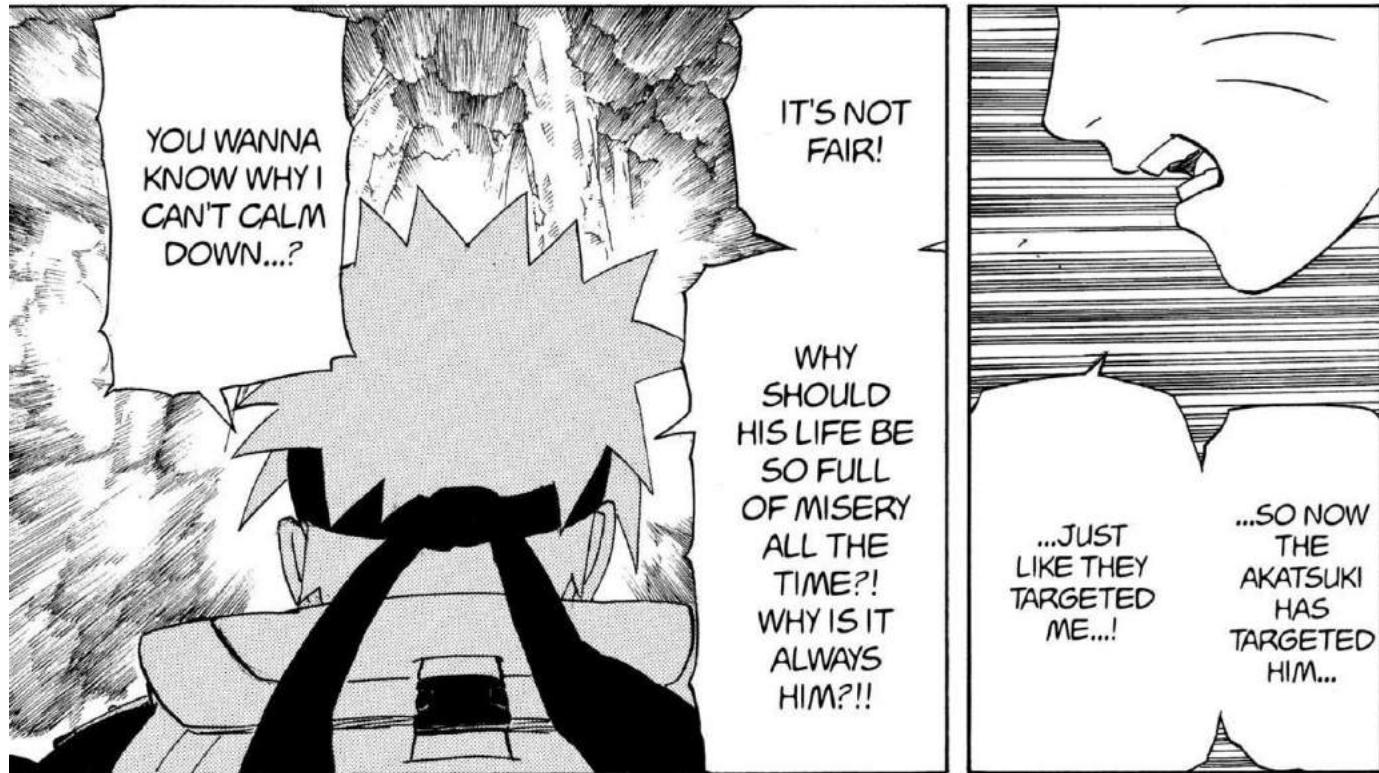
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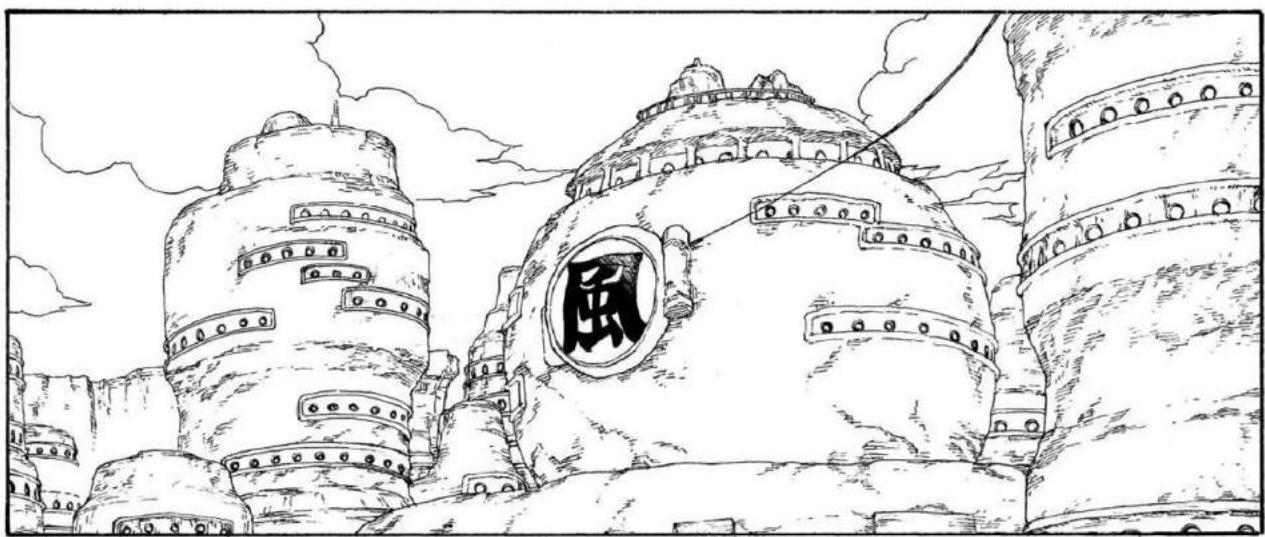




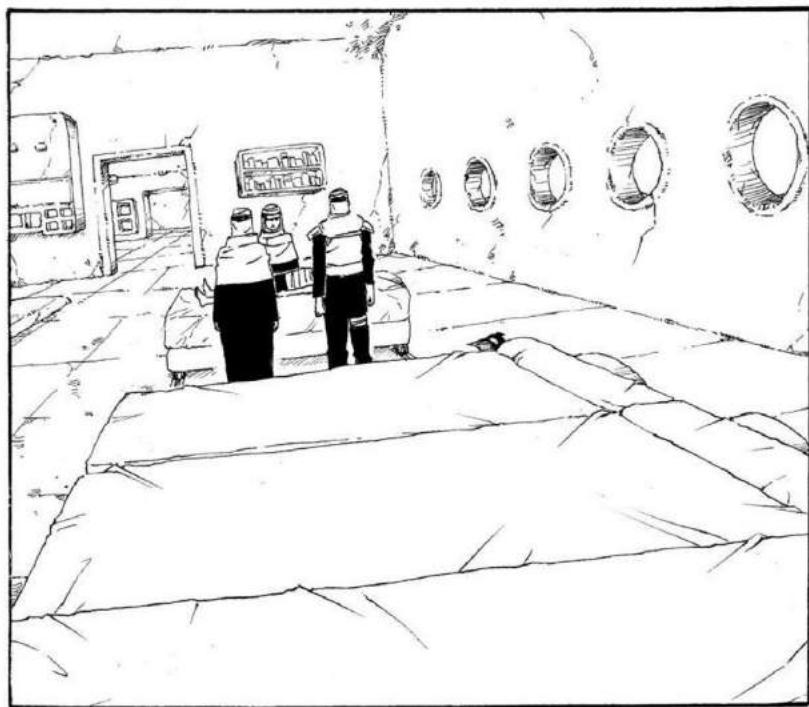


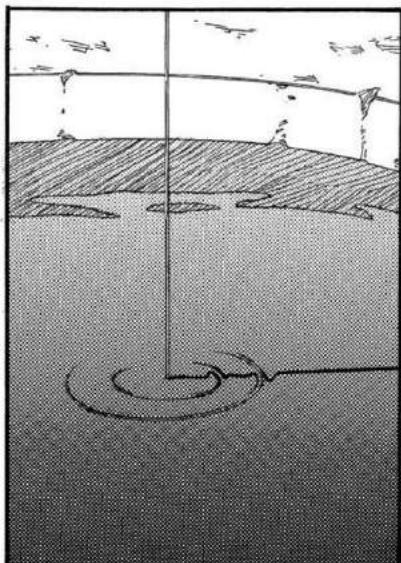
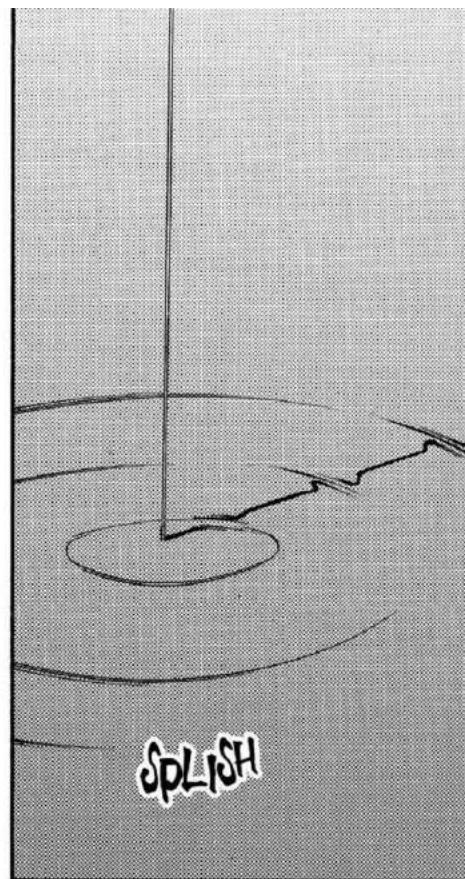


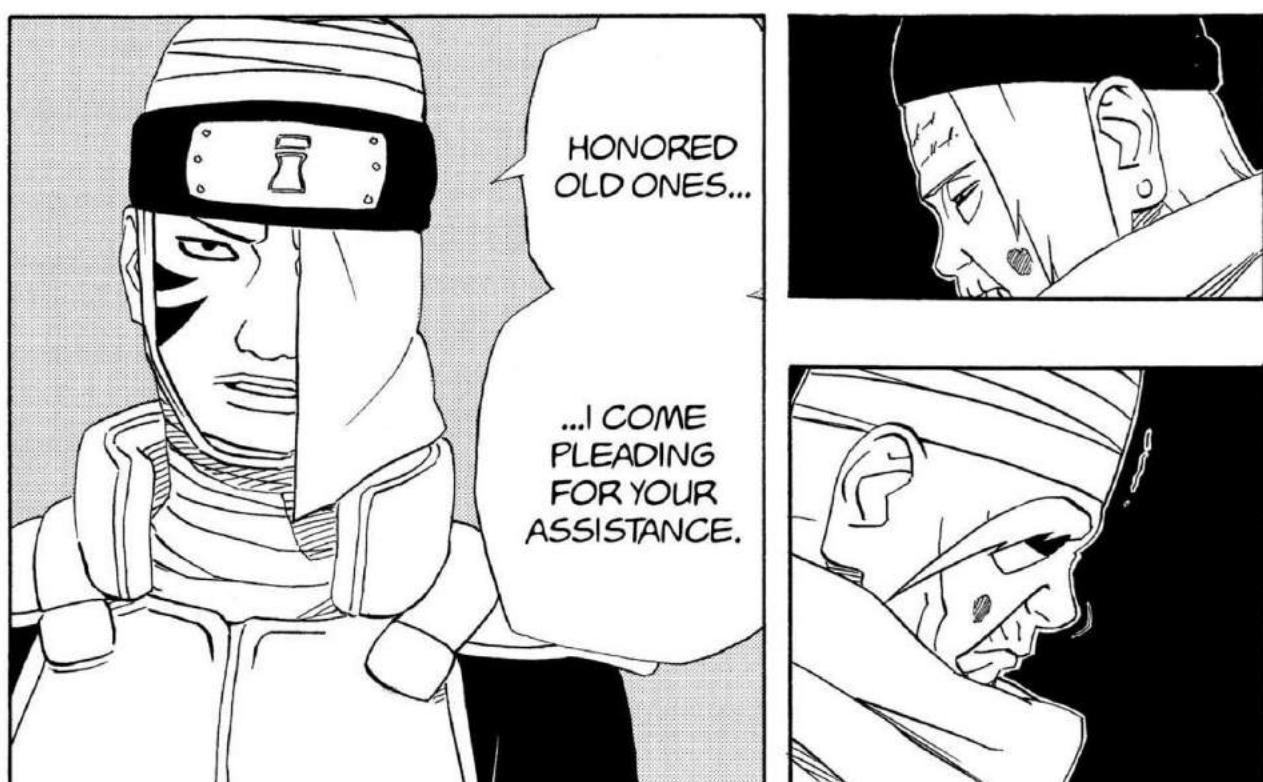
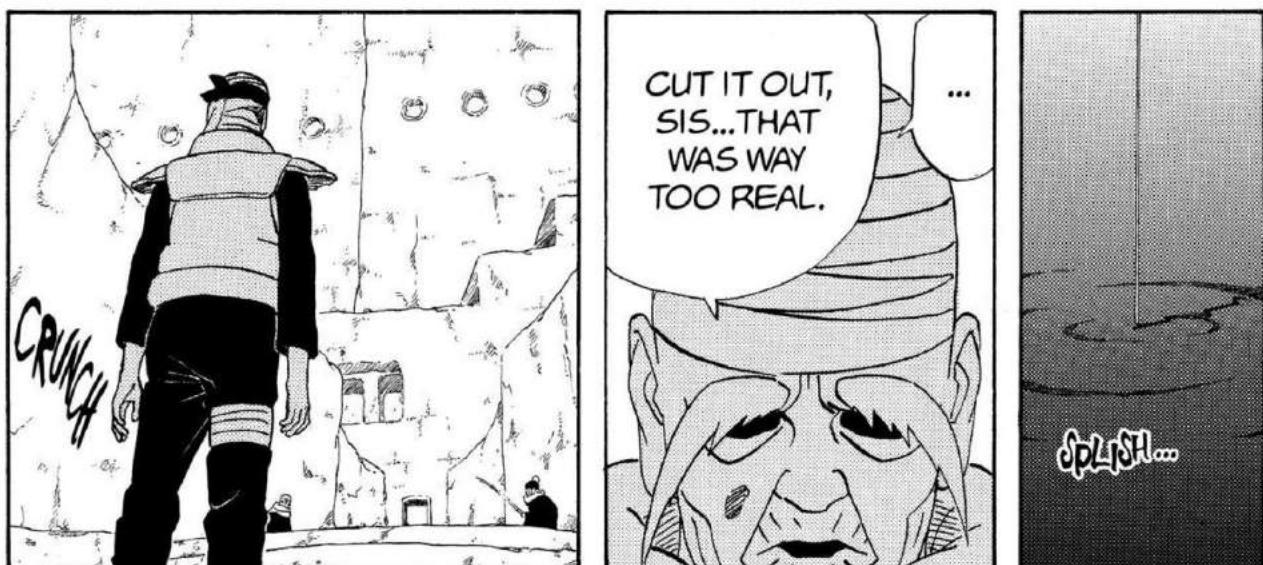




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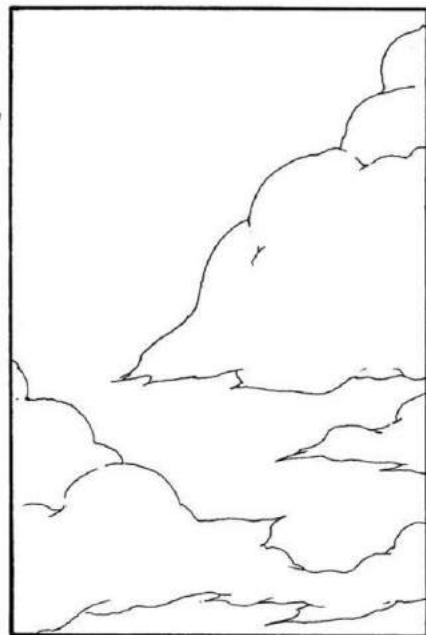
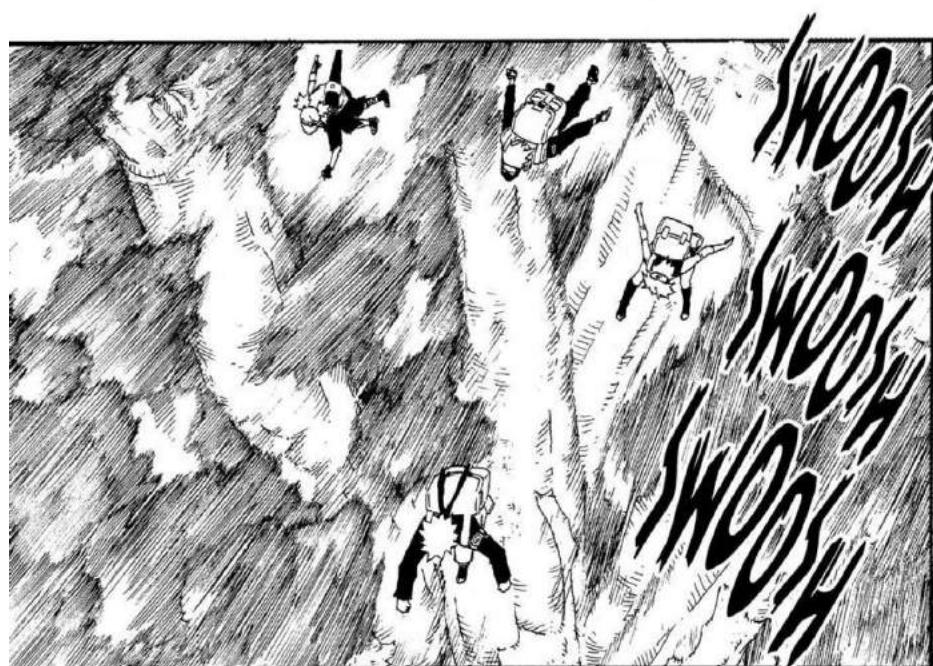


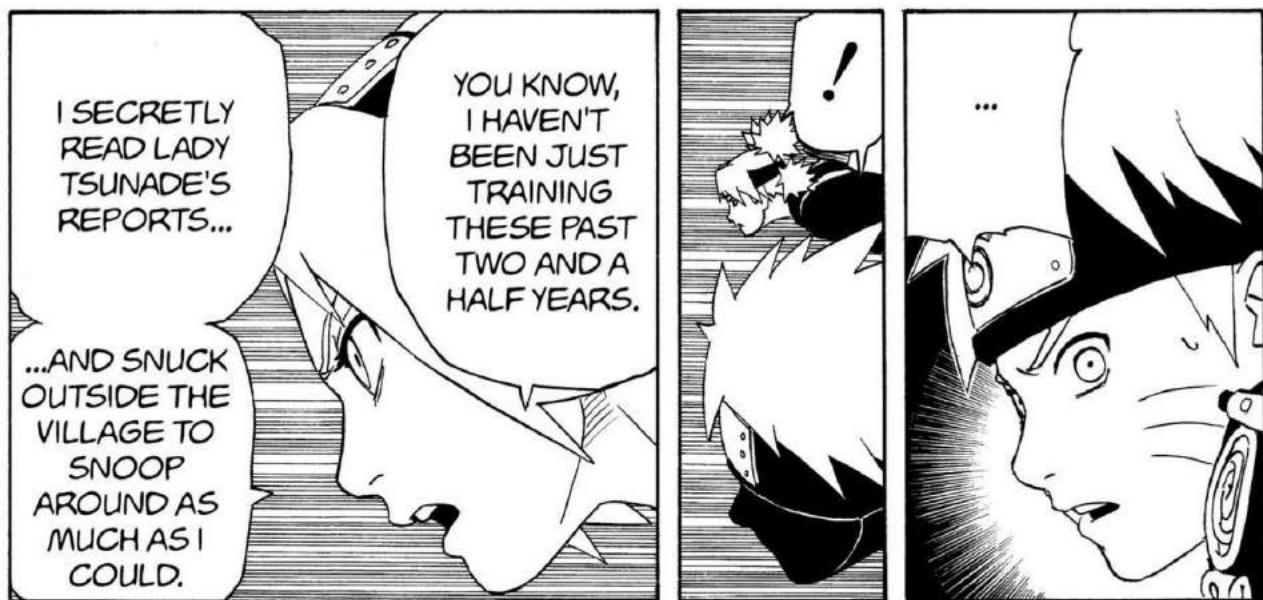


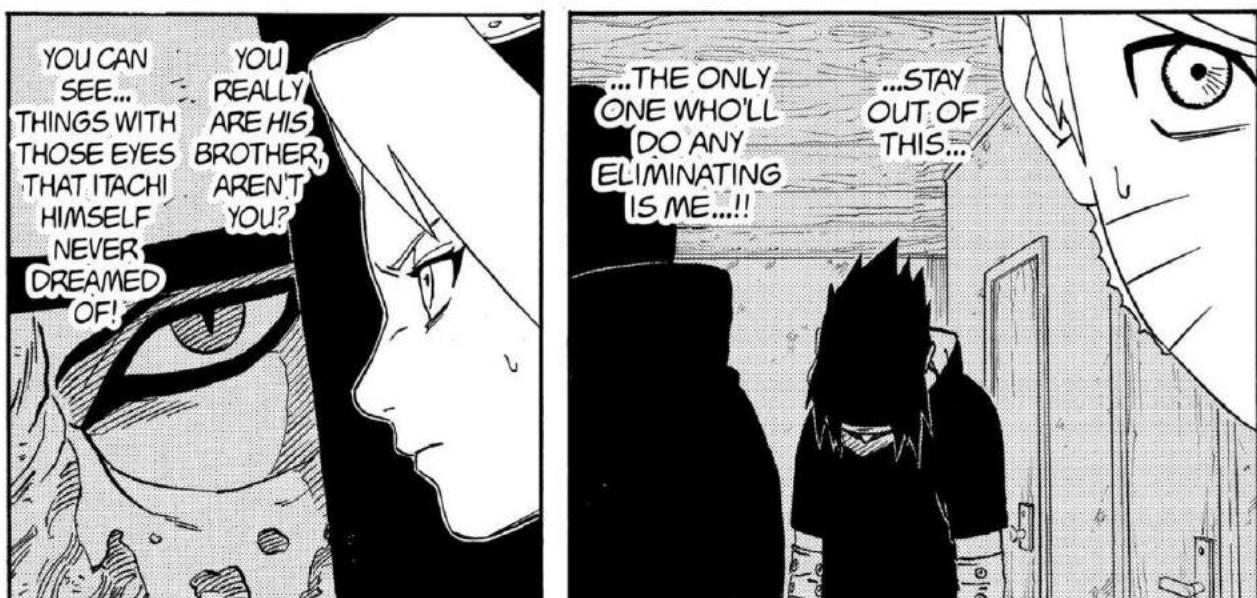


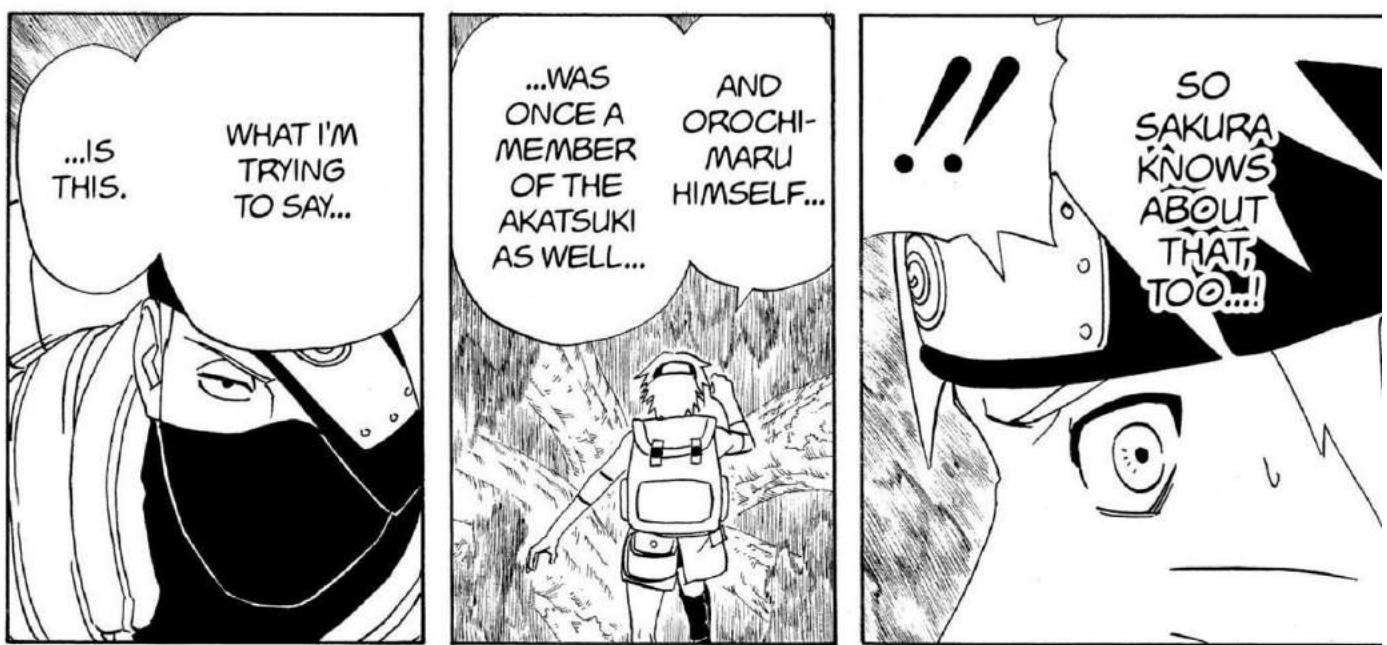


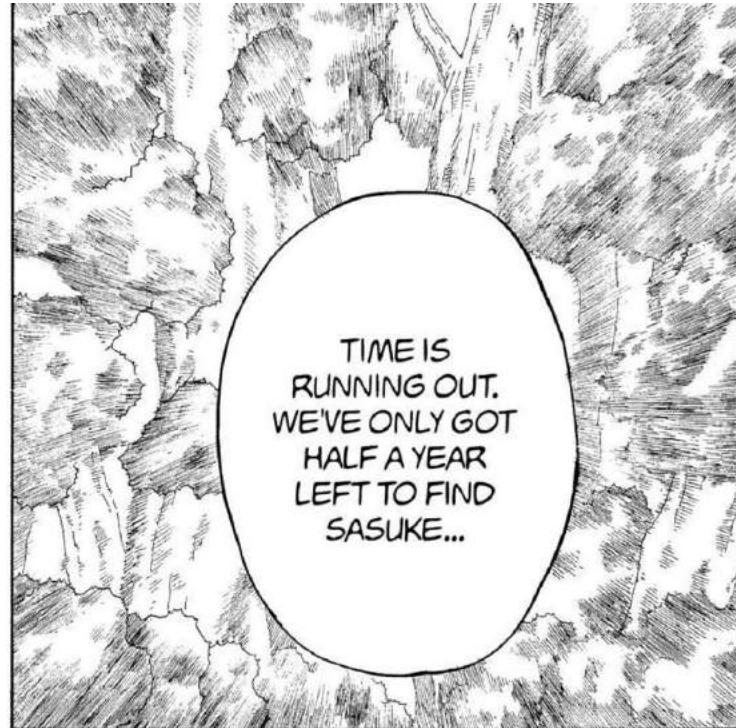
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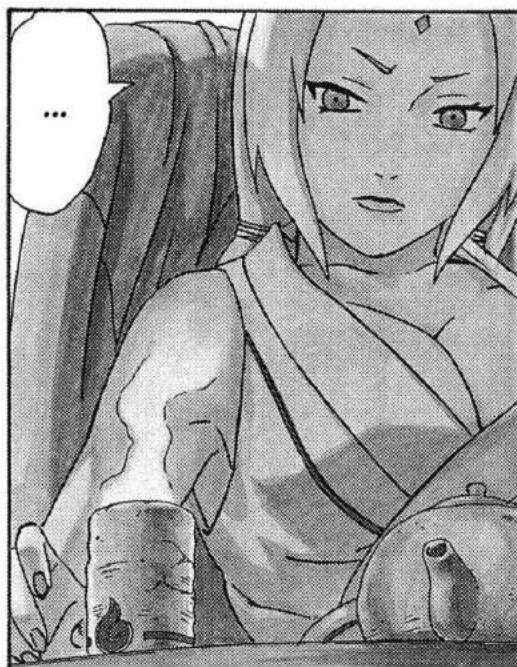
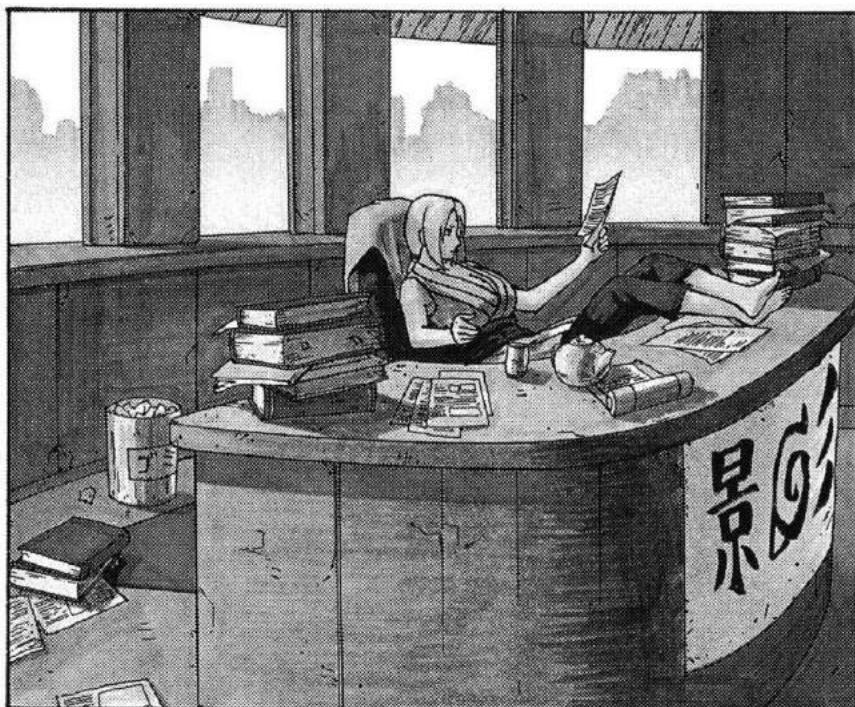
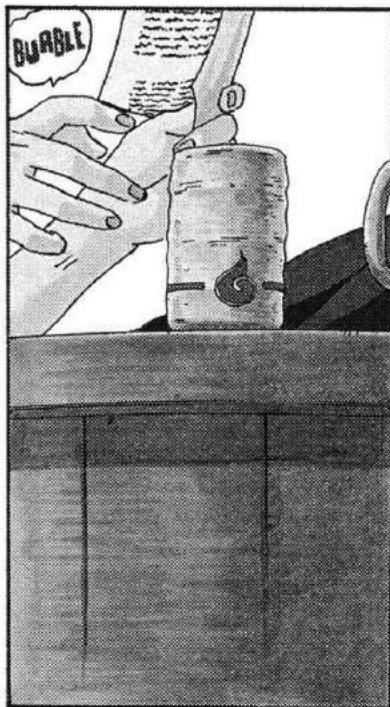
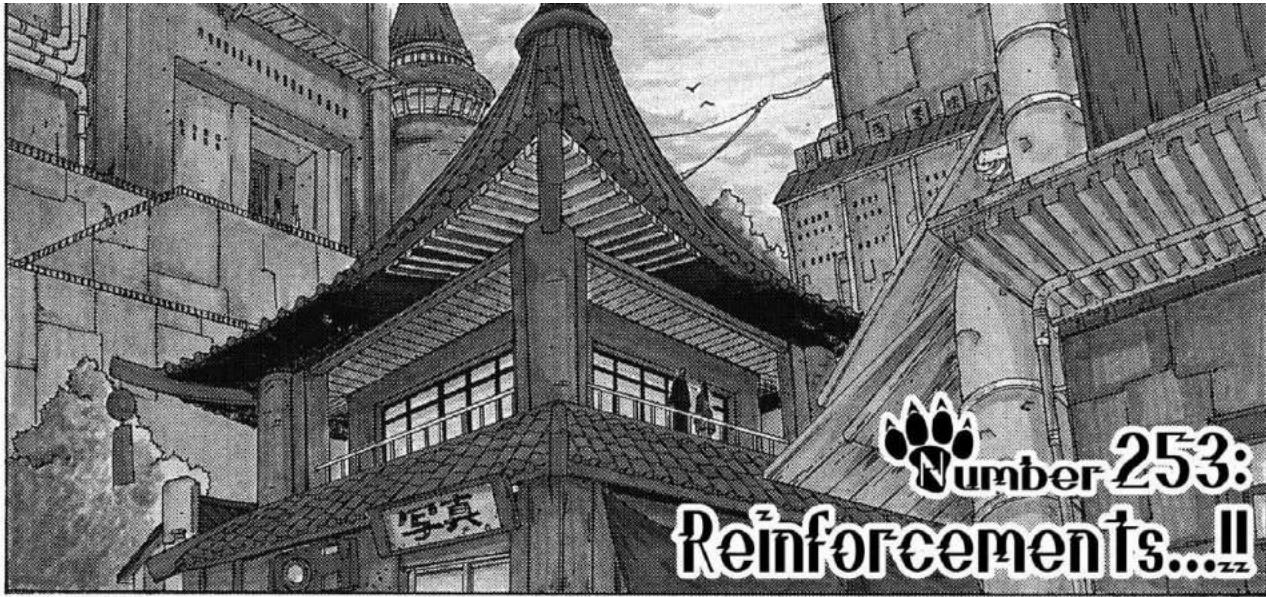








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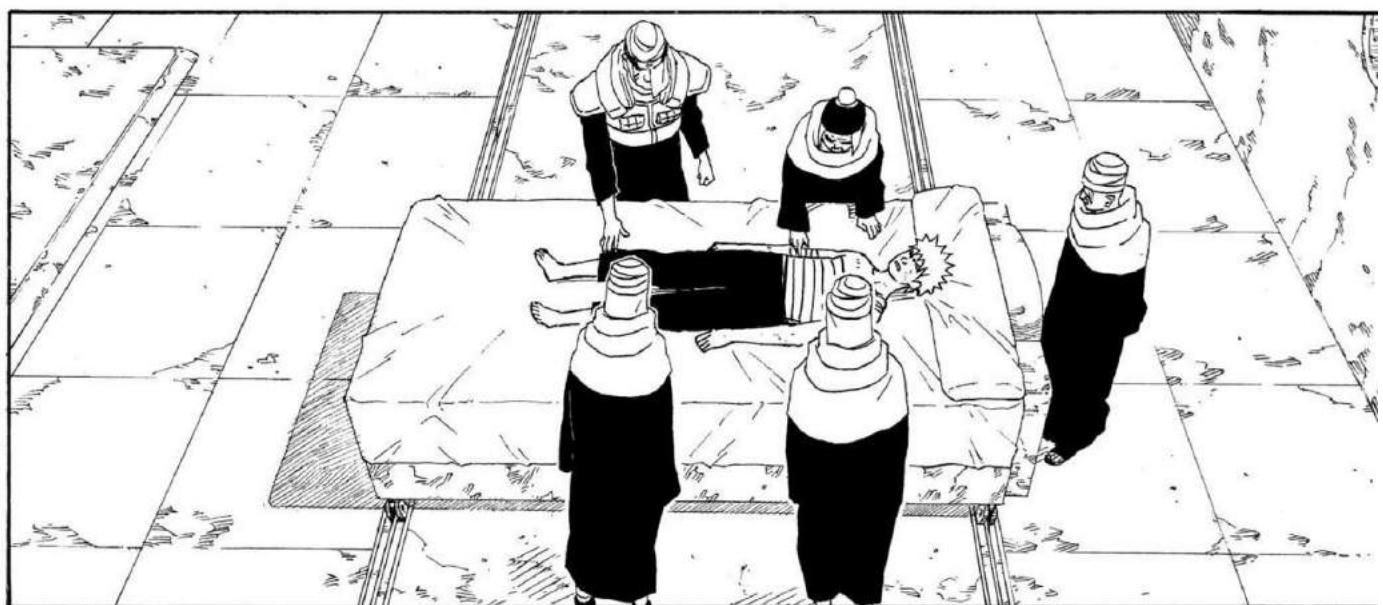
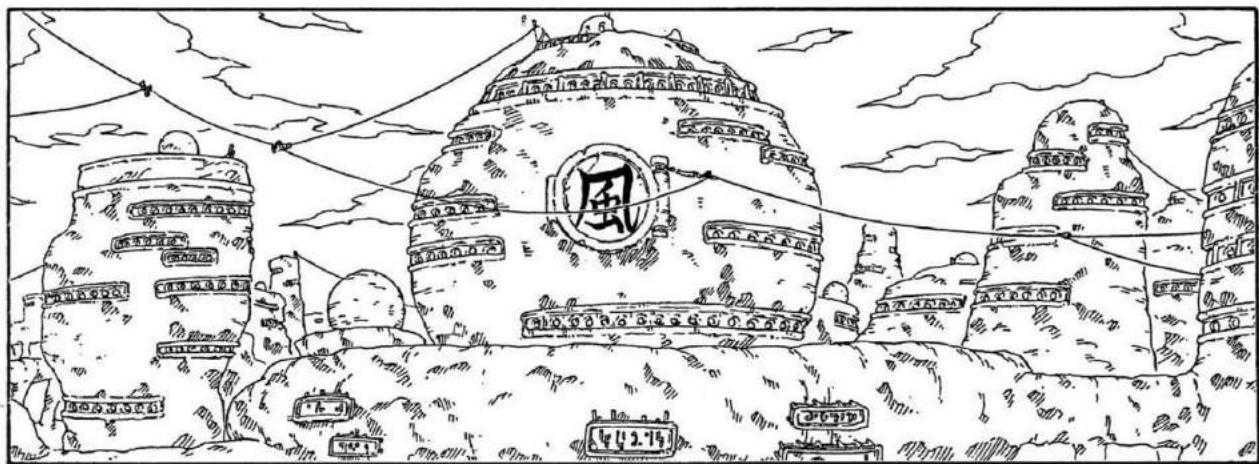


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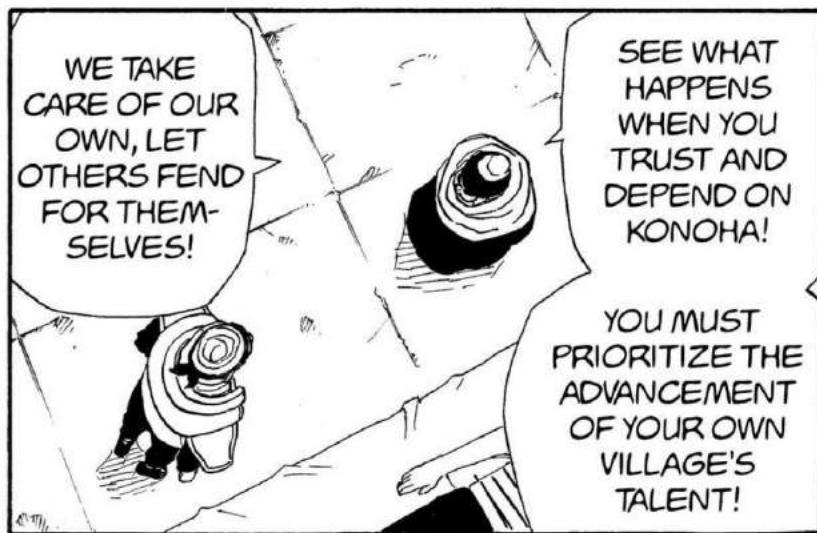
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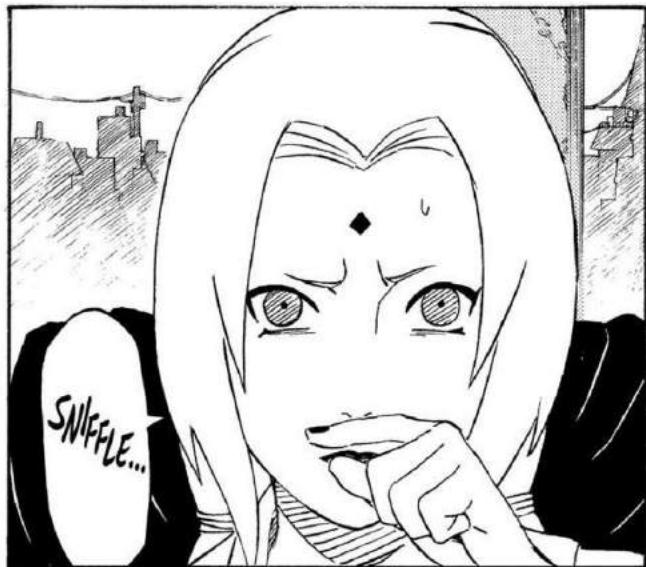


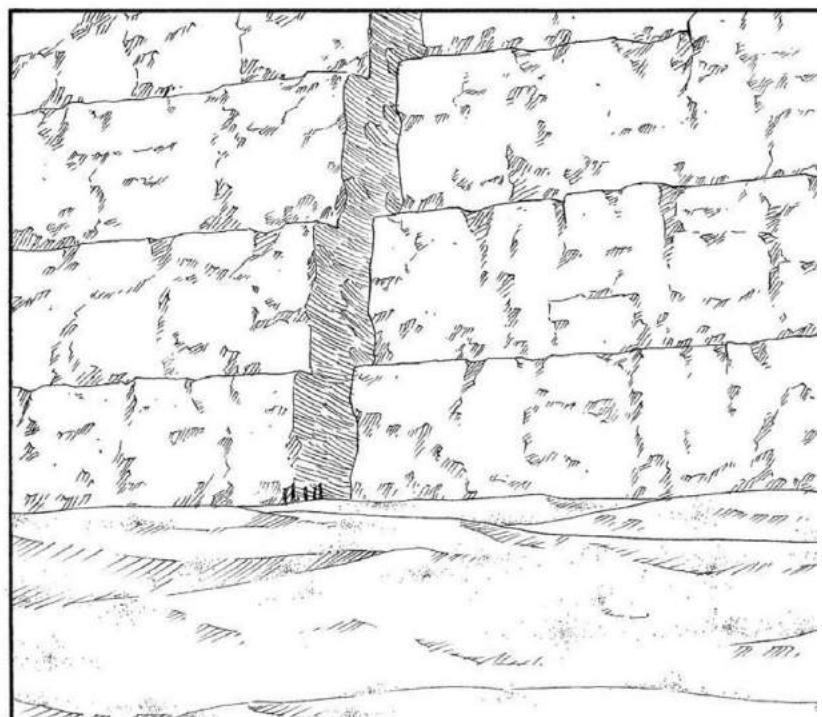
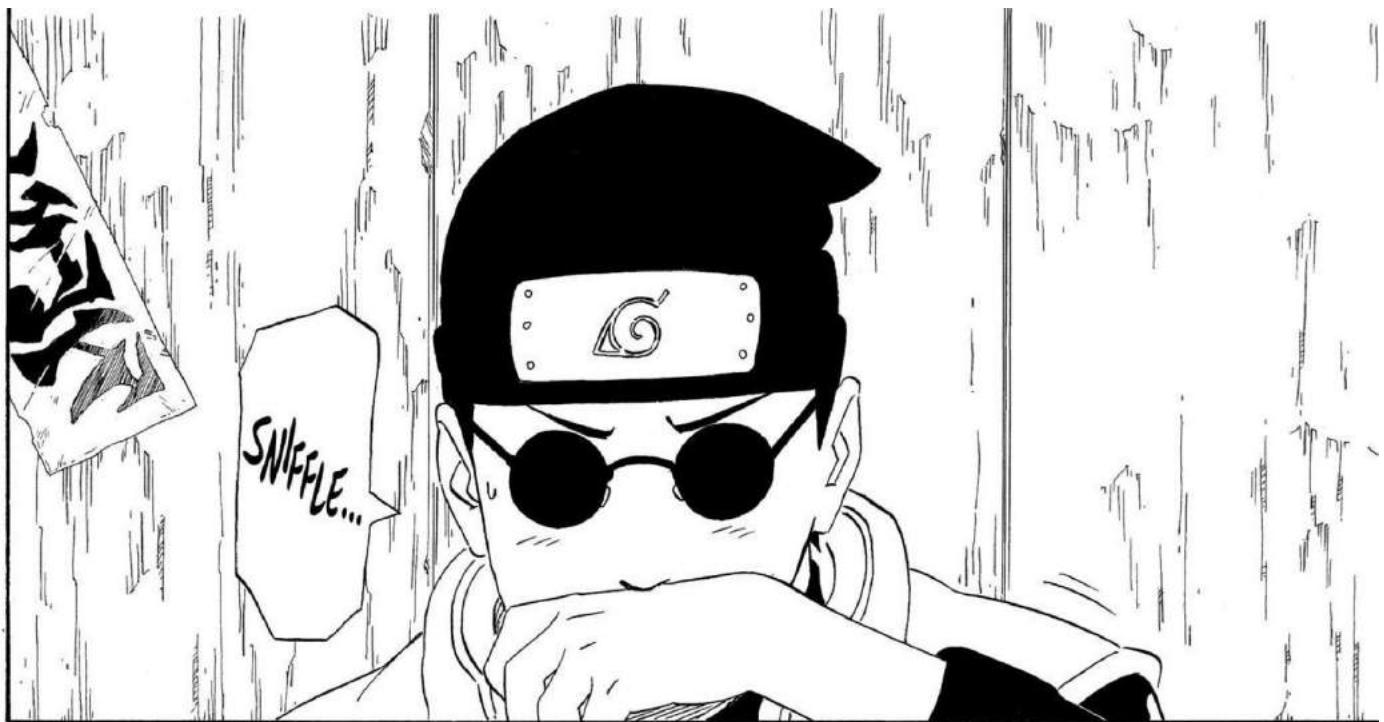


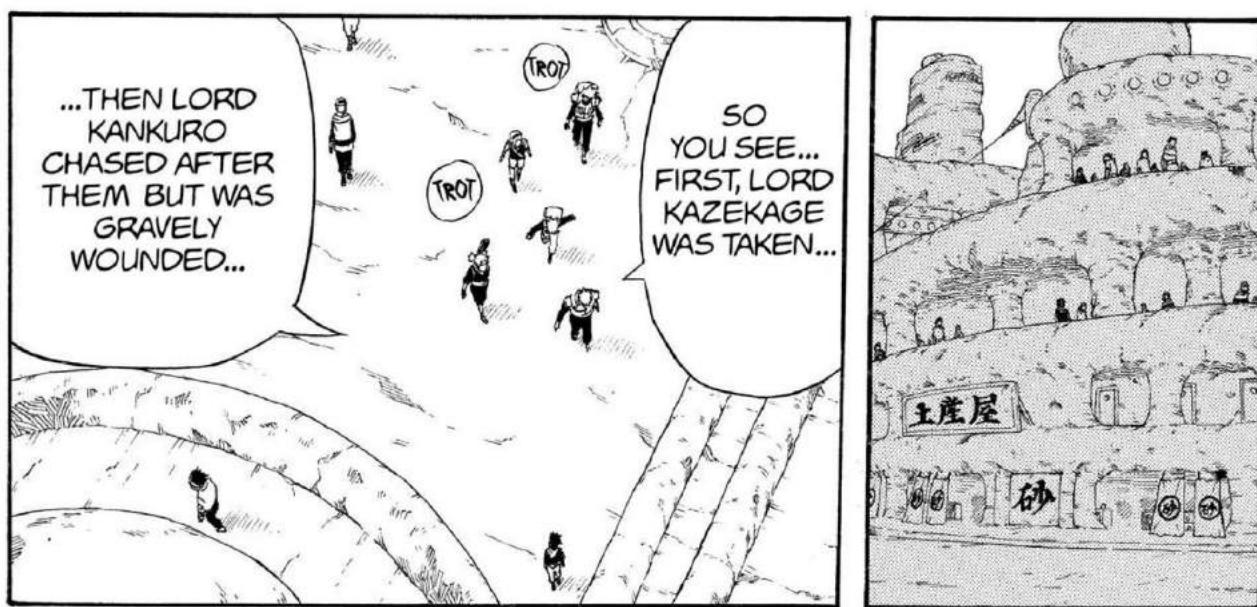


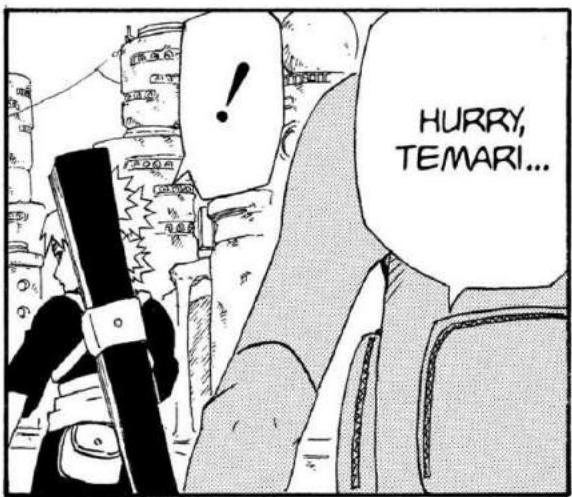


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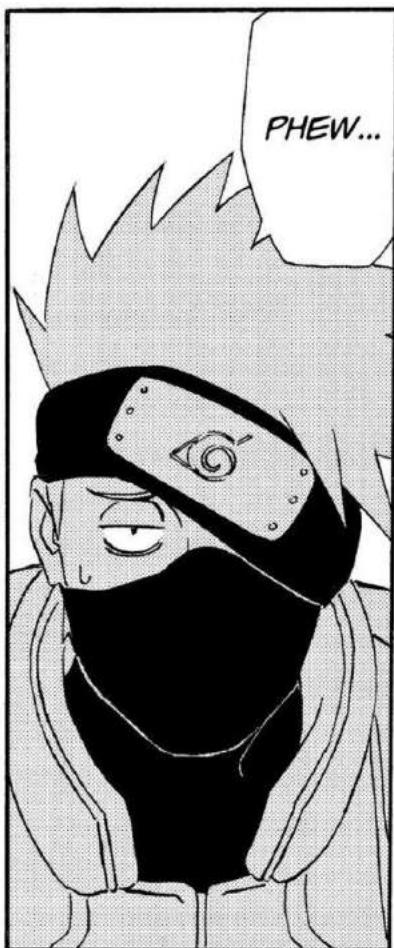
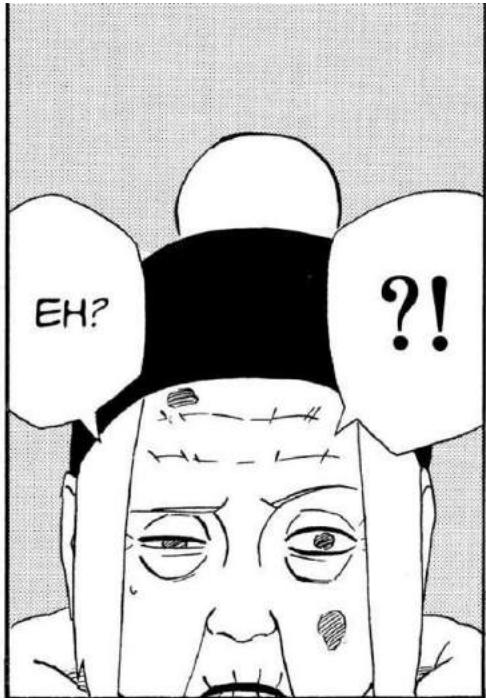
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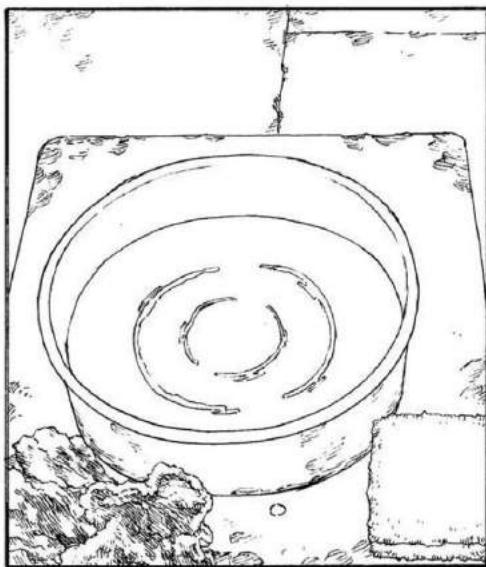


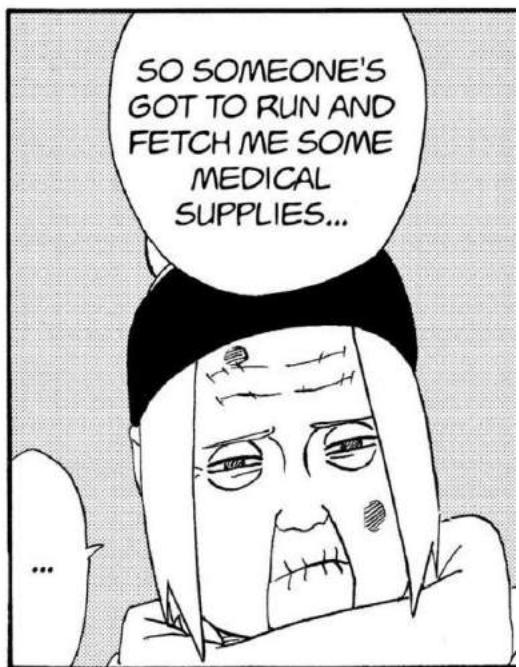
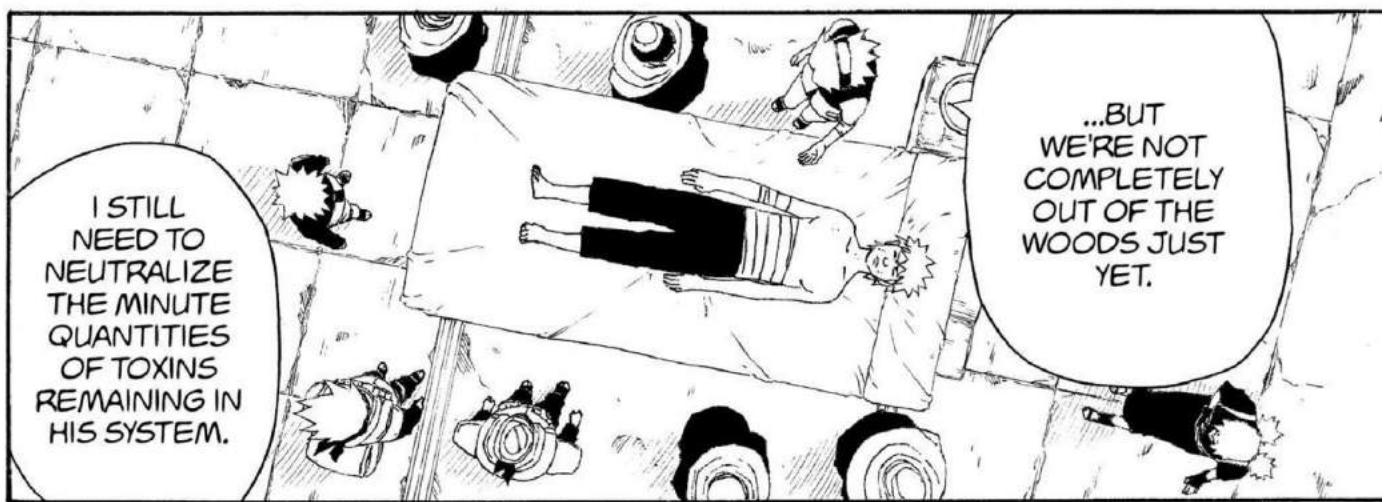
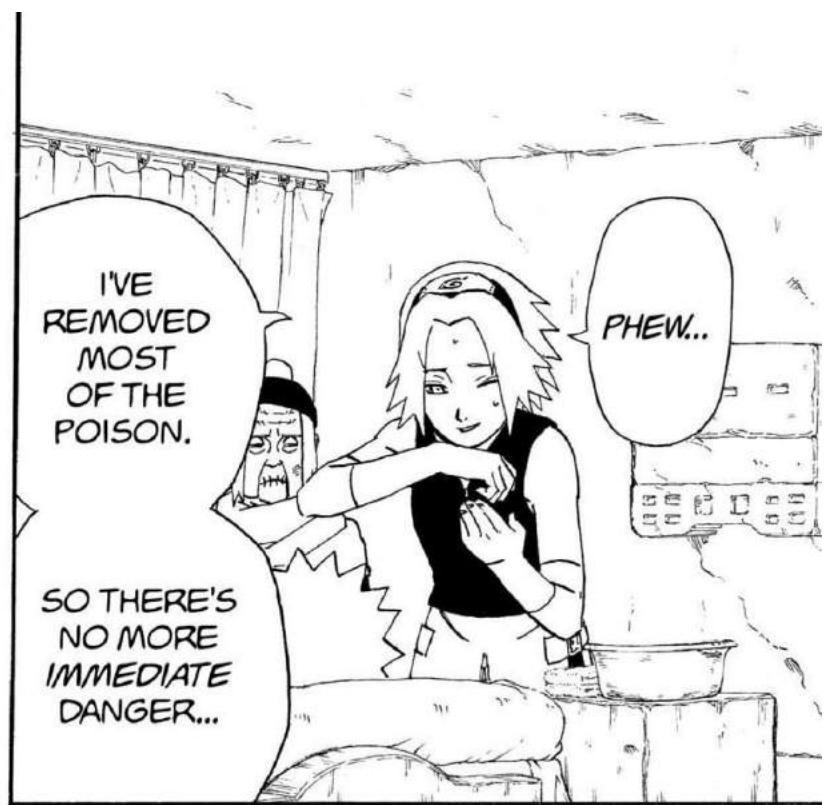
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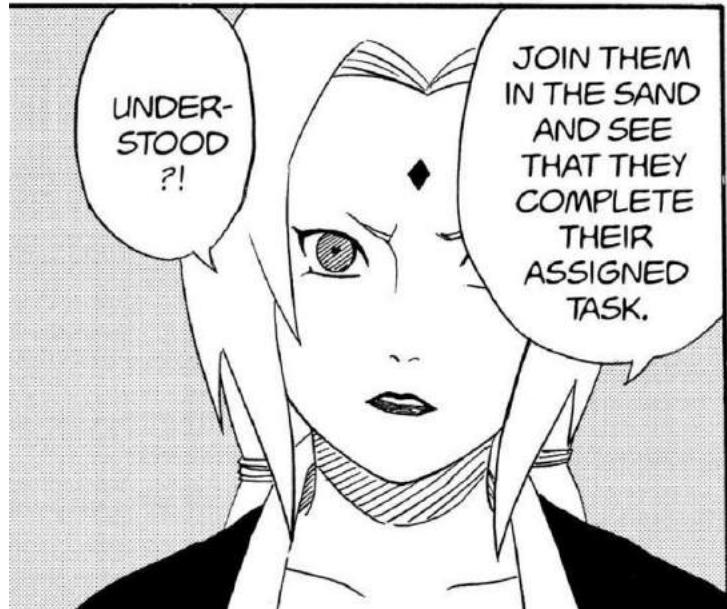
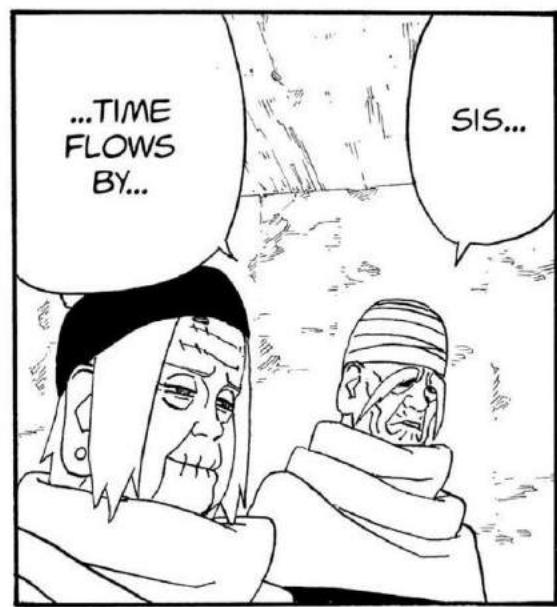
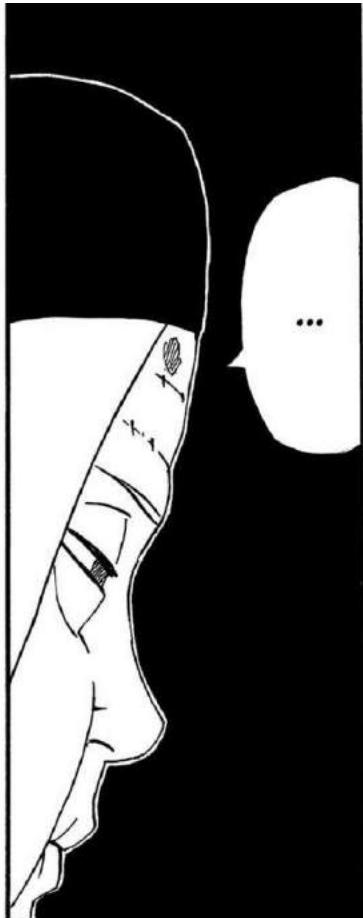




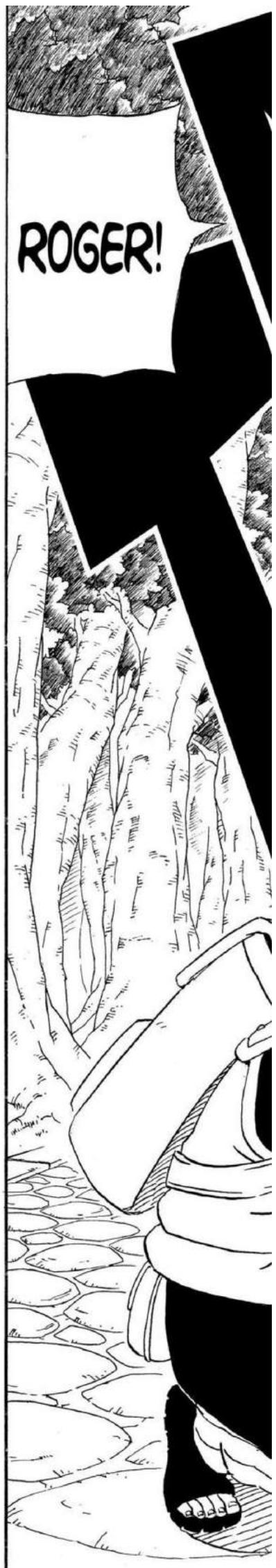
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