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SHONEN JUMP MANGA

Story & Art by

Masashi Kishimoto volume



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There are so many movie trilogies and series these days, like *The Matrix*, *The Lord of the Rings*, *Harry Potter*, etc. It gladdens me that my favorite film worlds continue to live on.

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2004



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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CHARACTERS

Sasuke

サスケ

Naruto

ナルト

Sakura

サクラ

Shikamaru

シカマル

Kiba & Akamaru

キバ&赤丸

Choji

チョウジ

Neji

ネジ

The Sound Ninja Four

Sakon

左近

Jirobo

次郎坊

Tayuya

多由也

Kidomaru

鬼童丸



Tsunade
綱手

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.

Naruto and company take on the Chūnin Selection Exams but suffer a sudden attack from Orochimaru in the Forest of Death. Orochimaru leaves a curse mark on Sasuke's body and vanishes...

...only to return to launch *Operation Destroy Konoha!* The attack appears to be thwarted when Lord Hokage sacrifices his own life.

After the onslaught, Tsunade is elevated to the position of Fifth Hokage. She immediately attends to the medical needs of Sasuke and Rock Lee. Soon after Sasuke's recovery, however, the Sound Ninja Four set upon him. The Four attempt to woo Sasuke away with the power of Orochimaru, but...

The Story So Far:



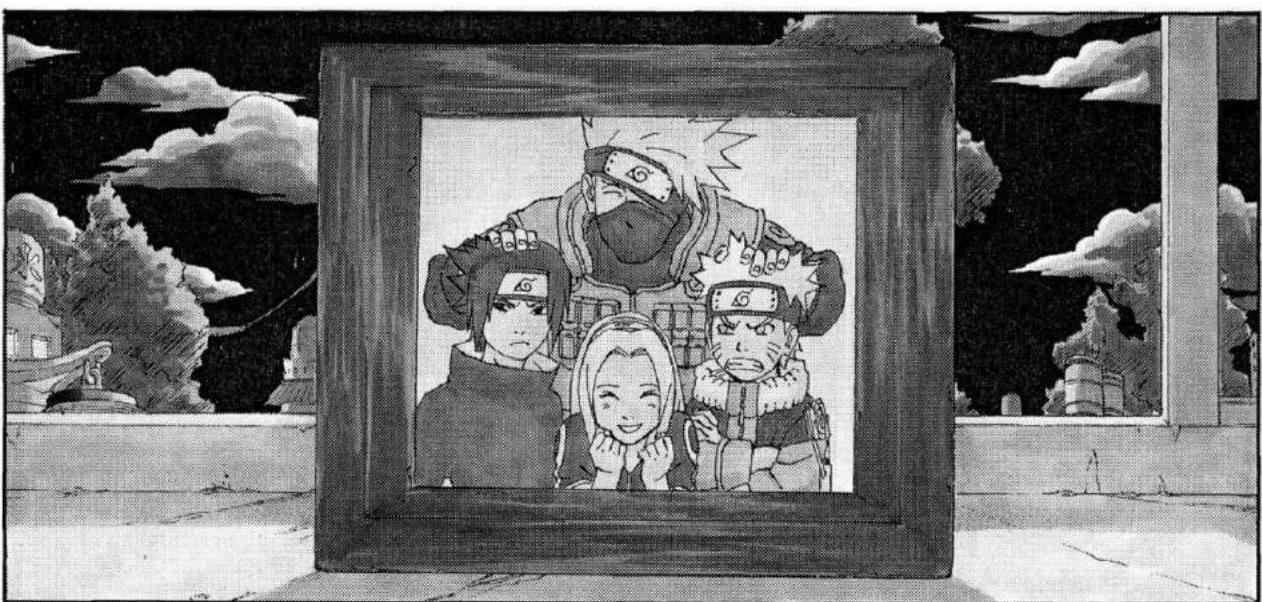
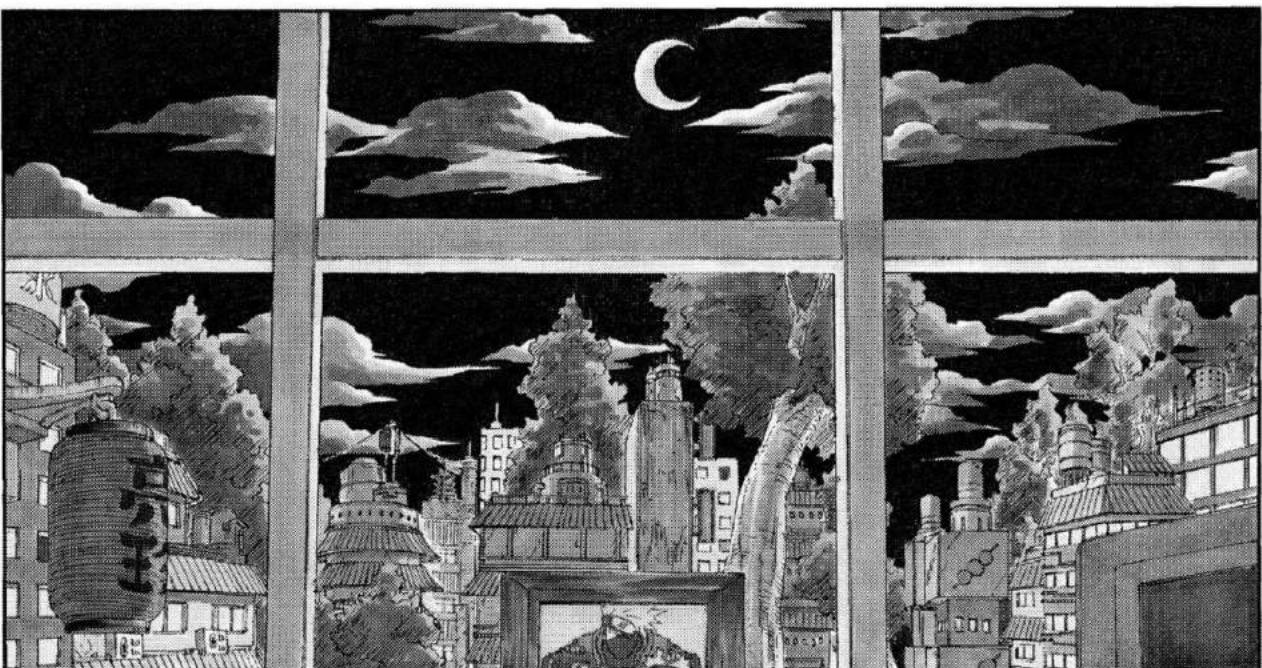
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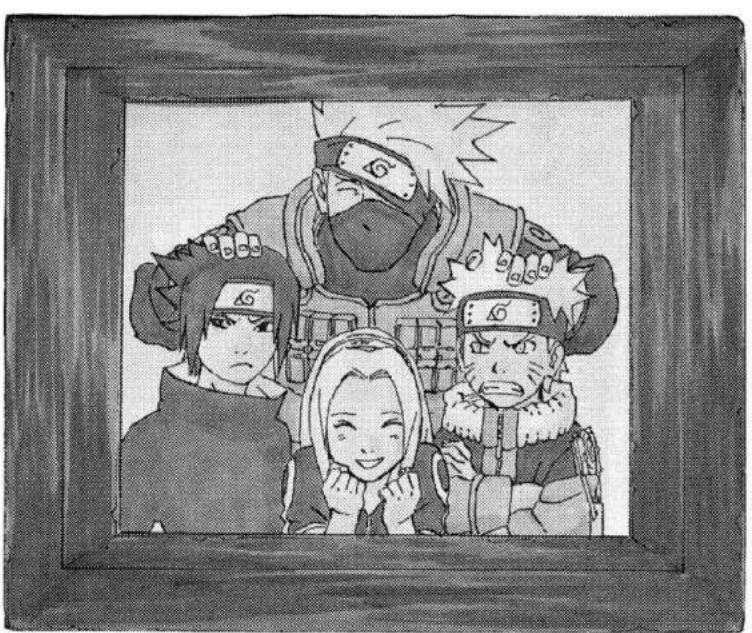
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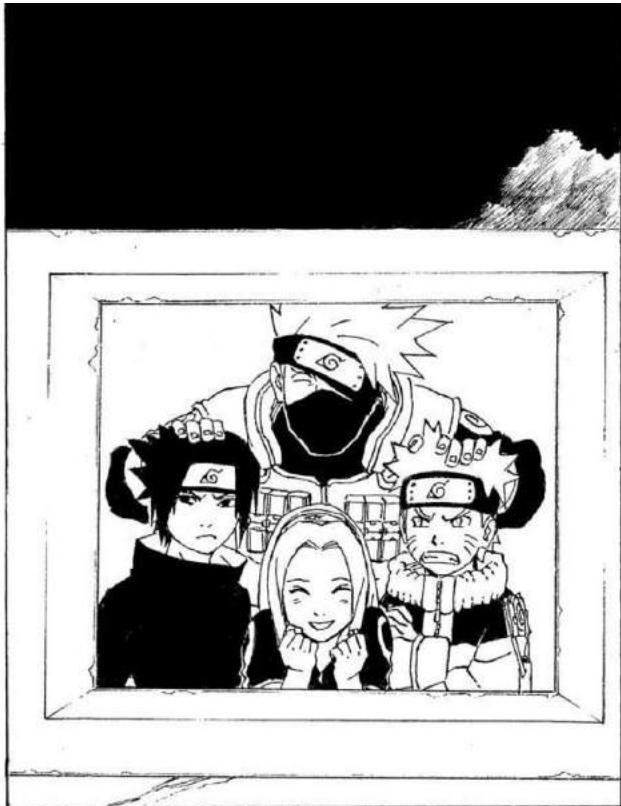
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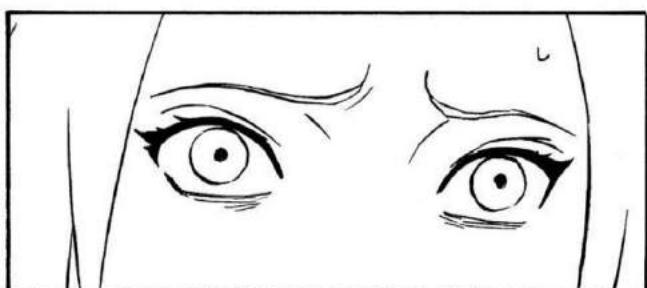
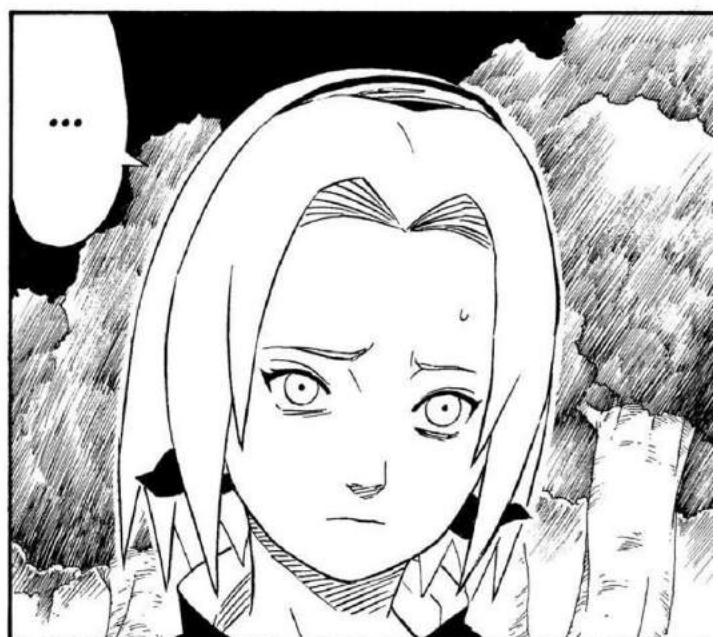
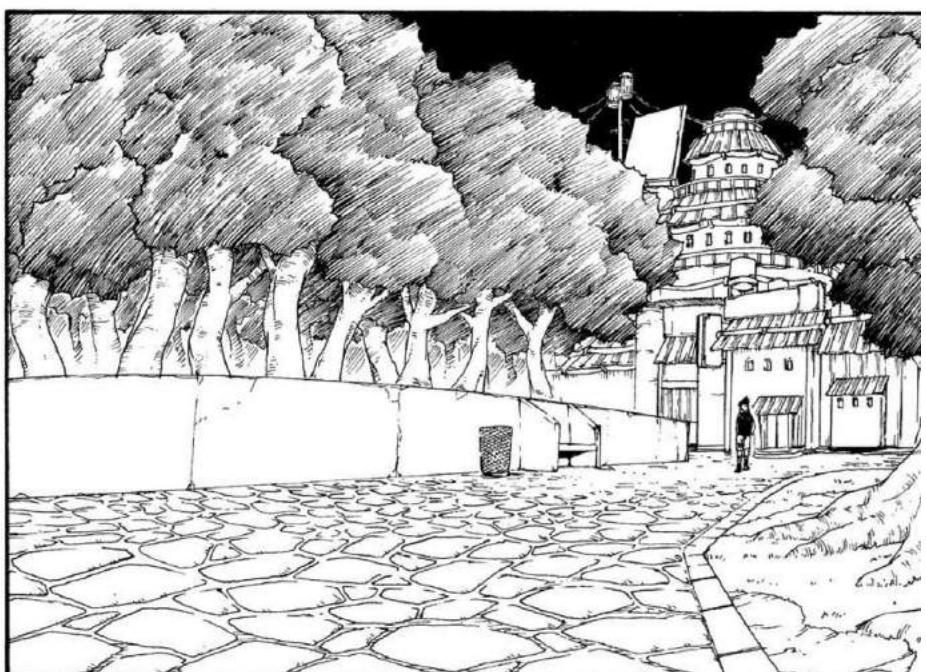
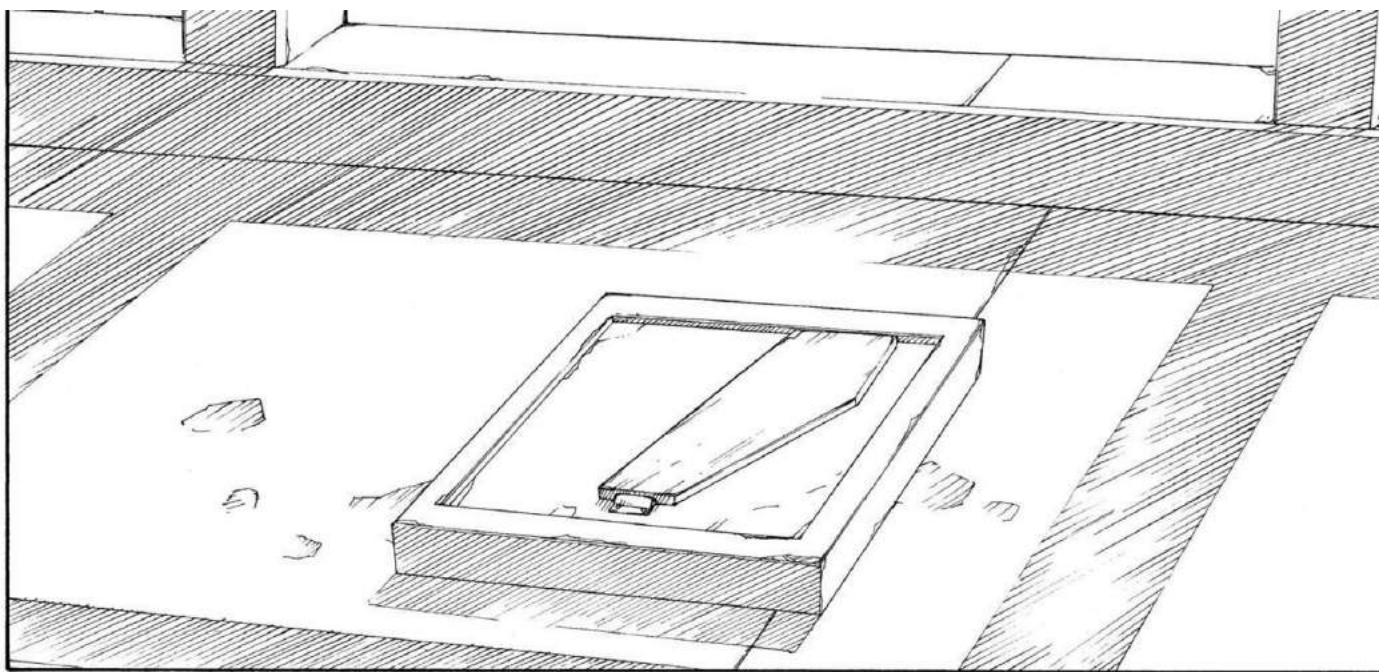


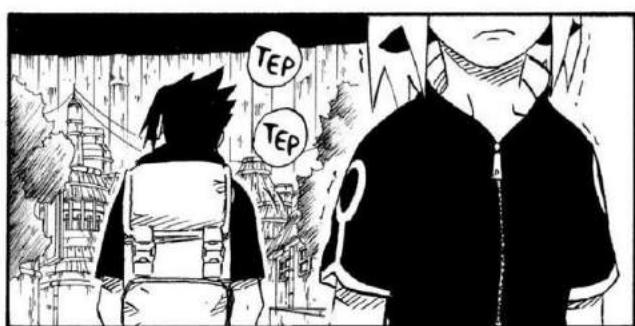
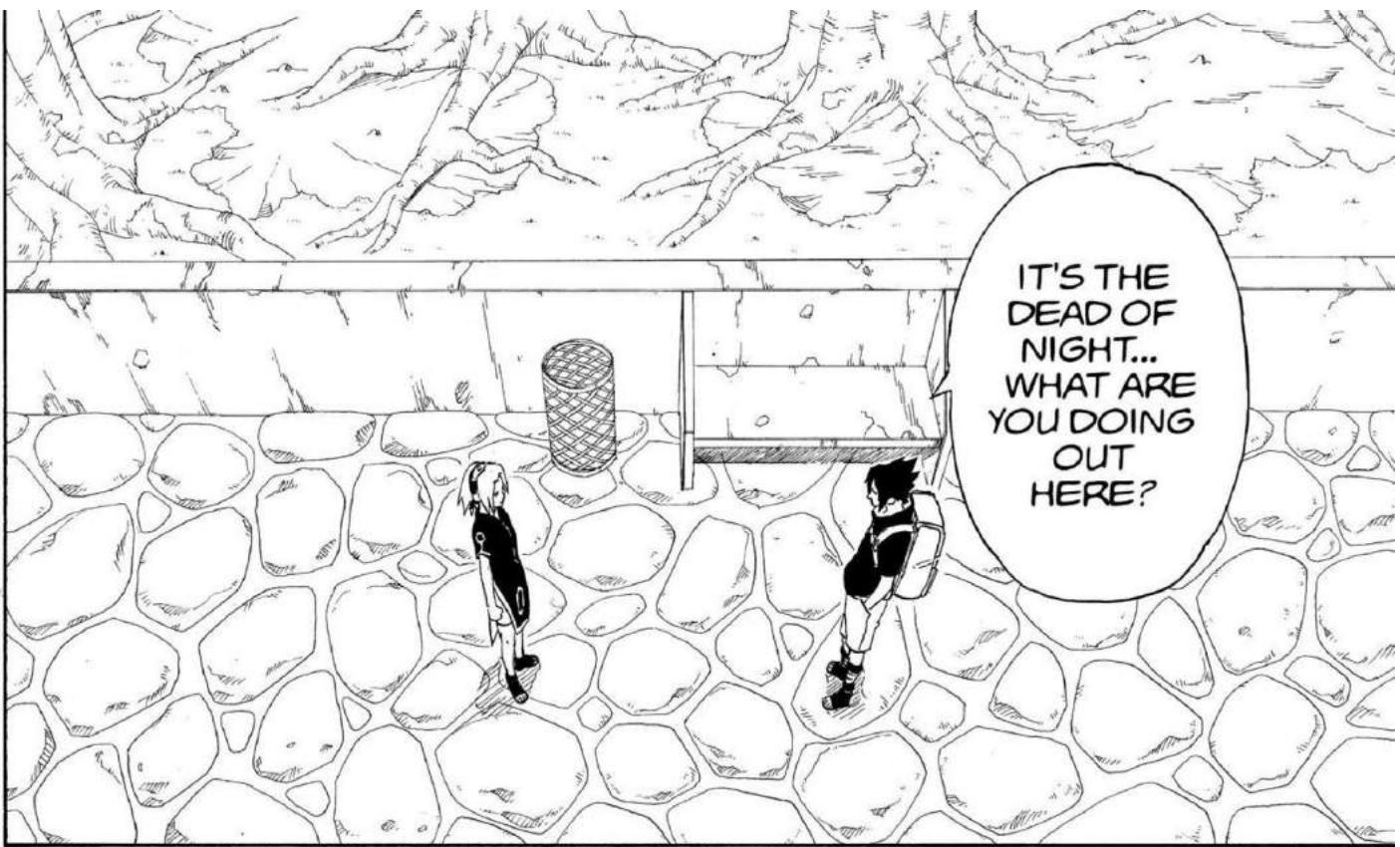


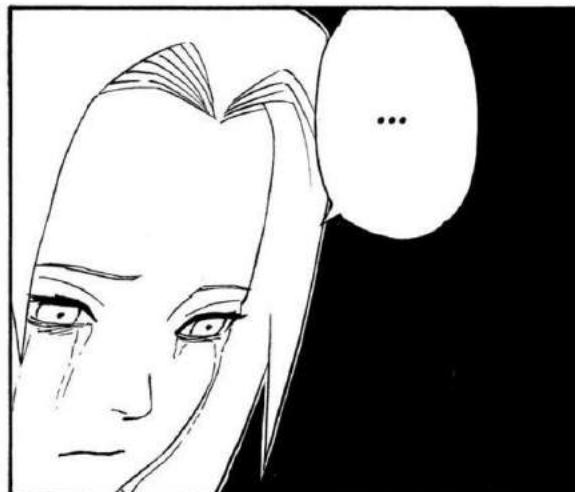
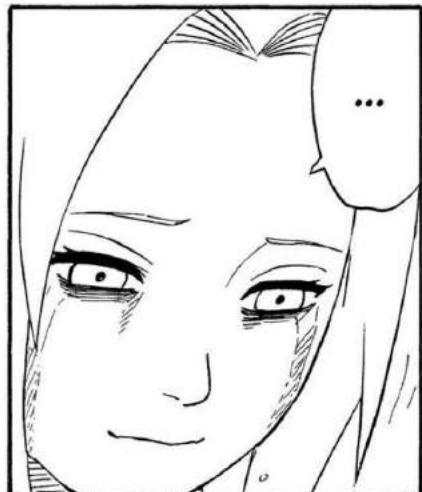
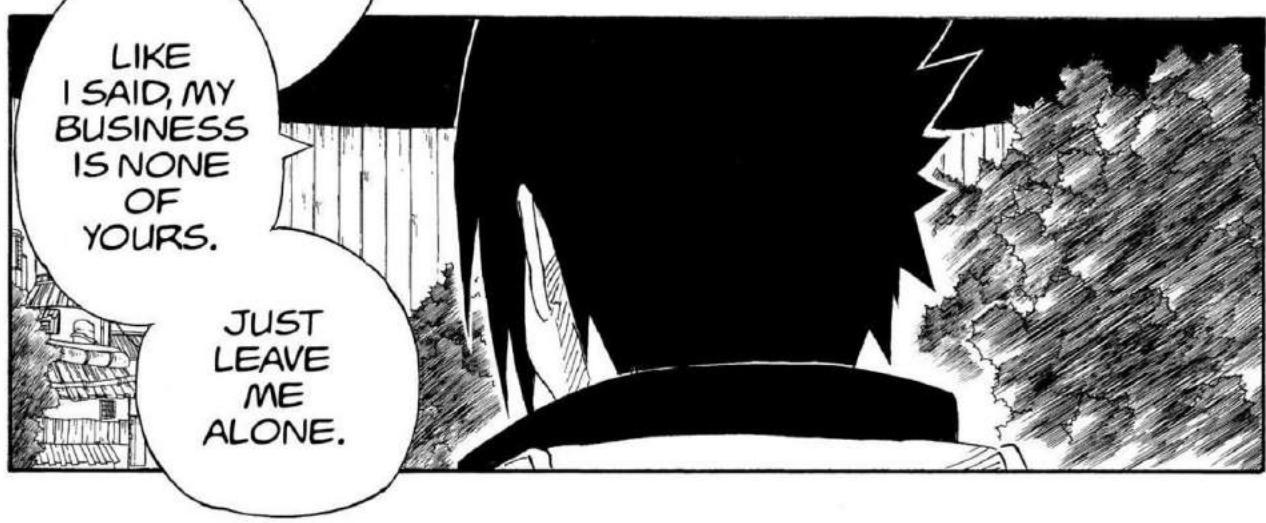
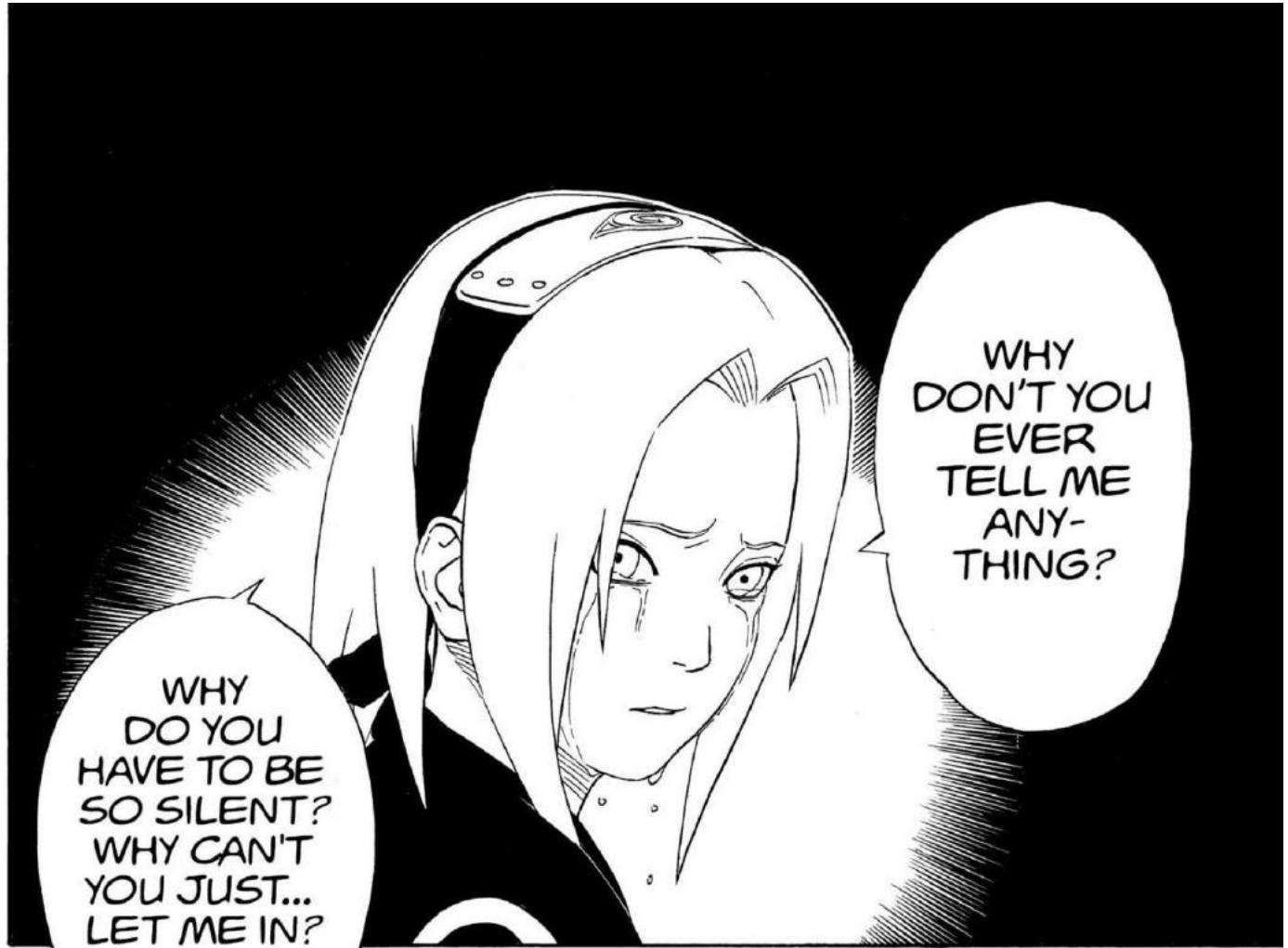
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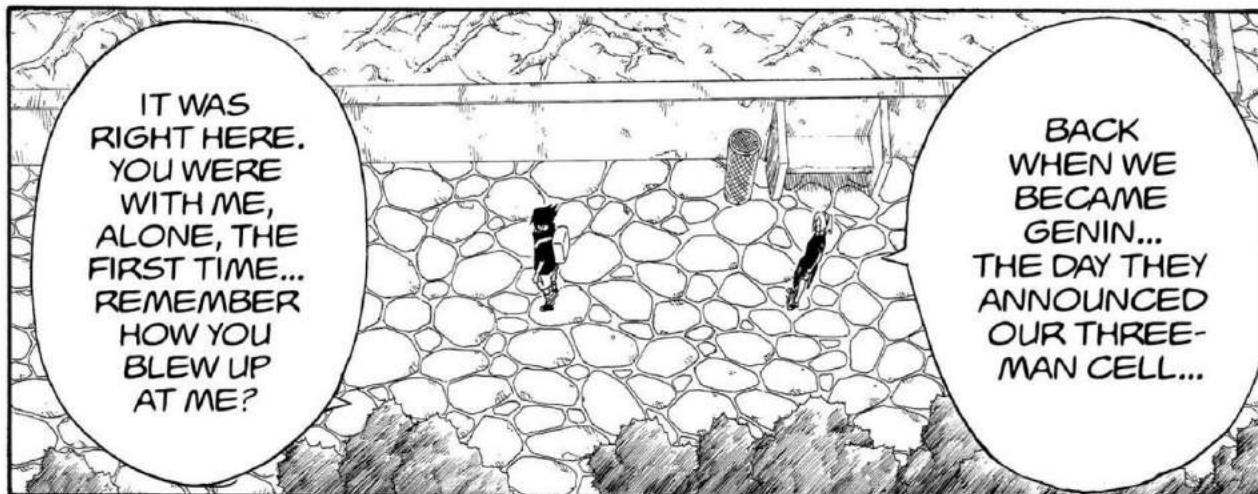
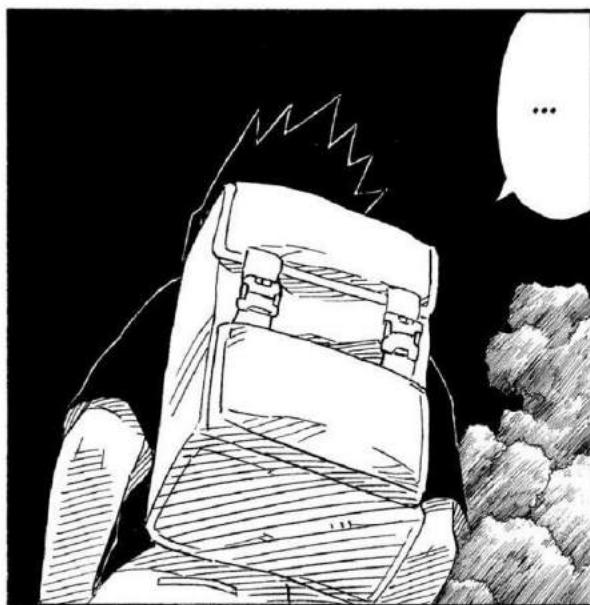


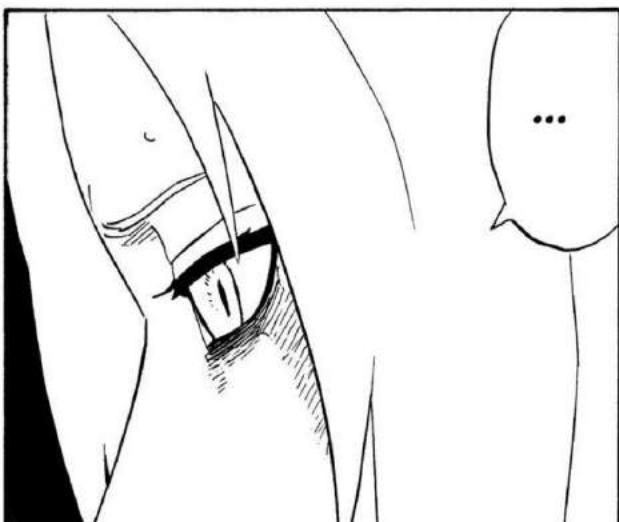






READ
THIS WAY





READ
THIS
WAY

YOU
AND ME...
NARUTO
AND
MASTER
KAKASHI...

BUT
THAT'S
WHEN IT
STARTED,
SASUKE.

WELL,
IT WAS
A LONG
TIME
AGO.

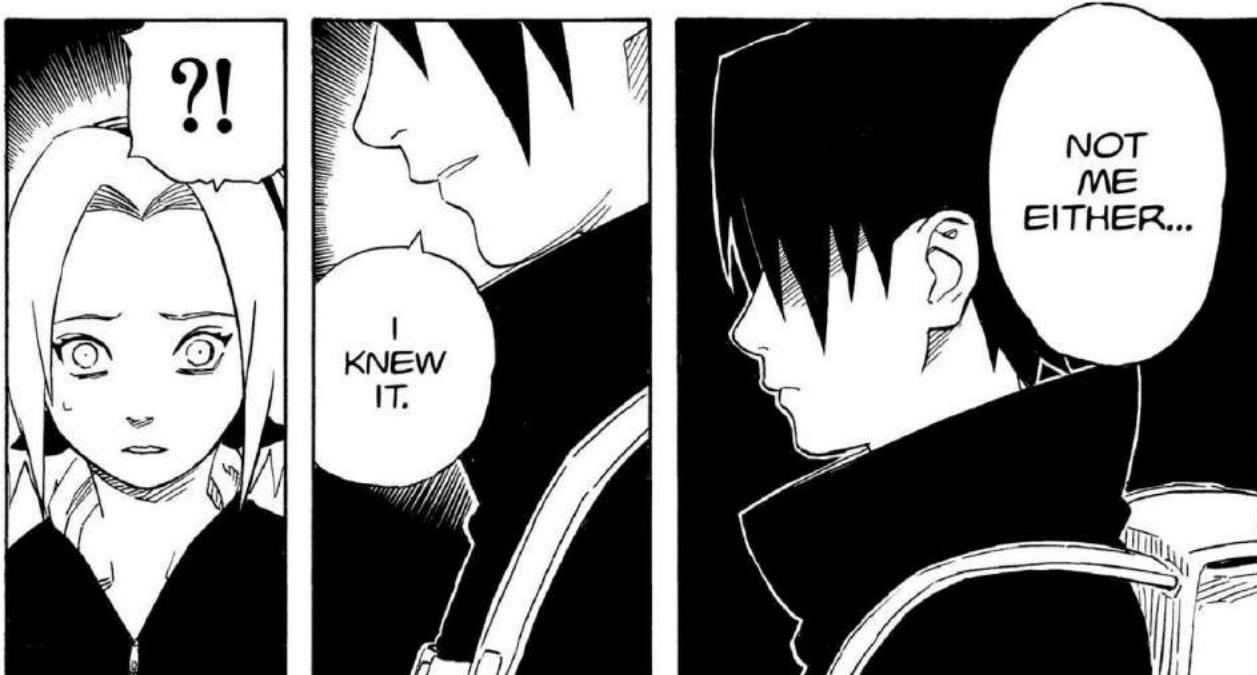
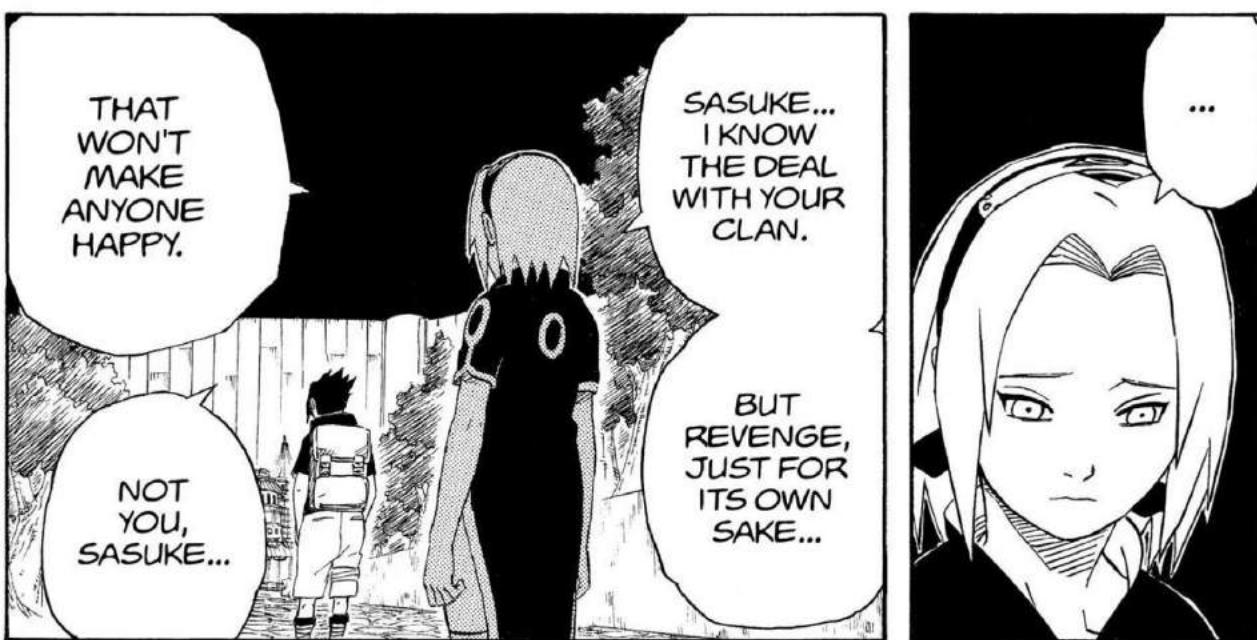
HEH...
OF
COURSE.

IT WAS
ROUGH,
SOMETIMES...
AND THERE'S
NO WAY
YOU COULD
CALL IT EASY,
BUT...

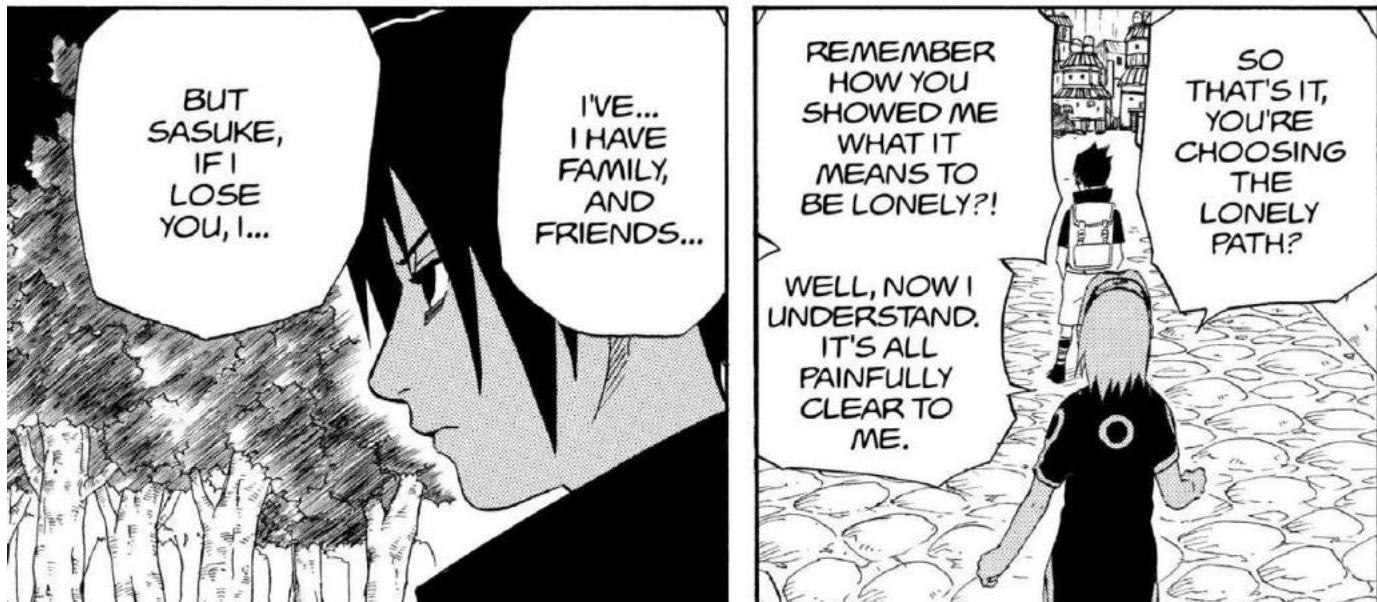
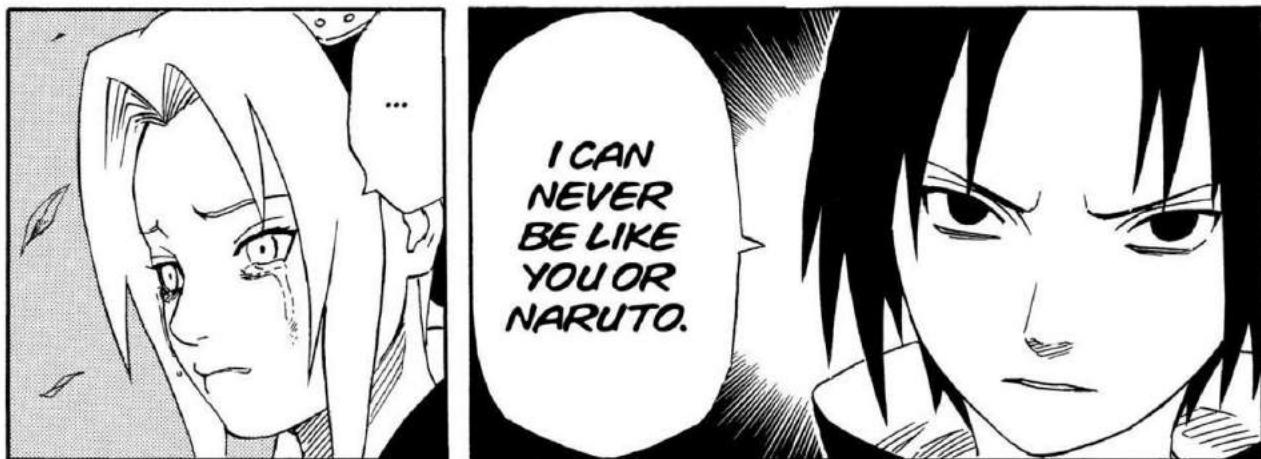
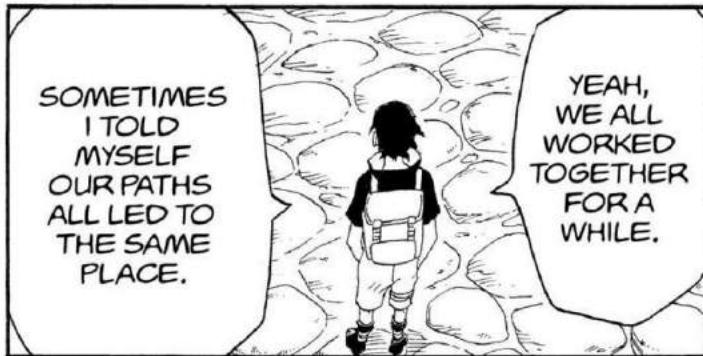
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YOU GET
DOWN
TO IT...

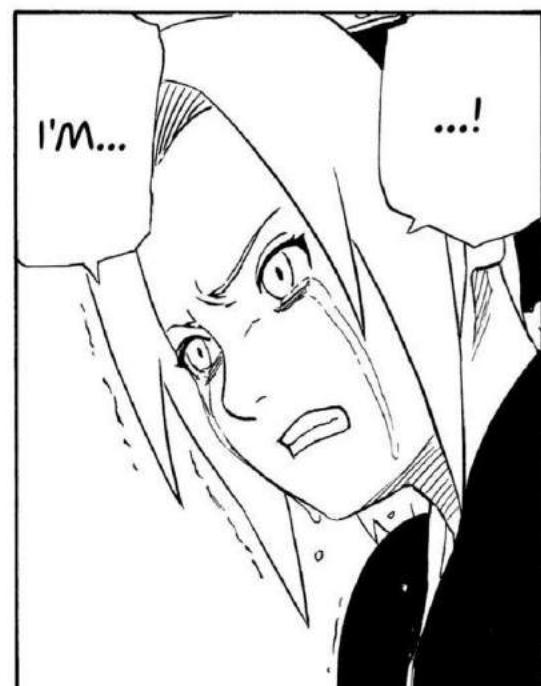
THE
FOUR OF
US, ON
SO MANY
MISSIONS.

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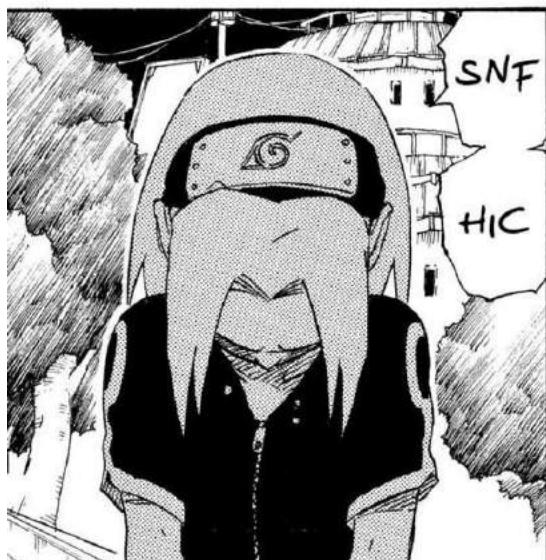


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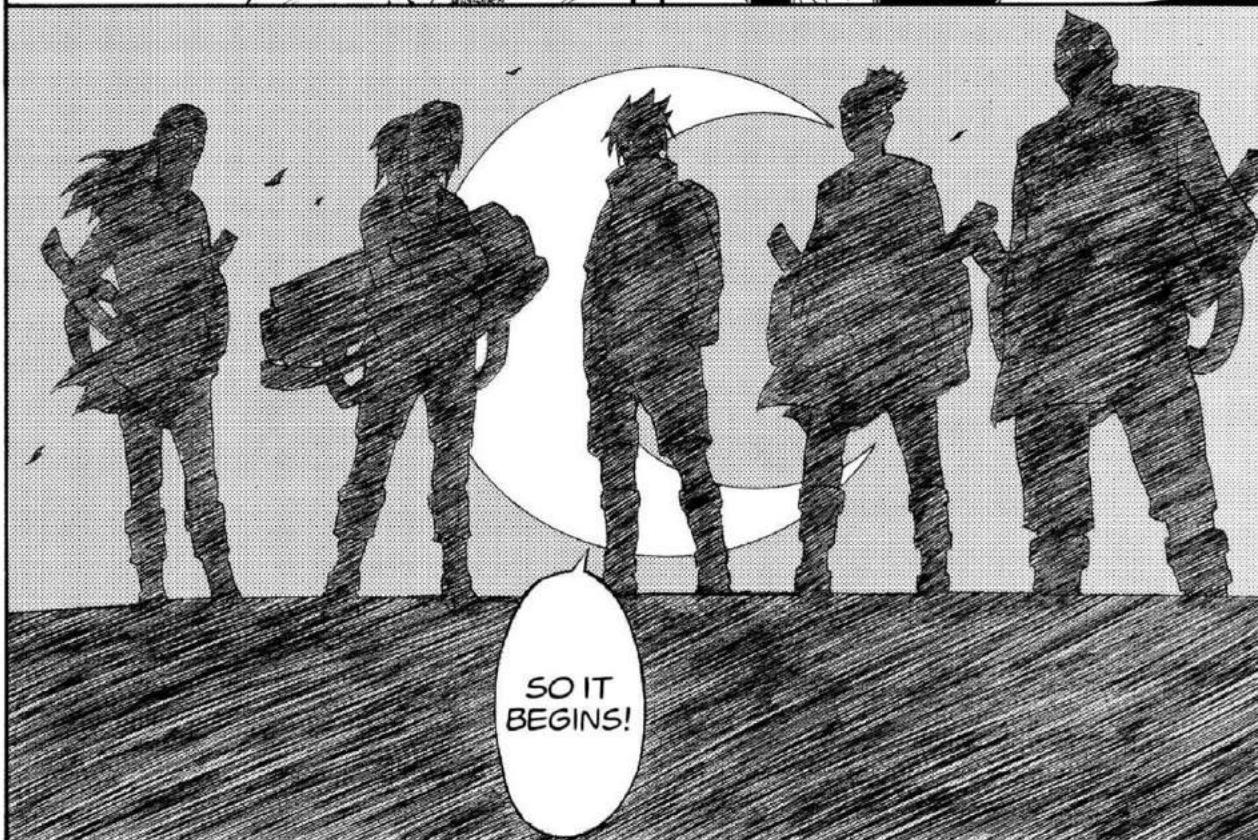
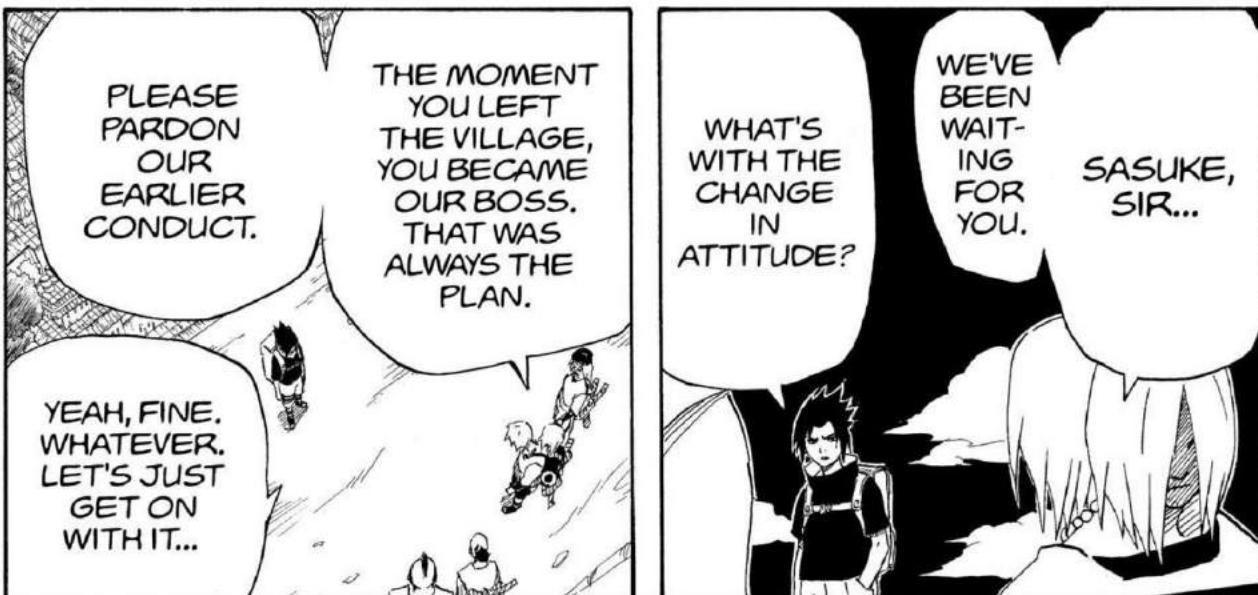
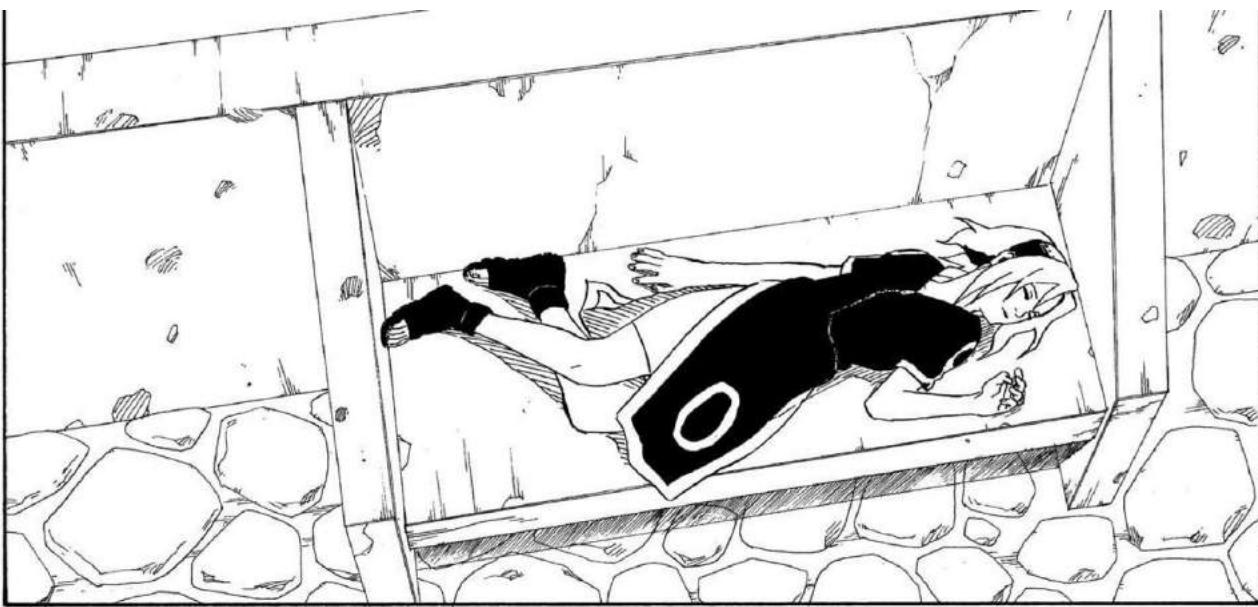


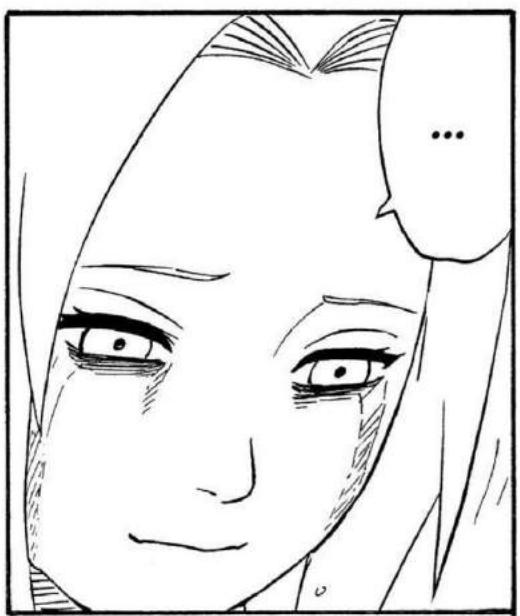
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...WILL
NEVER
CHANGE.









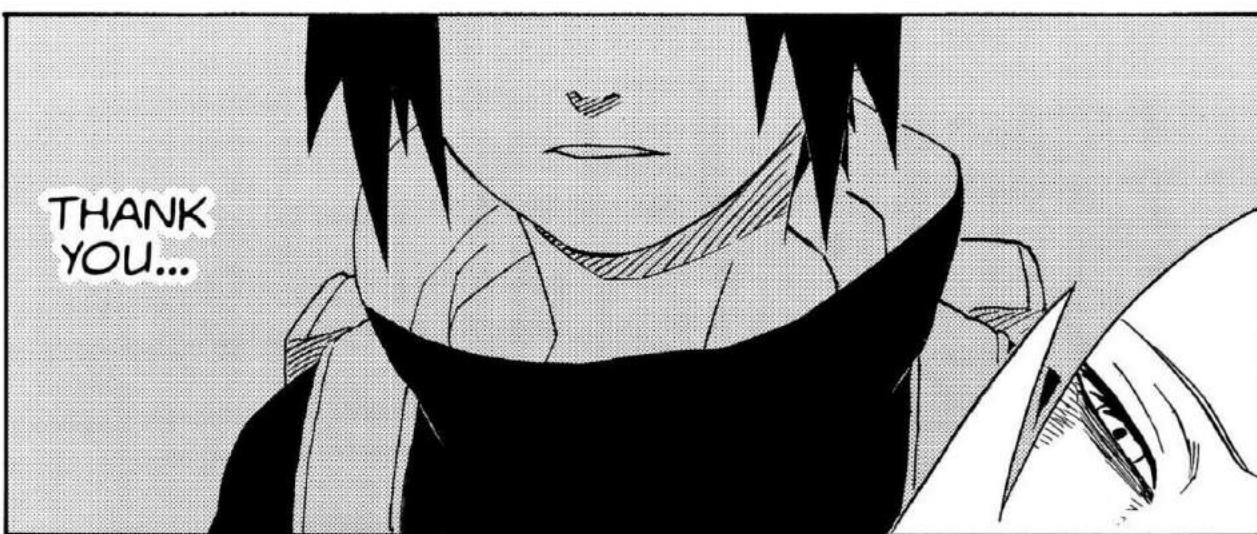


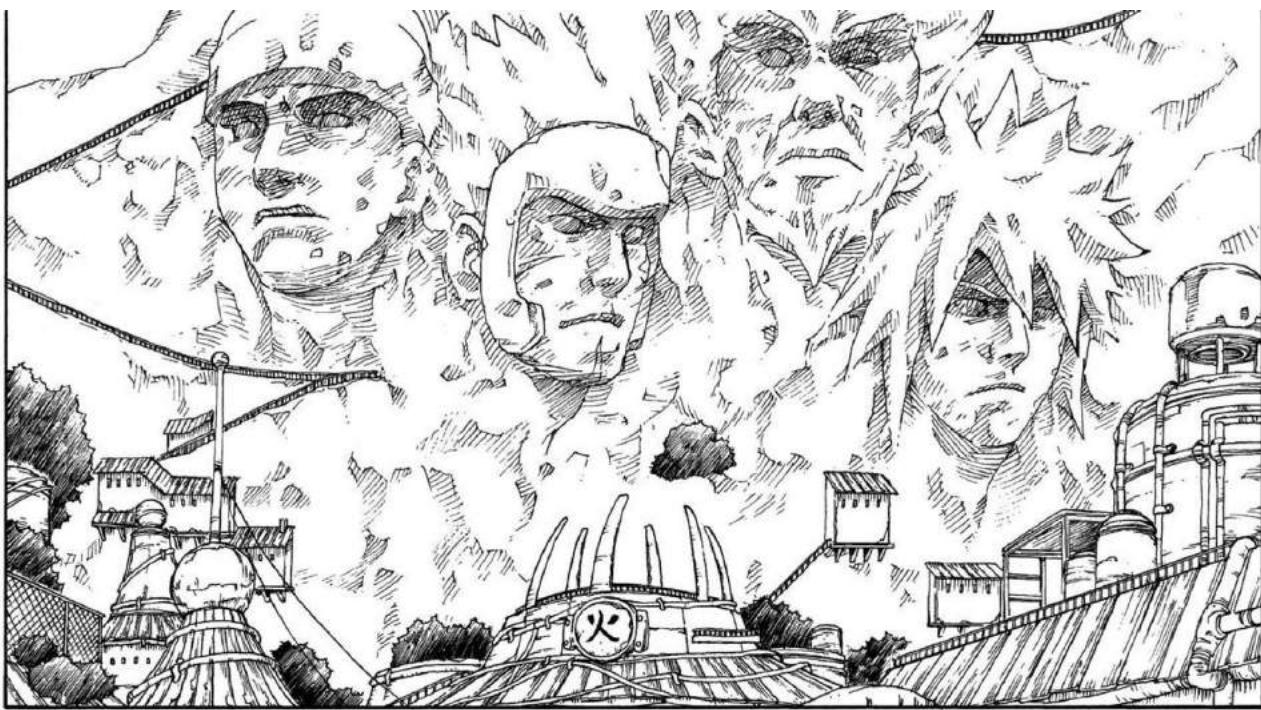
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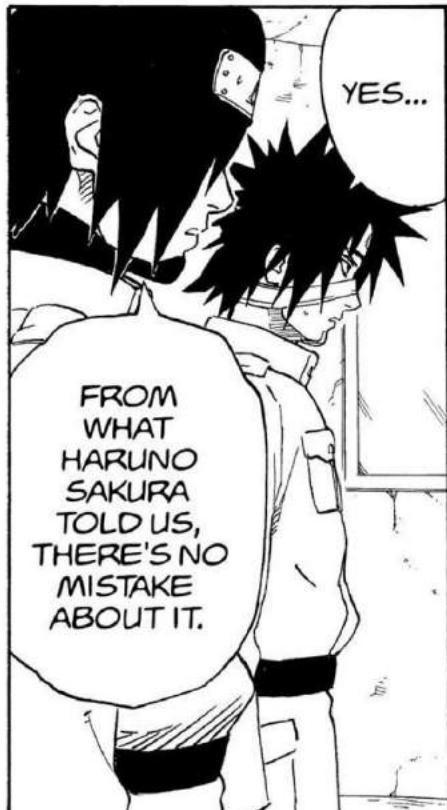
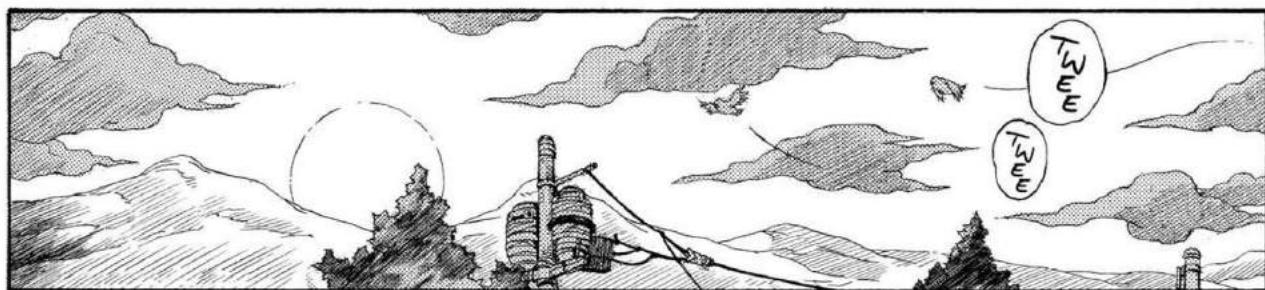
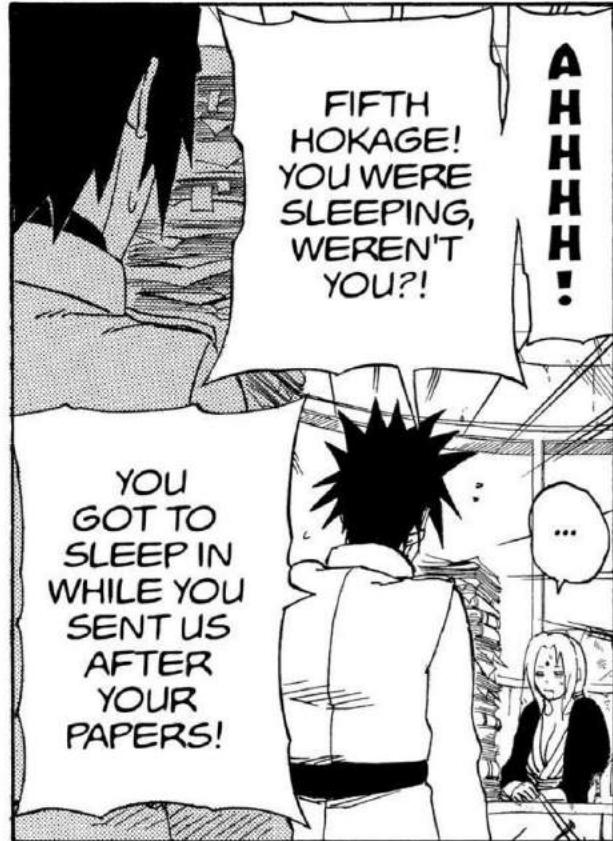


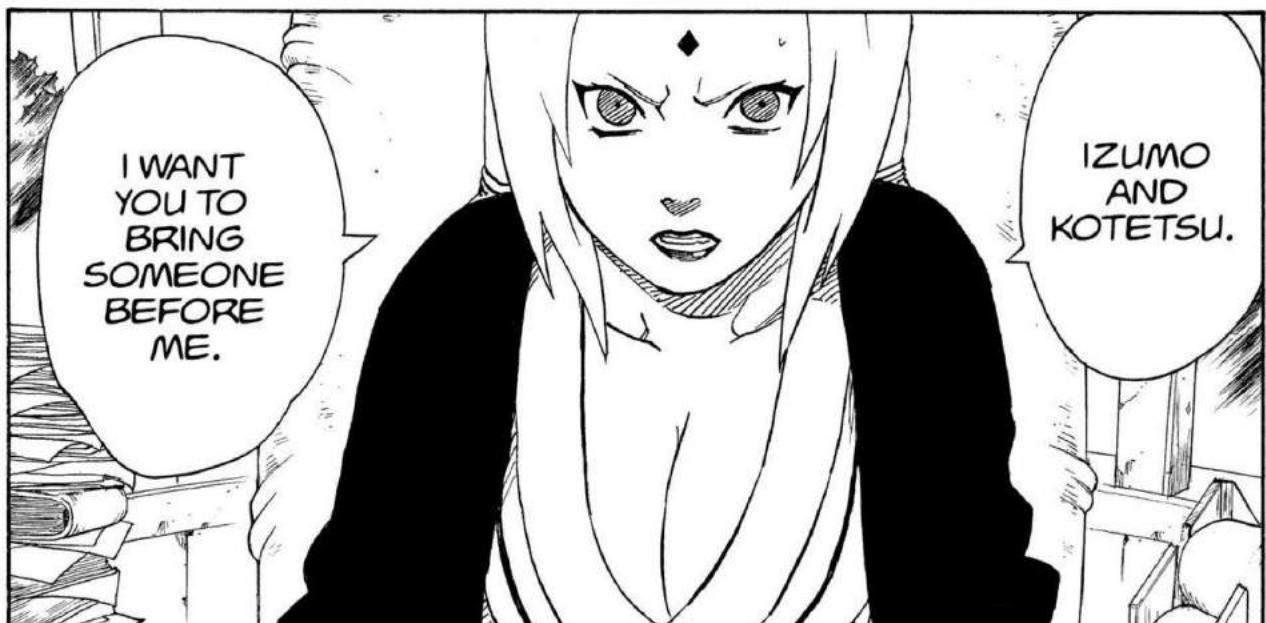
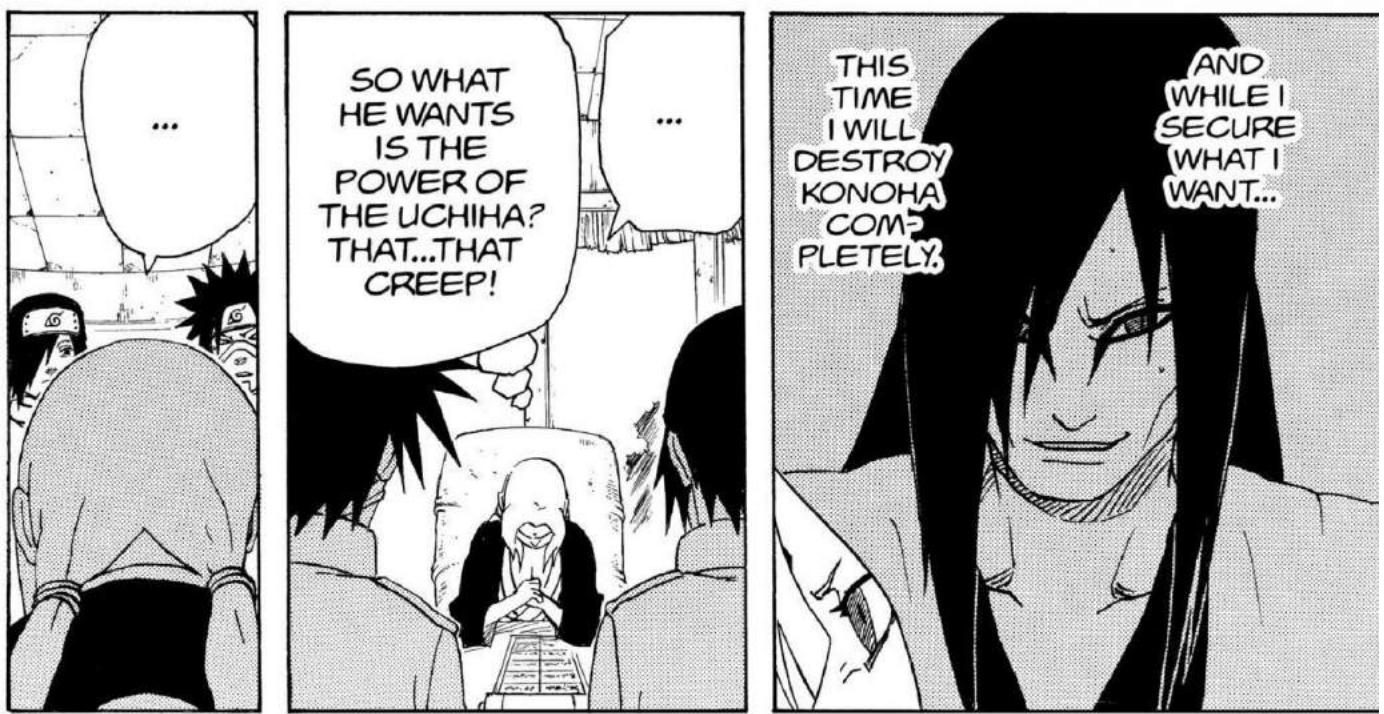
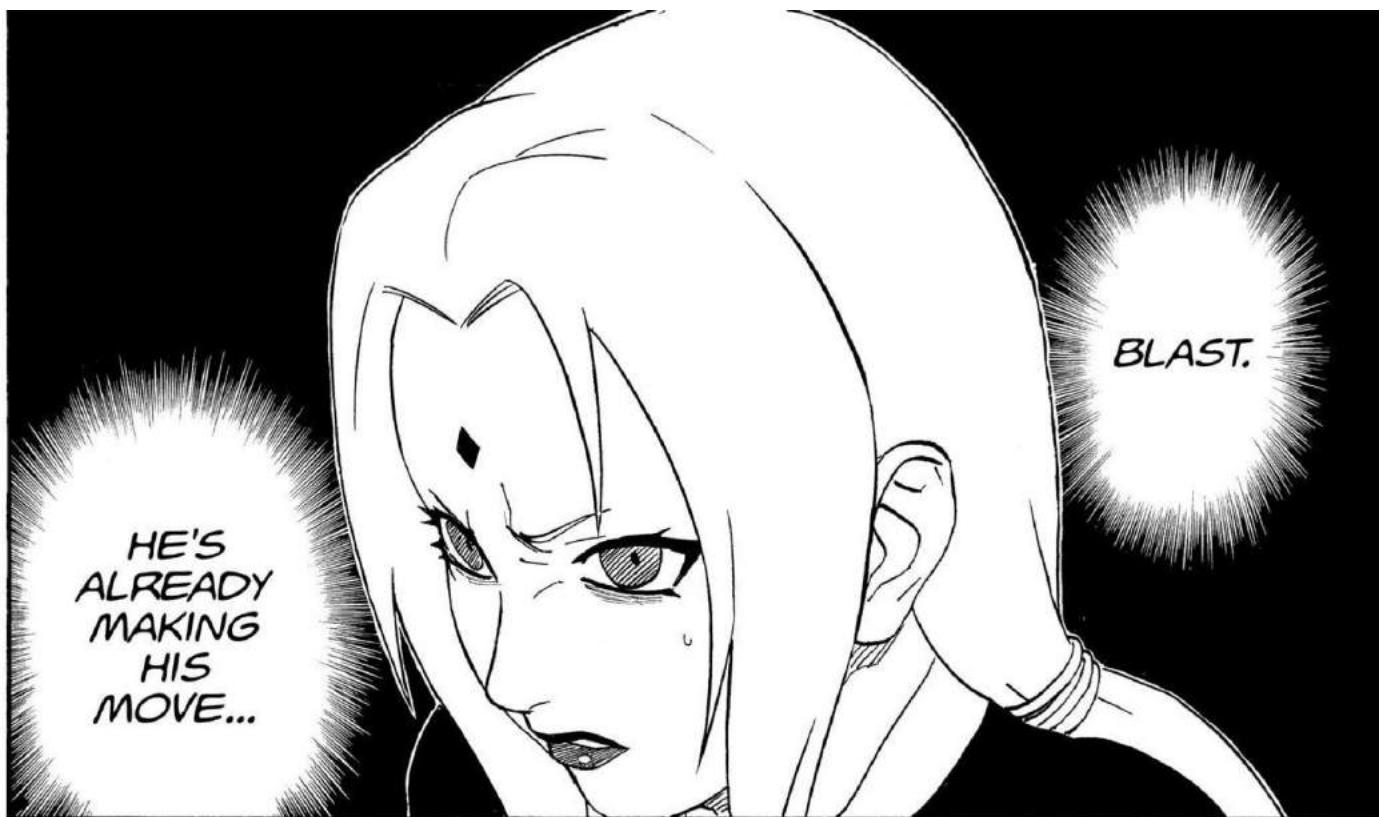
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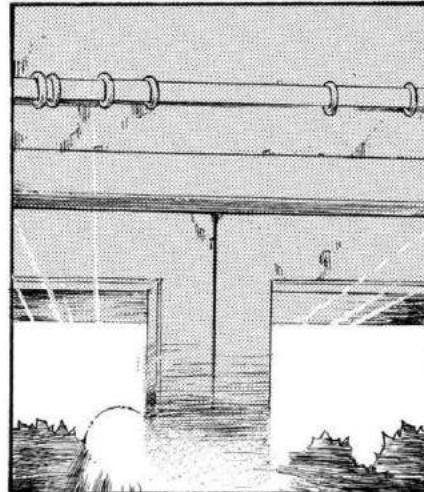
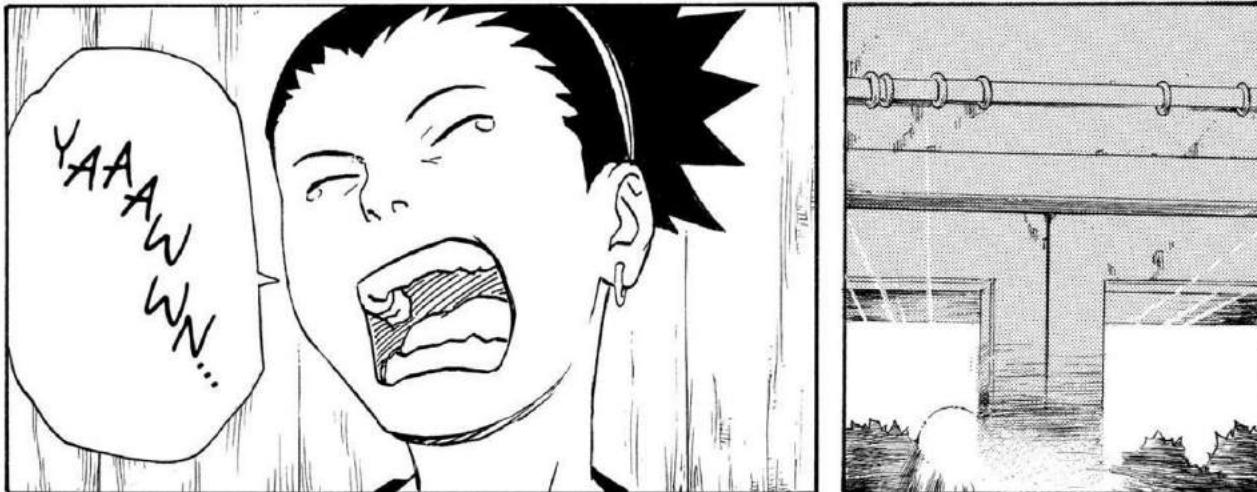


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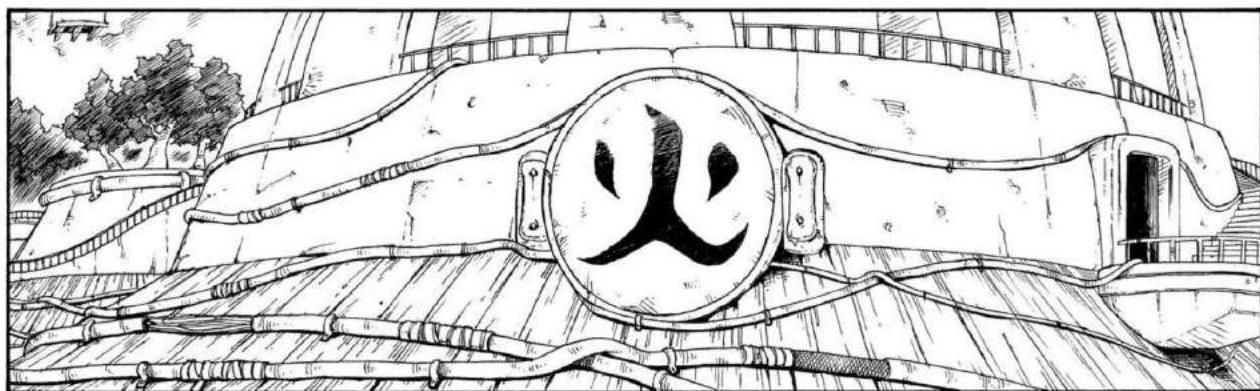
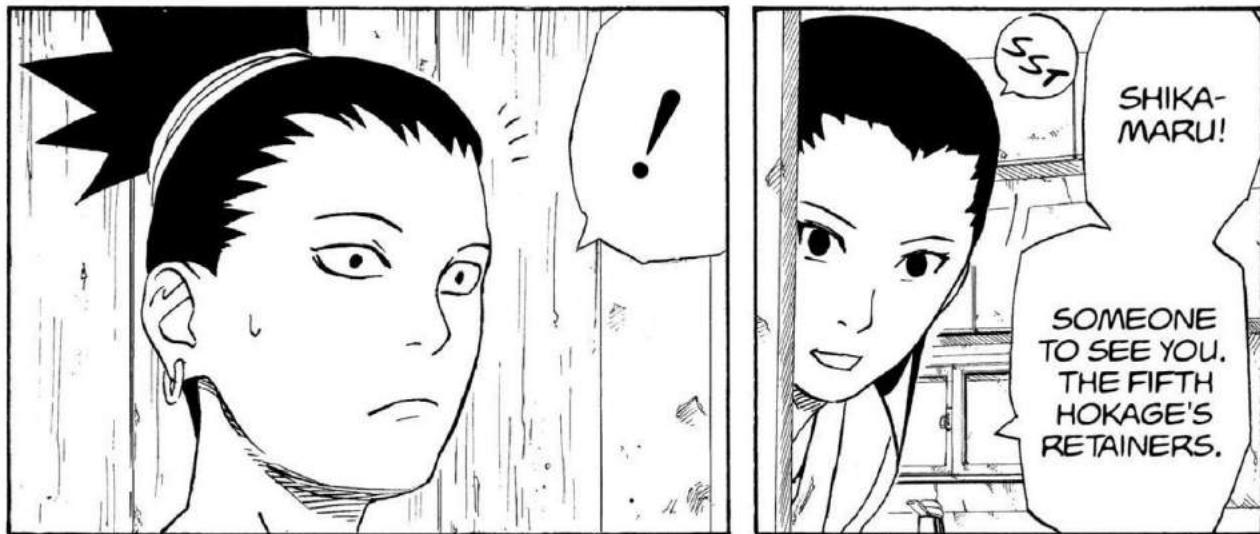


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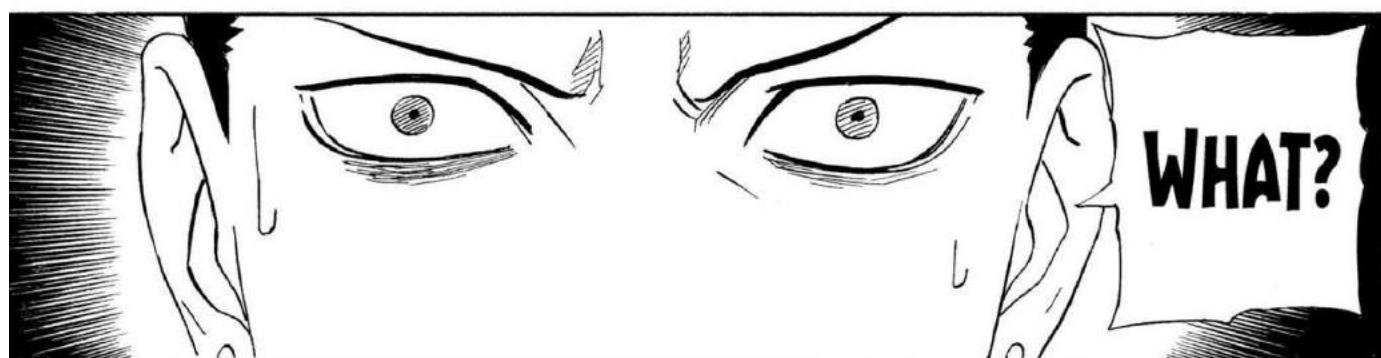
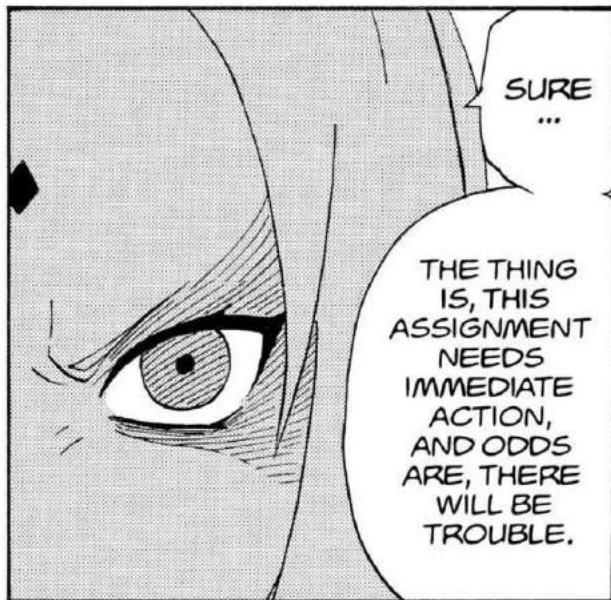


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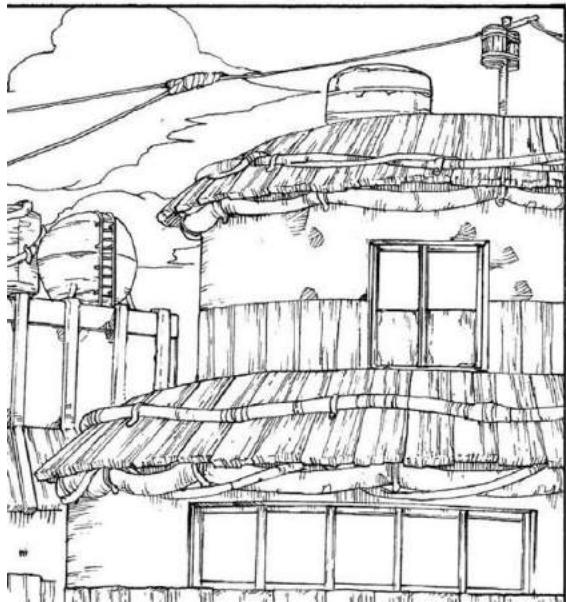
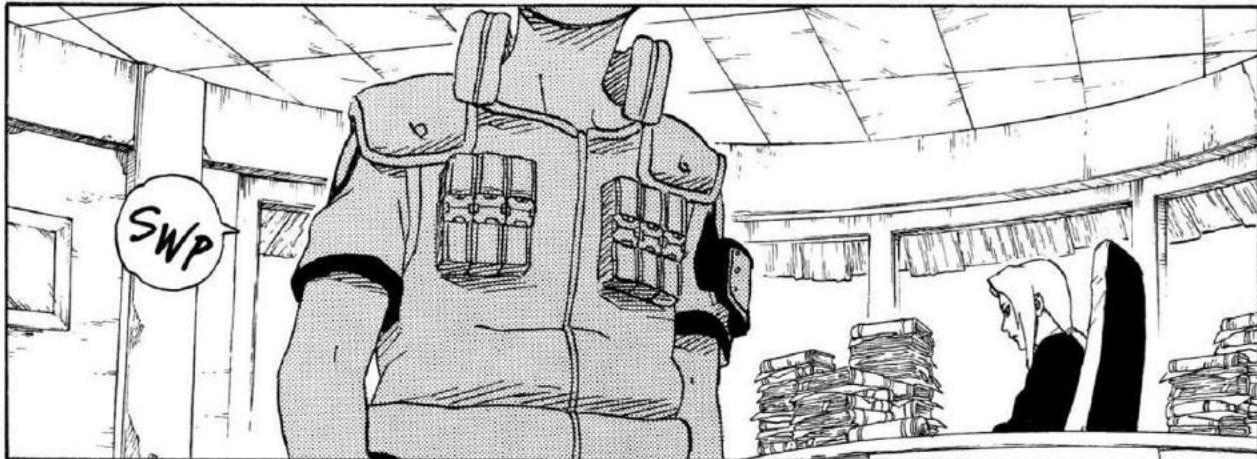


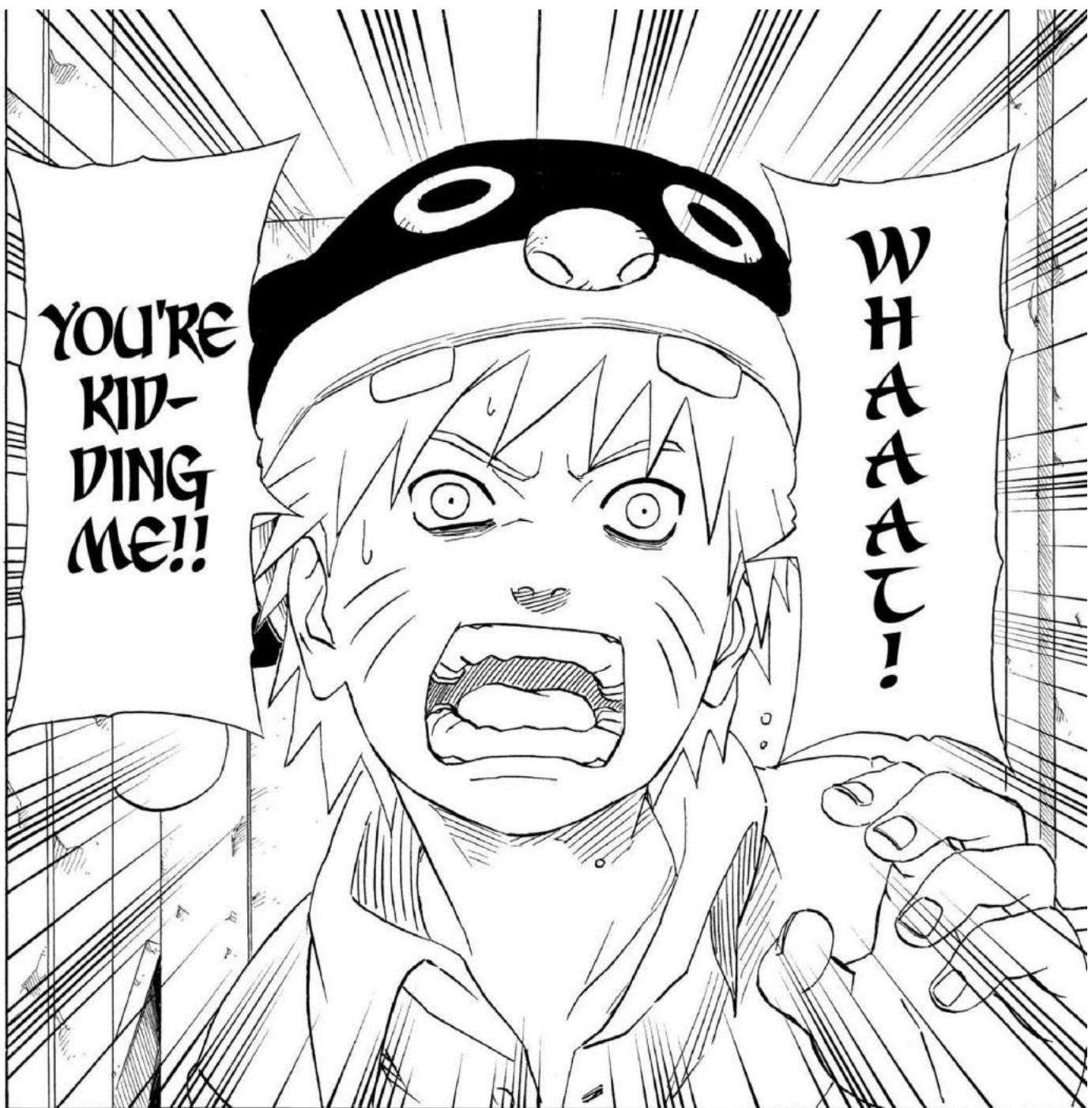


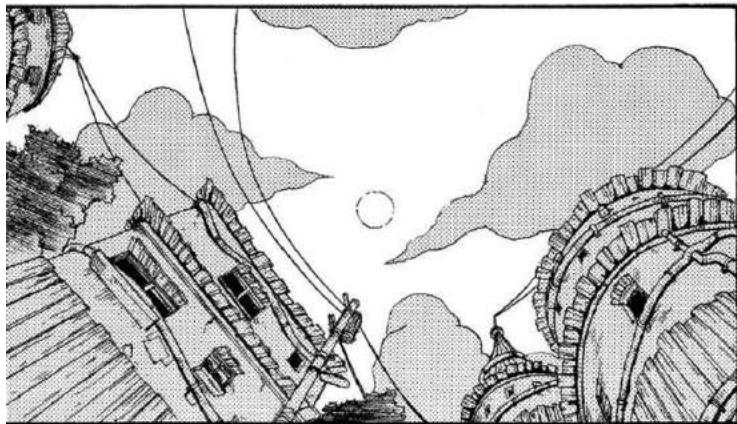
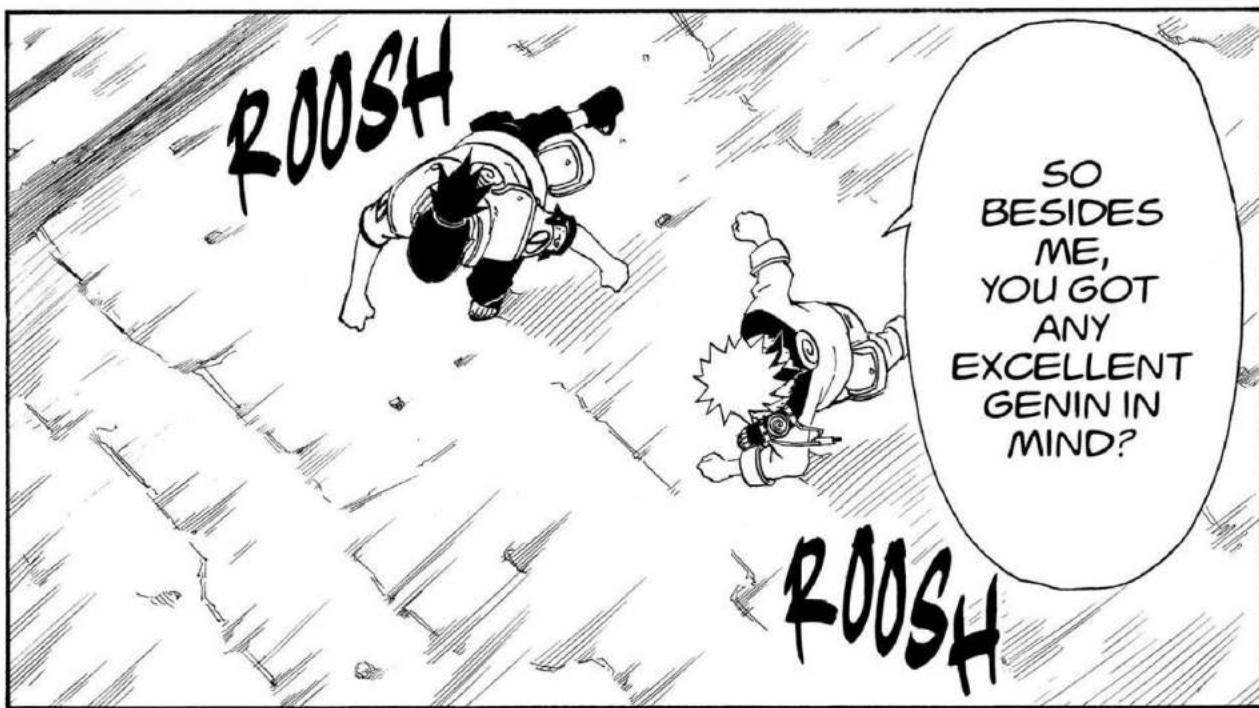
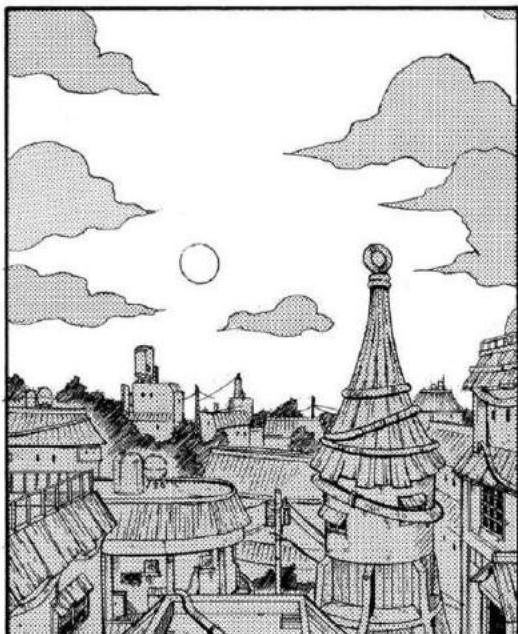
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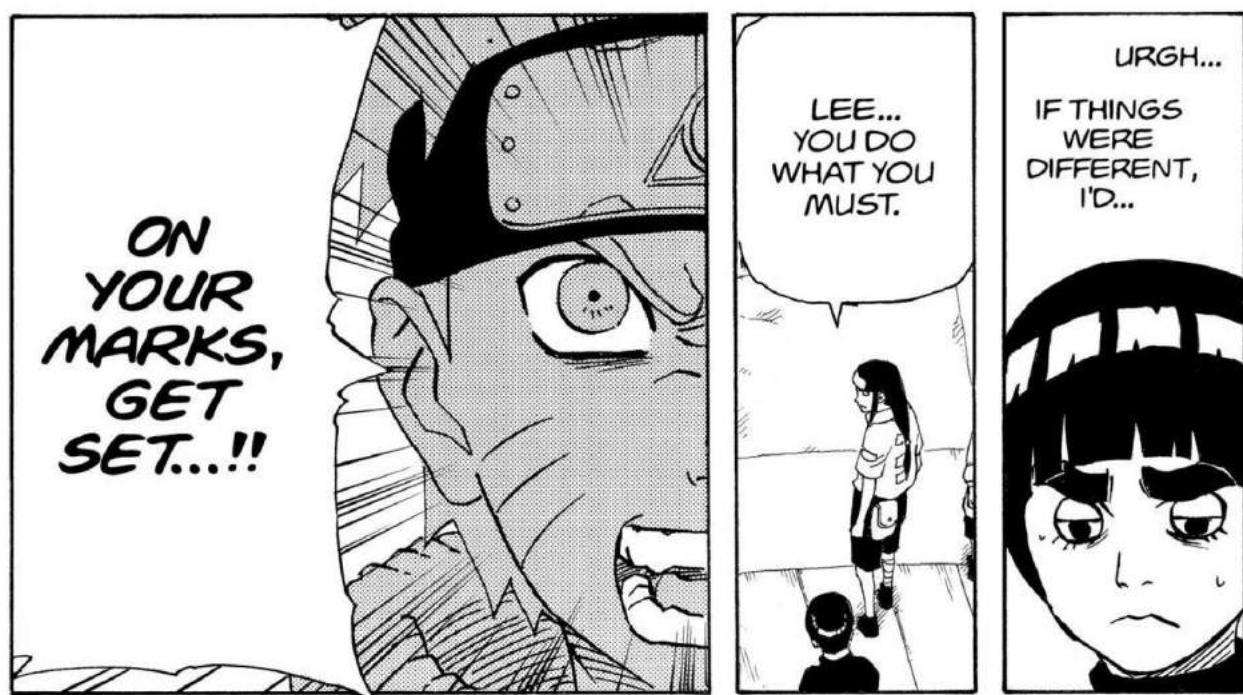




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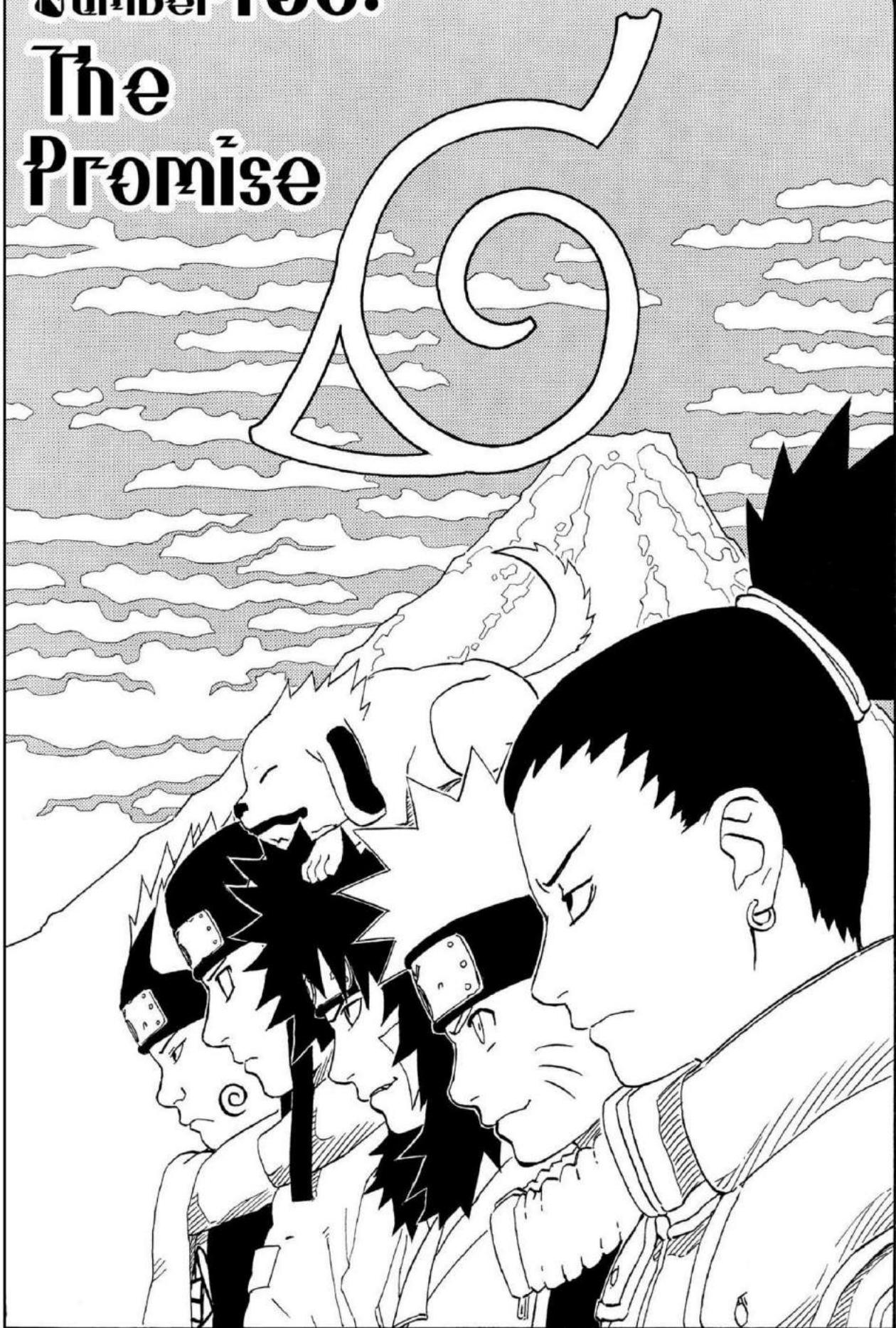


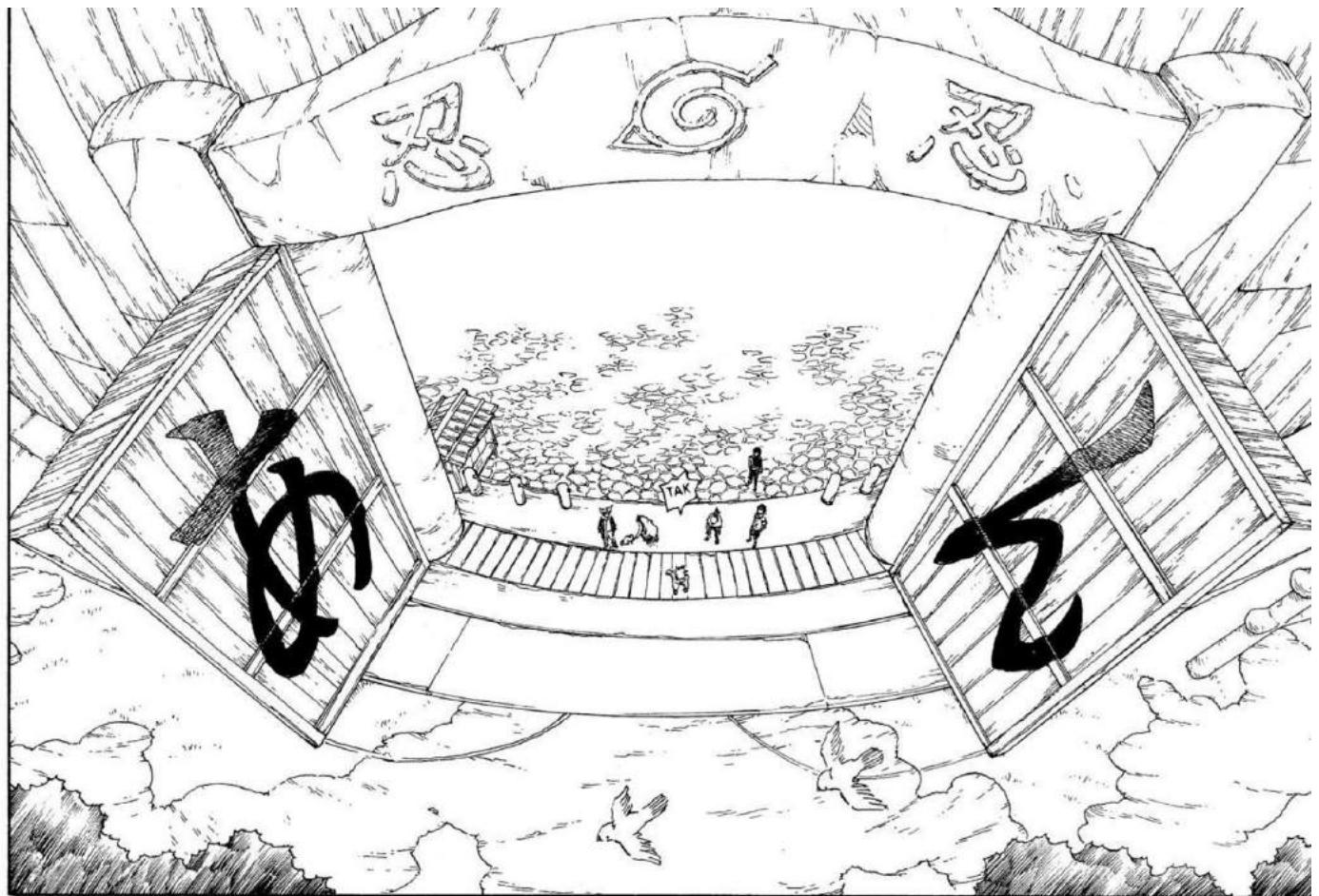




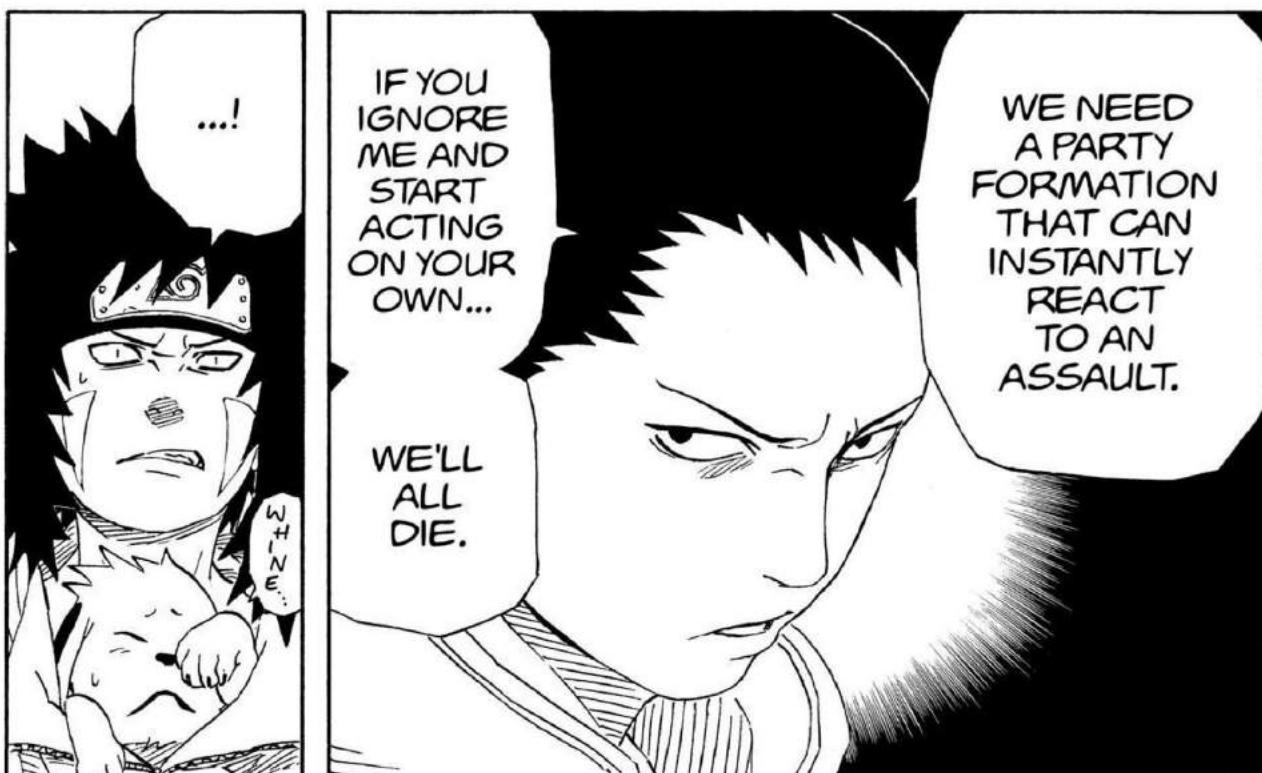
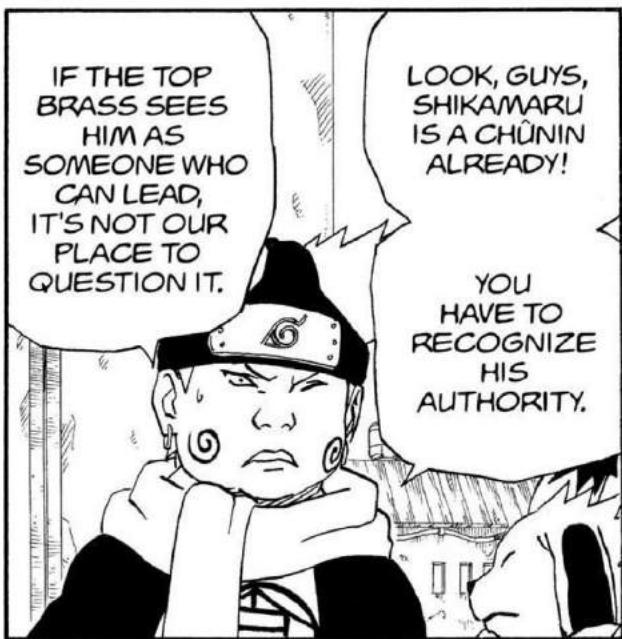
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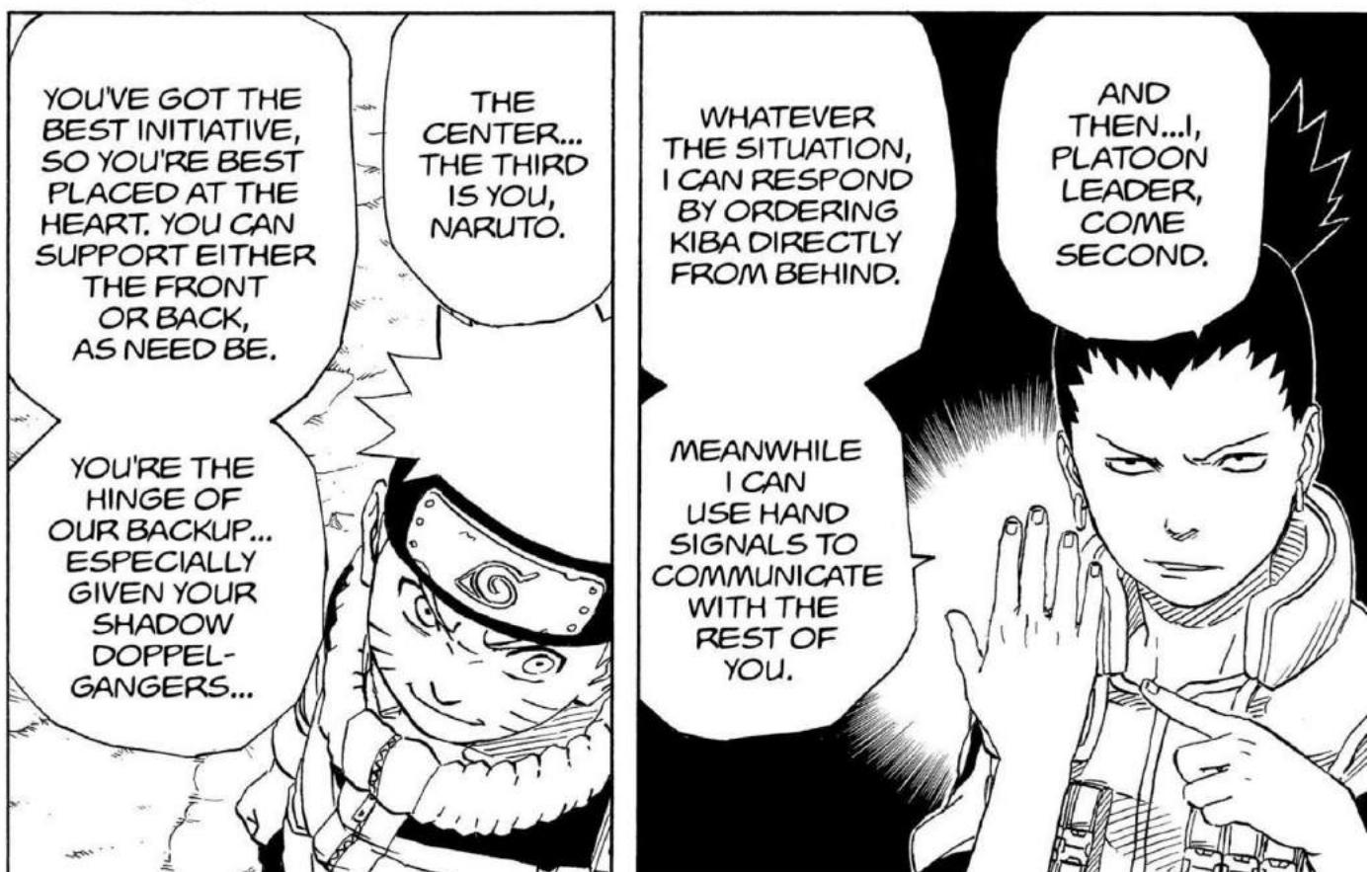
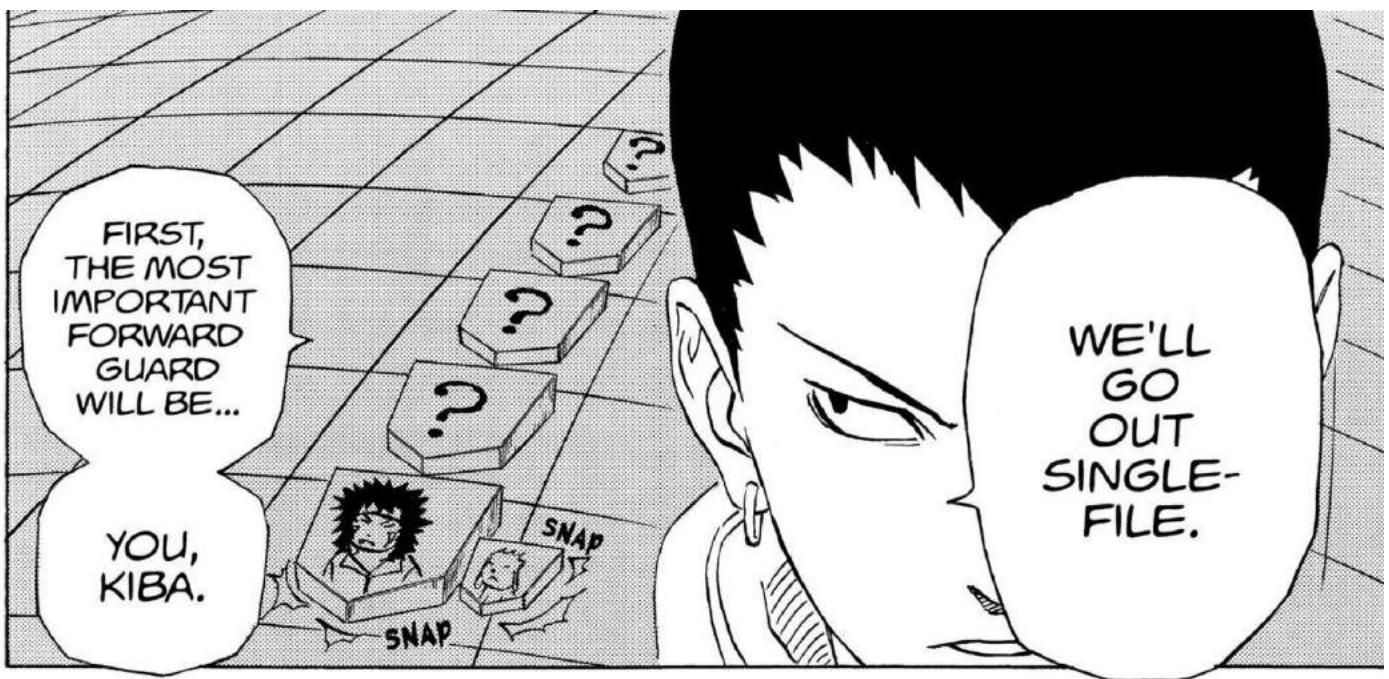
The Promise





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REAR GUARD IS THE TOUGHEST JOB OF ALL.

WITH YOUR BYAKUGAN, YOU CAN ENSURE THAT OUR SQUAD HAS NO BLIND SPOTS.

FINALLY, BRINGING UP THE REAR... IS NEJI.

IN OTHER WORDS, YOUR JOB IS IN THE FOLLOW-UP STRIKE.

CHOJI, YOU'RE FOURTH UP.

YOU DON'T HAVE SPEED, BUT YOU HAVE THE GREATEST STRIKING POWER. ONCE KIBA, NARUTO AND I LAUNCH A SURPRISE ATTACK, YOU TAKE THE STAGE AND CLOBBER THE ENEMY WITH A FATAL BLOW.

TAKE A GOOD LOOK.

HERE. LET ME DRAW UP A DIAGRAM.

NARUTO LEFT, CHOJI RIGHT.

AND NEJI... YOU USE YOUR BYAKUGAN TO COVER THE WHOLE AREA BEHIND US.

Neji

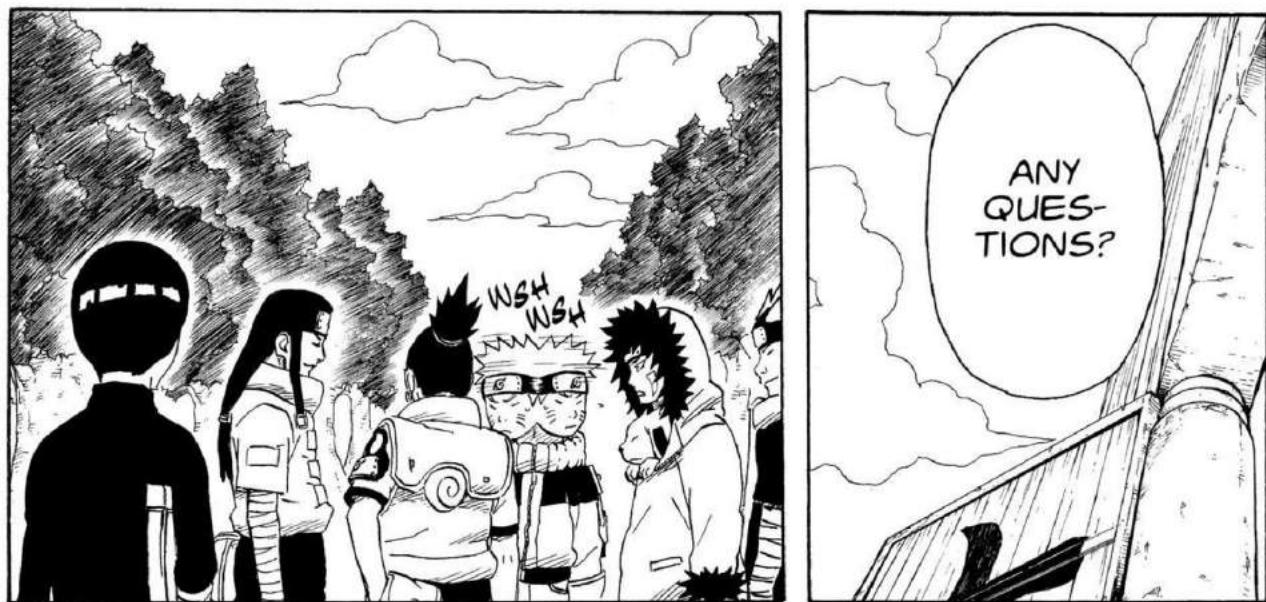
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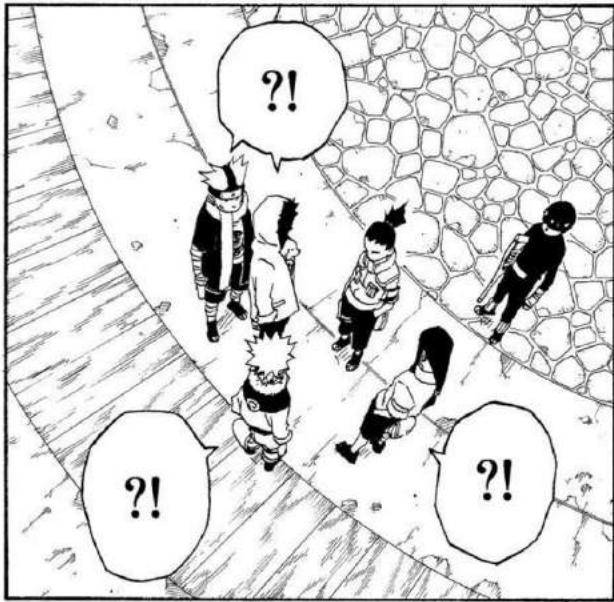
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Me

VERIFY YOUR TARGET AREA. KIBA FRONT.

ME GREATER FORWARD AREA.







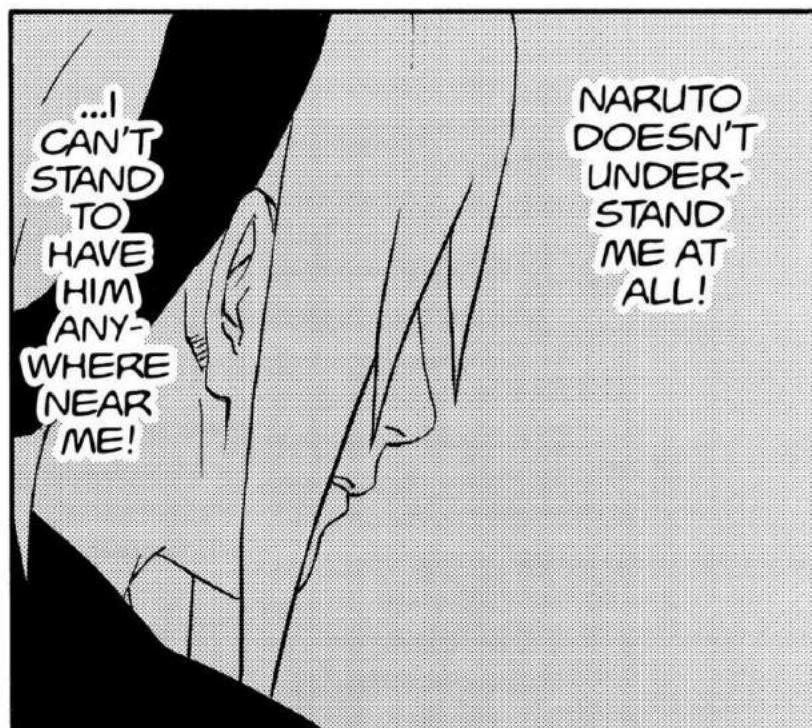






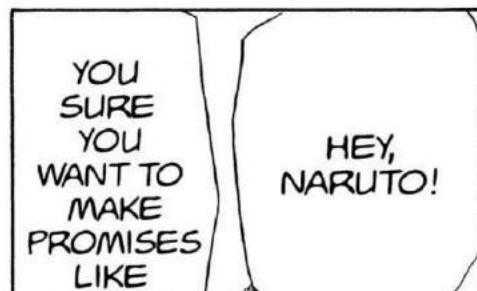


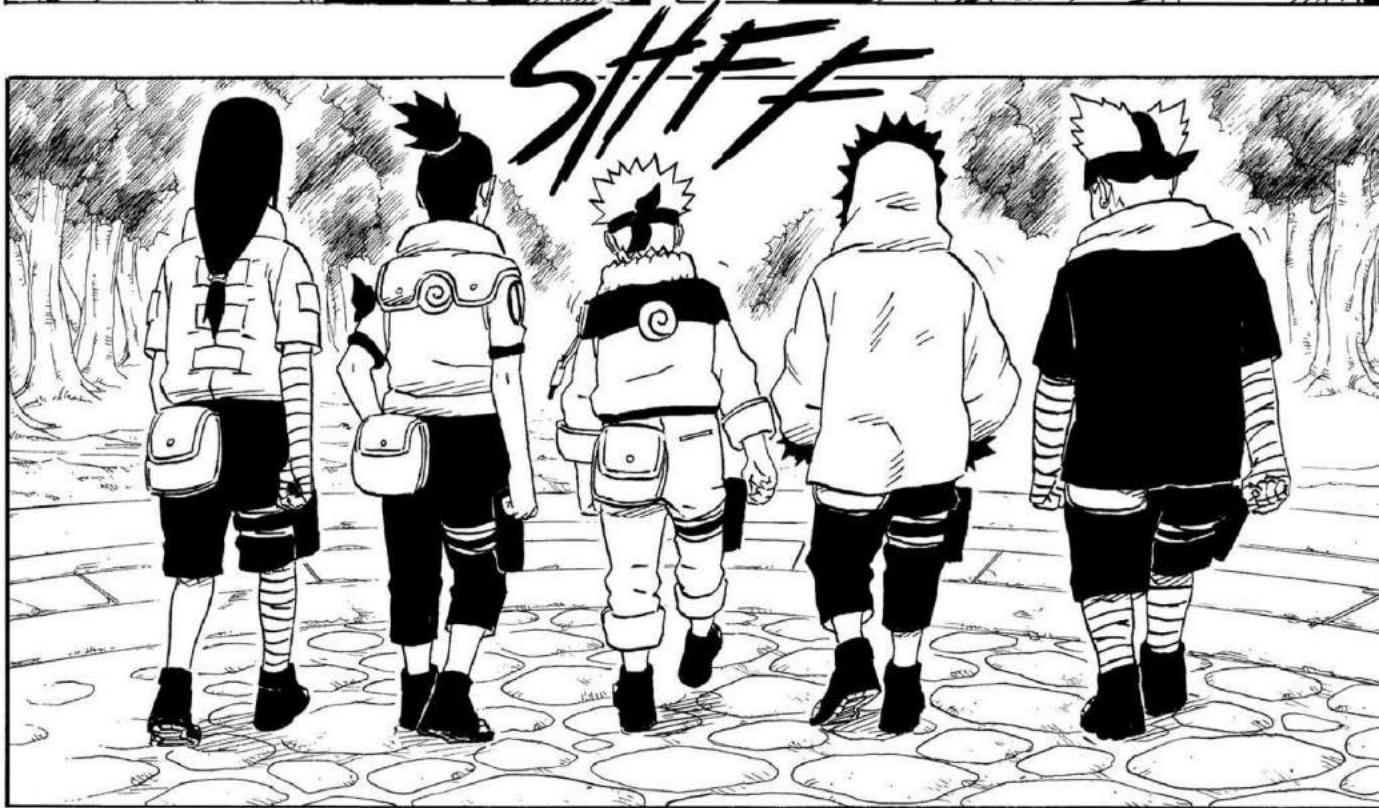
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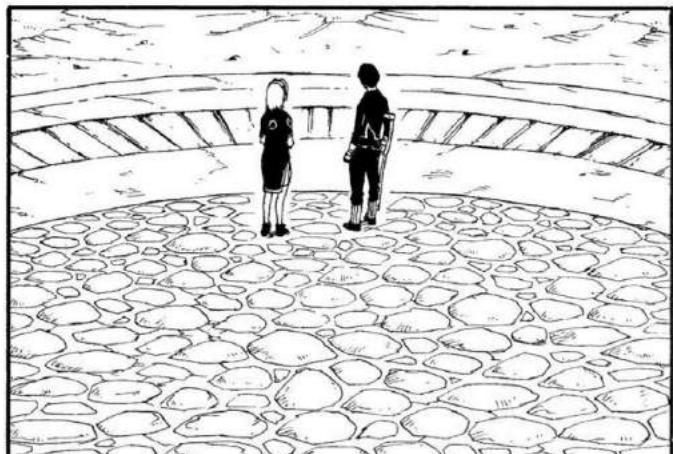
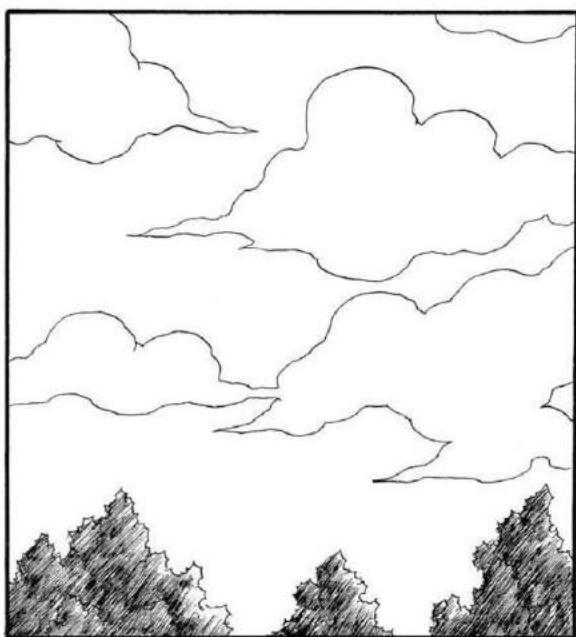




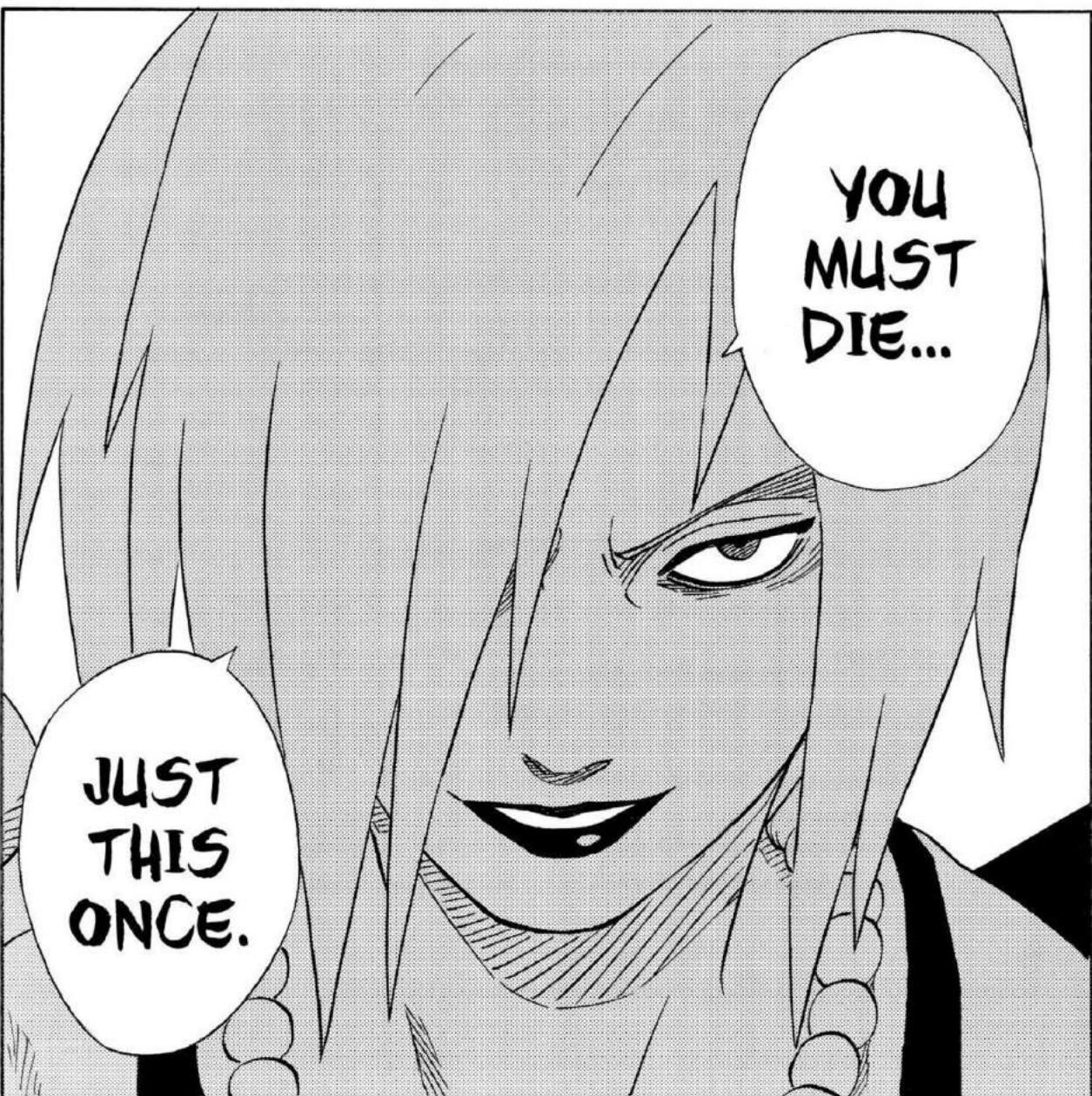
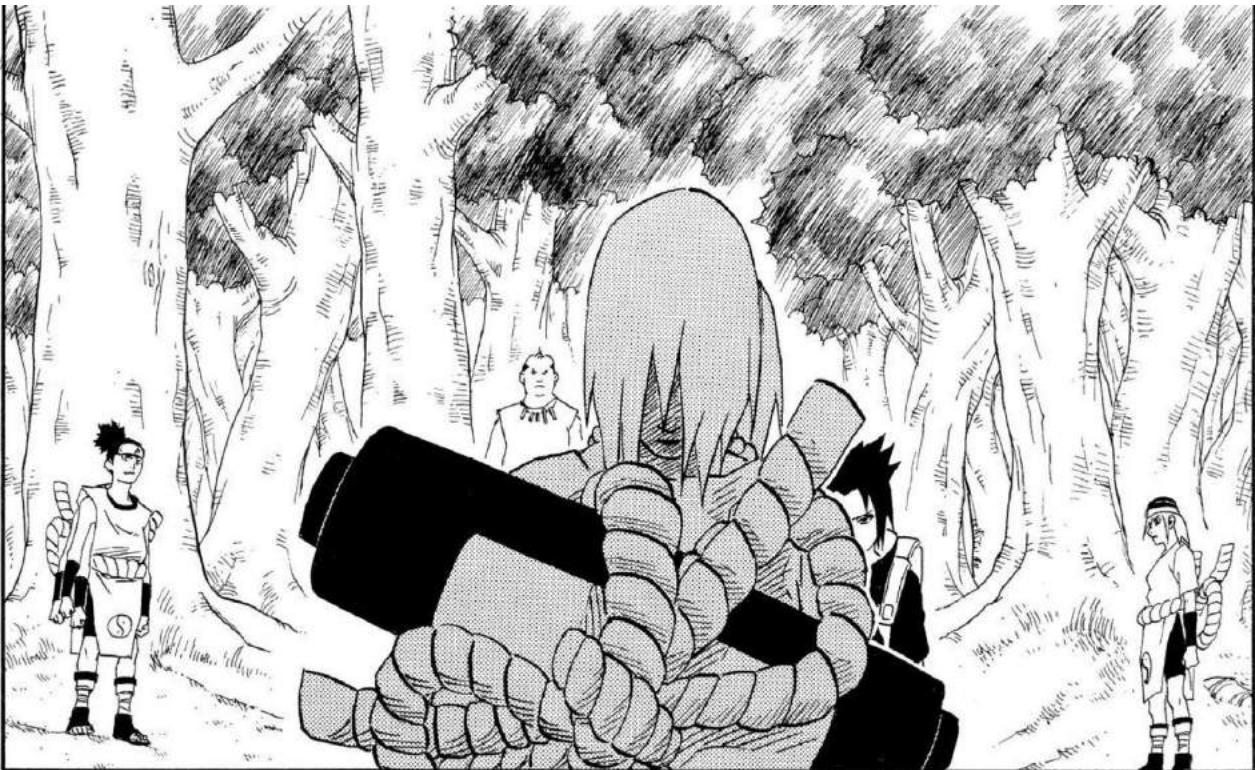
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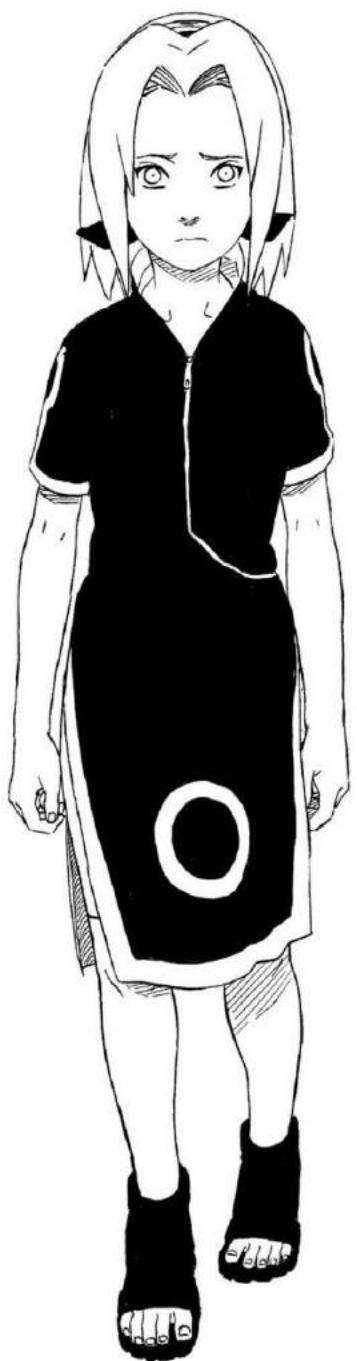








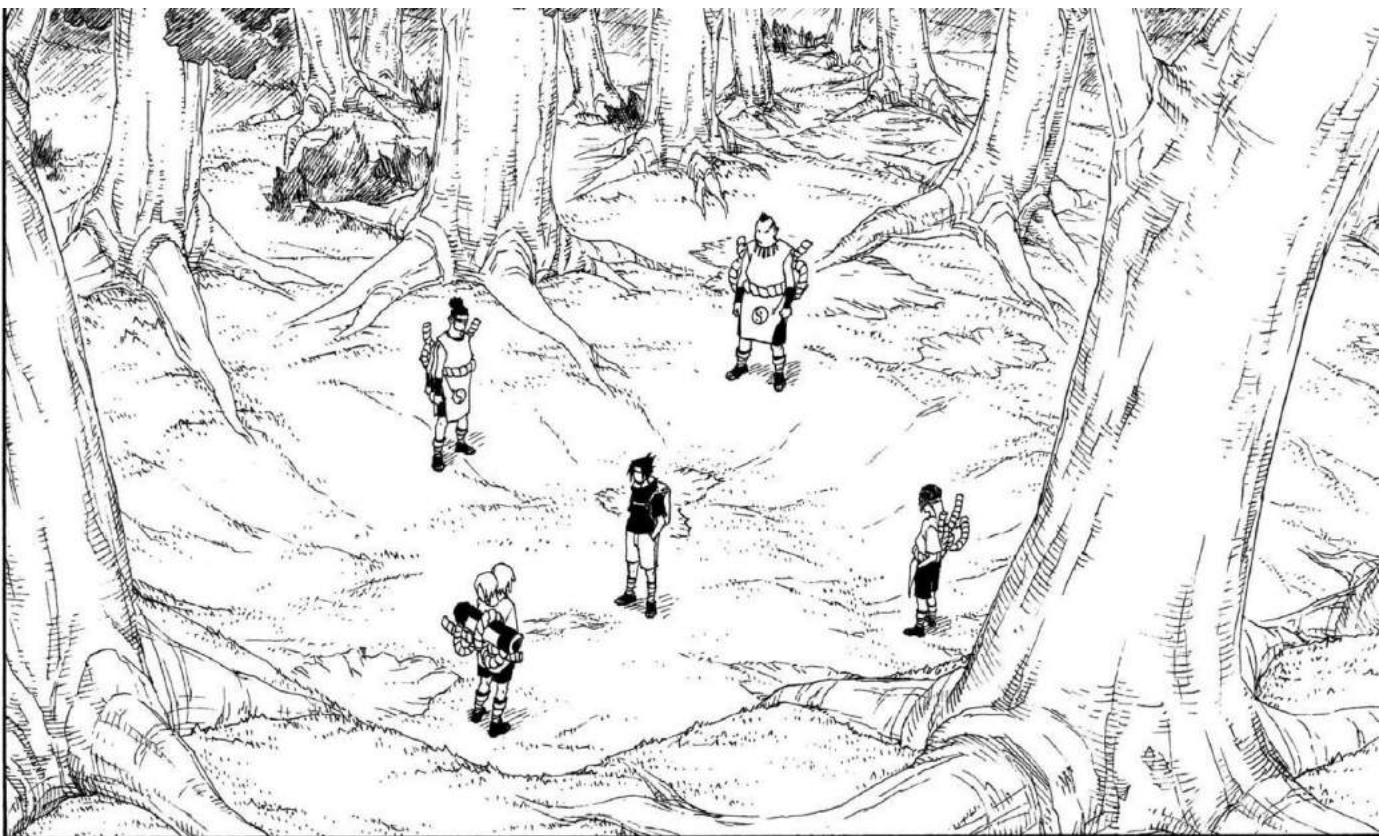


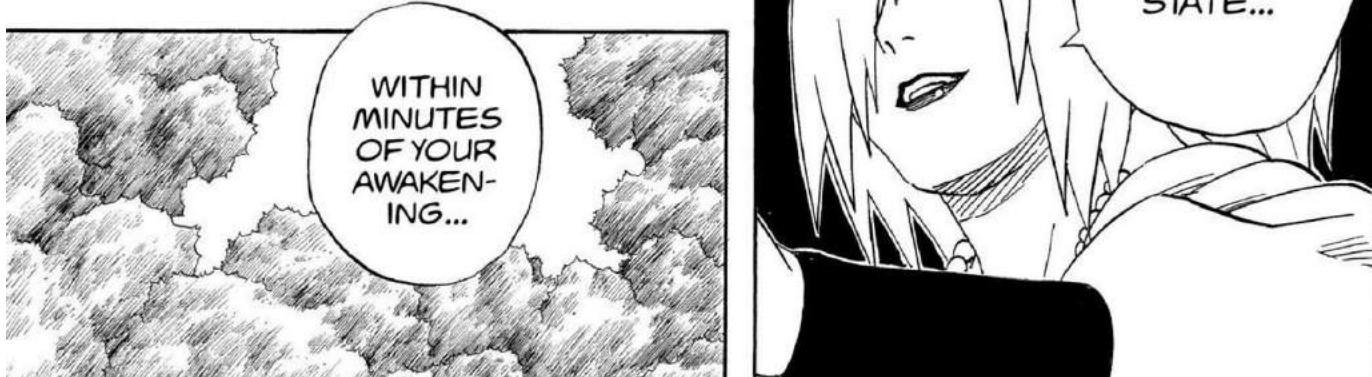
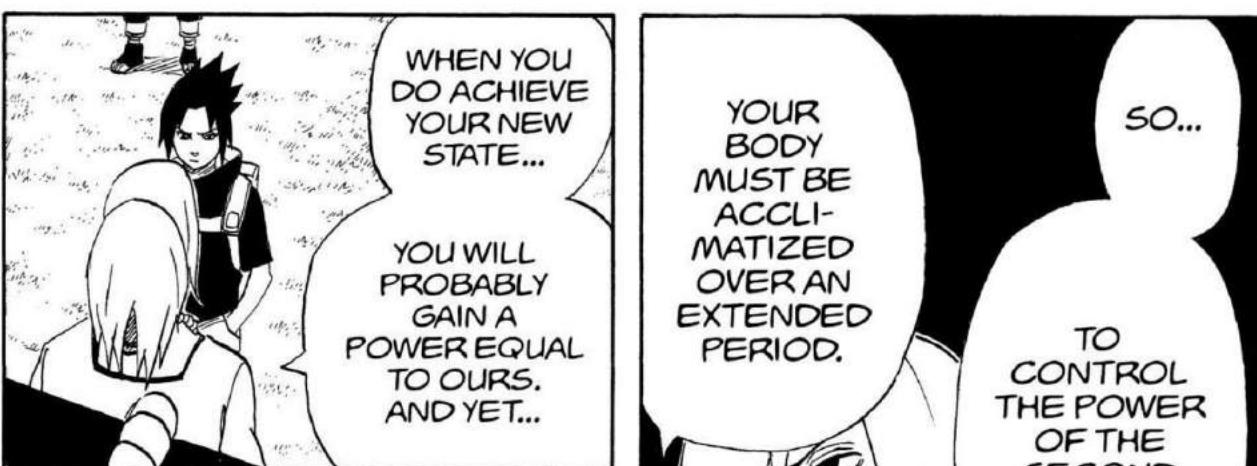


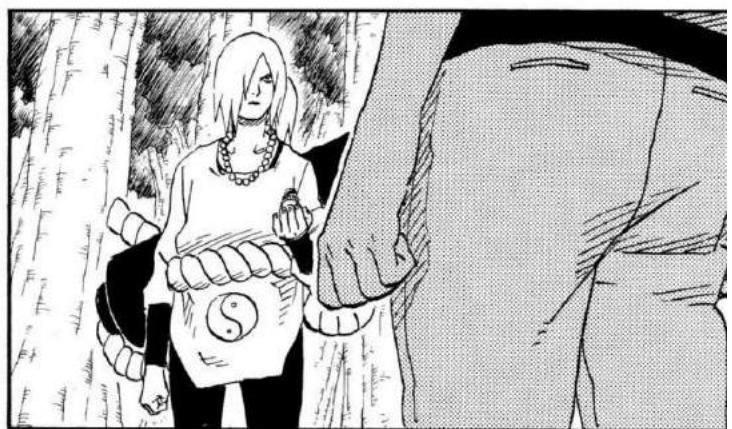
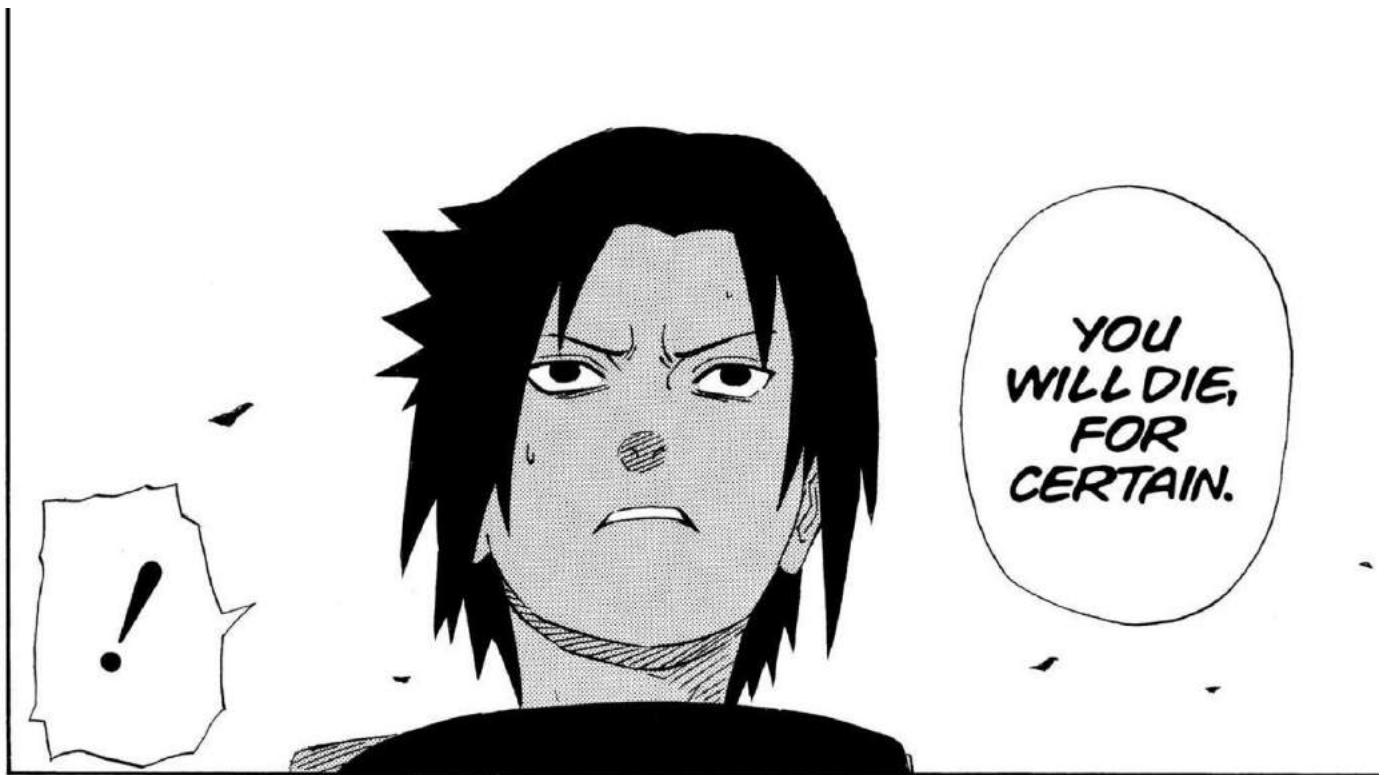
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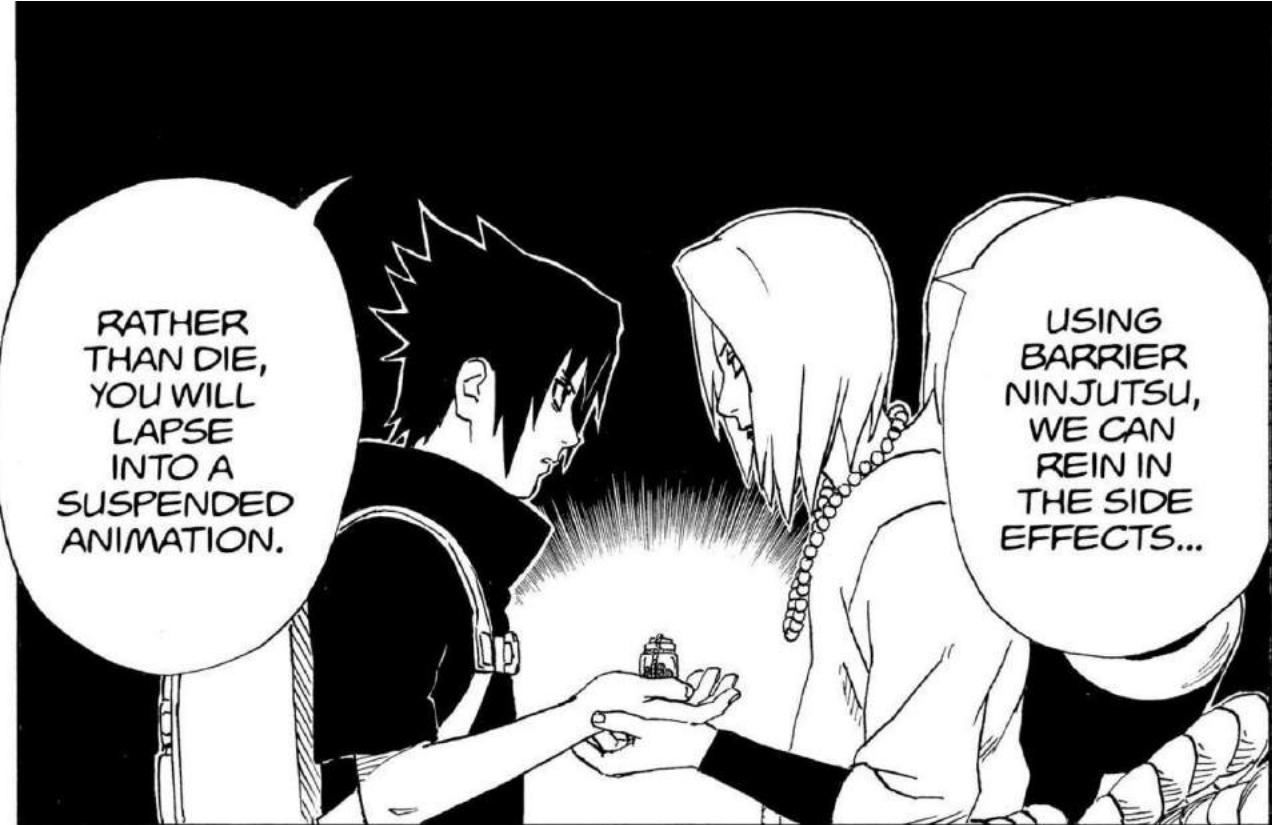


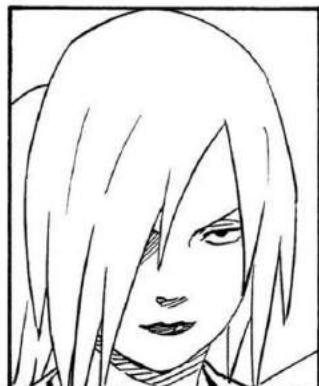
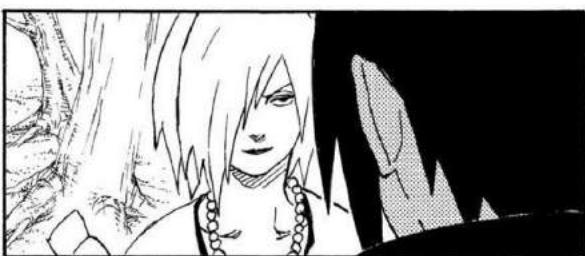
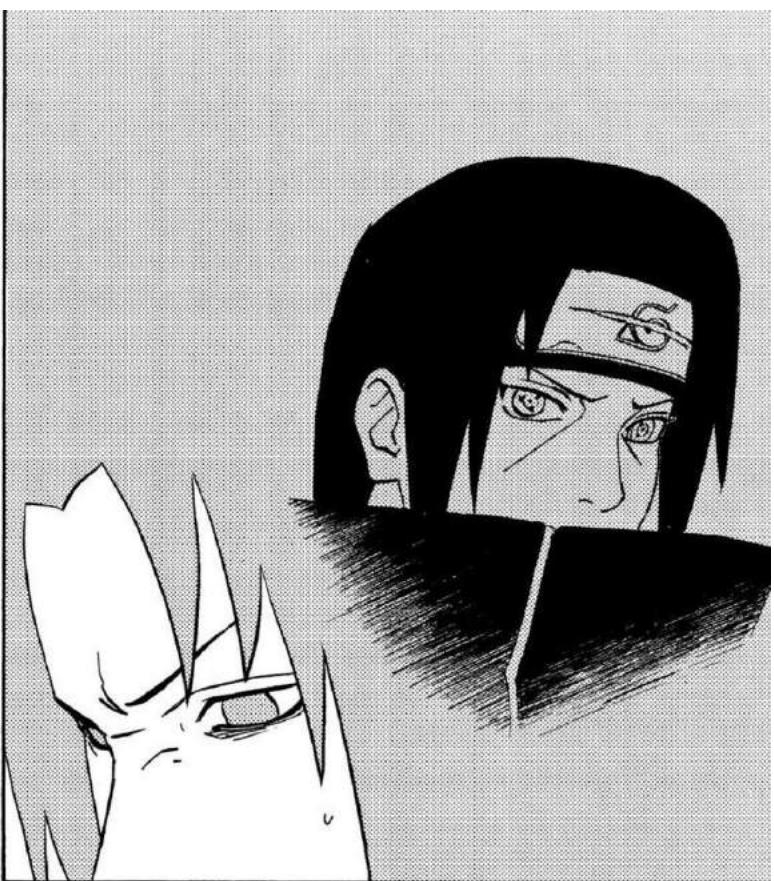
Sound Vs. Leaf!!



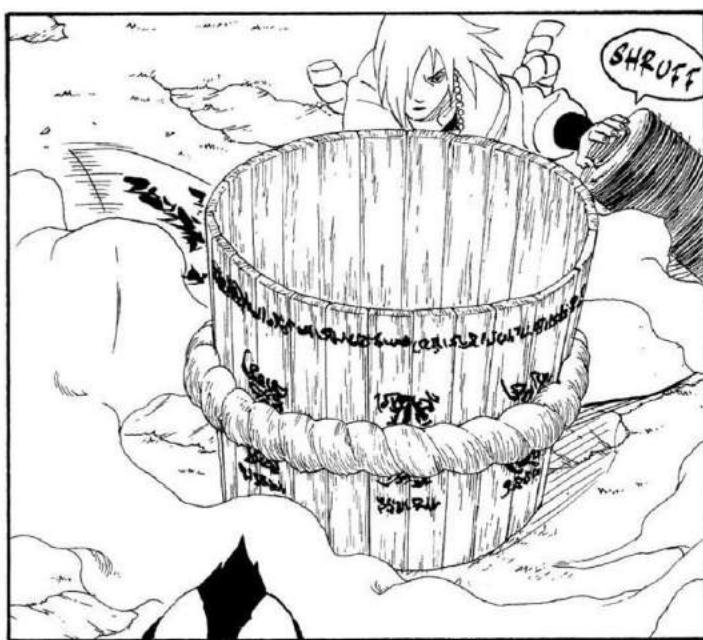








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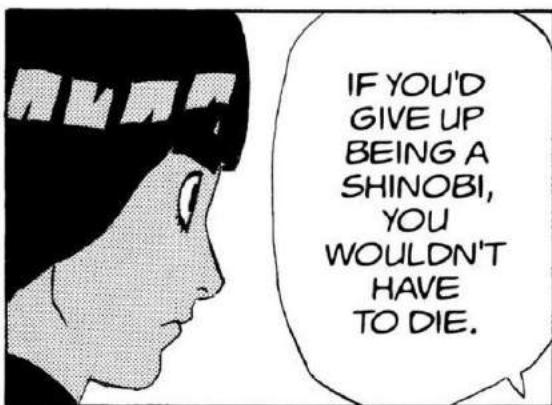
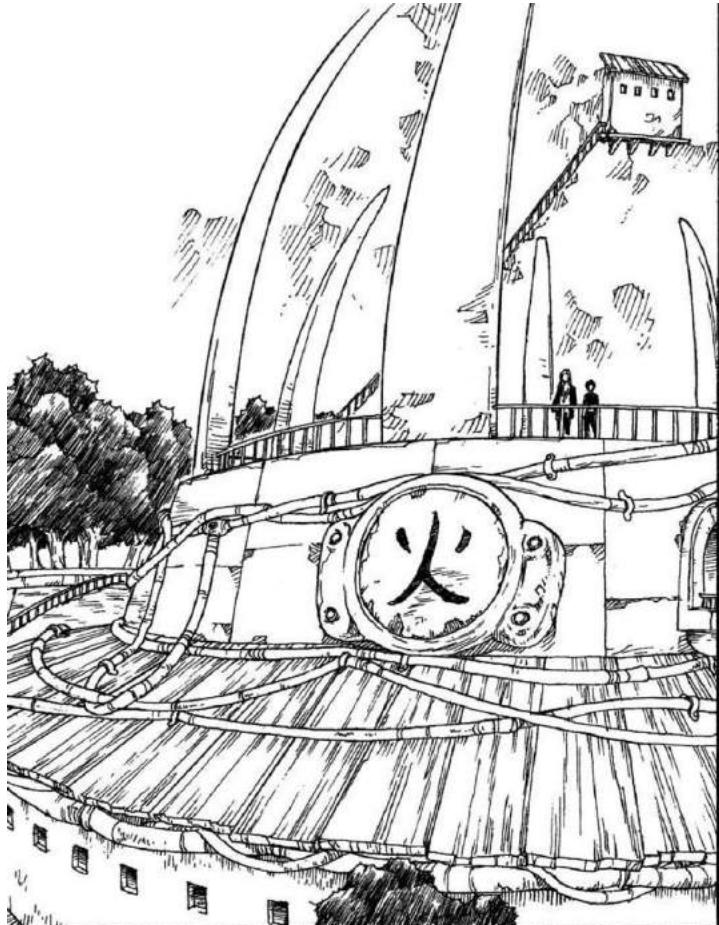


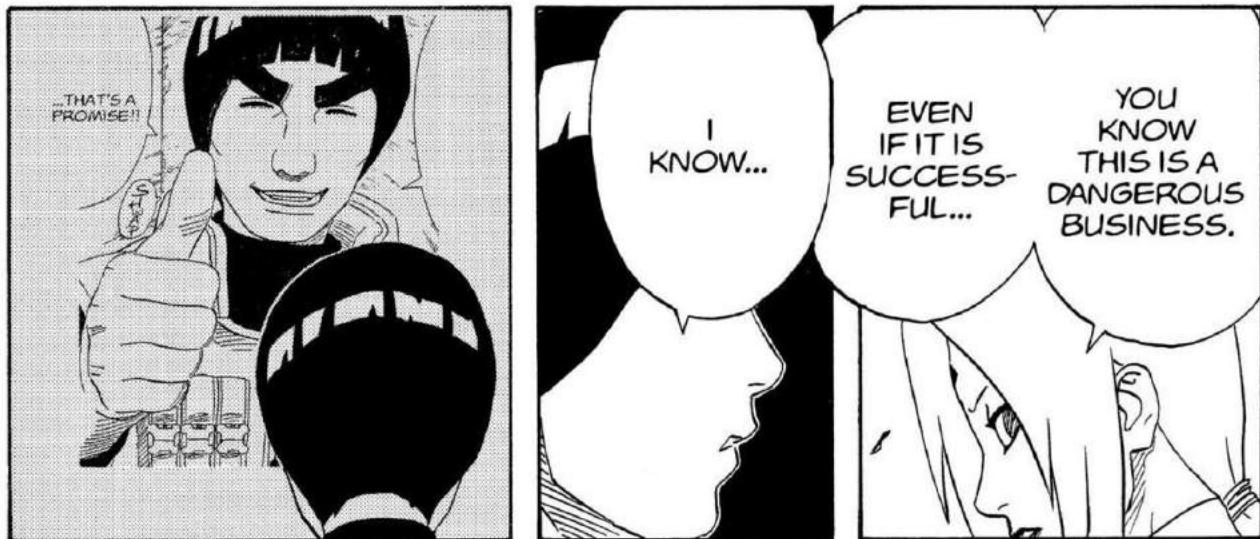
**SHIKOKU
MUJIN!
FOUR
BLACK
MISTS
FORMA-
TION!!**

WOOH

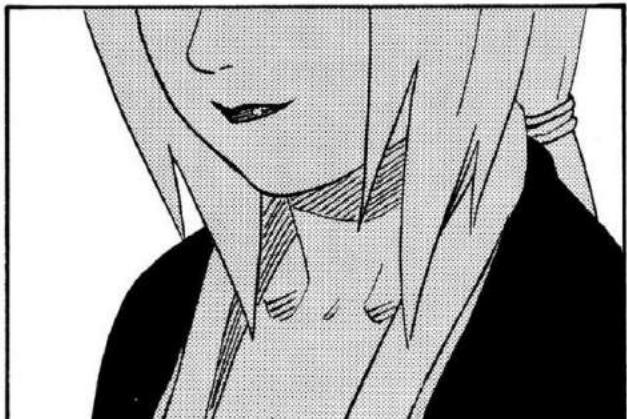


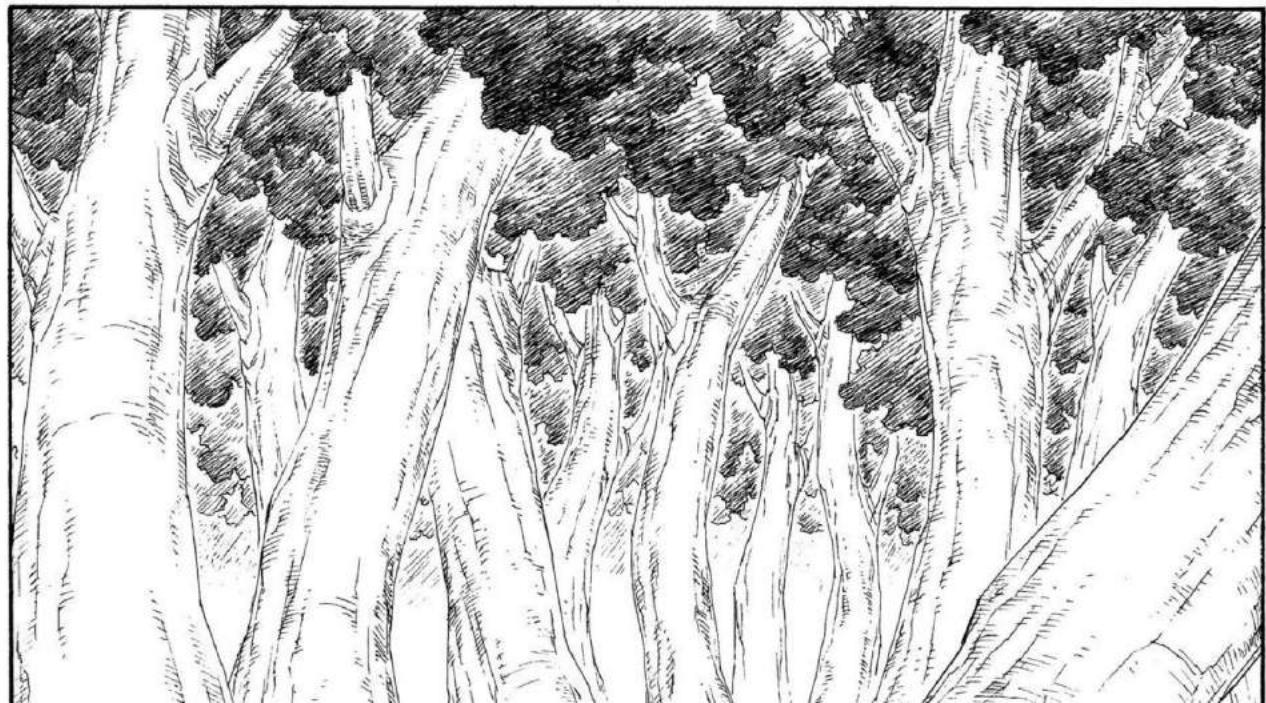
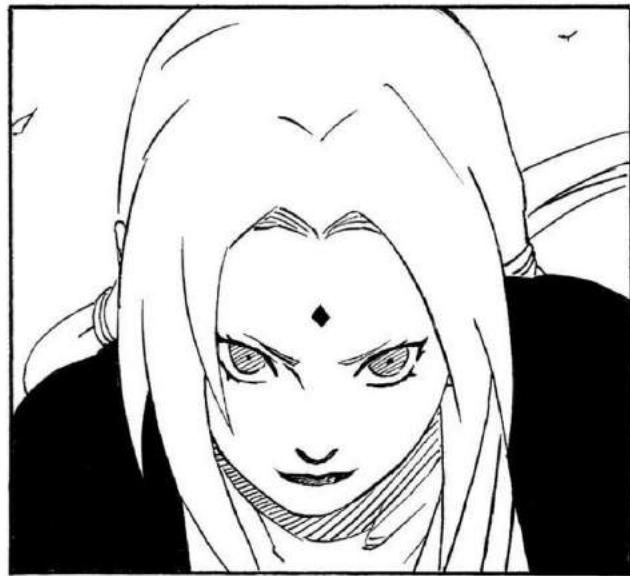


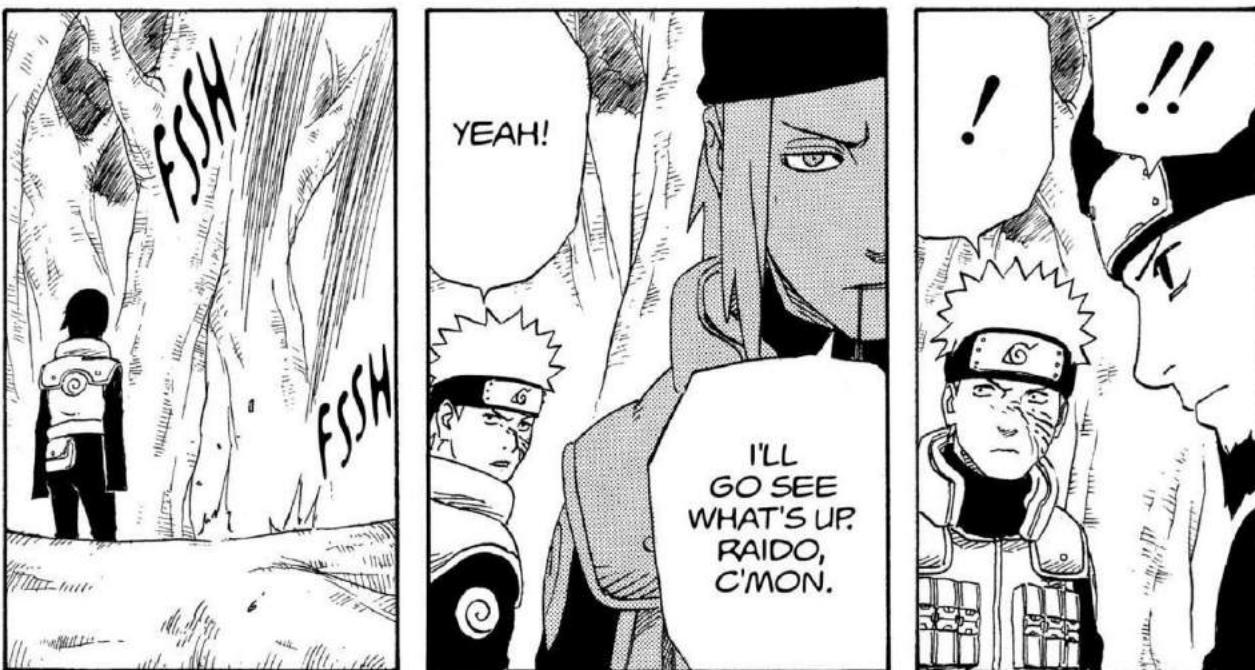


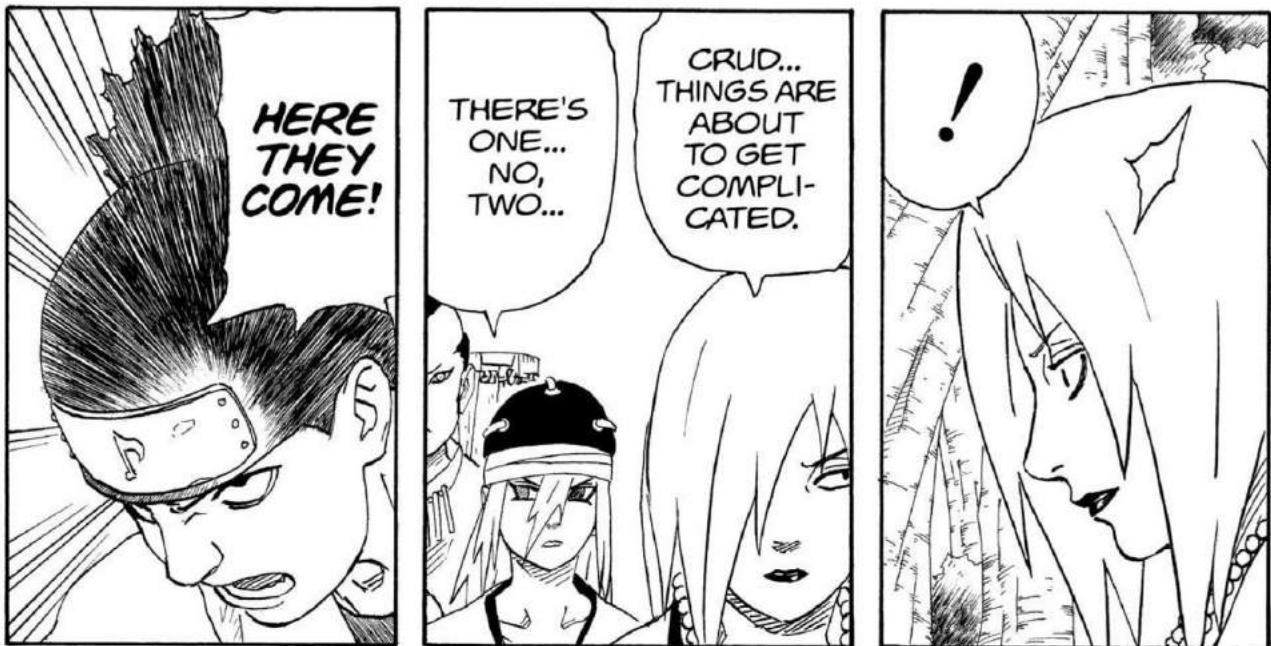
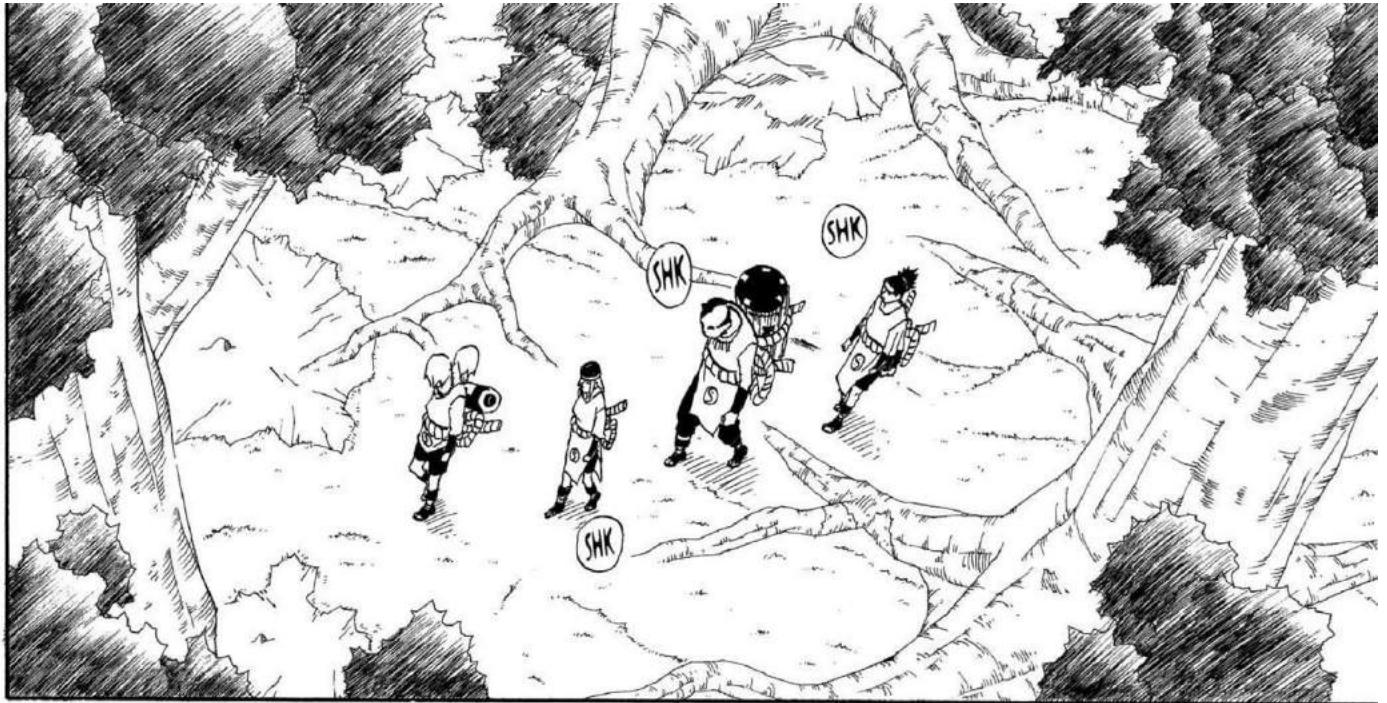


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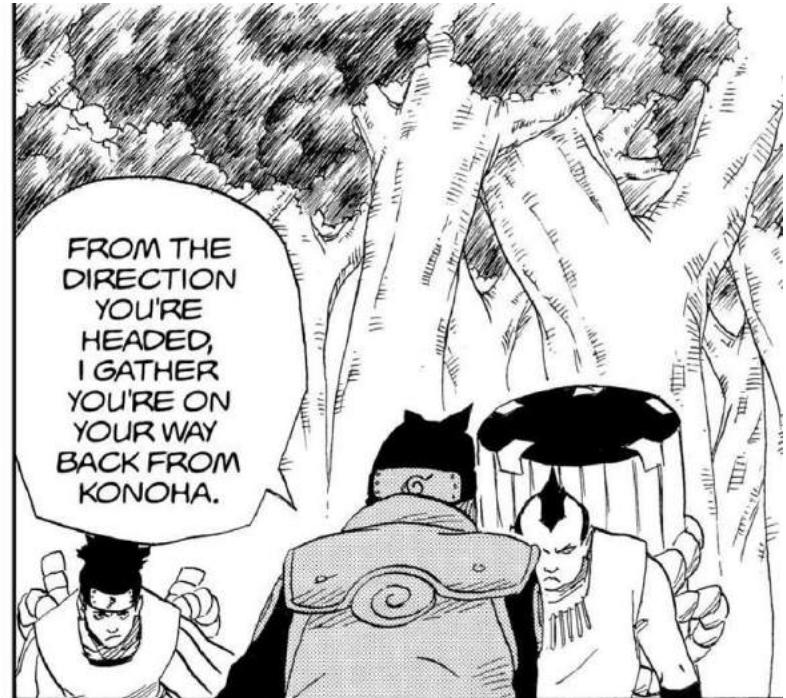










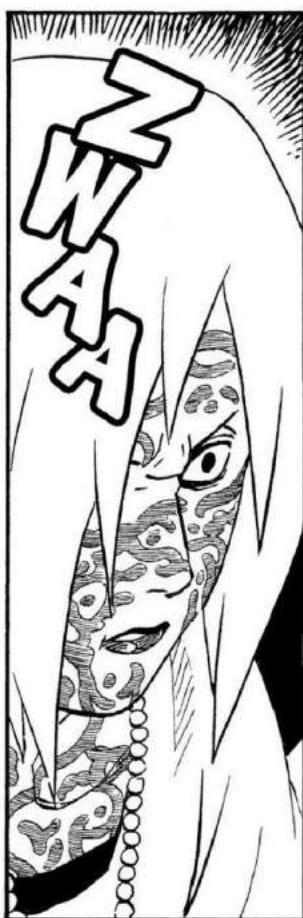


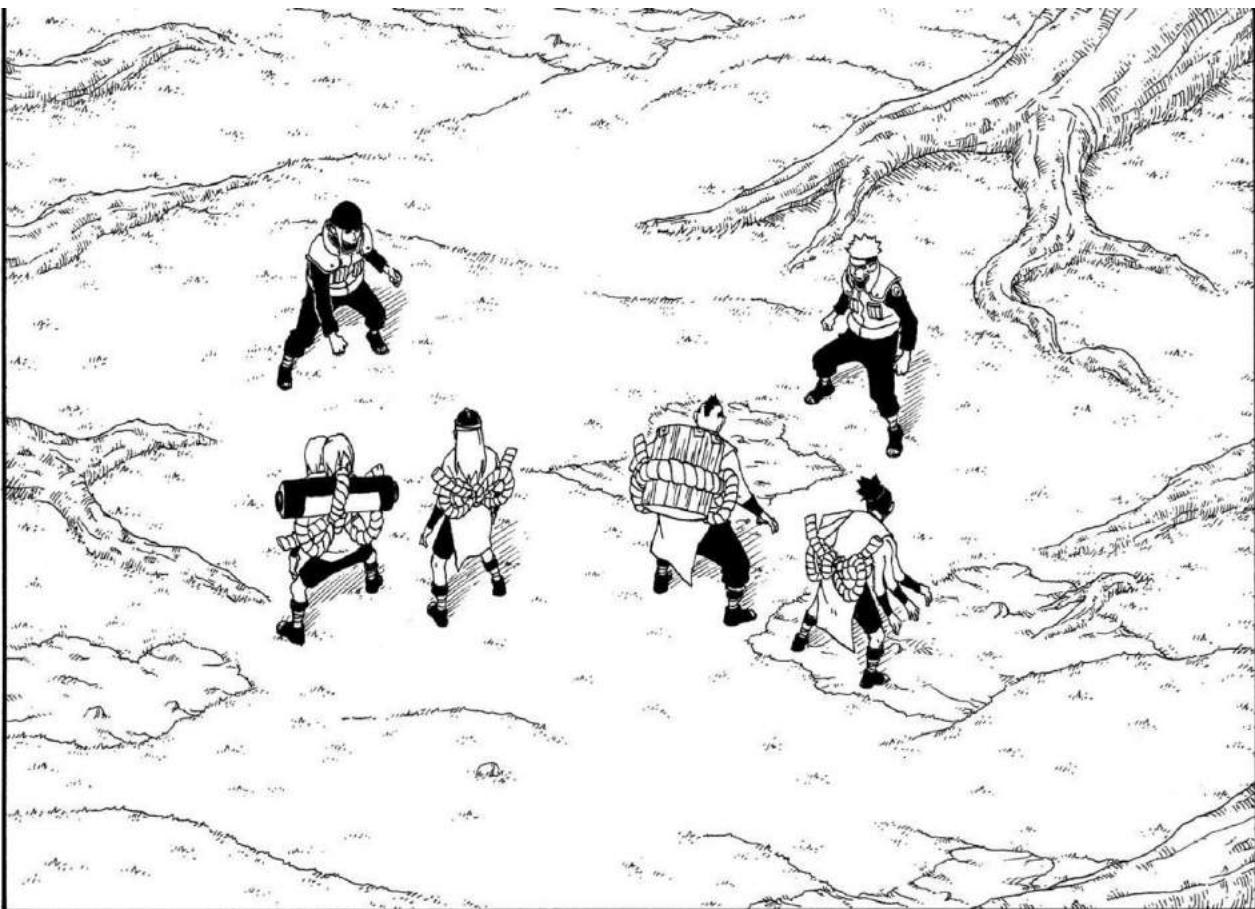


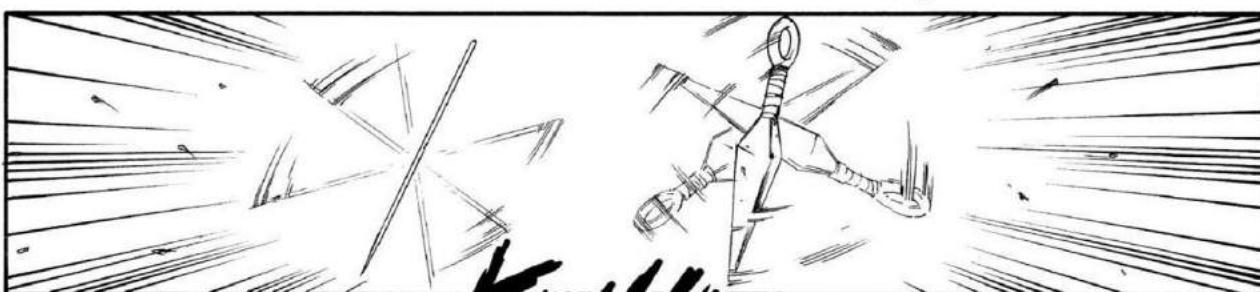


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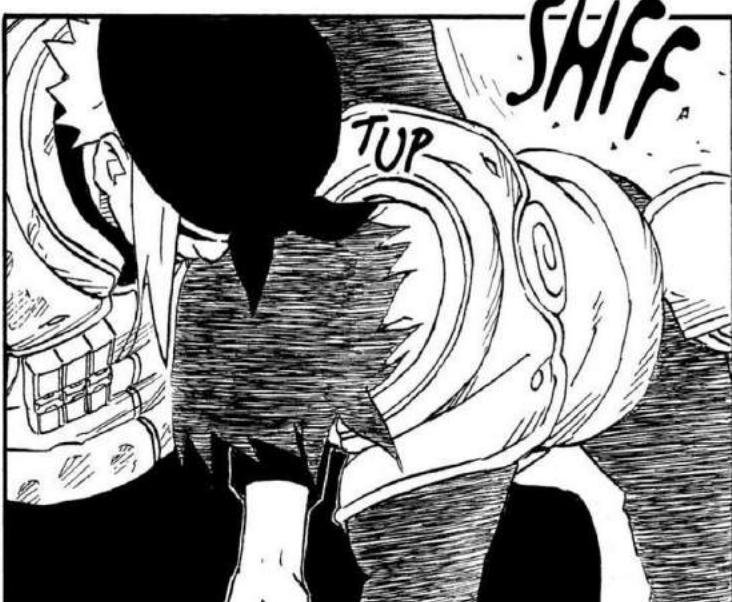
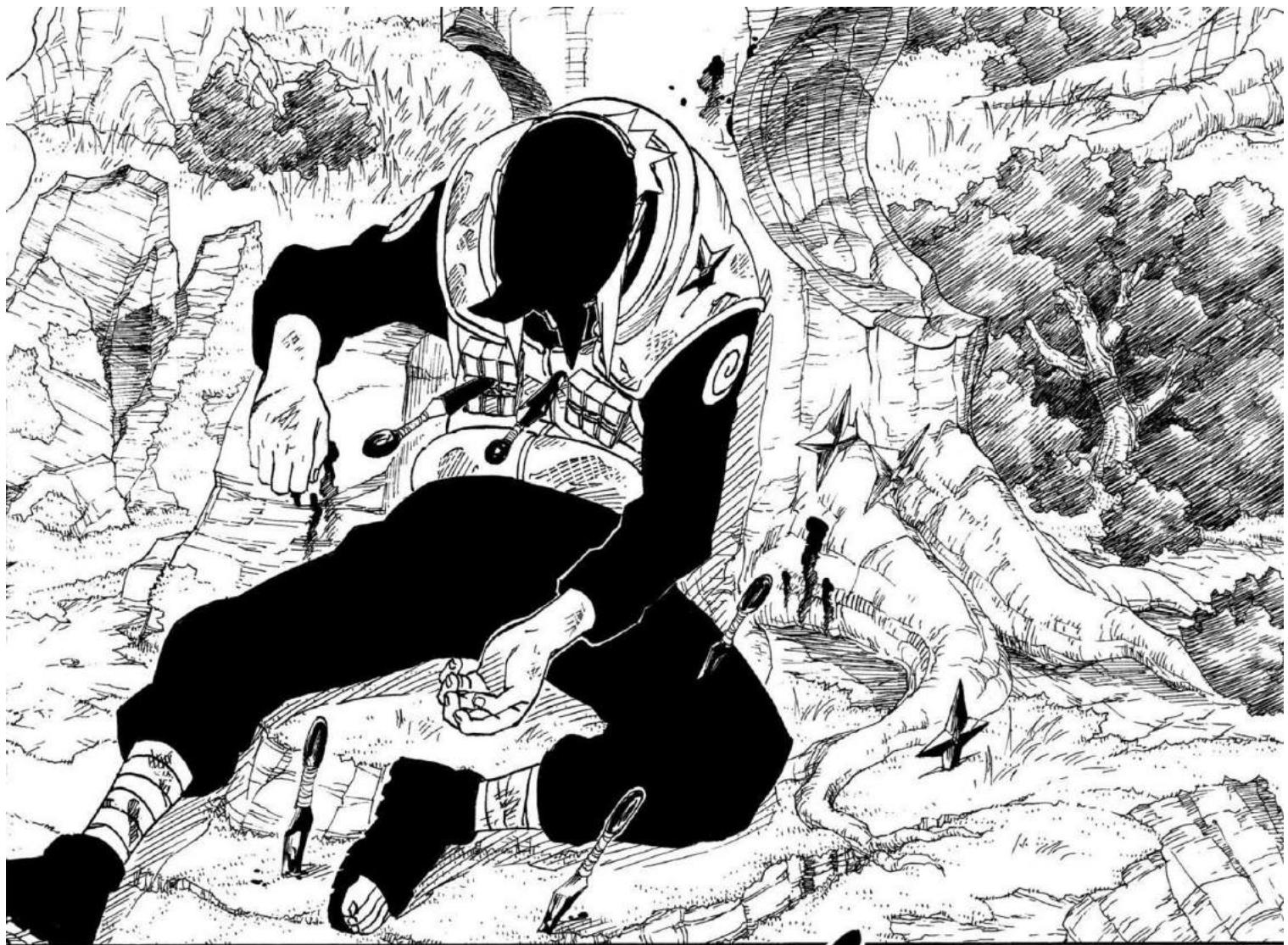




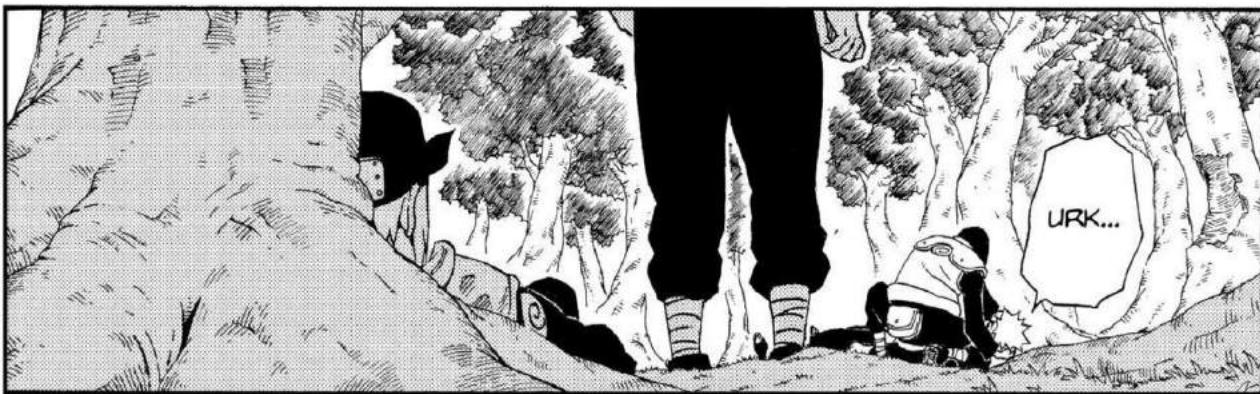




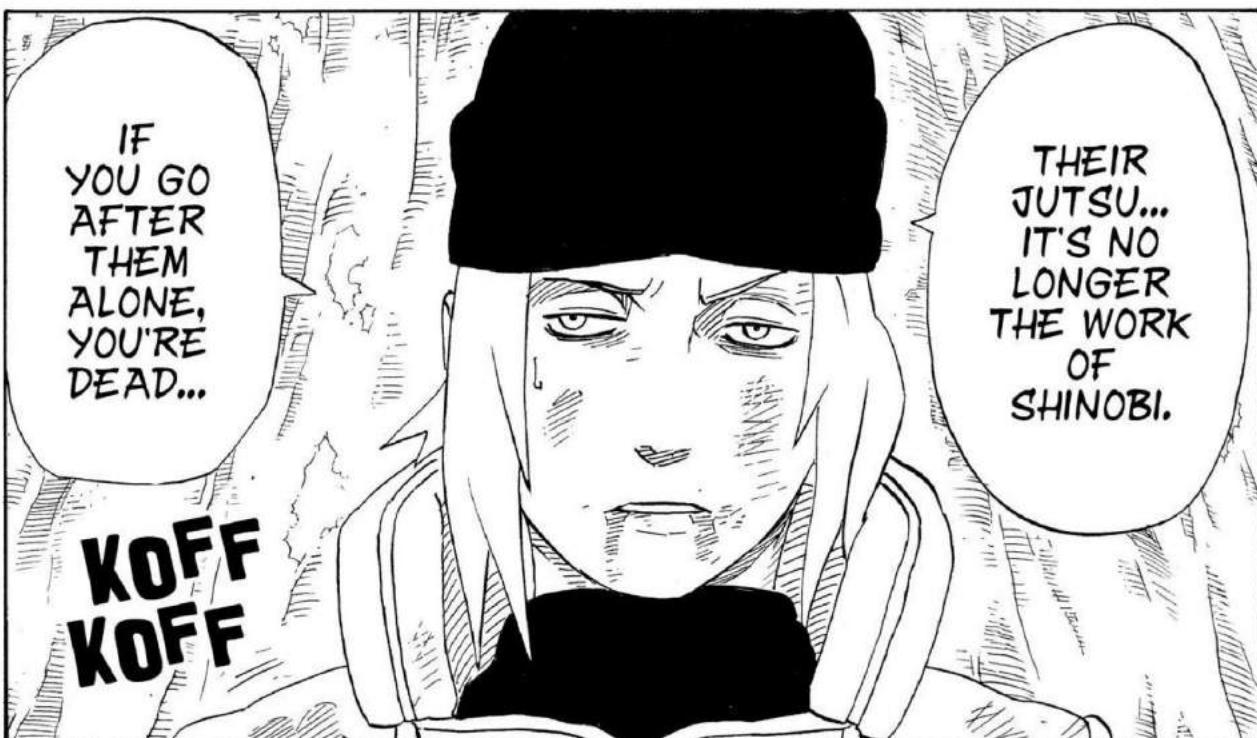


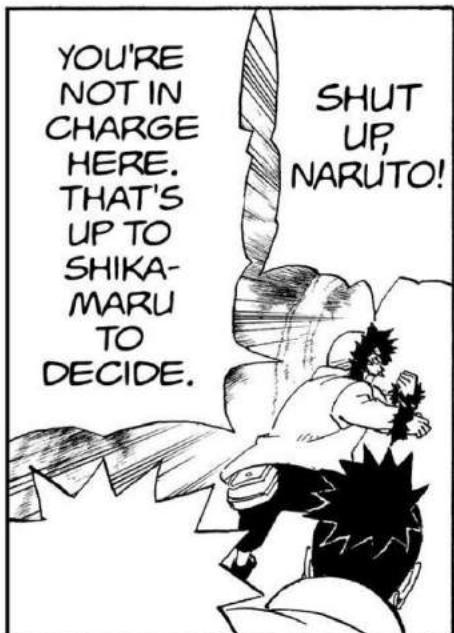
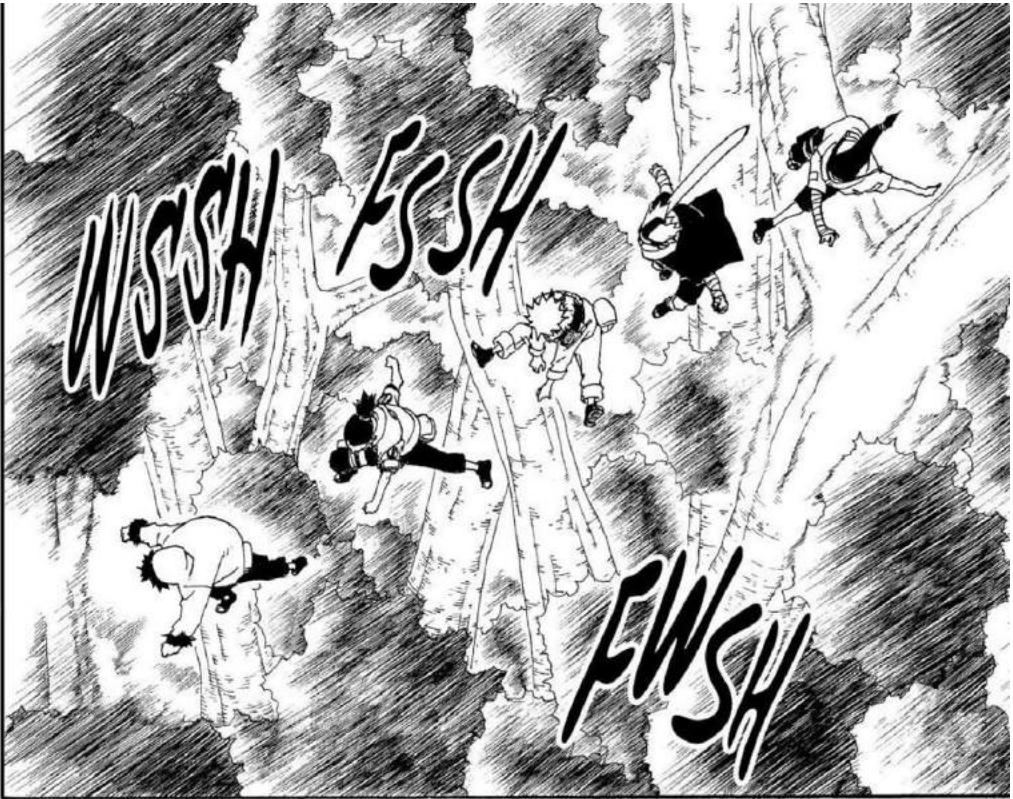


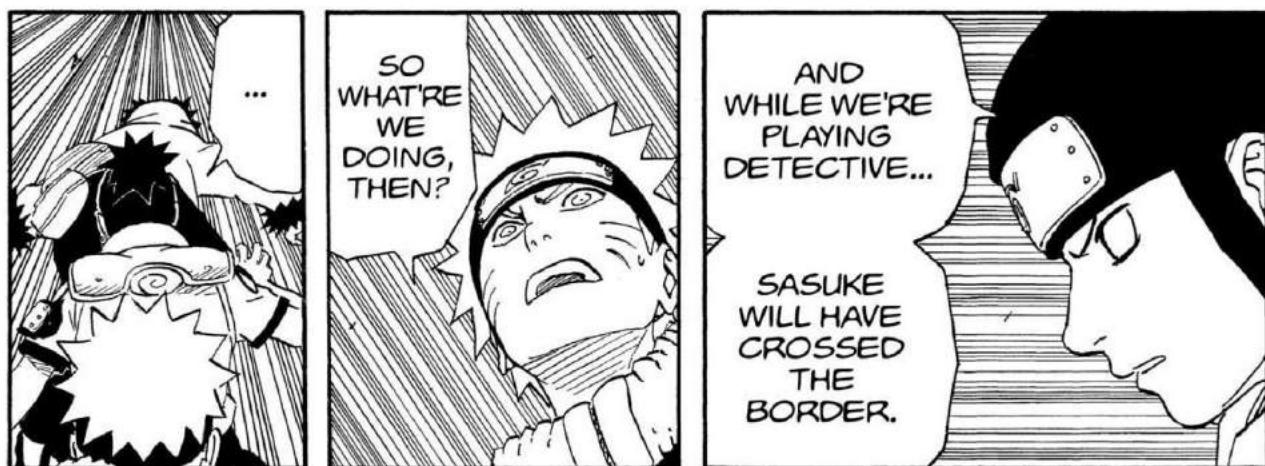




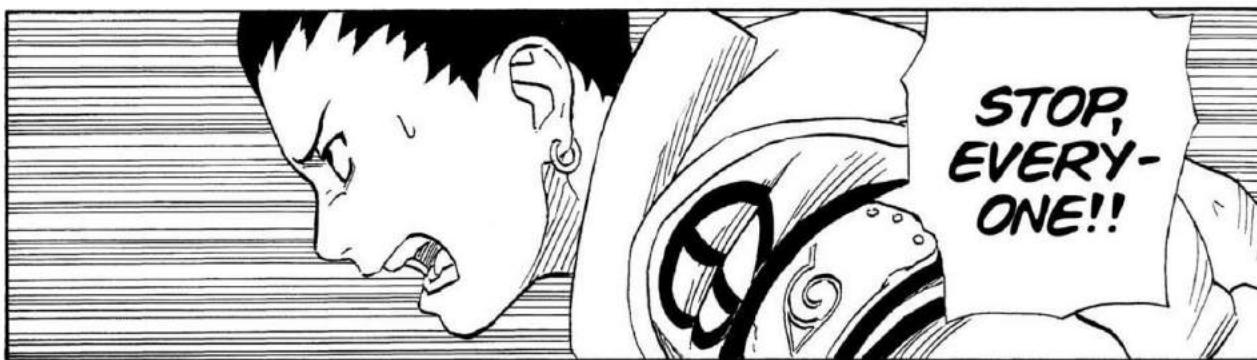
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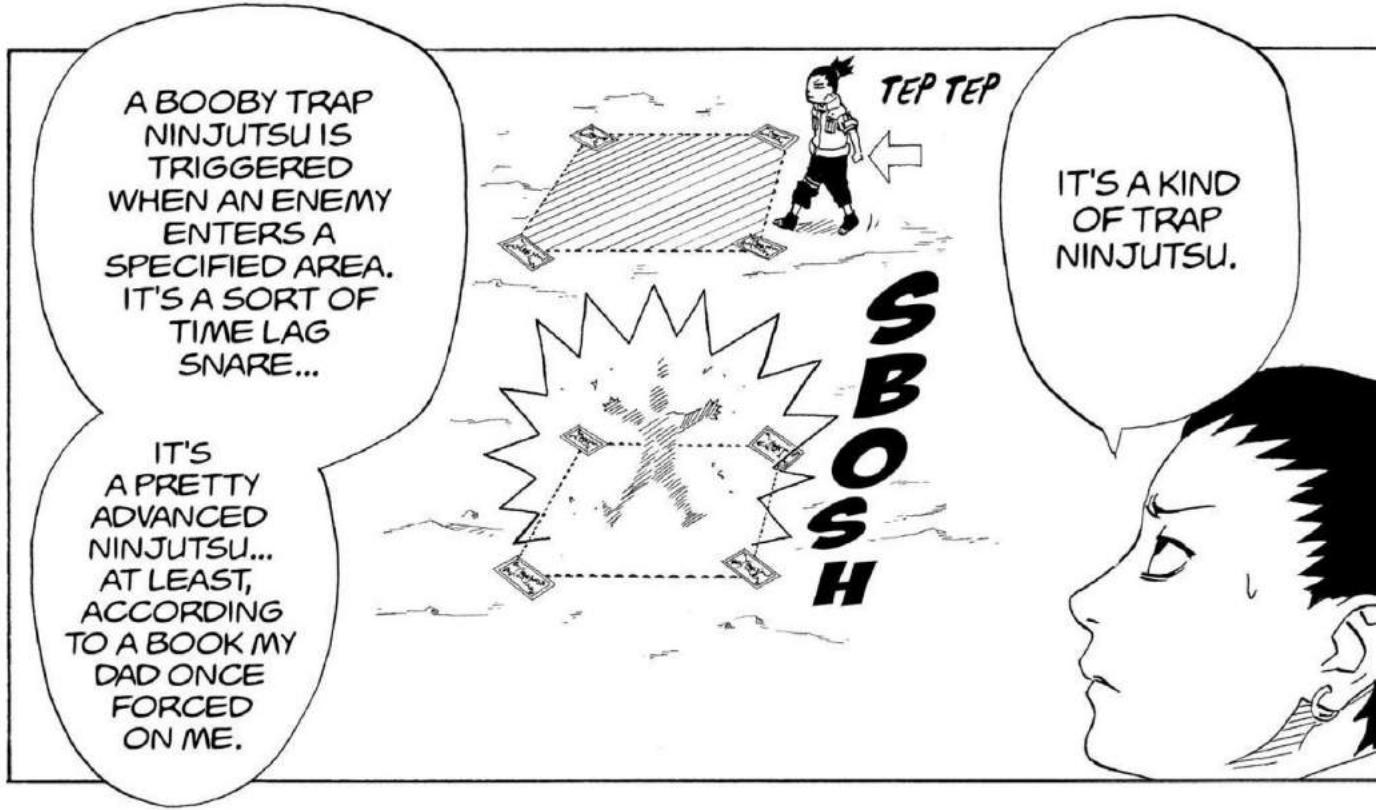














HEY,
NARUTO,
LOOK
OUT
FOR THE
WIRE!



COME
ON,
NARUTO!
DON'T
TRIP
ON IT!!



WAIT,
NARUTO!

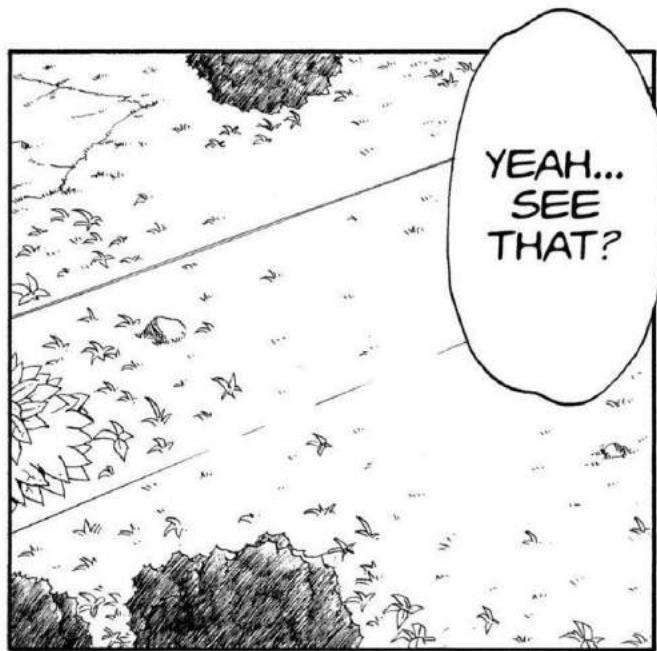


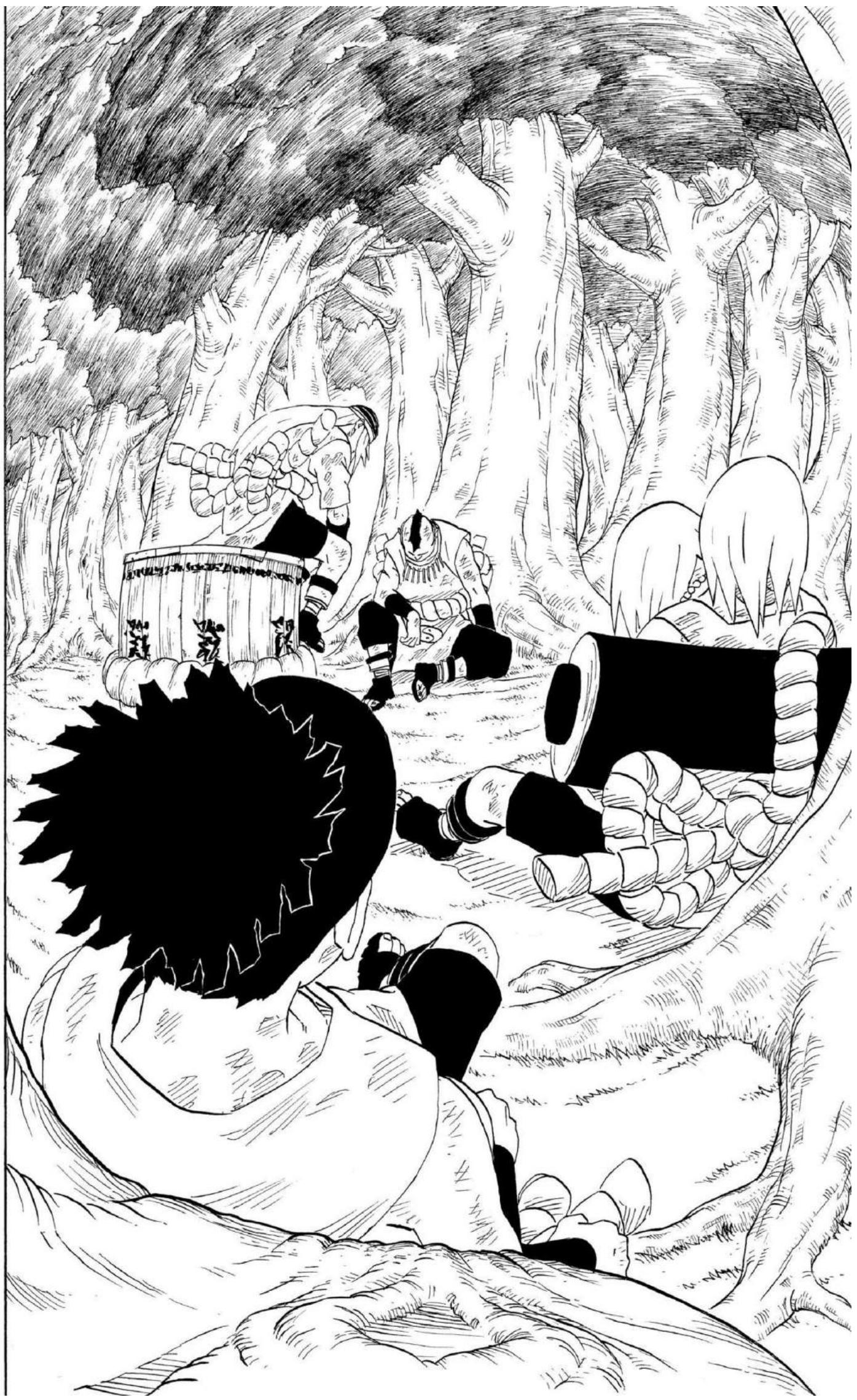
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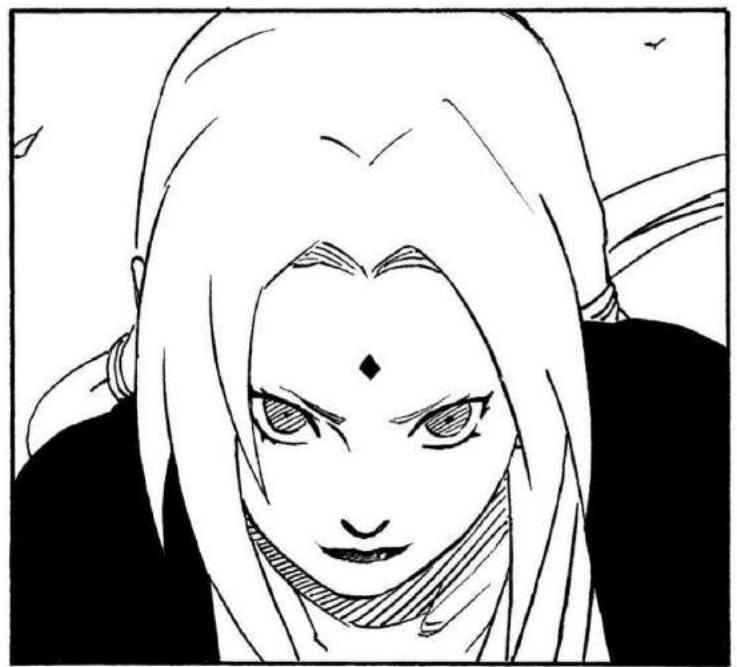


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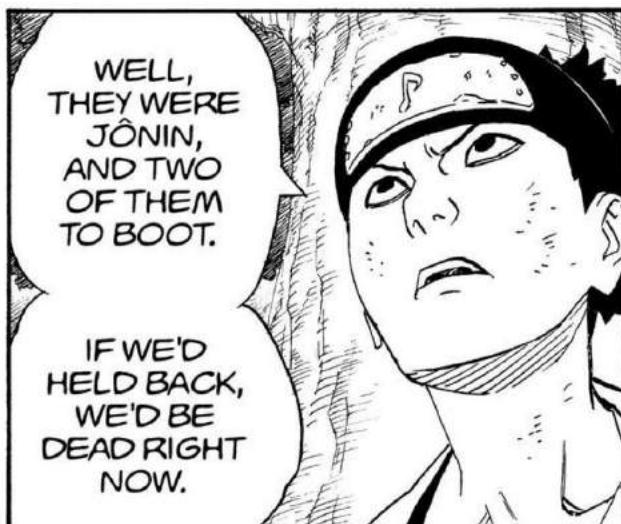
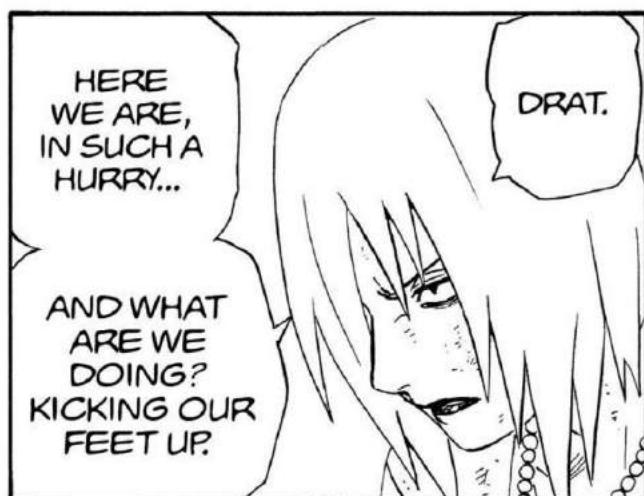
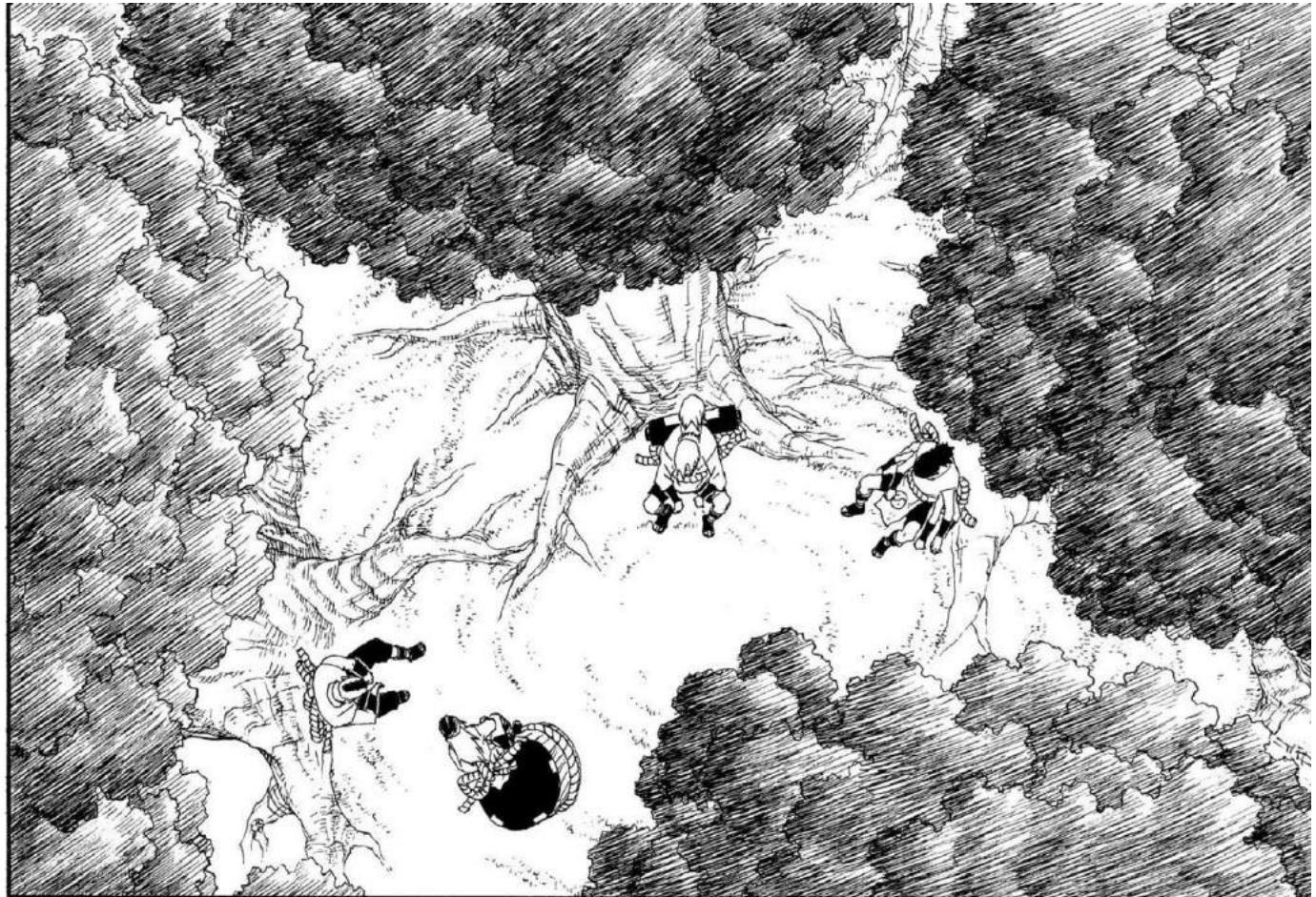


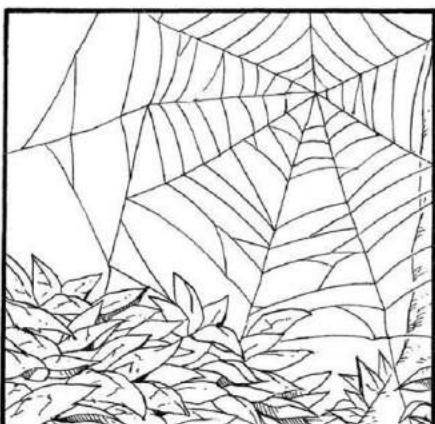
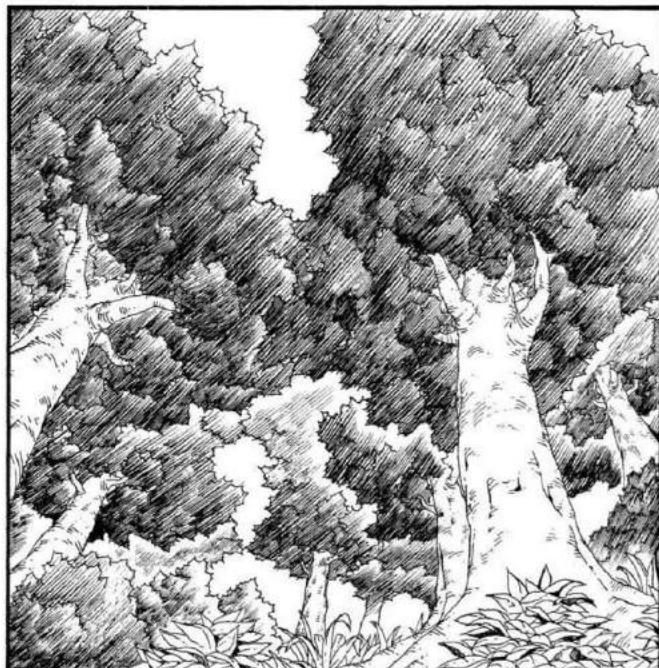


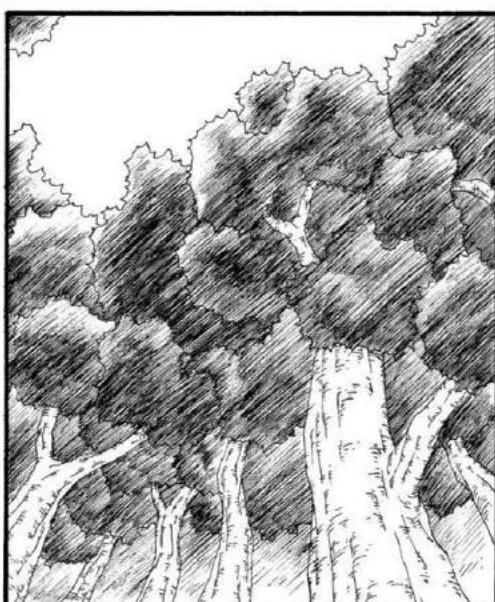
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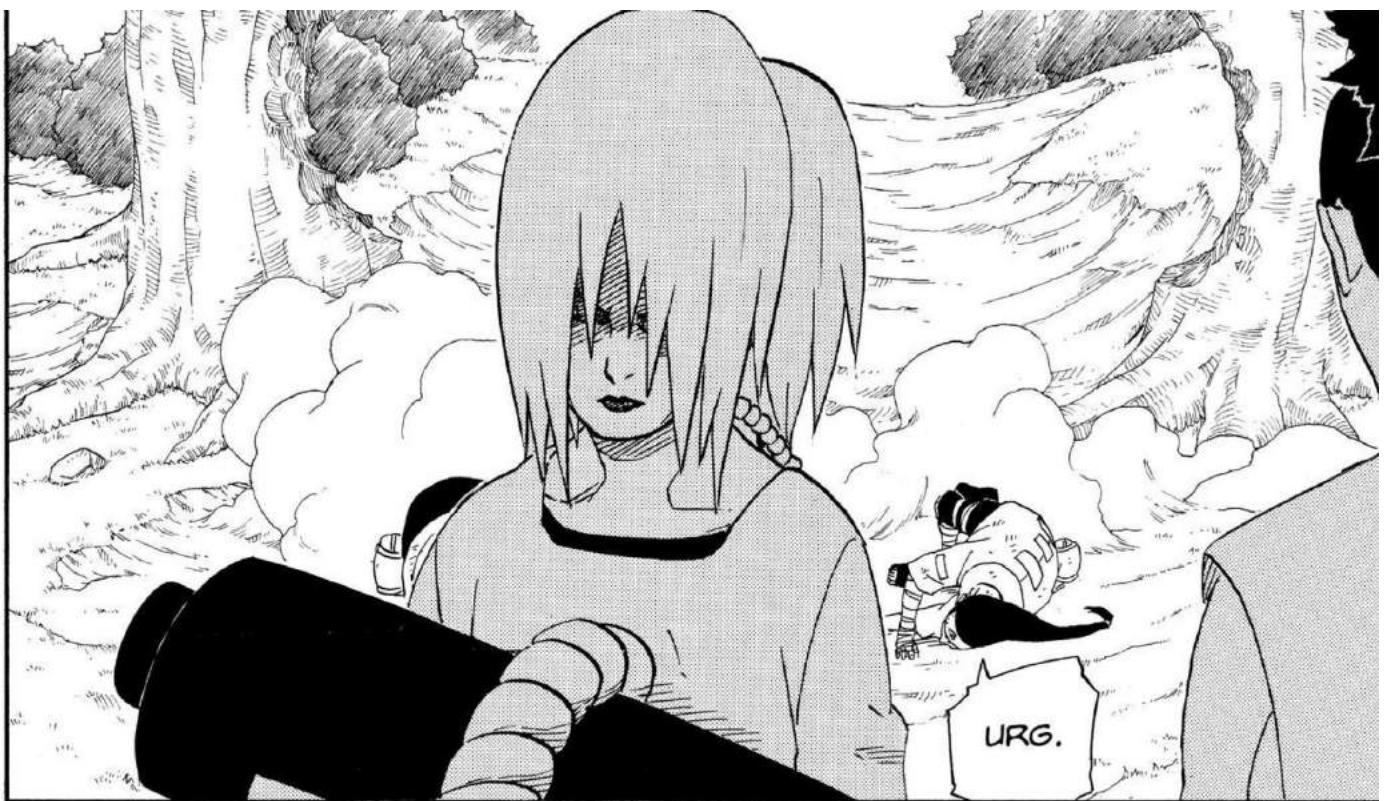






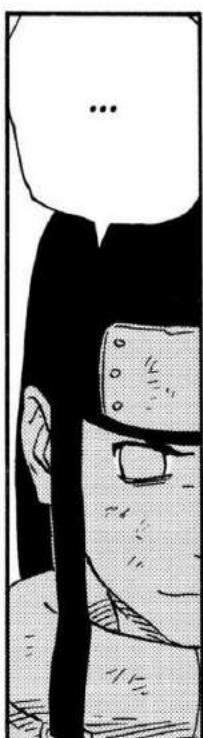
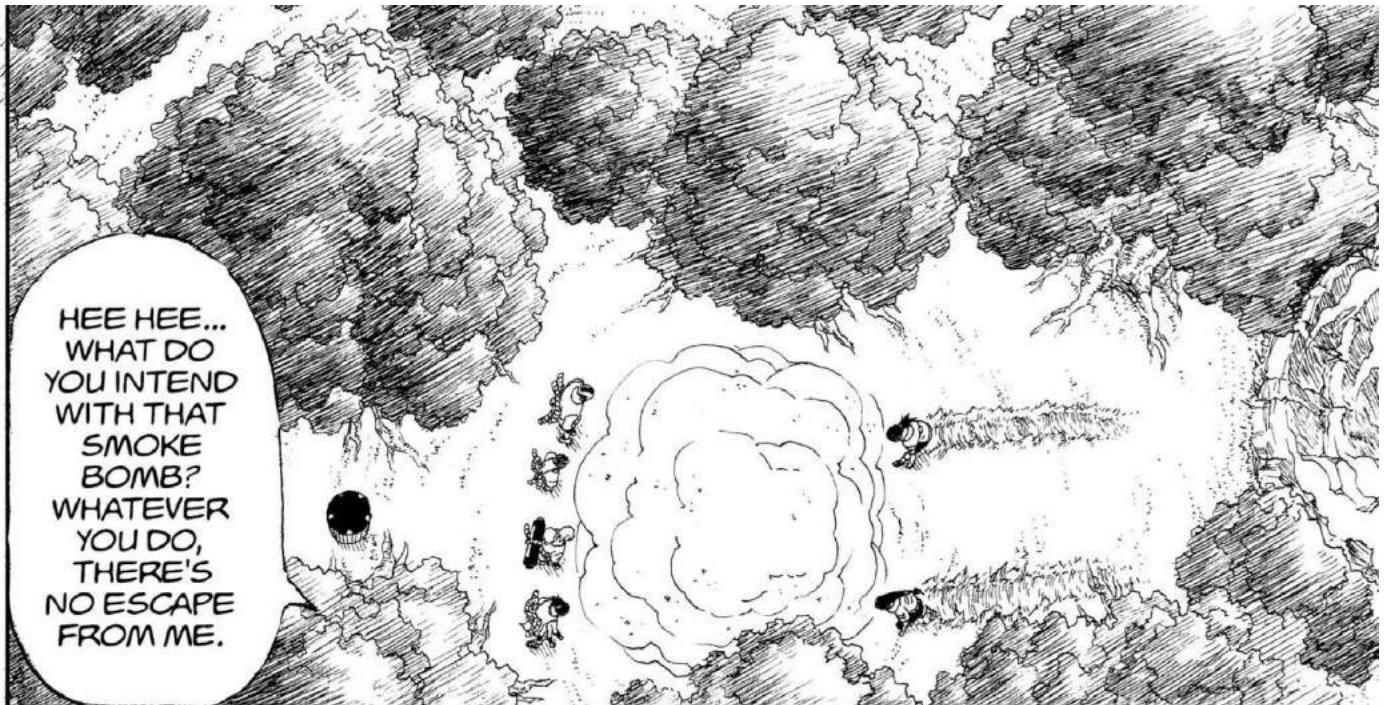






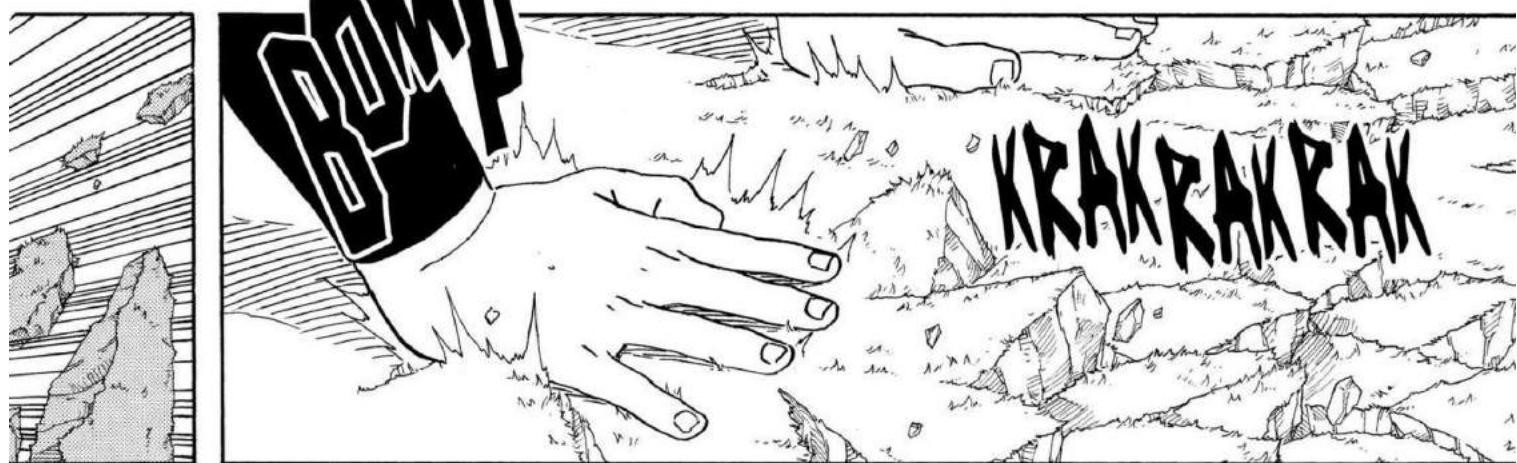
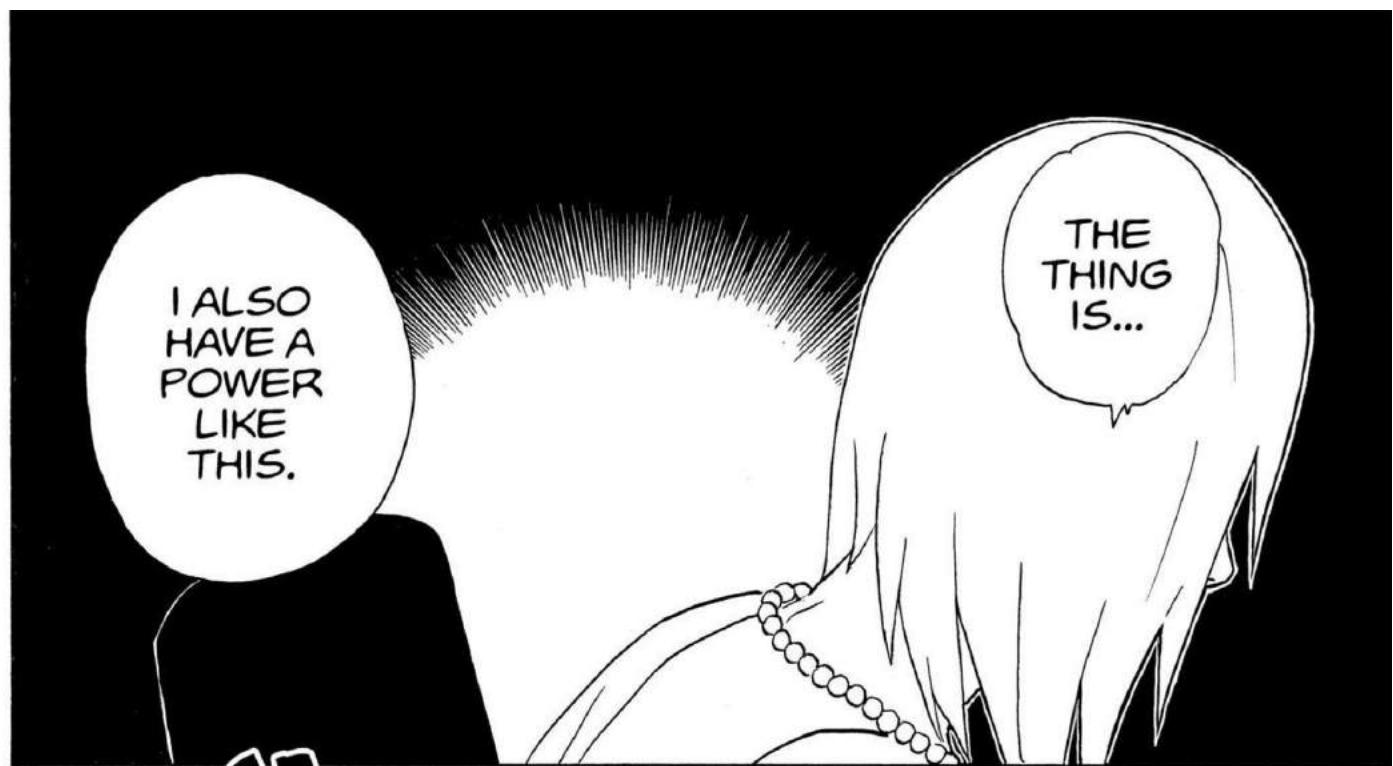
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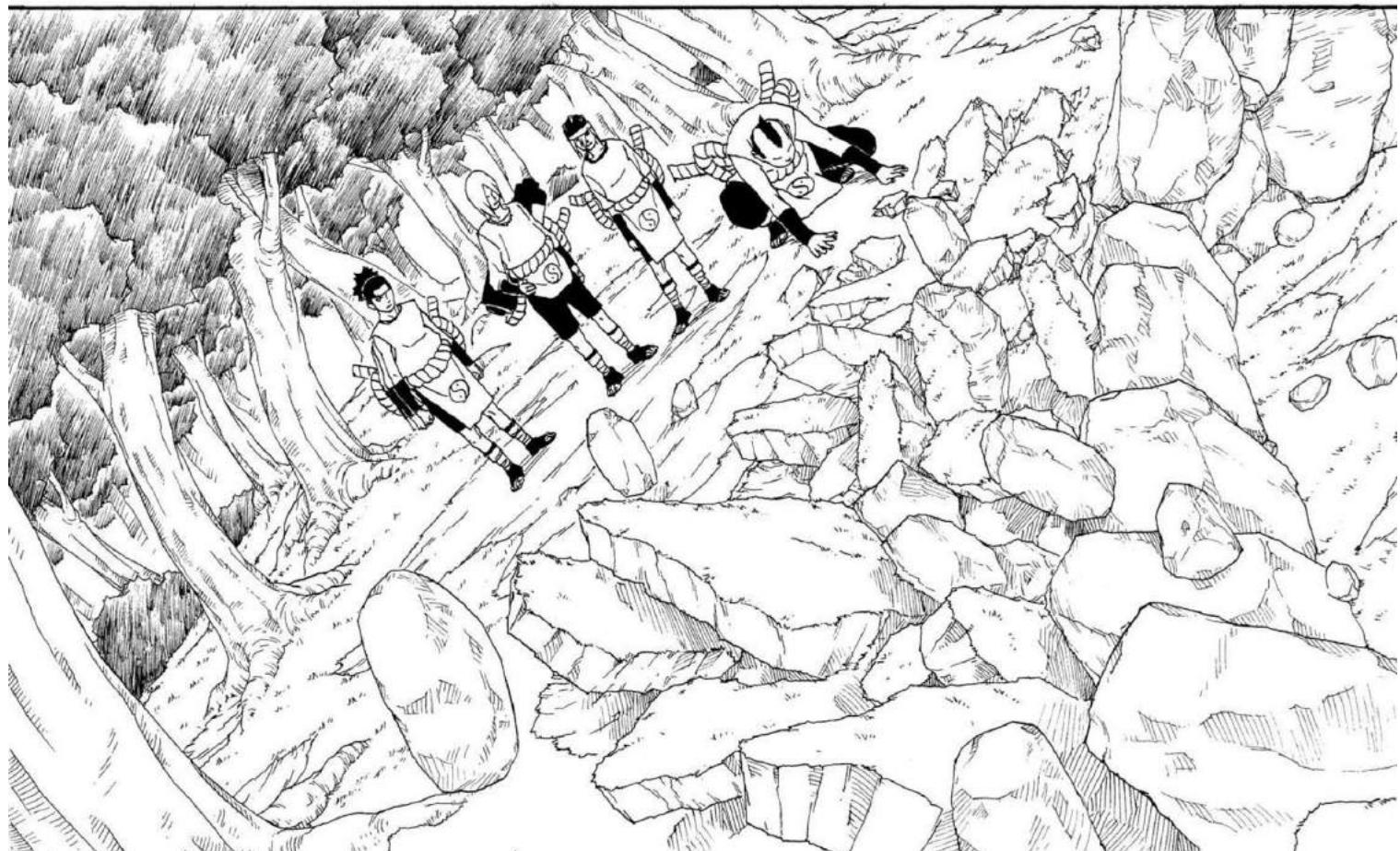


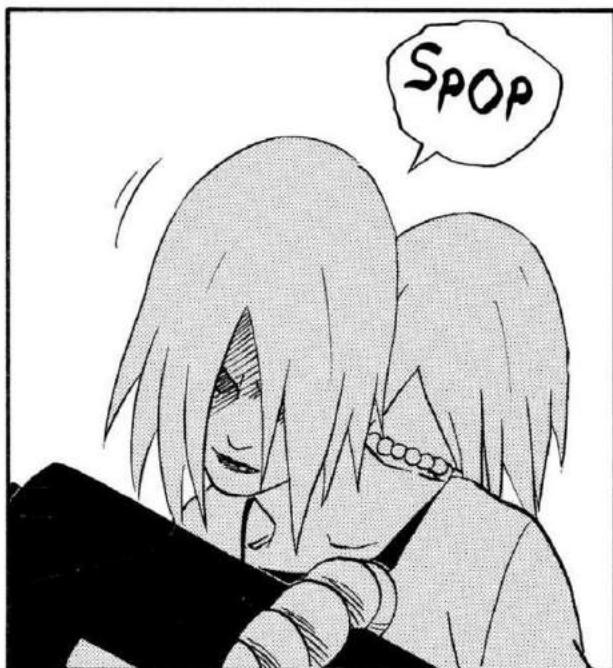
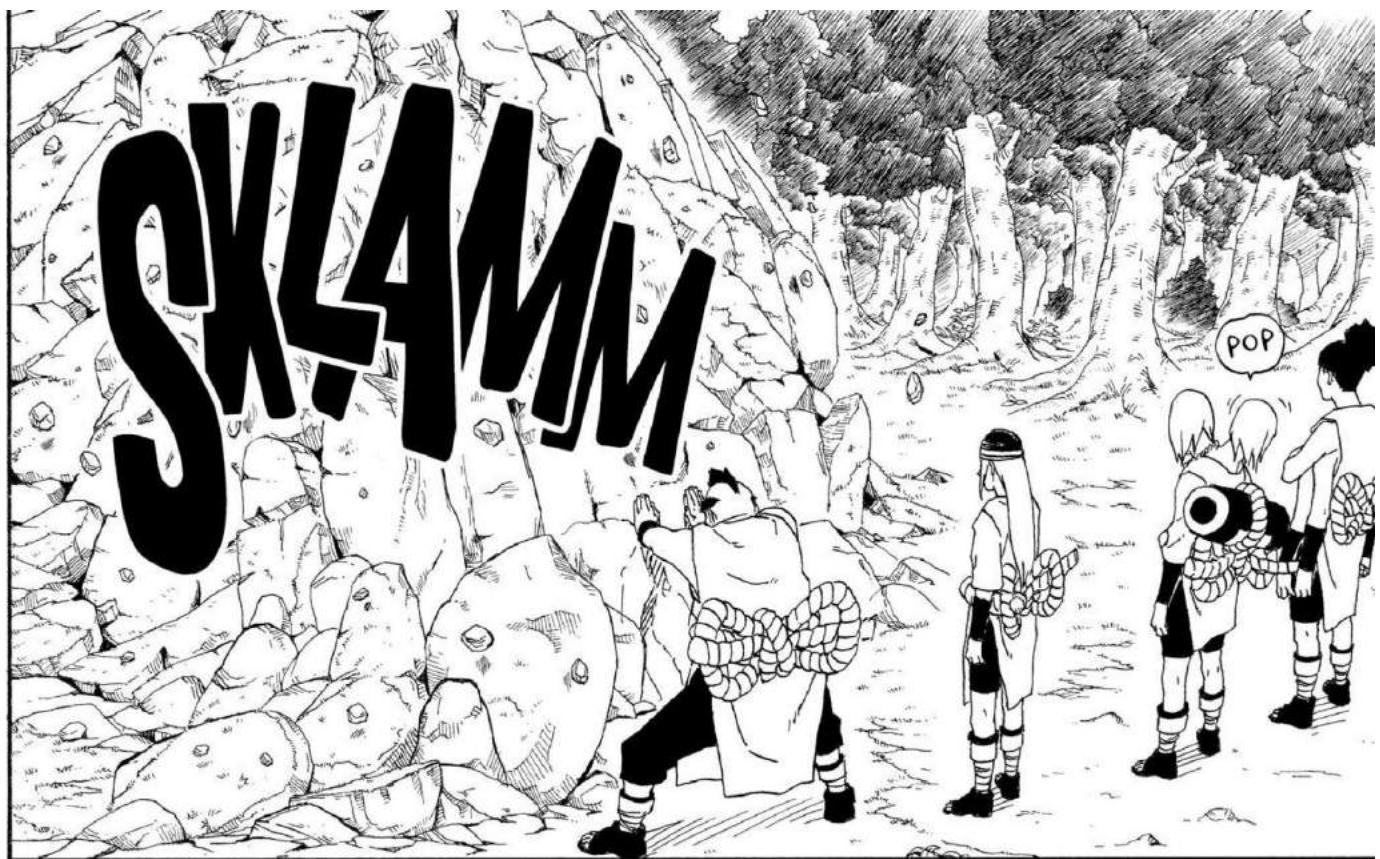


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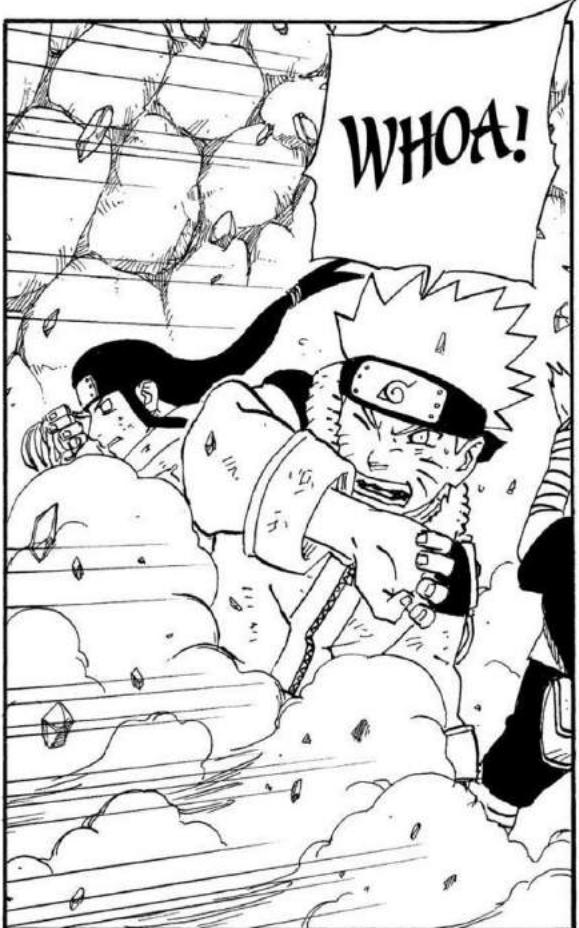


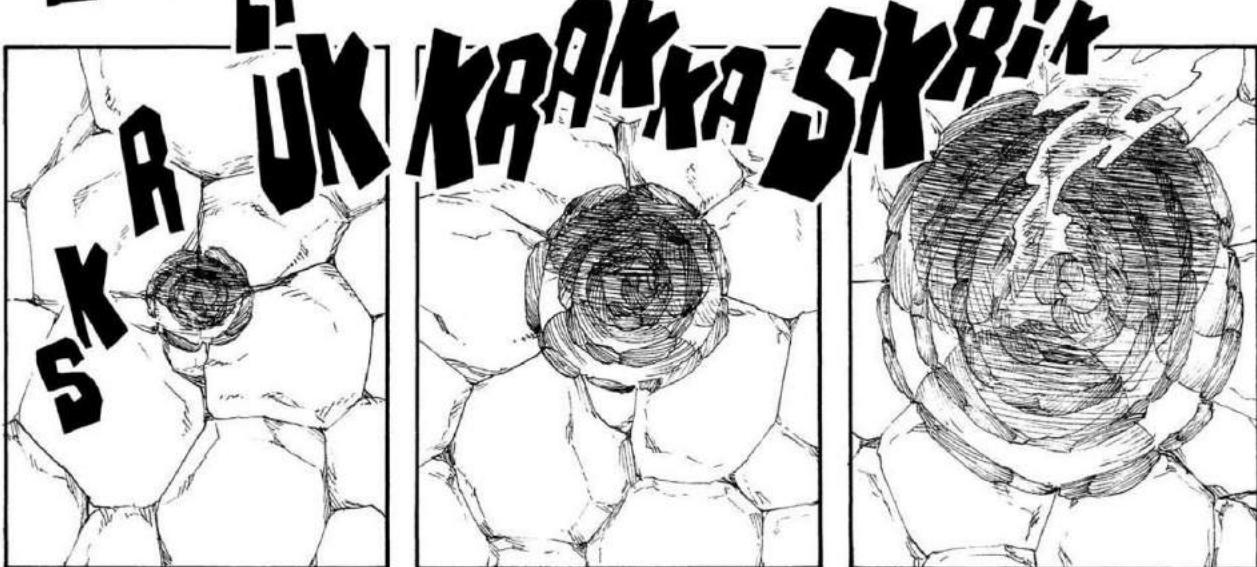
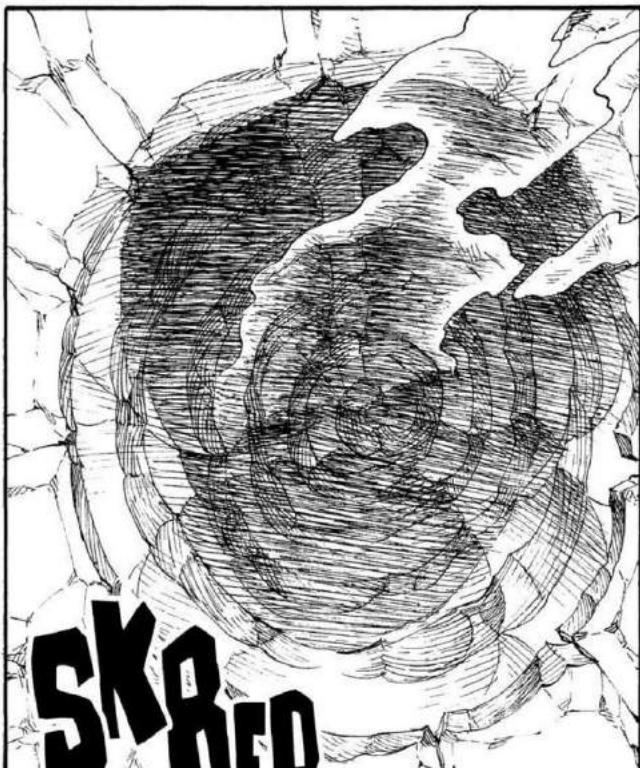


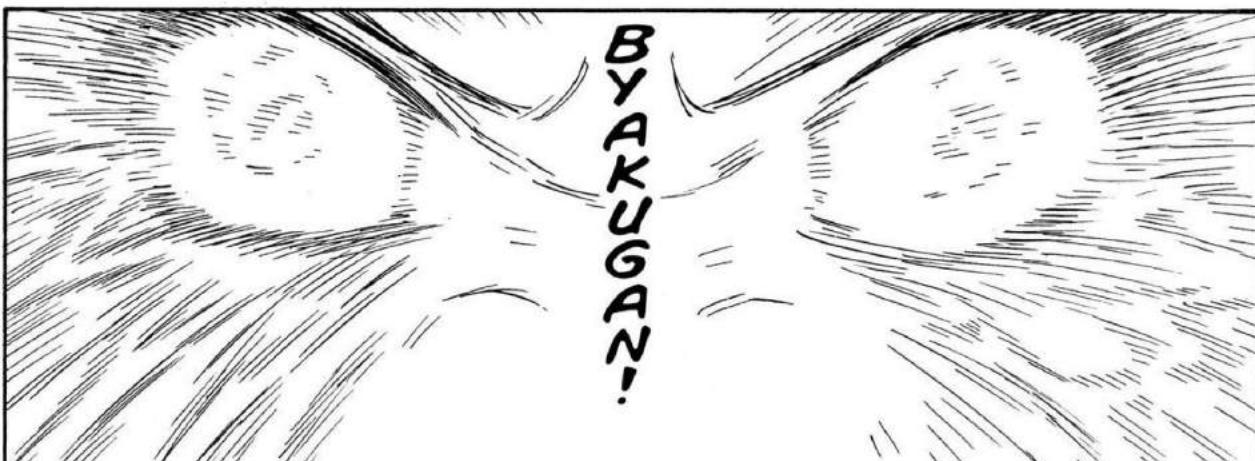


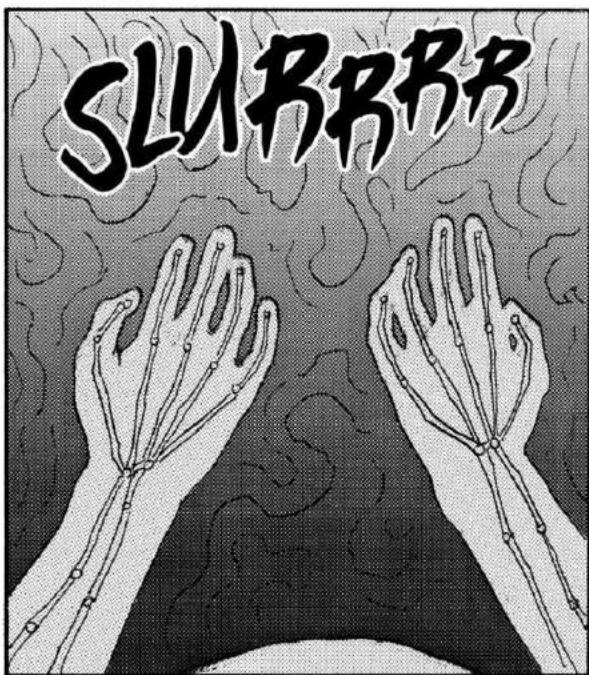
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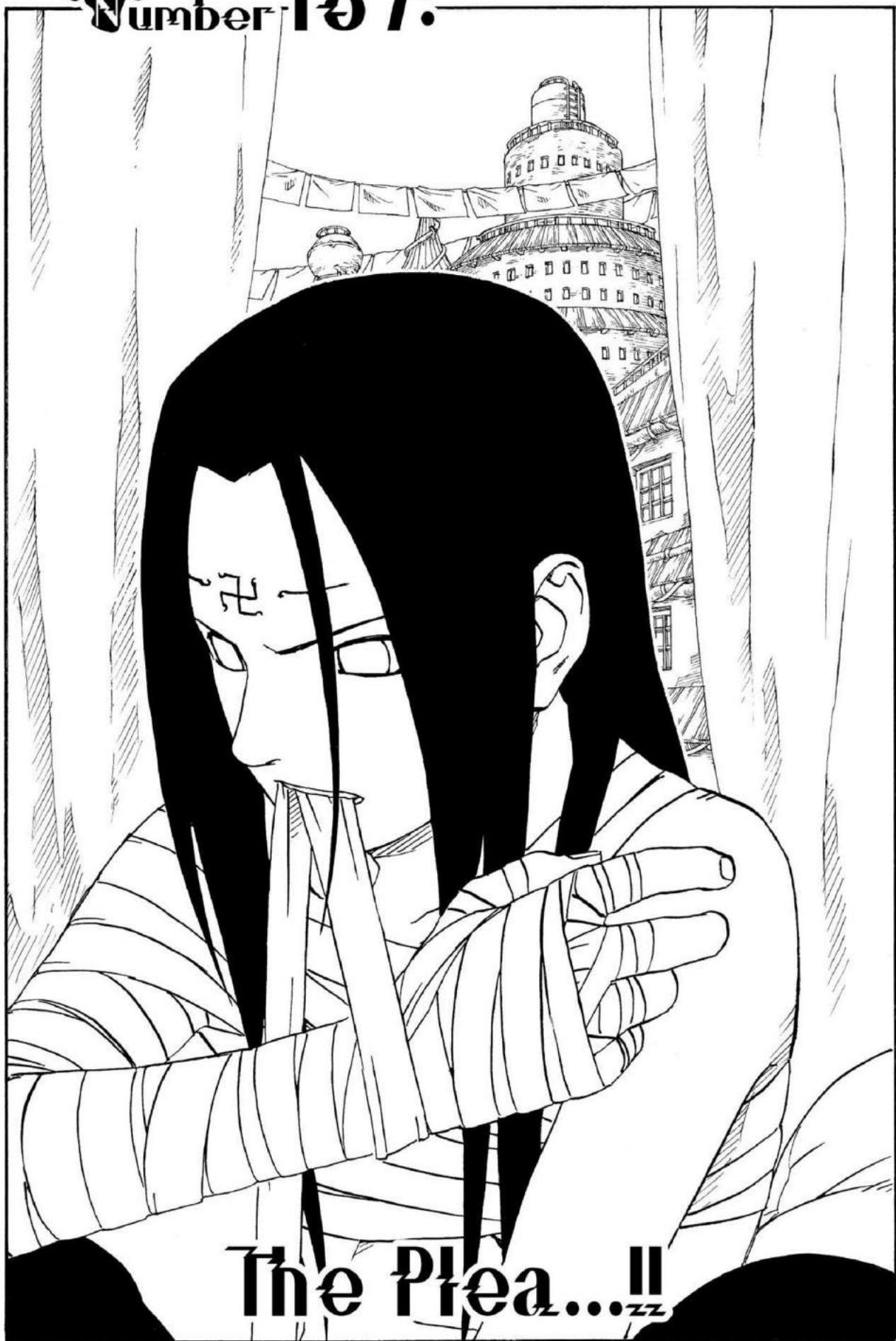




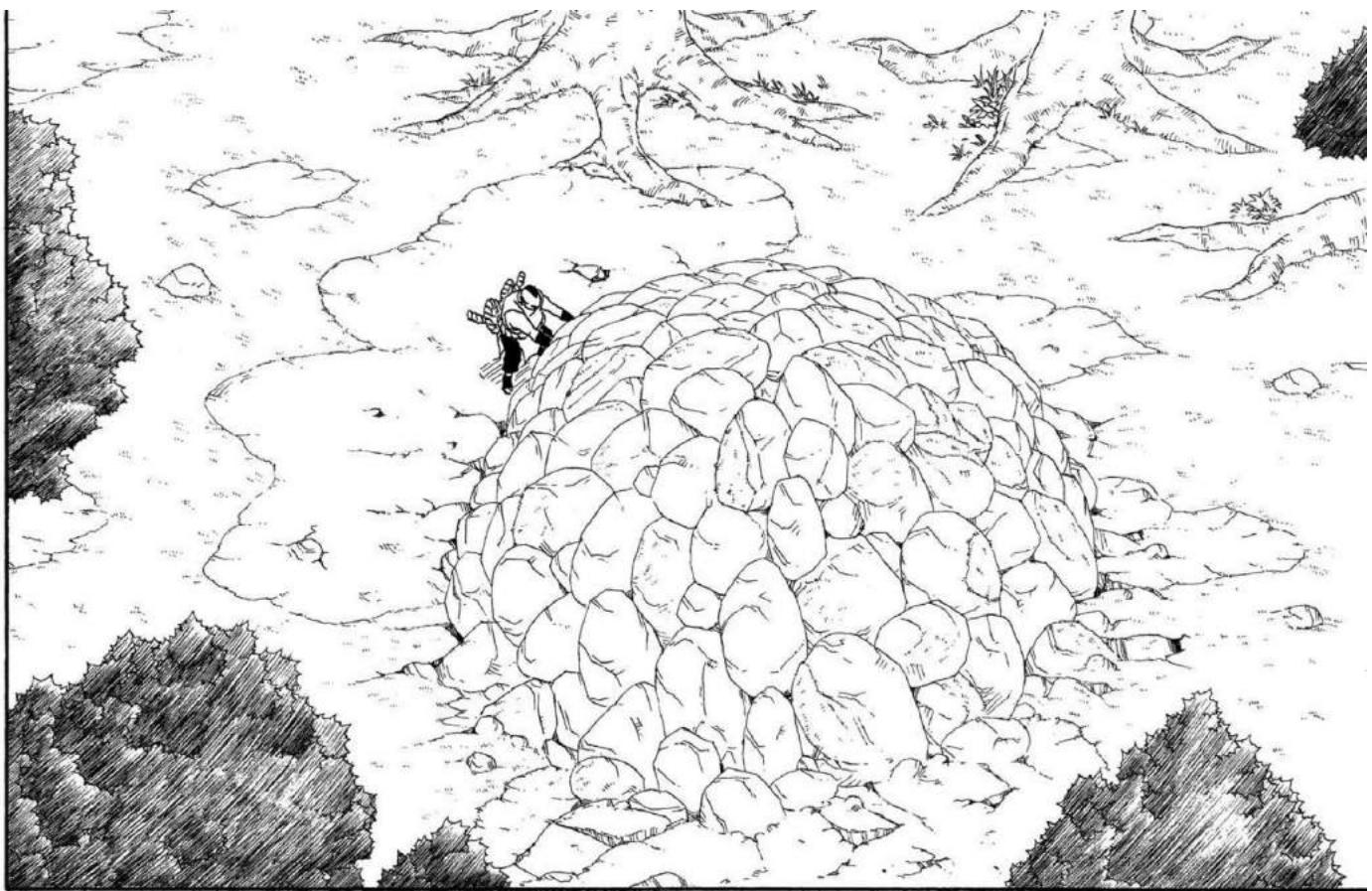




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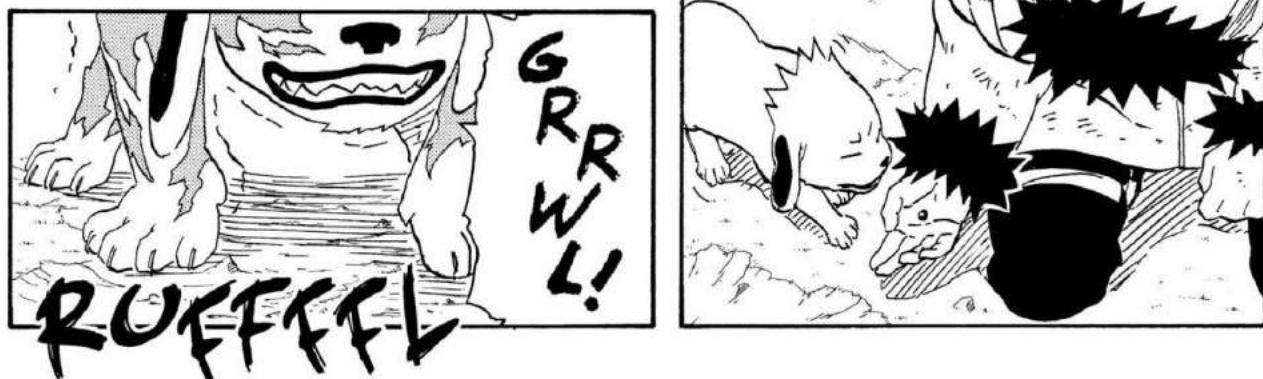


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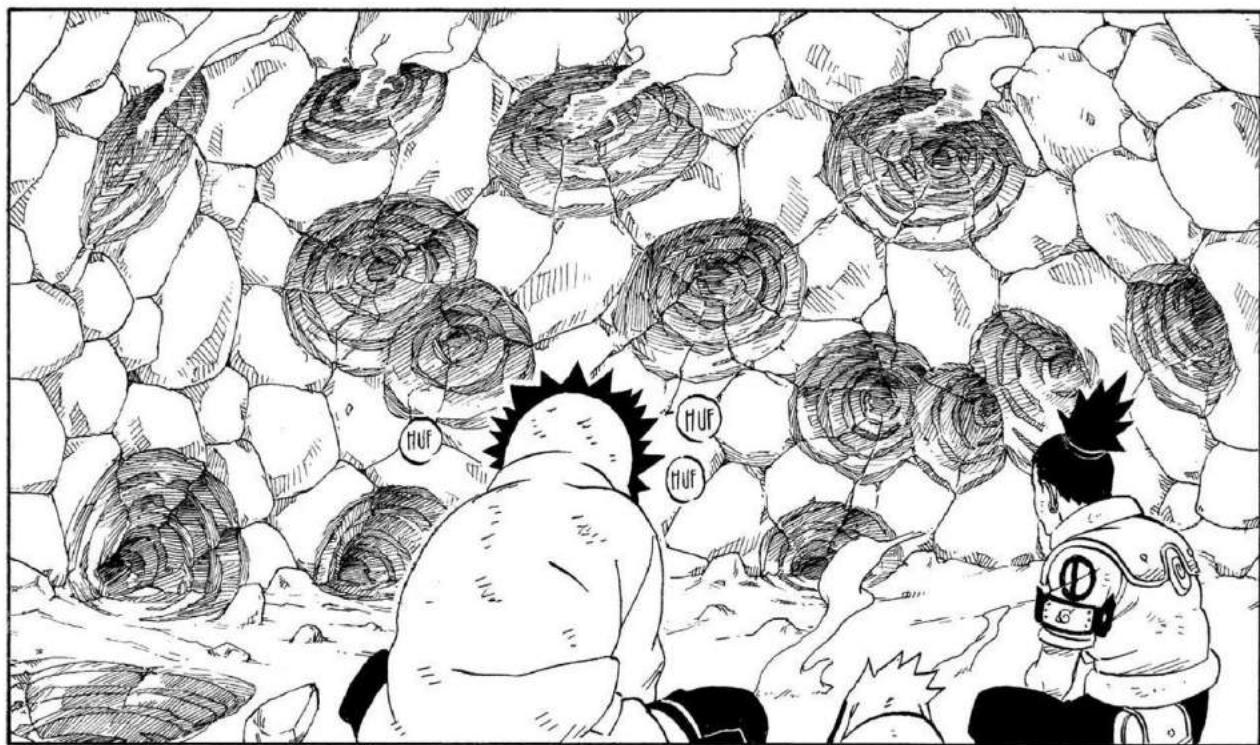
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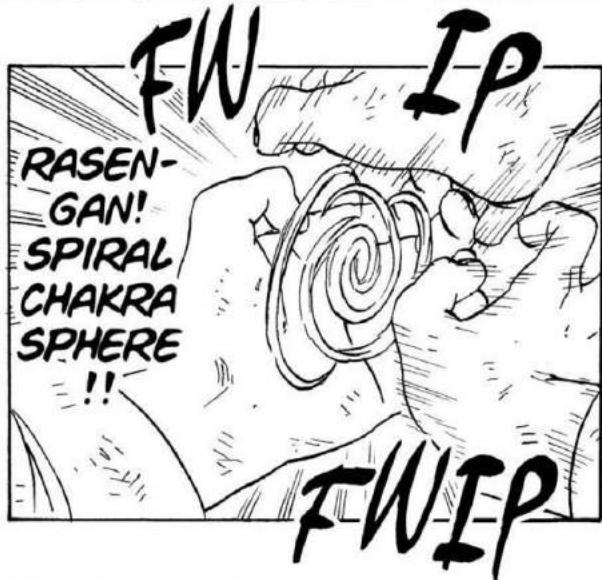




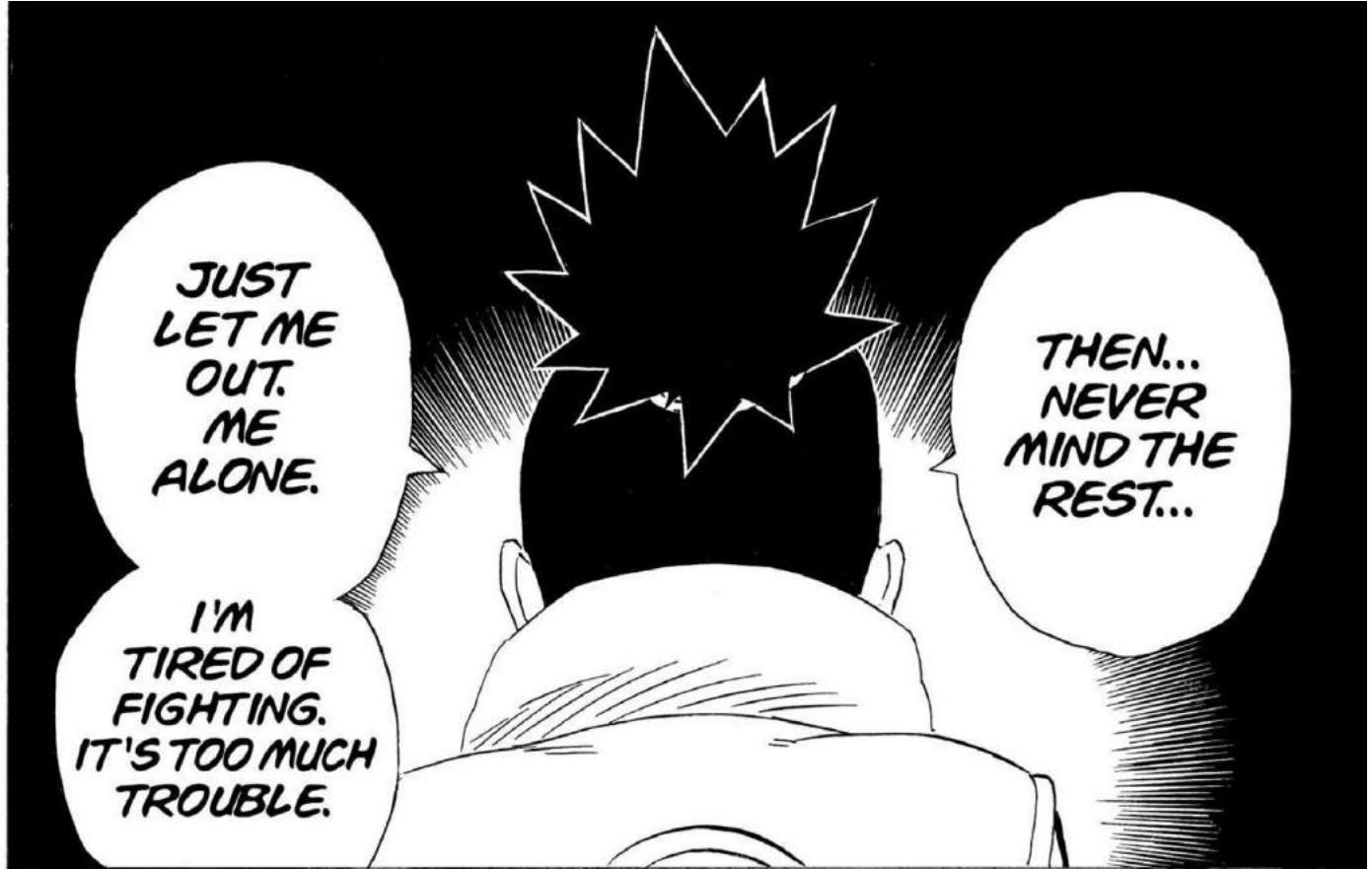


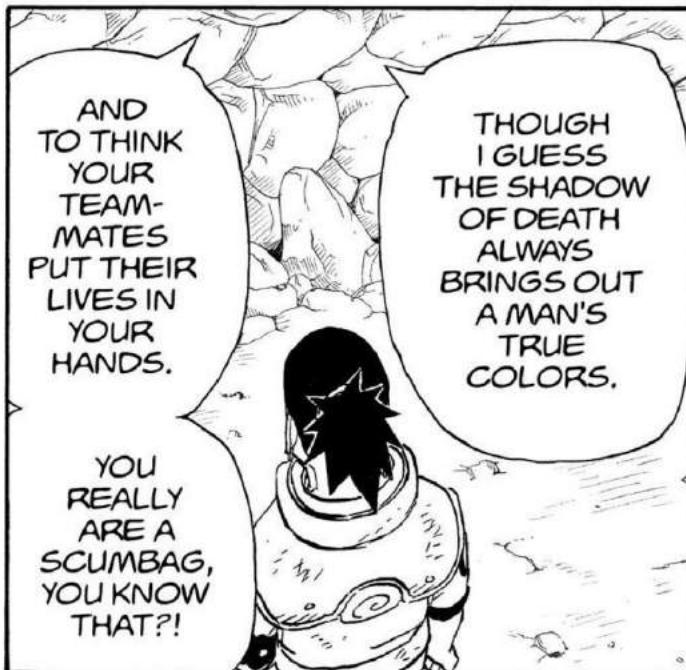


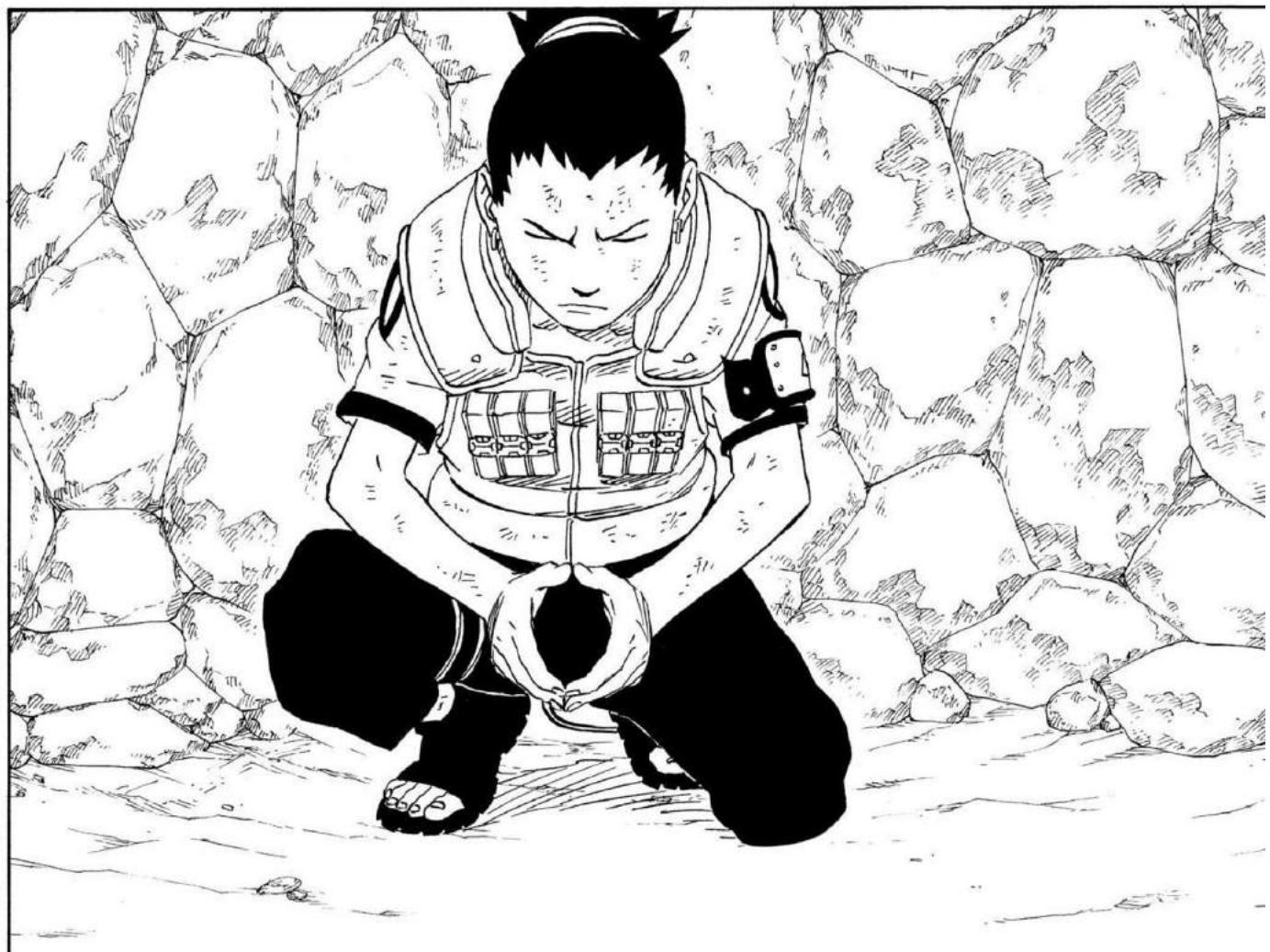
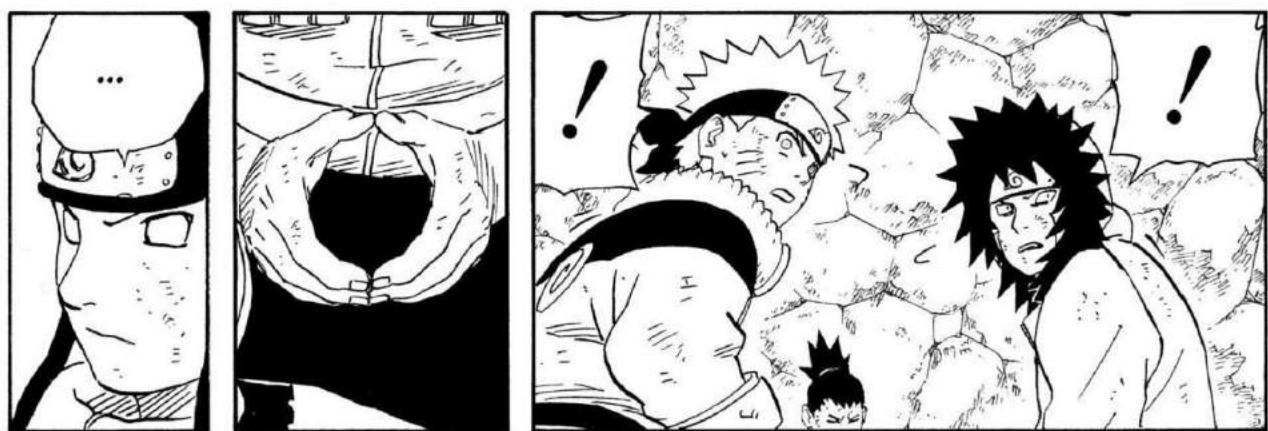


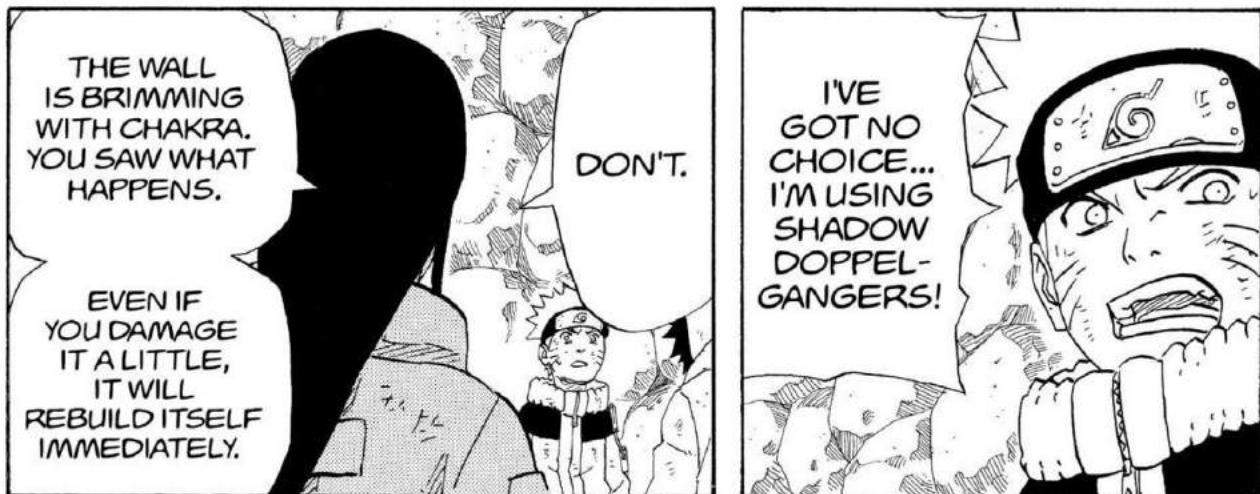


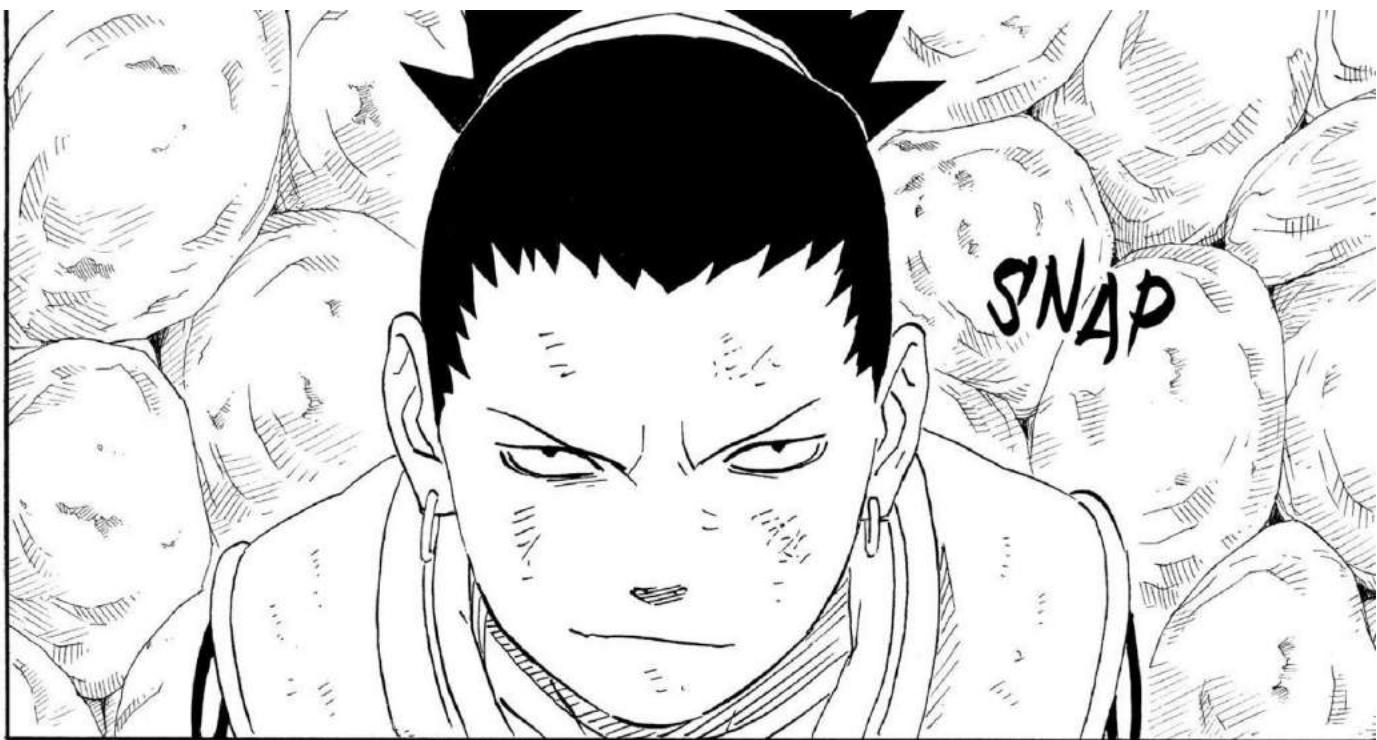










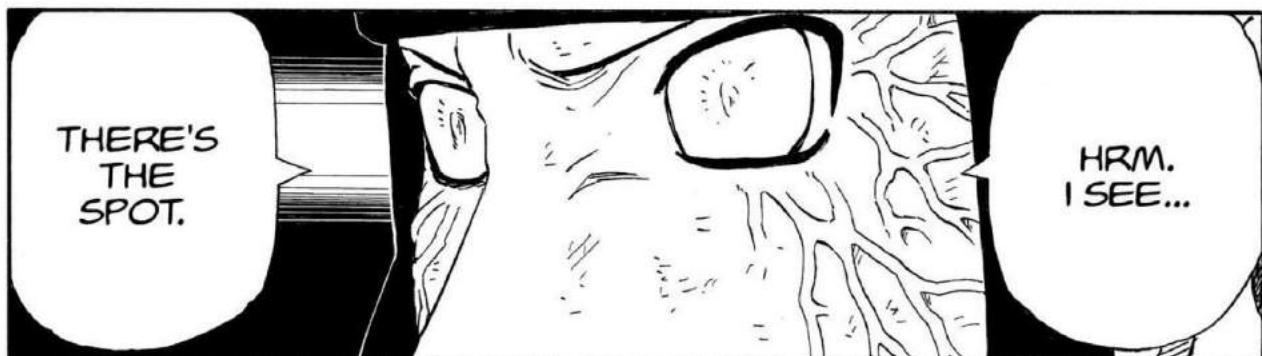
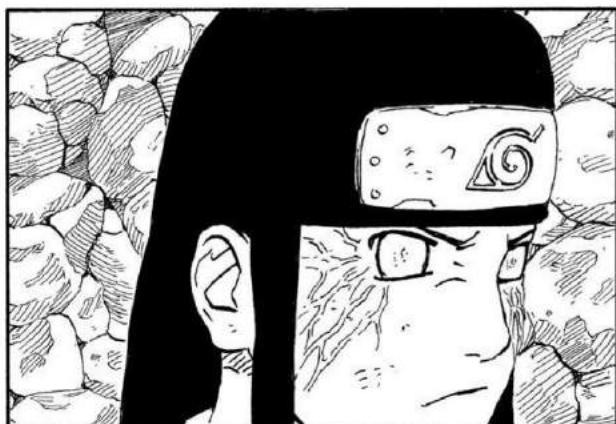
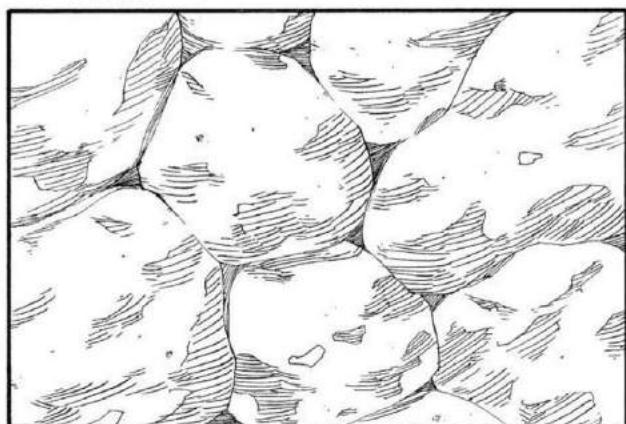


NARUTO!
YOU
REALLY
ARE
CLUELESS,
AREN'T
YOU!



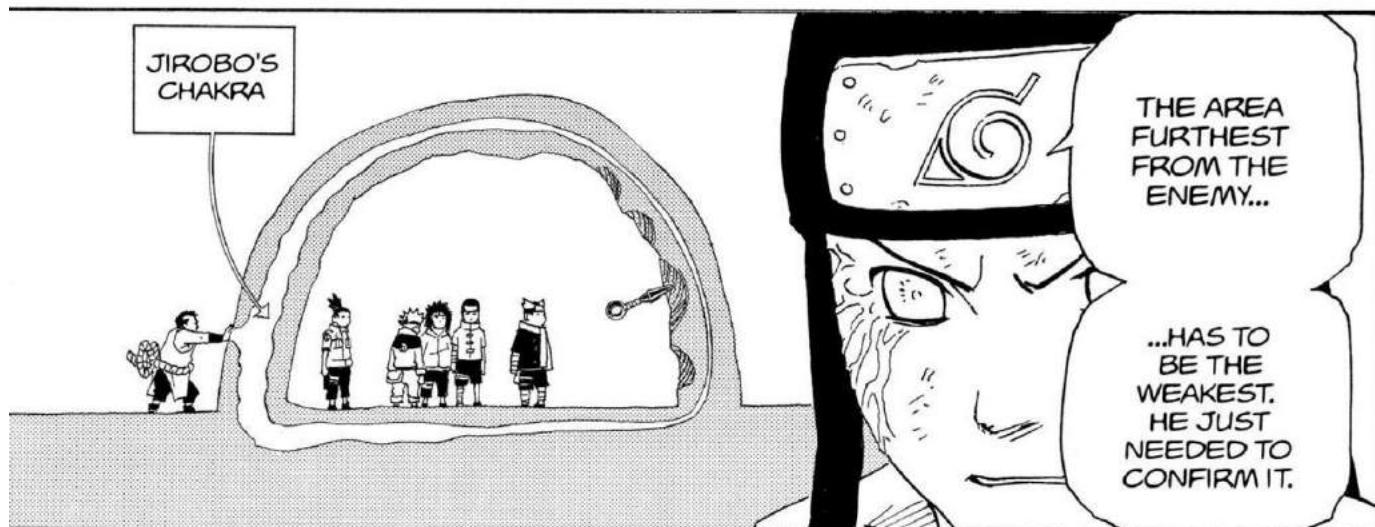
OH
CLAM
IT,
SHIKA-
MARU!!







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THIS
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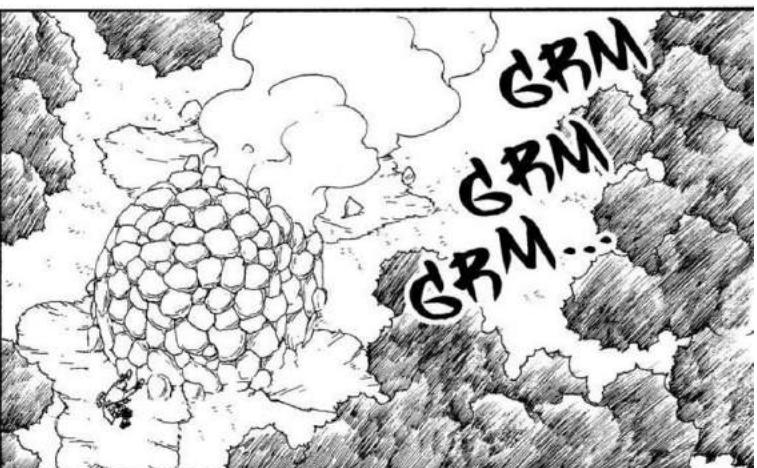


SKRUNCH



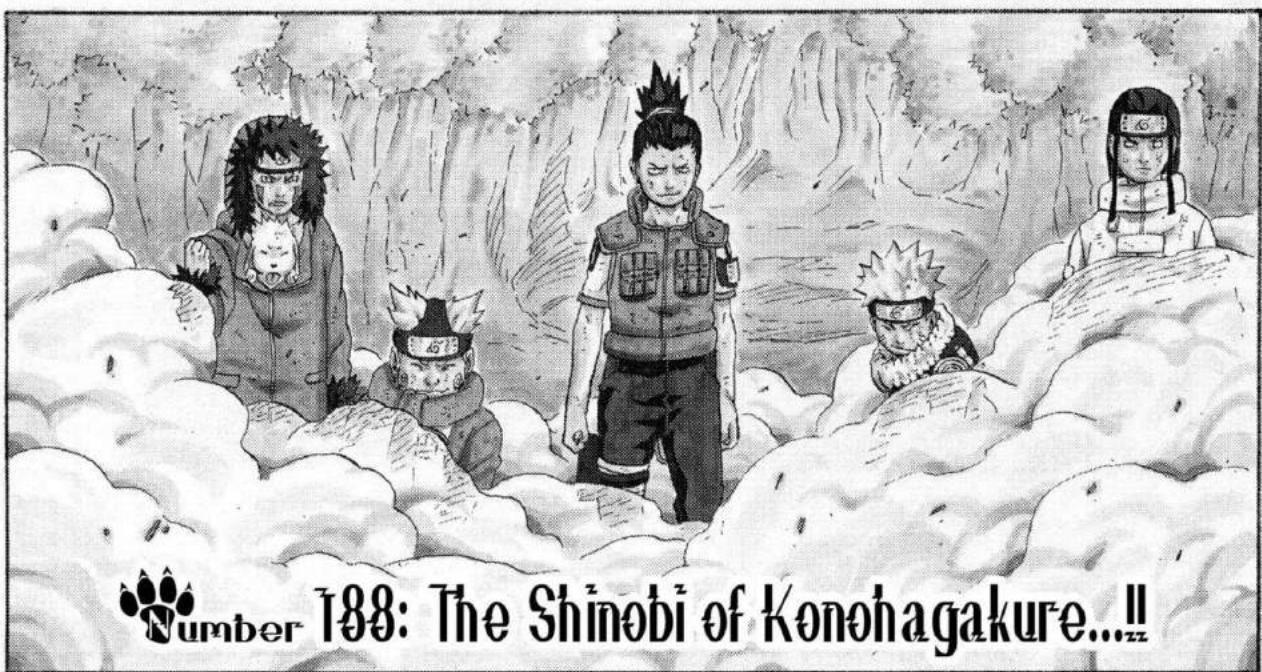
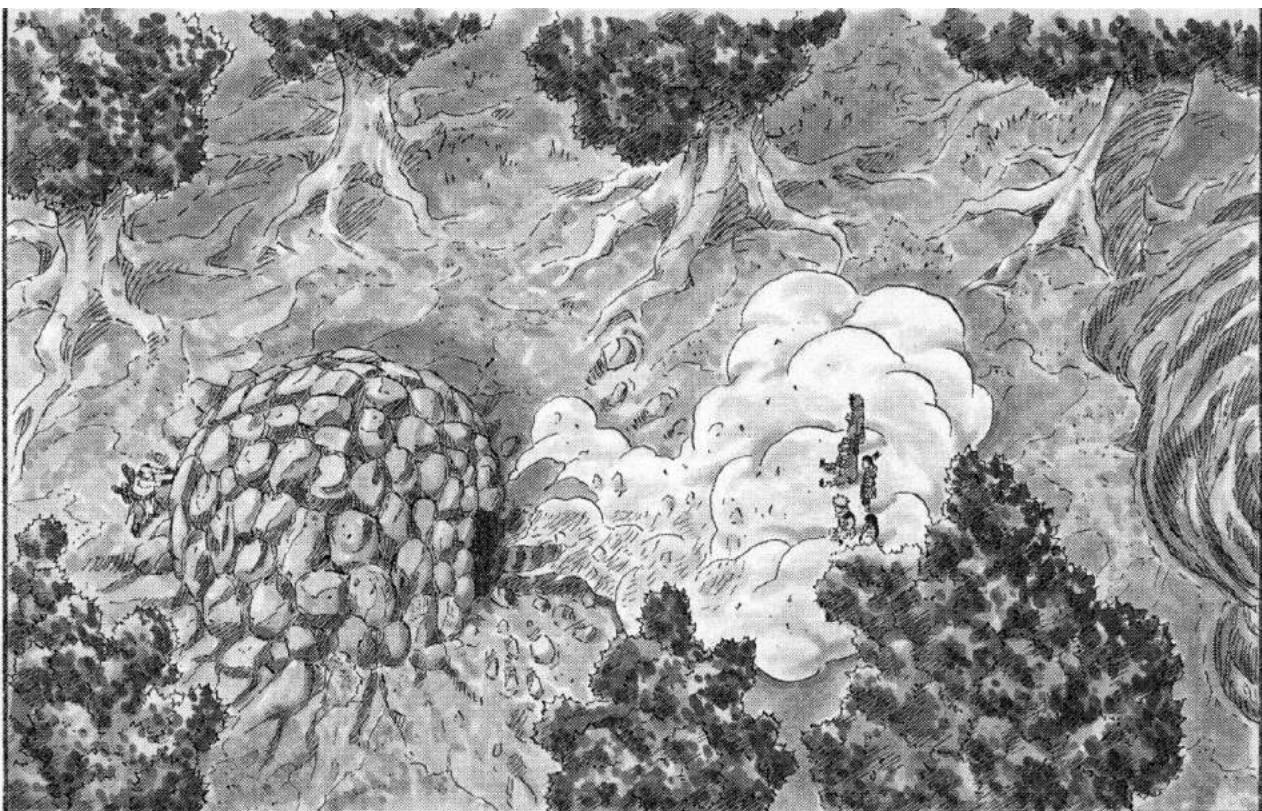
**NIKUDAN
SENSHA!
THE
HUMAN
JUGGER-
NAUT!!!**

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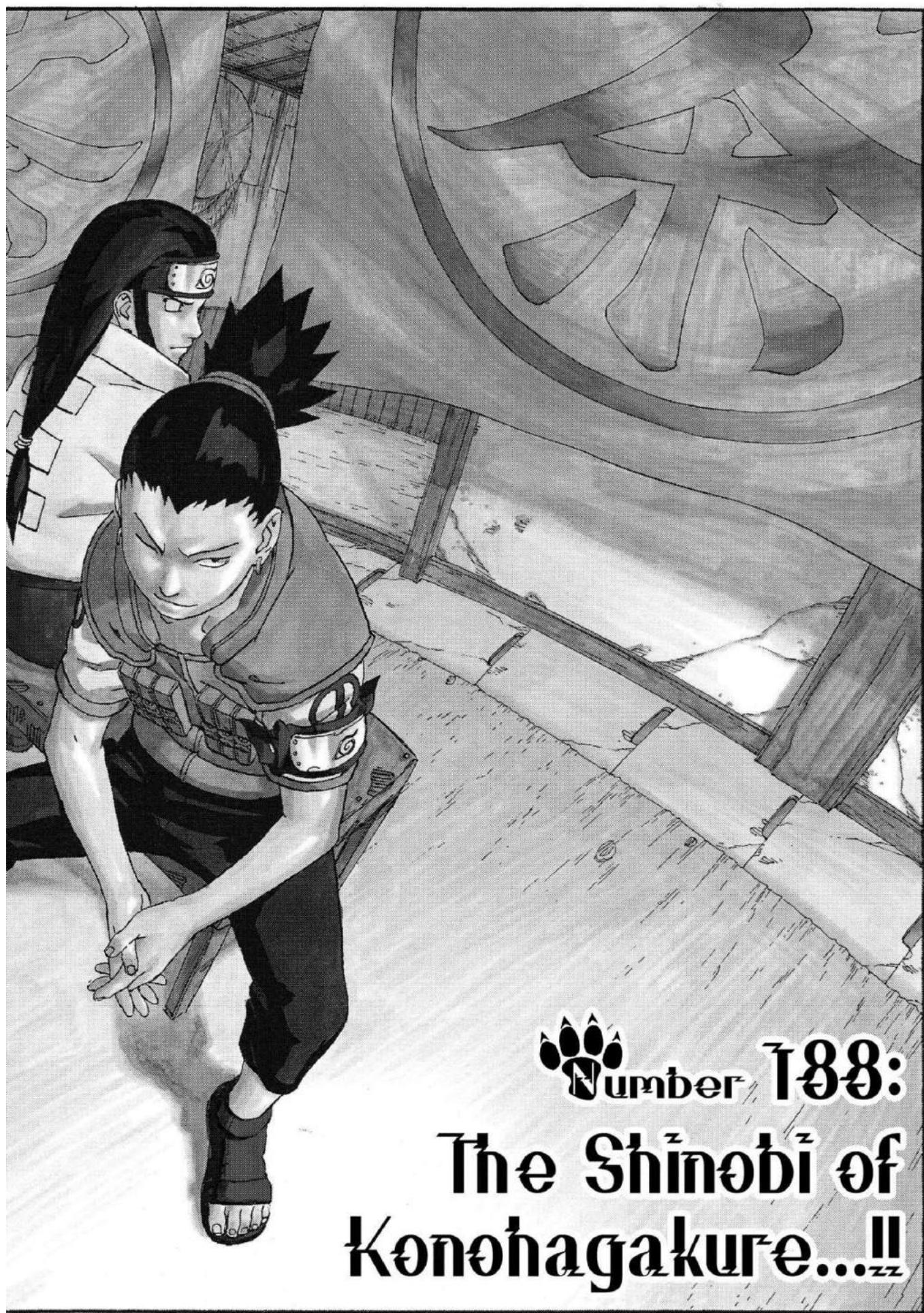




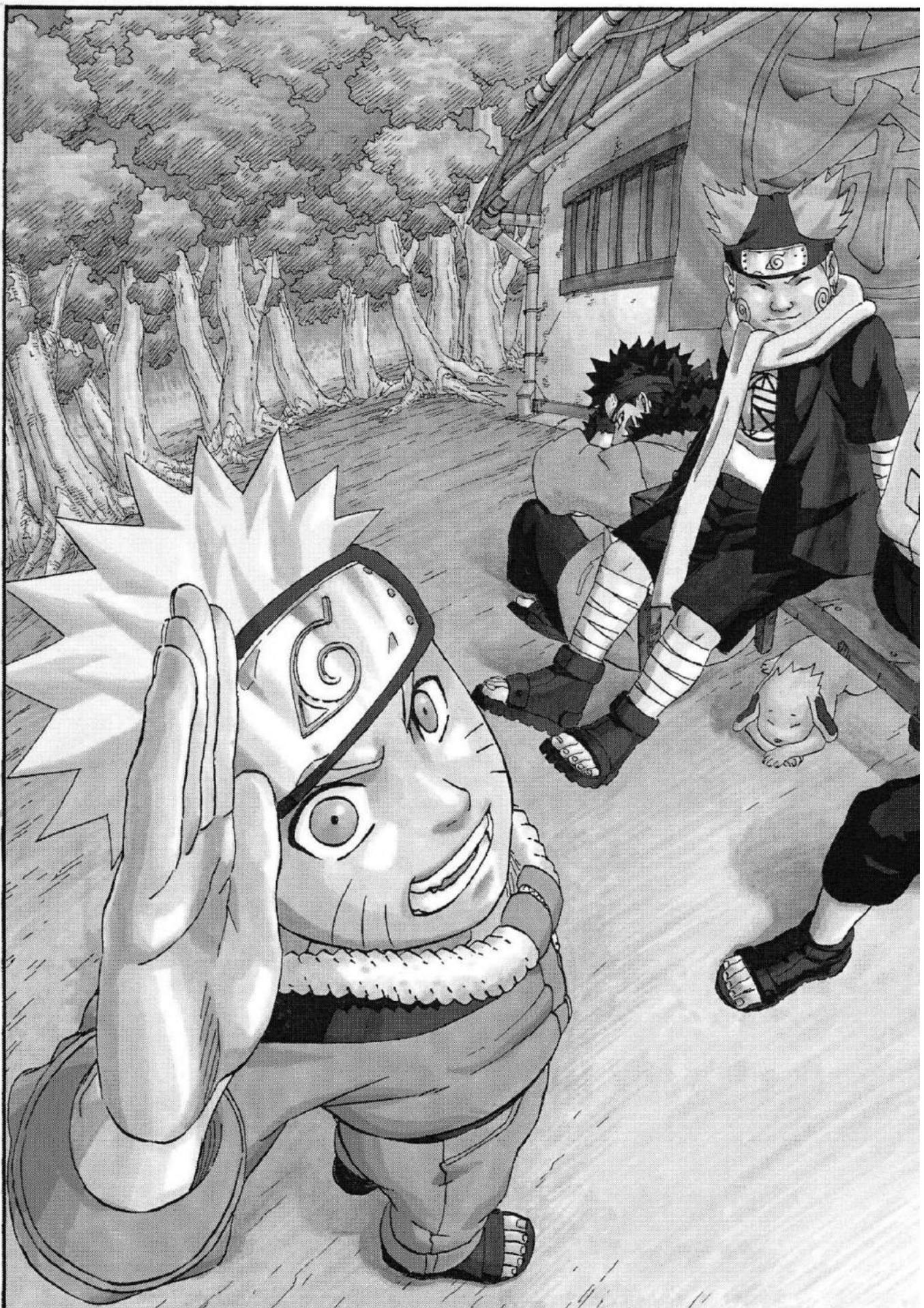




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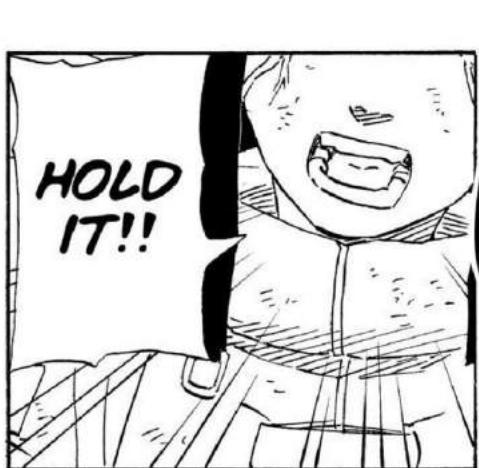


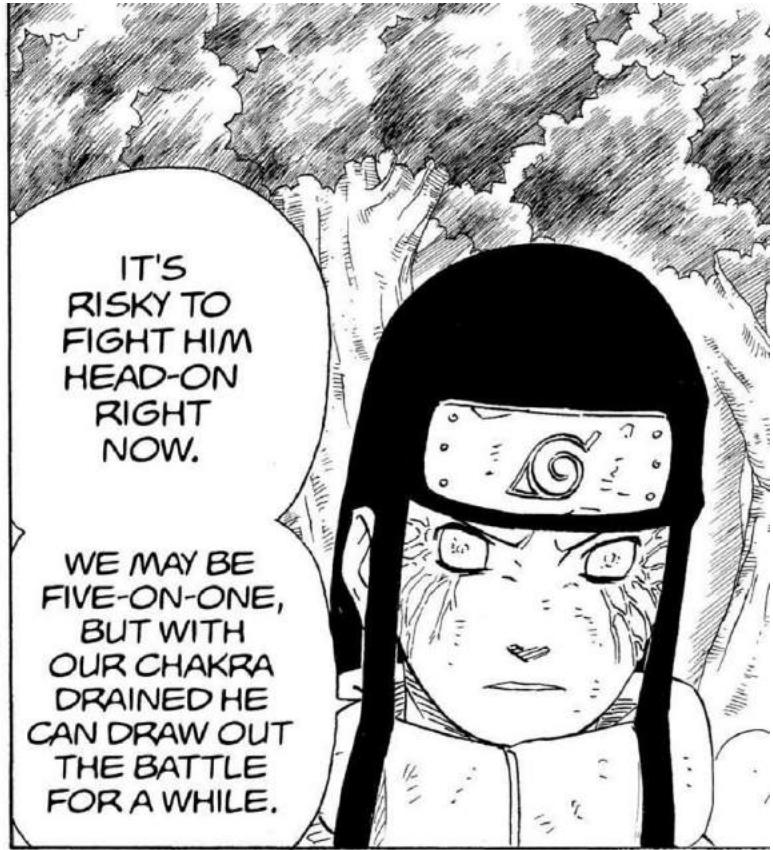
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The Shinobi of
Konohagakure...!!



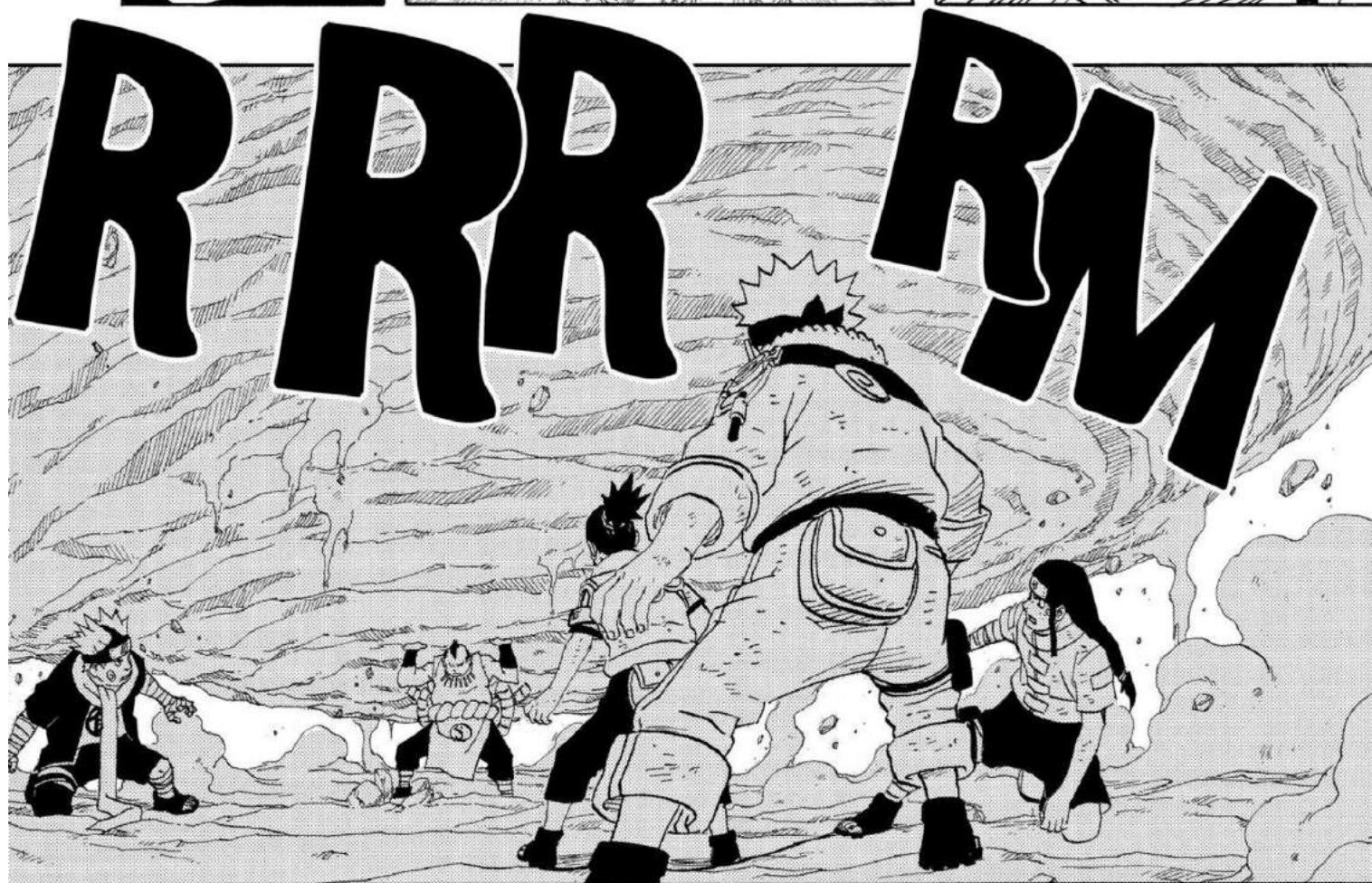
NARUTO















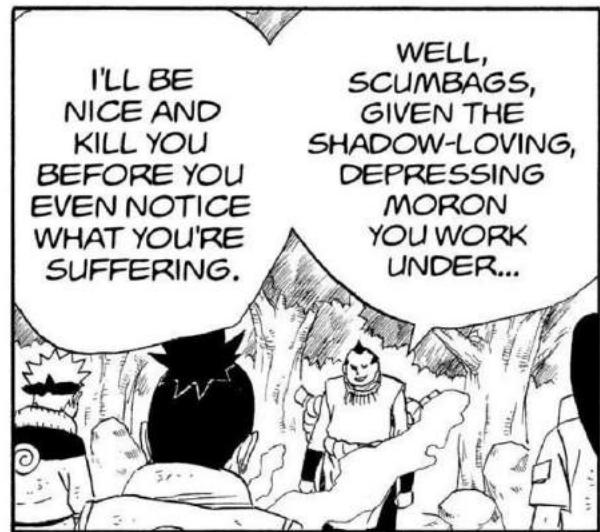
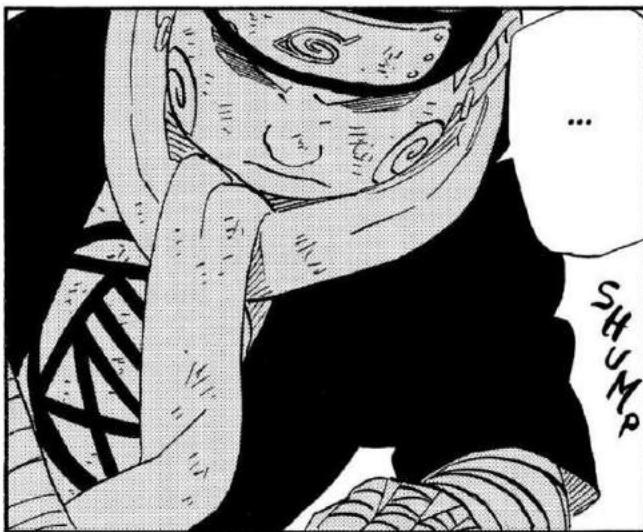








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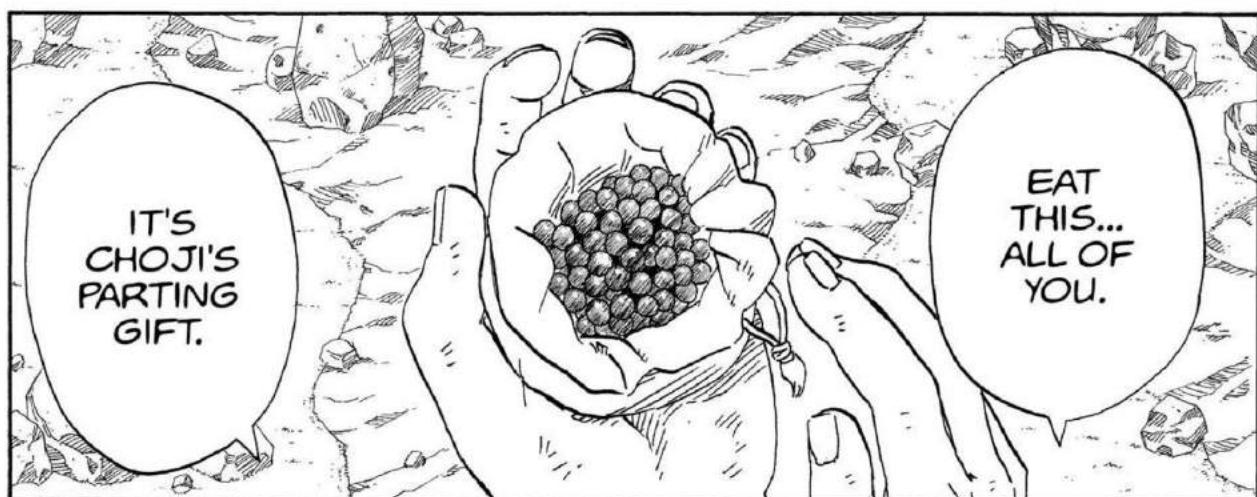


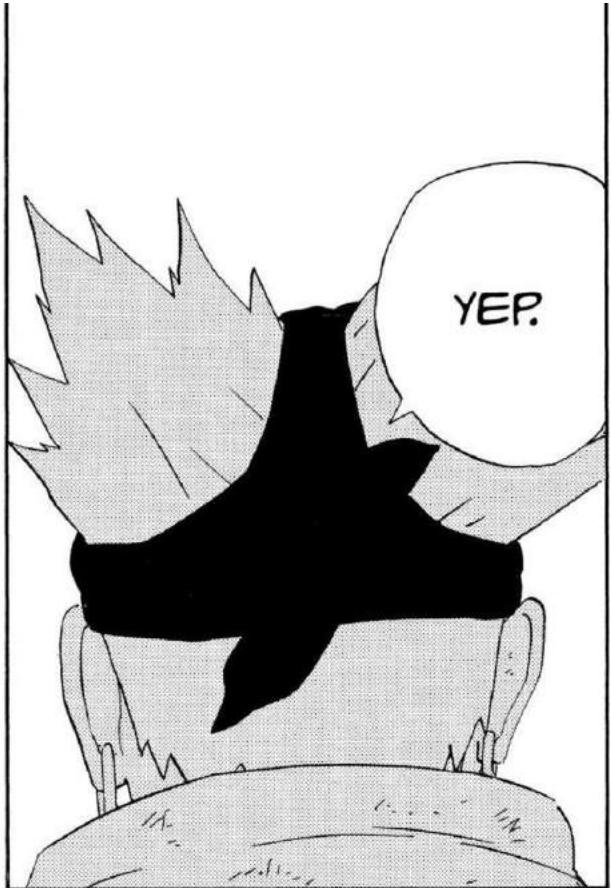


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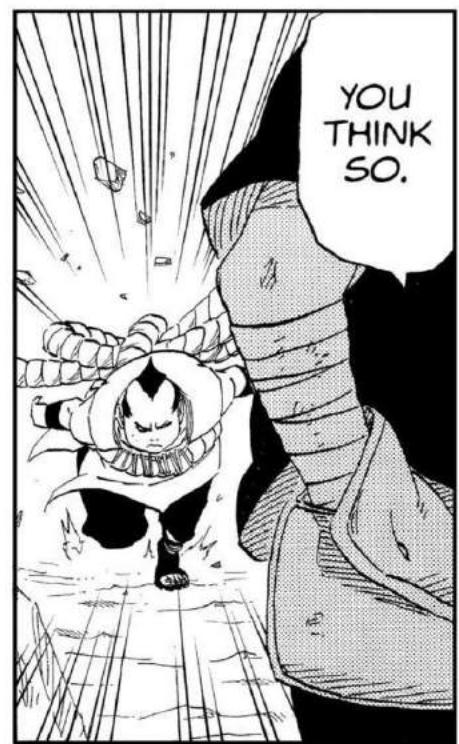
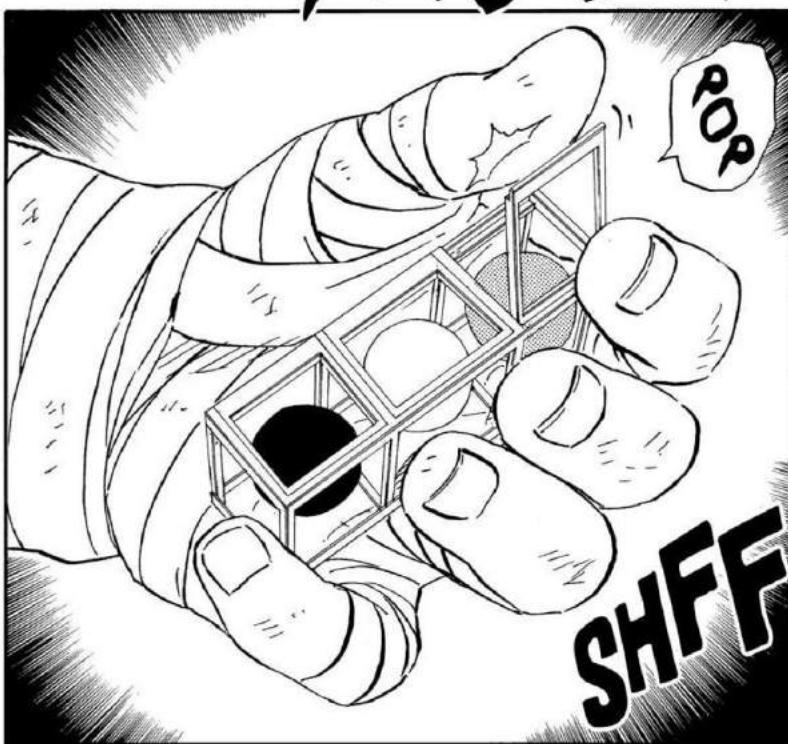








WOOOM





**GOOD
LUCK,
GUYS!!**



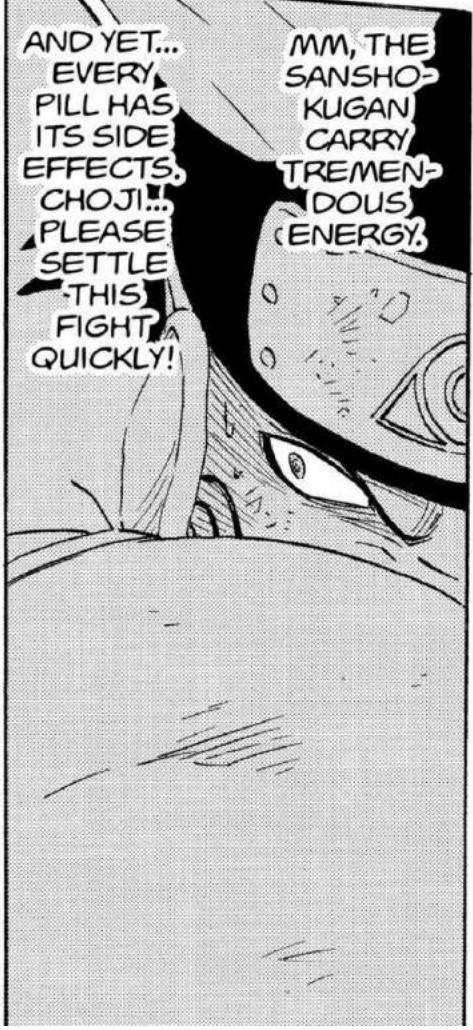
AND YET...
EVERY
PILL HAS
ITS SIDE
EFFECTS.
CHOJI...
PLEASE
SETTLE
THIS
FIGHT
QUICKLY!

MM, THE
SANSHO-
KUGAN
CARRY
TREMEN-
DOUS
(ENERGY.

GREEN,
YELLOW, RED.
THE TRIAD OF
COLORED
PELLETS,
SANSHOKUGAN,
CAN
GIVE YOU
EXPLOSIVE
POWER.

HE
BROUGHT
ALONG THE
AKIMICHI
CLAN'S
SECRET
TRIPLE
THREAT!

AHH! NO
WONDER
HE WAS SO
SURE OF
HIMSELF!





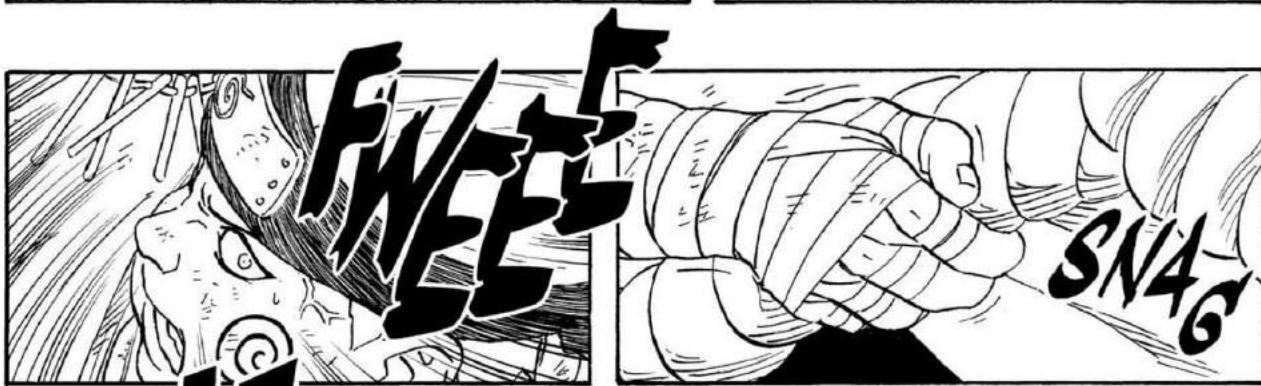
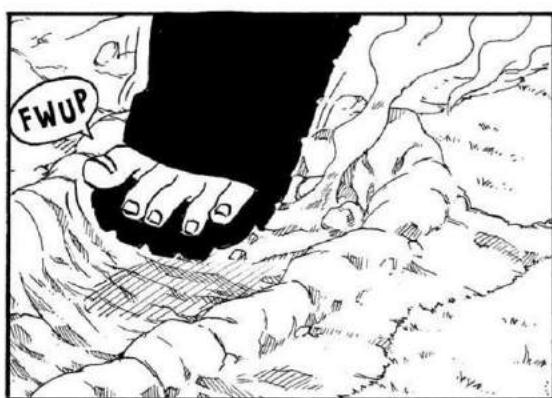


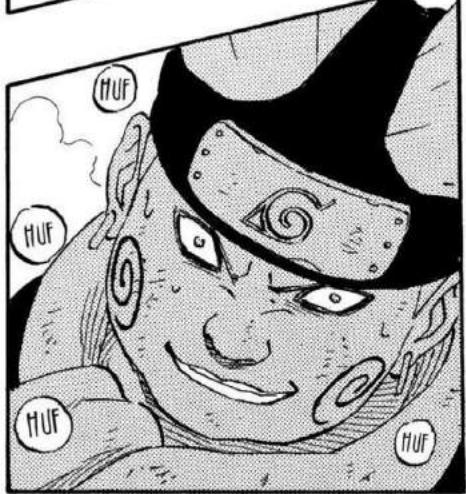
Number 189: Faith...!!





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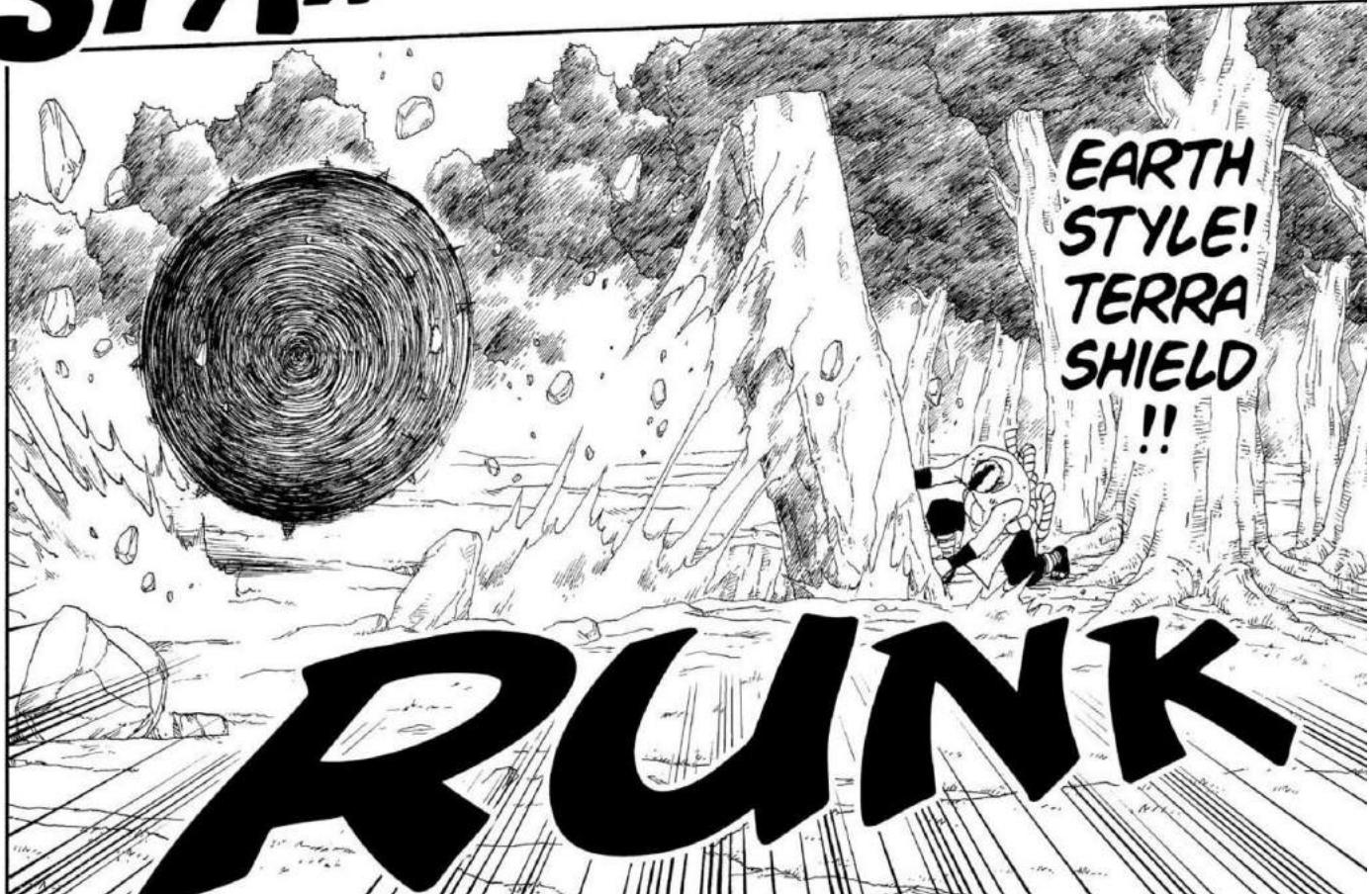
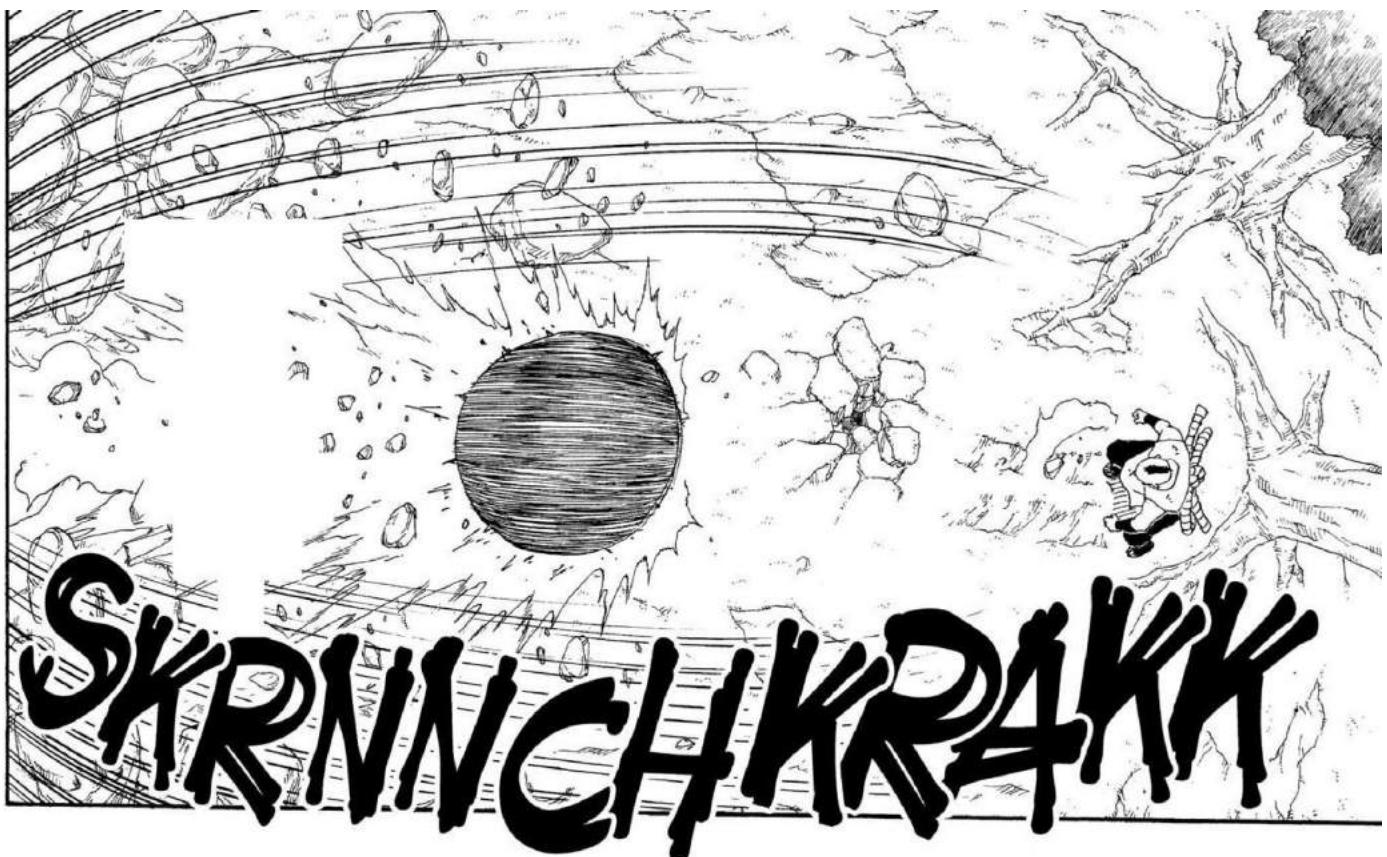
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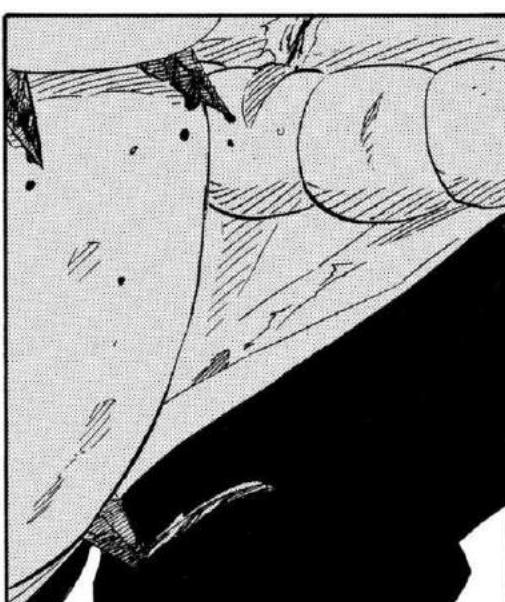


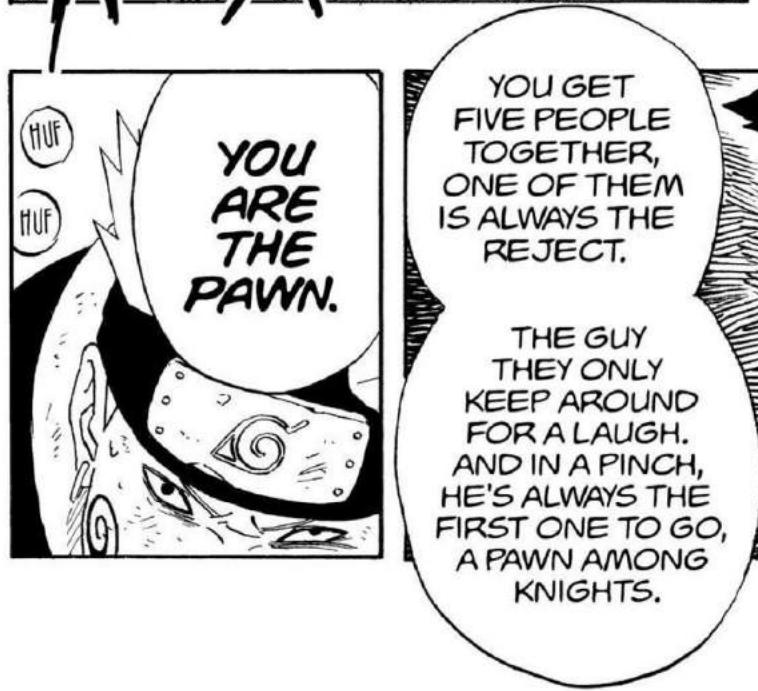


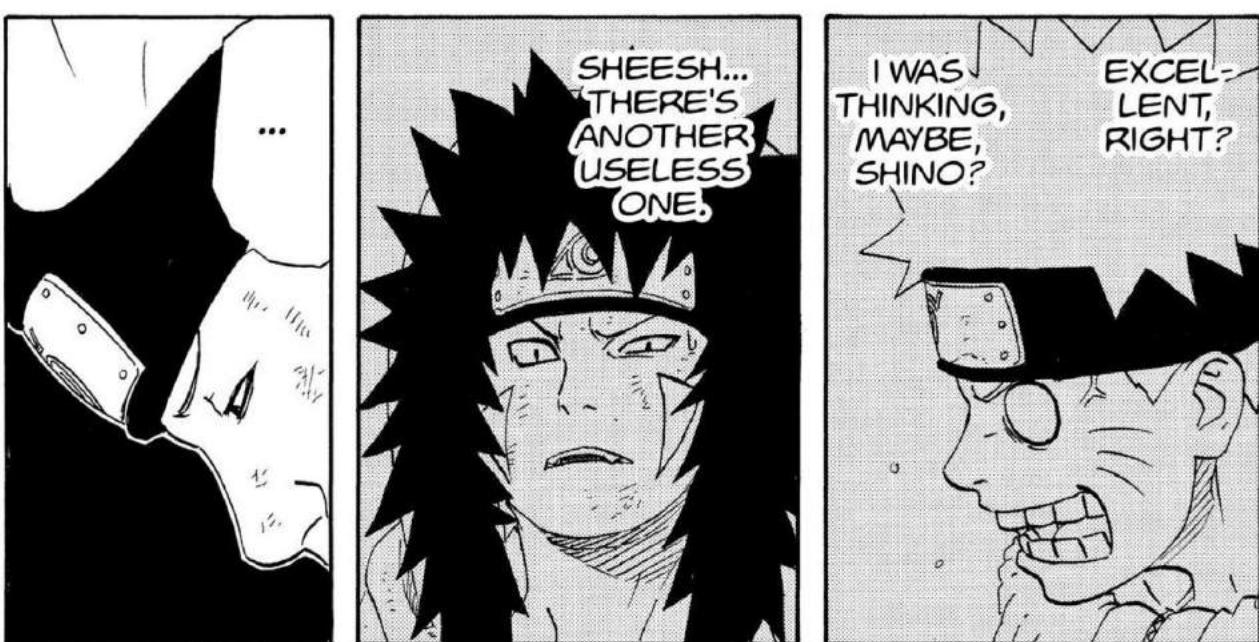
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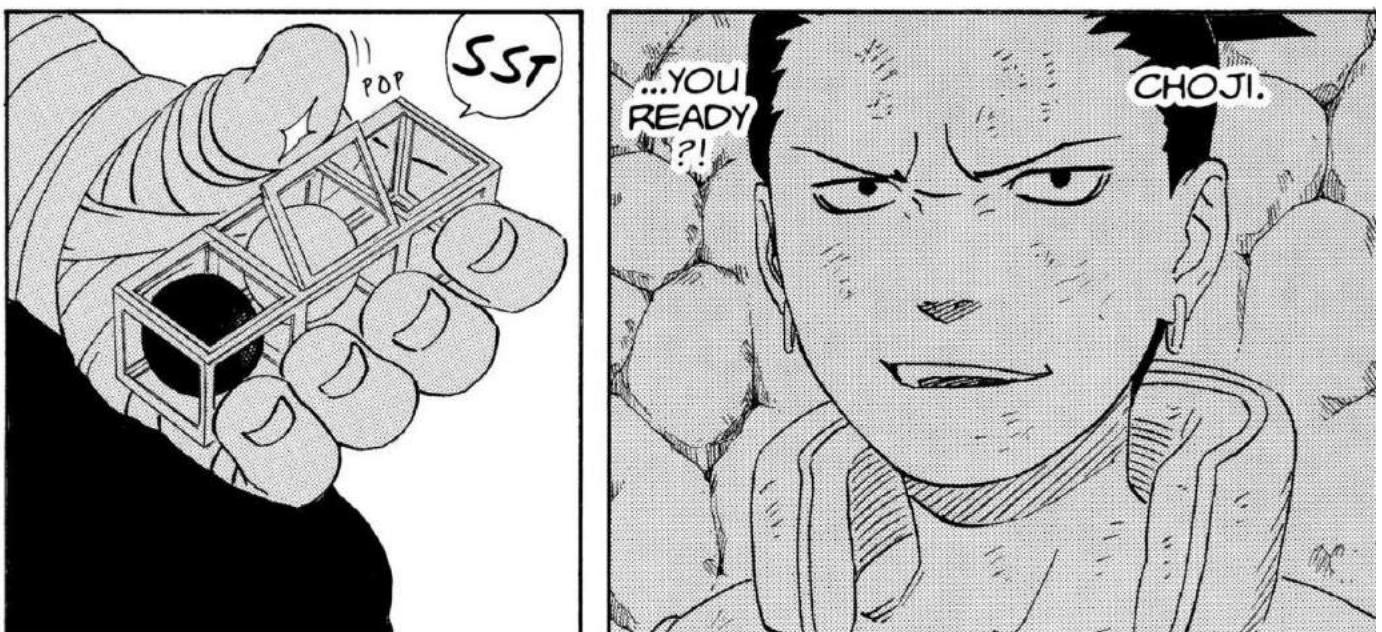








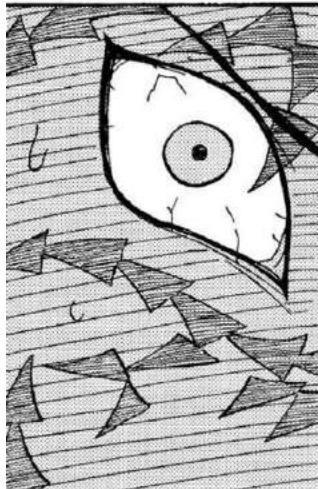


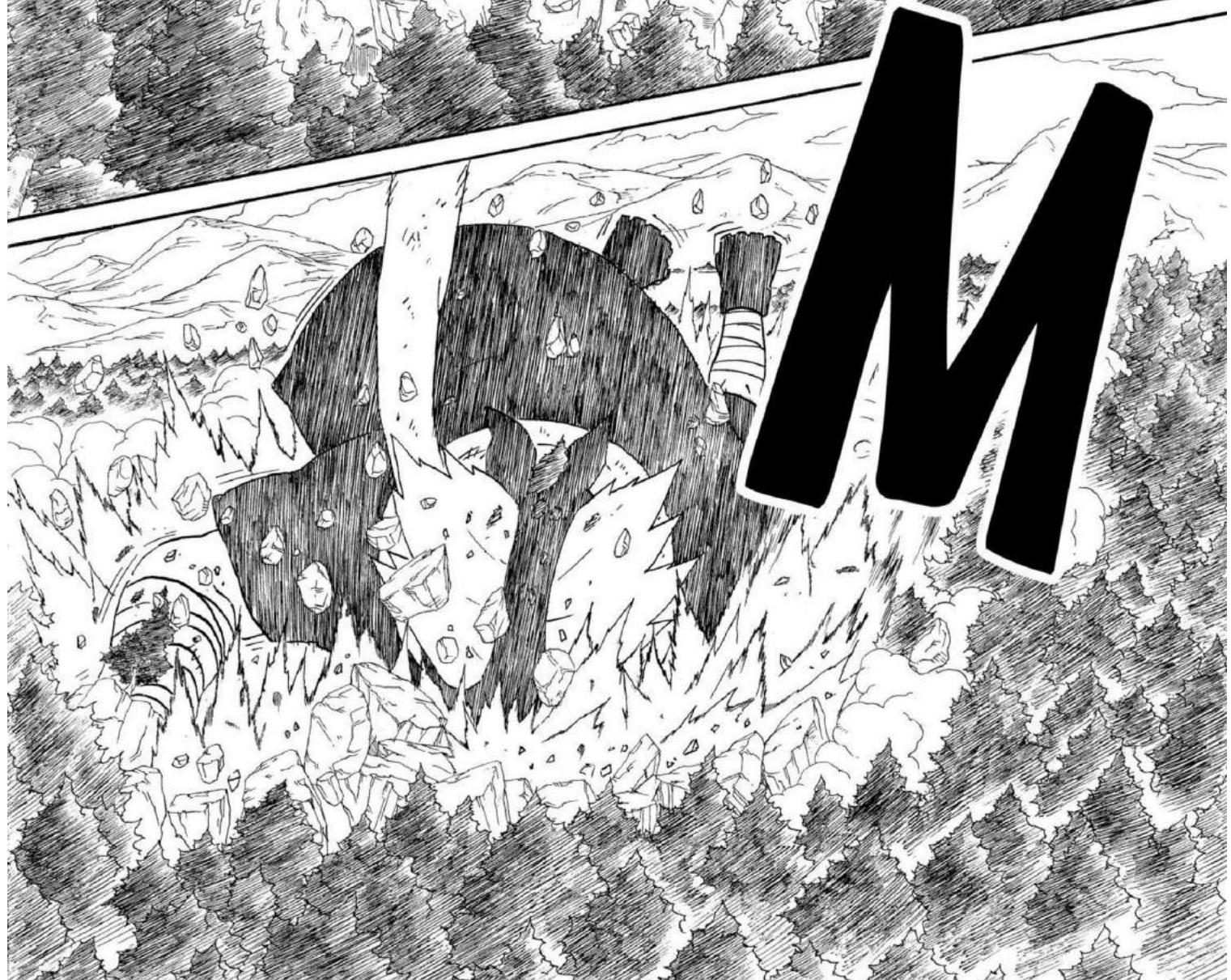
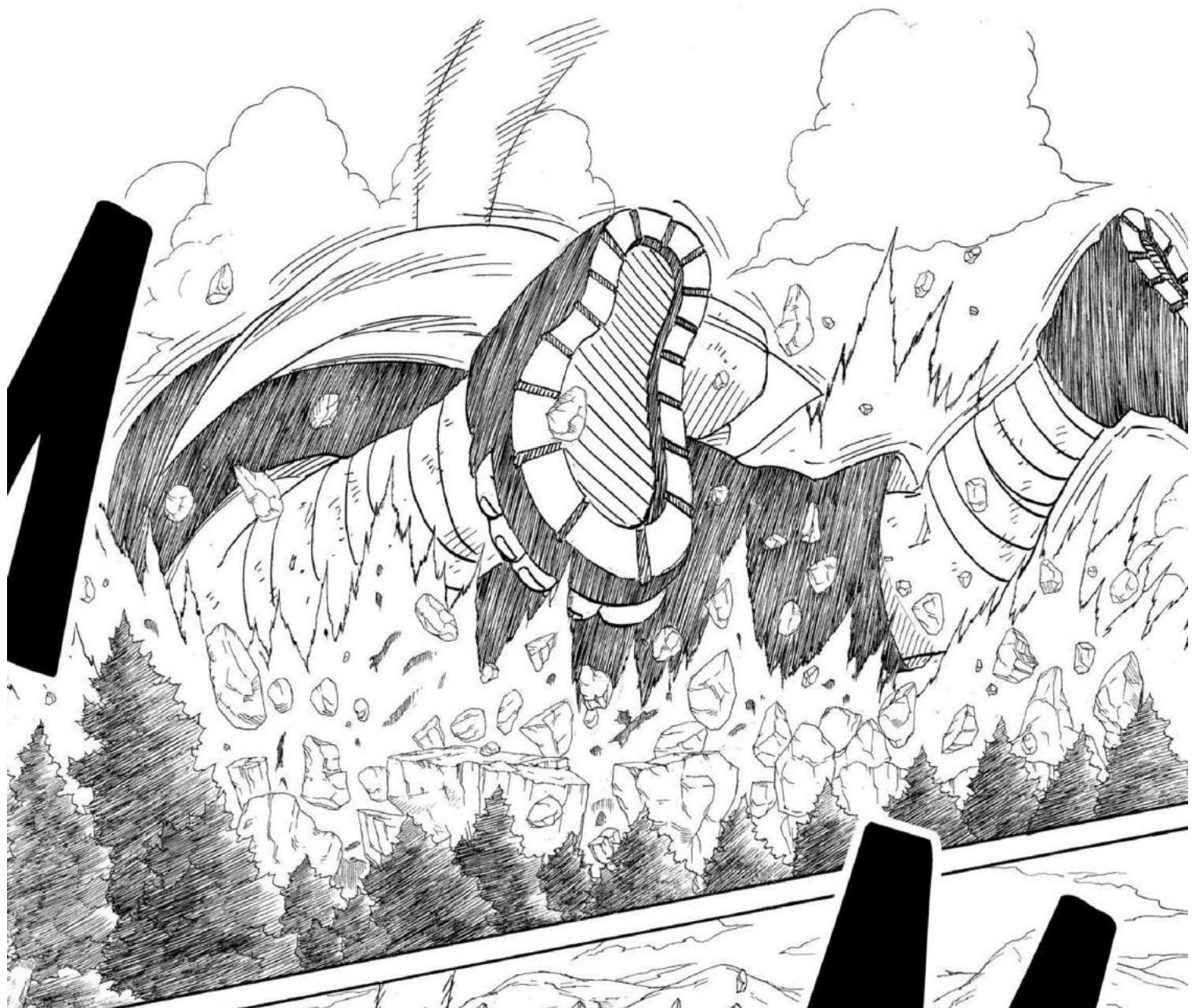






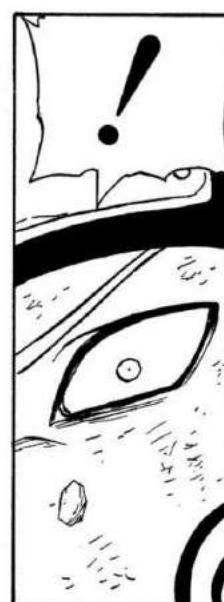
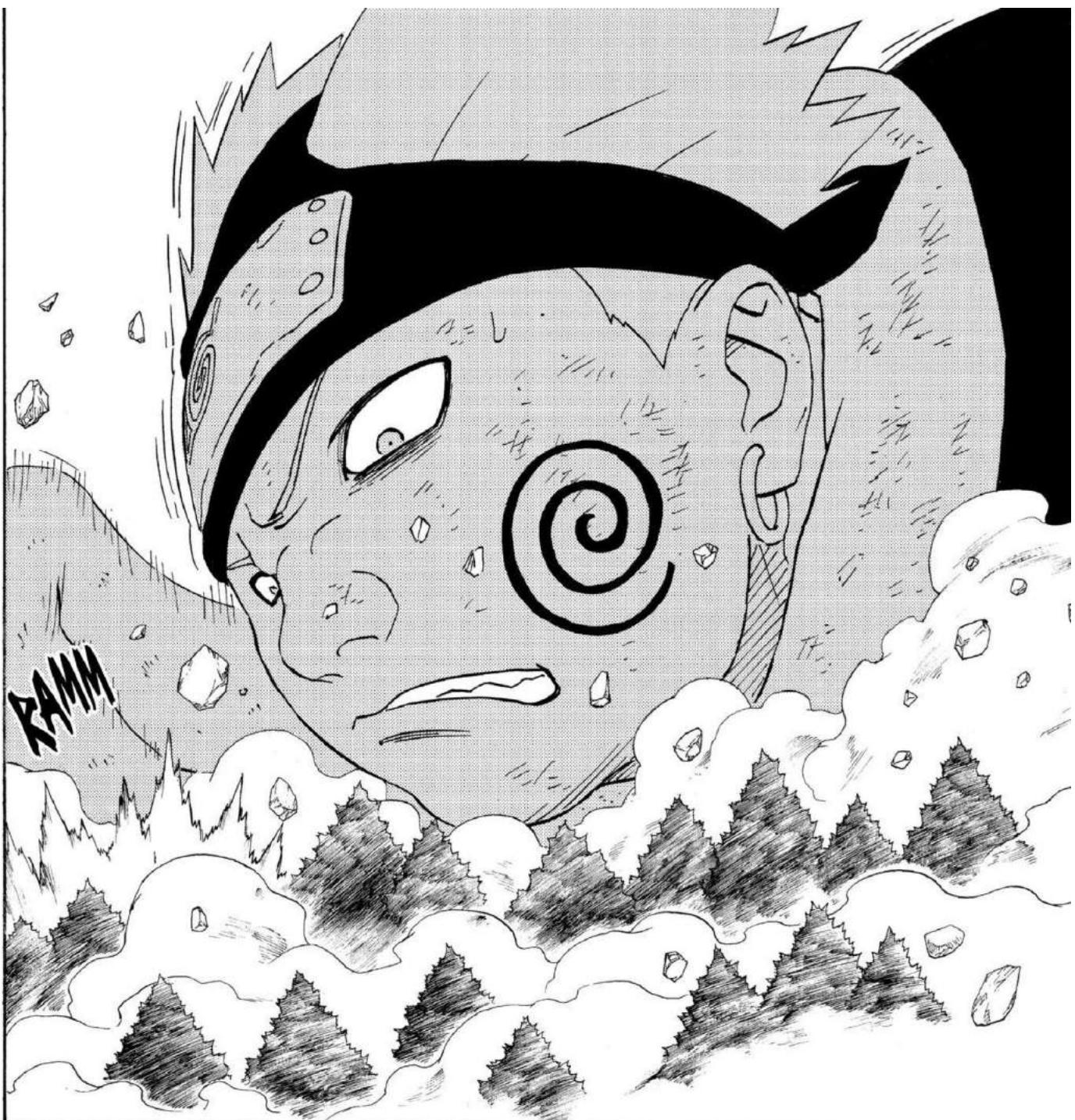
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LATELY, IT'S BEEN GETTING REALLY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO COME UP WITH NEW CHARACTERS. IT'S SO HARD TO DESIGN GOOD ONES THAT, THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, I'M AFRAID THAT THE NARUTO SERIES MIGHT BE IN TROUBLE...SO TO OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM, WE DECIDED TO HOLD A NEW EVENT!

AND JUST WHAT IS THIS NEW EVENT?! WELL, IT'S A "DESIGN AND MAIL IN YOUR OWN ORIGINAL CHARACTERS TO POOR CREATIVITY-DRAINED KISHIMOTO" COMPETITION! THE MOST EXCELLENT WORKS WILL BE PRINTED IN JUMP COMICS! IN ADDITION, I WILL COPY AND ILLUSTRATE THE BEST DESIGN, AND THAT TOO WILL BE PRINTED!! (PLEASE NOTE, THE BEST DESIGNER WILL RECEIVE AN AUTOGRAPHED COPY OF MY TAKE ON HIS OR HER DESIGN.)

SERIOUSLY, IF YOUR CHARACTERS ARE GREAT, THEY MIGHT EVEN APPEAR IN NARUTO! SHOULD THAT HAPPEN, JUMP EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT WILL CONTACT YOU BY PHONE OR IN WRITING. (PLEASE RESPOND COURTEOUSLY WHEN IT HAPPENS!)

REMEMBER, THE DESIGN MUST BE TRULY ORIGINAL!

FURTHERMORE, YOU MUST DRAW A FULL BODY MODEL OF THE CHARACTER!!

HERE'S THE ADDRESS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR CHARACTERS:

PLEASE SEND THEM TO:
SHONEN JUMP
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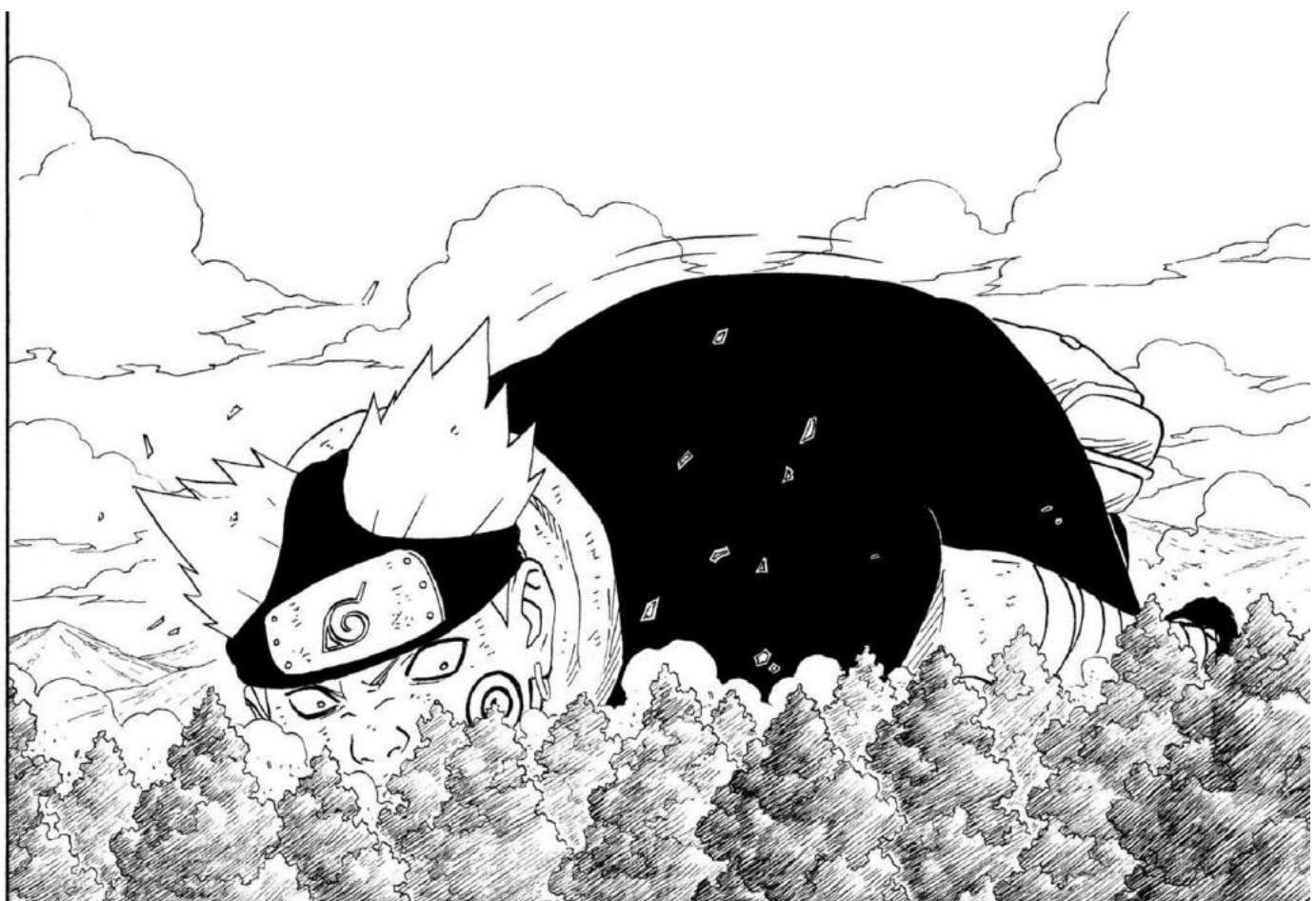
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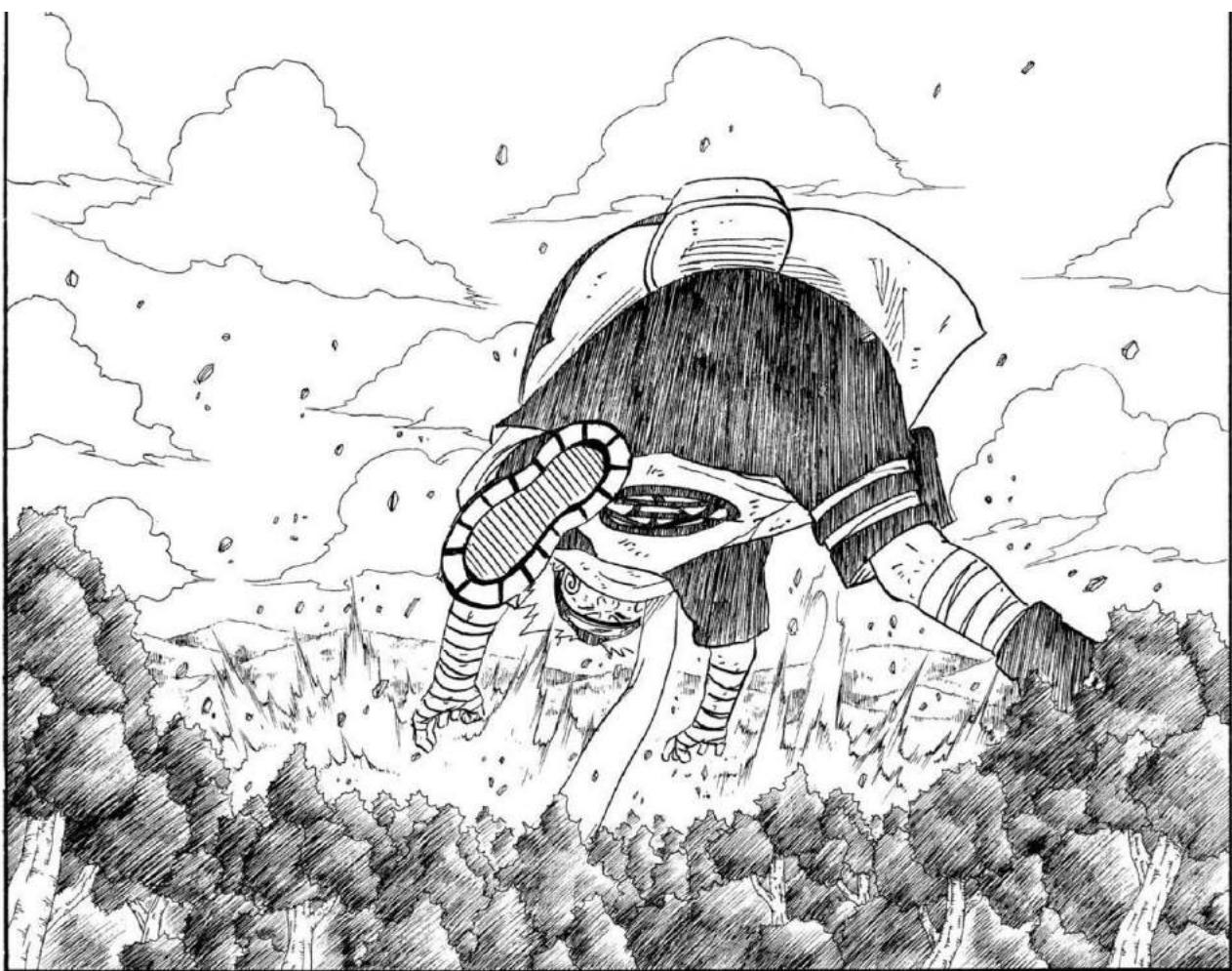
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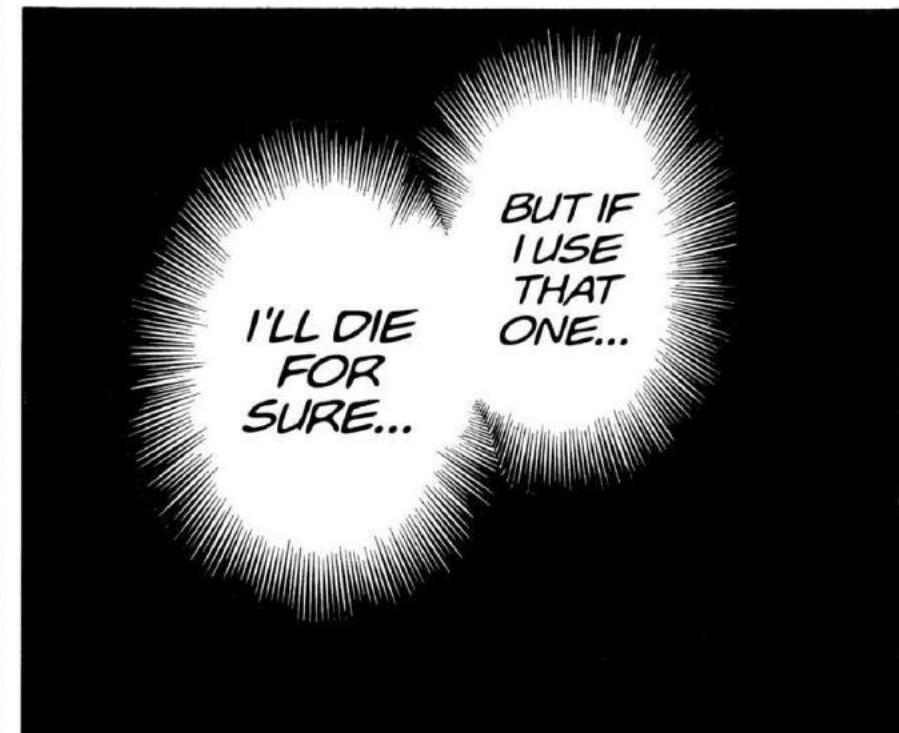


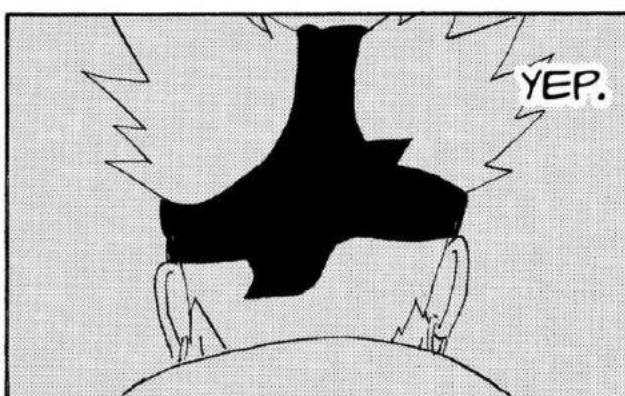






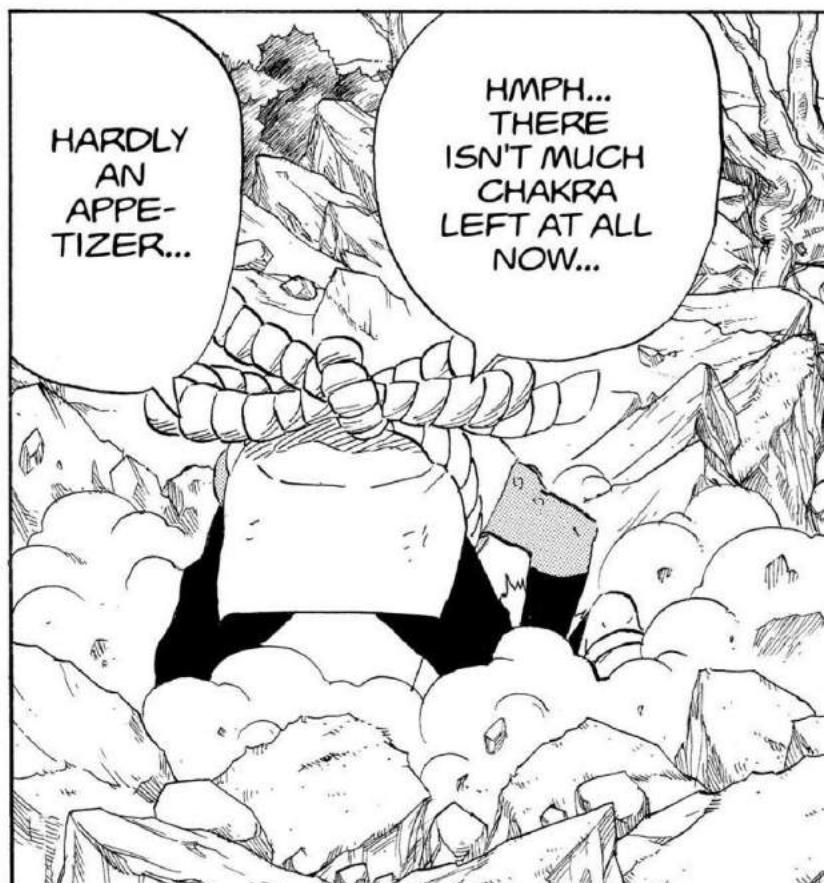
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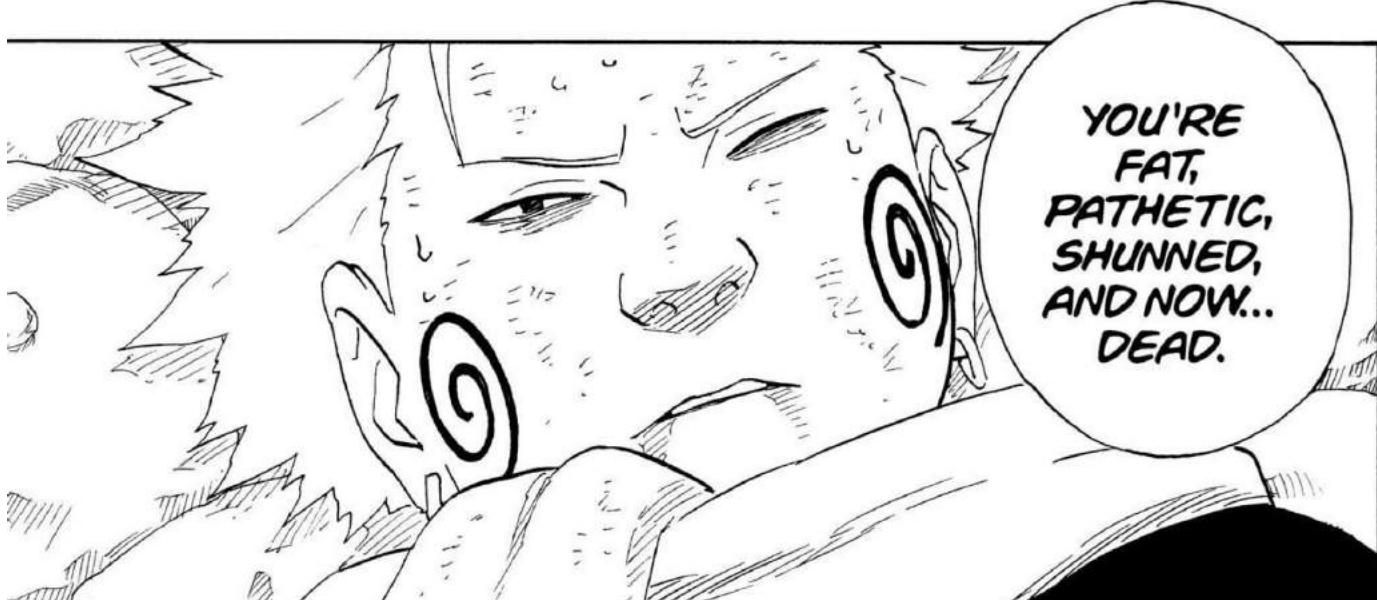


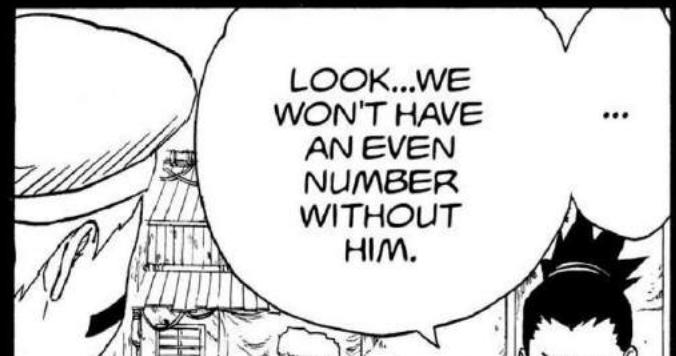
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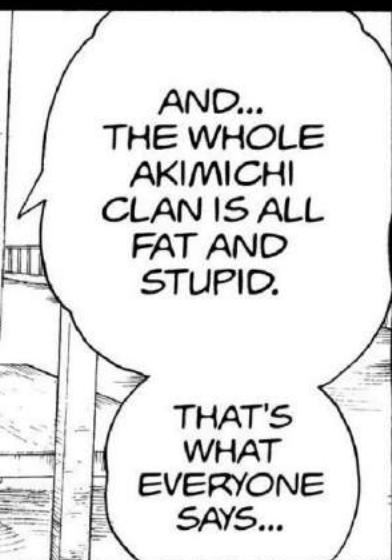
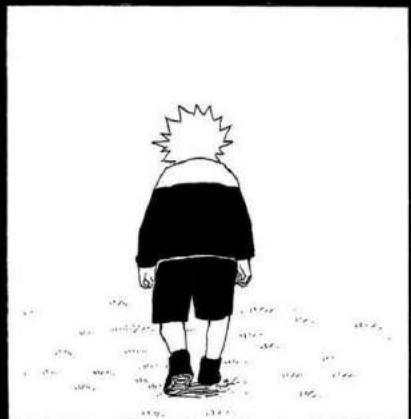
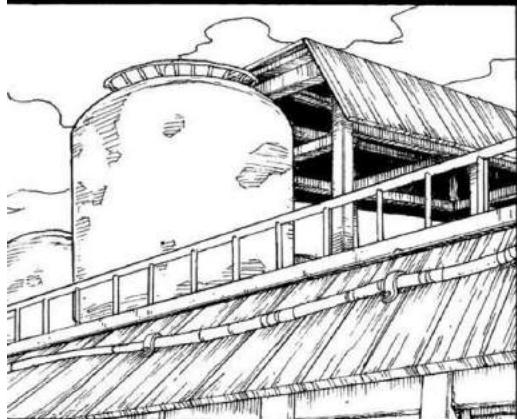


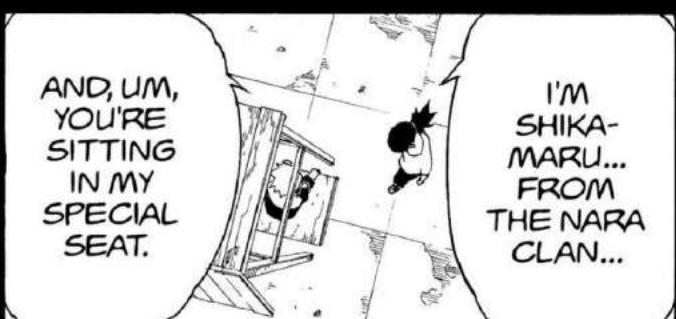


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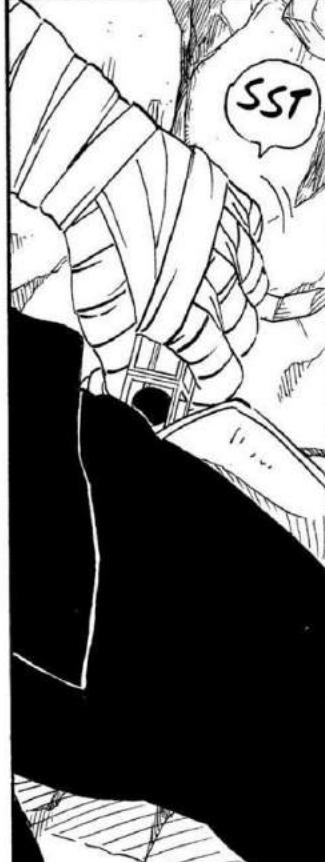
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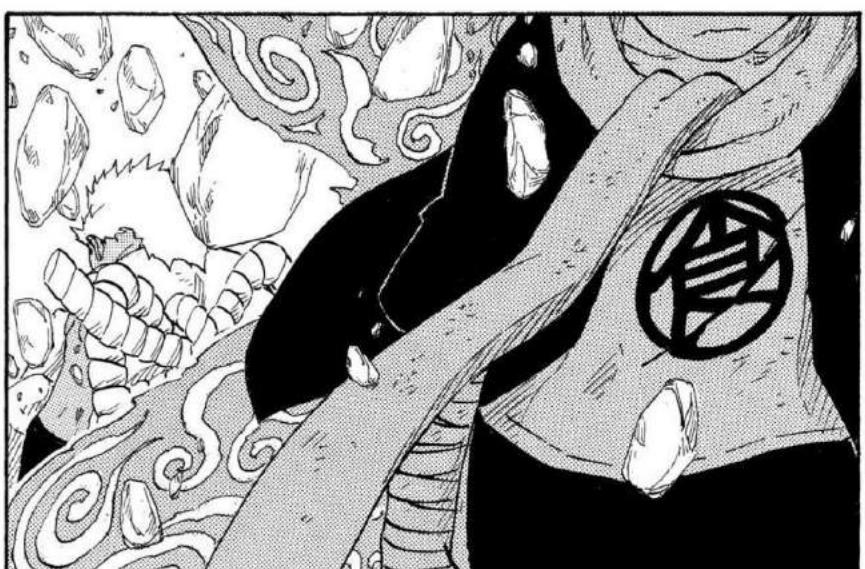
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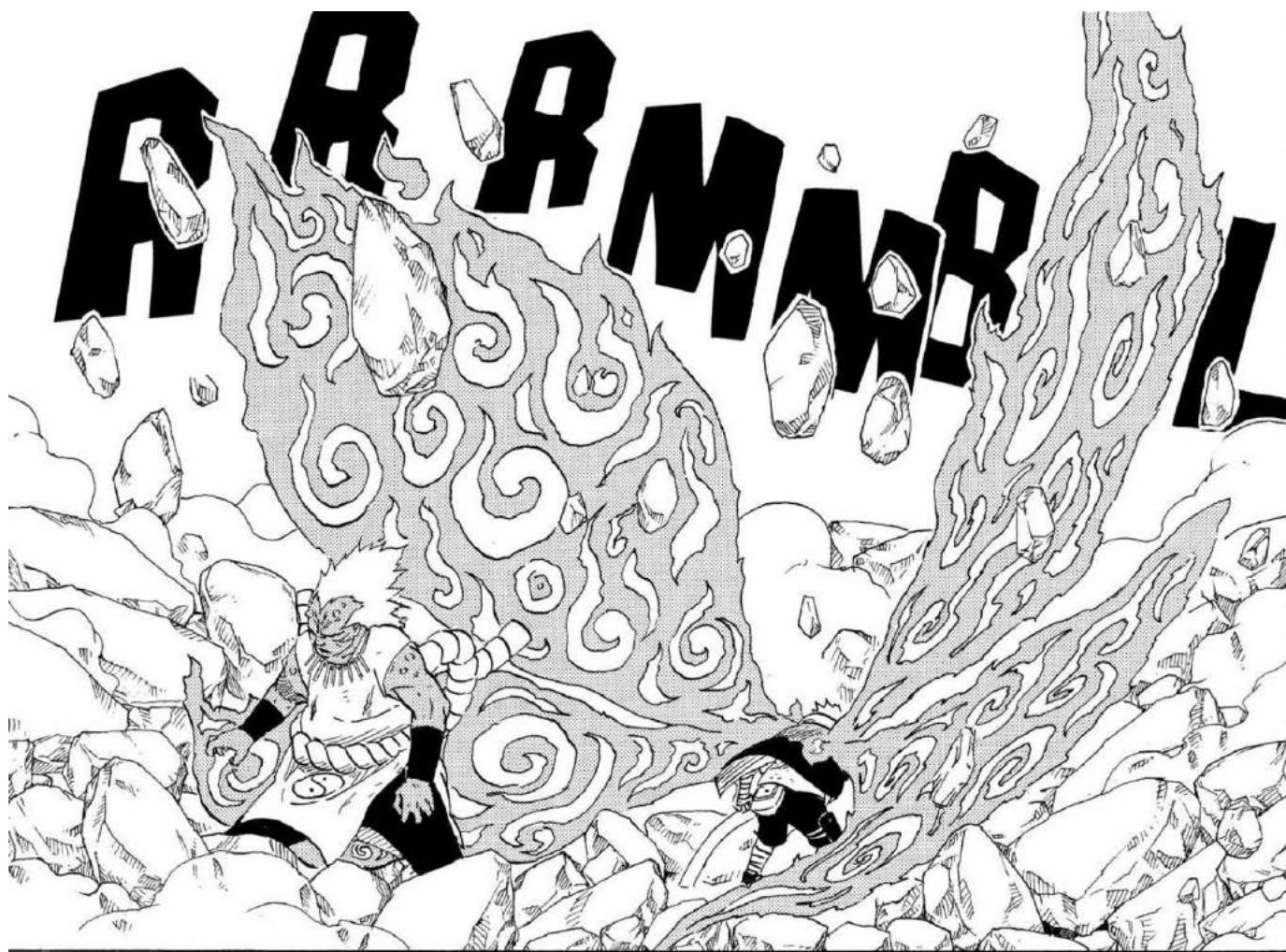
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THANKS!

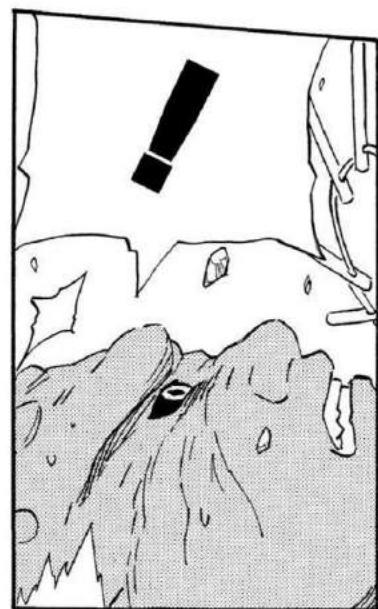
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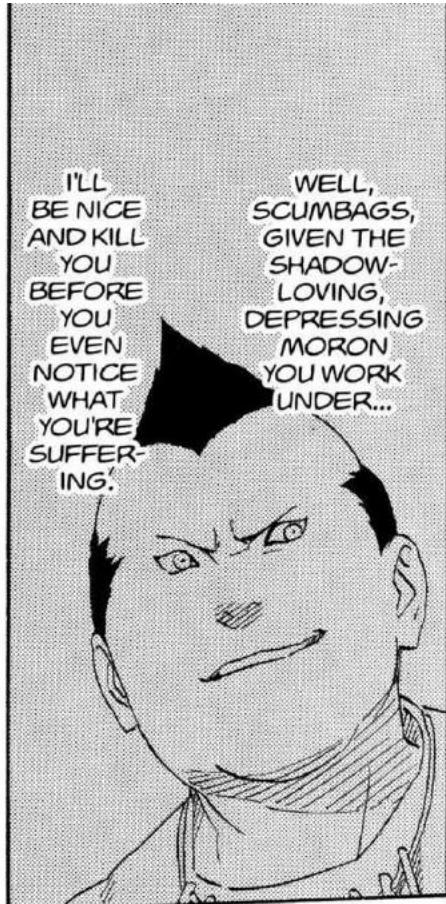














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