

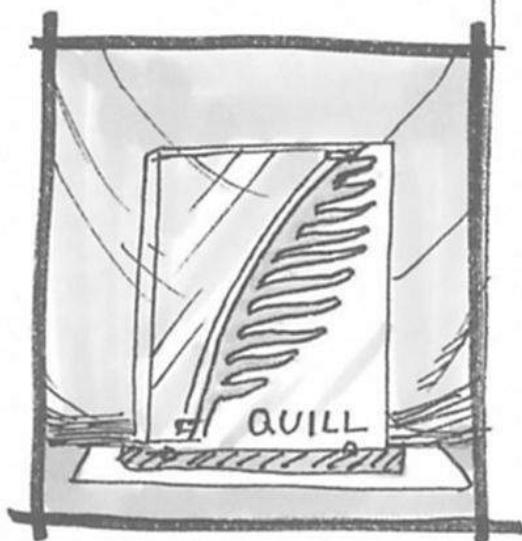
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award in the U.S. I was very hon-  
ored that a Japanese manga was  
able to win from among so many  
American comics. I swear to keep  
working hard on this manga.

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2008

岸本斉史

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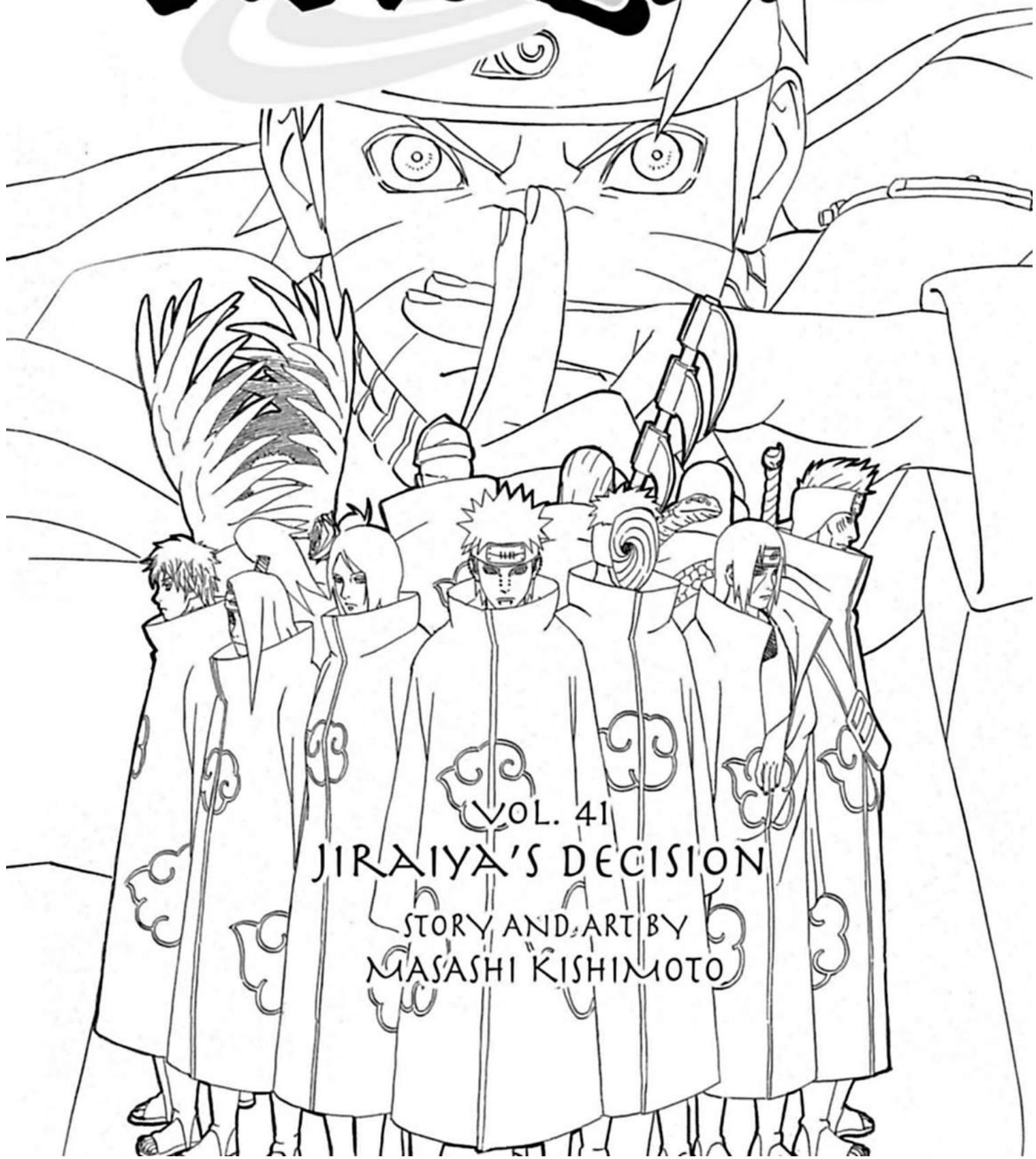
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# CHARACTERS



Sasuke

サスケ



Naruto

ナルト



Sakura

サクラ



Kakashi

カカシ



Yamato

ヤマト



Sai

サイ



Jiraiya

自来也



Tsunade

綱手



Jugo 重吾



Karin 香燐



Suigetsu 水月



Konan 小南



Pain ペイン



Tobi トビ



Kisame 鬼鮫



Itachi イタチ

## THE STORY SO FAR...

Once the bane of the Konohagakure Ninja Academy, Uzumaki Naruto now serves dutifully among the ranks of the Konoha shinobi—an illustrious group of ninja sworn to protect their village from the forces of evil seeking to destroy it from without and within...

After his former classmate, Uchiha Sasuke, is seduced by the evil Orochimaru, Naruto makes it his personal mission to find and save his friend from the darkness growing inside him. Sasuke, however, doesn't want to be found. He only seeks revenge on the man he hates most in the world—the one he blames for murdering his parents—his older brother, Uchiha Itachi. Though Sasuke's quest is temporarily delayed after he comes into conflict with his brother's associates in the insidious organization known as the Akatsuki, at long last he catches up to Itachi...

Meanwhile, Jiraiya infiltrates the Hidden Rain Village on a top-secret mission to gather intelligence on Pain, the Akatsuki's enigmatic leader. Little does he realize he, too, is being watched...



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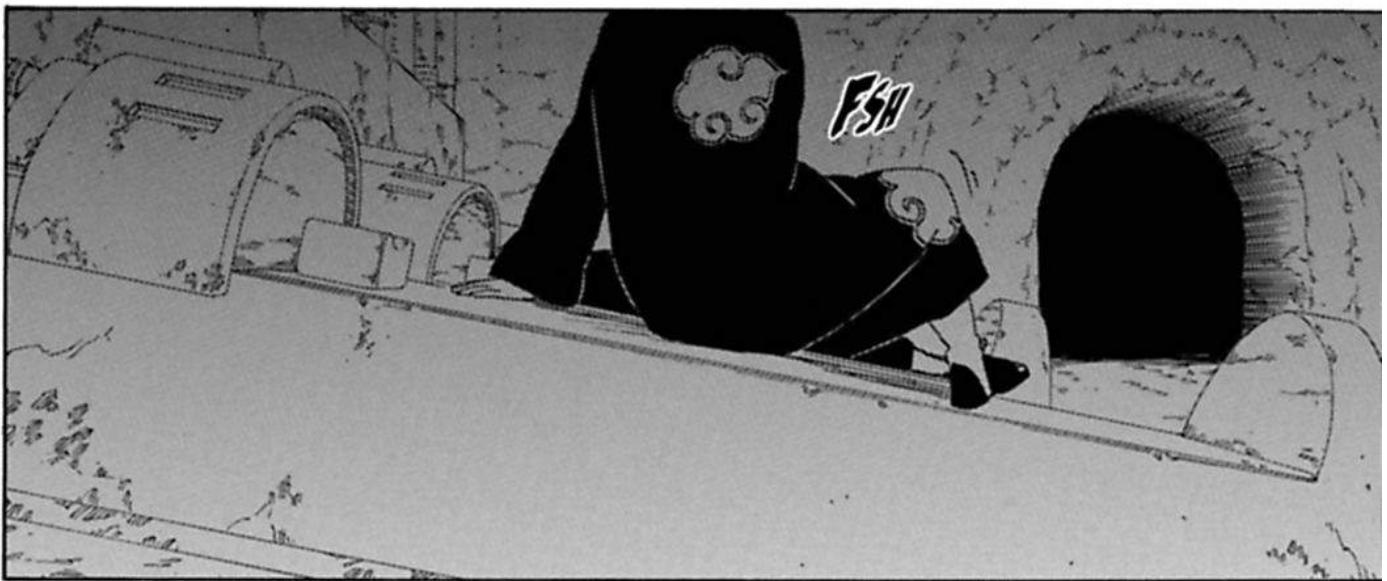
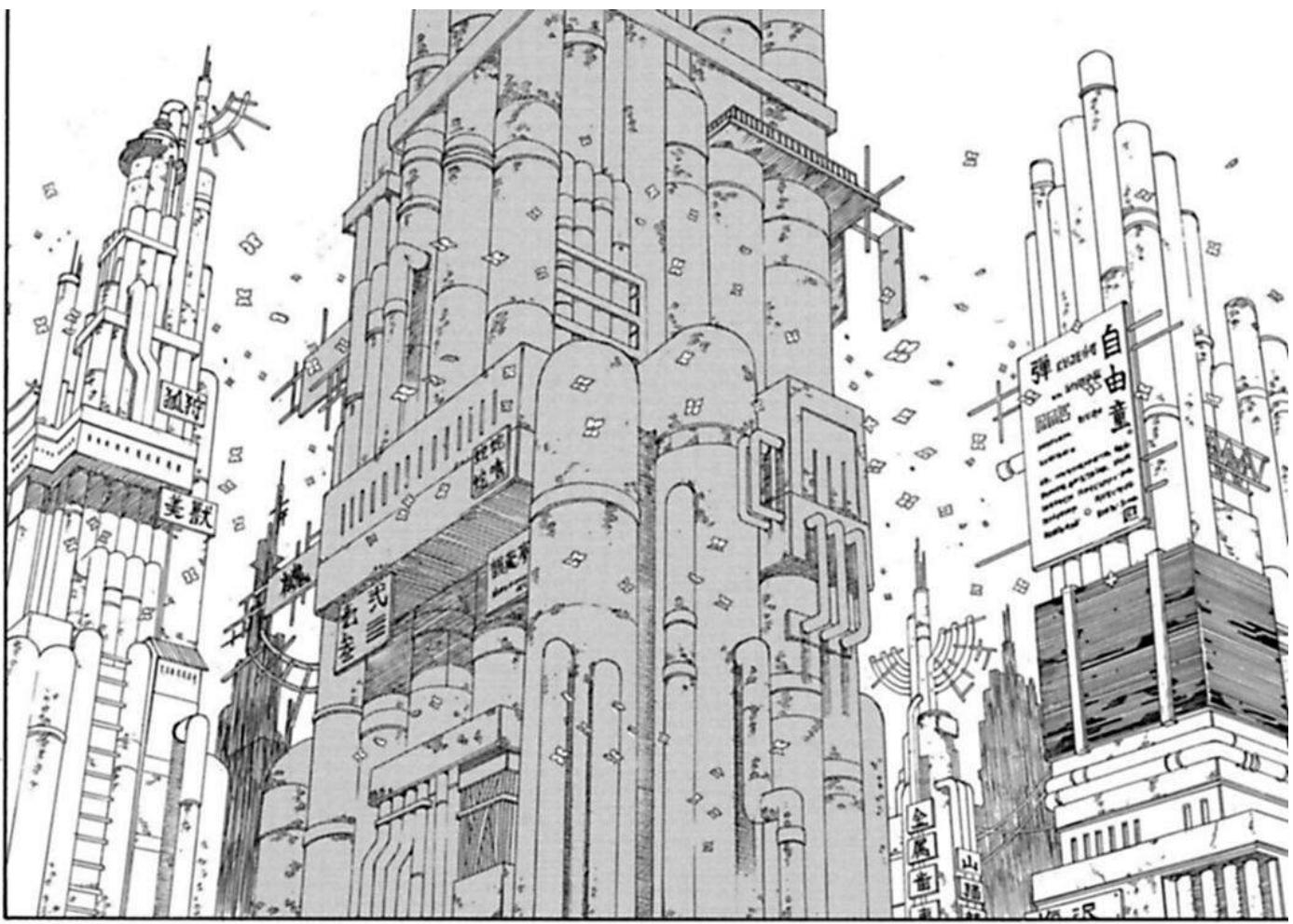
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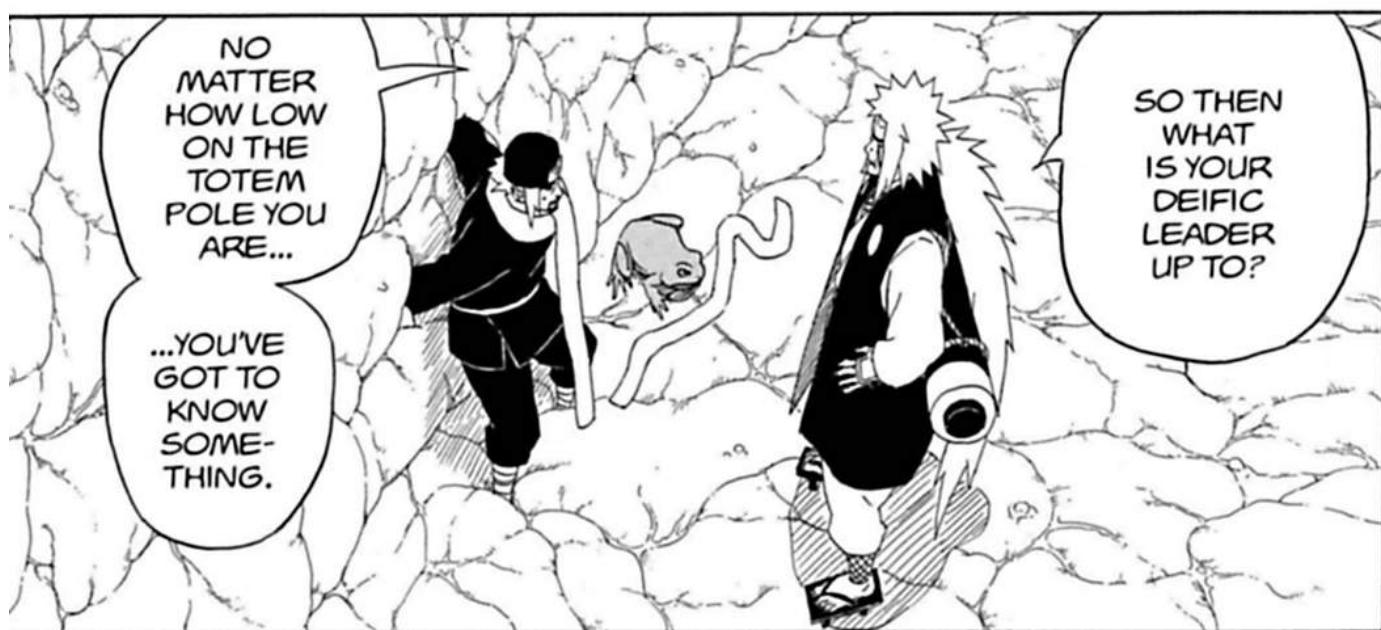
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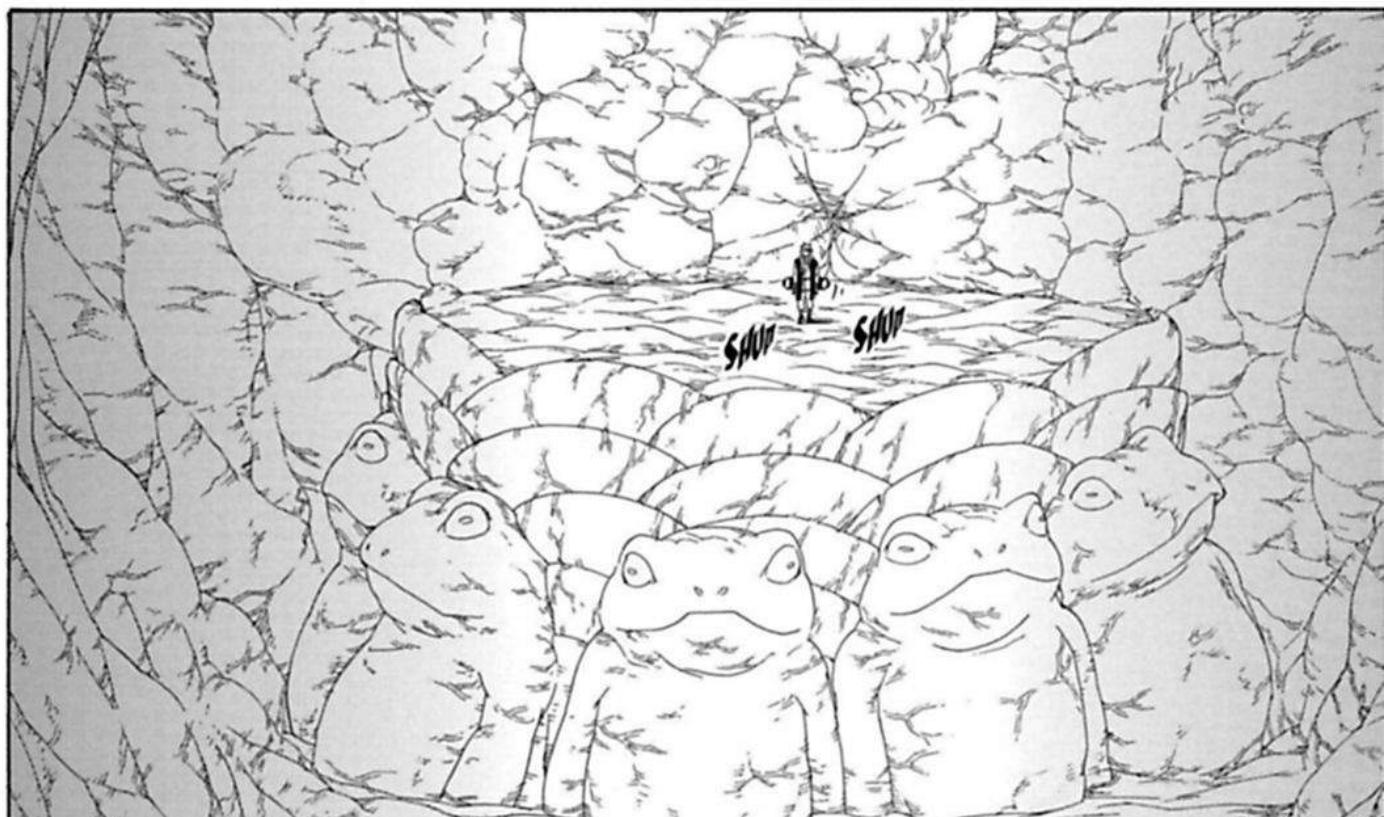
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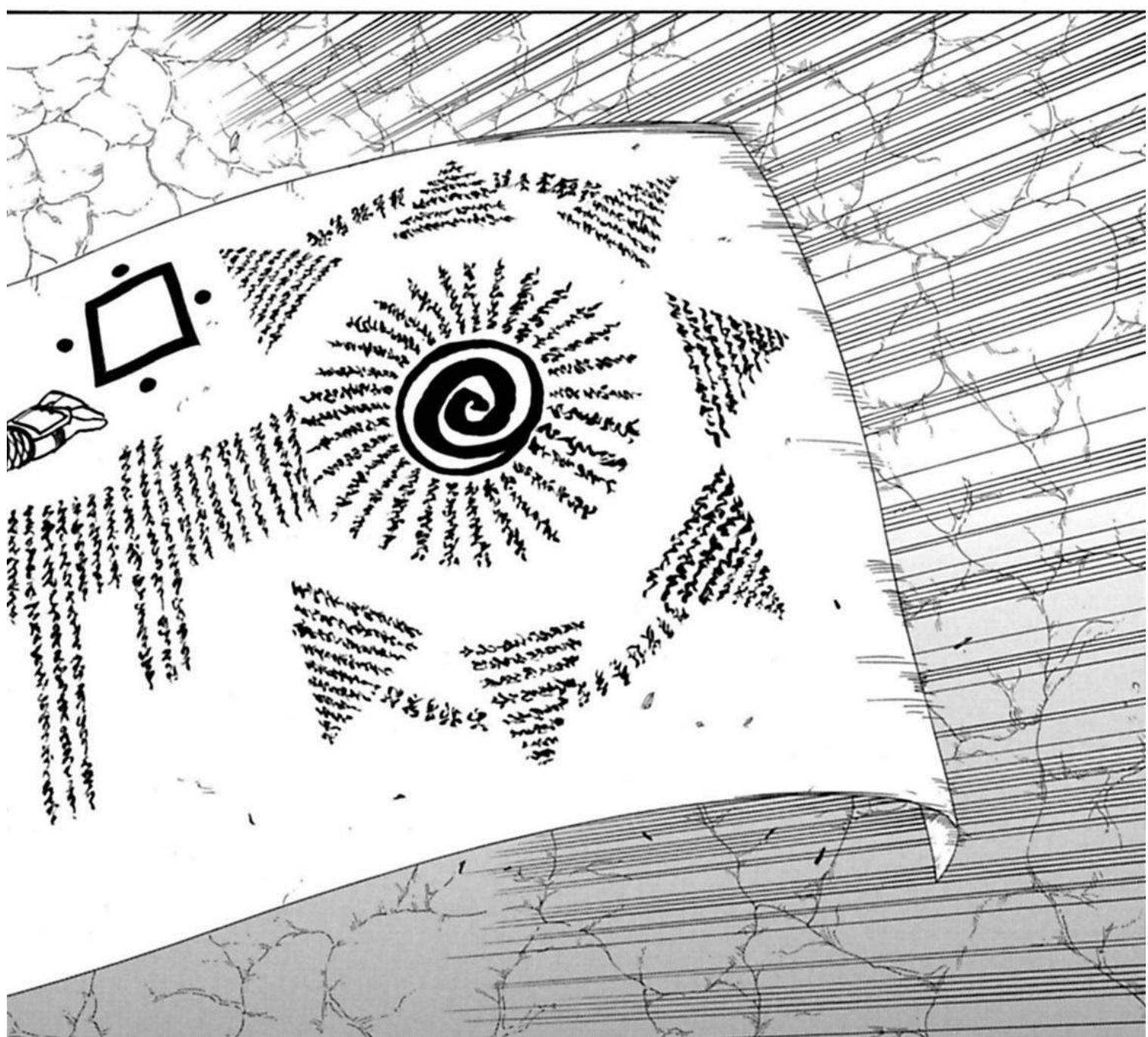
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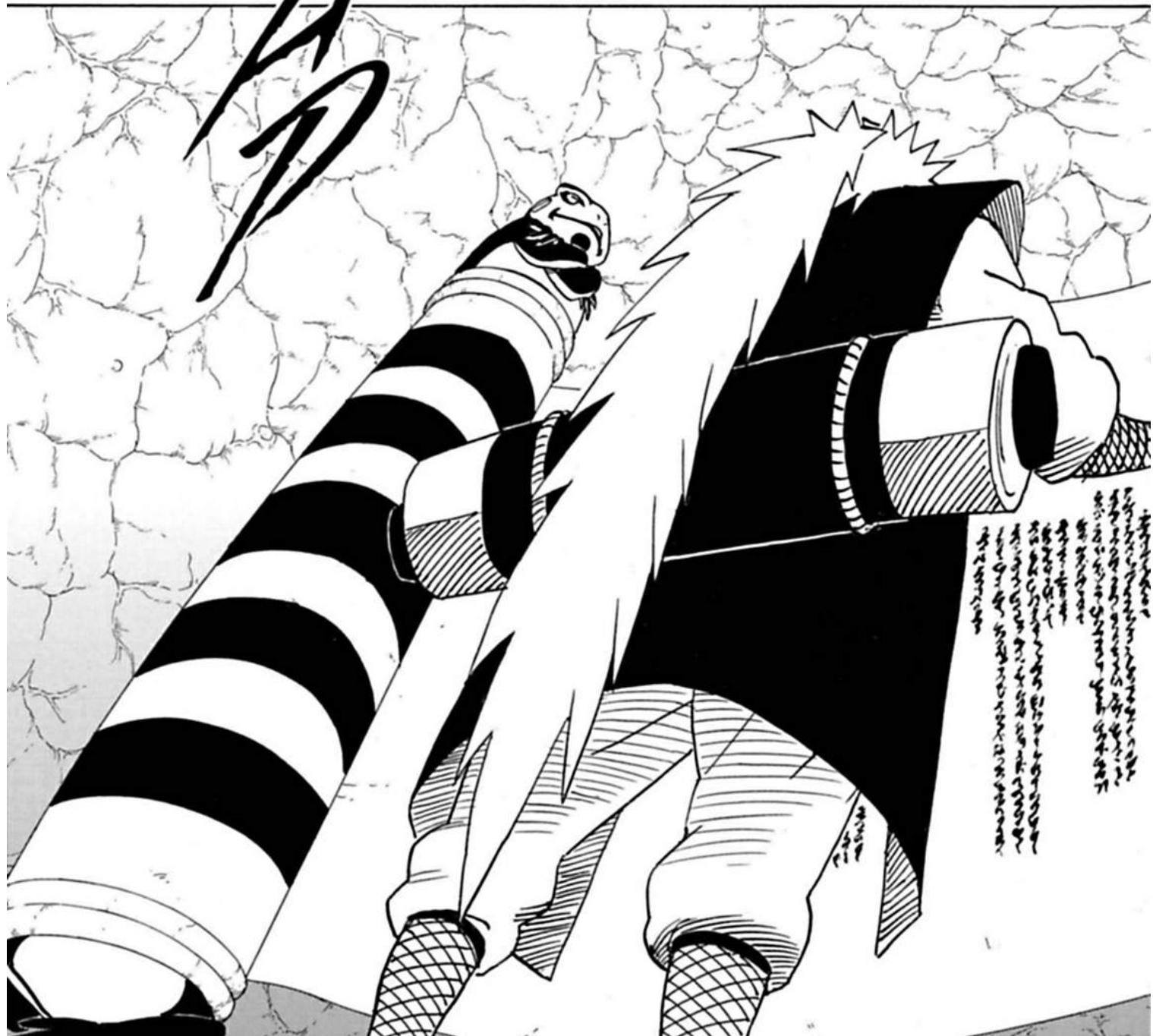


I THOUGHT WE'D AGREED ABOUT NARUTO'S KEY...

EY, JIRAIYA! WHATCHA THINKING, SUMMONING ME RIGHT NOW?!

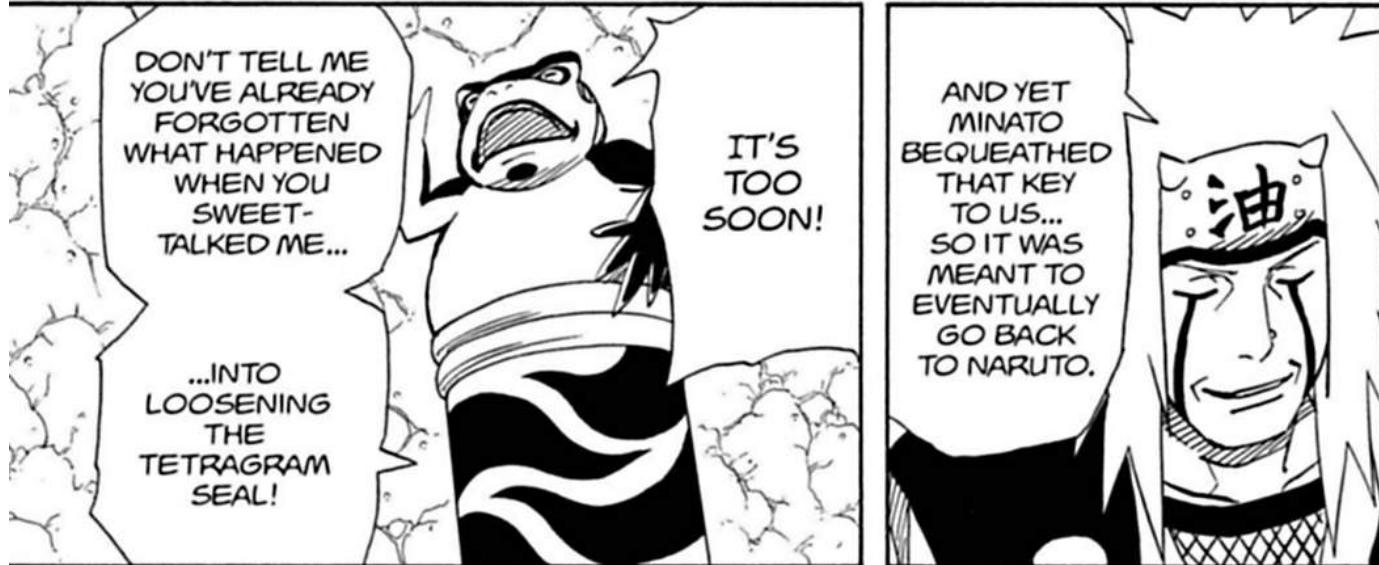




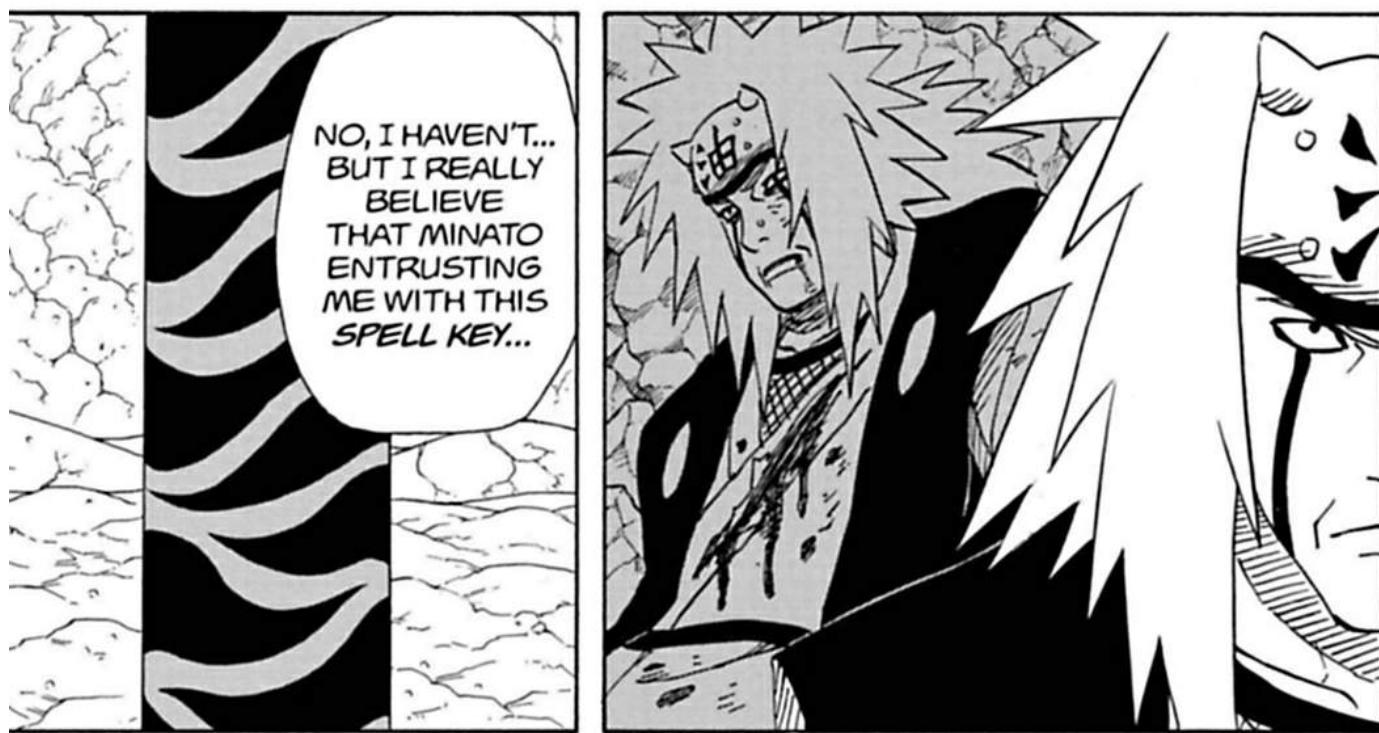




READ  
THIS WAY



AND YET MINATO BEQUEATHED THAT KEY TO US... SO IT WAS MEANT TO EVENTUALLY GO BACK TO NARUTO.



...INDICATES HIS WILL TO HAVE NARUTO COMPLETE THAT JUTSU ONE DAY.



READ  
THIS  
WAY

...AND SEALED  
THE YANG  
HALF INSIDE  
NARUTO WAS  
TO PURPOSELY  
LEAVE HIM  
NINE TAILS'  
CHAKRA.

THE FACT  
THAT HE  
SPLIT THE  
NINE-TAILED  
FOX SPIRIT'S  
POWER  
INTO YIN  
AND YANG...

...AND HE  
PATERNALLY  
FELT THAT  
HE MIGHT AS  
WELL GIVE HIS  
CHILD SOME  
POWER.

WHO KNOWS?  
PERHAPS  
IT JUST  
HAPPENED TO  
BE NECESSI-  
TATED BY  
THE JUTSU...

SO WHY  
IMPLANT...

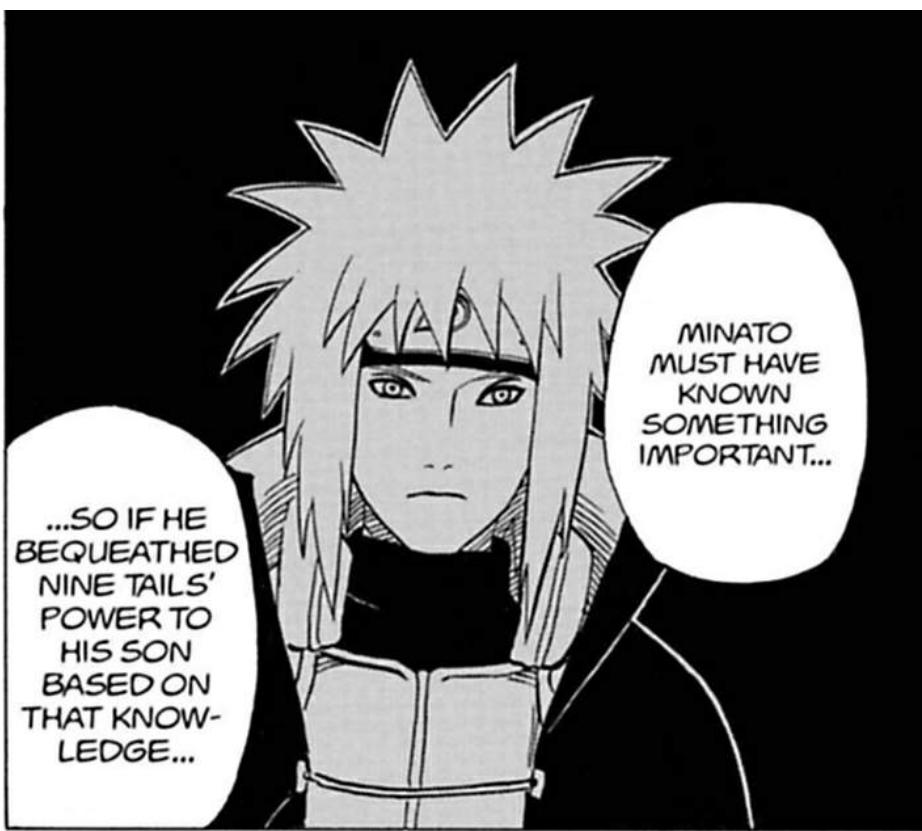
...SOME-  
THING THAT  
DANGEROUS  
INTO HIS  
OWN SON?

HE NEVER  
DID ANYTHING  
WITHOUT GOOD  
REASON...

?

I WAS  
MINATO'S  
TEACHER,  
SO I  
KNOW...

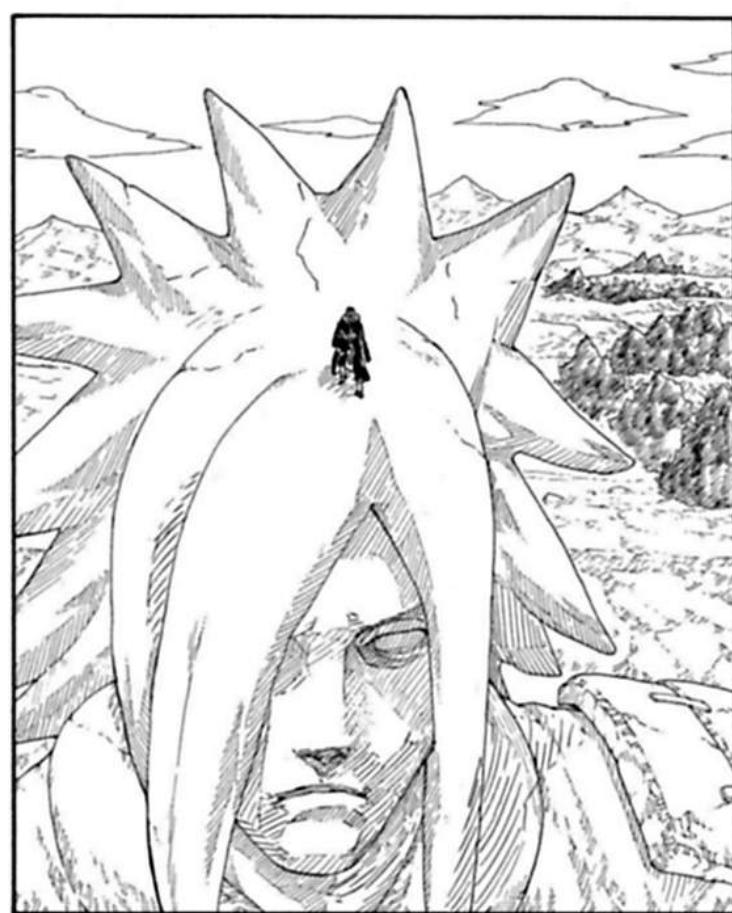




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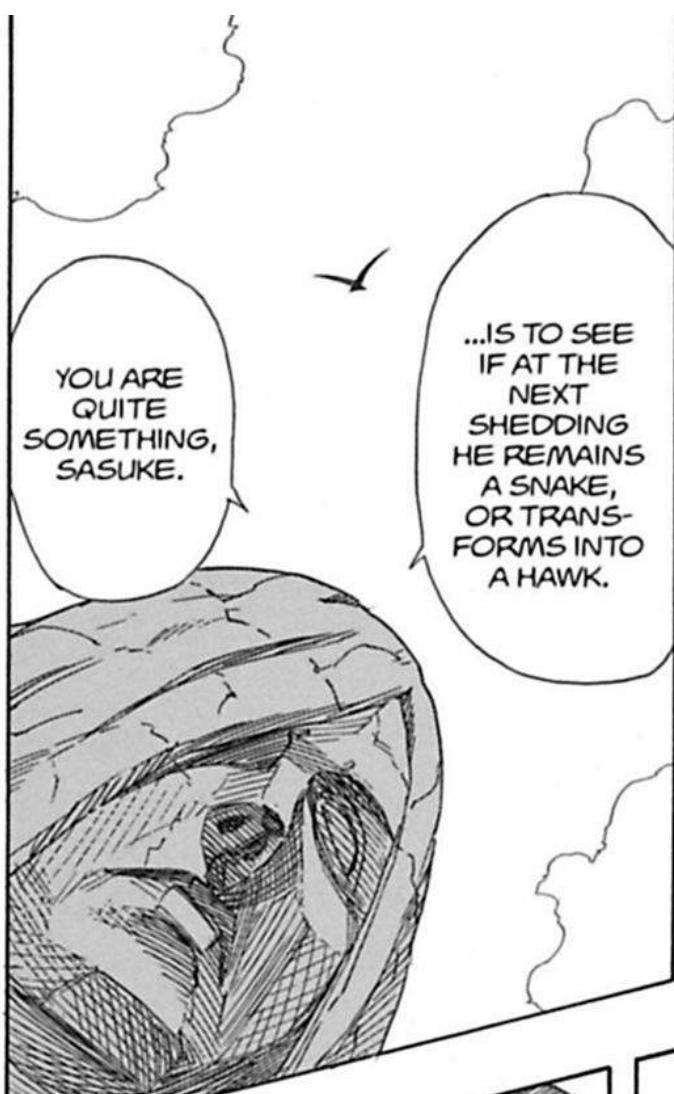






**Number 371: Old Acquaintances!!**





READ  
THIS WAY

IGNORE IT.  
FORGE  
AHEAD!

...SASUKE? SHOULD WE  
CHANGE  
COURSE...

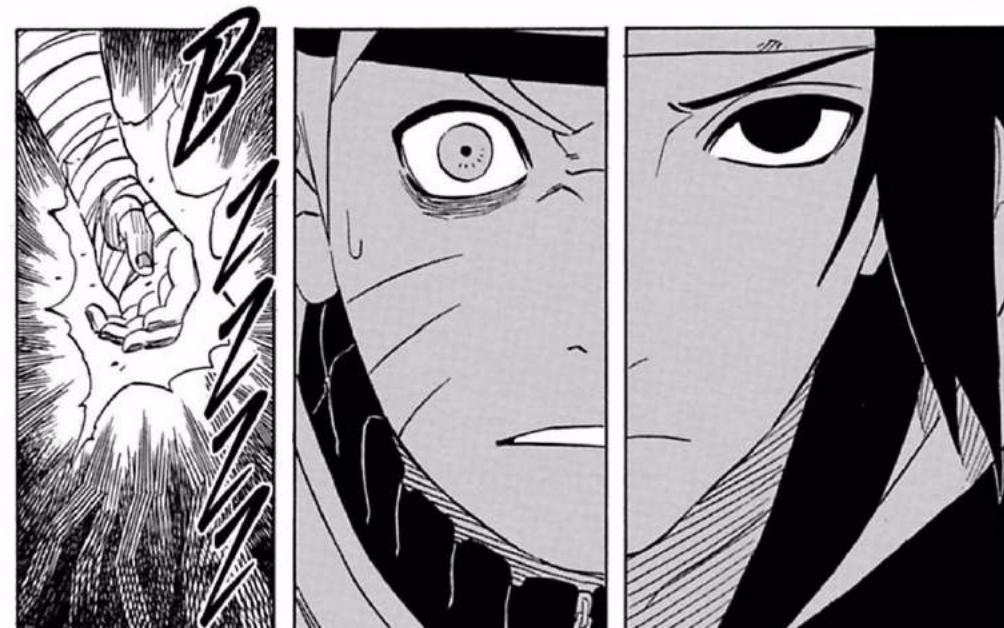
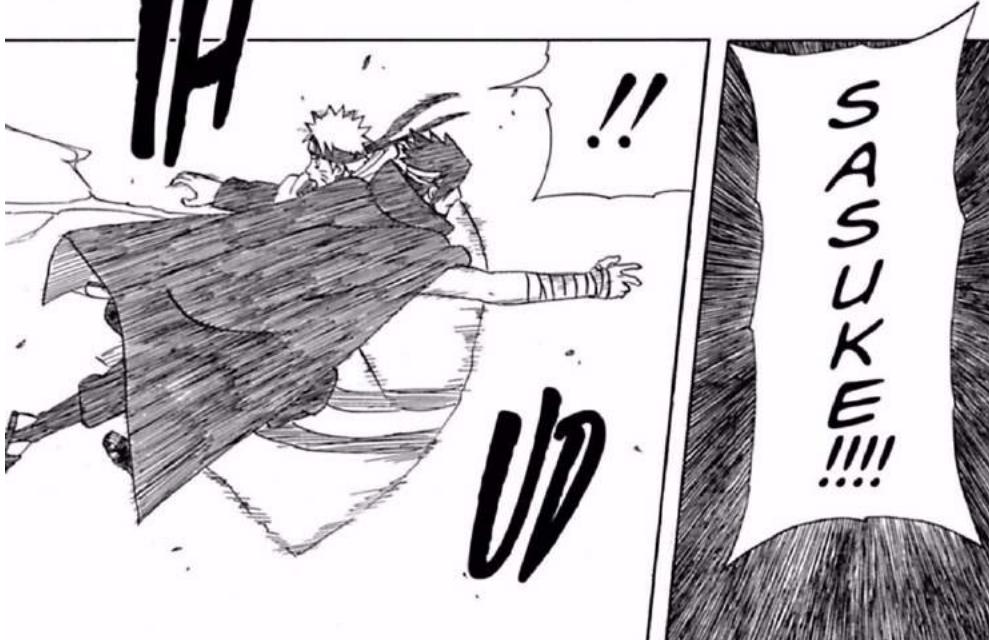
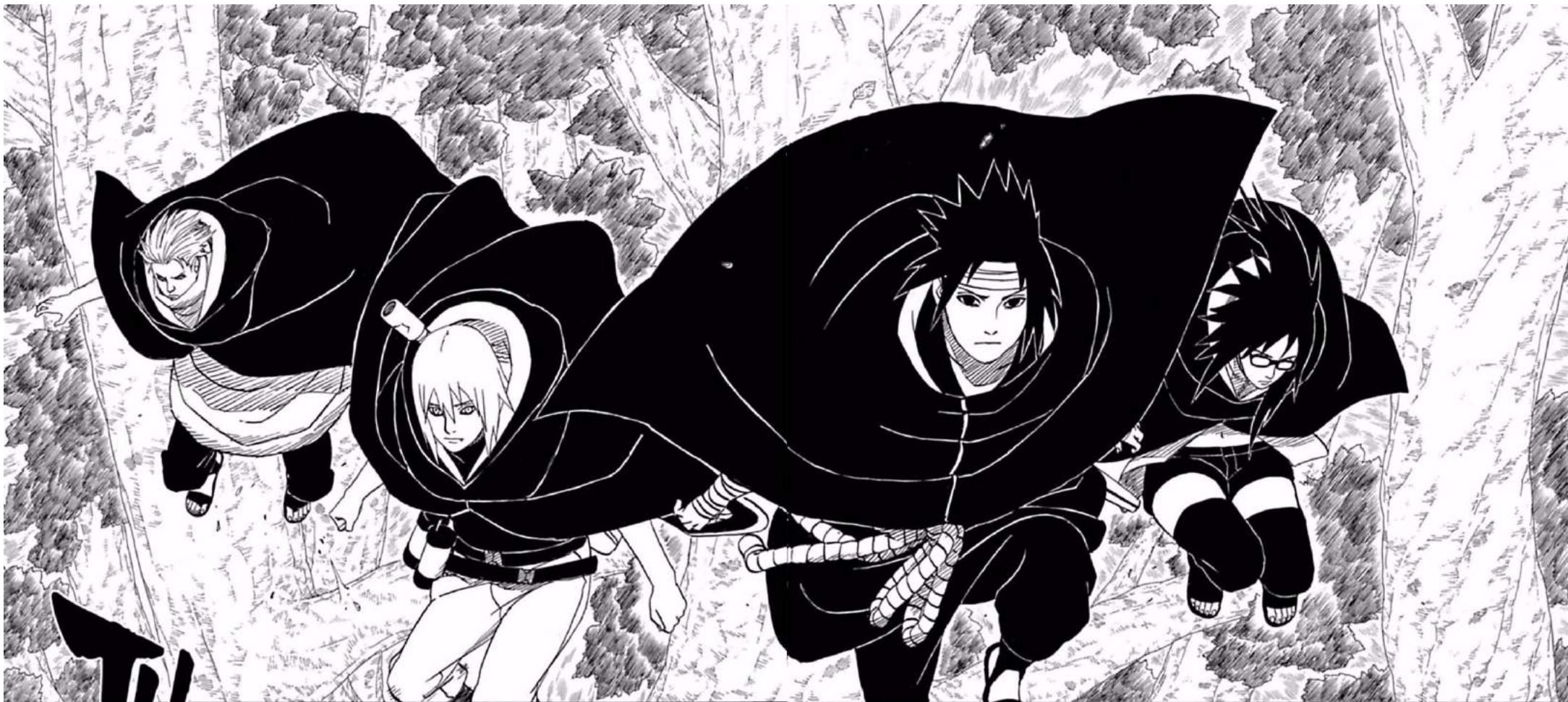
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?!  
I SENSE AN  
ENORMOUS  
AMOUNT OF  
THE SAME  
CHAKRA!

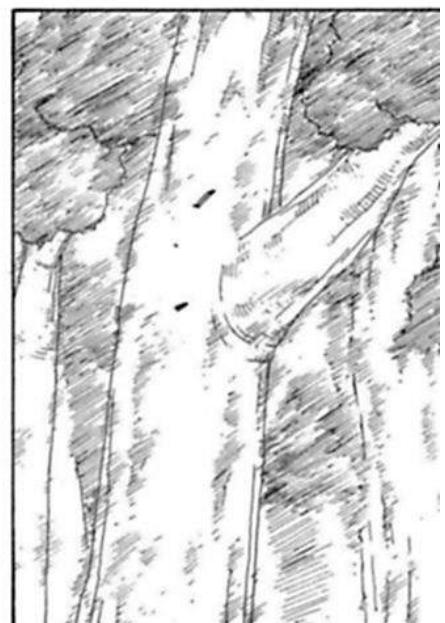
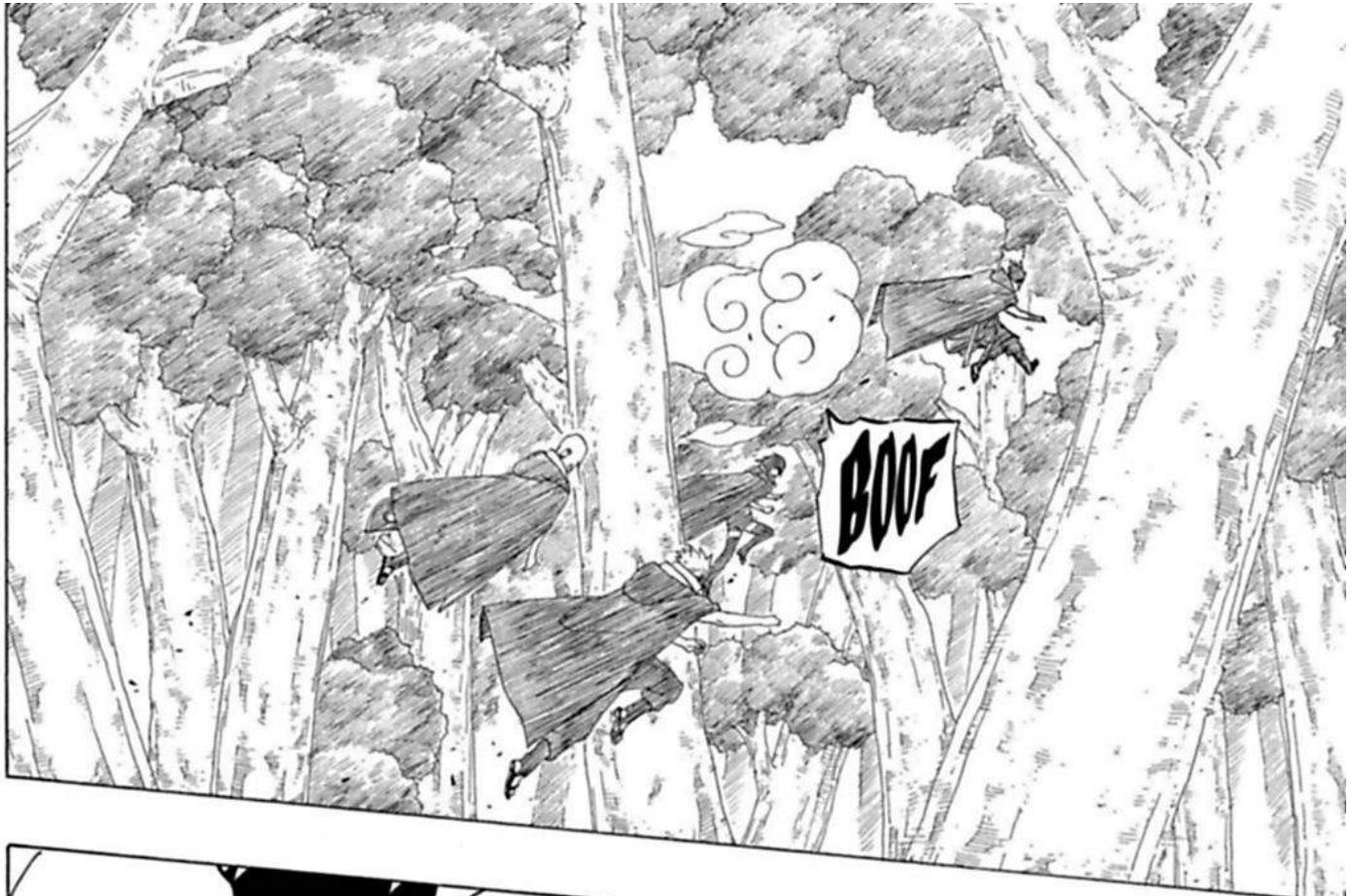
I WASN'T  
LOOKING  
FORWARD  
TO MAKING  
ANY ALTER-  
ATIONS.

GOOD.

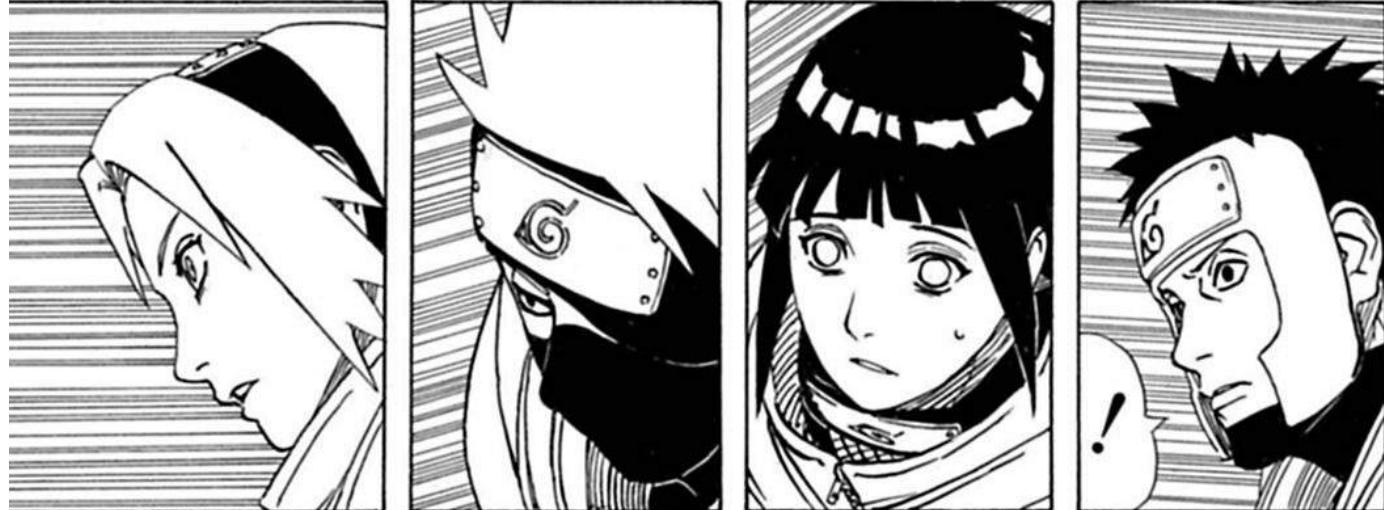
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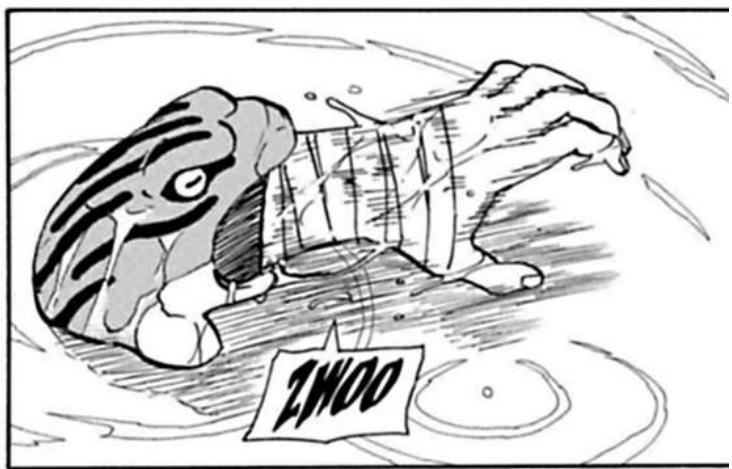
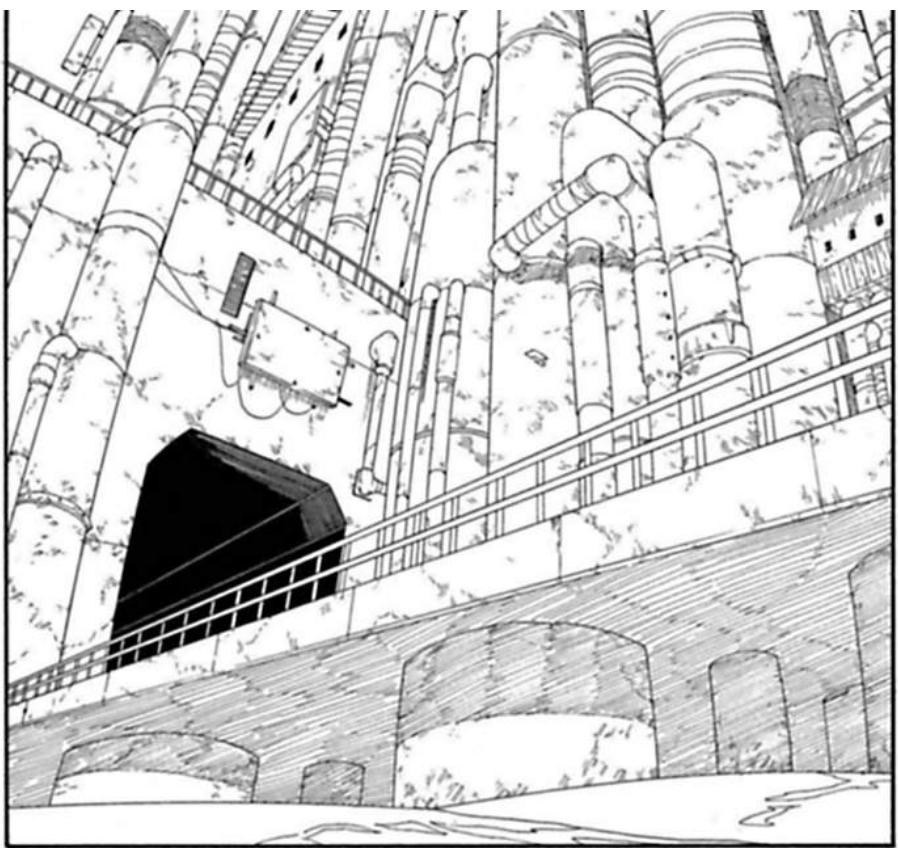




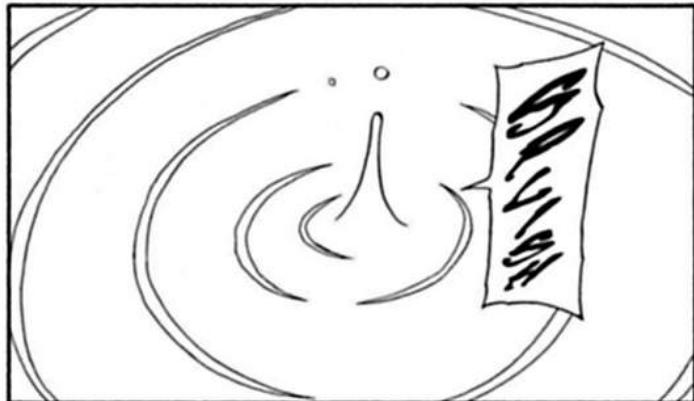


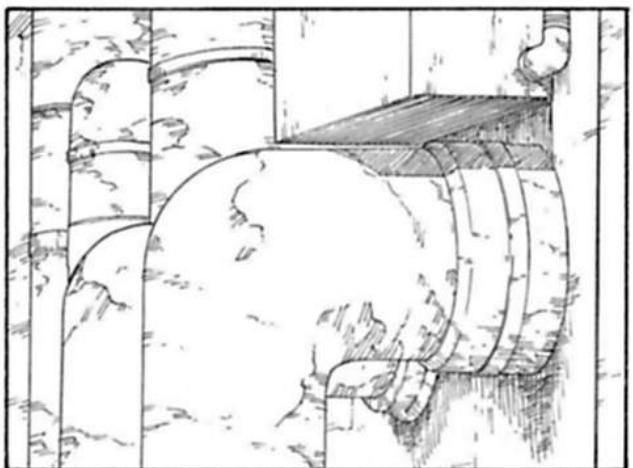
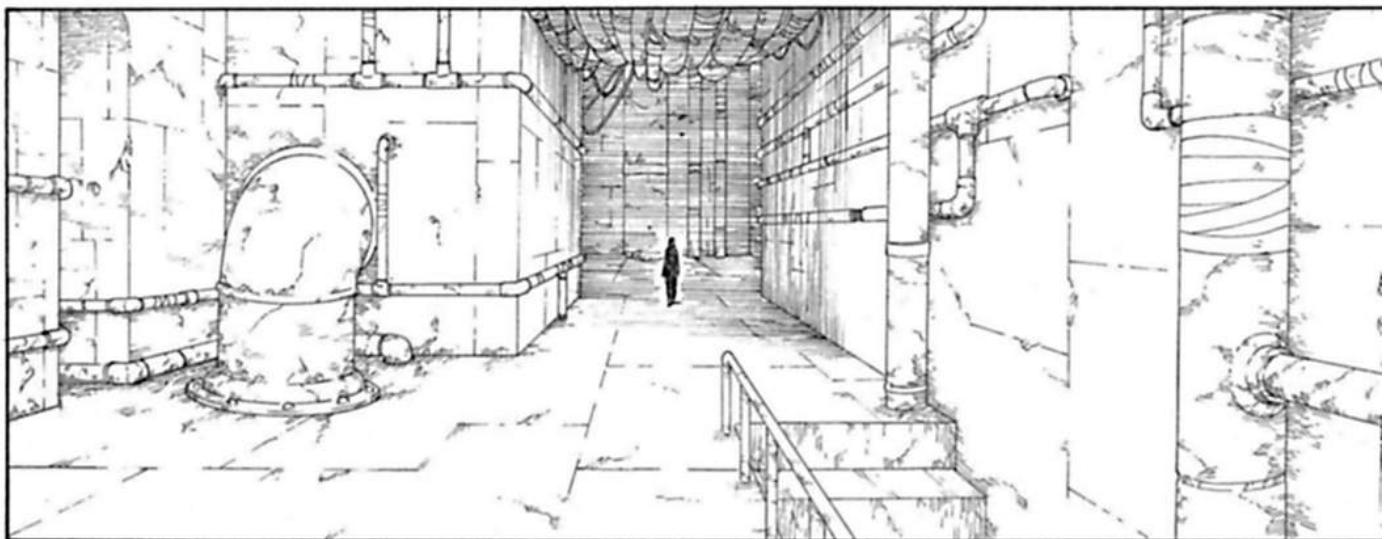
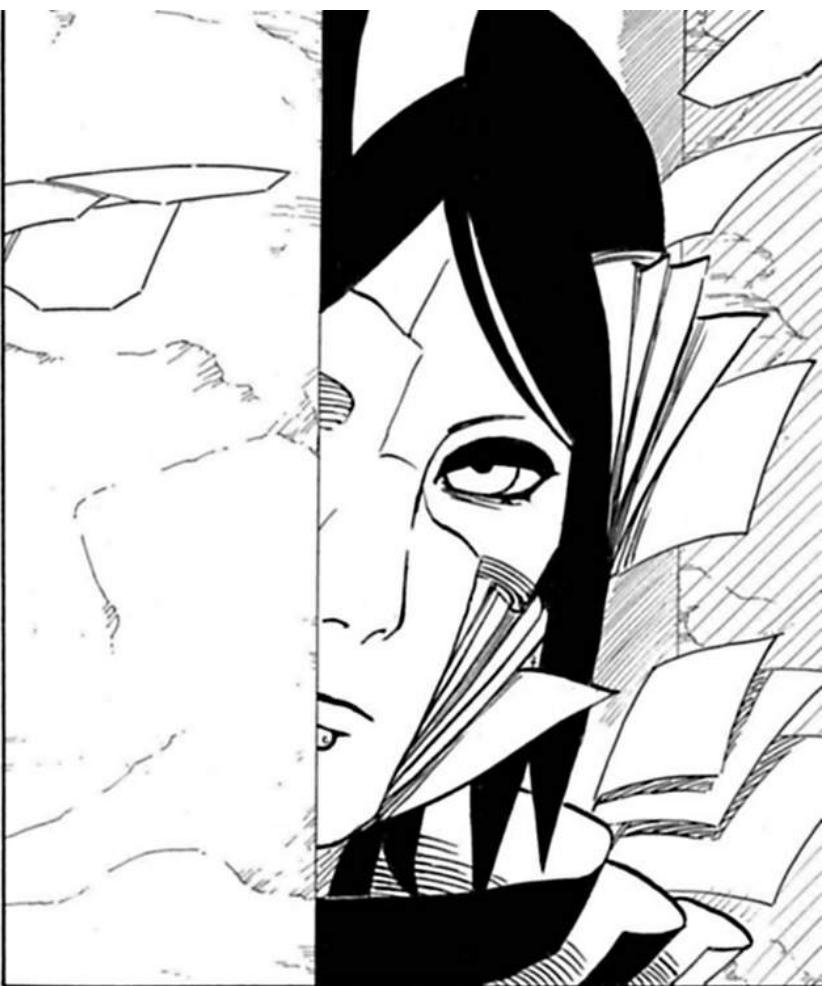
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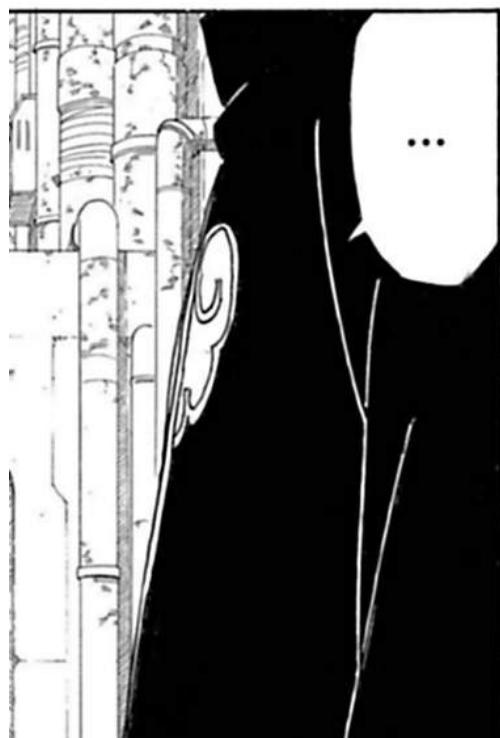
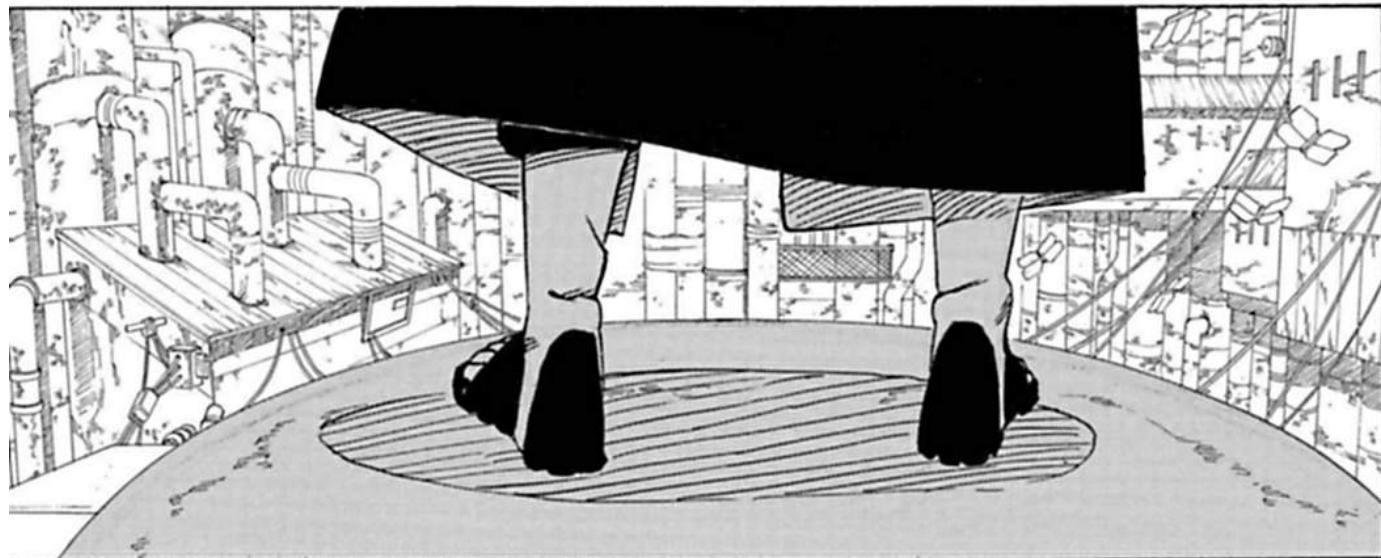


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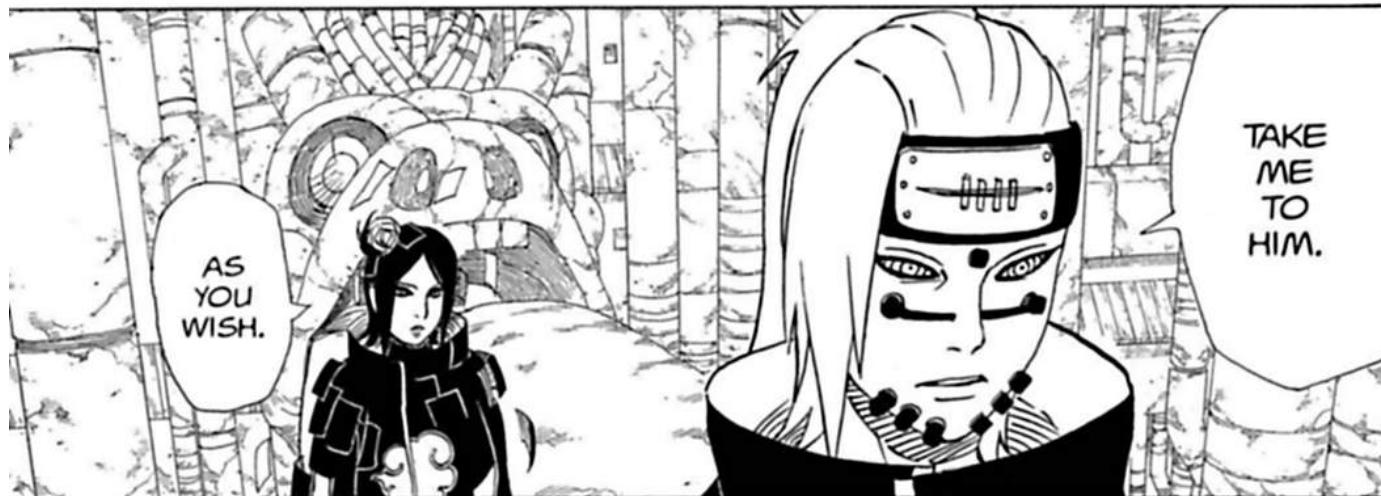


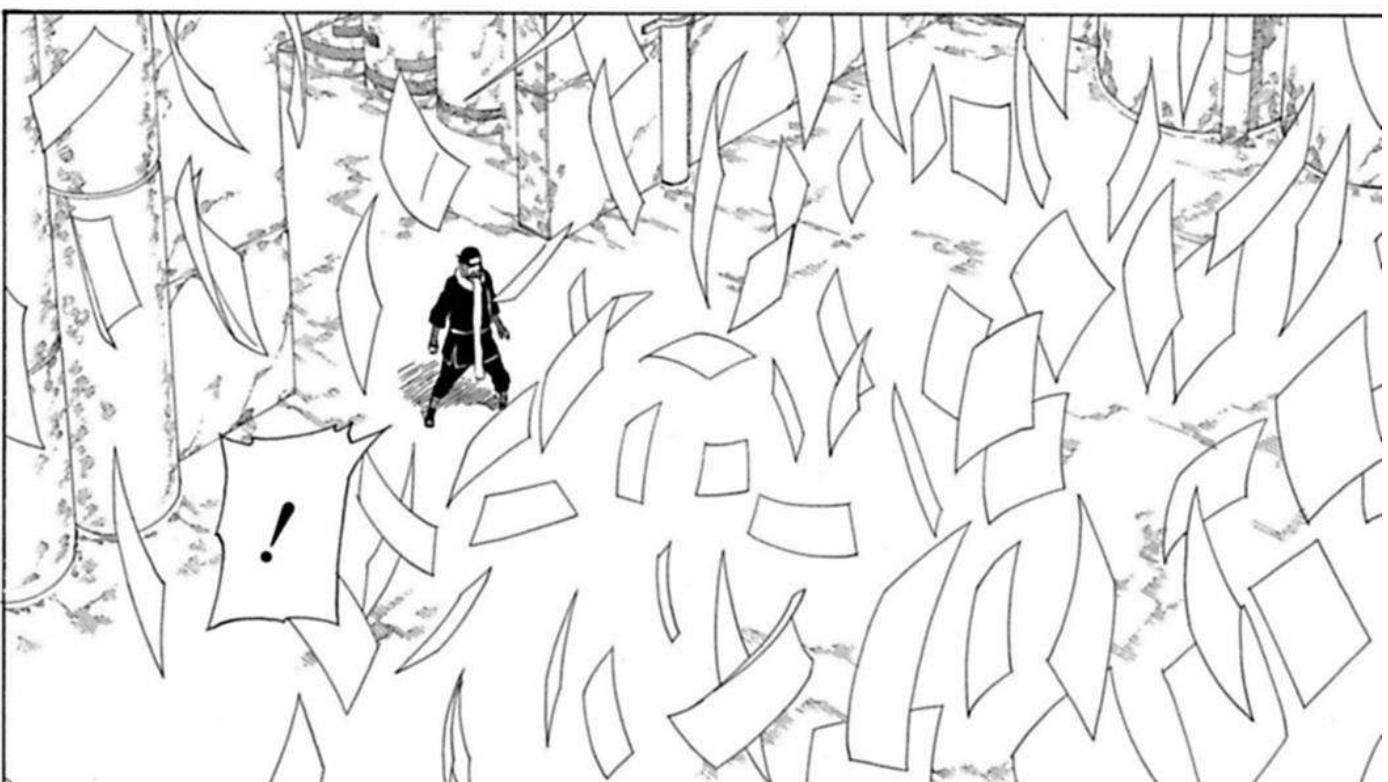
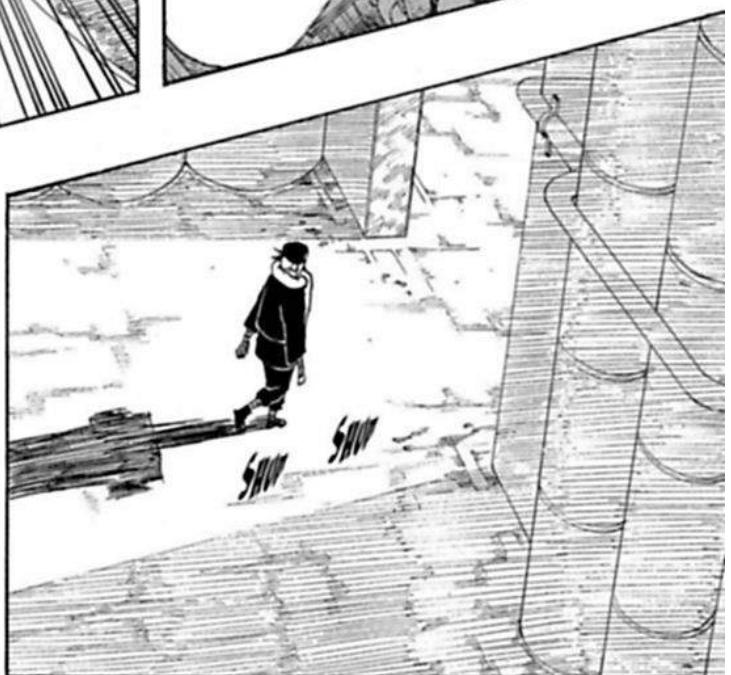
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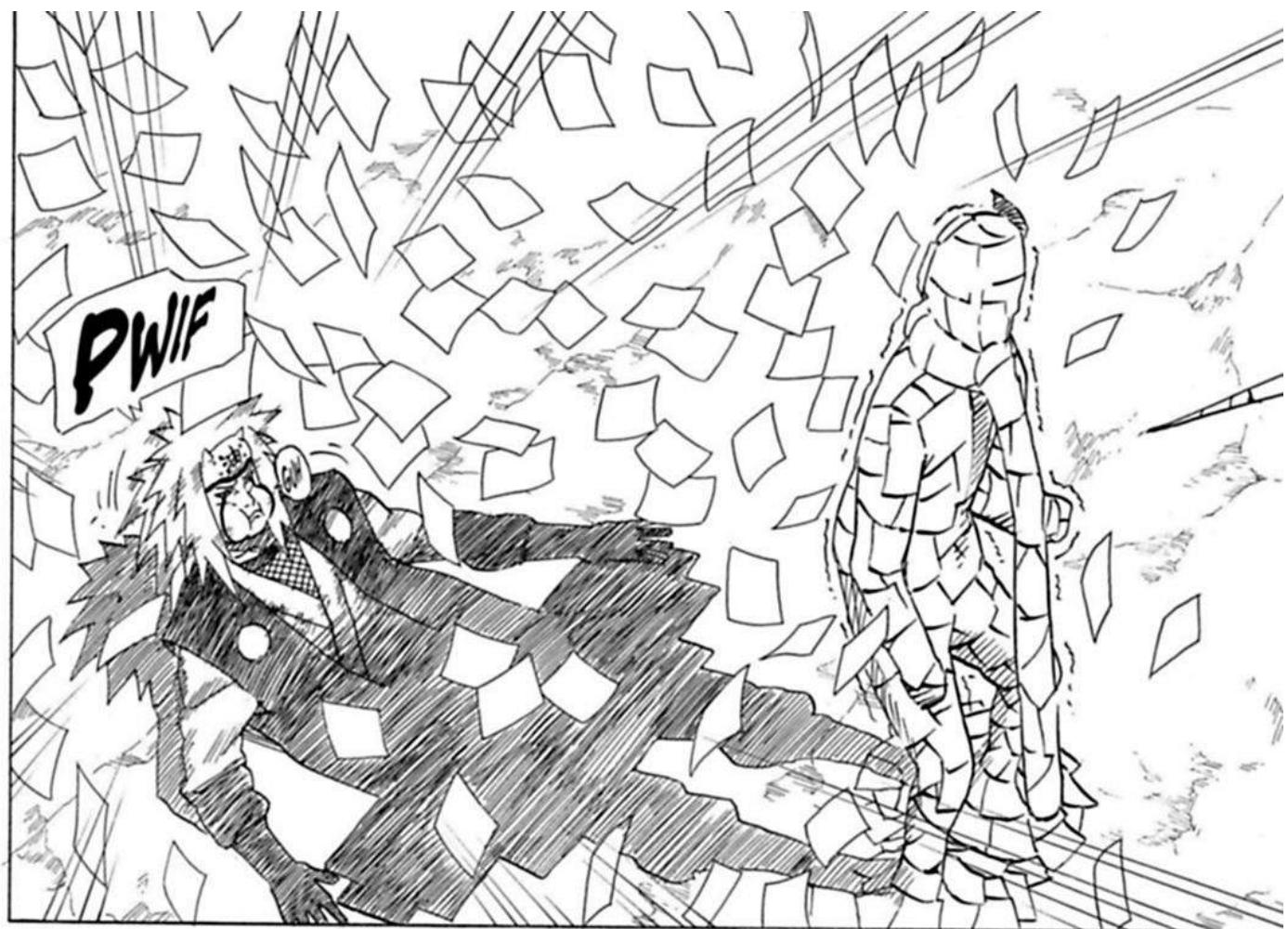
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READ  
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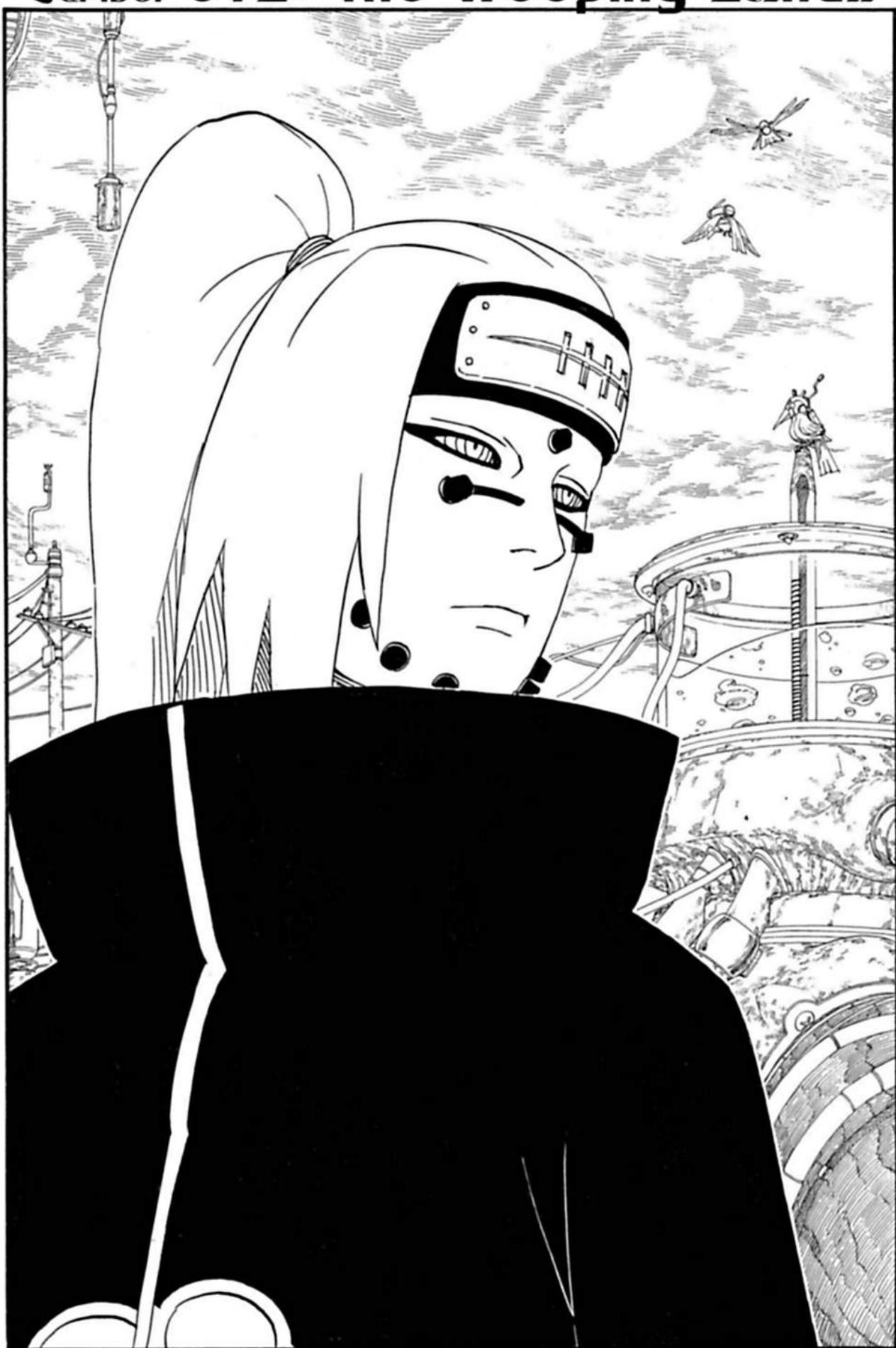


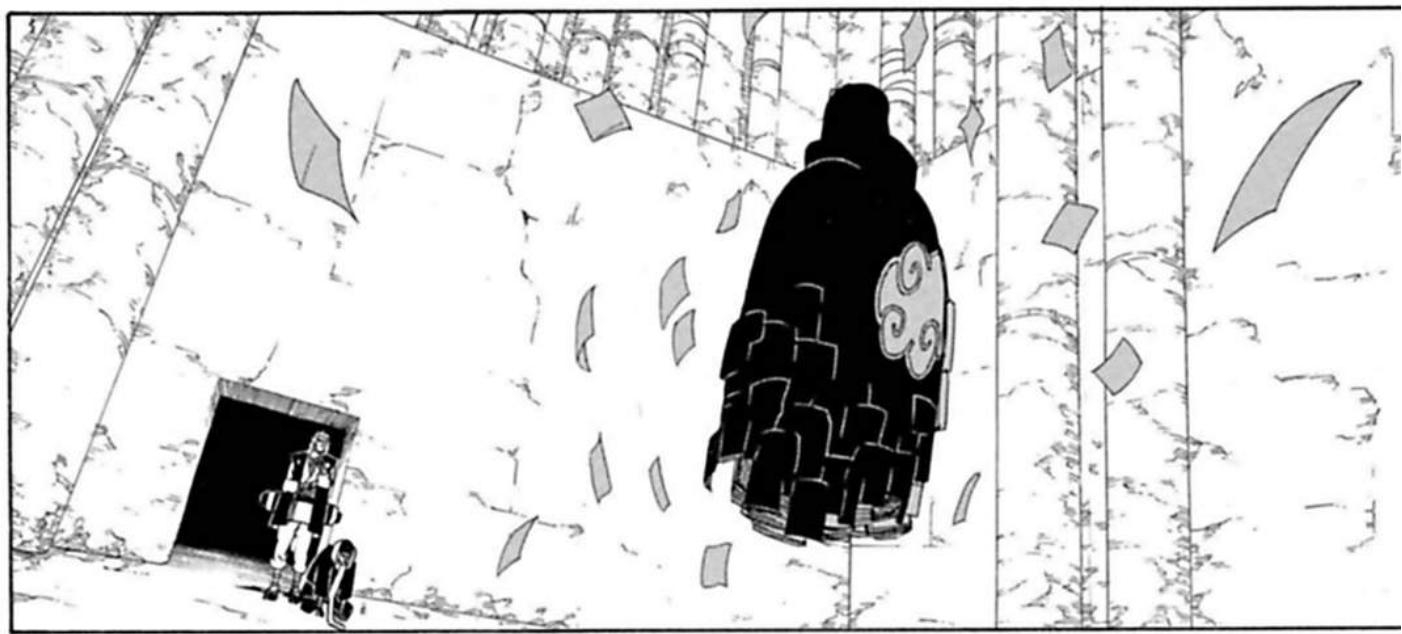
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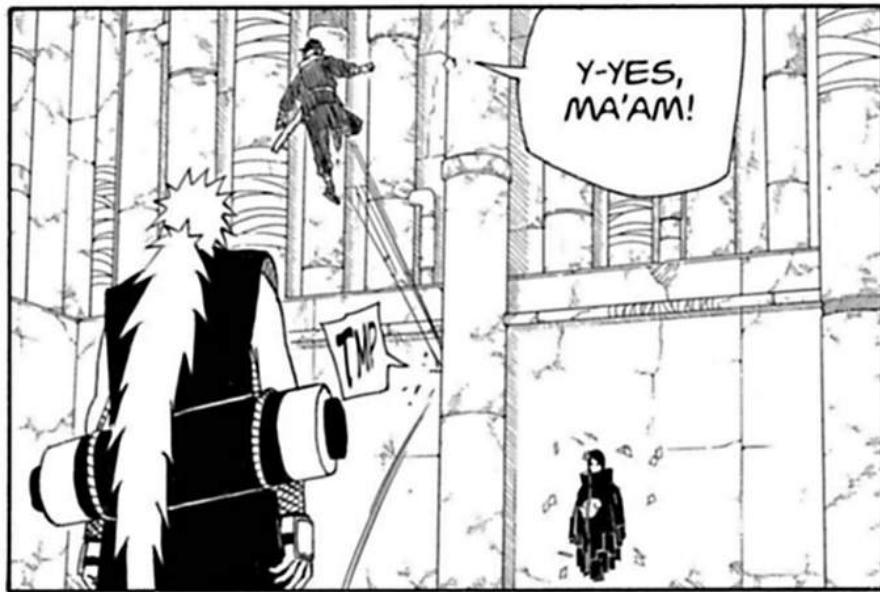


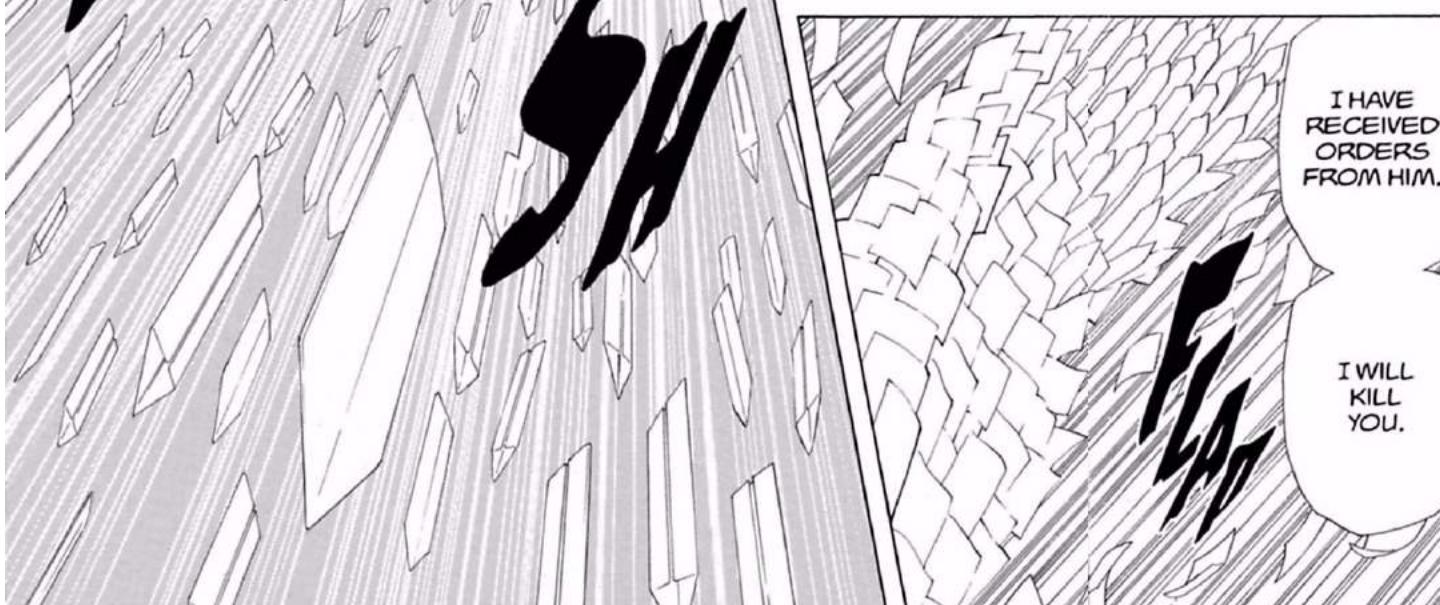
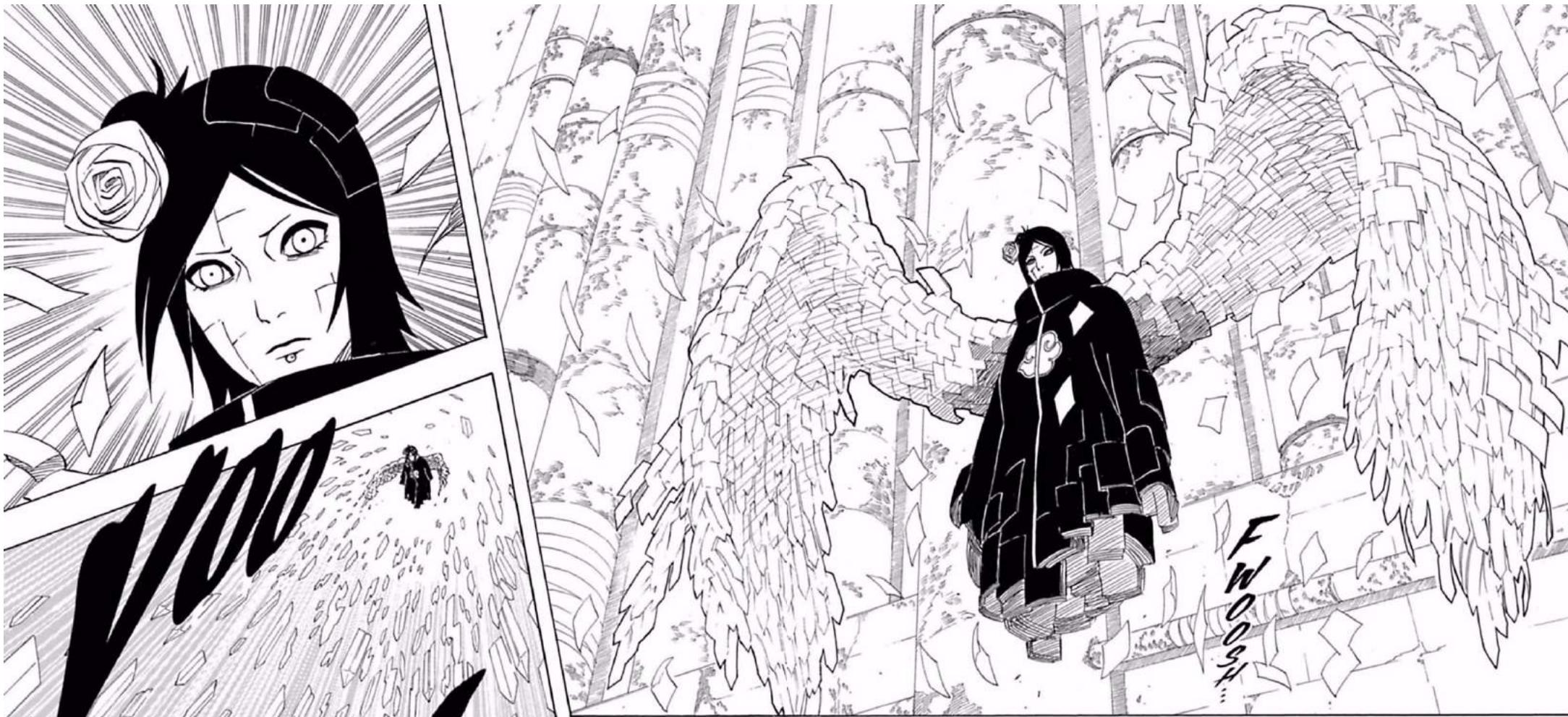
**Number 372: The Weeping Land!!**





READ  
THIS  
WAY







READ  
THIS  
WAY

YOU'RE SOAKED IN OIL. SO YOU CAN'T PEEL APART!

FUR!

!

MADOSH

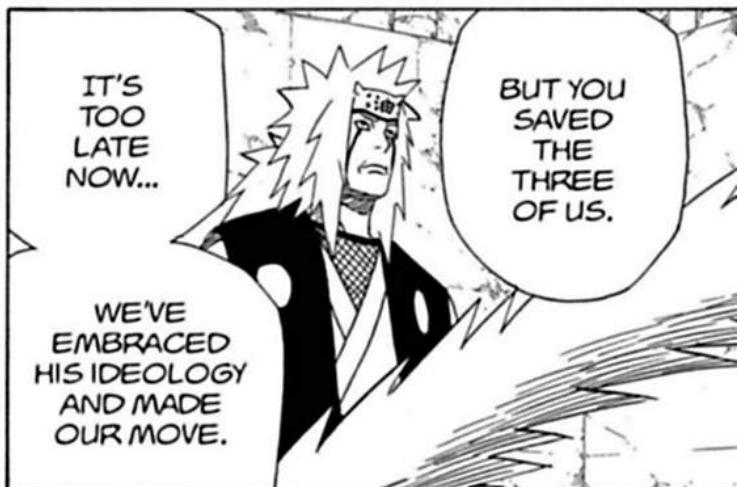
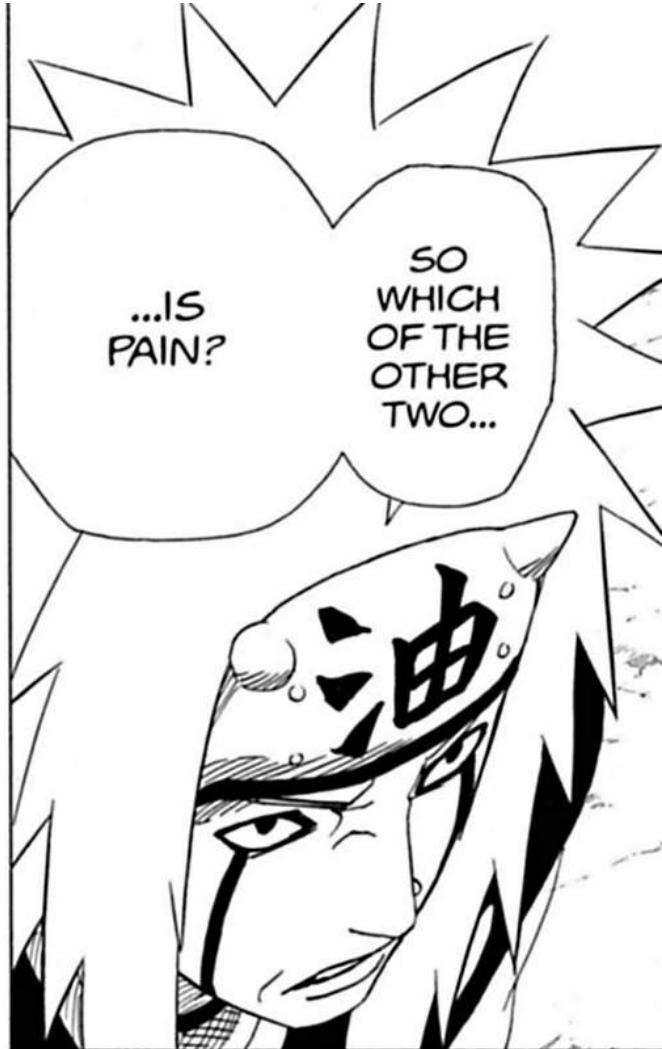
YOU WERE A SPECIAL, GENTLE CHILD WHO LOVED ORIGAMI...

JUST AS I SUSPECTED...

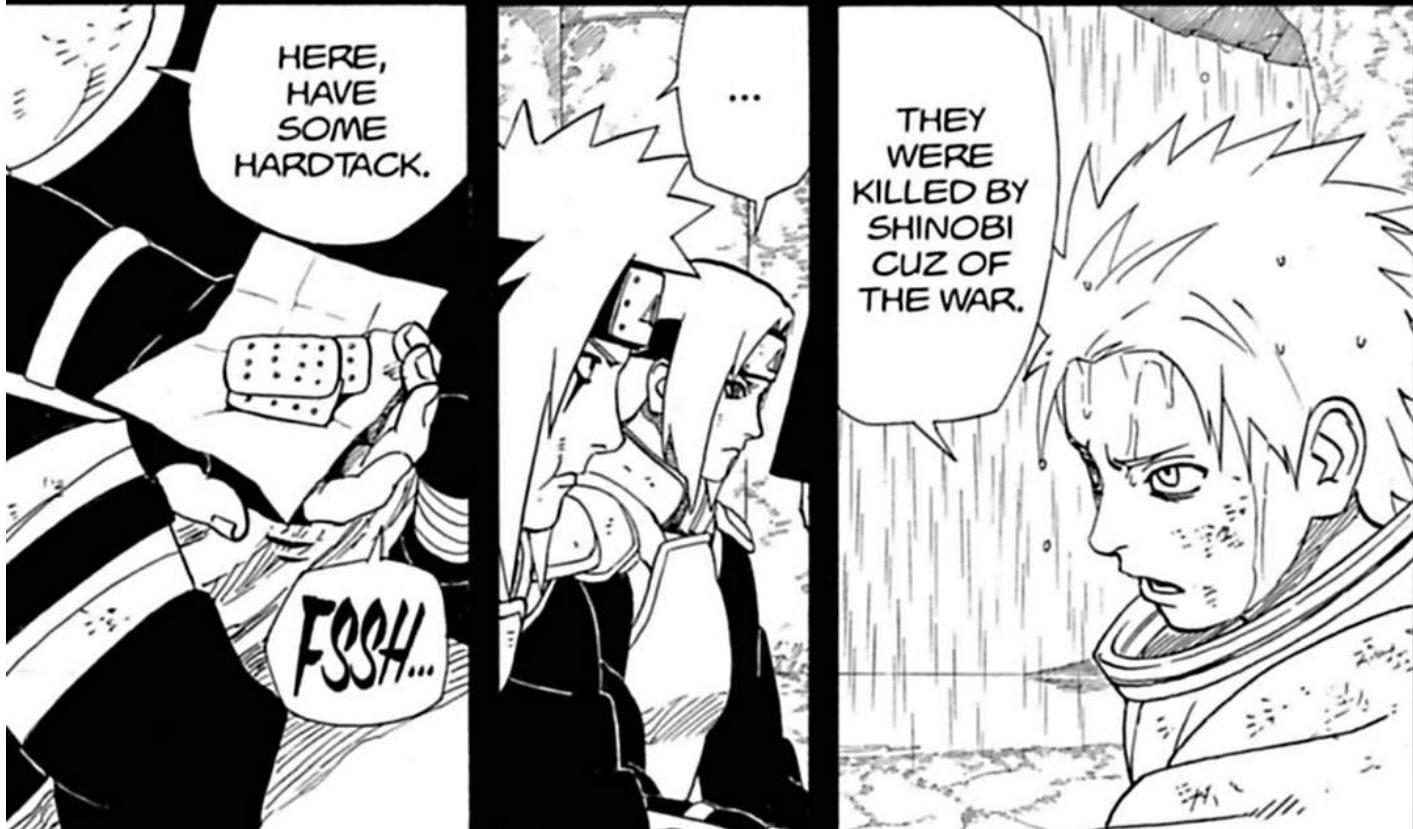
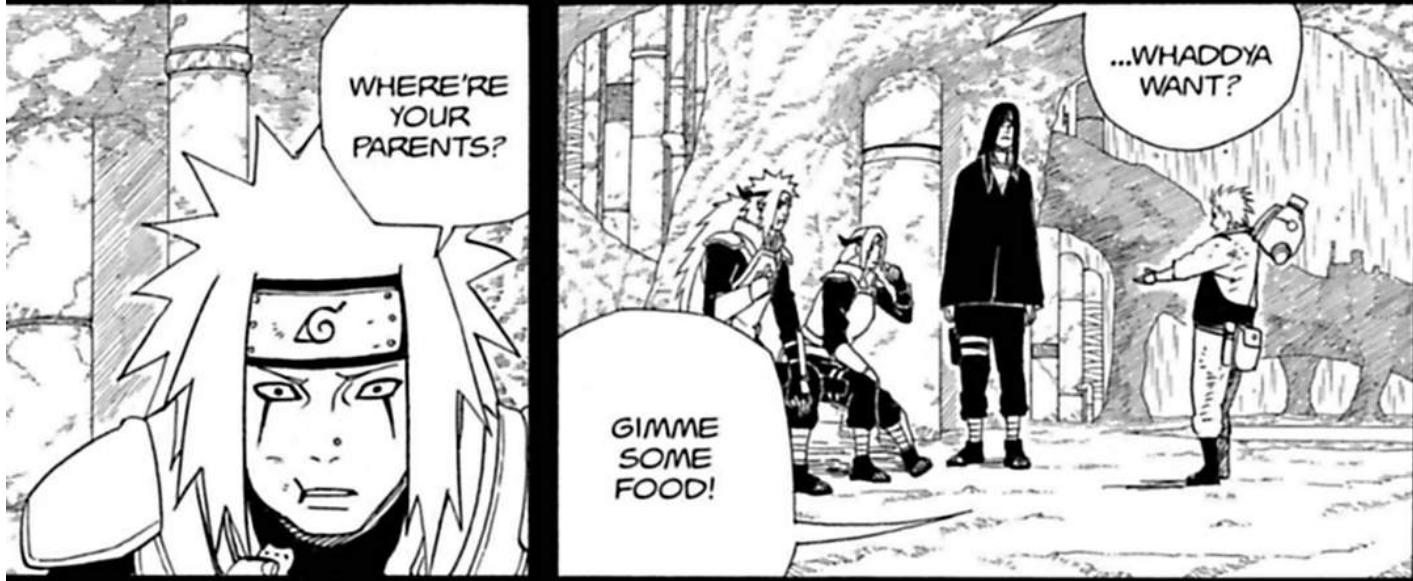
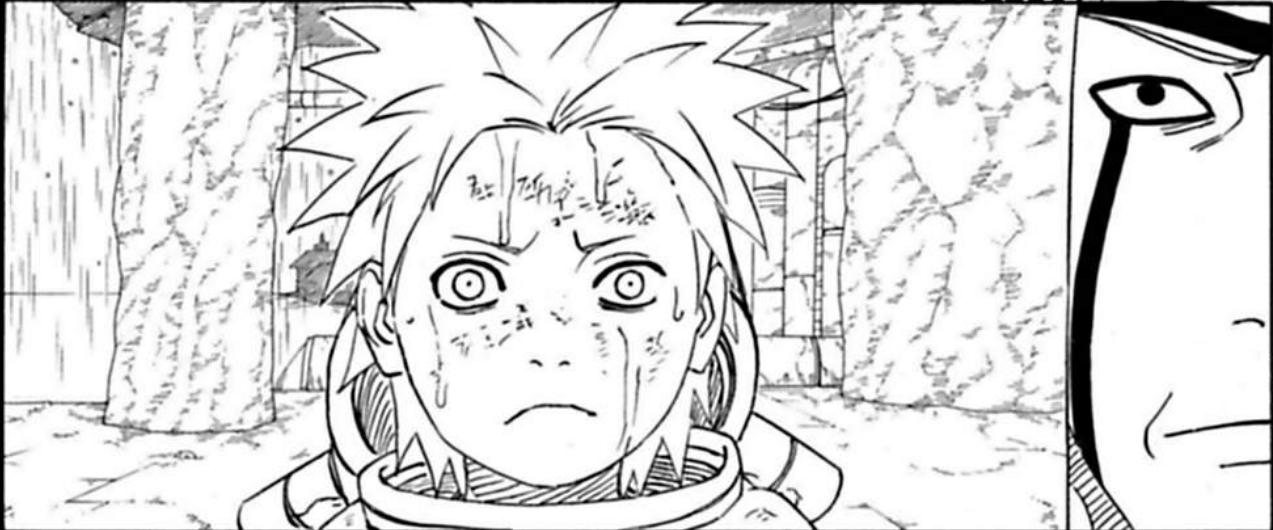
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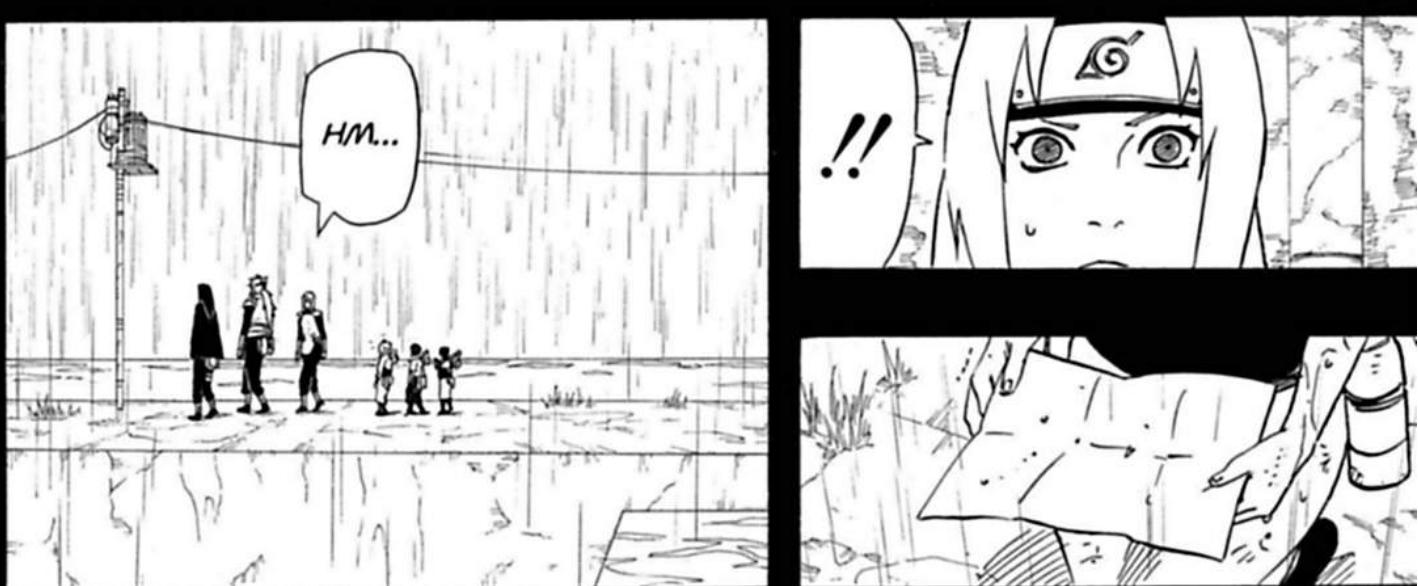
I GUESS THE RUMORS THAT ALL OF YOU SUFFERED AN UNTIMELY DEMISE WERE FALSE?

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER TWO?



READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY

ORIGAMI,  
HUH...  
USING THE  
HARD-  
TACK'S  
WRAPPER..

HERE.

THANK  
YOU...

THEY  
WOULD BE  
BETTER  
OFF IF WE  
JUST PUT  
THEM OUT  
OF THEIR  
MISERY  
RIGHT  
NOW...

WE'VE  
SEEN SO  
MANY WAR  
ORPHANS.  
IT'S REALLY  
VERY SAD.

SHALL  
I KILL  
THESE  
CHILDREN?

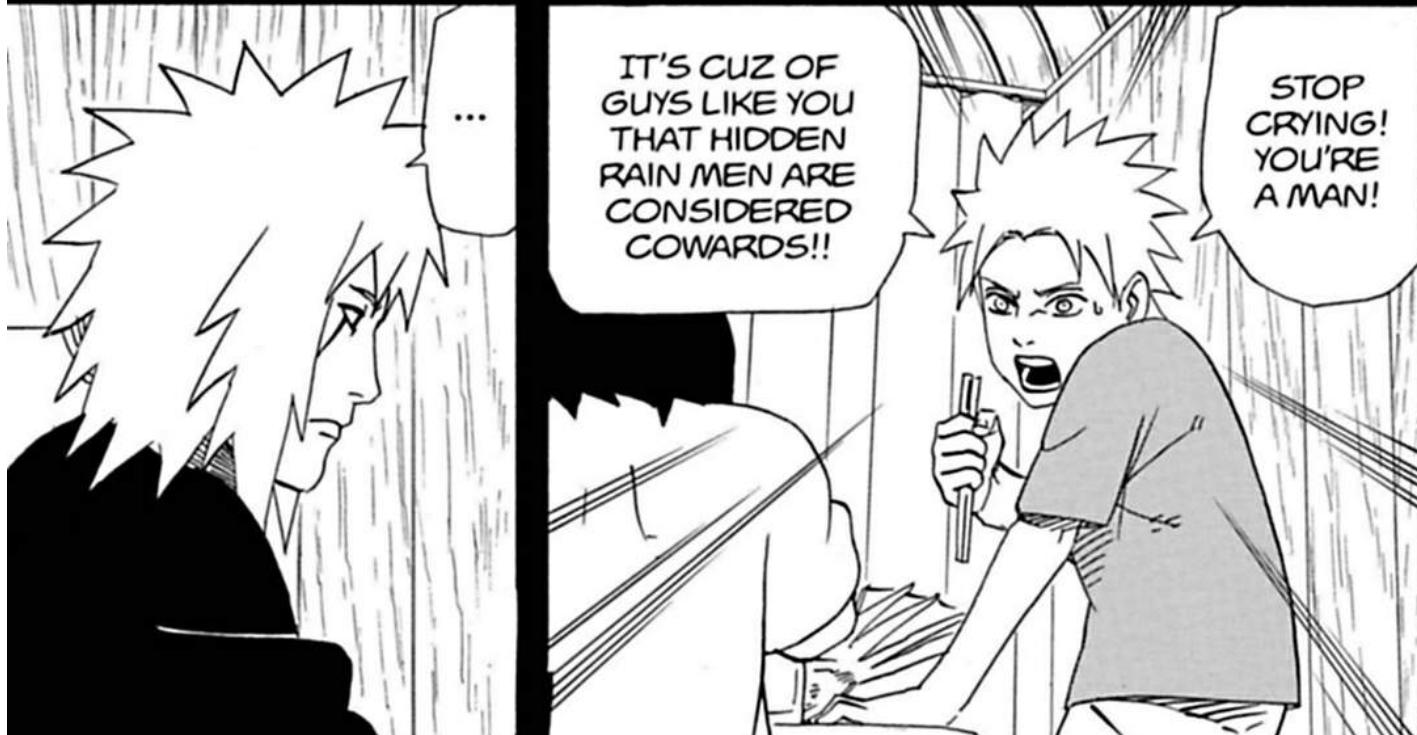
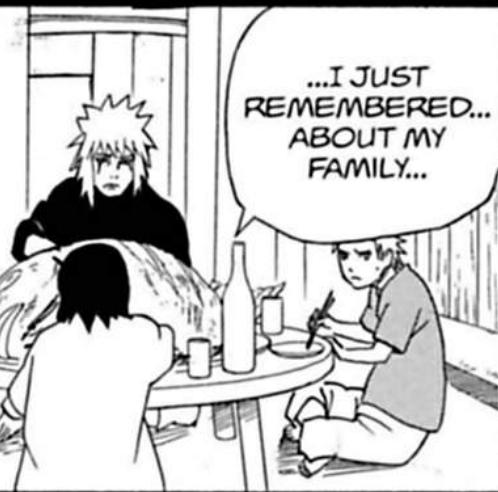
EXCUSE  
ME?!

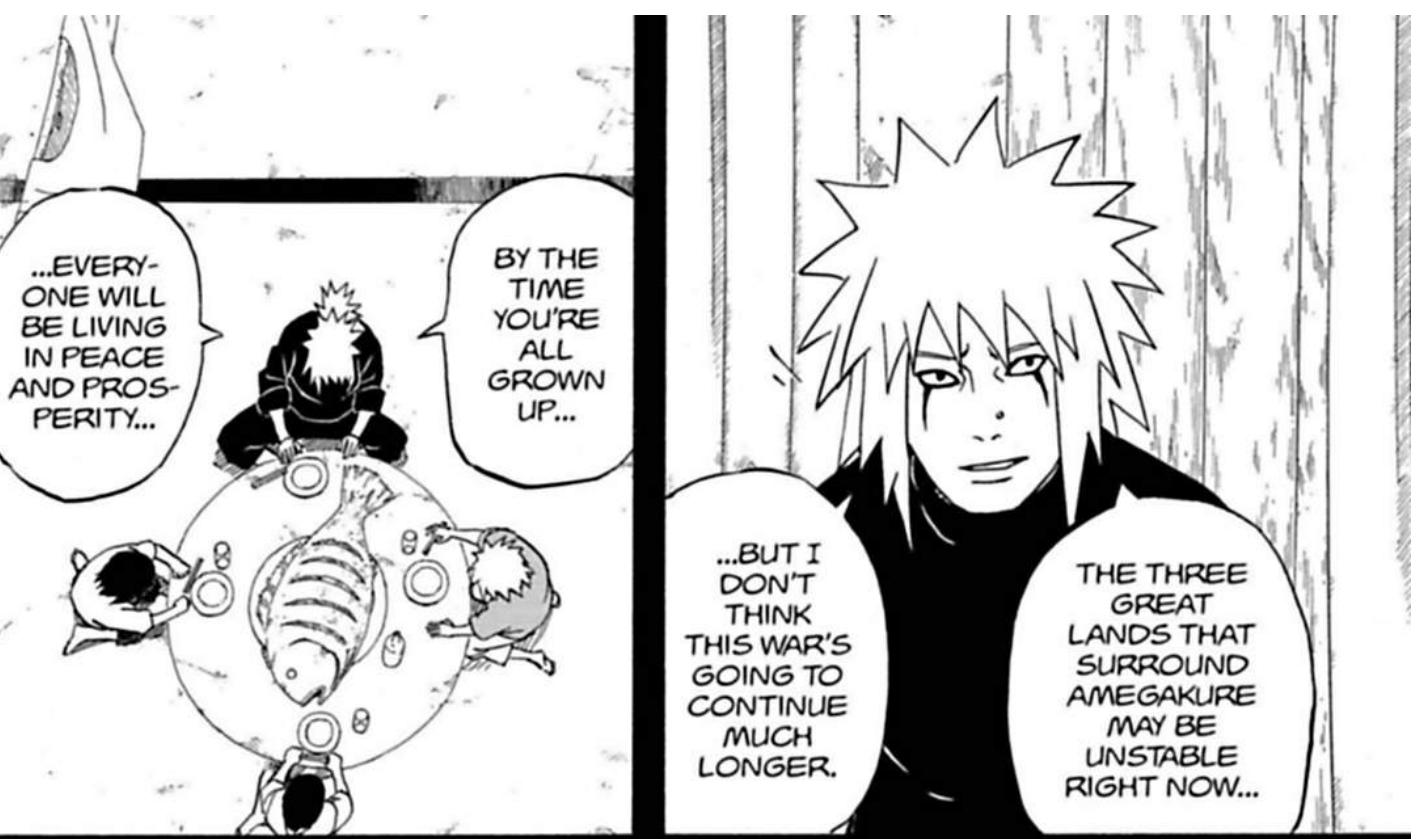
...YOU AND  
TSUNADE  
HEAD BACK  
WITHOUT ME.  
I'LL STAY  
HERE AWHILE  
AND LOOK  
AFTER  
THEM.

OROCHI-  
MARU,  
ENOUGH!



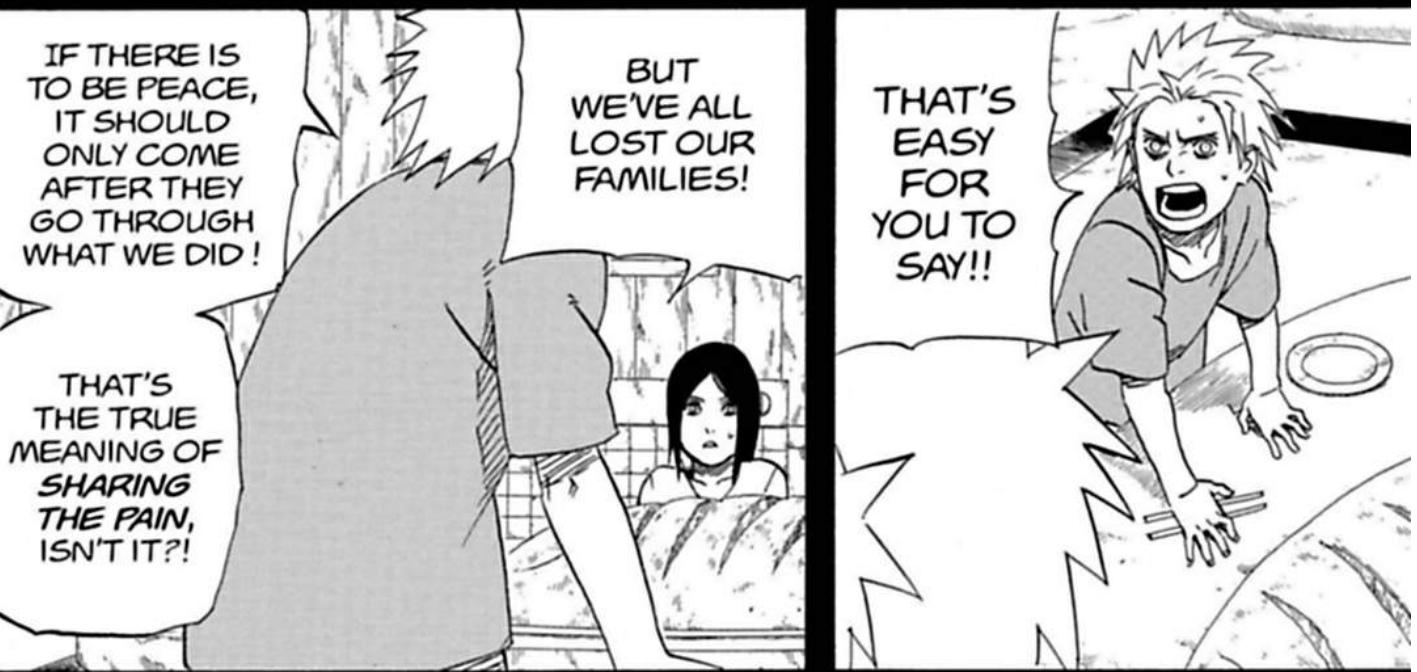
READ  
THIS  
WAY





...BUT I DON'T THINK THIS WAR'S GOING TO CONTINUE MUCH LONGER.

THE THREE GREAT LANDS THAT SURROUND AMEGAKURE MAY BE UNSTABLE RIGHT NOW...



READ  
THIS  
WAY

I WILL  
PROTECT  
EVERY-  
ONE!!

I WILL  
CHANGE  
THIS  
LAND.

THIS  
COUNTRY  
IS ALWAYS  
CRYING...

...IT'S A  
COWARD!

I HATE  
RAIN.

I WILL  
PROTECT  
EVERY-  
ONE!!

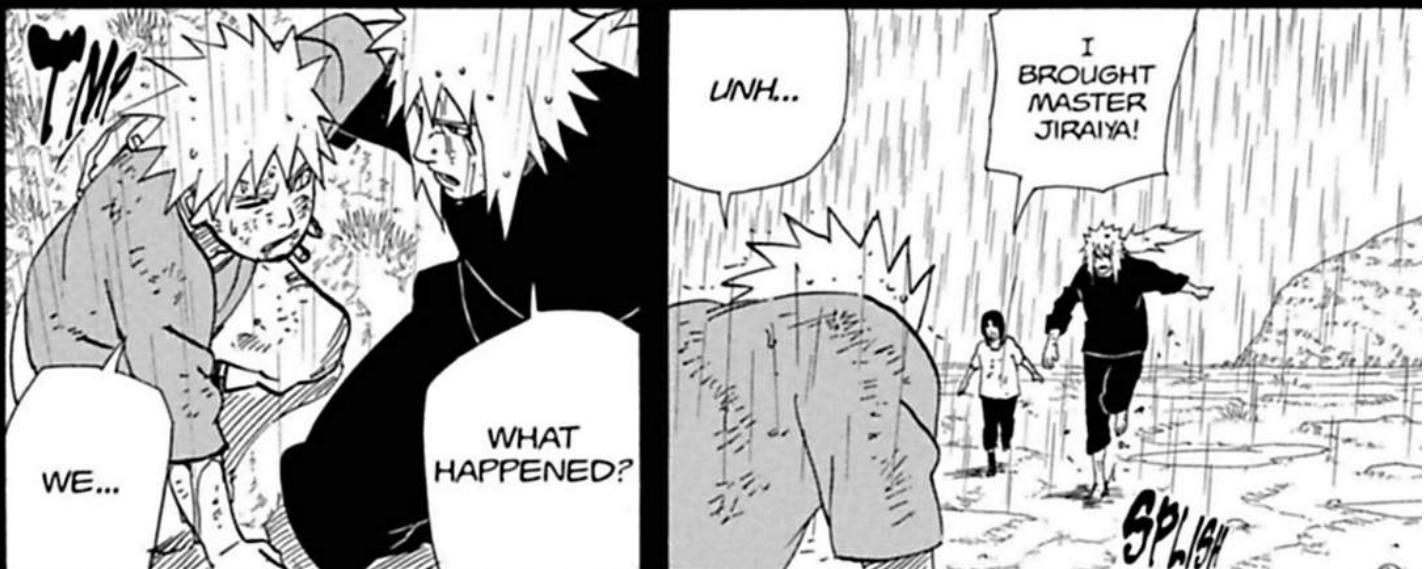
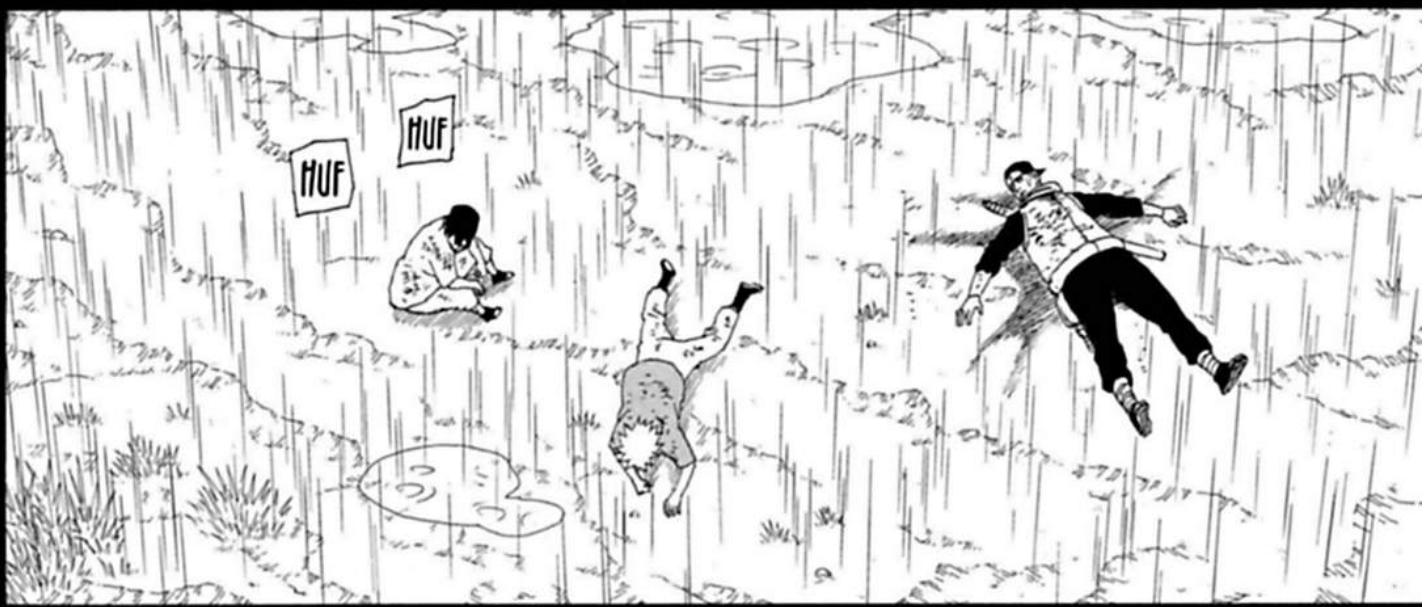
AND  
THAT'S  
WHY  
THERE  
WILL  
ALWAYS  
BE WAR!

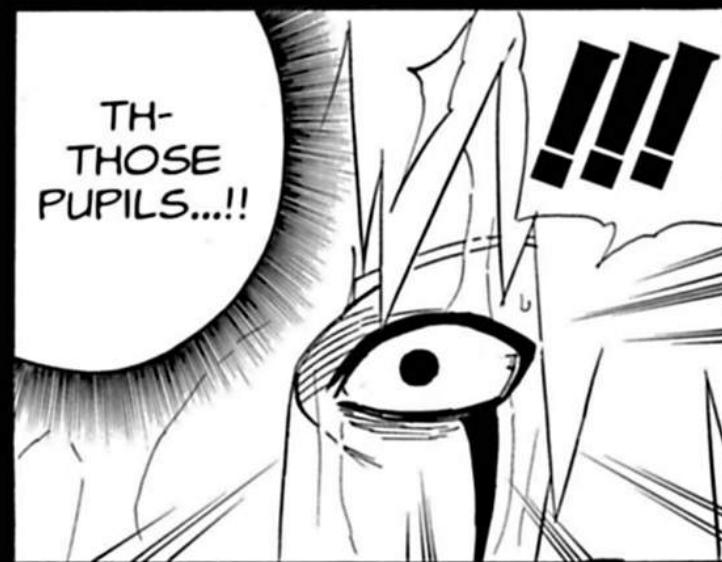
IF THERE  
IS TO BE  
PEACE, IT  
SHOULD  
ONLY COME  
AFTER  
THEY GO  
THROUGH  
WHAT  
WE DID!

...WANT  
YOU TO  
TEACH  
US NIN-  
JUTSU,  
MASTER  
JIRAIYA!

THAT'S  
WHY I...

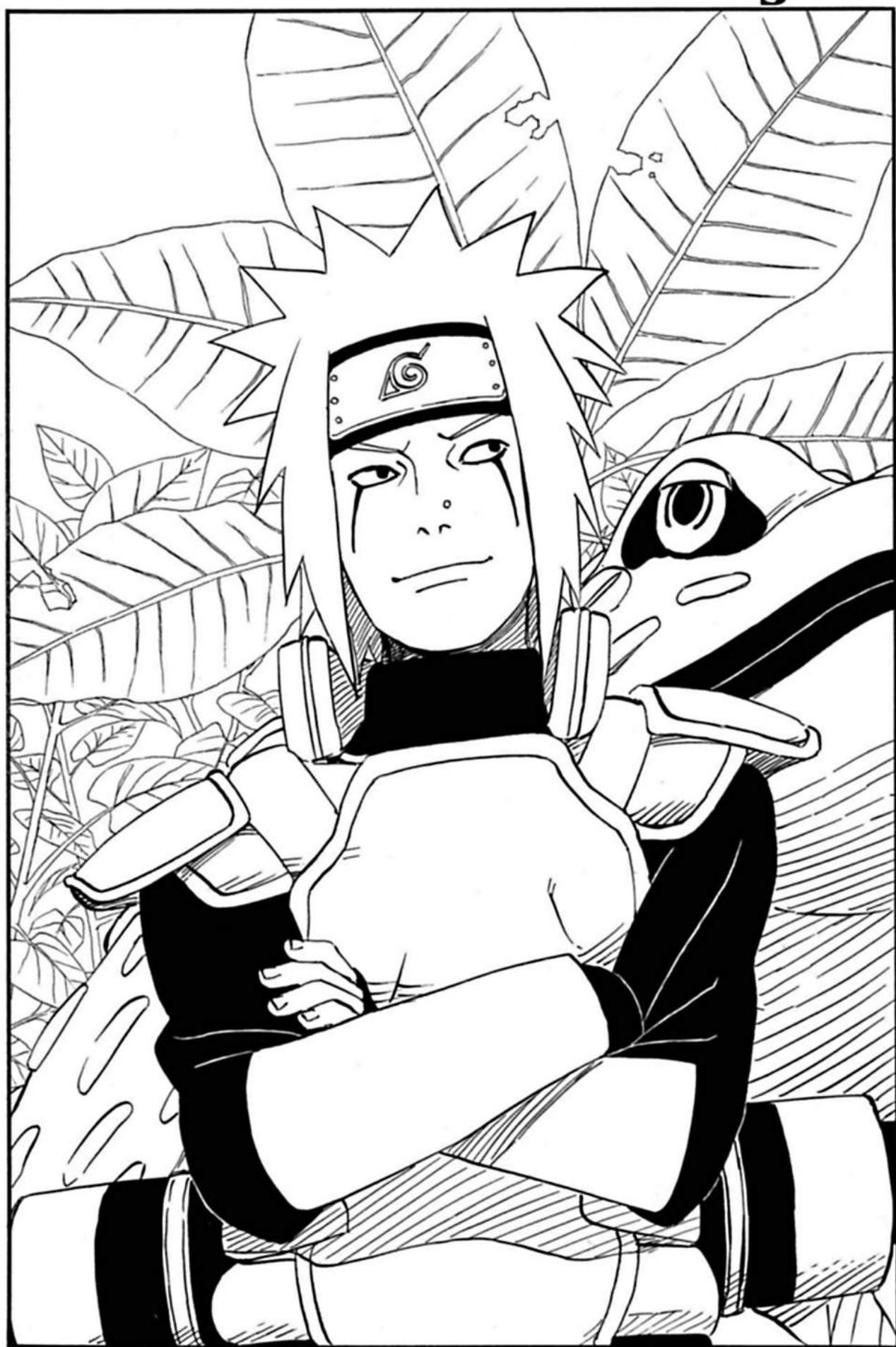


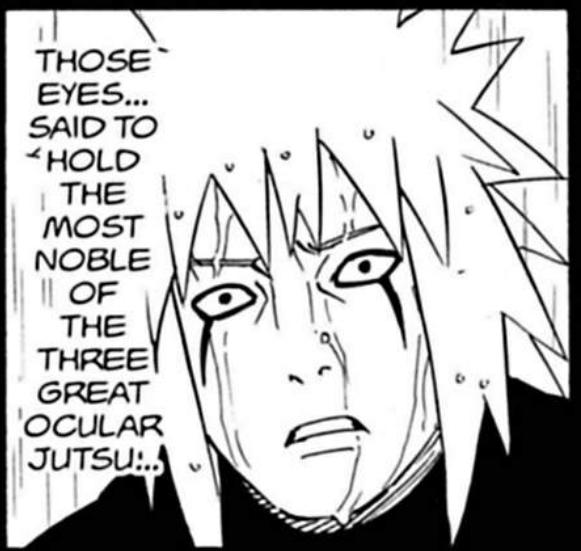






**Number 373: Back in the Day...!!**





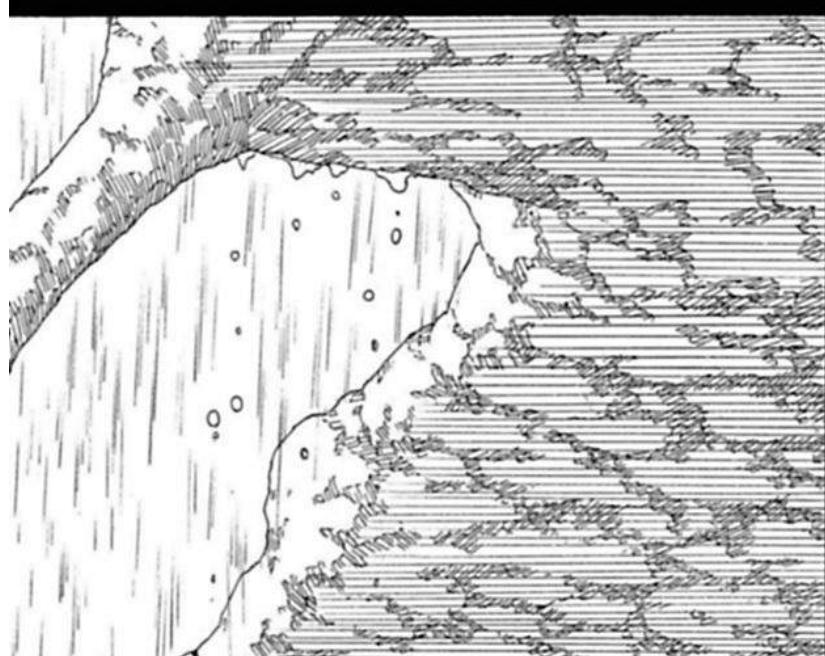
IT IS TOUTED THAT THE RINNEGAN EYE-POSSESSING SAGE DEVELOPED ALL THE JUTSU KNOWN TO US TODAY...

IT ORIGINATED WITH THE SAGE OF THE SIX PATHS, SAID TO BE THE FATHER OF ALL SHINOBI...

NO ONE COULD REALLY POSSESS RINNEGAN...

...I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS A MYTH...

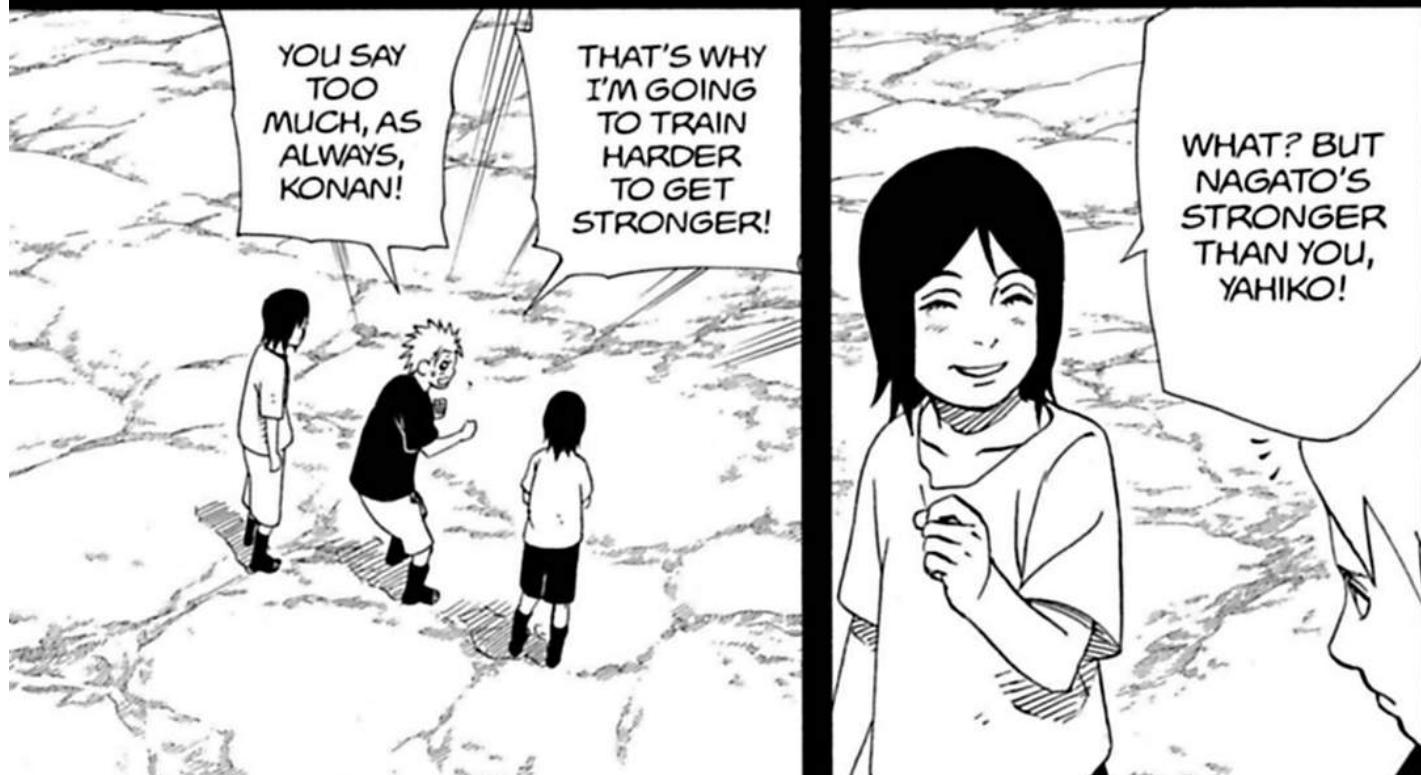
RUMORED TO ALWAYS APPEAR WHEN THE WORLD BECOMES CORRUPT, CAPABLE OF BEING BOTH A GODLIKE FORCE OF CREATION AND AN ALL-OBSCURING INSTRUMENT OF DESTRUCTION...

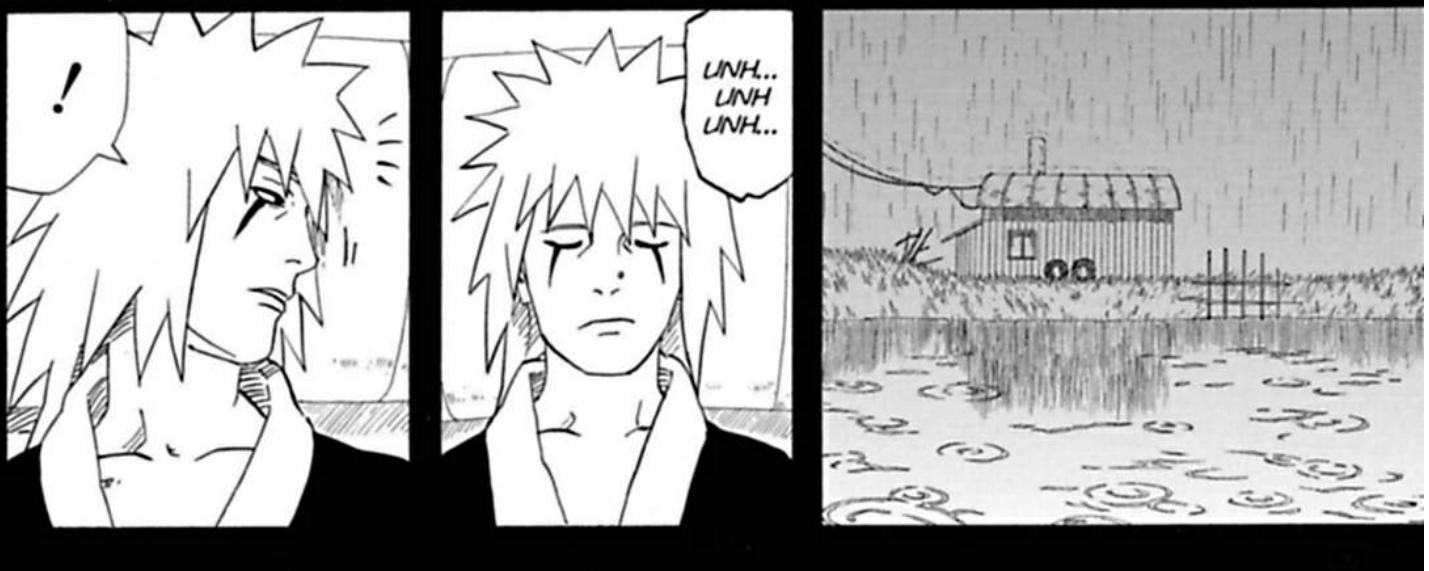
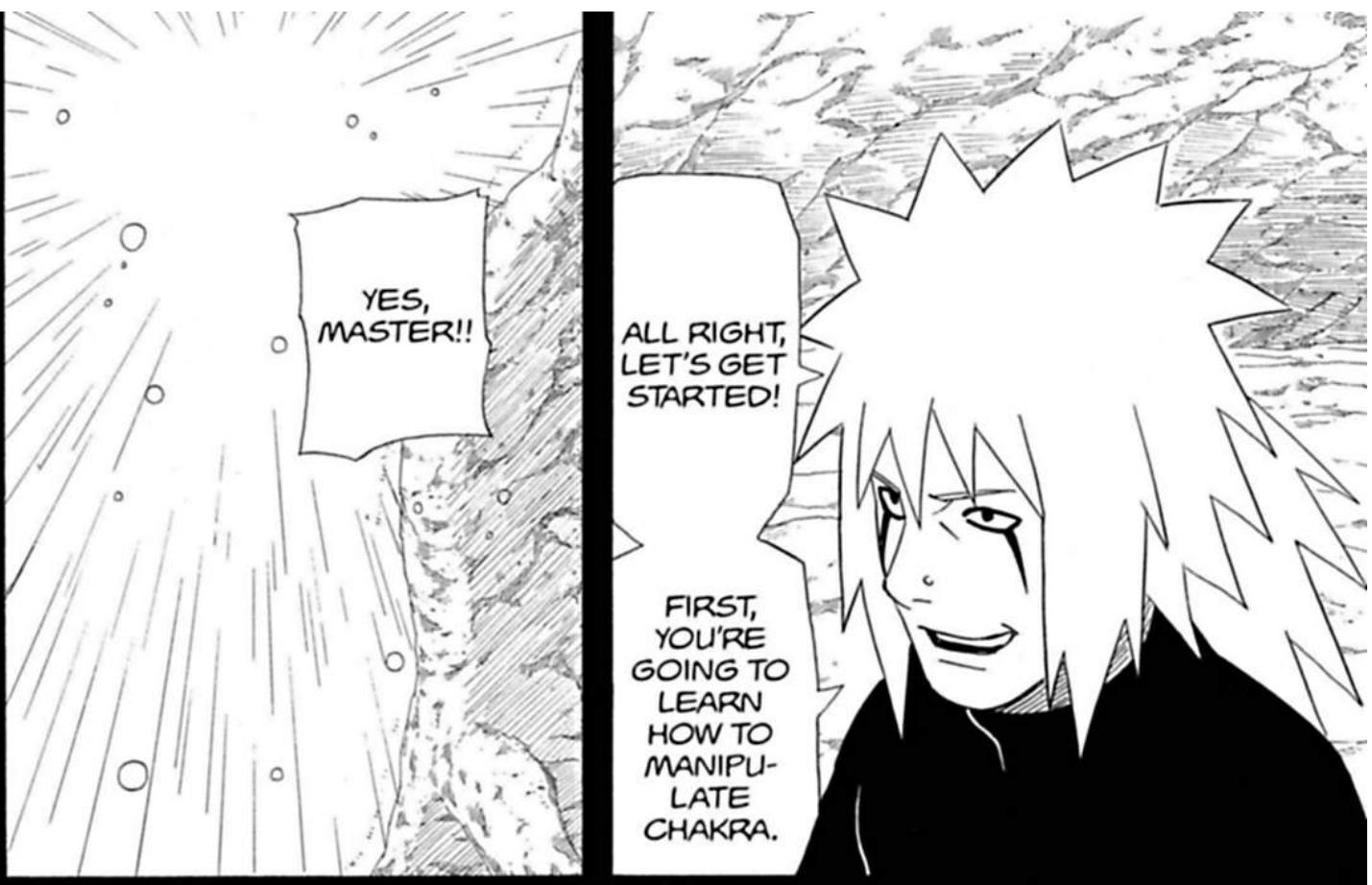




SINCE  
YOU CAN  
NEVER  
TELL  
WHEN YOU  
MIGHT  
BE IN  
DANGER  
AGAIN...

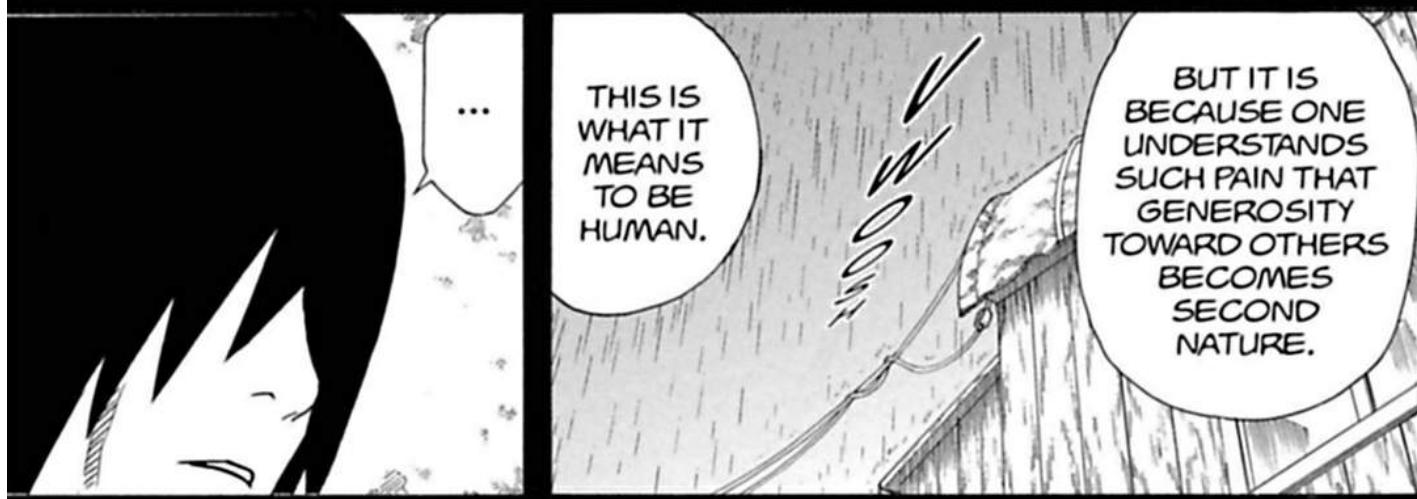
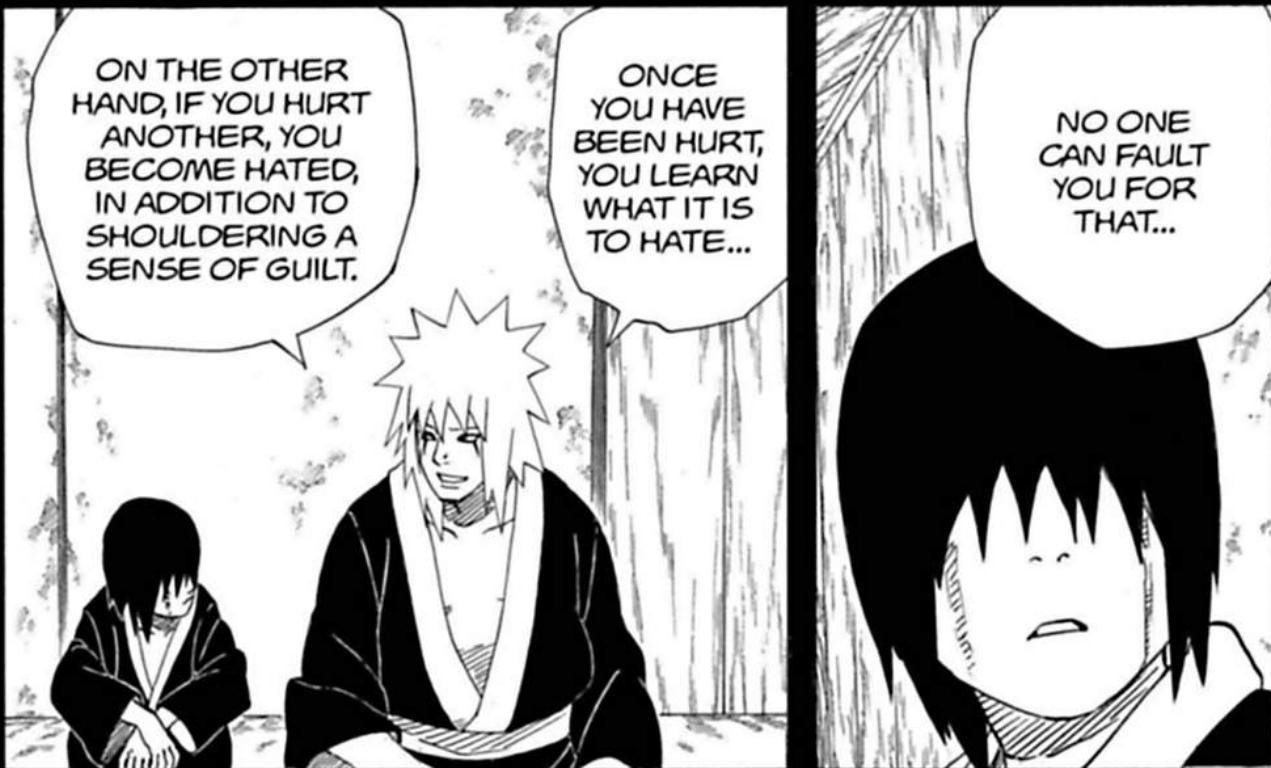














**WATER  
STYLE!  
RAGING  
WAVES!!**

ZIP

**PAPER  
SHURIKEN!!**

THUD

**WIND  
STYLE!  
GALE  
PALM!!**

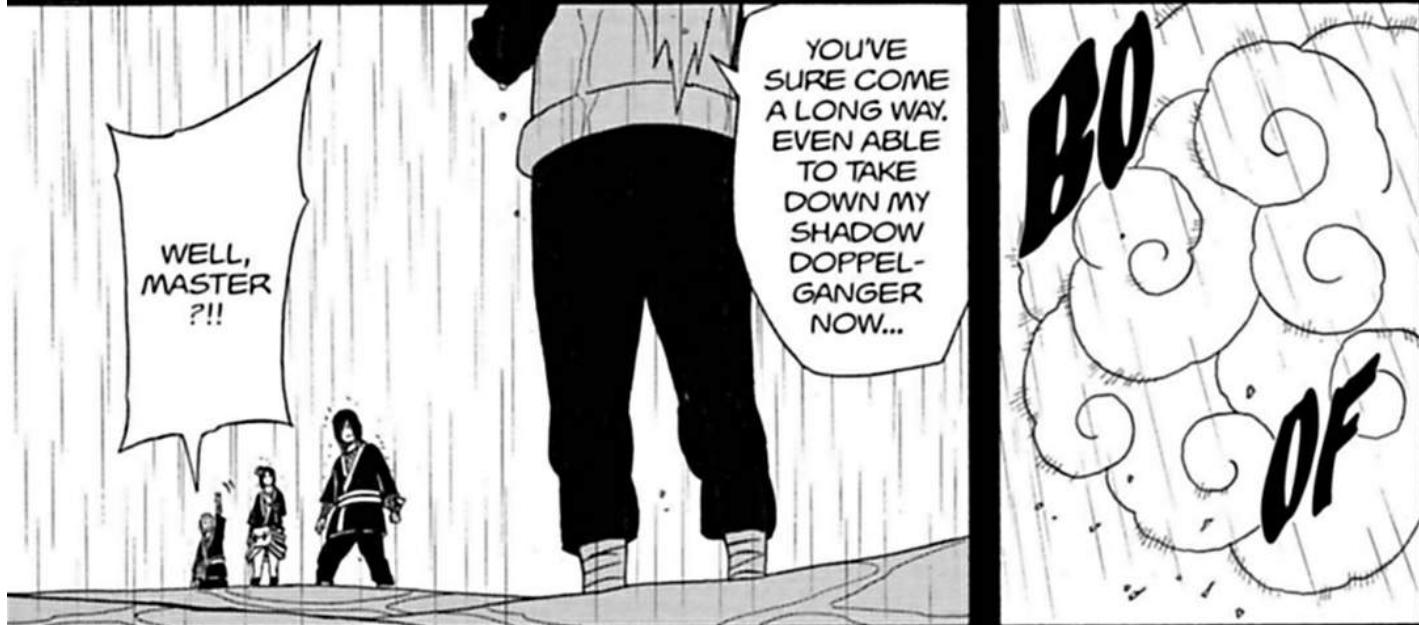


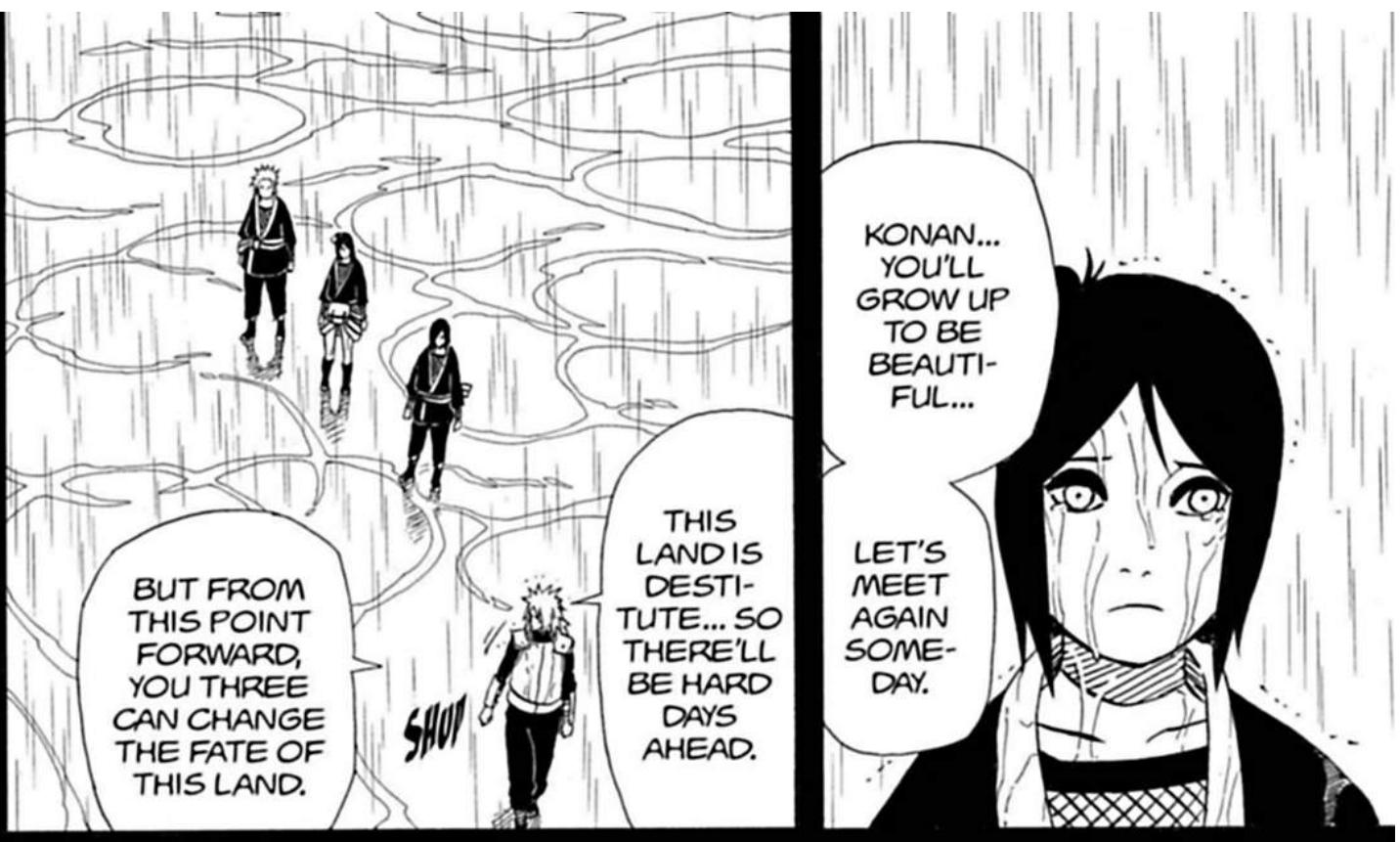
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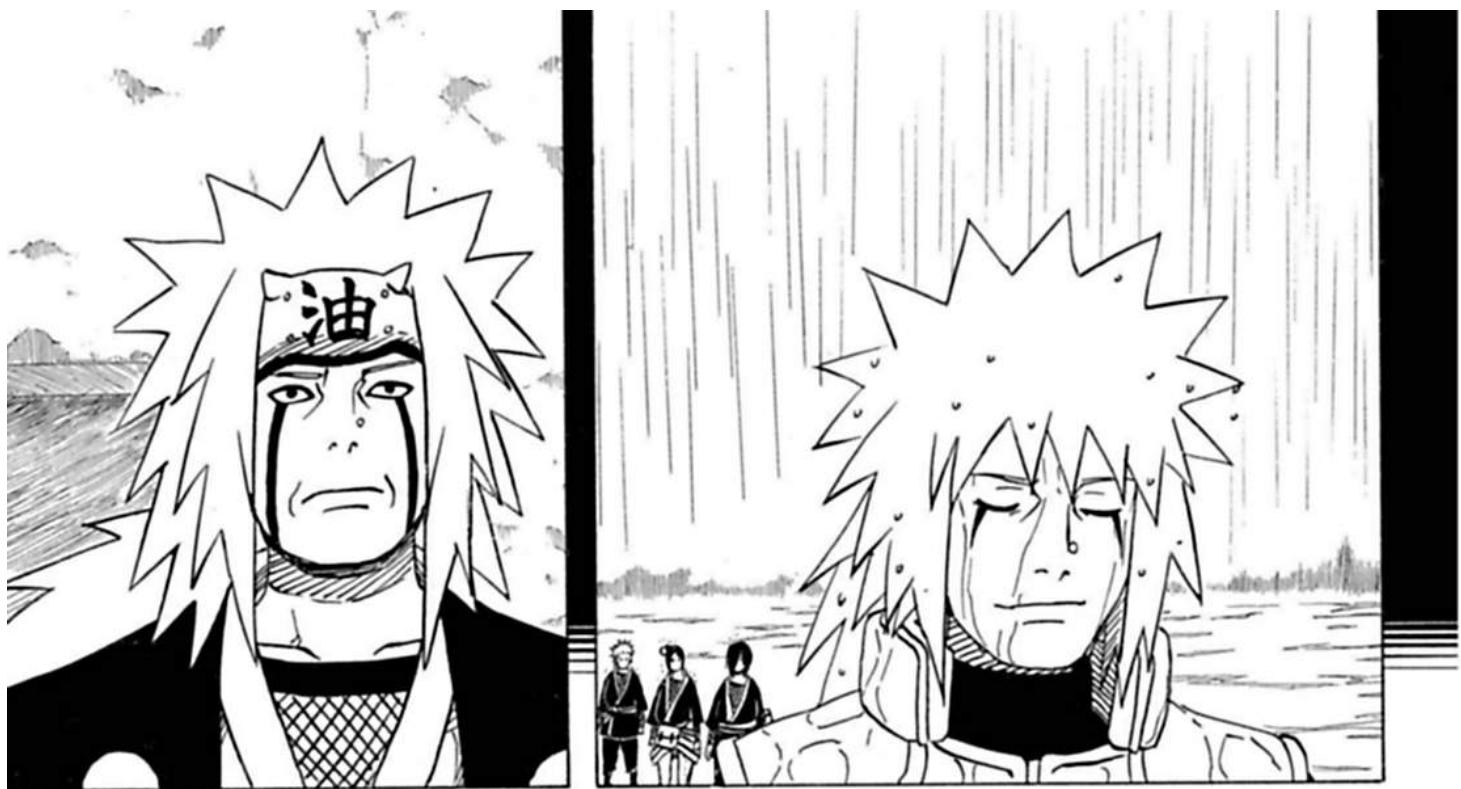
**MU**

**YES!**













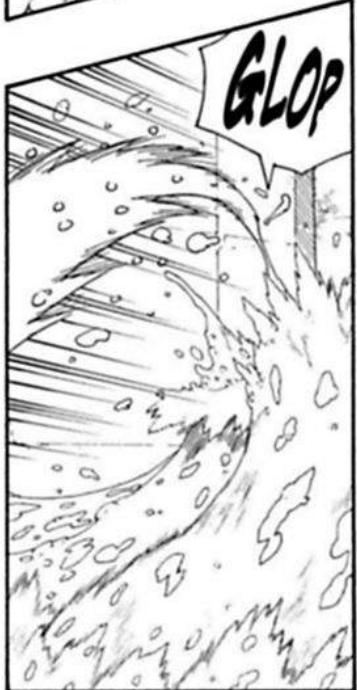


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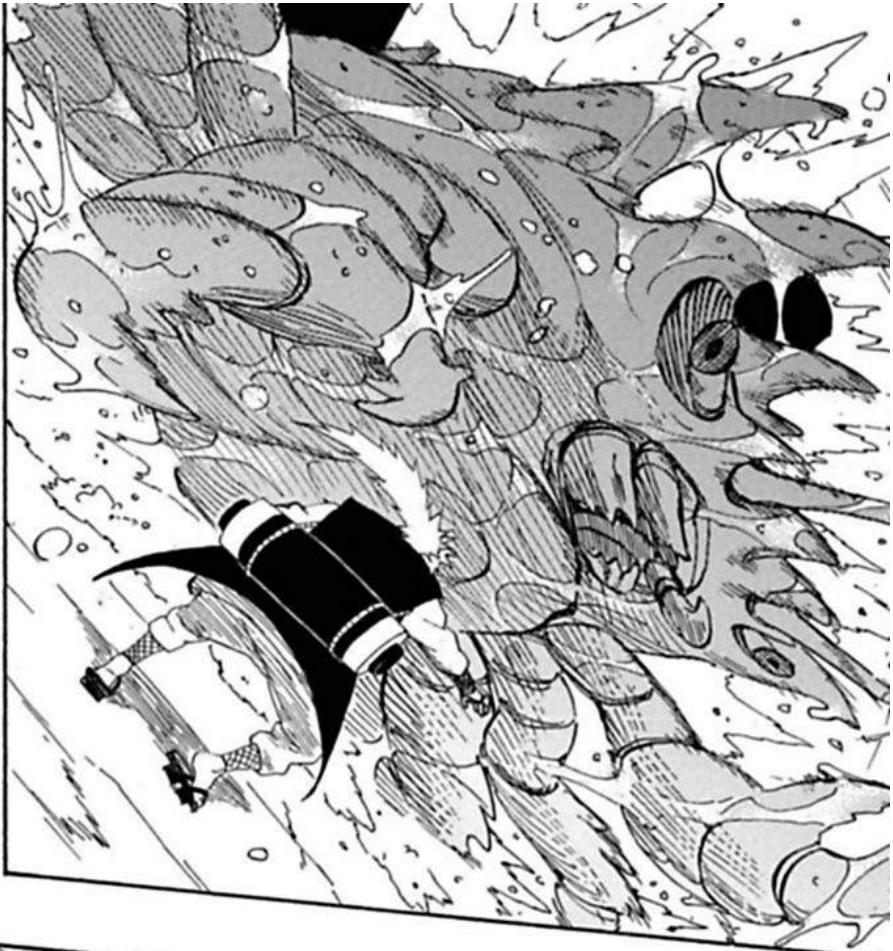


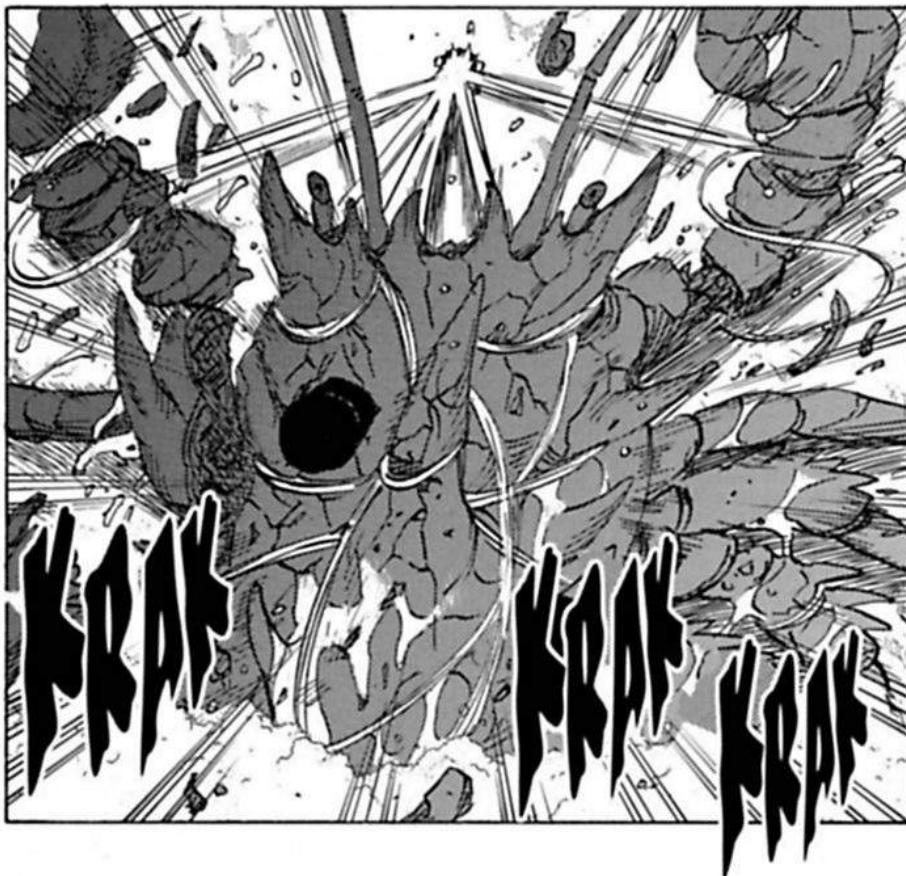
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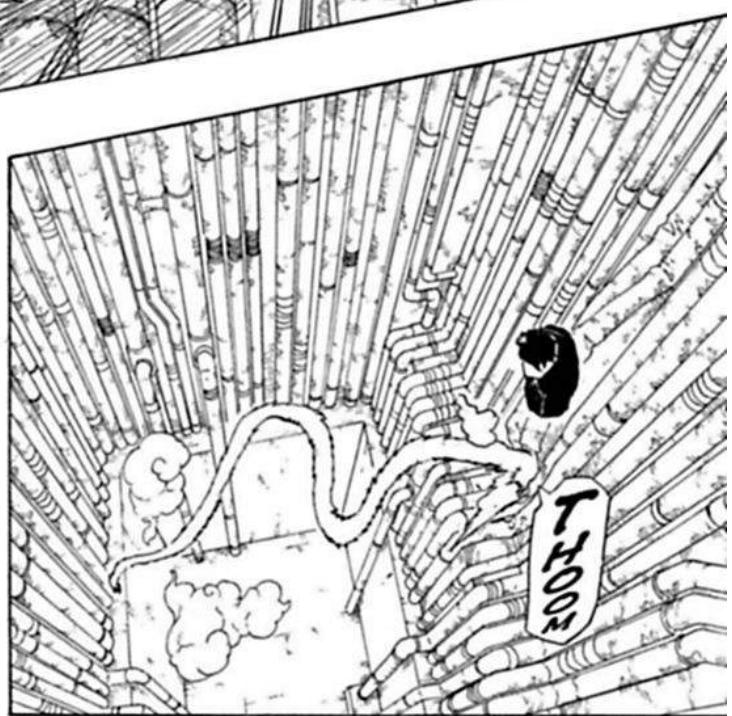
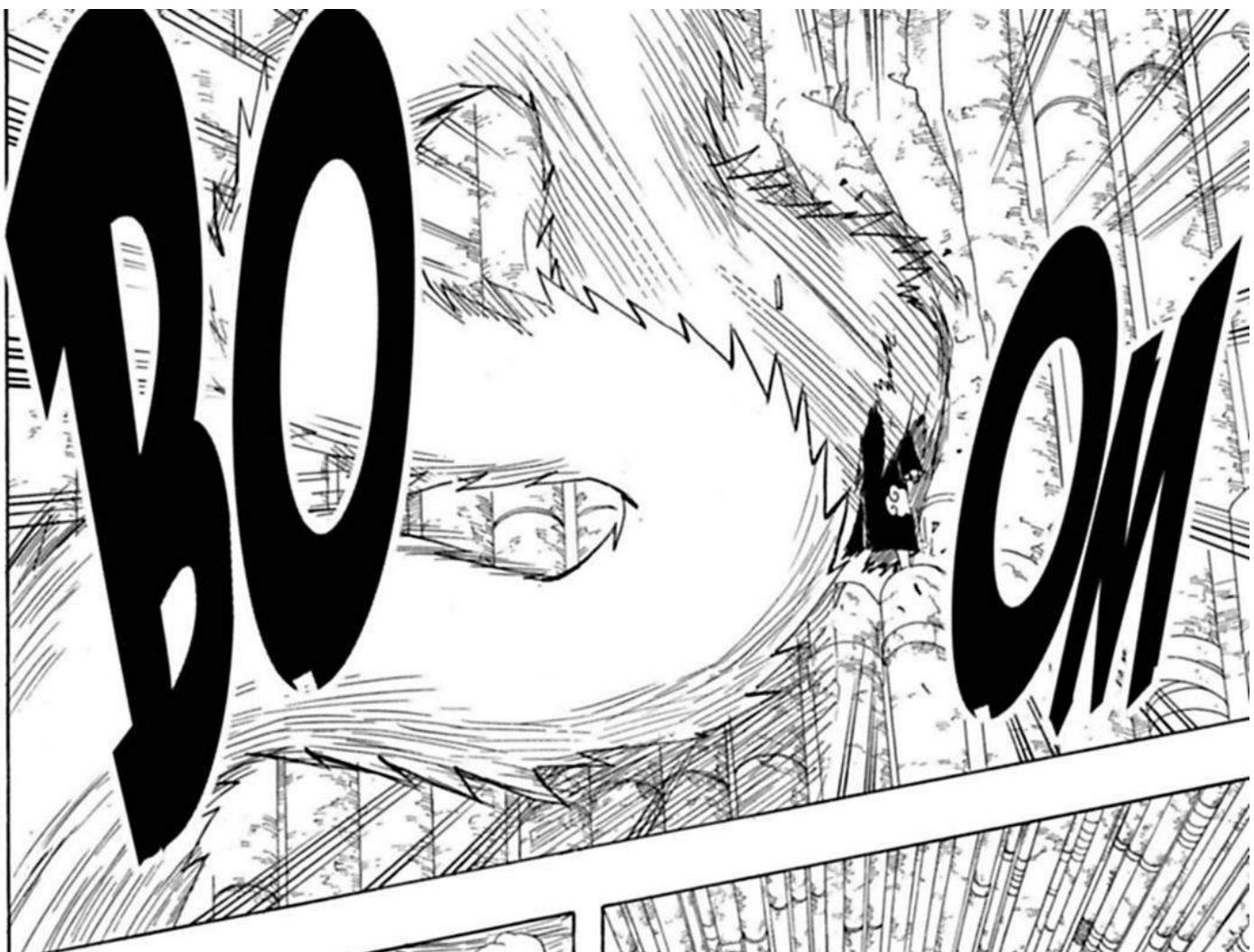


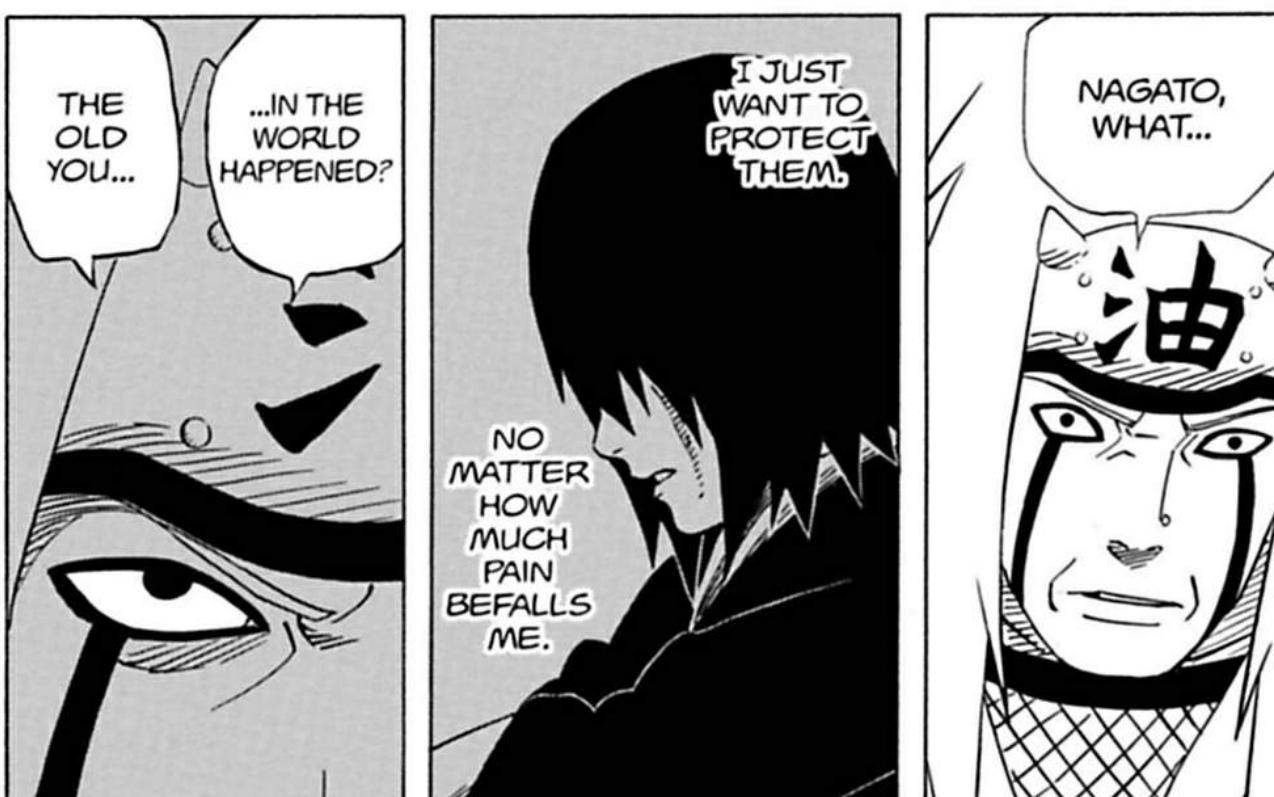
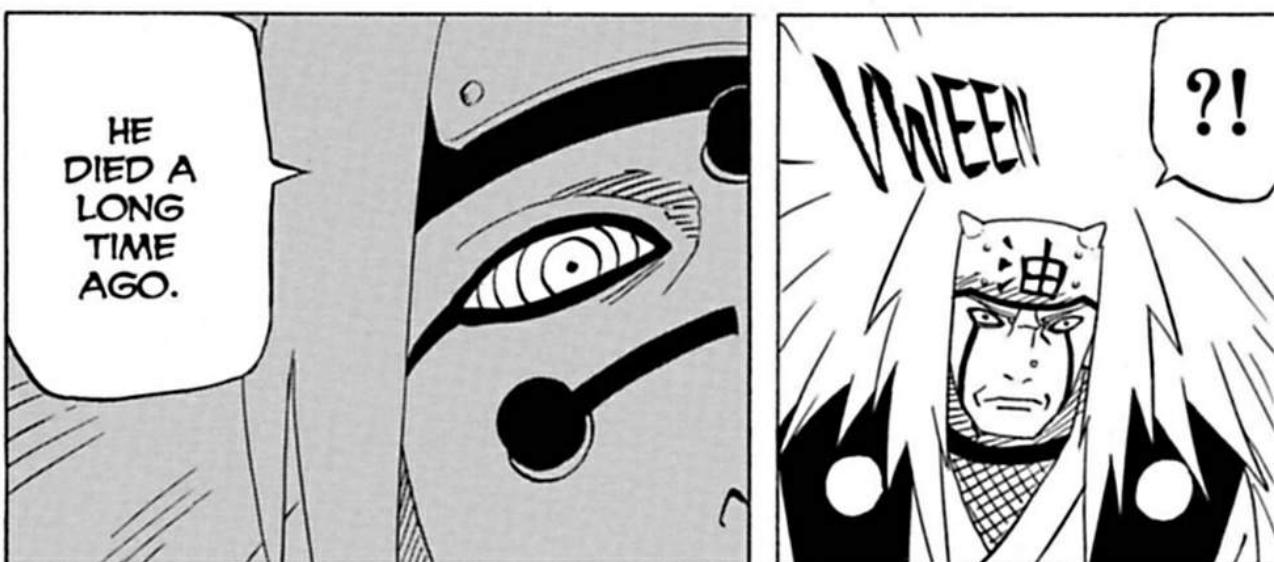
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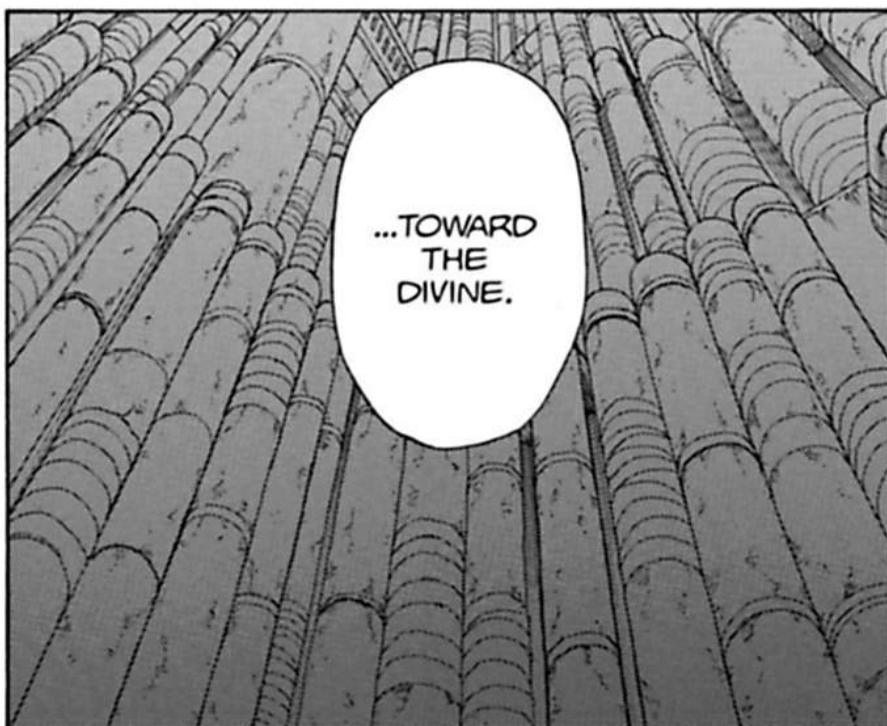
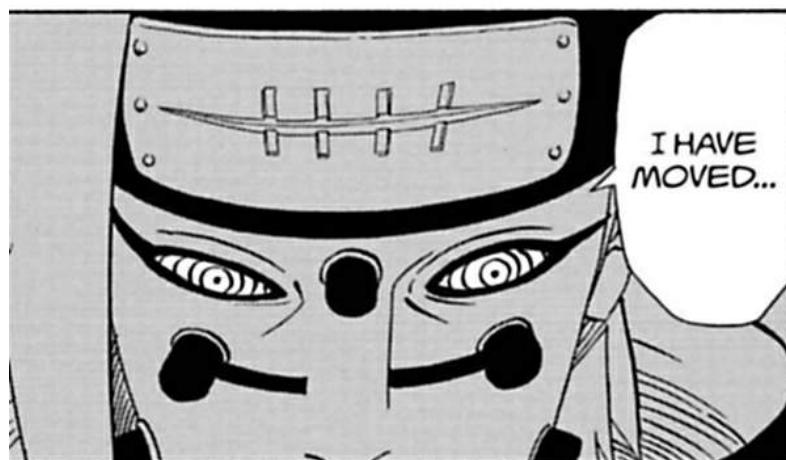
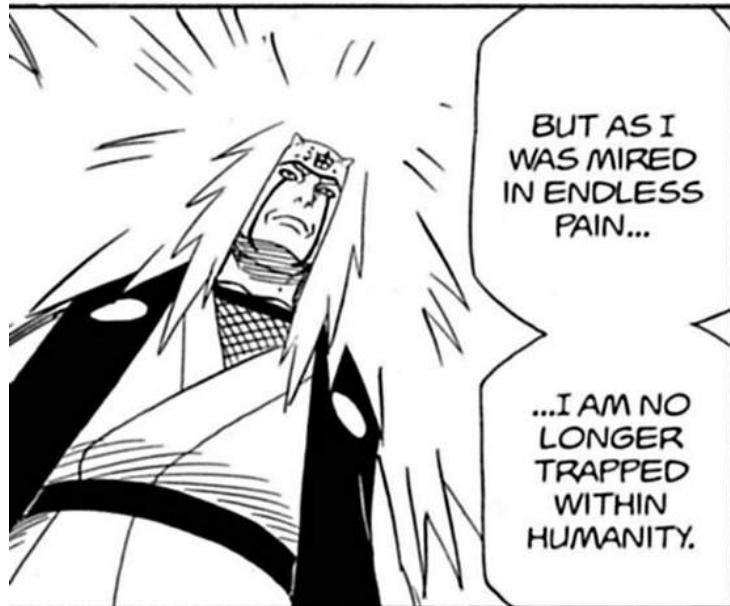




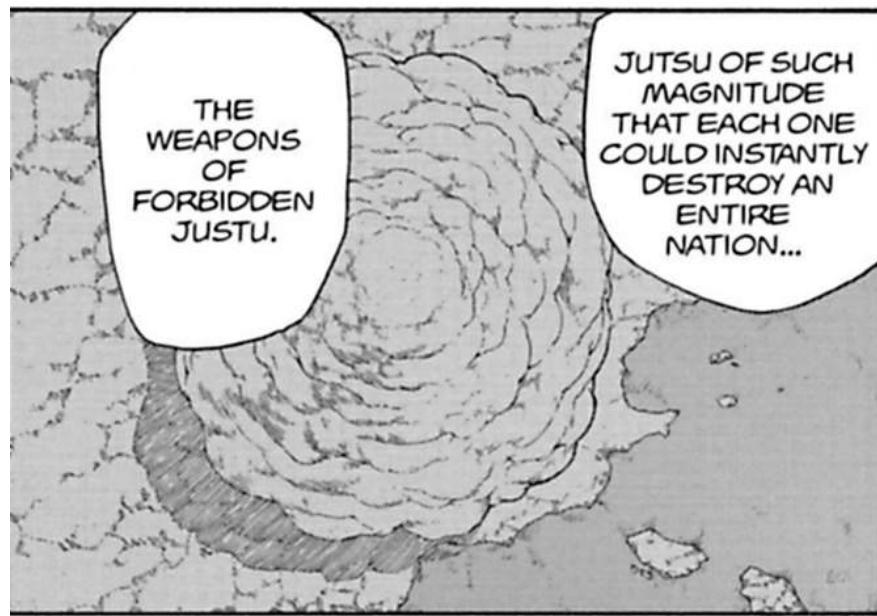


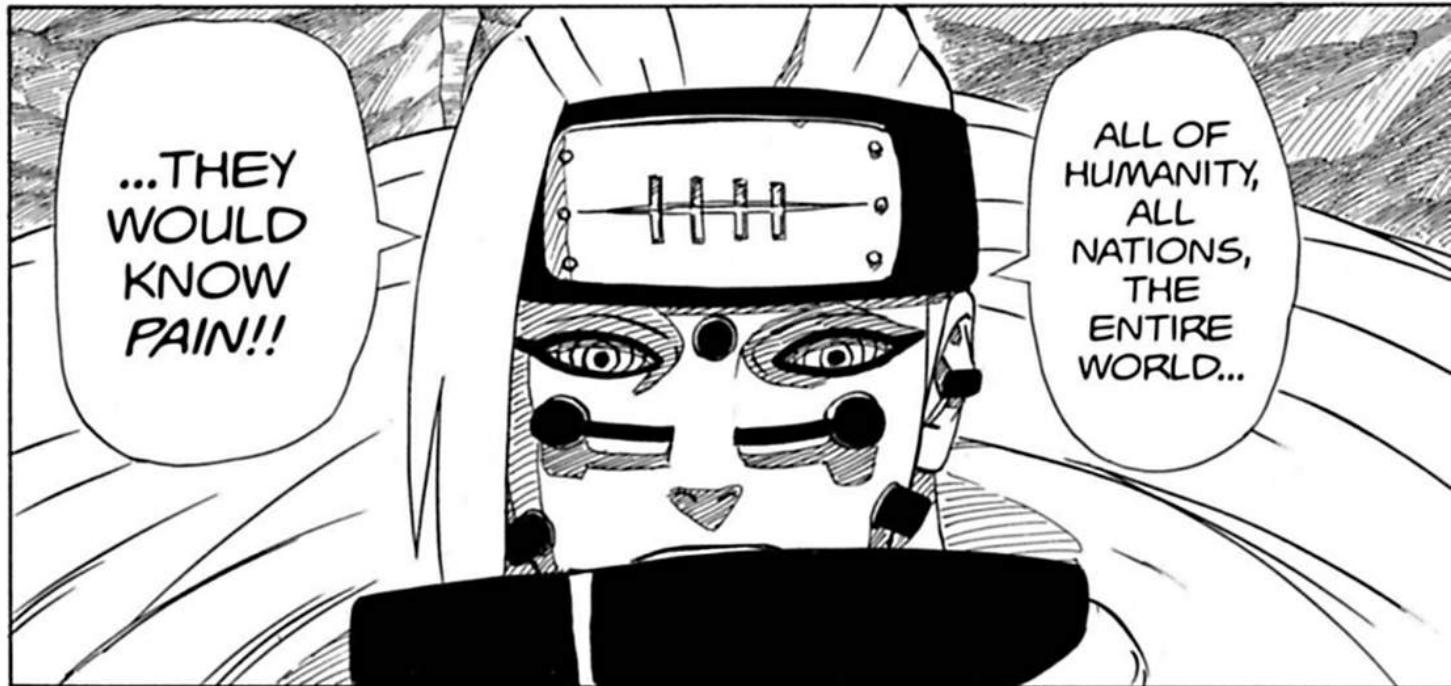
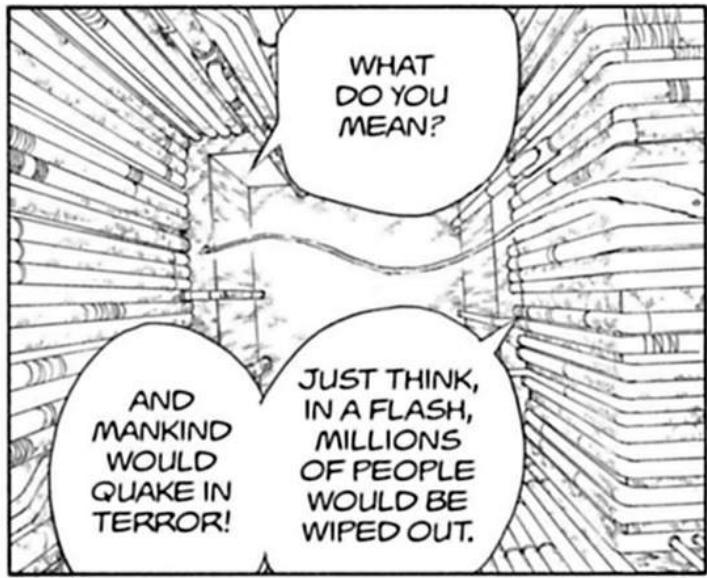


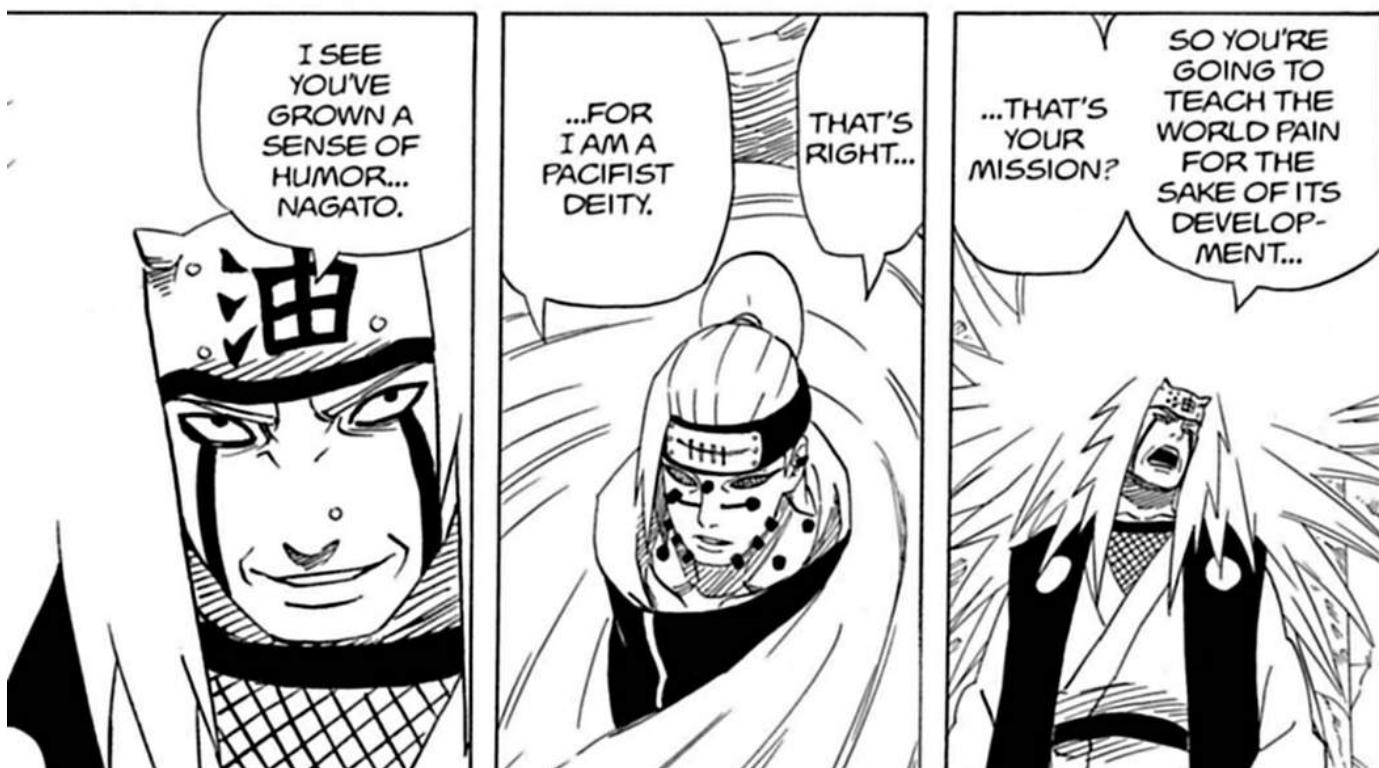
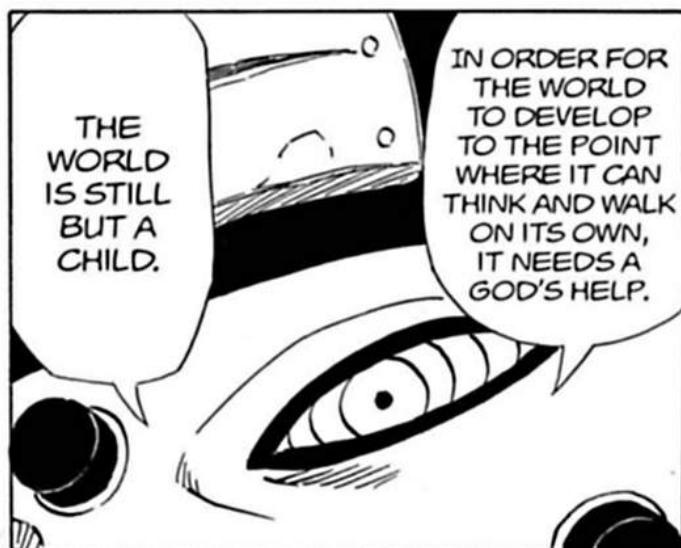
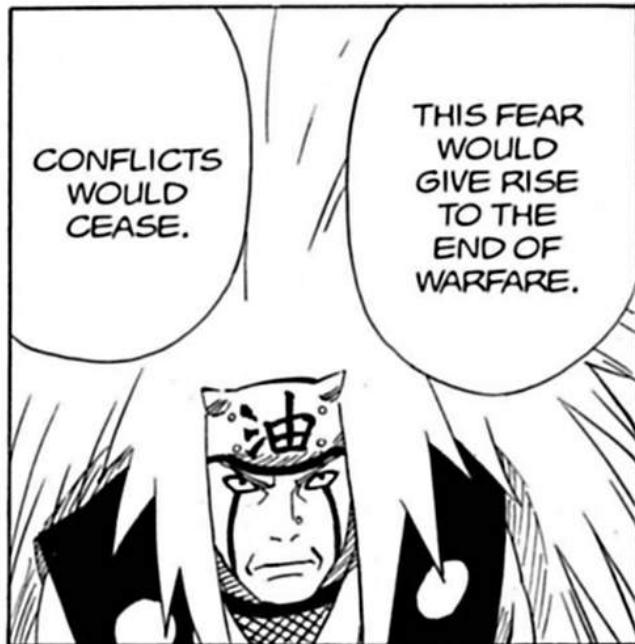


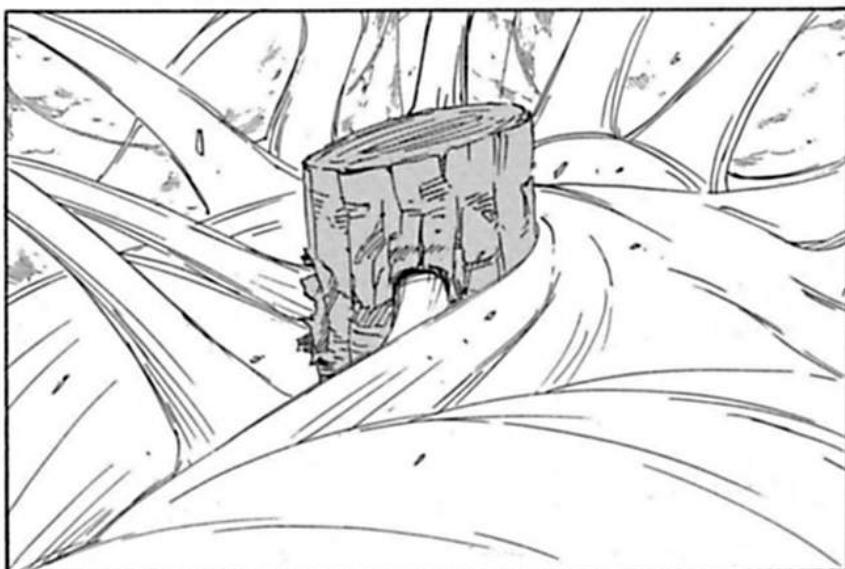
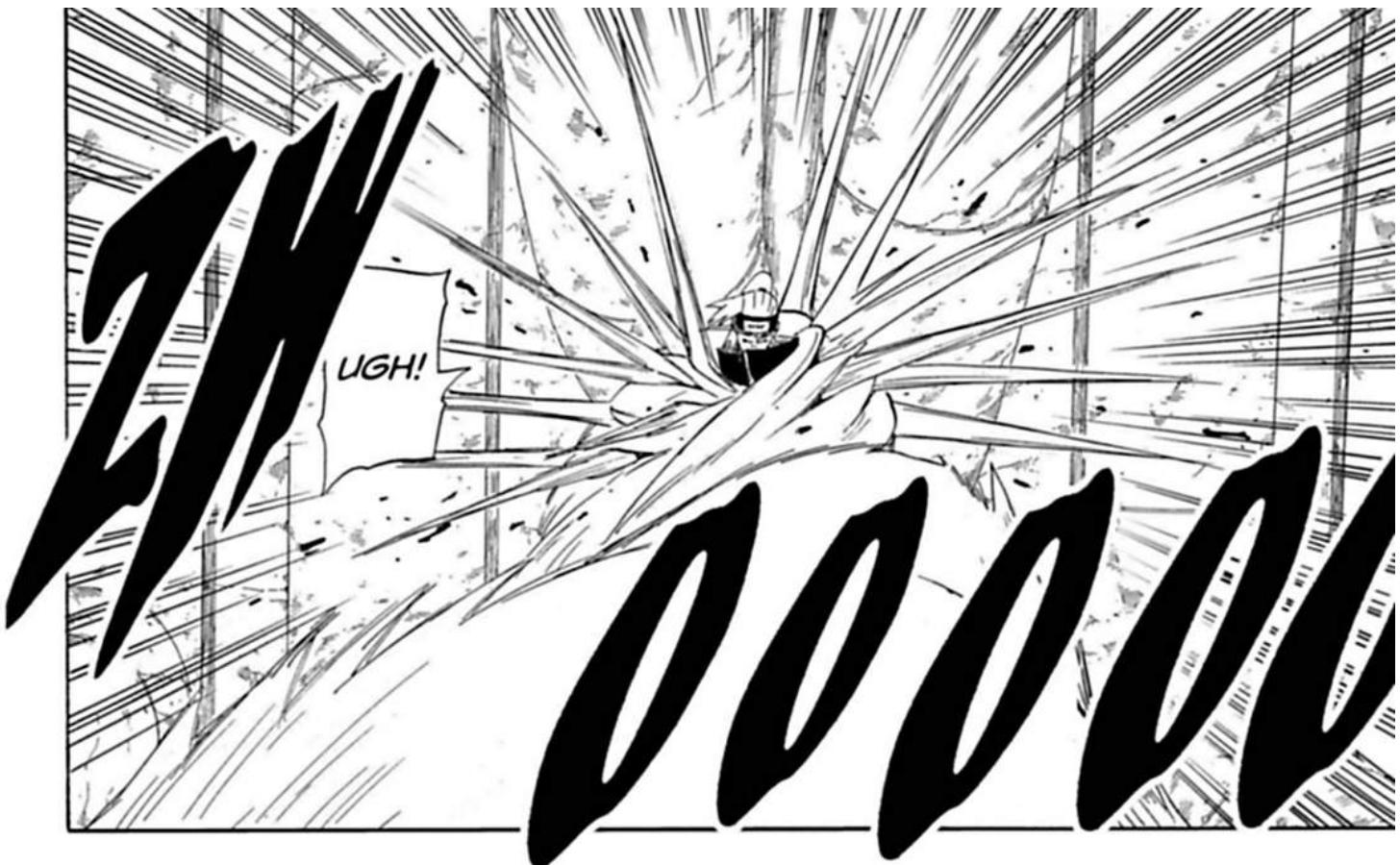












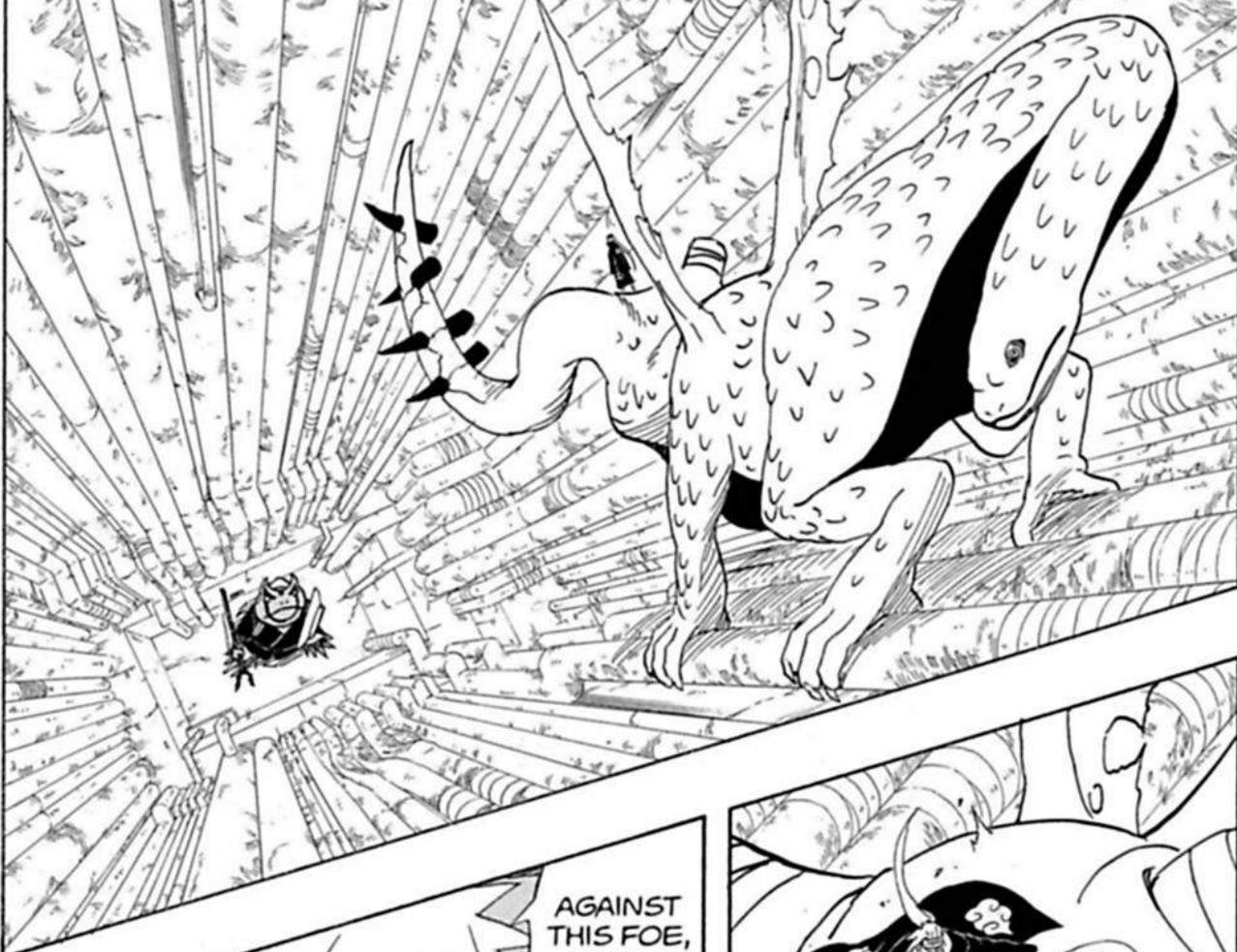






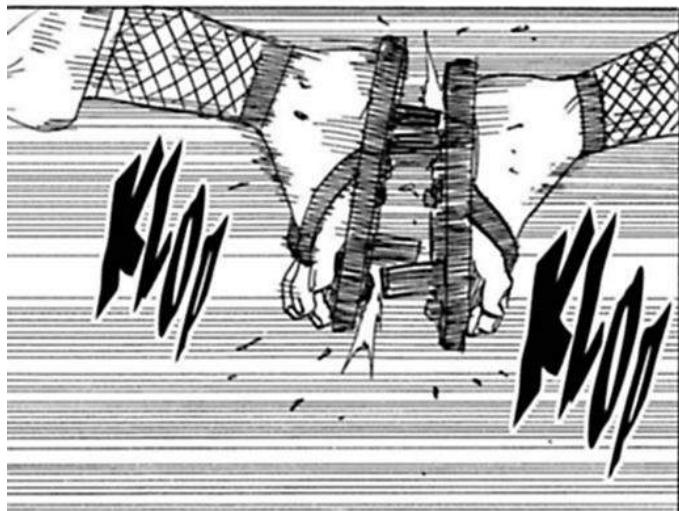
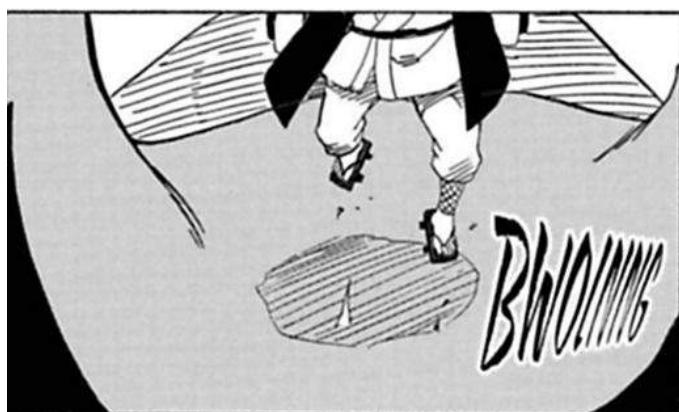
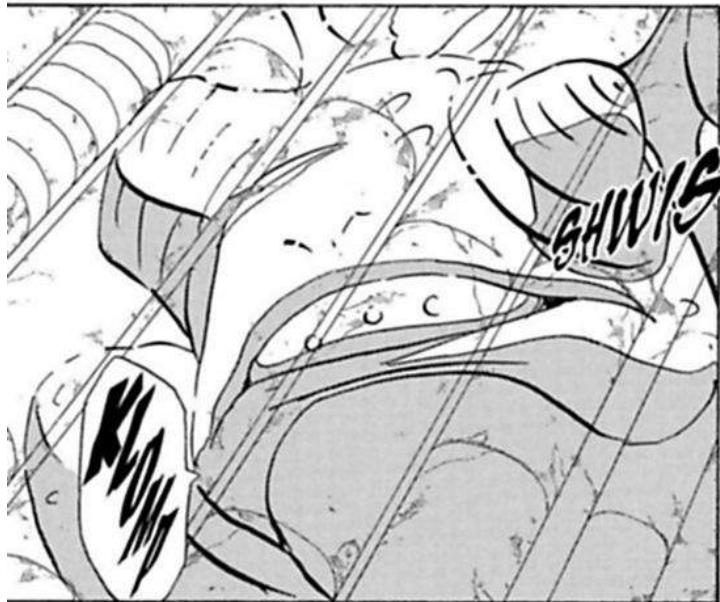
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**Number 375: Two Great Sages...!!**





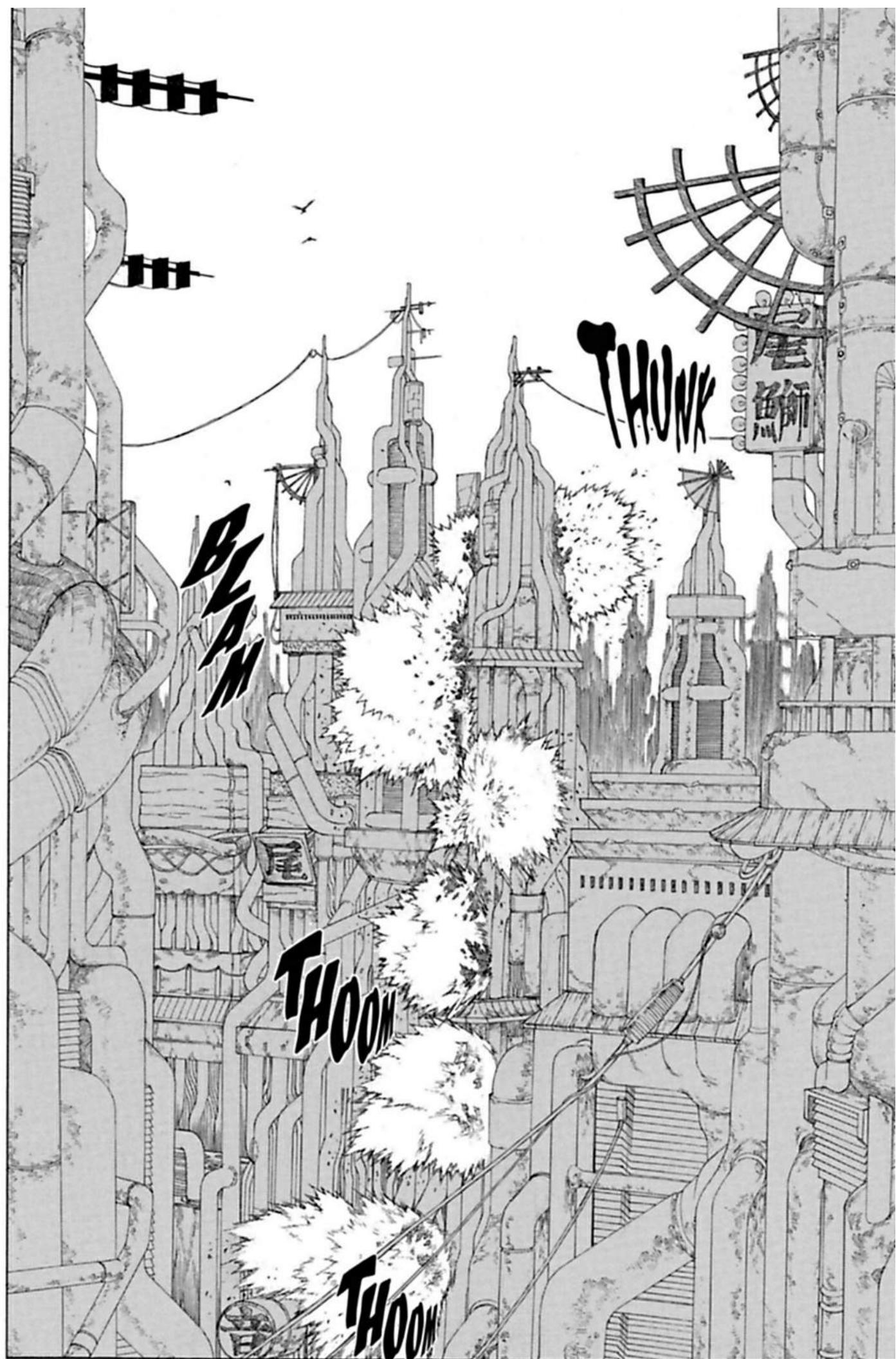
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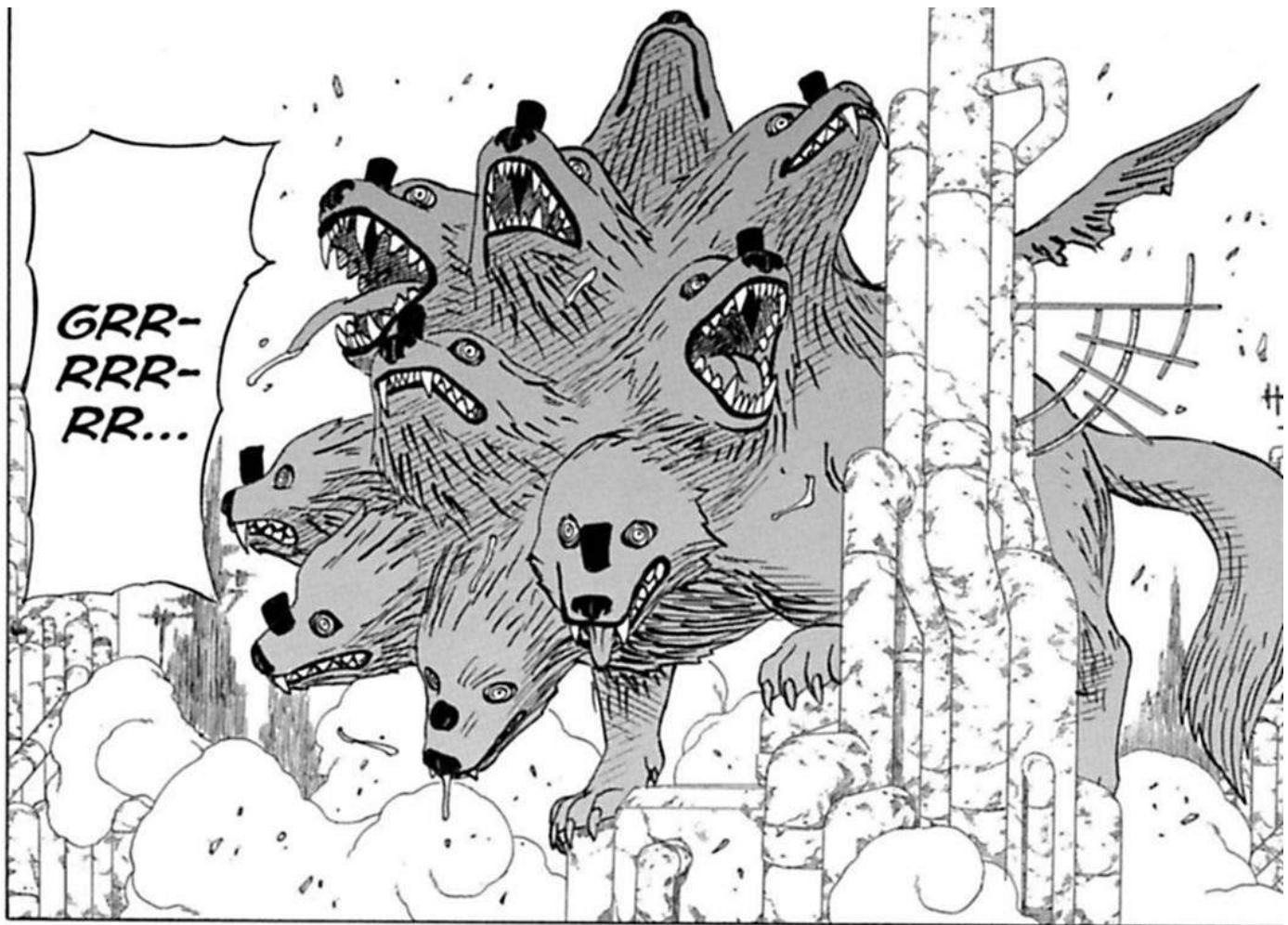


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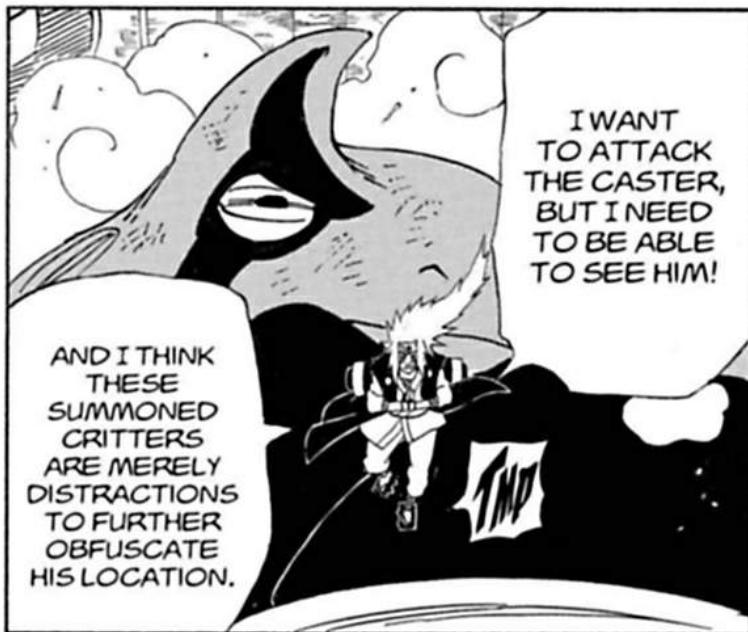




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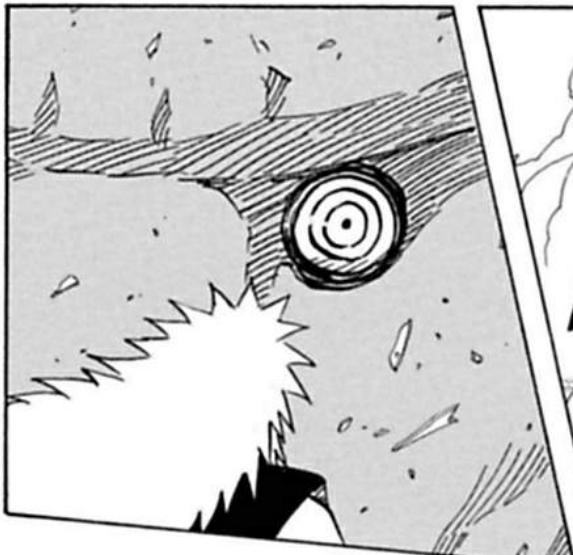
WHY IS  
HE ONLY  
USING  
SUMMON-  
ING JUTSU  
AGAINST  
ME?!

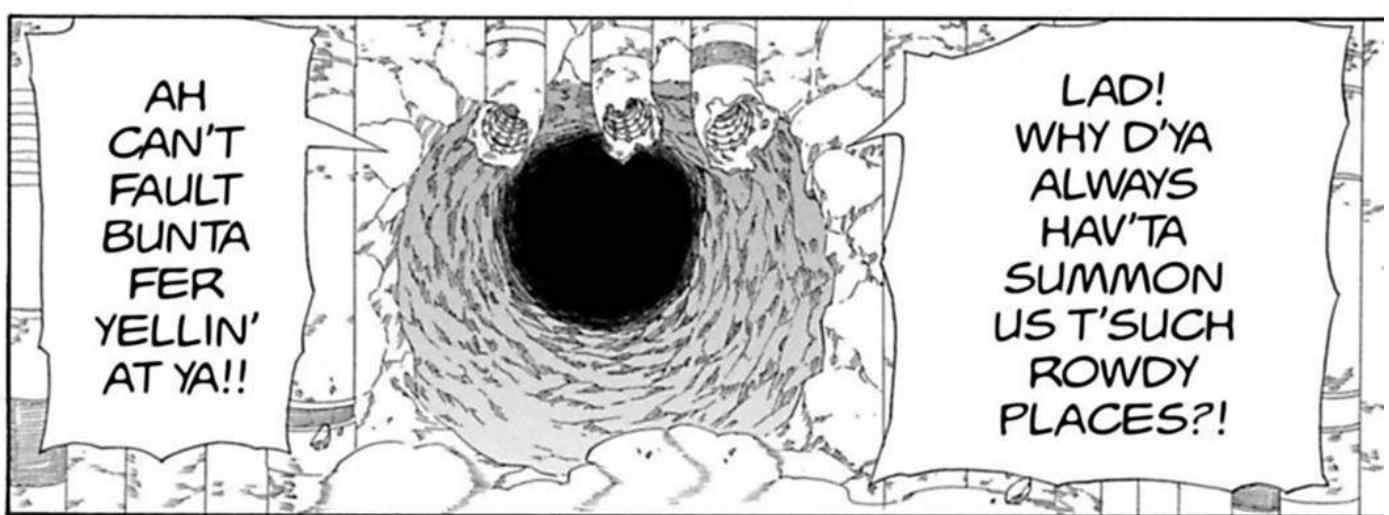
I'VE GOT  
IT FROM  
HERE!!

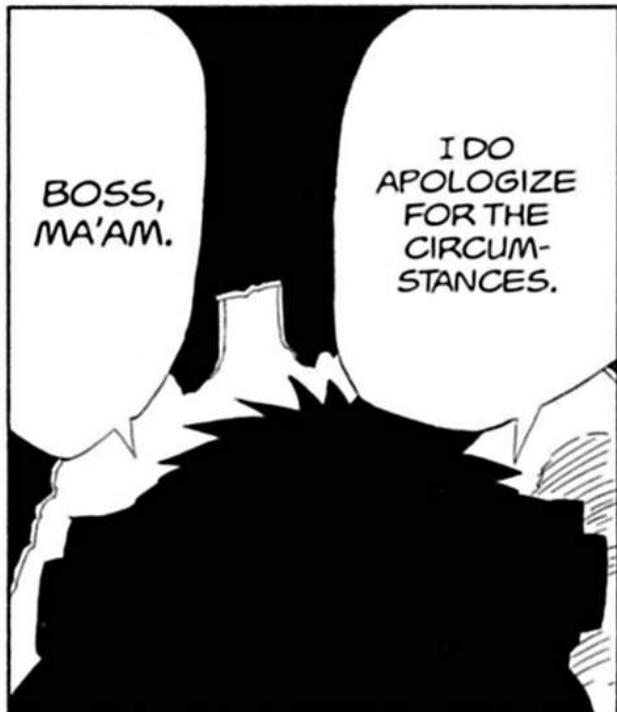
MISTER  
GAMAKEN,  
GO HOME!

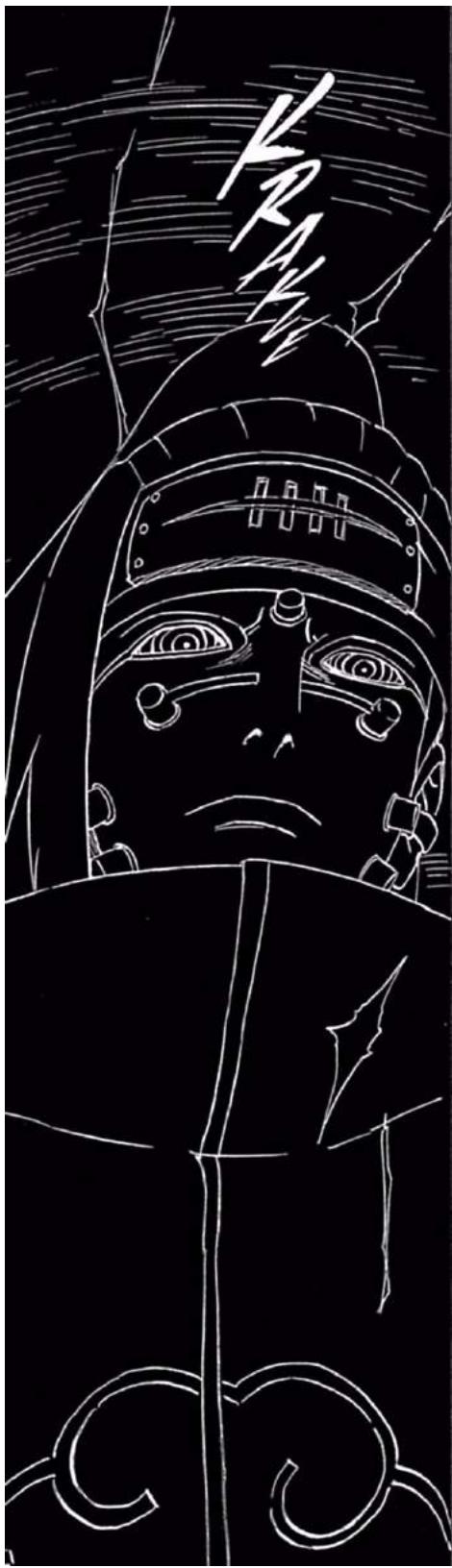
DOES HE  
THINK I AM  
BENEATH  
THE NEED  
FOR DIRECT  
CONFRONTA-  
TION?

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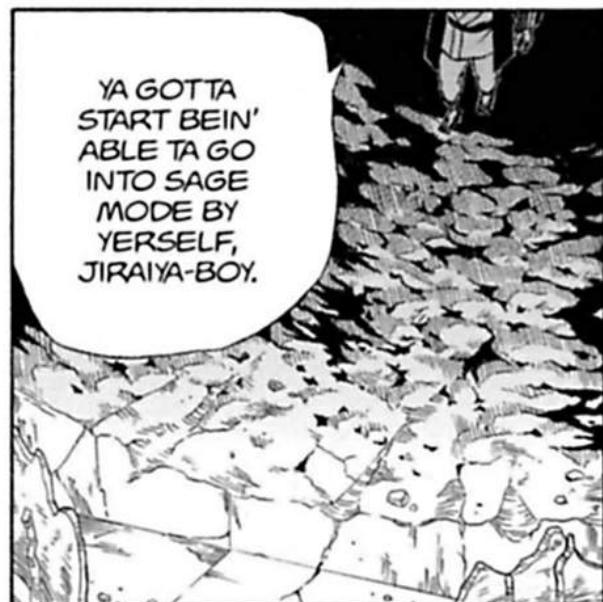




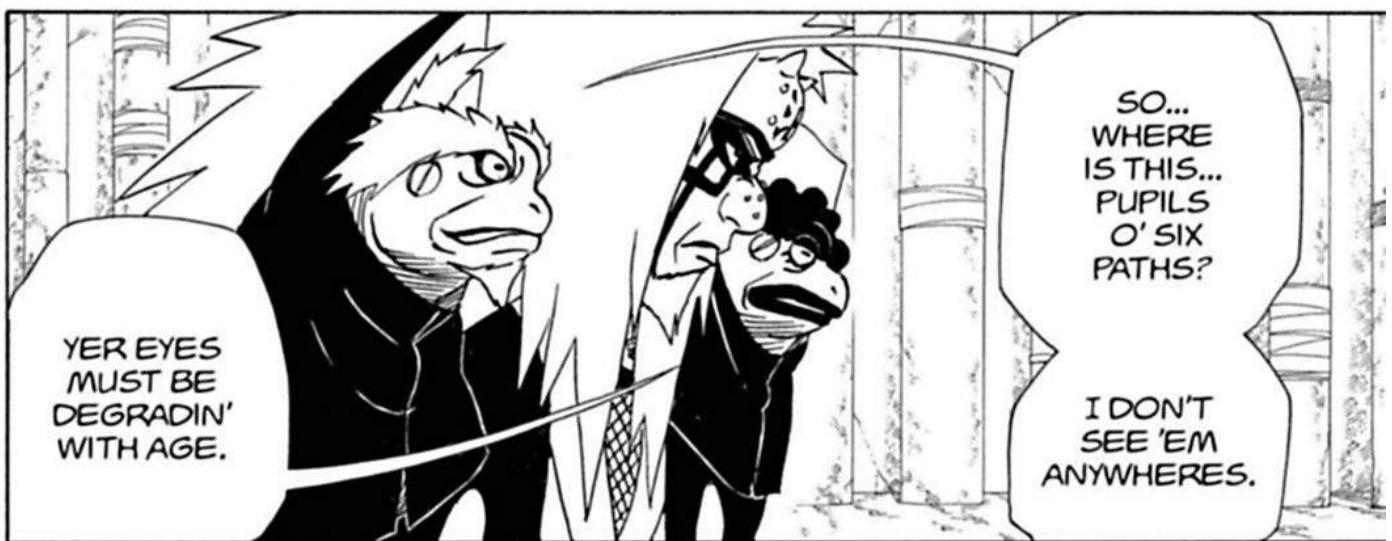


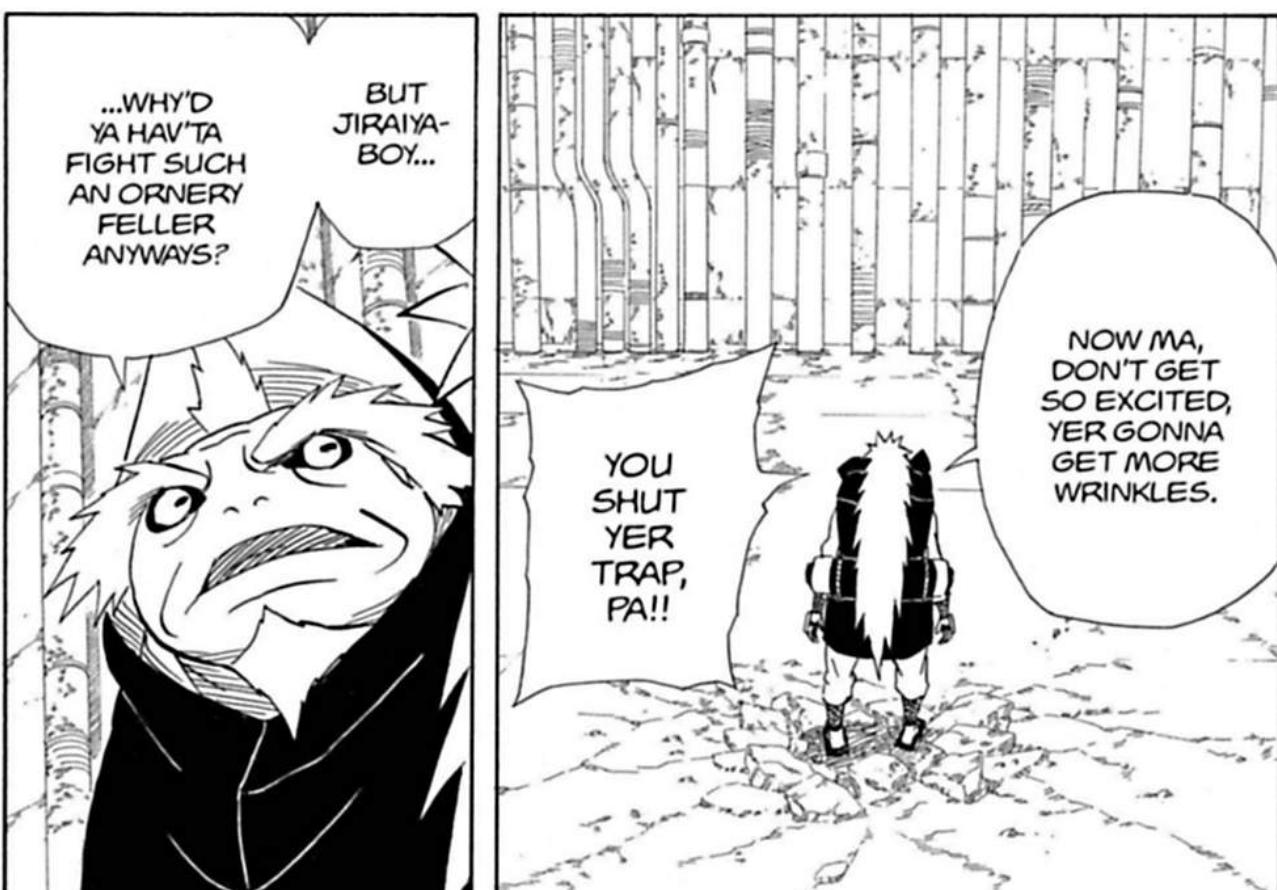
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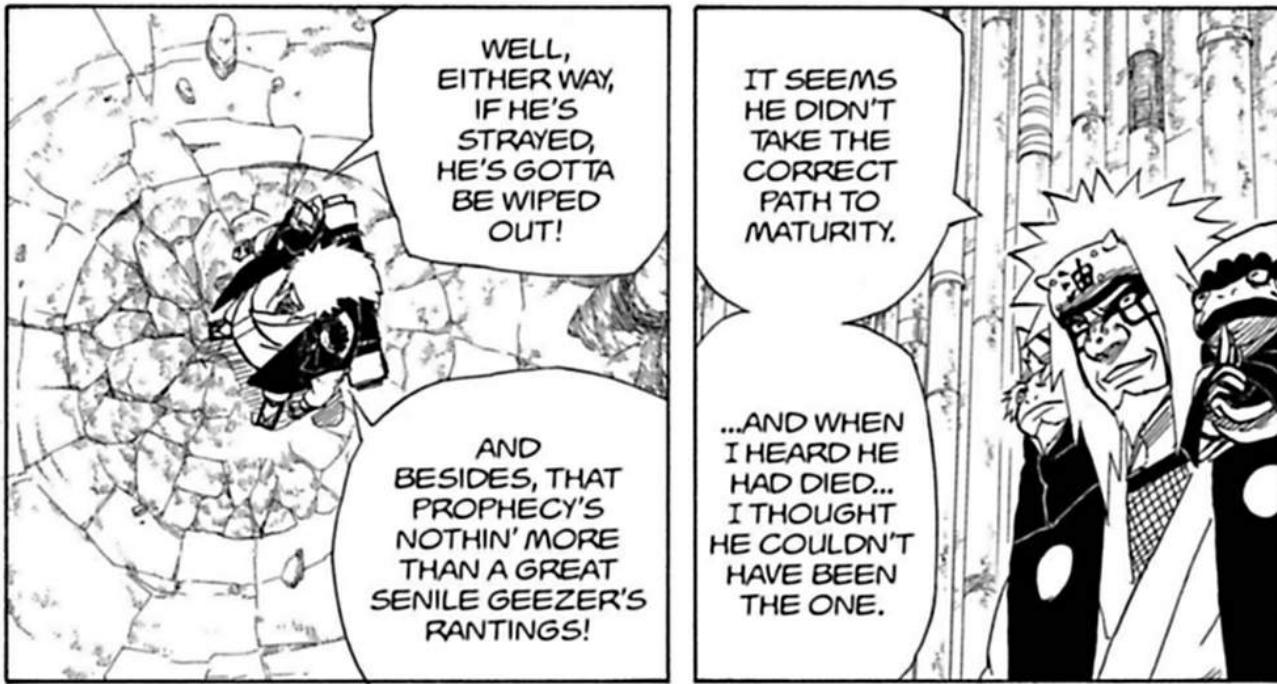


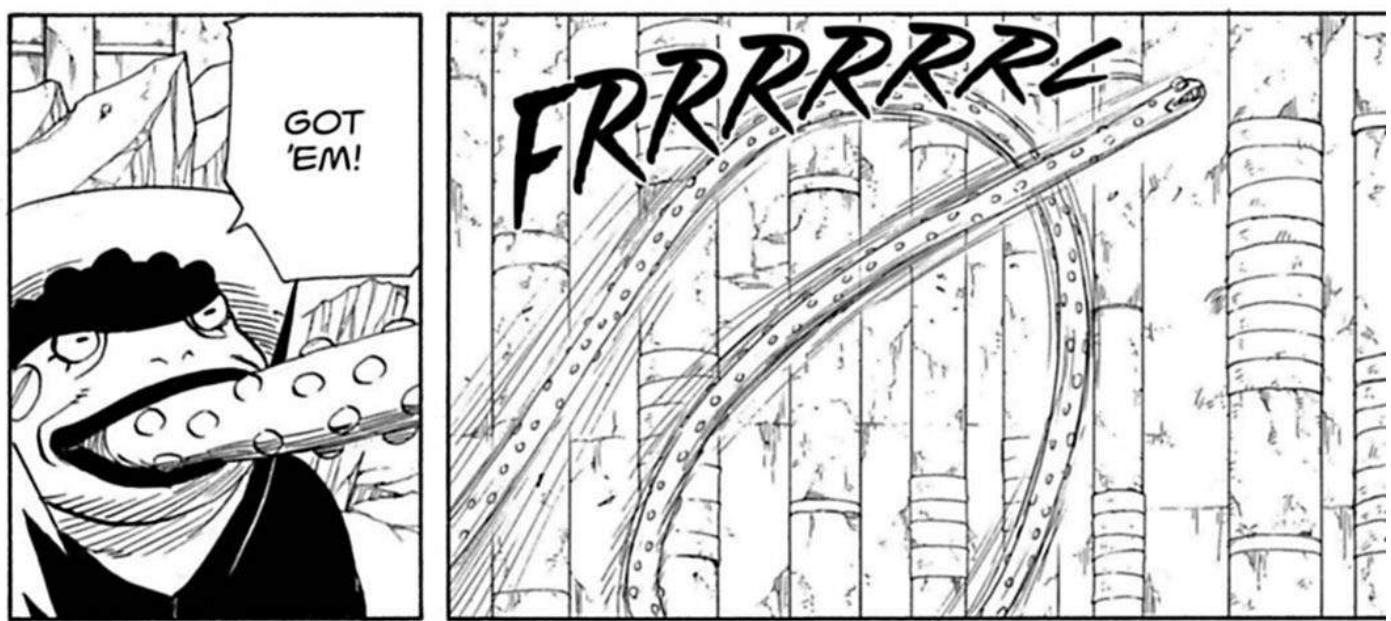
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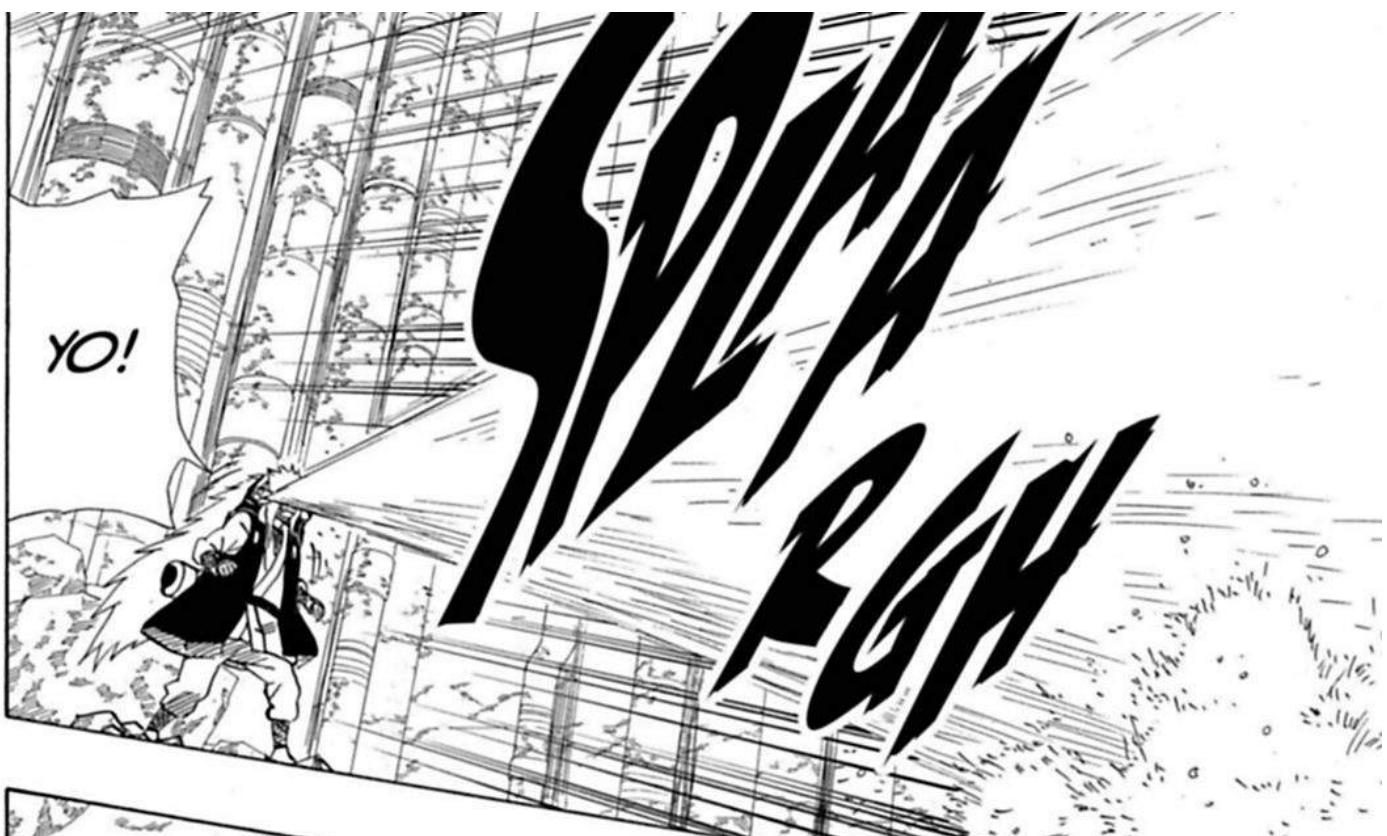


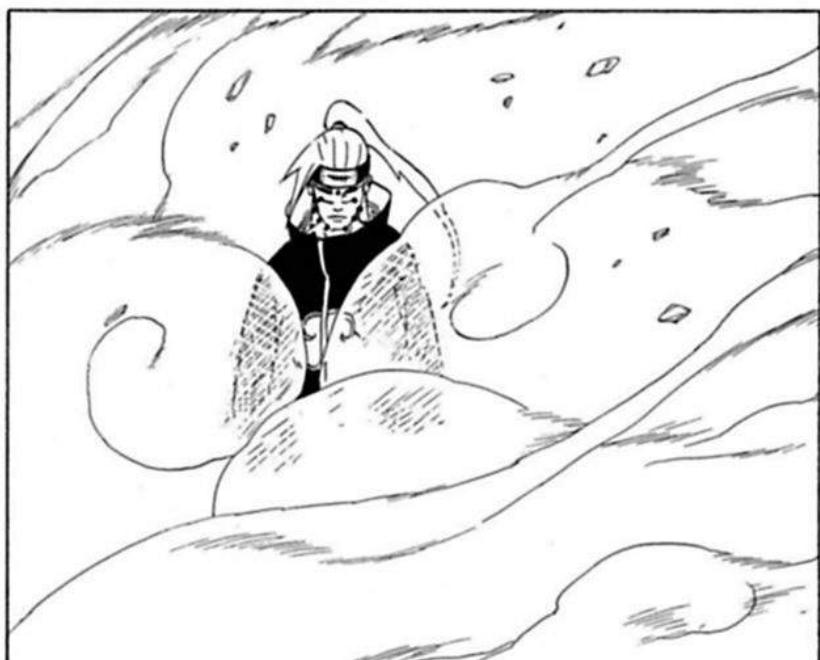




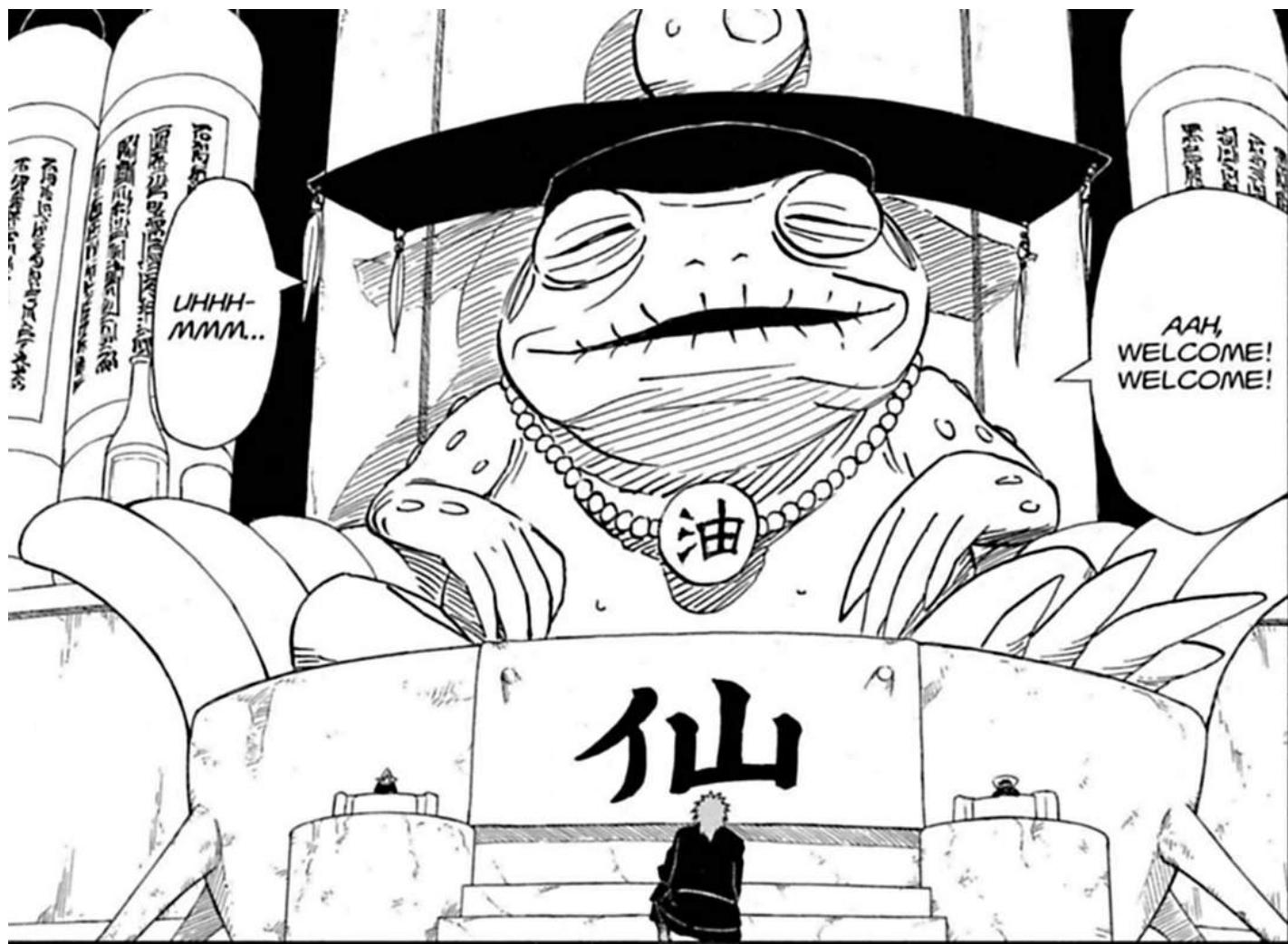


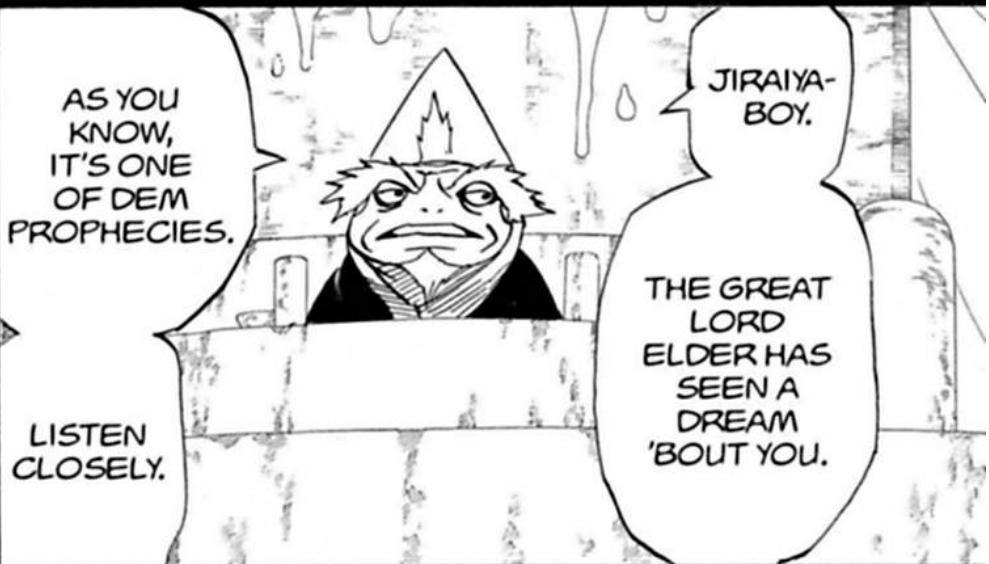
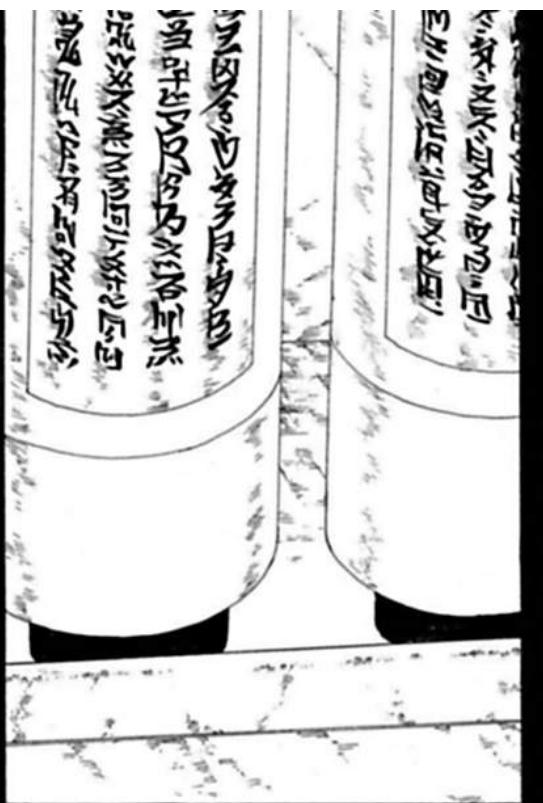


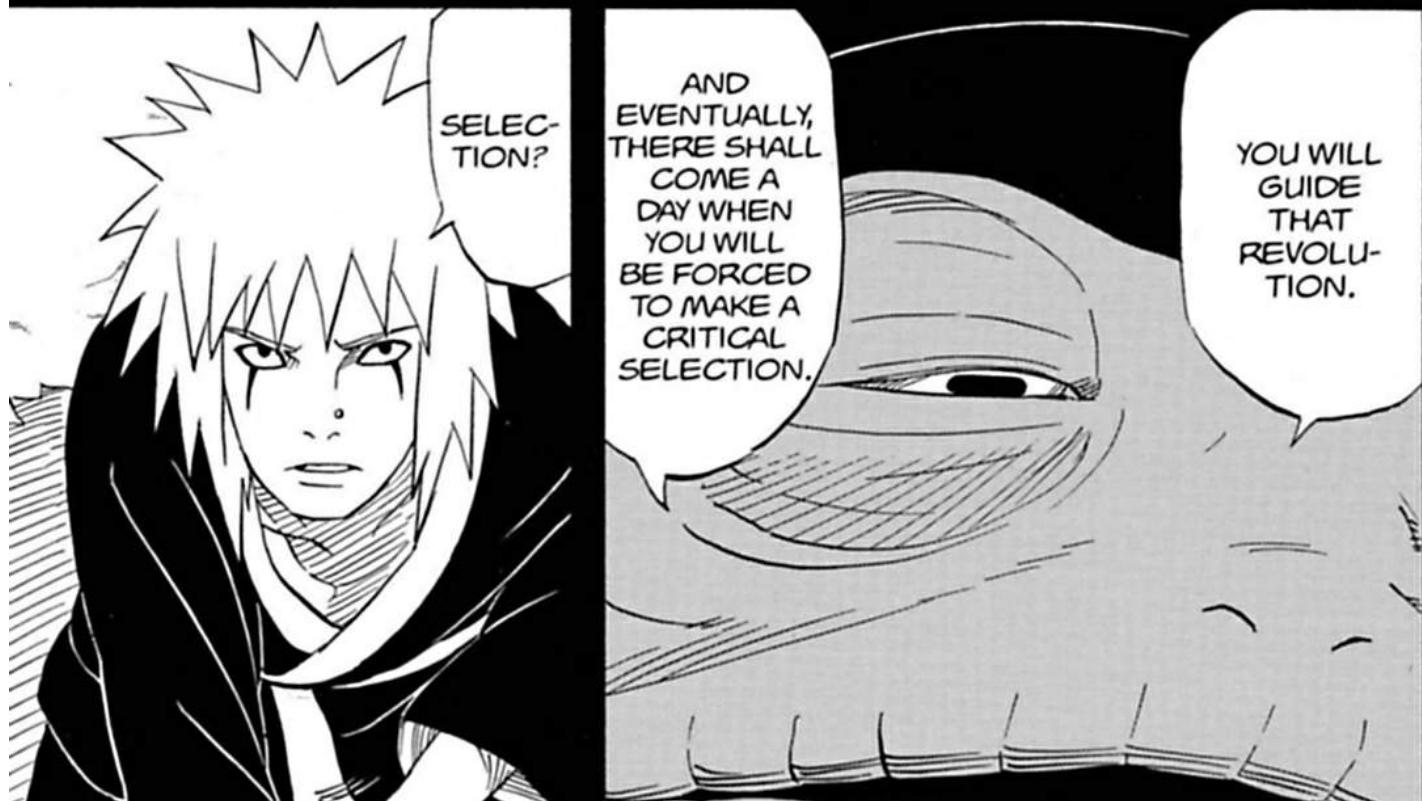
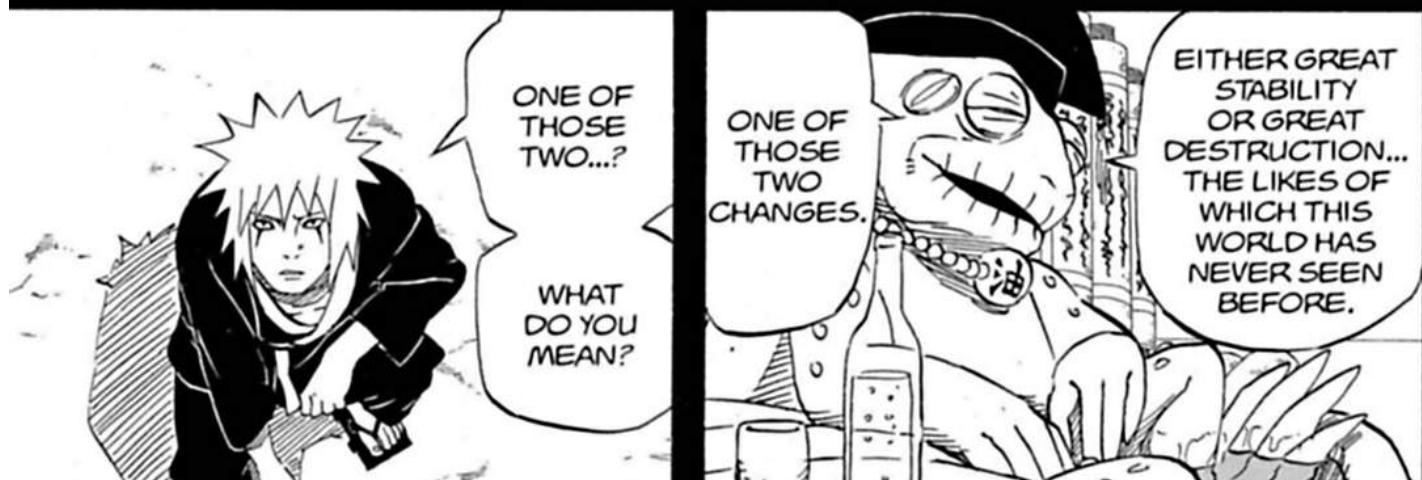
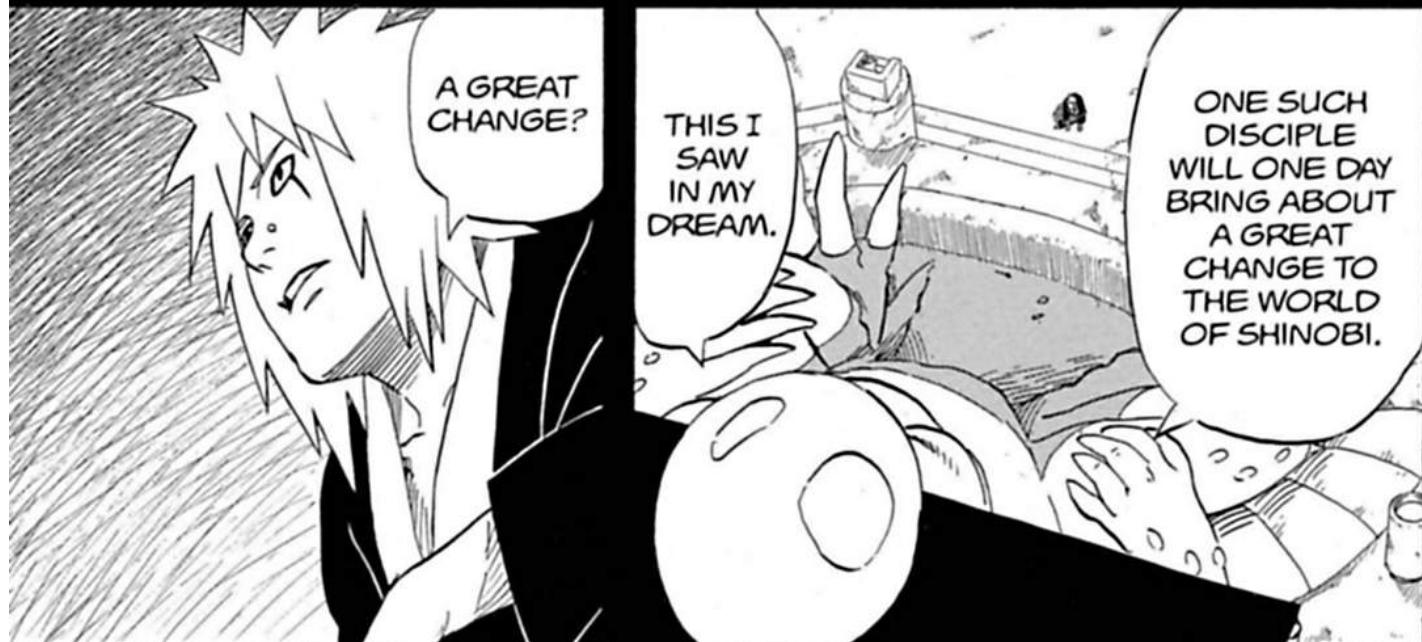


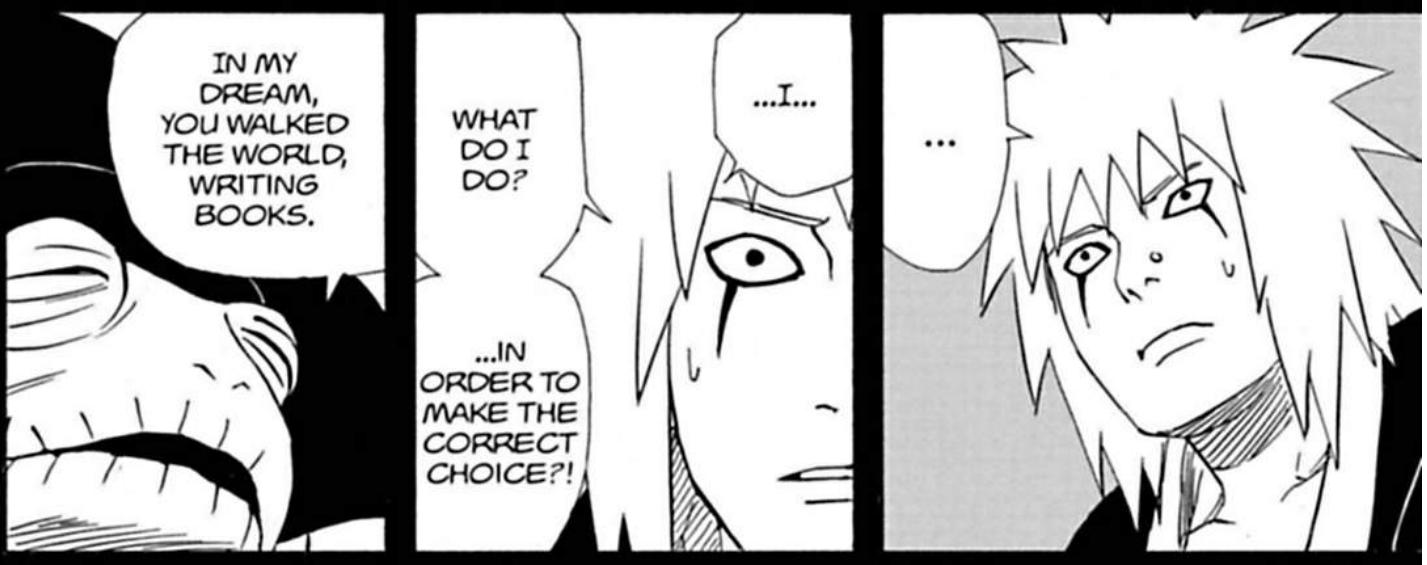


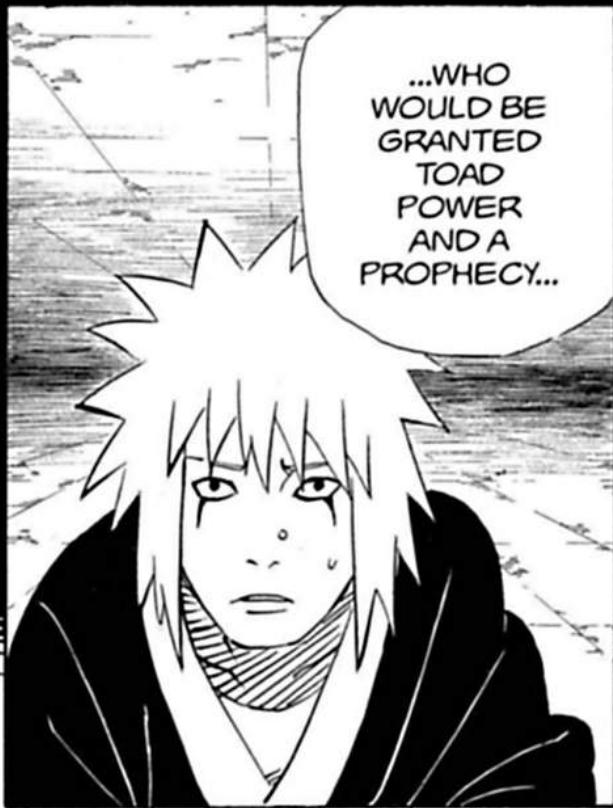


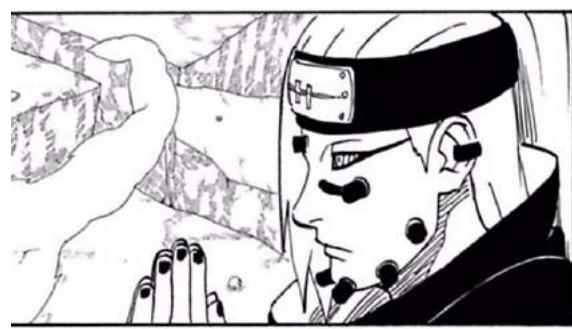












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**Number 377: Honored Sage Model**



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Number 377: Honored Sage Mode!!







PAY ATTENTION!  
THIS IS  
TOP-NOTCH  
OCULAR  
JUTSU!

THAT FELLA'S  
OCULAR  
JUTSU'S A  
MUCH BIGGER  
CONCERN  
THAN SUPPER!

AH GOTTA  
WHIP UP  
SOME  
SUPPER!

LET'S  
WRAP THIS  
UP QUICK!  
AH NEED TA  
GIT HOME!

HOW DARE YA  
USE SUCH  
A TONE 'GAINST  
ME!  
  
AH WAS  
JUST  
LOOKIN'  
AFTER YA!!

DON'T YA  
DARE  
BELITTLE  
A WIFE'S  
DILEMMA OF  
WHAT TA COOK  
DAY IN AND  
DAY OUT!

YA OLD  
COOT!!

AH  
DON'T  
CARE!!

THUD

AARGH...  
WHO'RE  
THE  
ONES  
YAK-  
YAKKING  
INTO  
WHOSE  
EARS,  
EH...?

NAG NAG NAG NAG



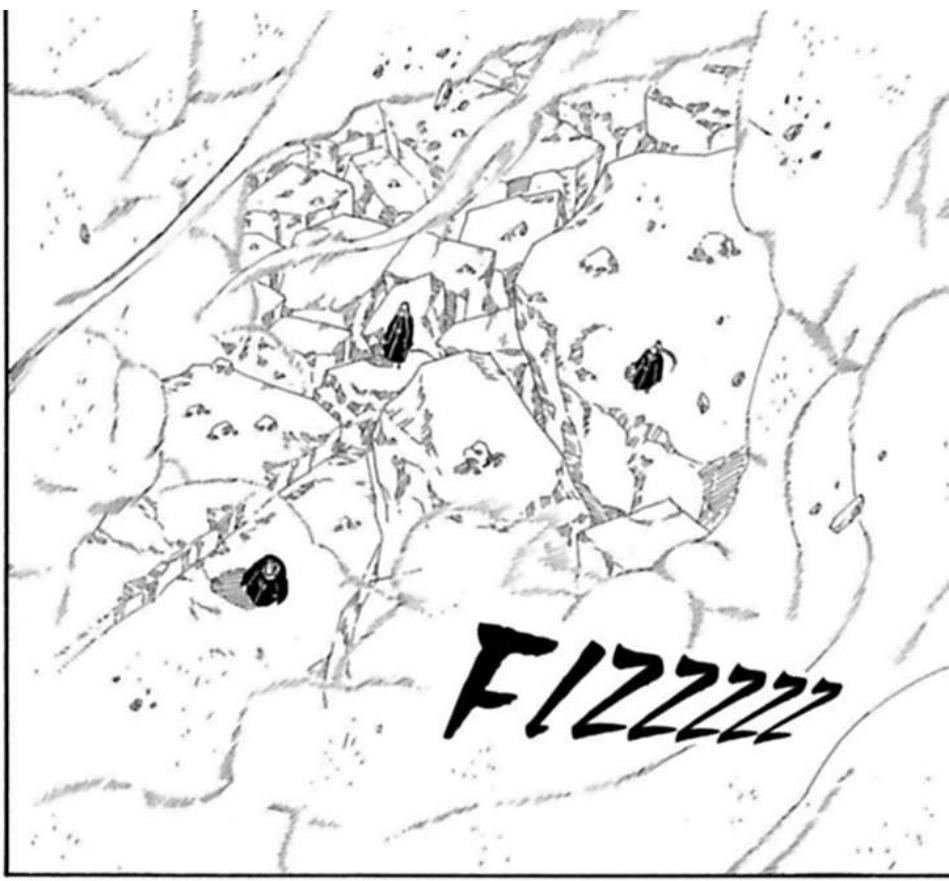
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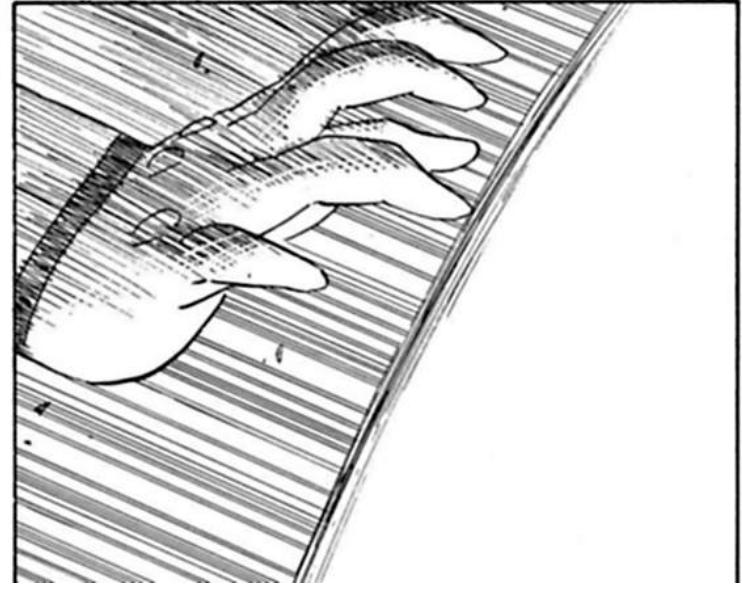
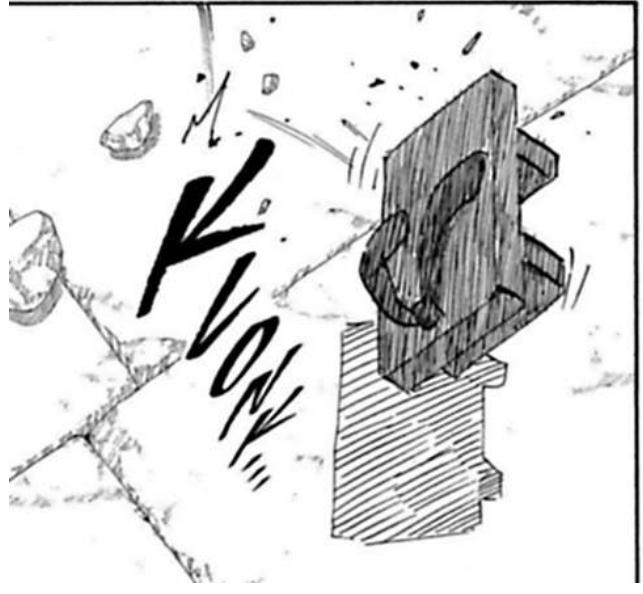


SENPO  
GOEMON!  
SAGE ART!!  
BATH OF  
BOILING  
OIL!!!



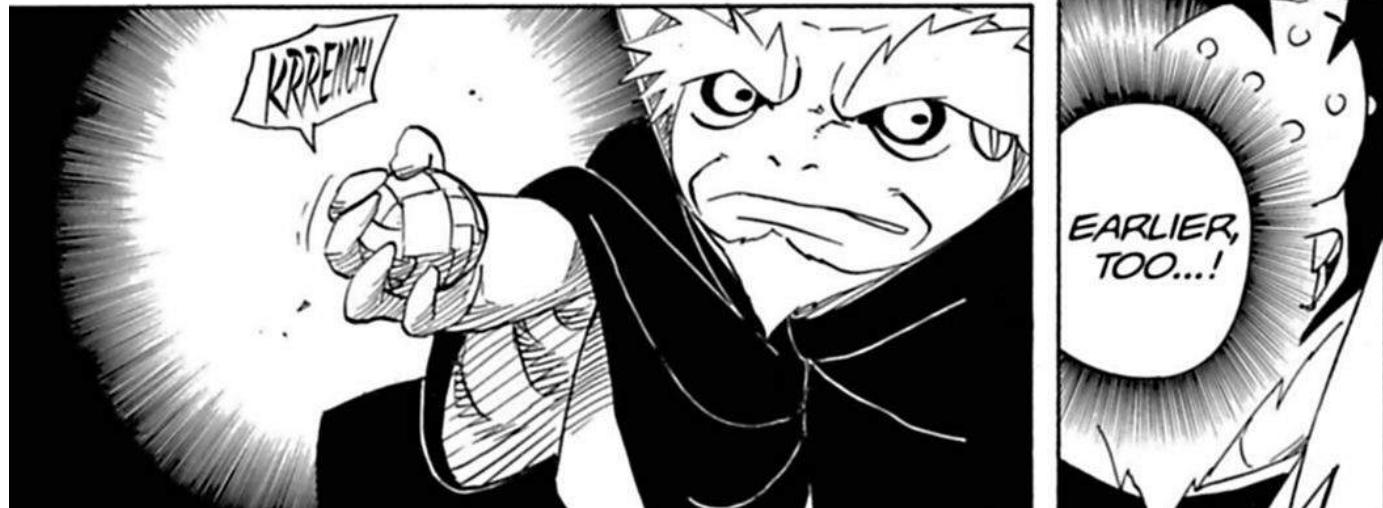
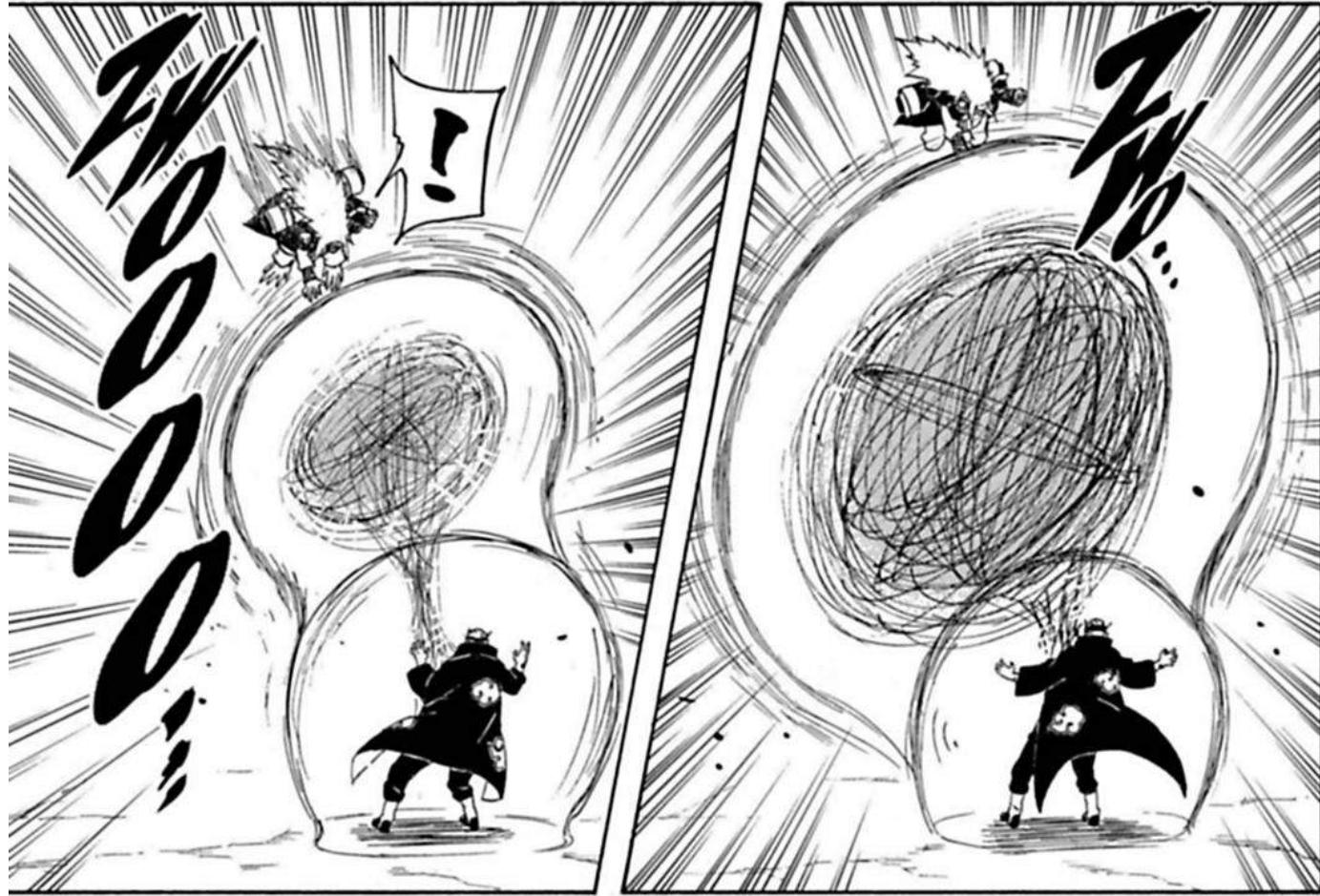






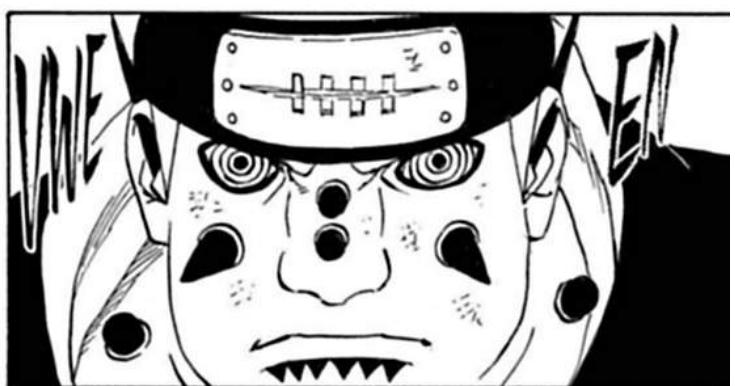
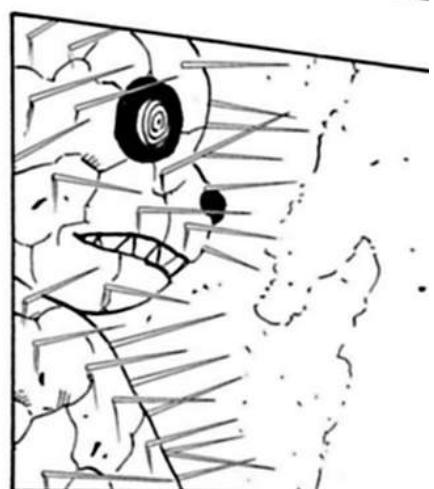
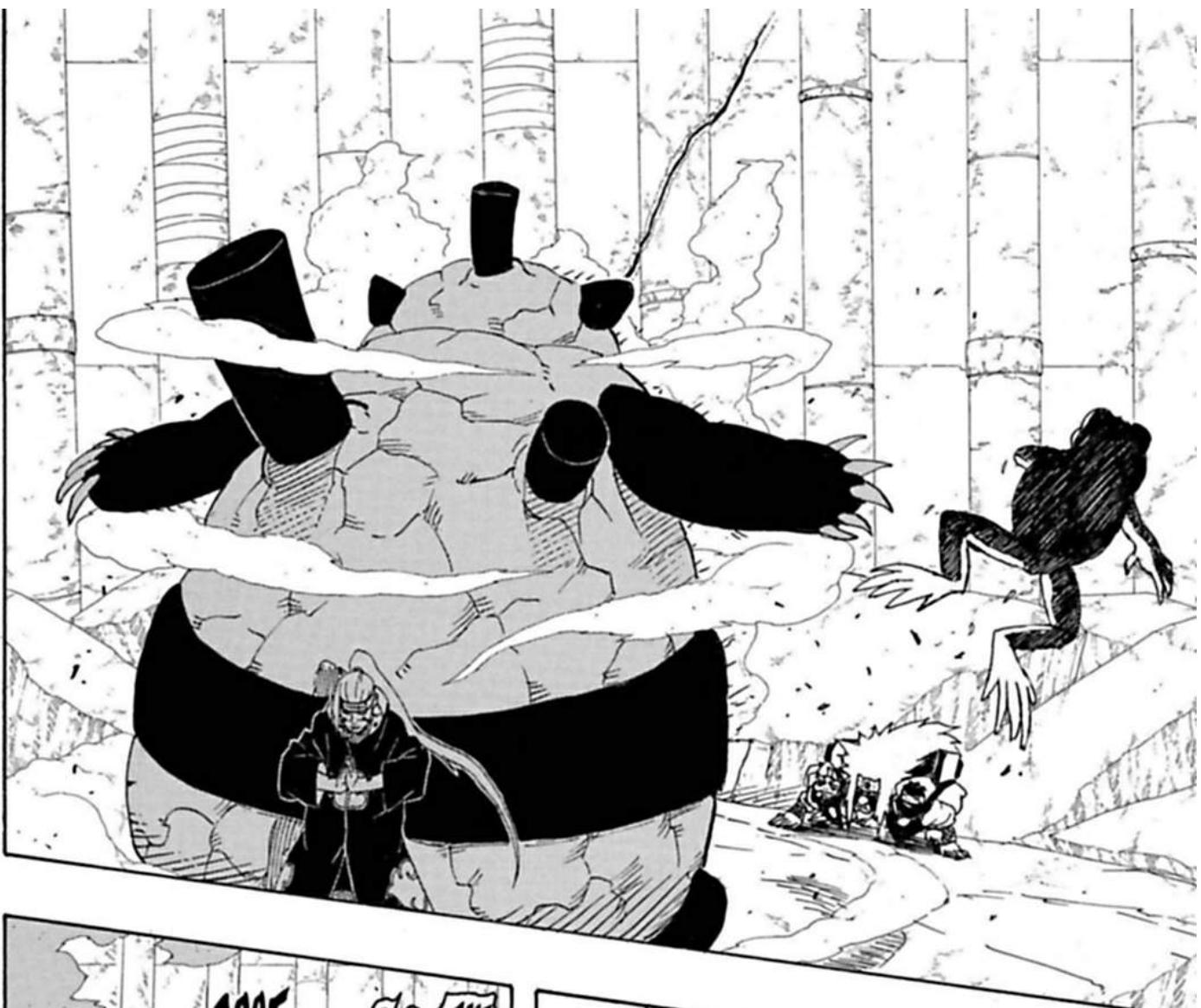


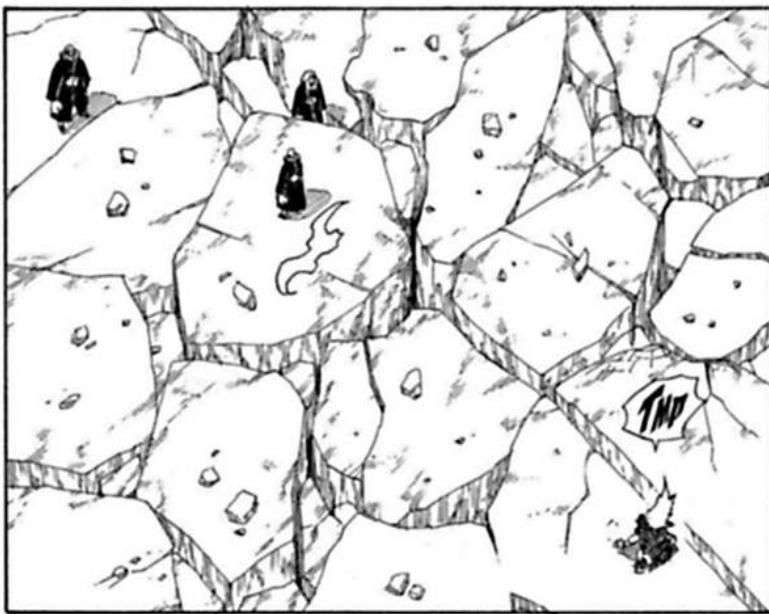
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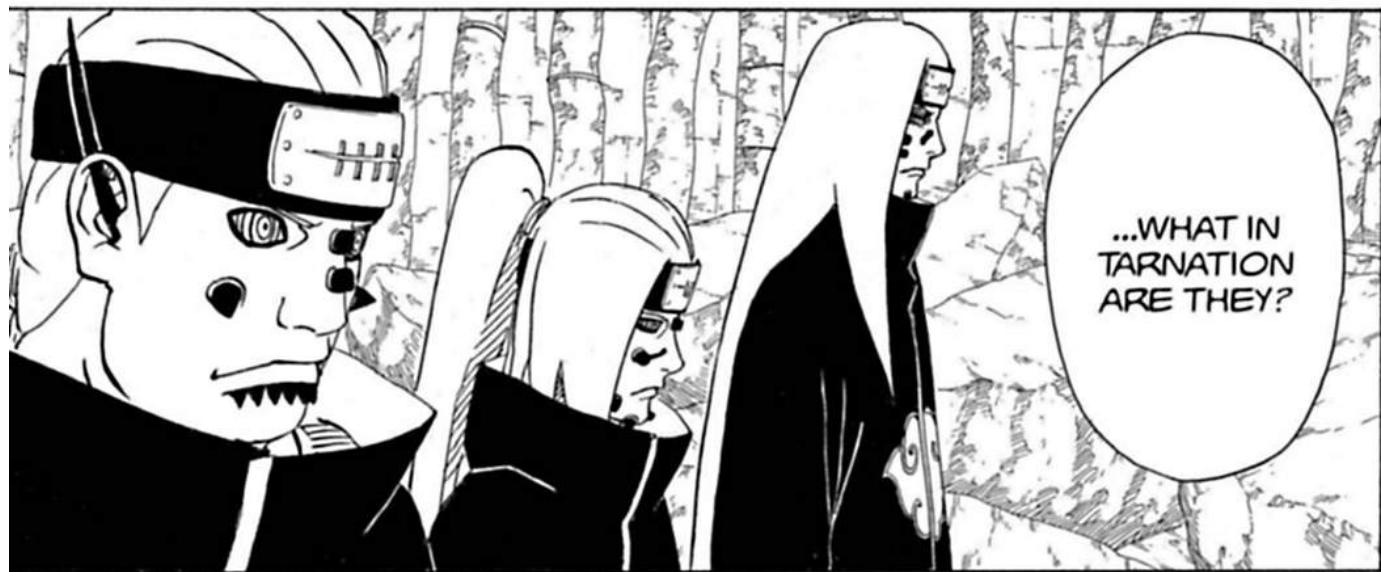






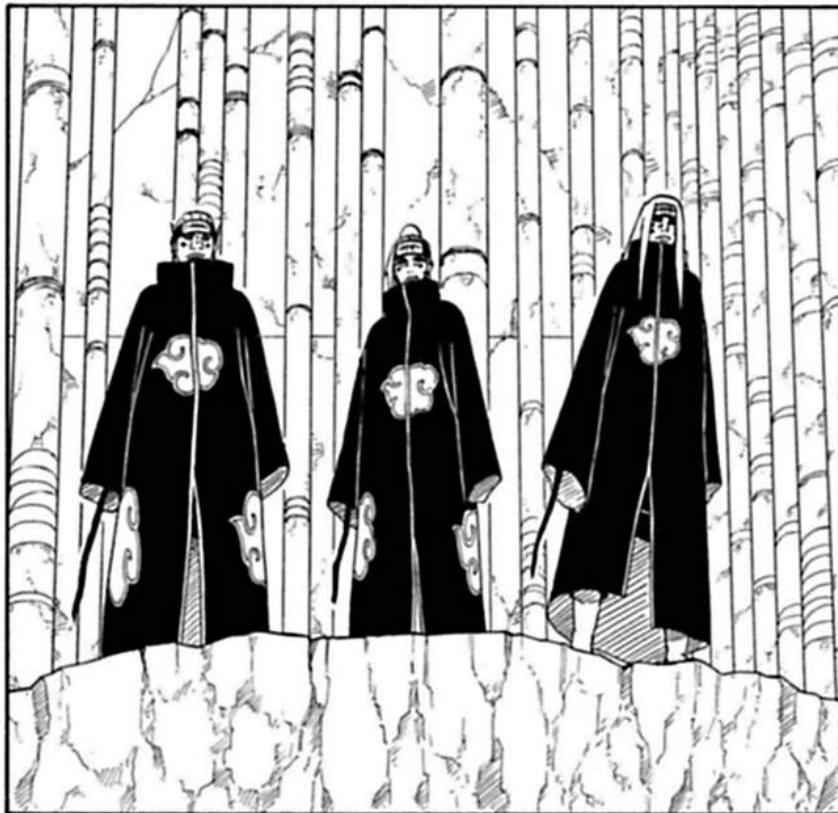


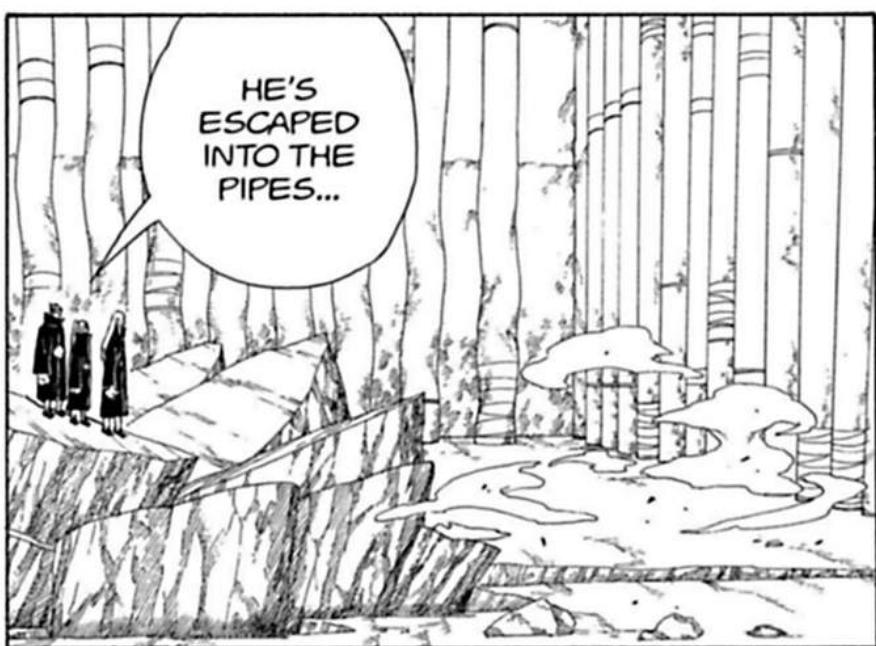


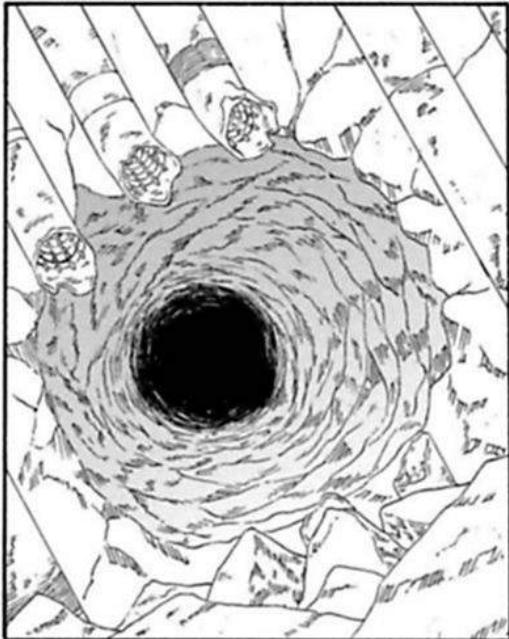


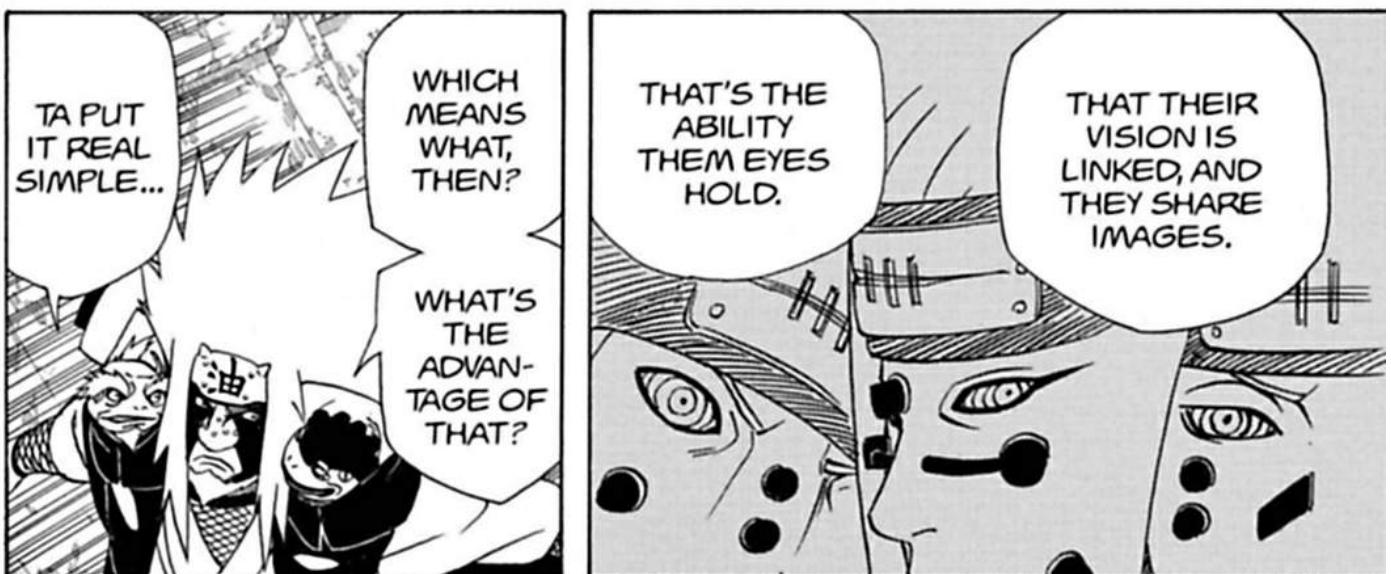
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**Number 378: One to One...!!**



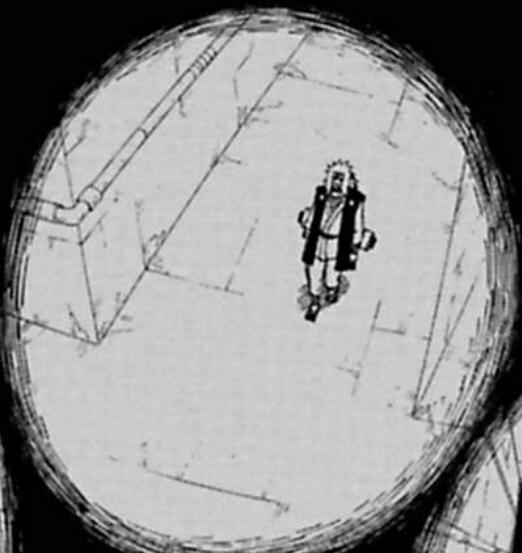
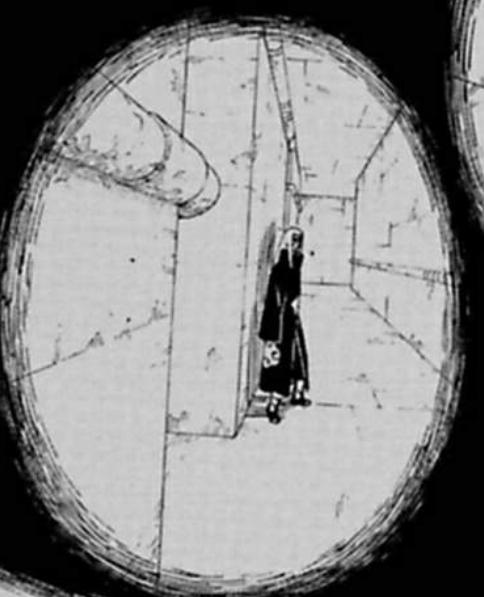






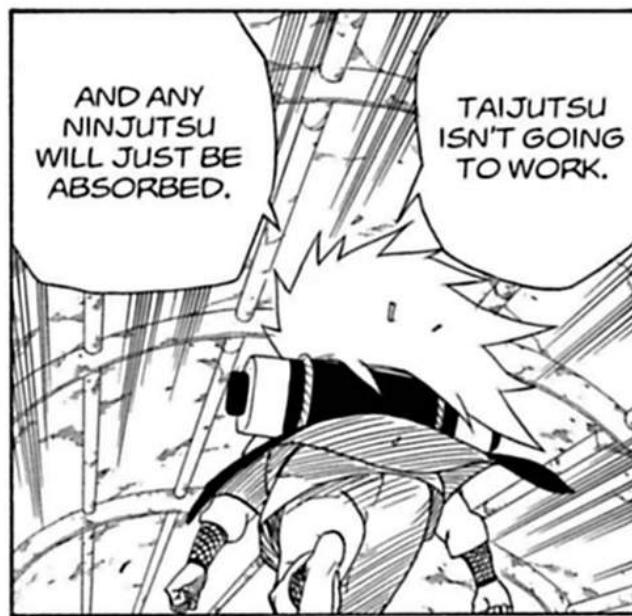
...AND EACH OF THEM CAN SEE ALL THREE IMAGES AT ONCE, LIKE WATCHING THREE SENTRY'S SHARING A SINGLE BRAIN.

EACH OF THEIR EYES CAPTURES SEPARATE IMAGES...

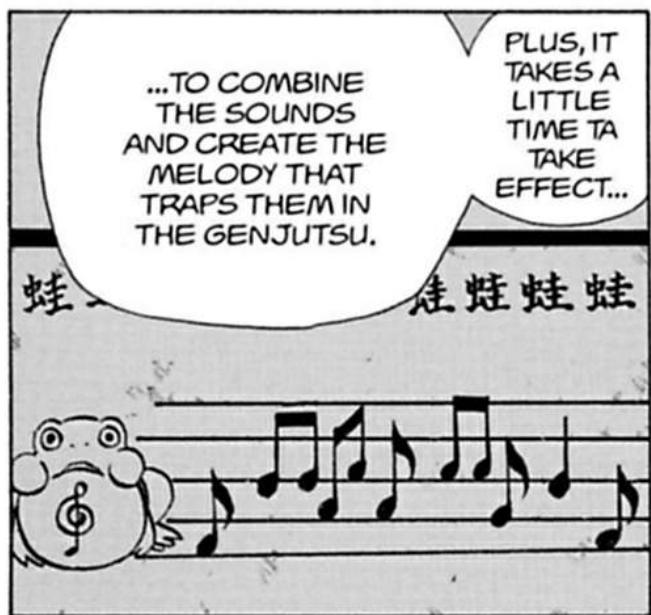


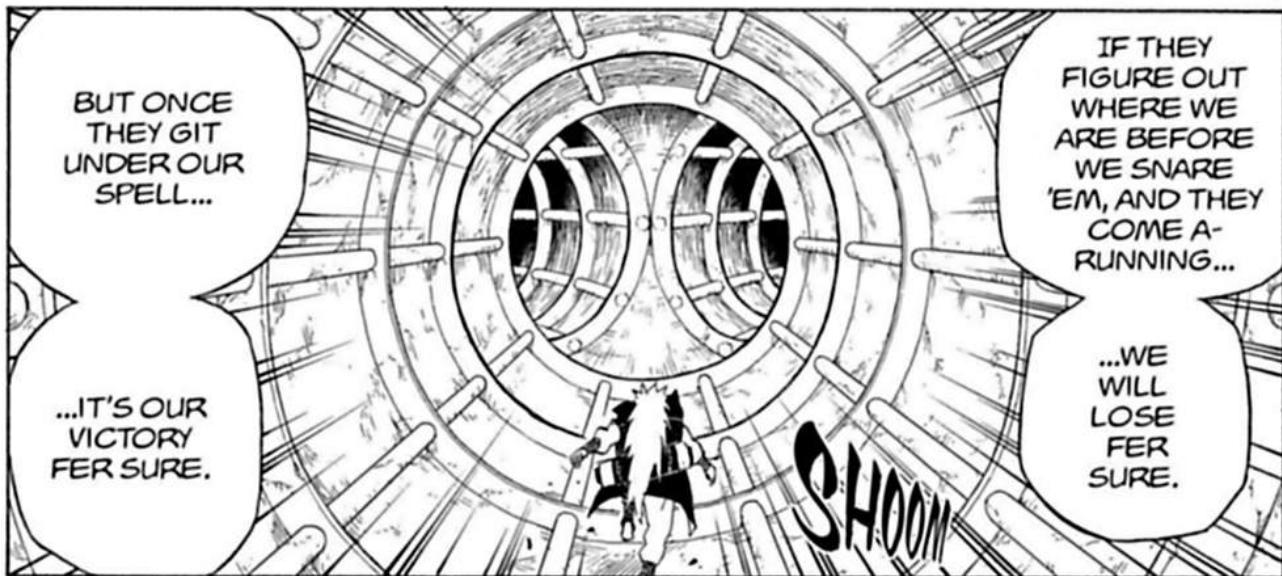
! ...THE OTHER TWO KIN TIME 'N SWITCH TA EITHER OFFENSIVE OR DEFENSIVE ACTION WITHOUT KEEPIN' THEIR SIGHT TRAINED ON THE TARGET.

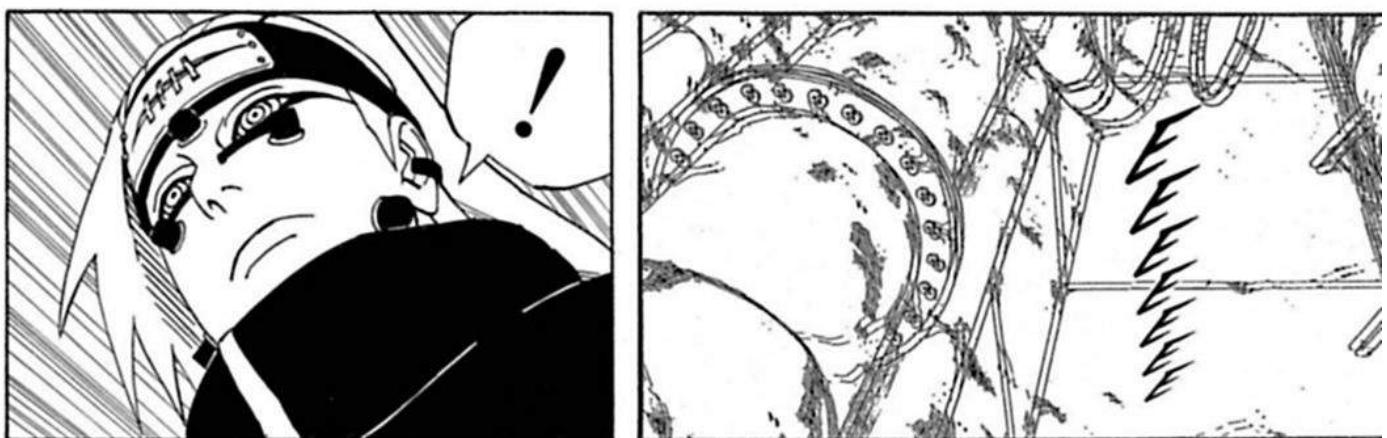
IN SHORT, AS LONG AS ONE OF THEM IS WATCHING THEIR TARGET...



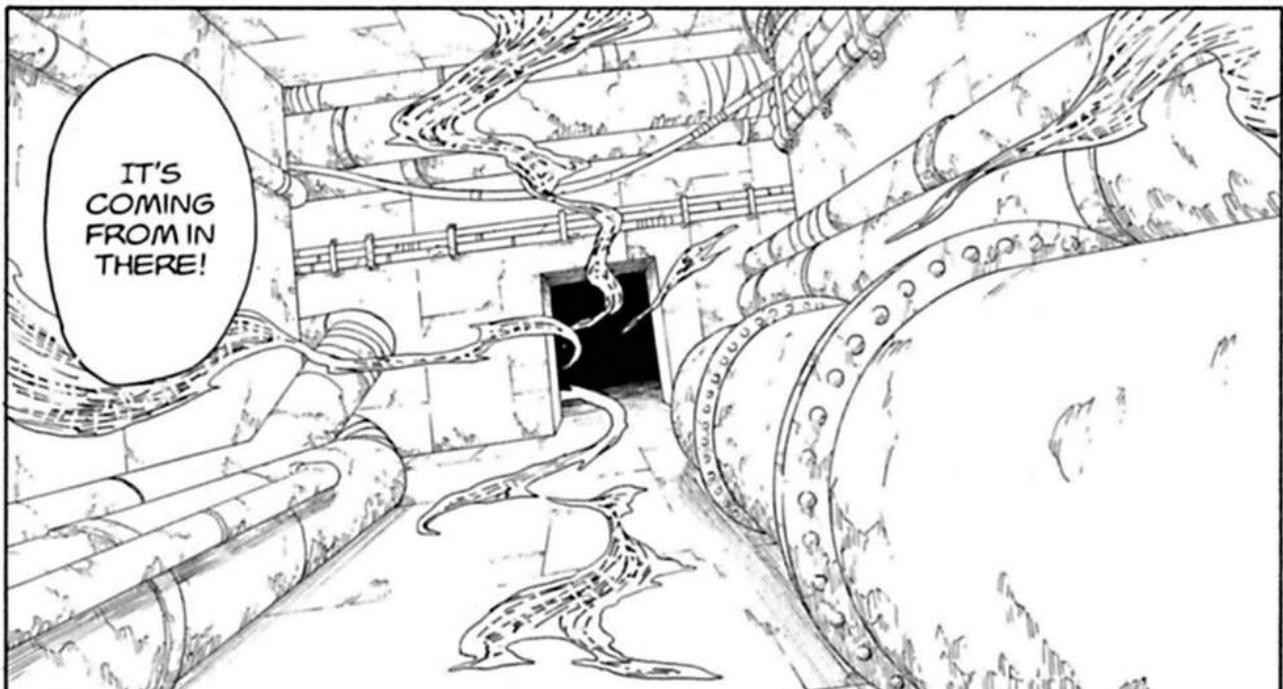
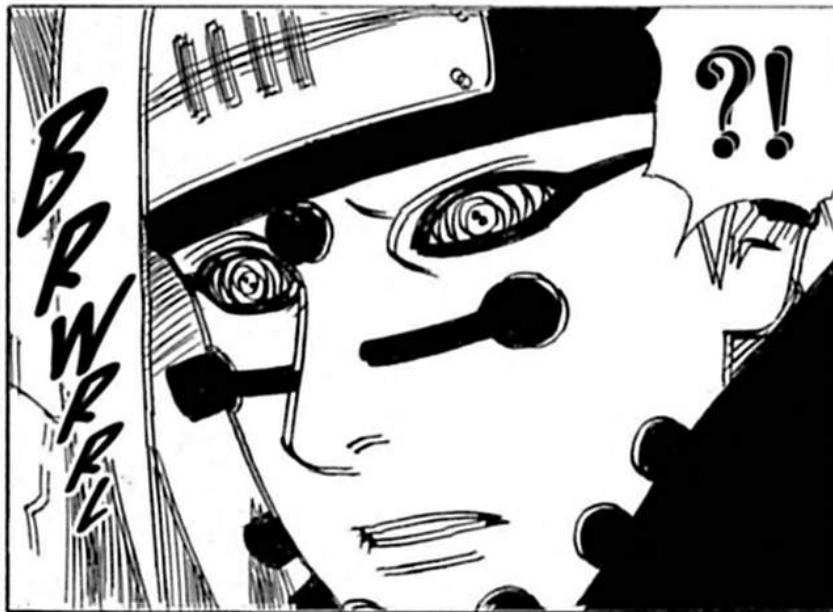








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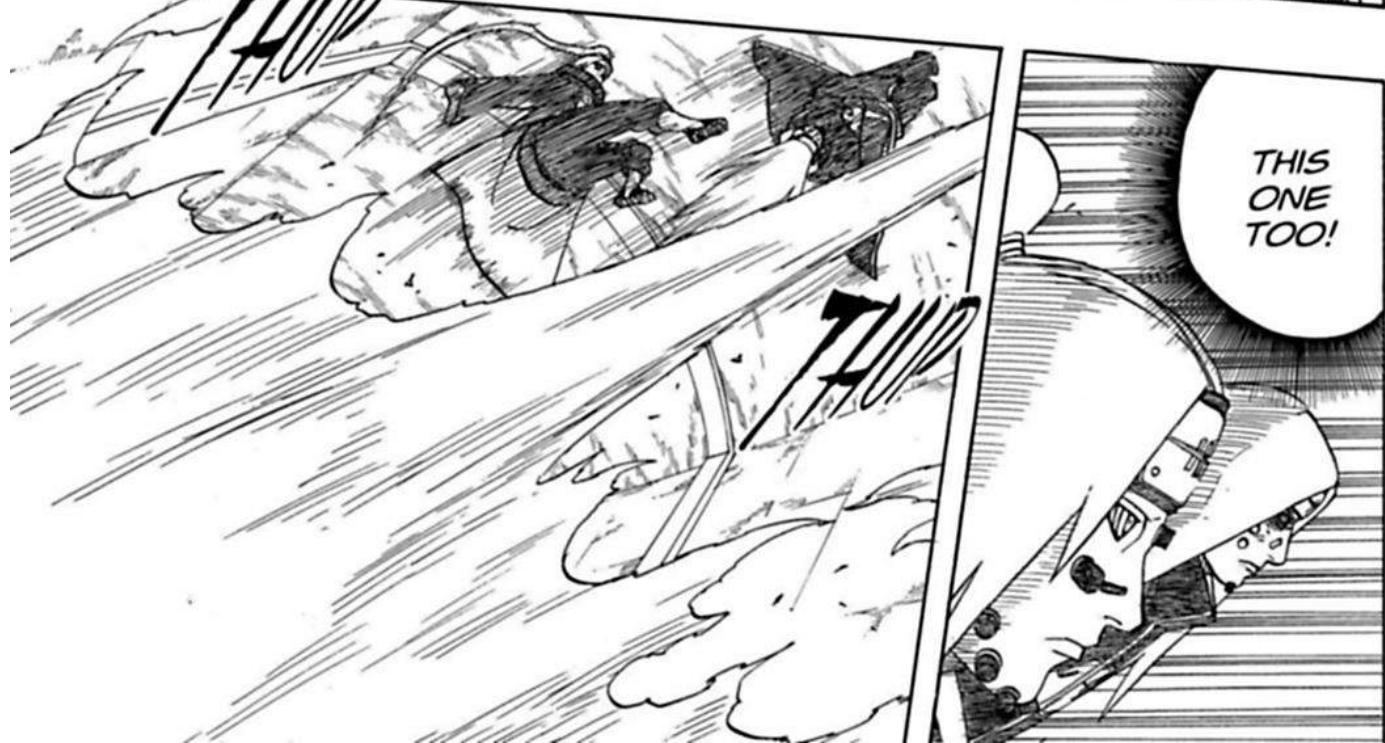




JUST AS I  
SUSPECTED,  
EACH OF  
THEM  
POSSESSES  
ONLY A  
SINGLE  
TYPE OF  
JUTSU!

AND  
BOTH  
TIMES,  
IT WAS  
THE BIG  
FELLOW  
WHO  
ABSORBED  
MY  
JUTSU...



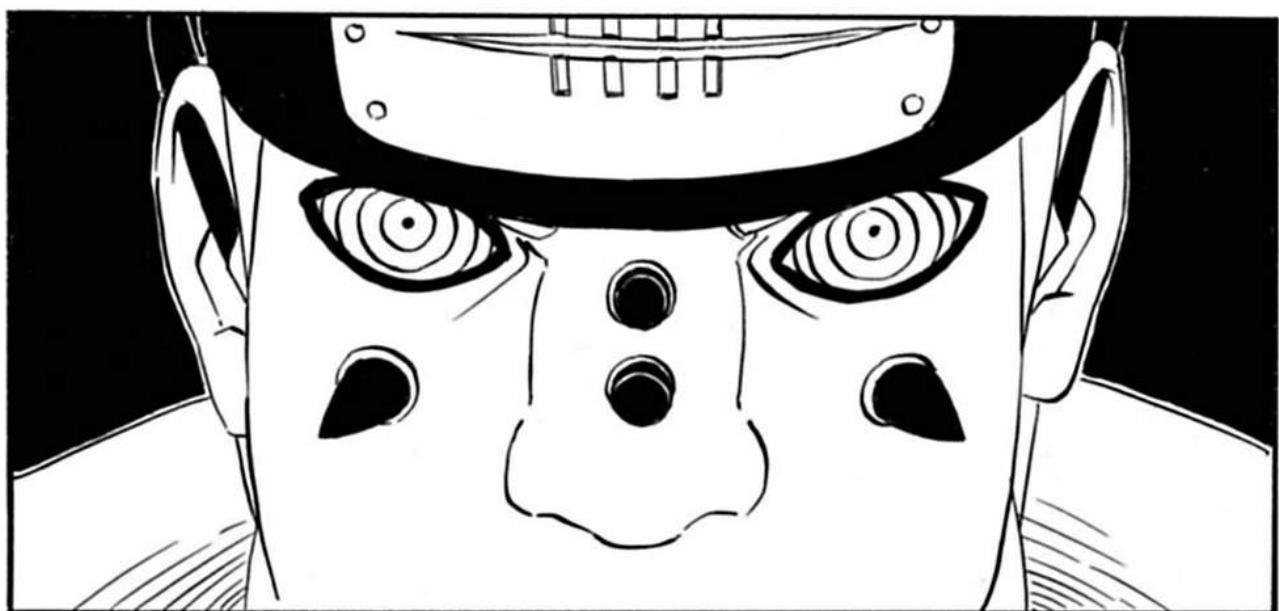
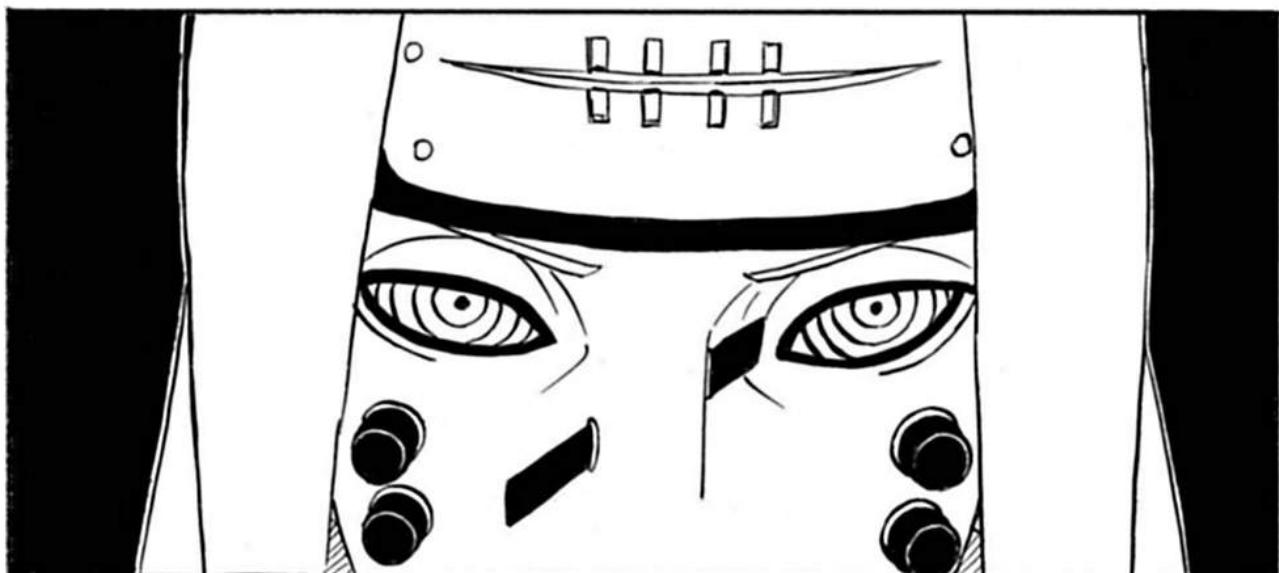
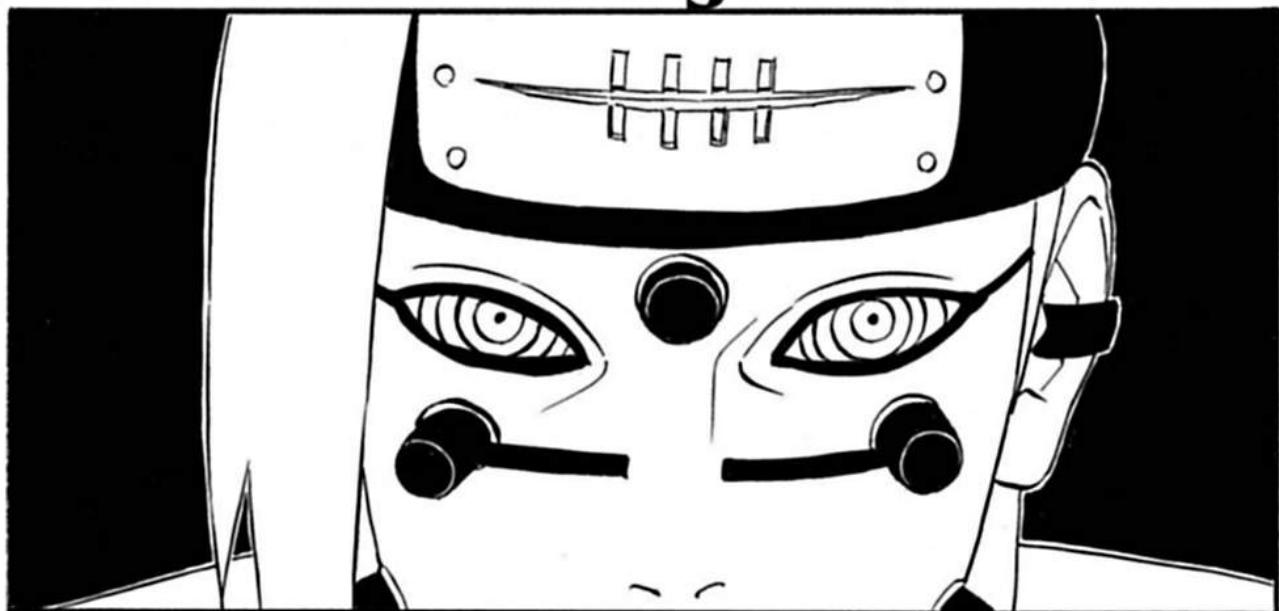




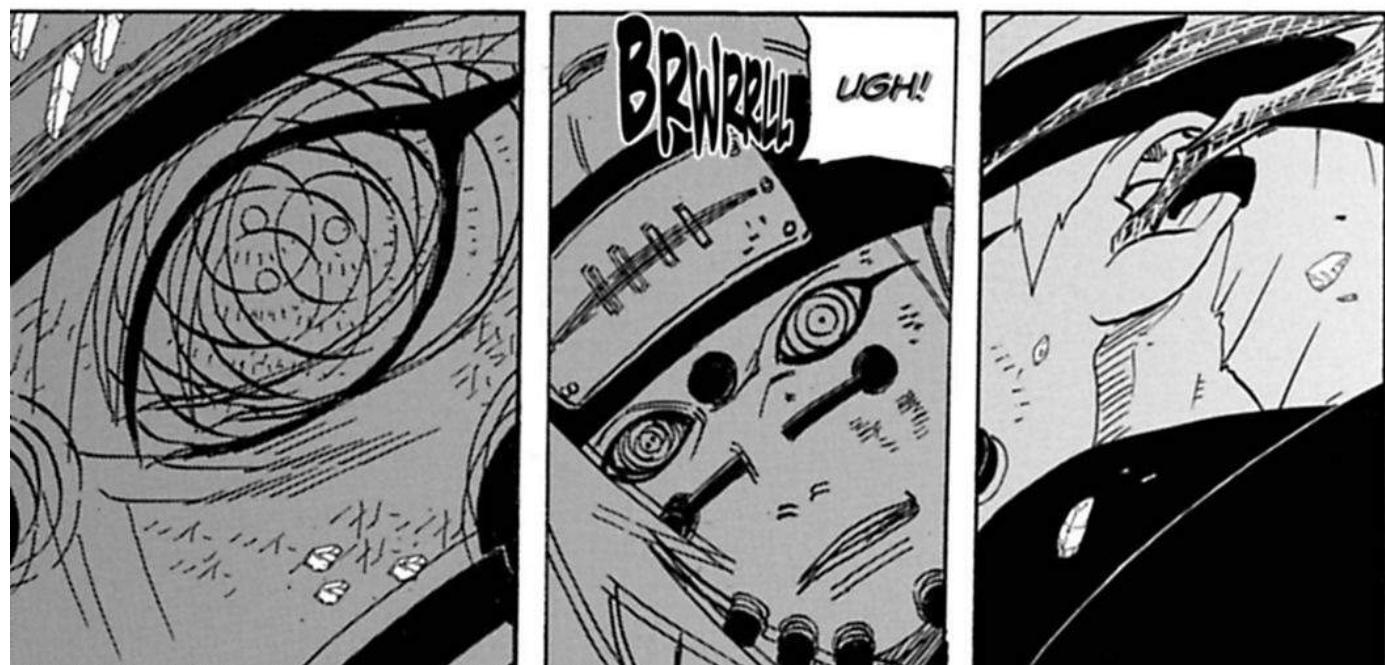
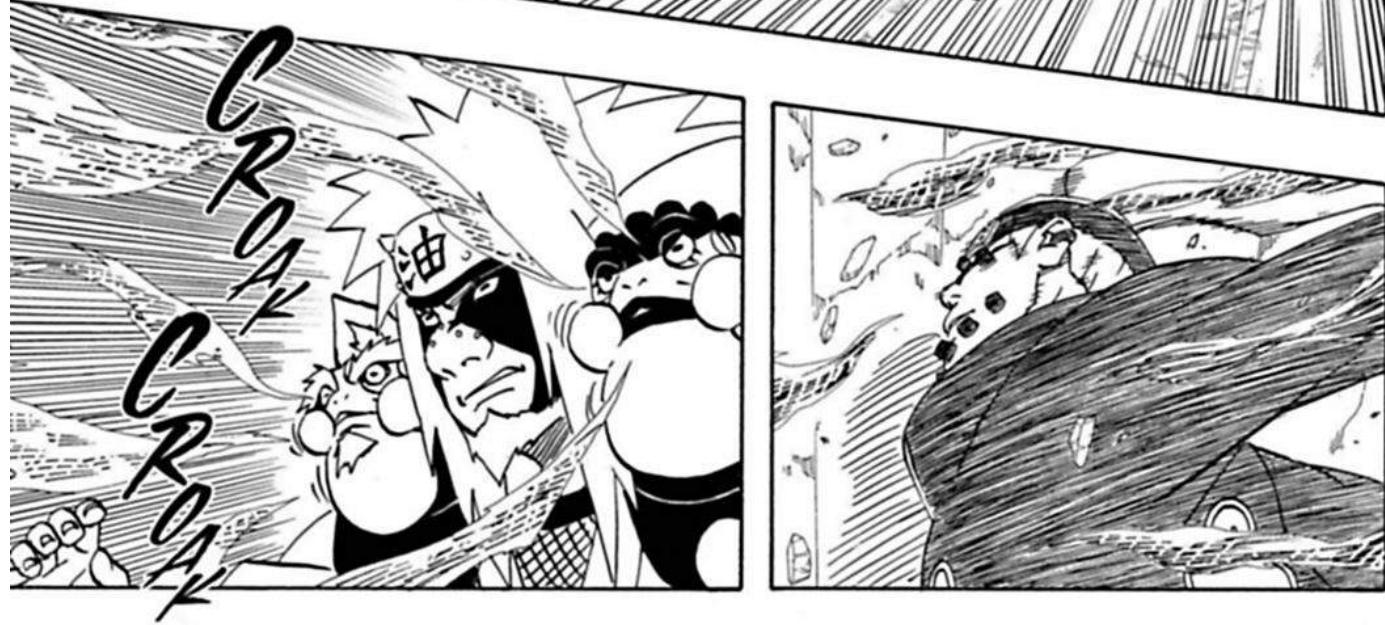


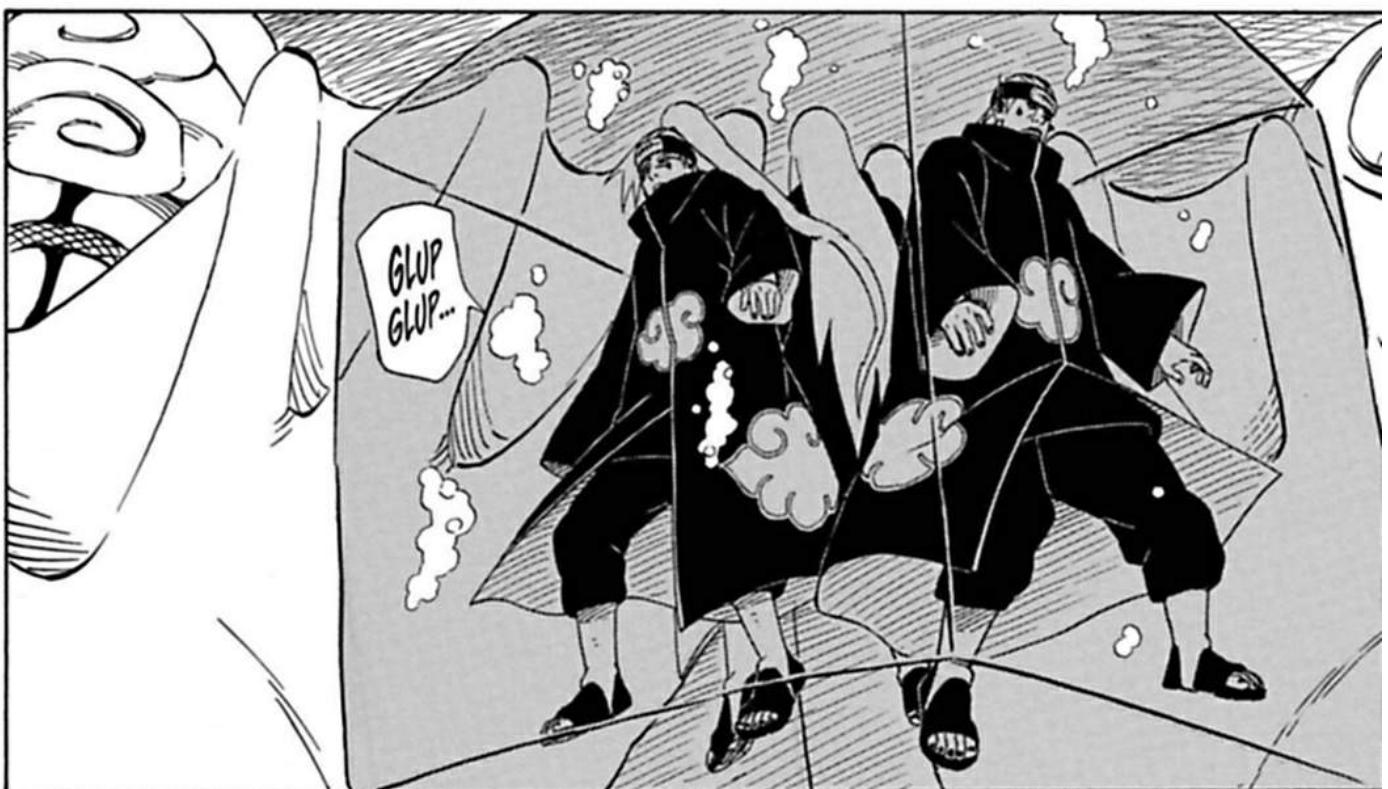
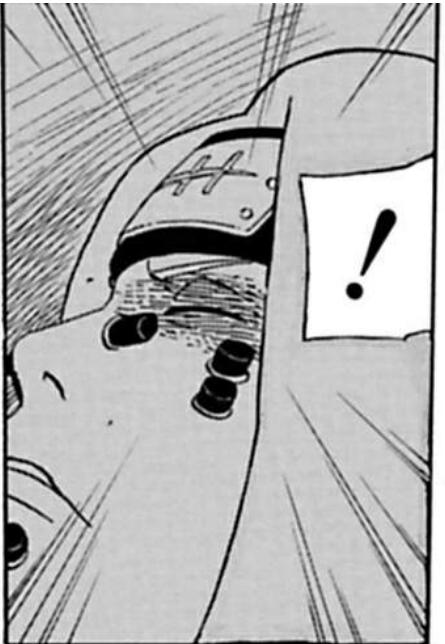
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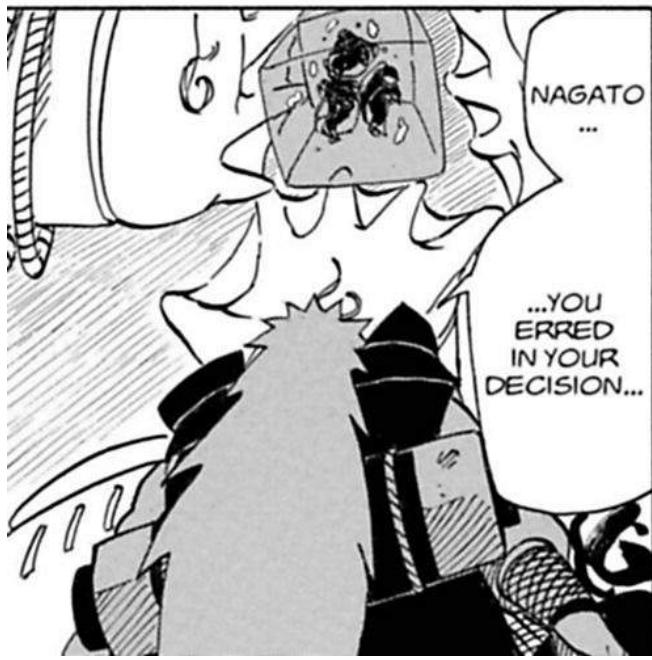
Number 379: Jiraiya's Decision!!











NO  
MATTER  
HOW  
MUCH  
PAIN  
BEFALLS  
ME.

I JUST  
WANT TO  
PROTECT  
THEM.

...I  
SEE.

...I WISH YOU  
HAD MOVED PAST  
THE PAIN AND  
HARNESSED YOUR  
POWER TO BRING  
ABOUT PEACE IN  
A POSITIVE WAY.

...RATHER  
THAN  
RULE THE  
WORLD  
THROUGH  
PAIN...

ONE SUCH DISCIPLE WILL ONE DAY BRING ABOUT A GREAT CHANGE TO THE WORLD OF SHINOBI.

EITHER GREAT STABILITY OR GREAT DESTRUCTION... THE LIKES OF WHICH THIS WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

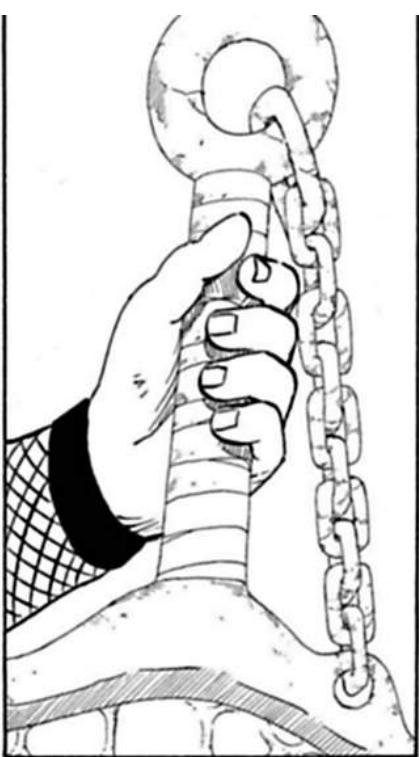
FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE...

...I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE ONE...

ONE OF THOSE TWO CHANGES.

GHUB  
GHUB

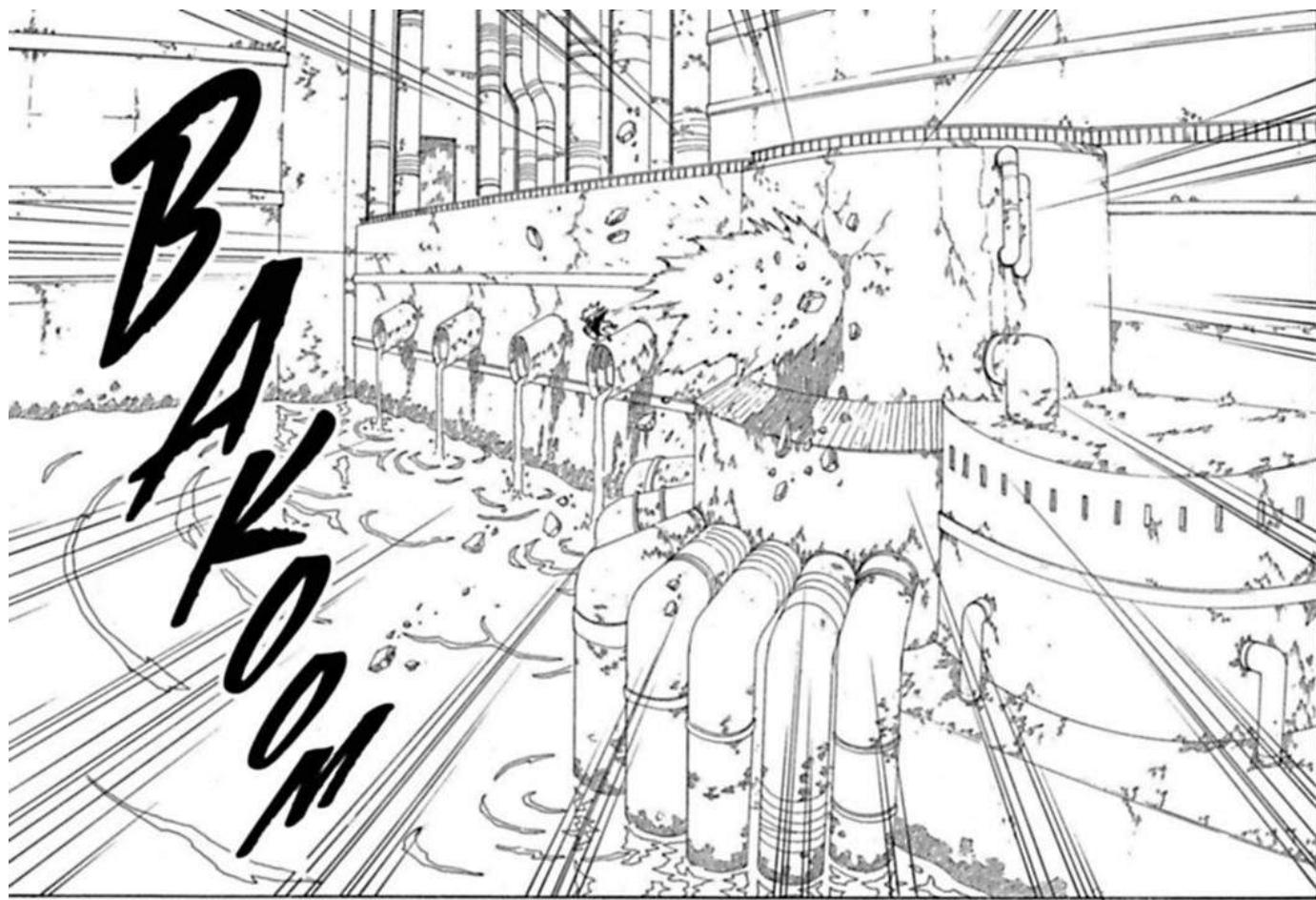
FARE-  
WELL...

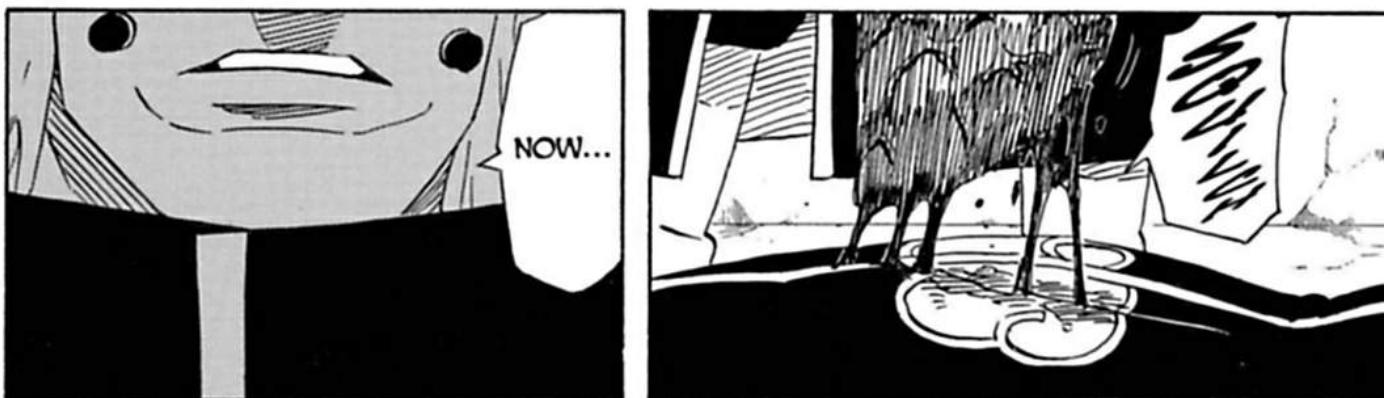


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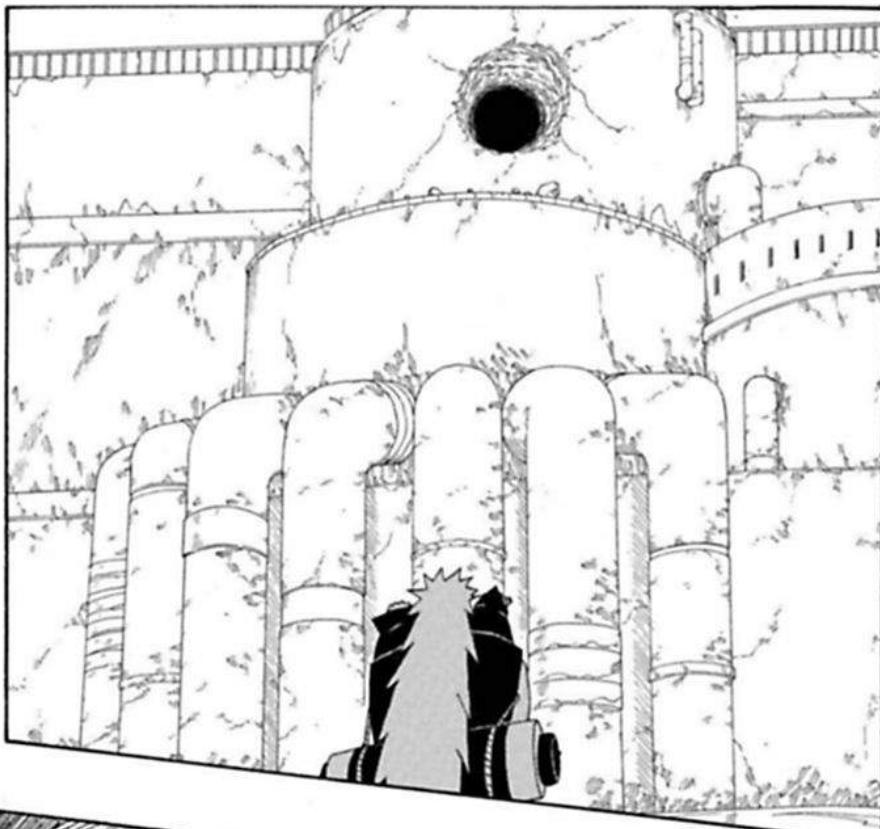








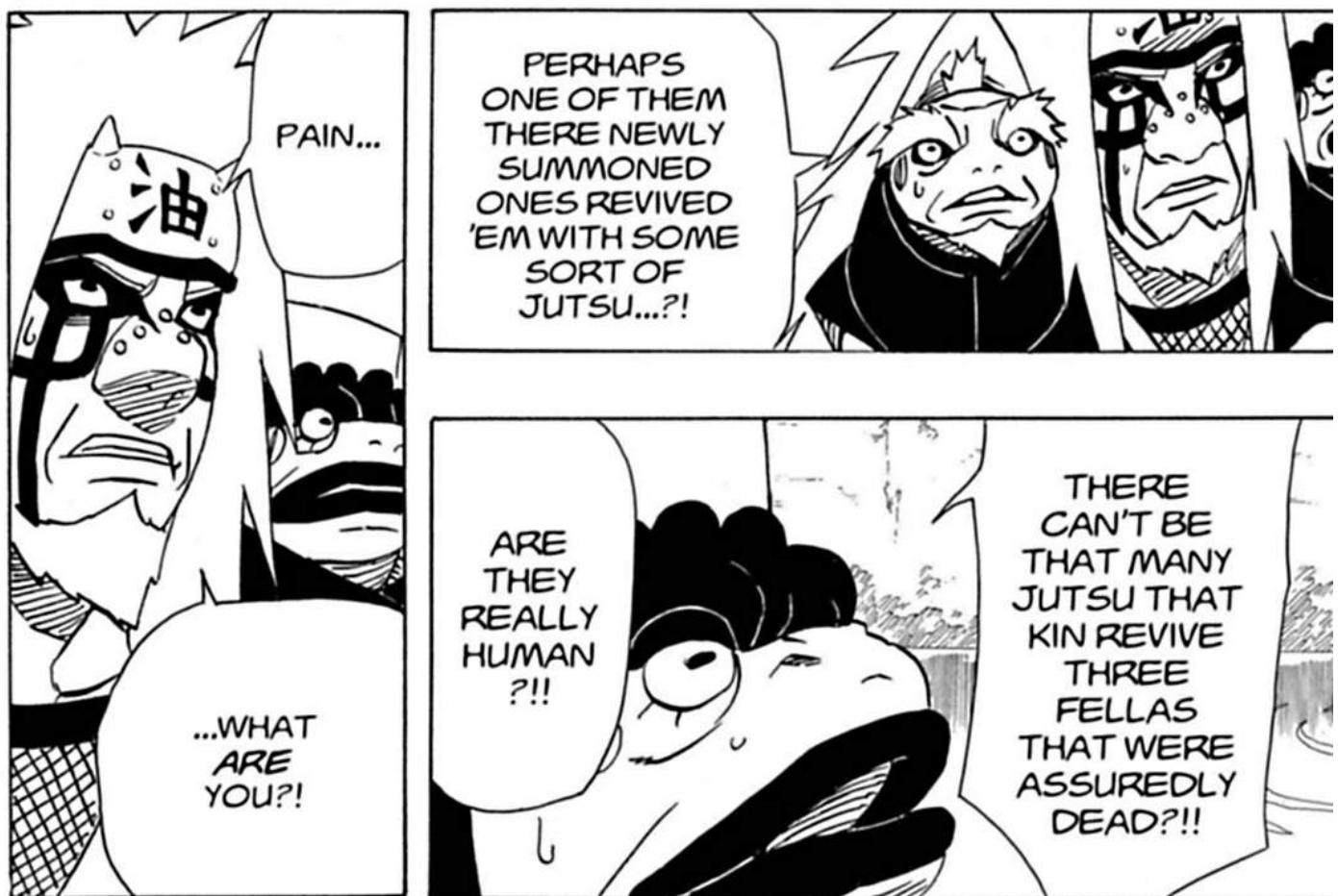
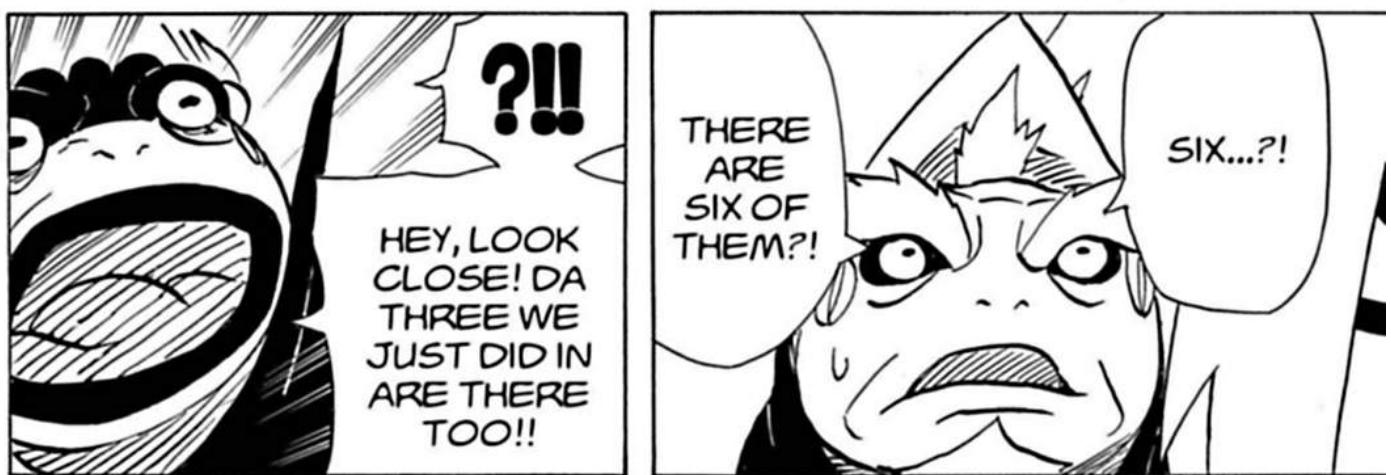
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