

SHONEN JUMP MANGA

Story & Art by

Masashi Kishimoto *volume*

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It's 2006. I believe the serialization began in 1999, so that means we've entered our seventh year of publication! Long enough for kids that were just entering elementary school to now be in junior high... I recently started noticing how it seems like the years pass quicker and quicker. Where in the world did the time go?! When in the world did I become middle-aged?! Yikes...

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2006

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



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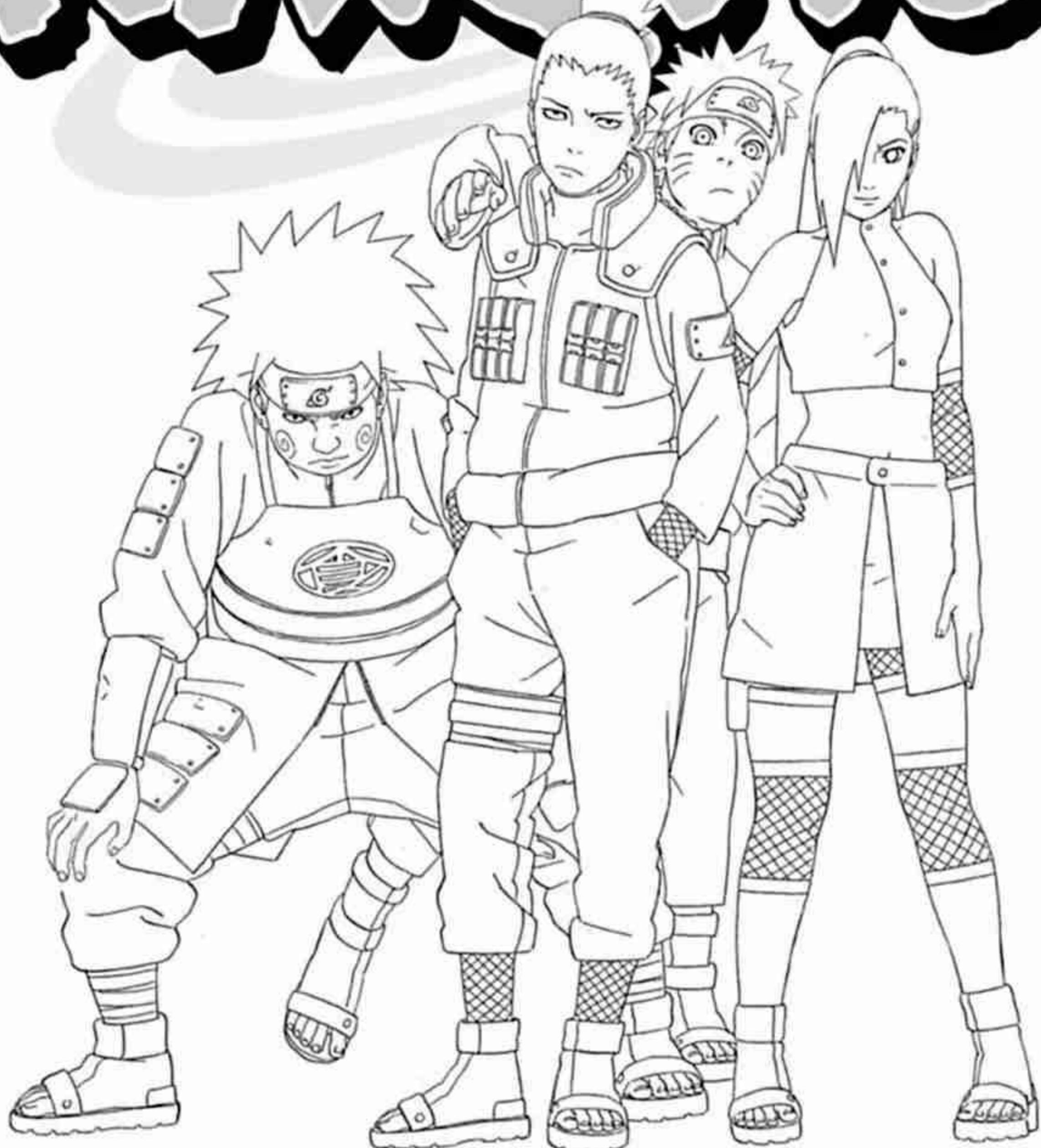
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THE SEARCH FOR SASUKE

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CHARACTERS

Sakura
サクラ

Naruto
ナルト





Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. During the Chūnin Selection Exams, Orochimaru and his henchmen launch *Operation Destroy Konoha*. To stop the attack and prevent the deaths of any more of Konoha's shinobi, Sarutobi, the Third Hokage, sacrifices his own life. In the wake of this tragedy, Lady Tsunade is sought out and declared Fifth Hokage.

Sasuke—lured by the Sound Ninja Four of Orochimaru—leaves Konohagakure. Naruto fights valiantly against Sasuke, but cannot stop his friend from following the possible path of darkness...

After two years, Naruto and his comrades reunite, each having grown and matured in attitude and aptitude. Gaara of the Sand has become Kazekage, and falls into the hands of the mysterious organization known as the Akatsuki.

After several fierce battles, Naruto and the others defeat rogue ninja Sasori and Deidara and recover Gaara. But their victory looks to be a bitter one as Gaara is dead. Or so it seems until Granny Chiyo, using a reincarnation jutsu, sacrifices her own life to resurrect the fallen Kazekage!

The Story So Far:



NARUTO

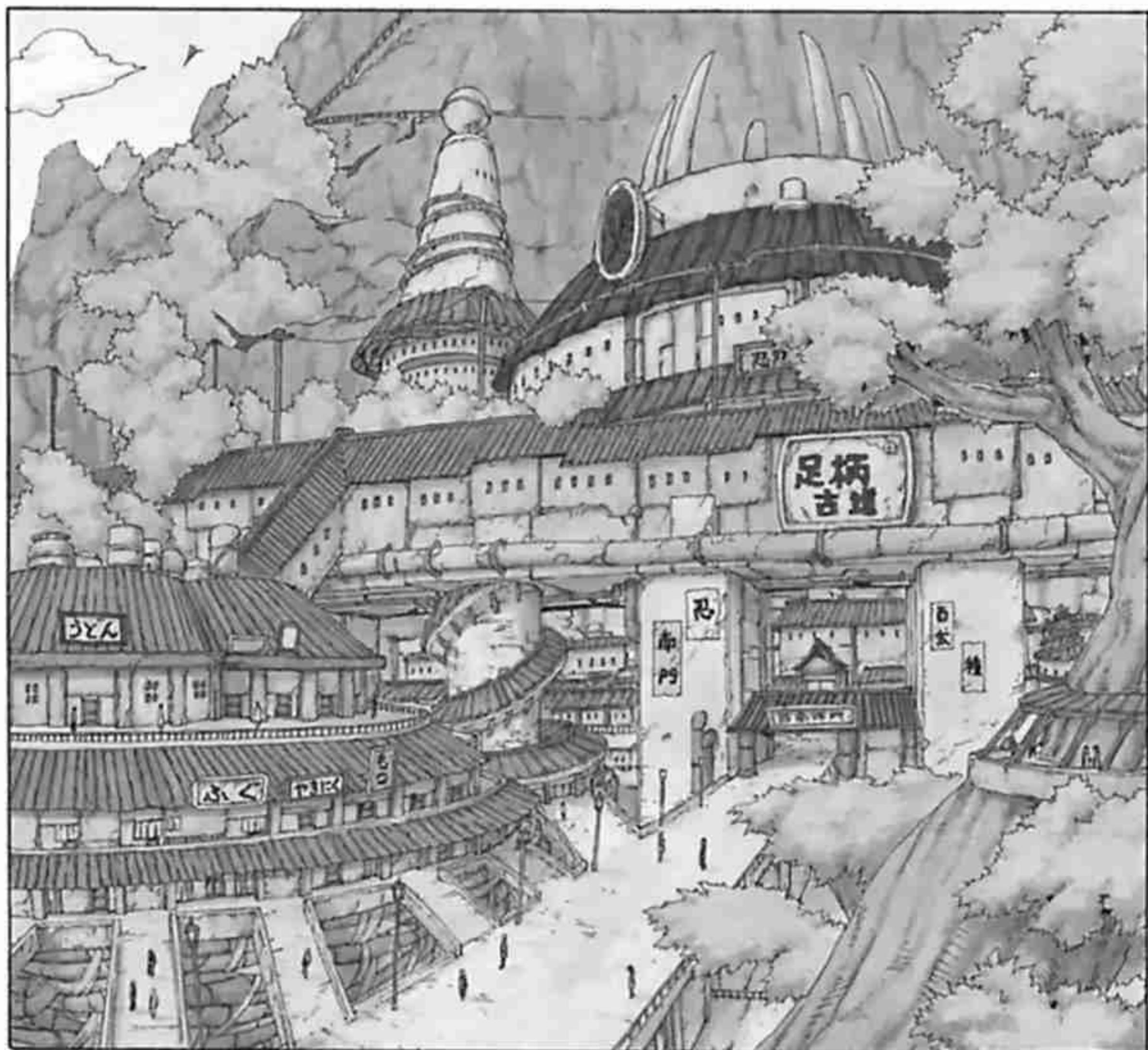
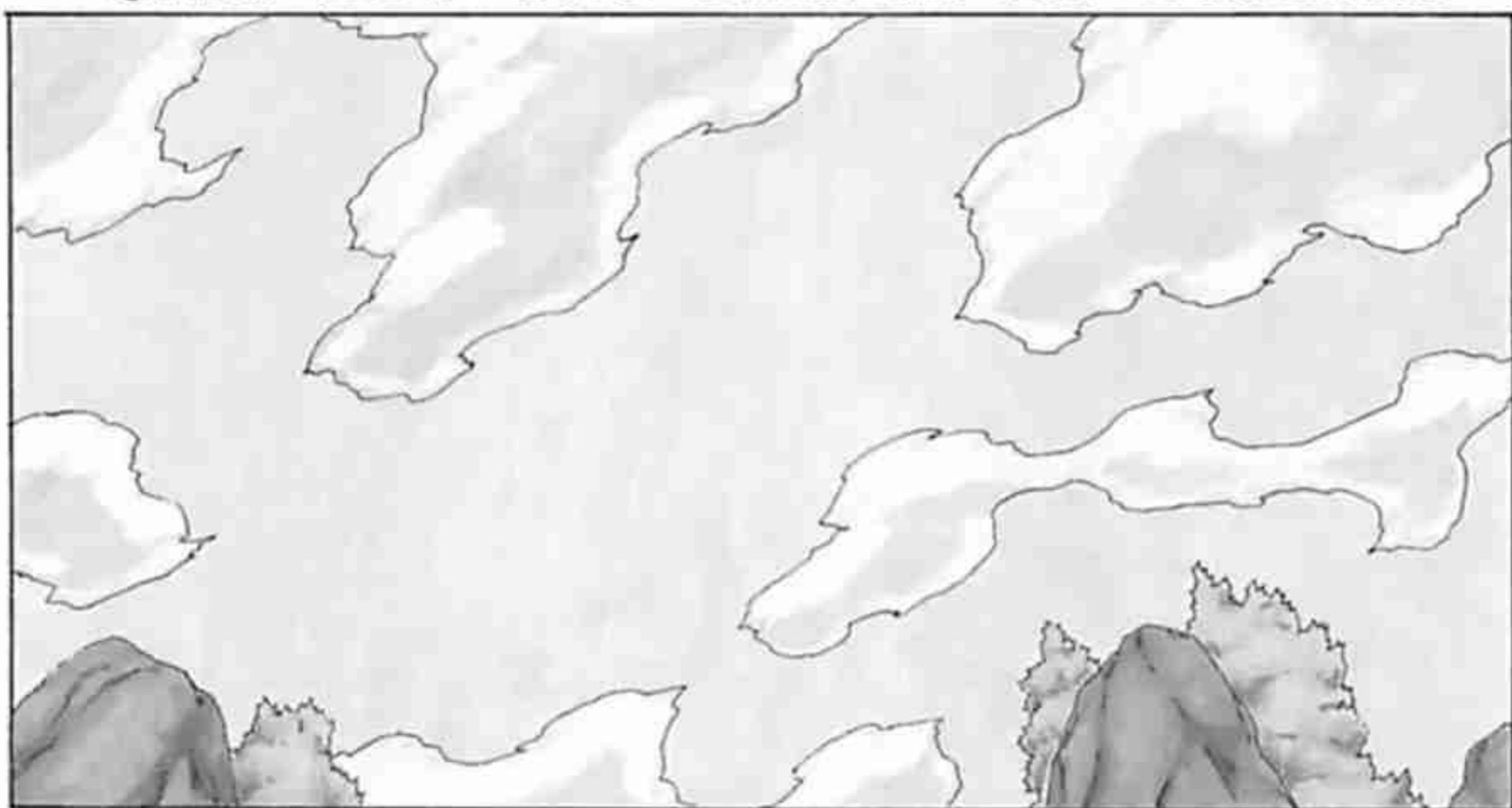
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Number 281:

The Search for Sasuke!!

NARUTO



THEY'RE SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO KONOHA THREE DAYS FROM NOW.

TEAM GUY AND TEAM KAKASHI HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THEIR MISSIONS.

LORD KAZEKAGE HAS RETURNED SAFELY TO HIS VILLAGE.

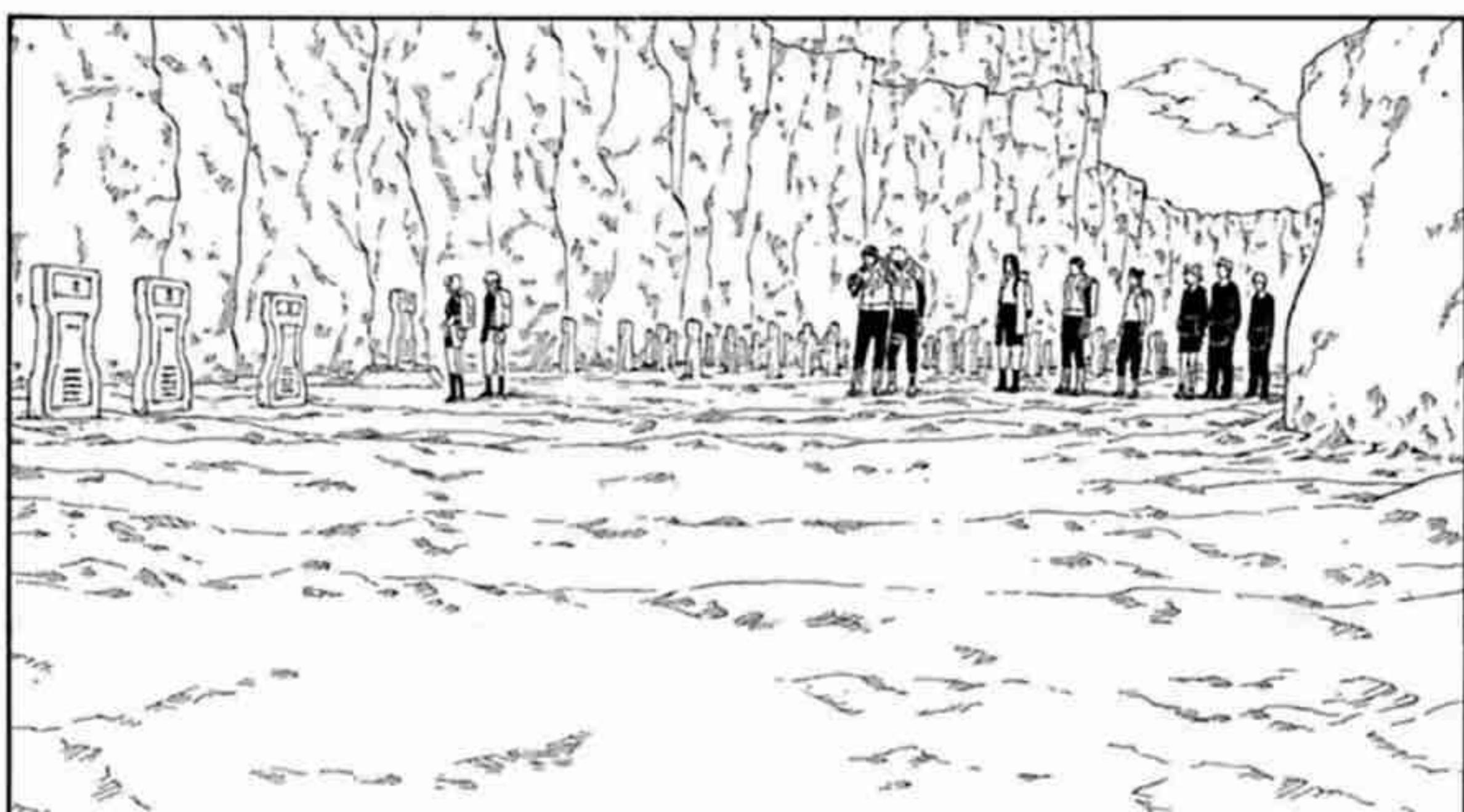
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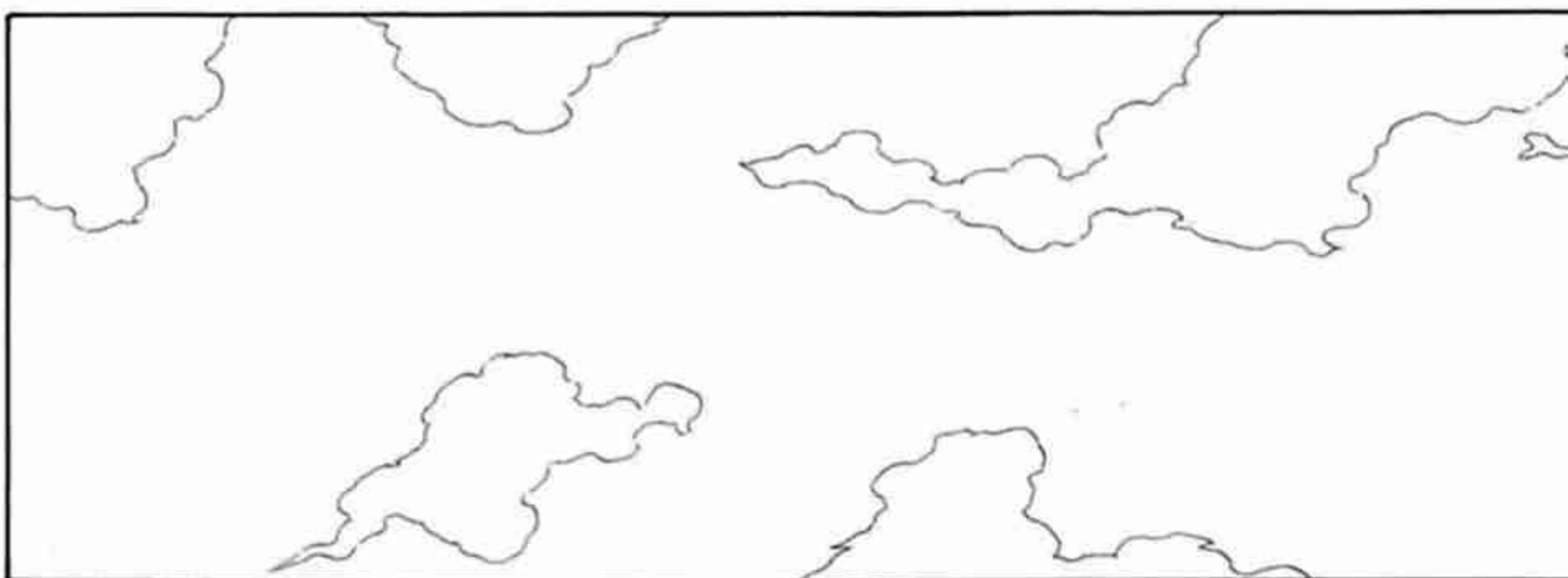


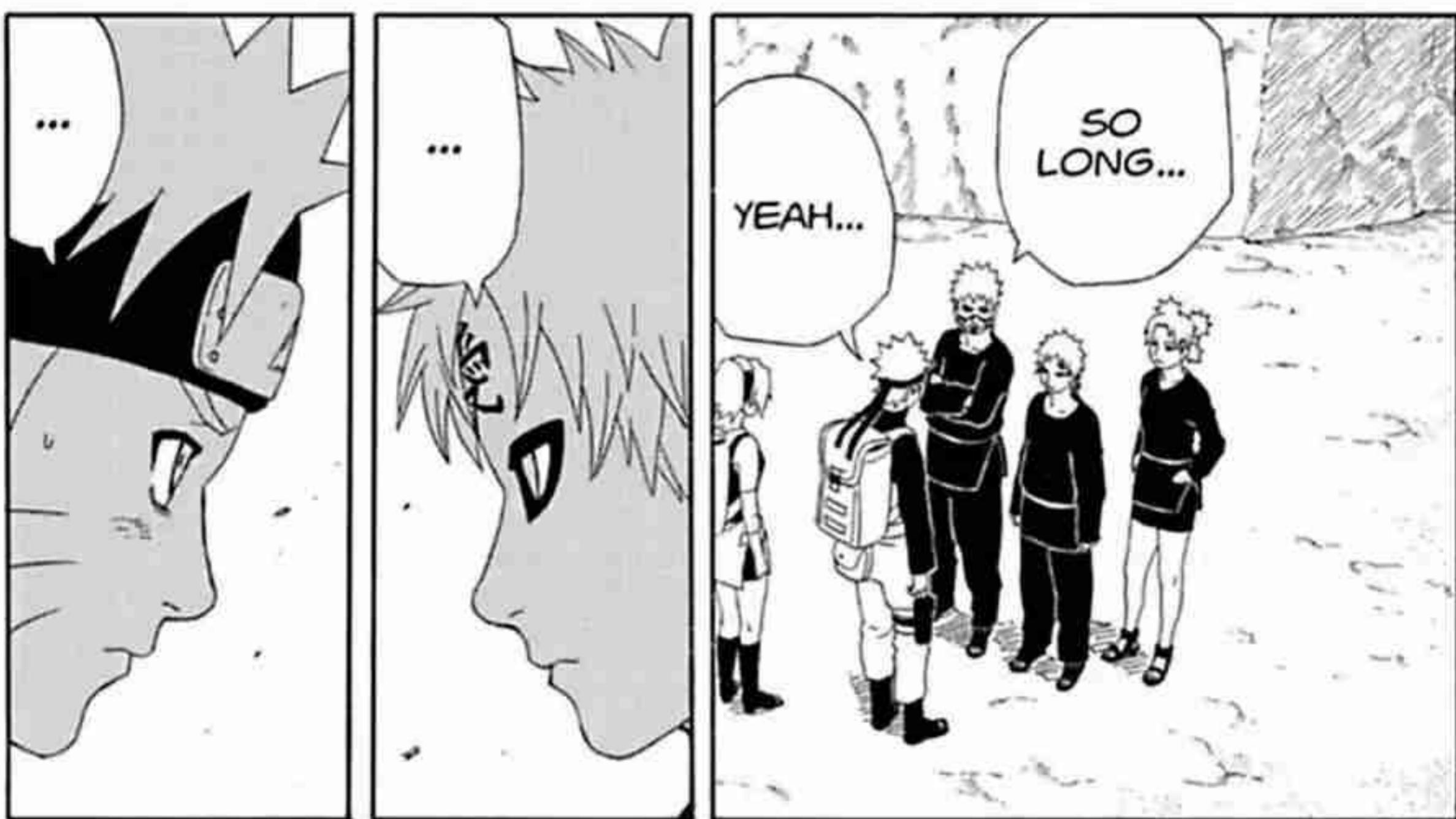
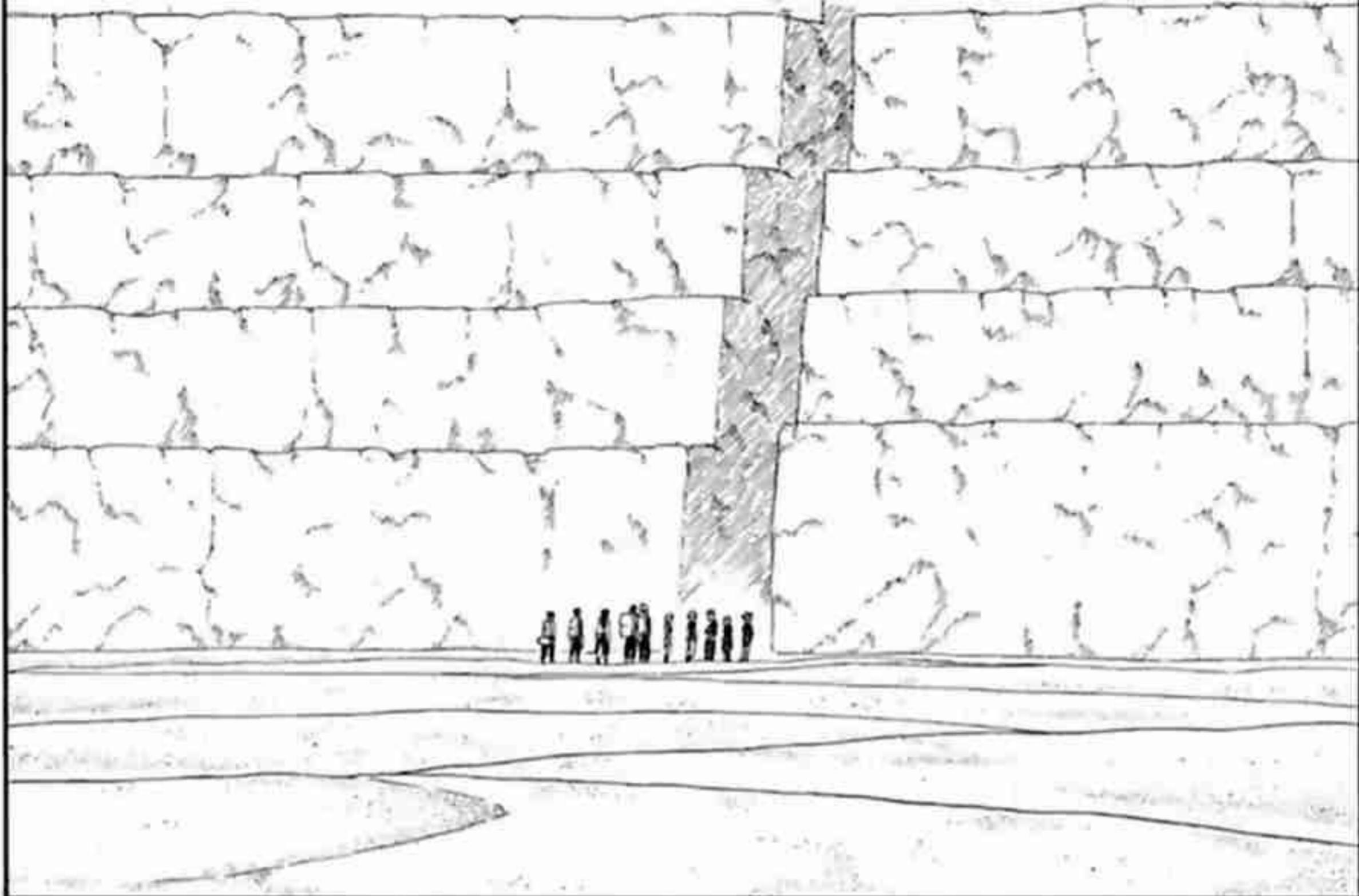




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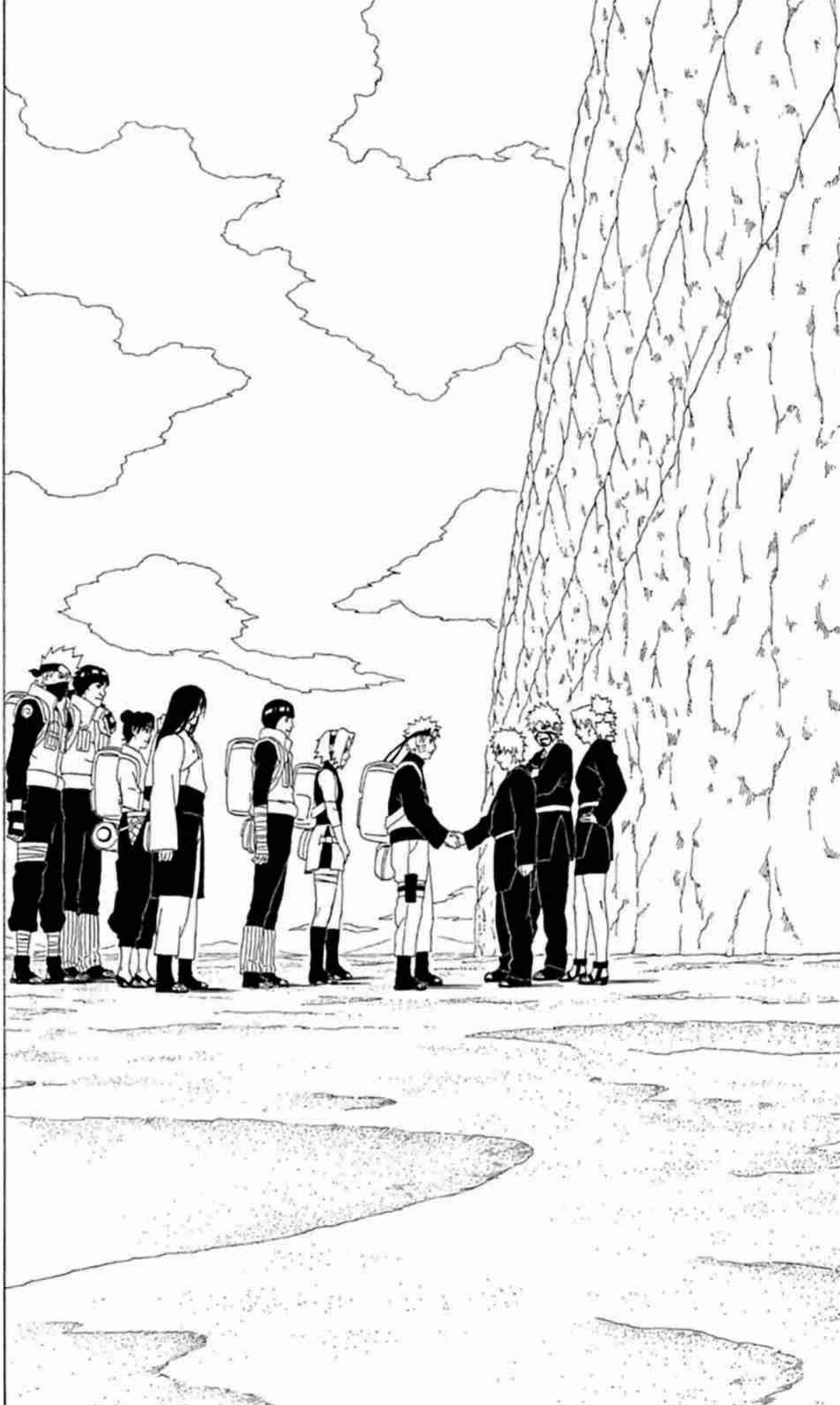


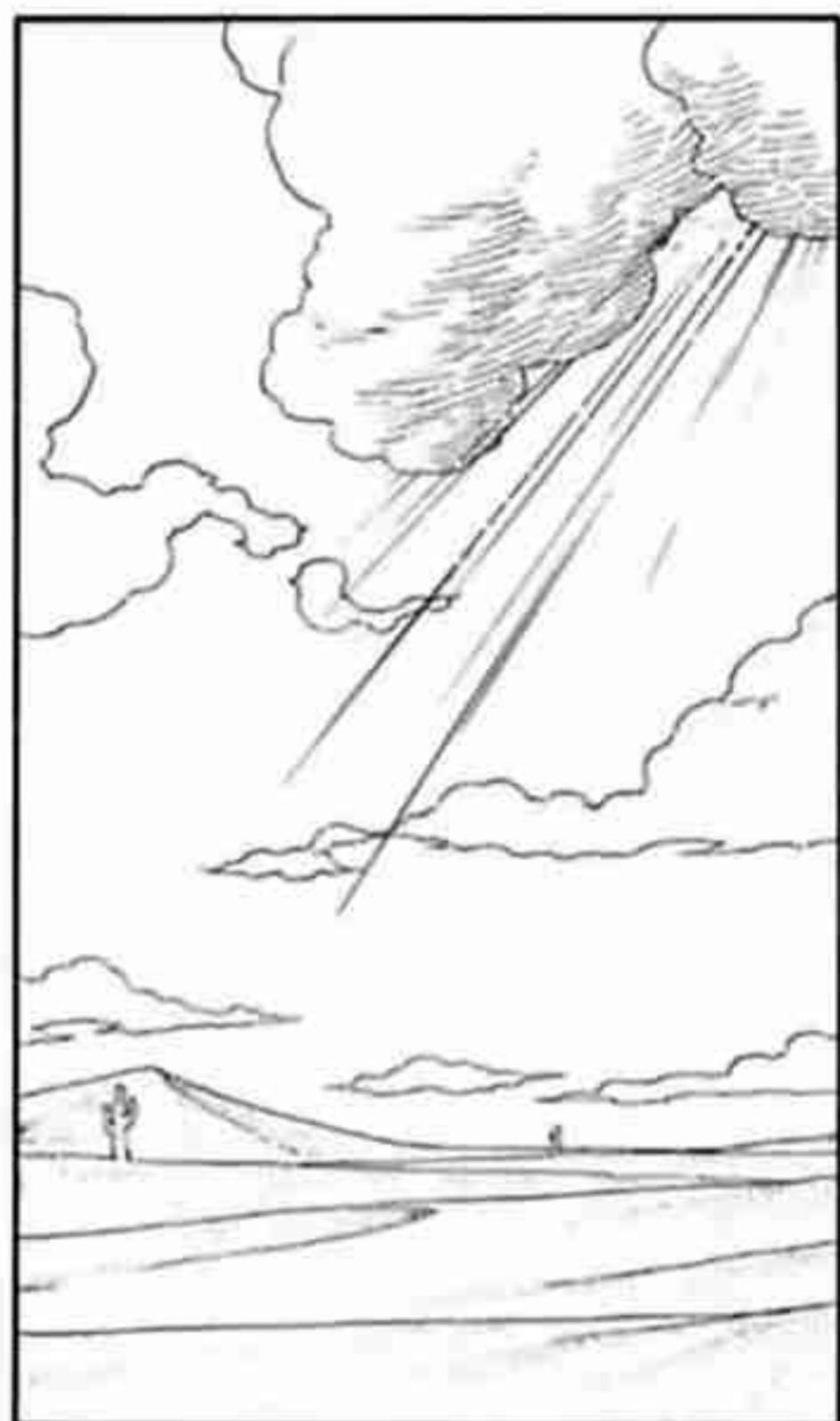






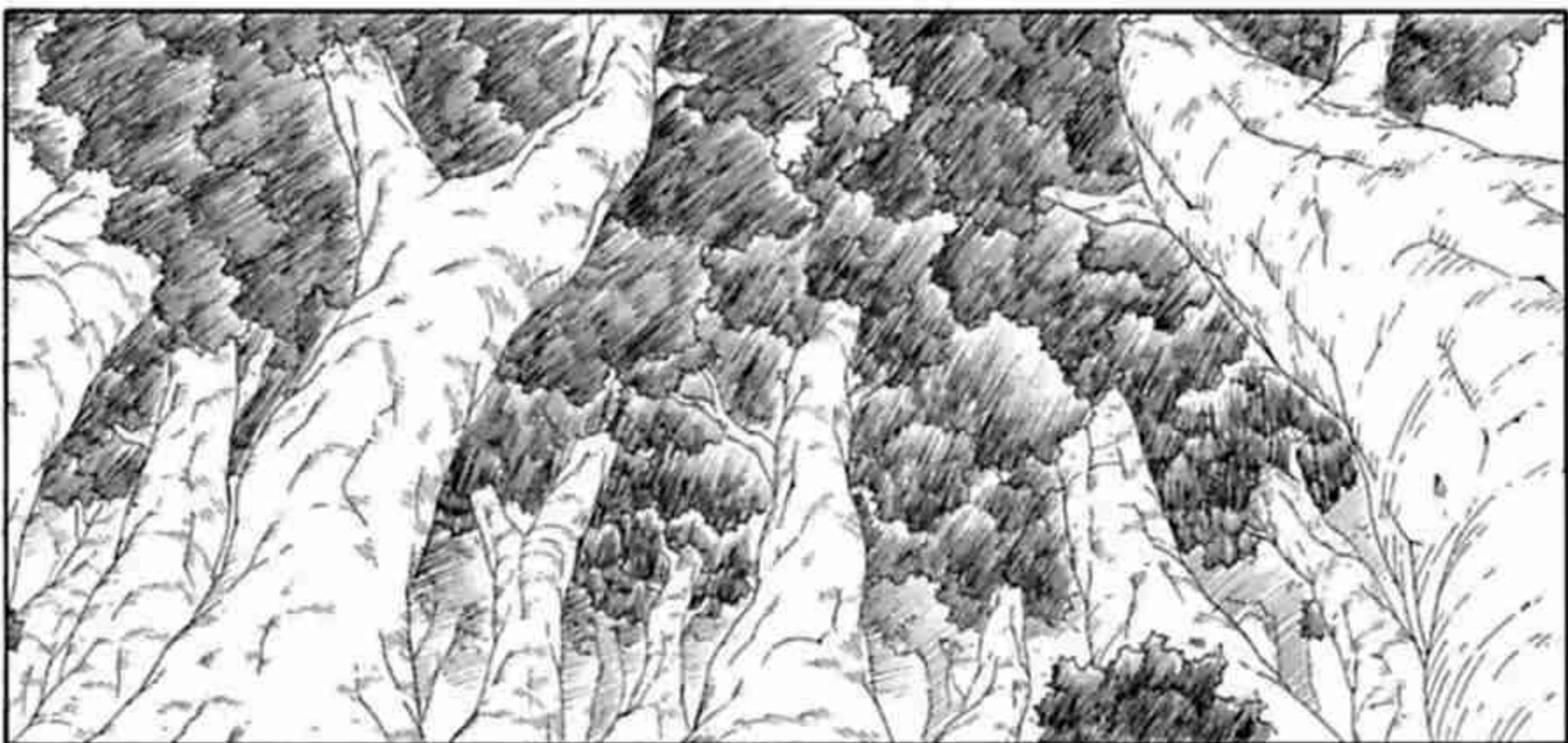


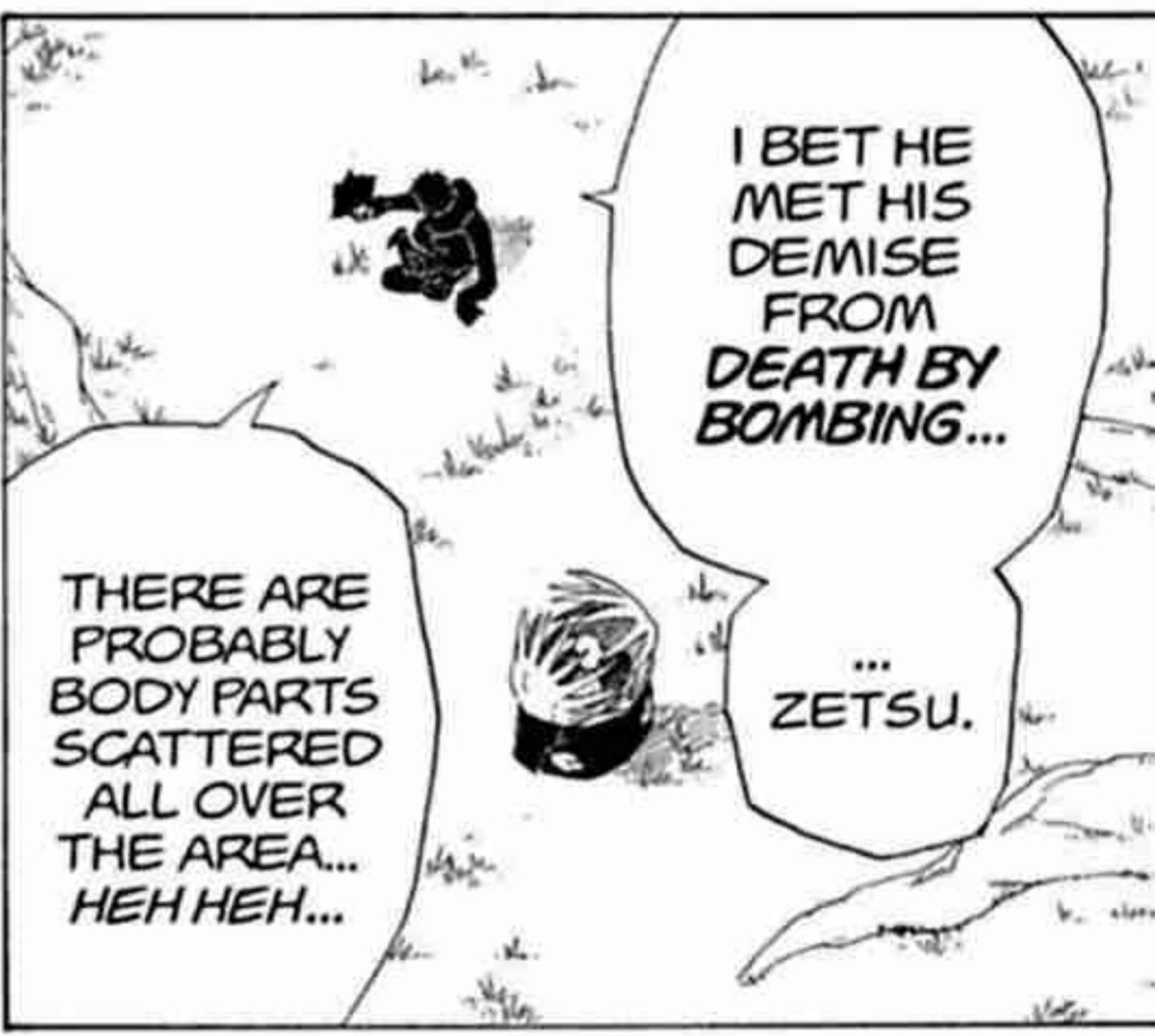
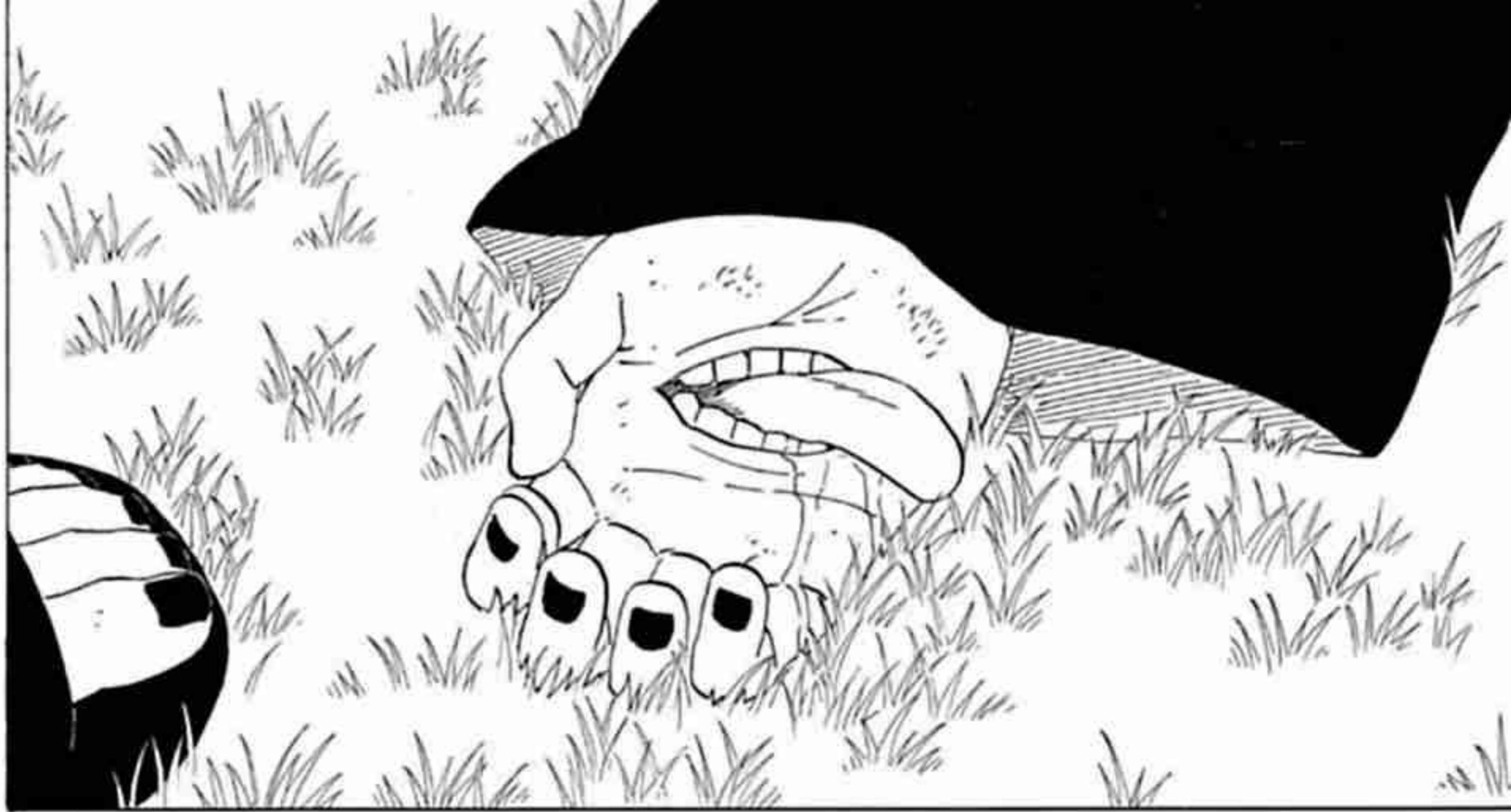






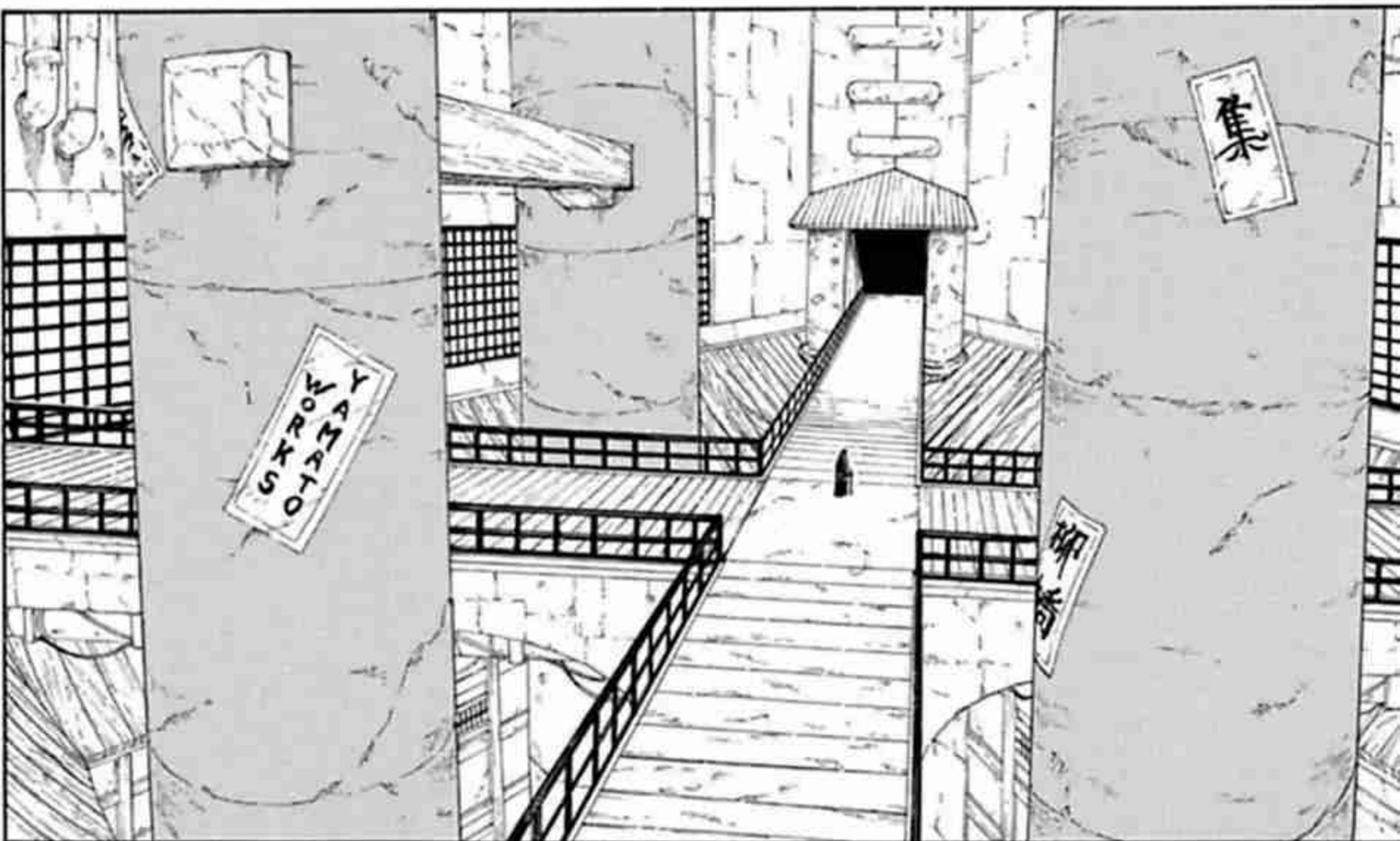
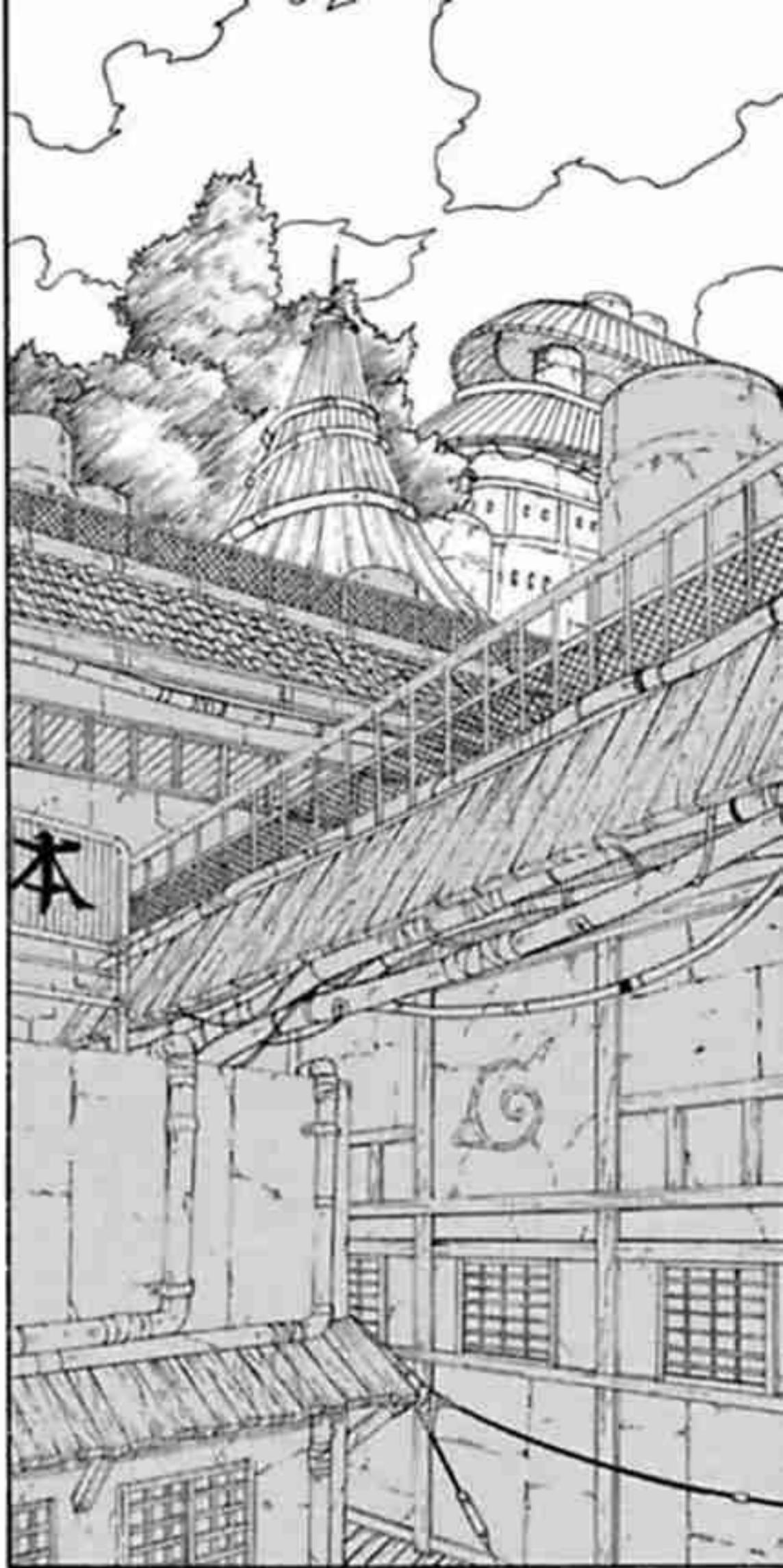
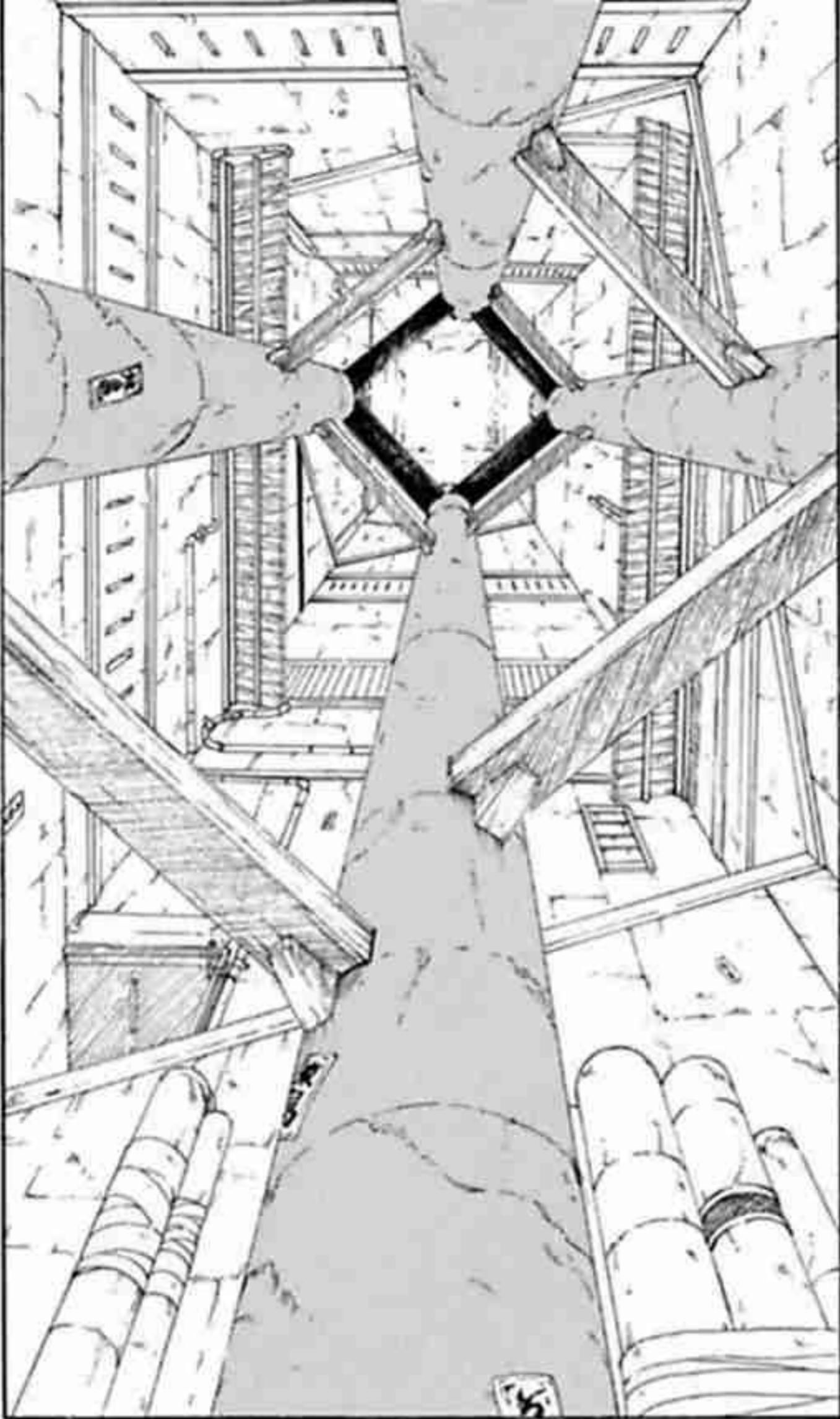
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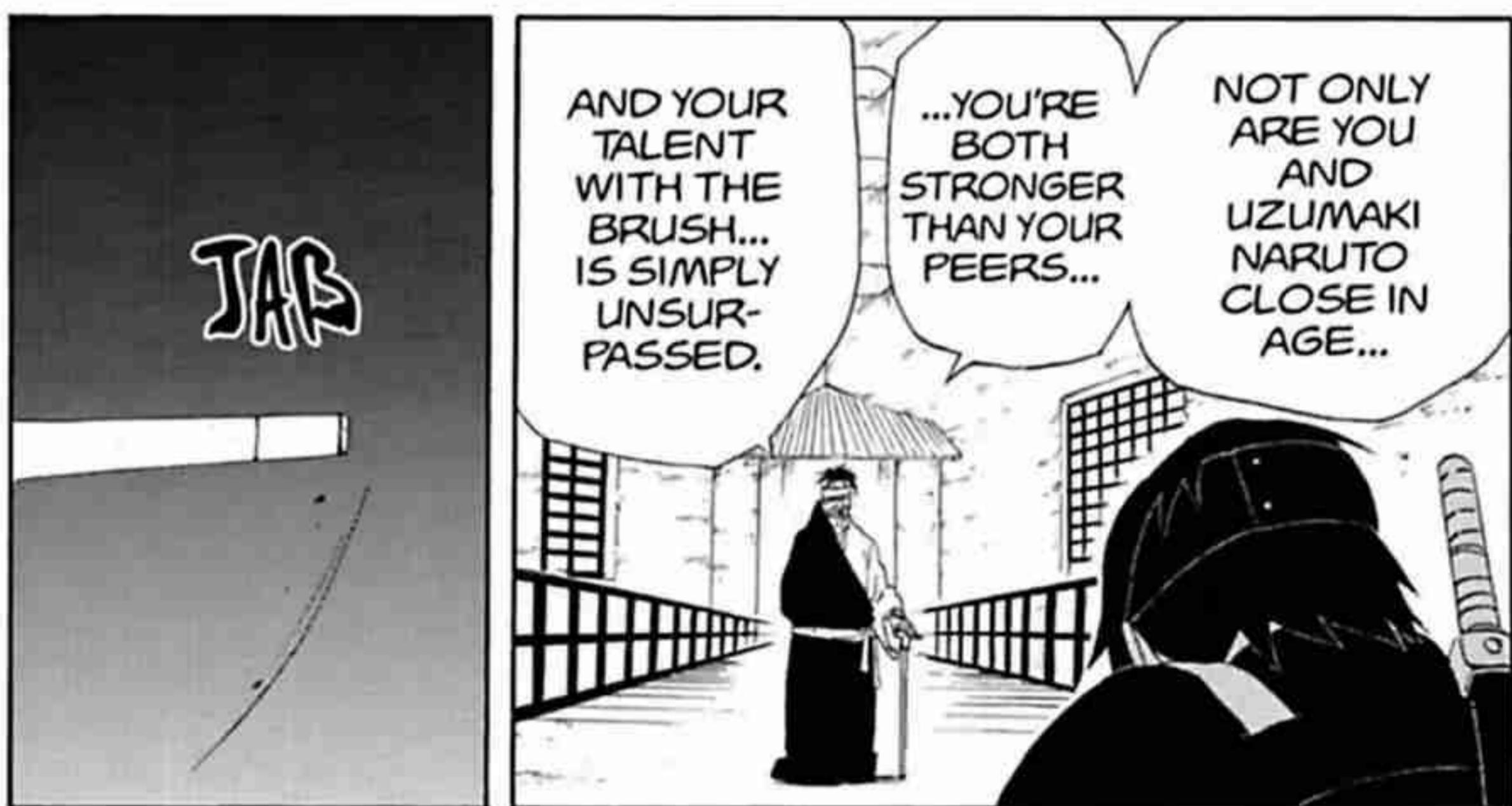




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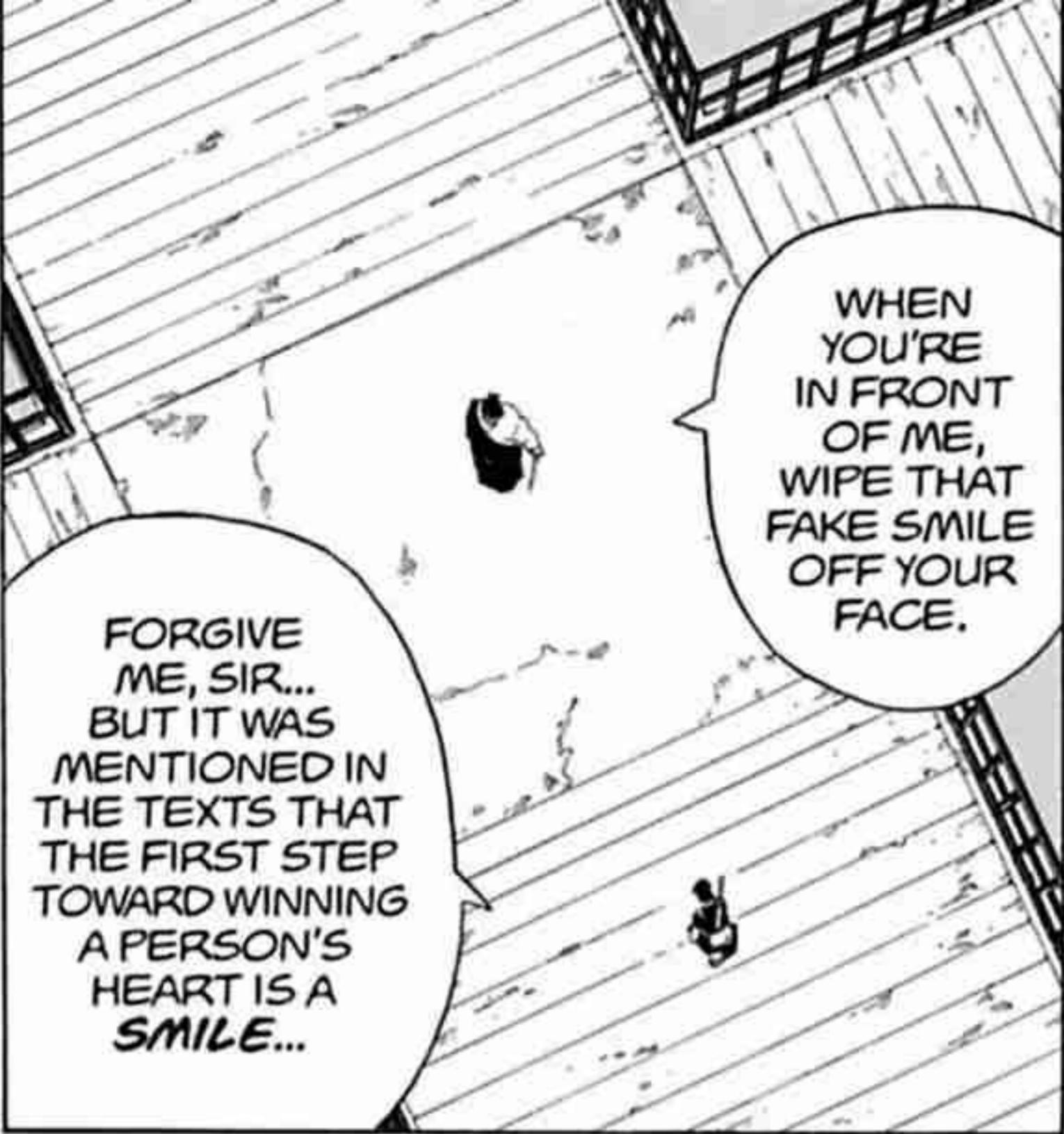






**SAI...
IS
IT...?**





Let's keep aiming
for untiring flavor
and amusement!!!

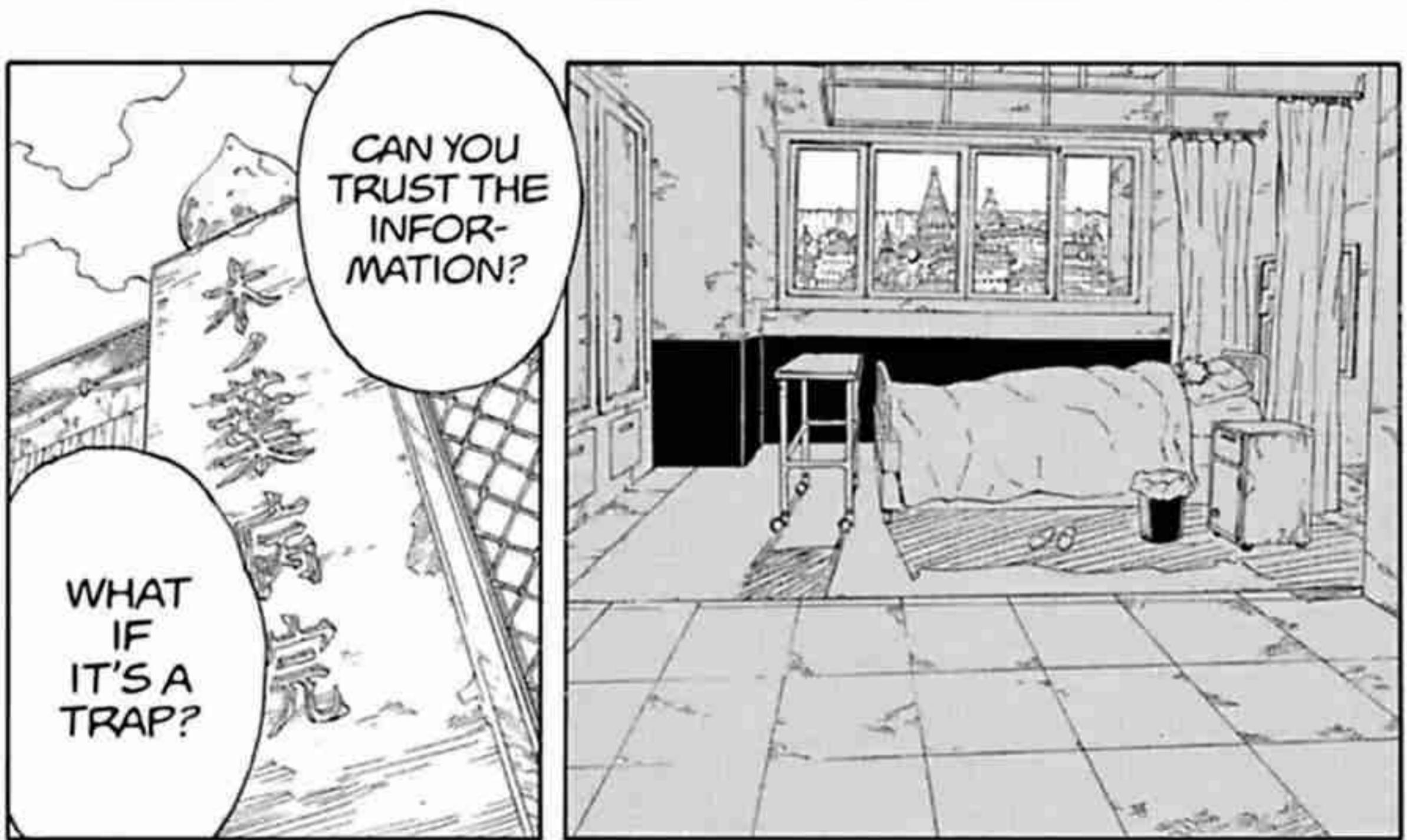
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CELEBRATING
6 YEARS!!

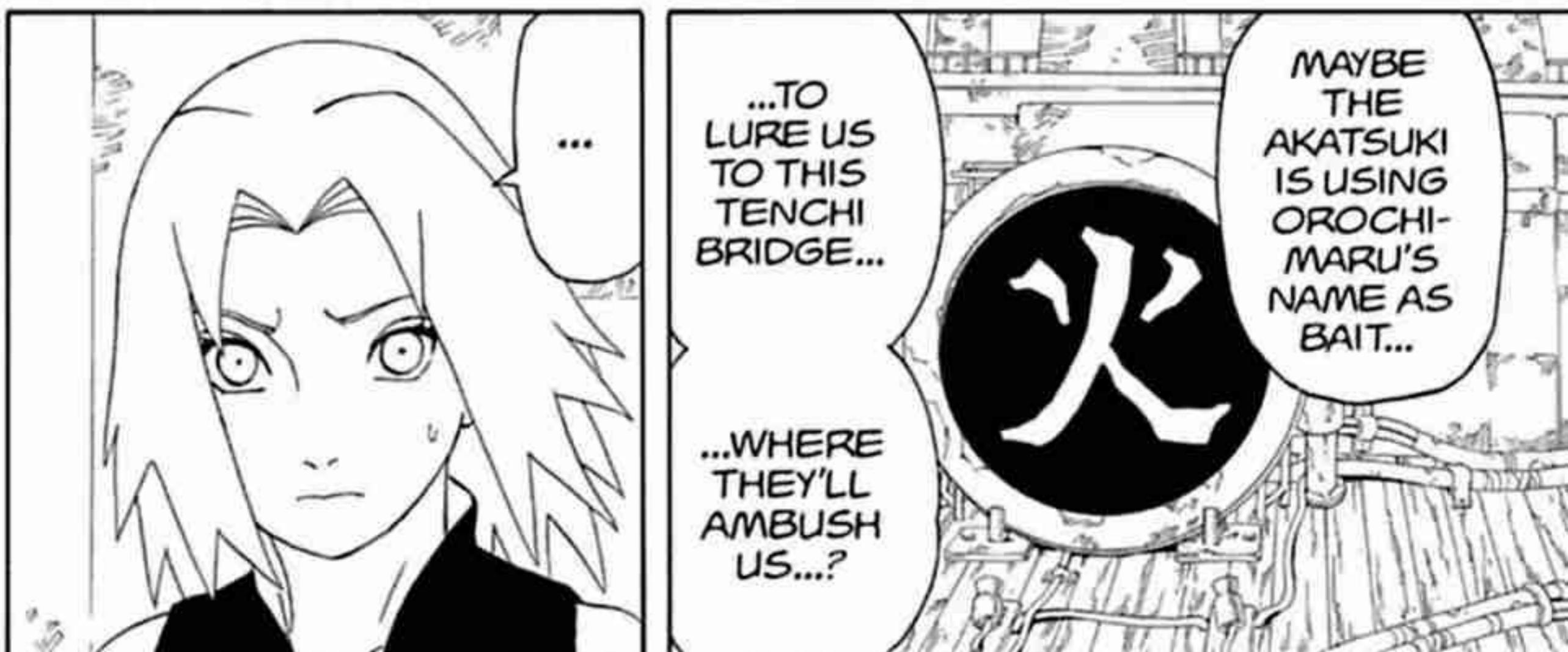
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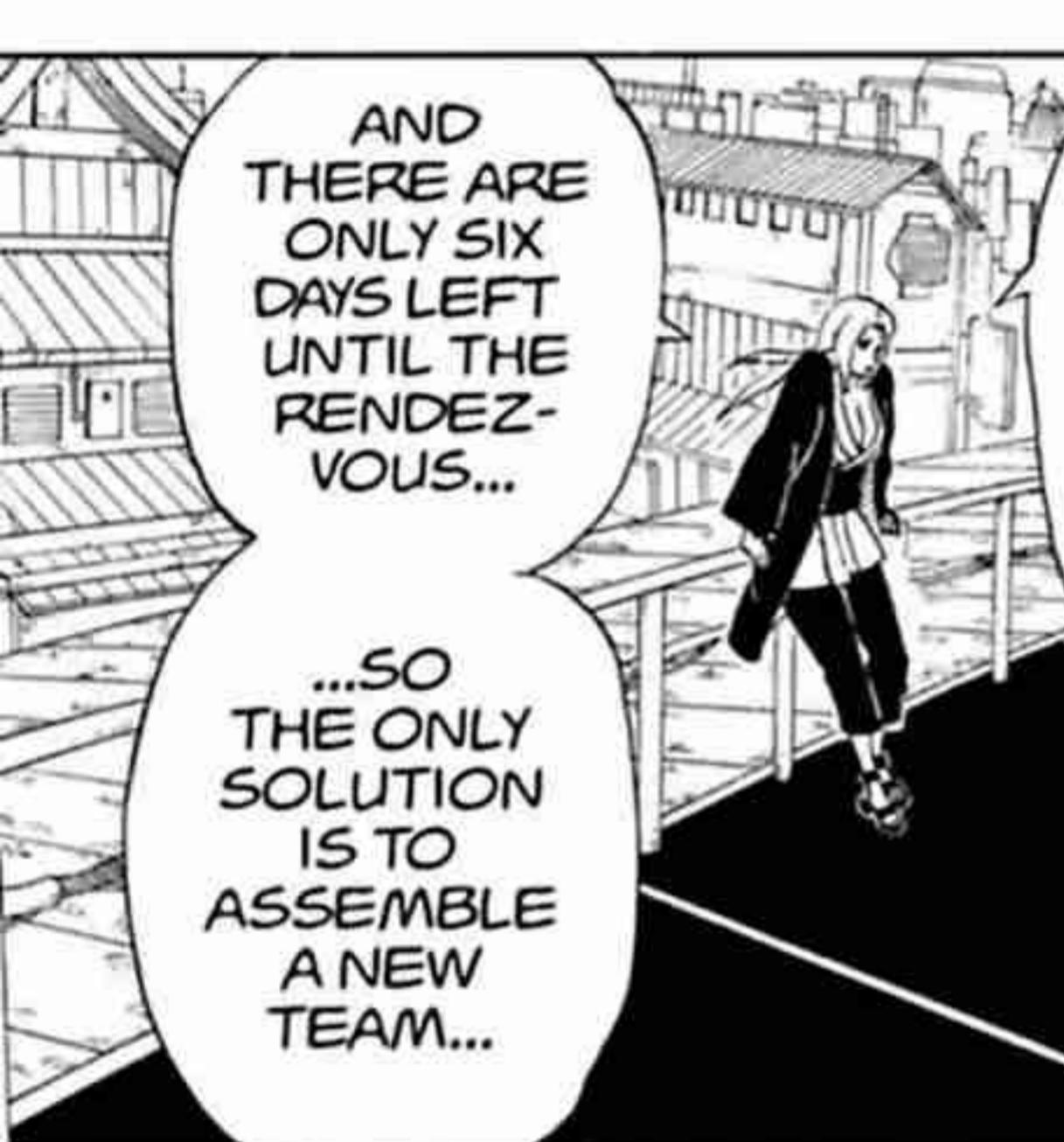
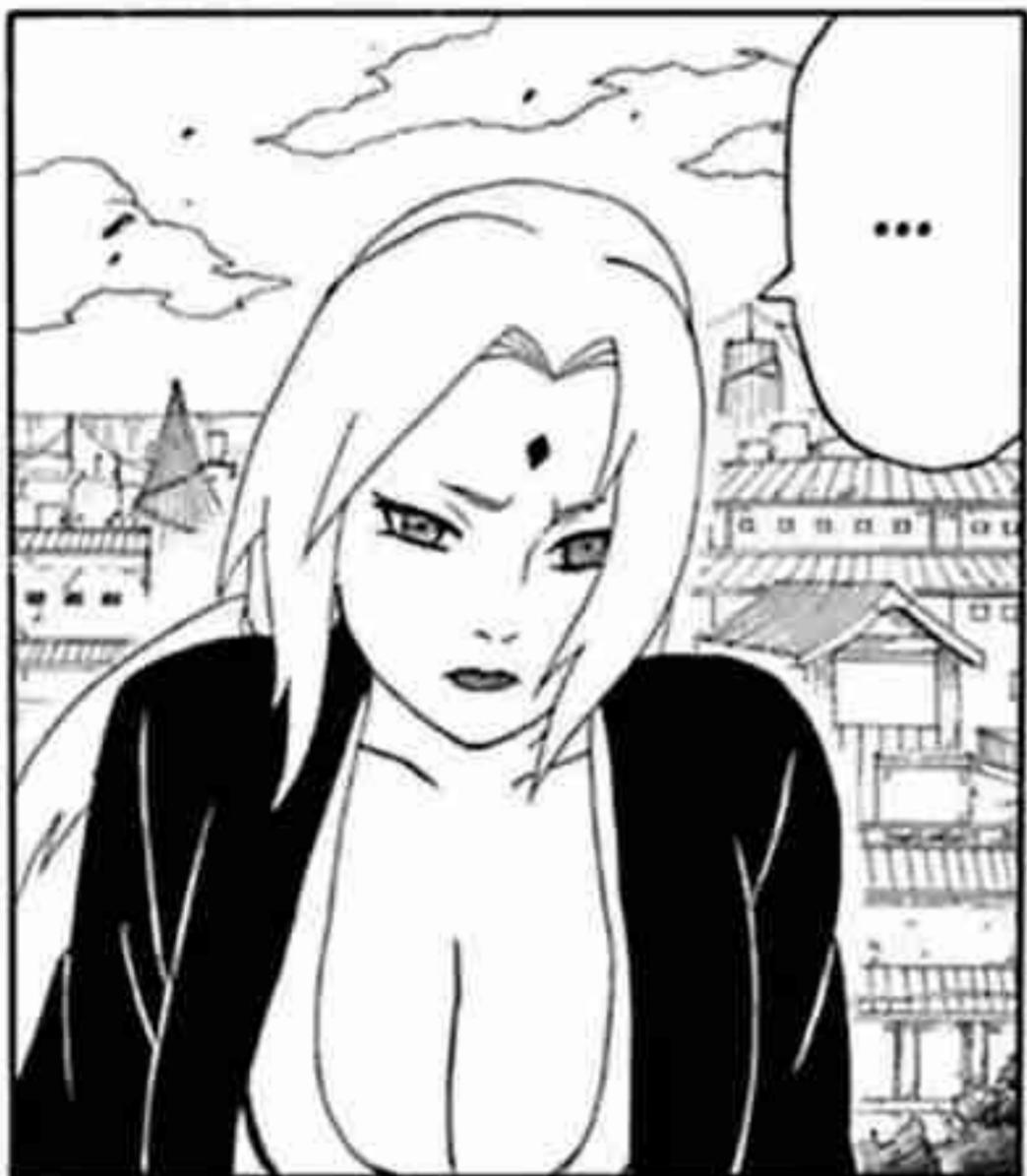
Team Kakashi Returns



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READ
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SASUKE IS
NOT MERELY
THEIR FORMER
TEAMMATE.
HE'S THEIR
FRIEND.

IT'S
PERSONAL.

THIS IS
MORE THAN
JUST A
MISSION
TO TEAM
KAKASHI.

...?

...
...AND
WHY YOU
AND YOUR
TEAM,
SHIZUNE,
MIGHT
NOT.

THEY'VE
PLEDGED
THEIR LIVES TO
RESCUING HIM.
THEIR DESIRE
TO HONOR THAT
PLEDGE IS
WHY THEY **WILL**
SUCCEED...

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
NARUTO
...

BUT I
STILL
THINK
NARUTO...

UNDER-
STOOD.

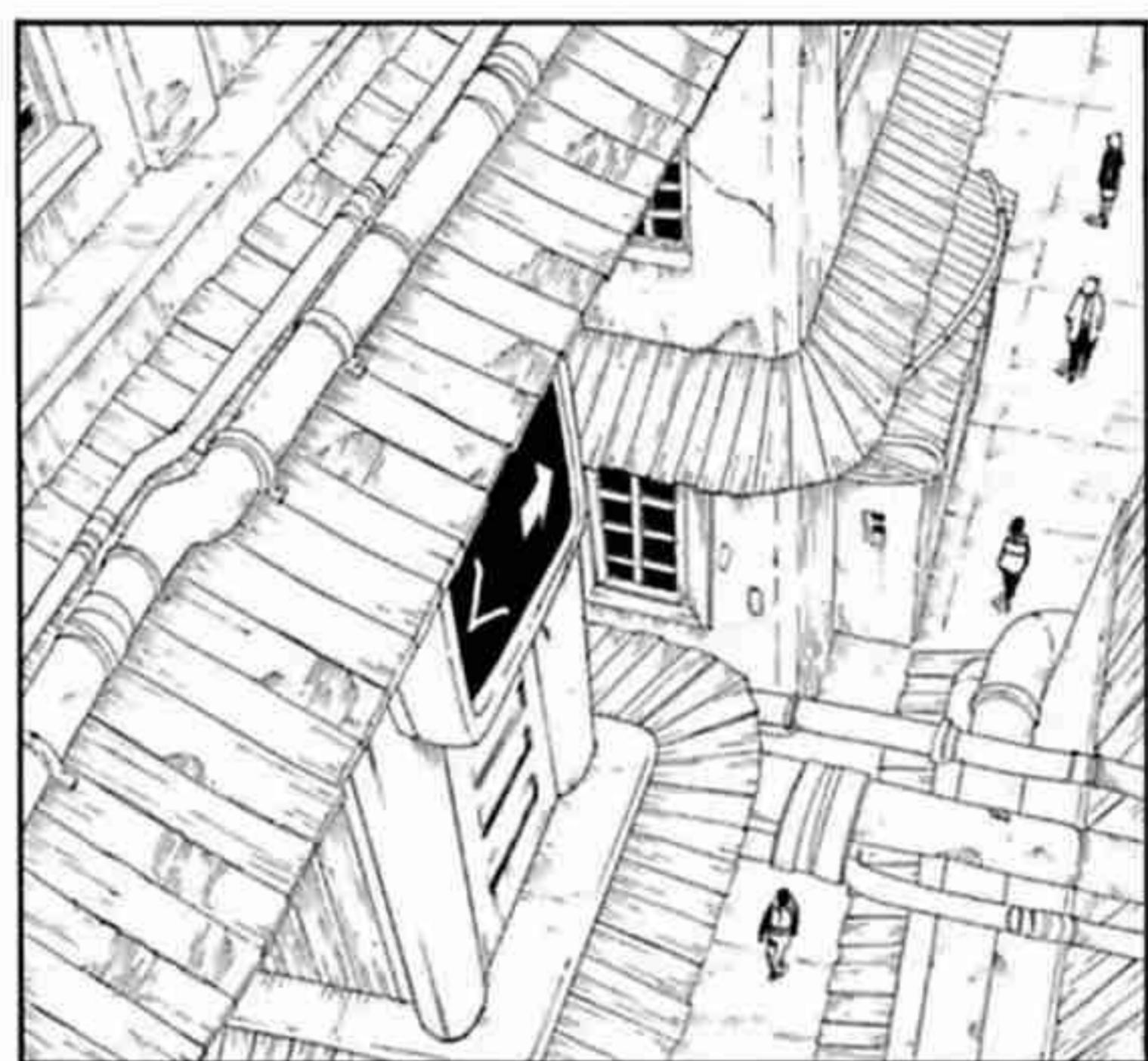
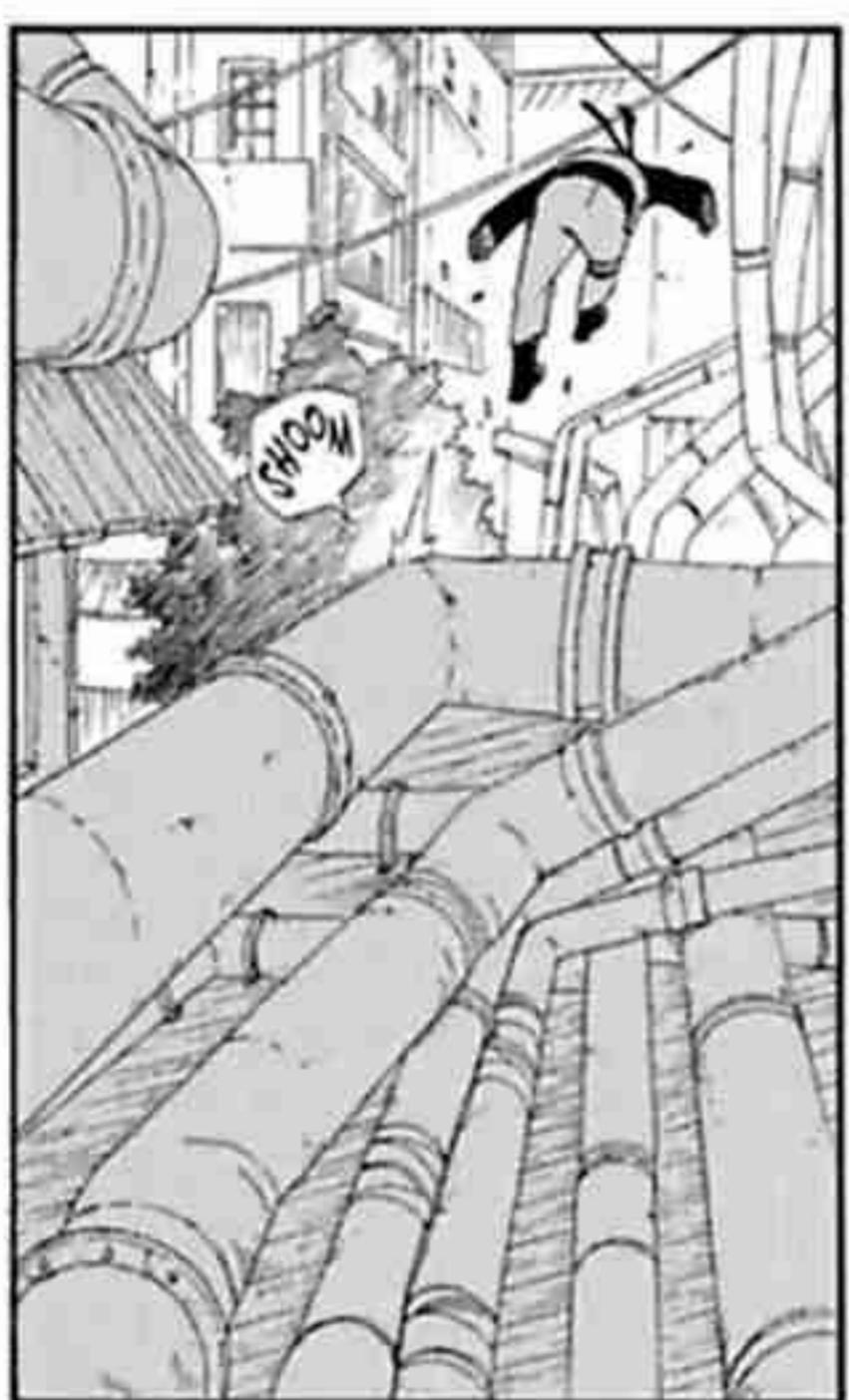
...WOULD
SAY
ABOUT
THAT?

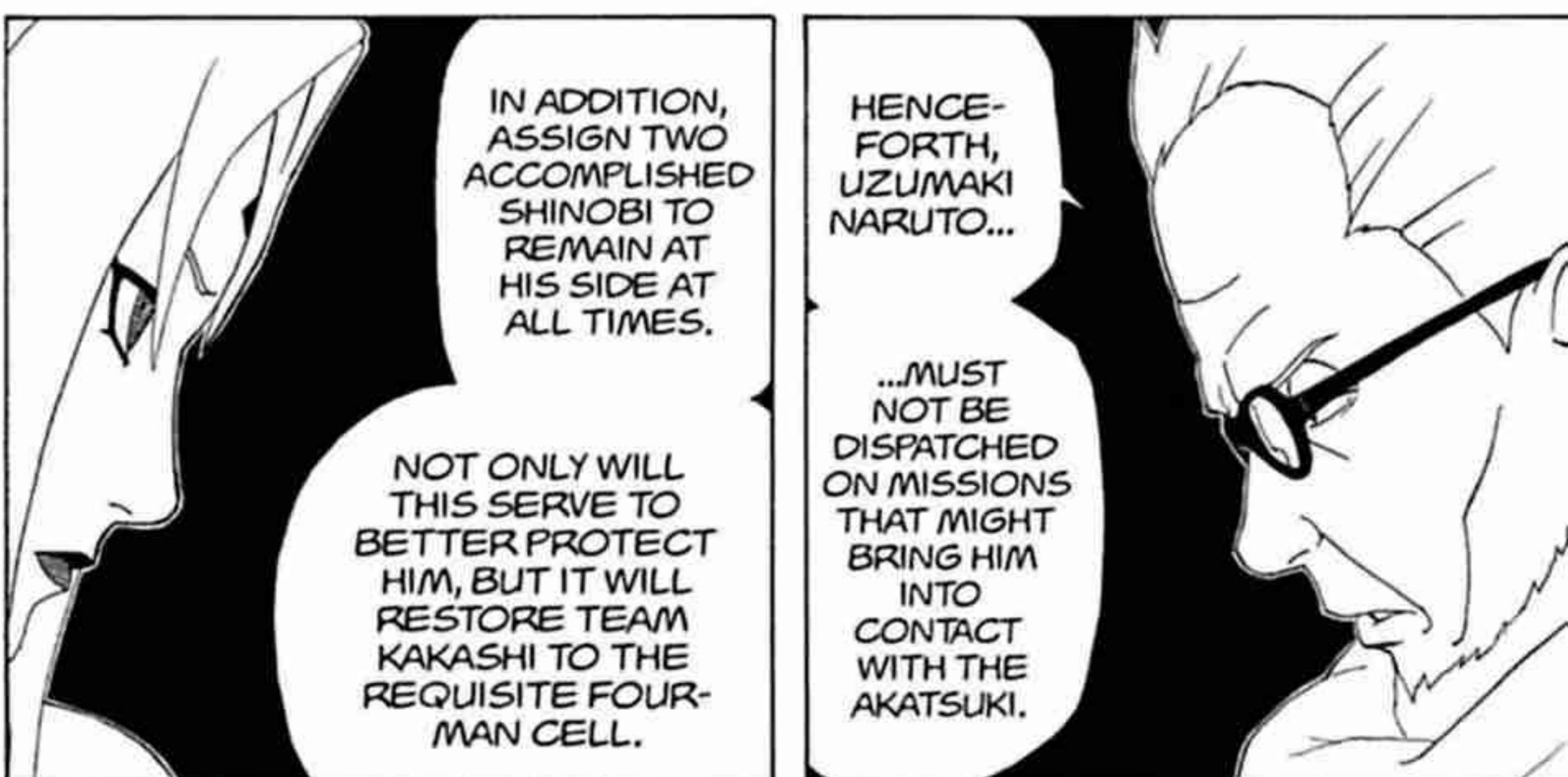
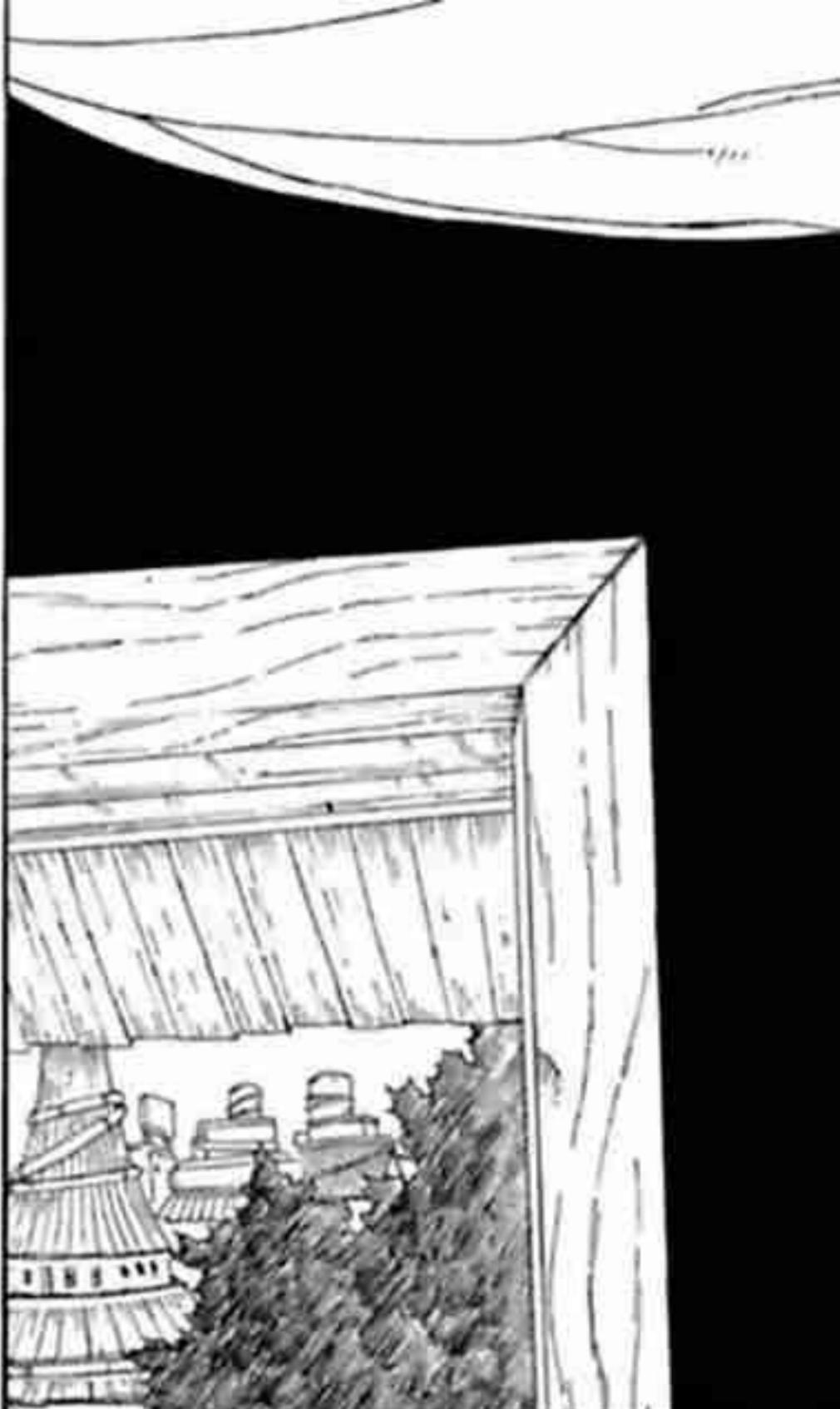


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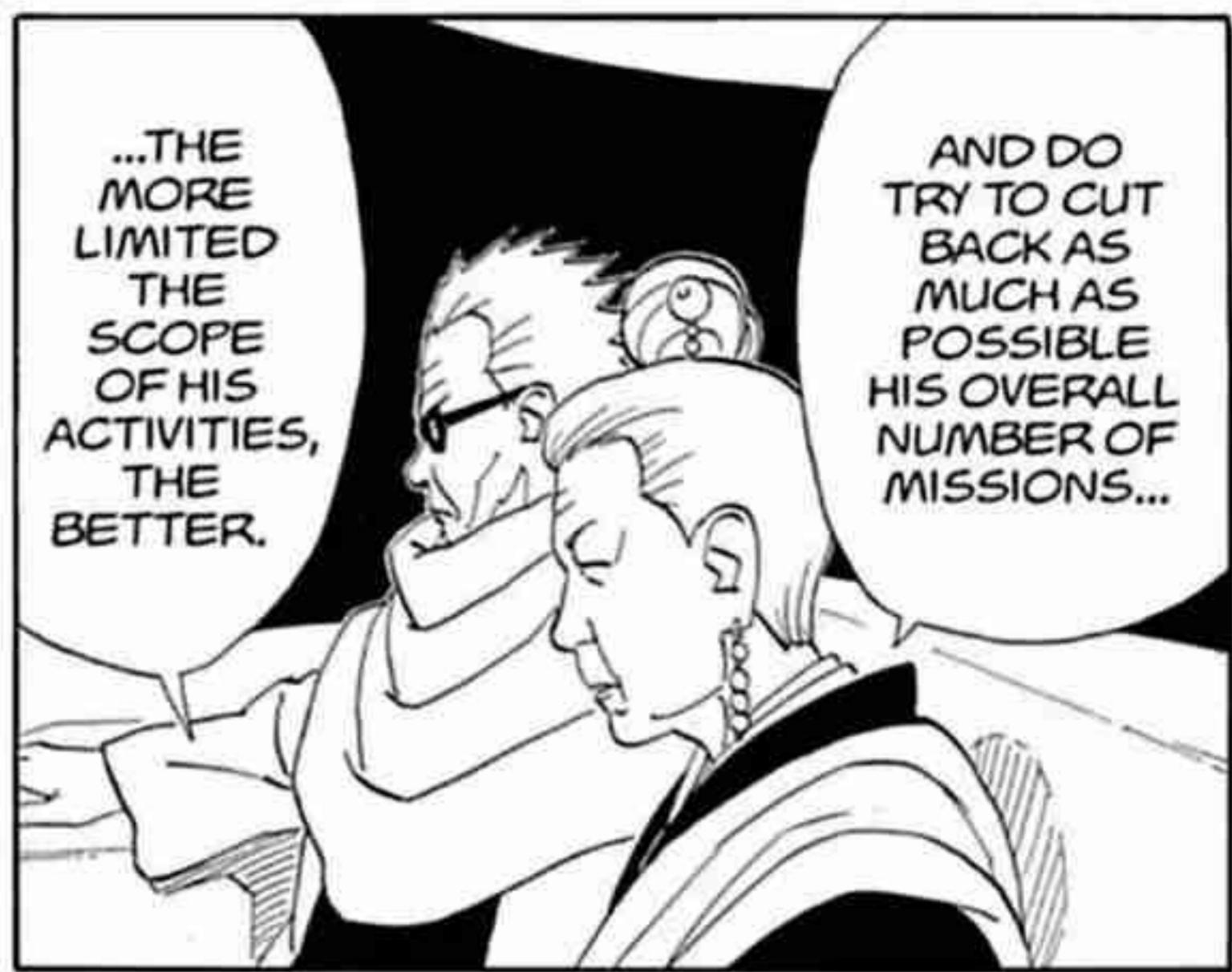
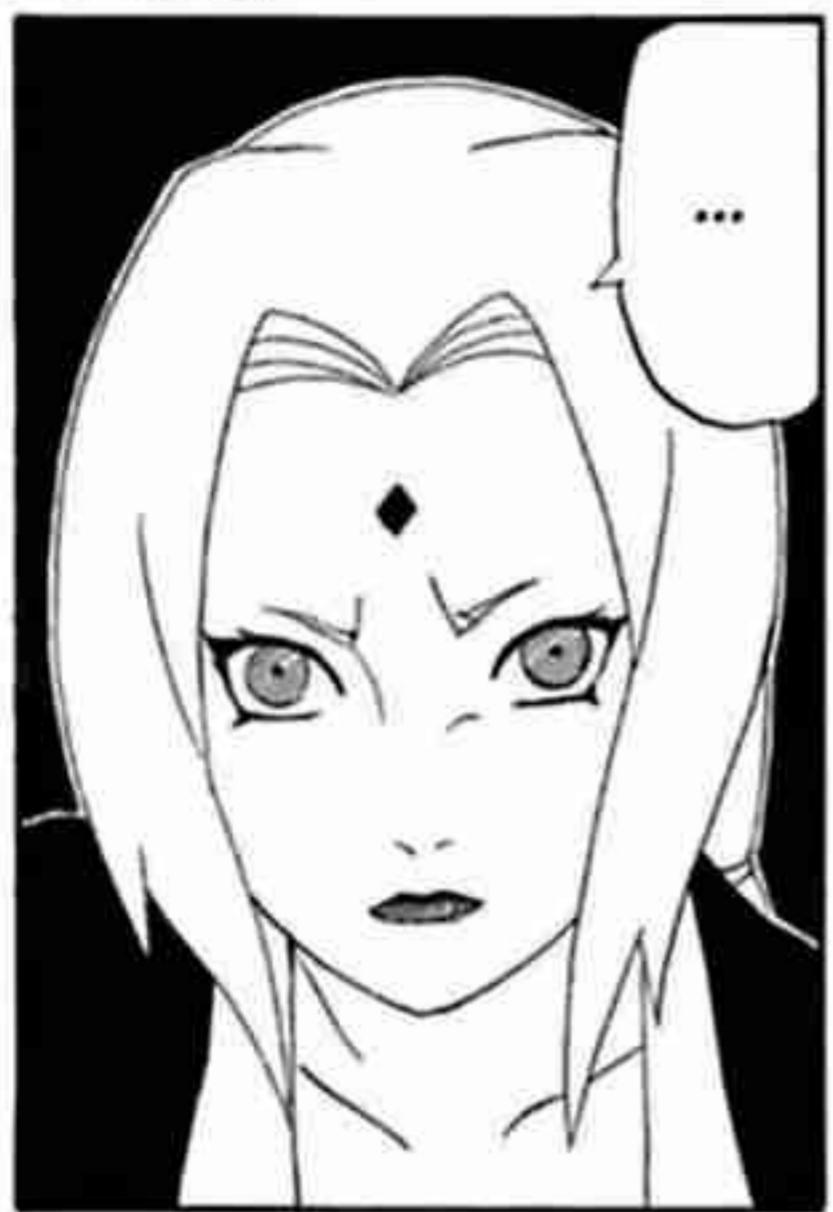
IN ADDITION,
ASSIGN TWO
ACCOMPLISHED
SHINOBI TO
REMAIN AT
HIS SIDE AT
ALL TIMES.

NOT ONLY WILL
THIS SERVE TO
BETTER PROTECT
HIM, BUT IT WILL
RESTORE TEAM
KAKASHI TO THE
REQUISITE FOUR-
MAN CELL.

HENCE-
FORTH,
UZUMAKI
NARUTO...

...MUST
NOT BE
DISPATCHED
ON MISSIONS
THAT MIGHT
BRING HIM
INTO
CONTACT
WITH THE
AKATSUKI.

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WAY

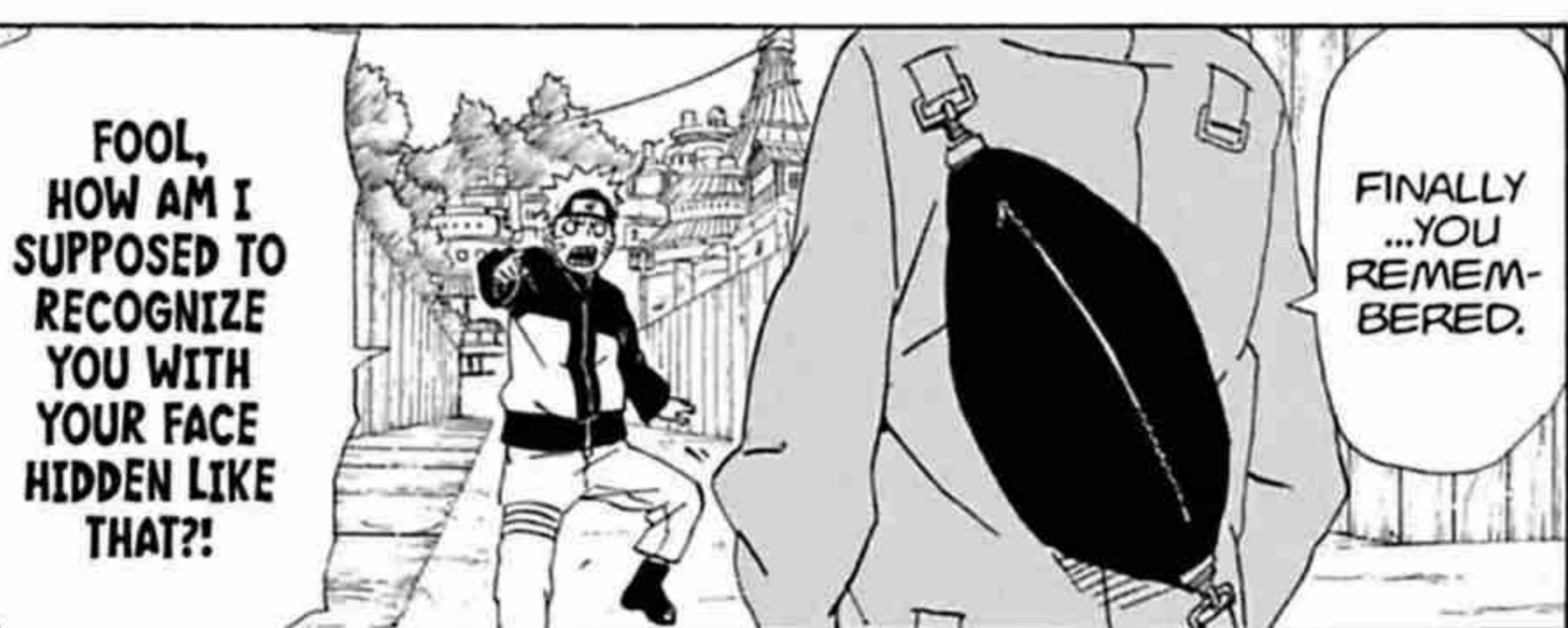


OR ELSE...
IT JUST
HURTS THE
OTHER
PERSON'S
FEELINGS.

...HEY,
I KNOW
IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE...

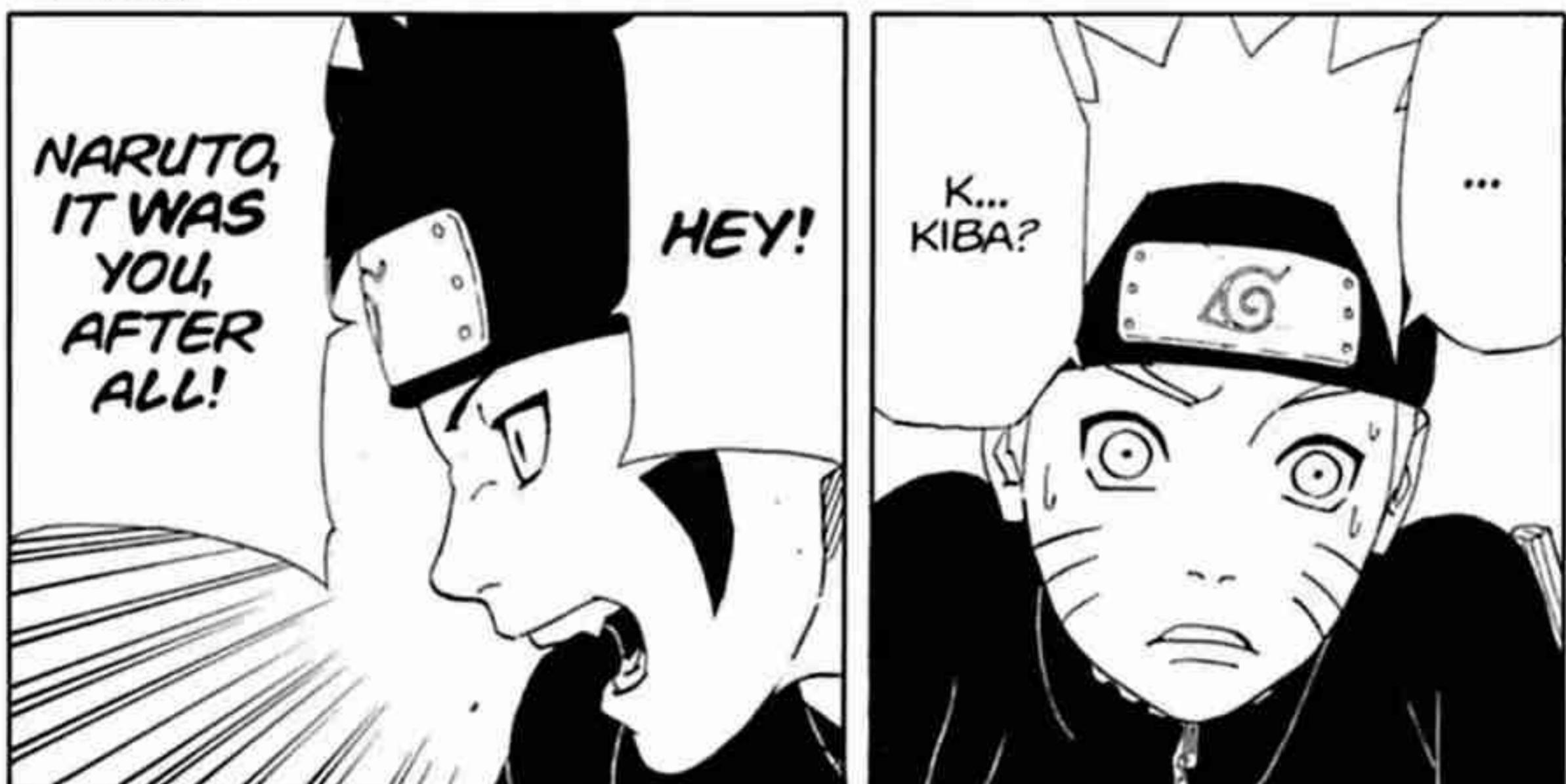
...BUT YOU
SHOULD AT
LEAST TRY
TO REMEM-
BER YOUR
FRIENDS,
YOU KNOW.

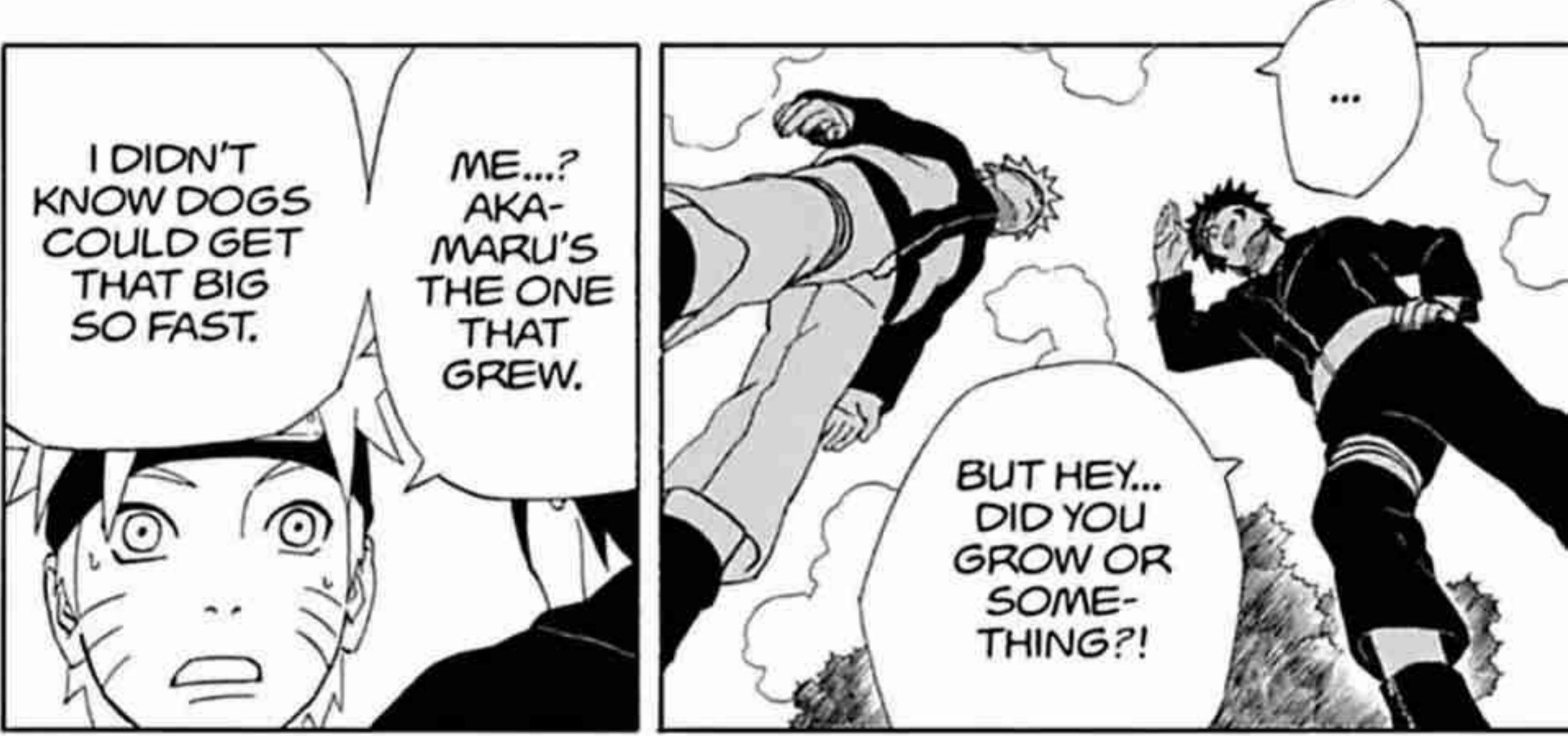
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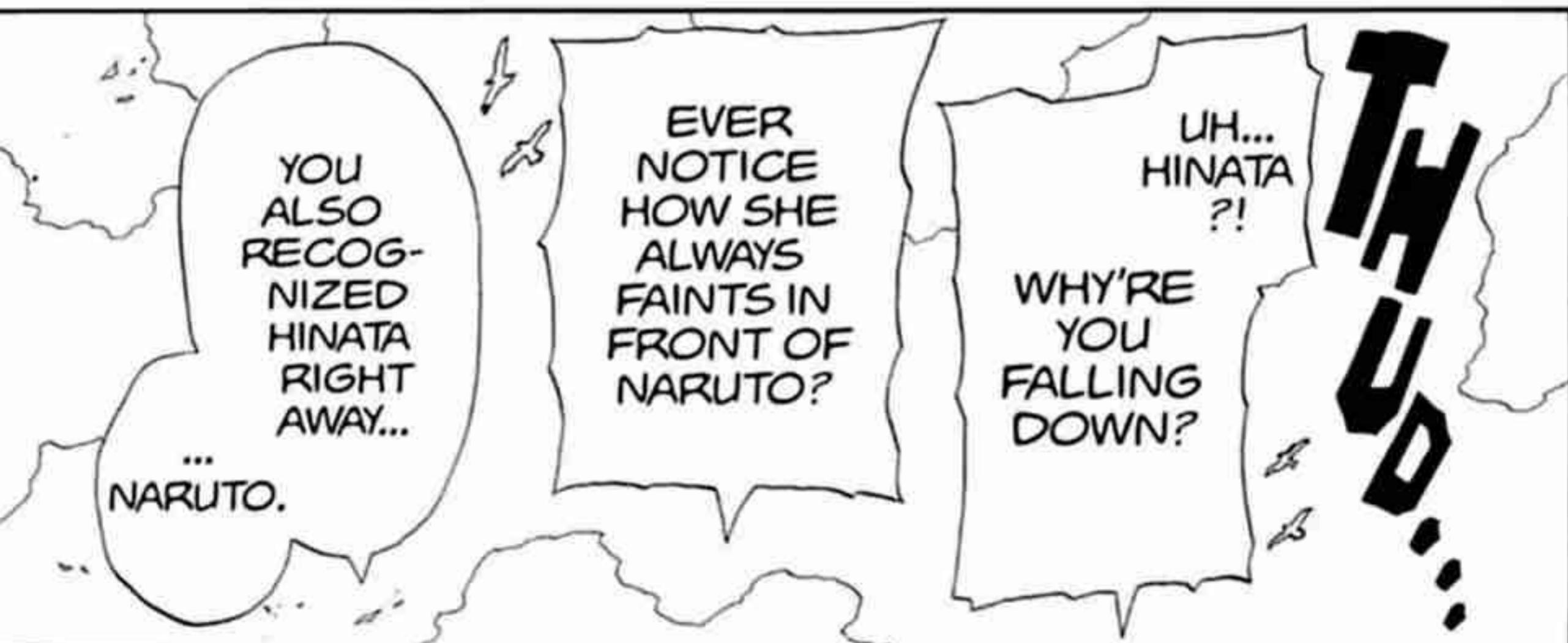


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THE EXCITING NINJA COMIC

NARUTO

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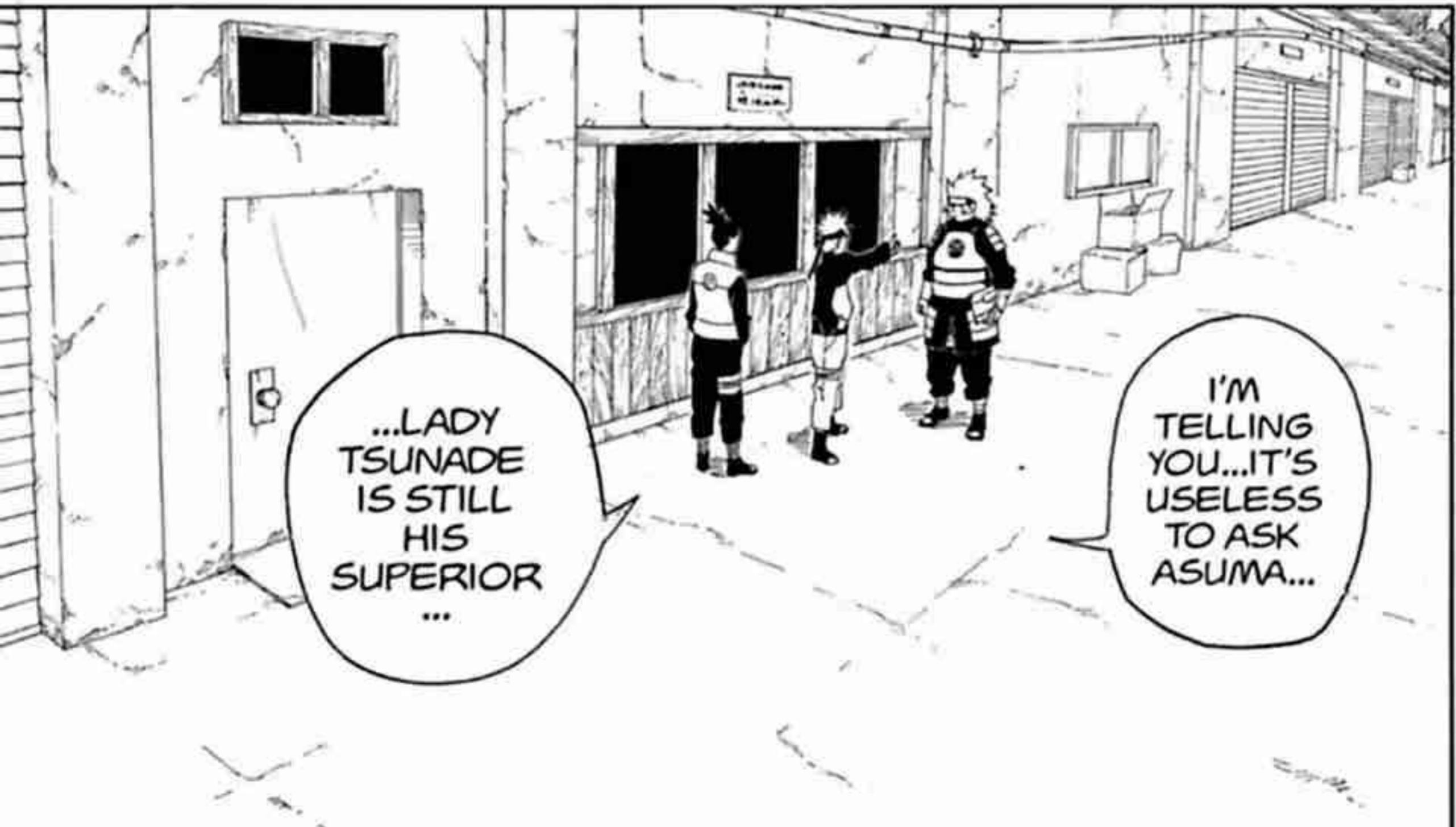
HERE'S
THAT
LUNCH BOX
YOUR MOM
ASKED
ME TO
DELIVER.

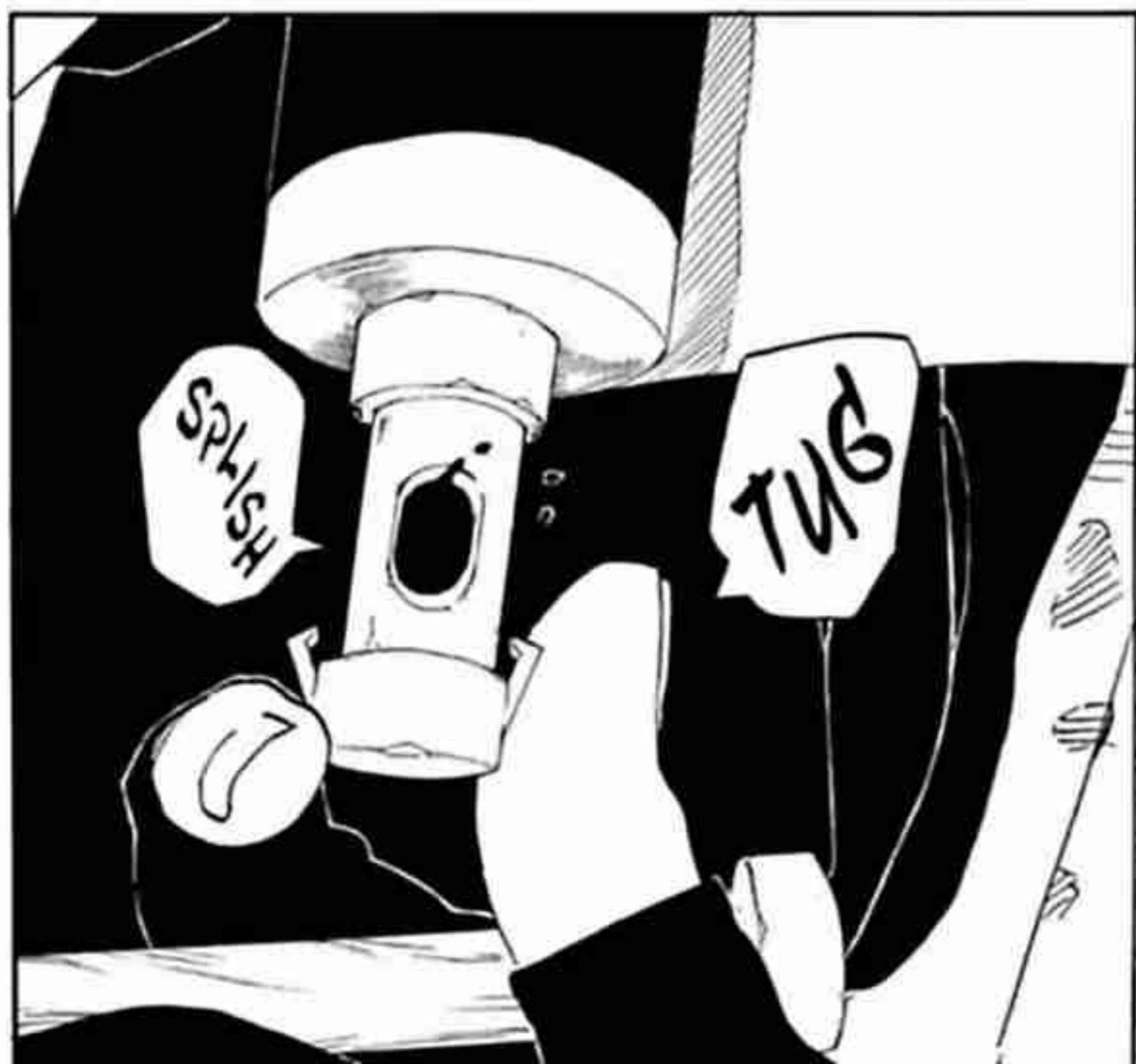
HEY,
SHIKA-
MARU!



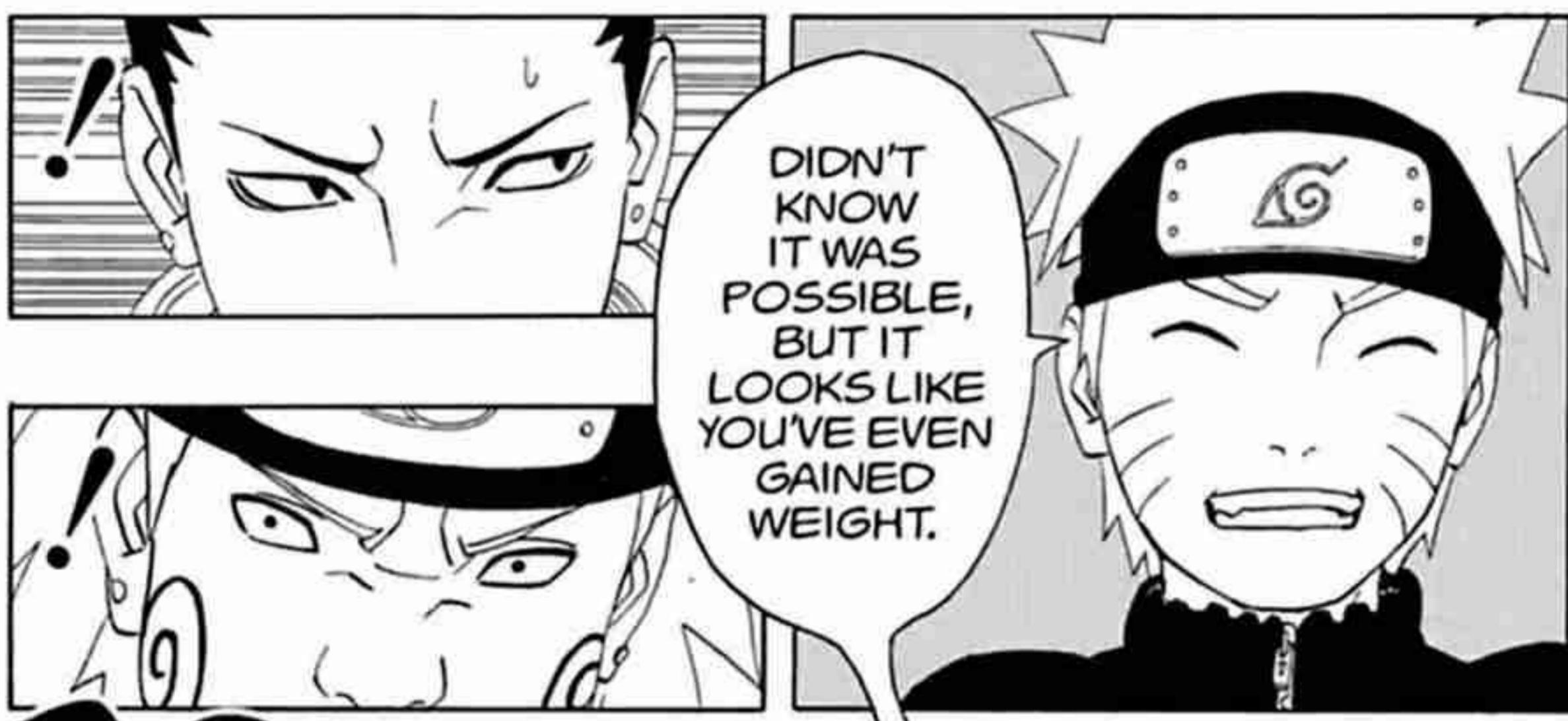
KRUNCH

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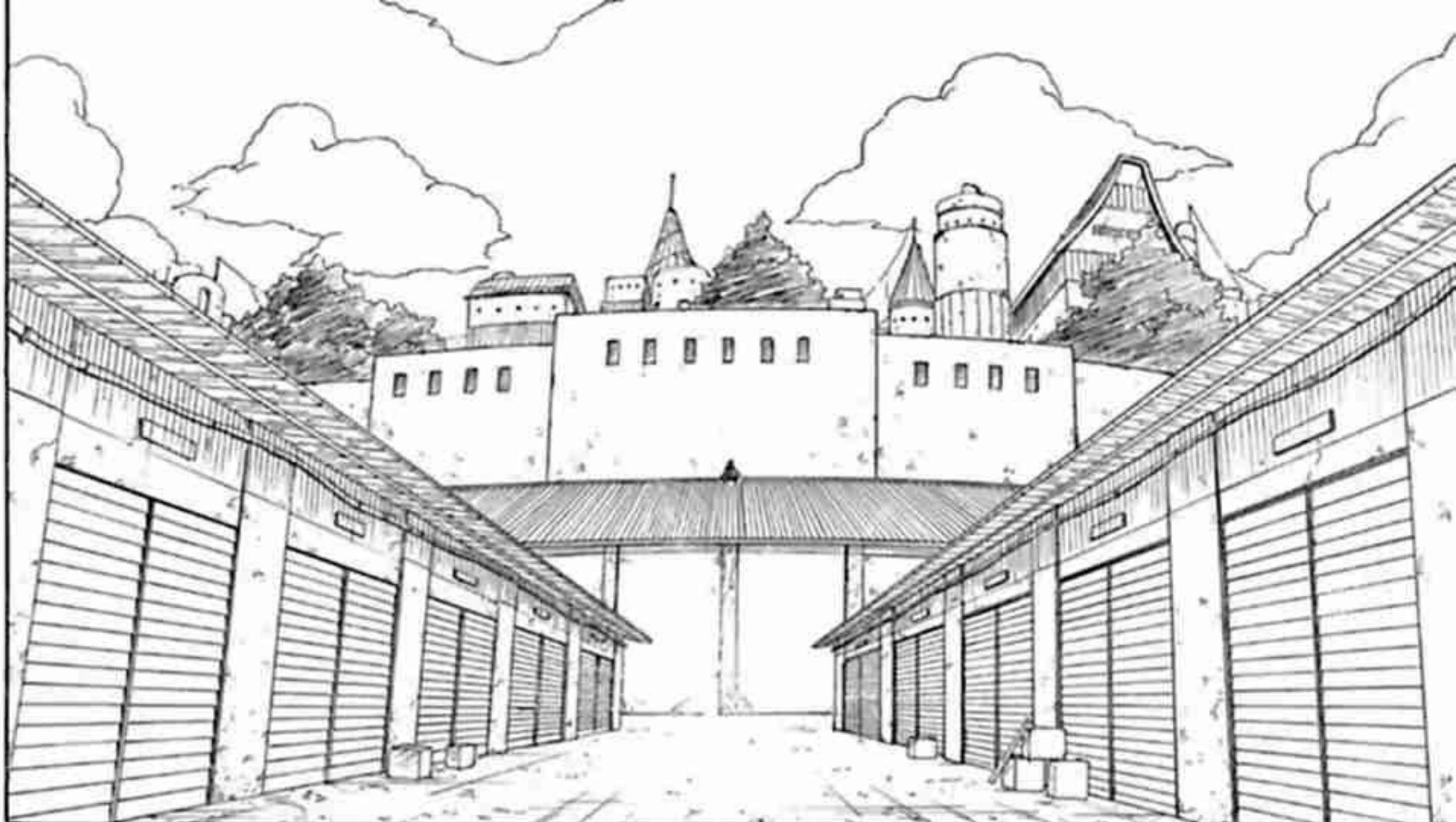
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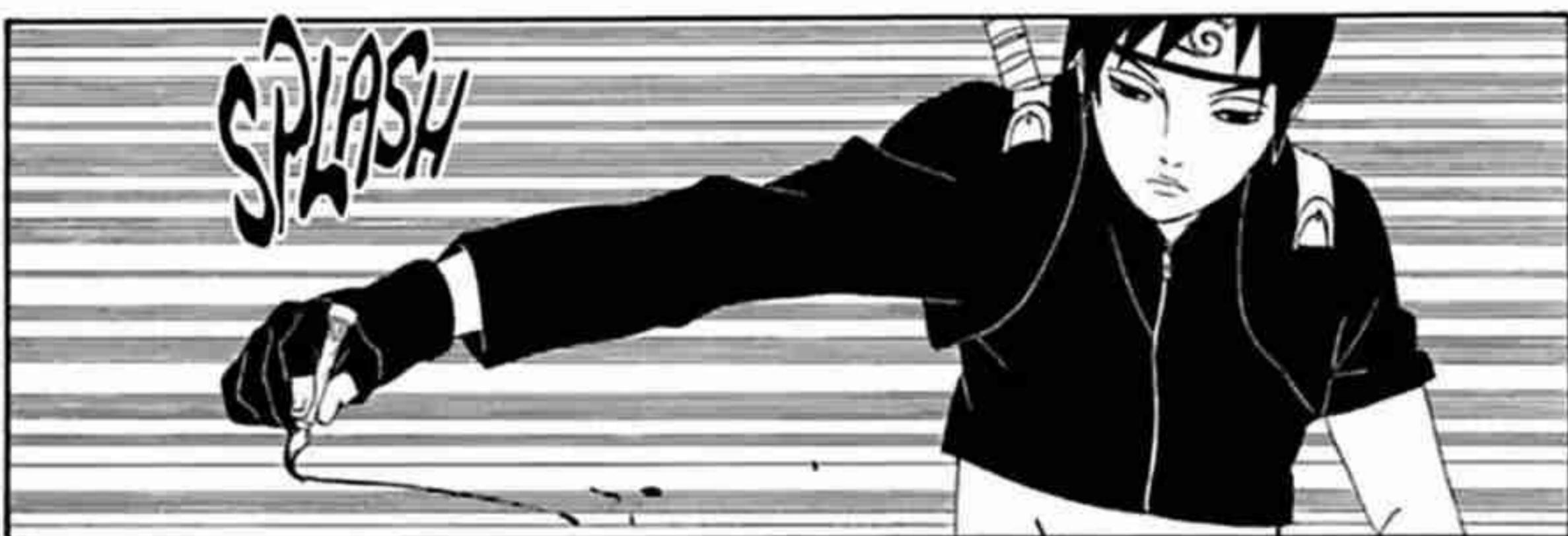








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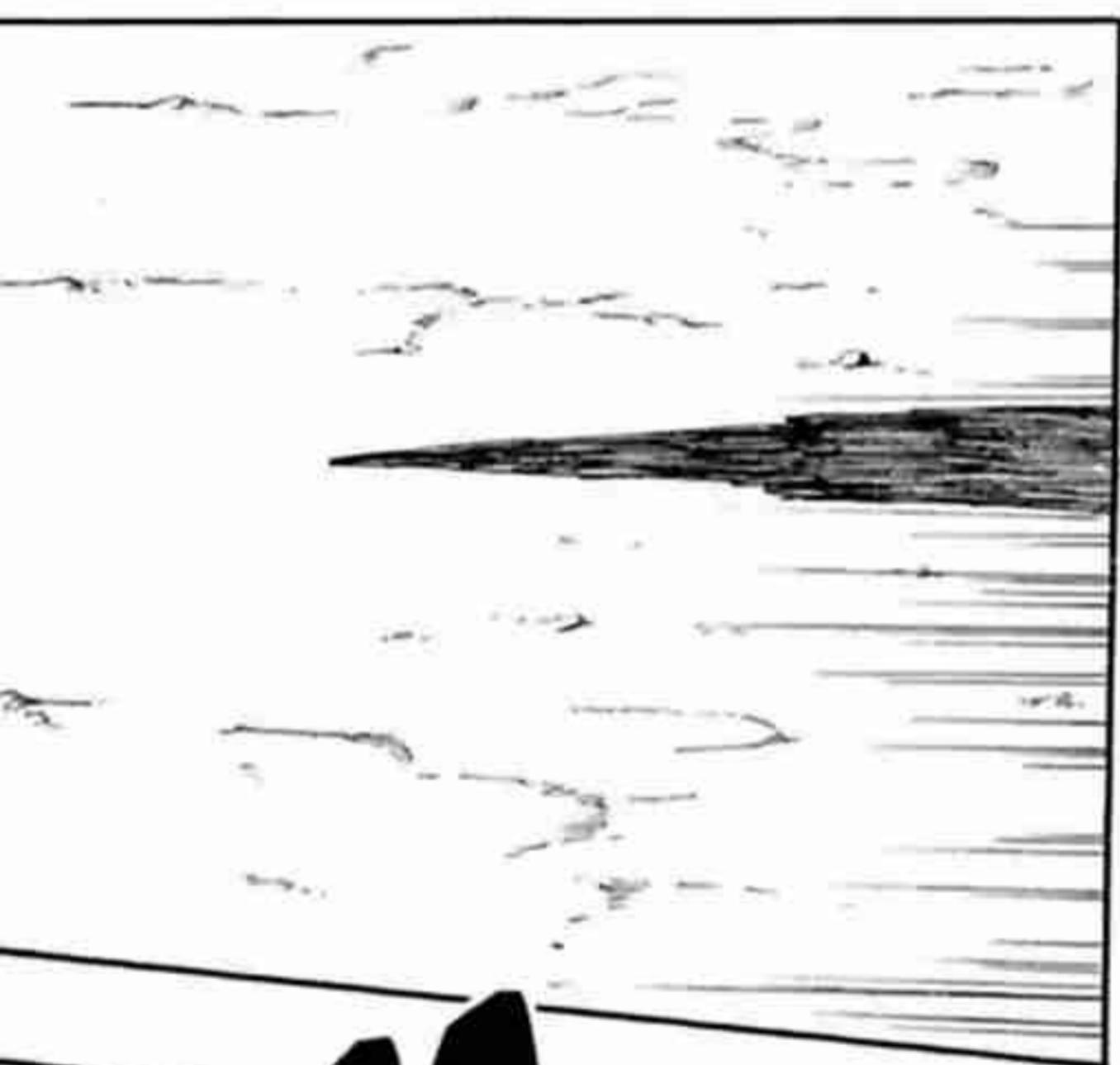




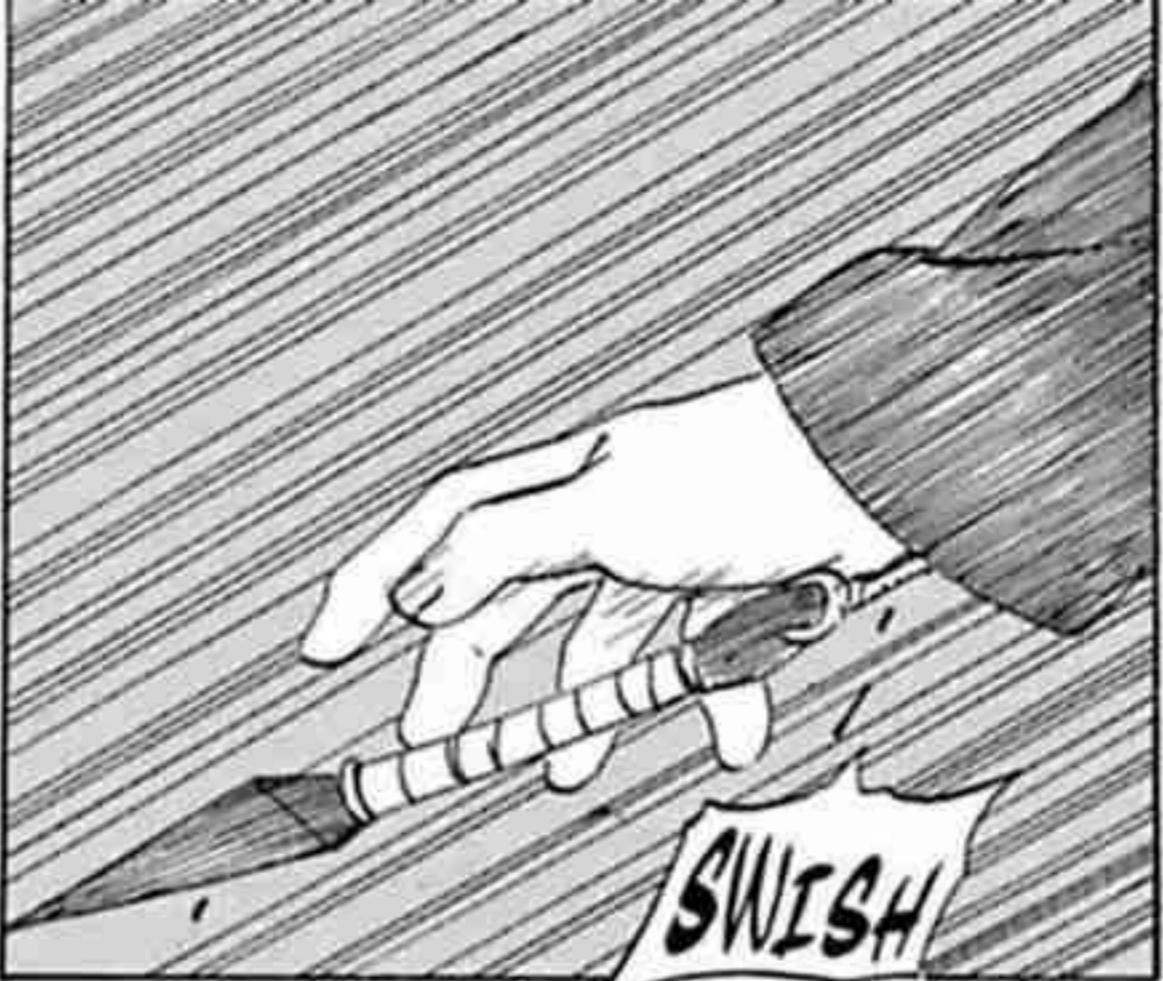




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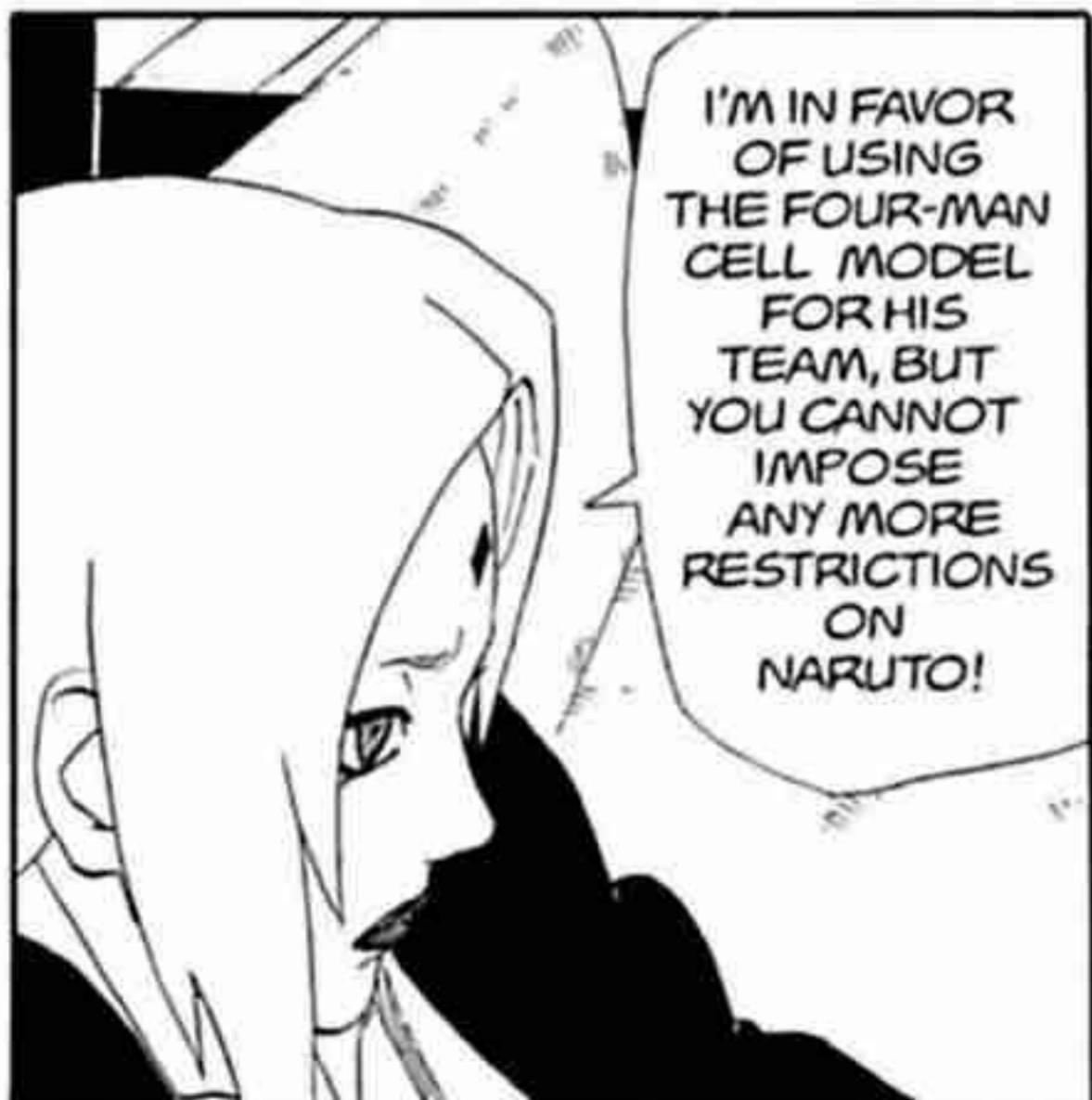
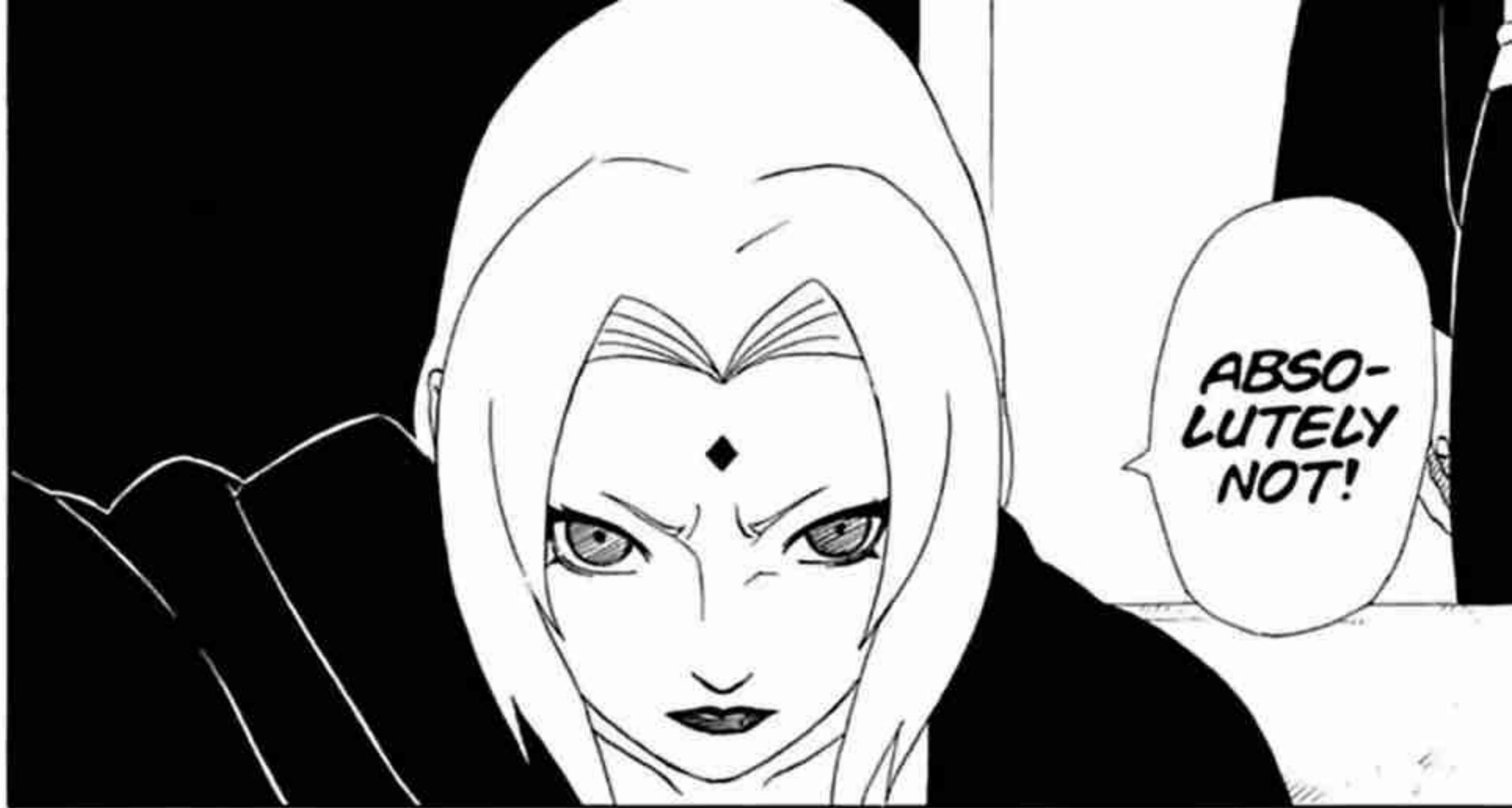
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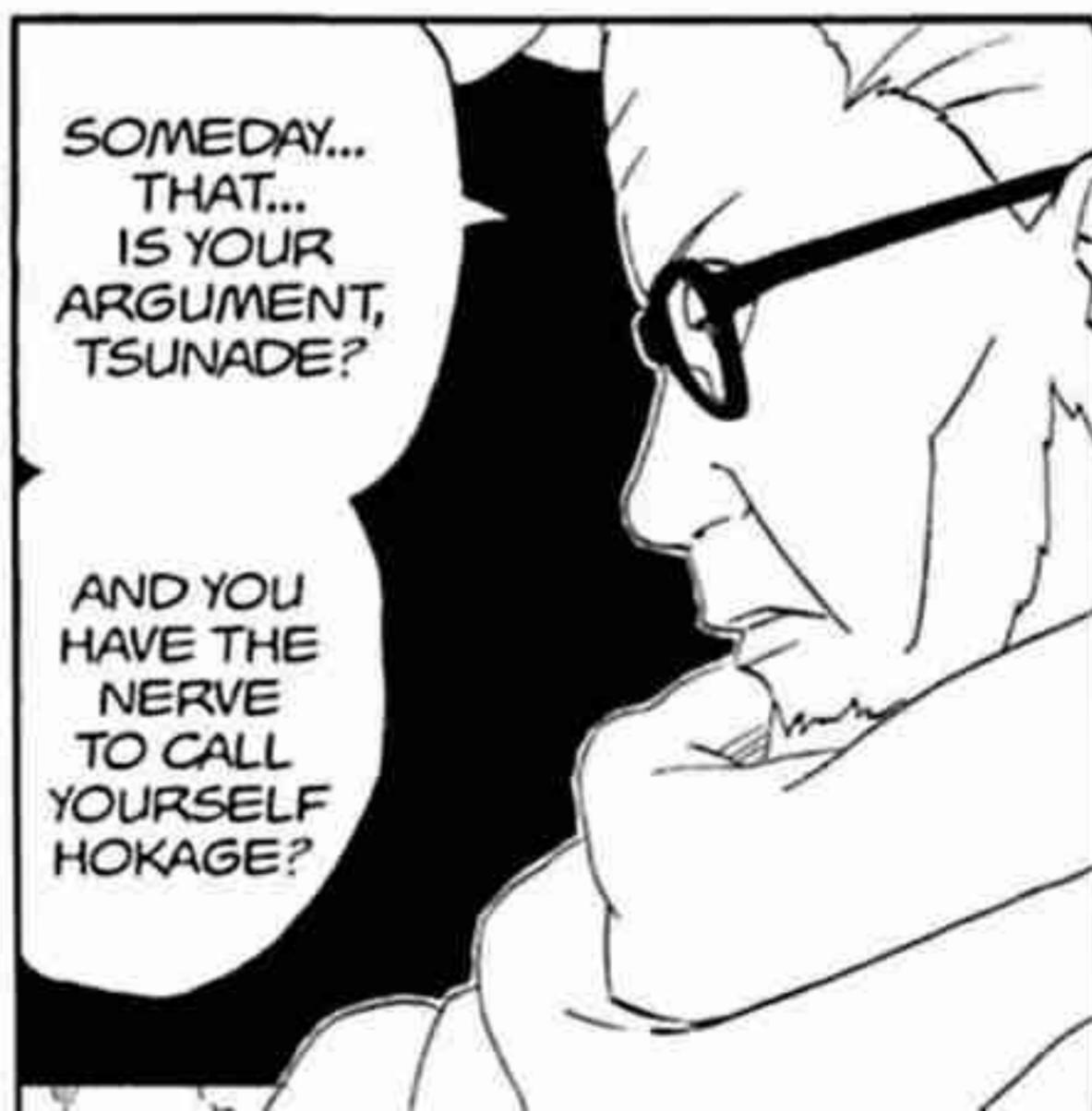
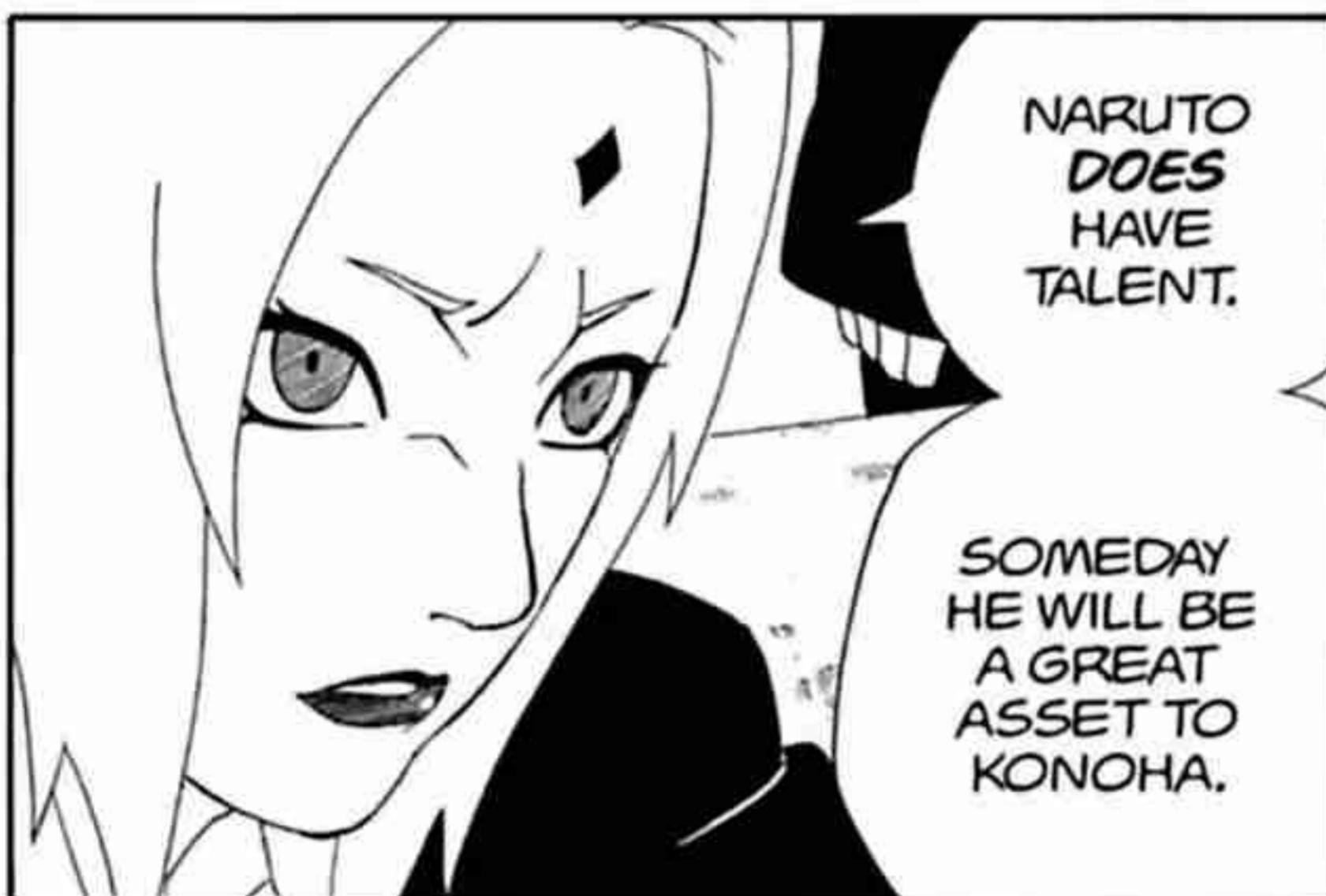
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Cell...!!





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**LOOK!
I'M TRY-
ING TO
COMPRO-
MISE
HERE,
TOO!!**

**TELL ME,
LADY
HOKAGE...
WHAT
GUARANTEES
CAN YOU
GIVE...**

**...THAT
SUCH A
TRAGEDY
WILL NEVER
COME TO
PASS?!**

**COMPRO-
MISE...WILL
NOT SPARE
THE LIVES OF
THE CITIZENS
OF THIS
VILLAGE...**

**...ONCE THE
AKATSUKI
HAVE
EXTRACTED
THE NINE
TAILS FROM
NARUTO.**

**...DREAMS
AND
EVER-
THING
ELSE IS
GONE!!**

**IF YOU
DIE...
EVERY-
THING
...**

**...THAT
BAD
LUCK
NECK-
LACE
AROUND
YOUR
NECK...
I'M
GONNA
TAKE
IT...**

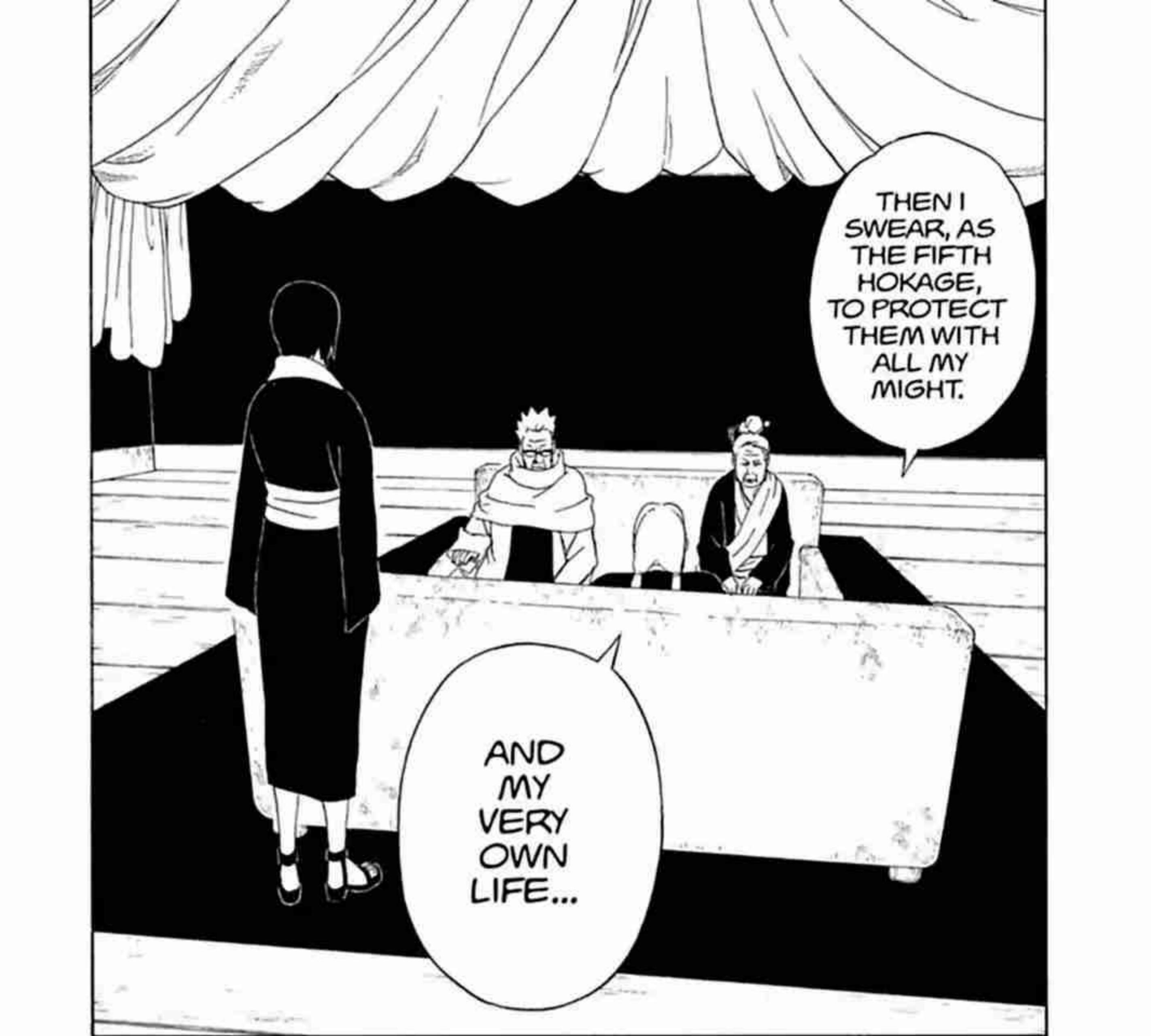
**AS
PROM-
ISED
IN
OUR
BET...**

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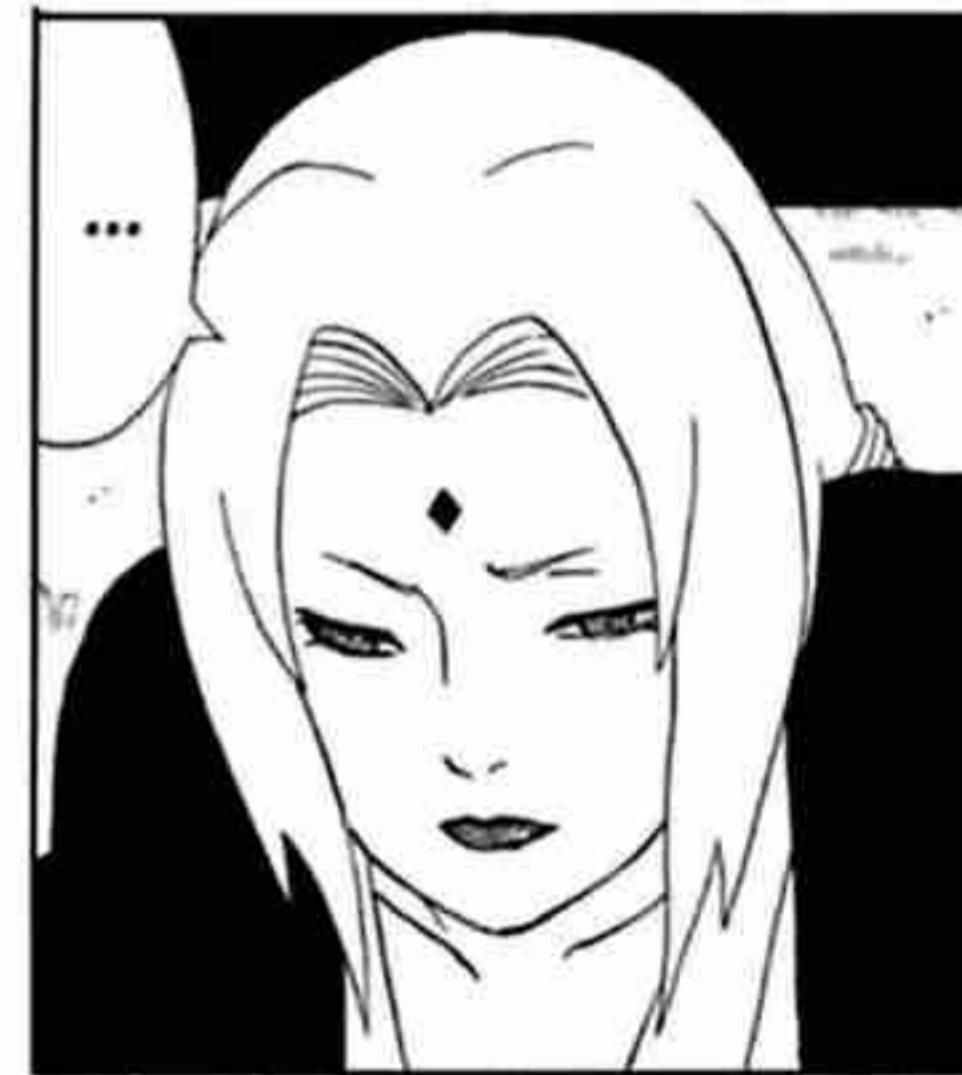
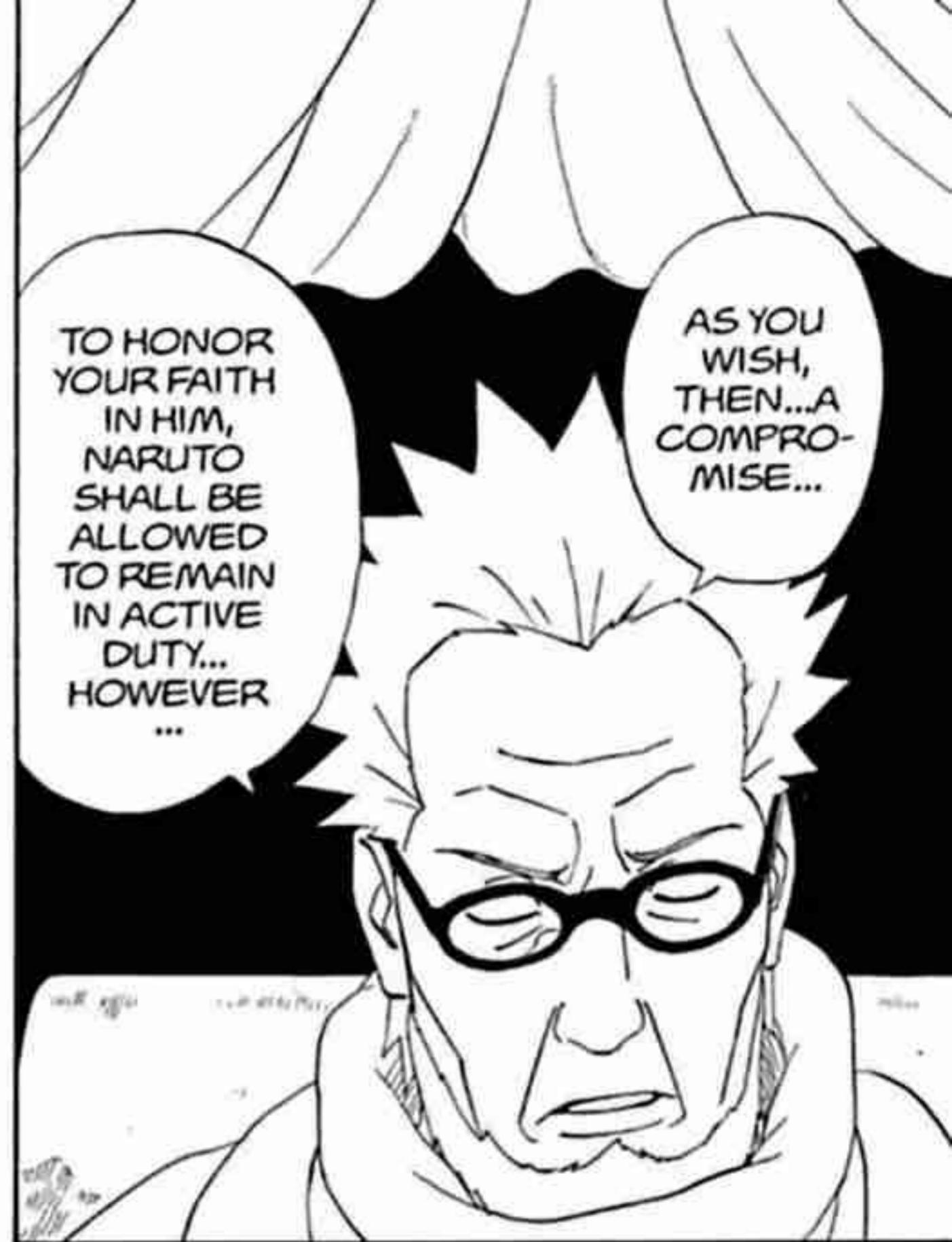




THEN I
SWEAR, AS
THE FIFTH
HOKAGE,
TO PROTECT
THEM WITH
ALL MY
MIGHT.

AND
MY
VERY
OWN
LIFE...





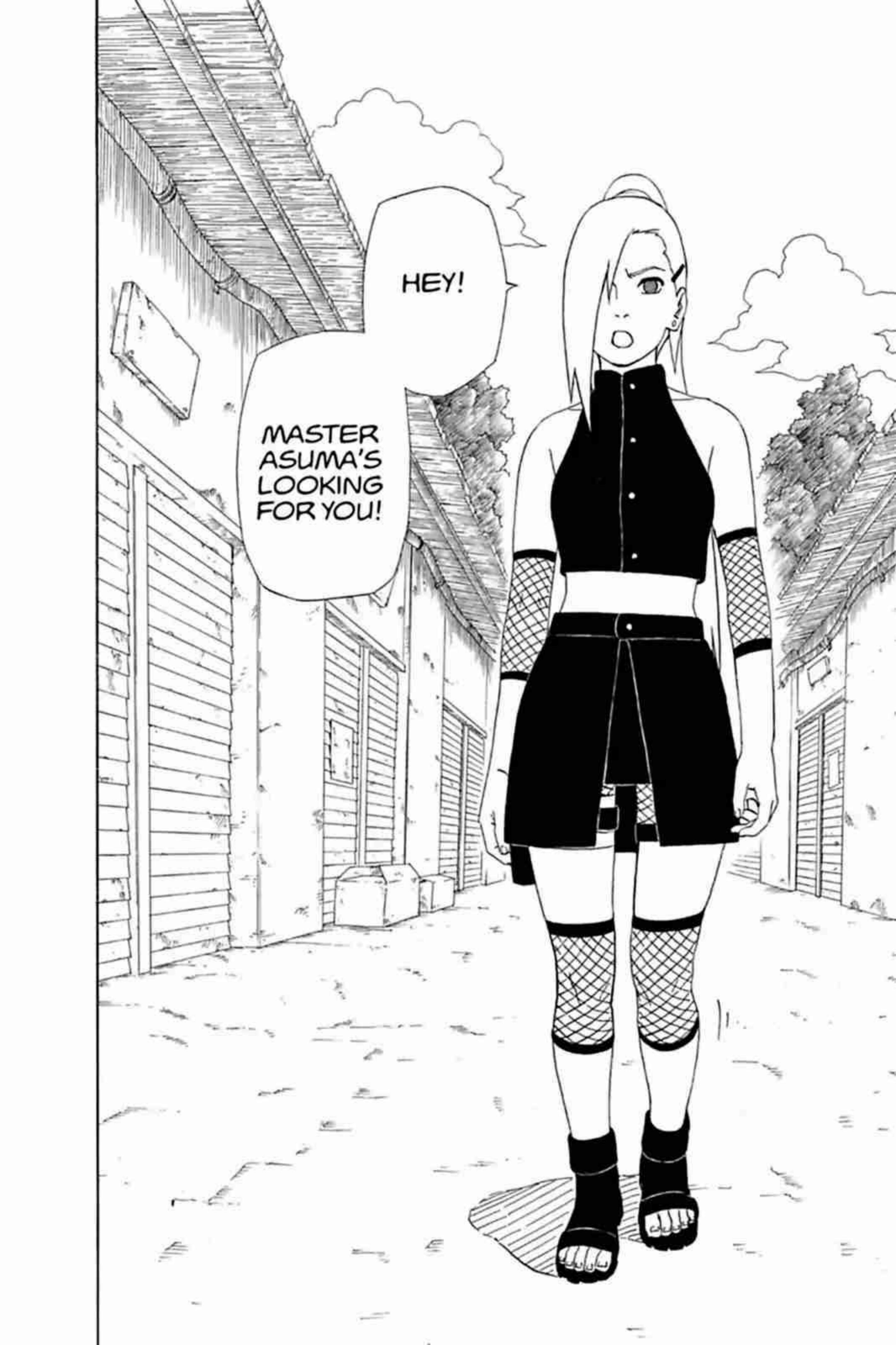
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MASTER
ASUMA'S
LOOKING
FOR YOU!

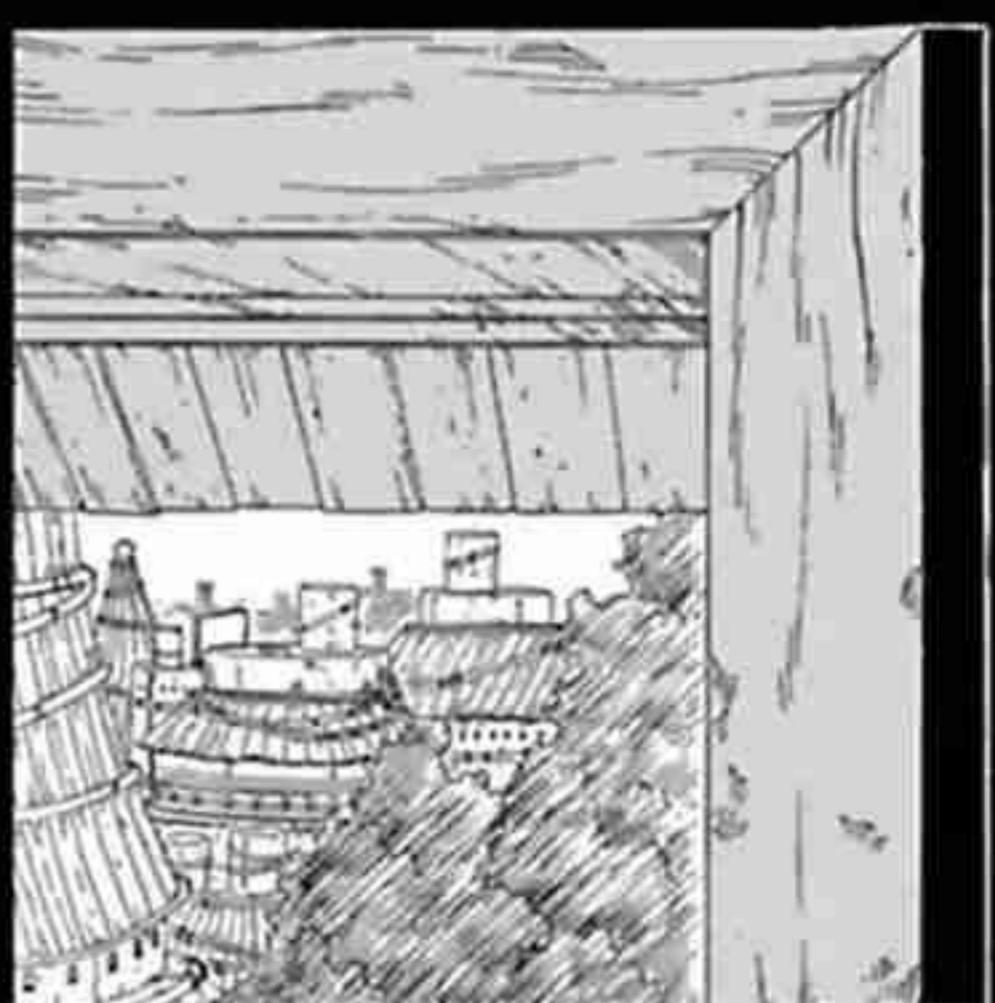
HEY!





THEY WILL
HAVE TO
LEAVE BEFORE
KAKASHI
FINISHES
RECU-
PERATING...

...TEAM
KAKASHI
WILL NEED
ONE MORE
MEMBER.

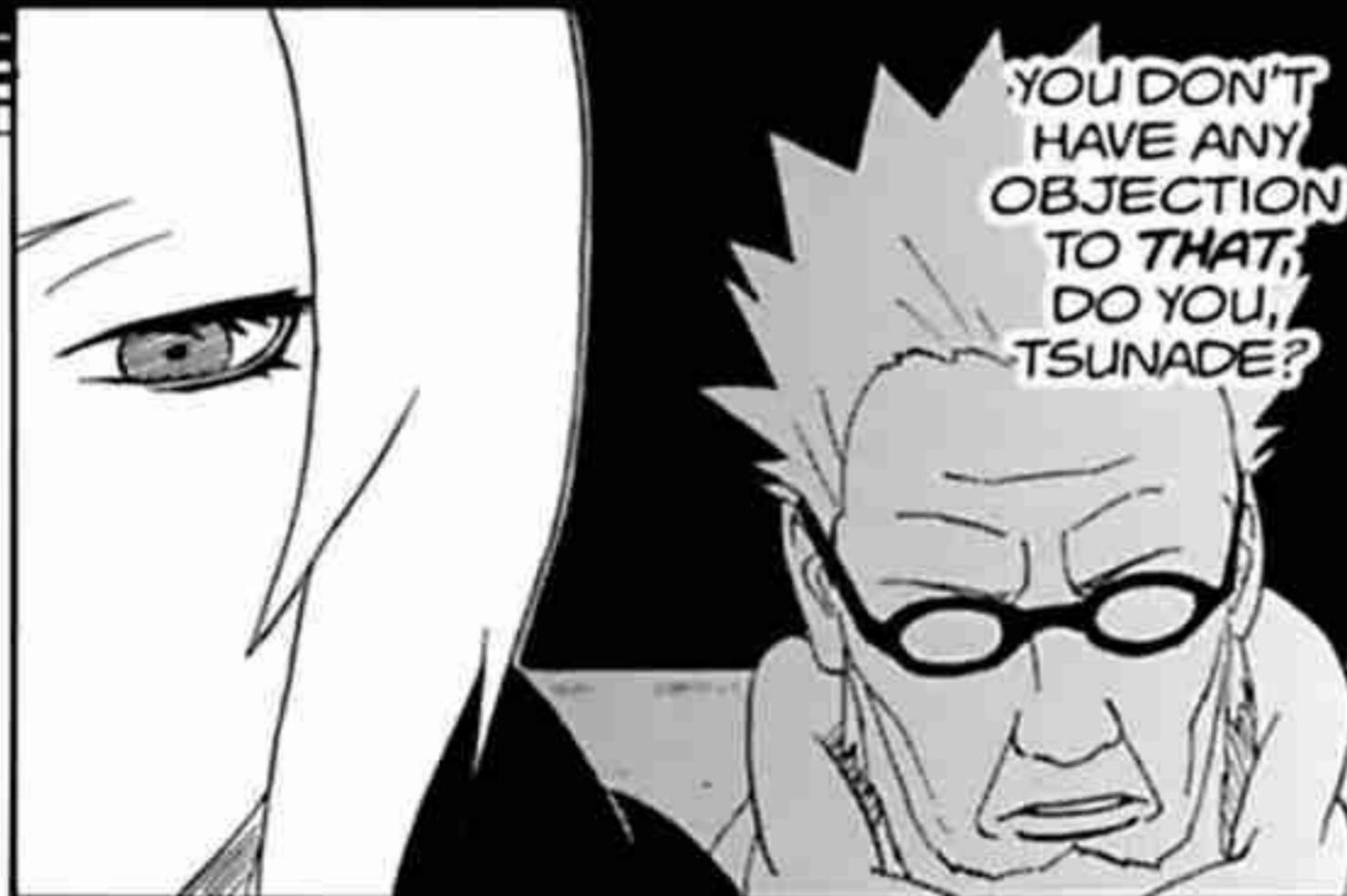


...THEN THE
CHOICE IS
CLEAR...YOU
REQUIRE AN
EXCEPTIONALLY
DISTINGUISHED
COMMANDER
...

...ONE FROM
AMONG THE
BLACK OPS,
ASSIGNED
DIRECTLY TO
THE HOKAGE
HERSELF.



AND
THERE'S
NOT MUCH
TIME
BETWEEN
NOW AND
THEN.

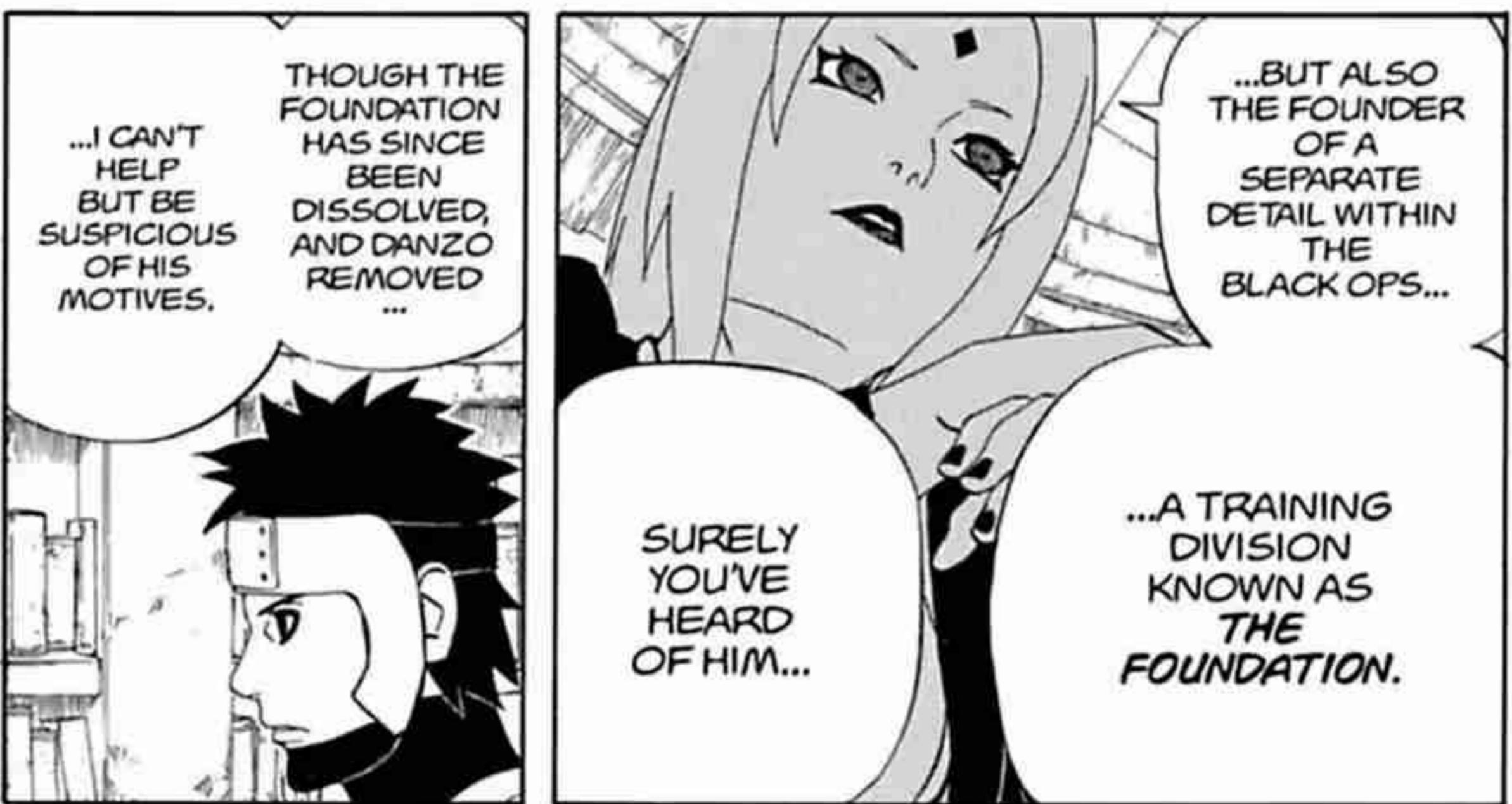


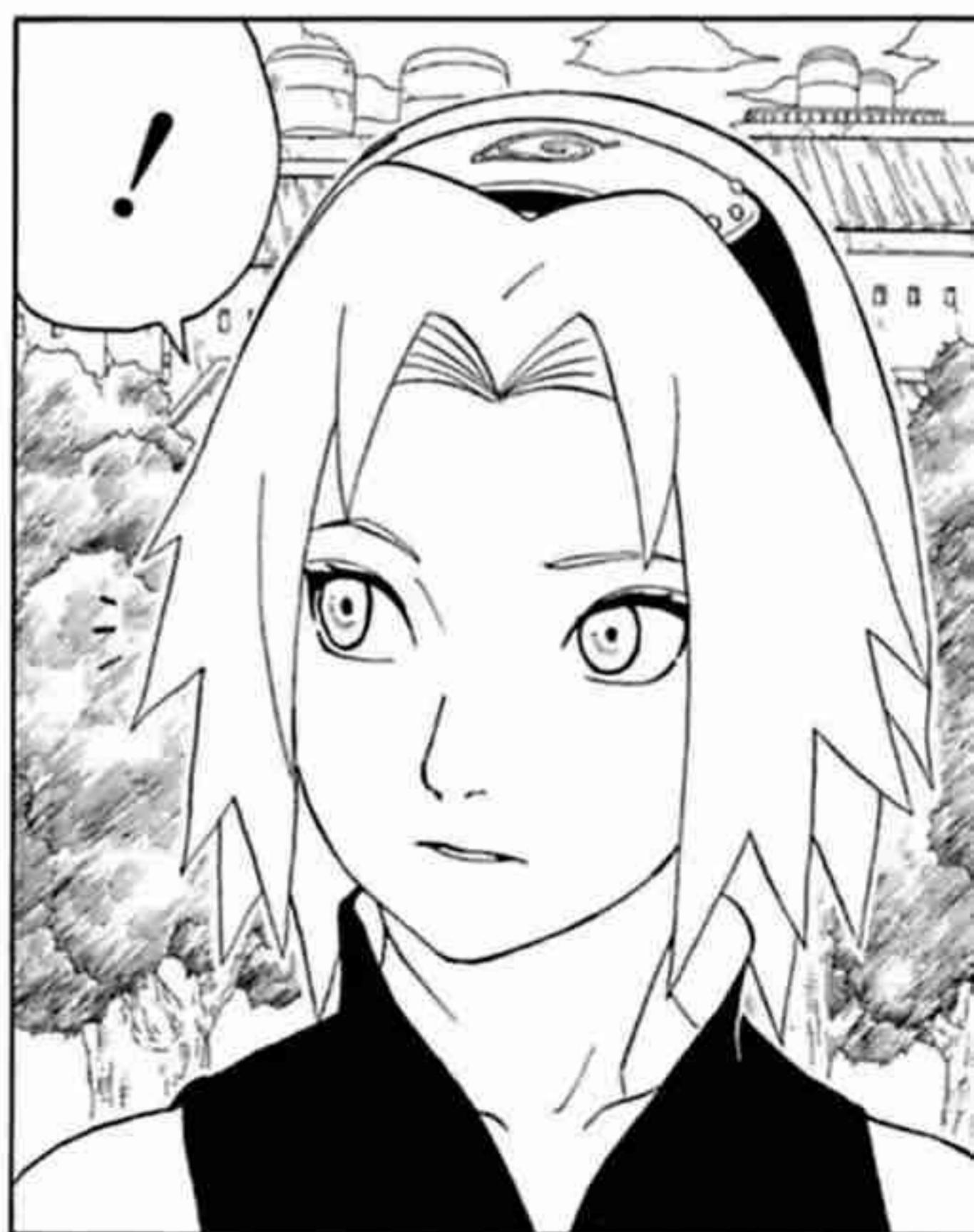
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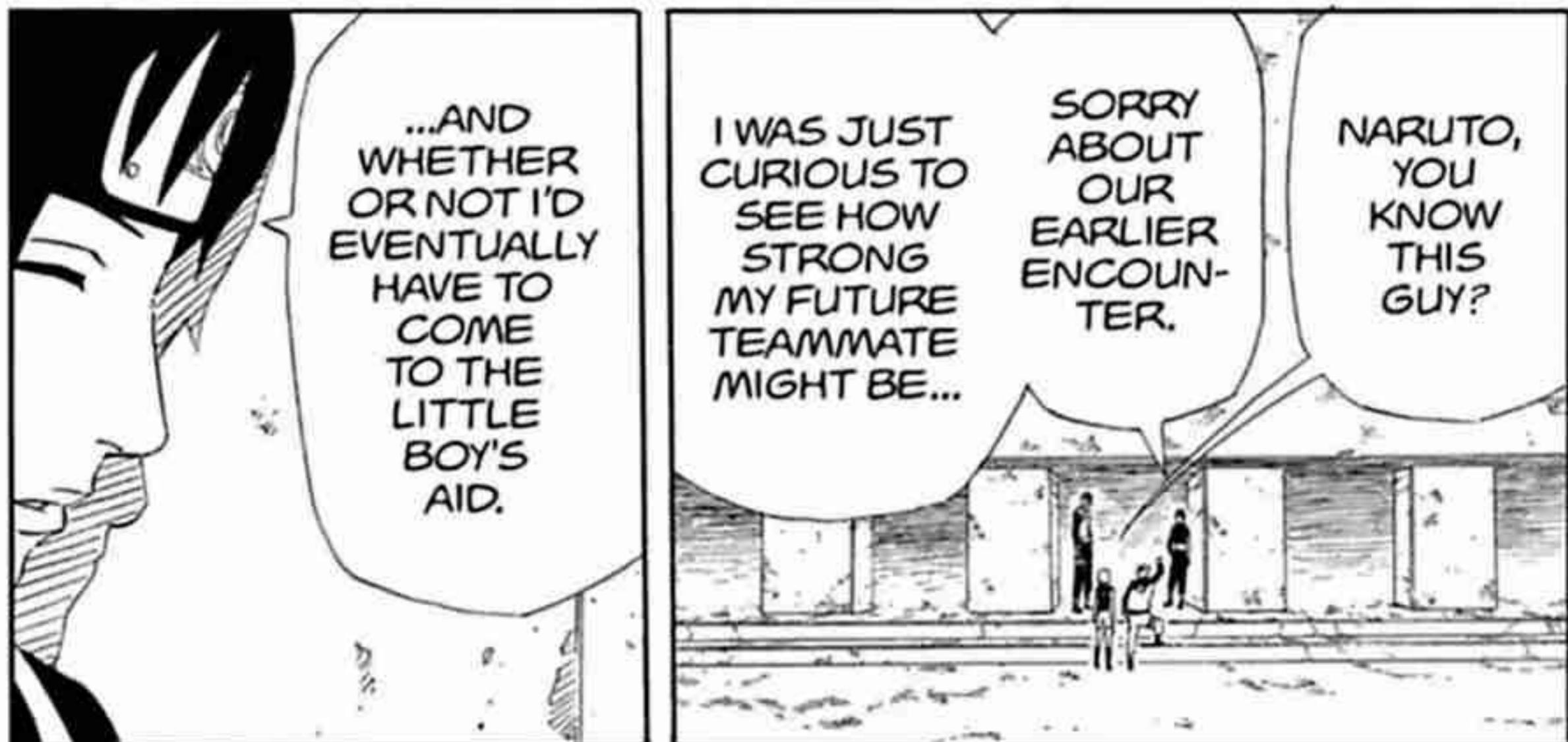


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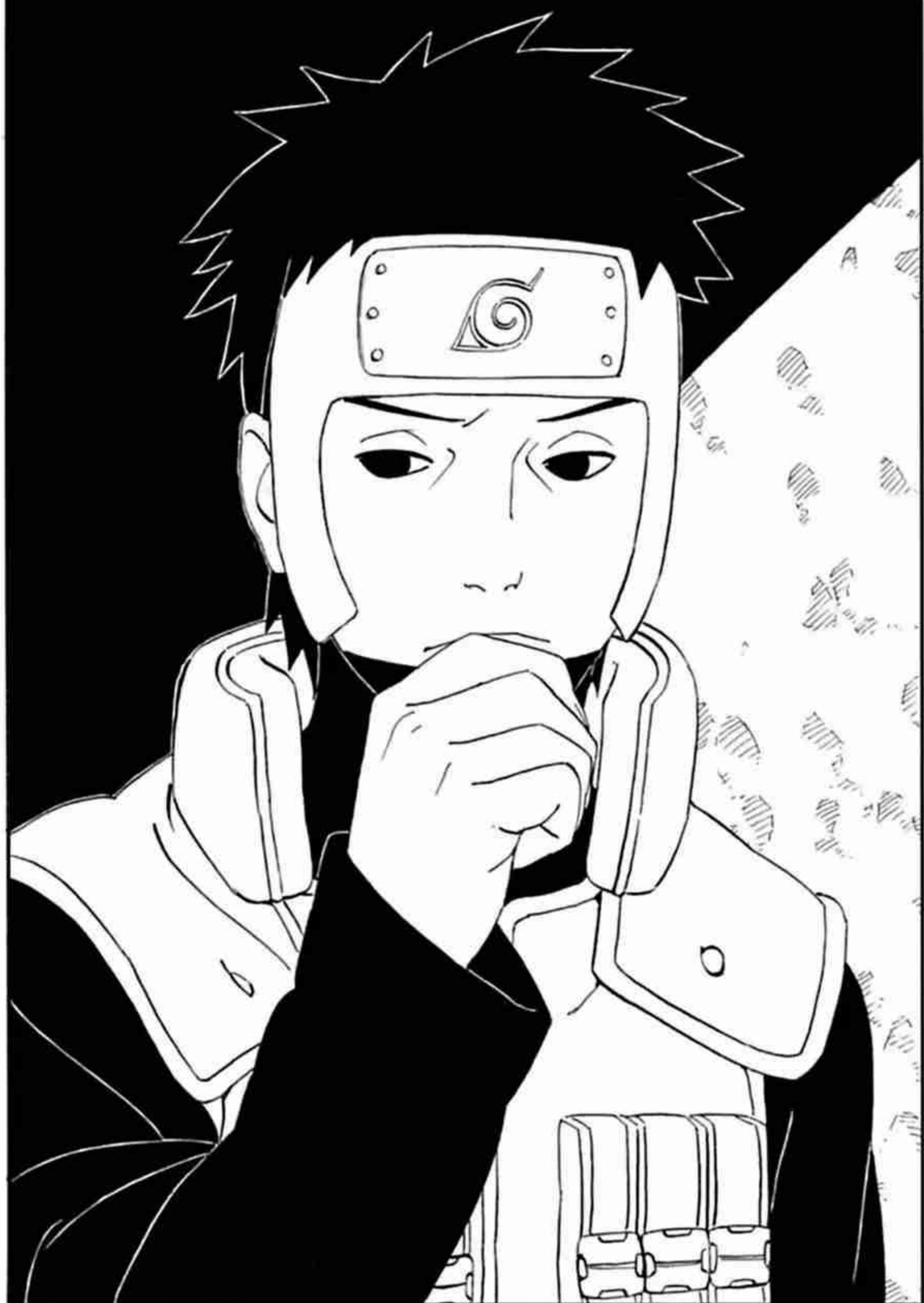




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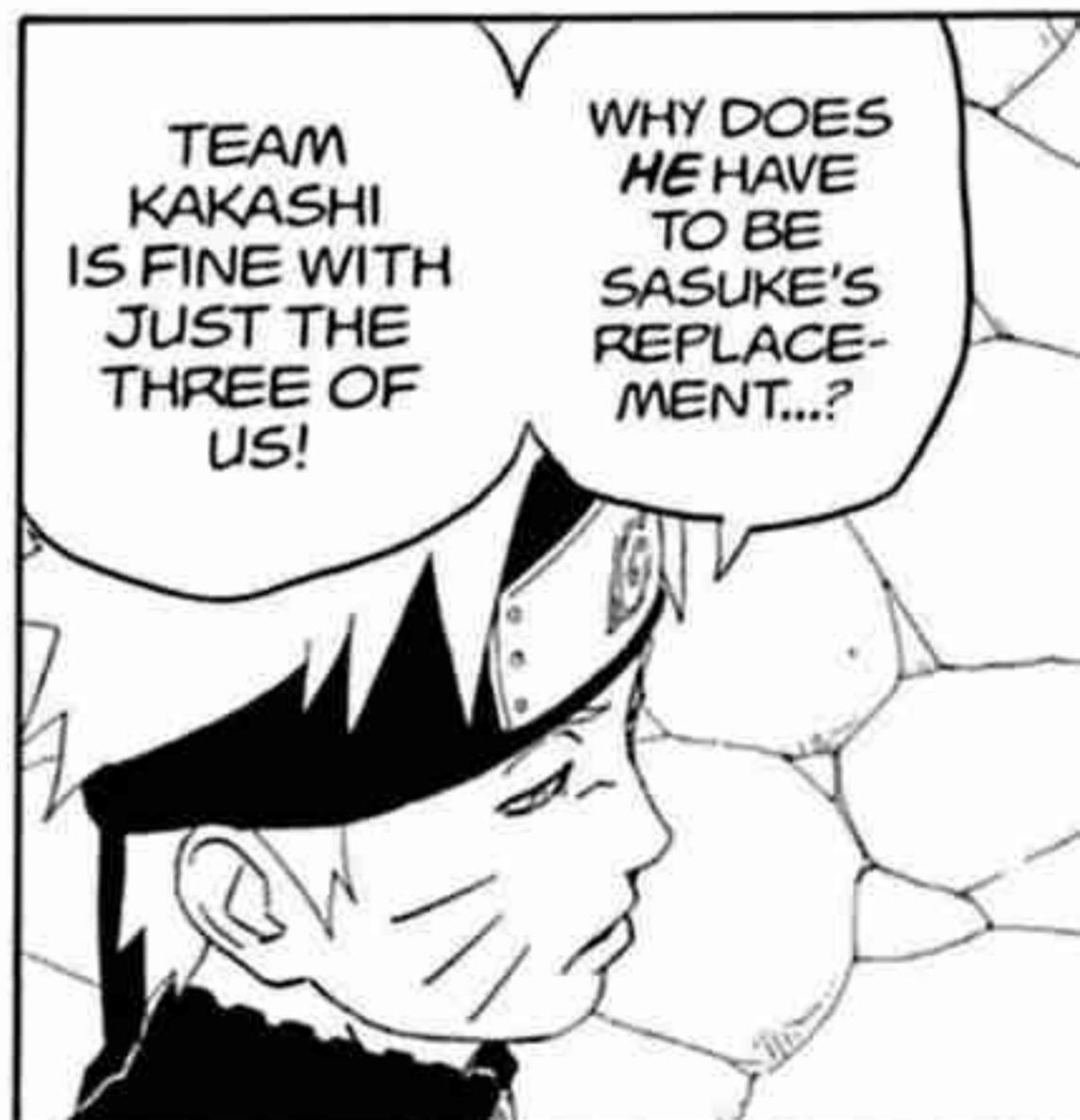
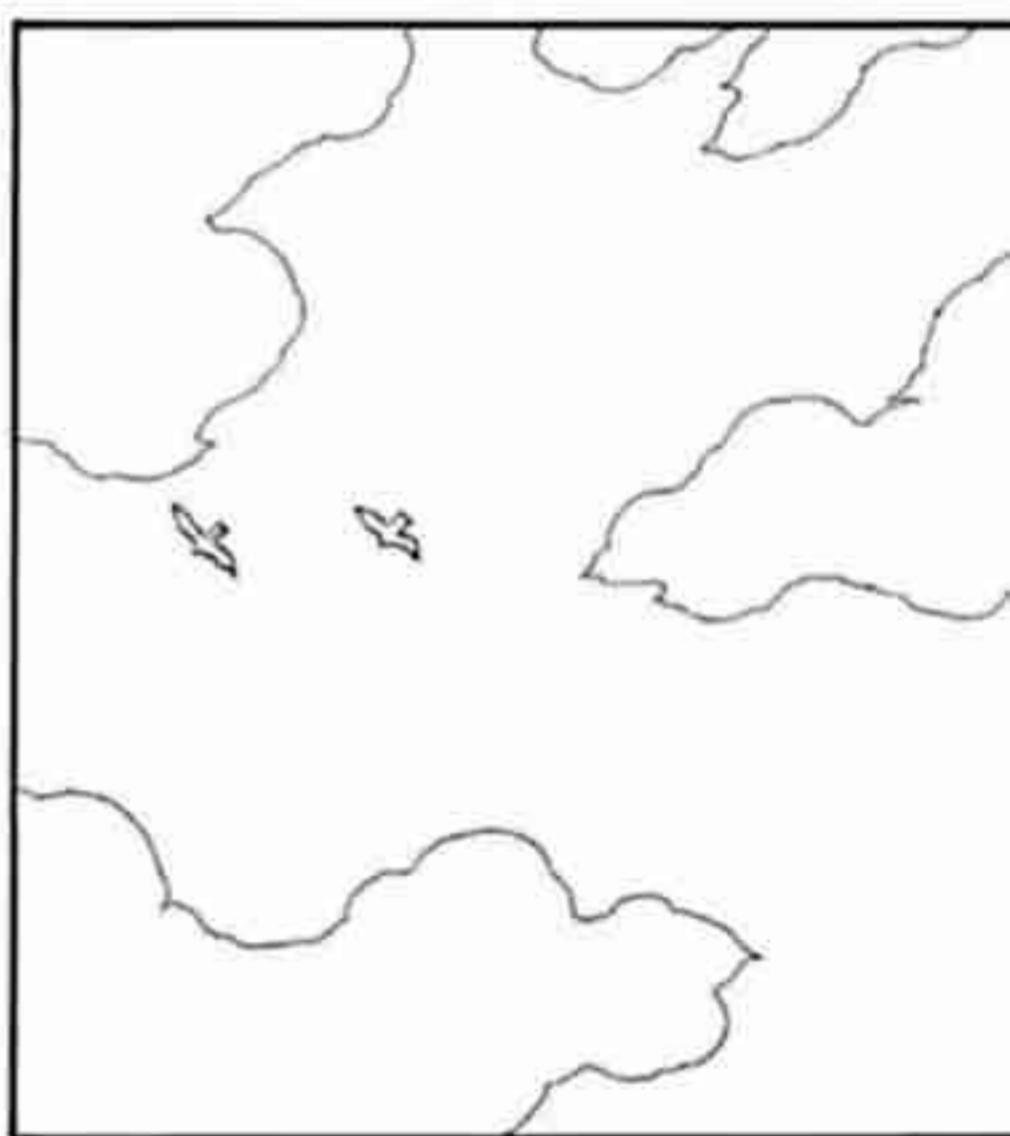
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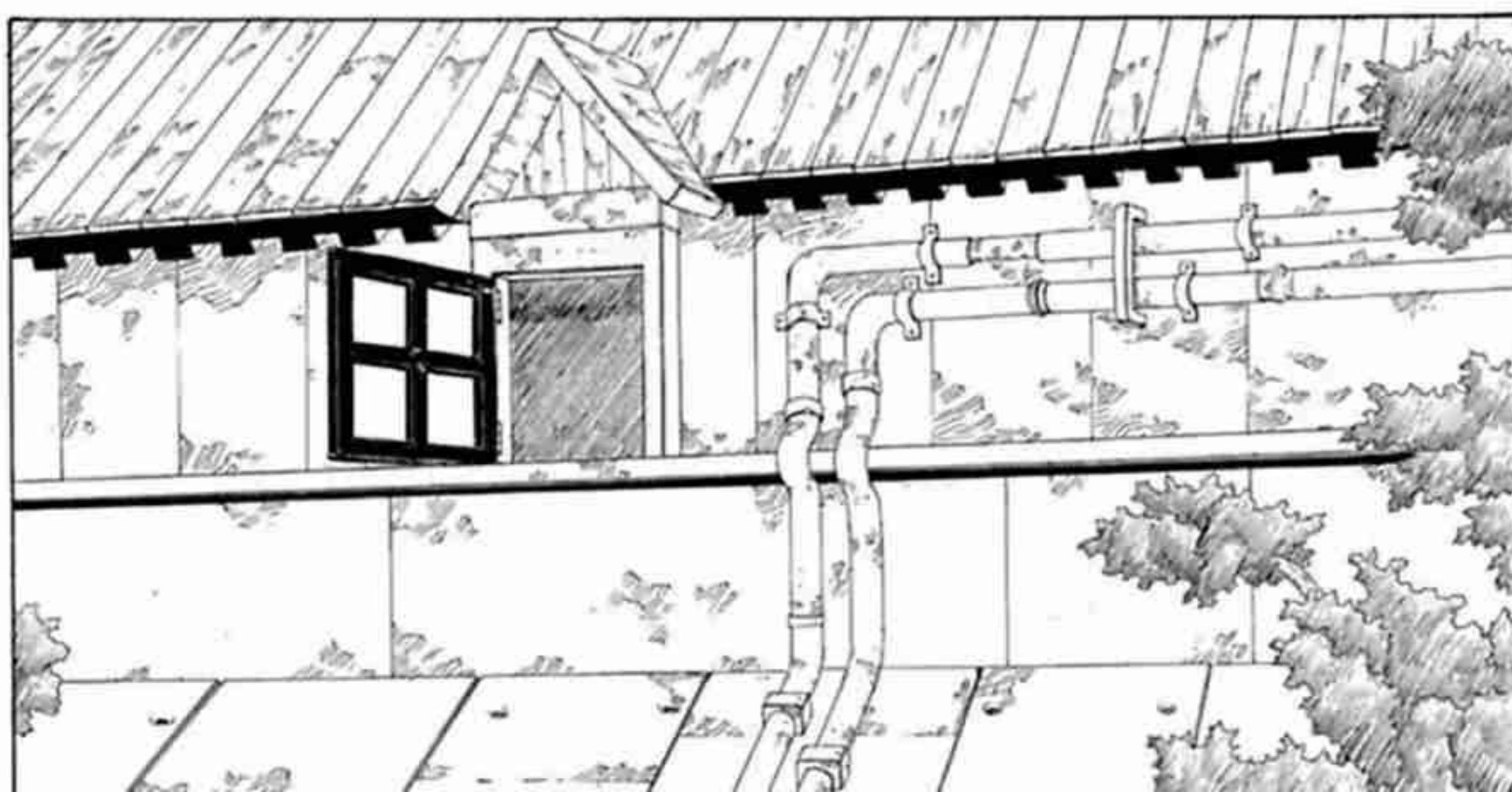


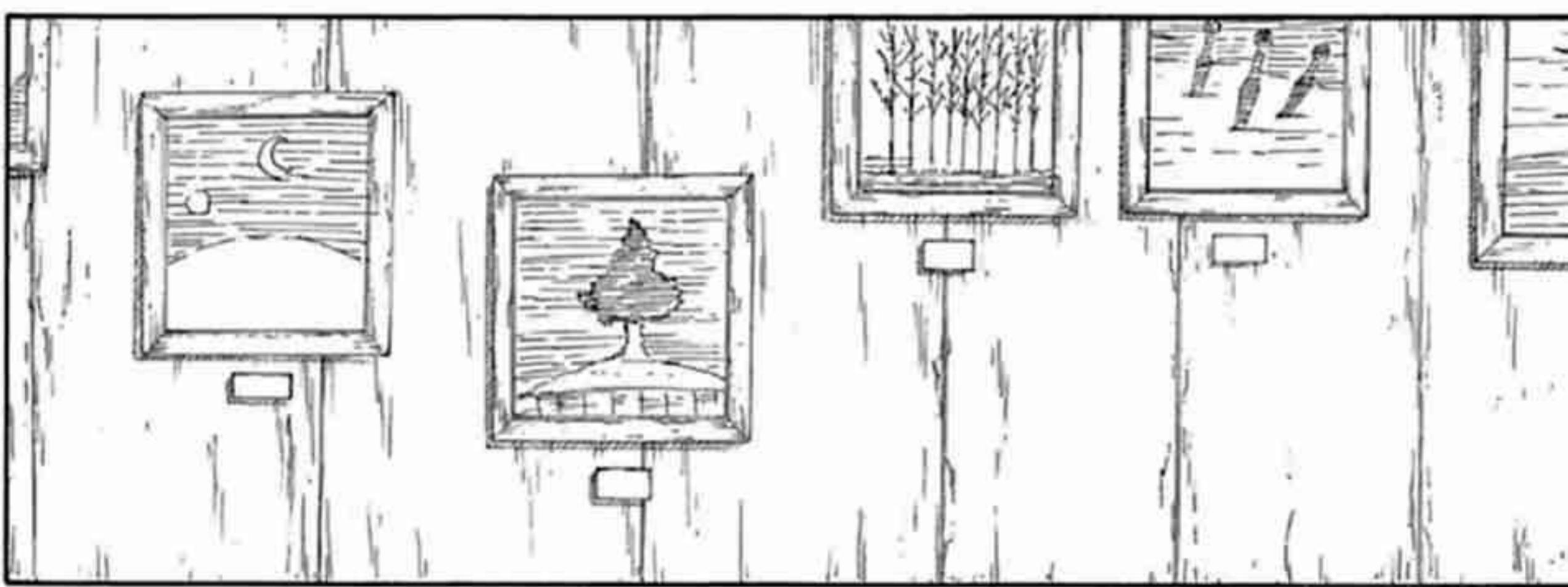
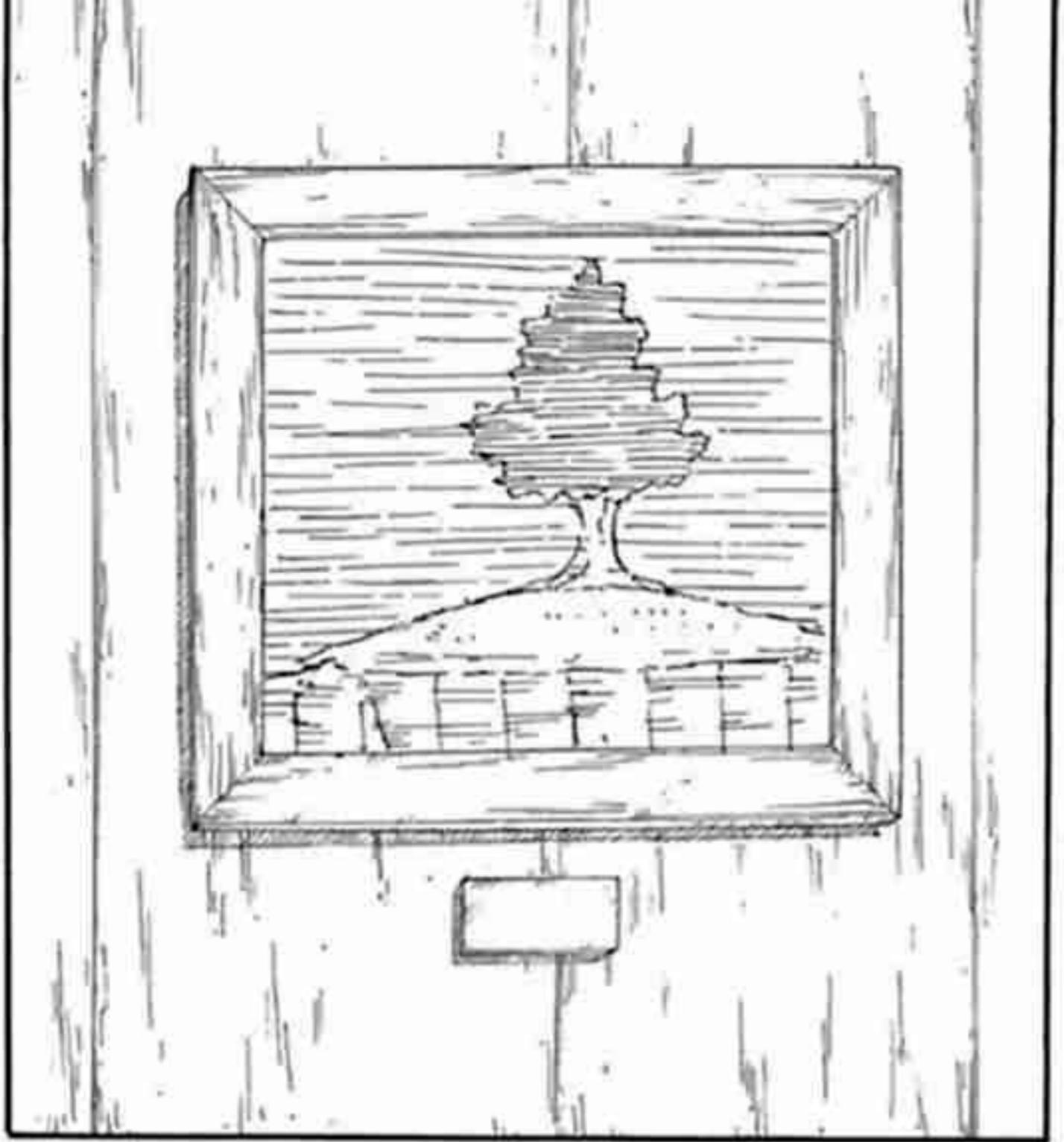
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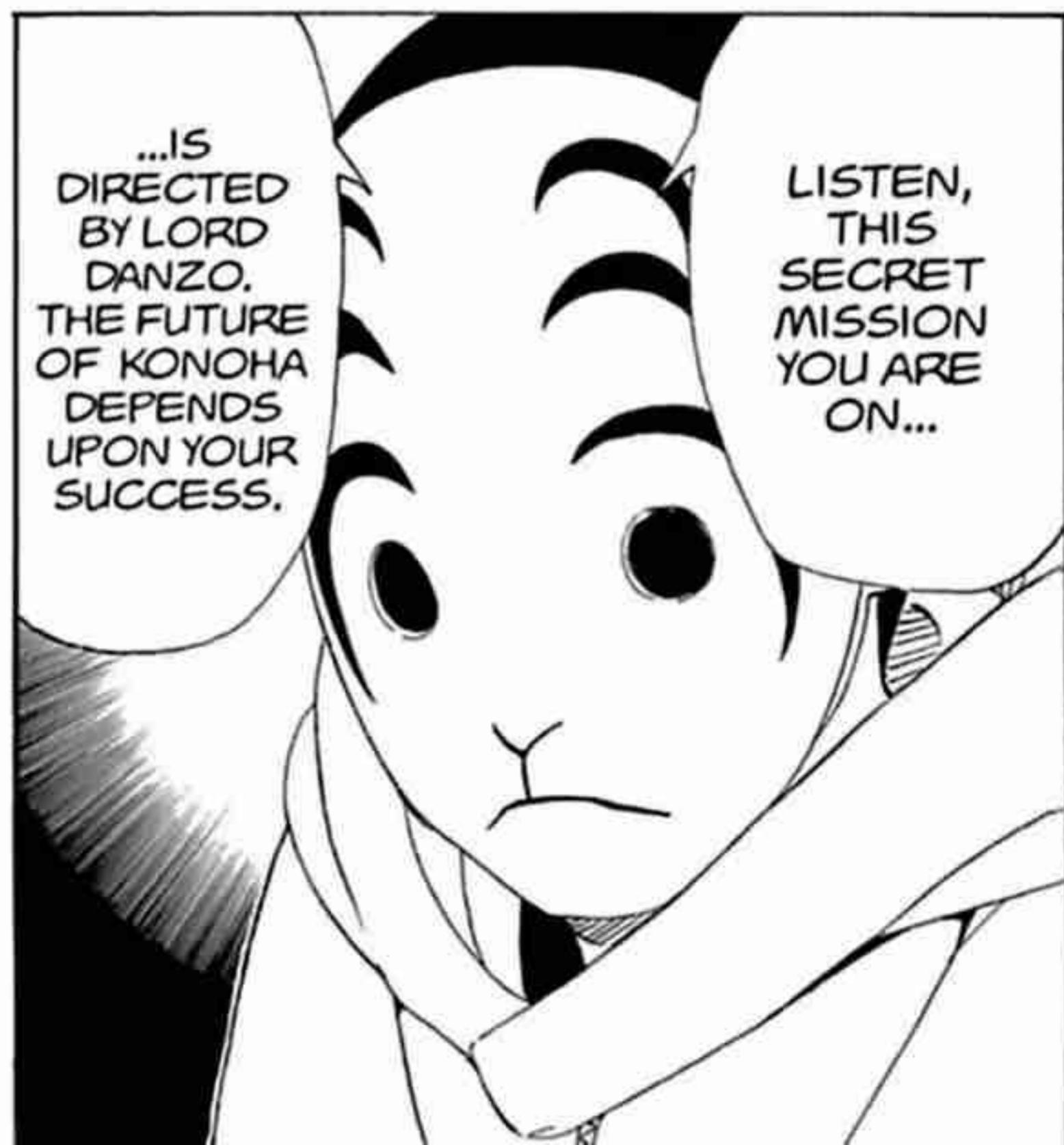
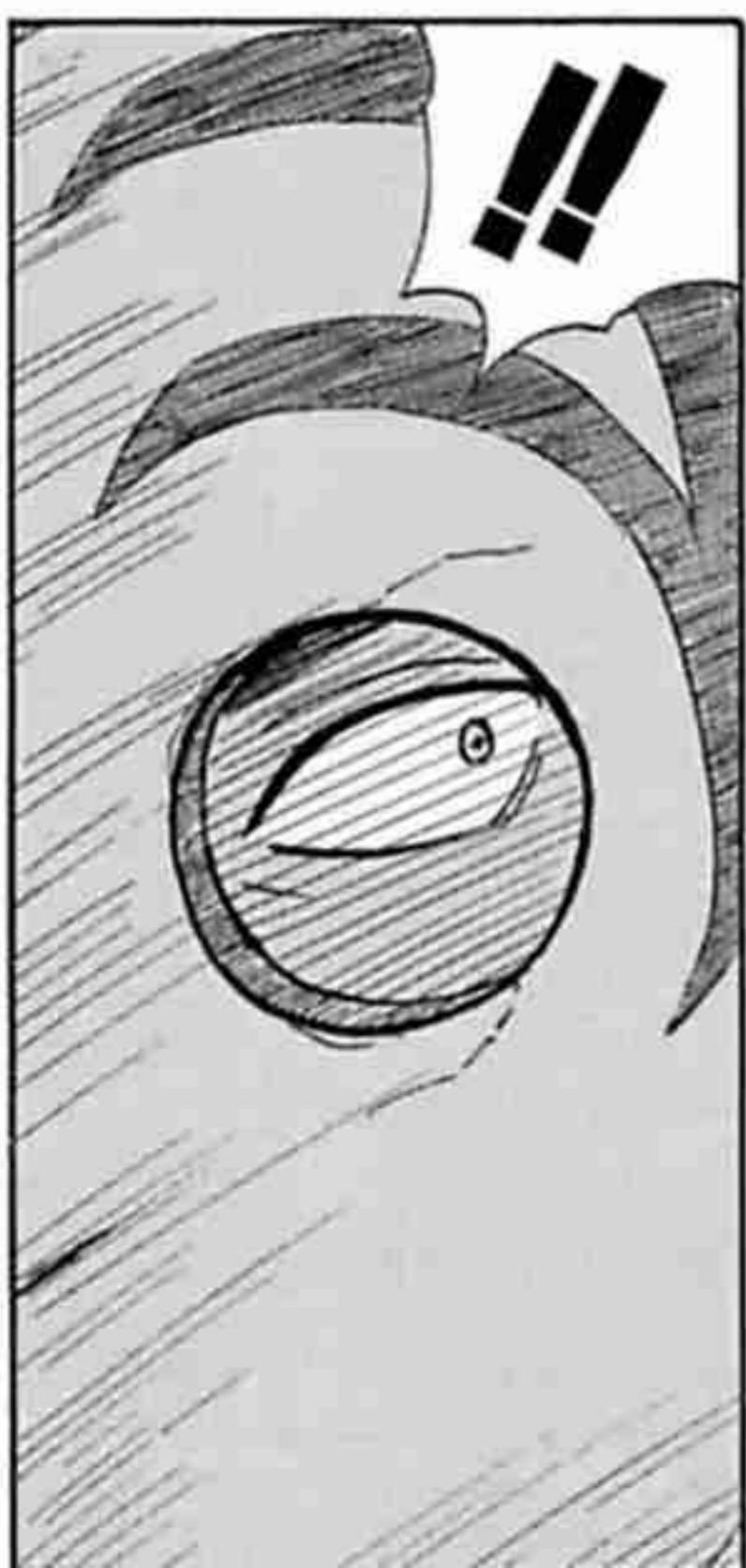


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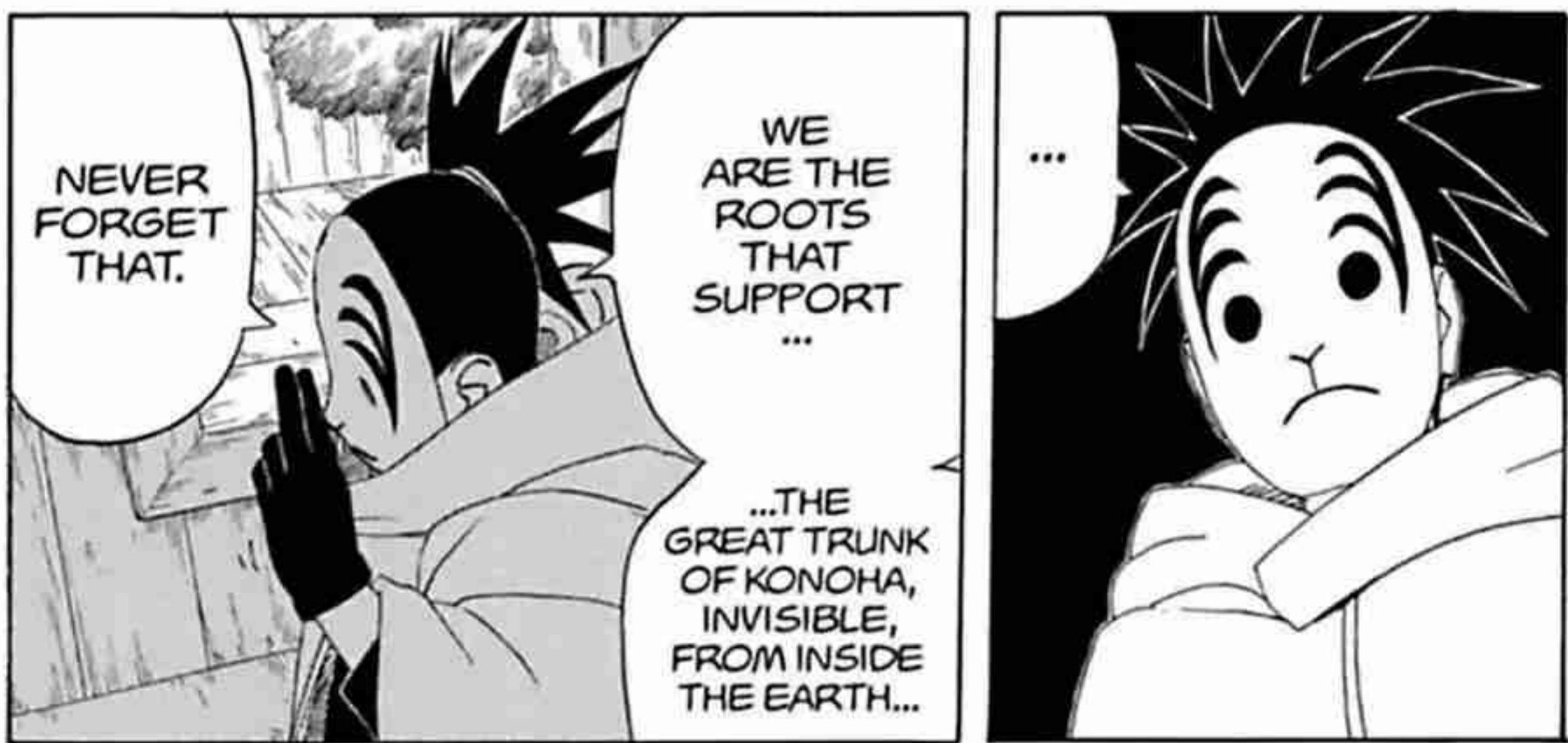
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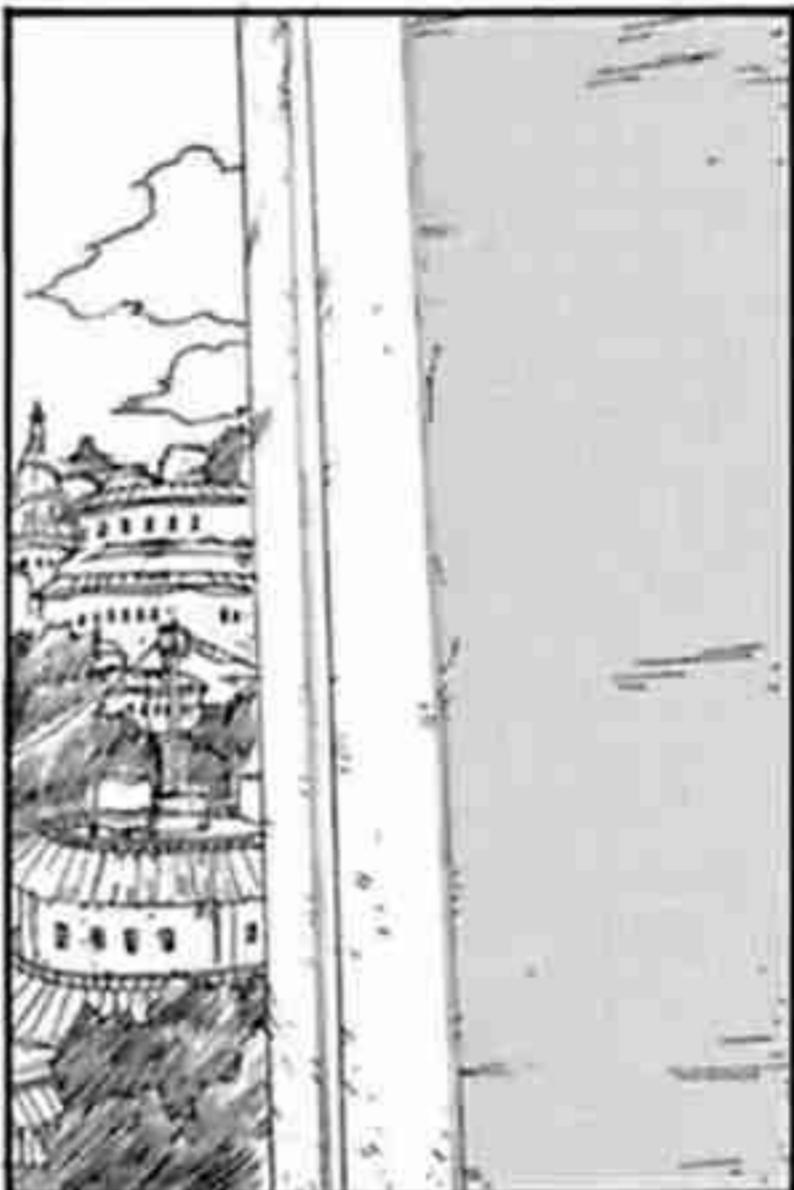


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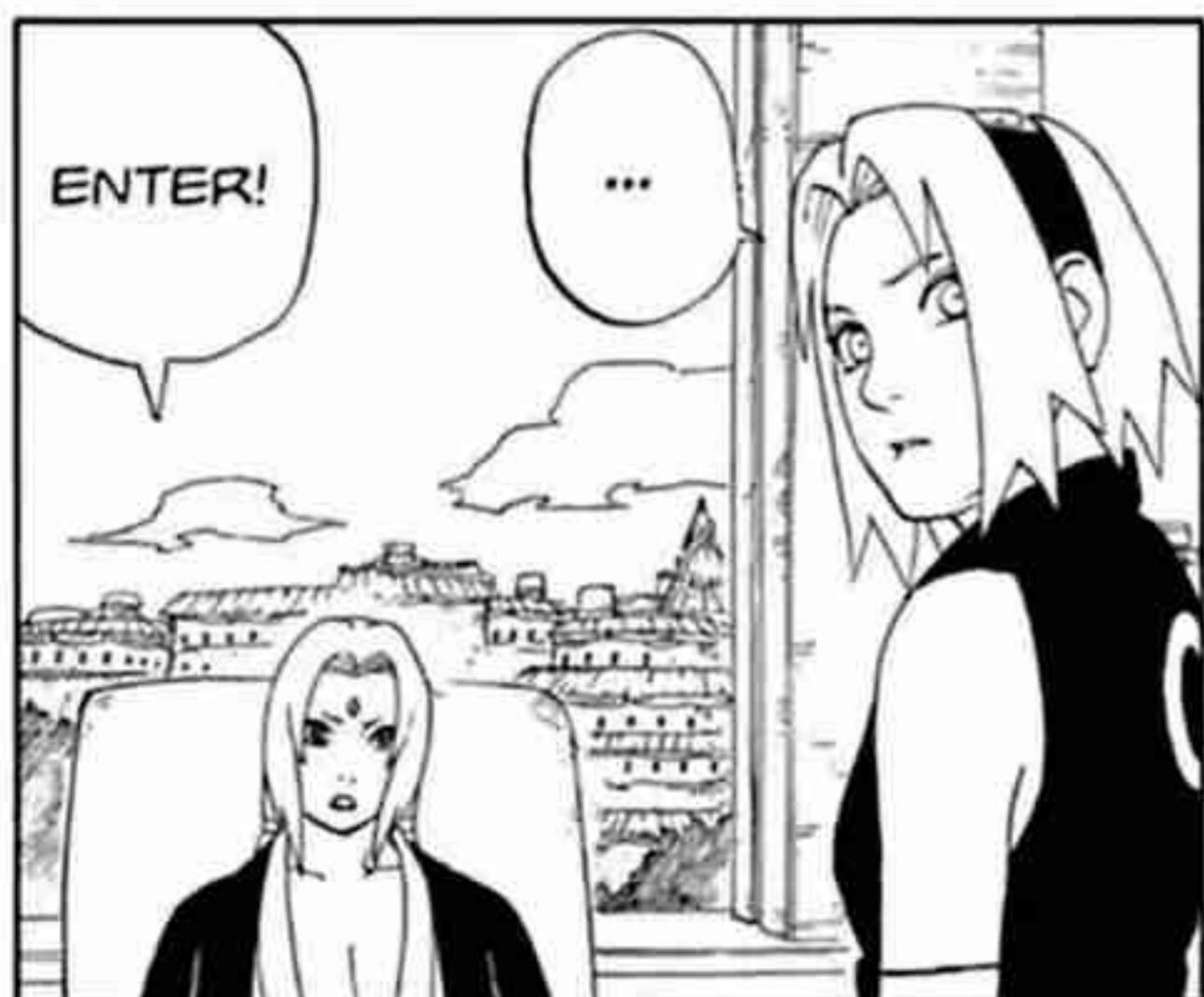


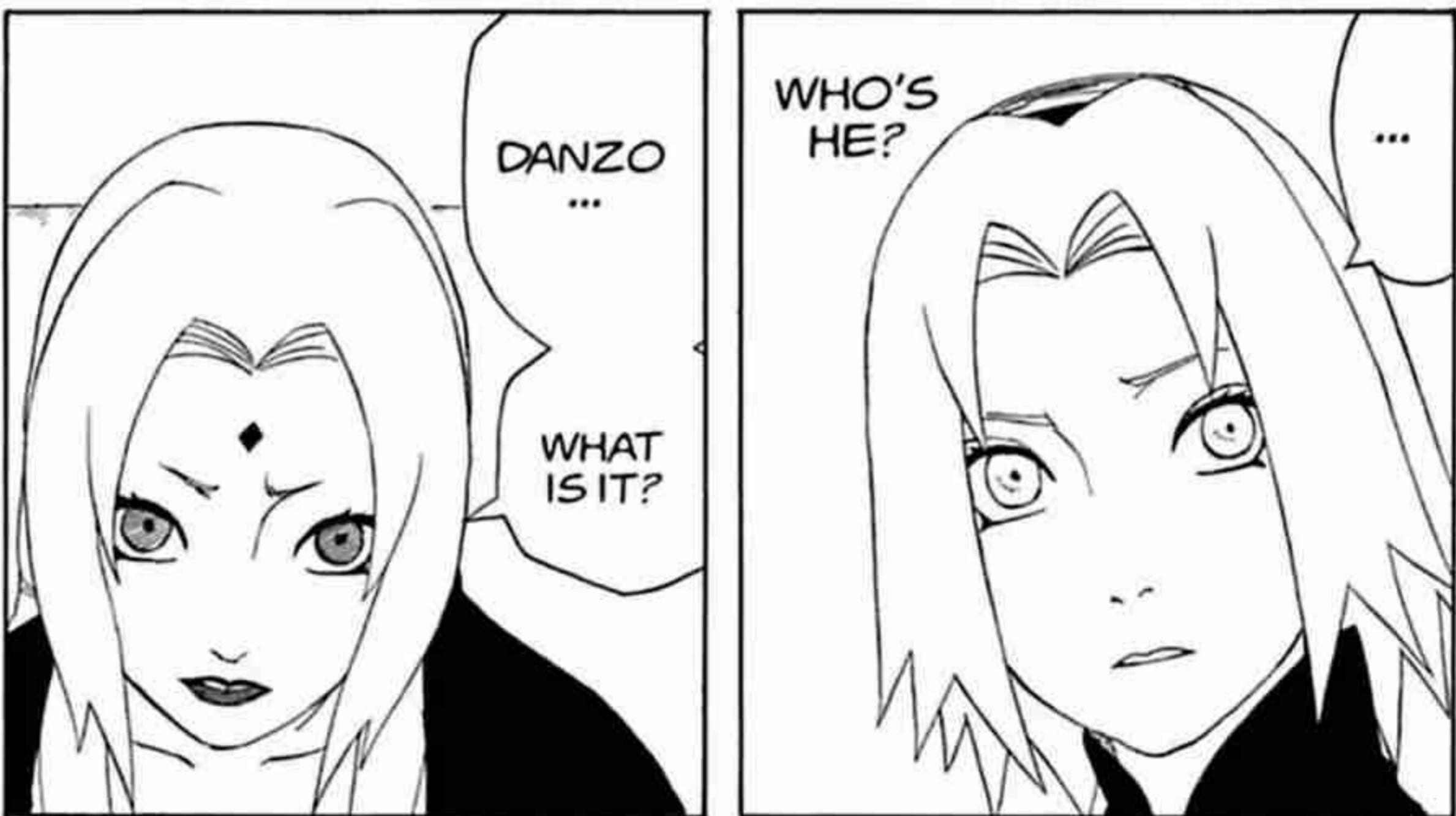


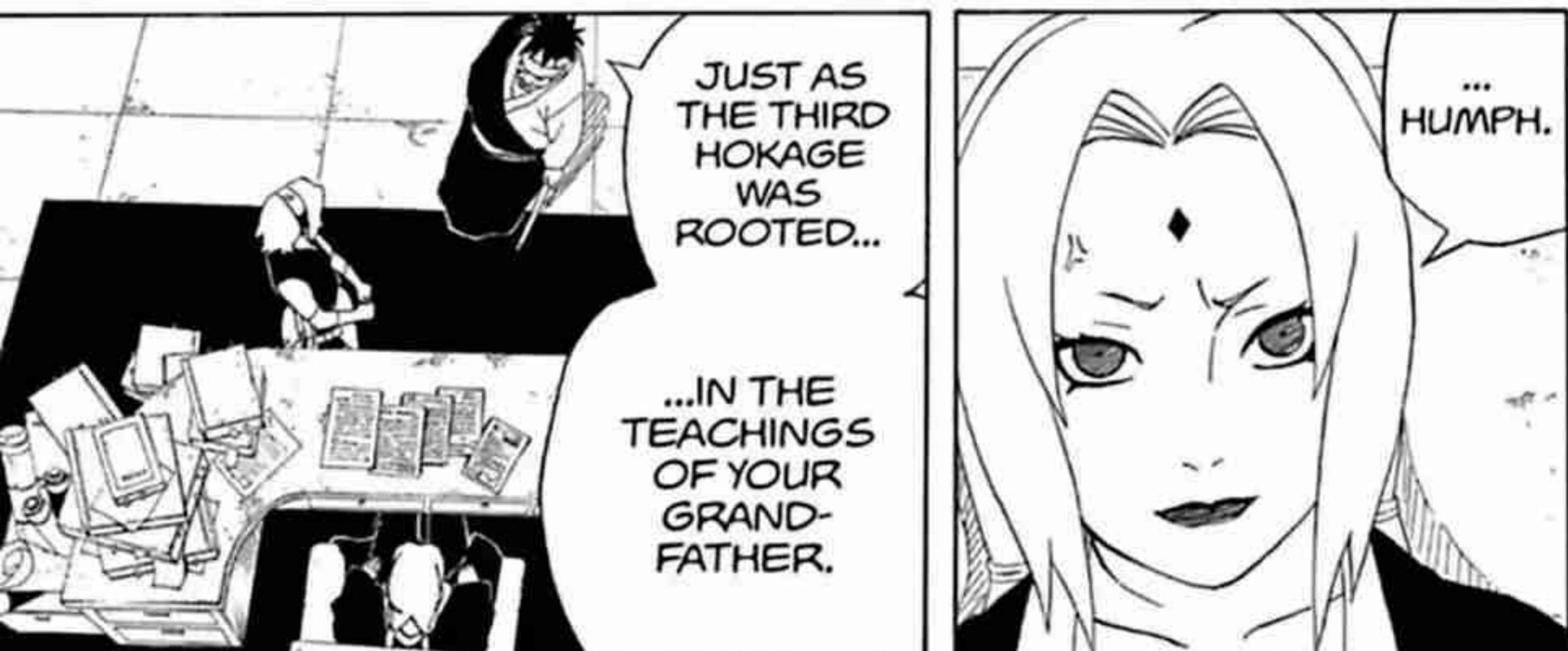
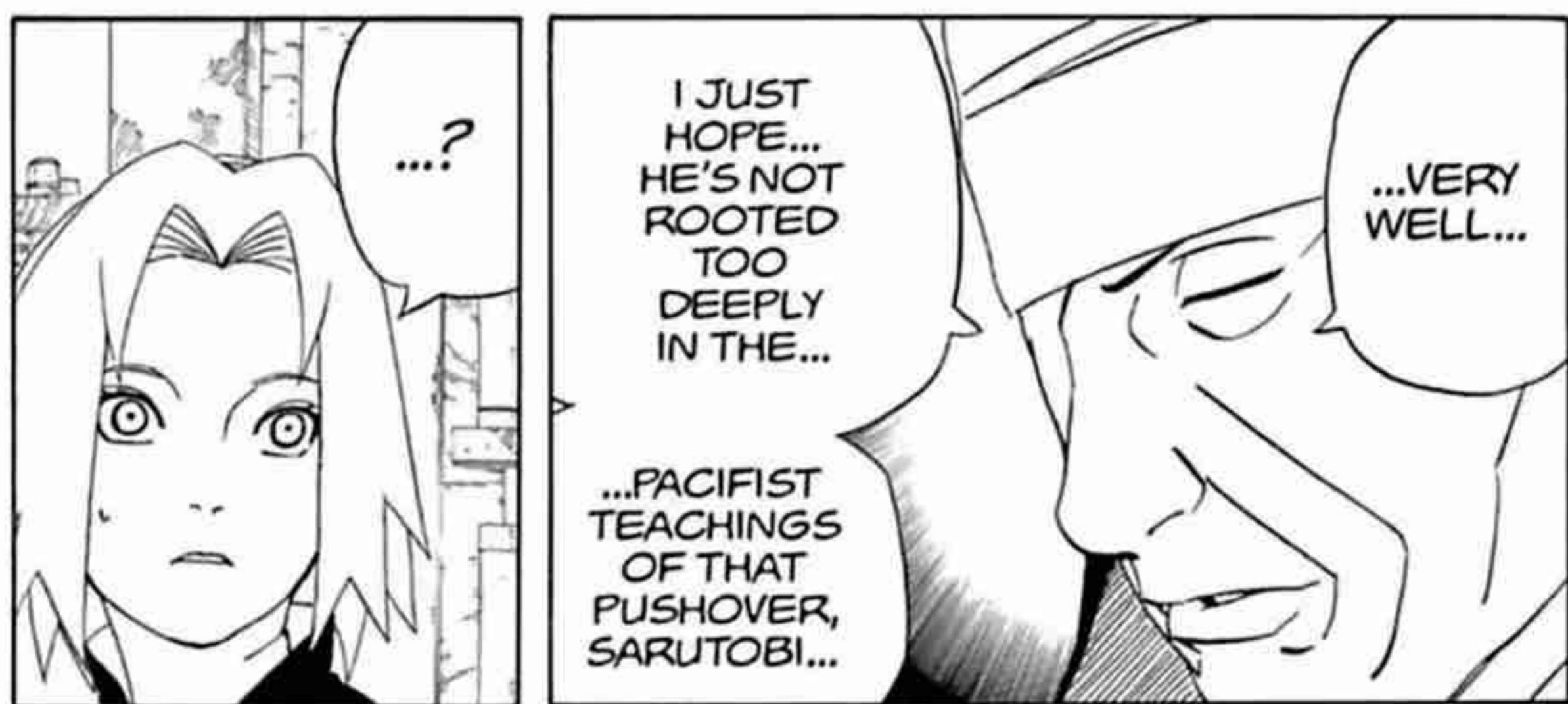
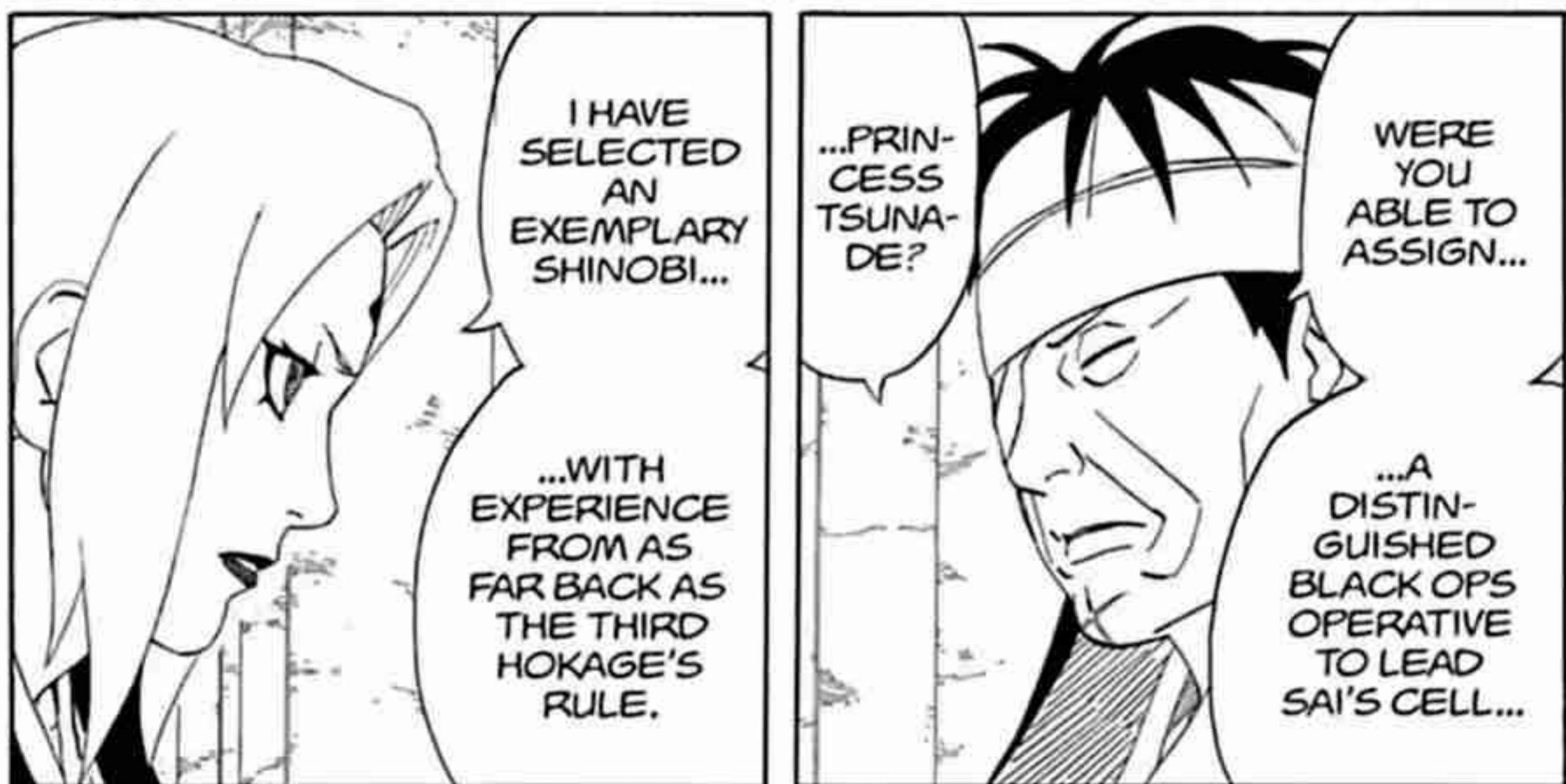
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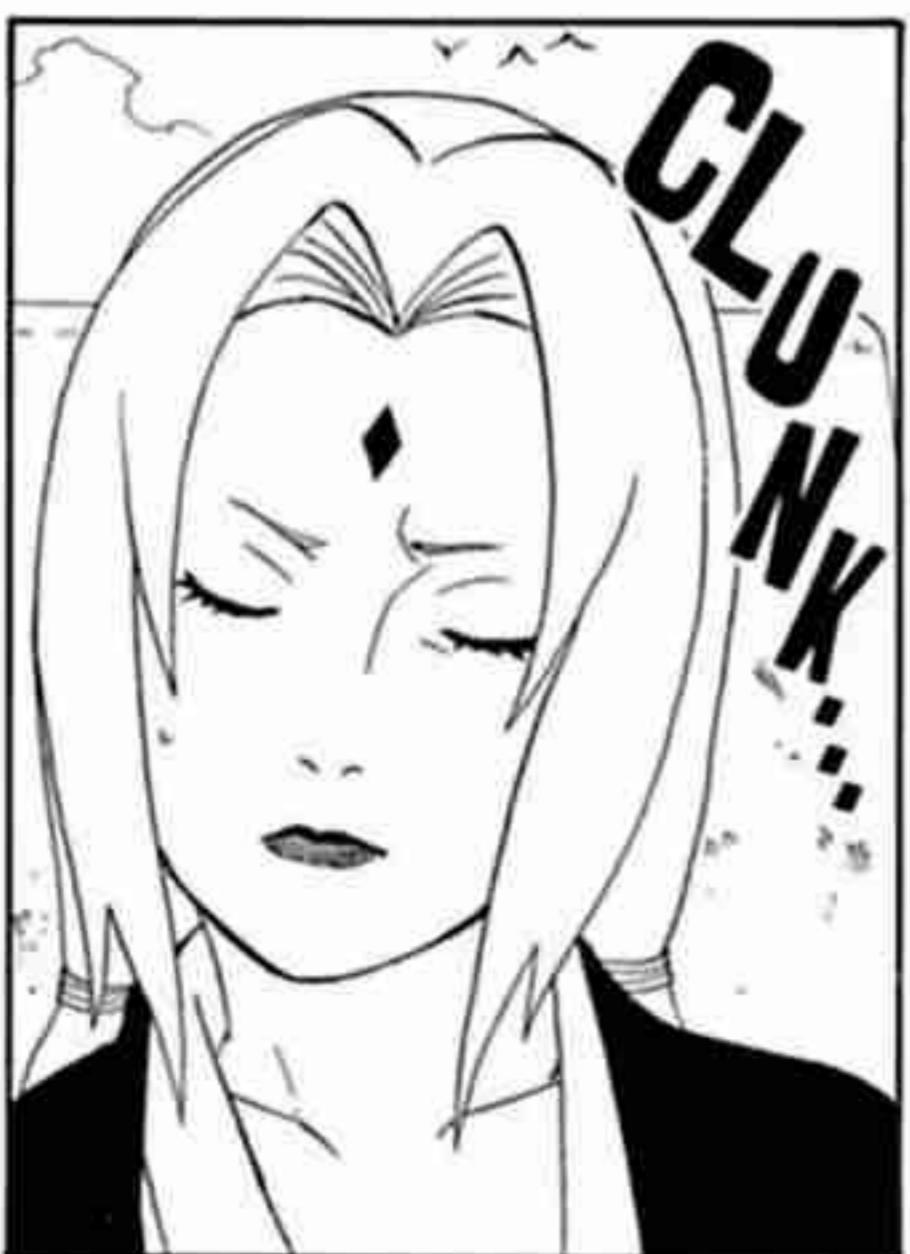
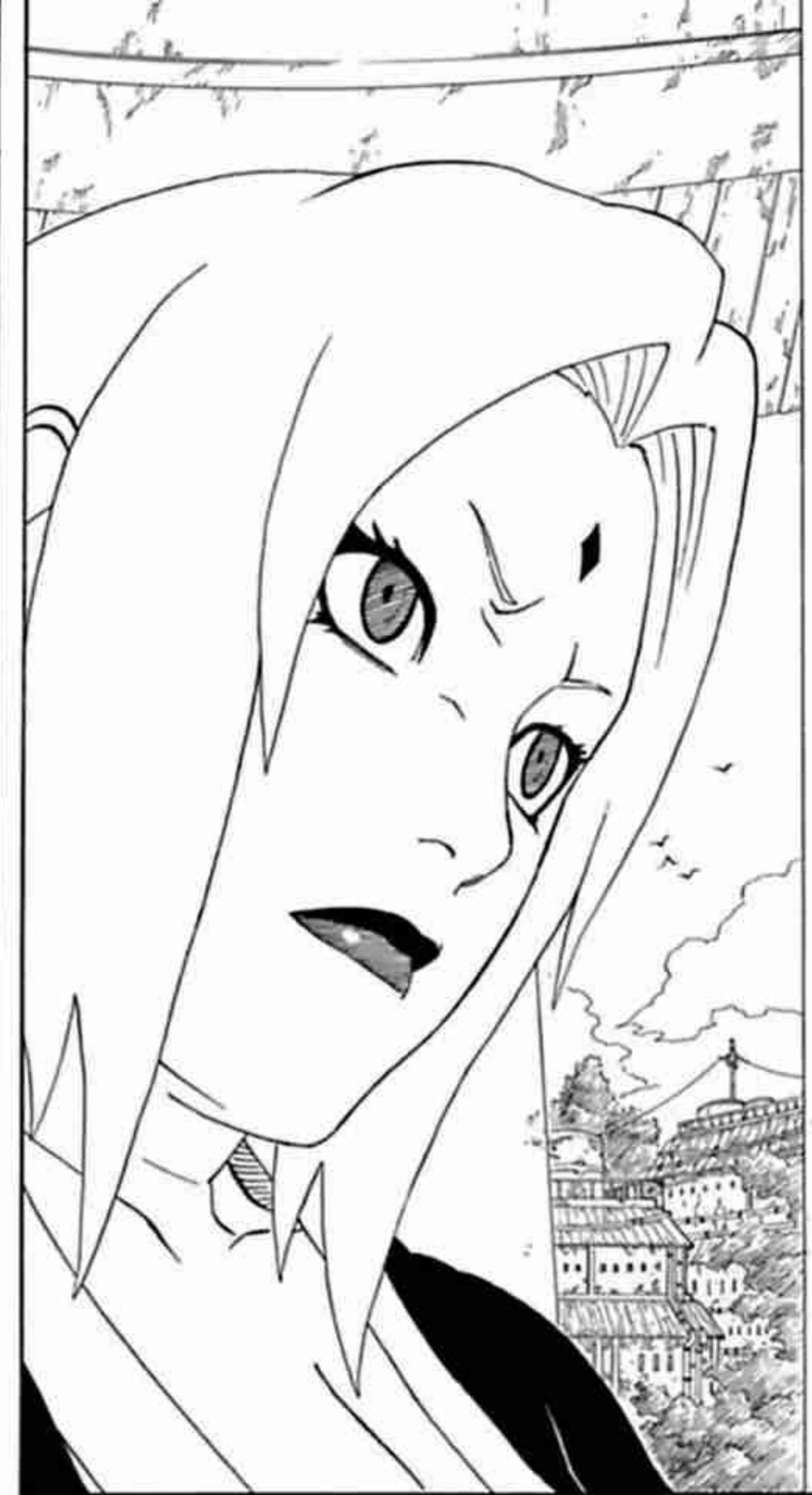


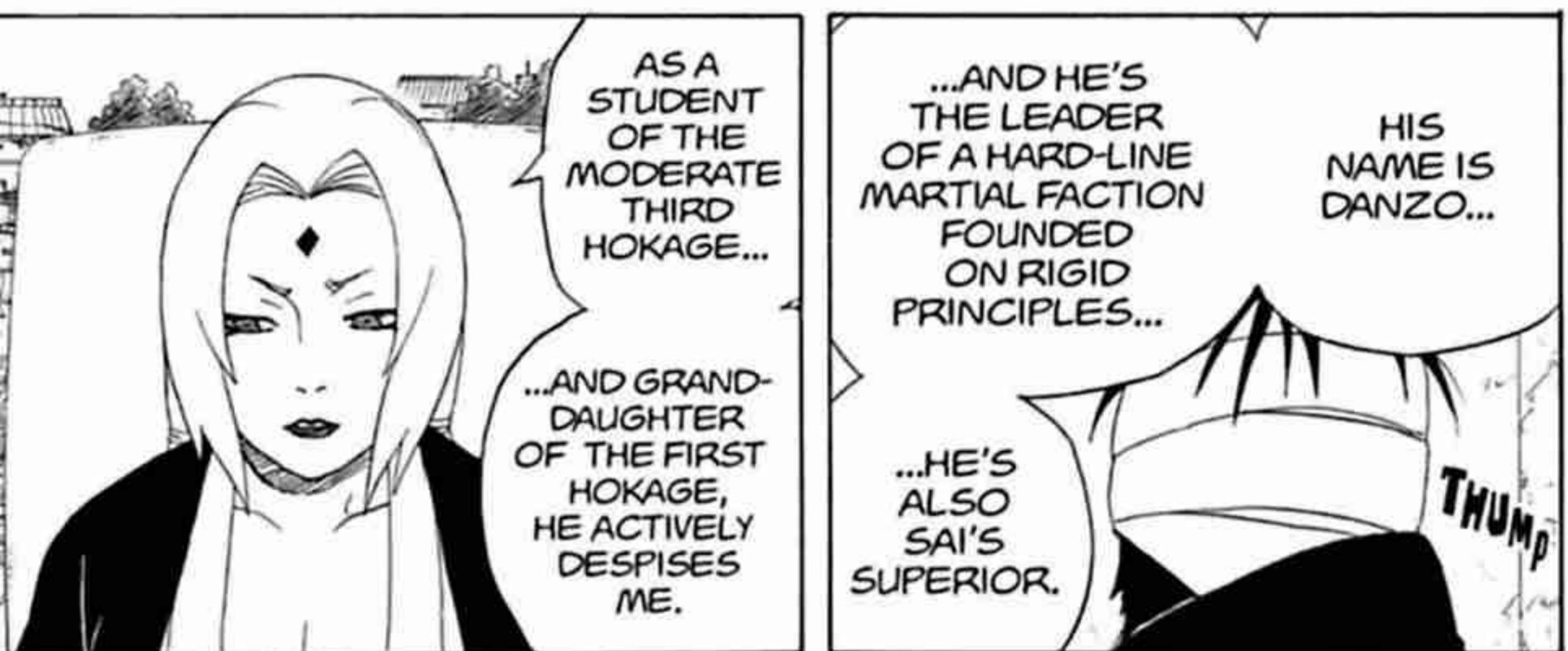
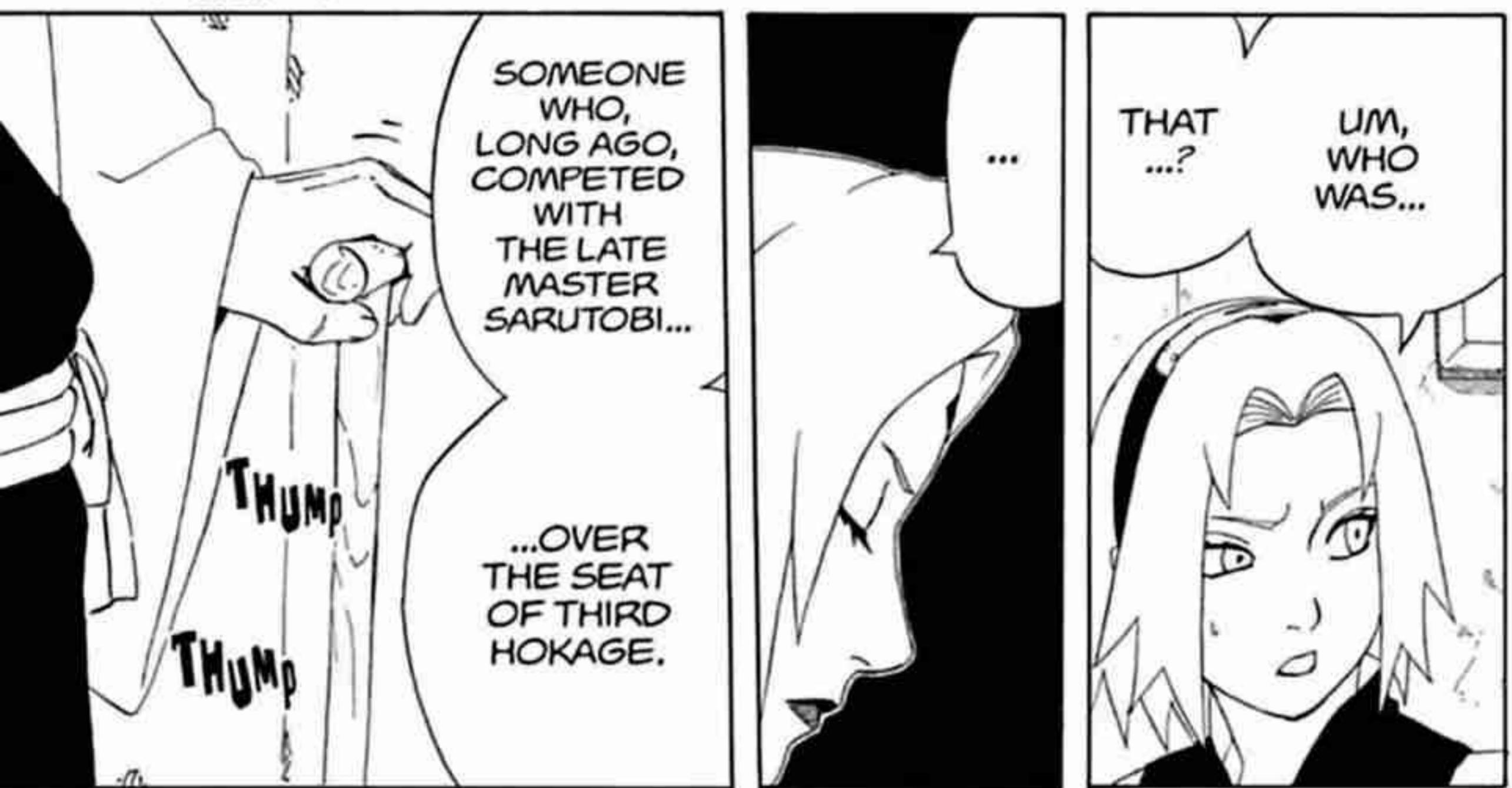
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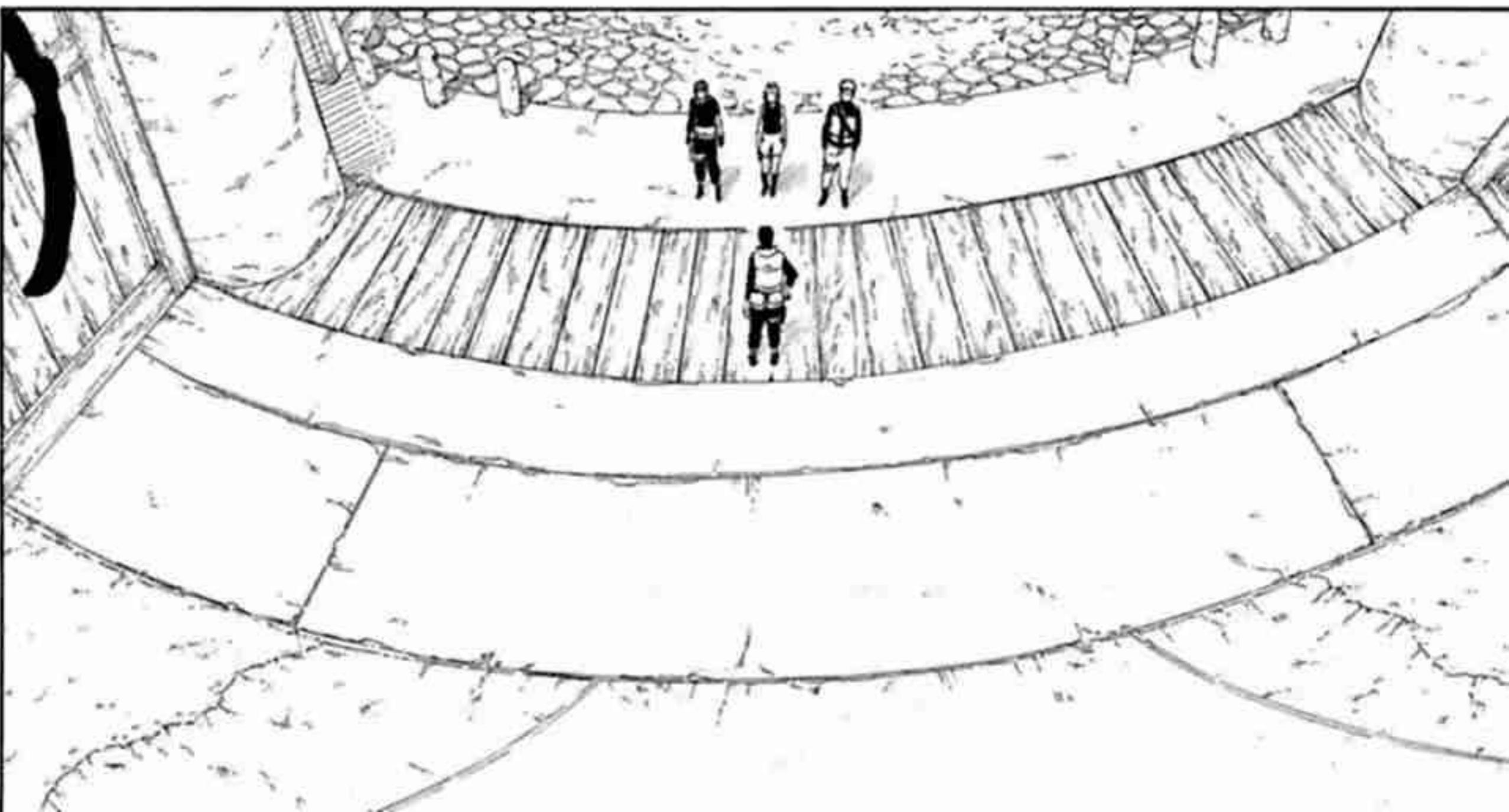
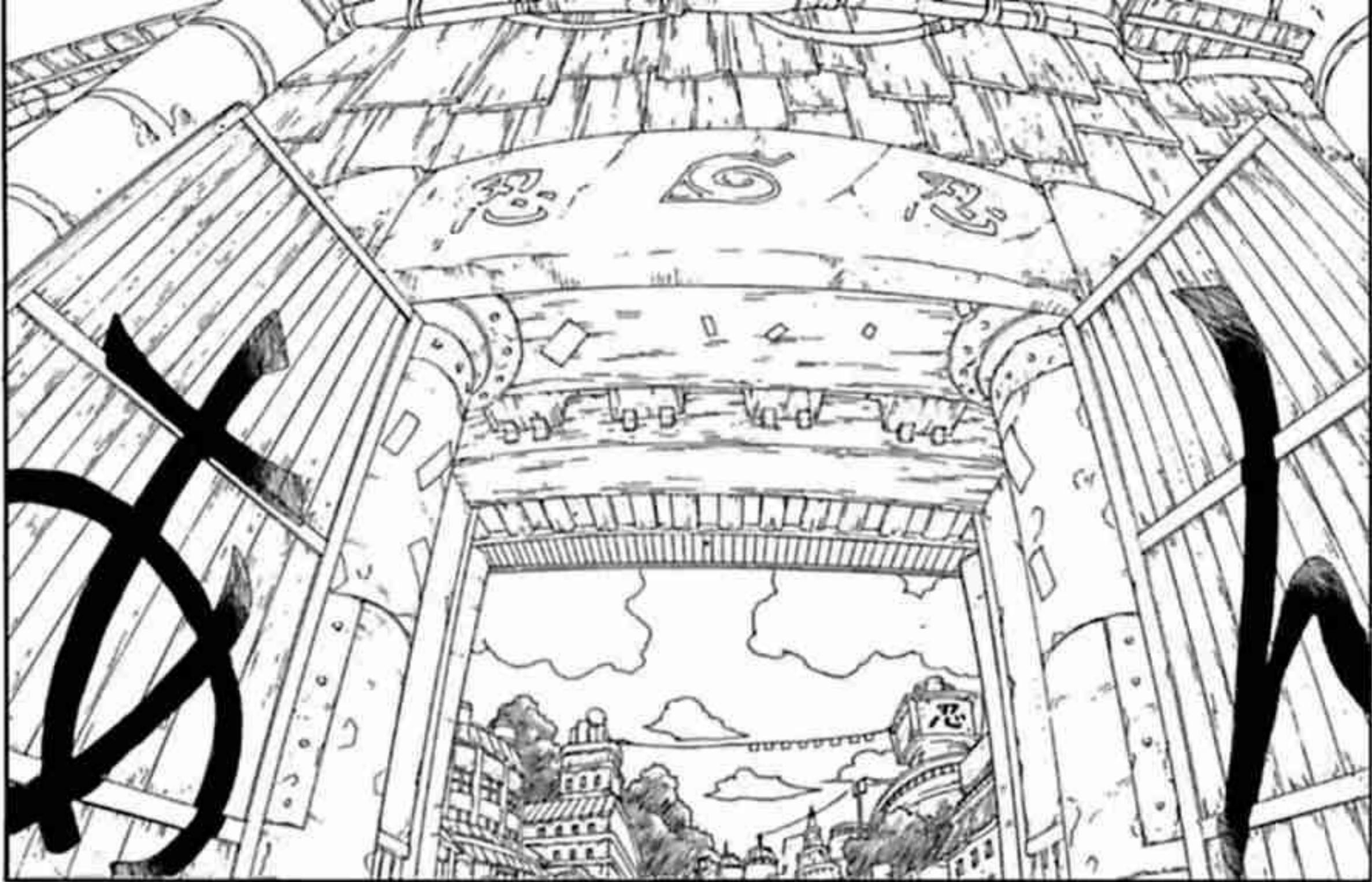














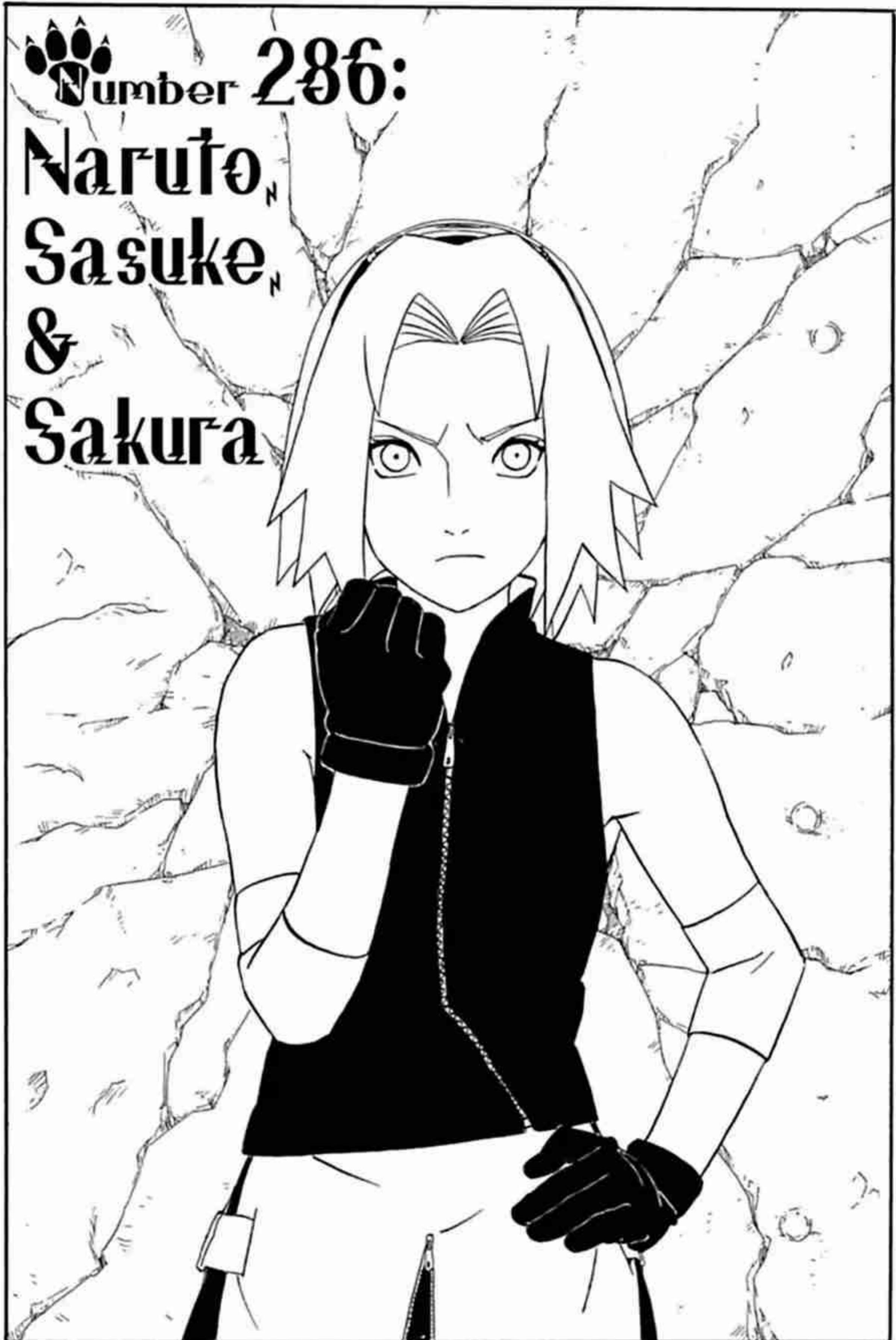
NARUTO

6th Anniversary!!



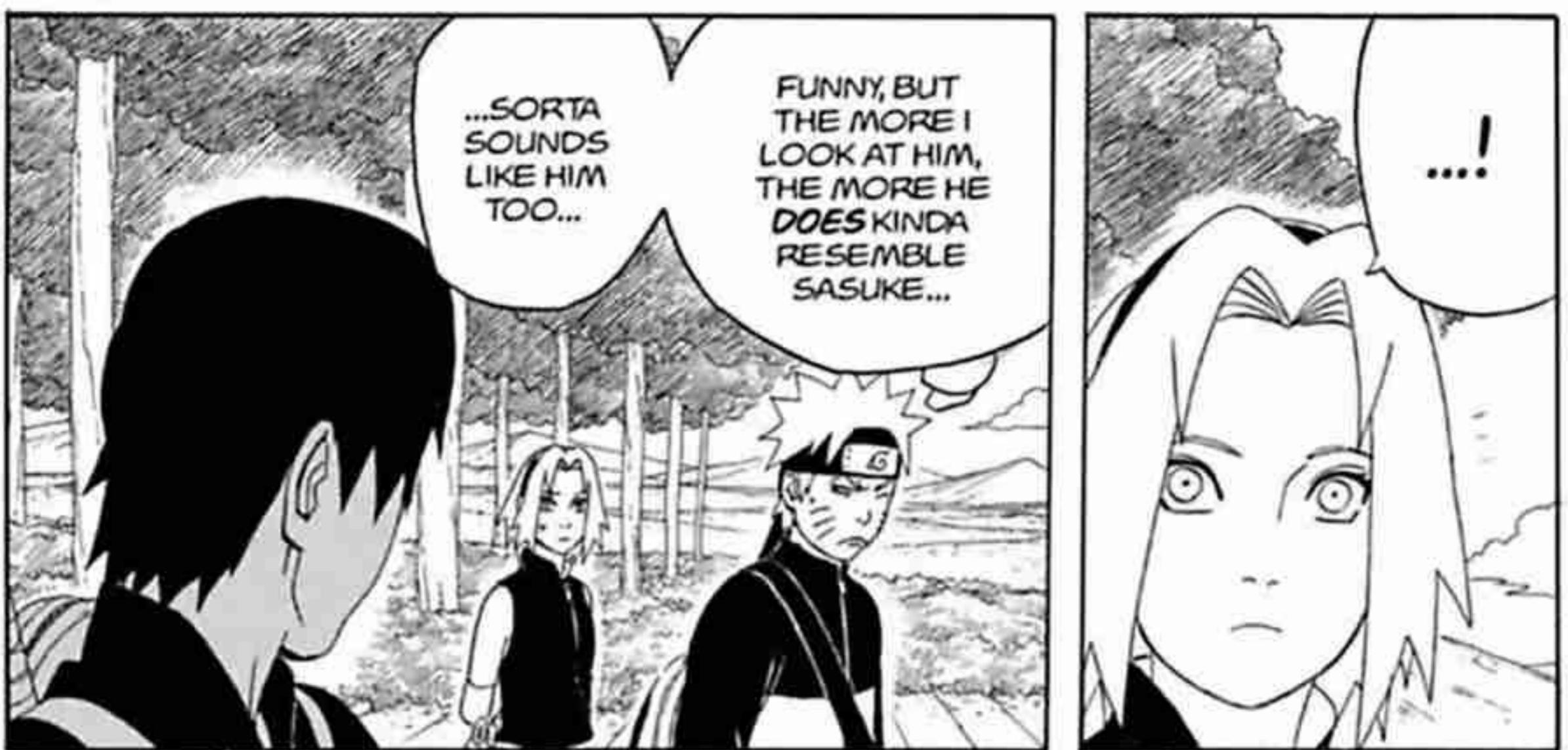
05.11.8 大久保彰
OHKUBO AKIRA

Number 286:
Naruto,
Sasuke,
&
Sakura

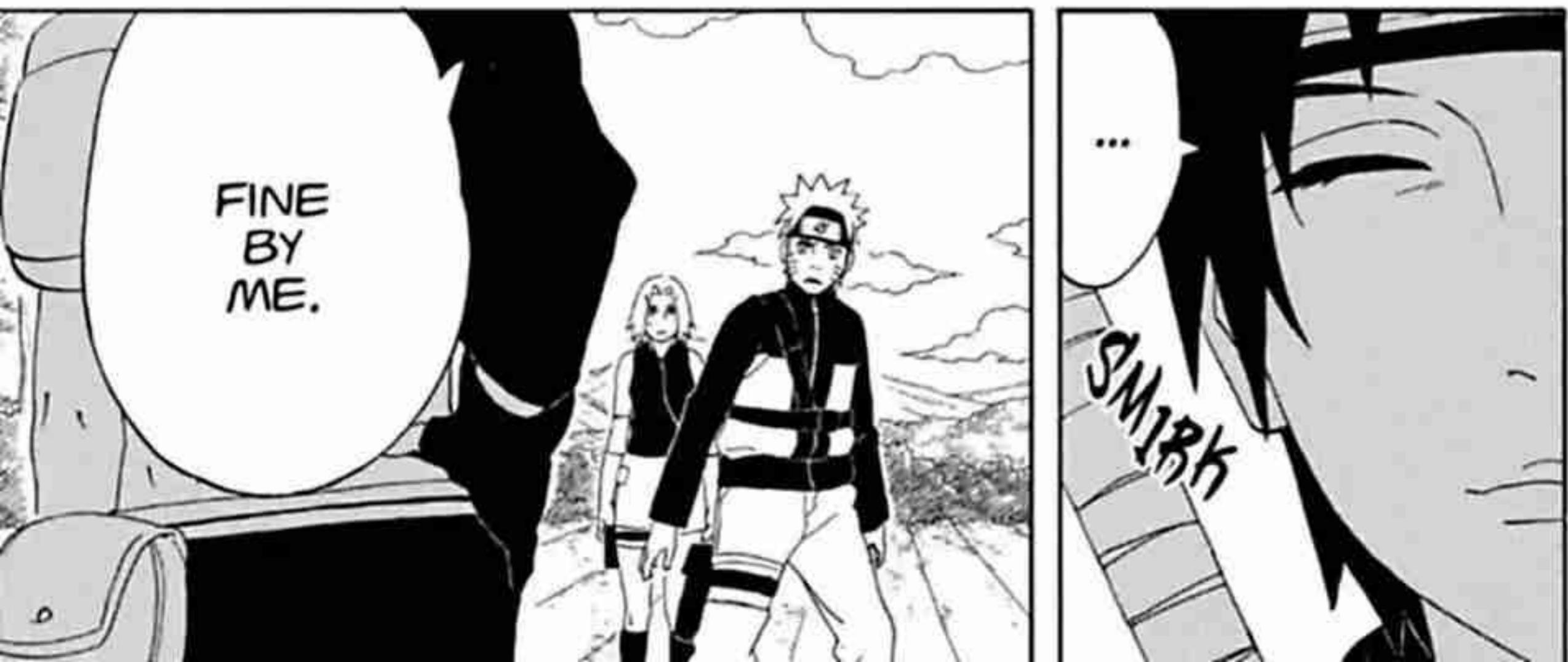




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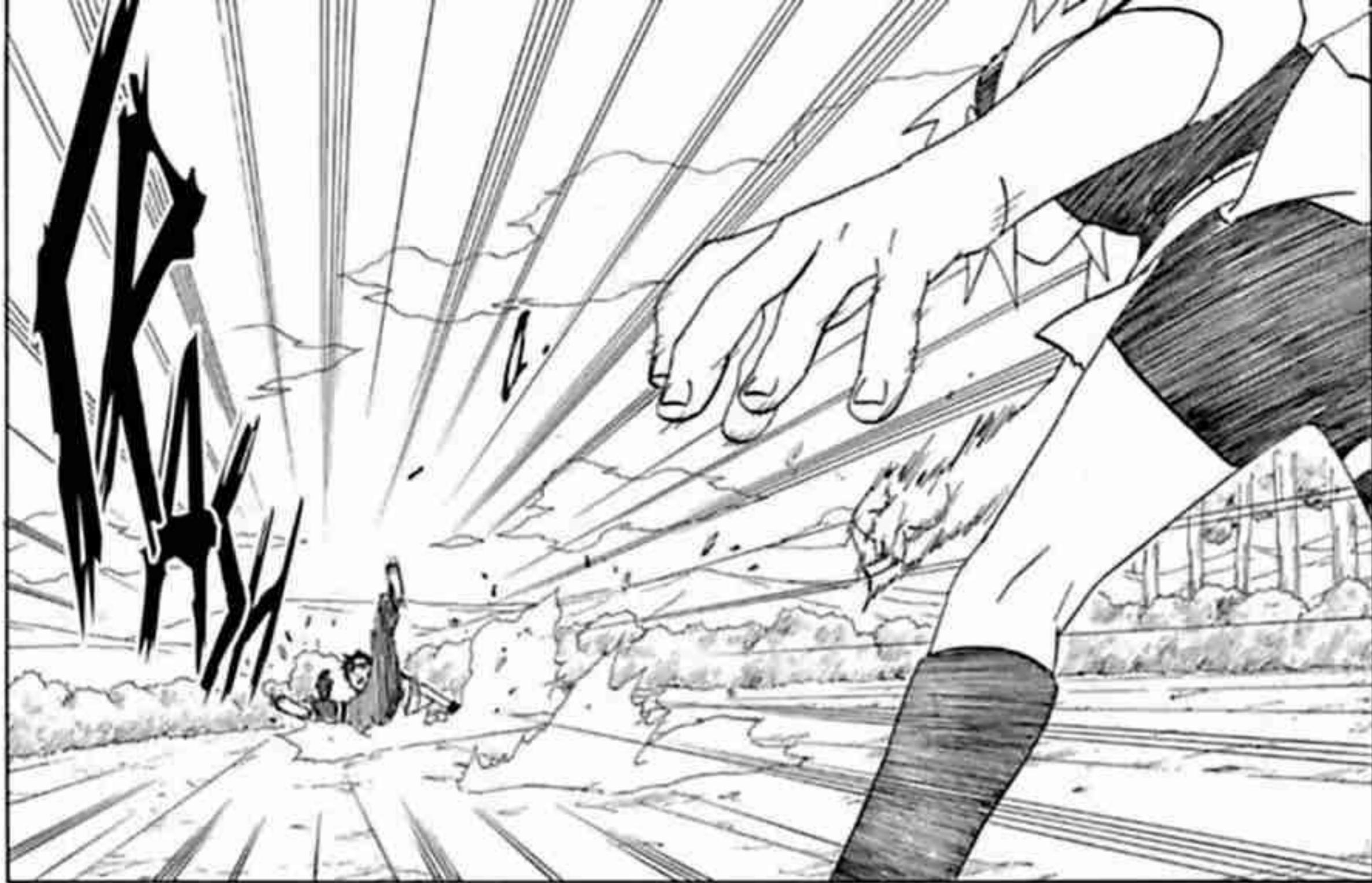




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"...IT
WILL FOOL
MORE
PEOPLE
THAN YOU
THINK."

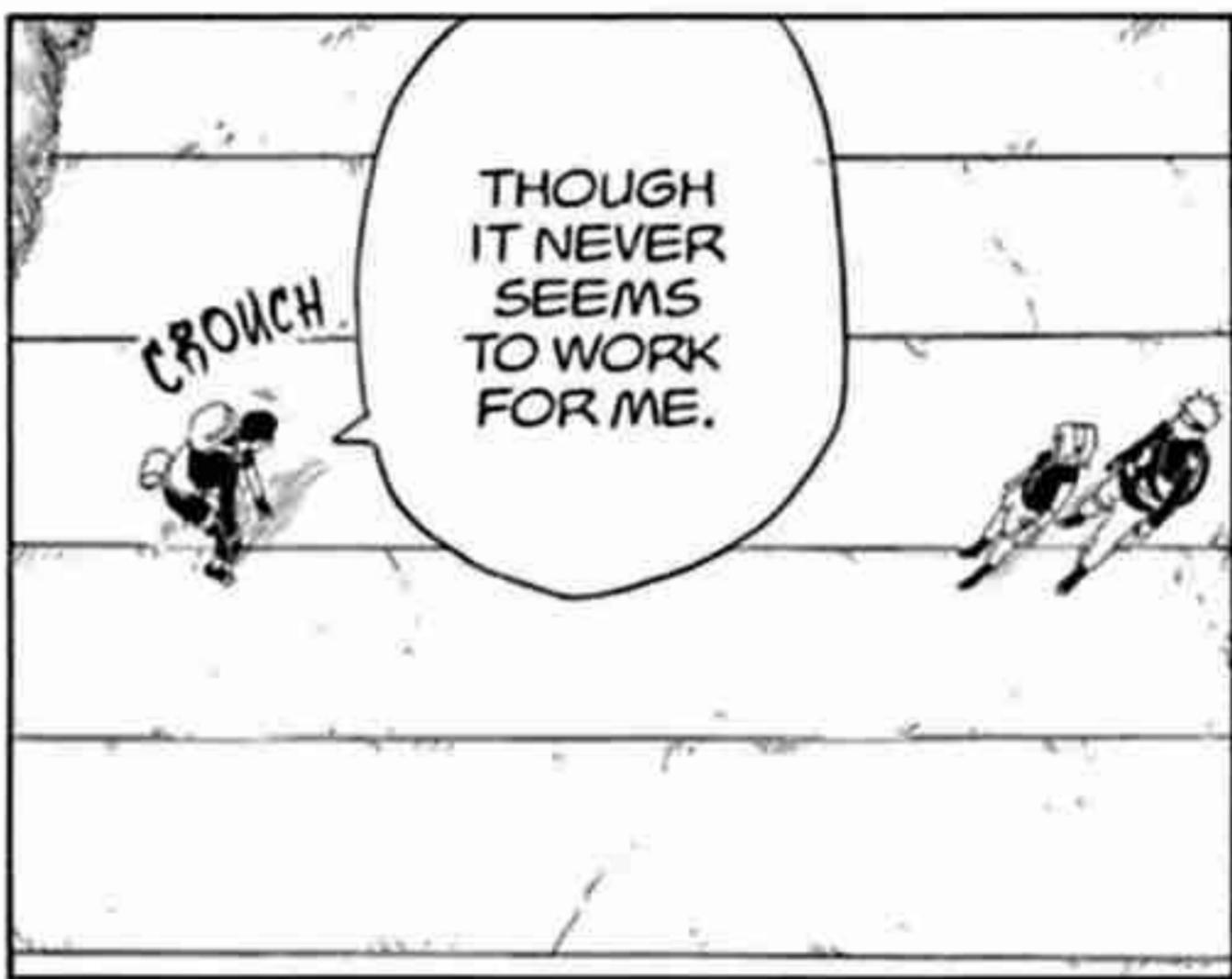
...OR
SO
I'VE
READ.

"THE
BEST WAY
TO DEFUSE
A TROUBLE-
SOME
SITUATION
IS BY
SMILING..."

"...EVEN
IF IT IS
A FAKE
SMILE..."

HOW
STUPID
ARE
YOU?!

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!



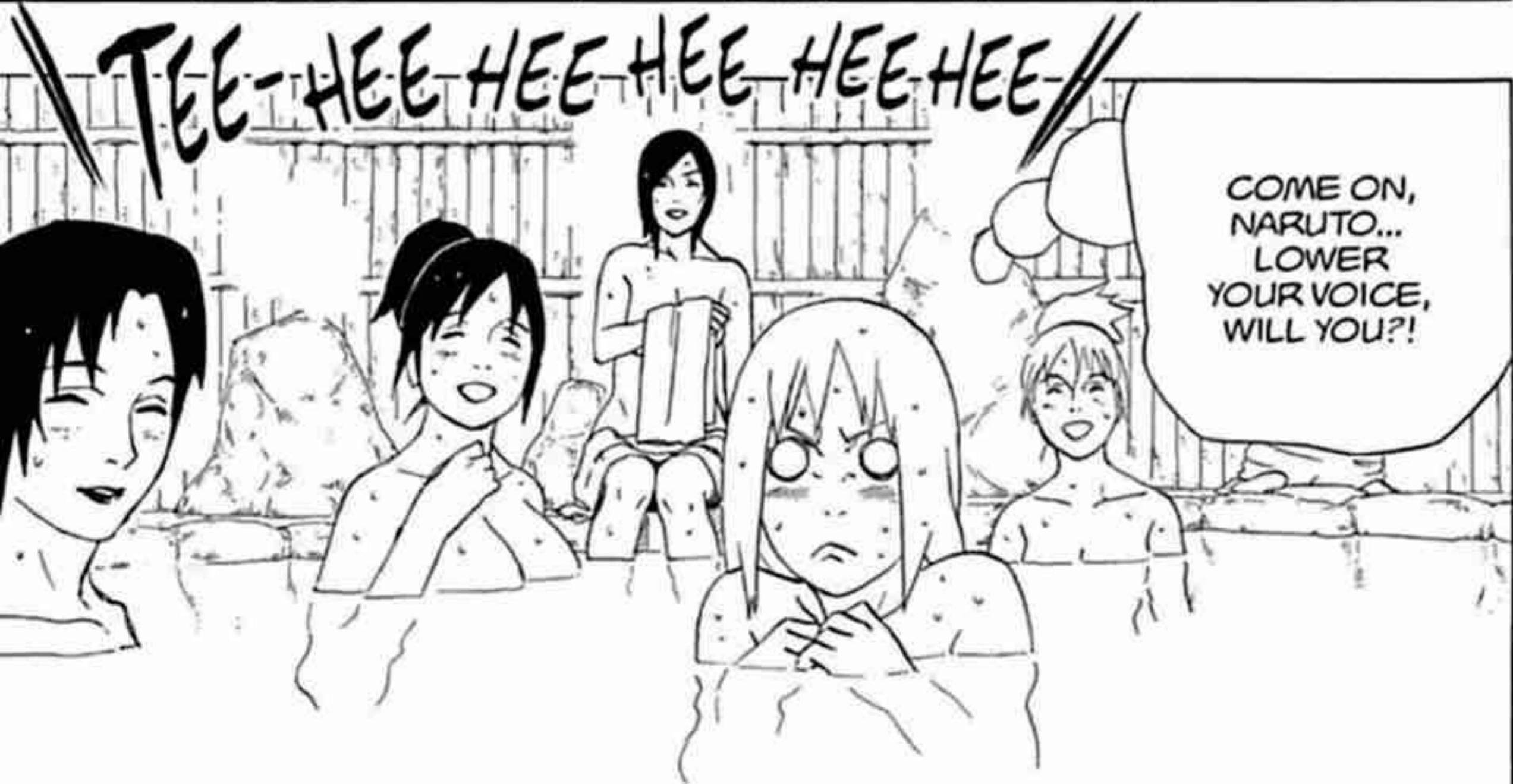


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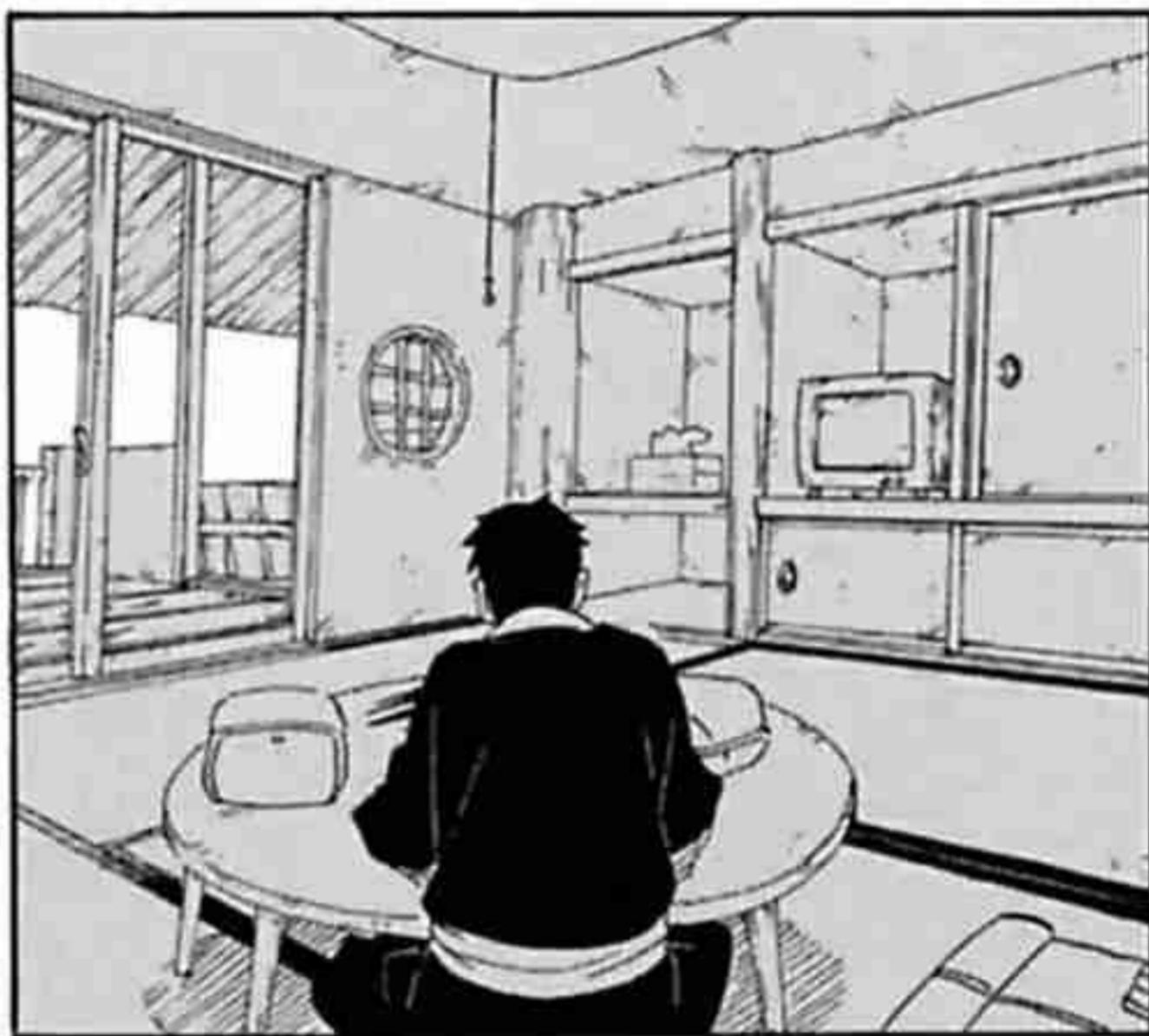
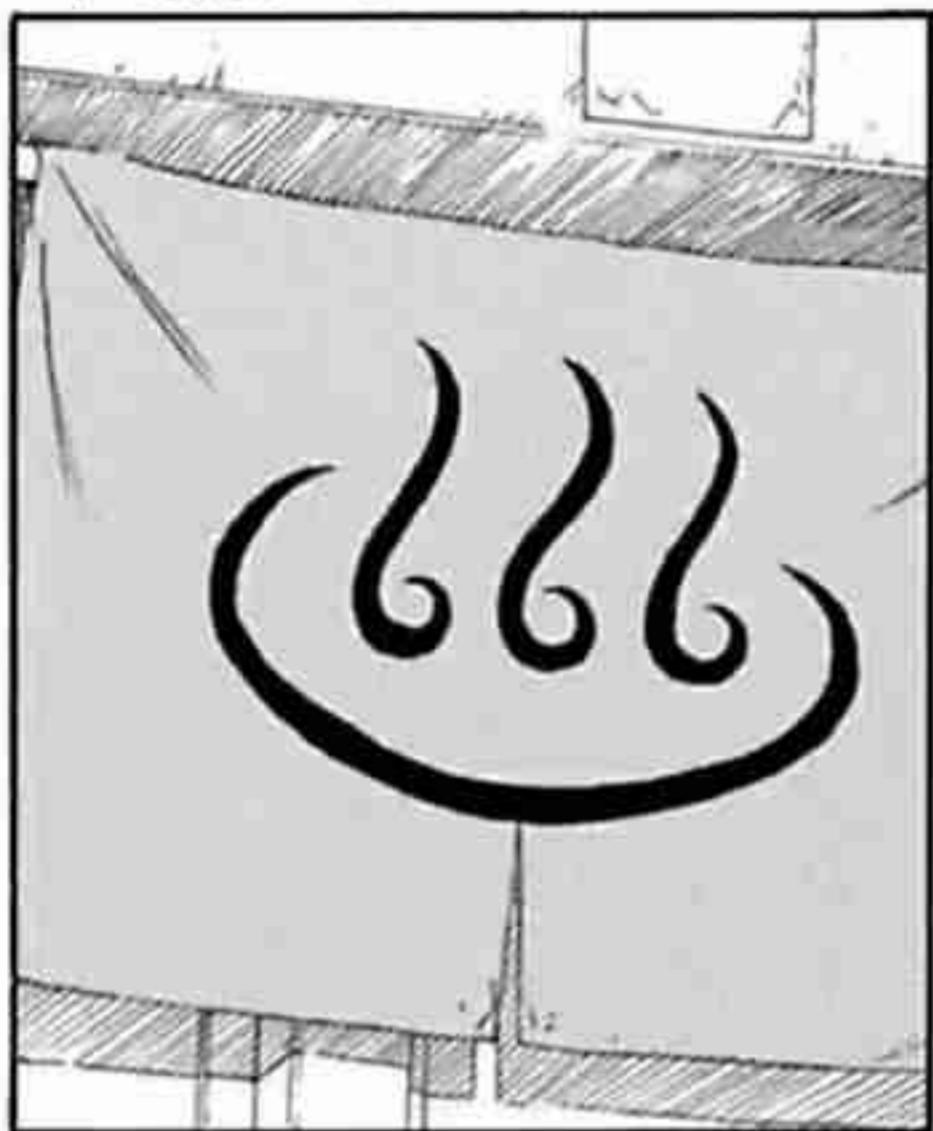


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8TH ANNIVERSARY!!



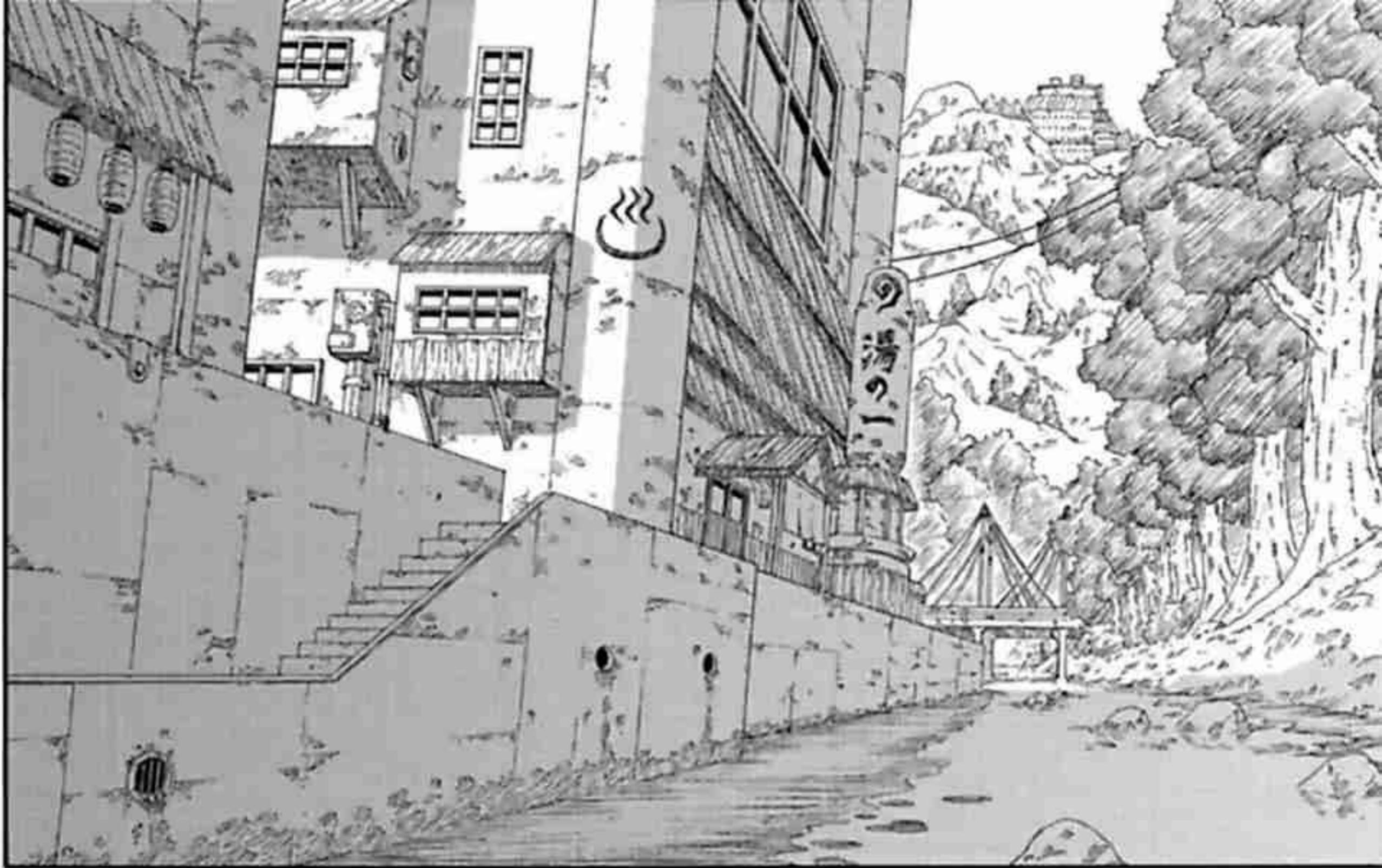
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ITAKURA YUICHI

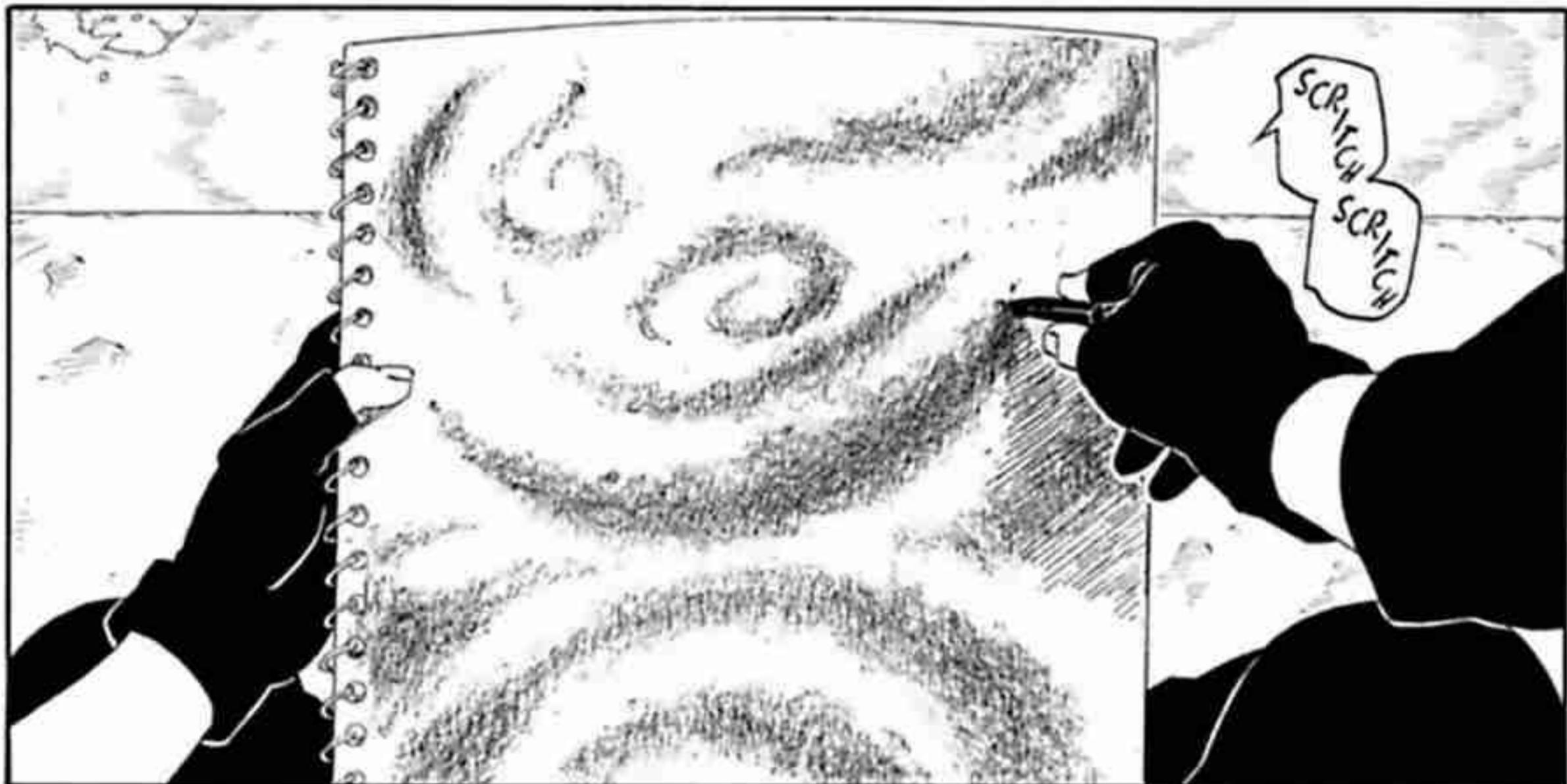
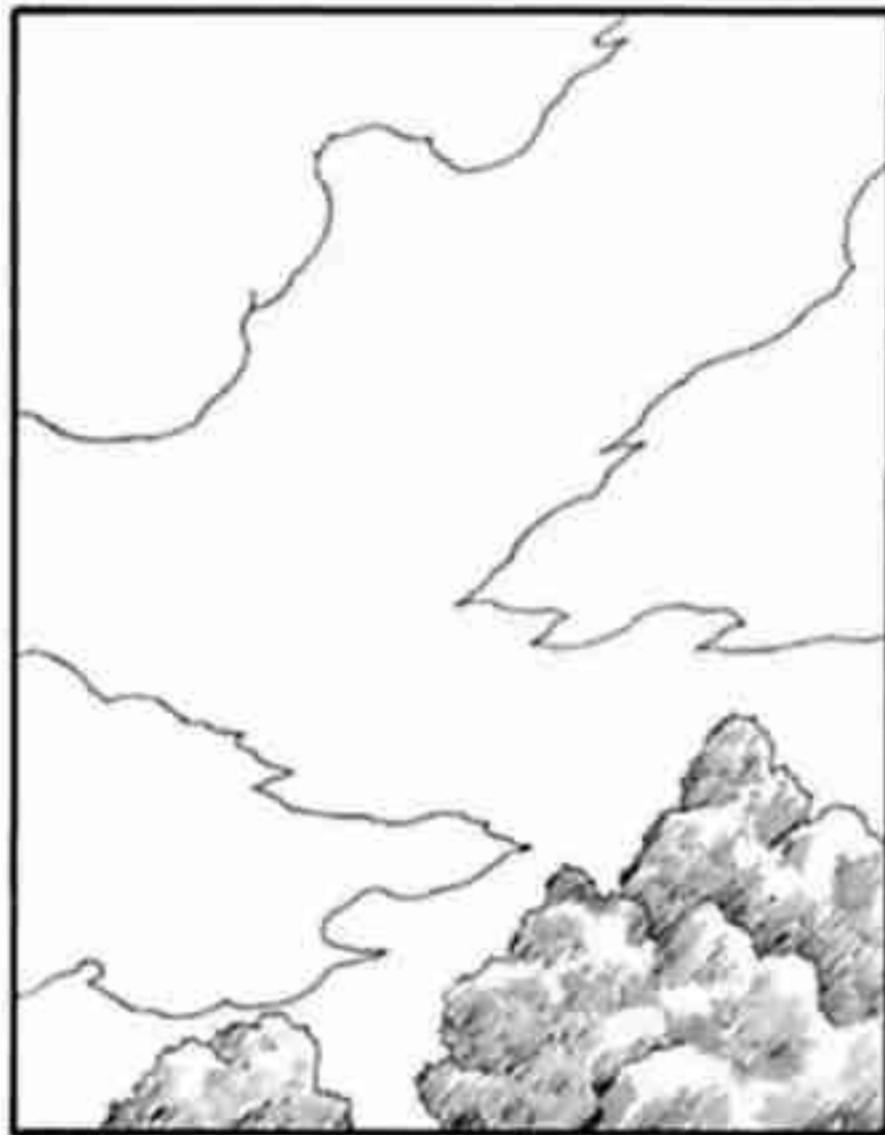


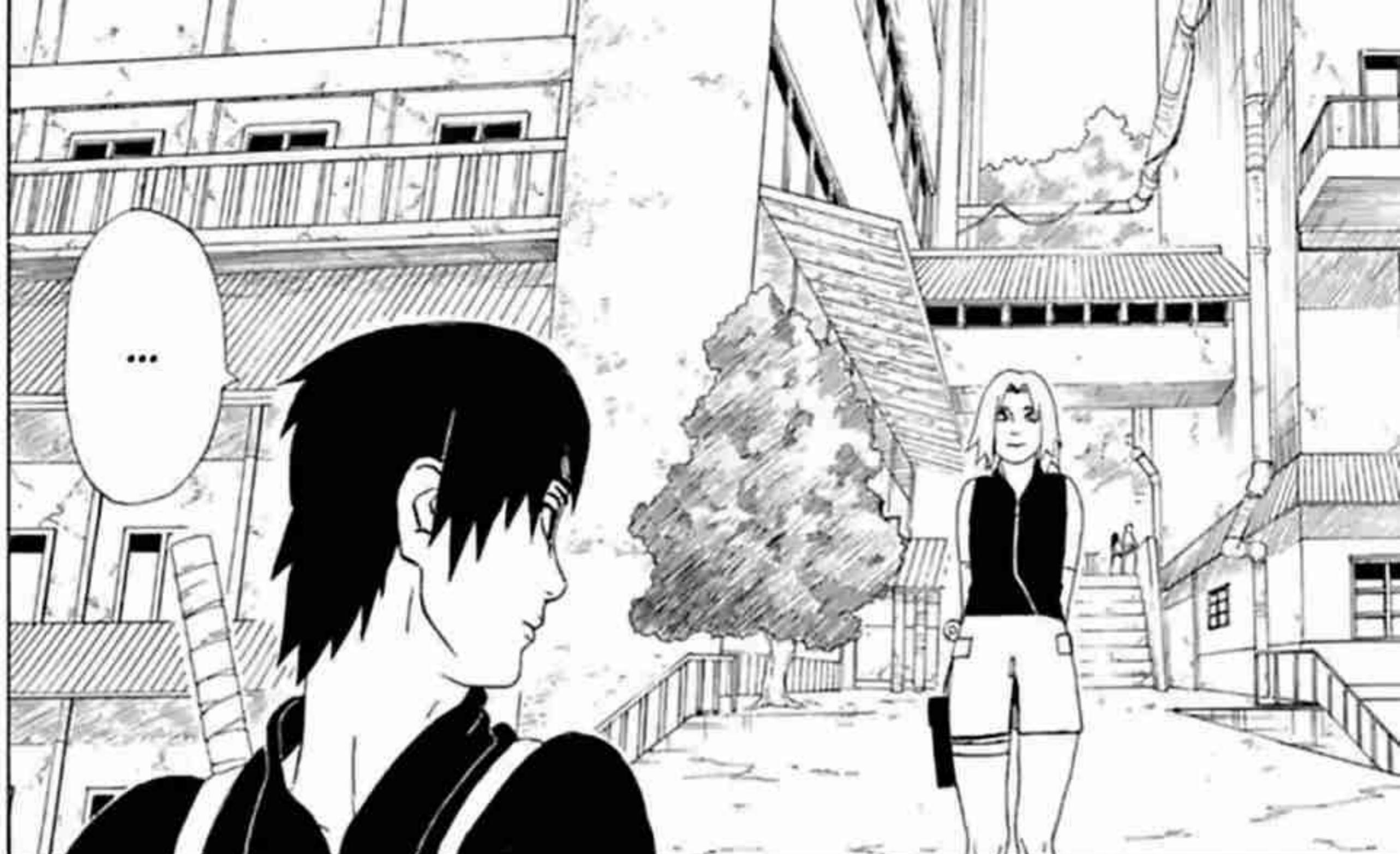
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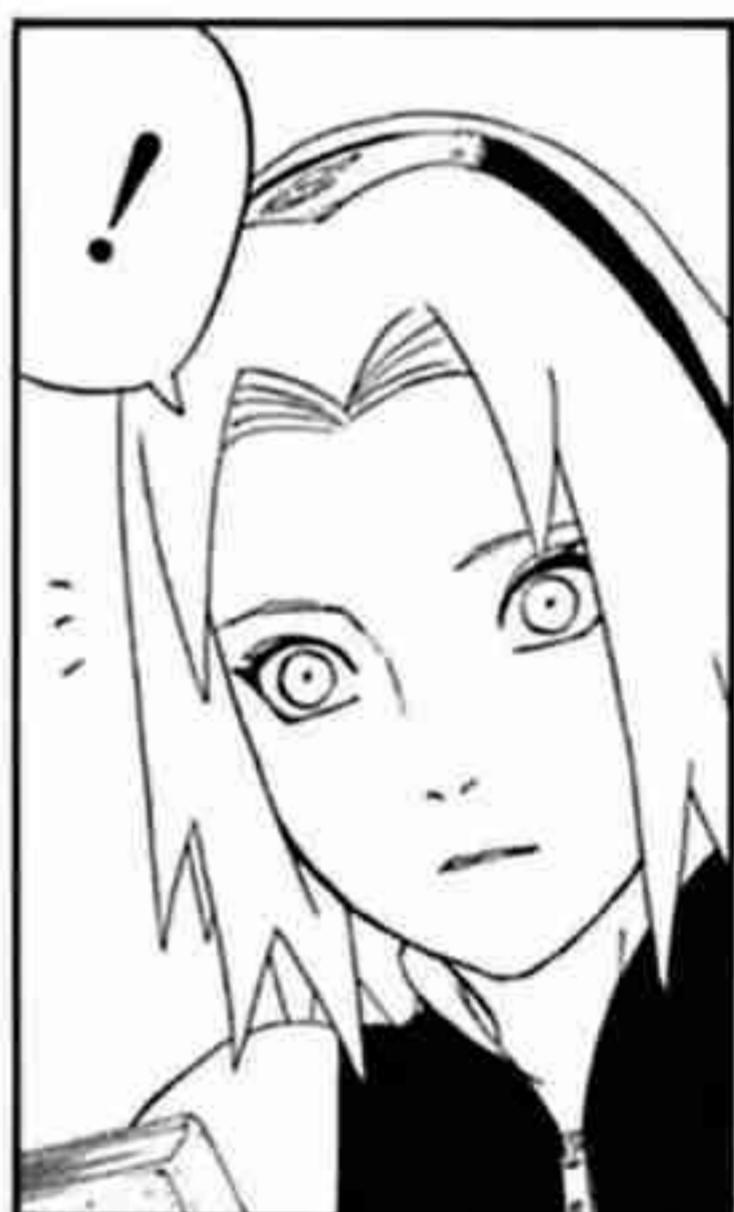


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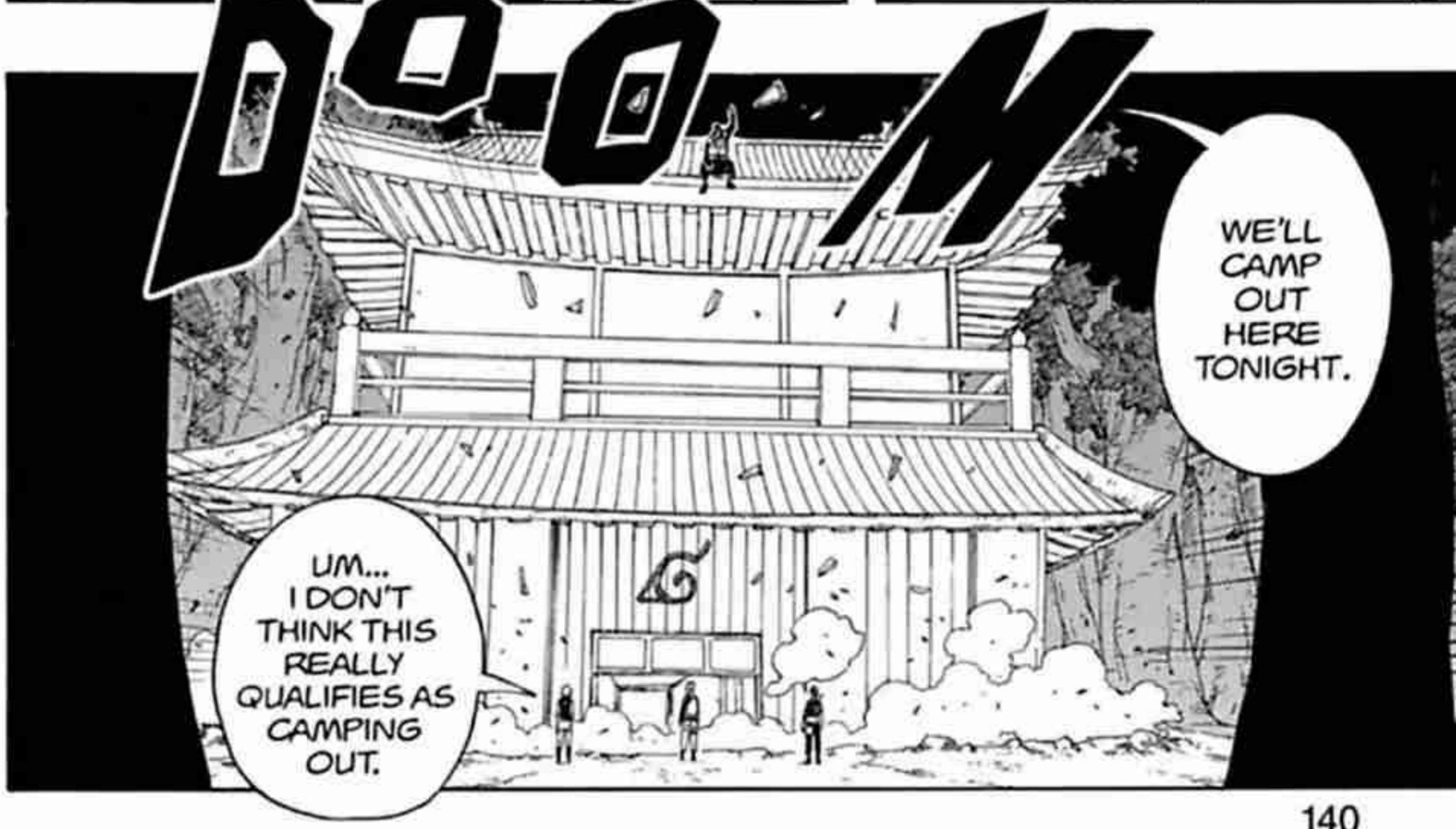


PLUS,
I DON'T
REALLY
SHOW
IT TO
OTHERS...



READ
THIS WAY







THEY MIGHT CATCH ME RIGHT AWAY...

...BUT I'M GOING TO TRY TO APPROACH THEM DISGUISED AS SASORI.

THE AKATSUKI SPY WHO HAS INFILTRATED OROCHI-MARU'S RANKS...

...EXPECTS TO RENDEZVOUS WITH SASORI AT TENCHI BRIDGE.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ALL THAT FOR?

YOU THREE WILL LIE IN WAIT UNTIL I SIGNAL YOU.

TRUE...AND SINCE THERE'S STILL A SMALL CHANCE THIS IS AN AKATSUKI TRAP... I'VE PLANNED FOR THAT POSSIBILITY AS WELL.

THAT'S WHY I'LL APPROACH FIRST, ALONE.

...YOUR TARGET WILL DEFINITELY HAVE THEIR GUARD UP.

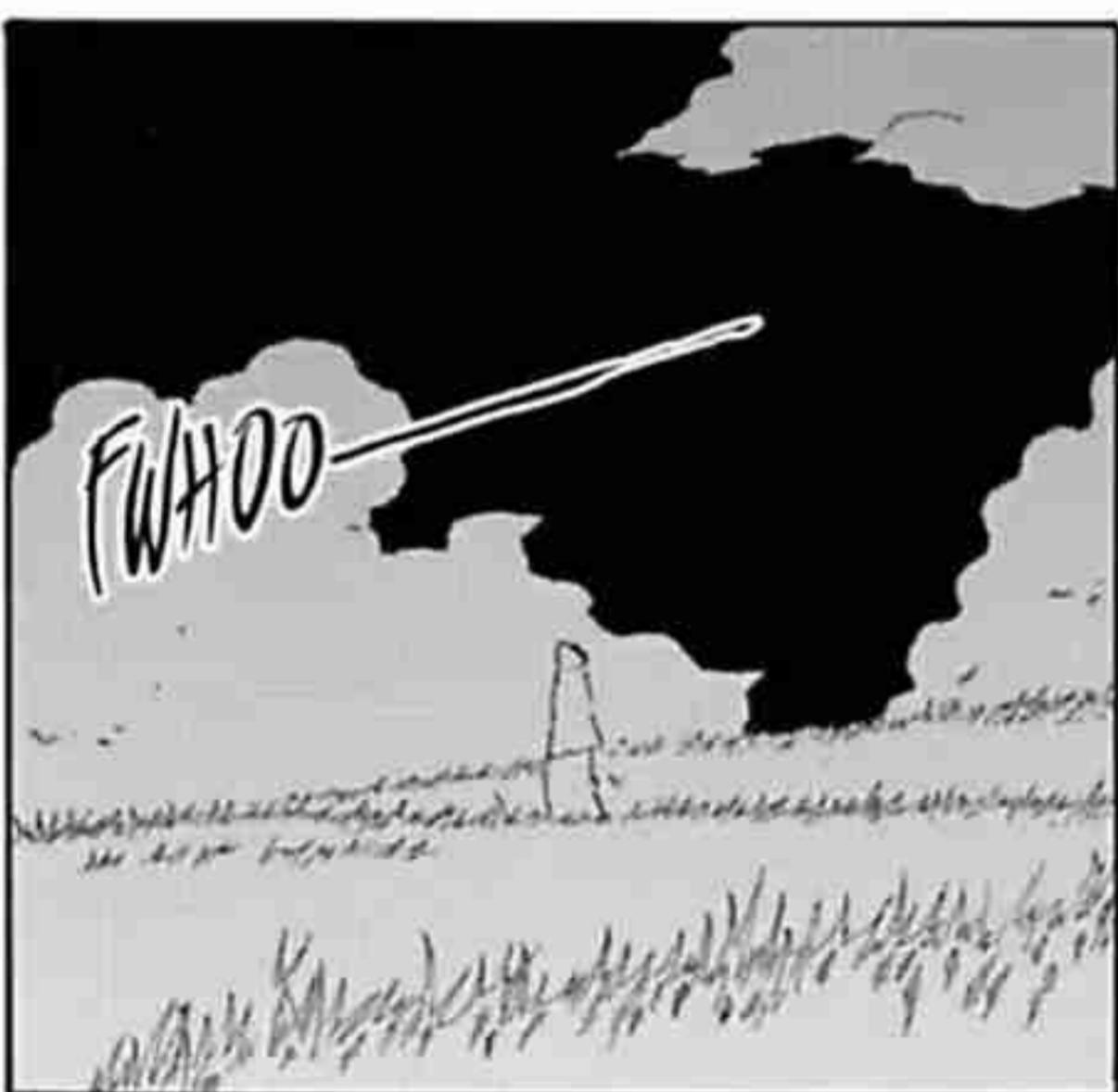
SPY WORK ENTAILS PRETTY HIGH RISK, SO...

EITHER WAY, THIS SPY... IS MOST LIKELY QUITE STRONG AND ACCOMPLISHED...

...AND THE WAY SASORI MENTIONED IT, JUST BEFORE HE DIED...

THERE WAS AN AKATSUKI SPY, YURA, IN THE SAND VILLAGE AS WELL...

...I DON'T THINK IT'S A LIE, BUT...



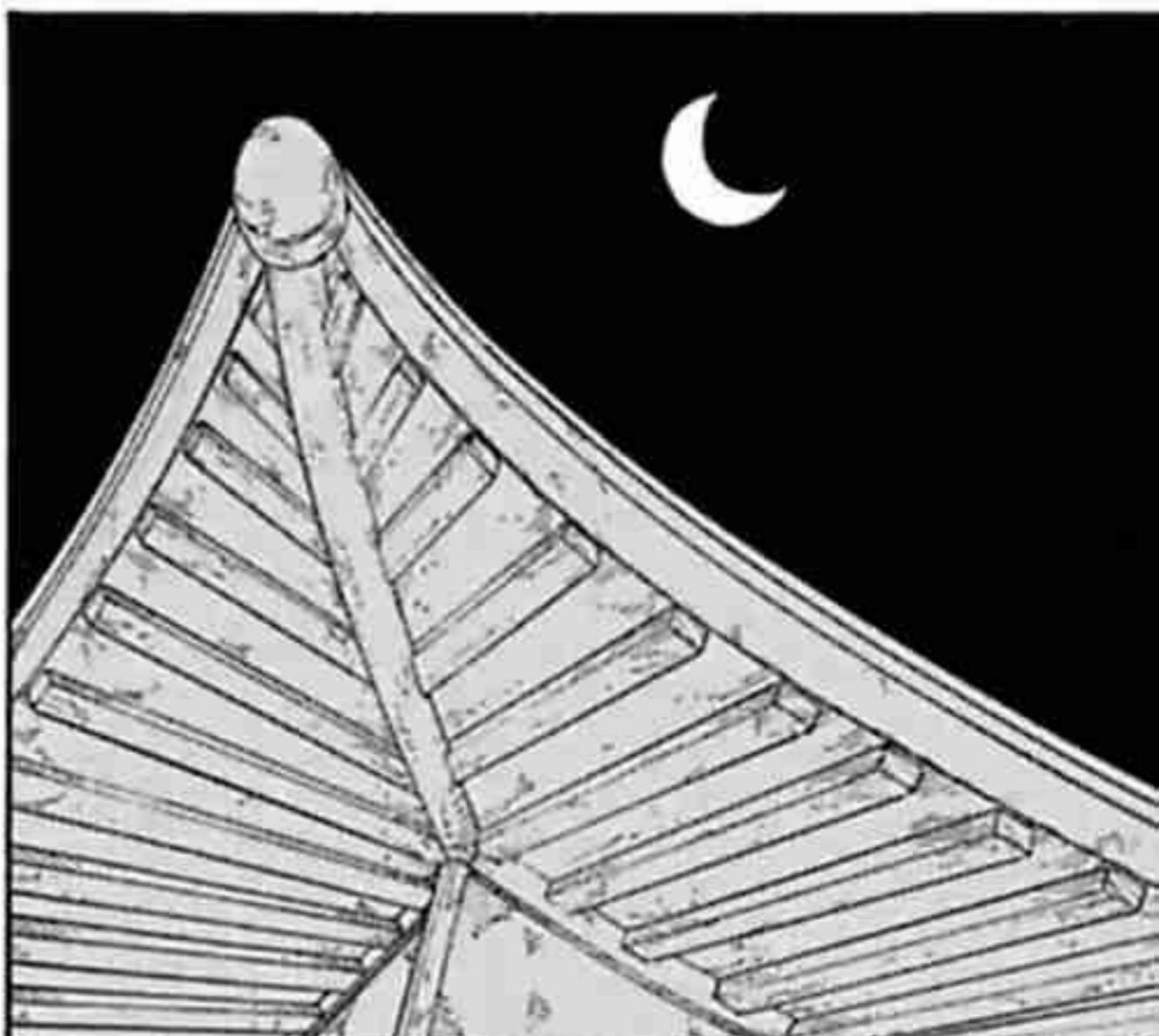


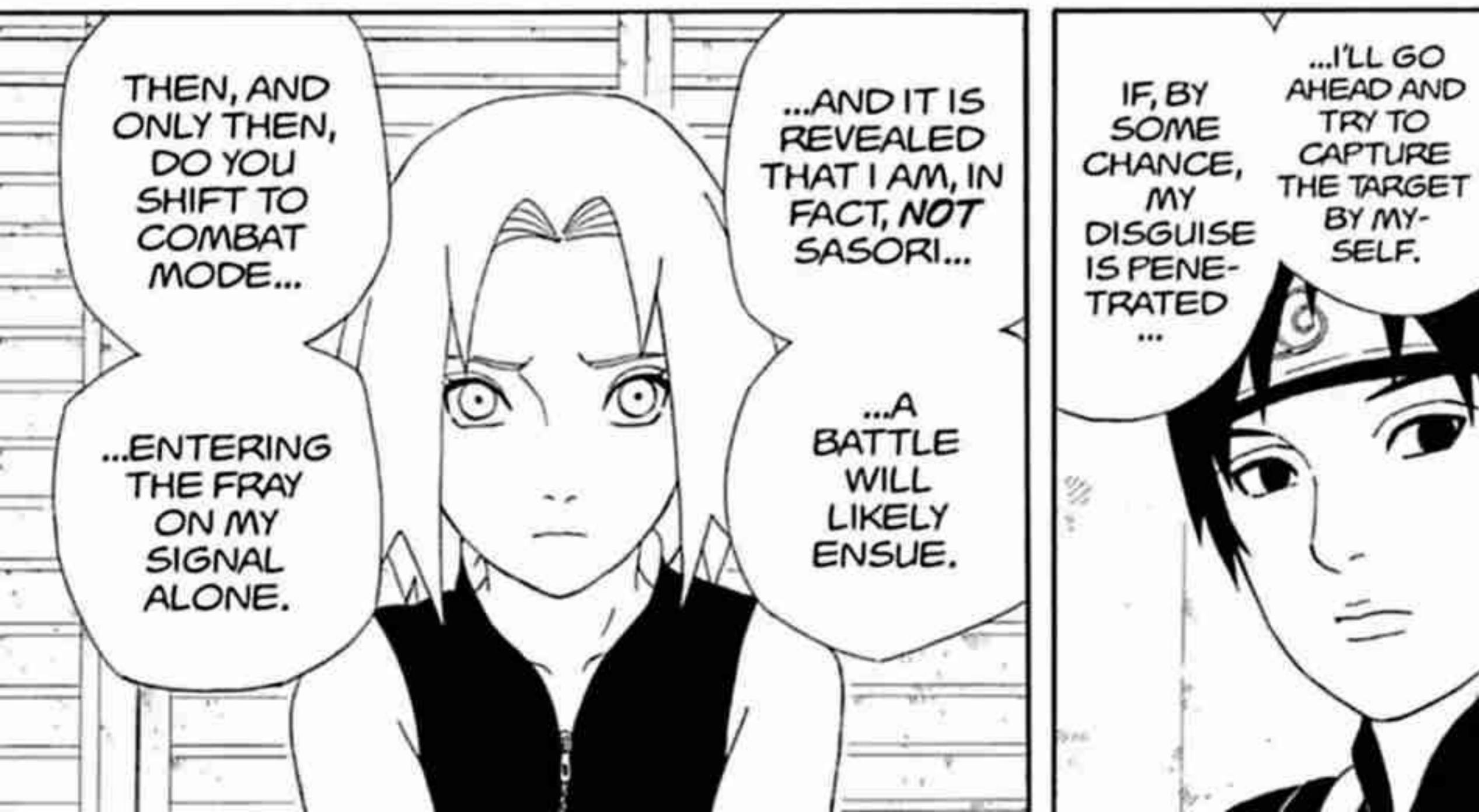
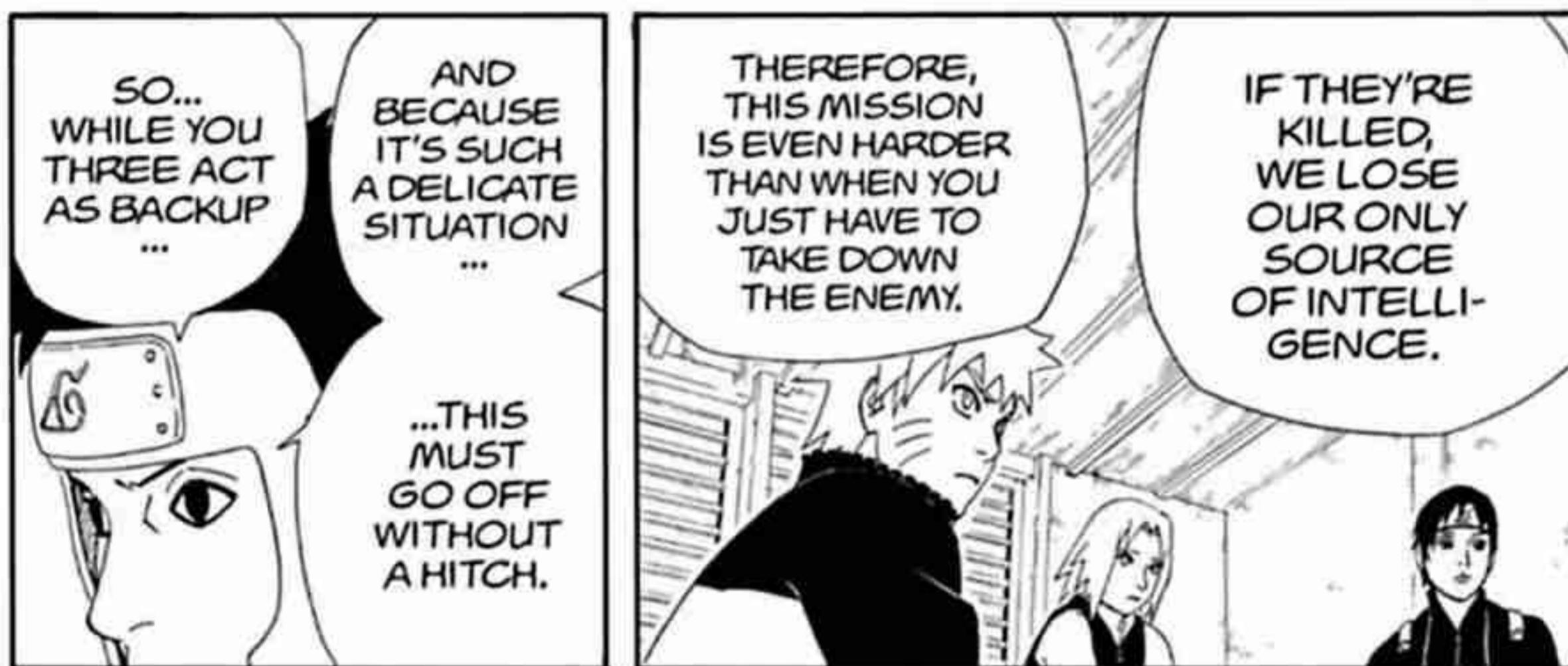
MURAKAMI MASAKI



Number
288:
Feel-
ings...?







SO...
HERE
ARE THE
PAIRINGS.

EVERY
WARRIOR'S
ACTION
WILL BE
COVERED
BY THEIR
PARTNER.

WE WILL
FIGHT IN
PAIRS
AT ALL
TIMES.

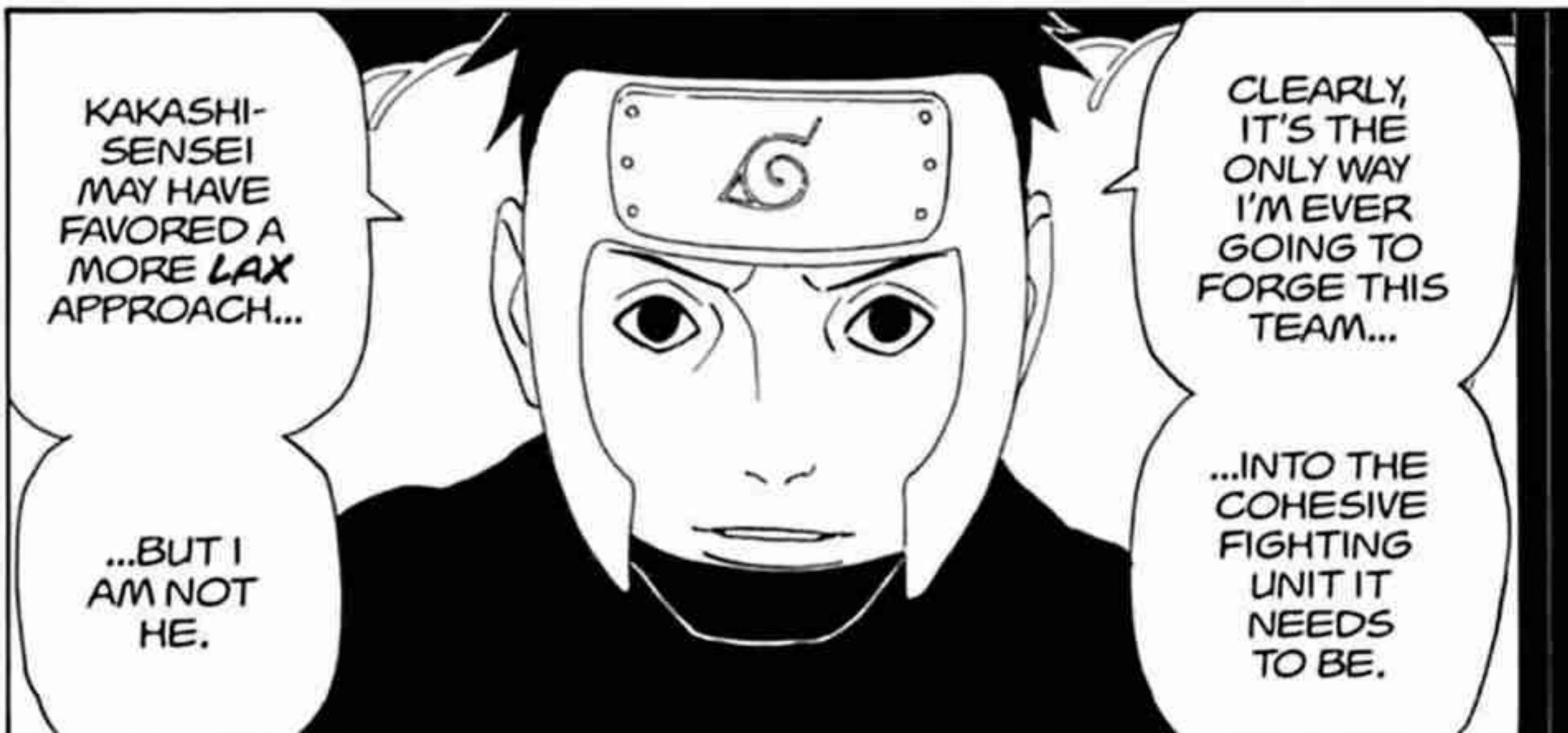
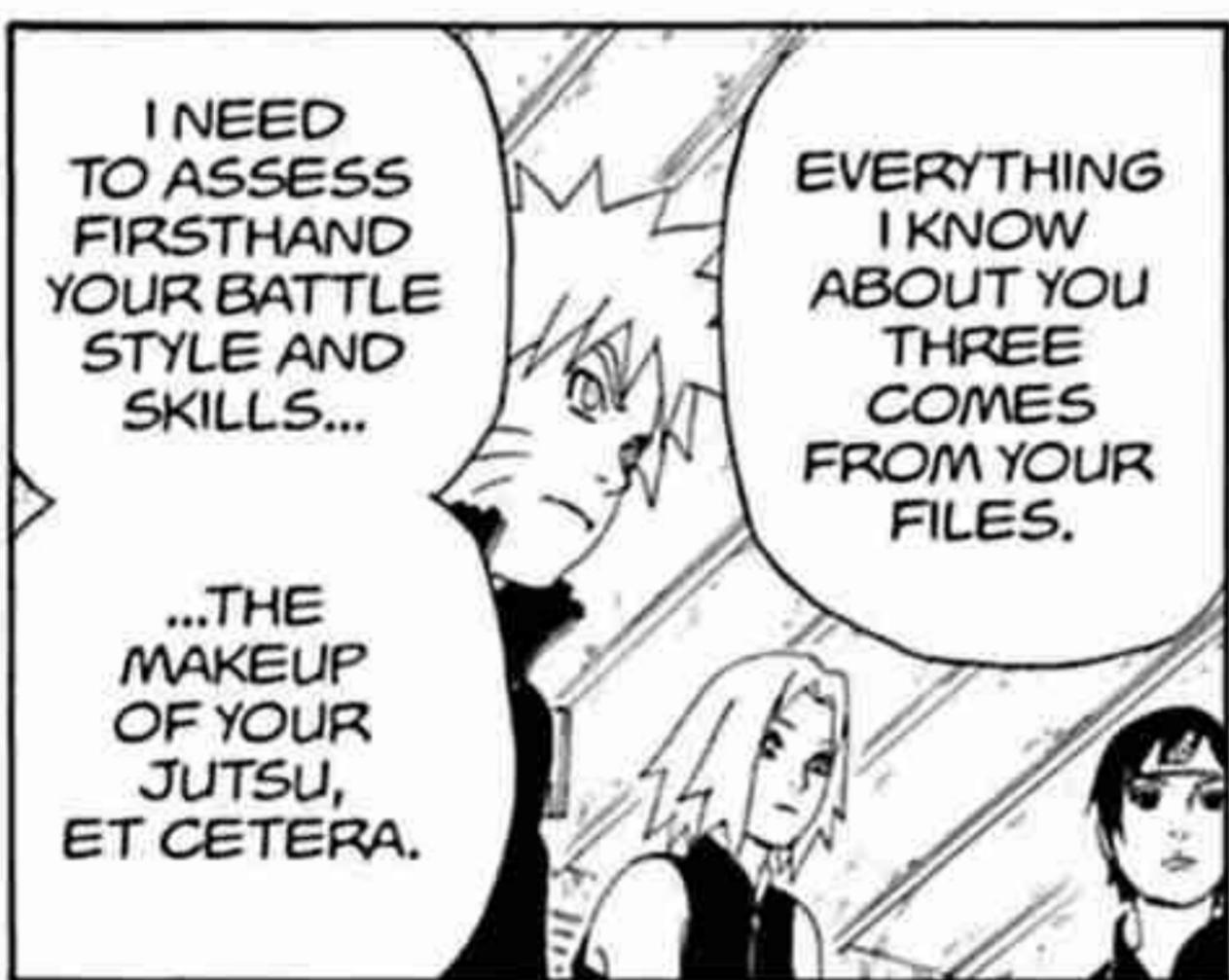
THE
WATCH-
WORD,
PEOPLE,
IS
TEAM-
WORK.

SQUAD
ONE
WILL BE...
NARUTO
AND SAI.

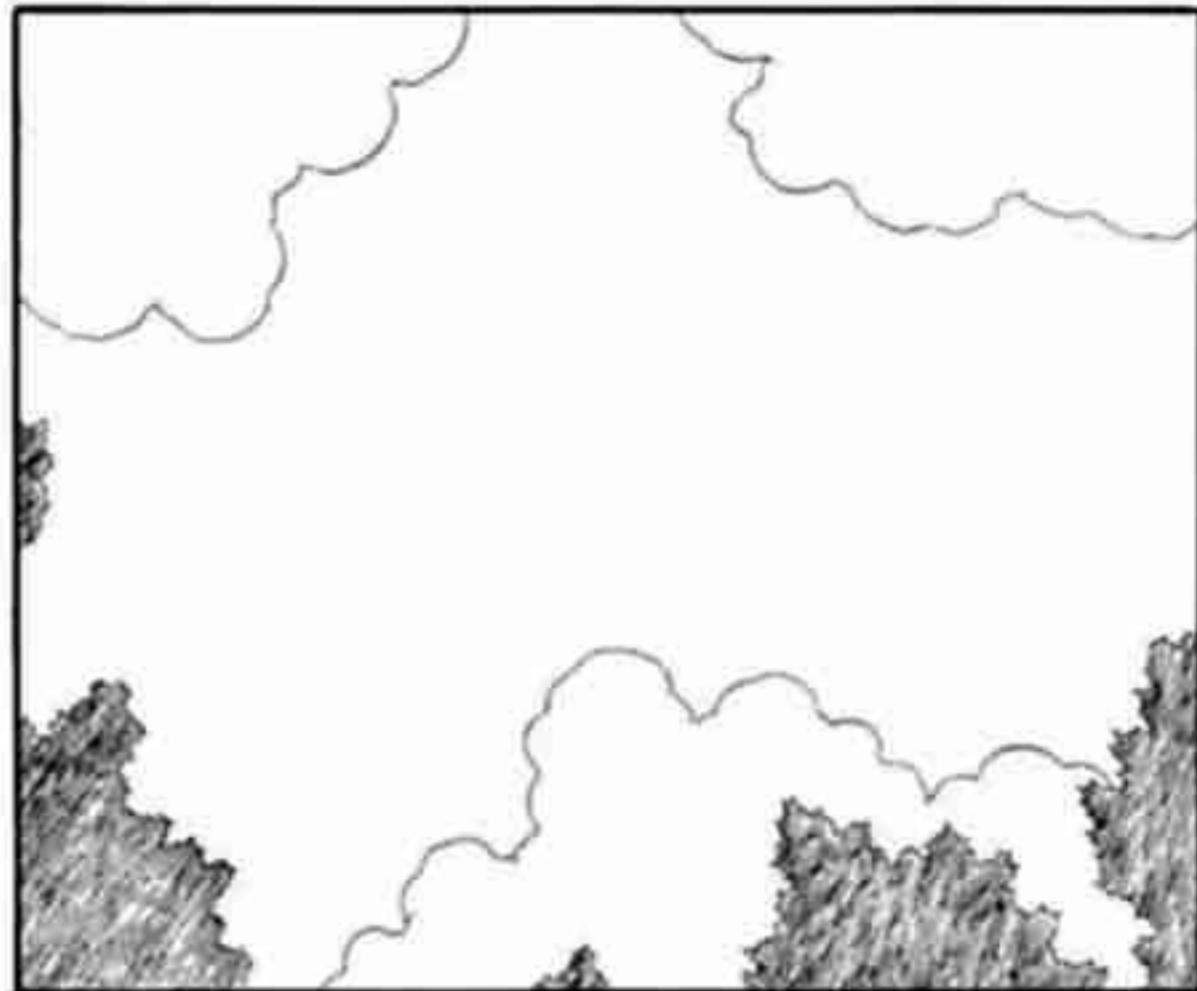
SAKURA,
YOU'RE
WITH
ME...

<< READ
THIS
WAY >>





READ
THIS
WAY



IS THAT
ALL YOU'VE
GOT?!





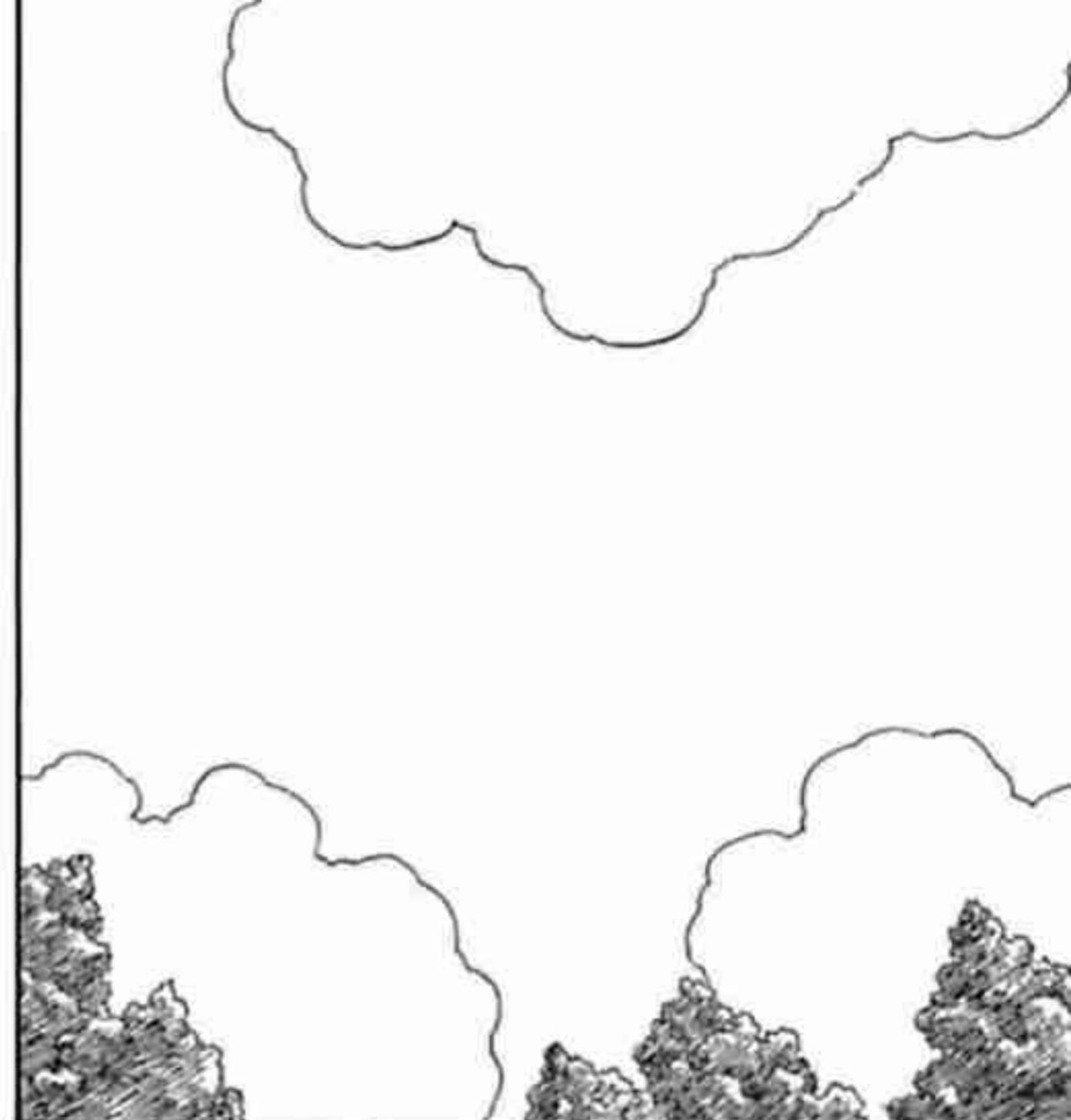


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(HEADGEAR: LOSER!)



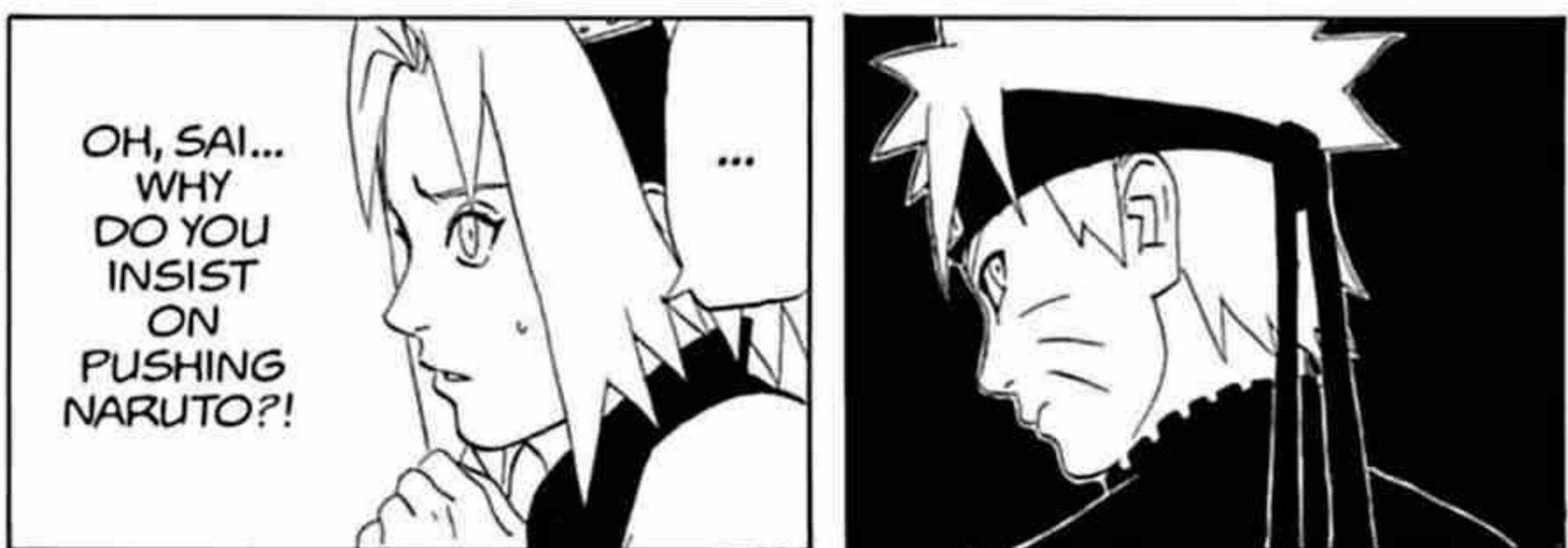
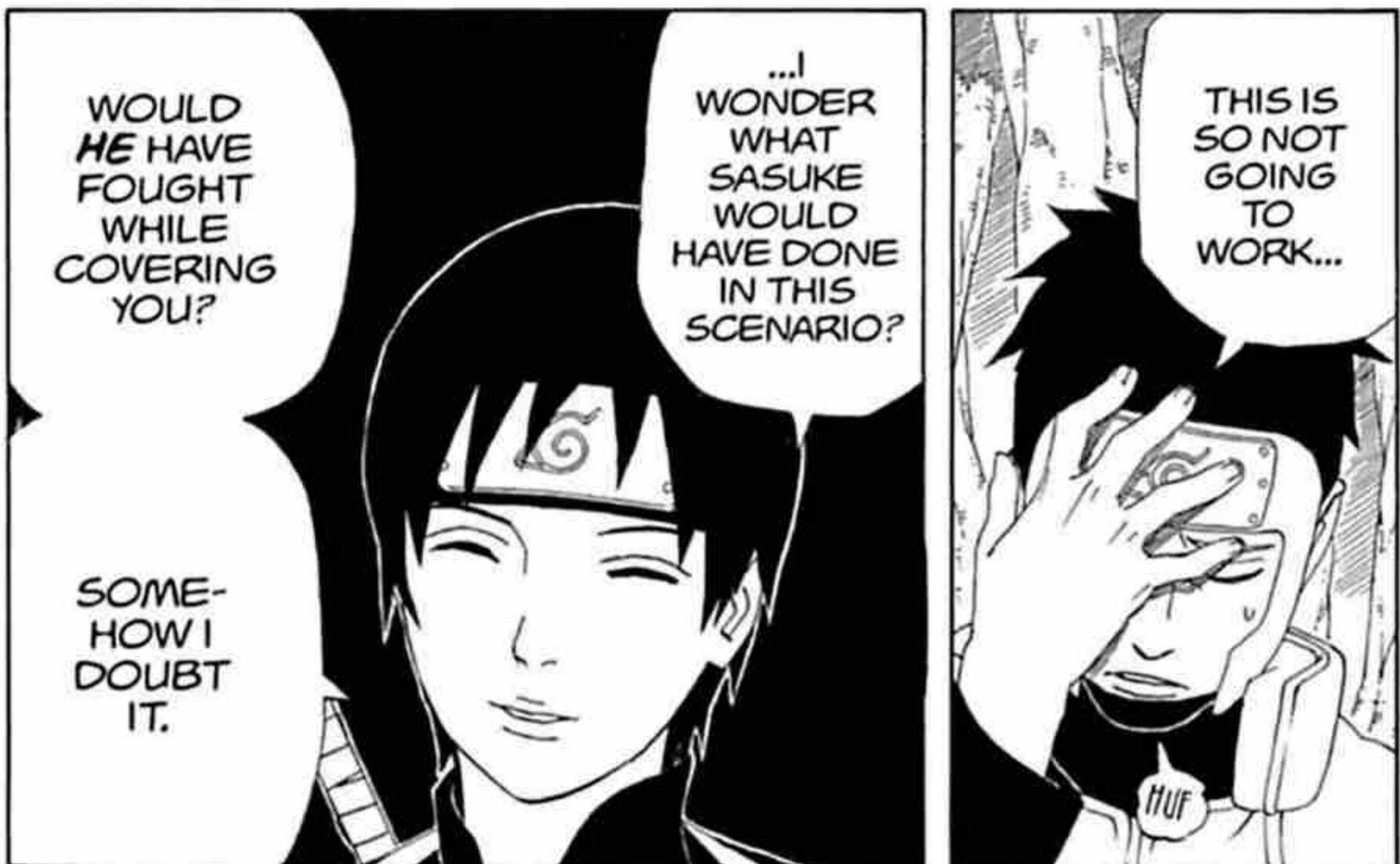


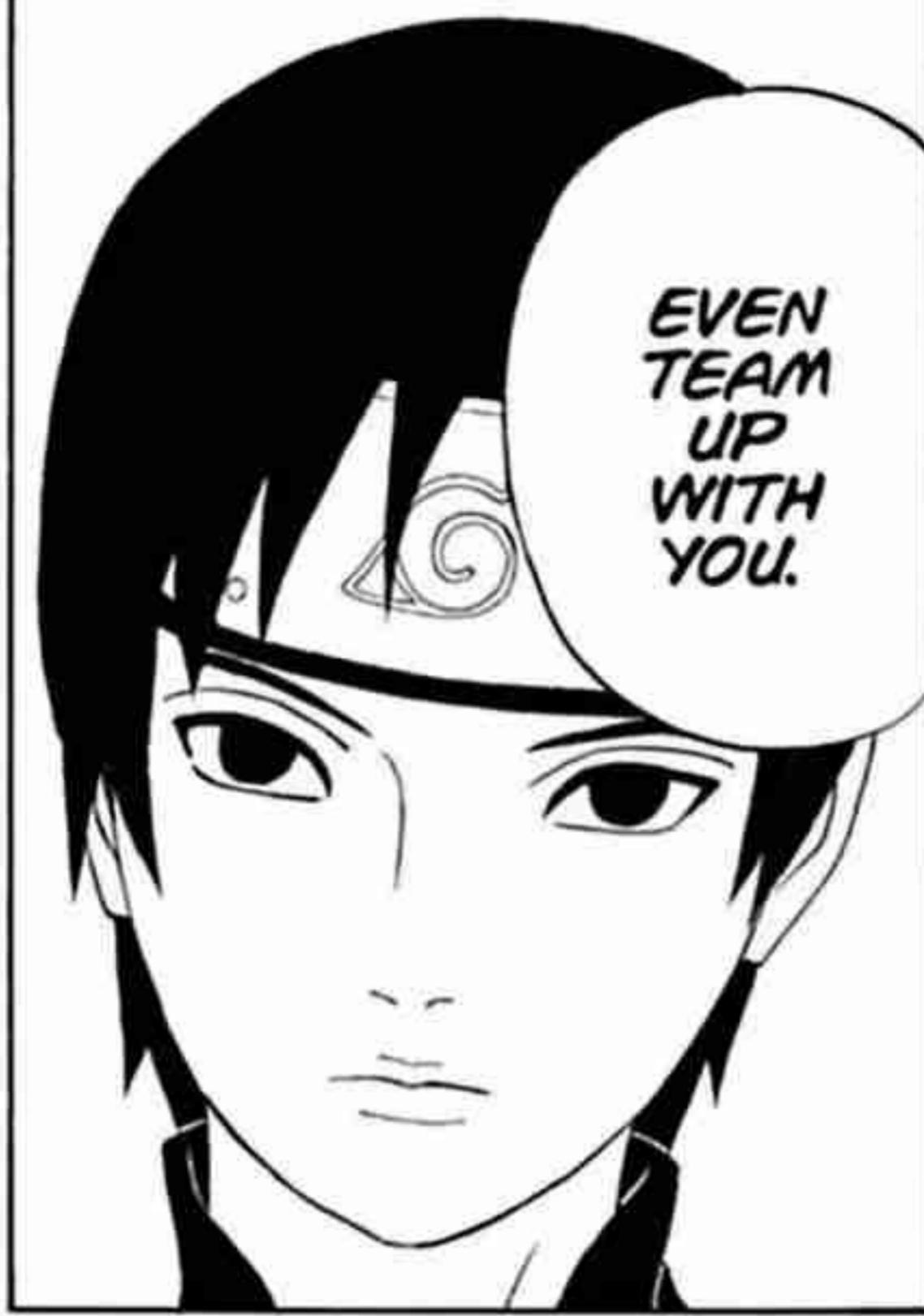
READ
THIS
WAY





READ
THIS
WAY





EVEN
TEAM
UP
WITH
YOU.



YES...
AND I
WOULD
STILL DO
ANY-
THING
TO SAVE
HIM.



READ
THIS
WAY



NARUTO

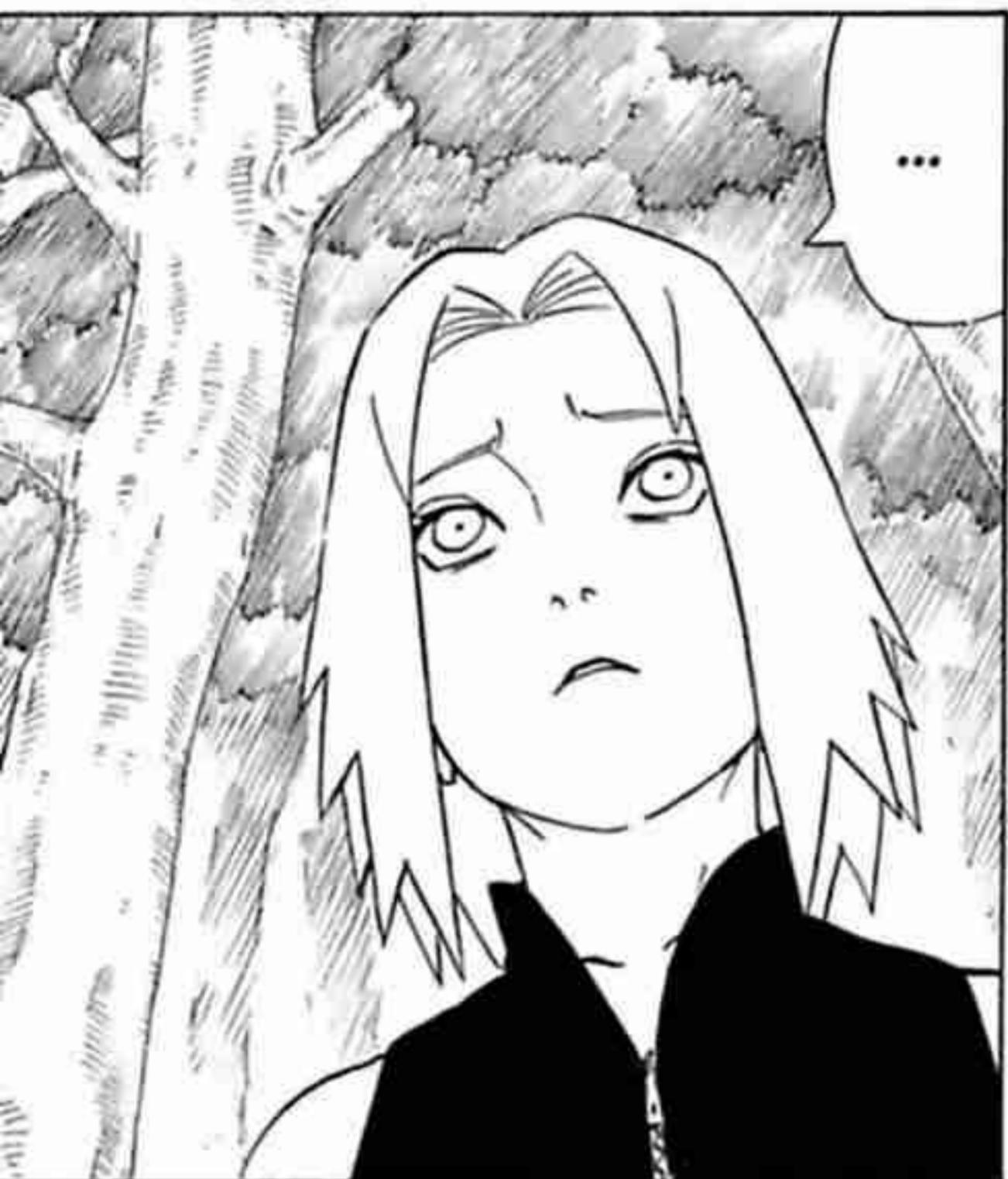
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The Akatsuki Spy!!



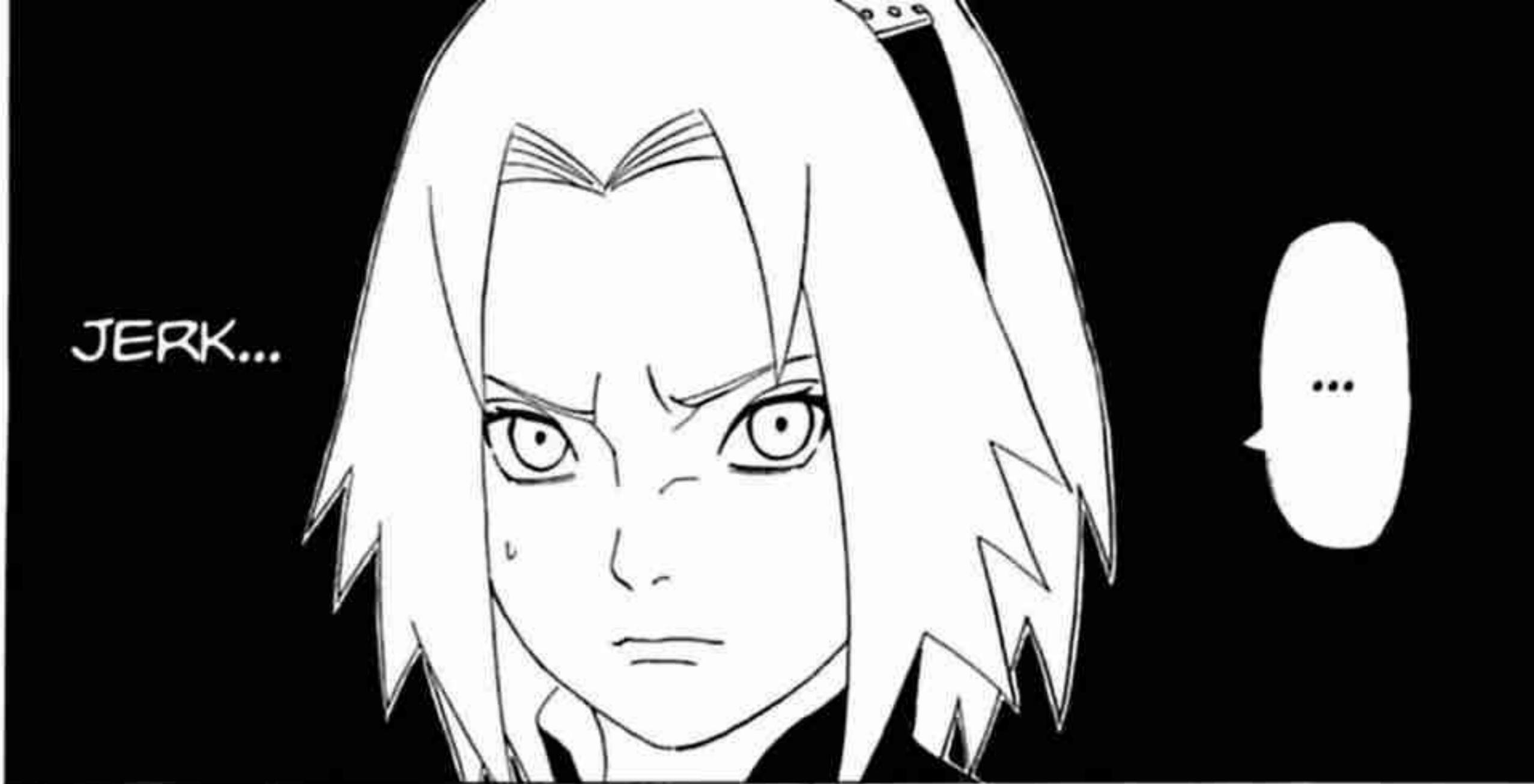
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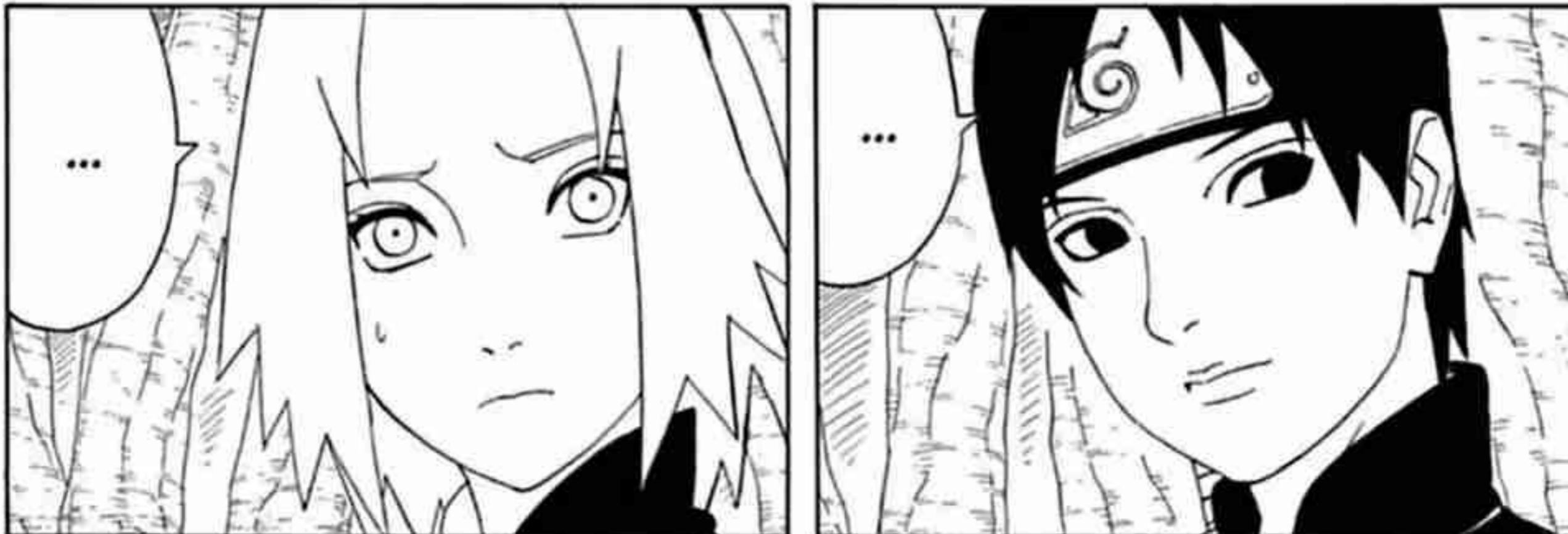
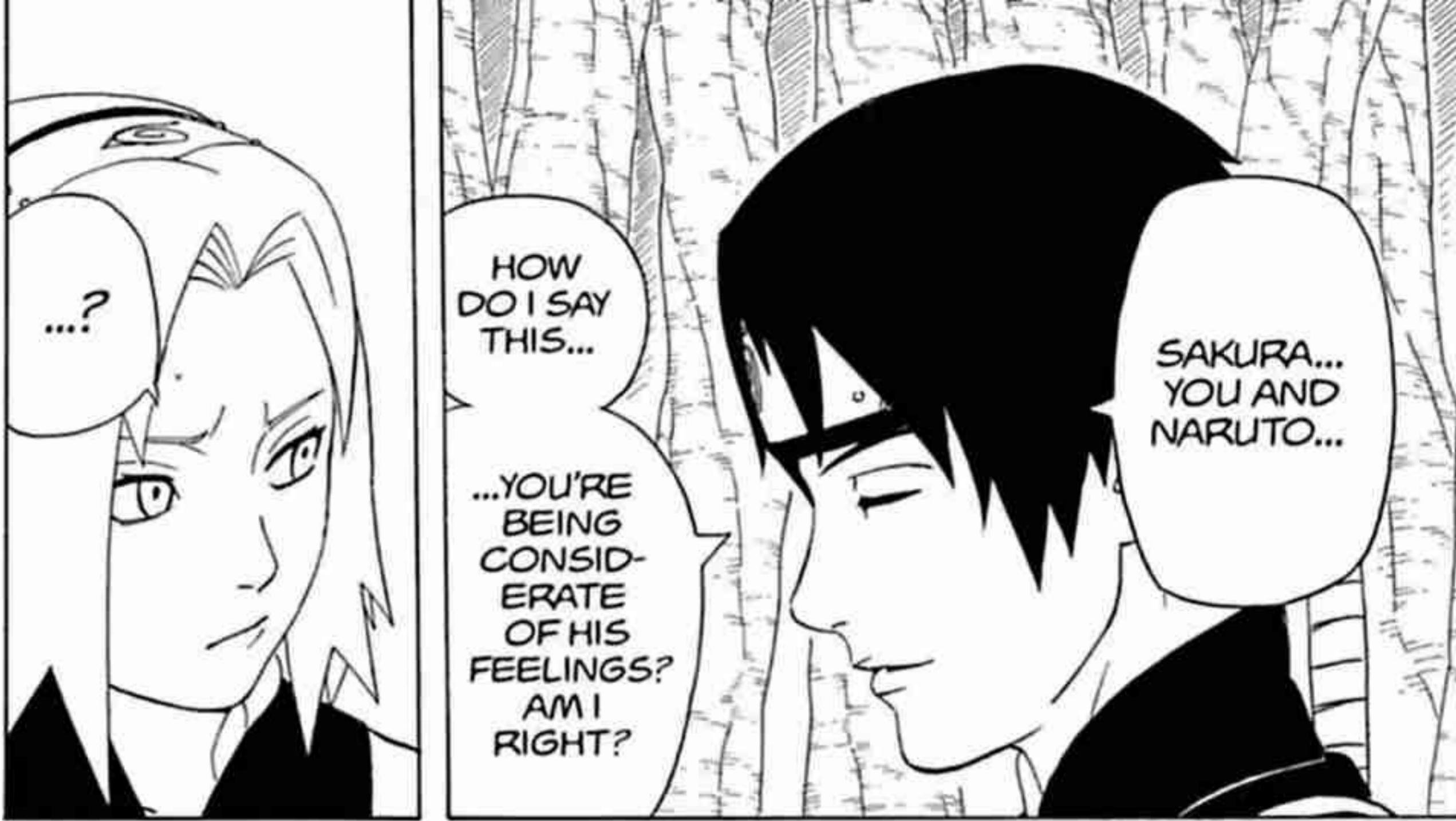
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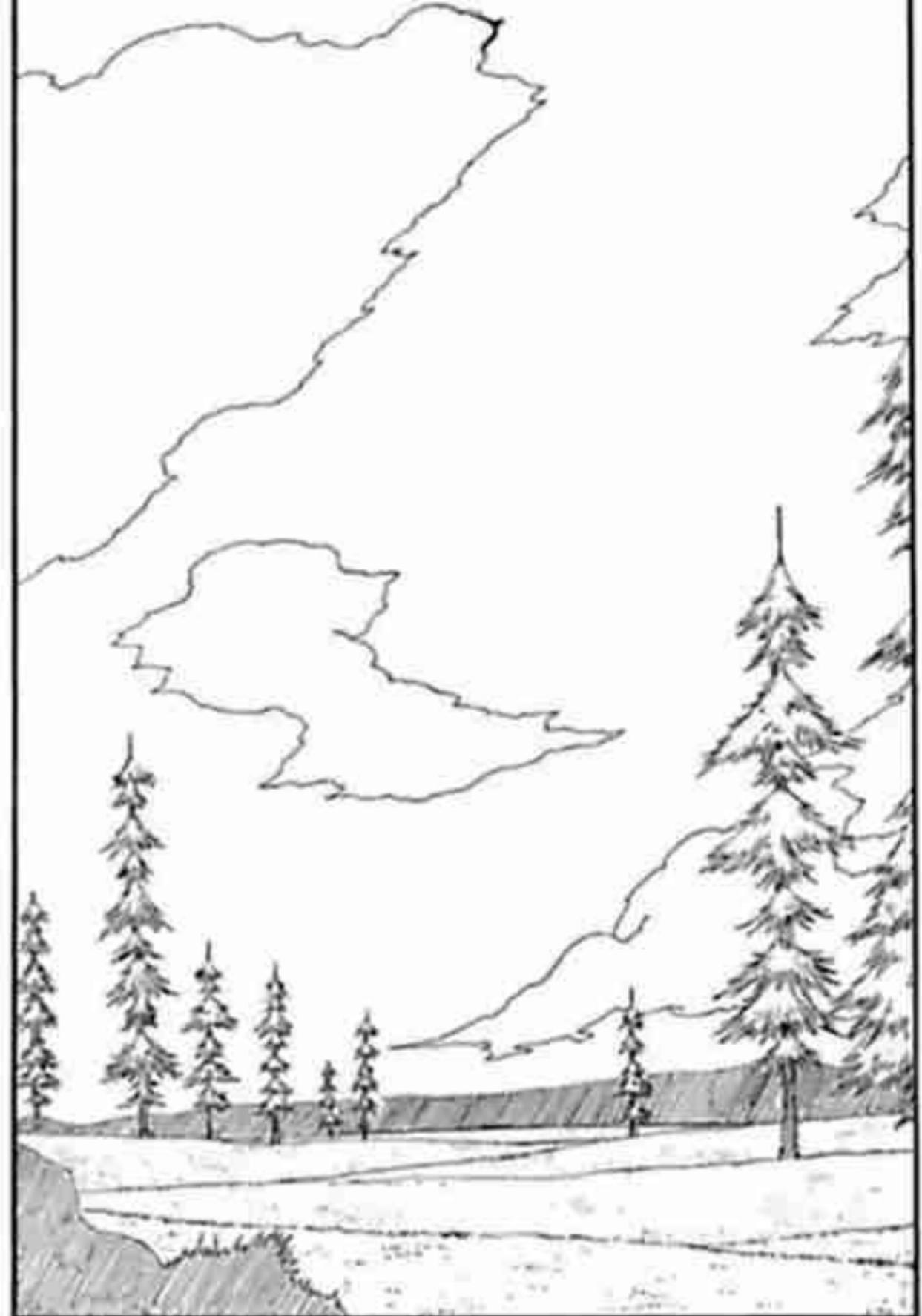


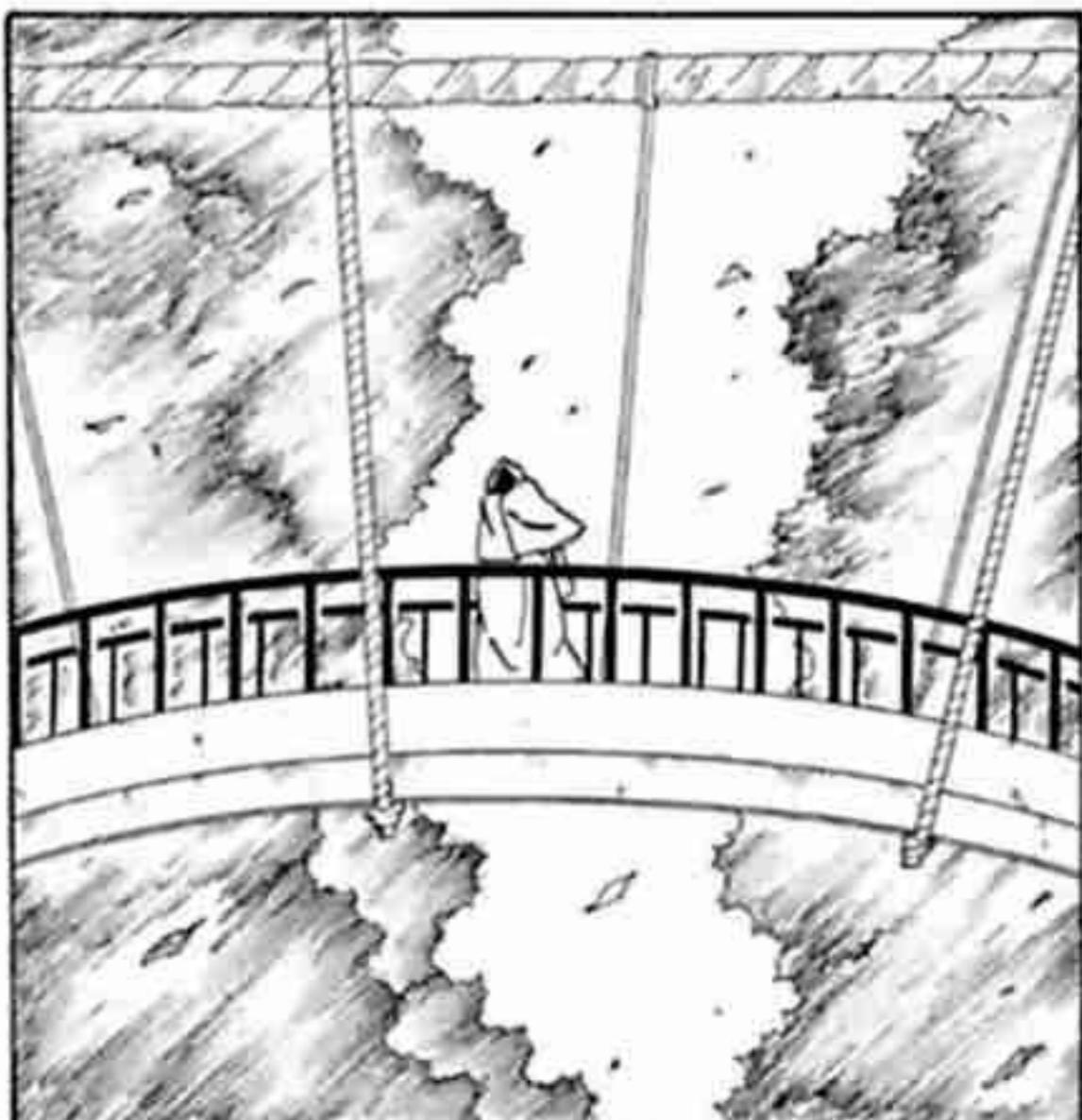
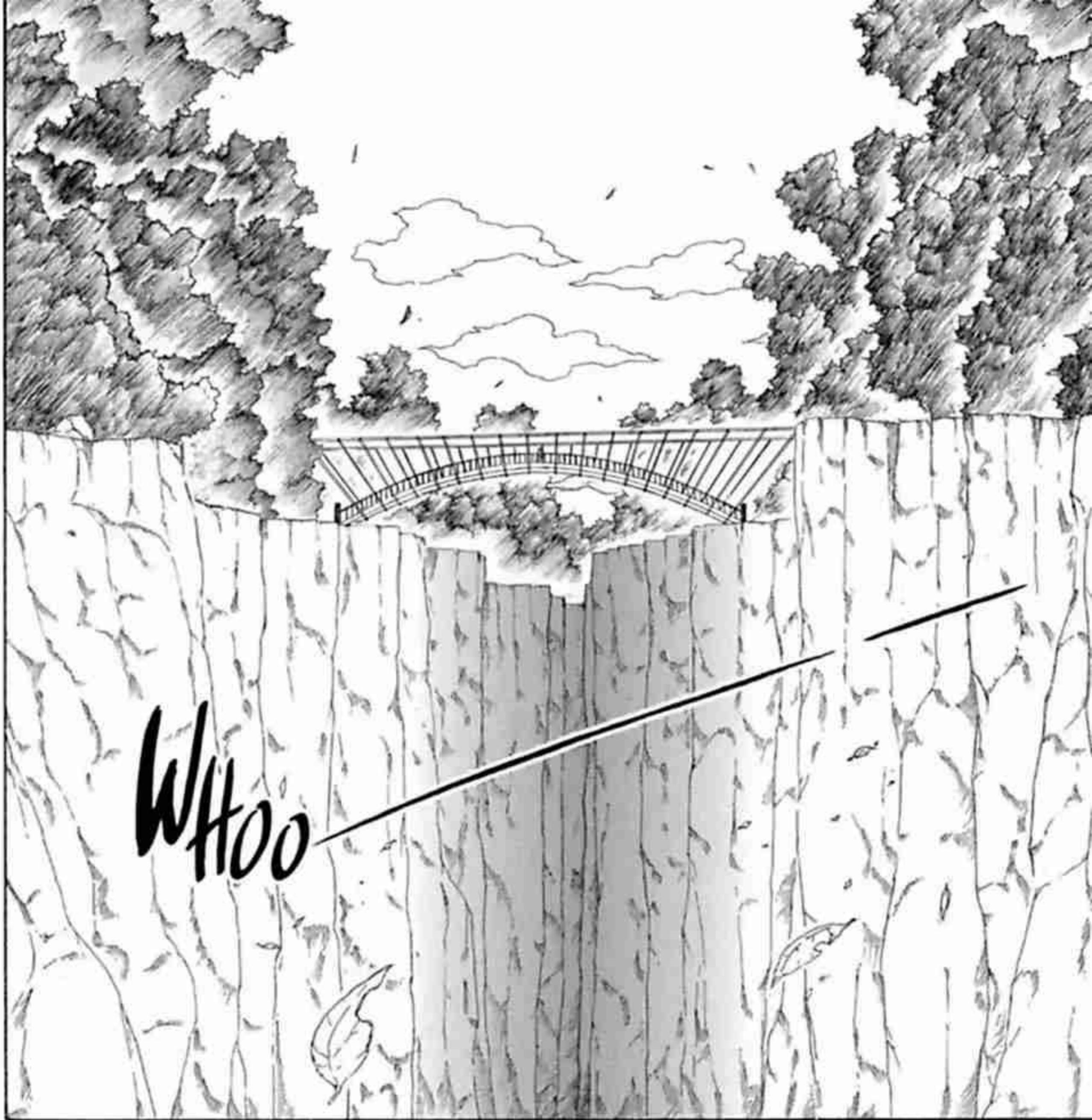


READ
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WAY











GOOD
LUCK,
COM-
MANDER
YAMATO...





READ
THIS WAY



SOME
ARE IN
LANDS
OUTSIDE
THE
SOUND...

...THAT
OROCHIMARU'S
SPIES HAVE
INFILTRATED
AND MAINTAIN
FOR US.

Whoop

THERE
ARE
SEVERAL
HIDEOUTS
...

...BUT THESE
CHANGE
FROM WEEK
TO WEEK SO
HIS LOCATION
CANNOT BE
PINPOINTED.

UCHIHA
SASUKE
IS ALSO
THERE
RIGHT
NOW.

WE'RE
CURRENTLY
LYING LOW AT
A SAFEHOUSE
ON A SMALL
ISLAND IN THE
NORTHERN
LAKE...

...BUT
WE'LL BE
MOVING
IN THREE
DAYS'
TIME.

BUT
THERE IS
NO SET
TRANSFER
PLAN OR
PATTERN...

AND BEING
UPWIND
BLOWS OUR
SCENT IN THE
OPPOSITE
DIRECTION,
SO HE WON'T
DETECT OUR
APPROACH.

IDIOT!
THE WIND IS
EXACTLY
WHAT'S KEEP-
ING KABUTO
FROM
HEARING US
TOO!

BLAST!
THE WIND'S
SO
STRONG,
I CAN'T
HEAR A
THING!

READ
THIS WAY

