



# NARUTO

SHONEN JUMP MANGA

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53



When the time came to put together the plot for *Naruto* volume 53, I consulted my wife, and this is what resulted. Stories about Mother.

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2010

岸本斉史



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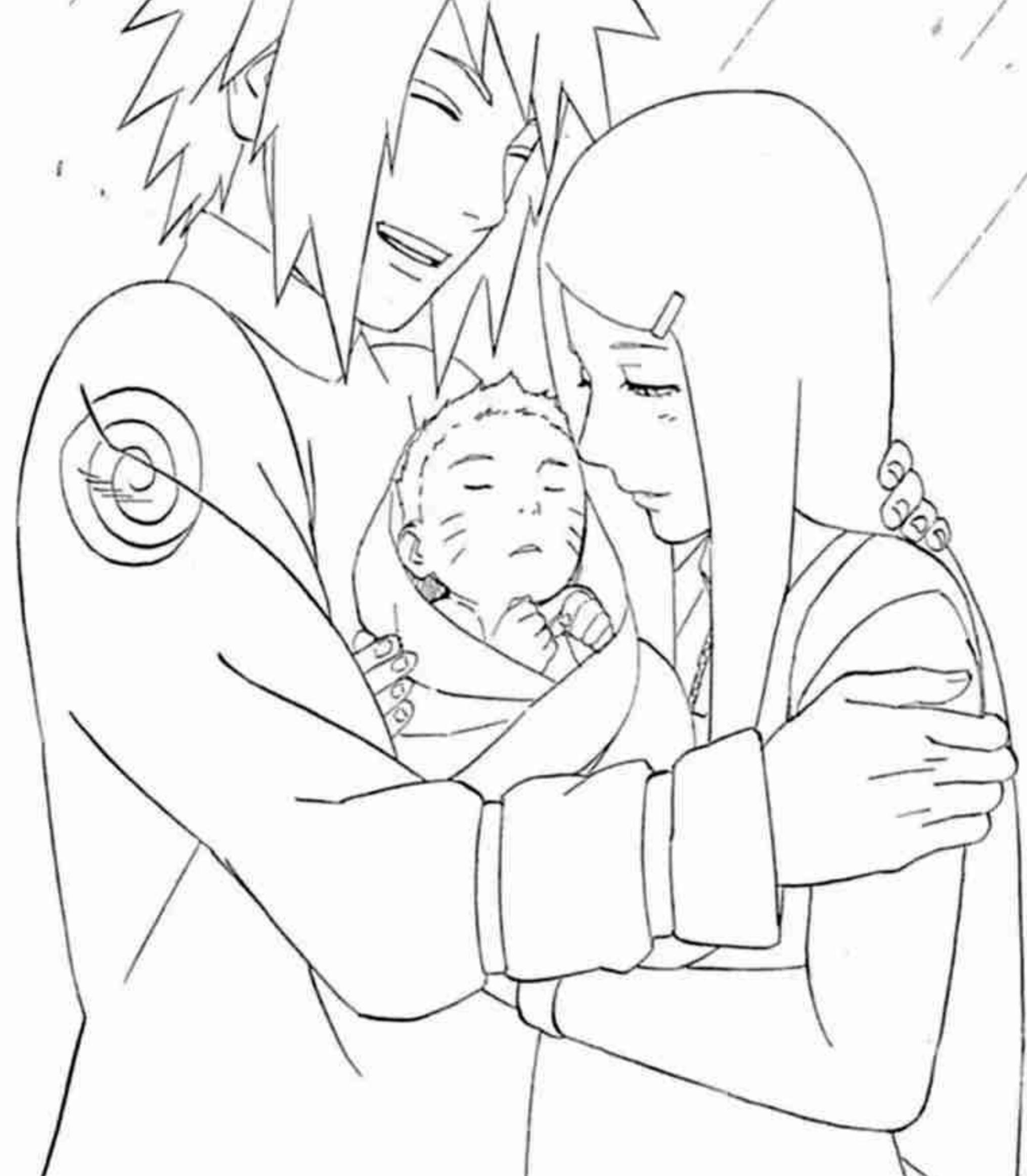
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VOL. 53

THE BIRTH OF NARUTO

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# CHARACTERS



Sasuke サスケ



Naruto ナルト



Sakura サクラ



Kakashi カカシ



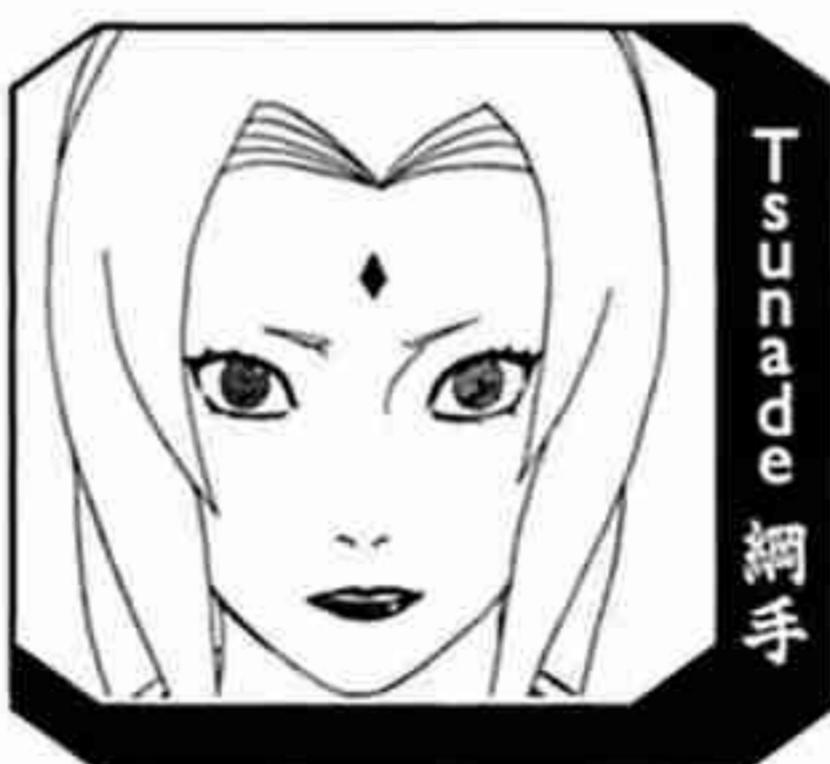
Yamato ヤマト



Sai サイ



Jiraiya 自來也



Tsunade 綱手



Jugo 重吾



Karin 香燐



Suigetsu 水月



Kisame 鬼鮫



Itachi イタチ



Madara マダラ



Motoi モトイ



Killer Bee キラービー



Gaara 我愛羅

## THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power...

In the years that pass, Naruto engages in fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. Elsewhere, after winning the heroic battle against Itachi and learning his older brother's true intentions, Sasuke allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

Upon Madara's declaration of war, an Allied Shinobi Force is formed. Naruto, sent away in the name of protecting the jinchûriki, begins training to control Nine Tails. As he struggles, he learns of Bee and Motoi's past, and realizes the importance of trust!!



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**Number 495: Dark Naruto, Defeated!!**



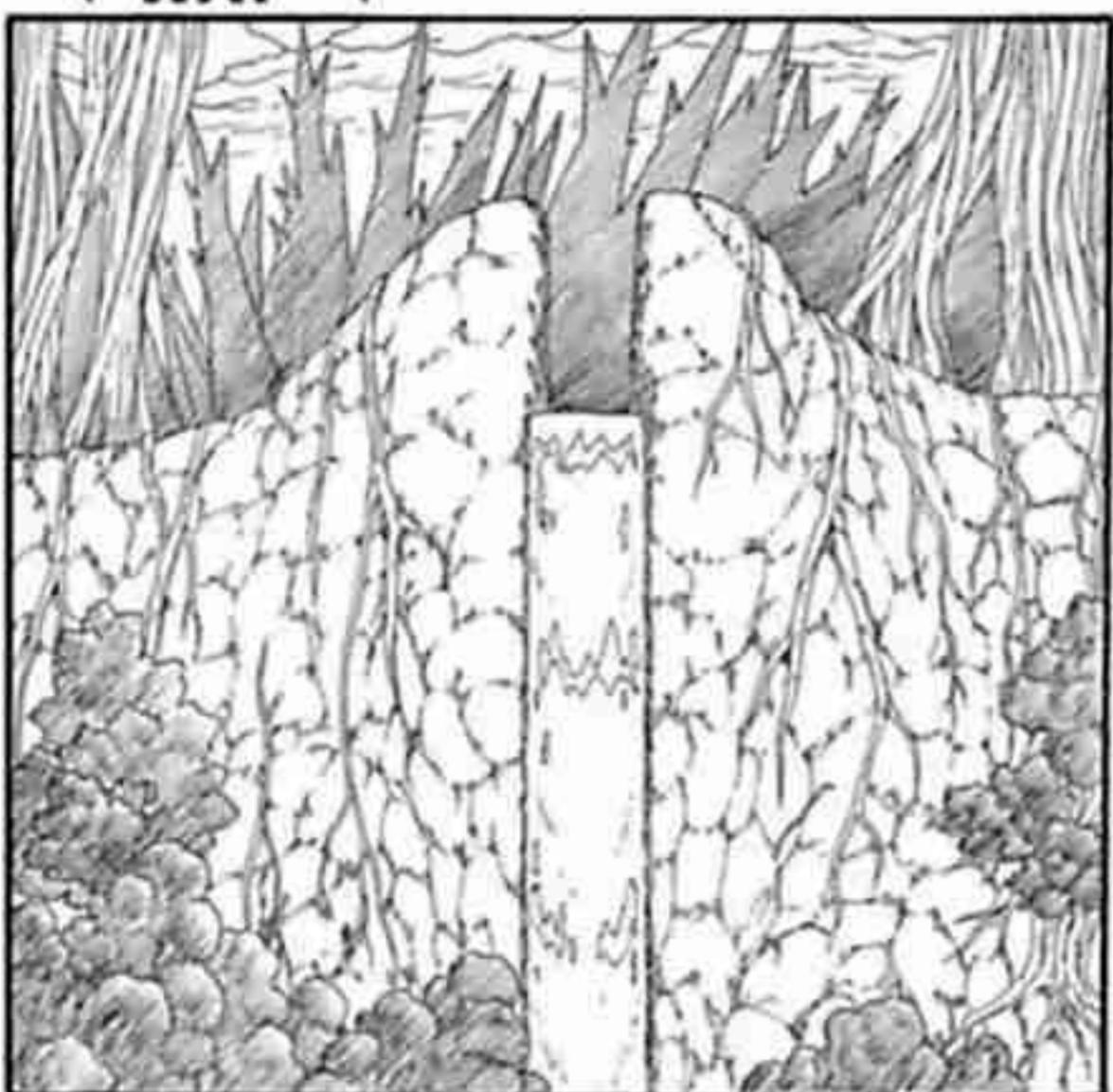


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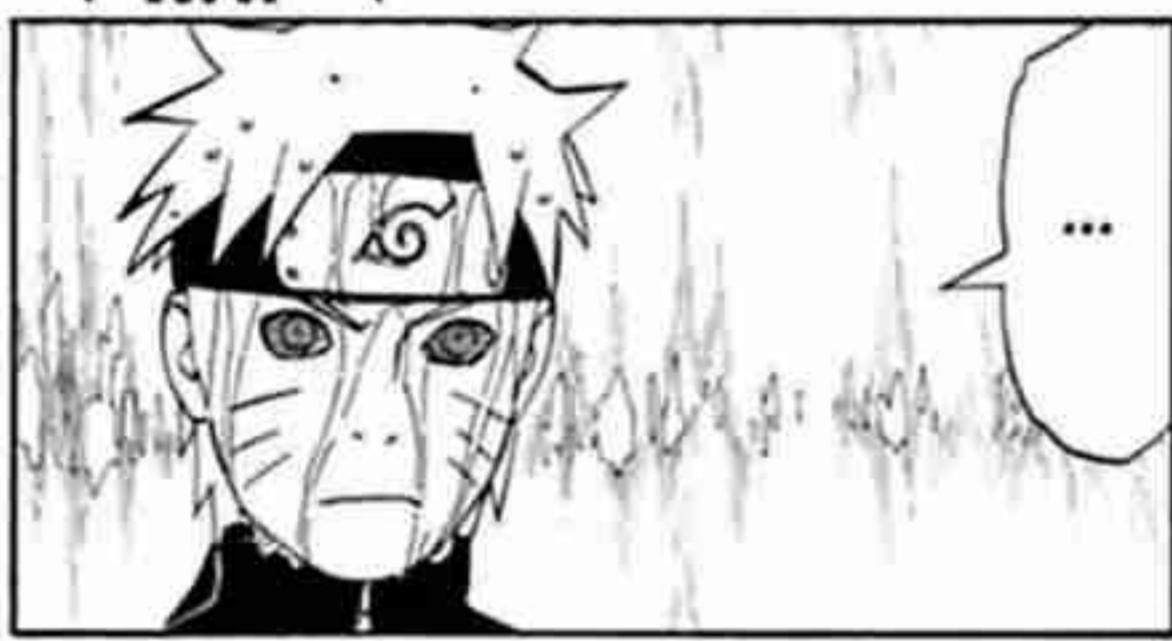


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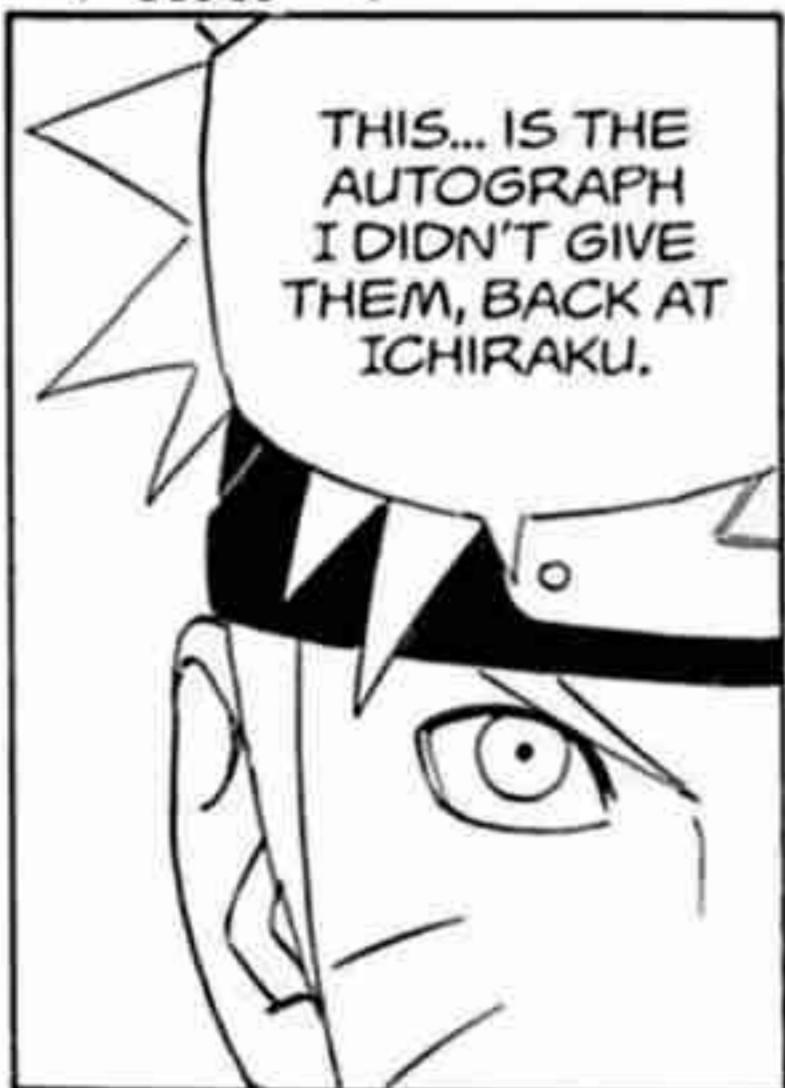


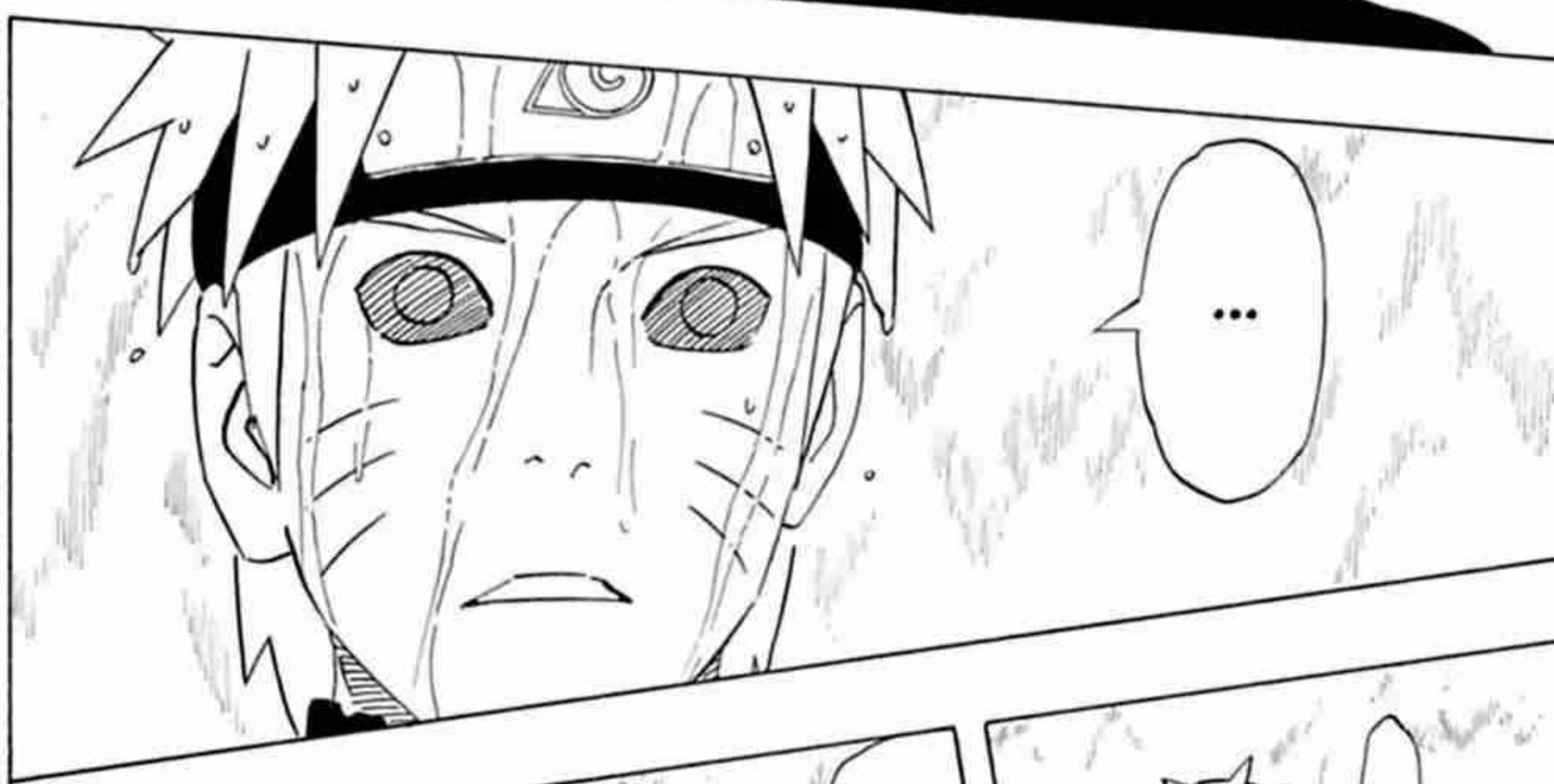
# HOKAGE CANDIDATE No.1

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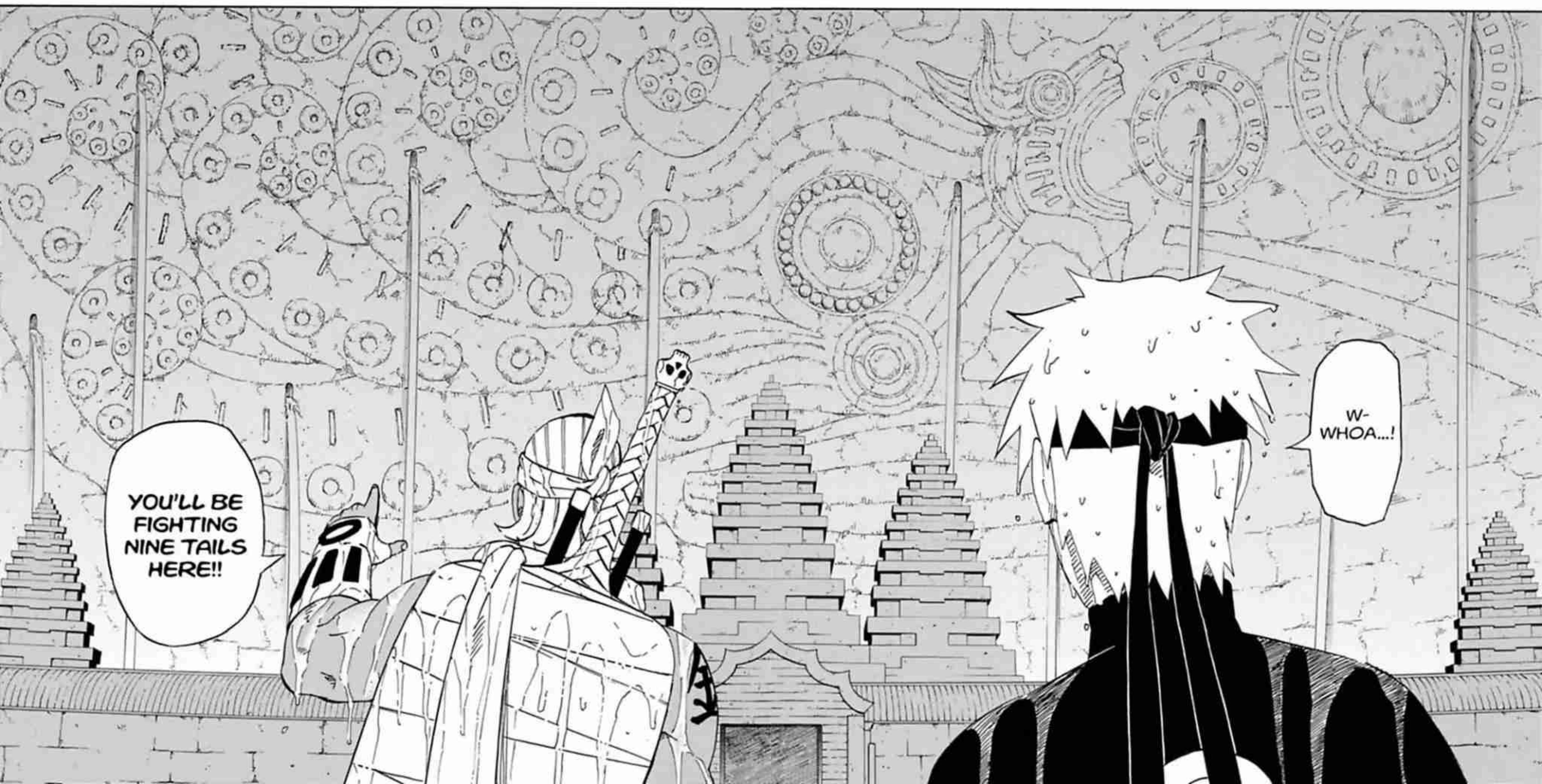


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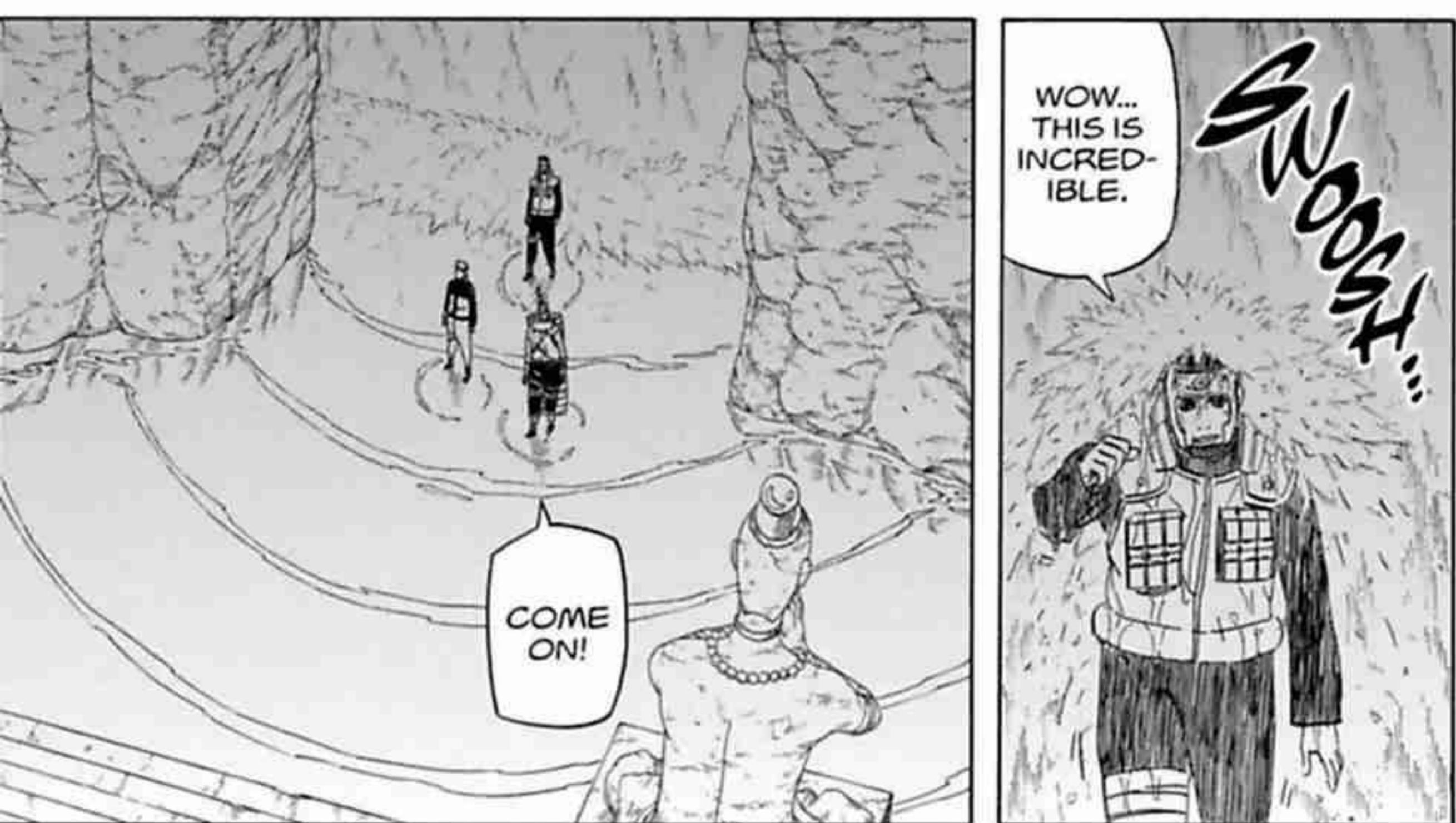


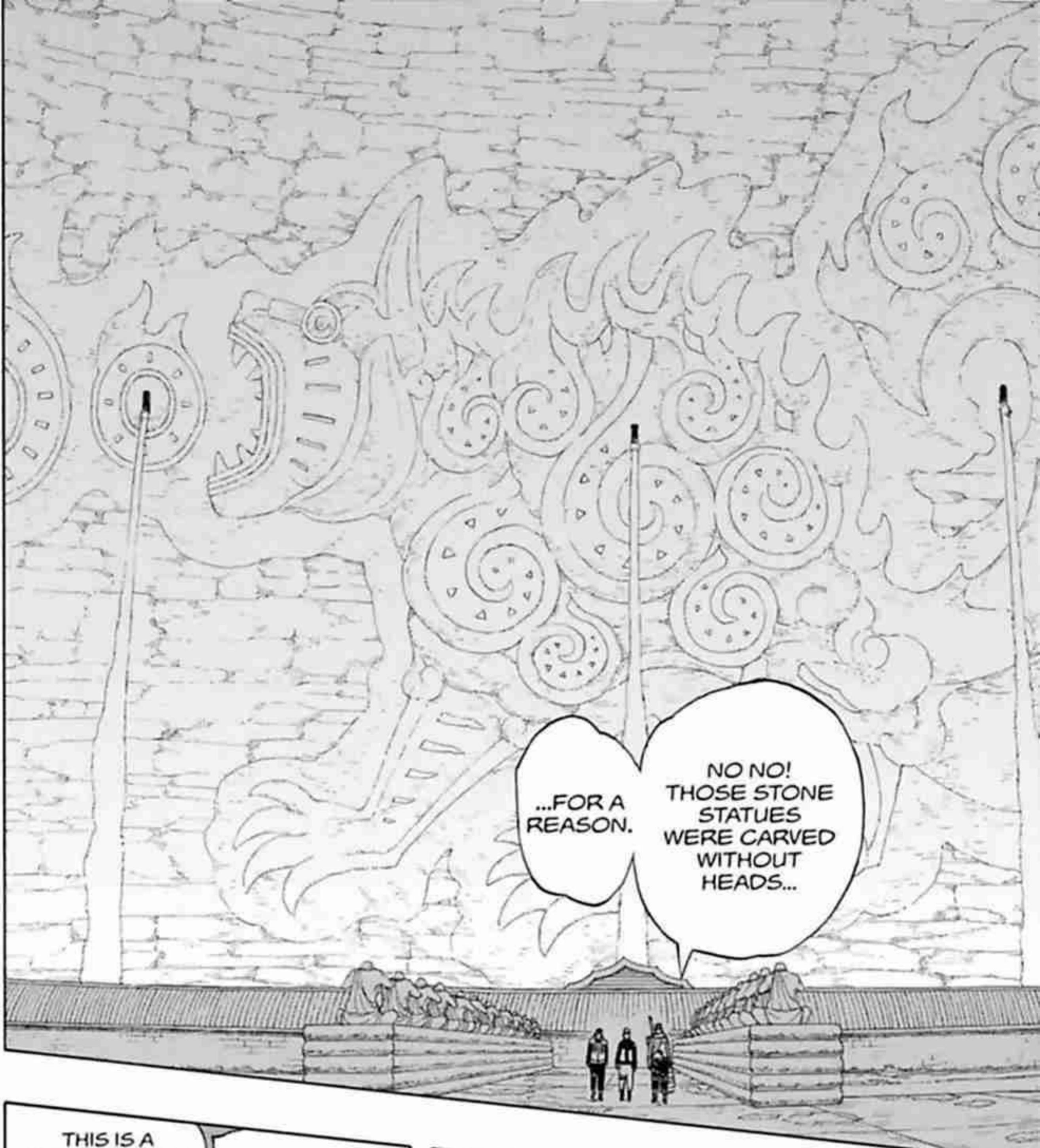




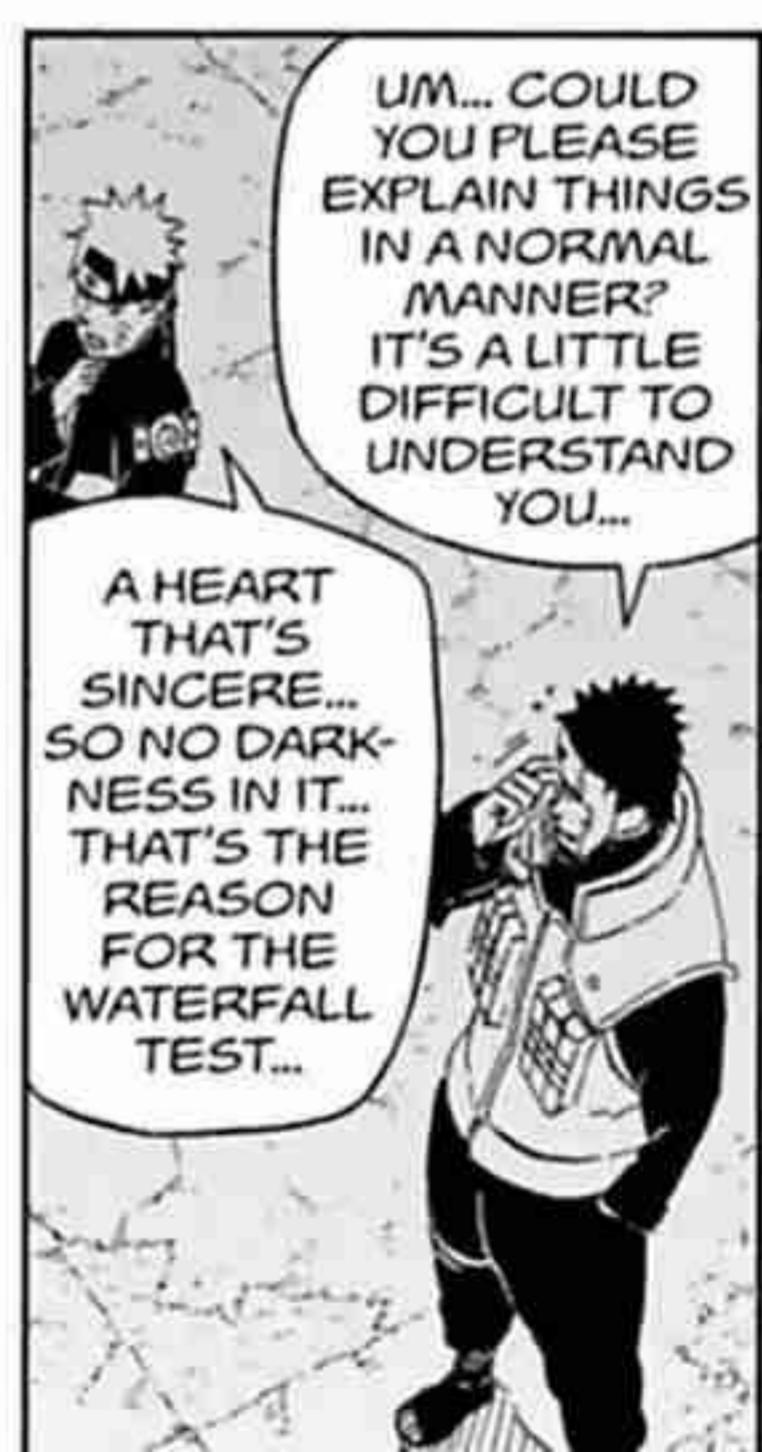
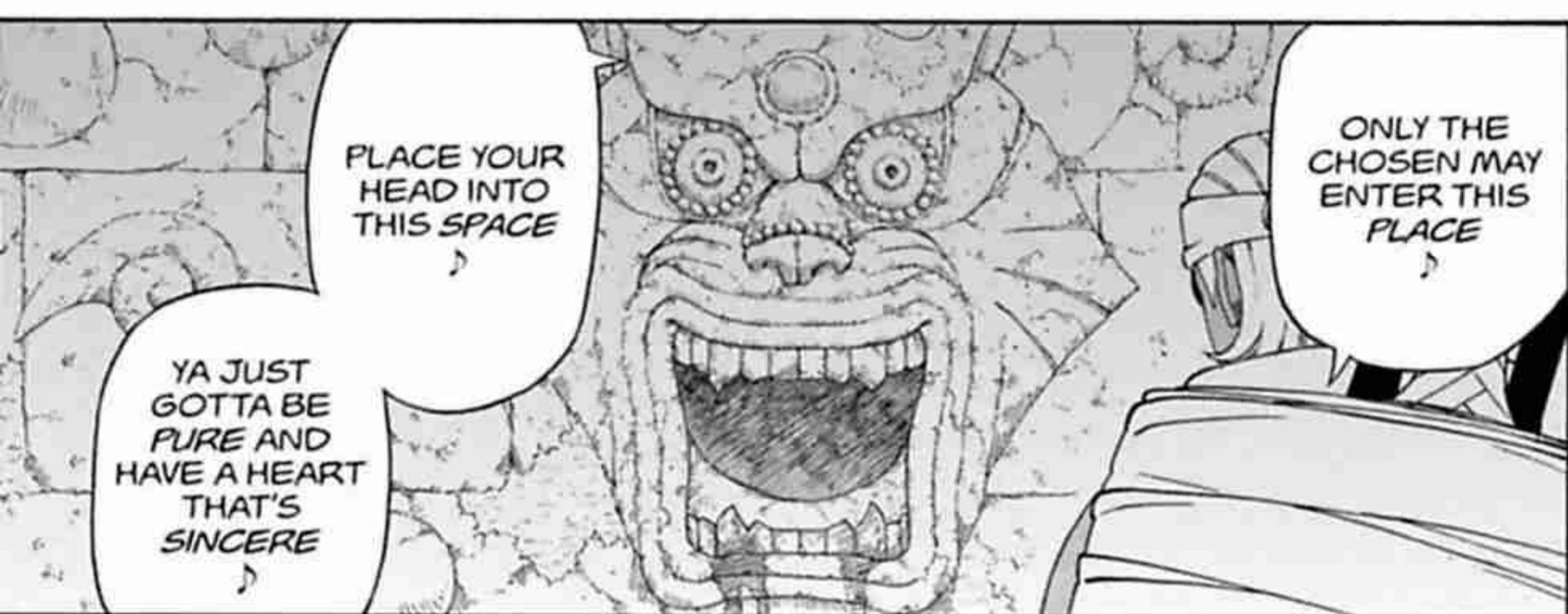


# Number 496: Reunion with Nine Tails!!





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**ARRGGH!!**



NARUTO...  
NO!!

N-NO...

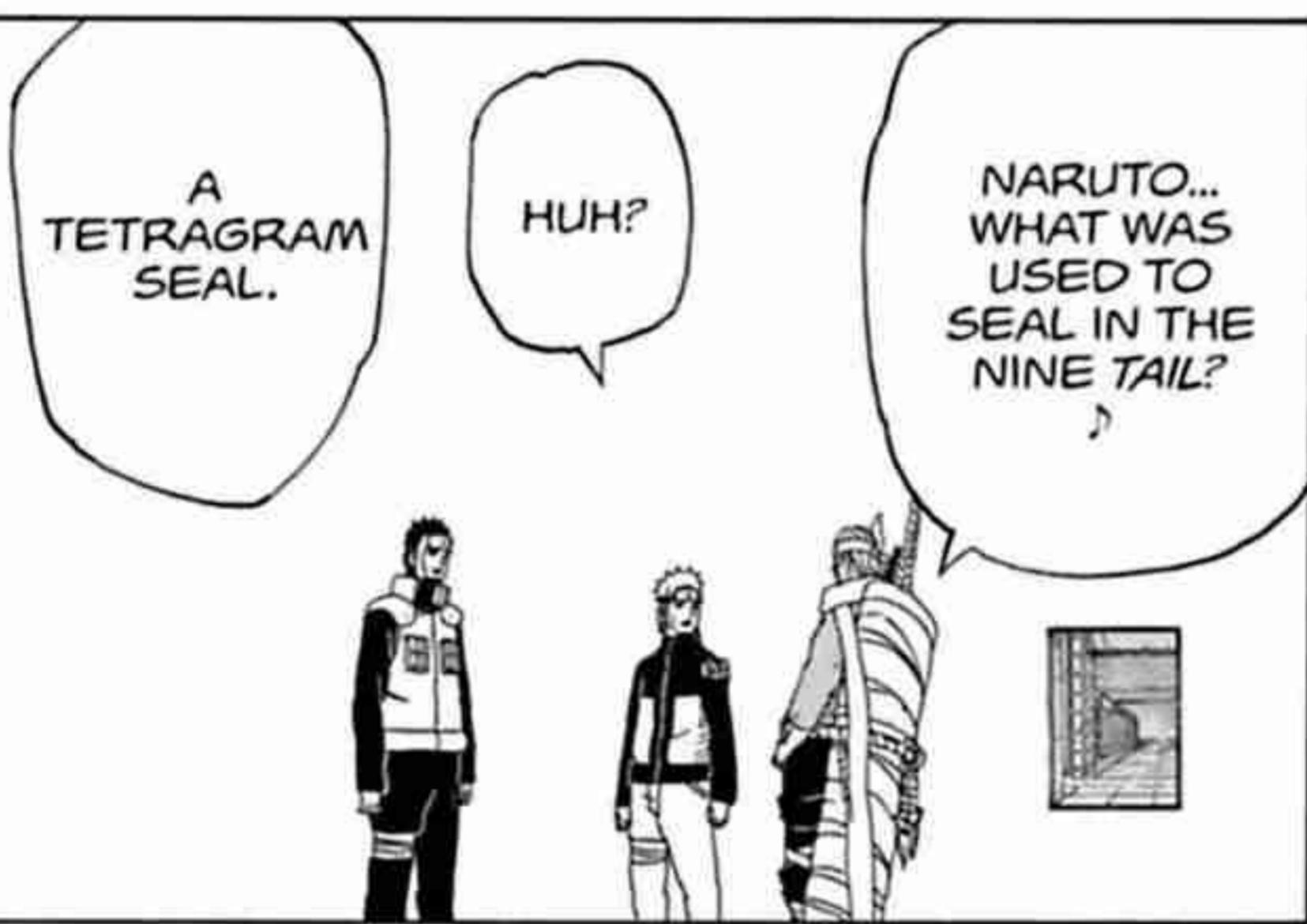
HOW  
COULD  
THIS  
BE??!

!!

**ZWOP**

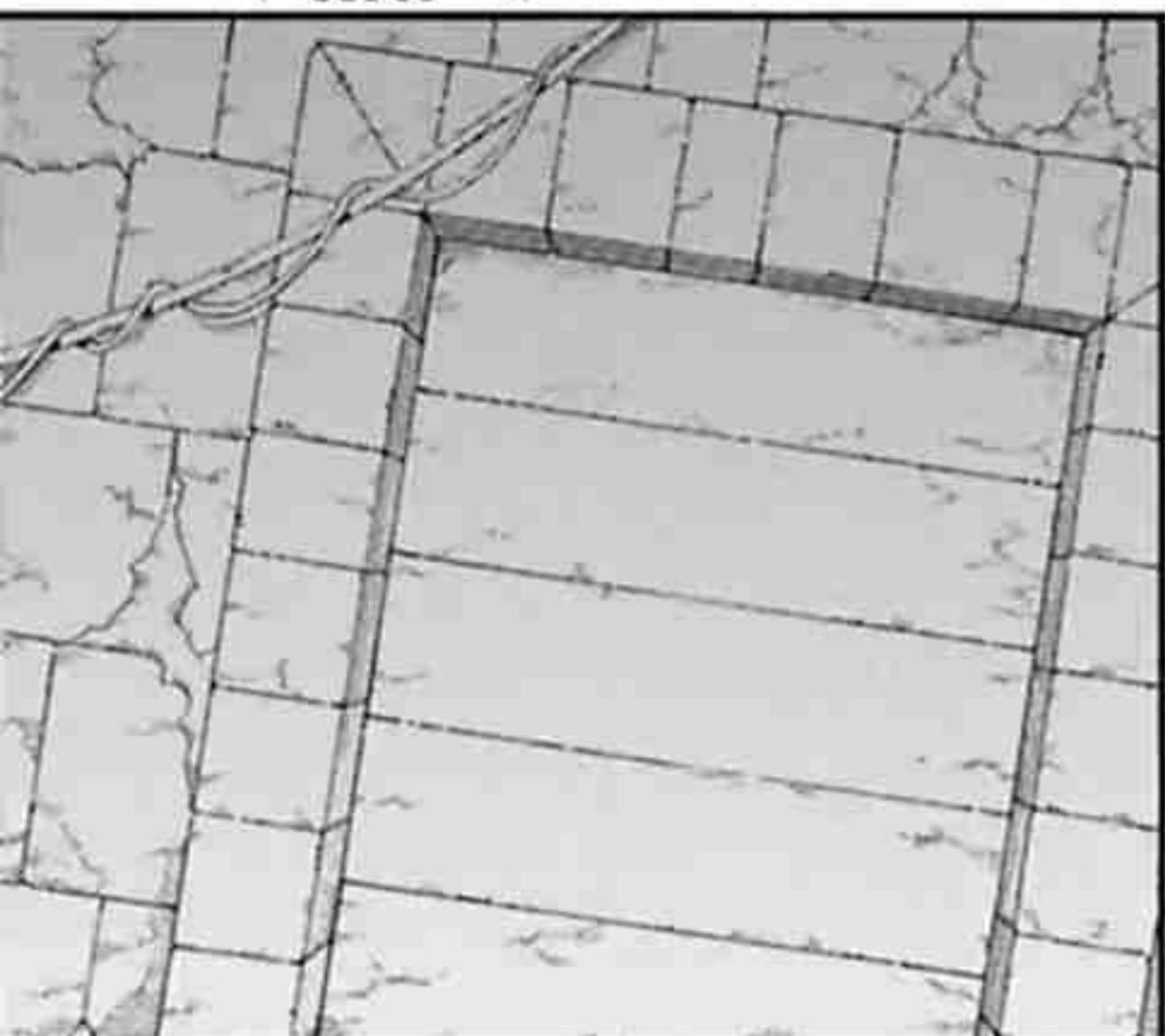








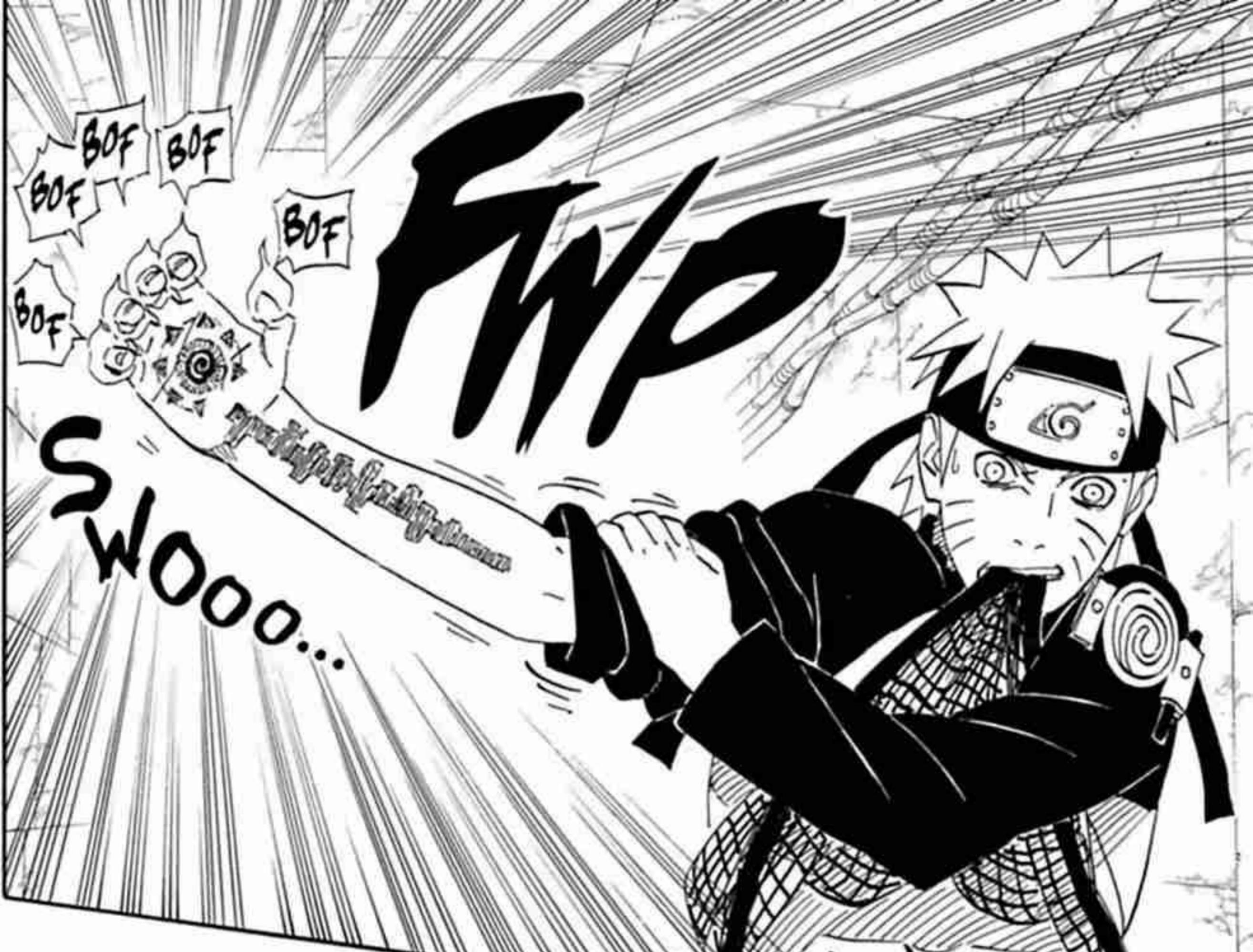
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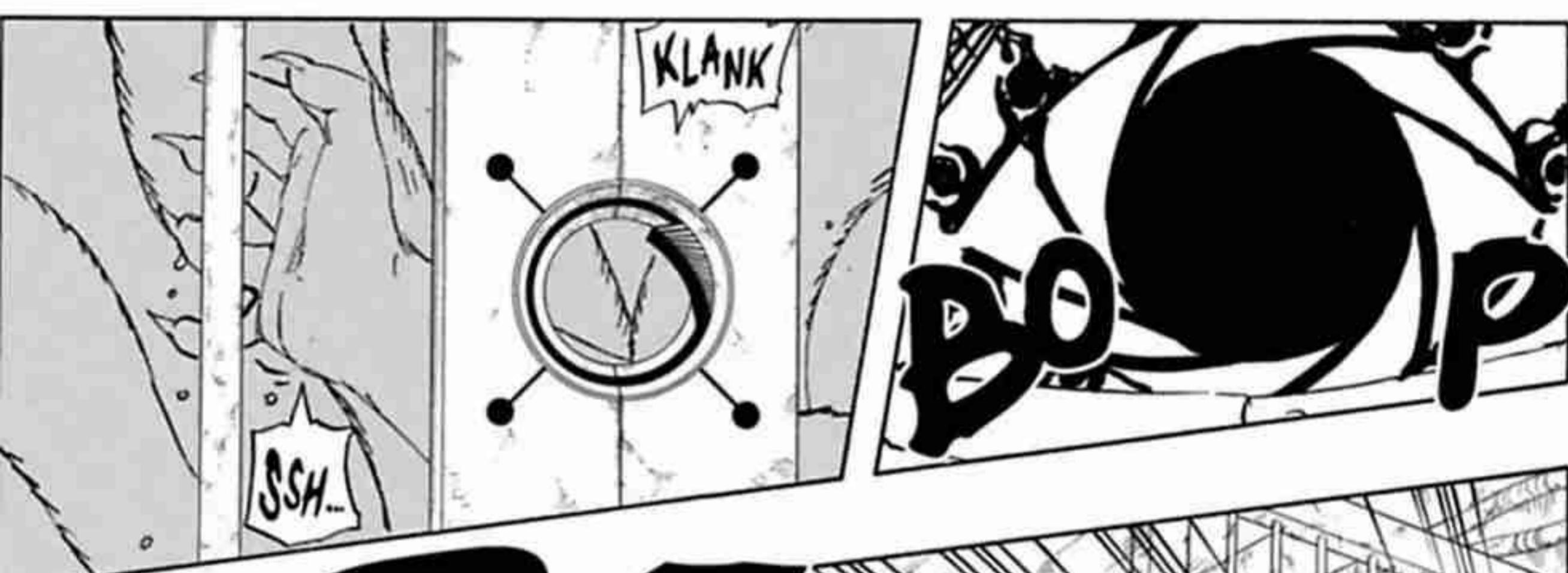


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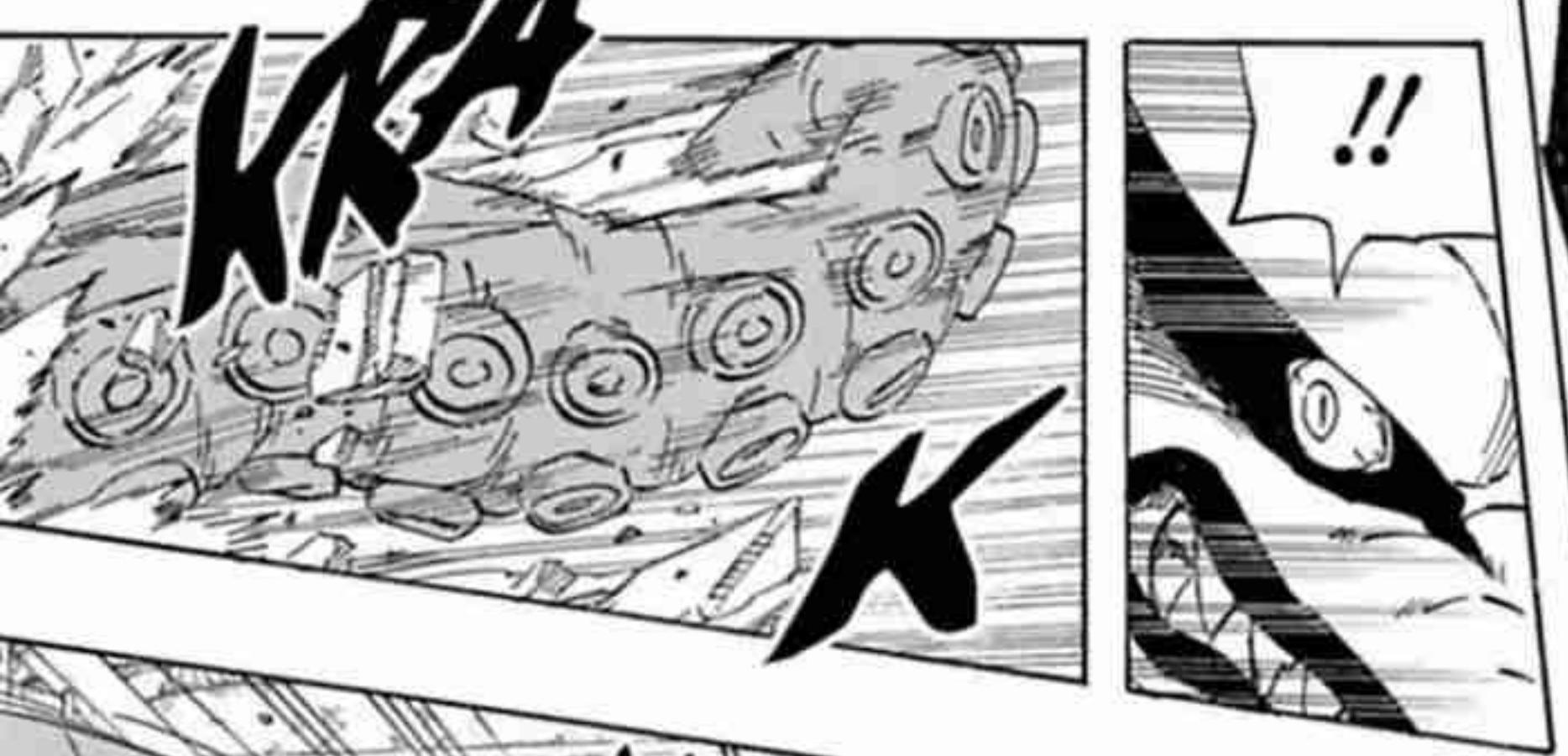


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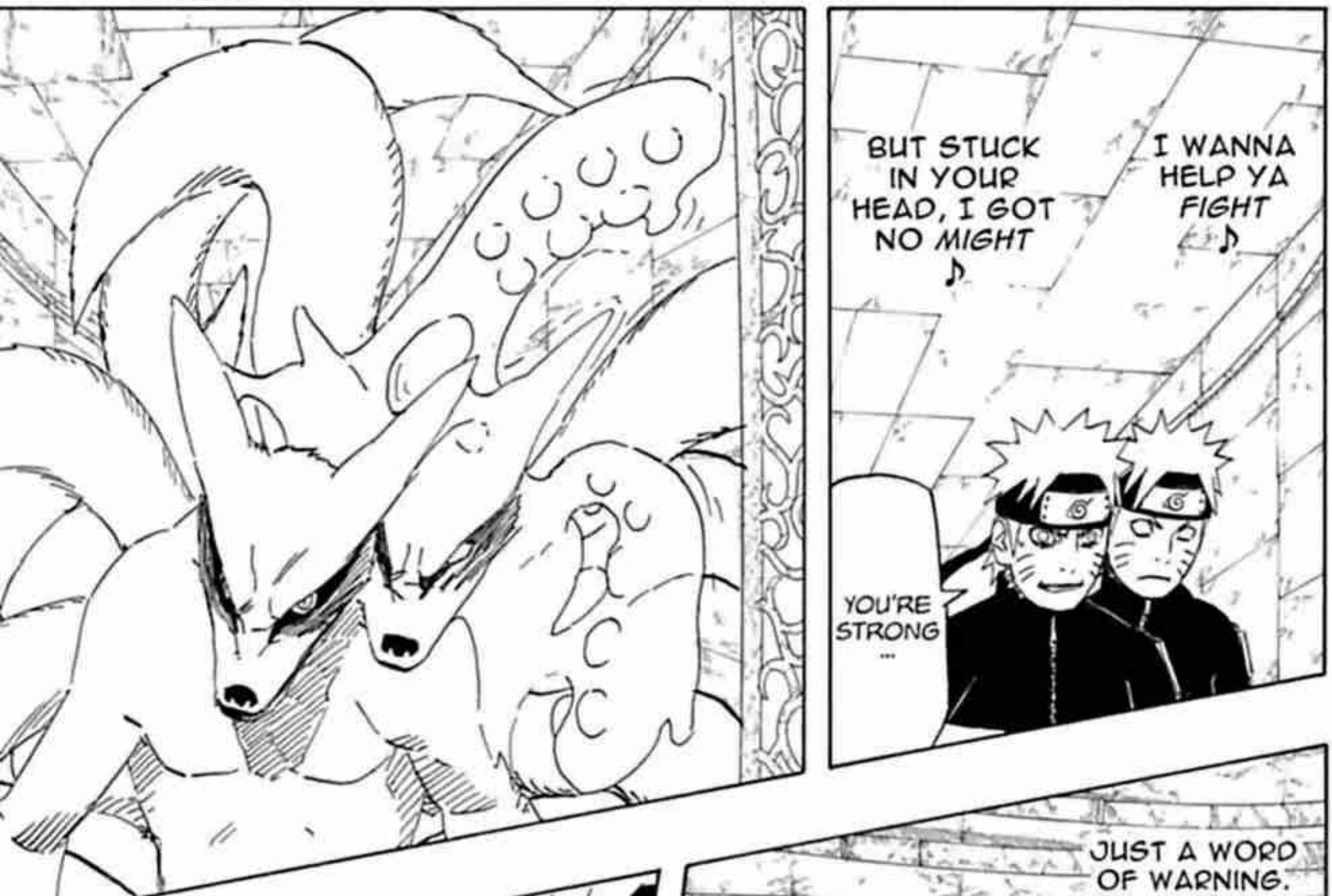
SO STEAL NINE  
TAILS' CHAKRA  
DIRECTLY FROM  
NINE TAILS...  
FROM RIGHT  
UNDER HIS  
NOSE  
♪

CHAKRA CAN  
ONLY BE  
CAPTURED  
USING  
CHAKRA...  
THAT'S HOW  
IT GOES  
♪





READ  
THIS  
WAY

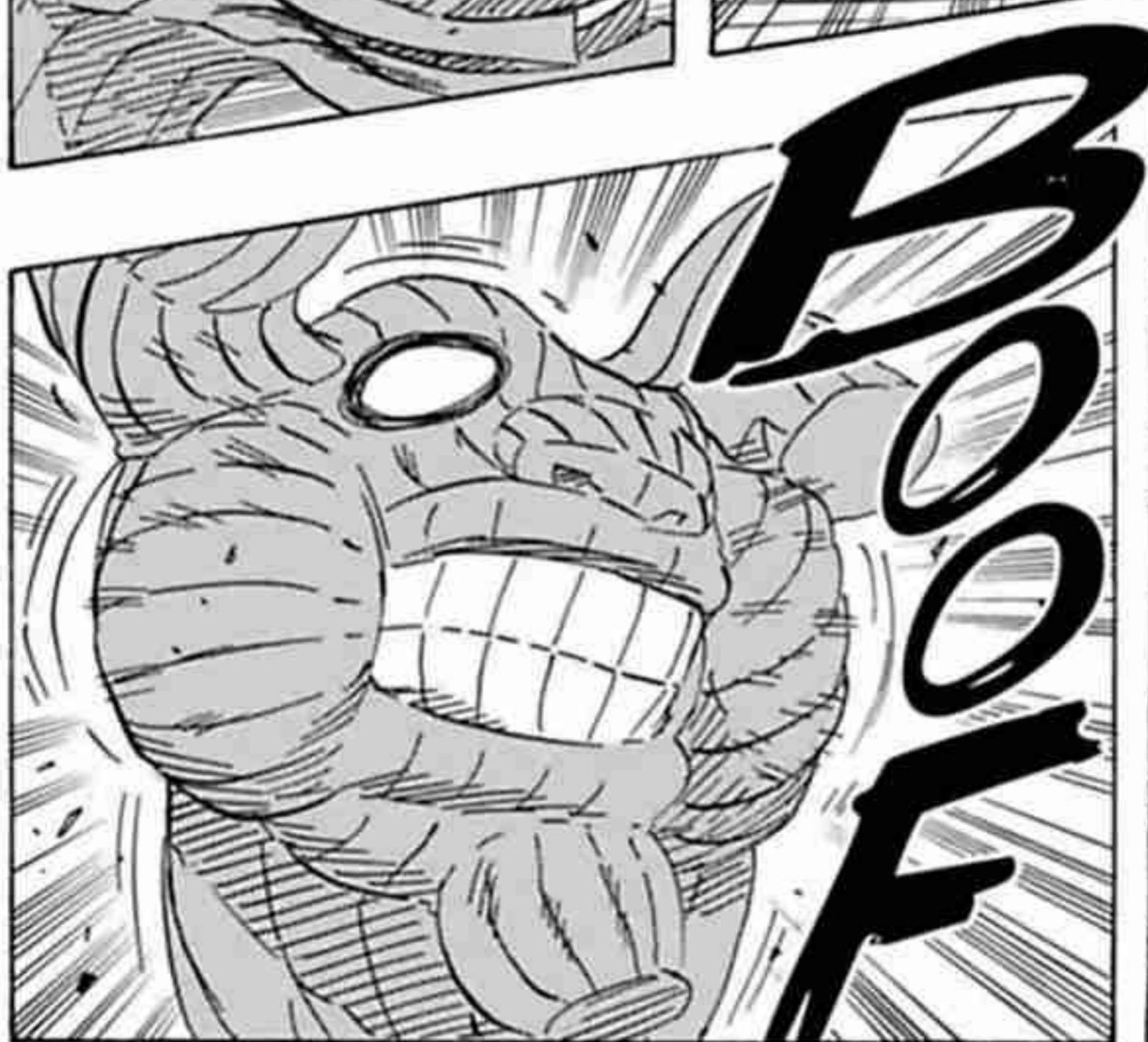


NARUTO

# Number 497: Nine Tails vs. Naruto!!







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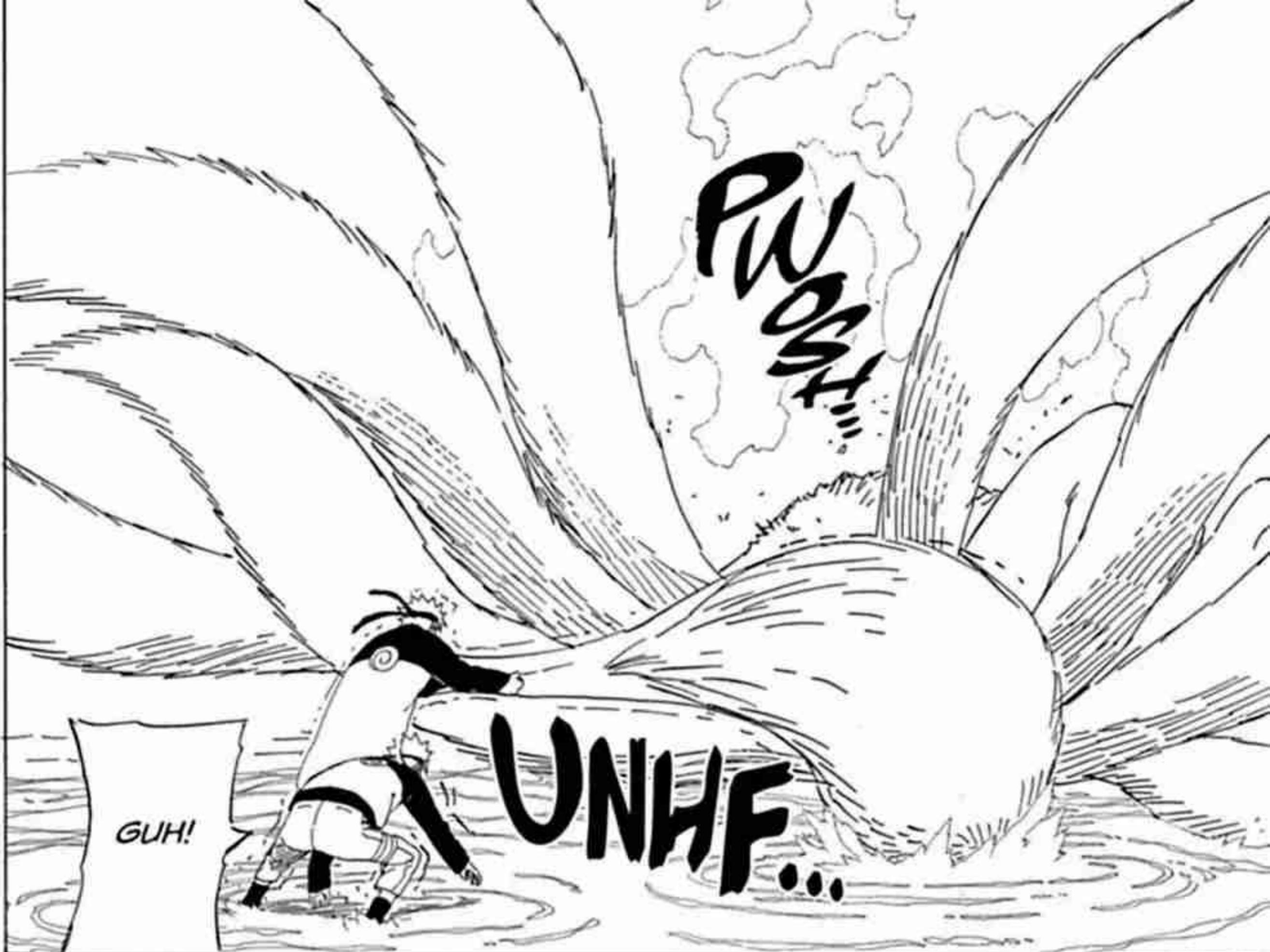






ZWEE ...





READ  
THIS  
WAY





IF IT JUST  
WEREN'T  
FOR HIM!

HELP...!

WHY?!

I'LL GET  
REVENGE...!!

I'M SICK  
AND TIRED  
OF IT  
ALL!!

ALWAYS  
HIM...!

IT'S NOT  
GOING TO  
WORK,  
ANYWAY...

READ  
THIS  
WAY

ZWWWWWW...

...WHAT... IS  
THAT...?!

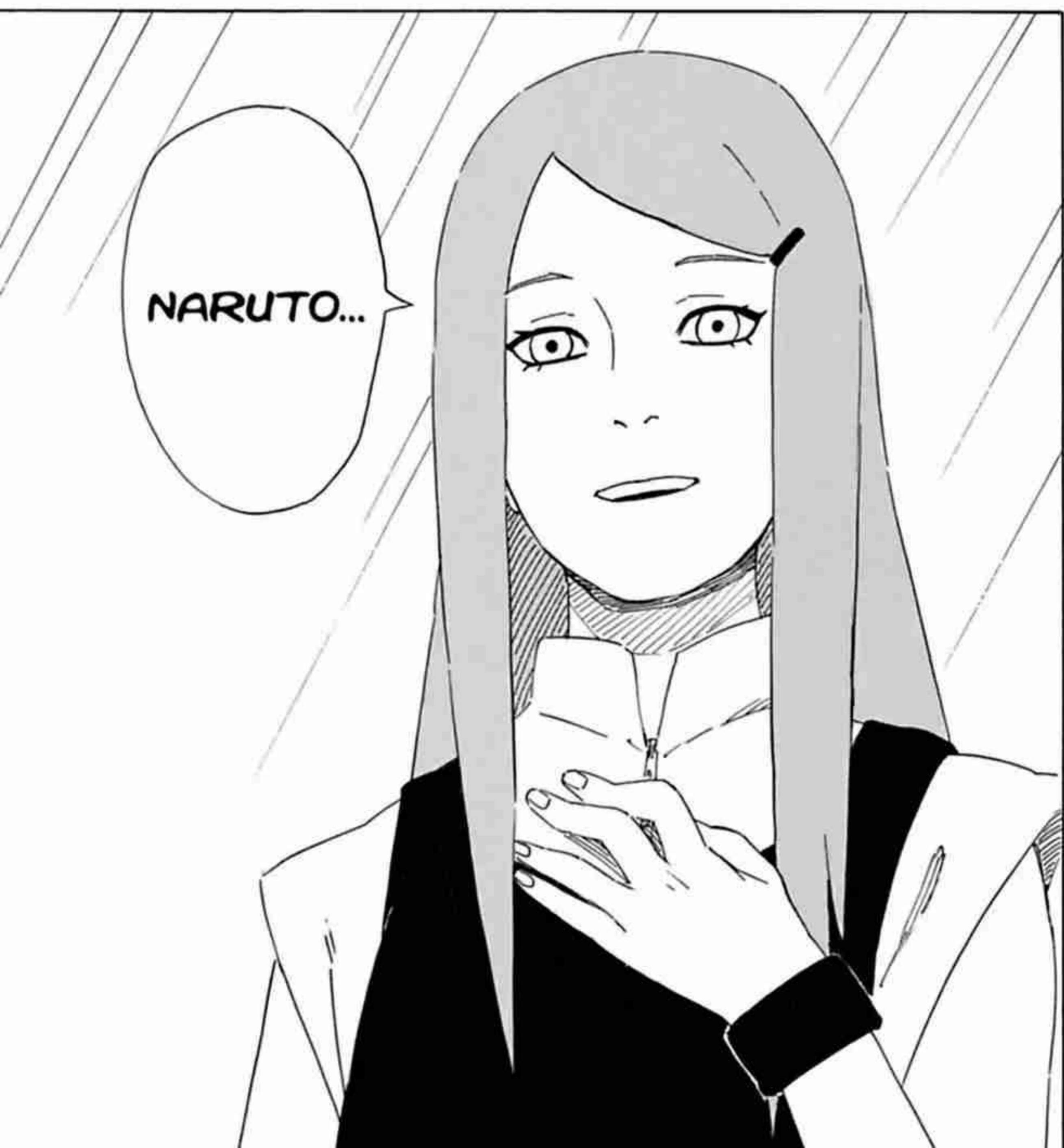
ZWWWWWW...

UGH...





READ  
THIS  
WAY



NARUTO

**Number 498:**



AND HOW  
COME YOU  
KNOW MY  
NAME?!

HUH?  
WHERE'D  
YOU  
COME  
FROM?!



**My Ma's  
Red Hair**

AAH...  
OF  
COURSE...



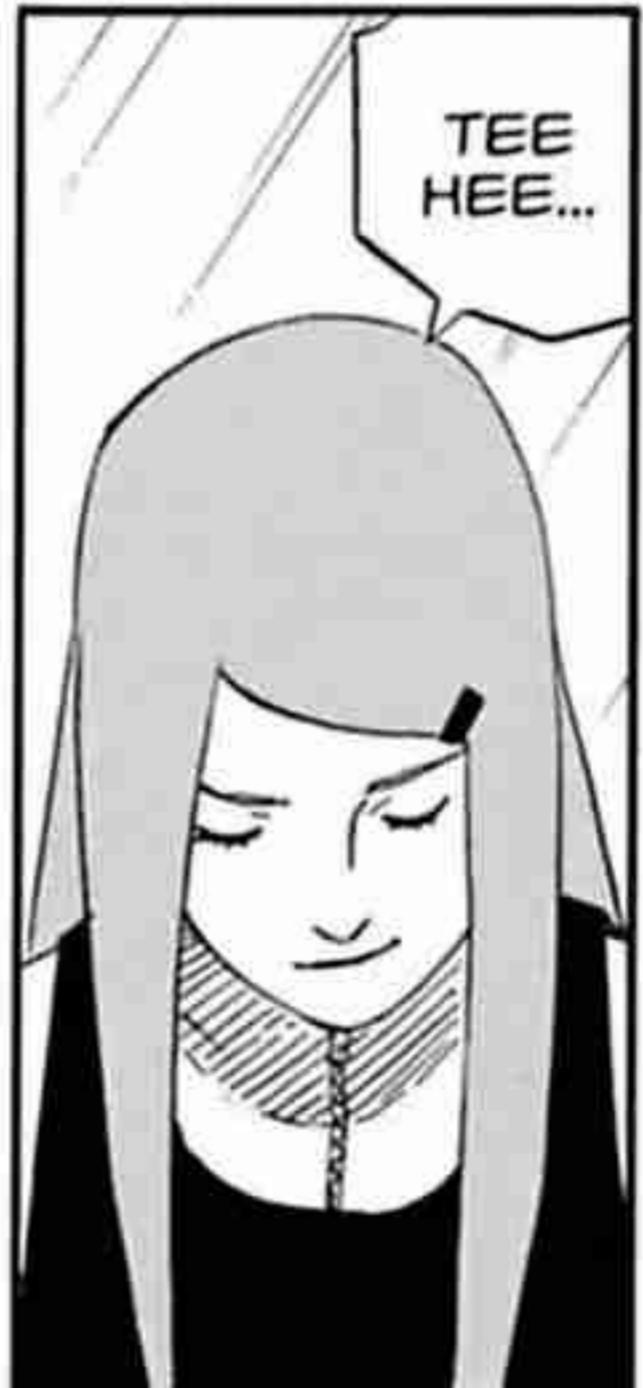
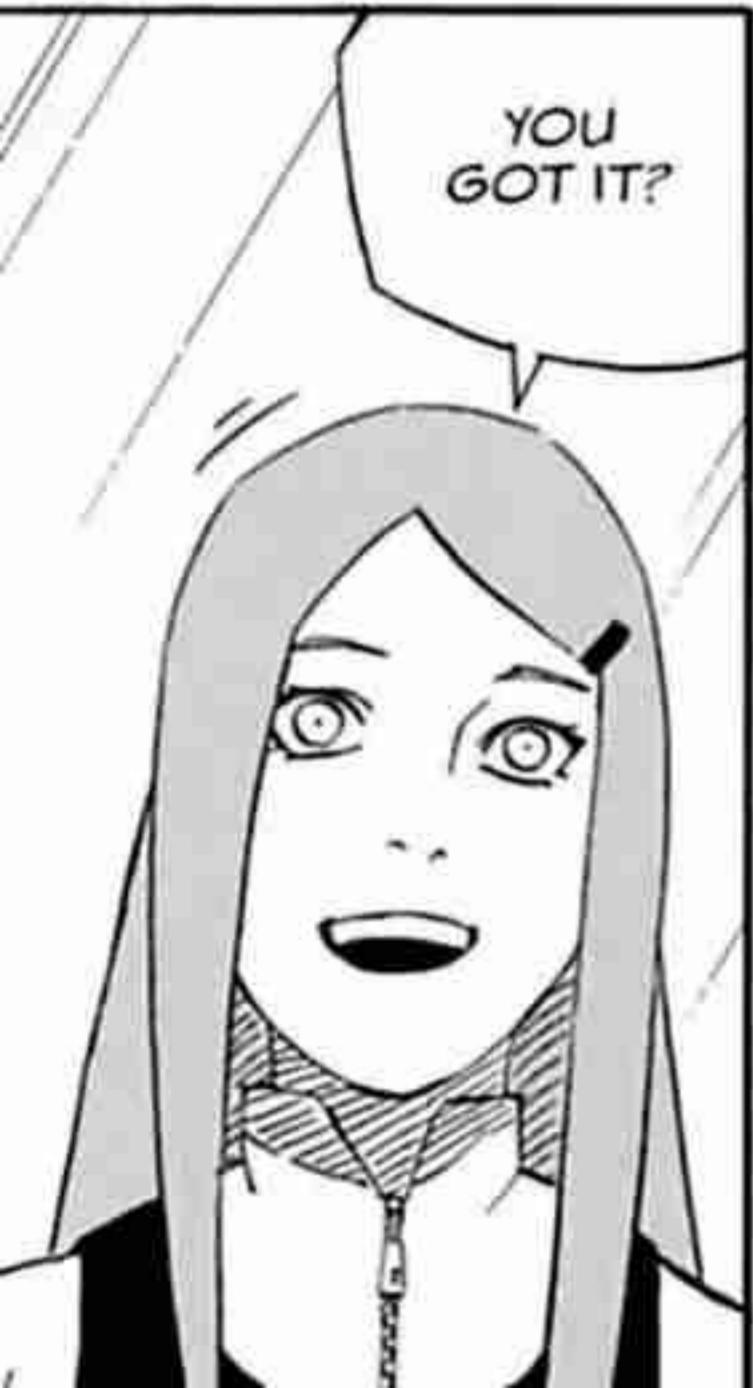
WELL  
THEN...  
WHY DON'T  
YOU GUESS  
WHO I AM,  
NARUTO?



YOU  
GOT IT?

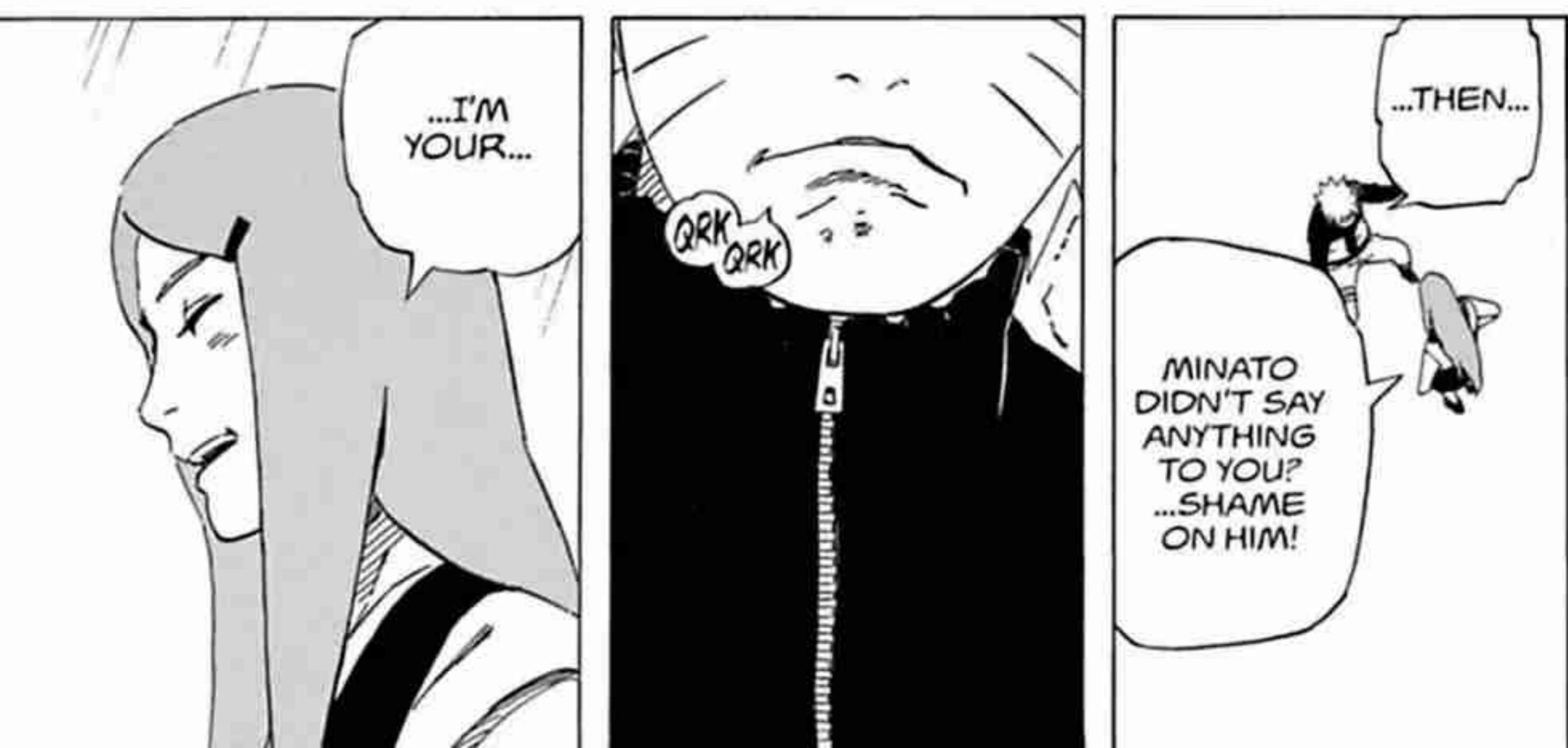
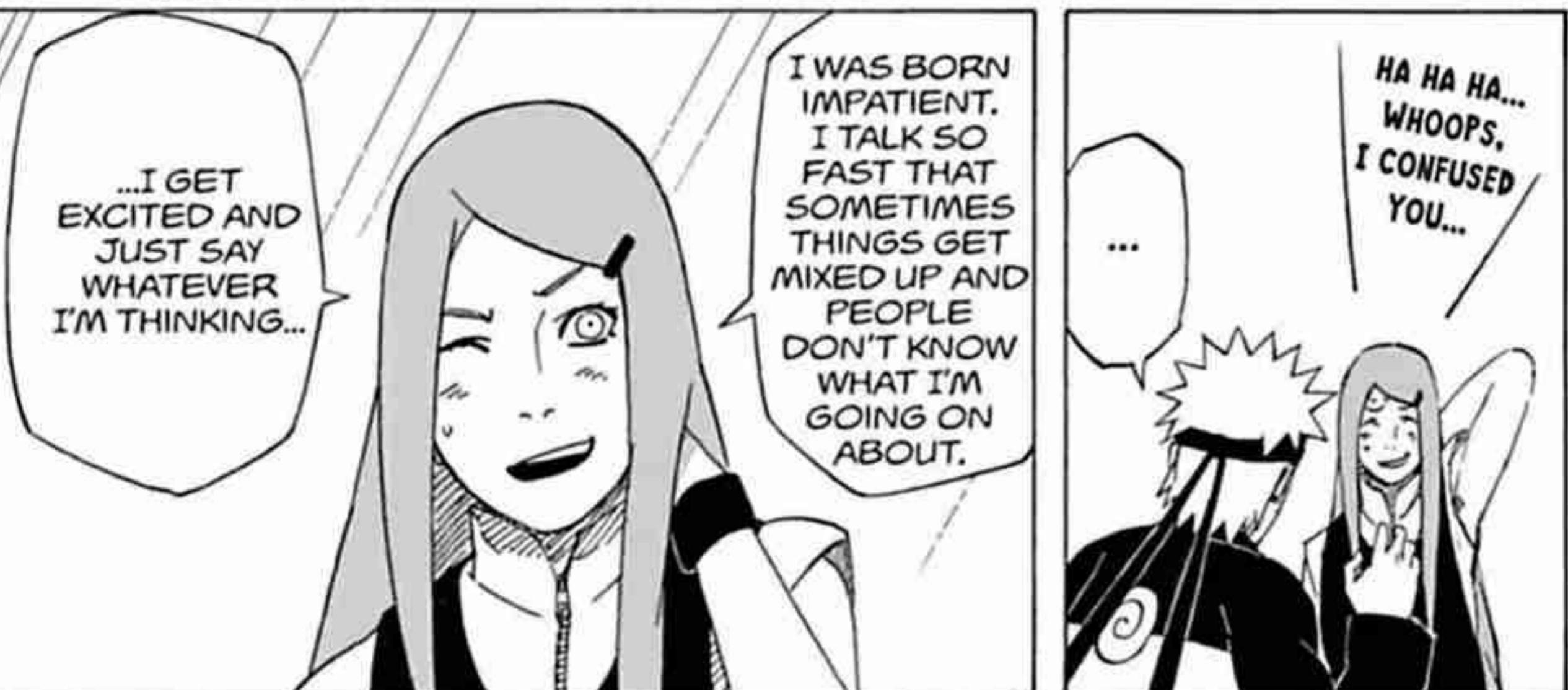
DON'T  
TELL  
ME...!!

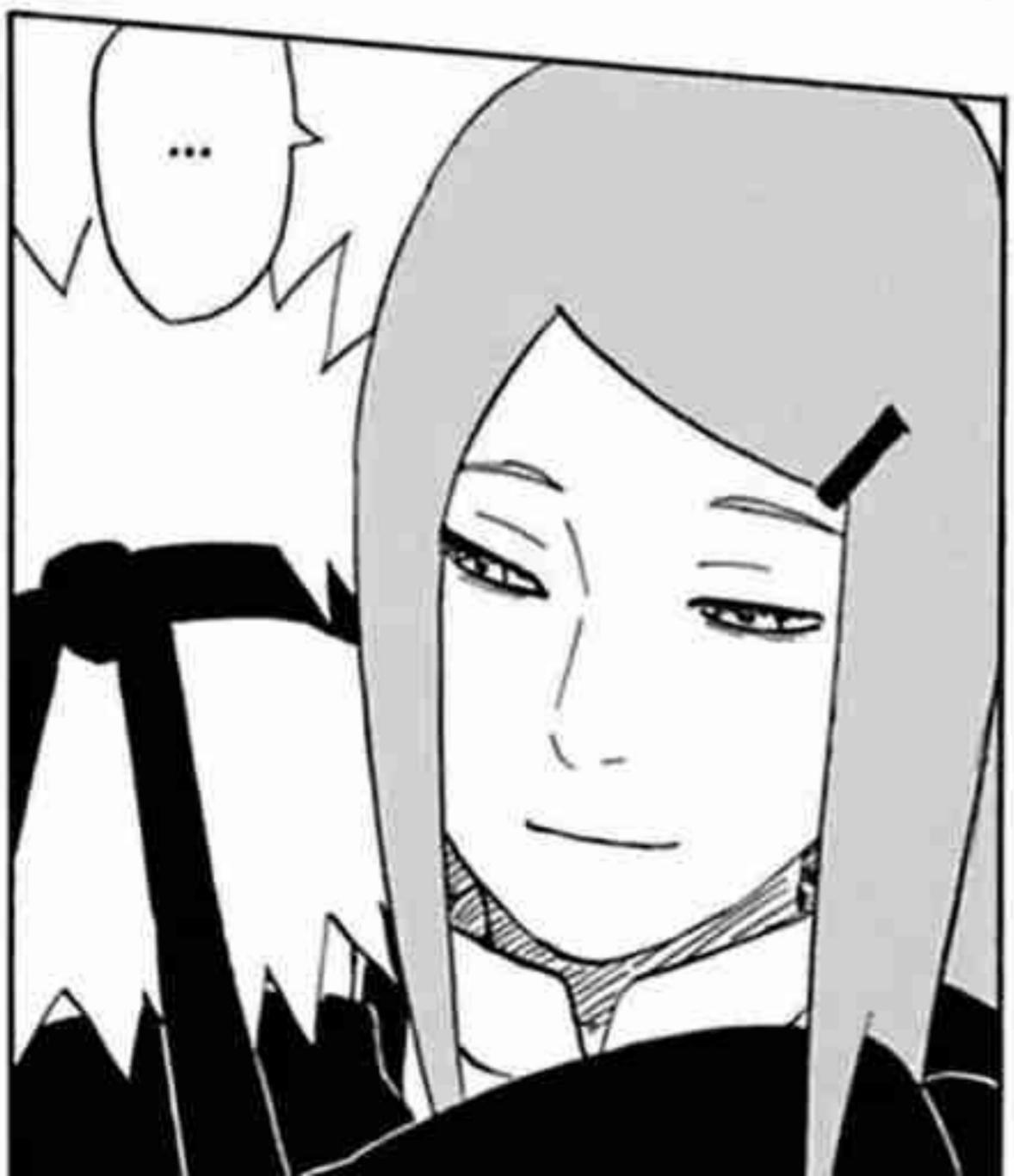
TEE  
HEE...





READ  
THIS  
WAY



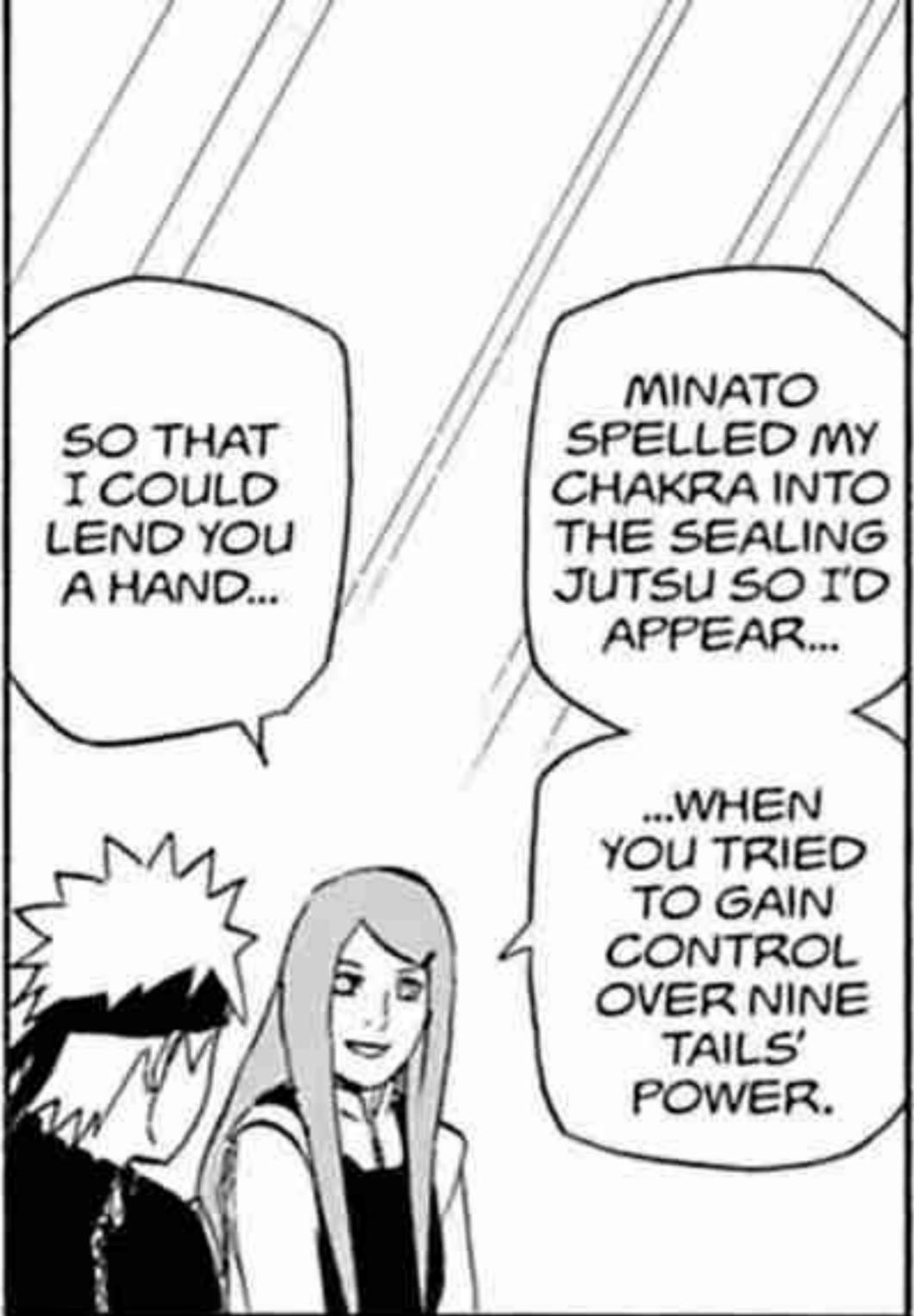


READ  
THIS  
WAY









READ  
THIS  
WAY

YAH?  
...WHO'S  
FIRST?

YOU'RE NOW  
THE SECOND  
MAN TO HAVE  
PRAISED MY  
RED HAIR.

...TEE  
HEE...

...OF  
COURSE!

YOUR  
FATHER  
...

I'VE ALWAYS  
WANTED TO  
ASK YOU ONE  
THING FOR  
SURE....!

HEY,  
HEY!

...WHAT  
IS IT?

OHH....!

WHOSH

KLAP

RIGHT!



READ  
THIS  
WAY

MY FIRST  
IMPRESSION OF  
YOUR FATHER,  
MINATO, WAS THAT  
HE SEEMED RATHER  
GIRLY AND  
UNDEPENDABLE...

YOUR FATHER  
AND I WERE  
BOTH STILL  
LITTLE KIDS  
WHEN WE  
FIRST MET.

BACK WHEN I  
WAS A JUNIOR  
NINJA, I HAD  
JUST MOVED  
FROM ANOTHER  
SHINOBI VILLAGE,  
SO I DIDN'T  
KNOW A WHOLE  
LOT ABOUT  
KONOHA...

...I DIDN'T  
WANT TO BE  
SNUBBED BY  
EVERYONE,  
SO THIS IS  
WHAT I  
SAID...

THE VERY DAY I'D  
MOVED, WE HAD  
TO SHARE IN  
CLASS AT THE  
ACADEMY WHAT  
WE WANTED TO  
BE WHEN WE  
GREW UP...

OH,  
REALLY  
...?

YEAH...

AND?

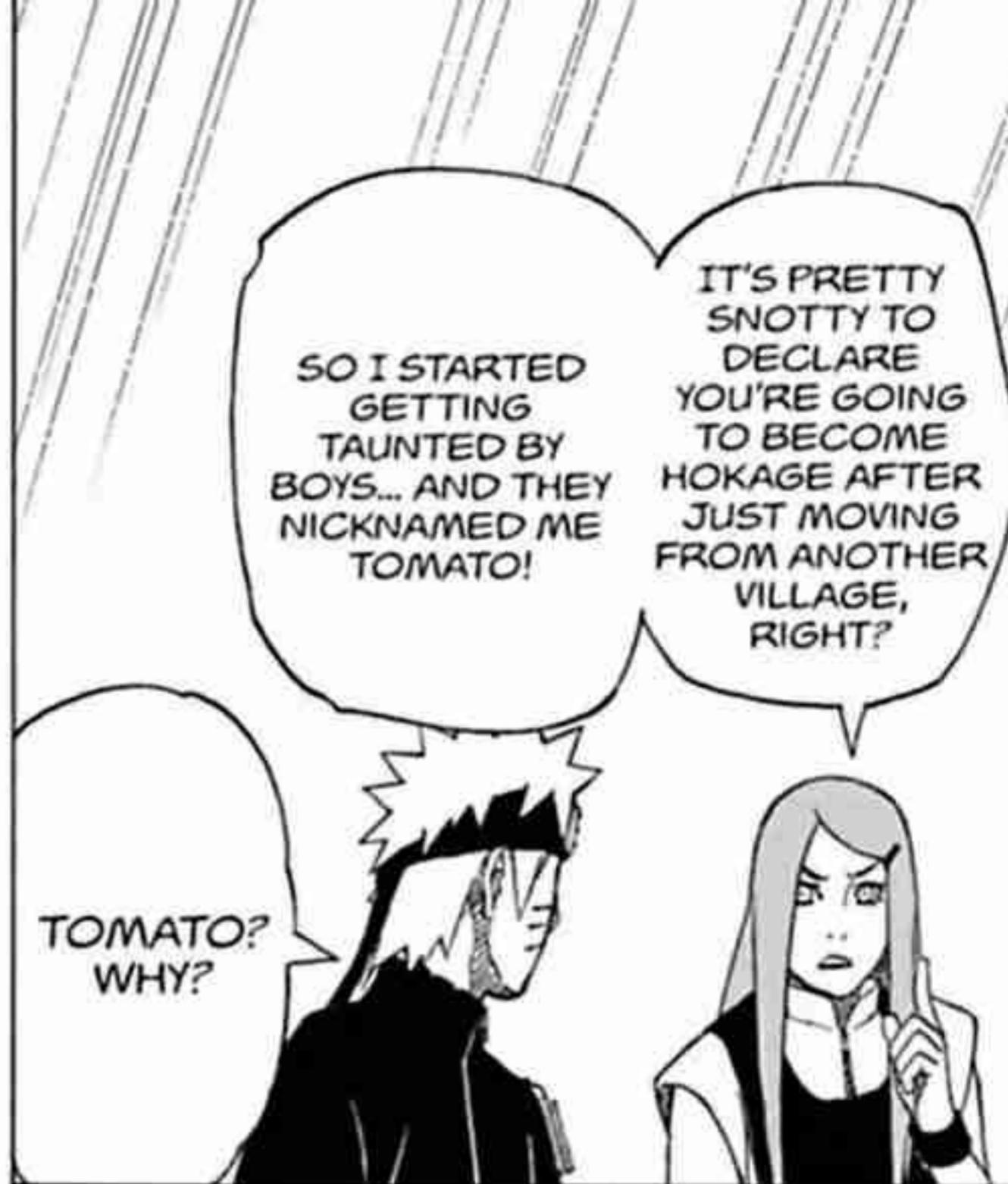
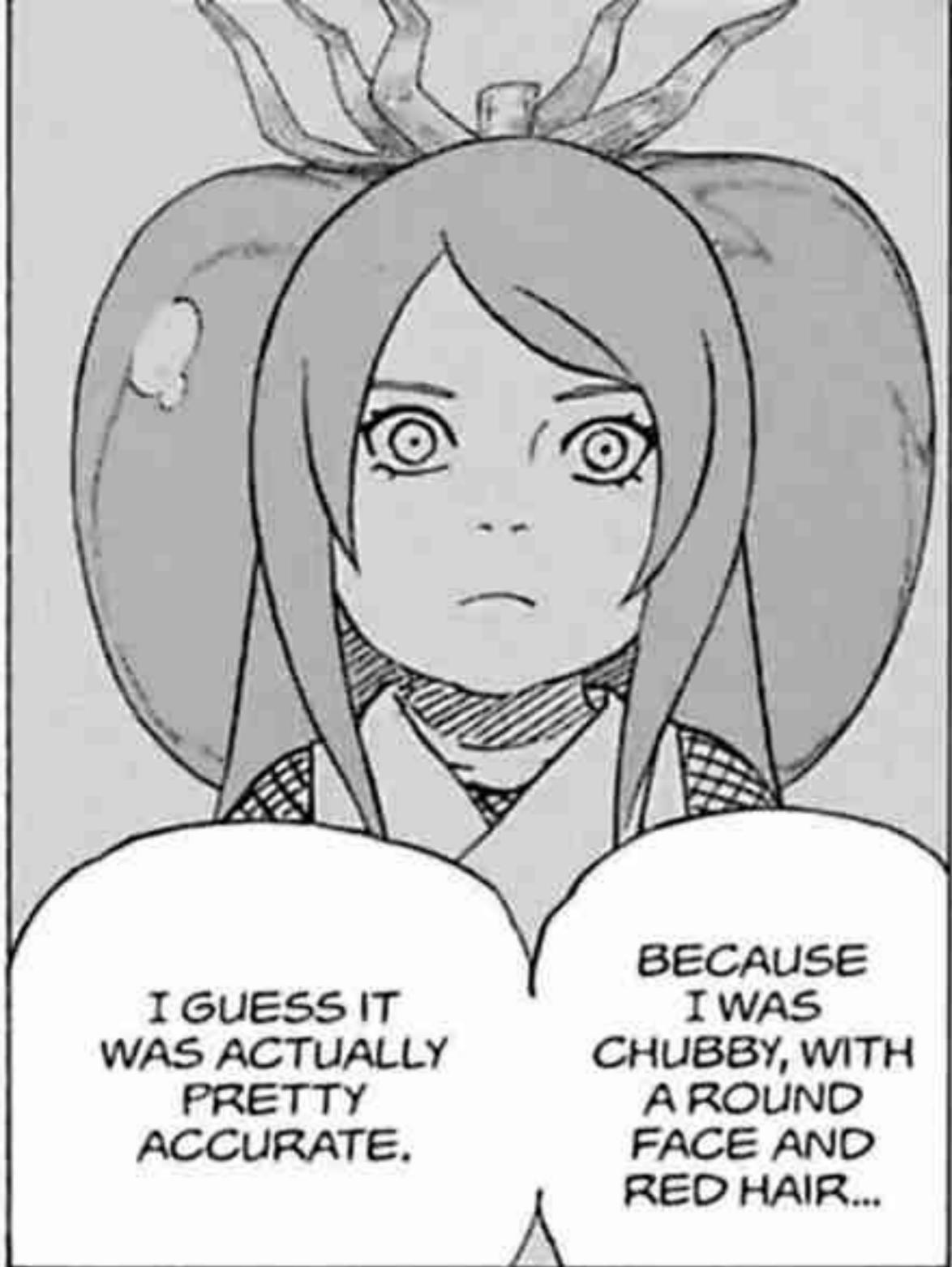
YOU SEEM  
TO BE A  
LOT LIKE  
ME!

THAT'S  
MY MA!

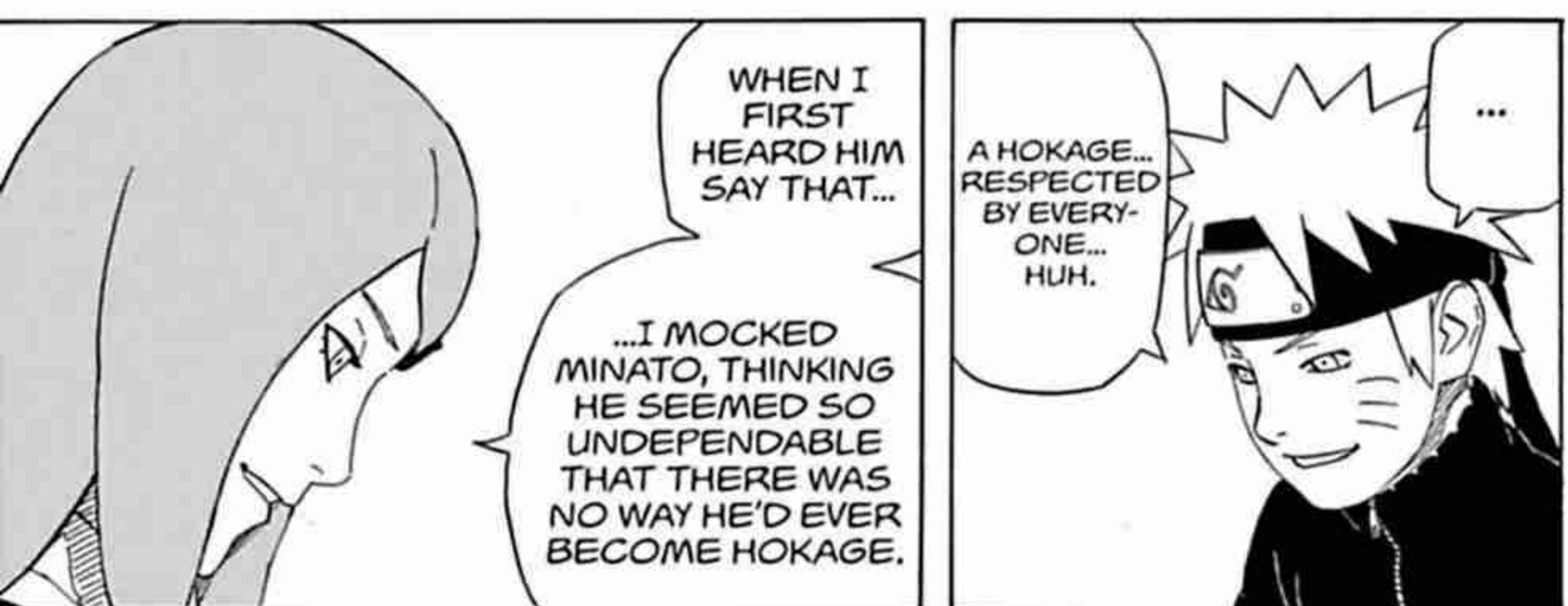
IT'S THE  
OTHER WAY  
AROUND...  
YOU'RE  
LIKE ME!

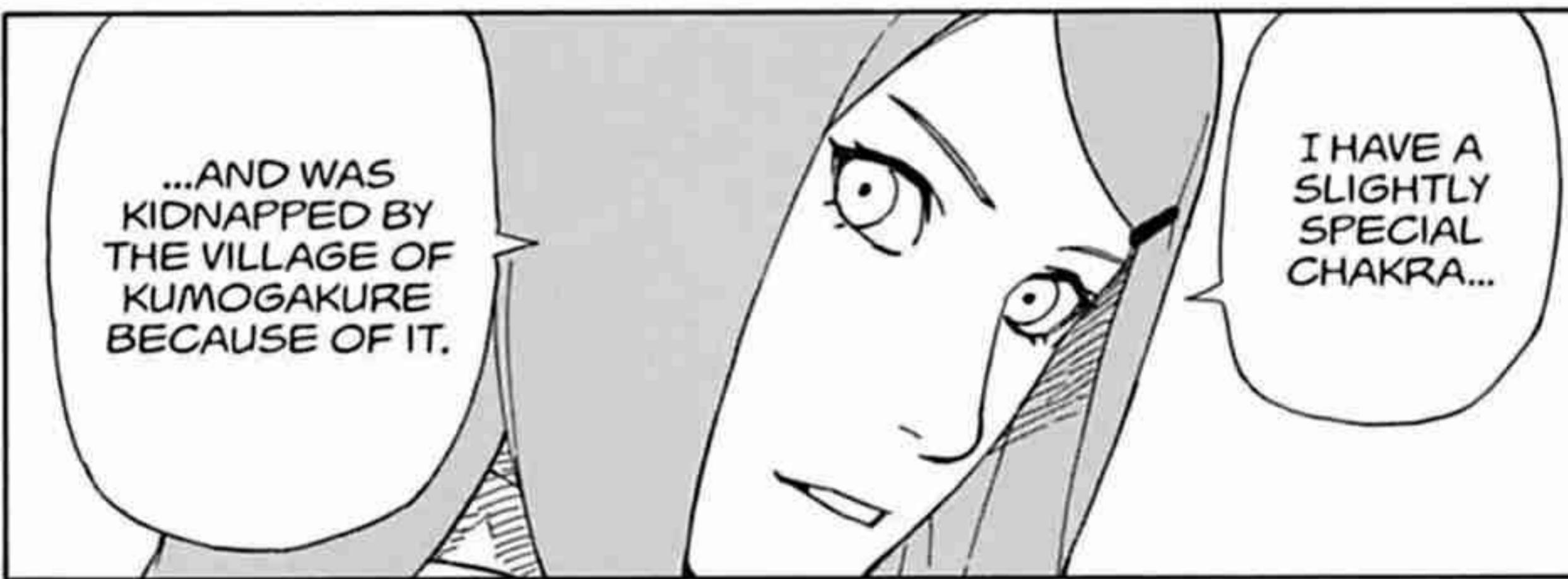
...YUP...

I'M GONNA  
BE THE  
FIRST  
FEMALE  
HOKAGE!

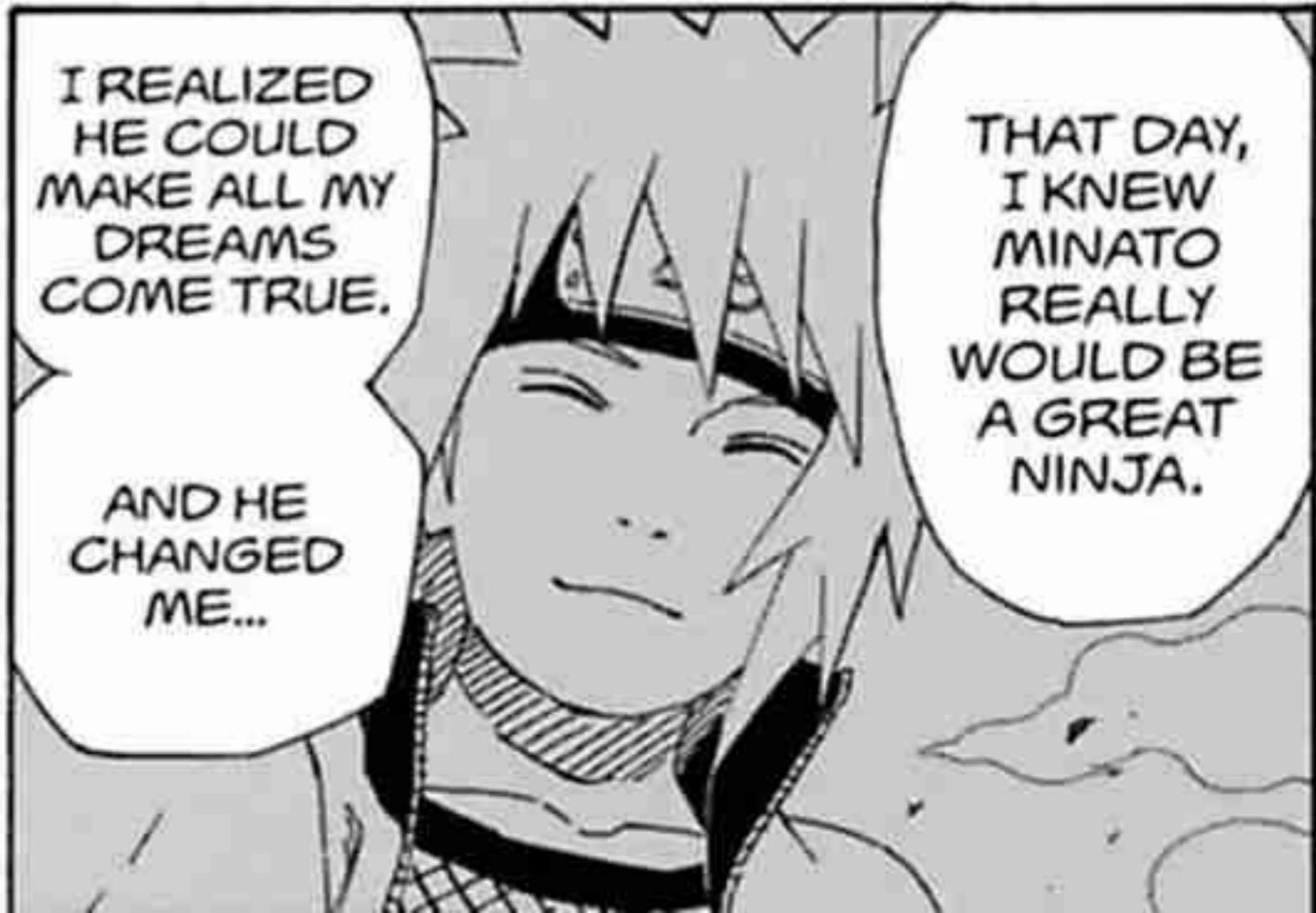
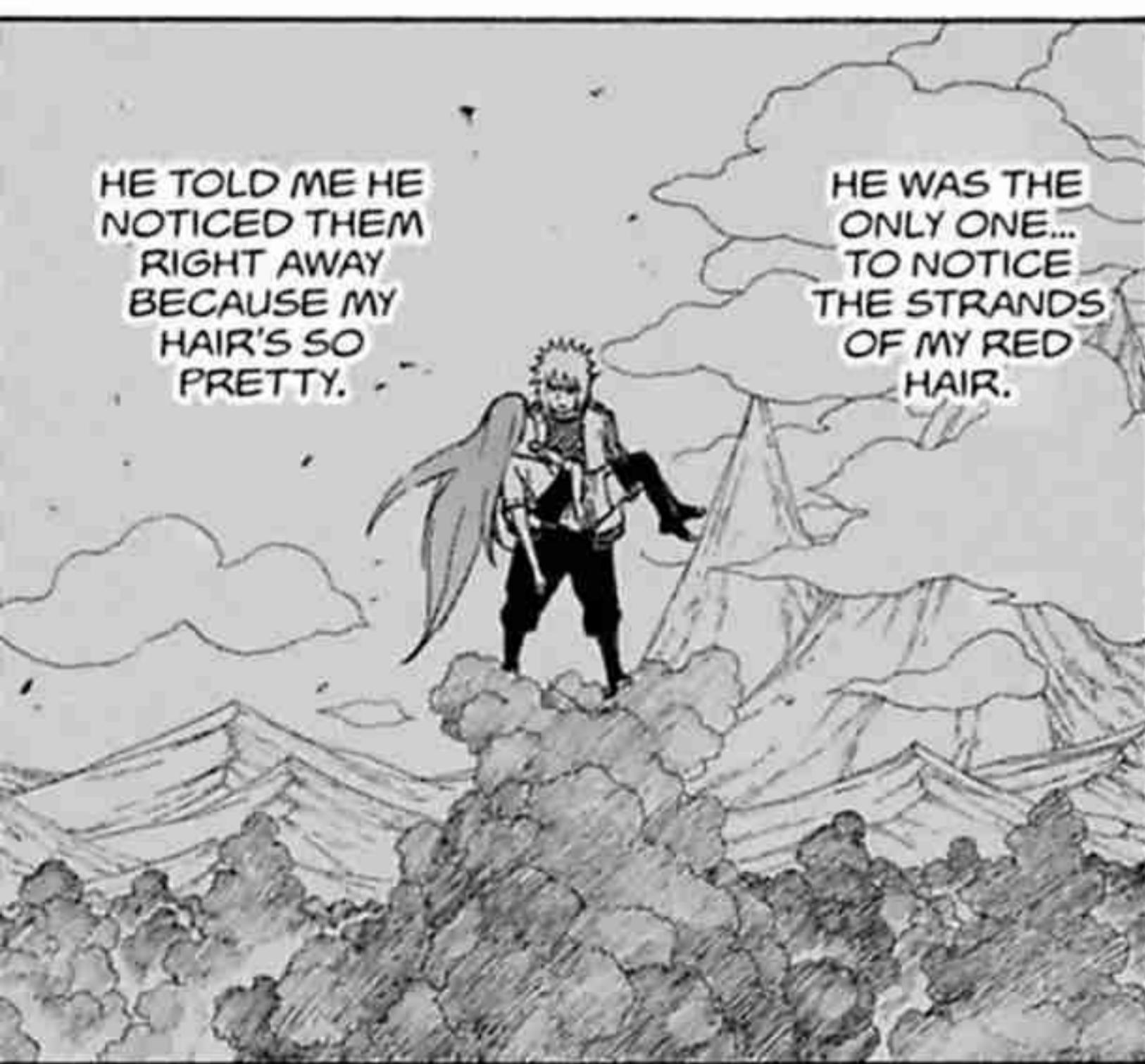
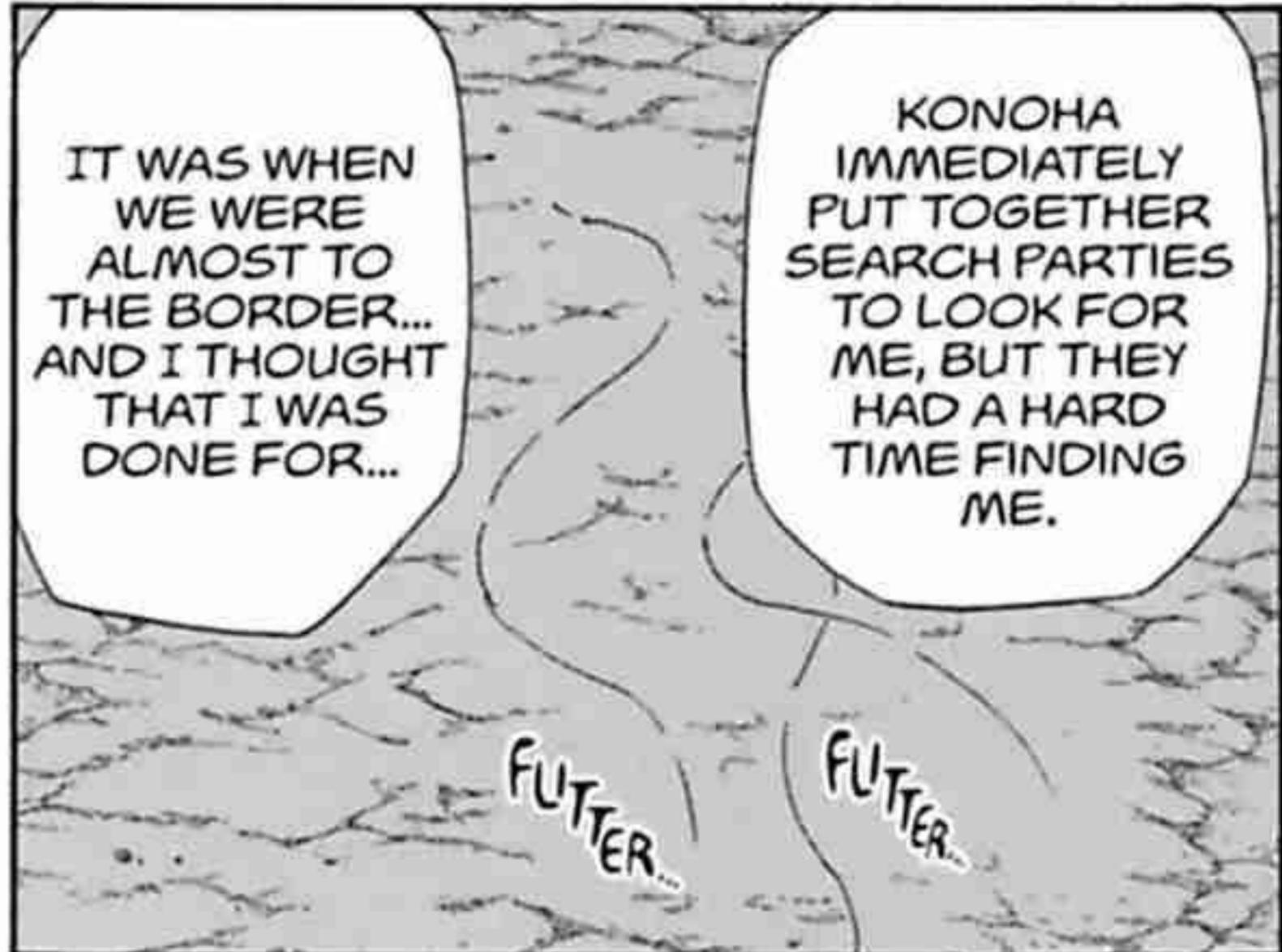


READ  
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WAY





READ  
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I  
LOVE  
YOU.

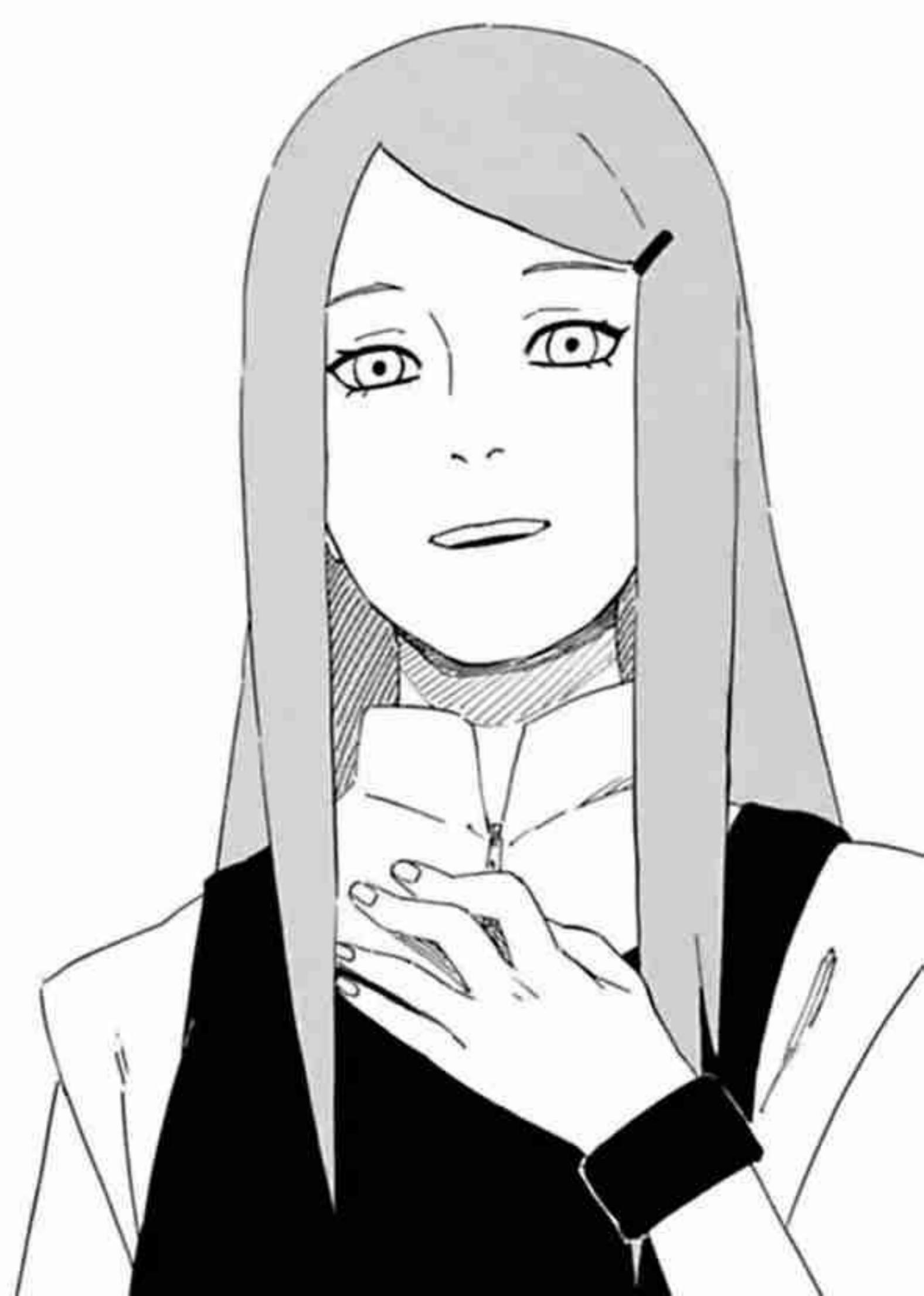
DAAA

YOU GET  
KONOHA'S  
ORANGE  
HOKAGE!!

HEH  
HEH...

IF YOU PUT THE  
YELLOW FLASH  
OF KONOHA  
TOGETHER WITH  
THE RED-HOT  
HABANERO...

FSH!





Number 499:-A-New-Seal!!

I  
LOVE  
YOU.



I FEEL  
SO  
CALM...



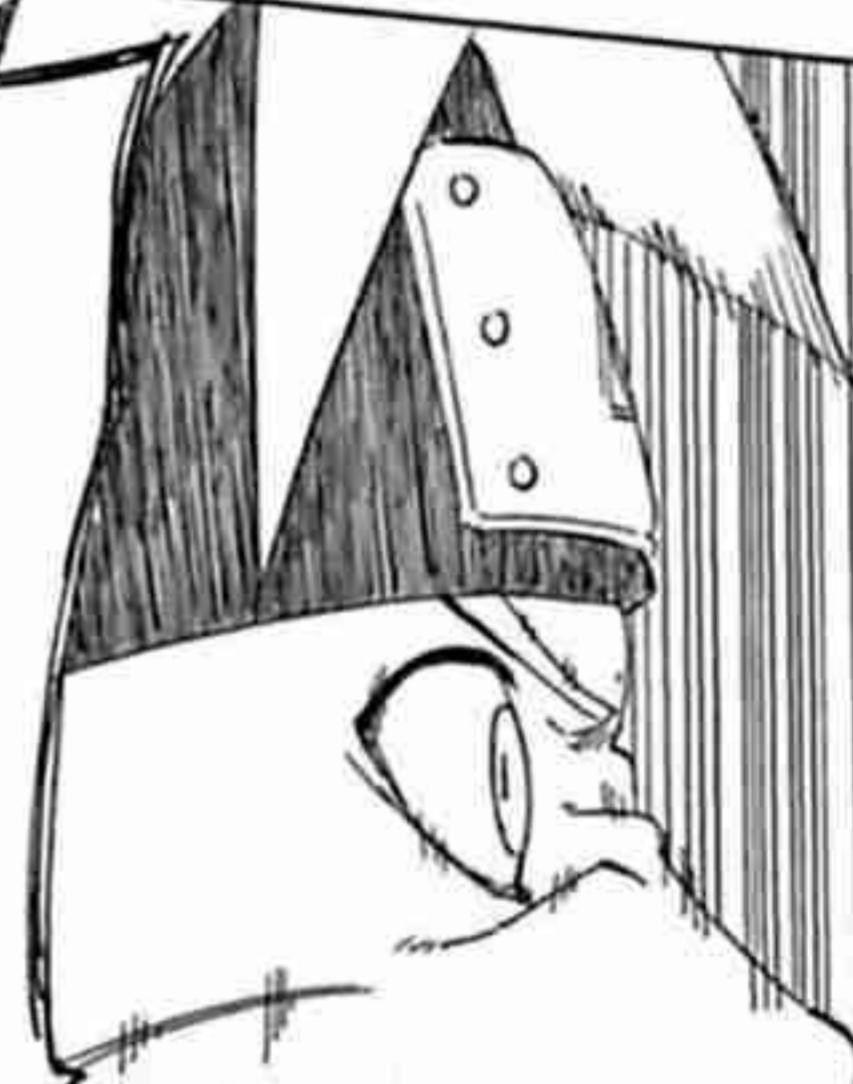
...SO  
HAPPY!!!

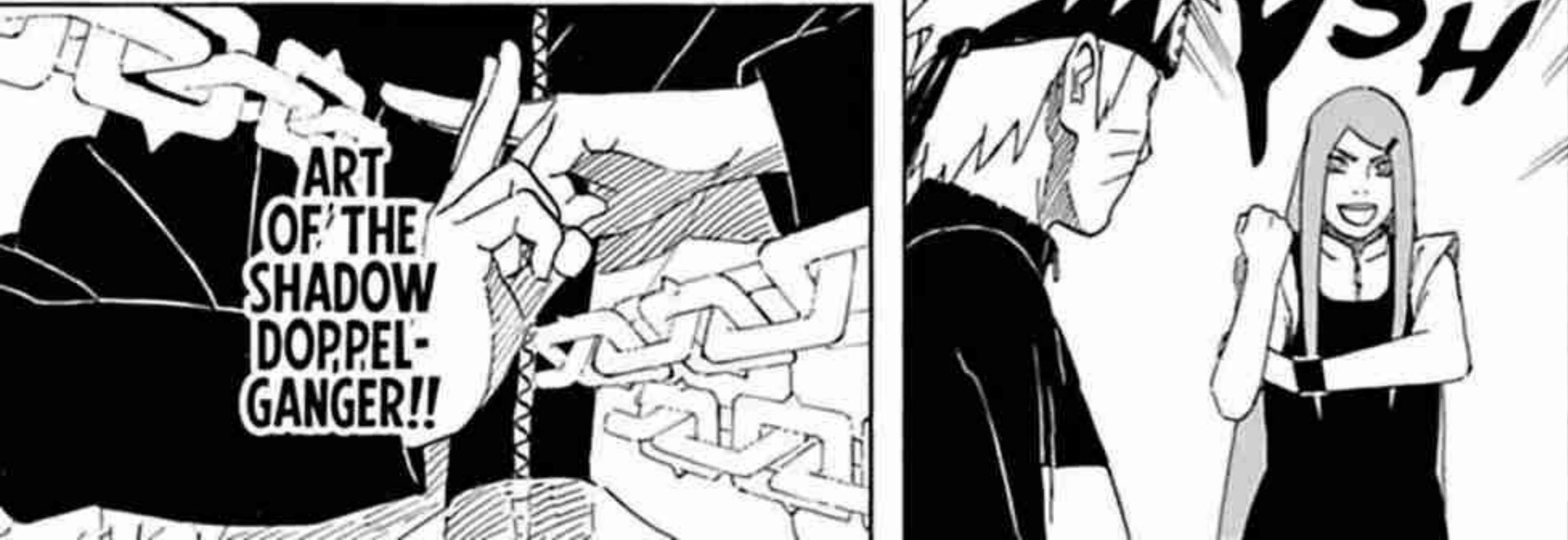
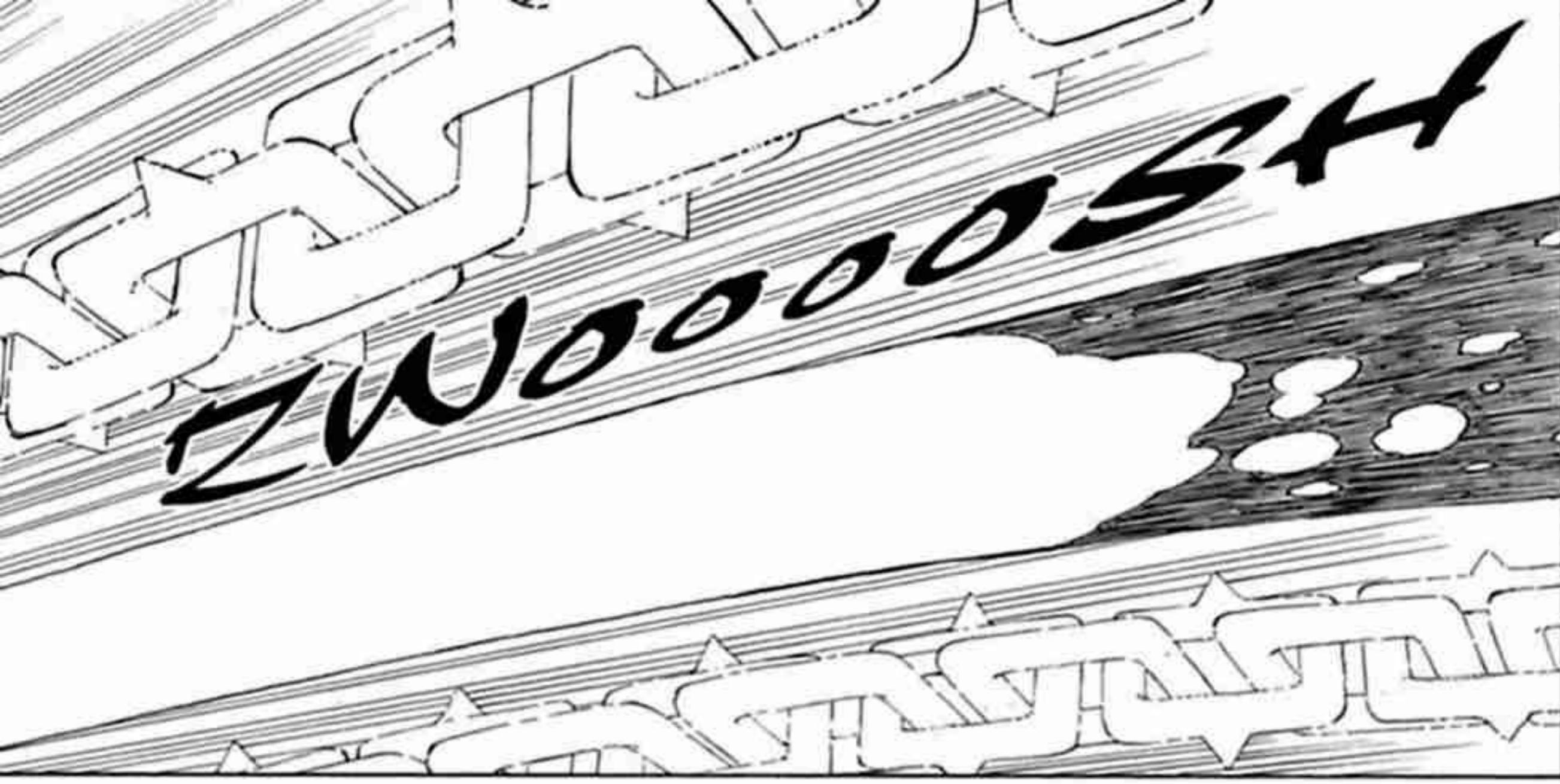
KUSHINA...!

ZWW...

ZWWWW...

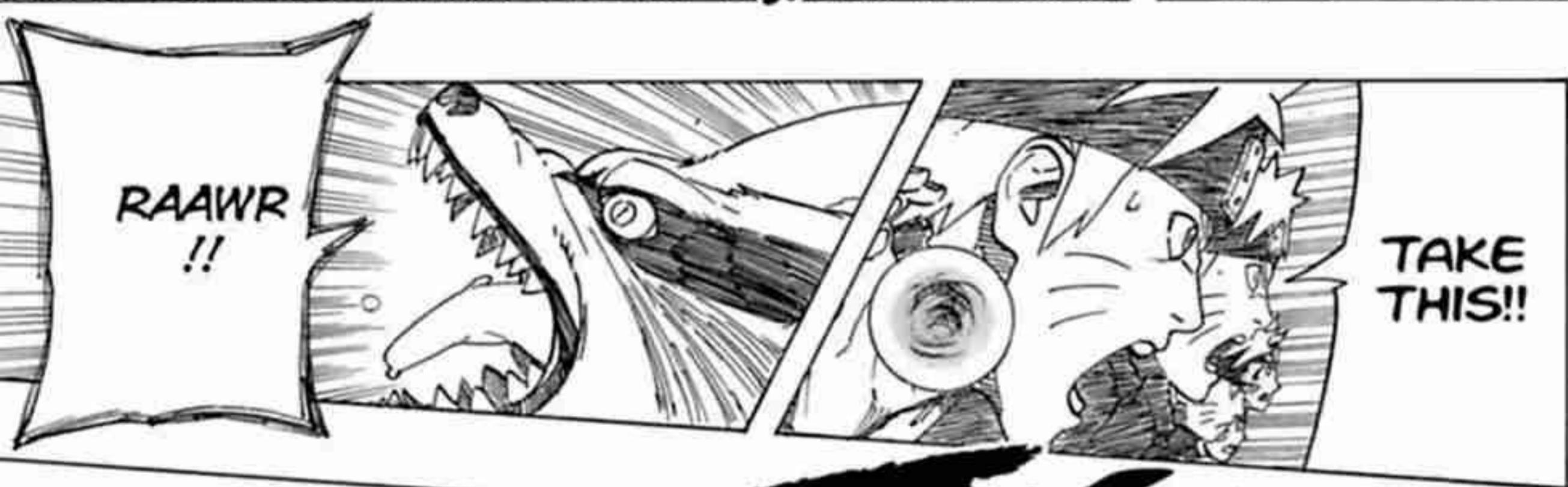
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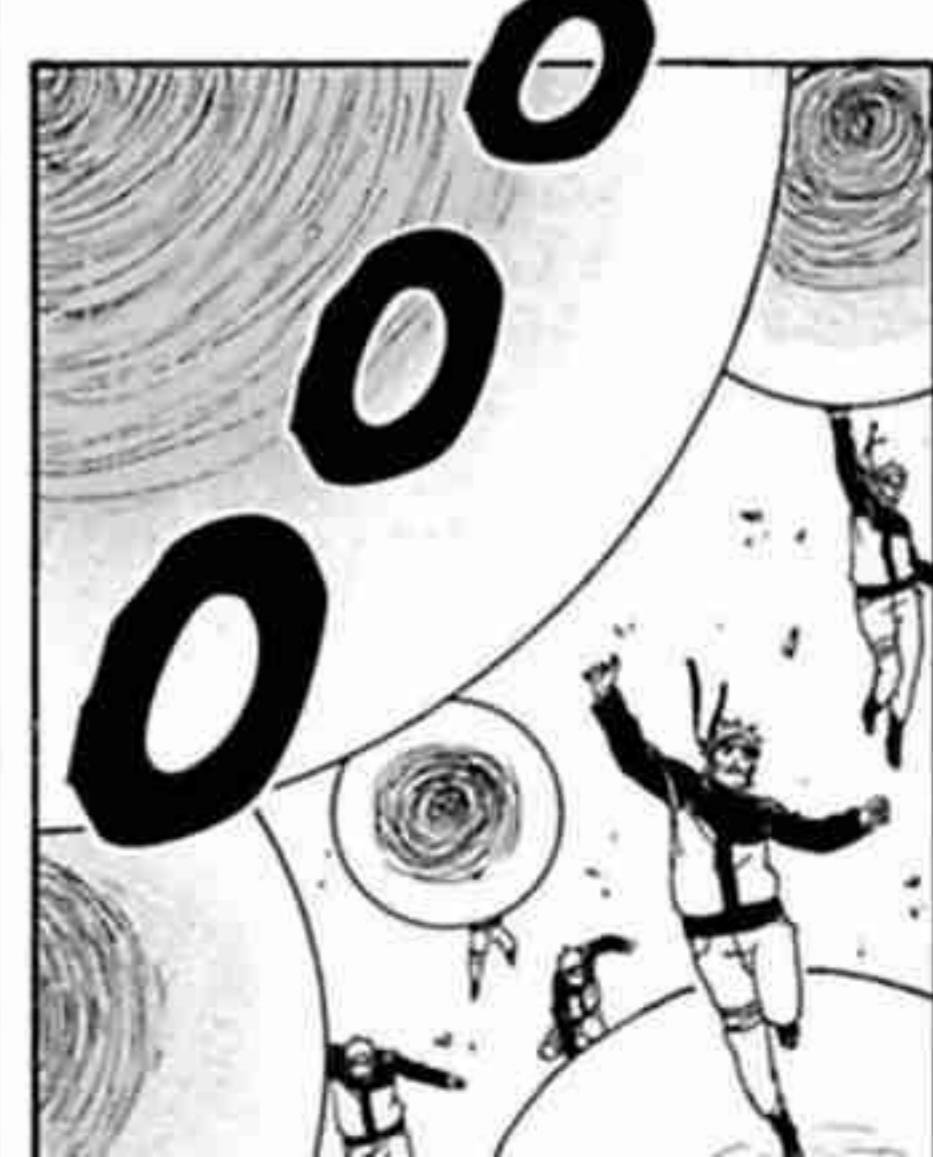
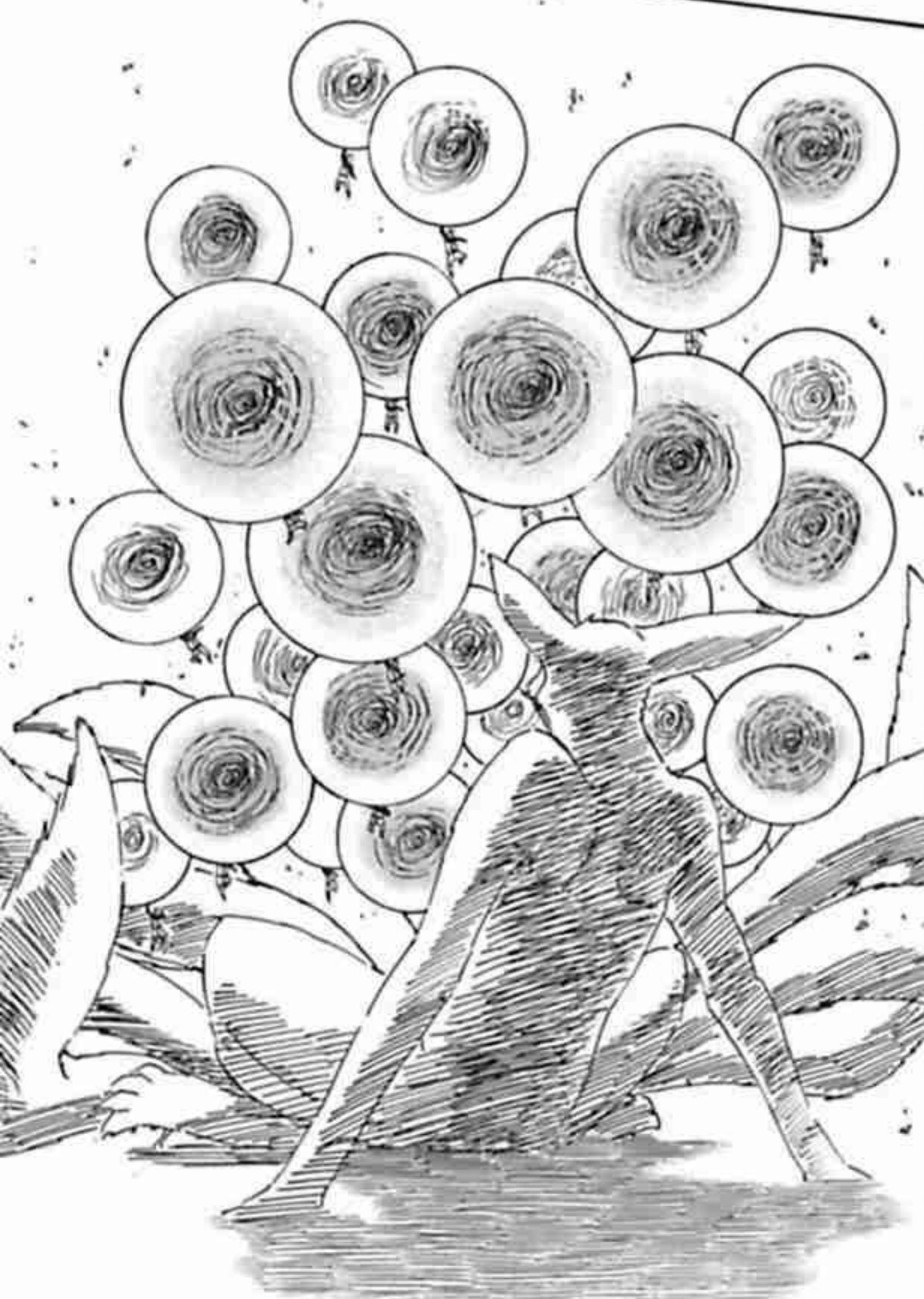


READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY



**SAGE ART!  
SUPER  
ÔDAMA  
RASENGAN  
BARRAGE!!**

**Boof**

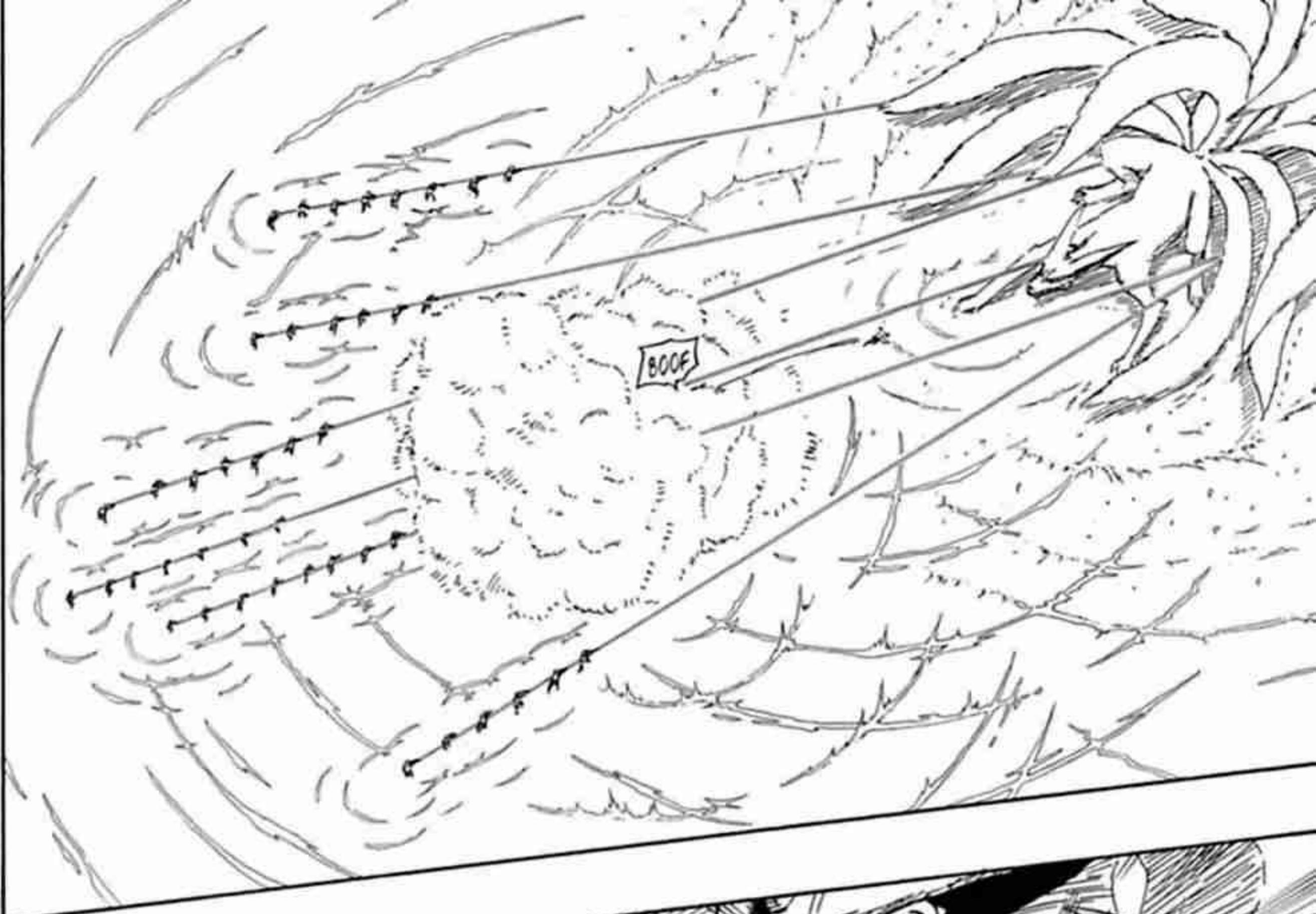
**Boof**

**Boof**

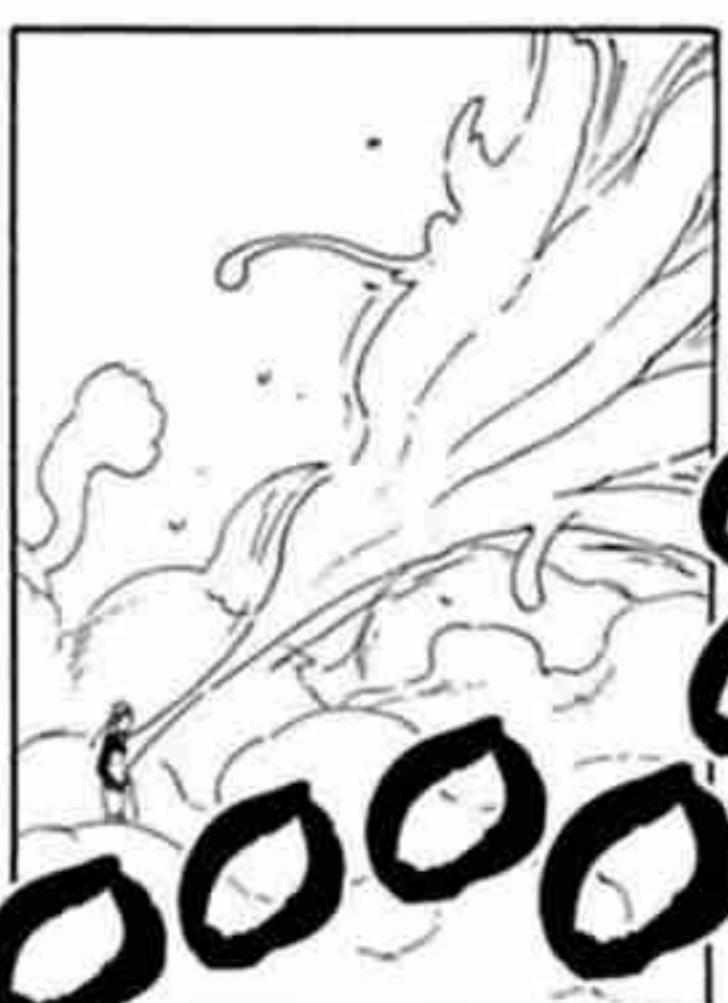
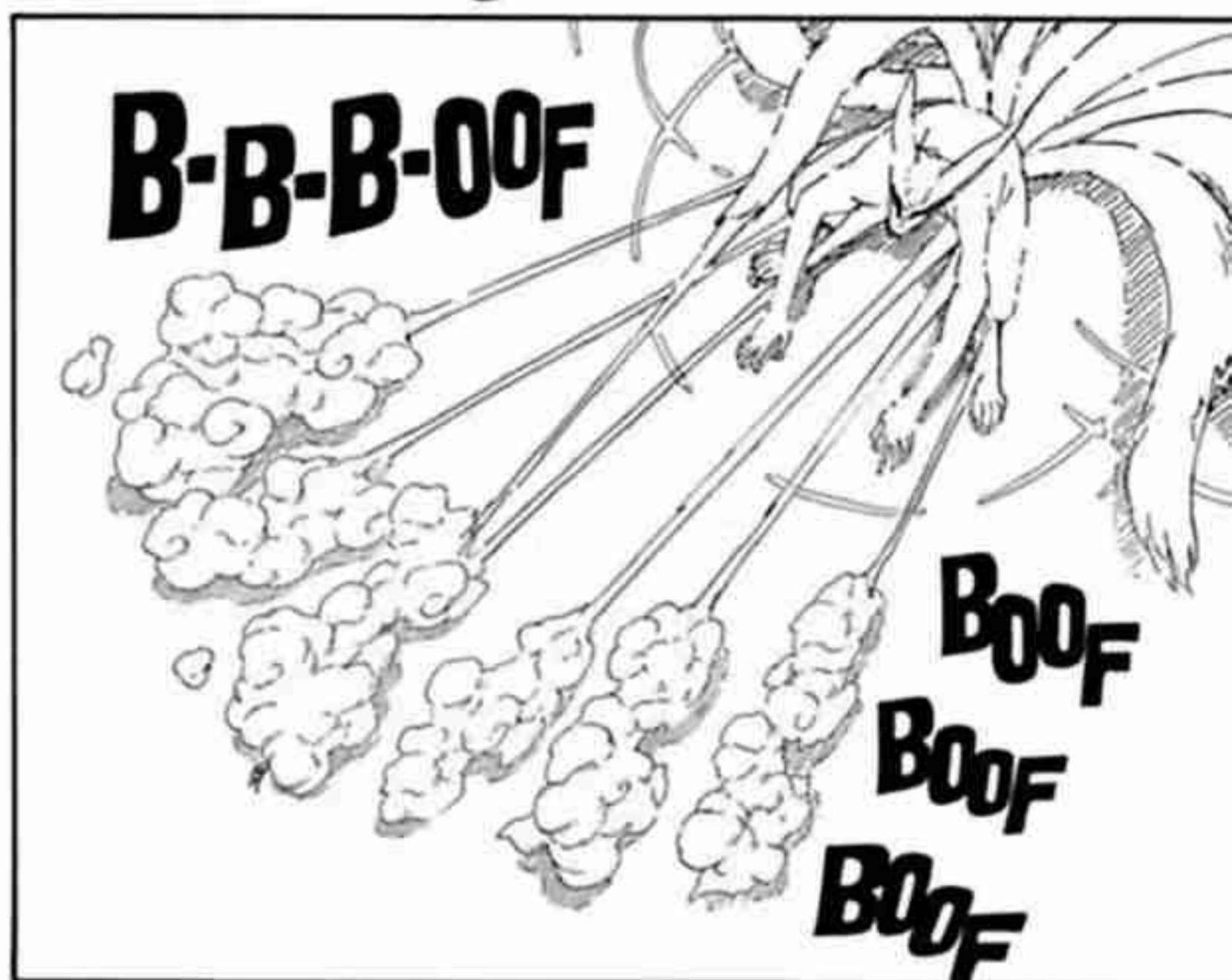
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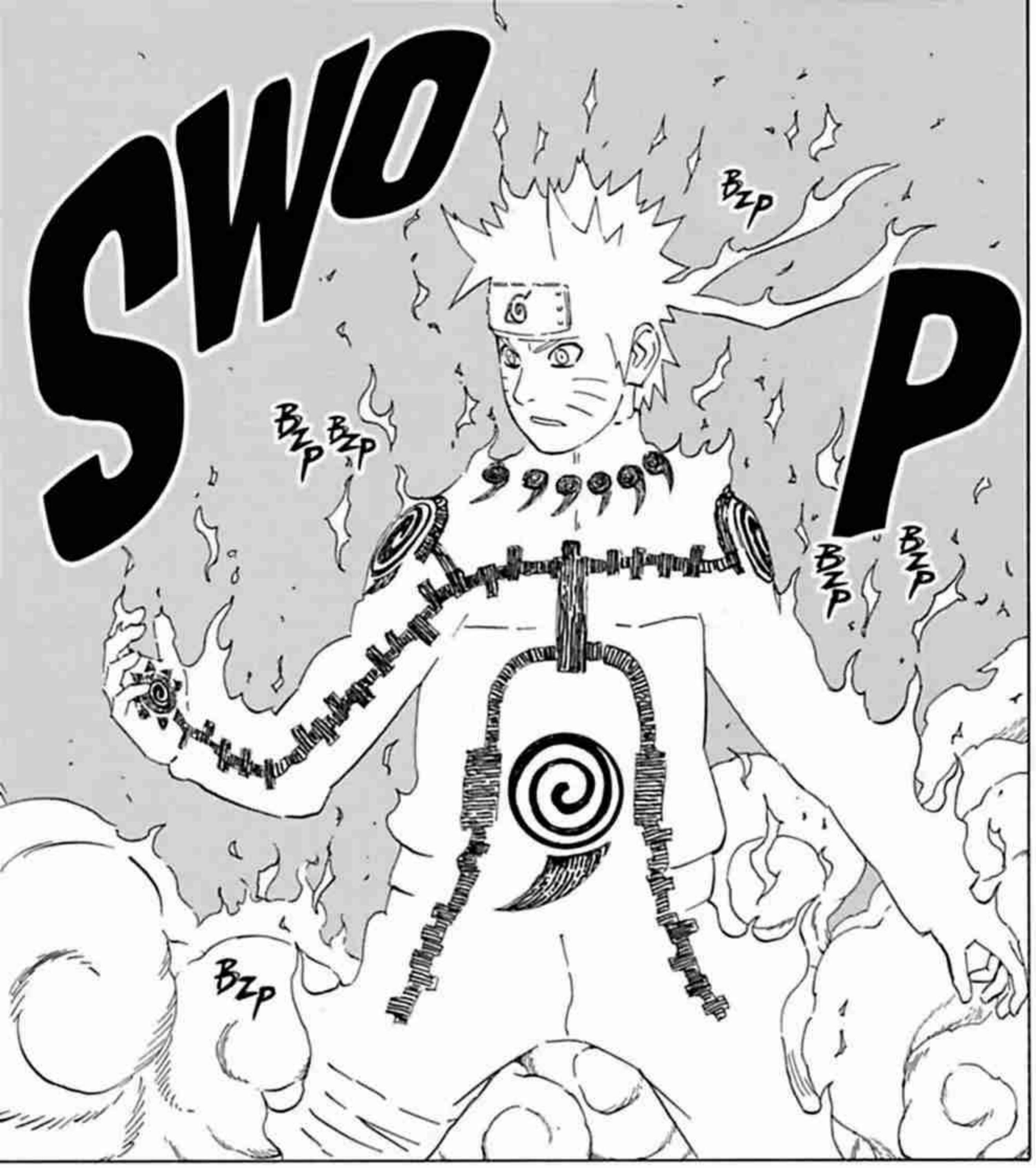
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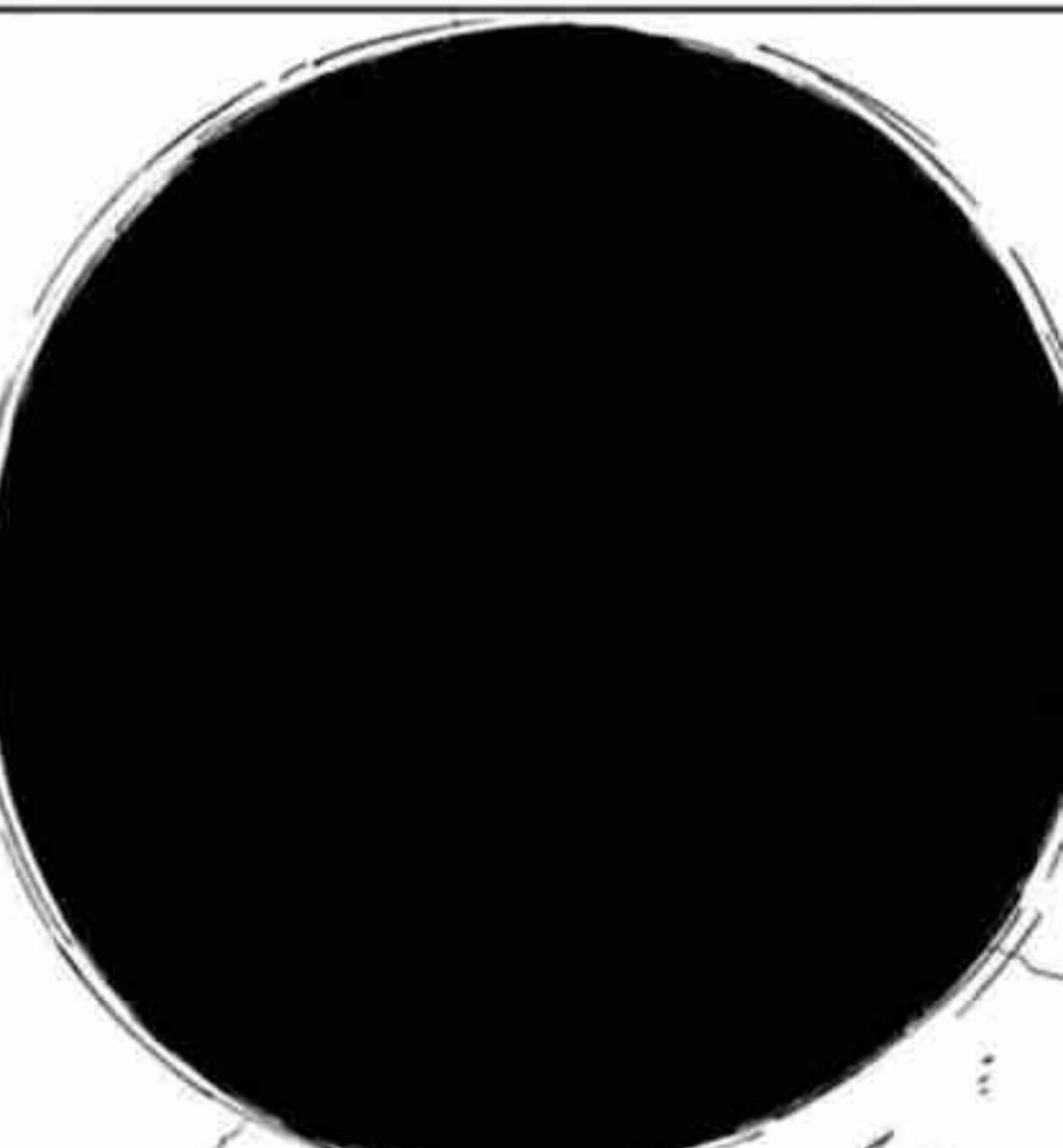




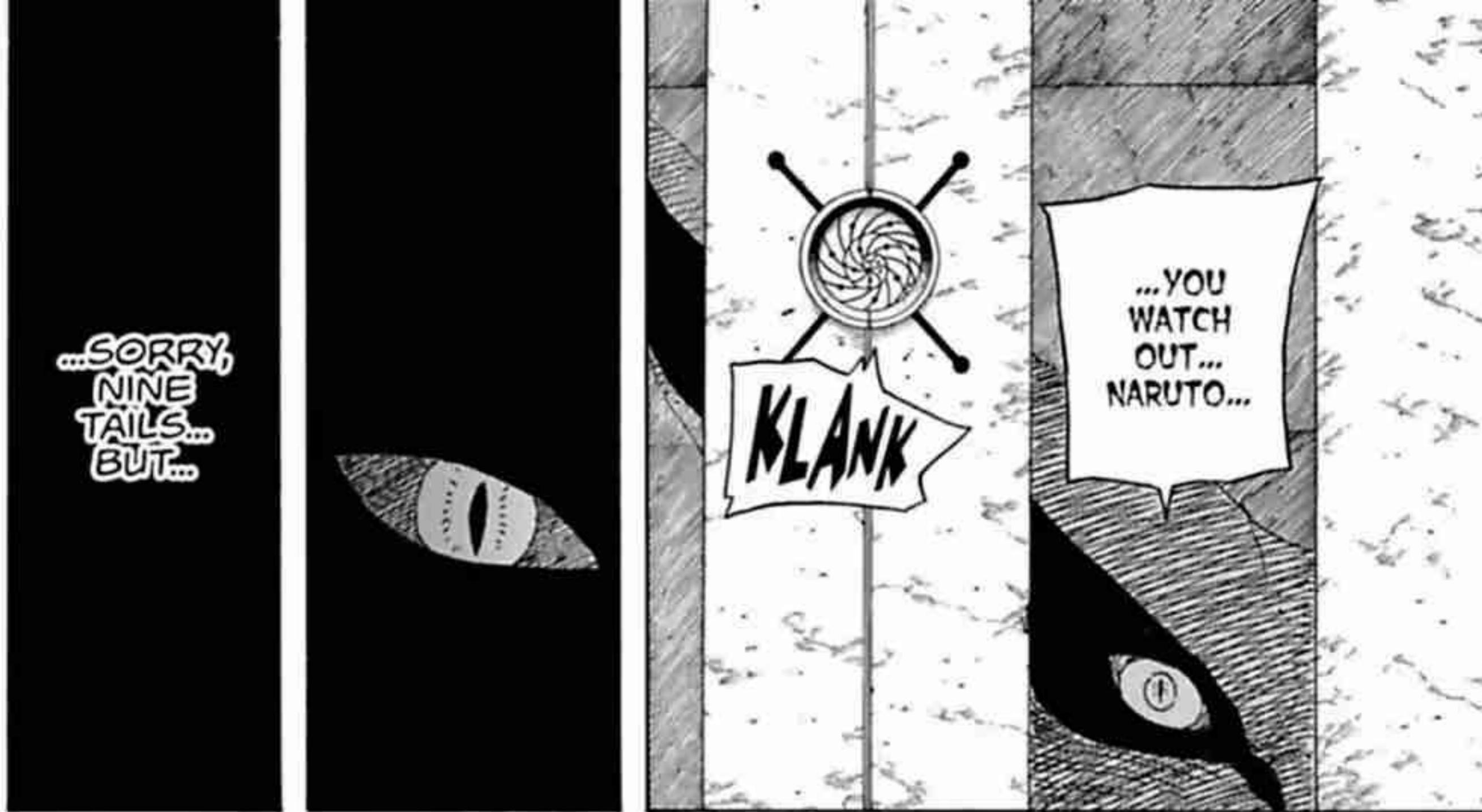


WOO!

WOW...  
YOU REALLY  
ARE  
AMAZING...







READ  
THIS  
WAY

I'M GOING TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH ABOUT THAT DAY.

...ABOUT THE INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED 16 YEARS AGO... WHEN YOU WERE BORN.



!



BUT BEFORE I GO, THERE ARE SOME THINGS I NEED TO TELL YOU...



THE TRUTH ABOUT 16 YEARS AGO...?



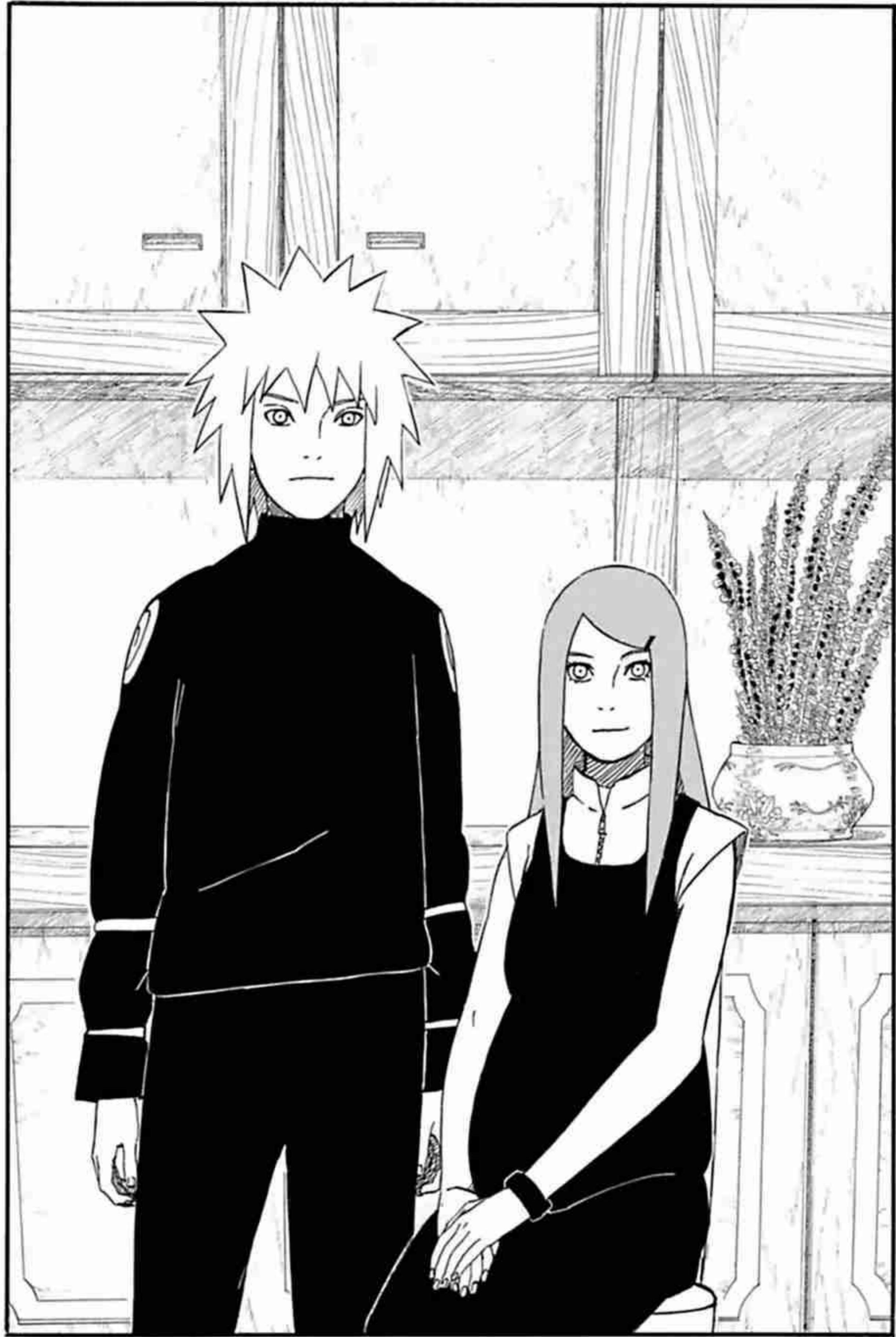
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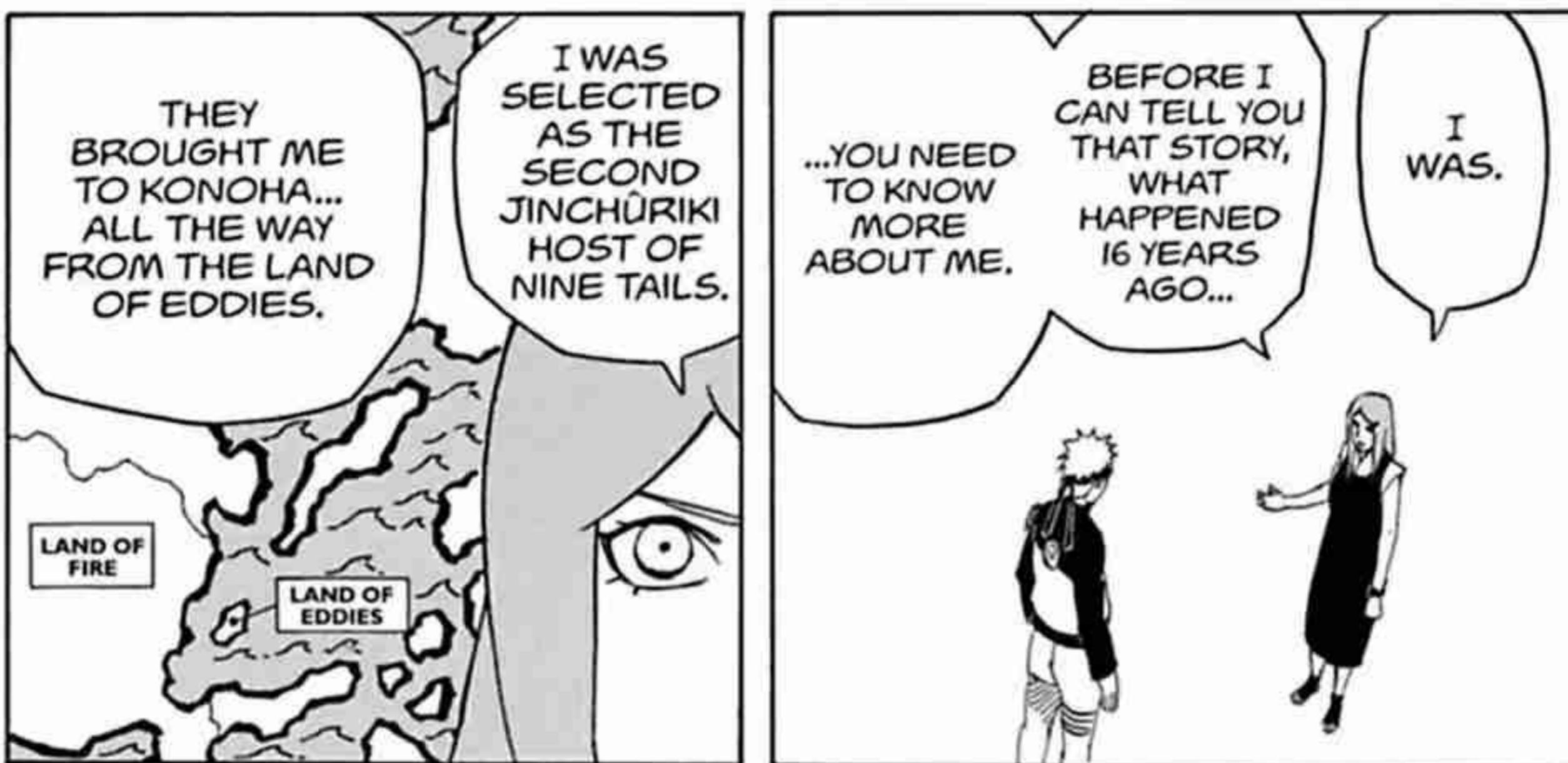
START-  
ING...  
...WITH THE FACT THAT THE PREVIOUS JINCHŪRIKI OF NINE TAILS, BEFORE YOU...

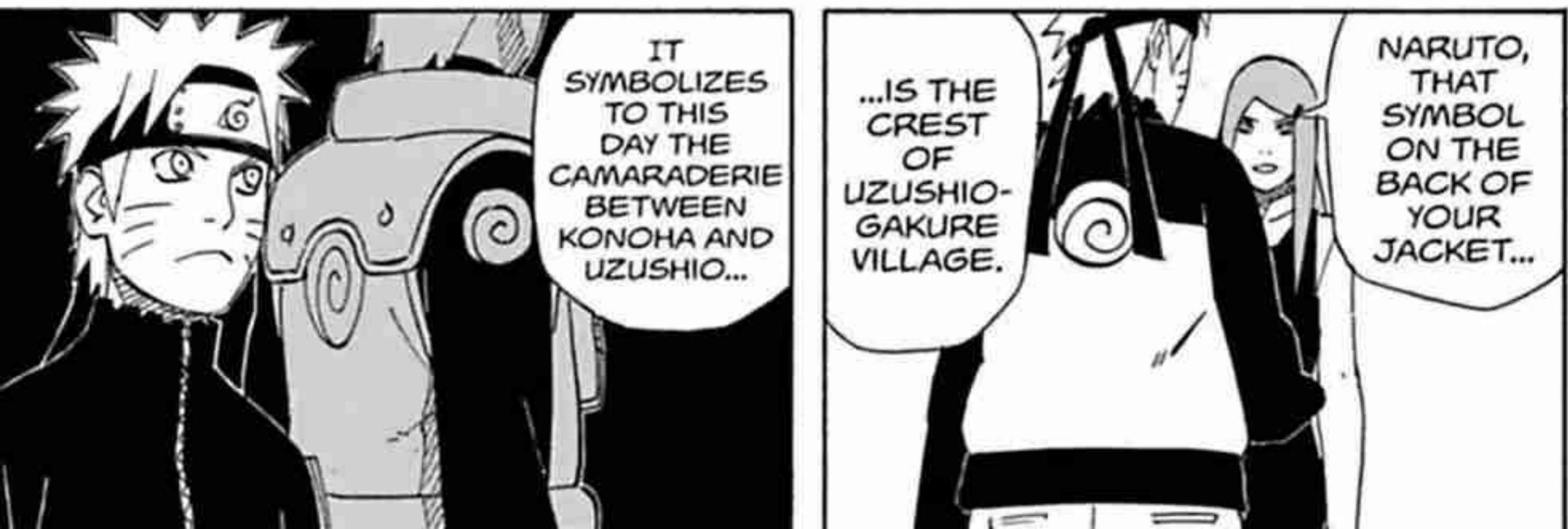
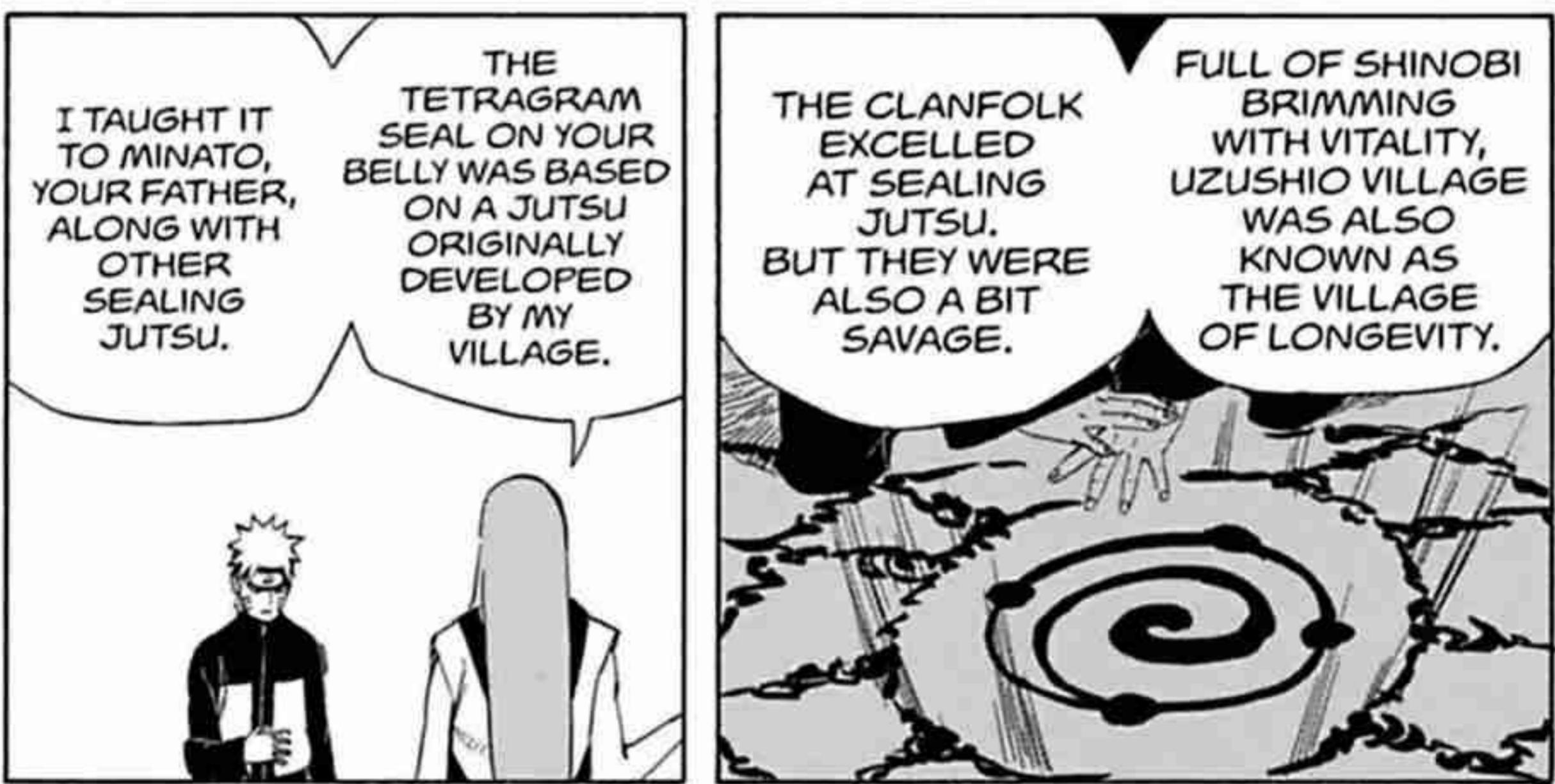


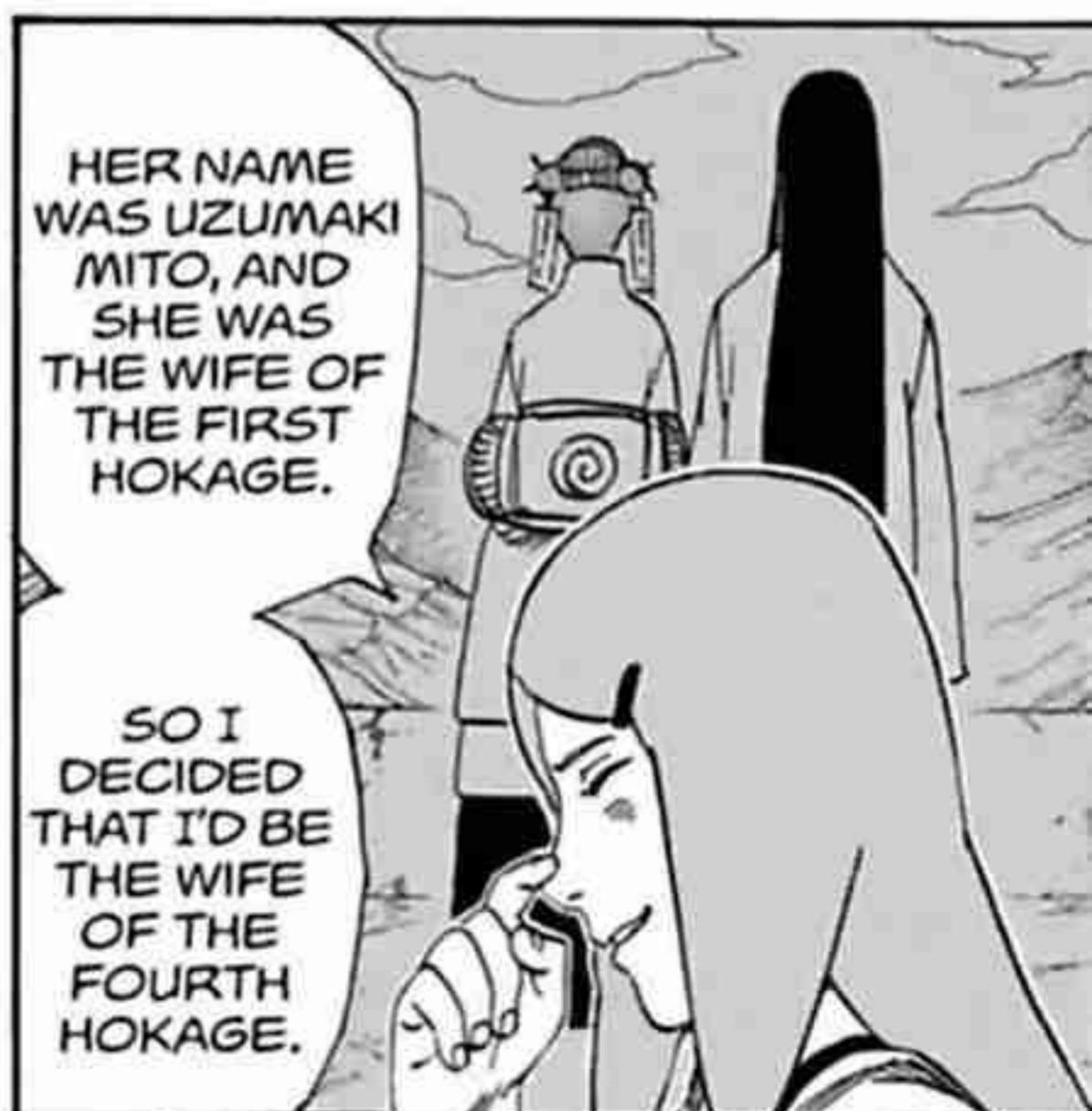
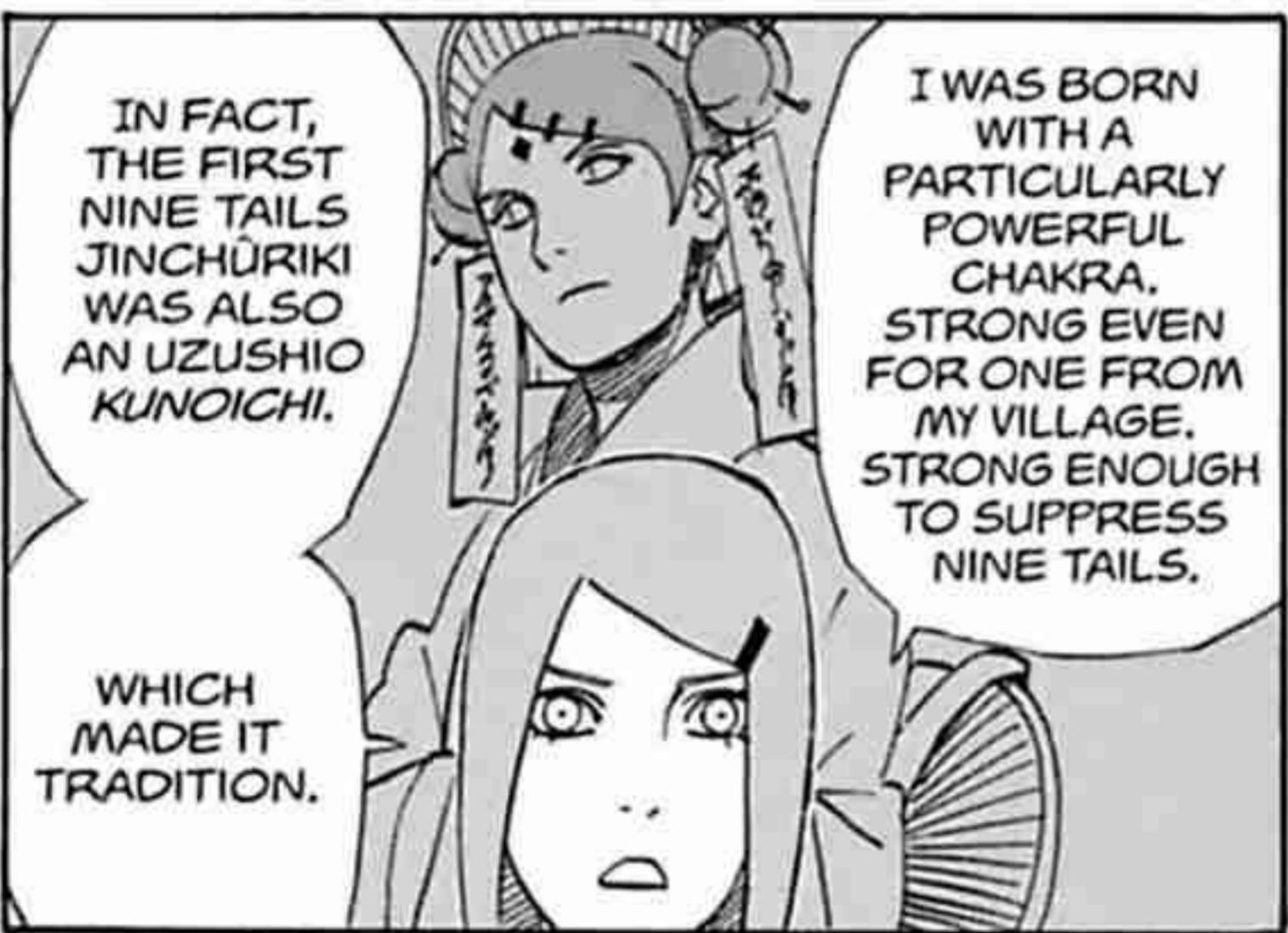
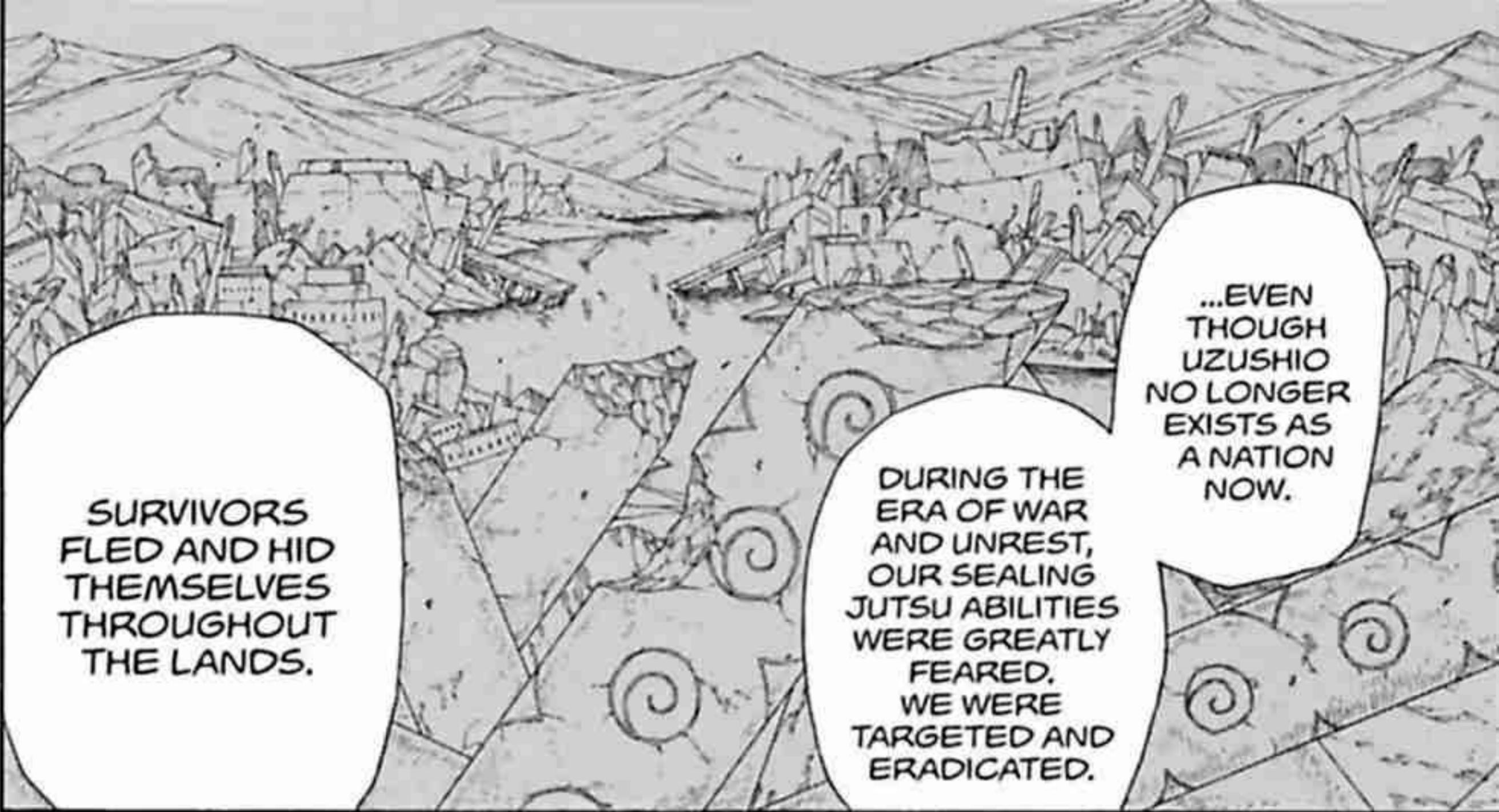


**Number 500: The Birth of Naruto**









...LADY MITO SEALED NINE TAILS INSIDE HERSELF USING SEALING JUTSU AND BECAME NINE TAILS' JINCHŪRIKI.

IT WAS DURING THAT BATTLE THAT IN ORDER TO LEND STRENGTH TO LORD HASHIRAMA, WHO HAD OBTAINED NINE TAILS...

OF COURSE, I WAS COMPLETELY SHOCKED WHEN I FOUND OUT.

I WAS BROUGHT TO KONOHA WITHOUT BEING TOLD THE TRUTH.

THEY WEREN'T EVEN TREATING YOU LIKE A PERSON?!

WHEN LADY MITO APPROACHED THE END OF HER LIFE...

EVER SINCE, KONOHA HAS POSSESSED NINE TAILS...

...I WAS BROUGHT IN TO BECOME NINE TAILS' NEXT VESSEL.

...THAT THOUGH WE BOTH CAME TO KONOHA TO BECOME JINCHŪRIKI...

BUT THEN LADY MITO TOLD ME...

THE ONLY ONES WHO KNEW WERE LORD THIRD AND A FEW OF THE ELDERS. NOT EVEN THE THREE GREAT SHINOBI KNEW.

EVERYTHING WAS TOP SECRET.

...THE KEY  
WAS TO FILL  
OURSELVES  
WITH LOVE,  
FIRST.

YOU WERE A  
JINCHŪRIKI...  
BUT YOU  
WERE  
HAPPY...?!

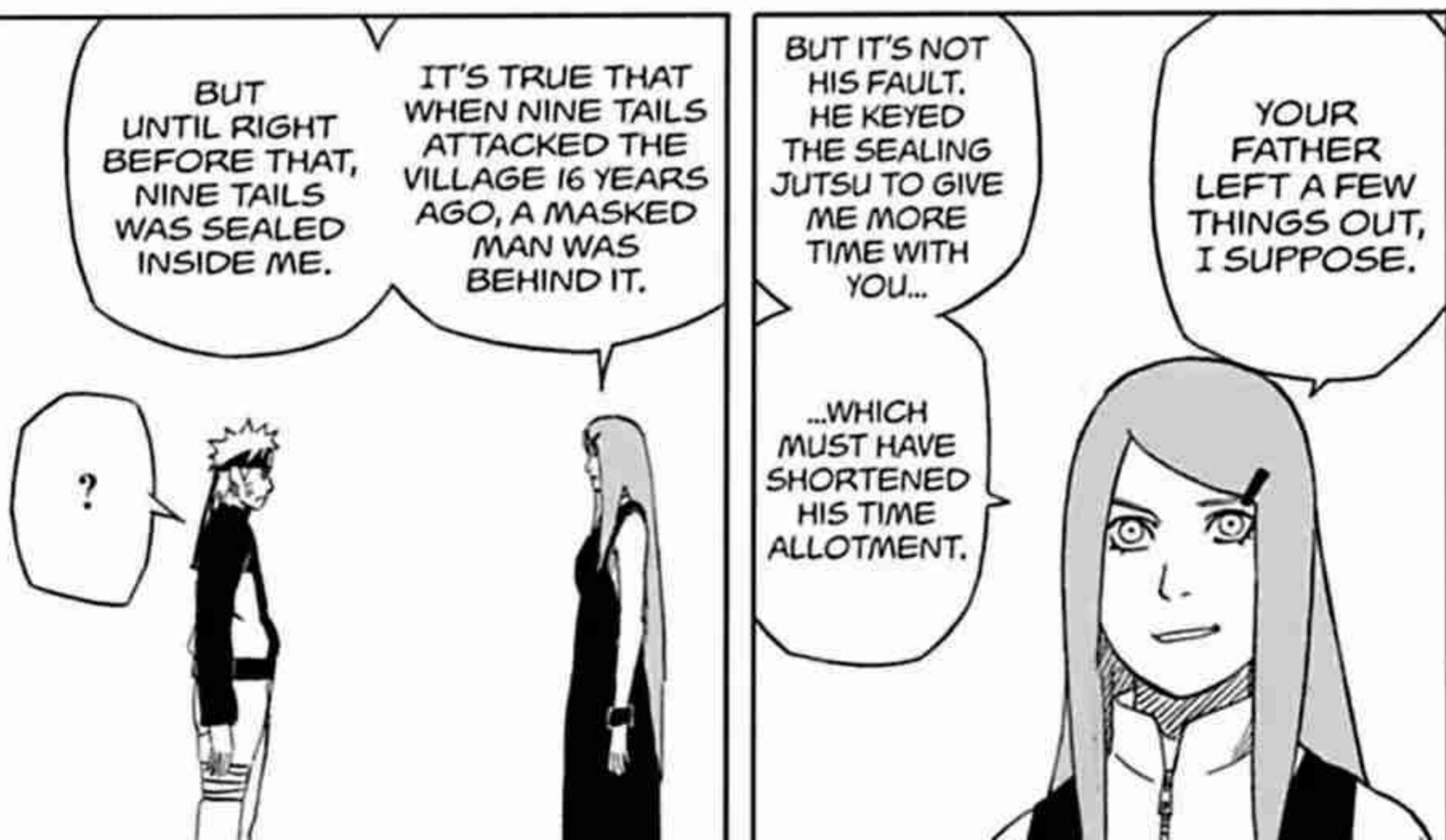
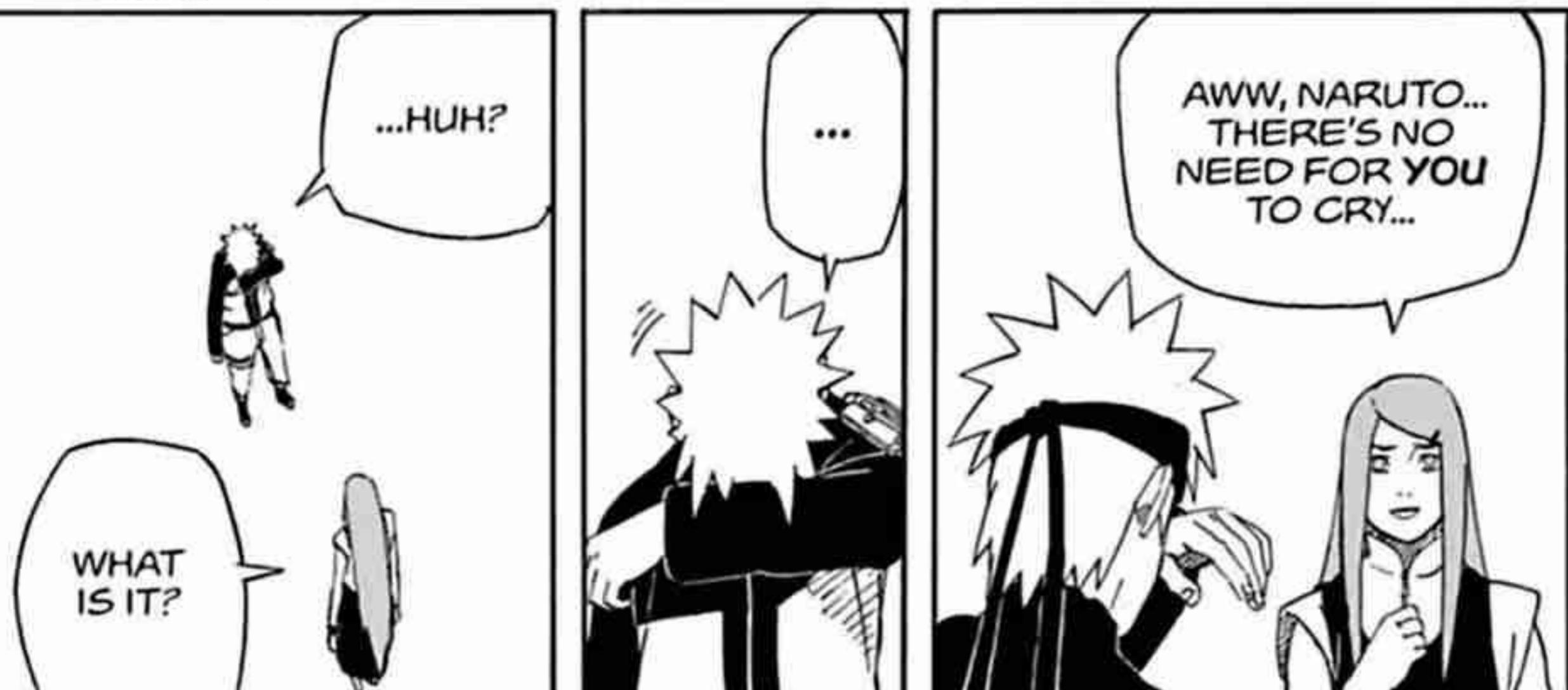
...  
THEN,  
MA...?

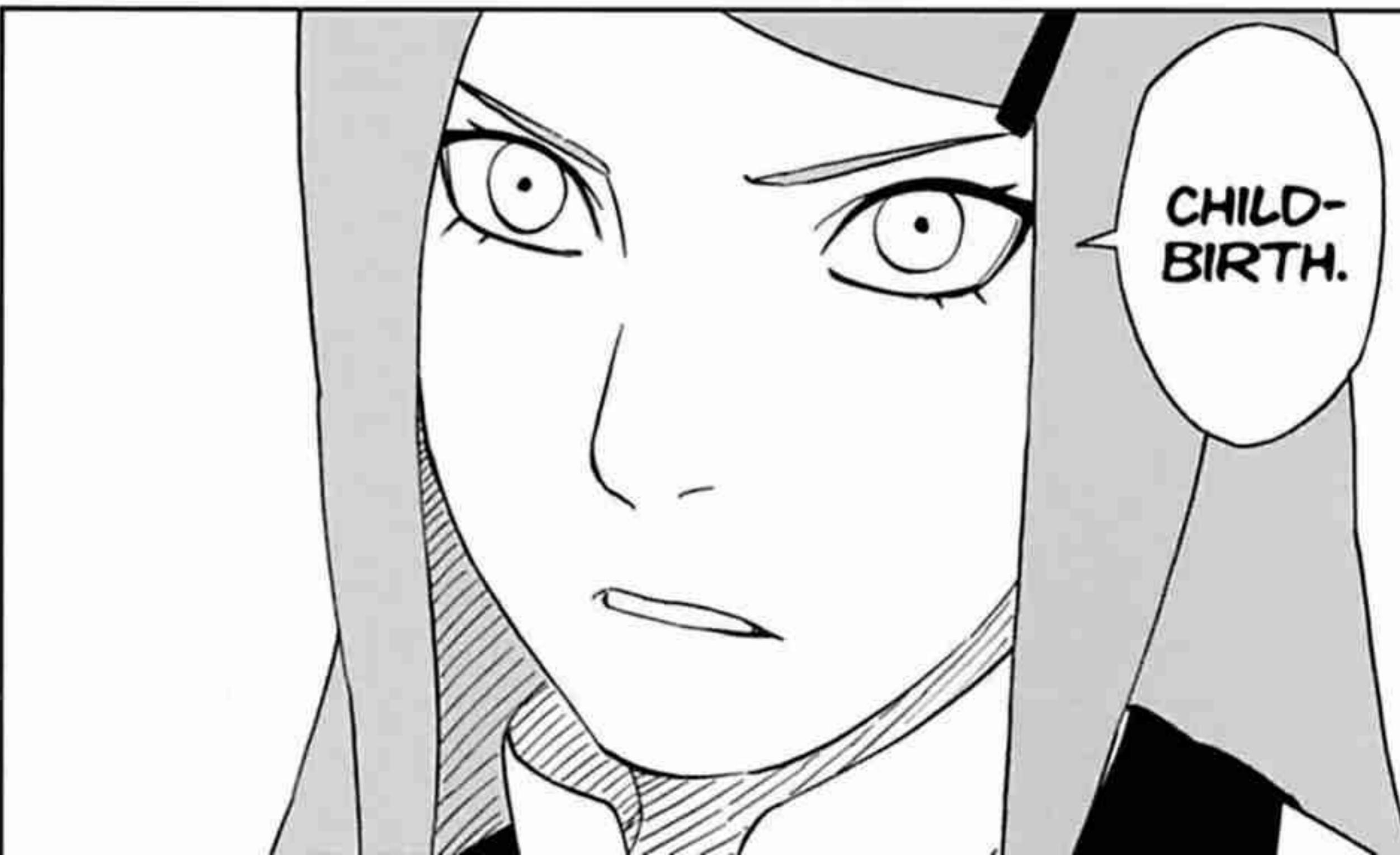
THEN, EVEN  
IF WE HAD  
TO LIVE AS  
NINE TAILS'  
JINCHŪRIKI,  
WE COULD  
STILL BE  
HAPPY.

YUP!

HEH  
HEH  
...

READ  
THIS  
WAY





THE BIJU SEAL WEAKENS PROPORTIONALLY AS THE ENERGY...

...THAT IS NORMALLY USED FOR THE SEAL IS DIVERTED TO THE GROWING BABY.

DURING THE APPROXIMATELY TEN MONTHS BETWEEN WHEN A FEMALE JINCHŪRIKI GETS PREGNANT AND GIVES BIRTH...

THEN...

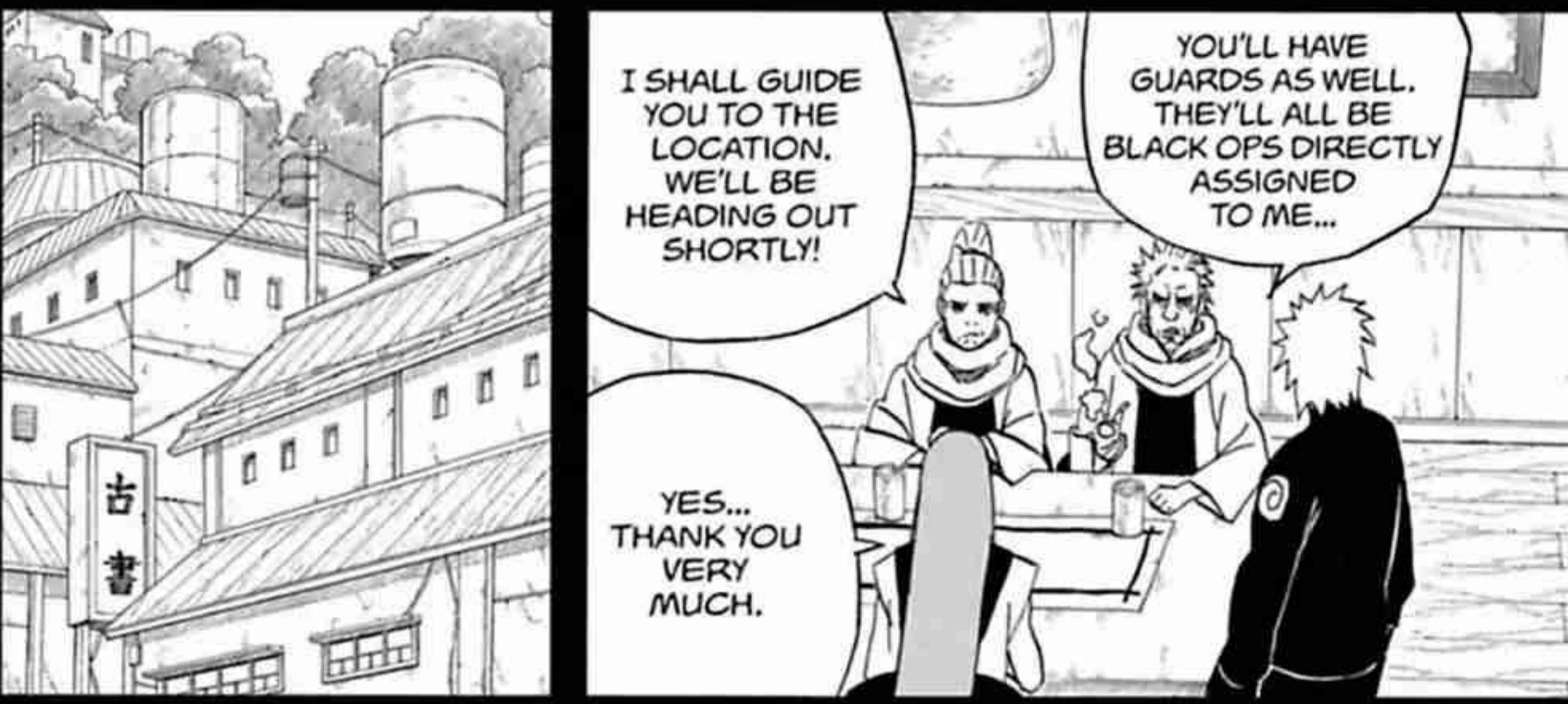
OCTOBER 10,  
16 YEARS AGO.

IT WAS THAT WAY WITH LADY MITO TOO...

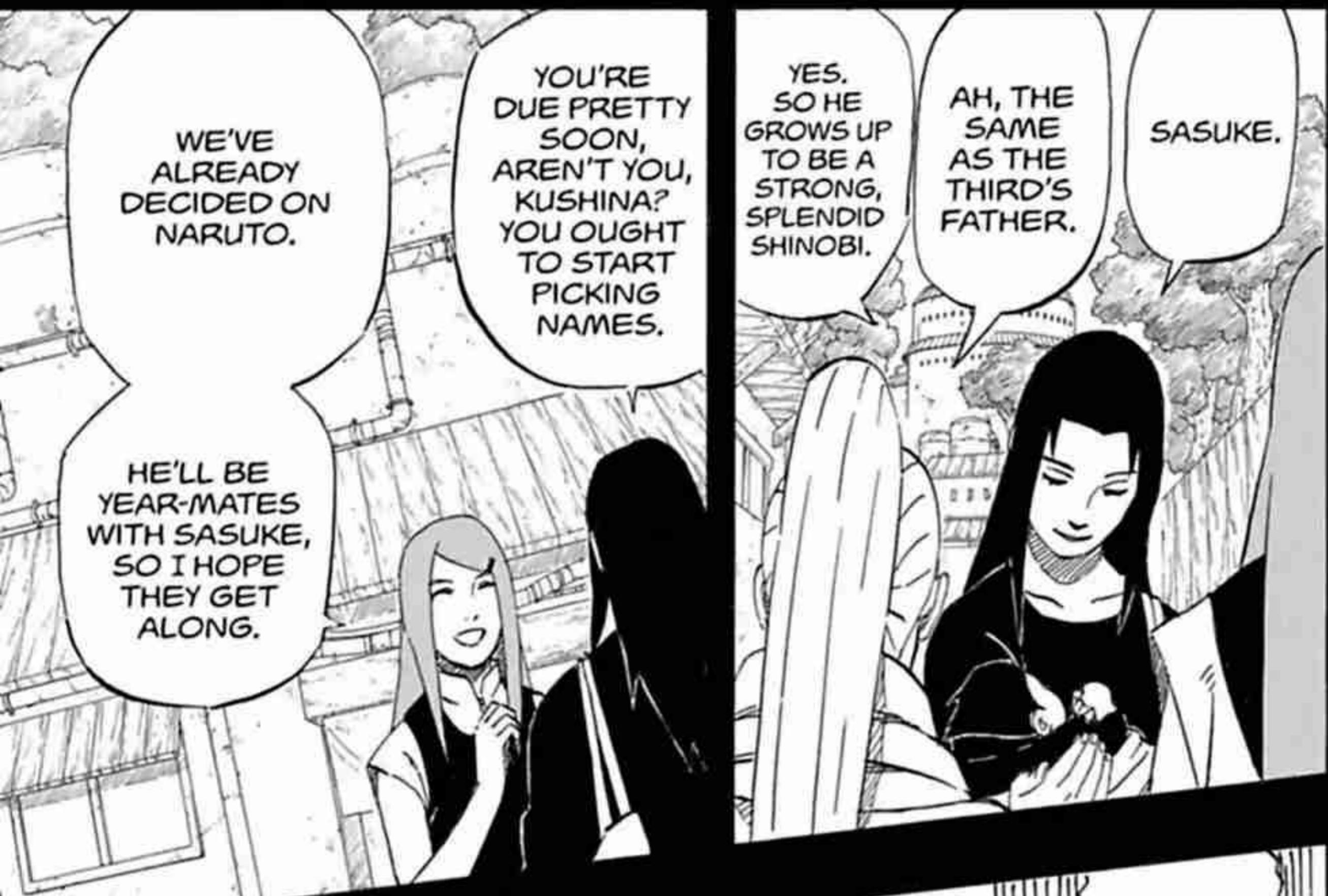
WHEN SHE GAVE BIRTH, THE SEAL ALMOST CAME COMPLETELY UNDONE.

I'LL GO ON AHEAD AND GET THINGS READY.

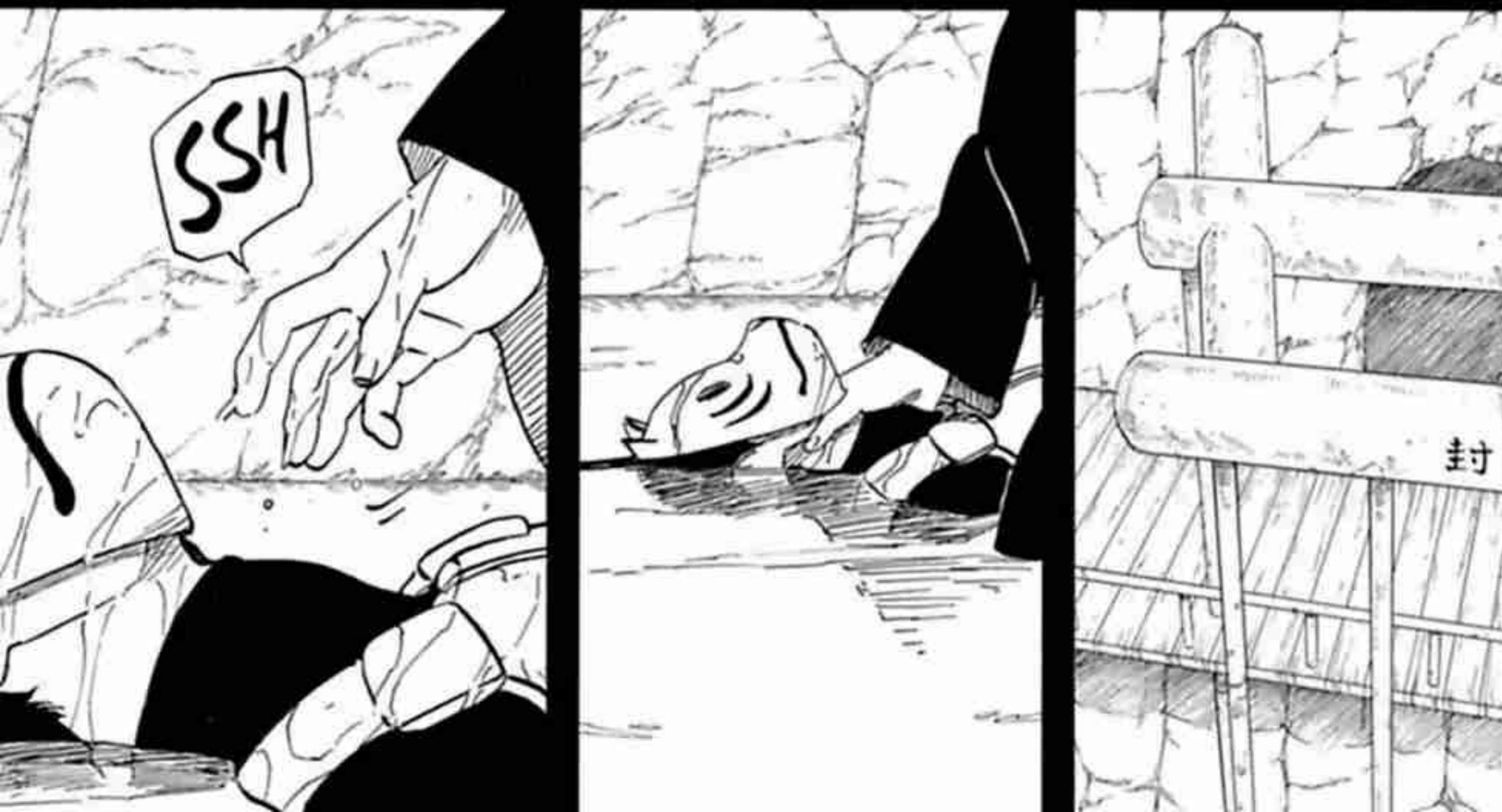
I'LL BE THERE WHEN SHE GIVES BIRTH. I MUST MONITOR THE SEAL, ANYWAY.

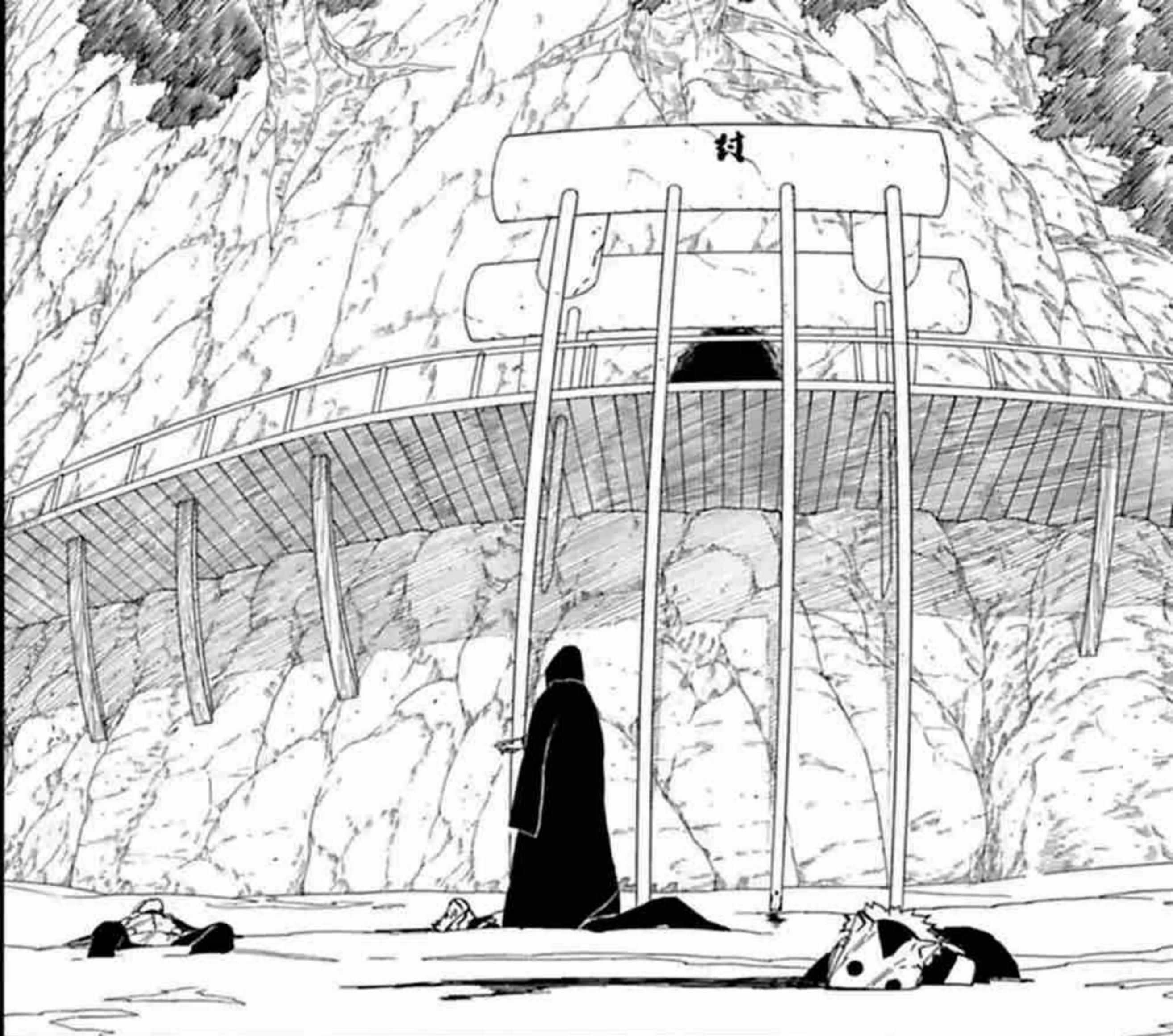


READ  
THIS  
WAY









READ  
THIS  
WAY



IT'S A  
HEALTHY  
BABY  
BOY!!

WA  
A  
A  
A  
H

WA  
A  
A  
H  
!!

WE  
FINALLY  
MEET...

HUF

NARUTO  
...

I'M A  
FATHER  
NOW...!!

HA  
HA....!

WA  
A  
A  
H

WA  
A  
A  
H

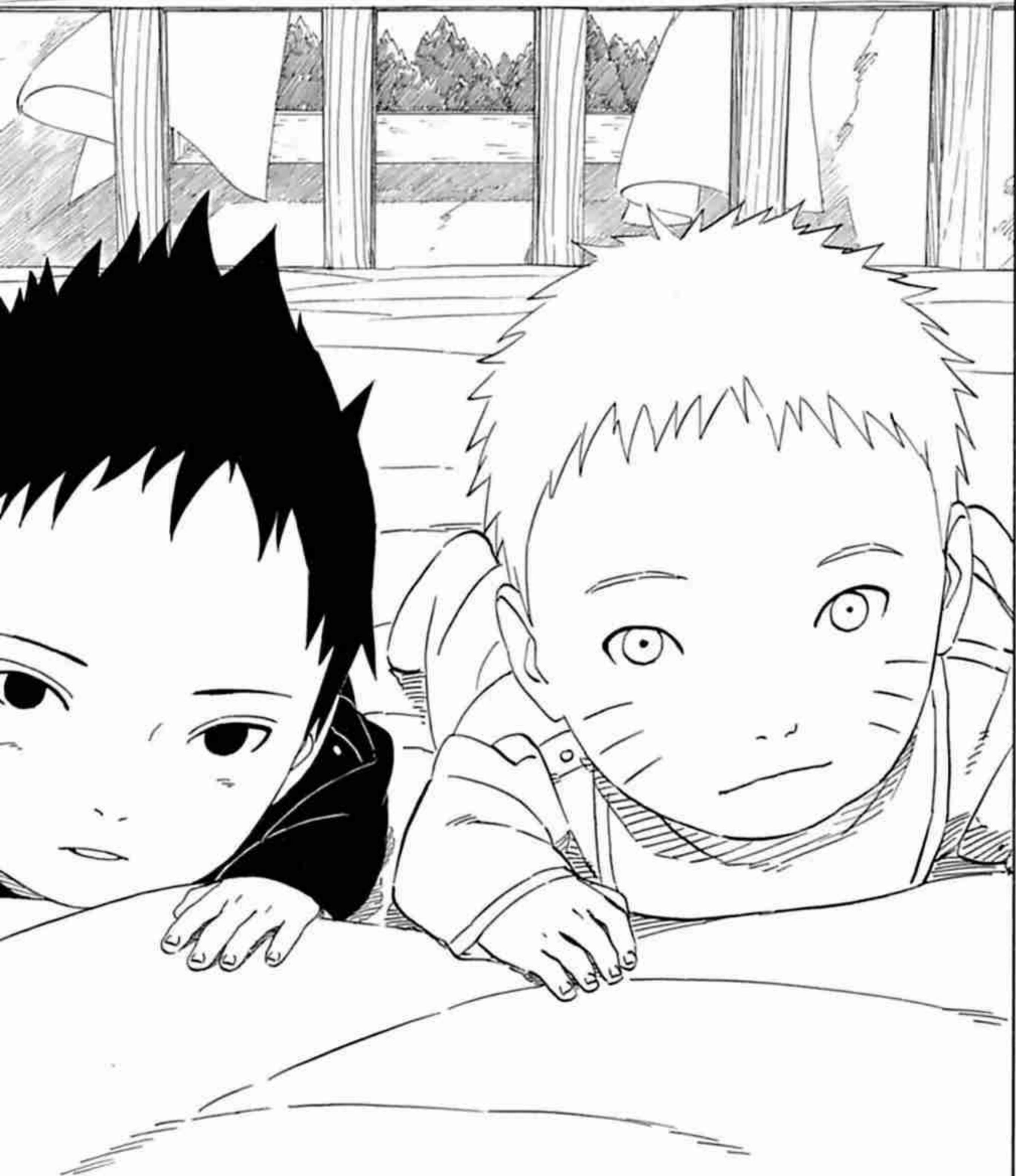
READ  
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WAY



NARUTO



## Number 501: Nine Tails Attacks!!



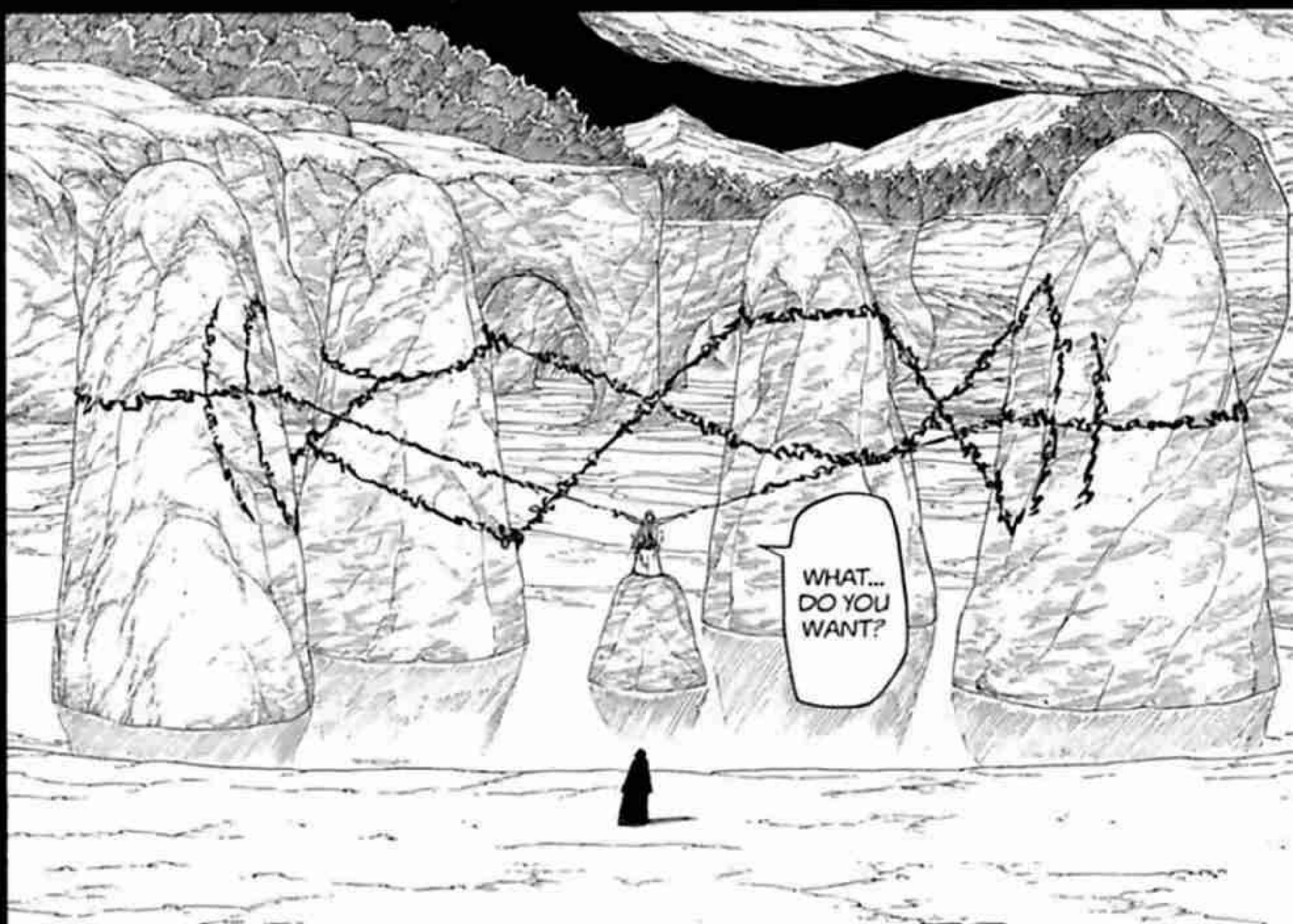


READ  
THIS WAY









READ  
THIS  
WAY

THE  
MARKINGS  
ARE INCOR-  
PORATED  
INTO THIS  
SEALING  
SPELL.

MINATO'S  
ART OF TELE-  
PORTATION  
ALLOWS HIM TO  
TRANSPORT  
BETWEEN  
LOCATIONS  
MARKED  
WITH JUTSU  
SYMBOLS.

WHAT...?!

I'M GOING TO  
EXTRACT NINE  
TAILS FROM YOU  
AND CRUSH  
KONOHA.

20

NINE TAILS'  
SEAL HAS  
WEAKENED  
DUE TO  
CHILDBIRTH.

DO YOU  
KNOW HOW  
LONG I HAVE  
WAITED  
FOR THIS?

GRR

MINATO CAN  
PROTECT  
YOU AT ALL  
TIMES.

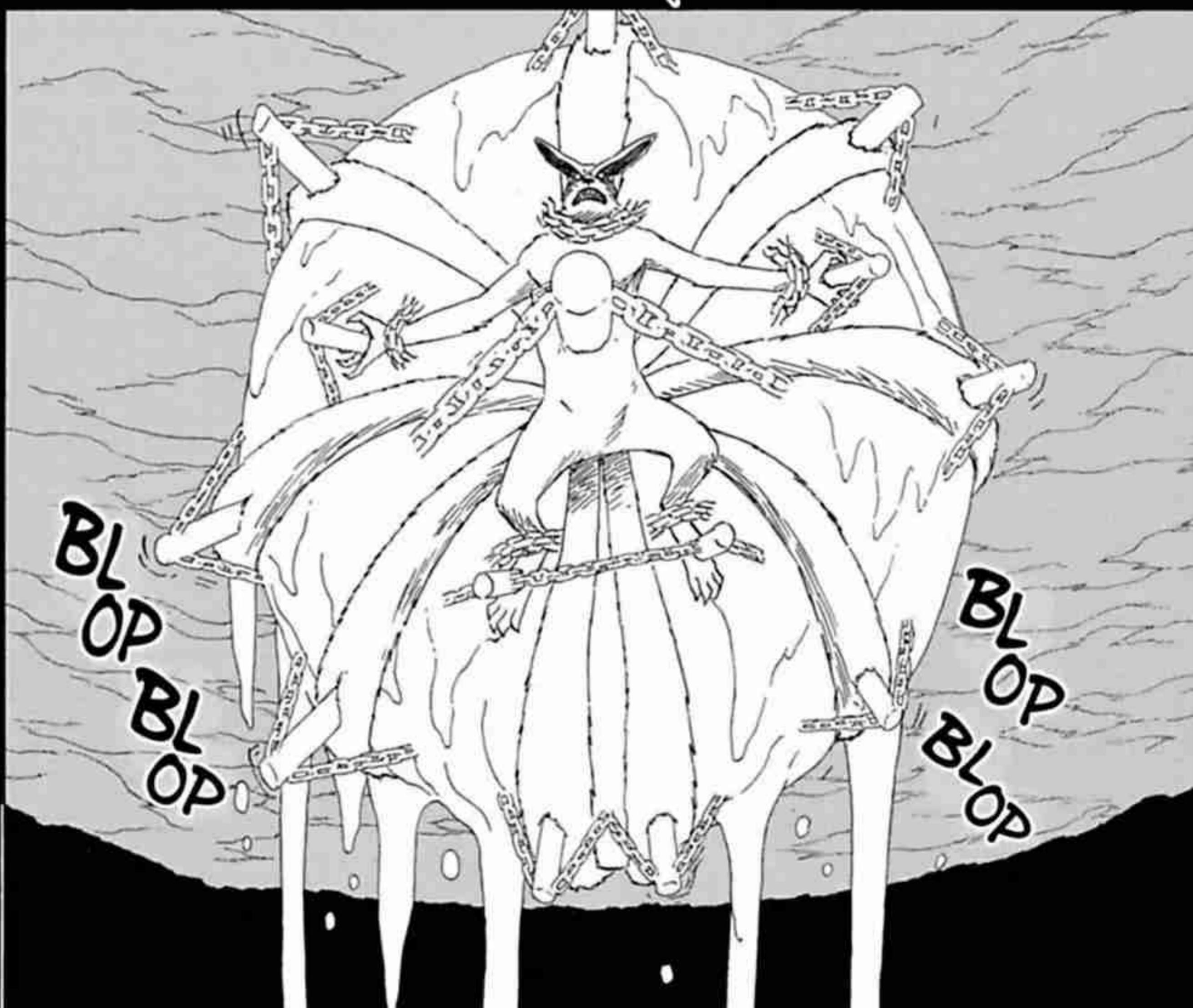
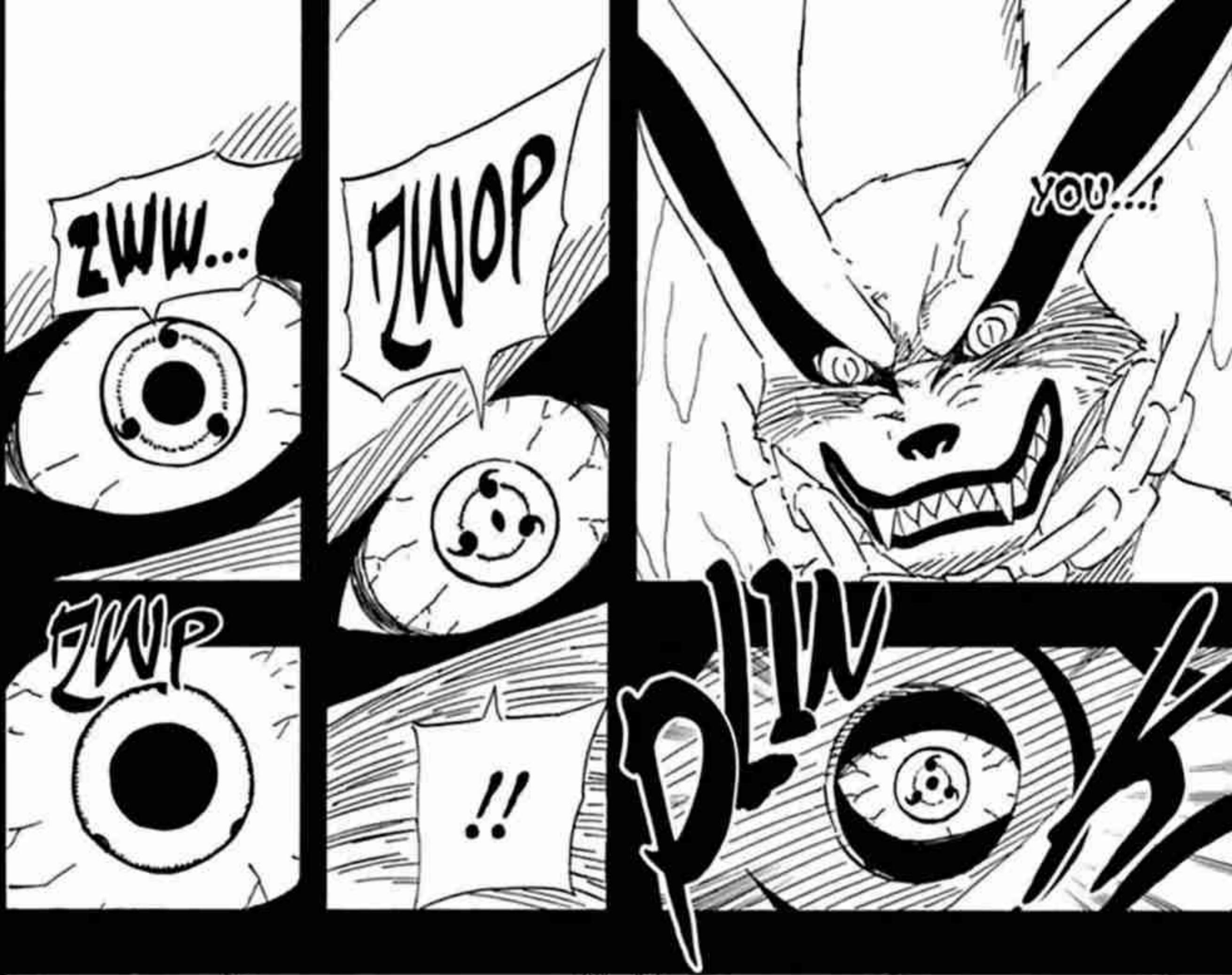
BUT HE IS  
FAR AWAY  
RIGHT NOW.

I HAVE TO  
RESCUE  
YOUR  
MOTHER...

PLEASE  
BE  
PATIENT,  
NARUTO.

YOU'LL  
BE SAFE  
HERE.

FSH...





RADAR!!!

RA  
DO  
OD  
OM

GOOD...  
TO  
KONOHA-  
GAKURE!

SHUP

B2P  
B2P

WAIT...

UGH...

RAAAR!

YOU  
UZUMAKI  
SHINOBI  
ARE JUST  
AMAZING...

...YOU  
DON'T DIE  
RIGHT AWAY  
WHEN THE  
BIJU IS  
EXTRACTED?

YOU  
WERE HIS  
JINCHŪRIKI  
...

...I'LL LET  
YOU DIE  
BY HIS  
HAND.

!!

BA

M



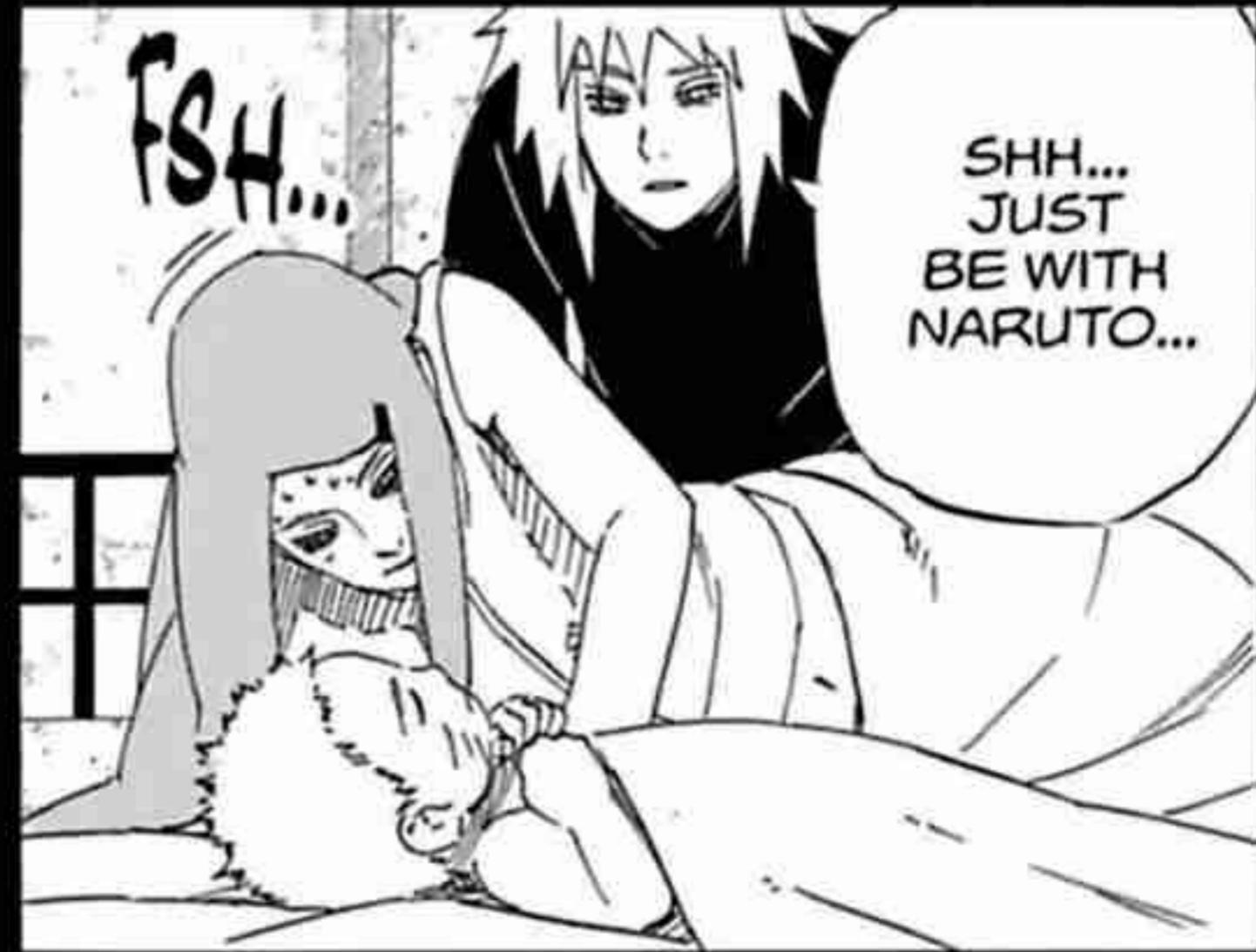
READ  
THIS  
WAY

THAT'S  
FINE...  
NOW LET'S  
GET TO  
KONOHA.

...HE  
FLEW  
AWAY...

WSP

...







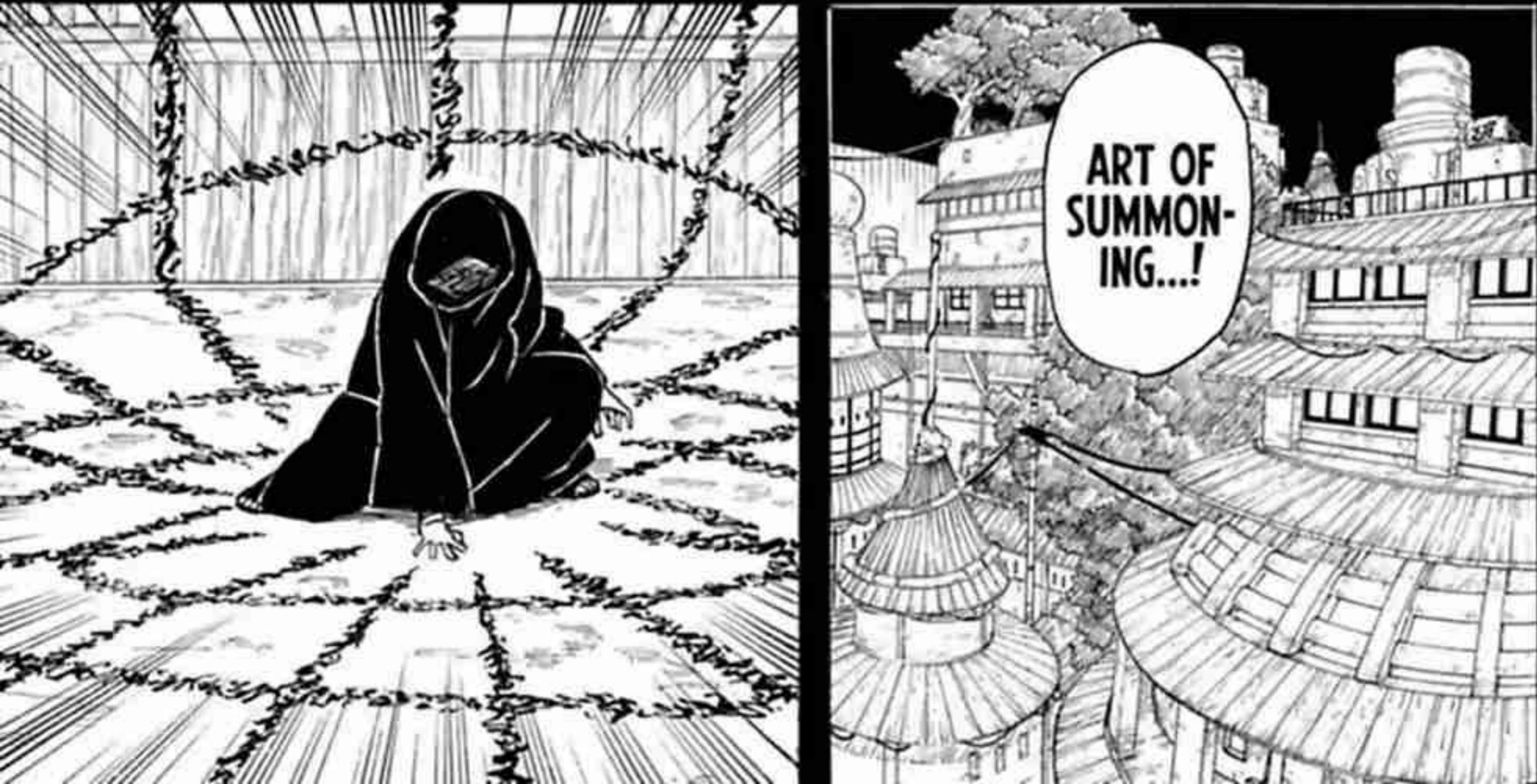
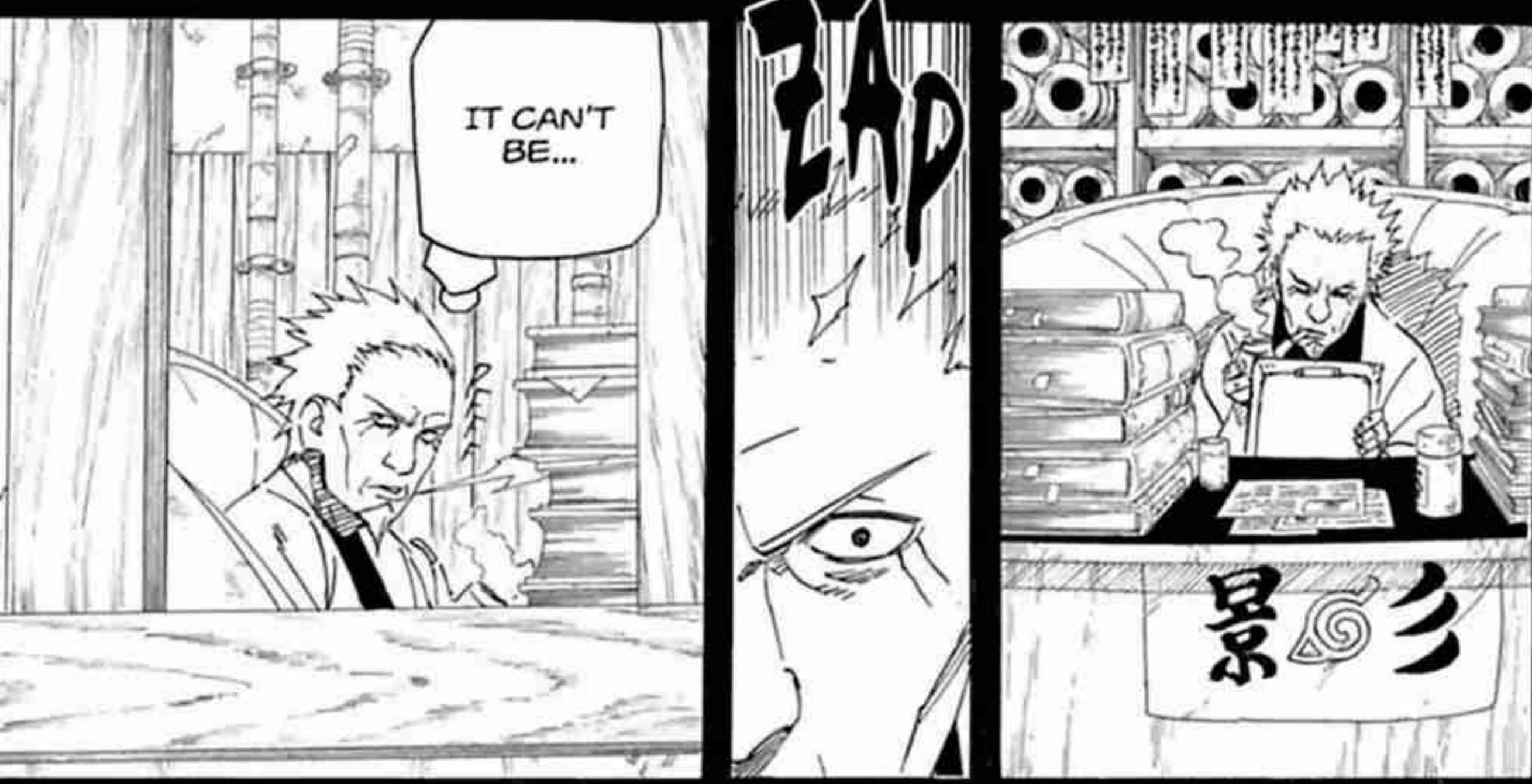
MARUTO

**Number**

**502:  
The  
Fourth  
Lord's  
Death  
Match!!**





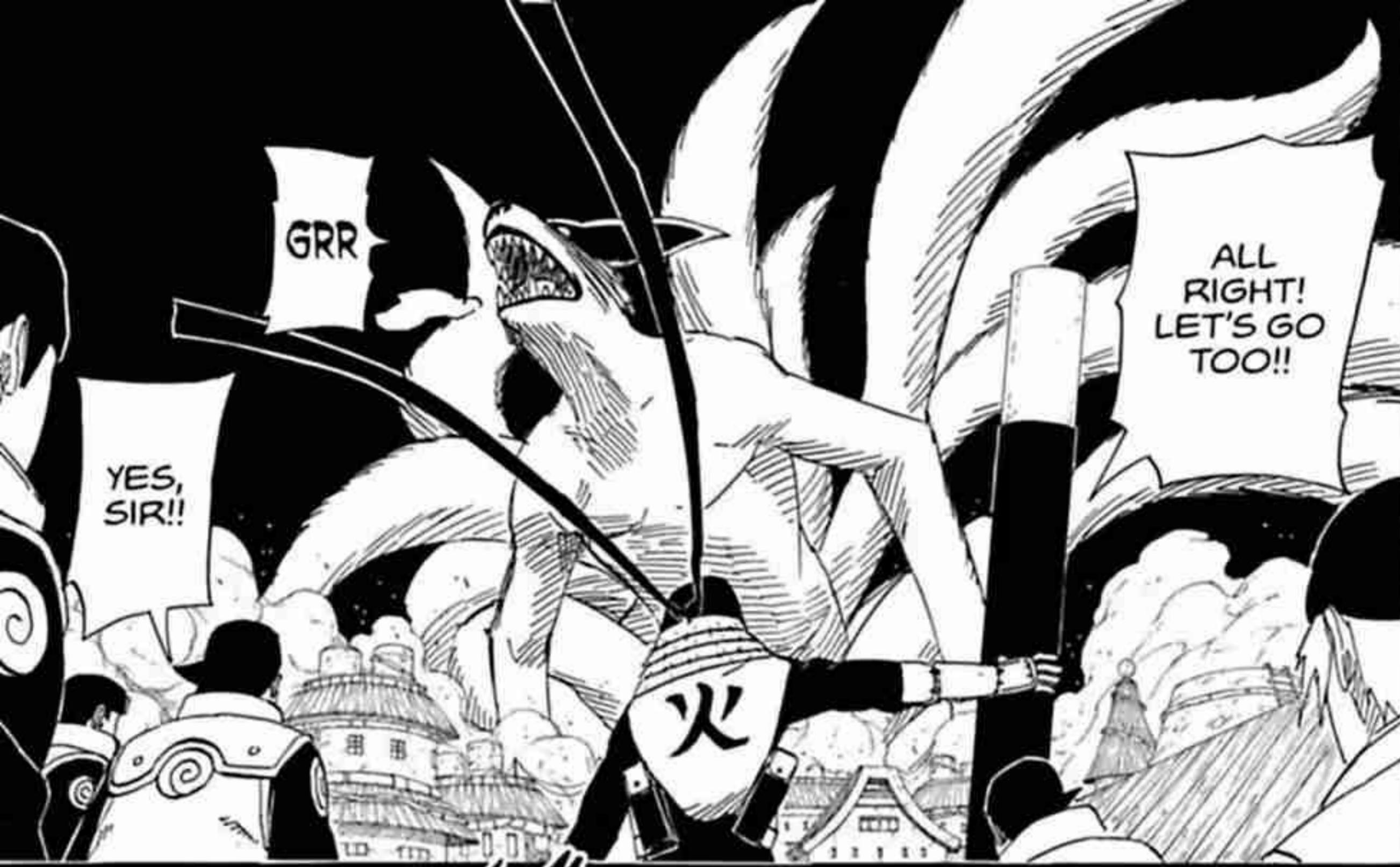








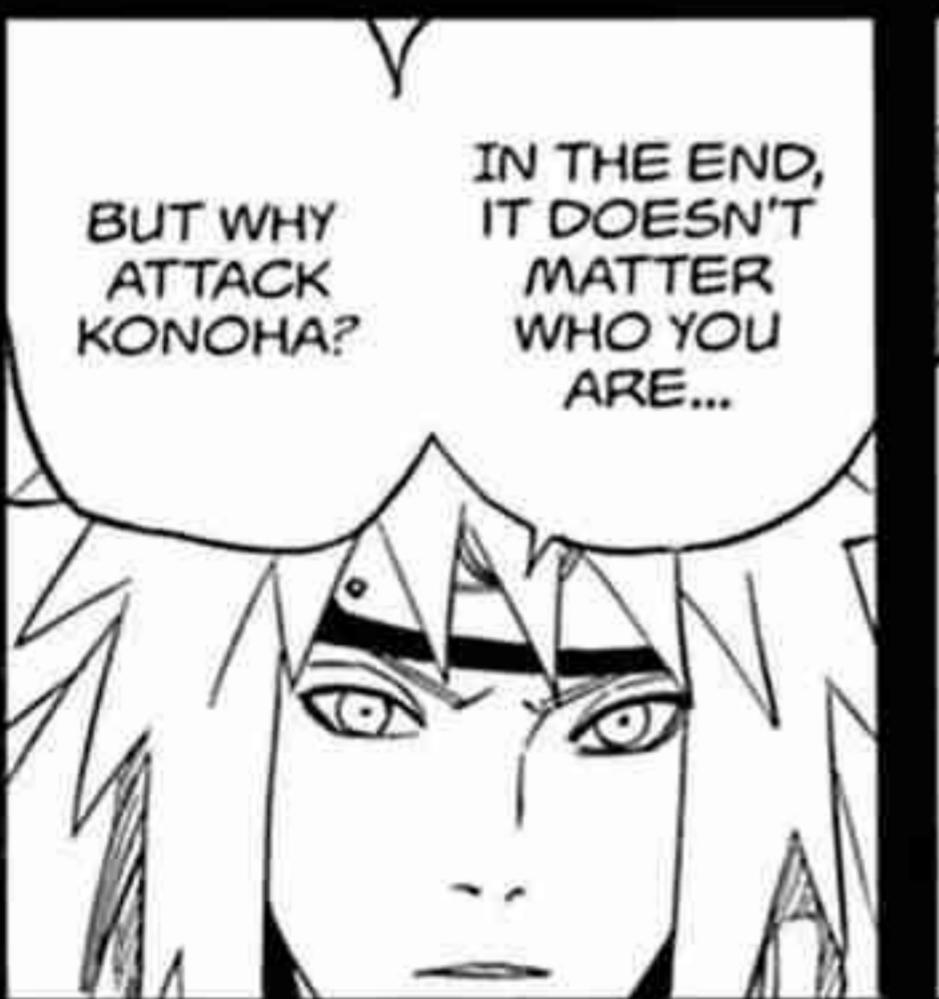






READ  
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WAY

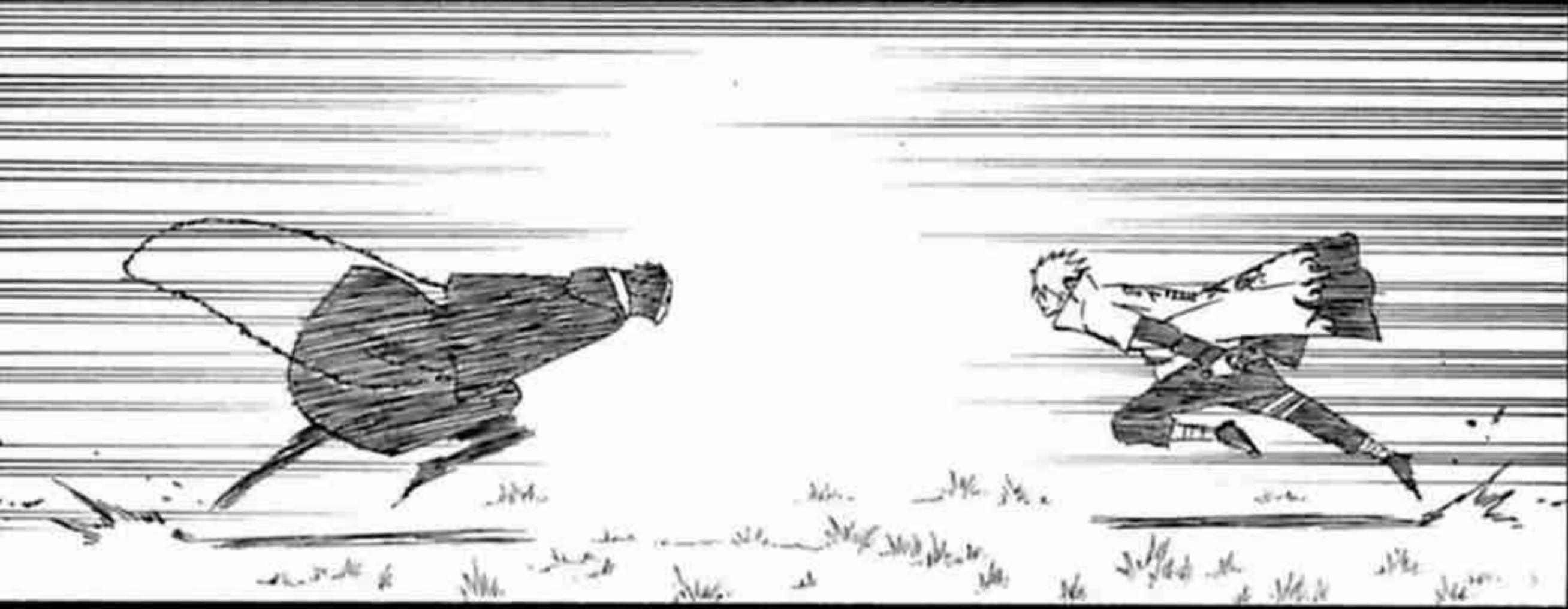








READ  
THIS  
WAY

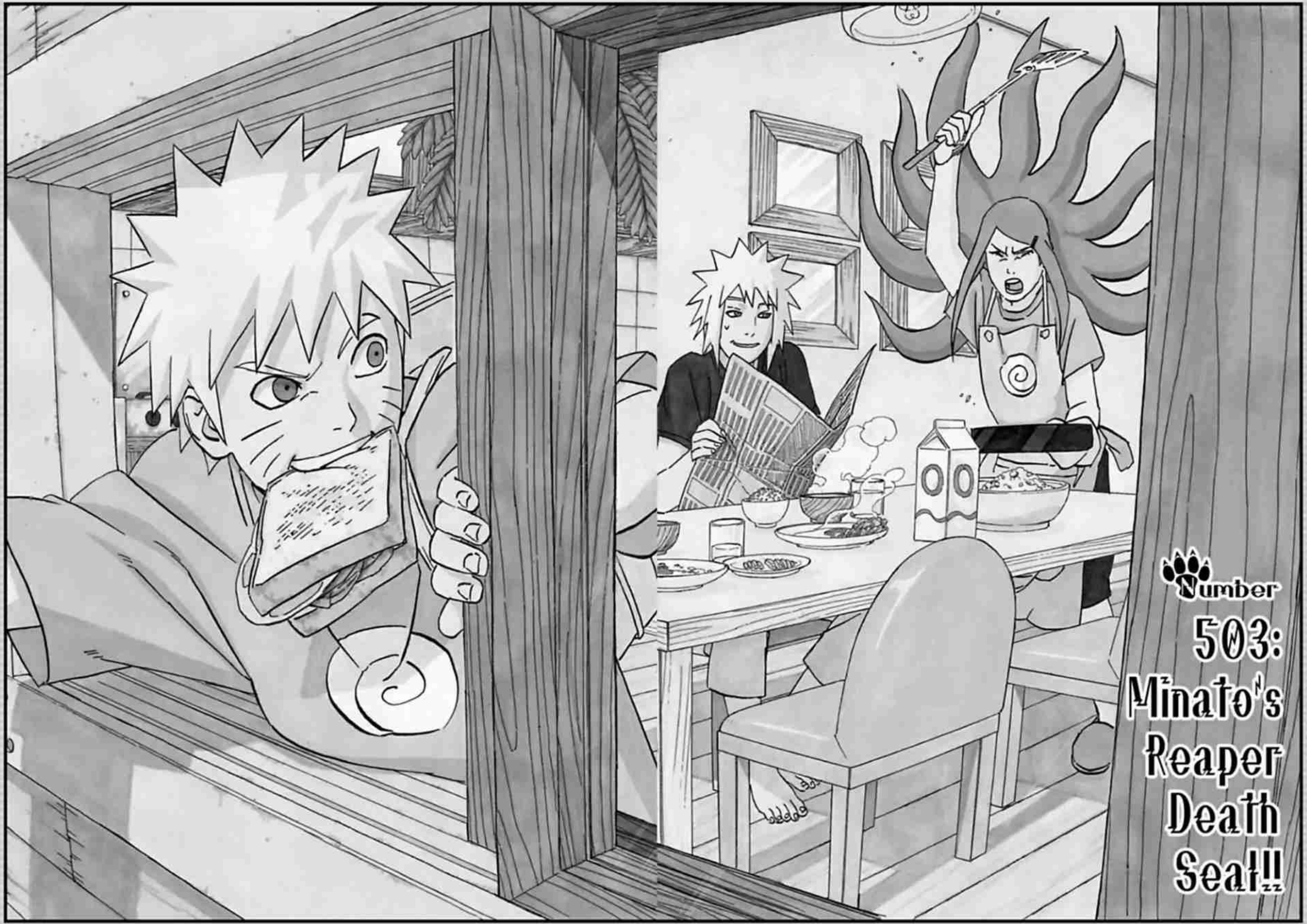




RASEN-  
GAN!!

GAK!!





Number

503:  
Minato's  
Reaper  
Death  
Seal!!

I'M GONNA  
WORK HARD  
TODAY, TOO.  
SO I CAN BE  
THE NEXT  
HOKAGE!

A SCENE FROM THE  
UZUMAKI FAMILY'S DAILY  
MORNING RITUAL!

HAHAHA...

HEY!  
I TOLD YOU  
TO FINISH  
YOUR  
BREAKFAST!

# NARUTO

ナルト

BY JAPFLAP

503 : MINATO'S DEAD DEMON SEAL!!

岸本齊史

# NARUTO







READ  
THIS  
WAY

TRYING TO  
SEPARATE  
NINE TAILS  
FROM ME?!

A  
CONTRACT  
SEAL!!

NINE TAILS  
IS NO  
LONGER  
YOURS!



R  
D  
A  
R  
!!





THOOM...

KA  
BO  
OM!

WE'VE  
DRIVEN  
HIM OUT  
OF THE  
VILLAGE!

MINATO,  
WHERE  
ARE YOU?!

NOW  
KEEP  
AT HIM,  
ONE  
AFTER  
ANOTHER!



READ  
THIS  
WAY



LORD  
THIRD  
!!

UGH...  
HE'S  
GOING TO  
DO THAT  
AGAIN?!

WUMF

OH  
NO....!!

TMp

ART OF  
SUMMONING

!!

IT'S  
THE  
FOURTH  
LORD!!

READ  
THIS  
WAY

KUSHINA...  
FORGIVE  
ME...

I SHALL  
RULE  
THIS  
WORLD...

...

I'M GOING TO  
NEED A LOT  
OF CHAKRA TO  
TRANSPORT  
SUCH A LARGE  
OBJECT AWAY!

THAT'S  
GONNA BE  
TOUGH, EVEN  
FOR ME!

HOLD  
NINE  
TAILS  
DOWN!

PWOO

UGH!

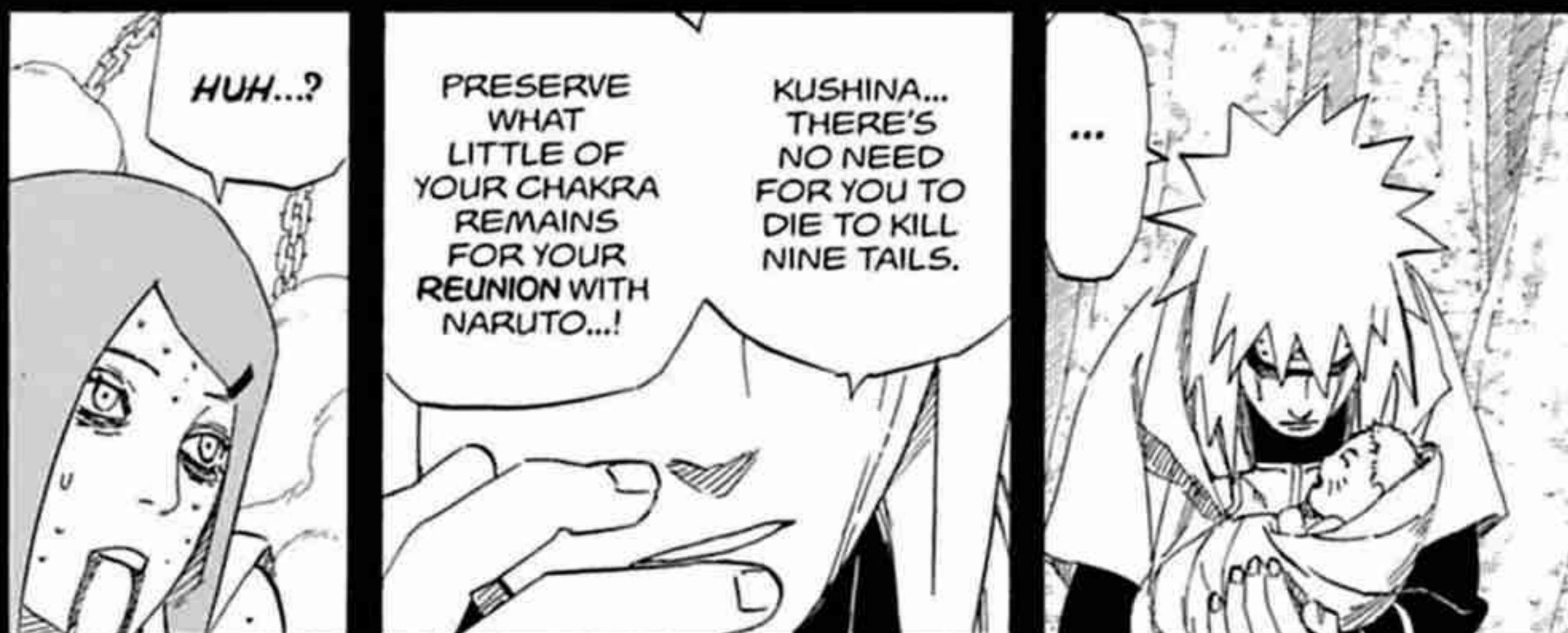
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READ  
THIS  
WAY

...WITH THE  
SEALING  
JUTSU THAT  
I CAN DO,  
NOT BEING A  
JINCHŪRIKI...

...THE  
SHIKIFŪJIN  
REAPER  
DEATH  
SEAL!

AND THEN  
I'LL TAKE  
NINE TAILS  
WITH ME...

IT'LL  
BE PART  
OF AN  
EIGHT-  
SIGNED  
SEAL.

I'M GOING  
TO SEAL THE  
REST OF  
YOUR CHAKRA  
INSIDE  
NARUTO.

BUT...  
THAT JUTSU  
RESULTS  
IN THE  
CASTER'S  
DEATH...

...

WITH THE  
REAPER DEATH  
SEAL, WE CAN  
AT LEAST  
SEAL AWAY HALF  
OF NINE TAILS  
FOREVER.

AND THE  
OTHER  
HALF...

IF YOU TAKE  
NINE TAILS WITH  
YOU, THERE WILL  
BE NO JINCHŪRIKI  
UNTIL HE  
REEMERGES,  
AND THE BIJU  
BALANCE  
WILL BE UPSET,  
WHICH ISN'T  
GOOD.

PARTLY  
BECAUSE IT'S  
PHYSICALLY  
IMPOSSIBLE  
TO SEAL AWAY  
SUCH A LARGE  
VOLUME OF  
POWER...  
...BUT ALSO  
BECAUSE  
IT'S NOT  
STRATEGICALLY  
WISE...

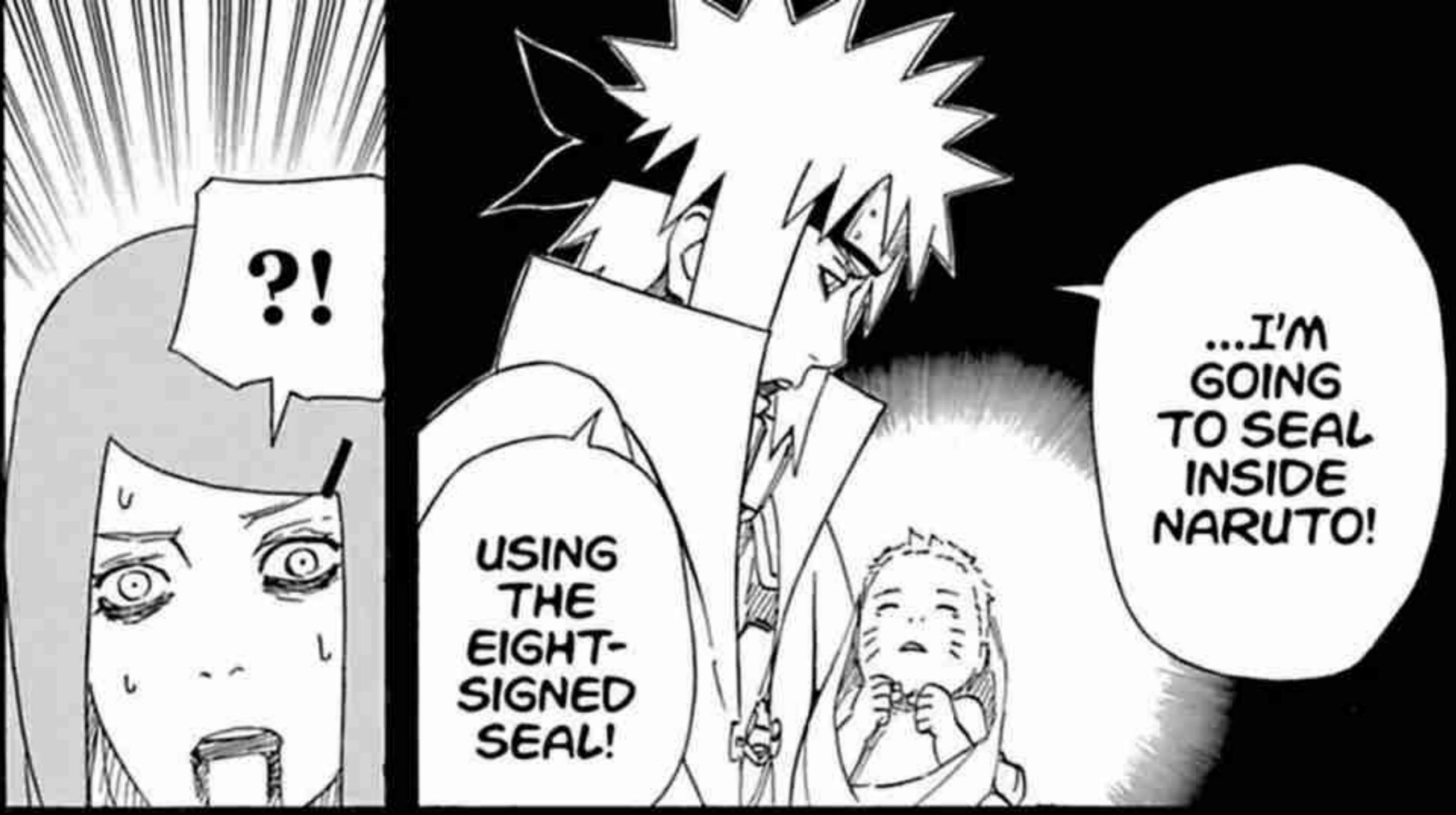
FURTHER-  
MORE...  
I'M ONLY  
GOING TO  
SEAL AWAY  
HALF OF  
NINE TAILS...

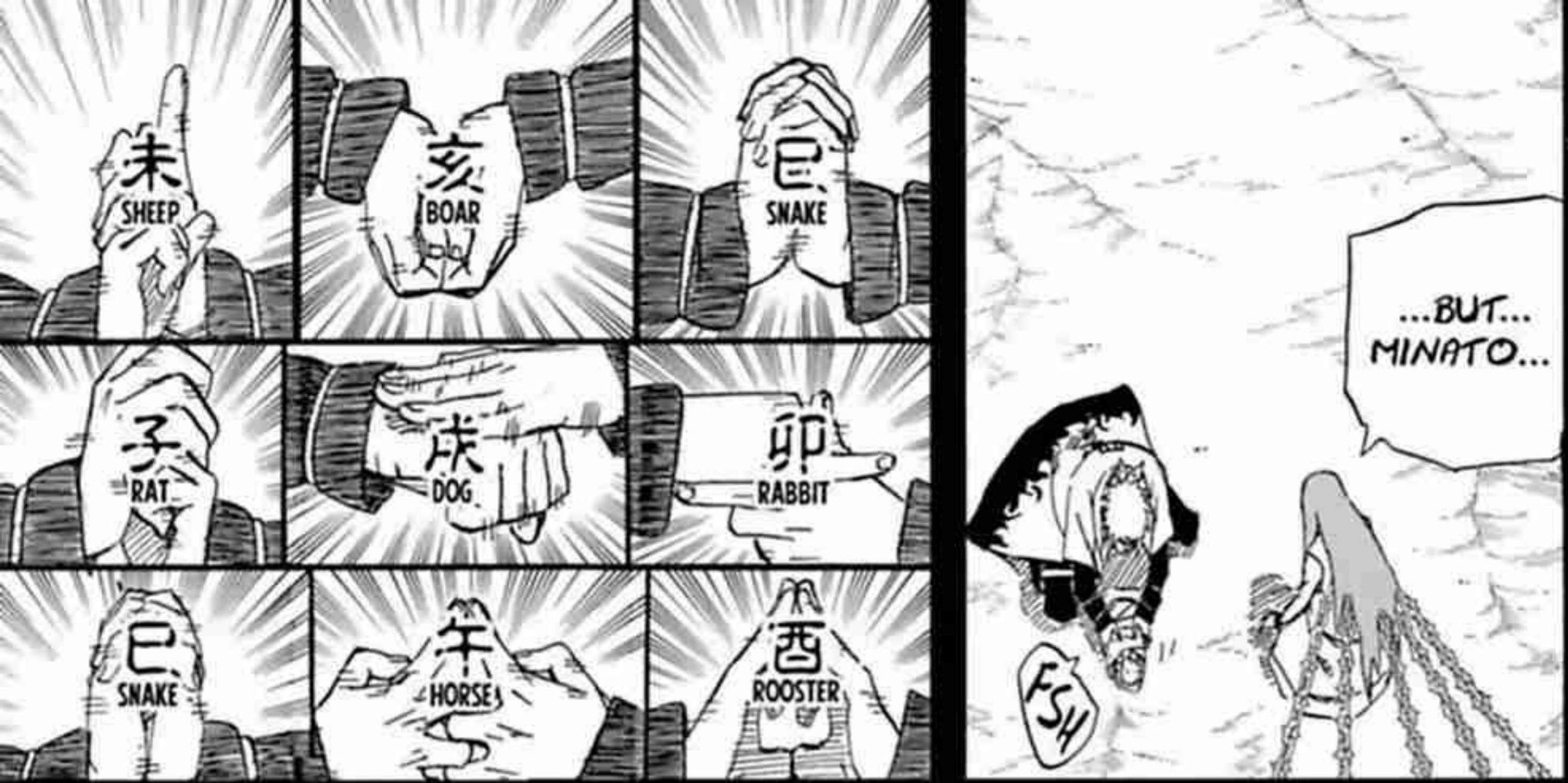
AND THE  
SAVIOR THAT  
SHALL EMERGE  
IS THIS  
CHILD OF  
PROPHECY...

IN THE  
FUTURE...  
TERRIBLE  
THINGS  
ARE LIKELY  
TO BEFALL  
THE  
SHINOBI  
WORLD.

HUH?  
THE  
WHAT?

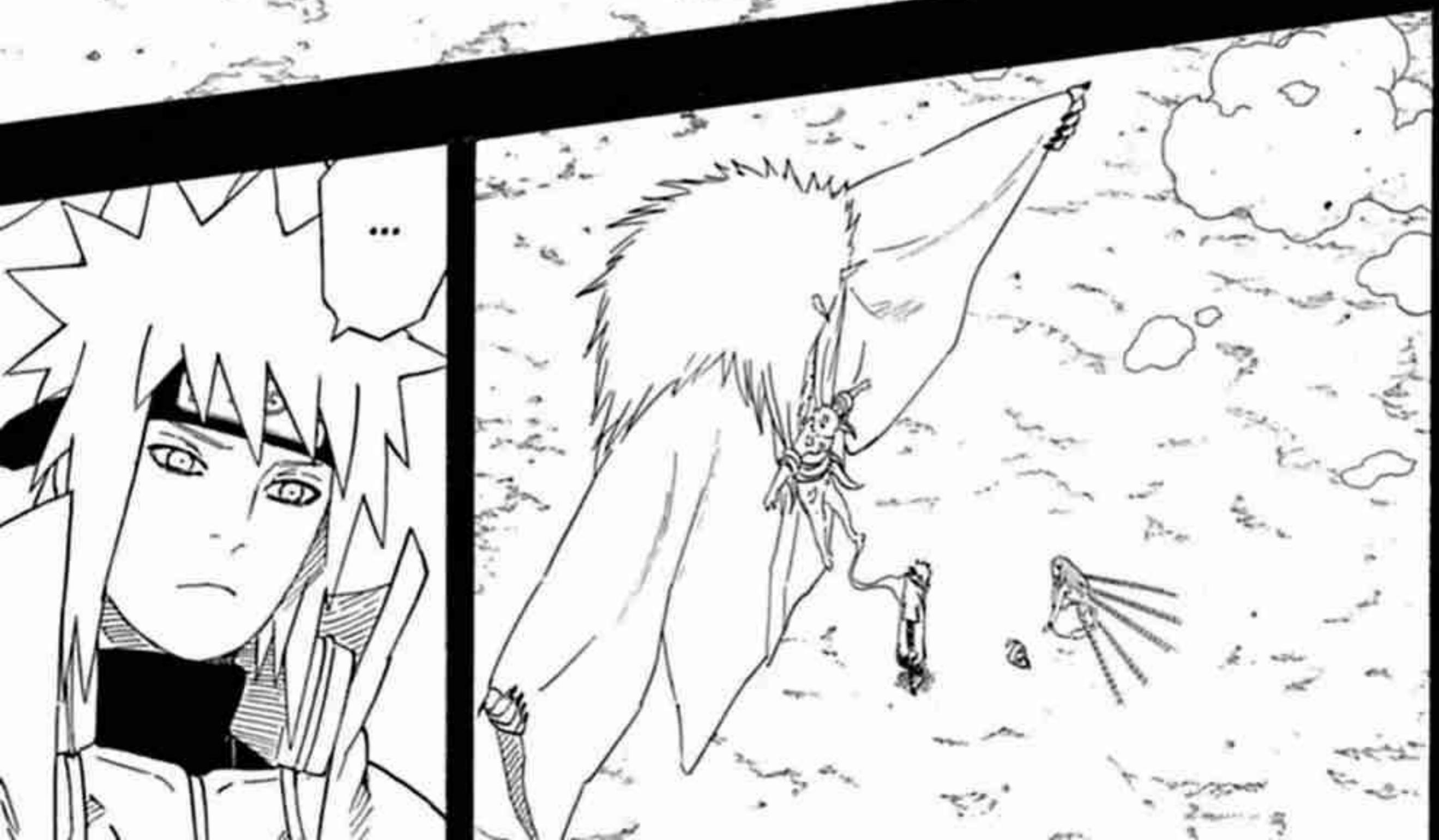
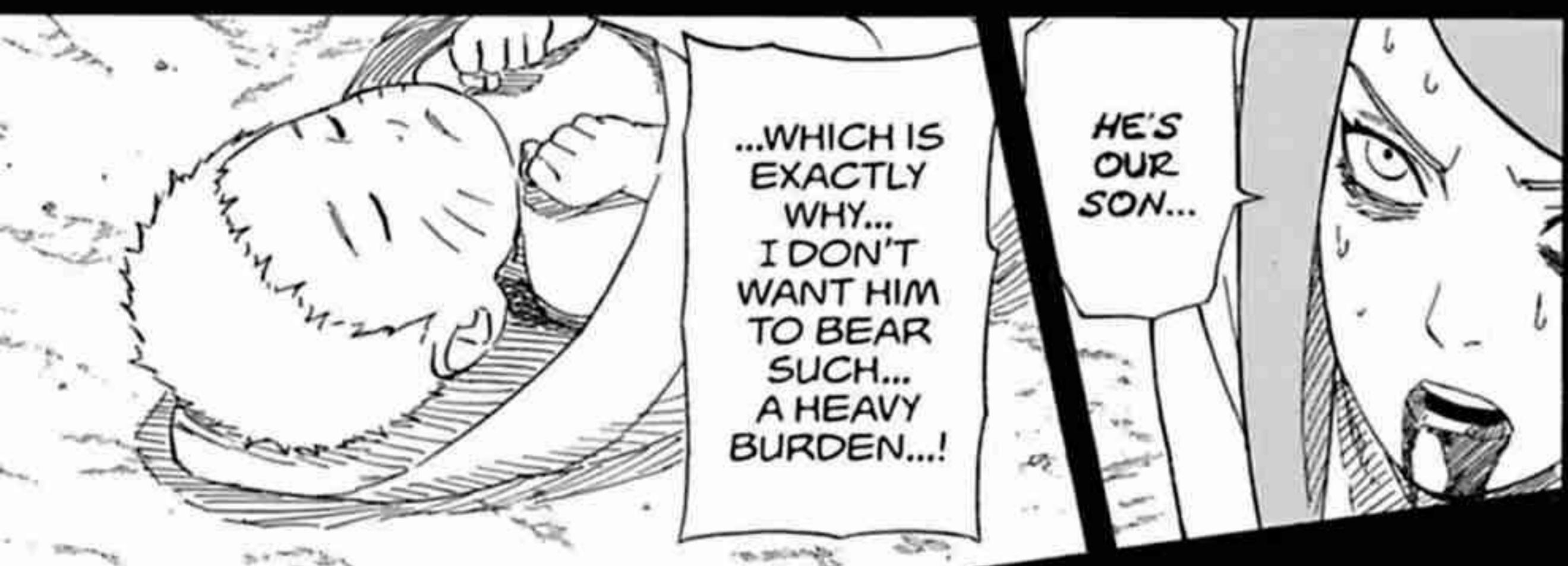
PERHAPS...  
YOU'RE THE  
CHILD OF/  
PROPHECY...

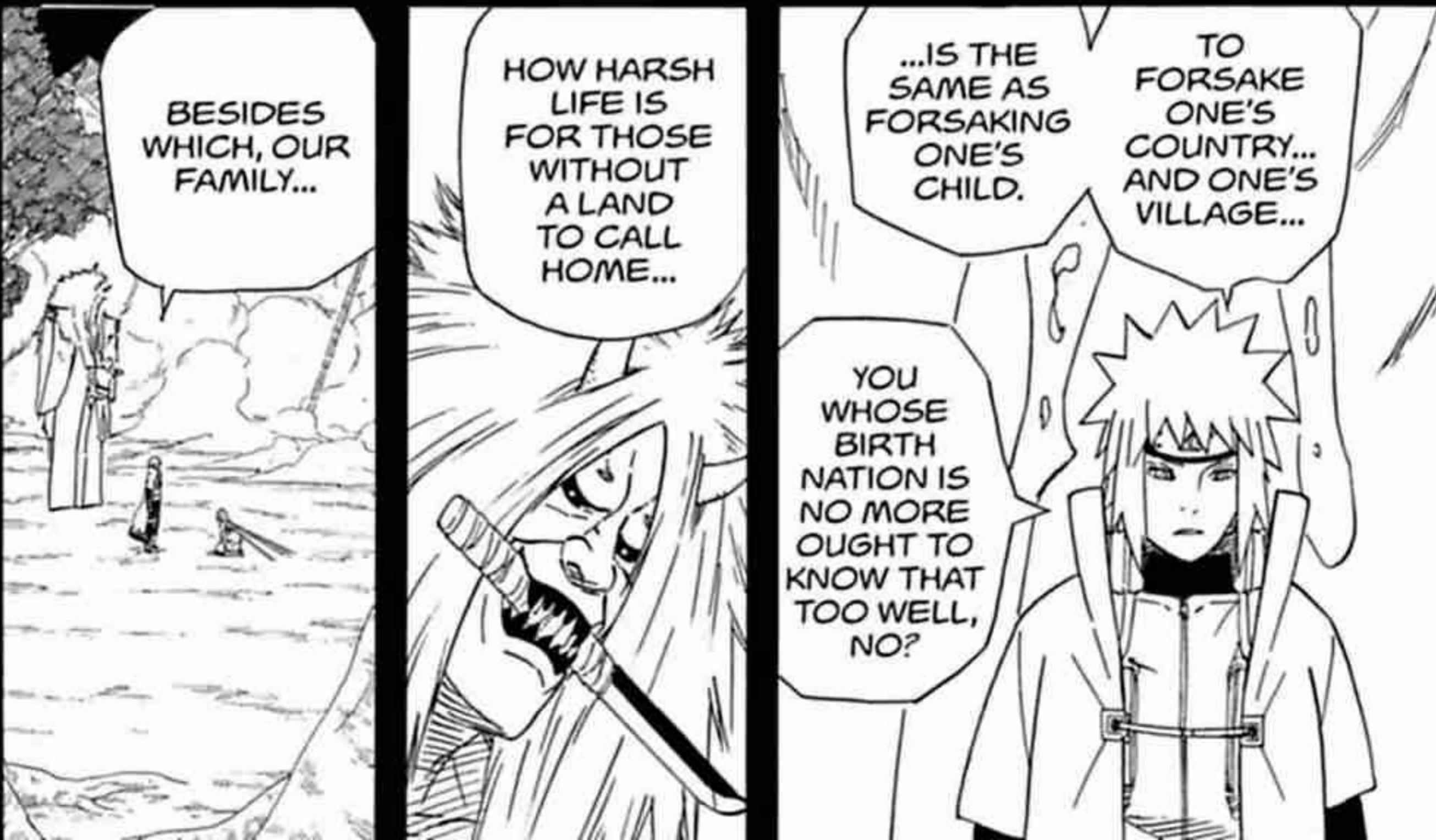
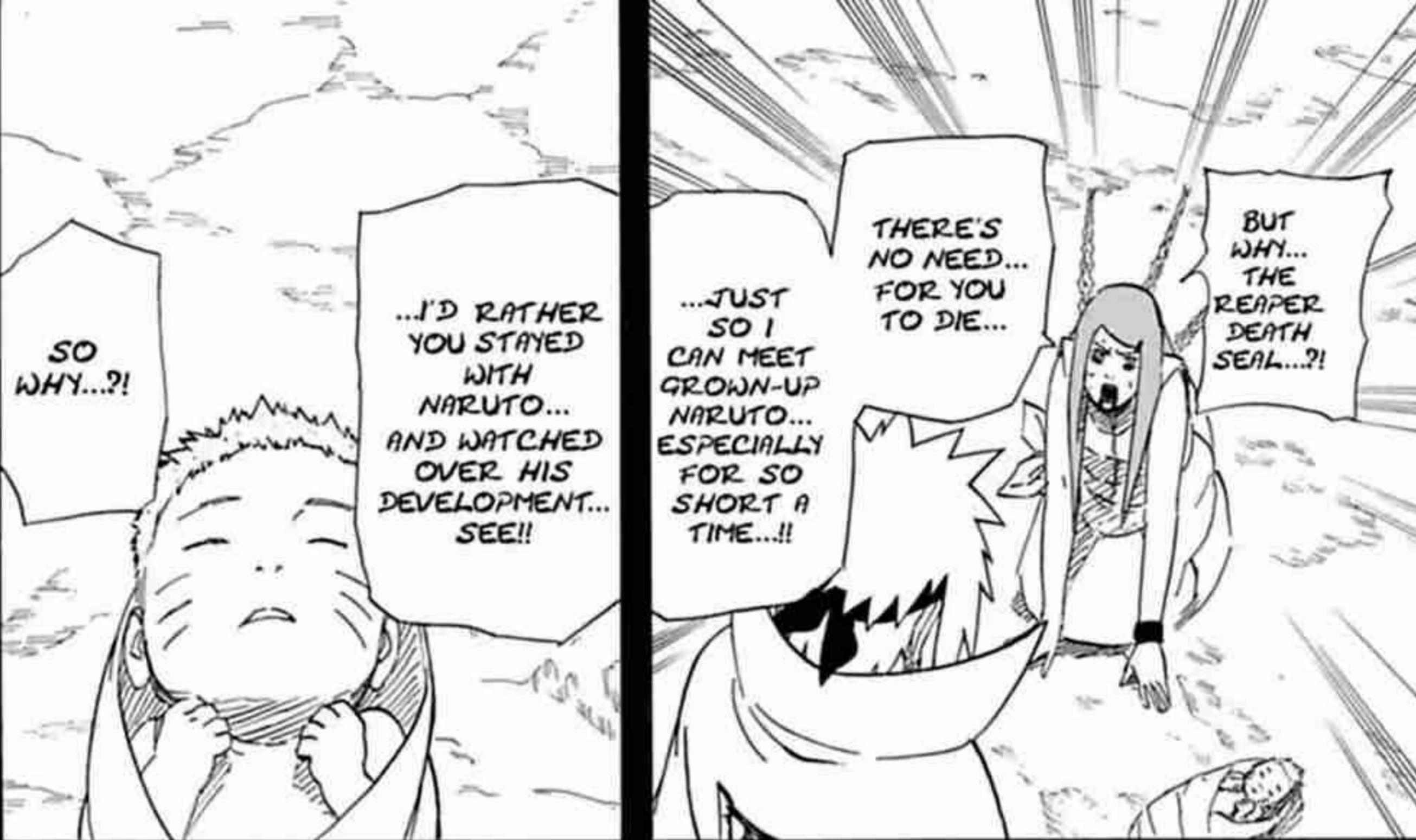


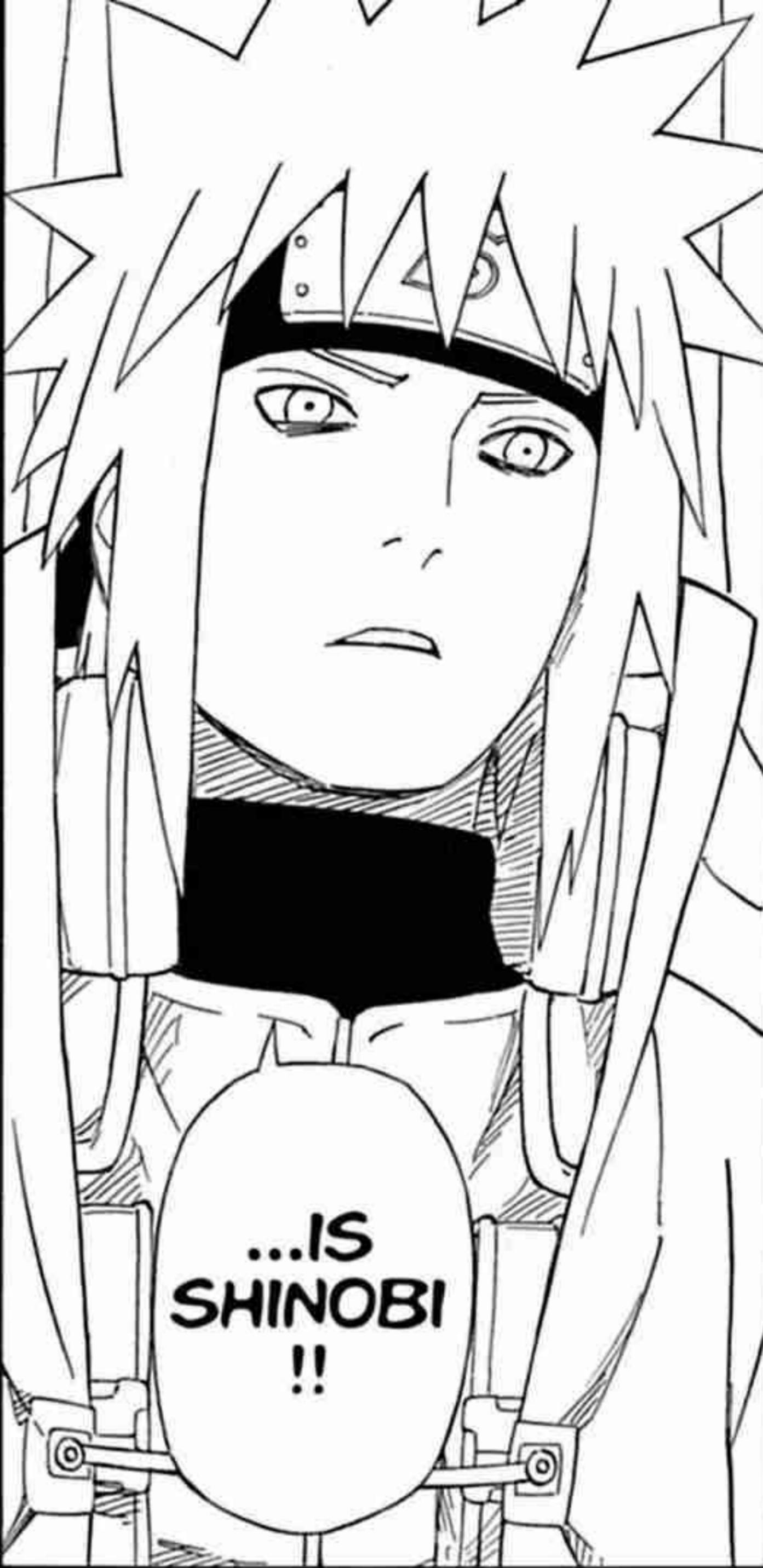
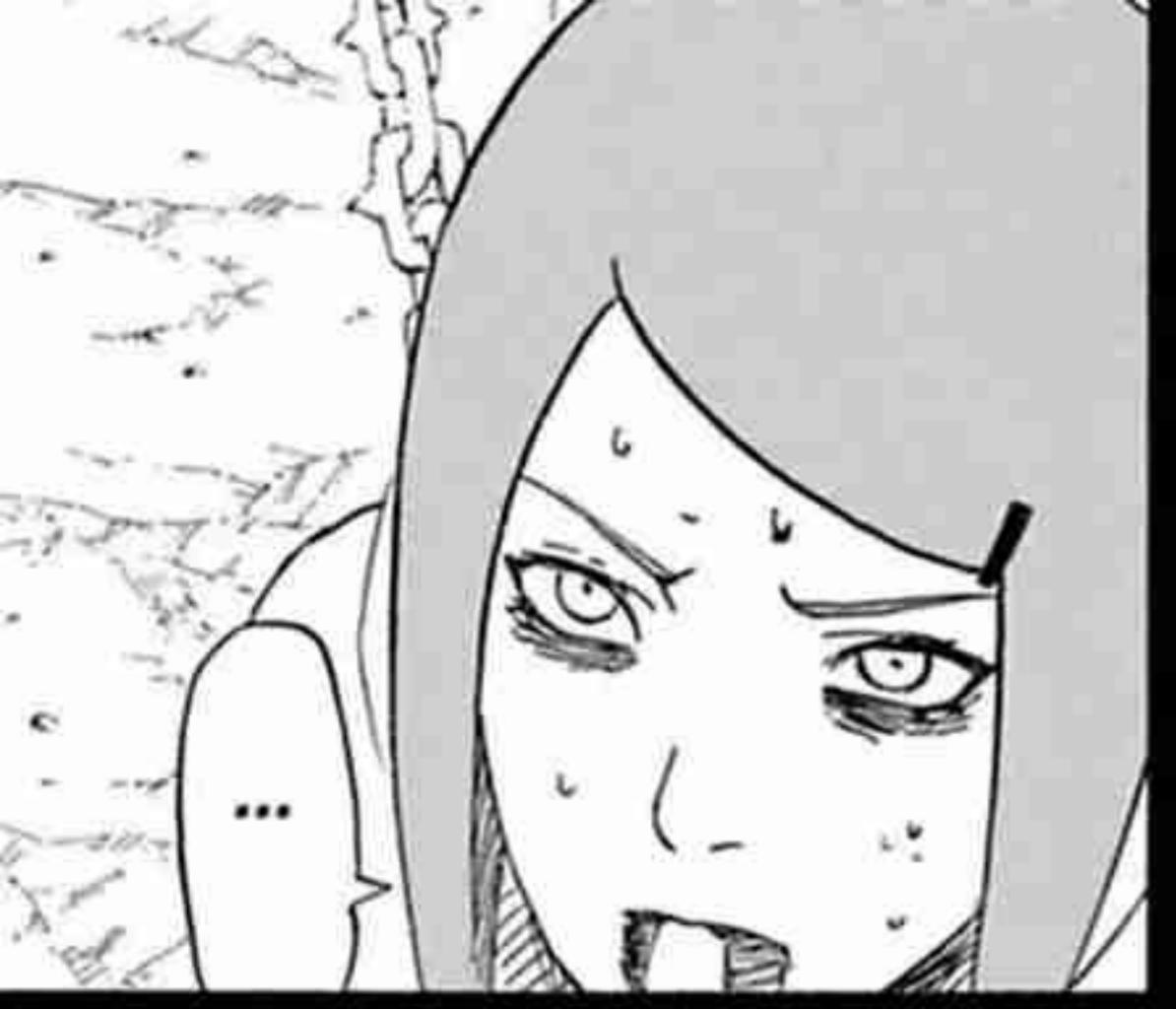


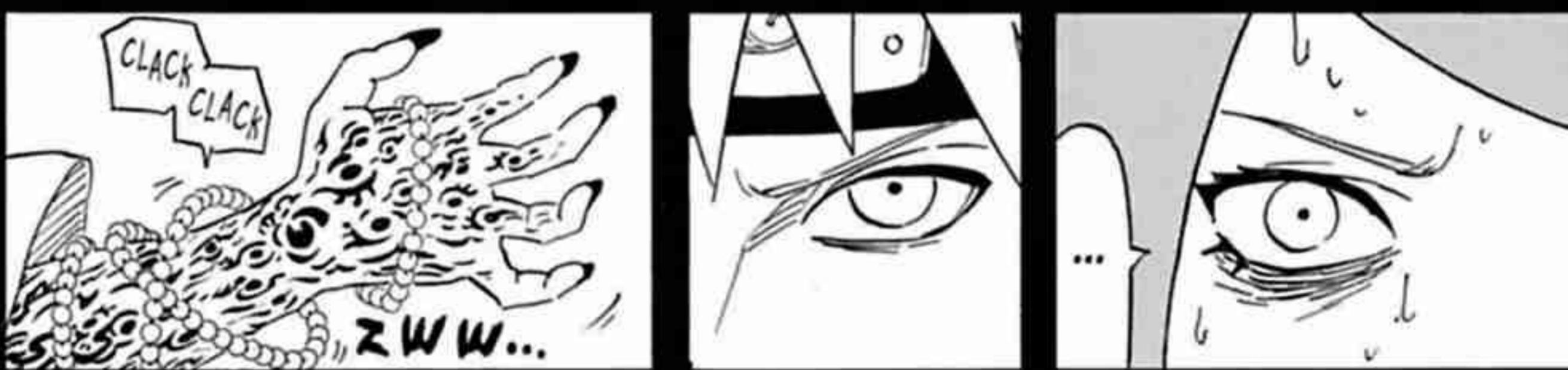
NARUTO

# Number 504: Thank You









READ  
THIS  
WAY





READ  
THIS  
WAY

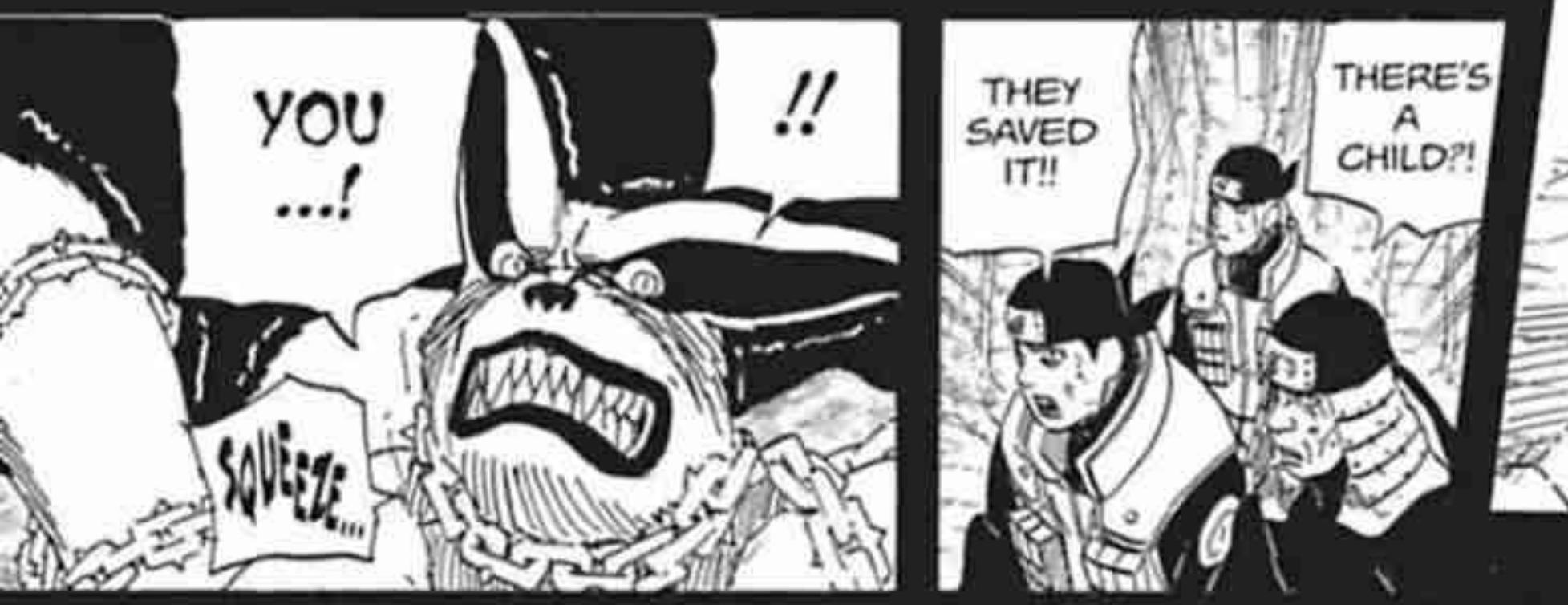
...TO  
SEAL  
THE REST  
OF NINE  
TAILS  
INSIDE  
NARUTO  
...

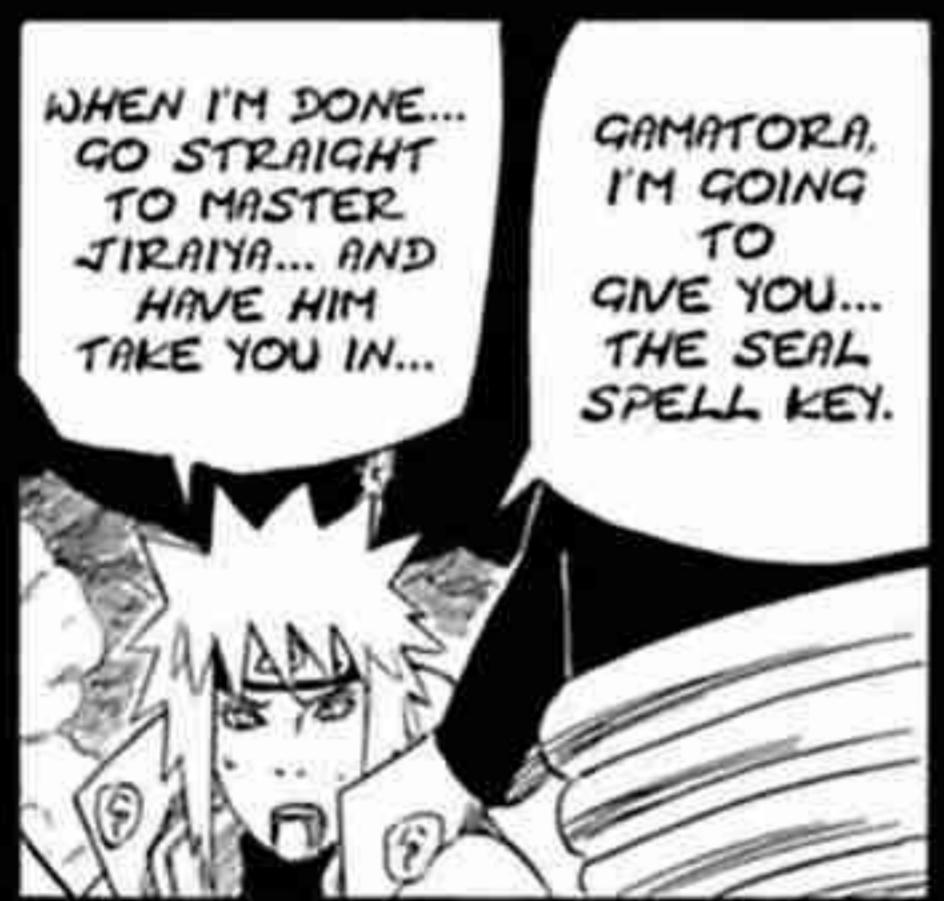
ALL  
RIGHT...  
NOW FOR  
THE EIGHT-  
SIGNED  
SEAL...

BO  
OF

GRRR



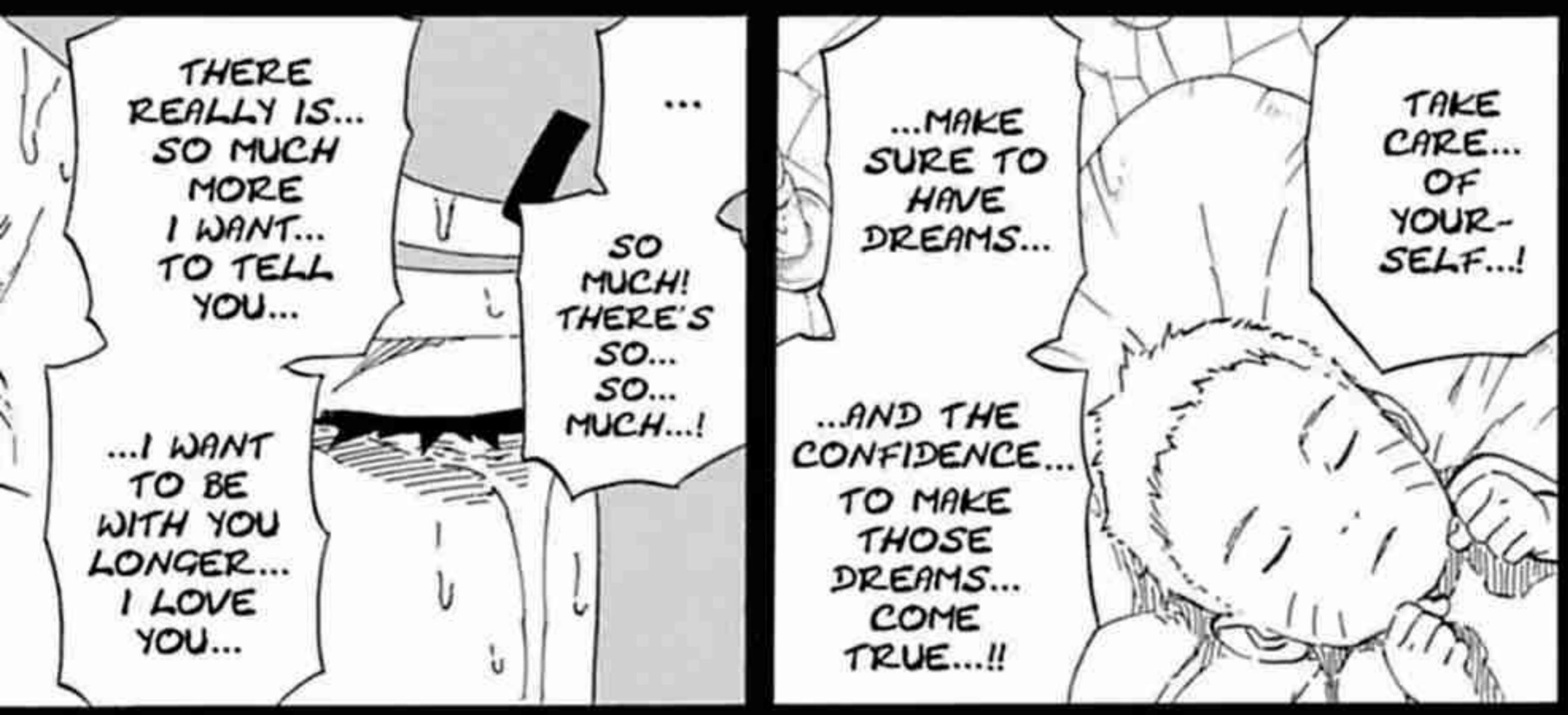
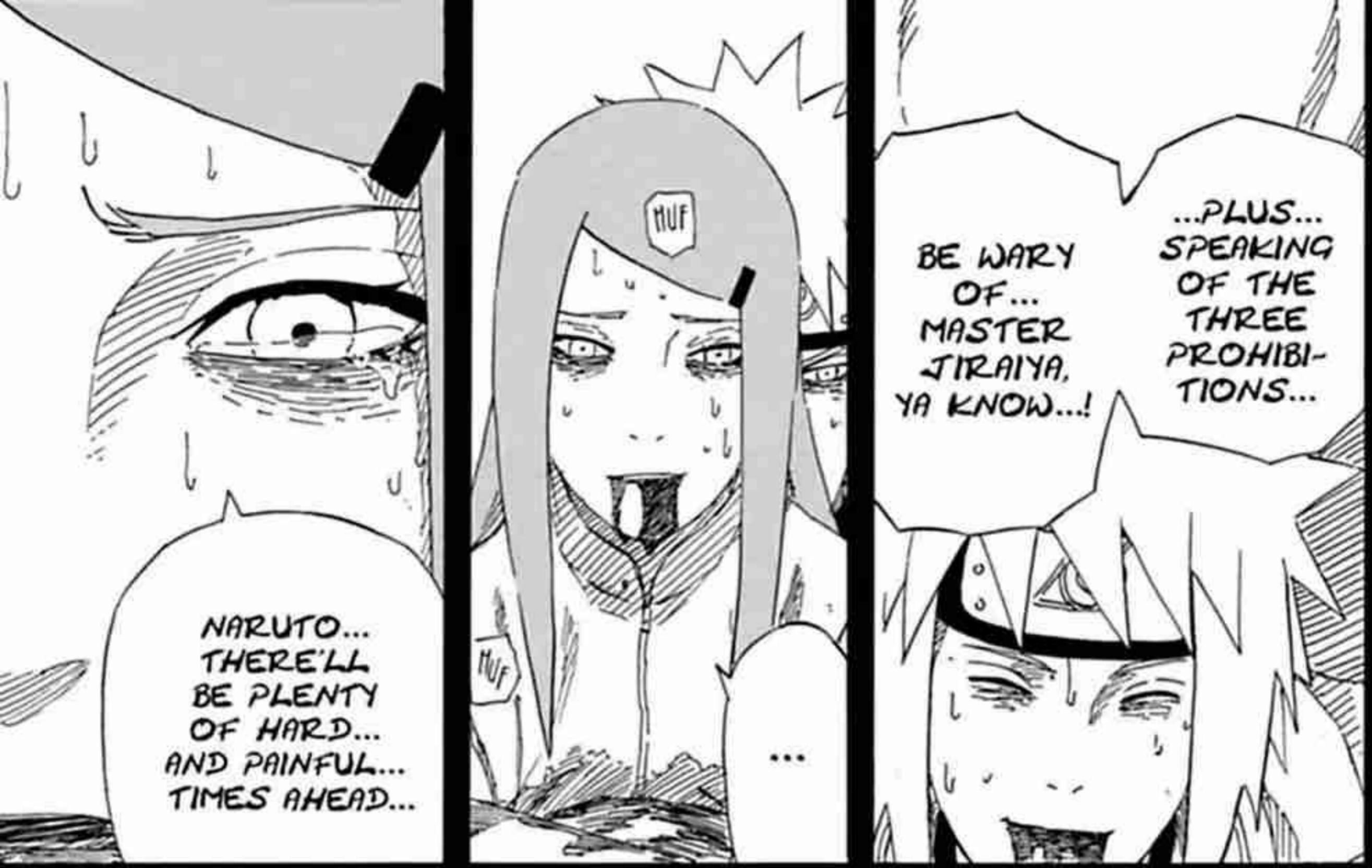




READ  
THIS  
WAY







...IS  
DITTO  
YOUR  
LOQUACIOUS  
MOTHER...  
I GUESS...

EIGHT-SIGNED  
SEAL...!

I'M SO  
SORRY...

READ  
THIS  
WAY

OKAY, SURE,  
I WENT  
THROUGH  
A LOT AS A  
KID BECAUSE  
I WAS A  
JINCHŪRIKI...

DON'T  
APOL-  
OGIZE.

...AND  
MAKING YOU  
BEAR OUR  
BURDEN...

...FOR  
MAKING YOU  
NINE TAILS'  
VESSEL...

...BUT  
I WOULD  
NEVER  
BLAME YOU  
OR PA FOR  
THAT.

...AND  
NOT GIVING  
YOU THE  
LOVE YOU  
NEEDED....!

FOR NOT  
BEING ABLE  
TO BE AT  
YOUR SIDE  
AS YOU  
GREW UP...

...SINCE  
YOU AND  
PA...

SO YEAH,  
I NEVER  
REALLY HAD  
PARENTS...

...  
WEREN'T  
AROUND...



YOU DIED  
FOR ME,  
YOU AND  
PA...

BUT  
NOW  
I DO...

