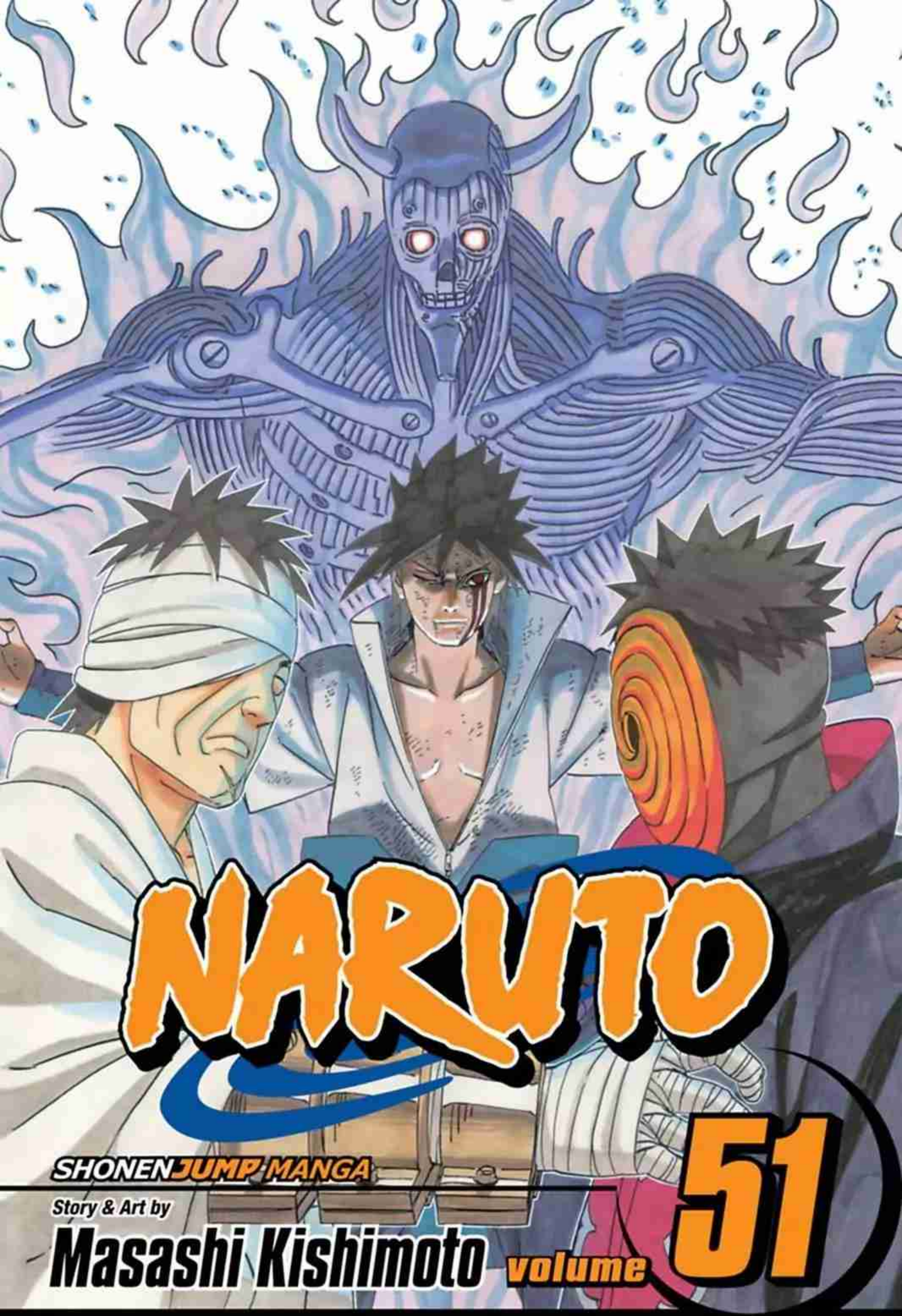
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You know, there's something that I think is really confusing: The term "3-D" has been real popular lately, right? But that word has existed for a long time, from back when video games, anime and movies first started using polygons and CG. But now, 3-D refers to three-dimensional images that appear to leap out at you, like 3-D films or 3-D live animation. I mean, I understand...I really do understand... My only question is, what should we now call what used to be called 3-D? 2.5-D? Or perhaps we should call the current stuff super-3D?

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2010

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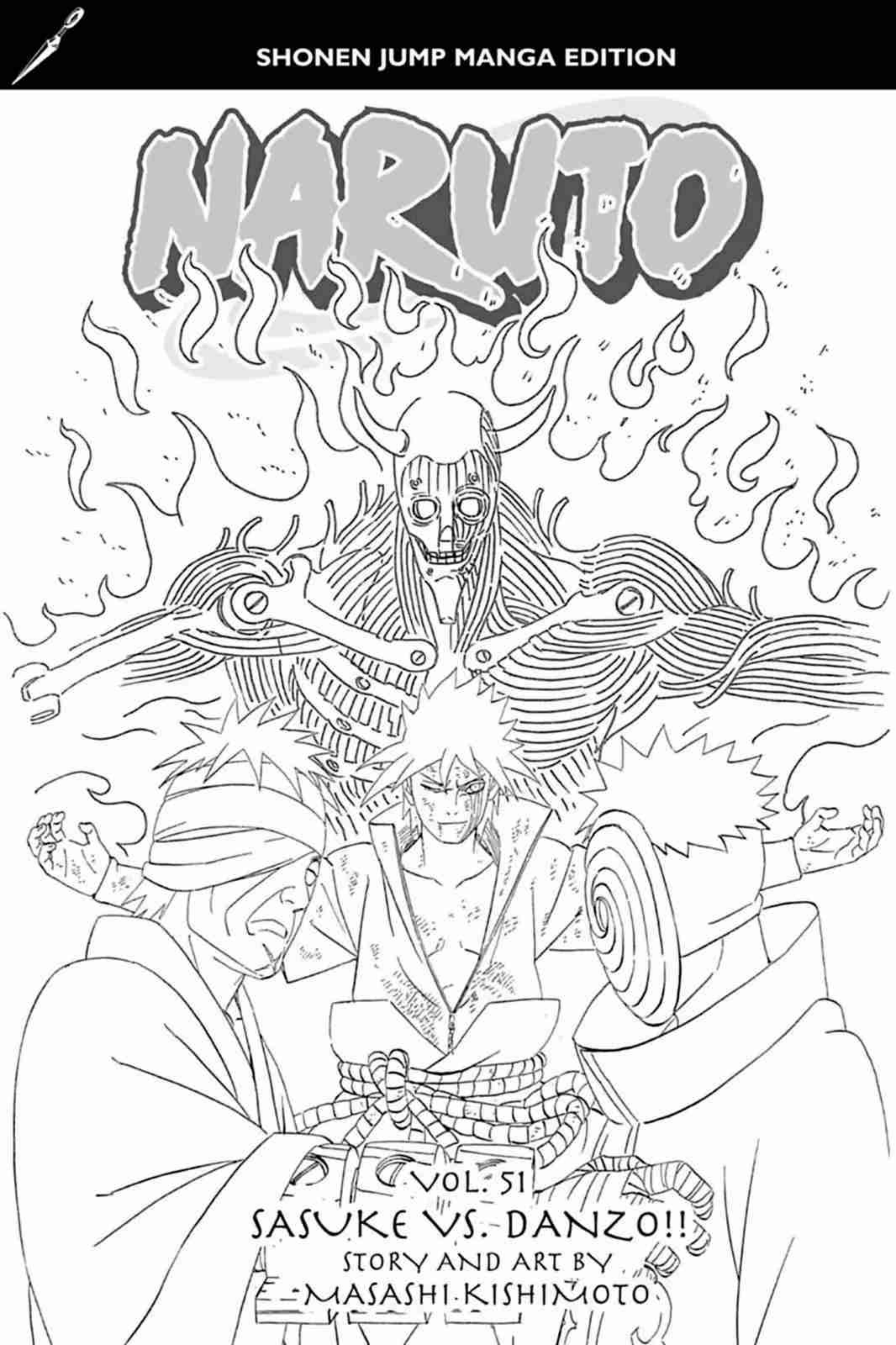

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CHARACTERS

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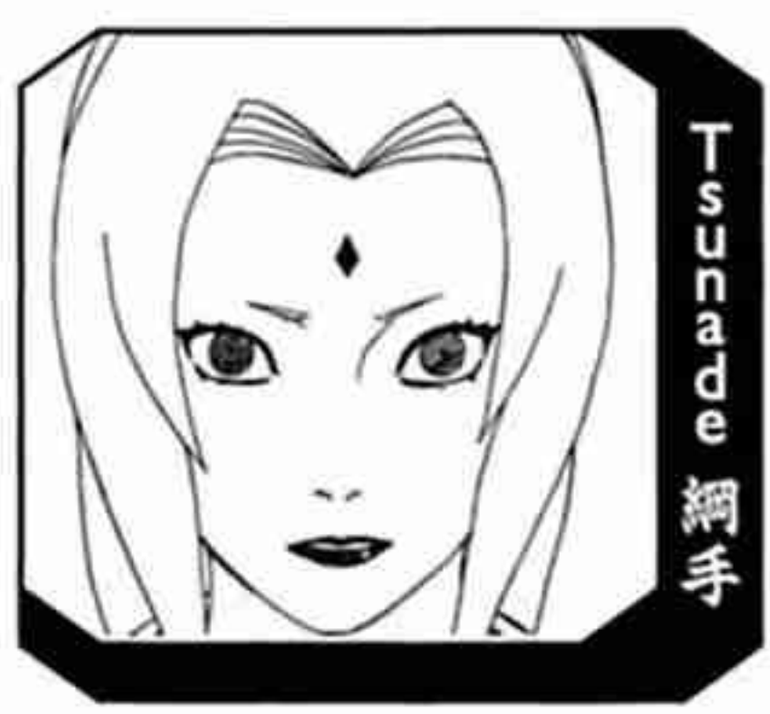
Sasuke サスケ

Kakashi カカシ

Sakura サクラ

Sai サイ

Yamato ヤマト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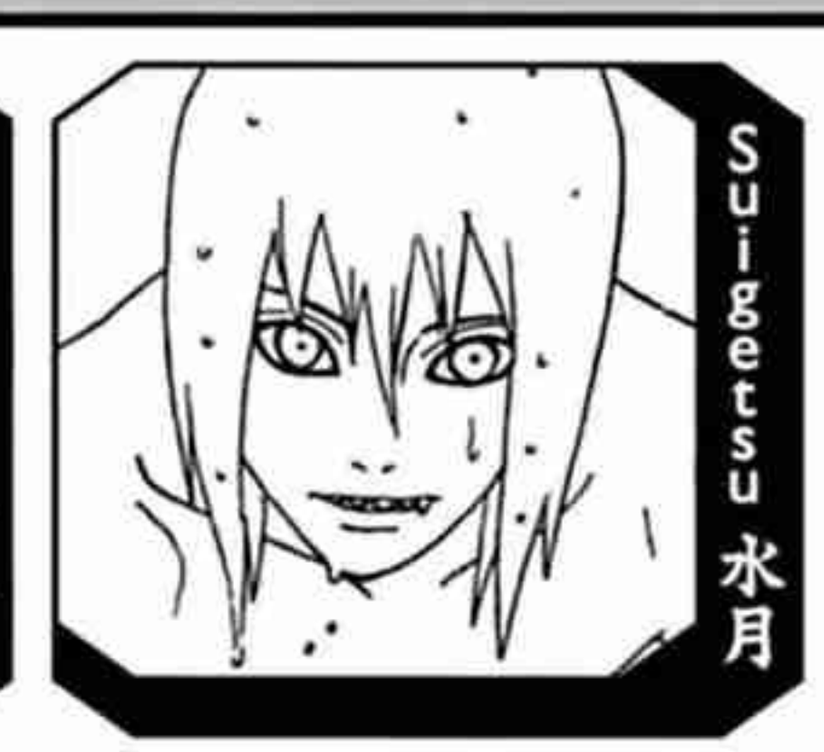

THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja. Along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura, he grows and matures during countless trials and battles. Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek the renegade ninja Orochimaru, from whom he hopes to gain immense power.

Two years pass. Naruto battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki. Elsewhere, after winning the epic battle against his brother Itachi, Sasuke learns the truth about Itachi's perceived betrayal of their clan. He allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha.

Sasuke invades the Gokage Summit convened to deal with the Akatsuki. Danzo manages to escape and Sasuke's assault ends in failure, but after Madara declares war on the Shadow leaders, an Allied Shinobi Force is formed! Meanwhile, Sai reappears before Naruto, who is still confused by Sakura's unexpected confession...

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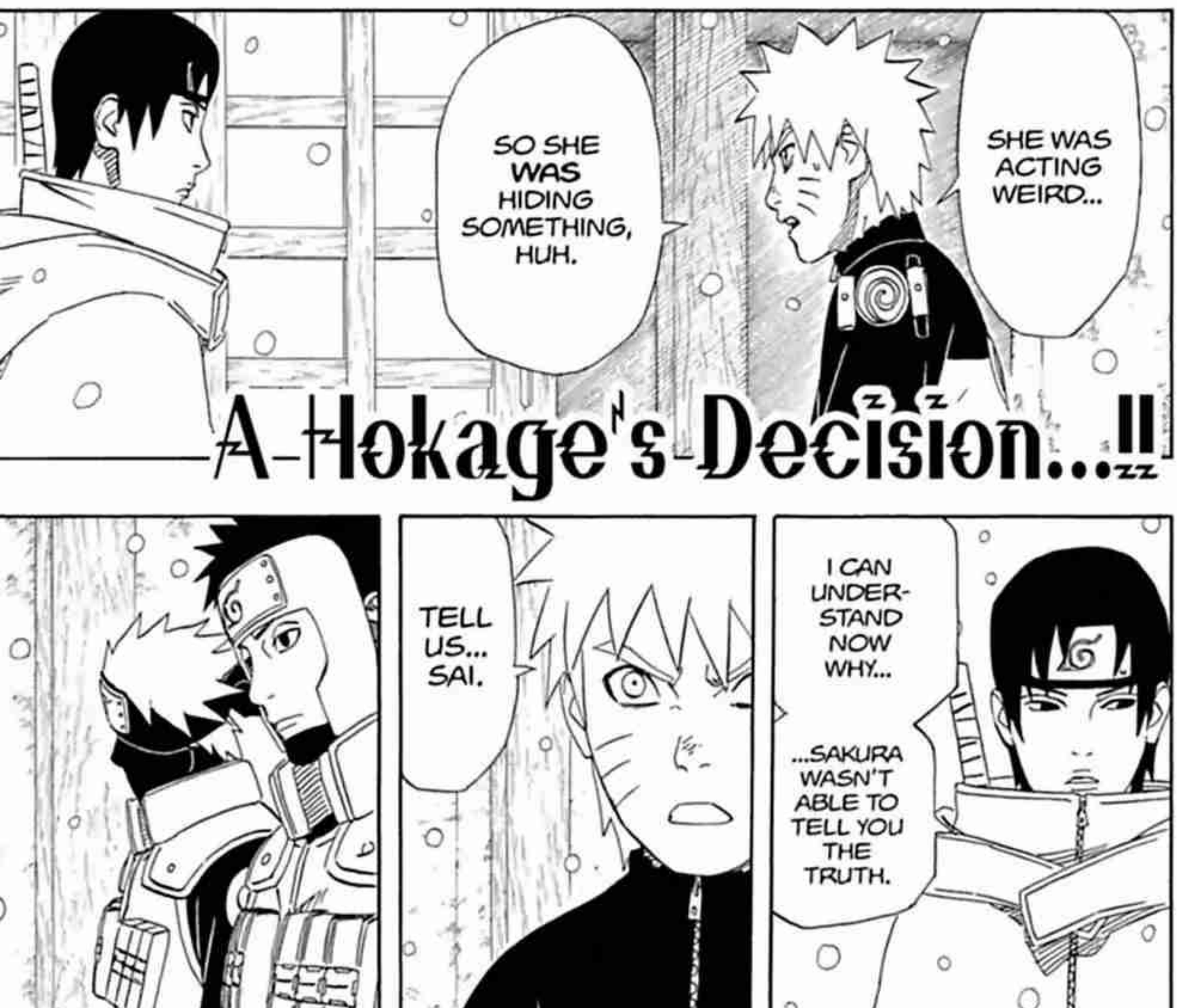
SHE CAME TO ANNOUNCE SOMETHING THAT SHE AND HER KONOHA CLASSMATES HAD DECIDED...
SAKURA DID NOT COME HERE TO CONFESS...

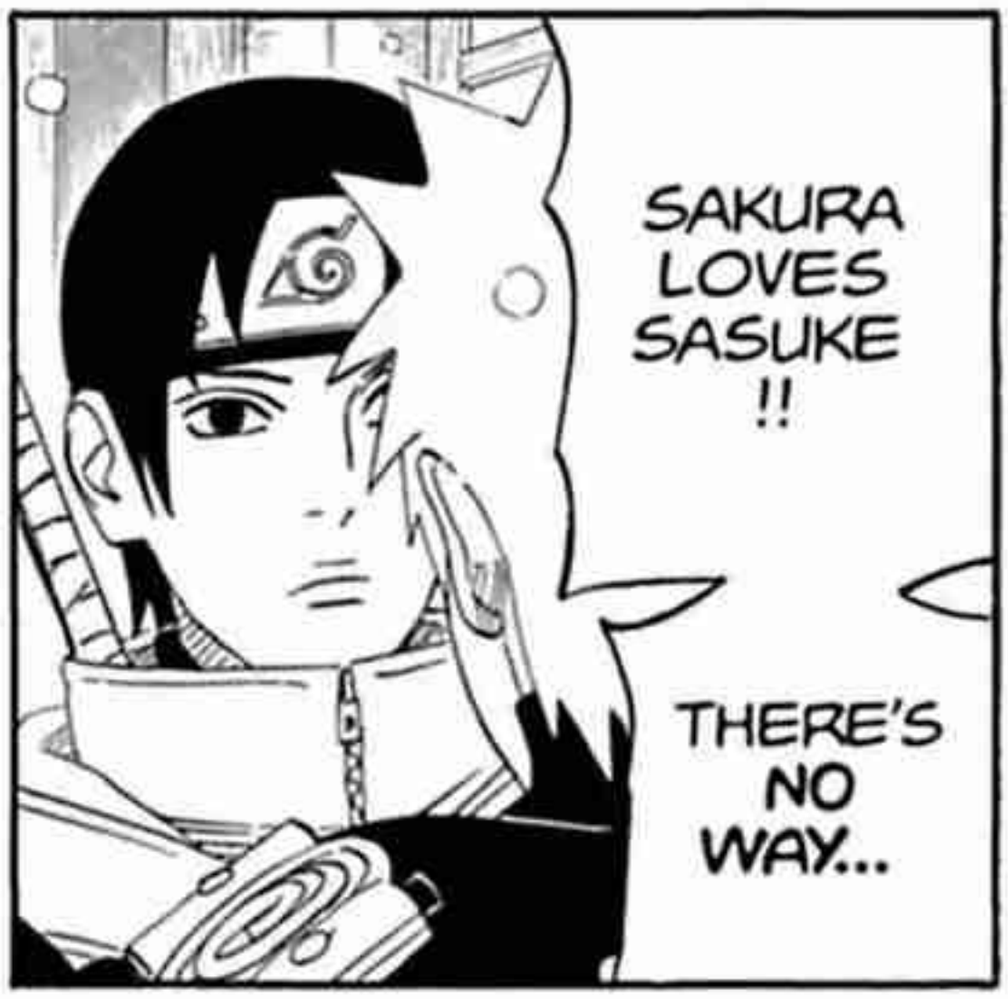
I THOUGHT THERE WAS MORE GOING ON.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SAI?
...

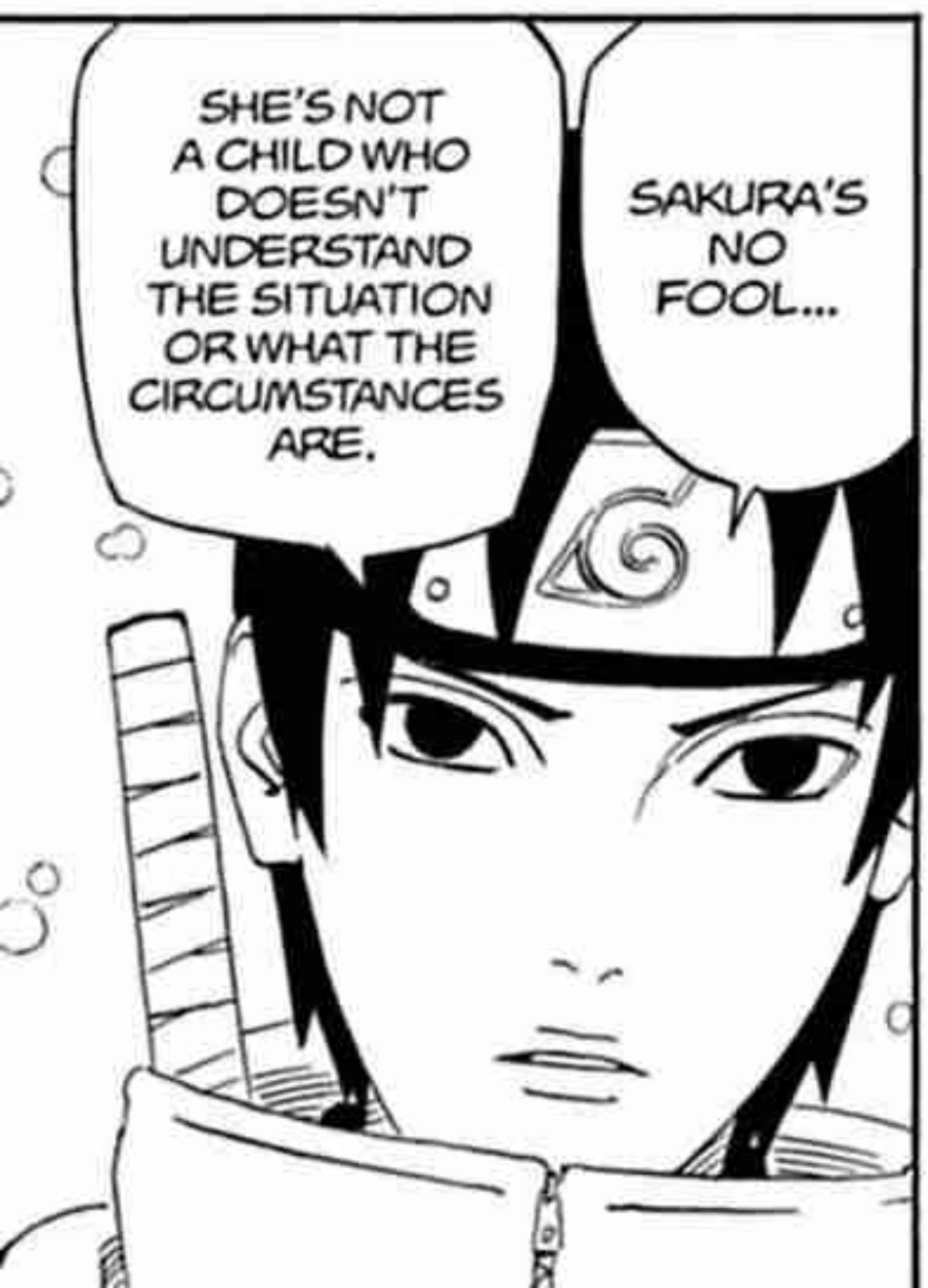

SO SHE WAS HIDING SOMETHING, HUH.
SHE WAS ACTING WEIRD...
A Hokage's Decision...!!
TELL US... SAI.
I CAN UNDER-STAND NOW WHY...
...SAKURA WASN'T ABLE TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH.

YOUR CLASS-MATES INTEND TO...
... DISPOSE OF SASUKE THEM-SELVES.

TAK
CHAK
...AND SAKURA ...
DID SAKURA REALLY AGREE TO THIS?!

IF WE LET SASUKE LIVE, HE'LL SPARK AN INTERNATIONAL WAR.
SASUKE WILL PLUNGE THIS WORLD INTO DARKNESS.


SAKURA LOVES SASUKE !!
THERE'S NO WAY...


SHE'S NOT A CHILD WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION OR WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE.
SAKURA'S NO FOOL...

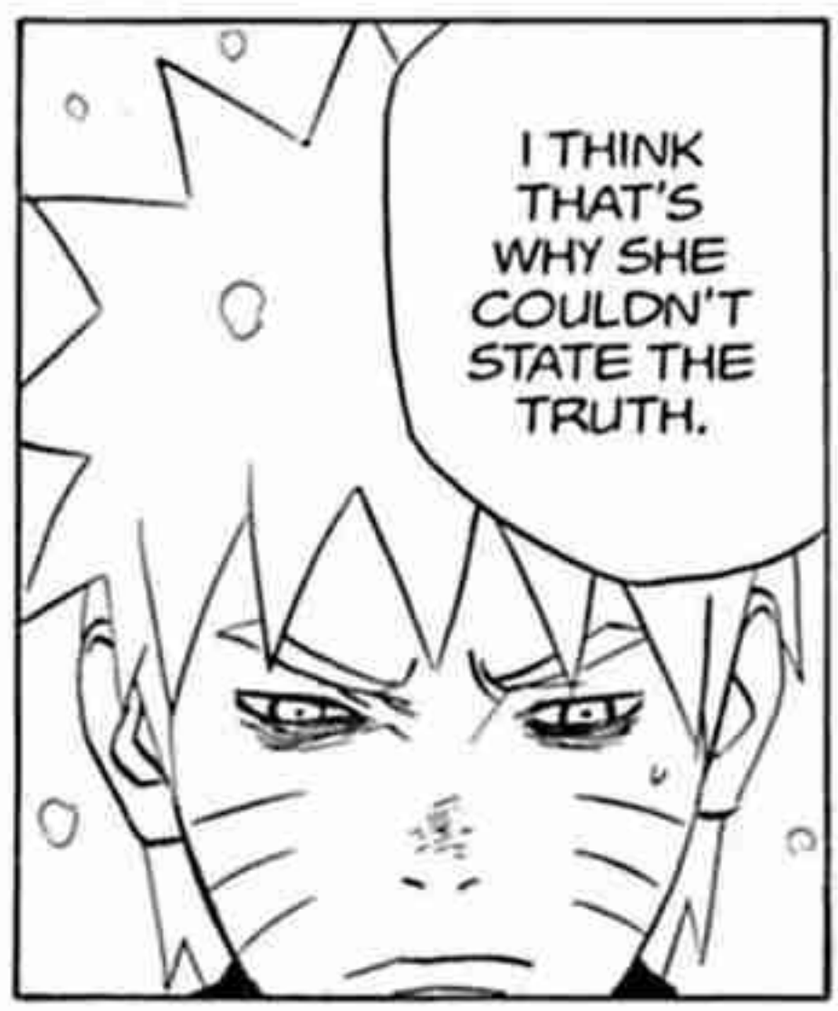
...NO ONE IN KONOHA HAS ANY SYMPATHY FOR THOSE ALIGNED WITH THE AKATSUKI.
AND AFTER SUFFERING THE AKATSUKI ASSAULT...
HE'S JUST ANOTHER CRIMINAL NOW.
宿八

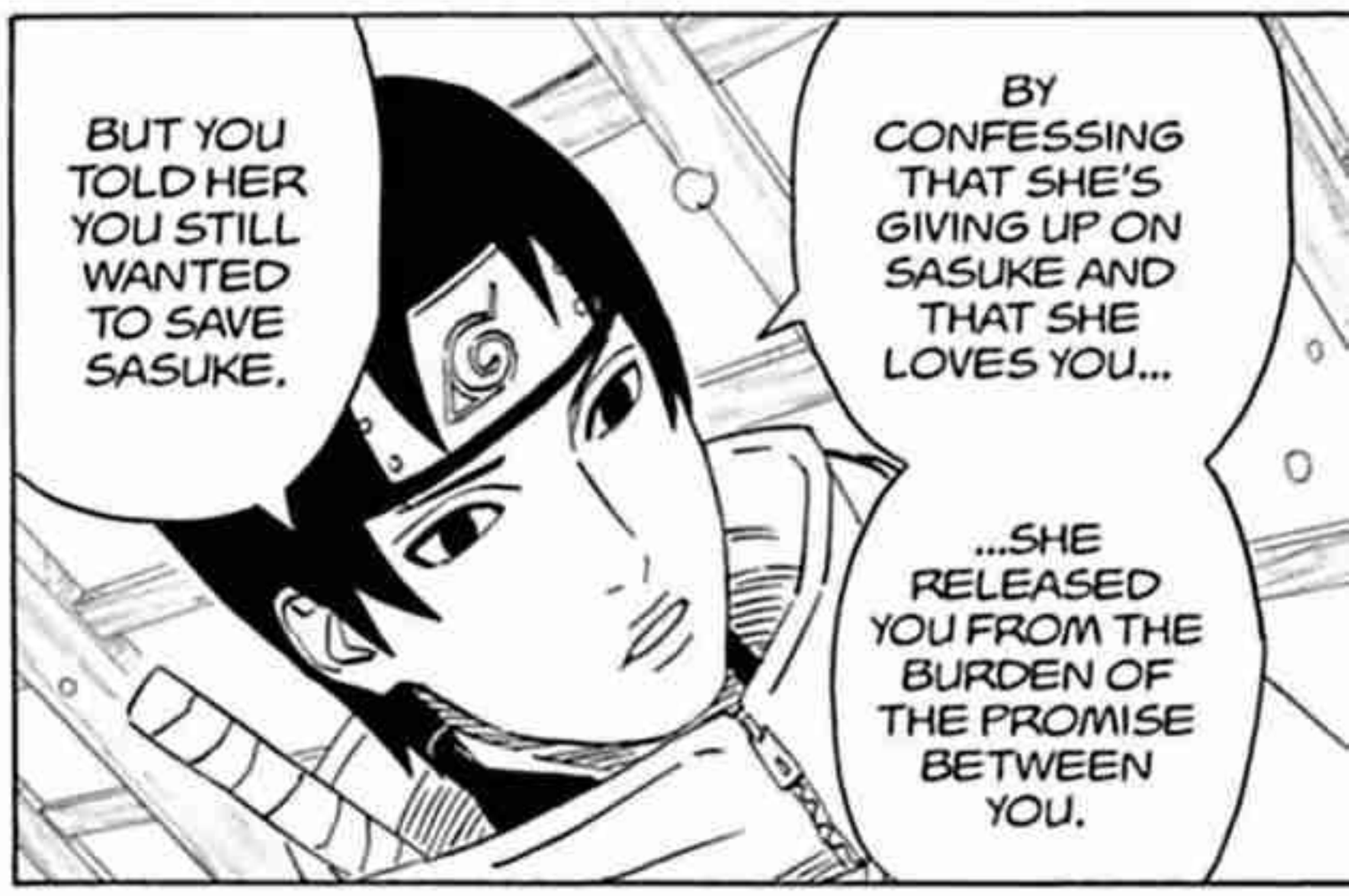
...
UNH!
...DIDN'T SHE JUST SAY IT?!
THEN WHY...

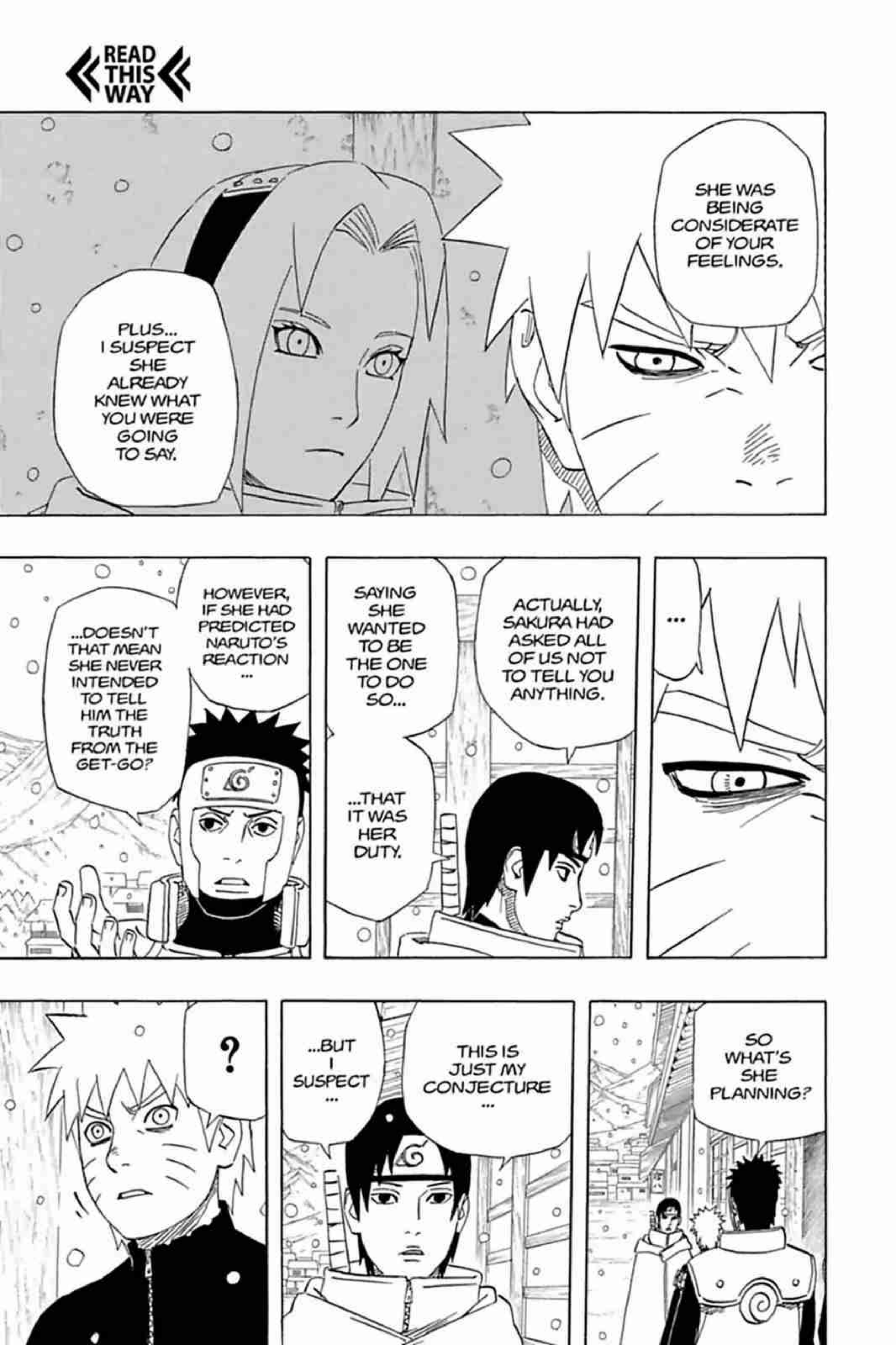
...

THAT'S WHY SHE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE...
...TO TRY TO TELL YOU ALL THAT.

STILL...
IT'S NOT THAT EASY.
SHE KNEW IT WOULD HURT YOU.


I THINK THAT'S WHY SHE COULDN'T STATE THE TRUTH.


BUT YOU TOLD HER YOU STILL WANTED TO SAVE SASUKE.
BY CONFESSING THAT SHE'S GIVING UP ON SASUKE AND THAT SHE LOVES YOU...
...SHE RELEASED YOU FROM THE BURDEN OF THE PROMISE BETWEEN YOU.


READ THIS WAY
SHE WAS BEING CONSIDERATE OF YOUR FEELINGS.
PLUS... I SUSPECT SHE ALREADY KNEW WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY.
...DOESN'T THAT MEAN SHE NEVER INTENDED TO TELL HIM THE TRUTH FROM THE GET-GO?
HOWEVER, IF SHE HAD PREDICTED NARUTO'S REACTION ...
SAYING SHE WANTED TO BE THE ONE TO DO SO...
ACTUALLY, SAKURA HAD ASKED ALL OF US NOT TO TELL YOU ANYTHING.
...THAT IT WAS HER DUTY.
...
?
...BUT I SUSPECT ...
THIS IS JUST MY CONJECTURE ...
SO WHAT'S SHE PLANNING?

SHE'S PLANNING TO KILL SASUKE HERSELF, ON HER OWN, ISN'T SHE?

IS THAT TRUE, SAI?!

?!!

IT'S QUITE LIKELY.

I DON'T INTEND TO...
THANK YOU, SAI.

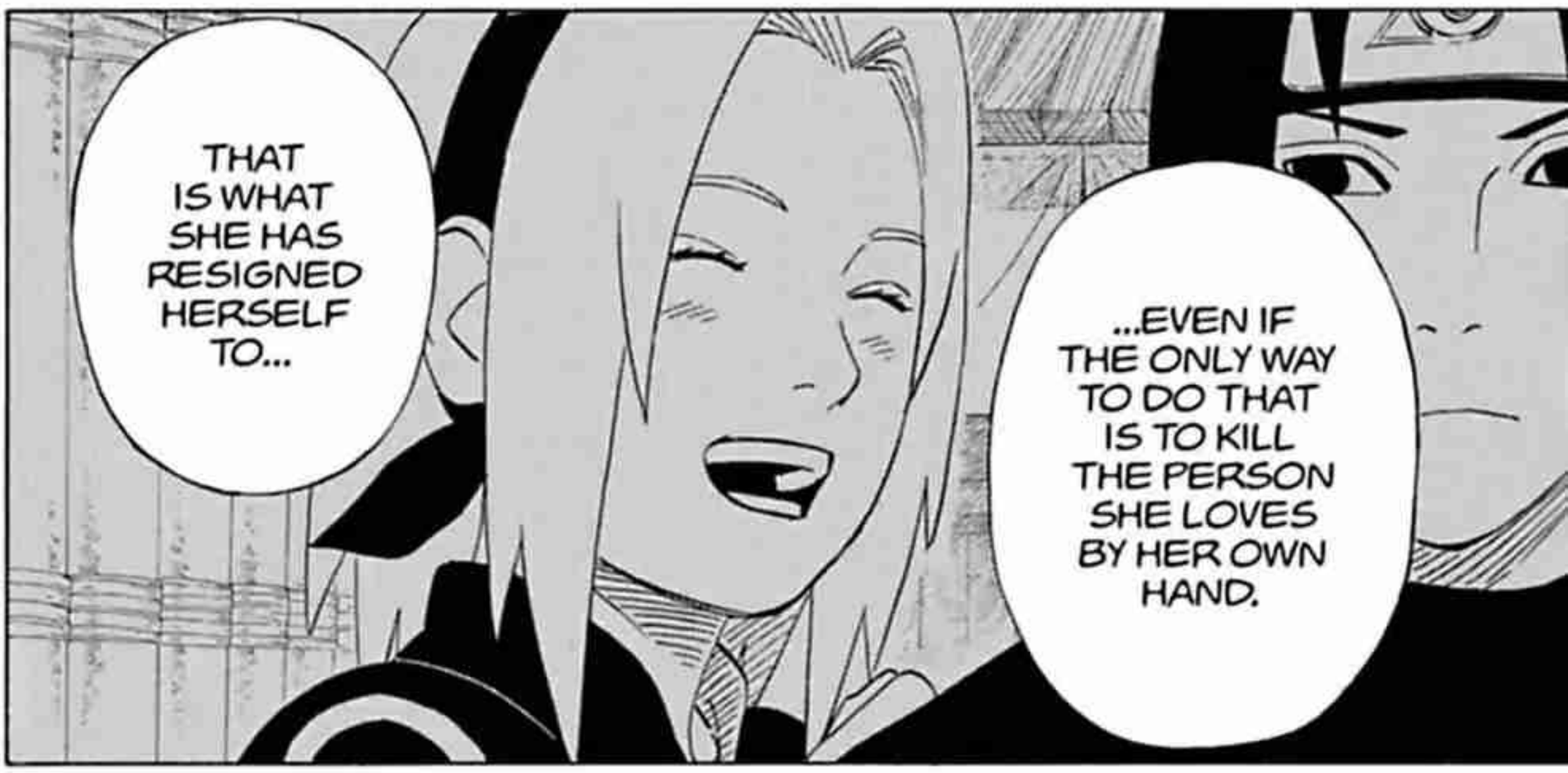
...I KNOW ...
OH...
PLEASE DON'T HOLD EVERYTHING IN, CLOSE TO YOURSELF.
I'M STILL YOUR FELLOW CELL 7 MATE. PLUS THE OTHERS, THEY'RE ALSO ...

...BUT I COULD TELL IT WAS A FALSE, FORCED SMILE...
SAKURA SMILED AND SAID SHE WOULD WORK TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE ELSE...

AND I BELIEVE THAT IT'S BECAUSE SHE LOVES HIM...
SAKURA LOVES SASUKE SO MUCH...!
SAKURA WOULD NEVER...
IT'S A LIE...

IT'S BECAUSE SHE LOVES HIM THAT SHE WANTS TO SAVE SASUKE FROM THE PATH OF DARKNESS...

...THAT SHE CAN'T LEAVE SASUKE TO CONTINUE PROGRESSING TOWARD EVIL.


THAT IS WHAT SHE HAS RESIGNED HERSELF TO...
...EVEN IF THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT IS TO KILL THE PERSON SHE LOVES BY HER OWN HAND.

...FOR HAVING FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HIM.

?!

...SHE'S ALSO PREPARED HERSELF FOR YOU TO RESENT HER, NARUTO.
FURTHER-MORE...

SHE CONSIDERS IT HER ATONEMENT FOR FORCING A LIFELONG BURDEN UPON YOUR SHOULDERS.

SAKURA HAS RELIED ON YOU TOO MUCH IN THE PAST.
THAT'S WHY SHE'S TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING BY HERSELF THIS TIME.

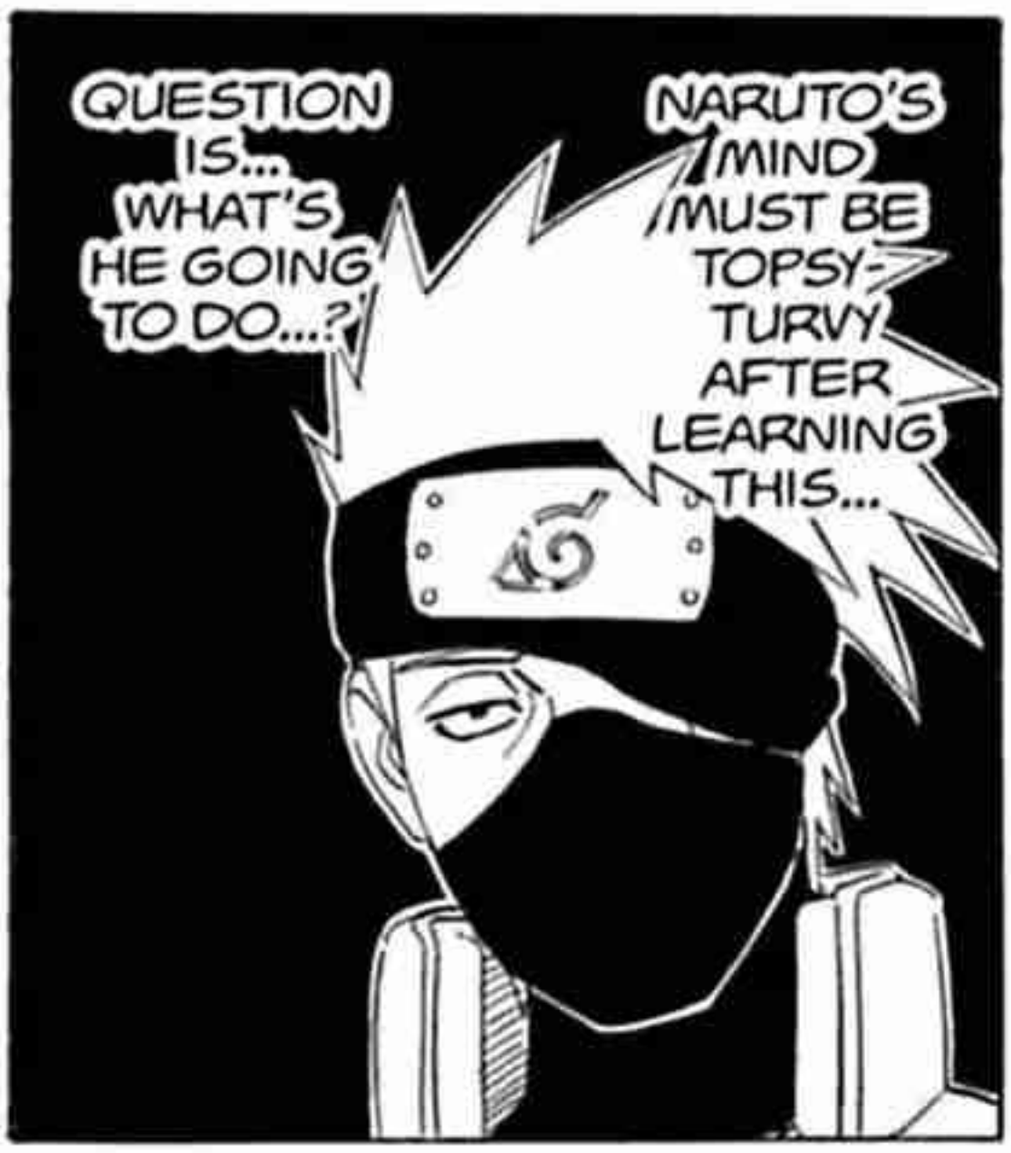
SO WHY... ARE YOU TELLING ME ALL THIS?
SAI...

...BUT I THINK YOU MAY BE TOO?
SASUKE IS CERTAINLY MAKING NARUTO SUFFER...

...

AND I CAN'T LEAVE SAKURA BE, EITHER...
...FOR I'M A MEMBER OF CELL NUMBER 7.

BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH IT WAS NOT MY INTENT, IT IS PARTLY MY FAULT TOO FOR PUSHING SAKURA TOWARD THIS ACTION...
SO I HAD TO TELL YOU...


QUESTION IS... WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO...?
NARUTO'S MIND MUST BE TOPSY-TURVY AFTER LEARNING THIS...

I SEE...

SPLECH...

UNH ...

PLIT

...!

SHUF

!

THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO HEAR RIGHT AWAY.

WE'RE GOING TO TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED AT THE GOKAGE SUMMIT.

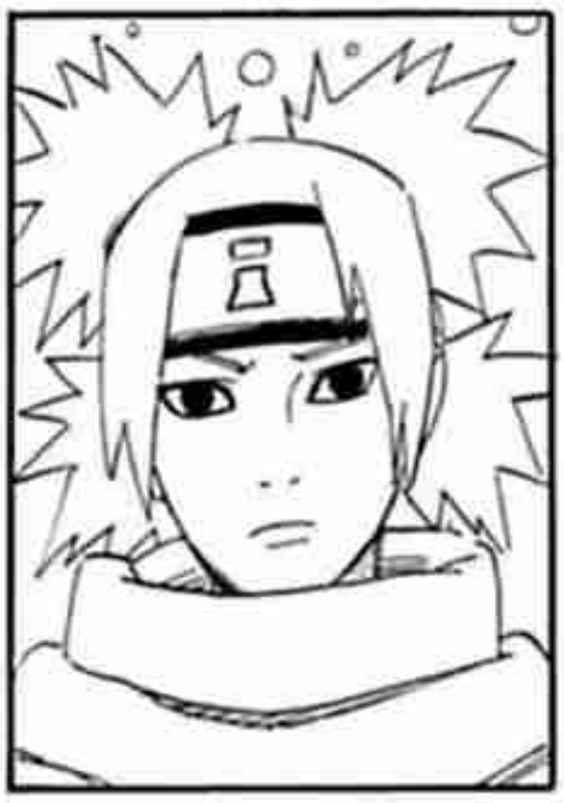
READ THIS WAY
...I STILL NEED TO GO BACK TO KONOHA AND DISCUSS ALL OF THIS WITH THE OTHERS FIRST.
I'M NOT TOO HOT ABOUT BEING NAMED HOKAGE...
...AND EVEN WITH CIRCUM-STANCES BEING WHAT THEY ARE...
I GUESS DANZO REALLY ISN'T...
I SEE... I CAN'T BELIEVE THE SUMMIT GOT SO CHAOTIC.
...STRIKES THE FIRST MOVE AND WE'RE FORCED TO GO ON THE DEFENSIVE BECAUSE WE'RE SLOW TO REPLY.
SINCE IT'D BE WORSE IF THE AKATSUKI OR MADARA ...
...SO LET'S HAVE THEM PROCEED AS IF YOU'LL BE CONFIRMED AS HOKAGE, KAKASHI.
I DON'T THINK IT'LL TAKE LONG AT ALL TO GET EVERYONE'S CONSENT ...
WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD.
MADARA ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS GOING TO DECLARE WAR!

WELL, WE DON'T KNOW YET THAT...
...

SIGH...
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D GO AS FAR AS RAIDING A GOKAGE SUMMIT...
AND THEN THERE'S SASUKE ...

SO FOR THE SAKE OF THE SHINOBI WORLD...
...AS KAZEKAGE, I WILL PROTECT YOU AT ALL COSTS.
愛
NARUTO... I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW, THIS IS ALSO A WAR...
...TO PROTECT EIGHT TAILS AND NINE TAILS... NAMELY, YOU.

...I WILL NOT SHOW MERCY.
AND IF, AS AN AKATSUKI SUBORDI-NATE...
...UCHIHA SASUKE WERE TO STAND AGAINST US ALLIED SHINOBI FORCES...



THE THINGS I SEEK ONLY LIE IN THE DARK-NESS.
I SHUT MY EYES A LONG TIME AGO...

...YOU'VE BEEN WALKING THROUGH THIS WORLD'S DARK-NESS...
SASUKE, YOU'RE A LOT LIKE ME...
THAT'S WHY EVEN A TINY RAY OF LIGHT OUGHT TO REACH YOUR EYES.
WHETHER IN THE PAST... OR NOW...

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HE SEEKS DARKNESS.

SASUKE DOESN'T SEE YOU ANYMORE.

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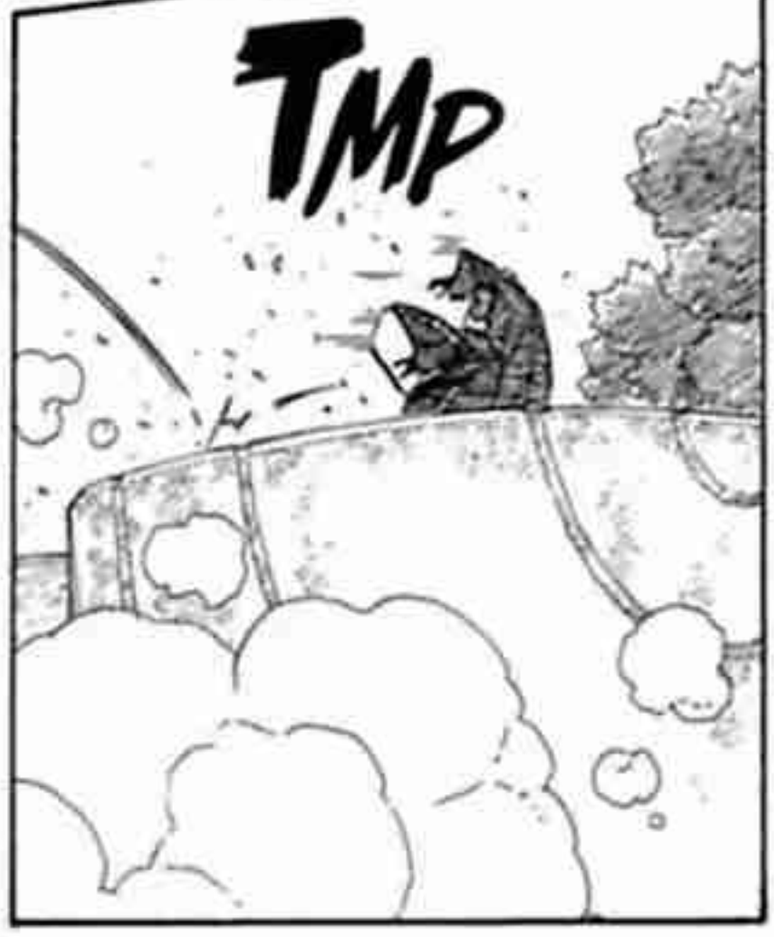

I'M GOING TO UNDO THE SEAL ON MY RIGHT ARM.

KLAK

FOO, TORUNÉ, BACK ME UP.

KLIK

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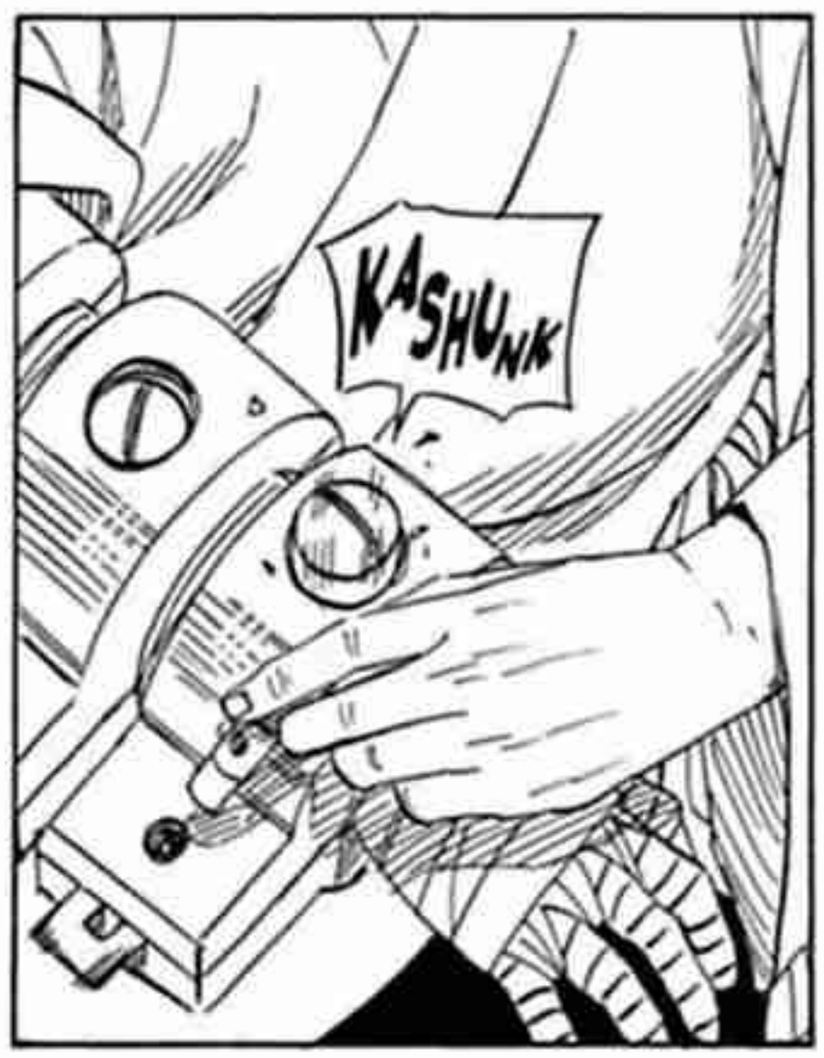


TAK

THK THK THK THK

READ THIS WAY
NOPE. IT'S COM-PLETELY NIL.
TMP
HE CAN PASS THROUGH OBJECTS.
HE VANISHED INSIDE THE PILLAR.
TMP
TAK
WELL? CAN YOU SENSE HIS CHAKRA?
SHKK!
WHISH
!
SWOOO
?!
WONK
GNK
CHAK
SWISH

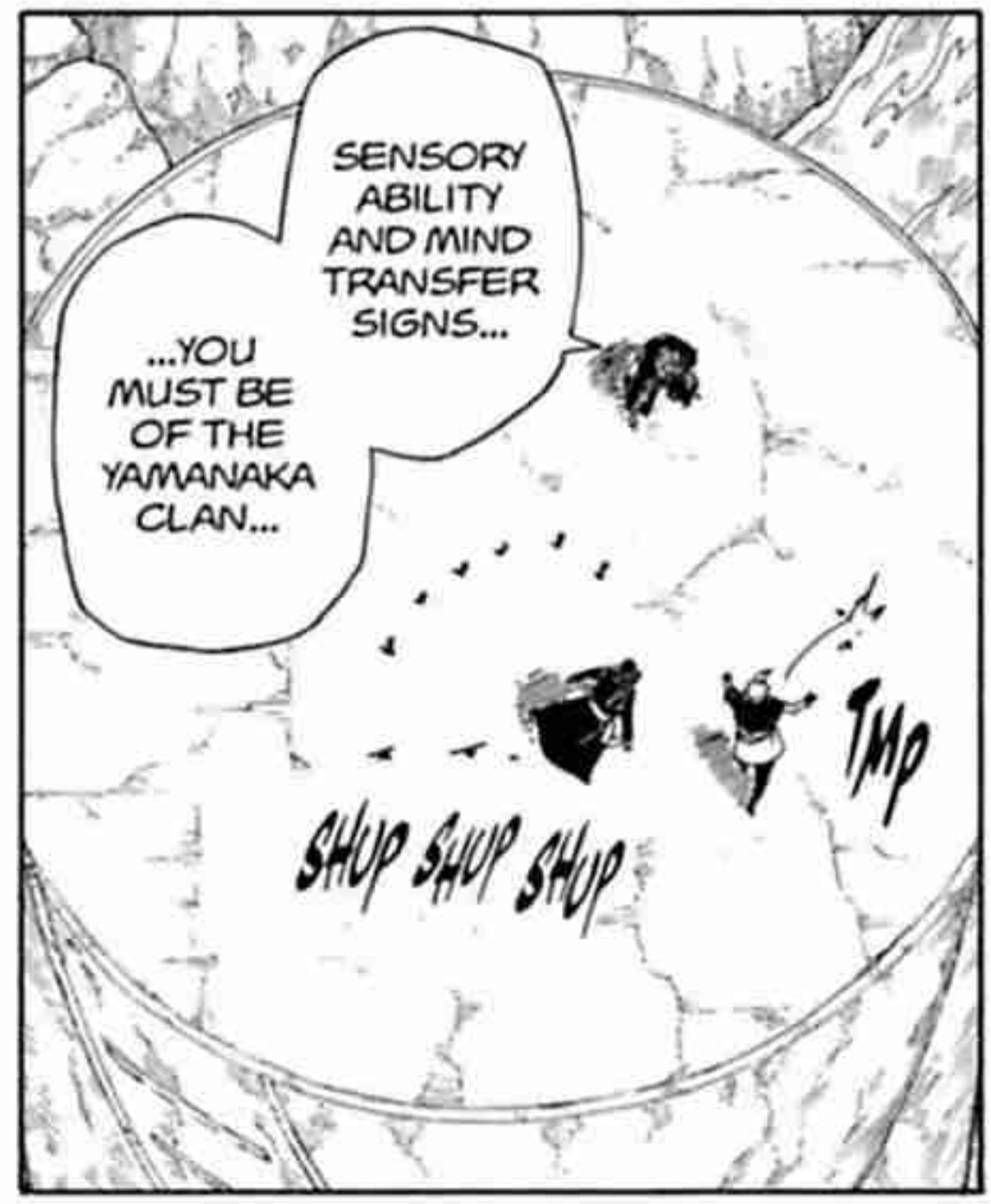
SSH
FFT

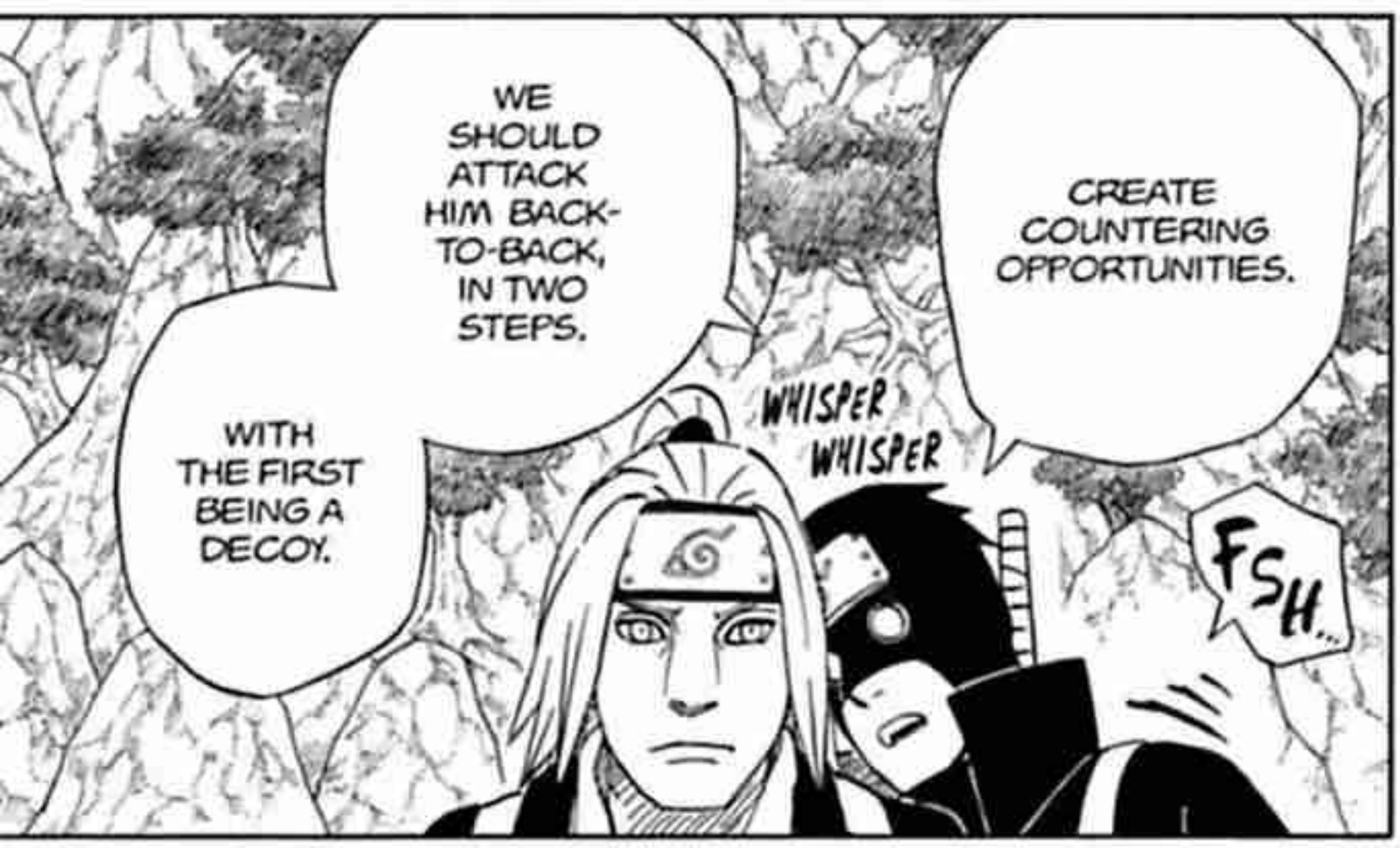
SWOO...
SWOO...

SCREECH

SNSH
!
SNSH
TA
K

BUT IF HE WANTS TO STRIKE A PHYSICAL BLOW OR TOUCH SOMETHING, HE HAS TO MANIFEST...
HE MAKES HIS BODY INSUBSTANTIAL SO THAT HIS OPPONENT'S ATTACK PASSES THROUGH IT. HE COMPLETELY LOSES SOLIDITY.
AIM FOR HIS COUNTER-ATTACKS.
SHUP


SENSORY ABILITY AND MIND TRANSFER SIGNS...
...YOU MUST BE OF THE YAMANAKA CLAN...
SHUP SHUP SHUP
TMP


WE SHOULD ATTACK HIM BACK-TO-BACK, IN TWO STEPS.
WITH THE FIRST BEING A DECOY.
CREATE COUNTERING OPPORTUNITIES.
WHISPER WHISPER
FSH...

NICE DEDUC-TIONS.
WELL DONE...

UNK

ALL RIGHT.
I'LL BE THE DECOY...
...ESPECIALLY SINCE HE'S SEEN THROUGH MY MIND TRANSFER TECHNIQUE ALREADY. YOUR JUTSU SHOULD BE THE MAIN ACT.

THE
FIT

NOW!!
ONK
TAK
SWSH

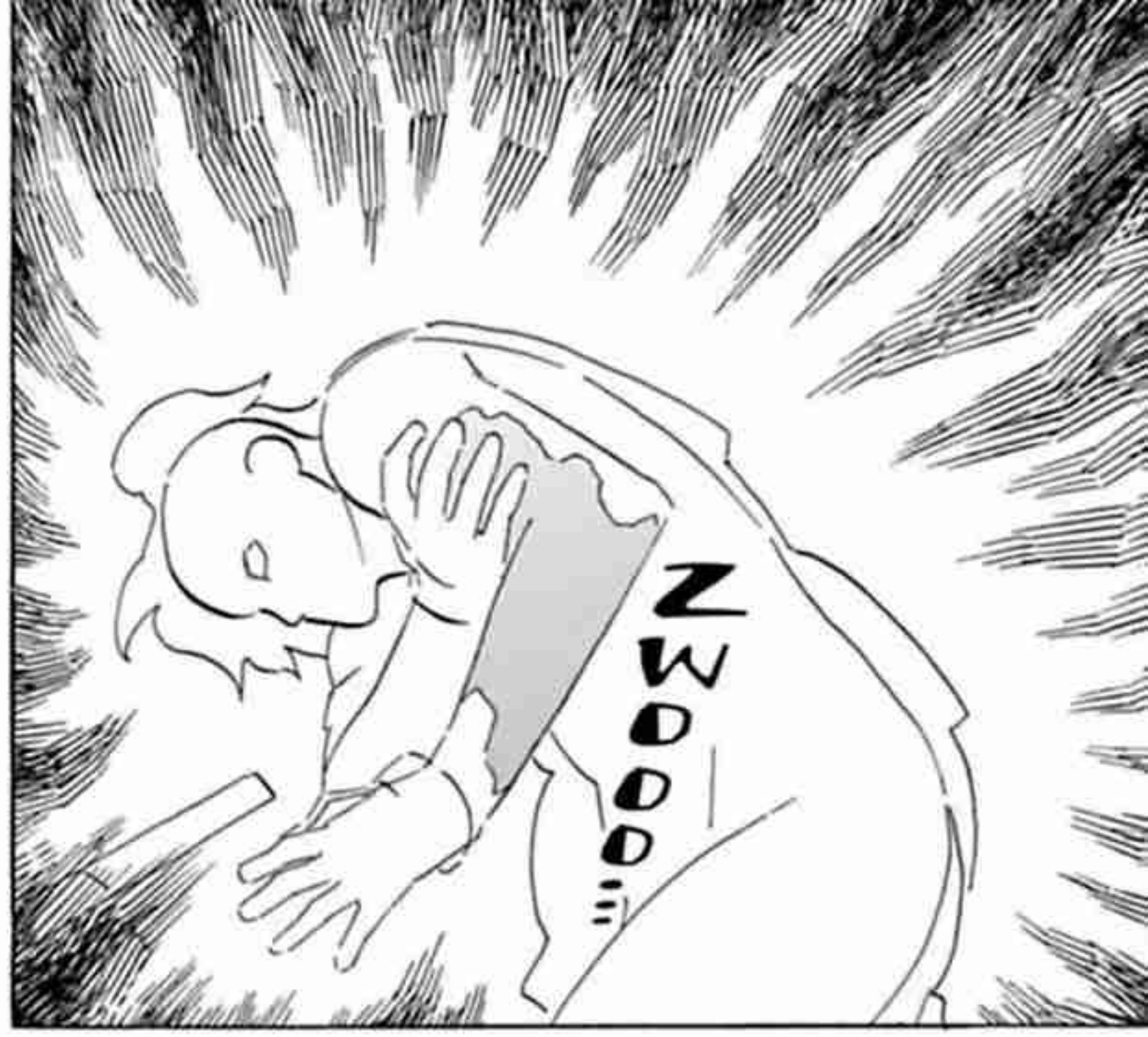
?!!
SWISH

SCREECH
THD
UGH!
BUMP
ARGH!
BZZ...

...

WE FELL FOR IT...!
HE... DELIBERATELY PRETENDED TO ATTACK TO TRICK US INTO...
UNH...

HOW BOTHER-SOME...
HM... A JUTSU WHERE CHAKRA IS POURED IN TO DESTROY AN ENEMY'S CELLS, HUH...


ZWOOOO

ACTUALLY, THAT'S NOT CHAKRA. THAT'S NANO-SIZED VENOMOUS BEETLES...
...LIKE BACTERIA ...

SWOOOO

!
FORGIVE ME, FOO... I'LL CLEAR IT RIGHT AWAY.
CHAK
UGH ...

YOU MUST BE ABURAME SHIKURO'S BRAT. YOU'VE GOT BEETLE ANTIBODIES AGAINST THOSE BEETLES...
YOU'RE FOUNDA-TION...
YOU... YOU'RE AN ABURAME CLAN SHINOBI WHO KNOWS SECRET NINJUTSU...

...
KLAK

DANZO... YOU'VE ASSEMBLED AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF SUBORDI-NATES.
SWOOO...

FOO, DON'T RELAX YOUR GUARD! QUICK! FEEL OUT HIS EXIT POINT!
I'M ENDING THIS NOW!
FUMP
SO SORRY, TORUNE.

...
FWOOO

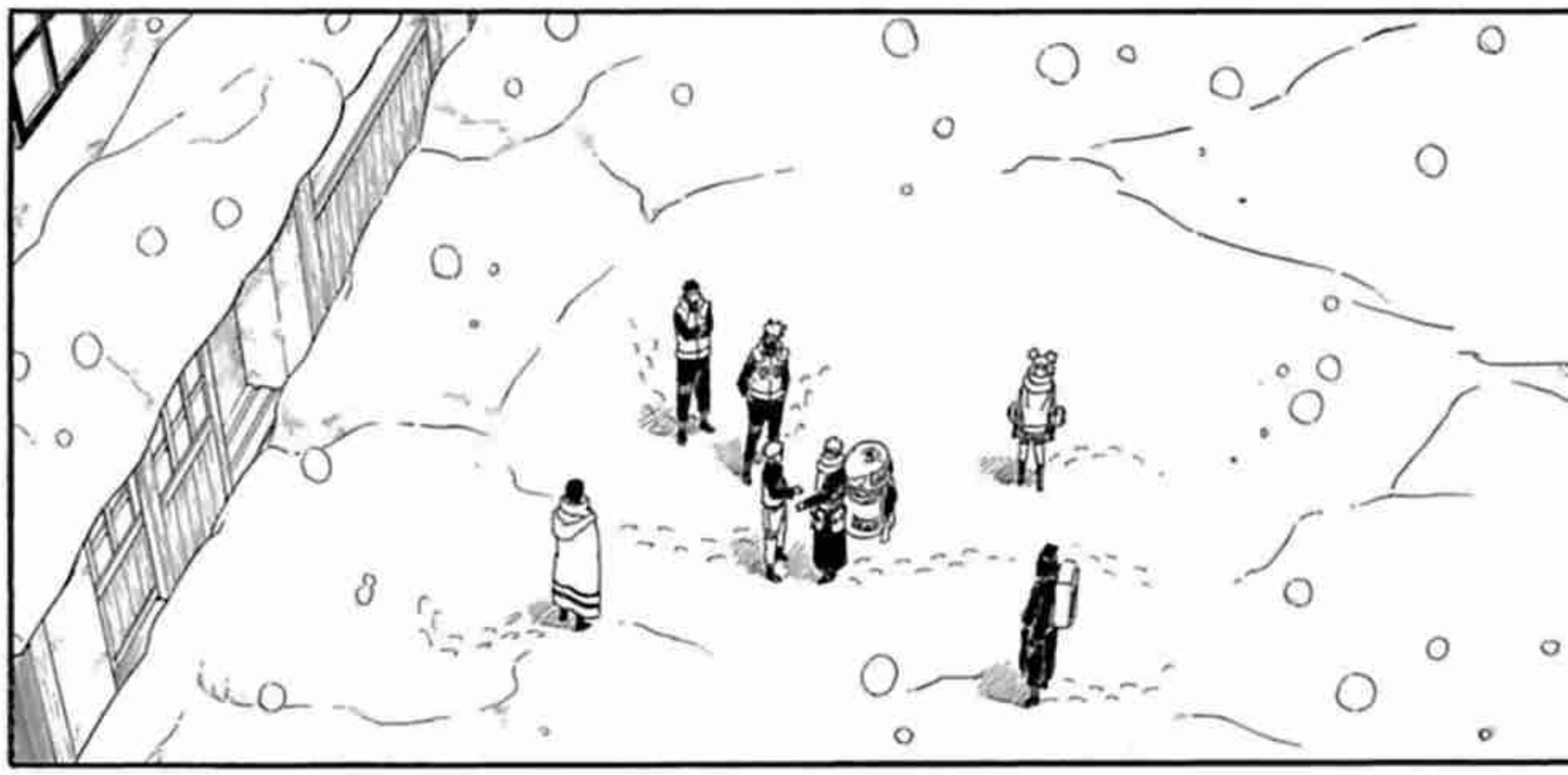
FWOOOO...
FWAP
FUMP

?!
ZWP
CHAK
GAH!
HE SUCKED IN TORUNÉ ?!
KRAK
ZWOP
MY RIGHT ARM'S INFECTED WITH BEETLE VENOM...

READ THIS WAY
?!
!
THUNK
WHU
MP
SHOOP
?!
YOU'RE NEXT!
SWOOO...
SWOOOOOOOOOO

FFT...

FSH



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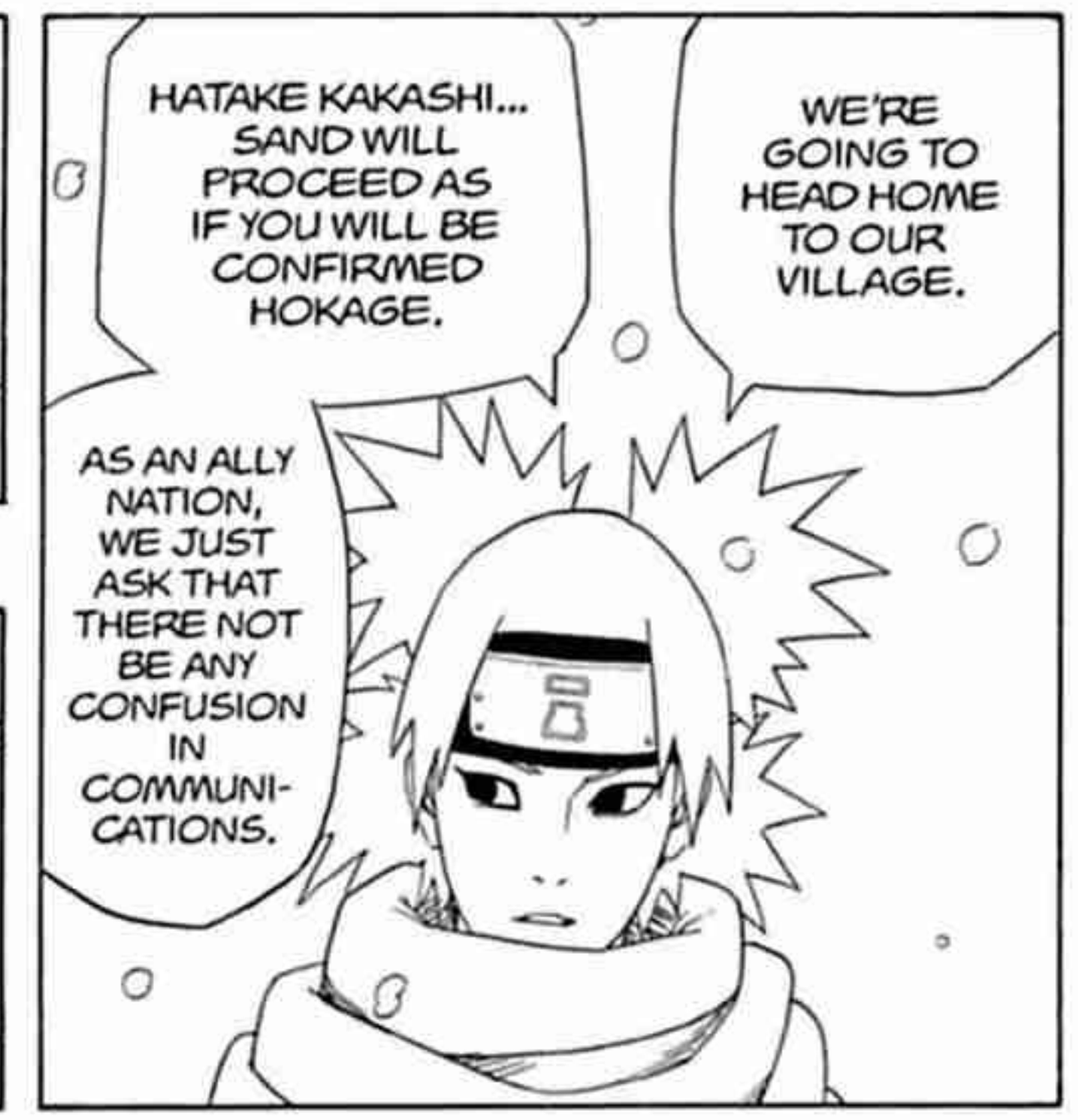

HATAKE KAKASHI... SAND WILL PROCEED AS IF YOU WILL BE CONFIRMED HOKAGE.
WE'RE GOING TO HEAD HOME TO OUR VILLAGE.
AS AN ALLY NATION, WE JUST ASK THAT THERE NOT BE ANY CONFUSION IN COMMUNI-CATIONS.

!

I CONSIDER YOU A FRIEND.

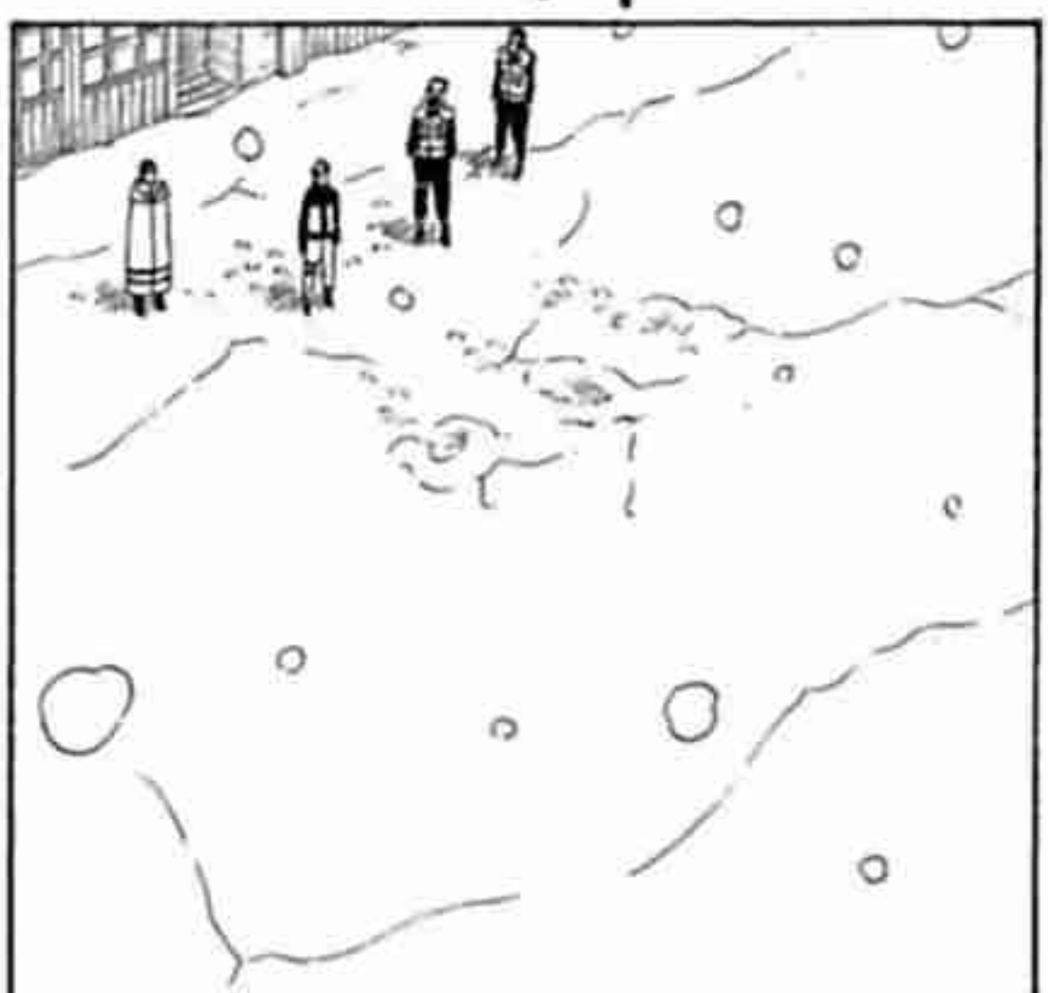
...

THAT WHAT THAT WORD MEANS IS IMPOR-TANT.
BUT AFTER MEETING YOU, I REALIZED SOME-THING.

...NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS.
BEFORE, FRIEND WAS JUST A WORD TO ME...

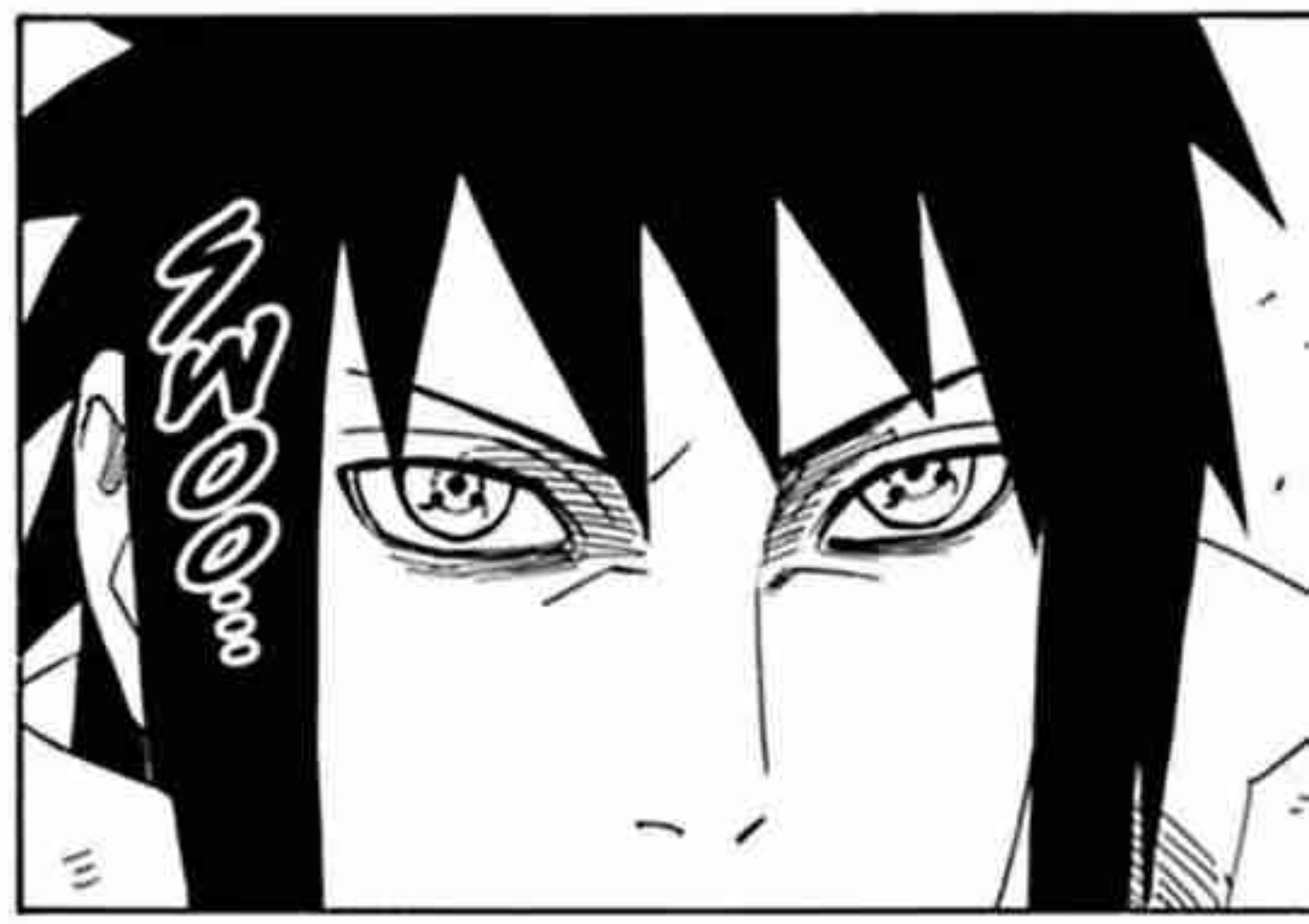
NOW YOU MUST DECIDE FOR YOUR-SELF...

...WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR SASUKE.



READ THIS WAY
...
HE NEEDS TO FIGURE THIS ONE OUT ON HIS OWN.
NARUTO ...
FSH
!
I EVEN HAVE A PRESENT WAITING FOR YOU OUTSIDE.
DON'T FRET. I'M ABOUT TO DO THAT.
!
LET ME OUT OF HERE.
FSH...

UCHIHA ... SASUKE, EH...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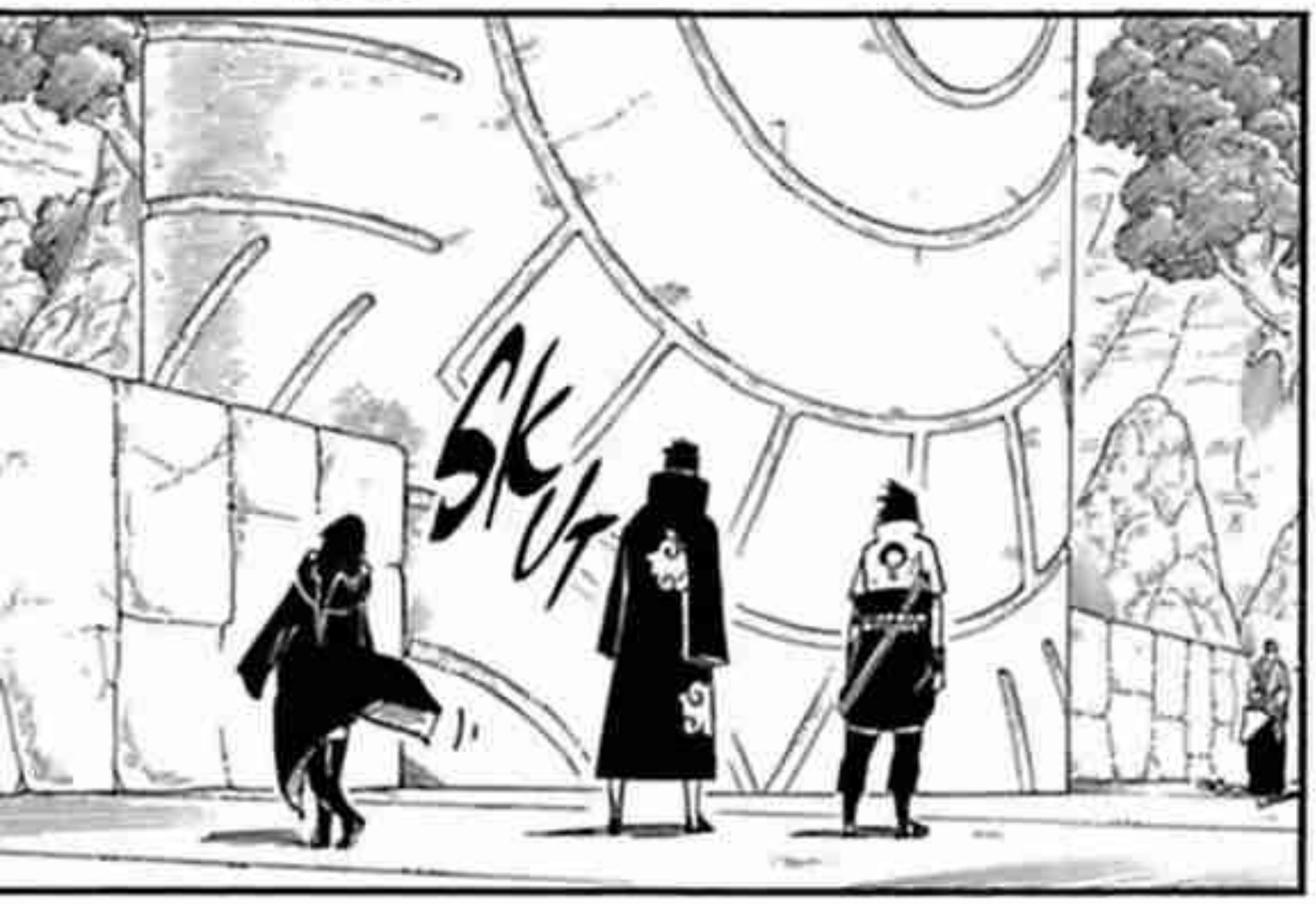
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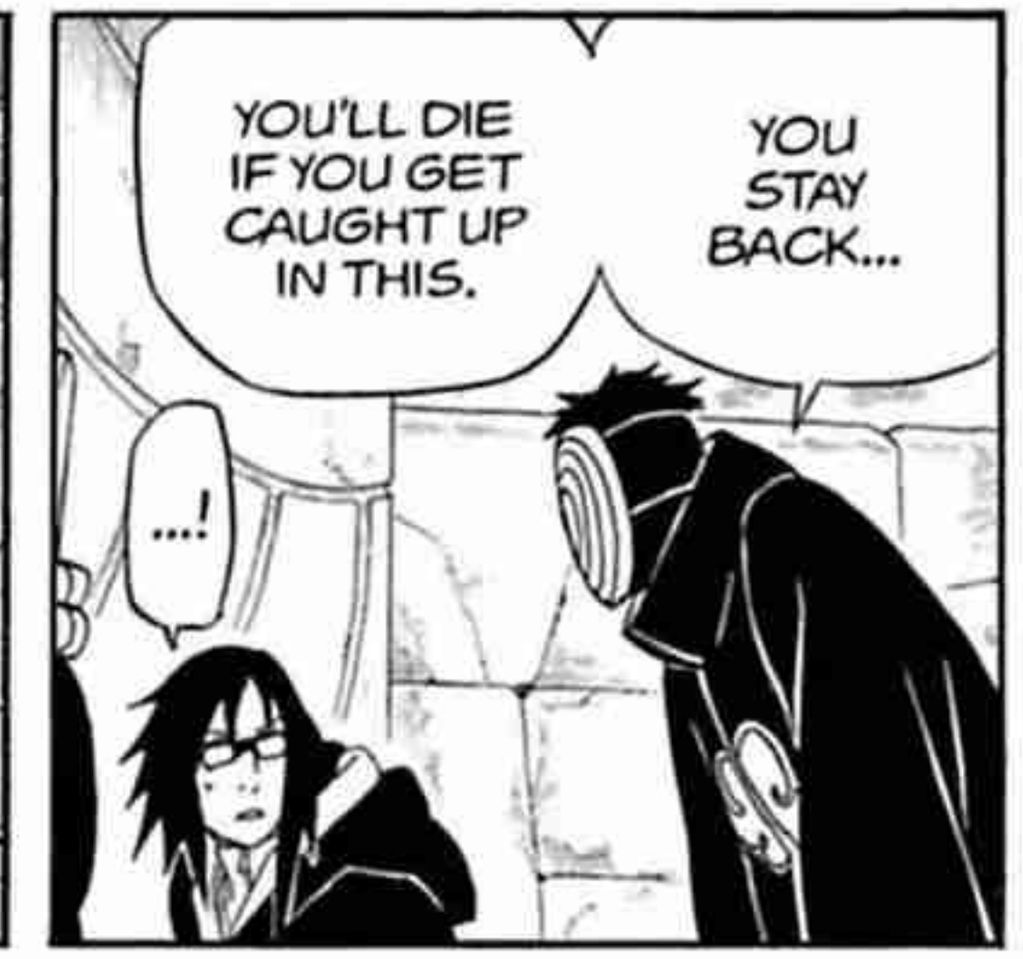
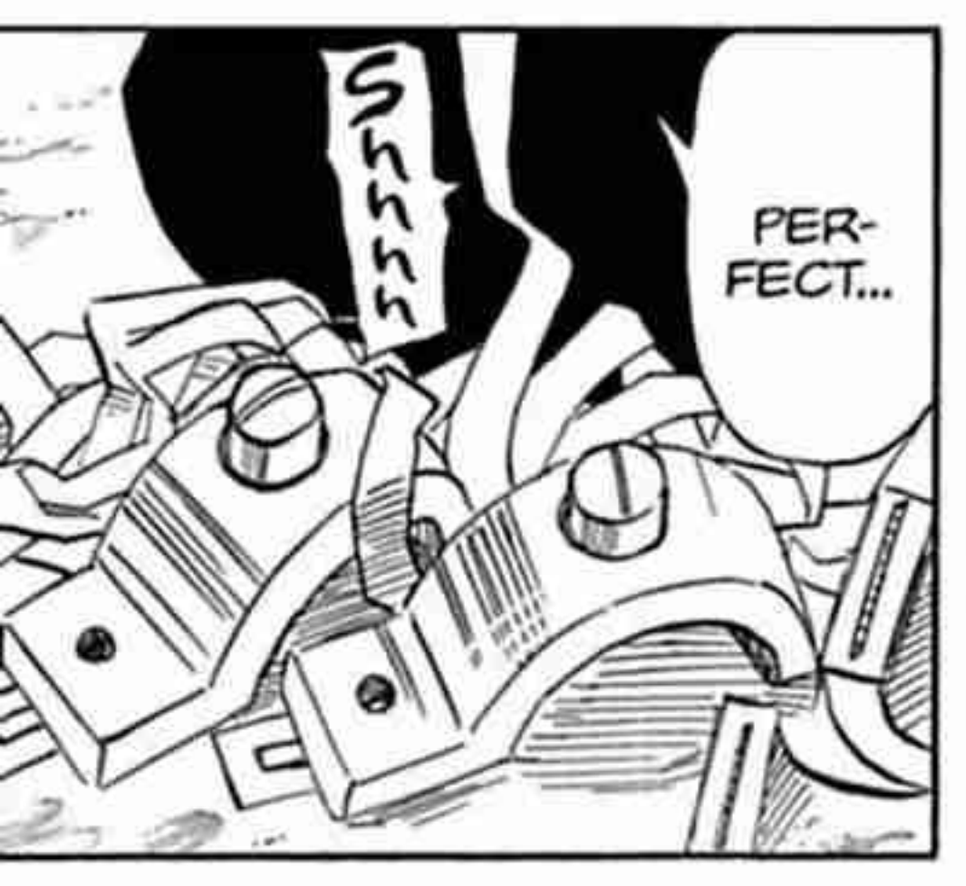
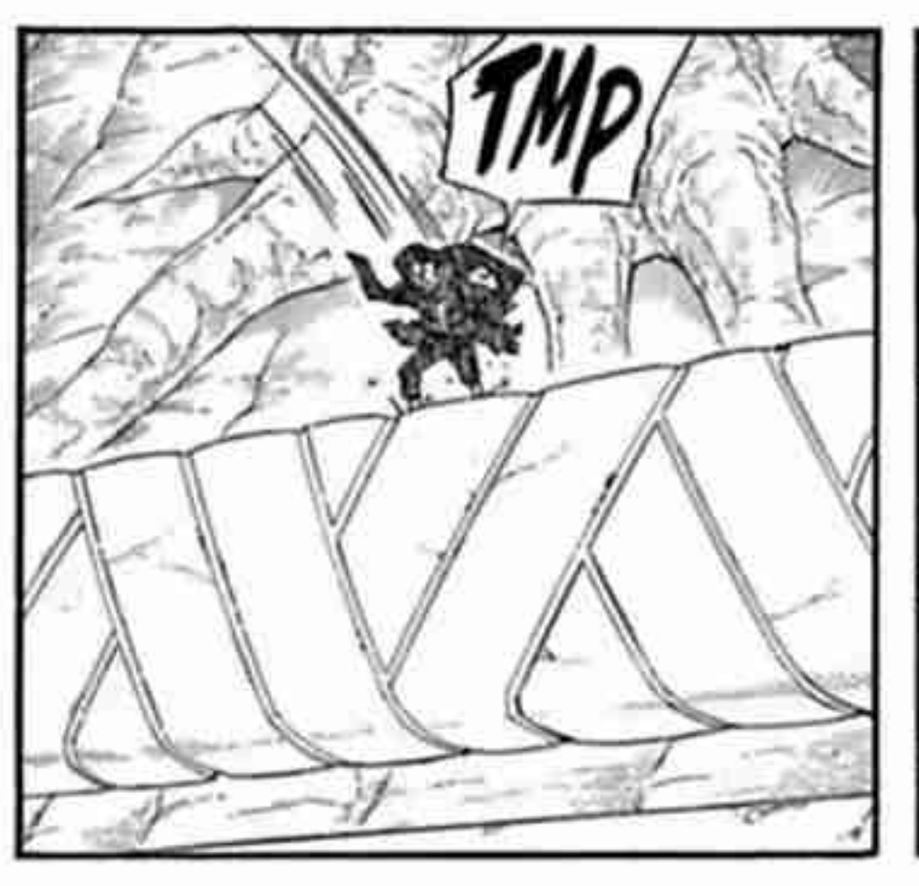

YOU'LL DIE IF YOU GET CAUGHT UP IN THIS.
YOU STAY BACK...
...!


SHHHH
PER-FECT...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TAK

I CAN TAKE BOTH YOUR SHARINGAN.
GO
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NARUTO

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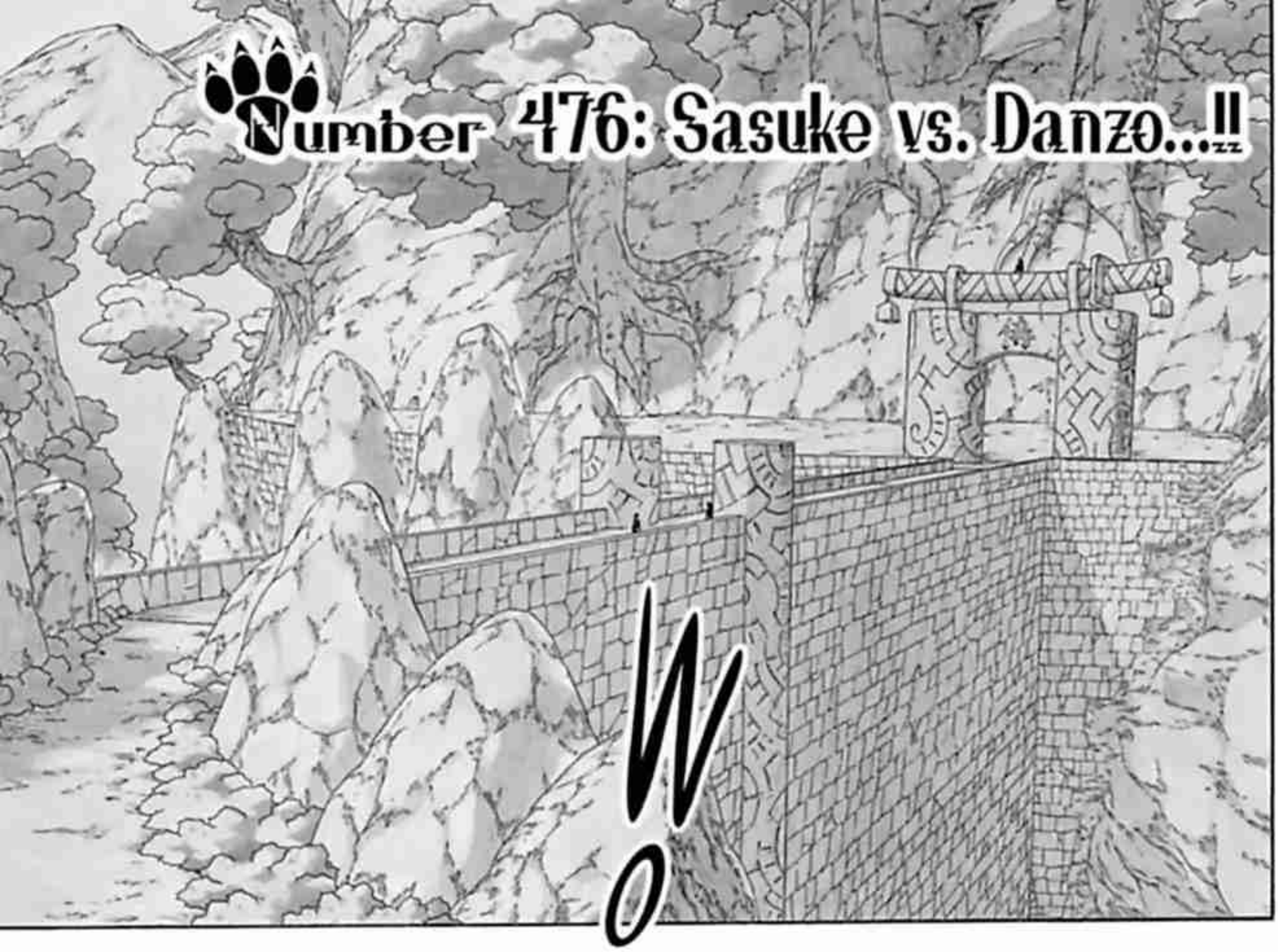

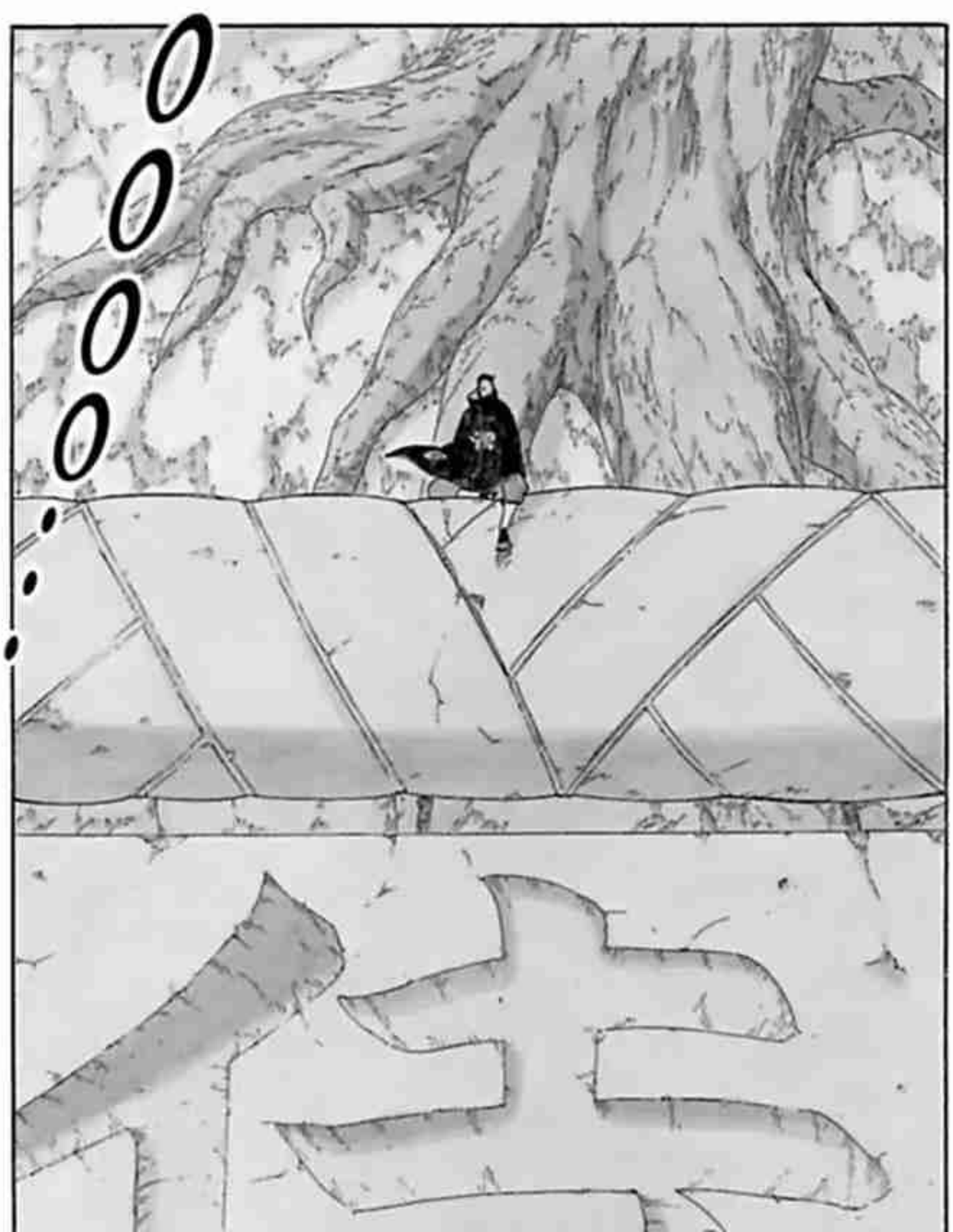

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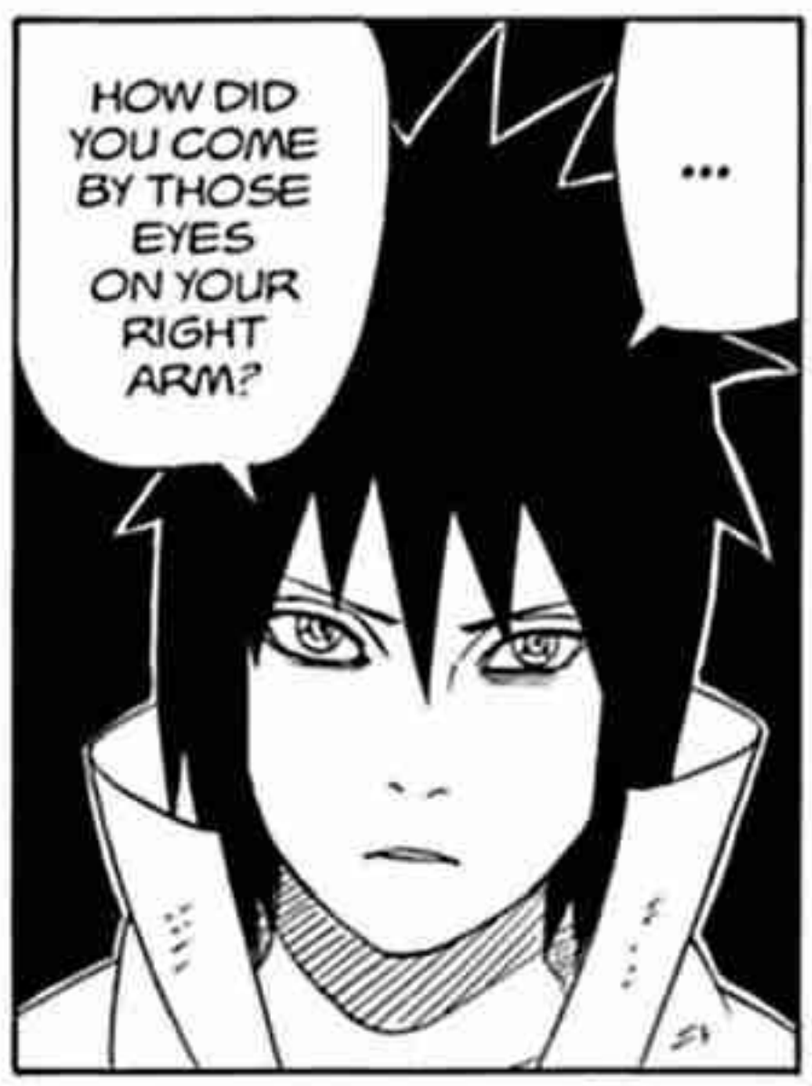
NARUTO

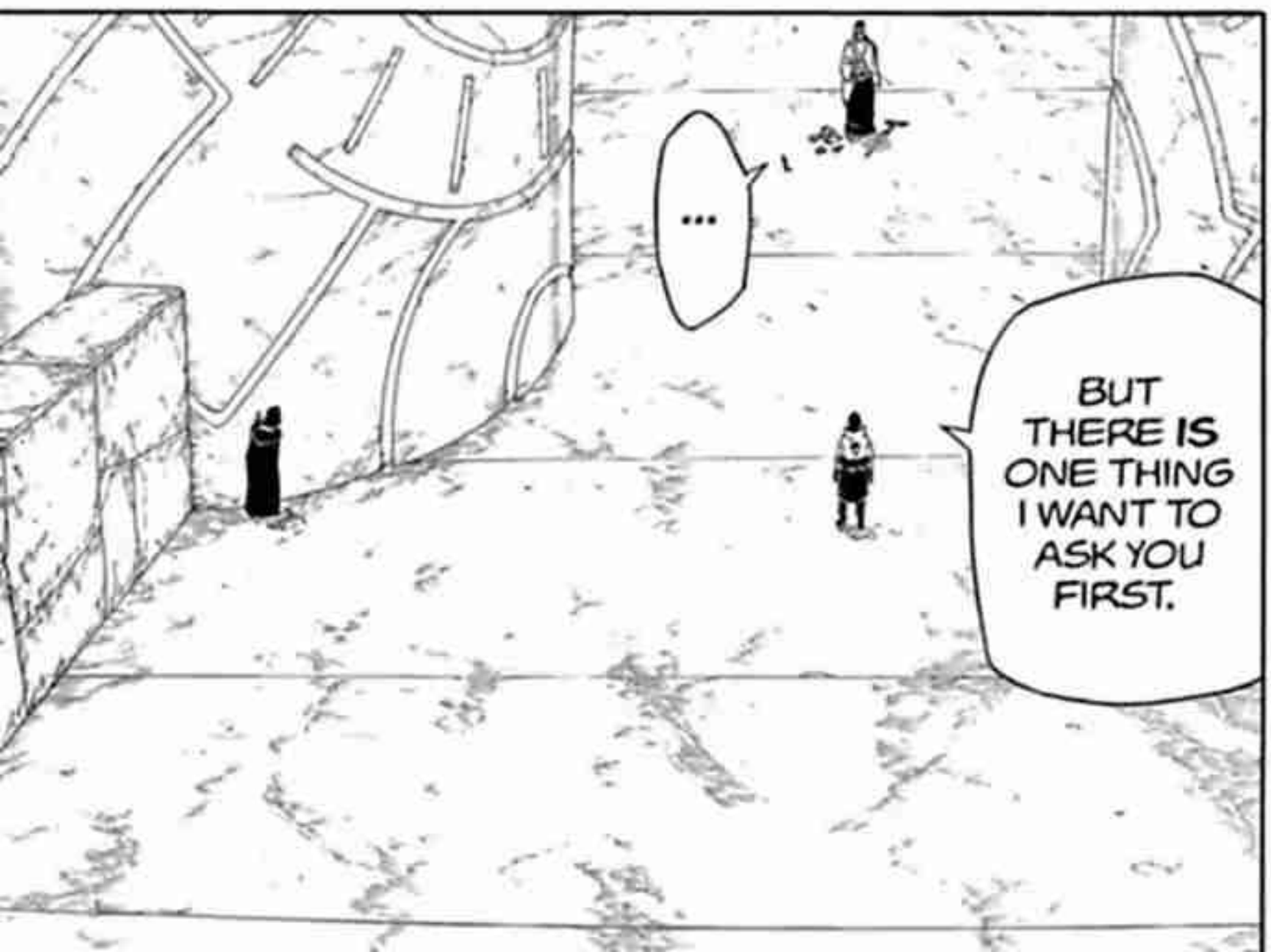
RRRR

RRRRRR

VARIOUS WAYS...
IT'S A LONG STORY.


HOW DID YOU COME BY THOSE EYES ON YOUR RIGHT ARM?
...

WHAT'S UP WITH HIS RIGHT ARM?
MULTIPLE SHARINGAN... GROSS...!


...
BUT THERE IS ONE THING I WANT TO ASK YOU FIRST.

YOUR STORY WOULD JUST MAKE ME MORE ANGRY ANYWAY.
SO NEVER MIND... SINCE I'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO KILL YOU.

IS IT TRUE THAT IT WAS ON YOUR AND THE OTHER KONOHA ELDERS' ORDERS...

...THAT UCHIHA ITACHI SLAUGHTERED MY CLAN?

KID

?!

WHAT?

..

!

WHAP

READ THIS WAY
...PLUS DISCUSS SAKURA ...
WE MUST FIRST RETURN TO KONOHA TO RELAY WHAT HAPPENED AT THE SUMMIT TO THE OTHERS...
SO... WHAT NOW?
FSH
...
THEN AGAIN, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER TO GO TALK HER DOWN IN PERSON AND BRING HER BACK, WOULDN'T IT?
AND TRY NOT TO LET HER GET CLOSE TO SASUKE.
I'LL STAY WITH SAKURA.
SO PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT HER FOR NOW.

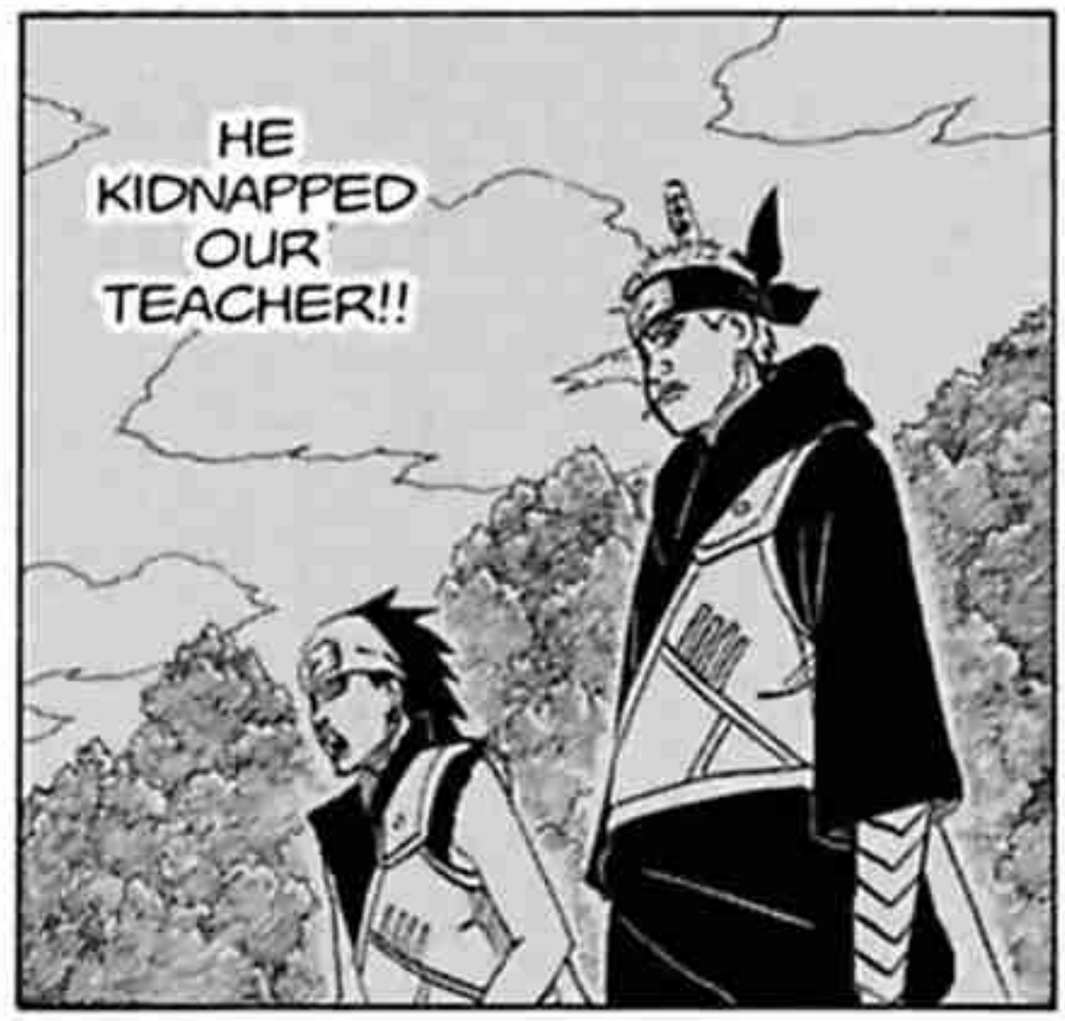
I'LL FETCH SAKURA...

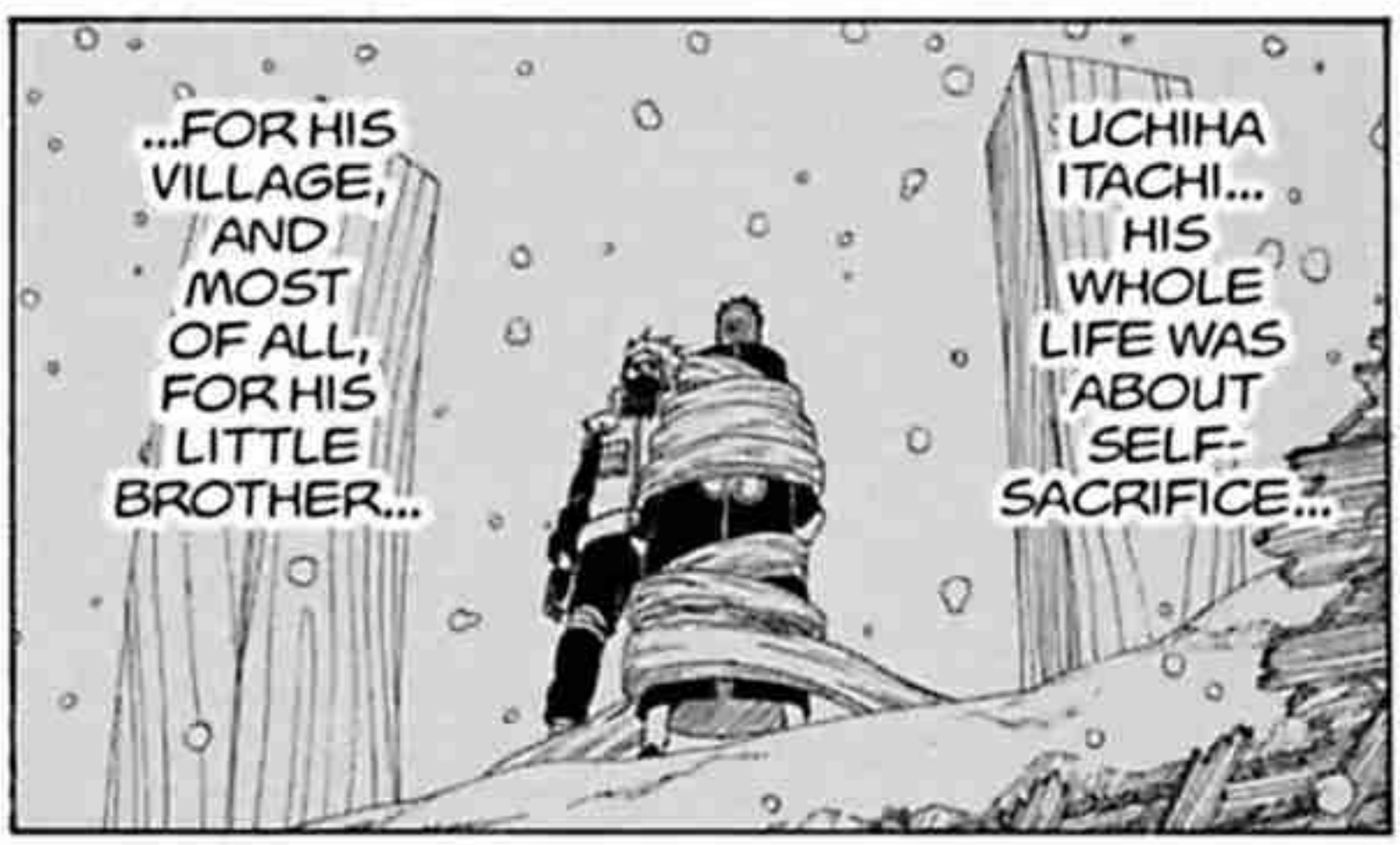
SHE'S NO MATCH FOR SASUKE. IT'S A DEATHTRAP.

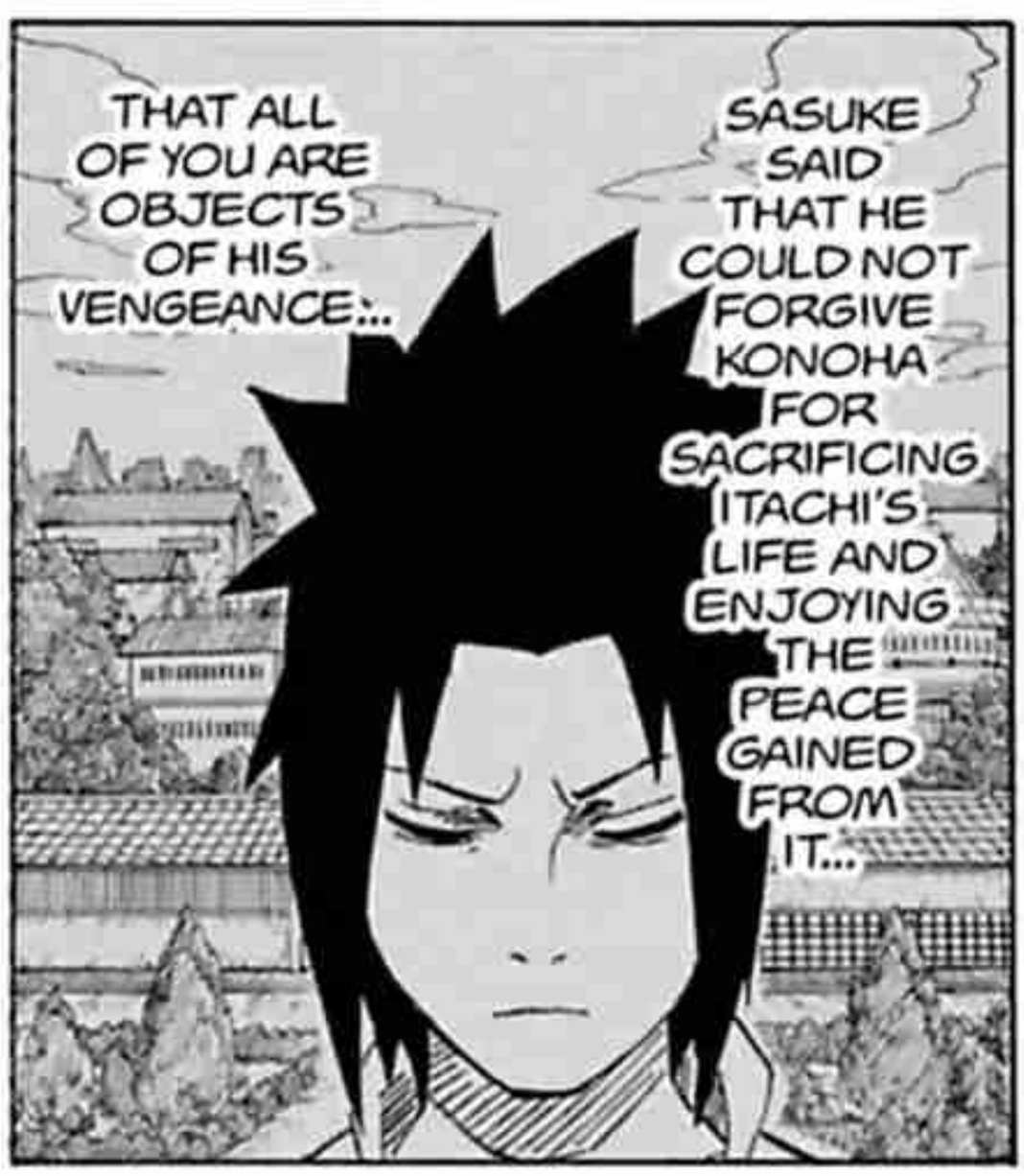
ALL RIGHT!

YAMATO... YOU TAKE NARUTO AND HEAD BACK TO THE VILLAGE.

SASUKE'S A MEMBER OF THE AKATSUKI!!!
HUH?!! YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?!

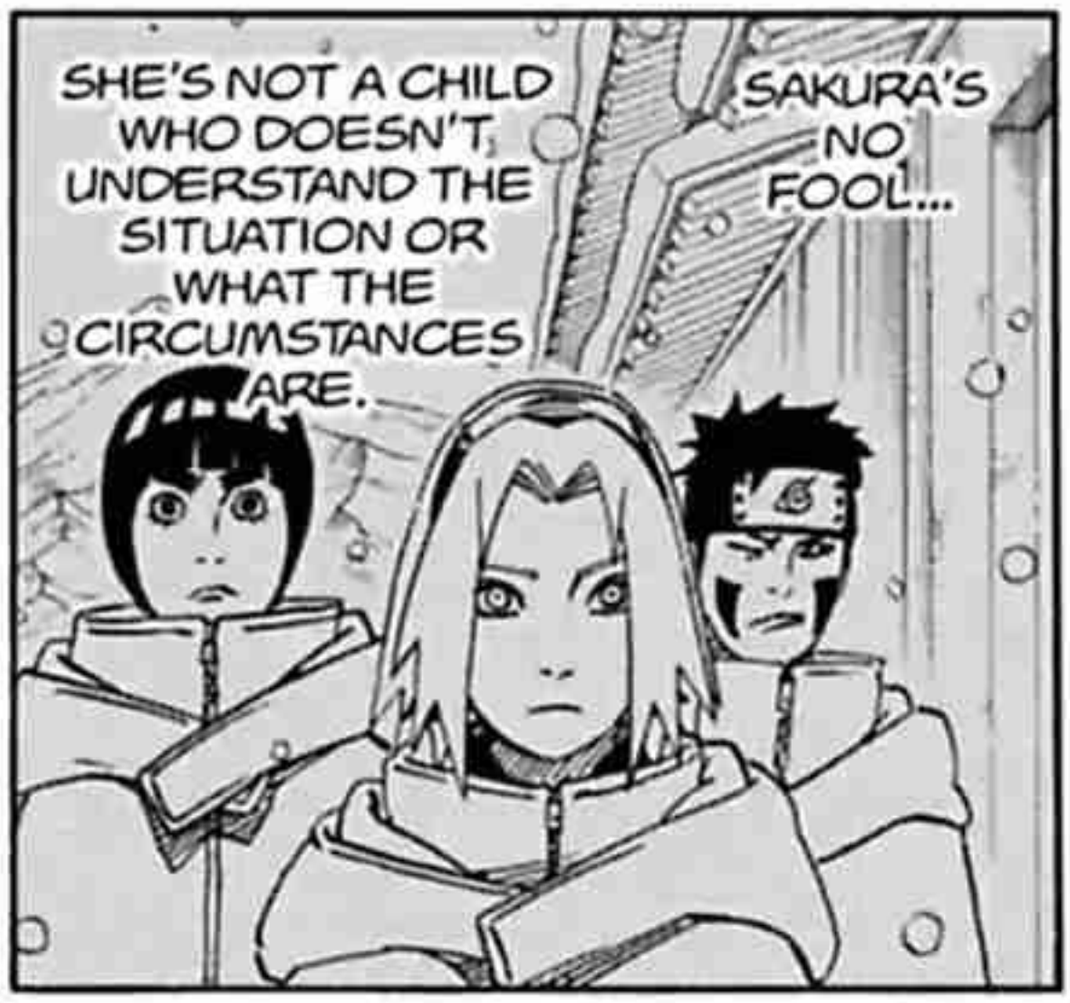

HE KIDNAPPED OUR TEACHER!!

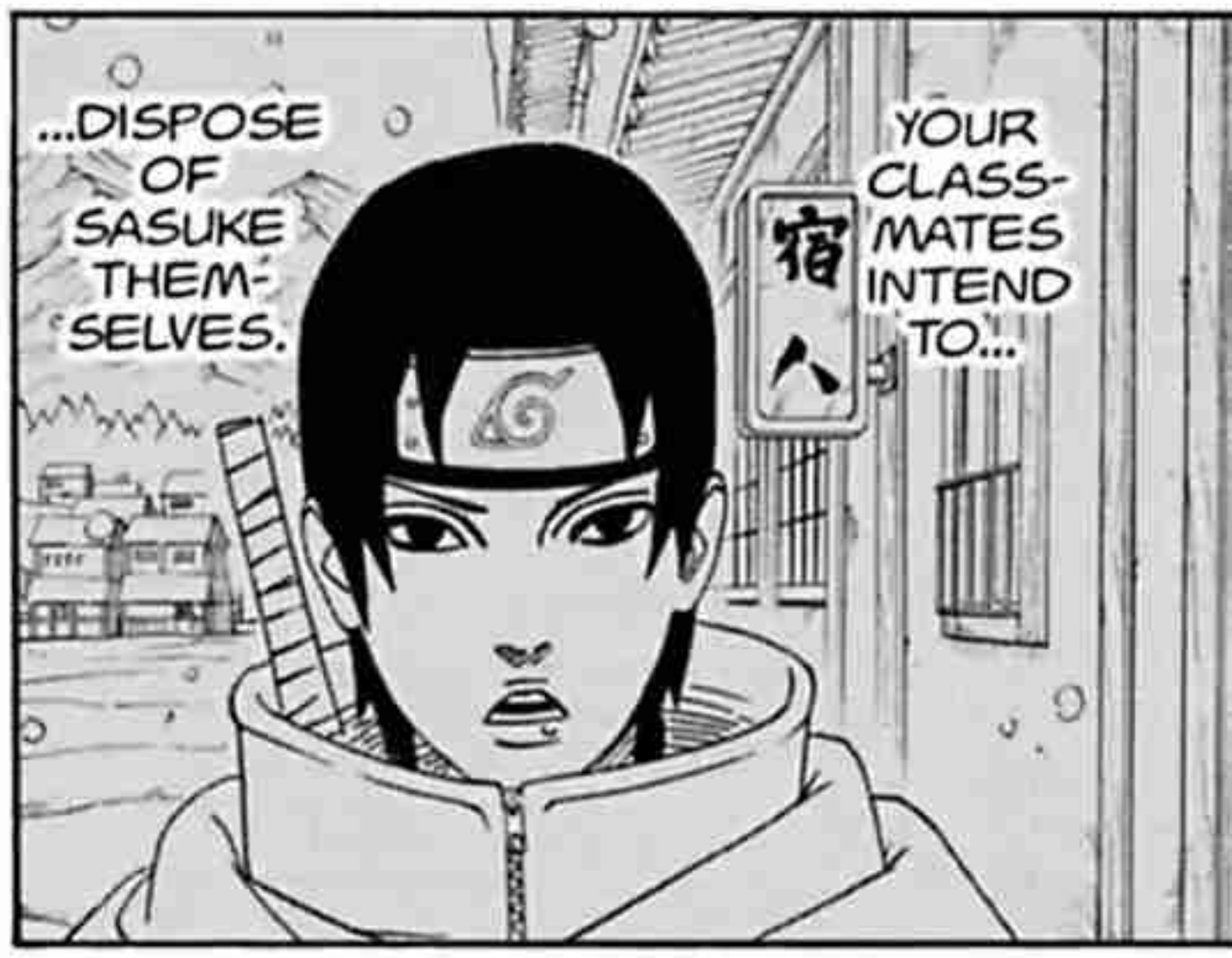

...FOR HIS VILLAGE, AND MOST OF ALL, FOR HIS LITTLE BROTHER...
UCHIHA ITACHI... HIS WHOLE LIFE WAS ABOUT SELF-SACRIFICE...


THAT ALL OF YOU ARE OBJECTS OF HIS VENGEANCE...
SASUKE SAID THAT HE COULD NOT FORGIVE KONOHA FOR SACRIFICING ITACHI'S LIFE AND ENJOYING THE PEACE GAINED FROM IT...

CAN YOU BLAME SASUKE NOW?
THUS SASUKE LOST EVERY-THING AND ENDED UP ALONE... THE PRICE OF KONOHA'S PEACE...

THE HATE... THAT IS SASUKE'S SHINOBI WAY!!
HE'S THE REAL THING... A TRUE AVENGER!


SHE'S NOT A CHILD WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION OR WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE.
SAKURA'S NO FOOL...


...DISPOSE OF SASUKE THEM-SELVES.
YOUR CLASS-MATES INTEND TO...
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...THEN YOU MUST DO WHAT NEEDS DOING, AS SASUKE'S FRIEND.
AND IF YOU TRULY HAVE RESOLVED TO TAKE ON THE MANTLE OF A SHADOW...
愛

SHE'S PLANNING TO KILL SASUKE HERSELF, ON HER OWN, ISN'T SHE?

READ THIS WAY
!
!
!
HUF
HUF
HUF!!
THD
...HUF
HUF...
HUF...
HUF!
HUF!
KLENCH
HUF!
HUF!
THU
HUF!
HUF!
MP
HUF!
SLOW YOUR BREATH-ING!
HE'S HYPER-VENTILATING!
NARUTO!
HUF!
HUF!
HUF!
CALM YOUR-SELF, NARUTO!

KA KA KA KA !!!
I ASKED YOU IF IT'S TRUE!!
GRIP

ARGH !!

HACK

ANSWER NOW!

UGH...

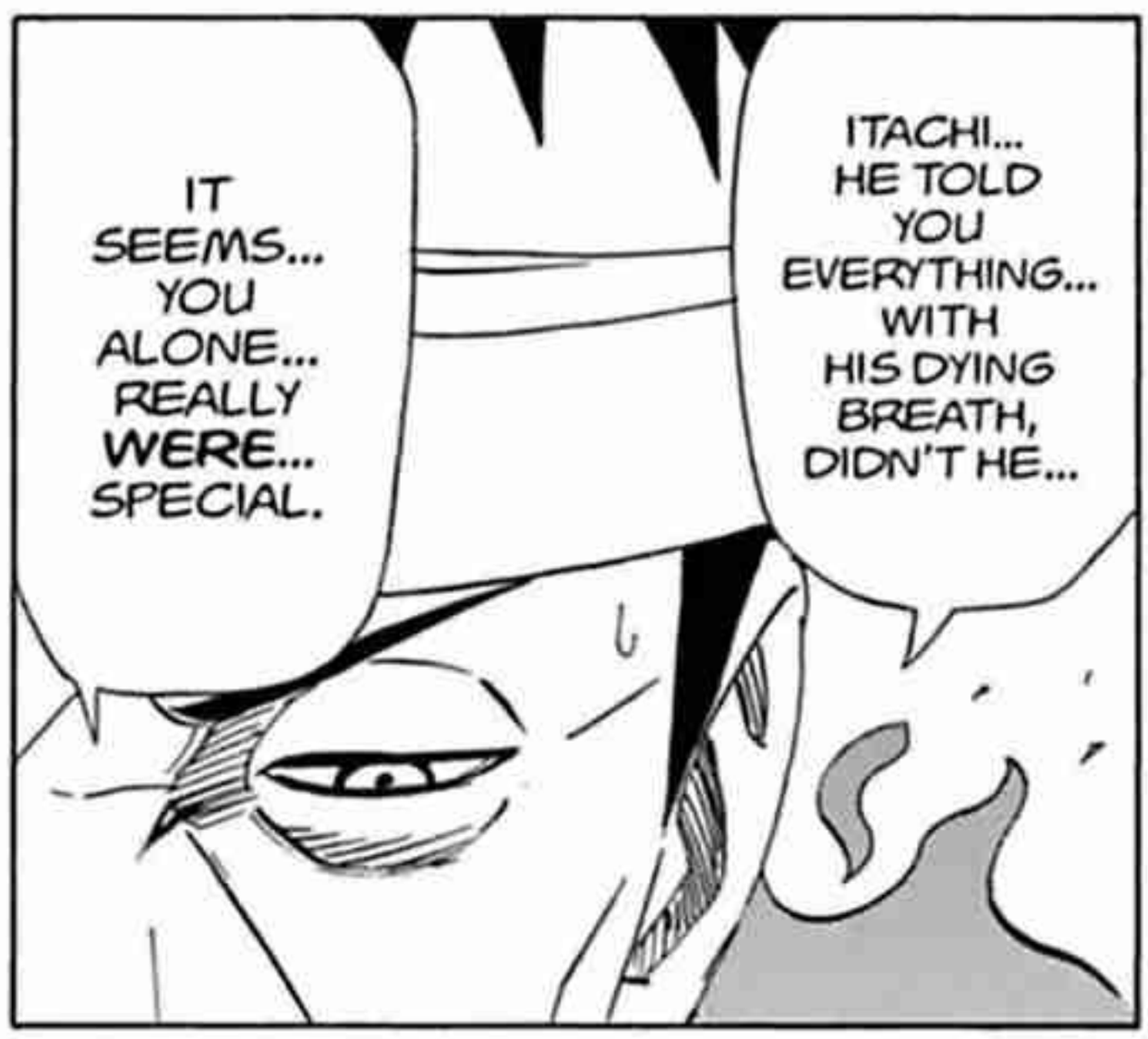
UNNNNNH!

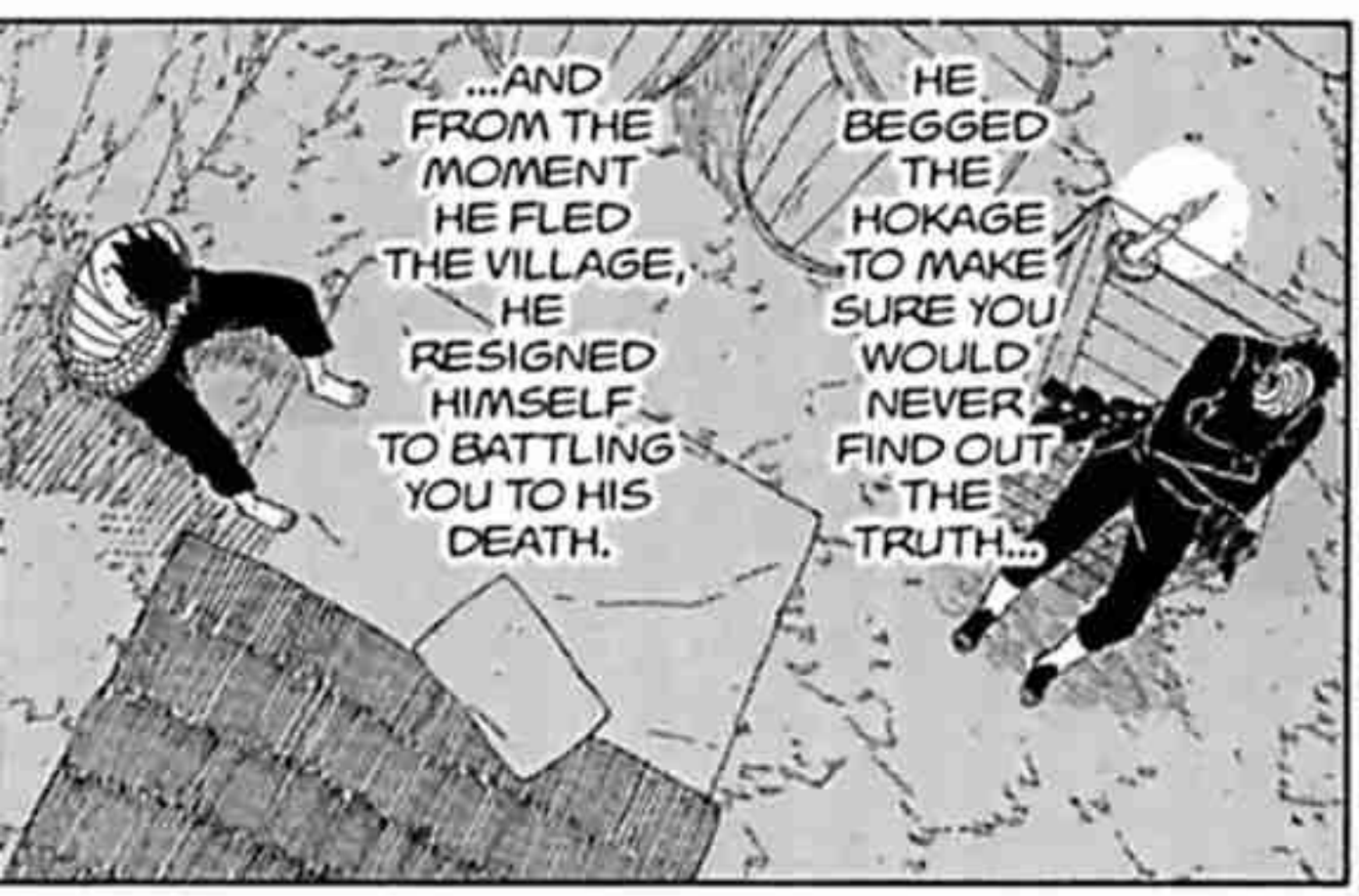
?!

...I... DIDN'T THINK HE WAS THAT KIND OF MAN...

...

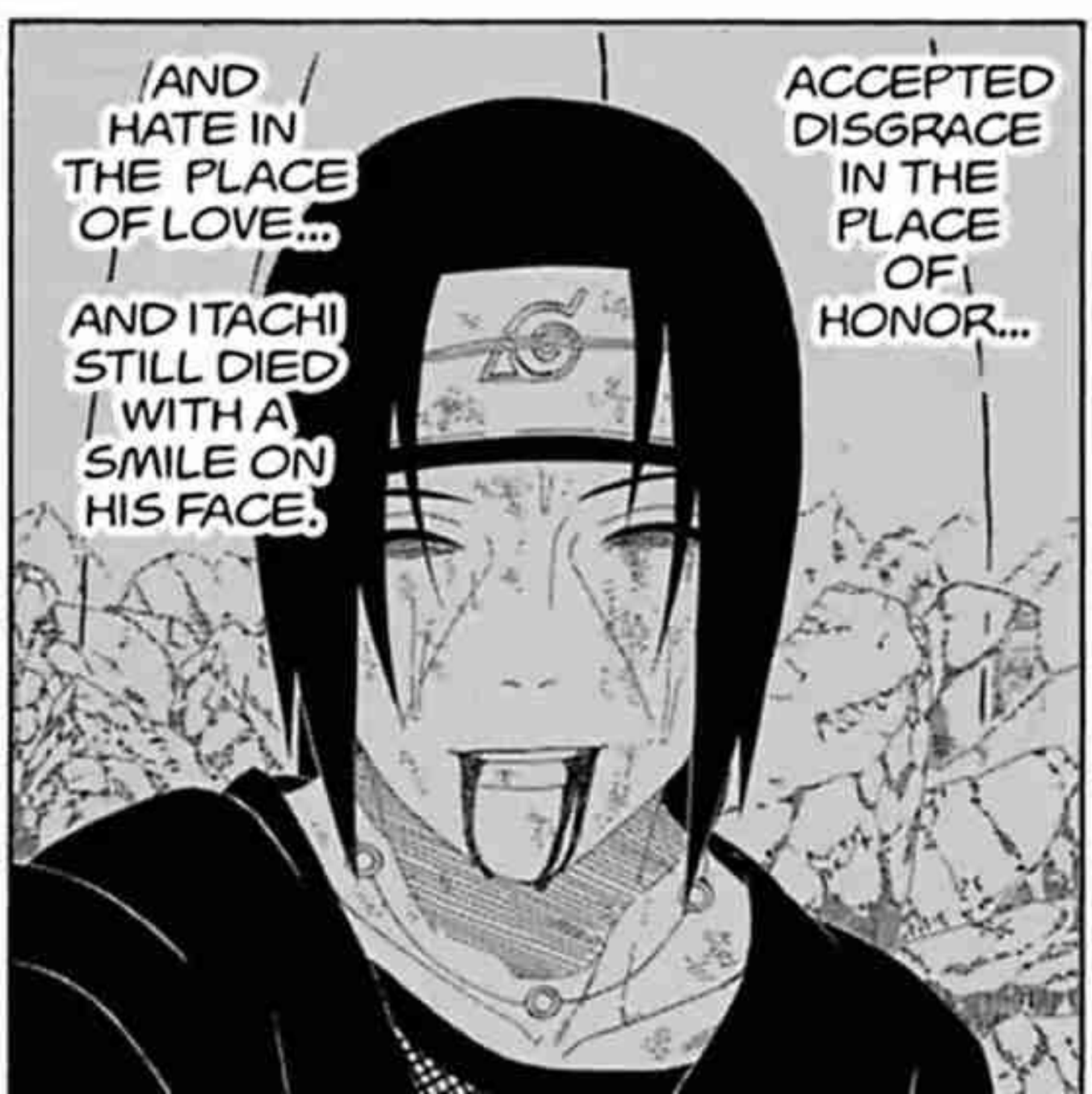
...!


ITACHI... HE TOLD YOU EVERYTHING... WITH HIS DYING BREATH, DIDN'T HE...
IT SEEMS... YOU ALONE... REALLY WERE... SPECIAL.


...AND FROM THE MOMENT HE FLED THE VILLAGE, HE RESIGNED HIMSELF TO BATTLING YOU TO HIS DEATH.
HE BEGGED THE HOKAGE TO MAKE SURE YOU WOULD NEVER FIND OUT THE TRUTH...

HE WANTED YOU TO BELIEVE THAT UCHIHA... WAS A PROUD CLAN OF KONOHAGAKURE.

...STILL FOOLING YOU TO THE VERY END.
HE BEQUEATHED TO YOU THE UCHIHA NAME...


AND HATE IN THE PLACE OF LOVE...
AND ITACHI STILL DIED WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE.
ACCEPTED DISGRACE IN THE PLACE OF HONOR...

SO IT IS...
...TRUE.
ZWOO

SELF-SACRIFICE... THAT IS THE MEANING OF SHINOBI.

NEVER TO SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY... DISTINGUISHED SERVANTS OF SHADOW... **THAT** IS THE TRUE FIGURE OF SHINOBI...

...SINCE ANCIENT TIMES.

AIEE...!

...

THIS WORLD COULD NOT FUNCTION... JUST ON IDEALS... AND PLEASANTRIES.

AND NOT JUST ITACHI, BUT MANY SHINOBI... HAVE DIED SO.

...FINALLY TRULY BETRAYED KONO...

...BUT ITACHI, BY REVEALING HIS SECRET TO YOU...

...MAY NOT UNDER-STAND...

YOU WHO HAVE **MISCON-STRUED**... ITACHI'S WILL...

...THAT PEACE HAS BEEN MAIN-TAINED.

IT IS THANKS... TO THEM...

DO NOT SPEAK FURTHER OF ITACHI.
DRIP
!!
SHUP
SURE. NEXT, LET'S BATTLE WITH OUR EYES INSTEAD.
HUH?!
SQUELCH

Number 477: Do Not Speak of Itachi

I ONLY SENSE ONE CHAKRA WITH DANZO'S SIGNATURE... SO THAT'S DEFINITELY NOT A SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER!
WHAT'S GOING ON?! HE SHOULD BE DEAD!!
!
FSH!
THE SUSANO'O... IS A SPLENDID ARMOR.
JUST AS I THOUGHT ...
...IS IT GENJUTSU ?!
THEN...
FWP

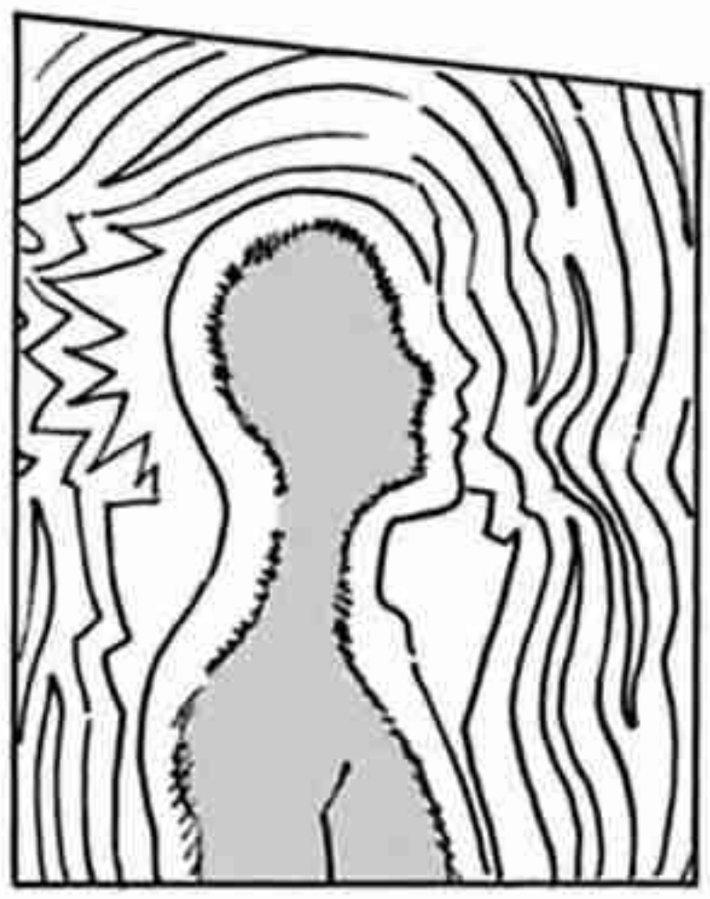
SMASH

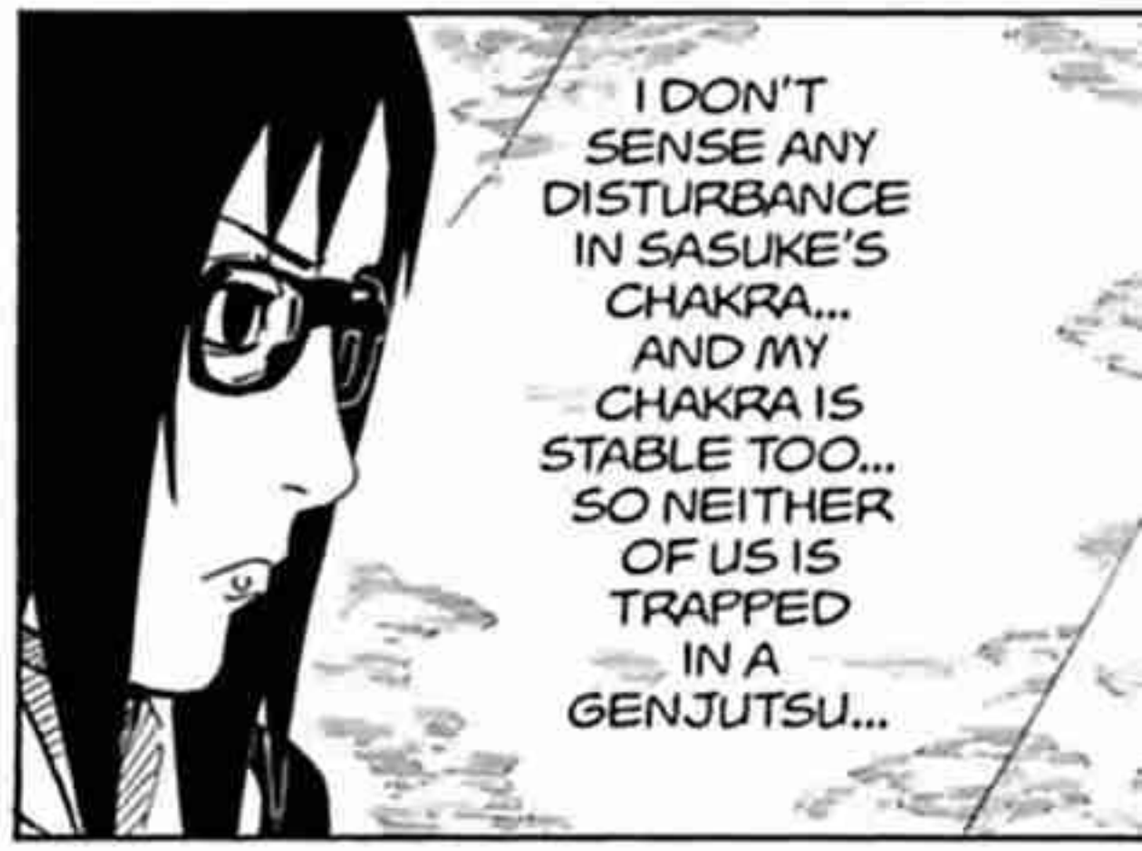
SQUELCH!

!

ITS ATTACK STRENGTH IS AWE-INSPIRING.

SHUP...





BAM
AIEE!!
BOOF
ZWOOO
BOOF

HMP.
FSH...
AMATERASU!!!
SHIN
VIIIS
H
DOOM
!

UGH !!

HUF
HUF
HUF

?!

FIRST SUSANO'O, NOW AMATERASU... YOU'LL EXHAUST YOURSELF.
IT'S WAY TOO MUCH FOR JUST TESTING HIS ABILITIES.

FABOSH
WOP
TMP

BEHIND YOU!!
PFOOO
FW
P
!!
WHOOSH
FÛTON SHINKÛGYOKU!!! WIND STYLE! VACUUM BULLETS!!
SLASH
FW
KUCHIYOSE SUMMONING !!
P
SPUTCH

BOOF

TMP

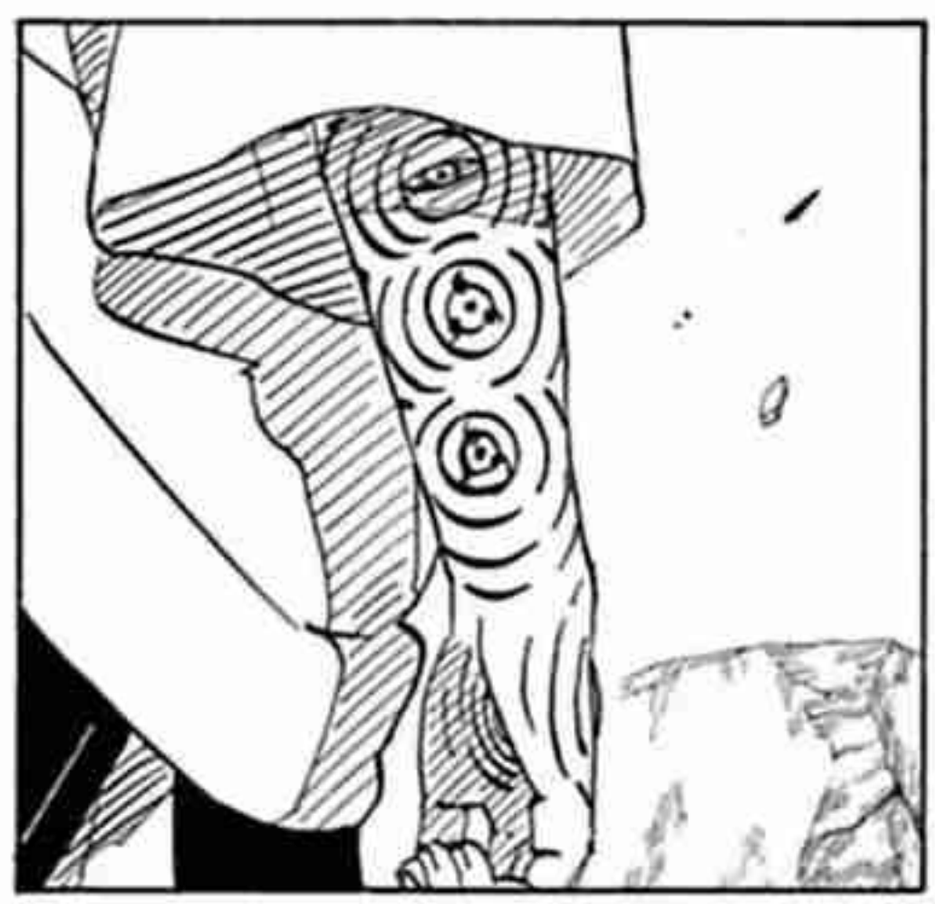
HUF
HUF

HO... A NEW KUCHI-YOSE, EH.
WHEN DID YOU GET IT?

PHEW ...

YOU TRULY ARE ITACHI'S YOUNGER BROTHER.
THE AMATERASU... IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE SEEN IT.

...!



FLAP
FLAP

...!

...

SSH...

READ THIS WAY
THE TRUTH ABOUT ITACHI ISN'T IMPORTANT TO YOU.
YOU JUST WANT TO DESTROY EVERYTHING WITH YOUR HATRED.
HOW COULD WHAT THEIR EYES PERCEIVE BE SO DIFFERENT ...?
TWO BROTHERS... WHOSE ABILITIES ARE IDENTICAL ...
I TOLD YOU, DO NOT SPEAK OF ITACHI!
FSH
YOU ARE LAYING WASTE TO THE UCHIHA CLAN'S SACRIFICE!

FÛTON SHINKÛHA!!! WIND STYLE! VACUUM BLAST!!!
FOOOO
ZAK
JNNK

SHING
!!
THIS IS...
...
SWOOO...
PLIP..
SSH
...!!
!!
DN
K

SHUP

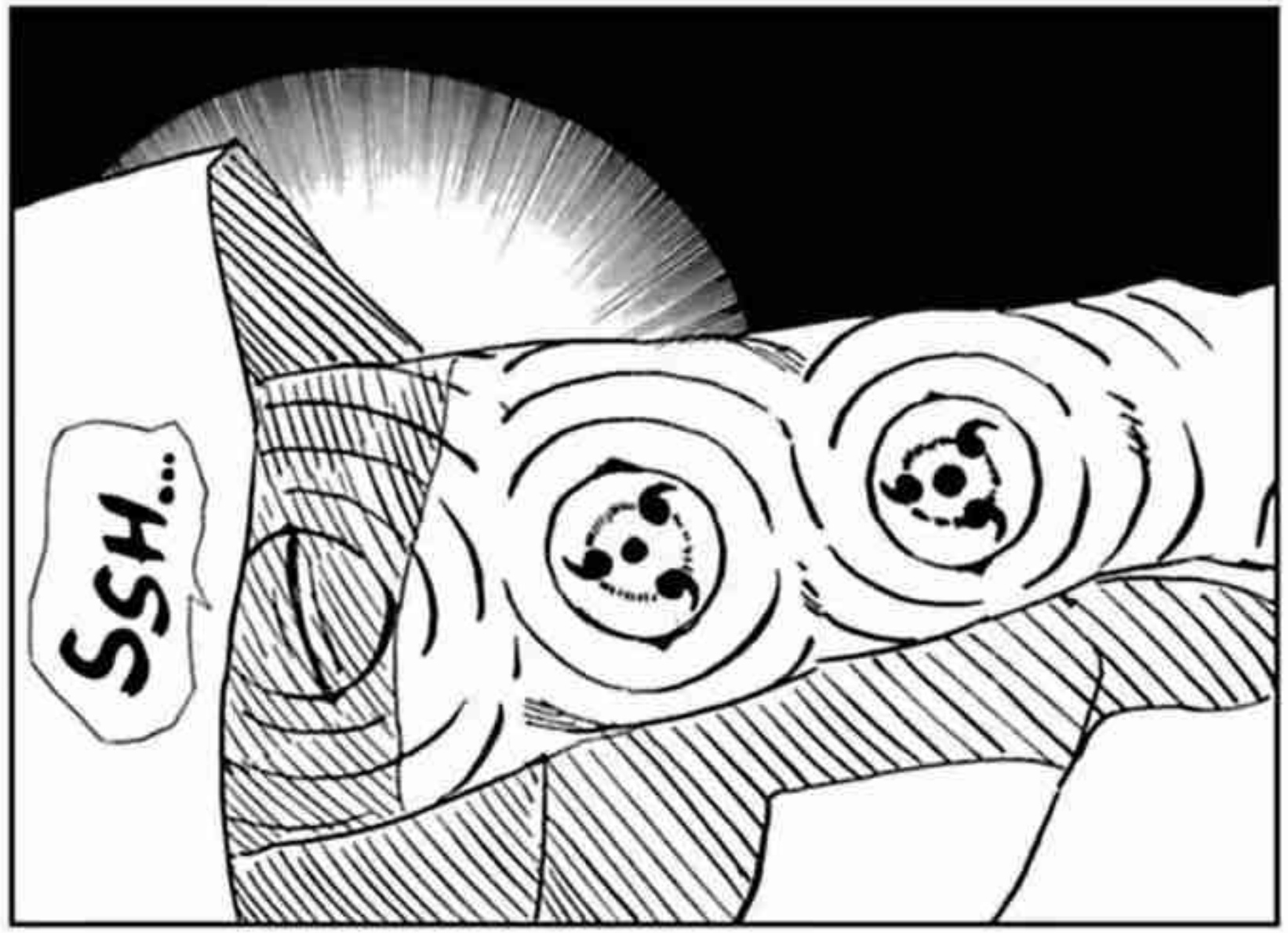
IT'S USE-LESS.

GRRR

FLAP FLAP FLAP

?!

READ THIS WAY
FLAP FLAP
!
SWOOSH
YOU ...!!


SSH...

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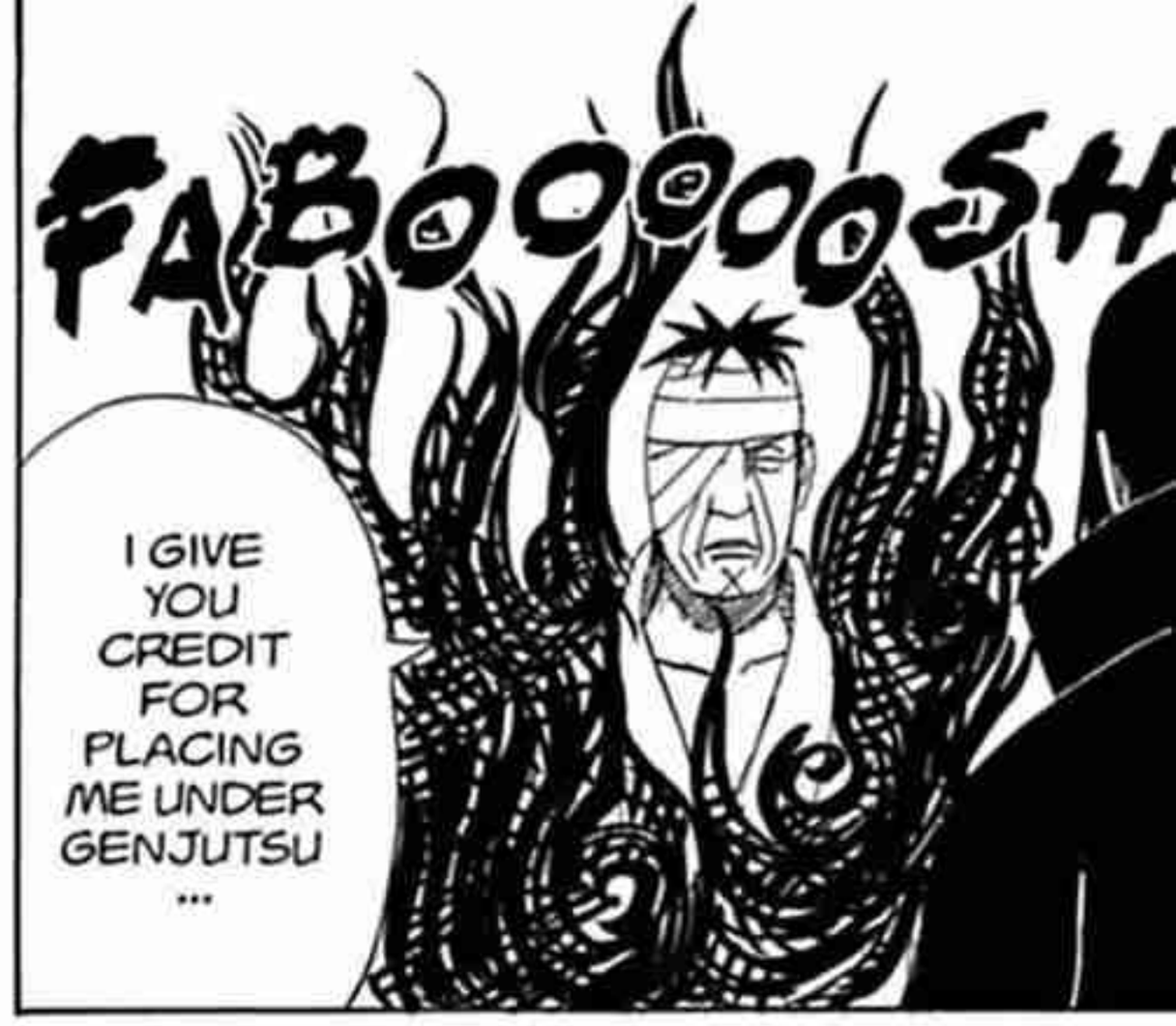
BWOIP!!!
DIE ...!

!

WOO-SH
AMATERASU !!
Sasuke's Susano'o...!!

FA-BOOSH
PRRRR
PRRRRR

FABOOOSH


FABOOOOOSH
I GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR PLACING ME UNDER GENJUTSU ...

FSH

FFT...

?!

HOW-EVER ...

ZZZZZZ

ZZZZZZ
WOOO...

SASUKE! THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!!
WHY'D YOU STOP ?!!

...IT'S A FAR CRY FROM ITACHI'S TSUKUYOMI, IN WHICH HE FREELY MANIPULATED TIME WITHIN THE DREAM-SCAPE.
AS DIFFERENT AS NIGHT AND DAY.
ZZZZZZ
ZZZZZZ
UGH ...

...

SASUKE... YOU CAN'T MOVE?!
?!

HE MUST HAVE SPRUNG IT THEN...
A CURSE MARK OF PARALYSIS, EH...

I OUGHTN'T NEED TO USE ANY NINJUTSU AGAINST THIS ONE.
TMP
...
TAK
BO OM
ARGH !!
BAM
SO HE WANTS TO PRESERVE HIS CHAKRA...
TAIJUTSU, EH...
...
NNNN...
NNNN...

SHNG
!
KIA TTA

RELEASE!

SHUP

...

WHICH MEANS IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO HIDE THE INFOR-MATION ANY LONGER...
IF SASUKE KNOWS THE TRUTH ABOUT ITACHI, THEN THE AKATSUKI MUST AS WELL...

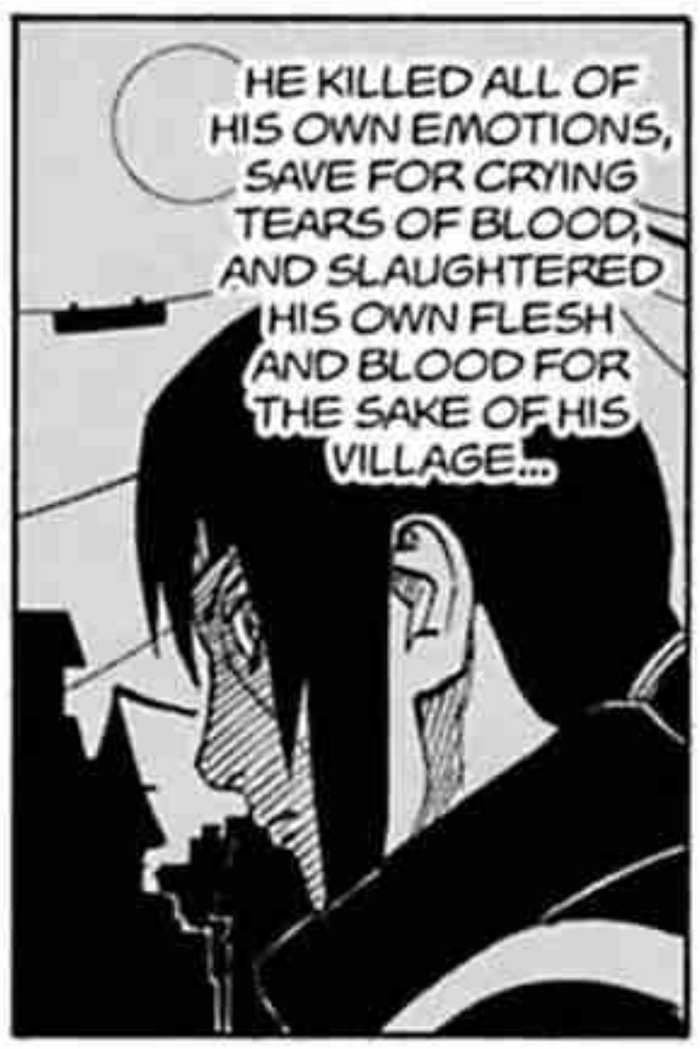
THIS BOY... HE'S YOUR ULTIMATE ...
LOOK AT HIM... THE STATE HE'S IN...
KLAK

SASUKE !!
UGH ...!
WOM
THROB

WHY, ITACHI...? WHY WAS IT NECESSARY TO SAVE THE LIFE OF SUCH TRASH...?
KLAK
STOP

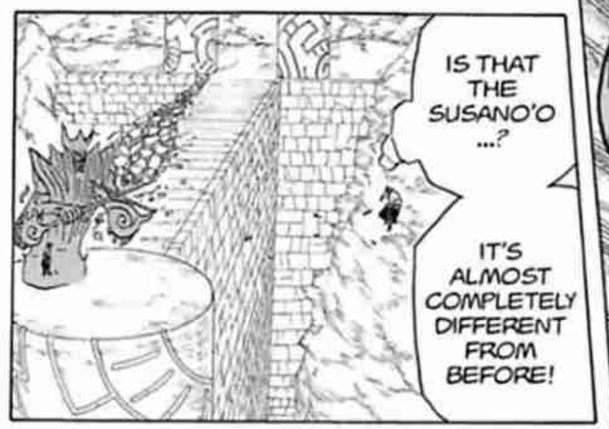
...MISTAKE, WITHOUT A DOUBT.

DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT THAT MEANS?
...BUT HE JUST COULDN'T BRING HIMSELF TO KILL YOU.


HE KILLED ALL OF HIS OWN EMOTIONS, SAVE FOR CRYING TEARS OF BLOOD, AND SLAUGHTERED HIS OWN FLESH AND BLOOD FOR THE SAKE OF HIS VILLAGE...

...HE COULD NOT KILL...
BUT HIS LITTLE BROTHER ALONE...

ZWOO
TAK
?!!
UGH!
!!
ZWP
...!
SWOOO
SWOO
SWOO
TO HIM, YOUR LIFE...



...WAS MORE PRECIOUS THAN EVEN THE VILLAGE!

RAAAAR!!

TOOO

TMP
WUMP WUMP!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED!
I CAN'T WEAVE THE SIGNS IN TIME!
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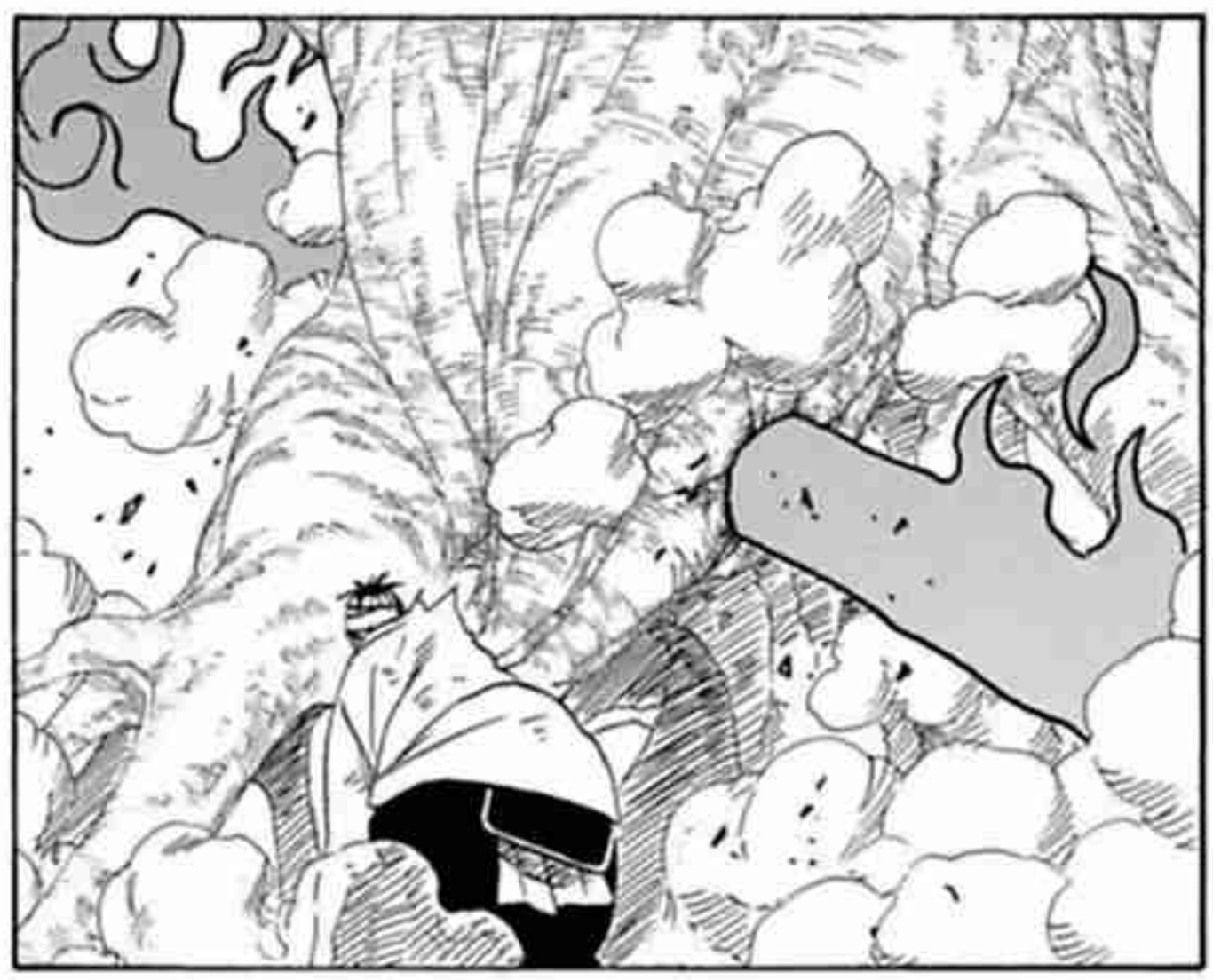
ZW

ZWOOOO

?!!

I JUST MANAGED TO DIVERT ITS PATH...



IT SEEMS OROCHIMARU WAS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH DANZO.

I THOUGHT HE WAS IMMORTAL...
...WHY DODGE SUSANO'O'S ATTACK, ESPECIALLY AT SUCH A COST?
DANZO'S CHAKRA LEVEL PLUNGED ?!

AAH, NOW IT MAKES SENSE... WITH THAT MANY SHARINGAN... I KNEW THERE HAD TO BE SOME SECRET FOR SOMEONE NOT OF UCHIHA TO BE ABLE TO USE THEM...
THAT... WAS MOKUTON ...

HE HAD THE FIRST HOKAGE'S CELLS IMPLANTED INSIDE HIM TO ENHANCE HIS PHYSICAL ENERGY.

SHUP

SPLCH

READ THIS WAY
未
SHEEP
FWp
亥
BOAR
BUT IT'S TOO LATE!
FWp
卯
RABBIT
FWp
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S CAUGHT ON TO ME A BIT.
FSH
!
SO THAT WOMAN IS A SENSORY TYPE?!
G-G-
G-G-
!

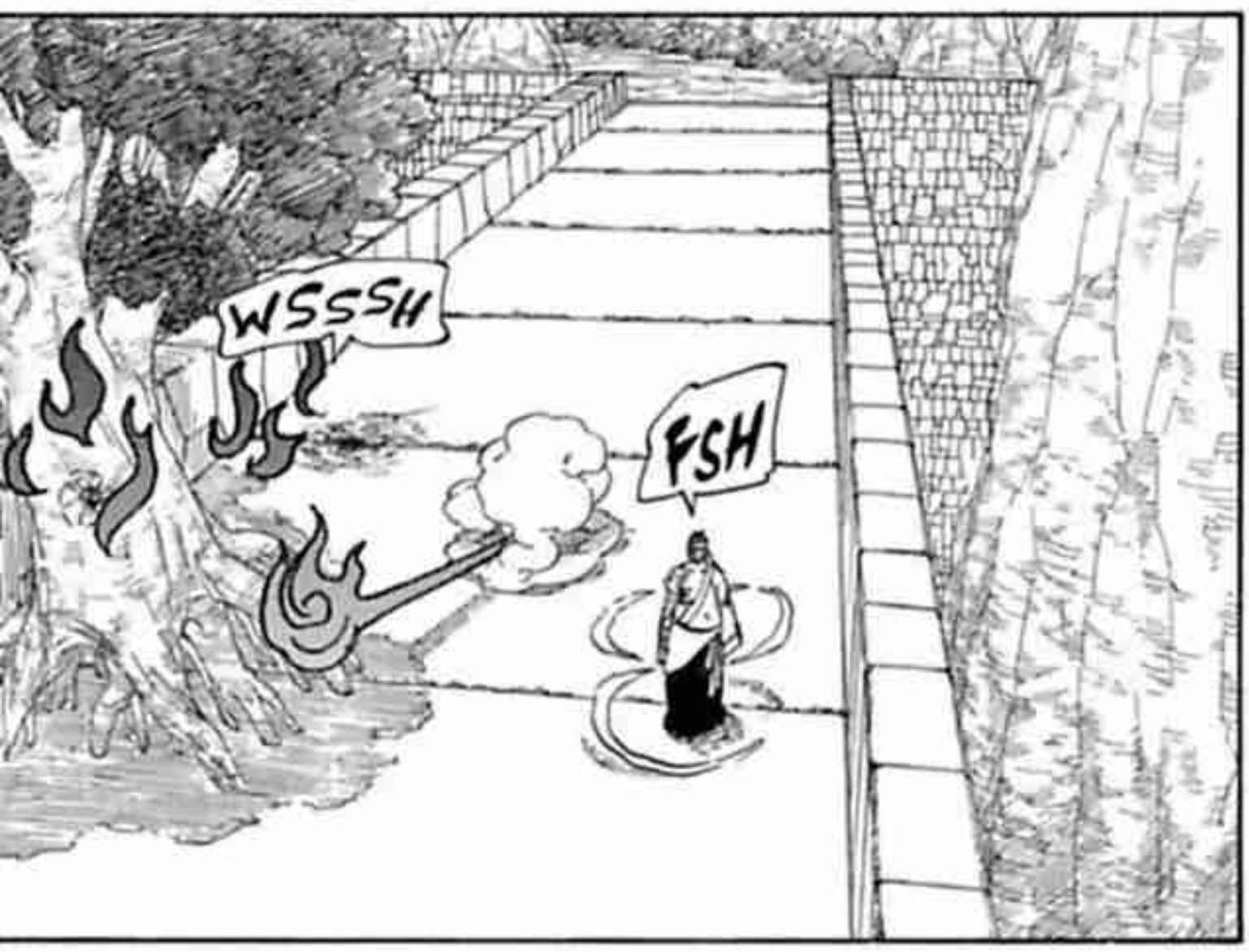
!!

POW

GAH!!
...SO SASUKE WASN'T IN TIME...
Kiiiiiiii

HE'D LAUNCHED THAT OTHER JUTSU!!
THAT'S IT! I KNEW IT! AS SOON AS DANZO WEAVED THOSE SIGNS, THE FEEL OF HIS CHAKRA SHIFTED JUST SLIGHTLY!
...I'M PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PICK THAT UP.

HUF
HUF
HUF


WSSSH
FSH

SWOOO...

PFOOOO...

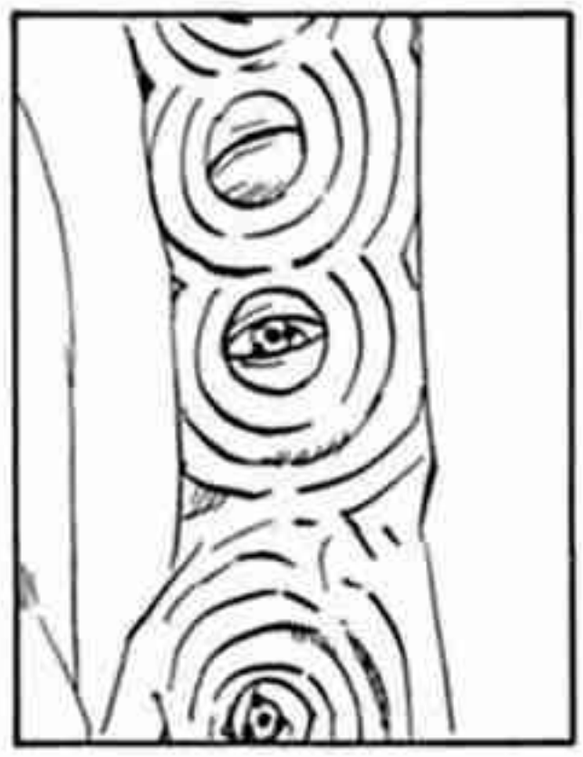
UNH...

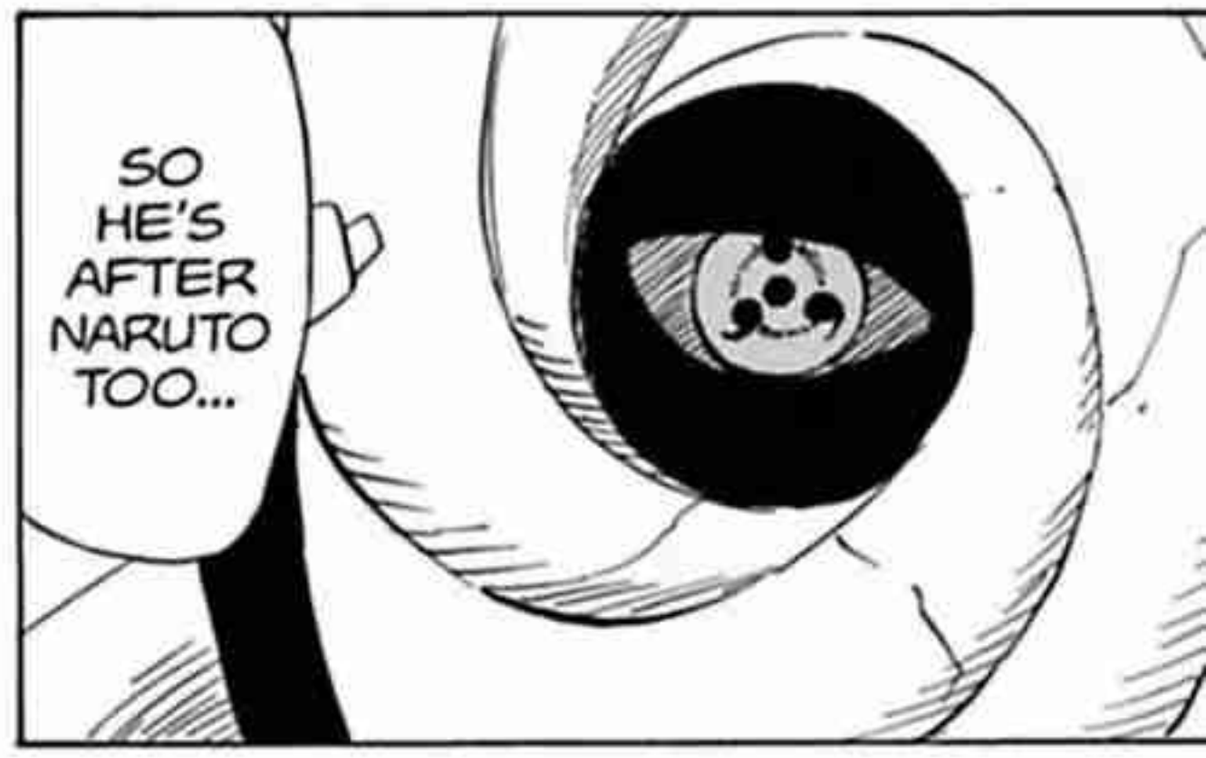
...PLUS THE FIRST HOKAGE'S CELLS...
AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, THERE ARE TEN SHARINGAN ON THAT ARM...

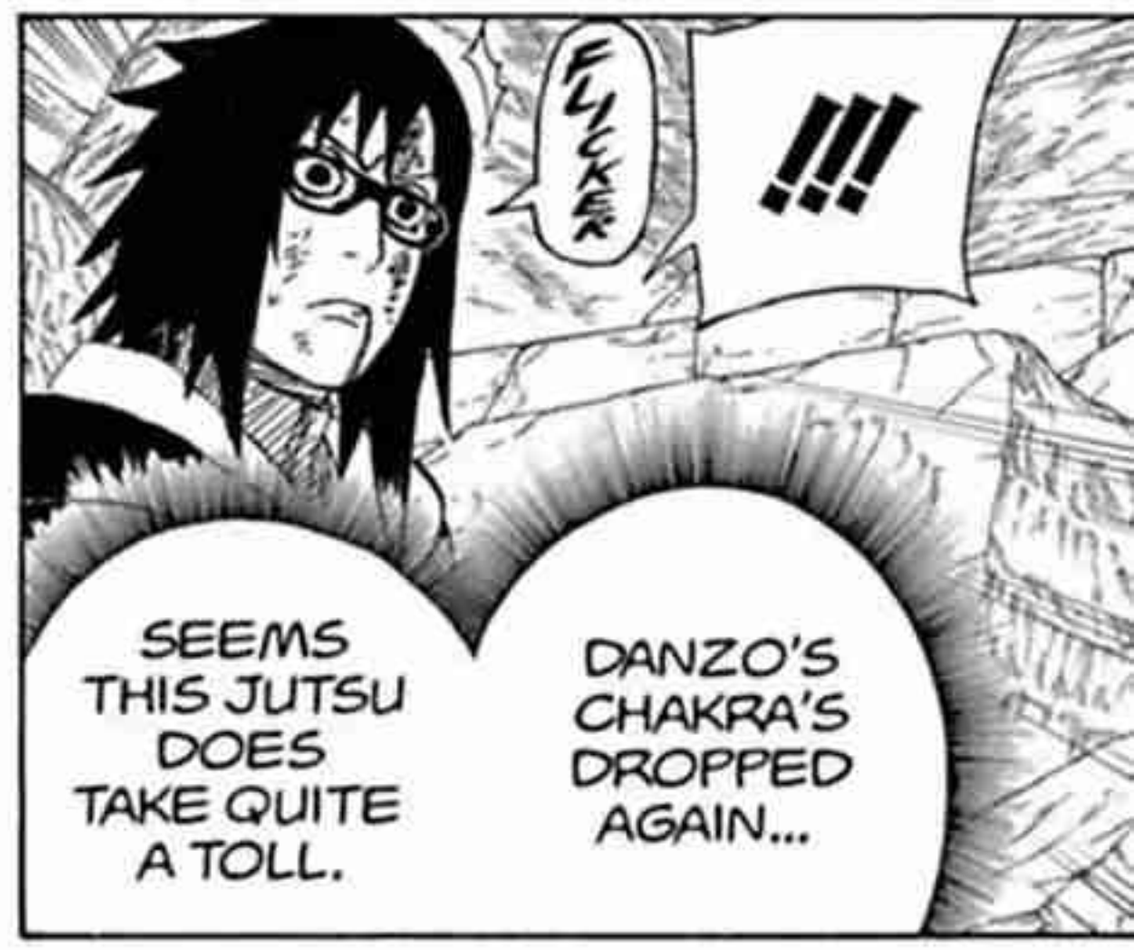
...BUT THOSE THREE EYES STAYED SHUT...
SO HE RECAST THAT JUTSU AND RETURNED TO THE PREVIOUS DANZO...
!

LOOKS LIKE HE'S PLANNING TO CONTROL NINE TAILS.

UCHIHA'S POWER AND HASHIRAMA'S POWER...







READ THIS WAY
...
THERE'S NO MISTAKE...
THAT, AND ONE MORE THING... THOSE SHARINGAN ON THAT RIGHT ARM ARE LINKED TO HIS JUTSU, I KNOW IT!
THERE'S SOME SECRET TO THOSE EYES THAT KEEP CLOSING!
THE IZANAGI!
THIS IS AN OCULAR JUTSU THAT HAS BEEN FORBIDDEN EVEN AMONG THE UCHIHA...

NARUTO

Number 479: The Izanagi

THE IZANAGI...

KBA

...WHERE FOR A FEW SECONDS' SPAN OF TIME...

TH WUG

ARGH!

BOOM

BLP

...

FSSSH...

...ANYTHING DISADVANTA-GEOUS TO THE CASTER, DAMAGE OR EVEN DEATH, CAN BE REWRITTEN AS A DREAM...

READ THIS WAY
WIND STYLE! GIANT VACUUM BULLETS !!!
PFFOOO...
FW
FW
PP
PFOO
HUF
HUF
...AND ANYTHING ADVANTA-GEOUS, SUCH AS THE CASTER'S ATTACKS, ARE KEPT AS PART OF REALITY.
BAM

...THAT BLURS THE BORDER BETWEEN FANTASY AND REALITY !!

AN ULTIMATE GENJUTSU CAST UPON ONESELF ...

READ THIS WAY
...
VREEEEE...
HE BECAME OROCHIMARU'S LAB RAT IN ORDER TO EXTEND IT...
THE DURATION OF THE IZANAGI IS VARIABLE.
WITH THAT MANY EYES...
THAT ARROW ATTACK... DIFFICULT TO DODGE...
FIGHTING SUSANO'O WON'T BE EASY, EITHER ...
...BUT I NEED TO BE READY TO FIGHT HIM...
IT'LL BE SOME TIME BEFORE MY RIGHT EYE RECOVERS FROM THE SUMMIT...
THAT MADARA... THERE'S NO SIGN HE'LL JOIN THE BATTLE...
KUCHIYOSE SUMMONING!
...HEDGE MY BETS ON THIS NEXT MINUTE...
FSH
I HAVE TO FINISH THIS...
ONLY FIVE LEFT...
...I CAN'T UNDO THE IZANAGI YET...
SQUICH

!!

G-G-G-

UGH!

RRRRRR

TA

WOOOO

BOOM

VWROOOAR!!

UGH!
SKRE
ZWOOO
NO MATTER WHAT!
I WILL NOT LOSE SIGHT OF DANZO!
THMP
...A MONSTER THAT DEVOURS NIGHTMARES... IT'S A LOT BIGGER THAN I IMAGINED...
KUCHI-YOSE... A TAPIR...
UNH!

READ THIS WAY
AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE TAPIR'S INHALATION POWER, HERE IS A RAMPED-UP...
THE SUSANO'O CANNOT MOVE...
JUMP
!!
TMP
WIND STYLE!! VACUUM BLAST BARRAGE !!!

THE CHINK IN THE ARMOR OF THE SUSANO'O... IS HERE!

ZWOO

ZWOO

FIREBALL TECHNIQUE !!!

PF

KATON FIRE STYLE!

GHO

!

ULP !!

Mp

READ THIS WAY
...CLEVER, TO USE THE TAPIR'S INHALATION... SASUKE.
KATON, EH...
59...
57...
56...
58...
SLAM
THD
BOOF
YAWWR ...
60.
SSH

KLUNK

HUF
HUF
UGH...
SWOO

...AND DANZO'S CHAKRA KEEPS DROPPING RAPIDLY ALL THE WHILE.
THOSE EYES... ONE SHUTS ABOUT EVERY 60 SECONDS...

ALTHOUGH HE MIGHT STILL HAVE OTHER EYES STOCKED UP ELSE-WHERE.
JUST FOUR LEFT!
WHICH MEANS ANOTHER 240 SECONDS OR SO. THE MAXIMUM REMAINING TIME FOR HIS JUTSU IS ABOUT FOUR MINUTES!

SHUP...
IN SHORT, THAT RIGHT ARM CAN BE USED TO MEASURE THE DURATION OF ACTION OF HIS WEIRD JUTSU!

EVEN A MUTUAL STRIKE WOULD BE A WIN TO DANZO!
...SO DANZO'S GOT TO BE DESPERATE TO TAKE SASUKE DOWN WHILE THE JUTSU IS STILL UP AND RUNNING.
YSH

WHOOSH
!!
FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, THIS JUTSU ALLOWS DANZO'S ATTACKS TO BE SUCCESSFUL BUT SASUKE'S ATTACKS TO BE INEFFECTIVE...

HUF
HUF
WHEN ALL TEN OF THOSE EYES ON YOUR RIGHT ARM SHUT THEIR LIDS...
...YOUR JUTSU WILL BE UNDONE.
LISTEN UP, ALL RIGHT ?!
SASUKE! I THINK I'M STARTING TO GET HIS JUTSU!
HUF
HUF

...YOU SMART ALEC.
TRAPPED ME INTO AN ADMISSION, EH.
PFF

AS I SUS-PECTED!
TAK

...KNEW ABOUT THE IZANAGI?
YOU...

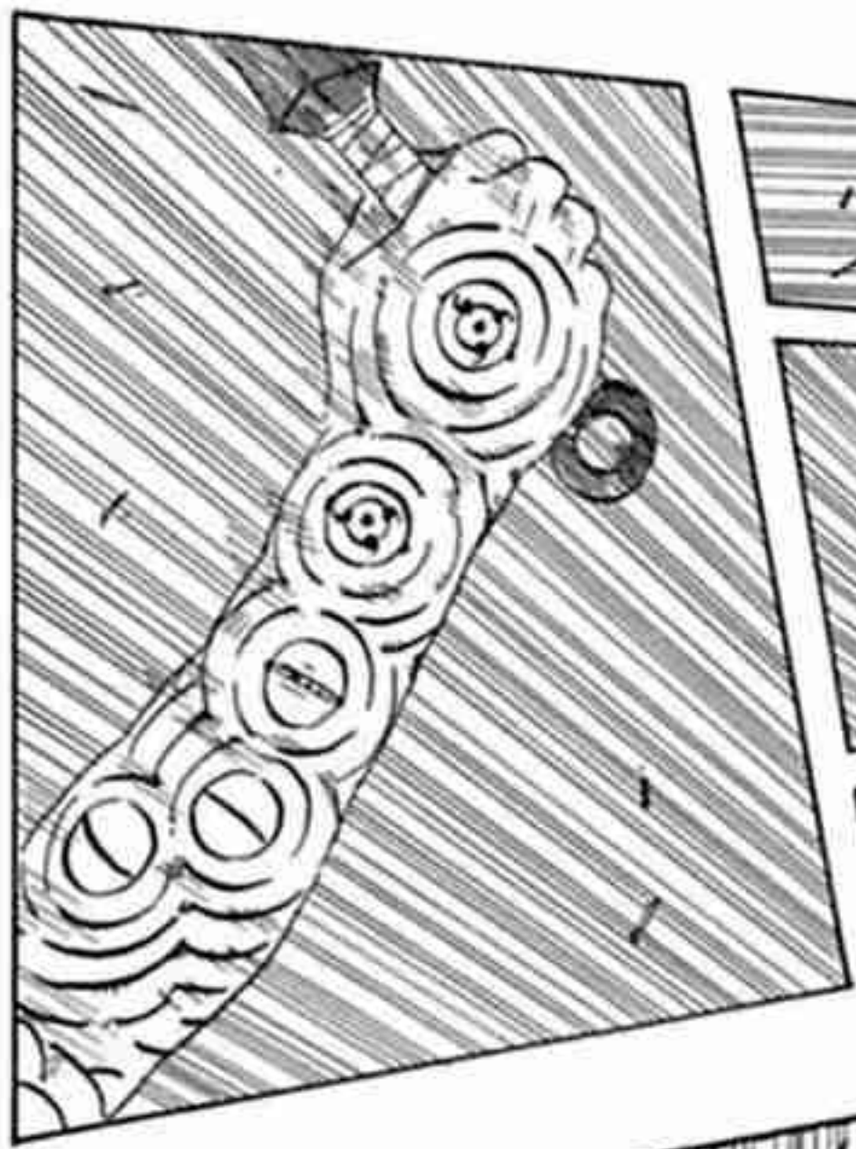
SASUKE HAS LONG KNOWN... THAT THIS BATTLE WILL BE WON BY WHOEVER OUTLASTS THE OTHER.

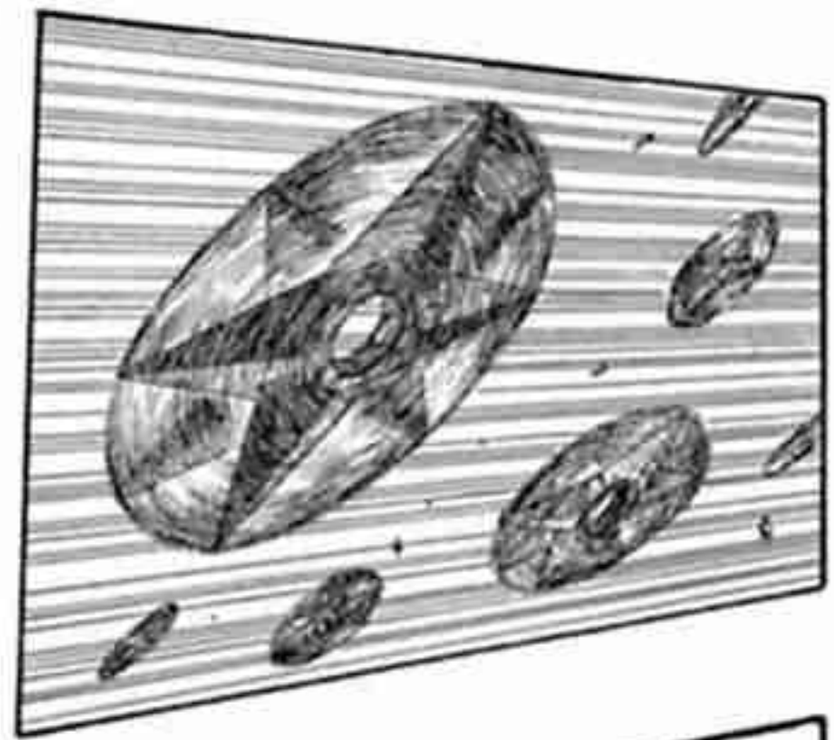
SASUKE IS PRESSING HIM WITH THE SUPER-FAST, SUPER-STRONG SUSANO'O TO FORCE DANZO TO CONTINUE USING THE IZANAGI AND THUS USE IT UP.

THAT WOULD BE POINTLESS... FOR IN THAT CASE, DANZO WOULD JUST UNDO THE IZANAGI...

FSH

TMP
SHWOO

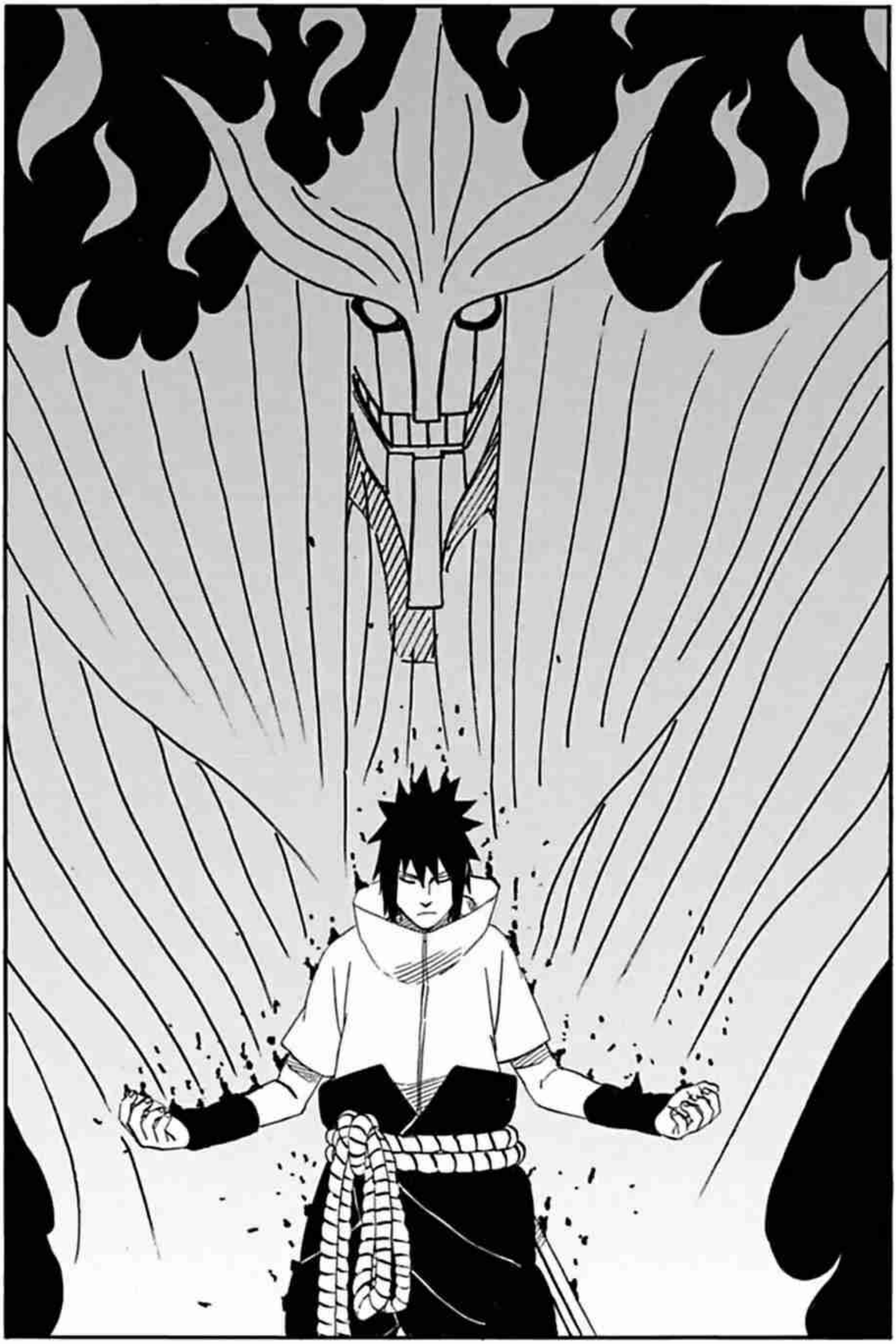




WHAM

NARUTO

Number 480: Sacrifice



I GUESS THIS IS THE EXTENT... OF SASUKE'S POWER.

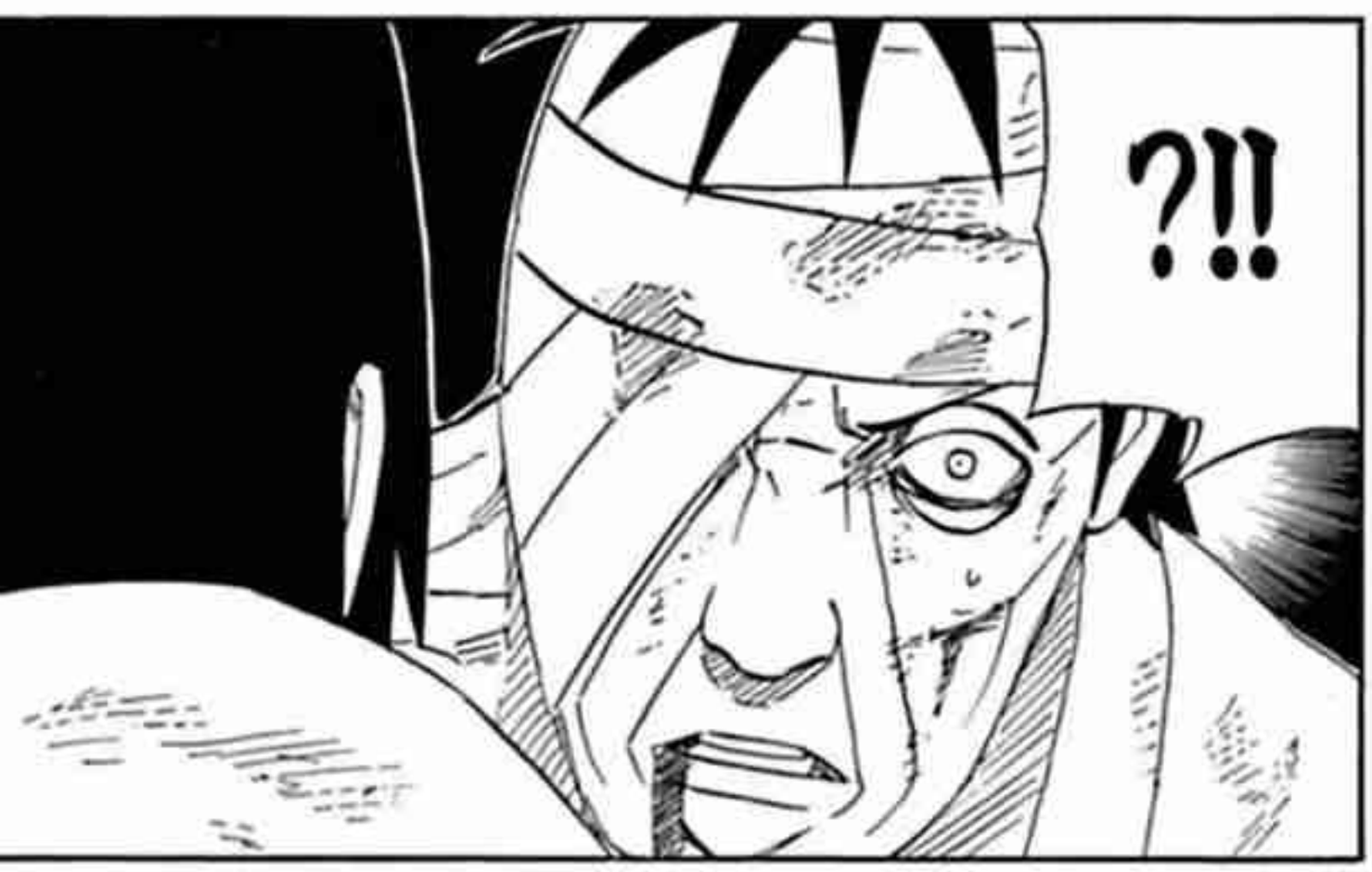
...?!

UGH ...!

I...
...WIN.

...YOU NEED A LECTURE...
GO TO ITACHI...
HUF
HAA

MY LAST EYE IS STILL OPEN...
YOU WERE TOO HASTY...


?!!

...I FEEL... THAT'S ...!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

...WHAT... IS THIS?!

HUF
HUF

WHY WON'T THE IZANAGI ACTIVATE ?!!

UNH!

HUF

HUF

JKK JKK...

!!

...IT'S A FAR CRY FROM ITACHI'S TSUKUYOMI, IN WHICH HE FREELY MANIPULATED TIME WITHIN THE DREAMSCAPE.

DANZO... AS YOU SAID...

HUF
HUF
...

SSH

YOU ...

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO ITACHI...
SWOO...
BZZZ...

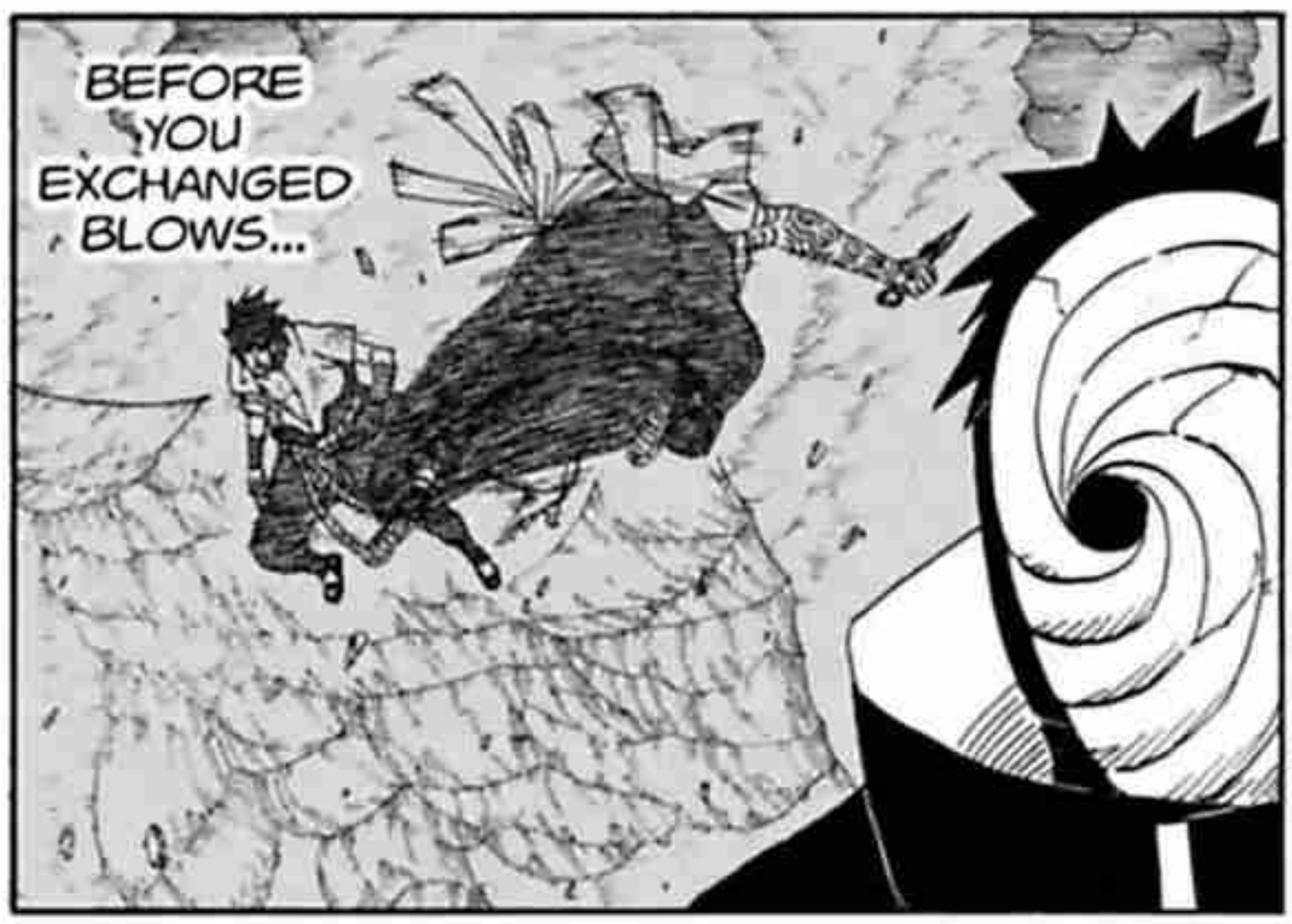
AHA! JUST AS I THOUGHT, THIS DANZO IS THE REAL DEAL!

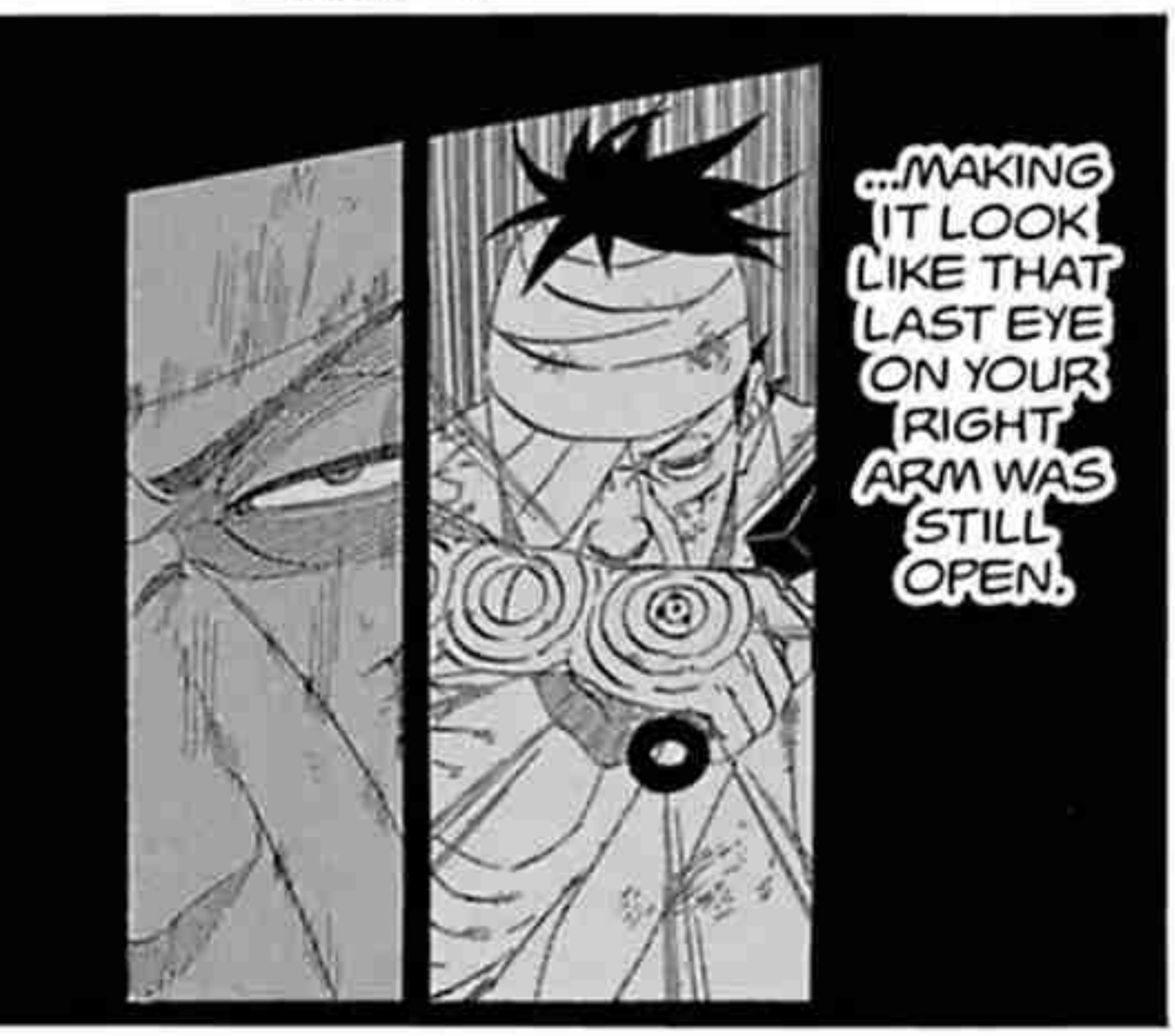
HUF
ZZ...
HUF

HAK
FWUMP

BUT EVEN WEAK LITTLE GENJUTSU WITH NO STAYING POWER...

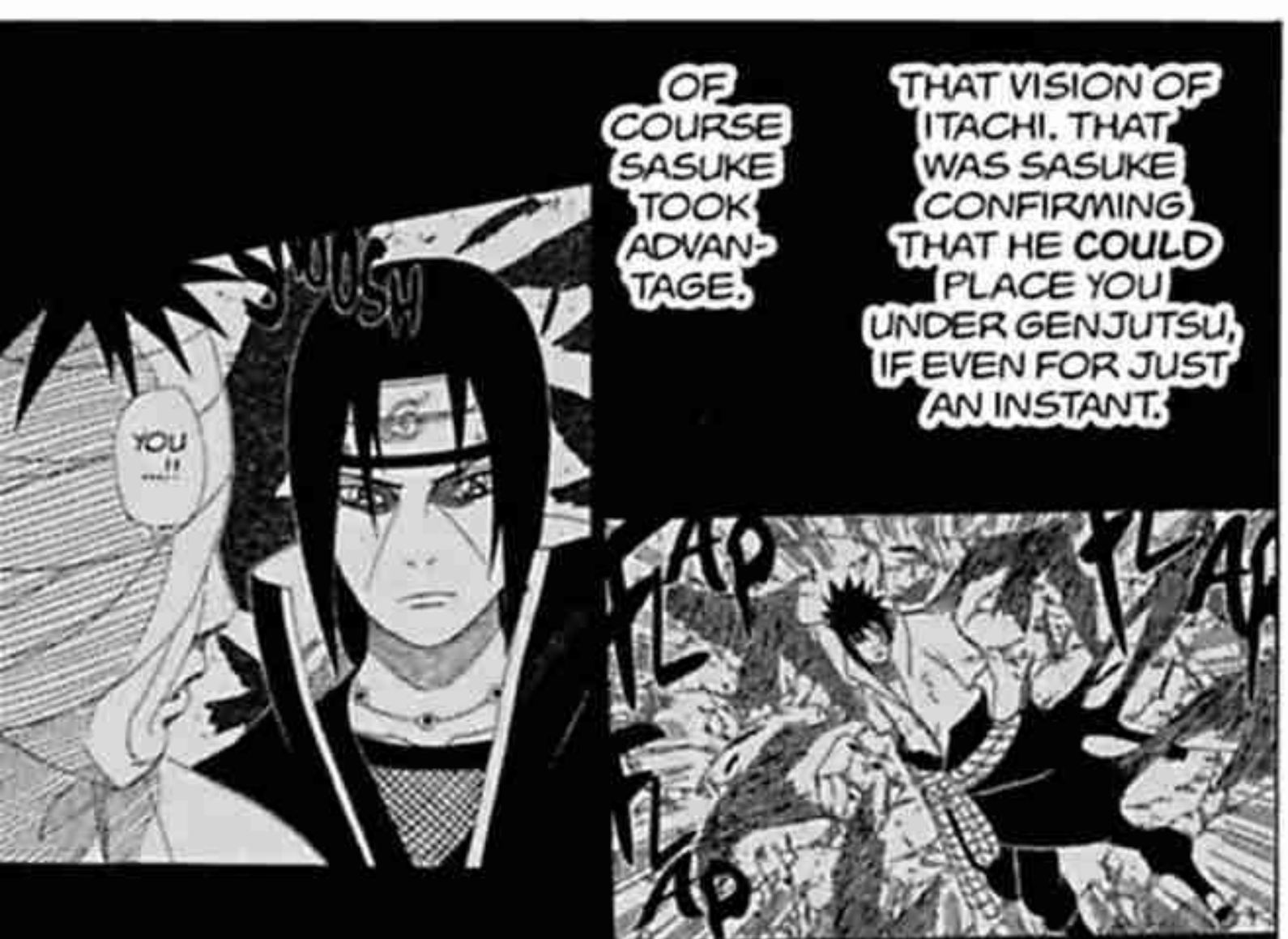
...CAN BE MIGHTY, BASED ON HOW IT IS USED...




...MAKING IT LOOK LIKE THAT LAST EYE ON YOUR RIGHT ARM WAS STILL OPEN.

...SASUKE HAD PLACED A GENJUTSU...

SASUKE NOTICED.
UNH
YOU KEPT CHECKING THE SHARINGAN ON YOUR RIGHT ARM TO JUDGE THE IZANAGI'S INEXACT DURATION TIME.


YOU ...!!
OF COURSE SASUKE TOOK ADVAN-TAGE.
THAT VISION OF ITACHI. THAT WAS SASUKE CONFIRMING THAT HE COULD PLACE YOU UNDER GENJUTSU, IF EVEN FOR JUST AN INSTANT.
FLAP
FLAP

SASUKE WANTED TO MAKE YOU THINK THE IZANAGI WOULD LAST LONGER...

THAT ARROGANCE LED TO YOUR DEFEAT.
BECAUSE YOU POSSESS SHARINGAN, YOU UNDER-ESTIMATED HOW TO USE IT IN BATTLE...

UNH... UGH...

DO NOT MOCK THE UCHIHA.
MUF
MUF
NOW THAT'S BATTLING WITH YOUR EYES.

UNNH
LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE SHISUI'S EYE SOON.
THE FOUNDATION OUGHT TO HAVE STAYED BURIED UNDER-GROUND.

GOOD JOB PRESSING HIM AS FAR AS YOU DID, SASUKE.
DANZO COULDN'T USE SHISUI'S EYE, STILL...

HERE!
FSH
UNH ...
DRB
WHAP
HURRY UP! BITE ME!!

UGH...
SHUMP
SASUKE ...!
TMP

I CANNOT GO DOWN HERE, OR DIE YET!!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! HOW COULD I LOSE... TO SUCH A BRAT?!!
HUF
HUF

AAAH ...!
CHOMP

I SEE NOW WHY SASUKE CHOSE HER.
THAT WOMAN... GOOD TO BRING HER ALONG... SHE'S USEFUL.

?!!

AAAARGH!!

WOOOO

NO!! AT THIS RATE, I'LL BE TAKEN OVER BY THE FIRST LORD'S CELLS!

WOOOO

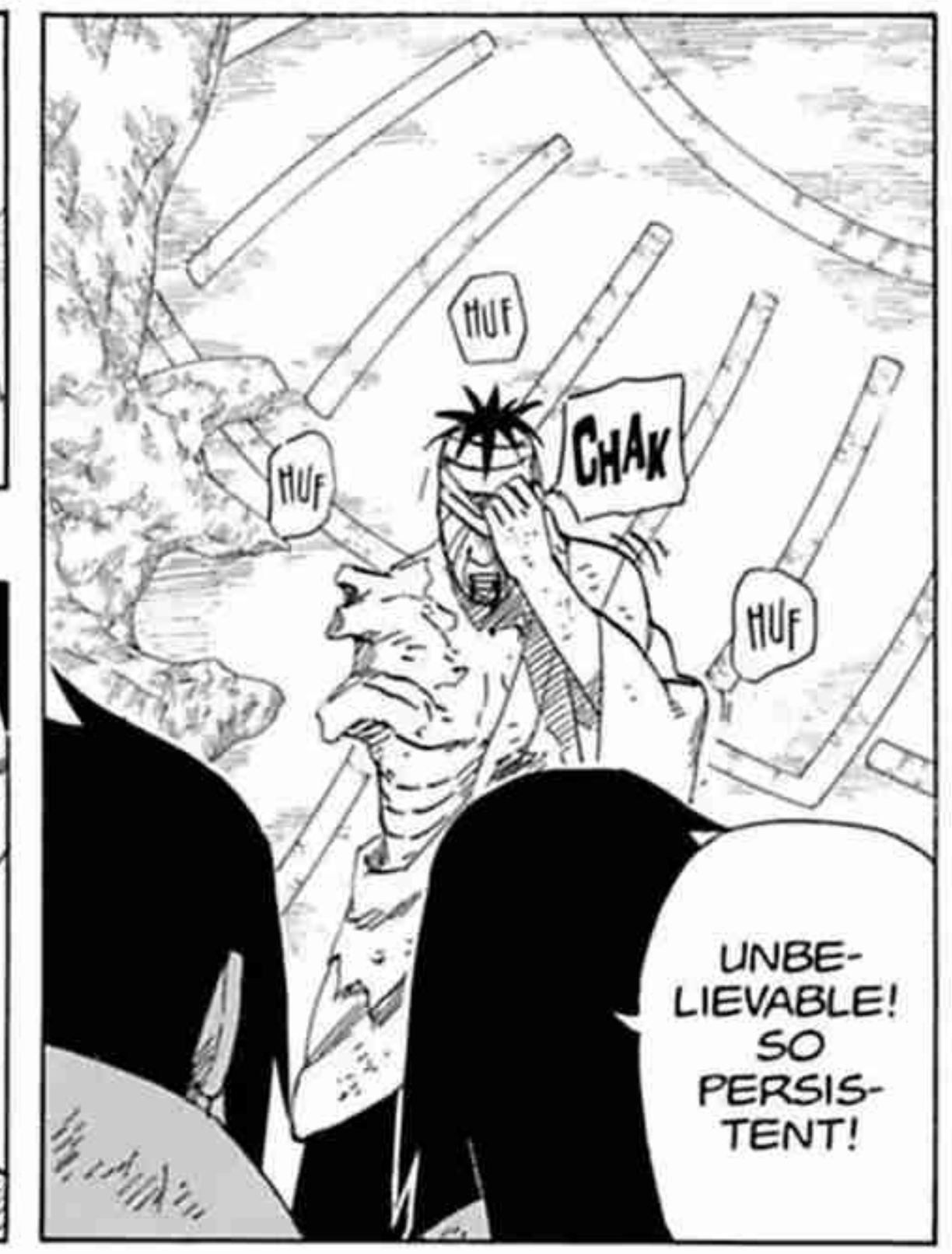
HASHIRAMA'S POWER IS NOT EASY TO MANAGE.

HE'S STARTING TO DIE AND IS LOSING THE ABILITY TO CONTROL CHAKRA.

KRAKK

GAH !!

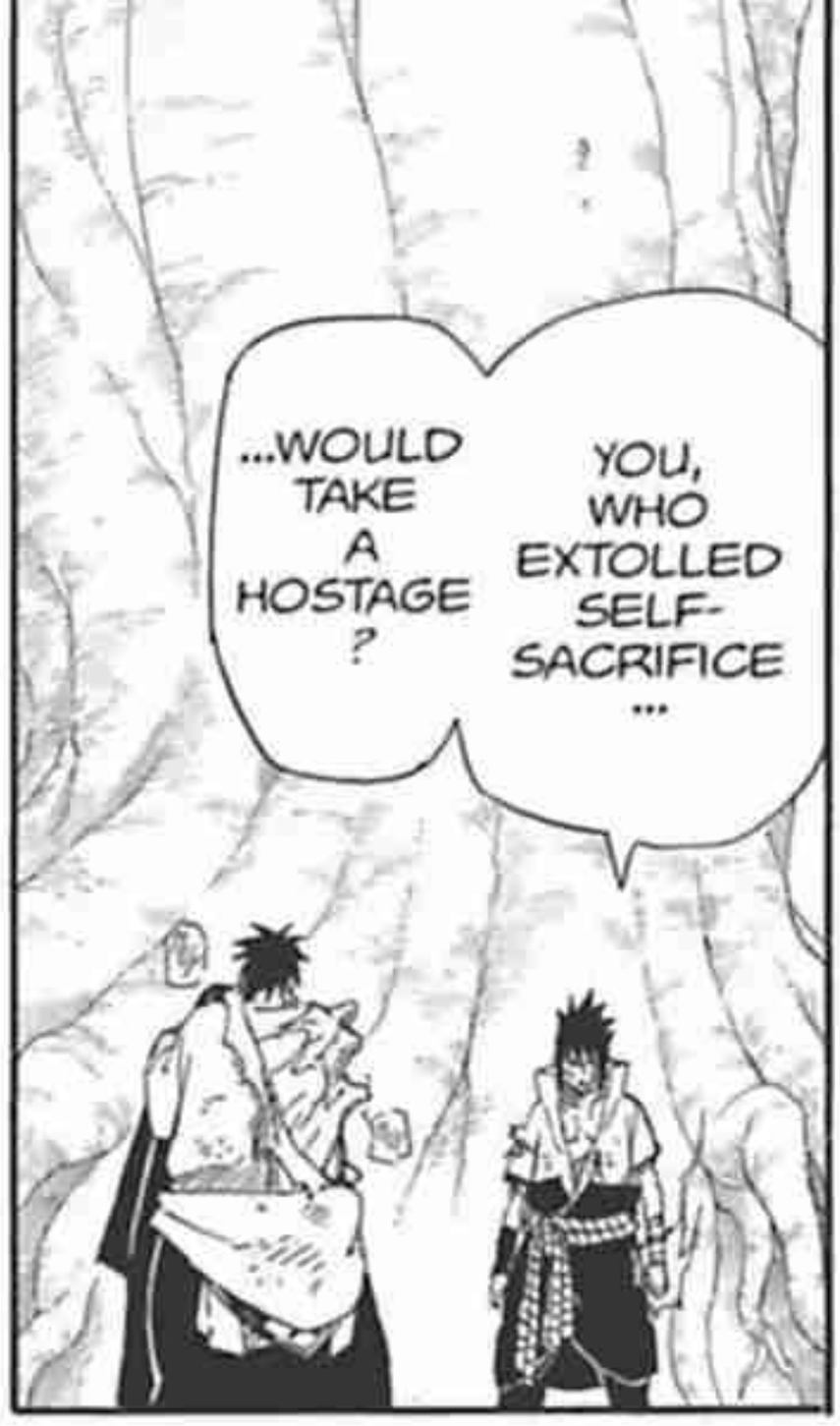
HUF
FOOSH
FOOSH...
HUF

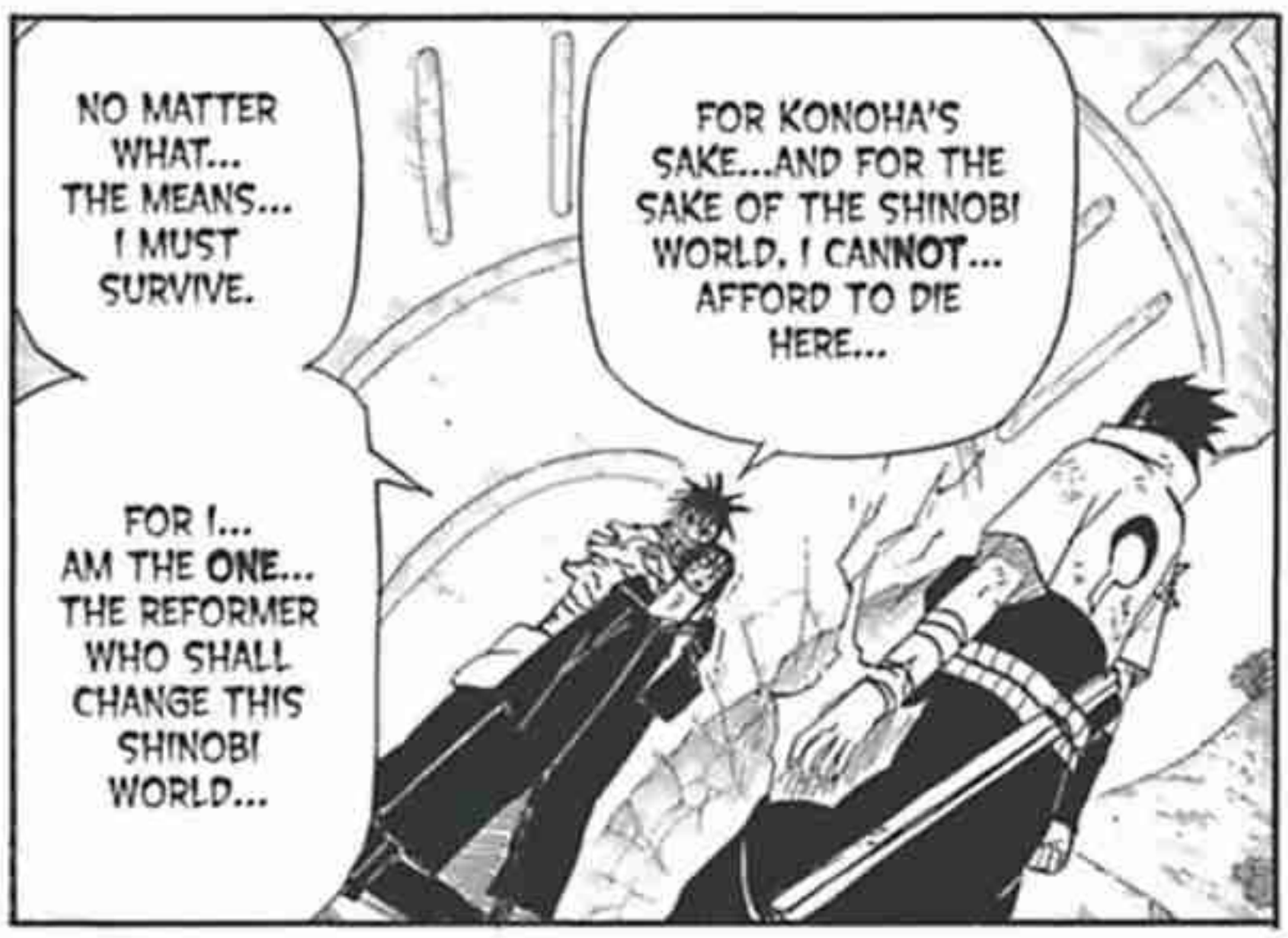

HUF
CHAK
HUF
HUF
UNBE-LIEVABLE! SO PERSIS-TENT!

HUF
NOT YET...
THIS IS WHERE... WE BATTLE WITH OUR EYES...
FOSSH...
HUF

CHIRP CHIRP
SO THAT WAS HIS PLAN... HE WAS COVERING WITH THE IZANAGI...
HIS RIGHT EYE HAS REGAINED OCULAR POWERS, EH.
...UNTIL SHISUI'S EYE RECUPER-ATED.

HUF
HUF
AIEE !!
CHAK
SHOOO
?!
!!


...WOULD TAKE A HOSTAGE ?
YOU, WHO EXTOLLED SELF-SACRIFICE ...


NO MATTER WHAT... THE MEANS... I MUST SURVIVE.
FOR KONOHA'S SAKE...AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE SHINOBI WORLD. I CANNOT... AFFORD TO DIE HERE...
FOR I... AM THE ONE... THE REFORMER WHO SHALL CHANGE THIS SHINOBI WORLD...

HUF
IT'S NOT... THAT I... CONSIDER MY LIFE TOO PRECIOUS.
HUF

...!

DON'T MOVE, KARIN.

HUF
HUF
THIS WOMAN IS SIMPLY A SACRIFICE TO THAT CAUSE.
SKOOSH...
SASUKE... HELP!

HUH ...?
DRIP
UGH ...!
HE PIERCED MY VITAL POINT...! HOSTAGE AND ALL...
NOW THAT'S MY BOY...
ONE DOWN ...
BIG BROTHER ...
ブチ
OK...

Number 481: The Death of Danzo!!

DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME FOR THE IZANAGI, DANZO?

SASUKE... WHAT WAS I TO YOU...?
I...

KARIN...
IF YOU'RE SLOW ENOUGH TO GET TAKEN HOSTAGE, YOU'RE OF NO USE TO ME.

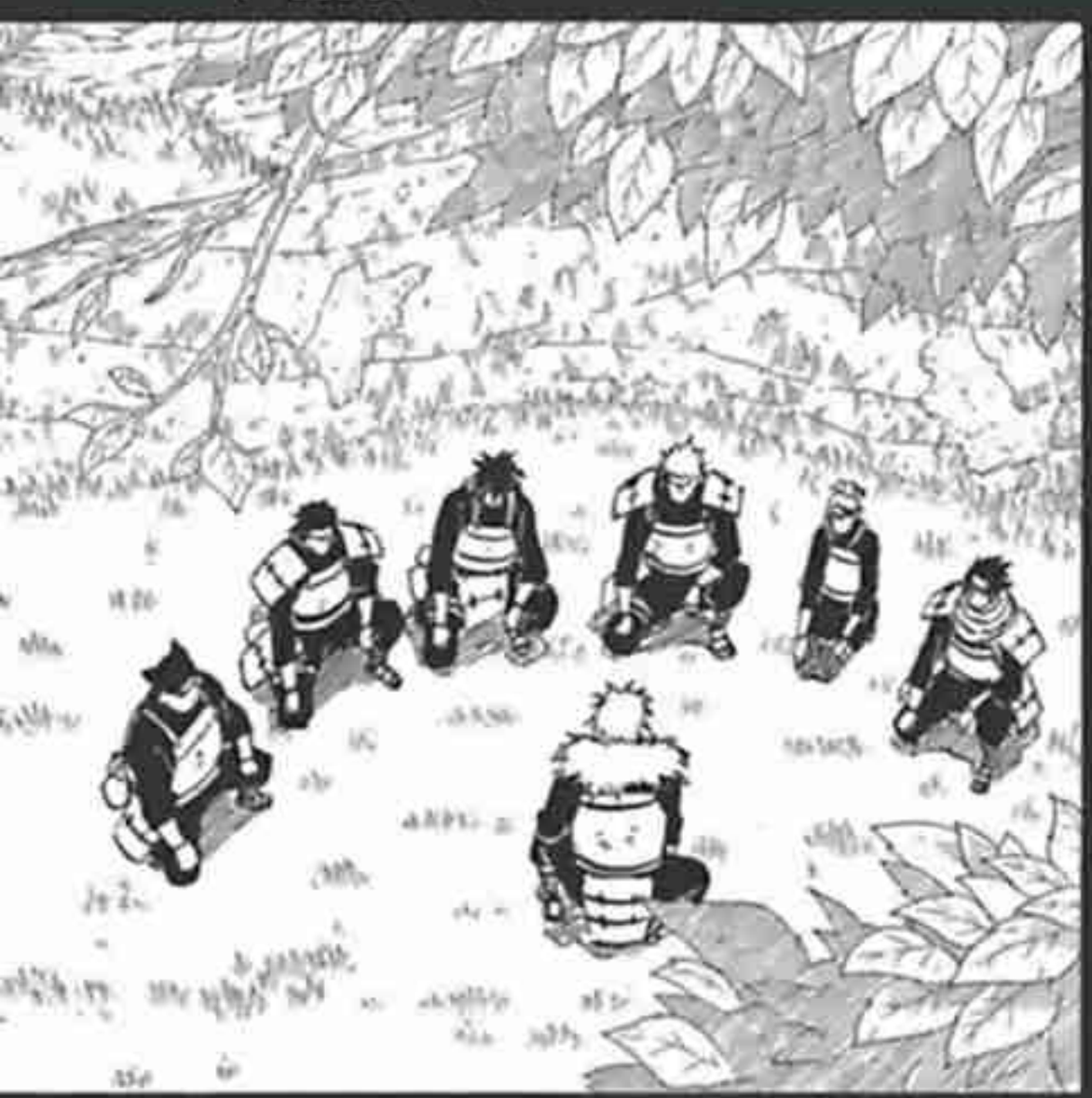
TAK
HAK!!

THUMP

CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP...

READ THIS WAY
HUF
HUF
!!
I'M TAKING SHISUI'S EYE.
HAK
!
SHUF
HUF
HUF
SHUF
SHUF
HUF
HAK
...
HUF
HUF

...THEY'RE CLOUD NINJA... THE HIGHLY SKILLED KINKAKU UNIT.
JUDGING FROM THEIR TRACKING ABILITIES ...
...THERE ARE... 20 ENEMY SHINOBI.
WE'VE BEEN SURROUNDED ...
...UNLESS AT LEAST ONE PERSON SHOWS THEMSELVES TO DRAW THEIR ATTENTION AND MISDIRECT THEM...
IT WON'T WORK...
THE ENEMY HAS NOT YET PINPOINTED OUR EXACT LOCATION.
WE SHOULD LIE IN WAIT AND AMBUSH THEM, THEN BREAK THROUGH TO ESCAPE...
...THAT'S TOO MUCH OF A...
WE ARE ONLY SEVEN, INCLUDING YOU, LORD SECOND.



...

...A LURE...
SO WHO...?
...ALMOST GUARANTEED NOT TO SURVIVE...

SARUTOBI... WHAT ARE YOU THINKING RIGHT NOW? ARE YOU PREPARED TO MAKE THAT SACRIFICE...?
I AM A SHINOBI... AND I'D ALREADY DECIDED I WOULD DIE GLORIOUSLY ON THE BATTLEFIELD, LIKE A PROPER SHINOBI!

WHY CAN'T YOU SAY, I'LL DO...
WHAT'S WRONG ?!

THAT I'M...
GO AHEAD!! SAY IT!!

URK
URK

I'LL DO IT!

SARU-TOBI...
HIRU-ZEN... YOU...

?!!

DESPITE HOW I ACT, I TAKE PRIDE IN MYSELF AS THE MOST ACCOMPLISHED OF THIS BUNCH... I WON'T DIE.
HEH! NO WORRIES!

...MY TREMORS... STOPPED...

...

I TRUST YOU TO...
LOOK AFTER THE OTHERS, OKAY, DANZO?
WAP

SOME-WHERE INSIDE MY HEART... RIGHT NOW... I'AM RELIEVED ...
I AM SUCH A COWARD ...

KRUK

I'LL PLAY THE LURE!!
WHAP
SHUT UP!
I WAS ALSO THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING! DON'T YOU HOG THE LIMELIGHT ALL TO YOURSELF!

SELF-SACRIFICE IS A SHINOBI'S DUTY...!!
BOTH MY FATHER AND GRAND-FATHER DIED ON THE BATTLEFIELD AS TRUE SHINOBI!

DANZO ...

YOU ALL ARE THE YOUNG WILLS OF FIRE WHO WILL BE DEFENDING OUR VILLAGE IN THE FUTURE.

NO, I WILL GO AND PLAY THE LURE, OF COURSE...

...

HOWEVER, WHAT IS NECESSARY HERE IS FOR YOU TO UNITE AND WORK TOGETHER AS COMRADES.

DO NOT BRING IN ANY PERSONAL CONFLICTS.

MY DEAR DANZO, YOU HAVE FOREVER BEEN VYING WITH SARU OVER ONE THING OR ANOTHER...

NO!! **YOU** ARE THE HOKAGE!!

THERE IS NO GREATER SHINOBI IN OUR VILLAGE!

YOU SHOULD... PRESERVE YOUR LIFE UNTIL THEN.

YOUR DAY WILL COME EVENTUALLY.

IN ANY CASE... DANZO, SARU, YOU NEED NOT BE SO EAGER AT YOUR YOUNG AGE.

YOU MUST FIRST EXAMINE AND COME TO UNDERSTAND YOURSELF DISPASSIONATELY.

OR ELSE AT THIS RATE, YOU WILL PLACE YOUR COMRADES IN DANGER.

THAT YOU WERE LATE IN MAKING YOUR DECISION IS A FACT.

READ THIS WAY
SHUP
SARU...
!
STARTING TOMORROW...
LOVE THE VILLAGE AND PROTECT THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN YOU. DEVELOP THOSE WHO WILL BE ABLE TO PROTECT THE NEXT ERA...
...YOU ARE HOKAGE ...!!

HUF
HAK
YOU, WERE ALWAYS... WALKING AHEAD OF ME...
YES, SIR!
...! CANNOT LET YOU TWO LIVE!
SWOOO...
FWA
FOR THE SAKE OF THE SHINOBI WORLD, AND FOR KONOHA...
!

!
SASUKE !!
SUPPORT
GET AWAY FROM DANZO!!

THIS IS A REVERSE TETRAGRAM SEALING JUTSU!!

TAK
WHOO
WOO...
SH
...NEVER GOT TO BE HOKAGE... AFTER ALL...
...BUT I...
HIRUZEN... IT'S MY TURN NEXT...

...I COULD NEVER CATCH UP TO YOU...

NO MATTER HOW FAR I RAN...

Voo

SH

...I...WAS NOTHING BUT A FOUNDATION, HIDDEN IN DARKNESS.

YOU WERE A TREE LEAF UPON WHICH LIGHT SHONE...

WHO AND WHAT AM I TO YOU...?

EH, HIRUZEN ...?

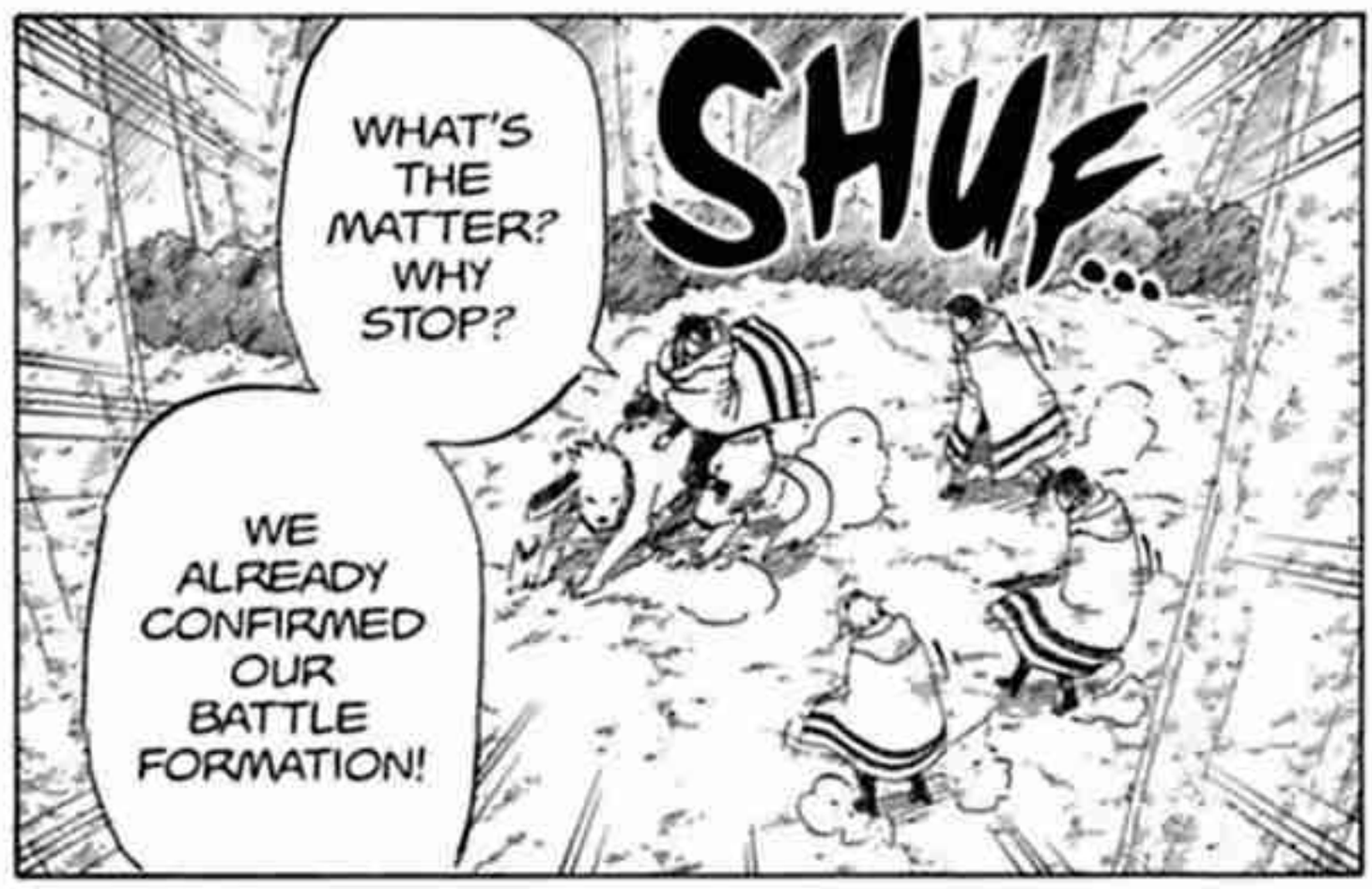
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS ME?

READ
THIS
WAY

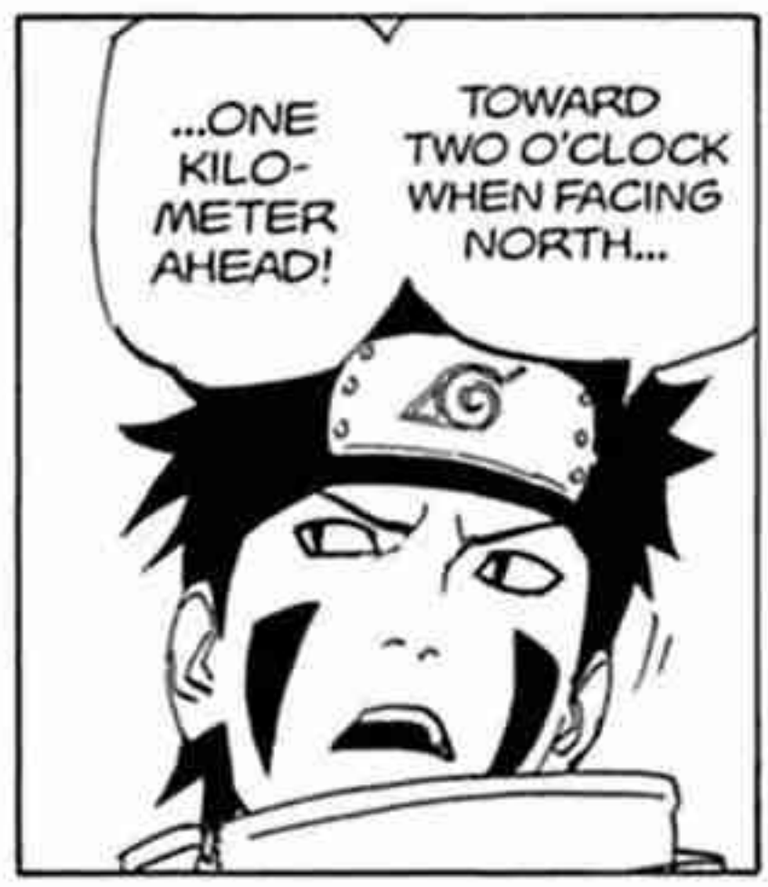
SAKURA...
WHAT IS IT?
PERHAPS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO TELL NARUTO THE TRUTH?
...
FLICKER
SAKURA... I THINK YOU'RE UNDER-ESTIMATING NARUTO...
NOPE, ABSO-LUTELY NOT.
THERE'S... NO WAY I COULD HAVE TOLD HIM...

ALL RIGHT, LET'S STOP FOR A SECOND!

AND THAT TOBI FELLOW'S RIGHT NEXT TO HIM.
I'VE LOCATED SASUKE!
!!


WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHY STOP?
SHUF...
WE ALREADY CONFIRMED OUR BATTLE FORMATION!

...


...ONE KILO-METER AHEAD!
TOWARD TWO O'CLOCK WHEN FACING NORTH...

KIBA... WHAT'S SASUKE'S PRECISE LOCATION?

RUSSS

?!

SAI...!

AHA... YOU WERE GOING TO PUT EVERYONE TO SLEEP WITH THIS, WEREN'T YOU?

SORRY, EVERY-ONE!!

FSH

?!!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WOOF! WOOF!

HUH?!

SAKURA WAS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF SASUKE HERSELF.

FSH

...

...
WE PROMISED WE WOULD ALL DO IT TOGETHER!
HEY!
YOU WERE GOING TO DO IT ALONE?

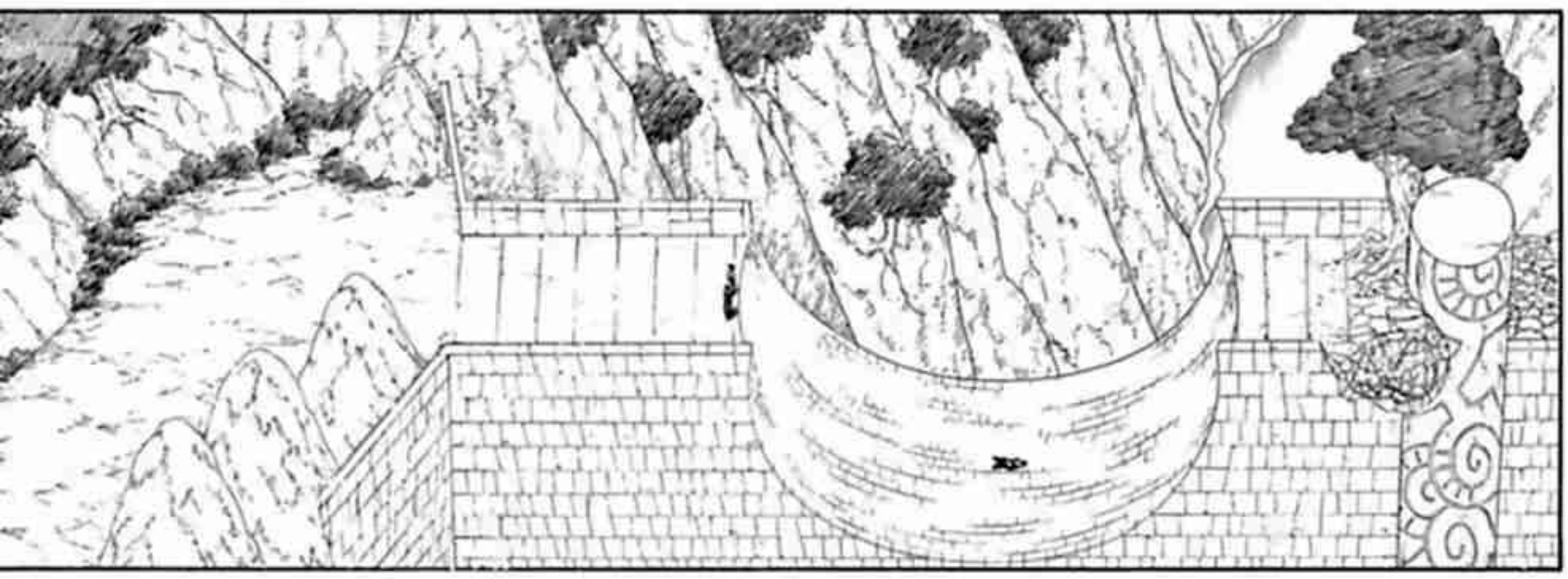
YOU...! I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE A FISHY FELLOW!
WHY NOT?!

I'M NOT LETTING ANYONE PROCEED.
NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

MOVE ASIDE...!
SAI... I'M ONLY GOING TO SAY THIS ONCE...
SQUIK

THE FOUR OF US ALONE ARE NO MATCH AGAINST SASUKE OR TOBI.
I PROMISED MASTER KAKASHI I WOULDN'T LET ANY OF YOU GO.
SHUP

READ THIS WAY



NARUTO

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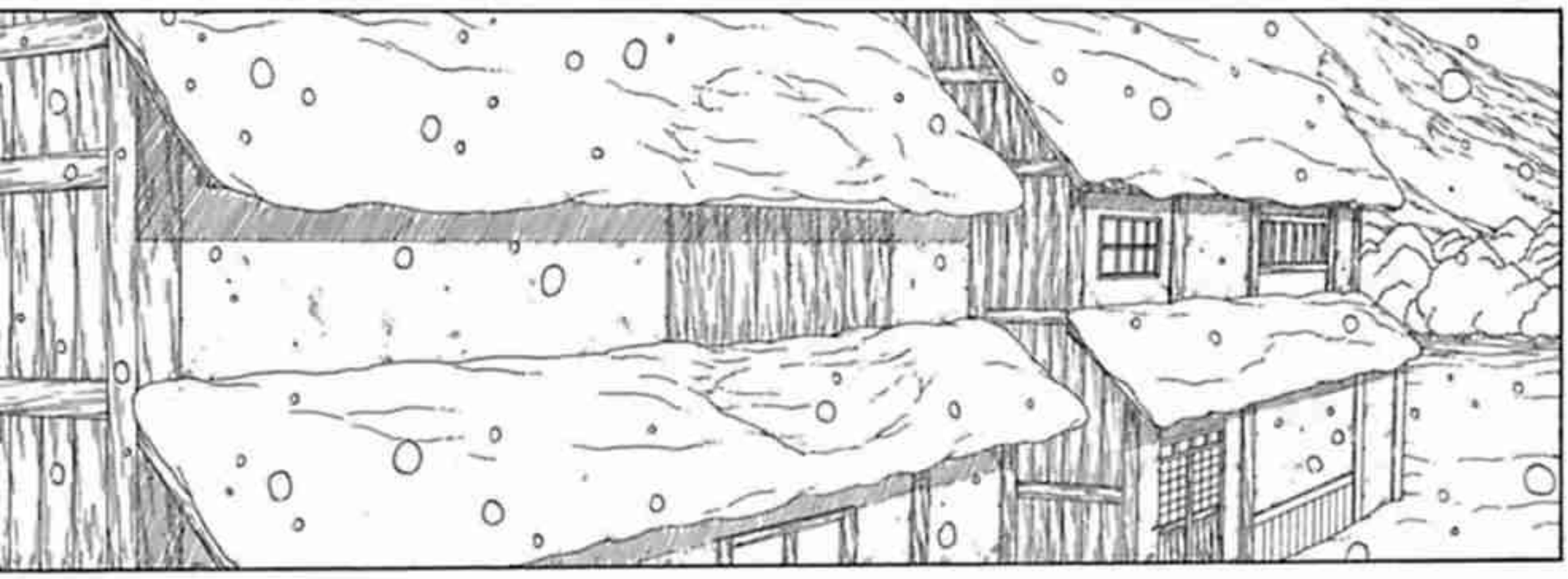
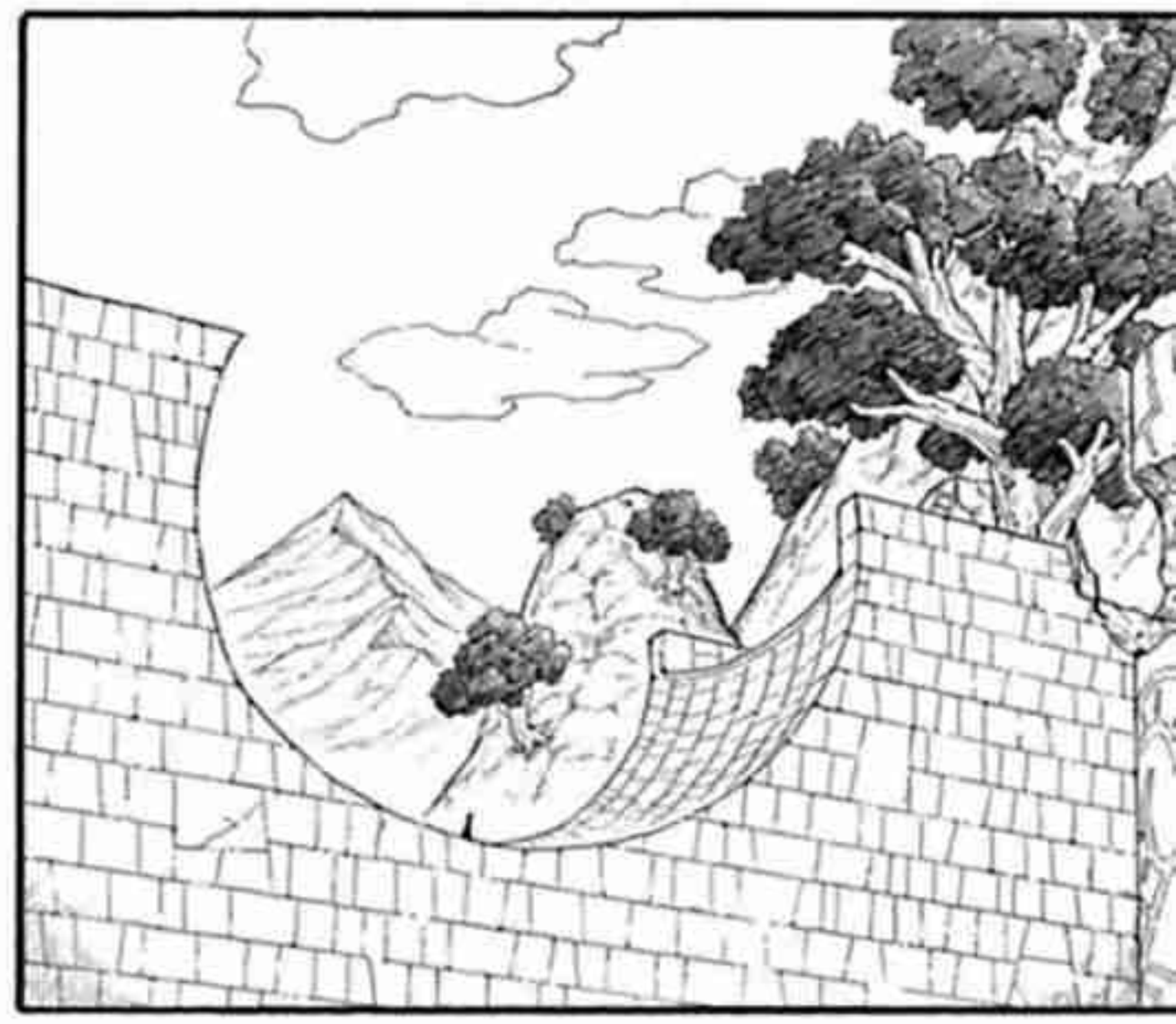


...
WHERE'S MASTER KAKASHI? SAI?

SASUKE... REST. GO BACK TO THE HIDEOUT.
I'M TAKING HIS EYE.



YOUR EYES ARE LOSING THEIR LIGHT...
WHAT CAN YOU DO BY YOURSELF IN KONOHA?

EVENTUALLY YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP IT UP.
YOU OVERUSED YOUR OCULAR POWERS...

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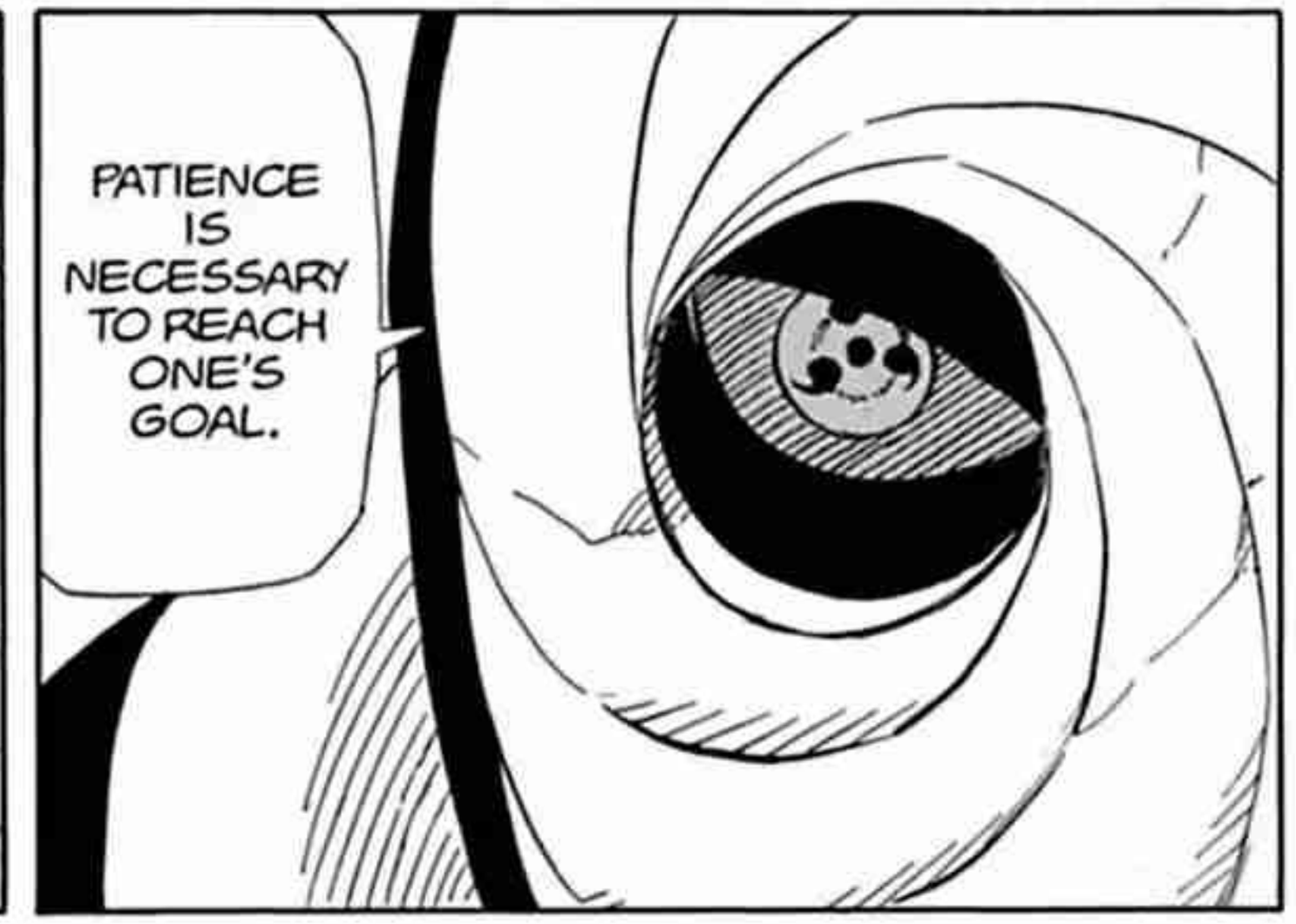
(GUESTHOUSE)


PATIENCE IS NECESSARY TO REACH ONE'S GOAL.

...

YOU'RE COMING WITH ME TO THE VILLAGE.
MASTER KAKASHI'S ORDERS.

SIGH ...

FSH

!

!

LET ME REST SOME MORE. THEN WE CAN HEAD BACK TO THE VILLAGE.
FINE...

...

ALL RIGHT?!
SORRY. YOU HAVE TO LET MASTER KAKASHI HANDLE SAKURA.

NO... I'M NOT LETTING YOU GO FURTHER...

ZIII

GHOOM
YEAH, LET'S GO!!
LET'S GO, LEE!!
TA K
YOO HOO !!
CHA K
I CAN UNDO THIS WITH THE TSUUGA IN A...!
WHOA!
!

WOOF! WOOF!

WAH!!

!

SHE TOOK KIBA AND LEE OUT WITH ME...

UGH...

HEH...

SORRY, EVERYONE ...

SWSH

SNOO

SNOO

ZWW

I'M DONE. HURRY!

!

PRETTY GUTSY, SAKURA ...

SPLAT

WOOOOO

READ THIS WAY
ONE PIECE OF ADVICE.
KRAK
SASUKE ...
BOOM
...
THAT WOMAN... IF YOU DON'T NEED HER, MAKE SURE YOU FINISH HER OFF.
SHE KNOWS TOO MUCH ABOUT US.
UNH...
TMP
FSH
...
SINCE WHEN HAVE I JOINED YOU?
"US"...?
HEH... VERY WELL... LET'S MEET AGAIN.
WOOOOO...

HUF
HUF
HUF
HUF
(EARTH)
GRRR
HEY!! WHERE IS EVERY-ONE?!
THUD
AIEE!
KLAK
RAWR!!

WHAM

SHISHI-RENDAN!! BARRAGE OF LIONS!!!

LATER...

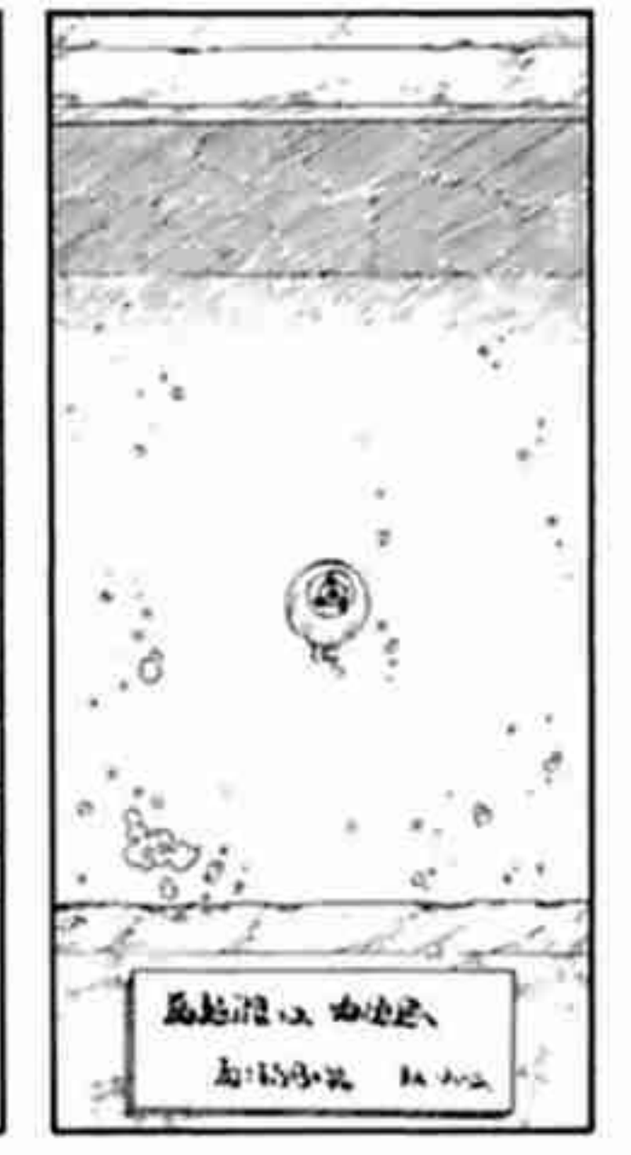
...I WANTED TO SEE AGAIN HIS FACE FROM BACK THEN...

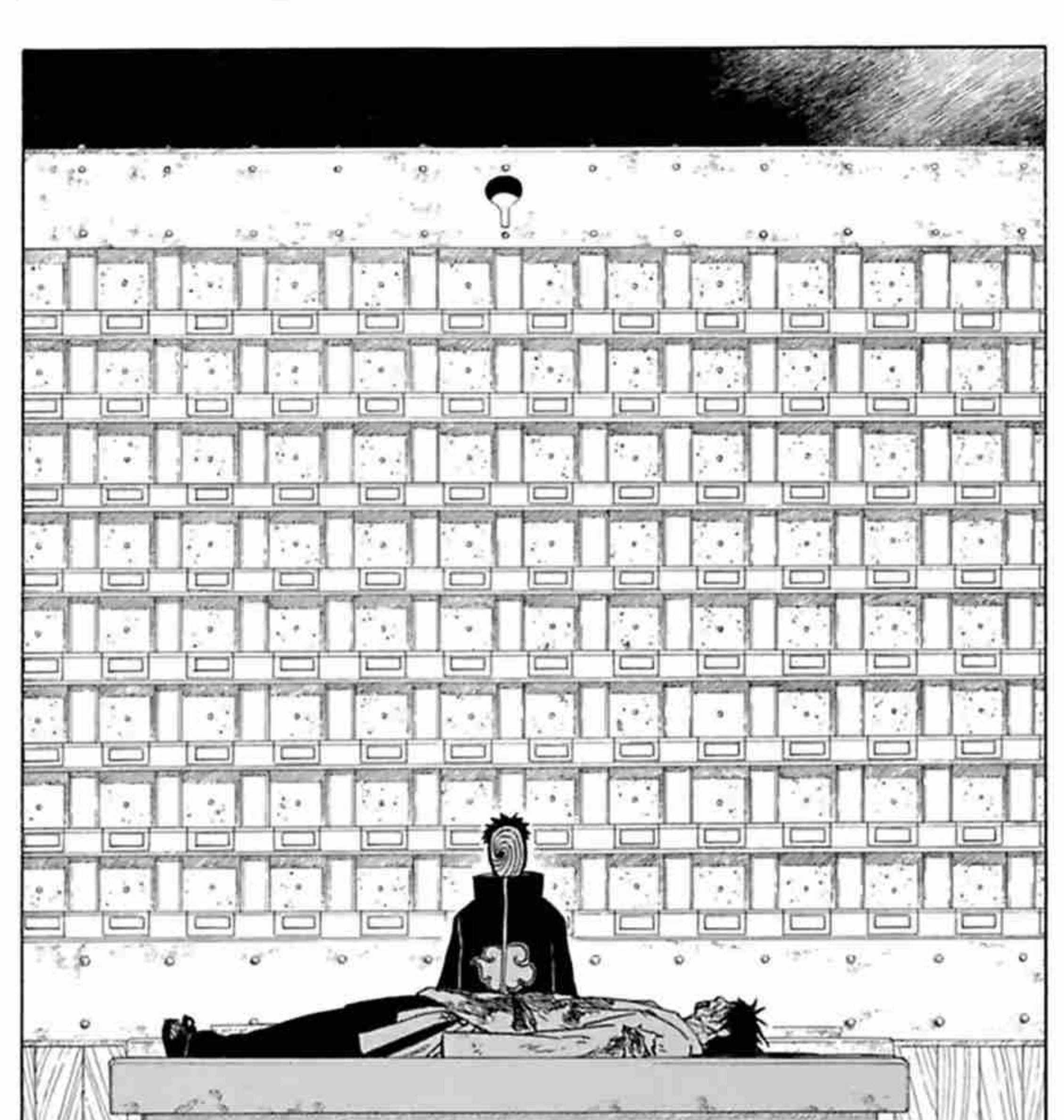
...JUST ONE MORE TIME...

READ
THIS
WAY

HE TOOK SHISUI'S EYE BEFORE HE DIED.

DANZO ...





NARUTO... COME ON, LET'S GO... YOU STILL NOT READY?

SWOO
SNOOZE

宿
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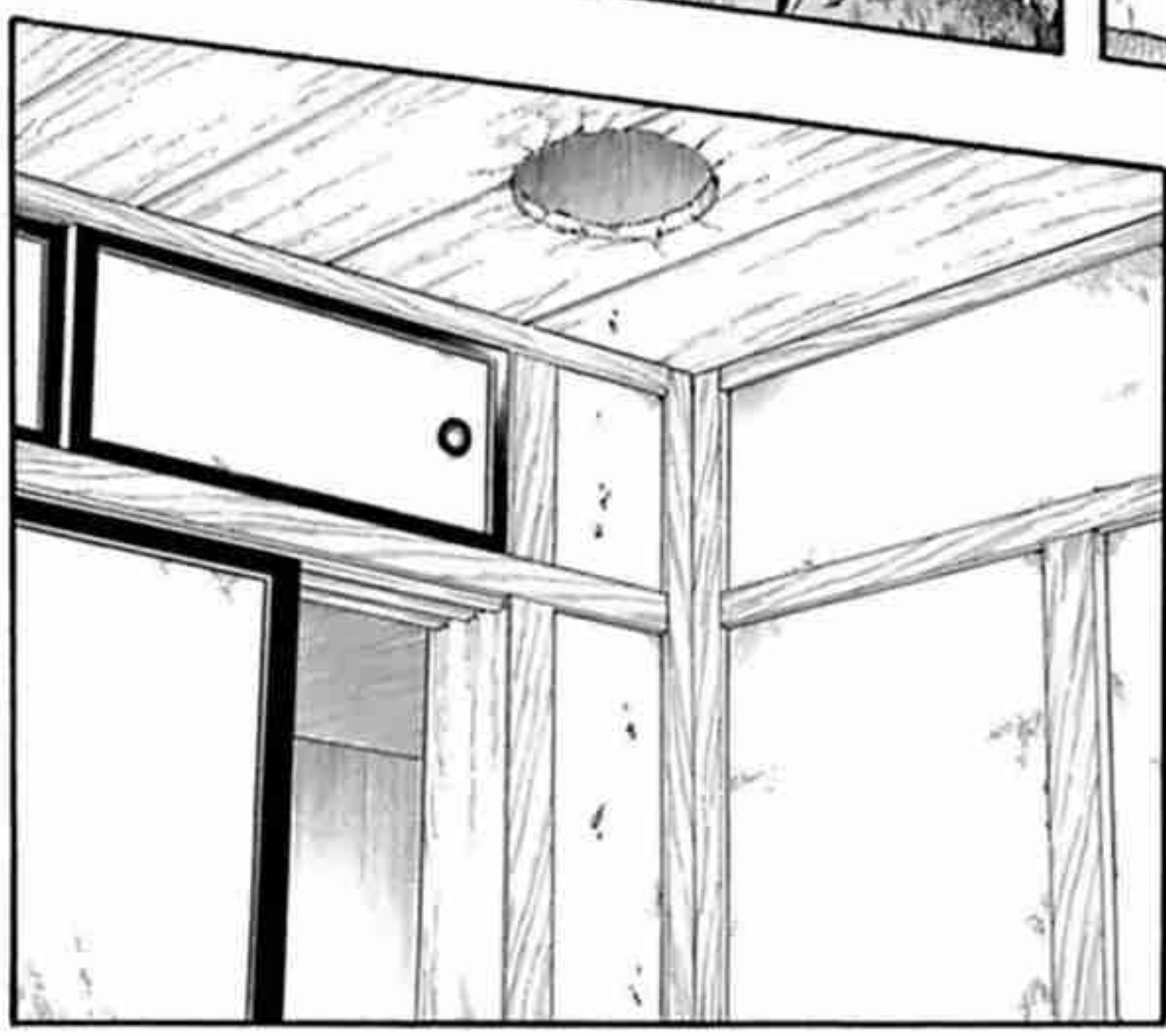
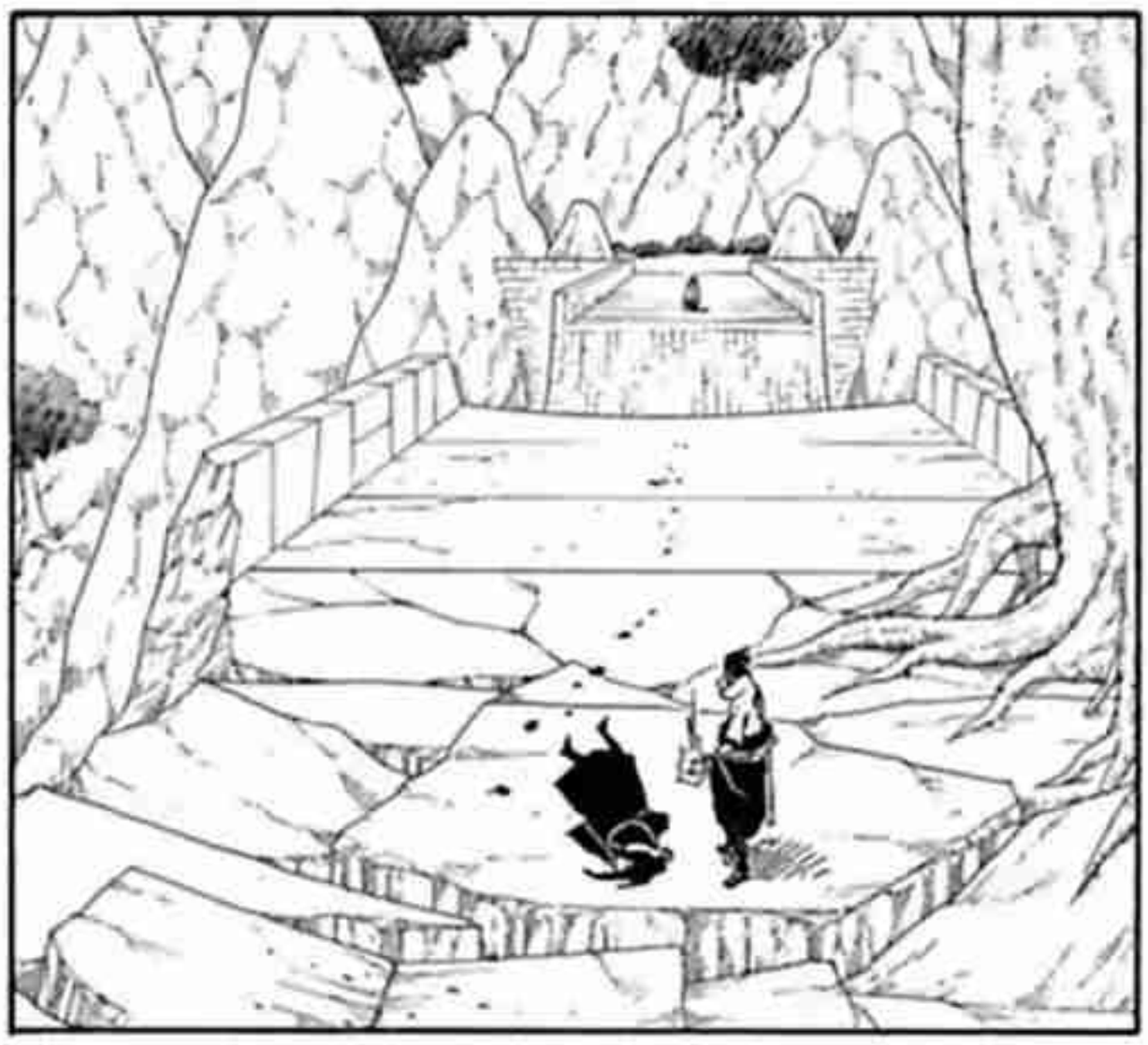
GOOD... HE HASN'T CAUGHT ON TO ME YET...!

GIVE ME A LITTLE LONGER, WOULD YA...?
I DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE GOING OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW...



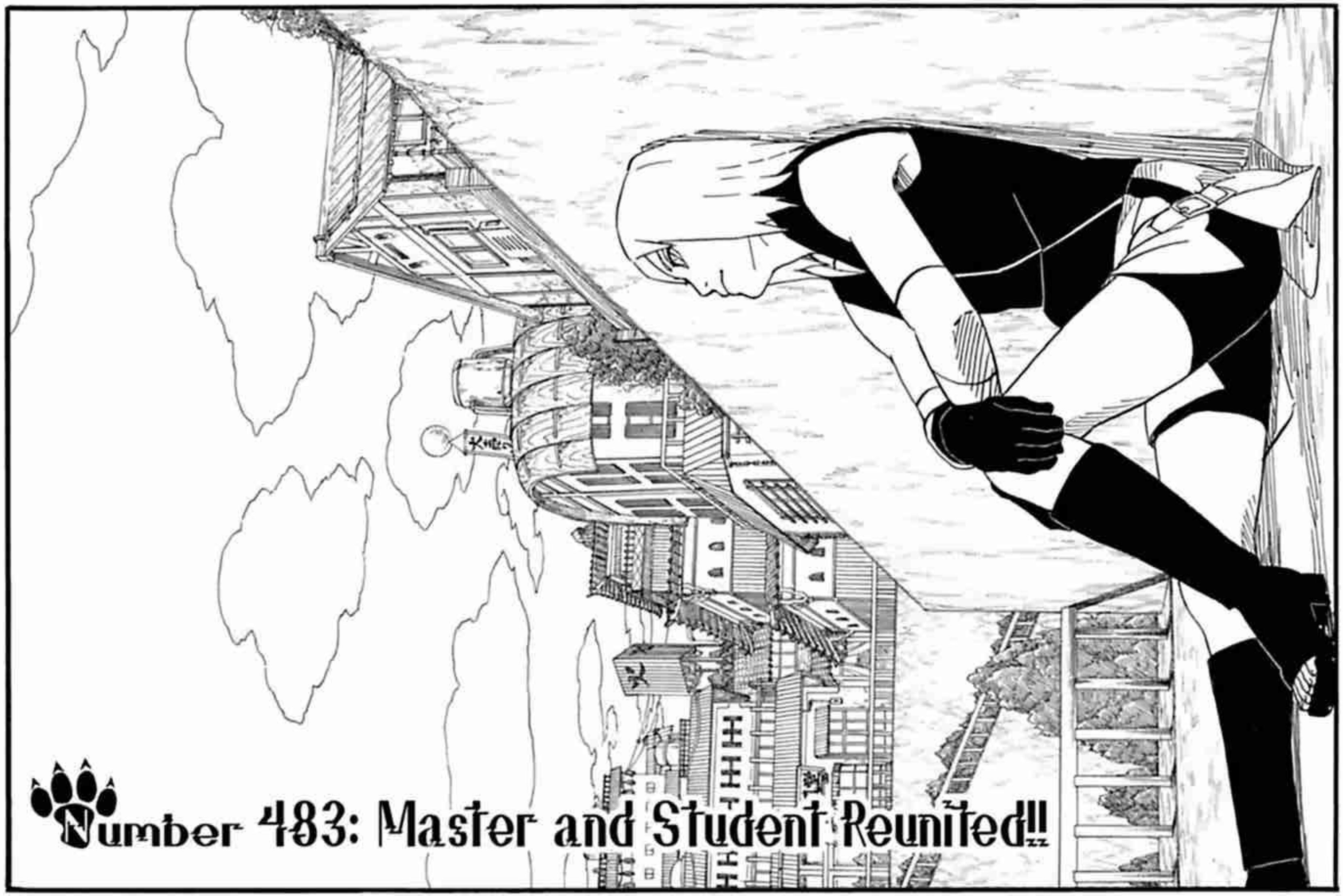
READ THIS WAY
...THIS WAY...!
MASTER KAKASHI'S CHAKRA...
TAK

SASUKE !!!



READ THIS WAY
WH-WHO'S SHE...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
IS THIS REALLY SASUKE ...?
HE FEELS... SO TOTALLY DIFFER-ENT.
HUF
I'VE COME TO JOIN YOU, SASUKE!
SASUKE ...!
I'VE GONE ROGUE FROM KONOHA!!
BOOM

NARUTO



Number 483: Master and Student Reunited!!

WA AM

READ THIS WAY
SNOORE
SNOORE...
...URE...
...ONE KILO-METER ...
...HEAD... NORTH... TOWARDS TWO O'CLOCK ...
WHICH WAY DID SAKURA GO?
YOU WERE IN PURSUIT OF SASUKE, YES?
HUH?... OH...
OOMPH ...
THEY'RE NOT GOING TO WAKE ANYTIME SOON...
THAT SAKURA... LOOKS LIKE SHE LEARNED HOW TO BLEND POWERFUL SLEEPING POWDERS FROM LADY TSUNADE...
SORRY, EVERYONE. I'VE GOT TO RUSH AHEAD.
FSH

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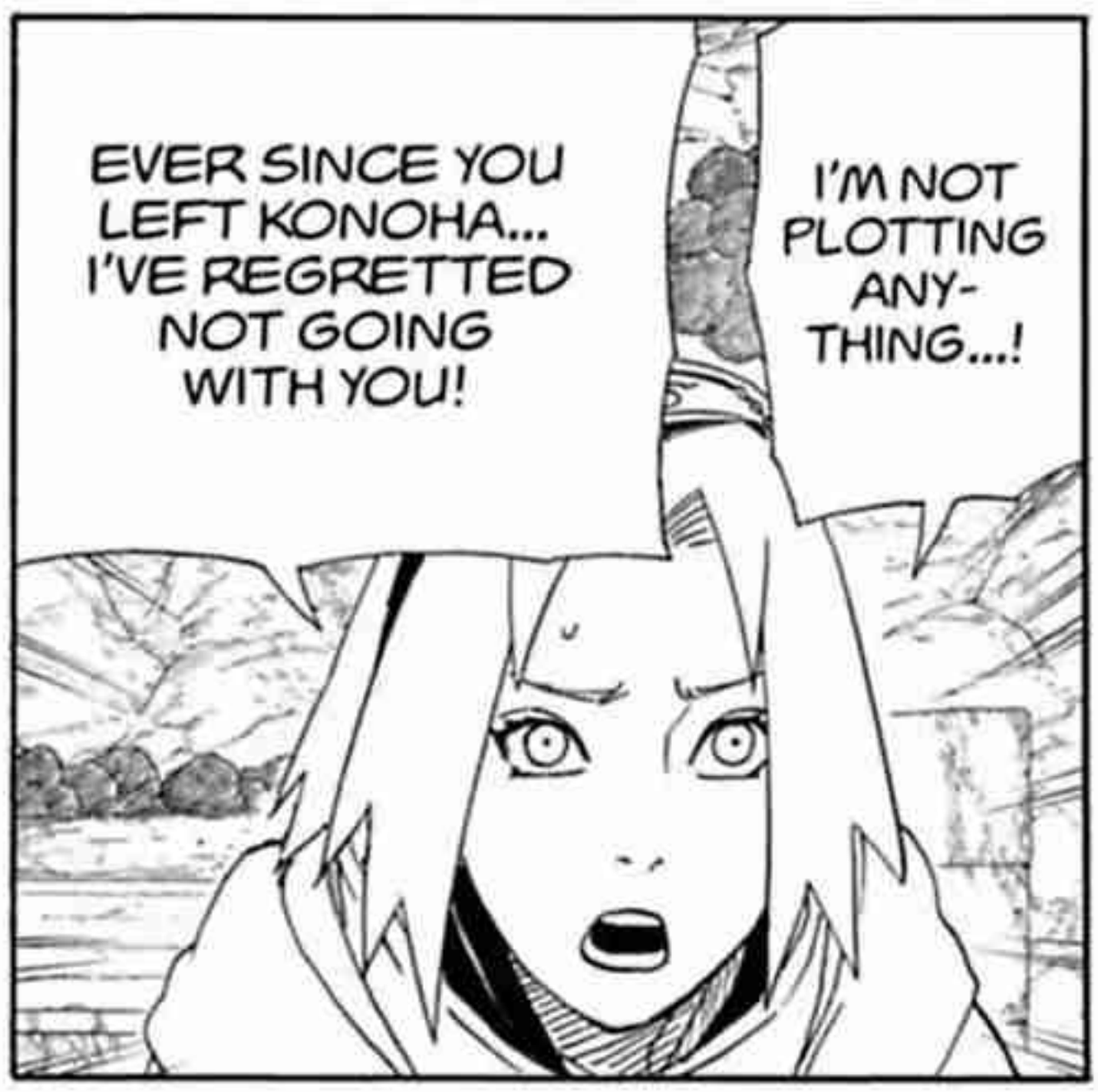
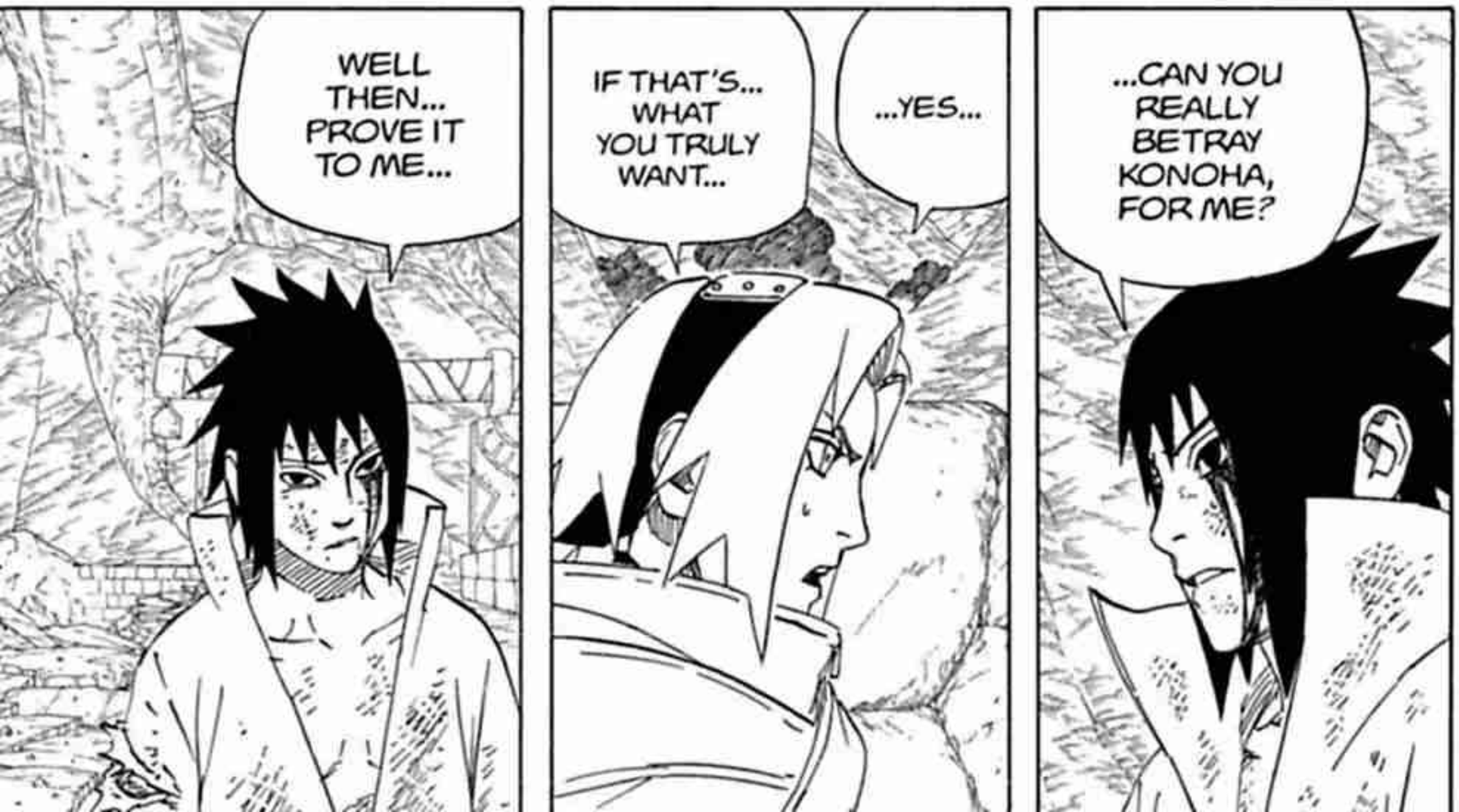

EVER SINCE YOU LEFT KONOHA... I'VE REGRETTED NOT GOING WITH YOU!
I'M NOT PLOTTING ANY-THING...!

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU, TO JOIN ME...?
WHAT ARE YOU PLOT-TING?

I DON'T WANT ANY MORE REGRETS...
I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU WANT.

SHE ALSO HAS A THING FOR HIM... BUT...
SHE'S... HIS OLD... TEAMMATE...

THAT IS MY DESIRE...
TO DESTROY KONOHA ...!
I'LL DO WHAT-EVER YOU SAY...
I DON'T CARE!
DO YOU KNOW... WHAT I DESIRE?


WELL THEN... PROVE IT TO ME...
IF THAT'S... WHAT YOU TRULY WANT...
...YES...
...CAN YOU REALLY BETRAY KONOHA, FOR ME?

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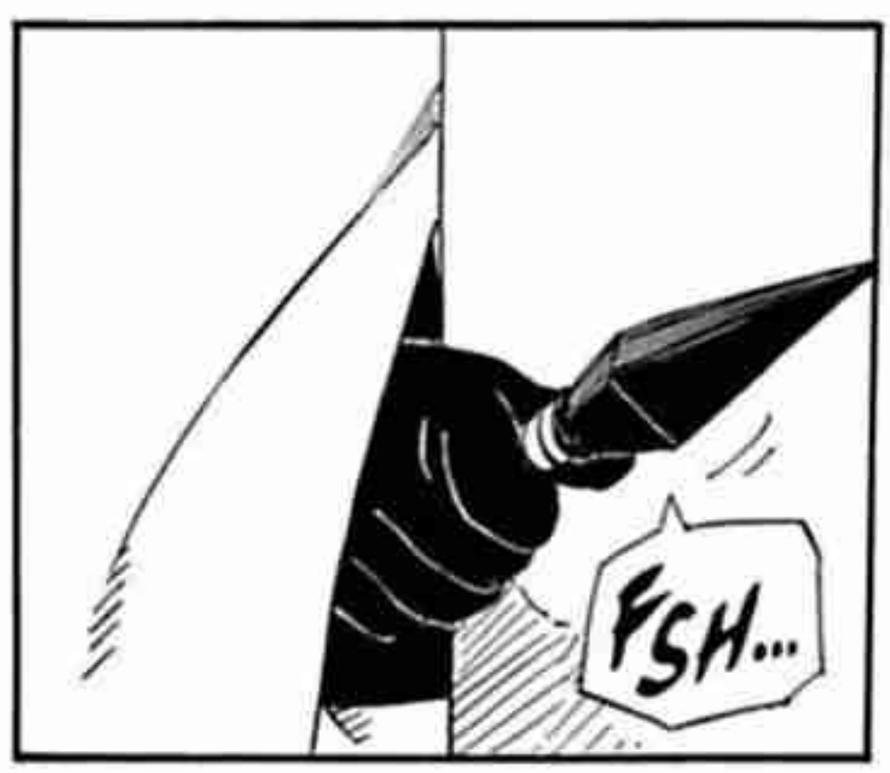
IF YOU DO IT, I'LL ACCEPT THAT YOU'RE FOR REAL...
FINISH THIS ONE OFF...

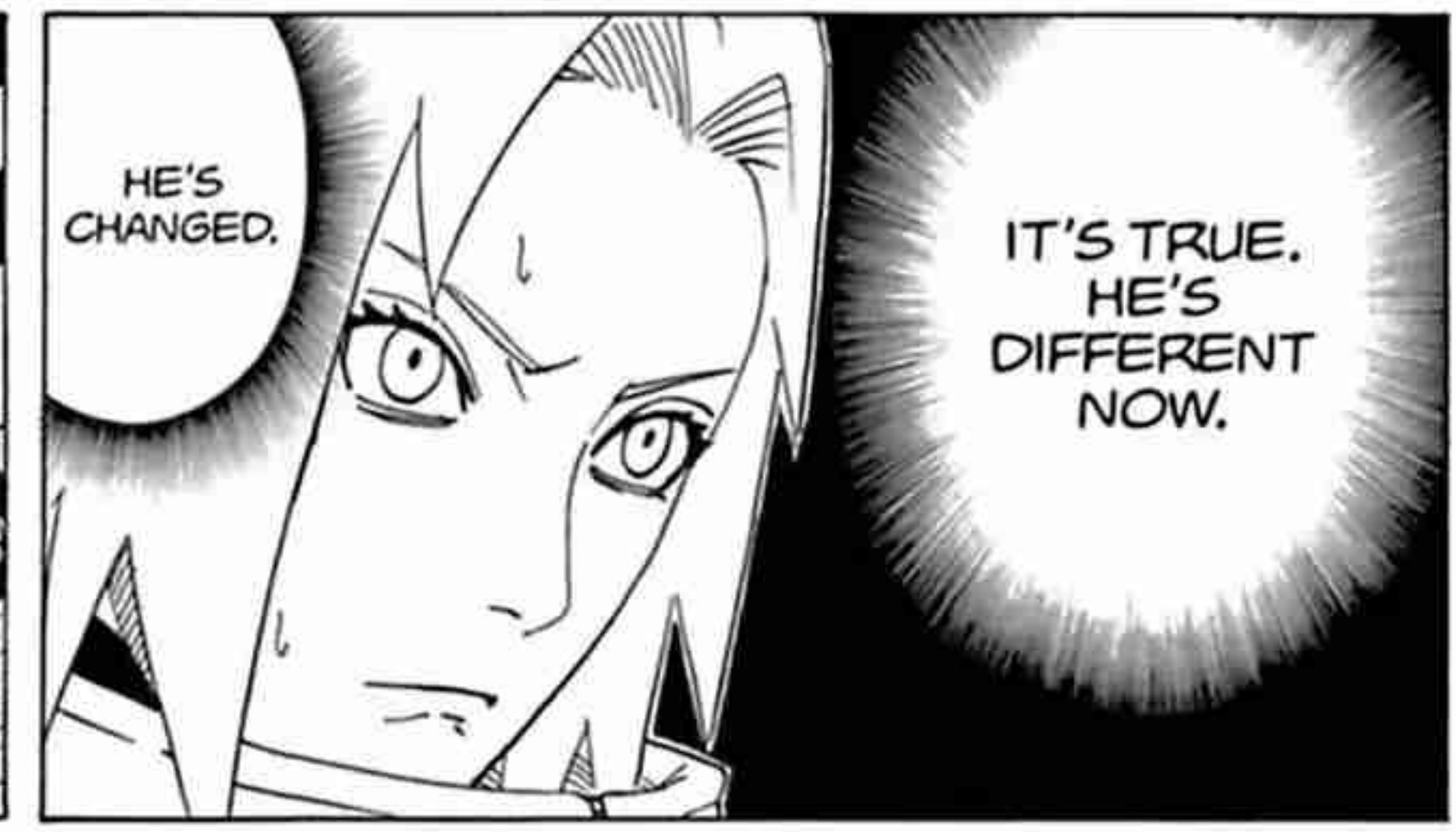
WHO IS SHE ...?


FSH...

GOOD... YOU CAN REPLACE HER...
SAKURA... YOU'RE A MEDIC NINJA, AREN'T YOU...

ALTHOUGH AT THIS POINT, AS YOU CAN SEE, SHE'S USELESS...
ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF TAKA, THE GROUP I PUT TOGETHER.

KRUNCH


HE'S CHANGED.
IT'S TRUE. HE'S DIFFERENT NOW.

YOU CAN'T DO IT... SAKURA ...?
WHAT'S THE MATTER ?

FSH...
THIS WOMAN... IS INNOCENT ...
I'VE... I'VE GOT TO...

SHOP
SHOP

...IF I STAB SASUKE... IT'LL ALL BE OVER...!

RIGHT NOW...

CHIRP CHIRP

...

...

SASUKE

...

...

DON'T

...

?!

HOW YOU'VE FALLEN... SASUKE.
HE REALLY MEANT TO KILL HER...

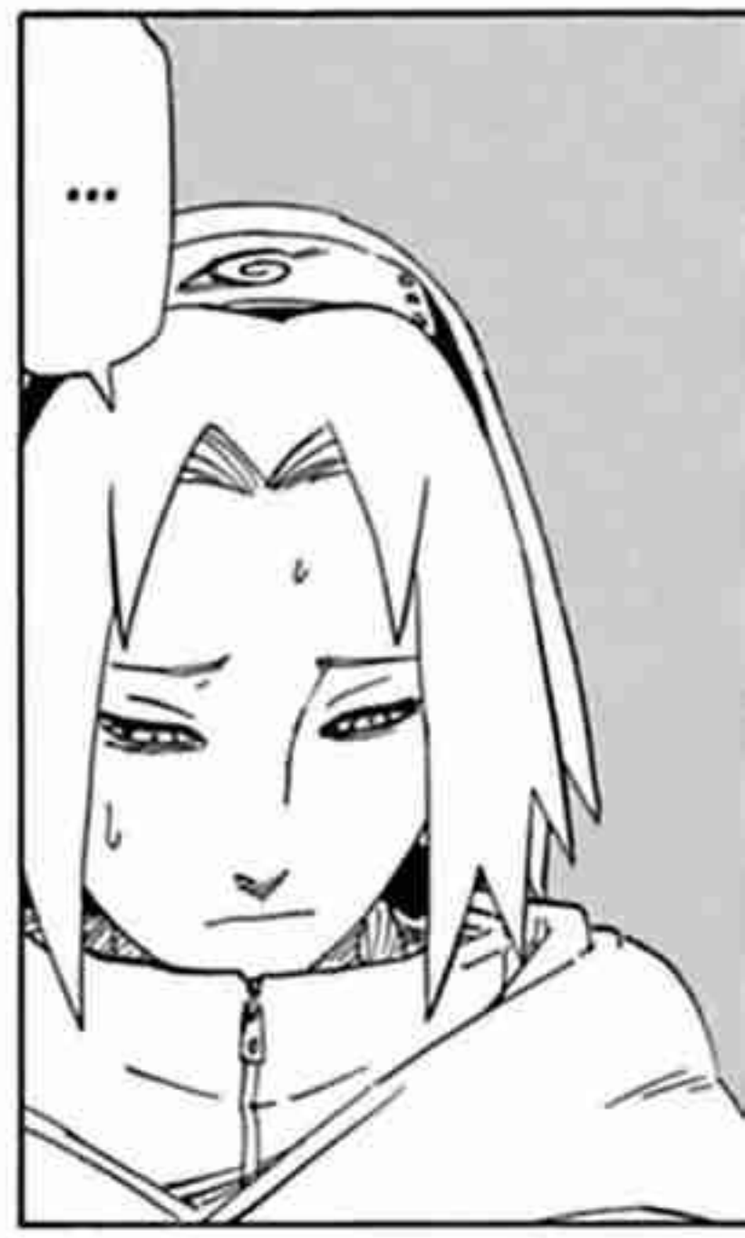
...!

?!

SSH
TAK
CH
WAK
HEH!
ONE AFTER ANOTHER ...
SCREECH...
TOK

...!

SAKURA... YOU WERE AIMING TO KILL SASUKE ALL BY YOURSELF, WEREN'T YOU...?



READ THIS WAY
BUT YOU'RE ...
I'M SORRY I'M SUCH A BAD TEACHER...
PERHAPS I WAS TRYING TO CONVINCE MYSELF...
SASUKE ...
I DON'T LIKE TO REPEAT MYSELF.
...
DO NOT BECOME POSSESSED BY VENGEANCE !!
BUT I'LL SAY THIS ONCE MORE...
...

HA HA HA

HA HA HA...

...

A-HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

...MY FATHER... AND MOTHER ...!

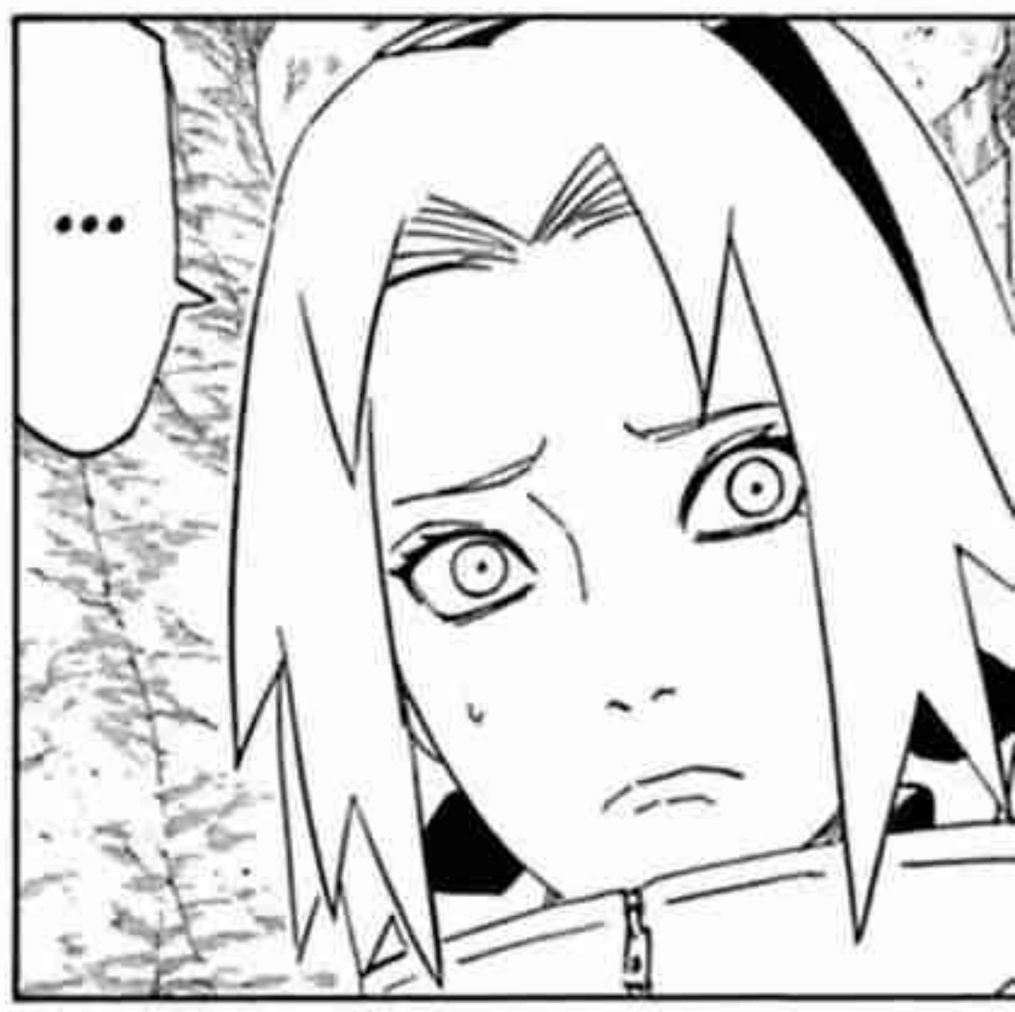
...ITACHI...

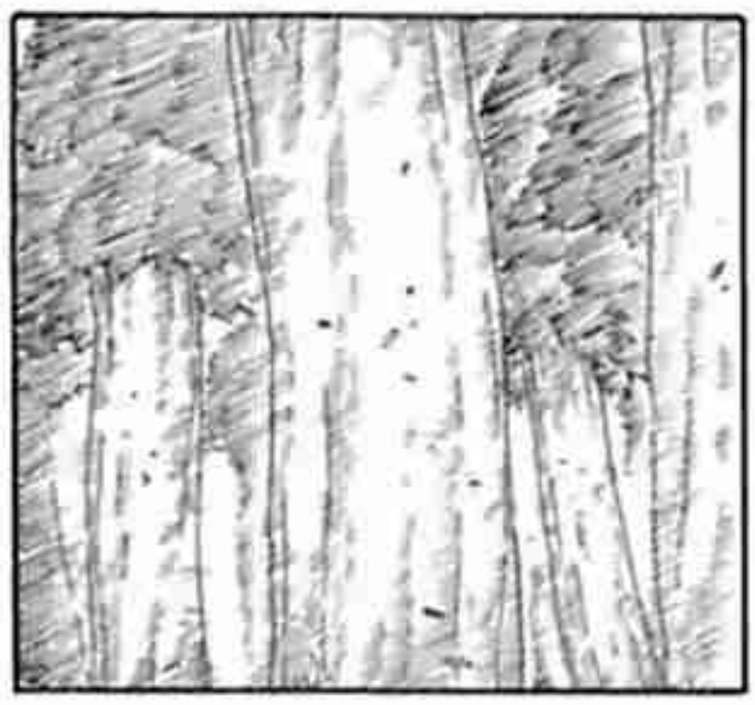
DO THAT, AND I'LL QUIT RIGHT NOW!!!
...MY WHOLE CLAN!! BRING THEM ALL HERE!!

READ THIS WAY
STOP ACTING LIKE YOU'RE STILL MY TEACHER...
I'M JUST ITCHING TO KILL YOU, YOU KNOW... KAKASHI.
YOU TALK LIKE YOU COULD KILL ME ANY TIME!!
...I DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU...
SHE'S... SOMEONE THAT KNOWS A LOT ABOUT OUR ENEMIES.
SAKURA... HEAL THAT GIRL TO THE POINT THAT SHE CAN SPEAK.
YOU SHOULD STILL BE IN TIME, RIGHT NOW.
...HE'S BEEN COMPLETELY BRAINWASHED... BY MADARA...
...
MASTER KAKASHI ...
SAKURA... YOU TAKE THAT GIRL...
...AND GET FAR AWAY FROM HERE...
WHAT ABOUT YOU...?

WELL, THAT IS MY ROLE, AFTER ALL.

I WILL TAKE ON WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN YOUR BURDEN.





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