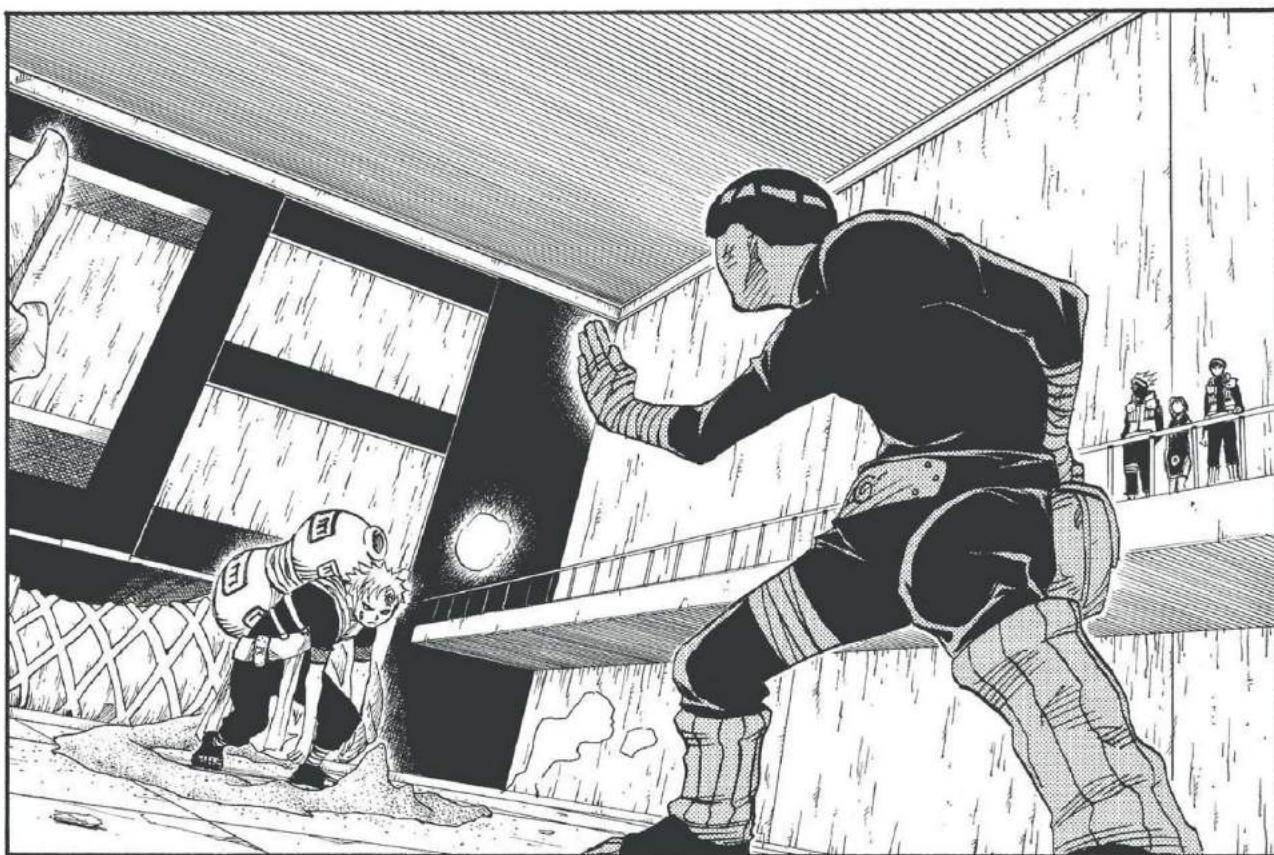




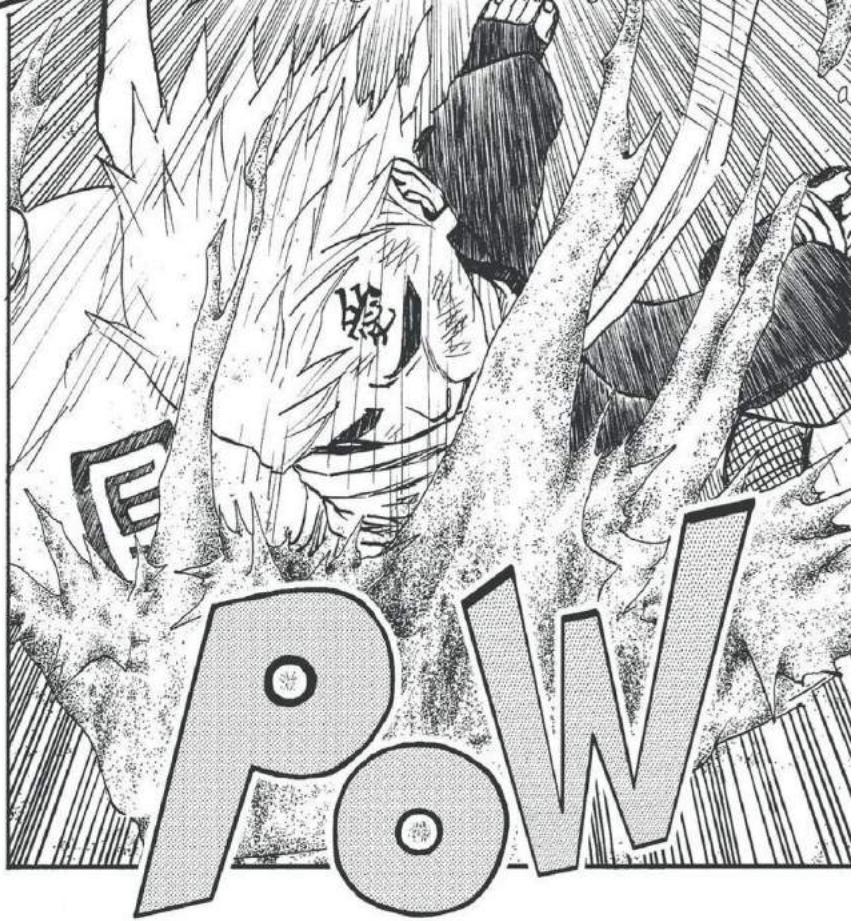
Number-83:-The-Ultimate-Defense...

Crumbles!!













SHOCKED!!

TREM-BLE

WH...
WHAT
IS
HE...?

GULP

THE
BLOWS,
BARELY
TOUCHED
HIM.

HE
MUMMIFIED
HIMSELF
IN SAND!!!

HE'S USUALLY
AS COMPOSED
AS A STATUE,
THE PICTURE OF
POLITENESS
AND
DECORUM.

HE WAS WEARING
THE SAND LIKE A
SHELL, EH...? HMM...
IT'S BEEN QUITE
SOME TIME SINCE
I SAW THAT
EXPRESSION
ON HIS FACE...

WOW!
HIS WHOLE
FACE JUST
BROKE
AND FELL
OFF?!

I HAD SENSED
THAT, DURING
THIS CHŪNIN
SELECTION
EXAMINATION,
HE WAS BECOMING
MORE AND MORE
UNSTABLE... BUT...

THE
OTHER
GAARA...

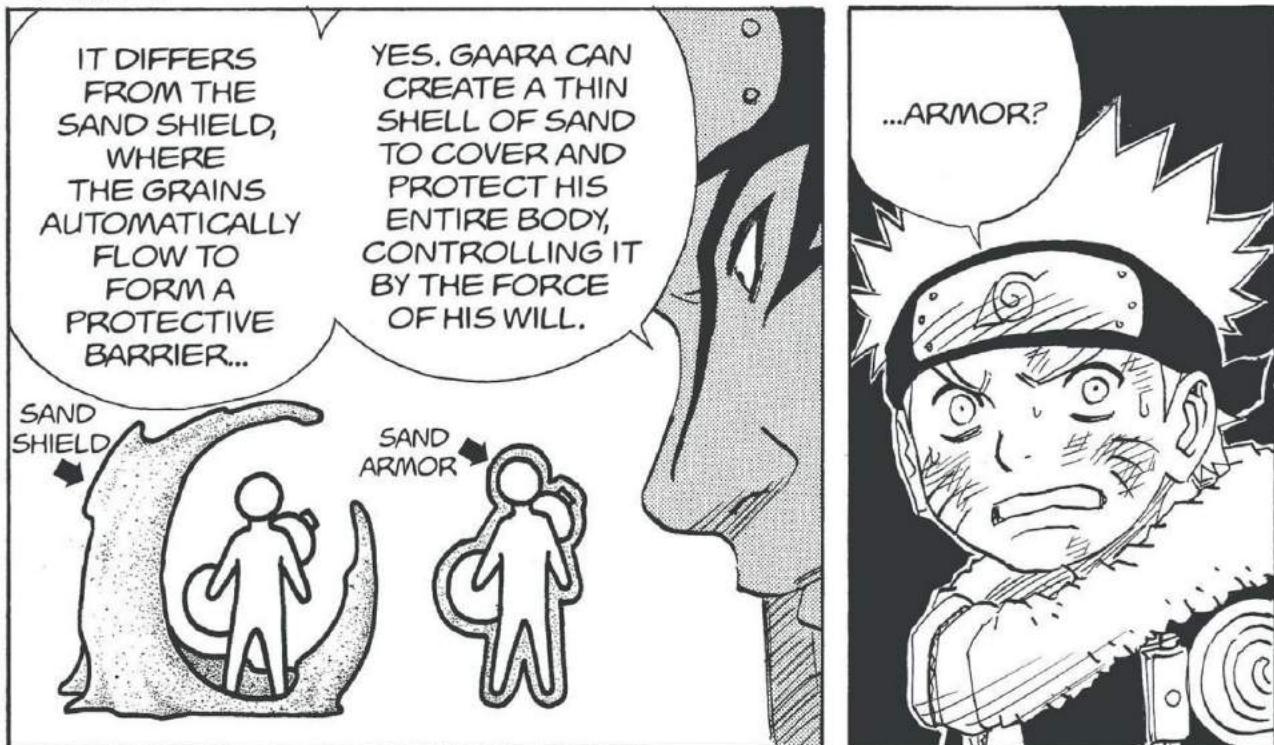
IF THIS
GAARA
IS ABLE
TO
CATCH
LEE...

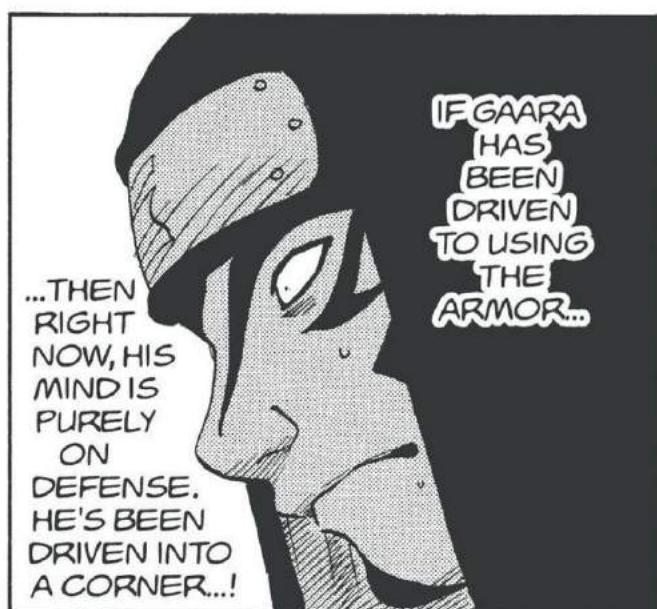
IS NOW
TOTALLY
AWAKE!!!

SKF









READ
THIS
WAY



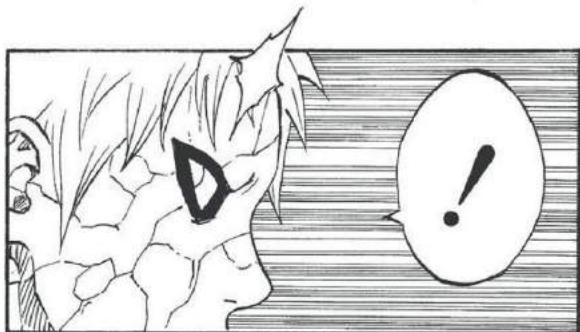
MY ONLY SHOT IS TO JUST KEEP POUNDING AND PUNISHING THAT OUTER LAYER OF SAND!

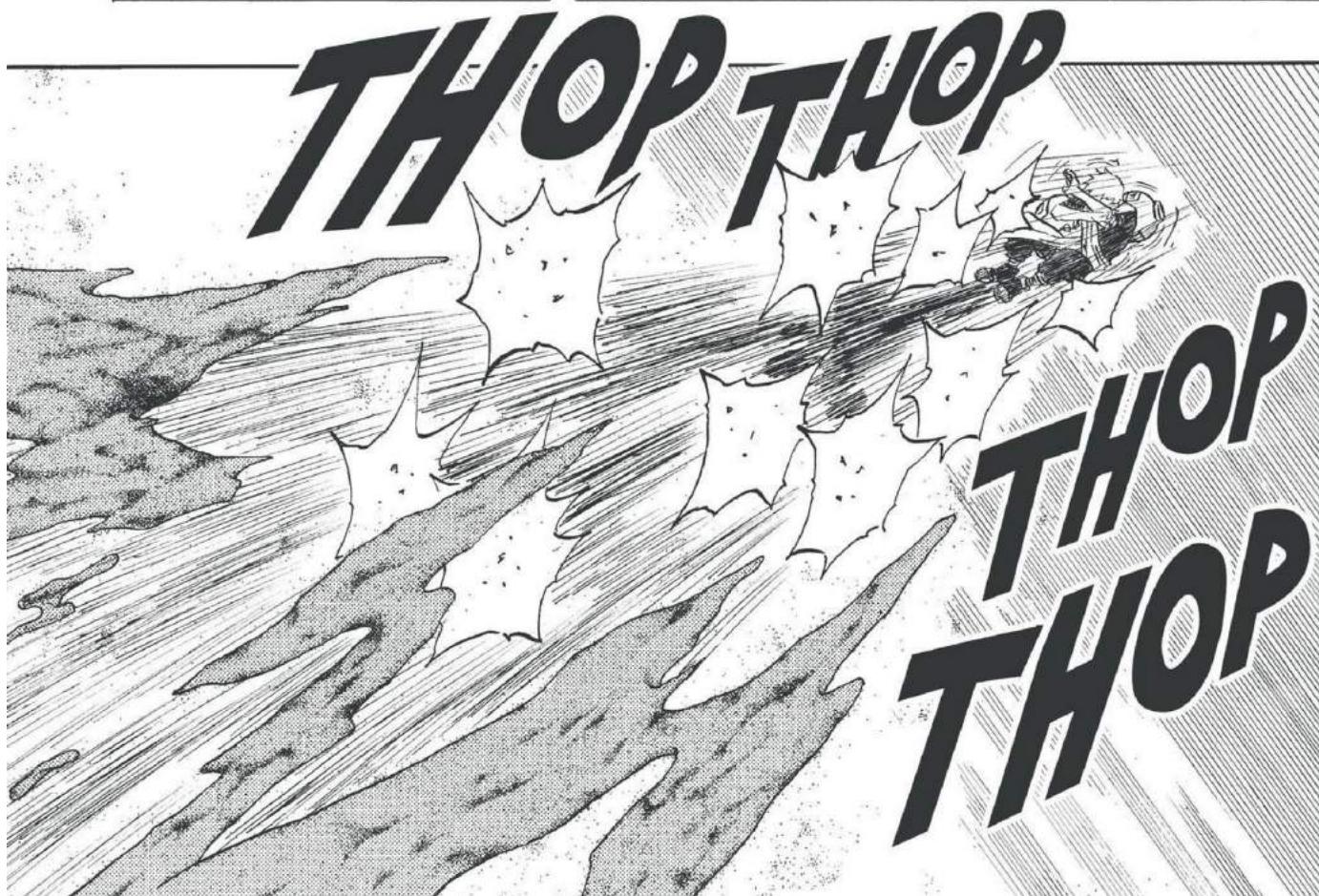
IT'S AN AMAZING DEFENSE! HE'S ENCASED IN PROTECTION, WHICH MAKES MY SPEED IRRELEVANT...



...THE LOTUS!!



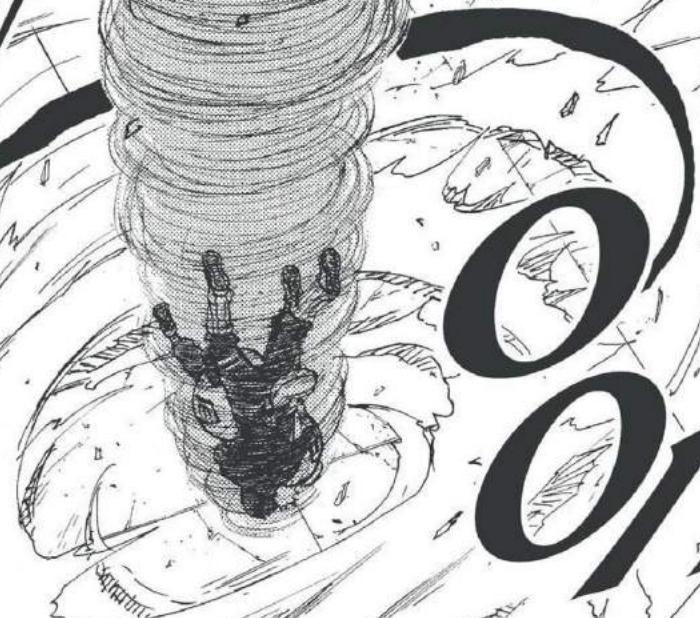




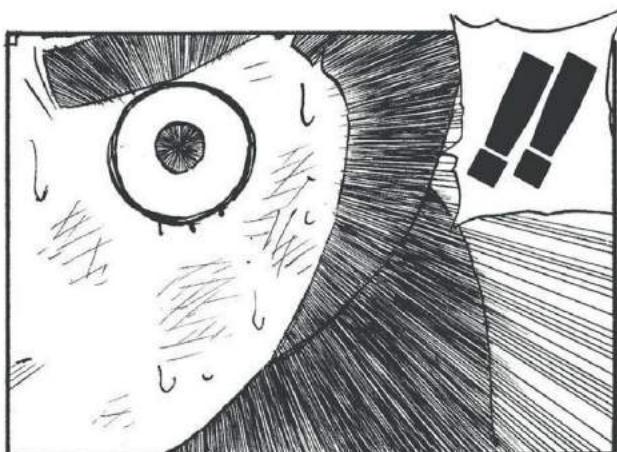
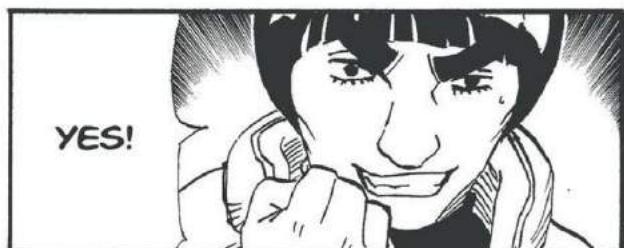
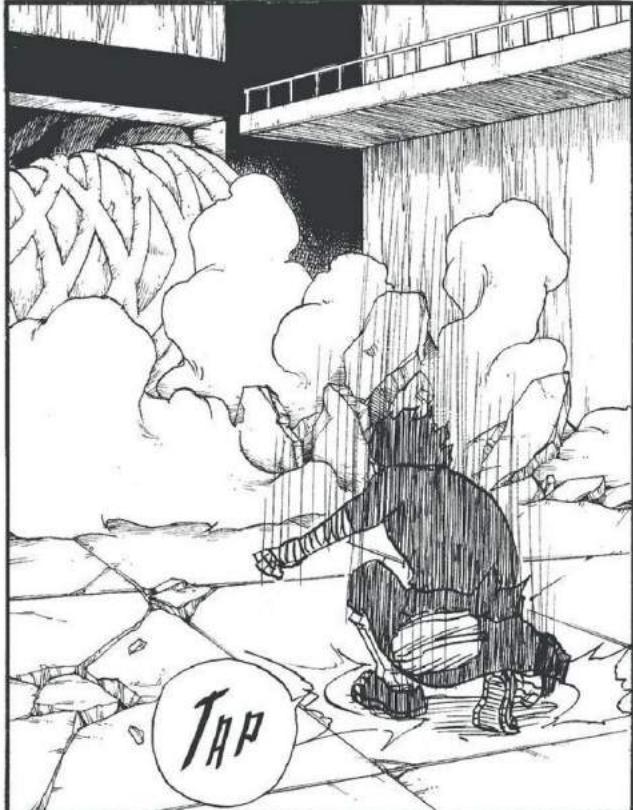


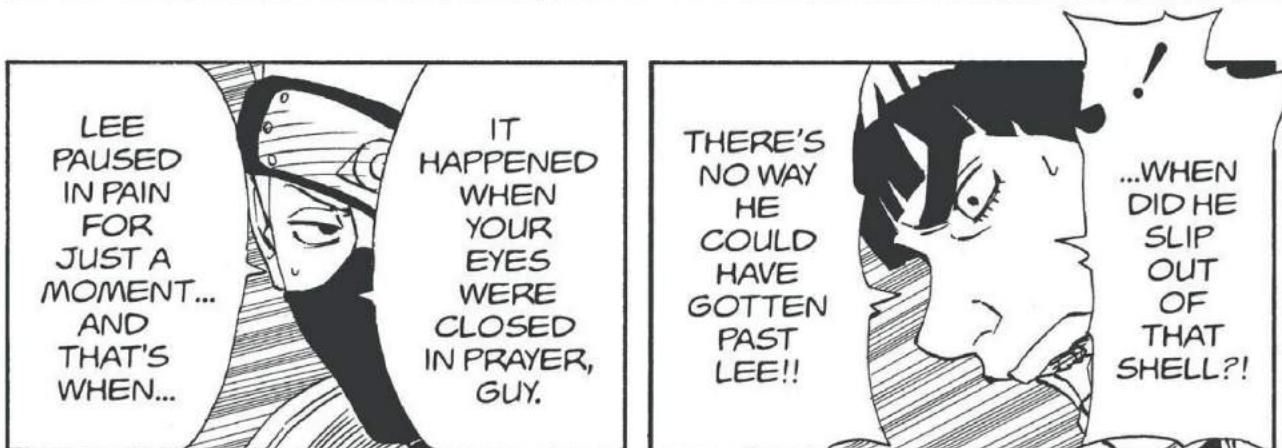
**FOR-
WARD
LOTUS!!**

ON









Number 84: The Genius of Hard Work...!!

