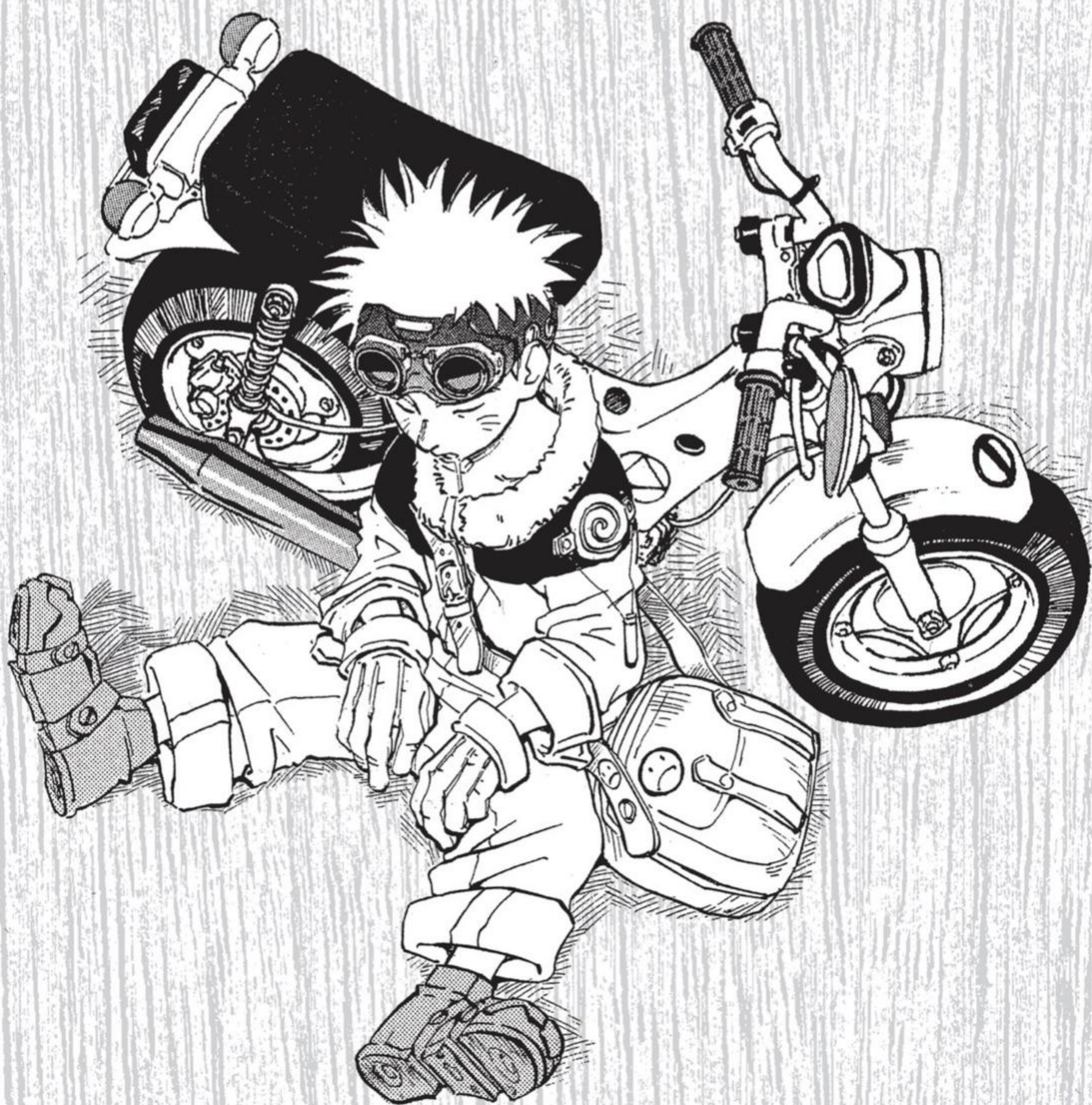


NARUTO





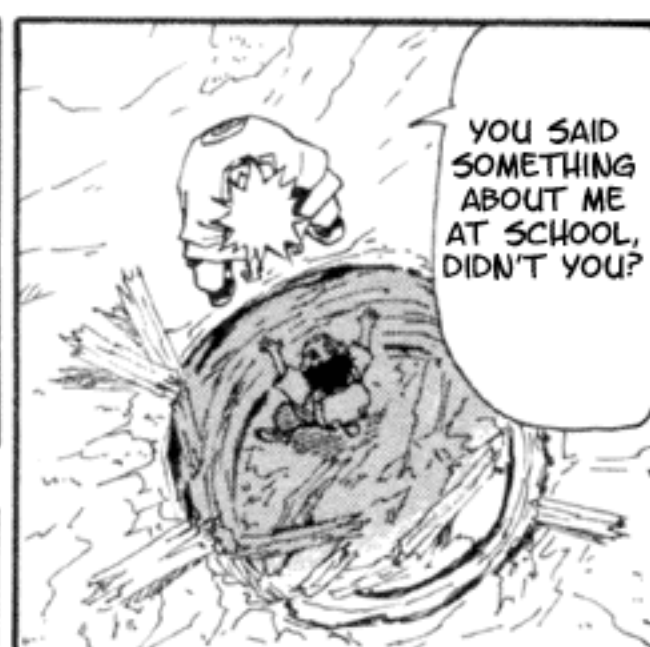
MOUNTAIN AREA
MT. OINARI

ARE YOU
THE ONE
WHO PUT
A TRAP
HOLE HERE,
NARUTO
!?

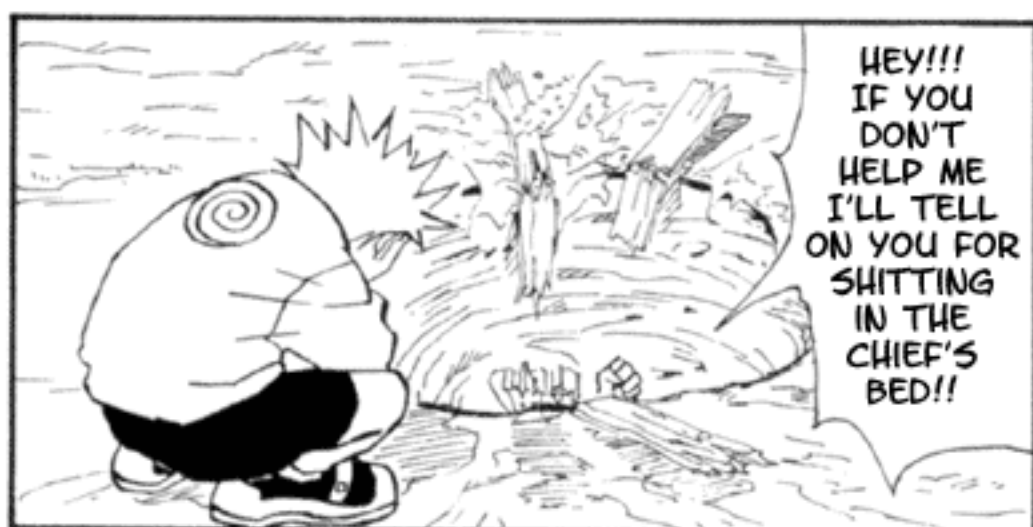


BAH

COME ON,
HELP ME
OUT OF
HERE,
FRIEND



YOU SAID
SOMETHING
ABOUT ME
AT SCHOOL,
DIDN'T YOU?



HEY!!!
IF YOU
DON'T
HELP ME
I'LL TELL
ON YOU FOR
SHITTING
IN THE
CHIEF'S
BED!!



Ty.



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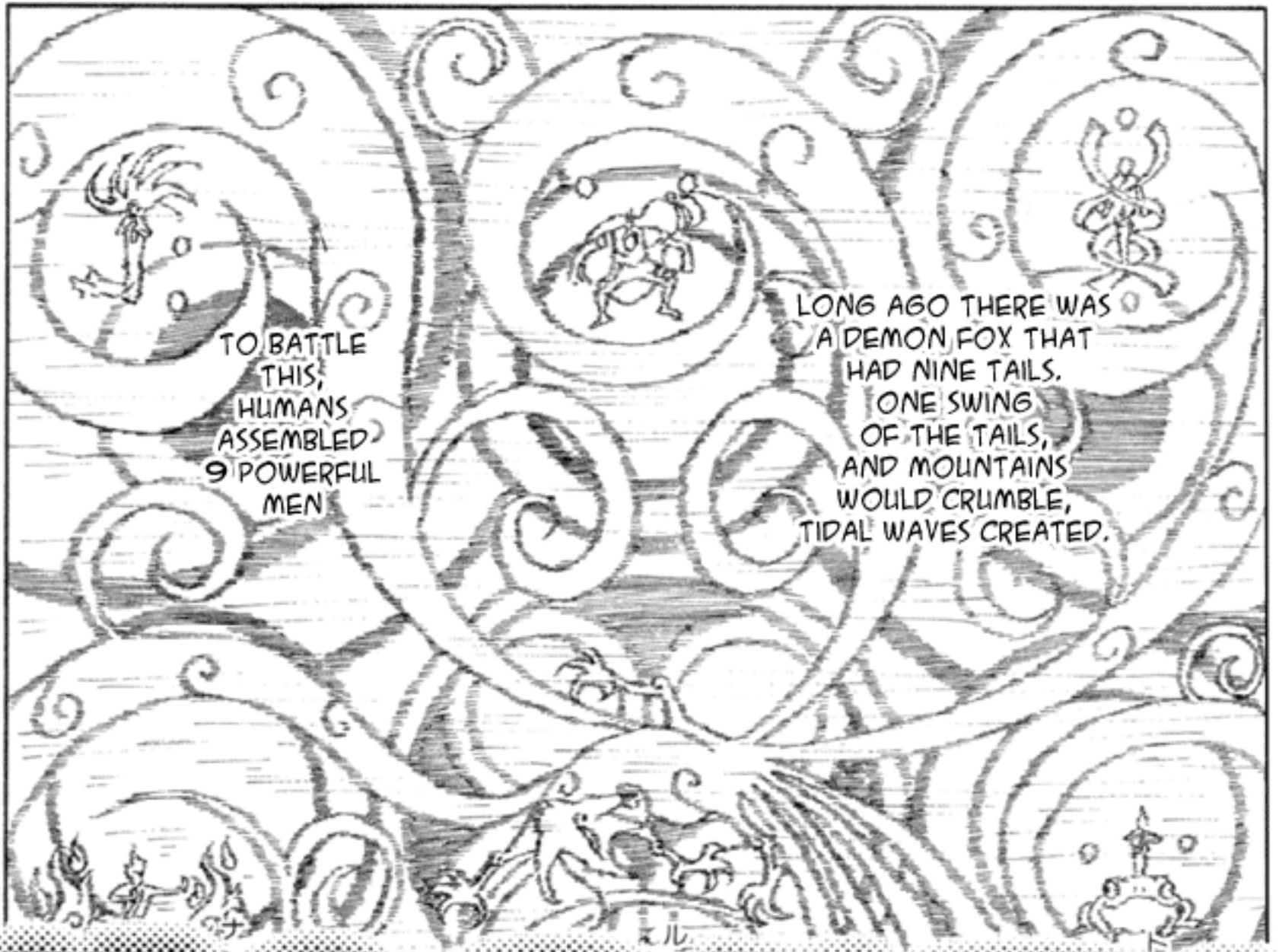
OH...
THAT
WAS...
UMM...

COME
ON,
NARUTO.
WE'RE
FRIENDS



TRANSLATOR:
SCANNER:
EDITOR:

AK OF TROY
VYSE THE LEGEND
VYSE THE LEGEND



TO BATTLE
THIS,
HUMANS
ASSEMBLED
9 POWERFUL
MEN

LONG AGO THERE WAS
A DEMON FOX THAT
HAD NINE TAILS.
ONE SWING
OF THE TAILS,
AND MOUNTAINS
WOULD CRUMBLE,
TIDAL WAVES CREATED.

NARUTO



ONLY
ONE
WOULD
SURVIVE

THESE 9
RISKED
THEIR LIVES
TO SEAL
THE BEAST



THERE IS NO NEED FOR CONFLICT IN THIS ERA

EVIL ONLY BRINGS CONFLICT ...



BUT YOUR EVIL ACTIONS SURE GET WORSE EVERY YEAR



YET YOU HAVE NOT A SINGLE HUMAN FRIEND

THIS IS AN ERA WHERE HUMANS AND DEMONS MUST LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE



DIED LONG AGO FIGHTING YOUR FATHER!!

YOU IDIOT!! ALL 8 OF MY FRIENDS ...!!



I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY

WHAT, WHAT? DO YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS THEN, CHIEF?



WHY DON'T YOU HURRY AND GO TO THEM!?

THEN, THEN!! IF FRIENDS ARE SO IMPORTANT,



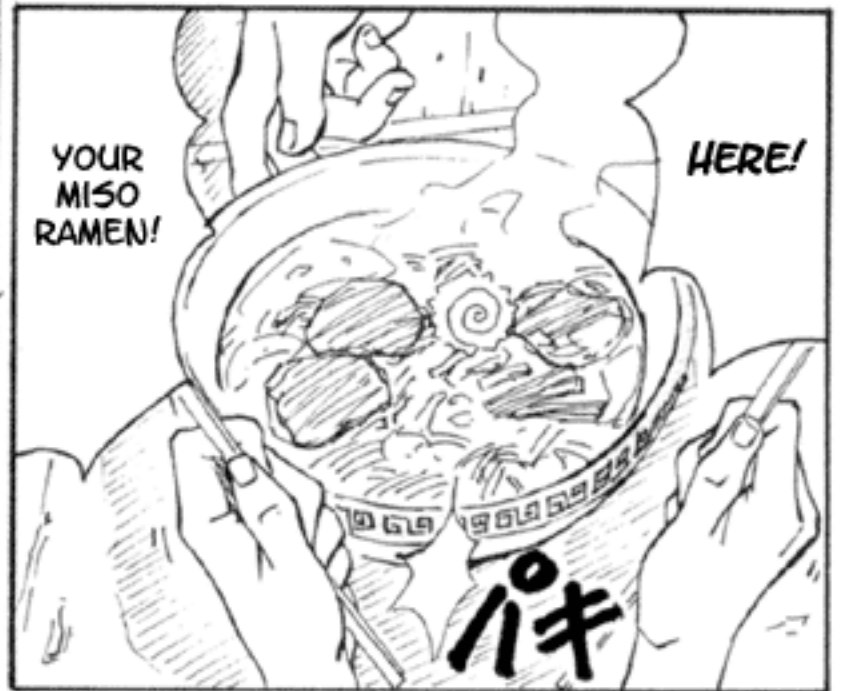
YET YOU BECAME A SPOILED BRAT WITH NO FRIENDS

YOU WERE LUCKY I FELT BAD ABOUT KILLING A NINE-TAILS CHILD











ANYWAY,
WE NEED
THE
PAINTING
BY
TOMORROW



IT
BETTER
BE
READY...

THIS IS
SUCH
A MAJOR
ART PIECE,
SO WE
POLICE ARE
INVOLVED.



HERE'S
YOUR
RAMEN

THIS GUY
REEKS OF
BOOZE!!!



HEY,
KURODA...



I ONLY
EAT
FRENCH
FOOD

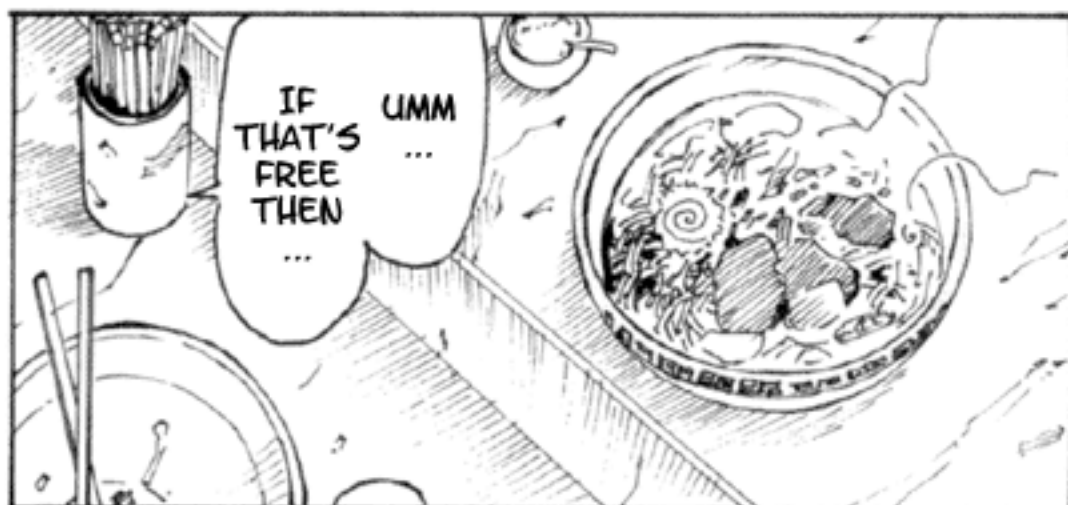
WHAT
A
JERK

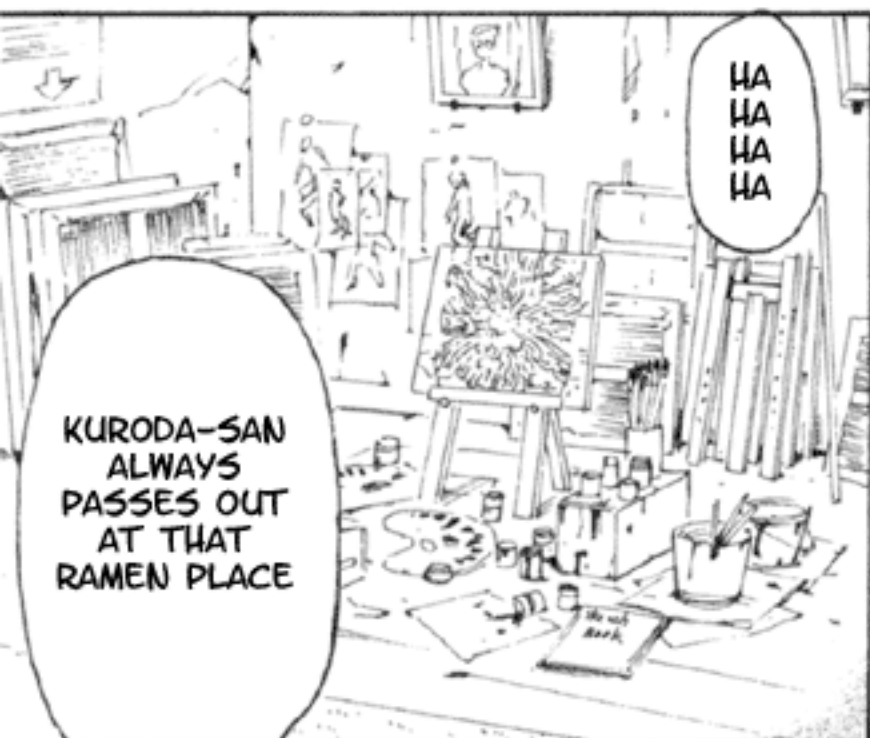
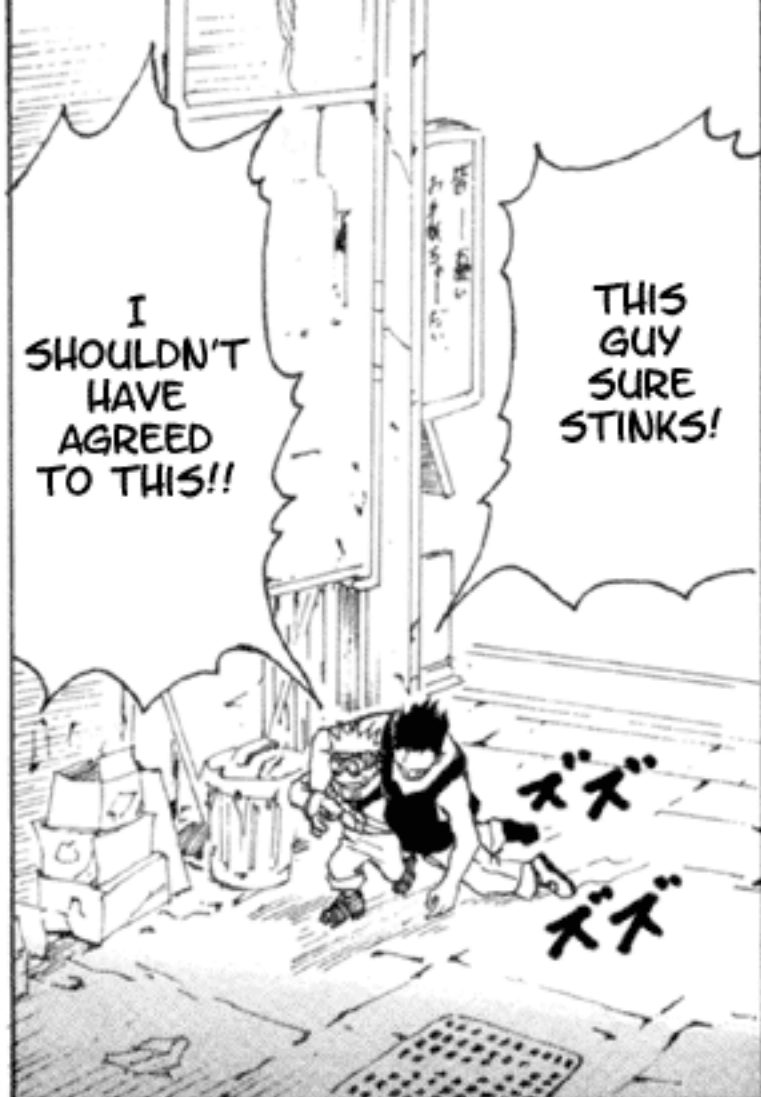


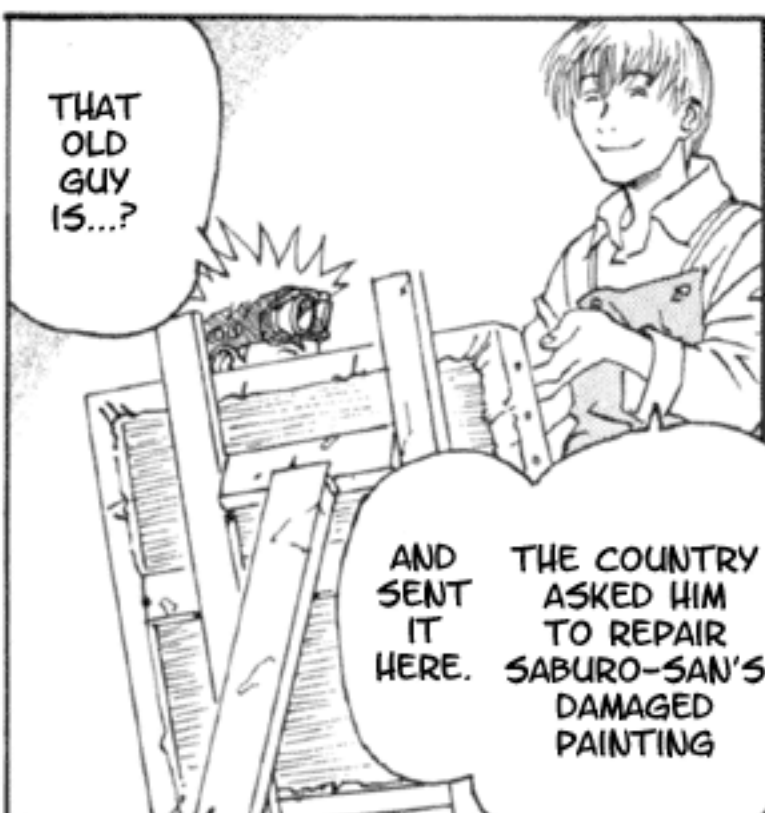
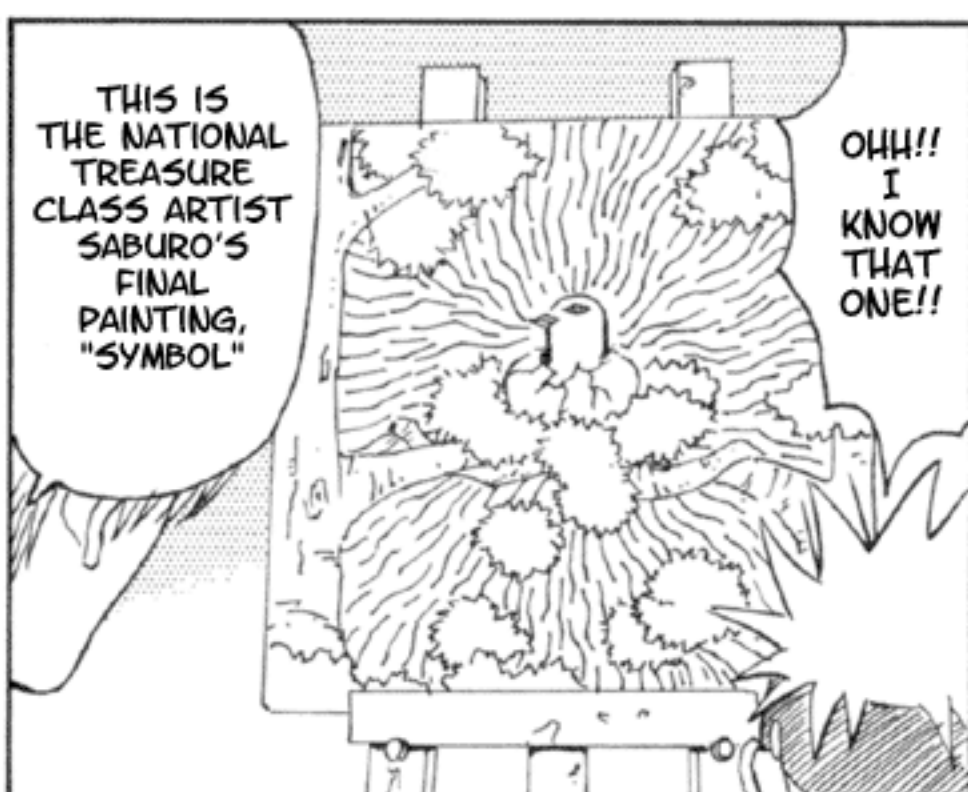
I
DON'T
WANT
IT.

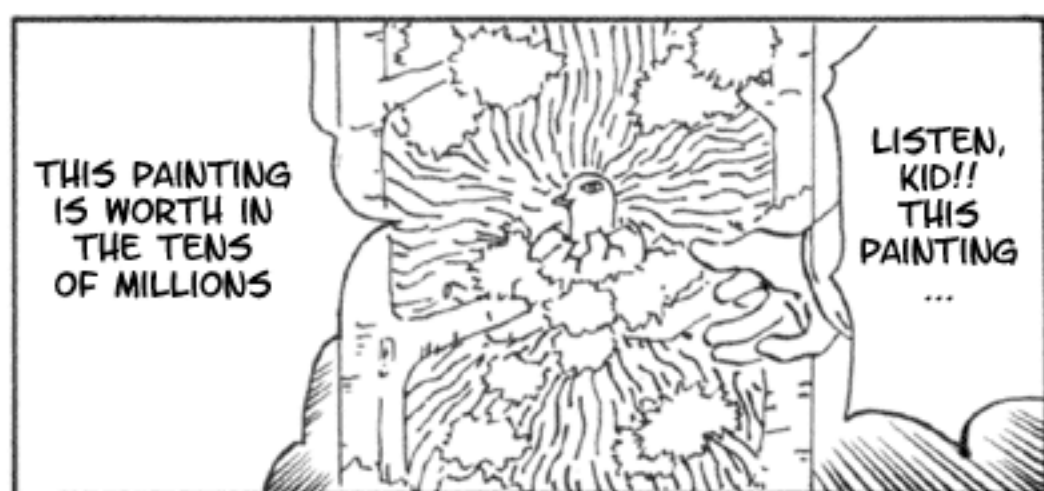
HEY,
WHAT
ABOUT
HIS
RAMEN!?













THIS IS
THE KID
WHO
BROUGHT
YOU HOME...

OH,
SENSEI



I CAN'T
EVEN
SLEEP

GEEZ...
BE
QUIET



THIS IS
EMBAR-
RASSING

UZUMAKI
NARUTO-
KUN



URRRGG!!!

NO WAY
I'LL BE FRIENDS
WITH A GUY
LIKE THIS!

TO STEAL
THE
PAINTING
OR
SOMETHING

HE
PROBABLY
JUST GOT
CLOSE
TO ME...



DRINK
WITH ME

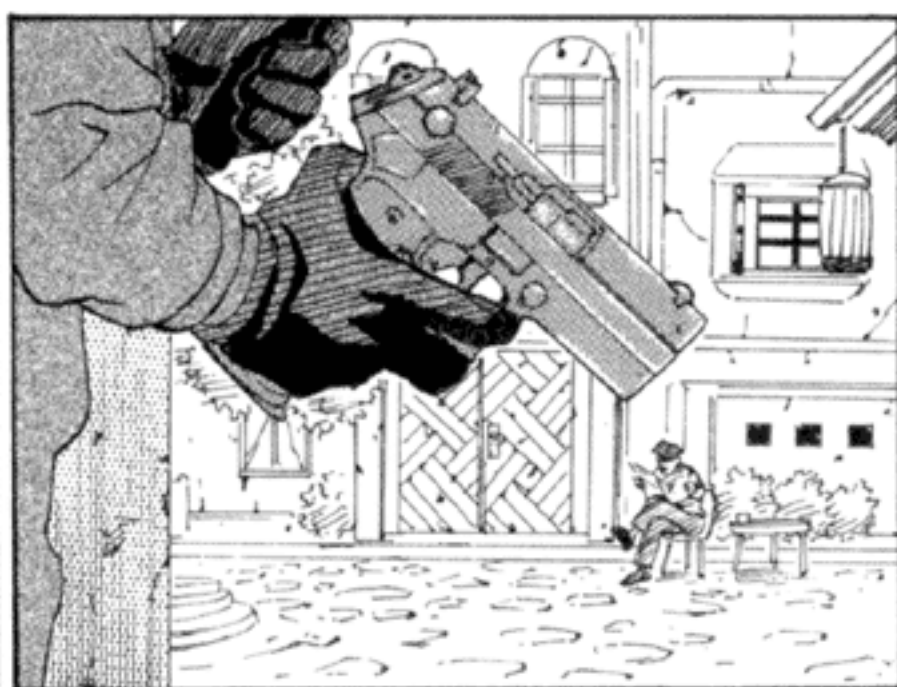
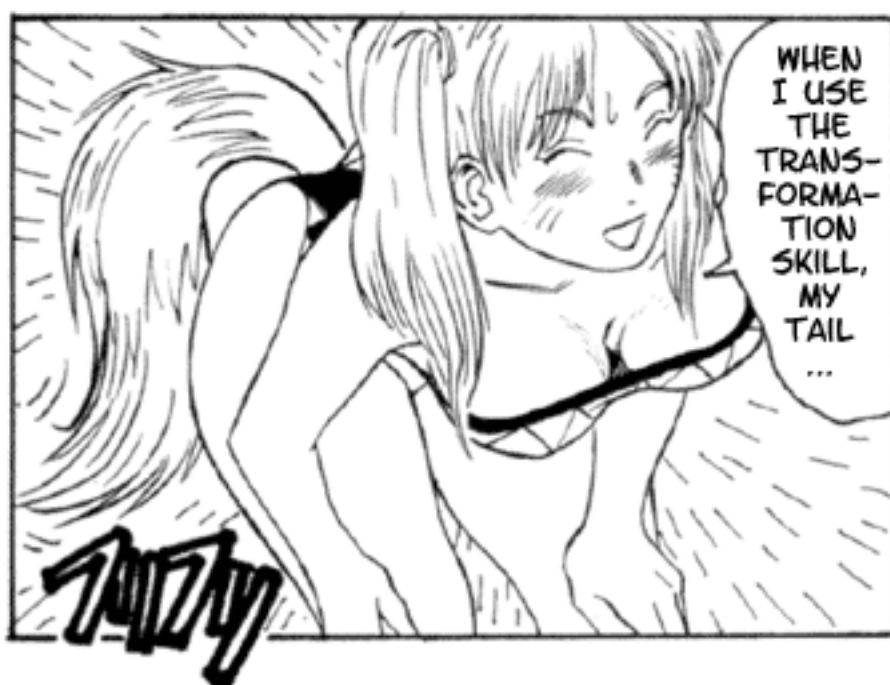
BUT
I'LL
THANK
YOU...

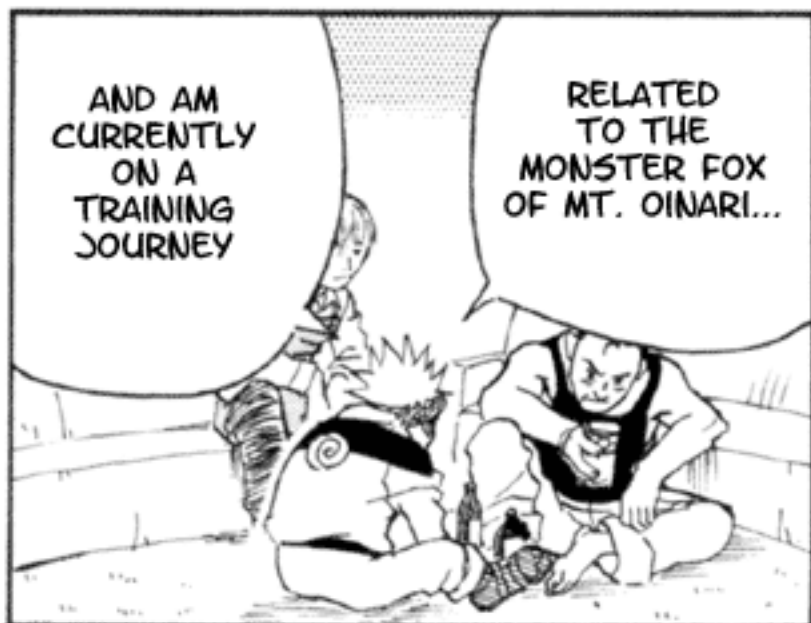


I'M
NOT
21,
I CAN'T!

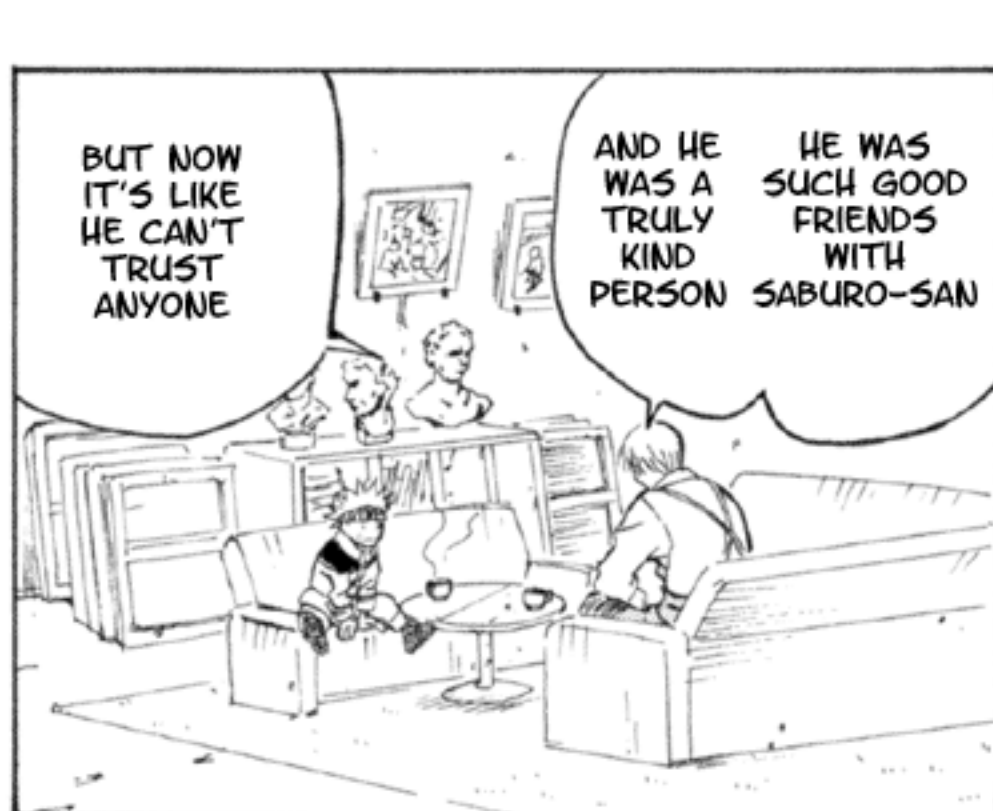
NO NO!
I CAN'T!













HE WAS
STABBED
WITH A
KNIFE

BY HIS
BEST
FRIEND,
SABURO-SAN



WAS THE
ULTIMATE
HUMILIATION
TO
SABURO-SAN...
SO...

HAVING HIS
BEST FRIEND
TAKE OVER AS
THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE CULTURAL
ADVANCEMENT
COMMITTEE...



BUT HEY!
YOU JUST
SAID THEY
WERE GOOD
FRIENDS

TO
SABURO-SAN,
ART WAS
EVERYTHING



KURODA
SENSEI
SURVIVED,
BUT BECAME
ALMOST A
DIFFERENT
PERSON

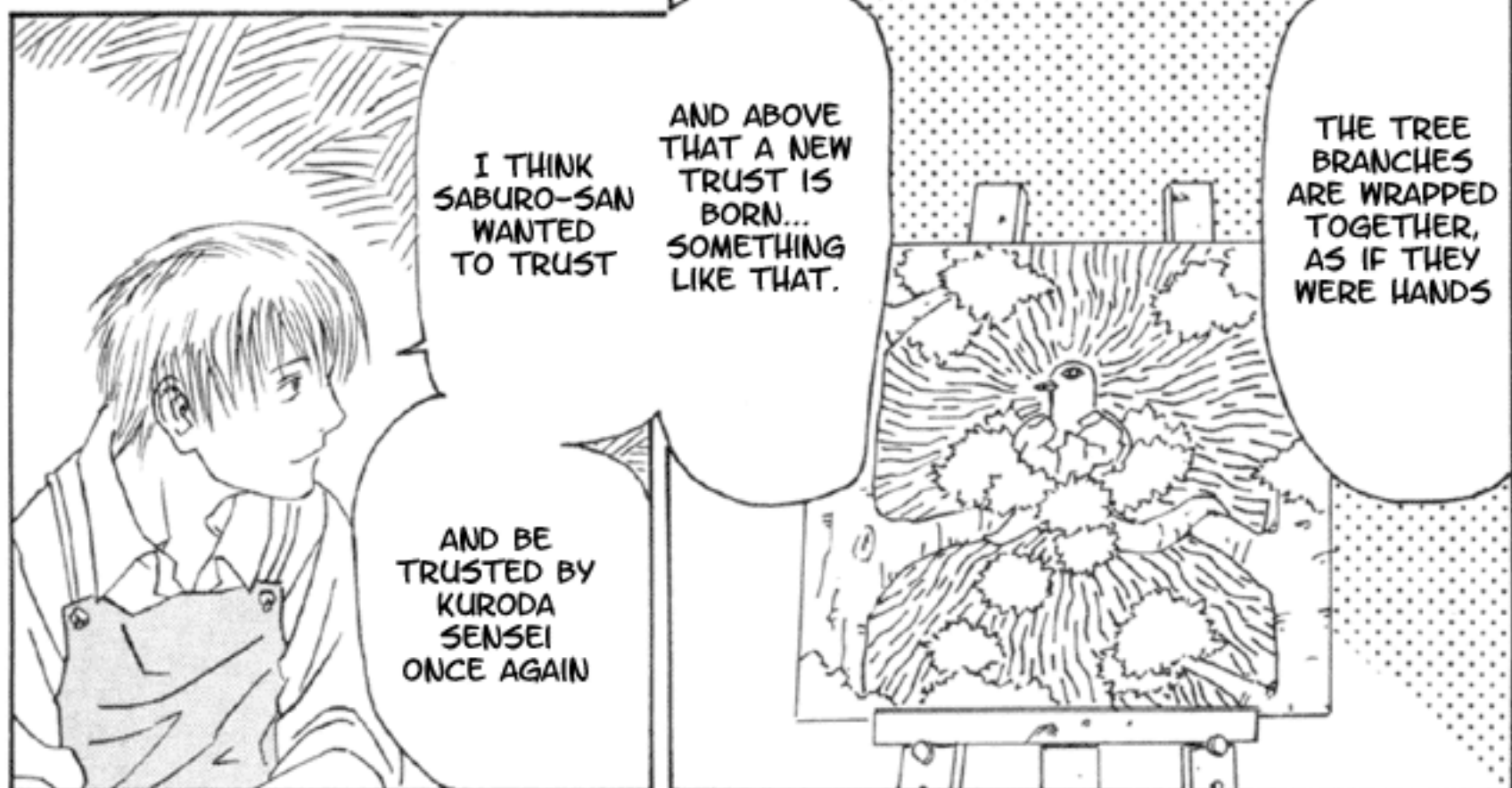


AFTER
THAT
INCIDENT,
HE PAINTED
"SYMBOL"
AND
COMMITTED
SUICIDE



IF KURODA
SENSEI
DIES,
THEN
I CAN BE
THE
CHAIRMAN
AGAIN....





I THINK
SABURO-SAN
WANTED
TO TRUST

AND ABOVE
THAT A NEW
TRUST IS
BORN...
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

THE TREE
BRANCHES
ARE WRAPPED
TOGETHER,
AS IF THEY
WERE HANDS

AND BE
TRUSTED BY
KURODA
SENSEI
ONCE AGAIN



BUT YOU
HAVE
MANY CHANCES

THERE'S NO
LONGER THE
CHANCE LIKE
IN THE
PAINTING

BUT HE
TOOK
HIS
OWN
LIFE

CHANCE
?



...I BE
YOUR
FIRST
FRIEND?

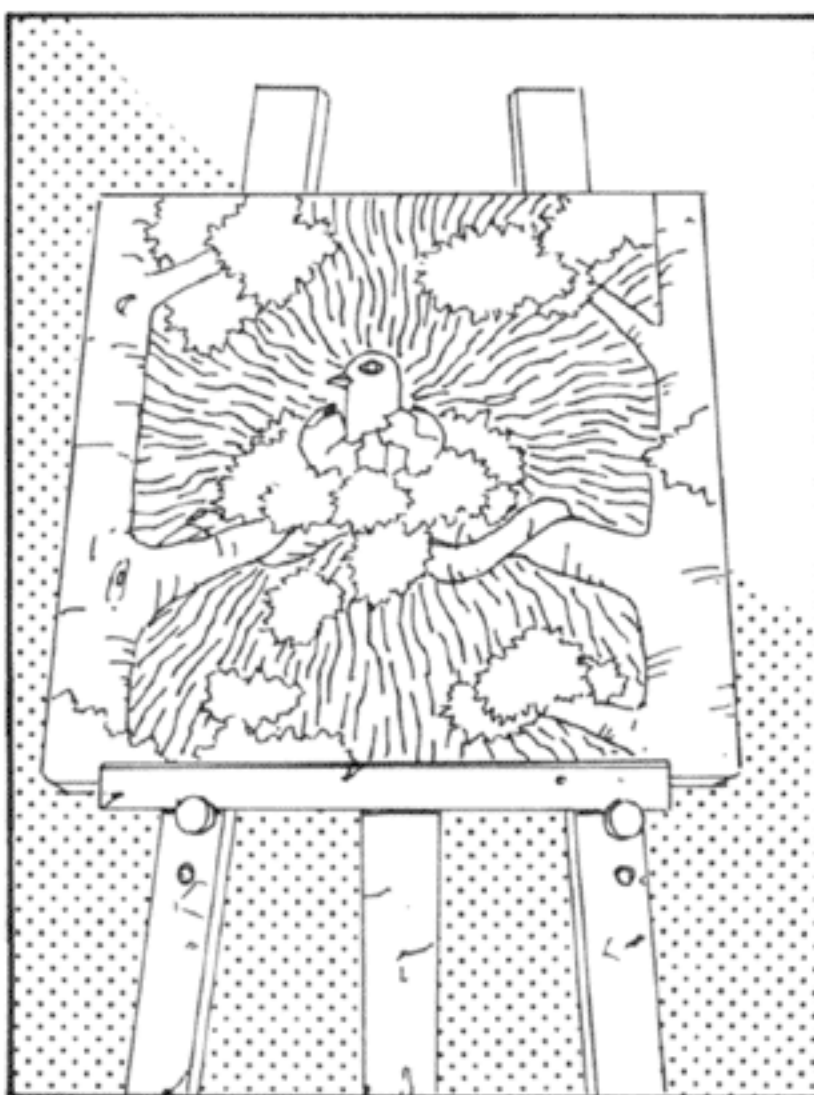
HOW
ABOUT
...

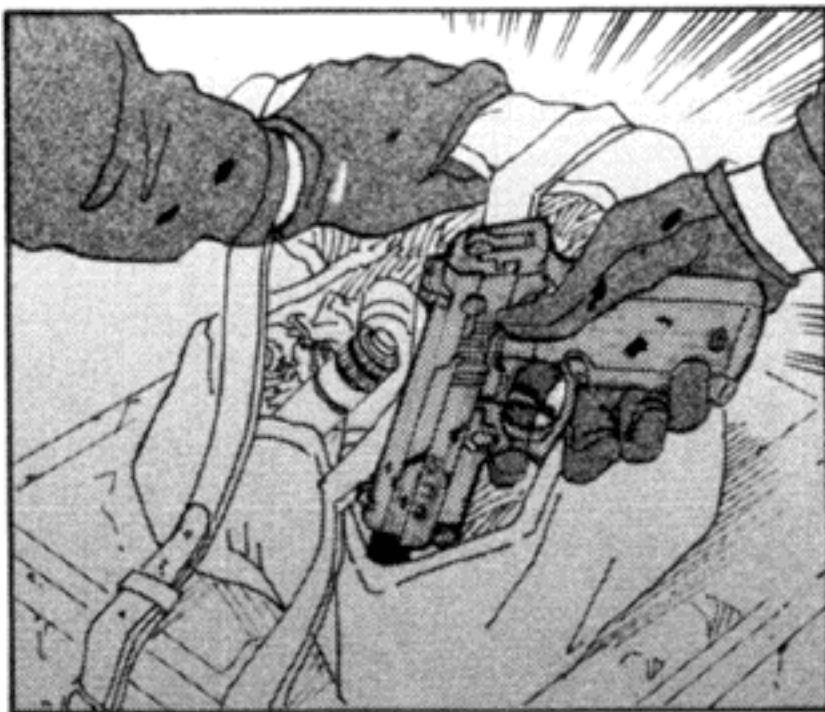
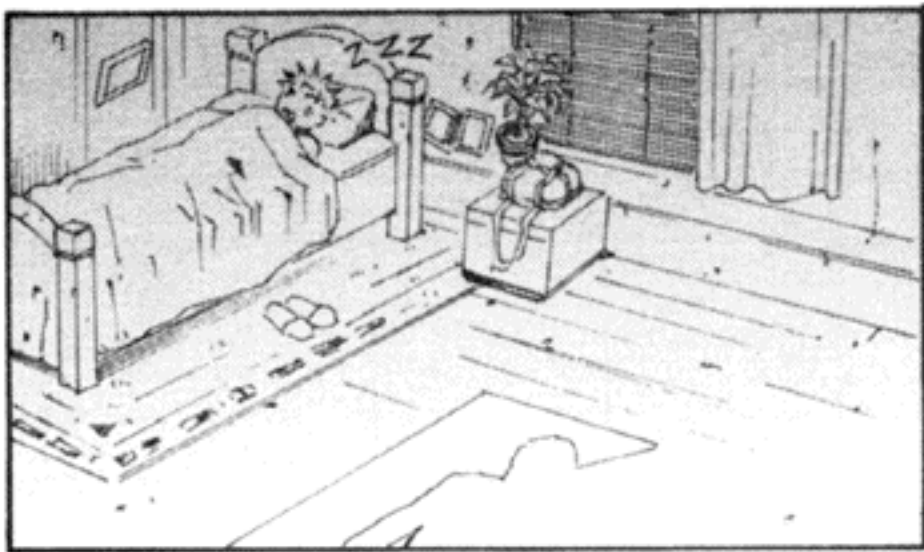
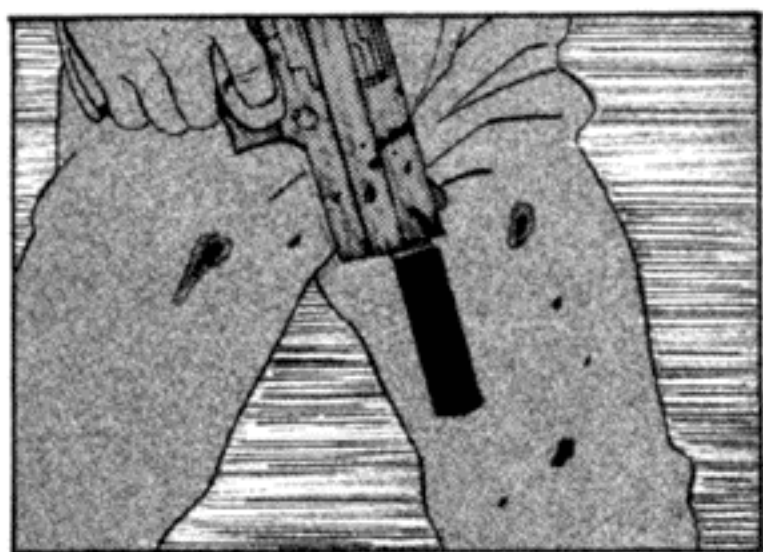
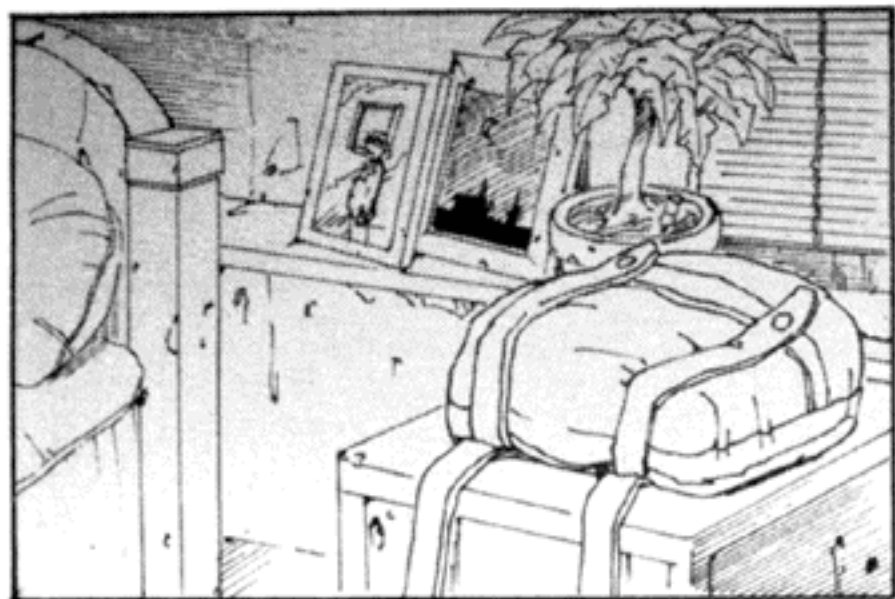
I WILL
TRUST
YOU

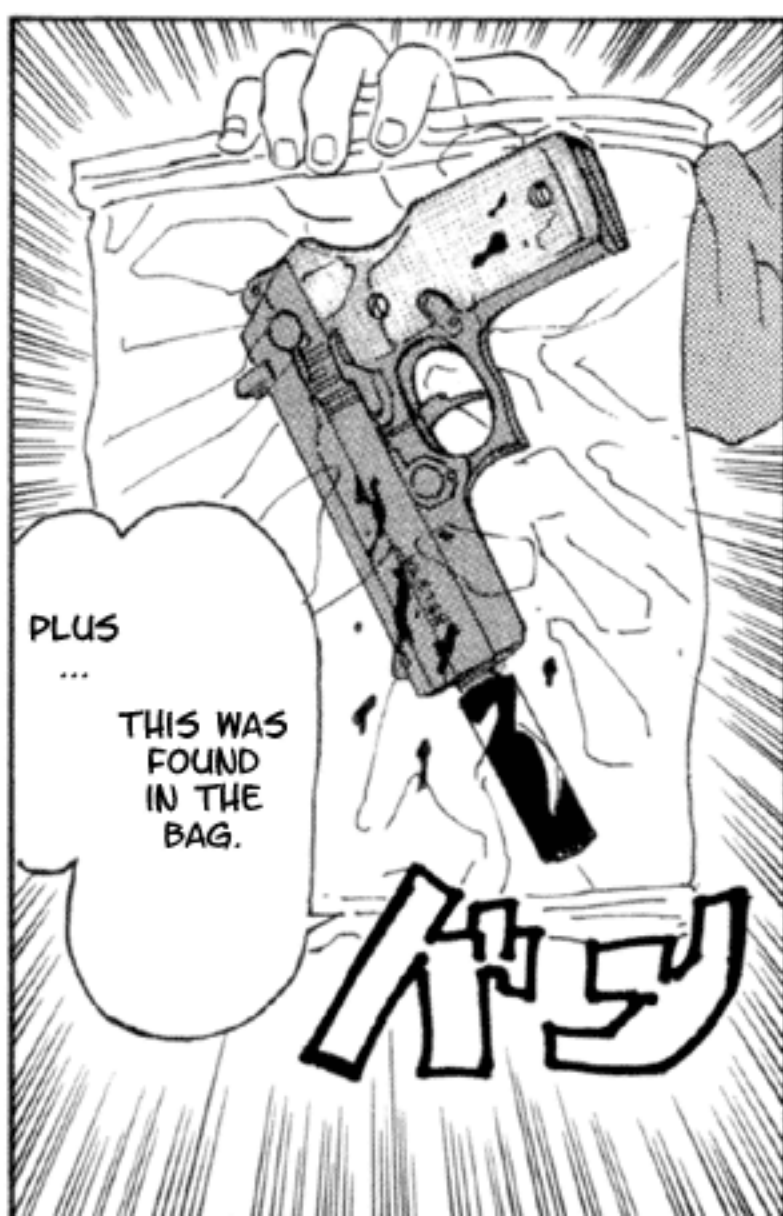
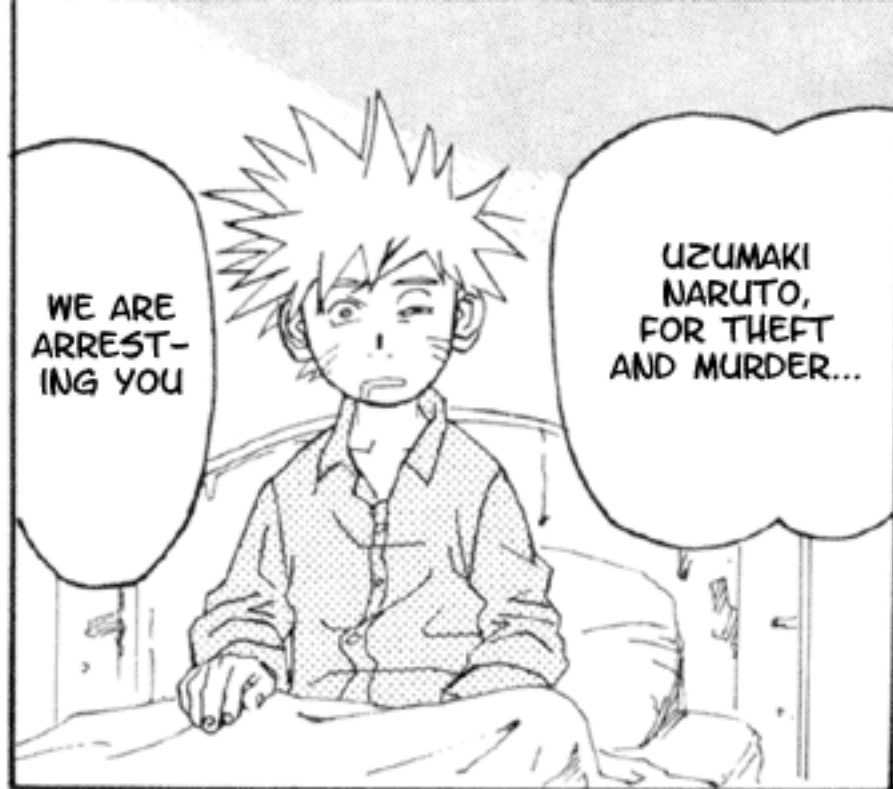
IF YOU
TRUST ME

IS ALSO
A
SYMBOL
OF
TRUST

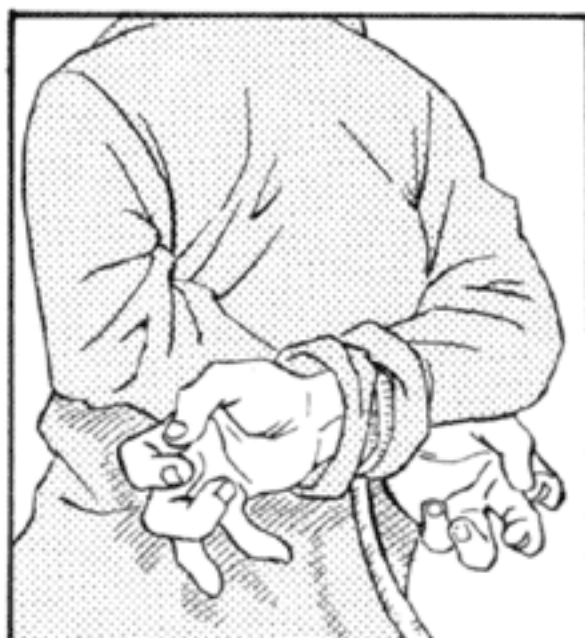
A
HAND-
SHAKE,
LIKE THE
NAME OF
THIS
PAINTING



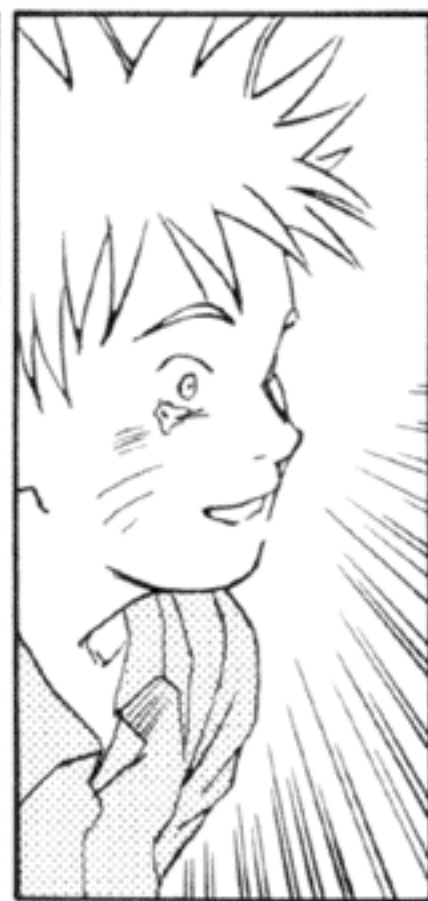
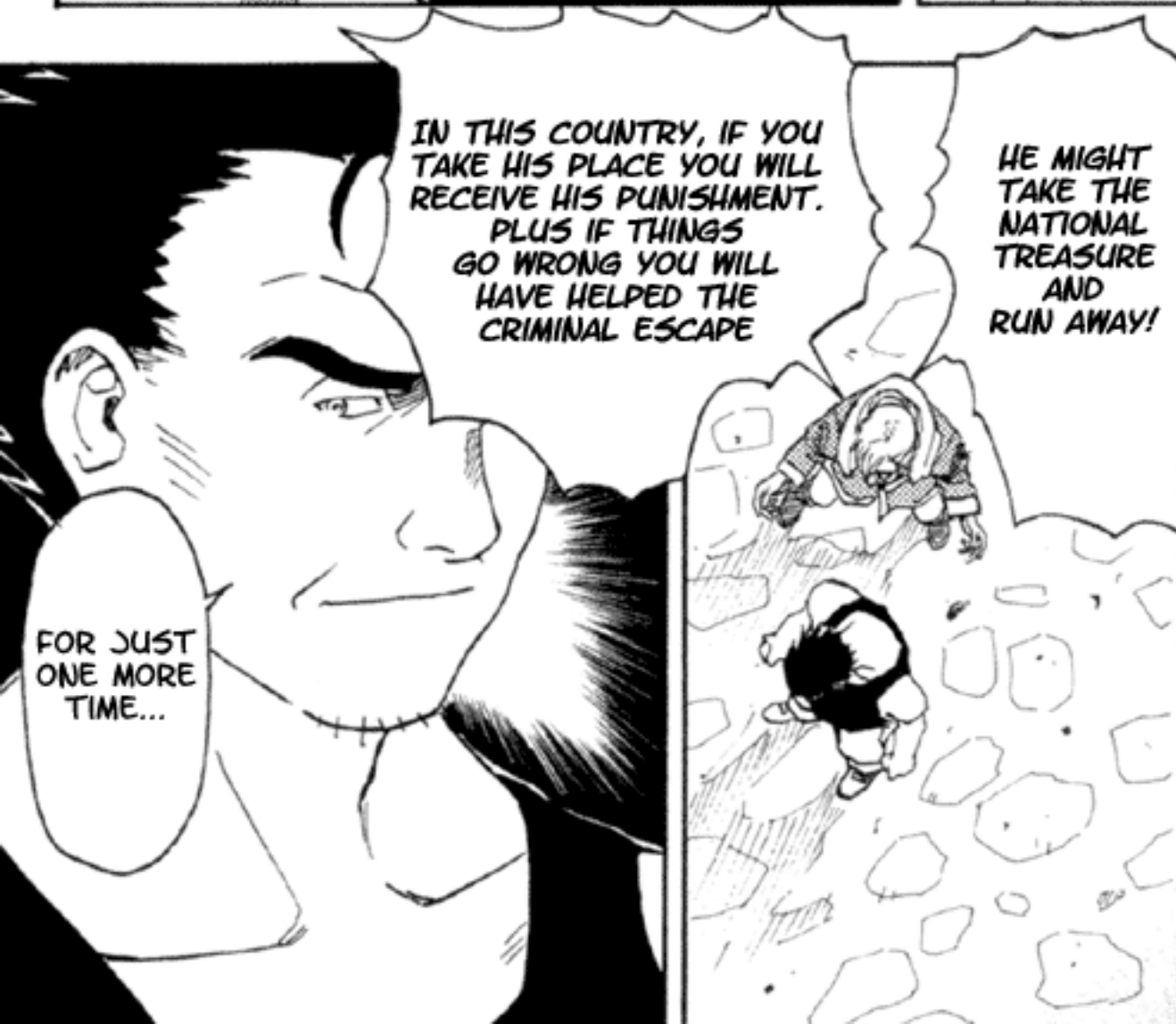








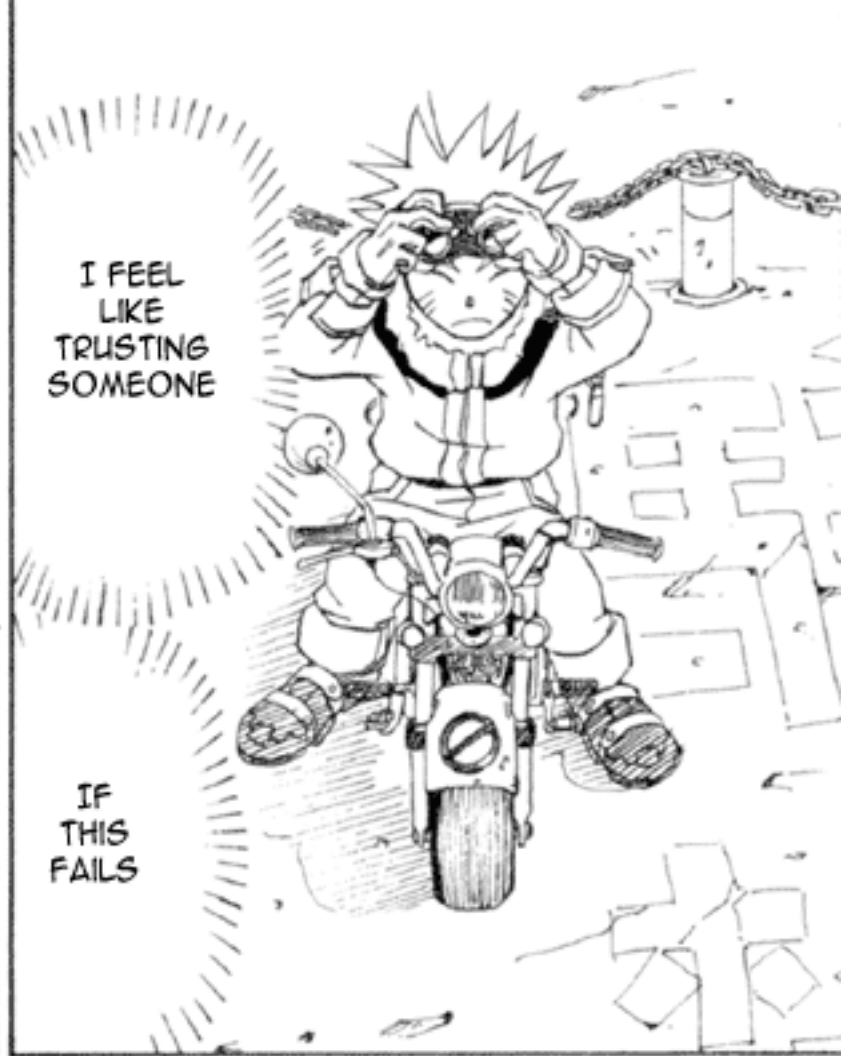






MISTER

I'LL
GIVE UP
FOR
GOOD



I FEEL
LIKE
TRUSTING
SOMEONE

IF
THIS
FAILS



JUST
WAIT
FOR ME



BELIEVE
IN ME?

YOU SAID
HE DOESN'T
TRUST
ANYONE
SINCE
THAT
INCIDENT



WHY DID
THAT
OLD MAN

TAKASHI-
SAN,

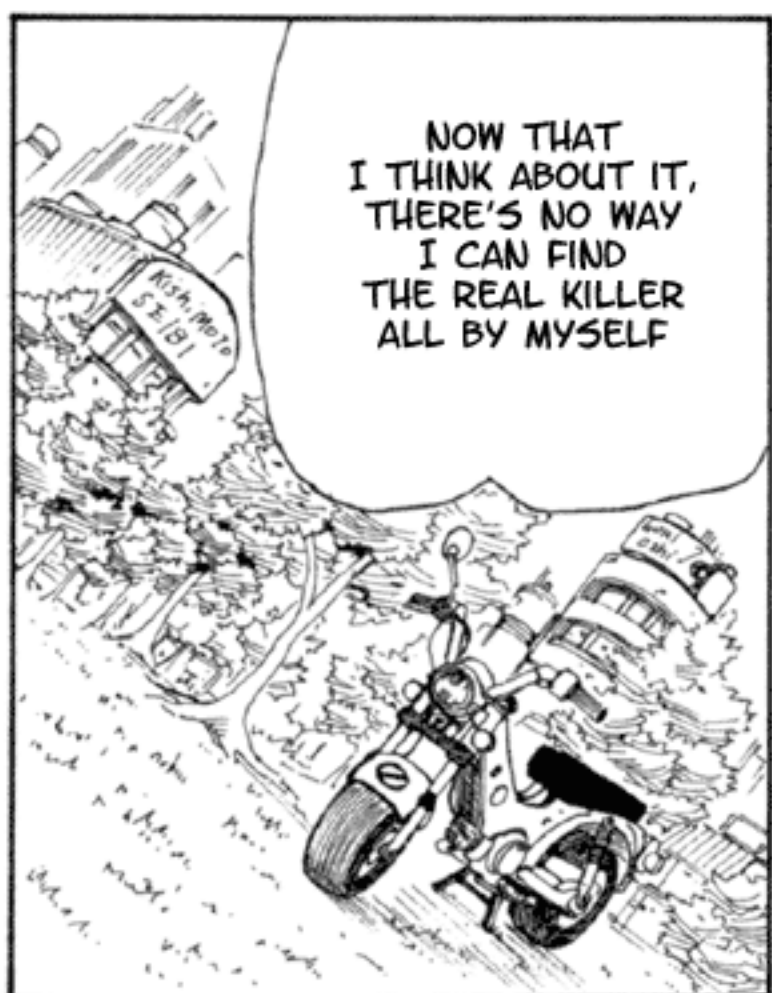


WHY IS IT?
THE MORE
TIME GOES BY
THE MORE
AFRAID I GET

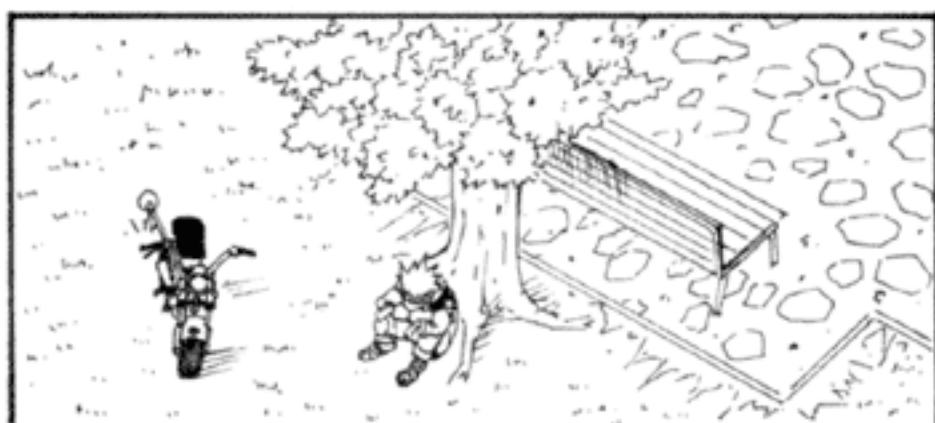


OR IS IT
A PLAN WITH
THE POLICE
AND THAT'S
WHY HE
LET ME GO?

DOES HE
REALLY
TRUST
ME?



NOW THAT
I THINK ABOUT IT,
THERE'S NO WAY
I CAN FIND
THE REAL KILLER
ALL BY MYSELF



IT'S BEEN
A WEEK
AND
I HAVE
NO CLUES



I
REALLY
...

DOES HE
STILL
BELIEVE
IN ME?



WHAT
AM I
DOING
HERE?





HUMANS
WOULD
TRUST
ME



HE
HE
HE

HEH



THERE'S
NO WAY
...



AM I
TRYING
SO HARD
FOR ANOTHER
HUMAN?!

YET
WHY
...



HIROSHI
IS NORMAL



THAT'S
NOT
TRUE

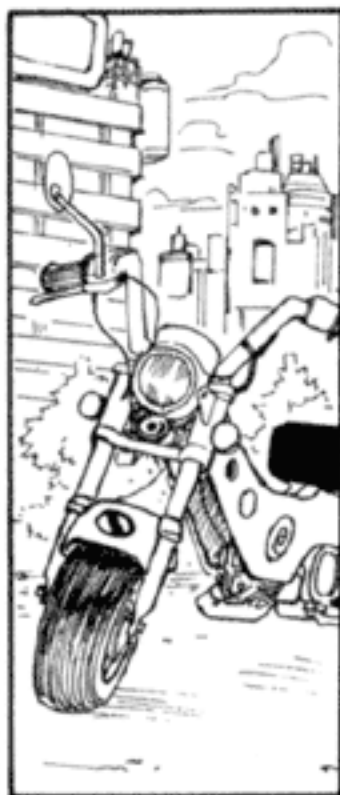
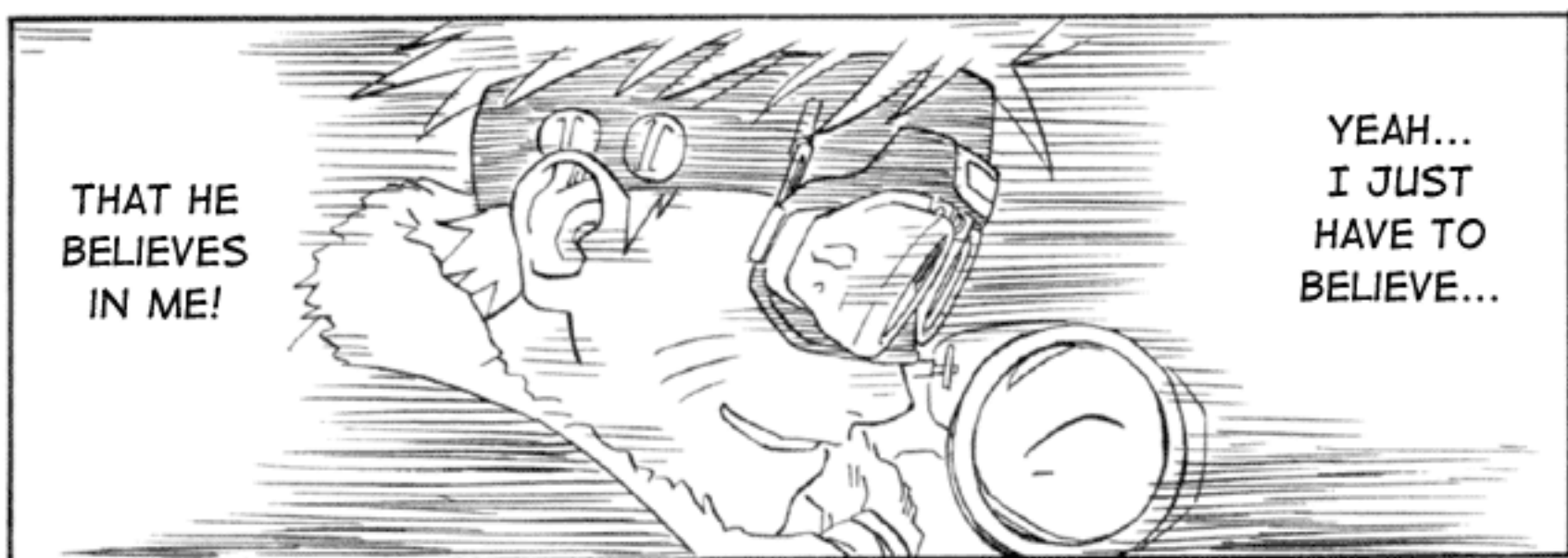
HOW
STUPID



HIROSHI
IS A
LUCKY
GUY....

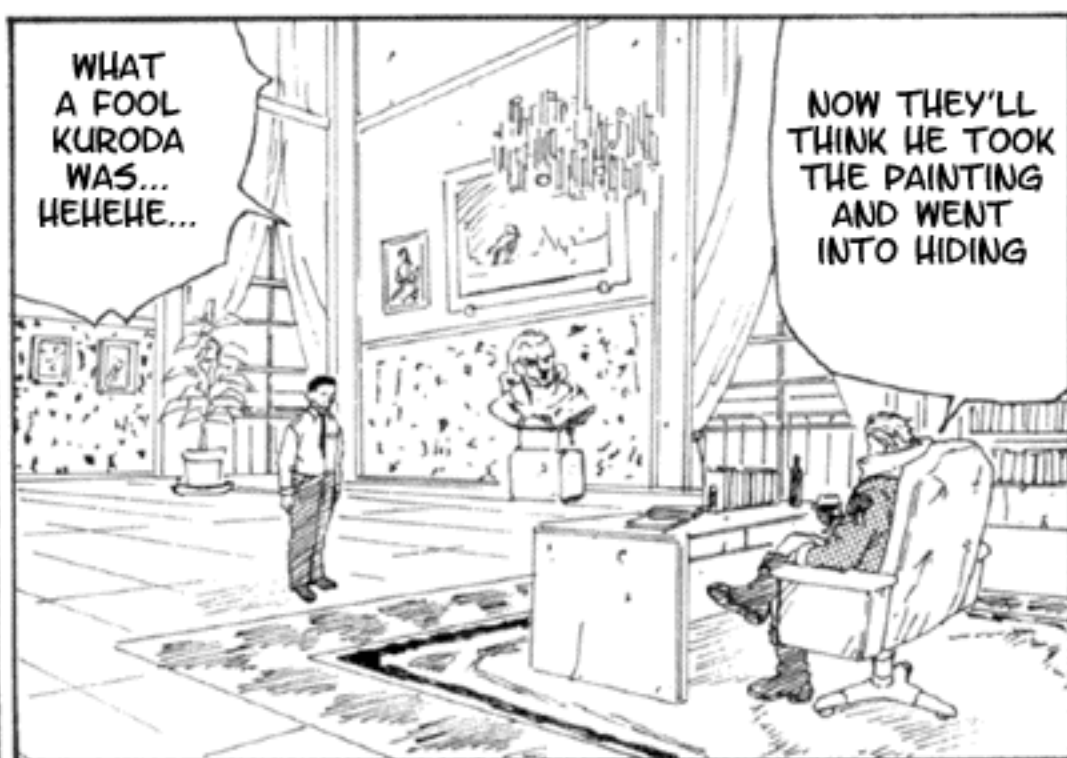
LUCKY...













YOU
ARE...

WHA!?



AND
WORST
OF ALL,
KILLING
TAKASHI-
SAN
...

FRAMING
ME...
TRICKING
THE OLD
MAN...



YOU
MONSTER
!!!!
THE
PAINTING
IS MINE
!!!!

DAMN
IT!!!!



TOO BAD FOR YOU
BUT YOUR MAN
SOLD YOU OUT.
I HAD TO TAKE
CARE OF HIM AFTER
HE NICKED MY CHEEK



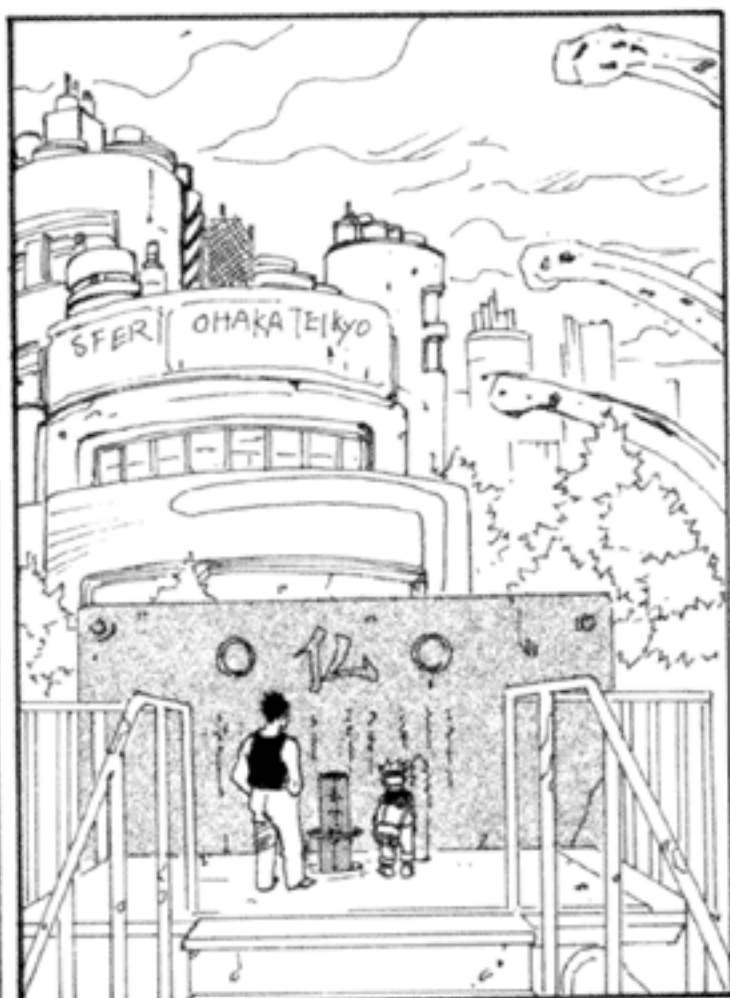
I'LL
NE-
VER
FOR-
GIVE
YOU



DEMON
FOX NO
JUTSU











THE END