

THE BEST LAY PLANS WORK ON THE ASSUMPTION THINGS SHALL GO RIGHT.
BUT THE BEST EXECUTED PLANS, GO WITH THE KNOWLEDGE, THAT THE UNEXPECTED WILL OCCUR.
FOR NO SUCCESS IS CERTAIN, UNTIL THE FINAL MOV IS MADE.

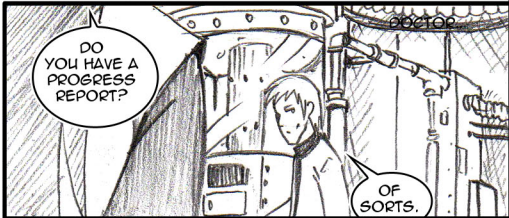


NARUTO:









DO YOU HAVE A PROGRESS REPORT?

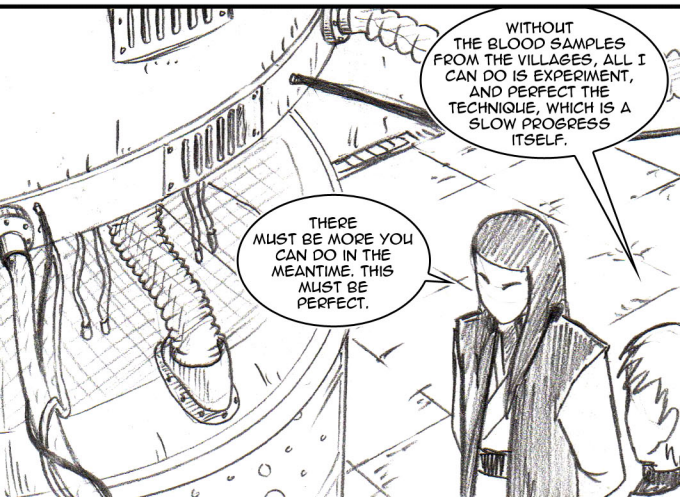
OF SORTS.

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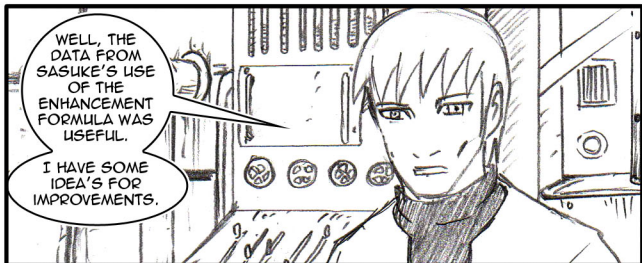
THERE HAS NOT BEEN MUCH PROGRESS SINCE THE LAST REPORT.

DISAPPOINTING.



WITHOUT THE BLOOD SAMPLES FROM THE VILLAGES, ALL I CAN DO IS EXPERIMENT, AND PERFECT THE TECHNIQUE, WHICH IS A SLOW PROGRESS ITSELF.

THERE MUST BE MORE YOU CAN DO IN THE MEANTIME. THIS MUST BE PERFECT.



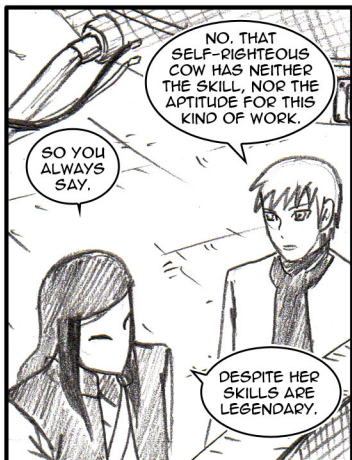
WELL, THE DATA FROM SASUKE'S USE OF THE ENHANCEMENT FORMULA WAS USEFUL.

I HAVE SOME IDEA'S FOR IMPROVEMENTS.



I WANT IT WORKING. I WANT IT STRONG...

YES. HIS DEATH CERTAINLY GAVE US SOME USEFUL DATA. IF IT MAKES THIS BODY BETTER, THEN DO WHAT YOU MUST.



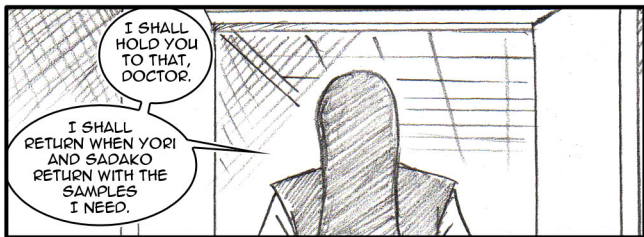
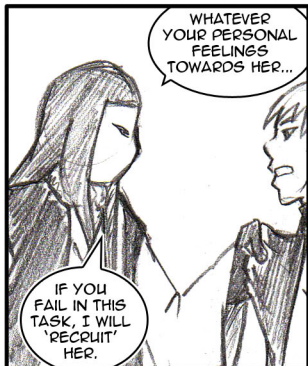
NO. THAT SELF-RIGHTEOUS COW HAS NEITHER THE SKILL, NOR THE APTITUDE FOR THIS KIND OF WORK.

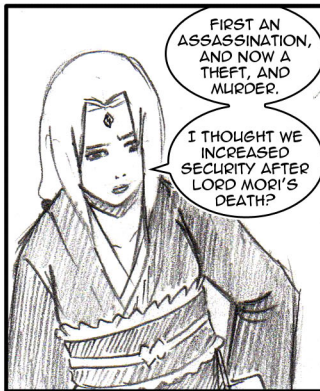
SO YOU ALWAYS SAY.

DESPITE HER SKILLS ARE LEGENDARY.



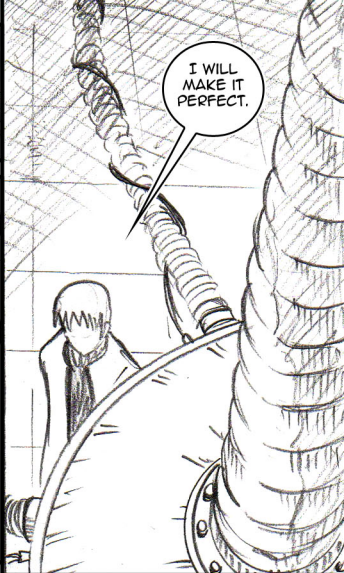
IF YOU CANNOT, THEN PERHAPS I SHOULD GET A BETTER DOCTOR, LIKE TSLUNADE.



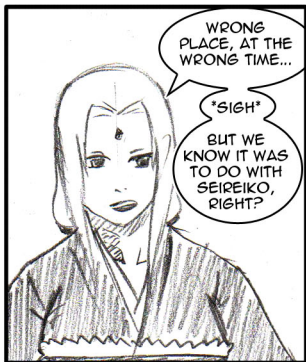


FIRST AN ASSASSINATION, AND NOW A THEFT, AND MURDER.

I THOUGHT WE INCREASED SECURITY AFTER LORD MORI'S DEATH?



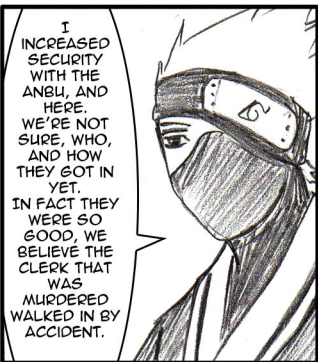
I WILL MAKE IT PERFECT.



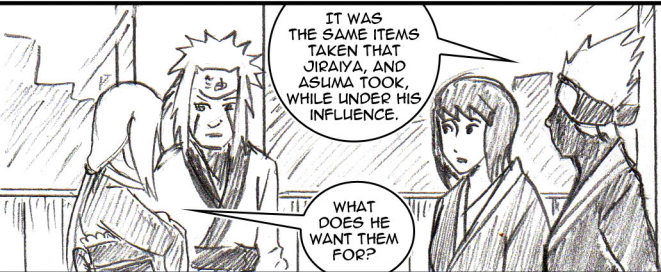
WRONG PLACE, AT THE WRONG TIME...

SIGH

BUT WE KNOW IT WAS TO DO WITH SEIREIKO, RIGHT?

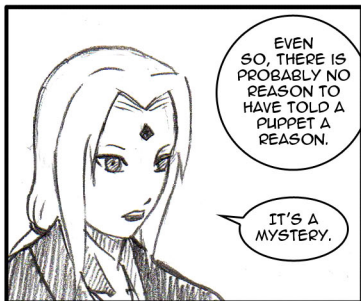


I INCREASED SECURITY WITH THE ANBU, AND HERE. WE'RE NOT SURE, WHO, AND HOW THEY GOT IN YET. IN FACT THEY WERE SO GOOD, WE BELIEVE THE CLERK THAT WAS MURDERED WALKED IN BY ACCIDENT.



IT WAS THE SAME ITEMS TAKEN THAT JIRAIYA, AND ASUMA TOOK, WHILE UNDER HIS INFLUENCE.

WHAT DOES HE WANT THEM FOR?

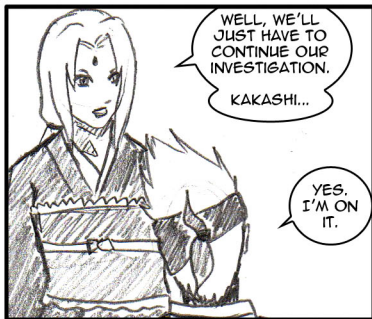


EVEN SO, THERE IS PROBABLY NO REASON TO HAVE TOLD A PUPPET A REASON.

IT'S A MYSTERY.



I WISH I KNEW. I WAS IN A DREAM WORLD. MY MISSION WAS NOT WHAT I THOUGHT.



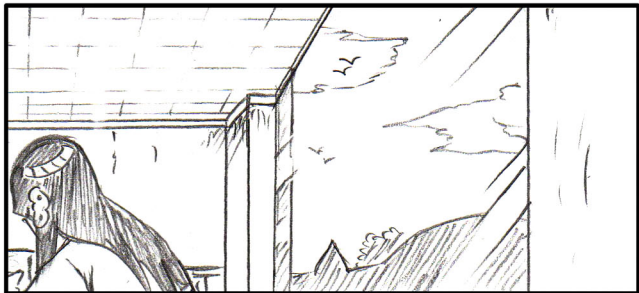
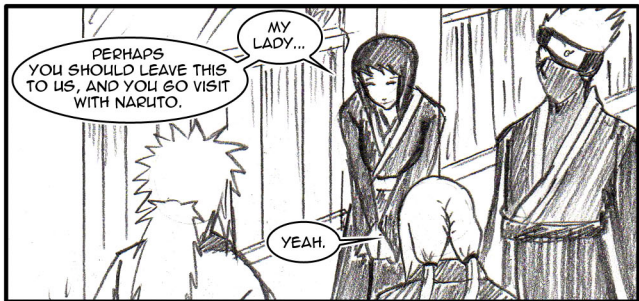
WELL, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO CONTINUE OUR INVESTIGATION.

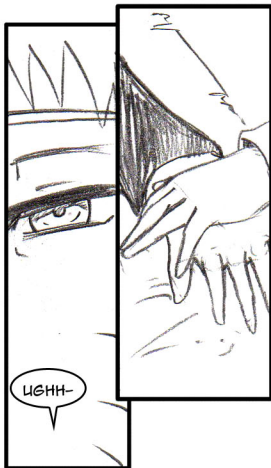
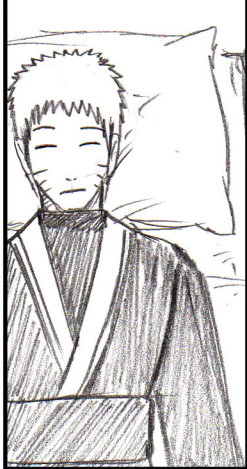
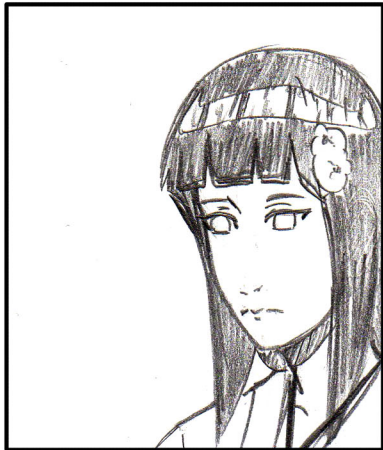
KAKASHI...

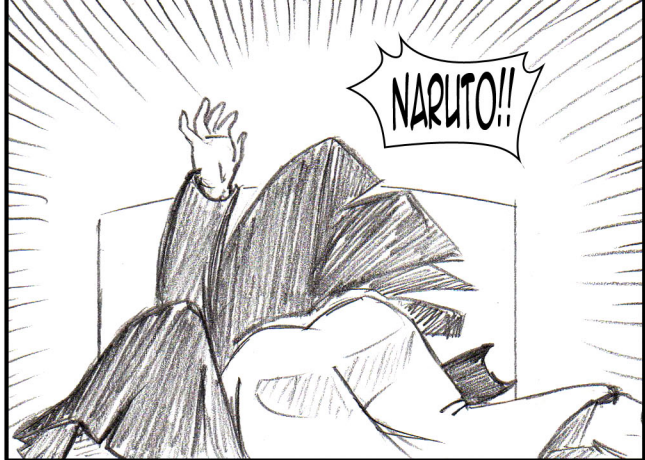
YES. I'M ON IT.



I WISH I COULD HELP.



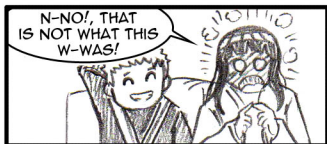




NARUTO!!



HUH?!
THE WEDDING
NIG...

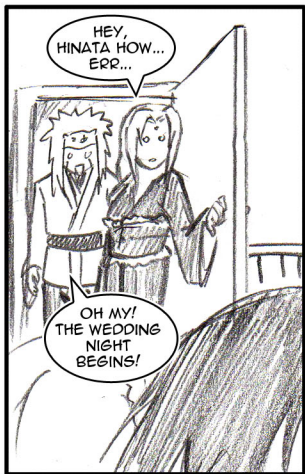


N-NO!, THAT
IS NOT WHAT THIS
W-WAS!



LIKE ONE
OF MY BOOKS!

SHUT
UP!



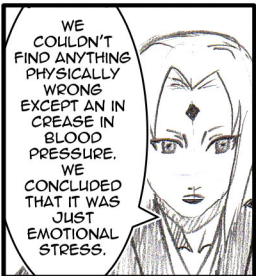
HEY,
HINATA HOW...
ERR...

OH MY!
THE WEDDING
NIGHT
BEGINS!



SO,
WAS THAT WHY
YOU JUMPED ME,
HAHAHA!

N-NARUTO...
S-STOP.



WE
COULDN'T
FIND ANYTHING
PHYSICALLY
WRONG
EXCEPT AN IN
CREASE IN
BLOOD
PRESSURE.
WE
CONCLUDED
THAT IT WAS
JUST
EMOTIONAL
STRESS.



NARUTO,
HOW ARE
YOU
FEELING?

I'M OKAY.
WHAT HAPPENED
THOUGH?

YOU GO
KID!

OKAY,
YOU
TWO...



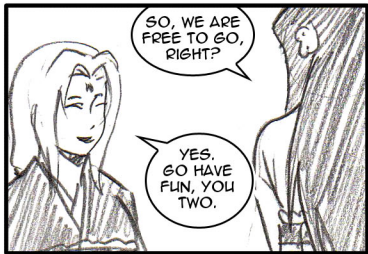
SO,
NARUTO
IS FREE TO
LEAVE?

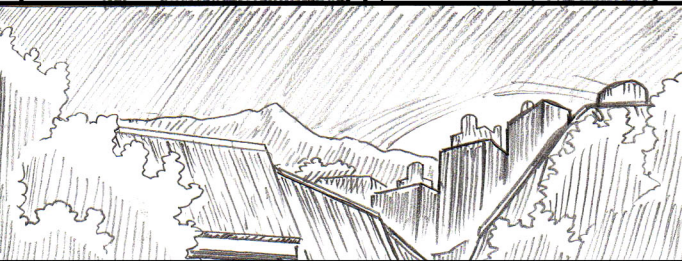
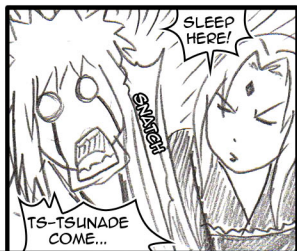
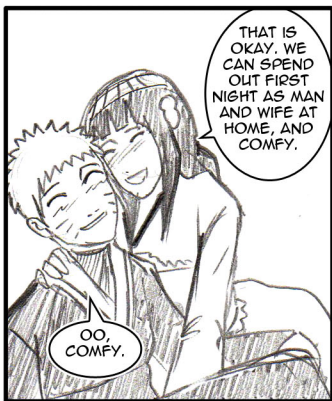
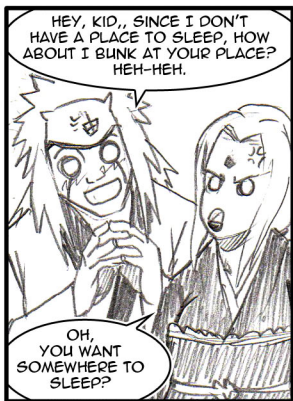
BUT,
YOU
SEEM
FINE.

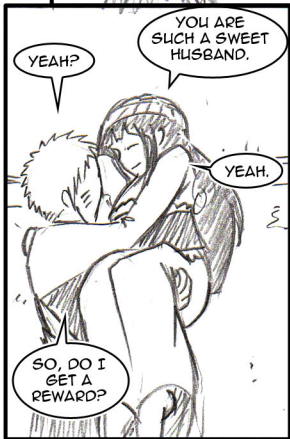
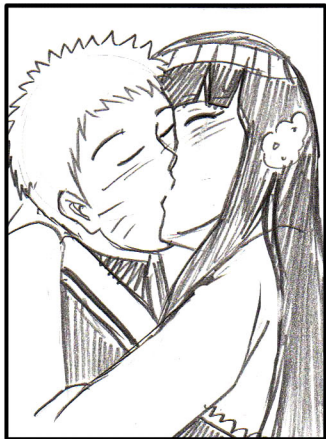
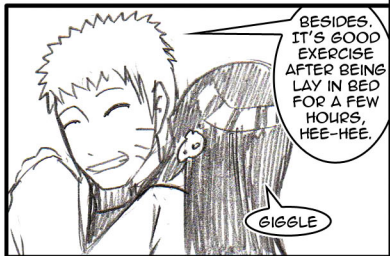
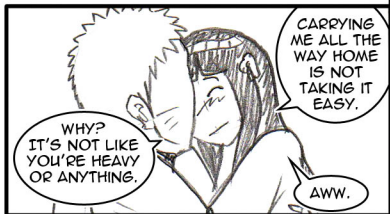


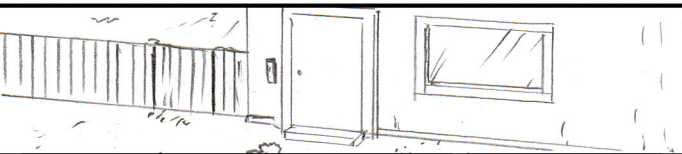
EMOTIONAL
STRESS?!

WELL...
I GUESS I WAS A
LITTLE STRESSED
AT THE TIME SO...



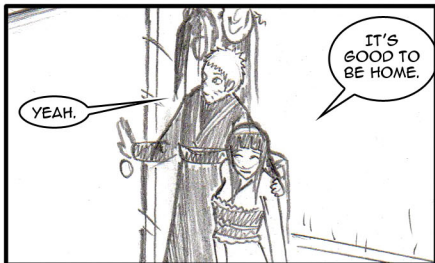






AND OVER
THE
THRESHOLD!
HEE.

STEP

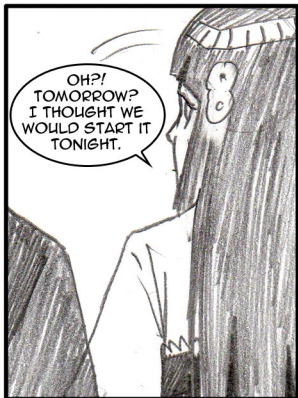


YEAH.

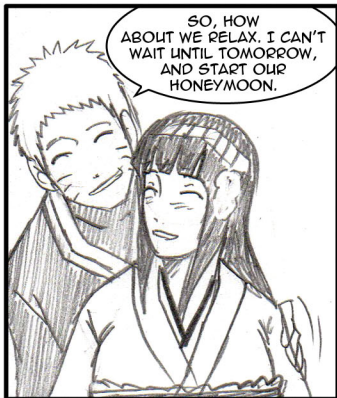
IT'S
GOOD TO
BE HOME.



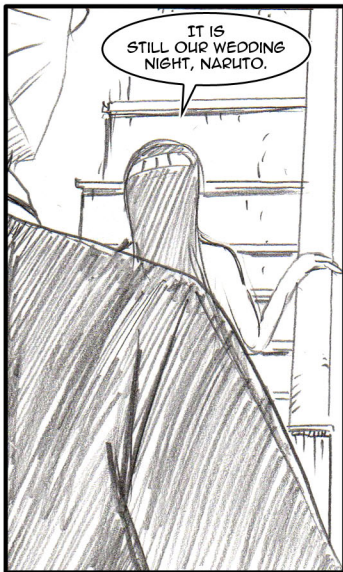
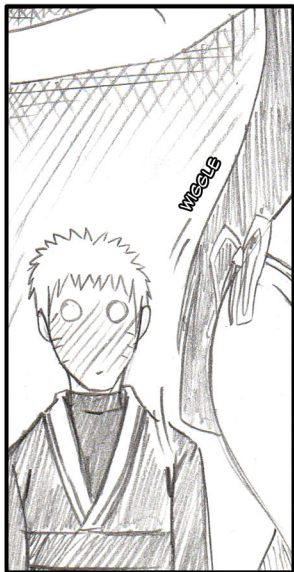
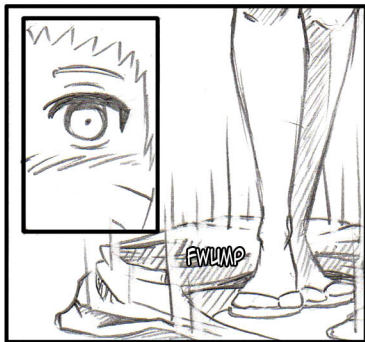
OKAY
HINATA, HERE
WE GO.

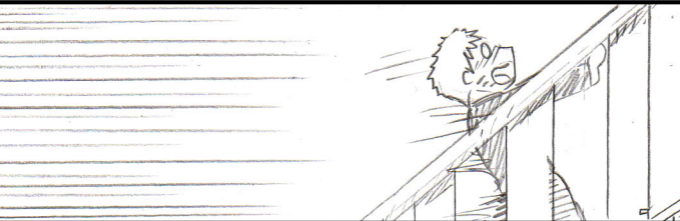


OH?!
TOMORROW?
I THOUGHT WE
WOULD START IT
TONIGHT.



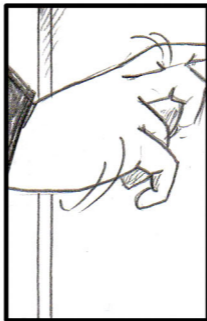
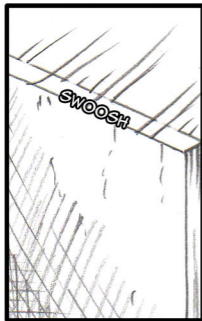
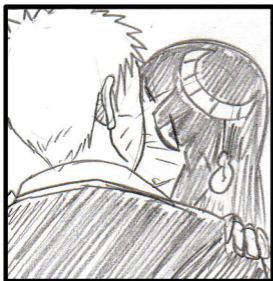
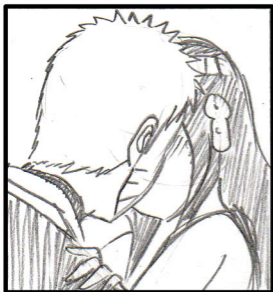
SO, HOW
ABOUT WE RELAX. I CAN'T
WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW,
AND START OUR
HONEYMOON.

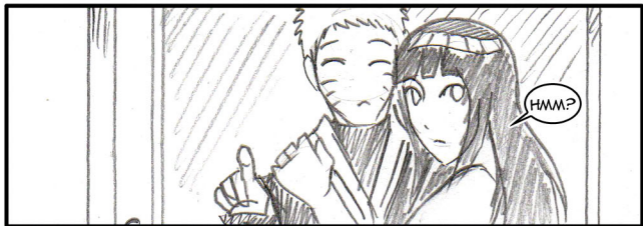
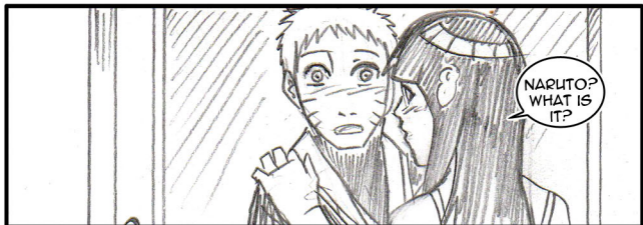
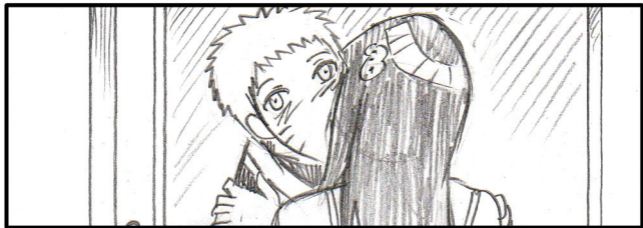


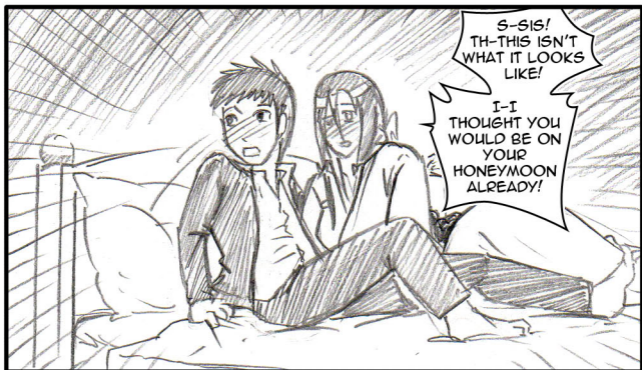


HEY, GET
BACK HERE!
HA-HA.







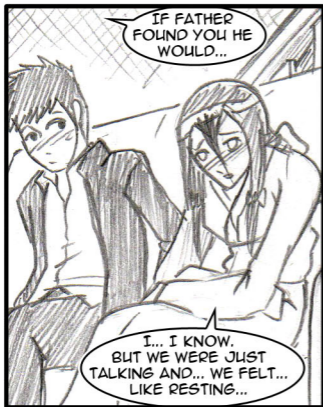


S-SIS!
TH-THIS ISN'T
WHAT IT LOOKS
LIKE!

I-I
THOUGHT YOU
WOULD BE ON
YOUR
HONEYMOON
ALREADY!

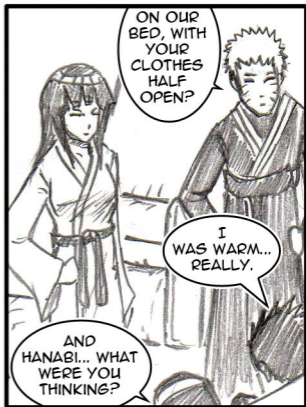


WE WERE
JUST RESTING,
THATS ALL.



IF FATHER
FOUND YOU HE
WOULD...

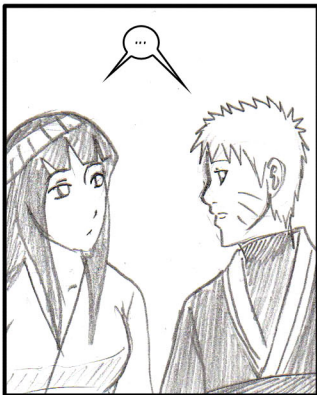
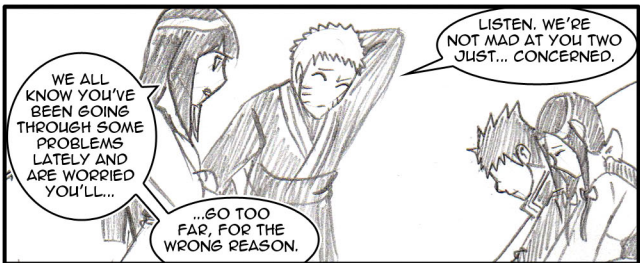
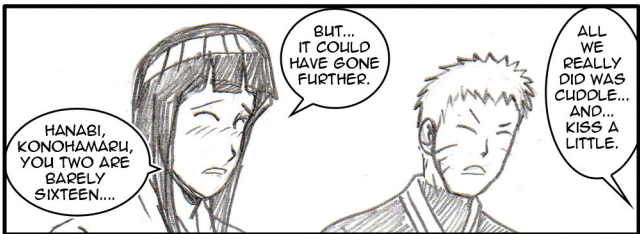
I... I KNOW.
BUT WE WERE JUST
TALKING AND... WE FELT...
LIKE RESTING...

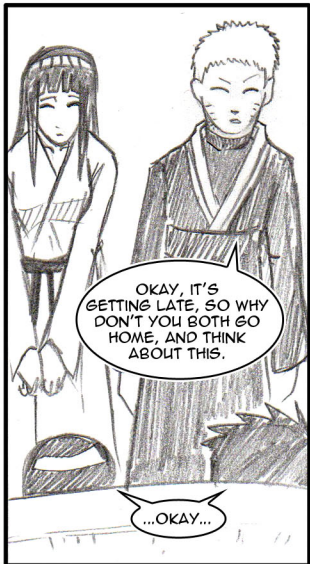
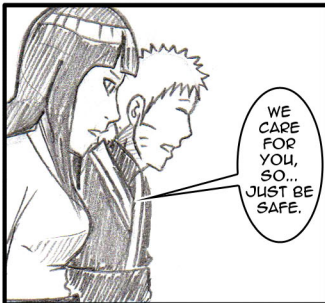
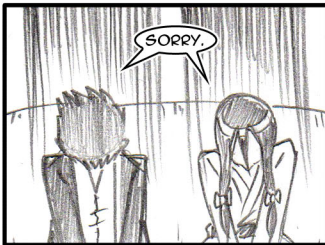


ON OUR
BED, WITH
YOUR
CLOTHES
HALF OPEN?

I
WAS WARM...
REALLY.

AND
HANABI... WHAT
WERE YOU
THINKING?





THE ROAD TO HAPPINESS IS PAVED NOT ONLY WITH LOVE, BUT HARDSHIP. FOR THE THINGS WE CARE FOR MOST, AREN'T ALWAYS WHAT WE GET, BUT FOR MOST, WHAT WE WORK FOR.

