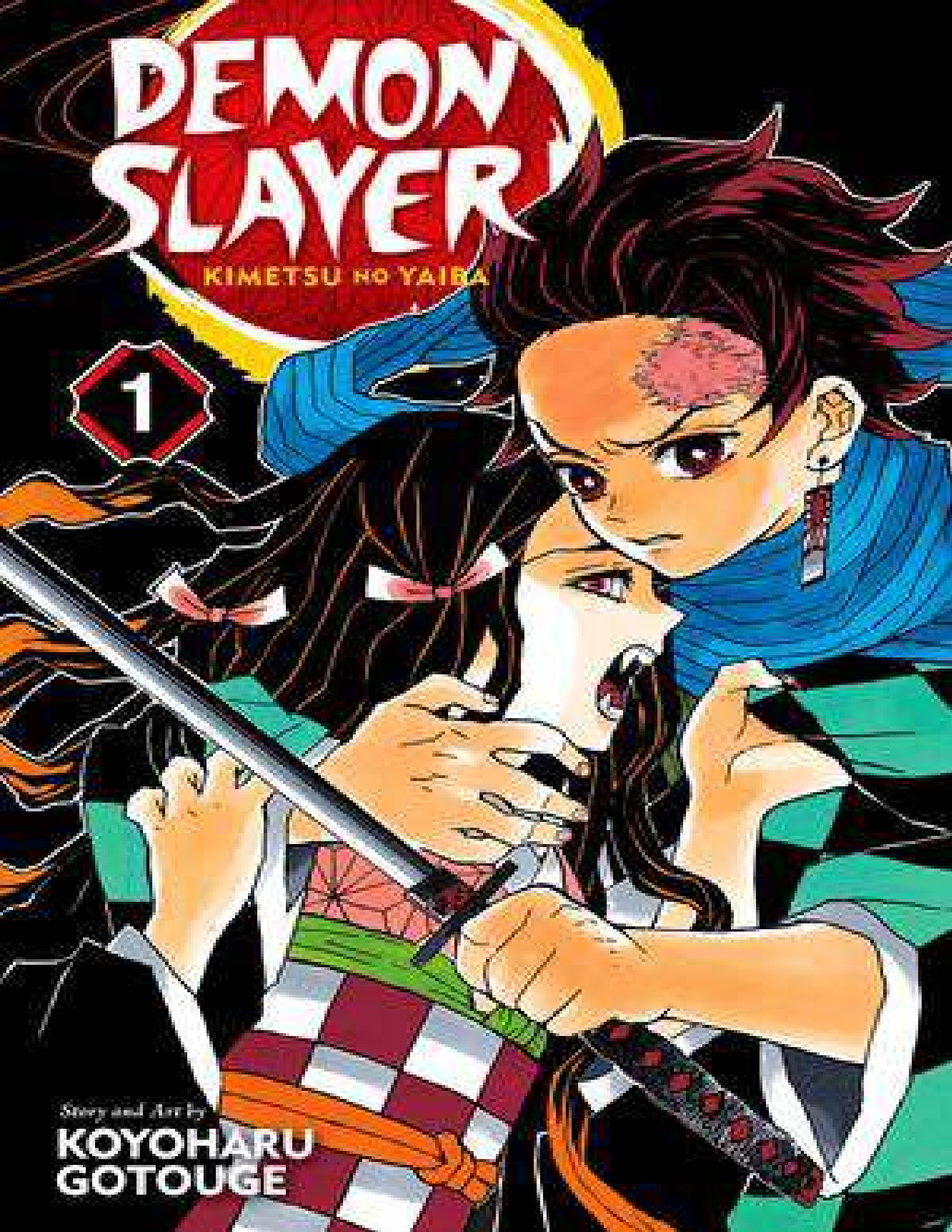


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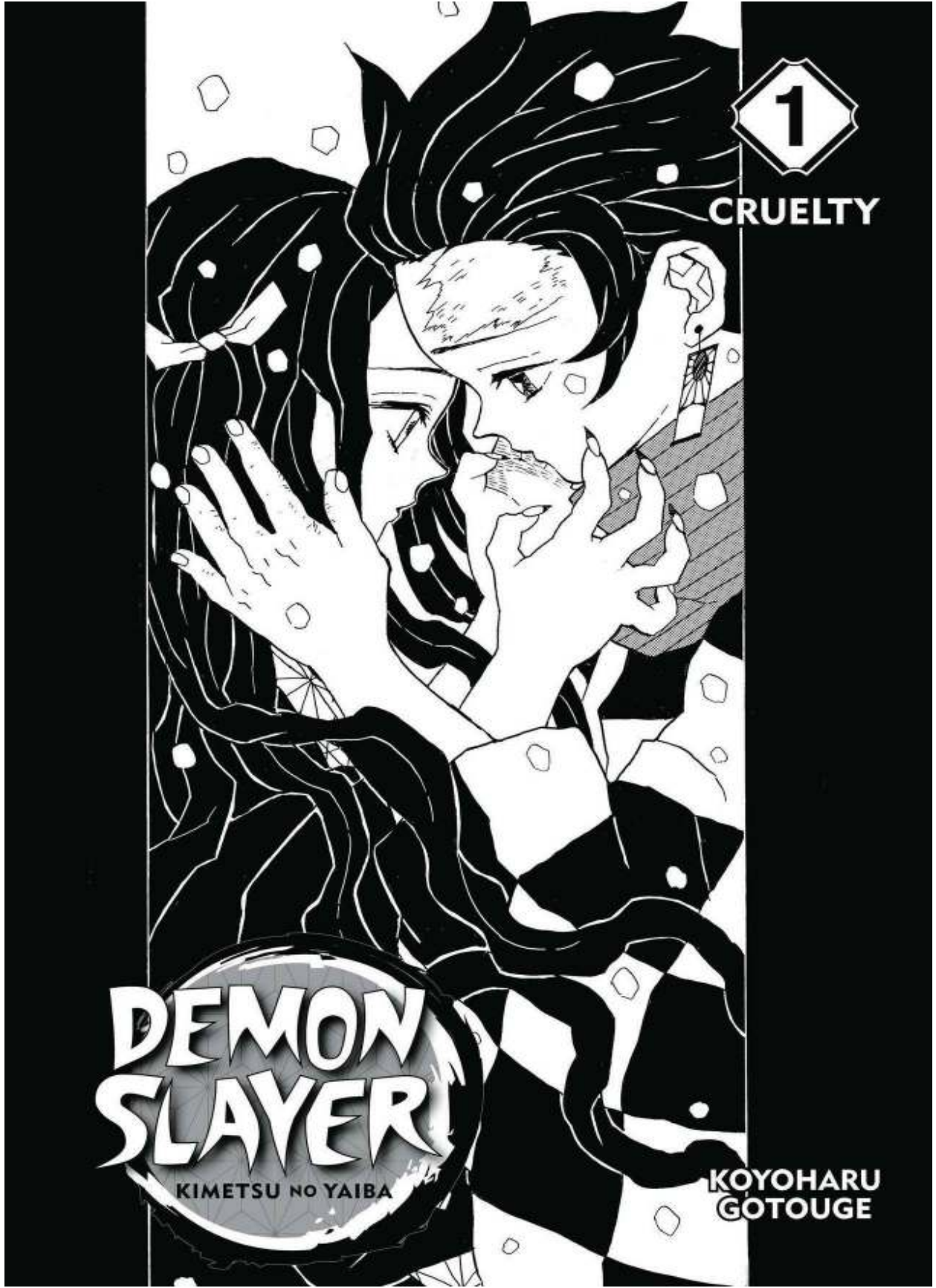
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**CRUELTY**





HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

CHAPTER 1:  
CRUELTY



YOUR BIG BROTHER IS DEFINITELY GOING TO SAVE YOU!



NEZUKO ...

DON'T DIE.

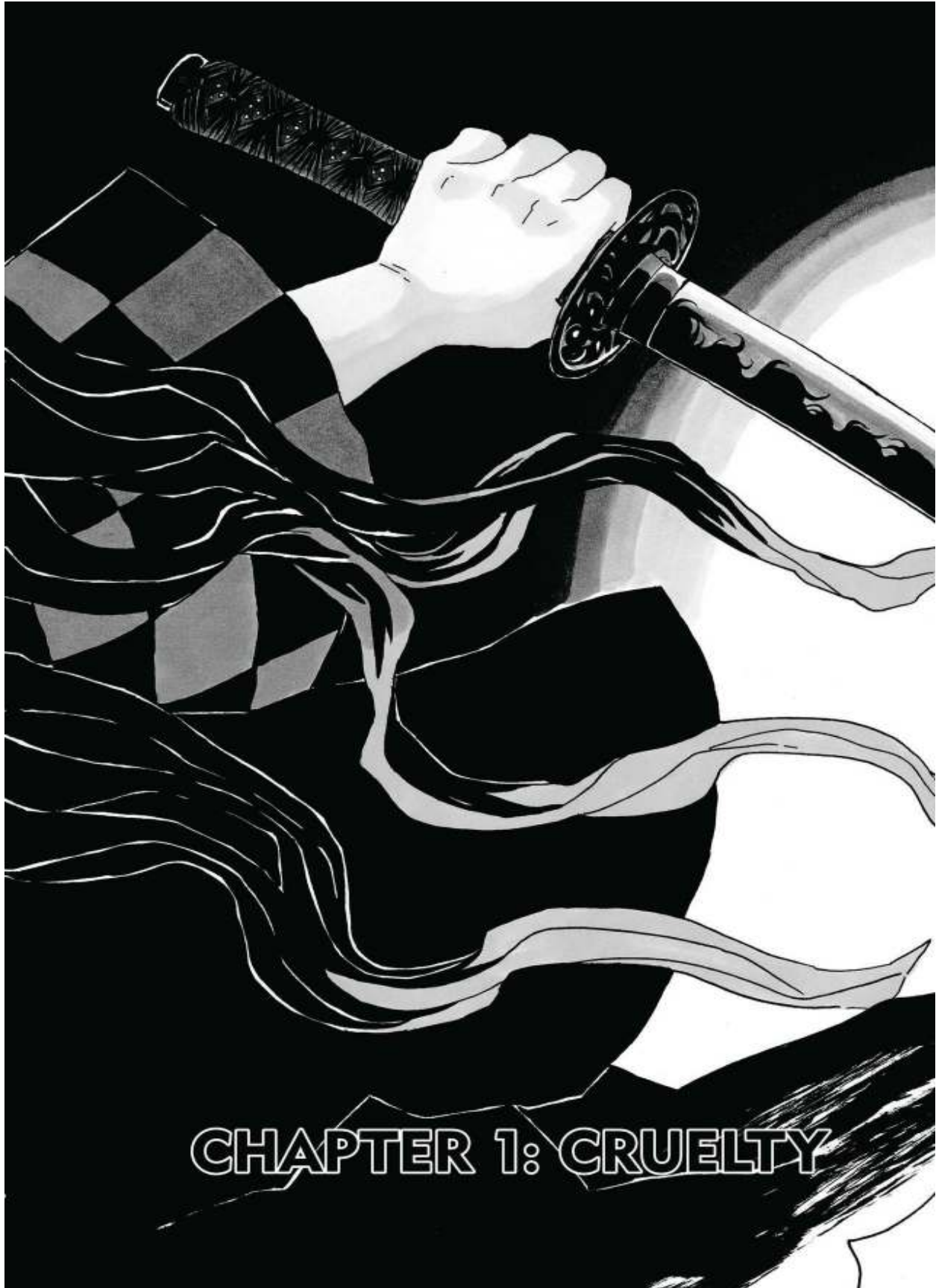
DON'T DIE.



YOU CAN'T DIE.

I'M GONNA SAVE YOU.





CHAPTER 1: CRUELTY

















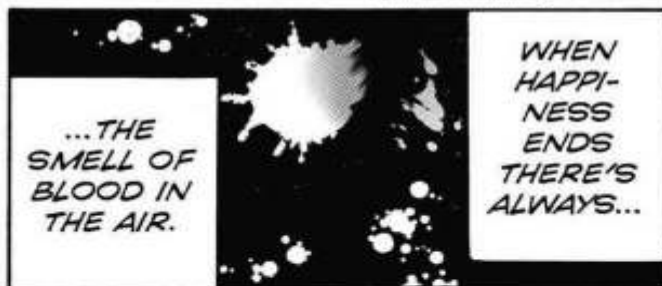












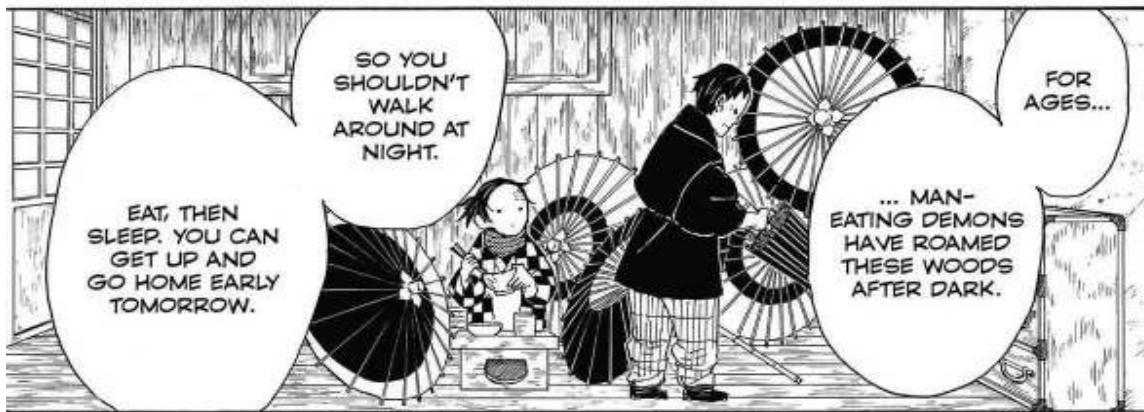


















THERE'S NO NEED TO FEAR. THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS DEMONS.

NEXT TIME, I'LL BRING MY LITTLE BROTHERS.

OLD MAN SABURO LIVES ALONE BECAUSE HE LOST HIS FAMILY. HE MUST BE LONELY.

BUT NOW THAT I THINK OF IT...



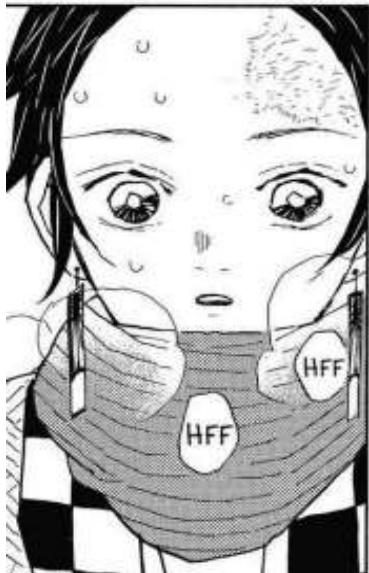


...MY  
GRANDMOTHER  
SAID THE SAME  
THING BEFORE  
SHE DIED.



...THE  
SMELL  
OF  
BLOOD  
IN THE  
AIR.

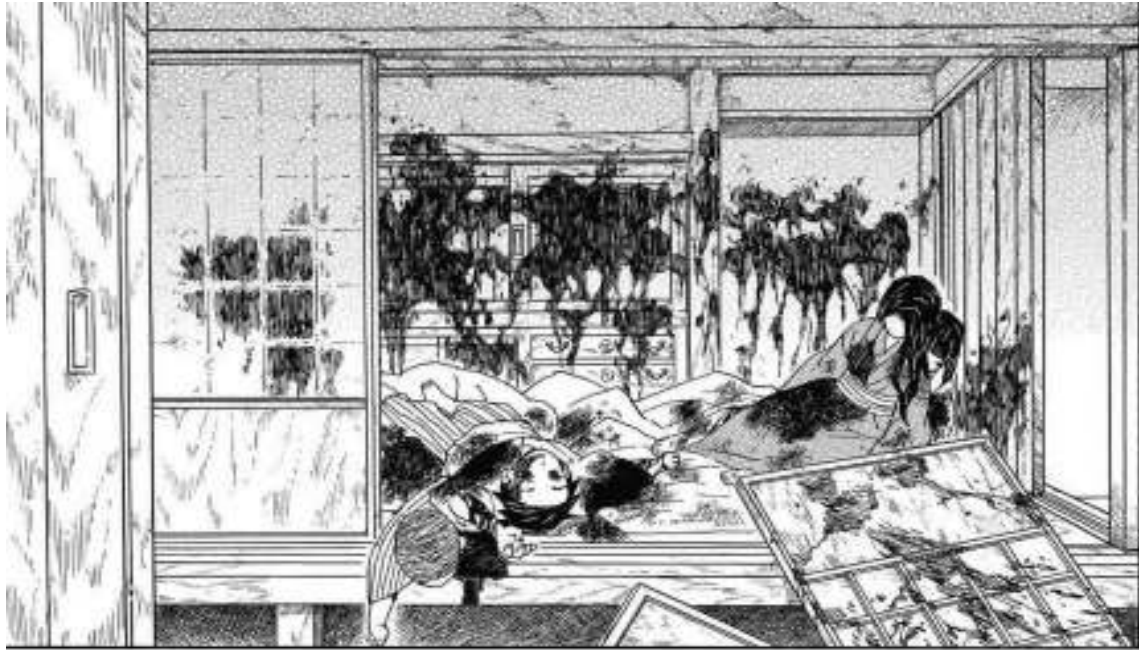
WHEN  
HAPPI-  
NESS ENDS  
THERE'S  
ALWAYS...

















MAYBE A  
DOCTOR  
CAN SAVE  
HER.

ONLY  
NEZUKO'S  
BODY WAS  
STILL WARM.



MAYBE A  
BEAR TOO  
HUNGRY TO  
HIBERNATE?

HOW  
DID THIS  
HAPPEN?  
A BEAR?





KEEP GOING!

MOVE YOUR FEET FASTER.



THE AIR'S SO COLD IT'S FREEZING MY LUNGS.

SO HARD TO BREATHE!



I HAVE TO SAVE YOU.



I WON'T LET YOU DIE.

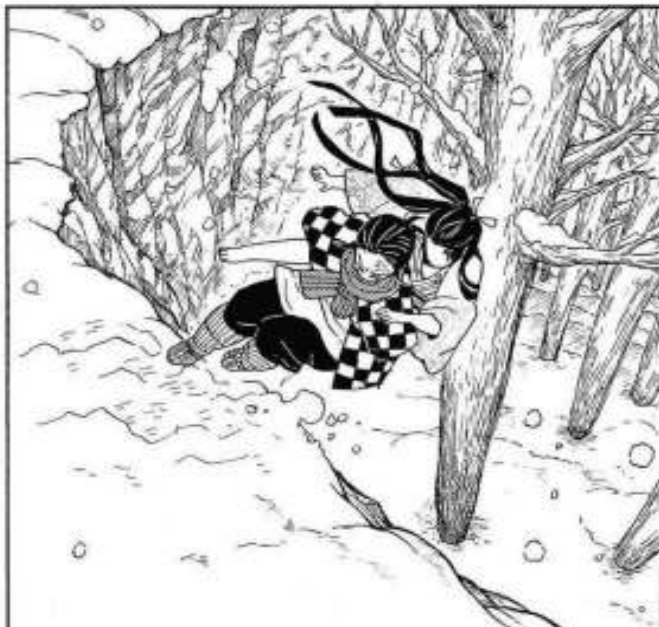


IT'S STILL A LONG WAY TO TOWN.



YOUR BIG BROTHER WILL SAVE YOU!



















I THOUGHT  
OF WHAT  
OLD MAN  
SABURO  
SAID.



A  
DEMON!



...A  
MAN-  
EATING  
DEMON?

WAS  
NEZUKO  
...



...SINCE  
THE DAY  
SHE WAS  
BORN.

NEZUKO  
HAS  
BEEN  
HUMAN...

NO, THAT  
WAS IM-  
POSSIBLE.









...AND SHE'S GETTING STRONGER!



WHAT-EVER THE REASON ...

...SHE'S GROWING BIGGER...



...HAPPENED TO MY WHOLE FAMILY.

WHILE I WAS SAFELY ASLEEP IN TOWN, SOMETHING HORRIBLE...



BUT SHE'S SO STRONG! I CAN'T PUSH HER AWAY!



I HAVE TO SAVE NEZUKO IF I CAN!



HOW THEY MUST HAVE SUFFERED.

...AND I WASN'T THERE TO HELP THEM.









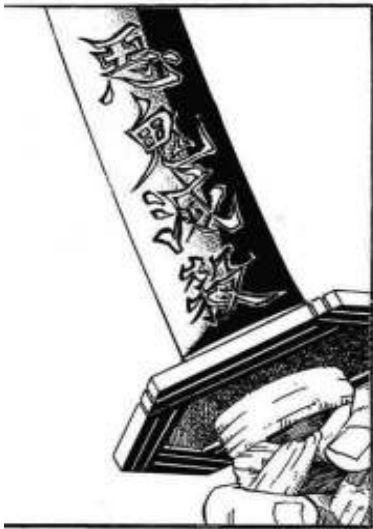








\*AKKIMESSATSU,  
DESTROYER OF DEMONS





















THAT'S EASY. DEMON BLOOD GOT IN HER WOUND, SO SHE'S TRANSFORMED INTO A DEMON.

GR  
AA  
R!



NOT NEZUKO!

BUT...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S MAKING HER ACT LIKE THIS...



THAT IS HOW MAN-EATING DEMONS MULTIPLY.



NO! I'M SURE SHE KNOWS WHO I AM!



A MOMENT AGO SHE ALMOST ATE YOU!



NEZUKO WOULD NEVER EAT ANYONE!















NEVER LEAVE  
YOURSELF SO  
**DEFENSELESS**  
IN FRONT OF AN  
ENEMY!



IF THAT  
WORKED,  
YOUR FAMILY  
WOULD STILL  
BE ALIVE!

STOP  
BOWING  
SO  
PITIFULLY!







...CURE  
HIS  
LITTLE  
SISTER?

OR EVEN  
FIND HIS  
ENEMY?

HOW CAN A  
WEAKLING LIKE  
YOU, WHO BOWS  
DOWN WHEN IT'S  
TIME TO FIGHT,  
TO KILL OR BE  
KILLED... HOW  
CAN SUCH A  
MAN...



...YOU  
MUST  
FIGHT  
FOR IT!

IF YOU  
WANT  
SOME-  
THING...



DEMONS  
MIGHT KNOW  
HOW TO CURE  
YOUR LITTLE  
SISTER...

...NO DEMON  
WILL RESPECT  
YOUR  
WHINING  
AND  
BEGGING!

...  
BUT  
...

THE MEEK  
HAVE NO  
POWER  
AND NO  
OPTIONS!

THE  
STRONG  
WILL  
CRUSH  
THEM IN  
EVERY  
WAY!











YOUR  
HEART IS  
CRUSHED.

YOUR  
FAMILY  
IS DEAD  
AND YOUR  
SISTER HAS  
BECOME A  
DEMON.

I KNOW  
YOUR PAIN,  
HOW YOU  
MUST WANT  
TO CRY OUT.



DON'T  
CRY.  
  
DON'T  
DESPAIR.

THOSE  
THINGS  
WILL DO  
YOU NO  
GOOD.



BUT THERE  
IS NO  
TURNING  
BACK  
TIME.

...YOUR  
FAMILY  
MIGHT HAVE  
SURVIVED.

IF I'D  
COME  
HALF  
A DAY  
SOONER  
...



ANGER THAT  
BECOMES THE  
UNWAVERING  
FORCE THAT  
DRIVES YOUR  
LIMBS.

...THAT  
GIVES NO  
QUARTER.

STRONG,  
PURE  
ANGER...

FILL YOUR  
HEART  
WITH  
ANGER.















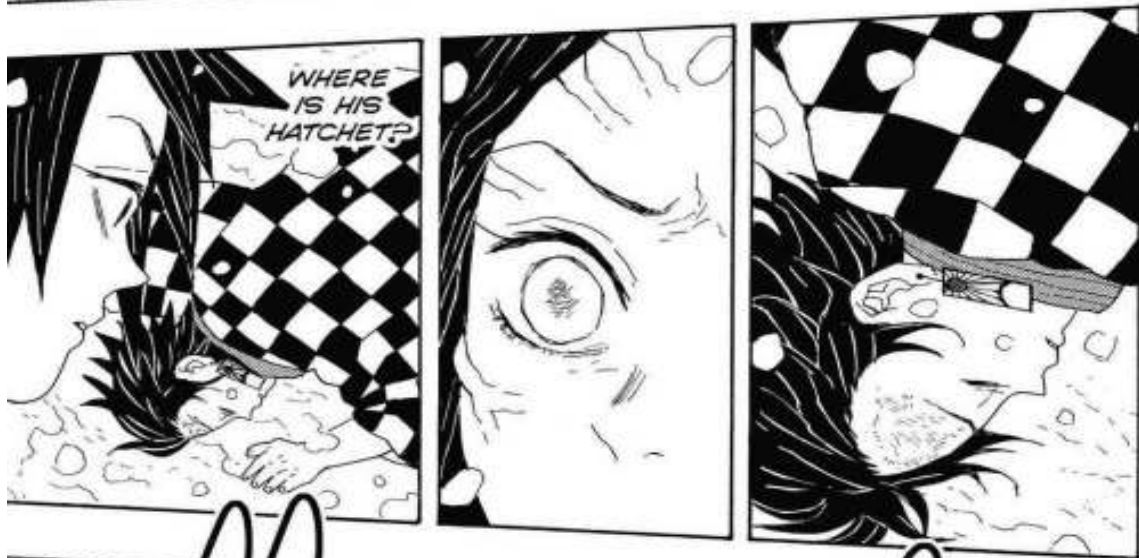
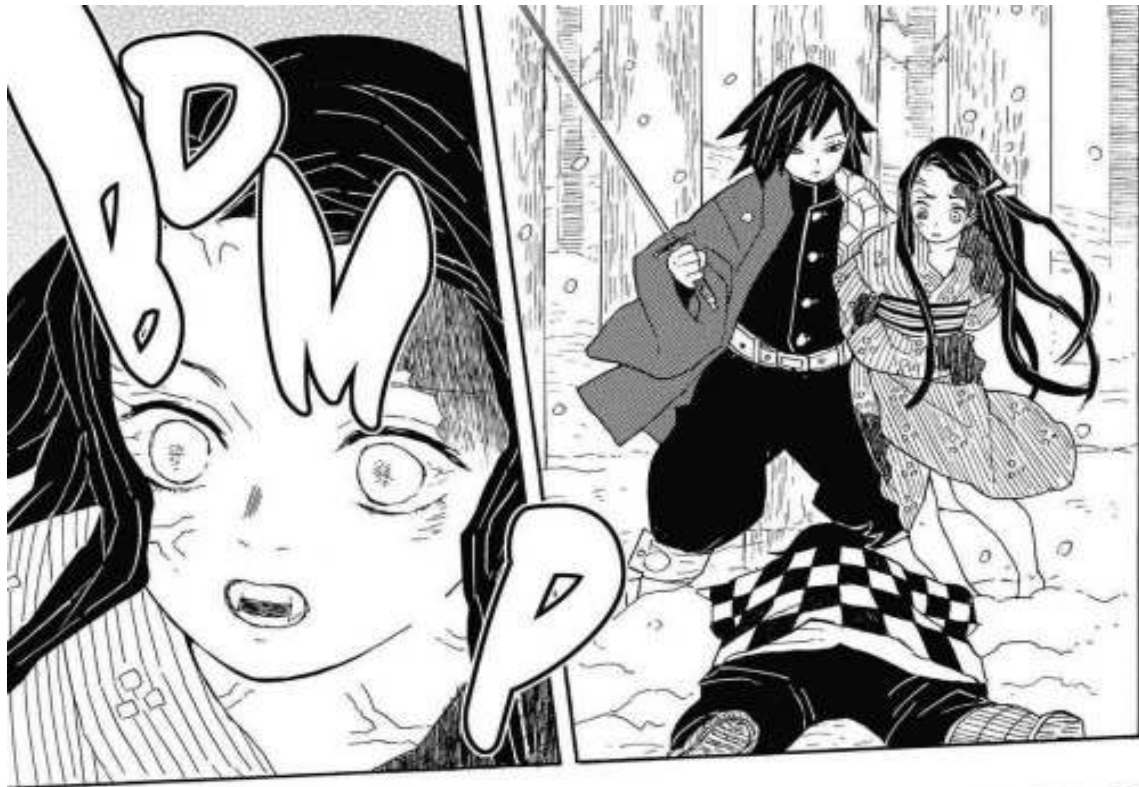






























NO! I'M TOO LATE!



SKEFF



SHE'S ABOUT TO EAT HIM!



NEZUKO...







NEZUKO  
WOULD  
NEVER  
EAT  
ANYONE!

NOT  
NEZUKO!



HE  
WOULDN'T  
BE...



...THE FIRST  
TO SAY THAT  
AND THEN  
GET EATEN  
ANYWAY.







I'VE SEEN  
IT COUNT-  
LESS  
TIMES.

BECAUSE  
THEY  
NEED THE  
ENERGY.

STARVING  
DEMONS WILL  
KILL AND EAT  
THEIR OWN  
PARENTS AND  
SIBLINGS.



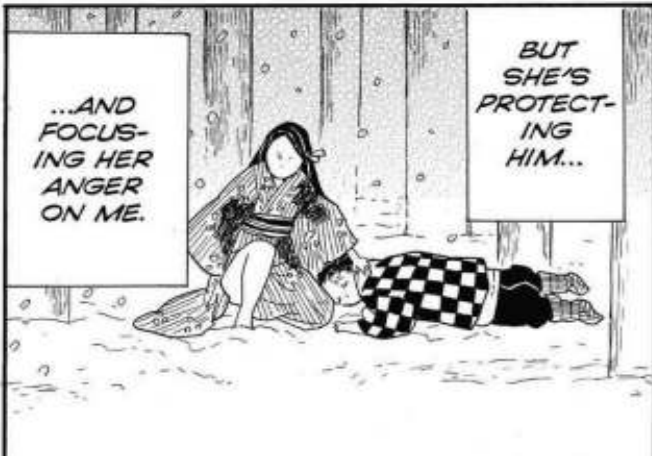
...AND MUST  
WANT TO EAT  
HUMAN FLESH  
AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.

...NOT TO  
MENTION THE  
STRENGTH  
IT TOOK TO  
TRANSFORM  
INTO A DEMON.  
SHE MUST  
BE DOUBLY  
STARVED RIGHT  
NOW...



THIS  
GIRL IS  
INJURED. IT  
COSTS HER  
STRENGTH  
...

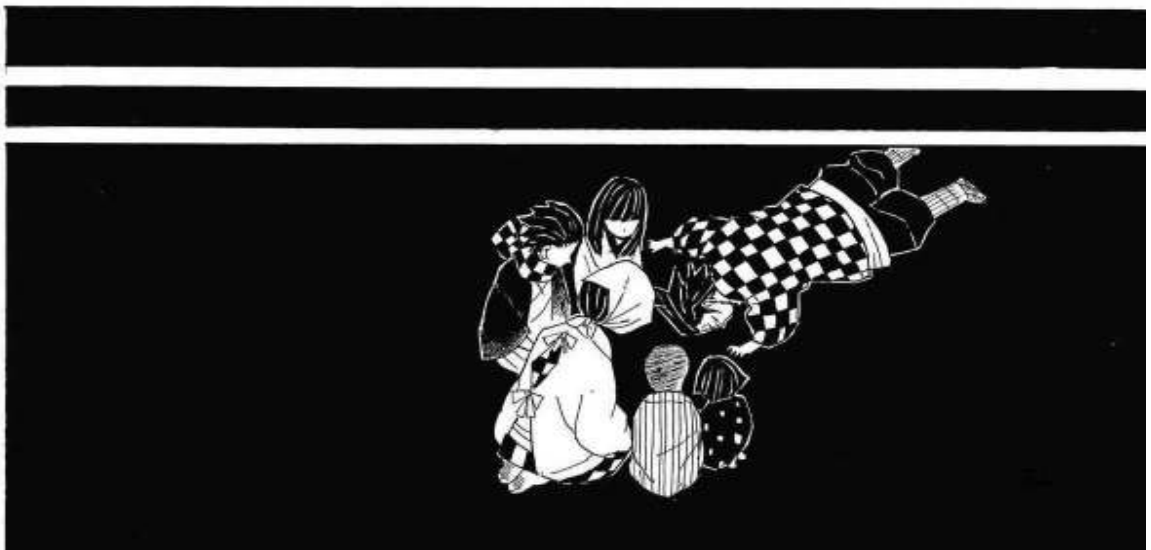
...TO HEAL  
THAT  
WOUND...



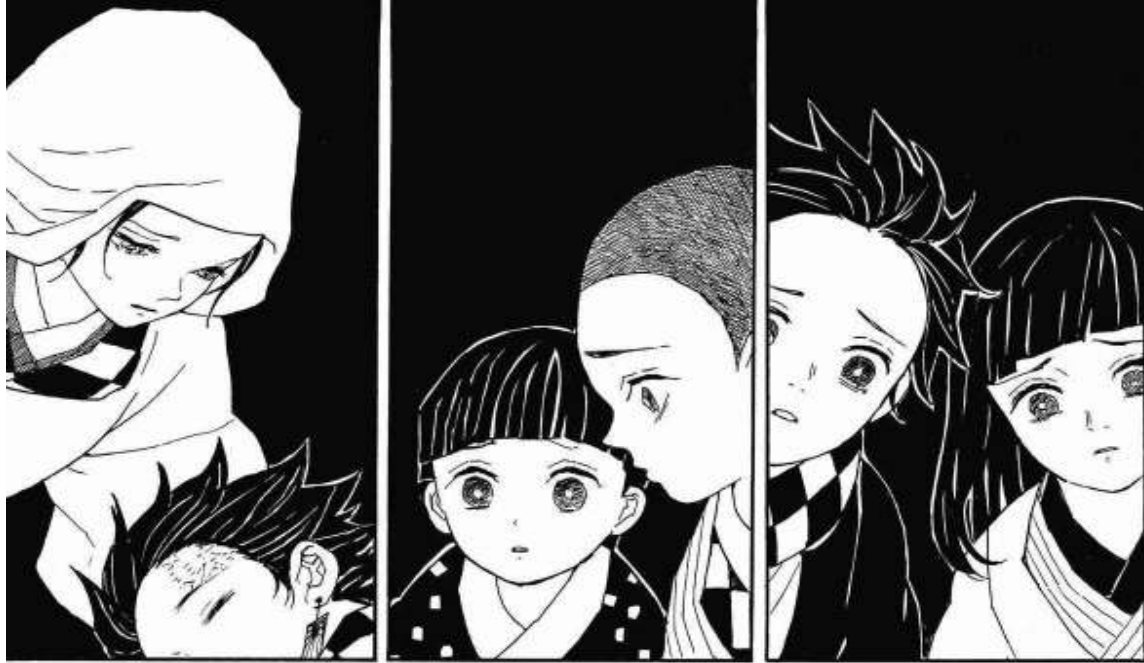
...AND  
FOCUS-  
ING HER  
ANGER  
ON ME.

BUT  
SHE'S  
PROTECT-  
ING  
HIM...



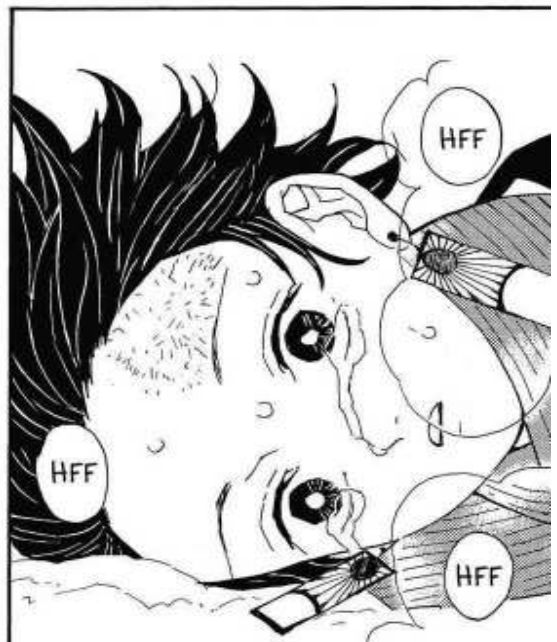












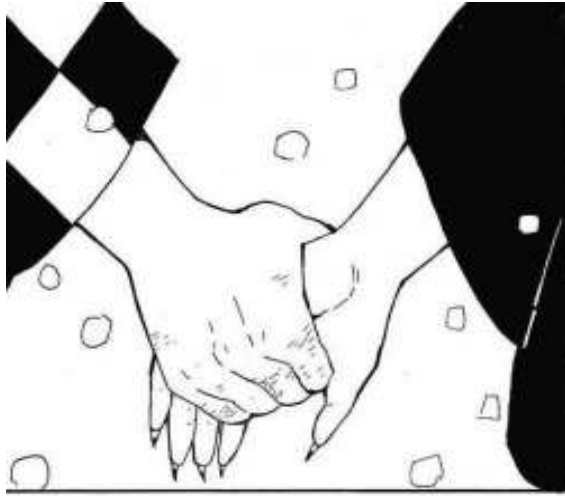
















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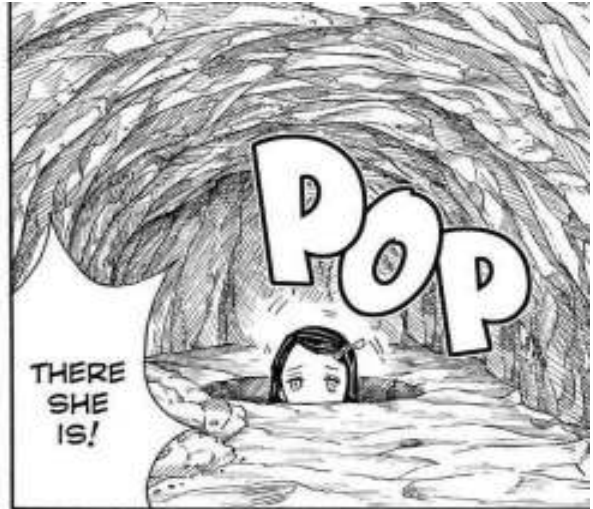












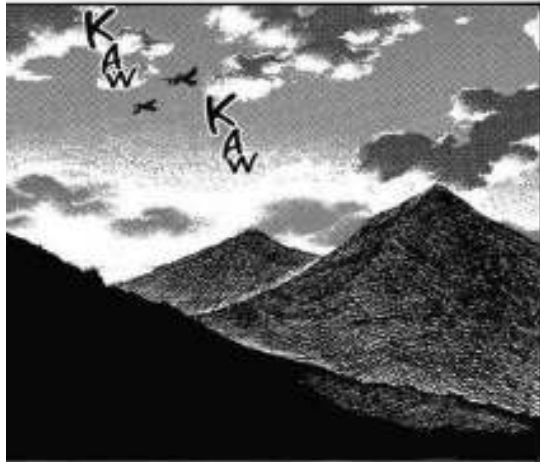
































































































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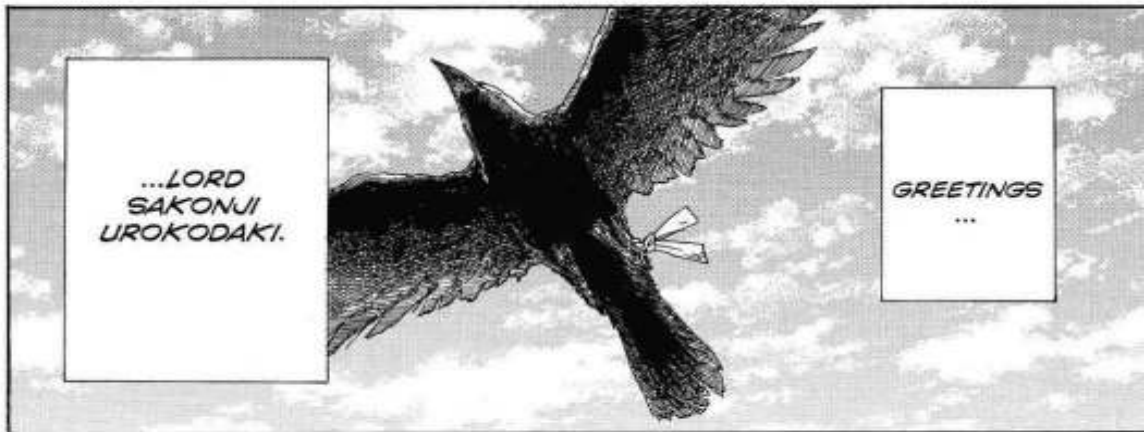


## CHAPTER 3: RETURN BY DAWN









...LORD  
SAKONJI  
UROKODAKI.

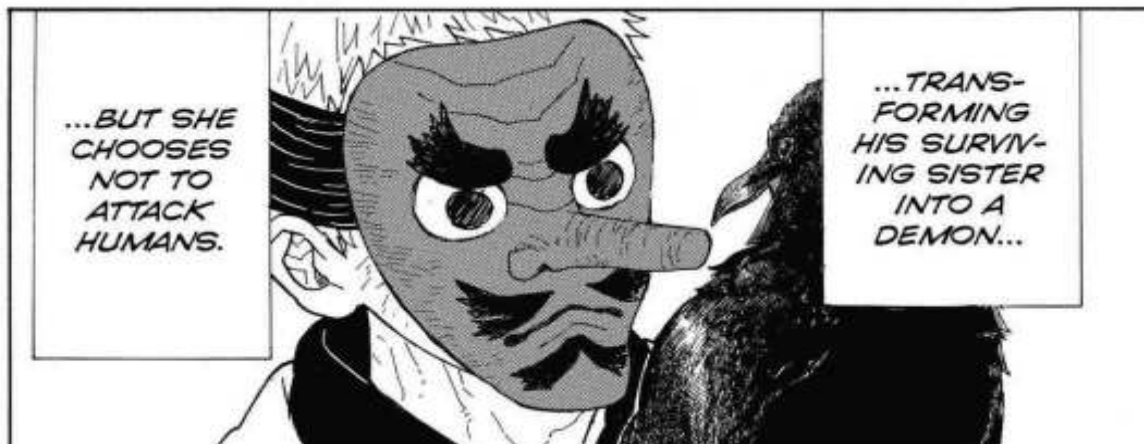
GREETINGS  
...



A DEMON  
SLAUGHTERED HIS  
FAMILY...

HE HAD THE  
COURAGE TO  
FIGHT ME  
UNARMED.

I HAVE SENT  
A BOY YOUR  
WAY WHO SAYS  
HE WANTS TO  
BECOME A  
DEMON-SLAYING  
SWORDSMAN.



...BUT SHE  
CHOOSES  
NOT TO  
ATTACK  
HUMANS.

...TRANS-  
FORMING  
HIS SURVIV-  
ING SISTER  
INTO A  
DEMON...





I BELIEVE THAT PERHAPS ...



LIKE YOU, THE BOY HAS A STRONG SENSE OF SMELL.



I SENSE SOMETHING IN THESE TWO THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS.



I KNOW THIS IS A SELFISH REQUEST, SO PLEASE FORGIVE ME.



...HE COULD BE WORTHY OF CARRYING ON YOUR TRADITIONS.

PLEASE, TRAIN HIM.





SIN-  
CERELY  
...

...GIYU  
TOMIOKA.

...AND IN  
GOOD  
SPIRITS.

MAY THIS  
FIND YOU  
IN GOOD  
HEALTH...



DON'T  
TRUST  
WHAT  
OTHERS  
SAY.

CAN'T YOU  
SOLVE THIS  
RIDDLE  
YOURSELF?

HE  
MOVED IN  
COMPLETE  
SILENCE.



H...

HOW CAN  
I FINISH IT  
OFF?

A  
TENGU  
MASK!



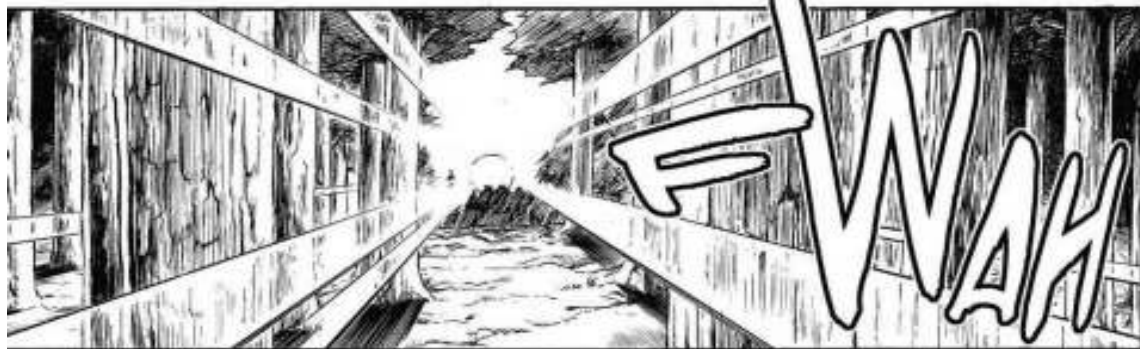




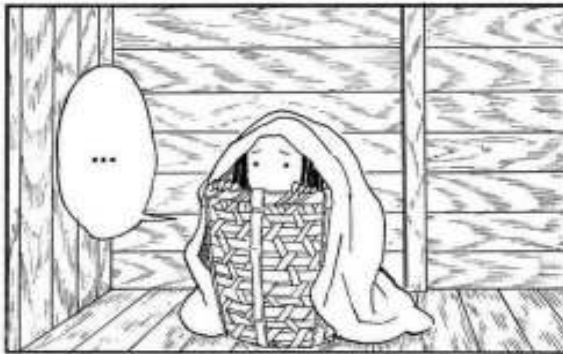














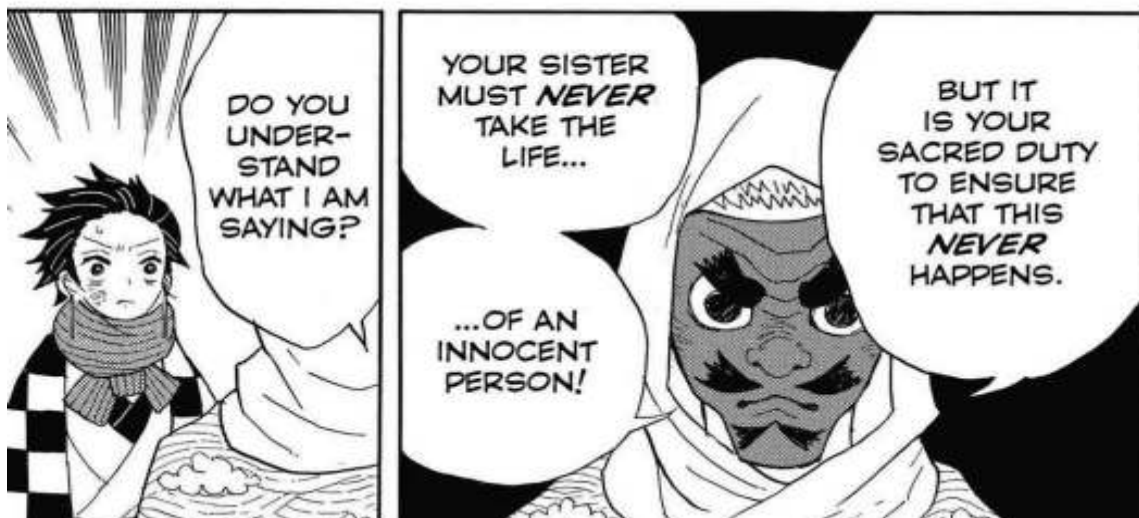




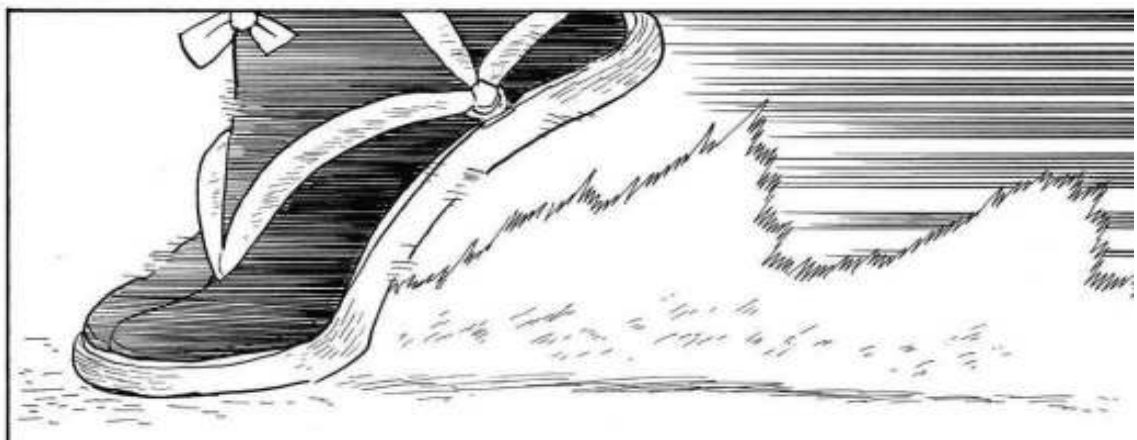




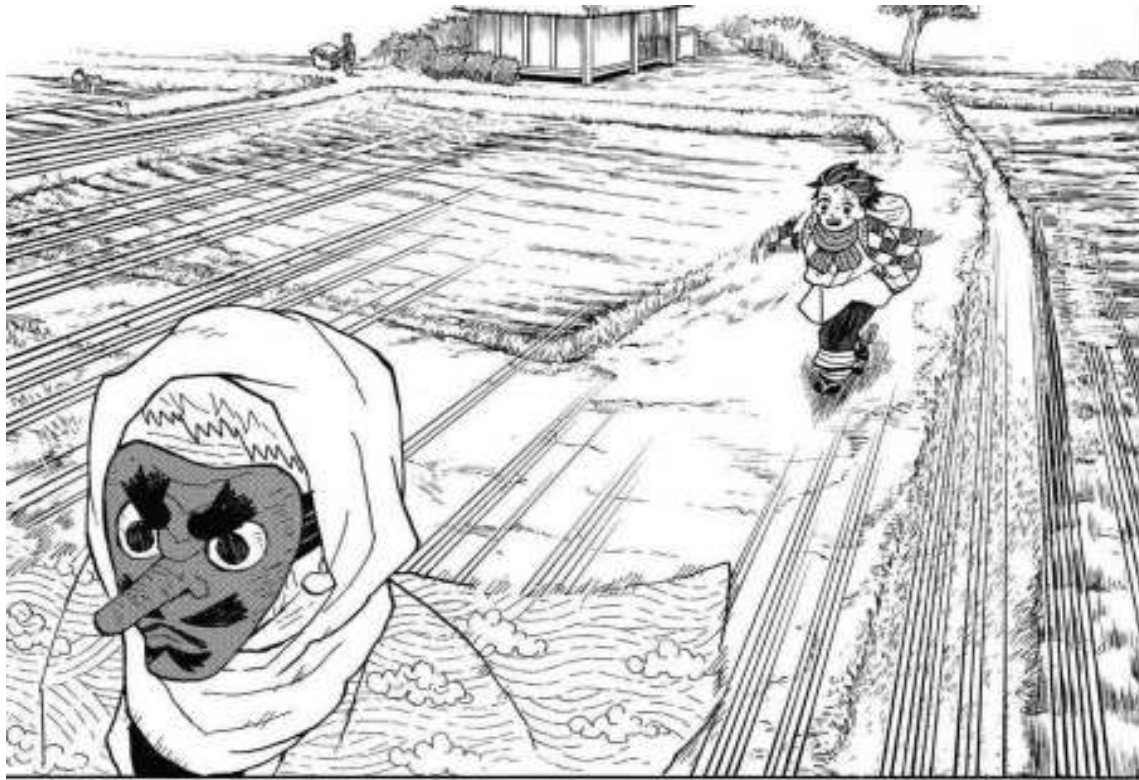










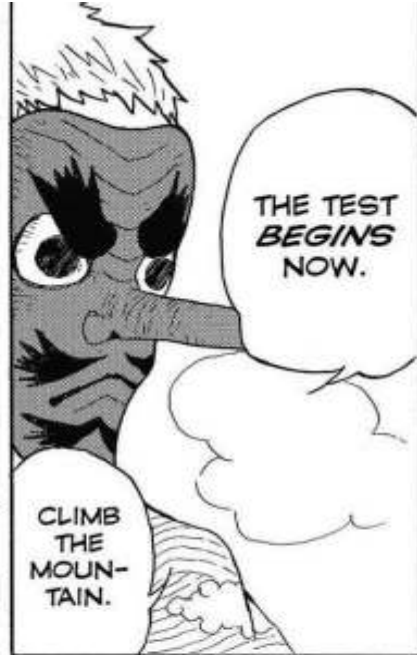




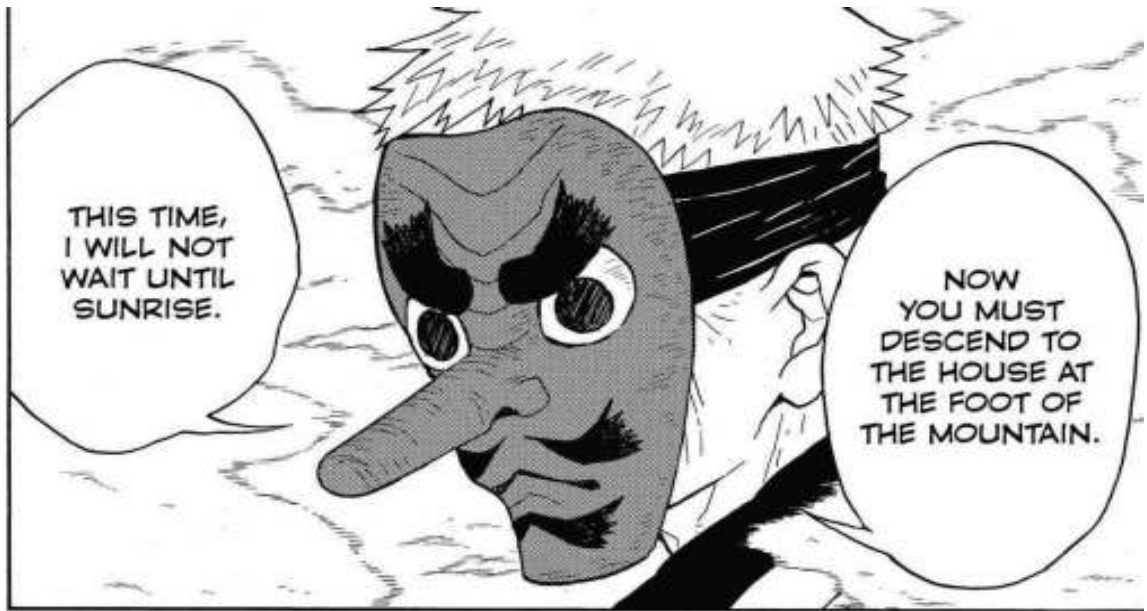
















SNAG



WHSH

EVEN IF I  
CAN'T SEE  
HIM, I CAN  
STILL  
FOLLOW HIM  
ALL THE WAY.



YO

YO W YO W YO W



?!



WHAP

WHAP

WHAP



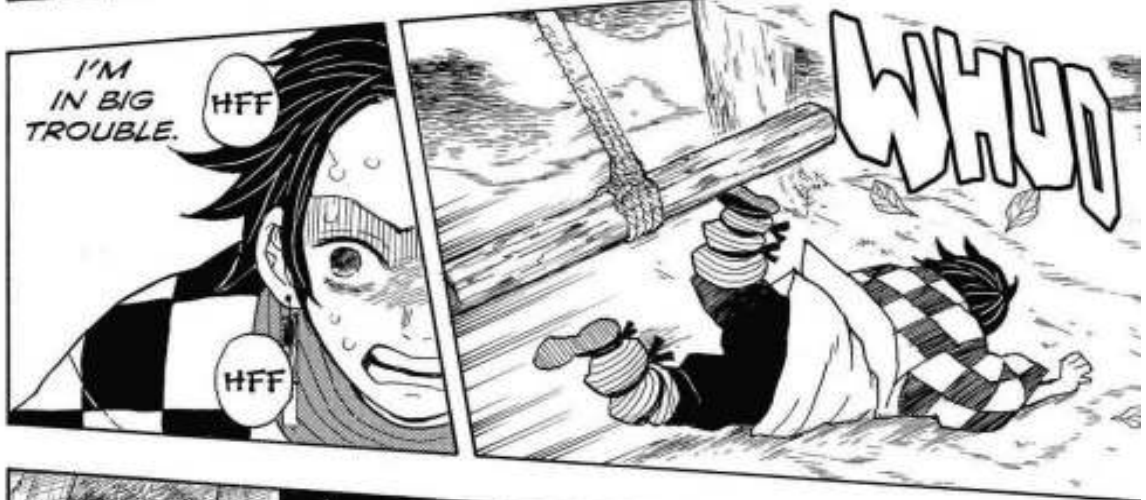
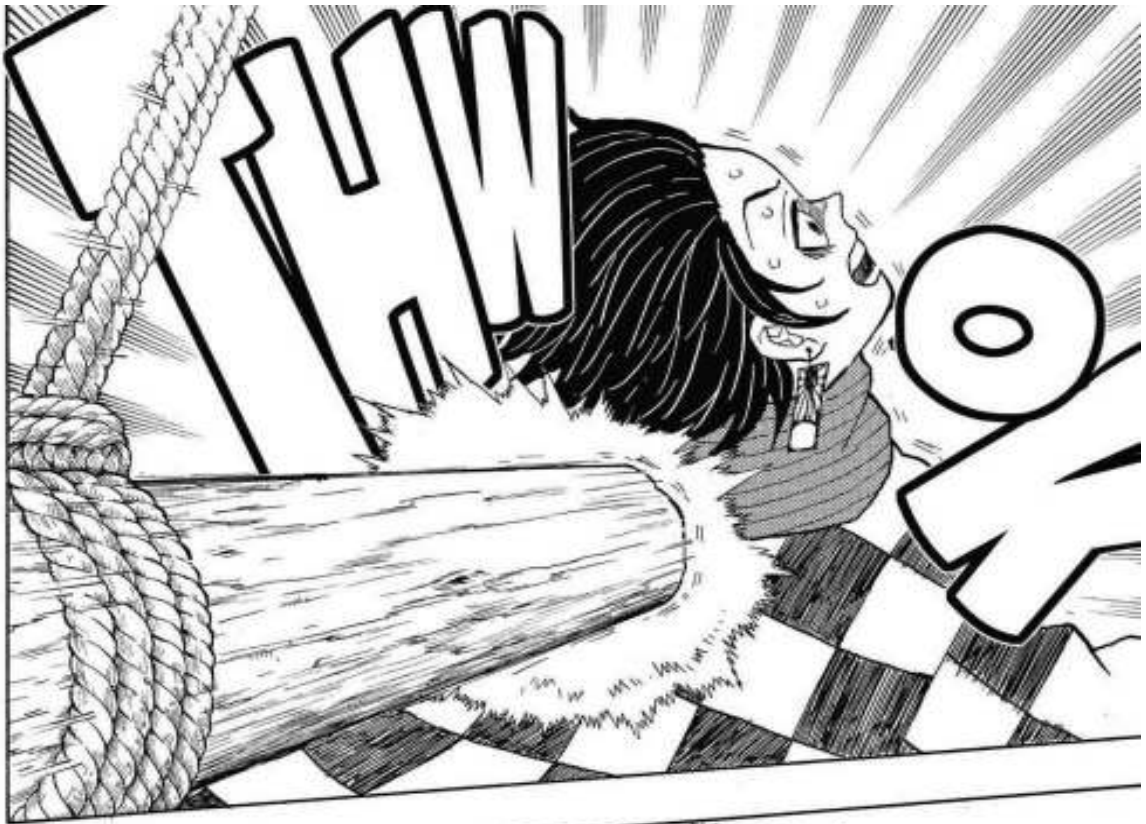
















IT'S MUCH WORSE THAN THE MOUNTAIN WE LIVED ON!

...THE AIR'S SO THIN I CAN BARELY BREATHE!



CONTROL YOUR BREATHING. SNIFF OUT THE TRAPS.



I FEEL LIKE I MIGHT PASS OUT!

NO! I'VE GOTTA GET BACK!



THAT'S WHY I FEEL SO TIRED AND DIZZY.



YES! I CAN SMELL THEM!

TRAPS HAVE TO BE SET BY SOMEONE, AND THOSE SCENTS MUST LINGER.













Taisho Whispers  
& Rumors

- 鬼滅奇譚 (Mysterious Story of the Demon Slayer)  
(Kimetsu Kitan)
- 鬼鬼滅滅 (Demon Demon Slayer Slayer)  
(Kikimetsumetsu)
- 悪鬼滅々 (Evil Demon Slayer)  
(Akkimetsumetsu)
- 鬼殺の刃 (Sword of the Demon Killer)  
(Kisatsuu no Yaiba)
- 滅々鬼譚 (Strange Tale of the Demon Slayer)  
(Metsumetsu Kitan)
- 鬼殺譚 (Tale of the Demon Killer)  
(Kisatsutan)
- 空想鬼滅奇譚 (The Fantastic Strange Tale of the Demon Slayer)  
(Kuso Kimetsu Kitan)
- 鬼狩リカグツチ (Demon Hunting God of Fire)  
(Onigari Kagutsuchi)
- 炭のカグツチ (Charred God of Fire)  
(Sumi no Kagutsuchi)

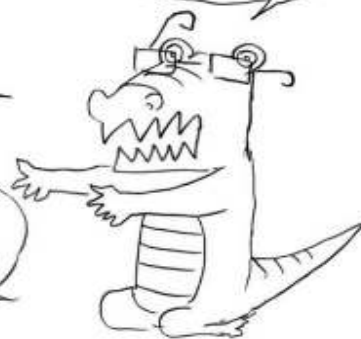
\* "Kitan" means an unusual and mysterious story.

\* "Kagutsuchi" is a god of fire.

I hear these titles were under consideration.

Which one do you like?

Hello, I'm Gotoge.



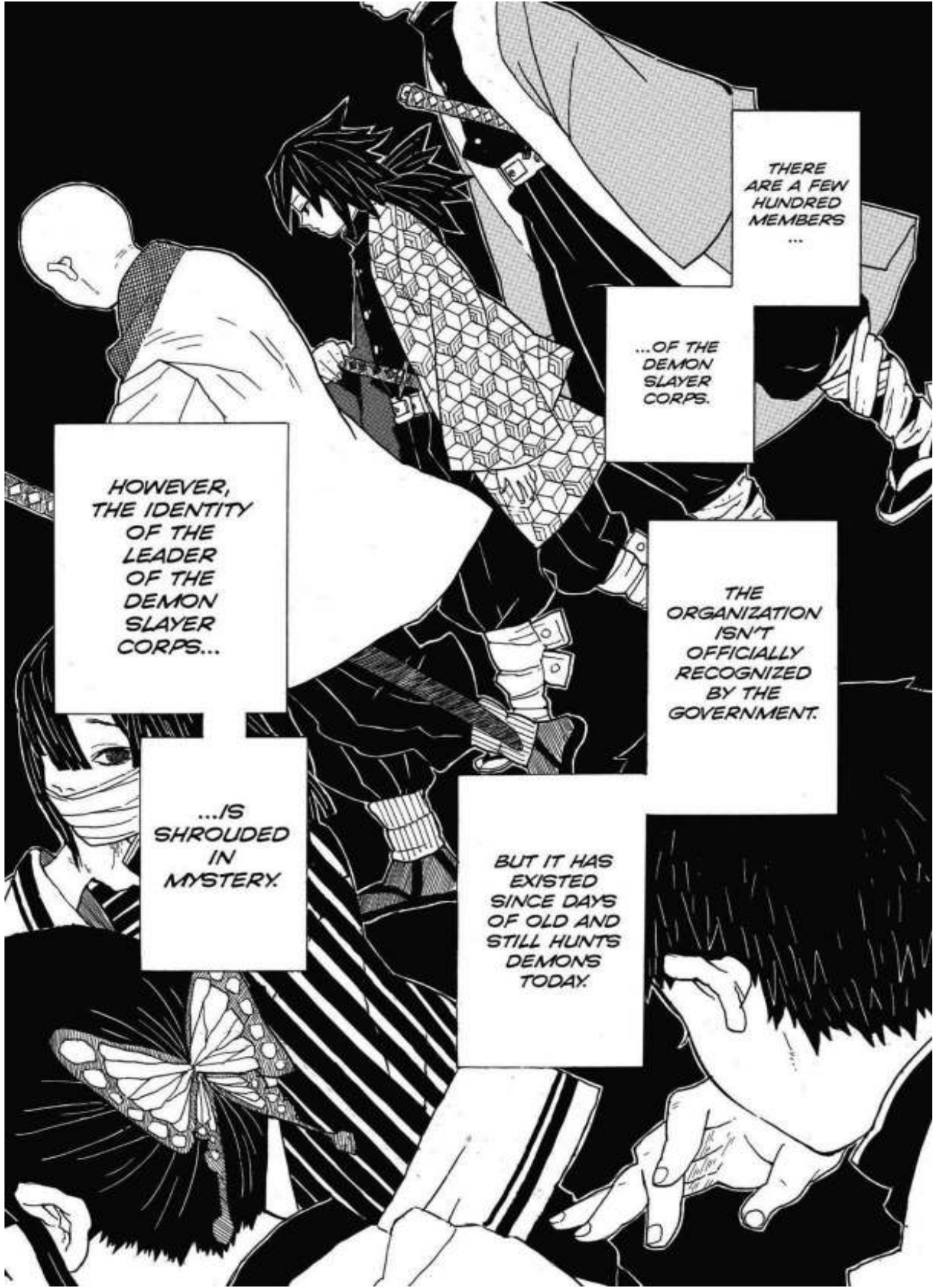


CHAPTER 4: TANJIRO'S JOURNAL, PART 1









THERE  
ARE A FEW  
HUNDRED  
MEMBERS  
...

...OF THE  
DEMON  
SLAYER  
CORPS.

HOWEVER,  
THE IDENTITY  
OF THE  
LEADER  
OF THE  
DEMON  
SLAYER  
CORPS...

THE  
ORGANIZATION  
ISN'T  
OFFICIALLY  
RECOGNIZED  
BY THE  
GOVERNMENT.

...IS  
SHROUDED  
IN  
MYSTERY.

BUT IT HAS  
EXISTED  
SINCE DAYS  
OF OLD AND  
STILL HUNTS  
DEMONS  
TODAY.





THEY HAVE  
IMPRESSIVE  
PHYSICAL  
ABILITIES  
AND THEIR  
WOUNDS HEAL  
QUICKLY.

DEMONS.

STAPLE  
FOOD:  
HUMANS.

THEY CAN  
RECONNECT  
SEVERED FLESH  
AND GROW NEW  
LIMBS. SOME  
DEMONS CAN  
CHANGE FORM.  
OTHERS POSSESS  
STRANGE POWERS.

THEY KILL  
HUMANS  
AND EAT  
THEM.

IT IS  
UNCLEAR  
WHEN OR  
WHERE THEY  
FIRST  
APPEARED.

THE ONLY WAYS  
TO KILL THEM  
ARE BY  
EXPOSING THEM  
TO SUNLIGHT OR  
BY CUTTING OFF  
THEIR HEADS  
WITH A SPECIAL  
SWORD.





THEY ARE HUMAN,  
SO THEIR WOUNDS  
HEAL SLOWLY AND  
LOST LIMBS DO  
NOT RETURN.

THE DEMON  
SLAYER CORPS  
FIGHTS DEMONS  
FACE-TO-FACE.

NONETHE-  
LESS, THEY  
FIGHT  
DEMONS IN  
ORDER TO  
PROTECT  
ORDINARY  
PEOPLE.



THERE ARE  
MANY TRAINERS.  
IN DIFFERENT  
PLACES, THEY  
USE VARIOUS  
TRAINING  
METHODS.

I AM A  
TRAINER.

JUST  
LIKE IT  
SOUNDS,  
I TRAIN  
SWORDS-  
MEN.



I DECIDE  
WHETHER  
YOU MAY  
ATTEMPT  
FINAL  
SELECTION.

IN ORDER TO  
JOIN THE DEMON  
SLAYER CORPS,  
YOU MUST SURVIVE  
THE FINAL  
SELECTION  
AT MOUNT  
FUJIKASANE.





AGAIN  
TODAY, I  
DESCENDED  
THE  
MOUNTAIN.

I TRAIN AS  
HARD AS I  
CAN SO I  
WON'T DIE  
DURING  
FINAL  
SELECTION.

STARTING  
TODAY, I HAVE  
DECIDED TO  
WRITE THIS  
JOURNAL FOR  
NEZUKO.



I'M  
GROWING  
STRONGER  
...

...AND  
MY NOSE  
IS EVEN  
SHARPER AT  
PICKING UP  
SCENTS.

I GO DOWN  
THE MOUNTAIN  
REPEATEDLY,  
DAY AFTER DAY.  
I'VE BECOME  
QUITE GOOD  
AT AVOIDING  
TRAPS.







IT'S LIKE HE REALLY WANTS TO KILL ME.



BUT THE TRAPS ARE GETTING MUCH DEADLIER.



IT REALLY GETS IN THE WAY...

...SO CARRYING IT GOT ME CAUGHT IN A LOT OF TRAPS.



TODAY, I WENT DOWN THE MOUNTAIN WITH A KATANA.

AFTER DESCENDING THE MOUNTAIN, I SWING THE SWORD SO MUCH I FEEL LIKE MY ARMS MIGHT FALL OFF.



I SAY "TODAY," BUT LATELY I DO THIS EVERY DAY.

TODAY, I PRACTICED SWINGING THE SWORD.





WITH A  
KATANA  
...

IT'S STRONG  
AGAINST  
FORCE  
LENGTHWISE  
BUT WEAK  
AGAINST  
FORCE  
FROM THE  
SIDE.



THE FIRST  
THING HE  
TAUGHT ME  
WAS THAT  
A KATANA  
BREAKS  
EASILY.



WHEN  
YOU  
SWING A  
KATANA...

...YOU  
MUST  
ATTACK  
STRAIGHT  
AHEAD.

...THE  
DIRECTION  
OF THE BLADE  
AND THE  
DIRECTION  
OF THE  
FORCE YOU  
APPLY MUST  
BE EXACTLY  
THE SAME.



...HE'LL  
BREAK  
MY  
BONES.  
HIS  
THREATS  
ARE  
COLD...

IN OTHER  
WORDS, IF I  
BREAK IT...

FURTHER-  
MORE...

...YOU!

...IF YOU  
DAMAGE  
THE SWORD,  
HE'LL  
DAMAGE...

...LIKE  
THE  
MOUNTAIN.





TODAY,  
I DID  
NOTHING  
BUT FALL  
DOWN...

...TRAINING  
TO BREAK MY  
FALL AND GET  
UP QUICKLY.



URO-  
KODAKI  
STANDS  
AGAINST  
ME...

...UN-  
ARMED.



I WIELD MY  
SWORD  
AND FACE  
UROKODAKI  
WITH THE  
INTENT TO  
STRIKE HIM  
DOWN.





HE EASILY THROWS ME TO THE GROUND.

BUT HE'S RIDICULOUSLY STRONG.



I'VE BEEN WRITING...

...FOR SIX MONTHS, NEZUKO, AND YOU STILL HAVEN'T WOKEN UP.



NO!  
THIS?  
THIS?  
NO!

LIKE THIS?  
TODAY, I LEARNED BREATHING AND SOME STANDARD FORMS.



HE SAID I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH IN MY CORE, THEN HE GOT ANGRY AND HIT MY STOMACH.

AAGH!  
BAM  
BAMI







YET IT'S  
CLEARLY  
STRANGE  
FOR YOU  
TO KEEP  
SLEEPING  
LIKE THIS.



UROKODAKI  
IMMEDIATELY  
CALLED A  
DOCTOR TO  
LOOK  
AT YOU...

...BUT  
HE  
FOUND  
NOTHING  
WRONG.



AND  
...

...THAT'S  
STILL  
HOW I  
FEEL  
EVERY  
NIGHT.

I THOUGHT  
I'D WAKE  
UP IN THE  
MORNING  
TO FIND  
YOU DEAD.

I WAS  
SCARED.



MANY  
TIMES I'VE  
THOUGHT  
THAT I  
WOULD DIE.

AND EVERY DAY  
I GO HIGHER ON  
THE MOUNTAIN  
FOR MY TRAINING,  
EACH PLACE MORE  
DANGEROUS AND  
WITH THINNER AIR.









IF YOU CAN  
SPLIT THIS  
BOULDER,  
I WILL  
APPROVE YOU  
FOR FINAL  
SELECTION.











HOLDING MY BREATH, FLEXIBILITY, AND THE MOST BASIC THINGS TOO.

STILL...

...EVERY DAY I PRACTICE WHAT I LEARNED FROM UROKO-DAKI.

I'M GLAD I WROTE EVERYTHING DOWN IN MY JOURNAL.



I'M BEGINNING TO WORRY.

BUT EVEN AFTER HALF A YEAR I STILL CAN'T SPLIT THE BOULDER.



I HAVE TO DO MORE.

MORE!

I HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH TRAINING.

IT ISN'T ENOUGH.



**BOONK**







A MAN  
SHOULDN'T  
WHINE... IT'S  
UNSEEMLY.















...AND IMMATURE.

YOU'RE SLOW...

YOU'LL NEVER BE A DEMON SLAYER.

...AND WEAK...



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**CHAPTER 5: TANJIRO'S JOURNAL, PART 2**



















YOU'VE  
GAINED  
NOTHING. YOU  
HAVEN'T  
MASTERED  
ANYTHING!



YOU  
SPLIT A  
BOULDER  
?!



YOU JUST  
MEMORIZED  
IT AS A  
FACT...

BUT YOUR  
BODY  
DOESN'T  
UNDER-  
STAND  
ANYTHING!



CER-  
TAINLY  
NOT...

TOTAL  
CONCEN-  
TRATION  
BREATHING!

...THE  
BREATHING  
TECHNIQUE  
TAUGHT BY  
UROKODAKI!



HE KNOWS  
UROKODAKI?!  
AND ABOUT THE  
BREATHING...

!!







BEAT IT INTO THE MARROW OF YOUR BONES!



I DO!

AS HARD AS I CAN!

I DO, EVERY DAY!



I CAN'T PROGRESS ANY FURTHER.

BUT NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY...



WHACK

BEAT IT INTO YOUR FLESH AND BLOOD!

MORE!

MORE!

WHACK

MORE!

SO THAT YOU BECOME THE EMBODIMENT OF THE SECRETS UROKODAKI TAUGHT YOU!

WHAM



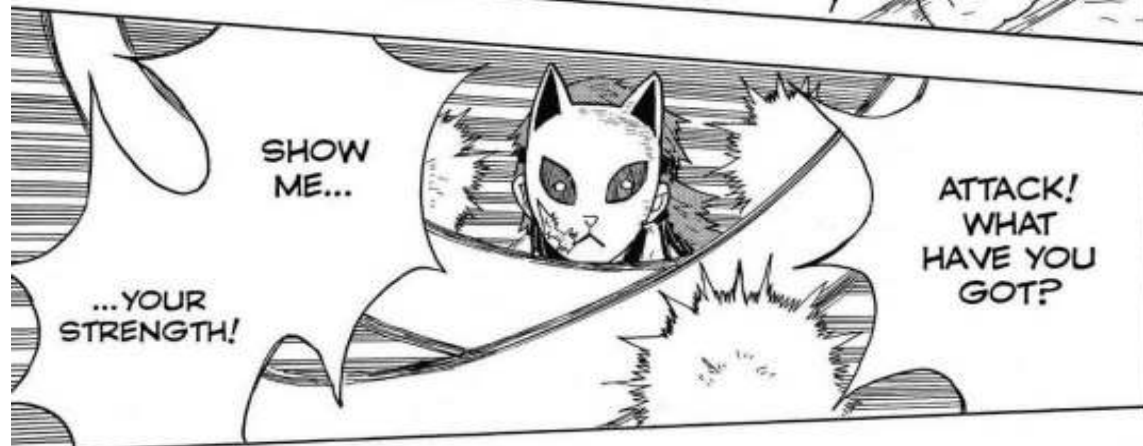


...IS TO LIE  
DOWN AND  
DIE! SO *MAKE*  
YOURSELF  
PROGRESS!

DON'T  
"TRY"...  
JUST *DO*  
IT!

IF  
YOU'RE  
A MAN!

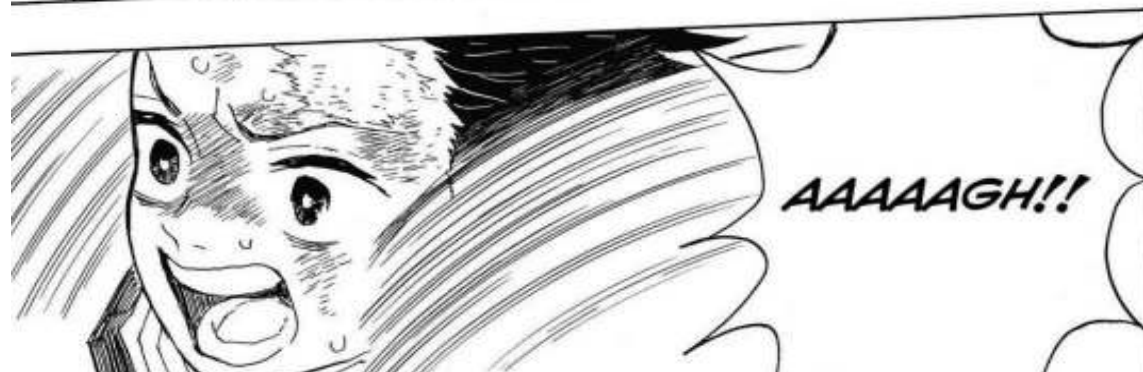
THE ONLY  
OTHER  
CHOICE...



SHOW  
ME...

...YOUR  
STRENGTH!

ATTACK!  
WHAT  
HAVE YOU  
GOT?



**AAAAAGH!!**























SHE  
CORRECTS MY  
UNNECESSARY  
MOVEMENTS  
AND BAD  
HABITS.

MAKOMO  
POINTS OUT  
THE DEFECTS  
IN MY STYLE.



I ASK, BUT  
SHE NEVER  
TELLS ME.

WHERE  
DID SHE  
COME  
FROM?

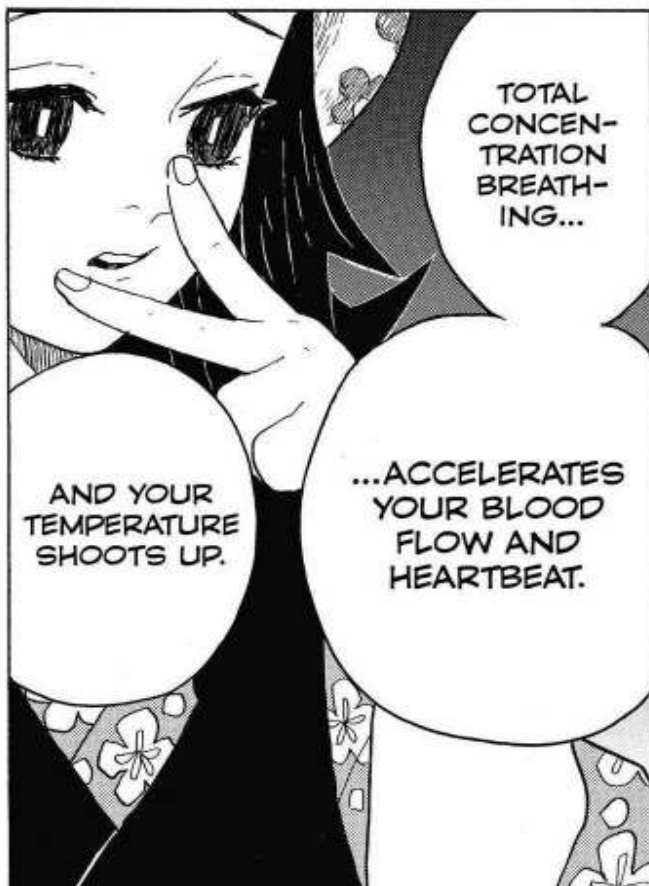
WHY IS  
SHE DOING  
THIS FOR  
ME?



SHE  
OFTEN  
SAYS  
THOSE  
WORDS.

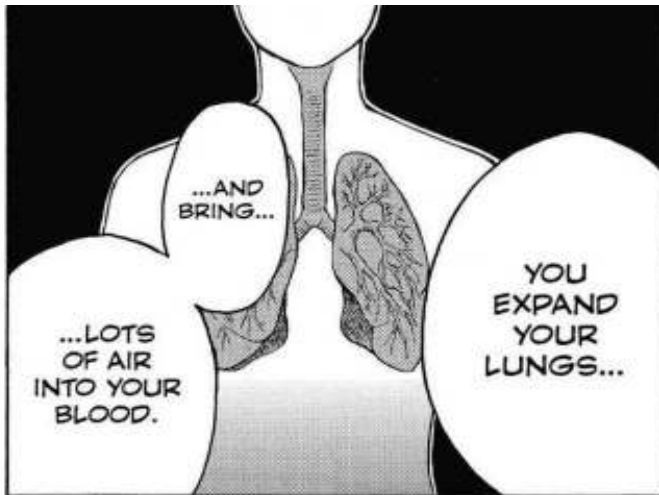
WE  
REALLY  
LIKE URO-  
KODAKI.











...AND BRING...  
...LOTS OF AIR INTO YOUR BLOOD.

YOU EXPAND YOUR LUNGS...



YOU'RE STILL HUMAN, BUT YOU GET STRONG LIKE A DEMON.



YOU GET HOT AND STRONG!

YOUR BLOOD GETS EXCITED AND YOUR BONES AND MUSCLES THRILL.



HOW CAN THAT BE?

I DON'T REALLY GET IT...



BASICALLY, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN DO.

YOU MUST TRAIN SO HARD THAT YOU COULD DIE.









TODAY,  
I WILL  
WIN.

THE  
CONTEST  
WAS  
SIMPLE.

THE  
STRONGER,  
FASTER  
BLADE  
WINS.



AFTER  
HALF A  
YEAR...

...YOU'VE  
FINALLY  
GOT THE  
FACE OF  
A MAN.





THE FIGHT  
WAS OVER  
IN AN  
INSTANT.



THAT DAY,  
IN THAT  
MOMENT,  
FOR THE  
FIRST  
TIME...

...MY  
BLADE  
REACHED  
SABITO  
FIRST.



GASP







...OR  
MAYBE  
PROUD  
AND  
REASSUR-  
ING.

IT  
SEEMED  
LIKE  
A SAD  
SMILE TO  
ME...

WHEN  
I WON,  
SABITO  
SMILED.



SUDDENLY,  
SABITO  
DISAP-  
PEARED...



...  
AGAINST  
THEM  
TOO.

WIN,  
TANJIRO...

**FWSH**



...AND I  
FOUND THAT  
MY SWORD  
HAD NOT CUT  
SABITO'S  
MASK.



IT HAD  
SPLIT THE  
BOULDER.





## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

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*I've gotten all your letters. Thank you. They make me so happy, but I can't reply, and that makes me very sorry. Forgive me, please. I'll keep doing my best!*







HOWEVER,  
WHEN USING  
A NORMAL  
BLADE, EVEN  
CUTTING ITS  
NECK WON'T  
KILL IT.

A  
DEMON'S  
WEAK  
POINT IS  
ITS NECK.

THE SWORDS  
THAT THE  
DEMON  
SLAYER  
CORPS USE  
ARE MADE  
FROM A  
SPECIAL  
STEEL.

WE CALL  
THEM  
NICHIRIN  
SWORDS.

**CHAPTER 6: A MOUNTAIN OF HANDS**







WHEN I'M  
FIGHTING  
SOME-  
ONE...

...AND I  
FIND THAT  
SCENT, I  
SEE THE  
THREAD.



THANKS  
TO MY  
TRAINING  
WITH  
MAKOMO  
...

...I'VE  
LEARNED  
TO SMELL  
OUT AN  
"OPENING  
THREAD."  
THAT'S HOW  
I WON.



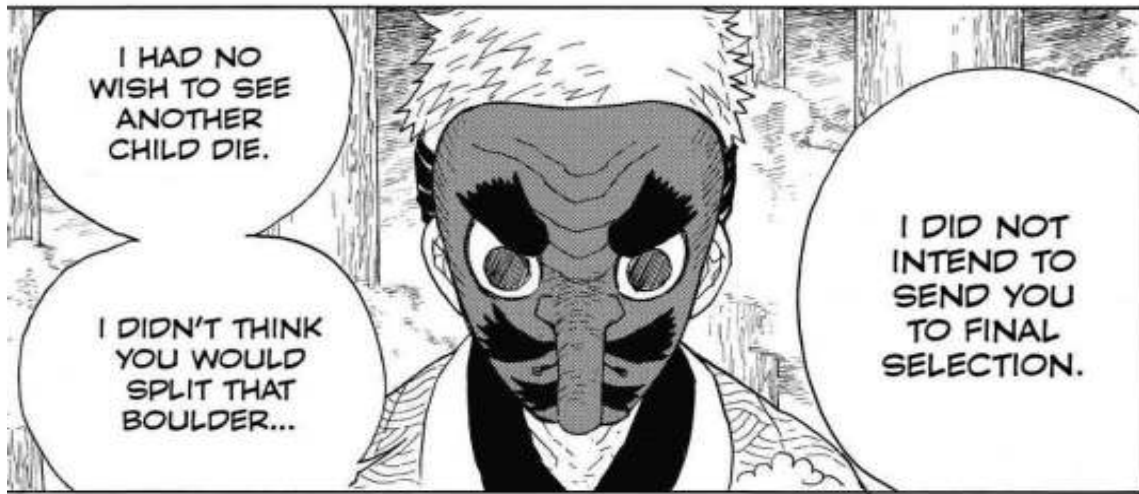
GUIDED BY  
THE THREAD,  
MY BLADE  
CUTS INTO  
THAT SPOT.



IT RUNS  
FROM  
MY  
BLADE...

...TO A  
SPOT  
ON MY  
OPPONENT,  
AND IT  
GOES TAUT  
THE  
MOMENT I  
SEE IT.









...BUT BE SURE TO RETURN ALIVE.

YOUR SISTER AND I ARE HERE WAITING.

GO TO FINAL SELECTION...



IT'S CALLED A WARDING MASK.

APPARENTLY, IT OFFERS PROTECTION FROM EVIL.

UROKODAKI GAVE ME A MASK.

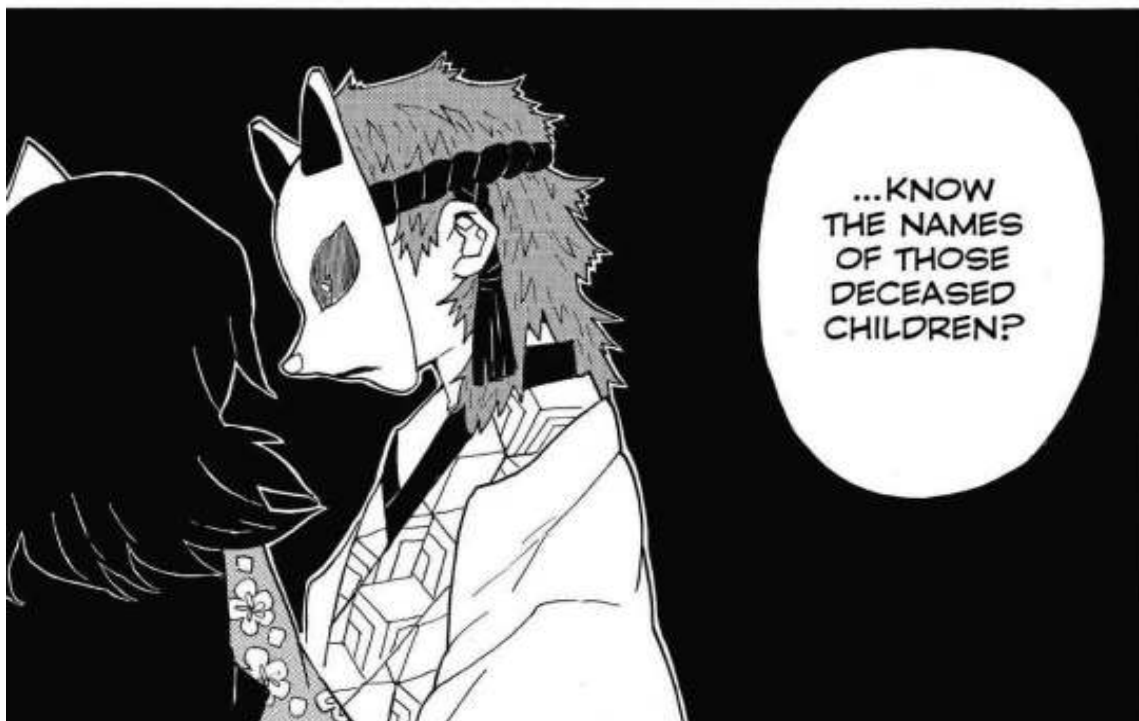
AFTER CUTTING MY HAIR...



SO I'M LEAVING HER IN UROKODAKI'S CARE.

I CAN'T TAKE NEZUKO WITH ME—SHE'S STILL ASLEEP.



















DEMONS  
HATE WISTERIA  
FLOWERS,  
WHICH BLOOM  
HERE EVEN OUT  
OF SEASON.

THEY  
COVER THE  
MOUNTAIN  
FROM ITS  
FOOT TO  
HALFWAY UP  
THE SLOPE.



GREET-  
INGS,  
EVERY-  
ONE.

THANK  
YOU FOR  
GATHERING  
TONIGHT  
FOR FINAL  
SELECTION.

MOUNT  
FUJIKASANE  
HOLDS  
DEMONS THAT  
DEMON-SLAYER  
SWORSMEN  
HAVE TAKEN ALIVE  
AND TRAPPED  
HERE.





























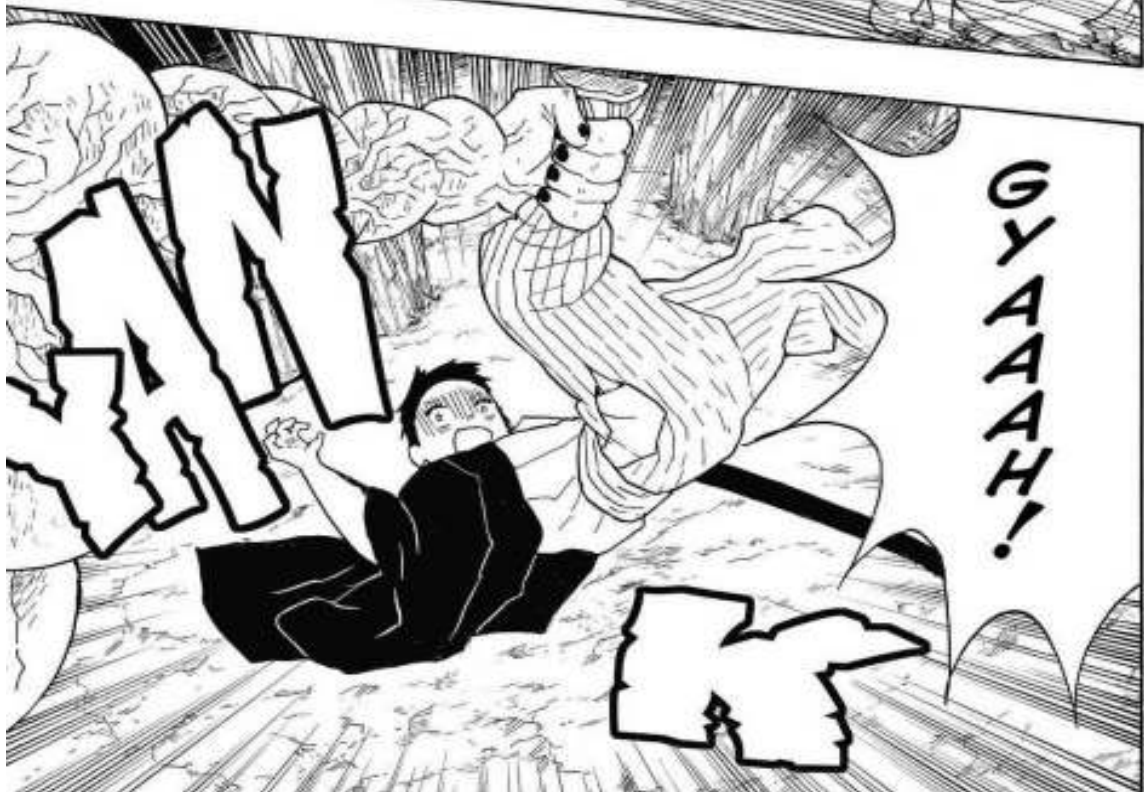
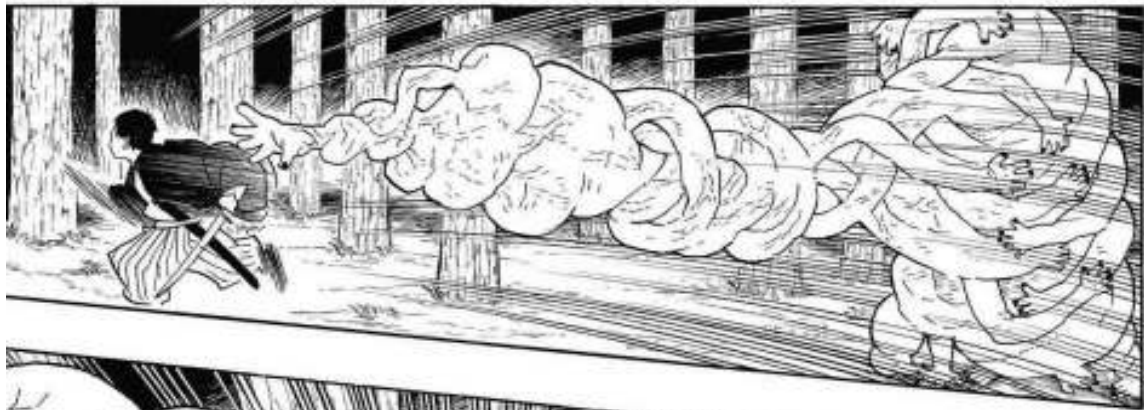






















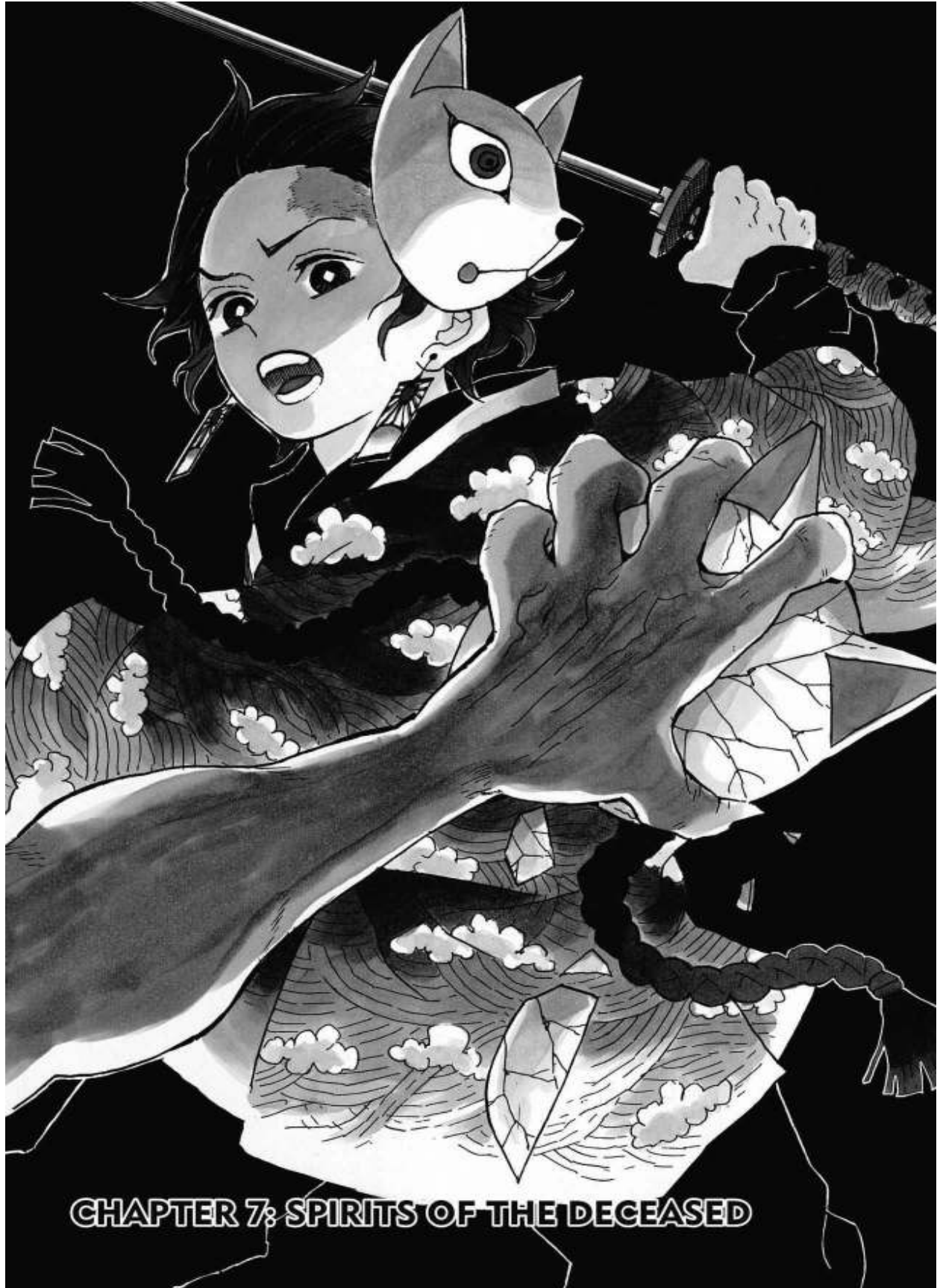


TAISHO WHISPERS  
& RUMORS



*I heard one of  
them is a boy...*





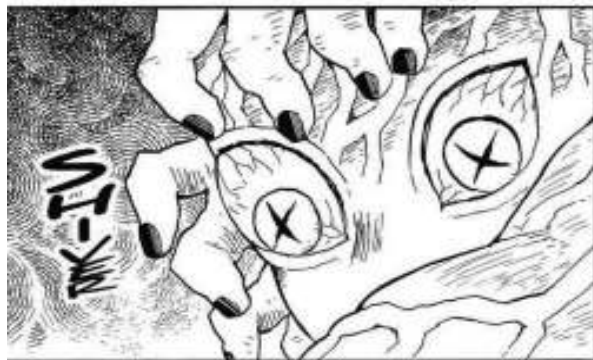
**CHAPTER 7: SPIRITS OF THE DECEASED**















W O O O E

DAMN UROKO-DAKI!

DAMN UROKO-DAKI!

DAMN UROKO-DAKI!

DAMN HIM!

BRBL

BRBL



G A A G H !

AGAIN AND AGAIN!

ALL WHILE I'VE BEEN TRAPPED HERE!

UNFORGIVABLE! UNFORGIVABLE!

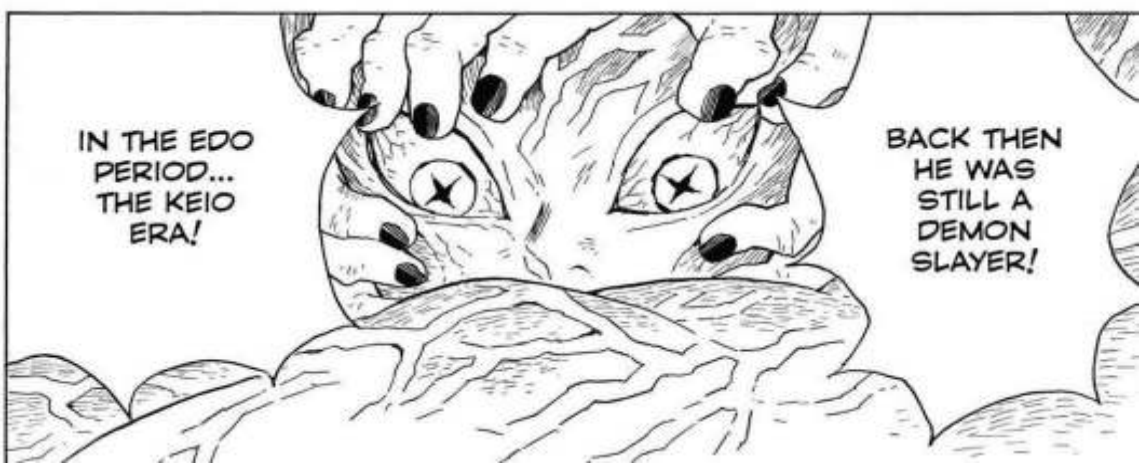


IT'S BEEN 47 TORTUROUS YEARS!

OH, I KNOW HIM! UROKODAKI WAS THE ONE WHO CAPTURED ME! I WILL NEVER FORGET!



YOU KNOW URO-



IN THE EDO PERIOD... THE KEIO ERA!

BACK THEN HE WAS STILL A DEMON SLAYER!





NO DEMON  
HERE HAS  
BEEN ALIVE  
THAT LONG!

LIES!



YOU'RE  
LYING!



DEMON  
HUNTER...  
EDO  
PERIOD?!



...AND THEY  
GET KILLED  
DURING  
SELECTION!

PLUS, THE  
DEMONS EAT  
EACH OTHER  
TOO!

THEY ONLY  
PUT DEMONS  
UP HERE  
THAT HAVE  
EATEN TWO  
OR THREE  
PEOPLE...



...I HAVE  
EATEN 50  
OF YOU  
BRATS!

BUT I HAVE  
SURVIVED A  
VERY LONG  
TIME. IN THIS  
PRISON...

...OF  
WISTERIA  
BLOSSOMS  
...







...A DEMON'S  
STRENGTH  
COMES  
FROM THE  
NUMBER OF  
PEOPLE  
IT HAS  
CONSUMED.

REMEM-  
BER...

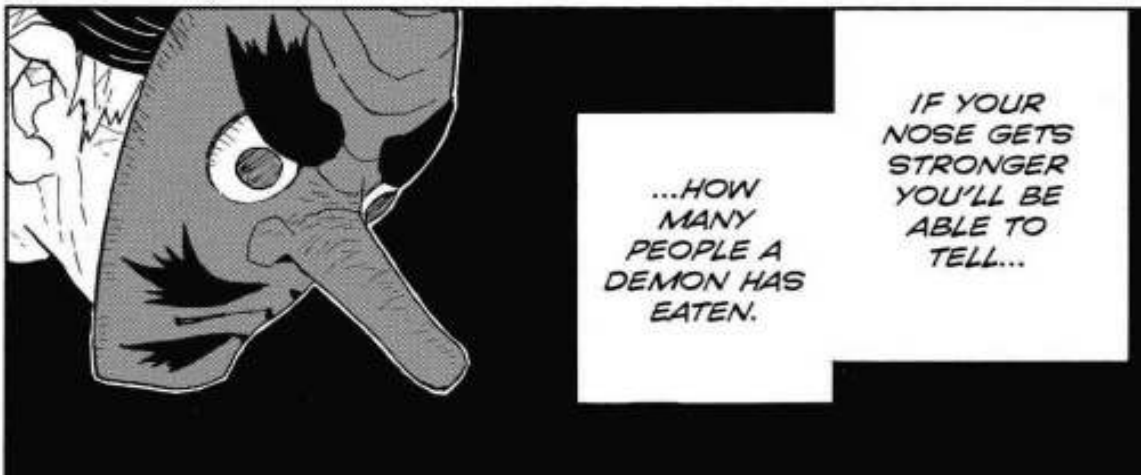
FIFTY?!



...AND SOME  
PHYSICALLY  
CHANGE,  
GAINING  
UNNATURAL  
POWERS.

THAT'S  
RIGHT.  
THEY  
GROW  
STRON-  
GER...

IF IT  
EATS  
MANY  
PEOPLE  
IT GETS  
STRONGER?



...HOW  
MANY  
PEOPLE A  
DEMON HAS  
EATEN.

IF YOUR  
NOSE GETS  
STRONGER  
YOU'LL BE  
ABLE TO  
TELL...









THE OTHER WAS A GIRL-BRAT WHOSE KIMONO WAS COVERED IN FLOWERS.

SHE WAS SMALL AND NOT SO STRONG...

...BUT SHE WAS VERY AGILE.

HE HAD A COLORFUL JACKET, AND WAS THE STRONGEST BY FAR.

HE HAD PEACH-COLORED HAIR AND A SCAR BY HIS MOUTH.

THIRTEEN OF URO-KADAKI'S STUDENTS, BUT ABOVE ALL...

YES, INDEED!

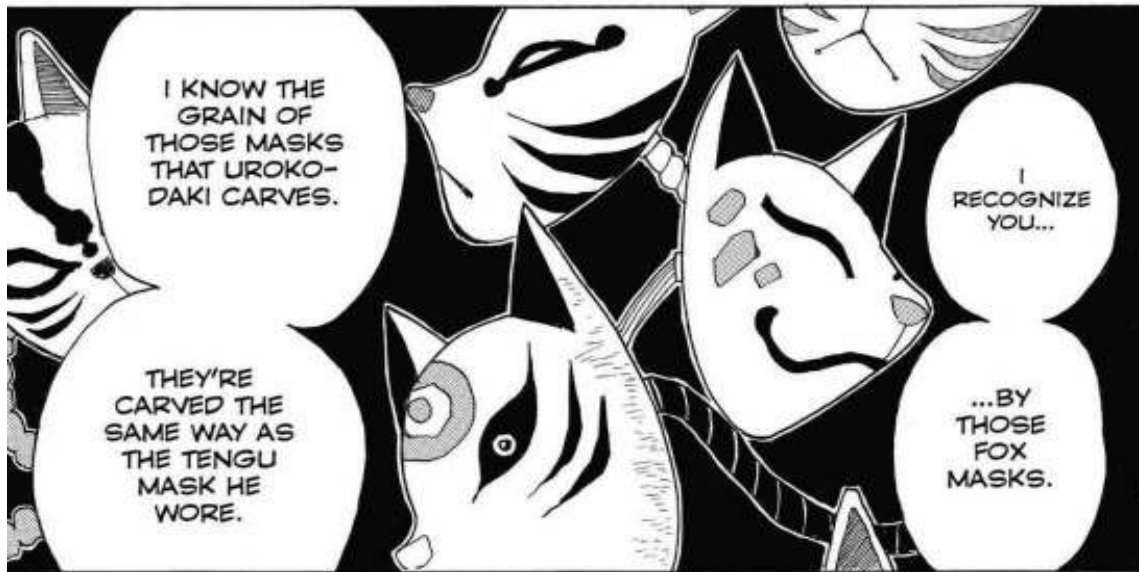
...TWO OF THEM...

...I'LL NEVER FORGET.



*HOW COULD THIS DEMON HAVE KILLED THEM? THEY TRAINED ME!*





I KNOW THE  
GRAIN OF  
THOSE MASKS  
THAT UROKO-  
DAKI CARVES.

I  
RECOGNIZE  
YOU...

THEY'RE  
CARVED THE  
SAME WAY AS  
THE TENGU  
MASK HE  
WORE.

...BY  
THOSE  
FOX  
MASKS.



THEY'RE  
ALL INSIDE  
MY  
STOMACH.

IT'S LIKE  
UROKODAKI  
FED THEM  
TO ME!



DID HE  
CALL IT A  
"WARDING  
MASK"?

I ATE  
THEM ALL  
**BECAUSE**  
OF THE  
MASKS THEY  
WORE.



THE  
GIRL-BRAT  
WEPT AND  
GREW ANGRY  
WHEN I TOLD  
HER THAT.

HEH  
HEH  
HEH  
HEH...

HEH  
HEH...

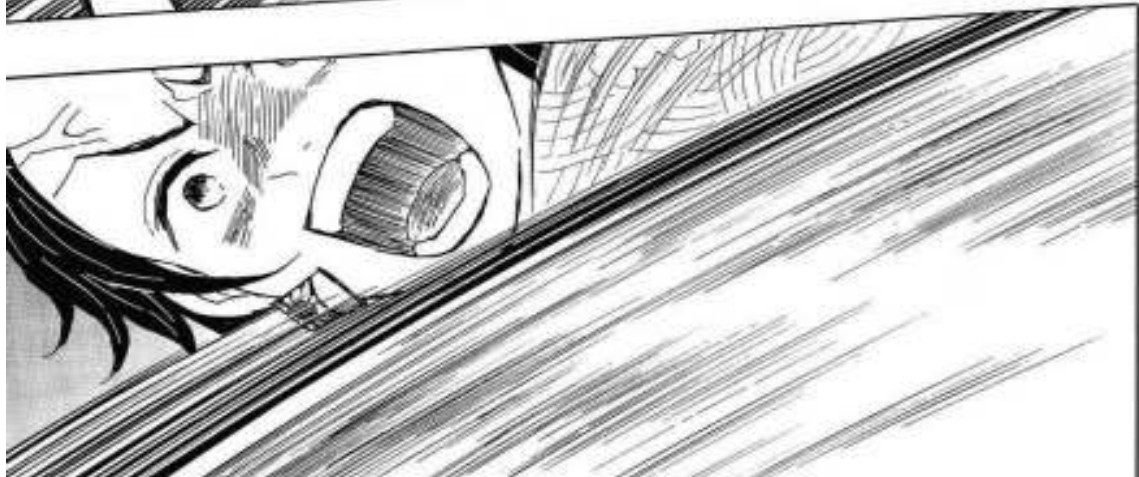
HEH  
HEH HEH  
HEH...

















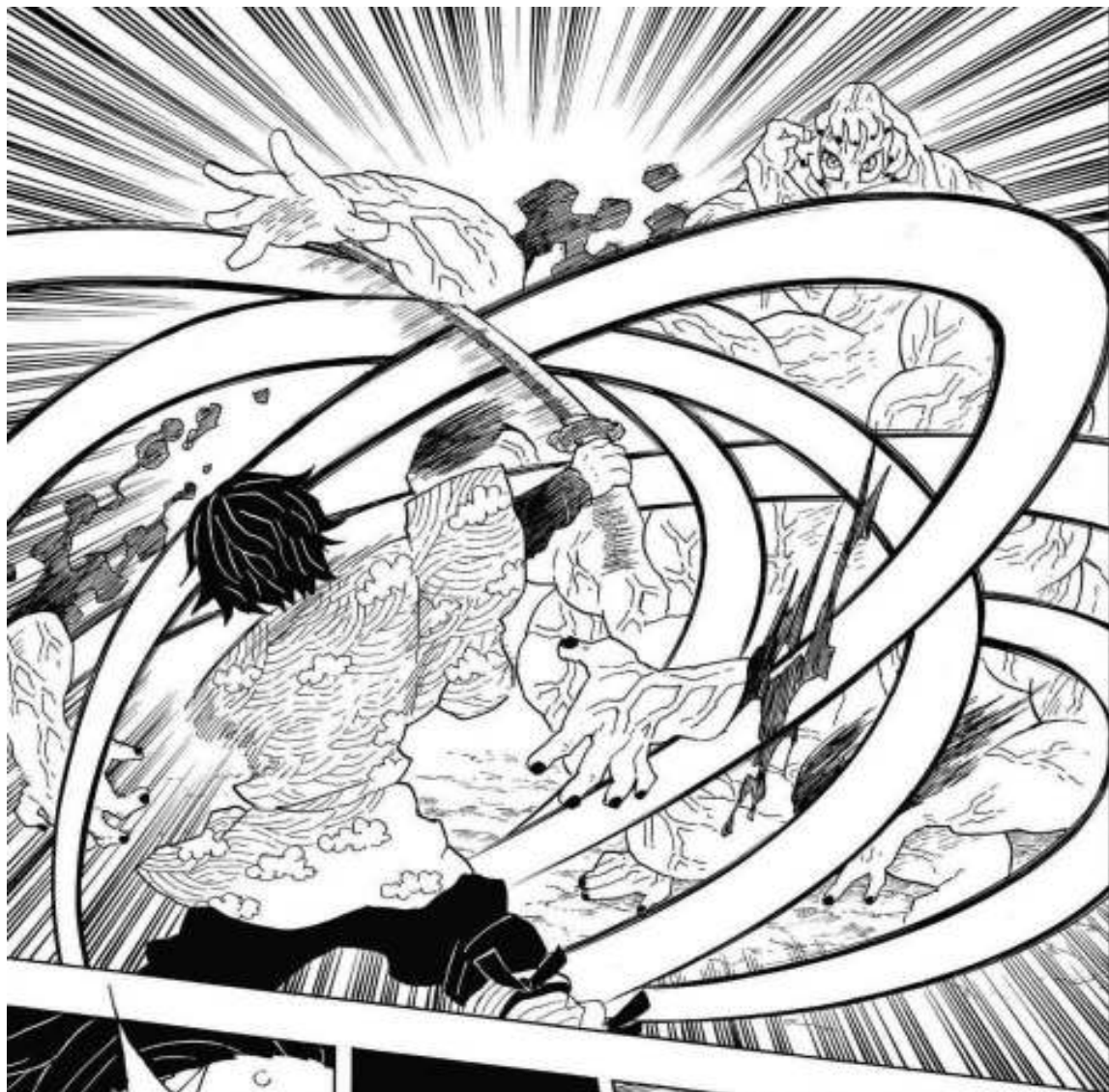












A  
STRANGE  
SMELL  
FROM THE  
GROUND!



NO  
MATTER  
HOW MANY  
ARMS I  
CUT OFF,  
IT GROWS  
MORE!

HUH  
?!



I MISSED!  
HE NOTICED  
MY HANDS  
UNDER-  
GROUND...

...AND  
LEAPT  
AWAY!  
AND  
WHAT A  
LEAP!

BUT IN  
MIDAIR...

**BW  
BU  
P**







...HE  
CAN'T  
DODGE  
THIS  
ATTACK!







THE FOX-BRAT IS IN STRIKING RANGE!

I CAN'T GROW MORE IN TIME!

AND I'M OUT OF HANDS!

HE ESCAPED!



WATER BREATHING!

TOTAL CONCENTRATION.



EVEN THE PEACH-HAIR COULDN'T CUT IT!

BUT MY NECK IS HARD AND IMPERVI- OUS!



SNIFF



...AND CRUSH IT, JUST LIKE I DID TO THE OTHER ONE!

WHEN HE FAILS TO CUT MY NECK, I'LL GRAB HIS HEAD...





IS IT POSSIBLE THAT TANJIRO WILL LOSE TOO?

THAT THING'S NECK IS SO HARD.



HE MAY LOSE OR HE MAY WIN.

BUT ONE THING IS FOR CERTAIN...











**FIRST  
FORM**

**WATER  
SUR-  
FACE  
SLASH!**

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