Forest of Mist

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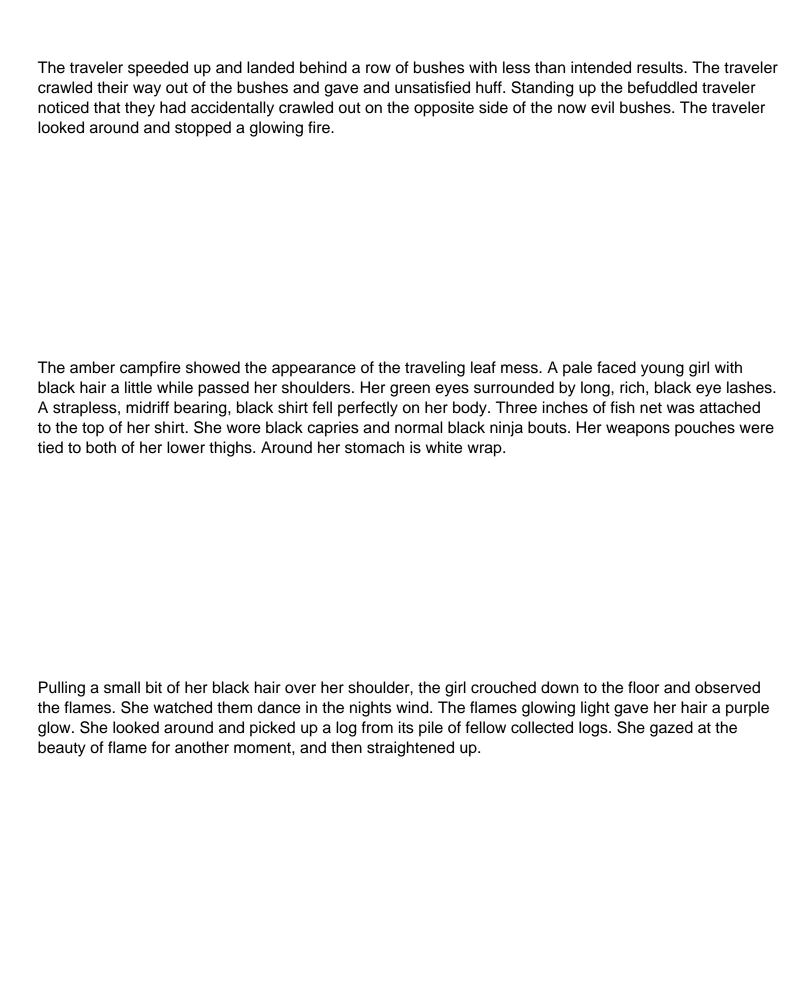
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up with the forceful Sakura. "Anyway," said Sasuke. "Oh! Right!" Ririku once again began her story. "In my village, by now, I must be known as a Nukenin, or missing ninja." Sakura and the slowly falling back asleep Naruto shuddered. "Why?" asked Sakura. "Because...I ran from my sensei," said Ririku. "Killing so much, was straining your psyche?" asked Sasuke. Ririku looked at him. "Yes," she answered. I'm so happy he understands.....What happened to him? "Okay...and?" Naruto said impatiently. "I found you and then Hatake-sensei saw me and I thought he was going to attack me so I was on my guard." Naruto looked at Ririku for a minute than nodded. Wow! If he couldn't get that, she thought. "Hm....okay," said Kakashi. "'Hm, okay' what?" Sakura asked puzzled. "She can come with us," Kakashi 'smiled'. "Nani?!" questioned the four teenagers at, strangely, the same time. "I don't believe mist would stoop so low as to send a thirteen year old girl to spy on us. Besides, if this was a copy jutsu, how is her arm bleeding?" asked Kakashi pointed to Ririku's right arm. I'm bleeding? Ririku looked at her arm and there was an open cut across it, and blood was slowly rolling down her arm. Ha! Opps! "Good point," said Sasuke looking past the fire to Ririku's open wound. "Sasuke's the best at noticing clones, so if he's okay with it, I am," Sakura sighed. (Inner Sakura: No way! She'll get in between me and Sasuke!) "Hmm," Naruto sat and thought for a moment then said, "Fine." "Good. Now, how about you, Ririku?" Kakashi asked looking to Ririku. Ririku looked at Kakashi for a minute. If she stayed she'd make friends, and possibly be happy for once. If she didn't she'd most likely starve to death. She looked to Naruto, then Sakura, followed by Sasuke. Naruto was dosing off again and Ririku looked over to Kakashi. "O-okay," she said unsure of whether this was a good idea. "Alright. We'll head for Konohagakure in the morning," said Kakashi standing and the all of the new cell 7 nodded.

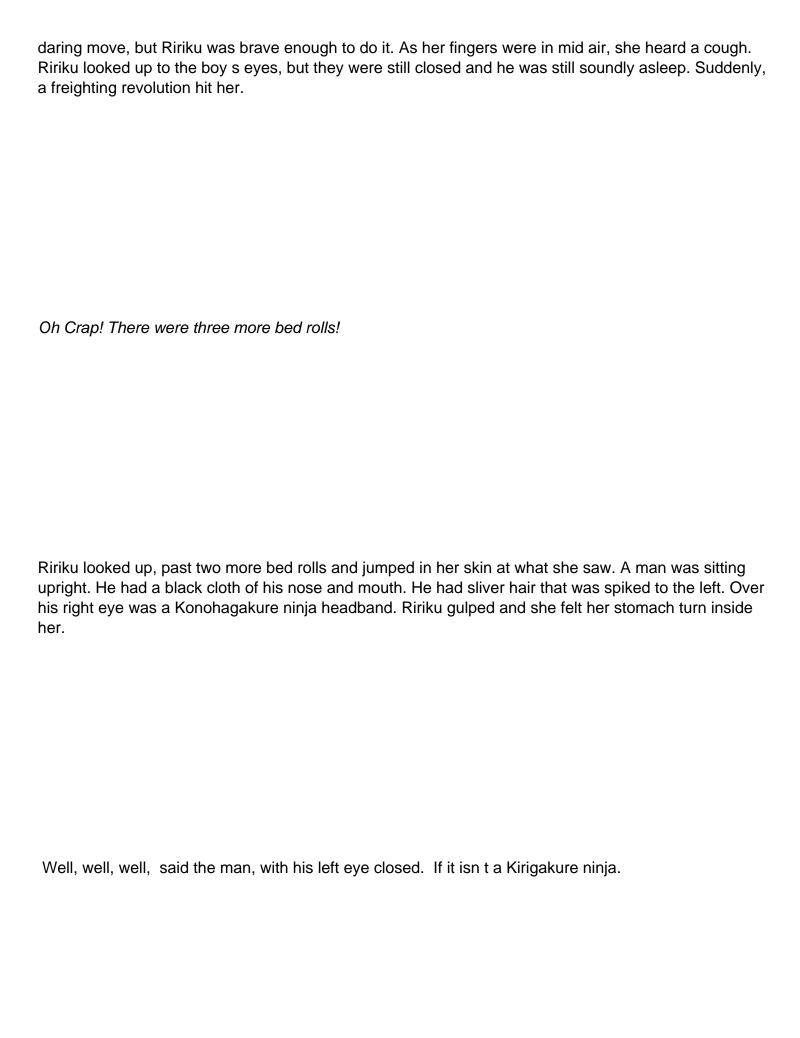
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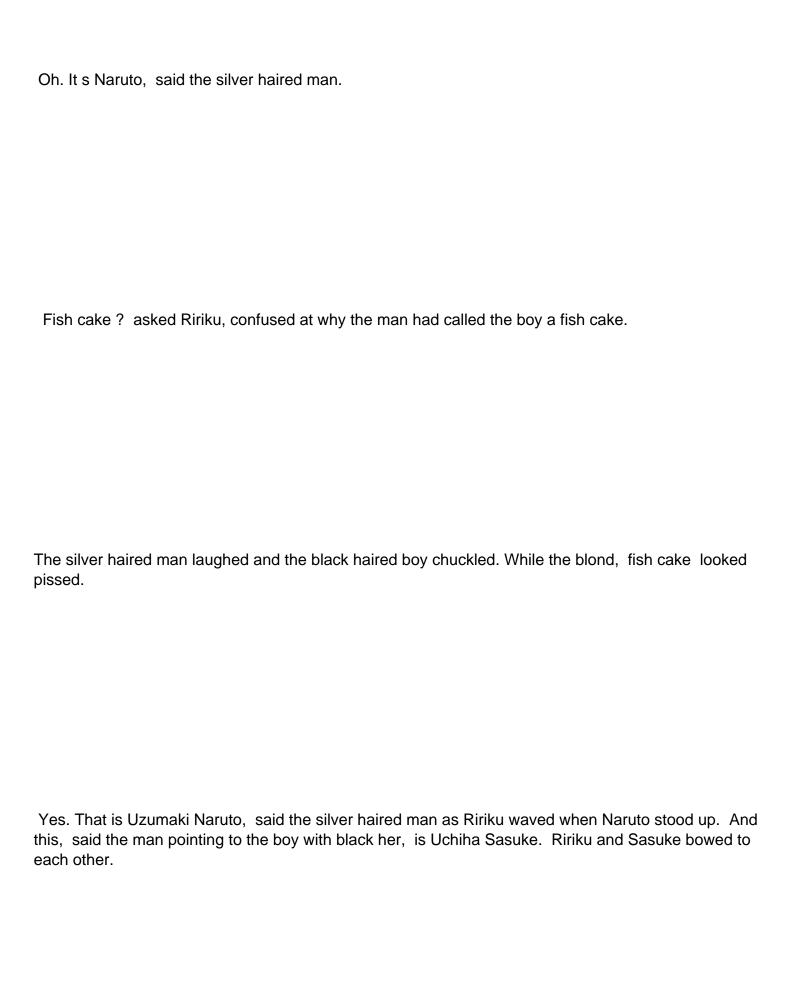
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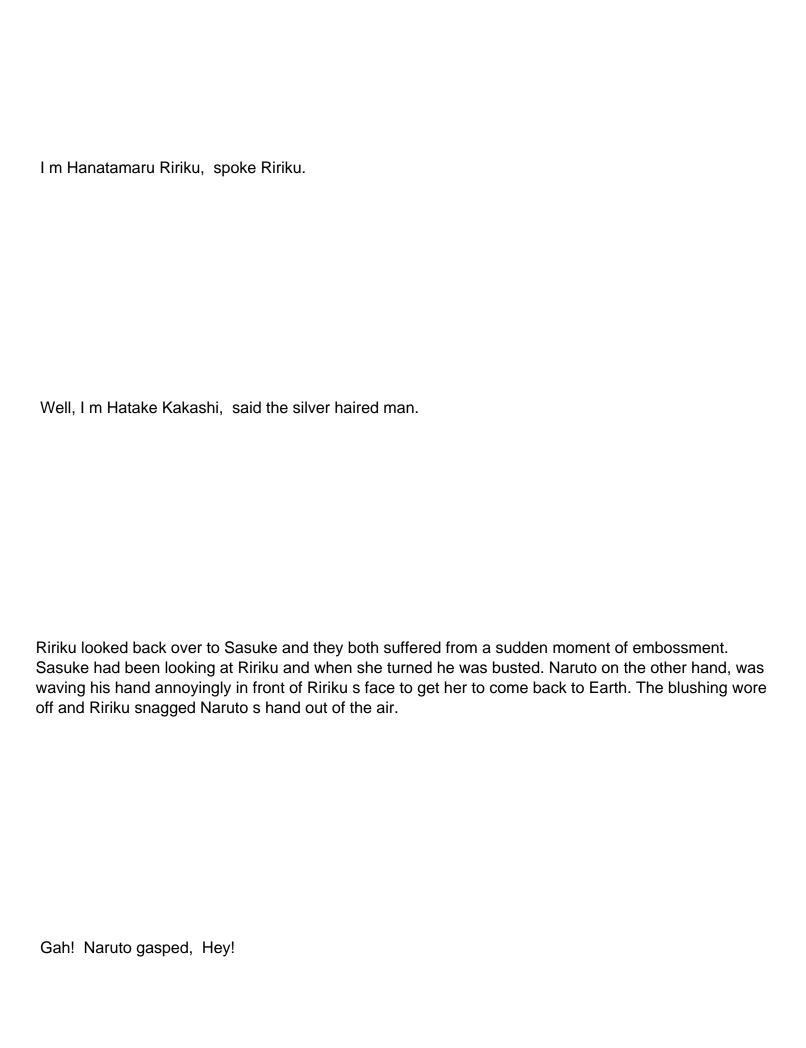
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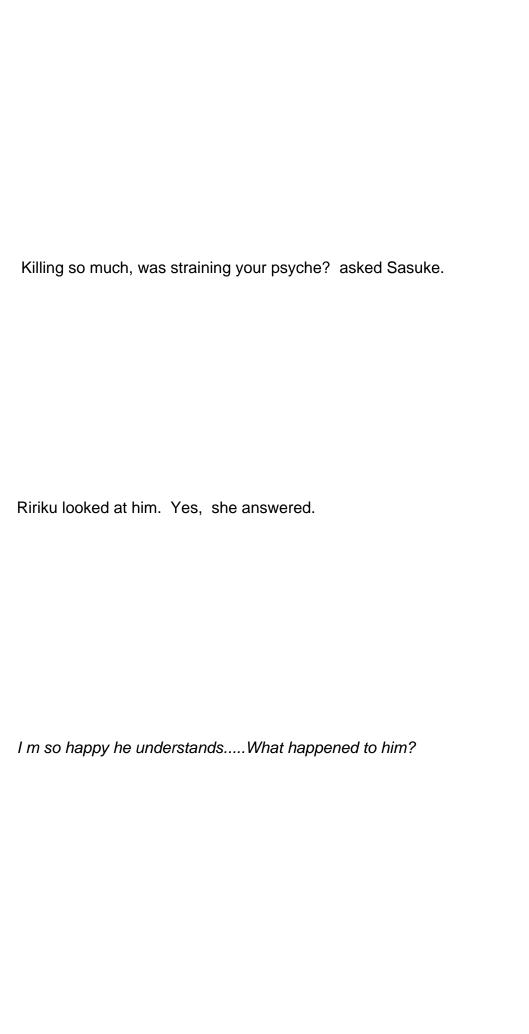
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