

Naruto's Dream: One Year of Training

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my first story! this is Naruto OC wonderland, if you have an OC tell me!

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0 - The Stranger

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The Stranger of Konoha

One night there were three people standing at the entrance to the Leaf village. Two were honest guards who were feeling very unlucky and with good reason. They had happened to be on guard when none other than the Hokage herself showed up. Both shocked by this visit they asked her why she had come. She simply replied, "I might have a friend show up," and left it at that. Now at first they were nervous because if they even made the slightest slip up well... everyone knows about Tsunade's vicious temper. But not now. Now even though it was the middle of June an eerie cold had swept the village. Not only that but it was a moonless night. Now, neither of the guards were superstitious, but this was a darkness that you could feel.

Nothing happened for about an hour and just as the guards began to loosen up they saw a stranger in the far distance. They didn't go to meet him but sat up straight as they waited for the man. When he was closer they noticed he seemed very nervous as if there were something around him that he wanted to get rid of. As he arrived at the gate he took a piece of paper out of his pocket, left it on the ground and turned around walking back the same way he came.

One of the guards stood up to stop the man from leaving, but he barely stood up when the man said, "It's from him."

The guard turned around about to start walking again stopped as if something blocked his path. He then said without turning around, "He says that your debt has been paid Tsunade." Then he left without turning back.

Tsunade smiled then turned to the guards saying, "You two can take the night off, I'll take the post for tonight."

One guard was ungrateful and said, "If you were going to let us have the night off you could have let us go when you first got here."

Tsunade's smiled dropped, and said in a serious voice, "Count your blessings, at least he didn't come in person."

"Well I still think you could hav...", he only got that far because a kunai had made sure he would never talk again. Tsunade and the other guard looked up in the direction the kunai came from. On top of the gate was a lone figure a ragged cape and scarf blowing in the wind. But what was truly amazing was that even with the moon gone his eyes glowed. They were a brilliant iceberg blue and shone as if they were two stars.

He turned around and said it so soft the guard thought it was the wind, "Ungrateful wretch." He then blended into the darkness around him and disappeared.

The guard started to run after him but Tsunade stopped him. "That was him," she said, then went back to the entrance. The guard was secretly glad she had stopped him. He hadn't been thinking right. And he didn't want to end up like the body on the street.

Hey please comment I would really enjoy it. There is a chance you can be in the story. Sorry guys its only for girls. I plan on hooking all the genin up but I need names. Like good Japanese names. Just leave a comment saying the Japanese name. I will post the list later on. And its first come first served.

So girls who like gaara says so in the comment and the first one to do so will be with him!!!

1 - The Surprise

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Chapter 2
The Surprise

The next day Naruto woke up with a start. He had had a terrible dream about ramen that had decided to eat him instead of the other way around. The aftershock was so terrible that he decided to go to Ichiraku and eat some ramen just to be sure. He got dressed and was on his way out the door, when it opened slamming him into the wall. Sakura stood there with a worried look on her face.

"Naruto where are you?" she said looking around.

"Right here," he said in a weak voice. Then realizing who it was he said, "Hi Sakura-chan! I was gonna get some ramen. Do you wanna come with me?"

Sakura looked extremely appalled but decided to save the hit for later. "Naruto you have to get up to Tsunade's office immediately."

Naruto was less than thrilled about this. "Come on Sakura-chan why do I have to get up so quickly."

Sakura was tired of dealing with this so she decided to hurry him up her own way. She punched him on top of the head yelling, "BECAUSE WE HAVE A CERTAIN TIME WE HAVE TO BE SOMEWHERE AND WE CAN'T LEAVE UNTIL YOU GET YOUR LAZY BUTT UP TO TSUNADE'S OFFICE!!!!"

"Okay, okay gosh, you didn't have to yell so loud!" Naruto got up quickly not having time to do anything but get dressed, and made his way towards the Hokage's office brushing his teeth as he went. He arrived and opened the door and managed to say around the toothbrush, "God Tsunade why do you have Sakura try to kill me just cause I..." he then realized that he wasn't alone. All the other genin were there too.

"Well look who decided to join us," said Kiba.

"Kiba-kun don't be s-so mean to..." said Hinata before Ino cut her off.

"Yeah really Naruto we've been waiting here forever for you!"

"Well I didn't know we were all meeting here today so shut up!"

"Why you little I should just-..."

"THAT IS QUITE ENOUGH!!" Tsunade screamed. There was instant silence. "Now that I have your attention I thought I would give you the details of your mission."

“Wait we’re all going on this?” TenTen asked.

“Yes now will you please let me finish,” Tsunade said quickly losing her patience. “Now I have had a request from an old friend of mine that you would attend his training course. Now all your belongings have been moved to your location for your convenience.”

“Wait but all my stuff was there this morning,” said Sakura.

“And as we speak it’s being moved to a location where you will live.”

“But why would they move our stuff I mean it’s not like we’re gonna be a long time.” said Naruto.

“Oh Contraire, you will be training for a year if not more.” Tsunade took a quick look at all their faces and all of them were shocked.

“But what will you do with us gone, I mean the village is still hurt from the last war.” said Shikamaru.

“Look I didn’t have a choice this man has saved my life many times. I had no choice, you know the village comes first.” she said as if in desperation. They were all shocked. They had never seen Tsunade act like she just had.

Regaining her composure she said, “You are to travel to this location.”

Shikamaru took one look at it and said, “But that’s directly beside the ocean, and who are our teammates?”

Tsunade sighed. She knew this would come. “You are traveling by ship to the wherever the place is, don’t ask me I don’t know where it is.”

Before they could fully accept this fact Tsunade said, “Well I suggest you be off, you have until noon tomorrow to get there. And everyone be careful, I don’t want you guys to come back with less than you started with.” Then she smiled and said, “You are dismissed.”

Hey yall Second chapter done! sorry it took so long Winxgirl but i got computer taken away from me.

2 - The weird reunion

Note: I do not own Naruto but I pwn like no one has ever pwned before.

A Weird Reunion

After a hurried effort to pack the entire group met at the gate. Naruto was once again the last one there because he stopped to pick up some ramen on the way. All assembled they set out on their journey to the water side town north-east of Konoha.

“So what do you guys think this guys gonna be like?” Choji asked between bites of chips.

“Hopefully he won’t be as lazy as Kakashi-sensei or as late as he is,” said Naruto.

“Lets all hope he’s smarter than you Naruto,” said Kiba.

“Shut up Kiba before I...

“Before you what?”

“Before I pound your sorry butt into the ground!

“What did you say punk?”

“You heard me, I said-

“For Gods sake will you two shut up already!” yelled Sakura. Instant silence. “If I hear one more either of you, I’ll make sure both of you never leave this forest.”

Neji and Shino smirked. Choji, Shikamaru and Lee were all scared stiff by Sakura’s outburst, but TenTen and Ino (with Hinata awkwardly following behind) were both chatting away about their fantasy version of the new sensei.

“I hope he’ll be young and handsome and be the kind of man who sweeps you off your feet,” said TenTen

“I hope he has huge arm muscles and will be able to lift me as if I weighted nothing,” Ino replied. As people turned to see what they were talking about no one noticed that Neji and Shikamaru were both silently fuming.

Please, no one’s that perfect, they both thought. The rest of the day passed with nothing much happening except when Naruto convinced them to stop and bury his now empty box of ramen. He said that it was for the respect it deserved because it was the only ramen he would have for an entire year. That night however...

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Shikamaru decided to take first watch. Well it was really decided for him. Since he hadn’t helped set up

camp at all the others shut him out of the tents saying how he had to do something.

How troublesome, he thought while settling in for his watch. Soon after he started he thought he sensed a presence coming towards the camp. He quickly got up and snuck into one of the tents. Unfortunately he hadn't realized it was the girls tent and by the time he realized it was too late.

"Oh my God Shikamaru what are you doing," yelled Ino, Sakura, and TenTen. Hinata realizing there was a boy in their tent had fainted straight away.

"SHH, someone's coming you need to stay quiet!" he said in an urgent whisper. But once again it was too late. The girl's screams had wakened the boys. Who came out of their tent quickly wondering what was going on. Shikamaru sighed and thought, Well there's only one way this could get worse, but thankfully she is in Suna.

"Wow genius I thought you were smart but apparently you can't even figure out what tent your supposed to be in." said a voice behind him. Shikamaru winced knowing whose voice that was and turned slowly to see none other than Temari looking down at him.

"So I guess it was you that I heard coming then," he said looking past her to see Gaara and Kankuro talking to the guys.

"We were headed this way before but hurried up when we heard screams," she retorted annoyed that he had heard them at all.

"Yeah well thanks for waking up the whole camp," he said back to his normal carefree self. "Where were you headed anyway?"

"We have a ship to catch tomorrow if it means anything to you," Kankuro who was coming up behind Temari. He held up a map while Temari then went to talk to the girls who were just now coming out of the tent. The guys were coming over forming a group around the girls tent.

"Wait let me see that," said Shikamaru, who took one look and said, "Well it looks like we will be seeing a lot of you guys seeing as we are all going to the same place."

"Wait you mean they're going to come and train with us?" Lee asked.

"It would seem so," said Shino. All the leaf ninja were a little bit nervous now because no one really wanted to spend even a minute with Gaara.

There was an awkward silence which was broken by Naruto who said, " Well I don't know about you all but I'm tired and need to sleep." He started heading towards a tent and was opening it when Shikamaru realized something.

"Wait Naruto that your tent," he said as Naruto opened the tent and came face to face with Hinata who had just woken up.

"N-Naruto-kun..." was all she managed before fainting on the tent floor again.

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They all woke up the next morning (except for Gaara being an insomniac). They all headed northwest going up towards the small sea side town. When they arrived they realized just how big their own villages were. This town could barely be called a town, it was just a harbor with a few bars and shops thirty feet from the sea. But what really caught their eye was the ship which could barely be called a ship. It was BIG. So big that it actually cast a shadow on the town below it.

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On the ship

“Well it looks like they’ve arrived. You want me to go a meet and greet, or should we give em’ a good scare?” said one of the two men.

“Why not go for the second one just make sure you tell them it’s a joke before Gaara kills you,” said the other.

“Well, wish me luck,” said the first and with a mischievous smile disappeared.”

3 - The Man

Note: I don't own naruto just pwn guitar hero

Chapter 3 The Man

"How will we know which ship we get on?" Ino asked.

"How do you expect us to know Ino-pig," Sakura replied.

"You better shut up Billboard Brow before I have to shut it for you."

"It's okay youthful friends," Lee said, interrupting the argument, "I will find which ship we will traverse on." And with that he started running towards the docks.

"I wonder the man plans on doing?" said a voice from behind them. All of the genin froze right there. No one had heard the man sneak behind them. They turned around to confront the stranger. He was wearing a dark cloak which covered him entirely except for the bottom half of his face. The fourteen genin were prepared to attack but he was already running towards the docks. They were all about to chase him when Gaara's sand blocked them.

"Leave this to me," he said and just started walking towards the dock, his sand swirling around him. The man turned around saw Gaara walking towards him. Surprisingly he smiled.

He raised his hands in the air and said, "Aight you got me, you got me. I can see that." Gaara raised his sand to attack but it felt much heavier than usual. He knelt down to see what was wrong and found his sand was wet.

"Do you like my surprise?" the man said. He lifted his hands out of his cloak sleeves and made hand signs rapidly. "White Ice Dragon Missile Justu!" he shouted.

A pillar of water rose out of the water and froze lowering its massive head. Now Gaara was not one to be scared or show any emotion at all but when he saw the head of this thing we actually was shocked. The roared and charged at Gaara full force and just as Gaara expected the hit he heard a crash and opened his eyes. There was Rock Lee standing right in front of him with a giant hole in the dock.

"Well I'm surprised you had the strength to deflect that jutsu," the man said, "But how will you deal with this."

He started to make a hand sign but Rock Lee shouted, "It is over sir, Dan says you can stop now." The man paused for a moment and started laughing. The group had just now caught up with them and saw the man laughing and pointing in their direction.

When Temari saw this she thought the he was laughing at them and yelled, "I'll teach you to laugh at us ever again."

She started walking towards him taking out her giant fan but Rock Lee stopped her. "Do not attack this man Temari-san, this was just all a joke, a welcoming joke that was all."

Temari looked confused so Lee elaborated. "This man is one of our sensei this whole attack was simply a ruse. This youthful man is an ally Temari not an enemy."

The man then addressed the group. "Yeah it's true. I really am on your side."

He then took off his hood and then they saw what he really looked like. He was African-American and by the looks of it wasn't older than any of them. He had no hair but it was a good look for him.

"Hey I'm Tyrone, Ty for short," he said as if nothing had just happened. When he heard his name Neji gave a short chuckle.

"What is there something funny?" Ty asked.

"Your name. Its weird," Neji replied.

"Oh really whats your name?" Ty asked.

"Neji."

"Neji? Hm..HM.BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH. Your not one to talk about names." Neji got mad and decided to that a his Gentle Fist would handle it. Quicker than the eye Neji attacked Tyrone, who got hit straight in the chest before he disappeared in a cloud of smoke.

A Shadow Clone! he thought.

"Well your certainly feisty," said Ty as he reappeared behind them. But he wasn't alone.

"Hey everyone I will be your other teacher for the upcoming year. I'm Daniel but you can call me Dan." Dan also wore a cloak but his was white as was his skin. He had brown hair and he too was the same age as the group in front of him.

"Well I guess its about time to leave anyway we don't wanna get stuck fixing that hole," Dan said.

They turned around and started walking. The genins first impression of these two characters was certainly a weird one. But then again who does have a good first impression.

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When they actually got on the ship they realized just how big it was. The smallest of masts reached up maybe 100 feet minimum. The size of the deck was at least two hundred meters. Ty and Dan both were getting ready to cast off.

"Alright that should do it," Ty said, "Dan would you like to do the honors?"

"Thanks man it would be my pleasure," Dan replied. Dan jumped, yes jumped off the side of the ship onto the dock.

He made a couple of handsigns and exclaimed, "Tide Control Justu!" He started to move his hands back and forth and while he did it the water actually moved with the rhythm! Temari noticed he was very flexible and fluid in all that he did. She stared down at him as the ship moved away and Ino noticed.

"Well Temari, didn't take you long to find a guy you like." she said.

"Wha- No I was just looking at the sea we're on its very pretty from up here."

"Unhun, sure Temari," said Dan. Both girls jumped at once and nearly fell off.

"How'd you get up here so fast?" Ino asked

"I'm magic," he said.

"What?" Temari said.

"Ha, I'm just kidding, but after we finish your training you'll be able to move just as fast."

"Really?" Ino asked.

"No," Dan said smiling, "You'll be a bit faster. I'm just tired right now sailing here was a pain."

"Why?"

"Do you see how big this ship is? Does it look like it crews itself?"

"No," Ino said. Had it been her or was his hair growing darker. He shook his head as if trying to rid himself of something and said, "I'm sorry that was rude of me to say something like that. I'm sorry."

"Wow your not like most guys," Temari said.

"How so?"

"Well for one you apologize which is unusual, but you also apologized right after you did it wrong."

"That's unusual?"

"Yeah, pretty much," Ino chimed in.

"Well thank you, I think," he said. He looked up at the sun's position and said, "Wow it's that late I better get down to the kitchen."

"Wait you cook too?" Ino said truly shocked this time.

"Is that unusual too?" he asked. but before they had time to reply the ship rocked sending Dan off the back of the ship.

3 - thanks lotz people

hey i was writing the other day and i was suddenly stuck with a thought. i forgot to mention the time of the story. well you know its in the summer but this story takes place after sasuke leaves but before the time skip. cant believe i forgot to add that.

i also want to say thanks to the people out there who are helping me with names(im not good with names)

thank you

gaaragurl4life for the name Takashi

sasukeXsakuraforever for the name Celine

tallestpurple101 for the name Chingi

look for these names in the future it will be legendary

4 - Pirates!

Note: I do not own Naruto

Chapter 4

Pirates!

"Oh my god, what are we gonna do?" Ino asked, but her words fell on deaf ears. Temari was already headed towards the edge of the ship. In one fluid motion she hauled herself over the side and opened her fan. She jumped on her fan, floating down looking for wherever he might have fallen.

"You can look all you want your never gonna find me," Dan said. Temari turned looking for him, and there he was stand horizontally on the back of the ship. Temari was puzzled before realizing that he had used his chakra to attach himself to the ship.

"Yo-You jerk!" Temari yelled. Dan just chuckled and started walking down towards the water.

"Wait what are you doing?" Temari asked, "Aren't you supposed to go to the kitchen?"

"I am," he yelled back, "There's only one way down to the kitchen." He pointed down towards a certain spot on the back of the ship. Temari followed his finger and sure enough there was an entrance down about halfway down the ship.

"By the way, do you have a favorite dish?" Dan asked.

"Umm... well I like everything, just don't serve me anything still alive."

"Ha, okay I'll remember."

Temari floated back up towards the ship still wondering about this guy. I mean, how many guys acted like this guy? Temari couldn't think of another one. When she got back up Ino was freaked out wondering what happened. Temari calmed her down and told her everything was fine.

Ino calmed down a bit, just enough to ask, "Well Temari, what do you think of the guy?" Temari opened her mouth to say answer, but somehow couldn't find one. She said, "I'll get back to you on that one."

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Dan hadn't been the only one affected by the rocking of the ship. Several of the genin had never been on a ship before and were desperately trying to stand up. Choji was rolling around with whichever way the ship rocked. Kiba was down on all fours since he got more balance that way. And Hinata, timid as she is on steady ground, could barely move. Naruto seemed to notice this, and came over to help.

"Hinata are you okay?" he asked.

"O-oh I'm fine Naruto-kun," she said, but as soon as she said it the ship rocked making her fall. She

embraced for the pain but it didn't come. Instead two strong arms had grabbed hold of her preventing her from falling. Hinata blushed when she realized whose they were.

"Hinata are you okay?" Naruto asked, helping her back up.

"Y-Yes I'll be alright." Hinata said. She tried to leave quickly before anything else happened, but his arms prevented her from moving.

"You should stay with me for a while until you get your balance back." Naruto said. Before she could say anything else, he put his arm around her waist steadying her.

"Thank you N-Naruto," she said before they heard the bell.

Everyone turned to see Tyrone standing by the middle mast who said, "Dinner is served."

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Everyone sat at a table that was actually built into the ship so it wouldn't rock. They were all a little worried because they didn't know what to food to expect on a ship. Tyrone saw that they were all worried and decided to start conversation.

"So what do you guys do in your spare time?" he asked.

"Train and eat ramen," Naruto said.

"Really is that it?"

"Yeah, because I have to get stronger if I'm ever gonna beat Sasuke the next time we meet." The entire table looked at him as if he had said that he no longer liked ramen.

"Naruto give it up already, Sasuke is not coming back," Ino said.

"Yeah man I know it's tough but you really have to let it go," Choji said, "Besides what makes you think Orochimaru is gonna give him up so easily." Ty stiffened at the sound of the name.

"Guys I hope I'm not interrupting anything but I warn you, never say either of those names around Dan okay." The table was surprised at this.

"Why, do they know each other?" Shino asked.

"No, but he... never mind just don't say anything." Ty answered. Ty was disappointed in himself. He had almost let something slip out about Dan's past. That was their number one rule: if you have a secret it is up to you and only you to tell it. His thoughts were interrupted by Naruto's sudden outburst.

"Guys, guys do you smell it?" he asked.

"Smell what, loser?" Neji answered.

"I'm willing to ignore that for the moment, just stop and smell the air." Naruto answered. Neji and

everyone else were shocked. Naruto never ignored an insult like that, it just wasn't like him. So they decided to listen to him for once. Then they noticed it. The smell seemed familiar but somehow different. It was... it was...

"Ramen-time," Dan said very quietly, coming up behind them. He had several clones following up behind him carrying several plates of some kind of fish and several bowls of ramen. His clones began serving everyone but it looked like they all had the same dish except for Naruto who had actually got up out of his seat to go and hug Dan.

"Thank you so very much is there anything I can do to repay you?" Naruto said practically crying from happiness now.

"Well for one you can keep your voice down, pirates travel these waters," he said in a menacing whisper.

"Wait there are really pirates out there?" TenTen asked.

"Yes now please hush," he said passing out the food. They all started to eat and as soon as they tasted it they all their senses were placed in a pool of ecstasy. It was so good that that everyone at once (except Gaara) started congratulating Dan on a job well done.

"SHH I thought I told you guys these are pirate waters!" he said his hair getting darker. Ino noticed it and exclaimed, "I knew it, I knew your hair gets darker. But why does it do that?" But Dan was not listening. He was stood up alert motioning to Tyrone.

"No one ever listens to you do they?" Tyrone asked Dan.

"Now's not the time to make jokes Ty. We got ships following us." Dan said pointing at the horizon. Sure enough they could make out the sails of ships.

"Well at least we have time on our side." Ty said.

"Come on Ty you know in our experience we never get a break." As if on cue a cannonball came dangerously close to the ship. Everyone with their meals forgotten raced to the sides of the ship to see where the cannonball had come from. A ship about half the size of their own was speeding towards them. It had guns in the front of the ship allowing it to shoot any way it faced.

The cannon fired again but this time Ty was ready he jumped on the ship made some hand signs and said, "Ice Style Ice Wall Jutsu!" A wall of ice sprang from the ocean blocking the cannon fire.

"Naruto send some Shadow Clones over and check take out any on board. Hinata, Shikamaru you go with him." The genin raced towards the ship while Tyrone used his chakra to create a path of ice between the ships and... CLIFFHANGER!

5 - Pirates! Part 2

Note #1: I do not own Naruto.

Note #2: In the future scenes of my story you will see song names written in between (). This means you are to listen to the song while you read. Listen until you see something that says NO MUSIC. Believe it or not music will be a big part of the story so trust me on this one.

Chapter Five
Pirates! Part two

(Bon Jovi: Runaway)

The genin raced towards the ship while Tyrone used his chakra to create a path of ice between the ships. Naruto was already in action creating shadow clones to prepare for whatever lay ahead. As they approached the ship several figures became visible. Well at least they're only pirates, Shikamaru thought.

"All right guys when we get on the ship I'll hold them with my Shadow Possession Jutsu. Naruto take them out with your Shadow Clones, and Hinata if I get miss someone protect me okay?" Shikamaru said. Hinata nodded, and Shikamaru looked for Naruto. But while Shikamaru had been talking, Naruto had been running ahead eager to fight. On board he and his clones were taking the men on ship individually.

The real Naruto was having a fight with the biggest of the men, who had taken his sword out and was trying to slice Naruto in half. Naruto could tell he was inexperienced and when the pirate made a downward slash Naruto caught it between his hands. He jerked his hands to the side bending the sword into an L shape. The pirate looked stunned, which was all the time Naruto needed. He gave the man an uppercut knocking him out. He turned and smiled at Shikamaru and Hinata smiling.

"These guys are easy," he said. Since he was turned he didn't see the pirate sneaking up behind him about to behead him. Hinata reached into her pouch and threw her shuriken at the man behind Naruto. Naruto freaked out and ducked but there was no need. Hinata's aim was true and the pirate fell struck in the twice in the arms and three times in the chest.

"Thanks Hinata I owe you one!" Naruto yelled before he started fighting again. Shikamaru was not worried now but he figured it didn't hurt to help Naruto. "Shadow Possession Jutsu!" he said. His shadow extended and split trapping each pirate on board in the same possession he was standing in.

NO MUSIC

"Alright Naruto, tie them up to the mast and we'll ask Tyrone what to do with them," Shikamaru said.

"T-Tyrone?" one of the pirates stuttered, "If we had known he had been on board we would have never attacked your ship."

“Please spare our lives, don’t let Tyrone kill us,” another pirate said, on the verge of tears.

“Wait, what do you mean by that?” Naruto asked.

“Tyrone is said to have no mercy for lawbreakers. He is said to kill them upon the spot by tormenting their bodies with a justu only he knows,” said the first pirate.

“Why should we let you go when you attack our ship not without warning,” Shikamaru asked.

“Please, please, spare us, we won’t ever pirate again, we’ll spend the rest of our days on land, just please spare us,” the pirate pleaded.

“N-Naruto?” Hinata said, “I think we should let them go. If they are true to their word, then they will be able to do some good in this world.”

“Yeah, I guess you’re right Hinata,” Naruto said, “All right you pirates, we are going to return to our ship now, if this is any kind of trickery then you can be sure, Tyrone and myself will be coming back.” The pirates all nodded furiously and as soon as the ninja left their ship, the pirates worked quickly turning their ship around, never to be seen on the waters again.

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When Naruto, Hinata, and Shikamaru got back on the ship they found everyone wondering what to do about the ships coming behind them.

“We should stay and fight,” Kiba said, “They’re only pirates, we can take them.”

Everyone agreed to that, but Neji said, “We cannot fight. My Byakugan allows me to see over great distances, and the flags they have on those ships are ninja country flags. One from Snow, one from Mist, one from Sound, and one from Leaf.” The last one surprised them.

“What do you mean one from Leaf? There are no pirates in the leaf village!” Sakura said.

“You didn’t let me finish,” Neji said, “On all of these flags except the Sound, there is a straight line running across the village symbol.” This confused all of them except Naruto who looked very worried all of a sudden.

“We can’t fight,” said Dan joining the conversation, “But I can stop them. There are too many Akatsuki members coming for Tyrone and I to deal with. We cannot allow them to take Gaara or Naruto.” Gaara was surprised at this sign of defense. Doesn’t he know what I am? Gaara thought.

“Wait, how do you know they are after Gaara and Naruto?” Kankuro asked, instantly suspicious. Dan had a look of shock on his face, “You mean you haven’t told anyone?” He turned to Gaara, and then to Naruto who was looking very depressed about thinking his secret would be revealed. Everyone looked at Dan, and saw his hair was turning blue.

“I-I’m so sorry, I didn’t know,” Dan said, turning to the rest of the group, “I am sorry but it is not my place to tell you this. Do not pester these guys about this, (His hair turning black), or I swear you will

have any secrets of your own.” And with that he turned and walked to the back of the boat.

He raised his arms halfway, and with each hand sign he made he held it, and charged his Chakra into each aspect of the Jutsu, using every last drop of Chakra he had. Worn out he whispered, “Summoning Jutsu,” placed his hand on the floor, and then collapsed. But the jutsu had been completed. Everyone looked for the whatever he summoned but could not find anything. But, Tyrone knew. He had only see this monster once before and thanked his stars that he was an ally of Dan.

Everyone felt it at the same time. They turned to the sides of the ship to see what would happen to the poor ships chasing after them. They waited for a minute before anything happened.

(Jaws Theme)

They saw the tip of a dorsal fin slicing through the waves.

Kiba said, “That’s it he only summoned one shark. Are you kidding m...” and then the rest of the shark came out. Two hundred feet from nose to tail, its dorsal fin was 20 feet high. The summoned creature was a giant great white shark. The shark leapt into the air, showing the full girth of its body before landing on the ships below. With a giant splash the size of a tidal wave, the shark disappeared, the damage done.

No Music

“Now you see,” Ty said, “Now you see why he is one of the best ninja in the world today. You should all be thankful that you have this man on your side. Now if you will all be so kind please retire to your cabins for tonight. We should arrive at our destination tomorrow. Oh and will some one take Dan up to the crow’s nest. That’s where he sleeps at night.”

“I’ll take him,” Temari said, and with that she opened her fan and lowered him onto it. She then floated up to the crow’s nest and lowered him down on a mat that had been laid there. She put him down but before she could get up Dan hugged her. She looked down at him with his eyes closed and realized he must be dreaming about something. She slowly unwrapped his arms around her and floated down towards the cabin’s.

Dan opened his eyes and smiled. No one ever realized that he had faked it from beginning to end. I wonder, he thought, I wish I could get her to tell me. But it’s not my secret she’ll tell me when she’s ready. And with that thought Dan went to sleep.

6 - Dreams and Thoughts

Note: I do not own Naruto. Kakashi owns Halo, Tobi owns KH2, but I own all including Guitar Hero 2. Beware.

Chapter 6

Dreams and Thoughts

As the Genin walked to their rooms for tonight, they couldn't help but stare at Naruto and Gaara. Gaara was used to it and ignored everyone, but Naruto didn't take it that well.

"Well is there something wrong?" Naruto asked, looking at his teammates, "Well?"

"Naruto what do the Akatsuki want with..." Kiba began.

"No Kiba-san, Dan asked us personally not to ask him. It is not polite to do so, and very un-youthful."

"Oh, shut it lee nobody asked you," Kiba said in return.

"What did you say to my teammate?" Neji asked his eyes narrowed.

"Back off," Shino said.

"No you back off," TenTen said, blocking Shino's way.

"EVERYONE SHUT UP!" Temari yelled, who had just passed through the door, "Dan nearly killed himself to save everyone and you can't respect his one request? You people disgust me." She stormed off to her room slamming it behind her.

"Come on Lee lets go," Neji said, walking towards his room.

"This isn't over yet Hyuga!" Kiba said storming off towards his own room. Slowly the crowd went their separate ways, leaving only Naruto and Hinata.

"Naruto-kun, I don't think you need to tell everyone whatever Dan almost said. It's your secret and you have the right to keep it," Hinata said.

"Thank you Hinata-chan, I appreciate that," Naruto said embracing Hinata.

"N-Naruto, you don't have to do that," Hinata said on the verge of fainting.

"I know that's for saving my life earlier to day," he said, "And this is for respecting my privacy." He kissed her on the forehead and said, "Goodnight Hinata-chan."

Hinata almost speechless managed to reply, "G-Goodnight Naruto-kun"

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(Mr. Sandman sorry don't know who its by)

Each ninja had their own room the ship was so big, and while the beds were very comfy, not all of them could sleep.

To Shikamaru:

Flashback

"I hope he has huge arm muscles and will be able to lift me as if I weighted nothing," Ino replied.

Flashback

There's no need to be super strong, Shikamaru thought, smart people control just about everything in today's society. But still he was unsure and thought, maybe I could get Rock Lee to help improve my arm strength.

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To Ino

Ino was sound asleep having a good dream. "Shika come here," she said in her sleep. A smile came over her face and she settled into the covers.

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To Rock Lee

Rock Lee was also asleep, but dreaming something far different than Ino. "Don't worry Gai-sensei, I'll save you! The power of youth triumphs over ALL!"

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To Naruto

Naruto was dreaming about ramen(Big surprise), he was eating it, when his dream faded and he found himself in on top of a deck. He was on a cruise ship, and was wearing a suit. He looked around to see the most beautiful girl he had ever seen. She was perfect in every way except that he couldn't see her face. He walked over to her to try to see better, but she ran away. He followed her until she tripped and he fell on top of her. His dream started fading but he did see one detail about the girl before she disappeared. She had beautiful white eyes.

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To TenTen

“Neji...” she mumbled, turning over in her bed. “Neji if we make it through this marry me!” she said in her sleep. And while she was sleeping a certain white-eyed Hyuga boy was closing her door.

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To Neji

So she likes me, he thought getting into his own bed. Well maybe not, he reasoned. She was dreaming for one, and didn't think she would survive. Those situations made people do out of the ordinary things all the time. But still she was dreaming about him. Neji closed his eyes with not a smirk, but a genuine smile on his face.

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To Choji

Food Glorious Food, hot sausage and mustard while we're in the mood, cold jelly and custard! Choji was having the same dream every night for the past year, but he didn't mind. The dream always made him hungry when he got up though. Oh well.

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To Kankuro

Kankuro was adjusting his puppets, trying to think of the best way he could improve them if he were ever to face his new sensei. He knew that he could take Ty; he seemed susceptible to his capturing puppet. No it was Dan he was worried about. He had not seen any of his jutsus besides the Summoning. So maybe he would wait until he had more information. Now, all he had to worry about was his puppets getting through that Ice Shield of his.

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To Kiba and Akamaru

Akamaru: Bones, bones, bones, bones.

Kiba: Kiba was thinking dreaming about the first time with Akamaru. At first he had shunned him for being small, but then grew to like him. They had spent countless hours together, practicing and playing. Then he thought how sad it would be to see him go. Dogs do not live as long as humans do, and Kiba knew he needed a way to save him. But he would worry later. Right now was a time for sleep.

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To Shino

Shino like Kankuro was also up but he was thinking about how to be Neji in a fight. He knew there was a blind spot just below the first thyroid. Maybe just maybe if he timed everything right, he could exploit that blind spot.

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To Hinata

Hinata was sound asleep dreaming of her father. How he had been so kind when her mother had been around. And how that all changed when she died. How Hanabi was family favorite. And then she saw the entire clan, head and branch, all together. Laughing and pointing, saying how Hinata would amount to only a housewife. And everyone started moving towards her surrounding her, smothering her until she couldn't breathe. Then she ran out of breath trying to force air back into her starving lungs and then... She woke up breathing very hard, her body in a cold sweat. She heard the creaking of the ship, the squeaks of the boards and she knew she couldn't be by herself.

Hinata got up slowly opened her door and crept down the hall checking in every room until at last she got to Naruto's room. She nervously got next to him and tried to wake him up. By this time the girl in Naruto's dream had faded, and as he woke up he saw Hinata and said, “Hinata you have white eyes.”

“Y-Yes Naruto,” she said, more than a little confused.

“Hinata is everything alright?” Naruto asked, now realizing his situation.

“Y-Yes, I mean No, um... is it alright if I sleep in your room tonight?” She said this last part quickly trying to get it over with. She realized how childish it had sounded, wishing she could take it back when an unexpected answer came.

“Sure Hinata,” he said opening the covers for her. This she had not expected, she would have been happy sleeping on the floor, as long as she was in the same room as him. She slowly got into his bed, as he pulled the covers over her. In a few minutes, Naruto was asleep, softly snoring, and Hinata was trying to figure out how on earth this had happened. Naruto suddenly pulled Hinata into a hug and whispered, “So warm and soft.” Hinata’s whole face turned red but she didn’t faint. She enjoyed it whether he knew what he was doing or not, Hinata enjoyed it.

To Gaara

Gaara was silently in thought about why this man, why Dan, had chosen to exhaust his strength trying to save him. Gaara had never felt love, he had barely known this man, yet he treated him as if he were a friend. Not only a friend, but like a brother. Gaara crawled on his bed resting himself, and though it may have not been more than a lesser grimace, on his face was a smile.

To Temari

Temari’s mind was still on the hug that Dan had given her. Come on Temari he was asleep. Besides you are here to train, not make doe eyes at a guy you just met. Then she realized she hadn’t just met him. He had told her all about himself on the at the beginning of the voyage. And what had she told him? Nothing! She was angry with herself and before she went to sleep she made a promise that she would tell him about herself as well. As she pulled the covers over her head, her thoughts went back to the hug. Well I can’t pretend I didn’t like it, she thought. And with that She went to sleep.

7 - The Arrival

Note: I do NOT own Naruto. (Silence).....Lee has the power of youth which is respectable, but I have the power of pure.....PWNAAAAAAAGE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Chapter 7 The Arrival

The next day everyone got up, feeling a little tired from the night before. There was still some tension, but overall everyone kept their tempers under control. Rock Lee was the first up and decided to do laps around the ship on his arms until they gave out, then he would eat. He was finished with his 50th lap when Gaara came out of the ship's cabin. He said not a word, but he walked to Lee, then balanced on his hands and started walking. Lee was slightly stunned that Gaara would do anything that even resembled a group activity.

Gaara turned and asked, "Well, you coming?" Lee suddenly remembered what he was doing and started walking. The next up was Shino, quickly followed minutes later by Temari who, not even paying attention to Gaara and the fact he was walking on his hands. She got right up on her fan and flew up to the crows nest. Dan was lying with his back against the side of the wood, but as she got closer she realized he was singing. She said nothing, but sat on her fan listening to his soothing voice.
(Hey there Delilah)

This is another new thing I'm trying. Just listen to the song and imagine him singing Oh, and at the very last time he it's supposed to say the song says Delilah, he says Temari instead. If you don't like it this way please comment and I won't do it again.

No music

Temari was shocked at the last slight change in the lyrics. She was struggling with what to think of it, when Dan said, "Gotcha." He looked up from under his hood smiling. Temari's face went from her confused face to the hateful one she wore when she was angry at someone.

"You little..." she started, and took out her fan getting ready to hit him with her most powerful jutsu. But in her haste she hadn't realized the fan was the only thing that was holding up and started falling. Dan was up in an instant getting ready to go after her, when he saw that she her fan was underneath her.

(Shut Up! Simple Plan)

She floated right up to his face, and said, "Gotcha." Now it was Dan's turn to be shocked. But he didn't give up that easily. He jumped up out of the crows nest, diving down towards the bottom of the ship. Temari was truly scared knowing that even he did stop him self, when they stopped her neck would probably snap. At the last possible second Dan pulled out of the dive, cradling Temari and landed on his toes and let his legs absorb the impact. It was a difficult technique to learn, dangerous to get wrong, but Dan had mastered it. By letting his legs absorb the impact Temari hadn't felt a thing, and kept her eyes

scrunched waiting for the impact. When it didn't come, she looked up at Dan, a mischievous look in his eyes.

Temari punched him making him let go, and then she stormed off. He had gone too far, boys were not the only ones without pride. When Dan realized what he had done, he looked down thinking of how he had taken things a little too seriously, how he had had to have the last say. Then his body froze, and his hair turned white with fear when he realized the importance of this last thought. It couldn't be resurfacing, could it? He thought. The thought chilled him. If this thing happened to return, it would be disastrous for all those around him. Not even Tyrone could stop him in that state.

Dan got his head back together, he had to go apologize to her. Swallowing pride tastes horrible, he thought. He then walked off to find her.

No music

Several more people had gotten up by the time Dan had left to find Temari. Shikamaru had been the next up and saw Shino sitting on the deck smiling. Then he noticed Gaara and Lee both walking around the deck on both hands. I must still be dreaming, he thought. He had been standing in front of the door thinking when it opened suddenly slamming him forward into the railing.

"Good morning everyone," Ino said, walking out onto the deck.

"Geez Ino, why are you so happy today?" Shikamaru said.

"I had the greatest dream last night! It was as if everything I had always wanted came true," she said spinning like she didn't have a care in the world. "You were in it to Shikamaru."

"What? Why?" he said, shocked but pleased.

"Well you're my teammate, why shouldn't you be in there?" she said stopping in front of the door. While Shikamaru looked for an answer Choji opened the door knocking Ino into Shikamaru, and they both fell with Ino on top.

"I'm hungry has Dan cooked breakfast yet?" he asked, and then he noticed Ino on top of Shikamaru.

"Ha, I always knew you two would end up together," he said smiling.

"What, no it's not like that Choji," Ino said, "You're the one who slammed me into him!"

"Come on friends, it is not youthful to fight," said Lee, who had come up behind them, "Now who wants to join me and my new friend Gaara!" Gaara face was red, but that was because he had been walking on his hands and all the blood was still in his face.

"Guess I'll go," said Shikamaru.

Ino and Choji both stared at their teammate. Choji said, "Wow, it's not like you to do anything

Shikamaru, what's up?"

"Hey, I may not do things a lot of the time, but am I not allowed to do things at all?"

"Well, I think it's great you're doing something," Ino said, "GO SHIKAMRU!" Shikamaru smirked before walking off with Lee and Gaara. Well at least it impressed her, he thought. He got on his hands immediately feeling the strain. What a drag, he thought, all his happiness gone as he started walking.

Hinata got up the next morning to find Naruto wasn't there. She got up and assuming he was on deck and changed out of her pajamas not knowing that he had fallen off the bed last night.

He too was just waking up and looking around he saw Hinata. "Hinata what are you doing?" he asked not noticing she was almost stripped down.

Hinata turned, saw Naruto, freaked out, screamed, and then fainted. Naruto rushed over to her kneeling next to her to see if she was alright, as Neji and Sakura rushed in to see what the noise was.

"NARUTO, YOU PERVERT!" Sakura yelled, who advanced upon him her fist held up.

"No, no Sakura it's not what it looks like," he said frantically trying to get away from her. He found his back against the wall, and looked at the evil look in Sakura's eyes as she punched him right through the next wall.

TenTen had also been changing when Naruto came crashing through the wall flying into her room. She was shocked for a moment, but then it was over grabbing a kunai on the table next to her bed.

"Naruto I'm gonna kill you!" TenTen said as Sakura and Neji came into the next room.

"Now it's my turn Naru-..." Neji said, before realizing it was TenTen's room and saw her. "T-TenTen?" he said very shocked and he lost all threats he had been aiming at the blonde haired boy.

"Oh my God, Neji!" TenTen said freaking out thinking, Oh God this is so embarrassing!

"Y-You look nice," Neji said, still staring at her.

By now Sakura was done with Naruto just joining in the conversation.

"Neji you're as bad as Naruto!" she said dragging both of them out through the hole, leaving a very shocked TenTen. Hinata had just recovered from her experience and saw Sakura coming out of a hole in the wall dragging Neji and Naruto.

"Hinata did he hurt you? Because if he did then I am going to throw him off this ship!" Sakura said nodding her head towards the window.

"N-No Sakura, he didn't do anything!" Hinata said trying to stop he from carrying out her threat. She

explained what had gone on to Sakura, as Naruto was gaining consciousness, too tired to move.

(Every Little Thing, Hawk Nelson)

“Hinata I notice you faint around Naruto a lot, do you have feelings for him?” Sakura asked, a smile rising on her face.

Hinata gulped. “W-Well I m-might...” she mumbled staring down at the floor.

Sakura squealed and said, “Aaawww, that’s so sweet, I’m going to get the other girls together and we’ll plot how to get it through Naruto’s thick head that you guys would be the cutest couple!”

“No th-there’s no need for it Sakura,” she said, but Sakura was already dragging her out of the room.

Naruto tried to sit up, he was hurting all over but he felt better than he had in ages. But how do I tell her? he thought, If I tell Sakura that I overheard it, then she’ll just beat me up again. Maybe I just go up to her and say it. But what do I say? Hey Hinata, how are you, by the way do you wanna go out sometime? Maybe I should ask Ino or someone who’s not mad at me this moment. Naruto just sat there thinking about what he had just heard. She really likes me, he thought sitting there playing those words over and over again in his head.

No music

By now everyone was on deck, Shikamaru struggling to keep up with Lee and Gaara, Choji and Naruto stuffing their face, Ino watching Shikamaru, Sakura (with Hinata shyly standing behind her) explaining to Temari what was going on with Naruto and Hinata, Kankuro and Shino just sitting there thinking, Neji listening intently to TenTen who was explaining correct timing to hit a target perfectly, Kiba playing with Akamaru, Tyrone at the ship’s wheel laughing silently to himself because none of them noticed that they were quickly approaching the shore.

All of a sudden the ship stopped as it hit land, the shock knocking everyone over. Tyrone laughed and said, “All right everyone come here, we have something to give you.”

Everyone gathered around him looking at a chest he was holding. He opened it up to reveal lots of cloaks all colors.

“But why do we need these?” Kankuro asked, “I mean it’s pretty hot here.” Tyrone smiled and just said, “Trust me we won’t be here long.”

I’m lazy so I’ll list the colors of the coats they picked

Naruto-Sapphire

Sakura-Pink

Rock Lee- Green

TenTen-Aqua

Neji-Grey

Kiba-Red
Shino-Brown
Hinata-Sky Blue
Choji-Orange
Ino-Light Purple
Shikamaru-Dark Green
Kankuro-Dark Purple
Temari-Rose
Gaara-Burgundy

“Now that that’s decided, we’ll go inland some and find Dan,” Tyrone said, jumping off the ship.

“Wait, how did he get there already?” Naruto asked, jumping down after him.

As the rest of the group got off the ship Tyrone said, “He left earlier today, he had to prepare for the jutsu he’s going to use.” Tyrone led everyone into a forest where about 200 feet in, was a circular clearing. They all looked amazed; there in the clearing was Dan, who was sitting in the middle of runes that had been written on the ground. There were fifteen points on the circle and each ninja sat on the points Tyrone told them to. When Tyrone gave Dan the signal he started making hand signs. And kept making hand signs. For three minutes he made hand signs before finally he made a weird sign none of them had ever seen before. He said, “Transportation Jutsu!” and each ninja felt like they had been stretched like a rubber band before they stopped.

“Well everyone, welcome to the Land of Snow,” said Dan.

8 - A New Home

Note: I do not own Naruto.

Chapter 8

A New Home

"Welcome to the land of snow," Dan said. The snow was flying thick and fast, as everyone to get over the feeling of the transportation jutsu. Everyone got on their feet, as Tyrone started walking to a tree close to where the group landed.

"You're slacking off Dan, usually you get us all around this tree," Ty said laughing.

"I had other things on my mind," Dan said turning to the group behind him, "Alright everyone did you take a look around the area?" Naruto looked around frantically looking for something but could find nothing.

"What are we supposed to be seeing?" he asked looking to see if anyone else was as clueless as he was.

"Naruto its what you're not seeing," Sakura said. Naruto looked around and sure enough there was nothing around them. They were on top of a mountain which had, by some freak force of nature, been flattened.

"What are we doing up here?" Kiba asked, his body shivering from the cold.

"Well we are going to our home which is hidden in the mountain below our feet," Tyrone said pointing a path leading down the mountain. Everyone started following him, but Dan held Temari back. She didn't look extremely happy with this, but Dan insisted.

"I wanted to say I'm sorry for what I did earlier today," he said.

"Well that's great but I don't think I can forgive you right now," Temari said, looking sullen.

"I don't care if you never forgive me, I just wanted to tell you that I was sorry," he said, his hair turning slightly blue. Temari knew that he was sorry but wasn't quite ready to finish being angry yet.

"I guess I forgive you, but I'm not happy with you yet, so don't get any ideas," she said noticing that his hair lost the blue shade.

"Aww, but I wanted both," he said, that mischievous smile creeping back onto his face.

"No, I can't let you have both, not until..." she started, "What are you doing? No, stay away, I'll never forgive you if you..." Dan had walked up to her, and swept her up over his shoulder.

"I'm serious I'll kill you if you don't put me down NOW!" she said, but Dan didn't let go as he started walking. Her threats continued as he walked down the path, finally entering a cave where the others were waiting for them. The cave was a dome, with a large circle in the middle of it.

"What are you doing to my sister?" Gaara asked, his sand slowly gathering.

"She wasn't happy with my apology, so I had to carry her down here to think about it," Dan said, his smile broad and playful.

Kankuro laughed and said, "You can back down Gaara, I think the experience will be great for Temari." Gaara lowered his sand, as Kankuro started laughing again.

"Now I'm gonna get you too Kankuro, and will you please let me down?" Temari said, and was suddenly dropped to the ground.

"What was that for?" Temari asked brushing herself off.

"You said please," Dan said, "That's all you ever had to do." He turned to Tyrone and asked, "Would you like to do the honors?"

"It would be my esteemed pleasure, kind sir," Ty said in a phony British accent.

"You never could get it right," Dan said. Tyrone walked to the center of the circle where the genin gathered. Dan however stood over outside the circle.

"Planning on getting some training in?" Ty asked.

(Pressing On, Relient K)

"I haven't done it in a while, it will be a good way to start off the year," Dan replied. The other ninja had no idea what they were talking about, but before they could think Tyrone slammed his hands onto the ground. Instantly the circle began to rotate as if it were a screw. Surely enough, the circle was spinning downwards along grooves in the wall around it. They spun faster as the circle left Dan standing up on whatever was left of the platform. About 300 feet down the circle stopped, and Tyrone told everyone to get to the edges quickly. As soon as the last of them (Naruto who had tripped and fallen), had left the circle turned so that it was now facing upwards. Light poured through the hole as the ninja looked below. What they saw shocked them. It was not so much a home as a city the size of Konoha. They saw the different buildings, including a tower which had 12 or stories.

Then everyone heard a laughing sound, rapidly approaching them and they saw Dan flying down towards them. He had jumped down from the top and was now rapidly approaching the ground. Dan reached into the space in his cloak right before the hood. He took something out of it and opened it up. His descent all but stopped. A bamboo umbrella, mostly used by the village hidden in the rain, slowly let him down on the ground. He looked up at everyone, all were shocked, even Gaara (but his face was more like a slightly amused look instead).

"Well, are y'all comin?" Dan asked, standing in what looked like the town square.

The ninja turned to Tyrone, wondering if they would have to do the same thing. "It's alright everyone," he said reassuringly, "Look behind you." The genin looked, and there were finely carved doors behind each of them. They entered the rooms, which jerked downward taking them towards the floor where Dan was. When they arrived they all looked around in amazement. Their new home was much bigger than it had seemed.

No Music

"Alright everyone," Ty said, "For today we will let you check out everything, but tonight you will meet back here." He touched the center of the town square and a beacon of light sprouted from it.

"You're all dismissed," Dan and Tyrone said, disappearing in a cloud of smoke. After that the ninja went off on their own to find what secrets the village had.

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To Shikamaru

Shikamaru didn't feel like investigating much of the village, it would be too much work for him. While the others had gone off in a hurry, they had failed to notice the signs saying where and what everything was. Shikamaru looked at each of the signs stopping at the last one.

Go Hall ->

Shikamaru smiled. So things weren't going to be such a drag after all. Then he noticed that it was the farthest spot from the town square. Of course, he thought, and started walking.

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To Shino

Shino was having himself a wonderful time. He was going over his plan to beat Neji, when one of his bugs reported to him that there was an insectaria around here. Shino was happy at this. It will be just like home, he thought. His bugs told him where it was and Shino headed towards it glad that this place would have some interesting people to talk to.

When he arrived he was surprised to find all of his belongings sitting there in the center of the room. What, he thought, how did they get all my things here already? He decided to ask them next time that he saw them, but for right now he would see what new creatures he could find.

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To Kiba and Akamaru

Kiba and Akamaru weren't that interested in the stuff they had seen already. No bones for Akamaru, and nothing that really interested Kiba. Then he turned the corner and realized that his boredom was

over. Kiba, like most dogs, had a need to do what their bodies were built for. Kiba was fast and felt the need to go fast, and what he had before him. At least 50 motorcycles, classics and new aged ones lay before him in a garage. "Thank you," Kiba said as Akamaru jumped out of his jacket.

Akamaru ran into the garage, jumping out of sight. Kiba followed him to find Akamaru was in his own little bed.

"What's going on?" Kiba asked, noticing his stuff was there too.

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To Ino

Ino was interested in finding a gym. I have to keep up my figure so I don't have look as ugly as Billboard Brow, she thought. She had tried several buildings already with no luck. She was nearing the giant tower, and was about to go in when she noticed that there was a sign with the word GYM on it. She stepped inside and traveled through the lobby. When she arrived at the actual gym she was on a platform looking down at the actual gym. What she saw made her stop and stare.

"Oh God, oh God, I need to find the girls," she said, running off in a hurry trying to find everyone as quickly as possible.

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To Choji (and Naruto)

Choji and Naruto were at the ramen shop in the city. They were having a heated discussion on who go the first bowl of ramen. Dan had left a steaming bowl out for the first person to get it.

"It's mine!" Choji said, grabbing the bowl of ramen.

"No it's mine," Naruto said, grabbing it back.

"Mine!"

"No mine!"

They were at each others throats, when Ino came and stopped it. "You guy," she said, "I can't stop you doing this all the time, I need to find the girls, do you know where any of them are?" She said this all very quickly.

"Sakura is probably at the mall," Naruto said, but Ino was gone in a flash. Then both boys heard a slurping noise behind them. They turned to find Gaara eating the bowl of ramen.

"G-Gaara, how could you?" Naruto asked, his eyes watering.

Gaara ignored him and said, "I see why you like this Naruto." He then offered Naruto and Choji the

bowl. They looked at him weird, but couldn't turn down something like ramen. EVER!

(Btw I have had real authentic ramen before, and let me tell you it was the most awesome thing I have ever tasted. EVER!)

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To the rest of the girls

Sakura had managed to convince the rest of the girls to go to the mall. It was like a regular mall, but it you didn't have to pay for anything (every girl in the world goes YAAAY at the thought of this).

They were in a clothing department picking out a new outfit for any formal occasions when Ino came running in yelling, "Girls come on you need to come see this now!" she said, practically dragging TenTen out.

"Why?" TenTen asked, trying to struggle free of Ino's unrelenting grasp.

"Just come on, we'll miss it if you don't hurry up!" she said, truly desperate now.

"Ok Ino we'll come," Temari said, and all of them tried their hardest to keep up with Ino's frantic pace.

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To Neji, Kankuro, and Rock Lee

"Lee I wanted to apologize for Gaara, when he put you in the hospital during the chunin exams," Kankuro said, thinking of how closely Gaara had beaten him to death.

"It is alright Kankuro," Lee said, "The power of Youth conquers all!" He then turned towards him gave him a thumbs up, and smiled (at this point his teeth shone, Neji was trying his hardest not to laugh).

"Hey do you guys hear what I do?" Kankuro asked.

"Yes it is like a thundering sound," Lee said. Trying to figure out where it was coming from. All of a sudden Ino turned the corner running over all three of them. The rest followed them, saying hasty apologies as they ran after Ino.

Women, Kankuro and Neji thought.

Lee sighed. Women, he thought a dreamy look in his eye.
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(Now for what you've been waiting for, what Ino saw)

As the girls caught up to Ino, they followed her into the lobby.

“Keep quiet,” Ino said as they entered. They bent down and watched the scene going on below. The gym was huge its ceiling, 100 ft high. But what was truly amazing was the length of it. It reached about two football field lengths until it ended in an arena about 100 ft in diameter. And there in the center of it were Dan and Tyrone facing each other. Both guys were shirtless and they both had just sweatpants on.

They were both circled around a punching bag held in the air by a chain. Behind each of them was what looked like the bottom corner of a giant bubble sticking out of the ceiling.

They both were in a ready position, as if about to fight when music started blasting out of the stereo system.

(High School Never Ends, Bowling for Soup)

Dan ran at the punching bag kicking it from the side, making it fly right at the bubble behind Ty. But Ty was just as quick, punching it right back at Dan. Dan caught it with his hands transferring it's momentum right back at Tyrone, but he had jumped up to the ceiling, powering his counter attack. Tyrone's momentum took him towards the center of the circle. Dan retaliated by smashing the bag towards Tyrone. Tyrone quickly retaliated, but Dan had put on a burst of speed, stopping the bag before it flew ten feet. Blow for blow, one holding his own against whatever the other threw at them.

“You guys I just noticed something,” Sakura said. Only Hinata turned, the other girls were focused on the battle. O.K. not so much the battle so much as the guys participating in them.

“You guys!” Sakura said, quickly losing her patience.

“I'm sorry Sakura did you say something?” Temari said, sweating slightly.

“Yeah, sorry we were focusing on the... uh... techniques,” TenTen said trying to regain her composure.

“Well then you would have noticed they were only using taijutsu,” Sakura said matter-of-factly.

“Billboard Brow has a point I haven't seen any of Tyrone's techniques. And I don't know any of Dan's techniques,” Ino said, trying to talk and watch at the same time.

“I don't know, what do you think Hinata?” Sakura asked. But Hinata was actually focusing on the match.

“Looks like Dan just lost,” Hinata said, and all the girls turned to see what had happened. Sure enough Dan was there lying on the floor, apparently tripping over something. Tyrone took the chance to use kick the bag straight up into the bubble.

No Music

Instantly the music stopped, and Tyrone walked over to help Dan out.

As he picked him up Tyrone said, “Looks like I win this round!”

“Fine but next comes my specialty, ninjutsu,” Dan said, his mischievous smile on his face.

“Yeah, yeah we’ll see,” Tyrone said. They set the bag back into the middle as the next music came up.

(Remember The Name, Fort Minor)

It was Ty’s turn to have the first move. He made some hand signs, creating ice and pelting the bag. Dan didn’t look worried at all, made one hand sign and creating a wall of earth tall as the ceiling. Sakura froze. That’s the Third’s technique, she thought. The wall fell back into the ground as Ty performed his second technique. “Ice Style, White Dragon Missile Jutsu,” he said, and his ice formed into a dragon, which nailed the bag and continued flying at Dan. Dan made a couple signs, and yelled, “Chidori!” What, Sakura thought, but that’s Sasuke’s technique! Dan cut through the dragon easily, jumped up making hand signs. “Waterfall Style, Water Scythe Jutsu!” Water appeared out of the air, formed into a scythe and he nailed the bag. But he didn’t aim for Ty instead aiming around him straight for the bubble. Ty had to hurry, made hand signs as fast as he could, and said, “Ice Style, Ice Wall Jutsu!” A wall of ice blocked the bag, but Dan was one step ahead. While Ty had been doing his own jutsu, Dan had been making another series of signs. “Fire Style, Dragon Flame Jutsu!” Now everyone was afraid. They all saw the patters, this was almost an exact copy of Sasuke’s style. The fire dragon increased the bag’s speed, as well as melting the wall of ice. The bag crossed the bubble’s exterior and the battle ended.

No Music

“Well I guess we have to go to a tie breaker,” Dan said.

“Yeah but first we need to tell them,” Tyrone said, and both ninja disappeared. The girls didn’t have time to react before they were right behind them.

“Well, well what do we have here?” Tyrone asked. All of the kunoichi started apologizing rapidly, but Dan held his hand up.

“There’s no need to apologize, and no need to hide. We always allow our teammates to watch out matches,” Dan said reassuring them.

“But we have a favor to ask,” said Tyrone, “Could you please gather the other ninja and meet us here in a couple minutes?”

“Sure, but why,” TenTen asked.

“Because in the tiebreaker round you’ll get to see our own form bloodline limits,” Dan and Tyrone said. They both looked at each other in anticipation. This last round was always fun.

9 - Blood Line Limits

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Chapter 9
Blood Line Limits

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“Alright, gather everyone, we need a little time to prepare,” Tyrone said, and they both disappeared. The girls were still a little shocked that they could travel that distance in a split second. Then all at once they snapped out of it, and started leaving in a hurry when they ran over Neji, Kankuro, and Rock Lee who had followed them.

“Ow,” Rock Lee said, lying upside down against a wall.

“No time Lee, gotta find the others,” Sakura said, and all the girls hurried from the building.

“Wonder what that was about,” Neji said, getting to his feet. He looked his hand which now held TenTen’s weapon pouch. It took him a moment, but Neji realized when the girls had crashed into them Neji’s hand had been on TenTen’s... Neji blushed quickly. He would just give it back to her when she got back and hopefully she wouldn’t realize what had happened.

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Naruto, Choji and Gaara were all enjoying the ramen when Temari grabbed them all by the back of their shirts.

“Temari what are you doing?” Gaara asked, his face hardening.

“No time to explain, just come on!” Temari said, not even slowing down for Naruto, who was choking on the ramen he had been eating.

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Shikamaru had finally made it to the Go hall, and was about to step inside when Ino tackled him to the ground. She had slammed him into the ground, and was now trying to drag him towards the other end of the village.

“What do you want Ino, I just got here!” Shikamaru said, trying as hard as he could(okay not really) to get back to the Go hall.

“Just come on Shikamaru, I’ll play your game with you after this,” she said.

“Really?” Shikamaru asked. No one ever played Go with him, they knew he was too good.

“Yes, now will you please come on?” Ino said. She stopped only to let him get to his feet, and then she was dragging him again.

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By now that everyone else was at the gym as Ino dragged in Shikamaru.

(I'm too lazy to describe how the others got there)

The guys were wondering what all the commotion was about, but the girls just pushed them onto the balcony. Sakura was trying to find Dan and Tyrone, when the platform started moving. It went straight down, where Ty and Dan were waiting for them. They now had their cloaks on. After the ninja got off, the platform raised again.

“Well it's about time,” Tyrone said, leading the group towards the area. About halfway between the platform and the arena they stopped.

“Wait, we're not going to the arena?” TenTen asked.

“No there's not enough room there,” Dan said, clapping his hands. Another punching bag came out of the ceiling, the bubbles emerged, and bleachers came out from the walls around them. The bleachers were easily fifty feet from the bag.

“You guys sit on the bleachers, we're gonna need some space for this,” Dan said. The ninja went walked to the bleachers in groups: Naruto and Hinata, Neji and TenTen, Kiba, Shino and Sakura,, Ino and Shikamaru, and the sand trio, Rock Lee, and Choji.

Dan and Tyrone were walking towards the designated spots, while the kunoichi explained what had gone on, and what the next round would be about. Kankuro smiled. This was the perfect opportunity to assess how best to fight them.

Dan stopped on his spot turned and yelled to Tyrone, “Hey, what music we gonna fight to?”

“How bout' some rap?” Tyrone said hopefully.

“Ha, please you know that we play fair here, we have to do use rock for this one,” Dan replied.

“Alright, but if you kill me I'll never talk to you again,” Tyrone yelled back. The ninja in the bleachers had no idea what they were talking about.

(Killing In the Name Of, Rage Against the Machine)

Tyrone laughed. “Alright then let's go,” he said, and he sprung into the fight. Tyrone started it off by giving a devastating kick to the bag. Dan had reached into the area behind his hood, and took out in a swirling flash... a guitar. But the guitar was like none the world had ever seen. It was shaped like an ax, but the blade part was jet black. He held it by the neck in one hand, and took a pick out of his pocket

with the other. The bag was headed straight at him, but he swung back the guitar, and smashed it into the bag. It was sent back a Ty with twice the power he had.

I can't let him build up his chakra, Ty thought. Several shuriken made of ice came out of the air around him. He punched the bag, adding some chakra to make the punch stronger. He used chakra strings to control the path of the shuriken in a desperate attempt to distract Dan. But it was too late.

"Multi-Style, Water-Sound Pillars!" Dan shouted. Instantly two pillars of water sprung beside him, and they just stayed there. The bag and shuriken were almost upon him when he started playing. He was playing the guitar part to the music playing over the intercom. And with every chord he played the number of notes in that chord came out of the pillars in the form of needles. The first wave countered the shuriken, and then the rest were aimed at the bag. The bag slowed and stopped right in front of Dan, started moving backwards, picking up speed with every hit. Tyrone tried to hold the onslaught off, but his attacks did nothing against the barrage of needles that blocked stopped his attack almost as soon as it started. At one point he slipped up and the bag raised him up into the air.

"Alright, go Dan!" Temari cheered. Her group looked at her weird this wasn't exactly the thing you cheered for. Dan looked over in her direction and smiled, not missing a note. But Tyrone had one last trick up his sleeve. I guess I'll have to use it, he thought.

Right before the bag went through the bubble, a wall ice that was as tall as the ceiling, and just as wide appeared in front of it. Dan actually stopped playing, looking at what had just happened. Well it is his blood line limit, Dan thought preparing for what was coming next. The bag went spinning to the side, not even close to hitting either of the bubbles. The wall of ice faded, or rather shrunk back into Ty's chest. Ty's arms now were two ice spikes, giving his body a bluish hue. Everything but his eyes. Both his eyes were now pure black.

"Alright now the fun begins," said Dan. He made a hand sign and his water pillars turned into fire. Tyrone smiled. He raised his arms to the side launching his ice needles. Dan tried his best to counter each one with his fire, but some got through piercing Dan's chest and legs. He winced thinking, I just need to stall a little longer until... Yes. At this point it was time for the guitar solo. (If the timing isn't right the guitar solo is located at the time 3:50 in this song). He was able to counter the ice needles, and soon the whole gym was surrounded in fog.

Amazing, Neji thought, even though neither can see, they can counter so many moves by hearing alone! Tyrone knew that Dan had a larger amount of chakra than him and would be able to hold out longer. He stopped his needles for a moment, and let his final attack ensue. "Ice Style, Blizzard Blast Jutsu!" A giant beam of ice erupted from Tyrone's chest heading right towards Dan. There was a huge crash as the wall took the hit.

No Music

"Wow, I had no idea they were this powerful," Ino said, "But it looks like Ty is just a little more powerful."

Shikamaru smirked. "Not quite Ino," he said, "Just watch." Tyrone was confident that he had won and transformed back into his original form. His attack would not kill Dan, he was simply too tough, but he

would be hurting for quite a while. He took a step forward to go help Dan up, but he found that he couldn't take another. Oh man, Ty thought, I totally forgot about...

"Shadow Possession Jutsu," Dan said. He walked towards the bag, now tattered and broken, and threw it up then threw the bubble.

"I win," he said, releasing his jutsu. Tyrone looked a bit sullen.

"I'll get you next time," Ty said, and then he collapsed for he had used up too much chakra at once.

Dan smiled and said, "Get some rest man."

He turned towards the genin's direction, and said, "This is the level you will be up to by the time you are done with our classes. Tyrone's body poofed in a cloud of smoke, as did Dan's. The genin were all shocked.

"Shadow clones!" Kiba said, "But that means that..."

"That means that we weren't using our full potential," Tyrone said, appearing behind them.

"You will be more or less as fast and as strong as we are by the time your training is over," Dan said, stepping out from behind Tyrone, "And this man (he put his hand on his shoulder) will teach you how."

"And this man," Tyrone said, "Will teach you strategy, based on your strengths and weaknesses. Trust me, every possible odd that can be piled against you will be. He will also show you a new way to use your own individual techniques as well as how to use them with others."

"You will have a few days to get used to the area, but after that all weekdays will be spent on training," Dan said, "From 9 until 3 you will be training. The rest of the day, and weekends are yours. Oh, and before I forget, there will be plenty of social activities going on around town as well. Well that's it for today you are dismissed."

They all were getting up to leave when a large barrage of shuriken came out from on top of the platform, heading right for the genin below.

10 - Enter the Hidden Sparks Team

Note 1: I do not own Naruto.

Note 2: Thanks to the Hidden Sparks Team for the permission to let me use them in the story. Check out Konohasdarkshadow's profile for his story!

Chapter 10

Enter Nova, Jamal, Celine, Winnie, and Mew

The Hidden Sparks Team

They all were getting up to leave when a large barrage of shuriken came out from on top of the platform, heading right for the genin below.

Hinata and Neji used their Byakugan to dodge the attacks, and Lee was just too fast and caught all the shuriken coming at him. Temari used her fan to blow most of them away, and poor Naruto barely noticed them in time to dodge them. They all got ready to go on the offensive side, but Dan stopped them.

"Well Jamal, long time no see!" Dan said, jumping up to the platform.

"Hey, let go of me you jerk!" Jamal said, coming into view. Jamal was about their age, tan, short dark brown hair, and a voice almost as annoying as Naruto's.

"Jamal I should beat you for that," said a girl coming into view. She had pink hair which she held in a pony tail, pale, and looked about the same age. The rest of the group soon came into view. There rest were all girls, all white, one with long blonde hair, one with light brown hair held also a in a pony tail, and both were the same age as Jamal. Then there was a woman in her twenties with blue black hair.

"I'm sorry Dan, I hope he didn't interrupt anything," said the woman.

"No trouble Mew," Dan said, trying to control a frantic Jamal.

"Let go Dan, or I swear I'll..." Jamal started. But as soon as he got that far Dan picked him up and put him over the edge of the platform.

"You'll do what?" Dan asked.

"Dan-sensei put him down!" said the girl with light brown hair.

Dan turned pale and said, "I'll put him down, just don't ever call me Dan-sensei again you hear Winni?!"

"Tyyyy! HIII!" the girl with blonde hair said.

"Celine!" Tyrone said, instantly disappearing and reappearing behind her. He turned her around, hugged her, and backed off just a little bit only to kiss her instead.

“Ugh, Celine you’re my sister, do you have to do that in front of me?” Jamal asked.

“Please Jamal, just because you don’t have anyone to kiss, doesn’t mean that you have to stop other people from doing it!” the girl with pink hair said.

“Shut up Nova, you don’t have anyone either!” Jamal retorted.

“What did you say punk? I’m gonna hurt you now!” Nova said, punching Jamal in the head, much like Sakura hit Naruto. Dan was talking to Mew, Nova and Dan were fighting, Winni was watching them fight, and Tyrone and Celine still hadn’t broke apart.

“HELLO!!!!” Naruto, Sakura, Ino, Choji, Rock Lee and Temari yelled, “We are still down here!” All the others were either too cool or too lazy to do anything about it.

“Huh, who are they?” Jamal asked, finally noticing the group below.

“They’re your teammates! What did you think you would be the only ones here?” Dan said, smacking him in the head. The platform lowered as the genin walked toward it to meet their teammates.

“Hi, I’m Mew and these are my students,” Mew said.

“Hi, I’m Winni.”

“What’s up, I’m Jamal!”

“Hey, I’m Nova!”

Celine broke away from Ty and said, “I’m Celine!”

The leaf ninja introduced themselves and they started talking, making new friends while Dan and Mew talked.

“How’s Kakashi?” Mew asked looking very worried.

“He’s fine, but he has less time on his hands now that he has his students,” Dan replied.

“Wait, someone actually passed Kakashi’s exam?” Mew asked, this time doubt on her face.

“You might not believe it, but the girl with the pink hair, and the Nine tails passed,” Dan whispered incase anyone heard the last part.

“Wait, the fox is here too? The Akatsuki would have a field day if they came here!” Mew whispered, worried again.

“It’s fine, there’s no way they could get here, and you need each individual symbol for the transportation jutsu. The only ones that know them, are you, me, and lover boy over there,” he said, pointing at Tyrone.

“Alright, but it’s your responsibility if they get captured. Now if you’ll excuse me I am going to get some rest,” Mew said disappearing in a cloud of smoke.

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The crowd had dispersed as Ino looked in the gym for Shikamaru. He’s not exactly one to pass up a game of Go, she thought. Then she heard snores coming from the bleachers. Of course, she thought, walking over to where he was sleeping. She shook him gently, but he quietly snored on. Then she shook him less gently.

“Okay, okay, I’m up!” he said.

“It’s about time Shikamaru, lets go I owe you a game for dragging you here,” Ino replied.

“Oh yeah,” he said.

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At the Go Hall

Ino was just learning to play Go, and took even longer than Shikamaru on her moves.

“Ino, will you please hurry up, I might fall asleep again,” Shikamaru said, his eyelids dropping slowly.

“Okay Shikamaru, just let me decide on my own!” Ino replied. She almost made a move but then decided against it.

This is gonna take forever, Shikamaru thought. He decided that he would tell her where to move and why it was a good move.

(At the same moment Ino was thinking)

I got it, she thought moving her hand towards the exact same piece Shikamaru had thought of. Their hands met Ino’s on top of Shikamaru’s. They both blushed and drew their hands away quickly. An awkward silence followed. After about a minute Ino decided to break the ice.

“The other day, I saw you training with Lee and Gaara. I thought that was cool how you got out of your comfort zone,” she said, hoping for a positive response.

“Oh, thanks Ino,” Shikamaru said. There was another period of silence before Ino said, “Well I should get some sleep, can we finish this tomorrow?”

“Yeah that’d be great,” Shikamaru said. Yeah, that’d be great, Shikamaru thought, That all I can think of!? He walked her to the door of the building.

She was walking and was almost at the door, when Shikamaru said, “Wait. Ino...”

“Yes, Shikamaru,” she said, looking back with a puzzled face.

“Um, Dan said earlier that there were things to do around town, and I wanted to know if... well you wanted to catch a movie with me sometime?” he said, his eyes closed, prepared for a scream. But he didn't hear anything. He opened one eye to see Ino running at him. She jumped the last couple feet, hugging him and knocking him back into the wall.

“I would love to,” she said, kissing him on the forehead. She helped him up to his feet and Shikamaru walked her home.

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Temari was hovering over the city looking for a place to crash for the night. Everyone but her had found their room, and she was getting tired. She looked for the tallest building other than the tower. It was a building shaped like a dome, and about 70 feet high. She lowered herself down at the entrance, and opened the doors. She saw nothing but dark, and was about to leave when she heard someone. She traveled into the darkness, and if she had been paying attention she might have seen that the light did not travel past the doors. It was a place of absolute dark

(Fourteen, Hawk Nelson)

She traveled through the halls of the dome by hearing alone, and soon she came into the actual dome part of the building. It was a cine-dome, a dome where movies could be played all around the room. But it was almost completely dark except for a square in the center of the screen. There was a home movie playing of a child, a boy, taking his first steps, and then it flashed to the same boy now about three peeking over a crib at what appeared to be as his new baby sister. Temari heard someone crying. Right next to the projector was Dan, his face in his hands.

The screen flashed again, now a scene of terror, the bodies of the family she had seen earlier. The bodies were mangled in a way not human. The little baby girl, still in her crib laying still, a slash across her middle. The camera turned around and there was a monster out of the pit of nightmares. Huge claws meant for tearing, seven tails all scarred, it stood ten feet easily. But it was shrinking, and in its place was a rag covering something. Then the screen went black.

Temari walked up to Dan, his face still in his hands, and embraced him. He was still crying, his face still in his hands.

“Dan, was that your family?” Temari asked. Dan simply nodded.

“It'll be alright Dan it's not your fault,” Temari said, “it wasn't your fault they died.”

Dan lifted his face out of his hands and said very quietly, “Yes it was.”

“How?” Temari said, “You're not that monster.”

Dan looked at Temari and said, "But I am. That monster you saw was me." Temari was shocked.

"But how?" she asked.

"When I was a boy, my village sought its wisdom from a spirit named Shichibi. When it found out that the village was using its wisdom to win wars, it came to destroy the village. But the people of my village defeated it by sealing it in a boy. But the village did not go without loss. The entire southern half was destroyed. The villagers weren't satisfied with just sealing it; they tortured the boy because it also tortured the spirit. The spirit went from peaceful and wise, to a killing machine and through the boy it finished the job and destroyed the rest of the village. It killed every last one of the villagers."

Dan started crying again. Temari didn't know what to do. She just held him there in the room, as he cried into her shoulder.

She lifted his head up and said, "But that's still not you. You are a kind and gentle person, don't you ever think that you could be anything less." His eyes were still wet but he stopped crying.

"Thank you Temari," he said, as he hugged her back. She let go of him took his face in her hands, her eyes filled with tears of joy and she kissed him. Not in the way that Ty had kissed Celine, but a true passionate kiss. They inhaled each others breath and Dan swore he had never tasted anything sweeter. They both came apart for only a second to look into the others eyes. They laid on the ground and fell asleep in each others arms.

11 - Pranks, Rivals, and Love

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Chapter 11
Pranks, Rivals, and Love

The next morning everyone got up in good moods. They all met at breakfast, where Dan was cooking bacon, eggs, and most importantly: PANCAKES! Naruto was explaining to Hinata something about how pancakes go great with ramen (0.o), Ino and Shikamaru were right next to them planning their date, Sakura was trying to stuff mouth so she wouldn't have to answer Lee's constant barrage of undying love (big surprise right?), TenTen and Neji were discussing strategy, and Choji was doing what he did best; eating everything in sight.

Shino was quietly thinking of ways to cover the loose ends in his plan, Kiba was feeding Akamaru underneath the table, Jamal and Nova were fighting over the last piece of bacon, Winni was silently laughing at Choji (she put laxatives in his food), Tyrone and Celine were talking about what had happened since they last had seen each other, and Mew, Kankuro, Temari, and Gaara were all just eating.

Dan came out carrying more food, but before putting it down he stopped next to Temari. He kissed her lightly on the lips, and Kankuro choked.

"What do you think you're doing to my sister?" Kankuro asked.

"Its fine Kankuro, something happened last night and we found that we..." Temari started.

"How dare you take advantage of my sister," Kankuro shouted, taking the puppet off his back.

"Kankuro that's not what I meant," Temari said, trying to calm him down.

"Well that's fine, but he can't just do that in public!" Kankuro said, calming down, but only slightly.

"You see Celine; even he agrees with me, you can't just do thing like that in public!" Jamal said, losing the fight over the bacon.

"Shut up Jamal!" Celine, Temari, and Nova yelled at him. Jamal sank low in his seat, these girls were scary. Gaara put a hand on Kankuro's shoulder.

"Like you said, this is a good lesson for Temari, this will make her stronger," Gaara said.

"That's not exactly what I meant Gaara!" Kankuro said, clearly losing the battle.

"By the way Gaara we need to see you sometime today," Dan said, looking at Tyrone.

“Oh alright,” Tyrone said, “But you owe me man, this is Celine and my first day back together.”

“We can do whatever it is now,” Gaara said, his face devoid of emotion.

“Well alright then, that gives you most of the day to spend with Celine,” Dan said, “Are you happy?”

“Very,” Tyrone said. He kissed Celine on the cheek and disappeared. Gaara got up and started walking towards the door while Dan kissed Temari again, and followed after Gaara before Kankuro could say anything.

“You see Jamal, there’s nothing wrong with kissing,” Celine said, “And besides I bet you always wanted to kiss Nova!”

“WHAT!” Jamal and Nova shouted at the same time.

“With her? Are you kidding me? There’s no way that I would ever kiss anyone like Nova!” Jamal said, not realizing that he was rapidly ticking Nova off.

“And what’s wrong with me?” Nova asked, looking very angry and slightly hurt.

“Well you’re loud, annoying, full of yourself, shall I go on?” he asked, a smirk on his face before he realized she was crying.

“Nova, I-I didn’t mean to…” Jamal said, but Nova had run off. Jamal turned and started running after her, but fell when a hand forcefully pulled him back.

“Oh no you don’t,” Sakura said, balling up her other fist, “You’re worse than Naruto and twice as clueless. Didn’t you know that it would hurt her feelings?”

“Just be grateful Dan wasn’t here to witness that,” Mew said, sincerely worried for her teammate, “If he had seen that, then you probably wouldn’t make it to tomorrow.”

“Why is that?” Lee asked, wondering what was so bad that he would kill him.

“Well he never uses his bloodline limit, except when someone has truly hurt someone else, or when you’re very far in his training,” Mew said, a distant look in her eyes.

“Wait, but we saw him using it yesterday,” Kiba said, not noticing Akamaru was trying to hide in his jacket.

“You mean with the guitar? He says that’s his bloodline limit, but only because he is one of two people who can do it,” Mew replied, her eyes growing cold.

“Have you seen it Mew?” Winni asked.

“Only once, and I can tell you that if you ever had to be so unfortunate as to fight him just give up,” she said. Jamal noticed that the group had forgotten about him, and was trying to sneak away to find Nova.

He was almost at the door when Naruto (who had remained quiet through most of the conversation.

“Where are you going?” Naruto asked his voice deadly serious.

“I’m going to apologize for making Nova cry,” Jamal said, as if there would be anything else he would do.

“You think that’s enough?” Naruto asked his voice quiet, but everyone heard him, “You just hurt that girl so much, I wouldn’t be surprised if she never talked to you again. You need to go and do something extraordinary for her, and then you might be able to apologize.”

“What difference does it make?” Jamal asked, “What happens if I do something extraordinary and she still doesn’t forgive me? I’m not going to go through all that work just to be turned down.” Jamal wasn’t worried; he thought he could take this guy. He became worried when Naruto slammed him up against the wall.

“If you just go and apologize then I swear, I will beat you within an inch of your life, and have Nova come and laugh at you so you can feel the same humiliation she felt. Do you hear me?” Naruto dropped him down on the ground, and stormed off leaving Jamal with a bruised ego.

I can’t wait to prove that I’m stronger than him, Jamal thought, and then he would be begging for my mercy. Jamal stormed off in the opposite direction, leaving a very quiet table. That was really mature for Naruto, Sakura thought.

Just like Dan, Mew thought eyes still focused on where Naruto had just left.

“Naruto-kun,” Hinata said quietly when he was gone.

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To Dan, Tyrone, and Gaara

The three had entered a cave in the side of the mountain. As Gaara looked around he saw writing all over the walls. The ink was still fresh.

“Seriously Dan, do you have a life?” Tyrone asked appreciating the complexity of the writing.

“Well it’s not that hard when you’ve done it once or twice,” Dan replied, turning to Gaara, “The writing you see around you is appropriate for only the most complicated of sealing jutsus. Now if you want to, we can perform a sealing jutsu that seals the Shukaku further inside you.” Gaara actually was shocked. Sealing the Shukaku? Impossible, to seal it further you would have to have the strength of...

“Another demon,” Dan said, as if reading his thoughts, “Is the only way to do this jutsu, normally. But if Tyrone and I do it together, then we can suppress the Shukaku far enough for you to lead a life more like the others. You will be able to sleep, and become more stable in your mental health. Now, I’m all against conformity, but we’re just giving you the choice. If you don’t want to then that’s fi...” Gaara was already walking to the center of the room.

“Alright then,” Dan said, walking to the appropriate spot. Gaara sat cross-legged in the center of the room, while Tyrone and Dan were on opposite sides of him. They started making hand signs slowly charging their chakra with each sign. Then they started going faster and faster still charging the same amount of chakra as the first signs.

At what would seem to be the climax of the signs, Dan and Tyrone extended their hands so that they were touching the others hands. They started making complex and different hand signs. They started the process over, going slow and then speeding up. Then at the very end they made their arms into a pyramid, and shouted, “Demon Sealing Jutsu!” The corners of the pyramid turned into purple light and focused on the center of Gaara’s back. Gaara’s eyes widened and then he collapsed.

“You think it worked?” Tyrone asked.

“Are we flattened by sand?” Dan asked a smirk on his face.

“Good point, well if we’re done here I am going to see Celine,” Tyrone said, and then he was gone.

“Yeah, thanks for the help,” Dan said, picking up Gaara who was sleeping soundly. I wonder what he’s dreaming about, Dan thought. Gaara wasn’t actually dreaming, he was just enjoying the first

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“Hinata?” Naruto yelled, “Hinata?”

“Naruto what are you doing?” Sakura asked walking up beside him.

“I’m looking for Hinata; do you know where she is?” Naruto asked.

“No, but why do you want to talk to her so bad? Are you going to ask her out?” Sakura asked. (Remember she knows Hinata likes Naruto, check chapter 7)

“N-No, I was just going to you know, ask her to train or something,” he said, but the stutter gave it away.

“Aww, Naruto you like Hinata! That’s so cute!” Sakura said rather loudly, followed by a squeal.

“Okay, okay, just quiet down about it, you don’t have to yell it!” Naruto said, worried that someone might hear, “I was going to ask her to the movies today, but the thing with Jamal happened and...” He looked kind of down as if he wouldn’t get another chance.

“It’s fine Naruto, I’ll help you look for her,” Sakura said.

“Thanks Sakura-chan, if you could check on that side of town, I’ll check on this side,” Naruto said eager to find Hinata.

“Okay that’s fine...” Sakura said, but he was gone.

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At one of the restaurants in town Tyrone was cooking something for Celine, Ino, and Shikamaru. They decided to go on a double date tonight, with Tyrone cooking their meal first.

“So how did you two... you know?” Ino asked.

“Well it’s an interesting story,” Celine said, “Mew was a student of those two last year. Mew is our team leader, so we went with her. Tyrone fell head over heels for me, and was very persistent in getting me to go out with him. At first I didn’t know what to think of him, and told him we should become friends first. He agreed, and we actually had a lot in common. Then one day...”

“Then one day,” Tyrone said, carrying several plates of seafood, “We had a bit of trouble, one of our so called friends tried to ruin our friendship. And it almost worked, except for that they didn’t realize that how much I liked her. When I found out that something was up, I told Celine, and we both realized how much we hated it when we fought. We started going out, just little things like dinner and a movie. But we actually went to the beach for a week for our date anniversary. The transportation jutsu Dan uses, well I used it quite often to see Celine when she was gone.”

“Wow that’s awesome!” Ino said, wishing that she could have had some awesome love story with Shikamaru.

“Guys, guys,” Naruto said, bursting in, “Have you seen Hinata?”

“No, why?” Celine asked, but he was already gone.

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Later that night (Naruto still hadn’t found Hinata), Ino and Shikamaru, Dan and Temari, and Tyrone and Celine went to the movies. When they arrived, they noticed that they weren’t the only ones. In about the middle of the theatre were Shino, Kiba, and in-between them was Hinata.

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“Hinata, where are you?” Naruto yelled so that his voice echoed off the walls.

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Nova was up on one of the ledges that the mountain held. She was looking down at the city below thinking about how she hated Jamal. How he always such a jerk. How much...

A thousand different lights lit up on the roofs of the buildings below. Nova’s eyes had to adjust but when they did, the lights read: I’M SORRY NOVA, I DIDN’T MEAN IT. YOU’RE REALLY NICE AND FUNNY! Nova was shocked at first, one that Jamal apologized, and two he had done it in such a fashion. Well maybe everyone matured sometime.

“You’re forgiven Jamal,” Nova yelled.

"That's great, now you wanna go train," Jamal said, standing directly behind her.

"Wha-, how'd you get up here?" Nova asked.

"It took me a while, but I climbed up here," Jamal said, "Now do you wanna train or not?"

Nova was still recovering but said, "I'll beat you there."

"No you won't!"

"Yes I will!"

"Fine, we'll see, first one to the training grounds wins. On three... 1...3!" and Jamal was off.

"Cheater!" Nova yelled, straight on his trail smiling.

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Winni was having the time of her life. Living up to her reputation as trickster, not only had she sent Choji to the bathroom all day, but had glued Kiba to his seat in the theatre. She was attaching herself to a strong rope, attached to the ceiling of the movie theatre for part two of her plan. She was hiding in the ceiling of the theatre, and when the movie credits were rolling, Kiba tried to get out of his seat, but obviously couldn't.

"What the- I'm stuck!" Kiba yelled. Winni was laughing so hard that everyone heard her.

"Winni what did you do?" Celine asked, knowing it was her.

"N-Nothing," Winni said, leaning out from a tile in the ceiling. Unfortunately for her she leaned out a little too far and fell out still attached to the rope right in front of Kiba.

They were face to face for a minute, when Winni said, "You're cute!"

"Wait what?" Kiba asked, but before he could say anything else she kissed him lightly on the cheek. While Kiba was in shock, Winni raised her hand with her pinky and thumb out, brought it to her face, and mouthed "Call me." And with that she climbed back up on the rope and was gone. Everyone but Kiba laughed so hard they fell over.

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The next Day we beat each other!
Lineup

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Neji vs. Shino
Kiba vs. Winni
Jamal vs. Naruto
Mew vs. Tyrone
Sakura vs. Celine
Kankuro vs. TenTen
Temari vs. Choji
Gaara vs. Rock Lee

The winners will not fight the other winners. The winners will get the chance to fight me.
Get some rest

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Dan

12 - A Feast Fit For Kings (and some Karaoke)

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Dan

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Excellent, Shino thought.

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Great, another girl, Shikamaru thought.

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“YESSS!” said Naruto and Jamal, on opposite sides of town.

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Another medical ninja? Sakura and Celine thought

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Yay, I get to fight Kiba, Winni thought.

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“Yes, this time the power of Youth will prevail!” Lee shouted.

Far away Gai woke up smiling with pride for his student.

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Gaara snored lightly. He was still sleeping.

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Kiba had ignored the sign, crashing on his bed without a second thought. Akamaru jumped to reach it, and brought it to Kiba. Kiba was already asleep so Akamaru put it on his face for when he woke up in the morning.

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Hinata said nothing, but looked slightly nervous.

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“Why Hinata?” Ino asked, puzzled.

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“Awesome, feasting!” Choji said. Big surprise I know.

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“Choji?” Temari said, “This is gonna be easy.”

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“That lazy punk? Dan isn’t taking me seriously,” Nova said.

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“I wonder what Kankuro’s done with his puppets since last time,” TenTen said to no one in particular.

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“Hn,” Neji said.

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If Temari could take her, I sure enough can, Kankuro thought.

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“Well I guess it’s time for the student to teach the master,” Mew said, smiling. She had been waiting for this.

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“You always rush things Dan,” Tyrone said looking at the sheet, “At least he’s giving us a party.”

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Dan smiled, knowing that most of his students were itching to fight. He figured that a day of fun would make up for the fact that well... they had to fit more training into a smaller time. After all, Dan thought, with so many demons here there’s no way the Akatsuki will stay quiet for long.

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The next morning the ninja woke up, (Kiba finally got the tournament notice), and went through out their day (I can’t be like winxgirl and give every last detail. It’s not a bad thing, I just can’t do it). Dan was nowhere to be found, and the gym was closed for the day. Naruto continued his search for Hinata (Who came within 10 feet of him when he wasn’t looking), and all the girls went shopping for the event tonight.

Gaara woke up refreshed about noon the next day. We woke up with a smile (yes a small smile) on his face. He got ready quickly to see what the world would be like now that he didn’t have to worry about Shukaku anymore. He walked out the door to find the flyer of the tournament coming up. He smiled in anticipation. Tonight was the social part of it, and now the new Gaara knew he had to work on his social skills.

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(Food Glorious Food, From the musical Oliver)

That night as everyone got ready for the feast (and the fun), the gym’s doors were opened. And inside... well it was like a dream. (Anyone who has read any of the Redwall series get ready for a flashback). There was a giant salad bowl (like 5 feet in diameter) that was surrounded by any and all of the dressings you could imagine. Next to it were the topping for everything. There was American, cheddar, white cheddar, Swiss, Provologne, and bleu cheese. Then bacon, eggs, sausage, and grits for the breakfast platter. Finally there was the main course. Tender slices of ham and turkey piled around platters of steak, salmon, shrimp, crab, and lobster. And after that... well I think you get the point... wait what’s... you want desserts? Alright. There was literally a mountain of ice cream separated into the

different flavors. Cake's of all sizes, including one that looked exactly like Kakashi and Gai playing rock paper scissors. But after that was the... wait it can't be... it is! 50 bowls of Ramen! Enough said.

No music

Naruto and Choji ran so fast they literally couldn't stop and ran into Dan who was setting up the tables.

"Daniel are you alright?" asked a girl who was on the other side of the table.

"I'm fine Takashi, and don't call me Daniel. You know I hate that," Dan replied. He found he was involuntarily getting up. He looked down to find none other than Gaara's sand lifting him back up.

"Good night sleep Gaara?" Dan asked. Gaara just nodded and turned to the Takashi.

"Hey," Gaara said a slightly bigger smile on his face. Takashi blushed.

"H-Hi," she said. Takashi was a little shy.

"Dan who is this wonderful... person?" Temari asked a little jealous.

"This is my cousin Takashi," Dan said, "Well, we're not really cousins but we grew up like them."

"Oh, okay then," Temari said, her expression much brighter now. Then she noticed the two things Gaara had never done normally before. One he smiled like a normal person, and two he had voluntarily helped someone else.

"Dan did you drug my brother?" Temari asked, still getting over Gaara smiling.

"No, but now he can sleep which would make anyone happy," Dan replied, loading up his plate.

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Choji was having the time of his life. The others watched in amazement as he piled plate after plate up eating everything in sight as if there were no tomorrow. Eventually even Choji was full. Shikamaru was actually being fed by Ino who insisted for some reason it was cute. Shikamaru didn't care. It was to much work to do anyway.

A single note rang out in the silence of the gym. The ninja looked over to see Dan, Tyrone, Dan, and Tyrone. They had created a shadow clone of themselves and Dan was on guitar and at the mike. Tyrone was on drums and the D.J with a sound booth set up.

"This first one goes out to Mew, who has to deal with us teenagers all the time," Tyrone said.

(Teenagers, My Chemical Romance)

Everyone got up to go and dance on the floor that was set up for them. Now most of the ninja (except Lee), had changed into regular everyday American clothes. The guys (except Lee) wore jeans and a

T-shirt. The girls were in full-on party mode. They were the whole spring line of American Eagle in one group. Shirts, sweaters, jeans, skirts, you name it. Most of the guys were pleasantly surprised at this, not only seeing them in different clothes, but they were dancing.

None of the guys (except Lee, who was too busy dancing in his own little world) could dance. The girls were all trying to get the guys to dance (another shocker I know), and the guys did eventually give in. But not lightly. TenTen didn't have a problem getting Neji to dance, but he only danced a little (which is good for a guy. Trust me girls if you get a guy to dance even slightly you have pulled off something amazing). Mew wasn't dancing, but instead just listening, trying to anticipate Dan's moves if he ever played this song in a battle. Naruto was the next to go, easily persuaded by Hinata who was the only one to ask politely. Getting Shikamaru and Choji to dance was too big an effort to do alone, so Ino called Sakura in for backup. Kankuro had taken the war paint off for the night, and all it took was one look from Temari to make him move.

Shino was determined to have absolutely nothing to do with this and left before anyone could stop him. Kiba was taking over for Tyrone, and his personality was perfect for the mike. Tyrone jumped off stage to dance with Celine, and it was taking the combined forces of Nova and Winni to drag Jamal onto the floor.

"You guys I don't dance!" Jamal said, desperately trying to get away.

"We don't care!" yelled Winni and Nova, both dancing around Jamal just to make him feel uncomfortable. Dan was in the middle of the guitar solo, having as much fun as possible. Temari looked around and thought, Alright the only one left is Gaara. Then Temari thought about it. Gaara dancing? Yeah right. Then Temari turned to see her brother dancing with Takashi. They were both a little nervous about it Takashi because she was shy, and Gaara because he had never done anything like this before. Temari open mouthed, on the verge of laughing herself to death, and collapsing from shock.

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(Simple and Clean Techno Remix, from Kingdom Hearts, by Utada Hikaru)

Obviously Dan didn't sing this one; Hinata was picked to sing it. Naruto was surprised that she sung so well. I could never do that, he thought, she's just perfect. He smiled and walked up to the platform, standing right below a nervous Hinata. He smiled at her and stared at her the whole time until the song finished.

(Pretty Fly for a White Guy, Offspring)

"This one goes out to Rock Lee," Tyrone said. Tyrone walked towards the mike as Dan looked at him with worry in his face. Tyrone knew that Dan hated this song. He could barely play guitar from laughing so hard. Lee was wondering what was going on.

"Thank you comrade!" he said, smiling but unsure why.

"Anytime pal," Tyrone said, as they started playing.

The ninja formed a circle as Rock Lee actually started, and I kid you not, break-dancing. Yeah, you heard me right. Break-dancing. Naruto and Neji actually fell over laughing so hard.

(Almost, Bowling for Soup)

Dan was back up singing this song. Sakura enjoyed most of it, but was sad about the chorus. It made her think of Sasuke. Ino noticed that Sakura was almost crying and walked to her.

“Sakura are you alright?” Ino asked.

“I-I’m fine Ino, its just... Sasuke...” Sakura said, but couldn’t bring herself to finish it.

“Oh Sakura, come on, you can do that kind of stuff another day. Tonight we’re gonna have fun!” Ino said.

“I guess your right Ino,” Sakura said, cheering up slightly, “You know what? You’re exactly right. I can worry about him some other time!”

“That’s the spirit,” Ino said, “Now come on, let’s dance!”

(I Don’t Dance, High School Musical 2)

Dan and Tyrone put on mini mikes and got off stage as the music started. As soon as they got on the dance floor, everyone knew they were in for a treat. Tyrone sung the part for Ryan, and Dan sang for Chad. They danced in unison at the beginning each doing their separate dance in between. Tyrone was smooth and graceful in his dancing, while Dan was focused on his footwork. At the chorus was when the dance got special. Tyrone used his natural power on ice, and as he danced the ice danced around him. Dan however, used some complex technique and did the same with fire. The fire and ice individually formed into separate beings, and started dancing too. It was the most spectacular dance anyone had ever seen.

The party went on like this for a while, until each of the ninja gave up and went to sleep. Everyone except Gaara, Naruto, Hinata and Takashi. Dan was getting ready to leave with Temari but he put on a slow song before he left.

“Just turn off the lights,” Dan said, and was gone.

(God Blessed the Broken Road, Rascal Flatts)

As the song started Naruto bowed and held his hand out to Hinata. Hinata blushed, but took his hand. Gaara who was still new to this whole thing followed suit. Takashi almost fainted, but held on to consciousness long enough to take his hand.

While Gaara and Takashi danced bodies apart, Naruto held Hinata close to him. Hinata was more silent than usual because she was too speechless to say anything.

Naruto brought his head close to her and said, “Hinata I heard you on the ship that one day.” Hinata

froze, her hands going numb.

“You did?” she asked, her voice almost gone.

“Yeah, and I wanted to say well...um... I’m not really good at stuff like this,” Naruto said, truly nervous for the first time in his life.

“I understand Naruto-kun, I’m sorry I bothered you,” Hinata said, breaking from the his hold.

“No Hinata wait you didn’t let me finish,” Naruto said, running after her. Hinata stopped but did not turn around. Naruto nearly walked into her, stopping just short of running into her.

“Hinata, I wanted to say that... well um...,” Naruto started freezing again. He got a slap on the back by something and blurted the rest out, “I like you to Hinata!” Hinata turned around to see him a little worried that she might have changed her mind about him. Hinata smiled, and it was as if, for a moment, her shyness melted away. She embraced him in a gentle, soft hug. Then, to both their surprise, Hinata kissed him lightly on the lips.

Hinata’s shy side remerged, and she faintly smiled on her lips. Naruto picked her up like a groom picks up a bride, and turned to see what had made him say what he thought was impossible. He saw the last of the sand go back into the gourd Gaara had placed to the side of the gym. He looked at Naruto and winked.

Naruto smiled. Whatever Dan had done Gaara was a better person. He turned and left, taking Hinata back home.

13 - The Tournament

Note: I do not own Naruto.

Now the moment everyone's been waiting for: Severe Pwnage!

Chapter 13

The Tournament

(Boulevard of Broken Dreams, Green Day)

The genin got up the next morning, and everyone knew why Dan had given them a party. 1. He knew they would be tired and 2. He knew that they didn't want to fight each other. Dan knew that the bonding they did last night would tear some of them apart. Naruto's alarm went off late, and he hurried to the gym where they thought they were fighting. He arrived to everyone crowding the entrance. There was a note that said:

At precisely 9:00 the doors will open.
You will hand your weapons to Tyrone who will
deposit them in a secured facility

It was 8:58 so the Genin waited around for doing nothing for two minutes. They was too much awkward silence and no one wanted to break it. At 9:00 they heard the click of a lock opening. But not from the gym. They turned to see the doors of the tower opened. Tyrone was waiting there a solemn look on his face. As each of the ninja passed through the door they each unloaded their weapons (TenTen took a while). They all entered a huge elevator and went up to the 11th floor. There Dan was waiting for them.

No music

"Today is a day for assessment," Dan said, "I will assess each of your skills today. This is not a win or lose tournament. Although the winners will receive a prize. When you are ready enter the pods on either side of me." The pods that he was talking about, were shaped like spheres and when they opened it had absolutely nothing in it. The ninja got into each of them, and Dan clapped his hands. The spheres shut tight, and there was a flash of light.

Each of them opened their eyes to see that they were in Konoha. Or more specifically in the arena used for the Chunin exams. The weird thing was there was absolutely no sound, no villagers moving or birds chirping. Nothing.

Dan appeared in a flash of light, followed by Tyrone moments later. Dan said, "Now that we're all here, it's time to announce what just happened. Well a few yeas ago, Ty and I needed a way to be able to fight at full strength and not kill each other. So we developed this training simulator to be able to meet that goal. Now that doesn't mean you won't be hurt. For those who lose, or die, you will feel so sore you will hardly be able to move. Now to give you your weapons back." They handed everyone's weapons back, while Ino and Hinata made their way to the center of the field.

(Dance Dance, Fall Out Boy)

The other ninja left the arena quickly as Dan walked to the middle of the field. He raised his hands, as both the girls got ready to begin.

“Start!” Dan shouted, as the first battle of the tournament started.

Ino started by reaching behind her and throwing several kunai. Hinata dodged the kunai, but clumsily not like she could have. She was unable to bring herself to fight Ino. After all she was afraid she something would go wrong and she might kill Ino. Ino wasn't holding back. She jumped and took threads out of her back pocket. Hinata got out of the way just in time as the threads covered the field.

Dan smiled. So that was her game. Ino could transfer her chakra directly into the strings She could trap Hinata even if she barely touched the threads. The Yamanaka family was famous for capture techniques. If Hinata didn't do something soon, Ino would win this easily. Hinata had her hands full with dodging the threads and the weapons Ino was throwing at her, and had no time to attack. Naruto was watching them, with increasing anger. Why isn't she fighting back? he thought.

“Hinata are you just gonna take that?” Naruto shouted. Hinata turned and saw that Naruto was looking like he was about to break something. Hinata's face hardened. She had to do this not for her, but because Naruto would probably kill Ino if she hurt Hinata. Hinata activated her Byakugan. It was time to show what she could do.

Ino sensed a change in Hinata. It was about time she got serious. But Ino knew she would win. After all Hinata was still beneath her. Hinata took her jacket off, and Ino picked up the edge of the threads pouring her chakra into it. Hinata jumped and threw some shuriken at Ino, who dodged them and whipped the threads after Hinata. Hinata saw it coming and to Ino's surprise moved dodged the threads by going through the spaces in-between them.

Hinata dove towards Ino her preparing to strike. Ino knew that if Hinata even touched her, this match would be over. Ino whipped the strings again, but at the last moment let go of them throwing Hinata's timing off trapping her in the strings. But Hinata's momentum kept her coming and she crashed into Ino. They were both trapped in the threads but as soon as the threads touched Ino she transferred her chakra into them trapping Hinata.

“It's over,” Tyrone said, as he held out his hand. Apparently they were making bets.

“Not quite Ty, look,” Dan said. Tyrone looked over to see Ino having what looked like a seizure. Even if Hinata could not move she could still feed her chakra into the strings, and since Ino was tangled in the threads everywhere the threads touched was like getting hit, with the Gentle Fist. Ino collapsed as Hinata got up.

“Told ya,” Dan said, holding out his hand.

“Yay, go Hinata!” Naruto yelled. Dan clapped his hands and the field cleaned itself up. The threads were gone along with the carnage.

“Next match,” Dan said as Tyrone paid him his money.

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(Move Along, The All American Rejects)

Shikamaru and Nova were on the field, which was now a forest. Well, at least there are shadows, Shikamaru thought.

“Begin!” Dan shouted.

“Shadow Clone Jutsu!” Nova yelled. The clones split up in the woods so that Shikamaru wouldn’t know which one was the real one.

Shikamaru sighed. “Such a drag,” he said, and began thinking of what he would have done in her situation.

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The actual Nova was following Shikamaru as quietly as possible. Shikamaru was actually walking through the woods. This is gonna be easy, Nova thought. She sent a shadow clone after him, who punched him from behind. Shikamaru went tumbling. He landed upside down with his back against the tree. He reached into his pocket and threw a shuriken at the clone. He could tell it wasn’t the real one. The real one wouldn’t attack directly, Naruto might try that but this girl was smarter than Naruto. He leaned forward so that his back was to the shadow clone and his front to the tree.

Nova smirked. This guy couldn’t actually be a ninja, he left himself so open. She made some hand signs, and said, “CHIDOR-“. She couldn’t move. She was amazed, and confused. How did he do that? She thought.

“The forest casts plenty of shadows,” Shikamaru said, not even turning around, “The shadows extend my reach so it wasn’t that hard to trap you.”

“Darn it!” Tyrone said, handing Dan some more money.

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(Thank you ShariganKakashi for this story idea. Everyone thank this genius he is awesome)

(Helena, My Chemical Romance)

As Neji and Shino were walking towards the center of the arena Shino smirked.

“What are you so happy about?” Neji asked, already activating his Byakugan.

“Oh, you’ll see,” Shino replied.

“Begin!” Dan shouted.

Neji began attacking Shino before he could do anything. Shino simply dodged, and dodged... and dodged. Dan could tell something was up. Shino hadn't even let his bugs out yet. Shino kept dodging, until finally Neji backed off. Neji's eyes told him that the bugs inside Shino's body were still. Too still. It was like... oh no! Neji thought. It appeared like Shino's body looked like a burning building from all the Shadow clone bugs becoming only smoke. Neji saw they were behind him getting ready to swarm him as they came he used his rotation to block the bugs, but could not hold it for all the bugs.

The bugs swarmed his arm; Neji immediately felt the strength leave his body. He used his natural ability to force some of his remaining chakra to force the bugs off his arm. He tried to get some space between the two of them. But for some reason Neji found that he was still losing chakra. Neji collapsed his image fading (remember their in the training simulator).

Dan was shocked. He had installed that feature to tell him that something was happening to the body from the outside. But that was impossible...unless. Dan shut down his personal pod, and rushed out. He ran to Neji's pod to find it slightly open. He used just brute strength to open it fully and saw Neji completely covered in bugs.

When the bugs saw that Dan was there they scattered going back to their master who was directly across from Neji. Dan raced across and tore the pod doors off.

"Do you realize what you've done?" Dan shouted, while Shino was still adjusting to the light.

"Yes, I believe I won," Shino said, looking at the Neji's limp body.

"Oh you won alright," Dan said, his eyes slowly changing to blue. As Shino watched his eyes, he found that soulless black eyes that Tyrone had compared nothing to this. These ice-blue eyes were so deep and cold Shino thought that he would rather kill himself than live with the fact that someone with these cold eyes was in the world. Luckily for Shino, Tyrone came out of his pod.

"Dan stop it, he doesn't deserve it," Tyrone said, trying to calm him down. Dan's eyes changed back to normal, and dropped Shino to the ground

"Fine," Dan said, still furious, "But he doesn't get off without punishment." Dan then reached behind Shino's head and took his head band.

"As of now you do not walk among your comrades as equals. You are now the lowest of the low and will stay that way until I see you fit to be a ninja again. Do you realize with no chakra, Neji could die?!" Dan said. Shino didn't answer, he couldn't because he had a feeling anything he said would be used against him. He just hung his head.

"Tyrone go get Sakura and Celine," Dan said. Moments later they were back.

"What do you need Dan?" Celine asked.

"Yeah, everyone is really worried in there," Sakura said in agreement.

"I need both of you to take care of Neji for me," Dan said, his voice now under control, "Make sure you

both do an equal amount of healing, so that you have the even chakra. You are both still fighting today. Oh, and will you please escort this scum back to his room. I don't trust him to do it by himself."

Sakura and Celine were both shocked that Dan would say something so mean, but didn't question it. Celine picked up Neji and Sakura helped Shino to his feet. Just as they left TenTen came out of her pod.

"What's going on, is Neji alright?" she asked.

"He'll be fine, but if you want to go see him follow Sakura and Celine," Tyrone said, pointing out the doorway. TenTen hurried after them, as Tyrone turned to Dan.

"Remind you of anyone?" he asked.

Dan's eyes flashed blue again as he answered Tyrone, "That will never be funny, don't you dare mention it again." Tyrone realized that Dan still hadn't gotten over that betrayal just yet.

"I'm sorry," Tyrone answered, no sarcasm, just sincere regret.

"Let's just get on with the tournament," Dan said, and with that they got into their pods. I shouldn't have tested him, Tyrone thought, After all, I have never seen anyone go through more heartbreak than Dan.

14 - The Tournament Prt. 2

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Chapter 14: The Tournament Pt.2
The Pwnage continues!

As Dan and Tyrone appeared back in the training simulator, they were barraged with questions. They told everyone that Neji would be alright, and that Sakura, Celine, and TenTen would be back in a little bit. Naruto and Jamal were both outside of the crowd waiting for when Dan and Tyrone would tell them that they could fight.

“Okay,” Dan said, parting the crowd, “Next up are... Mew and Tyrone.”

Naruto and Jamal both dropped their jaws. “WHAAAT! We were supposed to be up next!” they both said.

“Just hold on guys, I thought we would save the best for last!” Dan said. He had hoped the two boys would forget in the excitement that they were supposed to fight.

“Well I am the best,” they both said, turning to each other, “Hey, you’re not the best I am! No you aren’t!” And with that both boys turned their backs on each other.

Dan sighed. Another crisis averted. He turned to find Mew and Tyrone both on the battle field already fighting.

(Pressing On, Relient K)

“It’s about time!” Mew said, her eyes blazing with excitement.

“Don’t get too cocky, remember who taught you!” Tyrone answered.

“Wait, Tyrone taught Mew? But she’s like 23! He’s only fourteen!” Naruto asked.

“Tyrone is a genius, he is a master of ice,” Dan said, “He also has a natural ability to teach. If I ever were to leave, or die, Tyrone would take my place.” Tyrone started immediately by activating his bloodline limit.

“Let’s begin where we left off last time,” Ty said, his smile looking weird with his black eyes.

“Okay then, but I’ve improved!” Mew shouted, and with that their match fully began.

Tyrone let loose the Ice Needles as he did with Dan, but at the last minute Mew’s body flattened itself against the ground, dodging all of them. The anyone who wasn’t on Mew’s team, was amazed.

"It is like she's made of rubber!" Rock Lee said.

"Two things. One, that's her bloodline limit, and two, use proper grammar Lee. It's not 'it is' but it's. Got it?" Dan said, and Rock Lee was still trying to figure out the sentence in his head, when a shard of ice came within an inch of his head. Tyrone was done with the kids stuff, instead he was now fighting hand to hand, with an axe made out of ice. He used every swing to increase his momentum, as Mew dodged each one with increasing difficulty.

Finally Tyrone managed to hit her, leaving a gash in her side. When he hit her, her arms outstretched with pain as she was swept aside by the blow.

"It's a shame, you're already in the same predicament you were in last time," Tyrone said, "Even after a whole year's worth of training."

"Oh trust me sensei, I never make the same mistake twice," Mew said. With that she made a hand sign and Tyrone's right shoulder was blasted apart. When the smoke cleared, the sight was horrific. They could see right into the inside of his shoulder, his blood loss immense.

"Very... good... you've... grown," Tyrone said, as he collapsed dead on the floor of the arena.

"Mew how could you kill Tyrone!" Winni asked, her eyes tearing up.

"Winni, you have to remember this is only a training simulator," Dan said, "Tyrone isn't dead, and you have to fight as if you are in a real battle situation. Would an enemy spare your life?" Winni was shocked. She had never thought about it that way.

No music

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To Neji

The two medical ninja's found that Neji didn't have anything seriously wrong with him. He just needed rest and a little chakra from someone else. As each of them took turns pumping their chakra back into him. TenTen watched from the side, worried that something serious was going to happen to him.

"Will he be alright?" TenTen asked.

"He'll be fine," Sakura said, "He just needs a little rest. We'll leave so you can have some time alone with him."

As they left, TenTen walked up next to Neji's side. She held him gently as she whispered in his ear.

"I know you can't hear me, but I need to say this," TenTen whispered, "I love you Neji. I always have and always will. I just can't stand to see you like this." She cried into his shoulder and held him tighter, not noticing the one white eye slightly open and one trace of a smile on his lips.

Well now that I know that she loves me, what do I do? Neji thought. He remembered Naruto and his way of doing every thing as it came at him. So Neji took a page out of Naruto's book and did something he never thought he would: he did something without thinking. He hugged TenTen back, pulling her close.

"I love you to," Neji said, "And I'm sorry if I worried you. It was set up. Shino did what he did because Dan told him to." TenTen hadn't exactly heard the second part of that sentence. She had only heard the first.

"You really love me?" she asked, her eyes glowing.

"Yes," was all Neji said. She hugged him so hard he actually heard his back crack.

"TenTen... you're crushing... me," Neji said, losing his breath.

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"What do you mean we don't get to fight!" Naruto, Jamal, Celine, and Sakura asked/shouted right in Dan's ear.

"I told you Naruto and Jamal you're going last. As for you Sakura and Celine," Dan said, turning to them, "A medical ninja's first priority isn't fighting, it's healing. The thing with Neji and Shino was a test. I talked to them the first night we were on the ship. They look like natural leaders, so I decided to make test them. They had to act like they were having an argument, and then Shino would do something he would never do: attack his own comrade. The fight, the headband, and the way I chewed him out were all so that you could demonstrate your abilities as medical ninja. But this is only half your test. You will actually get to fight against me later."

"Wait, so that first night, when I lifted you up to the crow's nest, you were awake when you hugged me?" Temari asked, a look of anger in her eyes.

"Umm... lets start the next match," Dan said, hurriedly, "Oh look it's your fight Temari!"

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"Begin!" Dan shouted. Temari whipped out her fan, eager to end this soon, so she could kill Dan.

"Wind Scythe Jutsu!" Temari shouted sending waves of wind at Choji.

"Human Boulder!" Choji yelled. He enlarged himself, and rolled at Temari's wind. He thought that it would be the same as when he fought that sound ninja in the chunin exams. Boy was he wrong. Choji didn't realize that it was wind SCYTHE jutsu. As he rolled at Temari his body was but rapidly, and since he was rolling he got cut all over his body. He collapsed in a bloody mess, as Temari turned to Dan.

"Time for the next match!" Dan said, trying to stall Temari.

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TenTen arrived back at the field in enough time to stop Temari from strangling Dan.

"Next... match...begin," Dan said, trying to get his breath back.

Kankuro got his unrolled his scroll as TenTen unrolled hers.

"Summoning Jutsu!" Kankuro shouted. He summoned his capturing and attack puppets, his chakra strings already moving. As his attack puppet started opening its small turrets in its arms TenTen was high in the air, swirling in her scroll. For every attack that she threw, the puppet countered it, until the whole field was scattered in weapons. As TenTen dropped back to the ground, she realized his attack puppet was gone.

Oh shoot, she thought as the puppet swallowed her from behind. Kankuro raised his arms separating his attack puppet split into its seven blades. He crossed his arms and the puppet trapping TenTen in it permanently. He tried to move his puppets to follow him back to the watching area but couldn't. He looked down and saw his chakra strings had been sliced. He looked up and the last thing he was TenTen coming down on him with a kunai.

As his body fell the capturing puppet opened to reveal a log. A replacement jutsu.

"Whoohoo, go TenTen," Lee shouted as she she walked back up. But Lee was the only one happy. Everyone else was nervous, because up next was the rematch between the Hidden Leaf's Green Beast, and the Hidden Sand's Secret Weapon.

15 - Flying Leaves, Shifting Sand and Nine Tails

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Get ready for Severe Pwnage!

Chapter 15

Flying Leaves, Shifting Sands, Shadow Clones, and Nine Tails

“Whoohoo, go TenTen,” Lee shouted as she walked back up. But Lee was the only one happy. Everyone else was nervous, because up next was the rematch between the Hidden Leaf’s Green Beast, and the Hidden Sand’s Secret Weapon. Gaara was lowering himself down with his sand, and Lee was jumping up and down with excitement.

“Hold on Lee,” Dan said, and he held up three fingers, “You can only use three of the inner gates. Any more and even the training simulator won’t be able to stop your body from tearing itself apart.” Lee was shocked. How does he know that I can open the inner gates? he thought. Lee jumped down and faced Gaara, who already had his sand out.

“Well it’s time,” Gaara said, “Since we can’t actually die I won’t hold back.”

“I would expect nothing less,” Lee replied, extending his arm into his first stance.

“Begin!” Dan shouted.

(The One Thing I Have Left, Hawk Nelson)

Rock Lee smiled and started circling Gaara, at the same speed he had done last time. He’s faster than last time, Gaara thought. Lee was moving the same speed he had when he had taken his weights off the last time they had fought. Lee attacked from everywhere and Gaara’s sand couldn’t keep up. Gaara smirked. He had been prepared for this. While Lee was running he couldn’t help but wonder what Gaara was going to do. He was just standing there, his sand circling around him.

“If you are not going to attack then this match is as good as over,” Lee said, and just then he tripped. Everyone laughed, but TenTen knew something was wrong. Lee slipping was like TenTen missing: impossible. Lee got back up to his feet in an instant and started circling Gaara again. But time after time he tripped, losing his balance almost as if he were on ice. He finally took the time to look down, and saw that the field was surrounded by a thin layer of sand.

Of course, Lee thought, he surrounded the field in sand, so that not only gives him a better chance of catching me, but I can’t run without tripping. It is genius!

Gaara was beginning to get impatient. Sooner or later Lee would have to find that his only option was to....

“Since I can not attack from the ground my only chance is to attack from the sky!” Lee shouted.

Gaara smiled as Lee finally realized what he would have to do. It would have probably been better if he had been on the ground where he would have had a chance to change direction. Lee wasn't going to hold back his attacks any longer.

"Second Gate release!" Lee shouted, "Third Gate release!" And with that Lee was gone, and in the moment that he disappeared Gaara knew something was wrong. Lee was getting ready to smash Gaara into the ground when at the very last second the sand pulled in. Lee found, not resistance, but that the sand collapsed beneath him. Gaara had moved at the very last second, and Lee had fallen into the sand which trapped him. Not even with the third gate open could Lee escape this.

As Gaara extended his hand to perform the second step of his attack. Lee closed his eyes, waiting for the imminent impact. Instead the sand loosened, and Lee fell to the ground. He looked up to see Gaara extending his hand out to help him up. Lee was shocked for a moment, and then smiled.

No Music

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"Are you sure you didn't drug my brother?" Temari asked, amazed as Lee that Gaara hadn't finished him off.

"Positive," Dan replied, smiling down on the two friends. That brings back old memories, Dan thought, That's more or less the way I met Tyrone.

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"Now can we fight?" Naruto asked, almost dying from the impatience (remind you of anyone sasukexsakuraforever? Hmm?)

"Alright then Naruto," Dan said, finally glad to have both boys off his back.

"Start it then," yelled Jamal. Dan looked to see both boys already in the center of the field.

"Ok, then begin!" Dan shouted, and the last match of the tournament started.

(Animal I have Become, Three Days Grace)

"Shadow Clone Jutsu!" both Jamal and Naruto yelled. As their clones appeared, all of them had shocked faces.

"You use Shadow Clones too? Well then bring it!" they both yelled, and their personal little armies went to battle. Jamal took several shadow clones out by throwing shuriken, but Naruto destroyed just as many with sheer strength. The battle continued for several minutes, and led absolutely nowhere. As they ran out of shadow clones even Naruto and Jamal realized they would have to do something else.

"Shadow Clone Jutsu!" Naruto and Jamal shouted. They each produced one shadow clone next to them.

He couldn't possibly... Naruto thought.

Be doing what I think he's doing is he? Jamal thought. But yes they were doing the same thing. The chakra in their hands was forming into a ball, that was spinning like a hurricane.

"Rasengan!" they both yelled. Their shadow clones both disappeared as the two boys jumped at each other. The Rasengan's met in the middle of the field and for about a minute they forced against each other. Finally, neither of them could hold it for any longer, and the blast from the two Rasengans blasted the boys into opposite walls.

On both sides of the arena there was a mix of dust and smoke. The genin were wondering who would escape from the blast, if either of them did. Then suddenly on opposite sides of the field, the smoke was whipped away by the force of the energy swirling around the boys. Naruto was surrounded by red energy, and Jamal was surrounded by black energy.

"Are you sure it was a good idea to let the 9 tails fight each other?" Mew asked.

"Like it or not, it was gonna happen eventually, may as well get it over with," Dan said, eyes not moving from the field.

"Well fox, it's been a while," Jamal said, except his voice was layered with another's. And the others sounded like death itself.

"Well if it isn't my old friend, the nine-tailed wolf? Enjoyed the last couple thousand years sealed away?" Demon-Naruto asked.

"Like your one to talk," Demon-Jamal replied.

"Aww, is someone a little grumpy?" Demon-Naruto asked, "Well we'll just have to fix that!" Demon-Naruto disappeared behind Demon-Jamal and slashed his back. Demon-Jamal howled in agony, and turned around to slash him back. Demon-Naruto avoided the main blow, but the attack had slashed his shoulder up. The demons faced each other and extended their arms out. In each hand a Rasengan appeared, but with the demon's power added, each of them was 10 times as powerful as the original. Demon-Naruto's Rasengan were red, and Jamal's were pure black.

The two jumped at each other, and in the moment before they hit it was like the world stopped. For just a moment before the powers met, outside the training simulator, a tired Kiba woke up.

"Wha..." Kiba said, as he got up before a power so strong it could not be held by the simulator sent a wave of energy out from the tower, knocking Kiba into a wall.

As the two met, the collision actually created what resembled a chakra tornado the size of the arena burst out from where the four Rasengans met. Jamal and Naruto were both tossed into, and through, the walls of the arena. Dan jumped to the top of the arena and saw that both of the boys wouldn't be getting back up.

"Sakura, Celine," Dan shouted, "The next part of your examination is to heal them."

“Yes sir!” Celine and Sakura answered and went off on their tasks. Sakura went to Jamal and Celine went to Naruto. They both thought the same thing though. I’m glad I didn’t have to fight these guys. As the two medical ninja arrived they found that surprisingly the damage wasn’t too severe. Then they noticed that the slash wounds were already closing.

“What on earth are you?” Sakura and Celine asked their patients.

No Music

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When everything was said and done, the ninja left the training simulator. The losers were all complaining.

“God did you have to kill me Mew?” Tyrone asked, “That really hurt!” Kankuro was actually a good sport and held his hand out to TenTen who shook it gladly.

“Well this is all pleasant,” came a voice from the hallway. The ninja turned to find what looked like a girl version of Kakashi in the door way. She walked in and they got a full look at her. She looked exactly like Kakashi, except for you know, she was a girl.

“Dani is it alright to just barge in like that?” asked another voice, as another girl walked into the light. She had brown hair with blonde highlights, her head band around her neck. She wore a teal kimono top, torn jeans, and dark blue zori.

“Come on Nara, its okay to be rude around Dan!” said another person, and at the sight of her Hinata paled. Oh no not....

“Fluffy, it’s not alright,” Dani said. Fluffy looked like an energetic person, blonde hair, and a light brown jacket on. But what was astonishing were her eyes. They were pure white.

“Hinata, is she related to you?” Sakura asked, obviously confused by the difference in personality.

“She is my cousin,” Hinata replied, “She is not all Hyuga. Her mother married a commoner from another land.

“Dani, how did you get here?” Dan asked, “I told the Hokage to only contact me if it were an emergency.”

“But it is Dan,” Dani replied, “You see, the fifth got a tip from a reliable source, that... well...”

“What is it Dani?” Dan said, quickly losing his patience.

“She got a tip that Orochimaru found a way to get to this mountain,” Dani said, now serious, “And now is almost prepared to launch a full scale attack on you.”

16 - The Escape

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Chapter 16

The Escape

"What is it Dani?" Dan said, quickly losing his patience.

"She got a tip that Orochimaru found a way to get to this mountain," Dani said, now serious, "And now is almost prepared to launch a full scale attack on you." The room froze. Orochimaru was not one to be dealt with lightly.

"But how?" Tyrone asked, "The only way to get here is through the transportation jutsu. No one but Dan, Mew, and the Hokage know it. So how does anyone get here short of being able to copy all the runes!" The impact of the statement hit Tyrone like a bus and he realized just how Orochimaru was going to be able to enter the mountain.

"Sasuke," Tyrone whispered, and turned to Dan, "Dan it's not..." But Dan wasn't listening. He had a solemn look on his face. He fell to his knees, his hands covering his face.

"Why?" Dan asked, "Why is it every time I do anything someone ends up being hurt!" He sat there trapped in his despair while Tyrone turned to the group.

"It can't be helped," Tyrone said, "Just leave him for now. We need to think strategy."

The ninja all left each taking a look back on the mess of a man that they were told would teach them.

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"All right we need to decide whether or not we are going to stay here, or move on," Tyrone said, "I cannot decide this alone. We are equals here, your opinion matters just as much as mine."

"We have to stay and fight!" Lee said, "We cannot allow our position to be compromised! They may not even be able to get in!"

"Your wrong," Shikamaru said, "While it is possible for us to hold here, possibly for months, you have to remember Orochimaru is the leader of the Village of the Sound. This hollow mountain is the perfect way to amplify his attacks. We wouldn't stand a chance." Everyone had to agree with him. Shikamaru had a way of thinking things through, and if he said something was impossible it probably was.

"So how do we get out?" Ino asked.

"There are two ways out of here," Tyrone said, "We can go back out the way we came, or we can transport straight out of here. The problem with the second one is that it's only used in an emergency. Unlike the one we used to get here, this one transports you to a any area on earth."

"So our only option is to go through the way we came," Shino said, "How do we get back up there?"

"That's the other problem, only Dan and I are the only ones who can get up there. We can only take one person at a time, and it'll take to long. No only that, but that is the entrance point where Orochimaru's henchmen will be coming from."

"So basically we're trapped," Jamal said, "Why didn't you make more than two ways out?"

"We didn't think anyone would be able to copy all the runes Dan writes," Tyrone said, "After Itachi eliminated the Uchiha clan we didn't have to worry about it."

"We don't have time to talk about that," Sakura pointed out, "We'll have to attempt the transportation."

"Sakura you don't understand," Tyrone said, "The Earth is almost entirely water. If we attempted the transportation there is a good chance we'll land in the middle of the ocean."

"We'll what are we going to do?" Celine asked.

"We are going to have to try to hold out here," Dani said, "Holding off their first approach is priority number one."

"There is just no way," Shikamaru said, "I told you already, his attack are amplified in here. It would be better if we tried the transportation, at least there is a chance we could survive."

Tyrone sighed and said, "I guess I don't have a choice. All were waiting for now is Dan to..." He was interrupted by a growling noise. But not a growling noise of an animal.

They looked in the direction of the noise to see a cloud of dust coming down the road slowly growing larger. As it got closer the ninja saw Dan, riding some sort of motorcycle, but the thing was: it wasn't touching the ground. Tyrone more shocked than anything.

"I thought you were never gonna take those out again!" he shouted, as Dan pulled up next to him.

"Well, you know how hard it is to keep away," Dan said, smirking, "Kiba! Help me get the bikes ready. We're gonna fly out of here."

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"This is amazing," Naruto said, as he sat on the bike. The seat was comfy, and the controls were simple. Definitely Naruto.

"The trouble is we only have enough for half of us," Dan said, "The guys will drive. Now no complaints ladies, but it's always a guys dream to drive something like this."

"It's alright," Nova said, "I'm not exactly the driving type."

"Well now that that is settled who's going with who?" Jamal asked.

"I wanna go with Hinata-chan!!" Naruto said before anyone could say anything.

"Naruto I'm surprised, I thought you would ask Sakura," Kiba said.

"Well it's cause I like Hinata!" Naruto said, hugging Hinata from behind.

"WHAAT?" Kiba shouted, and even Shino turned around to look at Naruto in shock.

"Yeah we confessed to each other last night!" Naruto said, but Kiba had fainted flat on the ground.

"Winni will you wake him up?" Dan asked, but she was already there.

"KIBA-KUN TIME TO WAKE UP!" she shouted, nailing him in the stomach causing him to lurch up.

"What happened?" Kiba asked, "Hang on, okay I was about to threaten Naruto for..." Then he realized what he was going to threaten Naruto for and collapsed again.

"I think your going to have to drive Winni," Dan said, examining Kiba.

"Okay then!" Winni said, loading Kiba onto the bike.

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After many arguments and begging (from Lee), the groups ended up as follows:

Naruto and Hinata

Neji and TenTen

Gaara and Takashi

Winni and Kiba (still out cold)

Jamal and Nova (remember the arguments?)

Tyrone and Celine

Shikamaru and Ino

Lee and Fluffy (Fluffy had coffee, to Lee's dismay)

Kankuro and Mew

Shino and Nara

Dani and Sakura
Dan and Temari

As they all settled into the seats Tyrone clapped his hands. The circle hanging above their heads was flipping until it was straight up.

“Now we wait,” Dan said, smiling in anticipation.

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Orochimaru was almost sorry he was going to take Sasuke’s body. He was such a brilliant boy. While Dan was busy attacking the decoy ships Orochimaru’s actual ship, which was hidden by genjutsu, had been traveling a safe distance behind.

“Well maybe I won’t have to,” Orochimaru said, “After all there was someone else before him.”

“Lord Orochimaru,” Kabuto said, “The transportation jutsu is ready.”

“Well then let us hurry,” Orochimaru replied, “We don’t want to be late.”

Orochimaru arrived at the scene and had to commend Sasuke for his work. The scene looked exactly like Dan had had it, with Sasuke sitting in the middle. Sasuke was wearing a robe like the Sound 4, but did not have the purple rope belt yet.

“Good work Sasuke, now can you finish it up?,” Orochimaru asked, “You don’t want to disappoint me.” Sasuke just turned and grunted. Unlike Dan, Orochimaru had placed his troops in no particular order. Sasuke knew that going back and forth was such a pain. Better to lose some troops in the process, than waste the chance to catch what they had come for. But Orochimaru wasn’t taking to much of a chance. His officers and the most elite of the ninja were around the circle in the same position the genin had been in. Sasuke started making the hand signs Dan had made, eventually reaching the last one. As he released the chakra for the jutsu, he could tell something had gone wrong. As they felt the rubber band feeling, Sasuke was only worried he wouldn’t be the one on the receiving end of whatever was going to happen.

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The group in the mountain could all notice the change in atmosphere, as Orochimaru landed. Dan smirked and reached for a button on his bike...

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Everybody but Orochimaru and Sasuke were disoriented after the trip. However all of them were to scared to show it in case Orochimaru got in a bad mood. Little did they know it would happen much sooner than they thought.

“Good work Sasuke,” Orochimaru said, “Now lets begin, shall we?” He turned to his group and saw all that all of their eyes were staring in fear. Orochimaru followed their gaze to a tree near by. The tree was

normal from the top half up. But the bottom half had gained a new addition quite suddenly. The new part of the tree was Kabuto, his body filled with splinters and the tree surrounded with blood. Kabuto's lifeless body stared without seeing towards the group. The ninja looked at Orochimaru in fear, knowing that he would explode as soon as he got over the shock

Orochimaru's eyes hardened as his eyes realized what exactly had happened. Dan had placed the coordinates just off, in case anyone had ever made it past his security. Kabuto happened to be the unlucky one in this case. Not even his Cell Regeneration Jutsu could prevent all the damage at once.

"Take no prisoners!" Orochimaru shouted, "Not even Dan will live for this transgression." Orochimaru let out of shout of fury that shook the ground around them.

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The shout had carried down into the mountain, and while the others were puzzled, Dan smirked.

"Time to go!" Dan shouted and pressed the button on his bike. Everyone expected some amazing feature to come out of the bike, but instead the bike was blasting music.

"Oh I see," Shikamaru said, "The sound will cancel out the attacks of the sound ninja. Very nice Dan."

"No," Dan said, "I just need some music while we drive." He powered up his engine, and the same thought raced through everyone's head: Is he for real?

All the ninja blasted forward towards the wall, at the last moment the bikes turned up 90 degrees somehow attached to the wall below them.

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(Ace of Spades, Motorhead)

The ninja on top of the mountain heard the sound long before they realized what was going on. Orochimaru knew Dan's style and was prepared for any attack. What he wasn't prepared for was the ground beneath them opening up and 12 bikes coming out of the ground. While eleven of them started down the mountain, one landed across from Orochimaru.

"Did you like the surprise I left you?" Dan asked, nodding his head towards the tree. He smiled and pulled his bike around and started down the mountain.

"After them!" Orochimaru shouted, "I'll wait here for your return. And Sasuke! Go after Dan. I want his head on a platter when you return."

Sasuke just grunted and started running, leaving a very angry Orochimaru behind.

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As hard as they tried, the sound ninja couldn't keep up with the speed of the bikes. They knew there was no hope unless they damaged the bike or the driver. The sound ninja all made the same hand sign

since nothing could escape sound. However, Shikamaru had been correct in his analysis. The sound of Dan's music was much more frequent than the attacks the sound ninja had. As the sound ninja believed all was lost, Sasuke was suddenly in front of them. He was much faster than the rest and was easily catching up to the bikes.

"Should we follow them?" one sound ninja asked.

"No, lets let the favorite handle it," another said, "After all, there's no one in that group that could take Sasuke."

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"We got company!" Dan shouted, looking back in his rearview mirror catching glimpses of Sasuke.

"Where are they?" Dani asked, looking through the trees.

"Who is he?" Dan said, "It's only one person." The Hidden Leaf ninja froze. If it was only one person, that meant only two possibilities. Either Orochimaru was coming ater them himself, or...

"SASUKE!" Naruto shouted looking in the trees ahead of them. Sure enough Sasuke was there rapidly doing hand signs. Dan recognized the sequence immediately.

"Temari take over!" Dan shouted.

"What? Why?" Temari asked.

"No time!" Dan replied, and temari barely had her hands on the handle bars when Dan jumped off.

"Fire Style, Pheonix Flower Jutsu!" Sasuke shouted, spitting balls of fire at the group.

"I got it!" Nara shouted, and liftd her hand. Water seemingly appeared out of nowhere dousing the flames, and effictively stopping the shuriken in the flames. Sakura was speechless. Here was the guy of her dreams, attacking them as if they had never known each other. Her heart was breaking, watching him trying to kill them and not being able to stop him.

"Sakura!" Rock Lee shouted, "Now is not the time to be dozing off! We must help Dan stop of Sasuke!"

"No need Lee," Dan shouted, "You guys just focus on following Tyrone."

"But you didn't tell him where to go!" Fluffly shouted back. But Dan was already gone.

No Music

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Sasuke was preparing his second attack on the cars below when Dan came out of nowhere smashing him into a tree. Sasuke had the wind knocked out of him, and he looked up to see a stranger with not

hatred, but sadness on his face. Sasuke said nothing and tried to get up but found he couldn't. He saw that both his, and the stranger's shadow's were connected.

"You can struggle all you want, it won't work," Dan said. Sasuke smirked and burst into smoke. Sitting in his place was a log. As Sasuke attacked Dan from the side, he noticed that the replacement didn't even phase Dan. A foot before his kick would have knocked Dan off the branch Sasuke's foot was caught. Dan used Sasuke's momentum to keep him going, adding even more speed, and slammed Sasuke into the ground.

"You have much more potential than Itachi," Dan said, "I do believe you could beat your brother. But even Orochimaru lost to Itachi. You don't need to be with someone who couldn't defeat Itachi himself. I can tell you have the capability for a jutsu only known to me. A technique more powerful than the Mangekyou Sharigan." Sasuke stared up at the stranger above him, pretending to listen but actually focusing his chakra for the burst of speed.

Sasuke released the pent up chakra, blowing the ground beneath him to pieces. He blasted up towards Dan so fast, it was like slow motion to Sasuke. He punched Dan with such force, he was thrown at one hundred feet in the air. Dan was spinning out of control falling down so fast he wouldn't be able to stop it.

What Sasuke didn't realize is that Dan was swirling the air around him, and angling himself to fall right back at Sasuke. Dan was falling so fast Sasuke didn't have time to think, and without being able to even assess the situation Sasuke wasn't able to react. Dan grabbed Sasuke by the wrist and used his own momentum to throw Sasuke to the ground. The resulting explosion was so great, even Orochimaru on top of the mountain noticed it. The dust cleared, revealing a nearly dead Sasuke.

"You're good," Dan said, not even out of breath, "If you hadn't used up every bit of Chakra to soften your fall, you would have died. Now you're coming with me whether you like it or not." Dan then picked up Sasuke and headed after the group.

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17 - The Return of Sasuke

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"How are we going to get wherever we're going if we don't even know where we're headed?" Fluffy asked. The group had stopped a good distance ahead to wait for Dan.

"Come on Fluffy," Tyrone asked, "Dan always will leave a clue to where he's gone, or where we're headed." He lifted up a small figure of a castle.

"You see this?" Tyrone asked, "This is where we're headed. It's a symbol of the first castle Dan and I layed to waste." The ninja looked at him like he was some evil being.

"What?" Tyrone asked, "Not all missions are as good natured as you think."

"You mean we're going to have to do things like take over a castle?" Jamal asked.

"How troublesome," Shikamaru said.

"Wait," Nova said, "If you layed the castle to waste, where exactly are we going to live?"

"Oh I'll wait for Dan to tell you that one," Tyrone said, "And speak of the devil." Dan appeared in the center of the group with Sasuke's limp body over his shoulder.

"Is that..." Sakura asked, unable to say anything more. At that moment Sasuke let out a groan of agony. Sakura ran over to him, her hand already surrounded by the green glow of healing chakra.

"What did you do to him?" Sakura asked, seeing the bruises and fractures of his body.

"I didn't do anything serious," Dan said, "I knew he would be able to stand my transference style."

"Transference Style? What's that?" Naruto asked.

"It Dan's preferred style of taijutsu," Mew said, "He uses the enemy's on speed against them, using their momentum to completely devastated their bodies. Personally I'm shocked he isn't broken into a million pieces."

"He's a resourceful guy," Dan said, "He used every last drop of Chakra to soften the blow."

"Wait, he used all his Chakra?" Sakura asked, looking up from her healing, "But that would mean that you were traveling at 300 or more miles per hour."

"He actually hit me so hard, I soared into the air," Dan explained, "As I fell back down I rotated my body to pick up speed, and transferred my inertia to him. He couldn't stop the fall so he softened it." Sakura was going to say something else, but Sasuke was close to rupturing an aretry and required his undivided attention.

"Celine come here," Sakura said, "I'm going to need your help for this. The only thing I'm really worried about is that the fractured bones in his arm will puncture his aretery. I need you to hold the bones in place with your chakra while I heal them."

"Gotcha," Celine said. While the two medical ninja were slaving away Naruto just stood there in shock. He had been trying to bring Sasuke back for months, unsuccessful. Now Dan had been confronted with Sasuke once, and had beaten him within an inch of his life as if were nothing.

The color was slowly returning to Sasuke's face, to a point where it looked like he was sleeping. While the medical ninja finished up, a group of ninja were asking Nara about her jutsu.

"You didn't even make a hand sign!" Jamal asked, sincerely facisnated by this.

"Well I..." Nara started.

"Jamal you should know, its her blood line limit!" Winni said, punching Jamal in the head, "So what else can you do?"

"I can..." Nara started again.

"You should see what she's done!" Fluffy said, "And it's not only water. She can do wind too! She makes all different things out of it like weapons, pictures, directions..." While Fluffy went of on a rant, Celine and Sakura had finished with Sasuske.

"So now that he's healed, what are we going to do?" Celine asked.

"We'll treat him as a guest for now," Tyrone said, "If he tries to leave, we'll restrain him until we can decide how to deal with him. One thing is certain, Dan will have to seal his curse mark."

"But Kakashi-sensei already did that!" Naruto exclaimed.

"Ha, Kakashi was able to seal it?" Tyrone laughed, "He's really come a long way! I bet he only sealed it with the basic seal? It only minimizes the curse mark. However Dan can seal it so tight, if you wouldn't

be able to feel it at all.”

“How did you learn to do that?” Sakura asked, “But you would need to have to test it out hundreds of times to get it right. How did you...”

“We should get going,” Dan interrupted, walking to his bike, “Come on, if we hurry we can make it by tomorrow.”

“Why is he so touchy whenever someone mentions Orochimaru?” Sakura asked.

“That’s one of the few things I don’t know about Dan,” Tyrone said, lifting himself on his bike, “My advice is to not press the matter. Dan doesn’t talk much about his past, and for good reason.” Tyrone didn’t say anymore, and Sakura was left wondering what exactly Dan had been through.

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The group headed north, the trees thickening until the bikes couldn’t go any farther. The placement of the trees was unnatural, creating a wall that was impossible to travel through. As the group got off the bike the trees opened like some kind of gate.

“It’s good to be home,” Dan said.

“Wait I thought that the mountain was your home,” Nova said.

“This is our original training zone,” Tyrone said, “This ground has seen more sweat than wherever Gai trains.” Several of the leaf ninja thought this was funny, but Lee was outraged.

“How dare you insult Gai-sensei!” Lee exclaimed, “If you do not take that back, I will force the apology out of you!”

“Slow down Lee,” TenTen said, “It would be no use against these two. You probably wouldn’t be able to touch them.”

“It does not matter,” Lee replied, “I will not sit here and stand for this!”

“That’s no way to talk to your sensei,” Tyrone pointed out.

“I will not consider either of you my sensei unless Gai-sensei acknowledged you!”

“Well then,” Dan said, unpacking his bike, “You better apologize! I taught Gai his techniques!”

“That is a lie!”

“Gai wasn’t my student, but I did however teach him how to open the inner gates,” Dan answered, not even looking at Lee. Lee was speechless, his idol being taught by someone who made fun of his pupils. Lee was still in his state of shock when Dan started talking again.

"Lee, it's only a joke," Dan said, "You need to take things less seriously."

"Okay then," Lee said, "How would you like it if I made fun of your skills!" Dan turned around smiling.

"Okay then Lee," he said, the mischievous glint in his eye, "Make fun of this!" Dan made the hand signs necessary for a summoning jutsu, and the whole group jumped back in case the shark would crush them. But Dan didn't summon a shark. He had turned to the opening in the trees and thrust his palm out.

"Oh my..." said the whole group in unison.

"Nice work Dan," Tyrone said. What had been an only a clearing before, was now the entire city within the mountain. Not only that, but along the line of trees, a barrier formed visible for only a second. Then it disappeared, out of sight, but the power of it still there.

"Care to make fun of that Lee?"

"No Dan-sensei!"

"I thought I told all of you NOT to call me Dan-sensei!"

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Sasuke woke up in a warm room, with bathed in warm light. He looked around and assumed he was dreaming. All his stuff from Konoha was sitting in front of him. He was sitting down, but wasn't being held down like a prisoner would normally be. The only exit appeared to be the door on the far side of the room, which had a shadow underneath it. He could make out the voices right outside the door.

"Sakura I want to go first!" Naruto said.

"No Naruto I get to see him first!" Sakura replied, "You don't know what our last conversation was like!"

"Naruto," a voice Sasuke didn't recognize said, "Let Sakura in there first, it's only fair you got to see him last."

"But that's not..." Naruto started.

"No buts Naruto," said a voice Sasuke did recognize. It was the voice of the man he had fought. The door opened a crack, as Sakura entered the room.

"Sasuke?" she said. She looked inside to find Sasuke looking at her. His face was expressionless but his eyes gave him away. Inside his eyes was a mixture of guilt and pain, with some doubt thrown in.

"I should be mad with you," Sakura said quietly, "I'm just glad you're back now." Sasuke didn't say anything, but looked down at his lap.

"Don't ever run away again," Sakura said, "My heart couldn't take the strain." She left the room and

as soon as she left Naruto came bouncing in.

“Hey Sasuke!” Naruto shouted. Sasuke mumbled a reply.

“So what did you do while you were gone?” Naruto asked, “I’ve been training like crazy ever since our battle, and now I bet I could beat you! So since you’ve been gone I’ve tried at least eight new kinds of ramen, all of them delicious, but none quite as good as Ichiraku’s” Naruto’s attitude was finally pushing Sasuke over the edge.

“How can you act like nothing has happened?” Sasuke yelled, “What will make it go through your head you loser!”

“Most people gave up on you,” Naruto said, “I knew you would come back, even if I had to drag you here myself. Sakura and I never gave up hope. And even now you say that nothing has happened, but even you don’t believe that.”

“Why’s that?”

“Because moments ago, you called me a loser,” Naruto said smirking, “You called me a loser just like when we had just made genin.” Sasuke was surprised. One because he hadn’t realized he had said that, and two that Naruto had made such an inference within a few seconds. Naruto started leaving the room, stopped just short of the door and turned around.

“Don’t ever leave again,” Naruto said, “Sakura is like a sister to me. If you hurt her again, I won’t forgive you.”

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In the middle of the night, a lone figure walked in the moonlight. The door hadn’t been that hard to open considering Naruto had been so stupid to close it all the way. Sasuke made his way through the village making it to the gates. The gateway was outlined with a seal, and opened as Sasuke got near it. He was almost through the gates when a voice not ten feet from him spoke.

“Interesting time for a stroll,” Dan said. Sasuke said nothing for a minute, trying to judge Dan’s actions.

“Are you going to take me back?” Sasuke asked.

“No, no you’re free to go,” Dan said, “Whether you stay or not is your choice. However, I wanted to give you a word of advice. Orochimaru isn’t as strong as he appears. He has very powerful techniques, but lacks a true purpose for fighting. He fights for himself which is the way most ninja fight. But for those who fight for a greater purpose: for the protection of others, they know what true power is like. Itachi may have told you that he became strong through hate. That is true, and his strength almost unimaginable. But that’s just it. It is imaginable, if only barely. Those who fight for others are able to fight in a situation your brother would think suicide, and succeed.”

“I won’t make you stay Sasuke,” Dan continued, “You choose your own path. But if you wanted to stay, I could show you what it means to truly be able to use your power. Training starts at nine

tommorow. If you aren't here I'll break the news gently to the group. See you later."

Dan walked off, and Sasuke stood there trying to understand what exactly Dan had said.

18 - Training Finally Begins!

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The next morning the genin got up eager to start their training. They walked outside their rooms, to find the entire village gone. What had once stood a village was a giant square. The square was two miles in each direction. It was split into fourths, but this wasn't the reason the genin were staring. In each section of the square was a different type of environment. In one corner was a swamp, in another a frozen wasteland, a third was only mountains, and the final was a desert.

"Do you like it?" Dan asked.

"How?" Kakuro asked, too stunned to speak anything but that.

"The barrier on the outside is similar to this jutsu," Dan said, "Each of the barriers separates itself from the other lands. They keep their own type of weather, making this the perfect training ground."

"Will Sasuke be training with us today?" Naruto asked.

"That depends," Dan replied, "He may or may not join us, he seemed a little unsure last night."

"Unsure about what?" Sakura asked, "About training, or about something else?"

"He was trying to sneak out last night," Dan said, "I met him at the gate and told him that he could go, or he could stay here and train."

"WHAT?" Sakura and Naruto shouted at the same time.

"I don't have the right to tell him whether or not he should stay!" Dan said defensively, "He went to Orochimaru to protect his friends, not just to defeat Itachi!"

"After all this time," Naruto said, "After all this time and effort we spent on trying to find him, you just let him go like that?"

"How could you?" Sakura added, "I should kill you for letting him go! Do you realize just how much he meant to..."

"Hey, am I late?" Sasuke asked. He was back to wearing his original clothes, the blue shirt, white shorts

and such. The only thing missing was his headband.

“Sasuke!” Sakura shouted, running up and hugging him.

“Sasuke I can’t believe you stayed!” Naruto exclaimed, “Now it’s going to be the reunited Team 7! I can’t wait, we’re going to have so much fun, training, and eating ramen, and...”

“Shut up loser,” Sasuke said, smirking slightly.

“Wait, but Dan said you were trying to escape!” Sakura said, very peeved.

“Oh, I was just joking with you Sakura!” Dan said quickly, trying to cover up for Sasuke. Sakura stared at him for a moment, then reeled around to Sasuke her face pure joy from being able to do what she loved to do: go fangirl over Sasuke.

“So Sasuke-kun, did you learn any new techniques while you were gone?”

“Sakura, now isn’t the time,” Tyrone said, “We finally begin training today.”

“And your first training excersise will be,” Dan said, pausing for dramatic effect, “To defeat me.”

“Wait, we are all going to fight you one on one?” Nova asked.

“Techniquely no,” Dan answered, “Only the winners of the tournament will fight me today, and you will all be fighting together.”

“Please,” Neji started, “If you take on all of us, even you can’t win.”

“Oh really Neji?” Dan asked, a dangerous tone in his voice, “Well then, I guess you won’t have a problem leading the group?” Neji was already on the move, rushing Dan his arm reared back.

“If you really want me to!” Neji shouted, not hearing Fluffy shouting behind him.

(Take Me Out, Franz Ferdinand)

“Neji wait!” she yelled, “He knows how to...” But Neji as already upon Dan, thrusting his hand forward, thinking he had Dan in his grasp. Had it not been for his Byakugan eyes, he never would have seen Dan move. At the last possible moment, he disapeared and was standing ten feet from where he had been standing.

“A little slow Neji,” Dan said, “I figured you’d be faster.” While the two had been talking TenTen had been positioning herself for a perfect attack when Dan was busy with Neji. She unleashed several kunai at Dan’s back, nailing him with a resounding thud. He struggled for a moment unable to move, then collapsed.

“That was too east,” TenTen said.

“Yeah, somethings not right,” Neji said, looking behind TenTen, “TenTen look out!” TenTen turned

around too late as Dan lifted her up and threw her at hi limp body. The body lifted up and shed it's outer shell revealing it's true self: a puppet. The puppet looked simplistic, a large midsection, six eyes, and six legs. It stood on it's back four legs, allowing the fronter two to fight. The puppet caught TenTen opened it's mouth to a gigantic preportion, and literally ate TenTen.

"TenTen!" Neji screamed, as he saw her taken by the puppet. The puppet scuttled away, Dan following it running backwards to look at the group behind him.

"If you want to save her, you'll have to follow me!" he shouted, turning around as the two beings disappeared into the mountain region of the map. The genin who had won the tournament (Neji, Sakura, Celine, Winni, Shikamaru, Temari, Mew, Hinata and Shino) started after them, but Gaara started walking towards the desert area of the field. Sooner or later Dan was going to have to set foot in the desert, and when he did he would find an unfortunate surprise.

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Mew, being the most experienced, had gone ahead of the rest to keep track of Dan. She found him waiting in a clearing in the forest section of the field.

"So what are you going to do now?" Mew asked, more forceful than she actually felt.

"Oh the fact Mew is," Dan said, "You are already trapped." Mew smiled thinking he was bluffing, but found herself unable to move. She couldn't even move her head, and had to glance down with her eyes. Below her feet were several small round pieces of metal.

"What are they?" Mew asked, trying to figure a way out of this.

"Neo-magnets," Dan said, smiling, "If you happened to be unfortunate to have a lot of metal on your body, as most ninja's do, then you can be easily snared into one of these traps." While Dan had been talking Mew had been desperately trying to think of someway to move, but instead her body did it for her. An unexpected effect of the magnets was that Mew had an urge to move, and her rubber bloodling limit provided the answer.

"You're in trouble now Dan!" Mew shouted, as her arms shot out.

"Tough look Mew," Dan said, unphased by the threat, "Rubber can't conduct electricity, but it's an excellent conductor of heat." He then made some hand signs, shooting a large ball of flame at Mew. Her arms were able to dodge it, but the effect remained the same. Her arms couldn't move anymore, the molecules in her body moving to fast for her to control. Her strength was zapped immediately and she hung loose her arms still hanging.

"Now for the fun part," Dan said.

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The genin arrived to find Mew's body stretched out on the forest floot.

“How could he do such a thing?” Winni asked.

“It’s a sign,” Shikamaru commented. The ninja took a closer look, and sure enough Mew’s body was stretched into an arrow. It was where the arrow was pointing that intrigued Shikamaru.

“Why is it pointing to where we just came from?” he asked out loud. It took his brain a minute before he realized it.

“Oh no!” he shouted, “We have to get out of here before...” But it was too late. Winni let out a scream as the puppet Dan had used took hold of her, moving too fast for the genin to keep up. On the run, the puppet opened it’s mouth swallowing Winni as it ran.

“Dan is sure a great general,” Shikamaru said.

“How so?” Celine asked.

“Well, he’s keeping us busy until we figure out what will happen next,” Shikamaru said, “If we don’t figure it out soon, he’s likely to take us out one by one. He’s smart, he know’s he can’t take us all on. So he’s diminishing our numbers slowly, until there will only be one left.”

“So he’s a genius like you?” Celine asked, “But has a wider range of jutsu and a higher chakra source. I hope we never actually have to fight him.

“Yes,” was all Shikamaru could say. How do defeat a combination of all out talents, the group thought.

19 - Training Gets Tough

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Dan didn't keep the ninja waiting for too long. Every so often they would catch a glimpse of him somewhere close to them, throwing a kunai every so often, teasing them, leading them through a merry chase through the woods. His puppet however was nowhere to be found.

"This is impossible!" Sakura complained, "We won't be able to see him, or catch him for that matter, when we're surrounded in forest."

"The only way I can think of is to cut the trees!" Shikamaru said, "I can't think of a way to beat him when he keeps distracting me when I think! It's like catching smoke!" As soon as he finished, several shuriken flew out of the trees, throwing Shikamaru off his thoughts again.

"You'll have to do better than that!" Dan yelled, "Poor TenTen is almost at her limit here."

"WHERE IS SHE!" Neji bellowed suddenly, causing everyone cover their ears.

"Right here," Dan said, appearing on a nearby branch. In his arms was TenTen looking beat and bleeding from her chest.

"N-Ne-ji..." she mumbled before fainting.

"YOU'LL PAY!" Neji shouted, charging Dan.

"Brother no, it might be a..." Hinata started. Neji was preparing to jump at Dan when the ground below him opened up and Dan's puppet, with mouth wide opened, swallowed Neji and disappeared back underground.

"He's good," Dan said, dropping TenTen who fell and poofed in a cloud of smoke.

"Two can play that game!" Neji said, dropping down from a nearby branch. Neji chased Dan farther into the forest, while the others ran after them.

"But how did he escape?" Celine asked.

"He did a Substitution Jutsu a while back," Shikamaru stated, "He did it a while back in case Dan tried to use his emotions against him." The others stared at Shikamaru wondering how he knew this.

"What? I saw him do it earlier while you were watching the clue he gave us earlier."

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Neji knew something was wrong from the time he started after Dan. He could see Dan's chakra flow focused on his fingers, which was normal since the puppet was still nearby. But he was also focusing it into his eyes, like he had the Sharingan or Byakugan. Dan stopped and turned to face Neji so fast, Neji only just stopped himself from running into him.

"Gotcha!" Dan said, sending a punch Neji was too slow to avoid. The punch hit Neji in the gut, and he was sent flying into a tree nearby, crashing straight through it and smashing into the tree behind it. Neji tried to get up but Dan's puppet came crashing into him from behind.

"Your eyes..." Neji managed before fainting.

"Maybe another time you'll see," Dan said. He picked up Neji's unconscious body and started running.

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The group arrived at the broken tree minutes after the fight had taken place

"Whoa, they sure did a number on this place!" Temari said.

"We don't have time to look around," Shikamaru said in a surprisingly sullen voice, "We have our next clue." Temari followed his gaze to and saw what he was talking about.

"He can't help but mess with us can he?" Temari asked. What they were seeing were six trees held together with chakra with two circles drawn into the trees. One was smaller and was in the center of the larger one, and in the center of the smaller...

"Neji!" Hinata shouted, rushing to her cousin's aid. He was spread out like a star with his legs and arms extending forming right angles. Below the two circles was a message that read:

Peek a boo! I see you! Look into the stars to find your next answer. I'll be watching you from above.

"What can that mean?" Shino asked, "Is he going to give us a riddle every time?"

"The answer is the mountains," Shikamaru said, "Neji's body is supposed to be an eye. An eye watching down from above. Now where is the only place you'll be able to look up on this field? The mountains are the only answer."

"Congratulations," Temari said, distain dripping from her voice, "You can figure out a riddle, but can't figure out that an arrow is pointing behind you. Some genius!"

"Look, I didn't think that Dan would do something so simplistic! If he did it every time I would know what to look for but..."

"But now I know to change it up!" Dan's voice boomed from seemingly everywhere.

"Oh, I'm not here right now, as you are all probably looking around for me. Good job Shikamaru, but

you still weren't quick enough!"

"What do you mean?" Shikamaru asked, "I figured out the riddle easily, how could I have possibly... Oh no! Take a head count!" The group looked around but to their surprise everyone was there.

"It was a good bluff Dan," Shikamaru said smirking, "But you can't fool us by just making us nervous."

"Oh really? Well then I suggest you try to come after me!" The ninjas tried to move but found that they were stuck to the ground.

"What?" Shikamaru shouted, unable to realize how he was losing a battle of wits.

"They're Neo-Magnets," Dan voice said, "They attached themselves to you when you were pondering over the riddle with Mew. And now that you are all caught..." The ground opened up beneath the ninja revealing a giant hole in the ground. The genin had enough control to move their heads down, and what they saw made them wish they hadn't.

A hissing sound could be heard as the genin fell into the dark abyss. And in that dark abyss, two yellow eyes opened.

Dan was on the side of the mountain that was next to the desert. He was truly surprised on how far the genin had got on their first try.

"Most don't even make it to the forest," Dan said to himself, "This is going to be an interesting year." He started walking towards the desert, but the moment he put his foot down, the sand jumped up and snatched his leg.

"Of course," Dan said, "I knew there was one more! I should really learn to make sure that they are all in one group." The sand was crawling up his leg rapidly, but Dan pulled his leg away as if it were nothing.

(Sandman, Metallica)

"Okay Gaara, you can come out now!" Dan shouted into the air, "I wouldn't hide underground, like I know you're doing!" Gaara was too far under ground to hear what Dan was saying, but he didn't need to. Gaara could feel vibrations underground that were too big and too close for his comfort. One was much smaller than the other, but it was much faster than the larger object. Gaara started shifting the sand around him, with the smaller thing shooting straight towards him. The chase continued for a several minutes as the small object was forcing Gaara unknowingly towards Dan.

Gaara hit the surface, gathering his sand behind him to trap whatever was following him. Dan's puppet erupted from the ground and ran straight into the sand trap. Gaara was getting ready to crush it when Dan came rushing in, distracting Gaara from his prey. Gaara turned his gourd into sand and started sending different lighting shaped sand-bolts at Dan.

Dan dodged the sand easily, jumping when he needed to avoid the sand underneath him. Gaara was floating after Dan on his cloud of sand, smirking with anticipation. He would be the one who took Dan down easily. He would prove that he was someone to be messed with.

Although Gaara couldn't see it, Dan too was smirking. He's quicker than I imagined, Dan thought, I might actually have to fight him. Dan thought about it for a minute before coming upon the conclusion of: Nope, I'll show them my true power later, when they earn the right to see it.

Dan kept dodging Gaara's attacks, but he reversed his direction, going steadily back towards Gaara. He jumped in the air so quickly Gaara didn't have time to react. He knew his sand would protect him, but he knew Dan had some trick up his sleeve.

Dan actually sped past Gaara, looking back and pulling his hands up over his head like you would lift something heavy off the ground. Gaara looked down to find the ground coming up to meet him. Dan was lifting part of the desert of the ground, in the same manner Gaara was holding himself in the air with his sand. Gaara's sand cloud was almost touching the floating desert floor when a giant circle sunk into the ground revealing two giant yellow eyes.

Gaara had absolutely no time to react as the giant puppet came rushing out of the ground. It was in the image of a giant cobra, but instead of wood it had a steel frame. It opened up its mouth and swallowed Gaara, who came crashing down into the rest of the genin trapped inside.

The group that wasn't fighting was waiting back in the center of the field. Far off in the distance they could see a dust cloud growing larger and larger.

"Well they lasted longer than anyone else," Tyrone said, "Most people are back here within 10 minutes."

"How do you know Dan won?" Naruto asked, "It's not like he always wins."

Tyrone looked at him with a smile on his face and said, "No it's exactly like that. You see, Dan has a habit of holding back unless there is really a need. Now you see that dust cloud out there? That's him on his snake puppet. He always uses his that puppet in the first battle that he fights his students. And the puppet is nearly indestructible. It took Dan 6 months to make, it's his own design based on other puppets weaknesses. It can burrow, fire thousands of weapons, and has a steel exterior. Its metal design gives it the name Steel Serpent."

"There's no way he could control a puppet like that," Kankuro stated matter-of-factly, "The chakra required for that would have to exceed most Jounin."

"That's Dan for you," Tyrone said, "He was actually an ANBU a couple years ago, but gave it up to become a rogue ninja. He has earned at least Jounin status in every ninja country and has been offered to lead the countries in a little less than half of them."

"So why is he still a rogue ninja?" Jamal asked.

“That even I can’t explain,” Tyrone replied, “He has his reasons I’m sure, but I wouldn’t press the matter. Dan has a lot of secrets, but he shares the ones that he can.”

“Well if he can teach Gai-sensei then this man can do everything!” Rock Lee exclaimed.

“I sure can!” While the group had been intent on this conversation, Dan had arrived quietly, having his puppet burrow underground.

“Practice is over for today,” Dan said, “I have business I need to attend to so…” He chose this moment to have the snake’s head pop out of the ground.

“Inform the losers of the battle that they did well. I will see them at the exact same time tomorrow. Tomorrow we begin to teach everyone new techniques!”

I’m so sorry for not updating!!!!!! My desktop wasn’t working and my mom needed the laptop to search for houses! I promise the next one will come sooner!!

20 - Dinner Talk

Many things I must say before I let you read this. 1. I took a month off to think about where I would go next with the story. Don't worry I have not forsaken you.

2. I'm still open to ideas, I like to write what readers like. However, my opinion matters still as well. If you have any ideas please leave them in a comment and I will put each one individually under consideration.

3. I'm REAAAAAALYY SORRRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU ALL I WAS TAKING A MONTH OFF!!!!!!

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Chapter 19

Dinner Talk

The snake's mouth opened revealing the losers of the challenge fast asleep on the flat surface of the snake's inside. The group that had been left behind made their way towards the sleeping ninja, when a scuttling noise came from further down the tunnel of the stomach. The insect-like puppet came out of the darkness carrying TenTen and Winni who were also asleep. The puppet laid them down on the ground along with the rest of the genin, and melted into the stomach of the snake.

"Sleeping gas," Kankuro said, sniffing the air "There's still some remaining in here so every one..." He didn't finish his sentence because Naruto and Jamal were snoring, their each laid out on the floor.

"Loser," Sasuke said with a smirk.

While the rest of the group was waking up the losers (yes Naruto and Jamal too), Sasuke was inspecting the snake for any weak points in it.

"What on earth happened?" Celine asked, rubbing her head, "We were falling into a pit with eyes and..."

"It's alright Celine," Tyrone said, helping her to her feet, "Sleeping gas tends to mess with your system."

"Huh?"

"Never mind."

Sasuke was picking Sakura up trying to gently wake her, but no matter how he tried she wouldn't wake up. If he hadn't been so worried for her, he might have noticed the small smile on her face. Sakura was just pretending to sleep, while enjoying every minute of Sasuke's embrace.

Hinata was waking up, saw Naruto unconscious on the floor, ran over to him, unknowing that there was a small pocket of sleeping gas around him. She was kneeling next to him, inhaled a small amount of the gas, and collapsed on top of him. Kiba saw this, lifted Hinata off Naruto, and kicked Naruto so hard he

hit his head on the ceiling of the snake.

“What happened?” Naruto asked, rubbing his head.

“You took a blow to the head,” Kiba said, helping him up, “Sasuke hit you when you were sleeping.”

“Sasuke!” Naruto shouted, as Kiba quietly to himself at the trouble he had caused.

“What do you want loser?” Sasuke said.

“Why’d you hit me in the head?”

“What are you talking about?”

“You kicked me in the head!”

“That sleeping gas really got to you didn’t it?”

“I’m gonna kill you Sasuke!”

“Break it up you two!” Tyrone shouted. Everyone woke up, and shut up at Tyrone’s voice.

“Dan wanted to say that those who fought today did well,” Tyrone continued, “Training will commence same time tomorrow, where you will begin learning your new techniques.”

“New techniques?” Naruto and Jamal exclaimed.

“Yes, now calm down,” Tyrone said, “You won’t be so excited tomorrow. Dan pushes people to and beyond their limit. You’ll be lucky if your still standing tomorrow.”

“Wait, where is Dan?” TenTen asked.

“He had business to attend to,” Tyrone said, then looking around whispered, “He’s probably just gone off to play guitar. He’s doesn’t let anyone know but he practices that thing with an obsession.”

“Why?” Fluffy asked, “Is it because he’s an alien?” Everyone looked at Fluffy wondering just how this crazy girl could possibly be a ninja. Neji and Hinata were both hanging their heads with shame at their thoroughly weird cousin.

“Fluffy that’s not polite!” Nara said, “If Dan doesn’t want anyone to know why then we shouldn’t press the matter.”

“Oh, he’s got nothing against people knowing that he practices,” Tyrone said, “He’s just doesn’t want anyone to know why he practices.”

“Why?” Fluffy asked, completely ignoring what he just said.

"Fluffy didn't I tell you not to press the matter!" Nara said, losing her shy girl composure.

"Well I thought maybe he changed his mind."

"In two seconds?"

As the two girls bickered, Dani turned to Tyrone and said, "I would love to stay, but I have to get back to the village and report to Lady Tsunade."

"Sure it is Dani," Tyrone said, smirking, "You just want to get back and see Iruka."

Naruto, surprised by the name of Iruka, asked, "Why would she need to go back and see Iruka?"

Dani blushed and tried to tackle Tyrone to try to stop him from saying whatever he was going to. This went on for about a minute until Tyrone finally managed to say, "Wouldn't you like to go back to the village if Hinata was there?"

Naruto, obviously not getting it said, "Yeah, but I don't see what that has to do with her and Iruka?" Sakura who now had supposedly woken up at this exact moment, punched Naruto into the wall.

"You idiot!" she shouted, embarrassed by his stupidity, "They're obviously dating!" Naruto, for once in his life was speechless.

"You mean that..."

"Yes," Dani said, "We've been dating for some time now. He always talks about you Naruto."

"Well, duh!" Naruto said, "I was his favorite, and best student! Ouch!" Sakura had taken time away from staring at Sasuke, to nail Naruto in the head again.

"Come on everyone," Tyrone said, "We need to get back. Dani, Dan will be happy to transport you back to Konoha. You might not be able to go immediately though. No one knows where Dan goes to practice."

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Later that night, the ninja were in the middle of dinner when Dan somehow slipped inside and sat down at the table unnoticed. He sat and listened to some of the gossip as well as the insults his students were saying about him.

"So Naruto, are you serious about dating Hinata?" Kiba asked.

"Of course!" Naruto replied, "She's absolutely perfect!"

"T-Thank you Naruto-kun," Hinata said shyly.

"So Gaara how did you lose to Dan?" Temari asked.

“He tricked me,” Gaara said, “Or rather he planned out our battle before it occurred. He managed to move me into the air, where I can’t feel the vibrations underneath the earth. His snake burrowed underground, and snuck up on me when I couldn’t sense it.”

“I think he cheated,” Jamal said, “He’s got way too many techniques for us to effectively defeat him. He didn’t even use his guitar. He used some sort of magnet, and two puppets.”

“He used a fire jutsu too,” Mew said, holding up her still slightly stretched arm.

“He won easily for one simple reason,” Shikamaru said, “He understands science. He is a strategist sure, but whatever I may have thrown at him, I’m sure he would have found a way to worm out of it. He understands just how much chakra to use, and what to use it for. A jutsu can be broken down to pure science, like a chemical reaction. Dan knows just how much of his chakra to use to make the reaction happen, effectively saving his chakra, not to mention he knows how to counter whatever attacks are thrown at him.”

“I agree with Jamal,” Fluffy said, “He must have cheated.”

“Really?” Tyrone asked, “That’s what you think? That’s what it seems like most of the time. His strategy is flawless, and his pride doesn’t get in the way. If he sees fit to retreat he retreats.”

“Why?” Shino asked, “How does he have the battle experience of a veteran, but is only 14?”

“Dan and I are not like normal ninja,” Tyrone said, “We had a natural sense of fighting ability, as well as a strong blood-line limits that complimented our fighting styles. Dan however, chose to go above and beyond that, and started learning as many jutsus as he could. He has an aptitude for all jutsus because, as Shikamaru said earlier, because he understands how they work. This is what he tries to teach his students, how to counter just about every obstacle that could possibly be put in your path.”

“I wouldn’t mind so much if he wasn’t so smug about it,” Winni said, “He acts all cool as if he doesn’t care about winning.”

“He has to,” Tyrone said, “If he didn’t... well...”

“What?” Nova asked.

“He might lose control,” Tyrone said, “He has to keep his tongue in cheek, and he and keep a cool head. Otherwise ...”

“Other wise what?!” Takashi asked.

“Other wise I might get full of myself and make all of you work twice as hard as I normally do,” Dan said, causing mass confusion and surprise, “And if you ask any of my past students, you know how dangerous that is.”

“How did you do that?” Rock Lee asked, “It is impossible to simply be not be there one second and

there the next.”

“I knew one man who could,” Dan said, “His nickname was the Yellow Flash. You know him as the 4th Hokage.” This quickly quieted the entire room.

“How did you know the 4th?” Neji asked.

“I fought along side him,” Dan said, “I was the only one he passed his techniques onto. And one of you here has the aptitude to use his techniques. Like I said earlier, training begins tomorrow. One of you is in for a rougher day than the rest.”

There were a few moments of awkward silence before Winni broke the silence, by asking, “How was your guitar practice Dan?”

“Oh it was fine,” Dan said, “I myself am practicing a new technique for emergencies only. If you ever have the fortune of seeing it, you will see just how awesome it is.”

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Later that night, all eyes were closed except for two red ones. Sasuke was on the far side of the village, his Sharingan activated to make sure no one was watching.

“Sasuke have you breached his hide-out?” Kabuto’s voice said. His voice was coming out of Sasuke’s pocket, and Sasuke quickly took out the two-way earpiece.

“Quiet!” Sasuke hissed, “You’ll wake up everyone here! Yes I’m in, and they’ve taken me under their wing. As soon as I can pinpoint our location we can begin the attack again. Don’t worry everything will be fine.”

Sasuke then turned the earpiece off, and silently ran back to his room.

21 - New Techniques

Hey everyone! I took a road trip this weekend and got a ton of writing done!

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Chapter 20

New Techniques

The next morning, Dan had thought earnestly through the night about how he would teach each of his new students the new abilities, based on their strength, endurance, and personality. He had analyzed how hard and how long he would train everyone. And the his first four students on the agenda: Rock Lee, Naruto, Jamal, and Sasuke. He knew by their reputation that they had they would be able to be pushed the farthest.

(Another new writing technique, like what I did with the dreams, I am going through each individual ninja's training.)

Rock Lee

Rock Lee was sleeping soundly, when his body heard the sound of kunai headed at him. Still asleep, he dodged them easily. He woke up, rubbing the sleep from his eyes, as he looked for whomever threw the kunai at him. He ran out of his room into the village, and realized it was still dark out. In the light of the moon he saw a lone figure: Neji.

"Neji-san did you see a man run out of here?" Rock Lee asked. Neji didn't answer but instead ran towards Lee at full speed. Lee looked behind him to see if the attacker was behind him when he was hit full on from behind. Lee was knocked on the ground, his insides feeling like they were on fire.

"Neji-san you should really watch where you are running," Lee said. But Neji wasn't listening. Instead he charged Lee again palm opened. Lee dodged his attack clumsily, and backed off a distance.

"Why are you attacking me?" Lee asked, his normally joyous personality replaced by one of sorrow.

"I felt like proving I was better than you again," Neji replied. Lee's eyes opened with surprise, and then turned to eyes of anger.

"Then I will prove you wrong!" Lee shouted. He jumped up quickly and the two ran at each other. Rock Lee was dodged Neji's attacks and spun himself to Neji's back. Rock Lee threw a punch, but Neji arched his back out of the range of Lee's arm. Neji started his rotation, and blasted Lee away. Lee kept his momentum going and flipped backwards while loosening his weights. When he touched the ground, his weights fell, and he shot forward like an arrow. Rock Lee knew that there was only one way to beat Neji: speed. Even Neji couldn't block his attacks if he could get around his guard.

Neji was focusing on blocking Lee's attacks, and Lee focusing on catching Neji off guard. Lee's endurance cancelled out Neji's 360 degree vision, so the battle continued for a long while. Rock Lee

was slowly losing his strength, and Neji was running out of chakra. The two boys battled until both simultaneously collapsed. Rock Lee lifted his head up just enough to see Neji disappear in a cloud of smoke.

How on earth did Neji fight that strongly, yet he was still a shadow clone? Lee thought, Well if he can become that strong I must become even stronger. Lee immediately hauled himself off the ground and started doing push-ups.

“If I cannot reach 1,000 push-ups then it is 500 laps around the village!”

Dan was sitting on a nearby branch, watching his student work himself to the bone. His Shadow Clone Neji had given Lee the motivation he needed to become stronger. He just needs a little more strength, Dan thought, And then he can wield this. Dan looked at the weapon in his hands that he had specifically made for Lee. With this in his hands, Dan thought, Lee will become a perilous foe.

Jamal

Jamal didn't get the full amount of sleep either. Dan didn't throw kunai like he had with Lee, but he did something even harsher: He took out his guitar. He used his chakra to enhance the sound of the guitar, but also used it to keep the sound inside the room. He started improvising with a Harmonic Minor scale(for those who didn't understand that last part, it's a scale that is the base for Egyptian music. It sounds awesome), and soon Jamal was out of bed covering his ears.

The music suddenly stopped and Dan said, “Oh, your up. Well in that case lets begin.” Jamal followed Dan out onto the training field where several rocks were set up.

“Your new technique,” Dan said, “Will be a variation of the Rasengan. The Rasengan can only be used at close range. What I am going to teach you is how to change the shape of it so that you can use it to attack mid-range and close range. But first you have to learn to use it without a shadow clone.”

So Jamal practiced using combining the maximum rotation and the maximum strength required for the Rasengan. Dan left him to his business, practicing his guitar scales (believe it or not, it actually helps you), until Jamal fell on the ground with exhaustion.

“That's all you can manage?” Dan asked, “I expected more of you. Well maybe I can teach it to Nova instead. She was my second choice for this technique you know. So you can just...” Jamal was on his feet, building up more chakra than he ever had. He took the Rasengan in his hand and slammed it into the rock next to him. The rock took the blow of the attack, and as Jamal pushed it harder, the circle in the rock eroded. When he broke through on the other side, there was a perfect circle going right through the rock.

“Congratulations,” Dan said, “Now I'll show you the technique first and then you try to follow it.” Dan opened up his hand and a Rasengan was forming in it. Once it was at full power, bits of the Rasengan faded away until it looked like a spherical cork screw. Jamal took a closer look and he noticed that the rotation was still going on in the slim line of the cork screw.

“Now watch,” Dan said. He jumped in the air and the cork screw extended until he could grab the end of it. He kept it rigid, and started attacking a rock on the below him. Every time the tip struck, a small explosion would well, explode. Jamal watched in amazement as Dan extended his cork screw sword even farther, reaching a rock 50 feet away. When he was done, Dan walked up to Jamal to explain what he had done.

“You see,” Dan said, “Your first challenge is to make the Rasengan in the corkscrew form. You don’t have to worry about the rotation inside it, it comes easy. The second part, where you extend the length of your weapon. It’s harder than it looks, but it’s worth the effort.” Dan left Jamal to work on this his new technique and went to wake up his next student.

Sasuke

Sasuke was even more tired than Rock Lee or Jamal because of his late night meeting. Dan just simply kicked him out of bed, though Sasuke didn’t complain. He wanted to see just exactly how strong this guy was.

Dan led Sasuke towards the mountain area of the training zone, and a short climb later, they were on a plateau of some sort.

“Now I hear you can use the Chidori,” Dan said, “That’s pretty impressive, considering you’re still a genin.” Sasuke didn’t say anything, but just stared at Dan as if sizing him up.

“Kakashi must have taught you the technique,” Dan continued, “And he probably told you how he sliced a lightning bolt in half with it. Well, I am a fan of dual meaning, so I’m going to teach you what the real Lightning Blade is.” Dan made the hand signs for Chidori, and sure enough the uncontrolled sparks of electricity were visible. But then something strange happened. The sparks seemed to be gathering together, until finally there was just one big bolt in covering Dan’s hand. And it looked fully like a lightning bolt, with the jagged edges, and an electric current you could sense.

“Now you try,” Dan said. Sasuke formed his Chidori, and on the first try succeeded in forming the bolt. It wasn’t as refined as Dan’s was, but it still suprised Dan.

“Well, you really are as good as they say,” Dan said, “Now we take it to the next level.” Dan started feeding his chakra into the bolt, making it grow and grow, until it was about 10 feet long. Sasuke repeated this action easily, but wasn’t expecting what Dan said next.

“And now we fight,” Dan shouted, and charged Sasuke with his Lighting Blade. Sasuke, even as fast as he was, couldn’t keep up with Dan’s rapid attacks. It took all his strength and skill to stop Dan from slicing him in half with his blade. At the very moment Sasuke’s arms gave out, Dan’s lighting disintegrated.

“Good job,” Dan stated, “We won’t deal with Lightning Blades again until you learn more of swordsmanship.” Dan started walking away, and then as if remembering something, turned around.

“You have much more potential than Itachi ever had,” Dan said quietly, “It all depends on what you do with it.” With that said, he left.

22 - New Techniques Part 2

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Chapter 22
New Techniques Part 2

Dan had also set a group of students aside for their abilities. Dan based this group on what would happen if the Sharingan tried to copy them. Even though the Sharingan can copy any technique, there are a couple that they wouldn't be able to use effectively. The students Dan picked for this group are as follows: Neji, Hinata, Kankuro, Kiba, and Winni.

Neji and Hinata

The two cousins actually got the full amount of sleep they would need to effectively complete the days training. Dan just pushed Neji out of bed, but had spent a while planning on what he would do when he woke up Hinata. Dan knew what most girls did in the morning, and why it took them so much time to get ready. Hinata was the least likely to do a lot of make-up and the like so when Dan snuck into their room to wake Hinata up, he thought he would wake the rest of them up. Dan thought of the best way to wake up all the girls at once: plant an imaginary image of the boy each of them liked.

Dan had an uncanny ability to be able to tell what boy each girl liked, and what girl each boy liked. Dan made a hand-sign and suddenly the room was full of guys. (Guess what? Another list cause I'm too lazy to write it all out! YAY!)

Neji - TenTen
Sasuke - Sakura
Naruto - Hinata
Shikamaru - Ino
Shino - Nara
Kiba - Winni
Gaara - Takashi
Jamal - Nova
Tyrone - Celine
Dan - Temari

Each boy walked to his girl, and lay next to them stroking their hair. One by one the girls woke up, thinking it was a dream, and lay back to rest. After about a minute, Dan thought of a way to cause mischief. He made another hand sign and the boys became another girl in the room. The imaginary girls pushed the actual girls out of their beds and disappeared. The girls woke up screaming at each other and in the case of Ino and Sakura a fight broke out. Dan was hidden next to Hinata where he tapped her on the shoulder and motioned to leave the room. Dan was waiting maybe five minutes before Hinata got out of there fully dressed, and prepared for the day. On the field, Neji was already waiting for them, tapping his foot impatiently.

"It's about time," Neji said, walking to meet them.

"It's my fault," Dan said, "I couldn't resist a bit of mischief. Did you hear the girls fighting?"

"Oh that's what it was?" Neji asked, "It sounded more like cats fighting. So what am I going to learn, and why is Hinata here?"

"Well," Dan said, "You two have the same ability so I thought I'd kill two birds with one stone. Now get in your fighting stance." The two cousins did as they were told, and Dan circled the two of them as if analyzing their threat level.

"Alright then," Dan said, "Now I have to assess your fighting styles." He took his fighting stance, that both the Hyuga's instantly recognized.

"You have to have the Byakugan to fight in the Gentle-Fist style," Neji said.

"We'll see," Dan said, "Now come on!" Hinata stayed back, unsure of what Dan would do, but Neji charged him, careful not to go too fast after what happened last time. Neji wasn't 10 feet from Dan when Dan started spinning. Neji was blown back by his own ultimate defense. Dan had used Rotation to deflect Neji.

"But how?" Neji asked.

"I'll tell you after we're finished," Dan said, "Your turn Hinata!" He charged Hinata who barely had time to defend herself. Hinata felt her arm burn after Dan hit, and was shocked by what she had seen with her bloodline.

"You blocked my chakra point," Hinata said, looking at Dan as if he were something out of a nightmare.

"Yes," Dan said, "Now that we have that out of the way, can we please fight?" Neji had been sneaking around Dan as Hinata had been speaking. He had chosen this moment to rocket himself towards Dan, prepared to hit him full on in the back. Neji almost succeeded. Almost. At the last moment Dan did a back flip, landing behind Neji as Neji ran into Hinata. They collided together, and very slowly got back up.

"It's not over yet!" Dan shouted. Dan lowered himself closer to the ground, his arms curved up in a half circle.

"But that's..." Neji and Hinata stuttered at the same time.

"Eight-Trigrams Sixty-Four Strikes!" Dan shouted, rushing the pair.

"One Strike!" Dan said, hitting Neji in the stomach.

"Two strikes!" This time he hit both Hinata and Neji.

"Four strikes!" Dan was keeping the two close together, so he would be able to hit them both.

“Eight strikes!” Neji and Hinata were both regaining their sense, and started blocking and dodging Dan’s attacks.

“Sixteen strikes! Thirty-Two strikes! Eight-Trigrams Sixty-Four Strikes!” By the time Dan was finished, both Hinata and Neji had a third of their chakra points blocked.

“Very good,” Dan said, not even out of breath, “Sit down. I owe you an explanation.” Both ninja collapsed on the ground, as Dan explained what he had done.

“I don’t have Byakugan,” he started, “But it always fascinated me. So I found a way to simulate the Byakugan. First I had to improve my senses to simulate the 360 degree vision. I had to stimulate all my senses using chakra. Second, I had to memorize the chakra points on the human body. I had them all marked on a training dummy, and practiced without rest until it was done. And last, I had to combine these two traits with my fighting style. A few years ago there was a huge controversy in the Hyuga clan. You two probably remember it. They had heard of what I had done, and were deciding whether or not I would be allowed to live.”

“There was also the matter of the fighting style I had created,” Dan continued, “While they did not agree on whether or not I should live, they did agree on the fact that I had created the perfect fighting style to complement the Byakugan. They begged me to show it to them, but I said no. There was no way they could learn it. I had taken a lot of time to perfect that technique and only I had the right fighting style to use it. But I made an agreement. I would create another fighting style that only the elite of their clan could use.”

“In other words only the main house,” Neji said, his face dark.

“That’s what I was getting to,” Dan said, “You see, I wanted it to be for all the Hyuga clan, main or branch. They had a huge fight on who would be able to use it. Eventually they agreed on whoever could learn it the fastest would be able to use it. There was only one man who could learn the Piercing Eagle style.”

“But that’s Lord Hiashi’s style!” Hinata said, “The elders said he had invented it himself.”

“How typical of the main family,” Neji said, his voice laced with hate.

“That’s why I wanted you two to come here together,” Dan said, “There needs to be unison in the Hyuga clan. That’s why I’m going to teach Neji the Piercing Eagle style. He has a natural sense of it.”

“What?” Neji asked, surprised and pleased. Hinata got quieter than usual at this comment. So even Dan didn’t think she could live up to her father, she thought.

“Yes Neji,” Dan continued, “Now Hinata. I watched the way you dodged my attacks. As weird as this will sound, you have a stronger bloodline limit than Neji.”

“What?” Neji asked, surprised and upset, “We’ve all seen me beat Hinata in a fight. What makes you think she is stronger than me?”

“Are you questioning my judgement?” Dan asked, his hair turning black.

“Yes I am! There is no way she could ever be stronger than me!”

“Neji, consider the cherry blossoms.”

“What are you talking about?”

“Over there.” Neji and Hinata looked in the direction Dan was pointing at. There were two cherry blossoms side by side, but one still had all buds. The other was in full bloom with the beauty and majesty that only a cherry blossom can have.

“What does that have to do with us?”

“You see Neji,” Dan said, getting off the ground, “Just because one hasn’t bloomed yet, doesn’t mean that it’s will be uglier than the one that’s already bloomed. It may be more beautiful than any of it’s past. After all, it would make sense that the branch family with the strongest bloodline would have a main branch of the same strength.” Neji didn’t seem happy about it, but shut up for now. He would prove his superiority later.

“Hinata,” Dan said, “The technique I’m going to teach you will be the toughest training you will ever do. I am going to teach you the Dizzy Snake Style.” When he said this, Hinata froze with fear, and Neji froze with surprise.

“That technique is forbidden to only the main branch elders!” Neji shouted.

“The technique is forbidden because they got upset that I wouldn’t teach it to them,” Dan replied, “Training is over for today. Take some time to cool off Neji.” Dan left without another word, leaving two very shocked genin.

Kankuro

Kankuro was sleeping soundly, when Dan’s insect puppet dragged him out of bed. Unlike the other students Kankuro was brought to what appeared to be a factory inside the village. Dan was waiting on the outside.

“Kankuro,” Dan started, “Your new technique would be hard to find as a puppet master. While it is an advantage that your opponent does not know what contraptions your puppet has, it might now always be the case. What happens when you face another puppet master? So your new technique...” Dan paused to push the door open and they stepped inside.

“Will be to create a new puppet of your original design.” Kankuro stared in awe by the sheer number of objects in the room. Heads, eyes, arms, skeletons, all in wood or metal. But what really caught Kankuro’s eye was the giant skeleton that held the most monstrous head Kankuro had saw. It was straight out of a nightmare: six blood red eyes, a jagged face, and rows teeth that jutted in every

direction.

"I see you like the Steel Serpent version 2. I'm still working on the structure right now, but it'll be the most fearsome thing any one had ever seen when it's done."

Kankuro pulled his eyes off the monster for a moment to ask, "So what am I supposed to build?"

"That's just it," Dan said, "It's up to you. There is no limit to what you're allowed to do. Have fun!"
With that Dan was gone.

Kiba and Winni

Winni was the second one of the girls to escape the massacre going on inside their rooms. She wasn't two steps out the door when she was pulled upside down by a rope noose. She was dangling upside down by her leg when Kiba and Akamaru came out of the bushes near by laughing.

"That was a good one Kiba," Winni said grudgingly, "I can appreciate another prankster's work."

"Are you kidding me?" Kiba asked, "That is the work of a master! You should bow before me and my awesomeness!" Dan appeared behind Kiba without him noticing. Kiba was going on a rant, when Dan made a hand sign.

"Substitution Jutsu!" Dan shouted, and instantly Kiba was dangling by his leg and Winni was down on the ground.

"Hey!" Kiba shouted.

"It's what you get," Dan replied, "Picking on poor Winni like that!"

"You have everything backwards!" Kiba said, "She's the one always pulling pranks on me!"

"Sure Kiba," Dan said. He threw a shuriken that sliced the rope, and unfortunately for Kiba he plummeted straight into the ground. Dan brought them to the forest side of the battlegrounds, where a circular opening had been cleared.

"Now Kiba," Dan said, "Your techniques rely on Akamaru becoming closer to each other. You focus on Akamaru changing fully into a human. What I'm going to teach you is how to do the opposite." Dan raised his hand, and without even using a hand sign, his hand changed. It grew in size, started to be covered with fur, and his nails became black and at least 3 feet. His hand now resembled nothing but an over sized claw from some twisted nightmare dog.

"All you will have to do is reverse the process you do with Akamaru," Dan said, "Whatever chakra amount you normally use, reverse it to achieve this jutsu."

"As for you," Dan said, turning to Winni, "You tend to combine elemental jutsu with the shape of an

animal. Once you're done with its immediate use you let the jutsu go. I'm going to teach you to keep the animal for further use in battle. Watch." Dan made one hand sign and made an snake out of earth. The earth snake was about ten feet long, and when it opened its mouth it released a giant amount of sand into the air.

"It's not only an effective smoke screen," Dan said, "But while you are able to hide, the snake can also do this." Winni couldn't see what it was doing, but she sure could feel it. The snake had coiled around her, slowly tightening itself around her. It barely constricted itself around her, but Winni could tell the snake could have crushed her easily.

"Your training will be to maintain your jutsu," Dan said, "And find creative uses for it."

He stopped to pause in thought, and said, "You two didn't have your fight, so sooner or later you are going to have to fight each other. Just thought I'd give you a heads up!" With that he disappeared.

23 - Tyrone's Training Part 1

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Chapter 23
Tyrone's Training Part 1

Dan wasn't the only one up early that morning. Tyrone had spent all night wondering how he would teach his students. Nara would be easy, she had the same techniques as him. Fluffy wouldn't be too hard to train, he just had to figure out what technique would best compliment the Byakugan. TenTen's training would be easier as well, because he was a master of taijutsu and the art of weaponry. His problem came with Sakura, Celine, and Ino. He didn't know much about medical jutsu, and Ino's mind swap jutsu was only effective with Shikamaru's shadow bind jutsu. Then Tyrone had a terrific brainwave. All he had to do was train Shikamaru and Ino at the same time and he would find a new technique for both of them.

Nara

Nara had quietly slipped out of the room when Sakura and Ino were fighting so hard they started throwing things at each other (lamps and the like.) She headed to the mountain region where she was supposed to meet Tyrone. When she set foot inside the area, she felt at home again. She was originally from the Hidden Snow Village and being in this cold environment made her feel at home. She didn't have to wait long for Tyrone, who appeared in his bloodline limit form.

"So, are you ready?" Tyrone asked, "I'm going to teach you to unlock the second level of your bloodline limit."

"But there is no second level," Nara replied, "The technique was lost long ago. Besides only those who were direct descendants of the royal family could do it."

"Trust me," Tyrone said, "I know how to release all the levels of kekai-genkai. Even eye techniques like the Sharingan and Byakugan have one."

"If your so sure of yourself, then how do I do it?" Nara asked.

"Well the first step is combining your techniques," Tyrone said, "You have the elements of wind and water. When added together they become the element of ice. So your first step is learning how to combine the two. I first started learning how to control it like this." Tyrone lifted his hands and two balls started forming in them. One was a clear ball of water and the other was hardly visible, but unmistakably a ball of rotating wind.

"Now watch," Tyrone said, as he pushed his hands together. When the two balls met, the middle of those became crystal clear ice. It expanded slightly since water expands when it freezes. But the transformation didn't stop there. It continued to become spikier until it resembled a porcupine made out of ice. Tyrone threw it off to the side, and when it made contact with the ground a fifty foot diameter of

ice spikes erupted from the ground. Nara had to jump back quickly in order to avoid it.

“Now you try,” Tyrone said. Nara found that it was hard to focus her chakra to form a water ball in one hand and wind in another, but she was able to do it. She then slowly pressed the two balls together, but instead of forming ice the wind rushed out of her hand into the water, effectively destroying both balls.

“I’ll leave it to you to figure out,” Tyrone shouted. Nara turned around to find him on the mountain next to her, and then he was gone.

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Fluffy

Fluffy was the only one of the girls who hadn’t been awakened by Dan. She had been sleeping on the ground where she thought it was more comfortable, and when she did wake up, she got up and ready without noticing the chaos that had been going on in the room. She left the building and started walking around. Fluffy was staring blankly at some rocks when Tyrone appeared next to her.

“What are you doing?” Tyrone asked.

“Trying to move rocks,” Fluffy said, not taking her eyes off the rocks.

“With what?”

“My mind.”

“Really?”

“Yep.”

“Fluffy are you alright?”

“Yes.”

“Then you have to go learn your new technique.” This snapped Fluffy out of her daze.

“Really? I can’t wait for it, what am I going to learn?”

“Just calm down okay?”

“Okay!”

“You are actually going to learn...”

“Yes?”

“... how to move rocks.” Fluffy stared at him blankly for a minute then jumped in excitement.

“Yay! I’m going to move you rock!” she said, pointing at the rocks she had been staring at.

“You have an earth affinity, so I’m going to teach you how to control all of the earth. Fluffy?” Tyrone looked around to see Fluffy staring blankly at the rocks again. Tyrone sighed.

“Come on Fluffy,” Tyrone said, dragging Fluffy with him to the training zone.

A few minutes later...

“Alright Fluffy,” Tyrone said, “What I’m going to have you do is this.” He made a handsign, and a thick wall of ice appeared.

“Now once you are able to break this with your bare hands you will have the power enough power to move onto actual rock. Earth affinity requires a great amount of strength. So once you are able to break through rock, then you will be able to master earth jutsu. Am I understood?” Tyrone looked around, and once again Fluffy had completely ignored him to focus on the task at hand. She was punching the ice rapidly in hopes of causing a chip in it.

“I will defeat you!” Fluffy shouted, “Then I can focus on moving the rock!”

Well at least she’s motivated, Tyrone thought. He turned and left the genin to her own weird world.

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TenTen

TenTen escaped the fight with nothing but a bruised shoulder. Sakura hadn’t been looking where she was hitting and had accidentally hit TenTen instead. TenTen made her way to the swamp part of the training field where Tyrone was using his chakra to balance on the mud. When he saw TenTen he snapped his fingers, and a scroll popped into his hand.

“Your new technique,” Tyrone said, “Will be to learn placement and concealment of this trap.” He held the scroll up, but it was not like any other scroll TenTen had seen. It had five colors on it: red, yellow, blue, white, and brown. The colors were in 5 bold stripes running down the length of the scroll.

“This handy device is perfect for turning the tides of a battle,” Tyrone continued, “Your style of fighting focuses on using weapon to hand combat, as well as your scrolls which enable you to fire hundreds of weapons at one opponent. Unfortunately, if you are faced with a long-distance opponent like Temari, your weapons can’t do much. So what this device does is...” Tyrone threw it at a tree nearby, where it stuck vertically. Tyrone held up his pointer and middle finger, the universal chakra detonator sign. Instantly the scroll turned 90 degrees, glowed bright for a moment, and then teleported back to Tyrone.

“So it’s only a flare?” TenTen asked, thoroughly depressed about her new technique.

“Look around TenTen, and you’ll see what happened.” TenTen looked at the trees around where the device had detonated. All the trees around the area were covered with an assortment of weapons.

“And here is the best part,” Tyrone said, walking back to the tree he had used the first time. He placed the scroll against the tree, and it melted into the tree, perfect for an unsuspecting opponent.

“Now it’s up to you to determine how to use it in battle. First you have to figure out how to attach it to the tree with your chakra. Then you’ll have to learn how to put it into objects like the tree. The five bands across the scroll represent the five elements of chakra. You will be able to put these into each of these five elements, as well as the mixture of elements like the tree (for those who don’t know, it is a mixture of earth and water elements to use the plant element).

“Wait, you mean I can even put it in lighting?” TenTen asked.

“Well, that’s only been done by two people,” Tyrone said, “One is Kakashi, who put it there with his Lightning Blade. The other is Dan, who is so in tune with the five elements he can even put it in thin air. You might be able to do it as well. Practice makes perfect.” He disappeared in a cloud of smoke.

24 - Tyrone's Training Part 2

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Chapter 24
Tyrone's Training Part 2

Ino and Shikamaru

It took Celine all her strength to tear Sakura and Ino apart. The two girls had completely wrecked the room, and had been biting, kicking, and scratching in the mother of all cat fights. Eventually the two girls tired out, and Celine picked Sakura up off the ground.

Ino had spent an hour on getting ready for the day, so by the time she was done Shikamaru was just waking up. Shikamaru had barely gotten dressed for the day, when Ino came barging into his room, with a look that could raise a flower from the dead.

"Shikamaru!" Ino yelled, "Will you walk me to my practice?"

"Sure Ino," Shikamaru said, "Just don't run cause I'm kind of tired right..." Too late for Shikamaru, Ino was dragging him along at breakneck speed.

"What a drag!"

A few minutes later

"Welcome Ino!" Tyrone said, "And you too Shikamaru. I was actually going to come get you, since you two will be practicing your new techniques together!" Ino could barely hold her excitement at this statement.

"Alright! Did you hear that Shikamaru? We're going to be working together!"

"I heard it Ino."

"Are you excited?"

"I'm ecstatic."

"So Tyrone, what will we be doing?" Ino asked.

"Well, you both specialize in trapping opponents," Tyrone said, "But you both rely on Choji to distract your opponents, while you wait for an opportunity to trap them. But say Choji is injured in battle and can't fight. Sure, Shikamaru could come up with an alternate strategy, but there is a huge risk that at least one of you two will be injured. So what I'm going to teach you Ino, is how to control your elemental

affinity. And Shikamaru, I'm going to teach you how to attack with your shadows."

"But what's my elemental affinity?" Ino asked.

"I can tell you would do best with controlling water Ino. Your training will begin with basic control of water. You see that pond over there?" Ino turned and looked at what was not at all a pond. It was a lake that was formed in a perfect circle and had two trees opposite each other on either side of the lake.

"Your training will be to move the water from one half of the lake to the other side of the lake, and be able to hold it for a minute. Then we can move onto other water techniques. Let me show you." Tyrone made a hand sign, and started moving his hands back and forth. The water in the lake followed the motion of his hands. He gave a sudden push with his hands, and water from half of the lake shifted to the other half, without spilling a drop on the other side. Pretty soon Tyrone had what looked like a giant wave, held up with his chakra.

"As for you Shikamaru," Tyrone said, as the wave fell, creating a huge splash in the lake, "You will be learning how to be using your shadows like Gaara can use his sand. Try to attack me." Shikamaru threw several kunai at Tyrone, but about half way Tyrone made the hand sign Shikamaru normally used when using his Shadow Possesion Jutsu.

"Shadow Wall!" Tyrone shouted, and the shadows from nearby trees crowded around him and jumped up off the ground to block the kunai. Shikamaru was stunned to say the least.

"How do you make a shadow come up off the ground with the sun in full view?" he asked.

"Easy. You do it the same way you make shadows within shadows. You give it a surface to slide across. I'll let you figure the rest out."

"Oh I get it now," Shikamaru said, "I use my chakra to make a surface for the shadows to use. I can then manipulate the shadows by the shape of my chakra, attacking and defending."

"You're no fun," Tyrone said, "I like to make my students figure it out on their own!"

"But I just did!" Shikamaru replied

"Yeah, in like five seconds!" Tyrone retorted, "I like to watch my students struggle to work it out! You ruined it for me!" With that said, Tyrone ran off through the trees leaving a confused Shikamaru, and a laughing Ino.

Celine and Sakura

With Celine supporting Sakura, they made their way towards the training field, when Tyrone appeared next to them.

"You girls look terrible," Tyrone said, "What did Dan do?"

"None of your business!" Sakura shouted, clearly still mad at Ino.

"What are we going to do today Ty?" Celine asked quickly, trying to prevent Sakura from going over the edge.

"How much do you girls know about radiation?" Tyrone questioned.

"It's one of the only things that medical jutsu can't heal," Sakura said.

"True, and do you know exactly what medical ninja can do to help someone who has been exposed to radiation?"

"The most medical ninja have been able to do is keep them alive," Celine answered, "Lady Tsunade however, managed to figure out how to take radiation out of a body. The only problem is that you have to put the radiation into another source with equivalent value to what you took it out of. In other words, the healer has to take the radiation, or in the case of Lady Tsunade, transfer it to another person."

"Very good you two," Tyrone said, "Now do you know who took the radiation?" Both Sakura and Celine wore blank expressions on their faces.

"I thought as much. For your new technique, you two will study the nature of radiation, and try to find a cure. You see, in the Konoha hospital there is a room that is locked at all times. No one but the Hokage can enter the room. I was allowed in on one occasion when Lady Tsunade told me it was a matter of life or death. You see, there are two people in that room. Or more specifically one and one-half person in that room." Sakura and Celine were horrified at this statement.

"That's disgusting!" Sakura exclaimed, "What are they doing keeping half a body in there?"

"You didn't let me finish," Tyrone retorted, "I said one and on-half persons in that room. You see Lady Tsunade actually performed the procedure of cleansing radiation from a body twice. One was to save a Hokage, and the other..." His voice trailed off as he tried to gather the strength to say the next words.

"The other was to save Lady Tsunade's most trusted assistant Shizune. Shizune was attacked by a man that attacks using radiation. Tsunade was going to take the radiation herself, but Dan stopped her. He... well he did something to himself, and Lady Tsunade put the radiation into half of him. That half of Dan has been inside that room ever since. Dan thought he was doing the right thing, but he wasn't."

"How is that not doing the right thing?" Sakura asked, "If he saved a life it's all worth it!" Celine put her hand on Sakura's shoulder and shook her head.

"It wasn't the right thing to do," Tyrone continued, "Because without knowing it he endangered many more lives. There is a part of him that was sealed away, and without the half of him that is in critical condition, it may escape surface again! If that ever happens... If that ever happens, lets just say that a demon won't be the first of our worries. So I need you two, the two of the most brilliant medical ninja ever to walk the earth, to find a way. Hopefully our medical library will have everything you need. Now if

you'll excuse me, I have other matters to attend to."

He was about to leave when Sakura asked, "What demon?"

Tyrone turned around with a look of terror on his face, "Don't tell anyone! Why did I have to let that slip? I have to go! And if you tell him, or anyone else I told you, it will not be pretty."

As he left, Sakura turned to Celine and said, "You're boyfriend is a jerk!"

"He means well Sakura," Celine replied, "He has everyone's best interest at heart. It's just that he's seen so much carnage, so many of his teammates lost. He doesn't want it to happen again."

"A ninja is supposed to hide emotions," Sakura said.

"Do you hide yours?" Celine asked, and after Sakura remained in silence she said, "I thought not. You have to remember Sakura, he's only as old as we are. He was forced to grow up fast, and that took his childhood away from him. He's not fully matured, but what fourteen year old is?" There was a brief moment of silence as Sakura pondered this.

"There is still one thing I don't understand," Sakura said, "Tyrone said that a demon won't be the first of our worries. It made it sound like there is more than one thing hiding beneath Dan's surface. But what is it?"

25 - Weird Training

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Chapter 25

Weird Training

Shino

Once Dan was done with Kiba and Winni's training, he went off to find Shino. From what Dan had seen of Shino, he was the one to do things on his own and would take the least time to train because most of what Shino would be doing would be completely up to himself. Dan found Shino in the insectaria, where he was sitting down letting different bugs climb into his hand.

"A very fine specimen," Shino said, looking at the spider in his hand, "Your venom possesses the ability to paralyze a victim for up to 12 hours. Plenty of time to finish whatever business I have with them." Shino moved on to another bug, analyzing its abilities as it had the with the spider.

"Looks like my work is done here," Dan whispered. He was turning to leave when he heard a slight rustle of the leaves above him. He looked up to see if something was there, but nothing was in sight.

Dan smiled as he said, "I'll deal with you later," and then hurried off to his next two students.

Choji

Surprising enough, Choji got up early in the mornings. He said even sleep would not stop him from getting breakfast on time. He was getting ready to sit down to nothing short of a meal for three, when Dan came in, stole his meal, and exited so fast Choji didn't realize the food was gone. Choji blinked once, and when he opened his eyes again the shock that his mouth hung open for a minute. Then his brain caught up to him, and he snapped.

"WHO TOOK MY FOOD!" Instantly, all across the area everyone stopped moving, hoping that Choji wasn't on the hunt for them. Choji burst through the wall of the breakfast room, head twitching back and forth like a wild animal on the hunt.

"HUMAN BOULDER JUTSU!!!" Choji shouted, and started rolling around town, decimating lots of property.

"You certainly know how to get the best out of every one," Tyrone said. Tyrone and Dan were both standing on a nearby building.

"He just needs to build up a little stamina," Dan replied, "He'll uncover much of his own potential on his own. I just need to push him in the right direction."

“So you gonna keep stealing his food?”

“Yep.”

“This is gonna be one funny year.”

Temari

When Dan created the havoc earlier today, he woke Temari up slowly, that way she didn't destroy the entire place with a wave of her fan. That would have been bad. Very bad. He took her out into the forest where an assortment of fans were.

“So what am I going to learn Dan?” Temari asked, holding onto his arm, her head on his shoulder.

“You won't like it,” Dan said, “But if you ever get sent on a mission to infiltrate an enemy territory, you can't bring your giant fan with you. However...” He waved his hand to the assortment of fans around the ground.

“Your training will be to use all of these, as not only with wind techniques, but as assassination weapons.” He held one up, and pressed a small button on the side and a needle flew out of the brace of the fan. He handed it to Temari, who started looking it over, wondering what else was inside.

“So I have to know what all of these do?” Temari asked, “Dan?” But he was already gone.

“I'm going to kill him!”

Gaara and Nova

Although she would never admit it, Nova was a heavy sleeper. She slept through the image of Jamal, as well as the monumental fight that had followed. Dan crept into the room and picked her up and carried her up and out of the room and out towards the field.

A few minutes later

Nova woke up slowly, barely opening her eyes to get bearing of her surroundings. She didn't like them. She was neck deep in sand, in the middle of the giant desert, with Gaara standing right over her. She obviously got the wrong impression.

“Please don't kill me Gaara!” Nova begged, tears streaming from her eyes, “I promise I'll do anything you want!” Then she noticed the shadow looming over her.

“As tempting as that sounds,” Dan said, “We don't want to make you a slave. This is how you are

going to learn how to control your new jutsu. Your challenge is to escape the pit your in by moving the sand with your chakra. Once your done with that, we can move on. Gaara, I leave the instructions up to you. Good luck!"

"Wait, why doesn't Gaara get a technique?" Nova asked

"Because Gaara's got a perfect defense. He doesn't have to worry about attack, so he has nothing to learn this time around. Bye!"

Once he was gone, Gaara looked down towards Nova and asked, "Your not very happy about this, are you?"

"Does it look like I'm very happy?"

"The key is to..."

"Wait, what?"

"I'm explaining the technique."

"You should tell me that first!"

"You're very loud."

"I'm trapped in the sand!"

"... So do you want me to explain?"

"Fine."

"The key is to connect all the pieces of sand together with chakra. Then you can control it as easy as moving water."

"That's it?"

"Yes."

"Come on that's so unfair!"

"I could have given you nothing."

"...Point taken. So, do I just our my chakra out?"

"I don't know."

"What do you mean you don't know!?"

“I just don’t.”

This continued for about five more minutes of yelling before Nova finally calmed down enough to try it. Dan watched from a distance, and gave out a sigh. Hopefully, he thought, these group of ninja will only remain ninja. If anything goes wrong, I’ll never be able to trust myself again. Dan was about to go do some training of his own, when he saw something black flash across the desert sand.

“Guess I put this off long enough,” Dan said. He started walking towards the desert to meet an old friend.

26 - Yellow Flash

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Chapter 26
Yellow Flash

Author's Note: Okay, as many of you have probably realized I have specifically left Naruto out of the story until the end. Now without any further ado, here is Naruto's training.

Naruto

Naruto didn't get any sleep the night before. He was too excited about what he would learn the next day. He wished that he would get the tutoring Dan had talked about the day before. The Fourth's own technique. Even though he had never known the Fourth, he respected him the most out of all the Hokage's. He radiated power and peace at the same time. To be able to use the same technique as him made Naruto just swell with pride.

The next morning

Naruto was up, dressed, and ready to go before even Dan had gotten up. Naruto made his way to the training field silently, where he began climbing trees without his hands. The stimulation of this exercise always helped him start the day off well. He was there about fifteen minutes before Dan showed up.

Naruto was hanging upside down on a branch when Dan said, "You're certainly up early."

Naruto smiled, "I couldn't sleep. Too much excitement. So, what am I going to learn?"

"Why don't you see for yourself?" To Naruto's utter surprise, Dan was directly behind him. But that's not what scared him the most. When Dan had begun his sentence he had been at least 30 feet away. About halfway through, without stopping his sentence, he had appeared directly behind Naruto.

"H-How did you do that?" Naruto managed to get out, before he fell off the branch and bashed his head on the ground.

"I think you already know," Dan replied, "But before we begin, there are some things you should know about Yodaime-Hokage." Naruto sat up on the ground as Dan jumped down from the tree.

"The first thing you should know about Yodaime," Dan said, "Is that he had a son. His child was being born at the time when the Leaf village needed him the most.. As you know 12 years ago, the Nine-tailed Fox attacked the Leaf Village. Yodaime's heart was breaking as he made the decision that would change his life. Yodaime Hokage summoned the Death god which required a sacrifice to perform the sealing of the Nine-tailed Fox. But he only summoned it because in order to seal a demon the mother

dies in childbirth. So Yodaime sealed the Fox in his own son, and made two sacrifices unnecessary. His wife died as you were born Naruto.” Naruto had a blank look on his face as he was told the truth on his own father.

“ The second thing you must know is that Yodaime Hokage did not die, and is not dead. The Fox showed up because someone summoned it as part of a plot to overthrow the entire Ninja world. Yodaime was weak from his fight with the Fox, when a Leaf ninja betrayed the entire village by silencing Yodaime Hokage. He would have killed him if Tsunade hadn’t been on scene. Even though she was the most skilled medical ninja of that time, or this time for that matter, all she could do was keep him in a suspended state. In the Konoha hospital, there is a room only the Hokage can enter. Well, the Hokage and one other person. Anyway, in that room is Yodaime Hokage, still in a suspended state.” Naruto was speechless. Not only did he knew who his father was, but that he was alive.

When he finally found the strength to speak he asked, “What caused him to be in that state?” Dan’s face looked solemn as he said, “Only one man can pull the jutsu off, since no one but he knows how it is done. He controls radiation, and sent a beam of it into Yodaime Hokage.” Naruto looked sad, happy, angry and confused at the same time.

“I’m going to be the one to kill him,” Naruto said, his hands shaking, “I am going to be the one who kills the traitor who almost killed my dad!”

Dan laughed, “Maybe so. But that’s only if I fail. I’ve got first call on fighting him. If I lose, then he’s all yours.”

“So Naruto, do you want to begin your training?”

“Absolutely!”

“Alright, now I have a present.” Dan took a box out from behind his back. He handed it to Naruto who opened it to find a box filled with paper seals.

“What am I supposed to do with these?”

“These are the targets for Yodaime’s jutsu. He would place one down and instantly be able to transport back to that spot. Practice with them all you want, but always be sure to leave one left.”

“Is this how you got behind me so quickly?”

“It sure is.”

“But how did you do it without a seal?”

“Who says I did it without a seal?” Naruto searched his back for any sign of a paper seal, but couldn’t find any.

He was about to ask Dan about it, but before he could ask Dan said, “Underneath.” Naruto felt underneath his orange jacket, and sure enough there was a seal there.

“But how did you...” Naruto asked, but (as usual), Dan was gone.

“Guess I better get started,” Naruto said, as he threw one of the seals on the tree. He instantly felt a connection with the place, and he knew he would be able to transport there instantly. He threw several others on trees nearby, and let himself transport from one to the other rapidly.

“This is awesome!” Naruto shouted. He continued to test with the seals, as Dan watched from a tree nearby.

“I should really teach him to pay more attention,” Dan said, “He didn’t even ask me how I knew Yodaime was in the room in the first place.” A black flash darted through the trees, unnoticed by Dan who was deep in thought.

Later that day...

Dan was waiting on a cliff in the desert with a bottle and a pan of milk. Seconds later, a black cat appeared, seemingly out of nowhere, next to him. Dan laid the pan down next to the cat, and looked out at the space. From this position he could see most of what his students were doing.

“It’s been a while since I’ve seen you,” Dan said, “How’ve you been?” The cat turned to him, it’s yellow eyes clearly angry.

“You have been away for too long,” the cat said, “Sooner or later, they’re going to send captains after you.”

“They know I have lots of business, why can’t they just let me be?”

“You know as well as I do the Soul Society has very strict rules.”

“But I have more than one world to look out for, shouldn’t I get an exception. You know how hard it is to be captain of the stealth squad Yoroichi, can you imagine what my job is like?”

“Are you complaining?”

“No, it’s just that I’m still young. They can’t expect perfection from me.”

“That doesn’t sound like you. What happened to your gung-ho attitude.”

“Even the society has to realize something like this takes time. My job is as hard as it is, without even worrying about the walls.”

“What!? If the walls between worlds are failing, then that means the Heartless are returning! I have to get word to the society, this is a disaster!”

“Slow down Yoroichi, I just meant that there is a small problem regarding the walls. Probably some big shot Halo, it shouldn't be too tough to stop him.”

“Just make sure you know what you're doing. There's a reason your techniques are being taught in the academy. Do you know what they're calling you now? You're known as the Swordless Samurai. You took down a Mesos Grande without drawing your Zanpakto. You shouldn't take so many chances.”

“Tell me something I don't know. Listen, it's been great talking, but I have students to teach. Everything will be alright, I promise.”

“I trust you. You should learn to trust others.”

“The last time I trusted someone, I destroyed my whole village. I'm not planning on trusting for some time.”

“Good-bye Daniel.”

“Good-bye Yoroichi.”

Note if you are wondering, the references above are from the anime Bleach, and the Kingdom Hearts series. I suggest you check up on them before you lose track. I will include info on both in later chapters, but I think it would make your experience better if you knew what I was talking about. Just saying.

27 - Comments

This isn't a chapter, but a request.

Please if i could ask of you people

1. Leave comments on the story, so it looks impressive.
2. advertise my story please. you guys are my original readers, please help me get newbs that you can make fun of.
3. if it's possible, i would like a shetland pony for christmas. just putting that out there.