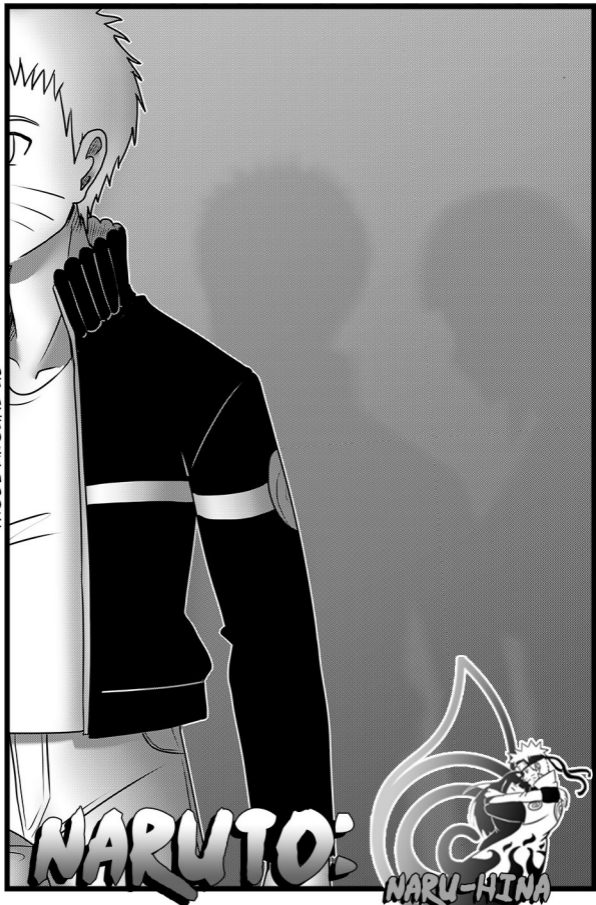
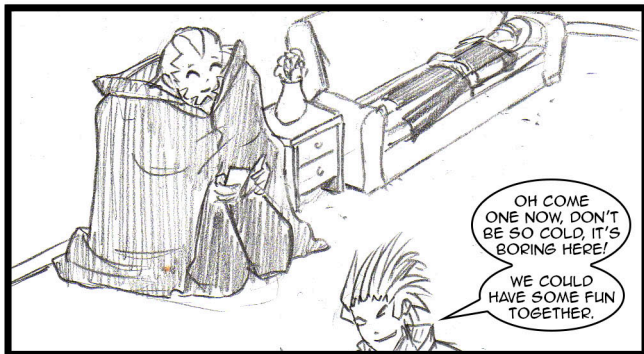


THE PATH OF LIFE IS STREWN WITH PROMISES, DREAMS, AND CHOICES THAT
LAY SHADOWS ACROSS NOT JUST OUR LIVES, BUT THE LIVES OF
THOSE AROUND US



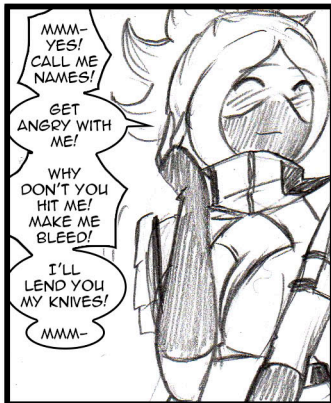
NARUTO:

**NARU-HINA
CHRONICLES**





MMM-
COME PLAY
WITH ME.



MMM-
YES!
CALL ME
NAMES!

GET
ANGRY WITH
ME!

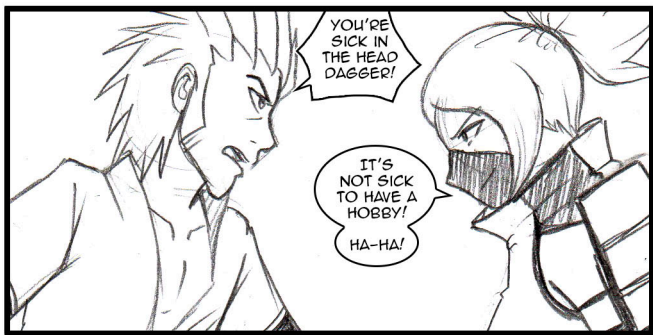
WHY
DON'T YOU
HIT ME!
MAKE ME
BLEED!

I'LL
LEND YOU
MY KNIVES!

MMM-



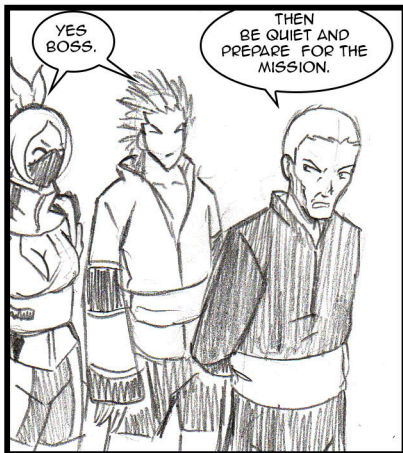
BACK OFF
YOU SADISTIC
KNIFE FREAK!

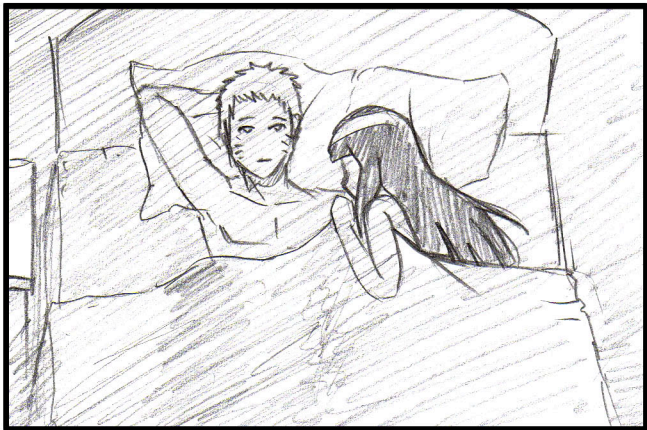
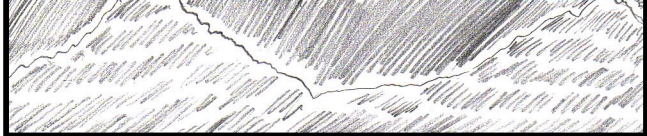


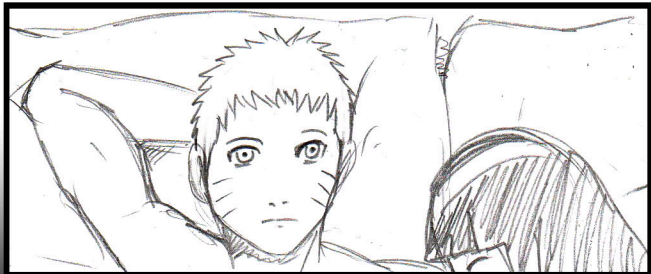
YOU'RE
SICK IN
THE HEAD
DAGGER!

IT'S
NOT SICK
TO HAVE A
HOBBY!
HA-HA!









I KNOW
BUT...

A BABY?!
ISN'T
THAT A LITTLE
SOON?!

WE
JUST GOT
MARRIED!



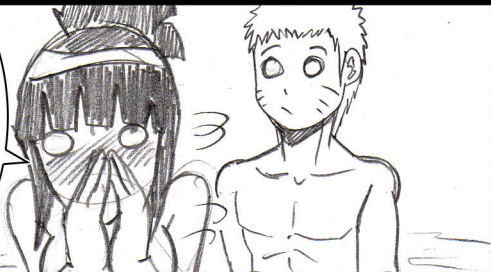
I'M
NOT SAYING
THAT, IT'S
JUST...

WELL
I'VE NOT
THOUGHT
ABOUT IT,
AND IT'S
KINDA
SUDDEN.



DO YOU
NOT WANT
TO HAVE
CHILDREN?!

W-WELL
Y-YES, A-AND
I WASN'T SURE
WHETHER TO
SAY OR NOT,
B-BUT I
REALISED I
WANT A FAMILY
B-BUT I DIDN'T
WANT TO MAKE
IT AWKWARD
SO I DIDN'T
WANT TO SAY
A-AND...



ARE
YOU
SURE
THAT
'WE'RE'
READY?

YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO EXPLAIN
IT.

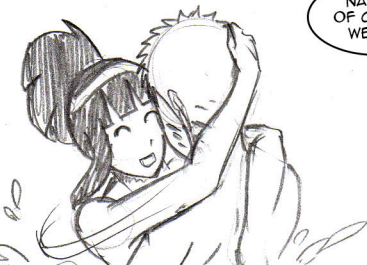
IT'S
OKAY
HINATA.

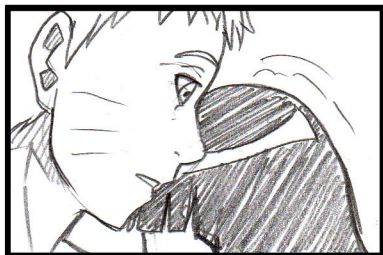
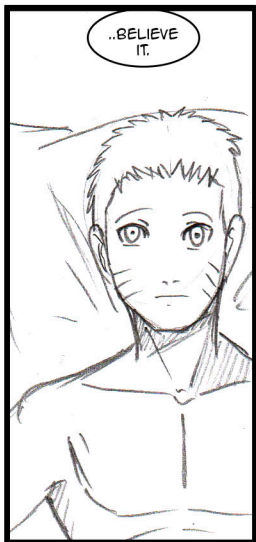
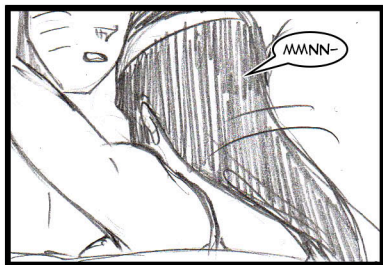


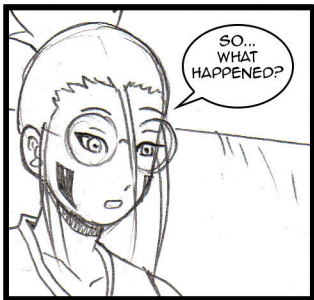
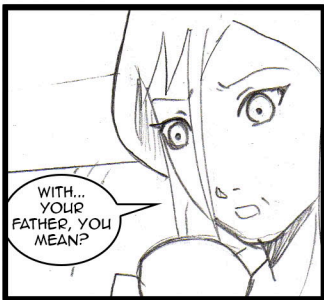
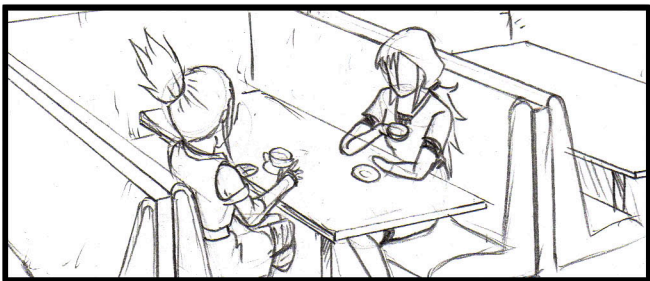
YOU
WILL BE A
WONDERFUL
FATHER, I JUST
KNOW IT.

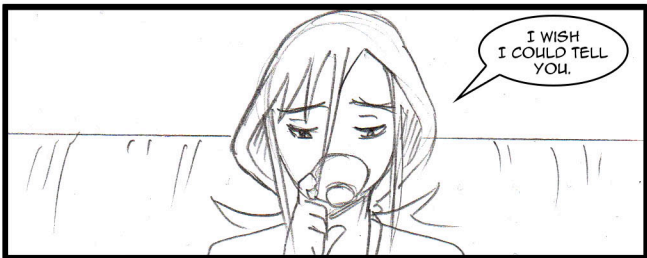
JUST
AS YOU
SAY...

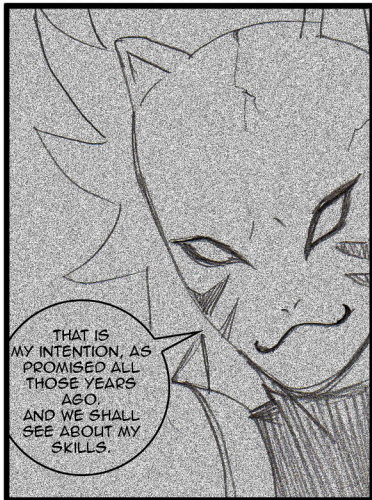
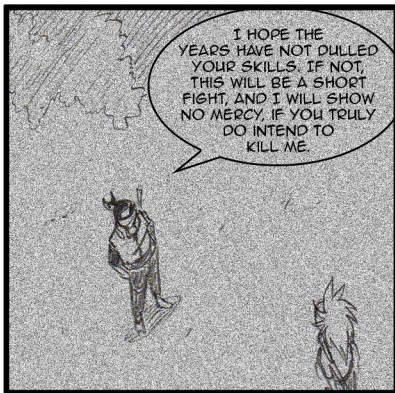
NARUTO,
OF COURSE
WE ARE!

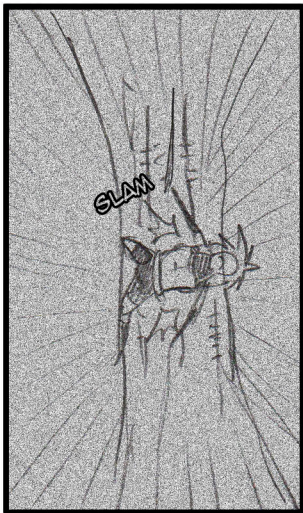
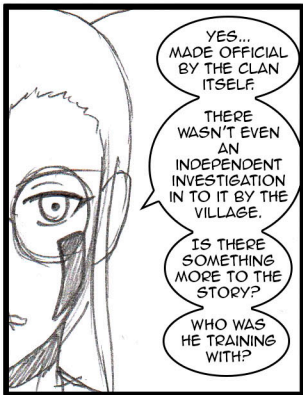
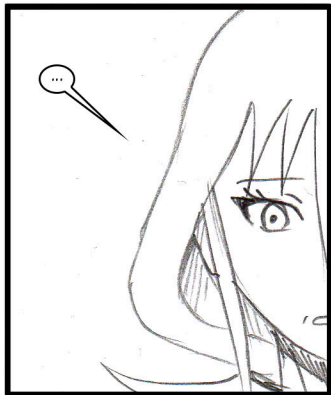


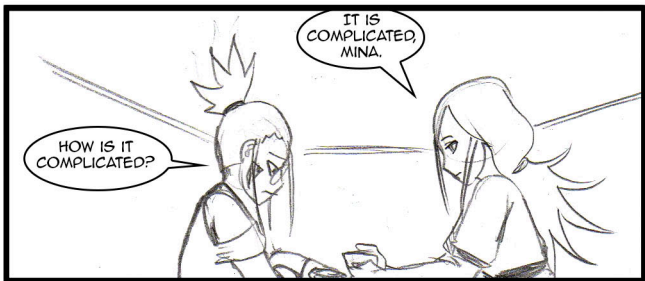
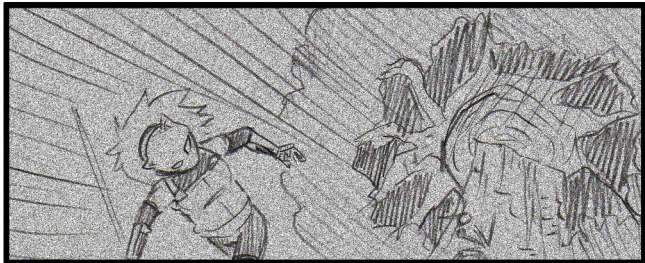




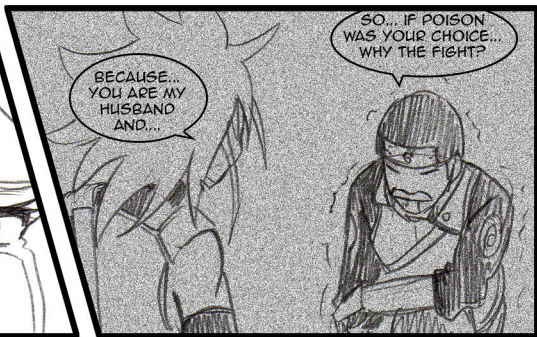
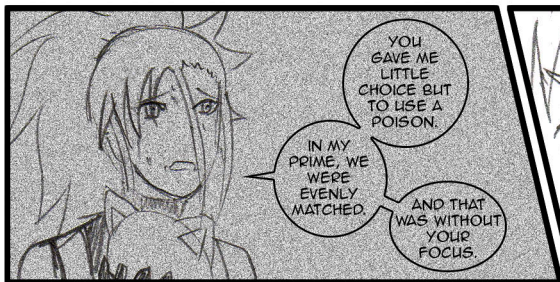


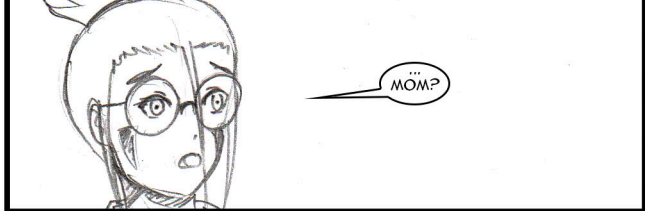










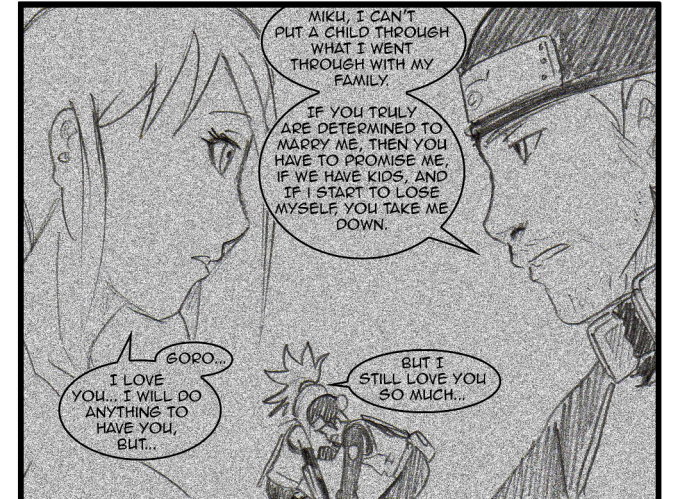
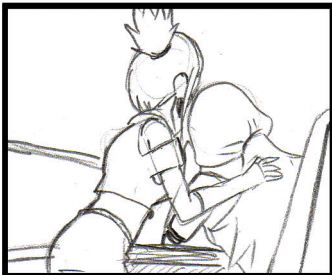




BUT...
YOU KEPT YOUR
PROMISE.



I
DIDN'T
WANT TO, I
KNOW I
SHOULD
HAVE DONE
THIS AFTER
WHAT
HAPPENED
WITH
ETSUJI.




MIKU, I CAN'T
PUT A CHILD THROUGH
WHAT I WENT
THROUGH WITH MY
FAMILY.

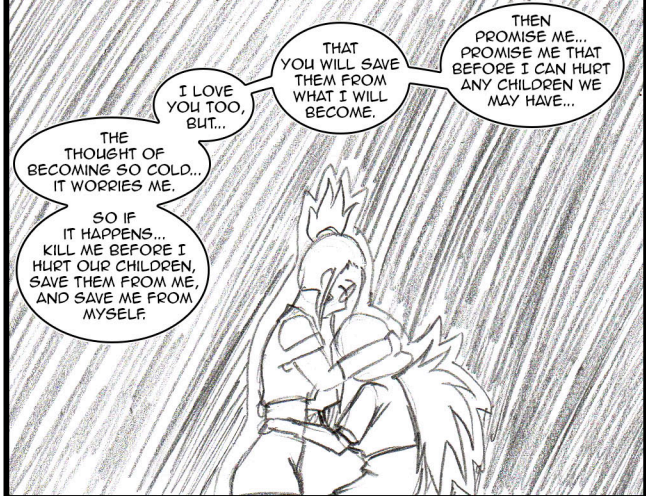
IF YOU TRULY
ARE DETERMINED TO
MARRY ME, THEN YOU
HAVE TO PROMISE ME,
IF WE HAVE KIDS, AND
IF I START TO LOSE
MYSELF, YOU TAKE ME
DOWN.

GORO...

I LOVE
YOU... I WILL DO
ANYTHING TO
HAVE YOU,
BUT...



BUT I
STILL LOVE YOU
SO MUCH...



I LOVE YOU TOO, BUT...

THAT YOU WILL SAVE THEM FROM WHAT I WILL BECOME.

THEN PROMISE ME... PROMISE ME THAT BEFORE I CAN HURT ANY CHILDREN WE MAY HAVE...

THE THOUGHT OF BECOMING SO COLD... IT WORRIES ME.

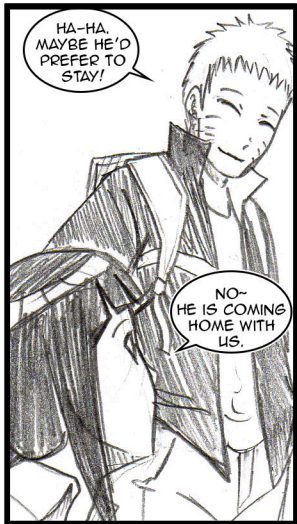
SO IF IT HAPPENS... KILL ME BEFORE I HURT OUR CHILDREN, SAVE THEM FROM ME, AND SAVE ME FROM MYSELF.



I WOULD.. HAVE LIKED, FOR... ONE... LAST TIME... TO FEEL HOW... MUCH I... LOVE...YOU.

I WISH... AT THIS MOMENT... I COULD FEEL SOMETHING.



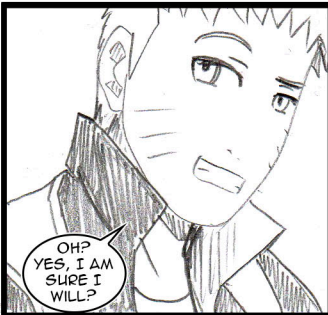


YES,
FOR WHEN WE HAVE
A BABY.

AND WE
NEED TO START, IF
YOU ARE STILL
OKAY WITH TRYING
FOR ONE.



OH?
YES, I AM
SURE I
WILL?



A-AND
I AM SURE
YOU
W-WILL
ENJOY
THE
PROCESS
T-TOO.



PROMISES MADE, AND KEPT ARE SIGNS OF
TRUST DEEPENED BY THE BONDS WE SHARE,
AND STRENGTHENED OR WEAKENED BY THE
FEELINGS WE BEAR.

UH-HUH.

I-I AM NOT
SAYING THIS T-TO BE
P-PERVERT! TH-HIS IS
SERIOUS B-BUSINESS,
M-MAKING A
B-BABY!

N-NARUTO!!



NHC...