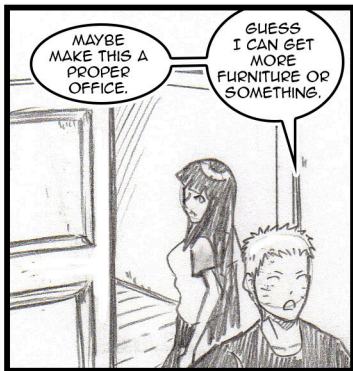
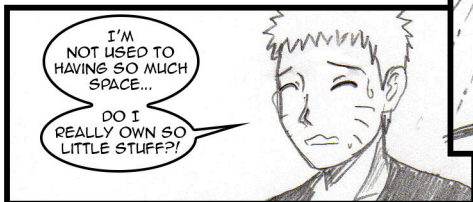
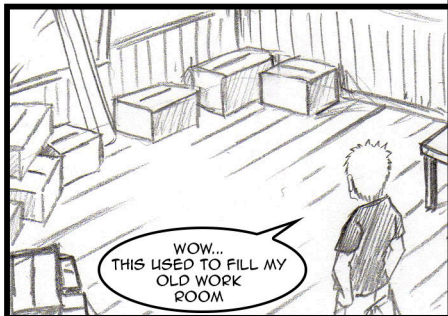


RUSH FORWARD; TOWARDS DESTINY, LIFE AND DREAMS.
THE FUTURE HOLDS MANY OUTCOMES, YOU JUST NEED TO CHOOSE IT,
AND MOVE FORWARD.







TOO BIG?!

NOT REALLY,
BUT THEN AGAIN
OUR PREVIOUS
HOUSE WAS A BIT
MORE...
UHM...
COZY?

BUT
DO YOU
THINK
THIS
PLACE IS
TOO
BIG?

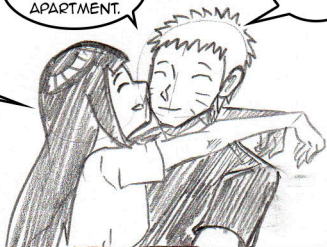


BUT
IT WAS BIGGER
THAN MY
APARTMENT.

YOU
CAN SAY
SMALL.

THAT
PLACE WAS
TINY, YES.

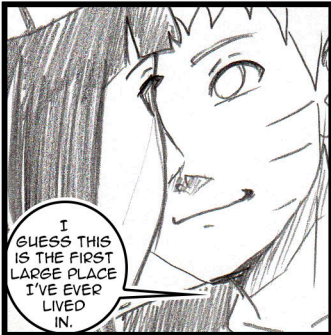
HEE-HEE.

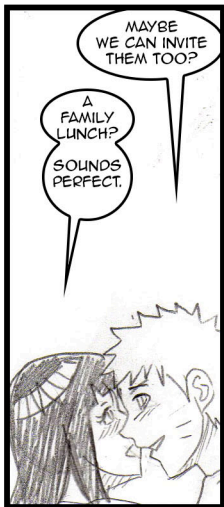


I GUESS
I DIDN'T REALIZE
HOW SPOILED I WAS
WITH A LARGE
HOME.



I
GUESS THIS
IS THE FIRST
LARGE PLACE
I'VE EVER
LIVED
IN.

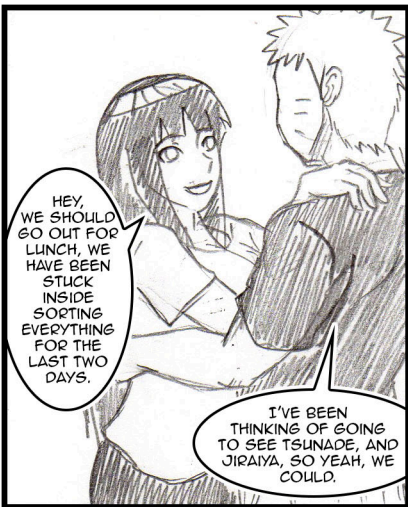




MAYBE
WE CAN INVITE
THEM TOO?

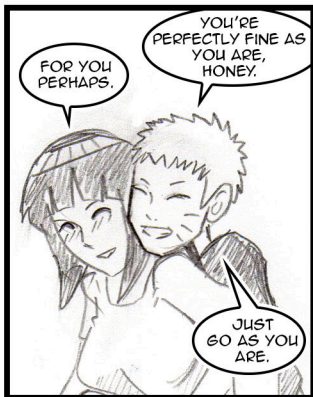
A
FAMILY
LUNCH?

SOUNDS
PERFECT.



HEY,
WE SHOULD
GO OUT FOR
LUNCH, WE
HAVE BEEN
STUCK
INSIDE
SORTING
EVERYTHING
FOR THE
LAST TWO
DAYS.

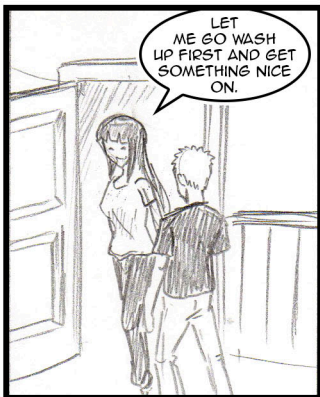
I'VE BEEN
THINKING OF
GOING
TO SEE
TSUNADE,
AND
JIRAIYA,
SO YEAH,
WE
COULD.



FOR YOU
PERHAPS.

YOU'RE
PERFECTLY
FINE AS
YOU ARE,
HONEY.

JUST
GO AS YOU
ARE.



LET
ME GO
WASH
UP FIRST
AND GET
SOMETHING
NICE
ON.



YOU
KNOW, I'VE
BEEN SO
HAPPY THESE
LAST COUPLE
OF DAYS?



N-NO!
I JUST MEAN
THAT I AM THE
HAPPIEST I HAVE
EVER BEEN.

WHAT,
YOU
WEREN'T
BEFORE?
HEH!



MARRIED
TO MY LIFE-LONG
LOVE; AND SOON
WE'LL HAVE A BIG
FAMILY,

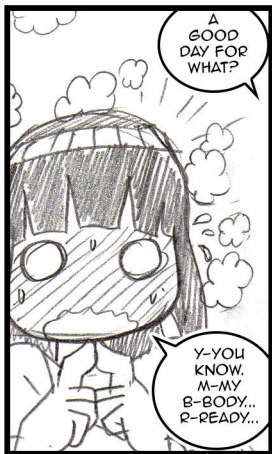
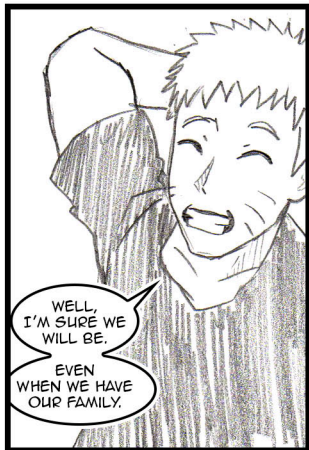
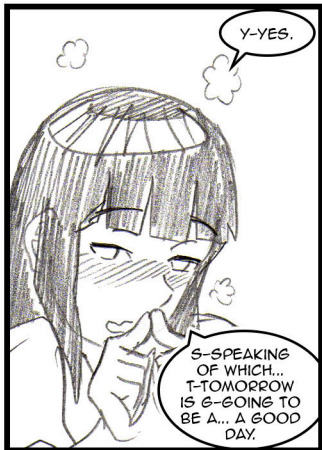
WE'LL
GROW
OLD
TOGETHER
, AND
NEVER
LOSE OUR
LOVE FOR
EACH
OTHER.

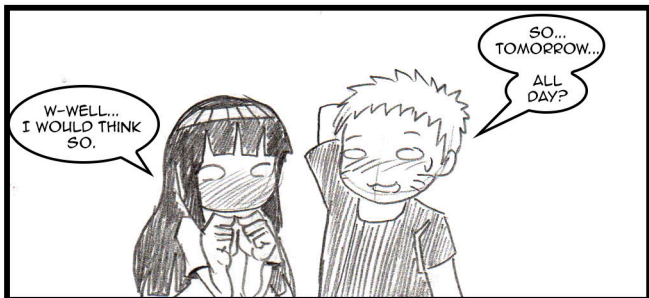
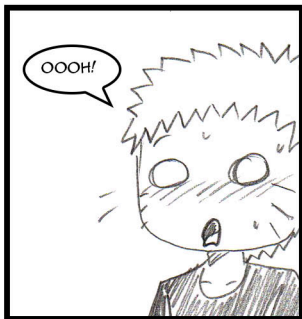
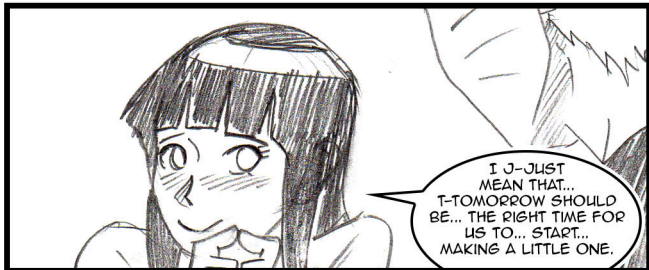
PEOPLE
WILL SEE US, AND
SMILE AT 'THE OLD
LOVE BIRDS'



NARUTO,
DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
WHAT THIS IS
FOR ME?

I AM LIVING
MY GREATEST
DREAM EVERY
MOMENT I AM WITH
YOU.

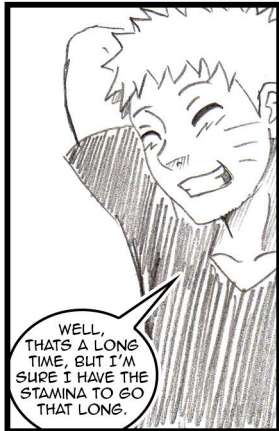






TH-THAT'S
N-NOT WHAT I
M-MEAN!

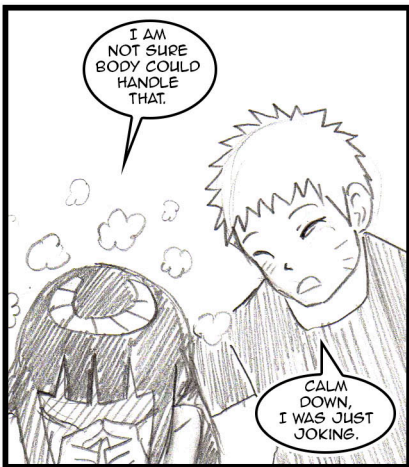
W-WHA?!



WELL,
THATS A LONG
TIME, BUT I'M
SURE I HAVE THE
STAMINA TO GO
THAT LONG.

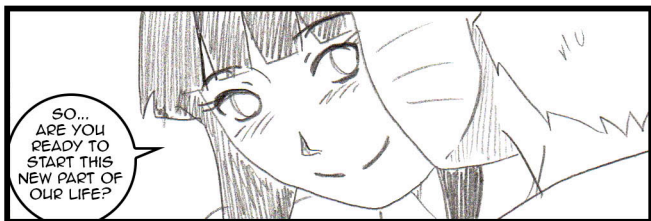
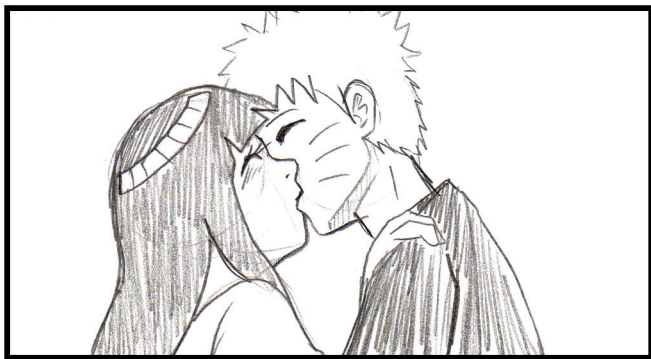


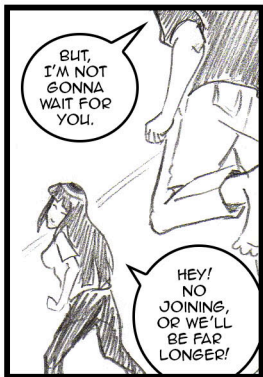
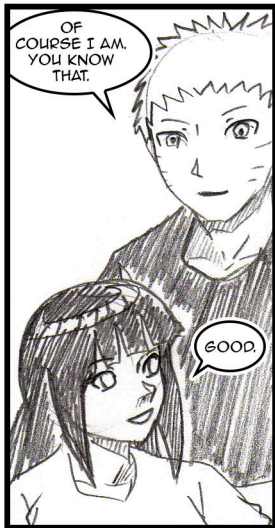
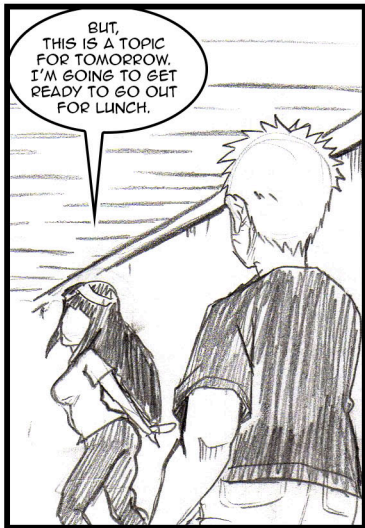
TEASE...

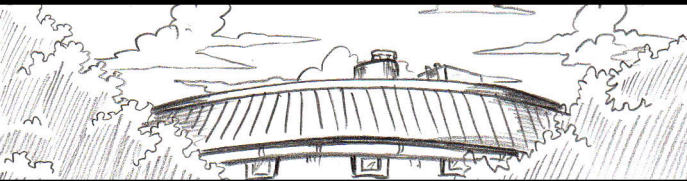


I AM
NOT SURE
BODY COULD
HANDLE
THAT.

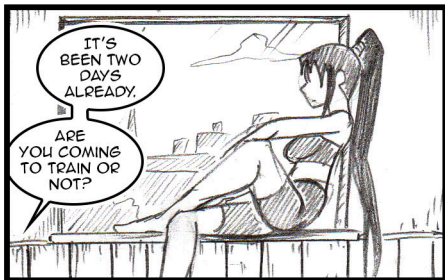
CALM
DOWN,
I WAS JUST
JOKING.







I TOLD YOU, I NEED SOME TIME ALONE.



IT'S BEEN TWO DAYS ALREADY.

ARE YOU COMING TO TRAIN OR NOT?

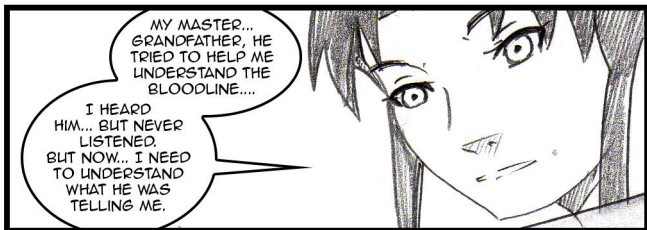
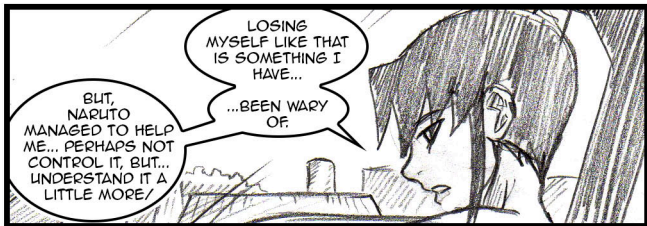
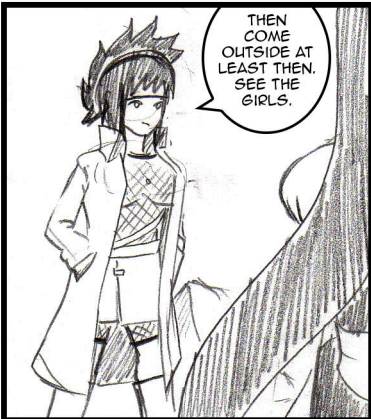
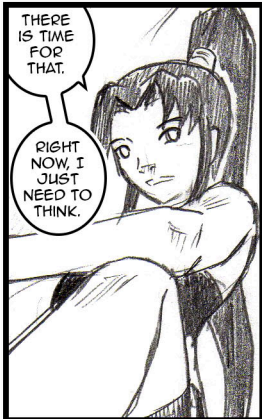


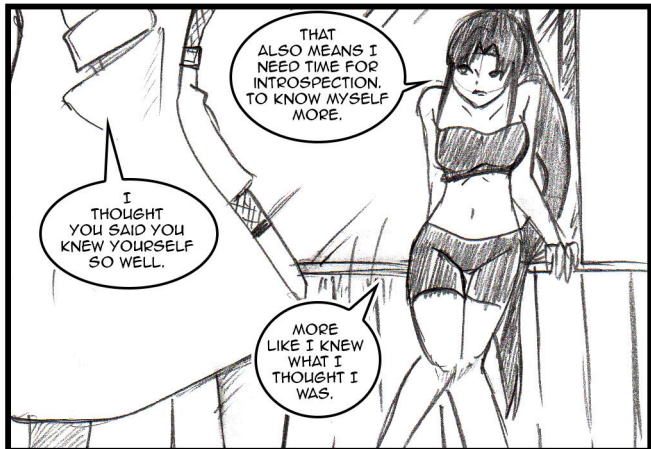
I AM HARDLY MOPING.



YOU HATE BEING STUCK INSIDE.

LOOK, I KNOW... 'CHANGING' LIKE THAT IS STRESSFUL, BUT YOU CAN'T STAY INSIDE MOPING ABOUT IT.

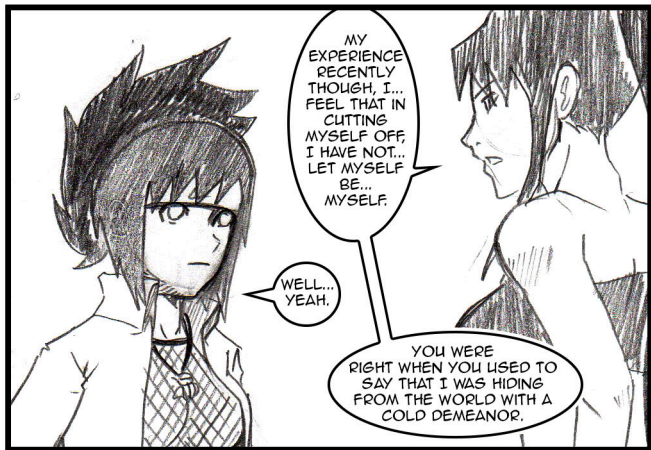




THAT
ALSO MEANS I
NEED TIME FOR
INTROSPECTION.
TO KNOW MYSELF
MORE.

I
THOUGHT
YOU SAID YOU
KNEW YOURSELF
SO WELL.

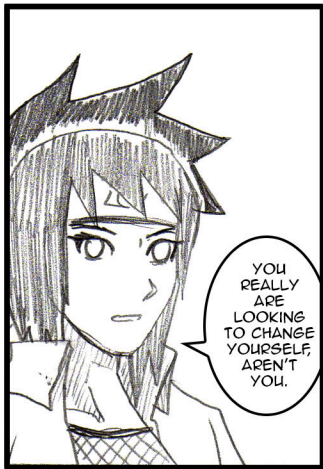
MORE
LIKE I KNEW
WHAT I
THOUGHT I
WAS.



MY
EXPERIENCE
RECENTLY
THOUGH, I...
FEEL THAT IN
CUTTING
MYSELF OFF,
I HAVE NOT...
LET MYSELF
BE...
MYSELF.

WELL...
YEAH.

YOU WERE
RIGHT WHEN YOU USED TO
SAY THAT I WAS HIDING
FROM THE WORLD WITH A
COLD Demeanor.



YOU REALLY ARE LOOKING TO CHANGE YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU.



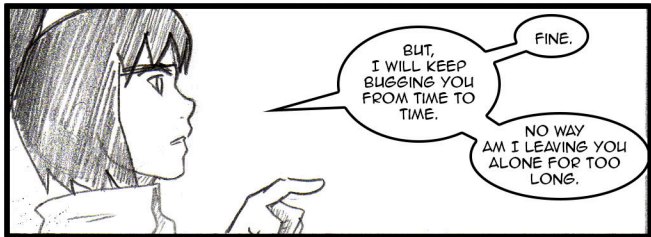
AND TO WORK ON THAT, I NEED SOME TIME TO MYSELF.



I THINK... IT'S MORE ABOUT GROWING A LITTLE.

IT'S NOT ABOUT... CHANGING... NOT REALLY.

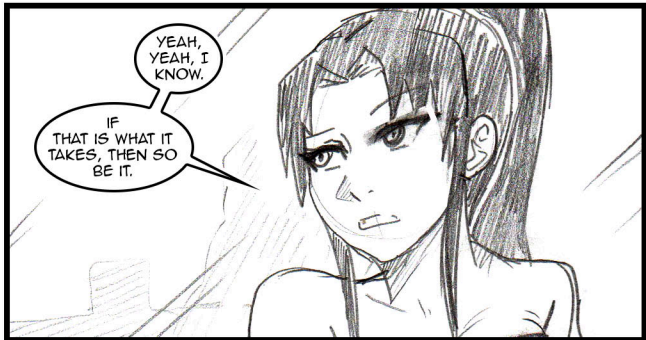
TO TAKE CONTROL OF MYSELF.



BUT, I WILL KEEP BUGGING YOU FROM TIME TO TIME.

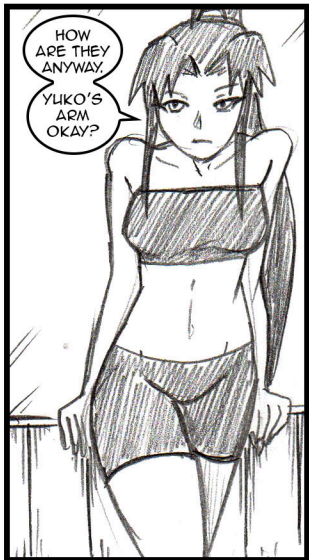
FINE.

NO WAY AM I LEAVING YOU ALONE FOR TOO LONG.



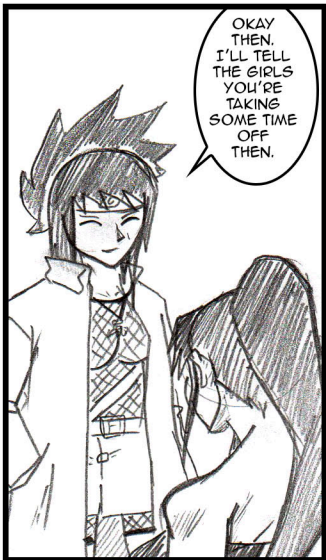
YEAH,
YEAH, I
KNOW.

IF
THAT IS WHAT IT
TAKES, THEN SO
BE IT.

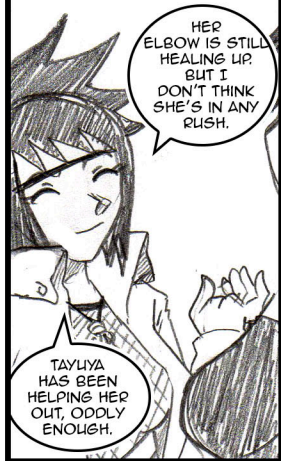


HOW
ARE THEY
ANYWAY.

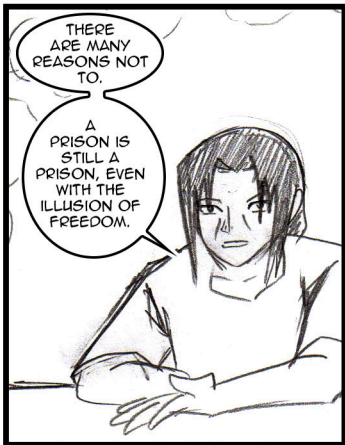
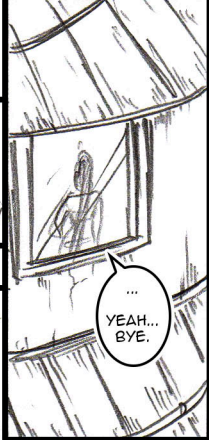
YLIKO'S
ARM
OKAY?

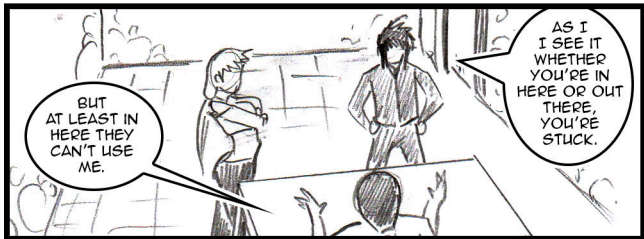
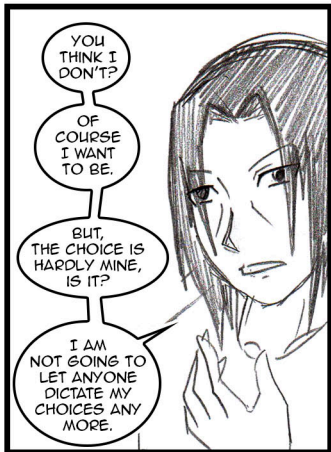


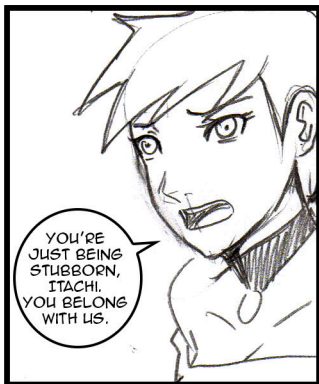
OKAY
THEN.
I'LL TELL
THE GIRLS
YOU'RE
TAKING
SOME TIME
OFF
THEN.













YOU'RE
BEING JUST
AS STUBBORN
ABOUT THIS
TOO!

SO WHY
DID YOU EVEN
COME HERE?



AND
WHAT OF
OUR
SON?

I DID
NOT COME ALL
THE WAY HERE
TO WATCH YOU
BE A STUBBORN
ASS!



THE CLASHING OF STUBBORN MINDS IS OFTEN THE
HARDEST OF BATTLES, BUT SUCH A BATTLE IS ONLY AS
STRONG AS THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED.

NHC...

