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Chapter 611: A Kind Donation...

Sakura was horrified by what she was seeing and feeling. Even though she had witnessed Kakashi and Zabuza's battle, they had primarily relied on Water jutsus and had used the stronger jutsus much later in the battle.

However, Fujin and Orochimaru had started with deadly supercharged attacks. Despite being far away, she could still feel the heat of the flames and was afraid that she, Sasuke and Naruto would be cut up just like the massive trees.

Luckily, she was soon sent flying long enough that she couldn't see anything. However, the terror in her mind would take a long time to reduce. She crashed nearly a couple of kilometers away from where Fujin and Orochimaru had entered into a fight! Due to the winds, none of the four were harmed.

In addition, Fujin had thrown them in a spot where there weren't any other squads nearby while still keeping them close to Shikamaru's and Neji's squads, allowing them an opportunity to rest and ensuring that those two squads would be able to reinforce them later on so that the events wouldn't be too different from the original story.

Needless to say, he would send a Shadow Clone later to ensure that none of them died due to his interference.

As soon as she landed, Sakura thought, 'Naruto wasn't kidding. He can really throw someone very far enough! If he had thrown me towards the sky instead of parallel to the ground, we might have reached the Academy!

Still, what is this jutsu? I couldn't resist those strange winds at all. However, those strange winds kept us safe as well and prevented any injury to us when we landed. How can such a magical jutsu exist? I don't think even Kakashi sensei knows anything like this...'

Sakura's surprise wasn't unfounded. The jutsu used concepts of Wind Domain and Assassin's Rush jutsu. Since Fujin was the creator of the Wind Domain, no one else could use this method yet. Suddenly, Sasuke groaned due to the pain.

Sakura snapped out of her thoughts hearing Sasuke's groan. Due to the pain from the curse seal, he passed out. A determined expression appeared on Sakura's face as she decided to protect her teammates by herself! She muttered, 'It's all up to me now! This time, I'll protect them and keep them safe!'

In the tower, Renjiro was still playing Shogi with 'Fujin' while Hoka was watching their game. Suddenly, the three of them sensed something and looked outside the window. Each of them got up and walked onto the balcony. They saw a large amount of smoke rising from the forest a few kilometers away!

"What horrible chakra! I am not even a sensor and I can still feel the clash of the jutsus all the way over here!" Hoka took a deep breath and exclaimed. He activated his Byakugan but the fight was happening too far for him to see anything other than the smoke and the fire.

Renjiro frowned and said, "This feeling... It almost feels like Orochimaru!"

Renjiro had worked with Orochimaru and even served under his command during the previous wars. So, he was quick to connect it to him. However, his expression became grim as he knew just how terrible Orochimaru was! He was someone Renjiro never wanted to fight!

He gazed at Fujin and said, "You have gotten quite strong. I didn't even sense that I had been playing with a Shadow Clone all this time... Was your main body patrolling the forests all along?"

Fujin's clone replied, "Yes. These dense forests are a good place to set up traps and an ambush without alerting anyone. I wanted to ensure that there were none set up earlier. Anyway, now's not the time to be impressed. Hokage's intuition was accurate, but who would have thought that such a horrible ninja would interfere..."

Renjiro nodded and said, "It's a good thing that he appointed you as the proctor and that you called us here. Otherwise, too many would have died before any reinforcements came. With the three of us, we might be able to hold him back..."

"Captain! Intense chakras have been detected towards the Southwest! A massive fire has broken out. We suspect that ninjas other than the Genins have entered the training ground and have entered into a conflict!"

Since he had felt something was off, Hiruzen had deployed a few Anbu squads in the Forest of Death. The squad deployed in the tower was led by none other than one of Fujin's former subordinates, Yamanaka Fumito. He quickly informed Fujin when he sensed something off.

Fujin's clone nodded and instructed, "I can see that. Don't worry, one of them is my main body."

Fumito was surprised. He exclaimed, "So you already have it under control? That's good."

To his surprise, Fujin's clone shook his head and said, "Nothing is good right now. Avoid that area and rush to the Hokage Building. Ask Lord Hokage to make his way to this Training Ground immediately."

Fumito was surprised by Fujin's instruction. He didn't expect that Fujin would get the Hokage involved. To his shock, Fujin continued, "Tell him that Orochimaru, one of the three Sannins, has interfered in the exam and attacked some Genins."

Behind his mask, terror appeared on Fumito's face. Unlike Naruto's generation, he clearly knew how strong Orochimaru was. He muttered, "Why is Orochimaru here?"

"Why are you still here? Leave immediately!" Fujin's clone said sensing that he hadn't moved. Fumito didn't tarry any longer and disappeared.

Fujin's clone continued, "It seems like he was after Kakashi's squad for some reason. Anyway, you two don't need to get involved for the time being. I can handle Orochimaru."

"Nonsense! That's one of the Legendary Sannins! And undoubtedly the most dangerous one! I won't even be able to escape against him. Don't underestimate him." Renjiro immediately scolded Fujin.

However, Fujin's clone just shook his head and said, "We still don't know what his goal is. Nor do we know whether he has any help. In case he plans to attack this tower, I'll need you two to help as I can't fight much.

As for underestimating him, don't worry. I'll never do that. That said, he won't be able to defeat my main body easily. Even if he does, I can escape easily. So, I'm not in any danger."

Renjiro and Hoka were surprised by his confidence. Both immediately recalled how good Fujin was at escaping and their worries eased slightly.

On the other side of the Forest of Death, Anko had just entered to find Orochimaru when she suddenly felt the clash of two strong jutsus and noticed the smoke. She immediately jumped to the top of a tree.

Her eyes widened as she observed, 'That's definitely Orochimaru's chakra! However, who is forcing him to go to this extent?'

Immediately, a face appeared in her mind. She immediately rushed towards the location while thinking, 'I hope that brat isn't fighting him! Orochimaru is in a whole different league! It'll be a shame if he were to die here!'

At the very moment that Fujin sent Sakura flying, Fujin attacked Orochimaru with a supercharged Infinite Breakthrough jutsu. Orochimaru responded by using a supercharged Flame Dragon Bullet jutsu to take advantage of the winds. However, his flames were blown back by the supercharged Infinite Breakthrough jutsu.

Of course, that wasn't enough to harm him. In fact, Orochimaru wasn't even surprised and had expected as much. The attack was just to test Fujin's ability. His laughter could be heard, "Hahaha, not bad at all! No wonder Juzo died at your hands!"

As he laughed, he pulled out the sword of Kusanagi from his mouth and swung it to his left! It clashed with Fujin's sword. Wind chakra flowed through both blades. Fujin realized, 'What a good sword. Even though my chakra is sharper, his blade is much better than mine! I wonder if he'd make a kind donation like his former Akatsuki partner...'

Unfortunately, Orochimaru didn't seem as kind-hearted as Sasori. That said, Fujin had just met him. So he couldn't be entirely sure. Who could say if Orochimaru would have a change of heart later and give Fujin the greatest gift in this world? Greater than even what Hiruzen did for him!

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Chapter 612: How did Fujin defeat Jiraiya?

Fujin's and Orochimaru's swords clashed hundreds of times within the blink of an eye. Neither of them could get an advantage over the other and the two rank S ninjas pulled back.

Fujin said, "That isn't common knowledge, which means that you should be in Akatsuki as well. Sigh, I didn't expect that one of the Legendary Sannins had fallen to the level of becoming a mercenary. What a shame! Did they order you like an underling to come here and attack Genins as well?"

Pity could be seen on Fujin's face as he spoke. However, Orochimaru completely ignored Fujin's taunt. He thought, 'From the information Akatsuki collected, he prefers to fight in complete silence without engaging in any talks, killing his enemies ruthlessly. However, when he meets someone who he can't defeat easily, he talks with the sole purpose of angering his opponent, hoping that they give him an opening.'

Orochimaru had talked with Kisame to ask for information about Fujin where he learnt that Fujin had taunted them to create a small opening which he managed to exploit successfully. As a result, he wasn't bothered by his words.

Besides, it wasn't like Fujin was the only one who could play that game. Orochimaru replied almost immediately after Fujin taunted him, "You shouldn't be overconfident just because you killed Juzo. This world is vast with too many hidden experts. If you act arrogantly, it's just a matter of time before you die."

Fujin chuckled and teased, "Oh, and I suppose you consider yourself a hidden expert as well? Haha. Let me guess, you are following one such hidden expert now, hahaha!"

Ignoring his taunts again, Orochimaru laughed as well and said, "Don't worry. I'm just advising you so that you won't be this reckless in your next life."

'Hidden Shadow Snake Hands jutsu'

Orochimaru flung his left arm towards Fujin. Instantly, 8 snakes appeared and moved towards Fujin at an incredible speed. They almost reached him when Fujin just casually swung his sword. Sharp winds flew and dismembered every single snake.

However, Orochimaru used that time to launch a stronger jutsu!

'Ten Thousand Snake Wave jutsu'

He opened his mouth and countless snakes crawled out of Orochimaru's mouth, forming a wave. Fujin looked indifferently at the incoming snake wave and muttered disdainfully while building up his chakra, "A hidden expert? What's so special about being a Sannin? I defeated that pervert not too long ago!"

'Vacuum Serial Waves'

A vacuum core with a hundred and forty-four vacuum cores formed in Fujin's mouth as he shot out the jutsu.

Orochimaru's eyes widened as he was startled for the first time! He immediately flickered away! The thousands of snakes he had summoned were all blown back and cut into several pieces! Not a single one survived!

However, that wasn't what startled Orochimaru. He thought, 'He defeated Jiraiya? Impossible! Even though he fools around, he shouldn't have fallen so far that this brat can defeat him!'

Orochimaru quickly dodged again as a few Vacuum Bullets passed through where he was standing at while thinking, 'Did he really defeat Jiraiya or did he just say it to disturb me? That said, his mastery over the Wind is very good. Even Danzo's Wind Vacuum Technique isn't this good. I'll need to disrupt him!'

Orochimaru used Hidden Shadow Snake Hand jutsu once again to attack Fujin, who changed his strategy and flickered a few times to reduce the distance between them. Wind chakra flowed along his sword as he swung it at Orochimaru from a dozen meters away!

Once again, Orochimaru flickered away as a wind slash accompanied by sharp winds was launched from Fujin's blade. Several more trees were cut down but Orochimaru wasn't hurt. Fujin gave chase but he sensed Orochimaru building up a massive amount of chakra.

'Water Release: Exploding Water Shock Wave jutsu!'

While dodging Fujin's attacks, Orochimaru spat out a large amount of water! The water formed large waves and came crashing down towards Fujin, who retreated while building up his chakra as well and using the Infinite Breakthrough jutsu to stop the water's momentum.

However, Fujin was puzzled. He wondered, 'What is this bastard up to? Why is he running away and why did he use a Water jutsu against me? From the way he is fighting, he should already have a lot of information about me.

So, he should know that this technique is useless against me. If anything, it'll weaken his Fire jutsus later on... Did he do it just to create some distance?'

Suddenly, Fujin's eyes widened and he flickered away. Even though his attack had stopped the water and sent most of it backwards, some amount of water still flowed towards him. He had ignored it as it wasn't harmful to him in any way.

However, several thousand needles formed in water and were launched at Fujin! Orochimaru had attacked Fujin by using the Water Release: The Thousand Stinging Needles of Death jutsu by using the water of his previous jutsu to attack Fujin.

Fujin flickered a few times to avoid the attacks while flowing Wind chakra into his sword once again and swinging it to block the last incoming rain of needles!

However, he suddenly turned around as he sensed that Orochimaru had flickered behind him. A grin could be seen on Orochimaru's face as he built a massive amount of chakra up once again. He shouted, "Let me see you survive this attack!"

'Fire Release: Majestic Destroyer Flame jutsu!'

Orochimaru converted a massive amount of chakra into fire and exhaled it at Fujin. A sea of flames rushed towards Fujin! However, instead of fear, confusion could be seen on Fujin's face.

After all, Fujin had blown back a strong Fire jutsu not too long ago. Even though Wind was weak against Fire, that logic no longer held true against a ninja of Fujin's calibre! Someone at Orochimaru's level should know that clearly especially after Fujin had already demonstrated it.

So, it didn't make sense for Orochimaru to try and exploit this non-existent weakness. Fujin built up his chakra again while wondering, 'What is he up to? Does he plan to use the flames as a cover to sneak attack me? But he should know that won't work either. I can't make sense of his strategy... '

Before the Fire jutsu could reach him, he launched a supercharged Infinite Breakthrough jutsu at the incoming flames to blow away the flames once again!

The sharp and strong winds that Fujin exhaled clashed with the sea of flames Orochimaru exhaled. Both of them were continuously exhaling their jutsus, powering them up continuously.

Fujin expected that his winds would blow away the flames once again. However, his eyes widened as the flames overpowered the winds and rushed into it instead of dispersing! To make matters worse, the winds strengthened the flames, nearly doubling the power of Orochimaru's jutsu!

As he sensed the flames more clearly, Fujin's eyes widened even more as he realized the reason why his jutsu was being overpowered!

He immediately flickered away while cursing, 'Shit! This isn't a simple fire jutsu! That bastard has mixed a huge amount of Yang chakra into it! This attack is actually closer to a Kekkei Genkai than a normal Fire jutsu. No wonder it overpowered my jutsu so easily...'

Fujin landed on a branch as he looked at the flames that had spread for hundreds of meters, starting a massive forest fire. However, his eyes widened in shock once again! As soon as he stepped on the branch, Orochimaru appeared from within the branch and extended his neck towards Fujin at a rapid speed.

Fujin instinctively swung his sword behind him, but Orochimaru hit his wrist, forcing Fujin to lose his grip and losing his sword. In the blink of an eye, Orochimaru coiled around Fujin without giving him any time

to react!

Fujin immediately used Iron Skin jutsu to protect himself while analyzing how exactly he fell into a trap.

Orochimaru tried biting Fujin's neck to place a curse seal on him as well but was stopped due to the Iron Skin jutsu. Orochimaru's teeth failed to break his skin as Fujin had used even more chakra to protect his

neck.

Fujin's eyes widened as he finally realized the reason behind those weird moves Orochimaru made. He

muttered, "Incredible. So this was the ambush you prepared for me?"

Fear and shock could be seen on Fujin's face and heard in his voice as he turned his head to see

Orochimaru's face. An evil grin could be seen on Ororchimaru's face as he coiled tighter around Fujin to

break his jutsu.

He said, "This was a child's play. How did you defeat Jiraiya if you couldn't handle such a simple tactic?"

With fear in his voice, Fujin replied, "It was simple... I lied!"

Orochimaru, who was looking forward to playing with Fujin before finally killing him, was startled. He

never expected such an answer! He suddenly felt something amiss...

At the next moment...

BOOM!!!!!!!

Before Orochimaru could figure out what was wrong, Fujin exploded!

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Chapter 613: The Sword of Kusanagi!

BOOM!!!!!!!

A massive explosion took place inside the Forest of Death! The sound of the explosion was so loud that it was heard nearly throughout the training ground. Several Genins looked towards it and wondered what was happening.

The most shocked one was none other than Sakura who had been laying traps. She looked in the direction of the sound and wondered, 'What is happening over there?'

Anko, who was rushing towards that spot, suddenly stopped. She looked towards that place and thought, 'Shit! I hope I'm not too late!'

In the tower, Hoka asked with surprise in his voice, "What a powerful explosion! What is happening over there, Fujin?"

Both Renjiro and Hoka glanced at Fujin with worry in their eyes. To their surprise, they saw that his lips had formed a small smile. Fujin's clone said softly, "I just baited Orochimaru. That was an explosion with 20% of my chakra. Hehe, it seems like I might be able to kill him even before Hokage arrives."

Renjiro immediately warned, "Don't get too overconfident. Even if you manage to land a critical hit, Orochimaru is very good at healing himself."

Fujin's clone nodded and replied, "I know. Don't worry, my main focus will be my safety. We are anyway on home ground. It's Orochimaru who is restrained by time."

Some distance away from where the explosion took place, a figure could be seen standing on a branch while resting against a wide trunk. It was the same figure who had been keeping an eye on Orochimaru's fight against Kakashi's students. Fujin hadn't moved from that spot and had instead sent a clone to do the entire battle!

As he received the memories of his clone, a smile appeared on his face. He immediately flickered towards the location of the explosion while thinking, 'Not a bad ambush. As expected as someone of Orochimaru's calibre.

When he discovered that his Snake jutsus wouldn't stand a chance against my Wind jutsus, he changed his tactics very quickly. The massive water jutsu was to increase my confidence against him while the needle attack was to raise my guard.

He used the distraction caused by the thousands of water needles to create a clone who followed it up with a Fire and Yang combination jutsu that overwhelmed my Wind jutsu, making me feel like I was not his match and forcing me to retreat and reevaluate the fight.

As I retreated, he controlled the flames to make me retreat in the direction where his main body was hiding to ambush me.

However, there was one point he overlooked. Even though his plan was very good and he hid his chakra very well, he couldn't hide from my Space Time Sensing Technique. On understanding his plan, my clone went to the exact spot where he was hiding, giving Orochimaru an opening that he couldn't resist. Hehe...'

The smoke and debris slowly cleared from where Fujin's clone had exploded. Fujin had initially put a third of his chakra into that clone to ensure that Orochimaru wouldn't suspect that he was a clone. The battle until that point had used up 40% of the clone's chakra. What remained was around 20% of Fujin's max chakra. Hence, the explosion was truly intense.

The tree that they were standing on was obliterated. Several nearby trees were destroyed as well. As for the one who was coiling around Fujin's clone, Orochimaru was in terrible shape! His body was lying on the ground.

All the flesh on his neck, face and front part of his body was burnt away by the explosion! Most of his internal organs were wrecked as well. The fact that he hadn't been blown into smithereens showed how resilient Orochimaru's body was as compared to a normal ninja.

Suddenly, his mouth moved. A pair of arms appeared from his mouth and opened his mouth wide enough for a person to climb out! Needless to say, the one who used this disgusting Ninjutsu was none other than Orochimaru.

As he was coming out of his previous body, Orochimaru thought, 'I was fooled! He probably anticipated an ambush and switched with a Shadow Clone while he was escaping from the flames.

Despite that, when I ambushed him, he acted like it was his real body and showed a scared expression to fool me. Even then, I should have detected him preparing the Shadow Clone Explosion jutsu. It's not a jutsu that can be performed while completely hiding the chakra fluctuations.'

Orochimaru's expression became complicated as he continued analyzing, 'The reason why I didn't detect it was his words... He lied that he defeated Jiraiya... That answer caught me off guard. Combined with his previous actions and my confidence, I was distracted just enough to not catch onto the changes in his chakra immediately...

What a devious brat!'

Despite being on guard against such a tactic, Orochimaru had still fallen prey to it! For someone as experienced as Orochimaru, it was humiliating. As he climbed out of the body, all his injuries had disappeared and even his clothes were repaired. Yet, his expression was ugly.

Despite using such a technique, Orochimaru was still breathing roughly. Due to the massive damage that he had taken, the amount of chakra he needed to use this technique was much higher than normal. Even though Fujin had lost a third of his chakra due to his clone, Orochimaru had lost more!

Even so, Orochimaru didn't have any opportunity to rest. As soon as he appeared, the sword of Kusanagi once again appeared in his hand. He swung the blade towards his right while saying, "You shouldn't get so cocky, boy!"

To his right, Fujin had already appeared and was swinging his own sword. His eyes widened as he noticed Orochimaru's sword. Orochimaru's sword of Kusanagi extended and became wider. However, what shocked Fujin was that there were three types of chakra flowing through the blade! Orochimaru was flowing Fire, Wind and Yang chakra through the sword of Kusanagi!

All three mixed with each other flawlessly, shocking Fujin. As he swung his own sword at the sword of Kusanagi, Fujin thought, 'He can use three types of chakra simultaneously and can merge them as well? The feeling I'm getting from this chakra is more intense than Takeshi's Scorch release!

Is it Orochimaru's skill or does that sword assist in doing something like that? Regardless, it's a pity...'

Orochimaru, who was quite angry and intended to go all out, was surprised when he looked into Fujin's eyes! He never expected to see pity in Fujin's eyes! Due to being fooled once, he immediately got on guard while thinking, 'What devious shit is he planning this time?'

Fujin and Orochimaru's swords clashed! From their previous clashes, Orochimaru expected to overwhelm Fujin this time and take the initiative. However, his eyes widened as he exclaimed, "Impossible!"

A cracking sound was heard. To Orochimaru's shock, a crack appeared in the sword of Kusanagi! It soon spread throughout the blade. At the same time, Fujin was surprised as well because a small crack appeared in his blade as well. He thought, 'I didn't expect I'd damage my sword as well. As expected of the Sword of Kusanagi...'

Despite the damage to his sword, Fujin wasn't heartbroken and continued pushing it. As Fujin's sword pushed through the sword of Kusanagi, the sword of Kusanagi crumbled into pieces! As it fell to the ground, it transformed into a white snake and tried moving towards Orochimaru.

Unfortunately, it was already cut into several pieces and it was only its head that was moving. In a fraction of a second, it stopped moving. The sword of Kusanagi, one of Orochimaru's prized possessions was destroyed in the Forest of Death! Orochimaru was stunned beyond belief.

He immediately looked at Fujin's sword carefully and realized, 'A Vacuum Blade? He applied the Wind Vacuum Technique to his sword?'

Orochimaru was shocked to see it. Even though his sword was better and the chakra flowing through it much stronger than the chakra flowing through Fujin's sword, in the end, what mattered was the sharpness of their respective blades. In that aspect, Fujin was much superior!

Even though Orochimaru had extended the Sword of Kusanagi earlier, he hadn't extended it too much as Orochimaru knew that Fujin would dodge it easily. As a result, Orochimaru was within the reach of Fujin's sword.

He quickly retreated while raising his left arm to use Hidden Shadow Snake Hands jutsu. Several snakes appeared from his arm and moved towards Fujin who was very close to him. However, on the very next second, Fujin's sword cut through Orochimaru's arm, slicing it at the elbow!

At the same time, Fujin sneakily pointed all the fingers on his left hand at Orochimaru. Vacuum cores began forming at the tip of his fingers. Orochimaru, who was retreating, immediately noticed it. Unfortunately, the distance between them was too little.

'Wind Release: Vacuum Infinite Gatling jutsu!'

Dozens of Vacuum Bullets were launched from the tip of his fingers at Orochimaru. Due to the short distance between them, Orochimaru couldn't dodge them all. Several of the Vacuum Bullets pierced through Orochimaru's body as he coughed blood and crashed to the ground!

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Chapter 614: A Double Bluff!

Orochimaru fell to the ground and looked very vulnerable. It seemed like it would take just a push to kill him for good. Even so, Fujin didn't jump ahead to attack him impatiently. Instead, he looked at Orochimaru with disdain and cursed, 'This snake! Does he think he can fool anyone after recovering completely from that explosion? None of the bullets even hit his heart or brain. Even Kakuzu put up a better act!'

Not wanting to fall prey to his schemes, Fujin created a shadow clone.

'Wind Release: Infinite Breakthrough jutsu'

'Fire Release: Searing Migraine jutsu'

Fujin knew that even though he was great at close combat, someone like Orochimaru had too many hidden cards. So, he used the combination attack to test what he was planning.

He was initially thinking about using the Vacuum Serial Waves jutsu, but he knew that Orochimaru would dodge it with ease. Having already lost a third of his chakra, Fujin wanted to preserve his chakra in case Orochimaru pulled out a surprise like the Edo Tensei jutsu.

Orochimaru, who was looking very feeble, looked at the incoming sea of firestorm and thought, 'As expected, he didn't take the bait. I can finally reset the momentum. I got sucked into his pace due to his stunt and it would be disadvantageous if he continued controlling the flow of the battle.

Still, to think that I'd lose my sword of Kusanagi here of all places... I underestimated this kid. He is much stronger than the likes of Kabuto and Kakashi.'

Orochimaru had expected that Fujin wouldn't attack and hence managed to double bluff Fujin! He rubbed his right arm on his injuries, staining it with blood and slammed it into the ground.

'Summoning jutsu!'

A massive snake appeared and surrounded him. The combination jutsu hit the snake. Massive cuts and intense burns appeared on its body causing it to hiss in pain. However, it resisted Fujin's combination attack with relative ease.

Under the cover of his massive summon, Orochimaru began shedding his skin once again to heal himself. Fujin sensed it and went on the attack once again.

The massive snake noticed Fujin and dived down towards Fujin. Vacuum cores formed along the sharp edge of Fujin's sword once again as he slashed his sword multiple times towards the snake and Orochimaru, who was hiding behind it.

Even though the snake Orochimaru summoned wasn't Manda, its size meant that a simple Wind jutsu couldn't kill it. Even though there were several cuts and burns on its body, they were far from being able to cause it any permanent harm.

Unfortunately for the snake, it couldn't imagine how sharp Fujin's Vacuum Slashes would be. As it saw the incoming slashes, it suddenly felt an intense danger. However, it was too late by then. It couldn't avoid the Vacuum Slashes that pierced into its massive body and cut straight through it.

Due to the size of the snake, Renjiro and Hoka could see it from the tower. Even Anko, Sakura and a few Anbu saw it. To their shock, they first saw a massive firestorm engulfing it. And seconds later, they saw that ginormous snake being sliced into pieces!

Hoka wondered aloud, "What the hell is happening there?"

Renjiro replied, "That's Orochimaru's summon... I didn't think it'd be possible to cut it up."

He glanced at Fujin's clone as he said it but Fujin's clone didn't reply. Anko, who had just reached the close to the location, was shocked as well. Just like Hoka, she muttered, "What the hell? Who cut up that giant snake?"

She took another step forward but suddenly stopped as she felt a chakra. Winds suddenly began flowing strangely around her, making her alert. She looked carefully as the winds took the form of a human-shaped figure. To her surprise, Fujin's face appeared on that figure!

Fujin's wind clone looked at Anko and said, "Don't interfere in the battle ahead. You aren't a match for him."

A tick mark appeared on Anko's forehead as she argued, "That's Orochi fucking maru! Don't overestimate yourself brat! I know a jutsu that I can use to eliminate him!"

Fujin knew what jutsu she meant and the fact that it wouldn't make any difference against Orochimaru. Fujin's clone strictly said, "That wasn't a request, Anko. Don't forget that I'm the one in charge of this round of the exam. Stay here and ensure that no one interferes in this battle. That's an order.

If you want to help me, send a messenger to Lord Hokage and ask him to come here immediately. Until he arrives and takes charge, no one is allowed to interfere in the battle."

With Fujin's strict tone, Anko calmed down. Even though she wanted to take revenge against her former teacher, she knew that she shouldn't violate the chain of command. The fact that Fujin had sliced up the massive snake moments ago also played a role in it.

Fujin's clone was about to disperse when she said, "I have already done so but I'm worried that it might be a trap to kill Lord Hokage!"

Fujin's clone replied as he dispersed into the wind, "It isn't but ask him to bring along a few Anbu squads just in case."

Seeing Fujin disappear, Anko thought, 'It looks like his reputation isn't just a rumor. To find Orochimaru so quickly and to be able to fight him for so long... He is the real deal! I now understand why Lord Hokage put him in charge.'

Similar thoughts ran through the minds of the Anbu and Chunin examiners who saw the massive snake being sliced up. Anko created a Shadow Clone to pass Fujin's message to other examiners and send them to Hiruzen's office. While her clone left, she stayed there in case Fujin requested her help.

Even though Fujin butchered Orochimaru's summon, Orochimaru wasn't bothered about its loss. He had already healed himself with his jutsu and easily dodged the Vacuum Slash heading towards him.

By now, Fujin had realized that Orochimaru had double-bluffed him to buy some time. Hence, Fujin decided to go on the offense once again.

He was about to flicker when he suddenly sensed a chakra trying to invade his chakra network. At the very next moment, Fujin disrupted his chakra, stopping Orochimaru's attempt at Genjutsu.

Fujin didn't even need a second to stop Orochimaru's Genjutsu. However, that time was enough for Orochimaru to take the initiative. Fujin saw two Shadow Clones of Orochimaru slithering towards him at high speeds. In addition, he could sense his main body retreating for some distance.

Orochimaru noticed that Fujin had snapped out of the Genjutsu almost instantly and thought, 'Hmm, since he was so good at Ninjutsu, I expected his Genjutsu to be weak. However, it looks like he has no trouble resisting Genjutsu. It'll be difficult to put him under a Genjutsu without a Sharingan.'

Fujin swung his blade at the incoming Shadow Clones, launching another Vacuum Slash. However, both dodged the attack easily. One of Orochimaru's clones exhaled a large amount of Poison and another used the Great Breakthrough jutsu to spread that poison.

A frown appeared on Fujin's face as he thought, 'Even though I have learnt a lot about poisons in the last couple of months, I should be nowhere near his level in this aspect. I shouldn't let this poison float around. It'll be harder to detect it later and I'll be in trouble if he is able to use it later on.'

Wind chakra flowed through Fujin's sword once again as Fujin swung it. Once again, Orochimaru's clones became alert and prepared to dodge the incoming attack. However, Fujin's sword didn't unleash the Vacuum Slash. Instead, a wind stream was created along the arc of Fujin's blade.

The wind stream nullified the winds created by Orochimaru's clone while trapping the poison gas released by the other clone inside the winds and diverting it towards the sky. Two Shadow Clones suddenly appeared next to Fujin.

One of Fujin's clones took control of the wind stream and ensured that all the poisons flew into the sky. While he did so, Fujin ignored Orochimaru's clones and went after his main body. Orochimaru's clones immediately gave chase but were stopped by Fujin's other clone, who stepped in their way.

Orochimaru's clones became serious as they noticed an extremely unstable wind orb in the clone's hand. One of Orochimaru's clones asked with interest, "What's this jutsu? It almost looks like the Fourth's Rasengan but doesn't have the same amount of chakra or stability as it is made with the Wind Vacuum Technique."

To his surprise, Fujin's clone entertained him and said with a smile on his face, "This one is my own creation. Please critique it."

He threw the wind orb towards Orochimaru's clones. Both the clones immediately got out of the way as they expected it to explode and be as fast as Fujin's other jutsus. To their surprise, the jutsu was extremely slow. Even a Genin wouldn't have any issue dodging it.

The same clone asked in a puzzled tone, "Is this another one of your time-wasting tactics?"

Just as he finished asking his question, the wind orb exploded! 81 Vacuum Blades were launched randomly in every direction! Due to their proximity, Orochimaru's clones couldn't dodge in time and were dispelled.

Fujin's clones were expecting the attack and dodged the waves. Even then, one clone dispelled himself while the other dispelled himself after ensuring that the poison wouldn't be an issue.

Some distance away, Fujin and Orochimaru's main bodies were once again facing each other. A sly smile could be seen on Orochimaru's face as he said, "Not bad, not bad at all!"

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A sly smile could be seen on Orochimaru's face as he said, "Not bad, not bad at all! You have surprised me, Fujin. I didn't expect you to be so good."

Fujin smirked and teasingly asked, "Is that so? Can I also be considered a hidden expert then? Maybe you should stop slaving yourself in that mercenary organization and follow me. I'll have a chat with Gramps and ask him to cut you some slack for betraying the village. I might also give you one of my old swords since I broke yours."

Having fallen for Fujin's words once, Orochimaru completely ignored any words that came out of Fujin's mouth. Besides, even though Fujin destroyed Orochimaru's best sword, Orochimaru still had plenty of good swords. At the very least, he had more than a dozen swords better than the one Fujin was using. Not to mention, Fujin was still using his cracked sword instead of switching it with a better one!

Orochimaru chuckled and said, "You are an interesting fellow. I'll admit, at least in terms of Wind jutsu, you are far better than any Ninja I have seen. However, even though specializing in a single aspect can make you stronger quickly, it also leaves a big flaw."

Without any hand seals, Orochimaru slammed his hands on the ground as he loudly added, "No matter how lethal and sharp your Wind jutsus are, there are several ways to neutralize them."

As soon as Orochimaru's hands landed on the ground, the ground for a couple of hundred meters around him became very soft.

Fujin obviously wouldn't wait for Orochimaru to be done with his set-up. Vacuum cores appeared along the edge of his blade as he swung it again towards Orochimaru.

In response, Orochimaru retreated backwards. However, he didn't retreat in a simple manner! A Mud Dragon formed on each and every spot where Orochimaru stepped on while retreating!

Fujin's Vacuum Slash cut through the Mud Dragons with relative ease initially, but as it absorbed more Mud, the Vacuum cores became unstable and the jutsu lost its form and fizzled out.

Fujin's eyes widened temporarily. The surprise soon disappeared as a smile appeared on his face. He muttered softly, "Well look at that. It seems like it was possible to use Earth Release in such a manner..."

Back when Fujin had just started to learn Earth jutsus, he used to depend on the rank E Rock Shield jutsu to defend himself. Back then, he had pondered whether he could create Rock Shields by stamping on the ground instead of slamming his hands on the ground. He felt that it would have been way more efficient and he could create more defenses while on the move.

Unfortunately, Fujin couldn't figure out how to do it. He had asked for Renjiro's help, but Renjiro couldn't do it either and asked Fujin to not waste his time on such things. Later, when Fujin learnt stronger jutsus, he stopped thinking about it and moved on.

However, Orochimaru displayed a level far beyond what Fujin had envisioned! He wasn't creating simple Rock Shields and was instead creating Mud Dragons with every step!

After the Vacuum Slash dispersed, the remaining Mud Dragons rushed towards Fujin from different directions and at different speeds so that they wouldn't fall prey to the same Vacuum Slash.

Understanding their attack pattern, Fujin raised two fingers of his left hand. Vacuum blade cores formed on top of his fingers. When the Mud Dragons reached close to him, Fujin launched Vacuum Blades at the incoming Mud Dragons. One Vacuum Blade hit a Mud Dragon, destroying it!

With one attack, Fujin had destroyed the dozens of Mud Dragons Orochimaru had created. However, he knew that it wasn't the end. If anything, Orochimaru's attack had just begun!

At the very next moment, Fujin felt the soil under him moving. He quickly flickered backwards. At the very next second, hundreds of spikes formed where he was standing previously and were launched into the air.

Fujin's new spot also came under threat, forcing him to dodge a few more times. Just like earlier, Orochimaru's attacks were to direct Fujin to a spot where he could attack more easily without allowing Fujin to counterattack.

When the barrage of mud spikes finally ended, Fujin saw Orochimaru just a couple of meters away from him. Before he could go on the offense, Orochimaru had already attacked Fujin with the Water Dragon jutsu!

In response, Fujin covered his left hand with wind chakra and waved it in front of him. A strong wind current appeared in front of him, blocking and dispelling the Water Dragon! At the same time, he began creating the Vacuum Cluster Bullets core inside his mouth while Vacuum Slash cores appeared on the edge of his sword.

However, before he could attack, he immediately stepped to his left. A strong jet of water broke through the wind current he had created earlier. Fujin's eyes widened as he observed, 'This almost feels like Tobirama's Water Release! However, it is probably lacking in power and speed compared to Tobirama...'

He kept moving as more jets of water were launched at him from a close range. After dodging twice more, Fujin shot the Vacuum Cluster Bullet jutsu at the incoming water jet.

As soon as he shot it out, the Vacuum cores inside it separated, forming their own Vacuum Bullets! One of them hit the Water jet and pierced through it, nearly reaching Orochimaru before the water filled inside the vacuum core and nullified its threat.

Of course, the water jet did nothing against the remaining Vacuum Bullets. A dozen of them pierced through Orochimaru's body. In addition, due to the sharp winds flowing between each Vacuum Bullet, Orochimaru was directly cut into pieces!

However, there was no joy on Fujin's face. He had already sensed Orochimaru switching with a Water Clone after he blocked the Water Dragon jutsu.

Fujin swung his sword in the direction of Orochimaru's real body! Unfortunately, the Mud Dragons rose into the path of the Vacuum Slash once again, filling up the Vacuum Cores long before the attack could reach Orochimaru.

A frown appeared on Fujin's face as he realized, 'Fighting him here is very restricting! Even though he can't harm me, I'm not able to do anything either as my Vacuum jutsus are getting nullified due to the high amount of mud and water.

My simple Wind jutsus won't work much either. He can easily block them with Mud and Water.

I'll need to create a distraction in order to actually land an attack. If I can't, I'll have to either retreat or use that technique!'

While Fujin's mind was rapidly forming a new plan, Orochimaru bit his thumb and slammed his hand on the ground. Fujin sensed 8 new chakras! Needless to say, all of them were large snakes. However, unlike normal summons, all of them were directly summoned underground! They moved towards Fujin through the mud grounds Orochimaru had created!

Fujin noticed their movements and wondered, 'That's strange. He should know that his summons are easy pickings for me. Does he plan to use them as a sacrifice to bait me into making a mistake? Or does he think that they can stay safe just because they are underground?'

Even though the snakes moved towards Fujin, each one of them stayed at least a couple of dozen meters under the surface. Not one of them got above that level!

Fujin pointed his index finger towards one of the snakes. A Vacuum core with several vacuum cores inside it formed on the tip of his finger. Fujin fired the Vacuum Cluster Bullet at one of the snakes while thinking, 'Well, whatever your plan is, it doesn't matter. My Vacuum jutsus can kill people hiding even a couple of hundred meters underground!'

Despite seeing Fujin's attack, a sly grin appeared on Orochimaru's face. As Fujin's attack drilled through the mud, the snakes underground felt the vibrations and moved at a rapid speed! Fujin's attack drilled through their previous location without hurting any snake at all!

Fujin was beyond shocked. He could accept someone like Orochimaru dodging his attacks with ease, but he couldn't believe that those large snakes could dodge his Vacuum jutsus!

Seeing his expression, Orochimaru laughed and said, "Those are my special hunting pets. Even though your Vacuum jutsus can pierce into the ground, they are well trained to dodge any attack drilling towards them. You can fire at them all day but you won't achieve anything.

Hehe, you're in my hunting ground now. The only way out of here is straight to hell!"

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"Hehe, you're in my hunting ground now. The only way out of here is straight to hell!"

Fujin's expression didn't change. He hadn't expected snakes to have trained in this manner. However, on thinking for a bit, he felt that it made sense. After all, a snake's ability to feel the vibrations in the ground was known to be remarkable even in his previous world.

Fujin thought, 'This truly is a terrible situation to be in. This environment is terrible for my Wind jutsus. Unless I use my Wind Domain, there isn't anything I can do to counter him.

Of course, that is unless I use my Lightning jutsus. If I do so, I can change this battle in an instant and kill those snakes with ease. I might even be able to catch Orochimaru off guard.

Unfortunately, I don't think I'd even be able to kill this body of his even if I managed to catch him by surprise, let alone the parts of his soul sealed in the numerous curse seals. So, there is no gain in exposing my Lightning jutsus. Sigh...'

At the same time, Orochimaru was thinking, 'Even though those snakes can dodge everything, his Vacuum jutsus are very lethal and unique. If he can launch the jutsu that destroyed my clones at high

speed, he might be able to kill them. Not to mention, it's hard to say which other Vacuum jutsus he

knows.

However, after my words, he will be less likely to try killing them. Even though those snakes won't be able to harm him, they'll apply a lot of pressure as he'll need to keep an eye on them as well. With so

much pressure, it's only a matter of time before he makes a mistake.'

As he was thinking, Orochimaru was radiating a massive amount of bloodlust! He didn't bother hiding

how much he wanted to kill Fujin. He didn't want to see such a strong threat during the war.

Without displaying any emotions on his face, Fujin replied, "I have to admit, your reputation is well

deserved. I didn't think I'd be pushed so far. However, hehehe."

Fujin began laughing as he continued, "Don't forget where you stand. By now, your Sensei would have

already heard about your presence and should be rushing here. If you don't manage to kill me within a

few minutes, it'll be your head that'll be rolling, hahaha!"

Orochimaru maintained his grin and said while building up his chakra once again, "Don't worry, I'll kill

you long before Sensei reaches here."

As soon as he stopped talking, Orochimaru spat out a large amount of water towards Fujin. However,

this water wasn't normal water. Fujin could sense that there was a massive amount of Yin chakra mixed

in that water!

Fujin looked at the incoming attack while thinking, 'Sigh, that's what I get for reminding him to escape

before Hiruzen arrives! After all, I won't be able to read his memories and get everything he has

collected and researched if Hiruzen kills him here...'

Fujin slammed his hands on the ground.

'Earth Release: Earth Wall jutsu'

Three layers of massive earth walls appeared in front of Fujin. Due to the environment Orochimaru created, the size and strength of the Earth Walls were much greater than normal.

Immediately after, Fujin weaved a few hand seals and slammed his right hand on the ground!

'Earth Release: Swamp of the Underworld jutsu'

The ground, which had earlier been converted into mud by Orochimaru, now transformed into a swamp! Orochimaru's special snakes were all caught in the swamp as well. However, none of the snakes panicked as the swamp could neither harm them nor restrict their mobility!

Orochimaru's Water jutsu was stopped by the Earth Walls and the swamp absorbed a great amount of that water as well.

Orochimaru was surprised. He thought, 'I knew he could use the Earth Wall jutsu but when did he learn Swamp of the Underworld? Also, how is this going to help him in this situation? Does he want to reduce the density of the ground to attack them underground? But that won't work.'

Even though Akatsuki had managed to gather a lot of Fujin's information from Iwa, Kiri and Kumo, they couldn't know that Hiruzen had personally guided Fujin and taught him Fire and Earth jutsus.

Even though they weren't at the level of his Wind Release, Fujin could still use those elements effectively in battle. With two moves, Fujin had stopped Orochimaru's attack and created a set-up to butcher the 8 snakes lurking under his feet!

With the conditions set, wind chakra began flowing through Fujin's sword once again. However, it didn't sharpen its edge this time. Instead, a mini-hurricane appeared around his sword! And, on the outer part of this hurricane, Vacuum Blades were revolving at a very high speed!

Orochimaru watched carefully while thinking, 'Another application of the Wind Vacuum Technique. How many techniques has he developed?'

To Orochimaru's surprise, Fujin stabbed his sword into the swamp! The snakes, who were hiding underground patiently, suddenly felt a lot of vibrations and danger. They immediately retreated.

Unfortunately, before they could get away, the hurricane spread through the entire swamp and engulfed the snakes! The high-speed winds created several deep cuts on their bodies but were unable to kill them. However, the Vacuum Blades that would appear occasionally could cut through their huge bodies with extreme ease!

In just a couple of seconds, the swamp under Fujin's feet was filled with the blood of the snakes! Slowly their bodies would float to the top of the swamp. However, Fujin didn't have the luxury of waiting till then as Orochimaru made his next move exactly when he was trying to kill the snakes!

Even though Orochimaru was surprised by the tactic Fujin used, he wasn't fazed by the death of his pets. He thought, 'Impressive. However, my summons have already accomplished their task!'

Suddenly, 8 Mud Clones of Orochimaru appeared very close to Fujin, surrounding him on all sides. Appearing in Orochimaru's snake form, all 8 of them slithered towards him at a high speed!

Fujin was surprised as he hadn't detected any movements. He quickly analyzed, 'Did he create those Mud Clones so close to me? How? I thought that the snakes would play a crucial role, but it looks like he just wanted them to distract me for a few seconds...'

Half of Orochimaru's Mud Clones shot Air Bullets at Fujin. Two began creating spikes under his feet. The last two threw multiple shurikens with explosive tags attached to them and used Shuriken Shadow Clone jutsu to increase their number to hundreds!

The attack happened too quickly. Fujin was still using the Sword Hurricane jutsu when Orochimaru's Mud Clones appeared. He had to terminate the jutsu and pull out his swords.

By then, the Air Bullets had already reached him! Fujin showed excellent dexterity and dodged all the Air Bullets. Unfortunately, a few Air Bullets hit his sword, a couple of them hitting right where it was cracked. With a loud cracking sound, Fujin's sword snapped into two!

It was one of the two swords that Fujin had asked Hiruzen as a reward for ranking first in the Academy! Though it took nearly two years for him to actually get the swords, it had stayed with him since then.

Even though it was nowhere near the level of the Sword of Kusanagi or the Seven Swords of the Mist, it was no less infamous as it was one of the twin swords with which Fujin had gained his nickname - The Spectral Swordsman! Almost every ninja outside Konoha was aware of how it looked!

Despite losing a sword that had been with him for years, Fujin had no time to take a second look at it. The reason for it was that the attacks by Orochimaru's clones had cut off all escape routes! The only way Fujin could dodge every attack and leave unharmed was by escaping with the Flying Thunder God jutsu. And, the speed of the attacks meant that Fujin had almost no time to put up a defense!

Fujin looked at the incoming attacks with a cold look and muttered to himself, 'I guess it's time to make this technique public! From today onwards, this will be the technique I'll be known for.'

While he was thinking, Fujin released a massive amount of Chakra from his body! Orochimaru, who was looking for a way to enter the battle with his main body, was surprised by the sudden change and wondered, 'What is he up to this time?'

As soon as the chakra exited his body, it transformed into winds! The sudden winds knocked all the shurikens off course and hit the explosive tags, making them explode prematurely. They also stopped any force from the explosions from reaching Fujin!

The winds also penetrated into the ground, dismantling every mud spike created by Orochimaru's mud clones. The Air Bullets dissipated as well and mixed with the winds!

All this took place within a second of Fujin releasing his chakra into the air! In the next second, sharp wind blades appeared out of thin air around Orochimaru's Mud Clones and chopped them up! All of Orochimaru's clones were dispelled.

The brand-new technique piqued Orochimaru's interest. He wondered, 'What technique is this? How can he control winds in such an elegant and fearsome manner?'

In the next few seconds, the winds took the shape of a domain, covering everything within a 50-meter radius! As for Orochimaru's main body, he immediately retreated a safe distance after seeing what happened to his clones.

He observed Fujin's technique carefully before laughing, "Not bad! Not bad at all! However, with so much wind, aren't you afraid of getting burnt?"

Just like Fujin, Orochimaru built up a massive amount of his chakra. He poured nearly 5% of his chakra to supercharge his jutsu. Against the dome of Wind protecting Fujin, Orochimaru exhaled his Majestic Destroyer Flame jutsu! Just like earlier, it had a massive amount of Yang chakra along with Fire chakra!

The flames entered into Fujin's Wind Domain and were further strengthened by the Winds! In the blink of an eye, the entire Wind Domain was lit on fire! Standing in the center, all Fujin could see were flames! Even though Orochimaru couldn't see Fujin's face, he could imagine the shock on Fujin's face!

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'Majestic Destroyer Flame!'

Orochimaru was initially caught off guard by Fujin's Wind Domain. He had never seen a technique like that one. However, when he sensed Fujin's Wind Domain, he realized that it was made purely of Wind Chakra. Hence, he attacked with a massive supercharged Fire jutsu and even strengthened it with Yang chakra to prevent Fujin from blowing the flames away before they reached the domain.

As Orochimaru had expected, from the moment his fire jutsu touched Fujin's Wind Domain, it expanded at an extreme speed, filling up the entire domain in less than a second! In the Forest of Death, a fire dome with a radius of 50 meters appeared in the blink of an eye!

Anko, who was the closest to Fujin and Orochimaru's battlefield, looked at it with shock and thought, 'What the hell is that? And who used that jutsu?'

Immediately after, a bitter smile appeared on her face as she realized, 'He was right. I wouldn't stand a chance against something like this. Even after all this time, I'm still not capable enough to take my revenge...'

In the tower, Hoka and Renjiro were looking at the fire dome with a worried expression. They weren't sure if it was Fujin's jutsu or if it was something Orochimaru used. They glanced at Fujin's clone, but his face didn't display any emotions.

Around 1.5 kilometers away from the Fire Dome, three Genins were standing on a branch and looking towards the Fire Dome. Lee asked, "Neji, can you see what is happening there?"

Neji's squad was initially farther from the battlefield. However, after realizing that a massive battle was taking place, they moved closer to investigate what was happening. Their current spot barely allowed Neji's Byakugan to see the fight.

As Lee and Tenten looked at Neji, they were surprised to see his dumbfounded expression. Tenten asked, "Neji?"

Neji snapped out of his thoughts and said with slight fear in his voice, "It's incredible. I didn't know that jutsus like these existed. Both of them are too strong..."

Unlike his canon self, Neji had seen Guy sparring with Fujin regularly and understood that there was a vast difference between him and them. However, the glimpses that he caught in this battle were a real eye-opener! Despite being called as one of the most talented Hyuga, Neji understood that he wouldn't last even a second in such a fight.

Lee asked, "Who is fighting?"

Neji answered, "One of them is Fujin. His opponent is the one who used snake summons. From his abilities and appearance, I'm afraid that Fujin is fighting Orochimaru, one of the three Legendary Sannins!"

Lee asked in surprise, "What? It's Fujin? As expected of someone who spars regularly with Guy sensei!"

Neji shook his head and said, "His spars with Guy sensei were a joke compared to the abilities he is displaying. Fujin is far stronger than I imagined. However, he is in trouble right now. His opponent is too strong. Being trapped in such a devastating flame, I'm not sure whether he can survive!"

Around 2.3 kilometers from the Fire Dome, another squad was sneakily looking at the Fire Dome. Ino asked, "What do you think that is, Shikamaru? The heat is so intense that I can feel it all the way here!"

Shikamaru replied, "First that massive snake and now this dome... The ones who are fighting definitely aren't Genins. We should stay away from them."

Ino and Choji nodded. Several kilometers away, Kurenai's squad was also looking at the Fire Dome. Akamaru whimpered in fear once again while Shino looked at his bugs and said, "My bugs are afraid to go near those flames. That battle is very dangerous. It might be more dangerous than the Suna squad."

Kiba nodded and said, "Yes, even Akamaru feels so. Man, I wonder what is happening there! Did someone hijack our Chunin Exams?"

Some distance away from them, Rasa's children were standing on top of trees and looking in the direction of the Fire Dome as well. Understanding the intensity of the battle, Gaara became excited. He wanted to move there but both Temari and Kankuro noticed his change.

Kankuro immediately said, "Gaara, control yourself. We already have our scrolls and don't need to go there!"

Temari immediately added, "That's right Gaara! Don't forget our father's words!"

Hearing his siblings, Gaara calmed down slightly. Temari looked at the Fire Dome again and said in a very soft voice, "Besides, seeing the massive snake that was summoned earlier, there is no doubt that one of the ninjas fighting is Orochimaru. Seeing that massive Wind jutsu earlier, his opponent should be Suzuki Fujin. Orochimaru might be trying to eliminate him before..."

Her voice was so soft that only her brothers could hear it. Both understood what she was implying.

As for the Genin who was the closest to the Fire Dome, Sakura looked outside her hiding spot with fear. She muttered, "What is happening there? How can ninjas fight like this? Wake up soon, Sasuke, Naruto..."

Every Genin squad that was still alive looked towards the Fire Dome and had similar reactions. None of them imagined that such a high-level battle would happen during their Chunin exams. The only exception was Kabuto who thought, 'As expected, Orochimaru-sama wants to eliminate Fujin here. That said, considering that he has survived for so many minutes, Fujin is likely far stronger than I speculated. Eh? What is that?'

It had only been a few seconds since they saw the Fire Dome when a change took place that shocked everyone who was looking at it! Neji exclaimed in shock, "Impossible! How can something so powerful be created so quickly!"

However, the one who had the most intense reaction wasn't Neji. Instead, it was Temari who couldn't help but exclaim loudly, "That's impossible! How can that appear here!"

Kankuro had a grim expression as well as he looked with fear in his eyes.

A few seconds ago, Fujin was standing at the center of the Wind Domain, seeing flames spreading throughout it. However, unlike what Orochimaru imagined, there was no fear or panic on his face!

Instead, he looked offended as he thought, 'I admit that I couldn't find a way to deal with Kisame and Nagato's ability to absorb chakra, but do you really think I would use this technique without having dealt with such an obvious weakness?'

Under Fujin's control, the Winds began flowing in a particular manner within his Wind Domain! Outside the Wind Domain, Orochimaru frowned as he saw the winds gathering most of the flames within it and containing the fire within a certain path inside the domain. He muttered, "As expected, he wouldn't leave such an obvious flaw..."

Suddenly, his eyes widened as he observed, "That's!" Soon, a grin appeared on his face as he realized, "I see, he utilized my jutsu in such a manner. Hehe, Rasa would explode in rage if he saw this."

As the winds took control of the flames within the Wind Domain, they took the form of a dragon! A dragon made of Wind, Fire and Yang chakra! The three elements mixed together extremely well and formed something that hadn't been seen in the Ninja world for over a decade!

Even Renjiro, Hoka, Anko and the Anbu observing the fight were shocked as the Fire Dome disappeared and a massive Scorch Dragon appeared in the skies!

Even though Fujin still hadn't managed to fuse Fire and Wind chakra accurately within his chakra network, he was very close. He could easily replicate the effects by merging the two elements outside his body.

Normally, that wouldn't be very powerful and a lot of chakra would be wasted. However, this particular Scorch Dragon was made of 5% of Orochimaru's chakra along with a considerable amount of Fujin's chakra! As a result, its scale was massive!

Fujin looked straight at Orochimaru, who stopped being playful and raised his guard to the limit. It didn't take a genius to know what Fujin's next move would be!

He controlled the entire Scorch Dragon and launched it at Orochimaru without holding anything back!

'Water Release: Exploding Water Shock Wave jutsu'

The size of the Dragon meant that there was no way to completely avoid the attack. Orochimaru needed to defend. He used another 5% of his chakra to supercharge the Water jutsu and strengthen it with Yin chakra to restrain his Yang chakra.

The Scorch Dragon slammed into the massive waves! A large amount of water turned into steam as the Scorch Dragon drilled right through it! Its power weakened, but not by much.

Orochimaru bit his thumbs and slammed both his hands into the ground.

'Summoning jutsu: Triple Rashomon!'

Three massive gates appeared in front of Orochimaru! The Scorch Dragon crashed into the first gate and its head exploded. The explosion destroyed the first gate, nearly destroyed the second gate and caused

some damage to the last gate! However, the gates stopped the explosion from reaching Orochimaru and he just felt the heat waves.

Of course, that wasn't the end of it. After all, the Scorch Dragon's body was huge and was over a hundred meters long. Its remaining part split into two and moved around the gates.

Orochimaru cursed, 'Damn! I shouldn't have put so much chakra into the Majestic Destroyer Flame!'

He immediately flickered away. Orochimaru had already anticipated that he wouldn't be able to block the Scorch Dragon head-on! He just wanted to reduce its power so that he wouldn't take too much damage from it.

Even though the Scorch Dragon had evaporated a lot of the water from his previous jutsu, most of the water was still remaining and had spread evenly in every direction. Orochimaru immediately took cover behind it as the remaining Scorch Dragon exploded releasing intense heat waves in every direction!

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As the remaining Scorch Dragon exploded, an intense heat wave spread in every direction! Orochimaru quickly put up a couple of additional defenses, but the heat still pierced through all his defenses and hit him!

His entire body felt the scorching heat! Several burns appeared on him but the injuries weren't serious enough to affect his strength. The heat also moved towards the Wind Domain, but Fujin moved the winds to avoid getting hit.

The trees nearby weren't as lucky. The scorching heat caused every tree in a 500-meter radius to light up! Several trees beyond it were also affected. The ninjas who were within 3 kilometers of the explosion also felt the heatwaye.

Thankfully, it was no longer dangerous. Had it been as intense as what Orochimaru had to endure, the future would have completely changed and Fujin would have attracted a lot of trouble!

Regardless, the heat made everyone realize just how crazy the battle was!

Orochimaru breathed a sigh of relief as he thought, 'What a ridiculous techni...'

He immediately stopped thinking about the Scorch Dragon, turned to his left and prepared himself for a battle! Without giving Orochimaru any time to rest, Fujin pushed on the offense.

Despite being over a hundred and fifty meters away from Orochimaru, Fujin reached him in the blink of an eye thanks to the Assassin's Rush jutsu. Orochimaru relaxed on seeing that Fujin wasn't holding a sword and thought, 'Strange, why did he leave the domain he had created? I thought he'd hide inside it until Hiruzen came. Also, doesn't he have any other sword?'

Fujin's strange action made Orochimaru raise his guard even more. However, he didn't have any time to think about it deeply or use a jutsu. To Orochimaru's surprise, Fujin didn't use any jutsu and attacked him with a simple punch!

Orochimaru easily blocked it and attacked back while thinking, 'Does he want to compete against me in Taijutsu to take advantage of the burns on my body? Hmm?'

To Orochimaru's surprise, the speed of Fujin's arms and legs was boosted by small blasts of winds that Fujin was creating. It was an advanced application of the Assassin's Rush jutsu!

His speed caught Orochimaru by surprise as Fujin diverted Orochimaru's attacks successfully and pulled his right fist back. Orochimaru's eyes widened as he finally understood what Fujin was planning!

He immediately flickered backwards, but winds blasted behind Fujin at the same moment! Assisted by wind blasts, Fujin's speed was faster than Orochimaru's flickering speed.

A chakra-concentrated punch, whose speed had been increased several times by wind blasting behind Fujin's elbow, landed on Orochimaru's chest! Like a broken kite, Orochimaru flew for a couple of hundred meters, crashing through several large trees before his speed reduced just enough to not break through the trees.

His body was stuck halfway into a large tree which was already burning due to the heat wave, making it seem like he was being cremated! His chest was a mess as his rib cage had been pulverized. His internal organs were severely damaged as well.

However, that wasn't what worried Orochimaru. What worried him was the fact that he sensed Fujin right above the tree he was stuck in and preparing a Wind jutsu!

He quickly freed his arms from the tree and made a hand seal!

'Wind Release: Vacuum Serial Waves jutsu'

Fujin used his wide range Vacuum jutsu in order to ensure that Orochimaru wouldn't be able to dodge it. The jutsu hit the tree and the surrounding area, cutting the tree into small pieces and covering the ground in scars! Hundreds of nearby trees were cut into small pieces as well. However, there was a frown on Fujin's face.

Fujin thought, 'Hmm, he escaped? As expected, he had set up a reverse summoning jutsu in advance... Eh? Wait a minute!'

While fighting against Orochimaru, Fujin kept his Space Time Sensing Technique active the entire time. Fujin could easily cover the entire Konoha with his Space Time Technique by now.

However, he had only kept it active in the Forest of Death in order to not be distracted. The reason why he covered the entire Forest of Death was to ensure that he didn't accidentally kill anyone nearby. After all, several ninjas who would become major players later were participating in the Chunin Exams.

Fujin thought, 'Just when Orochimaru's chakra signature disappeared, I sensed a disturbance in Space-Time. Did he set up a Reverse Summoning spot inside the Forest of Death?'

Around 2 kilometers away, Orochimaru's injured figure appeared! Next to him was his Shadow Clone. The clone dispelled immediately to transfer the chakra back to his main body because Orochimaru's chakra reserves were very low.

Orochimaru immediately shed his skin to recover from the deadly injuries. While doing so, he thought, 'I had set up several escape routes in case sensei knew about my plans and set up traps for me. To think that I'd be forced to escape from Fujin!'

Killing intent flashed through his eyes as he quickly analyzed the reason for his defeat. He immediately concluded, 'I underestimated the brat. He's the real deal. With unrivaled control over the wind, neverending applications of the Wind Vacuum Technique and a strength that is under only Tsunade's, he is very strong.

However, he still isn't at my level. The reason why I lost was simply because I lacked information. If we fight again, I won't suffer repeated blows.'

As Orochimaru was shedding his skin, two groups noticed him. The first one was Kabuto's squad. Kabuto was around fifty meters away from Orochimaru and had detected his sudden appearance.

He observed Orochimaru from a distance and shock appeared on his face as he thought, 'Impossible! Such injuries... Did Fujin defeat Orochimaru-sama? Is he this powerful? Or did the Hokage reinforce him?'

Almost instinctively, Kabuto wanted to go and heal Orochimaru. However, he controlled himself while thinking, 'No, Orochimaru-sama still needs me to be undercover. Besides, Orochimaru-sama will recover in no time. Hmm? What the???'

The second group that saw him was Team Asuma. They were 50 meters away from him as well but were on the other side. Since they were standing on branches, they could easily see the disgusting thing that Orochimaru did.

Ino exclaimed softly in shock and disgust, "What the hell? Did a person crawl out of his mouth? That's so disgusting!"

Choji felt nauseated as well at that sight. Only Shikamaru had a serious expression as he recognized Orochimaru's face! He quickly said in a quiet voice, "Both of you, quickly hide. Don't let him see us!"

Ino and Choji were surprised by how grave Shikamaru's voice was.

Orochimaru had already sensed both groups but didn't pay attention to any of them. He continued thinking, 'Unfortunately, I don't think I'll get another opportunity to fight him before my assault. During the assault, I'll be busy dealing with sensei. Who'll fight him then? Huh?'

Orochimaru suddenly felt a movement behind him. He quickly turned his head to see what was happening. His eyes widened! A massive Wind Dragon was heading towards him, destroying everything in its path! It reached him in the blink of an eye!

However, before it could hit him, Orochimaru disappeared once again! With nothing stopping it, the Wind Dragon continued moving forward through the Forest of Death.

Shikamaru, Choji and Ino's eyes popped out in shock and surprise as the massive Wind Dragon plowed through the area where Orochimaru was! They saw as the Dragon disappeared out of their sight, leaving a trail of destruction behind it!

A massive 12-meter wide and 4-meter deep canal now existed in front of them. As for its length, they couldn't see where it started nor could they imagine where it would end!

As the Wind Dragon moved, every tree and animal in its path was annihilated. A few Genin squads saw it and were terrified. Temari and Kankuro's eyes widened as they saw the Wind Dragon heading in their direction.

They quickly moved a few meters to their left. Thankfully, the Wind Dragon didn't change its direction and continued moving forward. It only stopped after reaching the other end of the Forest of Death!

Renjiro and Hoka, who had the clearest view, were left dumbfounded as they witnessed a new 12 kilometers long channel being formed in the Forest of Death by a single jutsu!

The reason why the Wind Dragon was so powerful was pretty simple. Once Fujin unleashed his chakra to form the Wind Domain, he couldn't take the chakra back. Since Orochimaru had escaped, the Wind Domain had become meaningless. So, Fujin simply used all the remaining chakra in the Wind Domain to create a massive Wind Dragon!

Fujin appeared where Orochimaru had reversed summoned to and thought, 'His chakra signature disappeared again. However, I didn't sense any other disturbance in Space-Time. It looks like he was reverse summoned out of this training ground...'

Fujin let out a long breath. He stretched his body slightly and muttered to himself, 'Now that was a good fight.'

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Fujin let out a long breath. He stretched his body slightly and muttered to himself, 'Now that was a good fight. If only I could have these more frequently...

However, I exposed too many of my secret techniques. And, I lost one of my swords as well. Though replacing the sword wouldn't be an issue, the next battle against Orochimaru won't be easy.

That said, Hiruzen will be the one facing him next. Even though he is no longer at his peak, Hiruzen is much stronger than what I remember from the original story. I won't be surprised if he's able to kill Orochimaru and seal the Senju brothers without having to resort to the Dead Demon Consuming Seal.

Anyway, irrespective of whether Hiruzen kills or cripples him, Orochimaru wouldn't be a match for me even if I tell him all my secrets. So, there is no need to worry about him. The only issue is if he leaks my abilities to Akatsuki. Thankfully, I still have several hidden cards in my arsenal!'

Back when Fujin created his Wind Domain, he had decided to use it as his go-to jutsu. It'd be his equivalent of the Tsuchikage's Dust Release or the Raikage's Lightning Chakra Mode. He didn't intend to keep it secret. The technique was strong enough to be impactful even if everyone knew about it.

"Hmm?" Fujin turned his head and looked to his right. He had sensed someone looking at him very carefully. His eyes glowed as he observed, 'Eh? Kabuto is here as well? I wonder if Orochimaru planned to meet him here. Oh well, it's good that he didn't come to heal Orochimaru. Else things might have gotten complicated.'

Seeing Fujin looking at him, Kabuto immediately returned to acting as an ordinary Genin and looked respectfully at Fujin. However, his thoughts were anything but ordinary, 'His chakra level should be very low after his fight with Orochimaru-sama. Should I try to assassinate him using my disguise?'

Kabuto thought for a few seconds before deciding, 'It's too risky. He won't drop his guard after facing Orochimaru-sama. Not to mention, the Hokage should be on his way here as well. I'll keep my focus on Sasuke for now.'

Fujin ignored Kabuto and glanced at the Ino-Shika-Cho trio before disappearing. The trio were holding their breath as they couldn't believe what had happened earlier. As soon as Fujin disappeared, they released their breath and sat on the branches.

Choji muttered, "That was scary! Who knew our proctor would be this powerful!"

Ino nodded and said, "Yeah, but that was so cool! Did you see that dragon? It ate that disgusting creep in the blink of an eye! And the way he suddenly appeared there out of thin air was so cool too! Also..."

She looked towards the canal left by the Wind Dragon and said, "I can't see where it starts and where it ends! How long do you guys think this trench is?"

She looked at her two teammates before noticing something off. She quickly and quietly asked, "Shikamaru, is everything alright?"

Shikamaru snapped out of his thoughts and said, "Suzuki Fujin... A few months ago, I heard my father saying that he is a fearsome ninja. I didn't think he'd be this strong. To be honest, I don't think my father knows that he's this strong either. The ninja we saw earlier was Orochimaru, one of the three Legendary Sannins! The massive fight we noticed earlier should have been between the two of them."

Ino and Choji were surprised. Both were aware of Konoha's Legendary Sannins. Ino asked in surprise, "That was the rogue Sannin? What was he doing in the Chunin Exams? Also, does it mean that our Proctor killed one of the Legendary Sannin?"

Shikamaru shook his head and said, "No. From what my father said, it is extremely difficult to kill Orochimaru. He should have escaped somehow. Irrespective of whether he's dead or escaped, it means

that he was defeated by Suzuki Fujin. This is huge! I'm afraid that something big is about to happen soon."

Ino and Choji were surprised by Shikamaru's words. Ino, in particular, was very impressed by Fujin.

A few kilometers away, Kiba looked at the canal left behind by the Wind Dragon and asked fearfully, "What was that? First that massive Fire Dragon and its explosion and then that massive Wind Dragon! What the hell is happening in this absurd forest?"

Shino said, "I'm not sure, but we better get to the tower soon."

Hinata nodded in agreement.

Some distance from them, two figures crawled out of the soil. Their faces and clothes were completely covered in dust and soil. Gaara stood next to them without a single speck of dust on him.

Kankuro cursed, "Which fucking bastard shot that Wind Dragon? If it was directly targeted at us, we might have died!"

Temari wasn't angry about being covered in soil. Instead, she wondered aloud, "How could a Wind Dragon be so strong? How much chakra was poured into it? I haven't seen anyone in our village creating something like this."

Kankuro immediately said, "We can wonder about that later. Let's go to the tower. I don't want to spend another minute in this fucked up forest!"

Just like Kurenai's squad, they began moving towards the tower as well.

Closer to where the battle had happened, Tenten asked in surprise, "Neji! What was that? Why did two dragons appear out of nowhere? What happened in the fight?"

Lee was curious as well because all the two could see was Neji's shocked expression. Neji finally took a deep breath and said, "The fight is over. Orochimaru escaped! Both those Dragons were used by Fujin. He won the fight!"

Both Lee and Tenten were shocked. While they were aware that Fujin was strong, neither expected him to defeat a Sannin! Especially Tenten who wanted to be a Legendary Kunoichi like Tsunade.

Neji wasn't the only one who witnessed the battle. Hiruzen had deployed a few Hyuga Elite Jounins to keep an eye on the training grounds during the exam. They saw the same thing as Neji and looked at each other with shocked expressions.

Back in the tower, Hoka asked, "What happened in the battle? And what were those two Dragons and that Fire Dome?"

Fujin's clone shrugged and said, "I didn't receive any memories from any clones. Wait for my main body to arrive here."

Hoka and Renjiro could only wait helplessly. Anko and the Anbu ninjas were waiting helplessly as well. They all wanted to know what was happening. Apart from a few who were with the Hyugas, the rest were clueless. Though they would have risked their lives to find out what was happening and help Fujin if he needed their help, none of them wanted to do so since Fujin had explicitly asked everyone to stay away.

Suddenly, winds began moving strangely around all the observers, except the Genins. The winds quickly took Fujin's form. Anko looked at him with curiosity. She and the rest were about to ask the status of the battle when Fujin's wind clones said, "The battle is over. Orochimaru has escaped. Stop the fire from spreading and extinguish it. You can return to your duties after doing so."

The eyes of Anko and the Anbu ninjas widened in shock. None of them had expected such an outcome! Before they could ask anything, Fujin's clones dispersed.

Anko muttered in disbelief, "Did Fujin defeat Orochimaru? How? Is he that strong?"

Anko couldn't believe it. As someone who was trained by Orochimaru, she knew how insanely strong Orochimaru was. She knew that he had too many tricks under his sleeve. For him to be defeated by a 16-year-old ninja was too outrageous to believe!

However, she couldn't deny the facts in front of her. She quickly moved towards the area where the battle had happened to investigate.

As for the Anbu and other ninjas, they quickly began controlling the fire. Unfortunately, the fire was too large and was spreading too rapidly for them to even control. On realizing that, they sent a ninja out to ask for ninjas who could use Water jutsus to reinforce them. The remaining ones tried their best to slow down the speed at which the flames were spreading.

Except for a few, most of the Genins stayed on guard and didn't make any moves as they weren't sure what was happening in the forest. None of them wished to be caught amid such an intense battle and lose their lives pointlessly.

Meanwhile, Fujin returned to the tower and stepped onto the balcony where Hoka and Renjiro were standing. He dispelled his clone, getting all of his memories. Renjiro and Hoka looked at him in surprise. Neither expected him to return there so quickly considering who his opponent was.

They could see that Fujin's breathing was rough. In addition, his clothes were torn in a few spots. However, there were no injuries on him! There was some blood on his clothes, but the two experienced Ninjas could easily see that it didn't belong to him.

Renjiro asked, "Well? What happened there?"

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Renjiro asked, "Well? What happened there?"

A smile appeared on Fujin's face as he said, "It's over for now. Orochimaru escaped."

Shock appeared on both their faces. Neither expected such a result. Fujin continued, "The Fire Dome was due to Orochimaru trying to take advantage of my jutsu. The following two dragons were my attacks."

Fujin let out a tired sigh and added ruefully, "It's a shame that his body was far more weird than what I was told. He could heal perfectly from any injury no matter how serious it was. Otherwise, I could have killed him with that initial explosion. Anyway, he escaped using the Reverse Summoning jutsu."

Both Renjiro and Hoka sucked a cold breath simultaneously, their eyes wide with disbelief. At the same time, Hiruzen reached the Forest of Death!

Despite Fujin's words, Renjiro couldn't believe what he was hearing. Unlike Hoka, he was well aware of how terrifying Orochimaru was. Be it Ninjutsu, Taijutsu, Genjutsu, Kinjutsu or any other skill, Orochimaru excelled in everything. Even the ones who specialized in any of those skills couldn't compete with him. Even in his wildest dreams, Renjiro could never imagine that someone like that would be defeated by his 16-year-old student!

He muttered to himself, 'I knew that he would surpass me but I never thought that he would surpass me so quickly and by such a large degree.'

Pride appeared in Renjiro's eyes as he looked at Fujin again. His student had defeated Orochimaru! He wanted to go out with his friends and brag about this fact. Unfortunately, the situation forced him to stay put. After all, someone like Orochimaru was dangerous even if he was defeated.

Hoka had a complicated feeling. On one hand, he was happy that Fujin had grown so strong. On the other hand, he became slightly depressed as Fujin had left him behind by such a large margin. Even though Fujin was always stronger than him, he hoped that he'd be able to reduce that gap with time. However, he understood that their gap had become so large that the chances of him bridging it were getting lesser every passing day!

Renjiro quickly controlled his emotions and looked towards the place where the fight had happened. He saw the massive fire and noticed a few Water jutsus being used. He asked, "Should I go to help control the fire?"

Fujin shook his head and returned inside the building to sit down. He said, "No need. My chakra reserves are very low. If Orochimaru has someone assisting him, I'll need you two to help me until I can recover my chakra. Thankfully, Orochimaru's chakra levels should be worse than mine. So, he is unlikely to attack again in a short while."

Renjiro understood and nodded. Compared to a forest fire, Fujin's safety was much more important.

While the three of them were talking, Hiruzen reached the Forest of Death. Fujin's clone had sent Fumito to inform him while Anko had sent a few Chunins. The Chunins sent by Anko reached earlier because she had sent them a couple of minutes earlier and they had to travel 10 km less.

Hiruzen was about to leave when Fumito reached there and informed him about Fujin's message. As a result, Hiruzen stopped and summoned a few Anbu squads which took another couple of minutes.

With 5 Anbu squads and his Anbu guards, Hiruzen reached the Forest of Death in just 4 minutes! However, when he reached, he couldn't sense any battle happening. Instead, he just saw the smoke rising from the forest fire. He looked towards it and thought, 'Why am I getting a weird feeling?'

Fumito immediately informed, "Lord Hokage, Fujin and Orochimaru were fighting around the spot where the fire is."

Hiruzen nodded and said, "Let's go and see."

They were about to move towards the fire when they noticed an Anbu ninja running towards them. On seeing Hiruzen, the Anbu quickly moved towards them and said, "Lord Hokage, it's good that you have arrived here. We need reinforcements to curtail the massive forest fire."

Hiruzen immediately said, "Forget the fire. What about Orochimaru? Wasn't he fighting against Fujin? Where are they?"

The Anbu ninja quickly answered, "The battle ended a couple of minutes ago. Council Member Fujin won the battle. Orochimaru was critically injured and escaped using Reverse Summoning jutsu! I'm not sure where Fujin is, but I think that he returned to the tower."

His words shocked every single person in their group including Hiruzen! All of them were prepared for a life & death battle. Many of them were worried that Fujin might die. However, not a single one imagined that Fujin would defeat Orochimaru before the reinforcements reached him!

The Anbu ninjas and the Chunins sucked a cold breath! None of them could believe the words they just heard. One of them even asked, "Are you telling the truth?"

The Anbu ninja reporting wasn't surprised by their disbelief. In fact, he couldn't believe it either. He just nodded. Hiruzen said, "That's enough time wasted. Regardless of how it happened, this is great news for us. Let's move. I'll meet with Fujin and ask how their battle went."

He turned his gaze towards the Anbu who had reported the news and said, "No need to look for any ninjas specializing in Water manipulation. Follow me."

Without wasting any time, Hiruzen began moving towards the massive fire. The remaining ninjas quickly followed him.

Within a few seconds, they reached the massive flames. Hiruzen activated his chakra field and observed, 'Hmm, they are trying to stop the fire from spreading deeper into the training ground. However, they have completely given up on the other side. It looks like there is no ninja who is good at water manipulation in their ranks...'

Suddenly, 4 Shadow Clones appeared next to Hiruzen. They quickly moved in different directions. Since they were coming from the edge of the forest, the ninjas, who were trying their best to stop the spread of fire, were on the opposite side. Despite their best effort, they had only managed to slow down the spread of flames slightly.

'Water Release: Great Waterfall jutsu'

Hiruzen and his 4 clones used the jutsu simultaneously. They spat a massive amount of water. It was almost as if 5 dams were opened and water was allowed to flow unrestricted!

To the surprise of the ninjas on the other side, a massive amount of water began flowing into the flames from the opposite side. It doused over half of the flames! The ninjas, who were running alongside Hiruzen, watched him with veneration.

What they couldn't see was that there was a frown on Hiruzen's face. He wondered, 'Why does it feel like these flames were started by Scorch Release? Also, I can sense very high amounts of Yang chakra mixed in these flames even though the fire is spreading due to the vegetation. No wonder I couldn't douse all the flames in one go...'

Even though Hiruzen couldn't extinguish all the flames, his jutsu had left a lot of water behind which other ninjas could control. He instructed, "You guys stay here. Extinguish these flames. Come to the tower once you are done."

Hearing his words, everyone apart from his guards stopped following him and focused on the flames. Hiruzen continued moving towards the tower. He had only moved a few hundred meters when Hiruzen noticed something odd once again. His eyes widened as he noticed a massive new canal in the Forest of Death.

He stopped temporarily and wondered, 'What the hell happened here? Who created such a canal? Did Orochimaru get an even larger summon than Manda? But why would the canal be straight if it was created by a snake?'

In the tower, Hoka asked, "By the way, what was that Fire Dragon jutsu you used? It didn't feel like normal Fire jutsus. The heat it radiated was far more intense. It almost reminded me of your and Mieko's combination jutsu, but this one seemed a lot more intense."

Before Fujin could answer, Renjiro said, "It looked like the Scorch Kekkei Genkai. I didn't expect that you'd actually manage to fuse Fire and Wind chakras to create this Kekkei Genkai."

Fujin shook his head and said, "I can't use Scorch Release. I just combined Orochimaru's Fire jutsu with my Wind jutsu. His jutsu also had a lot of Yang chakra. Somehow, the merger of our jutsus created an effect that was very similar to Scorch Release.

Unfortunately, the amount of chakra we used was very high. Using it in a battle just by myself isn't feasible for the time being."

Renjiro's eyebrows twitched. He thought, 'When he was young, he used to always ask me for new jutsus. He even pestered the old man for chakra blades. However, I didn't think he'd begin using the enemy's jutsus to strengthen his attacks and send it back at the enemy!'

Suddenly, Fujin, Renjiro and Hoka looked towards the balcony. Moments later, Hiruzen and his Anbu guards arrived. Seeing that Fujin was all right, Hiruzen sighed in relief. He was worried that Orochimaru would injure Fujin seriously.

Before Hiruzen could express his relief and express his concern, Fujin looked at him, sighed tiredly, just like Hiruzen usually did, and said, "You're late, Grandpa. I had to fight that snake just by myself! It was sooo scary!"