

Out For Karma: Naruto

Chapter 66: Research

“Sensei, I’m sure I’m not the first woman you’ve seen like this.”

“No but it is a sight I gave up on ever seeing years ago. Proof that life always has something in store to surprise you.”

The retired Hokage was looking at his student sitting behind her desk and with a child at her breast feeding on it. Meanwhile he had one in his own arms and was rocking it to sleep.

“Now I know from whom Jiraiya got his pervertedness.” the blonde woman said.

“Jiraiya was already a pervert the day he was born, I have nothing to do with him turning out the way he is.” he replied with a flat tone. “Biwako blessed us with sons but no daughter and I came to see you as one, you know that. I always believed you’d have your own children and see you... Happy like you are now. Though it’s a bit different, I dare say the results are the same.”

“Creating a jutsu to force the production of milk wasn’t that difficult.”

“I’ll take your word for it. It will help a lot with orphans or adopting mothers to bond with their child better.”

Tsunade nodded with the statement and removed her grand-daughter from her breast, seemingly not hungry at all anymore. After making her burp, she handed the little one to a shadow clone of hers that she had made to do the paperwork while she was breastfeeding.

“I’m surprised you convinced Riku to part with them.”

Ever since the birth of his twin daughters, Riku had been completely smitten. He didn’t want to leave them alone for a moment. Sometimes he was just looking at them sleeping for hours with a stupid happy smile on his face. Had his wife and fiancées not put a stop to him spending so much time with the babies, they would have never seen him anymore. A bit problematic now that Karin was beginning her eighth month of pregnancy.

With everyone busy as hell and because she wanted to spend time with her five months old granddaughters, Tsunade, despite being Hokage, ‘volunteered’ to be their nanny for the day.

Hitomi and Toka were a perfect mix of their parents at first glance. They had their mother's hair but their father's eyes. Their faces, from what Hiashi told them, were Hinata's too, though some features were Riku's. The eyebrows, the ears, their skin complexion that was all him and that was it.

"Not like he had any choice in the matter. Karin's maternity leave began today."

"Speaking of young Karin..."

"I know. The Kyuubi. Measures had been taken to not have a repeat of twenty years ago."

"I hope so. I may have one last fight in me, but I'd rather not use it for the fox again."

"It's not like Riku won't be there to deal with it should that ever happen but it shouldn't. As I said, measures were taken. Better than the last time."

"I trust you but I'll see it when I see it. Anyway, how is their last project going?"

"They sequenced it all. Finished it a few days ago. Now they're sequencing other DNA than their own for making comparisons."

"They're no closer to find..."

"The origin of kekkei genkai? I'm afraid not. It's different for each one although some are pretty similar, like dojutsu. They're all in the same range of the sequence. There is good news. Riku found out why his healing abilities are so strong. He compared his sequence with mine, Minato's and the whole Uzumaki. Turned out that he got it from my Uzumaki side. I have the sequence for Karin's special chakra but it's dormant. Riku inherited it but it mutated. Where Karin could heal everyone taking her chakra in, including herself, Riku's is... not as dense but... purer so to speak, that's why it heals more. It affects not only the cells but the sequence itself. Healing the damage that comes with time. Since it's just the purity of his chakra it's not considered a kekkei genkai, despite being a mutation."

"Hitomi and Toka?"

"Dormant I'm afraid."

"Did they discover anything else?"

"They think I may have the mokuton but it is dormant too. They need to check things more but it's difficult with only three individuals' sequence."

"We're far away to make genes dormant awake, hm?"

“Oh, yes. Once we succeed though... let's say that Orochimaru's results from his experiments would pale in comparison and everything would be done properly like actual science.”

The talk was interrupted when a loud sound of rippling water was heard. Looking at the 'phone' that was laying on the side of her desk, Tsunade looked at who was calling her by recognizing the seal that had lit up on the machine.

'Intelligence?' “Yes?” She said when she picked the handset and put it against her ear.

“Hokage-sama, one of our advanced outposts, reported unusual movement from Iwa.”

“Which one?”

“LOE SE03, Hokage-sama.”

“I'm on my way, be ready.” she ordered and put the handset down.

“I don't think I'll ever **not** marvel at what Riku comes up with.” Hiruzen said. “Trouble?”

“Iwa made a move and it was picked up.” informed Tsunade.

She made another shadow clone to deal with the paperwork while the previous one was keeping an eye on her granddaughters. It didn't take long for her to reach the secret intelligence underground complex. Ten people were working there at all times to deal with all possible reports from the diverse small surveillance teams scattered across the many advanced outposts that had been created for the past year. Such an endeavor had necessitated recruitment from the general corps, Anbu being too few and more skilled to be stuck into simple observation jobs.

“Who did I get on the phone?”

A brown haired shinobi wearing glasses raised his hand and guided her to the main table in the middle of the room. He activated the holographic display and showed her what he had seen.

“At least twenty shinobis passed by one of the outposts I've been in charge of roughly half an hour ago. Team IS-09 kept monitoring their movements and the targets went through the border with Ame. They're not travelling light.”

He manipulated the seal to control the view displayed and Tsunade was able to watch a small camp being built by shinobis.

“They confirmed just before you arrived they were Iwa ninjas.”

“A small team would mean a simple mission but a group of twenty?” she wondered aloud about what it meant. “I want to know what they are doing as soon as possible. Anbu will be ready to intervene if necessary. Anything else happened?” she asked around the room.

“Nothing to signal with Wind, Birds or Mountain Streams, Hokage-sama.”

“Neither from Frost. Kumo has not made any move to invade it.”

“Alright, keep up the good work.”

She left the room and went back to her office, thinking about how despite how amazing this new surveillance system that her son had come up with, they still haven't found the last two members of Akatsuki. With the Rinnegan in their possession and what they learned about it from Nagato, she was right to fear what they could do.

While his mother was busy pondering their enemies actions Riku was... not home. He had left a shadow clone with Karin who was in one of her moods because of her pregnancy, to have some respite. He loved the redhead dearly, more than almost any other but the cycle of yelling, crying, and cravings was driving him nuts. Hinata had been volatile with her mood swings but not nearly as much. Speaking of his moon princess, she was at work at the hospital. While she wanted to be a housewife and stay at home mom, Riku argued that she would quickly get bored. He also argued that when the girls would start the academy she would have nothing to do during the day and it was preferable for her to keep working just with a lighter schedule. As such, with Hinata busy he went to Ino. She had come back the day before from a routine mission and had a day off. Between the birth of the twins, Karin's pregnancy and their respective work, he hadn't had much time with the blonde. Something that he had quickly acted on rectifying first thing in the morning. He had brought her to the forest, hid his Botib there and dragged her to their bedroom. They've been going at it for the past three hours like beasts in heat.

“HMMMMMMMMMMMMMM!”

Grabbing her ass he pushed her down on his dick and discharged everything into her womb as she orgasmed herself. She was in paradise. One Riku in each hand, one in her throat, one in her asshole and finally, Riku himself in her pussy who was also biting on one of her pierced nipples. When her body stopped shaking, he dispelled the clones and an exhausted Ino fell on him. Her breath was short and her brain shot. After a minute of absence she came back to the world.

“I really needed that.” she said with a blissful smile giving him a peck on the lips.

“We needed that. We needed us. It's been way too long and blowjobs here and there are not nearly enough, despite you being the best.” he answered, scratching her lower

back and fondling her butt. "I needed my gorgeous bimbo slut and her tight little pussy." he joked, making her chuckle.

"And ass, and throat and-"

"If I had to list everything, we would still be here tomorrow. So let's summarize it with 'you'."

"I don't know. I'd love to hear you say every entry."

"Rather than fucking?" he asked, pushing his pelvis upward and putting a finger in her ass which made her moan.

"Hmmm. No. I'm good."

"Now, if you don't mind me asking. When did you add those things?" he said, using his hand to tug on the small steel balls caging her nipples.

"A month and a half ago. Like them?"

"Love them, more like. What's next? A collar?"

"I wouldn't mind trying one from time to time."

"Is there anything you wouldn't try?" he inquired in an amused tone.

"For you? Nothing."

Hearing her devotion made him go from half mast to hard as steel again. Ino couldn't help herself, she began to shake her ass up and down, fucking herself on his dick on the spot with an innocent look on her face.

"You're insatiable." she said with a chuckle.

"It's your fault. You just keep me going and going."

"You make me feel the same."

They had a few more rounds. Not pent up anymore and because she wanted to enjoy the rest of her day off differently, they stopped their escapade afterwards. Ino had planned to have lunch with her mother. She gave Riku one last kiss and left for her childhood home.

"Hello, mom." She greeted her mother who was behind the stove in the kitchen.

"Ino, dear. It's so good to see you again." said Noriko as she went to hug her daughter.

"You too, mom. How are you doing?"

"Well. It would be better if I had some grandchildren to spoil though."

"Mom, really?" the young engaged lady replied with a flat tone. "I just came back."

"I'm worried. Hinata and Karin-"

"Hinata was an accident she was very much happy with and Karin was planned because of the village's law regarding clans. You will have your grandchildren, mom. You just have to wait a few years. And if you can't wait for grandchildren to spoil, both wouldn't deny you to fuss over their children, I'm sure."

"I would love to but it wouldn't be the same."

"Yeah? Well... Sorry I'm not into a baby making mood and more of a-"

"Having sex mood?"

"Mom!"

"Dear, with all the hickeys you have on your neck and how much you smile, it's obvious."

Ino raised a hand reflexively to her neck to hide it and blushed while grinning.

"Come on, share with your poor old mother how well my future son-in-law is treating you."

That Ino had no problem doing it.

Meanwhile the said son-in-law had chosen to go to work instead of going home. Out of curiosity he took cells he had secretly taken from the Rinnegan and analyzed them. His purpose was to determine how the peculiar dojutsu came to be. He didn't believe in the '*The Rinnegan appears in time of great chaos and its holder will decide of the salvation of the world or his destruction*' spiel that Jiraiya had shared. It sounded like a prophecy to Riku and he didn't believe in them. The future was not set in stones because of the existence of free will. Some events may be bound to happen but they didn't have to happen the way the 'prophecy' said it would. Infinite possibilities, that was the future's true nature and it wasn't possible for someone to see all of them. No, if the Rinengan had reappeared it was because of a more scientific reason, he was sure of that.

The results he got were strangely familiar. He didn't know why and it made no sense to him at first. The only DNA sequence he has made regarding humans, was of the last Senjus, the last three Uzumakis, one pureblooded Hyuga, his father, a mix of all of them

(coming from his daughters Hitomi and Toka), from Hiruzen who had decided to take part in the research indirectly out of curiosity and the Uchiha clan. Since the village had plenty of sharingan, it had plenty of opportunities to make comparisons. First between the sharingan itself and second with the Hyugas who had the byakugan.

'The sharingan! That's why this sequence is so familiar. The parts about the eyes are very close, closer than the byakugan and sharingan at least. Or I think it is. I need to compare the three.'

Quickly he used the seal he had created for DNA matching, to compare the sequence of the three kekkei genkai. Honestly, the seal wasn't perfect by any means. It just read the whole sequence of each sample it was provided and wrote in a different color the similar part of the sequence. The amount of chakra paper needed was staggering and so was the length of the scroll he needed for that. Thankfully since he could use the mokuton, making chakra paper was only difficult when the wood needed to be processed. As such the money needed was much less than what it should have been. Much, much less.

The process took time however. Hours in truth. So in the meantime he looked at the comparison made from his mother's, Hashirama's and his cells. He had started it the day before in the hope of finding what part of the sequence was responsible for the mokuton.

What he found was quite interesting in his opinion. As expected his DNA matched less than Tsunade compared to Hashirama which allowed him to have a better idea of where the Mokuton was on the sequence. It helped but not much. The DNA of his grandmother, Senju Toka would have been more beneficial to determine that as a direct descendant of Hashirama. He could work without it, however after all he knew that his mother had the mokuton. The way it had been easier for her to find and learn the correct balance between earth and water chakra to use the legendary element compared to himself had been like night and day. That was why he was thinking that she had the mokuton but was dormant. That simple fact helped way more in finding the correct gene responsible. With both information put together, Riku believed it wouldn't be long before he got the answers he wanted.

What was more fascinating to him however, was the comparison between Karin's and Kushina's DNA. He had easily found the gene corresponding to the Adamantine sealing chains and was pretty sure he had isolated Karin's mind eye of the Kagura ability.

Chapter 67: Shit hit the fan

Tsunade and Hiruzen were looking at the report Riku had made from the current results he had. To say they were baffled was an understatement.

"If I understand correctly. Uchiha and Senju have the same common ancestor?" inquired the old man.

"Yes. The Rinnegan is created through cells from both clans interacting with each other. It can't be an evolution since tales of the Rinnegan exist from a long time ago and the Uchiha and Senju had been bitter enemies for centuries before they made peace and founded Konoha. I think it's more like... the sharingan devolved from the Rinnegan." Riku explained.

"So in theory... With all the sharingans we have in our possession..."

"We may be able to recreate the Rinnegan." Tsunade finished her sensei's line of thoughts.

"You would. I'm not implementing myself with a sharingan. You know my belief regarding kekkei genkai. I will neither have a child nor a descendant of mine do it."

Tsunade contemplated the idea. Would she switch her eyes for sharingan in the off chance to awaken the Rinnegan? It was tempting. She had the decency to admit as much to herself. She remembered quite vividly what Nagato had been able to do with it and what 'Madara' may be able to do with it too.

"We can also create a clone of you?" Riku suggested and that made her frown. She didn't discard the idea however.

"A clone of me?"

"You know how Hashirama-ji always... 'shows up' when his cells are involved?"

"...I don't like where this is going but yes?"

"We could technically recreate his whole body, in other words a clone of him. From studying his... well everything and since you have inherited the right genes we could in theory, create a clone of you and implant it with a sharingan to see if recreating the Rinengan is possible. Heck we could directly do it with him. Side note, with a new body we could use the modified Edo Tensei to bring him back fully but..."

"He wouldn't like it." interjected Hiruzen.

"Yes. The reason why I discarded both ideas is because the Rinnegan would be attuned to Hashi-ji's cells not yours. And if you're worried, your clone wouldn't be sentient since well your soul is in your own body. It would only be an empty vessel."

"That sounds a bit like Orochimaru's method of immortality." the retired Hokage said.

“Partly. Keep in mind that Orochimaru takes the body of someone else after adapting it to suit his soul. It wouldn’t be 100% compatible so he’ll have to change hosts again. In our case since it’s mom’s own body there would be no rejection of her soul. The problem however comes from the aging of genes. If we make a clone from a clone from a clone and so on...”

“The results wouldn’t be good to say the least.”

“You got that right, mom. However-”

“Sage mode or keeping a young sample of the original genes or the Iryoken; all three would bypass it all. Especially your Iryoken.”

The absurdity of what was being spoken weighed heavily on everyone's shoulders. Immortality wasn’t a thing any of them were interested in and for good reason. They all understood that life was precious because there was death. Rejecting death was rejecting life’s value. Sure, Tsunade had rejuvenated her body but she didn’t intend to live forever. She just wanted her youth back and when she deemed that it was her time she would go.

“I also discovered that Hyuga and Uchiha may possibly have a common ancestor. Since the Rinnegan was said to belong to the Sage of the six paths but also contained similarities with the Byakugan I think their common ancestry pre-dates the sage but not by much. A few generations possibly. At least one. Which also implied that the Senju are descended from the sage too and in a way the Uzumaki but more distantly.”

Tsunade took a deep breath and sighed tiredly. It was a lot of information regarding her clan’s history. The heavy kind, not the trivial one.

“I will think about this. I’m not comfortable with the idea of having another me existing, empty vessel or not.”

“I wouldn’t either with Jiraiya around.”

Both Hiruzen and Tsunade snorted at Riku’s joke. The young dirty blonde was successful at lifting up the mood.

“What about tonight?” inquired the former Hokage.

“Everything is ready. Jiraiya and Kushina would be hidden inside the cave with us. They do want their pound of flesh on the asshole.”

To avoid any problem with Karin’s seal and the Kyuubi getting out, the birth of their child would be manually started. Like for Kushina, it would happen outside Konoha, just in case the Kyuubi got free. This time however, with Karin’s status as a jinchuriki and her pregnancy being public, they expected the masked man who had released the fox

nearly twenty years ago to act again. Karin was being used as bait and while Riku didn't like that one bit, it was perhaps the only opportunity they had to capture the man. Of course with her having only half of the Kyuubi, the man could go after Naruto. That was why the toads had suddenly had a 'special' training for him to undergo at Mount Myoboku. With all of the strongest ninja gathered in the same place, the odds of the masked man getting away were very low, despite his space-time ninjutsu.

"I want to be part of it." said Hiruzen.

"... Sensei, you do know we need him alive?"

"I do. I won't be a problem. I just want to confront the man who killed my wife and destroyed part of our home."

Tsunade looked at Riku who just shrugged. "Fine. Meet us tonight for dinner at the manor. We'll tell you the whole plan. Now I'm done for the day. Such a difficult birth as this one will need me to be at my best and I can't be tired because of the paperwork."

""Sure.""

The men with her inside the office didn't believe her one bit. It wasn't like she had much paperwork anymore with the screening and filtering done before it ended up on her desk. It was tedious but nothing as bad as before. She deactivated the privacy seals and rose from her seat. Catching her son by the arm she led him outside.

"I don't want to do it but I will if you ask."

"I know. You already have enough on your plate that adding the possible creation of the Rinnegan is more than I'm comfortable giving you. It's just too much."

"I'll try to think of another way. Now what about Kumo and Iwa? How are things?"

"Iwa had stopped sending scouts into Ame. They finally understood that any ninja they sent there mysteriously disappeared and changed their point of infiltration. They avoid Waterfall, perhaps because it's too close to Iron. They didn't infiltrate Wind, so what they are doing is beyond our knowledge. Jiraiya got nothing from his contacts."

"I really don't understand why Iwa is persisting. They accepted the truce after Minato slaughtered a thousand of them. I killed nine times more and they still want war?"

"Maybe Onoki is controlled through a genjutsu just like the Yondaime Mizukage was?"

"That would explain things."

The conversation stopped there and they walked back to the manor silently. Karin was speaking with Kushina and Minato in the dining room when mother and son made their entrance.

“Sensei has decided to join your protective detail tonight.” Tsunade said as she sat down facing Karin who nodded in acknowledgement.

“Not like it will change a thing. The guy will be captured before he gets closer than twenty feet from you.” added Riku to reassure her.

He didn't need to. Karin wasn't worried one bit about the man, nor was she worried about the Kyuubi getting free. What she was worried about was giving birth. Most notably the pain. Kushina was the one to bring her comfort while Riku went to check on the many seals that would be used during the night. Multiple times. When he got back to the group the sun had already fallen. Inside the dining room were everyone involved in tonight's operation. Tsunade and Shizune would take care of the birth of the baby. Kushina, Jiraiya and Hiruzen would be in ambush. Kakashi, Yugao and Gai would wait inside Riku's Botib located in the Senju Manor.

“Alright, so here is the plan. Team A(mbush) will use Jiraiya's invisibility jutsu to hide near the entrance to take the asshole from behind. Team B(otib) will be at the other end of the room with an opened Botib, ready to take Karin, the baby and Shizune into it, close its door and use the special hiraishin to be transported inside my own Botib, here. Any questions?”

“Yes. From what I understand, that un-youthful man can use space-time ninjutsu allowing him to be intangible or teleport. How can we capture him?”

“That whole cave is layered with seals making a special space-time barrier. He will be able to get inside with his jutsu but won't be able to get out. There are only two ways to exit the cave. One is through the entrance but since it's guarded by Team A he won't be able to escape that way. Two, is through the Botib. With its door closed the space inside is a separate one from ours. That's why the Hiraishin will work and you need to close the door to be able to bail out thanks to it. Once you're out, we destroy the Botib and the guy is fucked. He's either captured or killed. Either way we'll get what we want from him.”

Riku didn't expand on the dead part but should that happen, he would use the Edo Tensei to bring the asshole back and question him.

Just to be sure, Tsunade asked Jiraiya. “Is Naruto at Mt. Myoboku?”

“He is. Pa and Ma are instructing him on how to use their special genjutsu. He doesn't suspect a thing.”

“Good. Now it's time for dinner.”

The dinner was light but nutritious. Enough to give everyone some energy for the potential fight. Everyone was tense and it was Jiraiya who lifted the mood by beginning to flirt with Tsunade. Of course with Riku present things took a turn in another direction. The toad sage had to dodge chopsticks piercing his eyes. The “*Down, mamma’s boy*” the dirty blonde got was brushed on the spot.

“Of course I am. What of it?”

“Damn! You don’t even deny it.”

“Nope. Why should I? I’m proud of it. After all, I have the best mom in the world.”

“That’s all those tits fault!” Kushina interjected with a bit of jealousy in her voice. Was it because hers were way smaller or because Tsunade could cuddle with her son? Both? Nobody knew but Kushina.

“Well, yeah. Best pillows ever!”

“P-pillows?! How do you know that?! Tsunade!” the old super pervert exclaimed in shock, looking at his teammate.

“What? I have years of cuddling to catch up on. And it’s very relaxing. Way better way to deal with the stress of the job than drinking until I roll under the table.”

“That’s not fair! Naruto doesn’t want to cuddle with me!”

“Did you try not leaving him a choice?”

“I...No? Should I?”

“I can’t believe you get to suck on those, brat!”

“What the heck are you talking about, you deranged pervert?! It’s just cuddling! If I want to suck on breasts, I go to Karin, Hinata or Ino! Not my own mother!” That was a bit of a lie Riku told aloud. Now that Tsunade had created a jutsu to produce milk, he sure as hell was drinking it straight from the source. The few sex sessions they had since then had been very wild. The wildest to date.

“Goddamn it! I forgot you have your own harem too! Why is life so unfair?!”

“God! Why was I stuck with an idiot on my Team!” Tsunade lamented, rolling her eyes. She was amused though and to make Jiraiya squirm she grabbed Riku’s head and plunged it right into her cleavage.

“Argh!”

To the side, the Jonins were having a field day. At least Kakashi and Yugao. The former even had a few words.

"This is the best entertainment I have had in years. Maybe I should come more often for dinner." he said, picking up his glass and perching his thirst.

"Are you sure it's not for Shizune?" teased Yugao and the water in Kakashi's glass went through the wrong pipe. Gai snickered at his side.

"If he was taking our relationship seriously that may be possible." replied the called out woman with a bit of bite but mostly humor in his voice. The relationship between the two had been going well so far and Shizune was waiting for Kakashi to ask her to move in. The man however, was either too lazy or too scared to pop that question.

"Now, Kakashi. Life is short, it could end at any moment. You should make the best of it. Take it from my experience." advised Minato with a teasing grin on his lips.

"Very un-youthful of you my rival. Leaving such a beautiful flower as Shizune-san, hanging. Un-youthful, I tell you!"

"Hm... Maybe I went to the wrong rival." the head of the hospital said and leaned towards Gai, showing a good bit of cleavage herself.

"Oh hell no!" In a flash Kakashi was right by Shizune's side, giving her a kiss for everything he was worth. "You can move in anytime."

"I'm not moving into your small apartment, Kakashi. You're moving into my house. There is a backyard for your summons."

"Deal!"

"... I swear if you get closer than ten feet of Yugao-chan's ass, I'm cutting it off with a rusty kunai dipped in vinegar, you rotted brained pervert!"

"It belongs in a museum!"

"Riku is very protective of you it seems." Commented Gai to the purple haired woman.

"He still has the hugest crush on me. Ever since he was thirteen." she answered with an amused smile. That always brought her mood up to know that in his eyes she was still the most beautiful kunoichi in the village, his mother not counting. Especially when he was married to Hinata and on his way to marry Ino and Karin who were beauties themselves, especially Ino.

"Do you intend to join the harem?"

“Do you intend to spend the rest of your life as a woman, Taicho?” the ex-anbu replied with a predatory grin. The threat to emasculate him was very real.

“Mah~ I’m good. I recognize a no when I hear one. Though I’m sure Shizune wouldn’t let you.”

“Are you sure? I don’t have a problem with a girlfriend instead of a boyfriend.”

“I... Hm...”

“Minato! Once Naruto gets back, I’m restraining him with my chains for some cuddling time! I’m owed my cuddles and I’m getting them!”

“Kushi-chan yo-”

“You better not get in the way if you know what’s good for you!”

“Riku! I want my boobs to stay that size after the birth. Maybe a little bigger?”

“Again?!”

“Wait! You can grow boobs at will now?! I thought it was an accident with Tsunade’s?! Teach me!”

At the end of the table Hiruzen, who was able to watch and hear everything from his position, was having the time of his life. The scene before him was why he had worked so hard and so long to defend his home. Unfortunately it had to come to an end.

It was late enough into the night and they needed to start the plan. With the exception of Minato, who would wait in Riku’s bedroom with the Botib, everyone was holding hands. Riku flashed everyone to the cave and each went to their position. Kushina, Hiruzen and Jiraiya disappeared out of view against the wall at the entrance. Kakashi brought out his Botib and put it against the far end wall. He opened it and went inside, ready to activate the temporary Time seal which would get his team plenty of time to Hiraishin away once the closet was a closed space. Yugao and Gai were just outside guarding the door, to quickly evacuate the people that needed to get out of there. The rest of the group went to some kind of altar to which Riku had put a comfortable mattress on it.

“Nice touch.” Karin said, giving him a peck on the lips and laying down on the mattress. She was still nervous.

“Everything is going to be alright. The peri-”

“Riku, I’m a doctor, I know how it goes!” she snapped. The squeezing of his hand by hers showed that it was her fear talking in truth and not her anger. Riku nodded and squeezed back.

Once everything was in place. Tsunade started the birthing process. It took two hours of grunts of pain and some screams from Karin to be dilated enough for the baby being ready to come out. Back at the entrance, Kushina felt for Karin, having gone through the exact process herself. What would have been supposed to be one of the happiest days of her life, had turned out to be her worst and her last. She swore to herself that this time would be different. Should the masked man show up, and she prayed he would, she would not only get her payback but also put an end to the threat of her clan's future. So far the only Uzumaki that would be born would be from Karin, since Kushina herself wasn't sure she should have another baby because of Naruto, and Naruto was still hanging on to his teammate. From what she heard from many people, it was a lost cause and she didn't want a daughter-in-law who had physically abused her son and may continue to do so.

"Come on! I see the head, push!" Tsunade ordered, and Karin obliged in a curling scream.

"Good! Do it again."

"Riku." the redhead whined in pain and exhaustion, looking for support.

"I'm here. Take a deep breath." he answered while keeping a hand of the Kyuubi's seal. He was making sure it held. But he was pushing and that added to Karin's pain.

"Again!"

The scream Karin let out was the loudest so far "AAAAAAHHHHH! I SWEAR... YOU'RE NOT TOUCHING ME EVER AGAIN!"

"We still have to make an-" Everyone in the room knew that trying to be logical in that moment was not the right answer and Kushina heard Hiruzen facepalm at her side.

"PUSH!"

"NEVER AGAIN!" she pushed more.

"Argh!"

The crunched sound of the bone in his hand went unheard by everyone as Karin yelled at the top of her lungs. It was over however, Tsunade had the baby in her hands and slapped its butt. Immediately, the baby screamed even louder than his mother did.

"It's a girl." Tsunade announced, while she cut the umbilical cord. Riku was way too busy maintaining the seal to do it himself. At the same time Shizune was applying the Mystical Palm to sooth the new mother's pain and heal any damage the birth had incurred. Once cleaned up and put into a warm blanket, the new member of the

Uzumaki clan rested in her grandmother's arms. Karin was in too much pain from the fox trying to get out to hold her daughter.

That was when everyone was distracted that the attack happened. Or that was how it happened for Kushina and how it would have happened had she not had the experience and teammates at the ready. Yugao was one of the first to act, deflecting three kunai aimed at Tsunade and Shizune, saving their lives. Gai acted at the same time, appearing next to Karin and picking her up in his arms. Riku made a shadow clone who put his hand on the seal and continued his boss' job. Quickly everyone retreated inside the Botib as per the plan.

"Oh no, you don't!" shouted the masked man that walked into the cave and threw more kunais at Gai to let go of Karin.

This time it was Riku that blocked them, standing protectively in the way of the attacker. Team A went into action quickly. Jiraiya activated the special barrier and stood in front of the entrance to block it. Kushina used her chains to restrain the man that perhaps she hated the most and Hiruzen was ready to act.

"AH! Kushina-san. I have heard tales of your resurrection. I didn't quite believe it until that failed attack on Konoha from Iwa and Kumo. How is it going? Feeling nostalgic? I sure do."

"You're sure more talkative than you were all those years ago. Good, maybe T&I won't have to work on you too much?"

"You seem to be under the impression that you caught me. I can feel your chains trying to suppress my chakra but it's not enough to-" he stopped chuckling when whatever he tried to do, failed. Riku believed he had tried to use his space-time ninjutsu to get free. "That's impossible! Your chains are made of chakra, they shouldn't restrain me to-"

"They aren't, asshole." Riku said, approaching the man. "You just don't know anything about space-time, that's why you're trapped. Like all Uchiha, you got a cool flashy jutsu and didn't bother to wonder how it worked and just used it like a retard. Your and your clan's arrogance is truly a wonder. Now let's see who the fuck you are."

"I'm... Madara..." the man said with difficulty as he tried to get free of the chains.

"Oh, please. Madara was the most prideful man I've ever met. He wouldn't hide behind a mask. That's beneath him and the way of a coward." interjected Hiruzen as Riku removed the mask.

"Yeah I'll wear a mask too if half my face looked like the skin of a ballsack." He also removed, painfully, the sharingans in the man's socket getting a scream out of it.

"O-Obito?"

Everyone turned to Kushina who had spoken.

Chapter 68: Revelations

The revelation that Kushina knew the masked man had shocked Riku and stopped his movement for half a second. He acted the other half, putting a suppressing tag on the guy and knocking him out. He then put his sharingan inside a container he had prepared beforehand (hoping it would be the Rinnegan instead) and sealed them in his BoS. Afterward, he pulled out a crate and put their prisoner inside and sealed it in a page.

“Questions are for later. I’m going home, you’re free to stay here or not.”

He sealed the Botib too in his book of seals and offered his hands to the trio. Each grabbed one or his arms and Riku flashed everyone away back to the Senju Manor. Arriving in the living room, Riku quickly went to his bedroom and entered the Botib. He found who he was looking for inside the infirmary. His clone, still suppressing the Kyuubi the best he could and immediately went to assist.

“Look, you want out and I get it but you need to stay inside for everyone’s safety including yours! So stop trying to break the seal, damn it. We’ll make it more comfortable for you and less like a prison! Better a safe golden cage than the whole shinobi world on your ass.”

He could feel right under his finger tips the rage and the hatred of the fox kept pushing but after a few minutes the feeling subsided. Just to make sure he kept stabilizing the seal despite no more tremor then removed his hands. Looking up to his favorite redhead he gave her a tired smile she gave back.

“Told you it would be alright.” he said leaving forward and kissing her forehead.

“You’re lucky that I love you or I would have used my chains on you. Now move, I want to see our daughter!”

Chuckling, Riku pulled back a bit and let Tsunade approached with their baby in her arms. The little thing had a small mop of red hair and seemed quite pleased when she changed hands to be laid on top of her mother’s chest. Riku used his index to carassess her little cheek but the lass turned her head and tried to put it in her tiny mouth.

“Definitely mine.” Riku joked. Ever since Karin had asked him of it he kept biting her during their love making time. He thought that after what Kusa did to her and her mother she would hate it but it was actually quite the opposite.

“So... What’s my granddaughter’s name?” Tsunade asked.

Riku and Karin looked at each other to have a silent conversation then looked at their daughter.

“We couldn’t decide.” Karin began.

“So we made Shizune the godmother and she came up with something nice.”

“Can you stop beating around the bush!”

““Kamiko.””

“Fragrant ocean child, huh? Why am I not surprised?” she said looking at her eldest apprentice.

“She’s an Uzumaki.” was Karin’s smug answer.

“And we can’t really name her after you, mom. You’re still alive and way too young to give your name to someone else.”

“Dibs on Nanny duty!”

“What?! You can’t Tsunade-sama! I’m the godmother!”

“You snooze, you lose, Shizune.”

Both Riku and Karin ignored the two women’s bickering and looked at their child with awe and joy.

“I hope she gets my personality because she looks just like you.”

“I hope she has your eyes. I’d be fine with just that.”

After such a physical exertion, it wasn’t a surprise that Karin’s eyelids began to drop. She had to give birth and endure the Kyuubi trying to get free. Uzumaki or not everyone would be dead tired after all this. That was why, Riku picked Kamiko in his arms, delicately, kissed his sleeping fiancée and left the room after making sure she was alright. When he arrived back in the main room of the Botib the tense atmosphere that he suspected was due to the identity of the masked man, shifted for a more joyful one.

“Here’s little Kamiko.

“May I?”

“Sure.”

Riku gave his newly born daughter to Minato who was smiling from ear to ear.

“Redhead, hm?”

“Thank Kami for that. My dirty blonde hair is unoriginal next to it.”

Kamiko fussed a bit when she changed hands but quickly settled down and fell asleep. Riku created a shadow clone when his mother entered the room and sent him to lay down Kamiko in her crib. He was supposed to watch her while everyone else talked. The heavy tension in the room was back.

“You got him?” Tsunade asked, switching from happy and proud grandmother to Godaime Hokage of Konoha.

“We did.” answered Riku and looked at Kushina briefly.

“Does T&I already have him or...”

“It’s Obito.” the Uzumaki in the room revealed and three people turned to look at her. Gai, Kakashi and her own husband Minato.

“Kushina, Obito is-”

“Very much alive. Half his face is messed up but it’s him, Minato.”

“I saw him die! He can’t...”

“Just like we can’t, Kakashi?”

The redhead’s blunt rebuttal was effective and the fake cyclops quieted down on the spot.

“That doesn’t tell me anything at all except you know him.” noted aloud Tsunade. She didn’t like being out of the loop one bit and subtly made them understand that.

“Uchiha Obito was my student.” confessed Minato.

“Wait! He’s **that** Obito?” Riku inquired, looking at Kakashi but got nothing. The man was lost in his thoughts, clearly perturbed by the revelation. It was Gai standing at his rival’s side that nodded in confirmation.

“It changes nothing.” Tsunade announced with the poise of her status. “Whoever he is, he’s responsible for the Kyuubi’s attack twenty years ago and is responsible for trying to do the same tonight. Once we get everything from him, he dies. Now, it’s late, we had a long day and I suggest everyone to go home and rest.”

Without further ado everyone present left for home. Riku stayed by his mother's side all the while and only spoke to her once alone.

"I'm ripping his soul out of him and giving it to the Shinigami." he told her point blank.
"No-fucking-body threatened my family like that and go rest in the Pure Lands afterward."

"Fine by me."

"Really?"

"I don't really care in truth but that wouldn't be undeserved." she answered and led Riku to her bedroom for a cuddling session.

Walking home the silence between husband and wife was broken by the latter. They had difficulties comprehending or accepting the revelation from earlier. Obito had always been a kind young kid. A screw up and a bit of a scaredy cat most of the time but he had been good. To know that he was the one responsible for the entire misery of their family which included their death, was more than shocking. Minato didn't want it to be true and hoped that Kushina had been wrong but he trusted his wife above all and knew she wouldn't have mistaken someone else for Obito.

"I always prided myself for forgiving people, Minato but I don't think I can forgive him."

"..."

"He was dismissive back then... As if I was just a tool, a vessel to house the Kyuubi for a time. Tonight he was smug and gleeful when he spoke to me."

"..."

"I don't know what happened but he's nothing like the Obito that we used to know."

"Life happened and... I don't think I can forgive him either for his actions." he had made his choice. He had already mourned his student years ago, whoever Obito was now didn't matter anymore

"I'm worried, Minato."

"Everything will be fine, Kushi-chan. Obito is locked up and-"

"I'm not worried about him. I'm worried about Naruto."

"What about?"

"I... always wanted Naruto to grow up to be like him. Full of life, of kindness... And Obito turned like that. What is to say Naruto-"

"He won't. Naruto has us. He has his friends. He won't fall into darkness."

"You don't know that! Did you not notice his change in behavior and mood since his house arrest? It did not get much better."

"He made progress, he matured."

"To the point of understanding that things are what they are but he did not accept it! He may have understood that Mikoto's son was not his friend, but he did not totally accept it. Deep down he still believes that he could be saved by just talking with him and that they could all go back to the time they were a team. Then there is his other teammate of his. He refuses to open his eyes to the truth and it will only devastate him further the longer it lasts. Rejection and a broken heart."

"He'll recover from it."

"Let's say he does because I have faith in our son, what about his jealousy towards Riku?"

"Jealousy? What jealousy?" he asked her a bit confused and surprised by what she had just said.

"If Tsunade was to retire now, Riku would be the one to replace her. Sarutobi is clearly behind him and so are the elders. Heck! Probably the whole village! He replaced his mother for a whole month at the head of the village, it's almost a done deal at this point. Naruto... Naruto hides it but not well enough for me to not notice that he's jealous and more than upset with that. He trains hard, everyday. Always gives his all but he can't help but notice the gap between the two of them and he doesn't understand why, despite having the same childhood, Riku is better."

"Riku is not-"

"He is! As a shinobi he is. He's stronger by leaps and bonds. Hiraishin or not, Naruto would not win in a fight. I have faith in our son, Minato but I'm not blinded by it to not see the truth. Everything seems to go well in Riku's life while it doesn't for Naruto. How long do you think he can handle that? And that's what scares me, what if... What if Naruto snaps and changes like Obito did?"

"He will not and even in the unlikely chance it happens, we'll bring him back."

Minato said nothing more. The conviction in his voice and words were genuine and leaving not a hint of doubt. They reassured Kushina a lot but the worry was still there. The conversation stopped there and they both entered their empty house.

A few streets away, Shizune had entered her boyfriend's apartment. She had checked Karin one last time to make sure she was alright then left to offer him comfort. She found him sitting on the ground, leaning against his bed. On one hand he had an opened bottle of sake, on the other the photo of his team. She didn't say anything. She couldn't. She knew that there were no words that would make things better.

Shizune simply walked to him and gently took the bottle from his hand. He didn't fight it. The bottle was put on the ground and she pulled him up on his feet then pushed him down the bed. He didn't fight her either. She picked the picture and put it on his night stand, his eyes not leaving it. Finally she joined him in bed and embraced him. After a few moments of stillness, he embraced her back and buried his head in her chest. They fell asleep like that.

Anyone that had been close to Obito had their mood down in their socks for the following week. It didn't get better when Tsunade had summoned everyone, including the elders to share what T&I had learned from their captive.

"Let me get this straight, sensei. He did all that, because the girl he loved, even though she didn't love him back, died? So he went through with the actual Madara who had survived his fight with great grandpa and his plan to use the nine biju to power up a powerful genjutsu which would reflect on the moon and which would enslave everyone in the world in a dream of bliss. Just so he could be reunited with the girl he loved and that I bet would love him back this time. He couldn't do that to himself alone or take his own life, no he had to involve the whole world, start a civil war and a purge, release the Kyuubi and kill an incalculable number of people for a genjutsu that would kill everyone in three days."

"Pretty much. Although he did it for peace in the world too."

"... the Genocide of the entire human race and every other sapient species in the world is not a peace that I want, personaly. Not like we could enjoy it, we'd be dead." Riku replied in a flat tone.

"Is there more information on this... 'Infinite Tsukuyomi?'" asked Hiruzen.

"Remember that weird stone tablet we found buried in the former Uchiha district?"

"The one we couldn't read?" remarked Koharu.

"That one. Apparently only Uchiha can read it and only pieces of it."

"... It depends on how developed the sharingan is? Does the rinnegan-"

"Yes and yes, Riku. You were right, the rinnegan is either an evolution of the sharingan or the sharingan devolved from the rinnegan. It talks about this genjutsu in detail among other things..." revealed Tsunade.

“Among other things? I don’t like that, Hime. It sounds like there is worse.”

“Yes, although T&I is not quite sure if the information came from Obito himself or from the tablet. That’s why... Kakashi.”

“I’ll read it.” the fake cyclops said with a nod. There was no way he wouldn’t.

“But won’t Kakashi only be able to read a part of it?” Gai wondered aloud.

“Everything but the rinnegan part.” replied his rival.

“You have...”

“Since Obito clearly had developed the Mangekyo sharingan, you should have too. I still don’t understand why. Uncle Tobirama’s notes talk about a special chakra that the Uchiha produces to awaken it, yet when Obito’s was awakened you were already in possession of half of it. That makes no sense to me.” Tsunade commented. “As for the rinnegan...”

She looked at Riku briefly but he understood what this look meant. Tsunade was in for recreating the rinnegan. He didn’t know which way she had chosen for that but what mattered is she was in.

“We’re taking care of that. There is one more piece of information that we got from him. Now two more pieces of news. First: During the night Obito had escaped from his cell.”

“That’s impossible! I removed his eyes! I even put the barrier we used to nullify his teleportation inside of it.”

“And yet, he’s gone. Probably broken out by his last friend in the Akatsuki.”

“Then his friend is not using space-time ninjutsu.”

“He could have broken the barrier.” wondered Koharu.

“It can’t be done from the inside. You need a space anchor from the inside but the barrier is specifically designed to make that impossible by constantly shifting the space.” Riku explained.

“With a point of origin which is unstable he can’t pinpoint any point of arrival. Clever.” commented Minato, rubbing his chin pensively.

“The barrier is still there, so no, he didn’t break the barrier. It’s not important right now. What’s important is that Obito is at large with another accomplice which brings me to my last news: Orochimaru is still alive.”

“Oh! Come on! That guy is no snake, he's a cockroach!” Riku exclaimed.

“There was someone else with his cursed seal?” Hiruzen stated more than asked.

“Yes but that's not really the problem. The problem is that Orochimaru perfected the Edo Tensei and began grave robbing.”

“You don't mean...”

“I got the confirmation this morning, sensei. My grandfather, My uncle, but also my grandmother's remains were stolen.” Tsunade revealed with barely controlled anger.

“Shit.” Riku said.

“I couldn't have said it better.”

“I wasn't referring... Sensei, he's going to start a war for the eight and nine tails. I doubt he will stop at just taking corpses from Konoha.”

“You think he's going to rob the grave of other Kages?” asked Homura.

“Not just the kages but as many powerful shinobi as he can. He wouldn't have taken Lady Mito otherwise.” Kushina corrected him.

“If he starts to revive the Uzumaki...” Hiruzen spoke with dread.

“Was the clan that strong?” Gai asked.

“Iwa, Kumo and Kiri allied themselves to take Uzushio down and they barely succeeded. Ten thousand shinobis supported by jinchurikis against 1000 shinobis of Uzushio. They nearly lost.”

‘Holy shit! That information wasn't as detailed in the history book. Damn! The uzumaki were insanely strong.’ Riku thought and he wasn't the only one in the room. Everyone was affected by the Sandaime's words.

“And only because the village's barrier failed from what Lady Mito told me.” Kushina commented in a sorrowful voice. No one was surprised by that, her whole clan, her whole family was slaughtered after all. “I still don't understand how that could have happened. The barrier was impregnable or perhaps I was just told it was. I was a child back then; adults didn't really give details about it.”

The look his mother exchanged with Hiruzen told Riku everything he needed to know.

‘Konoha was involved?! That's not... The old monkey wouldn't... Danzo!’

The realization on his face was not missed by the two he had been observing. Taking a deep breath, Tsunade sighed and made a decision.

“Danzo was at fault.”

“What?!”

“Danzo wanted the control of the Kyuubi for Konoha. Or rather himself.” Hiruzen began, looking at Kushina with shame. “Only an Uzumaki has enough vitality to contain the fox and a very special type of chakra, that was why when Mito-sama was near the end of her life she asked for a member of the Uzumaki clan to be sent to Konoha.”

“I’ll have it known, we didn’t know at the time about that fact regarding the Kyuubi. Its first sealing happened when we were barely genin at the time.” commented Koharu.

“We thought that anyone could handle it but Mito-sama quickly disabused us of the misconception.” Homura added.

“As such, you were sent to us because Uzumaki Ashina knew that the fox couldn’t be let free to roam the world. Not after what Madara did to it but also Mito-sama. Both Konoha and Uzushio would have been in danger of its reprisal. While I saw this as a gesture of friendship and making stronger bonds with your clan, Kushina, Danzo saw a liability, a weakness. His goal was for Konoha to be the only village in control of the Kyuubi and its jinchuriki and not depend on someone else. That’s why he started a power struggle between Ashina and his son. Ashina pruned isolationism and his son didn’t. Quite the contrary, he wanted for Uzushio to be a leading figure in the Elemental Nations like the big five. As such when your home was attacked it was in the middle of a civil war. We don’t quite know what happened on our sister village’s side, this old fool’s files never mentioned it but we know that he leaked false information to Iwa which sparked the plan to attack the island.”

“How long... How long since...”

Kushina was held back by Minato. Rage was coursing through her and she wanted nothing more than to hurt Hiruzen and the elders blaming them for the destruction of her home.

“We found out? A month.”

The redhead deflated and Minato switched his hold on her to take her in his arms. They left outside the office for a moment to deal with the news.

“Speaking of Danzo, is his body still in Konoha? I hope it’s not because I want to arrange a meeting with the Shinigami.”

Tsunade raised an eyebrow at her son's words but said nothing. Silently she agreed with him but that was her personal opinion which was private and nobody else's business.

“Iwa had stopped sending troops to make advances into Ame. I doubt they will stop trying so they must have gone through another country we don't have surveillance in. It's possible they may have allied themselves with Obito. I doubt Kumo would because of the eight-tails. Regardless of who our opponents are, we're going to fight a war and now that we got information out of him, I doubt he'll stay hidden for long. If we're to fight an army of invincible undead we need to know how to deal with it. Riku, see if you can do that with Karin and Kushina. Jirayia I want you out there gathering information. **Do not** engage in battle. I don't want another Ame incident happening. Kakashi, Gai, I may have a task for you later. The same for you, Yugao. You can't take a mission even inside the village until further notice. Now, you're dismissed.”

Left in the office were Tsunade, Hiruzen and the elders. They had a lot to talk about regarding the on coming war.

Chapter 69: More questions without answers

“How are you feeling?”

Riku was looking down at his mother. She was resting, laying down on an operating table. Her eyes were closed and it was clear from the expression on her face that she was checking how she was feeling herself.

“The drain on my chakra is... not that bad.”

“Any discomfort, any-”

“Riku, I taught you. I know perfectly well if my body is well or not.”

“Excuse me for worrying about my mother's well being, Hokage-sama.” he answered in a huff.

That brought a small happy smile from the blonde. She raised herself and sat at the edge of the table. Slowly, she opened her eyes revealing two red blood irises with three tomoes in each, spinning in a circle around the pupils.

“That's interesting.”

“What is?”

“Chakra. I can see chakra in colors. And everything is so... slow and detailed.”

“I see... Actually I don’t and call it kekkei genkai bullshit.” he made her snort. “Do we need to modify your time perception training?”

“No, I don’t think that will be necessary.”

“Alright. What happens if you channel more chakra into them?”

Tsunade was curious too and checked that out. The three tomoes expanded and changed shape to form an eight petals flower. Riku found them both beautiful and eerie.

“Mangekyo Sharingan confirmed. Kakashi said-”

“I know what he said.”

“Are you going to keep acting like a woman 50 years older than what you look? Because if you are, I’m leaving.” There was no way she could miss the annoyance on her son’s face. Sharingan or not. Acknowledging that she was behaving irritatingly, she didn’t apologize but made him stay.

“I appreciate your concern, don’t get me wrong.”

“But?”

“There is no but. I do, period. As for the abilities... I think I can control time? Like slow down or speed up an object I look at? Who did you say those eyes belonged to?”

“Uchiha Mikoto. Itachi and Sasuke’s mother.”

“I knew she was an S-rank kunoichi like Kushina but I didn’t know that-”

“Surprisingly, no Uchiha advertised they had it. And again, kekkei genkai are bullshit. Now if you don’t mind, I’d like to test something.”

He brought his hands up, right before her eyes and began channeling his medical chakra for the Iryoken. With the sharingan Tsunade was able to see all the ins and outs of how his chakra behave when he used it for his taijutsu style. She had tried in the past but she was never able to quite get how it worked. Now she could. She was under no illusion that should she use the Iryoken her result would be as good as Riku’s, his chakra was way purer than hers for that.

“I know the Iryoken. And by that I mean, I’m sure I could use it properly now”.

“But not to the same efficiency, I suppose?”

"No, I don't think so."

"Perhaps I could work on a seal that would purify chakra. Add them onto your wrists and ankles, next to the one for Mokuton."

"I actually don't need those ones anymore." the Godaime revealed proudly.

"Then I'll remove them. Or do you want to try for another elemental release?"

"Hmm... Explosion is out since I can use my fists and feet. Something long distance?"

"Magnet or storm release then. Since your main is lightning, it may be easier for you."

"Storm it is. It's faster and more piercing."

"You're really out for the Raikage, aren't you?" he replied with a teasing smirk.

"I'm going to bust his lightning armor next time I see that asshole!" she replied with a gruff tone. Her fight with the man at the kage summit really left her bitter.

"Sure, sure. Now back to the topic at hand. Putting aside the fact that the sharingan automatically fills you with knowledge of the abilities of its mangekyou's state, nothing about the Rinnegan?"

"No. Neither knowledge nor a feeling. Nothing."

"Then there must be something more than just the combination of Uchiha and Senju blood. Obito said that Madara used Hashi-ji's cells to unlock the rinnegan decades after implementing them. Perhaps it's Hashi-ji that was the catalyst. Should we mix them with... Sasuke's? He's the only Uchiha we have an abundance of cells, no?"

"It's worth a shot. In the meantime..."

Tsunade made a few hand seals and she used a genjutsu to hide her new eyes by making them look like her previous ones. Her originals were safely stored inside Tsunade's own BoS.

She got off of the operating table to stand on her feet, stretched, then began to leave the room, Riku following her.

"Ino's birthday is in a week."

"And?" she asked no understanding why he was telling her that.

"And she asked for a threesome."

"I thought you already... with Anko. And Karin and Hinata."

"She did but not with you."

That revelation made Tsunade stop walking abruptly on the spot. She looked at her son with wide eyes which were quite shocked but also disbelieving.

"Me?!"

"Yep. First she wants to watch, then join. Can't really blame her, mom. You're utterly gorgeous."

"That's... I..."

"You can say no. She'd be disappointed in missing sucking on your tits but not upset."

"... That fiancée of yours is really..."

"I know, mom. Believe me, I know. Yet, how she had not read a single book of Jiraiya is mind blowing."

"She just... wants to watch us? And suck on my breasts?"

"Oh, she wants more than that but she'd be satisfied with just that."

"... I'll think about it?" she replied not sure of herself.

Riku nodded, not having expected a direct answer from her. Or at least not one which wasn't an outright 'no'. He started walking again to get out from his Botib (the operation having been done in secret from everyone, including the elders and Hiruzen) when his mother grabbed him by the hand and began leading him to the second floor.

"I want to test the perfect memory of what the sharingan sees."

"And the best way is sex?" he inquired as she pulled him inside one of the bedrooms.

"I don't know but that is something I want to remember forever. The most precious time with my son. Plus, I'm horny."

When Tsunade became a sage and rejuvenated her whole body it came with a few side effects. One of them was her libido going to the roof sky high. She did her best to hold it most of the time but apparently, right at this instant she couldn't or simply didn't want to. Riku closed the door with his foot and Tsunade was on top of him in an instant. At her demand he used the Time Seal to speed up the time so she could be entirely satisfied but also ready to go to work immediately if she needed to when she exited the Botib. He

had put it in her own secret lab inside the Hokage Monument so no one would bother them. As such, once outside they went back home for dinner.

Riku's heart almost melted when he saw Karin breastfeeding Kamiko and Hinata, Toka. Ino had Hitomi in her own arms and was playing with the seven months old quite happily. He couldn't help himself but think that Ino would be a great mother and had no problem imagining her with their own child like that.

Hinata and Ino had come back from their sleepover at their parents. Riku didn't want them at the manor if something went wrong during Kamiko's birth. The former had plenty of stories to share about their daughters. How Hiahsi was caught on all four with both Hitomi and Toka on his back playing horsey by his own daughters and nephew and shocked the living daylight out of them. The girls seemed to love Neji's hair the most, always grabbing them and not letting go. He nearly blew a gasket when they ended up in their mouths. Still from Hinata's own mouth, Hanabi had laughed so much that she was rolling on the floor holding her stomach. She laughed a lot less when her nieces found her amusing and signaled with their tiny hands to their uncle Neji that they wanted to join too. More than happy to get away from the two hair eating monsters, he nearly teleported with how fast he moved to Hanabi and let the girls down. Quickly, Hinata's little sister was covered in drool and her laughter was transferred to Neji who ran away when she activated the Byakugan. He knew better than to mess with the firecracker of their family without an exit plan in mind.

"We should have a family gathering. A barbecue, maybe? The weather is too nice to be scooped inside." suggested Riku out of the blue.

"I love that idea." exclaimed Ino, who got up with Hitomi and went to kiss her man.

"Me too."

"I'm for it but not before I get rid of all this fat." said an unhappy Karin.

"Karin, it could take months!" Hinata exclaimed.

"I'm ready." Riku heard in his ears. He tuned out his redhead and bluenette and turned his head around. He saw Ino on her toes with a mischievous gleam in her eyes and stars.

"Ready? What..."

She looked down at Hitomi in her arms then back at Riku.

"I thought you wanted to..."

"I know what I said and I changed my mind. I can see how happy they both are and you still have fun with Hinata. I'm pretty sure you'll still have fun with Karin too once she can."

"Ino, it's not about-"

"I know. But... I have this little one in my arms and I want that. For me. For us. Not because you still have sex with the others while they're new mothers, not because my mother is hounding me for it. I... want my own baby, sucking at my breasts, to hug and carry, to love and care."

"It would be better if we wait."

"What? Why? You had no problem with Karin-"

"It's not about that. War is coming and-"

"Even more reason. With how strong you are I doubt you'll die but I'm not. I'm an above average kunoichi but not to the point of taking whole groups by myself. I only truly shine with Shoka and Choji. Without them the odds of..."

"Enough. I don't want to speak about that. If you want a baby then we'll have a baby."

He didn't snap at her but almost, making her recoil a bit.

"Riku if you don't..."

"It's not that I don't want to. It's not that I'm upset about."

She thought for a brief moment that it was about the timing that crossed her mind but she realized that he interrupted her when she was going to say that her odds of surviving a war were low without her teammates. His indirect but violent display of care and infection brought a smile to her face. She went on the tip of her toes again and gave him another kiss.

"Marriage first."

"I know. Your father will skin me alive if we're not the next and before I breed you."

Karin had declined marrying him while she was pregnant and most importantly to her, before Ino. The Yamanaka was the one to accept her dating Riku and who convinced Hinata to agree to it too. She wasn't in a hurry either. She was engaged with Riku and was about to birth their child, it was enough for her. At least for now.

"Breed?" she said with an eyebrow raised questioningly but an amused smile. She didn't dislike the use of the word. If anything she quite liked the concept.

“Of course, breed. Girls and women get knocked up. Little cumslut like you get bred.”

“Keep talking like that and you can be sure that my father will skin you.”

She had whispered sultry in his ear. The lust was evident in her voice but also in her eyes. When Tsunade got back from the kitchen with a glass in hand, Ino took it, drank its content, handed her Hitomi and dragged Riku to her bedroom. Before Tsunade could say anything in protest she heard her future daughter-in-law say ‘I’m getting bred’ and saw her scampered away with her son. The frown on her face was replaced by a happy smile instantly. Tsunade would never admit it but she loved Ino the most. Not as a daughter-in-law, that honor went to Hinata, while Karin was like her own daughter since they had the same temper. Ino? She saw her as the friend she wished she had while growing up. One that she could have had a wild life with. There was no heiress during her time at the academy and most girls didn’t dare to approach her because of her status. The one who did, she lost them during the second and third war. Now with her status as Hokage she couldn’t really connect with anyone of her sex. Karin looked at her as her sensei and mentor, Hinata as a mother-in-law but Ino as a friend with whom she could have fun.

‘And a potential sexual partner.’

Chasing the thought away quickly, she joined Hinata and Karin with Hitomi in her arms. She couldn’t wait until they were old enough so she could teach them gambling. She hoped that the next grandchild would be a boy though.

The next morning, Ino took Hinata, Karin and the children and went to visit her mother to speak about the wedding. Yesterday has been a safe day so she knew for sure she wasn’t pregnant despite the copious amount of sperm Riku had put inside her womb but the quicker she was married the quicker she could get bred without worrying about how to diffuse her father anger towards Riku if she was unwed but with child.

Riku went with Tsunade to the Hokage’s private training ground and tested her new eyes. It wasn’t that difficult to get used to the speed up perception, using her new jutsu: **Amenominakanushi** however was.

With her right eye she sped up anything, with her left, she slowed down anything. The worry that Riku had was damage to the eyes. They would be useless if by the time Tsunade got the hang of it she’d be almost blind. As such they began to research the possibility of healing the eyes. The mystical palm didn’t work but Karin’s, Riku’s chakra and her own healing chakra reinforced by nature chakra did.

It not only lessened the strain but reversed all the damage.

She tried, like Kakashi did, to read the Uchiha tablet but didn’t uncover anything new. It didn’t contain much. Only the secrets of the Uchiha clan, the way to get the Mangekyou sharingan and its ability to control tailed beasts and the infinite Tsukuyomi would be the

Uchiha's salvation. Riku doubted the truth of the latter, there was no way a genjutsu could do that in his opinion. If it was possible the Uchiha would have tried to use it long before Konoha was even built.

"Honestly, I think something is fishy with that part for many reasons. Chief of all is, what could the rinnegan reveal that is more important than that? There is the ten-tailed sure, if Obito is to be believed but event that is not as important. It's just part of the process."

"I wish I knew because it worries me to no end."

Without any ideas from his mother or from anyone else really, Riku was stuck with that enigma. The only thing he could do was to find a way to recreate the rinnegan which meant more work in the lab.

Chapter 70: Preparations

Riku's experiments regarding the rinnegan didn't go as far as he had expected for no other reason than his personal life. Ino's 20th birthday then his quick marriage to the blonde a week later had been the last peaceful days he had.

Surveillance outposts had caught Iwa finally making its move. After many trials and errors, and the loss of a good couple hundred of their Shinobi, the iwa ninjas found the hole in Konoha's surveillance : the Land of Stone. They went right through it to get to Wind. It wasn't clear if it was to finish with Suna or to launch an attack from Rivers country to the Land of Fire. With Suna still in reconstruction they couldn't watch properly all their borders and Stone was free to attack the Leaf from a spot they never attacked before. That wasn't the only bad news. From one of Jiraiya's reports, Kumo was gone. The few survivors of the onslaught talked about an army of the dead that had come and swept through all their forces, captured B, the eight tails jinchuriki and killed his adoptive brother A, the Raikage himself. Afterwards, they picked the corpses of many shinobi up and left with as many as they could, leaving behind a destroyed village.

Tsunade knew that war had kicked off and quickly summoned the council and her jonin commander, Nara Shikaku.

"What do we do, first?" she asked. "Deal with Iwa or increase our defenses?"

"Iwa is a more important problem and easier to deal with." Shikaku answered. "We know where they are and know what they can do. Attack Suna, attack us or retreat. Obito and Orochimaru have an army of immortal undead in the wind."

"What about Kiri? What are they doing?" inquired Koharu.

"We won't have an answer for a few days but I don't see what they can do against an undead army. They are too far to fight Iwa."

"In other words, it would be beneficial for them if we weakened ourselves fighting Iwa and the undead army. They could-"

"No, they can't." Hiruzen cut in, interrupting Homura. "We shared the whole objective of the Akatsuki with them, if they don't help and we fall it's over for them too. They're not quite back to their former strength and us losing would put them in a very difficult situation. They could try that of course but the risk is way too high considering the consequences."

"So Iwa first. How do we deal with them? I'd like to avoid a frontal assault or send Riku out there unless it's necessary."

"I was thinking of increasing the hit and runs on their supply lines. It has been quite effective so far. That would cut their retreat off and they would have no choice but to go through Rivers to get some. As they move we attack their back while we also take a defensive position in their front. It's all about finding the balance between being quick in dealing with them and losing as few ninjas as possible. I'm sorry to say this, Hokage-sama, but your son is the fastest. We can't not have him participate in this operation."

Tsunade thought about the strategy Shikaku just shared. She liked the sound of that, however she didn't like the sound of her son being involved. Of course, he was a shinobi and perhaps the strongest shinobi of the village but asking him again to commit a slaughter didn't sit well with her. Both as a mother worried for her child's well being and as a Hokage who could see a future where the ninjas of the leaf became lazy and let Riku deal with everything.

"Riku will be part of the hit and run team as a member of Team Yukari. He will not use the Hiraishin for mass slaughter."

"Tsunade-"

"No, sensei. We can't always count on him to deal with the village's problems. Not like this. What will happen when he dies? The Hiraishin is an incredible tool but it doesn't make Riku invincible."

"You're thinking about the consequences on our ninjas if he wipes out a whole army by himself." Koharu commented, understanding her line of thought.

"Yes. I don't want the ninjas of our village to become complacent and always count on Riku to deal with threats. Konoha's military is based on teamwork and that's what allowed us to come out victorious every time. Letting Riku deal with everything by himself goes against that. We can't focus on the present without thinking about the future or Konoha will be doomed."

None of the men present in the Hokage office had a counter argument to offer because Tsunade was right. They couldn't always count on Riku. When Minato died the village was in such disarray that Hiruzen had to come out of retirement to lead it. Everyone had been counting on him and took a more relaxed stance thinking that since the war was over and that Minato could deal with an army by himself everything was fine. If Riku ever perishes, there wouldn't be anyone ready to replace him like it happened with Minato.

"Which reminds me. If something were to happen to me, Riku is next in the line of succession. I know it's obvious at this point but it needed to be said."

"And if you both fall?" Shikaku asked.

"... Kushina."

The woman's name made everyone who heard it ponder for a moment. Kushina was a S-rank kunoichi by her own right and a seal mistress. Strength wise, she was more than qualified but being Hokage wasn't just about strength.

"She'll need a lot of help." commented Hiruzen.

"Every Hokage needs a lot of help. Kushina would need a bit more, that's all. It's the contingency of a contingency however and before Riku falls... well... I have faith he won't. If he can recover from his ordeal from Ame, I doubt there is anything in this world that could take him down."

The meeting ended there and Tsunade activated the alarm across the whole village to warn the people they were at war. Shinobis and kunoichis gathered at the Hokage tower. On the ground and the roofs of the nearby building. She gave a passionate speech to raise everyone's morale up and ordered them to be ready for further orders.

Riku was present with Ino on a rooftop. They had been interrupted during their intimate time together when the alarm sounded. Holding hands, they looked at each other. Ino was worried about what Riku will have to do during the war and Riku was worried about losing her. He hoped that after all the sex they got the past months she was finally pregnant so she won't have to go on the front lines. That was why he had so quickly changed his mind about having a baby together. Ino left to see her parents and Riku went home. He both wanted and needed to see his family.

He found Hinata on the patio with their girls. They were playing together, trying to build something up with their blocks. Hinata saw him and had a resolute expression on her face. He went to hug her with everything he had then gave her a kiss. He did the same for Hitomi and Toka before flashing away to the hospital.

Karin was working in the lab and had brought Kamiko with her. She didn't want to sacrifice her job for their daughter nor their daughter for her job, so everyday she took

their ocean child to work. Just like with Hinata, he embraced Karin. With the war officially starting, they had to find someone to take care of her. Hitomi and Toka would be taken by a nanny from the Hyuga clan and although there was no problem with taking care of Kamiko too, Karin wasn't comfortable with the idea. She reluctantly agreed to Minato taking the job or rather being forced into it.

"Remember, it's imperative you're not caught. Flash away if you're in danger. No matter what. Even if you have a patient you're working on."

Karin nodded in understanding and after giving her a kiss and their daughter, Riku left the hospital. It was on his way to meet his mother when a summoning bird landed on his shoulder which confirmed his thought of Tsunade wishing to talk to him. Since it was a summon, he didn't make her wait and teleported to her office right away. He greeted her, Hiruzen and the elders. Tsunade went straight to business.

"If something happens to me you will be the one to take the hat."

Riku nodded slowly. He didn't like the idea of becoming Hokage under those circumstances. It meant that his mother was dead. The thought made his stomach twist. The only hope he had was if her body was recovered. He could bring her back just like Minato and Kushina had been brought back. The thought was dismissed however. He knew how much her mother wouldn't like that.

She went on to explain to him the plan and his orders. Those too he didn't like them but he would obey, regardless. He understood why he was held back to completely crush Iwa and in all honesty, he would have taken the same decision.

"If I may suggest something?" he asked after the end of the briefing and was invited to continue. "I suggest to seal some Shadow Clones in the villages in some scrolls. To deal with any serious threat or at least delay greatly the enemies should they reach it. Kushina, Naruto, Karin for their amount of chakra and skill, Kakashi for his intellect and leadership and myself for acting quickly."

Tsunade considered the suggestion for a moment then nodded. "I'll send words."

Dismissed, Riku left for home, to prepare himself for war. He double checked everything, kunais, shurifui, bombs, tags, armor, food and other supplies. Already done with his goodbyes he went to the rendez-vous point his mother told him to go to. He was early for the deployment but there was never early in a war. Only on time or too late. He wasn't the only one with the thought. A few friends were already there. Kakashi and Yugao were waiting silently side to side and he joined them.

"Yo." the fake cyclops greeted not bothering to raise his head from his icha-icha: Love at the hot springs.

“Hey, guys. I’m glad to see familiar faces considering where we’re going. Do you know any specifics?”

“No, do you?” Yugao asked.

Riku shook his head. “Only that I’m not permitted to use the hiraishin on a large scale. Mom doesn’t want the village to rely on it too much to avoid what happened after Minato did it.”

“Hmm.” Kakashi nodded slowly. “On one hand shinobis would keep themselves sharp and on alert at all times, on the other many would die because the war will last longer.”

“With the reverse summon to the nearest Botib I doubt that many would die. So it’s not that difficult a choice.” Yugao remarked. “Why not Hiraishin bracelets?”

“Too time consuming to make. I can maybe make half a dozen before the end of the week?” Riku looked annoyed at that.

While his version of the hiraishin was vastly superior to his father or his Uncle Tobirama, the problem with it was the time to write the seal. It was the one big flaw of the jutsu. The formula being way too big, it couldn’t be automatically written by the inscription seal. Riku had toyed with the idea but decided against it. That seal needed to be reworked for the hiraishin and that took time. Time he didn’t have. Maybe if he had a month but he didn’t.

He wished he could make seals like Karin did. She could use her chains to write them on whatever surface she wanted. Kushina had begun to learn how to do that too and was quickly becoming proficient in the skill. Minato had something similar. With his hands he could simply apply the seal, something that Tobirama did too. Unfortunately with his chakra network destroyed, the yondaile Hokage couldn’t properly teach Riku how to do that. Notes helped but it wasn’t enough to make it fast.

Besides, there were more important things to do. Dealing with alive people was easy, it was dealing with the dead the problem. Having seals ready to put on a brought back shinobi to stop them was a priority. Riku was uneasy at the idea of fighting immortal kages. If they couldn’t be put under control or stopped the war would be over really quick.

No matter how much he studied the Edo-Tensei, he found no way to undo it without the proper handseals which needed to be made by the undead to end the jutsu. He had to give it to his uncle Tobirama: the man was a genius. Riku may have had a few words about how much of a retard the man was but it was in the application of what he created. Creating the hiraishin and the shadow clone? Riku wouldn’t have been able to do something like that. No, Riku, like his father, was not that creative. Both witnessed something and their brain immediately dissected every layer then came up with

something better. They didn't come up with it themselves, unlike Tobirama. They just build on something already existing.

Yugao nudged him and his mind came back to the present. The surrounding Shinobis were led inside a building where Nara Shikaku laid down the law and the plan concerning the war. Once done, he divided the forces into five-men teams. Riku thought it was a big formation for the covert operation they needed to do. The explanations were sound however. One would stay in a Botib, using the echolocation to guide the others, one would be on the look out on the field, three would act.

Riku was glad to know Team Yukari was together and reached for Yugao's hand when he heard the announcement. He knew she was pleased by it when she squeezed his, slightly. He didn't have to wait long to know who would be the two other team members. A snort nearly escaped him.

"- Yuhi Kurenai and Maito Gai."

Both Yugao and Riku could feel the aura around Kakashi shift. Later, she would argue it was a 'Why does Kami hate me?' aura, while Riku would say it was a 'Please, kill me.' one.

One thing puzzled Riku for a moment. A jonin was a field commander. A shinobi that could lead and manage a few teams because of how strong they were. Usually they were paired in case something happened to one. To maintain the chain of command on the field. With how rare jonin were, that wasn't a surprise, they were precious resources. Yet, his team was made of not two or three which was exceptional, but five.

No matter how he thought about it, Riku could only come to the conclusion that his team would have a pivotal role in the war. With its composition he couldn't think otherwise. It was very much destruction oriented. Gai and Riku were taijutsu specialists and very destructive ones at that. Kurenai was a mistress in Genjutsu better than Kakashi who was more of a ninjutsu specialist despite the Sharingan. Yugao was the all rounder with speciality in close combat quarters with her Kenjutsu.

In Riku's mind, Kurenai was there to hide them with her genjutsu and help and they were supposed to wreak havoc in the middle of the enemy forces before retreating to a Botib. That would be devastating.

Once Shikaku was done with the troops assignment, Riku and the team left the building for some team bonding. He invited everyone to the Senju compound. Hinata was there and Kurenai hadn't seen her in a while, they would also have access to a private training ground. Everyone agreed with the suggestion.