

Calamity 101

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Chapter 101: The Fourth Kekkei Genkai!

After the break, Hoka and Yumi were called down.

Both took their stances. Hoka activated his Byakugan, while Yumi's eyes began glowing. Having seen all her comrades getting hit by sneak attacks, she would focus her chakra in her eyes and see chakra in the entire fight.

The Kiri jounins watched nervously. If they lost even this fight, then they would have lost all the fights against Konoha. It would be a huge blow to their reputation.

Inoichi announced, "The first semi-final starts now, BEGIN!"

As soon as he announced, Hoka rushed forward while making hand signs. Yumi retreated while making hand signs as well.

'Stone Shuriken jutsu'

'Water Wall jutsu'

The stone shurikens were blocked by the water wall. As soon as the stone shuriken jutsu ended, Yumi made a few more hand signs. The water wall transformed into water shurikens and rained at Hoka's position.

Hoka made a hand seal and slammed his hands on the ground. 'Rock Shield jutsu'

The Rock shield blocked all the water shurikens heading towards him. While the Rock shield was blocking, Hoka went underground to sneak attack Yumi.

However, with his Byakugan, he saw that Yumi was staring at his exact position underground. He frowned, 'I won't be able to sneak attack her if her eyes keep seeing my chakra!'

After a moment of hesitation, Hoka decided to attack. He made a few hand signs.

'Rock Thorn Bed jutsu'

Yumi, having seen him underground, was on guard. She quickly moved away.

Using Rock Thorn Launch jutsu would be pointless. So Hoka used more Rock Thorn bed jutsus. He used them 12 times consecutively. And even used Rock Thorn Launch jutsu once to block her retreat.

Seeing her dodging without being able to counterattack, Hoka smirked. 'Great, 2 more and she will be in range!'

Yumi, while dodging consistently thought, 'He is trying to get me closer to his position. He must be planning to use Hyuga Taijutsu on me.'

Hoka used Rock thorn bed jutsu once again, but Yumi dodged in a manner that he didn't predict. He frowned and used 3 more, and finally had Yumi where he wanted.

He grinned and came out of the underground. He was just a few meters from her!

'Eight Trigrams : Sixteen Palms'

At the same time, Yumi made a few quick hand signs. Hoka saw them but still proceeded. He released some chakra from his right palm thinking, 'I'll block her water jutsu with my right hand and keep attacking her.'

Unfortunately, his plans were made on the wrong assumption.

Having prepared her jutsu, Yumi blew out steam towards Hoka.

'Steam Release : Scalding Hot Steam!'

Hot steam appeared in front of Hoka and enveloped him. His right palm was protected by chakra. But the rest of his arm, and soon his body came in contact with very hot steam. His entire body was scalded! Even his eyes were hurt!

Hoka yelled in pain, causing him to stop his attack. However, he gritted his teeth and fought through the pain to move forward and attack her. However, he saw a kunai with an explosion tag heading towards him.

Yumi snorted internally and commented, 'We may be at war, but you are not the only ones with explosion tags!'

The steam release once again surprised the audience. Fujin and Mieko were surprised too. Fujin wondered, 'Steam release... Is she related to Mei somehow?'

He looked at Hoka and thought, 'Hoka will have it tough. With the Steam release, she can ensure that Hoka won't be able to fight in close range at all. And he can't sneak attack her thanks to her eyes. So it'll be a long-range ninjutsu fight, and ninjutsu isn't Hoka's strength despite the improvements.'

Hoka quickly moved sideways and barely escaped the explosion. However, the explosion tossed dust into his burned body, causing him even more pain.

As soon as he moved, Yumi appeared next to him and blew more hot steam on him. Hoka flickered backwards while making a hand sign. He slammed his hand on the ground.

All the Rock Thorns in the area get launched. Most are launched in the air, but a few get launched on Yumi. She quickly made hand signs, 'Water Armor jutsu'.

Water armor appeared around her, which blocked all the rock thorns heading towards her.

Hoka waited for the jutsu to end, and flickered behind her as soon as the last Rock thorn hit her armor. He placed a hand on her water armor and released chakra through his palm.

A hole appeared in the armor. He attempted to use gentle fist through that hole, but Yumi just abandoned the Water Armor and moved in the opposite direction.

Hoka followed her, but she once again blew hot steam on him.

Having expected it, he moved away. But the steam still burned him more.

Both finally moved away from each other observing their opponent.

Yumi stood still. Her breathing was slightly heavy but steady. She was entirely focused on Hoka, keeping an eye for any tricks he might pull.

Hoka, on the other hand, was breathing very heavily. His chakra was almost empty due to having used so many jutsus. He had mild burns all over his body, making movement increasingly difficult.

Fujin looked at Yumi, 'She's strong. I underestimated her. Luckily her steam release won't be effective against me.'

Ibiki commented, "Hoka fought well. Unfortunately, his opponent is doing well to keep him away."

Genma agreed, "His Rock Thorn trap was good. Forced his opponent who kept running away in close combat. If not for the Steam release, he could have won."

Raido stated, "His opponent is very good too. Be it the previous, or this battle. She is very calm and stable. She will be a reliable team leader."

Ibiki and Genma both agreed. Yumi's performance wasn't flashy like Mieko, Fujin, Hoka, Rentaro, or Shin, but it was very stable and level-headed.

Hoka thought, 'I have just one more chance. Then I won't have chakra even for Gentle fist!'

He flickered towards Yumi. Yumi responded by releasing steam in front of her. However, Hoka flickered to spot 5 meters in front of Yumi, instead of next to her. Instead of running at her, he made a few hand signs and slammed his hands on the ground.

'Stone spear jutsu'

As soon as Hoka slammed his hands on the ground, Yumi moved backwards. A few Stone spears appeared from the ground. However, she had already moved from the range.

Hoka used this time to flicker twice! He arrived right next to her, surprising Yumi! He gathered all his remaining chakra in his right hand and attacked her, planning to knock her out in one blow.

However, Yumi blocked his forearm, not allowing the attack to hit her. She followed it with a kick to Hoka's stomach, sending him flying back for a dozen meters.

Hoka rolled on the ground for a few meters and fell unconscious. The chakra exhaustion and burns meant that he couldn't stay conscious any longer.

Inoichi announced, "Winner of the First Semifinal is Sakai Yumi!"

Medics quickly came and took Hoka for treatment. The crowd cheered due to how intense this fight was. But the cheering was less as the winner wasn't from Konoha. There were also many sighing in the crowd, as they had bet on Hoka.

Yumi walked towards the waiting room while breathing slightly heavily, 'He was strong. I used up more than half my chakra in the fight! I won't be able to use my Steam release a lot in the finals. I hope Mieko and Fujin exhaust each other, otherwise, I'll be at a disadvantage.'

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Chapter 102: Lightning Explosion Rain Barrage!

After Hoka was taken away, Mieko and Fujin looked at each other. Mieko warned, "Fujin, if you keep hiding behind your clones, I'll blow up the whole Arena to make you fight me."

Fujin chuckled and replied, "Good luck with that." Mieko was annoyed but didn't retort anymore.

They both entered the arena and stood opposite each other. Fujin didn't look at Mieko's face for obvious reasons.

While waiting for Inoichi to announce, Fujin calculated, 'The half-hour break was good. The last two fights cost me around 28% of my chakra. I recovered my chakra up to 80%.

As for Mieko, though she had only one fight, she did use quite a few Fireballs. So even she only has around 80% of chakra left even after the break.

As for Yumi, her reserves dropped to less than 40%. So unless my and Mieko's fight goes on for hours, she won't recover much.

Considering that my maximum reserves are more than double of these two, I should be fine as long as I end this fight with over 30% of my chakra still remaining.'

As he was calculating, Inoichi announced, "The second semi-final starts now, BEGIN!"

As usual, Fujin began the fight with a Wind Explosion jutsu thrown at the very instant Inoichi announced the start of the fight.

Expecting it, Mieko flickered to get out of the way. And then flickered again to attack Fujin.

Instead of engaging her, Fujin flickered into the woods. Mieko followed him. Fujin kept flickering among the woods to create distance from Mieko, while Mieko kept following him with her Sharingan. So both just kept flickering.

The stadium was very confused and awed. Soon after Inoichi announced the match, they saw Fujin throwing a wind sphere that exploded. And at the same time, both Mieko and Fujin disappeared!

Raido exclaimed, "So fast!"

Many chunins in the audience were having difficulties keeping a track of Fujin and Mieko.

After flickering a dozen times, Fujin thought, 'Her flickering speed has improved. Not enough to match me though. I guess she can barely keep a track of me due to her Sharingan.'

Mieko frowned, 'Is he planning to exhaust my chakra by making me flicker so many times?'

Fujin indeed had that thought, 'Should I just keep flickering until she runs out of chakra? I'm better than her at using Body Flicker, meaning that I need less chakra. And despite having to fight twice, my chakra reserve is still higher than hers. So I should have enough chakra left for the final. That said, I don't think she'll act that dumb.'

After analyzing, Fujin concluded that Mieko won't keep chasing him for long. So instead of giving her the initiative, Fujin decided to change tactics. He smirked, 'Let's try that tactic. I could sense that even Renjiro was annoyed by it! Knowing Mieko, she'll be fuming in no time. Haha'

He created a Wind clone while

flickering. The Wind clone stayed in his position and prepared two Wind Explosion jutsus. As soon as Mieko appeared, he threw them at her.

Mieko scowled as she dodged. She threw a few shurikens at the clone. The clone noticed wires attached to the shurikens. He smirked and flickered away. Mieko scowled even more, 'This bastard is infuriating me even more!'

She ignored the clone and flickered towards Fujin. However, this time she was blocked by four Wind clones!

All four clones surrounded her and threw Wind Explosion jutsus on her. She dodged them, but still got a few small cuts. She tried attacking them, but they flickered away as well.

She was about to curse Fujin and begin the chase once more when one clone ran diagonally in front of her and tossed another Wind Explosion jutsu on her.

She dodged and made hand signs. 'Fireball jutsu!'

However, she looked dumbfounded as her fireball jutsu hit nothing but trees. The clone was long gone.

Fujin, who was on the other side of the mini-forest, smirked, 'Hehe, I'll show you how annoying hit-and-run tactics can be. I developed this tactic while fighting Renjiro to get some respite from non-stop beatings! Granted the principle is based on the guerilla warfare and hit & run tactics by mobile army units from my previous life, but that tactic combined with Ninja's speed and accuracy can be so deadly and annoying.'

For the next couple of minutes, Miekeo was continuously harassed by Fujin's wind clones. Forget Fujin, she couldn't even chase his wind clones! Nor could she use any big jutsu as every time she built up her chakra, the clones would interrupt her. And this was achieved with just seven clones!

Fujin observed Miekeo from a long distance, while constantly disrupting his chakra, in case Miekeo had learnt any non-Sharingan based Genjutsu. Miekeo now had multiple cuts on her body, though none were fatal.

Fujin thought, 'She looks completely annoyed now. I wonder what she will do when her fuse finally short-circuits.'

Miekeo, who had enough of Fujin's tricks, yelled, "FUJIN! Fight me like a man! Stop hiding behind your clones and show some guts!"

Fujin was amused. So were the judges. Ibiki commented, "While she is strong enough to be a chunin, her maturity leaves a lot to be desired."

Genma chuckled and replied, "True. But the tactic she is facing seems to have deliberately been made to annoy her."

Seeing Fujin ignore her pissed Mieko even further! She yelled, "Asshole! I warned you!"

As she yelled, she took out a scroll. Fujin and his clones got on guard, 'Her last scroll had more than 100 Explosion tags! What does she have now?'

She opened the scroll and laid it on the ground. She began building up her chakra. At that instant, two Wind clones appeared. Mieko quickly grabbed 2 kunai with explosion tags, 'I knew it!'

However, instead of throwing Wind Explosion jutsu on her, both clones made a hand sign.

'Great Breakthrough jutsu'

Mieko immediately realized that this was bad! She flickered out of the woods into the open arena.

As soon as she was out, she could see her previous position being ravaged by strong winds. She was about to use the scroll when she noticed something. Fujin was building up his chakra!

When Fujin saw Mieko leaving the forest, he was already building his chakra up. He analyzed, 'Should I hit her with a big one too? No, she'll escape underground and all I'll get is some time. I need to learn Stone Spear jutsu and learn to hit underground enemies with it from a long distance.'

He still kept building his chakra up to counter what she was planning. Mieko began exerting a lot of chakra! The spectators could see blue chakra flowing around her. A couple of Fujin's clones flickered close to her as well. But they noticed that Mieko's scroll had blood on it.

Fujin's clones thought, 'Why's there blood on the scroll? Wait, did she put it there when flickering? And, what exactly is in that scroll that she needs to use her blood and so much chakra?'

Mieko ignored Fujin's clones and slammed her right hand on the scroll, sending her chakra into it. Fujin, who was observing from the woods, was shocked, 'Her chakra dropped by more than half!'

The clones ignored her actions and launched Wind Explosion jutsus on her, but she threw the kunais with explosion tags at them to disperse the jutsu.

While this exchange took place, Fujin, his clones that were in the woods, the judges, and the spectators were all shocked! There were 250 kunais with explosion tags summoned above the arena! And they all seemed to have electricity flowing through them!

Hiruzen's eye twitched, 'The Lightning Explosion Rain Barrage jutsu of Uchiha clan! Do they need to use it in the Chunin exam?'

Fujin was shocked, 'What the heck is this? And why do those kunai look like they have been charged with Lightning chakra? Mieko doesn't have an affinity to Lightning nature.'

Mieko quickly made a few hand signs while dodging Fujin's clones.

'Lightning Explosion Rain Barrage jutsu!'

Expecting the kunais to rain down on him, Fujin looked up and made a hand sign.

'Great Breakthrough jutsu'

This jutsu was supercharged with 10% of his chakra. Very strong winds were generated. At the same time, the kunais began raining down at a very fast speed!

Many kunai were knocked off course slightly. But many managed to pierce into the Great Breakthrough jutsu and maintain their course!

Fujin had expected it. So he had already created a hand sign and went underground.

As soon as Fujin went underground, three wind clones appeared above him. They all made a hand sign.

'Spinning Shield of Wind jutsu!'

A triple-layered defense with Spinning Shield of Wind jutsu appeared above them. Meanwhile, Fujin kept going underground, to a depth of 50 meters.

The kunais rained down on the arena. Fujin's wind clones, who were engaging Mieko, couldn't dodge and were hit by the explosions. They were dispelled.

The remaining three clones managed to block a dozen kunais before one managed to pierce through their triple-layered defense and exploded. All three were dispelled. However, they had done their job by ensuring that no kunai went underground.

The other parts of the arena didn't have any protection. So the kunais kept falling. Since they were charged with Lightning, they managed to pierce a few meters into the ground, before exploding.

When the barrage had ended, the entire ground of the arena was overturned! Not a single tree remained! Dust covered the entire arena.

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Chapter 103: Yet Another Win...

The civilian spectators were shocked. They looked in fear and awe. Terror can be seen on their faces. The Daimyos were shocked too. Their faces were pale on imagining being on the receiving end of this jutsu!

Some of the new ninjas were shocked as well. But the ones who had fought in the 3rd Great Ninja War weren't shocked by the jutsu. However, they were surprised to see a 10 year old genin be able to do this jutsu.

Yumi and a couple of Mist genins in the waiting room were shocked! They looked at the arena with horror on their faces! They quickly thanked whichever gods they prayed to for not being on the receiving end of this jutsu!

Fujin noticed the destruction and thought, 'Oh, it's not that bad. Those lightning-charged kunais kinda freaked me out. I thought they would pierce deep into the ground, making even the underground unsafe.'

I suppose someone charged the kunais with Lightning release and sealed them up. And Mieko only summoned and used them. Tsk, the Uchiha clan is crazy rich! Spending over 300 thousand Ryo on a pointless Chunin exam match!

As the attack was over, he left the underground and returned to the surface.

Mieko was breathing very heavily! The jutsu had dropped her chakra to under 20%. She noticed Fujin leaving the underground and grinned, 'Let's see where you hide now!'

She flickered under the cover of dust and used Fireball jutsu. Fujin sensed her coming and flickered to dodge the jutsu.

The crowd, which was still in shock, was again surprised by another explosion sound. Soon, sounds of kunai clashing could be heard in the arena. But due to the dust, they couldn't see what exactly was happening. Only the Sharingan and Byakugan wielders were able to see what was happening. Inoichi was concerned as he couldn't see exactly what was happening.

In the arena, after dodging her Fireball, Fujin created a shadow clone to confront Mieko. His clone took the lead in engaging her, while he provided support. Mieko was breathing very heavily due to chakra exhaustion.

Fujin's clone sighed and said while clashing with Mieko with kunai, "You barely have 10% of your chakra left. Just give up. Even if you somehow win, you can't fight in the final."

Mieko scowled and yelled, "As if I'll give up without engaging your main body at all!" While she yelled arrogantly, she was hoping, 'Just one look in the eye and I can turn this around!'

Fujin knew that she was still banking on her Sharingan Genjutsu.

His clone replied, "Give up trying to cast Sharingan Genjutsu on me. I'll never fall for it. Not to mention, I still haven't drawn my sword. If I use it, you won't last a second"

Mieko frowned upon hearing that. The scene of Fujin swinging his sword and slaughtering 2 waves of bandits was still fresh in her mind! However, she concluded, 'He won't use his sword here. It's too lethal. Otherwise, he would have already used it.'

She snorted and kept attacking. Fujin and his clone sighed realizing that she didn't take the bluff. Her analysis was on point. Fujin had no way to ensure that she wouldn't die if he used his sword.

He then looked at Mieko and decided, 'Oh well, time to get rough.' He immediately built his chakra up. Unlike Mieko, Fujin still had more than half his chakra. Mieko immediately became alert when she saw Fujin build his chakra.

She wanted to attack him, but his clone blocked her. Suddenly, after blocking her, Fujin's clone grabbed her right arm. Mieko tried to break free, but all her attacks were blocked perfectly by Fujin's clone.

At that moment, Fujin appeared behind his clone.

'Great Breakthrough jutsu'

Mieko's eyes widened as she realized that Fujin was hitting both his clone and her. Unfortunately, she didn't have time to do anything.

Fujin's clone was dispelled immediately. The jutsu hit Mieko with full force. She was sent flying into the arena's wall! She crashed into the wall and fell unconscious.

Fujin's jutsu also cleared the dust off the arena. Unfortunately for the spectators, a lot of dust was sent into the sitting area. Many immediately began coughing and covering their eyes, nose, and mouth.

A few ninjas knowing Wind jutsus stood up and began clearing the dust from the sitting area. While the dust was being cleared, medical nins appeared and took Mieko away.

Inoichi waited for the dust to clear and then announced, "Winner of the second Semifinal is Suzuki Fujin!"

The crowd cheered a bit. The cheering was dulled due to a couple of reasons. For starters, the crowd was very annoyed with the dust storm they just had to suffer. And most of the crowd had placed their bets on Mieko.

Fujin left the arena and went into the waiting room. As he entered, Yumi looked at him with a complicated expression.

She thought, 'His opponent was so strong, and yet he won with such ease! Even I would have probably lost against the Uchiha girl. Even the fights against Rentaro and Shin would have been challenging for me.'

Yet, not only did he win all three fights, he did it without taking any wounds. And he still has enough chakra to match me at my full strength.'

She sighed realizing that the final was a lost cause. Unlike the other genins fighting there, she was being raised to become a capable team leader. While she still had her pride, she could analyze and come to proper conclusions as compared to her peers.

Just like Yumi, experienced ninjas in the crowd also took note of Fujin.

Hiruzen smiled, 'Brilliant. Renjiro wasn't mistaken. And he fought without using his sword or the Senju Taijutsu style.'

Ignoring those two skills and chakra reserves, he isn't much stronger than Mieko. But the result he produced due to his tactics is remarkable. If he becomes an Elite Jounin, Konoha will gain another capable ninja.'

The judges were impressed as well. Genma commented, "Despite the destruction, Fujin won with rather ease. He knows when to retreat and attack. His usage of clones is very impressive as well."

Raido nodded, "In all 3 fights, Fujin has tactically outplayed his opponents. Though Mieko is strong as well, she lacks in this department."

Ibiki added, "Yes. But it's likely that a lot of what Mieko said was just her trying to make things easier for her. After all, for those with Sharingan, one look is enough to decide the battle.

Unfortunately for her, Fujin has very good self-control to not respond to any taunting and to not drop his guard even when winning. So despite Lightning Explosion Barrage Rain jutsu, she never got any opportunity to suppress Fujin."

The judges discussed the fight more. The finals would happen after half an hour. So some of the spectators began cleaning themselves up, crowding the public bathrooms.

The break was an opportunity for stall owners to sell their merchandise or food items. Unfortunately, those items now had a lot of dust on them. So quite a lot of merchandise and food was spoiled. Only packaged items or the ones kept in airtight containers were safe. So Mieko and Fujin were cursed secretly by all the stall owners!

During the break, a few ninjas used Earth release jutsus to fix the ground. Making the genins fight in a completely ruined arena would put Konoha in a bad light. More importantly, knowing Fujin's Great Breakthrough jutsu, they expected him to just launch the soil into the stands.

After half an hour, Fujin and Yumi were called down to the arena.

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Chapter 104: The Most Epic Battle Ever!

The crowds cheered loudly. The semifinals were thrilling. They expected even more from the finals.

The ninjas however didn't expect much. They expected both the genins to have less than half chakra. It would be unlikely for Yumi to surprise them anymore, while Fujin hadn't used anything fancy.

Renjiro and Hiruzen, who knew Fujin's abilities, knew that there wouldn't be any suspense in this fight.

Fujin and Yumi looked at each other. Yumi's eyes were blue and glowing, while Fujin's eyes were as black as the darkest night!

Inoichi announced, "The final starts now, BEGIN!"

Expecting Fujin to start with Wind Explosion jutsu, Yumi moved backwards while making a few hand signs. However, Fujin didn't start with it. He flickered while making a hand sign!

Yumi was surprised. Fujin appeared behind her.

'Great Breakthrough jutsu'

'Water Wall jutsu'

Mieko recognized the seal and quickly created her water wall. Unfortunately, at such a close distance, it had no chance against it. The water did reduce its speed, but Yumi was hit by the jutsu.

She was hurled backwards flying. While landing, she dug a kunai into the ground to stabilize herself. Just when she had managed to stabilize, a kunai appeared in front of her. Yumi's eyes widened when she noticed the explosion tag attached to the kunai. She immediately jumped to her left.

Fujin noticed her dodge and flickered into his jutsu. Yumi didn't expect Fujin to enter into the dangerous winds that he had created. She was distracted by the explosion tag and had her eye off Fujin for a few seconds. Fujin used those few seconds to attack!

He suddenly flickered in front of her and attacked her with his kunai. Yumi was taken by surprise. She had no time to perform a jutsu. She raised her kunai to block him while trying to move away.

Their kunais clashed. And Fujin's kunai cut through hers with ease. Yumi had expected it and was already moving backwards. However, Fujin took a step forward as well and placed the kunai on her neck. The wind chakra around the kunai created a small cut on her neck.

He looked into her eyes and said, "Give up."

Unlike Mieko, Yumi had no confidence that Fujin wouldn't kill her. The fight had just begun and she was completely dominated. She didn't even have a chance to use any jutsu other than one barely formed Water Wall jutsu.

Fujin noticed that Yumi was thinking hard and pushed his kunai forward slightly. Yumi gritted her teeth and said, "I give up!"

Fujin stopped flowing chakra through his kunai and withdrew it and walked away.

Inoichi was surprised at how quickly the fight ended. It didn't even last a couple of minutes! He announced loudly, "The winner of the Chunin exam is Suzuki Fujin!"

Renjiro chuckled at the announcement.

The civilian audience was dumbfounded! As soon as Inoichi had announced the start of the fight, a strong wind flew through the arena! Inside the winds, they heard an explosion. And that was it! Even before the winds died down, Inoichi had announced the result! They didn't even get to see any fight! They felt cheated.

The ninjas too were surprised at how quickly the fight ended. And how one-sided it was!

Genma commented, "Well, that was quick!"

Ibiki nodded, "Yes. That was quick and efficient. If this was an actual battlefield, he would have killed her with ease."

Fujin noticed the crowd's discontent. He thought, 'If this was my previous world, I have no doubt that they would have thrown plastic bottles and trash into the arena.'

Hiruzen sighed, noticing the crowd's discontent.

An announcement was made by the announcer, declaring Fujin to be the winner of the final round of the Chunin exam.

Soon after, Hiruzen stood up and announced, "Last year, the record for the second phase of the Chunin Exam was broken. A squad from Konoha managed to pass it in 5 hours and 30 minutes.

However, that record was broken by the Genin squad consisting of Suzuki Fujin, Uchiha Mieko, and Hyuga Hoka. They completed the second exam in just 47 minutes!"

The crowd was surprised to learn that and cheered loudly. The Daimyos also paid attention to this announcement. After all, it signified that the younger generation of Konoha held promise.

Hiruzen continued, "As a reward for such an amazing performance, Fujin, Mieko, and Hoka will be taught one jutsu each by me!"

That announcement shocked a lot of the ninjas for multiple reasons. For one, Hiruzen hadn't taught anyone for a long time. Secondly, he was known as The Professor. It signified the tremendous amount of knowledge he possessed on jutsu.

And lastly, his dominance in the first and second ninja wars earned him the moniker of 'God of Shinobi!' To be taught by him would be a great honor for any ninja.

However, unlike the shocked ninjas, Fujin's eyebrows involuntarily twitched. He scoffed, 'What a cheapskate! This way he doesn't have to spend anything at all! And he gets to take a break from his boring paperwork under the pretense of teaching us!'

Fujin bowed as a sign of gratitude. However, while bowing, he realized yet another aspect, 'Wait! It's not just that. He just announced our achievements. And he announced Itachi's as well. This wasn't aimed at the crowds, rather was aimed at the Daimyos. This way, he will get more money and missions from them!

Damn! I thought I'd swindle a good reward from him. Instead, he has exploited us while giving token rewards!

Fujin was shocked at how well Hiruzen had played! He got money, better missions, a break from paperwork and improved his reputation without making any efforts at all!

Hiruzen smiled as he looked at the shocked and amazed expressions of the crowd. The effect was exactly as he imagined. However, he would never know that the 11 year old genin bowing to him had analyzed all details of his small scheme!

Though, even if he did, Hiruzen would not react much and would give the boy to Shikaku to further improve his analyzing skills. A ninja who could see through schemes was always very handy to have. A ninja who could see through schemes and set up counter schemes to gain the advantage of the schemes cooked up by others is even more valuable!

After Hiruzen's speech, an announcement was made, bringing an end to the Chunin exams. The crowd began dispersing.

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Chapter 105: RIP Gato

After the announcement, the crowd dispersed. Only a few who had bet on Fujin went to the spot where Payouts were made. Fujin too flickered to that spot so as to not be stuck in any long lines.

Fujin assumed he'd be the first one there, but he was wrong. Another person had flickered there before him.

Fujin's eyes twitched. He said, "Hello Sensei."

Renjiro chuckled and replied, "Hello Fujin. Congrats on winning the tournament."

Fujin nodded while thinking, 'What a teacher!'

Renjiro asked, "Would you like to go first?"

Fujin shook his head and replied, "No, you can go first sensei." He thought, 'Let me see how much money you are making!'

Renjiro chuckled, guessing Fujin's thoughts, and walked to the counter. The bookie looked at the teacher-student duo. At that time, 2 Anbu ninjas flickered in.

Renjiro didn't pay attention and placed 30 golden tickets with Fujin's name on them on the table!

Fujin's eyes popped out on seeing that! He thought, 'He's fucking rich!!! I should ask him for the rewards instead of Hiruzen! WAIT, I should ask for my share!'

The bookie was also frightened! 30 gold tickets meant that he would have to pay out 120 million Ryo! He looked at Renjiro, who just maintained a smile.

However, the bookie felt as if he was looking at a demon!

The bookie thought, 'The total bets that were placed in the auction was just 110 million Ryo. The payout to him alone would put us at a loss of 10 million Ryo!'

He wondered if he could avoid paying the money. But he shook his head thinking, 'Konoha would skin me alive. They would likely uproot Gato's entire business too! We have no choice!'

He gritted his teeth and paid Renjiro 120 million Ryo! Anyone who held gambling was required to hold 150 million Ryo extra in case they incurred a loss. So he could still make the payment.

Renjiro smiled and sealed the suitcases containing money in a scroll.

Fujin looked at his sensei checking all the money and storing it. He wondered, 'Do all Senju love to bet?'

He sighed and went forward. For some reason, the joy of winning money had diminished a lot! He put forth 6 silver tickets on the table.

The bookie smiled bitterly. He now knew that both of them were aware of how strong Fujin was! This decision to host the gamble was a huge mistake!

The bookie paid Fujin 2.4 million Ryo. Fujin checked and stored them away.

By now, a few others had arrived. They were shocked to see that Fujin had bet on himself. Some were impressed by his self-confidence.

Renjiro smiled on seeing his student earning some money as well. He put his hand on Fujin's shoulder and said, "Watch. It will be entertaining."

Fujin immediately looked at the two Anbu ninjas. One of them went ahead, and placed 20 golden tickets on the table!

The bookie's face became blue! He screamed in his mind, 'Almost half the bets were placed on him? Fucking Konoha scums!' He began shaking in anger. However, the anbu showed no reaction. The bookie gritted his teeth and handed him 80 million Ryo!

Fujin watched with his eyes widened. He looked at the 2nd Anbu and thought, 'Don't tell me!'

The second Anbu stepped forward and placed another 20 golden tickets on the table! The bookie was shocked at Konoha's shamelessness!

Fujin too was dumbfounded, 'What the fuck? I know Hiruzen is shameless but to this extent?'

The bookie began thinking, 'Over 70 million Ryo were bet on him! Why weren't we informed? What the fuck was the guy who was accepting the bets doing?' He immediately began cursing him.

Unfortunately for him, that bookie was placed under a subtle genjutsu by an Anbu, making him forget to report the bets placed.

The bookie gritted his teeth and said, "I don't have enough money to give you the payouts."

The Anbu looked into his eyes and asked, "How much time do you need to arrange it?"

The bookie gritted his teeth even harder and said, "We will need 7 days."

The Anbu nodded and said, "Alright. Settle the payments of everyone else first. Then arrange for my payouts. You are not allowed to leave Konoha until you pay me 80 million Ryo."

The Bookie nodded with a pale face. He was well aware of the consequences of trying to run away.

The other people began redeeming their tickets.

Renjiro said, "Follow me." Both Fujin and Renjiro began walking towards the room where Hoka and Mieko were resting.

Renjiro said, "What are your thoughts on what happened?"

Fujin replied in a deadpan tone, "The older you get, the greedier you become."

Renjiro almost lost his footing on hearing that.

Before he could reply, Fujin sighed and muttered, "I wonder if Lord Hokage could arrange me a few dozen Wind Crystals with the money he got from betting on me."

After saying that, he stared at Renjiro, reminding him of the money he won as well!

Renjiro ignored his words and his stare and asked, "Anything else you noticed?"

Fujin replied, "Did they piss off the Hokage somehow?"

Renjiro nodded, "The Gato company engages in a lot of illegal activities. Many common people have suffered due to them. This act was to give them a blow. And remind them to stay within their boundaries."

Fujin thought for a bit and nodded, 'Not bad. Not only was the Gato company made to pay, but Konoha also earned a fortune.

That said, looking at this in another way, Gato seized money from common people forcefully and Konoha seized that money from Gato. So indirectly, Konoha seized the money from the common people without the protection of a strong village.

The true losers are the common people. In order to compensate for this loss, Gato will steal more from common people, and perhaps sometime in the future, some other huge force will take the money from him. No wonder a scum like him can spread his influence so easily and not lose his life. The strong countries just don't care about it. After all, they too get a good share of his steal.

Sigh. No matter which world, the weak and helpless ones always suffer.'

Renjiro noticed Fujin suddenly quieting down. He wondered what Fujin was thinking about. Suddenly, Fujin had a thought. He asked, "Sensei, if I had lost, would you guys have just let all the money go to the Gato Company?"

Renjiro looked at Fujin, who looked back at his sensei. Renjiro didn't answer, but just smirked. Fujin sweatdropped looking at his smirk! He decided, 'These guys are the worst schemers! In the future, if I ever had to make a move against Hiruzen or Konoha, I should take care to never ever expose my identity! Who knows which scheme they might cook to make me suffer a huge loss.'

They reached the medical room in the arena in silence and checked up on Mieko and Hoka.

Mieko had a lot of cuts while Hoka had mild burns all over his body. Both also suffered from chakra exhaustion. Though they were healed, the medical nins advised them to stay in the hospital for a couple of days.

Renjiro informed them about the reward and neither of them was thrilled by it. Renjiro advised them to rest. Both Fujin and Renjiro left, leaving them with their family.

After leaving, Fujin looked at the sky and thought, 'The chunin exam finally ended. Soon I'll be a chunin. Six years of work to go from a nobody to a chunin. How long would it take to reach S rank from here?'

planning a lot of arcs to happen between now and when the canon timeline starts. However, I will have to think up all details regarding these arcs as there is no canon reference. So I might need small breaks in between the arcs to come up with good plots and gather all the required details for them. So the updates might be a bit slow. Please let me know what your thoughts are on every arc. Feedback helps. So does criticism. Once I catch up with the canon timeline, the writing speed should increase considerably as I won't have to spend days building plots and filling up details.

Also, thanks for your support guys. It's very motivating for me to keep writing!]

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Chapter 106: Promotion and Disbanding

A few hours after the Exam ended, an Anbu ninja went underground and entered a base. The base was covered in a lot of seals to prevent detection. It was very dark. The Anbu passed through a few passages, before entering a small house.

He knelt and greeted, "Danzo sama"

Danzo looked at him and asked, "Did anything important happen during the exam?"

The root ninja replied, "No Danzo sama. Only a couple of small matters. Lord Hokage and Senju clan made a move against Gato. They got 210 million Ryo from him by betting."

This surprised Danzo. While he hadn't paid any attention to Gato, it was surprising that he made such a huge loss while hosting the Tournament gamble. He asked, "Who did the Hiruzen bet on?"

The root ninja answered, "They placed their bets on Suzuki Fujin, an orphan. He defeated a Yuki genin who knew Ice style, another Kiri genin who knew the Hydrification technique, then the Uchiha Mieko, and lastly a Steam release user from the Sakai clan. He specializes in Wind Release and Body flicker. And his chakra reserves can be considered to barely be at Jounin level!"

This surprised Danzo. He wondered, 'How did we miss such an orphan when recruiting for Root?' He asked, "How talented is he at Wind Release?" Danzo was curious about it. Ninjas with Wind affinity were rare in Konoha. And a good Wind release user in Konoha could be counted on fingers!

The root ninja answered, "He could supercharge Great Breakthrough jutsu in a couple of seconds. And he could perform all his Wind jutsus with just 1 hand seal. Except for Wind Explosion jutsu, which he could perform without any hand signs. And the power of his supercharged jutsu would be difficult for anyone under Elite Chunin level to replicate."

Danzo was impressed. However, he soon frowned, 'I heard that Hiruzen will be teaching him a jutsu. So I can't make a move on him before he is taught. And Senju Renjiro could be an annoyance as well.'

Danzo looked at his subordinate and instructed, "After he completes a couple of missions as chunin, invite him to join the Anbu."

Danzo analyzed, 'Hiruzen waits for a few months for the new chunins to realize how boring chunin life is. And then he invites the talented ones into Anbu. So even after a couple of missions, I should be the first one to approach him.'

The root ninja asked, "What if he declines Danzo sama?"

Danzo thought a bit and answered, "Try convincing him verbally. You can tell him that he will get to learn deadly Wind jutsus if he joins us. If he is insistent on declining, then return and ignore him."

The root ninja nodded and left. Danzo concluded, 'He had already grown up. So making him loyal to me will be difficult. So no need to spend a lot of effort on him.'

Three days after the exam ended, Team Renjiro was called into the Hokage office. They met outside the Hokage building. Mieko and Hoka were completely healed. Renjiro led them to the office. All four greeted the Hokage respectfully.

Hiruzen smiled and said, "Fujin, Mieko, and Hoka, all three of you have done great in the chunin exams. All three of you have been promoted to Chunin."

All the 3 genins smiled and thanked him. They had expected it to be the case, so they weren't very surprised.

Hatake Takao, a chunin working in the Hokage office, interrupted them and handed them some papers. He said, "These are your evaluations by the judges and proctors. Fujin, the judges and the proctors were impressed by you. Your promotion was unanimous. However, they recommended you to get a strong single target jutsu that can be launched quickly and can break through enemy defenses."

Fujin nodded. While supercharged Great Breakthrough jutsu alongside Wind Dragon and Gale Wolf jutsus was a good combo, they lacked the penetrating ability. If he used his sword, he could compensate for this weakness, but even that wasn't sufficient enough.

Takao looked at Mieko and said, "The judges and proctors were impressed with your strength as well. But, a couple of them were reluctant to promote you due to your impulsiveness and hot-headedness. As a chunin, you have to lead a squad. And the lives of your squad depend upon your decisions. So work on your tactical thinking and have proper control on your emotions."

Mieko frowned but nodded without saying anything. The brutal training regimes under Renjiro had dulled her arrogance quite a bit.

Finally, Takao looked at Hoka and said, "Your first fight impressed the judges a lot. However, they were of the opinion that you still need to improve your Ninjutsu skills more. They advised you to take advantage of your squad's ninjutsu skills during missions to force the opponents into close combat. Otherwise, no one would fight a Hyuga at close range."

Hoka sighed and nodded. In the entire Chunin exam, he never got to use his gentle fist! All his opponents either ran away or threw explosion tags at him.

Takao looked at the three newly promoted chunins and said, "As a reward for earning your promotions through the chunin exams, you get access to Section B in the library."

Fujin wondered, 'I wonder what sorts of jutsu are available in the library!'

Takao then handed them their chunin vests.

Hiruzen said, "Now that you have been promoted to chunin, you will be responsible to lead genins into missions. So Team Renjiro will be disbanded. You will have to lead them for completing C rank missions. There will be times when you get assigned into teams with other chunins for B rank missions. In some cases, you may also be assigned to A rank missions led by a jounin. So you will have to be prepared for any type of mission."

The three chunins nodded. They were excited at the prospects of taking A rank missions.

Hiruzen asked, "At what time do you begin your training?"

Hoka replied, "At 5 AM, Lord Hokage."

It was as Hiruzen expected. He said, "Tomorrow I will meet you guys at your usual training ground at 7 AM. So be on time and warm up before I come. You are dismissed for now."

Hoka and Mieko were about to nod and leave, when Fujin said, "Lord Hokage."

Hiruzen looked at him and said, "Yes Fujin?"

Fujin replied, "I was wondering if you could arrange for samurai swords that assist Wind chakra flow for me now."

Hiruzen thought, 'I recall saying that I will arrange a meeting with someone who can make them. And not arrange them myself.'

He nodded and said, "Don't worry. I'll arrange for a swordsmith to meet you in a few days. He'll ask you the measurements of the sword you would be comfortable with. Don't worry about the cost as it'll be paid by me."

Fujin wondered, 'Was he really not planning to pay for the sword?'

Hiruzen, on the other hand, was thinking, 'The village earned 120 million Ryo thanks to him. I can afford to spend a few million on him.'

Since there was nothing else to discuss, they left the building. Renjiro said, "Let's meet at the training ground."

He flickered. The newly promoted chunins followed him.

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Chapter 107: B Rank Jutsus

As usual, the trio made it a race. Fujin arrived right after Renjiro. Mieko and Hoka arrived a couple of seconds later.

Renjiro looked at his students for a minute and said, "Congratulations on becoming Chunins so quickly. Very few manage to become chunins in less than a year after graduating. As the Hokage said, this means that our squad will be disbanded."

He smiled and said, "I am proud to have students like you."

All 3 kids bowed and said, "Thank You Sensei!" The last few months of training under him were very fruitful! They had made massive progress!

He continued, "However, we will do one last mission. I'll be taking you guys on a rank A mission."

This excited them. Mieko asked, "Really Sensei?" Generally, it was very rare for a chunin to join A rank mission. Only if the lead jounin wanted a particular chunin, that they could join one.

Renjiro nodded, "The mission will be after your training with Lord Hokage is done. So focus on it. Also, train hard in the future. I believe that all 3 of you can become Elite Jounins if you work hard."

The kids promised to train hard. The group finally dispersed. Mieko and Hoka went home, while Fujin walked towards the library. He wondered, 'I wonder which rank B Wind jutsus are in the library. From what I remember, all of Danzo's Wind Vacuum jutsus were at rank B. So will they be in there as well?'

Fujin entered the B section of the library and scrolled through the Wind jutsus. After checking all jutsus, he sighed, 'Well, this was disappointing. Not a single Wind Vacuum jutsu here. Even Kakazu's Pressure Damage isn't here. Though Infinite Breakthrough jutsu should do a similar job. And learning it will be easy as well.

That aside, the worst part is that there are only 4 B rank Wind jutsus here. Wind Sword, Wind Torpedo, and Tornado Trap jutsus.

Out of them, Tornado Trap kinda seems useless. And Wind Sword looks to be an inferior version of Blade of Wind jutsu. The effects however are much weaker than my sword. Though I should learn it considering that it will be very easy to learn.

Only Wind Torpedo and Infinite Breakthrough jutsus would be a decent addition.'

He sighed once again, before checking out the jutsus of remaining elements. Unfortunately, he didn't find anything impactful.

He memorized the hand seals for Wind Sword jutsu, Infinite Breakthrough jutsu, and Wind Torpedo jutsu. He left a shadow clone to read the remaining jutsus in more depth and flickered away.

He flickered to the Hokage's building and entered a room on the ground floor. A Genin was sitting in this room. Fujin asked, "Are any training fields available right now?"

The Genin in charge nodded and asked, "What are you planning to practice?"

Fujin replied, "Wind Release jutsus"

The genin looked at a chart and said, "You can take the training ground 23. How long will you need it?"

Fujin replied, "Till 9 PM."

The genin entered the data in his book and said, "Alright. I have booked the training ground for you. It will cost you 2,400 Ryo. Also, don't start any forest fires in the training ground."

Fujin nodded and paid him. He checked the map in the room to see where Training Ground 23 was and left.

Training ground 23 was located in the southwestern parts of Konoha. It was quite far from the residential area. On reaching here, Fujin noticed that the trees here were huge and very sturdy. Fujin checked a few and thought, 'I don't think a normal wind jutsu can uproot these trees. Though a supercharged one should break them.'

Fujin spread out his chakra field to ensure that no one was spying on him. He didn't sense anyone.

He made some hand signs.

'Infinite Breakthrough jutsu'

He exhaled very strong winds. Immediately, a mini-storm formed in the training ground. It died down after a couple of minutes.

Fujin analyzed, 'Not bad. Unlike the Great Breakthrough jutsu which focuses just on creating very strong winds, Infinite Breakthrough jutsu creates a storm. The scroll said that if used in desert conditions, it could cause a sandstorm. Especially if the user is a strong ninja. Similarly, over water, it has the potential to cause a hurricane.'

The chakra needed for this jutsu is almost twice that needed for the Great Breakthrough jutsu. Supercharging it should make the storm larger and make it last for a longer time. It'll be a good jutsu to cause huge destruction or to block the enemy and run away.

I need to work on performing this jutsu without hand signs as well. Though it shouldn't be very difficult.'

He walked in front of a tree and made a few hand signs.

'Wind Sword jutsu'

Immediately winds formed around him and hit the tree. 4 deep sword cuts appeared on the tree. Fujin analyzed, 'Easy! Just as I thought. The chakra requirement is very low as well. I guess the advantage of this jutsu will be being able to use it without slashing my sword. So once I'm able to use it without any hand signs, I could use it to catch opponents off guard, especially if they are too focused on my sword.'

He moved away from the tree and made a few hand signs again.

'Wind Torpedo jutsu'

An invisible torpedo made of wind slowly formed in front of him. It moved towards another tree and hit it. On hitting, it exploded! The tree shook wildly! Its trunk was damaged. But it barely managed to survive.

Fujin analyzed, 'That was slow. This jutsu is a bit different from my previous wind jutsus, so it makes sense I suppose. Anyways, the surprising part of this jutsu was how quiet it was. Barely any sounds were made and no wind blew from the jutsu until the impact.

So if I can improve its speed, it will be a good jutsu to sneak attack with. Still, using this jutsu in a 1v1 fight could be tough. Any good opponent will dodge it. It won't resolve my issue of needing a deadly mid-long range jutsu.'

Fujin thought for a bit before deciding, 'I should practice Wind Sword and Infinite Breakthrough for now. I'll make a decision about Wind Torpedo after learning new jutsus from Hiruzen and Renjiro. Both should have realized my need for such a jutsu. So it wouldn't be a surprise if they do arrange something for me.'

Fujin trained the 2 jutsus for the next 6 hours until his chakra finally began running out. He sat while resting against a tree with a smile, 'Hand seals for both jutsus have been reduced to just one. Soon I'll be able to do them without hand seals.'

He looked up at the sky and thought, 'It's been around 6 hours since I began training. It should be time now.'

He sat in a meditative position to recover his chakra. After 20 minutes, his shadow clone from the library dispelled itself. Fujin received its memories and chakra. He received details of all rank B jutsus. And he received memories of the hand signs for Earth Release : Earth Wall jutsu.

Fujin was a bit surprised by the information, 'Oh, there are two ways to perform this jutsu. One is by spitting out mud and using it to form a wall, and hardening it with chakra. And the 2nd one is by slamming hands on the ground and using it to create a wall.

Hmm... The first one will be difficult for me. And I do have the spinning shield of wind anyways. Better to just focus on the 2nd method.'

He kept meditating for another 40 minutes. After recovering sufficient chakra, he got up and made a few hand signs. He slammed his hands on the ground.

'Earth Wall jutsu'

A 5 meters wide, 2.5 meters tall, and 1-foot thick wall rose from the ground. Fujin inspected the wall and concluded, 'Not bad. I do need to increase the speed of forming this jutsu, but the defense should be very good. Time to test it.'

He created a Wind clone and left it behind the wall. He went to the other side.

'Wind Explosion jutsu'

He threw it on the wall, and apart from a few scratches, no damage happened to the wall. He smiled and tossed a couple of Explosion tags. They exploded on the wall creating a few cracks on the surface. But the wall held on.

He created a few hand signs.

'Wind Torpedo jutsu'

The torpedo launched itself right where the Explosion tags had exploded. It exploded on impact. It created a huge dent in the wall. The dent was around 10 inches deep!

Fujin analyzed, 'Hmm, so a combination of Torpedo jutsu and Explosion tags is almost enough to destroy the wall. If I pour more chakra into the wall, then apart from wide range jutsus and maybe lightning release jutsus, it should be able to block most other jutsus.'

He exhaled a normal Great Breakthrough jutsu. Due to the scale of the jutsu, the winds went over and around the wall and hit his clone, dispelling it. It happened just as Fujin expected.

Fujin spent the remaining day practicing until he ran out of chakra and went back home after having dinner.

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Chapter 108: Flying Thunder God!

After reaching home, Fujin laid the chunin vest he received on his bed and began checking it. The jacket was similar as in the manga. It was green in color. It had 3 scroll pouches on either side of the chest. It also had a neck guard and extra padding over the shoulders. On its back, there was a symbol of Uzushio. The material that the vest was made of was very resilient. It could provide minor resistances against fire, lightning, weapons and blunt attacks.

Fujin thought, 'Not bad. 6 scrolls plus minor defenses. I wonder if I can inscribe some storage seals on it. Having an easy way to summon hundreds of Explosion tags will be handy.'

Fujin looked at his current clothes and decided, 'I also need to buy new clothes. The current ones now feel tighter. I'll probably need to keep buying new ones every year for the next few years. Speaking of clothes...'

Fujin looked around at his house. He had been staying there for almost 7 years! He noticed quite a few cracks on the walls and even the ceiling. He thought, 'I probably need to change to a new house as well. Practicing Wall walking indoors did a number on the walls! Not to mention, it feels much smaller now. I wonder what the property prices are in this world.'

Fujin decided to look into them later and fell asleep.

The next morning, Fujin went to the training ground and began training. He was using the training seal at 60% power! Soon Hoka followed by Mieko joined him as well.

At 6 AM, an old man knocked on the door of Hokage's office and entered.

Homura looked at Hiruzen and asked, "Why did you call me so early in the morning?"

Hiruzen looked at his friend and answered, "I will be training the 3 genins from today for a few days. I will leave the official work to you."

Homura's eyes twitched. He was annoyed and asked aggressively, "Why do I have to do the paperwork? I'm too old for this."

Hiruzen smiled and answered, "You made a good contribution to the village by suggesting the idea to reward top performers in the academy. So this is your reward."

Homura stared at Hiruzen. Both entered a staredown! After a couple of minutes, Homura sighed. He had heard about a genin asking Hiruzen for a reward during the chunin exam. So he understood why Hiruzen was targeting him.

He replied, "Alright, but don't take too long." Hiruzen smiled and said, "They are just kids. I'll teach them one jutsu and be done in no time." Homura nodded.

Unfortunately for Homura, both he and Hiruzen overlooked one critical aspect! So he'd be stuck doing paperwork for a much longer time than he bargained for.

Hiruzen explained some details to his friend before leaving. He wasn't much worried as Homura, Kohaku and even Danzo had taken over his paperwork job at times, especially during wars. So they all knew how to handle it properly.

At 7, Hiruzen arrived at the training ground and saw the 3 chunins training hard. He smiled and muttered, "They will have a good future if they maintain this dedication."

Seeing the Hokage, the kids stopped training and flickered in front of him and wished him good morning.

Hiruzen wished them back and praised them for working hard. He asked, "So, did you think about which jutsu you want to learn from me?"

Fujin's eyes sparkled! He was exhilarated and thought, 'We get to choose? Marvelous!'

Mieko replied, "I don't want to learn any jutsu. The Uchiha library has every jutsu."

Hoka too shook his head and replied, "I also don't want to learn any jutsu. I want to practice Taijutsu to master the 32 palms technique."

Fujin looked at his teammates with a deadpan expression.

Hiruzen laughed. He looked at Mieko and said, "Watch this."

Hiruzen flickered around 50 meters away and made a few hand signs and said, "Fire Release : Hellfire clap jutsu!"

Fujin spread his chakra field and observed carefully. Mieko and Hoka had activated Sharingan and Byakugan respectively.

They noticed a ring of fire forming around Hiruzen. Immediately, the fire spread out in all directions! In less than a second, the fire expanded into a 40 meters radius area around Hiruzen.

There were 3 boulders in this area. All were hewn in two! Wherever the fire passed through, nothing was left on the ground. Even the soil turned black.

Although the fire was 10 meters from them, all 3 chunins felt the crazy heat! In 5 seconds, both Fujin and Hoka flickered backwards. After another 5 seconds, Mieko also flickered back.

Fujin looked at it and exclaimed, "What crazy heat!" They were still sweating.

Hoka nodded, "If I were to be hit by it, perhaps even my bones would be left."

Mieko was too stunned to say anything. The Uchiha clan prided themselves on their Fire jutsus. She had seen how strong her parents and elders were. But she had never felt fire as hot as this!

Hiruzen smiled on seeing their stunned faces. He dispersed the jutsu and flickered towards them. He said, "As you heard, this jutsu is called Fire Release : Hellfire Clap jutsu. It is both defensive and offensive in nature. It was created by me during my younger years."

He looked at Mieko and asked, "Would you like to learn this jutsu?" Mieko obediently nodded.

Hiruzen smiled and looked at Hoka. He said, "I know you don't like Ninjutsu. So I will teach you something that will aid your Taijutsu. Look carefully, this is a secret technique of your clan."

Chakra began pouring from the Chakra points in Hiruzen's right hand. He pulled his arm back and pushed it forward at great speed. While his arm was moving, a 'vacuum shell' formed in his hand. When he pushed his arm to the max, the shell was fired towards a boulder.

The shell hit the boulder in the blink of an eye and created a hole through the entire boulder. It kept going and created a hole in 5 trees behind the boulder!

The genins were surprised once again! Hoka had seen this technique before. But he was told that he won't be taught it until he becomes a Jounin. However, the jutsu that he saw his elders perform was nowhere near as lethal as what Hiruzen did. At most, it created strong winds causing a few leaves to fall off a tree.

Hiruzen said, "This jutsu is Eight Trigrams : Air Palm. It was invented by the Hyuga clan to create a mid range fighting capability. It too can be used both offensively and defensively."

Fujin gulped his saliva, 'I recall reading that Hiruzen could perform every jutsu in Konoha, including the secret techniques! However, that doesn't do Hiruzen justice. It'd be more appropriate to say that Hiruzen can perform all jutsu in Konoha better than anyone else in Konoha!'

Hiruzen asked, "Do you want to learn this Hoka?" Hoka immediately nodded.

Hiruzen finally looked at Fujin and asked, "Fujin, did you think about any jutsu that you want to learn from me?"

Fujin was still surprised by Hiruzen's display. He gathered himself and nodded, "Yes Lord Hokage."

Hiruzen was slightly surprised. But soon he thought, 'This kid always knows what he wants. So it isn't surprising that he thought of something. I wonder what jutsu he wants to learn.'

Hiruzen asked, "Which jutsu is it Fujin?"

Fujin said with a serious face, "Lord Hokage, I want to learn the Flying Thunder God jutsu that the 2nd and 4th Hokage used."

Hiruzen, who was happy about how shocked the kids were at his abilities, was now shocked himself! Even Fujin could easily notice how shocked and speechless he was!

Mieko and Hoka were shocked as well! They too looked at Fujin with stunned expressions.

Fujin however maintained his straight face and kept looking into Hiruzen's eyes with a hopeful expression!

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Chapter 109: Senjutsu

Hiruzen smiled bitterly, 'He really does make the most of every opportunity!'

He said, "Unfortunately, you can't learn that right now."

Fujin showed a thoughtful face and asked, "Why not?"

Hiruzen answered, "To learn Flying Thunder God jutsu, you need 2 things. You need to be a Fuinjutsu master. For that, you need to learn every Fuinjutsu seal from our Library and be able to make them with ease. In our village, there are less than 10 Fuinjutsu masters.

Secondly, you need to have a talent for Space-time ninjutsu. And that talent is very rare. I am only aware of 5 ninjas from Konoha who had talent in it."

Fujin thought for a second and asked, "If I become a Fuinjutsu master, can I be allowed to learn it then?"

Hiruzen chuckled and said, "Sure. But learning Fuinjutsu is difficult. I would suggest you not waste time on it right now."

Fujin nodded.

Hiruzen asked, "Do you have anything else you want to learn?"

Fujin nodded once again. Hiruzen was surprised, 'He even thought of something else to ask if his request was denied?'

Fujin said, "I heard that one of your students, the Toad Sage Jiraiya of the Sannins, can use Senjutsu. Can you teach me Senjutsu?"

Hiruzen was shocked once again! He wondered, 'Am I getting too old to teach the new generation? Where did he even learn about Senjutsu?'

Mieko and Hoka looked at Fujin with confused faces, 'What is Senjutsu?'

Hiruzen asked, "Where did you learn about Senjutsu?"

Fujin replied, "I read it on a scroll in the library."

Hiruzen wondered, 'Did he read every scroll and book there?'

Hiruzen said, "Unfortunately, I can't teach it to you as I don't know it."

Fujin acted surprised and exclaimed, "Even you don't know it? Then could you arr..."

Hiruzen cut Fujin off and said, "Just like the Flying Thunder God, you won't be able to learn Senjutsu either. The basic requirement to learn Senjutsu is having a lot of chakra."

He then began exerting his chakra, showing it to Fujin. He said, "You will need more chakra than me to be able to learn Senjutsu."

Fujin, Mieko, and Hoka were surprised at how much chakra Hiruzen had! It was around 150% higher than Renjiro's! Fujin wondered, 'Even at such an old age he has this much chakra? It is almost 18 times larger than my chakra!'

Fujin sighed thinking, 'How long will it take me to reach that level?' He said, "Alright Lord Hokage."

Hiruzen had enough of asking Fujin what he wanted to learn. He was afraid of what Fujin might ask next. However, before he spoke, Fujin asked, "Lord Hokage, can you teach me Wind Vacuum jutsus then?"

Hiruzen's eyebrows twitched. He wondered, 'Did he find out about them in the library as well?'

Fujin looked at Hiruzen thinking, 'I knew that I couldn't learn Flying Thunder God and Sage mode. Even if I could, I doubt he would just give me the scrolls or the guidance needed to learn them. Minato probably only got them as he was Jiraiya's student.'

But if I didn't mention those two and directly mentioned Wind Vacuum jutsus, it's likely that he would have rejected me due to how dangerous they are. But now that he has already rejected me twice, it's unlikely that he would reject me once more.

The only concern left is whether he'd ask Danzo to teach me. But seeing his Air Palm jutsu, I'm betting that he knows Wind Vacuum jutsus as well. Even if he asks Danzo, as long as Danzo doesn't make me join the Root, I don't care much about him. After all, he doesn't have Shisui's eye yet. And by the time he gets it, the Root will be dissolved. Well, at least officially that is.'

Hiruzen thought around the same lines as Fujin analyzed, 'Wind Vacuum jutsu... It is very lethal. Not something I want to teach to little kids. But I have already rejected him twice. Saying no once again won't look good. Not to mention, it is much safer than Senjutsu and Flying Thunder God.'

He decided to teach him. Hiruzen nodded, "Alright. I'll teach you Wind Vacuum jutsus..." He realized what he said!

Fujin immediately smiled and bowed down, "Thank You, Lord Hokage!"

Hiruzen looked at the 11 year old kid with disbelief, 'I promised to teach them one jutsu! He made me promise to teach him all the Wind Vacuum jutsus. And he even thanked me so quickly...'

Hiruzen sighed internally and decided, 'Leave it. I'll teach him and get him off my back for now. Though in the future, I need to ensure that I don't promise him any rewards.'

Unfortunately for Hiruzen, he had already promised Fujin something for the future. While he didn't think that future would ever arrive, Fujin had already sealed those words in his memory!

While Fujin didn't have enough chakra to use Shadow clones for training ninjutsu, especially when he was mastering rank B jutsus or supercharging jutsus, he had plenty to abuse while learning Fuinjutsu!

As soon as he mastered all fuinjutsu available, he would ask Hiruzen to aid him in learning Flying Thunder God. By then, he would even have built a good reputation in Konoha, so Hiruzen would be more likely to agree.

Hiruzen made a couple of shadow clones. Hoka and Mieko went with one each while his main body stayed behind with Fujin.

Hiruzen looked at Fujin and said, "Fujin, before I teach you, I need you to promise me something."

Fujin asked, "What Lord Hokage?"

Hiruzen replied, "The Wind Vacuum style is very dangerous. Never use these jutsus on a colleague or an ally. In the future, you would likely spar a lot with other ninjas from Konoha. Under no circumstances are you allowed to use Wind Vacuum style against them."

Fujin nodded and answered without hesitation, "I agree, Lord Hokage. I don't even use my sword while sparring."

Hiruzen nodded. It was the main reason why he agreed. He said, "Excellent. I will now first explain the theory of the Wind Vacuum style. Once you understand, we will begin learning it."

Fujin nodded and paid attention. Hiruzen's clones also began teaching Mieko and Hoka.

Mieko had the Sharingan, so she very quickly got the basics of the jutsu. But actually performing it was much tougher as it was an A rank jutsu! She couldn't form the ring of fire around her.

Hoka too got stuck in creating a Vacuum shell. Both would need some time to overcome those obstacles. However, once they did, they would advance rapidly.

Fujin too had a tough challenge to overcome!

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Hiruzen asked, "Tell me Fujin, do you know what a vacuum is and its properties?"

Fujin fell into thought, 'Did the academy ever teach about the vacuum? Probably not, though the library might have some information regarding it.'

Fujin answered, "Vacuum basically is a space where nothing exists. Not even air. As for its properties, I don't know for sure. But I have a few guesses."

Hiruzen said, "That's right. Tell me about your guesses."

Fujin replied, "Since nothing exists in a vacuum, the pressure inside the vacuum should be very low, or perhaps non-existent. So if something came close to the vacuum, it would rapidly be sucked inside the vacuum. Though, in that case, the vacuum will no longer be a vacuum."

Hiruzen was impressed by that answer. He nodded, "Very good Fujin. You are right. That is how the vacuum works. The Wind Vacuum jutsus are based on the same principle."

Fujin paid close attention as Hiruzen explained, "Wind Vacuum jutsus are the same as normal Wind jutsus. The only difference is that they have a vacuum core. So, you first have to learn how to create a vacuum core. Observe properly."

Hiruzen extended his arm ahead. Wind formed in his hand, similar to a Wind Explosion jutsu. Fujin observed with all his focus.

A wind sphere formed in Hiruzen's hand. But soon, the winds began moving away from the core. Fujin saw a vacuum sphere forming at the center of the wind sphere. It had a radius of 2 cm.

Hiruzen explained, "To create a vacuum, you just have to remove all air from the space where you decide to create the vacuum."

Fujin nodded. The basic principles were similar to those on earth. Only chakra was used instead of technology.

Hiruzen dispersed the jutsu. Fujin noticed as winds rushed back into the vacuum core. Hiruzen said, "Now you try Fujin."

Fujin extended his hand forward. A wind sphere immediately formed in his hand. He focused on the center of the sphere and tried moving air away from it.

He quickly managed to move the air to one side of the center. However, soon air from other directions entered. Hiruzen observed him carefully.

Fujin struggled for a couple of minutes before making progress. He managed to push the air out from the center in all directions! Slowly, a 1 mm vacuum sphere was formed. Hiruzen noticed. His eyes widened!

Fujin didn't see Hiruzen's expression. His entire focus was on the vacuum core. He kept trying to expand its size. He managed to expand it, but multiple times it collapsed. He kept at it.

Hiruzen watched with shock on his face. He exclaimed in his mind, 'What talent! Danzo needed a week before he could make a stable core. The way Fujin is going, he'll manage to do it today itself!'

After overcoming the shock, Hiruzen analyzed the youth in front of him, 'This kid was talented in the academy, but didn't show any signs of being special. Apart from his higher chakra, all his progress was just a product of dedication. According to Genki, even his higher chakra was a product of hard training.'

Even his talent in Wind jutsu wasn't that great. Could he be like those ninjas, whose talent in a particular nature shows at a later stage?'

Hiruzen analyzed more, 'Yeah, there were a lot of ninjas in Kiri and Kumo whose talent in water or lightning elements showed when working on Rank B or higher jutsus. Though the number of similar cases in Fire, Earth or Wind is very low.'

Hiruzen rated Fujin's talent very high. He expected Fujin to become at least an Elite Jounin. However, he still underestimated Fujin's talent. After his death, Fujin's talent in Wind manipulation would reach a level that the world would label him a calamity!

Fujin was unaware of how much of a shock he had given Hiruzen. His entire focus was on the vacuum core. It needed a very high mastery in chakra control and a very high wind affinity.

A few times he managed to increase the radius of the vacuum sphere to 5 mm before it collapsed. After 10 minutes, he finally managed to create a stable vacuum core of a 1.2 cm radius!

Hiruzen stared in shock! He sighed in relief thinking, 'Luckily I placed him under Renjiro. Otherwise, he wouldn't have become a chunin so early and his talent would have been wasted!'

Indeed, Fujin was lucky. He had intended to spend all 6 years in the academy and build very strong basics so that his survival chance would be much higher. It was only due to the pressure of his other classmates passing, that he decided to pass early so that he wouldn't attract any unwanted suspicions.

If that hadn't been the case, his development would have been stalled by a couple of years. He would have missed the opportunity to gain strength quickly. And would have missed the opportunity to be trained by someone of the same level and dedication as Senju Renjiro.

That would have resulted in him not getting any opportunities to learn the Senju Taijutsu style or Wind Vacuum technique. While he would have eventually learnt those techniques, his progress would have likely been delayed by around 3 to 4 years!

Hiruzen looked at the vacuum core and said, "Very good. Maintain it for 2 minutes."

Fujin didn't reply but followed his instructions. He was able to last 2 whole minutes. Hiruzen was impressed again. He said, "Now encase it with winds and aim it at a tree and try launching it as you do with Wind Explosion jutsu."

Immediately winds began forming around the vacuum core. It took the shape of a sphere. Fujin looked at a tree and threw the Vacuum sphere. However, as soon as the wind sphere left his hand, the vacuum core began collapsing. By the time it traveled 1 meter, the vacuum core collapsed and air entered it. The wind sphere itself collapsed and dispersed.

Fujin was surprised, 'What the heck?'

Hiruzen looked and said, "After creating the vacuum core, you maintained it. However, when you launched it, you couldn't maintain it anymore. That's why air around it entered the vacuum core and your jutsu collapsed."

Fujin analyzed Hiruzen's words and nodded. He asked, "So, how can we maintain it when it is away from us?"

Hiruzen created another wind sphere with a vacuum core and said, "Watch the wind movement around the vacuum core carefully."

He slowly launched the wind sphere towards a boulder. Fujin observed carefully, 'Incredible. The winds are moving in such a way that air doesn't enter the vacuum core! And, there seems to be a thin chakra layer separating the winds and the vacuum core.'

The wind sphere hit the boulder. The winds only caused a few scratches. However, when the vacuum core touched the boulder, the part where it touched turned into soil and was absorbed into the vacuum core. The vacuum core continued for a few inches absorbing everything around it, before disappearing. It left a 6 inch deep and 3 inch wide hole in the boulder!

Hiruzen explained, "In order to maintain the vacuum core, you need to do two things. First, you need to create a thin film of chakra around the vacuum core to ensure that nothing enters it. And then you need to rotate winds around that film in a way that it doesn't damage the thin chakra film and doesn't allow outside air to hit the chakra film either.

When the jutsu hits someone or something, the winds will first damage it and then the vacuum core will hit it. Since the chakra film is thin, it'll break after contact with anything solid or even liquid. As soon as it breaks, the vacuum core will absorb anything it comes in contact with, no matter how tough it is. When it passes through, it'll look like the object is cut into two. But it isn't a simple cut."

Fujin nodded. This technique was very lethal.

Hiruzen continued, "When you cut someone with your sword, only a thin cut forms in their body. As long as that person isn't dead on-spot, a good medic can heal them easily. Even cut arms or legs can be reattached. But with Wind Vacuum jutsus..."

Hiruzen pointed towards the hole in the boulder and continued, "The vacuum core absorbed everything in a 3 inch diameter. Very few medics can heal such a wound. If it hits any organ, such as the stomach or liver, those organs would be ruined on spot. Surviving is almost impossible."

Fujin nodded. Hiruzen's explanation was just as he observed. He thought, 'Damn! Wind Vacuum jutsus will be op! Finally, I'll have a way to hit through the enemy defense.'

He looked at Hiruzen and said, "I understand why you asked me to never use this against a comrade, Lord Hokage."

Hiruzen nodded with a smile. He wanted to teach Fujin how dangerous these jutsus are. He said, "Now that the basic theory has been understood, you will have to try it yourself. Let's begin."

Fujin nodded and began creating another Vacuum sphere with all his attention.