

Calamity 111

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Chapter 111: Wind Vacuum Technique

Fujin began practicing. Hiruzen had instructed him to practice with a 1 cm radius vacuum core for now.

After creating the vacuum core, he began encasing it with a thin layer of his chakra. It needed delicate chakra control. However, thanks to his Senju Taijutsu style training, his chakra control was good enough.

After a few failures, he managed to learn it rather quickly. The next challenge was to form winds around it to add another layer. This time he failed a lot more. If the winds hit the chakra film even a bit, it would collapse. But, soon he managed to create a proper Vacuum sphere.

In Fujin's right hand, a wind sphere rotated. At the center of this wind sphere was a thin chakra film that encased a 1 cm radius vacuum core. Hiruzen thought, 'Incredible. He got the basic form right in less than 10 minutes!'

Hiruzen said, "Now throw this sphere at a tree."

Fujin nodded and followed his instruction. The Vacuum sphere travelled for 10 meters when it suddenly began collapsing. Fujin observed closely and muttered, "The winds hit the chakra film and entered the vacuum core."

Hiruzen nodded, "That is the case. You have to ensure that the winds don't hit the chakra film even when it is travelling. And you need to make the chakra film sturdier while not increasing its thickness."

Fujin nodded and began practicing again. For the next 7 hours, Fujin kept experimenting with the wind flow and tried making the chakra film sturdier.

Hiruzen kept watching the whole time. He initially watched Fujin with fondness due to how dedicated and hardworking he was. However, after 7 straight hours, he sighed, 'I expected him to take a break for breakfast and lunch. Instead, he just grabbed a few ration bars and stuffed them into his mouth! He didn't even offer them to me.'

Hiruzen hadn't carried anything to eat. A couple of times, he had even asked Fujin to take a break. However, Fujin replied, "Just some time, Lord Hokage. I think I have got a handle on this!" After replying, he would get lost in practice and not even look at Hiruzen.

He did talk with Hiruzen a few times, but it was regarding issues in the training. After getting the answers, he focused on the training once again.

Finally, he managed to get a hang of it! He created another Vacuum sphere and threw it in the air. It traveled for around 100 meters in the sky before collapsing.

Fujin looked at Hiruzen, who nodded and said, "Good. This is perfect. Now try it on trees or boulders."

Fujin nodded and followed his instruction. He created a vacuum sphere and threw it at a tree. It hit the tree and pierced through it, creating a 2 inch wide hole in the tree.

He smiled and began creating more Vacuum spheres. In the next few minutes, dozens of trees were pierced. However, every Vacuum sphere after piercing the tree would collapse.

Fujin wondered, 'This is definitely good but if it collapses so soon after piercing a tree, it won't be that lethal. Maybe creating a bigger vacuum core might help it go longer...'

Hiruzen wasn't aware of Fujin's thoughts. He looked at his performance and praised him, "Great work Fujin. However, let's stop here for today."

Fujin looked at Hiruzen and protested, "But Lord Hokage, I can still train!"

Hiruzen shook his head and said, "Your chakra is almost exhausted. If we train more, then you might not be able to train tomorrow. The next step of training will be just as challenging as today's. So let's stop for today."

Fujin reluctantly nodded. Hiruzen instructed, "Don't practice Wind Vacuum style in my absence. Preferably, don't use any more jutsus today and meditate to recover your chakra quickly. We will meet tomorrow at 7 AM as well."

Fujin nodded and thanked Hiruzen for his help.

Hiruzen smiled and left thinking, 'Finally I can have some food! Didn't expect him to train continuously for so long. His teammates left after a couple of hours of training. Still, to get the basic version of Wind Vacuum style down in a third of a day! Fujin is very talented in Wind Release.'

He chuckled thinking, 'I wonder how Danzo would react when he knows that an 11 year old kid learnt in under 8 hours what he needed 9 days to learn!'

After leaving, Fujin went to the shopping area for ninjas. He entered the same clothing shop as he did almost a year ago. Fujin asked the shopkeeper to make similar clothes for him as the ones he was wearing, but tailored to his current measurements.

The shopkeeper took Fujin's measurements and commented, "You are doing well kid. You've gained 4 inches in less than a year!"

Fujin replied, "Yes, thank you."

The shopkeeper smiled and said, "I saw you in the chunin exams. You were amazing! Congrats on winning the tournament."

Fujin nodded. After taking the measurements, the shopkeeper asked, "I have one product to show you. Most ninjas buy this from me."

Fujin asked, "What product?"

The shopkeeper picked up a box and opened it. He took out something that looked like chainmail armor. Fujin checked it. It felt very sturdy! It would be able to block stray shurikens and kunais as long as they weren't enhanced with chakra flow. It would likely reduce damage from shurikens and kunais thrown

directly at him as well. When combined with Chunin Vest and Shirt, it's likely that normal shurikens would find it difficult to hurt him. Of course, the rest of the body will still be vulnerable.

The shopkeeper said, "This is a Mesh Upper Bodysuit. It is..."

Fujin cut him and said, "I'd like 2 sets of this as well."

The shopkeeper nodded and said, "Alright, it'll take us around a week to make everything for you. So visit me after a week."

Fujin nodded and left.

The next day, Fujin once again began warming up while waiting for Hiruzen to show up. Hoka, Mieko and Hiruzen all arrived slightly before 7 AM.

The group split up once again, with Hiruzen's main body staying with Fujin.

Hiruzen instructed, "First, let's check what you have learnt so far. Use a couple of Vacuum spheres on that boulder."

Fujin followed his instructions and tossed a couple of Vacuum spheres on the boulder one after another. The first one pierced more than halfway through it, while the second one pierced through it.

Hiruzen said, "Good. What are your thoughts about the Wind Vacuum style?"

Fujin thought for a bit and said, "It is very strong in terms of piercing capability. But, the vacuum core collapses soon after hitting the first target. So even if this technique pierces through any defense, it won't be able to harm the ninja hiding behind those defenses."

He looked at Hiruzen and said, "I wonder if increasing the size of the Vacuum core will resolve this."

Hiruzen replied, "Good analysis. But no. Once the vacuum core begins absorbing, it'll collapse quickly."

Fujin frowned, 'I don't remember too well, but I think Danzo's vacuum jutsus kept traveling even after piercing rocks. Will that not be the case here?'

Hiruzen smiled seeing Fujin analyze with a frown. He said, "But, there is a way around this to make the Wind Vacuum jutsu last much longer and hit multiple targets in its path."

He extended his right arm towards a tree and said, "Watch."

Fujin observed carefully as a Vacuum sphere formed in Hiruzen's palm. His eyebrows furrowed. The Vacuum core was different, but he couldn't understand what exactly was different.

Hiruzen launched the Vacuum sphere. It pierced through the tree, but maintained its form and kept going ahead. Fujin watched with eyes widened as the Vacuum sphere pierced through 13 trees before collapsing! He just exclaimed, "Wow!"

Hiruzen smiled with satisfaction at seeing Fujin's reaction. Fujin asked, "The Vacuum core looked different. What did you do?"

Hiruzen extended his arm ahead and said, "Observe carefully again."

A small Vacuum core slowly began forming in Hiruzen's palm. A 1 cm radius vacuum core was formed. A thin film of chakra then encased it. However, instead of forming winds around it, vacuum began forming around the chakra film!

While this vacuum was being formed, chakra began extending out of the thin chakra film. The vacuum outside the chakra film encased it entirely, but it was divided into 6 equal parts. Between those 6 parts, Chakra flowed. In addition, thin threads of chakra existed even within these 6 vacuum parts. They looked similar to veins.

Hiruzen walked towards a nearby tree while saying, "Follow me and observe what happens when this hits the tree."

Fujin followed him. Hiruzen slowly pressed this vacuum core against the Tree's trunk. The truck began disintegrating and getting absorbed in the vacuum. However, after entering the vacuum, it drifted towards the chakra in between the vacuum. After entering the chakra flow, they were thrown out of the vacuum core.

Fujin was surprised. He said, "The absorbed materials are thrown out. So the vacuum core is maintained. And the central most vacuum core was never even hit."

Hiruzen dispelled the jutsus and nodded, "This way, you can maintain the vacuum core for longer. Once you master this, your enemy will have to dodge your jutsu. As blocking them will be near impossible."

Fujin nodded and grinned, "This looks very lethal! Thank you, Lord Hokage!"

Hiruzen smiled and said, "Now you try creating such a Vacuum core." Fujin nodded and got to work.

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Chapter 112: Bonding with the Hokage!

Fujin kept working on creating the complicated Vacuum core. He managed to encase the chakra film inside another vacuum layer very quickly. But dividing it into 6 parts was difficult. He kept trying for the next 3 hours without success.

Hiruzen looked at Fujin while thinking, 'I didn't intend to teach this to Fujin. After all, even the normal vacuum core is very lethal. Danzo and I needed months to perfect this. However, he learnt the normal Wind Vacuum style in under a day. I am looking forward to how quickly he can master this.'

At 10, an Anbu appeared behind Hiruzen. This broke Fujin's concentration and he observed him.

The Anbu greeted Hiruzen, "Lord Hokage." And he handed him a tiffin box. Fujin, who had just eaten a couple of Ration bars, was amused. The Anbu left after Hiruzen took the box and thanked him.

Hiruzen looked at Fujin and said, "Fujin, come join me." As it'd be impolite to turn him down, Fujin joined him. Hiruzen opened the box, and there were a few sandwiches in it.

Fujin sat down and picked up one piece. While eating he said softly, "I didn't know the Anbu were responsible for this as well."

Hiruzen laughed and replied, "He is a part of my personal guard. They do everything that I ask them to."

Fujin nodded while thinking, 'Well, except for paperwork.'

Seeing that Fujin wasn't taking any initiative to converse, Hiruzen asked, "So Fujin, what do you usually do?"

Fujin replied while taking a bite, "Pretty much just train, eat and sleep, Lord Hokage. Before the chunin exams, Renjiro sensei would train me all day."

Hiruzen knew that. He smiled and said, "No need to keep calling me Lord Hokage. You can call me grandpa."

Fujin got a bit worried, 'What is this old fox planning?'

He showed an enthusiastic face and said, "Alright grandpa!"

Hiruzen smiled on hearing that.

Since he didn't have anything to talk about with Fujin, Hiruzen began telling him old stories from his own experiences. Fujin listened carefully. After all, Hiruzen's record as a Ninja was just too good! Very few could say that they were stronger than him. As for his experience, it'd be difficult to find anyone in the ninja world to have a richer experience than him. Perhaps only Onoki could claim to have a similar level of experience.

After breakfast, Fujin once again kept trying without any success. They took a similar break around 1 PM for lunch. And trained till 4 PM.

The next few days were spent in this manner. Fujin kept improving his vacuum core but didn't reach a satisfactory level. Hiruzen kept monitoring and giving him tips.

Over breakfast and lunch, Fujin took initiative to ask for more such stories. He, especially, asked a lot about Hashirama and Tobirama. After Hiruzen ran out of stories to tell about them, Fujin asked about the 2nd Kazekage, 3rd Raikage, Hatake Sakumo, and the Sannins.

He initially started asking them in a way to show that he idolized the past Hokages. But as Hiruzen told more, the conversations became about their techniques. How they created them. How Hiruzen or someone else countered them.

Of course, Hiruzen noticed the change in the conversation. But he didn't mind. After all, if he were to tell these stories to any other kid, they would get bored and fall asleep. Having a good listener who would ask a lot of questions was something he liked.

At one point, Fujin asked Hiruzen, "Grandpa, how do you counter the Sharingan in combat? Is avoiding eye contact the only counter?"

Hiruzen asked, "Doesn't your teammate have Sharingans?"

Fujin nodded, "Yes. And every time I fight her, I maintain my distance and fight her with clones. Unlike Hoka, who I can engage in close combat, I prefer to let my clones do the fighting against Mieko."

Hiruzen nodded. He had seen their fight. He said, "The advantage of Sharingan is that they can cast Genjutsu very quickly. However, even if it is very quick, they still need a fraction of a second to use the genjutsu."

While not looking into their eyes or fighting with clones works, they are quite restrictive. The better way is to sense when they would use Sharingan genjutsu. And right before they cast it, disrupt your chakra so that you can't be placed under Genjutsu."

Fujin furrowed his eyebrows and asked, "But how can we sense that quickly?"

Hiruzen replied, "You can focus chakra in your eyes. It enhances your vision and can allow you to see chakra. Since you are a sensor, you should be able to see the chakra. It is what Sakai Yumi was doing in the chunin exam."

Fujin exclaimed, "Oh, I didn't think that would work."

Hiruzen replied, "Yes. But it isn't easy. You first need to know how their chakra changes before they cast Genjutsu. And be quick enough to realize it and disrupt your own chakra. However, even this isn't foolproof. There are some Uchiha who are capable of casting very powerful genjutsu. Even if you detect and disrupt your chakra, you would still be caught in the genjutsu."

Fujin frowned on hearing that. He wondered, 'Is he talking about the Mangekyou or does he mean that even normal Sharingan can be used to cast such a strong Genjutsu?'

Hiruzen noticed Fujin frowning and said, "But there is no need to worry. After all, the Uchiha are a part of Konoha."

There was a hint of helplessness and sadness in Hiruzen's tone. The relations between Konoha and Uchiha were deteriorating day by day!

Fujin didn't notice that. He sighed internally, 'Yeah, I wish. Even without the coup, the strongest Uchihas are already against Konoha. No, they are against the entire Ninja world!'

Hoka and Mieko also kept up their training. Hoka was the first one to learn his technique. It took him 3 days to learn. However, the power of his vacuum palm was quite weak. Hiruzen provided him insights on how to improve the power and their training ended.

Mieko managed to learn her jutsu on the 5th day. Hiruzen spent another couple of days with her to improve her mastery of the jutsu. He gave her a lot of good advice and proper guidance. After all, Hiruzen was hoping that this act would improve his relationship with the Uchiha.

The Uchihas did appreciate the Hokage for teaching his original jutsu to Mieko. Unfortunately, with the village turning a deaf ear to their demands, their resentment didn't decrease.

Later, Hiruzen would try to remove the surveillance on the Uchiha and move them back into their previous territory. Unfortunately, his plans would be opposed by Danzo and the two elders. Losing the 4th Hokage to a Sharingan-controlled Kyubi was a huge blow to the village. With Minato no longer alive, if something similar were to happen, then the other village would probably invade Konoha! The elders wouldn't risk that.

So the fate of the Uchiha clan wouldn't change!

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Chapter 113: There are no Wind Vacuum Jutsus!

Unlike Hoka and Mieko, Fujin's training continued. It was on the 9th day that he finally managed to create a similar vacuum core as the one Hiruzen had created.

Hiruzen checked it and praised Fujin, "Very good. This is good enough. Now, encase this vacuum core with another thin chakra film, and then create winds around it."

Fujin followed his instructions and got it right on his first try! He threw it at a tree. It pierced through it and pierced 8 more trees behind it before collapsing!

Fujin grinned, "This is great! Thanks gramps!"

After 9 days of training, Fujin was now very casual with Hiruzen. Of course, he still kept proper control over what he spoke and didn't antagonize Hiruzen.

Hiruzen nodded, "Very impressive Fujin!"

Fujin looked at Hiruzen and asked, "Can we learn all the Wind Vacuum jutsus now?"

Hiruzen showed a confused face and asked, "What do you mean by Wind Vacuum jutsus?"

Though Hiruzen had a confused face, he was laughing internally while thinking, 'This brat has taken a lot of advantages from me. Unfortunately, even if he read the entire library, his knowledge won't compare to mine.'

Fujin's eyebrows twitched. He asked, "Aren't there a bunch of Wind Vacuum jutsus?"

Hiruzen chuckled and shook his head, "There are no Wind Vacuum jutsus. Wind Vacuum is a technique to create a Vacuum core inside a Wind jutsu. So some Wind jutsus can become Wind Vacuum jutsus by using a Vacuum core. For instance, the Vacuum Sphere is just a modified Wind Explosion jutsu."

Fujin was surprised at this, "Oh, I didn't think of it that way."

Hiruzen was about to ask Fujin to experiment on his own and create his own Wind Vacuum jutsu, when Fujin looked at him and said, "Grandpa, could you guide me in how to add the Vacuum core in the Great Breakthrough jutsu?"

Hiruzen's face went slightly black at how quickly Fujin requested him. He coughed and said, "No. The vacuum core can't be added to the Great Breakthrough jutsu due to it having such a wide area of attack."

Fujin replied, "Oh... I read that the 2nd Kazekage used a jutsu called Vacuum bullet jutsu. The scroll said that it moved at a very high speed and was very hard to dodge. Can you teach me that grandpa?"

He looked at Hiruzen with a hopeful look on his face. While Fujin didn't like Hiruzen's diplomacy, he had nothing but respect for Hiruzen's power and experience. Now that he had a chance to hold his thigh, Fujin would take every advantage he could from Hiruzen!

Having interacted with Fujin for so long, Hiruzen understood that Fujin's expressions were fake. He decided, 'I definitely need to include him in negotiating teams. He is aware that I know that his expression is fake. But he still does them!'

Hiruzen sighed and agreed. Using Wind bullets needed one to create small vacuum cores inside their mouth. While they were mostly harmless, they could result in horrible injuries if something went wrong!

Hiruzen sighed thinking, 'I don't think Homura will agree to take over paperwork for me again! When will those students of mine return to take my hat?'

As Hiruzen wished, one student of his would eventually return to take his hat. Though, he would want Hiruzen's head alongside his hat!

Hiruzen looked at Fujin and said, "For that, you will first need to learn Air bullet jutsu."

Fujin replied, "Oh, can you teach me that jutsu as well?"

Fujin noticed Hiruzen's face going black. Hiruzen wasn't surprised as he expected Fujin to immediately make this request. However, he couldn't help but wonder, 'Was this boy born with no shame?'

Hiruzen showed Fujin the hand signs for Air bullet jutsu and explained how it worked. Fujin managed to perform it after a couple of tries. He improved his mastery of the jutsu for half an hour. This jutsu was very lethal as well. If used against an army, it'd have a terrifying effect! However, any good defense would easily block it. While practicing, Fujin wondered, 'Why wasn't this jutsu placed in the library?'

Hiruzen then taught Fujin the modified hand signs for Vacuum bullet jutsu. Of course, the hand signs alone won't help to use this jutsu as Fujin first has to learn to create a vacuum core inside his mouth.

Hiruzen first showed it to Fujin. The vacuum core for this wasn't a sphere. It was shaped like a bullet, but much thinner. The outer layer was once again fragmented into parts separated by chakra. While the inner core was a proper vacuum.

Fujin began practicing. He faced two challenges. The first was that he was creating it inside his mouth rather than his hand. So he couldn't see it and had to work based on just feeling it.

Another issue was chakra control. Controlling the chakra was a lot easier when done with the palm. Controlling it inside his mouth was challenging.

Hiruzen was aware of this as well. The ideal time to train this would have been after Fujin began using the Vacuum sphere very smoothly. However, seeing Fujin's talent, Hiruzen was interested in seeing how quickly Fujin would learn this. Besides, he was happy to not go back to paperwork for a few more days.

Fujin trained till he ran out of chakra. This time, instead of dismissing Fujin, Hiruzen said, "Follow me Fujin."

Hiruzen flickered. Fujin followed him. They left the training ground and entered a remote area in Konoha.

There was a small house with smoke coming out of a chimney. Hiruzen stopped in front of the house. A few seconds later, Fujin appeared. Fujin asked, "Who lives here grandpa?"

At that time, Fujin heard a loud noise of metals clashing. Fujin asked, "Is this the blacksmith?" Hiruzen smiled and knocked on the door.

The sounds stopped. Soon, a middle-aged man opened the door. He wasn't surprised to see Hiruzen. He bowed and greeted, "Welcome to my home, Lord Hokage."

Hiruzen smiled and said, "Hello Momo, how are you doing?"

The middle-aged man was Ota Momo. He was a blacksmith living in Konoha. He had a special position in Konoha due to his connections.

Ota Momo replied, "I'm doing well, Lord Hokage. Come in."

He invited Hiruzen in. Hiruzen and Fujin entered his home.

On entering, Fujin saw an old man. He wore a white robe, had a long white beard and long white hair. However, he was quite well-built for his age.

Hiruzen greeted him, "Fuji-dono. I trust you have been doing well."

Furutani Fuji greeted him back, "I have been doing well, Lord Hokage. It's good to see you once again."

Hiruzen and Fuji exchanged some pleasantries. Furutani Fuji was a very reputed Blacksmith from the Land of Iron. He was one of the very few blacksmiths alive who could forge chakra metal weapons. Once every year, he would visit Konoha to take orders for new weapons.

Momo saw his Hokage and mentor exchange greetings like old friends. He felt very proud. After all, not everyone could boast about having the Hokage visit their home every year.

After finishing their small talk, Fuji looked at Fujin and said, "So this is the youngster who wants swords?"

Hiruzen nodded and said, "Yes, he wants Samurai sabers which aid in Wind chakra flow."

Fuji looked at Fujin for a few moments. He stared at his swords and asked, "Can I see your current progress with chakra flow?"

Fujin looked at Hiruzen, who nodded his head.

Fujin unsheathed both his swords and flowed his chakra through them. He then changed it to Wind nature. Fuji observed for a few seconds before nodding, "Very impressive! Your basics are solid!"

Fujin politely replied, "Thank You"

Fuji got up and asked Fujin to follow him. Momo and Hiruzen also followed. They entered a room with a lot of swords. Fuji looked at Momo and said, "Bring a few swords for Fujin to check."

Fujin checked out quite a few swords. Fujin was the most comfortable with a 2 feet long sword. However, Fuji and Hiruzen recommended longer swords that would fit him properly when he grew up. After all, he was only 11.

In the end, they settled on two 2.5 feet long, 1-inch wide, dual-edged swords. Fuji said, "Alright. I'll make and bring those swords next year."

Fujin was stunned! He said softly, "Next year?"

Hiruzen chuckled and said, "He is one of the best swordsmiths in the world. He can only make one trip to Konoha every year."

Fuji added, "In addition, adding chakra metal to swords is very complicated. It takes a long time to do it."

Fujin nodded disappointedly as he couldn't do anything about it. Hiruzen said, "You can leave Fujin. I have some official matters to discuss with Mr Fuji."

Fujin nodded and left. After leaving, he sighed thinking, "1 year... So long to make a sword! That said, it shouldn't matter much. My current swords are good enough for the time being."

He went to the clothing shop and took his new clothes. On reaching home, he swapped his old clothes for new ones and tried them. The shopkeeper had done a good job. The clothes fit him perfectly. Especially the Mesh upper body suit. It was very comfortable.

The training continued from the next day. Hiruzen and Fujin talked about even more techniques and strong ninjas. After Fujin ran out of techniques to discuss, he even asked questions about the Great Ninja wars. He asked what started them, how they could have been avoided, whether any wars will happen in the future and how they could be avoided.

This talk surprised Hiruzen. Fujin surprisingly showed maturity way beyond his age. Memories of the maturity Itachi showed surfaced.

Fujin had realized that Hiruzen would realize this. He had intentionally shown it. In the future, he would require a lot of S rank jutsus that Konoha had. Increasing his value in Hiruzen's eyes had a lot of merits.

While Fujin did create a personal bond with Hiruzen over the past week, however, Fujin was aware that this bond won't gain him many benefits. After all, Naruto's bond with Hiruzen could be said to be much

deeper. However, he didn't receive any benefits from Hiruzen. Other than perhaps getting a strong Jounin sensei. Though, even that decision was likely not an emotional one.

These talks made Hiruzen finalize his decision to invite Fujin into the Anbu ranks after a few months.

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Chapter 114: Shadow Clone Explosion Jutsu

Fujin trained for a week. During this time, after Hiruzen ended the training, Fujin would go home and create vacuum cores with his palm while keeping his eyes closed. He did it to become more familiar with the process of creating vacuum cores.

Finally, Fujin managed to create a stable vacuum core inside his mouth. He created a few hand signs and blew out the Vacuum Bullet jutsu.

Unlike Air bullet, where he could blow half a dozen bullets at the same time, he could create just one Vacuum bullet at a time. It travelled in a straight line for 40 meters, piercing everything in its path!

Fujin smiled and exclaimed, 'Damn cool!'

Hiruzen smiled. This time, Fujin performed just as he expected. Of course, his expectations were much higher.

Hiruzen said, "Good work Fujin. You can improve Vacuum bullet jutsu further by creating more vacuum cores so that you can use multiple at the same time. Of course, that won't be easy, so don't push for it so quickly."

Fujin nodded. He needed to use this jutsu a few thousand times. His mastery would improve steadily.

Hiruzen continued, "Other than Vacuum spheres and Vacuum bullets, you can create more vacuum jutsus by changing the shape of the vacuum core. But don't experiment with it for now. Try it after a few months."

Fujin nodded and said, "Thank You, Grandpa."

Hiruzen smiled seeing how obedient he was. However, soon he noticed a slight smile forming on Fujin's face.

Fujin asked, "Grandpa since it is only 9 AM and there is some time for the training session to end, can you teach me how to concentrate chakra in my eyes?"

Hiruzen's eyes twitched! He exclaimed, 'The next time we enter into any negotiations, I should send this shameless brat to negotiate!'

Fujin had analyzed, 'While I'm confident in my chakra control, the eye is a delicate organ. I don't want to damage it. It'd be best if Hiruzen guided me.'

Hiruzen just sighed and agreed. He didn't have anything to do either as Homura was still doing his job.

Hiruzen guided Fujin on how to focus the chakra in his eyes. It needed delicate chakra control but was quite easy for Fujin. After Fujin learnt it, he gave him a few tips and dismissed him. He genuinely was worried that Fujin would ask him for more jutsus.

Fujin knew that he had asked a lot from Hiruzen in the last couple of weeks. So he left after thanking him.

After leaving, Fujin wondered, 'So, what do I do now? Should I rent a training field and practice? I haven't heard from Renjiro at all since Hiruzen took over our training.'

He thought for a bit and left towards the Senju clan compound. He decided, 'Time to redeem that rank A jutsu from Renjiro. Should I ask for anything in particular? I don't really recall any useful Rank A jutsus. Blade of Wind is the only one that comes to mind and I don't need it immediately. I guess I'll just ask him to give me something appropriate.'

Fujin went to the Senju clan compound. However, Renjiro was out on a mission. So Fujin rented a training ground and practiced Vacuum spheres and bullets.

After dismissing Fujin, Hiruzen went back to his office. Seeing Hiruzen enter, Homura became very angry! He said in a grumpy tone, "Hiruzen, you finally remembered to come back?"

Hiruzen shrugged and replied, "The training ended today."

Homura scoffed and replied, "You were teaching 1 jutsu for 16 days? At least say something believable!"

Hiruzen didn't reply. Homura realized that Hiruzen was serious. He asked, "What exactly were you teaching?"

Hiruzen replied, "Well, one of the kids asked me to teach Wind Vacuum jutsus."

Homura's eyes widened. He asked, "And you taught it?"

Hiruzen nodded.

Homura scolded, "Hiruzen! That jutsu is too dangerous in the hands of a 10-11 year old kid!"

Hiruzen shook his hand dismissing Homura's concern. He replied, "Don't worry. That kid is promising. He is mature enough to not use it on a comrade."

Homura asked, "Which kid is it?"

Hiruzen replied, "Fujin."

Homura furrowed his eyebrows. He asked, "That orphan? I thought you decided on this reward to pacify the Uchiha."

Hiruzen nodded, "I taught her a rank A jutsu. It's a good enough reward. However, I discovered that Fujin is very talented too. He has the potential to be an Elite Jounin. Since he specializes in Wind manipulation, he'd be a very good addition to most of our Jounin teams."

Homura was surprised at the high evaluation given by Hiruzen. He nodded and said, "If the village can get another Elite Jounin, then it's alright. Do you plan to take him into the Anbu?"

Hiruzen nodded, "Yes, but when he reaches 13. We broke the tradition for Itachi due to the situation with the Uchiha. There is no need to break it again with Fujin. Besides, we still need to monitor his performance as a chunin."

Homura nodded. Chunin was a crucial phase in differentiating ordinary ninjas from elites. Many ninjas would get tired of training and stop or slow down their training after becoming chunins. After all, not every ninja could motivate themselves to train all their life. Such ninjas seldom manage to improve their rank. Konoha wouldn't waste any more effort on them.

After 3 days, Renjiro appeared at the training ground Fujin was training in. Fujin, who had just begun his training, sensed him and stopped. Renjiro flickered next to Fujin. He was about to speak when he noticed a bunch of holes in every tree and boulder around Fujin. He was speechless for a moment.

He looked at Fujin and asked, "What did the Hokage teach you?"

Fujin smiled and replied, "He taught me the Wind Vacuum technique."

Fujin extended his arm and fired a Vacuum sphere. Renjiro watched as it pierced through a dozen trees!

He was dumbfounded! He wondered, 'Did he convince that old man to teach him the Wind Vacuum technique and learnt it in under 3 weeks? I knew he was talented at Wind manipulation, but to this extent?'

After the moment of disbelief passed, he felt pride in his student. However, on hearing his student, Renjiro's face immediately became dark.

Fujin asked, "Where were you, sensei? I wanted to ask you to teach me the rank A jutsu!"

Renjiro stared at Fujin, who looked back innocently with a smile on his face. He sighed and asked, "Did you think of any jutsu you want?"

Fujin shook his head and replied, "I'll trust your judgement, Sensei."

Renjiro nodded. Rank A jutsus were hard to find. Rank A jutsu that suited you was even rarer. Fujin did know about a few Rank A jutsu, but most were from other elements. The remaining were very few. So he couldn't decide on what would be the most useful for him.

Renjiro said, "Alright. I have decided to teach you the Shadow Clone Explosion jutsu."

Fujin thanked him, "Thank You Sensei. Can we start learning it now?"

Renjiro was just back from an S rank mission. He had planned to rest, but he agreed.

Renjiro said, "This jutsu has no hand signs. All you have to do is create a Shadow clone and make it self-destruct using all Chakra it has."

Fujin replied, "That's convenient Sensei."

Renjiro nodded and continued, "The advantages are self-explanatory. The limitation is the range. Your clone needs to be very close to the enemy before self-destructing. You will also need to ensure that the enemy doesn't move away quickly on sensing the explosion. As for the disadvantage, since your clone will use all its chakra, you won't be getting any back."

Fujin nodded. It was as he expected. Fujin asked, "So how do we make the clone explode, Sensei?"

Renjiro began explaining the details of the jutsu. Fujin created a couple of Shadow clones and asked them to try as Renjiro explained. Fujin observed them carefully.

After a few minutes, one of the clones exploded successfully! The explosion sent dust flying. After the dust settled, he noticed a small crater where the clone exploded. It had a radius of 2 meters and a maximum depth of 5 cm.

Soon, the 2nd clone exploded as well. Fujin received the memories and experiences of both clones. Fujin began creating more Shadow clones one by one. After one would self-destruct, Fujin would get his experiences and make another Shadow Clone to practice the jutsu.

Fujin's Chakra had increased a lot since the time he received the Shadow clone jutsu! It had multiplied many times. He could now create 21 proper shadow clones that could sustain themselves until they used up two-thirds of their chakra. If he just wanted to create shadow clones for the sake of creating them, he could create 65 Shadow clones!

Of course, these clones won't be able to use a lot of chakra. If he intended to have his shadow clone use Rank B jutsus or supercharged jutsus, then he could only make a few.

However, since it was just the purpose of learning how to self-destruct, Fujin created 30 one by one. It emptied 80% of his chakra reserves! However, the progress he made was incredible!

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Chapter 115: Stingy Sensei

After practicing, Fujin's Shadow clone needed just two seconds to explode after making the decision to self-destruct. The efficiency of using all of the clone's chakra for the explosion also increased. Each explosion now formed a crater of 3 meters radius and 10 cm depth.

Renjiro said, "That's good enough. Don't exhaust your chakra anymore."

Fujin nodded and stopped practicing. Renjiro said, "Shadow Clone Explosion jutsu is relatively easy to learn. The difficult part of this jutsu is learning Shadow clones. So don't expect to learn any other rank A jutsu in a day."

Fujin nodded. He thought, 'Yeah, this jutsu was just too easy to learn! Though practicing it will be tougher due to the crazy rate at which it burns chakra.'

Renjiro said, "Another important aspect is the amount of chakra you pour into your clones. While practicing, you kept the amount of chakra in your shadow clones to the minimum. However, if you create a clone with a lot of chakra, that explosion will be much stronger."

Fujin nodded. Renjiro added, "However, don't experiment with it for the time being. We will be leaving for a rank A mission on the day after tomorrow. So no more ninjutsu practice. Your chakra reserves need to be at full."

Fujin nodded while thinking, 'Rank A mission... I wonder if it will be as easy as the previous one.'

Renjiro said, "I will go and inform Hoka and Mieko as well. Meet us outside the Hokage's building at 6 AM the day after tomorrow."

Renjiro was about to flicker, when Fujin said, "Wait Sensei!"

Renjiro waited and looked at Fujin.

Fujin said, "Sensei, is there a Wind Clone Explosion jutsu? Just like Shadow Clone Explosion jutsu?"

Renjiro nodded, fully anticipating what Fujin would ask next. Fujin asked, "Could you teach me that jutsu as well, Sensei? Or give me the scroll to learn that jutsu from?"

Renjiro smiled and replied, "Your reward was just one Rank A jutsu. If you want that jutsu, then become a jounin immediately."

Fujin gave him a deadpan look. It was well known that Konoha was very stingy when it came to promoting Chunins to Jounins. Even someone like Itachi, who was strong enough to annihilate the entire Uchiha clan, was officially only a chunin when he left the village!

So Fujin didn't expect to even be considered for a Jounin promotion for a few years.

He complained, "Come on! Don't be stingy, Sensei! My Wind clones are even better than me at Wind Instantaneous Body jutsu! And I can already imagine the destruction they could cause with the combination of Wind Instantaneous Body jutsu and Wind Clone Explosion jutsu!"

Renjiro chuckled and replied, "It's not me being stingy. As a teacher, it's my job to motivate my students. Wind Clone Explosion jutsu is my way to motivate you to become a Jounin soon. So don't slack off and become a Jounin quickly."

On saying that, he flickered away, not giving Fujin any chance to argue back.

Fujin was dumbfounded seeing his Sensei just run away! He grumbled, "Such a lousy excuse! He could have just given it to me and dangled an S rank jutsu to motivate me. Besides, the principles of the jutsu should be similar to Shadow Clone Explosion jutsu. So I should be able to make this jutsu myself. After all, no hand signs are needed."

Renjiro laughed after leaving. He thought, 'That brat always manages to get his way when asking for new jutsus or techniques. He needs to be given a few setbacks, or else he would just begin knocking on everyone's doors and asking them to give him their jutsus!

Still, it was a good tactic that he thought of. A few Suna jounins used it to good effect in the previous war. It was so effective that we had a Hyuga who could use Vacuum Palm in every group that went to the Suna frontline.'

Not having much chakra, Fujin left to fill his stomach. He rested for a couple of days.

When Fujin was being trained by Renjiro, four ninjas, dressed in Hidden Mist vests, entered the Land of Fire undetected. All four wore masks and had visible injuries on their body. They appeared to be escaping.

A few minutes later, another 6 ninjas with similar clothes entered from the same path as those 4 ninjas without alerting anyone. They too had some injuries, but the injuries were lesser. They chased after the first group.

After 10 minutes, the two groups finally got very close to each other. Matsuzaki Masa, who was in the 2nd group, was a sensor. He smirked and said, "Kazuki-senpai, I found them! They are just 700 meters ahead of us."

Kazuki smiled and said, "Move quickly. We need to eliminate them and leave. It will be troublesome if Konoha gets involved."

His group nodded and moved faster. They were in the enemy territory after all.

Mino Masuyo sensed Masa sensing them. Her expression grew grim. She said, "Chou-sama. They sensed us. They are only 700 meters behind us!"

Sakai Chou's expression grew grim. She said, "Let's wait ahead and set up traps. We will create a lot of noise in this war to attract Konoha's attention. Once Konoha and those guys clash, we can escape. It'd be best if Konoha kills them!"

Her subordinates nodded and began preparing traps. Soon, the 6 Kiri ninjas from the Mizukage faction caught up. They were greeted with dozens of shurikens and kunais. However, they managed to dodge and block everything. But, suddenly, 3 kunais with explosion tags appeared near them. They quickly dispersed.

Sakai Chou flickered in front of one of the enemies and blew hot steam on him. The Kiri ninja yelled and retreated. He had burns all over his body! Even some of his clothes had melted.

Kazuki and another Jounin quickly made a move to attack Chou. However, she just retreated. Her team members appeared next to her to aid her. A clash happened!

After a couple of minutes of a deadlock, Chou and her team suddenly retreated to a spot. Chou made a few hand signs and blew steam in the whole area!

Kazuki and his men got together and countered with Water Release jutsus. However, after using her steam jutsu, Sakai Chou and her squad members retreated rapidly. Before their opponents could react, the entire area was blown up!

Kazuki was livid! He yelled, "Those fucking traitors rigged the entire place!"

Although the forest was blown up, Kazuki and his squad didn't suffer any injury. However, they were faced with two issues. Their opponents had once again run out of their sight. And, more importantly, this massive explosion was sure to attract Konoha ninjas!

As Kazuki expected, the loud explosion was noticed by a Konoha patrol unit that was 5 km away! They immediately reported to their superior and rushed to inspect the explosion.

Two days later, Fujin appeared outside the Hokage building at 5:55 AM. Renjiro, Mieko and Hoka were already there. Mieko was annoyed. She asked with annoyance, "Aren't you excited for a rank A mission? Why couldn't you come early?"

Fujin shrugged and said, "Haven't we already completed one Rank A mission? Besides, I'm early!"

Mieko complained, "BY ONLY 5 MINUTES!"

Fujin smirked and said, "That's plenty of time to defeat you."

This remark angered Mieko a lot! She was about to yell back, when Renjiro said, "Enough chit-chat. Time to see the Hokage."

Mieko looked away from Fujin and walked ahead. Fujin looked at her with a bit of disappointment, 'It's a shame that steam doesn't blow out of ears on being mad like in anime.'

The group walked into the Hokage office and greeted Hiruzen. A chunin was standing in the room with a file. Hiruzen asked the group, "So, are you prepared for a rank A mission?"

The kids immediately nodded and replied in affirmative. He chuckled and said, "Good luck. Tatsuya will explain the details."

Tatsuya, the chunin inside the office, stepped forward and said, "The mission assigned to you is a two-part mission. Both these parts are Rank A missions by themselves.

Two groups of ninjas from Hidden Mist clashed inside our country two days ago. We sent out a few scout teams to track them, but they couldn't find them. But we believe that they haven't left the Land of Fire yet. The first part of your mission is to find and either eliminate or arrest them."

He handed a document from the file to Renjiro while saying, "The clash happened near the Eastern shore of our country, about 75 km to the north of the port near the Land of Wave. Blood samples were collected where the clash happened, so they could be injured. However, we don't know who the Kiri ninjas are."

Renjiro accepted the document with a puzzled look. This wasn't the mission he had decided for his team.

Hiruzen said, "There are some border patrol teams in that area. You can cooperate with them. If the mission exceeds the rank, you are allowed to retreat and inform us to send the appropriate backup."

Renjiro nodded. He was aware of the protocols. The words Hiruzen spoke were for the kids. The kids also realized it and paid close attention.

Tatsuya continued, "The second part of your mission will be inside the Land of Hot Springs. A dozen rogue ninjas have entered it and are creating chaos around the southern town of Niigata. According to our information, the rogue ninjas are from Kiri. You will cooperate with a local team and eliminate them."

Renjiro nodded. This was the mission that he had selected for his students.

Hiruzen added, "The second part of the mission depends on your status after completing part 1. If you are injured or unable to continue for reason, you will hand the mission to Akimichi Seiichi and take his spot to monitor the border patrol squads instead."

Renjiro nodded. Mieko quickly added, "Don't worry Lord Hokage. We will complete both missions with ease."

Hoka and Fujin nodded to back her up. After all, getting Rank A missions would provide very critical experiences for them.

Renjiro looked at his students and said, "Let's go."

The trio nodded and left with him.

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Chapter 116: Tracking

Team Renjiro left through Konoha's gate and rushed towards their destination. They just took one break for lunch and spent the rest of their time running at full speed without using any chakra.

At 7 PM, they reached a patrol outpost. Fujin's eyes twitched on looking at the outpost. He thought, 'This is an outpost? It's almost a small village on its own!'

The outpost was big. There was a 2 storey building at the center. And there were multiple small houses around it. A wooden fence surrounded the entire outpost.

On reaching, they saw a huge man standing before them. He smiled and said, "Renjiro! How have you been?"

Renjiro smiled and replied, "I have been well Seiichi. Meet my students."

Akimichi Seiichi looked at the 3 kids behind him and said, "I heard that 3 talented genins were promoted to chunins this exam. Congratulations on such a quick promotion."

The trio politely thanked him. Renjiro did the introductions, "They are Suzuki Fujin, Uchiha Mieko, and Hyuga Hoka."

He looked at his students and said, "This is Akimichi Seiichi. He was my teammate. He is a Jounin and the head of all the Patrol teams patrolling the Eastern shores."

The trio now looked at him with more respect. The Eastern shore of the Land of Fire extended for hundreds of kilometers! Fujin wondered, 'How did an Akimichi become teammates with a Senju?'

Renjiro asked, "So Seiichi, what is the latest information on the Kiri nins?"

Seiichi replied, "We tracked them a few times, however, they were quick to escape. My guess is that one of the squads entered here to escape from pursuit. However, the other kept pursuing inside the Land of Fire. But, since that squad hasn't approached us, we can only consider them both as enemies."

Renjiro nodded. He looked at his students and asked, "Do you want to take a break or find and attack them today?"

Mieko immediately replied, "We attack today, Sensei!"

Hoka thought for a bit and agreed with her. He wasn't tired.

Fujin looked at Seiichi and asked, "Did we clash with those 2 groups?"

Seiichi nodded, "We clashed with one group once and the other group four times. However, they managed to escape successfully every time with the help of the traps they set. Since they used masks, we couldn't identify them."

Fujin asked, "Masks? Are they..."

Seiichi interrupted, "No, they didn't act like Anbu. If they did, this mission would have been an S rank mission."

Fujin nodded and asked, "Were they injured or tired?"

Seiichi answered, "Nothing serious. Slight injuries and tiredness that come with spending a few days behind enemy lines."

While answering, Seiichi secretly praised Fujin. Fujin looked at Renjiro and said, "Let's attack today, Sensei. Best to get them before they manage to escape."

Renjiro nodded. Mieko scoffed, "That's what I said at the very beginning!"

Fujin ignored her antics.

Seiichi said, "Alright, you focus on capturing them. I'll ensure that they don't manage to escape. Take Inuzuka Hotaka with you. He will brief you on the details."

Renjiro nodded. Inuzuka Hotaka walked ahead. A ferocious-looking ninja dog followed him. Hotaka was a chunin in his mid-twenties. The group left.

After travelling for some time, they arrived outside a village. Hotaka said, "This is Tsumagoi village. They were last spotted around here."

Renjiro nodded and looked at his students.

Fujin shook his head, "No one in 1 KM radius sensei."

Hoka and Mieko activated their Doujutsus. Mieko didn't find anything. Hoka looked for a couple of minutes and said, "600 meters to the east, Sensei."

They immediately moved towards it. On reaching, they noticed a huge tree with a hole in it. The hole was large enough for some people to hide in.

Hoka went in and grabbed a few bandages that were stained with blood. He reported, "It looks like they rested here for some time."

He gave the bloody bandage to Inuzuka Hotaka and his dog. Mieko activated her Sharingan and began observing.

After a minute she said, "Found a trail!"

She immediately began moving along the trail. The group travelled for around 4 km. But Fujin, Hoka and even Hotaka weren't able to pick up on any clues.

The group arrived before a small pond. Mieko frowned, "Their trail ends here."

Hoka checked with his Byakugan and said, "I don't see anyone."

Hotaka commented, "We don't smell those ninjas."

Fujin frowned and said, "Nothing in my chakra field either."

Renjiro smiled and made a hand sign. He said, "You have very good skills for tracking and detecting your enemies. However, I never taught you about Fuinjutsu. Let this be a lesson. Never underestimate those seals! Even if you don't detect anyone, it doesn't mean that you can drop your guard."

He slammed his hands on the ground.

"Earth Release : Rampart of Flowing Soil jutsu!"

Renjiro sent a huge amount of chakra into the ground. The entire lake became unstable. Soon, a small pointed Rock appeared at the center of the pond. It rose up. Underneath it, a needle mountain was forming! That pointed Rock was the peak of that mountain!

Renjiro said, "Of course, even if you take every precaution, it doesn't mean that no enemy can track you."

While the mountain was rising, Fujin suddenly sensed 6 ninjas! Hoka and Hotaka noticed them too. Soon, 6 ninjas jumped out of the pond to escape!

Renjiro saw them. Suddenly the needles from the mountain facing them were launched. Two of them quickly made hand signs. A water wall followed by an earth wall formed to defend them.

Fujin, Mieko, and Hoka were about to attack, but Renjiro stopped them. He looked at them. They looked back. Both sides were in a stand-off.

Fujin observed them carefully. All 6 wore masks. They were probably all in their 20s or 30s. Two of them had jounin level chakra, while the rest had chunin level chakra.

Renjiro asked, "State your names and your purpose for entering the Land of Fire."

Some of the Kiri nins recognized Renjiro and became tense!

Renjiro threatened, "Surrender and identify yourself, or..." He released a very strong killing intent and continued, "DIE!"

Karatachi Kazuki, the leader of the 6 Kiri nins, said, "Senju Renjiro, we just want a safe passage back to Kiri. Give us a way and we will leave. Otherwise, don't think you will leave unscathed!"

He was making a compromise. He still wanted to hunt the Kiri nins from the rebel faction. But he didn't think that he would draw out someone as strong as Renjiro!

Renjiro ignored his threat and said, "Kill them!"

As soon as he said it, Fujin, Mieko, and Hoka immediately got into the action!

Fujin launched a Great Breakthrough jutsu even before Renjiro had completed his command.

Mieko immediately made a few hand signs and launched a Fireball jutsu into the Great Breakthrough jutsu less than a second later.

Hoka gathered chakra in his palm, planning to use Vacuum Palm.

The Kiri nins didn't expect the kids behind Renjiro to make such a quick and strong move. However, they had spent the last few days on edge. So they were on very high alert!

As soon as Fujin made a move, Karatachi Kazuki made a hand sign and a water wall appeared in between them. Due to how fast he did it, Fujin had no time to supercharge the jutsu. So the Water Wall managed to hold the winds back until 3 more Water Walls formed. However, soon a raging Fire spread through the winds!

The Earth affinity Kiri ninja was about to make an Earth wall, when Kazuki shouted, "Disperse!"

The group immediately dispersed in different directions. As soon as they moved, the ground underneath them turned into deadly spikes and spears. Kazuki saw them and recalled the dozens of Kiri ninjas who died from this tactic of Renjiro.

Renjiro frowned. He didn't expect his attack to do zero damage. He created a shadow clone and said, "They have dispersed. Take one opponent and kill. Then help others."

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Chapter 117: Fight Begins

Renjiro flickered towards Kazuki, while his clone flickered towards the other Kiri Jounin. Fujin, Hoka, and Mieko also flickered. Hotaka was left alone. He was shocked at how quickly the team dispersed. He muttered, "They are just kids and they move this quickly..."

Both he and his dog moved towards the last remaining enemy.

The Kiri ninjas had just dispersed momentarily. They intended on regrouping immediately. However, 5 of them were immediately engaged by Konoha ninjas. That last one was engaged a few seconds later.

Kazuki's face was grim. He didn't want to engage Renjiro.

Fujin flickered towards the Kiri ninja who was the farthest from any other Kiri ninja. He grabbed his sword and attacked his enemy.

The Kiri ninja was Matsuzaki Masa. He was an elite chunin. He noticed Fujin approaching him. He furrowed his eyebrows due to how quickly Fujin attacked him.

He grabbed his kunai to block the hit. At the same time, he was moving backwards. After clashing with Konoha ninjas for the last few days, escape became their priority. He might have underestimated Fujin under normal circumstances, but he had just witnessed Fujin blow a rank C jutsu instantly without any hand signs.

Fujin flowed his chakra through his sword. Masa immediately noticed it! He immediately moved backwards with no intent to engage Fujin. Fujin was surprised that his opponent was able to sense the chakra flow.

He swung his sword from a distance. A sharp flying slash of chakra went towards Musa. Musa was very surprised! He didn't expect his opponent to be able to attack with his sword from a range. He quickly dodged.

Fujin followed up with 3 more slashes, but Musa dodged all 3! Each time, he dodged with more precision and lesser movement. Musa smirked and said, "You are too green brat! I have sparred against all 7 Swordsmen of the Mist! Your sword is ineffective against me."

Though Musa sounded arrogant, in reality, his mood was very grim. He was thinking, 'This brat is troublesome! I have to watch out for his Great Breakthrough jutsu in addition to his sword slashes.'

Fujin didn't pay much attention to his opponent's words. He made a hand sign, and dozens of Wind clones appeared. Musa observed the clones properly and focused on one clone.

Fujin frowned, 'First sensing chakra flow and now looking at that clone. Looks like he is a sensor as well.'

Of the 12 clones Fujin made, 11 were made with just 0.5% of his chakra. While the last clone had 10% of his chakra. Musa focused on the clone with the largest chakra.

2 of the weaker clones went forward and used Wind Explosion jutsu on Musa. However, Musa moved behind and made a couple of hand signs. 6 Water clones appeared around him. Each contained 5% of his chakra.

One of those clones created a Water Wall to block the winds generated by the jutsu. Fujin muttered, "This will be annoying."

He and his clones disappeared into the forest. Musa was surprised that his opponent retreated. He spread his chakra field and noticed that Fujin and his clones were surrounding him from all sides, but not making a move on him.

His face became grim. He analyzed, 'This brat is smart. He realized that he couldn't beat me and decided to stall for time. Konoha reinforcements might be coming anytime. I need to create a breakthrough so that everyone can escape!'

Though his analysis was sound, he didn't guess Fujin's thoughts correctly. Fujin didn't intend to waste time. Instead, he wanted to use the circumstances to force his opponent to make a move and give an opening.

After all, unlike the Chunin Exams, Fujin couldn't depend on his advantage of having a higher chakra reserve. His opponent's chakra was only slightly less than his.

Fujin strategized, 'I don't have much of an advantage in chakra and in terms of experience, I'm highly disadvantaged! I'll need him to give me an opening, otherwise, it'll be tough to defeat him.'

Fujin's strategy depended on another important factor. That is, his teammates shouldn't be defeated. Fujin subconsciously didn't consider this aspect much. It was due to his trust in the ability of his teammates and sensei.

Musa analyzed the options available to him, 'There are 3 ways. One is I try to kill this kid. But I have a feeling that it'll be very difficult. Second is that I could try and go away from him and team up with someone. This way we could cooperate more. And the third way will be to send water clones away to aid others while I stop this kid.'

Musa analyzed for a few seconds and made his decision. Immediately, he and 4 Water clones ran towards Fujin. The other 2 water clones ran in the directions where there was only 1 wind clone. Musa's water clones had a lot more chakra than Fujin's wind clones. So he was confident that they would get away.

Fujin smiled at seeing his enemy using this tactic. 2 of his wind clones used Wind Instantaneous Body jutsu to appear behind the Water clones that were escaping and used Great Breakthrough jutsu on them. The Water clones were surprised. They were both dispersed. Fujin's Wind clones also dispersed.

Fujin smiled, while Musa was grim. Unlike Shadow clones, elemental clones don't return the chakra on being dispelled. This minor clash had cost Musa 10% of his chakra, while Fujin lost just 1%!

Fujin's other clones flickered as well and used Wind Explosion jutsu on Musa and his clones. While Fujin moved away from Musa and kept his distance. In the battles happening, other than Renjiro's Shadow clone, only Fujin was the Konoha ninja who kept his distance. All others tried fighting at close range.

Musa managed to defend against all attacks, however, he couldn't get close to Fujin. He frowned and decided to use the 2nd tactic. However, as soon as he changed his direction, Fujin chased him and his clones once again harassed him.

This forced him to stop and confront Fujin, who just retreated back and didn't confront him. The two exchanged attacks in this manner a few times.

Musa's face became ugly. Fujin's tactic was very annoying. He cursed Fujin loudly and taunted him, but Fujin didn't reply and continued the same tactic.

However, despite the high number of exchanges, Musa wasn't injured at all! He never gave any openings for Fujin to exploit. Fujin, who was at a distance waiting to sneak attack, frowned. He thought, 'Are all Kiri ninjas so tough to kill?'

At the same time, others were engaging in a clash as well. The quick attack by Renjiro and his students ensured that the Kiri ninjas stayed separated. They had witnessed their teamwork in the short clash and didn't want them to get together.

Hoka's opponent was another elite chunin. His name was Ona Danjuro. Just like most Kiri ninjas, he too was an expert at Water Release jutsus. As soon as he saw Hoka's Byakugan, he immediately moved away from him and quickly made a few hand signs.

'Water Release : Wild Water Wave jutsu'

A huge wave of water appeared and crashed towards Hoka. Seeing the wave, Danjuro thought, 'I should never get in close combat with him. I still remember how Sensei was killed by Hyuga Hizashi in the 3rd War! Despite being so strong, he couldn't retaliate at all after having his chakra points closed.'

Hoka immediately flickered out of the way and flickered once again to come close to Danjuro. Danjuro moved backwards while making more hand signs.

'Water Bullet jutsu'

Hoka could have dodged them. However, he wanted to fight head-on. So he gathered chakra in his palm and used Vacuum Palms to stop his water bullets.

Danjuro was surprised to see such a young Hyuga use this jutsu. The Vacuum Palms and Water bullets clashed. Some of the Vacuum Palms went through the Water bullets and moved towards Danjuro. Danjuro immediately dodged.

He created more distance from Hoka and engaged in a long-distance battle. Hoka tried getting close many times, but Danjuro managed to keep his distance and used mid-range Water jutsus. Hoka could only engage him with Earth jutsus and Vacuum palms.

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Chapter 118: The Breakthrough

Mieko faced a tricky opponent as well. Her Opponent was Ishimaru Hoshi, a chunin with Water affinity.

On flickering in front of him, Mieko immediately launched a Fireball jutsu. However, Hoshi easily dodged her and used Water Release : Wild Bubble Wave jutsu!

He spat out a large volume of foam-like bubbles. They rushed towards Mieko, who flickered out of the way. The bubbles covered that part of the ground and made it very slippery.

Mieko tried flickering behind him, however, he once again spat another Wild Bubble Wave jutsu at her, forcing her to dodge.

She tried attacking him twice more, just to be countered the same way. She frowned and flickered again and used another Fireball jutsu from mid-range.

Hoshi once again made hand signs and used the same jutsu! On clashing, his jutsu overpowered Mieko's and doused the fire. By now, all the ground around him in a 30-meter radius was filled with bubbles. It was very slippery!

Mieko noticed this as well and frowned. She analyzed, 'He is trying to make a battlefield more favorable for him. And his chakra is higher than mine, so he can use a lot more ninjutsu than me. I need to end this quickly.'

Mieko kept her distance and attacked with shurikens. Hoshi used another bubble jutsus, but this time using way less chakra and producing a very small volume of bubbles. However, they were adequate to block her shurikens. At the same time, they spread out the slippery field even more.

Mieko kept attacking with shurikens, kunais and explosion tags. At times she even used Fire or Earth release jutsus. However, Hoshi kept neutralizing her weapons and Fire jutsus with bubbles. As for Earth jutsus, he used to just slide out of the wave!

Mieko kept her Sharingan active the whole time to cast a Genjutsu on him. However, Hoshi never looked into her eyes. Hoshi then used Hidden Mist jutsu to block any attempts to cast Genjutsu on him.

Mieko frowned. Her Sharingan couldn't see through the mist. She kept attacking from a range but produced no good result. The stalemate continued in this manner.

Inuzuka Hotaka was the only one who was at a disadvantage. He hadn't learnt any nature manipulation, while his opponent, Mimasuya Doi, was quite good with his Water Release. He kept his distance and kept attacking Hotaka with Water bullets from a distance.

While he hung on, both he and his dog had taken a lot of minor injuries. However, he gritted his teeth and kept fighting. He didn't want to be the one to lose when even kids less than half his age weren't being defeated!

Seeing that he couldn't defeat his opponent in a short time, Mimasuya Doi used Hidden Mist jutsu. This was a common escape tactic among Kiri ninjas. They would cover the battlefield with mist and could decide whether to escape or assassinate their enemies!

Hotaka used his strong sense of smell to keep a track of his opponent and kept fighting. However, the mist kept spreading throughout the battlefield!

Unlike others, Renjiro was overbearing. On flickering, he immediately attacked Kazuki with his full strength. Kazuki barely managed to hang on to his life. He used Water jutsus to counter Renjiro's Water jutsus and used Lightning jutsus to counter his Earth jutsus. His entire focus was on stalling Renjiro until one of his subordinates managed to defeat their opponent and allow them to flee. However, it was just a matter of time before he fell to Renjiro if others didn't find a breakthrough.

Renjiro's clone, on the other hand, was at a disadvantage. He couldn't risk getting hit by anything. So he kept his distance and blocked any attack by his opponent. His opponent, Mimasuya Junji, kept trying to disengage and hit the chunins, but Renjiro's clone kept blocking him. He tried using Hidden Mist jutsu, but Renjiro dispersed it every time.

In this way, the clash entered a deadlock. Both sides knew that only one ninja would have to claim victory in order to turn the tides. However, the Kiri ninjas were under more pressure due to them being in Konoha's territory.

The stalemate continued until the Hidden Mist jutsu used by Mimasuya Doi spread to other battles. The Kiri ninja sighed in relief on seeing it. They would finally be able to escape.

However, it wasn't easy. Fujin and Renjiro easily dispersed it and kept up their attack. They gave no chance to their opponents to take advantage of the Mist.

The breakthrough that both sides were waiting for came in the fight between Mieko and Hoshi! They kept fighting till Mieko noticed that there was another ninja casting Hidden Mist jutsu as well. She realized, 'They are planning to use Hidden Mist jutsu to cover their escape!'

She gritted her teeth and made a few hand signs. She jumped into the slippery field to confront her opponent. On entering the mist, her leg slipped and she fell down. Hoshi heard it and an evil grin appeared on his face. He quickly moved towards her, 'Today an Uchiha genius will die at my hands!'

Mieko got up while maintaining her hand signs. She analyzed, 'He should have heard that fall. Now I only have to wait for him to come to me!'

Hoshi silently slid through the ground. He made almost no noise. He moved around Mieko to hit her from behind. Despite the hidden mist jutsu, he wouldn't underestimate her Sharingan.

Mieko didn't sense or hear him at all. However, when Hoshi was around 5 meters behind her, she felt that she was about to be hit in the back. Constant spars with Fujin and Renjiro had made her very sensitive to sneak attacks! She immediately used her jutsu.

'Fire Release : Hellfire Clap jutsu'

A ring of Fire appeared instantly around Mieko. Hoshi felt the heat and became alert. He thought, 'What is this bitch doing?'

He immediately decided to retreat and attack again later. However before his legs could move, the fire expanded in all directions! It expanded for 10 meters, catching Hoshi!

The fire was very hot! Without any defenses, Hoshi was burned instantly! He yelled loudly. The Fire burnt all his skin and his organs as well. He tried making a hand sign to survive but fell midway. His insides had been cooked and his skin had been burnt!

The jutsu burnt all the grass and even soil in a 10 meter radius. Even the mist there was dispersed. Mieko's Sharingan saw as Hoshi was burnt alive with no way to resist. His burnt body fell on the burnt soil.

Mieko took deep breaths. The jutsu used up a lot of her chakra. However, she smiled. The breakthrough that everyone was looking for was provided by her to Konoha.

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Chapter 119: Sweeping through Enemy Chunins

The battle, which was in a stalemate, was disturbed thrice in a short duration!

First, mist spread throughout the battlefield. A minute after it spread, a loud yell was heard throughout the battlefield. And a few seconds after that, a heat wave spread through the battlefield!

Fujin and his clones were engaged in an intense battle! 17 Wind clones were attacking Musa and his 8 Water clones. Musa didn't provide any openings. However, Mieko's actions disturbed him twice.

He heard the loud yell, but he didn't allow himself to be disturbed. However, the heat wave that followed surprised him once again. Though it wasn't an opening, Fujin's clones all attacked at the same moment.

16 wind clones suddenly flickered around Musa and his clones. 14 used Wind Explosion jutsu, while 2 used Great Breakthrough jutsu. Musa's water clones immediately defended.

The last wind clone was the one having a lot more chakra. He waited for the defenses to be erected and used Air Bullet jutsu just when the Defenses began to collapse! Fujin watched carefully at the situation. His hand was gripping his sword!

The Wind clone blew 6 Air bullets at the same time! Musa hid behind his clones in a hurry. 5 water clones were dispelled! Fujin's remaining wind clones immediately ganged up upon them.

Musa was in a tough spot. He made a hand sign. He wanted to use a big jutsu to try and dispel all of Fujin's clones who were so close to him. However, at that instant, he noticed Fujin flickering a few meters to his right. There was no Water clone between him and Fujin.

Fujin swung his sword from that distance! A flying slash was sent at Musa. However, Musa wasn't intimidated. Fujin had attacked in this way a dozen times but never once managed to hit him.

Musa immediately moved slightly so that the flying slash will just barely miss him. While dodging he thought, 'Since he has decided to attack, I should kill him directly!'

The flying slash just barely missed him. He began making another hand sign to complete his jutsu. However, numerous cuts suddenly appeared on Musa! Musa was shocked, 'How? I dodged it!'

The cuts kept appearing until one deep cut slashed across his neck. His blood spilled out like a fountain! During his final moments, he looked at the young shinobi in front of him. There was no expression on his face. However, in his eyes, Musa could see that everything happened as he planned.

Too much blood flowed out of him from the numerous cuts on his body. Musa closed his eyes as Fujin swung his sword once again. The flying slash severed Musa's head from his body.

Fujin looked at his fallen enemy and thought, 'If I had sent wind slashes with my sword from the beginning, I'd have got more advantages. However, he would have dodged them all. However, by making him think that I can only send a normal flying chakra slash like a Samurai, I lowered his guard.'

Of course, I didn't use Senju Taijutsu, Vacuum style or Shadow Clone explosion jutsu. If this guy was an Elite Chunin, then it's safe to say that my current level is barely Jounin!'

Fujin smiled. Reaching the threshold of Jounin rank at merely 11 years old was a huge achievement!

Fujin spread his chakra field and observed. He noticed that Mieko was alone and concluded, 'Looks like that heatwave was from the jutsu Hiruzen taught her.'

He kept sensing and concluded, 'I and Mieko have won. And the guy fighting that Inuzuka is the one releasing the mist. I should finish him. Also, Mieko seems to be moving towards Hoka.'

Having decided his target, Fujin flickered. Though the mist was thick, Fujin could sense both Hotaka and Doi. Fujin made a few hand signs and moved stealthily under the cover of the mist.

Doi was attacking Hotaka. He kept moving around him and kept hitting Hotaka with Water bullet and Water Pallet jutsus. Hotaka and his dog were bleeding from a lot of places.

Fujin closed the distance until he was around 25 meters from Doi. He used his jutsu.

'Vacuum Bullet jutsu'

The air bullet with a vacuum core moved rapidly. Doi didn't hear Fujin until he heard a sound of something moving rapidly. Unfortunately, before he could react, the vacuum bullet pierced through his heart! He fell with his eyes wide open. He never imagined that the Mist he set up would be the cause of his death. And even in death, he wouldn't know who killed him!

Hotaka, who was struggling, was surprised when he heard a fall. He could smell that the person who fell was Doi. He quickly moved forward and saw a small hole in his chest. He noticed Fujin's silhouette appearing to his left.

Fujin looked at him and saw that he was bleeding. He asked, "Are you alright?"

Hotaka was embarrassed at Fujin being concerned about him. He thought, 'I was so engrossed in the fight that I didn't even notice another smell approaching us.'

He replied, "Don't worry, I'm fine."

Fujin nodded and said, "Apply first aid to yourself and him. I'll go aid others."

Without waiting for his reply, Fujin flickered into the mist. Hotaka sat down on his butt and stroked his dog. He looked at his partner and said, "Well, that was embarrassing."

His dog barked in a low voice in reply.

Fujin flickered towards Mieko and Hoka. Danjuro was in a tough spot. Hoka was a tough opponent by himself. However, he was sneak attacked by Mieke's Fire Release : Four jutsu. He dodged successfully, but that didn't make his situation any easier. Now, in addition to staying away from a Hyuga, he had to avoid looking into the Sharingan of the Uchiha!

Moreover, unlike Hoka, Mieke didn't mind a mid range battle. Though her Fire Release was restricted by Danjuro's Water Release, she could still use Fire Release : Four jutsu and her Earth release effectively.

It became very difficult for Danjuro when combined with Hoka's Earth Release and Vacuum Palm. However, he still held on.

Unfortunately, his situation would worsen even further. Fujin was watching this battle from behind a tree. On seeing an opening, Fujin made a few hand signs.

'Vacuum Bullet jutsu'

Unlike against Doi, Fujin didn't have any Mist cover. In addition, Danjuro was fighting two enemies and was on a very high alert! He sensed Fujin's jutsu and immediately took evasive maneuvers.

However, Vacuum Bullet was very fast. Though Danjuro dodged, it still grazed past the side of his abdomen, leaving a 1 inch deep scar! It immediately began bleeding!

Hoka immediately took advantage of this. He targeted Danjuro's heart with a Vacuum palm attack. Mieke was a split second slower, but she attacked with shurikens too.

Danjuro already had his back against the wall while fighting just Mieke and Hoka. Fujin's sneak attack was the last straw that broke the camel's back! The injury caused by Vacuum Bullet, though not life threatening by itself, distracted him. He had to divide his attention to a third hidden enemy.

Hoka and Mieke used this exact moment to attack. Hoka's attack hit first. Though Danjuro tried moving, it was very late. The attack hit on point and made Danjuro vomit blood. Immediately, Mieke's shurikens hit his throat. He fell down, slain in battle!

With the enemy finally down, Hoka and Mieko looked where Fujin was. Hoka frowned and said, "I could have killed him myself. You two didn't need to help me."

Mieko smirked and replied, "Be faster next time."

Fujin replied, "Do you want to keep fighting this guy or do you want to fight that Jounin who sensei's clone is fighting against?"

That immediately attracted their attention. Hoka replied, "Let's go and fight him!"

Mieko was excited too. But she suggested, "We should first kill that enemy who was fighting Inuzuka Hotaka. Then only the 2 Jounins would be left."

Fujin replied, "Already took care of him before helping you guys."

Mieko got mad. She asked angrily, "That means you fought three of them?"

Fujin chuckled and replied, "Do you want to argue about it or fight that Jounin?"

Mieko snorted and answered, "Let's go fight him."

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Chapter 120: Clash of rank B jutsus

The trio immediately began moving. Fujin asked, "Are you guys injured?"

Both shook their heads. Neither of them had taken any injury.

Hoka smirked and replied, "My opponent never dared to get close to me."

Mieko answered, "Mine maintained distance and fought defensively as well. He was just stalling for time."

Fujin looked at them and said, "That's good. But your chakra level seems very low."

Both sighed and nodded. Mieko's chakra had dropped to just 20%! Hoka had about 45% chakra left. By comparison, Fujin had 60% chakra remaining. If Renjiro's clone made his enemy waste Chakra, then Fujin's chakra level could be higher than his.

Fujin said, "You guys don't use chakra much. Hoka, you fight at close distance. Mieko, you provide shuriken support. And save your chakra if we decide to use a combination jutsu. I'll provide ninjutsu support. Sensei's Clone can provide backup for us."

Hoka immediately agreed, "Alright!"

He got to fight with Taijutsu which was all that mattered to him. Mieko also reluctantly agreed. She didn't have much chakra left to perform ninjutsu. And in terms of Taijutsu, both Hoka and Fujin were superior to her.

The trio soon reached the place where Renjiro's Shadow Clone and Mimasuya Junji were fighting. They hid in the woods and observed the situation.

The entire battlefield was a mess. There were hundreds of Earth spears spread throughout the battlefield. The rock spikes and thorns seem to be countless! Multiple Rock shields and Earth walls were also on the battlefield.

Renjiro's clone and Mimasuya Junji were standing around 100 meters from each other.

Junji had 1 Earth wall in front of him and a couple of Rock shields to his right and left.

Junji was frowning. He analyzed, 'In the last 15 minutes, I have tried everything I could do to dispel the clone, but he managed to defend every time. I tried making Water and Earth clones to help others, but he intercepted them all.

Every single clone of mine was caught off guard and dispelled! And his clone doesn't seem to be running short on chakra. Do I have to wait until someone comes to help me?'

He looked at Renjiro's clone and sighed, 'This is so embarrassing. I hope my lil bro isn't the one who comes to my aid. Anyways, 3 of the enemies were kids. They should be dealt with soon.'

Renjiro's clone kept a watch thinking, 'He hasn't made a move for over a minute. Has he given up on creating a breakthrough and is waiting for others?'

Renjiro's clone analyzed and shrugged, 'Whatever. This deadlock is in my favor. Once my main body wins, we will sweep through the battlefield!'

The trio of Fujin, Mieko and Hoka watched stealthily. Mieko frowned, "Why aren't they fighting?"

Hoka said, "They seem to be in a stand-off. I guess both are trying to save chakra."

Fujin also frowned, "Sneak attacking will be tougher if he isn't fighting."

Hoka asked, "How will we sneak attack?"

Fujin replied, "There is no good way. Let me try."

Fujin made a few hand signs and created a Vacuum Bullet core in his mouth. Hoka and Mieko flickered and moved away from Fujin. Fujin looked at Junji, but there was no movement from him. Not having any other choice, he used his jutsu.

'Vacuum Bullet jutsu'

When Fujin fired his Vacuum Bullet jutsu, despite not sensing anything, Junji became very alert. He instantly moved behind a couple of steps. Unlike his brother and Danjuro, Junji was an elite! He had

fought throughout the 3rd Great Ninja war and was promoted to Jounin due to his achievements. Despite not seeing Fujin's attack, he still dodged it.

The Vacuum bullet hit the Rock shield on his right, penetrated through it, passed a foot away from the front of Junji's chest and then penetrated through another Rock shield!

Fujin flickered to a different spot while frowning, 'I need to learn how to make multiple vacuum cores. He'd have been dead if I could have created 4-5 Vacuum bullets.'

The attack caught the attention of both Junji and Renjiro. They both looked at where the attack came from. Renjiro smiled. On the other hand, Junji's face was grim. The penetrative power of the attack was too high! He observed where the attack came from, but no one was there.

Mieko looked at the opponent and said, "Looks like a sneak attack won't work."

Hoka nodded and replied, "We will have to attack from the front."

Junji thought, 'Such a strong attack! Did Konoha's reinforcements arrive so quickly? I need to win quickly or others will be defeated if they have to fight multiple enemies.'

Junji made a few hand signs. Renjiro's clone smiled and made hand signs as well and slammed his hands on the ground.

'Water Release : Exploding Water Colliding Wave jutsu'

'Earth Release : Earth Dragon Blast jutsu'

Junji used Exploding Water Colliding Wave jutsu on the forest to his right. A huge water wave appeared and crushed down towards the forest.

At the same time, the ground began shaking. A large, bronze Dragon head appeared out of the ground and roared. Behind the head was its long stone body. It dived down underground once again and moved towards Junji.

Mieko and Hoka, who were together, watched with grim faces as a huge water wave approached them. They both readied themselves to flicker backwards.

Fujin watched as the huge water wave approached him. Knowing that Mieko and Hoka won't be able to defend, he made a few hand signs as well.

'Wind Release : Infinite Breakthrough jutsu!'

He blew out intense winds that clashed with the huge water wave! The water wave was stopped. Water began dispersing through the strong winds and rained down harmlessly. Some water still passed through the winds, but it wasn't much and passed through the forest while the trio were on the trees. The clash happened on a wild scale. Both Renjiro and Kazuki noticed it.

Renjiro observed and thought, 'Is Fujin teaming up with my clone?'

Though Renjiro could use Wind jutsus as well, he rarely used them in combat. Against a Water jutsu, he would always use Earth jutsus.

Kazuki observed with a grim face, 'Did a strong Wind affinity ninja from Konoha arrive to reinforce? Or is it that brat who used the Great Breakthrough jutsu? What the hell are Junji and others doing? How long do they need to defeat 1 clone, 3 kids and 1 Inuzuka?'

Junji watched with a grim face, 'My jutsu was countered so easily.'

Sensing the Earth Dragon approaching him, Junji immediately moved away. However, Renjiro's clone controlled the Earth Dragon to follow Junji.

Mieko and Hoka observed the situation with their Kekkei Genkai. Hoka sighed and said, "How will I fight in close range if they use such huge jutsus?"

Fujin concentrated Chakra in his eyes to carefully observe the Earth Dragon chasing Junji. He analyzed, 'If he defends Renjiro's attack, I might get another shot.'

Fujin quickly made a few hand signs and prepared another Vacuum bullet core.

Though Junji was moving rapidly, the Earth Dragon was faster. Understanding that he can't dodge, he created a hand sign and slammed his hands on the ground.

'Earth Release : Rocky Ground Barrier jutsu'

The ground under Junji immediately began hardening. In addition, a rock dome appeared around him and surrounded him.

The Earth Dragon clashed with the hard rocky ground and was stopped. Having no way to proceed ahead, it exploded. Junji desperately poured his chakra into the ground to strengthen his defenses.

Fujin, who was observing carefully, suddenly noticed, 'An opportunity!'

He immediately fired his Vacuum Bullet at Junji. Junji was in a very tough spot!