

## Calamity 421

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Chapter 421: Revolutionary Changes to the Academy!

Fujin replied, "Off the top of my mind, I can think of two changes. The first one is rather simple, that is, specialization. I recall that we were introduced to various specializations in the Academy. However, nothing was taught regarding it. In addition, it was only mentioned to elite batches while the normal batches weren't introduced to this.

We could add additional classes where students are taught about specific specializations, like Genjutsu, Taijutsu, Fuinjutsu, Medical Ninjutsu, Sensor, Tracking and Investigation, Scouting, Elemental Ninjutsus and so on.

Though I haven't seen how Konoha was in the past, considering the various clans in the village, the clans covered most of these bases without the village needing to put any effort into it. However, the same doesn't apply to students from civilian backgrounds. They have to learn just the basics taught in the academy. If they don't take the initiative to learn about it, they will never know these options.

By introducing specializations, we may find that some students who seem ordinary at the basics taught in the academy might have hidden talent or extreme interest in one of these fields. While this may not produce Elite Jounins, it does have a scope to produce a high number of Special Jounins from civilian backgrounds. Their numbers might even touch a hundred every year. In the future, they might become the backbone of our army.

We could introduce these specialization classes in the second half of the third year as most of the students would have good chakra control due to learning tree climbing and water walking by then. In the fourth year, we can make these classes optional, so that everyone just attends the specialization that interests them.

In the final two years, when the students have chosen their specialization, we can segregate them into different batches based on their specialization with teachers that have the same specialization. Perhaps we could even arrange for some retired ninjas to show up once in a while to assist the teachers with their knowledge and experience or inspire the students with their stories.

Of course, not every student should be segregated as per specializations. If there are some students who don't want to specialize in anything, they can continue in normal classes. And, there will also be students who want to specialize in several fields and have the talent and determination to do so. We can include such students in Elite batches and focus on trying to make every student in that batch at least a Jounin."

Fujin looked around the room and added, "That said, such a change will increase workload a lot in the short term. The Academy will need to hire more teachers and build more classrooms. However, in the long term, this workload can be decreased with the second change, that is, creating clubs.

We can create student-only clubs in the school with each club in a particular field just like the specializations. For instance, there can be a Fuinjutsu club or a Genjutsu club and so on. Each club will have one teacher to handle any issues, but the role and interference of the teacher have to be minimal.

Instead, the work will be done by students themselves. The senior students will be responsible for guiding the junior students. For instance, if someone in the first or second year of the academy takes an interest in Fuinjutsu and decides to join the Fuinjutsu club, then the fifth and sixth-year students could help them with the basics about how to become a SealMaster. Their guidance could even be better than a teacher's as the students might feel more comfortable talking with other students and the senior students would have just finished learning what they would teach the juniors.

With several clubs, many students will be interested in seeing what their seniors are teaching and understand several specializations by themselves. This will make the task of teachers very easy as in the future the students will realize what they want to specialize in by themselves and will also learn the basics of it.

We can amplify the effect further by making the clubs compete with each other. However, considering the diverse nature of the clubs, deciding on a common ground for competition will be difficult.

Perhaps we can go with something along the lines of the number of students in each club so that the seniors feel the urge to recruit and teach more juniors. And, we could create new levels of mastery for each club that are achievable by Academy students. We could promote a healthy competition among the clubs to have the most number of students at the higher levels of mastery."

Fujin's words surprised the council members. Every ninja in the room fell into a deep thought. While several of them had thought about Fujin's previous suggestions, no one had remotely thought about introducing specializations to the academy. As for clubs, that was something brand new for them. None

of them had heard about such a thing before. Even Danzo was surprised by the suggestions and pondered their implications.

Fujin sat in his chair with an awkward expression on his face as he looked around the room. He thought, 'The hell? They just all begin thinking without a single word? Even Danzo is quiet! It's been over five minutes, how long will you fellows keep thinking?'

Another 5 minutes passed with no words being spoken. Finally, some of the ninjas began looking at Fujin. However, the look in their eyes was completely different. They no longer looked at him as if he was just a junior. Instead, they admired him for bringing up such an idea. At the same time, some vigilance formed in their hearts.

Hiruzen looked at Fujin and thought, 'Incredible! His analysis is on point. Thanks to the clans, we never had to worry about specialization. We only needed to consider something that no clan specialized in, like Medical Ninjutsu. But with the number of ninjas in clans reducing, specialization has become very critical. Otherwise, a lot of potential will be wasted among the civilian students.

As for the clubs, I have never heard of anything like that in any village. If it works like how he portrayed it, then it might be the best thing for the village after sensei's decision to create an Academy!'

Hiruzen was extremely pleased with his decision to forcefully include Fujin in the Council. At the same time, Shikaku also saw Fujin in a new light. He thought, 'Such innovative thinking... No wonder he keeps wrecking trouble no matter where he goes. Though this plan has one major flaw, if we overlook it, then the village will be completely transformed in a decade or two.'

Shikaku felt someone staring at him. He looked around and noticed Hiruzen staring at him. Suddenly, he had a bad feeling. He cursed, 'Shit! Hiruzen will throw the work of modifying the academy on my head! How does this brat still keep getting me in trouble? This thing is almost as troublesome as that issue with Suna!'

Though Fujin meant well, he overlooked one major issue with his suggestion. An issue that everyone else noticed. However, no one brought it up as it wouldn't have looked good.

Danzo observed the clan leaders as he analyzed, 'Good plan indeed. It will transform the structure of Konoha's forces. However, he is directly intruding into the interests of the clans. Right now, most

specialization is done by ninjas from clans. They get the Special Jounin ranks while most of the Civilian ninjas stay at Genin or Chunin ranks.

If these suggestions are implemented, the clans might not be pleased and might view it as a threat.'

Danzo immediately sensed an opportunity. However, he knew that it wasn't the best time to make use of that flaw. Instead, he patiently waited for Hiruzen's decision.

Since Danzo could see the flaw and understand the implications, Hiruzen could as well. Hiruzen looked at the clan leaders and observed their expressions. After a couple of minutes, he said, "Your ideas are very impressive, Fujin. They have the potential to revolutionize the ninja academy.

However, implementing it will be difficult. We need to figure out what specializations to include, who to hire and how the clubs should be formed. We will also need to decide whether it will be safe for students in clubs to teach their juniors. In addition, we will also need to figure out what to do if one specialization gets a lot of students while the rest don't."

Fujin nodded. Hiruzen's concerns were valid. Hiruzen added, "Since such a move will also require students to have good chakra control, we won't implement it this year. Instead, we will move forward with Fujin's earlier suggestions and implement them as soon as the academy starts.

This year, we will finalize all the details regarding specializations and clubs and decide how to implement them starting the next year. Does anyone have an issue with this or any better suggestions?"

No one answered. Hiruzen said, "Good."

His expression hardened as he looked around the room. In a serious tone, he instructed, "This goes without saying, but nothing we discussed today should be leaked outside. Once we implement these changes, it is inevitable that other villages will find out and try to replicate it.

However, they will need several years to understand the implications behind these actions. That will allow Konoha to get an edge over the other villages. If we pull it properly, then our armies will be far stronger than any other village for quite some time. Hence, nothing should get out of this room. Is that clear?"

Everyone nodded in response. Hiruzen looked around the room and said, "We will end this council meeting here. Unless something comes up, the next meeting will be as per the normal schedule."

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Chapter 422: Hiruzen's Hidden Message

The council meeting finally ended. Hiruzen and the three elders left immediately. Fujin was about to leave as well when Choza stopped him. For the next 15 minutes, Fujin exchanged pleasantries with the clan leaders. They praised Fujin for his ideas and a few invited him to visit their clans later.

The civilian council members also wanted to greet Fujin. However, seeing him busy with the clan leaders, the five of them left as well.

Fujin politely replied to all the clan leaders and accepted their invites as it would have been rude to reject it. After getting free from them, Fujin returned to Hiruzen's office.

In Hiruzen's office, Hiruzen was analyzing Fujin's idea. He thought, 'Though his idea is very good, it will pose a threat to the clans... What to do?'

Hiruzen analyzed the issue properly. After a few minutes, he concluded, 'No, this is unavoidable. The number of ninjas from the clans has already dropped to less than half. If another Great War happens, that number will drop even further. If ninjas from civilian backgrounds can't keep up with the clan ninjas, then the village will be very compromised after the end of the next war.

It was a concern that we had for several years but we couldn't think of any good solution other than taking more efforts in the academy and inducting more civilian ninjas into the Anbu so that they can be trained more. However, making them capable enough to reach the Anbu was a challenge. Fujin's recommendation properly fills this missing link.

Not to mention, even though the civilian ninjas would become Special Jounins in large numbers, the ninjas from the clans would still have the advantage. After all, the civilian ninjas won't have access to secret techniques and Kekkei Genkai. So in their fields, the kids from ninja clans will have a huge advantage.

Yeah, it should be fine. I will just have to convince the clan leaders one by one. Most of them should see the big picture. I'm just afraid that Danzo might make some moves. Fortunately, everyone is on guard against him. Perhaps I should make the clans change their focus on creating Jounins rather than just Special Jounins.'

As Hiruzen was thinking, Fujin entered the office. Hiruzen looked at him and smiled. He said, "You did great in the meeting today. I didn't expect such a surprise from you."

Fujin smiled and replied, "They were just some ideas I had that I felt might benefit the village. I'm glad that I got to present them. I didn't think that you would value them so highly though."

Hiruzen replied, "The academy hasn't been revamped in a long time. Your suggestions were invaluable. You might not see it at your age, but in a couple of decades, you'll see the change that your ideas bring in. Anyway, I have another important matter to discuss with you."

Fujin wondered, 'So he hadn't called me to his office to just take feedback on how I felt and give me some advice?'

Fujin asked, "What is it?"

Hiruzen asked in a serious tone, "Did you notice something odd in this building?"

Hiruzen's question surprised Fujin. Fujin thought, 'What the hell? Is there something wrong with the building? Shouldn't he be checking it himself rather than asking me? Or does he want a second opinion because he suspected something but couldn't find it?'

Hiruzen noticed Fujin's expression and frowned as well. He became completely confused by Fujin's actions.

Fujin analyzed but couldn't think of anything. He shook his head and replied, "I never checked this building much. Has there been an issue recently?"

Hiruzen looked into Fujin's eyes and asked, "If you didn't notice anything odd in the building, why did you inscribe so many seals in your office?"

Fujin was surprised once again. He thought, 'That's it? For that thing he made me think so much?'

He smiled and replied, "I followed your instructions, Grandpa."

Hiruzen's left eye twitched on hearing 'Grandpa'. He asked as steadily as he could, "What do you mean? I asked you to not overdo it. So why did you still inscribe hundreds of seals?"

Fujin tilted his head and asked, "But isn't that what you meant, Grandpa?"

This time, Hiruzen fell into a dilemma. He asked, "What do you mean?"

Fujin explained, "You asked me to not overdo it. At the same time, you told me to not inscribe thousands of seals. Didn't you imply that it is fine to inscribe hundreds of seals? I assumed that you wanted me to make those because you couldn't do so for some reason."

Hiruzen was dumbfounded by Fujin's response. He wondered, 'My words meant that? How?'

Hiruzen had a headache. Thoughts ran through Hiruzen's brain at the speed of light. He realized, 'Though outrageous, my words could actually be interpreted like what Fujin understood. But that isn't what I meant. How did he even reach such a conclusion?'

Fujin maintained a neutral face, but seeing Hiruzen being so stressed amused him to no end. Finally, Hiruzen asked, "What do those seals do?"

Fujin replied, "Nothing. You didn't say why you needed me to inscribe those seals. So I just inscribed some defense and privacy seals and hid them under a few hundred stealth seals of different types for disguise. This way, I can inscribe the seals that you want when you ask me to and no one will suspect a thing."

Hiruzen replied, "Alright. I'll let you know when I want you to. You can leave for now."

Fujin smiled and said, "Alright. See you later, Grandpa."

He turned around and left. As he left the building, a wide grin appeared on his face. Back in the office, Hiruzen massaged his forehead. He muttered in defeat, "Now what do I do about this boy?"

Fujin's reasoning left Hiruzen speechless. Though he could ask Fujin to remove those seals, since Fujin had already inscribed them and offered Hiruzen to take advantage of them in the future, he decided to let them be for the time being. Of course, that didn't do anything to ease the headache he was suffering.

Hiruzen thought, 'I'll have to be very careful with the words I use in front of him. Who knows what calamity he will cause if I let him freely interpret my words?'

Unlike Hiruzen, Fujin didn't bother thinking much about it. He was merely amused by Hiruzen's state and expressions. As for his suggestions for the academy, they would require a couple of years to implement and at least a decade to show results. So it wouldn't benefit him in any way before the start of the next Great War.

Without wasting any time, Fujin returned to his training. He spent the next week shuffling between training and visiting the clan heads that had invited him. Once the meetings were done, his life returned to normal. His Shadow Clones worked on the Flying Thunder God Seal while he worked on the Wind Domain and sparred regularly with Guy. In addition, he had one Shadow Clone look over Naruto's training.

One month later, inside his basement, a smile formed on Fujin's face. He dispelled all the Shadow Clones in the room. On both of his palms, a distinct seal could be seen. With one thought, both seals disappeared. Fujin muttered, "Flying Thunder God Seal mastered and imprinted!"

At the same time, in the training field opposite Fujin's house, two words could be heard throughout the training field.

"Gale Jutsu!"



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Fujin's clone opened his eyes and looked at Naruto. A smile appeared on his face as a Shadow Clone appeared next to him and popped, sending a message to Fujin.

Naruto continued stretching his right arm.

"Gale jutsu!"

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Suddenly, a small amount of wind was released from Naruto's right palm. The wind formed a breeze and caused some leaves in its path to move along the winds for around a meter before stopping. Naruto's eyes widened. A wide grin broke out on his face as he jumped in joy and exclaimed, "I did it! I did it!"

He immediately ran towards Fujin, who had already taken the place of his clone, and asked, "Did you see it Fujin? I did it! Wind blew from my hand! And I only took one and a half months!"

Fujin smiled and said, "Good work, Naruto."

Naruto grinned even more upon getting praised. He jumped up and shouted, "I will become the Hokage, believe it!"

Fujin chuckled and wondered, 'Maybe I should make him challenge Hiruzen like how Konohamaru does. That would be a sight to see.'

Fujin chuckled at that thought. However, he decided against it thinking, 'Leave it. The old man has been rather kind to me lately. If only I could have Naruto mess with Danzo somehow. Unfortunately, that asshole keeps hiding underground and has several Root ninjas keeping an eye all the time. Even I won't be able to enter the Root base undetected.'

Fujin let Naruto run around and celebrate for around 5 minutes until he tired himself out. Finally, Naruto collapsed on the ground and exclaimed once again, "I did it!"

Fujin chuckled at the sight and asked, "Want to go to Ichiraku? My treat."

Naruto's eyes sparkled. He jumped up once again and exclaimed, "I want to, believe it!"

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Chapter 423: Looking past the Hateful Gazes

Fujin and Naruto walked over to Ichiraku Ramen. Once again, several eyes landed on the two of them. However, unlike the earlier times, the reaction of the watchers was mixed.

On one side was Naruto, someone whom everyone vilified as the demon brat! However, along with him was Fujin, someone who had recently become a Council Member. He was a person that no ordinary citizen wanted to offend for no reason. As such, not many dared to gaze unkindly at Naruto or gossip about him while he walked next to Fujin.

Of course, there were a few exceptions. A middle-aged lady whispered to the lady next to her, "Why is a council member hanging around that demon brat? Wouldn't it caus..."

Her words stuck in her mouth as she suddenly felt intense danger. She almost wanted to puke in fear. She didn't dare speak another word. The lady opposite was scared as well after looking at her expression. She asked, "Are you fine? What happened?"

Similar to that lady, several others who tried gossiping or gazing hatefully at the duo also felt an intense killing intent. As such, no one dared to hang around and quickly continued their work.

Fujin sighed internally and thought, 'Threatening civilians is not what I wanted to do. It could pose some trouble as ninjas aren't allowed to attack civilians. However, I should be able to deal with it as long as I don't overdo it. I doubt anyone, even Danzo, would bother trying to make a move against me for something like this. Unfortunately, this is unavoidable.

People, even civilians, are brutal. Though there are rules and laws, they become meaningless when too many people do it. Hiruzen has already issued a gag order. However, too many still openly discriminate against Naruto while sneakily passing comments that are just loud enough for him to hear and become depressed.

And it isn't just because he is weak. After all, even Hatake Sakumo, a top-tier ninja, fell prey to such gossip and blame games. Granted that the situation with him was different and there might have been some other factors involved, it doesn't change the fact that even civilians won't have any constraints in talking shit about a rank S ninja if the ninja doesn't retaliate in one way or another.

So, if I just let them speak, others will be emboldened to do so as well. Very soon, things will return to normal for Naruto where everyone openly displays their hostility, undoing all my good work so far. Worse, I might be subjected to that too. Granted that I am no Sakumo to take things lying down or become suicidal due to others' words, but it'll be too much of an inconvenience to let things reach that stage. It's better to just crush any such thoughts in the initial phase.'

Unlike Fujin, who was engrossed in his thoughts, Naruto was having a great time. For the first time in his life, he wasn't getting a look wishing that he would disappear from everyone in the streets. Though people were still avoiding him and maintaining distance, it was far better than receiving those looks all the time.

Naruto wondered, 'Are they treating me differently because I learnt a Wind jutsu? But why do they still avoid me?'

He looked at Fujin and asked softly, "Fujin, why is everyone avoiding me?"

Fujin replied, "They are probably avoiding me."

Naruto was surprised by Fujin's answer. He asked, "What do you mean?"

Fujin replied, "I just became a Council Member in the village. So they probably don't want to risk offending me."

Naruto asked, "Council Member? What's that?"

Fujin looked at Naruto and asked, "Didn't you learn that in the Academy? Don't tell me you didn't pay attention."

Naruto laughed nervously in response. He couldn't recall the last time he paid attention in class. Fujin explained, "Konoha's Council is a group of people who are involved in making the rules for the village. We help the Hokage in running the village. If you want to become the Hokage, then it is important for you to know such things, Naruto. Knowing strong jutsus and being able to fight is just one part of becoming the Hokage."

Naruto nodded obediently and said, "I will pay attention in class. Believe it!"

Fujin obviously didn't believe it. Focusing while learning an interesting jutsu that would allow you to do even more interesting things and focusing in a boring classroom were two completely different things. Even Fujin, despite his maturity, couldn't bring himself to pay attention in the classroom all the time and instead used that time to work on his Wind and Earth nature manipulation training.

Naruto said, "But I still don't understand why people need to fear a Council Member. I mean, you guys only run the village, right?"

Fujin shrugged and said, "They are just cowards. Look properly at the crowd. Not everyone is afraid. Some are just going about their day. Some are opportunistic and are probably thinking about how they can become friends with me. Some who need help and have courage will approach me."

Fujin's words surprised Naruto. He looked into the crowd and began carefully examining everyone. His eyes widened in surprise. He thought, 'It's true!'

As Fujin had said, there was a very small minority of people who didn't care much about Naruto. They didn't hate Naruto and hence didn't have any such hate in their eyes.

Fujin looked at Naruto's surprised look and thought, 'Though many hate him and have vilified him, it is unrealistic for every single person to hate him. After all, he is just a kid. None of the experienced and knowledgeable ninjas in the village hate him. Even among the ordinary civilians, there should be several like Teuchi who wouldn't hate a kid and perhaps even feel sorry for his situation.'

But, since the majority hate Naruto and take the initiative to make their hate known, it is inevitable that a young kid will only notice those hateful people and will not be able to see the people who are in the background and have no hatred towards him and do nothing to convey that. After all, would a kid even dare to look at everyone in the crowd when all the ones he first looks at are looking at him hatefully?'

Naruto carefully screened through the crowd. Since everyone wasn't staring at him hatefully, he didn't feel nervous and depressed and could keep looking through the crowd. While most ignored him, a couple of people felt the gaze and smiled back at him in response before continuing with their work.

A smile appeared on Naruto's face as he smiled back. Fujin said, "Learn to ignore those who ignore you or are afraid of you. You'll then see the people who are good to you. Then you won't need to worry about the cowards around you."

Naruto nodded. The two finally reached Ichiraku Ramen. Naruto rushed in while Fujin followed at his normal speed. Naruto excitedly ordered in a loud voice, "One Miso Ramen for me!"

Immediately, Naruto turned his head and asked with stars in his eyes, "Can I order all I can eat once again?"

Fujin stared at Naruto and asked sternly, "You want to ask that question after eating 8 bowls last time?"

Naruto immediately became nervous. At the same time, Teuchi and Ayame smirked. Both recalled Naruto's expression the last time Fujin treated him to Ramen and his nervousness after eating too many bowls. Fujin chuckled and said, "You still keep getting nervous. Order as much as you want."

Naruto immediately lit up. Fujin sat down and ordered a few bowls for himself as well. He thought, 'I have finally completed the first step of the Flying Thunder God. And, I do not know whether I will succeed in step two or not. I might as well treat myself now that I am happy.'

The first step of the Flying Thunder God involved merely learning the seal and creating an imprint for it. With his expertise in Fuinjutsu, it was pretty much guaranteed that Fujin would learn it. However, the next step needed the ninja to have talent in Space-Time Ninjutsu. So, Fujin wasn't sure whether he would succeed at the next step. As such, he decided against worrying about it and leaving it to fate.

Fujin enjoyed his Ramen peacefully while Naruto kept telling Ayame and Teuchi about how he learnt a cool new jutsu. The duo stayed in the Ramen stall for quite some time until both were full. Fujin paid and both returned to the training grounds.

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Chapter 424: Unleashing the Little Devil!

Naruto looked at Fujin and excitedly asked, "Which is the second jutsu?"

Fujin had promised Naruto four jutsus. So, Naruto was very excited about knowing which other jutsus he had planned.

Fujin smiled and said, "Calm down for now. I have some things to say and ask."

Naruto stopped speaking and acted calm. Fujin said, "Though you have learnt the jutsu, there is a lot for you to improve. Perform the jutsu again and use it to attack me."

Naruto asked, "Wouldn't you get hurt?"

Fujin waved his arm dismissively and said, "With your current skills, no. Just do it."

Naruto nodded and weaved hand signs. He aimed his palm at Fujin and shouted, "Gale jutsu!"

Immediately, a gentle wind flow was released from Naruto's palm and moved towards Fujin. Fujin's shirt fluttered and some leaves around him moved, but Fujin was unmoved. The gentle breeze had no effect on him.

Fujin said, "See, nothing. Now stand in one place."

Fujin raised his right arm towards Naruto. Naruto stood still and looked at Fujin's palm. A second later, a strong wind current was released from Fujin's palm. Naruto's eyes widened as he felt the intense winds coming towards him. In a moment, the winds sent him flying backwards, completely surprising Naruto

who yelled in shock. He flipped in the air and landed around 20 meters behind. However, he still lost his footing and ended up stumbling backwards.

He quickly got up and rushed towards Fujin and exclaimed, "That was so cool! Can I do this as well?"

Despite getting hurled backwards, Naruto wasn't hurt and didn't have any hard feelings as Fujin had only done that to prove a point. Fujin smiled and said, "You can, but you will need to keep practicing. If you never practice this jutsu again, then it won't keep improving. Of course, spending all time on one jutsu isn't a good thing. So you should learn other jutsus as well, but keep practicing this jutsu occasionally so that you can improve and do something like this as well."

Naruto immediately nodded and shouted, "I will keep practicing, believe it!"

Fujin smiled and asked, "What is your progress with Leaf Concentration and Leaf Cutting?"

Naruto answered, "I can stick the leaf to my forehead for 25 minutes. As for Leaf-cutting, it is still very difficult. I am only able to create a tiny cut in the leaf."

Fujin thought for a bit and said, "Leaf cutting takes time. So the slow progress is understandable. I think you'll be able to complete it in around 3 or 4 more months. However, your progress in Leaf Concentration is very slow. Focus more on it. Once you reach the 2-hour mark, I will teach you two things that are very cool."

Naruto's eyes sparkled. He immediately asked, "Which techniques?"

Fujin grinned and replied, "That will be a secret. I can only say that they are very cool and you would love them. So reach it quickly if you want to learn them."

Naruto replied, "I will stick the leaf for 2 hours, believe it!"

Fujin smiled and said, "I believe you, Naruto. Now, it is time for you to learn your second Wind Release jutsu."

Fujin grabbed a couple of shurikens and said, "Your second jutsu will be Projectile Control jutsu. Here, take this."

Fujin handed Naruto a shuriken. Naruto accepted it with a confused look. He asked, "Projectile Control jutsu? That sounds boring..."

Fujin ignored his complaint. He pointed at a nearby tree and said, "Throw the shuriken at that tree."

Naruto aimed and threw the shuriken at the tree. The shuriken hit the tree, confusing Naruto even more. Fujin handed him the other shuriken and said, "Do it again."

Naruto replied, "Alright."

He aimed and threw the shuriken once again. To his shock, the shuriken changed course mid-flight and instead hit the tree next to his target tree. He looked at Fujin and asked in shock, "Ho... How? How did that happen?"

Fujin smiled and answered, "That is the Projectile control jutsu. You use the winds to control the direction of flying objects. It is very effective in combat. If you throw a shuriken and your enemy dodges it, you can use this jutsu to change the direction of the shuriken and catch your opponents off guard. You can also use it to divert the enemy shurikens or kunai coming towards you."

Naruto heard Fujin's answer with awe on his face. To his surprise, a grin formed on Fujin's face. Fujin added, "Of course, that's just the tip of what this jutsu can do. One of the best uses of this jutsu is messing with others."

Naruto asked in confusion, "Messing with others?"

Fujin nodded and said, "Imagine someone in your classroom tosses an eraser to his or her friend. And you use this jutsu to change the direction of the eraser and hit someone else, creating a fight."

Naruto was stunned. He looked at Fujin with a stupefied expression on his face. He never imagined that the dignified Council Member would ever say such words.



Fujin continued, "You can use it on several other things. For instance, balls in the playing ground. This jutsu is only limited by your imagination. Of course, the same also applies on battlefields. So don't limit yourself to traditional use of the jutsu."

Ideas kept pouring into Naruto's mind as he comprehended Fujin's words. A mischievous grin appeared on his face as well. He exclaimed in a goofy tone, "Oh boy! I can think of so many pranks with this jutsu! Hehehehe! Iruka sensei is going to hate me."

Naruto couldn't stop grinning. Fujin gave himself an imaginary pat on his back and thought, 'Good, entertainment for the next year is secured.'

Naruto looked at Fujin and asked, "Is it fine to use this jutsu for pranking?"

Fujin nodded and said, "Enjoy. You'll be able to improve your control over this jutsu far more quickly by employing it in pranks than trying to learn it by yourself in a training ground. Your classes should start in a couple of weeks, so you won't be able to train here all the time. You can use the Gale jutsu for pranks as well. However..."

Fujin's face became strict as he said, "A few warnings. Listen seriously. If you don't follow them, then I won't teach you anything in the future."

Naruto became serious. Fujin was the only one who taught him new jutsus and he didn't want to push Fujin away. Fujin instructed, "You will never use this jutsu to control sharp objects until I allow you to do so. So no changing trajectories of shurikens, kunai, knives, needles and other such items until I permit you. For the time being, I'll make wooden shurikens for you to practice. Understood?"

Naruto nodded obediently. Fujin continued, "Good. Even after I give you permission, the same rules will apply in a few conditions. You won't use this jutsu on sharp objects while pranking. You won't use it to control shurikens you throw while sparring with your classmates either as they can be severely hurt if they don't dodge. But using it against spars with teachers or someone like me or in a battle is fine. Also, take care to not hurt anyone while using this to prank. Even harmless objects can hurt someone if you accidentally poke their eyes."

Naruto nodded and said, "I'll use it carefully, believe it."

Fujin smiled and said, "Good. I'll now teach you how to use this jutsu."

Fujin quickly taught Naruto the hand seals to the jutsu and explained to him the mechanics of the jutsu. It took an hour, but Fujin was finally done! Fujin created a set of wooden shurikens, kunais and needles for Naruto to practice.

Naruto began practicing the jutsu. Once again, the sound of the jutsu name that Naruto shouted reverberated throughout the training field. Fujin observed him and wondered, 'Should I ask him to stop yelling out jutsu names?'

He thought for a bit and shook his head. He muttered to himself, 'Leave it. It's kind of fun to see him yell the jutsu name so loudly. I'll leave this job to Kakashi.'

Fujin created a Shadow Clone to look over Naruto and disappeared from the training ground. He entered his house, shut the door and muttered, "It's time to test step two!"

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Chapter 425: An Unexpected Surprise!

Fujin looked at his palm. The Flying Thunder God seal appeared on it. He extended his arm towards the door and touched it with his palm. In an instant, a mark of the Flying Thunder God seal was imprinted on the door.

Fujin's eyes glowed as he observed the seals on his door. A weird expression appeared on his face as he saw several dozen seals hidden on his door. Fujin wondered, '78 seals just on the backside of a door... Exactly how many seals did I inscribe on my house? Five thousand? Ten Thousand? More?'

Fujin thought for a few seconds before giving up. Considering the crazy number of seals he inscribed, he hadn't bothered keeping a count. In fact, he couldn't even recall every seal he inscribed on the house. It was impossible for anyone to do so unless they had perfect memory.

He muttered to himself, 'Meh, it doesn't matter. The more, the merrier. If I don't know, then it is impossible for anyone else to know. Fortunately, I had the foresight to ensure that the seals could act autonomously to respond to various kinds of threats. Apart from a few seals that I would need to

manage actively, the rest will respond by themselves. I'll let anyone stupid enough to attack this house figure out how many seals are here.'

Fujin focused his attention on the Flying Thunder God Seal. After a minute, he observed, 'This seal is slightly different from other seals. I can control it to change its position slightly.'

Under Fujin's control, the mark moved a few inches upwards on the door before stopping. Fujin analyzed, 'That said, it's the other factor that makes this seal very unique. Even though I am good at making seals, any Grandmaster can remove my seals given enough time. However, this seal is permanent. Unless I voluntarily remove this seal, it will stay forever.'

Of course, it is possible that Tobirama and Minato know of ways to remove the seal but Hiruzen didn't include them in the scroll so that the method won't get leaked. It is also possible that Hiruzen and Danzo have come up with means to remove this seal considering that they had decades to study it.

Regardless, once I mark any enemy with this seal, that ninja will be as good as dead. Even if he is far stronger than me, I can just run away and keep sending Shadow Clones to kill him. Worse, I can have my clones prepare deadly jutsus before teleporting.

I can even send several clones at the same time. If the enemy still somehow survives, I can keep hiding and send Shadow Clones at random times to catch my enemy off guard. There is just no way to survive unless they can cut off the body part that was marked. Perhaps only someone as perverse as Obito might have a chance. Anyway, it's time to test it.'

Fujin disappeared from his spot and appeared at several spots inside his room. The last place he appeared in was the basement, where he sat down at the center and thought, 'I created 48 markings inside my house. Now time to see if I can sense them all.'

Fujin opened the scroll Hiruzen had given him and once again went through it. After a few minutes, he closed the scroll and sat in a meditative position.

Using the methods in the scroll, he tried applying the sensing technique mentioned in the scroll. Within an instant, Fujin sensed 48 markings! He could clearly feel the markings he had left inside his house.

Fujin's eyes snapped open. Shock could be seen within them. He wondered, 'What the hell? I sensed them on my first try? And I could sense all 48 markings so clearly?'

Fujin fell into deep thought. A couple of minutes later, he got up and left his house. He left 2 markings 50 meters from his house and another two at 100 meters before returning to his basement and trying to sense them. Once again, he managed to sense them without any effort.

He left his house and left more markings on trees at various distances from his house, the farthest being 2 kilometers from his house. Once again, he returned to his basement and tried sensing them. This time, he only managed to sense around half the markings.

Fujin opened his eyes and pondered, 'It looks like I can sense all the markings I make within a distance of 1.05 kilometers from me. Any farther and I can't sense them any longer. Still, this is nuts!'

From the notes in the scroll, it is almost impossible to detect the markings on the first try. In fact, most who are considered 'talented' in space-time ninjutsu only manage to detect it after a few hundred tries. Only the likes of Minato and Tobirama probably sensed them more quickly. As for detecting up to 1-kilometer range... That's even more absurd!'

Fujin stayed in his spot in disbelief for a few moments. Soon, a smile appeared on his face. He muttered, "Now this is an unexpected surprise! I never thought that my talent in Space-Time Ninjutsu would be this damn good!"

At least in terms of sensing the markings, it is likely that my talent is better than both Minato and Tobirama. But..."

Fujin's mind suddenly became quiet. His expression became very serious. While he had always ignored an important aspect because he was too weak to do anything about it, his outrageous talent made him think. He couldn't help but wonder, 'Why is my talent in Space-Time Ninjutsu so absurd?'

I'm not originally from this world and have transmigrated here. The body I transmigrated in didn't have any remarkable talent to speak of. Though my talent in the Wind element is very high too, it only became apparent after years of intense training. I couldn't be that lucky that the random body I transmigrated to not only had exceptional talent in Wind Manipulation but also had the best talent in Space-Time Ninjutsu, could I?

Or, is it because I have transmigrated here that I am talented in Space-Time Ninjutsu? After all, transmigrating in this world is far more advanced than merely teleporting from one place to another in this world. So, could the process of transmigration have given me remarkable talent in this aspect?'

Fujin let out a sigh and looked above. Though he was in his basement, the look in his eyes was as if he was seeing the vast space far beyond that world.

He questioned, 'Transmigration... I was always very curious about how I transmigrated... Is it just a law of nature? Does everyone do so? Or only some lucky souls get transmigrated? Or could there be some entity who transmigrated me here? If so, what is the purpose of doing that? After all, I was just an ordinary guy. What benefit would someone get from transmigrating me into what is most likely an alternate universe? Or is it just someone bored wanting some amusement?'

Fujin had several questions. Unfortunately, he would receive no answers. He shook his head and thought, 'Leave it. There is no way I can figure out this mystery as I am now. If I ever reach the level of Hagoromo, I can explore how Reincarnation works. After all, Hagoromo's sons have been reincarnating for centuries.

As for transmigration in a different universe, that should be way more advanced than that. I doubt even the strongest Otsutsuki has any knowledge of this. I can only keep getting stronger and hope that someday I am able to solve these mysteries.'

A smile appeared on Fujin's face as he thought, 'I just hope I don't end up dead before reaching such a level. Well, whatever, that's too far away. I first need to master the Flying Thunder God jutsu and take advantage of my knowledge to gain the most out of upcoming wars.

For now, I will have to spend some time increasing the range up to where I can detect the markings. From the notes, it seems like Tobirama's range wasn't very impressive. It was probably why he failed to escape.

However, Minato managed to increase his range to a ridiculous level. In the fourth Great Ninja War, he was able to teleport from the battlefield to Konoha while taking the Truth Seeking Balls with him.

I wonder if Sage mode helps in increasing the range. If I can mark several locations on the entire planet and sense them at will, then killing me would become impossible. After all, unlike Tobirama and Minato, I have no intention of sacrificing myself.

I will work on extending the range later. The 1-kilometer range is good enough. I'll directly begin working on the third step. It'll be wonderful if I can get it down in one try as well, hehehe.'

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Chapter 426: The First Victim

Fujin went through the scroll once again to revise the third step of learning the Flying Thunder God jutsu. This was the most critical step and also the step where things could go horribly wrong. After all, travelling through Space-time could be very dangerous if done incorrectly. As such, he didn't dare to take any unneeded risks.

After going through the scroll, Fujin rolled it back and shut his eyes. He began sensing the markings within his range. He focused on the marking on the pillar in front of him. Within a few seconds, Fujin's mind became very calm. Not a single trace of thought remained. The other markings that he could sense also disappeared from his mind. He could only sense himself and the marking in front of him.

Once he reached this state, he subconsciously tried using the method in the scroll to travel through space-time and teleport to the marking. Unfortunately, he wasn't about to get two surprises in a row.

After five minutes, Fujin opened his mind and let out a sigh. He muttered, "No wonder this step is said to be the hardest. I didn't have any success at all!"

Fujin analyzed the third step for a few minutes. He concluded, 'The scroll did say that it takes a lot of time and practice to learn how to travel through space-time. I suppose I'll just have to be patient and keep trying it.

If I don't succeed after a long time, I can only depend on the inferior version that utilizes the concepts of the Reverse Summoning jutsu. Though I won't be able to use it in battle, having a method of travelling over long distances in an instant and a better method of escaping from a battlefield will still be very handy.

But, hopefully, things shouldn't be that bad. After all, my talent in sensing the markings is ridiculously high. It would be strange if I didn't have any talent in moving through Space-Time.'

15 Shadow Clones popped around Fujin. Each flickered and sat in front of one of the markings. Fujin and his 15 clones all closed their eyes and began practicing. They quickly became engrossed in training and lost track of the time.

While Fujin trained the Flying Thunder God jutsu and Naruto trained the Projectile Control jutsu, Hiruzen opened a scroll. As he read through it, his expression became grave. After some time, he closed the scroll and kept it back on his desk.

He thought, 'Akatsuki captured Han, the Five Tails Jinchuriki of Iwagakure... And they somehow managed to extract the Tailed Beast perfectly and stored it inside some statue... Onoki did a good job of hiding information. If not for Itachi, we would have completely been in the dark.'

Worse, Orochimaru tried attacking Itachi for his Sharingan. Thankfully, he failed and has left the organization. However, Itachi is afraid that he might target Sasuke or anyone else who awakens Sharingan and has asked me to ensure their safety. Not to mention, Akatsuki plans on targeting all the Tailed Beasts. So they will eventually come for Naruto.'

Hiruzen massaged his forehead as he sighed, 'So many rank S ninjas... What a headache! What do they even want to do with such a force? And does their leader really have the fabled Rinnegan or is it something else?'

Hiruzen analyzed for a bit but couldn't think of anything. Akatsuki was a strange organization. It was the only force in the world made solely of rank S ninjas. As such, they didn't need to compete for territory like the villages. However, their actions confused Hiruzen.

Hiruzen decided, 'There is no point in speculating. I'll just have to wait for more intel. I'll also need to ensure that Naruto has proper protection when he leaves the village. Thankfully, it seems like the Nine Tails will be one of their last targets. So I will be able to learn more about them as they clash with other villages and understand what to do with them.'

Hiruzen looked towards the ceiling and instructed, "Instruct Monkey and Wolf to take turns to monitor and protect Uzumaki Naruto. From this moment onwards, Naruto will have two Anbu looking after him at any point. However, don't interfere with his training under Fujin."

One of Hiruzen's Anbu Guards disappeared from the room. Hiruzen thought, 'It's unfortunate that I can't discuss this with Shikaku. He will easily figure out that Itachi isn't a traitor and instead is spying on Akatsuki. Though he should already have his guesses, he has no way to confirm them.'

Regardless, I should pass some of this intel to Kakashi somehow. Hmm, I should also pass the same intel to Fujin. He has already clashed with them twice. I'm afraid that those are just the start. If Akatsuki has a large ambition, Fujin might end up fighting against them several times. He should stay on guard against Akatsuki. They no longer have any ninja that isn't rank S.'

Even though Hiruzen couldn't take Shikaku's opinion, he quickly made the appropriate countermeasures. Around a week later, he secretly informed Kakashi about the fact that Akatsuki was targeting Jinchurikis and that Naruto was on their radar and asked him to keep it a secret.

A week after that, he called Fujin to his office and informed him about the fact that Akatsuki had kidnapped Han and asked him to be more on guard against Akatsuki. Of course, he was asked to keep the intel to himself as well.

Fujin was quite surprised by the information. After he left Hiruzen's office, he wondered, 'Akatsuki captured their first victim so quickly? And that too Han?'

Fujin was confused. Suddenly, he recalled something. He analyzed, 'Wait a minute! If I recall correctly, while extracting Shukaku from Gaara, I recall someone making a comment that the process was smoother when Orochimaru was a part of the Akatsuki. Does that mean that Orochimaru is still a part of Akatsuki?'

Fujin thought for a bit before agreeing with his conclusion. He thought, 'Orochimaru should have been a part of the process while extracting the first Tailed Beast from a Jinchuriki. He will probably leave the Akatsuki soon now. I wonder if he will still find Rasa and make a deal to attack Konoha together...'

As for Akatsuki, they should stay silent for some time. From what I remember, Gaara was the third Jinchuriki they captured. The second should be that girl from Taki. But there are still a few years before



they make a move on her. I wonder why they needed such a long time. Does extracting a tailed beast and absorbing it into that statue have some conditions or requirements?

Hmm, if there are any, it should be because Nagato isn't strong enough. After all, Madara was able to absorb all 9 Tailed Beasts in one go. Though Nagato is ridiculously strong, he is still very lacking when compared to the likes of Hashirama and Madara.

Oh well, it doesn't matter what Orochimaru does next or what Akatsuki's issue is. I need to return to training! I have a feeling that it won't be too long before I have a breakthrough in the third step. Though it wouldn't be ready for battle use any time soon. I guess I should also talk with Naruto once. His school starts tomorrow and he won't be able to come to my training grounds to practice.'

Fujin walked towards the training ground and replaced his Shadow Clone. Some distance away from him, Naruto was completely focused on training.

Naruto grabbed a wooden shuriken, threw it at a tree and immediately weaved hand signs. He shouted, "Projectile Control jutsu"

Immediately, wind began flowing around the shuriken. It changed its track slightly and missed the tree. Naruto groaned as it didn't hit the tree next to it and kept practicing.

Fujin analyzed, 'Hmm, not bad. His progress is faster with this jutsu. Still, having to weave hand signs for this jutsu makes it too slow. Should I advise him on how to reduce and later eliminate the hand seals?'

Fujin thought for a bit and decided, 'No, his chakra control is abysmal. To reduce the number of hand seals, you need to manipulate chakra inside your body appropriately. I doubt Naruto will be able to do that any time soon.

Though weaving hand signs is tedious, Naruto is very innovative and unpredictable when it comes to using Ninjutsu. I'll let him try and resolve this himself. Trying to interfere too much in his training would have a negative impact instead.'

Fujin walked out of the shadows and approached him. He said, "Naruto, that's enough training for today."

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Chapter 427: Progress

Naruto, who was about to throw a shuriken, stopped and turned around. He asked, "Why?"

Fujin said, "It's already evening. The academy starts tomorrow. You need to prepare for it. Also, since you have to attend the academy, you won't be able to train with me from tomorrow."

Naruto became a bit dejected. He asked, "Can't I skip the academy? I learnt a lot more from you than from the Academy in the past 5 years, you know."

Fujin chuckled and said, "What you learn in the Academy is important as well. Ninjutsu isn't everything. Even more so if you want to become the Hokage."

Naruto nodded unwillingly and said, "I'll go to the Academy."

Fujin smiled and said, "Besides, just because you won't be able to train with me doesn't mean that you shouldn't train. Keep working on the Projectile Control jutsu along with Leaf Concentration and Leaf Cutting exercises.

Your Leaf Concentration has improved rapidly in the last 2 weeks. Keep up that speed. As for Leaf Cutting, you can carry a few leaves to a classroom and do that exercise there in your free time or if a lecture becomes too boring. As for the Projectile control jutsu, you are already able to slightly change the directions of flying objects. Try using it to prank and you'll get plenty of practice for it."

Naruto got several ideas from Fujin's words. He looked at Fujin with stars in his eyes. It was as if Fujin had become his idol. He said, "Ideas to train in the classroom. Plus being able to use these jutsus to prank. You are the best, Fujin!"

Fujin smiled and said, "Of course, just because you can't train with me all the time doesn't mean you shouldn't come visit me. Feel free to come when you want more supplies or some help in training or just to hang around and relax if you want."

Naruto smiled and said, "I will."

Fujin nodded and took out a seal from a pocket. He handed it to Naruto and said, "In the past couple of months, you have trained with dedication. I am impressed, Naruto. This is a gift for you."

Naruto grabbed the seal and inspected it. He asked curiously, "What is this?"

Fujin said, "It's a training seal I created for you. Place it on your chest."

Naruto was intrigued. He followed Fujin's instructions while asking, "Training seal? What is a training seal?"

Fujin answered, "As its name says, it is a seal that helps you in training your body. By activating the seal, you can increase the pressure on your body and the resistance you face. So moving around will become very difficult. It is an excellent way to train our body.

The seal I gave you can apply a maximum pressure of 50 kilograms. So don't dare activate it to 100%. You'll hurt yourself if you do that."

Naruto's eyes sparkled. He said, "That sounds great! How do I use it?"

Fujin answered, "Just close your eyes and feel the seal on your chest. Use the confrontation hand seal to concentrate on your chakra and insert your chakra into the seal. You will be able to increase or decrease the pressure. For now, try to activate 2% pressure."

Naruto followed Fujin's instructions. In a few seconds, he managed to increase the pressure to 2%. He tried moving and jumping around and said, "It's true. Walking and jumping have become difficult!"

Fujin said, "Yes, it is a result of the seal. Trying to move, or better yet, train while using this seal will make the training even more difficult for you. As a result, this seal will help you train your body. It will help you increase your speed and power. You can use it while walking, training, doing normal daily activities or even when you sit in classrooms.

However, only increase it gradually. If you hurt yourself by mindlessly increasing the pressure, I'll take the seal away. Also, don't leave the seal on while sleeping or sparring. And leave the seal in your home whenever you leave the village in the future for missions."

Naruto nodded and said, "Understood. But why should I not use this seal during sparring? Won't it help me fight better when I deactivate the seal?"

Fujin shook his head and explained, "If you keep the seal activated while sparring, then your body's instincts will get confused and will adjust to when you are under a lot of pressure. When you suddenly deactivate the seal, your body will need some time to readjust to normal pressure and resistance.

Besides, if you use this seal during a fight, someone like me will kill you before you even have a chance to deactivate the seal and adjust your body. The same also applies when you are out of the village and can be sneak attacked anytime. Even I don't dare to keep my training seal activated when I am outside the village or sparring with someone."

Naruto nodded and said, "Alright. Thank You, Fujin."

The two talked for some more time before Naruto left. Fujin saw him leaving as he thought, 'Will he really listen to warnings? Oh well, it doesn't matter much. He should listen to not controlling sharp objects with Projectile Control jutsu. Though he is known to prank a lot, there isn't any instance of his pranks actually harming anyone.

As for the training seal, I purposefully made something that applies less pressure. Even if he raises it to 100% in order to push himself, he won't suffer any serious injuries. With Kurama's chakra, It'll heal in no time. All that will happen is that he will have to rest for some time. As for during the missions, any Jounin would be able to see it activated at first glance and make him deactivate him.

Anyway, a few basic wind jutsus, training to improve wind manipulation, better chakra control, a slightly stronger body and some sparring practice... This is all the help I'll give Naruto before he graduates.

Though it is lacklustre when compared to what he could have achieved had I taught him the Multi Shadow Clone jutsu now and spammed it for a year, this should still improve his basics considerably. More importantly, this improvement shouldn't have much of an impact on major events in the future. So, I don't need to worry about the future changing too drastically.

Regardless, I'm looking forward to seeing how Naruto progresses after getting a good foundation. His basics in the original story were just too lacking. The only thing he had going for him was numerical superiority due to having a large chakra reserve and the Multi Shadow Clone jutsu.

If he shows some promise with the Wind Release, I'll teach him the Infinite Breakthrough jutsu at some point in the future and teach him how to supercharge it. I also wonder if his improved chakra control will help him learn the Clone jutsu within the next 10 months... If he does so and doesn't get the scroll, I will have to teach him the Multi Shadow Clone jutsu as a gift for graduating.

Oh well, there is still some time for that. Time to get back to my training.'

Fujin returned to his training. The last couple of months of training had brought him great results in the three areas that he was focusing on. His biggest improvement was obviously in the Flying Thunder God. He had completed the first two steps and had a feeling that he would experience some breakthrough in the last step soon.

His Wind Domain was also developing rapidly. Fujin felt that it was good enough to deal with normal Jounins. Even Elite Jounins could suffer heavily if they didn't have any prior information. However, it was the third area where he would reach the critical point the earliest.

A new year in the academy started and life in Konoha went as normal. Fujin continued training in solitude. Hiruzen didn't disturb him. Danzo wanted to make some moves, but Fujin's monotonous lifestyle didn't give him any opportunity to do so. Apart from Naruto occasionally visiting him, no one bothered Fujin.

One day, while he was in between his deadly physical training routine, a smile appeared on Fujin's face. Excitement could be seen in his eyes. He stopped training and deactivated his training seal.

He closed his eyes and focused his mind on his body. A second later, his chakra flared. However, it wasn't what he normally did. Instead, the chakra had infused into his entire body. It even infused into his vital organs.

Fujin smiled and thought, 'The insane training plan has finally given the result I wanted. To train so hard that chakra infuses into your body naturally... What a crazy training plan.'

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### Chapter 428: A Favor

Fujin thought, 'Though this is good, I'll have to keep up this training plan for a long time to ensure that this is permanent and to keep increasing the amount of chakra I infuse in my body. If I don't, the amount of chakra I can infuse into my body will slowly decrease. Over a few years, my body will lose this ability. Anyway, time to test it!'

Fujin clenched his fist and punched the ground as hard as he could. A loud sound was heard throughout the training ground. Cracks spread on the ground like a spiderweb for a dozen meters from the spot where the fist landed.

Fujin analyzed, 'Not bad. It's definitely much stronger than my normal punch. No ninja with a normal body would want to be on the receiving end of this. Even with Iron Skin jutsu, they will feel the pain and might suffer some internal damage. Now...'

Fujin concentrated his chakra on his fist. He was using the Senju Taijutsu Style alongside Guy's Strong Fist Style. Once again, he punched the ground with all his might at the same spot.

This time, the impact of the blow could be felt throughout the training ground! The birds, that were brave enough to still live in the trees in that training ground, immediately began flying away due to the tremors! A few people, who were walking close to the training ground, turned their heads due to the sound that was heard!

Fujin, who was the source of this commotion, was standing in a hole in the ground that had collapsed due to his punch. For several dozen meters, the ground was a wreck! The cracks had opened wide and several rocks were thrown out of the ground. Fujin himself was covered in dust. However, a wide grin could be seen on his face.

Fujin wiped the dirt on his face off and analyzed, 'Great. In terms of destructive power, this isn't too far away from Tsunade's level. However, in terms of usability, it is still far behind. The time I take to concentrate my chakra on my fist reduces its effectiveness in a high-speed battle. My opponents will easily sense it and take evasive actions.'

That said, with my wind jutsus, it isn't critical for me to improve this aspect. I'll be able to shred my opponents far faster instead of trying to obliterate them with a punch or kick. I can also use my Wind Domain to slow down my enemy and attack them with this if Wind attacks don't work for some reason. Regardless, this is very good.'

Fujin returned home to have a shower. Due to the intense training and being covered in dust, his body was quite dirty. After a small break, he immediately went to find Guy.

As usual, Guy was training his three students. They had just finished an intense training session when Fujin showed up. Immediately, Neji and Tenten's expression became dark. Tenten cursed, 'Great! We have just rested for 10 minutes and this monster has already shown up! Why did he arrive so early today?'

Guy smiled on seeing Fujin and instructed, "I and Fujin will spar for now. Until we are done, you three have to run 80 rounds around the training field on your arms."

Tenten wanted to cry, unfortunately, her tears had dried out long ago! Since Fujin regularly showed up to spar with Guy, Guy decided to have his students train while he sparred with Fujin. After all, there wasn't much for them to learn from their fight because the three Genins couldn't even follow their movements.

As such, Guy gave them very difficult training tasks to do while he and Fujin sparred. The tasks were so difficult that none of them had even completed them once. To make matters worse, Guy continuously kept increasing the difficulty of the training tasks little by little on a daily basis to push them more. And, if either of the three Genins dared to slack off, Guy would lead them to train in a way that made them embarrassed like following Guy on the streets of Konoha while all 4 of them walked on their arms.

Unwillingly, they left to train. Guy looked at Fujin and said, "You are early today."

Fujin smiled and said, "It's a special occasion. Let's fight. No warm-up today."

Guy was surprised. He began unleashing his chakra and fusing it with his body while exclaiming, "Alright! Let the power of youth explo..."

Guy's words got stuck in his mouth as he noticed Fujin doing the same. A grin appeared on his face as he said, "No wonder you are so impatient. I can feel the excitement of an intense spar!"

Guy disappeared from his spot and attacked Fujin, who disappeared as well. As usual, the two engaged in an extremely high-speed fight. The only difference was they were even faster this time! The ground, which already had scars from their previous spars, was changed beyond recognition.

Two hours later, both were breathing heavily. Especially Fujin who looked completely out of breath. He muttered, "Damn, using this continuously is very exhausting!"

Guy replied, "You have just learnt it. Managing to keep it up for two hours is very impressive. More than chakra reserves, this method puts a strain on the body. That is why you are so exhausted. In time, not only will your stamina improve, but you'll also learn to better manage it by easing on the chakra depending on the battle situation."

Fujin nodded. He could sense that his chakra reserves hadn't decreased much. But his body was just too tired. He looked at Guy and analyzed, 'Even though I managed to infuse chakra into my body, the amount of chakra I can infuse is far less than him. In addition, his Taijutsu is far more refined than mine.'

It looks like forcing him into using Eight Inner Gates would be impossible unless I use Wind jutsus in the spar. Even then, he might just accept defeat and not use the Inner Gates. After all, this is merely a spar.'

Seeing Fujin silent, Guy said, "Just increase the intensity of your training. If you can't, then increase the time you train maintaining your current intensity. You will be able to maintain this state for far longer."

Fujin nodded. He looked at Guy and said, "I will. But I have a favor to ask."

Guy asked, "What is it?"

Fujin directly asked, "I want to learn the Eight Inner Gates technique. Can you teach me that?"

Guy was surprised by Fujin's directness. He thought, 'Even Kakashi wasn't this direct.'



He became quiet and began thinking. Fujin didn't disturb him. He thought, 'This request is no doubt huge. For one, this jutsu is a forbidden jutsu. Secondly, it is his trump card. If someone came to me and asked me to teach them my wind domain, there is no way I would agree. I would either directly say no or make some excuses depending on who asks.'

That said, Guy isn't the only one who knows about the Eight Inner Gates. So there will be other means of getting my hands on this technique. It's just that I'll not have the benefit of someone who has learnt this technique guiding me, making it slightly more difficult to learn this jutsu.'

Fujin observed Guy and waited for his decision. After a couple of minutes, Guy said, "I can teach you. However, the Eight Inner Gates is a very dangerous technique. It has a lot of risks."

Fujin nodded and said, "I know. Opening the Eighth Gate would result in death. Even the earlier gates put a lot of stress on the body. If it is used recklessly, it could cause irreversible injuries or even cripple the user."

Guy was surprised. He said, "It looks like you did the research before asking me."

Fujin nodded and said, "It is a forbidden technique. I won't mess around with it."

Guy smiled and said, "Alright. I'll teach you this technique. But before you begin, I want to know how much you want to progress in it. Do you want to focus entirely on it? Or do you just want it as a hidden card and use it to gain an advantage?"

Fujin sighed in relief internally and thought, 'Good. If he hadn't agreed, I would have had to pester Hiruzen again. Not to mention, learning a forbidden jutsu alone has a lot of risks.'

Fujin answered, "I can't focus entirely on it. My main combat method still revolves around Wind jutsus. I want to learn this so that I can use it in instances where my opponent is somehow immune to my Wind jutsus and other skills, forcing me to rely just on Taijutsu."

Guy frowned and said, "I can't think of any such opponent. Still, it's a shame that you don't want to focus on this entirely. With your willingness to work hard, you would have progressed a long way through it."

Fujin smiled and said, "I might still go a long way, Guy. I'll decide how much to focus on it after learning how to open a few gates. Can we start now?"

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Guy replied, "Yes. I'll first explain the basics. How much do you know about the inner gates? Tell me everything."

Fujin thought for a bit and replied, "I don't know much apart from the basics. The Eight Inner Gates are limiters placed on the human body. The Eight Inner Gates technique breaks through these limiters. My information is too vague. I'll proceed assuming that I know nothing about it and just follow your advice."

Though Fujin recalled more details from his previous life, he didn't say more because he couldn't find in-depth information on the Eight Inner Gates technique anywhere. After looking through the library, he had only found a few scrolls that had some vague information. In addition, Fujin wasn't sure whether all the information from his previous life would be true.

Meanwhile, Guy was impressed. Throwing away what you know and just listening to someone more knowledgeable and experienced was something very few could do. Most would try to stick to their knowledge and beliefs until they experienced a loss and reluctantly listen to others. He said, "Alright. I'll explain it to you.

Your initial information is right. The human body can't exert all of its strength. There are limiters in place to ensure that we don't hurt ourselves. The Eight Inner Gates forbidden technique breaks through these limiters. As for the limiters, there aren't any literal gates or blockades in our bodies.

Instead, the limiters are just like ordinary chakra points. There are eight special chakra points in our body that are responsible for limiting the amount of chakra flowing through it and thus limiting our body's capabilities. These eight chakra points act like gates. To unlock each gate, you have to push a high amount of chakra through the respective chakra point.

While this sounds easy, that isn't the case. Finding the chakra point is easy. However, you won't be able to flow a high amount of chakra through them if your body isn't strong enough to handle that. No

matter how much you try, the chakra point will not budge. That is the biggest difficulty in learning the Eight Inner Gates technique.

Your body has to be strong. If your body isn't strong enough, you won't even open the first gate. Even if your body is strong enough, if you don't train in the future, you'll slowly lose the ability to open the gates one by one. It isn't like Ninjutsu or Genjutsu where your skill will always remain with you with little practice.

That is why almost no ninja learns this technique. No one wants to keep training their body all the time. If you want to learn it, you'll have to increase the intensity of your current training and keep doing so for as long as you want to increase the number of gates you can open. Do you still want to learn this technique?"

Fujin nodded without thinking much. Training was never an issue for him. Even when he was busy in the Anbu, he still did the basic training every day except for the days he was on missions.

Guy grinned and said, "Very good. I'll now explain the gates. The First Gate is the Gate of Opening. Its chakra point is located in the left hemisphere of your brain. It removes your mental inhibitions. That is, it removes the limits placed on your body by your brain.

Your chakra will increase slightly, but the main advantage is that your muscle movement will increase. Your muscles will be able to expand and contract optimally and your blood flow will improve. Of course, the backlash of being able to do that is heavy as well. You know that the Eight Inner Gates allows you to use all your strength by removing the limiters, right?"

Fujin nodded and replied, "Yes."

Guy grinned and said, "In truth, that isn't entirely correct."

Fujin was surprised. He asked, "What do you mean?"

Guy answered, "The Gate of Opening itself allows you to use 100% of your body's capability!"

Fujin was surprised by the information. However, very quickly, it clicked. He asked, "You mean?"

Guy nodded and said, "Yes. The Gate of Opening allows you to exert 100% of your strength without harming yourself. The remaining gates extract more from your body to help you go far beyond what your body should be able to do.

Of course, that doesn't come from thin air and is instead the strength extracted from your body. As such, every Gate after the first is harmful to your body. This is especially true from the Gate of Life onwards. The damage done to your body is far worse than the muscle tears you will experience after opening the Gates. And, no healer will be able to heal that damage.

Only through intense training, you can make your body strong enough to sustain and overcome the damage to keep getting stronger. This is what I meant by you having to train continuously. The more you use the Eight Inner Gates in combat, the more you need to increase the intensity of your training.

For the Gate of Opening, the drawback is just exhaustion and some physical damage and trauma to your body due to using 100% of your strength without any mental inhibitions. You can heal the damage with some rest and the help of a good medical ninja.

The Second Gate, that is, the Gate of Healing overexerts each and every cell in your body to generate more stamina and chakra for you to recover and have a second chance in a fight. However, even this can be recovered from by eating a lot and providing sufficient nutrients to your body. From the Third Gate onwards, there is no other way other than excessively training your body. Remember this. If you learn to open them, avoid using them as long as you can."

Fujin's expression became grim. Even though he was aware of the drawbacks of the Eight Inner Gates Technique, it seemed like he had still underestimated their backlash. He thought, 'Looks like the price to pay to use them is too high. Fortunately, the cost of opening the Gate of Healing isn't high. And, I don't need to use the Eight Inner Gates against most of my opponents. I only need it against enemies who can absorb Ninjutsu or are immune to it.'

Fujin said solemnly, "I will remember this, Guy."

Guy smiled and said, "Good. The chakra point of the Gate of Healing is located in the right hemisphere of your brain. As I just said, this Gate re-energizes you by recovering your stamina and chakra to optimal condition and healing minor injuries such as muscle tears caused due to opening the Gate of Opening.

If you are exhausted, be it from opening the first Gate or through just normal fighting, this Gate will give you a second chance of fighting. In addition, it also increases your physical strength and chakra slightly like the other Gates,

The Third Gate is the Gate of Life. Its chakra point is located on your spinal cord. This is the Gate where you see an explosive growth in your strength and speed. Both are increased several times as compared to the Gate of Healing. As a result, your skin becomes red and your pupils disappear.

Of course, it is also very difficult to open for that reason. If you do manage to open the Gate of Life, you'll have to rest a long time whenever you open it. The overexertion also happens from this Gate onwards. And, as I said, some irreversible damage will be left in your body."

Fujin nodded, greedily absorbing all the information and remembering all the warnings. Guy added, "For now, this much information is sufficient for you. Learning about the higher gates won't be of any help. If you manage to learn how to open this Gate, I'll teach you about the Gate of Pain and the Gate of Limit."

Fujin nodded and said, "Alright."

Guy said, "I will now demonstrate the process of opening the First Gate. Observe me carefully."

Fujin nodded and concentrated his chakra in his eyes. Guy noticed Fujin's glowing eyes and shouted, "Eight Inner Gates Formation: Gate of Opening: Open!"

As soon as Guy opened the First Gate, the air around him became erratic. But that wasn't all. With his glowing eyes, Fujin noticed a surge of chakra flowing in Guy's body. In addition, his muscles also looked to be slightly stronger.

Guy said, "This is the Gate of Opening. I will attack you now. Observe me carefully and defend or dodge."

Fujin immediately moved away from Guy and prepared himself. Guy said, "Here I come..."

His figure disappeared and he appeared right in front of Fujin. Fujin's eyes widened as he thought, 'So fast!'

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Fujin quickly ducked down to avoid a kick and moved back to avoid Guy's fist. However, Guy followed up with a kick straight towards Fujin's face. Fujin cursed, 'Shit, I can't dodge fast enough!'

He quickly jumped backwards to soften the impact of the blow. At the same time, he raised his arms to block the kick. Before Guy's kick landed, he instinctively used the Iron Skin jutsu to harden his arms.

Guy's kick landed on Fujin's arms. Immediately, shock appeared on Fujin's face as he felt the power behind the kick. Fujin had sparred with Guy on a regular basis for the past few months. He had to endure several kicks and punches. Though Guy's body was stronger and his attacks were heavier, Fujin could always endure the hits.

However, this time, Fujin was launched backwards like a cannonball. The Iron Skin jutsu covered his entire body. He smashed through two trees which slowed him enough to flip in the air and land on his legs and knees.

However, he was still dragged along the ground for around 25 meters and only stopped after hitting the third tree. Despite protecting his arms with Iron Skin jutsu, Fujin could still feel them aching. Fortunately, the rest of his body was fine.

He thought in amazement, 'Just the First Gate provides so much buff? So this is the result of using your body at 100% and removing all mental inhibitions? His speed was fast. More importantly, his movement was just too fluid. Is this due to the improvement in Muscle Movement that he said? And his kick was so heavy as well!'

Guy looked at Fujin's expression and said, "By removing the mental inhibitions, your brain no longer limits the extent of physical energy you can use. It also removes any sense of holding back due to the fear of hurting my body due to my power. Hence, I can use all my strength.

Though the effects aren't very obvious to the eye, you should have felt them. Apart from my increase in chakra, the improvement in my muscle movement allows me to move and more importantly react faster.

You could dodge my first attack, but the successive attacks became harder for you to dodge because your body couldn't react as fast as mine. And since I no longer cared about hurting myself, my strength was far greater than yours."

Fujin thought for a bit and nodded. He said, "Yeah, dodging your first kick wasn't difficult. But it became very difficult to dodge the follow-up attacks. Your kick was far heavier as well. I can still feel it."

As he talked a smile appeared on Fujin's face. He thought, 'Not bad at all. Though I have already seen it, I wasn't expecting such a surprise from the First Gate. In the show, only the last 3 Gates were useful when combating against rank S ninjas. So, I didn't have much hope from earlier Gates other than the Gate of Healing.

Once I am done with the Flying Thunder God and the seals I want to create, I can focus on the Eight Inner Gates along with my Wind Domain and keep that up at least until I can learn Senjutsu. No matter how many Gates I can open, it'll just be beneficial for me as long as I don't use them repeatedly.'

He looked at Guy and asked the question he wanted to ask for a long time, "How do I open the Gate of Opening?"

Guy said, "You will first have to locate the chakra point in the Left Hemisphere of your brain."

Guy took out a few scrolls from his jacket and went through them until he found the scroll he wanted. He opened it, showed it to Fujin and said, "Study this diagram properly and observe the location of that chakra point in the diagram. Every individual has their chakra points at slightly different positions, but they are still close by. Try to find your chakra point that acts as the first Gate. If you want, you can read the notes as well."

Fujin nodded and said, "Thanks, Guy."

Fujin carefully went through the scroll. After understanding everything, he closed his eyes and sat in a meditative position. Chakra began flowing smoothly throughout his body. He focused on just the chakra points in the left hemisphere of his brain. In a couple of minutes, he located the chakra point that Guy and the scroll were referring to.

He opened his eyes and said, "Found it."

Guy said, "Good."

He took back the scroll. Fujin couldn't help but ask, "Do you carry such scrolls all the time with you?"

Guy chuckled and said, "Just a few. They don't have details on all the Gates. I also use it to make notes in case I discover something new while training or opening the Inner Gates during a fight. Besides, most of the villages already have the method of learning this technique. They just lack anyone who would be willing to train all the time."

Fujin thought, 'Hmm, that makes sense. Even in Konoha, there are the likes of Hiruzen, Danzo, the three Sannins and Kakashi. None of them lacked talent. However, none of them are willing to train all the time like Guy did. Of course, considering their talent, it could be just because they don't need it.'

After all, not everyone can be like Guy who almost killed Madara who had reached the level of the Sage of Six Paths. By comparison, Might Duy, who opened the Gate of Death, was only able to kill four out of the Seven Ninja Swordsmen of the Mist.

Madara, even when he only had the Eternal Mangekyou Sharingan could still kill all Seven Ninja Swordsmen of the Mist without breaking a sweat. Heck, even Hiruzen might be able to do it, assuming someone like Kisame isn't a part of that team. So I guess they didn't value it that highly considering the costs.'

Still, Fujin was surprised. He chuckled and said, "I never thought of you as someone who would make notes, Guy."

The image of Might Guy sitting and writing notes was just too funny for Fujin to imagine. Guy laughed as well and said, "Well, it can't be helped. No matter who, if you want to become strong, you can't ignore



such basics. Anyways, now that you have found the chakra point, focus your chakra on it. You will feel some resistance. If you don't, then it would mean that the chakra point you chose is wrong and stop immediately.

Once you feel the resistance, force as much chakra as you can through it. Since it is your first time, it will be difficult. But your body is sufficiently strong. You should be able to do it relatively easily. In the best case, you might get it done in a few minutes. In the worst-case scenario, you'll open it in a week."

Fujin was surprised. He wondered, 'That fast? Hmm, now that I think about it, it makes sense. After all, Lee would master up to the 5th Gate in less than two years. And his body now is far weaker than mine when I graduated. Well, let's hope everything goes well.'

Fujin closed his eyes and focused on that Chakra Point once again. He tried to gently push a little amount of chakra through it. At the start, some chakra went through the Chakra Point. But very quickly, it resisted. Fujin couldn't push any chakra through it.

He thought, 'It looks like I spotted it correctly. Alright, here goes nothing!'