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Chapter 51: Clash in the Forest of Death

Team Renjiro rested in the town for the day. Next morning, they left the town to return to Konoha. On arriving, they went to the Hokage tower to turn in the missions. Renjiro handed the papers to the chuunin responsible for checking them. After checking, he handed 4 packets to Renjiro.

The 4 missions combined, paid them 280k. After Renjiro divided them, each of the 3 kids got 56k. Fujin thought, '280k just for these missions? I'm pretty sure I could have completed them solo and in under a day! It's much faster than Fuinjutsu. Though it has some risks, if a strong ninja is hiding among the bandits. Anyways, I should be able to collect enough for a sword made from chakra metal pretty quickly if I take a lot of missions.' Unlike Fujin, Mieko and Hoka didn't concern themselves much with the money. Thanks to having rather rich parents, they never had to worry or think about money.

After the division of money, Renjiro dismissed them and said, "Tomorrow there won't be any training. We begin our training the day after tomorrow at the same time as usual." The kids nodded and dispersed.

Since it was lunch time, Fujin decided to head to Ichiraku. On the way, Fujin thought, '7 rank D missions and 4 rank C missions. Isn't the requirement for chuunin exam just 8 missions? I wonder when Renjiro will make us take the exam. Will it be the next round, or will it be like Teru's squad?'

Thinking about Teru created new thoughts in Fujin's mind, 'Ya, isn't Teru's squad participating in the chuunin exam? I wonder what has happened with that. Did the chuunin exams already start, or is there still some time?' This question resulted in Fujin realising something very critical.

He thought, 'Now that I think about it, I am really clueless in regards to what is happening around me. Other than what I remember about what will happen in the future, I have no idea about what is exactly happening. I need some means of gathering information. But, how to do it....'

He thought for a bit and decided, 'Well, the least I should do is start getting newspapers delivered to my home. Though it won't contain any crucial information, it'll still keep me updated. Apart from that, I should probably make my own information gathering network. While I don't think I'd be able to make something as complex as what Jiraiya has, I don't really need it to be that good either. Just getting

unfiltered and timely news would be sufficient. Oh well, I'll leave this for the future too. It'll take a lot of effort, time and money to actually create it. Right now, I barely have any money or free time anywa...'

His thoughts were cut by a loud shout. He heard, "Old man! Three miso ramens for me." Fujin turned right and noticed, 'Eh, Naruto? I didn't even notice reaching Ichiraku. But considering that Naruto is here...' Fujin then focused on sensing his surroundings. After sensing, he thought, 'As I thought. 2 Anbus are hiding nearby. Or perhaps 1 Anbu and 1 Root. I doubt Danzo wouldn't keep his eye on the lone Jinchuriki of Konoha.'

He then released a sigh and thought, 'Well, as much as I'd like to meet him now, it'll probably create a lot of deviations in the future. Not to mention that it'll also gain the attention of both Hiruzen and Danzo. I'll leave this meeting for the future. At least until the time I can calculate and control those deviations. And until I'm strong enough to at least face these two Anbus in case they have some stupid ideas. Sigh, this means I'll have to go to a different restaurant.'

Fujin then moved in the direction of a nearby sushi restaurant. After lunch, he searched for a newspaper stand near his house and bought a subscription.

With the rank C missions completed, Team Renjiro got back to their training. A week's rest suddenly made the morning workout seem much more difficult. When Renjiro returned after the team's break was over, Mieko asked, "Sensei, when can we go on the next mission?" Hoka looked over with interest. Renjiro replied casually, "Rank C missions take a lot longer time than rank D missions. So we'll only do 1 monthly. Rest of the time will be focused on your training." Mieko's shoulders slumped on hearing that. It meant that there was no escape from this deadly training.

At the same time as Fujin and his teammates were training, two genin squads faced each other deep within a forest. Both squads consisted of 3 boys. However, one squad only had 10-11 years old genins. While the other squad had 3 genins who were almost 17 years old. The younger squad was from Konoha, while the older squad was from Kusa.

Yori looked at his opponents. They were much older than him, but he wasn't worried. After all, they weren't Uchihis.

Yokota Minoru, one of the Kusa genins, said arrogantly, "Looks like we are in luck. Konoha sent little babies for the exam." Yokota Yoshiaki chuckled and added, "Why don't you little kids hand us your scroll and run to your mommies."

The comments riled Yori up. He angrily said, "Why you! I'll show you the might of a..." However he was cut short by his teammate. Hatake Kaen said, "Calm down, they are just trying to rile you." Tomaya Takhiko started laughing and replied, "Oh, we aren't. We are just stating the truth." Teru sighed and said, "They really are arrogant." Kaen chuckled and added, "Especially considering that they are still only genins despite being so old."

Takhiko replied, "Old eh? I'll show you." He quickly began making hand signs. However Teru slammed his hands on the ground and shouted, "Too late!" As soon as Teru slammed his hands on the ground, stone spears began appearing from the ground and completely surrounded the Kusa squad. Seeing their predicament, Kusa-nins stopped their hand signs and quickly jumped high towards the nearby trees. Yori, who was already making hand signs, thought, 'Got them!' and launched Phoenix Sage Fire jutsu.

Seeing the balls of fire heading towards them, Minoru and Yoshiaki quickly made hand signs, 'Water Shield jutsu'. On completing the hand signs, a shield of water began forming between the Kusa genins and the fire jutsu. The shield was completely formed in the nick of time and managed to protect them from the fire. However, Teru used this opportunity to launch the stone spears at the airborne Kusa genins. The stone spears easily penetrated the water shield, forcing the Kusa genins to use a kunai to block the spears and direct themselves to land properly on the nearby trees.

As soon as they landed on the trees, they began making hand signs. However, before they could complete their jutsu, a Tanto appeared behind Yoshiaki and stabbed through his heart. Kaen, who had appeared behind Yoshiaki, whispered, "Game over." He pulled his Tanto out, and a lifeless body fell from the tree.

Seeing their teammate die was very shocking for the Kusa genins. Especially for Minoru who was his cousin. He yelled, "I'm going to kill you!" Seeing Minoru lose his calm alarmed Takhiko. He quickly shouted, "Minoru, wait!" However the shout fell on deaf ears. Minoru completed his hand signs, 'Water Pellet jutsu'. He launched the water pellet straight at Kaen. However, Kaen simply moved behind the trees, completely avoiding the attack.

Seeing his attack missing enraged Minoru even further. He jumped towards Kaen. Sensing the opening, Teru quickly made hand signs. Seeing Teru preparing a jutsu, Takhiko completed his hand signs and launched a water pellet straight at Teru. But Yori noticed it and thought, 'Not on my watch.' He quickly launched Fireball jutsu to intercept the water pellet. At the same time, Teru launched a water pellet straight at Minoru. The jutsu hit Minoru on his left rib cage, and knocked him off course.

Seeing his teammate at a disadvantage, Takihiro wanted to rush towards him. However, he was intercepted by Yori and Teru. They engaged him in a fight and didn't allow him to move towards Minoru.

The water pellet hurt Minoru badly, however he gritted his teeth and fought through the pain. He grabbed a kunai and continued moving towards Kaen. On closing the distance, he attacked with his kunai. Kaen raised his Tanto to block the attack. Though Minoru attacked with a lot of force, as soon as the kunai and Tanto clashed, an electric current passed through the kunai and hit him. Though not deadly, it was very painful, and Minoru had to take his hand off the kunai.

Kaen smirked and thought, 'Current Transfer jutsu. Always works!' He just stepped forward and slashed his Tanto at Minoru's neck. Minoru, who was blinded by rage, in immense pain due to the damaged ribs and still feeling the electric current, couldn't dodge and the slash went straight across his throat. His throat split open, causing blood to sprout out from it. He looked at Kaen with unwillingness in his eyes. Sadly, he couldn't even control his body anymore and fell down, dead.

At the same time, Takihiro was engaged against Teru and Yori. After exchanging a few blows, Yori closed the distance and launched Fireball jutsu. Knowing that Takihiro will dodge, Teru threw shurikens in such a manner that Takihiro couldn't dodge the fireball. Not having any option, Takihiro used Water Shield jutsu to defend. On seeing the water shield, Teru thought, 'All 3 have water affinity? Well sucks to be them.' He quickly made a hand sign and slammed his hands on the ground.

At that moment, the fireball had engulfed the water shield. However, Takihiro was completely safe due to the shield. Sadly for him, at that very moment, a stone spear appeared from the ground. It easily penetrated the water shield and headed towards Takihiro. The spear alarmed him. He grabbed a kunai and attempted to block the spear. But the spear pushed him backwards, throwing him out of his water shield, and into the fireball, burning him alive.

On seeing him die, Teru sighed in relief. He said, "All done." Yori nodded and said, "Yeah, that was easier than expected." Teru chuckled and said, "Yeah. Let's just hope that this guy wasn't carrying the scroll." Yori looked at Teru with confusion. But he quickly realized and cursed, "Damn! That scroll will be ashes if he has it." At that time Kaen appeared from behind. He said, "No need to worry. The crazy guy had it." He then tossed the scroll slightly in the air and commented, "We were very lucky that such a weak team had the scroll we needed."

Teru said, "Cool, got the Earth scroll. Let's head towards the tower." Yori objected and said, "That'll be boring. Why not just try to eliminate the weaker teams in the forest? That way the competition will be lesser in the next rounds." Kaen shook his head and said, "It doesn't matter. This forest will eliminate the weak teams anyway." Teru nodded and agreed, "Yeah. Not to mention, the more time we spend in the

forest, the more teams will set up traps near the tower. And if a team is weak enough to be eliminated by us in this round, then we will be able to do the same in the next round too." Seeing that both his teammates opposed his idea, Yori relented and accompanied his team to the tower.

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Chapter 53: Up a Few Notches

After the mission ended, Renjiro continued the training of his students.

One day, when the training was about to end, Renjiro observed his 3 students. He smiled seeing them, with a bit of pride. He thought, 'These 3 have turned out to be quite good. I'll be surprised if any of them aren't promoted to Jounin before they turn 16. I suppose they do deserve some praise from their sensei.'

The training was completed soon and the genins were about to leave when Renjiro stopped them. He said, "Three months earlier, I accepted to be the Jounin sensei of your squad. Do you recall what I told you then?"

Fujin, Hoka, and Miekko, all shake their heads. Hoka asked, "What did you say sensei?"

Renjiro sighed and said, "You guys are on a probation period, remember?"

Understanding that Renjiro just wanted to make it official, Fujin tilted his head and asked, "What probation period Sensei? Miekko, do you remember any?"

Miekko understood him and tilted her head too, "Nope, don't remember. Any idea Hoka?"

Hoka too tilted his head and said, "Nope. No idea what you're talking about Sensei."

Renjiro's face goes completely dark, looking at the perfect poker face maintained by his 3 students. Seeing his reaction, the 3 Genins couldn't help but laugh out loud. Renjiro finally gives up on the antics of his students. He composed himself and said, "You guys have pas..."

However, Hoka cuts him off and says, "We already know Sensei." And the 3 genins flicker away, leaving their Sensei completely dumbfounded. Renjiro smiled bitterly and muttered to himself, "I really need to have a word with the one who suggested I put the top squad of the year on probation."

It had been 4 weeks since they had been officially made Genins. Fujin, Hoka, and Mieko were resting under a tree after the morning workout.

Mieko started the conversation by saying, "The final round of the chunin exams will be tomorrow." Mieko nodded and said, "Yeah, two of my classmates will be participating in the fight tomorrow." Mieko continued, "Yeah, I wanna see Yori's fight. I wonder if Sensei would allow us to see the fights." Fujin chuckled and said, "Good luck asking Sensei for a holiday." On hearing that, Mieko looked at Fujin with an annoyed expression. Fujin ignored that and thought, 'That said, it won't be a bad thing to see how much Teru and Yori have progressed. They have been genin for a year longer than me.'

After the break, Renjiro appeared and gathered his squad. On seeing him, Mieko quickly wanted to ask him permission to watch the next day's fights. However, Renjiro stopped her and said, "We'll be taking another mission. We will leave tomorrow at 9 am."

Mieko quickly asked, "Sensei, can't we take the mission a couple of days later?" Renjiro squinted his eyes and asked, "Why?" She replied, "Sensei, we were wondering if we could watch the chunin exams that will be held tomorrow." Renjiro, with the same expression, asked the same thing again, "Why?" Mieko put up a diligent expression and answered seriously, "We want to observe the tactics, strategies, and jutsus that ninjas from our neighboring villages use. That way we will be more prepared when we have to fight them."

Fujin chuckled internally at the answer. Renjiro didn't forbid any ideas they had. Just that, he required a solid reason to agree to them. That was why Mieko prepared such an answer.

Renjiro dismissively waved his hands and said, "It's merely genins fighting. You won't learn much." He then looked at his squad and said, "Let's get back to training." Mieko slumped her shoulders in disappointment. Fujin thought, 'That's a bit surprising. I thought he would agree with that reasoning. Well whatever, it doesn't matter much.'

The next day, Team Renjiro accepted the mission to accompany a merchant caravan to the Land of Rivers. The mission was very uneventful with only one small bandit group trying to assault the caravan. It took 9 days to reach the Land of Rivers and the return journey took another day.

The squad returned to Konoha around midnight. After completing the formalities, Renjiro dismissed the squad. Fujin, on returning home, saw a bunch of newspapers lying outside his door. He picked them up and went inside. He made a couple of shadow clones to go through the papers, while he went for a bath. The clones went through the papers briefly and dispelled themselves.

On receiving all the information, Fujin thought, 'I see, both Teru and Yori became chunin. A bit surprising, but I guess Konoha is still trying to increase the number of chunins and jounins. Well, I suppose my promotion too should happen in my first attempt then.'

Not having much to do for the remaining day, Fujin decided to brush up on his Fuinjutsu. He made 3 clones, and all four together created all the seals that they knew.

While revising his Fuinjutsu knowledge, Fujin began reviewing his progress over the last few months, he analyzed, 'it's been 4 months since I graduated. The progress has honestly been phenomenal. I really underestimated the effect of having a dedicated Elite Jounin guiding you. Then again, I never expected that we'd be taught this well. My chakra reserves have almost doubled. The amount of pressure I can handle from my training seal is up to 18%. Despite not training, I can now sense up to a kilometer away. Taijutsu too has improved a lot due to constant sparring. And undoubtedly, my Ninjutsu and Kenjutsu have improved the most. I can now use Chakra flow on my sword with ease. I really want to get into an all-out fight to test my power. I wonder if I'll get any such chance soon.'

The next day, at 4:45 am, Fujin arrived at the training ground. Mieko and Hoka were already there. Seeing them, Fujin asked, "Yo, ready for another 3-4 weeks of hardcore training?" Mieko's shoulders dropped and she replied, "I'd rather go on missions." Fujin and Hoka chuckled looking at her reactions. 4 months of training together and 2 long missions outside the village had improved the relationship between the three a lot. Their teamwork was also very good. Though it still needs to be tested against a proper ninja team.

At 5, Renjiro flickered in front of his team. Seeing his team is ready to begin their morning workout, he nodded internally. However, knowing what was to come, he couldn't help smirking a bit. Seeing that smirk instantly made his Genins very worried. Fujin thought, 'Okay, what now?'

Renjiro started by saying, "In the last 4 months, I have drilled all the basic formations into you. You'll use these formations even when you become Genins."

The team calmed down after hearing this. Fujin thought, 'Finally. No more boring training sessions on team formations. But why is he smirking? He won't become kind all of a sudden!'

Renjiro continued, "So, from now on, I'll be entirely focusing on increasing your capabilities. So the training will go up a few notches."

Hearing that all the 3 genins were stunned. Mieko freaked out, 'a few notches?' Fujin was also sweating a bit, 'Doesn't he already make us exert our 100%?' Hoka too wondered how intense a few notches would be.

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Chapter 54: Senju Taijutsu Style

Renjiro just chuckled at their expressions, and said, "First, we are going to increase the pressure applied by the training seals. What are the pressures you are using right now?"

Mieko replied, "3%"

Hoka, "38%"

Fujin, "18.5%"

Renjiro nodded and said, "Good. Mieko, you'll increase it to 5%. Hoka to 45%. Fujin to 22%."

The genins followed the instructions of their sensei. After increasing the pressure, Renjiro began the morning workout. In addition to increasing the pressure from the seals, the training itself was made much tougher. And instead of ending at 9, it continued till 10.

At the end of the training, all 3 genins were lying under a tree, in a lifeless manner. Renjiro laughed looking at this scene and said loudly, "How will you guys achieve your dreams if a simple training session defeats you? You have an hour's break. The afternoon training will continue from 11 to 2." On saying that he flickered away.

After half an hour, Fujin and Hoka gained some energy. While Mieko was still sleeping. Hoka asked, "Any idea why he suddenly doubled the intensity of the training?" Fujin replied, "Who knows. Maybe he plans to enter us in the next Chunin exam. Or maybe he was just letting us take it easy as we just graduated." He took a deep breath before continuing, "Anyways, it seems like it'll be very helpful for us." Hoka sighed and said, "I always thought I was the one who looked forward to training the most. But it seems like you are even more of a maniac than me." Saying that he laughed lightly.

Fujin looked back at him, before chuckling a bit and said, "Oh well. Let's hope that we get out of this alive." He then grabbed his ration bars and devoured them and began stretching. Hoka followed.

At 11, Renjiro appeared again. He created 2 shadow clones and said, "Today we will be discussing how to increase your growth rate. Follow one."

Mieko and Hoka follow a shadow clone each into the forests, while Fujin stays there.

Renjiro looked at Fujin and asked, "Who do you think has grown the fastest among you three?" Fujin thought for a bit and answered, "Probably me." Renjiro nodded and replied, "Indeed. You've grown much faster than any of your academy teachers predicted. Even faster than I predicted. However, compared to your two teammates, you have a huge disadvantage. Do you know what it is?"

Fujin fell into thought on hearing the question. After a minute, he answered, "Kekkei Genkai".

Renjiro nodded, "Right, but not completely. Along with their Kekkei Genkai, they also have their huge clans, which have already developed complementary jutsus to leverage the advantage their kekkei genkai gives them."

Hearing that, Fujin fell into his thoughts. Renjiro continued, "Both Hoka and Mieko are very talented. Soon, their families will begin heavily investing in them, boosting their growth at a high speed in a systematic way. What do you have to contend with? Or will you be left behind by them?"

Fujin replied seriously, "That is why I invested time into becoming a sensor and learning swordplay. I don't have any Kekkei Genkai. So obviously I won't get any sudden boost to my powers. But as long as I keep training my skills to the limit, I'll surpass the ninjas who depend on their Kekkei Genkai."

Renjiro maintained a serious face and asked, "What makes you think that the ones with Kekkei Genkai won't train to their limits? Do you really think that you can surpass them despite all the advantages they have over you?"

Fujin smiled and put his hand gently on his sword handle. "I've heard that the strongest Samurai in the Land of Iron can go head to head against a Kage with nothing but his sword. Even in Konoha, despite having so many people with Kekkei Genkai, the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Hokage are all ninjas who didn't have any Kekkei Genkai. Similarly, no member of the Sannins has a Kekkei Genkai. So as long as I keep training hard, I don't think I'd lose to anyone with a Kekkei Genkai."

Renjiro was surprised to hear this answer. More importantly, he was surprised to hear the confidence in Fujin's voice. He smiled wryly and thought, 'Oh well, this one has no need of any encouragement or confidence boost. Though he might need a reality check.'

At the same time, Fujin was thinking, 'Was he planning to give me a pep talk or something? Anyways, while Kekkei Genkai is good, it's not something that would churn out rank S ninjas. Other than Eternal Mangekyou Sharingan, Rinnegan and maybe Tenseigan, others aren't really overbearing. I guess the Senju treat the Wood release with the highest respect, but in all honesty, it was Hashirama who made wood style overpowered and not vice versa. Besides, of my 2 teammates, one is about to die soon, while the other has a cursed seal put on him. Not really something I'd be jealous about.'

After a short pause, Renjiro began talking again, "That's a good perspective to have. But don't forget that whether it's the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Hokage, or the 3 Sannins, all were extremely talented and hard-working. So while it's a good thing to take inspiration from them, don't forget that you'll have to train extremely hard to even dream about reaching that level."

Fujin nodded and replied, "Yes Sensei."

Renjiro smiled and added, "There's one another thing I want to tell you about Kekkei Genkai. But you are not ready for it yet. I'll tell you when you complete your first B Rank mission as a Chunin."

Fujin wondered what Renjiro wanted to tell him. He replied, "Alright sensei."

Renjiro then asked, "What is your analysis of your current capability? And how do you plan on continuing your training?"

Fujin thought for a bit, before answering, "To start with, my ability as a Sensor-nin is developing decently. But that'll be my secondary ability. In terms of fighting, it seems like my main stay will be Wind Release and Swordplay. Swordplay is my preferred choice of close combat. While Wind release gives me Mid and Long range capabilities. Of course, both still have a lot of work that needs to be done. I can use some Earth release jutsus for defensive purposes. And I have Body Flicker jutsu for mobility. My physical strength, speed, and chakra are decent too I guess. At least for a genin that is."

Renjiro was impressed by Fujin's analysis. Fujin continued, "As for what I'm missing or need to improve... I need some strong jutsu in my arsenal that can create a deadly impact or devastation on the battlefield. And my Taijutsu needs to improve. All I have there is the basic academy style."

On completing his answer, he looked up at his Sensei. Renjiro replied, "On-point analysis. You don't need to worry about a strong jutsu though. When you become a Jounin, you'll get to look at Rank A jutsus that our village has. For now, stick with rank C jutsus. Preferably for the next couple of years, until your Chakra grows considerably.

You are right about your Taijutsu though. While you did rank high in the Academy, that basic style won't aid you much in growing stronger. That's why I'll be teaching you the Taijutsu I practice. That is the Senju Taijutsu style!"

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Chapter 55: The Path to becoming an Elite

That surprised Fujin. He quickly thanked his Sensei, "Thank You Sensei. But can you just teach it to someone who isn't from the Senju clan?"

Renjiro raised his eyebrow and asked, "What do you mean someone? You are my student." He then laughed and said, "Don't worry, our techniques are for the whole village. Anyone who can learn it can use them. Of course, the keyword is CAN."

Fujin asked, "What do you mean by 'can' Sensei?"

Renjiro replied, "The people from our clan are blessed with high levels of chakra. Surely you'd have sensed that by now." Fujin nodded.

Renjiro continued, "So our techniques usually have high chakra requirements. If anyone else were to try and learn, they'll run out of chakra very quickly. You, on the other hand, have a lot of chakra as compared to your counterparts. In fact, it's more than both Hoka and Miei combined. So you'll be perfect to learn Senju Taijutsu style."

Fujin quickly understood and nodded, "Alright! When can we start Sensei? Also, can you explain what exactly is Senju Taijutsu style? I haven't ever read it."

Renjiro replied, "We'll begin right away after I explain the basics. Senju Taijutsu style is actually pretty straightforward. Actually, the Academy Taijutsu style was created by referring to our style. What makes Senju style lethal is the use of Chakra.

Any Taijutsu style basically consists of users fighting with their arms and legs or some other body parts. Of course, there are a few exceptions, like Hyuga Taijutsu which releases small amounts of chakra from their fingers or palm, and a clan in Kiri that uses bones.

In Senju Taijutsu style, your every move will be reinforced by Chakra. You want to punch? Your fist needs to gather Chakra first and release it on impact. You want to kick? You have to do the same. You want to block? Infuse chakra into the body part you want to block with or is about to hit.

This ensures that your defense is like a fortress, while your attack is devastating. Of course, such a style means that not only do you need to have a huge amount of chakra, but you also need to have very good chakra control. Else, even a huge chakra reserve will get depleted very quickly."

Renjiro's explanation shocked Fujin a bit. He analyzed, 'Isn't this similar to Tsunade's fighting style? In fact, I did already make some attempts of infusing chakra in my punches. To think this is the Senju style. Tsunade's fighting style probably represents the Senju Taijutsu style used by someone who's reached the peak of Chakra control.

Anyways, this is very good. Finally, a Taijutsu style that can allow me to compete, or even overpower others.'

After analyzing, he said, "Let's start Sensei."

Renjiro nodded and began the training. He said, "First, we will start by getting you to completely infuse your chakra in your whole body. Once you can do that, we will begin concentrating on infusing it with individual body parts only.

Display your entire Chakra first."

Fujin obeyed, and released his entire chakra. Renjiro looked at Fujin. He could see a blue chakra completely cloaking Fujin. His first thought was, 'Marvellous'.

Fujin too was in thought, 'Actually, I do have some basic understanding of this. While I never exposed it for obvious reasons. Now will be a good time to use it to just show it as natural talent, hehe.'

Following Fujin's expectations, Renjiro gave his next command, "Now try to contain that Chakra inside your body, such that it flows through your entire body. Think of it as similar to you doing Chakra Flow on your body rather than just your sword."

Fujin followed his guidance. He slowly began containing that Chakra in his body. In around 2 mins, the blue aura cloaking him slowly disappeared. But if someone were to observe closely, they'd notice blue chakra flares being expelled occasionally from his body.

Renjiro, who was standing right in front of him, was shocked. He thought, 'So fast? This...'

He swallowed his saliva before exclaiming to himself, 'This is unbelievable. Though the control isn't perfect by any means, he managed to contain the chakra in just a couple of minutes! It's as if this technique was made for him.'

Fujin looked up at Renjiro, before asking, "Is this proper Sensei?"

Renjiro nodded and replied, "Yes, very good. But you are losing a lot of chakra while trying to maintain this form.

The next phase of your training will be to perfect this form. You'll activate it, and meditate until you can properly contain your chakra with zero loss. Until then, no Ninjutsu or Kenjutsu practice for you.

In fact, even when doing your morning workout, you'll start doing it by maintaining this form."

Hearing that he won't get to practice Ninjutsu or Kenjutsu disappointed Fujin a bit, but seeing the importance Renjiro stressed on this, he could vaguely guess that this will become something that might define him for a long time to come. It might even be what breaks him apart from the normal ninjas, and pave his way into becoming an Elite!

Renjiro's thoughts too were along the same lines, 'Now that I've seen your potential in this, no way I'd allow you to not raise this aspect to the peak!'

Apart from a short lunch break, Fujin ended up training alongside Renjiro till 8PM. Finally, at 8, the training ended and Fujin was allowed to leave.

Before leaving, however, Renjiro said something that left Fujin tongue-tied! He said, "Tomorrow, increase the pressure on your seal to 30% during the morning workout." Fujin looked at his teacher skeptically, but seeing the serious look on his face, he just nodded helplessly.

On reaching home, Fujin ate a few Ration bars and straightaway dived into his bed thinking, 'Damn!! My entire body is sore! It's as if each and every cell in my body is screaming in pain! This is nuts. No wonder Renjiro asked me to double my Ration bar intake.

Still though. The progress that I made just today is crazy. If I manage to keep up with this training for months, I have no idea how strong I'd become!'

Not having the energy to do anything, he fell asleep.

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Chapter 56: Rapid Improvement!

The next morning, when he woke up, something left Fujin completely shocked! His body had no pain whatsoever. He speculated, 'Does this training also heal the body in some way? Or is it something else? More importantly, is this safe? I need to consult him asap!'

Renjiro appeared at the Training ground at 5am as usual and asked the genins to begin their workout. However, today, Fujin said, "Sensei, I have some queries."

Understanding what query he'd have, he replied, "Alright. Hoka, Mieko, you two begin your workout. Fujin will join you two soon."

Hoka left wondering what query Fujin had, while Mieko left begrudgingly as Fujin got to skip out on the workout a bit.

Renjiro then looked at Fujin and asked, "Is it about the quick healing?" Fujin nodded.

Renjiro answered, "It's a side effect of this training. Since you infuse Chakra in your body, it ends up activating each and every cell of your body. This will increase your passive healing and also reduce the amount of time you need to recover from fatigue or exhaustion."

He then smiled a bit and continued, "There's actually a few more advantages of this training. It'll increase your stamina, and more importantly, your chakra reserves."

Fujin's eyes widened on hearing that. He quickly asked, "Isn't it too much of a hax?"

Renjiro smirked and said, "Not really. The passive healing, while good, isn't really groundbreaking. As for Chakra increase, it is only visible when you start this training and if your chakra reserve isn't already very high.

So while you may see a huge boost to your chakra and stamina in the next few weeks, later on, the effect won't really be that obvious."

That killed Fujin's excitement a bit as he sank into his thoughts, 'Oh, then it's not that big of a hax. But still pretty good though. After all, the very requirement to learn this style is having high chakra. And if

the effect of learning this style was a boost to your chakra reserve, then it just doubles down on that advantage!'

He looked back at Renjiro and asked, "Is there any harmful side effect to using this technique?"

Renjiro was a bit surprised by that question. After all, any other 10 year old genin would just be too happy with such a huge buff. He remembered that he himself had been lost in delight when he had learnt this technique. He answered, "Don't worry, this is a very old Senju technique. There are no harmful effects. In fact, considering the long lifespans of my clan members, it might even be having a good effect on your health."

Hearing the answer, Fujin let out a sigh of relief. Renjiro looked at him and said, "If you have no more questions, begin your workout. Your teammates have left you behind considerably."

Fujin thanked him and started the workout. While he had increased the pressure from the seal a lot, infusing chakra meant that exercises were actually easier for him.

Of course, that wasn't foolproof. After all, the moment his chakra ran out, was the moment hell began feeling real to Fujin!

Later that day, Fujin talked with Renjiro about the issue of Chakra running out during the Morning workout. But Renjiro just smiled 'innocently' and said, "You have enough chakra to be able to go through the whole morning workout without running out. It's just your control that is lacking. So if you don't want to run out of chakra during your workout, train and improve your control."

Fujin gave a deadpan look to his teacher's innocent smile. He could bet all his money that he was laughing at his misery.

The training continued in a similar manner for Fujin. After 3 days, he finally managed to last the entire morning workout without running out of chakra.

On day 7, he finally managed to contain all Chakra in his body properly. He still didn't reach zero wastage, but the amount of chakra leaking out now was very negligible.

These 7 days, however, had blown Fujin's mind. The result of this training was phenomenal!

He muttered to himself in disbelief, "Just 1 week of this training has increased my chakra reserves by 50%!"

In addition to the chakra increase, Renjiro made Fujin increase the pressure on the training seal from day 3 onwards. Right now it was up to 40%.

The next month was spent on properly mastering chakra control for the Senju Taijutsu style. At the end of the training, Fujin could finally freely control his chakra and employ it in a spar against Renjiro.

This training increased his Chakra by another 35-40%. In just over 5 months since he graduated, Fujin's chakra reserves had a four-fold increase! His thoughts were, "Incredible! I now have more Chakra than even Genki! And he was an Elite Chuunin for 4 years at least. Damn, I really want to test out my Ninjutsu right now."

Unfortunately, he was still denied permission to train Ninjutsu. With all 3 students training intensely, Renjiro didn't take any missions for a couple of months.

Renjiro spent a few more weeks drilling all the basics of Senju Taijutsu style in Fujin.

The process of increasing pressure from the training seal continued during this time. At that moment, it was at 55%! Fujin always had to keep infusing his body with chakra while doing rigorous training or sparring. Otherwise, this pressure would slow him down a lot. And if he was doing some normal activities, like walking or running or resting, then the pressure shouldn't really bother him much. By this logic, Renjiro had Fujin maintain that pressure all the time.

Finally, one fine evening, Renjiro watched a tired Fujin panting on the ground. They had just finished another one of their spars. He smiled and said, "Great work kiddo. You have finally got all the basics down properly."

Fujin just nodded. Clearly, he was too tired to answer back. Renjiro smiled and said, "Let's end here. Take a rest and take tomorrow off."

Hearing that, Fujin suddenly looked up. There were almost tears in his eyes! He thought, 'Finally!!'

Renjiro chuckled at his reaction and then flickered away.

Fujin rested a bit and then dragged himself across Konoha to his house while thinking, 'Finally! 2 months, and not a single day's break. Hoka and Mieko got off days saying that they needed to master their clan jutsus. But for me? I didn't get even a single session off!'

He went to sleep while complaining about the unfairness in his heart.

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Chapter 57: Supercharged Wind Jutsus

The next day, Fujin, for the first time in years, slept like a log till noon! On waking up, there was no soreness from the earlier day. He thought, 'Got to admit, I really love this aspect of this training. I always wake up in full health and stamina! Anyways, no more Ration bars today!'

After freshening up, he left home. While talking he thought, 'I really miss the advanced technology. In my previous life, I could never imagine myself being without a smartphone for years. Heck, I would have most likely spent today on the net, while lazing on my sofa and ordering all the food home, haha.'

Soon, he arrived at Ichiraku. He sat there and said, "Old man, give me one of each bowl you have!" Teuchi was surprised at the order. After all, it's not daily when someone would overeat Ramen. He smiled and said, "You've come here after a long time Fujin." Fujin sighed, "Yeah. Another old man made me train all the time. So I had no free time at all."

Teuchi smiled and encouraged him, "Hang in there young man." And he began making the ramen. Ever since he graduated, Fujin's trips to Ichiraku and Yakiniku had increased. His food was usually just Ration bars, and when he got an opportunity, he would visit these 2 restaurants. So his relationship with Teuchi was good.

Soon 2 bowls were served in front of Fujin. Teuchi wore his trademark smile and said, "Eat up. You'll need all the energy you can get." Fujin wasted no time in digging in. Soon, he ended up eating all 7 types of Ramen in Ichiraku. Once done, he said, "They were delicious, old man. Give me 2 more Miso and Tonkotsu ramen." Teuchi smiled and yelled, "Coming right up!"

After lunch, Fujin went into the forest he used to train earlier in. He smirked while thinking, 'Finally a break. Now let me test my jutsu!'

On reaching the deepest part of the forest, he stood in front of a tree. 'Well, here goes nothing.' and he uses his Great Breakthrough jutsu.

The jutsu uproots the tree, as well as a few more trees behind and adjacent to that tree!

In addition, the winds created by the jutsu created deep slashes in many nearby trees and stripped them of all their leaves and most of their branches.

Watching the scene, Fujin grinned, 'Excellent! This is almost 40 to 50% stronger than it was 2 months ago! And now...' Fujin's grin grew wider.

He suddenly exerted his chakra, causing a blue aura to form around him. He began preparing another Great Breakthrough jutsu. Only this time, instead of releasing it, he began pouring a lot more chakra into this jutsu.

In 30 seconds, he managed to pour 10% of his chakra into the jutsu. In another 30 seconds, it reached 15%!

'Great Breakthrough jutsu'

He exhaled the jutsu! Only this time, instead of normal jutsu, it was supercharged with chakra!

The jutsu hit the tree in front of him, completely obliterating it! In a fraction of a second, hundreds of trees in the vicinity were uprooted or cut into pieces! Thousands were stripped of all their branches and left with deep scars!

Fujin was shocked on seeing the destruction! However soon, the shock on his face was changed to a grin that seemed to be plastered on his face.

'Excellent! Marvellous! Now, this is what a jutsu is!

But that said, the amount of time needed to supercharge the jutsu is too long. Any capable ninja will kill me a dozen times if I stay in one spot for a minute.

I'll have to increase the speed of pouring my chakra into the jutsu. Preferably reduce it to under 2 seconds. And have to do it while moving around, or even better - while flickering around!

I guess this is why Renjiro asked us to focus on Rank C jutsus. Now, let me test the other jutsus!'

Fujin quickly made a hand sign. Soon winds gathered around him. He infused chakra into his jutsu for 30 seconds. The winds then spun around him in a dome shape at a very rapid speed. The wind kept spinning around Fujin for a couple of minutes!

Even before the wind dome dispersed, Fujin made a hand sign. The winds turn into 2 Wolves.

They are 3 meters in height, and almost 7 meters long, looking incredibly ferocious!

They ran towards the nearby trees and shredded a few of them with their claws and teeth before disappearing.

Next, Fujin once again gathered his chakra and poured it into Wind Dragon jutsu. He managed to pour a little over 20% of his max chakra into it. It resulted in a 50 meter long Dragon forming in the forest!

The Dragon opened its mouth, forming a huge Wind Explosion jutsu, and launched it toward the trees. The sphere traveled in a straight line and exploded on hitting a tree, snapping it into 2.

It then traveled in a zig-zag way through the forest, slashing many trees with the winds in its large body. It managed to travel 200 meters through the thick forest cover before dispersing.

Soon after, 2 spheres of wind appeared in Fujin's hands. Their size quickly increased to around 50 cm in radius.

Fujin launched it at the same time on a boulder. They exploded on the boulders and created a few scars all over them.

Fujin analyzed them, 'Hmm, the damage increase is kinda unnecessary. After all, it's just slashes of wind. Any random slash can give a fatal blow to a normal ninja anyways.

And if someone does create a strong defense, then it'll end up blocking the enhanced Wind Explosion jutsu with ease too. Yeah, it's unnecessary. Let's just increase the speed of launching.'

At the very next moment, Fujin began spamming the Wind Explosion jutsu. In just a minute, he ended up launching 84 Wind Explosion jutsus!

Fujin grinned, 'Excellent. And it cost me around 7% of my chakra. This will be a very annoying tactic at mid-range, haha'

Next, Fujin looked around himself to look for an appropriate stone. He finally found one, a few dozen meters from him, which he guessed would weigh around 15kg.

He concentrated on the stone. Immediately, strong winds begin blowing around the stone, trying to get underneath the stone.

After a few seconds, the stone started getting lifted into the sky. After around half a minute, Fujin was able to raise the stone to a height of 1.2 meters. He then raised his arms towards the stone.

'Wind Retrieval Jutsu'

The stone slowly began moving towards himself. He brought the stone to him and caught it in his hands. 'The amount of power I can exert with these 2 jutsus has increased too. I wonder if I'll be able to fly with the help of these 2 jutsus. Though I guess I'll need much more chakra and much better control. And probably, even then it might not be useful for long-distance travel.'

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Chapter 58: Analysis and a Weird Situation

Tossing the stone away, Fujin put his hand in his bag and tossed 12 shurikens one after another in the air.

'Projectile Control Jutsu'

Fujin used the jutsu to control the Shurikens and had them move through the forest while avoiding all the trees. The shuriken moved continuously through the forest and all of them hit the same tree around 500 meters away from Fujin.

At the next moment, Fujin appeared next to that tree using Wind Instantaneous Body jutsu.

He retrieved the Shurikens while concluding, 'Wow, I didn't think that 2 months of Senju Taijutsu training would end up boosting my Ninjutsu so much.

In the Great Breakthrough jutsu, I could pour up to 15% of my Chakra. While it took a minute, the result was very good.

The Spinning shield of wind could only take up to 2.5% of my chakra. I just couldn't add more to it. It was similar to the Wind Gale Wolf jutsu. I could just pour 2% of my chakra into each of the Wolves.

The Wind Dragon jutsu on the other hand could take 20% of my jutsu. And using Wind Instantaneous Body jutsu to my current limit of 500 meters requires 1.5% of my chakra.

Wind Projectile jutsu requires a negligible amount of my chakra now. While each Wind Explosion jutsu needs less than 0.1% of my chakra.

Wind Levitation jutsu doesn't have much battle use for now. Wind Retrieval jutsu can be used to create some chaos though.

Anyways, just this short show of my jutsus cost me almost 50% of my chakra. I wonder if Renjiro has more means to increase my chakra levels. Though it shouldn't be an issue for now as I can't really supercharge any jutsu in combat.'

Fujin began gathering chakra again and slammed his hands on the ground. A Rock shield appeared in front of him.

Seeing the shield, Fujin sighed, 'No wonder it is just a rank E jutsu. It has already long reached the limit for me. There's no scope to improve it any more.' The size of the Rock shield was no bigger than what Fujin could do 2 months ago.

'That said, I need to discuss with Renjiro and see if he could have any method to release the jutsu by stepping on the ground rather than slamming hands down. Oh well, I'll ask when he restarts Ninjutsu training.'

After concluding, Fujin made a hand sign and disappeared underground. While underground, he sighed, 'I've been so busy with everything, that I never really practiced this jutsu after graduation.'

He kept moving underground for a bit, before suppressing his chakra signal and making another couple of hand signs. In an instant, he disappeared and reappeared around 150 meters in the direction he was facing.

'Hmm, Earth Instantaneous Body jutsu and Wind Instantaneous Body jutsu are perfect for escaping without leaving any trail. Earth Instantaneous Body jutsu would actually be perfect for infiltrating enemy territory. I wonder what counter has been developed against this jutsu.'

He then rose up from the ground, made another hand sign, and placed his hand on the ground. The ground ahead of him transformed into a moat of mud. The size of the moat was 6 meters in radius and 10 meters in depth.

He moved to a different spot, made a few hand signs, and slammed his hands again on the ground. This time, the ground rose slowly, as if trying to trap someone.

Fujin analyzed, 'Earth Holding jutsu is just too slow. Kinda a similar situation with Mud Moat jutsu. Then again, these 2 are the only jutsus that I can use to trap enemies. Should be sufficient for now.'

Having tried and analyzed the current status of most of his jutsus, Fujin decided to return home to rest.

While leaving, he muttered to himself while looking at the ground, "My jutsus should be good enough for now. But I do need the Earth Wall jutsu. That'll improve my ability to defend further. And my current chakra should be plenty for it. Though I guess Renjiro won't allow it.

Anyways, I hope that we get to participate in the next Chunin exam. I really want to test myself in combat. It should be fun.' He grinned and looked up.

What he saw made him feel a bit awkward. A good chunk of the forest was utterly destroyed by Fujin testing his jutsus. He wondered, 'If someone were to come here and see this, I wonder what they'll think.

Luckily, this area is kinda remote and people shouldn't be coming here. But in any case, I should hide my tracks in case someone did come here. Also, it would probably be best if I don't return here in the near future.'

Fujin jumped onto a branch of one of the trees that still had branches.

'Gale Jutsu'

A gentle breeze blew through the forest, covering up every footprint in it and also dispersing the scent slightly. Once this task was done, Fujin made a hand sign and disappeared from his spot, and appeared on another branch around 500 meters away.

He used Wind Instantaneous Body jutsu a few more times before getting out of the forest. After leaving the forest he flickered away toward his house while wondering if anyone would ever see the havoc there.

A couple of months later, 2 special Jounins from the Hyuga clan happened to pass through this forest, when they unwittingly entered the area where Fujin had caused the devastation. Seeing the number of uprooted and sliced-off trees left them dumbfounded.

Coincidentally, a squad of Anbu too happened to cross through the same area at that time. Seeing the two Hyuga present, they instantly began asking them for the reason why they destroyed the forest and enquired whether there was any battle there.

The Hyugas denied the charge and said that the forest was already wrecked. The Anbus looked around carefully and realized that it had been a long time since the destruction had happened.

They investigated around and asked the Hyugas to help them, but found no clue. They wondered if someone was training here, but couldn't understand why anyone would train here when there are so many training grounds available around Konoha.

The unusual nature of this destruction made them report the situation to the Hokage. Hiruzen too was confused similarly. He sent out an anbu squad specializing in investigation and tracking to check. Unfortunately, Gale jutsu, 2 months of time, and a few showers of rain had removed anything that could have been used to find a clue.

The Anbus would return empty-handed, and Hiruzen dropped the case as there were no clues and it wasn't worth allocating more resources to.

Of course, Fujin would forever remain ignorant about such an incident happening.

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Chapter 59: Discussion

After testing his jutsus, Fujin returned home and took another short nap. Later he revised his Fuinjutsu skills before having dinner at Yakiniku.

The next day once again started with an intense Morning workout.

In the afternoon, the team again broke up to train with Renjiro and his clones.

Renjiro looked at Fujin and said, "I have taught everything I know about Senju Taijutsu style. How much you manage to master depends on you now."

Fujin bowed a bit and said, "Thank You Sensei."

Seeing his humility, Renjiro's face softened. He said, "You had once said that the Sannins too don't have any Kekkei Genkai. One of the Sannin, Lady Tsunade, uses an advanced form of Senju Taijutsu.

She modified the style to compliment her perfect Chakra control, making it much more deadly. Your own talent with this style too is very high. So work hard on it."

Fujin nodded and said, "Yes Sensei. I'll keep improving it."

Renjiro continued, "Regardless, it's time to focus back on Ninjutsu and Kenjutsu. We will practice all your jutsus once. And then we will begin working on supercharging your jutsus."

Fujin instantly got excited upon hearing that. Renjiro noticed and squinted his eyes. He asked, "You have already tried it, haven't you?"

Fujin laughed nervously before confirming it. Renjiro sighed and said, "I hope you didn't end up destroying anything." To which Fujin obediently shook his head, saying, "Don't worry Sensei. I shot everything straight up in the air."

Renjiro asked, "Alright. So what were your observations?"

Fujin replied, "It takes a lot of time to supercharge jutsus. So it just won't be usable in battles unless I can bring the time down a lot."

Renjiro nodded.

Fujin continued, "Apart from that, I couldn't supercharge all my jutsus. Especially Rock Shield jutsu, which didn't improve at all. Great Breakthrough and Wind Dragon jutsu had the best effect on supercharging."

Renjiro said, "Yes, that's how supercharging works. While you can try to pour a lot of chakra into any jutsu, not all jutsus can be supercharged. The amount of chakra you can pour in also depends on your chakra reserves, chakra control, mastery of the element, mastery of that jutsu, and the jutsu itself.

Though Konoha lacks Wind jutsus, you are lucky to have wind affinity. As almost all of the rank C wind jutsus can be supercharged. As for the Rock shield jutsu, its capacity is very low. So don't concern yourself with it.

In the next few months, I'll be teaching all 3 of you how to supercharge your jutsus quickly in battle situations. Since your chakra reserve is the highest, you'll need to work the hardest here.

Before we begin, do you have any queries?"

Fujin nodded and replied, "Yes sensei. I have a few. The first one is related to Rock Shield jutsu.

I can now perform the jutsu without any hand signs, but I still need to slam my hands on the ground. Do you know any way to perform the jutsu by slamming the feet down instead?"

Renjiro raised his left eyebrow and asked, "Why do you want to do that?"

Fujin answered, "It'll improve the efficiency of the jutsu a lot. I carry swords in my hands, so to slam my hands on the ground, I'll have to discard my swords temporarily, which doesn't seem to be a good idea.

If I can perform the jutsu with just my feet, I can just use it while I'm fighting with my sword. And if the enemy makes a huge attack on me, then I can just retreat back while slamming my feet on the ground and creating multiple Rock Shields."

Renjiro was surprised by Fujin's tactical thinking. He replied, "Good thinking. I never thought about Rock Shield jutsu along those lines. I guess your intention is to eventually use this for all Earth style jutsu, right?"

Fujin nodded, "Indeed, that will be very convenient."

Renjiro continued, "Unfortunately, it won't be possible. Or at the very least, it won't be easy. The hand signs for that jutsu result in Earth nature chakra gathering in your palms. Though you perform the jutsu without any hand signs, you do it by merely replicating the way chakra is molded when you perform the hand signs.

Doing what you said will be no different from creating a whole different jutsu."

Fujin quickly replied, "In that case Sensei, can't we create new Earth style jutsus that work in this manner?"

Renjiro shook his head and answered, "It's too difficult. While small jutsus are always created, what you are saying will completely revolutionize the jutsus of Earth element. At the very least, I can't do it.

Also, while your idea is very innovative, it's highly unlikely that you were the only one who came up with it. And considering that no such jutsu exists to my knowledge, it's safe to say that no one ever managed to create it."

Fujin was dejected a bit upon hearing this, 'Oh well, there goes one of my ideas to annoy the enemy infinitely.'

Seeing the dejected look, Renjiro chuckled. Fujin looked back at Renjiro and said, "So since I can't improve my Rock Shield jutsu anymore, can I get Earth wall jutsu?"

Renjiro shook his head again and answered, "No, that's a rank B jutsu. Though your chakra reserve is good, you shouldn't be dependent on rank B or higher jutsus till you are promoted to Chunin."

The answer was as Fujin expected. So he just asked his last query, "Sensei, while practicing with supercharged jutsus, I ran out of chakra very quickly. Do you know any more means of increasing my chakra quickly? After all, the training of infusing chakra into the body is barely giving any gains in that regard."

Renjiro had a slight disbelief on his face that Fujin actually asked this question. He replied, "Brat, do you think they sell chakra in grocery stores? Your chakra is already 4 times larger as compared to your teammates."

Be happy with that and don't get greedy. Also, don't bother searching for more means of increasing your chakra reserves. Other than hard work and natural growth, almost every method has some form of drawback that'll highly restrict you.

As for the battle, you can always eat Soldier pills to improve your stamina. So don't bother with it."

Fujin was a bit shocked at how dismissive Renjiro was. He thought, 'Really, no other means? Sigh, I guess I was expecting way too much. After all, the current boost is already very high.'

Oh well, I'll leave this issue to the future. If I really desperately need chakra, I can try to steal a Tailed beast.'

Thinking about Tailed beasts, Fujin sighed internally, 'How good it'd have been if I could just throw some Pokéballs and capture them.'

Renjiro asked, "Any more queries?"

Fujin shook his head and replied, "Let's begin sensei."

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Chapter 60: Rank A jutsu

Renjiro trained the trio for another month. This month, Fujin practiced supercharging his jutsus a lot.

He could now infuse 20% of his chakra into the Great Breakthrough jutsu in under 15 seconds. More importantly, he could infuse 5% of chakra into the jutsu in just over 2 seconds. This was usable in battle as long as he maintained some distance.

He also mastered Wind Gale Wolf and Wind Dragon jutsus and could now perform them without any hand signs. The ease with which he became capable of using these jutsus without any hand seals shocked Renjiro.

Fujin's Kenjutsu also improved a lot. All the basics regarding Samurai Saber techniques were taught to him. He could freely control chakra flow through his Samurai swords. He even managed to properly infuse his wind chakra through the normal chakra flow.

Renjiro couldn't help him much in this regard as he himself never added a Nature chakra to chakra flow. He specialized in Earth and Water elements, and neither were suitable to be added to chakra flow. Nonetheless, it was learnt with rather ease by Fujin. In fact, while learning it, he also learnt a technique that he had dreamed about performing for over a decade!

The team was given a day's break once again, which all 3 used to rest well.

The next day, in the morning, the team met up once again.

Hoka saw Fujin coming to the ground and asked, "Hey, how's the training progressing?" Fujin replied, "It's progressing rather smoothly, what about you guys?"

Hoka smirked and replied, "It's going very well. I want to spar with you once again."

Fujin smirked back and replied, "Well let's hope that you can touch me this time."

That annoyed Hoka, who begrudgingly replied, "Due to you, Sensei drilled me with Ninjutsu training for 3 months straight!"

Hearing that, Fujin laughed.

Mieko, annoyed at being left out of the conversation, butted in by snorting, "Hmph, I'll beat both of you at the same time in a spar."

Hoka and Fujin turned to her. Fujin replied, "Well, let's hope that you have some energy to spar after the morning workout then."

Hearing that, her shoulders immediately dropped, while Fujin and Hoka laughed at her expense.

The poor girl complained about the unfairness to herself, 'It's not as if I'm slacking on those workout sessions. It's just that every time I am about to reach Sensei's target, Sensei just makes it even more difficult!'

While Mieko was depressed, Renjiro appeared.

He announced, "We have trained continuously for the past 3 months. Next, we will be taking continuous rank C missions."

That instantly perked up Mieko. After all, missions would mean no more rigorous training! Hoka and Fujin also sighed in relief, as their bodies needed a break badly. Unlike Mieko who'd drop out early rather regularly, Hoka and Fujin gritted through the entire workout daily.

Renjiro continued, "Today we won't do any workout or training. Instead, you guys will spar."

This immediately gained the attention of the 3 genins.

Renjiro continued, "You three will fight out against each other in a three-way battle. You are not allowed to team up with each other unless the circumstances force you to. But I can disqualify you if you purposefully cooperate to defeat the 3rd.

The battlefield will be this entire training field. You guys have time from now till 6 PM to decide on a winner. You can defeat others by knocking them unconscious or making them give up. Obviously, I can interfere and declare someone to have been lost. And of course, you guys aren't allowed to seriously injure anyone. No soldier pills. And Fujin, no swords."

Mieko suddenly asked, "Why no swords for Fujin? Isn't that his goto weapon?" Hoka also nodded, as he had the same query. Neither of them wanted to win against someone who was handicapped.

Renjiro shook his head and said, "Fujin's way of using his swords is solely to kill. If he were to win by using his swords, you guys would be injured badly. Regardless, he is forbidden to use his swords in any spar with his colleagues."

They understood the reasoning but were still a bit unconvinced. Fujin butted in, "Aren't you two looking down on me too much? Sword or no sword, neither of you will even be able to touch me." And he smirked on saying that.

Hoka and Mieko looked at him irritatingly. Among the three of them, Fujin had the highest speed and excelled in fighting at long range. In the few spars that they had, they never managed to actually reach him.

Renjiro interrupted before they entered into an argument, "No more questions. My rules are final. Anyways, you guys didn't hear the exciting part. The winner will get a reward."

That once again attracted the attention of all 3. Mieko asked, "What reward?"

Renjiro replied, "The winner will be awarded a rank A jutsu by me."

That shocked the trio. They all had the same thought, 'Will he really allow us to learn a jutsu higher than rank C?'

Renjiro understood what his students were thinking. He smiled innocently and said, "Of course, I'll only give it to you when you are promoted to chunin."

Hearing that, all 3 genins gave him a deadpanned look.

Not wanting to hear any complaints from them, he shouted, "BEGIN"

Even before he completed the word, all 3 Genins flickered away in different directions without making any hand seals. Now, at more than 100 meters away from each other, they observed the other 2, while wondering how they should approach this.

The best way would have been to team up with one of the other 2, eliminate the 3rd, and then decide the winner. Unfortunately, that option was not available.

Suddenly, Hoka and Mieko noticed Fujin smirking. At the very next moment, he disappeared.