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Chapter 551: A 'Fair' Trade

Hiruzen's eyes widened. Immediately the image of the Third Kazekage appeared in his mind. Unlike most of the people, Hiruzen was well aware of Sasori's human puppets and that they could retain some of the abilities that they had when they were alive.

However, if Sasori had made the Third Kazekage, who had been missing since before the Third Great Ninja War began, his puppet, then it would send shockwaves throughout the Ninja World!

Hiruzen asked, "Did you see what the puppet looked like?"

Fujin shook his head and said, "No, I was fighting from a distance and couldn't see him. I retreated right when a large amount of iron was floating outside Yamakawa town.

So I can't say whether he has made the Third Kazekage his puppet or if it is some other ninja who had awakened the Magnet Release. Irrespective, Sasori's threat is much higher than what we believe. If he can retain Kekkei Genkai in the puppets, then there is a chance that he could have several such puppets. He'll be difficult to deal with."

Hiruzen agreed. Sasori's threat had to be reevaluated. Just the Magnet Release was extremely troublesome to deal with. He asked, "The reports stated that over a hundred puppets attacked the town at the same time. Is that true?"

Fujin answered, "Yes. He could control over a hundred puppets at the same time while he was standing outside the town. And from what I saw, his control over all his puppets was extremely good. Even Elite Chunins might not be able to take on a single puppet considering the various traps and poisons involved. However, Jounins should be able to destroy his normal human puppets as long as Sasori isn't nearby."

Hiruzen nodded and asked, "So, how did your fight go? And what happened in the town?"

Fujin explained the events since he reached the town until Sasori's attack. He continued, "I took advantage of the distraction caused by Sasori's attack to sneak attack and kill the Yamakawa family head and Suna ninjas. I am not sure, but it is possible that one of the Suna ninjas was a Grandmaster in Fuinjutsu. If you find some new seals from his memories, please let me know."

Hiruzen was shocked to realize that a Fuinjutsu Grandmaster of Suna could have been killed! Every country treasured their Fuinjutsu Grandmasters. It was extremely difficult to kill them as they would rarely leave the village and even when they did, they would move in secrecy and be with at least 1 Elite Jounin. The death of 1 Fuinjutsu Grandmaster, 1 Elite Jounin and 20 Jounins and Chunins would be another huge blow to Sunagakure.

Fujin continued, "As for Sasori, I fought him using the new technique I created. I'm sure you might have seen it a few times. I call it the Wind Domain."

Hiruzen felt slightly awkward about being called out on his spying. Even though everyone was aware that he would do it, no one ever mentioned it on his face. Luckily, he was shameless enough to not let it affect him. His expression didn't change and he just nodded.

Fujin cursed internally at his shamelessness before continuing, "My Wind Domain can sever his chakra threads. So Sasori lost control of all of his puppets within my Wind Domain. I stole 64 of his Human Puppets before escaping."

Hiruzen's eyes widened in shock once again as Fujin claimed with a mischievous smile, "Even though I am not a Puppet Master, I believe that I have the second strongest collection of puppets. If I train for a bit, I will become one of the top 5 Puppeteers in a few months."

Hiruzen thought in disbelief, 'That jutsu where he played around by emitting wind chakra is this strong? It can sever chakra threads? And he used it to steal Sasori's Puppets?'

The puppet masters treat their puppets as their children. And he stole as many as 64 of them and managed to escape from Sasori?'

Hiruzen was stunned. This was probably the first time something like this had happened ever since Puppet Masters came into existence. While there were some incidents of one or two Puppets being

stolen, they would generally be when the Puppet Master abandoned them to run away. What Fujin did was unprecedented!

As if he just recalled something, Fujin added, "Ah right, I almost forgot. Sasori never saw my face. He doesn't know that it was me who stole his puppets. So please keep this news a secret as well. I don't want that freak chasing me around."

Hiruzen's disbelief increased further as he exclaimed internally, 'And Sasori didn't even see who stole his puppets!'

Hiruzen was completely speechless. For a moment, he didn't know what to say. He quickly gathered his thoughts and praised, "Great work, Fujin. I didn't expect something like this to happen when I assigned you this mission. What are you planning to do with the puppets?"

Since Hiruzen couldn't find any words to describe Fujin's feats, he decided to stop thinking about it and directly focused on the puppets. He thought, 'There are a few ninjas in this village who like puppetry. Unfortunately, our knowledge in this aspect is very lacking as compared to Suna.'

However, with 64 ready-made puppets of high quality, I can raise a few Jounin level Puppet Masters. Not to mention, we can also research these puppets to improve our knowledge.'

Fujin thought for a bit before saying, "I am not sure. I did check a few puppets and I am not a fan of Human Puppets. Even by our standards, this technique is incredibly cruel. However, if the situation is dire, then there is no harm in using dead enemies for this technique."

Regardless, it'll be a waste to ditch these 64 puppets for that reason. I'm planning to train a bit and become a Puppet Master myself. It'll add another aspect to my abilities."

Hiruzen was surprised. The way Fujin had said it earlier, he thought that Fujin was joking. He didn't expect him to be serious. Hiruzen said, "While mastering chakra threads wouldn't be a challenge for you, being a Puppet Master involves a lot of other things. For starters, you need to be able to make puppets with a lot of traps in them."

In addition, you need to be an expert at Poison to make those traps deadly. You will also need high Medical knowledge to make any modifications to those 64 puppets considering that they were created from dead humans."

Fujin nodded and said, "Yes. I am not too worried about creating traps as I should be able to handle them. As for Medical and Poison knowledge, I was planning to take on Yoshi-sensei's offer to improve those aspects in any case. So I should be fine."

To Hiruzen's dismay, Fujin had already thought of everything needed to become a Puppet Master. He sighed and said, "Fujin, you have already reached rank S. While it's fine to diversify your abilities, becoming a full-fledged Puppet Master won't do you any good.

I'll recommend keeping a few of them and giving me the rest. There are a few ninjas in our village who are extremely interested in puppetry but unfortunately fall short due to not having access to good information on it. I can create a few Jounins and hopefully one or two Elite Jounins with those puppets. This way, our village will benefit more."

Fujin looked at Hiruzen and thought, 'Wow! Good speech. His words are true but that requires me to give things without getting anything in return. While it's true that Hiruzen helped me in the past, he didn't spend money on anything other than my swords. In fact, he probably earned more than that by betting on me in the Chunin exams!

I would have still given them if I needed a lot from Hiruzen in the future. Unfortunately, there is not much he can give me anymore. He won't give me the Edo Tensei right now. If he dies against Orochimaru, then obviously I can't take anything from him. If he survives, then the fame I gain during that war will be sufficient to ask for what I want from him irrespective of our relationship.'

Hiruzen looked at Fujin and asked, "Well?"

Fujin sighed and said, "I was planning to use the 64 Puppets as a trump card. If I fell in a situation where my squad had to retreat, I could have my Shadow Clones use the puppets to hold back enemies while we retreated to safety. I might not be able to do the same with a few puppets.

That said, I understand your view. Getting more Jounins and perhaps Elite Jounins will be beneficial for the village. How about this? I'll keep just 10 puppets with me and give you the rest. However, I want a forbidden technique to have another trump card."

Hiruzen was surprised. He thought, 'I should have known. I guess he is still upset that I didn't give him the scroll of sealing.'

He asked, "Which jutsu do you want?"

Fujin said, "Spirit Transformation Technique."

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Chapter 552: Hiruzen's Suspicion & Soul

Hiruzen was surprised. He wondered, 'The Spirit Transformation Technique? The one Dan created? Why is Fujin interested in it?'

Hiruzen fell into deep thought. The technique was extremely complicated. More importantly, it was extremely powerful and dangerous, both to the enemies and to the user. Hiruzen analyzed why Fujin would need such a technique, but couldn't come up with any answer.

In the end, he speculated, 'Does he plan on taking over someone's body temporarily? Or does he just want another Trump Card as he said?'

Hiruzen couldn't be sure. He said, "Learning too many complicated techniques at the same time isn't good, Fujin. You are learning the Eight Inner Gates Technique. In addition, I also gave you the scroll on Flying Thunder God jutsu. What is your progress with them?"

Fujin sighed and said, "I haven't been able to make any progress with the Flying Thunder God jutsu. I managed to create the seal with ease but I am stuck on stage 2 of the training. I am progressing well in the Eight Inner Gates, but that technique is just dependent on how much my body progresses. So it won't interfere with other training."

Hiruzen sighed internally, 'A shame. It would have been very helpful for the village if he could master the Flying Thunder God jutsu. We would have reached close to our strength during the Third Great Ninja War in terms of rank S ninjas.

That said, if he hasn't learnt the Flying Thunder God jutsu, then there is no need to not give him the Spirit Transformation jutsu. If he manages to master it, then Konoha will have another strong means of attack during the next Great War. Even if he doesn't learn it, the training will improve his control over the Yin chakra which will allow him to strengthen his Genjutsu, which lacks in comparison to his other skills.

Besides, Sasori's puppets could be very important for the village. Even though it won't have a huge impact today, it could result in a wave of enthusiastic youngsters choosing to become puppet masters at some point in the future. Once that happens, the village can create a new special unit.

That said, I don't necessarily need to make Fujin hand over those puppets. Even if I let him keep them all, he will eventually pass them to someone. Perhaps his students or children or someone who catches his eye. However, it will stay only among that small group of people. It is better if those puppets and their knowledge are directly under the village's control.'

He replied, "Alright. I'll prepare the scroll for you."

Fujin commented in his mind, 'Of course you will. It doesn't cost you anything. Why did you take so much time to think like I was asking you to donate a kidney?'

Fujin said, "That's great. I'll decide which Puppets to keep in the meantime."

Hiruzen replied, "Sure. Is there anything else that happened during your mission?"

Fujin shook his head and answered, "Not really. At least nothing that caught my eye."

Hiruzen replied, "Alright. Considering the nature of this mission, you don't need to file any report. We will make Suna take the blame for attacking Yamakawa town. Don't tell anyone about the fact that you were in the Land of Rivers during this time."

Fujin nodded and took his leave. After he left, Hiruzen's expression became serious. He analyzed, 'There are a lot of things that don't add up. Sasori attacking the town at the same time can be considered as a coincidence, but for so many coincidences to happen when Fujin was in that country...'

Hiruzen recalled the incidents that happened in the Land of Rivers when Fujin was present there. He thought, 'First Sasori and Fujin attacked Yamakawa town at the same time. A few days later, someone plundered 3 Nobles in Tanigakure without alerting anyone. A day later, someone attacked and destroyed Raiga's organization...

To be able to steal so efficiently, the thief must have a very high capability. More importantly, he would need to be close to a Fuinjutsu Grandmaster. And, to be able to uproot Raiga's organization, the attacker needs to be a rank S ninja or have multiple Elite Jounins... Is it just a coincidence?

Not to mention, I almost forgot about Raiga. His swords can amplify Lightning jutsus as well, though not to the extent of sensei's sword. He could be a possible culprit behind the attack on the Root. However, this lead is pretty much useless now. He is either dead or missing and even Fujin couldn't track him. Even if I send a squad specialized in tracking, it'll be too late to find him irrespective of whether he's dead or alive.'

Though Hiruzen had sent Fujin to destroy the possible base Suna had created, he was left with even newer problems that were extremely difficult to answer. Hiruzen thought for a long time before letting out a sigh.

He concluded, 'There is no point in suspecting Fujin for no reason. He should have a lot of money from his missions. I don't see any reason why he would need to steal a large amount of money.

Similarly, I don't see any reason why he would lie if he was the one who dealt with Raiga. The only thing that comes to mind is Kiba blades, but Fujin doesn't specialize in Lightning. So the blades are more or less useless for him. Considering his greedy nature, he could have used those blades to get more forbidden jutsus from me.

The only thing I need to do now is keep an eye out for information related to the Kiba blades and Blade of the Thunder Spirit. If either of them appears, it might give me some clues regarding who the attacker that night was.'

Hiruzen immediately got into action and took steps to inform all of Konoha's spies as well as Jiraiya, asking them to give special attention to the news related to those two blades and inform him right away.

Fujin returned straight to his home after meeting Hiruzen. He was unaware that he had raised so many doubts in Hiruzen's mind. Even if he was aware, there wasn't much he could do. The good thing was that he hadn't left any clues behind. So even if Hiruzen decided to investigate the events seriously, there wasn't anything for him to find.

As he entered his house, Fujin thought, 'The Spirit Transformation Technique... Tobirama had created a Kinjutsu that was very similar to this while Dan improved upon it to create this jutsu by making it more usable and versatile by adding several more abilities.

To be honest, this jutsu won't be able to increase my power by much unless Shadow Clones can use it as well. That said, I don't think clones will be able to use this jutsu. Regardless, increasing my combat strength isn't the reason why I asked for this jutsu.

This jutsu will be an excellent method to finally learn about souls. It is something I always found fascinating, even in my previous life. Unfortunately, there wasn't anything to study Souls in my previous world apart from religious texts and some speculations.

However, in this world, there are several techniques that utilize the soul. The Yamanaka Clan's Mind Body Switch jutsu can transfer consciousness. Orochimaru can divide his souls and seal them into other people, making him the most difficult ninja to kill. In addition, he can also transfer his soul permanently into a vessel's body. The Reaper Death seal sacrifices the user's soul and seals his enemy's soul. And, the Edo Tensei directly summons souls from the afterlife and has them occupy a body.

The Spirit Transformation jutsu will give me a deeper understanding of these soul-based techniques. It might also be possible to create my own soul-based techniques. If I can add the ability to affect souls to my Wind Domain, then I can't even guess to which level that technique would reach!

And that's just the start. If I can learn more about my soul, I might be able to glean some insights into how I was able to transmigrate across worlds, or perhaps dimensions! Is my soul somehow different from an ordinary soul, or does every soul transmigrate in such a manner?

Studying souls might also be a way to understand whether immortality can be achieved. Orochimaru's research has already had some success. His curse seals give him a way to revive even if his main body is killed. And, if his main body can't sustain itself, he can switch bodies.

However, both his methods definitely have flaws. And the flaws are quite terrifying. For someone so strong and experienced, he is extremely vulnerable to Genjutsu.

There is no way Hiruzen would fall prey to Itachi's Genjutsu that easily. Even Jiraiya was very confident in being able to avoid his Genjutsu. And, in the Fourth Great Ninja War, despite fighting against Madara for so long, there was only one instance of a Kage falling into Genjutsu. And even then, Ay easily understood that he had been caught in a Genjutsu.

I believe that the act of dividing his soul through curse seals should have made Orochimaru more susceptible to Genjutsu. Similarly, though he can switch bodies, it is highly unlikely for a new body to be as strong as his real body. If that is true, then the Orochimaru that will fight against Hiruzen is undoubtedly not at his peak!

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Chapter 553: Boredom

Fujin continued analyzing, 'That said, even though there are issues, there is no question that both those techniques are invaluable. It's just that Orochimaru became too obsessed with them.

If he had waited until he grew old to change his body, then the issue of his new body not being as strong as his real body would have been a moot point.

Similarly, if, instead of creating and applying his curse seal on dozens of ninjas, he had applied curse seals on only a couple of people, then his soul wouldn't have been divided so many times and perhaps he might not have been as susceptible to Genjutsu as he currently is. Unless the very act of dividing the soul causes him to be more susceptible to Genjutsu.

I will need some more information on these two techniques to be able to properly analyze their flaws. Unfortunately, reading Orochimaru's memories is impossible at this point. Even with my Flying Thunder God jutsu, I can't be sure that I'll be able to capture or kill his main body.

Unlike others, whom I can track down with the Flying Thunder God mark, Orochimaru might be able to get rid of that mark by shedding his skin. Fortunately, there is someone else who might have a lot of information on these two techniques.

That said, I need to improve my knowledge about Souls first. Without a firm base, it won't help me even if I have information. The Spirit Transformation jutsu should be more than enough to help me with that.'

Fujin stretched his body. The effect of the soldier pill was about to run out and he could feel some tiredness. He let out a yawn and thought, 'Oh well, no point in getting too worked up for this. Once the range of my Flying Thunder God jutsu increases, I'll be the toughest ninja to kill after Obito and Orochimaru. And, I'm only sixteen years old. I have no need to go Orochimaru's way. At least not for another half a century.

The best-case scenario would be if I could increase the lifespan of this body itself and make it infinitely more, like the Otsutsuki clan. Though it's difficult to say how that can be done... I wonder if Hagoromo's body would have been immortal if he hadn't released the Ten Tails and divided it into 9 parts. Or did he divide it because his body was growing old and he understood that his body wouldn't live for long?

Sigh, so many questions and so few answers. I wonder how many mysteries I'll be able to solve...'

Filled with such thoughts, Fujin fell asleep. The next day, he got up quite late despite sleeping early. Due to the backlash of the soldier pill, he wouldn't be training that day. He freshened up and wondered what he should be doing for the day.

He stood lazily on his balcony and looked at the construction work that was happening around his house. He thought, 'Most of the work is already done. Hiruzen will start moving those kids here soon. Sigh, even more work. I'm kind of bored.

Now that I think about it, I haven't done anything fun lately. It has just been training and work. Though I occasionally mess with Hiruzen and Shikaku, I haven't had too many opportunities to mess much with them. Now, what should I do for some entertainment today?'

Fujin thought for a while. Several ideas appeared in his mind but none seemed fun enough. He let out a sigh and thought, 'There's not much I can do... Though I can think of some pranks using Wind, it'll be

more of an annoyance rather than fun pranks for anyone I target... Not to mention, considering my strength, pranking civilians, or even ninjas, might not be that fun.

I could prank Naruto as his reactions are fun to see, but the poor guy might get scarred for life if I overdo it. I guess I shouldn't have destroyed Root. If they still existed outside that little headquarters, I could have targeted them and enjoyed the drama and chaos that would follow...

If it wouldn't have impacted the future, I could have considered starting a couple of wars to give Hiruzen and Shikaku a headache. Those two lucked out due to how considerate I am. Oh well...'

Fujin let out another sigh and muttered to himself, 'Once the effects of Suna and Oto's attack are dealt with, I'll leave the village temporarily and tour the world with Kaito. Even though I was excited to be reborn in this world, the fear of the dangers here has kept me tense all the time.

However, there isn't much that I need to fear with my current strength. An adventure should help me relax my nerves. It might also give me new ideas on how I can keep becoming stronger and might help me uncover more secrets in this world. Perhaps I could force some of those beasts in the sea to become my summons. That way, I will have summons for both Shiden and Akuro identities.'

Since he couldn't think of anything fun to do, Fujin decided to give his body some well-deserved rest. Unknown to Fujin, while he couldn't think of anything entertaining to do, some entertainment visited his home.

Half an hour later, the bell rang. Fujin looked towards the direction of his door and thought, 'As expected. If this was my previous world, I would have wondered whether he set up a camera somewhere to see whether I was home or not... Doesn't he have his squad to have fun now? Kakashi is too lax!'

Despite his thoughts, Fujin wasn't displeased to see Naruto. He opened the door while thinking, 'Oh well, even though I wasn't planning on using him for pranks, I can't say no since he is already here. Hehe.'

Fujin opened the door and an excited Naruto exclaimed, "Fujin, you are back!"

Fujin chuckled and said, "Yeah, I returned last night. Come on in."

Naruto immediately entered. He began talking about his new squad and updated Fujin on the new events happening in his life. At one point, he exclaimed, "Man, I thought I would do something cool after becoming a ninja. But Grandpa Hokage only makes us run after cats and dogs and makes us do menial jobs. This is totally not what I imagined!"

Fujin chuckled as some memories surfaced. He thought, 'Considering that every ninja went through that, there is no way this tradition is changing.'

He said, "Don't worry Naruto, it gets better."

Naruto looked at him and asked, "Really?"

Fujin nodded and said, "Yes. You'll only have to do such missions for a couple of years. Then Grandpa Hokage will assign you missions where you can eliminate bad bandits and save innocent people."

Naruto's eyes widened in horror. He exclaimed loudly, "A COUPLE OF YEARS???"

He looked down with his head in his hands and muttered, "I will have to chase cats and dogs, babysit kids and pull out weeds for 2 years?"

Fujin just grinned as he saw Naruto experiencing a nightmare in the middle of the day! He thought, 'I hadn't thought of this earlier. If Hiruzen or Tsunade do assign me a squad, it might be fun to make them do rank D missions for a couple of years. Hmm, no, make that three!

In three years, I'll train them to be at least as strong as Jounins, if not Elite Jounins, but only let them do rank D missions. Then I'll send that Jounin level squad into the Chunin exams. That would be a sight to see, haha!

Naruto didn't know about Fujin's thoughts. If he did, he would thank the gods that he wasn't a part of his squad. When Naruto finally recovered from the horrendous news, he looked at Fujin and asked, "Can you teach me a strong Wind jutsu? Sasuke knows the Fireball jutsu and I don't want to lose to him!"

Fujin tilted his head and asked, "You said your sensei is Kakashi, right?"

Naruto nodded.

Fujin asked again, "Hatake Kakashi?"

Naruto became confused but nodded again.

Fujin showed a deadpan expression and asked, "Why are you asking me to teach you jutsus then?"

Naruto became even more confused and asked, "What do you mean?"

Fujin sighed and asked, "Did you not do any research on him? Hatake Kakashi is a ninja famous throughout the world for knowing more than a thousand jutsus!"

Naruto's eyes widened in shock! He exclaimed, "Th... Thou... A THOUSAND?"

Fujin showed a tired expression and sighed. He looked at Naruto and asked, "You didn't know that?"

Opposite to his expression, Fujin's thoughts were very cheerful. He thought, 'I finally have an extremely entertaining idea!'

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Chapter 554: Target Kakashi!

Naruto exclaimed, "I had no idea that Kakashi sensei was so cool!"

Suddenly he had a thought. He looked at Fujin and asked in a confused tone, "But if he knows that many jutsus, why didn't he ever teach us any jutsu? I even asked him several times to teach me a cool jutsu but he never taught me anything!"

Fujin showed a confused expression as well and asked, "He didn't?"

Naruto replied, "He didn't. He just taught us formations and teamwork, you know."

Fujin put up a thoughtful expression as he said in an unsure tone, "Well, teamwork and formations are important too, but why wouldn't he teach you jutsus?"

Fujin pretended to be in deep thought for a few seconds. Naruto didn't disturb him and waited patiently for Fujin to be done thinking. Fujin's eyes suddenly widened as he exclaimed, "Ah! I got it!"

Naruto listened with anticipation as Fujin explained, "I guess he doesn't think that you and your teammates are worthy enough to be taught his special jutsus yet. Did you do anything to prove yourself to him yet?"

Naruto replied unsurely, "We passed his graduation test."

Fujin raised an eyebrow and asked, "Your team managed to defeat Kakashi?"

Naruto's voice became softer as he answered, "No, we didn't manage to get the bells. He passed us because we decided that our teammates were more important than orders."

Fujin waved his hand dismissively and said, "That's good but that's just the basic requirement to become a Genin. It can't be considered as proving your worth. Did you or your team do anything else that was impressive?"

Naruto crossed his arms and answered unhappily, "Other than that we only did lame missions and teamwork exercises. How can I prove myself while we are catching cats and dogs?"

Fujin's expression became very serious. He looked at Naruto and said in a strict tone, "Naruto, a ninja must see underneath the underneath! I suspect that Kakashi has been giving you three opportunities to prove yourselves. However, since your mind is so focused on missions and training, you three have completely missed it."

Naruto muttered, "Underneath the underneath? I know that, but what signs did Kakashi sensei give us?"

He became confused once again. Looking at Fujin, he wondered, 'Why do I become so confused whenever I talk with Fujin? What was underneath those lame missions?'

Fujin rested his right elbow on his left hand and his chin on his right hand. He put up his thinking face again and muttered, "Let's see... Hatake Kakashi... Three new Genins... Easy missions... And teamwork exercises... Hmm..."

Fujin pretended to think for a couple of minutes before his face suddenly lit up. He smiled and said, "I see it now."

Naruto excitedly asked, "What is it?"

Fujin answered, "It's simple really. He is teaching the three of you teamwork, meaning that he wants the three of you to work together. And, he is giving the three of you easy missions, meaning that you guys still have some energy to do something else while you three are completing the mission."

Naruto's eyes widened. He said, "I never thought of it this way. You are damn smart, Fujin!"

Fujin chuckled and continued, "That 'something else' is your opportunity to do something to prove yourself. As for what that can be... Let's see."

Fujin pretended to think again for half a minute before continuing, "Well, knowing Kakashi, you can prove yourself to him in two ways."

Fujin raised two fingers as Naruto watched with more attention than the combined attention he paid during his 6 years in the Academy.

Fujin said, "The first way is to steal the book he keeps reading. Kakashi values that book very much and it won't be easy for you three to do it. If you do, then you'll prove that you are worthy of being taught his special jutsus."

Naruto exclaimed, "His book?"

Immediately the memory of Kakashi reading the book while they did missions appeared in his mind. He thought, 'Fujin is right! Kakashi sensei does love his book a lot. If we can take it away from him, he'll be impressed with our abilities. What's the second thing?'

Fujin continued, "The second way is for you three to see what Kakashi's real face behind that mask is. Very few in the village know what he looks like behind the mask. If you three can do it, he'll be impressed for sure."

Naruto's eyes widened again as he thought, 'He's right again! We don't even know what he looks like!'

The more Naruto thought the more he felt that Fujin's words made complete sense. He exclaimed, "I never thought of it in this manner!"

Fujin smiled and said, "That's why he hasn't taught you his jutsus yet. Once your team begins making some progress in these aspects, he'll begin reconsidering and will eventually teach you.

That said, don't tell him or even your teammates that I was the one who gave you this idea. Otherwise, he'll think that it wasn't you who looked underneath the underneath."

Fujin blinked his left eye as he said the last sentence. Naruto immediately understood his message. He quickly got up and said, "You are the best, Fujin! I'll prove to Kakashi sensei that I am worthy in no time, believe it!"

Naruto quickly rushed out of Fujin's house. He wanted to meet up with Sasuke and Sakura and form a plan to do either of the two tasks.

A grin formed on Fujin's face when Naruto left his house impatiently. He muttered to himself, 'Now that should guarantee some entertainment. It's a shame that these three aren't strong enough to give Kakashi a nightmare, but they should cause a few headaches at least.'

The next time Naruto comes to meet me, I'll tell him that if he wants Hiruzen to give him a better mission, he'll have to successfully prank Hiruzen until he feels that Naruto and his team are worthy. After all, why should Kakashi have all the fun?

It's a shame that I can't use these three to harass Shikaku or Danzo. Otherwise, it would have been perfect. Oh well, I'll start sending a Shadow Clone to keep an eye on them from tomorrow. Wouldn't want to miss the free entertainment, hehe.'

With some entertainment guaranteed, Fujin's mood improved. He divided the puppets that Sasori donated to him. Unlike what he had said to Hiruzen, Fujin had already thoroughly researched the puppets. He didn't need any time to decide. He kept the 15 best puppets for himself and decided to give Hiruzen the remaining 49 puppets. He rested the rest of the day and visited some of his favorite restaurants in Konoha.

Meanwhile, Naruto gathered Sakura and Sasuke together despite it being an off day. He quickly explained to them what Fujin had informed him. Both looked at him skeptically.

Sakura asked, "How could a ninja know a thousand jutsus? I only know three. Even Sasuke-kun knows less than 10. I know Kakashi sensei is strong, but a thousand is too much even for him."

Naruto was skeptical at first as well of that information, but he trusted that Fujin wouldn't lie to him. He said, "There is no doubt about that information. Kakashi sensei knows a thousand jutsus!"

Sasuke was surprised as well, but he decided against questioning whether it was accurate or not. After all, that information was irrelevant to him. What mattered was whether Kakashi would teach them. His mind was focused on the other part of Naruto's story.

He muttered to himself softly, "Could this really be a test for us?"

Naruto nodded and repeated Fujin's words, "A ninja must look underneath the underneath. Otherwise, why wouldn't Kakashi sensei teach us his cool jutsus and why would he make us do lame missions?"

Sasuke thought, 'That makes sense, but since when did Naruto become so smart?'

Both Sakura and Naruto looked at Sasuke who thought for some time. Finally, he said, "Well, there is no harm in trying. If this is indeed a test, then we might make him teach us more seriously. Even if it isn't, then it's not like he can make things worse for us."

With Sasuke agreeing, Sakura didn't oppose and Naruto was always on board. The three of them decided to think of ways to accomplish either of the two tasks Fujin suggested.

After a long discussion and creating several plans, they finally left. Walking towards his home, confusion was visible on Sasuke's face. He thought, 'Something about this feels off. The biggest question is since when did Naruto become so smart to look through something like this? Yet, I can't deny that his words made complete sense. I guess, we'll find out soon.'

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Chapter 555: Focus - Fuinjutsu!

Fujin completed his morning training routine before taking a small break to decide how to progress further. He analyzed, 'I have a feeling that I will open the Gate of Limit very soon. I might be able to do it this week itself.'

Once that is done, I'll have completed my previous training plan of training the Wind Domain, the Flying Thunder God jutsu and the Eight Inner Gates Technique simultaneously.

My Wind Domain is nearly perfect right now. The only improvement I can make is creating Vacuum jutsus using the Wind Domain. Though it is possible to improve it even more, it is very difficult. It'll depend more on any inspiration I get in the future or any improvements I experience in other fields. For instance, once I become more knowledgeable about poisons, I could try to mix poisons in the Wind Domain. That might make me more efficient than Sasori at poisoning my enemies.

I have mastered the Flying Thunder God jutsu as well. The only thing I need to work on is increasing the range. I will be able to slowly improve that over time. So, I don't need to assign any time to training it consistently.

As for the Eight Inner Gates Technique, the Gate of View is several times more difficult than opening all the first five Inner Gates. According to what Guy said, I'll need at least a couple of years to open it. And that is if I focus entirely on it. I guess the Gate of View would be the most I'll be able to open until the Fourth Great Ninja War unless I decide to push the war back by a few years.

Regardless, other than my usual morning physical workout routine and sparring with Guy, I don't need to focus more on this technique. That finally opens up my schedule after a long time!

Ever since he had quit Anbu, Fujin had been focused on these three jutsus. It had been over a year since then. Though he did some other things as well like creating the Eight Trigrams Divination Seal, investigating Jashin, mastering the Mind Reading technique, learning the Rasenshuriken and creating the Phantom Haven Society, more than 90% of the time he spent other than sleeping was on training these three techniques.

Even for someone as disciplined and focused as Fujin, he had started to feel a sense of exhaustion. As a result, he was extremely glad to finally have reached a stage where he could stop focusing on them.

Fujin continued analyzing, 'I can finally train something else. The two obvious things that I'll start focusing on soon are Spirit Transformation jutsu and Medical Ninjutsu along with more in-depth knowledge of poisons.

I am not sure how long it'll take to master the Spirit Transformation jutsu. I just hope that it isn't as difficult as the Flying Thunder God jutsu. Hopefully, the fact that I have transmigrated might help.

As for the Medical Ninjutsu and poison, I never loved studying Biology and Chemistry in my previous life. Granted it could just be because it wasn't as interesting as in this world and I couldn't get superpowers by studying it. Regardless, even if I can generate enough interest, neither of those two things is simple to learn.

Despite being excellent academically and having the best Medical Ninja helping her, Sakura still needed 3 years to reach the level she did. It's not the kind of time I can afford to spend right now...

Fortunately, I can use the Multi Shadow Clone jutsu. Considering how much Yoshi and Isamu have pestered me to become a Medical Ninja even after my identity as the Spectral Swordsman was leaked and I became a Council Member, I will ensure that I am the last ever student they teach!

Anyway, both Medical Ninjutsu and Spirit Transformation jutsu can wait for the time being. I have been putting off improving my Fuinjutsu for a long time. It's time to raise my Fuinjutsu to the next level!

Fujin looked at his palms. Immediately, the seal imprints that he had on his palm began glowing. Fuinjutsu was something that was very crucial to Fujin's plans. In addition, he was extremely fascinated by the kind of things it could achieve.

Fujin thought, 'Even though I am a Fuinjutsu Grandmaster, I am probably the one with the least expertise in seals among all the Grandmasters... When compared with someone like Sasori who was already making Human Puppets when he was my age, I'm lacking a lot.

Every SealMaster who becomes a Grandmaster spends a lot of time improving the existing seals and creating new ones. There is no question that even Hiruzen, Danzo and the Sannins are far superior to me in this aspect.

Danzo can add his imprint to a seal making it impossible for anyone else to remove his curse seals. Creating that arm might have needed a lot of Juinjutsu as well. Hiruzen is likely superior to Danzo in these aspects. Tsunade could create the Strength of a Hundred Seal. Orochimaru can store parts of his soul in a seal that applies on others.

By comparison, my usage of Fuinjutsu is very basic. I just nullify that weakness to an extent by using a ridiculous amount of seals, deterring anyone who intends to mess with my seals. However, if Hiruzen or Danzo decide to enter my house while I'm not in the village, the seals won't be able to stop them. They'll just need a long time to do so and they won't be able to cover up the fact that they undid my seals.

However, if I improve upon my seals, then they might not be able to do that. Unfortunately, improving seals isn't something that can be done very easily. It takes years, or rather decades to achieve that even with Shadow Clones. It's not something I can do in the short term.

Unless I can understand what those Jashin seals do, the only way to improve rapidly is by copying what other Grandmasters have already achieved, like I copied the properties of Danzo's curse seals to create the Phantom Seal.

So, I'll only focus on two things. The first is to make the seals more usable in battle. The way to do this is simple. I need to create battlefields using Seals like how Uchiha Sora did. The only change I need to make is that instead of needing half an hour to set up the battlefield, I want it to appear in an instant. These battlefields will become my hunting grounds.

Other than the battlefields, the other thing to improve upon is the Eight Trigrams Divination Seal. If I can improve it in the way I envision, my strength will improve by leaps and bounds! Unfortunately, this will be very difficult. I can just hope that I can find the perfect combination before the Chunin Exams begin...'

Fujin muttered, "Oh well, time to start creating a battlefield. Creating one at the same level as Uchiha Sora will be difficult to start with. I'll begin by creating a stealth-oriented battlefield."

Fujin entered his basement. Immediately, a hundred Shadow Clones appeared next to him. Without wasting any time, everyone got to work.

Three days passed. While Fujin became busy with his training again, Kakashi had a few eventful days. Lying in his bed, he had a peculiar expression as he wondered, 'What exactly happened with those three? They suddenly began acting suspiciously...'

In the last few days, Naruto, Sasuke and Sakura had all made moves on him, or rather his book and his mask. They first tried sneaking up on him which resulted in him grabbing each one of them by the back of their necks like he was grabbing cats. When he asked what they were up to, they all made excuses.

Next, they tried distracting him and taking his book. Unsurprisingly, that failed either. Since the straightforward methods didn't work, they became innovative. They began transforming into strangers and animals and running into Kakashi while he was walking in the streets.

Unknown to them, Kakashi could perfectly smell their scents. As a result, they never succeeded in their attempts. Regardless, while their initial attempts had been amusing, Kakashi had started to get slightly irritated as they kept increasing the intensity.

After thinking for a bit, Kakashi wondered, 'Did someone put them up to it? But who could it be? Lord Hokage? Hmm, I don't see why he would do that. Eh?'

It was late at night. Most of the Konoha were asleep. Had Kakashi not been wondering about the recent events, he might have slept as well. To his surprise, someone broke into his house!

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Chapter 556: Kakashi's Headache!

For a moment, Kakashi was shocked. In his entire life, his house had never been broken into by anyone! Even when his father was disgraced and committed suicide, no one actually broke into his house. For a second, Kakashi had raised his alertness to the maximum. Just like the rest of the village, he had raised the security of his house after the Root Headquarters had blown up.

However, that shock and alertness quickly changed into worry as he thought, 'How can he not know the details of the jutsu he calls his speciality? The Shadow Clones are good at hiding the main body as they can replicate the appearance, chakra and even the scent perfectly. If he wants to sneak into my house, shouldn't he at least do something to mask or alter his scent? Sigh, I have so much to teach him...'

As he was thinking, several figures snuck into his room. They were wearing black clothes along with masks to hide their identity. All of them were surprised to see Kakashi awake and staring back at them.

One of them asked in surprise, "Why are you still up?"

Another asked, "And why do you wear that mask so late in the night?"

Kakashi watched with a deadpan expression. He decided to play along with Naruto and asked, "Who are you people and what are you doing in my house?"

One of the clones suddenly realized that and shouted, "Crap, change of plans!"

Immediately, all the clones exploded into a cloud of smoke, covering Kakashi's house in smoke. Knowing how strong Kakashi was, Naruto didn't see any point in trying to gang up on him with his clones. That would only expose him.

Some distance from Kakashi's house, Naruto exclaimed, "Crap! He's still awake. Our plan failed!"

Naruto, Sakura and Sasuke were hiding while keeping an eye on Kakashi's house and were waiting for their signal to enter Kakashi's house when Naruto's clones failed. Sasuke asked, "Did he know that it was you?"

Naruto shook his head and said, "No way. I didn't fight him as you planned."

Sasuke said, "Good. Let's retreat. We will try again with a new plan."

In the blink of an eye, the three Genins ran away stealthily. Of course, it wasn't stealthy enough to escape Kakashi's watch. He looked at his students from a distance and thought, 'So even Sasuke and Sakura were involved and yet they didn't notice such a simple flaw... Sigh, I wonder how long it'll take them to realize that I can identify their scents. That said...'

A tired expression appeared on Kakashi's face as he complained, "This is too troublesome! Will they keep bothering me like this all the time?"

Seeing how full of energy Naruto was, Kakashi understood that he wouldn't get any rest until he stopped them. He decided, 'I need to get to the root of this change. Someone is influencing this change for sure. Also, these three have too much energy. I'll borrow some of Guy's tricks. That should be enough to keep them obedient. Also...'

Kakashi looked around but didn't feel anything odd. He opened his Sharingan and inspected his surroundings again. Yet, he didn't notice anyone. He muttered to himself, 'Weird. I have been feeling like someone is keeping an eye on me for the past few days. Yet, I don't see anyone whenever I investigate. It shouldn't be those Genins. They can't hide this well. Sigh, who is playing games with me?'

After escaping some distance away, the trio gathered together again. Naruto complained, "Man, this is so annoying! Why didn't Kakashi sensei sleep yet? And, he wears his mask even when he is in bed!"

Sakura was surprised and muttered, "It's almost as if that mask is a part of his body!"

Sasuke ignored their complaints and said, "It was unfortunate that he didn't sleep. Now, he'll be ready if we try this again. We will have to think of another way."

All three of them began thinking but couldn't come up with anything. Seeing that, Sasuke said, "Let's think about it on our own. We will discuss our ideas while waiting for him tomorrow."

Naruto and Sakura nodded. The team finally dispersed.

Uncharacteristically, Fujin was still awake. Usually, he'd be asleep by this hour, but this day he was engrossed in his training. A smile appeared on his face as he looked at the new seal imprint on his palm. He was about to test it when he suddenly received a set of memories.

A giggle escaped his lips as he thought, 'Not bad. Not bad at all. Those brats broke into Kakashi's house, hehe. I wonder what he's thinking right now.'

For the last few days, Fujin would always receive memories from his Shadow Clone that trailed Naruto and company. Those memories kept him very entertained despite training with so many clones.

Fujin turned his attention back to the seal on his hand and thought, 'Anyway, time to test this!'

Fujin slammed his hand on the ground. In an instant, a new seal appeared on the floor of his basement. In the blink of an eye, several dozen seals appeared at some spots in the basement!

Fujin looked at his clones and dispelled all but one. The remaining clone left the basement and appeared on the floor above it. He extended his chakra field into the basement. A smile appeared on his face as he muttered, "Amazing! I can't sense anything inside the basement!"

He stopped using his chakra field and instead activated the Space Time Sensing Technique. He realized, 'Looks like it is useless against Space Time techniques though... The seals that I know are pretty much useless against Space Time techniques. Then again, I haven't run into anyone else who knows such seals either.

I guess seals that restrict Space Time techniques haven't been created in this world yet. Unless the Uzumaki clan or the Jashin cult knew them. If they don't, then it might be safe to say that there are none.

Though that ain't necessarily a bad thing. At least no one will be able to stop my Flying Thunder God. The only shame is that I won't have a way to stop that broken Mangekyou ability. I guess working with Kakashi would be the only way to deal with Obito.

Still, I should visit Uzushioagakure sometime in the future to see if any secrets are still hidden in the village. Though unlikely as that village was thoroughly plundered and scavenged several times, there is still some chance considering that the very thing they specialized in was seals. Perhaps taking an Uzumaki there might help in finding the hidden stuff.'

Fujin's clone stopped analyzing and sent the memories back to Fujin who was waiting in the basement. On receiving the memories, Fujin thought, 'Great, it works as I want. It seems like I can make a complete battlefield in this way. Though making the seal imprint for it will be far more complicated.'

Three days ago :

After deciding to make a stealth battlefield, Fujin decided to get down to work. The first task that he needed to do was to create the battlefield normally. That was the easy part. Fujin and his clones brainstormed and came up with a structure of the battlefield with seals placed in the right places within a few hours.

The stealth battlefield was different from the battlefield that Uchiha Sora had created to deal with the Jashinists. The one Sora created was to trap the enemies and prevent them from running while giving Sora and his allies the initiative to attack and defend at will. However, what Fujin created focused solely on the stealth aspect.

No sensor, no matter how good, would be able to detect that someone was in that battlefield as long as he didn't step into it. Only Fuinjutsu Grandmasters would be able to detect that something was off. However, it didn't have any other capabilities. Meaning, that the battlefield didn't assist Fujin in attack, defense or even in trapping the enemy.

The reason why Fujin created such a simple battlefield was the second task. It was very difficult and Fujin was sure that he would be the first Fuinjutsu Grandmaster to do something like this. The difficult part was that Fujin would have to condense the entire battlefield into one small seal imprint.

The seal imprints, though convenient, were traditionally used to create only one seal quickly. However, the battlefield that Fujin wanted to create had several dozen stealth seals of various types.

As a result, the seal imprint he would be creating was a seal imprint that consisted of several dozen seal imprints within it. And, each of those several dozen seal imprints had to be placed at the proper place

inside the main seal imprint. If Fujin made a single error in the distances between each seal, the seal imprint would fail in creating the battlefield.

Most of Fujin's time was spent creating that imprint. He and his clones failed several times. However, he had managed to create it. Fujin looked at it and thought, 'This stealth battlefield will act as a prototype for my main battlefield. Hmm, main battlefield is kind of a boring name. I'll call it the Fuin Battlefield instead. Anyway, I'll begin working on it tomorrow.'

Fujin decided to call it a night. The next day, before he could begin his training, an Anbu appeared and called Fujin into Hiruzen's office!

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Chapter 557: Naruto

At around 6 in the morning, team 7 gathered in the training ground. Well, all except their sensei. Naruto, Sakura and Sasuke all had a sleepy face.

Naruto said, "We barely got to sleep last night. I am so sleepy!"

Since they had been up late at night to sneak up on Kakashi, they only got a few hours of sleep.

Sakura yawned and said, "Luckily sensei won't be here for at least another 3 hours. We can take a nap here."

Sasuke didn't say anything but agreed with her. The three of them sat with their backs resting against trees and closed their eyes.

"Hmm, did you come here for training or sleeping?"

It had barely been a minute since the three of them closed their eyes when they heard Kakashi's voice. All 3 woke up in an instant. Sakura looked at Kakashi and shouted internally, 'Of all the days, he had to come early today? Shannaro!'

Sasuke wondered, 'Does he know that it was us last night?'

Naruto watched nervously as well. Kakashi looked at his 3 students and said, "Enough lazing around. Today, we will have a special training session."

On hearing the words 'Special Training Session', the eyes of the three Genins lit up. Naruto thought, 'Did we prove ourselves to him? Fujin was right as always!'

Sasuke thought, 'Finally, we can get some real training.'

Naruto excitedly jumped and asked, "Will you teach us your special jutsus, Kakashi-sensei?"

Kakashi said in confusion, "Special jutsus? Well, the training will be very special. All three of you will grow strong rapidly with it. So, we will start right away."

Despite their sleep-deprived state, the three Genins were very excited. Unfortunately, the excitement didn't last very long. Sakura's excitement died 15 seconds after Kakashi's 'Special Training Session' started. Sasuke's excitement died after 10 minutes while Naruto's excitement nearly lasted for half an hour.

The training Kakashi put them through even surpassed the intensity of training that Guy put his students through! None of them had the physiques to endure such training. When Kakashi noticed Naruto running out of gas, he said, "The warm-up is over. Now, we will begin the real training."

This time, none of the three genins felt any excitement. Instead, horror was setting in! True to his words, the trio that had been harassing him for 3 days were being put through hell!

While Naruto and his teammates entered hell, Fujin woke and freshened up. As usual, he sent out a Shadow Clone to enjoy the entertainment. Unknown to him, he had missed out on some very entertaining scenes. By the time his clone reached, all three genins had passed out! Regardless, his mind quickly began thinking about the Fuin Battlefield.

He analyzed, 'I only used 83 seals in the Stealth Battlefield. And most of the seals were similar in nature. However, the Fuin Battlefield will be a lot more complex.

I have to make it strong enough to at least hold any non-Jinchuriki rank S ninja. If it can't do even that much, then what's the use of technique? I can already neutralize threats weaker than that even without using my Wind jutsus or any forbidden jutsus.

A normal barrier created with seals can't hold a rank S ninja. The barriers I integrate into Fuin Battlefield will need to have the feature of strengthening with the help of my chakra.

As long as I can do that, there would be no way to escape other than Reverse Summoning jutsu. Hmm, maybe Onoki's dust release might be able to destroy it. Sussano could be another variable. However, the rest of the rank S ninjas will be trapped without being able to escape, giving me a chance to kill them.

Oh well, I'll do my physical workout and then start creating this... Hmm?'

Fujin's bell rang. An Anbu had arrived and informed Fujin that Hiruzen had asked for his presence. Fujin followed him while wondering, 'Did he call me to give me the scroll of Spirit Transformation jutsu or is he ready to move the orphans here?'

When Fujin reached, Hiruzen ordered his Anbu Guards to leave the two of them alone. With all the seals activated, Hiruzen handed Fujin a scroll and said, "The details of the Spirit Transformation jutsu are in there. However, be careful while practicing the jutsu. The act of releasing your soul from your body is extremely dangerous. If you make a mistake, then it can injure you. And I can't estimate the degree of the injury.

Once your soul is out, your body will be vulnerable. If someone makes a move on you and damages your unprotected body, you'll die. Kato Dan, the one who created this jutsu, died in this manner during the war.

Always leave sufficient Shadow Clones behind to take care of your body. That way, you'll be aware of the danger and might be able to make it back in time."

Fujin nodded. He understood the dangers involved while learning that jutsu. However, he wasn't much worried about leaving his body vulnerable using that jutsu. After all, he knew the Flying Thunder God jutsu. His clones could escape with his body with rather ease even if someone found him.

Fujin asked curiously, "I will be careful. That said, can Shadow Clones use this technique?"

Hiruzen shook his head and said, "No. Even though Shadow Clones have a part of your spirit that returns to your body after they are dispelled or destroyed, it is extremely minute. No clone can use this technique. Even if you somehow manage to utilize this technique with that little spirit, the clone will be dispelled and it will return to you forcefully."

Fujin sighed and muttered, "That's a shame. Anyway..."

He handed a few scrolls to Hiruzen and said, "These have Sasori's puppets. I decided to keep 15 for myself. The remaining 49 are here."

Hiruzen nodded and took the scrolls while thinking, 'It is difficult for a puppet master to handle several puppets at the same time. Generally, 3 is the limit. Assuming that they need a couple as backup, these should be enough to equip the 5 I have in mind. The rest will be used to research and improve Konoha's knowledge of creating puppets. Normally, I'd have asked Danzo to handle this research. However...'

Thinking about Danzo, the headaches of a few months ago resurfaced. Hiruzen decided, 'Though I can't be sure whether Danzo had any hand in the death of the Root ninjas and the destruction of the Root Headquarters, there is no doubt that a lot of things don't add up. I can't clear him so quickly just because he suffered from that incident.

Not to mention, if I let him get his hands on this forbidden technique, Danzo will surely create a large number of Human Puppets. In the worst case, he might even use Konoha ninjas for this purpose and I won't be able to do much because it is very easy to keep these puppets hidden. I shouldn't allow him to get his hands on this technique unless we are at a war and in a tough spot. I will create another unit for researching such forbidden techniques.'

Hiruzen looked at Fujin and said, "There is another reason that I called you here. The construction of the buildings and facilities around your house is finally completed. I am planning to move the orphans there tonight."

Fujin nodded and said, "Sure, no issue. That said, I received a request some time ago."

Hiruzen was surprised. He wondered, 'Since when did Fujin start accepting requests? And, who is rich enough to ask for his help?'

He asked, "What is it?"

Fujin smiled and said, "Naruto asked whether he could move in along with other orphans."

Immediately, a thoughtful expression appeared on Hiruzen's face. He thought, 'So he only accepts requests that involve giving me a headache? I know that he has been teaching Naruto for some time, but Naruto moving into his territory will be a political matter...'

Naruto was the only Jinchuriki in Konoha. As a result, several clans and factions in Konoha wanted him under their control. Considering that he was an orphan, almost every clan, including the Uchiha clan, had offered to take him under their wing. In fact, even Hiruzen wanted to take Naruto into the Sarutobi clan. So did Danzo, who wanted him in the Root.

Since everyone's interests clashed and everyone restricted each other, Naruto eventually ended up alone. No one had asked to take him in recent times other than Danzo. So Fujin's statement came as a surprise to Hiruzen.

Hiruzen analyzed, 'Since I am placing several orphans under him, he does have a good reason to justify Naruto moving in with them. Not to mention, he is already on good terms with him. So it will be good for Naruto.'

However, it will cause political clashes. It is difficult to say how the clans would see this. Danzo might even use this opportunity to say that I am trying to take control of Naruto through Fujin. The only good thing is that Fujin doesn't have an established faction yet. So others might not see it as a threat. Regardless, it will be a headache for me!"

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Chapter 558: Warnings

Hiruzen asked, "Will Naruto be moving into your house?"

Fujin shook his head and answered, "No. He just feels that he might make friends more easily with the orphans. If there is no issue on your end, then he will move in only if he gets along well with them and will be living alongside them."

Hiruzen sighed internally, 'He makes a very strong case as usual. How will I come out looking good if I refuse Naruto the opportunity to make friends and get along with the ones who might not discriminate against him?'

Hiruzen asked, "Are you sure it'll be a good idea? Don't forget that Naruto is a Jinchuriki and hosts the Nine Tailed Beast. If he loses control, then the orphans and even you might be at risk."

Fujin raised an eyebrow and said, "If he is going to lose control, then he might as well lose control next to a rank S Fuinjutsu Grandmaster and a bunch of Anbu Trainees instead of in the middle of the city where civilians live."

For a second, Hiruzen was left speechless. He didn't expect to be countered so quickly and without a shred of mercy. Despite the shamelessness running through his veins, even Hiruzen couldn't help but feel embarrassed. Of course, it wasn't visible on his face.

In fact, even Fujin wondered, 'What happened to him today? Is he sick or did he fall on his head in the last 3 days? This is the first time I ever saw him say something so dumb...'

While Fujin loved messing with Hiruzen, it was generally because of how difficult Hiruzen made it to mess with him. As a result, he couldn't help but be surprised by the excuse Hiruzen was trying to use.

Hiruzen faked a cough and said, "Of course. I just wanted you to be aware. Even though Lord Fourth's seal is very secure, we should always take precautions."

Fujin just stared at Hiruzen, making it obvious that Hiruzen's half-assed attempt at covering up what he said wasn't working. Hiruzen added, "That said, while I don't have any issue, Naruto is the village's only

Jinchuriki. So his safety is of utmost importance. In addition, other Council Members will need to be informed as well. I will give you the answer a few days later."

Fujin nodded and said, "Well, even though my compounds are on the outskirts of the village, safety shouldn't be a concern as I'll apply seals on the compounds soon. My compounds will become one of the safest places in the village. The Anbu can continue keeping an eye on him from the shadows. If needed, one of the underground bases in the compounds could be used as an Anbu base."

All the Kiri orphans that would be moving into his compounds were Anbu trainees. In addition, a few experienced Anbu would also be staying in his compounds to train those orphans. So it didn't make much of a difference to Fujin if a few more Anbu came in. Besides, even at such a close distance, no one would be able to spy inside his house.

Fujin continued, "As for the other council members, I don't see any reason why anyone would have an issue. Though if they do, just let me know."

Hiruzen was surprised. He asked, "Oh? What will you do?"

Fujin smiled and replied, "Why would I do anything? I'll just ask Naruto to prank their houses. The kid hasn't been pranking much since he graduated. Though..."

Fujin put up a thoughtful face and continued, "I might have to discuss this with Kakashi as Naruto is his student. However, he should agree as this will be a good training for Naruto."

Hiruzen looked at Fujin with a dumbfounded expression. He thought, 'He isn't even planning to hide the fact that he was behind Naruto creating havoc in the village? Not to mention, Naruto has learnt the Multi Shadow Clone jutsu. If he pranks now...'

Hiruzen immediately understood what terror Naruto could cause if he continued with his old ways. Normally, he would have stopped the person who suggested it, but he had a feeling that he would lose if he tried to debate with Fujin.

He said, "Well, that might be a bit extreme. Anyway, don't worry. I don't think anyone will oppose it too much. I'll handle it. I'll see you later tonight."

Fujin nodded and disappeared from the office. As he left the office, a puzzled expression appeared on his face. He muttered to himself, 'What a weird day... Hiruzen says something dumb, Kakashi is somehow already in the training grounds, and his three students are instead the ones sleeping... Did the Sun rise from the West today? Or did I transmigrate into another parallel universe?'

While Fujin was chatting with Hiruzen, his clone had sent him the memories to inform him about the situation with Kakashi's squad. The sudden change had surprised him. He anticipated Kakashi making them wait for 6 hours instead of 3 hours due to being annoyed by them. He never imagined that Kakashi would do the opposite!

Fujin decided, 'Well, whatever. I'll continue constructing the Fuin Battlefield. Unlike the Stealth Battlefield, this will be very complicated. I'll need a few days to just plan the design. The only reference I have is the battlefield Sora created.

And, I'll also need to consider what I should do when making improvements to the Fuin Battlefield in the future. Will I just have to make a new Seal Imprint? Or can I somehow modify the current Seal Imprint?'

Elsewhere, Kakashi looked at his three students, all of whom had passed out at some point during the intense training. Sakura lasted the least with just over 30 minutes. Sasuke lasted for over one and a quarter hours. Naruto lasted 30 minutes more than him.

Kakashi analyzed, 'Weird, I didn't feel anyone looking at me earlier. However, I can feel it now. That said, I still can't find who it is. There is no scent, no chakra signature and it doesn't feel like Lord Hokage's crystal ball either... I will keep an eye on these 3 to check if someone is influencing them.

Anyway, it looks like these 3 need some training to improve their stamina. Sakura's stamina is too low even for a Genin. Sasuke is better but this isn't enough. Naruto is helped by his Uzumaki genes and the Nine Tails sealed inside him. However, for someone who is aided by such factors, his stamina is quite low. This training will be the new normal for them.'

Since the three had slept for enough time, Kakashi woke all of them up. The three Genins were still extremely tired. They quickly drank some water.

Kakashi said in a disappointed tone, "I didn't expect that you three wouldn't be able to last a single training session."

Kakashi shook his head, displaying his disappointment further. Sakura immediately argued, "But Sensei, the training was so intense! How are we supposed to keep doing it for a long time?"

Kakashi stared into her eyes and said, "The fights between ninjas are far more intense. You will burn stamina at a much quicker rate. If you lose your focus for a moment, you'll be dead. Do you think your opponent will stop after half an hour just because you lack stamina?"

Sakura immediately went quiet while a frown appeared on Sasuke's face. He imagined facing Itachi and lacking the stamina to fight him. Naruto said, "But Sensei, I lasted the longest. Shouldn't I be fine?"

Kakashi looked at him and said, "Your main method of fighting is Shadow Clones. In a fight, you'll lose your stamina the quickest. It is even more important for you to improve your stamina."

Kakashi's words shut him up as well. However, it was what he said next that horrified them. Forming his usual eye smile, Kakashi said, "You three couldn't last your early morning training session. I hope you do better in your pre-afternoon training session which begins now."

Sakura immediately complained, "But sensei, we haven't eaten anything."

Naruto added, "Yes Sensei. We can't train on empty stomachs."

Kakashi maintained his eye smile and asked, "Do you think your enemies will give you lunch breaks in the middle of the war? We begin now. Also, if any of you fall asleep this time, I'll be waking you up with the Thousand Years of Death jutsu!"

All three Genins shivered on hearing that threat. None of them wanted to experience that. Not giving them any further break, Kakashi started the next round of training which continued until noon. All three got too tired at some point and couldn't continue the training, but no one dared to pass out and everyone kept a close eye on Kakashi.

At noon, the trio quickly ate the lunches they had packed. Not one second after they were done eating, Kakashi took them to the Hokage's office to accept a mission.

The exhausted kids unwillingly followed Kakashi in their half-dead states. Even Hiruzen was surprised when he saw them. He couldn't help but wonder, 'What did Kakashi do with them? And why are they so on guard?'

"Lord Hokage?"

Hearing Kakashi, Hiruzen said, "Madam Shijimi's cat has escaped again. Your mission is to catch and bring the cat back."

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Chapter 559: Jiraiya's Dream jutsu!

"Not the damn cat again!" Naruto shouted in horror. Both Sakura and Sasuke sighed in agreement. Their bodies were already aching to the extreme. They didn't want to chase the cat around the village for hours in that state. In fact, they didn't even have any energy to do any mission. All the three of them wanted was to return to their homes and sleep until the next morning.

Unfortunately, Kakashi didn't give them any choice. Hiruzen was surprised to see the three Genins accept a rank D mission without asking for difficult missions for once.

Fujin received the memories from his clone and chuckled while thinking, 'Guess Guy will be proud of Kakashi. Hmm, maybe I should inform him the next time we spar. Oh well...'

His expression became serious as he clenched his fists and exerted his strength.

'Gate of Opening: Open!'

'Gate of Healing: Open!'

'Gate of Life: Open!'

In one go, Fujin opened the first three inner gates. His skin turned red, his pupils disappeared, all the hair on his body stood up, and bulging veins appeared all over his body. At the same time, a high amount of chakra was flowing around his body.

'Gate of Pain: Open!'

Fujin exerted his body further and opened the fourth inner gate! True to its name, pain spread through his body as his muscles were affected.

Fujin gritted his teeth and muttered, "Here goes nothing."

Despite the pain, Fujin closed his eyes and focused on the chakra point in his abdomen. In an instant, a large amount of chakra bombarded the Gate of Limit. Fujin kept up the bombardment for half a minute. Despite the steady increase in the pain his muscles were feeling, the bombardment only became more fierce.

The Gate of Limit couldn't withstand it and snapped open. In an instant, Fujin felt a massive increase in his chakra reserves. Despite the pain, he could feel that his body was far stronger.

Fujin didn't move and instead just paid attention to his body. He thought, 'It's incredible that this body can generate so much chakra and improve my physical abilities to this extent. My chakra levels are more than ten times what I normally have.'

He sighed as he analyzed further, 'It's a shame that this chakra is in such a berserk state. If it was calm like my normal chakra and I could use it for Ninjutsu, I could have been able to injure a Tailed Beast!'

Fujin finally closed his inner gates. His breathing immediately became rougher and he felt an immense hunger. However, Fujin wasn't very concerned. He analyzed, 'With the Gate of Limit opened, I can stop training the Eight Inner Gates Technique as well.'

The Gate of Joy is just too difficult to open. Even if I train my body with the same intensity for a few years, there is no guarantee that I'll be able to open the Gate of Joy. Instead, it'll only get more difficult as my body grows stronger.

From what Guy said, fighting against strong opponents is an important factor from here onwards. Only when in grave danger, will the body be able to put enough pressure on the Gate of Joy to open it. However...'

Fujin had a helpless expression. Unlike Guy, who was much weaker than Fujin when he opened the Gate of Limit, Fujin was already a fearsome rank S ninja! The number of ninjas that could threaten him and were alive could be counted with fingers.

Fujin muttered to himself, 'The only way I could get into such a fight is if I fight with Ay, Onoki or some of the Akatsuki members. Or maybe by using Akuro's disguise to fight with Hiruzen, Jiraiya and Tsunade. Still, all of them are far more experienced than me and no weaker than me as long as I don't use the Flying Thunder God...'

Fujin fell into deep thought. After a couple of minutes, he decided, 'Irrespective of whether I open the Gate of Joy or not, there is no harm in engaging in such battles. Though I have fought a lot for my age, the majority of my battles were against weaker ninjas from minor villages. The number of times I fought a rank S ninja is just too low. Compared to these guys who fought regularly during the Great Ninja Wars, I lack heavily in the experience department.

Oh well, once the range of my Flying Thunder God jutsu increases, I'll begin finding excuses to fight them. After all, why should I refuse their help to make myself stronger? Since they aren't doing anything important, they might as well help me a bit.'

Having made his decision, Fujin decided to go to Ichiraku to fill himself up. En route, he saw Naruto and his teammates chasing after a cat. Noticing their sluggish movements, Fujin commented, 'I don't think they can get up from their beds tomorrow... Even Guy isn't this brutal. Oh well, it's none of my concern.'

Completely ignoring the fact that he was the reason for their current state, Fujin shamelessly went into Ichiraku and began treating his stomach.

In his basement, 4 large sheets of paper were placed on the floor at some distance from each other. Surrounding each paper were a dozen Shadow Clones. While Fujin was training his body, his clones had been working on the design for the Fuin Battlefield.

Since the design had to be created properly, Fujin was aware that it would take some time. It didn't make any difference whether it was he who was designing the battlefield or his clones. Hence, Fujin left it all to his clones while he began focusing on the other things.

After filling his stomach and returning home, Fujin opened the scroll that Hiruzen had given him. Understanding the importance of theory in this jutsu, Fujin read it carefully a few times.

After a while, he sighed, 'Kato Dan... What an impressive talent... From what Hiruzen informed me about him, he specialized in Fire, Wind, Earth, Yin and Yang Release. In addition, his chakra reserves were very high as well.

I wonder if this was a reason why Hiruzen didn't oppose much while giving this jutsu. It might be possible that all he did was just act so that he could get as many puppets from me as he could. After all, in terms of chakra natures, I and Dan are quite similar as Hiruzen doesn't know about my Lightning Release.

That said, I wonder why his chakra reserves were absurdly high... Now that I think about it, he did help Tsunade recover her entire chakra including the chakra stored in her seal in the last war. Being able to fill up her seal is nuts. Does the Spirit Transformation jutsu help increase the chakra reserves? However, it could have also been due to the Edo Tensei. Oh well, I'll wonder about it later.

Coming back to the Spirit Transformation jutsu, it is remarkable. To be able to control the soul... A normal person, actually, even most rank S ninjas, can't even feel their soul, let alone control it freely.

Just to be able to sense my soul, I'll need remarkable control over Yin Release. By extension, my control over Yan Release has to be remarkable as well. Though my current Yang Release and Yin Release aren't bad, I'll have to improve them significantly to just begin training this jutsu.

Once they improve, I will first have to sense my soul and differentiate it from my body. The next step will be detaching it from my body, allowing me to roam freely. In this form, I'll be invulnerable to normal chakra and energy. Even Nature energy won't be able to harm me. Unless someone develops attacks that specifically target the soul, I won't be harmed. That said, I could still be trapped within high-level barriers.

Anyway, the last step would be learning combat skills with my Spirit. The basic way of attacking with spirit is by entering the enemy's body and damaging his Spirit, or better, completely collapsing it. Straightforward and brutally efficient.

In addition, I can also take control of my enemy's body temporarily. I can also use this technique to communicate or transfer my chakra to an ally. Another important feature is the broken passive tracking ability. If I set someone as my target, my Soul will be able to find its way all the way to him even if I don't know where my target is.

Hmm... I wonder if this jutsu was purposefully kept away from Jiraiya...'

Fujin was genuinely surprised that Jiraiya didn't do everything he could to learn this jutsu. It seemed like the perfect jutsu for him!

Fujin continued reading the scroll over and over to ensure that he didn't miss anything. He noted down all the doubts he had as Hiruzen would be paying a visit later in the day.

The remainder of the day passed without any incident. Kakashi planned on training the kids once again after the mission was completed. However, he could see that they were completely drained. They didn't make a single move on him during the mission. As a result, he let them go home early.

Later that night, Hiruzen arrived at Fujin's residence along with the orphans from Kiri.

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Chapter 560: 50 years more...

Sensing a bunch of chakra signatures coming towards his house, Fujin muttered, 'I guess Hiruzen is finally here.'

Fujin flickered outside his house. The construction around his house was completed. The 4 plots adjacent to his land, each 2500 sq. meters in size, had been incorporated to create a compound and a wall had been constructed around the entire property. Fujin's house was at the centermost plot, near the front.

The vacant area behind his house now had two buildings. One of them was the training facility. It was as good as the Anbu training facilities, though they were a bit smaller and lacked elemental training rooms. The other building was for any Anbu stationed in his compounds.

The plots just to the right and left of Fujin's house had several small buildings. They were for the Kiri orphans to live in. The last two plots, which were farthest from Fujin's house, were left for future expansion. In order to not leave them empty, parks and playgrounds were constructed there.

Fujin thought, 'Hmm, not bad. Though it is rather simple, it seems like Hiruzen asked the constructors to maintain consistency with my house. Instead of overshadowing my house or looking pale in comparison, they are in sync with my house, making it quite a good sight. Though, it makes my house stand out a bit. Oh well, it's not like anyone would dare intrude on my house for that reason...'

A few seconds later, Hiruzen appeared in front of Fujin. Behind him were a few Anbu ninjas and the 134 orphans from the Land of Water. Hiruzen looked at Fujin and nodded, indicating that it was time. Fujin looked at the kids. As he had expected, almost all of them had emotional expressions. Only a few looked around curiously. Hiruzen had already explained to them that they would be living in Fujin's compounds.

Hiruzen introduced Fujin to them before the Anbu began assigning them the rooms to live in. While they were busy, Fujin asked, "Are all of them from the Land of Water? Also, how many have awakened Kekkei Genkai and how many have bloodlines?"

Hiruzen looked at Fujin and thought, 'So he has already connected the dots between these kids and the ones Renjiro brought back.'

Hiruzen wasn't surprised. It was rather easy to connect. He nodded and said, "Yes. 5 of them have unlocked Kekkei Genkai. We have confirmed that another 14 have bloodlines. As for the rest, it is difficult to say. As you know, the Mizukage faction has been hunting everyone with Kekkei Genkai. So, several people changed their surnames while going into hiding.

It is difficult to say if some of these kids are among them. Regardless, their talent is still very high. So it isn't an issue."

Fujin agreed and asked softly, "Are you planning on creating more clans in the village?"

While getting slightly more than a hundred talented kids who might become Jounins in the future was something no village would say no to, it wasn't something that the major villages would fight for. After all, the villages received talented kids every year. However, most of them would die even before they became Jounins. Some would lose their drive and would never reach that level. So, it wasn't a big deal.

However, it was a whole different thing when Kekkei Genkai and bloodlines were involved! It presented villages with an opportunity to raise an entirely new force. In addition, it was much easier to become Elite Jounins if you have Kekkei Genkai. It even made becoming rank S slightly easier.

Hiruzen glared at Fujin and said, "Some things are better left unsaid. Don't talk openly about such things. But yes. Over the next half-century, we can create several new clans. It'll increase the special units that our village will have considerably."

Hiruzen chuckled and added, "I'll probably be long dead by then. It'll be something you guys would need to handle. Since you are the one overseeing them, you will have a major role to play."

Fujin looked at Hiruzen and wondered, 'Why does it feel like he wants me to take over the Hokage seat?'

Fujin looked back at the kids and replied casually, "Don't worry, Grandpa. I'm sure you'll still be the Hokage 50 years later. The people of Konoha would love to see their 'beloved' and 'benevolent' Lord Hokage complete a century!"

That immediately earned him a glare from Hiruzen. Fujin felt it but he didn't look at him and instead just kept watching the orphans casually. He knew exactly what Hiruzen's thoughts would be.

Hiruzen cursed in his mind, 'What the hell is the issue with this village? Why does everyone want me to continue as the Hokage? Can't I retire? He wants me to continue being Hokage until I become a hundred and twenty years old? Is there a reason why only troublemakers want to become the Hokage?'

Hiruzen almost wanted to lash out in frustration. Unfortunately, he couldn't. Not to mention, Fujin didn't even look in his direction and instead pretended to be curious about the kids. Hiruzen could only bitterly bottle up his thoughts.

He sighed internally while thinking, 'I failed to convince Jiraiya to take the seat. Tsunade won't accept either. Minato's batch unfortunately didn't have any other candidate. However, I am not missing my chance this time.'

He looked at Fujin and thought, 'Both Fujin and Kakashi are excellent candidates. Considering how easily Fujin dealt with Sasori, he isn't too far away from my level. Though he won't be able to win against me at least for a few more years, he might be able to hold back and retreat successfully from Ay and Onoki.'

Kakashi, unfortunately, has been lagging behind. Still, even he can be considered as a rank S ninja. At the very least, he should be able to fight against Rasa. Considering how troublesome his students are and what troubles they will attract, they might just inspire him to train a bit more seriously.

I'll wait for 3 more years and retire irrespective of whether someone wants to become the Hokage or not. That should be sufficient time for Kakashi's strength to become more formidable and for Fujin to gain some fame that he can actually speak about. If they are reluctant, I'll use Danzo to push either of them on the seat!'

A slight surprise appeared on Hiruzen's face as he realized, 'Now that I think about it, he has done a great job at hiding his biggest achievements. No one except Akatsuki knows that he was the one to kill Juzo. Similarly, no one except me knows that he was the one to steal Sasori's puppets. Even his fights against Iwa are only known to them. As for Suna, once again only me and Shikaku know...'

Fujin felt that the way Hiruzen was staring at him had changed. He looked at him and saw a peculiar expression on Hiruzen's face. He asked, "What are you thinking about?"

Hiruzen shook his head and said, "Nothing important."

Fujin looked at him with a doubtful expression. Seeing that Hiruzen didn't intend to speak about it, Fujin began asking Hiruzen on how to handle the kids. While he guided a few earlier and had made arrangements for kids in Phantom Haven Society, he truly didn't have much experience in this aspect.

Thankfully, Hiruzen already had a basic plan prepared. He explained it to Fujin. After explaining everything, Hiruzen concluded, "In short, you don't need to do much. The Anbu I deploy will take care of their training. For other basic needs, civilians will be employed. Since you don't have any way to earn funds, the village will be handling the expenses."

You only need to watch over the kids. If they have an issue that they or their teachers can't resolve, then they will be approaching you. In addition, if someone catches your eye, feel free to guide them. If you want to, you can even create and lead a squad. The only important thing is to ensure that no one knows about Kekkei Genkai users among the kids.

Even the clan leaders and other elders are oblivious to this fact. While I don't need to hide this from them, seeing how long they take to realize this will give us an idea of how long other villages will take to suspect us of having pulled something like this off."

Fujin nodded. He didn't doubt the fact that other villages would be pissed on seeing Konoha gaining so many new Kekkei Genkais. There was little doubt that there would be several assassination attempts on them. What Hiruzen's words implied was that Fujin would have to be the one to deter the other villages from doing something like that.

However, Fujin wasn't very worried. After all, Konoha would be at its strongest by then. Even if things didn't happen as he remembered, Konoha would still be at the top in regards to rank S battle power. With the two Sannins, Fujin, Kakashi, Guy and Naruto, that'd be 6 rank S ninjas even without considering Danzo. That wasn't something other villages could match.

Of course, Fujin couldn't say those things out loud. He nodded and said, "Don't worry, I'll handle it. Besides, it has been some time since I butted my head against the other great villages. Anyway, show me the ones with Kekkei Genkai and bloodline. I'd keep a closer eye on them."

Hiruzen chuckled thinking about what had happened when Fujin previously butt his head against other villages and informed him about the kids who had the Kekkei Genkai and the bloodlines. The information that Hiruzen gave him caused Fujin to be surprised!