

## Calamity 71

### Chapter 71: The Beginning of a Legend!

The bandits, as well as the ninjas, didn't understand what move was made. But considering that it was made by a kid, they didn't attach a lot of importance to it. The slash didn't have any color, so they couldn't actually see an incoming slash. Instead, they just noticed wind moving towards them at a high speed and dust rising up as the winds approached them.

The bandits hadn't ever seen any Ninjutsu. So they just kept running straight banking on their numbers. The ninjas, however, were alert. When the slash came close, they jumped 5-6 feet in the air to avoid it.

When the slash reached them, it was around 50 meters wide! It first hit the bandits who were running like bulls. It immediately cut them in half at their abdomens. The bandits who were following them didn't get any time to react and were cut in two as well.

Next, the sharp winds that were generated by the slash hit the jumping ninjas. It created shallow cuts all over their body. The unfortunate ones had their throats or wrists slit open. A few had winds cutting through their nails and skin, causing them to scream loudly in pain. Almost all had their eyes getting cut by the winds.

In all, only 4 Genins and 2 Chunins were lucky, or perhaps unlucky, to survive. 1 Chunin and 2 Genins lost both their eyes, while the remaining 2 genins lost an eye each. They were horrified.

The entire first wave of 50 bandits and ninjas was defeated by a single swing of the sword. And it still wasn't over.

The bandits in the 2nd wave, who had just reached the edge of the forest, were terrified of what they saw happen to their fellow bandits. Color drained from their face at that sight.

The sword slash, which was initially colorless, now had a tinge of blood-red color to it. In no time, it hit the forest and flew through it, cutting down bandits and trees alike.

Unlike the bandits, the ninjas in this group reacted quickly. Some dug underground. Some grouped together and created a layered Rock shield protection. Others just ran up the trees to the top and jumped as high as they could.

After penetrating around 40 meters into the forest, the slash lost its edge and died down due to the high number of trees in its path.

The attack littered the field with blood and pieces of human bodies. The forest adjacent to the open field was completely in ruins!

Though this attack was watched by a lot of people, none of them knew, that this was the start of a Legend! In the future, this attack would form the groundwork for that young man to create a whole new combat style that would wreak havoc in the ninja world!

Hoka and Mieko were stupefied on seeing the result of a single swing of Fujin's sword! Their mouths were wide open in shock!

Unlike them, who were just shocked due to Fujin's attack, the 50 bandits on the hill who saw the attack were terrified. The scene seemed like an extremely bad nightmare. A few bandits fainted due to fear and trauma. One bandit yelled in terror. That woke up the rest and they began scurrying away.

Even the ninjas were terrified and began retreating along with the bandits. Tamanaha Norio, who was leading them, wanted to stop them, but he realized that there was no point in stopping them as their morale had hit rock bottom. So he decided to retreat and regroup. While retreating, he looked at the kid who swung the sword and thought, 'That's a genin?'

Seeing them about to retreat, Renjiro sighed and created a shadow clone. 'I knew Fujin's attack would create such an impact.' He looked at the scurrying bandits and smirked, 'These guys are really unfortunate.'

He and his clone slammed their hands on the ground, pouring a huge amount of chakra into it.

'Earth Release : Rock Avalanche jutsu'

'Earth Release : Mud River jutsu'

As soon as they slammed their hands on the ground, a Rock avalanche formed and began rolling down the hill.

The ninjas were about to run away, when the ground under their feet turned into mud, making them lose their balance and fall. Everyone one of them fell into the mud river, including the Jounin. And a few seconds later, the Rock avalanche went down the river.

The bandits as well as the ninjas saw the terrifying scene in front of them. They couldn't move, as their legs were stuck in the mud river. The river began dragging them down the slope, toward those murders down the hill. And, in front of them, huge rocks were rolling down the hill towards them. They yelled in despair, but in a mere few seconds, they were all crushed to death. Only 1 survived!

Tamanaha Norio, too, freaked out seeing the huge rocks rolling toward him. He was about to jump when his legs got stuck in the mud river that suddenly formed under him. The mud then began moving down the hill at a quick speed. He quickly made a few hand signs, 'Water Prison Jutsu'

A water barrier soon formed around him. At the next second, a rock rolled down on him. It hit the water bubble and pushed it to the bottom of the mud river. But it couldn't pop it.

The rock was about to roll over. So Norio sighed in relief. Unfortunately for him, in the next second, a stone spear appeared at the bottom of the mud river and penetrated through it. It quickly penetrated the water prison bubble. Norio noticed the spear at the last moment and tried to get out of the way. It still stabbed through his body, but he was able to avoid getting hit on any vital body part.

Renjiro was surprised when he sensed that the guy was still alive. However he wasn't worried, 'He is just extending his own misery.'

While he managed to stay alive, getting stabbed by the spear disrupted his control over the water prison. It collapsed and he got buried under mud. Norio gritted his teeth, with blood flowing through his mouth, and forced himself against the flow of the river, trying to remove the stone spear from his body.

Unfortunately for him, his struggle, grit, and determination for survival will never be known to anyone. At the next moment, small spikes began growing out of the spear that stabbed him. That stopped his attempt to move immediately, causing him to yell in pain and vomit more blood. When he yelled, the mud from the river entered his mouth.

Soon the small spikes grew into spears, poking out of his body. His struggle finally ended, as he died, with a dozen stone spears poking out of his body and he was buried 10 meters deep in a mud river.

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Chapter 72: First Real Battle

While Renjiro cleared up the rear, Fujin, Hoka, and Mieko made a move on the injured ninjas.

Of the 15 ninjas from the first wave, only 6 were alive, with just 1 Chunin being in a state to fight. They were terrified by their wounds and were running towards the forest.

And of the 10 ninjas from the 2nd wave, only 2 had jumped high up in the air, and hence were on top of the ruined forest. The remaining 8 ninjas, though unharmed, were buried under a ruined forest.

Hoka activated his Byakugan and said, "Those 8 ninjas are trapped, they'll need some time to get out. Let's attack."

In an instant, all 3 flickered toward the retreating ninjas. Mieko flickered behind the Chunin who could still fight and tried stabbing him with a kunai. However, he turned around and defended himself in time.

He shouted aggressively, "I may be injured, but don't you brats look down on me!" However, his thoughts were the exact opposite, 'Just one opportunity! I'll regroup with others and be safe.'

Unfortunately for him, while shouting, he looked into Mieko's eyes. Mieko didn't miss the chance and cast Genjutsu on him.

Hoka engaged the blinded Chunin. That chunin had lost his sight, and his right leg was badly cut. However, even in that state, he still aggressively attacked Hoka with every weapon he had. This fightback was a testimony to his experience and desperation.

Hoka, however, stayed calm and took his stance. He said, "You are in range." And attacked, 'Eight Trigrams - Sixteen palms'.

All of Hoka's attacks hit on point, with the last one hitting his opponent's chest and stopping his heart. That chunin dropped dead.

Unlike Mieko and Hoka, Fujin went for the weakest ones first. He flickered behind the 2 blinded genins and killed them both with one strike of his sword. He quickly flickered to the remaining 2 genins one by one and killed them as well. Neither of the 4 could even block one attack from Fujin. Just one of those 4 managed to raise his kunai to block Fujin's sword, but his kunai got cut into two, just like his body.

Of the 2 Ninjas who were above the debris, 1 was Chunin, while the other was genin. They were still fearful of that sword slash that wrecked the forest as well as of the Rock Avalanche. So they didn't react when the three kids they were looking at flickered.

When they noticed, the Chunin quickly moved to aid his comrades. But even before he took a couple of steps, Fujin had killed 2 of them. That halted his steps. In the next few seconds, he saw Fujin kill 2 more and look straight at him.

He quickly retreated behind thinking, 'What a bunch of crazy kids! Are they even kids? Did Konoha send their feared Anbu under disguise?' He looked down at the debris and screamed internally, 'Where are the rest? Get out quickly!' The genin also retreated.

Fujin stayed back after killing his opponents. Around half a minute later, Hoka killed his opponent. And soon after, Mieko's opponent stabbed his own throat.

Fujin flickered next to Mieko right after she was free and said, "Let's do it." She nodded and made a few hand signs.

'Fire-Wind Dragon Jutsu'

Both Fujin and Mieko could see the chakra of the ninjas making their way to get out of the debris. A 50 meter huge dragon, mostly made of extremely hot air and having 4 claws and many teeth made of fire.

Seeing that dragon, those 2 began running even faster toward the 3rd wave.

The Dragon moved rapidly and got above the debris. It then dived down right where 6 ninjas were making their way up. They were just about to remove the last log blocking their way when the Dragon dived down right at them.

Fortunately for them, they had one novice sensor who screamed, "CAST DEFENSIVE WATER JUTSU ABOVE US! HURRY!"

Fortunately, the group had a Chunin whose nature affinity was Water. He quickly made hand signs, 'Water Shield Jutsu'.

A water barrier appeared above him. It curved like the surface of a sphere and had a thickness of 6 inches, and was growing thicker as he poured more chakra into it.

When the Dragon was 10 meters above the group, it opened its mouth and launched a Wind Explosion sphere, made of extremely hot air. It hit the barrier and exploded. The barrier protected the group from the winds, but it got dispersed.

In the next second, the Dragon slammed into them and exploded into flames, which moved rapidly due to assistance from the winds. The ninjas saw the Dragon coming toward them and tried to disperse. Unfortunately, the debris around them blocked any escape route.

They all took a direct hit. The fallen trees around them were also set on fire. The fire began spreading quickly. Not having any path, they jumped through the hole created by the Dragon.

Fujin saw that the attack hit successfully, but sighed thinking, 'It's a shame that Wind dragons don't have intelligence like Wind clones. This jutsu will become very formidable if that happens.'

All 6 ninjas managed to jump out of the debris and run away from the fire. The Water affinity Chunin made hand signs and created a water barrier around him, and dropped it on himself to douse the fire. He then spat water jets on the other 5 starting with the sensor.

He managed to douse all fire on them. Both he and the sensor had 1st-degree burns. While 2 had 2nd-degree burns. The last 2 had fainted and were in very bad shape. They would need immediate medical treatment.

Around that time, the remaining 2 ninjas who were buried under the debris managed to get out. All the ninjas from the 2nd wave finally managed to regroup. At the same time, the 3rd wave of bandits reached the edge of the forest, i.e., the debris.

Seeing that, Fujin, Hoka, and Mieko didn't advance and waited there. Renjiro had cleared up the hill by then and had slowed the avalanche with the mud river and made the rocks fall slowly on the ground. He flickered behind the team, while his clone kept an eye on the merchants.

The debris blocked the bandits. They couldn't travel any further. The ninjas however had a bad feeling. Wagarashi Tomio led the ninja to the top of the debris, where he regrouped with the remaining ninjas.

He was shocked, 'Only 8 are remaining from the 100 who attacked? And half of them are already injured. It hasn't even been a few minutes since the 1st wave should have reached them!'

His eyes then wandered towards the hill on the other side of the field, 'Even the 50 who should have attacked from the hill are nowhere to be seen! Where did that useless Norio go? Also, why does it look like there was a landslide there?'

He quickly asked a Chunin who was uninjured, "What happened here? Tell quickly! Also, where are Tamanaha Norio and the rest?" While asking, all his attention was on Senju Renjiro. With so few numbers, he wasn't at all confident about taking on him. The rest of the 9 ninjas who were with him were also on full alert.

That Chunin was the same one who retreated earlier. He was intimidated by Tomio but quickly began explaining to him.

Over at Team Renjiro, when the ninjas from the 3rd wave began regrouping with those from the 2nd wave, Fujin said, "Those from the 3rd wave will be very confused. We need to attack quickly. Any suggestions Sensei?"

While asking, he was thinking, 'If it was just defense, the best way will be to completely burn down this forest. The fire will act as a wall. Then Renjiro could go and hunt them.

But if we want to eliminate them entirely, then the fire will prove to be an obstruction for us, and killing them all will need a lot of effort.'

Renjiro nodded and said, "My clone will look after the merchants. So let's just attack them head-on. I'll take that Jounin head-on and finish him off. You guys stall the rest. I'll make another clone to watch over you guys."

On saying that, he made the clone hand seal, created another shadow clone, and said, "Let's go." All 5 of them flickered.

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Chapter 73: Fujin Vs 11 Genins

Wagarashi Tomio was keeping an eye on Renjiro the whole time. The Chunin had just begun explaining the situation to him, telling him about a wind slash and how it was accompanied by winds that cut when Renjiro created a clone.

He immediately commanded, "Get ready. I'll engage that Jounin. All chunins will fight alongside me."

He looked at his second-in-command and commanded, "Masato, lead the genins and kill those three brats."

Mano Masato was standing right next to Tomio. He had a sword hanging from his waist. Since he was an Elite Chunin, his rank and power were second only to Tomio among the ninja here. Even overall, his power was only weaker than Tomio and Norio. He had worked with Tomio for a long time, and Tomio considered him his right hand. He nodded to the command given.

Team Renjiro flickered till they were 20 meters away from them. Renjiro made a hand sign, 'Water Release : Water Cannon jutsu'



Tomio too made a few hand signs while shouting, "Scatter and Dodge"

'Water Release : Water Wall jutsu'

On hearing his command, all of the enemy ninjas moved back a bit. Renjiro spat a jet of water on them. In response, Tomio created a water wall between them. The wall stopped the jet for a mere fraction of a second. However, that was enough for his ninjas to see the trajectory and dodge the attack.

The water jet penetrated the water wall with ease and then sliced it in two as Renjiro moved his head from left to right. The water jet was dodged, however, it kept traveling, hitting the trees in the still undamaged forest. The water jet cut through a few trees with ease before it ran out of energy.

The enemy ninja noticed the damage caused by just one attack. Their face became grim. They prepared themselves for a bitter battle. They regrouped into 2 groups in a few seconds. 1st with Tomio as the leader and 5 chunins and the second with Masato as the leader and 11 genins.

Renjiro noticed this and assaulted Tomio and the chunins.

The trio of Fujin, Hoka, and Mieko moved towards the genins. Renjiro's clone followed them at a distance and kept a close eye.

Konoha Genins Vs Masato and Genins -

All the 3 Konoha genins had noticed that Masato's chakra level was the 2nd highest in the whole group. While moving towards them, Mieko stated, "I want the strong guy."

However, Hoka argued, "No, I want him."

Fujin said, "He seems strong, both of you take on him. I'll eliminate the rest and join you."

Masato and the rest also ran toward the kids running towards them. The group had mixed feelings regarding the 3 kids running toward them. The ones from the 3rd wave thought, 'We need to eliminate

them quickly and then aid in killing that jounin from Konoha.' While the ones from the 2nd wave hoped, 'Masato-sama should be able to handle those demon kids.'

Among the 11 genins, one had seen Mieko use Sharingan earlier. He shouted, "Don't look in her eyes, she has Sharingan!" That alerted Masato. He wasn't aware of this. He unsheathed his sword.

Mieko was faster than Hoka. She reached Masato first and instantly used 'Fire Release : Four jutsu' that she had already prepared.

Masato kept his eye on her hand and raised his Sword to block the heat ray. The attack heated his blade but didn't make the handle much hot. At that time, Hoka flanked him and attacked with Gentle Fist. He smirked, 'He is in range.'

However, Masato moved slightly so that the Four jutsu won't hit him and then slashed his hot sword at Hoka. Hoka was caught off-guard and dodged backward. Unfortunately, he wasn't fast enough.

The tip of the sword touched his chest. It cut through his shirt with ease and left a thin line across his chest. Luckily, since he had moved backward, the cut was very shallow. Masato moved forward to chase him, but Mieko threw a few shurikens at him, which he blocked with his sword.

While he dodged them, Mieko flickered and stood next to Hoka. They prepared to fight him.

At the same time, the 11 genins wanted to join in the fray and aid Masato. However, Fujin flickered in between them and Masato and created 11 Wind clones. 1 kept eye on Masato, while the rest engaged 1 genin each.

One of the genins rushed toward Fujin. Fujin too took a step and moved toward him. While moving, he grabbed a sword in his right hand. His opponent had a Kunai in his hand.

On closing the distance, Fujin slashed his sword. The enemy genin saw it and smirked. He stamped hard on the debris below and jumped back. When he suddenly stepped back, Fujin's sword slashed through empty air.

The opponent kept smirking, 'Ha! These inexperienced newbies. Always fall for the simplest trick in the book.' He pulled his arm behind him and was about to throw his kunai at Fujin when something hit his body.

The hit created a cut across his body, starting from his right shoulder, to the left side of his hip. The cut kept getting deeper, and cut him into two. Fujin thought, 'Not a bad move. Unfortunately, he was out of his league.'

At the same time, all 10 of Fujin's Wind clones had engaged the enemy genins. They kept fighting at mid-range and used Wind Explosion jutsu to prevent opponents from using any jutsu.

Fujin observed around him, 'Now that I'm free, time to cut down their numbers.'

He flickered in the next instant and appeared behind a genin who was fighting his clone. The genin was surprised when he noticed someone appearing behind him. Unfortunately, before he could react, a sword pierced through his heart.

In a few seconds, Fujin cut down 4 more genins. The others noticed Fujin killing their comrades with extreme ease and panicked. They quickly disengaged from the wind clones and tried to regroup.

Masato, who was engaged in a fight with Mieko and Hoka also noticed this. He tried to help them, but he was obstructed by Mieko and Hoka.

Unfortunately for the enemy genins, regrouping wasn't going to be easy. Noticing that all the enemies have disengaged his clones, Fujin flickered again and appeared behind one of them. That genin noticed and quickly turned around and swung his kunai. In response, Fujin slashed with his sword.

Both the kunai and the sword clashed. Fujin's opponent wanted to use this clash to jump behind and get away from him.

Unfortunately, Fujin's sword cut through his kunai. It continued ahead and cut the unsuspecting genin into two. Fujin noticed the shock plastered on the enemy's face when he noticed his kunai being cut in two.

At the same time, another opponent was ganged upon by 4 of Fujin's clones. 2 of the clones used all their chakra to form Wind explosion jutsu and scored perfect hits. The other 2 beheaded him when he was very injured.

The remaining 3 genins managed to regroup. But they were instantly besieged by Fujin's 8 wind clones, while Fujin stood slightly behind his clones.

The 3 genins stood with their backs to each other. Fujin saw it and analyzed, 'I guess I can't flicker behind them now. Anyways, time to end this.' He said in a low voice, "Wind Breakthrough jutsu everyone."

Fujin's clones heard him, and all used Great Breakthrough jutsu at the same time. The 3 genins, who were at the center instantly became trapped and slammed against each other as they couldn't move due to being hit by strong winds from all sides. They began yelling loudly.

Fujin observed the wind patterns and then swung his sword. A slash flew through the strong winds and reached the trapped genins. In an instant, all 3 were beheaded.

With all 10 genins killed, Fujin turned his attention to the chunin Mieko and Hoka were fighting.

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Chapter 75: Masato Vs Genins

Masato Vs Mieko & Hoka -

While Fujin had engaged the enemy genins, Hoka and Mieko were fighting against Masato.

Masato had dealt with the initial attacks from Mieko and Hoka with extreme ease and even injured Hoka slightly.

Mieko noticed the cut on his chest and asked Hoka without taking her eye off Masato, "Can you still fight?"

Hoka replied, "Of course. Let's attack!"

However, before they could attack, Masato moved forward at a fast speed and swung his sword again.

Mieko took a step ahead and blocked his sword with her kunai. She kept trying to look into his eyes, but he always avoided eye contact with her.

Seeing that Mieko had blocked his sword, Hoka attacked him with Gentle fist once again.

Seeing Hoka attack again, Masato just jumped back and retreated. This time, Hoka didn't chase and stood with Mieko.

Masato observed the two being careful and sighed, 'It's unfortunate that there is so much debris here. I can't use Earth jutsu at all!'

Hoka too couldn't use Earth Release jutsu, but he didn't mind it as he preferred Taijutsu over Ninjutsu.

Masato was about to attack again when he noticed that Fujin was cutting down his genins with ease, 'Tsk. I should help them.'

Mieko and Hoka noticed him getting distracted and attacked him once again. Mieko once again used 'Fire Release : Four jutsu'

Masato quickly dodged but was once again flanked by Hoka. Learning from the past two failed attempts, this time Hoka attacks with a kunai. Masato blocks but Hoka continues his attack with his other hand, trying to seal his chakra points.

Masato uses the force Hoka is putting in his kunai attack to jump back. Before Mieko and Hoka could press on their attack, he ran towards Fujin. But he was quickly attacked by 2 Wind Explosion jutsu by the Wind clone Fujin left to keep an eye on him.

The Wind Explosion wasn't actually targeted at Masato. Instead, the clone launched them in such a way that they would cut off his path. They exploded even before reaching them and threatening him with the winds generated. He had to move back to avoid the winds, leading him back to Mieke and Hoka.

They quickly attacked him, but Masato defended himself again. Only, it was more difficult this time. Mieke finally found an opening, and kicked his stomach, sending him flying behind.

While he was sent flying, Masato thought, 'These kids are strong! Even if I fought only one at a time, I'll have a hard time defeating them without Earth Release!'

Hoka was about to attack again when he noticed Mieke making a few hand signs. He quickly moved out of the way. Masato too noticed the hand signs.

Mieke finished making her hand signs, 'Fireball jutsu'

A huge Fireball moved toward Masato rapidly. Hoka followed the Fireball from the left, 'If he dodges here, I'll get him.'

Masato, noticing Hoka, dodged to the other side. The fireball reached his original location and exploded. Since the debris underneath was mainly wood, it set off another fire. The explosion also sent a lot of burning wood flying in every direction.

Masato, even after dodging, had to use his sword to block a couple of burning logs flying toward him. The smoke and dust created by the explosion and fire engulfed him.

Noticing the opportunity, Mieke threw a few shurikens at Masato. Hoka got back to Mieke's position, as fire blocked his straight route to Masato.

Masato heard the sound of shurikens flying. He quickly jumped to his left, while frowning, 'I need to get out of this smokescreen. Both of them have doujutsu. I'll be severely disadvantaged here.'

However, even after moving, 3 shurikens came at him. He blocked one with his sword, and barely dodged the other 2. One of the shurikens left a cut on his right cheek. While the other shuriken missed his abdomen from the left by a few inches.

He sighed in relief after dodging them when he suddenly felt a sense of crisis! He felt 2 strings, 1 touching right where the cut was left, while another on the left side of his abdomen, 'Fuck! The shurikens had strings attached.'

Masato quickly made a hand sign.

Mieko smirked on seeing that Masato fell for the strings. She pulled them so that they trap him and the shurikens return to hit him in the back.

Hoka too observed with his Byakugan. He saw that Masato got trapped by the strings and the shurikens hitting his back. However, he changed into a log the next moment!

Hoka and Mieko noticed his chakra reappearing outside the smokescreen. He had a cut on his right cheek and his expression was very grim. He said, "You brats are very good."

As he said it, he was analyzing, 'It's very difficult to fight them here. I need to move to the ground. However, if I move, those genins will be all dead.'

While thinking, he turned his head to look at his genin underlings. He was shocked as his eyes met Fujin's eyes, 'All dead? So quickly? Fuck it!'

Having realized that Fujin would attack him too, he decided to move to the normal ground, 'The only worry now is if they attack Tomio and other chunins instead of following me. But if they do that, I can sneak attack them.'

On concluding his thoughts, he quickly tried moving out of the debris area and into the open field.

Mieko and Hoka noticed it and thought, 'Not good! He is trying to attack the merchants.'

Mieko quickly made a few hand signs and launched another jutsu, 'Phoenix Sage Fire jutsu.'

Small balls of Fire were fired on Masato's path, preventing him from getting away. Hoka used the distraction created by the fireballs to close the distance and attack Masato again.

This time, Masato counterattacked fiercely, making Hoka retreat. However, at the next moment, he felt the wind on his back. He quickly turned around and used his sword to block the incoming sword.

Fujin, noticing Masato's attempt to run away used Mieko's and Hoka's attacks as a distraction to attack.

After blocking the slash, Masato looked around and became worried. Fujin's clones were moving toward him. However, even before he could wonder what to do about them, another incident horrified him.

Fujin's sword cut his own Sword into two! He quickly released his sword and moved backward screaming his mind, 'WHAT THE FUCK?'

As he moved backward, he noticed Hoka moving rapidly toward him. Hoka smirked, 'Time to finish this.' He got into stance to perform Eight Trigrams.

Masato noticed Hoka's stance from the corner of his eyes. He quickly made a hand sign. All the 3 Genins noticed that it was the hand sign for Substitution jutsu. Hoka pressed on with his attack, while Fujin and Mieko prepared themselves by gathering chakra at their feet.

Hoka and Masato finally were about to make contact, when Masato substituted with another log of wood. As soon as he substituted, Mieko threw a bunch of shurikens so that he couldn't retreat anymore, while Fujin sent a flying slash at him.

Masato was on guard and moved out of the way. Unfortunately, the only way available for him was towards Hoka. He had a bitter expression on his face, 'These brats are relentless! I have no openings at all!'

Masato prepared to take Hoka head-on as Hoka rushed towards him. However, before he could engage Hoka, 2 shurikens stabbed him in his back! Fujin smirked, 'Projectile Control jutsu is really handy.'



When Masato's attention was occupied on Hoka, Fujin used Projectile Control jutsu on the shurikens Mieko had thrown and changed the direction of a couple of shurikens to hit him.

While the hits weren't lethal, they caused Masato great agony. And it finally provided Hoka with an opening. He immediately used 'Eight Trigrams : Sixteen palms' on him, closing a lot of his chakra points.

As soon as he was done, he moved behind. Mieko and Fujin both stepped in for the kill. They both flickered in. Mieko used 'Fire Release : Four jutsu' on his chest, right where his heart should be. While Fujin slashed his sword towards his neck.

In his final struggle, he tried stepping towards his left, so that he'll move away from Fujin's sword, and Mieko's jutsu wouldn't hit his vitals.

Mieko's jutsu hit the center of his chest, piercing through the Elite chunin's body. Fujin's sword missed Masato's neck by a few centimeters. But at the next moment, his head still flew off in the air due to the increased range from Wind Chakra flow.

Fujin, Hoka, and Mieko finally sighed in relief and were excited about managing to kill someone this strong without any aid from their sensei.

Masato, however, died in grief! He never got to use the jutsus he was most proficient in!

Renjiro's clone had observed the whole fight, 'Good. Though they made a few mistakes, overall their performance was very good. They were also very lucky though. That guy's nature affinity was probably Earth, and he couldn't use it due to the terrain.'

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Chapter 76: The Formidable Renjiro!

Renjiro Vs Tomio & Chunins

While his students were engaged in combat, Renjiro himself was fighting against the main enemy combatants. Just like Masato, Renjiro too was restricted here due to not being able to use the majority of his Earth jutsus.

Renjiro observed his opponents, '1 jounin and 5 chunins. Been a while since I had to fight against these odds. I wonder if they can put up a fight though.'

His opponents too observed him. They were very tense. Tomio thought, 'He specializes in Earth and Water jutsus. This terrain should void most of his Earth jutsus. And I can cancel out his Water jutsus. And he won't retreat due to his students, and might even be distracted by them. We have a chance!'

After concluding his thoughts, Renjiro threw 6 shurikens at his opponents. Immediately, he made a couple of hand signs.

'Shuriken Shadow Clone jutsu'

The enemy ninjas were amused when they saw that only 6 shurikens were thrown at them. But seeing them suddenly increase to over a hundred freaked them. Tomio once again used Water Wall jutsu to block the shurikens.

Renjiro smirked. He was aiming exactly for this. While the water wall protected them, it meant that they couldn't see Renjiro. He grabbed his sword and rushed towards them.

Unfortunately, one of them was a sensor and he yelled, "He's running toward us!" He was the same ninja who had earlier detected Fire-Wind Dragon jutsu. The shout put them on guard and they prepared for a fight.

The very instant the water wall collapsed, Renjiro flickered and appeared behind the chunin who shouted. Before anyone could react, he attacked him with his sword, aiming to cut him in two. Knowing that he couldn't move fast enough, he made a hand sign. Renjiro ended up cutting a log of wood.

The enemy ninjas sighed in relief and immediately moved toward Renjiro to attack him right when they saw the sensor use Substitution jutsu. However, Renjiro still smirked.

Though Renjiro's sword cut through a log of wood, his sword emitted chakra that travelled in the form of a slash. It was the Samurai Saber Technique. Though it didn't have the lethal wind chakra that Fujin's slashes had, it was still very lethal.

Wagarashi Tomio was the one to notice it and he quickly shouted, "Careful!" and moved out of the way of that flying slash.

That alerted all 4 chunins. 3 of them jumped out of the way successfully. However, the last one was the closest to Renjiro. He too tried jumping but was too slow. The slash hit his knees and slashed halfway through his kneecaps. He collapsed and began yelling in pain.

All of the 5 enemies were now at least a few dozen meters from Renjiro. So he just stepped forward and beheaded the injured ninja.

He looked at the Tea ninjas and coolly said, "Just 5 more to go." That statement put a lot of pressure on them.

Tomio understood that Renjiro was trying to crush their morale. He shouted, "Behind me" while retreating away from Renjiro and making a few hand signs. The remaining chunins quickly moved behind Tomio.

'Water Dragon jutsu'

Renjiro noticed the hand signs Tomio was making and recognized them. He just waited for him to be done with it. Soon, Tomio expended quite a bit of his chakra to launch Water Dragon jutsu on Renjiro.

However, Renjiro just flickered a few times, completely avoiding the trajectory of the jutsu while muttering, 'What a waste of chakra.'

In an instant, Renjiro was now behind those ninjas, while the Water Dragon jutsu hit nothing but debris.

Renjiro wanted to attack them from behind, but the enemy ninjas had got a hang of Renjiro's fast-paced attacks. The very moment that Renjiro appeared behind them, all 3 of them made hand signs and launched their jutsus.

'Water Shuriken jutsu'

'Great Breakthrough jutsu'

'Flamethrower jutsu'

The 3 jutsus were released in that order. First, Water Shurikens were launched. They were then aided by Great Breakthrough jutsu to speed up to nearly twice their initial speed. And then, Flamethrower was released into the Great Breakthrough jutsu, making it very devastating!

Renjiro was very surprised, 'Good teamwork!'

However, he just flickered again, resulting in another fire being started. Seeing Renjiro flickering, Tomio made a hand sign.

'Water bullet jutsu'

He began shooting water bullets wherever Renjiro appeared. However, Renjiro dodged them all with ease, while occasionally sending a flying slash their way. This stalemate continued for a couple of minutes.

Tomio wondered, 'Why isn't he worried about the kids?' He tried observing the genins through the corner of his eye, and was shocked! That fight only had Masato still alive, and all 3 Genins were ganging up on him. His expression became very grim.

By now, 3 fires were burning in the destroyed part of the forest. A lot of smoke covered the area, and visibility was becoming very low.

The remaining 40 bandits were initially confused about what exactly was happening. However, hearing the blasts made them realize that this was the battlefield of ninjas. They too noticed the smoke rising from where the fighting was happening and all ran away in fear.

Tomio and the 4 chunins with him were breathing heavily. The short exchange made them spend a lot of their chakra. Renjiro, on the other hand, seemed like he had just warmed up.

Noticing that they were tired and Tomio was checking out the other fight, Renjiro stabbed the logs under him with his swords and made a hand sign. This instantly got all 5 enemies on full alert.

In an instant, Renjiro built up a massive amount of chakra and launched his jutsu.

'Waterfall jutsu!'

Tomio immediately made hand signs to create another water wall. However, he was shocked by the sight in front of him. Renjiro spat out a massive amount of water. They felt, 'It's as if a Tsunami is crashing down on us!'

Tomio and another chunin made a couple of water walls. However, it wasn't enough. The Waterfall washed all 5 of them away. It also washed out the debris under them and doused one of the 3 fires that were burning.

All 5 of them got washed out in the open fields where the Merchants and one of Renjiro's clones were.

Seeing that they were finally on the ground, Renjiro smirked. All 5 of them suffered some injuries after getting hit by such a huge move. They struggled to get up. Tomio was the first one to recover. He barely managed to get up on his knees while breathing very heavily.

However, soon he noticed something that horrified him! They were on the ground. He had just one thought before he jumped up as quickly as he could, 'CRAP!'

As soon as he jumped, Earth spears appeared from the ground. All 4 chunins were stabbed. Only Tomio managed to get away. Soon, more spears appeared from the ground, and pierced all 4 of them, until Renjiro was sure that they were dead.

Wagarashi Tomio saw all his 4 underlings being killed. He noticed that all other fighting had stopped too. He was horrified and began running towards the Land of Tea in panic. However, Renjiro flickered in front of him, with a sword in his right hand.

The genins had finished Masato off right after Renjiro used the huge jutsu and were observing the fight.

Renjiro looked at Tomio and said, "You know, I'm very surprised that you guys chose to fight us in the Land of Fire, rather than the Land of Tea. If you had fought in the Land of Tea, at the very least, you'd have managed to retreat. But here, all 5 of your forces will be eliminated."

Tomio looked at Renjiro in terror and asked, "Has Konoha already recovered from the losses of the 3rd Great Ninja war and Kyubi's attack?"

Renjiro replied, "Not really. But Konoha isn't something the likes of you can challenge."

He then charged straight at Tomio. Tomio grabbed a kunai and prepared to fight, however, in merely 1 attack, Renjiro sliced his head off!

Fujin, Mieko, and Hoka saw this sight. In one fluid motion, Renjiro sliced his enemy's head off and sheathed his sword, as if he had done something insignificant.

Hoka saw it and commented, "That was cool."

Mieko snorted and said, "He's just showing off!"

Fujin nodded, agreeing with Mieko.

Renjiro looked at his 3 students, who flickered next to him in response. He said, "Good work. Analyze your battle properly. I'll ask for your analysis later."

The trio nodded. Fujin asked, "Sensei, will we be doing something about the bandits that ran away?"

Renjiro looked at his clones. Both of them flickered toward the bandits. He replied, "Leave them to my clones. While we did win, I won't be surprised if they have someone hidden trying to take advantage of us when we put our guard down. A good number of dead ninjas during peacetime die only due to letting their guard down for a moment."

The trio nodded in response, absorbing their sensei's experiences and knowledge.

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Chapter 77: The Real Goods

Renjiro looked at Fujin and said, "Fujin, make a couple of shadow clones and a dozen wind clones. Examine the dead bodies, and take anything valuable they have."

He tossed a few storage scrolls at Fujin while speaking, "Store the dead bodies of the ninjas in these scrolls."

Fujin nodded and made the clones, who immediately got to work. Renjiro himself made a couple of Shadow clones and a few Mud clones, who began doing the same in the mud river.

He looked at Hoka and Mieko and said, "You two should learn Earth clone jutsu later. Once your chakra reserves grow, learn shadow clone jutsu. Both will be very helpful."

Mieko and Hoka nodded, "Yes Sensei."

While the bandits, valuables, and dead bodies were being cleared, they moved towards the hiding merchants and asked them to come out. The merchants sighed in relief and stopped hiding between their goods and rock shields. However, when they came out, they were shocked looking at the condition of the hills and forest around the area. They were also disturbed by the dead bodies and blood around them.

Iha Tosio walked to Renjiro and requested, "Renjiro-sama, can we please move away from here soon?"

Renjiro replied, "We need some time to rest. We will move soon. You guys can get ready to move."

Hearing that, all the merchants immediately began to prepare to move.

Renjiro looked at Hoka and said, "Take your shirt off." Hoka took his shirt off, and Renjiro disinfected the cut on his chest and wrapped it in bandages.

Fujin's clones first checked the ninjas from the 1st wave. They didn't have anything valuable as all their scrolls were destroyed by Fujin's first attack. Next, they checked and sealed all the genin and Masato. The genins didn't have much. Masato, on the other hand, had a lot of Ryo and weapons. Next, they checked the chunins and Tomio. They all had a decent amount of money and weapons. Tomio also had a scroll that listed some Water Release jutsus and another scroll explaining the mission parameters.

Fujin's shadow clone quickly skimmed through the Water jutsu scroll. However, at the end of it, he was disappointed, 'I thought I'd get lucky and get some op jutsu. Unfortunately, these all are rather lame. I can probably get them all from the library.'

Next, he went through the mission scroll, understanding what exactly their mission was. He was surprised, 'These guys sent 5 teams of similar size to intercept all 5 squads that were sent from Konoha? Aren't they a little too courageous? Also, how the fuck could they enter into the land of Fire so easily? And that too without being detected?'

Fujin sighed at the state of Konoha and Land of Fire, 'If all countries have such a weak border force, even I won't have any difficulty in moving around. No wonder the Akatsuki were pretty unobstructed. I thought it was a testimony to their power, but it seems like even a genin wouldn't have much of an issue.'

In around 10 minutes, Fujin and Renjiro were done. Renjiro's clones were also done cleaning up the bandits and dispersed. Renjiro then sorted all the gains and said, "Not bad. We got over 1.6 million Ryo, 500 shurikens and 100 kunais."



He stored everything in his scroll and said, "I'll divide the weapons equally among us. The money, half will be given to the village, remaining will be divided among us in the same way as we divide the mission rewards.

Hoka and Mieko didn't care about money, so they just nodded. Fujin didn't care much either, but thought, 'Wow! 1.6 million Ryo just from one fight? No wonder so many ninjas go rogue.'

The merchants too heard what Renjiro said. They were shocked, 'He got so much money just with a few minutes of fighting! We risk our lives travelling from one country to another, and don't even make half that amount! Not to mention, we have to split it between twice the people.'

They were very envious, but seeing the state of the forest and hill, they didn't have a single evil thought in them!

While resting, Team Renjiro ate a few ration bars. Fujin wondered while eating, 'Since it's so easy to get money, and since there are so many rogue ninjas trying to earn money, should I form an organization similar to Akatsuki, but for the sole purpose of earning money?'

He kept analyzing the viability, advantages, and disadvantages of the idea he had.

Around the same time, Team Renjiro was attacked, all the other 4 teams were attacked as well.

The force that attacked the Anbus was the strongest. However, they also got annihilated the quickest. Of the 3 chunin squads, 1 managed to defeat their enemy. The remaining 2 caused a lot of damage to their enemy and retreated safely. They would later coordinate with Konoha forces placed on the borders of the Land of Fire and exterminate those forces by multiple ambushes.

The Wagarashi family, which sent many of their high level ninjas and spent a fortune on hiring rogue ninjas, would never imagine that each and every ninja they sent would end up dead! They had another strong force assembled in the Land of Tea to ambush if their initial assault failed. However, after getting no reports from 2 attack forces and getting reports of defeat from the other 3, they cancelled all their plans and disbanded the force they raised. Their plans for dominating the Land of Tea would come to a halt for years.

Team Renjiro completed its mission with no further incidents. After reaching Degarashi Port, Toshio carried the goods into Wasabi property.

There, Renjiro and Toshio met with the Wasabi family head. They removed a huge cubical wooden box that was hidden in between the goods.

On placing the box on the ground, Renjiro made a hand seal and said, "Release" Immediately, multiple seals appeared on the box and began unsealing themselves. Renjiro opened the box. Inside, Wasabi Daichi was sleeping. He opened his eyes as soon as Renjiro opened the box.

If Fujin, Mieko, and Hoka saw this, they'd be very shocked! Neither of the three ever noticed someone to be hidden inside the goods.

Renjiro thought about his discussion with the 3rd Hokage.

Hokage office - 16 days ago.

Hiruzen looked at Daichi and stated, "Daichi, escorting you normally wouldn't be possible with just one squad. So we will be sealing you and transporting you along with other goods of merchants."

Daichi thought for a bit and asked, "The trip to Degarashi Port will take more than 2 weeks. So how will I be sealed?"

Hiruzen answered, "We will seal you inside a box. Inside it, we will inscribe seals that'll ensure a fresh supply of air to you. It'll also make you undetectable by any means. Your water and food will be stored inside scrolls. With enough to last a month. As for your excretions, you'll have to do that inside storage scrolls as well."

Hearing that, Daichi frowned. He asked, "Is it necessary to do all this? Can't I just disguise as one of the merchants and join them?"

Renjiro shook his head, "No. Your chakra level is higher than a normal civilian. Any sensor would be able to detect you with ease. If detected, all the enemy forces will attack us only. I can't guarantee your safety if that happens.

Daichi sighed and put forth a couple more ideas. But Renjiro stated the flaws in them. Reluctantly, he agreed.

Wasabi Family Mansion -

Daichi finally saw sunlight after over 2 weeks. He tried getting up, but his legs trembled. Renjiro grabbed him, got him out of the box, and said, "You have barely moved for over 2 weeks. You'll need some time and might need to do some exercises before you can move properly."

Daichi sighed on hearing that. The Wasabi family head just laughed and patted his back, "Don't worry. At least you are alive."

He then bowed to Renjiro and said, "Renjiro san, thank you for resolving our issues. With the losses that the Wagarashi family took, they won't try anything for a few years at least."

Renjiro nodded and replied, "I can't comment on the internal politics in the Land of Tea, but you should take this opportunity to suppress them completely."

The Wasabi family head nodded. He paid Renjiro for the real mission and invited Renjiro and Toshio to stay as guests in his mansion. They both agreed. The next day, Team Renjiro began returning back to Konoha. They travelled at a very fast speed and returned back to Konoha by midnight. Renjiro dismissed the team and gave them a week's break.

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Chapter 78: The Chunin Exams

The Hokage Office -

The next morning, Renjiro met up with Hiruzen to report the mission. After the discussions were done, Hiruzen asked Renjiro, "The next Chunin exam will start soon. Do you plan on nominating the genins?"

Renjiro nodded, "Yes. They are quite strong. Becoming chunins shouldn't be an issue to them. Their teamwork is good as well. They were able to kill an Elite chunin during the mission with ease, though he was handicapped by the terrain."

Hiruzen nodded, "Yes, that's good progress." He suddenly sighed, "I had selected quite a few genins and gave them to capable jounins so that they can be trained quickly. I planned to keep track of all of them, but unfortunately, I didn't have enough time to follow up on them."

Renjiro didn't respond. After all, he was well aware of how busy the Hokage was.

Hiruzen asked, "Can you tell me the current power of the genins and their future prospects?"

Renjiro nodded, "Sure old man. As I said, all three are very strong. Hoka is still obsessed with Hyuga's Gentle Fist style. But he has learnt quite a few jutsus to help him fight at mid-range. He has learnt a few Earth and Water Release jutsus. Once the Hyuga family begins training him seriously, he will have no issue becoming a Special Jounin in a few years. Even becoming a Jounin should be doable for him. As for Elite Jounin, it's too soon to comment.

As for weaknesses, Hoka still prefers Taijutsu a lot. So it creates a few vulnerabilities for him. He'll need a few rank B missions to iron out that flaw. He does have a decent amount of chakra reserves. So learning a few rank B jutsus should aid him a lot."

Hiruzen nodded and replied, "Nice. As for the weakness, almost all Hyuga share it." He sighed before continuing, "They are obsessed with their Gentle Fist."

Renjiro nodded. Very few Hyuga ninjas choose to learn non-Hyuga jutsus. Hiruzen continued, "Once he becomes a Chunin, I'll have him join multiple B rank missions. What about the other two?"

Renjiro began talking about Mieko, "Mieko is well-balanced. She is good at Ninjutsu, Genjutsu as well as Taijutsu. And like all Uchiha, she is good with shurikens and wires. Just having the Sharingan makes her strong. Like all Uchiha, she has a strong affinity to Fire Release and can also use Earth Release jutsus for defense.

She shouldn't have any issue becoming a Jounin once her chakra reserves grow. Elite Jounin too might be attainable for her. But I can't comment much on it right now.

As for her weaknesses, she doesn't have any in terms of her technique. But she is very impulsive. And she is very arrogant. In the last 8 months, her arrogance has decreased considerably, but it's still there nonetheless."

Hiruzen nodded, "Yes, the sharingan does boost their confidence a lot." While saying, he sighed internally, 'The differences between Uchiha and the village are increasing day by day. I hope they calm down and let this old man live in peace.'

Renjiro continued, "Lastly Fujin. Surprisingly, his growth has been the fastest in his team. He has become a very capable sensor. If we consider just that aspect, he is already as good as Jounin rank sensors.

His chakra reserves are already at the Jounin level. He has learnt Samurai Saber Techniques and is very good with Wind Release. He has also learnt Senju Taijutsu style and has very good chakra control. He can also supercharge Wind jutsus with ease. He also learnt Earth Release jutsus for defense."

Hiruzen's eyebrows rose when he heard that Fujin had learnt Senju Taijutsu style. This was something he didn't expect. He wondered, 'Does Fujin have Senju or Uzumaki ancestry?'

Renjiro continued, "Also, he is very fast, and can perform Body Flicker and Wind Instantaneous Body jutsu without any seals. In fact, the way he operates is quite similar to our Anbu. I'd recommend you recruit him into Anbu. In fact, I'd recommend you to break the tradition and not wait till he turns 13 to recruit him.

Regarding his future prospects, I'm confident that he'll become a Jounin at the very least. Likely even become an Elite Jounin. I'd recommend you give him Wind Vacuum style jutsus when you think he is ready. It will make him much more lethal.

As for his weaknesses, he is way too careful. Even during spars. So he has no experience whatsoever in fighting in crunch situations. And while his behavior might not show any arrogance, Fujin is very arrogant. Likely even more than Mieko and Hoka. And he probably doesn't even recognize his arrogance. Fortunately, it doesn't affect him during battle."

Hiruzen laughed lightly on hearing that, "They are geniuses and young. Even you were quite arrogant when you were young."

Renjiro just sighed seeing that Hiruzen was teasing him.

Hiruzen continued in a slightly more serious tone, "I'm surprised that you have such high hopes for him. And the fact that his Chakra reserves grew this quickly and about him learning Senju Taijutsu style."

Hiruzen thought for a moment and said, "I'll keep an eye on him once he becomes a chunin. I'll consider your recommendation to recruit him into Anbu as well."

Renjiro nodded.

Hiruzen continued, "Anyways, you have done a great job with the kids. Now ensure that they captivate the Daimyos in the exam."

Renjiro replied, "Alright." He discussed some more matters with Hiruzen, before leaving.

Fujin, Hoka, and Mieko took a week's break, resting and reflecting on their performance.

Fujin analyzed his performance and concluded, "There isn't anything I'd do differently. The mission kinda went way too well, to be honest. The only issue I could consider is that I didn't fight any chunin level ninja head-on. But again, there wasn't really any opportunity to do so. And forcing it to happen would have been idiotic.

That said, I did have a few good ideas to improve my Wind element further and make my fighting style even more lethal... But, I will probably need to learn Mystical Palm jutsu first. Or have a medical ninja with me... Hmm, even that might not be safe enough. I may need to make some protective gear as well. Oh well, I'll try those ideas later."

Not finding anything to improve, Fujin just trained by himself for 7 days. In the following week, Renjiro once again put his students through a gruesome training session.

Finally, on one fine day, Renjiro assembled the team after training was done. And he handed them 3 forms.

The kids took it and observed. They were instantly excited. Renjiro said, "I have nominated you all to the Chunin exams. If you are all willing to participate, fill in the forms and give them to me tomorrow."

The genins immediately said, "Thank You Sensei."

Renjiro's face softened. He smiled and dismissed the team. When everyone left, he sighed while smiling, 'I have grown attached to these kids. I couldn't even tell them that this was their last training session with me as a team.'

He then looked up at the sky, his smile dying down and a serious and rather grim expression appearing on his face, 'I hope that their fates are different than their seniors.'

The next day, all 3 submitted their application to participate in the Chunin exams. The first exam will be a return test, which will be conducted a week later. Renjiro gave the entire week off to the genins. The genins hence did their own training, while meeting every afternoon, for brainstorming more ideas regarding combination jutsus and teamwork.

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Chapter 79: The Chunin Exams - First Phase

A week later, Fujin, Hoka, and Mieko met in front of the academy building. Fujin looked at them and asked, "Prepared guys?"

Both Hoka and Mieko smirked and replied, "Of course"

The trio went into the building together. The 1st phase was held in room 301. Fujin wondered, 'Will someone cast a genjutsu on the 2nd floor?'

However, there was no commotion on the 2nd floor. They entered 301 without any issue.

On entering the room, they saw hundreds of other genins there. Hoka and Mieko were surprised, while Fujin pretty much expected it. As soon as they entered, they got weird looks from everyone. After all, they were the only 10 year and 9 year old genins here.

The trio didn't bother looking for anyone as none of their classmates were participating. While some other Hyuga and Uchiha were participating, Hoka and Mieko didn't bother looking for anyone. They just grabbed a few empty seats and sat down together.

The room was very noisy, as one would expect when hundreds of teenagers and preteens were put in the same room.

At the stroke of 9, a bell rang. It rang thrice, quieting the room. At that time, the door of the classroom slowly opened. Everyone's attention was drawn to the door. A sickly man walked into the room. He coughed a few times, as everyone watched with confusion.

Even Fujin wondered, 'Who is this guy?'

At that instant, 6 ninjas wearing Konoha chunin vests entered the room carrying a lot of papers.

The sickly guy coughed again and began saying, "I will be the \*cough\* Proctor for the 1st \*cough\* phase."

Everyone's eyes twitched. The genins from Konoha thought, 'Seriously? They couldn't find anyone else?'

The genins from other villages wonder, 'Is Konoha in such a dire state that they can't send someone better to hold the exam?'

Immediately the room was filled with genins whispering or chatting with one another. Some even mocked out loudly.

At that time, the sickly guy coughed again and said, "Anyone who makes noise \*cough\* will be thrown out \*cough\* of the room!"



As soon as he said that, he released killing intent, targeting each and every genin in the room! That immediately quieted everyone! No one underestimated him anymore. The majority were frightened by his aura.

Even Fujin, Hoka, and Mieko had grim expressions. Fujin wondered, 'How many did he kill to develop such a killing intent?'

He continued, "All of you, \*cough\* sit one on a \*cough\* bench."

The entire room rearranged quietly. Occupying one seat each. Since he didn't say anything regarding seating arrangements, everyone sat close to their teammates.

Once everyone was seated, the chunins began distributing the papers. They kept the blank side up so that the genins couldn't read the questions.

The sickly guy announced once more, "Don't touch the papers. \*cough\* At 9:15, you will \*cough\* turn the papers over." On saying that, he coughed continuously for a minute.

He then looked up and said, "Each paper has 10 \*cough\* questions. You have 5 \*cough\* minutes to answer all \*cough\* questions. To pass, all \*cough\* three in a squad \*cough\* need to score full!"

That immediately made everyone even tenser. Fujin thought, 'Just 5 minutes? And a 100% score? The only way that would be feasible is if the questions are too easy.'

He however kept wondering, and so did many others. They all were wondering only one thing, 'What exactly is this old man up to? Something is off here!'

The room was completely silent, other than the Proctor coughing occasionally.

At 9:14, that sickly guy announced once again, "Copying is not allowed!" And he began coughing non-stop once more!

At 9:15, a bell rang again. Everyone immediately turned over the paper. What Fujin saw left him speechless!

It wasn't just Fujin, every single of the 336 genins in that room was flabbergasted!

Fujin's question paper read :

Q1.  $3 \times 3 =$

Q2.  $4 - 2 =$

Q3.  $9 \times 2 =$

Q4.  $3 \div 1 =$

Q5.  $9 \times 7 =$

Q6.  $8 \div 2 =$

Q7.  $1 - 1 =$

Q8.  $9 \times 0 =$

Q9.  $9 + 9 =$

Q10.  $8 \times 4 =$

The shock left everyone stunned for a few seconds. However, soon many began answering their questions. Only a few didn't.

Fujin analyzed really hard, 'What the fuck is this? No way the exam will be this simple! Will he play a trick at the end? Like get us too comfortable and then pull a fast one over us?'

He thought quickly and concluded, 'No, something else is off. I am feeling uneasy.'

He wrecked his brain hard for a couple of minutes before it finally hit him! 'I'm feeling uneasy. Actually, it's not just due to this paper. It's my chakra!'

On realizing this, he finally calmed down and closed his eyes. He observed his chakra, it was flowing very smoothly. He took a deep breath, and suddenly, disrupted his chakra entirely.

With his entire chakra disrupted, he opened his eyes and looked at the question paper. Every single number had changed! Fujin immediately began sweating due to how easily he had fallen into Genjutsu.

He lifted his head and looked at the sickly Proctor. Surprisingly, there was no sickly man at all! Instead, a tall, healthy, and handsome man with long hair stood. He looked at Fujin, smiled, and nodded.

Fujin thought, 'Kurama Illumi! No wonder.'

He put his head down, and secretly disrupted his chakra again, to ensure that there wasn't any multi-layer Genjutsu.

He then quickly began answering the questions. Though the numbers changed, the questions were still extremely easy.

While writing, he lightly kicked Hoka, who was sitting in front of him, and poured his chakra into him, disrupting his chakra. That broke the Genjutsu on him. He noticed that the numbers had changed, and all his answers were wrong! He quickly changed them.

While Hoka was changing his answers, Fujin turned his head and looked at Mieko, who was sitting on his right, 'Great, she has her Sharingan activated.'

Mieko too had noticed the Genjutsu and broken it. After she was done answering, she checked Fujin and Hoka's chakra with her Sharingan. Seeing that neither was in a genjutsu, she sighed in relief.

Fujin answered all his questions and then wondered, 'When exactly did he cast his Genjutsu?'

He looked at Kurama Illumi and noticed that he was still coughing occasionally. Fujin smiled bitterly on understanding, 'His coughing is causing Genjutsu to happen in this room. Maybe not just coughing, even those bell-ringing cast Genjutsu on us. Sound-based Genjutsu, applied in very small amounts to ensure that we don't notice any sudden altercations in our chakra and since it only changed the question paper that we never saw, we all thought that everything is real.'

While analyzing, Fujin realized, 'Wait. He actually gave us many clues. His continuous coughing was suspicious. And what was the most suspicious were these questions. If the questions were difficult, I'd have never realized the Genjutsu!'

Fujin sighed, 'I didn't expect to learn anything here. But this exam shows that I'm not as careful and on guard as I need to be. If this was a battlefield, I'd be long dead.'

By 9:20, everyone, irrespective of whether they figured out the genjutsu or not, was done answering.

A few seconds before 9:20, Illumi announced in a steady and commanding tone, "Everyone, put your pencils down. Anyone who holds the pencil after the bell rings will be disqualified."

The steadiness in his voice surprised many. Right after, the bell rang loudly. Only this time, instead of casting Genjutsu, it broke the Genjutsu.

As soon as the Genjutsu was broken, the eyes of many genins widened. They noticed that the questions changed, meaning that their answers were all wrong. Even the sickly Proctor suddenly turned into a healthy guy.

Some immediately began creating a ruckus, but Kurama Illumi leaked his killing intent once again. This instantly quieted down the room.

Overall, only 31 genins managed to write all answers correctly. And only 8 squads had all 3 members answer correctly.

Among the remaining 7 genins, 1 was sitting far away from his team, while the other 6 recognized the genjutsu at the last minute and couldn't communicate with their team members in time.

Fujin sighed in relief, 'Lucky that Hoka was sitting right ahead of me!'

Once the results were known, Kurama Illumi smiled and said, "In battle, many times the enemy will subtly cast Genjutsu on you. That will result in you making one horrible move that'll put your whole squad in danger. Enemies could also use such methods to pass you misleading information. If you were to fall for it, you might put your entire village at risk. So always be careful and on guard while doing your missions. After all, one wrong move and you could be finished.'

While saying the last sentence, he released his killing intent once again.

He then announced, "All those who failed, leave. The ones who passed, wait here. The Proctor for the 2nd exam will meet you here at 9:45."

On announcing that, he disappeared. All the remaining genins disrupted their chakra out of reflex. But they couldn't see him anymore.

The genins who failed left in disappointment. But irrespective of their results, all genins learnt an important lesson.

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While waiting, everyone observed each other.

Fujin noticed that there were 3 other teams from Konoha, 1 from Hidden Rain, 1 from Hidden Sand, and 2 from Hidden Mist. He didn't recognize any of those 21 ninjas.

He wondered, 'Isn't Kiri in the midst of a civil war? Can they still send ninjas to participate in such an event?'

He wondered for a bit before dismissing it, 'Oh well, doesn't matter. Anyways, the 4th Mizukage won't show up.'

On remembering the 4th Mizukage, he suddenly had a hilarious thought, 'I wonder if Naruto's talk-no-jutsu can end Genjutsu, hahaha. Or even better, if he used his Talk-no-jutsu on someone who is controlled by Genjutsu, will his talk-no-jutsu affect the one who cast the Genjutsu?'

Seeing Fujin smile, Mieko asked, "Why are you smiling?" Fujin shook his head and answered, "It's nothing, ignore it."

Fujin then tried to sense the chakra levels of the remaining 21 ninjas. Soon he concluded, 'Alright, no one seems abnormal. Only 1 guy from Kiri has a rather large chakra reserve. But even that is less than half of my own. Others are barely at chunin levels.'

Everyone tried similarly analyzing their competitors.

At 9:45, a smoke bomb exploded in the front part of the room, attracting everyone's attention. The smoke slowly began clearing out. Soon, we heard a very loud bark.

When the smoke was cleared, a large dog could be seen. It was looking aggressively at the genins. However, none were intimidated. Behind the dog, Tsume Inuzuka was standing.

She observed the room and muttered softly, "Only 8 teams. I knew it was a terrible idea to make that ass a Proctor!"

She looked at all the genins and announced loudly, "I'm Tsume Inuzuka, the Proctor for the 2nd phase of the Chunin Exam. Follow me and Kuromaru."

All the genins followed her. She led them across Konoha, to Training Ground 44.

She announced loudly, "The 2nd phase of your exams will be conducted in the Forty-Fourth training ground." She smirked, "This training ground is also known as the Forest of Death."

This put the genins on alert. At the same time, they also wondered, 'Why is she yelling all the time?'

She continued, "Before I explain to you the details and the rules of the 2nd phase, you have to sign these consent forms!"

A genin asked, "What are we consenting to?"

She grinned and replied creepily, "Your deaths!"

This unnerved the genins. She continued, "Death is a common occurrence in this training ground. That is why it is called the Forest of Death! You may be killed by the wild beasts in the forests, or your competitors.

By signing this form, you state that you are voluntarily participating in this exam, and injuries or death caused in this training ground have nothing to do with Konoha, and Konoha won't be held responsible."

A chunin under her then distributed the forms. She said, "You have to enter your name, signature, and fingerprint in the form. If you are a scaredy cat, then don't sign. You and your team will be disqualified!"

Hearing this, some genins were excited, while some were worried. Fujin, Hoka, and Mieko didn't react.

Everyone signed the consent forms without much delay and submitted them.

After verifying all the consent forms, Tsume began announcing the details of the exam, "I'll now explain the details to you.

Every team will be given a scroll. Four teams will be given a Heaven scroll, while the remaining teams will be given an Earth Scroll.

To qualify for the next round, you will have to reach the center of this forest with both the Heaven and Earth scrolls. So, you will have to seize the scroll that you don't have from other squads.

There is a tower at the center of this training ground. You have a 5-day time limit to collect both scrolls and enter the tower. Once you enter the tower, there will be no more fighting. If anyone leaves the training ground or enters the tower without both scrolls, you'll be disqualified.

Also, all 3 members of your team need to be alive. Even if just one of your members dies, you will be disqualified."

She waited for half a minute for the genins to digest the information. Then the questions began flowing.

One Ame genin was the first to ask, "What about the food inside the forest? We can't stay without food for 5 days!"

Before Tsume could answer, the Kiri genin, whose chakra level Fujin had noticed to be high, grinned and asked, "Can we take more than just the two scrolls to the tower?"

This made everyone look at that genin. Tsume answered, "There are plenty of animals, plants, and bugs in the forest. Find and make your food." She then looked at the Kiri-nin, "You can collect as many scrolls as you want before entering the Tower. So it is possible that less than 4 teams pass."

Fujin heard all the instructions and thought, 'Hmm, same as canon.'

No one asked any more questions. Soon the scrolls were being handed secretly. Fujin wondered, 'We don't get a day's break?' He looked at Hoka and said, "Activate your Byakugan and check the type of scroll all squads get." Hoka nodded and activated his Byakugan.

Mieko went to take the scroll. She received a Heaven scroll.



After the scrolls were distributed, Tsume once again yelled, "Now, a Chunin will guide your team to the gate you will enter from, follow them."

7 Chunins approached 1 squad each.

Fujin observed the approaching chunin. He wondered, 'Is this Ebisu?'

Ebisu approached their squad and said, "You three! Follow me." He turned around and began walking. The trio followed him. Fujin wondered, 'I guess he gets promoted sometime in the next 3-4 years. Anyways, there are only 8 teams. So it seems like we will be quite far away from each other.'

He calculated for a moment and sighed, 'Assuming we get placed at an equal distance and cover the entire forest, then the closest one to us will be almost 8 km away. Much farther than we can sense or see.'

Soon they reached their destination. Ebisu said, "The exam will start in 7 minutes, so wait here obediently." He moved away from the trio while keeping an eye on them.

Fujin asked softly, "Do you guys have enough weapons?" Both Hoka and Mieko nodded.

Hoka said, "Yes, I brought the scroll that sensei makes us carry for C rank missions." Mieko said, "Same here."

Fujin replied, "Cool, same here. What about Ration bars?"

This time, both of them replied awkwardly. Hoka said, "I only have 5." Mieko said, "Just 4 here."

Fujin analyzed, "Hmm, I have 25. So 34 between us. It should last us 2 days. So if we complete our exams in 2 days, we won't need to make our food."

Both nodded. Mieko asked, "So which teams have an Earth scroll?"

Hoka replied, "The Nara-Yamanaka-Akimichi squad, the Kiri squad of that guy who asked whether we can kill, the Ame squad, and the all Hyuga squad got Earth squads."

Mieko thought for a bit and said, "All four should be easy to get." Fujin and Hoka nodded. Hoka commented, "I don't think any squad is as strong as us. Should we try to collect more scrolls and eliminate other teams?"

Mieko quickly stated, "Yes, let's do that. It'll be fun!"

Fujin shook his head and said, "No. While we are stronger, if we are careless, we might get injured. If that happens, other teams might get an edge over us. Another issue is that some squads might set up traps and ambushes around the tower. So we should stay in our top condition."

Mieko complained, "Come on Fujin! We can do it."

Fujin sighed and said, "The last round is usually a tournament between us. If we eliminate everyone, how will we show off our capabilities?"

That made Mieko give up. Her shoulders dropped comically and she sighed, "Alright"

They were about to discuss more when they heard the gate opening. Ebisu said, "Your exam has started. Go in."