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Chapter 91: Second Nature Affinity

The Lightning chakra crystal had 80% of the energy that the Wind chakra crystal did. Fujin meditated for 4 hours. After waking up, he was surprised, 'Wow! I never expected to have the highest affinity to Lightning after Wind. The speed was about 62-63% when compared to the Wind at the start. To think my top two affinities were the 2 most rare Elements in Konoha. That said, I wonder if my speed of refining my chakra with the help of this crystal will increase similar to what happened with the Wind Chakra crystal.'

He kept sitting there and thinking. After a few minutes, he concluded, 'Lightning is a very strong element. But, how far can I take it? I'm confident that with enough time, I can master Chidori. Though I may not be able to use it while running at high speeds.

But the more important question is, Can I master Lightning Armor like Raikage? Also, how should I go about it? He could dodge freaking Amaterasu. So I don't think it's something as simple as just cloaking the body with Lightning chakra armor. Also, considering that no one apart from Raikage managed to learn it, it's safe to say that it is very dangerous to learn it.'

He thought for a bit more, before getting up and sighing, 'I need to somehow check whether Konoha has any details regarding this. If not, then the only choice will be to sneak into Hidden Cloud and read or steal all their scrolls.

Unfortunately, that isn't something I'd do before I become a rank S ninja myself and have excellent means of escaping. I hope the Uchiha with their Sharingans managed to copy at least some details and passed the information to the village. Would be quite a challenge otherwise.

Also, considering some of the crazy plans that I made that day, I should keep my Lightning element a secret. In the future, that might help more. But, if I keep it a secret, it'll be hard to get anyone's help. So what to do?'

He kept thinking hard while walking to the dining room. In the end, he decided, 'My Wind element is quite strong. Lightning won't be able to match it at least until I can learn Rank A jutsus. So it won't be much help for me in the short term in any case. So let's just hide it. I'll take as much help as the village

can give me for my Wind element. And my Lightning element will be my hidden element, which I'll use when I don't want to expose my identity. I can also use it to catch the enemy by surprise and kill them if there are no witnesses.'

Fujin entered the dining room while still in deep thought. He grabbed a plate, served himself the food, and sat down at the table while still in his thoughts. After deciding, he was about to think more when he felt, 'Why does it feel like dozens of eyes are staring at me?'

He looked around him and noticed that the 6 Kiri genins were sitting opposite him. He noticed that all 6 had dark bags under their eyes. And they all had a lot of injuries too which were given first-aid.

The chunins, who were incredibly bored over these 5 days, were paying close attention. They hoped to get some entertainment. Mieko and Hoka wondered if they could get into a fight.

Fujin looked at the Mist genins and said, "Hey. When did you guys pass?" All the Kiri genins were incredibly pissed at Fujin. They spent over 4 days on full alert, waiting for an ambush that never came! They barely got any sleep. Even when they slept, they were on high alert! When they arrived at the tower, the Konoha chunins all gave them weird looks due to those huge dark bags under everyone's eyes!

Yumi controlled herself and replied, "An hour ago. You?" Fujin began eating again and replied without looking, "Oh, we passed in the first hour itself."

'Asshole!'

'Fucking Bastard!'

'Motherfucker!'

'Fucking Asshole!'

'Son of a Bitch!'

'I'm gonna beat him up!'

Every single Kiri genin cursed him. Of course, they didn't say it out loud as they were surrounded by Konoha ninjas. But everyone could notice the killing intent leaking out of them. One chunin whispered to another, "Hey, what do you think Fujin did to them that they all want to swallow him whole?" The other chunin replied, "Who knows? But if looks could kill, Fujin would have died a thousand deaths by now!"

Mieko and Hoka too wondered, 'Why are they so pissed at Fujin and not at us? After all, we were there as well.' Soon they both realized, 'WAIT! Fujin still had his clones chasing them. I completely forgot about them. Don't tell me he fought them with his clones!'

They looked at the Kiri genins and realized that was indeed the case. Both were incredibly annoyed, 'This Asshole! He didn't let us fight and fought them himself?' Both snorted and looked away from Fujin while pouting.

Tsume and a few chunins noticed this. They wondered, 'Now even his teammates are mad at him? What did he do?'

Fujin ignored them all as he didn't particularly care. He was wondering how many Elemental chakra crystals he should ask from Hiruzen as a reward for coming first.

As for what happened in the Forest of Death, the forest became very active from Day 2. Though the forest was huge, almost every team had a sensor. So they eventually end up fighting. The ones who had it the worst was the Ame team, as they didn't have any sensor. They kept getting attacked again and again, but they stubbornly managed to hold onto their scrolls.

By Day 3 ended, except for the Nara-Yamanaka-Akimichi team, all other teams had fought multiple times. The Kiri teams were the unluckiest. Every time they fought, they were on high alert for an ambush. So they could never give their 100%. They still won every fight, but the opponents used to retreat every time. And whenever they tried to give chase, they would be attacked by the wild beasts from the forest, delaying them just enough to lose sight of their enemies.

So they were very annoyed.

On day 4, 2 scrolls were successfully seized. The Kiri team managed to defeat the Suna team and got their Heaven's scroll. While the Nara-Yamanaka-Akimichi team, who had healed up, sneak attacked the Ame squad and got their Earth scroll.

On day 5, the Kiri genins managed to find the Ame squad and fought them once again. They defeated the Ame team, only to discover that they didn't have scrolls.

The Hyuga squad noticed this fight and waited till the Kiri genins put their guard down and attacked. Unfortunately for them, the Kiri genins were always on guard. They lost and couldn't escape this time. They accepted their loss and handed them the Earth scroll. The Kiri genins were instructed not to kill any genins if they could avoid killing them. So they didn't kill anyone and just took their scrolls.

Now, the Kiri genins had all the required scrolls and decided to head to the tower. On route, they were ambushed by the last Konoha team. The Kiri genins were very exhausted and took a beating. But they managed to escape to the tower.

The last 2 teams with the scrolls will search for each other all night, but they won't see each other and only end up fighting against teams who don't have any scrolls.

On the last day, when only 30 minutes were left for the exam to end, the 4th squad from Konoha noticed that 4 teams were waiting near the tower. The Nara-Yamanaka-Akimichi lied that they didn't have any scrolls, and managed to convince others to ally. Unfortunately, the last team had fought against the Hyuga and Suna teams in the night and had no chakra to continue. They hid in the forest and gave up on the exam.

So, only 3 teams passed the 2nd round!

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Chapter 92: Matchups

At morning 10 AM on the last day, Fujin, Hoka, Mieko, and the 6 Kiri genins left the tower and focused outside the tower. They noticed that 4 teams were waiting there. The teams noticed them as well and realized that Nara Minori was speaking the truth. However, other than Nara's team, the other 3 teams were on alert to prevent one of them from suddenly running to the tower.

Unfortunately, the last team never turned up, so they all were disqualified. Since no fight happened, the uninvited audience was disappointed. The chunins asked those 4 teams to enter the tower, as they all looked exhausted and wounded.

Sometime later, the last team also entered the Tower. Tsume gathered everyone in the large hall where the preliminaries were usually held. She announced, "The teams who passed stand here. Soon Lord Hokage will arrive, and address you!"

All 9 genins stood in a disciplined manner. While the remaining 15 genins stood far away. Fujin looked at them and thought, 'I'm surprised that no one died! It seems like Kiri nins are here to create a good relationship. So they didn't kill anyone.'

The chunins stood around the hall, and some Jounin-sensei began appearing. They stood along with their genin squads. The 2 Kiri Jounins also stood there. Fujin observed both of them, but couldn't recognize either of them.

Soon the 3rd Hokage arrived. He was accompanied by 4 Anbu and a few Jounins including Renjiro and Genki. Renjiro smiled and nodded at his squad. He had heard that they broke the records by a huge margin.

Fujin observed them, 'Genki is standing with all the Jounins. Did he get promoted? Or is he here just because his students are here? As for the Anbu, one looks to be Kakashi. I can't identify the rest.'

As Fujin was observing everyone, Hiruzen stepped in front of them. Tsume announced, "Pay attention you brats. Now, Lord Hokage will explain the details about the third phase of the chunin exam."

Hiruzen stood in front of the kids and got a good look at them. 'Only 3 genins from our village passed. Kiri has 6. Looks like the rebel faction really wants to create a good image. Well, I can let them win this one. So their leader will owe us one. Even if they win, considering that they are at war, they won't be able to steal Konoha's missions.'

After a minute he spoke, "Congrats on passing the 2nd round."

He then looked at Fujin, Hoka, and Mieko and said, "Congrats to you guys for breaking the record to become the fastest team to pass the 2nd round."

On hearing that, the genins, who failed, were shocked. After all, they were the youngest team. The Kiri genins and jounins also looked at them. Though the Kiri genins were looking at Fujin while cursing him a few more times.

However, Fujin was very excited on hearing that, 'Marvelous! I didn't think he'd say this. Now I can ask it without any awkwardness! It'll feel natural too.'

Hiruzen continued, "Before I explain the third phase, I will explain to you the true reason for these chunin exams..."

He explained the details regarding how the exam is a replacement for war and why the genins need to give their best similar to the way he did in the manga. Everyone paid attention. Fujin paid careful attention as well, however for a different reason. He was picking up points he could use later to compel Hiruzen.

After Hiruzen was done speaking, Fujin sighed internally, 'I barely remember any dialogues from Naruto anime or manga now. Other than the important events in every arc, I have sort of forgotten everything. Can't really help it I guess. After all, I didn't watch Naruto for years even in my previous life.'

After Hiruzen was done explaining, Inoichi Yamanaka stepped forward and said, "I will be the Proctor for the third round. I will now explain the details.

The third round will be a simple tournament. The tournament will be held after 1 month, in front of many important dignitaries like Kage and Daimyos. You will fight against each other alone. Your team won't be able to help you anymore. If you lose any fight, you'll be eliminated, while the winners will get to fight other winners."

Hearing this, some of the genins got excited to show off their skills. Fujin looked at his teammates. Both were incredibly excited. He wondered, 'What's so exciting about being made to fight for the entertainment of some rich old people?' On Kiri's side, Rentaro looked very excited. He looked at Fujin and thought, 'Just win till you fight me. I'll pay you back a hundred times for the 4 sleepless nights you put me through!'

Inoichi then picked up a box and said, "Everyone, pick one piece of paper each from this box." Everyone picked up one folded piece of paper. After picking up the paper, Fujin stood next to Mieko.

Inoichi said, "Open it and tell me the numbers on your paper, starting from 1."

Sakai Yumi, "1"

Shiro Sora, "2"

Hyuga Hoka, "3"

Matsushita Satoru, "4"

Kido Kohaku, "5"

Uchiha Mieko, "6"

Satsuma Rentaro, "7"

Suzuki Fujin, "8"

Yuki Shin, "9"

Inoichi noted down everyone's names next to numbers and showed a chart showing the matchups.

He announced, "The matchups are - Sakai Yumi Vs Shiro Sora, Hyuga Hoka Vs Matsushita Satoru, and Kido Kohaku Vs Uchiha Mieko. Since we have 9 members, the number 8 and 9 will have to fight one additional time. So, the first match of the tournament will be Suzuki Fujin Vs Yuki Shin. And their winner will fight against Satsuma Rentaro."

Fujin thought, '1 additional match? Shouldn't be an issue I guess. That said, why are my matchups so freaking difficult? Ice Release in the first round. Then Rentaro, who looks to be the strongest among the Kiri genins. That will be followed up by Mieko. All 3 might be tough fights. However, in the finals, I should be fighting with Hoka. That will be an easy fight if I still have chakra left by then.'

Others too were thinking about their matchups. Inoichi asked, "Any doubts?"

Shiro Sora asked, "Since this is a tournament, can only one person become a chunin?"

Fujin looked at him and wondered, 'Like Hiruzen's speeches, is this question also asked every single time?'

Inoichi shook his head and answered, "No, we will promote you to chunin depending on your performance in the fights. If you perform well, you may be promoted even if you don't win any fights. So there's a chance that every one of you gets promoted. And a chance that none of you do. Any more questions?"

No one raised any questions. So Fujin raised his hand and said, "Umm... I have a question for Lord Hokage." Inoichi was surprised. Renjiro raised his eyebrow wondering what his student wanted to ask. While Genki was having a very bad feeling, 'He isn't going to.... Is he?'

Hiruzen gave a kind smile and said, "Go ahead and ask Fujin." Fujin looked at Hiruzen smiling and put up a very innocent smile on his face as well. He asked very innocently, "Lord Hokage, since my team broke the previous record for the 2nd round by such a huge margin, do we get any rewards?"

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Chapter 93: Don't Underestimate Wild Old Foxes!

Senju Renjiro's eyes twitched. Genki was horrified! Inoichi, Tsume, Illumi, Anbu guards, Jounin senseis, and the chunin instructors were dumbfounded. 'Any rewards? Since when did Lord Hokage begin giving rewards?'

The genins from Kiri began wondering, 'Genins from Konoha get rewards for such little things?' Kiri genins looked at Hiruzen with longing in their eyes. Their own Kage hunted them, while the Kage of

Konoha rewarded their own genins. They thought, 'The difference between the two Kage is like the difference between Heaven and Hell!'

While the other genins wondered, 'There's a reward for breaking records?' Mieko and Hoka too stared at Fujin. Mieko frowned, 'I didn't hear Itachi getting any rewards. Hmph, I'm an Uchiha, I don't need any rewards.'

Hiruzen too was dumbfounded. His expression didn't change, but he was left speechless for a minute. Genki yelled in his mind, 'Even Lord Hokage is speechless!'

Hiruzen began remembering the scene when Fujin asked him for chakra metal swords. His eyebrows twitched, 'Last time he asked for chakra metal swords. What does he want this time? A house made of chakra metal?'

Hiruzen didn't know how close he was to guessing the truth. If he did, who knows how he would have reacted!

He was about to say no when he saw the frown on Mieko, who was standing right next to Fujin. He thought, 'Does she also expect a gift? The relationship between the village and Uchiha has been deteriorating day by day. I could use this opportunity to reward her and mend the ties a bit. If it results in the ties improving, then it'll be very good for Konoha.'

As Fujin expected, Hiruzen decided to reward them. He was about to reply in the affirmative when he felt a chill running down his spine! Hiruzen was a veteran of all 3 ninja wars! He had fought a lot on the frontlines and spread terror among his enemies. However, this was a feeling he only felt when he was about to step into a trap!

His eyes went back to the genin standing next to Mieko with an innocent smile and an expectant look on his face. He said, "Yes. Your team will be rewarded for breaking this record." He smiled kindly and said, "You guys will receive your rewards on the day of the tournament in front of everyone."

This left everyone dumbfounded once again. Fujin too was left speechless, 'Wtf? He will reward us? Meaning that we can't ask for any particular reward? That's bullshit!!'

Fujin maintained his smiling face and bowed, "Thank You, Lord Hokage." However, his thoughts were the opposite, 'Sigh, I underestimated him. Old fox didn't give me any opportunity to ask for any particular reward. This way he gets to improve his image while giving us something that won't cost him.'

He looked back up at Hiruzen and thought, 'Monkey summon doesn't suit him! He should switch to the fox!'

The chunins and jounins were completely lost at what was happening. Genki was shocked again, 'He agreed to reward them?' Renjiro and the rest wondered, 'What is happening here exactly?' Itachi, who was one of those four Anbu, thought, 'I didn't get any reward last year.' But on thinking more he realized, 'Is Lord Hokage rewarding so that he could reward Uchiha Mieko and thaw the relations between the village and the Uchiha clan?'

While everyone was confused, Hiruzen looked at Inoichi. He noticed and said, "Since there are no more doubts, you are dismissed. Use this month to prepare properly for your fights."

The Jounin sensei began taking over the genins. Renjiro approached his students and said, "Follow me." Fujin, Hoka, and Mieko followed him.

The group went to their usual training ground. On reaching there, Renjiro looked at Fujin and asked, "So, what was that?" Fujin asked back, "That?"

Renjiro squinted his eyes and said, "The reward." Fujin tilted his head and replied, "Well, we were rewarded for ranking 1st in the academy. I assumed that the same would apply even this time."

Lines immediately appeared on Renjiro's head. He thought, 'I need to educate this brat.'

He ignored it for now and said, "Congrats on making it to the 3rd round. Though it shouldn't be a surprise I suppose. We will now decide how to train for the next month."

He looked at Mieko and Hoka and said, "I had a chat with your parents. They said that they want to train you yourselves for the next month. They will be taking the entire month off to train you two."

Mieko and Hoka immediately got excited.

Renjiro smiled on seeing their reactions. He said, "Train hard you two. I would love to see my students as both finalists. You can leave."

They both thanked him. Before leaving, Mieko looked at Fujin and said, "Win your 2 matches and fight me. This time I will defeat you." Fujin grinned and said, "Don't worry. I'll win the whole tournament." She was annoyed at Fujin's confidence, but she grinned in response. Both Hoka and Mieko left.

Renjiro looked at Fujin and asked, "So, any plans for this month." Fujin shook his head. Renjiro smiled and asked, "Prepared for a month of deadly training." Fujin grinned and replied, "Of course."

Renjiro asked, "Before we begin, do you have anything you want to try or any doubts?"

Fujin thought for a bit and said, "I don't have any new ideas to try. I do have a question though. Are you aware of the training rooms on the 2nd floor of the Tower inside the Forest of Death?"

Renjiro thought for a bit and replied, "I have never used them. But I did hear about them. What about them?"

Fujin answered, "They have a Wind Training room, Earth Training room, and training room for other natures too. I inspected those rooms and noticed that each room has a crystal, which has dense energy belonging to that nature. Can you tell me what those crystals are?"

Renjiro was surprised at that question. He answered, "Those are Elemental Crystals. Known as Fire Crystal, Wind Crystal, and so on. They provide some help to increase our affinity to that nature. It's helpful if you meditate in such rooms. Unfortunately, they are very rare and costly. So it isn't that useful."

Fujin thought, 'Just increase the affinity? No, I definitely felt a minute increase in my chakra level. So why didn't he feel it? It's either that he isn't telling me the whole thing, or his rate of refining chakra was too slow and he didn't feel anything. After all, it was only when the rate of using its energy increased many folds, that I could feel it!'

Fujin asked, "How rare and how costly are they?"

Renjiro chuckled and replied, "Only the Hokage and major clans can buy them. That's how rare they are. As for price, every piece of crystal costs millions of Ryo!"

Fujin was shocked, "Millions?" Renjiro laughed lightly at his student's reaction. However, he soon heard him sighing and muttering. "I was planning to ask Lord Hokage for a few thousand Wind crystals as the reward."

Renjiro was flabbergasted on hearing that, 'A FEW THOUSAND?' He looked at Fujin and asked, "Do you think they grow on trees?"

Fujin looked back and purposefully gave a look, as if asking, 'They don't?' Renjiro's face was full of black lines again!

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Chapter 94: History Lesson - Elemental Crystals

Fujin asked Renjiro, "Where and how are those Elemental Crystals produced?"

Renjiro sighed and said, "You seem to be fixated upon this. Alright, I'll explain everything about it.

Elemental crystals are mined from crystal veins. Hundreds of years ago, these lands were full of such veins. Actually, the way the lands were named was based on which types of veins were most abundant in those areas. For instance, the Land of Fire was abundant in Fire Crystal veins.

The Elemental Crystals provided huge help to ninjas. So they were mined extensively. Around a hundred years ago, all veins began drying up.

From what I have heard, the drying of the veins caused conflicts to intensify during that period, as everyone began fighting for it.

By the time the 5 great villages came into existence, all the veins had been used up and destroyed. However, even after they were destroyed, the lands still kept having more ninjas with similar affinities. Lord Second did research regarding this and concluded that the environment of Land of Fire is such that the ninjas here have a good affinity to Fire manipulation. Same for the other four villages as well.

As for the Crystal veins, only one place still had some low-quality veins. That is the current Land of Iron.

In order to prevent another war from happening for them, Lord First temporarily protected it. The Daimyos soon reached a deal, and the Land of Iron became a neutral country without any ninjas who could use those crystal veins. Instead, the Land of Iron will mine a limited amount and sell a certain amount of it to each village.

So, all the Elemental crystals today are received from the Land of Iron. And it is received in very low quantities. Most of those Elemental crystals are distributed among the clans. The rest is kept by the Hokage and is used to train the Anbu.

Additionally, because their quality and quantity are low, they are only used alongside proper Fuinjutsu seals to be able to use 100% of those crystals."

Fujin digested all this information. He analyzed, 'Oh, guess it isn't as useful as I thought then. Without sufficient quantities, they won't be that useful.'

Fujin asked, "Does the effect of each crystal depend on our affinity?"

Renjiro nodded, "Yes. It works best with your affinity. Did you check all 5 rooms?"

Fujin nodded. Renjiro replied, "Good. The chakra paper used to test your affinity only shows your strongest affinity unless you have an elemental Kekkei Genkai. But trying to absorb energy from Elemental crystals too can tell you your affinities. What was your absorption rate for other elements compared to Wind?"

Fujin replied, "It was around 35% for Fire. Around 6% for Earth. And 0 for Water and Lightning."

Renjiro appeared disappointed on hearing that. He sighed, "Seems like you don't have much affinity for other elements."

Fujin acted disappointed and asked, "What should it have been for me to have their affinity?"

Renjiro explained, "If you have any element at 70% or above, then that can be considered as your secondary affinity. Your Wind element affinity is quite strong. So most likely any element above 50% could have been considered a secondary affinity.

As for Tertiary affinity, it needs to be 30% or above. Your Fire element qualifies for this. But I would recommend you to not waste your time on it. After all, it is extremely rare for a squad in Konoha to not have someone with Fire affinity."

Fujin nodded. Renjiro continued, "Even your Earth manipulation. I would suggest you stop it after learning Earth Wall jutsu. Focus entirely on your Wind manipulation. Make it as strong and lethal as you can."

Fujin replied, "Yes Sensei."

Renjiro said, "Good. Now, let's get back to your training for the month." Fujin paid attention with some excitement. Training with Renjiro proved to be extremely fruitful.

Renjiro chuckled and said, "Actually, I have nothing more to teach you. I have already taught you all the basics that I could. Rest would require hard work from you to improve further."

Fujin gave his sensei a deadpan look. He asked, "So what will be training for this month sensei?"

Renjiro smirked, "We will be doing live combat practice!" Fujin felt a chill down his spine on looking at his sensei's smirk.

Renjiro continued, "Every time you spar or fight, you hide behind your clones. While that is a good strategy, and I admire the fact that you have managed to pull it off so successfully, you have missed out on an essential fighting experience that you will need in the future.

So, for this entire month, we will do live combat drills. You can use your clones, but I will still attack your main body. By the time this month ends, I will let you experience everything that you would have to face during missions."

Fujin nervously said, "Alright Sensei." As soon as he said it, Renjiro attacked him with a punch. But Fujin, who was on alert due to Renjiro's smirk, flickered away in the blink of an eye! Renjiro smirked and flickered as well.

The Evening before the Tournament -

Fujin laid in the training ground, breathing heavily. If anyone were to see him, they would wonder, 'How many people beat him up?'

He was bruised all over and had completely exhausted his chakra. Renjiro walked over to him and said, "Ready for the tournament?"

Fujin looked at him while screaming internally, 'You know what? Fuck the child activists! Where the fuck are the human rights activists? In my previous life, if anyone leaked even a minute of my combat drills with this monster, the media would all create havoc for weeks! There might even be public protests against him! I didn't even get a break on my Birthday! Bastard made me eat punches and kicks instead of cake!'

Unfortunately, Fujin had neither the energy nor the courage to talk back to Renjiro. Renjiro chuckled, lifted Fujin, and put him on his shoulder. He said, "Well, you can't fight in this state. Let's get you to the hospital to fix you up."

Fujin didn't reply or struggle. In the last month, he was carried in this manner to the hospital 11 times! He had received all sorts of weird looks. Any sense of embarrassment was long dead and buried.

On reaching the hospital, the medic-nin healed him as usual and asked him to sleep in the Hospital.

While going to sleep Fujin thought, 'No wonder all adults in this village are so shameless. It seems that they all had their sense of shame beaten out of them.'

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Chapter 95: Gambling

The next morning, Fujin woke up early. He ate a few Ration bars and did some light exercises before heading to the stadium where the tournament would be held.

When he neared the stadium, he could hear multiple announcements being made over the loudspeaker. There were a lot of stalls outside the stadium. The area was very crowded. Fujin thought, 'It's almost like a fair. This world barely has any good means of entertainment. So I suppose the Chunin exams are the biggest entertainment for normal people. No wonder it's so crowded and noisy.'

On entering the stadium, a guard informed him where the participants had to gather. Fujin went there and saw that all the remaining genins were already there. He walked towards Mieko and Hoka, "Hey."

Both greeted him while smirking. Hoka asked, "So, how was your training?" Fujin sighed and was about to answer, but Mieko spoke first, "No need to tell. We already know. Everyone was talking about a certain someone being carried to the hospital daily." Both Hoka and Mieko began laughing.

Fujin gave them a deadpan look. He muttered lightly but loud enough for them both to hear, "At least I was defeated by a Jounin instead of a fellow genin teammate." This interrupted their laugh.

Hoka replied, "Last time you caught me by surprise. That will never happen again!" Mieko snorted and said, "Hmph, I was injured by Hoka and you took advantage. This time you will have to fight more opponents first. I'll send you back to the hospital on sensei's shoulder!"

Fujin smirked and was about to reply when Inoichi called them and asked them to assemble at the center of the ground. Announcements were made to introduce all 9 genins to the audience.

While the announcements were made, Fujin noticed where Hiruzen was sitting. There were a few Anbu around him. But there wasn't any other Kage. Fujin analyzed, 'Hmm, no genin from Suna qualified. So no wonder their Kage didn't show up. And while Kiri genins did qualify, they don't represent the 4th Mizukage. I thought Mei might come, but it looks like either she's busy, or Hiruzen refused to host her publicly before she wins.'

Next, he checked out the important officials who were sitting with a few Daimyos. He didn't notice anyone interesting there. Lastly, he looked at a spot where a lot of familiar faces were. He noticed Ibiki, Genma, and Raido sitting next to each other, with some papers in front of them, and wondered, 'Are they the judges for the tournament?'

He recalled his discussion with Renjiro earlier.

A week ago, in the training ground :

Fujin was resting having just fought Renjiro. Renjiro was sitting nearby as well. Fujin asked, "Who decides the chunin promotions sensei? Will it be just the proctor for the 3rd round, or do others also have a say?"

Renjiro answered, "There will be a panel of judges who will evaluate your performances during the tournament. Their decision is the most critical for getting promoted. The proctors of the 3 phases will also submit reports of their evaluation. Promotions will be based on these evaluations.

Their evaluations are sent to the Chunin Exam Supervisor, who makes the decision and sends it to the Hokage for approval."

Fujin asked, "Chunin Exam Supervisor? Who is that?"

Renjiro nodded, "He is the one who makes decisions regarding the Chunin exams. The current Chunin Exam Supervisor is a retired Elite Jounin. He is a few years older than the Sannins."

Fujin thought and said, "Okay. But don't the Jounin instructors or anyone else get a say?"

Renjiro answered, "The Jounin instructors can make recommendations. But it is very rare as the genins are their own students and it could be seen as favoritism. As for others, there are a few who can make recommendations such as the Jounin commander, Anbu commander, Village elders, and Clan heads. But again, it's very rare. They get more involved during the Jounin promotions."

Fujin nodded, "That makes sense. But Sensei, you said that we have thousands of chunins. But don't only a few genins get promoted every year?" While asking Fujin wondered, 'It makes no sense for Chunin exams to be the only form of promotion. I wonder what other ways are to be promoted.'

Renjiro looked deeply at Fujin before answering, "As the Hokage said, the chunin exams are more about showing your skills, talent, and potential to the daimyos and other important people. Promoting the genins isn't the main focus. If you observed, you would have noticed that all Konoha genins participating were 15 years or younger."

Fujin thought for a bit and said, "Yeah, I don't remember seeing any older genin from our village."

Renjiro continued, "Genins above the age of 15 are promoted when they are deemed capable enough to be promoted without any exam. So there are around a hundred genins promoted every year. Even more during the war. But, genins who get promoted outside the chunin exams have a harder time becoming jounin. Very few manage to become jounin."

Fujin digested the information and nodded while wondering, 'Wasn't Kabuto much older during the Chunin exams? Did Konoha relax the restrictions later?'

His thoughts were interrupted by Renjiro who said, "Enough rest, let's continue." Fujin got up and prepared himself for another round of beating.

Back to the present :

Fujin noticed that Renjiro, Genki, and a few dozen more jounins and chunins were sitting behind the judges.

Mieko and Hoka looked for their parents in the crowd. Apparently, some of their classmates also came to watch the tournament.

None of the genins were paying much attention to the announcements. However, one announcement suddenly attracted their attention.

The announcer said, "To make this tournament more exciting, the Gato Company has set up a gambling center for the tournament. The odds are :

Uchiha Mieko - 1.2

Satsuma Rentaro - 1.4

Hyuga Hoka - 1.5

Sakai Yumi - 1.8

Yuki Shin - 1.8

Suzuki Fujin - 4

Matsushita Satoru- 5

Shiro Sora - 5

Kido Kohaku - 9

Those who are still left to place your bets, you can do so within the next 15 minutes before the matches begin!"

Fujin was surprised, 'Seriously? Gambling so openly? And Gato Company?' His eyes wandered towards Hiruzen and the place where the Daimyos were sitting, 'How much of a cut do these guys get for letting someone like Gato do this?'

He analyzed the odds, 'Mieko and Hoka come from strong clans. So this ain't a surprise. As for Kiri, it looks like they want to advertise their strength. Rentaro and Yuki Shin I can understand, but why are the odds for Yumi so high?

Anyways, I have around 800 thousand Ryo with me. Should I bet all on myself? I'm confident that I am the strongest, but my fights are the toughest too. I'll have to face Yuki and Rentaro who would be fresh. Then Mieko, who would only have had 1 easy fight. For the last, I thought it'd be Hoka, but looks like he may have 1 tough fight against Yumi.'

While Fujin was analyzing, Mieko couldn't hide her smirk due to having the highest odds. The other genins looked at her and realized that she would be the strongest opponent. Inoichi said, "All announcements are over. Go wait in the waiting room. Fujin, Shin, your matches will begin in 15 minutes.

The genins begin walking towards the waiting room. Fujin after thinking for a bit concluded, 'While 800 thousand Ryo is a decent amount of money, it is nowhere enough for me to buy some of the stuff that I want. So better to just gamble. I'll gamble 600 thousand Ryo. 200 thousand Ryo is sufficient for my normal needs. And even if I lose, earning that 600 thousand back shouldn't be a big deal.

That said, the gambling is held by Gato. So he should be very rich. Killing him won't be a good decision, but I should plunder him in the future. Since he operates illegally, I might get some good stuff from him. Not to mention a lot of Ryo as well.'

After deciding, he said softly, "I'll meet you guys in the Waiting room." He flickered. The genins wondered where he went.

Fujin flickered in the place where the bets were being taken. Surprisingly, the crowd here was very low, 'So few people? Wait, the announcements implied that many already placed their bets. So only the ones who didn't know yet are placing their bets now.'

Fujin withdrew 600 thousand Ryo from his scroll and went ahead. The bookie was surprised at seeing a participant here. He greeted Fujin, "Hello Fujin-kun. How may I help you?"

Fujin replied, "I want to place bets." He put 600 thousand Ryo in front of him and said, "Six hundred thousand Ryo on myself."

The bookie sneered internally on hearing that Fujin wanted to bet on himself, 'This orphan civilian ninja wants to bet on himself? The only reason why his odds weren't the lowest is that he broke the record in the 2nd round thanks to his two teammates.'

However, he was shocked when he saw 600 thousand Ryo being placed in front of him! He thought, 'Are the genins so rich in Konoha?'

He immediately took the cash and handed Fujin 6 silver tickets with his name on them. Every silver ticket denoted a hundred thousand Ryo. Fujin checked it and left.

After he left, that Bookie began laughing, 'He just donated 600 thousand Ryo to us! Haha'

Fujin entered and waited in the Waiting room. This room gave the best view of the ground below. It will help the genins observe others properly.

After a few minutes, an announcement was made calling Fujin and Shin down. Hoka and Mieko said "Good Luck" to Fujin, while the Kiri genins wished Shin good luck. Fujin and Shin jumped down to the ground and walked towards Inoichi. Inoichi asked them both to take positions. Fujin and Shin stood face-to-face 5 meters apart.

Fujin thought, 'Ice release. This will be a tough fight.'

Shin thought, 'This guy is very fast. And his sword is very strong. I shouldn't give him a chance to use his sword at all!'

Inoichi announced loudly, "Now the first fight starts. BEGIN!"

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Chapter 96: The Opening Fight

As soon as he said it, Shin grabbed his shurikens. However, even before he could throw them, a Wind Explosion jutsu was coming at him!

He immediately ran backwards and to the right, dodging the explosion.

Fujin noticed him moving and thought, 'Too slow.' He flickered to where Shin was dodging and threw 2 Wind Explosion spheres at him.

Shin was moving towards the Wind explosion spheres when he noticed them. He tried dodging again, but the spheres exploded. He avoided most of the winds, but a few still hit him. A few cuts appeared on his left hand and leg.

The crowd didn't expect the fight to be so intense from the start. They began cheering loudly!

Fujin was planning to keep his attack going, when he noticed that Shin made a few hand signs and his chakra suddenly spiked, 'Hmm, which jutsu? Oh well, let's test him out.'

Fujin created a big Wind Explosion jutsu and threw it at him. If Shin was using a jutsu that needed some time to launch, this could defeat him.

However, huge Ice spikes immediately began appearing around him. Some were big enough to be called spears. Shin yelled, "Ice Hell!!"

Immediately, all Ice spikes got launched at a very fast speed! Some pierced through the Wind Explosion sphere, dispersing it. Shin smirked when he saw the shock on Fujin's face! At the next moment, 4 spikes hit Fujin. Shin was about to celebrate when Fujin dispersed into the winds! He was shocked, 'Wind Clone? When?'

The reason Fujin made a giant Wind Explosion sphere was so that he could hide behind it. When Shin couldn't see him, he created a Wind clone and escaped underground.

Before Shin could figure out when Fujin created a Wind clone, he felt something under him. He immediately jumped backwards. Just after he jumped, Fujin's hands popped out of the ground trying to catch his legs.

Fujin came out of the ground as Shin landed at some distance. Fujin smiled and said, "That was a strong jutsu. I am impressed."

Shin was breathing heavily. This was a rank B jutsu from his clan. It used more than half of his chakra.

When Fujin exited the ground, Mieko and Hoka suddenly snorted. Yumi became worried.

The crowd was shocked at this jutsu. Most hadn't ever seen any Ice jutsu. The ice spikes were embedded into the stadium walls. The civilians, and even some ninjas, breathed in relief that the spikes weren't aimed higher.

Hiruzen wondered, 'Should I arrange for barriers? Genins aren't supposed to use B rank jutsus.'

Fujin didn't allow Shin to catch his breath, and once again began attacking with Wind Explosion jutsus from a close distance. Shin dodged desperately while using Water Wall jutsu to defend himself and attempting to create some distance from Fujin.

Such an exchange went on for the next 4-5 minutes. Shin had even more wounds and was breathing even more heavily. Finally, he managed to get away from Fujin. He made a few quick hand signs.

Fujin too created a few hand signs. 2 Wind Wolves appeared next to him and charged at Shin. Fujin waited, to see what jutsu Shin was about to use.

'Ice Dragon Jutsu'

Soon, an Ice Dragon started forming in front of Shin. It began to move towards the Wind Wolves and Fujin. Fujin thought, 'Ice Dragon? Looks cool. But he looks to be devoid of chakra.'

Fujin controlled the Wolves to move away from the dragon and then attack Shin from opposite directions. Shin ignored them and kept his focus on Fujin. Suddenly, Ice Dragon's speed increased and it rushed towards Fujin. At the same time, Shin dropped to his knees, as he was very exhausted.

Fujin made a hand sign, 'Spinning Shield of Wind'

As the Ice Dragon reached Fujin, it opened its jaws, showing its massive fangs. It looked as if it wanted to bite him to death. However, a circular shield, having a radius of 3 meters and a thickness of half a meter formed in front of Fujin. It was formed of wind and spinning at a high speed.

The Ice Dragon clashed with the shield and was stopped. It kept pushing against the Wind shield. At the same time, the 2 Wind wolves were running towards Shin.

Shin thought, 'Just a little bit more, and I'll break his shield!' The Ice Dragon pushed halfway into the shield. The Wolves were still around 20 meters from him.

The crowds were tense. Shiro Sora said excitedly in the waiting room, "Shin will win." The other Kiri genins, except Yumi, were happy as well. Hoka and Mieko, on the other hand, were just annoyed.

Yumi said, "No, he has lost." This shocked the 4 Kiri genins, who didn't understand what she meant. They looked at Shin and Fujin.

When the wolves were around 10 meters from Shin, the Ice Dragon broke the Wind shield. Shim smiled. The Ice Dragon hit Fujin, scoring a direct hit. He was frozen solid! Shin was surprised that Konoha's Proctor didn't save him.

At that instant, Inoichi appeared in front of Shin, and dispersed the two Wind Wolves who were about to bite him to death!

Inoichi looked at Shin and announced, "Winner of this Round - Suzuki Fujin. He will advance to the next round."

Shin was shocked. So was the crowd. They thought, 'Didn't he win?' Shin immediately protested, "WHY? Wasn't he hit first? You should have helped him instead of me!"

Inoichi sighed at his ignorance. He pointed with his thumb where the Ice Dragon had exploded. Shin followed his thumb to see. He saw a block of Ice, but no Fujin inside it. He was shocked, "Where is he?"

As soon as he asked, he heard, "Yo, looking for me?" He quickly turned his head left and saw Fujin standing some distance away, waving his hand. He was dumbfounded, "But how? I saw you get frozen!" Fujin just smiled and left without replying.

Almost everyone in the audience was confused. Even among the ninjas, a few were clueless.

The Kiri genins didn't understand what was happening either. They looked towards Yumi. She explained, "When he was underground, he made a Shadow Clone." The Kiri genins were stunned. She continued, "The remaining fight was fought by his shadow clone. He stayed hidden underground. The clone was dispelled after it got frozen in ice. And his main body exited the ground when you guys were distracted by Inoichi."

The Kiri genins were left tongue-tied. After some time, Satoru managed to exclaim, "So Shin lost to a mere clone?"

Yumi looked at Rentaro and said, "Don't underestimate him. He might not have any Kekkei Genkai, but his chakra is larger than yours. He didn't even lose 10% of his chakra in this fight. And he is tactically sound as well. Be on your guard." Rentaro nodded with a grim expression.

The experienced ninjas who were watching this fight were very impressed.

Tsume, who was sitting in the stadium with her kids, thought, 'Very good. Even someone like me didn't notice that he was just a clone.' Kiba kept bugging her by asking how Fujin won, so she explained it to him. Hana also listened attentively.

The judges also analyzed the fight. Ibiki said, "Impressive. He relied majorly on a rank D jutsu to force his opponent into using 2 rank B jutsus and exhaust his chakra."

Genma nodded and said, "Yes, and his speed and precision are also very good. His opponent was forced into desperation multiple times."

Raido added, "While his strategy was good, the fact that he can perform the Shadow Clone jutsu is also impressive."

Ibiki replied, "Yes, and he is also very good at using it. His Shadow clone can be very useful for information gathering in missions. Also, he can use jutsus of 2 elements."

Raido smiled and said, "And he could perform the Wind Explosion jutsu without any hand seals."

Genma said, "I think he is ready to be promoted to Chunin. He is strong and good at tactics. All that remains to be seen is how he leads."

Raido said, "What are your thoughts about his opponent? Though he lost, his Ice Hell jutsu was very strong. If used in the middle of a battlefield, it will cause a lot of damage."

Ibiki had a different opinion. He said, "No, he didn't show much control over it and used it in every direction. So it will hit both enemies and allies."

Genma said, "Hard to say. His teammates can take cover in advance. That said, despite his jutsu being strong, he wasted it along with his chakra. I don't think he is ready to be promoted."

They kept discussing the fight and the pros and cons of both the genins.

Hiruzen was also impressed with how easily Fujin won, 'Good win. He is a promising seedling.' However he suddenly had another thought, 'If he wins this tournament, will he ask me for another reward? I still owe him two rewards!' He sighed and thought, 'I should have made Homura pay for the rewards for making this suggestion.'

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Chapter 97: A Hyuga who doesn't use Gentle Fist?

Fujin walked up the stairs, as many looked at him in awe and confusion. Fujin thought, 'Well, that went well. He pretty much lost it by exhausting his chakra by using 2 rank B jutsus. My clone could have easily dodged the Ice Dragon too. But seeing how exhausted he was, there was no need to. After all, that blue-eyed girl should have noticed me. So if I won with even my clone still fine, then my opponent would be extremely careful.'

After entering the waiting room, Fujin sat next to Hoka and Mieko. Yumi and Sora were soon called and they went down. Inoichi soon announced, "The second battle starts now. BEGIN!"

Sora immediately ran behind, while Yumi started with Water shuriken jutsu. He created a water wall to block her jutsu while retreating into the woods thinking, 'I can't fight her in open fields. She is too dangerous.'

Yumi followed him into the woods. They began fighting in the woods. Sora used the trees as a shield and cover to attack her, but Yumi managed to defend and counterattack every time. They maintained this deadlock for around 10 minutes.

Fujin wondered, 'While he does fight well in the woods, he has no advantage. So why was he so quick in entering the woods?'

After 10 minutes, Yumi finally managed to land a lethal hit. Her Water Bullet left a deep cut on Sora's thigh. The wound made it harder for him to move.

Yumi looked at him and said, "You are wounded, you can't fight anymore." Sora gritted his teeth. Yumi glared at him and said, "Give up, or it will be very painful for you!"

Color drained off his face on hearing that. He gave up.

Inoichi announced, "Second Match winner is Sakai Yumi!"

Fujin observed the fight carefully and thought, 'Why was he so afraid?' He looked at Hoka and concluded, 'I wonder how her fight with Hoka will go.'

Hoka got up. Fujin said, "Good luck Hoka. Win quickly." Mieko also wished him luck.

Before Satoru left, Kohaku reminded him once again to not get close to the Hyuga.

While the next candidates were arriving on the ground, the judges discussed again. Ibiki commented, "Both were good. However, Sora seemed to be afraid of her."

Raido agreed, "Yes. And he seemed too impatient to run into the woods. As if he didn't want to fight her in the open at all."

Genma didn't comment and just made some notes.

Hoka and Satoru arrived on the ground.

Inoichi announced, "The Third match starts now. BEGIN!"

Satoru immediately moved backwards while making hand signs. Hoka followed and made a few hand signs too.

'Water Shuriken Jutsu'

'Stone Shuriken Jutsu'

Both launched their jutsus simultaneously. Fujin and Mieko were surprised, 'Hoka started with Ninjutsu? Really?'

Some water and stone shurikens clashed. The stone shurikens went through the water shurikens dispersing them, but their momentum decreased. Hoka and Satoru dodged the remaining shurikens.

Hoka immediately began closing distance, while Satoru once again moved back while making hand signs. Hoka sighed and made a hand sign too.

Mieko commented, "It looks like a game of tag." Fujin chuckled.

'Water Jet jutsu'

'Rock Shield jutsu'

The water jet hit the rock shield but it couldn't damage it. Water just bounced back from the rock.

Satoru frowned. He made a few more hand signs, 'Water clone jutsu'

3 Water clones appeared, and they began running towards the rock shield. Satoru wondered, 'Why is he hiding behind the rock instead of chasing me?'

At that instant, he suddenly felt a pain in his left foot, he immediately jumped and looked down. Multiple Rock thorns had appeared under him, almost looking like a bed. Two of those thorns hit his foot, one of them making him bleed.

Suddenly, the rock thorns launched themselves into the air at him. He panicked and immediately made hand signs to create a Water wall below him. But a few rock thorns hit him before the water wall was formed.

Even after it was formed, a few still made it through and hit him. He slowly fell down out of the way of the rock thorns. On landing, he winced. 8 Rock thorns had stabbed him. None were lethal, but they hurt a lot.

His water clones were confused about what to do. However, they decided to attack Hoka. However, on reaching, they noticed that Hoka wasn't behind the rock.

As soon as Satoru landed, 2 hands popped out of the ground and grabbed his legs. 'Headhunter jutsu'

Immediately, he was buried underground, while Hoka appeared above the ground.

Satoru yelled very loudly. As he was being pulled underground, the thorns on him hit the ground. 3 of those horns couldn't go underground with him, which resulted in huge cuts before they were pushed out of his body.

The pain made him lose control over his water clones and they turned into water. Hoka was about to place 2 fingers in front of Satoru's forehead and ask him to quit. However, the yell filled with agony made him stop.

Inoichi immediately appeared and helped Satoru out of the ground. He had 3 six inch long cuts. One on his chest, one near his abdomen, and one on his back. And there were still 5 more rock thorns embedded in him. Medics quickly rushed to the ground and took him away.

Inoichi announced, "Third Match winner is Hyuga Hoka!"

The crowd, which was shocked by Satoru's yells, began cheering once again. Yumi and Kohaku watched with grim faces. They looked at Hoka and thought, 'He used the Rock shield jutsu to block Satoru's line of sight and went underground. From there, he used 2 jutsus to sneak attack and then dealt the final blow. During the 2nd phase, he barely used any ninjutsu. We underestimated him!'

Fujin analyzed, 'Damn, never expected him to win with Ninjutsu. Stone Shuriken jutsu, Rock Shield jutsu, Rock Thorn Bed jutsu, Rock Thorn Launch jutsu and Headhunter jutsu. Winning against him might not be that easy anymore. That said, his speed of using jutsu isn't as fast as mine or Mieko's. He just used the fact that the opponent was distracted by having to maintain a distance from him.'

The judges also analyzed. Ibiki said, "Very good performance. He won very quickly without wasting much chakra."

Genma chuckled, "How long has it been since we saw a Hyuga fighting without using Gentle Fist?"

Raido said, "He seems ready to be promoted to chunin. As for Satoru, he isn't ready." Both Ibiki and Genma nodded.

Hoka's parents were proud of their son for winning so quickly. His father said, "Finally I managed to get him to use Ninjutsu!" Hoka's mother nodded. She knew how difficult it was for him.

Mieko stood up. Fujin looked at her and said, "Good luck." She nodded and went to the ground. Kohaku followed her while muttering to herself, "Don't look into her eyes..."

They both reached the center of the ground and faced each other. However, Kohaku never once looked at Mieko's face.

Inoichi announced, "The Fourth match starts now. BEGIN!"

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Mieko immediately activated her Sharingan and threw a few shurikens. However, at the same time, Kohaku threw a kunai with an explosion tag. Both Mieko and Kohaku moved backwards rapidly.

Mieko frowned. She immediately ran around the smoke and ran towards her opponent.

Having created distance, Kohaku immediately made a few hand signs. 'Hidden Mist jutsu'

As Mieko moved forward, she noticed the Mist thickening. She immediately made a few hand signs. 'Fireball jutsu'

A fireball headed towards Kohaku, but she used Water Wall jutsu to block it. The fire ended up evaporating a lot of the water, making the mist even denser. Soon, Kohaku disappeared from her sight.

Mieko frowned again. Her Sharingan couldn't see through the mist at all. She moved away from the area where the mist was the thickest while thinking, 'Tch, I could really use a combination attack here.'

The mist covered half of the ground, including the woods, while Mieko stayed away and thought about her next move.

The judges were impressed by this move. Genma remarked, "Impressive. She made all preparations needed to deal with the Sharingan. Mieko will have a tough time fighting in the mist."

The mist continued expanding. Miekō took out a scroll from her waist bag. She opened it and made a hand sign. Dozens of kunai with exploding tags attached began appearing from the scroll. She grabbed each and threw them all in the area where the mist was.

Over a hundred exploding tags exploded inside the mist leaving everyone dumbfounded.

The two Mist jounin were shocked, 'So wasteful!! Give us those if you are wasting a hundred on merely a chunin exam!'

Fujin was stunned, 'Did she just use up over 75,000 Ryo? Spoilt brat!'

Miekō's parents got weird looks as well, but they ignored it.

The explosions dispersed the mist. While it did create another smokescreen, Miekō's Sharingan could see in it.

Kido Kohaku couldn't see Miekō throwing the Explosion tags. She was dumbfounded when one explosion after another began happening inside the mist. Two tags exploded close to her. One of them caused a few burns to her left forearm as she wasn't fast enough to get away. The explosions also left her ears ringing.

Miekō immediately moved through the smoke towards her opponent. Kohaku still hadn't recovered from the shock or the pain.

On reaching her, she quickly made a few hand signs and used Fireball jutsu from around 20 meters in front of her.

Kohaku couldn't see or hear Miekō, but she felt something coming at her. She immediately made a few hand signs. While making the hand signs, she finally saw the Fireball moving rapidly towards her.

As soon as the water wall began forming, she moved backwards. The Firewall hit the water wall and exploded. The thin film of water wasn't enough to block the explosion. While moving backward she heard something and looked to her right. A few shurikens were flying at her.

After using Fireball jutsu, Mieko flickered to Kohaku's right side. The only way to dodge the shurikens was to jump, and Kohaku jumped intending to get on the branch of the tree behind her.

Due to her jump, she barely managed to dodge the shuriken. However, she saw Mieko suddenly clenching her fist and pulling it back. Her eyes widened.

Some of the shurikens were tied to metal wire. When Mieko pulled her hand back, those shurikens were pulled back. Two wires wrapped around Kohaku's left leg, stopping her jump and making her fall down suddenly.

Kohaku was about to fall on her face. She raised her hands in front of her by reflex, to soften the impact of the fall. However, at the last moment, Mieko pulled the wire towards herself. Due to this, Kohaku fell on both her hands and face and was dragged for a meter on the ground.

It took her a couple of seconds to get up. Unfortunately, that was enough time for Mieko to step on her back and hold a kunai against her throat. She said, "You have lost. Give up."

Kohaku unwillingly said, "I surrender."

Inoichi announced, "The Fourth match winner is Uchiha Mieko."

The spectators cheered loudly. Mieko smirked and left. The Kiri jounins frowned. They had lost all 3 fights against Konoha genins. The only winner they had from Kiri was Yumi, who fought against another Kiri genin.

One of the jounin assured the other, "Don't worry. Rentaro and Yumi should win the next matches. Then the Uchiha girl will have to fight them both to win the tournament." The other jounin nodded.

Ibiki sighed, "I thought we would get to see the hidden mist assassination technique today."

Genma chuckled, "At least she won."

Raido nodded, "All of Renjiro's students are strong. The chunin exam just seems to be a formality for them."

Genma noted, "That Kiri kunoichi is good too. She came up with a good tactic to implement against the Sharingan."

Ibiki rebuked him, "Unfortunately, she had no response to her counter. While the counter was overwhelming, such incidents often happen during missions. If she gets overwhelmed, then both she and her team will be dead."

Neither Raido nor Genma countered him.

In the waiting room, Hoka said, "She is as overbearing as usual." Fujin nodded, "The ground is a mess. Should be helpful for your Earth jutsus though." Hoka grinned and nodded.

Rentaro looked at Fujin and got up. Fujin too stood up. Hoka seriously said, "Be careful, he looks strong." Fujin smirked and replied, "Don't worry, I'll win just as always."

While Fujin said it softly, it was loud enough to be heard by everyone in the waiting room. Rentaro immediately lost his cool. He yelled, "Bastard, I'll beat you up!"

Fujin just smirked and ignored him thinking, 'Kids, so easy to rile up.' He jumped down to the ground. Rentaro followed him.

Seeing them heading to the ground, Genma commented, "This should be interesting. Among the nine genins, their chakra reserves are the highest."

Raido nodded, "After hearing Tsume's praises for him, I wonder how strong he is."

After taking their positions, Inoichi announced, "The last quarterfinal starts now, BEGIN!"

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Chapter 99: Wind Vs Water

Immediately, Fujin threw a Wind Explosion jutsu at Rentaro. Rentaro muttered, "So predictable." He threw a kunai with an explosion tag attached.

Both Rentaro and Fujin retreated. The explosion tag exploded, dispersing the Wind Explosion jutsu. While retreating, Rentaro released a massive amount of chakra. He made a few hand signs, 'Water Dragon jutsu'

He expected Fujin to attack, but there was no attack. He wondered, 'What is he doing?'

The Water Dragon formed while the smokescreen by the explosion dispersed.

However, Rentaro could no longer see Fujin. He got worried, 'Did this bastard escape into the ground?' He immediately looked in the waiting room at Yumi.

As soon as Yumi noticed him looking at her, she looked at the woods. Rentaro followed her eyes and looked at the woods. He noticed Fujin standing casually on one of the branches. Before the match began, Rentaro had requested Yumi to communicate to him where Fujin was if he hid underground or created a lot of clones. Yumi had agreed.

Rentaro scowled, 'When did this bastard run over there? It's fucking 100 meters away! I thought I was the one who needed to keep my distance from his sword. So why is he the one creating distance instead?'

As soon as Fujin sensed Rentaro building up his chakra, Fujin flickered into the woods behind him. He looked at the Water Dragon, 'Hoh, 10 meters long Water Dragon. Pretty impressive size for a Water Dragon jutsu. Looks like he poured 5% of his chakra into it. I kinda hoped he put more due to being riled up.'

Rentaro controlled the Water Dragon to fly towards Fujin. Its size began shrinking due to having to move such a long distance. Fujin raised his right hand and began making a giant Wind Explosion sphere. He smirked, 'Oh well, time to rile him even more. Hopefully, he'll use an even bigger jutsu.'

He threw the giant Wind Explosion sphere at the Water Dragon's mouth. It exploded on impact, and the winds generated were enough to neutralize the jutsu.

Ibiki smiled on seeing this, "Impressive. Neutralizing a rank B jutsu with a rank D jutsu, while disturbing his opponent's mental state."

As Ibiki said, Rentaro looked very annoyed. Immediately, a massive chakra could be sensed from him by even ordinary people. Hoka and Mieko activated their doujutsus to watch Rentaro. Fujin smirked, 'Hehe. Just as I thought.'

However, unlike what Fujin and most others thought, Rentaro hadn't lost his reasoning. He analyzed, 'I practiced the whole month on how to engage you from a distance. Since you have voluntarily created distance, I don't have to worry about your sword.'

Rentaro made a few hand signs. 'Water Release : Raging River Flood jutsu!'

A massive amount of water appeared in front of him, rising to 20 meters in the air! All the Konoha ninjas were shocked! Genma commented, "That's a rank A jutsu! Is he just a genin?"

Fujin was surprised as well. He wondered, 'Who exactly is this guy? Did Kisame have a son?'

The water moved towards Fujin at a rapid speed. Anyone who saw it would feel like a Tsunami is approaching. The wave was around 15 meters in height, and it was wide enough to cover all the trees inside the arena.

Four kunai appeared in Fujin's hands. At the same time, he began building up chakra. He threw the four kunai at equal distances from each other. They hit the wave 5 meters from the ground and exploded.

The explosions broke the momentum of the wave. But it still kept approaching Fujin.

Fujin made a hand sign while pretending that he needed to make a hand sign.

'Wind Release : Great Breakthrough jutsu'

Fujin supercharged his jutsu with 3% of his maximum chakra. It created massive and incredibly strong winds. They halted the wave and even reversed its flow to an extent. The winds also carried some water into the stands, providing most of the audience with a free cold water bath. Some of the audience got very annoyed and began yelling. While the rest were yelling in excitement about seeing such huge jutsus.

Most of the chunins and jounins from Konoha were left tongue-tied at how such a massive jutsu was used and how easily it was defended against. Renjiro smiled on seeing Fujin's performance.

Rentaro, who was moving through the water intending to catch Fujin by surprise suddenly stopped. He was shocked, 'I expected that the jutsu wouldn't harm him, but I never even considered that he would put a stop to it! The water didn't make it into those trees at all!'

Rentaro stayed in the water until the winds died down. He was frowning and calculating how to attack further. He had used up over a third of his chakra but didn't manage to even touch his opponent. While thinking, he was on high alert in case Fujin tried any sneak attack.

Fujin noticed Rentaro moving ahead through the water. His chakra was very easy to notice. He focused on his location thinking, 'Attacking him with all the water around him will be difficult. But his momentum has been destroyed. Should I attack and build my momentum? Or should I just waste time and wait for his chakra to run out?'

Fujin thought while he waited for his attack to die down. Perhaps, if it was before he spent the month doing combat drills with Renjiro, Fujin would have chosen the latter without giving it much thought. However, Renjiro had successfully managed to change the way Fujin thought and fought over the month. He couldn't change his careful nature but Fujin now had learnt many ways to attack while still ensuring safety. More importantly, his confidence was built by fighting against an Elite Jounin for a month!

Fujin made a hand sign and began supercharging his jutsu. As soon as the winds began dying down, Fujin flickered! He appeared ten meters above Rentaro. Water in this area was up to 4 meters above the ground level. Rentaro was in the center of it. Renjiro smiled when he saw Fujin pressing on his attack.

As soon as Fujin flickered over his head, Rentaro noticed. He also saw the hand sign Fujin had made. He yelled, "CRAP!!!" Fujin instantly breathed out an even stronger Great Breakthrough jutsu.

Rentaro waved his arms. The water around him gathered on top of him acting as a shield. His thoughts ran as quickly as Lightning, 'I can't dodge this! If I leave the protection of water, I'll be taking the full force of this attack!'

The winds easily broke into the water. The majority of the water began flying away. Inoichi, who was observing, suddenly got alert. He yelled, "Fujin, hold back!"

He made hand signs while moving ahead. However, he was too slow!

The supercharged great breakthrough jutsu hit Rentaro head-on! He quickly made a hand sign just before the jutsu hit him.

The crowd watched in horror as Rentaro was split into many small pieces! Many yelled in terror! Some vomited, while a few even lost consciousness. Fujin's eyes widened as well.

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Due to using such a powerful jutsu, Fujin flew backwards, in the air, for a few minutes. From this view, he got a perfect view of what was happening. He saw as the wind cut Rentaro into pieces with ease.

Fujin's eyes widened before sensing something was wrong, 'There's no blood! And the winds cut through him a bit too easily. As if there was no solid obstruction at all! Was it a water clone? But when did he make one?'

The judges and many ninjas were shocked as well. Fujin flickering and using such a strong jutsu so quickly wasn't something a genin should be able to do. In fact, even among chunins, only a few could replicate this.

As everyone was thinking, Rentaro's body pieces dissolved into water.

Fujin was continuously sensing chakra as he was thinking. He suddenly realized, 'The chakra was distributed among his body pieces. And now all that chakra is in the water that he dissolved into. What jutsu is this?'

Fujin created some distance as he was thinking. The crowd calmed down on seeing the body waters transform into water.

Suddenly, the water began gathering together, and Rentaro's body began forming. Fujin squinted his eyes and threw an explosion tag attached to a kunai right at the center.

He and many ninjas realized, 'Hydrification technique of the Hozuki clan!' The Kiri jounins breathed in relief on seeing Rentaro use this jutsu in the nick of time.

Fujin wondered, 'Isn't this the Kekkei Genkai of the Hozuki clan? How did he get it? Was someone from his family from the Hozuki clan or is he using a fake family name?'

Genma noted, "First an Ice Kekkei Genkai. Now the Hydrification secret jutsu. The Kiri genins are strong."

Raido agreed and pointed out, "Yes, but Fujin is very strong too. He forced him into using it."

Ibiki observed Rentaro putting his body together and stated, "He isn't proficient with this jutsu. The body is reforming too slowly."

The Kiri genins got excited about seeing Rentaro use this jutsu. Sora said excitedly, "In this form Rentaro is invincible. That Konoha genin will lose badly!"

Mieko and Hoka also observed this carefully. Especially Mieko who might have to fight him if Fujin loses.

As Rentaro's body was reforming, the Explosion tag reached it and exploded, dispersing the water again. However, soon it began reforming once again.

Fujin grabbed another kunai with an explosion tag and wondered, 'Isn't his speed too slow? If I recall correctly, Suigetsu was able to liquefy some parts of his body and not be helpless unless a Lightning jutsu was used.'

He threw the kunai, and it dispersed once again. The process was repeated three more times.

The ninjas, who knew about the Hydrification technique and were excited to see it in action, were dumbfounded. Especially the Kiri jounins and genins. They saw one of their strongest secret jutsu be dismantled by cheap explosion tags!

Of course, if Rentaro was stronger or had better control over this secret technique, then the Hydrification technique wouldn't be neutralized so easily. However, this fact didn't reduce their humiliation.

Mieko looked at Sora and asked, "Is this what you call invincible in your village?" Sora's face went red with shame. He wanted to rebuke, but no words left his mouth.

Fujin threw the 7th Explosion tag. At that time, Rentaro's jounin sensei jumped into the arena. Fujin noticed his chakra and immediately flickered into the woods.

The Kiri jounin appeared in front of Rentaro and deflected the kunai. He said, "We give up this fight."

The ninjas looked at the arena with disappointment.

Inoichi announced the result of the match.

Ibiki sighed, "First Hidden Mist Assassination technique and now Hydrification technique. Both were dismantled through Explosion tags. What a disappointment."

Raido nodded and said, "Yes. We need to ban the use of Explosion tags. Especially in the finals."

Genma agreed, "While it's true that they are one of the ninjas' important tools, this is just disappointing."

Fujin and Mieko would never think that their fights would result in explosion tags getting banned from the final tournament!

Rentaro's body finally managed to reform without any further disturbance. As soon as it reformed, he fell unconscious! His sensei immediately grabbed him, preventing the fall. Soon, his clothes were dyed red with his blood. The medical ninja quickly moved and treated him.

Fujin saw and wondered, 'Can someone using Hydrification techniques can still be harmed with Explosion tags? Or is it just because he is a noob at this technique?'

The Kiri jounin sighed looking at his student, 'The Hydrification technique puts a huge strain on his chakra. Despite his huge chakra, he can only maintain it for a short while. If this had continued, he might have died due to chakra exhaustion!'

The medics healed Rentaro in the arena, before carrying him away. The wounds on him weren't an issue as they healed easily. The main issue was chakra exhaustion.

Fujin left the arena thinking, 'Well, this was anti-climactic. He trapped himself by using a jutsu he couldn't use properly. I was expecting a close fight.'

Fujin's sentiment was shared by all the Jounins and most chunins in the seating area. The end to the fight was just too anti-climactic.

Genma looked at Fujin and commented, "He is getting promoted to Chunin." Ibiki and Raido nodded. Though his opponent gave him a couple of openings, Fujin grabbed them both and took full advantage of them. His performance was very good.

While Fujin was walking up the stairs, two shady-looking men in black suits blocked his path. Fujin looked at them.

One of the men said in a deep voice, "You have to lose the next match to Uchiha Mieko."

Fujin's eyes twitched. He asked, "I do? Why?" At the same time, he wondered, 'Do these jokers threaten genins every tournament?'

He replied, "Our boss has made huge bets on the Uchiha kid. If you win, he will lose all his money. So you have to give up the fight, or we will make you regret it."

Fujin ignored the threat and asked, "How much money did your boss bet?"

The two men were shocked by the question. They had done this a few times, but for the first time, they were asked such a question.

The second man asked, "Why do you want to know?"

Fujin gave him a deadpan look and said, "You two don't even know what your boss has bet, and still came here to threaten me?"

Hearing Fujin's tone angered them. But they controlled it as Fujin seemed reasonable.

The first man replied, "He bet 20 million Ryo on the Uchiha girl."

Fujin thought for a moment and said, "I see." He looked at them and said, "Give me 4 million Ryo and I'll give up the fight."

This left them both tongue-tied. Both cursed him. The second man said, "Asshole! You think a brat like you can take money from us?"

Fujin replied in a neutral voice, "If I win, your boss would lose 20 million Ryo. I'm not even asking for half. Do you think your boss will let you go if I win?"

This pushed them over the line. Both immediately grabbed their kunai and threatened Fujin.

"If you don't agree, then we will make you incapable of fighting in the tournament!"

"We were ninjas in the Land of Grass. A brat like you is easy prey for us."

Fujin sighed and said, "Alright, I'll give up the fight."

This made them relax. They put their kunais back while smirking and saying, "Finally you realize your pla..."

However, at that instant, winds flew. Both the men had their throats cut. Many cuts appeared on their bodies. They dropped their kunai. They were about to scream when Fujin grabbed their faces and slammed their head on the stairs. They both lost consciousness.

Fujin bent down and began checking their clothes while muttering, "How do idiots like them exist? Didn't they see my two matches?"

He grabbed both their wallets. There were 80 thousand Ryo in them. There were also a couple of scrolls on them. He took them all and put them into his own scrolls.

Fujin left the stairs and looked around. He noticed an Uchiha police officer and an Anbu in the stand. He thought, 'So whom to report to?'

After a few seconds, he decided to report to the Anbu analyzing, 'Those 2 attacked me so that Mieko would win. While I don't think they would go easy on them for that reason, it is a possibility. If he has sharingans, then he could make them spill all the beans, and if they tell about how much money they had, it's possible that the Uchiha might ask me about it. As for the Anbu, I doubt they would be so focused on what they had and instead focus more on the act. Even if they do, it'll be a long time. And those thugs would assume that the anbu confiscated their belongings.'

Having decided, Fujin flickered in front of him. The Anbu ninja was surprised to see Fujin.

Fujin waved his hands and said, "Hello Anbu-san. A couple of former ninjas from the Land of Grass attacked me on the stairs and were injured. Can you check on them and take the necessary actions?"

The Anbu ninja was surprised. He asked, "Why did they attack you?" Fujin replied, "Not sure, but they were talking about their boss placing some bets."

The Anbu ninja understood and nodded. He said, "Good work. I'll apprehend them." He flickered. He would arrest those 2, and send them to the T&I department to torture them till they confessed who their boss was. Once they confessed, they were tortured even more for their crime. Their boss was arrested as well and all his businesses were seized by Konoha.

Fujin, unaware of the tragedy his self-defense caused, went back into the waiting room. There was a half an hour's break before the Semifinals began. Hoka, Fujin and Mieko meditated. Yumi was a bit tense. She thought, 'We started this tournament with 6 Kiri ninjas and only 3 from Konoha. Now all 5 from our village except me have lost!'