

Naruto: The Wind Calamity

Chapter 17: Body Flicker

Fujin wasn't surprised by that news. He had already gathered enough information about the academy in the previous year. For normal students, the Ninjutsu training began in their 3rd year. However for the elite batches, it began in their 2nd year. Having already learnt the 3 basic jutsus, he wasn't much interested in the news. Though he did have a concern, he thought, 'I'll have to hide the fact that I can use these jutsus. I'll need to learn how to fail at these jutsus. And have to do it in a manner that doesn't give me any bad habits. I suppose I could just make hand signs without molding my chakra, or maybe mold chakra for a few of the hand signs without molding it for 1. I'll have to test that first. When around 7-8 are able to perform the jutsu, I'll show that I have just managed to do them too.'

In the first week, Genki just revised what they had learnt in the previous year and tested all the students. However, seeing the progress of some of the students had left Fujin speechless. Genki too was surprised, but it was a joyous surprise for him.

In the leaf concentration exercise, Hana, Teru and Nobu, all were able to hold the leaf for more than half an hour! While Yori and Hoka exceeded 25 mins. Fujin had dropped his leaf after 36 minutes, in order to not attract any suspicion. His thoughts were, 'Damn! If they keep up this competitive nature, they may well reach beyond 1 hour by the end of this year! While it's reasonable to expect me to keep up, I should instead show that I've slacked off and not made much progress. While Genki might get a bit suspicious, if he ever asks me, I'll just say I felt bad for them and am letting them win.'

Genki was very impressed too. He thought, 'Four kids were able to stick the leaf for over half an hour, another two should be able to reach that in another couple of months. This batch is good. I guess that Fujin brat spurred them all on. They might actually be able to do tree climbing and even water walking before they graduate. Oh this is so nice, I could get a huge bonus from the Hokage.'

The shuriken competition didn't give much insights on their growth, as many were already doing very well in the previous year. The Taijutsu tournament however, didn't show that much improvement for everyone. Among the ones

at the top, only Yori and Nobu made significant progress. Fujin guessed that it was only because of his performance in the Leaf concentration exam that made everyone focus a lot on it. However, the Inuzukas were performing much better than last year and were very aggressive too. Due to the poor scores of all 3 Inuzukas in the exams, they were given some 'special' training by their clan in order to not embarrass the clan any further.

In one of the spars, one Inuzuka kid screamed, "I'll defeat you no matter what! There's no way I will go through that training in my clan ever again." Hearing that, the other two Inuzuka students winced. Fujin, getting a hint of what would have happened thought, 'This world is in a severe need of laws punishing child abuse!' Sadly for that Inuzuka student, he still got mercilessly beaten into the ground by Nobu, which made everyone feel pity for the poor kid.

The Taijutsu tournament, however, did provide Fujin with the opportunity to finally test his progress. And he was very pleased with the results. After deactivating the seals, his body moved a lot faster. And his blows carried more weight. He tied against Teru in their match.

After the first week was done, Fujin entered the library and went into section D. He thought, 'I've probably tried the substitution jutsu over a thousand times. I'm still not able to reduce the hand signs needed for it. Honestly, jutsu is almost completely useless against ninjas if you have to make those hand signs. Even a random genin would be able to identify the jutsu and be on alert. Though I guess it might still work on normal bandits. Anyways, I guess I'll need a few years to be able to reduce the number of hand signs needed. So let's just move on to a new jutsu.'

He quickly started searching for the jutsu he wanted to learn. He was quite excited to learn it as it was one of his favourites. On finding it, he read out softly, "The Body Flicker jutsu"

He found a place to sit, and read the scroll. After reading and analysing it, he concluded, 'Hmm, this jutsu can be called both easy and complicated at the same time. It's easy as there is only one hand sign required. The Tiger seal. So the way of molding chakra is very simple. And it's complicated as actually performing this technique is quite difficult. I would have to focus a lot of chakra in my legs to be able to move at such high speeds. According to the scroll, initially I'll only be able to flicker a few metres away. Only when I'm able to flicker a 100 metres away would I be considered to have learnt this jutsu. It is also mentioned to use something like smoke or leaves just before using this jutsu so that the enemy doesn't understand the direction in which you flicker

to. Also, it is very important to ensure not to run into someone or something while using this jutsu. I suppose me being a sensor might help a bit in this regard.

However, there's no such thing as the maximum distance one can flicker away. Instead it is the amount of time you can sustain this jutsu. I thought that I'll need to learn to be able to flicker many times consecutively if I want the help of this jutsu to be able to escape. However instead it is the amount of time you can maintain this jutsu. So if I'm able to flicker 100 metre away in a second and am able to sustain this jutsu for 10 seconds, I'll be able to run a kilometre away. But this is good I suppose. It's more convenient then having to flicker again and again.'

After learning the whole process from the scroll, Fujin left the library. He transformed into a random 13 year old stranger in an empty alleyway. And then ran into a nearby mini-forest. He then ran around in that mini-forest while trying to sense if any chakra is present around him. After that he thought, 'Alright, this forest is clear. Also I'm under a disguise. So I can start training. While a forest isn't the best place to train body flicker, but, since the amount of distance I can flicker initially will be low, there shouldn't be an issue. Though I'll need to train in open spaces once I start to flicker long distances away.' And he started training for this jutsu.

The months went on in a peaceful manner for Fujin. His physique kept improving due to the seal. He used to increase the pressure of the seal by 0.1% from time to time.

In the academy, Genki started ninjutsu with the transformation technique. Fujin had experimented and found it easy to fake hand signs without molding his chakra. However he felt that it was wasteful.... So he tried another trick. He started faking the first hand sign, but while changing the hand sign to the second seal, he used to try to mold the chakra for the first seal without the aid of the first hand sign. In this manner, he practiced to do those jutsus with one hand sign less.

As expected, Teru and Yori were the most talented in Ninjutsu. They competed for the top 2 spots. Nobu, no matter how hard he tried, only ranked 3rd. Hoka, Hana and the Aburame kid competed for ranks 4-6. Fujin ranked himself 10th in transformation jutsu, 7th in clone jutsu and 8th in substitution jutsu.

It took him a month to be able to do the body flicker jutsu despite learning the way to mold chakra within just 3 days. Even then, he was only able to flicker for a few metres. Over the next month, instead of trying to increase the range, he instead worked on increasing the speed of performing the jutsu, and also managed to pull it off without using any hand signs. In a single month, he probably practiced that jutsu thousands of times to be able to do that. Next he worked on increasing the range of the jutsu. It took him 4 and half months in all to reach 100 metres with body flicker. He then started focusing on sustaining the body flicker for a longer period.

Sometime around this time, the incident of Kumo trying to kidnap Hinata and the death of Hizashi happened. Both Hoka and Hana were very solemn the next day.

In order to properly measure his progress, he bought a stopwatch. After 6 months, he was able to flicker 400 metres away in less than 4 seconds. After that he thought, 'My original plan was to start with elemental jutsu by now, but body flicker does have more applications I want to explore. Sigh, let's stick to it. Mastering body flicker to a high degree will be extremely essential later on.'

He continued with his body flicker training. By the time the exams for 2nd year were up, Fujin had managed to sustain his body flicker for 12.76 seconds and managed to cover 1.9km. He could also change the direction mid-way, though he couldn't do it very frequently, and could also perform flicker while in a forest and having to avoid running into a tree. He was extremely pleased with his progress.

Over at the academy, he had managed to reduce the hand signs required for transformation and clone jutsus by 1 and for substitution jutsu, he was close to reducing it by 2.

His chakra field had increased a lot during this year. It's radius had increased to 180 metres. Without the hand sign it reached 162 metres and while running at normal speed, it could reach 135 metres.

His chakra reserves too had grown exponentially. Physical training and meditation itself were a huge boost. On top of it, he had practiced Body flicker till he dropped on a daily basis. He had performed body flicker for tens of thousands of times over the past 9 months. His reserves now exceeded Teru's. On comparing it with the senior most batch, he noticed that his reserves would be well above average in that class, probably entering top 10. Only 2 students, probably from the Senju clan, exceed him considerably. Even

then, he was sure that in another year, he would surpass their current chakra level. He thought, 'I guess it's time to ask Hiruzen for the shadow clone jutsu.'

[A/N : I would like to clarify the shadow clone jutsu a bit. Shadow clone jutsu isn't a forbidden jutsu, it's merely a B rank jutsu which Jounins can learn easily. In Naruto, it was shown that a Genin Konohamaru was able to perform Shadow clones and use Rasengan on one of the Pains. Even Kiba, while being a chuunin, was able to perform a shadow clone. The jutsu in the forbidden scroll of sealing was the Multi Shadow clone jutsu. This is the one which Naruto spams and Kakashi had used to scare/bluff away Gato's thugs.

So I'll follow this pattern - someone with Genin level chakra can create 1-2 shadow clones, with chuunin level chakra can create 3-5 shadow clones and with a jounin level chakra can create more than 5 shadow clones.]

The increase in his chakra level could be seen, when he was finally able to burst the rubber ball, finally making progress in the stage 2 of Rasengan training. However, he was only barely able to burst it. He still needed more chakra to be able to actually perform Rasengan.

His skill at throwing shurikens had increased too. He was now able to hit the board while running around and was also able to hit a moving board. In order to allow students to practice that, a board used to be suspended from a tree branch and moved. It worked like a pendulum. However he still struggled to hit a moving board while he was running himself. Fujin decided that after he managed to do that, he'll start practicing to hit his clones with shuriken as that would replicate battle scenarios even better.

Something that Fujin gained while practicing in the many mini-forests in Konoha was shurikens and kunais lying around. He had found 23 shuriken and 11 kunai. However 7 shuriken and 4 kunai were very badly damaged, leaving him with 16 shuriken and 7 kunai. He handled them with extreme care, not touching any directly, in case they were coated with poison. He thought, 'Well this is convenient. Though these are used weapons, they are still very usable. However I need to wash them properly in order to remove any scents of previous users and in case there's any poison applied on them. Still, I've been in these forests for so long and only found so few of these. I guess everyone collects them back after using them as they aren't cheap. Maybe others like me too roam around trying to find them.' He sighed, 'Whatever, these many should be enough for me to practice.'

And soon, it was time for the 2nd year exams.

Chapter 18: Second Year Exams

As Fujin had expected, the whole marking system for their class had been revamped. He wondered if the same also happened for other elite batches. As for the overall exams, the written exam had 100 points, leaf concentration competition had 20 points, shuriken throwing competition had 20 points, each of the 3 Ninjutsu had 10 points each, and the Taijutsu tournament had 30 points.

In the written exam, he noticed that it had 5 divisions among itself. Each being more difficult than the previous. While it wasn't very hard for him, he had no doubt that 8 year olds from his previous world wouldn't even pass this exam. Seeing how difficult the exam was, he purposefully made a mistake in 2 questions worth 2 marks each.

For leaf concentration, the same marking system as the previous year followed. Yori, Hoka, crossed 45 minutes, Nobu dropped at 56th minute, Teru at 59th minute. Hana crossed 1 hour and held it for another 4 minutes. Fujin, knowing that the written exam this year was tougher and not expecting anyone to score full, dropped his leaf after 1 hour 11 minutes.

The shuriken exam also had multiple layers like the written exam. The first was to throw 8 shurikens at a stationary target board. The second was to run alternately to the right and left to a circle drawn on the ground and throw from the circle while running. The third was to hit at the target board that was hanging and swinging like a pendulum. Each of these stages were worth 4 points each. The last stage, worth 8 points, had white plates being launched in the air by Genki. The plates were spinning incredibly fast causing them to not move at a set path and deviating slightly.

Yori, Teru, Fujin, Nobu, Hoka scored max in the first 3 rounds. Hana struggled in the 2nd round, while scoring full in 1st and 3rd. The 4th round however was tough. 19 students didn't manage to hit even one. And 6, including Hana, managed to hit just 1, Fujin guessed that most of them just scored a lucky hit. Fujin had been observing the plates all the time to try and see a pattern in them. He got some hints, but not enough and it resulted in him wishing, 'Damn, if only I had a sharingan!'

Hoka and Fujin just hit 2. Nobu hit 3 plates, Teru managed to hit 4 and Yori managed to hit 7 of the 8 plates thrown by Genki. Fujin was quite impressed

by Yori's performance, especially considering that he hadn't yet awakened his sharingans. After the competition, Yori returned to his smug self.

In Ninjutsu exams, transformation and substitution jutsu were analysed and marked by Genki. For clone jutsu, they were marked depending upon the maximum number of acceptable clones anyone made. Teru made 5 clones and looking at his chakra, Fujin was confident no one else would exceed him. So he created 4 clones. Fujin hid his skills in this exam as he knew that Hana wasn't very good in this aspect and no one apart from her would come close to his score in written exams.

The Taijutsu tournament was similar to the previous year. Only major differences being the Inuzukas performing much better and Fujin having a much stronger body. Right now he could have the seal apply 5.3% of its max pressure. It had improved his physique a lot. He trashed through the majority of his opponents. This time, he ran into Teru in the semifinals and managed to beat him. While Hoka beat Hana in his fight. Yori beat Nobu for rank 5, whereas Teru beat Hana for rank 3.

Against Hoka, the fight was very intense. To Fujin's surprise, his advantage in physique wasn't that great. In the end, he still lost to Hoka. He thought, 'Is he too using seals or something similar to strengthen his body? His performance in Ninjutsu isn't as good as his Taijutsu, and it's better to not talk of his performance in written exams looking at previous year's scores. Sigh, I guess all he does is train in Taijutsu. And my main focus has been on Ninjutsu. Little wonder that I can't beat him.'

After the scores were tallied, the results of the top 5 were

Fujin : $96+20+14+23+29=182$

Teru : $81+17+16+30+28=172$

Nobu : $86+16+15+28+25=170$

Hana : $91+18+12+21+27=169$

Yori : $79+14+19+28+26=166$

After looking at the results, Genki thought, 'Hmm, this is pretty similar to last year. Only difference is that instead of the leaf concentration competition, Fujin built his lead in the written exam. How much does this kid study exactly?

The last 20 marks were quite tough to get. As for the rest, Teru was the one who performed the best overall. Except for the written exam, he is in the top 3 of every exam. Leaf concentration competition is still dominated by Fujin. But with the performance of the others, I can start tree walking exercise next year. In the shuriken throwing competition, Yori was in a league of his own. Same with Hoka in the Taijutsu tournament. Though that seal did help Fujin a lot. I guess I should suggest to Teru's parents to get that seal for him as well. It will help him a lot. In Ninjutsu, Teru, Yori and Nobu are all excellent. Just that Teru has more chakra than the other 2. And I'm pretty sure that they do know more jutsus as well.

This class has performed really well. The top 8-12 students are all very good. Lord Third should be very happy with their performance.' After he was done thinking, he put up the results on display.

Looking at it, everyone had mixed reactions. Since the exam markings were made to ensure that the ones who perform well stand out, the ones who didn't work hard scored very low. A few still struggled to hit a stationary target board with shuriken, so there was no way they could do much in the remaining three rounds. There were a few who didn't manage to learn even one Ninjutsu properly. And the majority didn't get all the 3 Ninjutsu down. There were only 12 students who could do that. The written exams were very tough too. The last 20 marks being very difficult to get and even the 20 marks before that being significantly difficult.

Fujin did note the disappointed expressions of the ones who scored very bad. It reminded him of how much worse the life of the kids here was when compared to his previous world. And even then these were considered to be very good conditions. At least they didn't have to fight in a war.

Among the toppers, Yori was upset thinking, 'Why am I still ranked only 5th! Still I have at least shown everyone how good the Uchiha are at shuriken technique. But that's not enough!'

Hana was incredibly upset with tears almost forming in her eyes. She was upset at her rank dropping from 2nd to 4th.

Nobu didn't show any emotions, however, even he was upset at not being able to top the exam.

Teru sighed looking at the scores, 'Last year it was the leaf concentration competition, and this time the written exam! Sucks to not be rank 1 due to the

written exams. Still at least I'm the best when it comes to the skills required on the field. Not to mention, that the exam didn't consider the water style jutsus I know.'

Fujin looked at the results showing a happy expression. His thoughts were, 'Well this went as expected. Though I'm surprised that some guys scored over 80 on the written exam. I guess the brains of the kids here develop faster. My shuriken still requires some work, but that's fine. In Taijutsu I doubt I'll be able to surpass Hoka unless he slacks off. In Ninjutsu I'm on par with Teru and others. Heck, I could have made 8 clones and decreased their scores if I wanted to, but there was no need for it. So it's going good. Next I should focus on elemental jutsus.'

However, then he frowned mentally thinking, 'Still, the performance of the kids in this exam has been so good that I'm worried they may make a few of us graduate early! I'm glad that Genki hasn't started teaching about all the other important stuff yet. I guess his plan was to allow everyone to learn Ninjutsu and fighting skills first so that they can keep improving them over the years. Though with the pace at which he has been going, it makes me wonder if he wants to make us graduate early or teach us more complicated stuff.'

Genki looked at the expression of all his students and sighed. He noticed that only Fujin had a happy expression, Nobu was expressionless as always and Teru just looked a bit down. Almost everyone else was incredibly upset. He sighed, 'I got excited and made the marking system really in favour of the geniuses. Last year's results made them more competitive, however this year's might have a detrimental effect. I'll need to talk individually with everyone in order to pacify and cheer them up, so that they take this exam results as a motivation to do better in the future.' He then glanced at the Inuzuka kids, 'I guess I should call their parents too.'

The exams ended with another brainwashing speech by Hiruzen. He called Fujin forward and asked him what reward he wanted this time. Fujin stepped forward and said, "Lord Hokage, could I get to learn the Shadow Clone jutsu?"

Hiruzen was really surprised by this request. He asked, "Where did you hear about the shadow clone jutsu? And why do you want to learn it?"

Fujin showed an excited expression and said, "Lord Hokage, we were told that the 2nd Hokage had started this academy. So I became quite interested in him and hence read a lot about his life and everything he did. On understanding more about him, I was very inspired by him. And when I read

that he had created the shadow clone jutsu, I became very interested in it. Also, the jutsu seems very useful. Having a clone that can actually do something will be very helpful."

He then looked at Hiruzen with expectations. Hiruzen looked at the excitement shown by the young student in front of him. Looking at the respect he had shown to his sensei, he emotionally thought, 'Sensei, even after being dead for decades, your will of fire still inspires the kids in Konoha!'

Hiruzen had sensed his chakra level during the Taijutsu tournament. Fujin, wanting to ask for the Shadow clone jutsu, didn't bother hiding his real chakra level. Hiruzen thought, 'His chakra level is sufficient to be barely able to form 1 shadow clone. Fine, I'll give it to him, but I need to warn him about the dangers of that technique.'

Hiruzen nodded and said, "Alright, I'll prepare the scroll for you. Come to my office tomorrow at noon."

Fujin showed that he was even more excited on hearing that and thanked him immediately. However on the inside, he was quite shocked. He thought, 'That's it? A few good words about Tobirama and he agreed? Should I have asked for Flying Thunder God or Impure World Resurrection?'

He sighed internally and further thought, 'Then again, Shadow clone isn't really a very complex jutsu. It is just B rank and even elite chuunins can easily access it from the library. Also, my respect for Tobirama was genuine. Unlike Hiruzen, he did do his job properly. Though how he died in war despite knowing Flying Thunder God is a mystery to me. So Hiruzen wouldn't be able to pick up on anything. And Tobirama creating that jutsu, is written down in scrolls about him in the library. So I guess there wasn't much to be suspicious about.'

With those thoughts, he walked back to his fellow students. Genki then announced about meeting with everyone personally tomorrow, and gave everyone a timeslot. He asked them to bring at least one parent along.

Chapter 19: Shadow Clone Jutsu

The following day, Genki was very busy with the counselling of all his students. Fujin was the first one in at 8 am as Genki had set the schedule

according to their ranks. Seeing Fujin, Genki's thoughts were, 'This kid has done well. But he is only an orphan. I don't think he has any idea how vast this world is. Even though he ranked first twice consecutively, there is still a lot he needs to do. I need to ensure that he doesn't get arrogant and lose his way.'

Fujin first greeted him, "Good Morning Sensei."

Genki replied, "Good Morning. Congrats on your performance yesterday."

Fujin smiled and replied, "Thank You sensei" and took his seat.

Genki smiled, and then quickly got serious. He said, "So this meeting is in order to review your performance until now and to see what you should do in the vacation and in the next year. Of all the students from this class, I have interacted with you the most, so don't worry and listen to my advice properly. Feel free to ask all your doubts." Fujin nodded.

Genki continued, "Your performance has been very good so far. With you ranking first in both years, that is very obvious. However, in both exams, it was only due to you scoring very well in one exam that you ranked first."

Fujin nodded seriously, while thinking 'I'm not even 8 years old yet! Should you be having such a serious talk with me? Are 8 year olds supposed to understand this?' Genki on the other hand thought, 'The kid didn't get upset? He is more mature than other kids his age.'

Genki continued, "So you will have to put more focus on other areas. Tell me, what do you do after the lecture is over? Also what do you do on weekends?"

Fujin had already guessed that such a question might be asked, though he had thought something like this would have been asked long back! He replied, "Sensei, I mostly study what you taught in class, try to understand it. Then I train on the Ninjutsu you taught us or I do leaf concentration exercise. And before sleeping, I meditate. On the weekends I study a lot and also train on my sensor skills"

What Fujin said was a properly thought out answer he had prepared long back. Showing a major focus at studying would explain why his scores in written exams were so high. The listener would think that he spent most of his time studying. He said that he spent very little time on Ninjutsu, which would justify his slightly lower scores there. While his meditation along with morning

exercises would be the reason for the high growth in his chakra levels. The answer also showed that he was a very diligent student.

Genki wasn't surprised with the answer. He had guessed that it'll be something along these lines considering Fujin's performance. He said, "I see. Now let's look at your performance this year. You have done very well in the written exam, chakra control and Taijutsu. However your Ninjutsu needs a lot of work. So over the next 2 months, you should focus on improving the 3 Ninjutsu I taught. Also, even after the 3rd year begins, spend more time on learning Ninjutsu and less time on studying. After all, in the future, when you do missions, it'll be a lot more important than what you read."

Fujin nodded, inwardly surprised, thinking 'That's a first. No adult has ever told me to study less! Especially not a teacher.'

Genki was satisfied with his words being listened to seriously. He had a little gift in order to get Fujin work more on Ninjutsu. He said, "I know that you have asked Lord Hokage for shadow clone jutsu. So do learn it properly, in the future it'll be very helpful. However, I have a little gift for you." Saying this, he put a paper in front of Fujin.

On seeing that paper, Fujin sighed internally, 'I wasted my 100 Ryo!' and then asked curiously, "Sensei, what's this?"

Genki replied, "This is chakra paper. It'll tell you what your chakra nature is. Here pass some of your chakra through it."

Fujin did it. The chakra paper split into two. He gave Genki a puzzled look. Genki then explained a bit more about chakra paper and said that Fujin's chakra nature was wind. Fujin nodded excitedly despite already knowing it.

Genki said, "The way to train your wind nature is that you should take a leaf and try to cut it with your chakra alone. It may take a few months to do it. Once it is done, you can then use wind style jutsus." Fujin nodded again. Genki also informed Fujin that Yori and Teru could already perform elemental jutsu in order to rouse his competitive spirit.

After some more discussion, Fujin took his leave. He was a bit sick of having to feign ignorance of the stuff he already knew! Still he was a bit glad of this discussion. He would have a proper excuse if anyone in the future asked him about when he trained in wind style. Sadly, he'll still have to repeat this again today.

Genki spent the remaining of his day counselling 14 other students, while the other 15 were scheduled for tomorrow. He had such advice for everyone else.

Teru was advised to get the same seal as Fujin. He didn't have much advice for Nobu, so he just tried to get him to be more social.

For Hana, he consoled her a bit due to how upset she was. Then he informed her that she put a lot more focus on her rank instead of important aspects. He told her to reduce her time spent on studying and leaf concentration as the majority of her time was spent on it. Instead he asked her to focus more on Ninjutsu and Taijutsu.

For Yori, he strongly suggested his parents to ensure that he meditates for at least an hour daily. For Hoka, the advice was to focus more on academics. And in a similar way, the advice continued all day as well as the day after.

At noon, Fujin visited Hokage's office. Hiruzen handed him a scroll saying, "This scroll has the shadow clone jutsu. You are not allowed to share this scroll with anyone else and have to return it to me after you have learnt it." Fujin nodded. Hiruzen then talked a bit about the shadow clone jutsu. He warned Fujin, "For the time being and maybe for the next year, don't ever try to create more than 1 shadow clone. Also, when you dispel the clone, all its memories will be transferred to you. And that might cause you a huge headache. So always be careful while dispelling your clones. Also, don't use shadow clones while you are sleeping. It'll be very bad for your health." Fujin nodded and thanked him again. Hiruzen then talked a bit about Tobirama and Fujin had to feign interest in listening to it.

After half an hour of stories, Hiruzen finally let Fujin go. Fujin sighed and complained, 'Isn't a Hokage supposed to be super busy with his paperwork? Why did he have so much time to talk with me?'

Two consecutive sessions of having to feign ignorance as well as interest had Fujin a bit tired. He decided to skip his ration bars and instead went to Ichiraku for lunch. His thoughts were, 'Fuck it, I have saved decent amount of money, I can afford to treat myself for today!'

Soon after lunch, he started training for the Shadow clone jutsu. After reading it properly, he thought, 'This is easily the most difficult jutsu I have seen yet. The process of molding chakra is very complicated. Makes me wonder how did that brat learn it in less than a day! However, this shadow clone is a bit more flexible than the one in Naruto. Chakra doesn't necessarily have to be

distributed evenly among my clones. It is upto the casters' will and capabilities in deciding how many percent of his chakra must each clone have. He could create them with equal chakra to hide himself, or give it more or less chakra depending on the need. Another difference is that dispelling the clone won't return all its chakra to the original body. Instead there is some chakra loss that happens during this process. As the jutsu is mastered, this loss reduces, however it won't ever go down to zero. So in the future, I need to be careful in the amount of clones I make. Otherwise I could run out of chakra very quickly.'

On finishing his analysis, he began learning Shadow Clone technique. Knowing the basic clone jutsu helped a bit. The training continued for a while. Fujin noted that this training drained his chakra very fast. He could only practice for an hour before he was out of chakra. So from the next day, he practiced Shadow clone jutsu, as soon as he got up, then around noon, and finally again in the evening, getting 3 hours of training done while doing either physical exercises or meditation for the remainder of the time. He also carried a few leaves with him. On the ninth day, he was finally able to make a clone.

Fujin noted that while molding the chakra is more difficult, it's execution was much easier than the body flicker jutsu. After another 6 days, he was finally able to create an acceptable clone. It was entirely identical and took half of his chakra. However, on sensing, Fujin noted that some chakra was lost while creating the clone, resulting in the clone having slightly less chakra. This wasn't acceptable. However he decided to test the clone first. He asked the clone to go into the bedroom and write any random number somewhere and then dispel.

The clone went into the bedroom, and wrote 8196 on a scroll there. On dispelling, Fujin got all the information and checked if it was true. He thought, 'alright it works.'

He made another shadow clone. This time, he stabbed the clone's arm with a Kunai, causing the clone to dispel. He waited for a few seconds and then concluded, 'Alright, I just got the memories of the clone. The pain wasn't transferred to me. So this jutsu should be safe to use in battle.'

He then formed the clone again and this time had the clone do the 3 basic jutsus. The clone could perform them as good as he could. He couldn't test body flicker at his home, so he decided to leave it for later. He then had the clone perform shadow clone. The clone managed to do it, but within a second, they were both dispelled. Fujin sensed that their chakra was very unstable.

On thinking, he came to the conclusion, 'The clones were dispelled as they didn't have enough chakra. Even though a ninja could make a shadow clone with a small percent of his chakra, the shadow clone still needs to have some minimum chakra level. And my single clone, probably barely exceeds that limit. Wait, does that mean, after using a few jutsus, my clone will disappear even if it has some chakra just because the chakra isn't enough?'

This conclusion had him on alert. He quickly rushed into a mini-forest nearby. After transforming and confirming no one was around, he made a shadow clone. The clone, knowing the plan, started performing body flicker again and again, within the main body's chakra field as the main body kept a track of its chakra level. The clone had around 49% of Fujin's chakra. When it fell down below 41%, the clone dispelled.

Having confirmed his theory, Fujin sighed, 'I guess it is impossible to have the clone assist me in Ninjutsu training. Though to be honest, it's kinda pointless too as I can't last long on Ninjutsu training without having my chakra depleted.'

After spending half a minute grumbling about his low chakra reserves, he decided, 'Well whatever. This was expected. Hopefully someday in the future, I'll be able to use clones to train! Let's just learn this jutsu properly and be done!'

In the next 5 days, he had learnt the shadow clone, to an acceptable level. Now no loss of chakra happened while forming the clone. As for the chakra loss while getting chakra back from the clone, it was around 5%. Fujin noticed that it was reducing quickly. With the work on shadow clone done, he decided that it was time to finally start practicing elemental jutsus. Though he decided to wait for another 10 days before he returned the scroll to Hiruzen. That way Hiruzen would underestimate his talent a bit.

Chapter 20: Wind Release Jutsu (1)

[A/N : The number of wind style jutsu in canon is pitiful. Even the fillers mostly have similar variants of canon jutsu with very little change, but do the same shit. So I'll be using wind jutsu from games or even fan created ones. I'll also make up some wind jutsu at some point later in this fanfic]

On the 21st day of his vacation, Fujin made his way to the library. On the road, he thought about a lot of wind style jutsu. His thoughts were, 'Finally I'll

be starting with wind release jutsu. In the series, Wind was probably the least powerful element. Though Naruto had wind nature, all he used was Rasenshuriken. Temari did have a lot of jutsu, but she used a giant fan! Kakuzu used Pressure Damage, which was very lethal. I think there was also Great Breakthrough used by Orochimaru and probably Gale Palm used by someone. And lastly, Danzo used his vacuum jutsu, which were very lethal. Sadly, other than Temari, no one else specialized in Wind jutsu. And the number of wind jutsu were very low too.

Luckily this world does have a lot more wind release jutsu. I might be able to form a comprehensive battle system through it. Last time I just read their names. This time I'll be reading their scrolls too. And then decide the set of jutsu to practice. Still I wish I could have got to read the descriptions of higher ranked wind jutsu as well. It'd have been very helpful in order to decide.

On reaching there, he went through entire sections E and D and made a list of all available wind release jutsu. They were :

Gale Jutsu (E)

Wind Clone (E)

Wind Levitation (E)

Projectile Control Jutsu (E)

Wind Retrieving Jutsu (E)

Gale Surge (D)

Breakthrough (D)

Dust Cloud (D)

Slashing Wind Skill (D)

Wind Explosion (D)

Propelling Winds (D)

The first question for Fujin was, 'Why was Wind Clone merely a rank E jutsu?' On reading the scroll, he understood why. Wind clone was extremely simple. Elemental clones were like normal clones, just that they were made of

elements. That's why they could perform attacks. They got dispelled upon getting hit. Since the material needed for a wind clone was basically the air around, it was extremely simple to make it.

However, it was still quite useful, and something he definitely was going to learn.

He continued reading the rest of the jutsu to understand what they did. He first read all the rank E jutsu. After reading them, he analysed, 'These jutsu aren't lethal. Actually they don't have much use in battle either if compared to other jutsu, instead, I think that they are the means to improve the control of the wind element. I think they will be very important in the future when I will be learning more complex and powerful wind jutsu.'

Wind Levitation is basically using winds in order to raise inanimate objects in the air. The weight of the object that can be levitated and the height to which it can be carried as well as the time for which it can be levitated depends on the user's control over the wind element as well as their stamina and focus.

Projectile Control Jutsu uses Wind to control the projectiles launched around the user. So a shuriken or a thrown kunai or senbon can be manipulated to change direction with the help of winds.

Wind Retrieving Jutsu uses winds to pull objects towards the user. It's similar to Nagato's Universal Pull, except it's done with the help of winds and power depends entirely on the user.

And Gale Jutsu just creates a small windflow in a direction. It doesn't cause any harm, but has a couple of good uses. For example, it could be used to cover up any footsteps left behind, or change the direction of winds around you to restrict the directions your scent can be carried to. Besides, it probably also serves as a base to all wind jutsu that involves blowing out air.'

On concluding his analysis, he sighed thinking, 'I'll have to learn all these jutsu. Not for combat, but to improve my control over wind. That said, Wind clone, levitation, control and pulling, these are excellent jutsu for pranking! I wonder if the ones who made these were pranksters or something.'

While thinking about it, an incredibly evil idea popped into Fujin's head. An idea that would have made the lives of Konoha citizens a living nightmare! He thought, 'I wonder what kind of shit Naruto would pull if he knew these 5 jutsu! He sucked as a student, maybe as a ninja too, but he was easily tier S in

terms of pranks. Damn, I'm so tempted to teach him this stuff! I'd get enough content to laugh for a lifetime!

Fujin had a laugh at that idea. Calming himself down and getting these distracting thoughts out of his mind, he started reading the rank D scrolls.

After finishing them all he concluded with a single thought, 'Damn, wind release is extremely powerful!'

That thought wasn't due to the jutsu being overpowered, but instead due to the growth potential of the wind jutsu. Some of those jutsu, if mastered, and used correctly, could end up becoming as good as rank B or even rank A jutsu.

He then analysed each jutsu, 'Dust Cloud jutsu is basically just a smokescreen. It should work well with me being a sensor and not needing eyesight to track the enemy. Also it is very simple, so if I have time, it's worth learning.

Slashing Wind jutsu is the one Temari spammed in the chuunin exam. While it packs good power, it requires a fan to use. It's not really my preferred weapon. So I'll probably skip this one.

Breakthrough jutsu is a powered down version of Great Breakthrough jutsu. No harm in learning it. I can later replace it with Great Breakthrough and then maybe with Pressure Damage.

Gale Surge is a defensive jutsu. The user sends the air around the user in an outward direction. It could protect me from projectiles and could also disturb the enemy's rhythm. Though its range is too short, at merely 3 metres.

Propelling Winds is a movement technique. Small blasts of winds are released from the hands in order to help evade. Hmm, this jutsu is pretty simple. I am not really a fan of it, however I have some ideas in the future that could require this jutsu as the base.

Wind Explosion jutsu seems very versatile. Chakra is infused into wind, to form into a ball like Rasengan and it explodes on impact. Though it isn't as powerful as the Rasengan and only causes slight damage, it is a very interesting jutsu. I wonder if a combination of this jutsu and wind clone jutsu exists. It could make wind clones extremely lethal.

Having analyzed all the jutsu, he had to make the tough final decision of deciding which jutsu to learn. He thought, 'All of these jutsu have good uses. However, will I be able to learn all of them?' He was lost in his thoughts.

Not able to reach a conclusion, he decided to calm himself a bit and analyzed further, 'As for how many of these jutsu I can learn, will depend on my speed of learning these jutsu. And just learning is rather pointless. I'll need to master them. For now, let's eliminate the ones I don't want to learn. It will be slashing wind jutsu.' He sighed, 'This is the only one I don't wanna learn. I wanna learn all the others! Nevermind, let's list them in the order of importance. Rank E jutsu are important to be able to get a better control of wind nature. So they are compulsory.

Among the remaining, Wind Explosion jutsu would probably be the most useful considering its future potential. Next would be wind propelling jutsu. While it in itself ain't that good, however, if in the future, I'm able to create small blasts of wind willingly around my body to propel myself, then that might become a deadly fighting style. Breakthrough jutsu would be next as it forms the basis of a few stronger jutsu. Also it provides an AoE option. Gale Surge and Dust Cloud will be the last ones. Gale Surge provides defense in one direction, but it is very temporary. And Dust cloud just provides cover.

I suppose that's enough calculations. I still have a few years before I may have to fight. So let's just try these jutsu. Hopefully a year will be enough for it. Next year I would like to learn a few Earth release jutsu and probably one or two Genjutsu. I suppose this year I should also start with Kenjutsu. Maybe a sword or two. They go really well with Wind release.'

Ending his train of thoughts, he read the scroll of Wind release : Wind Clone jutsu properly. After getting the basics down, he left the library and on arriving in a secluded mini forest, started training for it.

However what happened really surprised him. It only took him 1 try to be able to do the wind clone jutsu! He was left speechless by the ease of it.

After calming himself, he analysed, 'The jutsu is very similar to normal clone jutsu and I have already learnt even shadow clones. Not to mention, my affinity is wind nature and I have already trained a lot to master this element. So I suppose it's no wonder I'm able to learn it in one try. Actually, if I compare it with Itachi, then this achievement isn't much worth mentioning. He was able to do fireball jutsu, a rank C jutsu, on his first try. So it shouldn't be that big of

a deal.' He comforted himself saying, 'It's alright. This is the fruit of my hard work over the last 3 years.'

He spent the rest of the day testing the capabilities of his wind clone. Unlike Shadow Clones, it didn't transfer memories back, but it didn't require high amounts of chakra either. Since it used the air around it, Fujin guessed that this is the most chakra friendly clone jutsu. In merely a few hours, he managed to create 10 wind clones. It could do all the jutsu the main body could, except shadow clone, and would dispel on taking a hit.

After experimenting, Fujin realised that in a head on battle, Wind clones would be more effective than Shadow clones.

Many times that day, he had the thought of going back to the library and learning another jutsu. However he didn't act on that urge as it might have attracted attention. He sighed thinking, 'I should have found a way to steal those scrolls!'

After being satisfied with his progress, he returned home. On the way, he had a peculiar thought about the jutsu he had learnt so far. He thought, 'Of the six jutsu I know, 3 of them are clone jutsu!'

The next day, he read and learnt Gale Jutsu. He had to first gather the chakra and then expel it from his mouth as a gust of wind. He was able to perform it properly after a few tries. The jutsu was really harmless. When he tried it on a tree, except some old leaves falling down, it didn't cause any harm to the tree at all.

After an hour of practice, he could cover up the footsteps he left behind. Using the jutsu to change the direction of wind in a small area took a few hours to practice. Though he had no idea how successful or unsuccessful he was at covering up his scent. He decided to have an Inuzuka check it some time in the future.

The next day, he tried learning Wind Levitation jutsu. While he didn't get this one on his first try, he still managed to perform it correctly within ten minutes. He was able to levitate a leaf in air at a height of about 5 metres. It took him half an hour to do the same with a pebble. By the end of the day, he could levitate stones with a diameter of 15 cm in at a height of 15 metres and maintain it for 78 seconds. He had read in the scroll that this jutsu could be used to lift a boulder over a hundred metres in the sky. And he guessed that

even that wasn't its limit. So in the future, he could keep practicing it to his heart's content.

The next day he tried the Projectile Control jutsu. And he finally had a challenge. This jutsu needed really fine control over the wind. He created a wind clone and had it launch shurikens and tried to control it. After a few hours, he managed to change the direction of the shuriken, but he couldn't control it. Since the shuriken spun, he felt that it made the jutsu harder and decided to experiment with a kunai instead. It decreased the difficulty considerably and at the end of the day, he managed to maintain decent control on a thrown kunai. He practiced this jutsu for another 3 days in order to get a better hang of it. After these 4 days, he felt as if he had a better grasp on the wind element.

The following day, he tried the Wind Retrieving Jutsu. Attracting an object towards yourself by having the winds flow towards you proved to be a challenge. The wind flowing towards yourself was the first obstacle. The second was that if he was able to create a strong enough wind flow, he himself would be affected by it. That issue made Fujin wonder if he could create wind paths around himself to perform this jutsu. He left that thought for the future. It took him 3 days to learn this jutsu and be comfortable with it. He returned the Shadow Clone scroll to Hiruzen after that.