

Naruto: The Wind Calamity

Chapter 21: Wind Release Jutsu (2)

It took just 10 days for Fujin to learn the 5 rank E wind release jutsu. With one more month of vacation still remaining, he started training for the rank D jutsu.

He revamped his plans thinking, 'My initial plans were to learn in order of their importance, but since I'm able to learn at such a quick pace, let's just learn in the order of ease of learning them. So let's do Breakthrough jutsu first. And follow it up with Dust Cloud jutsu and Gale Surge.'

On getting all the required data from the library, he began the training for Breakthrough jutsu. The initial process was very similar to Gale Jutsu. Only, the amount of chakra he had to gather was larger. The winds generated needed to have much more power. Also the winds had to be made sharper to cause damage. On his initial few tries, the result was only as good as Gale jutsu, but he could clearly see where he should improve. In merely 15 minutes, he was able to expel a stronger gust of wind from his mouth. He noted, 'It ain't very powerful yet, but it's damage should be damn good if paired with a fire jutsu. Anyways, this jutsu will require a lot of work. The process of gathering chakra as well as the process of converting chakra into wind should be faster. The chakra gathered should be larger as well to increase the damage done.'

He practiced it for 7 days, until he got the hang of the jutsu. He also tested it on a poor tree, which resulted in it losing the majority of its leaves and many branches. His thoughts were, 'That's good. Though it probably won't kill anyone, it can easily injure most Genins.'

The next day he grabbed the scroll for Dust Cloud Jutsu and memorized it. This jutsu was incredibly easy. It's process was similar to Breakthrough jutsu, just that it had to be focused on the ground to lift the dust above. It also had some aspects of Wind Levitation jutsu to ensure that the dust cloud existed for a longer time. He was able to raise a dust cloud on his very first try, however it lasted a very short time. Properly incorporating the Wind Levitation aspect took a few hours. But by the end of the day, the progress was sufficient.

The next day, he began training for Gale Surge jutsu. It was almost the opposite of Wind Retrieving Jutsu. Here, he had to distill the air around him

with his chakra, and then suddenly release it up to 3 metres in a direction. In a way it resembled the Almighty push of Nagato. Of course the power was extremely lacking.

This jutsu didn't really provide a very good defense. However Fujin's reason for learning this jutsu was due to a couple of ideas he had with it. The first being, to increase the range and power of this jutsu and the second was to be able to release wind in every direction around him. That way this jutsu could become incredibly disruptive. If the range and power is increased, then it'll be perfect to create a nuisance on a battlefield whereas an omni-directional release would be helpful in case he's ever surrounded by enemies.

It again took him only a day to learn this jutsu and practice it to an acceptable level.

On the next day he started learning the Wind Explosion jutsu. He treated this jutsu as a practice for his Rasengan later on. Here he had to gather the wind and shape it into a spherical form and infuse a little chakra in it. That was the difference between it and Rasengan. Rasengan was purely made of chakra, whereas this jutsu was majorly made of wind and only had a small percent of chakra in it. Since the amount of chakra was low, these spheres could be launched at the enemy. Since he was already practicing for Rasengan, this jutsu became much easier to learn. Within a couple of hours, he was able to get the jutsu right for the first time.

After trying it for a few times on nearby trees, he concluded, 'Though the chakra infused in the winds explodes, it is not what causes the damage. The damage is caused by the winds, which become lethal after the explosion. They can cause a large amount of cuts and some of them can be very deep. I tried to infuse more chakra to increase the power of the explosion, however it didn't work as the wind sphere couldn't move as fast or as long distance. Even if I increase the amount of winds to maintain the ratio of chakra to wind, the sphere still becomes very bulky and no longer has the same speed.'

He sighed, 'I guess upgrading it would be a very complex task. Anyways, I should instead try to change my point of view. Perhaps I should try to combine this jutsu in the wind clone jutsu. If the wind clones can explode in this manner, then it will transform into a killing strike.'

The practice for Wind Explosion jutsu continued for a week. After the first day, Fujin stopped improving the wind sphere and instead focused on increasing his speed of forming the sphere and the speed of launching the spheres. His

goal was to be able to launch these explosive spheres one after another without any breaks. That way, though it won't be a killing blow, it'll still cause a lot of damage to anyone who couldn't dodge or block these spheres. It could also cause death due to having lost too much blood. However, he was still quite far from reaching that stage.

On the following day, he started learning the Propelling Winds jutsu. Here the task was to gather the chakra in his hands and burst it in a direction. That burst would apply an opposite force on him and move him in the opposite direction. This technique could be used to change directions quickly. However, in terms of movement on land, this technique was quite inferior to Body Flicker. Its advantage lay when the users feet weren't on ground as this jutsu was very convenient to use while in air.

Thanks to all his training over the past month, creating bursts was very easy. The issue was in controlling the amount of movement he had. Also his footwork needed a lot of adjustments. To employ this jutsu, one had to be very light on his feet and allow himself to be pushed back by the burst. While he could control the amount of force of the burst, the force applied back changed in accordance to how much pressure was applied on his feet. That was incredibly hard to control.

On the third day of its training, he managed to bypass this issue by using two tactics. The first was, he would slightly jump in the direction where he wanted to go to and then use the burst to push him there. The second was to use the burst and then force his feet off the ground instantly which would make him move out of the way. However, the control for the 2nd one was lacking a lot. It would cause him to flip in the air a couple of times which could be dangerous in a fight if the enemy followed and persisted with his or her attack.

He trained to improve his control over this jutsu for 6 days, after which he was happy with his progress.

That night after dinner, he decided to sit down and think about his current status. He thought, 'In the last 32 days, I have learnt 5 rank E wind release jutsus and 5 rank D wind release jutsus! Including the 3 basic Ninjutsu, Body Flicker and Shadow Clones, I now knew 15 jutsus in all.'

He analysed his jutsu further and concluded, 'My wind clone jutsu makes the normal clone jutsu redundant. I should completely drop its usage. Gale jutsu too doesn't need anymore work. It can cover footsteps adequately and in fights, Breakthrough jutsu is much better. That leaves 13 jutsus. Even though I

have learnt them, if I talk about truly mastering a jutsu, then I have probably mastered just 1 jutsu, which is Body Flicker jutsu, on which I spent 10 whole months. Next I should focus on mastering these wind release jutsus.

Especially to perform them without hand signs. Even though the Body Flicker jutsu took 10 months to master, if I have learnt anything in the last one month, it's that either my talent in wind nature is extremely high, or these wind release jutsus were very easy. So mastering them shouldn't take very long.

I could also upgrade my Substitution jutsu by substituting with my Wind Clone rather than nearby logs or other objects. Other than that, I could also try to combine wind clone and wind explosion jutsu. Similarly, I should experiment trying to use Body Flicker and Wind Propelling jutsu simultaneously. If Body Flicker jutsu could freely change directions, then it will be extremely lethal. And I still have to learn to strengthen my weapons using wind chakra.'

After thinking about these ideas, Fujin decided to think how he could get his hands on rank C jutsu. He thought, 'I'm not sure if I can get access to rank C and rank B jutsu anytime soon. I could ask Genki, but even if I am successful, I don't think he'd give me more than 2 or 3 jutsu. And that'll also attract a lot of attention.

I could ask Hiruzen for access to higher sections in the library after the 3rd year exam, but I'm doubtful that he'd agree. Even if he did agree, I will probably be monitored when I enter the library. And if they see me reading those high ranked jutsus, they may have someone keep an eye on me. That would mean that I can't practice Ninjutsu secretly like I do right now. And if they sent someone good enough to avoid me from sensing him, that would mean my skills would be known to Hiruzen and soon to Danzo.'

He sighed, 'Leave it, let's follow stability. There's no point in taking such a huge risk. If I master all my current jutsu and also a few Earth release jutsu and can't progress any further, then I can consider graduating early.'

Over the past year, he had thought quite a bit about graduating early. His thoughts were, 'Initially I thought that graduating early would attract a lot of attention. Perhaps it still would in Naruto's generation. But right now, graduating early seems to be highly supported and even encouraged by teachers. In the last 2 years, there were many who graduated after their 4th or 5th year in the academy. A few even graduated after the 3rd year. I guess the village wants to have new ninjas join in their ranks as soon as possible. Which is why it may be encouraged right now. Though if someone graduates at 6 or 7, then it'll still attract a lot of attention.'

During this vacation, Fujin had almost entirely focused on Ninjutsu. His routine was, workout in the morning, and then Ninjutsu training the whole day. When he ran out of chakra, then he would practice meditation or practice Shuriken throwing. Everything else was halted.

Fujin decided to continue practicing his wind jutsus in the last week of vacation. However, he started additional training. He started trying to hit his wind clones with shurikens in order to improve his skill at it. Though he wasn't sure whether to be upset about his shuriken throwing skills or be happy at his clone's speed and maneuverability, as he didn't manage to hit his wind clone even once! However he did improve at a rapid pace.

Chapter 22: Fuinjutsu

The third year started after the vacation. This year, Genki focused on other crucial aspects of a ninja apart from fighting capabilities.

Fujin was a bit surprised that he didn't push for anymore advanced jutsu, but on thinking for a bit, he understood 'More than half of the class isn't able to keep up. Considering that he asked me to learn wind nature, I'm guessing he gave similar advice to others who could keep up. This way, the struggling ones would catch up and the students who are performing well can reach the next level. I guess they want to ensure that every single kid from this class becomes a capable ninja to fill up the void left by the dead.'

Still, from his speech, it seems like everything will be taught in this year itself.'

After the lectures were over, Fujin went to the library. He went in section E and picked up the scroll named 'Introduction to Fuinjutsu'.

He recalled reading it a couple of years back. He read it once again, this time properly. On reading, he analysed, 'Fuinjutsu contains 2 parts. The first is the writing part. However, this has 2 parts as well.

First, the language. Fuinjutsu has special symbols which I have to understand before attempting to make seals. I will need to learn to draw each symbol properly as well as infuse my chakra in the mentioned manner. Any mistakes would make the seal fail and could cause unintended complexities if the seal did something else. This is actually very similar to hand signs, just that the number of symbols is much higher. The symbols serve various functions. The

main function I can see is its ability to produce an element. There are symbols for each of the 5 elements, and symbols which can suppress or enhance them. There are also symbols to control time and space. A simple storage seal has a lot of space symbols, whereas a complex one will not only have space symbols, but also time symbols to ensure that time slows down in that storage seal.

The second, was the logic part. This part is very similar to coding on Earth. Since I know coding, this part is easier for me. However, it ain't much of an advantage. Coding is pretty easy to learn, I'm sure the brighter kids from my class could pick it up within a week or two.

After the writing part, the next part was to mold my chakra to create what the seal is used for. For a simple sealing scroll, I would have to create that storage space with the help of the symbols and also set up the conditions for activating the seal. Sigh, this is pretty complicated.

Anyways, let's start. I should start with the symbols, but there are hundreds of them. It'll take months if I try to learn them all. So I'll just pick a seal and learn it's symbols. That way I could monitor my progress.'

After analysing all the seals in the scroll, he decided to learn the most used seal, the storage seal. It used 16 types of symbols. Majority of it were different types of space symbols. A few increased the amount of space in the seal, some restricted the space in order to maintain the boundaries, some ensured that the space stayed stable and so on.

He drew the required symbols perfectly on a spare scroll and also took down notes related to it. He had seen a few others do the same in the library, so he wasn't worried about getting into trouble, though he was very surprised at Konoha's magnanimity. Once that was done, he left the library.

He went to the market and transformed in an alleyway. After searching for a bit, he found the shop he was looking for. There he bought the special ink required for Fuinjutsu as well as special scrolls for the same.

The scrolls were made of a special material. It was much sturdier and could apparently last for centuries if not damaged by external force. It could easily bear the chakra applied to it while seals were inscribed on it.

The special ink, on the other hand, would make infusing chakra much easier. Trying to make the symbols with normal ink was a lot harder to do. However, there was another substitute for this special ink. That was the blood of a ninja.

These items were quite expensive though. The scrolls cost 60 Ryo each and a small bottle of ink cost 100 Ryo. He bought 5 bottles of ink and 5 scrolls to practice. He sighed thinking, 'I hope these last a few months at least. I only have 4,370 Ryo left with me.'

He then went home and on reaching there, he made a shadow clone. A couple of months of crazy physical training, high amount of meditation and constant Ninjutsu training till he dropped due to lack of chakra had resulted in a high rate of growth of his chakra. It had increased by around 25%. It implied that he could now make 2 shadow clones if he wanted to. However both will barely have any chakra to do anything. If he made one shadow clone with exactly 50% chakra, then that shadow clone could last till his chakra dropped to 32% of Fujin's max chakra. So effectively, it had more than doubled the Shadow Clone's usable chakra.

Fujin and his clone started the work on the first symbol. After trying it for half an hour, Fujin confirmed, 'As I thought, the amount of chakra needed to practice this is quite low. This is good news for me as my shadow clone will last a lot longer. Calculating from my clone's remaining Chakra, I'd say he'll be able to last four hours while practicing these symbols.'

After an hour's practice, he dispelled his clone. On dispelling it, he got all the memories from the clone, along with a minor headache.

He created another Shadow Clone. This time the clone practiced the symbol for 2 hours, took a break of 2 hour, then practiced it again for 1 hour, and then took another 1 hour break followed by 1 hour practice. Fujin went out to practice shuriken throwing on a wind clone and increasing the radius of his chakra field. He didn't practice any ninjutsu as practicing it with only half his chakra wouldn't last very long.

After 7 hours, he dispelled his clone. This time the headache was a bit worse, but still bearable. However, recalling Hiruzen's instructions, he decided to sleep.

He was very happy with what he had done today. After waking up early the next morning, he thought, 'Excellent, the experiment was successful. Now that my shadow clone can last 7 hours and practice these symbols for 4 hours, I

can leave my shadow clone at home and it can keep practicing Fuinjutsu while I'm at the academy. I guess my chakra needs to increase by another 20-25% so that my clone could practice for 7 hours straight. Still, I need to decide what the clone should do in the spare 3 hours.'

He thought for a bit and then it clicked him, 'Yeah, why not. I should buy a few cooking books for the clone to learn. In the past 2 years I have learnt to make various breakfasts, but I didn't learn to make a proper lunch or dinner as I didn't have much spare time. This seems the perfect opportunity to learn it! Alright, today, after the academy, I'll buy the books.'

Happy at the possibility of finally being able to eat delicious meals, he decided to analyse his daily routine, 'So with this sorted, I will continue to do my physical training in the morning, during lectures my clone can practice Fuinjutsu while my main body pays attention for important lectures and work on my chakra field in the remaining time. After the lecture is over, I'll have to return home, dispel the clone and take a short, probably an hour's sleep. Then I can practice my Ninjutsu and shuriken throwing.'

And the year continued in this manner. Genki taught a lot of practical knowledge that was needed for ninjas. And Fujin continued his hard training. Fujin did note that the class was a bit more serious this year. He thought, 'I guess his one-on-one talks had a good effect.'

After 6 months, Fujin was able to do the rank E wind release jutsus with no hand signs, only the wind clone needed a single hand sign. Among rank D, he could do Wind Propelling jutsu without hand signs, however the rest required one or two hand signs. 23 days before the exams for the 3rd year were up, he managed to do all but two without hand signs. Only Dust Cloud Jutsu still required a couple of hand signs and wind clones still required one hand sign. Similarly, Shadow Clone too had dropped to just one hand sign, the clone seal, which he wasn't able to do without hand signs. His Breakthrough jutsu and Wind Explosion jutsu now were able to do much higher damage and all the other wind release jutsus had been mastered to a certain extent.

It took his clone 3 months to master those 16 symbols and another month, to successfully make a storage seal. It took another month of practice to be able to do it comfortably without any mistakes. He had spent 4000 ryo on the materials till then, leaving him only with a little over 2000 ryo with him. He had created 5 proper sealing scrolls.

Each time when he bought the materials, he had bought it from different shops under different disguises. Of the 5 shopkeepers he met, he had observed that one of them seemed greedy and with loose morals. He thought, 'I can't continue the expenditure on Fuinjutsu. Probably another 4 months before I'm totally broke. So I'll have to sell my scrolls. Trouble is, whom to sell. I can't give out my identity and I'm not sure if any shopkeeper will agree to buy without knowing the seller. Sigh, I'll have to approach the one with low morals and greedy nature. Luckily, one of the shopkeepers fits the bill. Unless he has put up a facade, so I should take some precautions. Preferably, I should send a clone under Transformation jutsu.'

Chapter 23: The First Deal

Over the next few days, he had his shadow clone spy on the shopkeeper. Genki's training for stealth was really helpful during this period. His name was Ging. He was probably in his 40s. The clone observed his actions and his movements to see whether he is a hidden ninja. He had already tried to sense his chakra, it was merely at the civilian level. Fujin wondered if at some point in the past, Konoha conducted a drive to unlock chakra of a lot of people. He also observed his dealings with other customers, where he keeps his inventory, where he keeps his cash and so on.

The spying was quite successful as on one lucky instance, he heard Ging bargaining with his supplier on the price of some of the items. On hearing them talk, he understood that the supplier sold an Explosion tag to him for 500 Ryo and Storage Scroll for 1,200 each, while he sold the storage scroll for 1,500 Ryo and the Explosion tags for 750 Ryo to his customers.

After being sure that he was a safe target, he sent his shadow clone with the 5 scrolls. His clone took the appearance of a middle-aged man and approached Ging when no one was in his shop. On seeing him approach, Ging put up a kind smile and said, "Hello, what do you want to buy?"

Fujin's clone replied, "Hello, I'm not here to buy, but to sell."

Hearing that, Ging was quite surprised. He raised an eyebrow and asked, "Sell? Who are you?"

Fujin's clone replied, "You can call me Zoro."

Ging noticed the fact that the man in front of him asked him to call that. He then asked, "What do you want to sell?"

Fujin's clone paused for a moment, and stared in his eyes. He then said, "Storage Scrolls"

Ging, trying to gain an upper hand in any negotiations, said dismissively "I already have 3 suppliers for storage scrolls, why should I buy from you?"

Fujin's clone smirked and replied, "Because my scrolls are better"

That statement got Ging interested. He asked, "How? And I'll inspect your scroll first before buying from you."

Fujin's clone maintained his smirk and replied, "Suit yourself" and handed him a scroll. Ging took the scroll and invited him to a room inside the shop. On the way, he asked "So what's the name of your company and who is the person in-charge of it?" However, he was dismissively answered with "You don't need to concern yourself with it." Hearing that Ging thought, 'Oh, a secret organisation? So either he is someone who doesn't want anyone to know that he can make storage scrolls, or he has a secret organisation behind him which probably does some shady work. Hehe, I'll make a ton of profits from this sheep!'

On reaching the room, Ging started inspecting the scroll. Fujin clone's claim wasn't empty. A standard storage scroll has 10 storage seals in it. However the one he made had 12 seals in it. When he saw Ging inspecting the scroll, Fujin's clone thought, 'It isn't difficult to make 12 seals in a single scroll. You just have to draw the seals closer to each other. Actually, if anyone wants to make an optimal storage scroll while keeping the size of the scroll the same, then he could make 25 seals in the scroll. However, for the ones who mass produce these seals 10 is the optimal number. The reason is that many buyers don't need more than 10 seals in a scroll. And for the ones who want more, the producers would profit more if they bought more scrolls. It also resulted in less effort needed to make the scroll. So it had become an optimal number for them to make maximum profits. However, I don't have any such restrictions. I just want to make some money to continue practicing Fuinjutsu.'

On looking at the number of seals in the scroll, Ging had similar thoughts. However, he could also think even further than Fujin as he had a lot more experience and information. He analyzed, 'While just having 2 more seals might not seem such a big deal to normal people, but I know the ninjas who

want to buy scrolls having more storage seals in them. Just last week one jounin was talking about the convenience of having a storage scroll with more seals. I can sell this scroll to him for a much higher price. Probably even over 2,000 Ryo.'

Then he looked at Fujin and thought, 'Now the only question is whether he is aware of its value or not.'

After a few moments his expression became unpleasant and he angrily said, "Your scrolls only have 2 seals more! And the quality of each seal is the same as others. 10 seals are already more than enough for a single scroll. I will buy it from you, however I'll pay you the same price as I pay to my suppliers."

Knowing the kind of guy the shopkeeper was, Fujin's clone smirked again and said, "Now now, we both know that ain't true. There are too many ninjas who will willingly buy scrolls with more seals."

Ging, however, dismissively replied, "Yes, but they won't be willing to pay higher. Still seeing that you could add 2 more seals, I'll pay you a bit more. Instead of 1,000 Ryo, I'll pay you 1,100 Ryo."

Hearing that, Fujin's clone scoffed and said, "Do you think I live under a mountain? The standard scrolls are supplied for around 1,200 to 1,250 Ryo. Even if you consider the least at 1,200 Ryo, just considering that it has 20% higher seals would raise the price to 1,440 Ryo. Not to mention the fact that some ninjas might be willing to pay more."

Hearing that put a lot of pressure on Ging. He internally sighed at the numbers thrown by the other party. The haggling continued for a few more minutes. Ging took advantage of the fact that the opposite party wasn't willing to reveal his origins and used that point to decrease the buying price to 1,150 Ryo.

After the haggling was over, Fujin's clone thought, 'Sigh, that was some intense haggling. This fellow is much better at haggling than me. But either way, while he may think that he made a profit, just being able to sell these scrolls for over 1,000 Ryo each is more than enough for me.'

He then smirked internally, thinking 'Well I still have one more advantage to play. While he may be a better haggler, I have the advantage of being the lone supplier of the 12 seals storage scrolls. Hehe, I am so interested in looking at his final decision.'

After deciding the price to be 1,150 Ryo, Ging asked, "So Zoro, how many scrolls do you have to sell?"

Fujin's clone didn't reply, instead he placed 4 scrolls in front of him. Looking at that, Ging was at a loss of words. He thought, 'Just four? So including the one I inspected, there are only 5? What is he playing at?'

Seeing that the seller wasn't saying anything further, he showed an enraged expression and asked angrily, "Only 5? You wasted all my time for only 5 scrolls?"

Fujin's clone calmly replied, "The boss has sent a few like me to other shopkeepers to sell it too. Depending upon the price each shopkeeper gives for these scrolls, the future sales to those shops will be decided."

After hearing that, Ging's expression was really a sight to see. Fujin's clone had a laugh internally. It was the first time in their negotiation that Ging had lost his composure.

Fujin's clone's thoughts were, 'While I don't necessarily need a higher price, doing this would cast much lesser doubts on me. Also the existence of a boss behind me will keep this fellow from going overboard.'

Ging however got lost in his thoughts, 'Damn! What to do now? By buying one scroll for 1,150 Ryo, I probably won't get any more scrolls from him in the future. But if I pay high, and others still pay higher, then I still might not get any in the future. Still though, a boss and more people like him? Are they trying to change the whole storage scrolls market?'

He thought for a bit more and then asked, "Will you be selling all your scrolls to only the one who buys it for the highest price, or others as well?"

Fujin's clone replied, "We will be selling it to many shopkeepers. Only the amount of scrolls we sell to them would depend on the prices they offer. Of course, the ones who offer lower than average might not get any. But I'm not privy to the exact plans."

Ging analysed for a minute and then sighed. He thought, 'Buying it for a low price would mean killing the goose that drops the golden eggs. But how much should I buy it for? I don't want to pay a lot for it. Otherwise my profits won't be enough. Let me go with 1,500 Ryo. That should be enough to earn higher off them than normal storage scrolls.'

He then offered a price of 1,500 Ryo per scroll. They completed their deal and talked a bit about how and when future deals would happen. Fujin's clone walked out of the shop with 7,500 Ryo. He handed the money to Fujin in an alleyway while he wandered off a bit and dispelled himself after confirming that there was no one around.

After looking at the cash, Fujin's thoughts were, 'Wow, am I really that good at negotiating?' However after getting his clone's memories back, he thought, 'Nope, I am probably closer to a novice rather than a master. It was just that the final bluff was too much of a temptation for him to ignore. Probably, he also thought that a powerful organisation might be behind me, which threatened him a bit. Well whatever, this is good cash! I should consider selling scrolls often to him.'

He then went to a few other shops under different disguises to buy materials. He bought 30 bottles of ink, 25 scrolls and 200 blank paper tags.

The blank paper tags cost 10 Ryo each. So in all he spent 6,500 Ryo on the materials. He then bought some meat and returned home. He thought, 'Now that I do have some cash, I should definitely increase my meat consumption. The meat business here is entirely dominated by the Akimichi clan. All the shops which sell meat belong to them. I wonder if it is because they are good at it due to economy of scale, or if they were given monopoly over this business when they joined Konoha.'

After that day, Fujin began learning other seals too. He learnt a few basic ones like Heat Seal, Cool Seal, Hard Seal, Soft Seal, Shock Seal and Wet Seal. These seals used elemental symbols. However the number of symbols required was much lower as compared to a storage seal as these did very basic things.

The heat seal could only be used to warm a room. While the Cool seal absorbed heat from the surroundings to make the room cooler. Shock seal could apply a small electric shock, but it was very harmless too as Fujin could bear that shock without any issue. Hard seal was used to harden a surface or an object whereas Soft seal did the reverse. Wet seal was used to gather the moisture from the air and make the surface it had been stuck to wet. All these seals had to be made on a paper tag, and to use it, it would have to be applied on a surface and be activated.

The elemental seals had a requirement of the creator being able to use those elements. But since these seals were very basic, he could do it despite not

having mastered fire, water and lightning natures. In all it took him 4 and half months to learn all these seals.

During this time, he also started selling 20 storage scrolls to Ging every month for 30,000 Ryo. He kept the amount low so that the major suppliers of storage scrolls won't be annoyed by him and try to find him. On the other hand, Ging was very happy too as he could sell these scrolls for around 2,300 Ryo.

By the time 3rd year's exams were up, Fujin had saved over 100,000 Ryo!

Chapter 24: Graduation Exam

In the 3rd year, Genki had focused entirely on the basic skills. It made this year a lot more fun. After having taught one skill entirely, he used to come up with games so that everyone would get used to using it.

For instance, after teaching how to move stealthily. He gave everyone 29 tags with their roll numbers written on it. Everyone had to put these tags on the backs of other 29 students and avoid others putting those tags on their own back. Thanks to Fujin being a sensor, no one managed to put any tag on his back. The few who tried to sneak up, got a punch or an elbow to their face.

While hunting wild animals had resulted in most students making some really funny faces. Killing an animal didn't create an issue for everyone, though Fujin did sigh thinking, 'I never thought that my first kill in this world would be a freaking rabbit!' The fun part according to Genki, which he enjoyed the most, was having everyone cut open the animal they hunted, clean it and prepare it for cooking. An act that disgusted most of the students, including Fujin as he had never done anything like this in his earlier life. Only Nobu was completely unaffected.

And in order to make everyone learn cooking properly, Genki banned bringing lunch to the academy for a few days. Their lunch was the wild animal they cooked!

Later in the year, he also introduced tree climbing as a chakra control exercise for his students.

In this manner, the year progressed. 1 week before the final exams, Genki dropped the news that surprised Fujin. He thought, 'While I did know about it, for the announcement to be made this suddenly is surprising!'

Genki had announced, 'If there is anyone among you who wants to attempt the graduation exam, then let me know within the next 3 days.'

However, by the end of the day, Genki did regret announcing that right in the morning. He sighed, 'Damn, I should have announced it when the lectures ended. No one paid attention to today's lectures!'

After going home, Fujin thought hard about it. On analyzing, he concluded, 'There's still a lot more for me to learn. Right now my wind jutsus, basic jutsus, shadow clones, body flicker, shuriken throwing and Taijutsu has progressed to the level that I'm satisfied with. But I still have to learn Earth release jutsus. And also need to work on sword skills and Genjutsu. As for Fuinjutsu, though it has been coming along well, I still haven't started on the intermediate level seals which are available in section D of the library. And there's also Rasengan still left to master.

Also, while graduating will ensure that I won't have to waste time in the academy, but since Konoha currently is suffering a shortage of ninjas, I suppose my free time might be curtailed rather than getting more time to train. Also the missions might have more risk than usual, especially with the 3rd war still fresh in everyone's minds.

Alright then, I won't participate in it. While the top scorer not attempting the graduation exam might raise questions, it's better than dying on some rank C mission gone wrong.'

However, unlike Fujin, the other kids from his class, were perfectly brainwashed by the Will of Fire. And hence many were interested in participating in the graduation exam. However, knowing that they won't be able to pass, many parents didn't allow their children to take part in the exams.

In the end, there were 7 students who decided to participate in the Graduation exam. Yori, Nobu, Teru, Hoka, a civilian kid, and the two from Aburame and Hatake clans decided to attempt the exam. Fujin did see that Genki was a bit disappointed in him not attempting the Graduation exam. But he was relieved as Genki didn't talk with him on the matter.

The graduation exam was around a week after the 3rd year exam. The 3rd year exam went as usual. A few more parameters were added to the exam based on the skills that Genki had taught in this year.

This year, the reward from the Hokage was also dependent on the graduation exam performance. That pretty much meant that Fujin won't get any rewards for rank 1. So he decreased his performance slightly in the written exam and once again didn't give his all in the Ninjutsu exam. So in the end, he only ranked 4th. Teru ranked 1st, followed by Nobu and then Hana.

Fujin was actually very grateful that Hana wasn't attempting the graduation exam. While he wasn't aware of the reason, it meant that he wasn't the only one with high scores who wasn't attempting the graduation exam. Unknown to him however, Hana was extremely upset that her parents didn't allow her to become a ninja so soon.

A week later, the graduation exam was conducted. For the students from the elite classes, the exam was very similar to normal exams. Only, it was more comprehensive.

The main addition to the exam was a 50 point exam that provided students with various scenarios that they would face and asked what they would do in those scenarios. Except Nobu, everyone else struggled in this exam.

In Taijutsu, only Hoka and Teru performed above par, while Yori and Nobu were barely average.

In Ninjutsu however, Teru, Yori and Nobu displayed why exactly they deserved to be genins. Yori perfectly displayed two rank C jutsus, Fireball jutsu and Phoenix Sage Fire jutsu. Teru was able to perform jutsus of two different elements. He was able to perform one rank C Water Gunshot jutsu and three rank D jutsus, Ground Shaking Jutsu, Headhunter jutsu and Stone Shuriken jutsu.

Nobu, showed off his variety by performing 1 rank E jutsu of each of the 5 elements. In addition, he was also able to perform higher ranked jutsus of fire nature, which was his affinity. He performed two rank C jutsus, Fire Dragon jutsu and Flame Bullet jutsu.

After all the tests were conducted, the performance of all students were analyzed. From Fujin's class, only Teru, Yori and Nobu graduated and became Genins. Due to his better performance than Nobu and Yori in

Taijutsu, he ranked first in his class. From the batch which was one year senior to Fujin, 11 students graduated and 28 of their senior's graduated as well.

However, Fujin was oblivious to all these developments. As soon as the summer vacation began, Fujin went back to his Ninjutsu training. He was satisfied with his progress in wind release and decided to start training earth release jutsus and hence visited the library.

[A/N : This is probably the last time during the academy when it'll be theory-heavy. But since the previous feedback mentioned that there was too much theory, so I won't go into explanation of each and every jutsu. If Fujin or someone else decides to learn them later, I'll explain the jutsu then]

He looked at every Earth release jutsu in section E and section D and made a list. The first thing he noticed was that Konoha had a lot more Earth release jutsus as compared to Wind. Though it wasn't really surprising considering the low number of Wind release users.

The list of Earth release jutsus he created was :

Rock Throw jutsu (E)

Rock Shield jutsu (E)

Stone Bracers jutsu (E)

Swift Earth jutsu (E)

Earth Release: Transformation jutsu (E)

Trapping jutsu (E)

Mud Moat jutsu (D)

Earth Clone jutsu (D)

Rock thorn bed jutsu (D)

Stone Shuriken jutsu (D)

Headhunter jutsu (D)

Pebble Barrage (D)

Ground shaking jutsu (D)

Earth Tremor Sense jutsu (D)

Earth Mound Creation jutsu (D)

Mud Interceptor jutsu (D)

Earth Military Movement jutsu (D)

Stone Breastplate jutsu (D)

Mud Weight jutsu (D)

Earth Release Camp jutsu (D)

Earth Release Note jutsu (D)

His first thoughts were, 'Hmm, no Earth Wall jutsu? That's a rather simple jutsu, to be ranked higher. Even the Iron Skin jutsu of Kakuzu isn't here. I hope it is there in higher sections.'

He then began reading each and every jutsu and started analyzing them. It took him around 2 hours to go through each and everyone of them. He concluded, 'The Earth release jutsus are more comprehensive than the wind release jutsus. The only point where it is bad is that the offense is lacking a bit. Surprisingly many of the jutsus in this list have a similar potential like Wind ones. However, there is one big drawback. Most of the earth release jutsus, especially the ones with high potential, will be severely restrained if the fight is over a water body. Now that I think about it, Iwa is pretty lucky to not share any border with Kiri. Otherwise they'd be in very passive situations in the wars.'

Anyways, I can ignore all offense oriented Earth release jutsus. For defense, Rock Shield jutsu is a good option. It probably is an inferior version of Earth Wall jutsu. So it can be upgraded later. I also wonder if I could use the Hard Seal to make the shield more durable.

For trapping, Mud Moat jutsu is a good option. It creates a 6 feet deep moat with 6 feet radius around the user. It should serve as a base for that Rank A swamp jutsu which Jiraiya had. I don't recall the name though.

As for movement, Earth Military Movement jutsu is a must learn. It allows travelling through the ground for short distances. Having another way to escape is always good.

Earth Release: Camp jutsu is pretty handy too. It can make a cave within mountains. There are a few small hills in the village, like the one where there is a waterfall. I could try this jutsu somewhere near there.

Also, these 4 jutsus make a neat combo. I could use Camp jutsu to build a cave within a mountain. Then use Rock Shield jutsu to hide the entrance. Prepare a moat around the mountain, and if anyone manages to find the cave, then I can escape with Earth Military Movement jutsu.'

He began his training for the Earth release jutsus. While he hadn't honed his Earth nature as much as Wind nature, he still had honed it a lot. He could crumble boulders to dust in just a few seconds. That's why he managed to learn them very quickly. However, they were a bit tougher to learn when compared to Wind release jutsus.

He learnt Rock Shield jutsu within a few minutes and then spent a couple of days on it to increase the size and durability of the rock shield that he used to raise from the ground. He also attempted to apply the Hard Seal on the rock shield he raised. It increased the durability of the shield. However applying the seal and activating it took around 1.5 seconds to pull off, something he might not have in a fight.

The Camp jutsu was learnt within a day. Though the cave was a bit dusty, he could just use Breakthrough jutsu to clean up all the dust. He could also use the Rock Shield jutsu to cover up the entrance if he wanted to hide. Though he had to leave a small space open in order for air to circulate. He didn't bother perfecting this jutsu as there was no need for it right now.

The next was the mud Moat jutsu. It had an aspect of Water nature as well. So it took him close to a week to learn it. He would need to improve his water nature if he had to improve this jutsu further. So he decided to leave this matter for his future self.

And lastly, he practiced Earth Military Movement jutsu. This one was quite difficult to learn. The jutsu involved moving through the ground like he is swimming. So he had to soften the ground a lot to be able to do that. It took him 11 days to pull it off successfully for the first time. It took another 2 weeks for him to be able to move around more freely. He was only limited by the

amount of oxygen he had underground. The softening of the ground resulted in some oxygen entering underground, however it was very limited. He stopped when he was able to move 100 metres.

He thought, 'Alright, the earth release jutsus have been learnt. Though I still need to work more on Rock Shield jutsu and Earth Military Movement jutsu. However, I can do that slowly over the next year. Next, I need to learn chakra flow.'

He went to the library to learn about it.

Chapter 25: Chakra Flow

He visited the library, and searched in all 4 sections he had access to. Surprisingly, he didn't find a single scroll on what he wanted. He thought, 'This is surprising. Does it mean that they are kept in a higher section or do they not provide that technique for normal ninjas?'

While leaving the library, he analyzed for a bit more, 'Yeah, that might be the case. Infusing chakra into weapons isn't that big of a deal. If I recall right, most Samurai were able to do it. However in Konoha, Asuma was the only one I recall to do it. And Danzo too was able to do it, but his method was different.

Anyways, I suppose I'll have to try it myself. I don't think Genki or his friends might know this.'

On the way back to the mini forest, he thought of various ways to do it. His first thoughts were, 'Lets just try to flow my chakra through a kunai like I try to do it when trying to cut a leaf. Only, instead of trying to cut the kunai, I'll try to make its edges sharper.'

He then tried to implement that trick, however he had many troubles in doing it. He had instantaneous success in what he was trying to do as he was able to imbue his kunai with his chakra on his first try. However, the chakra amount that got imbued was very low and even after trying to infuse more chakra in it for 2 days, he didn't improve much. Also while the kunai's sharpness and penetrating capabilities improved, it wasn't much and he didn't make any improvements over the couple of days.

He thought, 'What a bummer! This seems to be a dead end. I guess having a chakra blade might aid, but something seems wrong. Perhaps I'll improve if I stick to this, however it'll probably take years. I need to think of another way.'

He thought for a few hours, and then it clicked him. He decided to go the Hunter X Hunter way. He thought, 'Yeah, that's right. I could try the similar way as in Hunter X Hunter. I'll first try to release my Chakra and coat it all over my body. And then try and extend that coat to cover a kunai I'm holding. While the method is very inefficient, it should allow me to learn it faster. Once I'm able to do it, I'll have to practice doing it without coating my body and directly infusing Chakra into the kunai.'

Coating the entire body with Chakra wasn't something any ninja preferred to do. The reason was simple - insufficient Chakra. Doing it would exhaust the chakra of the user very quickly. From what Fujin could recall, apart from the Jinchurikis, only the Raikages coated their body with Chakra. Others would at most coat a body part or weapons to enhance them.

Fujin began training in the new way. And it was very exhausting. In merely 7 minutes, he ran out of chakra. However, he could see that he was making some progress in extending his chakra to his kunai. It was slow, but a steady growth he observed in 7 minutes. He guessed that in around 10 attempts, he'll be able to perfectly coat the kunai with his chakra.

However, with the chakra exhaustion, he could probably only train it around 3 or 4 times in a day. Not to mention, there was much more to do after coating the kunai with his chakra. Not wanting to waste weeks on this, he decided to buy soldier pills.

After resting for a couple of hours, he went to his home to get cash and then left to buy the pills. He transformed in an alleyway and went to a shop that sold soldier pills. Soldier pills were extremely useful for a ninja. When he read it the first time, he was a bit amazed by it. A top quality soldier pill, could provide around 30 times the chakra of an average Jounin. And it didn't do it right away, but provided the chakra in small parts, every hour, consistently over 3 days. It also released enzymes which stimulated the ninja to stay awake for 3 days. That's why someone who consumed a soldier pill could fight for 3 days straight.

Unknown to Fujin, there were also better soldier pills, but they were custom made for top ninjas and not available for everyone.

Fujin decided to buy soldier pills of medium quality. These were mostly used by chuunins. Fujin's own chakra reserve now was much higher than an average fresh genin. It was probably better than an average Genin. In the next year, his chakra reserves should grow to the same level as the weaker chuunin academy teachers.

Despite not yet having chuunin level chakra reserves, he still decided to buy medium quality soldier pills because of how exhausting the training was.

He bought 5 pills, for a total of 10,000 Ryo. The prices did make him curse out and also thank the fact that he had started learning Fuinjutsu.

The next 3 days, he trained a lot. On the first day itself, he was able to coat his kunai with chakra. He then charged it with wind nature, and that had an immediate impact on the kunai's sharpness and penetrating power. The chakra extended the kunai's range by 5 cm.

He experimented a bit with his new ability. He thought, 'Excellent, I can cut through branches like I am cutting through thin air. While I can't cut a tree, it's because the size of the kunai is too small. With a sword even that shouldn't be an issue. The kunai is also able to penetrate deep within a boulder. I recall Naruto and Asuma being able to penetrate through a boulder in one of the fillers, so I could try that. Honestly, if an enemy underestimates me and tries to block the kunai, then he'll be very badly injured.

But I do need to reduce the amount of chakra I need to do this. The next part of the training should be to directly try to coat the kunai without coating my whole body too.... So how should I proceed?'

The thought for a bit and then concluded, 'Just directly trying to coat it will probably end up in failure. I should instead try to coat only my hand with chakra and then try to extend it to kunai. I guess I could also try to train in how to infuse chakra in my punches in this way too. While it won't be Tsunade level, the power of chakra infused punches should completely outmatch the power of normal punches.'

He then proceeded trying to coat only his fist with chakra. It took a few hours to be able to do that. He thought, 'Okay, this wasn't so hard.'

He then tried to extend that chakra to kunai. While he was able to extend it, the amount of chakra he could now extend to the kunai was much lesser. He thought, 'I see, since I'm just coating my fist, that's why the amount of chakra

I'm extending is much lesser. So basically I'll have to concentrate more chakra in my fist.'

He then started to concentrate more chakra in his fist. This was much harder than expected. It needed a very high level of chakra control to be able to do that. Luckily for Fujin, he had trained his chakra control a lot. It took a day for him to be able to double the chakra he could concentrate in his fist. Not satisfied with the amount, he kept on trying more.

However, soon 3 days were about to be done. Hence he decided to rush back home before it. As soon as it was 3 days, exhaustion hit him real hard. The side effect of using soldier pills was bad. Luckily it was only a short term exhaustion and didn't have any long term effects. He straightaway went to sleep, without setting any alarm.

When he woke up, he looked at the clock and thought, 'Oh, it's 8:10 am. Wait, I fell asleep yesterday at 4:30 pm. So I slept for over 15 hours? Damn the exhaustion hits hard! Also I'm very hungry right now!'

After brushing and cleaning up, he grabbed a couple of ration bars and ate them. He did his morning workout, though it was 3 hours late, and decided to go out to eat meat for lunch in Yakiniku Q. He rested for the rest of the day, and the next day, continued his training.

It took another 3 days for him to double the amount of chakra he could concentrate in his fist again. He thought, 'Wow, I wonder how strong my punch is now. Let's test out on a boulder.'

On punching the boulder, a lot of cracks appeared on the boulder, but Fujin was screaming internally, 'Bloody hell! This hurts like a bitch!' After a few moments, he checked his fist, and thought 'Wow, there are no visible injuries. Though it hurt a heck of a lot, it didn't cause any bleeding or injury. It only caused a few small scratches. I guess I have really become strong!'

He spent the next 15 days increasing the amount of chakra he could infuse in his kunai and also making the chakra much sharper. While just infusing wind chakra in it had made it very potent, he had to shape his chakra to form a thin edge that aligned with the edges of his kunai for maximum effect. By the time the vacation was over, his kunai could penetrate through three 4 metres wide boulders and get stuck in the 4th boulder. And the range of his kunai, due to chakra flow, was increased by 15 cm.

However, he noticed that once he was able to increase the amount of chakra infused in the kunai and make it much sharper, it started to deteriorate the condition of his kunai. 2 days before the vacation was over, the kunai with which he was practicing with crumbled.

He sighed thinking, 'Well it was a kunai I picked up in the forest. I wonder if a new kunai will last longer. I guess I'll need to buy a few kunai later on. I should also check on the prices of chakra blades.'

The day before the academy started, he visited the best weapon store in Konoha to look for chakra blades. He hadn't transformed this time and just went in as an enthusiast. The reason was that he wanted to show an interest in it and the fact that the shopkeeper was a retired ninja who's chakra was almost twice that of Genki.

The prices however shocked him. He thought, 'What the fuck? A small chakra knife costs 2 million Ryo? Heck, why didn't Kakuzu steal Asuma's chakra blades instead! And though they don't have any chakra swords, the details in the book say that the cheapest one costs 7.5 million Ryo!'

The prices got him thinking, 'Damn, what should I do? The costs are too high. If I focused a lot on Fuinjutsu, and sold a lot of seals, I might be able to make that much in a year or two, but it'll attract a lot of attention. Not to mention that the chakra swords have to be custom made, so trying to get it with a random disguise will most probably not work. I really doubt that the village won't pay any attention to such a big purchase. If I wait till I can earn by doing missions, I doubt I can earn this much till I am able to do rank A missions. That's a long time away!'

He thought for a bit more, and then it clicked, 'That's right, I do have the option of asking it as a reward from Hiruzen. This year, I'll train a lot to dual wield swords. And even show off my training a bit to show everyone how interested I'm in swords. And Genki knows that my nature affinity is wind. So they will get the hint.

Though there are 2 main problems. The first being that pretty much everyone will know about it. The 2nd is whether Hiruzen will actually reward me something so expensive!'

He thought for a bit more, 'Oh well fuck it. I can bypass the first issue by asking Hiruzen to hold onto my swords. When I'm confident that I can take on jounins, I'll ask him for the swords. As for 2nd, if he refuses, then I will ask him

for smaller chakra blades. With all the crap he talks about the Will of Fire, it'll be damn fun to see how he would refuse a young kid twice!

Sadly, I have built a rather mature and a bit nervous image. So I can't throw tantrums if he refused me twice. Though I'll definitely have my revenge if he says no twice despite boring me for hours year after year with his brainwashing speech! If he declines, then in the future, I'll fund Naruto's pranks by supplying him with various seals. Then I'll enjoy watching the mess he makes of Konoha.'

With those thoughts, he laughed like a devil. If Hiruzen was aware of Fujin's thoughts, he'd have probably shivered!

[A/N : Apologies for the delay. Deciding how to go about Chakra flow took some time.]