

# **Naruto: The Wind Calamity**

## **Chapter 26: Getting a Rank C jutsu**

The next day, the fourth year in the academy started. Not having paid any attention to the graduation exam, and wanting to get the information, he decided to go a bit early to the academy.

He reached the class at 7:45 am. On reaching, he saw that 24 kids were already there. And there were 3 new faces. He looked around the class and didn't see Teru, Yori and Nobu in the class. He then went to Hoka, sat besides him and asked, "Morning. What happened in the graduation exam?"

Hoka's mood first soured as he hadn't passed. But on realising, he looked at Fujin in disbelief, "You don't know?"

Fujin shook his head. Hoka continued, "Have you been living under a rock?"

Fujin replied, "Nope, just under trees."

Hoka gave him a deadpan expression. Fujin asked again, "Well are you gonna talk today?"

Hoka then showed a sad face and answered, "I failed. Only Teru, Nobu and Yori passed."

Fujin, having expected that, nodded.

He then asked about what happened in the exams. Hoka gave a summary of what all happened. Despite already knowing the possibility, he sighed at the fact that those 3 could perform rank C jutsu. He thought, 'Sigh, I guess being in a top clan or being backed by a crazy old fellow has its benefits.'

Fujin then asked whether those 3 formed a Genin squad. However Hoka replied, "No, Teru and Yori were placed together in a squad with someone a year older. No idea where Nobu went but I haven't heard about him after the exam."

Fujin thought, 'I see. I guess Danzo inducted him into the root. Though I am surprised that he didn't take Nobu when he was 3-4 years old itself.'

He then asked, "So what's up with the 3 new guys?"

Hoka dismissively replied, "No idea"

Seeing Hoka unconcerned about the new guys, Fujin thought, 'Uh... He isn't the right guy to ask this. He is very aloof if it doesn't involve Taijutsu. But this much information is enough. I wonder if I could use this info to get a few C rank jutsus from Genki.'

After the talk, Fujin decided to continue sitting there for the rest of the day. While he didn't make much of a relationship with his classmates, due to constant spars, his relationship with Hoka and Teru was better than others.

Surprisingly, today, Genki didn't enter the class alone, but was also accompanied by an old man. When he entered, everyone stood up and greeted him, as he was the headmaster of the academy.

After entering, he first made some small talk. Then he started talking about the Will of Fire. And finally, he asked the students to try to graduate this year.

Fujin was quite surprised with this. He only had one thought, 'Wow they are really desperate!'

After he left, Fujin thought, 'I guess not participating this year is not an option. Then again, I have learnt most of the things I can. Only Genjutsu and learning swords are left. And the 2nd book of Fuinjutsu is still left. Still, if they are this desperate, I might actually have a shot at chakra swords!'

After that, the headmaster introduced the 3 new kids. He said, "Since 3 of your classmates have already become Genin, we have transferred 3 students from other divisions to your class. So be friends with them."

The 3 kids introduced themselves to the class. They were the top 3 among the remaining 400 students of their year. Some students were happy to have new classmates, some felt like they didn't need anyone else to join in, so the reaction was mixed.

Fujin's thoughts were, 'I see, so in this way, they ensure that the other students don't become too pressured due to few of their classmates becoming genins. The 3 kids will ensure that the absence of the ones who graduated isn't always felt, but they will still serve as a benchmark for the rest. Also, the

new kids in this class will have to work much harder, if they keep up, they'll become quite strong in the future. It's a pretty smart move!

While Fujin was acknowledging the ingenuity of the move, one person in the class was extremely unhappy, and almost crying too. That person would be the class teacher. Genki thought, 'I taught everything I had to teach to all these kids last year itself! All I had to do was to wait until they absorbed everything and passed the graduation exam. But now I have to again teach these new kids everything!'

While he was depressed and lost in his thoughts, he had a thought that horrified him, 'Wait, so if this year more students pass out, does that mean more students will join the class and I will have to teach them again?'

His shoulders dropped on having that thought, he really was depressed. He sighed, 'This isn't what I signed up for!'

After introducing the new kids, the headmaster left. Genki then announced the syllabus, and it surprised Fujin once again. Genki said, "This year, your main focus will be to master everything I taught you guys in the last 2 years. The 3 basic Ninjutsu as well as the basic skills I taught you. In addition to it, I will also teach you 5 new rank E jutsus. They will be Fire Release : One jutsu, Wind Release : Gale jutsu, Lightning Release : Static String jutsu, Earth Release : Rock Shield jutsu and Water Release : Fish Spit.

These jutsus aren't compulsory for you to learn in order to graduate, however, they will be very helpful to you, if you are able to use them. I've already explained nature affinities to you last year. So I'll check your nature later, and at the very least, you'll have to learn the jutsu of your affinity. Learning all 5 will help you if you decide to graduate early. Your former classmate, Nobu, was able to perform all 5 of these jutsus. That's why he was able to graduate so early."

Mentioning Nobu riled up the class and made them very competitive. Genki was satisfied with the reaction. He thought, 'It's nice to see them so motivated. I should be thankful to Nobu for performing this during the previous year's exam. Else I might not have decided to do this.'

Fujin thought, 'Well this is surprising. I didn't think Genki would teach jutsus of all the 5 elements. But it isn't much of a concern for me. I already know 2 of those 5 jutsus.'

After the class was over, Fujin grabbed a sparring sword from the academy and started practicing swinging it. He had 2 basic ideas, which is why he wanted to learn using swords. The first one was to infuse Wind chakra in his swords, make them incredibly sharp so that he could cut his enemies down, even if they block it with their weapons. It would make him incredibly deadly in close combat. The 2nd idea was to shoot out slashes or thrusts at mid range, similar to what Zoro and Mihawk did in One Piece.

Of the 2 ideas, the first one seemed very realistic. Fujin was confident in being able to do that very soon. He wasn't quite sure about the 2nd one though. His memories regarding the small events in Naruto had grown a bit hazy by now, so from what he could recall, there was only one ninja who could use brute force at mid-range. That was Guy while performing his Morning Peacock and Evening Elephant. However, even if he wasn't able to send slashes flying with brute strength, it could be replicated by launching a slash of chakra instead. Like the Samurai are able to do. And it could be improved further by charging that chakra with wind nature.

After practicing for an hour, he sighed at his sword skills. He thought, 'Even though I have watched a lot of swordplay in my previous life, I don't really have a proper way to train it. Oh well, I'll bother Genki once again.'

So he kept the sword back, and went to find Genki. On finding Genki, he saw Genki talking with a fellow teacher. He waited for a bit. Genki after seeing Fujin, cut short his talk and asked Fujin why he was here.

Fujin said, "Sensei, I want to learn how to use swords. Can you teach it to me?"

Genki almost cried internally, 'First, that headmaster made me teach 3 new kids everything again! Now this brat comes and asks me to teach him how to use swords. As if I don't have any other work to do. And he doesn't even attempt the graduation exam!'

He gathered himself and sighed, 'Whatever, I can't say no to him. But I do need to have a talk with him. I want him to graduate this year. If he stays for another year or two and if others start taking a cue from him and ask me to teach more, my life will become hell!'

Fujin was surprised at Genki sighing. He wondered, 'What's up with him? Wasn't he always very enthusiastic when the students wanted to learn more?'

Genki then replied, "I don't use swords much. But I have a couple of friends who do. I'll arrange you some sessions with them." While he was saying this, he thought, 'I am so glad that I made so many good friends, on whom I can offload my students!'

Fujin nodded and thanked him. Genki then asked a few more things. And then moved on the topic to Graduation exams. He asked, "Fujin, what are your thoughts on graduation?"

Fujin sighed internally at the question, 'There really is no other option this year.' He put up a thoughtful expression and said, "I will be attempting it this year. Last year I wanted to attempt it too, but I got a bit scared as it was told to us at the last moment. And I didn't know what to do."

He then showed a slightly yearning and slightly sad expression and said in a sad voice while looking down, "But after hearing that Yori, Teru and Nobu were all able to perform rank C jutsus, I guess it was a good thing I didn't attempt the exam. I would have made a fool of myself if I did."

Fujin maintained that expression, while hoping that Genki takes pity and gives him some rank C wind release jutsus.

On seeing Fujin's expression, Genki felt some sympathy for him. He thought, 'An orphan with no clan becoming a ninja is pretty difficult. Not having the resources that a clan provides puts them at a huge disadvantage. I myself struggled a lot due to coming from a civilian family.' He sighed a bit and decided, 'Alright, I should cheer him up and give him a rank C jutsu. Great Breakthrough jutsu is a very basic one for wind users. And I'm sure that Lord Hokage would agree too. But first I need to check up on his progress.'

He tried to cheer Fujin up a bit, and then asked, "We checked your nature affinity more than a year back. How far have you progressed with it?"

Fujin replied, "Sensei, I managed to cut the leaf in two. I learnt Gale jutsu from the library. I can also do Breakthrough jutsu, but I'm still improving it."

Genki was a bit surprised at the answer, 'I didn't expect him to come so far, and even practice jutsus by himself. Then again, he was very diligent. Also rank E and D jutsu aren't hard to perform. But since he has learnt these 2, Great Breakthrough jutsu should become easier for him to learn.'

He then said, "That's good. Can you show me how well you can do them?"

Fujin nodded and they went to the training grounds. Fujin first performed Gale jutsu properly. Though he could perform it without hand signs, he made all the hand signs while showing it to Genki. Genki nodded and said, "That's good. Show me Breakthrough jutsu, try it on that tree." He pointed to a nearby tree.

Fujin once again made the hand signs, but he made them at a slower speed. He also controlled the power of the jutsu. It only broke off a few leaves and a few twigs. After performing the jutsu, he thought, 'Well this much should be enough. If I had gone full power and turned this tree into a naked tree with plenty of deep cuts, a certain someone would have gotten very interested in me.'

Genki was impressed with Fujin's performance, 'That's good. Though the power is a bit lacking, it's sufficient considering that he is only 9 years old and didn't have anyone to teach him. But his talent in Ninjutsu is definitely not as good as the 3 who passed.'

Genki thought a bit more on whether he could help Fujin more, but he couldn't come up with anything. He concluded, 'Oh well. Even if he doesn't become a Ninjutsu expert, he still is a sensor. Not to mention that his Taijutsu is solid too. And though his Ninjutsu ain't very good, the wind element makes fire stronger. So, between his sensor skills and wind jutsus, he will provide a lot of utility to his squad.

So becoming a special jounin within a decade shouldn't be an issue for him. He might even become a jounin if he grows well.'

On concluding his thoughts, he said, "Nice work Fujin. Both the jutsu have been learnt very well. Though you should work on increasing their power." Fujin nodded and said, "Yes Sensei."

Genki continued, "Don't worry about rank C jutsu. I'll see if I can get one for you."

Fujin quickly thanked him. The next day, Genki, after taking Hiruzen's permission, handed the scroll for Great Breakthrough jutsu to Fujin. He said, "This jutsu is the next stage of Breakthrough jutsu. Learn it properly, it'll help you to graduate." Fujin thanked him again.

## **Chapter 27: Kenjutsu**

From the next day, Fujin restarted his Fuinjutsu practice by leaving a clone back home. He hadn't practiced it much in the last 2 months as he couldn't leave clones behind when he did Ninjutsu training. He still had a few basic seals to learn. Fujin guessed that it'll take another 2-3 months to be done with them. Then he could move on to the next scroll.

One dilemma he had was whether he should leave one or two shadow clones back home? Since the time he had started to practice shadow clones, his chakra had grown to over 3 times. According to the scroll, if a shadow clone could use two thirds of its chakra before dispelling, only then it is considered a proper shadow clone. According to that logic, Fujin could make only 1 proper shadow clone. However, practicing Fuinjutsu for 7 hours didn't require that much chakra. So he could leave 2 shadow clones if he wanted to. On analyzing, he decided, 'For now let's just leave 1 clone. I'll see how the academy goes for the first week and then decide.'

The day after that, Genki handed Fujin the scroll for Great Breakthrough jutsu. Fujin started learning it the very same day. It was very similar to Breakthrough jutsu. Just had a lot more power. He managed to learn it on the very same day. Though there was still a lot of room for improvement. The power had to be increased a lot, and hand signs had to be reduced to zero. He recalled, 'I remember Orochimaru making a mess of the forest in the chuunin exams with this jutsu. So there's a lot more I need to do to increase its power. But at least this jutsu is learnt. I'll keep the scroll with me for 3 weeks, and then return it to Genki.'

Later in that week, Genki checked everyone's affinity. Unsurprisingly, most had the Fire affinity. The remaining were split between the Earth and Water affinities. No one had the Lightning affinity, and Fujin, who's affinity was already known, was the only one to have the Wind affinity.

Genki also explained the jutsus to the class. The lightning one basically just formed strings of lightning that could shock anyone it touched. But it lacked power and was pretty harmless overall. The water one involved spitting out one small jet of water.

**Fire Release :** One jutsu however surprised the whole class. While it was a simple jutsu that involved producing a heat ray with one finger, it was the most basic jutsu from a set of six jutsus. Each of the six jutsus built up on one another and the last one, was a very powerful Rank A jutsu.

This information got Fujin very interested in the technique. Right now, he had the knowledge of only 1 rank A jutsu. Having another he could learn would increase his fire power a lot. However, he controlled his desire for the jutsu due to 2 reasons. He hadn't yet trained his fire nature, and this jutsu didn't seem like it could be enhanced with his wind release jutsus.

In all, the 5 jutsus could be used alongside the basic skills Genki had taught. Fire Release : One jutsu could start fires. Fish Spit jutsu could douse it. Gale jutsu could cover tracks. Rock Shield jutsu could defend and create a cover to hide. And Static String jutsu could paralyze small animals for a minute or two. So they were pretty handy.

Next week, Genki announced, "Today we will be learning about swordsmanship. I have invited a guest teacher to guide you."

Genki had thought about this after Fujin asked him to teach him how to use swords. He concluded, 'Swordplay training can be done by everyone. So it won't be fair to only arrange it for Fujin. If someone of the 30 students have innate talent for swordsmanship, then it'll be a good find. Even if no one has interest in it, just learning how to use another weapon would be helpful for them. I'll just talk to Lord Hokage and try and arrange someone for this job.'

Fujin was surprised by the announcement, but on thinking more, he realized that it was very reasonable.

Everyone went to the academy training grounds. On entering, they saw Genki talking with a tall, muscular guy who carried one sword on him. Genki introduced him, "He will be teaching you how to use swords. His name is Nakaya Michi. He is a chuunin like me."

Everyone greeted Michi respectfully. Michi first started by giving a background of swordplay. He gave a rather passionate speech about being a swordsman. He talked about the first and second Hokage using swords. He also talked about treating the sword as an extension of your body. Fujin was getting serious 'Guy' vibes from this guy.

After 15 minutes of his speech, he then got to the basics of swordplay. He taught how to hold the sword, what stance to take, how to swing it and so on. Fujin paid a lot of attention to his instructions. However not everyone was interested in it. The students from Nara, Akimichi, Inuzuka, Aburame and Hyuga clans showed zero interest in it.



After a week, Michi asked who all were interested in pursuing swordplay seriously. Aside from Fujin, only 1 civilian kid and one from the Hatake clan decided to practice it seriously. Michi talked to all 3 of them to understand more about them, and why they wanted to pursue swordsmanship and to what degree they wanted to learn it.

On asking that question to Fujin, he replied, "I want to develop my swordplay as much as I can and make it my main mode of combat in close distance."

Michi then praised and asked, "That's a good attitude. You'll be a fine swordsman one day. But do you have any ideas on how to proceed ahead in using swords?"

Fujin wasn't sure what all options were available in Konoha. So he shook his head and said, "No, I am not aware. Can you tell me what all the paths that are available?"

Michi replied, "Well in Konoha, we have a lot of dances that go along with swords. For example, I know the Dance of Crescent Moon which is one of the strongest Kenjutsu in Konoha. There are many basic styles that you would need to learn before you can do this Kenjutsu."

Fujin blinked, and replied with a question, "Dance?"

Michi laughed out loud and then replied, "Well they ain't exactly dances. They are just movements that have to be done in a particular pattern. That pattern helps you create some effects which are very lethal in a battle. Like some movements create after images, or make you disappear or make it seem like you ain't moving. But since those movements seem like an elegant dance, it was termed as such."

Fujin put up his thinking face and thought, 'Well I obviously know that. However, the dance, while having good effects, is in itself very restrictive. A good opponent can easily disrupt those movements. Baki could straight up defend it by having stronger defensive means. That's why that Hayate guy died so easily.'

Though if someone learns all these styles, they could come up with a very advanced Kenjutsu style, but that'll easily take a decade or more. Not the kind of time I have. I just want a straightforward approach with swords. High offensive power, enough proficiency to defend with the swords and my agility

to dodge or chase if need be. With wind chakra flow, just this much will be extremely lethal against any normal ninja.

Now how to convey this to him. I can't just say that your styles are weak! I can't just say that if Madara asked you whether you can dance, and if you showed him your Dance of Crescent Moon, then he might bang his head on the ground and go back to his grave! Wait, that doesn't sound like Madara. No he might instead drop a few meteors. Yeah, that sounds like him.'

He then answered, "For now I don't want to learn the various dances. I just want to learn how to do a strong frontal assault with swords."

He then paused for a few seconds and said, "Umm.. I don't know if it's possible or not, but is there any way to make the swords more lethal by using chakra or send flying slashes?"

Fujin had to be very careful here, after all, the library had no mention of chakra flow. So he had to present it as his own idea.

Michi was initially a bit disappointed with Fujin as he didn't want to learn the various sword styles of Leaf. But he was very surprised when he heard the question, 'Did this brat think about Chakra flow by himself? Also aren't those samurais able to send chakra flying in the form of slashes? This kid has a very innovative way of thinking. Sadly, I myself haven't learnt Chakra flow or Samurai Sabre Techniques.'

He was a bit distressed over it, 'Now what to do. It's super embarrassing to tell him that I don't know it. Dance of Crescent Moon doesn't require chakra flow. Also learning it will take a lot of time and effort, which is why most of us don't learn it.'

He thought a bit more and finally sighed and said, "What you are talking about is chakra flow. We send chakra through our swords to make them stronger. However, it is a very complicated technique and very few in Konoha know it. So don't worry about it right now.

As for flying slashes, Samurais are able to do it, however their techniques are a secret, so learning it will be difficult."

Fujin showed disappointed expressions. He thought, 'Wow, this guy is useless! Couldn't he at least get someone who knows that to teach me?'

Looking at Fujin's disappointment, Michi consoled him saying, "But you don't need to worry, those are very high level concepts and you could have an opportunity to learn them in the future. For now, I'll drill all the basics in you."

Fujin nodded at him, thinking, 'Sigh, my expectations have grown a bit too much. This guy doesn't really owe me anything. I guess having a class teacher who is so helpful increased my expectations a lot.'

He then thought for a bit more and concluded, 'Well if Hiruzen denies me chakra blades, then I could ask him to arrange someone to guide me in Samurai Saber Techniques. Even though Michi said that those techniques are a secret, it's highly unlikely that no one in Konoha knows it. Also, now that Michi has mentioned it, I do have an excuse to explain from where I learnt about it.'

After that discussion, Michi started teaching the basics to all 3 students.

Later that day, Fujin bought a sword for himself. The sword was normal, but it's quality was better than a normal kunai. It cost him 22.5k Ryo after some bargaining. The reason to buy it was because he couldn't practice Chakra flow with the sparring swords in the academy.

## Chapter 28: Genjutsu

The year continued in such a manner. Michi did drill a lot of basics into Fujin, which Fujin absorbed like a sponge. As for the 5 basic elemental jutsus, Fujin didn't bother to learn them for now.

From the 2nd week, Fujin started to leave 2 clones back home to learn Fuinjutsu, this doubled his speed of learning Fuinjutsu. However, in order to not mess up his brain, both clones practiced the same symbol or seal.

1 and half month after the 4th year began, Fujin was done with the basic Fuinjutsu. In this period, he also noted, 'Since both my clones practice the same seal, it doesn't double my speed of learning. After dispelling both of them, I get the perspectives of the clones. Hence the base formed is much stronger, but it comes at the cost of the learning speed. In all I think that my learning speed has increased by around 60%.'

He analyzed for a bit more and concluded, 'The optimal use of shadow clones will be when each of my clones learn different things. However, the one attempt I did caused me an insane headache. So while this ain't the best use I can make of shadow clones, I guess this is the most optimal path for me. I suppose having a sturdier base would be more important than learning speed.'

After learning the basic seals, he decided to learn more advanced seals from the next version which was in section D of the library.

This book had seals to store an element in it. For instance, seals that could seal fire in them. It made him wonder if the seal Jiraiya used to store Amaterasu was such a simple seal.

The element stored could be created with the help of Ninjutsu. However this wasn't a necessity. Elements could be taken from the surroundings as well. Like for water, he could store water from a river in the seal. On reading the seals in the book, he realized, 'It looks like the seals Shikamaru used against Kakuzu are in this scroll. However, I guess what he used wasn't normal water, but instead water that conducted electricity much easier. I guess they put a lot of salts in the water, or maybe something else to increase its conductivity. Anyways, even these don't have much use in combat. It'll require very high creativity to use them effectively.'

He started learning those seals.

3 months after the 4th year began, Fujin managed to perform Great Breakthrough jutsu without any hand signs. In the next month, he managed to do the same for Rock Shield jutsu. However he still had to slam his hands on the ground to perform it.

He decided, 'I should learn to perform Rock Shield jutsu by stamping one foot on the ground instead. So I'll have to learn how to send earth nature chakra underground through my feet instead.'

He thought a bit more and concluded, 'It's difficult. The hand signs for Rock Shield jutsu gathers earth nature chakra into the hands and then it's released into the ground. In order to do it by stamping the foot, I'll have to manipulate the chakra to be released from my feet instead. But if I could learn it, it would be an incredibly annoying defense. I could make a shield with every step while I run backwards. I guess it's worth it, so I'll train later while also trying to create wind bursts through my feet.'

After another month, Fujin decided to start training to use 2 swords at the same time. He bugged Michi to train him with the basics for the same. He then made a point to ensure that a lot of people see him training with 2 swords. His previous sword had deteriorated a lot in these 5 months, so he bought 2 new ones.

He trained for another month, but didn't have any success at reducing the hand signs for Earth Military Movement jutsu to zero. With only 4 months remaining for final exams, he decided to stop training the 2 Earth release jutsus and start learning Genjutsu.

He visited the library and began searching for scrolls on Genjutsu. He found a few scrolls in section 0. Some were just on basic knowledge of Genjutsu which were covered in the lectures, a few on countering Genjutsu and one on learning it. He began reading the one that explained how to learn it. However, the very first sentence startled him. His first thought was 'How straightforward!'

The scroll started by stating, 'Genjutsu requires very precise chakra control and very high intelligence, if you lack either, then don't bother.'

However, he soon became very sceptical, 'Is very high intelligence really needed? After all, Kurenai used Genjutsu on fucking Itachi!'

He continued reading it and analyzed, 'I see, so a Genjutsu is created when a ninja extends their chakra flow through the cerebral nervous system of their opponent to control their mind's chakra, thereby affecting their five senses. In this way, illusions of what doesn't exist can be fed to the opponent.'

Genjutsu in itself can be divided into 2 categories. First is creating a whole new environment with Genjutsu. Here the opponent can easily tell that he's under a Genjutsu. Itachi's Tsukuyomi or the Genjutsu Kurenai used on Itachi and Kisame can be included here. The second is just to make a small change, i.e., to plant a small suggestion in the opponent. This is harder to detect, but it isn't as strong as the first one. However, when used at the right moment, this is very lethal.'

The scroll also talked a lot about how to extend their chakra through the opponent's nervous systems and tricks to do it stealthily. It also had a lot of diagrams regarding the cerebral nervous system. He then went to search sections D & E of the library to see if he could get a basic Genjutsu to learn.

However, he received a big surprise. There were over a hundred Genjutsu in just those 2 sections! He was shocked by it and thought, 'Did they put everything that Uchiha and Kurama have here?'

He sighed at the high amount of reading and analysis he'd have to do. In order to not waste too much time, he just began opening the scrolls on the spot and reading the description and putting them back. It still took him over 4 hours to go through all of them.

After reading each and every scroll, he concluded, 'Most of the jutsus here have no combat application. It's just different ways and scenarios of using Genjutsu. I guess someone like Itachi or even Kurenai could easily use these after reading it once.'

Anyways, I don't really have any intention to be a master at Genjutsu. With those Uchihas around, it's pretty pointless anyways. I just need to learn ways to counter it and that Darkness Genjutsu that Hashirama or Tobirama created to counter the Sharingan. Though I guess that one is a B or A ranked Genjutsu.

So I guess I should learn a couple. Let's go with rank E Double Vision jutsu and rank D Demonic Illusion: Hell Viewing jutsu.

Double Vision makes the opponent see doubles of everything. So it would be useful in putting the opponent under a lot of pressure. And Hell Viewing is the one which Kakashi used on Sakura.'

He then read how Double Vision jutsu is performed. He also read a few scrolls on countering Genjutsu. And then followed the usual protocol and reached a mini-forest.

Genjutsu training couldn't be performed solo. It needed someone to cast the Genjutsu on. Otherwise it's result will be entirely unknown. So he created a shadow clone to practice it.

His plan was, 'I will try to cast a Genjutsu on my clone. Once the clone dispels, I'll get all memories of what was experienced by the clone as well as my ability to cast a Genjutsu. Also, the clone will try to resist the Genjutsu and will try to release it, this way I can train in both casting and countering Genjutsu at the same time.'

To counter Genjutsu, a ninja had two ways. The first being to stop his chakra flow and disrupt it. And the second being to inflict pain upon yourself to break out of the Genjutsu. Stabbing yourself with a kunai, or biting the tongue or any other means were fine too. Of course a shadow clone couldn't use the 2nd way.

He began by trying to affect his clone's cerebral nervous system with his chakra flow. He recalled all the diagrams he had seen and the ways to affect your opponent's cerebral nervous system with your chakra. It required extremely precise chakra control. He didn't have any success on day 1.

He kept practicing it, and it took him 16 days to be able to do it. After another 7 days, he was able to successfully use Double Vision jutsu on his clone. For Double Vision jutsu, after his chakra invaded his clone's nervous system, he had to affect his vision and double all inputs it received. The main point was to ensure that your chakra output is so low that the enemy doesn't sense it.

His clone observed, 'Wow, I can see doubles of everything! 2 of my main body, 2 trees for each one, even every pebble on the ground and the clouds too have doubled. Apart from that, the ground and sky seems normal. I guess because it is so large, I can't make any difference between one or two of them. But, regarding the doubles, I can't see much difference between them. If I hadn't already seen the surroundings, then I would have not noticed most of the things to be doubled. I'd just think that there are more pebbles on the ground, the forests are denser and that there are more clouds in the sky than normal. I'd of course notice the peculiarity of seeing 2 main bodies though. So I guess if I am visible to the enemy while casting this Genjutsu, the enemy would understand that something is wrong. Similarly if there are more than one opponent, then it'll be identified very quickly too. Apart from this, even though my main body did suppress his chakra as much as he could, since I'm a sensor, I could actually sense his chakra trying to influence me.' He then closed his eyes and tried to sense around him, 'I see, since the Genjutsu targeted my vision, only that was affected. If I try to sense, I only sense one main body. So this Genjutsu won't work against sensors.'

The clone then stopped sensing and nodded to Fujin. Fujin took that signal and launched 4 shurikens on the clone. The clone saw them as 8 shurikens and thought, 'I saw both the main body's toss 4 shurikens each on me.' and flickered around to dodge the shurikens. Fujin then used Projectile Control jutsu to have those shurikens chase his clone. Since he could see 8 shurikens, it was a bit tougher to dodge them. After half a minute, the clone used Gale Surge jutsu to disrupt the main body's control over the shurikens.

He then used Wind Retrieving jutsu and pulled 2 shurikens towards himself and caught them with each hand. However, he was only able to catch one, while the other disappeared. The clone then dispelled himself and passed all the memories to Fujin.

Fujin analyzed, 'I see. The jutsu isn't as useful as I thought it'd be. The only use is when an enemy is all by himself, and I hide around him and target him with shurikens. Even that will only work if I get him to an unknown place where he won't observe any difference in his surroundings. Also, it won't work against sensors. One very important piece of information I got is that I can sense an enemy trying to influence me through Genjutsu. The question is, did that happen because I am a noob when it comes to Genjutsu, or can every sensor sense this passively. If I can, then this will become an excellent way to counter Genjutsu. All I have to do is disrupt my chakra before the enemy completes his Genjutsu. Of course, there will be limitations for this. I don't think this way would work against Sharingan as it performs Genjutsu with only eye contact. However I could sense Genjutsu cast by others easily and disrupt it mid-way. Who knows, perhaps with practice, it might even counter the Sharingan.'

He then resumed his practice. Only this time, his clone would stop and disrupt his chakra after the Genjutsu was casted. The clone managed to get it done within a day. On the next day, his clone would attempt to disrupt his chakra as soon as he felt Fujin's chakra invading his nervous system. Surprisingly, that only took a few hours to learn.

Happy with the progress, he decided to move on to the next jutsu.

## **Chapter 29: Combat Practice (1)**

Fujin started to learn Demonic Illusion : Hell Viewing jutsu. This jutsu was more advanced than the previous one. In its simplest form, it affected the opponent's vision and showed him the view that the caster wanted to show him. Alongside that, the caster also had to affect the opponent to trigger fear and dread. This jutsu could be improved by influencing the opponent's sense of smell and hearing too. Fujin recalled, 'The Genjutsu that Kakashi casted on Sakura, had Sasuke asking her for help. So I guess he controlled her hearing too. I am not sure if he influenced her sense of smell too, then he could have added a stench of blood.'



He began practice for this jutsu. He practiced triggering his clone's fear and dread, and then influencing his sense of sound and smell. It took 7 days to get all these 3 down. He then had to work on creating an illusion, however he hit a roadblock, 'So what exactly am I afraid of?' He thought for a bit, 'The only thing I fear right now is Danzo forcefully inducting me into Root. But even then, it's not something I dread. I guess that's my good luck that I don't have any mental demons.'

He thought more, and then it finally clicked him. He casted the Genjutsu on his clone. His clone allowed the Genjutsu to be cast. Nothing happened for a few seconds, but then the clone saw something. There was a small black dot over the horizon, and it kept getting bigger. He soon noticed what it was and thought, 'Fucking Tailed Beast Bomb???' As soon as he saw it, he felt fear and dread! However, having experienced it for a few days, he understood that Fujin had triggered his fear and dread. The tailed beast bomb hit him and the illusion was over.'

The clone then dispelled himself to pass the memories back to Fujin. Fujin thought, 'That went well. I guess right now, my biggest fear is dying like a cannon fodder, without being able to do anything about it!'

He then thought a bit more about the illusion, 'The illusion was pretty well. However the shape of the Tailed Beast Bomb wasn't stable, that has to be improved. Also the ending was abrupt. While a weaker opponent, like Sakura, might fall unconscious, a hardened ninja would definitely not be unconscious after the illusion. So perhaps it could be expanded further to give me more time to deliver a killing blow. Perhaps after the explosion, I could induce the smell of soil and blood, and maybe show the opponent an image of his own dead body, make them think they died and are now a soul or a ghost for a few seconds!'

He continued working on improving his illusion. It took a week for him to be satisfied with the illusion he created.

After he had learnt those 2 Genjutsu, less than 3 months were left for final exams. Fujin was progressing very well on all parameters. However, there was one important aspect that he hadn't focused on yet.

He thought, 'Alright, everything's going well. My chakra level is already on par with the weaker academy teachers. My Ninjutsu and Taijutsu too have probably surpassed genin level. Fuinjutsu is going well, I should be done with the current scroll in another 6 months. In Kenjutsu, basics have been learnt

well and chakra flow has become much smoother. I can easily cut through a tree with my sword. Heck, I can cut a boulder too. And I have started with Genjutsu too.

However, I severely lack combat experience. In fact, it won't be wrong to say that I have no combat experience at all. After all, there's no danger to life or even any permanent injury in the Taijutsu tournament. We aren't even allowed to throw shurikens at each other. Another important thing is battle and survival instincts. To be able to make a move purely on instinct in the middle of a fight, or to be able to sense if my life is in danger, is something that is incredibly important for any ninja. Otherwise, just a sneak attack with a shuriken is enough to kill anyone. Luckily, my instincts are much stronger due to me being a sensor, however it ain't enough. So over the next 3 months, I need to spar frequently with my shadow clone.'

He thought a bit more and decided, 'To start with, let's use wooden weapons. After I'm comfortable with it, I can move on to real ones.'

On the next Saturday, he went to a mini-forest. After confirming no one was around, he made a clone, and decided to spar.

Both he and his clone were armed with 24 wooden shurikens, 6 wooden kunai and 2 wooden swords. They stood face to face, 10 metres apart.

Fujin picked up a pebble, and tossed it into the air. The pebble hitting the ground was the signal to start the fight. Since the clone was made after all the planning was done, there was no need for any dialogue.

As soon as the pebble hit the ground, both Fujin and his clone jumped backwards and launched Great Breakthrough jutsu. The jutsus clashed with each other, creating a lot of sharp winds that broke a lot of branches.

After launching the jutsu, both flickered away to stay out of the range of the jutsu. Once the winds started dying down, Fujin and his clone started observing the patterns within the winds. Fujin soon spotted an opportunity and thought, 'There!' Quickly, he threw 3 shurikens in the winds. Due to the flow of the winds, they changed direction and we're headed straight to the clone.

The clone noticed that, and flickered 50 metres to his left. Fujin noticed the clone flickering and observed properly, 'That direction' and tossed another 3 shurikens out. Next, he performed Projectile Control jutsu and controlled all 6 of his shurikens to target his clone.

Looking at the 6 shurikens heading at him, the clone kept using Body Flicker to dodge and waited for the right moment. It soon came and the clone prepared 2 spheres of wind and instantly launched Wind Explosion jutsu. The twin explosions destroyed 3 shurikens and threw 2 out of Fujin's control.

However, Fujin directed the remaining shuriken on his clone, not allowing his clone any rest.

The clone looked at the last shuriken and thought, 'Trying to block it will be risky if he makes a sudden change in direction. I need a distraction.' The clone moved backwards and slammed his hands on the ground and brought a rock shield up.

Fujin changed the direction of the shuriken to curve around the boulder, but there was nothing behind there. He thought, 'Damn, did he substitute or go underground?' and flickered on a branch of nearby trees. He then fully activated his sensor mode and focused underground and sensed his clone.

He thought, 'Alright, just gotta wait till he surfaces' and prepared a wind sphere in each hand.

The clone underground was heading straight up to Fujin to make a sneak attack. However, he sensed himself being sensed by Fujin and also the chakra built up for Wind Explosion jutsu, 'Damn, can't launch an attack now. I need to get out of the ground, my speed underground is much slower. But I don't think I can dodge his Wind Explosion jutsu.'

The analysis was done within fractions of a second, and the clone decided to leave the ground directly. Fujin, sensing his clone, flickered close to where his clone would surface. As soon as the clone's head popped out, Fujin launched both the spheres and started preparing more.

The clone, whose head was barely above the ground, thought 'As expected' and created a rock shield that he had already prepared. He had put much higher chakra into the rock shield, due to which, the shield was much larger and sturdier. The wind spheres clashed with the rock shield and exploded. The winds eroded the surface of the shield, but couldn't break through it.

As soon as he saw the rock shield appearing from the ground, Fujin, who had already prepared two more wind spheres, flickered to get a better shot at the clone. Even before the rock shield was entirely erected, he was already adjacent to his clone and only around 10 metres away from him. The clone

couldn't see Fujin flickering due to the rock shield, however on seeing that he was so close to himself, he fired a couple shurikens on Fujin.

Fujin saw the 2 shurikens shooting towards himself and thought, 'Tch... I don't want to engage them.' and sent a wind sphere to counter them and launched the second one on the clone. The clone however flickered away and Fujin chased after him.

Over the next minute, they flickered around at very high speed and tried to hit each other with Wind Explosion jutsu, shurikens or kunais. However, neither were successful.

The clone found an opportunity to surround Fujin with 6 shurikens, and in the only direction that he could escape, the clone fired a couple of wind explosion jutsus. Fujin thought, 'Damn, escaping normally will be risky. Let's go underground' and he entered the ground using Earth Military Movement jutsu. However, remembering his clone's earlier predicament, he didn't close the distance, but instead went in the opposite direction and kept sensing his clone and the wind spheres.

He thought, 'Alright, I now need a distraction for getting out of the ground.' He prepared Great Breakthrough jutsu. As soon as he got his head out of the ground, he saw the clone launching 2 wind spheres at him while manipulating 6 shurikens too. However, Fujin blew it all away with Great Breakthrough jutsu. The clone itself was in the range and escaped underground.

Fujin tracked his clone while thinking, 'I guess he'll try something similar as I did. I wonder if I could disrupt his underground movement.'

He then approached the place which was directly above the spot where his clone was and punched hard using chakra infused punch. The ground cracked a bit. The clone underground felt the vibrations due to that punch, however it didn't cause any damage.

Fujin thought, 'Dang, that didn't work! Sigh, I guess I'm nowhere near Tsunade's level.' He then flickered on a nearby tree and prepared 2 wind explosion jutsus while also readying himself to flicker away. As he waited for his clone to surface, he thought 'I really need to learn a way to force someone out of the ground. The ones I can think of are that jutsu which Onoki's son used and maybe flooding the ground with water to restrict access to air.'

The clone on the other hand too was planning, 'That was close! If I was stronger, then that punch could have dispelled me. So what do I do now? I can sense my main body has prepared Wind Explosion jutsu and is waiting for me to pop out. I don't think that the rock shield will work very well this time.'

He was still noticing when he felt something, 'Wait, I can breathe? I see, the cracks in the ground due to that punch allowed some air to seep in. I guess that sucks for the main body. Also, though I never thought about it, it's surprising that a shadow clone needs to breathe. I wonder if Tobirama couldn't create Shadow Clone jutsu without adding the ability to breathe or did he add it just to improve its efficiency to perform infiltration missions. If it's the latter, then I need to find a way to remove the breathing requirement of the shadow clone. That way shadow clones could stay underground for hours!

Anyways, now that I don't have any time pressure, I'll just wait here till I can come up with something good. After all, I don't have anything to deal with someone hiding underground.'

Fujin on the other hand kept on waiting on a tree branch, for the clone to surface. After waiting for 5 minutes, his thoughts were, 'Does a clone not need to breathe? Surely those cracks can't provide air all the way down, can it? Sigh, I really can't do anything. Only Mud Moat jutsu can have a chance, but it's range is too short to work. I wonder if my clone has some strategy or is he just wasting time.'

He kept sensing the clone for another 5 minutes, and finally had enough and dispelled the clone. On getting the clone's memories, he sighed at the clone's tactic to wait patiently underground, 'Sigh, that's my clone alright. I remember that one Counter Strike game I played in my previous life. Both my team and the enemies went at each other, and within 5 minutes all my teammates were dead and only 2 enemies were alive. They thought they won, but then realized that they still had one more to kill. Poor guys tried to find me for 5 minutes straight! And finally when they entered the cave I was hidden in, I killed them!'

[A/N : This was my first attempt at writing a fight, please let me know how it was. Tips/Criticisms are welcomed.]

## **Chapter 30: Combat Practice (2)**

Fujin began analyzing his spar, 'Well ignoring the ending, the spar went quite well. However, it was mostly a mid range fight. I used Great Breakthrough jutsu and Wind Explosion jutsu for offense, Projectile Control jutsu to control the battlefield, Rock Shield jutsu for defense and Body Flicker jutsu and Earth Military Movement jutsu for dodging. Wind clones was another jutsu that could have been used, but we didn't due to the confusion it'd have created. Other jutsus didn't work in this fight.

Actually, I did try to close the distance, however my clone ensured that we never got to fight in close range as he'd be dispelled with just one hit. So I couldn't use Taijutsu or swords and I never got any opportunity to use Wind Propelling jutsu. And casting Genjutsu in such a high paced battle was just not possible with my current skills.

As for the areas of concern, it's definitely underground battles. I don't have any way to deal with an underground enemy, apart from going underground myself. But I don't have any skill in fighting underground anyways, so that'd be disadvantageous for me. Also punching on the ground to crack it open is incredibly dumb. The enemy underground just gets better access to air!

Apart from that, I also need a stronger offense. I guess I could have sent a kunai through the rock shield, but I couldn't do it with a wooden kunai. Either way, my current Ninjutsu can't crack it.

Also, I need to use Flicker more properly. Both me and my clone at times flickered too faraway. That kind of reset the tempo. I need to be able to estimate the right distance to flicker, so that I can continue my offense right away. I guess that'll take a lot of spars to get right.'

After analyzing, he summarised 'Alright, in terms of mid-range combat, I surpass most of the genins that took part in the Chuunin Exam in Naruto. Only Gaara would easily beat me and Temari and Shino might be able to compete. My speed is definitely faster than Lee with his weights on. And body flicker is probably on par with his weights off. But body flicker doesn't have the same flexibility, maneuverability or even stamina that his natural speed has.

As for my Ninjustu, Great Breakthrough jutsu and Wind Explosion jutsu are coming along really well. The Earth Release jutsus worked as I thought they would. And I'm really surprised with the high usability that Projectile Control jutsu provided. Though I can only control 8 shurikens max for the time being, it's still incredibly useful.'

He then thought about what improvements he should make, 'To improve power, I think I'd need to learn Fire Release jutsus. After all, I don't have any access to higher rank jutsus for the time being. But me being able to use 3 elements will be very eye catching. I guess I should wait till my genin squad is formed. If one of my teammates is able to use Fire Release, I can leave this for the future. Secondly, I think I should finally start learning Rasengan. And I also need to pack a lot of Explosion tags! I wonder if I could attach an explosion tag to a kunai powered by wind chakra flow. That way I could send a kunai through any defense the enemy puts up, and explode the tag when the enemy tries to dodge.

As for flickering distance, it should improve with more spars. And underground combat I'll leave for later on as I don't have access to anything that'll help me combat it. I also need to improve the way I carry my weapons. I should try to inscribe some storage seals on the weapon pouches. Maybe even go a step further and make a wristband with multiple storage seals to get what I want instantly.

Anyways, I also need to test out close range combat and see how it goes.'

He finally stopped analyzing and made another shadow clone. This time the rules were to fight in close range. So Great Breakthrough and Breakthrough jutsus weren't allowed, and staying underground for more than a few seconds also wasn't allowed. Flickering was restricted to 10 metres.

Both Fujin and his clone stood 20 metres apart, and Fujin tossed a pebble in the air. As soon as the pebble hit the ground, Fujin rushed towards his clone. However, his clone quickly prepared and launched a Wind Explosion jutsu. Fujin side-stepped the wind sphere, and continued moving towards the clone.

As soon as the clone saw Fujin side-stepping, he exploded the wind sphere. But, as Fujin had continued rushing past it, he didn't take any damage, and just felt strong winds on his back. He then slashed his sword, aiming to slice the clone's neck. The clone, not having time to grab his own swords, infused chakra in his fist and blocked it with the back of his fist. He then flickered behind and grabbed both of his swords.

Not wanting to give his clone the opportunity, Fujin threw one of his swords straight towards his clone at a very high speed. Since the clone was still in the air, he twisted his hand to face towards his left and caused a wind burst, which propelled him to the right. Fujin followed up by launching 3 shurikens on



the clone and then used Wind Retrieving jutsu to get his sword back and also approached his clone.

The clone quickly used Gale Surge jutsu to defend against the incoming shurikens, and then engaged Fujin in a sword fight.

Over the past few months, Fujin had trained a lot in Kenjutsu. He had developed a combat style that was very overbearing and relentless. However, he had also trained in defending properly with the swords.

Fujin and his clone clashed repeatedly with swords. Fujin was more on the offense, whereas his clone was more on the defense and repeatedly used Wind Propelling jutsu or Body Flicker jutsu to avoid getting hit. In the next 30 seconds, the clone managed to graze his sword on Fujin's left arm and right cheek.

However, Fujin soon created an opportunity by using Wind Propelling jutsu along with Body Flicker and got a good hit on the clone, which dispelled the clone.

Fujin sighed, 'Merely a minute of fighting before the clone dispelled! Also, though I managed to dodge the 2 hits from my clone, if the clone had used a real sword, then it would have cut my skin. If the swords were enhanced by wind chakra flow, it could have left deep cuts, probably all the way to the bone. Worse, if it were poisoned, it might have incapacitated me.

So there's a lot of scope for improvement. Actually, my clone has to avoid each and every hit as he'll be dispelled. That's good, I should probably start doing the same. And then I need to see how I can maintain an all-out offense while avoiding getting hit.

There was also the issue of my clone having to block the sword strike with his fist. Even though it was infused with Chakra, I'll still take a lot of damage if I do that against a real sword. So I should try to get gloves with a metal plate on the back hand. That would give me another way of defending.

I guess my Taijutsu needs an upgrade too. While the academy style is good, it ain't enough. Right now, despite putting way less time in it, my Kenjutsu completely overwhelms my Taijutsu. I wonder which Taijutsu style will suit me more. If I don't find anything good over the next year or two, I could approach Guy and ask him to teach me his style. While he ain't dumb as many think, but manipulating him should be doable.



Speaking of Guy, I'm surprised that I haven't seen him even once! Granted that I train in only a small part of the village, it's still surprising to never have run into him in over 4 years. Then again, I haven't seen many other canon characters either. Do they gather some place elsewhere, or is Konoha so short on manpower that everyone has to constantly do missions?

Anyways, this sparring has been really good. I should continue doing it.' He then made another shadow clone and continued his spars.

Over the next 3 weeks, Fujin sparred with his clone on a daily basis. His combat skills improved greatly over this period. After 3 weeks, he stopped using wooden weapons and began using real ones. The clone however had to fight carefully, to ensure that he didn't critically injure Fujin. The spars got very risky after Fujin started using chakra flow to enhance the swords. In merely 2 months, Fujin ruined 4 swords, 13 kunais and 33 shurikens due to these spars. He ran out of the weapons he collected from the forest and had to buy from shops. In all it cost him slightly over 120k Ryo on these weapons.

However, he didn't bother with the money lost. His thoughts were, 'What's the use of having money if I don't use it to get stronger? But I guess I should be glad that I did learn Fuinjutsu. I still have over 225k Ryo left with me.'

Right around the same time when he began sparring with real weapons, he also began learning Rasengan. The first and second stages were learnt long back. He finally started on the 3rd stage. One of the biggest issues in Rasengan training was that he couldn't allow anyone to see it. If someone interrupted him or caught him training in forests and figured out his disguise, he could make up some reasons like practicing to fight while using Transformation, or that a ninja had to keep his weapons hidden and hence he planned to keep his skill hidden until there was no choice. While the reasons may cause a bad impression, he didn't care much about that. But for Rasengan, if someone caught him training that, then it'd be a big trouble. The only usable excuse he had right now, was that he could say, "I figured it out myself after reading about the fourth Hokage." However, that would paint him as an absolute Genius and perhaps earn him some visits from Root ninjas or even from Shimura Danzo himself! Not to mention that they'd keep a much stricter watch on him.

So for Rasengan, he decided to train at home. His senses had honed enough by now to realize if someone spies on him. So if he senses anyone spying on him, he could drop the Rasengan training and instead show that he was training Wind Explosion jutsu instead.

To train Rasengan, he cleared up his living room. He only left a sofa in the living room, and moved everything else into the bedroom and began the training. The compression and shaping part was quite difficult. He tried for a few hours without any success. He sighed and thought, 'Let me first do it the Naruto way.' And he made a shadow clone with 20% of his chakra. The clone suppressed and shaped the Rasengan, in this manner, he was able to learn Rasengan within a couple of hours. However, he understood that depending on a clone to make Rasengan is very inefficient and began training for Rasengan without using any clones. It took him a month and a half to get the jutsu right, but it was done!

Over the remaining few days, Fujin decided to improve his Rasengan. He wanted to reduce the amount of time required to form it and increase the amount of chakra he could put in it.