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GOTOUGE
I did it! I’m Gotouge. I got comments from Togashi Sensei on the obi!* It’s like a dream! My stomach hurts! Thank you very much to Togashi Sensei, everyone rooting for me, and everyone who helps out. I’ll work as hard as I can!

*The obi is a paper band found on Japanese books.
In Taisho-era Japan, young Tanjiro makes a living selling charcoal. One day, demons kill his family and turn his younger sister Nezuko into a demon. Tanjiro and Nezuko set out to find a way to return Nezuko to human form and defeat Kibutsuji, the demon who killed their family! Having finished training with Urokodaki and completing Final Selection for the Demon Slayer Corps, Tanjiro accepts a mission and brings Nezuko with him. During the mission, Tanjiro encounters his most hated enemy, Kibutsuji, but the demon escapes. Then Tanjiro meets Tamayo and Yushiro, who are demons but also want to kill Kibutsuji. They provide Tanjiro with a clue as to how Nezuko may return to being human. Later, he bumps into Zenitsu Agatsuma, whom he first met during the Final Selection, then heads out on his next mission. Tanjiro defeats a demon who wields a tsuzumi drum, and then finds Zenitsu under attack by a boy wearing a wild boar’s hide!
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People thought it was creepy that I knew what they’d said while I was asleep.

Tanjiro must have won.

The sound of the demon has disappeared.

I can hear Tanjiro and the others... and some kind of strange, noisy footfalls...

I’ve always...

...had very good hearing.

Chapter 26: Barehanded Fight
YOU PROTECTED ME; SO I'M FINE, BUT...

OH, REALLY?

HA HA HA!

THE FORCE FROM THE ROOMS CHANGING TOSS YOU OUTSIDE!

YOU FELL FROM THE SECOND-FLOOR WINDOW!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

YES...

WAIT! DID I FALL ON MY HEAD?!

WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

THAT'S GOOD.

BLOOD
REMEMBER THAT VOICE!

I REMEMBER THAT VOICE!

WAH! OH NO!

I SENSE A DEMON!

AT FINAL SELECTION, HE WAS THE FIRST TO CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN AND THE FIRST TO DESCEND! HE'S A REAL HOTHEAD!

THAT'S THE FIFTH SURVIVOR!

AH HA HA HA HA!

BOAR RUSH!

BOAR RUSH!

~KRAK~
AHA! I'VE FOUND IT!

STOP!
OF COURSE! I KNEW THAT FROM THE START!

I WON'T LET YOU TOUCH THIS BOX!

IT'S IMPORTANT TO TANJIRO!

THERE'S A DEMON IN THERE! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT?!

DEMONS AND HUMANS MAKE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SOUNDS.

I KNEW HE WAS WITH A DEMON!
A sound like he was on the verge of tears.

Tanjiro was making another sound...

They speak volumes about a person.

Living creatures make lots of sounds.

So full of kindness.

In all my life I've never heard a sound that was...

When I listen carefully those sounds often tell me what a person is thinking.

The sound of breathing...

The sound of the heart...

The sound of blood circulating...
People that want to tanaro / in the Demon Slayer Corps, but he is with a demon. To ask Tanjiro about it directly.

And I plan... I trust that it's a worthwhile reason. There must be a reason for that!

Until then... To ask Tanjiro about it directly.

...you better back off!
FOOL! YOU TALK TOUGH, BUT YOU DIDN'T DRAW YOUR BLADE!

IF YOU'RE IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS TOO...
I'LL SKEWER YOU ALONG WITH THAT BOX!

STOP!
A DEMON SLAYER CORPS MEMBER CAN ONLY DRAW THEIR WEAPON FOR COMBAT!

AREN'T YOU IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS?!

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHY ZENITSU HASN'T DRAWN HIS SWORD?

HE JUST ...

BROKE HIS RIB!
REALLY GET INTO DEADLY FIGHTS JUST FOR FUN?!

ARE YOU... REALLY SUCH A COWARD?!

WE’LL FIGHT BARE-HANDED THEN!

AH HA HA! IS THAT YOUR PROBLEM? FINE!

I DON’T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND AT ALL!

FOR ONE THING...
IT'S WRONG FOR MEMBERS OF THE CORPS TO FIGHT EACH OTHER AT ALL!

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S BARE-HANDED!
WHOA! WHAT KIND OF MOVE WAS THAT? EVEN AFTER TANUIRO BROKE HIS RIB...!

HE BROKE THAT KID'S RIB!

...HASN'T TANUIRO BROKEN THE CODE TOO?

...JUST LIKE...

THIS IS...

WHAM

...JUST LIKE...

HIS ATTACKS ARE UNUSUALLY LOW!
RRRR
FIGHTING A FOUR-LEGGED BEAST!

EVEN LOWER...

AIM LOW!
...THAN HE IS!
FLIP

THE FLEXIBILITY OF HIS JOINTS...

...IT'S INHUMAN!
You've got cracked ribs! Don't do that! You'll make it worse!
ALL THAT MATTERS IS THE PLEASURE OF THIS MOMENT!

THEN IT'LL BE WORSE!

THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE TOO!

DID TANUIRO SPLIT HIS SKULL?!

WAAAHH!! THAT SOUND!
A GIRL?!

HUH?!

THAT FACE...

WHAT?

YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH MY FACE?
WHAT A STRANGE GUY... HE'S ALL BUFF BUT HAS A FEMININE FACE...
I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH YOUR FACE!

HEADBUT ME ONE MORE TIME!

NO! I WON'T ATTACK ANYMORE!

IT'S SMALL AND FAIR AND I THINK IT'S FINE!

NO! LET'S SIT DOWN. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I'LL KILL YOU!! BRING IT ON!!

LISTEN, FOREHEAD DUDE, I'LL TELL YOU WHO I AM...

MY NAME IS INOSUKE HASHIBIRA!

REMEMBER IT!
I CAN'T READ OR WRITE!

MY NAME IS WRITTEN ON MY WAISTBAND, THOUGH...

HOW DO YOU WRITE THAT?

HE STOPPED...
He isn't dead, but he probably has a concussion.

Is he dead? Is he dead?

Aah! He collapsed!

I gave him a pretty strong headbutt.

But the boar was knocked out!

His skull must be tough!

Tanjirō's head isn't even bruised!
WHAT'RE YOU
JUST WOKE UP!
WHAT'S WITH YOU?!
C'MON! BRING IT!
TAP TAP TAP!
YOW! HE'S BACK UP!
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING?!
LAYING A BODY TO REST.
THERE'S STILL A DEAD BODY IN THAT MANSION.

FIGHT ME INSTEAD!

WHAT'S THE POINT OF BURYING A LIVING THING'S CORPSE?!

I WON'T DO IT! I WON'T HELP!

INOSUKE, HELP US.

YOUR WOUNDS ARE PAINFUL...

OH, I SEE...

WHAT'S THE POINT?

WOW! HE REALLY IS CRAZY.

...SO YOU CAN'T HELP.

EACH PERSON'S PAIN THRESHOLD IS DIFFERENT.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

HUH?
BUT I'LL WORK HARD WITH ZENITSU AND THESE BOYS, SO DON'T WORRY.

HE DOESN'T GET IT...

AND BURYING THEM IS REALLY HARD...

CARRYING DEAD PEOPLE OUT OF THE MANSION, DIGGING A HOLE...

DON'T MOCK ME! I CAN BURY A HUNDRED PEOPLE! TWO HUNDRED!

MORE THAN ANYONE!

YOU CAN JUST REST, INOSUKE.

I WANT SHOICHI TO PROTECT ME!

SHOICHI IS STRONG!

...WE DECIDED TO GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN, BUT ZENITSU WHINED ABOUT LEAVING SHOICHI.

AFTER THE BURIAL...
I'M NOTHING LIKE YOU! I HAVE PARENTS! SIBLINGS TOO!

DID YOU GROW UP IN THE MOUNTAINS TOO, INOSUKE?

NOW COME WITH ME!

MY ONLY PLEASURE IS TO MATCH...
WHEN I SPOT AN OPENING IN YOU, I'M GONNA TAKE YOU DOWN!

HE FACED FINAL SELECTION WITHOUT THE HELP OF A TRAINER, AND GOT INTO THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.

HE THEN HEARD ABOUT FINAL SELECTION AND THE EXISTENCE OF DEMONS.

INOSUKE TOOK ON A DEMON SLAYER CORPS MEMBER AND STOLE HIS SWORD.

YOU!

WHO THE HECK IS THAT?!

IT'S SOMEONE ELSE!

OKAY, GONPA-CHIRO KAMABOKO!

I'M GONNA BEAT YOU!

I'M TANJIRO KAMADO!

THE CROW TOOK THEM TO A HOUSE WITH THE WISTERIA FLOWER CREST OF THE FUJI FAMILY.
REST UNTIL YOUR WOUNDS FULLY HEAL!

KAAAW! REST! REST!

I HAD TO FIGHT A DEMON WHILE I WAS HURT...

KEH HEH HEH!

Huh?

WE CAN REST?

A GHOST! IT'S A GHOST!

YIKES!

SORRY TO ARRIVE SO LATE.

KRI!

HELLO?

SHE LOOKS WEAK...

YOU MUST BE DEMON SLAYERS.

PLEASE, COME IN.
She's a ghost! Tanjiro, that woman is a monster!

...and a warm bed.

Here is a meal for you...

They take care of Demon Slayers free of charge.

The Wisteria Flower Crest belongs to a family that the Demon Slayers once saved.

The old woman summoned a doctor.
ALL FOUR HAD SOME BROKEN RIBS...

AND INOSUKE WAS A VERY MESSY EATER.

SNARF CHOMP MUNCH NOM

TANJIRO APOLOGIZED, BUT INOSUKE DID NOT APOLOGIZE TO ZENITSU.

SAY IT!

NEVER!

APologize!

NO!

SORRY.

THIS GOOSE EGG HURTS.

THROB

BLINK BLINK

SMIRK SMIRK SMIRK

HE WAS ALWAYS TRYING TO PROVOKE TANJIRO.

NOM NOM CHOMP
HE’S COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE BOX.

BUT HE WOULDN’T TAKE THE BAIT.

IF YOU’RE HUNGRY, YOU CAN HAVE THIS TOO.

...WHY DID HE BEAT ME UP SO MUCH? THE JERK!! THE IDIOT!! THE EYELASHES!!

IF THIS JERK CAN FORGET HIS GRUDGES SO QUICKLY...

...YOU KNEW, AND YOU STILL PROTECTED IT?

WHY IS IT THAT YOU’RE TRAVELING WITH A DEMON?

...NO ONE ASKS, SO I WILL...

IF YOU’RE HUNGRY, YOU CAN HAVE THIS TOO.

...UP TO ME.

HMM...

IF HE WON’T THEN IT’S...

IF THIS JERK CAN FORGET HIS GRUDGES SO QUICKLY...

...YOU KNEW, AND YOU STILL PROTECTED IT?

WHY IS IT THAT YOU’RE TRAVELING WITH A DEMON?

...NO ONE ASKS, SO I WILL...
THANK YOU.

DON'T FLATTER ME SO MUCH!

ZENITSU, YOU'RE A REALLY GREAT GUY!

I HAVE A KEEN SENSE OF SMELL.

YOU WERE START GOOD AND STRONG.

FROM THE VERY START I KNEW...

...THAT YOU WERE GOOD AND STRONG.

I STILL HAVEN'T FORGIVEN YOU FOR LEAVING SHOICHI BEHIND.

DON'T TEASE ME. I'M NOT THAT STRONG.
SHH! IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, ZENITSU!

WHAT'S ALL RIGHT?!

HUH?!

IT'S TRYING TO GET OUT! IT'S TRYING TO GET OUT!

OH! HEY!

HUH??

KRI!

HE GOT MAD A FEW TIMES, BUT WHAT ABOUT?

I DON'T REMEMBER.

I TOOK HIS FOOD!

KYYAHH!

SOMEONE SAVE ME!

P-P-P- PROTECT ME!

ISN'T IT LOCKED?!

STAY BACK!

ANYONE, EVEN INOSUKE!

GYOW!

SHH!
SWORK... ZZZZ... TOO MUCH THINKING...

THIS IS NEZUKO, MY-

YOU...
YOU HAVE GOT IT SO GOOD!

YOU WERE WITH THIS CUTE GIRL EVERY DAY...

AND TRAVELING IN PURE BLISS.

YOU WERE WITH SUCH A CUTE GIRL?

HUH?

I CAN'T BELIEVE I STOOD UP FOR YOU!
THAT'S NOT WHY I GOT ATTACKED BY SOME WEIRD BOAR!

I... I SUFFERED SO YOU COULD SPEND YOUR DAYS BEING ALL LOVEY-DOVEY AND "AH HA HA!" AND "TEE HEE HEE!" — WITH A GIRL?!

DON'T TREAT THE CORPS SO LIGHTLY!

YOU DON'T JOIN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS JUST FOR FUN!

WHAT'S WITH YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?

CALM DOWN, ZENITSU.

ZENITSU KEPT ON SCREAMING UNTIL DAWN.

WE MUST PURGE THE CORPS OF YOUR ILK! PURGE YOU IMMEDIATELY!
I'm so tired...

Take it easy. Get well!

Taisho Whispers & Rumors
CHAPTER 28: URGENT SUMMONS
...AND INOSUKE KEPT HEAD-BUTTING HIM.

EVEN THOUGH ZENITSU KNEW NEZUKO WAS TANJIRO'S LITTLE SISTER...

TANJIRO WAS TROUBLED.

...ZENITSU KEPT ON GROVELING...

...TELLING ALL THREE TO HEAD FOR MOUNT NATAGUMO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WHEN THEIR BROKEN BONES HEALED, AN URGENT DIRECTIVE ARRIVED...
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO.

SPARKS FOR GOOD LUCK...

BOW BOW BOW

THANK YOU!

CHK CHK
WHAT'RE YOU DOIN', Y'OLD HAG?!

IT'S PURIFICATION BECAUSE WE'RE GOING INTO DANGER!

ARE YOU STUPID?!

IT'S A RITUAL!

I WISH YOU GOOD FORTUNE IN WAR!

AT ALL TIMES, PLEASE LIVE WITH HIGH PRIDE.

WHAT'S THAT MEAN?

HIGH PRIDE?
YEAH. THE MEANING ISN'T IMMEDIATELY CLEAR.

ANYWAY, THAT OLD WOMAN IS PRAYING FOR OUR SAFETY.

PROPERLY UNDERSTANDING YOUR STATION? NOT BEING EMBARRASSED TO BEHAVE APPROPRIATELY FOR THAT POSITION...?

SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION, DOES SHE?

SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING, SO WHY?

WELL...

WHAT EXACTLY IS "BEHAVING APPROPRIATELY"?

AND WHY WOULD IT BE EMBARRASSING?

WHAT POSITION IS THAT?

AHH! HE SPED UP!

WHY DOES SHE CARE ABOUT US?
YOU'RE DISGUSTING!

WHY'RE YOU SITTING DOWN?

I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT FROM YOU, PIG-HEAD!

WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO OUR GOAL, AND I'M VERY SCARED!

I'M SCARED!

WAAAAH

WAIT!

WILL YOU PLEASE WAIT?!

I'M NORMAL ...

...AND YOU'RE ABNORMAL!

I'M NOT DISGUSTING! I'M AVERAGE!
He's in the Demon Slayer Corps! What happened to him?!

He's wearing the Corps uniform!

WHSH

HYAH!

WAIT!

What happened?!

Are you all right?
I WAS STILL CONNECTED!
YOU CAN TREMBLE IN FEAR AND FOLLOW BEHIND!

I'M HUNGRY!
HE MEANS HE'S HUNGRY FOR BATTLE.

WHAT ...

WHAT DO YOU WANT?!

AND THEY'RE IN MY WAY!

HMPH!

THIS PLACE IS FULL OF SPIDER-WEBS!
THE TWISTED, OMINOUS SMELL FROM THE MOUNTAIN ...

I'M GLAD THAT YOU AGREED TO COME ALONG.

...REALLY FREAKED ME OUT. BUT YOU CALMED ME DOWN.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.
THEY HAVE A NICE TEXTURE, SO THEY'LL FEEL GOOD.

I'LL BRING THEM BACK. PLEASE WEAR THESE FOR NOW.

YOUR CLOTHES ARE VERY DIRTY. LET ME WASH THEM FOR YOU.

LET'S HAVE TEMPURA FOR DINNER. YES... THAT FOOD WITH BATTER ON IT.

HURF

HURF

!!

INO-SUKE.
I'M TANJIRO KAMADO, RANK MIZUNOTO. I'VE COME TO HELP.

MIZUNOTO...?!

MIZUNOTO...

IT WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE!

THERE'S NO POINT!

NOT A HASHIRA? IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY MIZUNOTO COME!
HURRY UP AND EXPLAIN THE SITUATION, WEAKLING! IF YOU WANT TO TALK...

ABOUT POINTLESS THINGS, LET'S START WITH YOUR EXISTENCE!

A CROW BROUGHT AN ORDER, SO TEN CORPS MEMBERS CAME!

NOT LONG AFTER GOING UP THE MOUNTAIN...
BEGAN KILLING EACH OTHER!
DANCE LIKE MAD UNTIL YOUR ARMS AND LEGS FALL OFF!

NOW, MY DARLING DOLLS... DANCE!
MOST OF MY SWORDSMEN WERE DONE IN. THIS MAY BE THE WORK OF THE TWELVE KIZUKI.

GIYU...

SHINOBU...

YOU FOUGHT HARD TO MAKE IT HOME.

IT SEEMS ...

... I MUST DISPATCH THE HASHIRA.
IT WOULD BE SO NICE IF HUMANS AND DEMONS COULD GET ALONG.

DON'T YOU AGREE, TOMI-OKA?

AS LONG AS DEMONS EAT PEOPLE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
Hey, hey...

Hey, Tomioka?

Hey...

It'd be nice if we got along...

But...

Hey...

Don't you think?

Poke poke

Hey...
...HATE ME?

IF TWO OF THEM HAD ASKED

IF WE WERE REAL FRIENDS, WOULDN'T THEY TRY TO CONVINCE ME?

IS IT NORMAL TO JUST LEAVE SOMEONE BEHIND?

I WOULD HAVE GONE

DID THEY EVEN CARE HOW I FELT, BEING LEFT BEHIND?

BUT THE THREE OF THEM WENT UP THAT SCARY MOUNTAIN...
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND A THING ABOUT HUMANITY.

I ENVY HOW RELAXED YOU ARE.

(You're not being very cute!)

(That Demon Nezuko is cute, but a bird like you...)

HE HAS NEZUKO WITH HIM!

(He doesn't know bird language.)

SIGH

(Quickly!)

(You're not being very cute!)

AAAAGH! THAT GUY!

NOT CUTE AT ALL!

THAT DEMON NEZUKO IS CUTE, BUT A BIRD LIKE YOU...

Fwap Fwap

...IS JUST A PAIN IN THE NECK!
YOU IDIOT!
YOU DON'T TAKE A GIRL SOMEPLACE DANGEROUS!
MORON!

WHY DID HE TAKE MY NEZUKO AWAY?!

TANJIRO, YOU JERK!

KRKKKKK!

TINK!

NEZUKO!

TIMP TIMP TIMP

INK TINGKNG
NO... THEY'RE MOVING STRANGELY! SOMETHING IS CONTROLLING THEM!

...IT'S PROHIBITED FOR CORPS MEMBERS TO FIGHT EACH OTHER?!

NO! SOME OF THEM ARE STILL ALIVE! AND...

GOOD. THEN I CAN CUT 'EM UP!
BEHIND ME! A SWEET... UNSETTLING SMELL!

SNIP

SNAP

THEY'RE BEING MANIPULATED BY THE THREADS!

CUT THE THREADS!
...that’s controlling them?!

WHERE’S THE DEMON...
UGH! WHAT'S THAT?!

A REALLY STRONG ODOR! BUT JUST FOR A MOMENT...

FWF
THAT SMELL AGAIN!

UGH!

...THE SPIDERS WILL JUST SPIN MORE!

SO...

IT'S NOT ENOUGH JUST TO CUT THE THREADS...

IT'S ON THE WIND, BUT WHAT IS IT?!
THEN WE JUST GOTTA KILL ALL THESE SPIDERS!

BUT WITH THIS WIND BLOWING, I CAN'T SNIFF THEM OUT!

WE HAVE TO FIND THE DEMON CONTROLLING THEM!

IMPOSSIBLE! SPIDERS ARE TINY! THERE MUST BE HUNDREDS OF THEM!

MU-RATA! AND, UM... THEN DO IT!

INOSUKE! IF YOU HAVE SOME WAY TO PINPOINT THE LOCATION OF THE DEMON...
INO-SUKE, YOU HAVE TO—

MURATA AND I WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE PEOPLE BEING CONTROLLED!
DON'T DISTURB THE PEACEFUL LIFE OF OUR FAMILY.
MOTHER WILL WASTE NO TIME...

IS HE FLOATING ?!

NO... HE'S STANDING ON THREADS!

FAMILY ?

...KILLING YOU!

GRAH! MOTHER ?!

HUP
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

FIGHT ME!
FIGHT ME!

FWUD

... SHOW UP?!

WHY DID YOU EVEN...

INOSUKE!

YOU NEVER SHUT UP!

Yeah, yeah, I know! I gotta find where the demon is!

SO FIRST-

I DON'T THINK THAT BOY IS THE DEMON!
SPATIAL AWARENESS!!

BEAST BREATHING: SEVENTH FORM
INOSUKE GREW UP IN THE WILD MOUNTAINS, SO HE HAS AN EXCELLENT SENSE OF TOUCH.

...IT LETS HIM SENSE EVEN FAINT DISTURBANCES IN THE AIR.

FOUND IT! THERE!

HE CAN FEEL THINGS THAT ARE NOWHERE NEAR HIM.
I won't let anyone disturb us.

The five of us are a happy family. No one will ever...

...cut our bonds!
NEZUKOOOOOOO!

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
CHAPTER 30: MARIONETTES
LEAVE THIS TO ME! YOU GO AHEAD!

WHAT'S THAT BED-WETTER TALKING ABOUT?!

WHY?! YOU STUPID SLAYER CORPS SWORDSMAN!

I'LL HANDLE THIS!

YOU SAW ME DEFEATED, BUT I'M A DEMON SLAYER CORPS SWORDSMAN TOO!

WHO'S A BED-WETTER, YOU STUPID PIG?!

I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU, SO SHUT UP!
THERE ARE PROBABLY STRONGER FIGHTERS BEING CONTROLLED NEAR THE DEMON!

...AND THE BODIES MOVE IN SIMPLE WAYS!

I KNOW THAT CUTTING THEIR THREADS WORKS...

I'LL WATCH OUT FOR SPIDERS!

GOT IT!
THANKS!

WHEN WE GET BACK, I AM SO GONNA KNOCK YOUR TEETH IN!

WHO YOU CALLIN' A PIG?!

FIRST, I'M GONNA PUNCH YOU OUT!
He called me a stupid pig, Monjiro!

Knock it off, will you?!

It's Tanjiro!

I'm gonna beat that chump silly!

Don't come this way.

No...

Bring someone with a higher rank!
IF YOU DON'T, I'LL KILL THEM ALL!

PLEASE...

PLEASE!
THE CLOSER YOU GET TO ME, THE THICKER AND STRONGER ARE MY THREADS...

...AND MY DOLLS!

FLING!

MOTHER...

RUI...

YOU CAN WIN, RIGHT?
IF YOU DON'T HURRY...

I'LL TELL DAD.

AM I TAKING...

...A LITTLE TOO LONG?

YOU DON'T NEED TO GET HIM!

IT'S ALL RIGHT! I CAN DO THIS!

COUNT ON ME TO PROTECT YOU!

NOT HIM!

THEN HURRY UP.
AARIGH! DIE! DIE! DIE NOW!

IF YOU DON'T, I'LL SUFFER AN AWFUL FATE!

RUN! RUUUUN!
WEREN'T THIS STRONG BEFORE!

I'M BEING CONTROLLED, SO MY MOVES ARE DIFFERENT!

SHE'S FAST!
...THAT ARE BREAKING HER BONES! SO CRUEL!

THE DEMON'S THREADS ARE FORCING HER TO MOVE IN WAYS...
PLEASE END... OUR MISERY!

NO MATTER WHAT... WE'RE DEAD.

WHEN WE'RE MOVED... SUCH PAIN... CAN'T STAND IT...

K-kill M-ME!

...EVEN STAB OUR GUTS...

OUR HANDS AND FEET... OUR BONES...

HELP US...
OKAY! I WILL!

SHUT UP!

MAYBE WE CAN HELP!

WAIT!

JUST SHUT UP!

These guys' re fast! If you drag your feet, they'll kill us!

I need to think! WAIT!

They want to die! They said so themselves!
BUT IF I ONLY CUT THE THREADS, THE SPIDERS WILL JUST RECONNECT THEM!

HOW CAN I IMMobilize THEM...?

I DON'T WANT TO USE A SPECIAL TECHNIQUE!

WHISH

I'VE GOT IT!

YES! SHE'S FOLLOWING!

TMPTHMPTHM
Hey!

What're you running around for?!

Stop messing around!
WHAT STRENGTH!
SHE'S COMPLETELY TANGLED UP!

GOOD!
I WANNA DO THAT TOO!

WHAT DID YOU DO?!

GRAAH!

HA HA HA!

TMP TMP TMP

HA HA HA HA!

H A M

AHH

AAH

CRICK

HA HA HA!

WAAAHH HAAAH!
SORRY, I WASN'T WATCHING!

WHAT?!

I CAN DO ANYTHING YOU CAN DO!

DID YOU SEE THAT?!

Twitch twitch

HEY, THERE'S LOTS GOING ON!

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BRING OUT THAT DOLL!
2016, ISSUE NO. 42 OF JUMP. I GOT TO DRAW RYO FOR THE ISSUE WITH THE FINAL CHAPTER OF KOCHIKAME.
CHAPTER 31: LETTING SOMEONE ELSE GO FIRST
DON'T BE TOO ROUGH!
THEY'RE USELESS!

GOTCHA. GO GET 'EM!
I'LL DO IT AGAIN, SO GET A GOOD LOOK THIS TIME!

GOOD! ONLY ONE MORE!

I NO LONGER NEED THOSE FRAGILE HUMAN DOLLS!

THEY'RE USELESS! USELESS!

LONGER NEED THOSE FRAGILE HUMAN DOLLS!

KRRAK

SKWIK
SKWIK!

GAH!

They're all dead!

DAMMIT!

ARRRGH!
LET'S GO.

OKAY.
THIS WAY! WE'RE GETTING REALLY CLOSE!

I FOUND IT FIRST!

THE WIND HAS SHIFTED, SO MY NOSE IS HELPFUL AGAIN! I CAN SMELL...

TWO ODORS LEFT!

?!
STAY CALM! USE THE KESAGIRI MANEUVER!

SO IT DOESN'T HAVE A WEAK SPOT!

IT DOESN'T HAVE A HEAD!

WE CAN'T CUT WHAT ISN'T THERE!

WHAT IS THAT?!

WHADDA WE DO?

INOSUKE ... THAT MEANS ...

WHAH?!
SLASH FROM THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BASE OF THE NECK DOWN THROUGH THE LEFT ARMPIT!

WAIT! TOGETHER——

IT'S A BROAD STRIKE AND I THINK IT'LL BE PRETTY TOUGH, BUT——
...not so fast that I can't dodge—

He's fast!

but...

Uh-oh! A spider!
HE'S GONNA SKEWER ME!

I...I CAN'T MOVE!

KLAN

WHSHG
...LET'S FIGHT TOGETHER!

...WE HAVE TO COMBINE OUR STRENGTH! COOPERATE! THIS ONE TIME...

INOSUKE! TO BEAT THIS DEMON...
YOU'RE IN MY WAY THERE!

YOU SAY "COOPERATE" BUT YOU JUMP IN FRONT! I WON'T LET YOU EMBARRASS ME ANYMORE!

THEN GO OVER ME!
JUMP, INOSUKE! JUMP!

TOTAL CONCENTRATION
STRIKING TIDE!

WATER BREATHING: FIRST FORM

KESAGIRI!
HE ACTS LIKE IT'S INEVITABLE...

LIKE WATER FLOWING DOWN A RIVER'S COURSE!

DAMN! WHAT'S WITH HIM? I'M SO MAD!

DOES EVERYTHING HAVE TO GO HIS WAY?!

HE ISN'T TRYING TO BE THE GUY UP FRONT...

...HE'S WATCHING THE FLOW OF THE BATTLE...

THE WHOLE BATTLE.

SH
Flop

WOW! WHAT A CUT!

W HSH

I CAN DO...

... ANYTHING YOU CAN DO, DUMMY!
BEST AND STRONGEST!

 THAT DEMON LOST! HE LOST!

BUT THAT DOLL WAS MY FASTEST AND STRONGEST!

WHY DID RUI HAVE TO THREATEN ME?

SO UPSETTING...
I'm doomed! I think... think!

He's gonna cut off my head!

Oh...

Above me...!

But...

First form...

I'll be at peace.

But dying will free me!
BLESSED RAIN AFTER THE DROUGHT!

WATER BREATHING: FIFTH FORM

IT'S ONLY USED WHEN THE OPPONENT OFFERS NO RESISTANCE...

A MERCIFUL SWORD STROKE.

WITH THE FIFTH FORM, THE SLAIN BARELY FEELS A THING.
Tanjirou...

Boar...

Chuntaro...

Sparrow
IT FEELS LIKE STANDING IN A GENTLE SPRING RAIN.

IT'S SIMPLY WARM...

IT DOESN'T HURT, NOT EVEN A LITTLE.

THERE IS NO SUFFERING.

I NEVER EXPECTED SUCH A GENTLE DEATH.
GYAAAH!

...I AM FREE.
WHAT IS HE ANGRY ABOUT? WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE?

I'M SORRY ...

I APOLOGIZE. PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

YOUR OFFENSE IS NOT KNOWING WHY HE'S ANGRY.
HEE HEE!

BUT...

!!

HEE HEE!

DAD'S ANGRY AT MOM AGAIN!

GYAH!
...SOMEONE LOOKED INTO THEM LOVINGLY.

I BET WHEN SHE WAS HUMAN...

KIND EYES...

PRACTICALLY TRANSPARENT...

WHY ARE THEY DOING NOW?

...THE PERSON WHO USED TO LOVE ME.

I DON'T REMEMBER...

WHO WAS IT?

THE TWELVE KIZUKI ARE HERE...

...SO BEWARE!
THEY'RE HERE IN THE MOUNTAINS?

GET SOME OF THEIR BLOOD, I'LL BE CLOSER TO MAKING A POTION TO RESTORE NEZUKO'S HUMANITY!

THEIR BLOOD HAS A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF KIBUTSUJI'S BLOOD!

OH! WAIT!

IF I CAN GET SOME OF THEIR BLOOD, I'LL BE CLOSER TO MAKING A POTION TO RESTORE NEZUKO'S HUMANITY!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, INOSUKE?

DID YOU DEFEAT HER?

DON'T CODDLE ME!

PRETTY SOON, MY HEAD WILL BE HARDER THAN YOURS!

I CAN DO ANYTHING YOU CAN DO!

AND...

AND I COULDN'T HELP THOSE OTHERS, EITHER.

OKAY? GOT IT?

WHAT TERRIBLE WOUNDS!
WHAT HAPPENING ON THIS MOUNTAIN?

...THAT SHE LONGED FOR DEATH.

...FEAR AND SUFFERING SO DEEP...

DOES A CLAN OF DEMONS LIVE ON THIS MOUNTAIN?

I don't need it!

THE TWELVE KIZUKI ARE HERE...

WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THIS MOUNTAIN?!

I THOUGHT DEMONS DIDN'T GROUP UP?

Stop it!

OW!
WHAT THE-! AARRGH!

I FELT A SUDDEN PANG!

IT MAKES ME MAD!

IT STINKS AROUND HERE!

WHERE DID THEY GO?!

AND THE WORST PART IS, I CAN'T FIND TANJIRO AND INOSUKE!

I THINK I'M GONNA CRY!

PEE-YEW!

WHICH WAY?!

I KNOW THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO SURVIVE, BUT STILL!

THE SKITTERING SOUND THOSE SPIDERS MAKE IS REALLY GROSS!

PIPE DOWN! STOP MOVING!

URGH
IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?!
WHAT THE HECK?
WHAT THE HECK?!

I'M DREAMING!
I'M DREAMING!
PLeASE JUST LET ME BE DREAMING!

A HUMAN-HEADED SPIDER!

I'LL PLOW MY FIELD!
I'LL PLOW TWO... OR THREE FIELDS, EVEN!

IF YOU'RE JUST A DREAM, I'LL WORK HARDER!

WHEN I WAKE UP, AND I FIND I'M ASLEEP WITH MY HEAD ON NEZUKO'S LAP, I'LL WORK REALLY HARD!

...WAKE UP FROM THIS NIGHTMARE!

PLEASE JUST LET ME...
A FLOATING HOUSE?! I SEE SOMETHING CLINTING...

HUMANS TURNING INTO SPIDERS?!

WHAT? WHAT? WHAT IS ALL THAT?!

IT SMELLS SO BAD MY THROAT HURTS.

AND IT STINKS!

IT STINGS AND IT'S MAKING MY EYES WATER.

WITH HIS SENSITIVE NOSE TANJIRO MUST BE DEAD!

WHAP!

POOP
IT'S HUGE!

IT'S GIANT!

IT'S TOO HUGE!

...WITH... WHATEVER YOU ARE!

...AM NOT GONNA HAVE A CONVERSATION...
You've already lost.

It's no use running.

Look at your hand.

I hate guys like you!

Don't talk to me!
SPIDERZ

THAT SPIDER'S MAKE YOU A SPIDER IN JUST A COUPLE HOURS, YOU TOO WILL BECOME MY SLAVE, CRAWLING ACROSS THE EARTH!

IN JUST A COUPLE HOURS YOU TOO WILL BECOME MY SLAVE, CRAWLING ACROSS THE EARTH!
Stinks. >

Hee hee hee!
CHAPTER 33: SUFFERING AND FLOUNDERING AS YOU MOVE FORWARD
When the big hand reaches here, you will join the spiders.
I KNOW!
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BET YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS!
PEOPLE MUST HATE YOU!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

SHUT UP!

JUST SHUT UP!

HA HA HA!

WHEN THE POISON RUNS THROUGHOUT YOUR SYSTEM AND YOU BECOME A SPIDER, YOUR MIND WILL BE GONE.

WHY DON'T YOU GET THAT?!

I DON'T WANT THAT!
NOT THAT!

I BET YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS!
PEOPLE MUST HATE YOU!

NO!

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.
I DON'T WANT TO BE LIKE THAT!

PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!

THERE'S NO POINT IN SUCH BEHAVIOR!

STOP BLUBBERING!

DON'T RUN AWAY!
Well, maybe you were just buying my affection...

... Who helped me? You did!

... This isn't going to kill you!

... I'm gonna die!

No, I'm dying out there!

If I train any more...

SNIFF

I love you, gramps!

Gramps!

Call me master!

When I was drowning in debt because I gave money to a girl I fell in love with, and she ran away with another guy...
SO YOU COULD TRAIN ME AS A SWORDSMAN.

BUT I CAN'T!

STILL, I WANT TO MEET YOUR EXPECTATIONS!

PRACTICE SECRETLY ON MY OWN TOO!

I BARELY EVEN SLEEP!

WHY NOT? WHY THE HECK NOT?!

BUT I DON'T GET ANY RESULTS!

CALM DOWN, ZENITSU!

YOU HAVE TALENT, SO—
I even got struck by lightning.

What a miserable life.

...my hair color.

It changed.

...just to be alive, but...

Sure, I was happy...

I always try to do a good job...

...I run away crying...

...but I get scared...

...and then...

...had absolutely no faith in myself!
I WANT TO BE A BETTER PERSON.

I WANT TO CHANGE.

I'M WORKING AS HARD AS I CAN TOO!

BUT NOW I'M GONNA TURN INTO A MONSTER WITHOUT ANY HAIR? NO WAY!

IT'S THE LAST STRAW! HOW CAN I TAKE THIS?

WHAT IS WITH THIS GUY?
GYAH! NO! DON'T COME UP HERE!

LEAVE ME ALONE!

JUST GIMME A MOMENT!

...FALLING OUT ALREADY?

IS IT...
Swoon OHhh...

...anything about my hair falling out.

He never actually said...

Fwooo

?! FLump

WHAT A COWARD. HE JUST PASSED OUT.

Isn't he a Demon Slayer sent here to kill my family?

What's up with him?
WHAT THE...?

He'll fall on his head and die!

FWMPH

Hiss

Thunder breathing: first form
POISON SPUTUM!

SPIN
TWISTING IN MIDAIR TO DODGE

SUCH A SKILLFUL MOVE! HE'S LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON NOW.

THUNDER BREATHING:

FIRST FORM
GET HIM!

THUNDER BREATHING:
FIRST FORM

THOMP WSH
HE STRIKES THE EXACT SAME POSE EVERY TIME!

HA HA! OBVIOUSLY...

...HE ONLY KNOWS ONE TECHNIQUE!
THE THING IS... IF YOU CAN ONLY DO ONE THING, THEN DO IT SUPERBLY!

POLISH IT TO THE UTMOST OF THE UTMOST.

YOU MANAGED TO LEARN ONE, AND THAT'S SOMETHING. IT'S MORE THAN I EXPECTED FROM YOU.

OKAY, ZENITSU.

BECAUSE THERE ARE SIX THUNDER FORMS, BUT I'VE ONLY LEARNED ONE.

NO...

...UNTIL THIS MOMENT, GRAMPS WAS FURIOUS.

...YOU STRIKE IT AND STRIKE IT AND STRIKE IT TO DRIVE OUT THE IMPURITIES AND REFINE THE PURITY OF THE STEEL.

FOR A KATANA ...

THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT A STRONG SWORD!

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO FORGE A KATANA?!

NO, I HAVE NO IDEA...

...BUT IF YOU KEEP HITTING ME, I'M GONNA CRY.
YOU MUST BELIEVE THAT THESE DAYS OF HELLISH REPETITIVE TRAINING...

...WILL EVENTUALLY PAY OFF.

...THAT'S STRONGER THAN ANYONE!

BECOME A BLADE...

BE RID OF ALL YOUR IMPURITIES.

YOU MAY CRY AND YOU MAY RUN...

...BUT NEVER GIVE UP.

IF THAT'S ALL THIS DEMON SLAYER HAS, THEN HE'LL SOON FALL...

...TO THE POISON IN HIS BLOOD.

BUT I'M NOT STEEL... I'M FLESH AND BLOOD.

HEH HEH HEH...

THIS FOOL IS NOTHING!
...A SINGLE THING.

YOU MUST MASTER ...

SPEW

KR KZ

SPLAT WSH
NOW, THE PAIN WILL INCREASE.

I'M SLOWING DOWN.

AND I'LL BE NAUSEOUS AND DIZZY.
AREN'T YOU EMBARRased ABOUT CRYING FROM DAWN TO DUSK?

YOU HEAR ME, RIGHT?

... LOSER!

BUT GRAMPS—

I'M NOT WASTING MY TIME ON SOMEONE LIKE YOU.

Ssense! IS A GREAT MAN.
HE REACHED THE HIGHEST RANK IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS!

SENSEI WAS A HASHIRA!

DON'T CALL HIM "GRAMPS"... IT'S TOO FAMILIAR!

SPLAT

IT'S A RARE HONOR TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTION FROM A FORMER HASHIRA!

YOU'RE AN EYESORE! GET LOST!

SENSEI IS COMPLETELY WASTING HIS TIME GIVING YOU LESSONS!

WHY DO YOU HAUNT THIS PLACE?!

WHY ARE YOU EVEN HERE?!
I didn’t have parents, so no one ever expected anything of me.

...dreamed of a future for me where I’d latch on to something and fulfill a dream.

Even a humble future making others happy...

Spending my whole life alone as I protect others...

Being useful to someone...

...people thought, “aw, he’s no good,” and moved on.

...and then ran away...

When I failed and cried about it...

No one dreamed of even that.
AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN. I RAN AWAY, BUT HE ALWAYS PULLED ME BACK.

HE KEPT SCOLDING ME OVER AND OVER.

BUT NOT GRAMPS.

STAB HIM! INJECT MORE POISON!
He might die before he becomes a spider...

Oh well, even if he does become a spider...

He can't move anymore. But because of all that running around, he's puking blood.

He's bad, raw material. No good at all... He won't be of any use.
THE VERY AIR IS VIBRATING!

THUNDER-FLASH

THUNDER BREATHING:
FIRST FORM.

SIXFOLD!
...?! ...BY HIM?!

WAS I CUT? ME? CUT...
THWAK

WHAM

KAHH

TIME TO DREAM.
I always help weak people and those in trouble.

I'm strong. Stronger than anyone.

The time Gramps spent teaching me was not... of helping many people.

I grew strong thanks to him, so now I can dream... a waste of time.

Don't give up!
SLOW YOUR HEART RATE.

SLOW DOWN THE POISON EVEN JUST A LITTLE.

USE YOUR BREATHING.

THAT'S RIGHT...

...AND TANJIRO WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED.

EVEN IF IT HURTS, EVEN IF YOU SUFFER, DON'T GO DOWN THE EASY PATH.

GRAMPS WOULD POUND ME.
THAT SOUND...

DID LIGHTNING JUST STRIKE?

INOSUKE...

I DON'T THINK I SMELL THUNDER-CLOUDS. BUT THAT AWFUL SMELL...

HOW SHOULD I KNOW?!

...IS SO STRONG I CAN'T TELL.

DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!

I THINK I'M GOING TO TAKE A LOOK OVER THERE.

BUZZ OFF!

WHY SHOULD I?!

GO DOWN.

INOSUKE, GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN.

BECAUSE YOU'RE BADLY HURT.
I’M NOT HURT! I’M FINE!

HUH ?!
FATHER!

Demons! I'm gonna slice you up!

Inosuke!
FROM ABOVE ?!
...FROM...

STAY AWAY...

...FAMILY!

...MY...

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GENDER BENDING

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Apology

Before Inosuke showed his true face in the regular storyline, I made a huge mistake by showing it in a comic strip in Jump GIGA, so I’d like to take this opportunity to apologize.

I’ve made many other mistakes, and all kinds of people are pointing them out. I intend to make as many corrections as possible, but I’m under strict time constraints and so I make mistakes (which I think bothers the readers).

I’ll keep working as hard as I can, so I hope you’ll stick with me!

We humbly beg your forgiveness.
Junior High and High School!  
Kimetsu Academy Story

Inosuke is a boy who was raised by wild boars and even gained some fame thanks to television news reports. Currently, he lives in a foster home. The only thing he brings to school is his lunch box. He still doesn't wear shoes, and he wears short sleeves all year.

Hisa, good at cooking tempura. Inosuke's foster mother. When she doesn't want to know something, she pretends that her hearing is bad.
A WEIRDO WHO APPEARED IN THE TOWN OF KIMETSU. HE HOMES IN ON 16-YEAR-OLD GIRLS. THERE HAVE ONLY BEEN A FEW INCIDENTS, AND NO CORROBORATING WITNESSES, SO HE’S CONSIDERED AN URBAN LEGEND. TANJIRO SUSPECTS THERE ARE ACTUALLY TRIPLETS AND IS INVESTIGATING.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

THANKS FOR READING! I’M GOTOUGE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO EVERYONE ROOTING FOR ME AND EVERYONE WHO HELPS OUT. I’M SO HAPPY ABOUT YOUR LETTERS AND PRESENTS THAT IT MAKES ME CRY. I’M SORRY I CAN’T RESPOND. I’LL KEEP WORKING AS HARD AS I CAN!

THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!