Hello! I'm Gotouge. How have you all been? Money can't buy health, so I pray from the bottom of my heart that you're all healthy and active. Thank you for all the best wishes, snacks, tea and handmade goods you send. I'm in such a state of great excitement every day that it makes my nose bleed. When I get a bloody nose, I just stuff in tissues and wear a mask over it all, so I'm fine.
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!

After joining the Demon Slayer Corps, Tanjiro meets Tamayo and Yushiro—demons who oppose Kibutsuji—who provide a clue to how Nezuko may regain her humanity. On a new mission, Tanjiro boards a steam train and joins up with Rengoku, the Flame Hashira. Meanwhile, Enmu, a lower-ranked demon who has gained new powers, tries to use dreams to kill Tanjiro and the others. Awakening from his dream, Tanjiro presses Enmu hard, but...
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ENDING IN A DREAM
RATTA RRRRRR!!!

THOSE'RE SOME DEATH THROES!

EVERYTHING'S SHAKING!

...!
KAA-CHING!

Inosuke...

We're gonna flip!

Uhh-oh!

You cut off its head, so it's thrashing around!

ZING!
...THE PASSENGERS!

THW!}

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THMP

I CAN'T DIE!

I WON'T LET ANYONE DIE!

IF I DIE, THAT MAN BECOMES A KILLER!

I CAN'T DIE!
SAN-TARO!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

THE DEMON'S FLESH WAS SPRINGY AND THAT SAVED ME!

WEIRD, HUH?
I CAN'T MOVE YET. YOU GO HELP THE OTHERS.

...FINE. HOW ABOUT YOU?

I'M...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU GOT STABBED!

I FEEL GREAT! NOT EVEN A SNIFFLE!

HOW ABOUT THE ENGINEER UP FRONT?

WHO'S INJURED?

ABOUT THE ENGINEER UP FRONT?

ACTUALLY THINK IT'S ALL RIGHT IF HE DIES!

NO... IT'S NOT.

THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN WALK. IF WE LEAVE HIM, HE'LL DIE!

ANYWAY, HIS LEG IS PINNED UNDER THE ENGINE.

HE STABBED YOU IN THE STOMACH!
NO, HE'S ALREADY SUFFERED ENOUGH.

...TO MAKE MY UNDERLING HAPPY.

HMPH! BECAUSE I'M A GOOD BOSS, I'LL DO IT...

HELP HIM.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT...

BUT AFTER I HELP HIM, I'M RIPPING OUT ALL HIS HAIR!

SNORT

I HAVE TO HELP THE INJURED...

I'VE GOT TO GET MY BREATHING UNDER CONTROL...

HUFF

Dawn is coming.
Rengoku...

They've got to be safe!

Nezuko, Zenitsu...

My body is destroyed. I can't regenerate...

Ridiculous!

Did I lose?

Am I going to die? Me?!

That's ridiculous!
I didn't eat a single human!

My plan to fuse with the train and eat everyone has failed!

Now look at me! After all the time and effort I put in!

This is all...
CORNERED and pinned me down. That's the power of a Hashira!

I took hundreds of hostages, but he still...

AND that girl...

Even without undoing my spell!

HE was too fast...

SHE'S a demon! What's up with that?!

A demon working with a demon slayer?!

Damn it all!

Anyway...

Why hasn't Lord Muzean killed her?
It's really his fault!

It all started to go wrong when that brat broke my spell!

If that boar hadn't stopped me, he has great intuition. He knew where I was looking!

I would have killed that kid...

If nothing else, I want to kill that kid!

And that boar too! Yeah!

Aaaaaah! What a nightmare!

Is it over? Am I going to die?!
THE UPPER-RANK DEMONS...

IT'S ALWAYS US, LOWER-LEVEL DEMONS THAT THE DEMON SLAYERS KILL.

THEY'VE BURIED MOUNTAINS OF SLAYERS—EVEN PUT HASHIRA IN THEIR GRAVES.

THEIR RANK'S HAVEN'T CHANGED FOR A HUNDRED YEARS.

THEIR STRENGTH IS OUT OF THIS WORLD.

I WANT ANOTHER SHOT! I WANT TO DO IT OVER!

EVEN AFTER RECEIVING THAT MUCH BLOOD, I STILL COULDN'T MATCH THE UPPER RANKS.
I'M IMPRESSED!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN DO TOTAL CONCENTRATION: CONSTANT!

THAT'S THE FIRST STEP TO BECOMING A HASHIRA!

REN-GOKU...
YOUR STOMACH IS BLEEDING.

I’LL DO MY BEST.

BUT THAT’S JUST THE FIRST OF 10,000 STEPS YET TO COME!

FOCUS ON EVERY INCH OF YOUR BODY.

CONCENTRATE MORE. IMPROVE THE ACCURACY OF YOUR BREATH.

BROKEN BLOOD VESSELS.

THERE ARE BLOOD VESSELS.

CONCENTRATE MORE.
STOP THE BLEEDING.

HEMOSTASIS.

STOP THE BLEEDING.

THAT'S IT...
TAP

CONCENTRATE.

NO MORE BLEEDING.

THAT'S IT.
THERE'RE LOTS OF THINGS YOU CAN DO IF YOU CAN MASTER YOUR BREATHING.

THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN DO ANYTHING...

A LOT OF INJURIES, BUT NO DEATHS. NO NEED FOR YOU TO OVERDO IT.
The moment Inosuke rams the train.
SECOND FORM:

FLAME BREATHING
RISING SCORCHING SUN!
NOW WHY WOULD SOMEONE AS POWERFUL AS YOU ATTACK THE WOUNDED FIRST?

FAST REGENERATION AND AN OVERWHELMING DEMON AURA, HE MUST BE...

...AN UPPER-RANK DEMON.

NICE KATANA.
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO TALK ABOUT?

I THOUGHT HE MIGHT INTERRUPT THE CONVERSATION...

...WE'RE ABOUT TO HAVE.

THIS IS OUR FIRST MEETING, BUT I ALREADY HATE YOU.

WHEN I SEE WEAKNESS, MY SKIN CRAWLS.

OF COURSE.

I ALSO HATE WEAK HUMANS.

THEN I HAVE A GREAT IDEA...

AHA...

YOU AND I HAVE VERY DIFFERENT VALUES.
WHY DON'T YOU BECOME A DEMON?

I CAN TELL YOUR STRENGTH BY LOOKING AT YOU.

YOU'RE A HASHIRA, RIGHT?

HMMM... NO, THANKS.

...TO THE EDGE OF PERFECTION.

...YOUR FIGHTING SPIRIT...

YOU'VE DEVELOPED...
I AM AKAZA.

I AM THE FLAME HASHIRA KYOJURO RENGOKU.

LET ME TELL YOU, KYOJURO, WHY YOUR POWER WILL NEVER TRULY REACH PERFECTION.

BECAUSE YOU AGE. BECAUSE EVENTUALLY YOU’LL DIE.

IT’S BECAUSE YOU’RE HUMAN.

...YOU CAN TRAIN FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS AND KEEP GETTING STRONGER.

IF YOU DO...

BECOME A DEMON, KYOJURO.
1S WHAT MEANING AND BEAUTY TO THE FLEETING SPAN OF A HUMAN LIFE.

MUCH IN REGARD TO THE FLESH.

GROWING OLD AND DYING...

...IS WHAT GIVES MEANING AND BEAUTY TO THE FLEETING SPAN OF A HUMAN LIFE.

STRENGTH IS NOT A WORD...

...THAT MEANS MUCH IN REGARD TO THE FLESH.

...THAT OUR LIVES HAVE VALUE...

...AND NOBILITY.

IT'S PRECISELY BECAUSE WE AGE AND DIE...
I’LL SAY IT AGAIN...

THIS BOY ISN’T WEAK. DO NOT INSULT HIM.

YOU AND I VALUE DIFFERENT THINGS.

I HAVE MANY REASONS FOR NOT BECOMING A DEMON.

I SEE.
IF YOU WON'T BECOME A DEMON, THEN I'LL HAVE TO KILL YOU.
FIRST FORM:
UNKNOWNING FIRE!

I CAN FOLLOW THEM...

...WITH MY EYES!
STILL,NONE
ACCEPTED
MY
PROPOSAL.

THE
OTHER
HASHIRA
I'VE
KILLED...

...DIDN'T
HAVE
FLAMES.

ONE
CANNOT
SIMPLY
DECIDE TO
BECOME A
DEMON. YOU
MUST BE
CHosen.

AS SOMEONE
WHO ALSO
WALKS THE
PATH OF THE
WARRIOR,
I DO NOT
UNDERSTAND
IT.
BUT YOU, WHO WORKED SO HARD TO BUILD SUCH MAGNIFICENT TALENT, WOULD SIMPLY LET IT WITHER AWAY.

I CAN'T STAND IT. DIE FOR ME, KYOJURO. DO IT WHILE YOU'RE YOUNG AND STRONG!

DESTRUCTIVE DEATH
AIR TYPE!
FOURTH FORM:
BLOOMING FLAME UNDULATION!

...COMES DIRECTLY AT ME!

HE STRIKES THE EMPTY AIR WITH HIS FIST, BUT THE ATTACK...

...IT WILL BE TOUGH TO CUT OFF HIS HEAD.

IF WE KEEP FIGHTING AT A DISTANCE LIKE THIS...
SO I'LL GET IN CLOSE!

VW

SUCH AMAZING SPEED!
It's not your time yet!

**Don't move! If your wounds open, you'll die!**

Focus on me!

Don't waste your thoughts on that weakling, Kyojuro!

You need all your strength for me!
FIFTH FORM:

FLAME BREATHING

WOW!

FLAME TIGER!

DESTRUCTIVE DEATH DISORDER!
DON'T DIE YET, KYOJURO.
RENGOKU!

RENGOKU...

RENGOKU...

TREMBLE

THERE'S NO OPENING. I CAN'T GET IN. I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THEIR MOVEMENTS.

IT'S LIKE THEY'RE IN ANOTHER DIMENSION.

I FEEL IT. IF I GET TOO CLOSE, THERE IS ONLY DEATH.

I KNOW THAT IF I GO IN TO HELP, I'LL ONLY GET IN THE WAY.
No matter how desperately you fight, Kyojuro, it's all useless.

That wonderful cut you made has already healed completely.

If you were a demon, you would heal in the blink of an eye.

Your left eye is crushed. Your ribs are broken. You're bleeding inside.

Those are serious wounds.

But what about you?

To a demon, those are just scratches.
It may be because I'm wounded, but this happens when I use Hinokami Kagura.

My limbs have no strength.

Even though I want to help!
I WON'T LET ANYONE HERE DIE!

I WILL FULFILL MY DUTY!

ESOTERIC ART!

FLAME BREATHING

...I'LL SLASH UP A'BROAD AREA!

IN AN INSTANT...
YOUR STANCE HAS NO WEAKNESS!

SUCH FIGHTING SPIRIT! EVEN WITH THOSE WOUNDS...

...YOU'RE FULL OF DETERMINATION AND SPIRITUAL FORTITUDE.

YOU REALLY SHOULD BECOME A DEMON, KYOJURO!

THEN YOU COULD FIGHT WITH ME FOREVER!

TECHNIQUE DEVELOPMENT
DESTRUCTIVE DEATH
ANNIHILATION TYPE!

NINTH FORM: RENGOKU!
OH... I CAN'T SEE...
You're finished, Kyojuro!

Die!

Give in! Say you'll become a demon!
YOU'RE ONE OF THE CHOSEN STRONG ONES!

KYOJURO...

YES, MOTHER?

...MY NEXT QUESTION.

THINK HARD ABOUT...
DO YOU KNOW WHY YOU WERE BORN STRONGER THAN OTHER PEOPLE?

SO THAT YOU CAN HELP PEOPLE WEAKER THAN YOU.

I DON'T KNOW!

IT IS UNFORGIVABLE TO USE STRENGTH GRANTED BY HEAVEN TO HURT OTHERS AND EMPOWER YOURSELF.

...MUST USE THEIR STRENGTH FOR THE GOOD OF THE WORLD, FOR OTHER PEOPLE.

THOSE BLESSED WITH MORE NATURAL TALENT THAN OTHERS...
HELPING THE WEAK IS THE DUTY OF THOSE BORN WITH STRENGTH.

YOU MUST TAKE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY SERIOUSLY AND DO YOUR DUTY...

...AND NEVER, EVER FORGET THAT.

GOT IT!

HUG
...to have been the mother of such a strong and kind child.

I won't live much longer, but I am happy...

I'm counting on you.
HE CAN STILL SWING A SWORD?!

GAGH!

...TO HAVE HAD YOU AS MY MOTHER!

THE HONOR IS MINE...
UNBELIEVABLE POWER! BUT MY FIST HAS PIERCED HIS GUTS!
I NEED TO KILL HIM FAST!

UH-OH! IT'S ALMOST DAWN!

CAN'T...

MOVE MY ARM!

I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY!
CHAPTER 65: WHOSE VICTORY?
I HAVE TO CUT OFF THE DEMON'S HEAD... AND FAST!

I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY!

SUNLIGHT WILL FALL HERE!

DAWN IS BREAKING!
GRAAAAAH!

AAAHH!

I WON'T LET GO!
NOT UNTIL I'VE CUT OFF HIS HEAD!

YAAHHHHH!

OUT! OF! MY! WAAAY!
MOVE! FOR RENGOKU'S SAKE!

INOSUKE! HELP!
FIRST FANG:

BEAST BREATHING

PIERCER!

SOMP
GOTTA HURRY! SOMEPLACE WHERE THERE’S SHADOW!
I need to get far away from the sun!

This is bad!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, YOU COWARD?!
I'm not running from the Demon Slayer Corps—I'm running from the sun!

What is that brat talking about?

Doesn't he have any brains in his head?

Soon he'll run out of strength and die!

Besides, this fight is already over.
THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS ARE FLESH-AND-BLOOD HUMANS! OUR WOUNDS DON'T CLOSE QUICKLY! LOST LIMBS DON'T GROW BACK!

AND YET YOU'LL ONLY FIGHT US IN THE DARK OF NIGHT WHEN YOU HAVE THE ADVANTAGE!

COWARD!

SO WHY ARE YOU RUNNING?! YOU JERK!

YOU'RE AFRAID TO ADMIT...
HE DIDN'T LET ANYONE DIE!

RENGOKU IS STRONGER—MUCH STRONGER THAN YOU!

HE PROTECTED THE REST OF US!

HE SAW THE FIGHT THROUGH TO THE END!

BELONGS TO RENGOKU!

...THIS IS YOUR DEFEAT!

...AND THE VICTORY...
AAAAAAH!

AAAAAAH!

WAAAAH!

AAAAH!
DON'T CRY SO HARD, KID...
YOU'RE HURT PRETTY BAD TOO, Y'KNOW.

THAT CUT IN YOUR BELLY WILL OPEN UP.

AND IF YOU DIE, I WON'T HAVE MY VICTORY ANYMORE.

LET'S TALK A LITTLE HERE AT THE END.

COME HERE.
...IN MY VISIONS OF THE PAST.

I REMEMBER SOMETHING I SAW...
CHAPTER 66:
SCATTERING INTO DAWN
TO VISIT HOUSE RENGOKU, WHERE I WAS BORN.

You should go...

My father read them often, but I didn't...

So I have no idea what's in them.

There you'll find the writings of past flame Hashira.

They may contain records of the Hinokami Kagura you mentioned.
BUT I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, SO LISTEN.

I'M GOING TO DIE SOON.

ISN'T THERE ANY WAY TO STOP YOUR BLEEDING?

CAN'T YOU USE YOUR BREATHING?

THAT'S ENOUGH.

ISN'T THERE ANY WAY TO STOP YOUR BLEEDING?

TO TAKE THE PATH THAT HE THINKS IS RIGHT, TO FOLLOW HIS HEART.

...MY LITTLE BROTHER SENJURO ...

I WANT YOU TO TELL...

AND...

AND... MY FATHER TO TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF.
I believe in your little sister.

I consider her a member of the demon slayer corps.

...I shed her own blood to protect humans.

On the train, I saw her...

...She's a member of the corps, no matter what anyone says!

If she risks her life to fight demons and protect people...
STAND TALL AND BE PROUD.

...KEEP YOUR HEART BURNING, GRIT YOUR TEETH AND MOVE FORWARD.

NO MATTER HOW WEAK OR UNWORTHY YOU FEEL...

IT WON'T STOP FOR YOU WHILE YOU WALLOW IN GRIEF.

IF YOU JUST CURL UP IN A BALL AND HIDE, TIME WILL PASS YOU BY.
I'M A HASHIRA.

IT'S MY JOB TO SHIELD YOU JUNIOR MEMBERS.

DON'T WORRY OVER MY DEATH.

TANJIRO...

ANY HASHира WOULD DO THE SAME. WE CAN'T ALLOW...

...THE YOUNG BUDS TO BE PLUCKED.

BOAR-HEAD BOY...
YOU ALL KEEP LEARNING AND GROWING.

BLONDIE THERE...

THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE.

SOMEDAY YOU GUYS WILL BECOME HASHIRA AND BE THE PILLARS OF THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.

I BELIEVE IN YOU.
MOTHER...

DID I USE MY GIFTS WISELY?

...DID I DO WELL?
YOU DID SPLENDIDLY.
WHEN THE TRAIN WENT...

...TO MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE TO THE TRAIN CARS.

...RENGOKU USED A BUNCH OF TECHNIQUES...

...WHEN THE TRAIN WENT OFF THE TRACKS...
WAS THERE
REALLY AN
UPPER-RANK
DEMON?

I KNOW
HE DID.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE...

...HE'S
DEAD.

YES.

WHY DID
IT COME
HERE?

YES.

WAS IT
THAT
STRONG?
...I learn just how much more there is I don't know.

Every time I learn to do something new...

...and I'm still so far behind them.

These awesome people are fighting with such skill and power...

Can I...

I feel like I'm falling behind.
Can I ever become anything like Rengoku?

Don't dwell on such weak thoughts!
YOU CAN OR
YOU CAN'T!
IT DOESN'T DO
YOU ANY GOOD
TO SIT THERE
WONDERING
ABOUT THE
MAYBES!

...SO DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
ANYTHING
OTHER THAN
LIVING UP TO
THAT!

HE SAID HE
BELIEVED IN US...

CRYING
WON'T
BRING ANY
OF THEM
BACK!

EVERY-
THING
THAT DIES
RETURNS
TO THE
EARTH...
NO MATTER HOW Frustrated you feel, don't CRY!

...you must keep on living!

even if you think you're Wretched and unworthy...

the tears are flowing out of your mask.

but you're crying too.
I'M NOT CRYING!

COME ON! WE HAVE TO TRAIN!

WAAAH!

WAAAH!
NEWS OF RENGOKU'S DEATH SOON REACHED UBUYASHIKI AND THE HASHIRA.
FAREWELL...

...RENGOKU.
EVEN RENGOKU LOST TO AN UPPER-RANK DEMON.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

NAMU AMIDA BUTSU...
I will annihilate all demons.
KYOJURO STRUGGLED VALIANTLY. HE WAS AN INCREDIBLE YOUNG MAN.

NOT ONE OF THE PASSENGERS DIED?

I AM NOT FORLORN.

I CANNOT LIVE MUCH LONGER.

SOON, I WILL GO TO THE OTHER WORLD WHERE KYOJURO AND THE REST ARE.
OH MY!
HE SEEMS TO BE VERY INTELLIGENT.

EVEN WITHOUT A BLOOD CONNECTION, WE ARE AS CLOSE AS ANY BIOLOGICAL PARENT AND CHILD COULD BE. HE’LL CARRY ON FOR ME WHEN I’M GONE.

NOT HAVING BEEN BLESSED WITH CHILDREN, I WAS DEPRESSED. BUT I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER NOW THAT THIS MARVELOUS CHILD HAS ARRIVED.

OH DEAR! HOW SAD!

HE CANNOT GO OUTSIDE IN THE DAYLIGHT.

BUT HE HAS A CHRONIC SKIN DISEASE.
...as quickly as possible.

I'm having my company create a special medication for him...

I've come to report...
...LORD MUZAN.

DID YOU FIND WHAT I SEEK?
I investigated, but there was no certain information.

I also couldn't confirm its existence.

I did not find the blue spider lily.
AS YOU COMMANDED, I KILLED ONE OF THE HASHIRA. ALL IS WELL.

I WILL CONTINUE SEARCHING TO FIND THE ANSWERS YOU SEEK.

...A MISCONCEPTION.

AZAKA, YOU APPEAR TO BE UNDER...
WHAT I SEEK IS THE ANNIHILATION OF THE ENTIRE DEMON SLAYER CORPS ITSELF.

WE MUST KILL EVERY LAST ONE SO THEY NEVER SULLY MY SIGHT AGAIN.

IT IS ONLY NATURAL FOR A DEMON TO DEFEAT A HUMAN.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?

...YET YOU STILL HAVE FAILED.

THIS ISN'T A COMPLICATED TASK...

WHY EVEN BOTHER...

...TO TELL ME YOU KILLED A MERE HASHIRA?
WHY DIDN'T YOU FINISH THEM OFF? I SENT YOU BECAUSE I TRUSTED YOU'D GET THE JOB DONE, AKAZA...

YOU PROUDLY REPORT HAVING KILLED A HASHIRA...

...BUT YOU LEFT THREE DEMON SLAYERS ALIVE.

YOU DISAPPOINT ME.
...then upper rank 3 has indeed fallen.

If you took a blow from a swordsman who isn't even a hashira...

Leave me.
"YOU COWARD!"
WE MET, I'LL SPILL YOUR BRAINS!

I'VE MEMORIZED YOUR FACE, BOY!
BUTTERFLY MANSION

SOMETIMES EVEN HE GETS IT IN HIS HEAD THAT A THING IS IMPOSSIBLE.

EVEN TANJIRO IS DEPRESSED.

IT'S SAD.

THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE. I MEAN, WHEN EVEN SOMEONE AS WELL TRAINED AS RENGOKU ...
People don't simply recover instantly. Even Inosuke was wailing.

He must have been so frustrated.

You must rouse your aching heart and stand back up.

But hiding from it doesn't solve anything.

No matter how strong someone is, they can feel pain and sadness.

He was a little weird, but he was strong.

I'm sure Rengoku was that kind of person.

He had that way about him.
I Brought you some manju! Let's eat!

Tanjiro is gone!

No, no... I'm totally fine.

Zenitsu! I'm so sorry!

Aaaaah!

What happened?

Your eyes are all googly!
HIS WOUNDS HAVEN'T HEALED YET, AND SHINOBU WAS LIVID!

SHE ORDERED HIM TO REST, BUT...

I'M REALLY SORRY!

TANJIRO ISN'T ANYWHERE TO BE FOUND!

...AND HE WENT OFF SOMEWHERE LIKE THAT?!

HIS STOMACH WOUND WAS REALLY DEEP...

IS HE CRAZY?!
IT'S GUIDING ME BASED ON RENGOKU'S LAST WISHES.

RENGOKU'S CROW...

THANK YOU...
MUST BE SENJURO

RIGHT?

YOU MUST BE SENJURO...

BOY!
HE ENTRUSTED ME WITH MESSAGES FOR HIS FATHER AND BROTHER.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE SAD NEWS ABOUT KYOJURO RENGOKU?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU'RE VERY PALE.

FROM MY BROTHER?

I HEARD WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM, BUT...

I BET HIS LAST WORDS WERE WORTHLESS ANYWAY!

STOP!
HE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TALENT, BUT HE BECAME A SWORDSMAN ANYWAY...

WHAT A WORTHLESS AND STUPID SON HE WAS!

...AND THAT'S WHY HE DIED!
Every last one of 'em!

BIFF

BOFF
CHAPTER 68: WIELDER
A person's capabilities and limitations are set at birth.

They're dust! Of no value! A rare few enter the world with talent...

...the rest are just rabble!

He had no talent, so of course he died! That's how it was with Kyoujurou! Worthless!
THE FUNERAL IS OVER!

PLEASE, DON'T SAY THAT!

WHAT A HORRIBLE THING TO SAY!
GO AWAY!
DON'T DARKEN MY DOORSTEP!

WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?

I'M IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS...
YOU PRACTICE THE ART OF SUN BREATHING!

YOU DO, DON'T YOU?!

WHAT'S THAT?

SUN BREATHING?
LOOK AT HIS FACE!

FATHER! PLEASE! STOP!

HE ISN'T WELL!

HE DOESN'T MOVE LIKE AN AMATEUR!

SO FAST!
MORE NONSENSE! SHUT UP!

KNOCK IT OFF, YOU BRUTE!
YOUR OWN FALLEN SON

AND THEN... (SUPPOSE YOU CAME TO RIDICULE US!)

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!

...HIT YOUR OTHER ONE!

YOU INSULT YOUR OWN FALLEN SON AND THEN...

I SUPPOSE YOU CAME TO RIDICULE US!
WHY WOULD I DO THAT?! THAT MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL!

ABSOLUTELY NOT!

I KNOW THOSE EARRINGS.

YOU'RE A PRACTITIONER OF SUN BREATHING.

IT WAS WRITTEN DOWN!

YEAH... SUN BREATHING IS...

DOES SUN BREATHING MEAN THE HINOKAMI KAGURA?

?!
IT'S THE FIRST BREATHING TECHNIQUE!

AND ALL OTHER BREATHING TECHNIQUES ARE MERELY VARIATIONS!

IT'S THE FIRST BREATHING TECHNIQUE THAT EVER WAS, AND THE STRONGEST!

THEY'RE LESSER FORMS THAT COPIED SUN BREATHING! ALL OF THEM! FLAME! WATER! WIND!

ALL THOSE STYLES ARE NOTHING MORE THAN IMITATIONS OF SUN BREATHING!
YOU MAY BE A WIELDER.
DON'T GET UPSET, BOY!

SUN BREATHING...
HINOKAMI KAGURA...
NO, INSTEAD OF THAT...

I COME FROM A LONG LINE OF CHARCOAL SELLERS.
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

...BUT DON'T GET UPSET, BOY!

YOU MAY BE A WIELDER...
SUN BREATHING...
YOU... DON'T KNOW HOW MISERABLE I AM BECAUSE OF MY OWN WEAKNESS!

YOU BITTER OLD BASTARD!

YOU DON'T INSULT THE MEMORY OF RENGOKU!

FATHER IS A FORMER HASHIRA!

NO!
PLEASE! FATHER, DON'T!

IF THE HINOKAMI KAGURA IS SUN BREATHING...

WHY?
...Why couldn't I help Rengoku?

If it's such an incredible technique...

WHAAAAAA!

WHY?

WHY?!
NOW I'VE DONE IT...

SORRY. I REALLY HEAD-BUTTED YOUR DAD...

IS HE ALL RIGHT?

OH... THANK YOU.

HAVE SOME TEA. PLEASE.
HE WOKE UP AND WENT OUT TO BUY MORE SAKE.

I THINK HE’S FINE.

I'M RELIEVED.

WHEN FATHER SPOKE POORLY OF RENGO...KU...

...I COULDN'T TALK BACK TO HIM.

WHAT WERE MY BROTHER'S FINAL MOMENTS LIKE?
HE WAS VALIANT TO THE END.

OH... I SEE.

BOW

I'M JUST SORRY I WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO—

NOT AT ALL...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I'LL GET THEM. WAIT A MOMENT.

I THINK I KNOW THOSE WRITINGS MY FATHER OFTEN LOOKS AT.

I BET MY BROTHER SAID THAT TOO, RIGHT?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

...
I think this is it.

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FWUP

THANK YOU.

IS THIS WHAT YOU WERE HOPING TO FIND?

WHAT IS THIS?!

W...
SCREW-TYPE HEADBUTT
LESS LETHAL BUT MORE POWERFUL.
CHAPTER 69: MOVE FORWARD—EVEN IF JUST A LITTLE
Most of it is illegible.

The annals of the successive generations of the Hashira are stored carefully.

It's ruined.

The annals of the successive generations of the Hashira are stored carefully.

Was it always like this?

I don't think so.

I'm so sorry.

I think father may have torn it up himself.
PLEASE, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

NO!

THIS ISN'T YOUR FAULT.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, BECAUSE NOW I KNOW WHAT TO DO.

YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE BUT YOU DIDN'T...

...LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT THE HINOKAMI KAGURA OR THE SUN BREATHING MY FATHER MENTIONED.

I HAVEN'T EVEN MASTERED ALL THE HINOKAMI KAGURA FOR WHICH I DO KNOW THE DANCE MOVEMENTS.

I'LL TRAIN MORE.
That's my problem.

When I use the Hinokami Kagura in a state of total concentration, I can't move the way I want.

My body isn't performing my techniques.

You haven't?

If I continue to do constant, I'll get stronger day by day, but I won't get stronger instantly.

Total concentration: constant improved my physical strength, but that's not enough.

A way to instantly get strong enough to save Rengoku.

That day...

...I wished there had been...
I've been thinking about it for a while now.

I realize that there's no such method.

There is no shortcut.

All I can do is move forward...

No matter how difficult or frustrating it is.

The only option is to struggle on.

Eventually I'll become...

And if I do...
MY BROTHER DIDN'T HAVE A TSUGUKO, A SUCCESSOR.
As his backup, I had to build experience.

I was supposed to be his tsuguko.

...My Nichirin sword never changed color.

But...

No matter how hard I trained...

...I was no good.

...The color doesn't change.

If you don't reach a certain level of swordsmanship...
So I'm giving up being...

...a swordsman.

A blotch on their long history.

This severs the succession of Flame Hashira.

...in some other way.

I'll be useful...

...my brother will forgive me.

But I'm sure...
IF LEARN SOMETHING, I'LL SEND A CROW.

IF ANYONE SPEAKS BADLY ABOUT YOU, I'LL HEADBUTT THEM.

PLEASE, WALK THE PATH THAT YOU THINK IS RIGHT.

I'LL ASK FATHER ABOUT THEM.

AND I'LL LOOK FOR THE OTHER BOOKS TOO.

YOU SHOULDN'T DO THAT.

I'LL REPAIR THAT SHREDDED BOOK AS BEST I CAN.

IF I LEARN SOMETHING, I'LL SEND A CROW.
BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY BACK.

I'M GLAD WE GOT TO TALK.

OH, TANJIRO. ONE MORE THING.

THANK YOU.

I'M GLAD TOO.

HERE...

SHF

BOW

IT'S THE HANDGUARD FROM MY BROTHER'S NICHIRIN SWORD.
I CAN'T ACCEPT SOMETHING SO PERSONAL.

I'M SURE IT WILL PROTECT YOU.

I WANT YOU TO HAVE IT.

THANK YOU.
MAY I JOIN YOU...?

UM... QUICKER THAN...

SHUT UP!

YOU'RE BACK...
IT DOESN'T MATTER!

I ALREADY KNOW THAT!

I KNOW ...

WHAT KYOUJURO SAID.

IT DOESN'T MATTER! GET OUT!

HE HAD SOME COMPLAINT ABOUT ME.

GO! GET OUT!

ALL RIGHT...
ALL HE WANTED TO SAY TO YOU WAS...

...PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.
"...I'll be back!"

"Don't worry, Dad..."
KYOJURO!

AAAH...

AHNH...
I CAN'T BE SO SOFT. COME ON!

IT'S HARD TO BREATHE. DO I...

HAVE A FEVER?

HMM?

IT'S ALL RIGHT, NEZUKO. WE'LL REACH BUTTERFLY MANSION SOON.
HAGANEZUKA!
YOU LITTLE FOOL! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, LOSING YOUR SWORD?!

THAT DESERVES DEATH! DEATH!

THEY PLAYED A DEADLY GAME OF TAG UNTIL NEARLY DAWN.

I'M REALLY, REALLY SORRY!
Haganezuka loves mitarashi dango—soy-glazed dumplings. When he gets angry, he goes to buy some.

Every day, I want to eat mitarashi dango!
CHAPTER 70: KIDNAPPER
Most days we trained, but when Crows came with instructions...

Almost four months had passed since the death of Rengoku.

...we took a break and went to battle demons.

Let's run until our bones crumble!

Inosuke became even more reckless than before.

Give me a lock of Nezuko's hair, then I'll fight harder!

Zen stopped whining, even when he had to go on missions alone.

C'mon, guys!

Hff hff

Just a little farther! Hang in there!

The best thing about it...
GRAAAH!

NE-ZUKO!

NE-ZUKO!

STAGGER

...WAS NOT HAVING TO BE ALONE.

?! BUTTERFLY MANSION AAAR! GRAAH!

I'M BEAT.

RETURNING FROM A SOLO MISSION TMP TMP

I...

I SAID...

LET ME GO!
YOU'RE TOO NOISY. SO SHUT UP.

PLEASE LET HER GO!

STOP! PLEASE!
KANAOU!

"OBEY YOUR HEART!"

I’LL TOSS MY COIN TO DECIDE...
YOU GOT ORDERS EARLIER, DIDN'T YOU?

DON'T BE SUCH A BORE.

KANAOU...

MISS KANAOU...
KYAAAH!

SAY SOMETHING! YOU STUCK-UP PIG!

KNOCK IT OFF!

HEE-YEO!

CHA-ARGE!

CHAARGE!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING TO THOSE GIRLS ?!

LET THEM GO!

WHO... CAUGHT WHO?

OR ARE THEY SWARMING HIM?

HELP US!

KIDNAPPER!
YEAH!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

WHUD THUD

IDiot.
I AM TENGU UZUI, A FORMER NINJA.

I'M WELL-KNOWN IN THAT WORLD.

DO YOU THINK I'D LET YOU HIT ME WITH YOUR SNOTTY HEADBUTT?!
WEA! YEAH!

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!

LET GO OF AOI AND NAHO, YOU KIDNAPPER!

PERVERT!!

I'M YOUR SUPERIOR OFFICER! I'M A HASHIRA, YOU JERK!

WHY YOU... GRRR!

YOU TALKIN' TO ME? GRRR!

I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU AS A HASHIRA!!

HMPH!
You're just an underling! Has your brain exploded?!

Don't you "hmph" me!! So what if you don't recognize me?!

She isn't a tsuguko, so I don't need kocho's permission!

I need a corps member for a mission, so I'm taking her!

Then I don't need her.

She isn't wearing a corps uniform, is she?!

Naho isn't a corps member!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU BRUTE?!

WAAAH! HE DROPPED ME!

SHE DOESN'T LOOK USEFUL, BUT SHE'S BASICALLY A CORPS MEMBER.

FOR NOW, I'M TAKING HER ON A MISSION.
LET AOI GO!!

PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS AND ABILITIES! YOU CAN'T JUST USE THEM AS YOU LIKE WITH NO REGARD FOR THEM AT ALL!

THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS IS GETTING WEAKER BECAUSE OF NEW MEMBERS LIKE YOU WHO JUST RATTLE ON LIKE THAT.

TEPID.
YOU'RE LUKE-WARM.

TAKE ME! I'LL GO IN PLACE OF AOI!
I don't mind going either!

I just got back, but I'm not tired!

Even if you are a muscle-bound monster, I won't retreat one step!

Let go of Aoi, you! Grrrrrrrr!

Hmmm
BUT YOU'D BETTER NOT LET ME DOWN!

YOU GUYS COME WITH ME.

WHATSOEVER.

PAT

BUT YOU'LL NEVER LET ME DOWN!

HE SURE CAVED EASILY.

HEI LET AOI GO.
WHERE ARE WE GOING?

HE'S TALL!

SO...?

... ? ?

THE FLASHIEST PLACE IN JAPAN, STEEPED LUST AND AVARICE.

IT'S AN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT WHERE DEMONS DWELL.

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Well, you know! Don’t you? That’s it! Huh?
You don’t know?!
DEMON SLAYER
KIMETSU NO YAIBA
KOYOHARU GOTOUGE
MONSTER CARP STREAMERS

GHOST KOI?! THAT GIVES ME THE CREEPS.

CREepy! WHAT THE-?! GROSS!

They're like this, aren't they?!

LIKE THIS!

IT'S A MONSTER!

SO THIS IS A CARP STREAMER ...