KOYOHARU GOTOUGE

I’m Gotouge—welcome to volume 15! Thank you to everyone who has supported me. The anime is really coming together. I got to see a sneak peek! The visuals are so stunning, and the music is so beautiful that it made me tremble. Back when I was new to being a manga author, I never even dreamed that Ufotable, creators of the anime I was absorbed in at the time, would end up making my show too. But no matter how great the anime is, if the original manga doesn’t stay interesting, a lot of people are going to be upset! So I’ll keep on working hard!
DAYBREAK
AND
FIRST LIGHT

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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. In search of a new katana, Tanjiro visits a village of swordsmiths, but the upper-rank demons Hantengu and Gyokko attack. The Mist Hashira, Tokito, wins a hard-fought victory against Gyokko and the Love Hashira, Kanroji, takes on Hantengu’s spawn. Meanwhile, Tanjiro and Genya pursue Hantengu’s actual miniature form!!
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KANROJI HAS BEEN USING A LOT OF BIG MOVES, SO HER STRENGTH WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER...

AND THE DEMONS WILL FLEE AT DAWN.

WE MUST HURRY!

CHAPTER 125: DAWN APPROACHES
RRPPPP

JUST DIE ALREADY!

SNAP

COME ON!

ARRRGH!

GRAAAH!

GET A CLUE!

HE JUST THREW THE TREE!

!!
WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?!

ZZW SH...

WHOOSH YEEEEE!

YEEEE!

I CAN'T KEEP UP!

HE'S SO FAST! WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?! RRRGH!
...AND BEFORE KANROJI GETS CRUSHED...

BUT BEFORE DAWN ARRIVES...

GEEZ! HE'S GONNA KEEP RUNNING FOREVER!

WE WON'T LET YOU WIN!

...WE'RE NOT GONNA LET THAT HAPPEN!

IN THUNDER BREATHING, YOU FOCUS ON YOUR LEGS.

I CAN'T STAY ON MY FEET!

ARGH! IT'S NO USE!

ZNNG

I WISH MY LEFT LEG WASN'T HURT!

NGH!
“Only by being conscious of all of them do you truly achieve total concentration.”

That’s what my old trainer always said.

Surprisingly, we don’t have a clear grasp...

...of our body’s dimensions and the shapes of our muscles.

In your legs...

Build up the strength...

...and to every blood vessel.

Circulate air...

...to every fiber of your muscles...

Build it up...
...THUNDERCLAP!

...THAT CUTS THE AIR LIKE A THUNDERCLAP!

...AND LET IT GO...

...IN ONE BLAST...
DOON'T

SORRY...

...WITH ALL MY STRENGTH....!

GO! GO! THIS TIME...

YOUUU

DOON'T

...FEEL SORRY...
...FOR MEEE?!
YOU SHOULDN'T PICK ON...

...THE WEEAAAK!
GRAA

YOU FOOL!

ENOUGH WITH YOUR EXCUSES!

GRAAA

SPURR

KRCKH KRNNK!

GRAAH!
SHRRKRR

I'LL GET BURNED TOO BECAUSE I ATE DEMON FLESH!

WHSH

OH NO!

UNGH

SWAY

WAH!
TANJIRO!

NEZUKO!

KOFF

KOFF
ZOHAKUTEN IS USING TOO MUCH STRENGTH.

I MUST REPLENISH IT WITH HUMAN FLESH!

THIS IS BAD!

MY REGENERATION IS SLOWING DOWN!

HUMANS ARE NEARBY... I FEEL IT!

STOP!
FIRST, I’LL POWER UP BY EATING THOSE HUMANS!

THAT KID’S SWORD GOT STUCK IN MY NECK BUT IT DIDN’T CUT THROUGH!

I’LL USE TOTAL CONCENTRATION TO KICK MYSELF UP!

DO IT QUICK! ONE MORE TIME!
USE IT!

A SWORD ... ?!

IT'S ...
KNOCK IT OFF! I'LL KILL YOU! DON'T USE IT!

IT'S ONLY BEEN SHARPENED TO THE FIRST STAGE!

GIVE IT BACK!

THWOK

TOKITO...

STUPID BRAT!

THWOK

OW!

BUT DAWN IS NEAR! HE'LL GET AWAY!

THANK'S!
DANCING FLASH!
Yes! Two of the tea stalks are floating upright! Something good is gonna happen today!
CHAPTER 126: DAYBREAK AND FIRST LIGHT
THIS OPEN GROUND IS DANGEROUS!

... IS BREAKING!

NNGH! I CAN'T...

KOFF

KOFF

TALK!

RUN!

NEZUKO...
...IF THE SUNLIGHT STRIKES YOU!

YOU'RE THE ONE IN DANGER...

DON'T COME THIS WAY!

SHALL: YOWRE

THE ONE /N DANGER

NO, NEZUKO!

YOU!

NEZUKO!

RUN!

?!

GET INTO THE SHADE!

MMPH!
WITH HIS HEAD CUT OFF!

WAAAHH!

HE'S NOT DEAD... EVEN WITH HIS HEAD CUT OFF!

RUN! RUN!

WHAA...? ??!
THE CHARACTER ON THE TONGUE IS DIFFERENT!

I THOUGHT THE MAIN BODY WAS FEAR!

I MESSED UP! I'VE GOTTA FINISH HIM OFF!
NEZUKO!

IT'S THIS BAD EVEN WHEN THE SUN ISN'T FULLY UP?

SHRINK!
MAKE YOUR BODY SMALLER!

THIS IS BAD!
IT'S NO USE! I CAN'T DECIDE! I CAN'T...

BOMP
HFF
HFF
HFF

OH RIGHT! THE SUNLIGHT AFFECTS THAT DEMON TOO!

TOKITO!

GENYA!

SOMEONE HELP!

BOMP
HFF
HFF
HFF

AND IF I TRY TO CARRY NEZUKO...

AAGH!
HE HASN'T RUN FAR!

SNIFF HIM OUT!

I CAN FIND HIM BY THE SCENT—THE SHAPE AND COLOR!

IF THE MAIN BODY WERE FAR AWAY, I'D HAVE KNOWN BY THE SMELL.

BUT WHERE?

HE'S CLOSE...

THERE! HE'S STILL INSIDE THAT DEMON.

CLOSER...

LOOK CLOSER...

MORE...

I SEE!
IN THE HEART!

THERE HE IS!

THIS IS THE END FOR YOU, YOU COWARDLY DEMON!

YOU DEVIL!

GYAH!

WAAAH! IT'S NO USE!

HE CAUGHT US—
NOW YOU PAY FOR YOUR SINS...
WHEN A MASSEUR CAME TO THIS COURT BEFORE, HE FACED THE WALL...

...UNTIL I BEGAN TALKING.

SILENCING ME IS FUTILE!

NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, THE FACTS WON'T CHANGE.

IS THIS MY LIFE WHEN I WAS HUMAN? IS THIS...?

...FOR YOUR SINS WITH YOUR FILTHY LIFE!

THE TIME WILL SURELY COME WHEN YOU PAY...

I THINK YOU ACTUALLY CAN SEE!

WE'LL CUT THEM OFF!!

AND YOU SAY YOUR HANDS ARE TO BLAME?!

IN THAT CASE...

IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF THEY BEHEADED YOU TOMORROW.

I'M GOING TO THE MAGISTRATE!

MY HANDS ARE TO BLAME!

I CANNOT FORGIVE MASTER FOR PRETENDING HE DIDN'T KNOW!

MY HANDS MOVED ON THEIR OWN!

I'M KNOWING!

I CANNOT FORGIVE MASTER FOR PRETENDING HE DIDN'T KNOW!

MY HANDS MOVED ON THEIR OWN!

IT SEEMS YOU'VE COMMITTED MURDER AND THEFT IN OTHER TOWNS TOO...

...SO THERE'S NO ROOM FOR MERCY.

...SO I WILL HELP YOU.

WHAT AM I SEEING?

IT'S NOT MY FAULT!

WHY WOULD YOU STEAL FROM SOMEONE?!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME!

IT'S ABSURD!

IT'S FOR ME!

ABSURD! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME!

AFTER ALL, MY EYES...

FALLEN ANGEL, THE TIME WILL SURELY COME WHEN YOU PAY...

THE SILENCING FAKE WON'T CHANGE ME EITHER!

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AFTER ALL, MY EYES...
IS THIS MY LIFE PASSING BEFORE MY EYES?
...BUT WE LOST NEZUKO!

WE WON...

...?

LORD KAMADO ...

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THE SUNLIGHT CONSUMED HER! EVEN HER BONES ARE GONE!
GOOD MORNING!
WE DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, BUT EVEN WE KNOW SOMETHING INCREDIBLE IS HAPPENING.
PROVIDED ME WITH BLOOD FROM THE TWELVE KIZUKI AND NEZUKO.

THANK YOU FOR AIDING IN MY RESEARCH.

HE'S FREE FROM MUZAN'S CONTROL AND CAN LIVE ON JUST A SMALL AMOUNT OF BLOOD.

OVER THIS SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, THE COMPOSITION OF HER BLOOD HAS REPEATEDLY CHANGED.

THE TRANSFORMATION IN NEZUKO'S BLOOD SURPRISES ME.

THIS IS THANKS TO NEZUKO'S BLOOD.

THE BOY THAT MUZAN TURNED INTO A DEMON IN ASAKUSA HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL.

YOU FOR AIDING IN MY RESEARCH.
...and remains in that childish state instead.

About why Nezuko hasn't returned to her old self...

For some time I have been thinking...

It could be that something else...

Something more important than reclaiming herself.

Is taking precedence for her.

This is just a theory, but...

Tanjiro...
...I think Nezuko may soon be able to withstand sunlight.

Are you all right? Are you...human again?

Nezuko ...

I'm so glad!
HAPPY!

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TRAGIC IF NEZUKO HAD DIED!

THANK YOU BOTH FOR WHAT YOU DID FOR US!

NO... IT REALLY IS...

SHE'S TALKING... BUT HER EYES AND FANGS ARE THE SAME!

SHE STILL HASN'T RETURNED TO HUMAN FORM!

I AM...

I'M HAPPY.

I... I'M FINE.

...YOU DIDN'T GET TURNED TO DUST!

THAT...

GREAT...
I'M SO HAPPY! SO HAPPY! SO HAPPY THAT YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

WAAAH!

THEY'RE ALL CRYING TOO.

ME TOO!
...AND NEZUKO!

TANJIRO...

THAT'S GREAT...
HANG IN THERE, KAMADO!

HE'S HAD ENOUGH.

WHOAAAA!

IS HE DEAD?

YOU IDIOT!

I'M SO GLAD...
I'M SORRY BUT THIS IS KILLING ME!

I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!

GYAAAH!
TANJIRO AND THOSE GUYS MUST HAVE CUT THE HEAD OFF THE MAIN BODY!

WH EW! I'M SAVED!

OH DEAR! WHAT'S WRONG, TOSHIKUNI?

YOU MADE QUITE A MESS!
GOOD WORK, HANTENGU!

THERE'S FINALLY ONE WHO HAS OVERCOME THE SUN!

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT A BOOK YOU—

WELL, AT LEAST YOU'RE HAVING FUN!

HUH?
I'VE BEEN CREATING DEMONS, EVEN WHEN I DIDN'T WANT TO!

IT TOOK SO LONG BUT THIS IS IT! THIS IS WHY...

FOR A THOUSAND YEARS...

I NO LONGER NEED TO SEARCH FOR THE BLUE SPIDER LILY!

THE CHOSEN DEMON!

IT'S A RARE CONDITION THAT NEVER EVEN APPEARED IN THE 12 KIZUKI!
I can conquer the sun too... if I ingest that girl!

Murderer! Monster! Monster!

Master!

Aaaah!
MUZAN WAS GOING TO DIE BEFORE HE TURNED 20.

THE ONE WHO TURNED MUZAN KIBUSTUJI INTO A DEMON WAS A PHYSICIAN LIVING IN THE HEIAN PERIOD.

THE PHYSICIAN WORKED HARD TO GIVE HIM A LITTLE LONGER TO LIVE...

BUT EVEN SO, MUZAN FLEW INTO A RAGE OVER HIS WORSENING CONDITION...
BECAUSE A CHANGE OCCURRED AT THE MOMENT OF THE MURDER.

HOWEVER, HE DISCOVERED THAT THE DOCTOR’S MEDICINE WAS HAVING AN EFFECT...

...BUT THERE WAS A PROBLEM.

MUZAN GAINED INCREDIBLE STRENGTH...
...AND HE SOMEHOW KNEW HE WOULD PERISH IF HE WAS STRUCK BY ITS LIGHT.

HE COULD NO LONGER WALK UNDER THE SUN...

MIZAN CRAVED HUMAN FLESH...

...AND DIDN'T MIND SOLVING THAT BY EATING PEOPLE.

HE EXAMINED THE PHYSICIAN'S MEDICINAL FORMULA, BUT IT WAS STILL IN THE TESTING STAGE.

BUT THE HUMILIATION OF HAVING HIS ACTIVITIES CURTAILED DURING THE DAY INFURIATED HIM!

HE DESIRED A BODY THAT WOULD NOT DIE IN THE SUN.
That information had died with the doctor he killed. No matter where he searched in Japan, it was nowhere to be found.

Muwan did not know how to make the medicine known as Blue Spider Lily.

It seemed to require an actual Blue Spider Lily flower...

...but he did not know where it grew nor how to cultivate it.

...and the ability to withstand the rays of the sun.

Muwan became obsessed with his search for the Blue Spider Lily that granted immortality...
NOW THAT NEZUKO HAS CONQUERED THE SUN...

...WITH HER AT ITS CENTER.

...I FORESEE A MASSIVE BATTLE...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, TANJIRO?

THANKS TO YOU, I GOT BACK SOMETHING IMPORTANT.

THANK YOU TOO.

I'M GLAD... YOU'RE OKAY.

OH... UH... TOKITO...

...I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.

HUH? NO...

THANKS... FOR THE SWORD.

BUT HOW IS NEZUKO?

GACK

GUUYS!

WELL, ABOUT THAT...
ISN'T THAT AWESOME?!

YAHAAA! WE DID IT! WE WON!

WE ALL WON TOGETHER!

I'M SO GLAD!

AND WE'RE ALIVE!

YES! ME TOO!
Genya used to punch girls. But now that he’s reached puberty, he’s started getting nervous around them.

No problem.

Sorry.
CHAPTER 128: A REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTION
COME NIGHTFALL, THE DEMONS WOULD COME AGAIN.

THE SWORDSMITHS' VILLAGE WAS HASTILY RELOCATED AND REBUILT.

THE DEMONS WOULD NOT WAIT.

AND EVEN IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH, THE WORLD NEVER STOPS TURNING.

THERE WAS NO TIME TO MOURN THOSE LOST.

DESPITE AN ATTACK BY TWO UPPER-RANK DEMONS...

... THE VILLAGE'S DEFENDERS KEPT THE DAMAGE TO A MINIMUM.

THEY'RE MOVING THEIR BASE.

YES, THAT'S RIGHT...
IS IT OKAY TO EAT SO MUCH WHEN YOU'VE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS FOR A WEEK?

OH ...!

THE KAKUSHI NAMED GOTO

WE HAVE SEVERAL EMPTY VILLAGES PREPARED...

...SO WE CAN MOVE QUICKLY IF ANYTHING HAPPENS.

I HEARD THE HASHIRA OF LOVE AND MIST SLEPT FOR TWO DAYS AND WERE ALMOST COMPLETELY RECOVERED BY THE THIRD.

YEAH, BUT SHE'S A LITTLE WEIRD.

YEAH!

IMPRESSIVE, HUH?

POW! POW! POW!

POW! POW! POW!

POW! POW! POW!

HUH?

ANYWAY, IF IT HELPS YOU HEAL FASTER, IT'S ALL RIGHT.

I'M JUST GLAD EVERYONE IS ALIVE.

...BIT BY BIT

YOU'RE CATCHING UP TO THEM...
I HEARD SOMETHING INCREDIBLE HAPPENED TO YOUR SISTER. IS SHE ALL RIGHT?

AH!

BUT THIS IS WHAT I WANTED TO ASK THE MOST...

WHAT'S HER CONDITION?

WHAT WILL BECOME OF HER NOW?

SHE'S OUT WALKING AROUND IN THE SUN NOW.

UH, YEAH!

ISN'T THAT CRAZY? LIKE, SERIOUSLY NUTS?

... WHETHER SHE'S RETURNING TO HUMAN FORM OR EVOLVING AS A DEMON.

THEY'RE EXAMINING HER, BUT THEY STILL DON'T KNOW...
LADY KOCHO IS LOOKING INTO IT?

WHERE ARE YOU'RE STILL THE THREE peep. {SHRIMPS AND HEY! HEY!}

YOUR LITTLE ING... DON'T SISTER P&AE) BAT SO QUICKLY!

ANYWAY, WHERE ARE THE THREE SHRIMPS AND YOUR LITTLE SISTER?

YOU'RE STILL RECOVERING... TAKE IT EASY!

HEY! HEY! DON'T EAT SO QUICKLY!

AOI ISN'T HERE EITHER.

HUFF

THAT WAS CLOSE!

HUFF

BUT THAT'LL CHANGE WHEN THAT YELLOW-HEADED GUY SHOWS UP.

REALLY? THEN EVERYTHING IS PEACEFUL.

REALY?

...THEY'VE ALL BEEN PLAYING AROUND WITH NEZUKO.

WITH NO CORPS MEMBERS IN CRITICAL CONDITION TO LOOK AFTER...

THANKS TO THAT, HER SPEECH IS SLOWLY GETTING BETTER.

HUH?
WELCOME BACK!

OH!

BE QUIET!

THEN DO IT ALREADY!

YOU'RE SO CUTE I COULD DIE!
FINALLY GET MARRIED NOW?!

GO SOMEWHERE ELSE!

WHAT HAPPENED, NEZUKO?!

YOU'RE TALKING!

FOR ME? WAS IT FOR ME? DID YOU DO THIS ALL FOR ME?!

YOU LOOKED SO LOVELY UNDER THE MOONLIGHT, BUT YOU'RE IRRESISTIBLE IN THE SUNLIGHT TOO! IT'S WONDERFUL!

MARRY ME AND I'LL FEED YOU SUSHI AND EEL EVERY DAY!

IT'S FINE! LET'S GET HITCHED!

WELCOME BACK, INOSUKE.

GET AWAY FROM HER!
DON'T SAY VIOLENT THINGS!

FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS, SINCE THEY WERE WOUNDED AND CAME TO BUTTERFLY MANSION...

...INOSUKE HAD BEEN TRYING TO GET NEZUKO TO SAY HIS NAME.

BOSH IMO-SUKE! BOSS INO-SUKE! INO-SUKE!

ON THIS DAY AT UBUYASHIKI MANSION...

...THE HASHIRA HELD AN EMERGENCY MEETING.
YOU CAN'T CONTROL IT, BUT NEARLY EVERYONE IS RUNNING INTO THEM.

KANROJI AND TOKITO, HOW ARE YOU GUYS?

Serpent Hashira Obana / Iguro

WHY DON'T I EVER GET TO FACE ANY UPPER-RANK DEMONS?

Wind Hashira Sanemi

FACE ANY UPPER-RANK DEMONS?

I'M MUCH BETTER, THANKS!

ME TOO.

Although I'M STILL NOT MY FULL SELF.

Mist Hashira Muichiro

OH!

RIGHT!

OOO! HE'S WORRIED ABOUT ME!

Love Hashira Mitsuri

KANROJI
If we lose any more Hashira, the Demon Slayer Corps will be in danger.

However, it's good that they defeated two upper-rank demons and survived.

I suppose the Master will tell us about that too.

Thank you for waiting so long.
I AM AMANE UBUYASHIKI...

...AND I WILL REPRESENT KAGAYA UBUYASHIKI...

...AT TODAY'S HASHIRA MEETING.

...HE IS NO LONGER ABLE TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU. HE EXTENDS HIS HEARTFELT APOLOGY.

DUE TO MASTER KAGAYA'S WORSENING ILLNESS...
AND THAT LADY AMANE'S SPIRIT REMAINS STRONG.

I PRAY FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART THAT THE LIGHT OF THE MASTER'S LIFE CONTINUES TO BURN EVEN ONE DAY LONGER...

UNDERSTOOD.
I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO ALL THE HASHIRA.

WE'LL SOON FIND OURSELVES IN A FULL-SCALE WAR.

I BELIEVE YOU HAVE ALREADY HEARD, BUT A DEMON HAS APPEARED WHO CAN WITHSTAND THE SUN.

THIS MEANS THAT MUZAN KIBUTSUJI WILL COME FOR HER WITH RENEWED VIGOR...

I WOULD LIKE THEM TO TELL US ABOUT THE CONDITIONS THAT CAUSED THE MARKS TO APPEAR.

I HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT KANROJI AND TOKITO MANIFESTED MARKS WITH DISTINCTIVE PATTERNS DURING THE FIGHT AGAINST UPPER RANKS 4 AND 5.
...ALL MANIFESTED MARKS SIMILAR TO DEMONIC PATTERNS.

DURING THE SENGOKU PERIOD...

...THE SWORDSMEN WHO NEARLY DEFEATED MUZAN KIBUTSUJI USING FIRST BREATHING...
I've heard of it. Why was this information hidden?

...but now you know that they are true.

You may have heard such tales...

That's why.

Because many have tormented themselves over why the marks haven't appeared on them too.

Or perhaps the information was lost in one of the many times the Demon Slayer Corps suffered near destruction.

Perhaps because it didn't seem important at the time.

Most of the details regarding the marks are unclear.
"When the marked one arrives, the mark will appear on others around that person as if in resonance."

Those words appear in notes left by a swordsman who used first breathing.

...did not have the rank of Hashira.

The first to manifest the mark...

Now at this time...
...was the first marked one.

So we didn't pursue it. But now two Hashira have also had this awakening.

Oh! That one time? Well, my body was super light!

Sure!

Lady Amane is so wonderful!

Um...!

Kanroji and Tokito.

So please teach us how it was done...
MY HEART AND STUFF WAS ALL BA-DUMP BA-DUMP AND MY EARS RANG LIKE PING!

IT HIT ME LIKE WAAAAAH!

LIKE WHOOM! FWAHH!

CRICK-Crack-POP!
I wasn't aware of receiving the mark.

I'd crawl into a hole and disappear if there was one!

Like Tanjiro.

I'm deeply sorry.

...What comes to mind...

...Are a few unusual things.

When I think back to that fight...

I'll tell you what they were.

I guess doing those things might cause the mark to appear on anyone.
Shinobu hands Mitsuri a handkerchief because she is too embarrassed and can’t stop sweating.
I used breathing to slow my blood circulation and the spread of the poison.

In the recent fight, I was poisoned and couldn't move.

I was so angry that I couldn't control my emotions.

A boy who tried to help me almost got killed...

...and my lost memories returned.

And my body felt hot, like it was burning.

I think my heart rate was more than two hundred beats per minute.
AND I THINK MY TEMPERATURE WAS OVER THIRTY-NINE DEGREES CELCIUS.

YOU'RE RIGHT. IT WAS LIKE BEING PUT THROUGH A SIEVE.

YOU COULD MOVE IN SUCH A STATE?

THAT COULD HAVE BEEN DEADLY!

...IS WHAT SEPARATES THOSE WHO MANIFEST THE MARK FROM THOSE WHO DON'T.

SURVIVAL ...
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOUR TEMPERATURE WAS THIRTY-NINE DEGREES?

A HEART RATE OVER TWO HUNDRED BEATS PER MINUTE...

...THE THERMOMETER SAID MY TEMPERATURE WAS THIRTY-NINE.

I FELT THE SAME WAY WHEN THE MARK APPEARED.

...I HAD A FEVER AND...

...ONCE WHEN I WAS SICK AT KOCHO'S MANSION...

I DIDN'T KNOW...
I envy your simple mind for thinking that is "simple."

Can it really be that simple?

I will achieve it somehow. Please tell our master to rest assured.

Agreed.

Nothing.

What?!

It's urgent that all the Hashira manifest the mark.

However, there is one thing I must tell you regarding training for manifesting the mark.

Thank you.
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY MANIFESTED THE MARK, IT'S TOO LATE...

...WITHOUT EXCEPTION WILL ALL—

THOSE WHO DO MANIFEST THE MARK...
BUT IN THAT CASE... WHAT ABOUT ME? DAMN IT!

I SEE...

LEFT, I'LL EXCUSE MYSELF.

WE HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO.

HEY, WAIT! DON'T BE RUDE!

SINCE LADY AMANE HAS LEFT, I'LL EXCUSE MYSELF.

I'M NOT INVOLVED.

THE SIX OF YOU SHOULD TALK.
OR DO YOU JUST WANT TO SKIP THE MEETING...

...AND START YOUR TRAINING?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT INVOLVED?

YOU DON'T TAKE BEING A HASHIRA SERIOUSLY ENOUGH!

As usual, you say too little.

EXPLAIN YOURSELF, TOMIOKA.

I'M DIFFERENT FROM YOU GUYS.
YOU SAID THE SAME THING ONCE BEFORE, TOMIOKA.

I'M NOT BUYING THAT!

DO YOU LOOK DOWN ON US?

STAY CALM...

STAY WHERE YOU ARE!

D-DON'T FIGHT!

GYAH! NO! DON'T!
SIT. LET US CONTINUE TALKING.

I HAVE A PROPOSAL.

AAGH!

BUTTERFLY MANSION

YOUR WOUNDS ARE HEALED?! GOOD!

HAGANE-ZUKA!
NO? YOU AREN'T ALL RIGHT?!

OH... A KATANA!

THANKS!
Thank you for protecting Kotetsu.

This is Rengoku's hilt!

Are you all right?

Please, sit.

The blade? Let me look.
INCREDIBLE!

THE BLACK IS DEEPER!

...SO THE FORMER BEARER MUST HAVE BEEN A STRONG SWORDSMAN.

THE STEEL AND QUALITY ARE GOOD ...

WHOA ...!

THE KANJI FOR "SLAY"...
HE DIDN'T ENGRAVE HIS NAME OR ANYTHING ELSE... JUST THAT SINGLE CHARACTER.

THE SWORDSMITH WHO FORGED THIS KATANA...

...MADE IT FOR DESTROYING ALL DEMONS.

REALLY? WHAT AN INCREDIBLE WEAPON.

...AND ONLY THE HASHIRA RECEIVED SWORDS ENGRAVED WITH "AKKIMESSATSU."

THE RANKING SYSTEM BEGAN LATER...

BUT WHEN I USED THIS DURING THE FIGHT... I DIDN'T SEE IT HAD THAT CHARACTER ON IT.
IT WAS STILL A LITTLE RUSTY! I WANTED TO KILL YOU!

THAT'S BECAUSE IT HAD ONLY BEEN POLISHED TO THE FIRST STAGE. BUT YOU GUYS TOOK IT AND USED IT!

SORRY!

I WAS INTERRUPTED SO MANY TIMES WHILE SHARPENING IT, I HAD TO START ALL OVER AGAIN!

SORRY!

OH, THE PAIN! IT'S UNBEARABLE!

EVEN NOW THAT PAIN HASN'T FULLY HEALED. THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN WEEPING!

HE'S GOT BROKEN BONES ALL THROUGH HIS BODY.

THIS KID'S WOUNDS ARE JUST AS BAD.
DIDN'T HE HEAR ME?!

I'LL KILL YOU!

WHY ARE YOU BEING SO QUIET?

HE WAS 'D HEARD PRETTY RUMORS...

CALM TODAY. BUT HE'S FEISTY!

LISTEN, TANJIRO! NOW YOU OWE ME A LIFETIME SUPPLY OF MITARASHI DANGO! YOU GOT THAT?!

GET WELL SOON!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

RIGHT! GOT IT!

OW! OW! OW! YOU'RE STABBING MY CHEEK!

*Dumplings

WHY ARE YOU BEING SO NOISY?

HE WAS PRETTY CALM TODAY. HE MUST REALLY BE IN PAIN.

I'D HEARD RUMORS... BUT HE'S REALLY FEISTY!

SERIOUSLY?
SORRY FOR THE NOISE AND—
WE'RE DONE NOW.

... SORRY, GENYA.

GRAAAARRRR!!
I WANT A DIFFERENT ROOM...

ARE YOU STUPID?! LADY KOCHO WILL KILL YOU!

AAAGH! INOSUKE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! YOU BROKE THE WINDOW!

GROUP STRENGTH TRAINING STARTS NOW!

STRONGER, STRONGER, STRONGER!

I SEE.

I DON'T KNOW!

WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?

THEY SAID SOMETHING ABOUT STRONG GUYS GATHERING FOR LESSONS OR SOMETHING!
CHAPTER 130: A PLACE TO BE
Those ranked lower than the Hashira trained with them, one after the other.

It was called Hashira training.

In addition to providing security for large regions, the Hashira had many other responsibilities, including gathering information on demons and training to further improve their own skills.

Hashira usually didn’t train anyone but their Tsuguko protégés... simply because they were too busy.

However, after Nezuko conquered the Sun...
...THE HASHIRA COULD DO THEIR SECURITY ACTIVITIES AT NIGHT AND FOCUS ON TRAINING DURING THE DAY.

IT WAS LIKE THE CALM BEFORE A STORM, BUT AS A RESULT...

WHO THOUGHT UP SUCH A THING?!

IT'S NOT AMAZING AT ALL! IT'S AWFUL! IT'S HELL!

THAT'S WHAT I HEARD.

REALLY? THAT'S AMAZING!

THEM SHOULD JUST DIE!

Hey!

WHEN YOU FACE A STRONGER OPPONENT, YOU ABSORB IT AND GET STRONGER YOURSELF!

SPARRING WITH SOMEONE RANKED HIGHER THAN YOU IS A QUICK WAY TO IMPROVEMENT!
IT'S OKAY FOR YOU! YOU'RE STILL HEALING, SO YOU GET TO JUST SLEEP ALL WARM AND COZY! BUT I HAVE TO GO TO TRAIN NOW! DO YOU KNOW HOW THAT FEELS?!

SORRY, SORRY!

DON'T SPEAK TO ME!

I FORGOT TO SAY IT, BUT THANKS.

OH... ZENITSU!

NO, NO... WAIT!

...I USED A TRICK YOU TAUGHT ME FOR THUNDER BREATHING TO CUT OFF THE DEMON'S HEAD!

IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THAT UPPER RANK 4, WHEN I COULD BARELY STAND...
THAT’S HOW CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER PEOPLE HELP YOU GET THROUGH TIGHT SPOTS.

BUT I’M TRULY THANKFUL.

OF COURSE, I COULDN’T DO IT AS FAST AS YOU...

...WILL PAY OFF FOR YOU IN THE FUTURE!

SO EVERYTHING YOU LEARN IN HASHIRA TRAINING...

DON’T THINK SAYING THAT CHANGES MY MOOD!

YOU JERK!

HE PERKED UP! GOOD!
A Letter for the Master!

What'd you do that for? That's mean!

I'm bleeding!

No one could do anything without me...

Oh please, read it right away!

Wow... I wonder what it is!

A letter for me?!

He went to all that trouble?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? I DON'T GET YOU GUYS!

YOU'RE LATE! YOU'RE LATE!

IF YOU'RE SHE: THIS SLOW, BEATING AN UPPER-RANK DEMON IS JUST A PIPE DREAM!

FOR ONE THING, YOU'RE COMPLETELY OUT OF SHAPE!

IF YOU'RE THIS SLOW, BEATING AN UPPER-RANK DEMON IS JUST A PIPE DREAM!

EVEN WHEN IT COMES TO SIMPLY RUNNING!

HASHIRA TRAINING, FIRST TRIAL – TOTAL LOSERS!

IT ISN'T BREAK TIME YET! GET BACK TO RUNNING!

ENOUGH! ENOUGH! STOP LICKING THE GROUND!

TOTAL LOSERS!

YOU'RE WORTHLESS!
...followed by lessons from Mitsuri Kanroji in hellish flexibility and Muchiho Tokito in high-speed movement.

Next comes swordsman ship with the Serpent Hashira...

...then lessons in making infinite strikes with the Wind Hashira and strength training with the Stone Hashira.
IF THIS RAISES THE HEART RATE AND BODY TEMPERATURE, MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO MANIFEST THE MARK, THAT WOULD ALSO BE IDEAL.

SPARRING WITH CORPS MEMBERS ONE AFTER ANOTHER FOR HOURS ON END SHOULD FURTHER IMPROVE THE HASHIRIS' PHYSICAL STRENGTH AS WELL.

AND IMMEDIATELY SHARING WHAT'S BEEN LEARNED AMONG ALL CORPS MEMBERS RAISES THE OVERALL STRENGTH OF THE CORPS ITSELF...

THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE THE MARK TRAIN TO MAINTAIN THEIR MARK CONDITION.

STAND FIRM!
WITH SPIRIT!
KILL!
KILL!
WIND HASHIRAI!

...IN PREPARATION FOR THE COMING FIGHT.
SWING LIKE YOU MEAN IT!
USE REAL SWORDS!

EXCEPT FOR ONE MAN.
HELLO THERE...!

PARDON ME...!

EXCUSE ME...

TOMIOKA?

WELL... I'M COMING IN!

HELLO...?

...?

TANJIRO KAMADO!

GIYU! IT'S ME...

HE MUST MEAN HE'S LEAVING. I MUST HAVE MISHEARD.
ANYWAY, THAT'S HOW WE'RE ALL TRAINING!

IN SEVEN DAYS, I'LL HAVE PERMISSION TO RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY.

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BECOME THE WATER HASHIRA.

I'M ANGRY THAT YOU DIDN'T FULLY MASTER WATER BREATHING.

YOU SMELL A LITTLE ANGRY... WHAT ARE YOU MAD ABOUT?

WHY NOT?
HE SAID THAT IT ISN'T UNUSUAL TO CHANGE THE BREATHING YOU USE OR TO GIVE BIRTH TO A NEW STYLE.

AND THAT WATER BREATHING TECHNIQUES ARE ESPECIALLY CLOSE TO THE BASICS, SO THEY GIVE RISE TO MANY NEW STYLES.

I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT.

BUT I TALKED TO UROKODAKI.

THERE'S CURRENTLY NO WATER HASHIRA! SOMEONE MUST FILL THAT ROLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

DON'T SAY THAT.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, GYU?

THERE'S NO WATER HASHIRA?
I'M NOT THE WATER HASHIRA.

TANJIRÔ...

...HOW ARE YOUR INJURIES?

NOW GO.

...I DON'T THINK I CAN.

BUT...

I WANT TO SPEAK WITH GIYU...

UNFORTUNATELY, I'M UNABLE TO MOVE.
THIS IS AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT TIME. WE MUST ALL COME TOGETHER AND DO OUR BEST.

HELP HIM FACE FORWARD.

HE ALWAYS TURNS HIS BACK AND GOES IT ALONE.

WILL YOU BE PERSISTENT WHEN YOU TALK TO HIM?

Would you please talk to Giyu?

Tanjiro took the Master's words at face value.

I will!

He talked ceaselessly.

What's the problem?

What's wrong, Giyu?

He hung around Giyu night and day and talked all the time.
IF HE SPOKE TO TANJIRO, THEN WOULD THE BOY LEAVE HIM ALONE?

WOULD THIS GO ON FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE?

GIYU WAS PERPLEXED.

*SIGN: LAVATORY

I HAVEN'T PASSED FINAL SELECTION.

FOUR DAYS LATER...

...GIYU GAVE IN.

SIGH

...THERE WAS A BOY LIKE ME WHO HAD LOST FAMILY TO THE DEMONS.

THAT'S RIGHT.

FINAL SELECTION? AT THE MOUNTAIN WITH WISTERIA FLOWERS?

THAT YEAR...

HUH?
Sabito had a strong sense of justice and was a kind boy. His name was Sabito.

He had flesh-colored hair. We took the final selection together.

The same age and alone, we quickly bonded. We were both 13 years old.

He was also the only one to die in final selection that year.
...AND YET EVERYONE BUT HIM PASSED.

...AND LEFT IN THE DIRECTION OF VOICES CALLING FOR HELP.

I HAD SOMEHOW SURVIVED THE SEVEN DAYS OF FINAL SELECTION AND PASSED, BUT...

HE KILLED ALL THE DEMONS ON THAT MOUNTAIN ALMOST SINGLE-HANDEDLY...

HE ENTRUSTED ME TO ANOTHER BOY...

I WAS INJURED BY THE FIRST DEMON THAT ATTACKED AND I FELL INTO A DAZE.

SABITO CAME TO MY AID.

THE NEXT THING I KNEW, FINAL SELECTION WAS OVER.
I'M NOT WORTHY OF BECOMING THE WATER HASHIRA.

...CAN YOU REALLY SAY THAT SOMEONE WHO HADN'T DEFEATED A SINGLE DEMON AND HAD TO BE SAVED BY SOMEONE ELSE ACTUALLY "PASSED"?

I DON'T DESERVE A PLACE IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.

I'M DIFFERENT FROM THEM.

I CAN'T EVEN STAND SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THE HASHIRA.
I won't manifest the mark... although Sabito might have.

Have a Hashira give you lessons. That would be best.

It's a waste of your time.

Don't bother with me anymore.
AYU WISHES THAT HE'D DIED.

WHEN SOMEONE DIES, SOMEONE WHO IS SO IMPORTANT...

I UNDERSTAND SO WELL IT HURTS.

...AND THEY DIED PROTECTING YOU... IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE BEING RIPPED APART.

...THAT YOU WISH THEY'D LIVED INSTEAD OF YOU...
IT WAS A MYSTERIOUS EXPERIENCE. THOSE TWO WERE SUPPOSEDLY ALREADY DEAD...

...BUT THEY HELPED ME.

SABITO...

...WAS THE BOY WHO TRAINED ME ON MOUNT SAGIRI.

IF HE'D SURVIVED, HE'D BE ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS GIYU IS NOW.

I UNDERSTAND...

...SABITO WENT THROUGH FINAL SELECTION TOGETHER WITH GIYU.

I COULDN'T DO THAT! I WAS TOO BUSY DEFENDING MYSELF.

THAT'S REALLY INCREDIBLE.

AT FINAL SELECTION, HE SAVED EVERYONE!
He had died.

He was incredible. He was kinder and stronger than anyone else. He was amazing to the end.

That must be another reason why Giyu thinks it would've been better if he had died instead.

If Sabito had lived, he would have been an incredible swordsman!

...because I thought the same thing.

He was an incredible person. He was kinder and stronger than anyone else. He was amazing to the end.

Ren-Goku...

Protected us at the cost of his life.
RENGOKU MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEFEAT MUZAN. I THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER IF I'D DIED INSTEAD OF RENGOUKU.

THAT RENGOKU MIGHT SOMEDAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEFEAT MUZAN.

BUT ...

I THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER IF I'D DIED INSTEAD OF RENGOUKU.

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BUT ...

I THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER IF I'D DIED INSTEAD OF RENGOUKU.
"There's one thing I must ask no matter what.

...I won't criticize him.

But... but...

I don't know much about Giyu, so...

...there's one thing I must ask no matter what.

Giyu!

Aw! He won't stop.

Giyu!

The gift that Sabito gave you?

Don't you want to make use of...
SABITO...

S...
IF YOU DO, WE'RE THROUGH!

I WON'T BE YOUR FRIEND!

DON'T YOU EVER SAY THAT YOU WISH...

...THAT YOU HAD DIED AGAIN!

YOU AND NO ONE ELSE! SO DON'T DISRESPECT HER DEATH LIKE THAT!

AND YET SHE HID AND PROTECTED YOU FROM A DEMON!

AND TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE!

YOUR SISTER SACRIFICED HER LIFE TO SAVE YOURS...

YOU BETTER STAY ALIVE.
REMEMBER THE SHOCK AND PAIN OF SABITO STRIKING MY CHEEK VIVIDLY.

IT'S IMPORTANT.

WHY DID I FORGET THAT EXCHANGE WITH SABITO?
WHEN I DID REMEMBER, I WAS SO SAD THAT I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING.

I DIDN'T WANT TO REMEMBER...

...BECAUSE MY TEARS WOULD NEVER STOP.

TSUTAKO...

SABITO...
I'M SORRY I'M SO IMMATURE.

HE ALREADY SEEMED PRETTY DEPRESSED.

OH NO! WAS I TOO MEAN?

DID I JUST MAKE THINGS WORSE?

HE ISN'T REACTING AT ALL. UH-OH...
I know!

He doesn't like to talk, but you don't need to talk during an eating contest. It's a great idea!

I still don't have permission to return to active duty, so we can't spar.

And if I win, he has to cheer himself up and train me!

...I'm late. I have lessons too.

TANJIRO...
WHY...?!

HEY, GIYU... WANNA HAVE A SOBA EATING CONTEST?

SLURP

MEANWHILE...

THE HASHIRA TRAINING CONTINUED AT FULL FORCE WITH GIYU'S PARTICIPATION.
HELP ME CALM DOWN.

BE CALM. IT'S ALL RIGHT.

FWOO ...

HFFF...

SO I GUESS I'M IMMATURE.

ONLY THE IMMATURE CAN'T CONTROL THEIR EMOTIONS.
I'M GOING TO TRAIN WITH THE WIND HASHIRA.

MASTER! YOU'RE BACK!

OH.

CAN I TRAIN WITH YOU AFTER THE STONE HASHIRA?

I CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN THE HASHIRA TRAINING THIS TIME.

COME HERE.

KANAO...

W...

WHY NOT?

HUH?
I want to train with you more, Master.

Um...

Fidget

UH...

Fidget

So now is the right time.

...At speaking your mind. It is a good sign.

Kanao, you've gotten much better...
LET'S TALK ABOUT...

...THE DEMON WHO KILLED MY SISTER KANAE.

...HOW TO KILL...
IT’S DANGEROUS TO LEAVE YOUR WINDOW OPEN AT NIGHT.

GOOD EVENING, TAMAYO!

STILL... THE MOON IS BEAUTIFUL TONIGHT.

I’M KAGAYA UBUYASHIKI’S MESSENGER!

LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF...
VERY GOOD AT WHILE I WAS HIDING.

TRYING TO FIND YOU, MY MASTER LOST HIS ABILITY TO MOVE.

AND THEN, DURING THE DAY, I TOOK CONTROL OF YUSHIRO'S SENSE OF SIGHT.

I IDENTIFIED THE FORMER OWNER OF THIS HOUSE, FROM WHOM YOU BOUGHT IT.

I FOLLOWED A HUMAN TRAIL.

THEN WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?

RELAX. I HAVE NO INTENTION OF HARMING YOU TWO.

SO NO ONE IS THAT WARY OF ME.

I HAVE SOME TRAINING... BUT I'M JUST A CROW.
WE'D LIKE YOU TWO TO STUDY NEZUKO'S TRANSFORMATION TOGETHER.

IT WILL BE TOUGH TO WIN YOUR TRUST... LIKE TANJIRO DID.

THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT HER. SEE? YOU CAN HEAR HER RUNNING.

WHERE IS YUSHIRO?

 THERE IS A CHILD IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS WHO IS ALSO KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT DEMON PHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY.

NOW...LET'S DISCUSS MY BUSINESS.
COME TO UBUYASHIKI MANSION... PLEASE.

WILL YOU WORK WITH US TO DEFEAT MUZAN KIBUTSUJI?

...EVEN THOUGH I'M A DEMON?

GO TO THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS HIDE-OUT...

BA... DMP
Yushiro sensed that Tamayo was upset...and fell down the stairs. He was cleaning in another room.
CHAPTER 132: FULL-STRENGTH TRAINING
AND HE'S FULLY PARTICIPATING IN THE HASHIRA TRAINING HE LONG HOPED FOR!

TANJIRO HAS FULLY RECOVERED!

NOW LET'S KNOCK THAT SLUGGISH BODY AWAKE!

HEY! LONG TIME NO SEE! I HEARD YOU Fought AN UPPERRANK DEMON AGAIN!

YOU'RE LUCKY TO STILL BE IN ONE PIECE!

YOU FINALLY CAME!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE!

OKAY! I'LL GIVE IT MY ALL!

EAT UP!

OH MY!
THAT WAY YOUR PHYSICAL STRENGTH WILL LAST LONGER!

MAKE YOUR MUSCLES’ TRANSITION FROM TENSE TO RELAXED SMOOTHER!

GOOD! LIKE THAT!

AFTER ABOUT TEN DAYS, HE GOT PERMISSION TO GO TO THE SITE OF THE NEXT HASHIRA.

YOU CAN GO ON TO THE NEXT HASHIRA, TANJIRO!

THE MOVEMENT OF YOUR LEGS AND HIPS FLOWS PERFECTLY!
WELL, YOU'RE PERFORMING EXACTLY AS I TOLD YOU.

BUT IT'S ONLY BEEN FIVE DAYS!

Huh?

...so can we also...?

W-we've been here two weeks...

After you finish working on your swing, you have lessons in striking until the practice dummy breaks.

What are you talking about? Not you guys!

Incredible. The difference between us...
IT’S GOOD TO SEE YOU, TANJIRO!

COME ON IN!

I SMELL THE PLEASING SCENT OF HONEY!

DO YOU KEEP BEES?

YOU TOO, TANJIRO!

LONG TIME NO SEE! I’M GLAD TO SEE YOU LOOKING SO WELL!

SNIFF

IF YOU PUT HONEY ON YOUR PANCAKE IT’S INSANELY DELICIOUS!

OH! YOU NOTICED? THAT’S RIGHT!
I'LL MAKE PANCAKES, SO LOOK FORWARD TO IT!

AND SLATHER ON THE BUTTER!

TEA IS AT THREE!

AND THEY LEARNED TO DANCE TO THE MUSIC.

YES, MISS!

FOR KANROJI'S TRAINING, EVERYONE WORE THESE OUTFITS.

IT WAS MOSTLY STRETCHING VIA BRUTE FORCE.

BUT THE FLEXIBILITY EXERCISES WERE HELL!
SHE SAYS YOU HAD QUITE A LOT OF FUN IN TRAINING!

I HEARD ABOUT YOU FROM KANROJI!

SHUT UP OR I'LL KILL YOU.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO—

I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU LIKE KANROJI DID!

THE TWO EXCHANGE LETTERS.

...he totally hates me!

From the very start...
I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU SWING YOUR SWORD WHILE AVOIDING THESE OBSTACLES.

...YES, THAT'S RIGHT. DID THESE PEOPLE COMMIT SOME SORT OF CRIME?

IS THIS AN EXECUTION CHAMBER?!
THE CRIME OF BEING A PAIN IN THE BUTT!

AND THE CRIME OF IRRITATING ME!

THE CRIME OF BEING WEAK!

THE CRIME OF NOT LEARNING!

I USED A WOODEN SWORD, BUT HITTING THEM WOULD STILL CAUSE GREAT INJURY.

AND SO THE EXTREMELY HORRIBLE TRAINING BEGAN.

UH-OH! THIS IS BAD!

BECAUSE OF HIS STYLE...

IT'S REALLY DANGEROUS!

IGURO'S ATTACKS WEAVE BETWEEN THESE POOR CORPS MEMBERS.
...SO WHY DOES IT BEND SO MUCH?

HE HAS A WOODEN SWORD LIKE ME...

...JUST LIKE A SNAKE.

...HIS ATTACK'S BEND IN STRANGE WAYS!

SHMP

GAAAH!

HIS ATTACK'S SLITHER THROUGH NARROW OPENINGS...
...I can hear their voices when I aim...

What makes it even harder is...

Between them.

I can really hear them, and it breaks my heart!

Please! Please! Please!

"Please, don't hit us!"

Please! Please! Please!

If I'm not incredibly accurate, it'll be a disaster!

My hands shook with nerves like never before.
I could dodge Iguro’s blows and launch my own attacks too.

...I was able to strike more accurately than ever before!

And don’t get too friendly with Kanrou!

All right! Die, you scum!

When an attack struck and cut the hem of Iguro’s haori...

...he said my training was over.

THANK YOU...

I was sad that he still hated me.

WHY?
OH!

NO! GO RIGHT AT THAT CORNER!

UMM... WAS SHINAZU-GAWA'S DOJO THIS WAY?

THAT'S WHERE WE TURN RIGHT.

BIRD-BRAIN!

YIKES

AAAAAH! ZENITSU ?!

GYAAAGH!
I F-F-F-Finally ran away! I crawled up the fence and disappeared like a lizard!

I can't take it anymore! It's impossible!

My life is in danger! They'll kill me!

H-H-HELP me escape! Tanjiro! Tanjiro! Why?!

escape? from what?!

Gah! agh!

lolink!

thrumm
GYAHHH!

RETURN TO TRAINING... OR DIE!

CHOOSE!

FUUAM

SILENCE!

GYAH!

CALM DOWN

GYAAAHH!

HAVE MERCY!

GUH!

MMPH

SORRY, ZENITSU.

OH...

OKAY.

CARRY HIM.

LET'S BOTH DO OUR BEST.
I'm looking forward to this!

Today I start training with you!

Long time no see!

You stabbed Nezuko!

That's totally fine. I don't like you either!

Don't get carried away! I don't like you.

Of all the nerve!
IT WAS A SIMPLE STRIKING EXERCISE WHERE I WOULD ATTACK SHINAZU-GAWA.

EACH SESSION CONTINUED WITHOUT REST UNTIL I VOMITED BLOOD AND PASSED OUT.

WHEN HE WOKE UP, ZENITSU CURSED ME LIKE I HAD SLAIN HIS PARENTS.

IF I LOST CONCENTRATION FOR EVEN A MOMENT, I'D GET SERIOUSLY INJURED AND END UP BACK IN RECOVERY.

SHINAZU-GAWA'S TRAINING WAS SO GRUELING THAT I UNDERSTOOD WHY ZENITSU GOT LIKE THAT.

SHINAZU-GAWA WAS ESPECIALLY HARD ON ME.
I WAS A MESS, COVERED IN VOMIT...

...AND ABOUT TO LOSE CONFIDENCE.

THAT WAS PRETTY BAD FOR A FIRST DAY...

I WANT TO SPEAK WITH YOU.

SANEMI! WAIT!
YOU JUST DON'T GIVE UP. I DON'T HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER.

IF YOU DON'T KNOCK IT OFF, I'LL KILL YOU!
In his family

I give! I give!

Ha ha ha!

TICKLE

TICKLE

It's not at all like the sibling quarrels in my family!
CHAPTER 133: WELCOME
SOMEONE WHO CAN'T EVEN USE BREATHING SHOULDN'T CALL HIMSELF A SWORDSMAN.

AND FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, YOU HAVE NO TALENT! JUST QUIT THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.

BUT...
YOU CAN DO IT, GENYA!

I'VE WANTED TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU FOR A LONG TIME.

DON'T LET HIM WIN!

W...

WAIT! SANEMI!

SO GET LOST.

SERIOUSLY, I DON'T CARE.

...FOUGHT SO HARD. I EVEN ATE A DEMON!

BUT...
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

WHAT?

A DEMON?

YOU ATE ONE?
ZWSH
FWF

HE. DISAPPEARED!

GENYA!
THWAAM

WAAAAAH!

TANJIRO?

Huh?

Get down! Pretend you're passed out!

He's back! He's back!

So cold-blooded!

Why are you breaking the wall like that?!

Huh?! He'll kill you, Tanjiro!
WHAT IS THAT TORTURED AND OMINOUS SOUND?!

STOP!

AAAGH! THAT GUY'S ON A RAMPAGE!

AM I GONNA GET POUNDED EVEN WHEN I'M NOT TRAINING?!
I WOHN'T KILL HIM. THAT'D BE EASY, BUT IT'S AGAINST CORPS RULES.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

DO YOU WANT TO KILL GENYA?!

HOWEVER...

...IF HE QUITS THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS RIGHT NOW, I'LL FORGIVE HIM.

I'LL DAMAGE HIM BEYOND RECOVERY INSTEAD!

YOU CAN'T FORCE HIM TO QUIT!

YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO THAT!

KNOCK IT OFF!
Whether he has talent or not, he decided to risk his life to fight demons!

Did you say earlier you don’t have a little brother?!

Then keep your mouth shut about what Genya chooses!

If not for him, we wouldn’t have defeated that upper-rank demon!

If you say you’re not his older brother, then I won’t let you interfere with Genya!

...Beyond recovery!

And I won’t let you hurt him...
FIRST I'LL HURT YOU BEYOND RECOVERY!

OHHH?

HERE HE COMES... HERE HE COMES...
THIS KID...

WHOA...!
TANJIRO!

...JUST STOPPED ME!
Zenitsu! Get Genya out of here! Please!

He got in a blow!

Whoa!
Hey! Are you some kind of idiot?

Don't say my name, moron! Signal some better way!

Whok!

...with a kick!

He just grazed my ear, but he cut it...
IT SEEMS YOU WANT TO DIE, SO I'LL KILL YOU JUST LIKE YOU WANT.

YOU'VE GOT...

...SOME NERVE!

WAHH!

TANJIRO HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!

WAIT!

I PITY YOU!

THAT GUY'S YOUR OLDER BROTHER?! HE'S A TOTAL FREAK!

IT'S GOOD TO SEPARATE PEOPLE WHO ARE QUARRELING! SO LET'S GET SOME DISTANCE!

WHO ARE YOU?!! LET ME GO!
THE BRAWL CONTINUED UNTIL NEARLY EVENING.

AFTER THAT, IT WAS JUST A BIG MESS.

TRAINING WITH THE WIND HASHIRA WAS SUSPENDED, AND I WAS FORBIDDEN FROM EVEN APPROACHING HIM.

A SCOLDING CAME DOWN FROM ABOVE.
ACTUALLY, IT IS. YOU STOOD UP AGAINST THE WIND HASHIRA. THAT'S INCREDIBLE.

I DIDN'T MEAN FOR THIS TO HAPPEN.

OH REALLY?

THE MARK ISN'T CLEAR AND TRAINING ISN'T BEARING FRUIT.

A WATERFALL!

I THINK WE'RE ALMOST THERE.

ANYWAY, WHY SO DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS? HOW STUPID IS THE STONE HASHIRA TO HAVE HIS HOUSE OUT HERE?!
WHOOAA!

THUS HAVE I HEARD!

IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BUDDHA!

WHOOAA!

WHOA!
YOUR HEART AND MIND...

IF YOU EXTINGUISH...

...EVEN FIRE IS COOL.

*TONGUE: BARF

WAAAAAAAAH!

...TO MY TRAINING SITE.

WELCOME...

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Inosuke tried fighting Himejiima and got his face smashed into the ground.
IN ORDER TO REPAY EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTS ME, I WILL CONTINUE WORKING HARD IN 2019!

KOYOHARU GOTOUGE

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