Hi, I’m Gotouge! Volume 17 is out! The fighting is gradually getting more fierce. When a character you like gets injured, you feel bad for them, so reading can be grueling and you may not really want to do it, but the manga is set in a world where they have to engage in deadly combat, so I’m sorry. I’ll dedicate myself to it until the end, so please keep reading.
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. Then, during a fierce battle against the Upper Rank 6 demon, Nezuko manifests the ability to withstand sunlight. When he learns of this, Muzan Kibutsuji attacks Ubuyashi Mansion, but Kagaya Ubuyashi used himself as bait in an explosive trap! The Demon Slayers plunge into Infinity Castle in pursuit. Inside, the Insect Hashira Shinobu clashes with Doma—the demon who killed her older sister!!
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I once believed that the road of happiness...

...continued forever and ever into the distance.

...that happiness lies atop a thin sheet of glass.

When it was destroyed, I realized for the first time...

...there are those whose happiness hasn't yet been destroyed.

And just as we were saved...
AND PROTECT THEM.


LETS DEFEAT AS MANY DEMONS AS POSSIBLE.


THAT'S WHAT WE PROMISED EACH OTHER.


EXPERIENCE WHAT WE WENT THROUGH.


WE WON'T LET ANYONE ELSE...
AND IF WE DEFEAT AN UPPER-RANK KIZUKI, WE CAN SAVE HUNDREDS.

EVEN IF WE'RE WEAK...

...AND CAN'T CUT OFF DEMONS' HEADS...

...IF WE DEFEAT ONE DEMON, WE CAN SAVE DOZENS OF PEOPLE.
IT ISN'T ABOUT WHETHER WE CAN OR CANNOT.

THERE ARE THINGS WE HAVE TO DO.

ARE YOU ANGRY?
I've always been angry.

Yes, I'm angry, Tanjiro.

And except for Kanao, all my tsuguko were killed.

My older sister was killed.

My parents were killed.

...They'd be living happily with them right now.

...Those girls' families...

If demons hadn't murdered...
WHY DOESN'T POISON WORK ON THIS GUY?

IT MAKES ME FURIOUS!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!

BASTARD!
YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR OLDER SISTER'S TALENT, BUT YOU'VE DONE WELL AS A DEMON HUNTER!

IT'S A MIRACLE YOU AIN'T DEAD YET!

I'M IMPRESSED!!

SUCH A WEAK GIRL DOING SO MUCH!

THIS IS BOTH THE FOLLY AND WONDER OF HUMANITY!

IT'S ALL POINTLESS, YOU SEE, BUT YOU'RE STUPID ENOUGH TO KEEP TRYING!

ANY LAST WORDS? I'M LISTENING.

LET US LIVE TOGETHER FOR ETERNITY!

YOU ARE CERTAINLY WORTH EATING!
?!

MASTER!!
FLOWER BREATHING
FOURTH FORM:

CRIMSON HANAGOROMO!

THMP!!
IN THE MIDDLE
OF ABSORBING
BOMEONE!

WHOA...
THAT'S
DANGEROUS!

DON'T TRY TO CUT
ME WHEN I'M RIGHT
IN THE MIDDLE
OF ABSORBING
SOMEONE!
IS THAT BECAUSE THIS GIRL SIGNALLED TO YOU WITH HER HANDS?

SHE TRIES IT JUST TOOK A MOMENT. IMPRESSIVE.

YOU DON'T ACCEPT MY CHALLENGE?

DID SHE TELL YOU ABOUT MY POWERS OR SOMETHING?
Such fine feasts keep showing up, one after another.

Anyway, tonight is a good night.

But that's just my hope...

...and there's no way I can promise that with any certainty.

Somehow, I feel the people I care for and those important to me... will still be alive tomorrow.
YOU LOOK A LITTLE BETTER THAN WHEN I LAST SAW YOU, BUT...

THAT IS NO WAY TO SPEAK...

YOU'RE THERE, RIGHT? COME ON OUT.

I KNOW YOU'RE THERE.

TO YOUR SENIOR.
...AS USUAL, YOU'RE STILL SHABBY.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, ZENITSU.

...I NO LONGER THINK OF YOU AS A MY SENIOR.

KAI-GAKU...

NOW THAT YOU'VE BECOME A DEMON...
WE GOT 10 TRY TO JOIN THE OTHER CORPS MEMBERS AND GET TO MUZAN.

I'VE GOT TO TRY THIS BUILDING THROBS AS IT'S TRYING TO SEPARATE ME FROM GIYU.

STAY SHARP!!

I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG TAMAYO CAN HOLD ON.

BUT THE PLACE WHERE MUZAN IS...
KAAAW! DECEASED!! SHINOBU KOCHO IS DEAD!!!
WHAT'S THAT PAPER ON ITS NECK?

THE CROW...

WHAT'S THAT PAPER ON ITS NECK?

THE MESSAGE CAME UNUSUALLY FAST!

KAW!
SHINOBU IS DEAD.

HAVE THE CROWS THAT BORROWED YUSHIRO’S EYES REACHED HALF OF THEM YET?

NO.

IS SHINOBU THE ONLY ONE TO CONFRONT AN UPPER-RANK KIZUKI?

THE OTHER HASHIRA ARE STILL ALIVE.

NOT YET.

YES.
KIRIYA UBUYASHIKI.

THE ELDEST SON OF THE UBUYASHIKI FAMILY.

AGE EIGHT—THE CURRENT LORD OF HOUSE UBUYASHIKI.

IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, HE DOES NOT EVEN HAVE TIME TO SHED TEARS.

DESPITE LOSING HIS FATHER, MOTHER AND TWO OLDER SISTERS...

...HE DOES NOT MOURN.

AND KANATA.

THEIR NAMES ARE KUINA...

IT IS THE SAME FOR HIS TWO YOUNGER SISTERS.
HE KNEW HE WOULD NOT LIVE LONG, SO HE HAD TO RAISE HIS CHILDREN TO ADULTHOOD QUICKLY.

THEIR FATHER WAS STRICT.

...AND BECOME A FATHER TO THE CHILD WARRIORS OF THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.

THEIR MOTHER, WHO WAS SIMILARLY STRICT BUT KIND, IS ALSO ALREADY GONE.

SO KIRIYA MUST TAKE HIS FATHER'S PLACE...

...AND HIS OLDER SISTERS' NAMES WERE HINAKI AND NICHKA.

LIKE THEIR MOTHER, NEITHER EVER LEFT THEIR FATHER'S SIDE.

LIKE THEIR MOTHER, NEITHER EVER LEFT THEIR FATHER'S SIDE.
WE HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION. ORDER THE CROWS TO SPREAD AS MANY OF THE EYES AS POSSIBLE.

KANAO AND...

THE ONES CONFRONTING THE KIZUKI ARE... I SEE...

AT PRESENT, EVERYONE IS FAR AWAY.

LEAD THEM NORTH.

MUZAN'S LOCATION HASN'T CHANGED.

HE HAS ENCOUNTERED UPPER RANK 6.

...AGATSUMA.
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED.

HUH? HEY, ZENITSU. HAVE YOU BECOME A HASHIRA?

CAN YOU USE ANYTHING BESIDES THE FIRST FORM?

YOU'RE STILL A SHABBY...

...LITTLE RUNT.

STILL WEAK.
YOU SEEM THRILLED TO HAVE REACHED THE VERY BOTTOM OF THE UPPER RANKS THROUGH MERELY FILLING IN VACANT POSITIONS.

YOU CAN TALK BACK NOW, HUH?

HA HA!!

OH...

WHY WOULD SOMEONE POISED TO ACQUIRE THUNDER BREATHING BECOME A DEMON?

YOU...

HA HA...

WHY DID YOU BECOME A DEMON?
THE OLD MAN KILLED HIMSELF...

... BECAUSE YOU BECAME A DEMON !!!!
He could have made it quick by cutting his throat, but he didn't!

...or you suffer in agony before you die!

When you commit seppuku, someone has to cut off your head...

...had produced a demon!!

All because the wielders of thunder breathing...
I DON'T CARE!

I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYONE WHO DOESN'T VALUE ME!

SO WHAT?

ARE YOU SAYING I SHOULD BE SAD? THAT I SHOULD REPENT?

SERVE THOSE WHO KNOW MY VALUE!

... AT EVERY MOMENT ...

... I ONLY ...
THE OLD BASTARD SAID HE WOULD MAKE ME A CO-SUCCESSOR WITH SCUM LIKE YOU.

IF THE OLD MAN IS DEAD, FINE!

I DID EVERYTHING I COULD, BUT HE WOULDN'T MAKE ME HIS SUCCESSOR!

HE MAY HAVE BEEN A FORMER HASHIRA, BUT I HAVE NO USE FOR A SENILE OLD MAN!

GLENCH GLENCH

HE WASN'T SENILE.
I CAN ONLY DO THE FIRST FORM, AND YOU CAN DO EVERYTHING EXCEPT THAT!

IF I'M SCUM, THEN YOU'RE TRASH!

I FEEL SORRY FOR THE OLD MAN FOR HAVING SUCH PATHETIC SUCCESSORS...

DON'T LUMP ME IN WITH YOU!!!
THUNDER BREATHING:
FOURTH FORM

DISTANT THUNDER!
...YOU FILTH.

YOU'RE TOO SLOW...

HE CUT ME!!

HE'S FAST!!

HE MOVES LIKE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON!!
Zenitsu's trainer, Jigoro Kiwajima, was the Rumble Hashira. (That's what it's called when a user of Thunder Breathing becomes a Hashira.) Kaigaku became his student, but Kiwajima valued Zenitsu equally even though he became a student later. However, Kaigaku didn't like that he wasn't the only special one anymore and held a grudge. He gave Kaigaku a kimono with the same pattern as his, but the boy never wore it.
CHAPTER 145: BOX OF HAPPINESS
THERE IS NO SHAME IN KNEELING BEFORE SOMEONE WITH OVERWHELMING STRENGTH.

AS LONG AS YOU STAY ALIVE, IT WILL WORK OUT SOMEHOW.

UNTIL YOU DIE, YOU HAVEN'T LOST.
YOU CAN WIN SOMEDAY. YOU WILL WIN. I HAVE MOVED FORWARD WITH THAT BELIEF.

...RECOGNIZES YOU...YOU TOO WILL BECOME... ONE OF US.

DO YOU WANT...TO BECOME A DEMON...FOR GREATER STRENGTH?

IF HIS LORDSHIP...
...they must receive...

...a great deal of blood from his lordship.

for someone who can use breathing techniques to become a demon...

if you are a stronger swordsman, it took me three days.

if you do...

but what about you?

...there are those whose constitution...

and rarely...

you must not spill even a single drop.

that is blood to be grateful for.
 HAVE GAINED
THAT FEAR...

SCREAMING AND BURSTING INTO TEARS.

LIKE THE CELLS THROUGHOUT MY BODY...

...YOUR HEAD WILL FALL FROM YOUR BODY LIKE TEARS.

COMPARSED TO THAT...

HE MAY HAVE GAINED SOME STRENGTH, BUT HE CANNOT MATCH AN UPPER RANK.

...THIS SMALL FRY IS NOTHING.
THAT ROTTEN OLD MAN FOOLISHLY SAID THIS SCUM AND I WOULD BE SUCCESSORS TOGETHER!!

ALWAYS SOBBING...

...WITHOUT DIGNITY OR PERSEVERANCE.

HELLO! I FELL IN A HOLE AND STRAINED MY LEG!

ZENITSU AGATSUMA IS WORTHLESS.

YOU AND THAT OLD MAN!!

IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT YOU SHOULD DIE!!
THUNDER BREATHING

SECOND FORM: RICE SPIRIT!

BUT I DO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!

FIVE SUCCESSIVE ATTACKS IN ONE BREATH IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!

YOU ALREADY CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL!

YOU'VE EATEN SO MANY PEOPLE!
THIRD FORM:

THUNDER SWARM!

THOSE WHO CORRECTLY EVALUATE ME AND KNOW MY WORTH ARE GOOD!!

THOSE WHO HAVE A LOW ESTIMATION OF ME ARE EVIL!!

A WAVE-FORM ATTACK WHILE SPINNING?!
AN ATTACK THAT SLASHES AND BURNS FLESH!

HOW'S THE SHARPNESS OF MY BLADE INFUSED WITH BLOOD DEMON ART?!
ANY SLASHING ATTACKS YOU SUFFER WILL CONTINUE TO REND YOUR FLESH!

MY POWER BURNS INTO BECAME A DEMON AND SURPASSED THUNDER BREATHING!!

I BECAME A DEMON AND SURPASSED THUNDER BREATHING!!

THUNDER BREATHING

RUMBLE AND FLASH!

SIXTH FORM:
I AM SPECIAL! I'M DIFFERENT FROM YOU!

I'M NOT LIKE YOU AT ALL!!

BE LIKE YOUR SENIOR APPRENTICE!!

LEARN FROM KAIGAKU'S EXAMPLE!
NONETHELESS, KAIGAKU IS ARROGANT!

EVEN IF YOU CAN DO THE OTHERS, THEY WON'T AMOUNT TO MUCH.

IN THUNDER BREATHING, THE FIRST FORM IS THE FOUNDATION FOR ALL THE FORMS, RIGHT?

IF YOU CAN'T USE THE FIRST FORM, THEN, WELL...

THE FIRST FORM, THEN...

HE CANNOT BECOME A HASHIRA.

WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?!

HE'LL PROBABLY DIE SOON ANYWAY.

IT'S EMBARRASSING THAT YOU'RE EVEN HERE!

I HEARD YOU HIT A HIGHER-RANKING GUY?

DON'T CAUSE PROBLEMS!
AFTER ALL, I HATED YOU TOO.

...CAN FULLY UNDERSTAND WHY YOU HATED ME.

I WAS ALWAYS LOOKING AT YOUR BACK.

BUT I RESPECTED YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

YOU WORKED SO HARD.

TO THE OLD MAN AND ME, YOU WERE A SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT PERSON.

YOU WERE SPECIAL.

BUT THAT WASN'T ENOUGH.
YOU WERE NEVER SATISFIED.

THE BOX IN YOUR HEART THAT CONTAINS HAPPINESS HAS A HOLE IN IT.

YOU WERE NEVER SATISFIED.

IF YOU DON'T FIND THAT HOLE AND PLUG IT...

...YOU'LL NEVER BE SATISFIED.

I'M SORRY, GRAMPS.

WE TOOK DIFFERENT PATHS.

I'M SORRY...

...KAIGAKU.

HE STILL HAS STRENGTH LEFT...
THUNDER BREATHING

SEVENTH FORM:

HONOIKAZUCHI-NOKAMI!
WAS THAT A TECHNIQUE?!

IT WAS A FORM I DON'T KNOW. WHAT DID HE USE?!

IT WAS SO FAST!

I DIDN'T SEE THAT!!
HE WASN'T THAT KIND OF PERSON.

...I WANTED TO FIGHT YOU AS AN EQUAL!

HE ONLY TAUGHT YOU! HE DIDN'T TEACH ME!

I KNEW IT! THAT OLD MAN FAVORED YOU!!

CURSES! CURSES!

THIS IS MY FORM.

I CREATED IT, SO IT'S ALL MINE.

WITH THIS TECHNIQUE...
Kaigaku is the boy who invited in the demon who attacked Himejima’s temple. The other children had discovered that he stole money from the temple, so they confronted him and drove him outside that night. Himejima’s blindness is one reason he never knew Kaigaku was missing until the attacking demon mentioned it. Another reason is that the other children lied and said Kaigaku was sleeping.
FROM THUNDER BREATHING, WHICH ONLY HAS SIX FORMS...

...HE DEVELOPED A SEVENTH?

HE DID? A GUY WHO CAN ONLY USE THE FIRST FORM?

THIS FILTH, WHO WAS WEAKER THAN ME?

A SEVENTH TECHNIQUE, HE SAID?

*EYE: UPPER RANK*

I'M GOING TO LOSE TO HIM? I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO GO INSANE!

I CAN'T STAND IT!! I CANNOT ACCEPT THIS!!
HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY STRENGTH LEFT.

HE'S GOING TO DIE WITH ME.

HE'S GOING TO FALL AND DIE TOO.

NO.

NO, I DIDN'T LOSE.

ONLY WANTING IS, IN THE END, THE SAME AS HAVING NOTHING...

BECAUSE ONE IS UNABLE TO CREATE ANYTHING.

SOMEONE WHO NEVER GIVES TO OTHERS WILL SOME-DAY BECOME UNABLE TO RECEIVE ANYTHING FROM THEM.
SUCH A PITY TO DIE ALONE.
GRAMPS!!

I wrote to him...

...but he never replied!

I couldn't get along with Kaigaku!

Sorry!
I'M REALLY SORRY!!

FORGIVE ME!!

IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME, KAIGAKU MIGHT NOT HAVE TURNED OUT THAT WAY!

SORRY, GRAMPS... SORRY.

I WANTED TO BECOME A HASHIRA WHILE YOU WERE STILL ALIVE!

I'M SORRY! I COULDN'T REPAY MY DEBT!

WHAT'S THIS? IT'S WRAPPING AROUND MY FEET!

ARGH!

SAY SOMETHING!

DO YOU HATE ME NOW?
I'M PROUD OF YOU.
I KNOW HIM! DO SOMETHING!

HOW IS HE?!

DO YOU THINK WE CAN SAVE HIM?!

I'M BEGGING YOU!!

...AND KEEP AN EYE OUT.

SO NOISY. BE QUIET, MURATA. MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL...
I'M A DEMON, SO RANK IS MEANINGLESS TO ME.

...IF THESE SLASHES ON HIS FACE DON'T STOP BLEEDING, THEY'LL OPEN UP ALL THE WAY TO HIS EYES.

HANG IN THERE, AGA-TSUMA!

You're gonna be all right! We're gonna save you! You won't die!

Hang in there! Hang in there!

The bleeding won't stop.

Well, stop it!!

If you had fought him a year from now, he probably would've killed you immediately.

Which is lucky.

The kizuki you were fighting still hasn't mastered his techniques and abilities.
DEPRESSING THINGS!!!

...SUCH DEPRESSING THINGS!!!

STOP SAYING...

YOU'VE MADE SO MUCH NOISE THEY'VE FOUND US. YOU'RE A GOOD TARGET.

YUSHIRO IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE OF SOMEONE BECOMING A DEMON THROUGH TAMAYO'S POWER.

...MIZAN IS THE ONLY DEMON THAT CAN MAKE MORE DEMONS...

AS LONG AS...

WAAAH!

TAMAYO PRESSES HIM TO HELP RESCUE AND SUPPORT CORPS MEMBERS.

EXPRESSING DISSATISFACTION WITH HIS FACE

TRYING TO ACT NATURAL, HE DONS A CORPS UNIFORM AND BLENDS IN WITH THE OTHERS.
BECAUSE, AS MENTIONED BEFORE, HE IS THE ONE AND ONLY DEMON CREATED BY TAMAYO.

THOSE WORKING WITH HIM, INCLUDING MURATA...

...SENSE SOMETHING UNUSUAL BUT HAVE NO IDEA HE'S A DEMON.

I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS!

HURRY UP AND KILL IT!

IT'S NECK IS HARD!!

RAAAAAAH!!

SIGH

ENOUGH OF THIS!

UH-OH. SOMETHING'S COMING...

I'LL FLANK IT, SO...

...

!!

IT SPITS ACID!
WE'RE NOT ENCOUNTERING ANY UPPER RANKS!

IS EVERYONE ELSE STILL OKAY?!

IS MUZAN STILL FAR AWAY?!

SHINOBU!!

WE'RE...

I'M SURE WE'RE GONNA WIN, SO...
WHAT IS THIS SHAKING?!

STOP!! CALM DOWN!

GIYU!

IS IT COMING THIS WAY?

NO...

IS SOMEONE ELSE GOING TO DIE?!

THAT SMELL...

IS SOMEONE STILL FIGHTING?!

TANJIRO! GET BACK!!

ABOVE!!
LONG TIME NO SEE...

I'M SURPRISED A WEAKLING LIKE YOU...

...IS STILL ALIVE.

*EYES: UPPER 3

TANJIRO...
Eventually, it will absorb me too.

Please, someone, come quickly.

Maybe... this meat thing is like a cooon.

It's breaking down a substance for changing demons back into humans.

Please!!

GWUMP
Murata was all alone after demons killed his family, so he joined the Demon Slayer Corps. He uses Water Breathing, but he's so weak that he can't see any water.

(Note) The swordsmen don't actually produce water, but it looks that way to people watching.

(Note) Besides Urokodaki, there are other trainers who teach Water Breathing. Water Breathing is easy for beginners, so more swordsmen use it than any other style of breathing.
At Final Selection in volume 1, the black-haired child holding a lantern was Kiriya. He’s the only boy among the five children, so he became the new head of the household in place of his father.
DEFINITELY DON'T STOP YOUR HANDS.

DON'T CRY.

UNDERSTOOD.

WE WILL NOT LOSE.
KIRIYA IS MAGNIFICENT.

AND IS TRYING TO FULFILL HIS MISSION.

EH, RENGOKU?

HIS ANGUISH OVER HIS FATHER'S DEATH STILL LINGERS, BUT HE HAS TAKEN COMMAND OF THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS...

...ARE ROUSING THEMSELVES TO THIS DEGREE OF ACTION.

THAT'S RIGHT.

THE YOUNG CHILDREN...

LIKE KYOJURO, I WILL RISK MY LIFE TO PROTECT THEM...

...SO AS NOT TO BRING SHAME UPON HOUSE RENGOKU.
I used it as I was told, but...

The medicine provided by the Demon Tamayo, who was cooperating with the Master...
...BECOME HUMAN AGAIN?

WILL NEZUKO REALLY...

IN ALL THESE YEARS, NEZUKO IS THE ONLY DEMON SUNLIGHT DOES NOT DESTROY.

HIS DREAM OF CONQUERING THE SUN, WHICH HE'S PURSUED FOR OVER A THOUSAND YEARS...

...WILL RETURN TO SQUARE ONE.

IF NEZUKO RETURNS TO BEING HUMAN, MÜZAN'S SCHEME WILL CRUMBLE.
I keep thinking of the word endgame.
I CAN’T BELIEVE I’M ALIVE TO WITNESS IT.

EVERY TIME I DO, I TREMBLE INSIDE AND MY HEART BEATS LOUDER.

THIS LONG FIGHT MAY END TONIGHT.

I’VE FELT AS THOUGH LARGE COGS HAVE BEEN TURNING.

TANJIRO...

WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, EVER SINCE YOU BROUGHT YOUR YOUNGER SISTER, WHO HAD BECOME A DEMON...

IT CAUSED A STAGNANT SITUATION TO SUDDENLY BEGIN MOVING.

IF THIS WAR IS A GIANT MACHINE...

...THEN WHEN THE TWO SMALL COGS THAT ARE YOU AND NEZUKO FITTED INTO PLACE...
DON'T LOSE, TANJIRO.

DON'T LOSE, NEZUKO.

YOU MUST NOT LOSE.

HINOKAMI KAGURA!
ABA COME ON, I CAN'T CUT HIS ARM, THEN I CAN'T CUT OFF HIS HEAD!

COME ON, COME ON, COME ON!!

FIRE WHEEL!!
I got him!! and I dodged his attack!

It worked! I can fight!
I didn't aim for his neck! But next time...
Mock Sun Rainbow!
...HAS REALLY DEVELOPED HIS TECHNIQUES.
YOU DO THIS WELL AGAINST AN UPPER-RANK KIZUKI.

IT WOULD NOT BE AN OVERSTATEMENT...

THAT SNOWY DAY...

YOU WAILED AND BEGGED FOR YOUR SISTER'S LIFE.

ALL YOU COULD DO...

...TO SAY THAT YOUR ABILITY IS EQUAL TO A HASHIRA'S.

...WAS HANG YOUR HEAD IN DESPAIR.

...OR DIGNITY.

NOW YOU WON'T loose...

EITHER LIFE...

BUT NOW YOU CAN FIGHT.
This boy isn't weak. Do not insult him.

I recognize the truth of Kyojuro's words.

You certainly weren't weak.

You have my respect.
OUR LITTLE CELEBRATION...

TECHNIQUE DEVELOPMENT!

SO LET US BEGIN...
Before taking her medicine, Nezuko is delighted to see Urokodaki, whom she hasn’t seen for a while.
CHAPTER 148: CLASHING
EXCELLENT! IT'S BEEN 50 YEARS SINCE I'VE ENCOUNTERED ONE!
DESTRUCTIVE DEATH
CHAOTIC TYPE

ELEVENTH FORM:
WATER BREATHING
I've never seen that technique.

The last Water Hashira I killed didn't use it.
HE... DISAPPEARED!
BEHIND ME!!!
WATER WHEEL!

WATER BREATHING

SECOND FORM:

SPLAT
BWAM MMM

HINOKAMI KAGURA

FLAME DANCE!
LEG TYPE

DESTRUCTIVE DEATH

...WITH MY SWORD!!

BLOCKED IT!!

CROWN SPLITTER!!
ELEGANT!!

AND SUCH FORCE!!

THAT'S DEVELOPED SWORD TECHNIQUE! WONDERFUL!

DID HE GRAZE ME? JUST BARELY!!

STATE YOUR NAME! WHAT IS YOUR NAME?!

I WANT TO REMEMBER IT!!
AND I HATE TALKING, SO DON'T BOTHER.

I DON'T HAVE A NAME TO TELL TO A DEMON.

SO I'M GONNA ASK YOUR NAME OVER AND OVER!!

OH, YOU HATE TALKING?

WELL, I LIKE IT!

DESTRUCTIVE DEATH

LEG TYPE
EXPLOSIVE FLURRY!
GIYU!!

...his name is Giyu?

OH...

DESTRUCTIVE DEATH

HINOKAMI KAGURA
BURNING BONES, SUMMER SUN!

EIGHT-LAYERED DEMON CORE
You've trained well to reach this level so quickly.

Nice moves.

All things considered, Kyoujurō did good work.

But look at you now!

Your growth is stunning!

That night when you were just rolling on the ground, you were a total weakling. Nothing more than a weed.

I am perfectly happy.

My heart dances.
He might not have been able to grow any stronger...

...because his worthless values made him want to stay human.

I'm glad Kyojuro died that night.
DON'T TALK ABOUT RENGO. 
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

YOU...

DON'T TALK ABOUT RENGO.

YOU ONLY SPIT ON EVERYONE.

YOU AND KYOJURO.

YOU AND KYOJURO.

YOU MISUNDERSTAND, TANJIRO.

YOU ONLY DESPISE THE WEAK.

YOU ONLY DESPISE THE WEAK.

I ONLY SPIT ON WEAKLINGS.
YOU'RE SAYING IS WRONG.

EVERYONE IS A HELPLESS BABY WHEN THEY'RE BORN.

IT IS THE LAW OF NATURE THAT THEY BE WEEDED OUT.

THEY CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT SOMEONE'S HELP.

...SOMEONE PROTECTED AND HELPED YOU TOO.

YOU DON'T REMEMBER IT, BUT WHEN YOU WERE A BABY...

SAME WITH YOU, AKAZA.
Then the weak get stronger and help those weaker than themselves.

That is the law of nature!

The strong protect the weak.

Your days of doing whatever you like are over!

I can't forgive your way of thinking!

Akaza!
Giyu's Crow. He's pretty old, so he mishears messages, hobbles around in battle and makes Giyu worry.
I CAN'T ACCEPT HIM ON AN INSTINCTIVE LEVEL.

NOW I UNDERSTAND.
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT WAS THE USUAL UNPLEASANTNESS BECAUSE HE WAS A WEAKLING.

EVEN NOW THAT HE'S STRONG, THAT FEELING DOESN'T GO AWAY.

IT'S LIKE THEY'RE GRINDING AWAY AT MY GUTS FROM THE INSIDE.

IT'S DISGUST THAT GRATES ON MY NERVES LIKE FINGERNAILS SCRATCHING METAL.

IT MAKES ME SICK.

BUT WHAT IS IT ABOUT HIM?

EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM—HIS EYES, VOICE AND WORDS...
WHATEVER YOU DO, EVERYONE IS A BABY AT FIRST.

YOU GET HELP FROM OTHERS AND GRADUALLY LEARN.

IF YOU CONTINUE THAT FOR TEN OR 20 YEARS, YOU'LL BE MAGNIFICENT.

AND THEN YOU WILL HELP OTHER PEOPLE.

DON'T COMPARE YOURSELF TO OTHER PEOPLE. THE OPPONENT YOU FIGHT IS ALWAYS YOURSELF.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS BECOMING STRONGER THAN YOU WERE YESTERDAY.
WHAT? HE PUNCHED EMPTY SPACE!

TANJIRO, YOU REALLY ARE UNPLEASANT.

CRUSHING TYPE DESTRUCTIVE DEATH
WHAM

TEN THOUSAND LEAVES FLASING WILLOW!

BMP

WHAM

BOMP
IT'S...

NO, NOT JUST FAST... THIS IS... THIS FEELING... THIS ACCURACY...

HE'S INCREDIBLY FAST!

DOOM!

BELOW!!
...His power is too amazing, so I can't reduce the damage!

Even if I somehow manage to predict his moves and block his attacks...

He stabs into any opening without fail.

His techniques have unparalleled precision!!

It's like a magnet is pulling his attacks toward my vitals.

What could it be? What is that in reaction to?

Why?
MUST BE SOMETHING. FROM WHAT HE'S SAID AND DONE SO FAR...

You really should become a demon, Kyōjurō.

REMEMBER. THINK.

SOMETHING.
FROM WHAT HE'S SAID AND DONE SO FAR...

HINOKAMI KAGURA
SOLAR HEAT HAZE!
THE TIP WAVERED LIKE HEAT HAZE. HOW INTERESTING!

HOW DID YOU DO THAT?

IT LOOKED LIKE THE BLADE OF YOUR SWORD GOT LONGER. I WAS SURE I'D DODGE IT.

HA HA HA! INTERESTING TECHNIQUE!

TH-AP OOM
AND FATHER HAS GONE TO BE WITH MASTER.

PLEASE, PROTECT FATHER AND TANJIRO.

IT'S A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE FLAME HASHIRA OF THAT TIME AND A SWORDSMAN OF SUN BREATHING.

IT'S A TRIVIAL THING, BUT THE WRITINGS IN THE BOOKS OF THE FLAME HASHIRA...

...MAY BE HELPFUL.

A LARGE FIGHT HAS BEGUN.

IT'S A TRIVIAL THING, BUT THE WRITINGS IN THE BOOKS OF THE FLAME HASHIRA...

THE LETTER I WROTE HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO TANJIRO, RIGHT?
...said about the time he confronted Muzan.

I wrote in the letter what the swordsman who wields sun breathing, the most basic technique...

But Tanjiro won't lose.

The Flame Hashira, who was my ancestor, lost confidence.

He will open a path into the future.

Isn't that right...?
SENJURO’S LETTER HAS NOT YET REACHED TANJIRÖ.

IF HE DOESN’T BEAT AKAZA, HE CAN’T READ IT.

THE FIGHT BEGAN BEFORE IT ARRIVED.

DANCE!

HINOKAMI KAGURA
IT'S GONNA BREAK!

UH-OH!!
LET GO, LET GO!!

GOOD HEAD-BUTT!!
IT'S NO USE!
HIS HANDS...
HE WON'T LET GO!!
MY BACK HURTS SOMETHING FIERCE.

NOW I'M MAD.

YOU REALLY SENT ME FLYING, UPPER RANK 3.

GIYU!!

SHH
Hey, it's dangerous here!!

Don't lose, my disciple!

I've got orders...

Never mind that!!
ALLY DON'T WANT TO ORAW MY SWORD. AND I DON'T LIKE TO FIGHT ANY-ONE FOR AMUSEMENT.

BUT NOW...

...REALLY DON'T WANT TO DRAW MY SWORD.

...AND I REALIZE THAT MY SENSES HAVE BEEN SHARPLY HONED IN A SHORT TIME.

...FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG WHILE, I'M UP AGAINST A STRONG OPPONENT WHO CAN OVERWHELM ME...
NOW I UNDERSTAND...

TO THE PLACE WHERE MY STRONG OPPONENT STANDS.

SENSIBLE THAT WERE CLOSED OFF TO ME HAVE BEEN AWAKENED...

...AND DRAGGED OUT...

...INCREASES ONE'S SKILLS.

...HOW THE INTENSE STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE...

GIYU...
HIS MARK MANIFESTED!

HAS INCREASED!!

AND HIS SPEED...
FOURTH FORM:

WATER BREATHING

STRIKING TIDE!
AKAZA QUICKLY ADAPTED TO GIYU'S INCREASED SPEED.

BUT...

THEY'RE BOTH...

...SO FAST!
HURRY!
TAKE HIM OUT! FAST!

IF WE DON'T HURRY, EVERYONE WILL DIE!

BESIDES, OUR GOAL IS TO DEFEAT MUZAN.

AND IF WE DON'T HURRY, TAMAYO WILL...

WE CAN'T SPEND ALL NIGHT FIGHTING AKAZA.

IN A DRAWN-OUT FIGHT, A HUMAN'S STRENGTH WON'T LAST FOREVER.

CALM DOWN!!

THE REASON HE REACTS PERFECTLY TO ATTACKS FROM BEHIND OR FROM BLIND SPOTS...

WHY ARE AKAZA'S ATTACKS SO ACCURATE?

DEFINITELY DO NOT CAST ASIDE THOUGHT.

THINK. DON'T PANIC.
...nearly to the domain of supremacy.

...your fighting spirit...

Just like I can sense things by smell...

...can Akaza sense fighting spirit?

What is fighting spirit?

In his fight against Rengoku, Akaza said "fighting spirit."
FEEL A TINGLE... WHERE AN OPPONENT IS AIMING.

...SO EVEN IF IT'S FROM BEHIND, IF SOMEONE LOOKS AT ME, I KNOW THEY'RE LOOKING.

MY HIDE IS STRONGER THAN A HUMAN'S...

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS FROM BEHIND, WOW!

INOSUKE, THAT'S WHY YOU NOTICED GYUTARO'S ATTACK.

WOW! YOU'RE RIGHT!

YOU'RE LOOKING AT MY RIGHT SHOULDER!

HEH HEH HEH! OKAY!

DO IT AND SHOW ME!
THEIR INTENT STABS INTO MY HIDE!

IF SOMETHING IS GOING TO HURT ME, IT'S DANGEROUS!

AFTER THAT, WHAT DID WE TALK ABOUT?

THAT'S RIGHT. WITH HIS HONED SKIN SENSE...

INOSUKE ALSO SENSED WHAT WAS INVISIBLE TO THE EYE.

BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN SOMEONE DOESN'T HAVE ANY HOSTILITY...

THAT LITTLE HAG!

...IT'S HARD TO NOTICE!
SUDDENLY, SHE WAS SITTING BEHIND ME WITH RICE BALLS!!

THAT OLD HAG IN THE HOUSE WITH THE WISTERIA CREST WAS THE WORST!!

THEN THERE WOULD BE NO ONE I COULDN'T KILL!!

SO I FIGURED THAT IF I GOT CLOSE TO MY OPPONENTS WITHOUT FEELING ANY HOSTILITY, THEY WOULDN'T NOTICE.

DON'T SAY HAG. SAY ELDERLY LADY!

I THINK IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO KILL A DEMON WITHOUT ANY HOSTILITY.

HMM. BUT...

...THAT WAS BECAUSE THAT ELDERLY LADY DIDN'T HAVE ANY INTENTION OF HARMING YOU, RIGHT?
A weak blow without any hostility...

Yeah, I guess that's right.

Won't cut through a demon's tough neck.

Time spent training? How much training?

The will to fight?

It was a silly conversation, but I feel like there was some kind of point.

What is the fighting spirit that I think Akaza senses?

Is it something like...

...how I can predict moves by smell?

Is it different from the intent to kill?
COULD THERE BE A WAY TO THROW OFF AKAZA’S FIGHTING COMPASS?
DANCE!
YOUR BODY'S WIDE OPEN, TANJIRO!!

THERE!!
FIGHTING SPIRIT.

IMPOSSIBLE.

DOMAIN OF SUPREMACY.

MALEVOLENCE.

SENSE.

COMPASS.

MAGNET.

I SEE! THAT'S IT!
Inosuke taking Tanjiro’s food. Kiyo set it in front of him, so he thought it was his. He wasn’t being mean.
CHAPTER 151: THE SOUND OF BELLS ON A SNOWY MOONLIT NIGHT
MY FATHER WAS LIKE A PLANT.

HE WASN'T TEMPERAMENTAL AT ALL. HE WAS ALWAYS CALM.

EVEN WHEN HE GOT SICK BEFORE HE DIED, THAT DIDN'T CHANGE.

...AND CALM VOICE, LIKE THE STREAMLET OF A RIVER.

WHEN I THINK OF MY FATHER, THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MIND IS HIS GENTLE SMILE...
FATHER,
WHEN YOU 
DANCE THE 
HINOKAMI 
KAGURA...

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

...IS DEMANDING, LASTING FROM SUNSET TO SUNRISE.

THE KAGURA THAT HOUSE KAMADO HAS PERFORMED AT THE BEGINNING OF EVERY YEAR FOR GENERATIONS...

IF IT'S HARD FOR YOU, I CAN TAKE YOUR PLACE STARTING NEXT YEAR.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOUR HEALTH.

...REPEATED HUNDREDS, THOUSANDS, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TIMES.

THERE ARE 12 ROUTINES PERFORMED BEFORE SUNRISE...
IT'S STRANGE.

WHEN I FIRST JUST LEARNED THE KAGURA FROM YOUR GRANDFATHER...

...I WAS YOUNGER, HEALTHIER AND STRONGER THAN NOW...

...I HAVEN'T FELT THE KAGURA WAS DIFFICULT.

BUT FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS...

...I WAS YOUNGER, HEALTHIER AND STRONGER THAN NOW...

...I HAVEN'T FELT THE KAGURA WAS DIFFICULT.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS MAKING THE MOST EFFICIENT MOVES TO EXERT THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF STRENGTH.

...YOUR HEAD BECOMES CLEAR.

I SUPPOSE THAT WAS BECAUSE I MADE A LOT OF UNNECESSARY MOVEMENTS.

WHEN YOU DO THAT...

THANK YOU, TANJIRO.
IN THE BEGINNING, YOU MUST LEARN...

YOU MUST PICK THEM UP.

...THE MOVES AND SENSIBILITIES.

CLEAR...

...THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU STRUGGLE, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GO FURTHER.

JUST LIKE THAT, YOU FOCUS ON WHAT IS MOST NECESSARY IN THAT MOMENT.

WHEN PEOPLE TRY TO LISTEN CLOSELY, THEY CLOSE THEIR EYES, RIGHT?

YOU LEAVE ONLY WHAT IS NECESSARY IN YOUR MOVEMENT AND CLOSE YOURSELF.

YOU OPEN YOUR FIVE SENSES, BECOMING CONSCIOUS OF YOUR OWN BODY DOWN TO EACH AND EVERY BLOOD VESSEL.

THIS PERIOD IS TRULY STRENUOUS, AND YOU WILL THINK...

AFTER YOU HAVE LEARNED AND ABSORBED MANY THINGS, YOU CUT AWAY WHAT IS UNNECESSARY.
AND THEN YOU CAN OPEN AN ILLUMINATED PATH.

BEFORE LONG, YOU BECOME ABLE TO OPEN AND CLOSE THE BLOOD VESSELS AND MUSCLES THROUGHOUT YOUR BODY...

CAN I GO THERE TOO?

HOWEVER...

...YOU ONLY REACH THIS DOMAIN BECAUSE YOU'VE PUSHED YOURSELF TO THE LIMITS OF YOUR STRENGTH.

WHEN YOUR HEAD BECOMES CLEAR, YOU BEGIN TO SEE THE TRANSPARENT WORLD.

HERE. THEY'RE DONE.

Thank you.

If you continue working diligently.
WE LIT WATCH FIRES AND HUNG ROPE WITH BELLS AROUND THE HOUSE.

TEN DAYS BEFORE HE DIED...

...A BEAR ATTACKED AND ATE SOMEONE ON THE NEXT MOUNTAIN OVER.

TANJIRO.

COME WITH ME.

YES?

HM?

?
This bear had killed and eaten six people.

Standing up, the bear was massive, perhaps nine shaku.

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My father was ill, but he faced the bear with a single ax.

It was on the other side of the ropes with bells.

We didn't own a hunting rifle.

Apparenty, my father knew it was there even though the bells didn't ring.

My father was ill, but he faced the bear with a single ax.

I'm sorry you're hungry...

...but I will not let you come any closer.
HEED MY WARNING...

I WILL SHOW NO MERCY TO ANYONE WHO WOULD HARM MY FAMILY...

...NO MATTER THE ODDS.

...OR I WILL STEAL YOUR LIFE.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

FATHER, WHAT...

FATHER...
...fell to the ground.

With the chime of a bell, the bear's head, thick as a man's body...

Otherwise, it would have been impossible to cut off its head with an ax of that size.

I couldn't follow it, but I think my father made two cuts in the blink of an eye.

Only my father was there, with his usual calm.

Before and after severing the bear's head, there was no fear...
DID YOU OBSERVE PROPERLY?

HE WAS NOT ONE TO BOAST UNNECESSARILY OF HIS OWN STRENGTH.

LATER, I NOTICED...

...THAT HE...

FATHER...

DO NOT FORGET WHAT YOU JUST SAW.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

ARE...

...SAW IT.

I SAW.

I'M FINE.
...so I could learn from his movements and see the transparent world.

...had given me a lesson...

...and like my father...

I know, father.

With unceasing effort, you can eventually break through any wall.

Never give up...

That's why a moment ago...
...ONE OF AKAZA'S UNERRING BLOWS.

...I WAS ABLE TO DODGE...

...I COULD DODGE FATAL BLOWS...

PLOT HAND DODGE MOMENTARY BREATHERS

THAT ONE BLOW PROBABLY COULD HAVE KILLED ME.

...BUT AT THAT MOMENT, EVEN GIYU WAS NOT IN TIME.
But for some reason I didn't think...

...that I might not be able to do it.

...that I could enter...

For just a moment, I felt...

...that world.
THE TRANSPARENT WORLD.

I CONCENTRATED ON ONLY THAT AND CLOSED MY OTHER SENSES.

IT WAS THE SAME AS WHEN HANTENGU HID IN HIS OWN HEART.

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I SAW IT OR SMELLED IT.

I COULD SEE THROUGH HIS BODY.
My body moved faster than ever before.

I'm sorry, Inosuke.

While Giyu is fighting him...

I denied it then, but you were probably right.

...use this effectively and take down Akaza!!
Kanae Kocho, graduate of Kimetsu Academy. In all three years she attended, people considered her one of the school’s top three great beauties. She was disgustingly popular among both girls and boys. Even people who spoke poorly of her looked lovestruck when actually talking to her. She’s quiet and mysterious and was once seen throwing a seal at the wall and chanting something like “Rin-pyo-to-sha.” Maybe she has spiritual powers?

Kanao Tsuyuri (Second-year, H.S., Class Violet). She didn’t have any relatives, so the Kocho family took her in. She and Kanae Kocho look alike, so people often mistake them for sisters. At present, she’s one of the academy’s three great beauties. Due to her outstanding physical abilities, she often gets scouted or asked for help, so she’s busy. She’s in the flower-arrangement club and wants to prioritize that, so she has a hard time.
A Pot in the Biology Lab.

Whoever the pot monster’s eyes fall upon is subjected to endless condescension. But if you ignore its incomprehensible bragging, it’ll tickle you with all its hands, so it’s pretty annoying. When Ms. Kanae joined the staff, rumors about it and sightings of it suddenly stopped. Did she exorcise it and send it to the next world?

Old Man Crawling Through the Halls

This old man weeps and mutters resentfully as he drags himself through the school halls. He doesn’t look human. When he sees someone with a body smaller than his own, he attacks them and steals their belongings. In junior high, Tokito struck him with an axe kick, so his head is swollen.