Hello! I'm Gotouge. I am truly thankful to everyone happy about the Demon Slayer anime as if it were their own good news! All the kind and congratulatory words, gifts and happiness massaged me and blew away my stiff shoulders and headaches. My nose is still running though. I'm sorry I can't reply individually or give you anything back. I'm blessed by much good fortune and the aid and encouragement of nice people helps a lot. I am always praying from the bottom of my heart for the health and happiness of people who are kind to me.
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A kind boy who saved his sister and now aims to avenge his family. He can smell the scent of demons and an opponent’s weakness.
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CHAPTER 98: THE UPPER RANKS GATHER
It’s been about 90 years. Hasn’t it?

Oh my! I’m glad to see you’re well.

My chest was tight from worrying.

I’d begun to think you were defeated.

Hee! Hee! Koff Koff

Upper Rank 5

Gyokko

It is...

Lord Akaza!
DURING THE TIME WE DIDN'T MEET, GYOJKO BECAME UNCOUNTABLE IN NUMBER.

HOW HORRIBLE... HOW HORRIBLE...

AN INDIVISIBLE NUMBER... A STRANGE, OMINOUS NUMBER...

AN ODD NUMBER!

HOW HORRIBLE... HOW HORRIBLE!

IT'S BEEN 113 YEARS SINCE THE LAST SUMMONS.

UPPER RANK 4 HANTENGU

...IS LORD MUZAN HERE?

BIWA WOMAN...
HE HAS NOT YET ARRIVED.

SURELY HE HASN'T BEEN DEFEATED.

THEN WHERE IS UPPER RANK 1?

WAIT JUST A SECOND, LORD AKAZA...

AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT ME?

OH MY, OH MY!
I was incredibly worried about everyone!

I don’t want to be without any of you.

You’re all my important comrades.
WOMAN'S FRESHLY SEVERED HEAD IN THE VASE YOU GAVE ME AND USED IT TO DECORATE MY ROOM.

HELLO! IT'S BEEN A WHILE, GYOKKO!

LORD DOMA...!

I PUT A WOMAN'S FRESHLY SEVERED HEAD IN THE VASE YOU GAVE ME AND USED IT TO DECORATE MY ROOM.

IS THAT A NEW VASE? VERY PRETTY!

UPPER RANK 2 DOMA

GET YOUR ARM OFF ME.

...BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT TOO!

THAT WASN'T FOR A HEAD...

MOVE.

HMM?

YOU MUST COME VISIT ME SOME-TIME!
ARE YOU EVEN STRONGER THAN BEFORE, LORD AKAZA?

OH... NICE PUNCH!

WHOA!
He's been over there the whole time.

Upper Rank 1 was called first.
...AM RIGHT HERE.

LORD MUZAN...

...HAS ARRIVED.

UPPER RANK 1
KOKUSHIBO
THE UPPER RANKS OF THE KIZUKI ARE INCOMPLETE.

GYUTARO IS DEAD.
...HOW SHALL I MAKE AMENDS? SHALL I GOUGE OUT AN EYEBALL OR...

I BROUGHT GYUTARO IN, SO...

MY APOLOGIES!

CAN THAT REALLY BE SO?

Yeah

Yeah

Yeah

I SUSPECTED GYUTARO WOULD LOSE. AS I THOUGHT, DAKI WAS A HINDRANCE.

THAT'S NOT NECESSARY. YOU MAY KEEP YOUR EYEBALLS.

...IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW.

HE SHOULDN'T HAVE Fought AFTER POISONING THEM. BUT...

IF GYUTARO HAD FOUGHT BY HIMSELF FROM THE BEGINNING, HE WOULD HAVE WON.
DON'T EXPECT MUCH FROM YOU ANYWAY.

YOU STILL HAVEN'T PUT THE UBUYASHIKI FAMILY IN ITS GRAVE.

YOU'RE FALLING IN THE ORDER OF WHO HAS THE MOST HUMAN PARTS REMAINING.

YOU'RE ALL WORTHLESS.

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NO LONGER KNOW WHY YOU EVEN EXIST.

AND THE BLUE SPIDER LILY...

YOU STILL HAVEN'T PUT THE UBUYASHIKI FAMILY IN ITS GRAVE.

HAVE I EVER FAILED TO MEET YOUR EXPECTATIONS?

YOU'RE SAYING SAD THINGS AGAIN.

AFTER HUNDREDS OF YEARS YOU STILL HAVEN'T FOUND IT.

...NO LONGER KNOW WHY YOU EVEN EXIST.
SO WHAT CAN I DO?

I'M NO GOOD AT DETECTIVE WORK.

UBU-YASHIKI... IS HIDING...

I HAVE...

...NO EXCUSES...

...TO MAKE.

JUST NOW...

I HAVE INFORMATION TO BRING YOUR HOPES ONE STEP CLOSER!

I'M DIFFERENT!

LORD MUZAN!
I detest change.

Most changes cause weakness and inferiority.

A perfect state... unchanging forever!

Changing circumstances... changes of the flesh...

...changing emotions...

Lord Muzan is touching my head! So very nice!

I prefer the unchanging!
DON'T EVER CONVEY SUCH UNPLEASANT INFORMATION SO GLEEFULLY AGAIN.

THE FIRST DEATH OF AN UPPER-RANK DEMON IN 113 YEARS... IT DISPLEASES ME IMMENSELY.

IT SEEMS I HAVE BEEN TOO SOFT ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE MY UPPER-RANK SERVANTS.

FROM NOW ON, YOU MUST STRUGGLE WITH GREATER DESPERATION.
...WHEN THE INFORMATION IS CONFIRMED, GO THERE WITH HANTENGU.

GYOKKO...

SHMP!

LORD GYOKKO!

BUT I GOT THE INFORMATION!

OUTRAGEOUS! BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT...

TK

CHC

TWK

AS YOU WISH!

AIEEEE!
SO YOU WON'T TELL ME?!

I WANT TO GO TOO!

WHAT INFORMATION?

NO... THAT'S...

SLASH

I'M BEGGING Y-

GET LOST!

DID LORD MUZAN GIVE YOU AN ORDER?
I hope they all leave soon...

Biwa demon:
Nasume
CHAPTER 99: SOMEONE'S DREAM
I DON'T MIND AT ALL!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, LORD KOKUSHIBO!
I am not saying this for your sake.

Even I fear that cracks might form in the hierarchy.

If you don’t like it, then request Blood Combat to replace us.
EVEN IF HE MAKES THAT REQUEST, LORD AKAZA CAN'T BEAT US!

BUT LORD KOKUSHIBO...

...BUT I ROSE MORE QUICKLY THROUGH THE RANKS, SO HE'S MAD! YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT.

I KNOW THAT IN MY CASE, I BECAME A DEMON LATER THAN LORD AKAZA...

BESIDES, I PURPOSELY DIDN'T DODGE. I WAS JUST PLAYING AROUND A LITTLE.

THIS IS HOW WE BOND!

WE MUST BE LENIENT WITH THOSE RANKED BELOW US, NOT SCORN THEM.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND...

...WHAT I'M SAYING TO YOU?

*EYES: UPPER 1

I UNDERSTAND.
I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO KILL YOU.

YOU HAVE MY... ENCOURAGEMENT.

YES.

UHH!

GOOD-BYE, LORD KOKUSHIBO!
I'm overthinking it, aren't I, Lord Akaza?

I sorta feel like I was cut out of that conversation.

Lord Akaza! We were still talking!

Send me and Hantengu to the same place!
WAIT. I'LL GO TOO...

YIKES...

I DECLINE.

HOW ABOUT LATER ON YOU AND I--?

HEY, BIWA PLAYER...

ALONE

SHH

SHH
*SIGNS: PARADISE

NO ONE'S ANY FUN.

UGH...
Let me put this on my head first.

Sorry for the wait.

Oh, really?

Believers have come.

Lord Founder...

Shh

...show them in!

Please, please...

Believers have come.
IT APPEARS MY WIFE ALSO FELL ASLEEP.
SORRY.

...THANK YOU.

OH...

I MADE TEA.

WHew! HE'S SOUND ASLEEP!
TO ASK A VISITOR LIKE YOU TO WATCH MY CHILD.

BEARING AND RAISING CHILDREN IS HARD.

SHE MUST BE TIRED.

IT'S NO TROUBLE.

IF I DON'T, I'LL JUST KEEP EATING.

I'LL DRINK THIS AND LEAVE.
IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, MY CHILD WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN BORN.

WE OWE YOU OUR LIVES.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!

BUT I'LL TELL MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN ABOUT YOU!

I UNDERSTAND.

SIP

EVEN IF I'M JUST A MERE CHARCOAL SELLER...

...IF YOU HAVE NO HEIRS, WHO WILL REMEMBER...

BUT...

THAT ISN'T NECESSARY.

IT'S NOT NECESSARY.
THOSE WHO MASTER THEIR TRADE ALL ARRIVE AT THE SAME PLACE.

EVEN IF THE TIMES CHANGE OR THE WAY TO THAT PLACE CHANGES...

THEY ARE CERTAIN TO REACH THE SAME PLACE.

...BUT I'M NOT.

YOU SEEM TO THINK I'M SOMEONE SPECIAL...
...AND I WAS UNABLE TO ACCOMPLISH EVEN ONE THING THAT I SHOULD HAVE IN THIS LIFE.

I CANNOT PROTECT ANYTHING THAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME...

AW...

PLEASE DON'T...

I AM A MAN WITHOUT ANY VALUE.

I BEG YOU, DON'T TALK ABOUT YOURSELF LIKE THAT.

I DON'T WANT YOU TO TALK LIKE THAT.

SO VERY SAD.

IT'S SAD...
WHERE... AM I?

WAS THAT... A DREAM?
SINCE THE FIGHT, YOU'VE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS FOR TWO MONTHS.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

OH... REALLY?

... WAS?

... THAT YOU'RE AWAKE.

I'M GLAD...
Good... I thought he was gonna die!
CHAPTER 100: GO TO THE VILLAGE!
I'M A KAKUSHI IN THE CLEAN-UP CREW OF THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS.

I'M ALSO THE ONE WHO FOUND HIM AND THE OTHERS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT TWO MONTHS AGO.

I HAVE A FATEFUL CONNECTION WITH HIM.

I'M THE ONE WHO TOLD TANJIRO KAMADO "HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO SLEEP?! GET UP ALREADY, WOULD YA?!" DURING THE HASHIRA MEETING.

GRAH! YAH!

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT... BUT THEY WERE JUST UNCONSCIOUS.

THEY'RE SUCH CLOSE FRIENDS!

THEY LOOKED LIKE THIS.
IT'S A PRESENT FOR HIM, EVEN THOUGH HE STILL HASN'T REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.

AND WHAT I'M CARRYING IN MY HANDS IS FINE CASTELLA.

TO BE HONEST, IT'S TAKING ALL MY STRENGTH TO KEEP FROM EATING IT RIGHT NOW.

THEY'RE YOUNGER THAN I AM BUT THEY'RE SWORDSMEN WHO RISK THEIR LIVES FIGHTING—I TRULY RESPECT THEM!

I DON'T GET THIS GUY.

I HEAR HE HAS A GOOD NOSE, SO IF I SET IT NEAR HIM MAYBE HE'LL WAKE UP.

BROKEN VASE

THE DOOR IS OPEN.

CLEAN THIS UP!

BUT SHE OUTRANKS ME, SO I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING, EVEN THOUGH I'M 23.

SHE'S A WEIRD GIRL. SHE DOESN'T TALK AT ALL. IT'S BECAUSE THEY MADE HER A DEMON SLAYER AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE.

SERIOUSLY, KANAO? SHE LEAVES EVERYTHING UNDONE!
...if it looks like it's going bad, you can throw it away or eat it...

Um, I'm putting the castella here...

...you... thank... th...

He... you should be more excited!

He's awake?!
RANKS DON'T MATTER! NOT AT TIMES LIKE THIS!

EVERYONE IS WorRIED!

YOU SHOULD CALL SOMEONE!!! AND SAID HE WOKE UP! YOU DUMMY!

YOU REALLY ARE SPACEY!

WAAAH

AOI! TANJIRO HAS REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS!

KIYO! SUMI! NAHO!

ABDOMINAL BREATHING

I'LL BAKE YOU SOME ANPAN!

I'M GLAD!

THE CASTELLA IS FALLING...
THEY WENT INSTEAD OF ME SO THEY GOT HURT! WAAAH!

I'M GLAD HE WOKE UP!

OH... IT'S AOI TANGLED UP IN THE LAUNDRY.

ARE THEY... ALL RIGHT?

EVERYONE... ELSE...

THANK YOU.
THEY WERE INCREDIBLY SHOCKED.

ZENITSU WOKE UP THE NEXT DAY.

ALL THE KAKUSHI WERE SHOCKED AT HOW DURABLE HE IS.

Agh! Ow! This is irritating!

THEY WERE INCREDIBLY SHOCKED.

HE'S ACTIVE AGAIN. HE'S ON A MISSION, BUT RELUCTANTLY.

THE POISON GOT DEEP IN HIM, SO HE WAS SLOW TO USE BREATHING TO STOP THE BLEEDING AND...

THE SOUND HASHIRA WAS WALKING BUT LEANING ON HIS WIVES' SHOULDERS.

INOSUKE'S CONDITION WAS REALLY BAD.

THE YELLO-WHEADED ONE... WAS IT TWO DAYS AGO?

OH... AND INOSUKE?

HE WAS IN DANGER FOR A WHILE TOO.
...I MUST BE HALLUCINATING HIM CLINGING TO THE CEILING.

OH... IN THAT CASE...

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

KYYAHH!

UWAAAHH!
GOOD JOB NOTICING ME, TANJIRO!

GWA HA HA!

PRAISE HEH HEH! GOOD... WOKE UP MORE! HEE! YOU'RE SEVEN DAYS AMAZING... BEFORE INOSUKE. 

YOU'RE WEAK! DON'T MAKE ME WORRY!

I WOKE UP SEVEN DAYS BEFORE YOU!

OH, RIGHT. LOOK AT THIS BOOK, TANJIRO!

SHINOBU SAID THAT TOO, RIGHT?!

BUT YOU AREN'T NORMAL, INOSUKE!
IT'S A WEASEL FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY CALLED A HONEY BADGER!

POISON DOESN'T AFFECT IT, SO IT EVEN FIGHTS POISONOUS SNAKES... AND EATS THEM!

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IT'S FINE EVEN IF A LION BITES IT!

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MAYBE SHE GOT TIRED OF WORRYING ABOUT HIM?

LADY KOCHO CAN BE CARELESS.

SHINOBU SAID INOSUKE IS THE SAME WAY.

GET DOWN HERE!
WHO'S DUMB, YOU JERK?!

KYAAAH! STOP THAT!

OUCH!

NO, YOU'RE NOT! ARE YOU DUMB?!

IN OTHER WORDS, I'M IMMORTAL!

SHINOBU TOLD YOU THAT TOO, DIDN'T SHE?!

BUT YOU ALREADY FORGOT!

POISON DOESN'T WORK WELL ON YOU BUT NEITHER DOES MEDICINE! SO BE CAREFUL!

TANJIRO FELL ASLEEP... SO BE QUIET!

WHAT?!

WE AREN'T THAT DIFFERENT IN HEIGHT!

SHUT UP! STOP PULLING ON ME, YOU SHRIMP!
PLEASE, BE QUIET!

DON'T SAY UNLUCKY THINGS!

OH NO! HE'S UNCONSCIOUS AGAIN!

KANAO, LET'S GO MAKE SOME RICE GRUEL.

OKAY.

I HOPE HE RECovers QUICKLY AND CAN EAT A LOT.

THEY'RE ALL MONSTERS.

Letter from Kyo.

Whoa, seriously?

Camping out.

I'm the wind!

ONE WEEK LATER, TANUIRO WAS BACK ON HIS FEET.

INOSUKE WENT OUT ON A MISSION.

I'm next! I'm next!
I can't stretch out flat!

As expected, my physical strength is slow to return!

Was a Katana delivered while I was asleep? My sword got chipped.

...you wanna see?

A letter came from Haganezuka.

Katana? Katana...?
IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS, BUT NO KATANA CAME...

...BUT I BROKE IT ONCE BEFORE!

AHH... URGH...

THIS TIME IT JUST CHIPPED...

O...

OHHH...
BUT HAGANEZUKA CAN BE A BIT TOUCHY.

THE VILLAGE WITH ALL THE SWORDSMITHS.

MAYBE IT WOULD BE BEST TO TALK TO HIM DIRECTLY.

HOW ABOUT GOING TO THE VILLAGE?

*THEY'RE EATING RICE CRACKERS.

HUH?

CAN I GO?
THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE GRANTED PERMISSION, SO I WILL GUIDE YOU.

Pleased to meet you.

...but it's nice to meet you.

BECAUSE OF WHERE I'M GUIDING YOU, I CANNOT NAME MYSELF...

I'M TANJIRO KAMADO! IT'S A PLEASURE!

NOW PUT THESE ON.

FURTHERMORE, I WILL CARRY YOU THERE.

IT'S A HIDDEN VILLAGE.

A BLINDFOLD AND EARPLUGS.

WHAT ARE THOSE?
Also, since you have a good sense of smell—nose plugs!

In order to prevent demons from attacking the village, no one knows its location.

Before plugging my ears, she briefly explained.

Of course, this woman doesn't know either.

Village of Swordsmiths

It works like this...

He's a little heavy...

After a while they pass off to the next Kakushi.
Crows lead each kakushi to the place of the next kakushi, but those crows often change as well.

FURTHERMORE, THEY FREQUENTLY CHANGE THE ROUTES AND THE KAKUSHI ALONG THEM.

WHew! SMART PEOPLE ARE AMAZING!

APPARENTLY, EVEN MORE COMPLICATED METHODS HIDE MASTER UBUYASHIKI'S MANSION.

TANJIRO said this every time a kakushi passed him on, which pleased the kakushi.

I'M COUNTING ON YOU!

BLUSH BLUSH

GOOD WORK!

THANK YOU!
I'LL TAKE IT OFF.

SHWP SHWF

KLINK

PHOP

WOOOOOW!
IT'S LIKE THERE'S A HOT SPRING NEARBY!

WHAT INCREDIBLE BUILDINGS!

AND THIS SMELL...

THERE IS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

NOW I WILL TAKE MY LEAVE.

ALL RIGHT!

GO LEFT OVER THERE AND THAT WILL TAKE YOU TO THE CHIEF'S HOUSE. FIRST GO GREET HIM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
I heard words of thanks echoing.

HMM?

Has someone arrived?

That gets me kind of excited.
The hot spring makes your skin smooth!

The hot spring heals: wounds, burns, hemorrhoids, constipation, gout, diabetes, high blood pressure, anemia, gallstones, muscle pain, joint pain, warped personality, rudeness, hay fever, itchy navel and the pain of lost love.
I'M THE CHIEF OF THIS VILLAGE—TECCCHIN TECCHI-KAWAHARA.

NICE TO MEET YA.

GREETINGS.

SO ESTEEMED THAT YOU SHOULD BOW TILL YOUR HEAD TOUCHES THE TATAMI MAT.

ZZWINK

I'M THE TOWN'S SMALLEST AND MOST ESTEEMED PERSON.

* A JAPANESE SNACK

COME. I'LL GIVE YOU SOME KARINTO*.

OH, WHAT A NICE YOUNG MAN.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU!

I'M TANJIRO KAMADO!
WE'RE SEARCHING FOR HIM, SO PLEASE BE PATIENT.

IT SEEMS THAT HOTARU HAS DISAPPEARED.

THANK YOU!

WHAT A CUTE NAME!

I NAMED HIM.

YES... HOTARU HAGANEM-ZUKA.

HE THROWS TANTRUMS AND GOES OFF TO SULK.

HE'S BEEN THAT WAY SINCE HE WAS SMALL.

THAT'S SAD.

HE SAID IT WAS TOO CUTE AND GOT MAD AT ME.

SAD.
IT'S ALL BECAUSE I DO THINGS LIKE BREAK MY SWORD AND CHIP THE BLADE!

NO, NO, IT'S OKAY!

IT'S HIS FAULT FOR MAKING DULL BLADES THAT BREAK.

...THAT'S WRONG.

WE'LL BRING HIM BACK AS SOON AS WE FIND HIM...

NO...
IF HOTARU DOESN'T FORGE YOU A SWORD BY THE TIME YOU'RE READY, I'LL APPOINT SOMEONE ELSE TO BE YOUR SWORDSMITH.

I HEARD YOU HAVEN'T YET RECOVERED ENOUGH TO GO DEMON SLAYING.

WELL, DON'T BE TOO ROUGH.

...SO JUST RELAX HERE.

OUR HOT SPRING IS VERY GOOD FOR HEALING THE BODY...

*SIGNS: BATH

I'LL BE DOWN HERE PREPARING YOUR MEAL.

THE HOT SPRING IS UP THIS HILL.

I HOPE THEY DON'T FIGHT.

OKAY!
OHHH! IT'S TANJIRO!

HE IGNORED ME! I SAID HELLO, BUT HE IGNORED ME!

LISTEN! LISTEN!

YOUR BOOBS ARE ABOUT TO SPILL OUT!

WHOA, BE CAREFUL!

ISN'T THAT MEAN? I'M A HASHIRA!

I ASKED HIS NAME BUT HE IGNORED ME!

I DON'T KNOW!

WHO DID?
WELL, SUPPER WILL BE READY SOON. I HEAR IT’LL BE RICE WITH MATSUTAKE MUSHROOMS.

THE CALM I GOT FROM SOAKING IS COMPLETELY SHATTERED!

WOW! IT’S HUGE!

AT THE HOT SPRING...

WHAT’S THAT FLAPPING IN FRONT OF THE HORSE?

MIYA-SAN, MIYA-SAN!

SHE’S A BIG EATER!
A FRONT TOOTH!

SOMEONE LOST A TOOTH!

SUMI SAID HIS NAME IS...

That man is...

HIS HEAD IS SHAVED ON THE SIDES....!
DIE!

GENYA SHINAZUGAWA!

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?!

LONG TIME NO SEE!

YOUR LAST NAME IS THE SAME AS THE WIND HASHIRA!

SPLOOSH SLASH
DON'T TALK TO ME!

...HUMAN RELATIONS ARE DIFFICULT.

I THOUGHT SOAKING TOGETHER WOULD BRING US CLOSER, BUT...

IMPRESSIVE!
I'm gonna eat a lot and get strong too!

But I didn't eat that much tonight.

Really?

You don't say!

Oh!

Kanroji, the boy you met at the hot spring became a demon slayer at the same time as me. His name is Genya Shinazugawa.

Oh yeah...

Maybe they're not on good terms. That's too bad.

But Shinazugawa said he doesn't have a little brother.

He must be Shinazugawa's little brother.
Tickle Tickle

I DONT REALLY KNOW WHY, BUT I FIND BOTH THE SHINAZUGAWA BROTHERS SCARY.

THERE ARE FIVE KIDS IN MY FAMILY, AND WE ALL GET ALONG.

I WONDER WHY.

OH, REALLY?

ONE OF THE VILLAGERS SAID HE DOESN'T TAKE MEALS AT ALL.

I DON'T THINK HE'LL COME.

IT WOULD BE NICE TO TALK TO HIM AT LEAST A LITTLE.

GENYA HASN'T COME YET, HUH?

MAYBE HE BROUGHT HIS OWN FOOD.

...SAYING CONQUER THE EMPEROR'S ENEMY! DIDN'T YOU KNOW IT'S A BROCADE STANDARD...

YEAH! LET'S DO THAT!

I WONDER IF HE'S ALL RIGHT. I'LL TAKE HIM SOME RICE BALLS LATER.
EVERYONE TELL FEELS THE SAME WAX WHOP MEP IT'S EMBARRASSING.

KANROJI, WHY DID YOU JOIN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS?

SOMEONE TO PROTECT HER! YOU SEE? MANY BOYS DON'T UNDERSTAND.

IT'S GOOD FOR A GIRL TO FIND SOMEONE STRONGER THAN HERSELF!

TO FIND A MAN TO MARRY!

I mean, the Hashira are strong, right? But they're hard to be. So I had to...become a Hashira myself. I'm working really hard.

EVERYONE I TELL FEELS THE SAME WAY.

IT'S ALL RIGHT, TANJIRO.

LADY KANROJI...

GENYA ISN'T HERE.
Looks like I have to go.

Oh my!

Please, come to the workshop for final adjustments.

Your sword will soon be finished being sharpened.

No, I'll probably leave late at night.

Don't worry! I'll see you off!

TANJIRO...

Really? Hmm...

No...

But...

...I don't know if we'll ever see each other alive again, but...

...let's try our best to do so!
THAT'S AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE.

YOU FOUGHT AN UPPER-RANK DEMON AND SURVIVED.

TANJIRO, YOU'RE MUCH STRONGER NOW THAN YOU WERE BEFORE.

WHAT YOU GAIN THROUGH ACTUAL EXPERIENCE IS MORE VALUABLE THAN ANYTHING.

IT'S COMPARABLE TO FIVE OR TEN YEARS OF TRAINING.

THANK YOU.

MITSURI KANROJI IS ROOTING FOR THE KAMADO SIBLINGS!
I'll try harder and harder...

...to beat Muzan Kibutsuji himself!

But I still have a long way to go!

Uzui just let us win.

You got permission to stay a long time, right?
I hear this village has a secret weapon that makes you stronger.
MAYBE A SWORD? MAYBE IT'S BURIED OR SOMETHING! THIS IS EXCITING! LIKE I'M ON A TREASURE HUNT!

I WONDER WHAT WEAPON KANROJI WAS TALKING ABOUT.

AND I WANT TO FIND HAGANE-ZUKA, BUT...

HMM... AND NOT BEING COMPLETELY HEALTHY IS HAMPERING MY NOSE.

THIS IS A REALLY GREAT PLACE, BUT THE HOT SPRING SMELL IS STRONG.

AND... WHO'S THAT...?

A CHILD?
WHAT DID SHINOBU CALL HIM...?

OH, RIGHT.

HMM? IF I REMEMBER, THAT'S A HASHIRA...

THE MIST HASHIRA.

MUICHIRO

TOKITO.
Mitsuri was so cute that Genya couldn’t say a word.
AND I DEFINITELY WON'T TELL YOU HOW TO USE IT!

WHAT'S WRONG? ARE THEY FIGHTING?

BUT IF THEY'RE FIGHTING, I SHOULD STEP IN.
LET GO—
UGH!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO THAT CHILD?

YOU'RE REALLY NOISY.

WHO ARE YOU?

I CAN'T BUDGE HIM!

BUT HIS ARMS ARE THIN AND HE'S SMALLER THAN ME!

YOU LET GO.
I'm surprised you got into the Demon Slayer Corps.

You're incredibly weak.
IS THAT—?

DO I SENSE A DEMON? WHAT'S IN THERE?

HMM?

THAT BOX FEELS STRANGE.

DON'T TOUCH THAT.
YOU MUST BE UPSET. THAT WAS CLOSE!

HE GOT THE BOX...

GO AWAY!

HEY...

LEMME GO!
Even if they torture me! Never!

I won't give the key to anyone!

It'll break next time!

Tremble

You appear to be an exceedingly dumb brat.

Even most adults can't endure it, so it's impossible that you could.

Have you been trained to withstand torture?

While you're rattling on and on and on with your nonsense...

...do you know how many people will die?

So what if it does break? Why not make it again?
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO INTERFERE WITH A HASHIRA.

IF YOU USED YOUR HEAD JUST A LITTLE, YOU'D UNDERSTAND.

SWORDSMITHS CAN'T FIGHT. THEY CAN'T SAVE SOMEONE'S LIFE. THEY ONLY HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE WEAPONS.

YOUR TIME AND A HASHIRA'S TIME HAVE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT VALUE.

THE KEY!

SO COME ON...
BECAUSE YOU AREN'T A BABY.

KNOW YOUR PLACE IN LIFE, AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THE LACK OF CONSIDERATION! IT'S MEAN AND IT'S CRUEL!

I... JUST... REALLY DON'T LIKE THIS! WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE THIS?!

WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS BASICALLY TRUE, BUT...

YOU-

...WHILE IT ISN'T TECHNICALLY WRONG...

CRUEL? BUT IT WAS NOTHING.

MAYBE SO!
I mean, we couldn't do anything if we didn't have actual swords!

The swordsmiths are important and do crucial work!

They're different from swordsmen but they still have incredible skills!

In the swordsmith, — smiths are important and do crucial work!

Swordsmen and swordsmiths need each other!

We just each fight in our own place!

We're both part of the fight!

Sorry, but...

...I don't have time for this pointless conversation.
HIS EYELIDS ARE FLUTTERING! HE'S GONNA WAKE UP!

SEE YA!

NO, I'LL CARRY HIM. HE'S GOT TO WAKE UP SOON...

OH NO! CAN I CARRY HIM TO THE BOTTOM BY MYSELF?

OH! YOU SHOULDN'T GET UP TOO QUICKLY.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

WASN'T HE HERE JUST NOW?!
I GAVE HIM THE KEY, SO HE LEFT.

WHERE'S THAT HASHIRA?

OH, WAS IT MY IMAGINATION?

NOPE. HE WASN'T HERE!

BUT I SHOULDN'T TALK SINCE I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT WAS HAPPENING ANYWAY.

YOU GAVE IT TO HIM? IT DID SEEM LIKE YOU HAD NO CHOICE, THOUGH.

OW...

BUT I WASN'T ANY HELP.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

YOU DON'T KNOW ME, BUT YOU STOOD UP FOR ME!

NO, NO!

I'M HAPPY!
It's stronger than a human, so we use it for combat training.

Really?! That's amazing!

My ancestors made it and it can do 108 movements.

Yes.

But it's getting old and might break.

He's started.

Oh! He wants to train with it?
THE MECHANICAL DOLL FOR COMBAT USE THAT MY ANCESTORS MADE.

THAT'S...

YORIICHII TYPE ZERO!
A NEW EIGHT-PANEL COMIC: MITSURI’S CORPS UNIFORM

WHY IS SHINOBU’S CORPS UNIFORM NORMAL?! UMM... THE MEASUREMENTS FOR THIS CORPS UNIFORM AREN’T RIGHT.

THEY GAVE ME ONE LIKE THAT AT FIRST TOO. AND MINE IS LIKE THIS! DON’T GIRLS DRESS LIKE THIS?!

MASAO MAEDA: DEMON SLAYER CORPS TAILOR

NO, THEY’RE PERFECT. THAT FITS JUST RIGHT.

SHAKE SHAKE

AND MINE IS LIKE THIS! DON’T GIRLS DRESS LIKE THIS?!

NICKNAME: FOUR-EYED CREEP

HUH?! R-REALLY?!! ALL THE GIRLS DRESS LIKE THIS?!

SH- SHINOBU!

BUT I POURED OIL ON IT AND BURNED IT IN FRONT OF MAEDA.

IT’S EMBARRASSING, BUT OH WELL, I GUESS!

I’LL GET YOU SOME OIL AND MATCHES. I GAVE SOME TO KANAO AND AOI TOO.

SHINOBUUUU!

HASHIRA MEETING
ITS ARMS...

THAT DOLL WAS MODELED ON AN ACTUAL SWORDSMAN.

WHAM

WHY DOES IT HAVE SIX?!

ITS ARMS? ACCORDING TO MY FATHER...

...IT COULDN'T RE-CREATE THAT SWORDSMAN'S MOVEMENTS.

HE SAID IF IT DIDN'T HAVE SIX ARMS...
Who was that swordsman? Where was he from and what did he do during the Sengoku period.

It was during the Sengoku period.

The doll hasn't broken once in all that time?

You mean... over 300 years ago?!

If it breaks, we can't repair it.

It's amazing technology that we can't match even today.
I HAVE TO DO A GOOD JOB...

SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO...

I SEE...

...BUT I HAVE NO TALENT WITH SWORDS OR MECHANICAL THINGS.

I SEE...

MY FATHER DIED SUDDENLY AND I DON'T HAVE ANY SIBLINGS.

SHAKE

HE ISN'T THAT MUCH OLDER THAN ME, BUT HE'S A HASHIRA... HE HAS TALENT...

HE'S...

...INCREDIBLE.

THAT BOY DESCENDS FROM USERS OF SUN BREATHING!

OF COURSE!
Bursa
RS GENIUS!

HE'S ON A WHOLE DIFFERENT LEVEL THAN YOU LOT!

HE'S A GENIUS!

BUT HE DOESN'T USE SUN BREATHING, RIGHT?

IS HE REALLY THAT INCREDIBLE?

ARE YOU TOKITO'S CROW? BY SUN BREATHING, YOU MEAN THE ORIGINAL STYLE OF BREATHING?

I SAW THAT PERSON IN A DREAM!

GASP

GYAHAH!

SHUT UP! I'LL PECK OUT YOUR EYES!

I REMEMBER! IT WAS A DREAM!
DO YOU KNOW A WARRIOR FROM THE SENGOKU PERIOD? HOW OLD ARE YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS VILLAGE? THAT'S SO Unrealistic I COULD LAUGH!

NO, NO!

SORRY. I'M STRANGE, AREN'T I?

PEOPLE IN OUR VILLAGE TALK ABOUT THAT!

FAMILIES PASS ON MORE THAN JUST THEIR OUTWARD APPEARANCE.

MAYBE IT'S AN INHERITED MEMORY!
EXPERIENCED...

...AND WE CALL THAT AN INHERITED MEMORY.

THE FIRST TIME THEY MAKE A SWORD, THEY MIGHT REMEMBER SEEING A SIMILAR SCENE...

LIVING CREATURES CAN ALSO INHERIT MEMORIES.

I'M TANJIRO. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

THAT'S KIND OF YOU. THANK YOU.

THE DREAM YOU HAD MUST HAVE BEEN AN ANCESTOR'S MEMORY!

NEVER MIND THAT MEAN LADY CROW.

I'M KOTETSU.

KEH.

FABAN-TASY!

FABAN-TASYYY!
HIS ARMOR ...

AAH!
But I'm not in good condition right now...

I'll find you! I've got a good nose!

I'll help with the doll if there's anything I can do!

Wow! You're climbing at full speed, Kotetsu!

You can't give up!
EVENTUALLY YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DO ALL SORTS OF THINGS YOU CAN'T DO NOW!

YOU HAVE TO WORK HARD NOW SO YOU CAN BECOME THE PERSON YOU'LL BE IN TEN OR 20 YEARS!

YOUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT!

IT WILL ALL END WITH MY GENERATION AND IT'S MY FAULT!

I KNOW MYSELF! I'M JUST NO GOOD!

NO, I WON'T!

HE MOVED SILENTLY THIS IS A SWORDSMAN!

YOU CAN'T ABANDON YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

I DON'T WANT YOU TO TALK ABOUT YOURSELF LIKE THAT.

HUH? YOW!
EVEN IF YOU NEVER CAN DO IT, MAYBE YOUR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO, RIGHT?

YOU HAVE TO PUT IN THE EFFORT FOR WHAT COMES NEXT.

BELIEVE THAT SOMEONE WILL ULTIMATELY GET IT DONE.

AS SURELY AS SOMEONE SAVED OUR LIVES AND WE WENT ON TO DEFEND AN UPPER-RANK DEMON...

...THE LIVES WE SAVE ARE CERTAIN TO EVENTUALLY BECOME DEFEATED KIBUTSUJI.

STILL, I BELIEVE THAT SOMEONE WILL ULTIMATELY GET IT DONE.

...AND HELP MY LITTLE SISTER WHO WAS TURNED INTO A DEMON.

I WANT TO DEFEND MUZAN KIBUTSUJI...

BUT I MAY DIE BEFORE I ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING.
Let's work hard together!

I hoped the doll would never break, but I'm determined.
MY SWORD BROKE, SO I'M TAKING THIS ONE.
DISPOSE OF THAT.

I DON'T THINK HE DOES IT ON PURPOSE...

I DON'T SMELL ANY ANIMOSITY...

BUT...

OH, THERE HE IS!

KOTETSU...

KOTETSU...

IT'S REALLY LOOKING DOWN ON ME...

...THAT CROW IS FULL OF ANIMOSITY!
LET'S GO LOOK...

KOTETSU...

...AND SEE IF IT STILL WORKS.

IT'S NOT MOVING.

HMM.

SO I GUESS IT'S...
IT STILL WORKS, KOTETSU!

YES! TRAIN WITH THIS, TANJIRO!

GREAT!

I WILL HELP YOU...

AND GET STRONGER THAN THAT EMOTIONLESS JERK!

...WITH ALL MY STRENGTH!

WHAT... STARTING NOW?!
It’s been a while!

Junior High and High School ♥ Kimetsu Academy Story!

By Mitsuri

Big Hand Cat. In addition to its big hands, this cat is distinctive for its fuzzy eyebrows and outie belly button.

Mitsuri Kanroji (19). Graduate of Kimetsu Academy. Currently she is attending a local art college. She's popular with the boys, but she hasn't noticed it, so she thinks she needs to search for a boyfriend.

My dream is making people all over the world happy through my art!!
"YOUR HAIR IS TOO LONG! LOOKS LIKE SEA-WEED!

"SHRIMP!"

"UGLY MIDGET!"

"IS THAT ALL YOU GOT, DIRTBAG?"

PLEASE GET STRONG, TANJIRO.

AND THEN TELL THAT GUY...

YOUR ROSETU IS TOO LONG! YOU'RE SHAMELESS!

HE'S SMALLER AND YOUNGER THAN I AM, BUT...

...TOKITO WAS INCREDIBLE!

EVEN IF I DON'T VOICE IT...

NO! I CAN'T SAY SUCH HARSH THINGS!

BUT YOU WILL.

NO!

MAYBE JUST HANG HIM?

NO! KOTETSU?

I DON'T THINK...

I MUST GET STRONGER TOO!

JUST SAY IT, OKAY?

...I WON'T BE BEATEN!

TANJIRO!
TANJIRO!

WAAAAAAAAAA!

EUGH!

WHUD WHAM

SIX ARMS IS TOO MUCH!

I'M GONNA DIE!

TANJIRO!
YOU'RE MOVING BASED ON HABIT, TANJIRO. DON'T WATCH YOUR OPPONENT AND DECIDE WHAT YOU'LL DO BEFORE MOVING. THAT'S NO GOOD. UNDERSTAND? YOU'RE LACKING IN THE BASIC FUNDAMENTALS. I'M SURPRISED YOU SURVIVED THIS LONG. IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS, EVERYTHING IS DANGEROUS. I'LL BEAT THE WEAKNESSES OUT OF YOU! I WON'T GIVE YOU ANY FOOD UNTIL YOU CAN DO WHAT I'M TELLING YOU!

KOTETSU ACTUALLY HAS A VENOMOUS TONGUE.
BUT
TOKITO'S
ACTIONS
SNAPPED
HIM OUT
OF IT.

IT TURNED
OUT
KOTETSU
HAD A GOOD
EYE FOR
ANALYZING
FIGHTING
STYLES.

He was so
depressed
by his
father's
death that
his tongue
fell silent.

He
understood
that people
are often
motivated
by anger.

...And
was
disap-
point-
ed...

With his
excellent
powers of
observation,
he correctly
diagnosed
his
weakness
in technical
ability...

...Despite
being only ten
years
old.

...On the back
of the doll's
head, you can
change its
movements.

Hmm?

I never
told him
this, but...

...If you
turn
the key...
IT WON'T OPEN UNLESS YOU MOVE IT THE RIGHT WAY.

YES, I KNOW WHAT IT IS. MY LITTLE SISTER HANAKO HAD ONE.

IT'S JUST LIKE THAT.

YOU made that? Wow!

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A YOSEGIZAIKU PUZZLE BOX?

I made this one.

SWIP

IT'S JUST LIKE THAT.

OTHERWISE, THERE'D BE NO POINT IN USING IT FOR COMBAT TRAINING.

IN THE CASE OF THIS DOLL, YOU CAN SET ITS ACTIONS BY THE NUMBER OF TIMES YOU TURN THE WRIST AND FINGERS.

THE SWORDSMITHS DESIGNED IT WITH MOVEMENTS TO EXPLOIT THE WEAKNESSES OF SWORDSMEN.

KAK KAK

SO THE MECHANISM IS ONLY EFFECTIVE WITH INPUT FROM ITS OWNER.

I'D DIE BEFORE I TOLD THAT TO ANYONE I HATED!

HEE HEE HEE

EVEN WITHOUT TRAINING TO RESIST TORTURE...

IN THE END, TOKITO WASTED HIS TIME.
YOU'RE TOO SLOW, TANJIRO!

THAT'S NO GOOD AT ALL!

THIS IS DAY FIVE! TOMORROW I'LL GIVE THE DOLL REAL WEAPONS!

YOU'D BE DEAD IF THE DOLL WASN'T USING PRACTICE SWORDS!
HE DIDN'T KNOW THE LIMITS OF THE HUMAN BODY, SO HIS STYLE OF TRAINING WAS TERRIBLY HARSH.

I COULD REALLY DIE EVEN WITH THOSE PRACTICE SWORDS!

KOTETSU HAD IMPRESSIVE POWERS OF ANALYSIS...

...BUT HE HAD NO SKILL IN TEACHING SWORDSMANSHIP.

WAIT A SECOND!

PLEASE, STAND UP!

C'MON, STAND UP!

HANG IN THERE! DON'T LOSE!

I'M GONNA DIE!

STAND UP!

I'M GONNA DIE!

STAND UP!

GIVE ME WATER!

NO!

JUST WATER

NO!

WATER... NO!

IT WAS INHUMANE TO DENY TANJIRO FOOD AND WATER IF HE COULDN'T DO AS HE WAS TOLD.

BORN OF IGNORANCE!

WITHOUT WATER HUMANS WILL DIE IN THREE DAYS.

Uncloaked eyes.

THIS WAS TORTURE...

...BORN OF IGNORANCE!
TANJIRO'S
LIFE WAS
SAVED BY THE
FACT THAT
IT STARTED
RAINING.

...BEGAN
TO CROSS
THE RIVER
TO THE
AFTERLIFE.

...THAT FEAR-
SOME
AMOUNT
OF EXERCISE...

...AND
NO FOOD...

...OR SLEEP...

...HE WAS
DIZZY
FROM HUNGER...

FWFF

BUT HE
HE WAS CROSS-
WITH AN
ING THE
INDESCRIB-
BRIDGE.
ABLE GIDDY
FEELING...
IT FELT LIKE PEOPLE WERE MASSAGING HIM.

THE RIVER WAS DARK AND HEAVY...

...AND WARM FOR SOME REASON.

THE SHINY ROCK HAD A SMELL EVEN UNDER THE WATER.

AS THE HANDS MASSAGED HIM, HE WENT TO GRAB IT.

GLANCING AT THE RIVER-BED, HE SAW SOMETHING SHINY.

AND ODDLY...
WHAT IS THIS SMELL?!

IT'S DIFFERENT THAN THE OPENING THREAD SMELL!
MY NECK...

RIGHT CHEST...

MY RIGHT THIGH...

RIGHT SHOULDER...

THE LEFT SIDE OF MY HEAD...

THE LEFT SIDE OF MY TORSO...

HERE IT COMES!
...BUT YOU'VE EARNED SOME FOOD!

SURE IT WAS TOO WEAK AND DIDN'T EVEN FAZE THE DOLL...

HEY, TANJIRO! YOU GOT A HIT IN!

FIRST MEAL IN SEVEN DAYS

HIGH-QUALITY REFINED GREEN TEA!

RICE BALLS AND PICKLED PLUM!

RICE TASTES SO DEELICIOUS!

AAAH!
HE WAS NOW ABLE TO TELL BY SMELL WHERE HIS OPPONENT WOULD AIM NEXT.

TANJIRO HAD AWAKENED...

...WITH THE ABILITY TO PREDICT MOVEMENTS.

TANJIRO'S BODY WAS STILL IMMATURE AND HIS REFLEXES WERE SLOWER THAN A HASHIRA'S...

...BUT THIS POWERFUL WEAPON GAVE HIM MOVEMENT COMPARABLE TO A HASHIRA'S.

THIS SMELL CAME TO HIM EARLIER THAN THE OPENING THREAD.
I know much more than before!

And my strength is back so I can keep up!

Can land...

Yes!

A full strength blow!

...if I break it...!!

Agh! But!
I CAN FIX IT!

SWING! IT'S OKAY IF IT BREAKS!

...YOU'RE TOO KIND, YOU MUSTN'T HESITATE NOW.

AND...

...I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE.

...BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE THAT...
I WANT YOU TO GET STRONGER THAN ANYONE!
SWORD | BORROWED | BROKE!
sorry!
YOU ALL (BF, RIGHT?!)
CHAPTER 105: SOMETHING CAME OUT
I DON'T KNOW!

WHAT CAN IT BE?!

THERE'S SOMETHING IN THERE!

K-K-KOTETSU! WHAT IS THAT THING?

WHAT IS IT?!

YEAH! THIS IS MESSED UP! WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!

IT LOOKS LIKE A KATANA BUT IT MUST BE OVER 300 YEARS OLD!

I CAN'T STOP FREAKING OUT!

ME TOO!
M-Maybe it's okay for you to take it!

Yeah... you should definitely take it!

All the battles it's been through took their toll. It just happened to break while I was training with it!

Yeah... you should definitely take it!

Steel from the Sengoku period is high quality! Take it!

But, but... you... but!

But you just happen to be in trouble because you can't get a new sword forged, right?

It's all right! As the owner, I say so!

Are you sure it's okay?!

Wanna try pulling it out?

Yeah, I wanna see it!
OF COURSE! IT'S BEEN THREE CENTURIES SINCE ANY-ONE CARED FOR IT.
HAGANEZUKA!

WHO IS THAT?

HAGANEZUKA?!

WAAAAAH!

HEARD EVERYTHING.

HE LOOKED STRONGER THAN TANUIRO AFTER TRAINING...

AND TRIED TO TAKE THE SWORD, SO THE THREE QUARRELED.

LEAVE WHAT TO YOU?!

LEAVE IT TO ME!

I HEARD EVERYTHING.

HAGANEZUKA SUDDENLY APPEARED, BULGING WITH MUSCLES.
EXPLAIN YOURSELF, HAGANEZUKA!

NO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

LEAVE IT TO ME!

LEAVE IT TO ME!

LEAVE IT TO ME!

LEAVE IT... TO ME...

HEY! LET GO OF THAT! WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO TAKE IT AWAY?!

I SAID LEAVE IT TO ME!

WAAAH! A GROWN-UP SHOULDN'T ACT LIKE THAT!
HYA HA HA HA!

BOYS! HAGANEZUKA'S WEAK SPOT IS HIS SIDES!

RIGHT HERE!

TICKLING HAGANEZUKA IMMOBILIZES HIM FOR A WHILE.

LET ME EXPLAIN.

IT'S BEEN AWHILE, TANJIRO.

LONG TIME NO SEE!

OH!

KANAMORI!

HE WAS SECLUDED IN THE MOUNTAINS FOR TRAINING.

PLEASE, FORGIVE HAGANEZUKA.
Yes, so he can create a stronger blade so you won't die.

He won't admit that, though.

Most swords-men detest him, so he isn't in charge of the same ones for very long.

You've been getting swords from him for a long time...

...and I think he was happy about that.

Oh really?

Oh...

...he's back.

That's why he never got married.

His interpersonal skills suck!
...AND POLISH IT USING THE NICHIRIN SWORD POLISHING ART OF THE HAGANEZUKA FAMILY.

I WILL TAKE THIS TARNISHED KATANA...

I DION'T TRUST YOU AND ALL YOU'D SAY WAS, "LEAVE IT TO ME!"

YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID SO FROM THE START!

LIKE SOME IDIOT WHO CAN ONLY SAY ONE THING!
Apparently, it will take three days and three nights for Haganezuka to polish that sword.

He said that the sharpening method is so incredibly demanding that it's killed people.

I'm worried.

He'll finish it the day after tomorrow.

...but may I go see?

He forbade me from peeking in...
DON'T TALK TO ME LIKE I'M YOUR FRIEND!

WHAT'S IT TO ME?!

GET OUT!

DON'T CALL ME BY MY FIRST NAME!

THAT WAS NECESSARY. YOU WERE COMPLETELY IN THE WRONG FOR HITTING A GIRL, GENYA.
WASN'T YOUR FRONT TOOTH MISSING? AT THE HOT SPRING...?

HUUH?

YOUR TOOTH...

YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN.

NO! GET LOST!

GRAH!

THESE RICE CRACKERS ARE TASTY. WANT ONE?
Why did you keep it, you weirdo?!

I'm not mistaken. I still have the tooth.

Whoa, get out!

You must be crazy! Throw it away!

No...

You dropped it, so I wanted to return it.

Grah

He must be hungry?

Why is he always so angry?
I have relaxed to work early in the morning. I relaxed in the bath too long.

Who put a vase out here? It could get broken.
THAT TASTED TERRIBLE!

I KNEW IT! THE FLESH OF MOUNTAIN SWORDSMITHS...

BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT...

AS LONG AS WE CRUSH THIS PLACE...
THANKS TO GYOKKO, WE FOUND THE VILLAGE.

MUST HURRY, MUST HURRY...

BUT OUR LORD IS ANGRY!

HURRY...

HURRY...

ALL THOSE WHO OPPOSE OUR LORD!

WE MUST KILL EVERYONE!
Nezuko was in a good mood when she had Tanjiro braid her hair like Mitsuri’s.

...and then like this...

...like this...

TWIST

TWIST
CHAPTER 106: ENEMY ATTACK
Do you know a sword-smith named Kanamori?

But I wouldn't pinch a nose in anger.

Nuh-uh! If you'd done it in anger I'd have known!

And you reacted too slowly.

Yes.

Shh!

Wah! Tokito!

Did you just pinch my nose?
SHALL WE SEARCH TOGETHER?

WHERE IS HAGANEZUKA?

KANAMORI IS MY NEW SWORDSMITH.

I KNOW KANAMORI BUT WHY?

I'D GUESS HE'S WITH HAGANEZUKA.

HELPING OTHERS...

DON'T YOU HAVE YOUR OWN CONCERNS?

WHY ARE YOU SO HELPFUL?

...OFTEN ENDS UP HELPING YOURSELF.

BESIDES, I WAS THINKING ABOUT DOING IT ANYWAY. SO THIS IS PERFECT.
OUCH!

HUUH?

NOW...

WHAT?

I SAID IT'S PERFECT!

JUST NOW...

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

LET'S GO FIND HAGANEZUKA TOGETHER.

...

Ow...

NEZUKO! YOU'RE UP!
YES. VERY STRANGE. WHAT IS IT? I CAN'T FIND THE WORDS.

Huh?

Strange?

That girl is a strange creature.

Has Tamayo's cat come back?

Ack!

Uhm...

Uhm...

And it was that way then too.

What is it exactly?

I've met that girl before.

She was researching the change in Nezuko's blood again.

Yes.

Hmmm? Is someone here?

It won't come out in front of Tokito...
TANUIRO AND EVEN TOKITO DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS A DEMON UNTIL THEY SAW IT.

WHAT WAS SHOCKING WAS ITS SKILL AT REMAINING HIDDEN.

...BUT THERE WAS NO DOUBT IT WAS AN UPPER-RANK DEMON.

PERHAPS THEY HELD BACK BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T SEE A NUMBER IN ITS EYES...

MIST BREATHING

...TOKITO AND TANUIRO BOTH ASSUMED BATTLE STANCES.

IN LESS THAN THE TIME IT TAKES TO BLINK...

FOURTH FORM:
SHIFTING FLOW SLASH

IT'S FAST!

I DIDN'T KILL IT!

A E E E E!
TANJIRO HAD A KATANA THAT HAGANEZUKA FORGED...

IT'S A DEMON THAT'S KILLED MANY PEOPLE!

...AND HIS STRENGTH WAS RECOVERED, SO HE WAS READY TO GO IMMEDIATELY WHEN NEEDED.

OTHERWISE IT COULDN'T DODGE A HASHIRA'S ATTACK!

I CAN'T HESITATE!

STOP! DON'T BE SO MEAN TO ME!

HINOKAMI KAGURA
SUNFLOWER THRUST!

DID I HIT IT?

WHY DOESN'T IT STRIKE BACK?!
HE CUT OFF HIS HEAD! THAT WAS FAST! BUT...

HE...

YOU CUT ME!

AIEEEE!
IT'S A SPECIAL CONDITION, LIKE WITH GYUTARO AND DAKI.

TOKITO! DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!

THERE ARE CASES WHERE AN UPPER RANK DOESN'T DIE EVEN IF ITS HEAD IS CUT OFF.
ONE GREW A HEAD AND THE OTHER GREW A BODY!

I’LL TAKE THE ONE IN THE BACK!

IT SPLIT!
THIS IS FUN!
THEY REALLY
WENT FLYING...

...DIDN'T
THEY.
SEIKIDO?
ANGRY ABOUT BEING MIXED IN WITH YOU TOO, KARAKU!

THERE'S NOTHING FUN ABOUT IT. I AM JUST ANGRY.

OH? THEN IT'S GOOD WE'VE BEEN SEPARATED.

DO WE HAVE TO CUT OFF THEIR HEADS AT THE SAME TIME AGAIN?!
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