Hi, I'm Gotouge. Since the start of 2020, we've been stuck indoors listening to nothing but depressing news. Despite that, I hope you're doing well. There hasn't been a day without trouble since the start of my serialization. I feel like my soul is breaking into pieces every day, but I've been using duct tape to piece it back together so I can keep moving forward.

I think a lot of my readers feel the same way. We don't necessarily have an enemy, but we feel like we must fight and win. Those of us who've been holding on, repeating to ourselves that we can't lose, are courageous warriors. I hope fortune smiles upon you.
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.

Nezuko manifests the ability to withstand sunlight, so Kibutsuji comes for her and attacks Ubuyashiki Mansion. The Demon Slayers plunge into Infinity Castle and defeat the Upper Rank 2 and 3 demons!!

They eventually defeat the Upper Rank 1 demon but suffer many losses. Now Tanjiro and the remaining Hashira rush toward Kibutsuji.
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THE DEMON IS NO LONGER REGENERATING!

SHINA-ZUGAWA!! STOP ATTACKING!!

Swo osh

GRAB

IT'S OVER!!

SHINA-ZUGAWA!!
THE FIGHT IS FINISHED.

IT'S ALREADY OVER!!

WE DEFEATED THE UPPER RANK 1!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!! HE'S UNCONSCIOUS, BUT HE'S STILL MOVING!

SLUMP

TOKITO...

GENYA...
My brother... Hime... Jima...

Tokiyo...

I'm... okay... so...

But Tokito...

We're alive. It's all right.

...Tend to... Tokito...

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Quickly.
I don't think it would hurt to put Shinazugawa, who has Marechi, beside him.

But that's wearing off with the blood loss.

My... brother...

Good...

He's... alive...
IT'S THANKS TO YOU.

FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE AND RESPECT.

THANKS TO YOU, WE WERE ABLE TO WIN.

...WERE MAGNIFICENT TO THE END.

FOR ONE SO YOUNG... YOU REALLY...

BE AT PEACE AND SLEEP NOW.

WE WILL NOT FAIL TO DEFEAT MUZAN.
YUICHIRO...
YOU SHOULD HAVE RUN! YOU'RE ONLY 14!

THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO ASK!

WHY?
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DIED.

I COULDN'T ABANDON MY COMRADES.

IF YOU DIE LIKE THIS, WHAT WERE YOU BORN FOR? YOU DON'T KNOW!

HOW CAN YOU DIE NOW?

THEN YOUR DEATH WILL BE FOR NOTHING.

...I KNOW THAT FULL WELL.

AS FOR THE REASON I WAS BORN...

I FEEL SORRIER FOR YOU THAN FOR MYSELF.

YOU DIED AT AGE 11.
...WAS BORN TO BE HAPPY.

WEREN'T YOU HAPPY? WASN'T THERE A SINGLE HAPPY MOMENT?

YOU TOO, RIGHT?

NO?

I WAS HAPPY...

...WHEN WE LIVED AS A FAMILY.
WHEN I WAS ALONE...

...THERE WERE MANY HARD AND PAINFUL THINGS, BUT THEN...

THERE WERE COUNTELESS MOMENTS I THOUGHT I WAS HAPPY.

...I MADE FRIENDS...

...AND THERE WERE GOOD TIMES, SO I WAS ABLE TO SMILE AGAIN.

I DON'T REGRET RISKING MY LIFE FOR MY COMRADES.

WAS THAT NOT ENOUGH?

I DIDN'T TURN MY EYES AWAY OR RUN FROM ANYTHING.
DON'T SAY MY DEATH WAS FOR NOTHING.

I DON'T CARE WHAT ANYONE ELSE SAYS...

BUT DON'T YOU TALK TO ME LIKE THAT.

I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO DIE, MUICHIRO. I'M SORRY.
PLEASE, NOT YOU...

WAAAAAAH!!
WHY IS HIS BODY CRUMBLING LIKE A DEMON'S?! NO! NOOO!

WHAT'S GOING ON?! ARGH!!

YOUR BIG BROTHER WILL HANDLE IT SOMEHOW!

DON'T WORRY! I'LL HELP YOU!

I'M... SORRY.

SA... SANEMI...
SORRY FOR ALWAYS... TROUBLING YOU...

I'M SORRY... FOR CRITICIZING YOU.

THAT... ONE TIME...

YOU CAN'T DIE BEFORE ME!!

YOU NEVER TROUBLED ME EVEN ONCE!!

DON'T DIE!!

AARRRGGH !!

BUT I DIDN'T PROTECT YOU, YOU IDIOT!

...FOR PROTECTING... ME.

THANK... YOU...
...THE WAY YOU PROTECTED ME.

I WANTED TO PROTECT YOU.

...BECAUSE WE'RE BROTHERS.

WE FEEL THE SAME WAY...

I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE.

YOU HAVE SUFFERED MUCH... SO...

...I WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY.
BECAUSE... MY BIG BROTHER...

...IS...

...THIS WORLD.

...THE NICEST PERSON...

PLEASE, DON'T TAKE MY LITTLE BROTHER AWAY!!!

PLEASE, PLEASE!

AAGH! PLEASE!

TH...

BIG BROTHER...

THANK YOU...
...WE MUST GO.

SHINAZUGAWA...

AAAH!

WAAA...

RAISE YOUR HEAD.

THIS ISN'T OVER UNTIL WE DEFEAT MUZAN.
JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, I'LL KEEP GOING WITHOUT HESITATION.

KEEP GOING, FULL SPEED AHEAD.

KEEP FIGHTING UNTIL THE VERY END.

I CAN'T BE A SUCCESSOR.

...I MAY NOT BE READY.

EVERYONE'S DYING.
BUT I ONLY KNOW 12 OF THEM.

THANKS TO A LETTER FROM SENJURO...

...I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE HINOKAMI KAGURA SHOULD HAVE 13 FORMS...

FOR EVERYONE’S SAKE.

I MUST DEFEAT MUZAN.

IT’S NO USE—WE WON’T MAKE IT IN TIME.

TAMAYO WON’T LAST.
MUZAN IS COMING BACK.

THE FIRST SQUAD WILL ARRIVE SOON.

SQUAD 2 IS CLOSE BEHIND.

DON'T SEND THEM TO MUZAN!!

ORDER THEM TO STAND BY UNTIL THE HASHIRA ARRIVE!!

HUH?

WAIT!

DON'T!
FIRST, CUT THE FLESH ON THE WALLS!

OUR BLADES CAN'T REACH IT!!

THERE'S AN ORDER TO STAND FAST!!

WAIT A SECOND!!

CAN ANYONE JUMP DOWN THERE?!

CALM DOWN!!
WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO STOP HIM UNTIL THE HASHIRA—

THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO WAIT AROUND AND DO NOTHING!!
WAIT FOR THE HASHIRA TO GET HERE!!

HE'LL JUST USE YOU AS FOOD FOR RECOVERY!

CAN ANY OF YOU HEAR ME?!

WAIT FOR THE HASHIRA TO GET HERE!!

HE'LL JUST USE YOU AS FOOD FOR RECOVERY!

ALL OF YOU, FALL BACK FOR NOW!!

KAW!

THEY'RE ALL DEAD.
...BUT I WAS STARVING, SO THAT MEAL JUST NOW WAS TRULY DELICIOUS.

...ONE CAN LOSE THEIR SENSE OF TASTE...

LIVING FOR OVER A THOUSAND YEARS...
YOU WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE OF BRINGING ME FOOD...

...SO I PRAISE YOU, UBUYASHIKI.
...BUT THEY ARE TRULY OUTSTANDING.

THE CHILD WHO BECAME YOUR SUCCESSOR...

I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE HAS ASSUMED LEADERSHIP...

I HAVE JUST LOST ALMOST ALL OF MY SUBORDINATES.

I HAVE THE SECOND SQUAD FALL BACK TOO!! DON'T GET NEAR MUZAN!!

IF THEY WERE TO KNEEL BEFORE ME AND HANG THEIR HEADS I WOULDN'T MIND MAKING THEM A DEMON...

IF HE EATS OUR TROOPS, HE'LL RECOVER HIS STRENGTH!!
IT APPEARS YOUR MEDICINE FOR TRANSFORMING DEMONS BACK INTO HUMANS...

...BUT THEY NEVER MAKE THEM COME TRUE. HOW SAD.

HUNDREDS OF HUMANS HAVE SPAT THOSE WORDS AT ME OVER THE YEARS...

...GOING TO...HELL.

...YOU ARE SURELY...

...DIDN'T WORK IN THE END.

WELL, TAMAYO?
HUSBAND...

AND CHILDREN...

GIVE THEM BACK...

MY...

...AND JOIN THOSE RELATIVES YOU KILLED.

DIE...
WHAT'S WRONG, YUSHIRO! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? ARE YOU WOUNDED?
ISN'T GIYU THERE YET?!

THIS IS THE WRONG WAY...

FALL BACK! RETREAT!!

IF MUZAN RECOVERS, TAMAYO'S SACRIFICE WILL BE FOR NOTHING!

AGH!! HE'S KILLING THE CHILDREN ONE AFTER THE OTHER!

THAT'S ENOUGH.
TONIGHT, I WILL CRUSH THE DEMON SLAYERS.

YOU'RE ALL USELESS.

I WILL KILL THEM ALL.
CHAPTER 181: DISASTER
...AND BECAUSE OF THAT, MUZAN HAS SLAUGHTERED SO MANY OF OUR FIGHTERS.

IT'S MY FAULT. I MADE THE WRONG CALL...

I WAS TOO LATE.

...WILL AMOUNT TO NOTHING BECAUSE OF ME.

ALL THAT EVERYONE HAS DONE FOR THE LAST FEW CENTURIES...

...TO DEFEAT MUZAN...
BE STRONG, MASTER!!

HURRY UP AND GIVE THE NEXT ORDER!!

THIS FIGHT ISN'T OVER YET!!

...BORE UP UNDER THE SAME PRESSURE AND HARDSHIP.

THAT'S RIGHT—I'M THE MASTER NOW.

FATHER AND GRANDFATHER AND ALL THE OTHERS...
MUZAN’S ATTACK RANGE IS INCREDIBLY WIDE, SO DON’T GET TOO CLOSE!

CONTINUE TO CLOSE IN ON MUZAN!

CROWS, SPREAD YOUR EYES!

GATHER ALL COMBATANTS IN ONE PLACE IMMEDIATELY!

ASSEMBLE THE HASHIRA!

AND ALL OTHER CORPS MEMBERS!

THANK YOU.

YOU’RE WELCOME.
HE HAS RETURNED! THE HASHIRA MUST GATHER!!

NO WAY!! WHILE WE WERE STALLED HERE, MUZAN CAME BACK?!

I’VE JUST BEEN WASTING TIME COMPARED TO WHAT THEY’VE DONE!!

TOKITO AND SHINAZU-GAWA’S YOUNGER BROTHER DIED.

YOU MUST ASSEMBLE!!

BUT THEY DEFEATED THE UPPER-RANK 1.
...she's dragging out this game of cat and mouse, so I can't cut off her head and end this!

Isn't highly lethal, but...

otherwise, she'll prevent us from joining up with the other hashira!

I need to do something to get away from her.

This woman has held up two hashira!

Are we supposed to just ditch the biwa player?!

Huh? What kind of order is that?!
MUZAN!!
JUST CALM DOWN.

...CALM YOURSELF.

TANJIRO...

JUST CALM DOWN.
YOU'RE SO PERSISTENT.

YOU'RE ALWAYS YAPPING ABOUT AVENGING YOUR PARENTS OR YOUR CHILDREN OR YOUR SIBLINGS.

AND I'M LOSING MY PATIENCE.

I'M GETTING SICK AND TIRED OF YOU ALL...
ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT YOU'RE STILL ALIVE?

CONSIDER YOURSELVES LUCKY AND CARRY ON WITH YOUR LIVES.

SO WHAT IF I KILLED YOUR LOVED ONES?
THINK OF IT AS IF THEY SIMPLY MET WITH SOME NATURAL DISASTER.

NO MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE THEY KILL, NO ONE SEeks REVENGE AGAINST THEM.

RAIN, WIND, VOLCANOES, EARTHQUAKES...

THERE'S NO NEED...

...TO MAKE IT MORE COMPLICATED THAN THAT.
LET GO OF YOUR GRUDGES.

BESIDES, THE DEAD WILL NOT RETURN TO LIFE.

JUST GO ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS AND LIVE A QUIET LIFE.

SO WHY DON'T YOU?

THAT'S WHAT MOST PEOPLE DO.

BECAUSE DEMON SLAYERS ARE ABNORMAL.

THERE'S ONLY ONE REASON.
I just want this to end.

And I'm tired of dealing with you.

Muwan...

...we...

...cannot allow you to exist anymore!
Physical Skills

Not so good

Kanata

Timid, fainted when a spider crawled across her hand, good at playing the koto.

Good

The Slapper

Kuina

Bold, doesn’t mind insects, can touch them with her bare hands.
...TOWARD A LIVING BEING BEFORE.

I HAVE NEVER FELT THIS COLD...

MY STOMACH IS CHURNING WITH HATRED.

...AND IT'S DIRECTED AT YOU, MUZAN KIBUTSUJI.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...
Kuina feeling guilty

I slapped Master Ubuyashiki...

Oh no...

Sorry, I was no help at all.
WE SOMEHOW HAVE TO DRAG HIM INTO THE SUNLIGHT.

...WE CUT OFF MUZAN’S HEAD, HE WON’T DIE.

AND FORMULATE A STRATEGY TO PROLONG THE FIGHT UNTIL DAWN.

ACCORDING TO OUR ORDERS, WE MUST BIDE OUR TIME UNTIL THE OTHERS ARRIVE...

AND WE MUST SURVIVE LONG ENOUGH TO DO SO.

BECAUSE THAT’S WHEN THE REAL FIGHT WILL BEGIN.

WE NEED TO ASCERTAIN ANY INFORMATION REGARDING MUZAN THAT MAY BE ADVANTAGEOUS AND CONVEY IT TO THE OTHERS.
DEAD CALM!!

His reach is incredibly long!!

I can't follow him with my eyes, so I'm dodging on pure instinct!

And he's fast!!

His arms!!

They're as sharp as blades, and he can extend them!
...TO GET IN CLOSE!!

I GOTTA GET PAST HIS ATTACK'S...

GW

SH

I DID IT!!
WHIP

I CAN DO THIS!!

GOOD! I DODGED!!

WOBBLE
HE HIT ME?

HUH?!
HE'S MORE POWERFUL THAN AN UPPER-RANK KIZUKI!!

DON'T GET IN TOO CLOSE!! WE DON'T NEED TO CUT HIM!!

CAN ONLY THREE HASHIRA ACCOMPLISH SUCH A FEAT?

THERE'S NOTHING TO SHIELD US!! NO EXITS EITHER!

WHAM WHAM

THIS IS BAD!

TRYING TO BUY TIME UNTIL DAWN?

BUT THE SUN CAN'T REACH THE INSIDE OF THIS CASTLE.
AFTER ALL, THE HASHIRA IN THE STRIPED HAORI AND THE GIRL HASHIRA...

...BOTH SEEMED TO HAVE DIED AT THE HANDS OF MY MINION.
DON'T BE A BURDEN TO GIYU, OR YOU'LL ENDANGER HIS LIFE TOO!!

TANUIRO!!

WHAM!!
I'LL SNIFF OUT THE TRANSPARENT WORLD!

I'LL USE MY NOSE!!

I CAN SEE WITH MY SENSE OF SMELL!!

WHO CARES IF HE SMASHED MY EYE?!

TRANSPARENT WORLD!

OUT THE

YOFF

...MAINTAIN MY BREATHING!!

...ARE TOO FAST TO SMELL!

BUT MIZAN'S ATTACKS...

AND I CAN'T...
AGH!!
OH NO!!

BUT...
STOP!!

WHO IS THIS?!
KANROJI?!

SHE'S ALIVE?!

WHAT?! HE'S UNHARMED!! I'VE NEVER BEEN SO SHOCKED!!

I'VE GOT HIM!!

CAT-LEGGED WINDS OF LOVE!

LOVE BREATHING
SIXTH FORM:
...so stay back.

You are a troublesome encumbrance...

Try worrying about yourself instead of others.

You're alive! Kanroji too!

Iguro... thank goodness...
HOW ARE THEY HERE? THEY SHOULD BE DEAD!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING...

HOW CAN THIS BE?

...NAKIME ?!

NAKIME ...
I'm controlling her vision—thats what!

You want to know what's happening?
Muzan,
You have committed...

The gravest sins this world has ever known.

I demand that you kneel in abject repentance...

The whole castle is shaking...

No... It's warping?!

...For taking Lady Tamayo from me!!

...I'm gonna knock you outside!!

And now...
A.

No! Of course not! Why do you say that? They just look that way because you have a dirty mind! Are you crazy?! I can't believe you! And I'm talking fast? That's your imagination. You really are annoying. I'm not angry. But I'm leaving now. Why are you calling for Shinazugawa?! No, don't!!

Q.

Are Kanao's culottes getting shorter and shorter?
CHAPTER 183: A CLASH OF WILLS
BUT I HAVE TO ATTACK!!
MUZAN IS RIGHT THERE!!

YAAAH!! THE FORCE IS CRUSHING ME!!
LIKE! I'M JUST GONNA DIE RIGHT NOW! HE'S SO SCARY! I'M EVEN TALKING WEIRD!!

AIEEEE!! HE'S REALLY SCARY! SCARIER THAN ANY DEMON I'VE EVER SEEN!

TOMIOKA AND THE OTHERS WERE IN MORE DANGER THAN I THOUGHT!!

I CAN'T TAKE THIS, SO HURRY UP ALREADY!

I WISH HIMEUIMA WOULD GET HERE SOON!

THE HASHIRA PRETENDING TO DIE WILL ALL BE FOR NOTHING!

He always looks so bitter...

AND YUSHIRO! THAT MYSTERIOUS DEMON KID WHO'S HELPING US!
UNLESS YOU'RE A MORON, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHAT I SAY AND COOPERATE.

LISTEN.

I'M A DEMON, BUT I'M ON YOUR SIDE.

MEANWHILE, YOU RUN AROUND LIKE AN IDIOT TO BE A DECOY.

I'LL HANDLE THE BIWA DEMON.

...NOT A MORON.

I'M...

OKAY.

I'LL INFILTRATE HER BRAIN, REMOVE HER FROM MUZAN'S CONTROL AND HIJACK HER MIND!

I'LL SNEAK UP CLOSE TO HER...

...AND HIJACK HER SENSE OF SIGHT.
I’ll make Muzan think the Hashira and other demon slayers are dead. Then, we’ll gather our forces and attack all at once.

WOW! He can do that?!

NEAT! How convenient!

That’s cool!

KAAAAH!

SL Lp

WAAH!!

Muzan and Yushiro are locked in a struggle!

It’s a clash of wills!!

This castle is moving all over!!
...TO HELP YUSHIRO IN ANY WAY WE CAN!

WE NEED TO ATTACK AND DISRUPT MUZAN...

BUT I MIGHT DIE FIRST!!

GA BA

STR UM

BONK

UGH!!
I can't see who it is, but someone is near Nakime.

It must be Tamayo's demon. He's got guts, but I'm going to kill him anyway.

Stay close to Muzan and don't get separated from the others!!
HE'S EVEN ABSORBING MY CELLS!!

I ALMOST HAD CONTROL, BUT HE'S WRESTLING IT AWAY!!

ARGH!! IT'S MUZAN!!

STOP INTERFERING!!

GRRAAAAAH!!

AND DIE!!
SORRY! MY BAD!

SHUT UP! STAY BACK!!

IF IT'LL HELP YOU DEFEAT MUZAN, THEN EAT ME!!

SERPENT BREATHING FIRST FORM:

WATER BREATHING FOURTH FORM:
WINDING SERPENT SLASH!

WHAT PESTS!
GWURSH

YWOO

YES! I'M DRIVING HIM BACK!
OH NO!!
The castle will come apart!!

HE’S TRYING TO KILL HER!!

...I MUST GET MUZAN AND THE REMAINING CORPS MEMBERS OUTSIDE!!

BUT I MUSTN’T GIVE UP!! IN THE BRIEF TIME BEFORE HER CELLS COMPLETELY DIE...
WE'RE STILL NOT OUTSIDE!

IT'S NO USE.

AGH!!

THEY MUST HAVE DIED WITH REGRET...

SLAIN CORPS MEMBERS!!
That creaking sound!! The castle is breaking up!

The building is rising...?!

If we don't get outside, everyone but Muzan will die!!
TOOM

CURSE THAT, BRAT!!
Takeuchi thinks he enraged Yushiro by speaking to him and that’s why Yushiro crushed Nakime’s head.
CHAPTER 184: LEAVING THE BATTLEFRONT
BUT THIS...

...IS BAD...

WE'RE...

...OUT-SIDE.

BUT THEY'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY!!

THEY FORCED MUZAN TO THE SURFACE!!
It was a tug-of-war between Yushiro's and Muzan's powers. But that still was an impressive feat. Now Muzan is at a disadvantage.

And they're far from the expected location!

A half hour...!

And they're far from the expected location!

How much longer until dawn?!

One and a half hours!!

Um...

Still...
... IN ONE AND A HALF HOURS!!
THE SUN WILL RISE...

KAAAW!

WE STILL HAVE A LONG TIME TO GO!!

AND WHERE IS EVERYONE?!

KANROJU...

KUM!
AND GIYU!!

IGURO...

THEY'RE ALL RIGHT.

USE YOUR NOSE TO SNIFF HIM OUT!

BUT WHERE'S MUZAN?!
...until sunrise.

oh...

I suppose you intend to hold me here...
THINK YOU CAN...

THEN GO AHEAD AND TRY!!!
BLADES PIERCE HIS FLESH!!

CUTTING THROUGH HIS NECK WON'T KILL HIM...

...AND WEAKEN HIM EVEN A LITTLE...

...BUT ATTACKS DO HAVE AN EFFECT. IF WE BREAK UP HIS BODY...
YES, WE: DIDI! I'M BUT THIS... EB e ITI

I THOUGHT WE CUT HIM!!

WHAH ?!

HUH?!

BUT THIS MONSTER...

YES, WE DID!! I'M SURE OF IT!!
...regenerates as fast as we can cut him!!

He won't die, even if we decapitate him...

He regenerates so quickly that it's impossible to sever his head!

UH-OH! I'm in too close!!
FORM A WALL OF BODIES TO PROTECT THE HASHIRA!

DEFEND ANY SWORDSMAN WITH A CHANCE OF HARMING MUZAN!!

CHARGE!!

GET IN FRONT!!
DON'T HOLD BACK! FIGHT!!

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE THE HASHIRA SAVED US?!

IF IT WEREN'T FOR THEM, WE'D HAVE DIED A LONG TIME AGO!
IF WE ALL ATTACK WE CAN FOLLOW RIGHT BEHIND THEM!!

NO!! DON'T DO THIS!!

WORP

GAAAAAGH!!

HNNN... NNN- GGGHHH!!

KOFF!!
AND THOSE WHO DO NOT DIE IMMEDIATELY...

SURELY WILL IF I SO MUCH AS TOUCH THEM.

THE ONES WHO Die QUICKLY ARE LUCKY.

I WANT YOU TO SEE THAT.
I mix my blood into my attacks.

Similar to a deadly poison, it causes cell destruction and death.

This blood... won't turn humans into demons.

Tanjiro Kamado is dead.
During the final battle, the crows are receiving orders in writing. Kuina and Kanata jot down in shorthand what Master Ubuyashiki says and show it to the crows. Shorthand is a kind of simple code. It's interesting, so watch a video about it sometime when you have a moment. It's fun!

A crown puffed up with pride.

It's like this. Cool, huh?

Crows that can talk and read! Amazing!
WAKE UP, NEZUKO.

TANJIRO IS IN DANGER.

CHAPTER 185: A WORLD WITHOUT SCENT
WHAT'S WRONG?

NEZUKO...

NEZUKO?
Aaaaah!! Oh no!! She broke through the doors!!

Nezuko Kamado! Where are you going?!

Huh?!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

WHAT HAPPENED?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

MASTER!! THE DEMON GIRL RAN AWAY!

DID THE MEDICINE WORK AND MAKE HER HUMAN AGAIN?

NO... SAKONJI WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STOP HER.

I DON'T KNOW.

IS MUZAN CONTROLLING HER?

NO. THAT CAN'T BE IT.

GO AFTER HER, AND—

WE MUST GO AFTER HER!!
"Let Nezuko do as she pleases. It's all right."

But if a demon captures her, we may never get her back!

That's right.

But...
Father said to let her do what she wants.

She's too fast!! I can't keep up any longer!!
SHE JUMPED FROM THIS HEIGHT?!

ISN'T THE MEDICINE WORKING?!
NEZUKO!!
Even the three of us can’t keep up!

Muzan is too fast!

We must...

...from a fallen water breathing swordsman!

...recover the unbroken katana...
...but he still hit me.

Everyone defended me...

You can still move? You Hashira... you marked ones are harder to kill.

Wham

Kanroji!!

Ugh!

Please!

Save yourself!!
THE DEMON SLAYER WHO DEFEATED KOKUSHIBO...

SORRY I AM LATE.

THE DEMON SLAYER WHO DEFEATED KOKUSHIBO...
I'M GONNA KILL YOU...

KSH! GRK

YEAH, JUST WHAT YOU DESERVE!

DIRTY TRICKS, HUH?!

...YOU SCUM!

I'M GONNA KILL YOU...
TANJIRO IS DOWN!!

MURATAA!!

MY FAMILY'S ENEMY!! I MUST KILL HIM!!

THAT GUY...

...IS MUZAN!!

TANJIRO IS DOWN!!

TAKE HIM SOMEPLACE SAFE AND TEND TO HIS WOUNDS!!
...AND WORRY. I'LL TREAT YOUR WOUNDS.

DON'T WORRY. I'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE...

TANJIRO!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER SINCE FINAL SELECTION...

TOMIOKA REMEMBERED MY NAME!!

BE... USEFUL...

BUT HE PULLED FAR AHEAD OF ME!!

EVERYONE... FOUGHT HARD... TO THE END...
NO... THAT CAN'T BE.

A BLUE SKY?

DID DAWN BREAK?

I DON'T SMELL ANYTHING!

HUH?
Thank you, Tomioka! When this fight is over, let's go for a bite to eat! I'm so happy you remembered my name!
NO... IT LOOKS SIMILAR, BUT IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT. IT'S NOT MINE.

IS THIS...

...MY HOUSE?

WHAT AM I DOING?

CHOPPING WOOD?

PAPA!

IS MY LIFE PASSING BEFORE MY EYES?
DOES SHE MEAN ME? WHO IS THIS CHILD?

IS THAT YORIICH? THE SWORDSMAN WHO FIRST USED BREATHING TECHNIQUES.
Can you hear me?!

Hang in there, Tanjiro!!

My own heart and breathing are so noisy I can't tell!!

He isn't breathing!! Has his heart stopped?!

WAAAAAAAAAAH!!

Murata!!
YOU STARTLED ME!

I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

BUT TANJIRO...

YOU GOTTA HELP! YUSHIRO GOT TRAPPED UNDER RUBBLE!

HE CAN DO SOME UNBELIEVABLE STUFF!

IF WE SAVE YUSHIRO, HE CAN TREAT TANJIRO!!

SO HURRY!

I NEEDED SOMEONE...

...TO LISTEN TO ME.
MAYBE I CAN ASK HIM ABOUT THE 13TH FORM!

...AND THE ONES WHO CAME TO MIND WERE...

...YOU AND SUYAKO.

I THOUGHT IT OVER...

MAYBE

I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU LOOKING WELL.

IT'S BEEN ABOUT TWO YEARS.

I CAN'T SAY WHAT I WANT TO!

AT THAT TIME, SUMIRE WAS STILL A BABY. LOOK HOW SHE'S GROWN!

HMP

HMP

HMP

HUH?

HUH?

HUH?
THIS IS A MEMORY INHERITED FROM MY ANCESTOR...

...SO I HAVE NO CONTROL OVER IT!

WHEN I SEE PEOPLE WHO ARE HAPPY, IT MAKES ME HAPPY.

I'M PLEASED YOUR FAMILY SEEMS HAPPY.

IT IS A BLESSING SIMPLY TO BE BORN INTO IT.

...HOLDS MUCH THAT IS BEAUTIFUL.
Each day, she prayed that strife would disappear from the world.

I regret that she also worried about me... because I never spoke.

She even made earrings as charms for me.

And she asked the sun deity to shine warmly...

...upon my deaf ears.

The day after Father hit him and ordered him not to pamper me...

My elder brother was a kind boy.

He was always concerned about me.

My mother was a woman of deep faith.
HE TOLD ME NOT TO WORRY AND SMILED DESPITE HIS BRUISED AND SWOLLEN FACE.

I WAS SUPPOSED TO BECOME A PRIEST, BUT I DID NOT GO TO THE TEMPLE.

I WAS AN UNWANTED CHILD...

...SO I LEFT THE HOUSE SOON AFTER MY MOTHER DIED OF ILLNESS.

...UNDER THE INFINITE EXPANSE OF THE BEAUTIFUL SKY.
...I did not stop from exhaustion.

...I found myself in a small rice paddy among other fields.

Someone was standing there.

In the mountains...

So I asked her what she was doing.

She was holding a bucket. She didn't move for a long time.

It was a girl about my age.
I'M ALL ALONE AND VERY LONELY.

SO I CAME HERE TO FIND TADPOLES TO TAKE HOME.

BUT AS THE SUN BEGAN TO SET...

...SHE FREED THE TADPOLES FROM HER BUCKET.

AND THEN SHE STOOD STILL AGAIN.

NO...

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE THEM HOME?
Her eyes were like obsidian.

I would feel sorry about separating them from their families.

Then I shall accompany you home.

Hm?
UTA HAD A HABIT OF TALKING FROM MORNING UNTIL EVENING.

WE DECIDED TO LIVE TOGETHER.

THE GIRL’S NAME WAS UTA.

SHE HAD NEVER HEARD OF SEEING THROUGH LIVING BODIES AS IF THEY ARE TRANSPARENT.

HOLD ON TO MY HAND FIRMLY.

I WAS LIKE...

...A KITE WHOSE STRING HAD BROKEN...

...BUT SHE HELD ON TO MY HAND FIRMLY.

...I LEARNED THAT PEOPLE SEE THE WORLD IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

THANKS TO HER...

THEN I UNDERSTOOD WHY I HAD ALWAYS FELT VAGUELY ESTRANGED FROM OTHER PEOPLE.

LEARNED THAT PEOPLE SEE THE WORLD IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

UNDERSTOOD WHY I HAD ALWAYS FELT VAGUELY ESTRANGED FROM OTHER PEOPLE.

THE GIRL’S NAME WAS UTA.
...and it was nearly time for her to give birth.

TEN YEARS LATER, WE WERE MARRIED...

I planned to return...

...before the sun set.

In preparation, I set out to summon a midwife.

Even though he had a bad heart...

...three mountains over from where we lived, I met an old man traveling.

...he was rushing to visit his son, who had been fatally wounded in battle.
AND DECIDED TO SUMMON THE MIDWIFE THE NEXT DAY.

I DELIVERED THE OLD MAN TO HIS SON...

AS NIGHT FELL.

I HURRIED TOWARD HOME...

AND BY THE TIME I ARRIVED...

SOMEONE HAD KILLED BOTH UTA AND THE CHILD IN HER WOMB.

IS MORE PRECIOUS TO YOU THAN YOUR OWN.

SOMEONE WHOSE LIFE...

WHO WILL NOT HESITATE TO TRAMPLE UPON...

THERE ARE THOSE...
...UNTIL A SWORDSMAN CAME IN PURSUIT OF THE DEMON...

...AND ENCOURAGED ME TO MOURN THEM PROPERLY THROUGH PRAYER.

FOR TEN DAYS, I WAS IN A DAZE AS I CRADLED THEIR BODIES...

...IN A SMALL HOUSE WHERE WE WOULD SLEEP SIDE BY SIDE.

MY DREAM...

...WAS TO LIVE A QUIET LIFE WITH MY FAMILY..

I WOULD BE CLOSE ENOUGH TO SEE THE FACES OF MY BELOVED WIFE AND CHILD...

...AND CLOSE ENOUGH TO REACH OUT...

...AND TAKE THEIR HANDS.
...DID NOT COME TRUE.

BUT EVEN THAT...

THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.

...EXIST IN THIS BEAUTIFUL WORLD.

BUT NONE USED BREATHING, SO I TAUGHT THEM.

SO I BECAME A DEMON SLAYER.

THERE HAD ALWAYS BEEN THOSE WHO HUNTED DEMONS...
AND WHEN THEY USED BREATHING ALONG WITH THE ORIGINAL SWORD FORMS OF FLAME, WIND, WATER, THUNDER AND STONE...

THE SWORDSMEN CALLED THE HASHIRA WERE ALREADY SUPERIOR.

...THEY IMPROVED EVEN FURTHER.

WHEN DEMONS KILLED MY ELDER BROTHER'S SUBORDINATE, HE TOO BECAME A DEMON SLAYER AND LENT US HIS STRENGTH.

THE DEMON SLAYERS DEFEATED DEMONS, ONE AFTER THE NEXT.

...I FOUND THE DEMON'S PROGENITOR.

SOON AFTER...
AND IN THAT MOMENT...

...THAT I HAD BEEN BORN FOR THE PURPOSE...

...I KNEW...

...OF DEFEATING HIM.
Yoriichi's attitudes and emotions are straightforward and simple, just as Sumiyoshi sensed they were, but he doesn't show his feelings on his face. Like his mother, Akeno, his personality is gentle and not given to conflict. Just because people aren't laughing out loud doesn't mean they aren't having a good time, and just because they aren't visibly shedding tears doesn't mean they aren't sad. Uta was able to sense changes in Yoriichi's emotions independent from his facial expressions, so even if Yoriichi's face didn't change much, they had no difficulty communicating.

Yoriichi's skill with a sword makes such a strong impression that the quiet side of his personality doesn't get enough emphasis. I doubt many people remember what kind of person Yoriichi was besides a good swordsman.

Uta thought of Yoriichi as a low-key person. He didn't even flinch when lightning struck, so there was a time when she thought he was the spirit of the divinity Jizo or a household spirit like Zashiki-warashi. Animals and insects are fond of Yoriichi. Uta loves it when birds, tanuki, foxes and other animals gather to eat from his hand.
HE WAS OVERFLOWING WITH VIOLENT INTENT.

HE RESEMBLED MAGMA ERUPTING FROM A VOLCANO.

HE BOILED AND SEETHED AS IF TO CONSUME EVERYTHING.

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UPON SAYING THAT, HE LASHED OUT.

"I AM NO LONGER INTERESTED IN SWORDSMEN WHO USE BREATHING."

As I dodged, I heard the bamboo splitting and falling a considerable distance behind me.

He possessed fearsome speed and a long reach.

For the first time ever, I felt a chill down my spine.

I sensed that even a single scratch would kill me.
He had seven hearts and five brains.

And in that moment, I completed my sword forms.
I WANT TO KNOW! TEACH ME!!
He was supporting his severed head so it wouldn't fall, but it wouldn't reconnect.

The man appeared confused that his body wasn't regenerating.

Neal needed to ask him.

There was something...

I realized that my bright red blade would immediately work against even the progenitor of demons.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF A LIFE TO YOU?
THEN...

...I glanced at the Demon Girl with him.

I thought my words had not reached him.

...Perhaps due to anger, his face turned dark red.

AND SHE STARED AT THE MAN WITH THE SEVERED HEAD.

She did not attempt to help him.

WITH HER EYES WIDE OPEN, SHE LEANED FORWARD...

I decided to finish off the man before dealing with her.

Oddly, it looked as if her eyes were shining with hope.
...I HEARD THE SOUND OF TEETH GRINDING.

WHEN I TOOK A STEP TOWARD HIM...

THE NEXT MOMENT, HIS BODY BURST OPEN WITH INCREDIBLE FORCE.

...I CUT A LITTLE MORE THAN 1,500 OF THEM.

OF THE 1,800 SCATTERED PIECES OF FLESH...
AS I STOOD THERE...

I SUSPECT ENOUGH ESCAPED TO RECOMBINE INTO A LUMP THE SIZE OF A HUMAN HEAD.

HOWEVER, THE REMAINING PIECES WERE TOO SMALL.

THE GIRL LET OUT A CRY, AS IF WEEPING...

...AND I HEARD HER COLLAPSE.

THE GIRL FORCED OUT HER WORDS AND TORE AT HER HAIR.

SO HE HAS OVERCOME THE WEAKNESS OF BEHEADING...

YOU ALMOST DID IT...
MUZAN KIBU- TSUJI!!

I WISH THAT FILTHY MAN HAD DIED!!

WHY AM I NOT DYING?

I'M NOT DYING...

...WOULD PROBABLY NEVER SHOW HIMSELF TO ME AGAIN.

...SHE SAID THAT MUZAN KIBUSTUJI, THE PRO- GENITOR OF THE DEMONS...

AND...

WHEN I CALMED THE FLUSTERED GIRL, SHE SPOKE TO ME IN A RUSH ABOUT THE MAN.
THE GIRL...

...SO I asked for her help in defeating him.

...was relieved to be temporarily free of Muzan's control due to his weakened state...

TAMAYO!?

That girl is Tamayo!?

...and she had sad eyes.

HER NAME was TAMAYO...

...that my older brother had become a demon.

Then I heard from comrades who rushed to me...
...AND MY BROTHER HAD BECOME A DEMON, SO THEY BANISHED ME FROM DEMON SLAYING.

...AND I HAD ALLOWED TAMAYO TO ESCAPE...

MY MASTER, WHO, AT AGE SIX, HAD JUST BECOME OUR LEADER, WOULD NOT ALLOW THAT.

SOME EVEN SAID I SHOULD COMMIT SUICIDE.

BUT IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT, YORIIICHI... 

...WHO HAD JUST LOST HIS FATHER.

I WAS SORRY TO FURTHER BURDEN A SUFFERING CHILD...
...I was born with special strength for the purpose of defeating Muzan Kibutsuji.

Because of that, many more people will die.

In the end, I failed.

But I was lacking.

And that pains me.
SO MANY THINGS HAD HAPPENED TO YORIICHI...

I THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS...

I CAN'T...

THOUGHT I COULDN'T FIND ANY WORDS TO OFFER.

THE SILENCE CONTINUED FOR A WHILE.

MY ANCESTOR, SUMIYOSHI...

MIGHT SAY SOMETHING, BUT...

I NEED SOME WAY TO...

HE CAME HERE BECAUSE HE IS DEEPLY HURT.

I WANT TO DO SOMETHING.
HUG!

They'll be happy if you lift this little one high, and you're taller than I am, so...

Um...

Would you mind holding them?

KYA HA HA!
KYA HA!

KYAH!

KYAAAH!

KYA HA HA!

KYA HA HA!
LOOK HOW BIG THE CHESTNUTS ARE THIS YEAR!

SUMIYOSHI, I'M BACK!

WHAT HAPPENED?
HM?

OH! IT'S YORIICHI!
I'll feed you a nice, big meal!

Okay?

Why are you crying? I'm sure it'll be fine!

Come on!

So cheer up!

...and that Yoriichi died hundreds of years ago, but...

I know I'm in the middle of a fight right now...

...I can’t help but wish that his heart will find even a little peace.

Volume 21
Ancient Memories (end)
When Yoriichi was two years old, his father told him he was an unwanted and unlucky child who never should have been born and that he would bring misfortune to the Tsugikuni family. For that reason, Yoriichi held his breath, didn’t talk to anyone and tried to make his presence felt as little as possible so nothing bad would occur. He thought it was wrong for him to even be there.

However, when his mother gave him earrings as charms, he realized she thought he was deaf, so he spoke for the first time to show her that he could hear. Though he wouldn’t tell her why he hadn’t spoken before, she immediately realized he was protecting his father. Michikatsu and Yoriichi hurt inside because their parents often quarreled about them. The parents also fought when the boys’ father hit Michikatsu for playing with Yoriichi.

Their father was superstitious and paid attention to feng shui, so he would do things like put on his right tabi sock first and begin his meals by eating certain foods first. When Yoriichi disappeared, he went looking for him because he wanted to live together happily as his deceased wife had requested in her will. They had quarreled incessantly, but he loved her from the bottom of his heart. After she passed away, he never remarried.

Like Michikatsu, he didn’t know about Akeno’s illness, so he clung to her body, crying and asking why she hadn’t told him. Shock over his wife’s death and concern for Yoriichi, who had disappeared, harmed his health. After Michikatsu got married, the father passed away in his thirties as if in relief.
Yoriichi was very happy holding hands with Uta as they came and went along the path to and from the rice paddies and fields. After losing Uta and the baby, he remained single. The only woman he ever loved throughout his whole life was Uta. After becoming a Demon Slayer, he got along well with the Hashira of that time, so he began talking a lot.

Even after his banishment, he kept in touch with a few Hashira, which the master silently allowed. Michikatsu killed the previous master, the father of the master at that time, and presented the head to Kibutsuji. After that, the organization kept the master’s residence in stricter secrecy than before. That’s also about the time the Kakushi came into existence.

After Yoriichi died, Muzan made his move and killed all the sword wielders who had learned Sun Breathing from Yoriichi. During that time, the Demon Slayer organization fell into a disorganized state. The Flame Hashira recorded how the Demon Slayers gradually weakened after Yoriichi left, because no one remained who could teach them swordplay as skillfully as he could.

After Yoriichi let Tamayo escape, she fed on animals and human corpses to survive. Yoriichi had told her that he believed in her desire to defeat Muzan. She often recalled those words and resolved that no matter how much she suffered, she would never attack human beings.

I found some notes I made before, so I’ve recorded them here. I cut a large amount, but it’s still quite a lot! (Sweat)