Hi, everyone! I'm Gotouge and this is volume 22! Thank you to everyone involved! Recently, I've been thinking about ways to address an extraterrestrial lifeform furtively invading the earth. I was thinking that if aliens replaced my family and friends, I might be able to tell by establishing a made-up code word...but if the aliens have a device or natural ability that allows them to read minds, then what could I do?! Solving one problem just leads to another!! The Earth Defense Corps never sleeps! ★ If you watch too many science fiction films, you start thinking like this, so be careful!! When I ran out of midmorning snacks, my assistant gave me some!
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 be turned back into a human. Nezuko manifests the ability to withstand sunlight, so Kibutsuji attacks Ubuyashiki Mansion. The Demon Slayers suffer many sacrifices, but they kill all the upper-rank demons and eventually succeed in forcing Kibutsuji above ground from inside Infinity Castle!! The Hashira attack with all their remaining strength, and Tanjiro collapses after an attack by Kibutsuji!!

Tanjiro’s younger sister. A demon attacked her and turned her into a demon. But unlike other demons, she fights her urges and tries to protect Tanjiro.

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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I can't even get a feel for his attacks!

He's gotten even faster! It's overwhelming!!

I'll also be immobile soon!

I can no longer shield Himejima!

I've barely helped at all, and now I'm going to be the first to fall!

I'm relying on intuition and luck to dodge!

I can't see him at all!
I just have to be willing to risk it all and attack.

But even then I may not be able to stop Muzan!

Instead of cutting him, maybe I should try pinning his arms to—

Hmm? Something's holding me down.
WHAT WAS THAT ATTACK?!

I THOUGHT KANROJI HAD DODGED IT!
FIND THE CORPS MEMBER WITH ALMOND-SHAPED EYES WHO HAS THIS PAPER!

TEND TO HER WOUNDS!

HIS NAME IS YUSHIRO!

YES, SIR!

I WON'T HOLD YOU BACK!

I CAN STILL FIGHT.

WAIT.
I CAN'T DIE YET!

I HAVEN'T HELPED AT ALL!

YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH.

I'LL GO WITH YOU!!

IGURO!

WAIT!!

I'M COUNTING ON YOU.

YES, SIR!

DON'T GET YOURSELF KILLED!!

NO, IGURO...
I don't want anyone else to die!!

So many lives have been lost...

...because demons exist in this world.

No...

That is impossible for me.

...under normal circumstances.

...that you and I had met...

...I wish...
I have no right to be with you.

Unless I die...

And come back in a different body in which this filthy blood does not flow...

I belong to a corrupt bloodline that has killed to line its own pockets.

Kanroui...

Avaricious, ostentatious and ugly clan.

We are a shameless...

With stolen money, we have inhabited mansions, feasted and lived in unnecessary luxury.
It had been 370 years since the last birth of a box.

The family gave birth to many girls.

...they confined me to a cell.

Since the time of my birth...

And each day, they brought me rich foods.

...so much that it was disgusting.

My mother, sisters, and aunts fawned over me...
THE POOR VENTILATION MADE THE SMELL OF FAT SO SUFFOCATING THAT I FELT NAUSEOUS.

...I HEARD THE CREEPY SOUND OF SOMETHING MASSIVE CRAWLING AROUND.

ABOUT THE TIME I TURNED 12, THEY DRAGGED ME FROM THE CELL.

MY WHOLE BODY WOULD SWEAT AND I COULDN'T SLEEP UNTIL THE SOUND STOPPED.

AND I FELT A GAZE FIXED UPON ME.
...as if enshrined like an object of worship...

In a splendid, gaudy and luxurious room...

...was a female demon whose lower body was that of a serpent.
THE DEMON LOVED FEEDING UPON NEWBORN BABIES, SO IN RETURN...

THE FAMILY HAD BEEN OFFERING THEIR OWN OFFSPRING TO HER AS SACRIFICES.

MY FAMILY HAD BEEN LIVING OFF RICHES STOLEN FROM THOSE WHOM THIS SERPENT DEMON HAD SLAIN.

I IMMEDIATELY REALIZED THAT IT WAS SHE WHO HAD BEEN COMING...

YOU ARE SMALL, SO VERY SMALL...

Perhaps I should wait until you are bigger.

You are small...

Small... Perhaps I should wait until you are bigger.

You are small, so very small...
I was a rare boy child with unusual eyes...

...so she had taken a great liking to me...

...and allowed me to live until I grew to a more satiating size.

They collected my blood in a chalice and fed it to her.

...and had my mouth cut to more closely match her own.

With a stolen hairpin, I began scratching away at the lattice of my cell.

She determined I would live a little longer...

Back in my cell, I thought only of escape and survival.
THE ONLY LIVING CREATURE I COULD TRUST WAS THE SNAKE KABURAMARU, WHO HAD STRAYED INTO MY CELL.

EACH DAY, I WAS A NERVOUS WRECK FOR FEAR THEY WOULD DISCOVER WHAT I WAS DOING.

ALONG THE WAY, SHE NEARLY CAUGHT AND KILLED ME, BUT...

ONE DAY, I MADE MY ESCAPE.

...AT THE LAST MOMENT, THE FLAME HASHIRA SAVED ME.
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO LET THE DEMON EAT YOU AS A SACRIFICE!!

THE FLAME HASHIRA BROUGHT ME TO MY COUSIN...

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO LET THE DEMON EAT YOU AS A SACRIFICE!!

SHE KILLED EVERYONE BECAUSE YOU RAN AWAY!!

FIFTY PEOPLE! AND YOU KILLED THEM!

...HER WORDS DEEPLY PAINDED ME.

HOWEVER...

MY COUSIN'S BERATING WAS ENTIRELY UNJUSTIFIED.
BUT I HAD FLED BECAUSE I WANTED TO LIVE.

I HAD CONSIDERED WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO MY RELATIVES...

...IF I ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.

MY SINS WERE DEEP, SO I COULD NOT LIVE A NORMAL LIFE.

AS THE MEMBER OF A FILTHY FAMILY, I TOO WAS CORRUPT.

WITH NO OTHER OUTLET, I TURNED ALL MY RAGE ON DEMONS...

...I COULD IN SOME WAY BECOME A SLIGHTLY BETTER PERSON.

...I FELT AS IF...

BY RISKING MY LIFE FOR OTHERS...

...IN A GRUDGE OF INTENSE HATRED.
CONTINUED TO CLAW AT ME AND HOLD ME BACK.

HOWEVER, THE DECAYING HANDS...

...OF SO PEOPLE WHOSE EYES SHONE WITH REPROACH...

I WANT TO DIE DEFEATING MUZAN.

AND I PRAY THAT HIS DEATH WILL PURIFY MY FILTHY BLOOD.

THEN, IF I AM REBORN AS A HUMAN BEING...

...IN A PEACEFUL WORLD WITHOUT DEMONS...

I WILL TELL YOU OF MY FEELINGS FOR YOU.
Iguro has difficulty with girls. Due to his experiences growing up, he was unable to conquer his fear and animosity. Plus, the girls who joined the Demon Slayer Corps often put on brave faces because of their sad backgrounds, so he felt sorry for them, making him uncomfortable in a different way. He was startled when Mitsuri Kanroji suddenly spoke to him. Her brightness, openness and kindness were so overwhelming that he thought she was more beautiful than anyone else. Even though it was their first time meeting, Mitsuri chattered away, telling him all about the makeup of the Kanroji family, her cats’ names and characteristics, their likes and even which ones were stronger or weaker than others.
CHAPTER 189: REASSURING COMRADES
AGH! NO, NO, NO! DON'T COME IN!!

GO THE OTHER WAY AROUND!

REALLY?! IS THERE A FIRE?!

THERE'S NO FIRE!! SO DON'T WORRY!!

THERE'S A SINKHOLE! IT'S DANGEROUS AND EVERYONE NEEDS TO EVACUATE!

WE'RE INVESTIGATING A SINKHOLE!!

ARE YOU THE POLICE?

THE POLICE ASKED US TO COME!!
THAT'S BECAUSE NOT MANY PEOPLE ARE OUT AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT.

THE COLLAPSING BUILDING DIDN'T HURT ANYONE.

THE POOR THING.

A CAT.

THAT WAY'S DANGEROUS!

HERE...

CAN YOU GET OUT?

DRAG, DRAG

MEOW

MEOW

OH...

HUM... HUFF

HUFF
AS SOON AS HE CUT ME, HE KICKED AWAY THE LIMB...

...TO PREVENT IMMEDIATE REGENERATION.

HOWEVER, THAT...

...ONLY BOUGHT HIM A MOMENT.
THE LARGE MOVEMENT NECESSARY TO AVOID THEM DRASTICALLY REDUCES MY ENDURANCE!

IT'S A TROUBLESCOME ATTACK. THE SUCTION IS POWERFUL, EVEN AT A GREAT RANGE!

SO TO BUY EVEN ONE SECOND, EVERYONE IN THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS IS SACRIFICING THEIR LIVES!

ONE SECOND...

DAWN FEELS SO FAR AWAY...

...THE LIVES OF OUR COMRADES WHO PROTECTED US.

DEFEAT IS UNFORGIVABLE.

IT IS ABSOLUTELY UNFORGIVABLE TO WASTE...
OR I'LL KILL YOU!!

STOP SPACING OUT!!!
PUT UP A FIGHT WORTHY OF THE WATER HASHIRA!!

YOU CAN STILL FIGHT!! HANG IN THERE...

...UNTIL THE END!
There is one hour and 14 minutes until dawn.

They're surviving longer than I expected...

...but soon they will all fall.

Humans always die.

Cell destruction takes less than five minutes to kill.

Even without a body, I'll take a bite out of him!!

We won't last until dawn!!
POISON SPREADING FASTER!!

I'M SMALL, SO THE POISON IS SPREADING FASTER!!

DAMNIT!
WOSH

WHAT THE...?!

WHAT IS THAT?

THUD
My pulse and the pain are both better!

I don't know why, but a passing cat...

...just helped us!!
“Now, I can continue fighting!!

I can’t explain it, but that was incredibly lucky!

It may only temporarily relieve the symptoms, but...

SHE CREATED SOMETHING LIKE A SERUM TO STOP THE CELL DESTRUCTION.

Even dead, she vexes me...

That woman again...

This is Tamayo’s doing.

Give up this pointless struggle!!

Just die already!!"
I wish I could deliver a more effective attack!

...have accomplished less in this battle than anyone!

A weak hand that has never lifted anything...

...heavier than chopsticks...

When living creatures are near death...

...they can exert an explosive strength!
AND YOU...

...WITH A SINGLE HAIRPIN.

...CAN BREAK THROUGH THE THICK LATTICE OF A CELL...

TOKITO...

...AND PROVED THAT REGARDLESS OF A KATANA'S COLOR, IT IS POSSIBLE TO TURN ITS BLADE RED.

ON THE VERGE OF DEATH, YOU TURNED A WHITE BLADE BRIGHT RED...

...ALL TOKITO COULD THINK TO DO IN THAT MOMENT WAS TIGHTEN HIS GRIP ON HIS SWORD.

BASED ON THE CROW'S REPORT...
Perhaps receiving a strong blow...

Is what raised the blade's temperature.

Is its wielder pushing himself to the brink of death...

What stains a blade red...

So that his grip...

Is like a vise!
Lan’nt uneheathe. Iguro’s scabbard is leather. Otherwise, he wouldn’t be able to unsheathe his sword due to its wavy shape.

Open-sided scabbard

Can’t unsheathe. Seriously. It’s impossible.

Teachin’s son Gantetsu made it.

Wraps around the blade

Fastens with weak magnets
CHAPTER 190: ONE AFTER ANOTHER
...I realized I had made a mistake.

I was too intent on turning my blade red so I could deliver an effective blow against Muzan.

When I saw the bright-red blade... I saw stars in my peripheral vision.

...in the middle of battle due to lack of oxygen.

I put all my strength into my grip...

...and I nearly fainted...
It's no use. I've lost sensation everywhere but in my hand.

Hang in there and fight harder...

We won't be able to disperse Muzan's attacks.

If one of us falls, the burden on the others increases.

...To make up for Kanroji.
Iguro! I was too late!!
IGURO!!

WHISH

!!
WHAT KIND OF CUT IS THAT?
HE JUST CAME IN TO ASSIST.

HIS SWORD CAN'T CUT LIKE THAT.

IT WASN'T HIS IRON BALL.

HIS TRAJECTORY AS HE DODGED WAS UNUSUAL.

AND HE CAN TURN HIS BLADE BRIGHT RED, BUT HE CAN'T EXTEND IT.
AND IT'S JAGGED.

IT'S A BLADE WITH A ROUGH CUT.

THAT CUT AGAIN.

I CAN'T SEE THIS THREAT, BUT...

...IT IS THERE.

I SEE...

SOMEONE IS THERE.
As long as it is moving, it cannot hide its existence.

Even if a spell from Tamayo's demon hides it...

One...

...but I hear the air parting.

There are no dust clouds...

Two...

...three attackers!
HE NOTICED SOONER THAN I EXPECTED!!

URGH...

AGH!!

HOW DARE YOU!!!
BUT I'VE GOT MORE!

YOUR PITIFUL ATTACKS—

OF COURSE I WOULDN'T DIE!!

BESIDES, I'VE GOT TONS OF THESE PAPERS!

YOU GUYS ARE STILL ALIVE?!

OF COURSE I WOULDN'T DIE!!

I'VE PICKED UP A BUNCH!!

CUT AS MANY AS YOU WANT, BUT I'VE GOT MORE! YOUR PITIFUL ATTACKS—

WAAAH!!

ENOUGH BLATHER!
HE'S REGENERATING SLOWLY!
IF YOU USE A BRIGHT-RED BLADE...

...EVEN MÚZAN WOULD TAKE TIME TO REGENERATE!
THUNDER BREATHING
FIRST FORM:
THUNDERCLAP AND FLASH

FLOWER BREATHING
FOURTH FORM:
CRIMSON HANAGOROMO

...BUT PITIFUL TRICKS!!
YOU PESKY FLIES HAVE NOTHING...

SERPENT BREATHING
THIRD FORM:
COIL CHOKE
IT CREATES JUST ENOUGH SPACE FOR ME TO DO SOMETHING!!

IN ADDITION TO IGURO'S BRIGHT-RED SWORD, IT HELPS THAT WE'VE INCREASED IN NUMBER!!

I'M GLAD THEY CAME!

WH...KAKAN...M
It may not last long, but it'll improve my offense!!

Heat! And the smell of something burning! And the color changed just like that one time!!
TOMIOKA!! PREPARE YOURSELF!!!
MY BLADE IS TURNING BRIGHT RED?!
KAAAW!!
ONE HOUR AND THREE MINUTES UNTIL DAWN!!

NO PROBLEM! WE'LL CHOP HIM INTO LITTLE PIECES!!!
The Kamado family lives where Yoriichi lived with Uta. The house was an empty hovel when someone in the Kamado family came and took up residence. When the Demon Slayer Corps was in pursuit of Yoriichi, he came wandering back to the house where he had lived with Uta. There he found Sumiyoshi and Suyako, who was in her last month of pregnancy, and saved them from an attacking demon. Later, Suyako went into labor, so Yoriichi went to summon a midwife and came back incredibly fast. The next day, Sumire was born without any complications. Yoriichi felt redeemed to have been able to do for Sumiyoshi and Suyako what he had been unable to do for his own wife and child.
CHAPTER 191: WHICH ONE OF US IS THE DEMON?
HOW MANY IS THAT NOW? IS IT ALL RIGHT TO INJECT THAT MUCH?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HMPH!

...TO FREE HIS SWORD FROM HIS HAND.

...SO HE'S IN BAD SHAPE. I'M TRYING...

QUIET. IT'S BEEN SOME TIME SINCE MUZAN STRUCK HIM...

EVEN WHEN HE'S UNCONSCIOUS, HE'S STRONG!

BUT HE WON'T LET GO.
HE MUST STILL HAVE THE WILL TO FIGHT.

Hang in there!! Come back to us!!

It's weak, but it's there!!

His pulse is back!!

Dawn is near!
WE'VE GOT HIM CORNERED—LET'S BEAT HIM TOGETHER!

TANJIRO!!

TANJIRO!!

HIS PULSE IS FADING... IT'S NO USE.

MUZAN WILL GET AWAY!

WE HAVE TO GO NOW!
IT'S HIS KATANA.

WHAT?!?

WHAT IS THAT SOUND?

IT'S HIS KATANA.
WE JUST MIGHT DO IT!

MAYBE WE'LL LAST UNTIL DAWN!

W-WWWWW!!

AND FINALLY DEFEAT MIZAN!!
IT ISN'T EASY!! FIRST YOU NEED TO BE AS STRONG AS ME!

I WANNA TURN MY BLADE RED TOO!!

ZENITSU!! KANAO!!
COOL! I'LL USE ANYTHING I CAN!

THOSE OF US WEARING A SEAL CAN SEE EACH OTHER!

I GET IT NOW!

Gale—sudden gusts!

WIND BREATHING SEVENTH FORM:

MORE FIGHTERS PROVIDED JUST ENOUGH LEeway FOR ME TO CONCENTRATE.

...I MAY LEARN SOMETHING ADVANTAGEOUS FOR BATTLE.

IF I EXAMINE MUZAN'S BODY IN THE TRANSPARENT WORLD...
HE'S UNBELIEVABLE... THAN ONE BODY SHOULD HAVE!!

LISTEN CLOSELY TO THE ECHOES...
...JUST LIKE BEFORE.

HE HAS MULTIPLE BRAINS AND HEARTS!!

HE'S UNBELIEVABLE!!

...THAN ONE BODY SHOULD HAVE!!

...BUT HE CAN MAKE MORE...

HIS INTERNAL ORGANS ARE COMPLICATED...
...he won't die if we cut off his head!!

They don't have fixed locations, which makes it difficult to strike them.

Wait!! If others could sense inside of him like I can...

...and if we could attack all 12 places simultaneously...

Look closely at his body!
Does he look transparent?

Does your vision change?

The rest of you can try it too!!

What is this?

...Did I see through him?

For a moment...
WHERE'D EVERYBODY GO?

WHAT CAUSED THAT SOUND AND SHAKING?

HUH?
Muzan...

...is too fast.
...YOUR FEET.

...DEFEAT HIM...

YOU MUST...

HURRY UP...

MOVE...

...AND STAND.
HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF ALL OUR FAMILIES.

SO THEY WON'T HAVE TO FEEL SAD AGAIN.

CAN FIGHT BRAVELY UNTIL THE END LIKE MY OLDER SISTER.

I'LL BEAT HIM EVEN IF IT KILLS ME.

STOP IT!!!
BENEFICENT RADIANCE!
Y...

TAKE CARE OF HER.

YES, OF COURSE!

TANJIRO...

SORRY I'M LATE.

TANJIRO...

YES.
YOU LOOK...

...POSITIVELY AWFUL...

...TANJIRO KAMADO.
...WHICH ONE OF US IS THE DEMON.

IT'S HARD TO TELL...

YOU MAKE MY SKIN CRAWL.

LET'S FINISH THIS...

MUZAN.
Sumiyoshi's house is a nice one because of people repaying him for helping them. He didn't think he had done anything that great, so he refused offerings of gratitude, including money, but then a bunch of carpenters came and fixed up the house so it looked gorgeous. Sumiyoshi and Suyako helped a mother and child in the mountains, and they turned out to be a feudal lord's wife and heir. While the lord was away, a struggle broke out over who would be the successor. Finding their lives in danger, they fled but almost died in the mountains.
IN ADDITION TO RECEIVING EXPLANATIONS HUNDREDS OF TIMES...

MY UNDERSTANDING VASTLY CHANGED...

CHAPTER 192: THE WHEEL OF FATE

...UPON SEEING THE ACCURATE FORMS DEMONSTRATED ONE TIME.

I NOTICED WASTeful MOVEMENT...

MAYBE I'M JUST DREAMING.

...AND DIFFERENCES IN MY FOOTWORK AND LEARNING THE INTERVALS BETWEEN BREATHS...

...WHEN IT CAME TO A SLIGHT VARIATION IN THE ANGLE OF MY WRIST...
yorichi was a quiet and simple person.

he was kind enough to show her.

asked to see the sword forms...

burning them into his memory so not one escaped.

sumiyoshi watched them carefully...
THE SUN BREATHING FORMS WERE SO PRETTY THAT HE FORGOT TO BREATHE.

THEY WERE STRIKINGLY BEAUTIFUL.

I UNDERSTAND WHY THEY WERE LATER PASSED DOWN IN THE KAGURA.

...YORIICHI LOOKED MORE LIKE A SPIRIT THAN A MAN.

WHEN HE SWUNG HIS SWORD...

...AND YORIICHI LOOKED DOWN IN EMBARRASSMENT.

SUUKO AND THE CHILDREN OVERFLOWED WITH EXCITEMENT...
SUMIYOSHI asked him to come back someday...

...but when they parted...

...YORIICHI gave SUMIYOSHI his earrings.

...AND SUMIYOSHI began to cry.

YORIICHI looked sad as he walked away...

...would never come again.

...SUMIYOSHI realized that YORIICHI...

...so we will carry on your legacy!

YOU saved our lives...
YOUR LIFE IS NOT WITHOUT VALUE!

I WON'T EVER LET ANYONE...

I WILL PASS DOWN THESE EARRINGS AND SUN BREATHING TO FUTURE GENERATIONS!
Thank you for helping my ancestors. I am indebted to you, Yoriichi.
YOU BELIEVED IN TAMAYO AND LET HER ESCAPE, AND NOW SHE HAS HELPED US...

...BACK MUZAN INTO A CORNER.

I CAN FIGHT WITH THE SUN BREATHING...

...THAT YOU SHOWED THEM.

...DESPITE THE PASSAGE OF HUNDREDS OF YEARS.

TWELVE OF THE FORMS HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN SURPRISINGLY ACCURATELY...
SUNFLOWER THRUST.
SOLAR HEAT HAZE.
SETTING SUN TRANSFORMATION.
FAKE RAINBOW.
FIRE WHEEL.
BURNING BONES.
SUMMER SUN.

YOU SHOWED ME 12 FORMS.

AND I NOTICED SOMETHING ABOUT THE NAMES.

...THAT THE FLAME HASHIRA MENTIONED.

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE 13TH FORM...
"IF YOU LEARN HOW TO BREATHE PROPERLY, TANJIRO, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DANCE FOREVER TOO!"

"DANCE" AND "FLAME DANCE" HAVE SIMILAR NAMES.

AND MY FATHER ONCE SAID...

...UNTIL DAWN.

HE ALWAYS DANCED THE HINOKAMI KAGURA...

FURTHERMORE...

...I REALIZED SOMETHING WHEN I SAW MUZAN'S CURRENT FORM.
Perhaps performing the 12 forms completes a ring...

...resulting in the 13th form.

The 12 forms are connected by dance and flame dance.

...and continue striking his brains and hearts until dawn.

That's sure to put me through hell.

I will weave through Muzan's attacks...

It's a tremendous task...
I DON'T HAVE YORIICHI'S OR MY FATHER'S SKILL.

IF I CAN STAY ALIVE UNTIL DAWN.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW...

I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY SOMEONE MIGHT LOSE CONFIDENCE.

BESIDES, HOW CAN I PREVENT MUZAN FROM ESCAPING?

CAN I DO WHAT YORIICHI HIMSELF COULDN'T?
.../ WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN.

NEVERTHELESS...

I'LL KEEP MY HEART BURNING.

I WILL NOT LOSE.

I WILL NOT BREAK.
A GHOST!!
Les... Yes... The reason he defeated everyone... THERE ARE NINE TUBES ON HIS BACK, PLUS HIS TWO ARMS...

Muzan can change shape. If I think of him as having a fixed form, he will strike in an unexpected way.
SUN BREATHING DANCE!
RAGING SUN!

FIRE WHEEL!
I'LL CONNECT THEM ALL.

...SINCE THAT'S HOW THEY'RE DESIGNED.

I WILL CONNECT THE FORMS...

I WILL DO ALL 12 FORMS!

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, YORIICHI?
The meanings of the flowers that Sumire gave Yoriichi:

- White periwinkle—Lifelong friendship

- Pale pink periwinkle—Fond memories

Yep!

I gave 'em to him!!
WHEN LIVING CREATURES ARE ON THE BRINK OF DEATH...

I KNOW THAT.

...THEY BECOME STRONGER.

CHAPTER 193: A DIFFICULT DOOR BEGINS TO OPEN

THOSE WHO CANNOT DO SO WILL DIE.

...THEY TAP INTO SENSES AND STRENGTH UNNECESSARY IN DAILY LIFE.

IN ORDER TO ESCAPE DEATH...

BUT THOSE WHO CAN...
CHAPTER 193: A DIFFICULT DOOR BEGINS TO OPEN
Being capable, competent, and proficient are all different things. Being capable means practicing over and over to become able to perform a certain technique. Being competent means learning how to do it reliably from any position and under any circumstances. Being proficient means developing it to the point of always being able to deploy it at maximum effectiveness, better and faster than anybody else.
HE TURNED HIS BLADE BRIGHT RED WITHOUT RELYING ON HIS YOUNGER SISTER'S POWER.

THE HASHIRA ALSO TURNED THEIR BLADES RED IN VARIOUS WAYS.

WHICH MEANS HE OPENED THE DOOR ON THE BRINK OF DEATH.

HOWEVER...
YOU WILL NEVER...

...BE HIS EQUAL.

...IT'S NOT ENOUGH.

YOU WILL NEVER...

WISH

HIS RED BLADE AND SWORD SWINGS WERE MUCH MORE FORMIDABLE.
HIS BRAINS AND HEARTS ARE MOVING ALL OVER...

...AND HIS ATTACKS ARE HOLDING ME BACK SO I CAN'T REACH HIS TORSO!

DRAGON SUN HALO HEAD DANCE!

FIRE WHEEL!

I'M HALFWAY THERE!

I FINALLY

CONNECTED SIX OF THE FORMS.
AND MY HEART FEELS LIKE IT COULD BURST.

THE INTENSE PACE IS MAKING MY LUNGS HEAVE...

...AND MY LIMBS HURT LIKE THEY MIGHT RIP OFF.

SHU

ONE HOUR...

SHF !!

THERE'S ONE HOUR UNTIL DAWN.
CONCENTRATE! DON'T THINK ABOUT ANYTHING BUT THIS VERY SECOND!

MY BLADE SLOWS... MY LIMBS SLOW...

JUST CONNECT ONE SECOND... TO THE NEXT...

...OVER AND OVER UNTIL DAWN BREAKS.

FAKE RAINBOW!

BURNING BONES, SUMMER SUN!
Thus he will never reproduce the technique...

...that he used.

Yet another warrior presents little challenge.

His techniques are losing accuracy.

And his red blade will soon revert to normal.

BWOM
HIS MOVEMENT LACKS VITALITY. HE'S SLOW.

MOVEMENT EXHAUSTS HUMAN BEINGS AND WEIGHS ON THEM LIKE SHACKLES.

WHAT'S WRONG?

...FINISH OFF ONE EXHAUSTED AND WOUNDED HUMAN?

SO WHY CAN I NOT...
...because I am slowing down too.

I must not fail a second time to kill him.

Otherwise, a one-on-one fight would never have lasted this long.

I ingested Tamayo's cells, so I'll make her tell me.

That woman must have done this.
THE DRUG YOU USED ON ME... WASN'T IT FOR MAKING DEMONS HUMAN AGAIN?

WHAT DID YOU DO?
But I won't tell you...

...does indeed do that.

The drug I used on you...

Use all those brains of yours to figure it out for yourself!

...what else it does.
I will read the memory remaining in her cells.

She's the human poisoner that Doma ate.

...on the assumption he can withstand one.

Let's mix two poisons...

...let's also include something that will have an even greater effect when left over.

...but if that doesn't work...

The first one makes demons human again...
AND THIS ONE THAT YOU MADE WILL AGE MUZAN 50 YEARS IN ONE MINUTE.

FOR THE SECOND ONE, AN AGING POTION WOULD BE PERFECT.

I SEE... I'M AGING!!
THAT'S WHY I'M STRUGGLING AGAINST THE HASHIRA AND THIS FLAGGING DEMON SLAYER!

MY BODY HAS BEEN DIVERTING STRENGTH TO FIGHT AGING.

FOUR HOURS... NO, ALMOST FIVE.

HOW MANY HOURS AGO DID TAMAYO GIVE ME THE DRUG?

IN OTHER WORDS...

IF I SUBTRACT THE TIME IT TOOK TO START WORKING...

...IT HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR OVER THREE HOURS.
...I'VE AGED 9,000 YEARS!!

I SHOULD HAVE NOTICED SOONER WHEN THE COLOR DID NOT RETURN TO MY HAIR.

FIFTY-NINE MINUTES UNTIL DAWN!!

NOT RETURN TO MY HAIR
SOLAR HEAT HAZE!

SUN BREATHING

BENEFICENT RADIANCE!

CLEAR BLUE SKY!

FIRE WHEEL!
RAGING SUN!

FLAME DANCE!

FAKE RAINBOW!

STOP JUMPING AROUND!!

SETTING SUN TRANSFORMATION!

DANCE!
REPEAT THIS CYCLE OF 12 UNTIL DAWN!!

NOW FASTER! AND MORE ACCURATELY!

CONNECTED ALL 12 FORMS!!
MUZAN'S ABILITIES

- Thin tubes: nine on his back (length: 4 m), fast, unpredictable movement

- Thin tubes: four in each thigh for a total of eight (length: 7 m), faster than the tubes on his back. Unlike his back tubes, they extend and retract. They attack from blind spots.

- Both arms can drastically lengthen and shorten (approx. 90 cm–10 m). Since they don’t have a fixed shape or length, their attacks are hard to read. They also make it difficult for attackers to get in close. The inhalations from the many irregularly positioned mouths draw in nearby objects, clearing out a wide space. The size of the inhalations varies from moment to moment.
CHAPTER 194: BURN SCARS
I turned it into a demon right before the big battle.

Chachamaru...

Are you all right?!
GO TREAT THE WOUNDED! YOU GUYS ARE REALLY UNHELPFUL!

BUT WHY ARE YOU TWO JUST STANDING AROUND?

OH, RIGHT!! WE GOTTA GO!

H-HERE, USE THIS!

YOU HAVEN'T ADMINISTERED THE SERUM?! AGATSUMA, THE BOAR GUY AND TSUYURI NEED IT!!

WHAT IS THAT?

YOU NEED THE SERUM!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, BOAR GUY?!

OH NO... HIS LEG IS A MESS....

...CAN YOU HEAR ME?!

HIMEJIMA...
WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO FIGHT.

...BLOOD LOSS AND LACK OF EQUILIBRIUM...

EVEN IF HE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...

TAMAYO ...

THERE'S NO WAY TANJIRO CAN LAST ALONE!

HIMEJIMA IS DOWN WITH OVER 50 MINUTES LEFT UNTIL SUNRISE.

SOMEHOW... YOU MUST!

I'M BEGGING YOU!

PLEASE, PROTECT TANJIRO.
I MUST ACCURATELY...

TARGET...

...HIS HEARTS AND BRAINS!

IT Isn'T ENOUGH...

...TO JUST CONNECT THE FORMS!
CONCENTRATE HARDER!

ENTER THE TRANSPARENT WORLD!

I'M NOT GETTING ENOUGH OXYGEN!!!

I CAN'T SEE!!

I'LL LAST UNTIL DAWN!! IT'S ALL-

CALM DOWN!!

PINPOINT HIM BY SMELL!

OH NO!
VISION IS RETURNING...

THAT PATTERN IS...

SOMEONE SAVED ME!!

THAT SMELL...

WHY WON'T YOU DIE?!

...
NO! IT HAPPENED EARLIER!

SHUT UP AND QUIT WORRYING ABOUT OTHERS!

IGURO! YOUR EYES!!

DID YOU GET INJURED HELPING ME?

KASH-b SH-
MY RIGHT EYE WAS ALWAYS BAD ANYWAY! I COULD BARELY SEE OUT OF IT!

IGURO, I'LL BACK YOU UP!

DON'T NEED YOUR HELP.

I HAVE KABURAMARU!

KABURAMARU...

OKAY, THANKS.

YOU'VE RECOVERED? THEN I'LL LET YOU GO.
STOP!!

IS THAT DUMB ANIMAL...

IS THE SNAKE RELAYING INFORMATION TO HIM?

...READING MY ATTACKS?!
EVEN IF HE TRAINED IN EXPECTATION OF LOSING BODY PARTS...

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO KILL A SERIOUSLY WOUNDED HUMAN BEING IN AN INSTANT.

AND RECOVERING FROM IT IS SAPPING MY STRENGTH!

I STILL HAVEN'T ADAPTED...

IT'S THE AGING POTION.
IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO AVOID OXYGEN DEPRIVATION...

HIS SCENT IS GRADUALLY CHANGING...

SO I CAN'T ENTER THE TRANSPARENT WORLD!

BUT HE'S STILL STRONG!!

EVERYONE'S ATTACKS HAVE WEAKENED MUZAN.

WHAT'S THAT?

MUZAN'S BODY IS CHANGING.

IGURO HAS HELPED ME MANY TIMES...

...SO I NEED TO HELP HIM!

I HAVE TO BREAK FREE OF THIS SITUATION SOMEHOW!

EVEN AT TWO AGAINST ONE, THIS IS HARD!!
DESPITE HUNDREDS OF YEARS, MUZAN NEVER RECOVERED.

YORIICHI SCARRED MUZAN AT A CELLULAR LEVEL.

EVEN NOW, YORIICHI IS SHOWING US THE WAY!

ARE THOSE SCARS?

THEY LOOK OLD...

YORIICHI MADE THOSE WOUNDS.

THOSE ARE MUZAN'S WEAK SPOTS!!
Despite the lack of time while developing the drug, Tamayo managed to turn the cat Cha-chamaru into a demon. She felt sorry that Chachamaru couldn’t choose to become a demon of its own free will, but this way Yushiro wouldn’t be alone and feel as lonely.
CHAPTER 195: BEWILDERMENT
HE DIDN'T SHOW ANY DRIVE, FIGHTING SPIRIT, HATRED...

...OR ANIMOSITY.

I NEVER EXPECTED HE COULD CUT OFF MY HEAD...

...THAT WOULD CONTINUE TO BURN MY FLESH, MY VERY CELLS LIKE SUNLIGHT FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.

...OR WOUND ME IN A WAY...
IT WAS LIKE A RIDICULOUS MYTH.

NOT EVEN GOD OR BUDDHA WOULD HAVE EXPECTED IT.

...WAS HIM...

BUT THE REAL MONSTER...

...AND NOT ME!!
MUZAN CAN'T HIDE HIS WOUNDS ANYMORE!

HE CAN'T MASK THEM!

THEY ALL...

...PUSHING HIM INTO THIS CORNER!

SO I MUST DEFEAT HIM!

I WILL SEE THIS THROUGH TO THE END!
EVEN IF HIS CONSTANT ATTACKS PREVENT ME FROM ENTERING THE TRANS Parent World, I CAN STILL AIM FOR HIS VITALS!

HIS WOUNDS ARE MOVING!! THAT MUST BE WHERE HIS HEARTS AND BRAINS ARE!

WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

KABURAMARU CAN ONLY HELP SO MUCH!

BUT I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IGURO'S EYES!!

FORTY MINUTES UNTIL DAWN!!

OH, RIGHT! THOSE EYES!!

YUSHIRO'S EYES!! IF I PICK THOSE UP...
HE RAN AWAY!!
IGURO, MUIZAN FLED!!

DID HE RUN AWAY?!

HE WANTS TO ESCAPE!!

OF COURSE!

...OR A HUMAN BEING WHO ACTS ON EMOTION!

MUZAN ISN'T A SAMURAI WITH PRIDE...
HE'S A THING THAT ONLY CLINGS TO LIFE!

AS DAWN APPROACHES AND HIS LIFE IS THREATENED, HE WON'T HESITATE TO RUN!

DAMMIT!!

HE'S GETTING AWAY! I CAN'T KEEP UP!

THEN EVERYONE WOULD HAVE DIED FOR NOTHING!! ARE WE GOING TO LOSE?! NOT LIKE THIS!

NO!!
HE TRAMPLED ON FALLEN CORPS MEMBERS!
AND PIERCING ATTACKS ARE MORE DANGEROUS THAN SLASHES RIGHT NOW!

I DRIVE THEM BACK, BUT THEY WON'T GO AWAY.

WHAT PESKY INSECTS!
IGURO, HERE!

TAKE THESE!!

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SHARE KABURAMARU'S SIGHT!
THE SEALS!!

UGH!!
KOFF

OH NO!!
IGURO! JUMP THREE LONG STRIDES TO THE RIGHT!!

GET THEM, KABURAMARU!!

I DON'T KNOW WHERE TANJIRO THREW THEM!

THEY'RE TOO SMALL!!
Muzan won't get away!

Thank you.

Tanjirō...!!
IT ISN'T LIKE HUMAN SIGHT, BUT I CAN SEE BETTER FIGHTING MUCH EASIER!!

DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!

WE CAN STOP HIM TOGETHER!!
They're so persistent!

Don't block my way!

They never give up!

My physical strength won't last much longer!

I'm running out of breath!!

I can't believe this!!
WHY MUZAN MADE DEMONS

- To find someone capable of withstanding sunlight as a demon.

- To make upper-rank demons. Upper-rank demons are particularly difficult to create because they require a large amount of Muzan’s blood, which destroys most recipients’ cells. When upper-rank demons recruit people, they give them their own blood, but an upper-rank demon’s blood doesn’t have the ability to make demons. It sends their intention of making a demon to Muzan, and if Muzan approves, it changes into blood capable of making a demon. Only upper-rank demons can make such requests.
...WHO CAN CONQUER THE SUN.

SO THEY DIE FROM AN INJECTION OF THIS MUCH BLOOD...

I CANNOT EASILY MAKE A DEMON...
WANT TO SEE THE GOLD-FISH?
NEZUKO...
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOUR BIG BROTHER...
NEZUKO KAMADO!!

AM...

A DEMON...

KILLED MY FAMILY.
KLAANG
WHAM EAM
WHAM BAM

HUFF

I SENSE LIFE.

BUY ONE SECOND...

STAND FIRM!

...AND THEN ANOTHER ONE!

HUFF

THEY'RE RETURNING.
ATTACKS weren't enough to kill them.

MY ATTACKS weren't Enough to kill them.

TAMAYO'S DEMON is treating them...

...so they can fight to the death...

...but they are not dead.

IT'S THIS BOY'S FAULT I couldn't finish them off.

NO... it's not just him.

THOSE PESKY HASHIRA...
That organization is like a living creature seeking to catch me in its coils.

The members of the Demon Slayer Corps are linked like beads in a rosary.

Huff

This fight is over.

Huff

I need not risk this any longer.

Thirty-five minutes until dawn!!

He intends to do something.

Maybe he...
HE'S TRYING TO BREAK INTO SMALLER PIECES AND ESCAPE!!

IGURO! MUZAN IS DIVIDING!

BUT IF WE STRIKE ALL 12 SPOTS AT ONCE...

NO... IF HE DIVIDES, WE'VE LOST!!

CAN THE TWO OF US STOP HIM?!
HE STOPPED!!
I CAN'T DIVIDE!

THAT VIXEN!!

HUMAN REGRESSION, AGING AND DIVISION PREVENTION.

I SEE... THERE WAS A THIRD SUBSTANCE IN TAMAYO'S DRUG.

SORRY, BUT...

...YOU'RE WRONG.
THE THING YOU HATE MOST, DEATH, IS NOW SO CLOSE...

HE COUGHED UP BLOOD!!

THERE WERE FOUR SUBSTANCES!

AFTER THE FIRST THREE WEAKENED YOU, THE FOURTH WILL BEGIN CELL DESTRUCTION.