Recently, for some reason, the base of my left thumb has been painful. That's the hand I don't use to draw, so why? I work seated, so I would understand my lower back or hip hurting...

It's not a part of my body that I particularly put pressure on when I draw, nor do I recall banging it against anything. The only thing that comes to mind is...the video game I got hooked on for the first time in a while, Dragon Quest XI (the 3DS one).

It seems that supporting the weight of the 3DS plus operating the pad to move characters unexpectedly stressed the base of my thumb.

Though this never happened back when I was playing Monster Hunter every day...

So, everyone, be careful when you get hooked on something for the first time in a while.

—Mikio Ikemoto, 2017

Recently, I've been hooked on a game called Warhammer (from Games Workshop). It's a tabletop game where you wage battle using miniature figure soldiers, robots, dragons, etc., that you assemble yourself. It's sublimely fun.

But even though ninja have existed in the game for about 30 years, there still aren't any figures yet. (There are Ratmen ninja.) So I really wish they would release some... Please... What's writing about it here going to accomplish...? [laughs]

—Ukyo Kodachi, 2017
Boruto: Naruto Next Generations

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The Value of a Hidden Ace!!
The Great Ninja War that shook the world and shed much blood is now history. Naruto has become the Seventh Hokage, and the people of Konohagakure Village are enjoying peace. Yet Naruto's son Uzumaki Boruto has a glum life, perhaps due to his father's too-great influence. Rebellng against Naruto while simultaneously craving his praise, Boruto decides to enter the Chunin Exam along with his teammates Sarada and Mitsuki.

However, the exam is more intense than Boruto has imagined. Boruto ends up secretly using a prohibited Scientific Ninja Tool and is stripped of his shinobi status by his father. Just then, members of the Ohtsutsuki Clan attack the arena! Boruto faces off against them alongside Naruto, Sasuke, and others, and they achieve victory with a Rasengan that father and son weave together. However, Otsutsuki leaves behind ominous parting words: "Those blue eyes shall eventually take everything from you..."

Finally determined to become a ninja, Boruto is assigned a new mission. He is to guard the Daimyo's son Tento, but Tento is a totally spoiled rich kid!
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Number 12: Friends!!
WHOA...
You guys booked the entire hotel and all the gardens?

Yeah? It's pretty standard.

It's not like we're buying it.

This, too, is a mission, Boruto.

It'll be a good lesson for you.

...Shadow Doppelgangers, was it?

But never mind that! Show me!

Watch closely, brat!

Fine.
B-B-B-BOOF

SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS!!

WOW!!
Especiably you, the Hokage's son!

Real ninja sure are cool!

That's incredible!!

Ha ha ha, there are five of you!!

G-gee, thanks.

He's actually really excited.

Maybe he isn't so bad after all?

So compared to that, yours is super shabby.

This mission might be even tougher than I thought!

But you know...

I hear the Hokage can make 1,000 of himself.
YEAH, THAT, THAT!

YOU MEAN TRANSFORMATION JUTSU?

UH, WHAT WAS IT...?

NEXT, I WANT TO SEE THAT!

WHERE YOU TRANSFORM!

SURE THING.

TRANSFORM!!

I'LL SHOCK THE PANTS OFF OF 'IM!
BOOF

NINJA CENTERFOLD!!

FOLLOWED BY...
B-B-B-BOOF

NINJA HAREM!!!

WELL, BRAT!!
SHOCKED INTO SILENCE?
GWA HA HA HA!!

WA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!!

RACY TYPES LIKE THAT COME AND GO ALL THE TIME AT MY HOUSE...

...SO I'M TIRED OF THEM!

MAN... IT'S A PRETTY NEAT TRICK, BUT...

...IF I COULD CHOOSE, I'D GO FOR LESS FLASHY GIRLS.

THAT'S SO NOT THE REACTION I EXPECTED!

HUH?!

YOU LITTLE PUNK!

...
REALLY WANTED TO PLAY THIS WITH SOMEONE.

ISN'T THAT...!

YOU LIKE EXTREME NINJA CARDS TOO, RIGHT?

FWAP

IT'S MY X CARDS COLLECTION.

WAIT...

THAT'S MY BINDER OF JUST RARES AND ABOVE.

DON'T TELL ME...

I HAVE OTHER BINDERS TOO.

THIS IS A CON EXCLUSIVE SHARINGAN MODE NATAKE KAKASHI!

W-WHOA!!

YOU'VE GOT PRETTY MUCH ALL OF THEM HERE!
YOU HAVE IT!

OH MAN...

YOU WANT THAT CARD?

AW, BORUTO.
That's an understatement. It's the only reason I keep buying 'em!

Want?

Want me to give it to you?

I don't mind. I've got doubles.

It's super-duper rare!!

Wha? Hey!

Do you know how rare this card is?!
ALMIGHTY GISA BLACK CARD.

SHOULD A KID BE CARRYING ONE AROUND?
THIS WAS MY BIRTHDAY GIFT.

WITH THIS, FORGET A WHOLE CARTON OF CARDS—I CAN BUY AN ENTIRE STORE.

IN FACT, I JUST DID THAT EARLIER TODAY.

...TO BUY WHATEVER I WANT.

WITH THIS, FORGET A WHOLE CARTON OF CARDS—I CAN BUY AN ENTIRE STORE.

ANYWAY!

...SO IF THERE'S A CARD YOU WANT, DON'T HOLD BACK!
THESE GAMES...

You can win easy if you use it.

Then lemme give you my data.

It was a present, so it's no biggie.

Huh? Wait, I don't think I want...

...are only fun cuz I sneak around behind mom's back to slowly gain more levels.

Teach me ninjutsu?

...if you would...

...

But in exchange, I was wondering...

Huh?
I got interested in actual ninja after I started collecting the cards!

I'm thinking that I want to become a ninja too!

Not so bad a deal, right?

If you'll teach me ninjutsu, that rare card is yours.

Ninja are strong and fast!

And real cool!

Sure.

I'll teach you.
I'm the type who has to get what he wants by his own strength...

No thanks on the card.

No matter how hard it is.

...ought to know a defensive jutsu or two, just in case.

I'm teaching you for your own safety.

Someone like you...
NO, SIR!

NOW THAT IT'S DECIDED, LET'S GET TO IT!

ALL RIGHT!

YOU BETTER NOT WHINE AND GIVE UP HALFWAY THROUGH!
I CAN'T... I CAN'T KEEP GOING!

NO MORE!

Eh?

Sigh...

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

IS IT EVEN POSSIBLE?!

YOU DON'T THROW SHURIKEN...

WATCH...

TNK

SWSH
Why you say you wanted to be a ninja?

...you kinda strike 'em.

Do you understand?

...why did you say you wanted to be a ninja?

Hey.

If you're that unmotivated...

Because...

...
THAT THEY'RE TRUST-WORTHY PEOPLE.

...NINJA ARE AMAZING.
MY DAD'S ALWAYS TELLING ME...

AND THINKING ABOUT NINJA.

HE'S ALWAYS WORKING

ONE WHO'S AMAZING ENOUGH TO GET...

THAT'S WHY I WANT TO BECOME A NINJA!

...A CARD MADE OF HIM!

AND THEN...
PAY A LITTLE MORE ATTENTION TO ME...

MAYBE HE'LL FINALLY...

I'LL BE WATCHING, OKAY?

YEESH. ALL RIGHT, I GET IT.
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO DO THIS...

...I'LL STICK WITH YOU TILL YOU GET IT.

Boruto...

AND HIS BODYGUARD ALONG WITH HIM...

Dear me. Where'd he go?

...
YOUNG MASTER!

HUFF
HUFF

LOOK, LOOK, YAMAOKA!

SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE!

I'M ABLE TO HIT THE TARGET NOW!

YAMAOKA!
IS THE MEANING OF THIS, MISTER BORUTO?!

YOU WERE ONLY ASKED TO GUARD THE YOUNG MASTER!

DON'T BLAME BORUTO!

I ASKED HIM TO TEACH ME!

HOLD ON, YAMAOKA!

BUT YOUNG MASTER, SUCH BARBARIC...
BUT... I'VE ACTUALLY MADE PROGRESS!

YOU ARE THE HEIR OF THE LAND OF FIRE'S DAIMYO.

EVEN SO...

YOUNG MASTER!

JUST A LITTLE LONGER?

HE'S STARTING TO GET THE HANG OF IT.

WHY NOT LET HIM?

THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOU TO LEARN SUCH NONSENSE.

...THAN TO SCORE A RARE CARD WITH HIS OLD MAN'S MONEY RIGHT NOW.

IT'S MORE FUN FOR HIM TO HIT A TARGET WITH SHURIKEN...
GOOD GRIEF...

SIGH...

YES!

BUT ONLY WHILE WE'RE HERE!

VERY WELL.
I DID IT!!! YAY!!!
BUT IF I DON'T KEEP PRACTICING...

...I'LL LOSE MY TOUCH, RIGHT?

I FINALLY HIT THE BULL'S-EYE.

SEE, YOU CAN DO IT!

YES, HEE HEE!

HA HA!

MUSCLE MEMORY CAN FADE.

SHUP

THAT'S RIGHT.

...AND EVEN WITH PRACTICE, YOU WON'T ALWAYS HIT THE BULL'S-EYE.

BUT...
...I bet it'll lead to something.

If you just keep at it...

Something...?
...EVEN WITH A BLACK CARD!

YEAH, SOMETHING YOU CAN'T BUY...

...LETS TAKE A BREAK!

OKAY!
HEE HEE!
YOU FALL FOR TRAPS TOO EASILY!

ARGH, DAMMIT! A DECOY AGAIN?!!

AH HA HA, THAT'S CRAZY!
WHY ISN'T THERE A RULE WHERE YOU CAN WIN THROUGH PERSEVERING?

DAMMIT!
I'M OUT OF LIFE POINTS...

GAME OVER! I WIN AGAIN!

...
YOU DON'T HAVE A SEVENTH HOKAGE CARD, RIGHT?

YEAH.

THAT REMINDS ME...

FOR HITTING THE BULL'S-EYE.

WOO-HOO!!

HERE.

HUH?

WHY? YOU SURE?!
IDID LOTS OF STUPID THINGS... TO GET HIS ATTENTION.

I WANTED MY DAD TO NOTICE ME.

...JUST LIKE YOU.

I DID LOTS OF STUPID THINGS...

...TO GET HIS ATTENTION.

EVEN GOT BANNED FROM BEING A NINJA ONCE.
I'M ABLE TO BE ONE NOW...

ONLY CUZ EVERYONE FORGAVE ME.

...MIGHT NOT BE MUCH NOW, BUT...

ONE DAY...
...I WANNA BE AN AMAZING NINJA WHO SUPPORTS THE HOKAGE.
IT AIN'T GONNA BE EASY!

WELL!

HUH. I FEEL...

...
...KIND OF ENVIOUS...

...OF BORUTO.

...I HAD FUN.

IT WAS ONLY A FEW DAYS, BUT...

WHO WOULD HAVE KNOWN?

ME TOO.
WHY KINO OF IDIOT ASKS A QUESTION LIKE THAT.

HEY.

CAN WE MEET AGAIN?

...OF HIS FRIEND!

WHY KIND OF IDIOT ASKS A QUESTION LIKE THAT...

YOINK.
GLOM

BORUTO !!!

WAH!!

[Image of a comic scene with characters and speech bubbles]
SOME TIME WAS WASTED, BUT THE PLAN HASN'T BEEN AFFECTED.

COUNTING ON YA...

THE BODYGUARD BRAT'S LEAVING.

GOOD.

LET'S MOVE TONIGHT THEN.

DON'T SWEAT IT.

SOME TIME WAS WASTED, BUT THE PLAN HASN'T BEEN AFFECTED.

YOU HAVE THE FACE?

FINE.

I'M COUNTING ON YA...

THE DAIMYO WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GIVE IN TO MUJINA'S DEMANDS.
**NARA SHIKAMARU**

"Well, it's just as I called it."

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**Skills**

- Intel crafting: 5☆☆☆☆☆
- Observation: 5☆☆☆☆☆ etc.

**Ninja Arts**

- Shadow Possession Jutsu, Shadow Paralysis Jutsu, Shadow Strangulation Jutsu, etc.

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Number 13: The Value of a Hidden Ace!!
SO, BORUTO...

WELL, YOU SEE...

HMM? OH...

HOW'D THAT BODYGUARD GIG GO?

WE EVEN BECAME FRIENDS AT THE END.

KRAK

ONCE WE GOT TALKING, HE WASN'T HALF BAD.

HE'S A SUPER-SPOILED BRATTY RICH KID, JUST LIKE I EXPECTED.

OUR DAIMYO'S SON, HIS NAME'S TENTO, BUT...

UHG!

REAL HARD TO GET ALONG WITH. I THOUGHT I COULDN'T DO IT AT FIRST, BUT...
MIRAI'S GONNA YELL AT YOU AGAIN, MASTER.

DON'T TELL ME YOU CALLED US IN TO CLEAN YOUR OFFICE?!

IT'S ALL MESSY AGAIN...

AH, YOU'RE HERE!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!

I WOULDN'T SUMMON YOU TO MY OFFICE...

...FOR ANYTHING LESS THAN THIS!

IS THAT...
YOUR NEW MISSION.

AND IT'S A B-RANK!

THAT'S RIGHT.

BUT I'VE DETERMINED THAT YOU CAN HANDLE IT.

SOMETHING THAT ONLY HIGHER-LEVEL NINJA LIKE CHUNIN NORMALLY TAKE ON?

B-RANK? BUT ISN'T THAT...

OLD MAN GAARA DID?

IT'S NOT ALL THAT RARE, ACTUALLY.

LORD KAZEKAGE CLEARED B-RANK MISSIONS AS A GENIN TOO.
A difficulty level old man Gaara handled?

US Rookie Genin, taking on a B-Rank mission?

Sounds appropriate for a Hokage in training!

Following in the steps of Lord Kazekage?

That’s awesome!

Let’s do it!

...Is that your cred will plummet that much lower if you mess up.

But don’t let down your guard.

The flip side of great expectations...

...You might have to start all over, like scrubbing this room with rags.

Worst-case scenario...
SO YOU BETTER SHOW SOME GRIT!

YOU DON'T WANT THAT, DO YOU?

YESSIR !!!
I’m gonna make sure we crush it!

A B-rank mission... heh.

What’s this?

Huh?!
NO MISTAKE, IT'S THE REAL DEAL!

TH...oo

THAT ULTRA-RARE CARD I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET!!

WHAT'S THIS DOING IN MY...

THIS CARD !!!!
HE SNUCK IT INTO MY POCKET CUZ I WOULDN'T ACCEPT IT?

THAT'S WEIRDLY CONSIDERATE FOR A BRAT...

YOU WANT THAT CARD?

WANT ME TO GIVE IT TO YOU?

TENTO!

...I REALLY SHOULDN'T KEEP IT.

I DO WANT IT BADLY, BUT...

NAH.
EITHER WAY, I CAN'T BELIEVE...

TENTO MANAGED TO SNEAK SOMETHING INTO A NINJA'S POCKET.

I'LL GALLANTLY ENTER FROM THE BALCONY, ALL NINJA-LIKE.

IT'S ALMOST INSULTING HOW HE KEEPS SURPRISING ME.
RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?!

THEY WONT GET AWAY WITH THIS!

HOW DARE THEY KIDNAP TENTO!!
THE CULPRITS ARE CLAIMING TO BE MUJINA.

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MUGINA?!

WHAT THE HECK!

KIDNAPPED?!

...
...the release of all detainees being held in Hozuki Castle Super-Max Prison.

What?!

They must have a spy within Konoha, if not among my own staff!
...YOU DON'T MEAN TO MEET THEIR DEMANDS?!

PREPARE THE MONEY, TO START!

TENTO'S LIFE WILL BE IN DANGER!!

YOU DON'T MEAN TO MEET THEIR DEMANDS!!

POINT CSE, SIR. BUT, MY LORD...

AGGRAVATING THE SITUATION WHEN WE DON'T KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE SPY IS UNWISE!

OF COURSE NOT!

JUST PREPARE THE MONEY, TO START!

WE'LL NEGOTIATE AND TRY FOR SOME SORT OF COMPROMISE.

I CAN'T RELEASE THE FILTH LOCKED UP IN HOZUKI CASTLE!

WHAT'S THE LOCATION OF THE RANSOM HANDOFF?
PAPPEN: a

OCAMMIT!

TENTO!!

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?! DAMMIT!
SWISH

TNK

FNP, FNP
OH YEAH!

B-RANK, I'M READY FOR YA!

TNK-TNK-TNK-TNK-TNK

...TAK...TAK...

TWITCH

YOU THERE?

SARADA!

WHAA?!
BORUTO ?!

SOMETHING...

SORRY TO BOTHER YOU.

WHAT'S UP?

YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
I CAN'T GO.

THAT NEW MISSION...
SOMETHING IMPORTANT CAME UP?

YEAH.

SOMETHING YOU CAN'T TALK ABOUT?

...

YEAH...
ALL RIGHT.

THANKS!

I OWE YOU ONE!

MITSUKI AND I WILL HANDLE THINGS HERE, SO...

...YOU GO DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO!
HE REALLY IS A PIECE OF WORK!

THAT BORUTO!

GEEZ.

HE REALLY IS A PIECE OF WORK!
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

YO, YOUNG MASTER.

OH.
I'M SORRY...

WHAT THE?!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

YAMAKO-OKA?!

FSH

I HADN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF YET.

HUH?!
QUIV

KRAK KRIK

KRAK KRIK KRIK...

CHK
KRIK

KRIK

PHEW-EE.
YAMAOKA...?!

The real Yamaoka's dead.

Long dead.

Huff Huff ?!
THE CORPSE DOPPELGANGER JUTSU, A FORBIDDEN JUTSU THAT DEVOURS... ALONG WITH THE TARGET'S LIFE.

MY NAME IS SHOJOJI, AND DESPITE MY LOOKS, I'M...
INTO ONE OF THEM NINJA CARDS?

I WONDER IF I'VE BEEN MADE...

...INTO ONE OF THEM NINJA CARDS?

BUT THAT BASTARD OROCHI-MARU'S GOT ONE, RIGHT?

OH YEAH?

I DON'T KNOW...

I FEEL LIKE I'M NOT THAT DIFFERENT FROM HIM... SO WHY ISN'T THERE ONE OF ME?

...I HAVEN'T SEEN IT...

...YET...
WE HAVE BUSINESS WITH YOUR DAD.

WE'VE MADE SOME SLIGHTLY CRAZY DEMANDS ALREADY.

NOT WITHOUT ANY RETURN, OF COURSE.

WHAT DO YOU...?!

...PLAN TO DO WITH ME?!

YOU'RE THE REWARD FOR GIVING IN TO US.
HEH HEH HEH.

...YOU WANT TO BECOME A CARD-WORTHY AMAZING NINJA.

YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING...

WHAT A FREAKIN' JOKE, FOOL!

THE BEST YOU CAN HOPE TO BE IS A BARGAINING CHIP TO USE AGAINST THE DAIMYO...

...nothing more!
I wanna be an amazing ninja who supports the Hokage.

...Might not be much now, but...

One day.

Feh.

Waffling bastard...

Nope.

Not yet.

Any word from the Daimyo yet?
OH?

...UNDER-ESTIMATE ME!!

DON'T YOU DARE...
ANO THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T HAVE AN X CARD EITHER!

I'M KINDA CURIOUS WHAT YOU PLAN TO DO WITH SUCH A TOY, BUT...

IT'LL BE A PAIN IF YOU GET HURT BEFORE THE HAND-OFF.

AND THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T HAVE AN X CARD EITHER!

NO ONE WOULD EVER ACKNOWLEDGE...

...SCUM LIKE YOU AS A NINJA!!

WHAT?
...STRONG LIKE A NINJA, BUT!

...MAY NOT BE...

GRP

I...

...

DON'T TELL ME HE'S GONNA...


WH

IF I DO THIS...

...I CAN BE HELPFUL TO MY DAD!!!
I hadn't expected you to try something like that.

Admirable brat.

Can't have you waste your precious life...

Since...

...in order to take your face for the corpse doppelganger jutsu!

...I'll need to eat your living brain...

Klop
CHO

NOOOO!!

GNAW GNAW

N...
YOU'VE GOT AN ALMOST SCARY AMOUNT OF GUTS, DUDE!

YOU'RE LATE...

AHA HA!
...Boruto !!!
THE HOKAGE’S SON...

PTOO!

LEAVE THE REST TO ME, TENTO.

THIS IS NINJA WORK.
SARUTOBII KONOHAMARU

"Hey, I told you to call me Master!"

This too is a mission, Boruto.

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Number 14: Teamwork!!
THE HOKAGE'S SON...

UZUMAKI BORUTO...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

YOUR BODYGUARD GIG SHOULD BE OVER.
YOU PIG UNQUALIFIED TO BE A NINJA.

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH MY FRIEND?
HAAAAH...

KILL 'IM.
OR ELSE YOU MIGHT GET HURT!

GO HIDE, TENTO.

YOU AIN'T GETTING AWAY!

BORUTO!

JUST DO IT!
SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS!!

B-BOOF

!!
CHI NG

YOU BRAT!

KRA NK
YOU'RE AMAZING, BORUTO!

I'VE TOOK DOWN FOUR OF THEM IN AFLASH!
DO YOU ONLY ATTRACT NOBODIES...

MISTER BOSS?

NONE OF THEM WERE ANY CHALLENGE AT ALL.

YOU SURE ARE THE HOKAGE'S SON.

HEH HEH HEH.

YOU'VE GOT SPUNK.

YOU AIN'T BAD AT ALL.

BE CAREFUL, BORUTO!! IF HE CATCHES YOU...

...HE'LL EAT YOU!!
WHAP

THAT WAS CLOSE!

WHAP!!

YOU'RE DARN FAST FOR YOUR SIZE!
WHOMP

UGH!

SKOP

AND YOU'RE PRETTY SLOW!
NEVER MIND IF YOU'RE A NINJA OR NOT... ARE YOU REALLY EVEN HUMAN?!

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU?!
WE WERE JUST RAISED DIFFERENTLY, Z'ALL.

HUMANS FUNDAMENTALLY ARE CREATURES THAT EAT ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING.

JUST TRY IT.

YOU WON'T BE USABLE IF YOUR BRAIN DIES, SO...

I'D LIKE TO ROAST YOU WHOLE WITH SOME SALT, BUT...

I'LL SMASH ALL YOUR TEETH IN.

...I'LL JUST BREAK YOUR LIMBS TO MAKE YOU MEEK.

VWO00000
UCHIHA SHURIKEN JUTSU...
BZZZZZ

...LIGHTNING TRIPLET!!!
ZEPHYR SHIELD!!

FUUTON WIND STYLE...

BOING

BZZZZZ
UGH!

TAK

ZWOOSH

SPROING

...HOW ABOUT THIS?!

IN THAT CASE...

HE REPELLED THEM?!
RASengan!!

BA
M

VWEEEEN
...OF MY JUTSU ARE GETTING REFELLED!!
THE ZEPHYR SHIELD!

AN INVINCIBLE WIND BARRIER...

THAT CAN REPEL ANY AND EVERY ATTACK IT DETECTS!
I don't need to learn 100 jutsu.

Since my enemy'll just defeat himself.

And those that I like, I devour.

My only chance is to spring something on him, but...

...what and how?

Detect and repel any and every attack?!

Which means my vanishing rasengan likely won't work either... he'll just read its trajectory.

And regaining my youth as the hokage's child.

...to eating you... I'm looking forward...
A SMOKED BOMB, EH.

SIMPLE, BUT NOT A BAD MOVE.
UZUMAKI BORUTO, I KNOW THAT YOUR SHADOW DOPPELGÄNGER LIMIT...

...IS FOUR!

SO THERE ARE ONLY THREE PLUS THE REAL YOU LEFT.

HEH HEH HEH COME ON OUT TO PLAY.

WIND STYLE...
...Zephyr Blade!!

BOM

TWO...

OH!

VOOSH

TAK
HAK!

BOM

THREE...
GRAB

SNEER

AND YOU'RE THE REAL ONE!

ARCH ...!!

WHEE... N
FIZZ

KRIK KRIK

DAMMIT!

I CAN'T KNEAD CHAKRA!!

GAA...H!!

WIND STYLE...

WHPO-WHP
VOOSH

...ZEPHYR SHIELD!!

Z-WOOSH

THK THK
HEH. HEH HEH.
AT THE END OF YOUR ROPE?

I'VE ELIMINATED ALL OF YOUR SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS NOW!

...AND PARALYZE YOU, THEN ENJOY YOU AT MY LEISURE...

I THINK I'LL SNAP YOUR NECK...

YOU'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT.
...G...
UG...
...GGH!!

I gotta be careful not to accidentally kill you outright...

HEH HEH HEH!

SQUEEZE

HA...
HA HA
HA!!
WHAAAAA-AAAAA?!

I KNOW I GOT RID OF ALL FOUR SHADOW DOPPELGANGERS!

NO WAY!!

THERE WAS A FIFTH?!
I told you!

Don't underestimate me!!

... you!! y...
YOU'RE FULL OF YOURSELF, STUPID BRAT!!

WHEEE... EN

TENTO...

YOU REALLY ARE...

...MORE NINJA THAN THIS PIG!!!
BLAM

RASENGAN!!
THAT, COULDA?

HEH.

THAT WAS OUR TEAMWORK!

COULDN'T DETECT THAT, COULDA?
**Attributes**

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**Skills**

- Entrapment
- Sensory Ninjutsu
- Marksmanship

**Ninja Arts**

- Mokuton Wood Style Green-Hued Jutsu
- Mokuton Vegetation Barrier
- All-Seeing Jutsu

*Average attribute value is 60 for ordinary people and 90 for genin. Skill values range from 1 to 5☆ with 5☆ signifying super top-notch.*
Number 15: The Supporting Shadow!!
DISTRACTING HIM WITH THE:

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ACTUALLY IF VM GLAD

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TOTAL AMB<ING!, WEES

SURPRISE!

HEH HEH!

WHAP

WE DID IT, TENTO!

JUST DISTRACTING
HIM WITH THE
SHURIKEN
WOULVDV BEEN GOOD
ENOUGH, BUT...

...THAT YOU
ACTUALLY
HIT HIM IS
AMAZING!

I WAS SO
NEROIOUS.
I'M GLAD IT WENT
WELL.

YOU INCLUDING
ME IN YOUR
PLAN WAS A TOTAL
SURPRISE!
?! 

TNK

KLATTER

KLUNK

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DARN IT!

BORUTO!

HUH?!

HE'S STILL CONSCIOUS!!
WITH THAT AMOUNT OF DAMAGE...

WHEE...N

I'LL EAT YOU AND MAKE YOU MINE, AT ANY COST!

IF YOU'D JUST STAY KNOCKED OUT...

...WOULDN'T HAVE TO HURT YOU MORE.

HEH HEH...

YOU'VE GOT UNBELIEVABLE JUTSU FOR A GENIN!

STAY BACK, TENTO.
BRAT!

TAK

...I BET YOU CAN'T USE THAT WIND BARRIER ANYMORE!

POOF

ARGH...!

UNH...! UGH...

HHH...!
WHAT THE?!!
ARGH!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

UH!

THROB

DK

I CAN'T...

IS GOING ON?!

WHAT THE HECK...

MORE AT ALL!!

BORUTO ?!

TH-

C'MON! STAND UP!

THAT MARK!
...part of that organization?!

Don't tell me...

You're...

What organization?

I have no idea...

What you're talking about...

...what this mark is?!
SO I NEEDN'T HOLD BACK.

THANKS FOR THE SCARE!

HMPH!

...IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE NOT INVOLVED WITH THEM, AFTER ALL.

GIVEN YOUR REACTION...

BE GOOD AND STAY STILL, EH!

SHUP

NO WAY!

TENTO, GO! HURRY!

PREPARE TO DIE!

STAND UP, BORUTO!!
MISTER MUJINA BOSS.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S ABOUT TO MEET HIS END...

WHO ARE Y--
OH YEAH!!!
THOO... M

YOU GUYS!

YEEESH!

TALK ABOUT JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME!
AND WHAT ABOUT THAT B-RANK MISSION?!

SARADA! MITSUKI!

HOW'D YOU KNOW WHERE—

AND WHAT ABOUT THAT B-RANK MISSION?!

COULDN'T STOP WORRYING ABOUT YOU.

THOUGH I NEVER IMAGINED THIS WAS THE SITUATION YOU WERE IN!

WE DID START HEADING OUT TO RENDEZVOUS WITH MASTER KONOHA-MARU, BUT...

I MET UP WITH MITSUKI, AND...

THEY'RE SO COOL!

BORUTO'S NINJA TEAMMATES!

...!
I have this guy learn most of my friends’ scents.

And we found you by following your scent here.

So you dumped the mission to come help me?

Aw, I feel bad, you two!
Can even rent out the entire cafe, and—!

Just buy me a caramel macchiato, and I'll call us even!

WELL!

If that's all, leave it to me!

Hey, Tento, chill!

A cappuccino and a sandwich for me.

... sure!

Easy peasy.
THE MARK...

IT'S REVERTED BACK TO THE ORIGINAL SHAPE?

AND I'M NOT IN PAIN OR PARALYZED ANYMORE!

SO WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?

...PART OF THAT ORGANIZATION?!

DON'T TELL ME... YOU'RE...
NAH.

IT'S NOTHING.

WHAT'S WITH THE PENSIVE LOOK?

IS SOMETHING WRONG?

ONE CARAMEL MACCHIATO AND ONE CAPPUCINO, RIGHT?

LET'S GET TO IT!

*SIGN: SARU (MONKEY)
GOOD WORK.

HOWEVER.

I’LL GREATLY COMMEND YOU FOR SAFELY AND SUCCESSFULLY RESCUING YOUNG LORD TENTO...

...YOU’D BETTER EXPECT SOME LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT.

WHILE THERE IS LIKELY SOME ROOM TO PLEAD LENIENCY FOR EXTINGUISHING CIRCUMSTANCES...

I CANNOT OVERLOOK THE FACT THAT YOU ABANDONED, WITHOUT PERMISSION, A MISSION THAT YOU HAD ACCEPTED.
THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A TEAM'S VIOLATION IS SHARED JOINTLY.

SO IF YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR TEAM, DON'T FORGET THAT.

SORRY, NO GO.

BUT IT'S MY FAULT—I DID IT ON MY OWN.

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO SHOULD BE PUNISHED!

GLAK

TENTO!!

DAD!!
TOTALLY FINE, CAIC, SWEAR!

Oww!

I'm totally fine, Dad, I swear!

Are you okay, Tento?!!

You're not hurt at all?!

Oh, Tento, I was so worried about you!!

Aw gosh, Dad! You're embarrassing me!

...
I actually fought with a shuriken!

I'm going to keep working hard every day and...

...become an adult worthy of supporting you!

Hey, dad?

...I...

And I practiced a lot!

Tentō!
I'm very grateful.

Thank you for taking care of my son.

Have a safe trip home.

We're just glad that you're both fine.

Tento!
THIS CARD THAT YOU GAVE ME. YOU CAN HAVE IT BACK.

HERE.

...I SAID BEFORE?

REMEMBER WHAT...

BORUTO?

SSH
...NO MATTER HOW HARD IT IS!

YOU HAVE TO GET WHAT YOU WANT BY YOUR OWN STRENGTH...

RIGHT?

GRIN

YOU GOT IT!
THANKS, BORUTO.

FOR EVERYTHING.

THANKS, BORUTO.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

SURE!
SHAD-DUP!
THAT’S NO WAY TO TREAT YOUR BEST CUSTOMER!

FOOLS JUST NEVER LEARN, EH.

YOU REALLY ARE DUMB.

NO LUCK AGAIN!!

GAH, DARN IT!!

THE ODDS HAVEN’T IMPROVED ANY, YOU KNOW.

YOU WOULDN’T UNDERSTAND.

IF YOU WANTED THAT CARD SO BADLY, YOU SHOULDN’T HAVE KEPT IT.

SARADA!
THAT'LL BE 30 RYO.

OH MY, HOW UNUSUAL.

I'LL TAKE ONE TOO!

TROMP TROMP

MA'AM!!

HUH?
RARE...

IF YOU GET ANY R OR RARER CARDS, YOU'RE LUCKY.

EACH PACK CONTAINS TEN CARDS.

HUH, I'M...

GULP

SUDENLY FEELING ANXIOUS.

OH, HEY!

RRIP

YAH!

NO NEED TO...
EXTREME NINJA CARDS

WHO IS HE, ANYWAY?

ER...

WHOA!! THAT'S A SUPER SPECIAL RARE CARD!

I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE!

ARGH!!

... OROCHI-MARU!!
But that's been his recent face for the most part.

He does change his appearance every so often.

And it doesn't even look like him.

This sucks!

How come you know so much about him?

... Uh, Mitsuki?

Was that his face?

... my parent, after all.

Well, he is...
Huh?

What?!!!

Had I not mentioned it?

Getting that card...

Sure isn't a piece of cake, huh.

Anyway...

...?

Your parent?

Feh.

She's right. Maybe I should've kept the one Tentō gave me.
ONE DAY...

MIGHT NOT BE MUCH NOW, BUT...

FLOP

...I BET YOU CAN DO IT, BORUTO.

BECOME...
...AN AMAZING NINJA...

SSR

THE SUPPORTING SHADOW, UCHIHA SASUKE.

...WHO SUPPORTS THE HOKAGE.
IT's
PROBABLY
POINTLESS,
WILL GO
BETTER FOR YOU IF YOU SPEAK OPENLY AND HONESTLY, YOU PIECE OF TRASH.

NOW, THEN.

IT'S PROBABLY POINTLESS, BUT LET ME START BY SAYING THAT...

...IT'll GO BETTER FOR YOU IF YOU SPEAK OPENLY AND HONESTLY, YOU PIECE OF TRASH.
AIN'T TALKING WITHOUT SUFFICIENT INCENTIVE...

I BET ALL THE INTEL I'VE GOT IS QUITE INVALUABLE TO KONOHA, BUT...

YOU'LL REGRET BEING COCKY.

YOU'RE TOO BIG FOR YOUR BOOTS, CRUD.
AH, SASUKE.

SORRY FOR THE BOTHER.

I WANTED TO SPEAK TO HIM DIRECTLY.

NO WORRIES.
THOSE WHO SURVIVED IN THE Underside OF SOCIETY LONG ENOUGH...

...WHEN IT COMES TO TRASH LIKE YOU, HM?

YOU KNOW WHO I AM.
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT MARK ON BORUTO’S PALM?

I DON’T KNOW... ANYTHING SPECIFIC...

I SIMPLY...

I SWEAR!

...OVERHEARD THIS CONVERSATION.

AND HOW MANY WERE THERE?

...WHERE WAS THIS?

I DON’T REMEMBER!

I CAME ACROSS THEM BY CHANCE IN THE BASEMENT OF A BUILDING I ENTERED TO STEAL FROM, LONG AGO.

THEY WERE SKETCHY FELLOWS WEARING BLACK ROBES...

I DUNNO THEIR NUMBERS FOR SURE--EITHER--JUST THAT...

YEAH, I’M PRETTY SURE...
THEY REFERRED TO THEMSELVES AS KARA, THE HUSK.
MY INSTINCTS WERE SCREAMING DANGER, SO I GOT THE HELL OUT OF THERE.

THAT'S A NEW ONE.

THE HUSK...?

NOT THAT...

AND THAT THING THAT APPEARED ON THE HOKAGE'S BRAT WAS DIFFERENT.

I GIVE A DAMN, EITHER WAY.

...I KNOW A LOT ABOUT OROCHIMARU'S CURSE MARKS.

THIS MIGHT NOT BE RELEVANT, BUT...
AH, HELLO ALL.

SHALL WE BEGIN?