

This was the episode that we all have been waiting for. The one where a good portion of our questions have been answered and the coming climax of the arc. So, with that being said, let's jump right into it.

We are taken to the hospital. Where we see all of the kids huddled around Sumire and the girls involved in the power plant attack from the previous episode. Sumire herself seems to be okay, aside from a few scratches and minor injuries. The conversation turns to strange attacks going on around the village, more so about the people doing the attacking. Denki and Metal chime in about how they felt when they were being controlled. Saying they didn't feel like themselves and how it was like someone else was using their body. Boruto rushes into the room suddenly and barrages Sumire with apologies and sympathy.

The young Uzamaki blamed himself for the attack, claiming that if he wasn't in such a rush and delivered the mail less recklessly, then maybe they could've been on patrol and caught the ghost at the power plant. Essentially preventing the girls from ever being hurt to begin with. I really like seeing this side of Boruto. He seems to carry that same compassion for his friends, that same sense of justice just like his father did.

That's when Naruto approaches the boys and tells them to stay out of it. Claiming that Boruto was just a child and "should graduate from the academy first, then we'll talk". Boruto obviously didn't like that response and that's when Shino chimes in. Saying that since he is Boruto's teacher, he knows what he can and can't do better than anyone. Naruto hasn't even seen his son train or witnessed any of the ability he has, so he accepts it and leaves the situations in the hands of the kids.

They return to post office to resume their mail duty the right way and also continue their patrol of the village in search of the ghost. To their surprise the manager, Komame, allows them to deliver the mail despite how poorly they did before. So with the go ahead they head out. But another incident occurs, with another trace of the Hashirama cell surfacing. Sai takes the information back to the lab at the Hokage's Mansion. He tells Naruto that if the culprit really was a part of the foundation, that he wants to help them. Stating that they should no longer be bound by the same ideology that he was once bound to. Seeing how much Sai has grown as character is one of my favorite things to see. He has come a long way since the early Shippuden episodes.

Having missed another incident, the boys come to figure out that somehow their movements are being watched. So Shikadai comes up with a crafty idea that involves all of their classmates (at least the ones we've seen in current episodes) in hopes of tricking the ghost and capturing them. They're told to use fireworks brought in by Iwabe, in order to signal everyone when something weird comes up. Quickly they all set out, leaving behind Komame.

Thinking that everyone has left, the ghost comes for the post office manager. We see someone in what looks like a tan Anbu cloak and a strange mask. But this shinobi is able to control the chakra beast, having it bite Komame and sending him into a rage. Little did the ghost know it was all a trap. Boruto, Denki, Iwabe and Shikadai appear before the ghost and confront him. Faking out the attacker, having them think that everywhere but the post office was being guarded was really smart.

The battle begins, but the masked shinobi escapes during the fight. So, it's then up to the boys to save Komame. Meanwhile, the attacker thinks they're getting away but the second group consisting of Inojin, Mitsuki, Metal Lee and ChoCho surround them. But once again the assailant outmaneuvers the young shinobi and escapes into the sewers. Metal attempts hit them with a dynamic entry kick but falls right into water. Which was pretty funny because none of them have learned chakra control in order to walk on water yet. The masked villain arrives in the sewers and senses Mitsuki following behind. But it was strange, neither one of them attacked each other, Mitsuki just let the ghost disappear into the shadows. Could he have a connection to them, somehow?

In the end Komame is saved by the boys but they're still worried that the masked man got away from both groups. The episode ends with someone talking about releasing the beast. Which is now called "NUE". The negative chakra taken from the people in village is used to open the door created by the Hashirama cell, which in turn can awaken NUE.

This has me thinking. The only people who experimented with the Hashirama cell were Orochimaru who produced Yamato (Tenzo) a wood style user and the foundation. Who were headed by Danzo who was known to use some of the same jutsu as the first Hokage. Given the weird behavior from Mitsuki some might think that Orochimaru is involved but I think that it's someone from the foundation.

I'm really excited to see how they play this all out. This week was a really good episode and we were given so much information to chew on for the week. Who do you guys think is behind all of this? Where does the masked villain come from and who are they? Feel free to let me know your theories and as always, I'll see you guys next week!

Score: 7/10

Animation: 7/10