





EVEN I COULD  
SEE THE  
RESEMBLANCE,  
SO IT REALLY  
WAS PERFECT!

I WAS  
CHUBBY, SO  
WITH MY  
ROUND FACE  
AND RED  
HAIR... I  
LOOKED  
JUST LIKE A  
TOMATO!



SO THE BOYS  
WOULD  
ALWAYS  
TEASE ME...  
MY NICKNAME  
BECAME  
TOMATO!

THEY  
THOUGHT I  
WAS A BRAT  
FOR COMING  
IN FROM  
ANOTHER  
VILLAGE AND  
SAYING I WAS  
GOING TO BE  
HOKAGE.

TOMATO  
? HOW  
COME?



I ALWAYS BEAT  
UP THE BOYS  
WHO MADE FUN  
OF ME AND  
CRUSHED THEM  
LIKE TOMATOES.

NO  
WAY...!  
NOT AT  
ALL!



I GET IT! SO  
DAD PROTECTED  
YOU FROM  
THOSE BULLIES!

...RIGHT  
?




KIBA AND  
SHIKAMARU...  
ALWAYS SAID  
MOMS WERE  
SCARY...




THE  
BLOODY  
RED  
HABANERO  
!!

WITH MY LONG,  
RED HAIR FLYING  
AS I BEAT THEM  
HALF TO DEATH, I  
GAINED YET  
ANOTHER  
NICKNAME...





I WANT TO  
BE A GREAT  
HOKAGE THAT  
EVERYONE IN  
THE VILLAGE  
WILL RESPECT  
...



...SO... WHAT  
DID DAD SAY  
HE WANTED  
TO BE WHEN  
HE GREW UP?




...THIS... IS  
WHAT  
MINATO SAID.



THE FIRST  
TIME I  
HEARD  
THAT,  
I MADE FUN OF  
HIM BECAUSE HE  
SEEMED SO  
UNRELIABLE I  
THOUGHT THERE  
WAS NO WAY HE  
COULD EVER BE  
HOKAGE.



A HOKAGE...  
THAT  
EVERYONE  
WILL  
RESPECT,  
HUH...?



WHY!?

HE WAS  
REALLY  
STRONG!

UNTIL A  
CERTAIN  
INCIDENT,  
THAT IS,

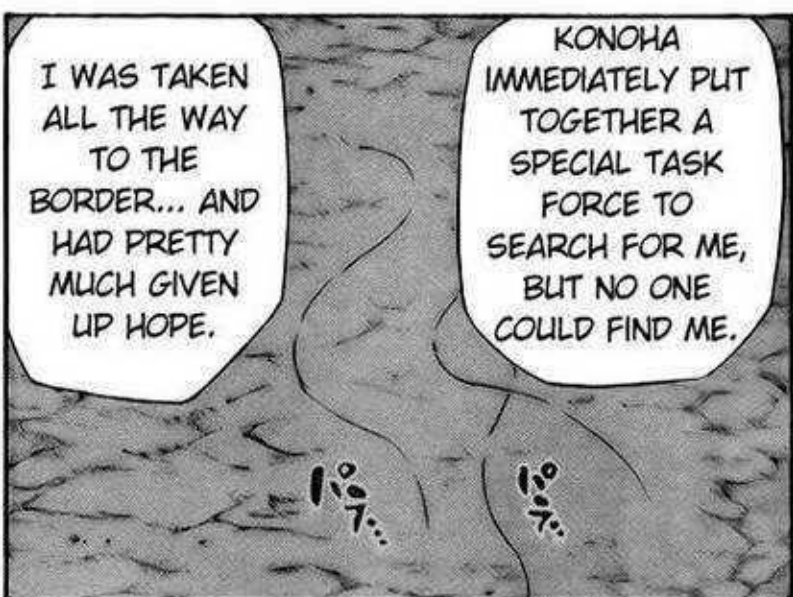
BUT I WAS  
YOUNG AND  
I DIDN'T  
KNOW  
ANYTHING, SO  
I LOOKED  
DOWN ON  
HIM.

...YEAH.





THAT'S  
IT,  
RIGHT!?!?



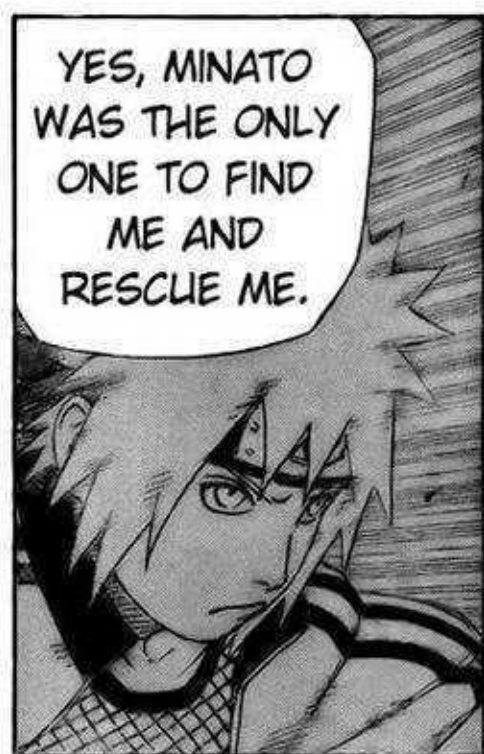
I WAS TAKEN  
ALL THE WAY  
TO THE  
BORDER... AND  
HAD PRETTY  
MUCH GIVEN  
UP HOPE.

KONOKA  
IMMEDIATELY PUT  
TOGETHER A  
SPECIAL TASK  
FORCE TO  
SEARCH FOR ME,  
BUT NO ONE  
COULD FIND ME.



HE SAID  
HE'D  
NOTICED IT  
RIGHT  
AWAY  
BECAUSE  
IT WAS SO  
PRETTY.

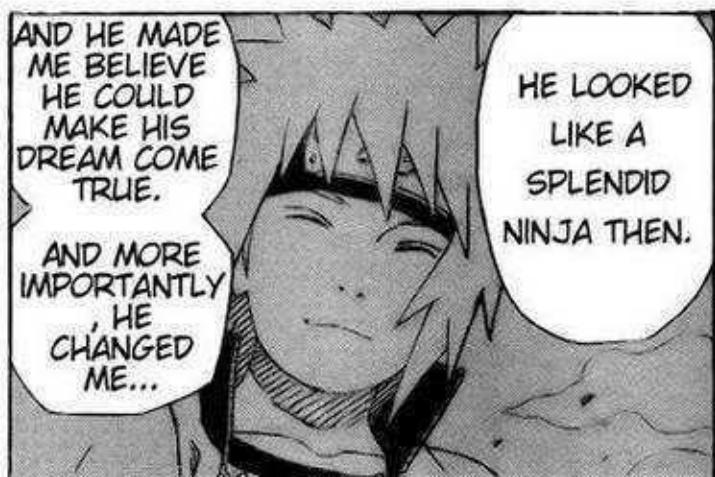
HE WAS  
THE  
ONLY  
ONE...  
TO  
NOTICE  
MY RED  
HAIR.



YES, MINATO  
WAS THE ONLY  
ONE TO FIND  
ME AND  
RESCUE ME.



THIS PLAIN  
RED HAIR THAT  
I'D ALWAYS  
HATED HAD  
BROUGHT ME  
MY  
SOULMATE...



AND HE MADE  
ME BELIEVE  
HE COULD  
MAKE HIS  
DREAM COME  
TRUE.

AND MORE  
IMPORTANTLY  
HE  
CHANGED  
ME...

HE LOOKED  
LIKE A  
SPLENDID  
NINJA THEN.





AND EVER  
SINCE  
THEN I'VE  
LIKED MY  
HAIR...

AND THAT  
WAS WHEN  
I FELL IN  
LOVE WITH  
MINATO.

IT  
BECAME  
THE RED  
THREAD  
OF  
DESTINY  
TO ME.



... ?  
NARUTO...  
WILL YOU  
HEAR  
THEM?

YEAH  
...

I HAVE  
SPECIAL  
WORDS  
RESERVED  
FOR THE MAN  
WHO WOULD  
COMPLIMENT  
MY RED  
HAIR...









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