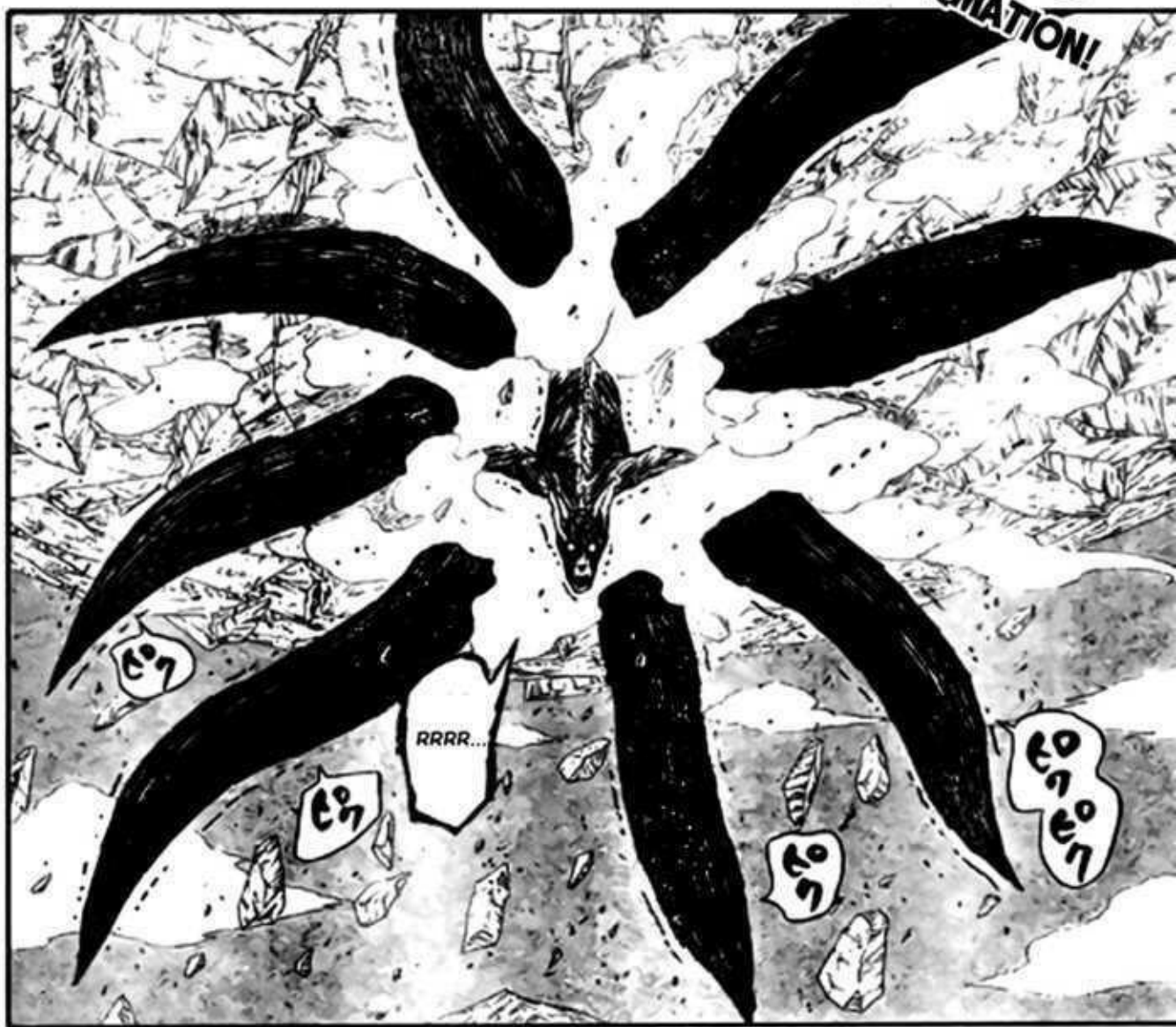


THE FAR-OFF FIGURE HE IDOLIZED WAS HIS OWN FATHER...
AND NOW, HE TELLS NARUTO THE SHOCKING TRUTH

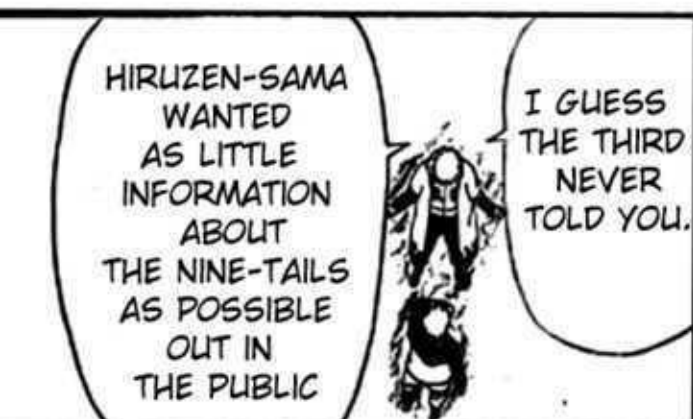








SFX: SNAP





SFX: THOCK

DO YOU
KNOW
HOW
TOUGH
IT'S BEEN
LIVING
WITH
THAT?!



WHY DID
YOU SEAL
THE
FUCKING
NINE-
TAILED
FOX
IN YOUR
OWN SON?!

NGH
...



NN-
NNH...



.....

I DUNNO
WHAT
TO FEEL?!

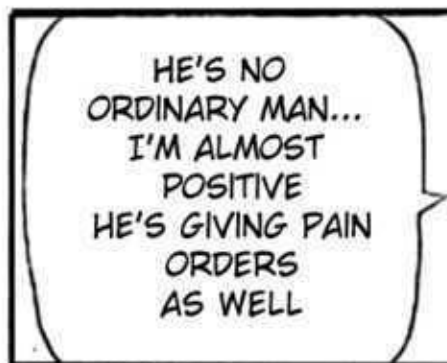
I'M HAPPY,
I'M PISSSED
AS HELL,













BY
THIS GUY
BEHIND
THE
CURTAIN?!

WHY IS HE SO
BENT ON
DESTROYING
THE LEAF?



MANI-
PULATED?



HE ASKED
YOU FOR
YOUR
SOLUTION
EARLIER...

FIGURING OUT
THE ANSWER
WILL BE
A LONG,
HARD ROAD.



WE MAY
VERY WELL
NEVER HAVE
PEACE.

AS LONG AS
THE CURRENT
SHINOBI SYSTEM
REMAINS
IN PLACE,



HATRED, THAT
MONSTROUS
HATRED,
WILL EVENTUALLY
GIVE RISE TO
A NEW PAIN.

WHILE THIS
SYSTEM
REMAINS
UNCHALLENGED,



AS LONG AS
THERE IS LOVE,
THERE WILL BE HATE
, HATE USED AND
DIRECTED
BY SHINOBI.

WAR BREEDS
FROM OUR DESIRE
TO PROTECT
THOSE
DEAR TO US.



BUT IF YOU
THINK LONG
AND HARD,
YOU'LL REALIZE
THAT HE
WAS CREATED
BY THE CHAOS
AND STRIFE OF
OUR WORLD.

PAIN MAY BE
JIRAIYA-
SENSEI'S
KILLER,



JIRAIYA-SENSEI MADE
IT HIS MISSION TO END
THE HATE ONCE
AND FOR ALL,
A MISSION HE
LEFT TO YOU

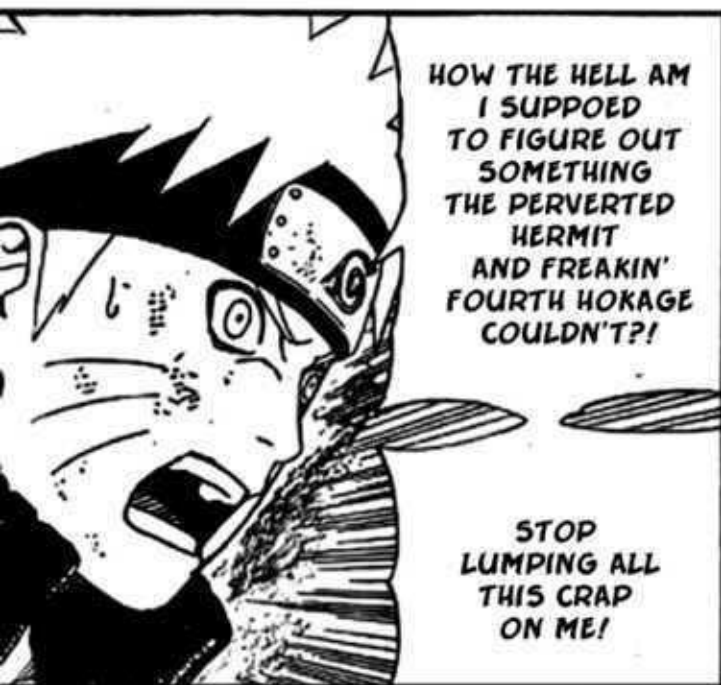
IT
HOLDS
TRUE
FOR
ALL OF
US

TO BE A NINJA
IS TO BE
AT CONSTANT
WAR AGAINST
HATE.



I CAN'T
LET HIM
GET AWAY
WITH THIS!

I CAN'T LET
PAIN GO...





YOU'LL
FIGURE
IT OUT
SOMEDAY.



I KNOW
YOU
CAN DO IT.



HEY, A PARENT
ALWAYS
BELIEVES
THEIR KID
CAN DO
ANYTHING,
NO MATTER
WHAT.

YOU
REALLY
THINK
I CAN...

REALLY
...?

I'LL
REDO
THE
SEAL...

BUT
THIS WILL BE
THE LAST
TIME...

MY
CHAKRA'S
RUNNING
OUT...

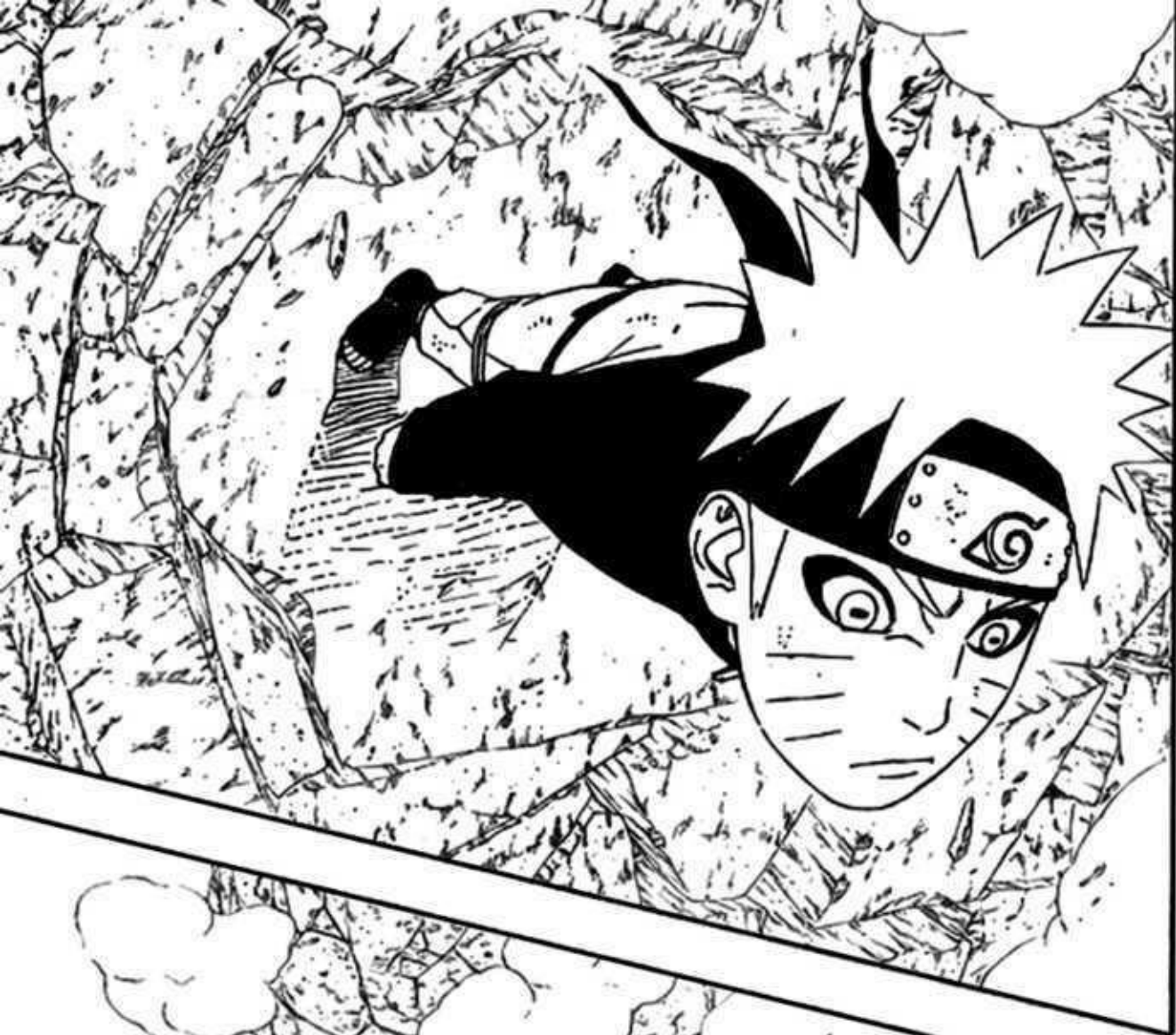
NOW, I
T'S ALMOST
TIME
FOR ME
TO GO...

SFX: WUUUUUUUUUSH

THE LEAF
WILL GROW
AGAIN...
IT'S IN
YOUR HANDS
NOW, NARUTO.

NGH-





WHAT
HAPPENED?

HE'S
NO LONGER
CONFUSED...

THE WILL OF FIRE STILL
BURNS WITHIN NARUTO,
FUELING HIM TOWARDS
HIS FINAL BATTLE!



NARUTO—ナルト—