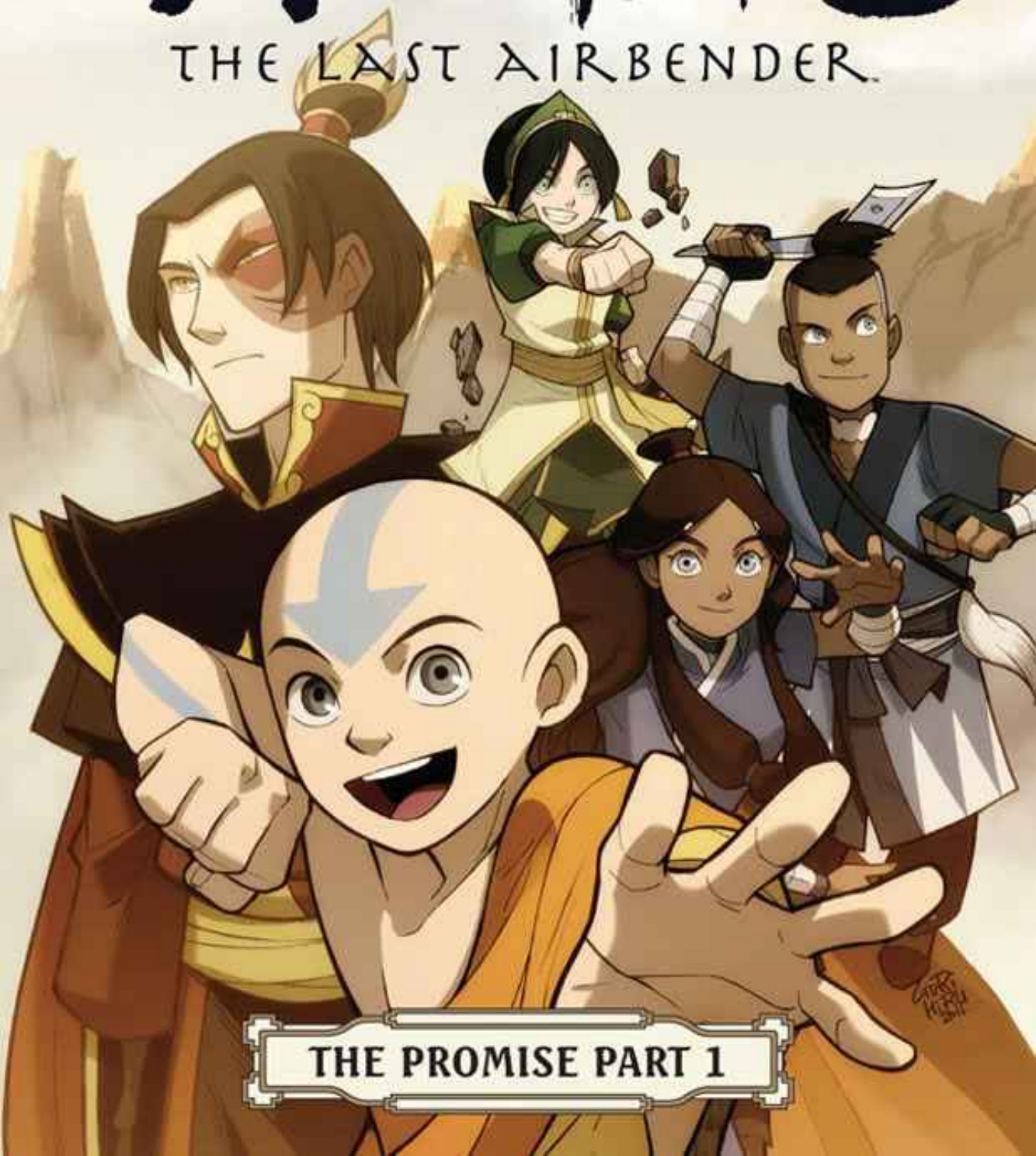


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# AVATAR

THE LAST AIRBENDER.



THE PROMISE PART 1





WATER.



EARTH.



FIRE.



AIR.

LONG AGO, THE FOUR  
NATIONS LIVED TOGETHER  
IN HARMONY.



THEN EVERYTHING  
CHANGED WHEN THE  
FIRE NATION ATTACKED.



ONLY THE AVATAR,  
MASTER OF ALL FOUR  
ELEMENTS, COULD STOP  
THEM.



BUT WHEN THE  
WORLD NEEDED HIM  
MOST, HE VANISHED.

A HUNDRED YEARS PASSED AND MY BROTHER SOKKA AND I DISCOVERED THE NEW AVATAR, AN AIRBENDER NAMED AANG.



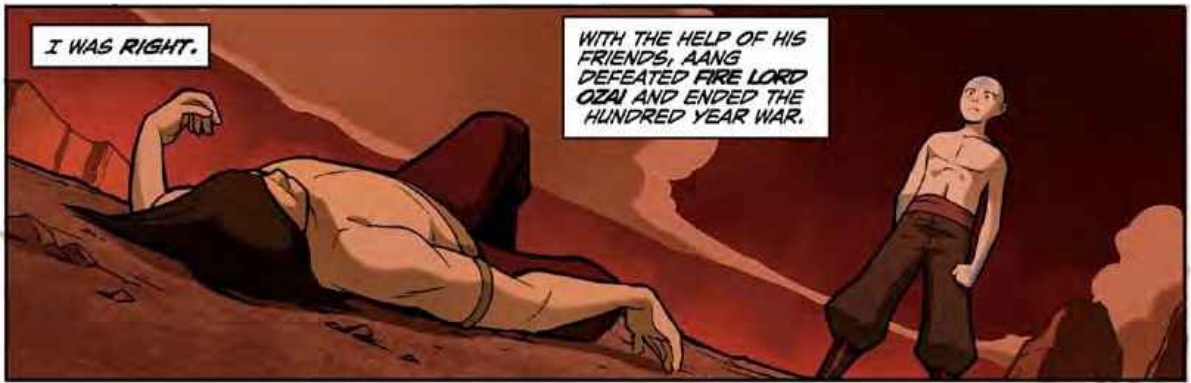
ALTHOUGH HIS AIRBENDING SKILLS WERE GREAT, HE HAD A LOT TO LEARN BEFORE HE WAS READY TO SAVE ANYONE.



BUT FROM THE DAY I FIRST MET HIM, I BELIEVED AANG WOULD SAVE THE WORLD.



AND YOU KNOW WHAT?



I WAS RIGHT.

WITH THE HELP OF HIS FRIENDS, AANG DEFEATED FIRE LORD OZAI AND ENDED THE HUNDRED YEAR WAR.



ZUKO, OZAI'S SON AND OUR ALLY, BECAME THE NEW FIRE LORD.



TOGETHER WITH EARTH KING KUIEI, AANG AND ZUKO PROMISED TO RESTORE THE FOUR NATIONS TO HARMONY.

I NEVER REALIZED THE FIRE NATION HAD BUILT SO MANY COLONIES IN THE EARTH KINGDOM.

YES.



FOR THE EARTH PEOPLE, THEY'RE A CONSTANT REMINDER OF THE WAR, LIKE AN OLD SCAR.



OH, I...I -- FIRE LORD ZUKO, I MEANT NOTHING PERSONAL!

NO, EARTH KING KUEI, YOU'RE RIGHT. AFTER ALL THE PAIN MY FATHER HAS CAUSED, IT'S MY DUTY TO BRING HEALING TO THE WORLD. I'LL REMOVE THOSE COLONIES. I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES.



BUT REMOVING THE COLONIES WON'T BE EASY. A LOT OF PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE GONNA BE DISRUPTED. WE NEED SOMEONE TO OVERSEE EVERYTHING, TO MAKE SURE IT ALL GOES PEACEFULLY. SOMEONE LIKE ME!



REALLY? YOU'D WANT TO DO THAT?

YEAH, I'M THE AVATAR! MAKING STUFF GO PEACEFULLY IS KIND OF MY THING!



WONDERFUL! THE AVATAR'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT WILL GIVE THE ENTIRE PROCESS AN AIR OF HOPE!

SOKKA AND I CAN HELP!

AW, I WAS GONNA VISIT KYOSHI ISLAND.



IT'LL BE A **MOVEMENT**-- A MOVEMENT TOWARDS **HARMONY!** WE'LL CALL IT...WE'LL CALL IT...

THE **HARMONY RESTORATION MOVEMENT!**



YES! **THE HARMONY RESTORATION MOVEMENT!** I LIKE IT!

WHAT'S WITH YOU AND YOUR GOOFY NAMES FOR EVERYTHING?

IT'S A GIFT.

EARTH KING KUIE PLANNED A CELEBRATION WHERE HE WOULD ANNOUNCE THE HARMONY RESTORATION MOVEMENT. BEFORE THE FESTIVITIES BEGAN, WE DECIDED TO VISIT THE JASMINE DRAGON, A TEA SHOP OWNED BY ZUKO'S UNCLE IROH.

HEY, MY BELLY'S NOT THAT BIG ANYMORE. I'VE REALLY TRIMMED DOWN.

WELL, I THINK YOU ALL LOOK PERFECT.





THERE, AANG AND I... WE FIGURED OUT WHAT WE MEANT TO EACH OTHER.



OR WE WERE ABOUT TO, ANYWAY, BEFORE MY STUPID BROTHER INTERRUPTED.

HEY GUYS -- AH!!!



NOTHING! WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING OUT HERE!

HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF KNOCKING, SOKKA?!



FIRST OF ALL, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO KNOCK BEFORE YOU GO *INSIDE*, NOT BEFORE YOU GO *OUTSIDE*!

AND SECOND, AS MY SISTER, YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T BE KISSING ANYONE IN FRONT OF ME! IT'S YOUR SISTERLY DUTY TO AVOID GIVING ME THE *DOOGIES*!

'DOOGIES'?! AARGH! YOU ARE SO IMMATURE SOMETIMES! WHAT ABOUT YOU AND SUKI?!







HEY, WANNA KNOW WHAT FIREWORKS ARE LIKE FOR ME? CLOSE YOUR EYES.



BOOOOM!

AAAH!



OH, TOPH! DON'T BE SUCH A GRUMP! YOU'RE OUT WITH FRIENDS ON A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT, CELEBRATING THE FACT THAT WE SAVED THE WORLD!

TRUE.

OUCH.



YOU, TOO, YOUR NEW MAJESTY FIRE LORD ZUKO SIR! TURN THAT FROWN UPSIDE DOWN! IT'S HAPPY TIME!



ZUKO...?

I VISITED MY FATHER IN PRISON THE OTHER DAY...I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU FOR A FAVOR, AANG.

SURE. ANYTHING.



IF YOU EVER SEE ME TURNING INTO MY FATHER, I WANT YOU TO...I WANT YOU TO END ME.

WHAT?!



EVEN NOW, AFTER EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED, MY FAMILY'S LEGACY IS STILL A PART OF ME. THAT'S WHY IT'S MY DUTY TO HEAL THE SCARS THAT THE FIRE NATION HAS LEFT ON THE WORLD. BUT THE FIRE LORD'S THRONE COMES WITH A LOT OF PRESSURES. AND IF I'M HONEST WITH MYSELF...

I NEED A SAFETY NET. THE WORLD NEEDS A SAFETY NET. THAT'S WHAT I NEED YOU TO BE, AANG. THE SAFETY NET.



ZUKO, YOU'RE *NOT* YOUR DAD! AND YOU'RE MY *FRIEND!* HOW CAN YOU EXPECT ME --

AS YOUR FRIEND, I'M ASKING YOU -- IF YOU EVER SEE ME GO BAD, END ME. *PROMISE ME, AANG.*



... FINE. *I PROMISE.*



**POOM!**  
**POOM!** **POOM!**



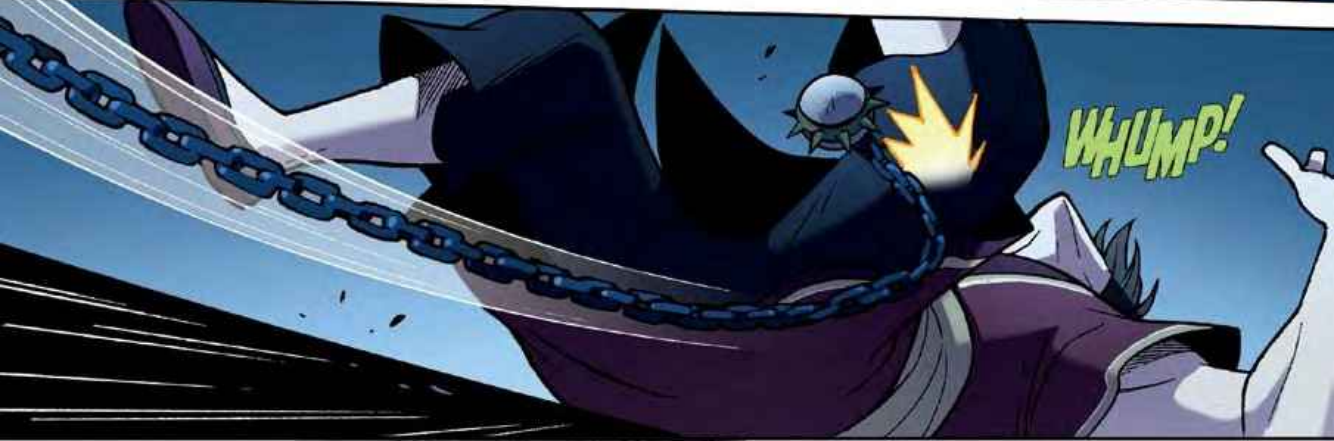
# ONE YEAR LATER.

THE ROYAL PALACE,  
FIRE NATION CAPITAL













CONVINCE ME NOT TO TAKE YOUR LIFE!

GO AHEAD! MY FAMILY HAS BEEN LOYAL TO YOURS FOR GENERATIONS! BY GETTING RID OF ME, YOU WOULD SIMPLY COMPLETE YOUR BETRAYAL!



YOUR FAMILY?

MY FATHER IS THE MAYOR OF YU DAO!



YU DAO...THE FIRST OF THE FIRE NATION COLONIES.

YES, MY HOME! AND NOW YOU AND THE AVATAR ARE GOING TO DESTROY IT WITH YOUR PRECIOUS HARMONY RESTORATION MOVEMENT!



THE CITY OF YU DAO,  
EARTH KINGDOM

STOP!  
STOP!

KORI!  
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!  
YOUR MOTHER AND I  
WERE WORRIED  
SICK!



WAIT-- WHO  
ARE THESE MEN?!  
WHAT ARE  
THESE CHAINS?!

I WENT  
TO GO SEE  
SOMEONE ABOUT  
OUR *PROBLEM*,  
FATHER.



WHO?

HIM.



F-FIRE  
LORD  
ZUKO!

YOU MUST  
BE MAYOR  
MORISHITA.



YOUR  
DAUGHTER  
SNUCK INTO MY  
HOME AND TRIED  
TO KILL ME!

KORI?!

SOMEONE  
HAD TO DO  
SOMETHING!



MY  
SINCEREST  
APOLOGIES FOR  
MY DAUGHTER'S  
RASH BEHAVIOR,  
FIRE LORD! HAVE  
MERCY!

I SHOULD  
HAVE THIS WHOLE  
PLACE BURNED  
DOWN!



WHY BOTHER? THE HARMONY RESTORATION MOVEMENT WILL ACCOMPLISH THE SAME THING WITHOUT YOU HAVING TO LIFT A FINGER!

WHY CAN'T YOU COLONIALS GET IT THROUGH YOUR THICK SKULLS?! THE HARMONY RESTORATION MOVEMENT IS A MEANS TO *PEACE!*



*P-PEACE?!*



PEACE FOR *WHOM?!* WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, YOUR MAJESTY, MY FAMILY HAS LIVED ON THIS LAND FOR GENERATIONS! THIS CITY WAS BUILT ON OUR BLOOD AND SWEAT! WE HAVE AS MUCH A RIGHT TO BE HERE AS ANYONE ELSE!

YOU'RE FIRE NATION CITIZENS! YOU SHOULD LIVE IN THE FIRE NATION!



YOU'RE RIGHT, FIRE LORD! WE *ARE* FIRE NATION CITIZENS!

AND I'LL TELL YOU THIS -- *YOUR FATHER* WOULD NEVER HAVE LET THE AVATAR AND THE EARTH KING BULLY HIM INTO SOMETHING SO OBVIOUSLY BAD FOR HIS OWN NATION'S CITIZENS!




MY FATHER...?



I SHOULD COUNT MYSELF LUCKY. THE NEW FIRE LORD HAS GRACED ME WITH HIS PRESENCE IN MY LOWLY PRISON CELL.



YOU SHOULD COUNT YOURSELF LUCKY THAT THE AVATAR CHOSE TO SPARE YOU.



BANISHING ME WAS THE BEST THING YOU COULD HAVE DONE FOR MY LIFE. MAYBE YOUR TIME IN HERE CAN DO THE SAME FOR YOU.



WHY ARE YOU REALLY HERE?



BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME SOMETHING.



WHERE IS MY MOTHER?!





DO YOU  
THINK BEING  
FIRE LORD  
IS EASY?!



THE THRONE  
COMES WITH MANY  
PRESSURES, AND  
THOSE PRESSURES  
WILL CHANGE YOU!  
BUT IF YOU CAN  
STAND THE HEAT,  
YOU'LL BECOME  
SOMETHING  
*MORE.*

OF ALL THE  
PEOPLE IN THE  
WORLD, I HAVE THE  
WISDOM YOU NEED,  
THE WISDOM OF  
EXPERIENCE!



BE  
HONEST WITH  
YOURSELF, ZUKO  
-- DO YOU REALLY  
BELIEVE YOU CAN  
HANDLE IT ALL ON  
YOUR OWN?

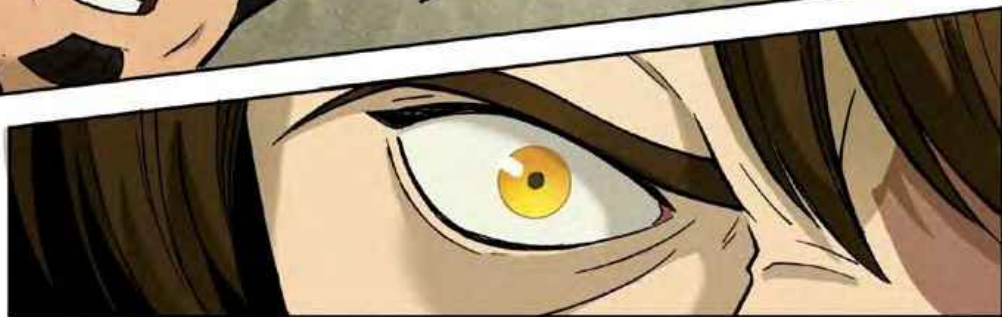


YOU'LL BE  
BACK. AND I'LL  
BE HERE WAITING  
FOR YOU.

*SON.*

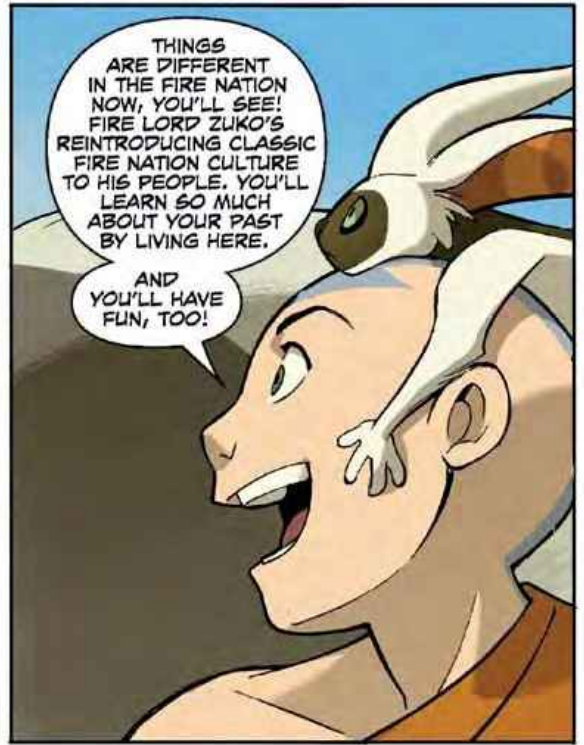


*CLICK*



OFF THE  
COAST OF THE  
FIRE NATION

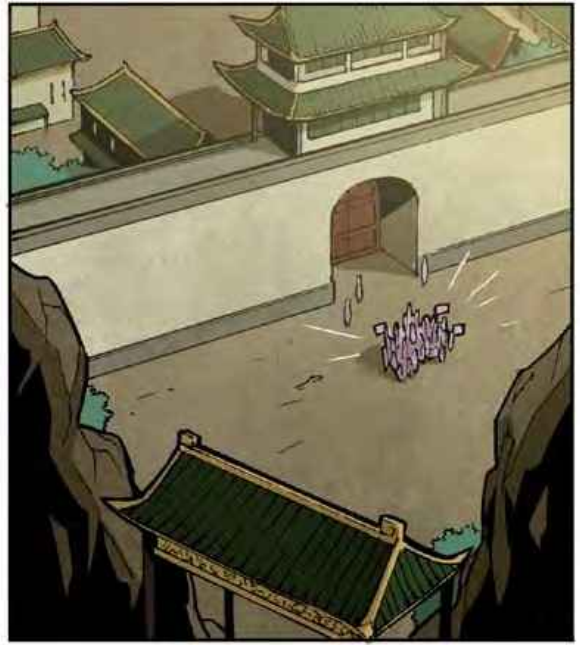






BEIFONG METALBENDING  
ACADEMY, EARTH KINGDOM

COME LOOK!  
THERE'S A  
CROWD AT THE  
CITY GATES  
BELOW!



I WANNA  
KNOW WHAT'S  
HAPPENING!

WHATEVER IT  
IS, IT'S BAD!  
BAD! THE CITY'S  
PROBABLY  
DOOMED! WE'RE  
PROBABLY  
DOOMED!

I HATE  
DOOM.





HOW ARE YOU LILY LIVERS GONNA LEARN METALBENDING BY STARING OUT A WINDOW? GET BACK TO PRACTICE!

SIFU TOPH!



SOMETHING'S HAPPENING IN YU DAO, AND I WANNA KNOW WHAT!

IT'S BAD! SO BAD! I'M TOO YOUNG FOR DOOM!

I HATE BEING YOUNG.



MY PARENTS LIVE DOWN THERE! WHO'S GONNA BUY ME NEW SHOES IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THEM?!

HLIH. YOU LILY LIVERS ARE RIGHT. SOMETHING IS HAPPENING IN YU DAO. I CAN HEAR IT.

ALL OUR PARENTS LIVE IN YU DAO! AND THEY'RE ALL DOOMED!



RAAAAR!

APPA!



I'LL BE BACK SOON! STAY PUT AND DO YOUR FORMS! IF YOU DON'T, YOU'RE REALLY GONNA GET IT WHEN I COME BACK!

I JUST DON'T WANNA BE DOOMED!

I WANNA GO WITH YOU!

I HATE YOU GUYS.



**RUMBLE!**

RAAAR!

**KRACK!**

**WHUMP!**



HEY, GUYS!

TOPH!



I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW LONG IT'S BEEN!

I MISSED YOU, TOO!



HEY, I HEARD YOU STARTED A METALBENDING SCHOOL!

THE BEIFONG METALBENDING ACADEMY! YOU GUYS JUST FLEW OVER IT! I HEARD APPA, SO I HAD TO COME SAY HI!



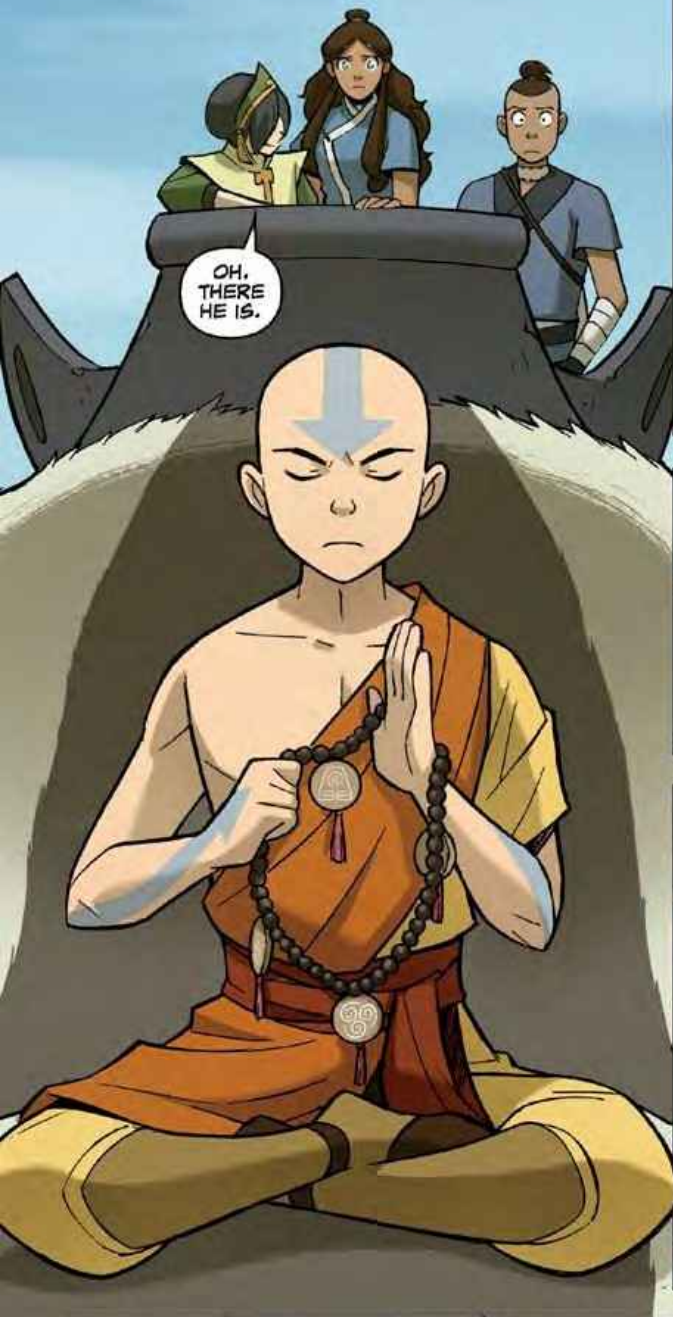
WOW! YOUR OWN SCHOOL! HOW'S THAT GOING?

MEH.



I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE, TOPH. AANG NEEDS ALL THE SUPPORT HE CAN GET RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE OF WHAT HE MIGHT HAVE TO--

HEY, WHERE IS TWINKLE TOES, ANYWAY?



OH,  
THERE  
HE IS.



ZUKO'S  
CHANGED HIS  
MIND ABOUT  
THE HARMONY  
RESTORATION  
MOVEMENT.

YOU'RE  
KIDDING.



HE'S HOLED  
HIMSELF UP IN YU  
DAO WITH A BUNCH  
OF HIS SOLDIERS. HE  
WON'T LET ANYONE  
IN OR OUT. THAT'S  
WHERE WE'RE  
HEADED.



SO THAT'S WHAT'S GOING  
ON! THE LILY LIVERS -- I  
MEAN, MY *STUDENTS* WERE  
TALKING ABOUT IT. ZUKO'S  
STARTING TO ACT LIKE HIS  
OLD MAN OZAI THEN.

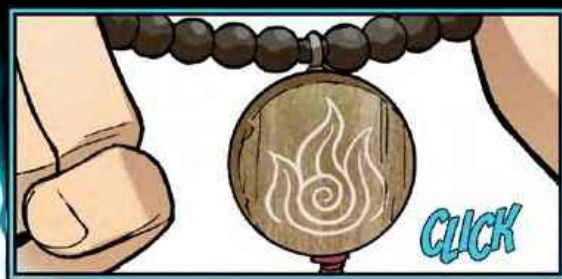
NO. WE  
DON'T KNOW  
THAT YET.



BUT AANG'S  
MEDITATING ON  
WHAT HE MIGHT  
HAVE TO DO--



"-- BECAUSE OF THE *PROMISE* HE MADE."



YOU'VE DONE YOUR DUTY. THE WAR IS OVER. AND YET THE WORLD IS STILL NOT AT PEACE.





I'M SORRY, AANG. YOU ARE STILL DEALING WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF MY OWN INDECISIVENESS.

*SIGH*  
AVATAR ROKU, I NEVER SHOULD'VE MADE THAT PROMISE TO ZUKO.



I MEAN, I DIDN'T EVEN KILL OZAI, AND HE WAS EVIL ALL THE WAY THROUGH!

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KILL MY OWN FIREBENDING TEACHER? MY FRIEND?



WHAT KIND OF PERSON WOULD I BE?

A PERSON WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES.

ZUKO WAS IN HIS CLEAREST MOMENT WHEN HE ASKED YOU FOR THAT PROMISE. HE KNEW WHAT WAS AT STAKE.



ALL THOSE LIVES THAT HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE LAST HUNDRED YEARS... I COULD HAVE SAVED THEM. I HAD SO MANY CHANCES. SOZIN ALMOST NEVER HAD HIS GUARD UP WHEN HE WAS WITH ME.

WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU REGRET NOT... ENDING FIRE LORD SOZIN?



YES.

BUT HE WAS YOUR FRIEND!



MORE THAN A FRIEND. HE WAS LIKE A BROTHER TO ME, BUT BECAUSE OF HIM, THE WORLD BURNED.



WHEN YOU ARE IN A POSITION OF POWER, YOU MUST PUT THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD ABOVE YOUR OWN. ZUKO, AT ONE TIME AT LEAST, UNDERSTOOD THIS.



I'LL GO TO YU DAO AND FIND ZUKO. THEN WE'LL SIT DOWN AND TALK.



REMEMBER THE WISDOM I OFFERED YOU, AANG -- YOU MUST BE DECISIVE. A PROMISE IS A PROMISE.

BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS DO. WE TALK.







"SHE,"  
YOU MEAN.  
SHE'S WITH THE  
FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS.

THAT'S  
WHAT I SAID.  
SHE'S WITH THE  
FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS.



LOOK,  
EVERYBODY! IT'S  
THE AVATAR!



YEEEAH!  
AVATAR AANG!  
AVATAR AANG!

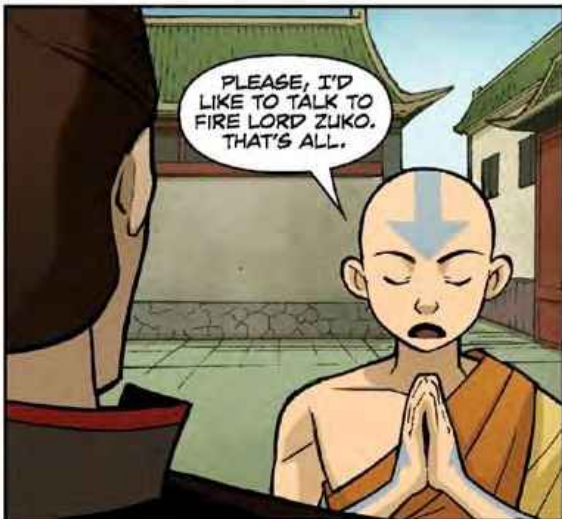


AANG! WE  
WERE HOPING  
YOU WOULD  
COME!

SO  
WHAT'S THE PLAN  
OF ATTACK? THE  
FREEDOM FIGHTERS  
ARE AT YOUR  
SERVICE!













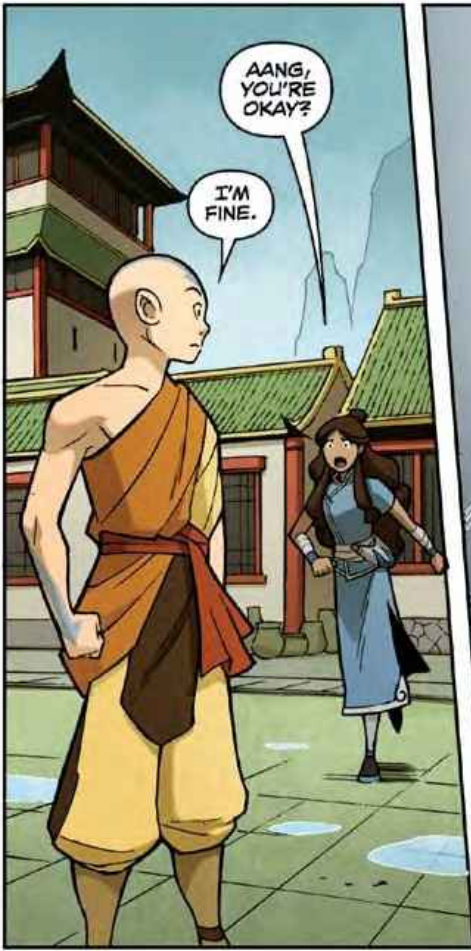














KATARA!  
STOP!

LET  
GO, ZUKO!  
YOU'RE HURTING  
ME! DON'T MAKE  
ME HURT YOU  
BACK!

CLINK!

CLINK!

CLINK!

I'M HURTING  
YOU?! WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING TO MY  
SOLDIERS?! MY  
PEOPLE?!









**AANG! STOP!**  
IF YOU ENTER THE AVATAR STATE IN SUCH AN EMOTIONAL WAY, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL YOURSELF!



YOU HAVE TO CALM DOWN.

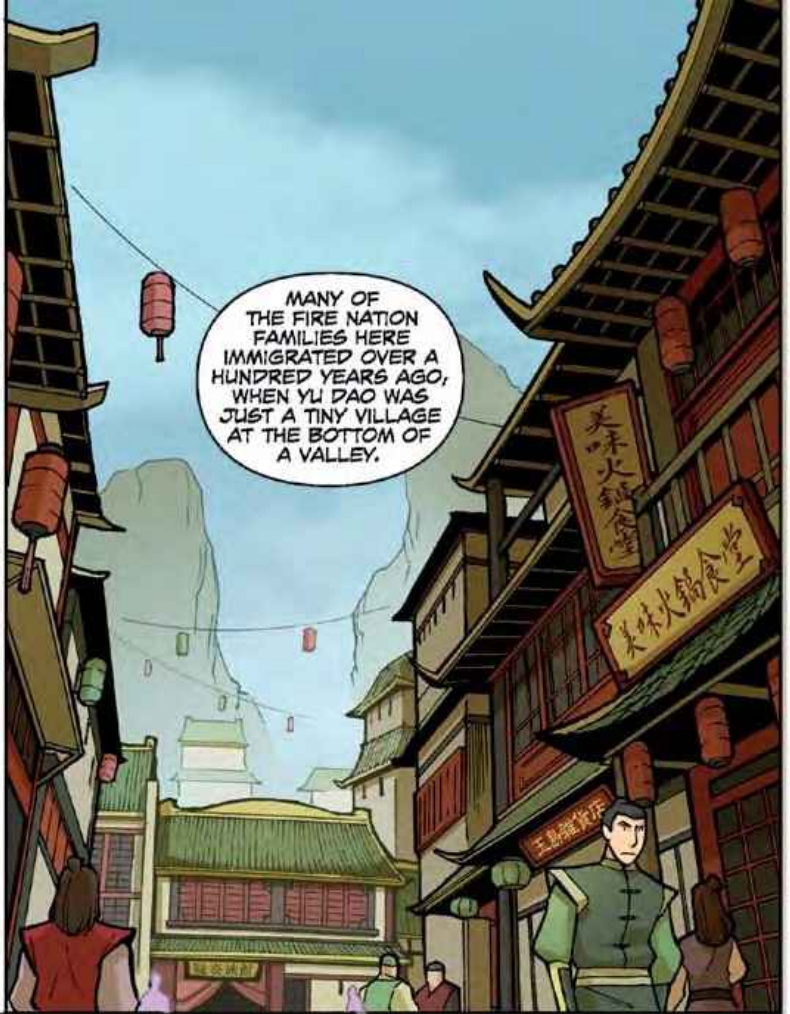
PLEASE, SWEETIE, FOR ME.







DID YOU KNOW THAT YU DAO IS THE OLDEST OF ALL THE COLONIES?



MANY OF THE FIRE NATION FAMILIES HERE IMMIGRATED OVER A HUNDRED YEARS AGO, WHEN YU DAO WAS JUST A TINY VILLAGE AT THE BOTTOM OF A VALLEY.

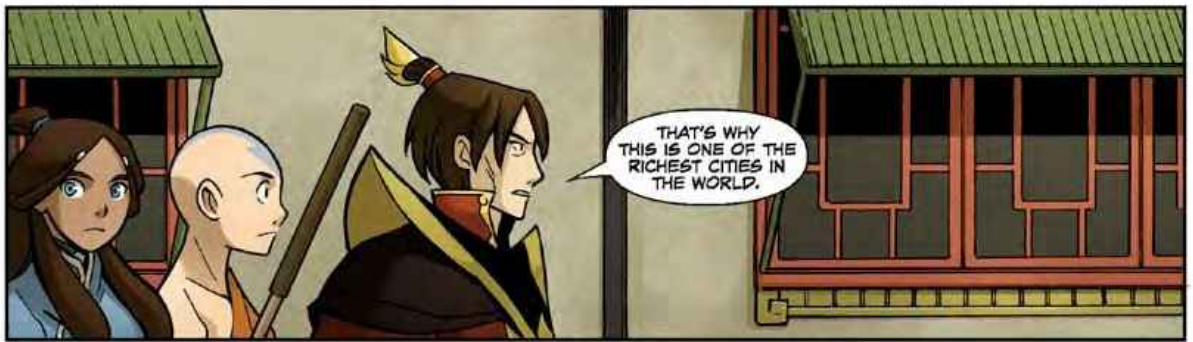


TOGETHER WITH THE EARTH KINGDOM PEOPLE WHO WERE ALREADY HERE, THEY BUILT ALL THIS.

YU DAO NOW MAKES THE FINEST METALWORK EVER PRODUCED, USING BOTH FIRE NATION AND EARTH KINGDOM EXPERTISE.



CLANG! CLANG!



THAT'S WHY THIS IS ONE OF THE RICHEST CITIES IN THE WORLD.



IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE FIRE NATION CITIZENS AND THE EARTH KINGDOM CITIZENS SHARE EQUALLY IN THAT WEALTH.

IT'S NOT PERFECT, KATARA, BUT ALL THE CITY'S PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE EARTH KINGDOM PEOPLE, ARE BETTER OFF NOW THAN THEY WERE A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.



THE HISTORY LESSON IS GREAT AND ALL, BUT NONE OF IT MATTERS! BY BETRAYING THE HARMONY RESTORATION MOVEMENT, YOU'RE GOING TO START ANOTHER WAR!

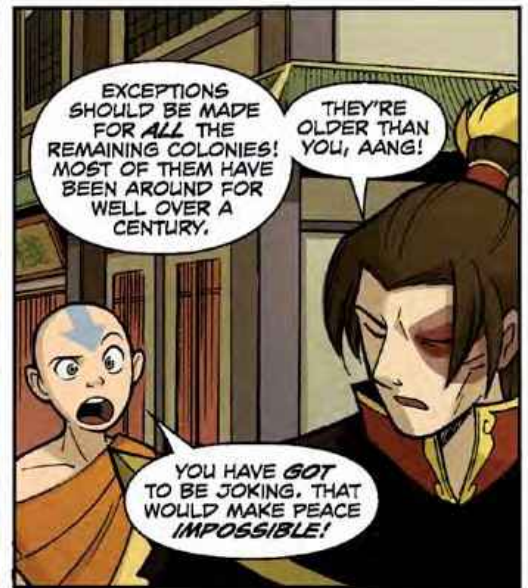


LOOK, AANG, WHEN I CAME HERE A WEEK AGO, I HAD PLANNED TO **PERSONALLY** ENFORCE THE REMOVAL OF YU DAO FROM THE EARTH KINGDOM! BUT THEN...













NEXT PERSON TO THROW ANYTHING -- OR SAY ANYTHING -- GETS A BOULDER STRAIGHT IN THE NOSSIN! GOT IT?!

**KRRK!**



NOW THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.



GOOD THING YOU LISTENED TO HER, FOLKS! I WAS ABOUT TO BUST OUT MR. BOOMERANG!

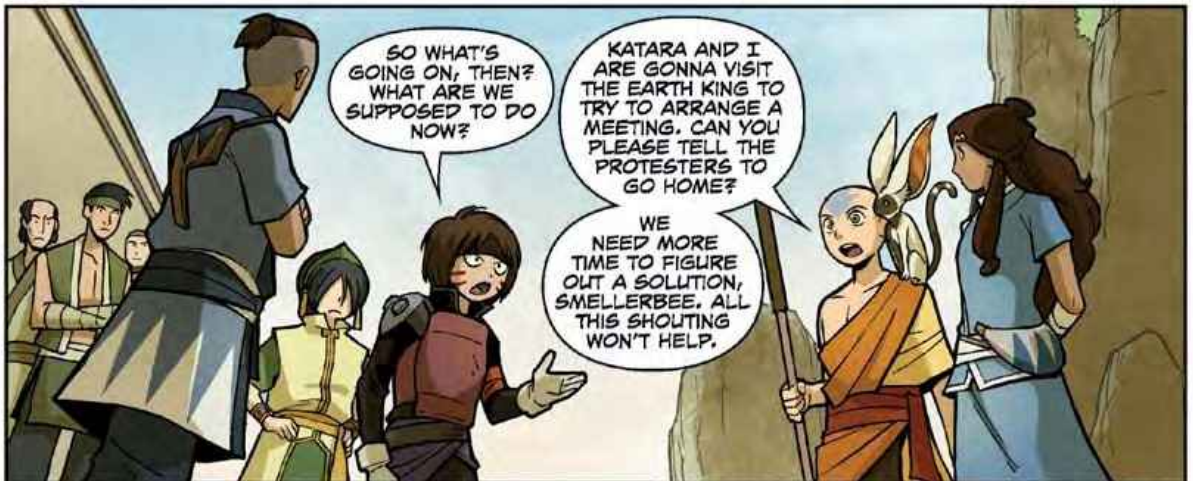
**WACK-A-POW!**



OOOOH! 'MR. BOOMERANG!' SOOOO SCARY!



**KWA-TANG!**







THE ROYAL PALACE,  
FIRE NATION CAPITAL





YOU'VE BEEN HAVING TROUBLE SLEEPING.

HOW --?

HAVE YOU LOOKED IN THE MIRROR LATELY?



YOUR BODYGUARDS ARE A BUNCH OF INCOMPETENT IDIOTS.

YOU'RE THE FIRE LORD NOW. YOU NEED REAL SECURITY.



SO I ASKED SOME FRIENDS TO COME HELP.







