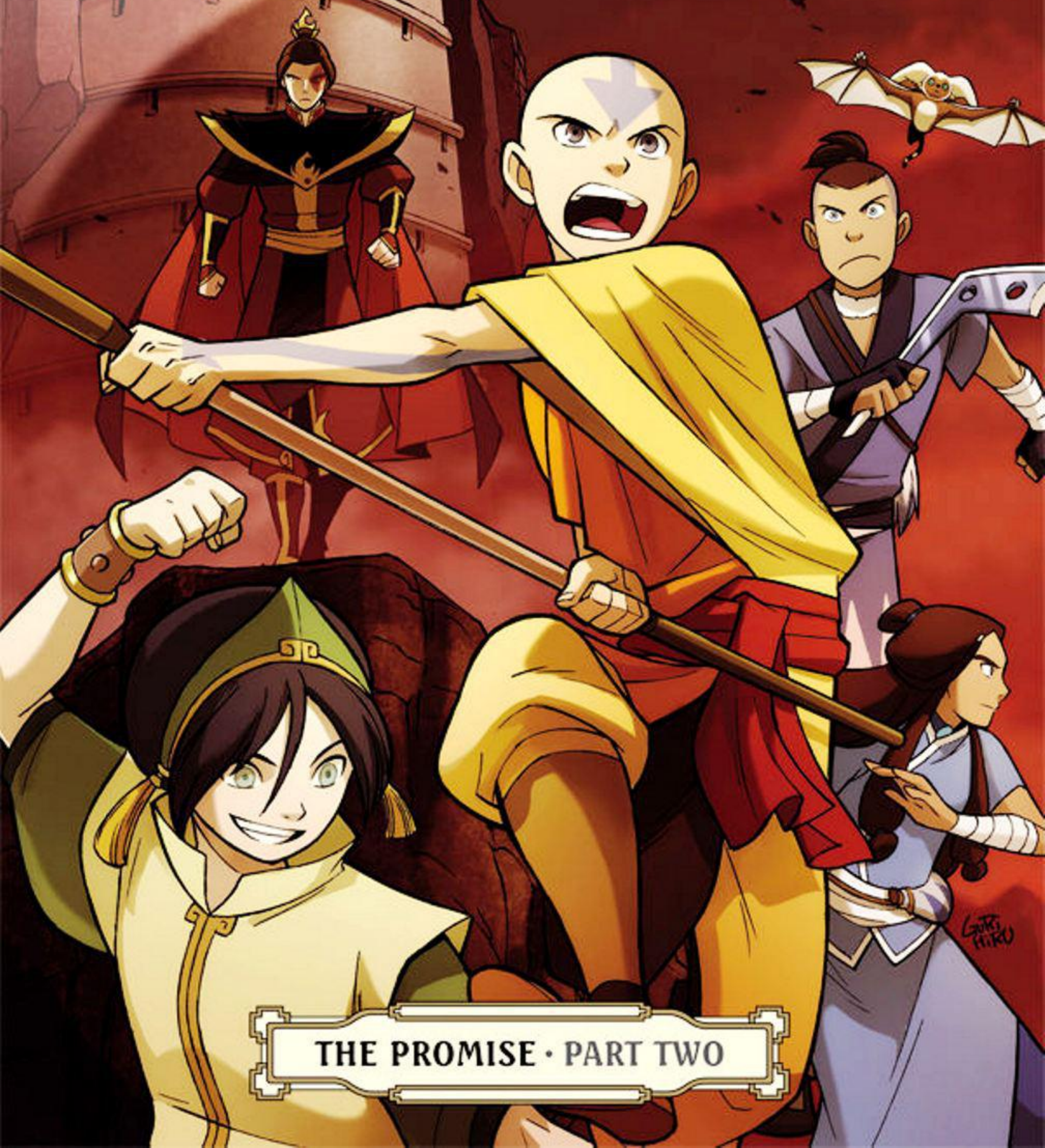


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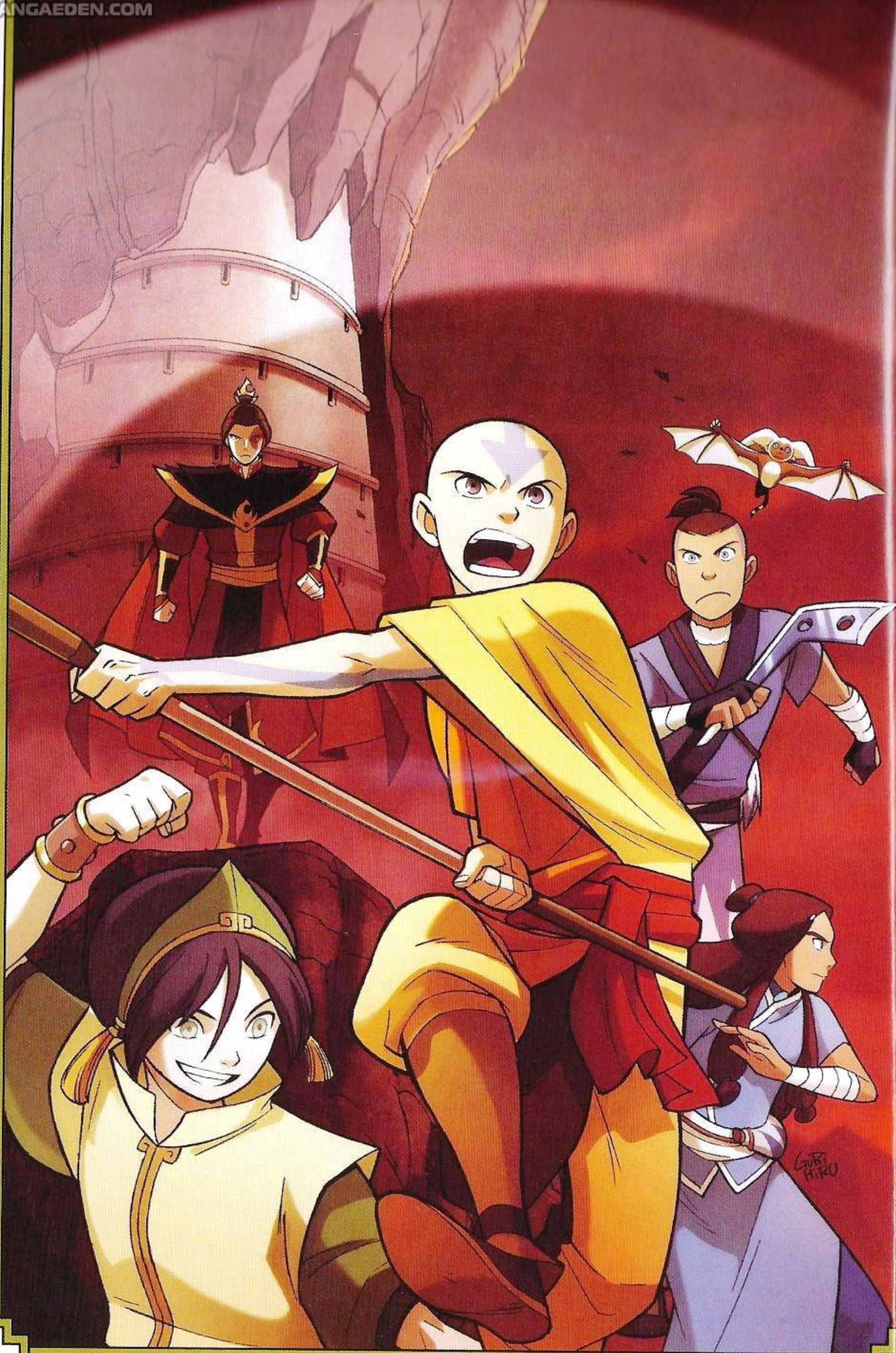
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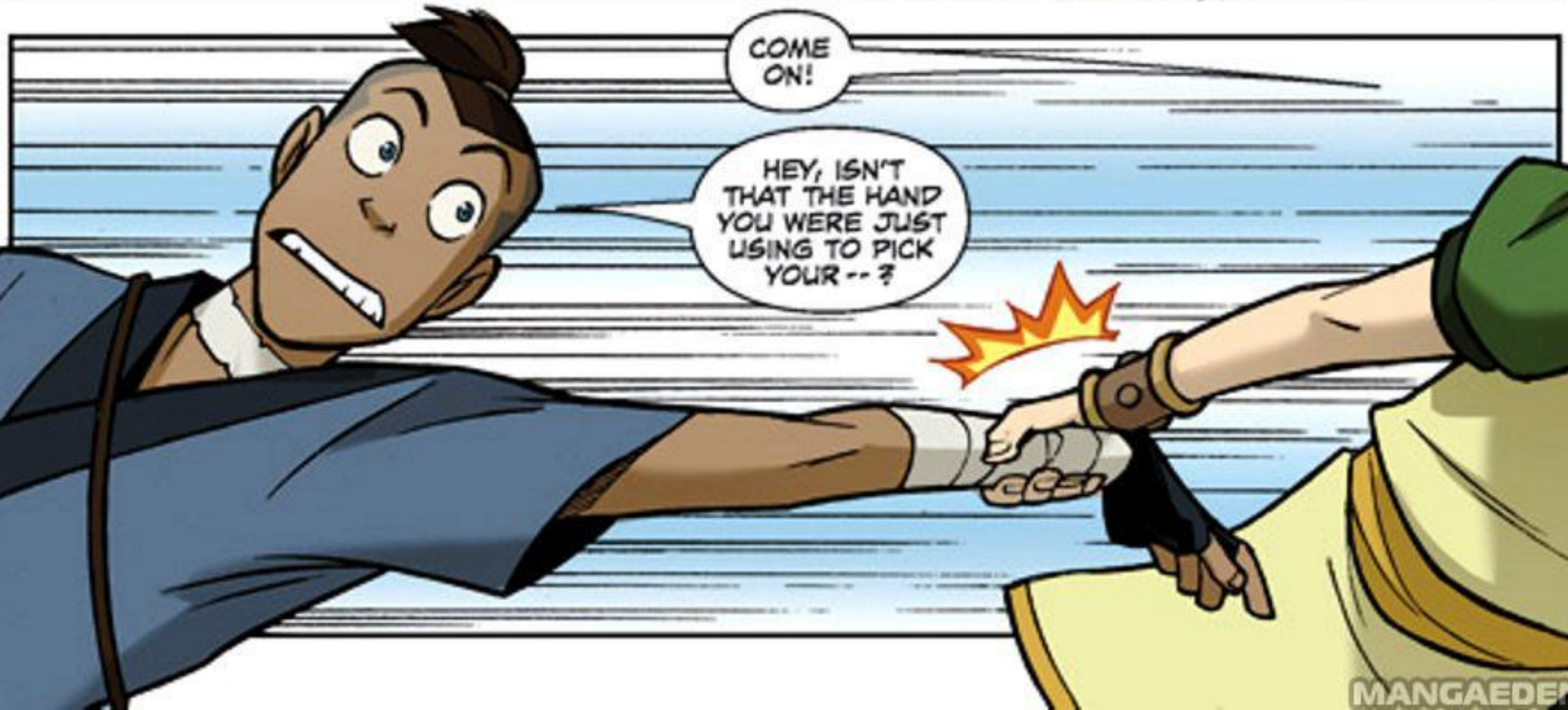
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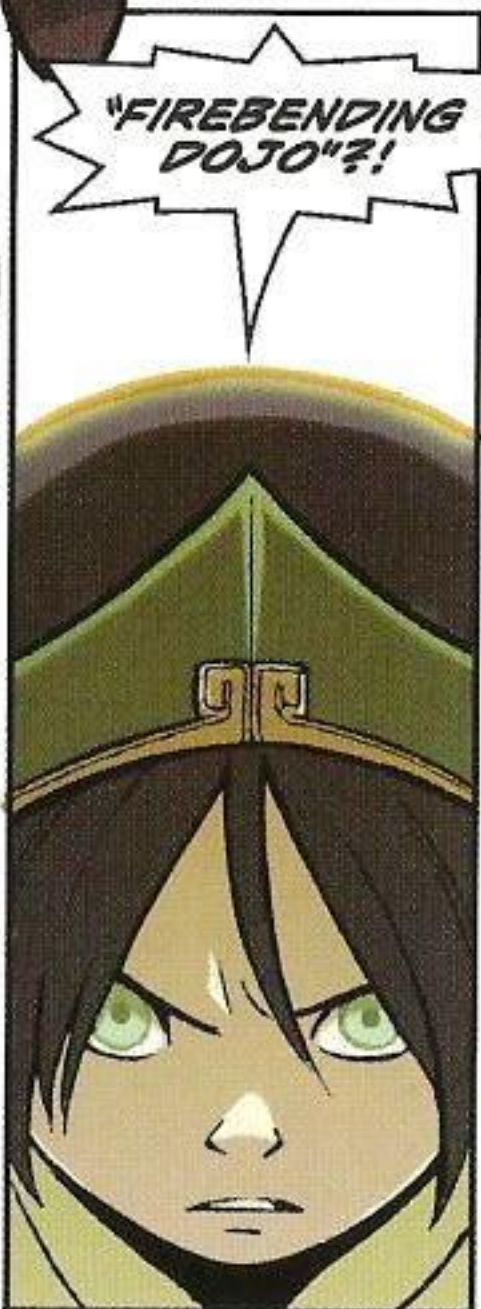
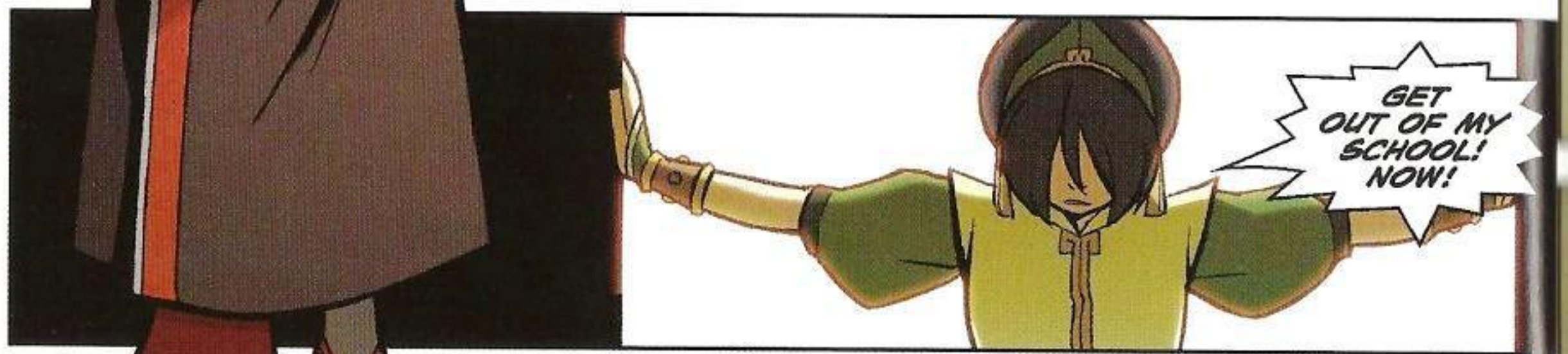








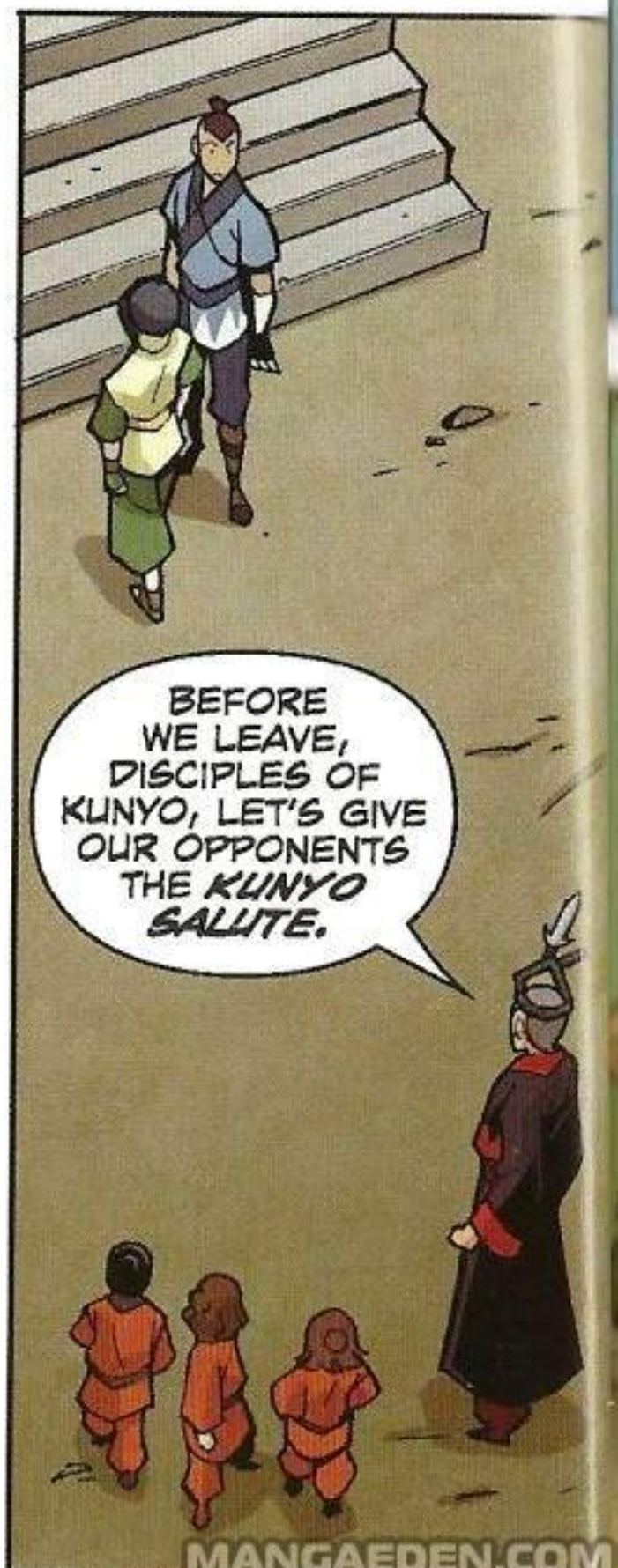




















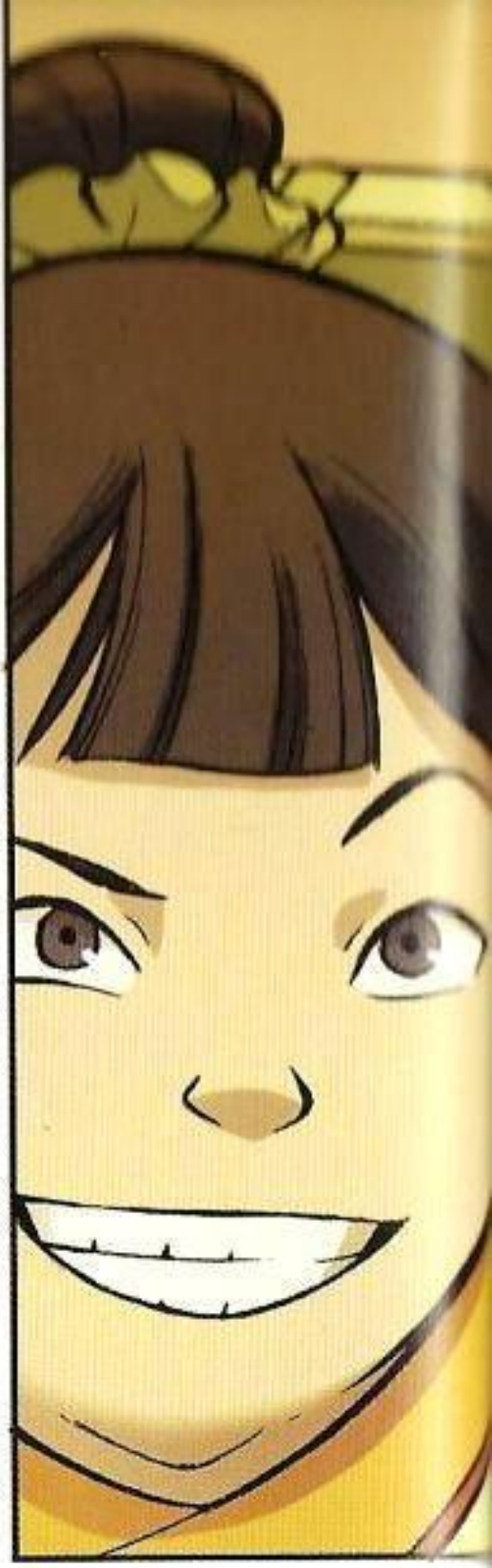
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WHAT AN HONOR IT IS TO MEET AVATAR AANG'S FIRST GIRLFRIEND!



WHY THANK YOU, I -- WAIT, WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "FIRST"?



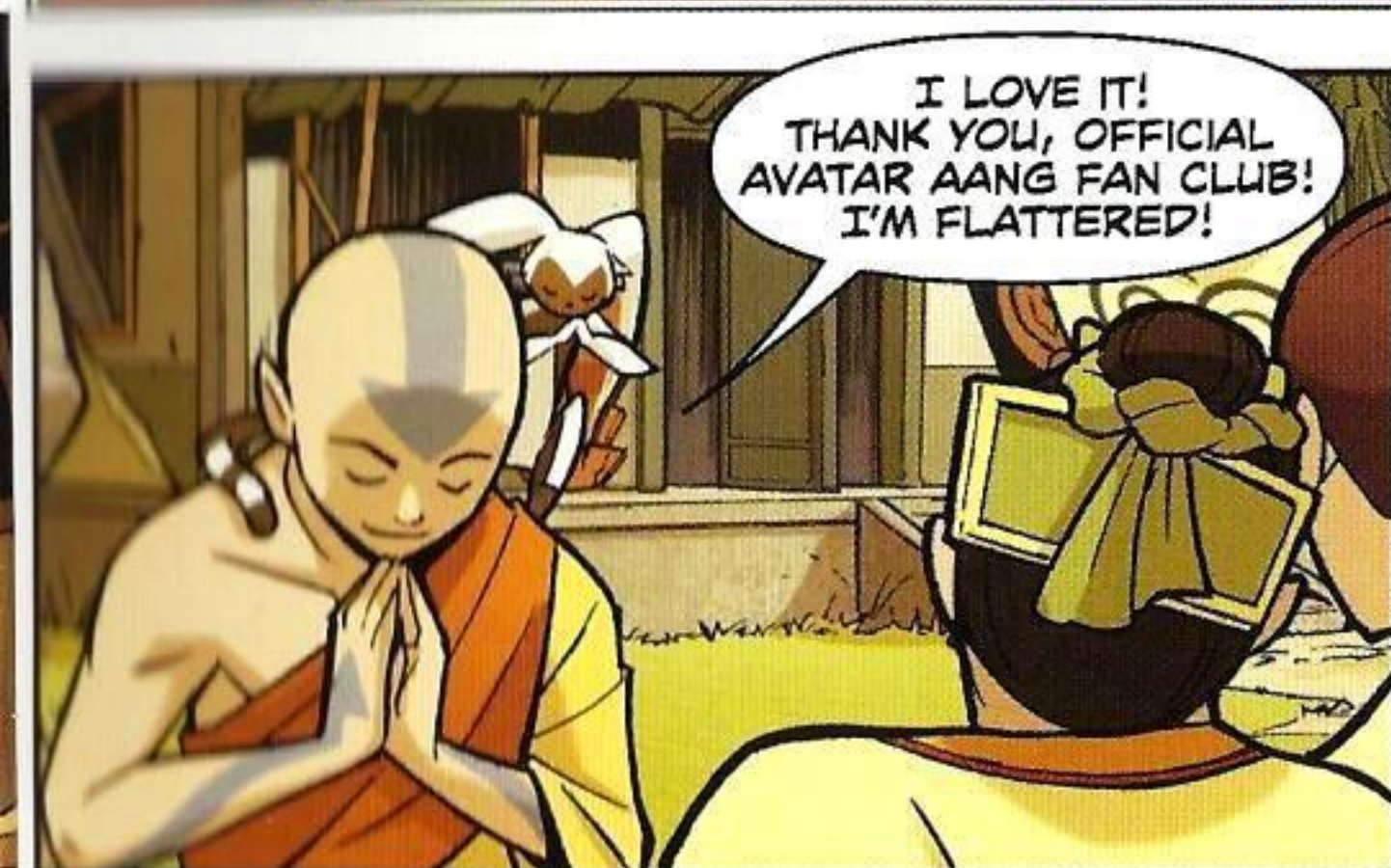
UH...AANG? WE SHOULD GET GOING. IT'S GETTING LATE, AND WE NEED TO FIND A PLACE --

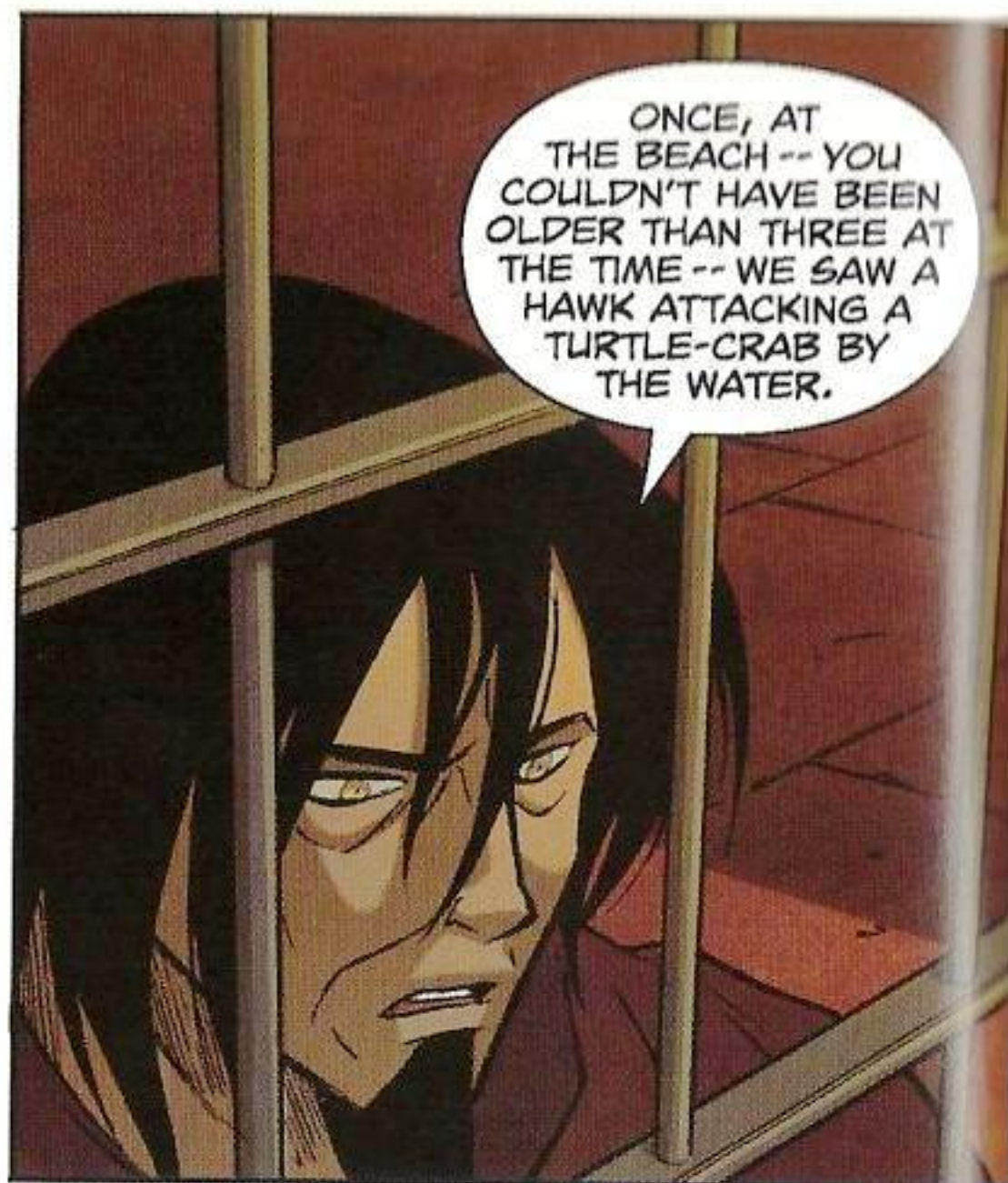
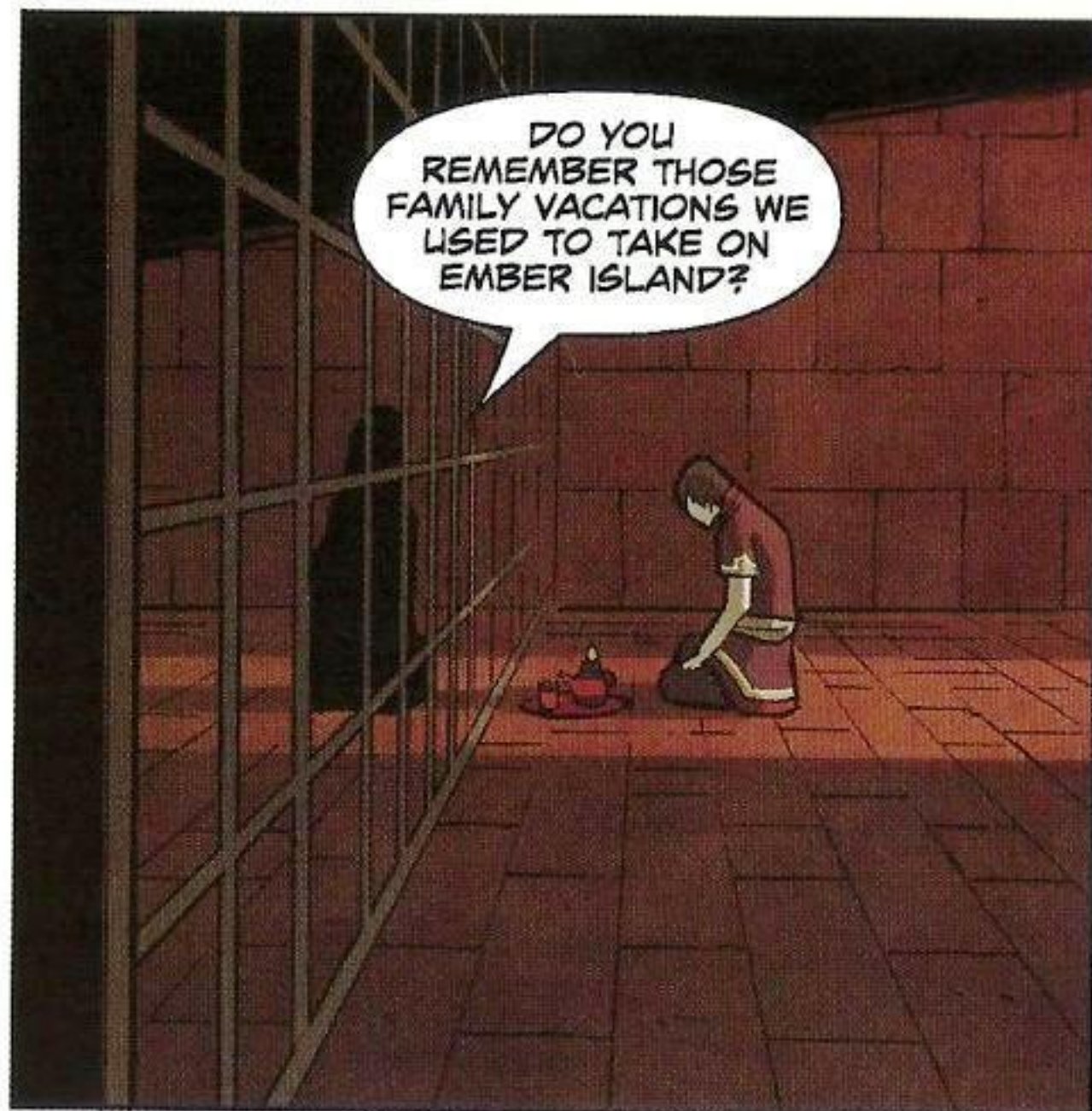


UM, IT'S JUST DOWN THE STREET? AND WE, LIKE, MADE IT LOOK LIKE THE WESTERN AIR TEMPLE, BECAUSE MOST OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS ARE GIRLS AND EVERYTHING?

WOW! I'D LOVE TO SEE IT!







"BEFORE YOU COULD REACH A
DECISION, A GIANT WAVE WASHED
OVER YOU AND CARRIED YOU OUT
INTO THE OCEAN."



I
DOVE IN MYSELF
TO SAVE YOU. YOU
SPENT THE REST OF
THE DAY IN YOUR
MOTHER'S ARMS,
VOMITING SEA-
WATER.



SIP

I CAME HERE
LOOKING FOR ADVICE. I
WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU
WERE ABLE TO SLEEP
PEACEFULLY IN SPITE OF
THE PRESSURES OF
THE THRONE.

AND I
TOLD
YOU.



I DON'T
SEE HOW AN
OLD FAMILY
MEMORY --

I'M
TIRED, ZUKO.
WE'RE DONE
TALKING FOR NOW.
PERHAPS WE WILL
CONTINUE
TOMORROW.



BRING
MORE
TEA.







SO THESE WERE THE MOST QUALIFIED STUDENTS YOU COULD FIND, HUH?



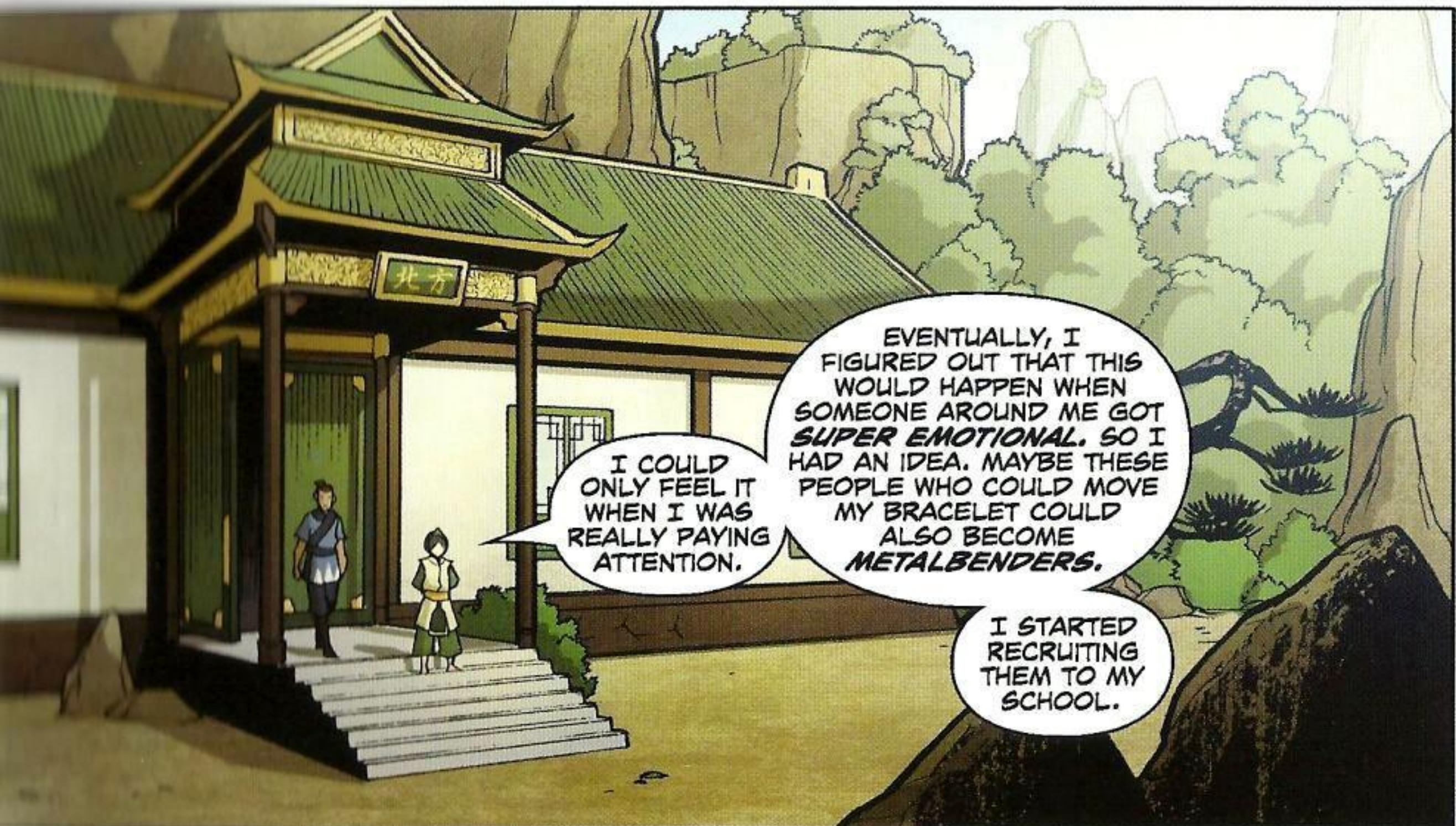
IT WASN'T ME! IT WAS THIS!

OOOH! SPACE BRACELET!



OH, HOW I MISS YOU, SPACE SWORD!

ABOUT A YEAR AGO, I NOTICED THAT EVERY NOW AND THEN, WHEN I WAS IN PUBLIC, MY BRACELET WOULD SHIVER THE TINIEST BIT.



I COULD ONLY FEEL IT WHEN I WAS REALLY PAYING ATTENTION.

EVENTUALLY, I FIGURED OUT THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN WHEN SOMEONE AROUND ME GOT **SUPER EMOTIONAL**. SO I HAD AN IDEA. MAYBE THESE PEOPLE WHO COULD MOVE MY BRACELET COULD ALSO BECOME **METALBENDERS**.

I STARTED RECRUITING THEM TO MY SCHOOL.



"I MET HO TUN IN A RAMEN HOUSE. HE'D JUST FOUND A SPIDER-WASP IN HIS SOUP."

ACK!
DOOM! I SWALLOWED A MOUTHFUL OF DOOM!

"ACTUALLY, IT WAS MORE LIKE HALF A SPIDER-WASP."



"PENGU WAS IN A MARKETPLACE ARGUING OVER SHOES WITH ONE OF HER FAMILY'S SERVANTS."

FORGIVE ME, MISTRESS PENGU, BUT WE'VE ALREADY SPENT ALL THE MONEY YOUR PARENTS ALLOTTED FOR THIS SHOPPING TRIP.

I WANT THEM!
I WANT THEM! I WANT THEM!



"AND THE DARK ONE WAS PEOPLE WATCHING AT A STREET CORNER."

I HATE YOU...AND YOU...AND YOU...AND YOU...

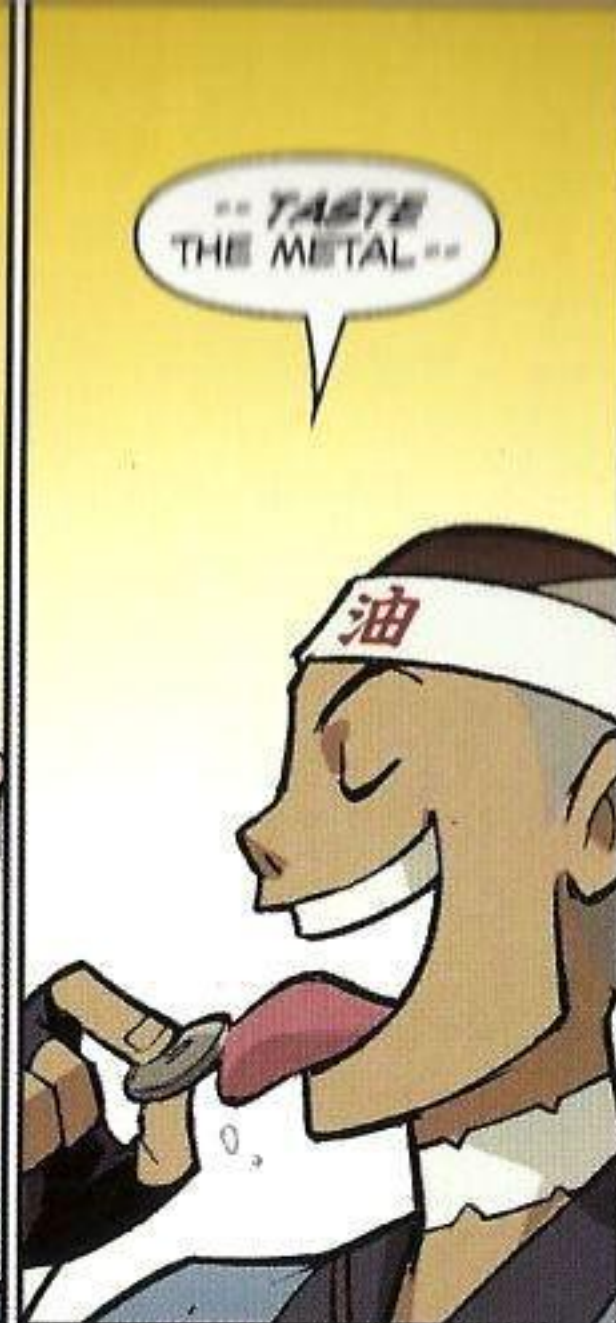




TO
BECOME A TRUE
METALBENDER,
YOU HAVE TO NOT
ONLY *SEE* THE
METAL--



--BUT *HEAR*
THE METAL--



--*TASTE*
THE METAL--



--AND
~~BE~~ THE
METAL!



THAT
DOESN'T EVEN
MAKE SENSE.

WHY
SHOULD WE
LISTEN TO YOU?
YOU'RE NOT A
BENDER!

DON'T
TALK TO MY
BOYFRIEND
THAT WAY!

I'VE
ALREADY
EXPLAINED THIS
TO YOU GUYS! I
AM A BENDER, A
BENDER OF
MOTIVATION!



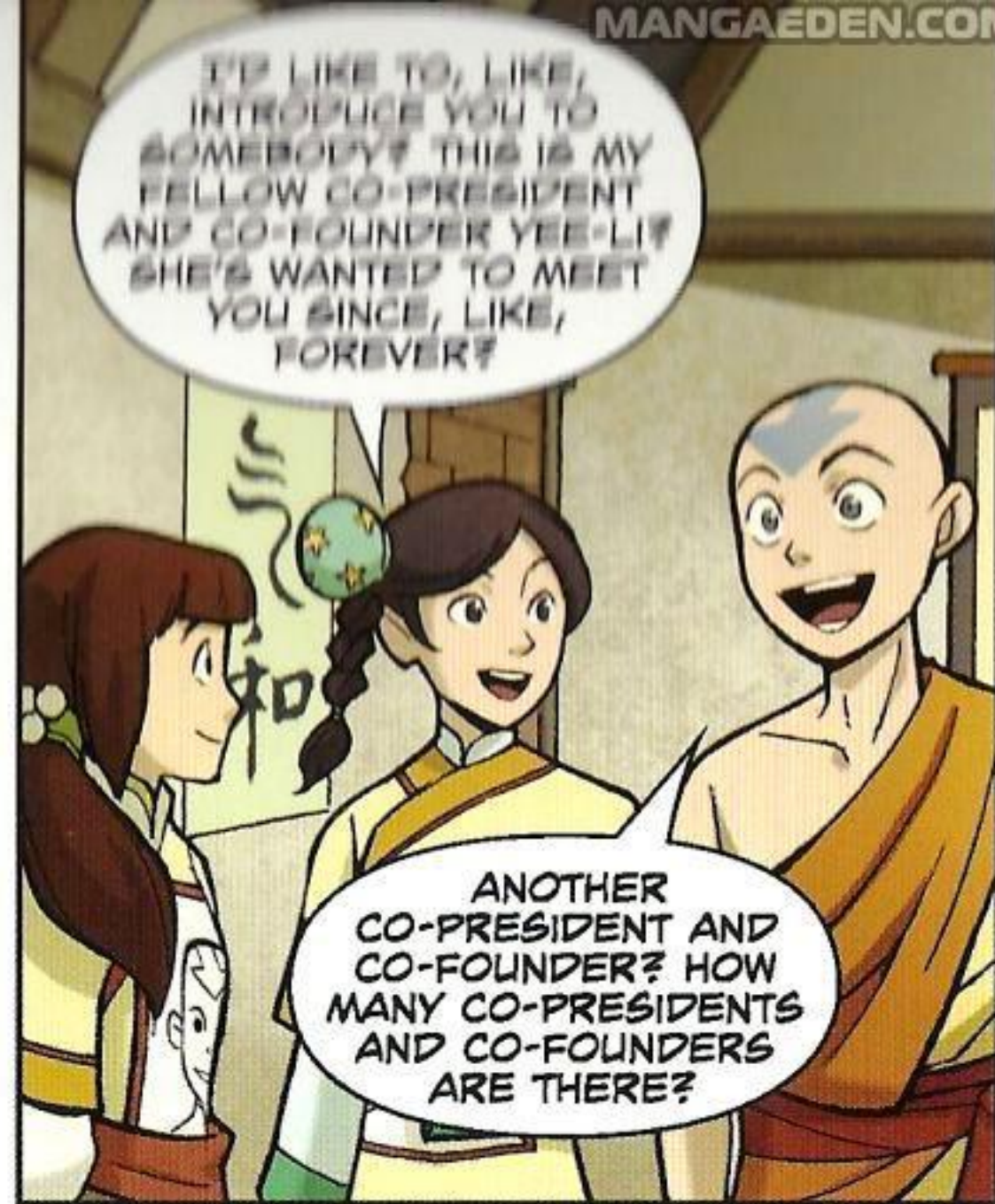
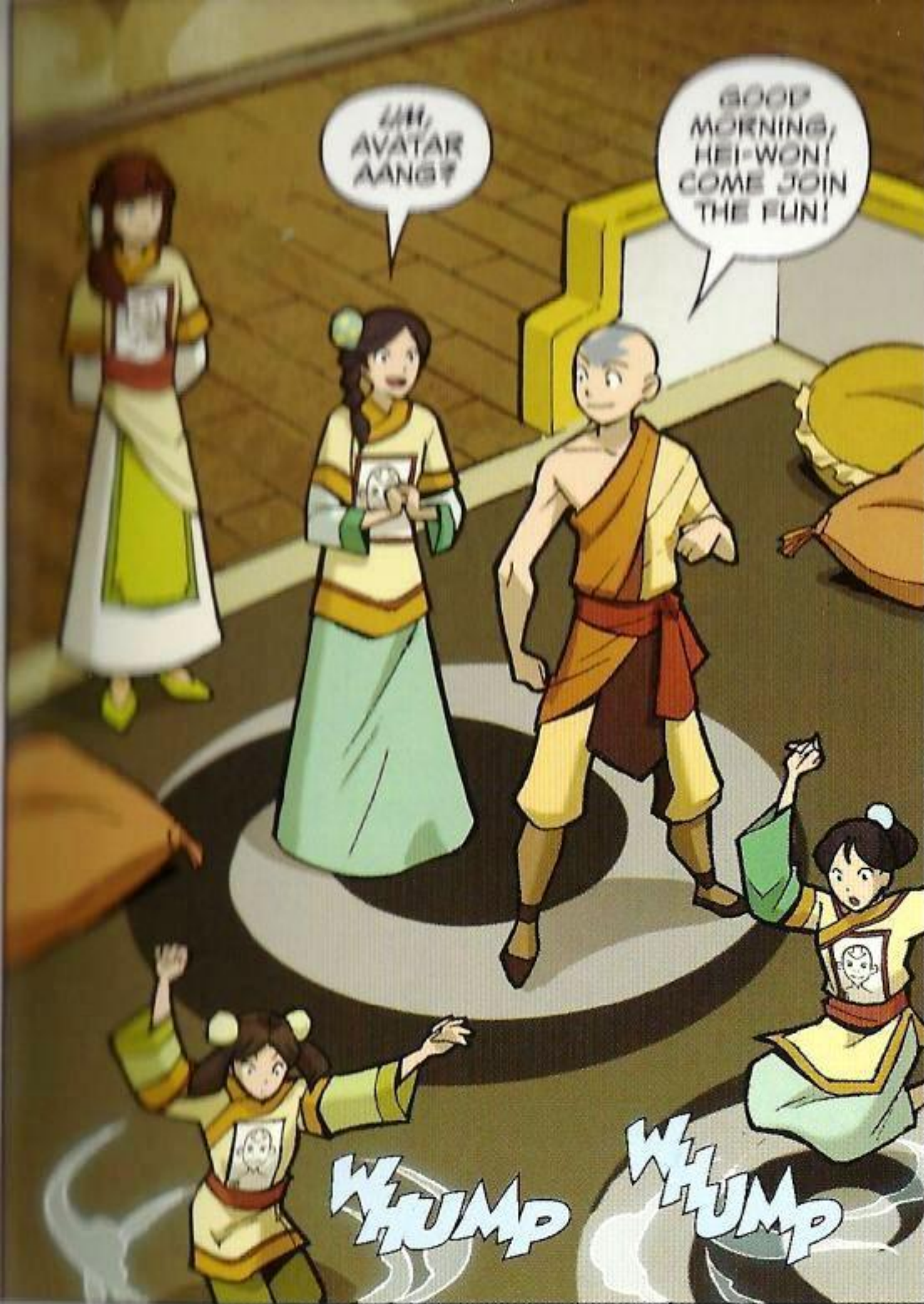
HEY, SOKKA,
AM I DOING THIS
RIGHT? I'M TRYING
TO ROLL MY EYES
AT YOU.

















AT THE
BEACH, I WAS
OVERWHELMED BY
MY CIRCUMSTANCES
BECAUSE I
COULDN'T DECIDE
WHICH SIDE TO
TAKE.

I SHOULD
HAVE SIDED WITH
THE HAWK. IT WAS
BOLD AND NOBLE,
MUCH LIKE THE FIRE
NATION. IT HAD
EARNED ITS
MEAL.



BUT I'VE
ALREADY DONE
THAT, FATHER!
I'M NO LONGER
NEGLECTING THE
NEEDS OF MY OWN
PEOPLE, AS I DID
WHEN I FIRST TOOK
THE THRONE! AND
I STILL CAN'T
SLEEP!



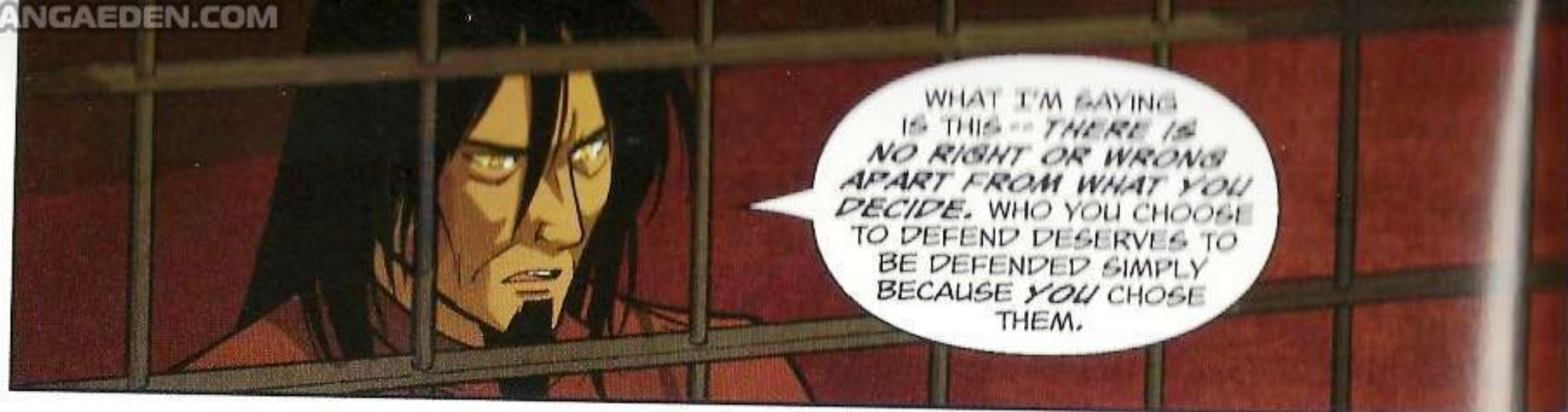
YOU'RE
ONLY PARTIALLY
CORRECT IN YOUR
ASSESSMENT. YOUR
SLEEPLESSNESS DOES
INDEED STEM FROM
YOUR INABILITY TO
CHOOSE SIDES, TO
DISTINGUISH WHAT
IS RIGHT.

BUT
YOU'RE
WRONG
ABOUT THE
HAWK.



SO YOU'RE
SAYING...I
SHOULD HAVE
DEFENDED THE
TURTLE-CRAB? I
SHOULD HAVE
SIDED WITH THE
WEAKER OF
THE TWO?





WHAT I'M SAYING
IS THIS -- THERE IS
NO RIGHT OR WRONG
APART FROM WHAT YOU
DECIDE. WHO YOU CHOOSE
TO DEFEND DESERVES TO
BE DEFENDED SIMPLY
BECAUSE *YOU* CHOSE
THEM.



YOU
ARE THE *FIRE*
LORD.

WHAT YOU
CHOOSE, BY
DEFINITION,
IS *RIGHT*.



NO!
RIGHT AND
WRONG ARE BIGGER
THAN *ME*, OR *YOU*,
OR EVEN *THE*
AVATAR!

AND I
BELIEVE THAT THE
AVATAR, THE EARTH
KING, AND I CAN COME
CLOSEST TO WHAT'S
RIGHT BY WORKING
TOGETHER!



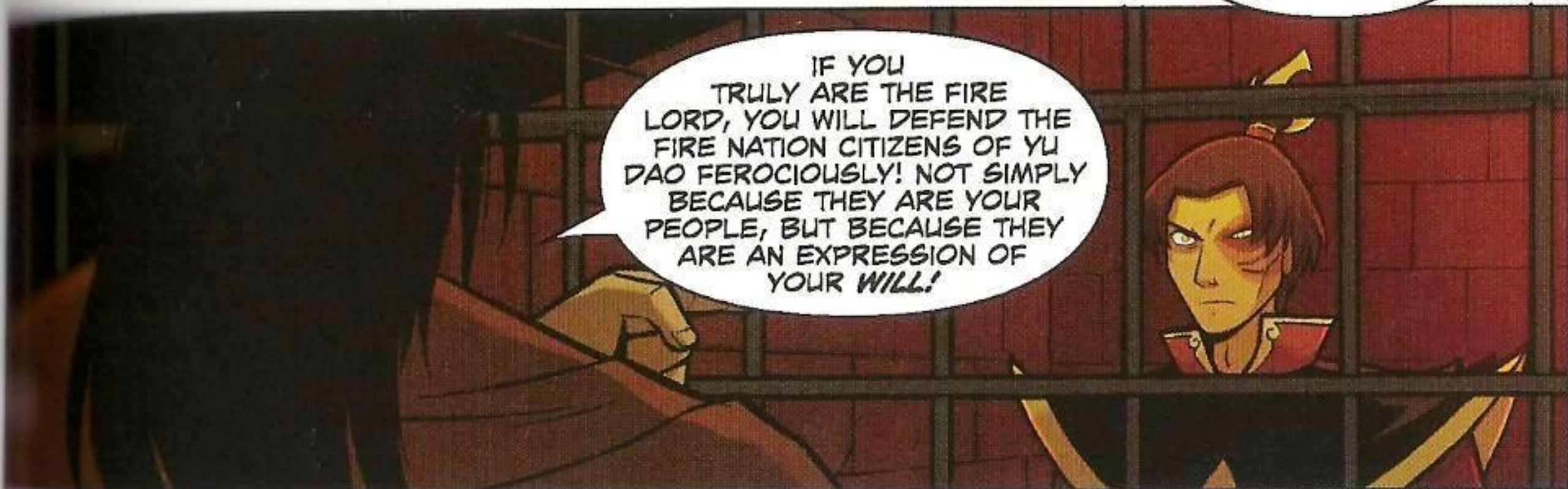
I'VE
HEARD RUMORS
ABOUT THIS LITTLE
MEETING OF
YOURS.





DO YOU THINK THE EARTH KING, AFTER BEING HUMILIATED TIME AND TIME AGAIN BY OUR MIGHTY NATION AND HIS OWN INCOMPETENCE, WILL BE **REASONABLE?** DO YOU THINK HE'LL TREAT THE REMAINING FIRE NATION COLONIALS **FAIRLY?**

IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESTORE HIS OWN DIGNITY, HE'LL SEND OUT HIS ARMY TO CRUSH THEM!



IF YOU TRULY ARE THE FIRE LORD, YOU WILL DEFEND THE FIRE NATION CITIZENS OF YU DAO FEROCIOUSLY! NOT SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE YOUR PEOPLE, BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE AN EXPRESSION OF YOUR **WILL!**



I'M GOING TO **WAIT**, AND MY PATIENCE WILL BE REWARDED WITH A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION FOR EVERYONE! EVEN AS WE SPEAK, THE AVATAR IS --

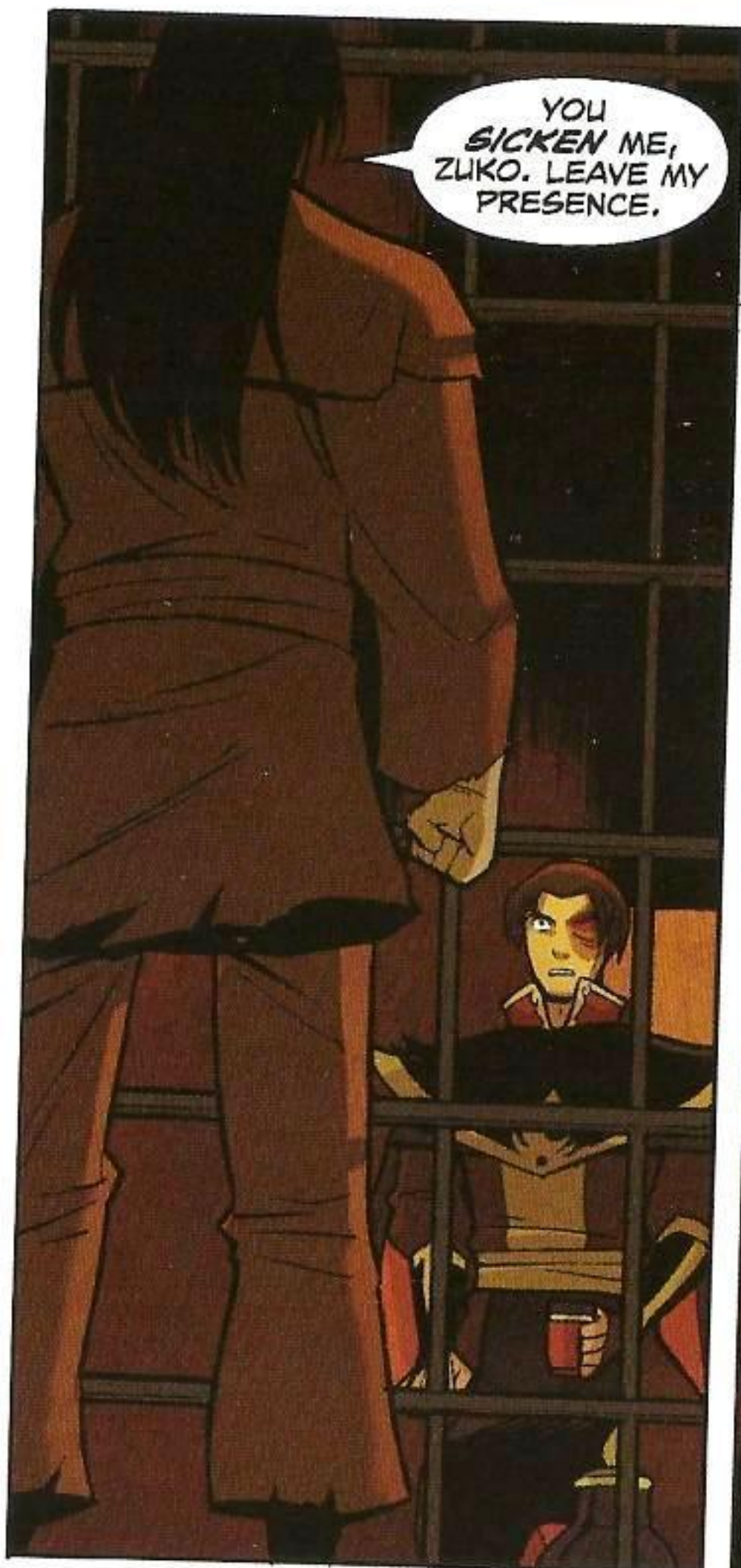
THE AVATAR IS AN IRRELEVANT RELIC OF A BYGONE AGE! HE WANTS TO KEEP THE WORLD FROZEN IN TIME BY DENYING THE INEVITABLE VICTORY OF THE STRONG OVER THE WEAK!



AVATAR AANG IS MY FRIEND! MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, HE'S BEEN ON THE **SIDE** THAT'S **RIGHT!** I TRUST HIM.



MORE THAN YOU TRUST YOURSELF?







I JUST
HAD THE
BEST IDEA
EVER!

YOU SAID
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT JUST
HAPPENED!

IT DID! IN MY
BRAIN. LISTEN! YOU
SAID YOUR STUDENTS
WERE ABLE TO MOVE
YOUR SPACE BRACELET
WHEN THEY WERE
SUPER EMOTIONAL.

WELL, TO
MAKE THEM INTO
METALBENDERS, WE
JUST HAVE TO GET THEM
SUPER-MEGA-LIBER
EMOTIONAL!

AND HOW DO
YOU PLAN TO DO
THAT? LET ME GUESS.
YOU'RE GONNA WEAR
TWO FANCY
HEADBANDS!

VERY
FUNNY.

I'VE BEEN
THINKING. FOR
HO TUN, IT'S
EASY --

YES! AND
PENG --

OF
COURSE!

DOOM.

SHOES.

THE
DARK ONE'S THE
ONLY ONE I CAN'T
FIGURE OUT. WHAT
GETS TO HIM MORE
THAN ANYTHING IN
THE WHOLE
WORLD?



HIS REAL NAME, BUT I PROMISED I WOULDN'T EVER TELL ANYBODY.



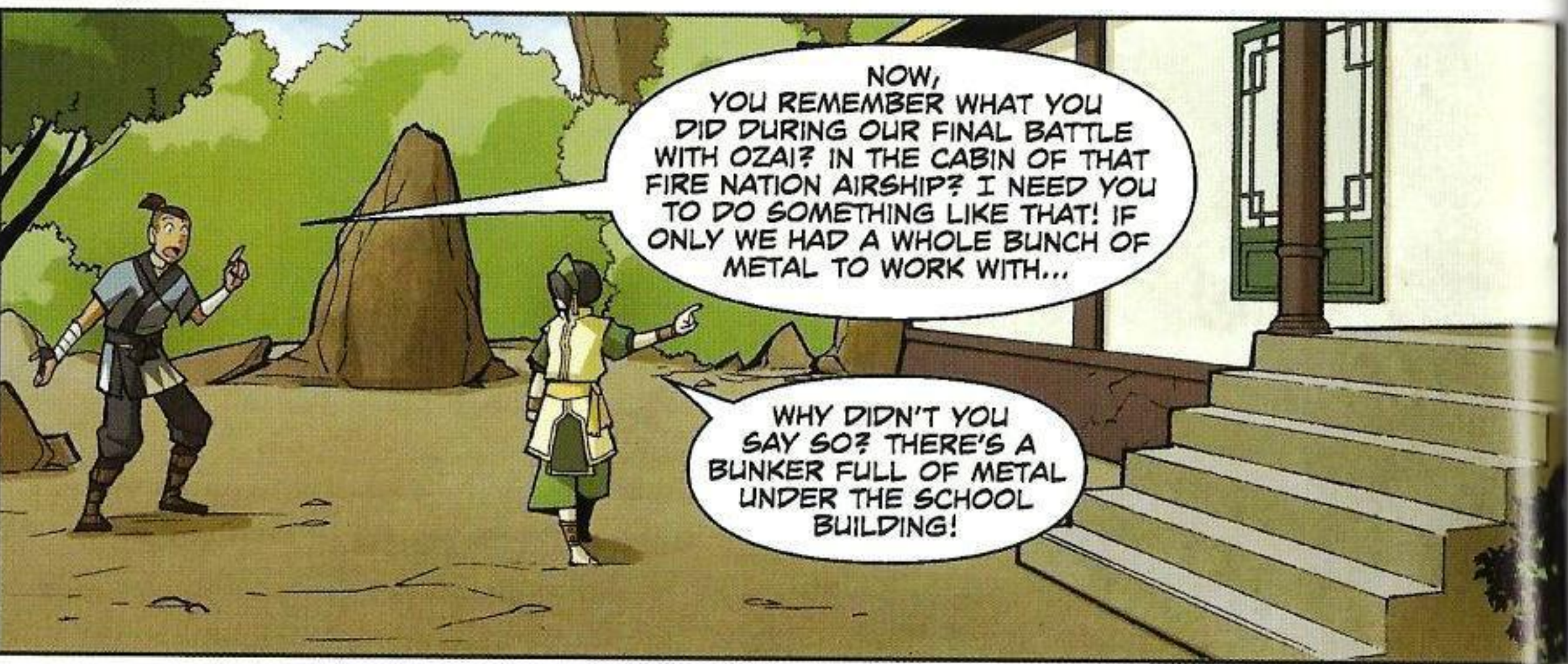
PLEASE PLEASEPLEASE PLEASE--

OKAY, OKAY! QUIT YOUR BLUBBERING!



NO. WAY. WHAT WERE HIS PARENTS THINKING?

I KNOW, RIGHT? NO WONDER THAT GUY HATES EVERYTHING!



NOW, YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU DID DURING OUR FINAL BATTLE WITH OZAI? IN THE CABIN OF THAT FIRE NATION AIRSHIP? I NEED YOU TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT! IF ONLY WE HAD A WHOLE BUNCH OF METAL TO WORK WITH...

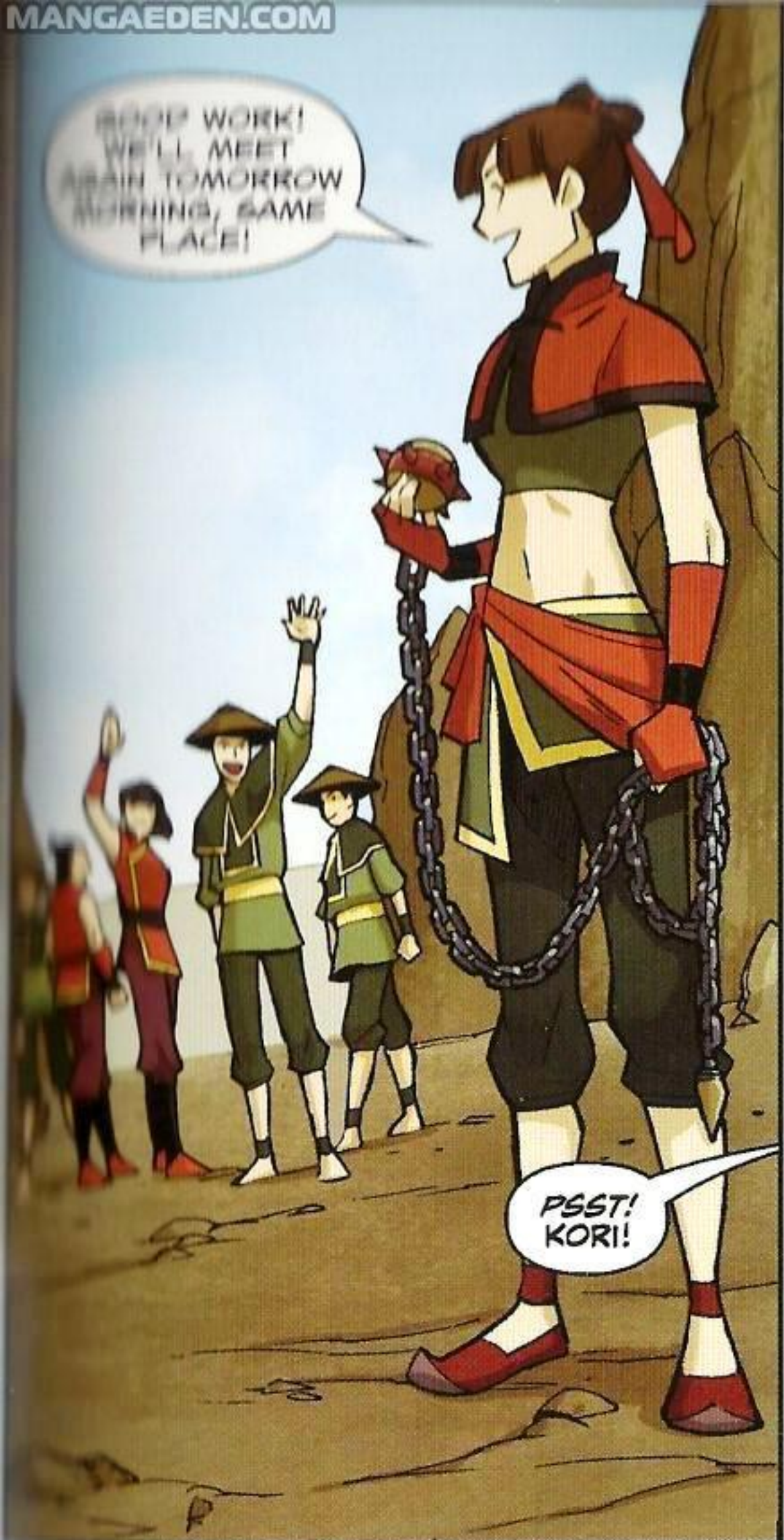
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO? THERE'S A BUNKER FULL OF METAL UNDER THE SCHOOL BUILDING!









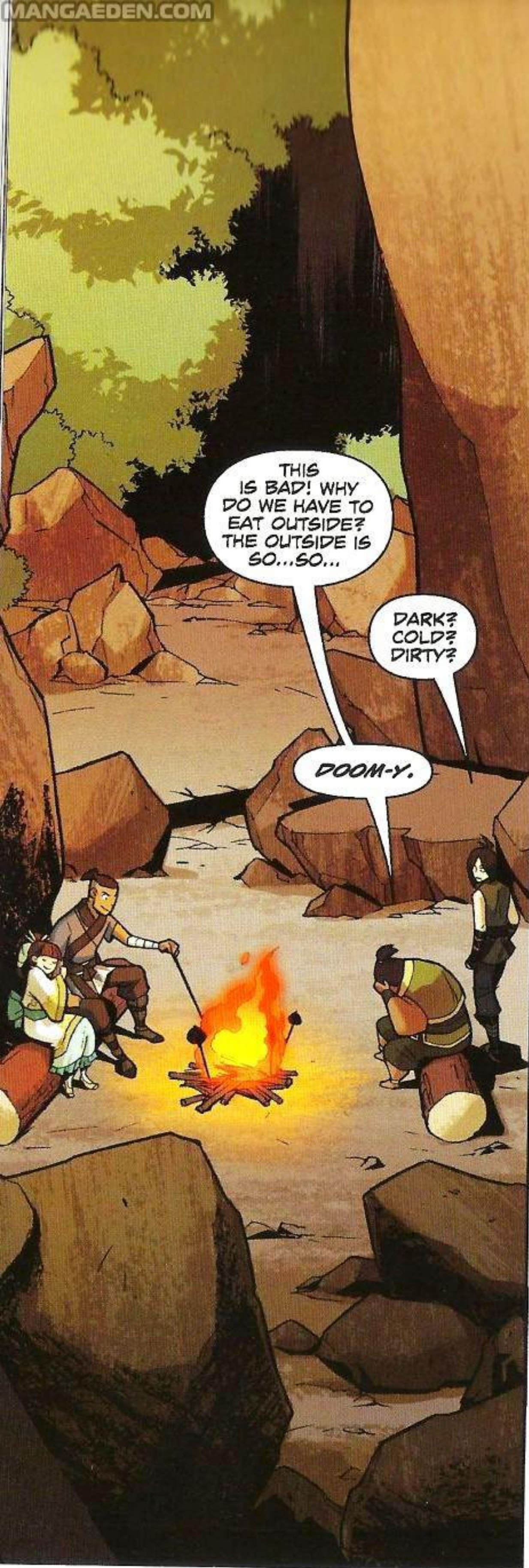


SO I COULD TRAIN WITH MY *COUSINS*. AND ONLY TWO OF THEM ARE FIREBENDERS! WE HAVE TO BE READY TO DEFEND YU DAO! DIDN'T YOU HEAR THOSE PROTESTERS OUTSIDE THE CITY WALLS A COUPLE DAYS AGO?









MY BOYFRIEND'S SO SILLY SOMETIMES! EVERYONE IN THE EARTH KINGDOM KNOWS THAT THE WHITE FLYING BOAR IS THE BEIFONG FAMILY SYMBOL!

NO! I MEAN, YES IT IS, BUT THAT'S NOT WHY THAT BANNER WAS THERE!

SILU TOPI HUNG THAT BANNER UP TO PLACATE *THE WINGED BOAR SPIRIT* THAT HAUNTS THIS MOUNTAIN!



YES! THE WINGED BOAR SPIRIT! THE ANCIENT HARBINGER OF DOOM AND EATER OF FINE FOOTWEAR!





AND NOW THAT
KUNYO'S BURNED
DOWN THE BANNER,
WE CAN PROBABLY
EXPECT TO --

OH LOOK,
SPEAK OF THE
WINGED BOAR-
SPIRIT! THERE
IT IS RIGHT
NOW!

AAAH!



IT'S
EATING MY
SHOES! HOW'D
IT FIND MY
SHOES?!

NOM!
NOM! NOM!



MOMMY,
SAVE ME
FROM MY
DOOM...E

NO!!! NOT
THE JADE PLATFORM!
ANYTHING BUT THE
JADE PLATFORM!



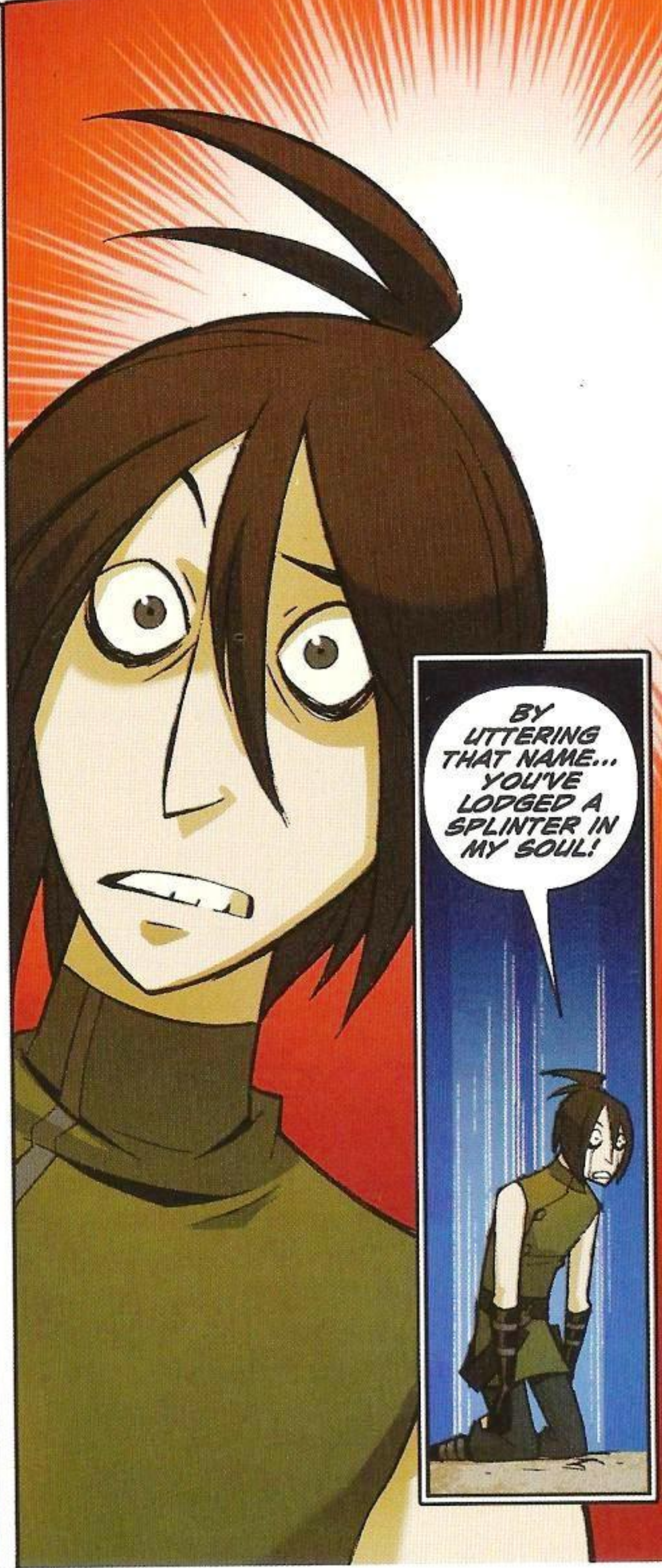
THIS IS
RIDICULOUS.
I KNOW THAT'S
YOU IN THERE,
GIFU TOPH.



CREAK

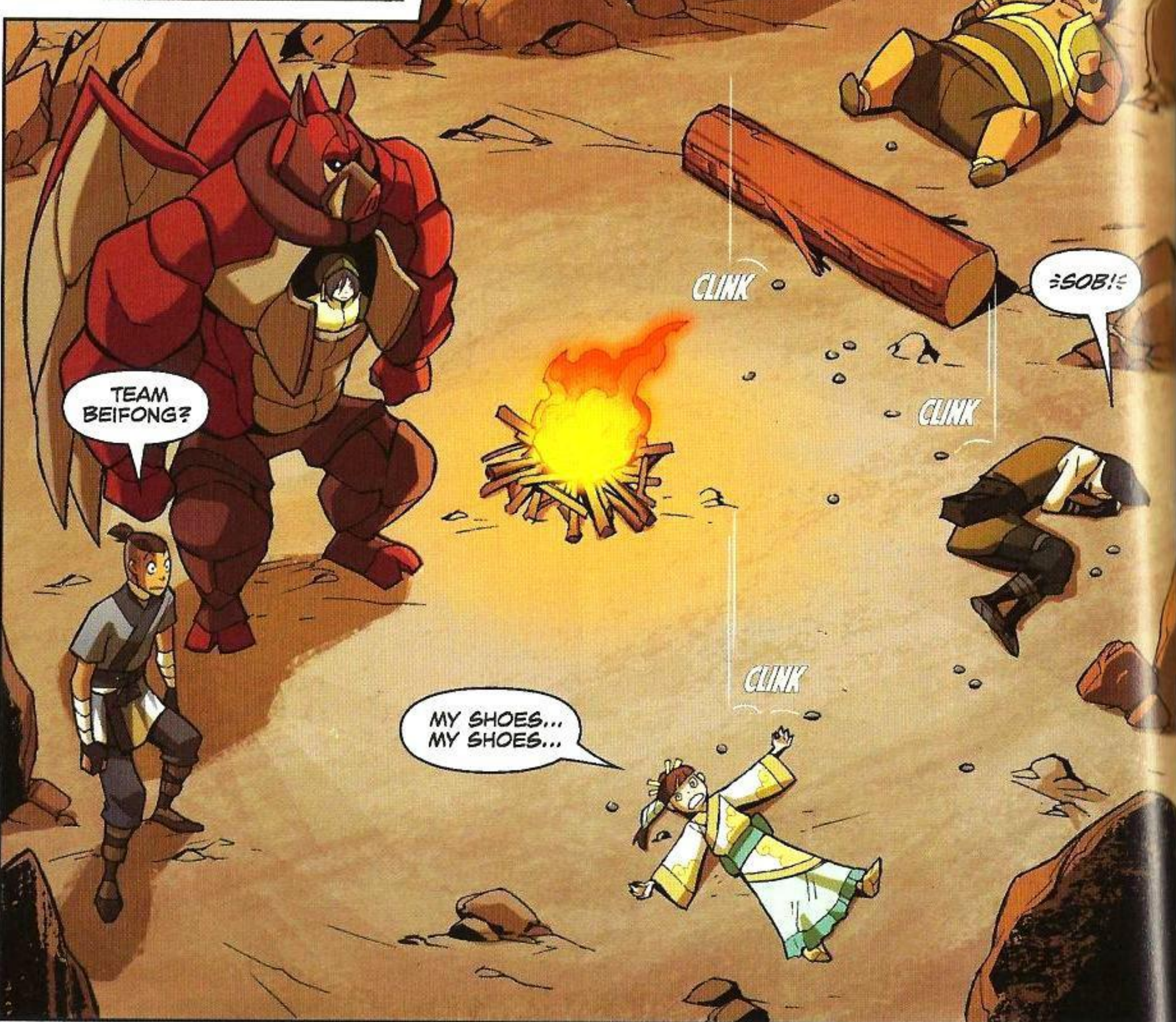
VERY
PERCEPTIVE,
THE DARK ONE!
OR SHOULD
I SAY...

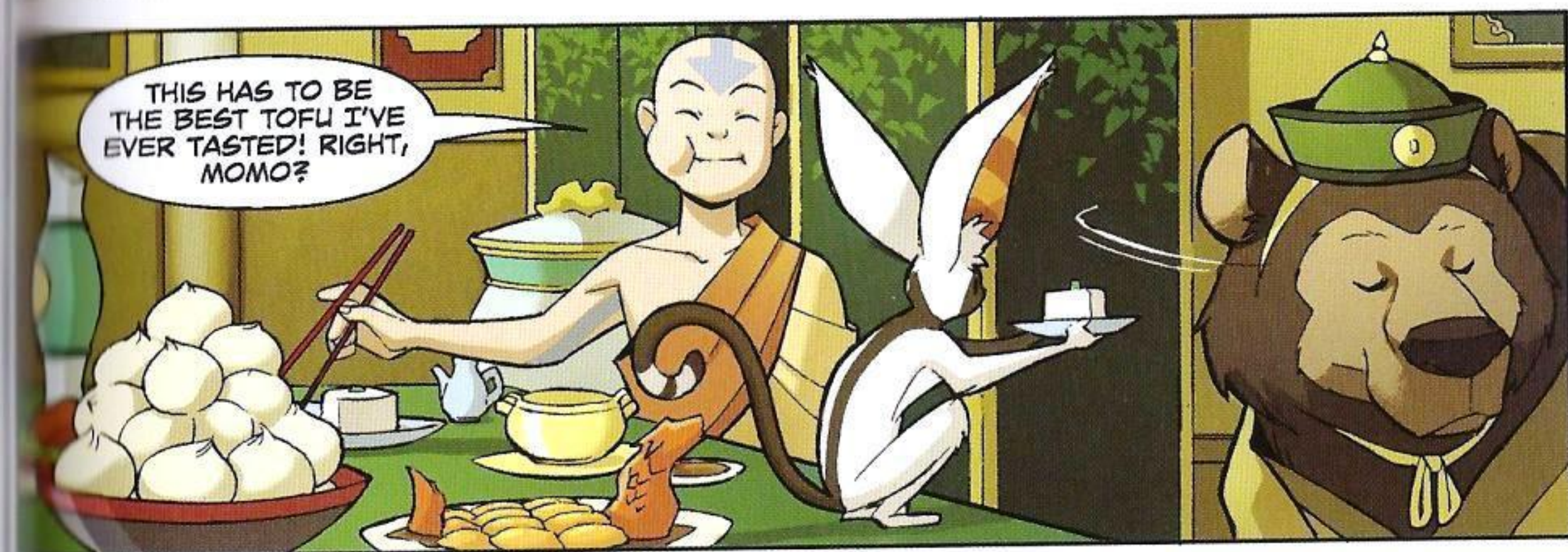
MOO-
CHEE-GOO-
CHEE-LA-POO-
CHEE! THE
THIRD!



BY
UTTERING
THAT NAME...
YOU'VE
LODGED A
SPLINTER IN
MY SOUL!









ALL MY LIFE, I'VE BEEN WEAK--SO WEAK THAT MY MOST TRUSTED ADVISOR WAS ABLE TO HIDE A HUNDRED YEARS' WAR BEHIND A CURTAIN OF LIES!



WELL, I'M TIRED OF BEING WEAK! IT'S TIME FOR ME TO BE A MAN!

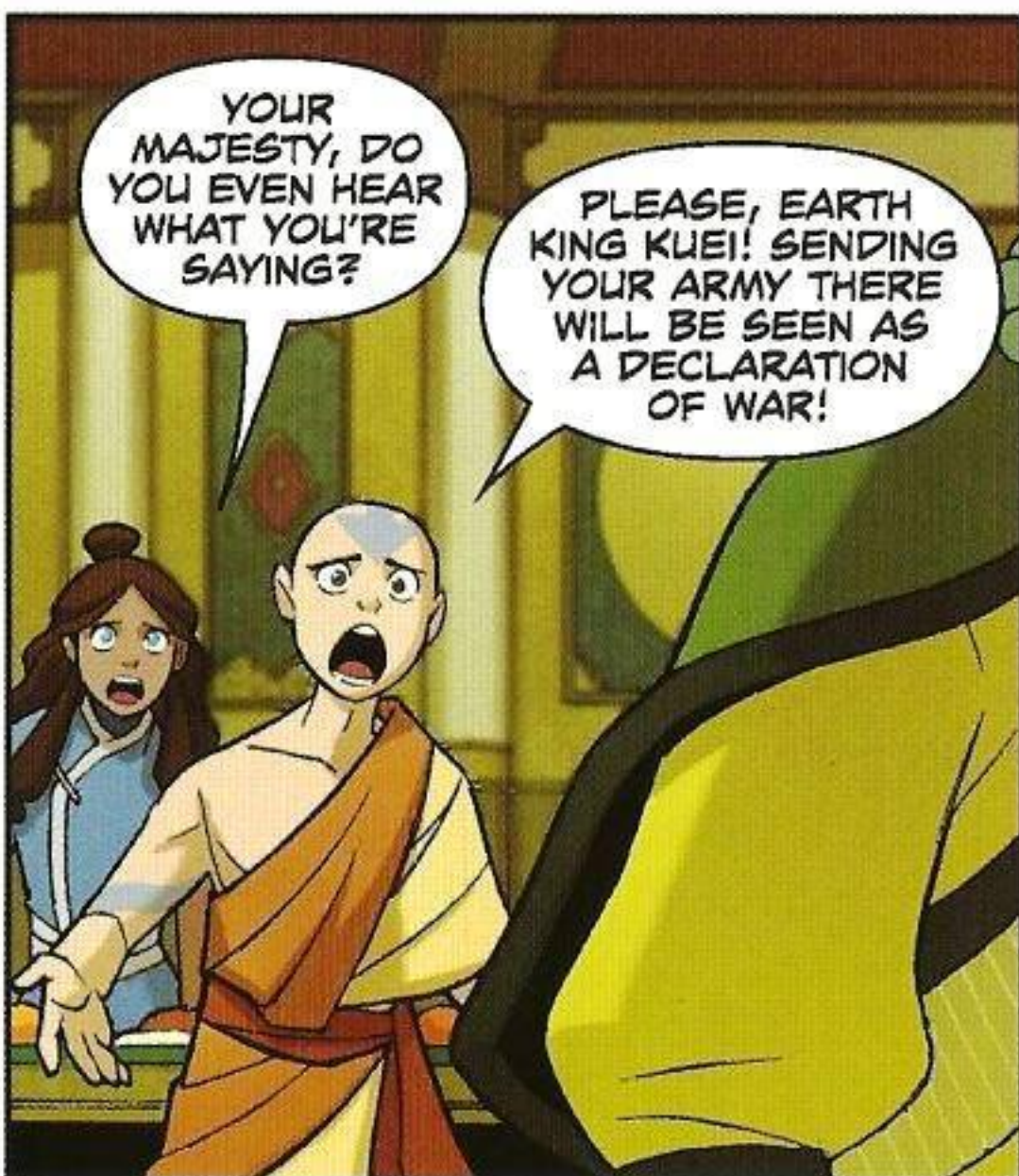
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?



FIRE LORD ZUKO PROMISED HE WOULD SEE THE HARMONY RESTORATION MOVEMENT THROUGH TO THE VERY END. NOW HE'S TURNED HIS PROMISE INTO A LIE! WHY SHOULD I MEET WITH HIM--SO HE CAN TELL ME MORE LIES?

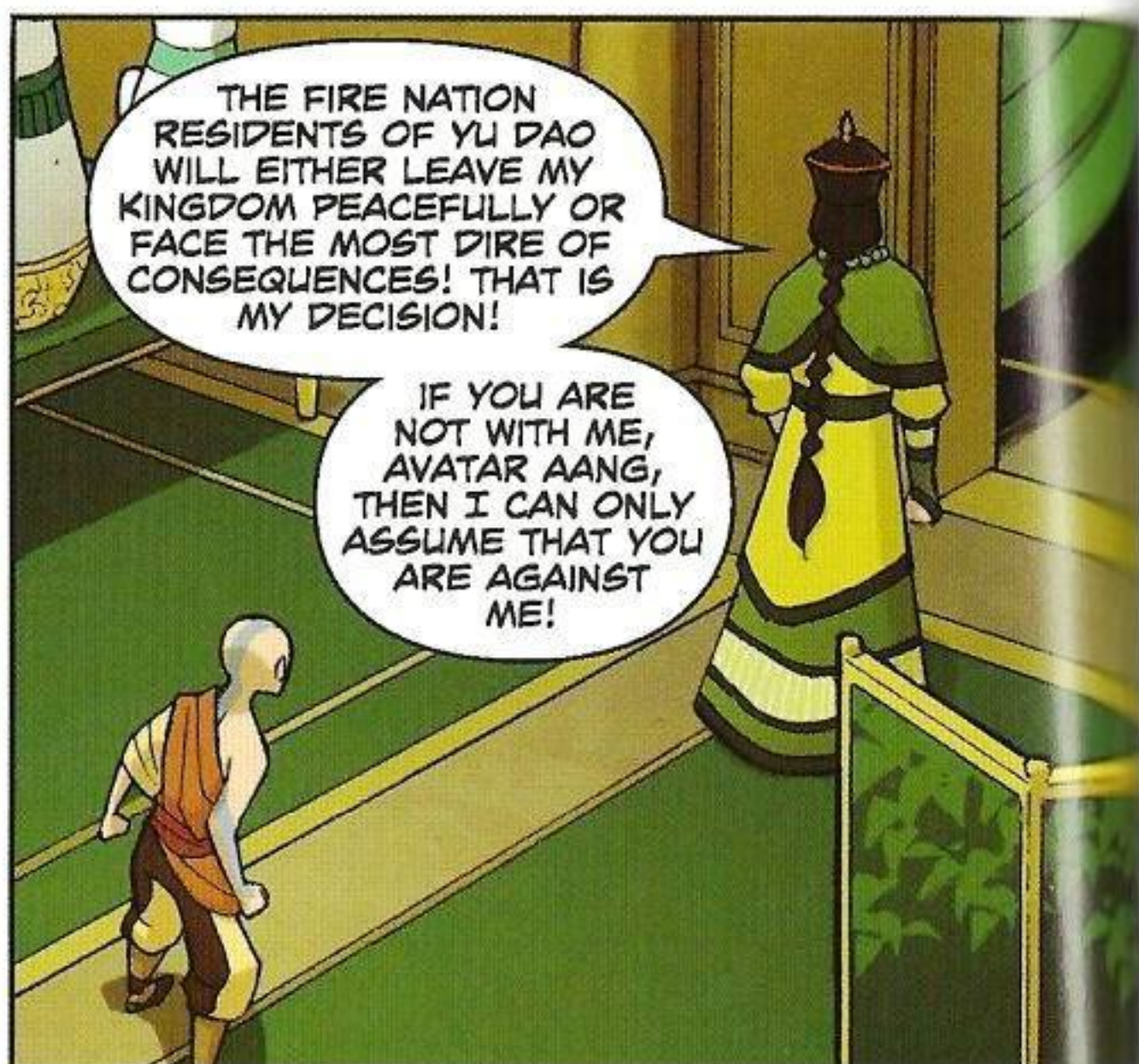
I WILL NOT STAND FOR ANY MORE LIES!

I WILL ORDER GENERAL HOW TO LEAD MY TROOPS TO YU DAO AND **ENFORCE HARMONY!**



YOUR MAJESTY, DO YOU EVEN HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

PLEASE, EARTH KING KUEI! SENDING YOUR ARMY THERE WILL BE SEEN AS A DECLARATION OF WAR!



THE FIRE NATION RESIDENTS OF YU DAO WILL EITHER LEAVE MY KINGDOM PEACEFULLY OR FACE THE MOST DIRE OF CONSEQUENCES! THAT IS MY DECISION!

IF YOU ARE NOT WITH ME, AVATAR AANG, THEN I CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT YOU ARE AGAINST ME!







WE
HAVE TO GET
BACK TO YU DAO
-- THE SOONER
THE BETTER!



HOPEFULLY, WE
CAN CONVINCE THE
FIRE NATION COLONISTS
TO EVACUATE BEFORE
GENERAL HOW GETS
THERE.

THOSE PEOPLE
WOULD BE LEAVING
THEIR HOMES...MAYBE
EVEN THEIR *FAMILIES*.
AANG, WHAT HAPPENS
IF THEY REFUSE
TO GO?



THE EARTH
KING IS RIGHT,
YOU KNOW. NOT
ABOUT SENDING HIS
ARMY, BUT ABOUT
ZUKO BREAKING
HIS PROMISE.

PROMISES
SHOULDN'T BE
BROKEN. NOT
EVER.



SORRY,
BUDDY. WE'VE
GOT A LONG
NIGHT OF FLYING
AHEAD OF US.
YIP, YIP!



FLY,
MESSENGER
BIRD, FLY! TELL
OUR SISTERS IN THE
YU DAO CHAPTER
THAT THE AVATAR
NEEDS THEIR
HELP!

GREETINGS,
ENEMIES OF
KUNYO! PREPARE TO
BE ROASTED IN THE
FLAMES OF YOUR
OWN DEFEAT!

NICE
HEADGEAR,

I FIND IT A
CONVENIENT WAY
TO CARRY FLAME,
I CAN TAKE IT
OFF ANY TIME
I WANT.

WHERE
ARE YOUR
STUDENTS,
YOUNG
LADY?

IT'S TIME
TO BEGIN OUR
DEADLY MATCH
TO THE...UH,
SIT!







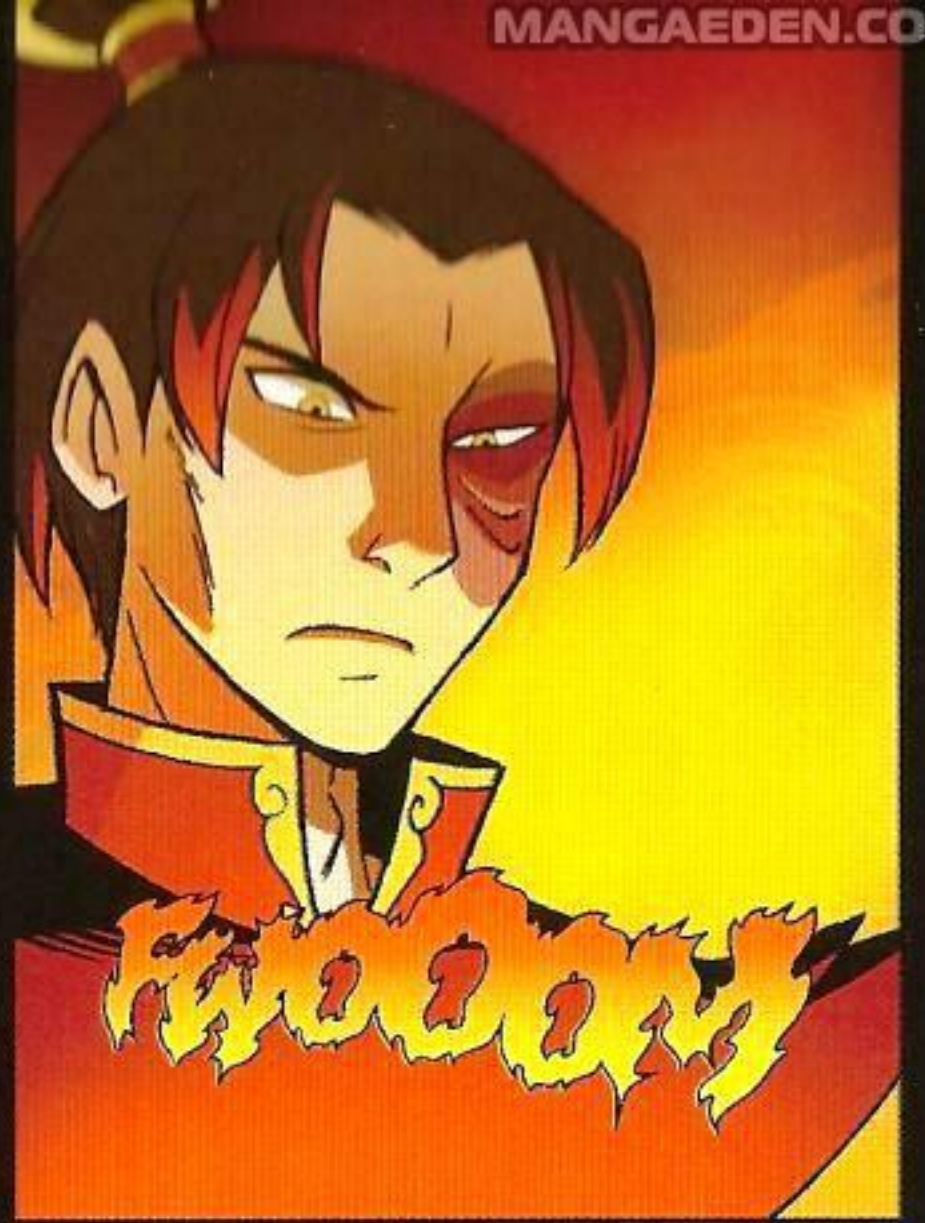
















ARGH! WHY WOULD I SAY THAT? SO STUPID...

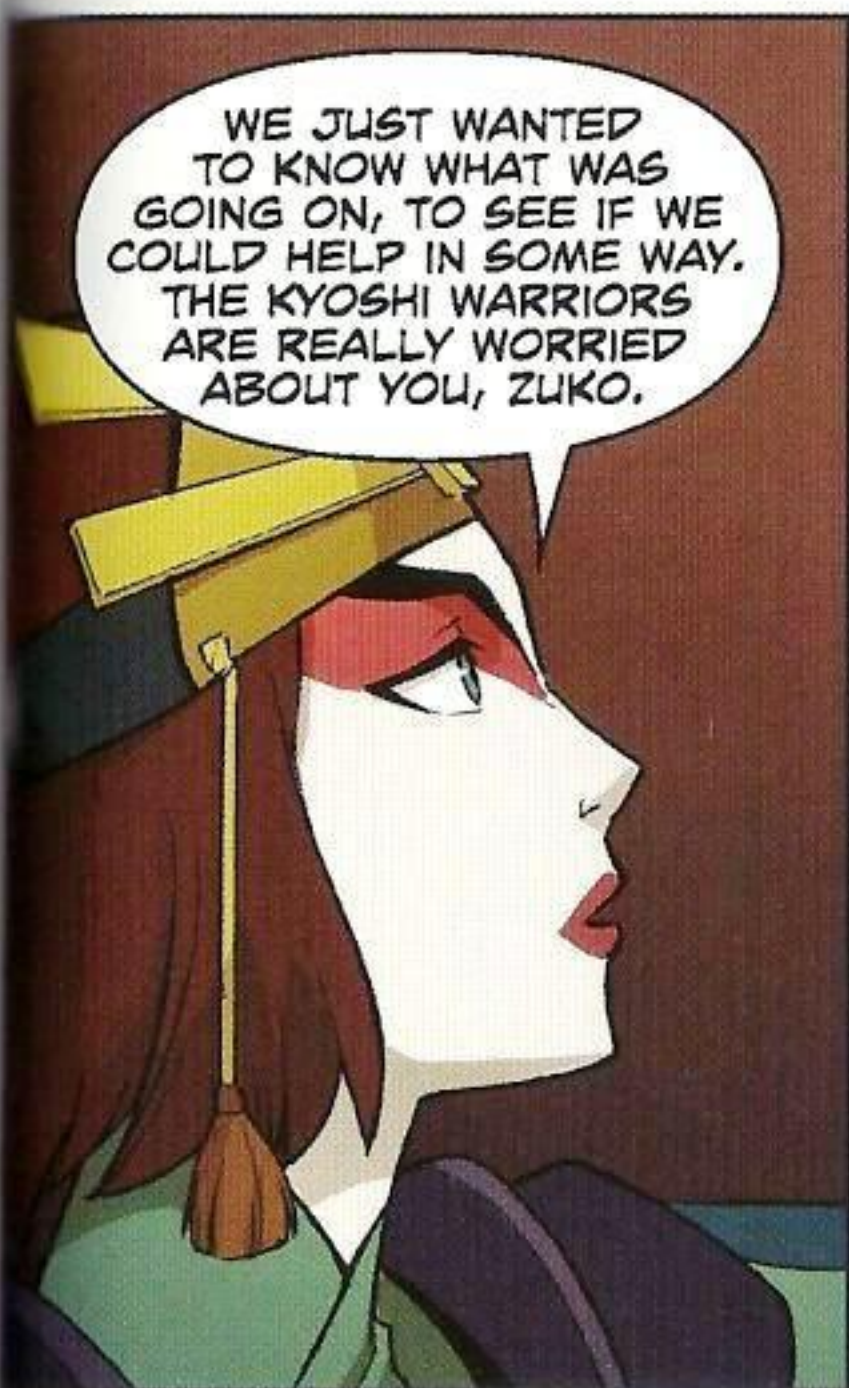


THIS IS MY FAULT! I'M SO SORRY! WHEN I ASKED HER TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR FATHER, THAT WASN'T QUITE WHAT I HAD IN MIND.



SUKI! BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW -- ?

I FOLLOWED YOU YESTERDAY MORNING. SORRY ABOUT THAT, TOO.

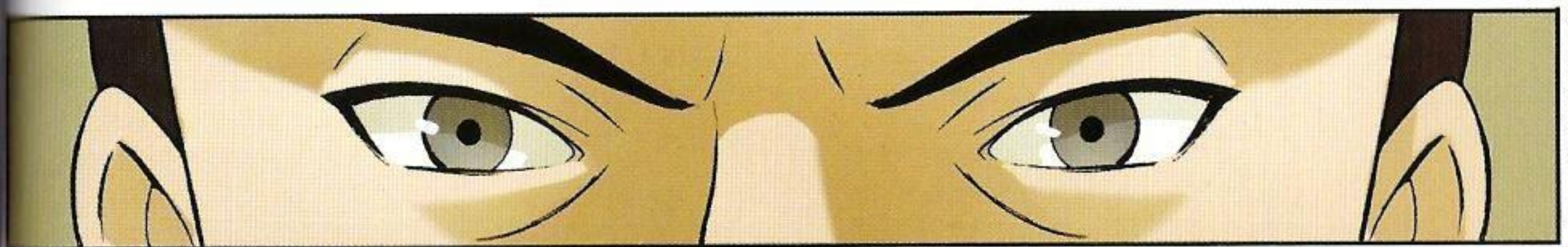
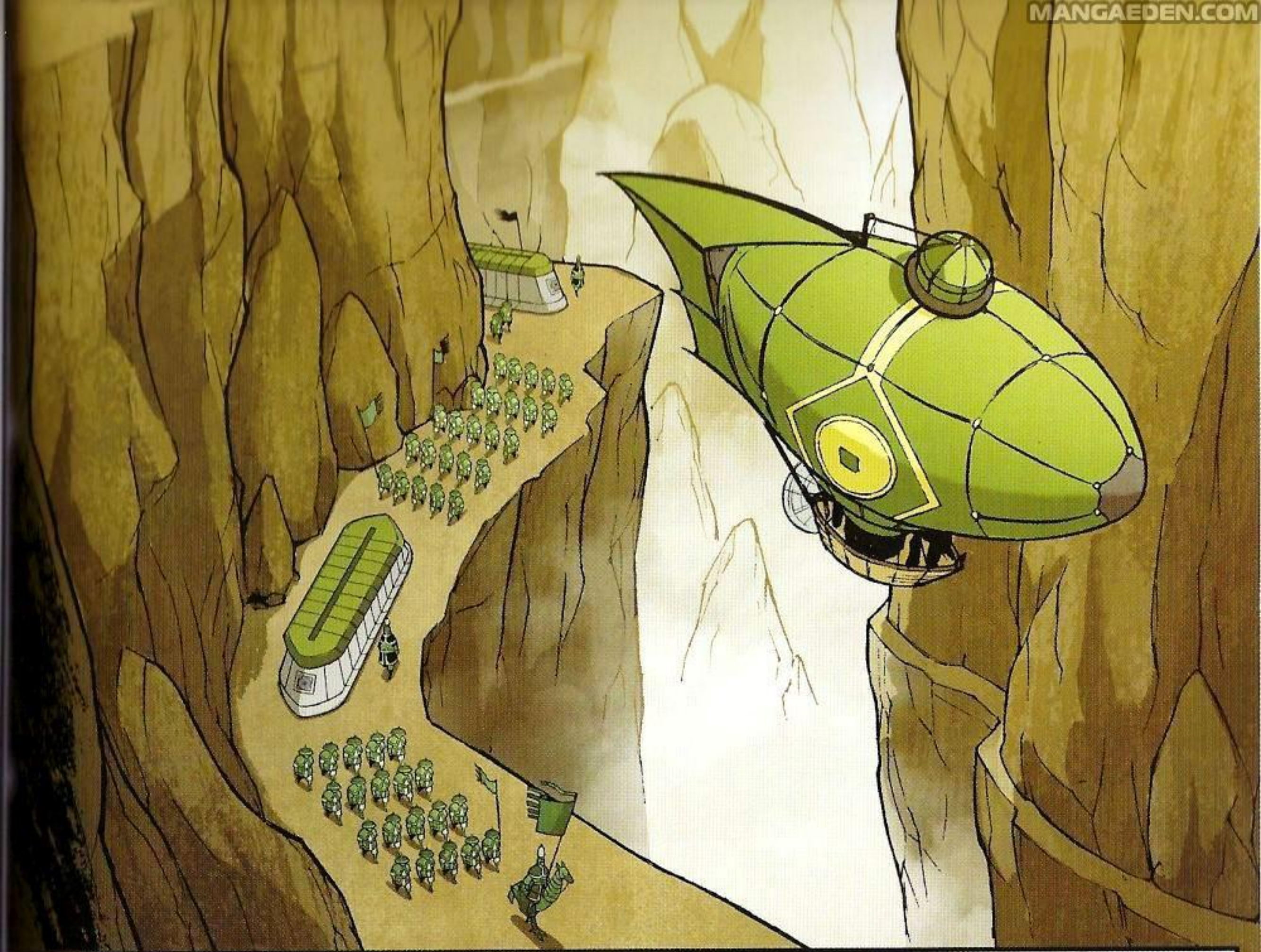


WE JUST WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON, TO SEE IF WE COULD HELP IN SOME WAY. THE KYOSHI WARRIORS ARE REALLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU, ZUKO.



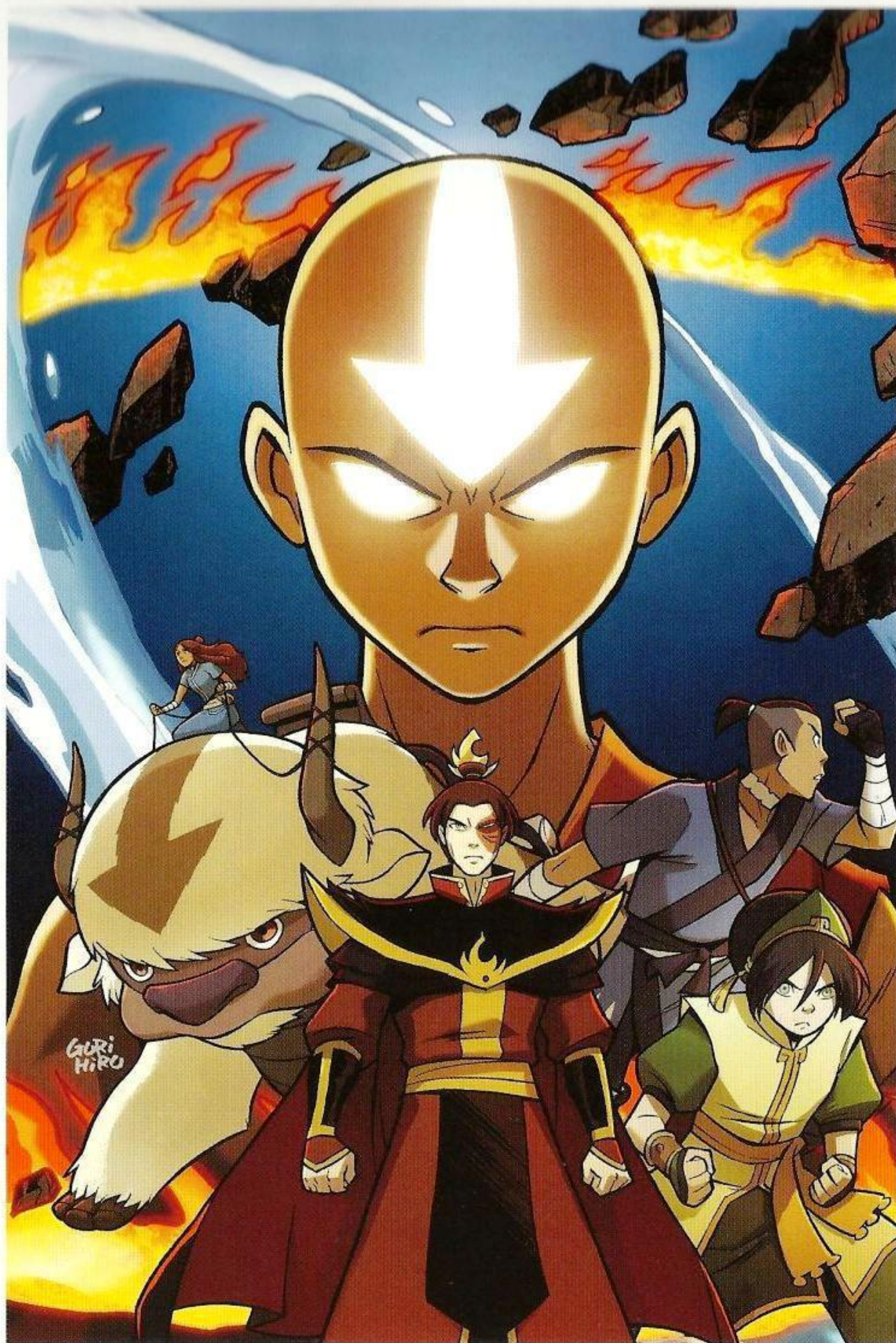
I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.







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