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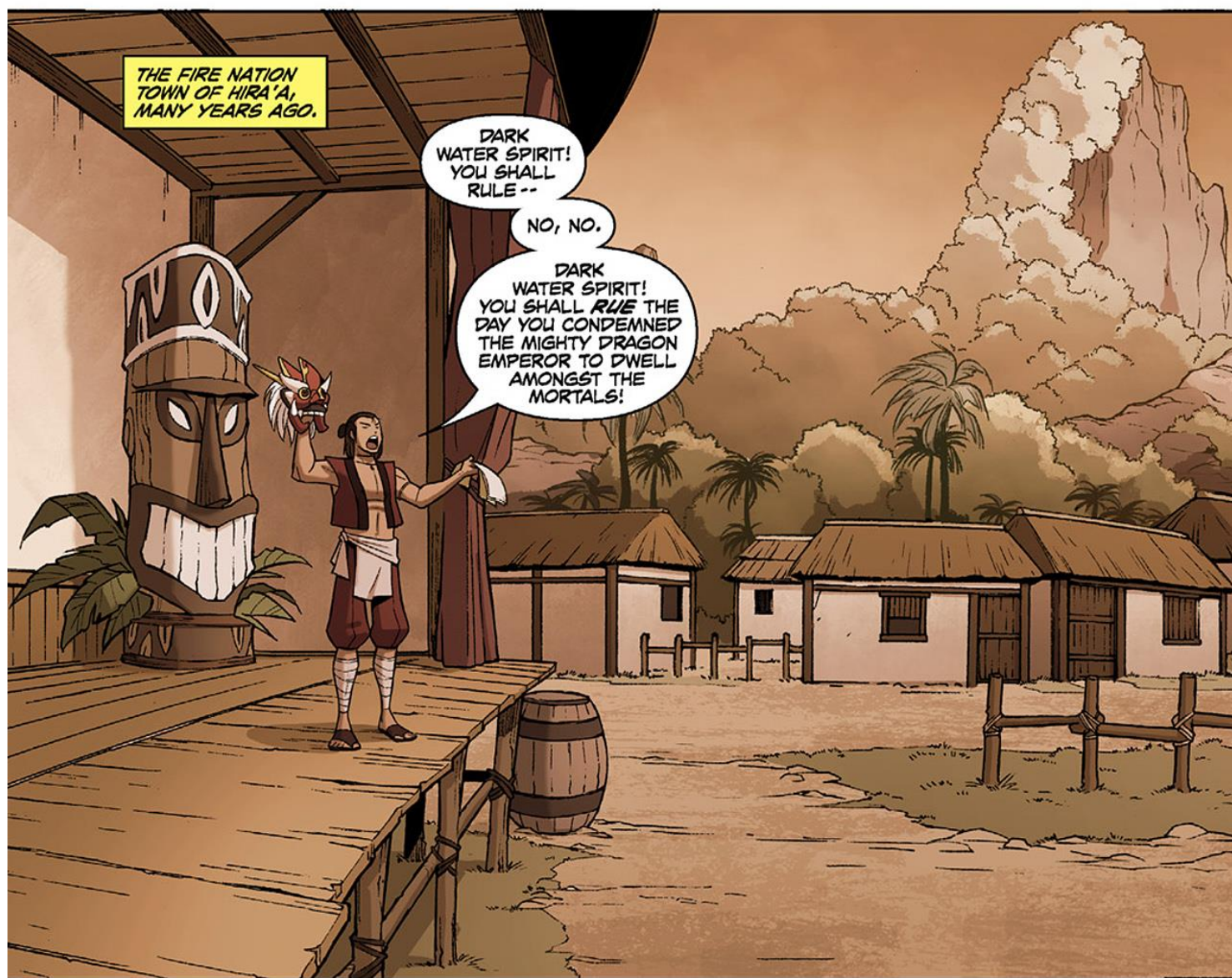
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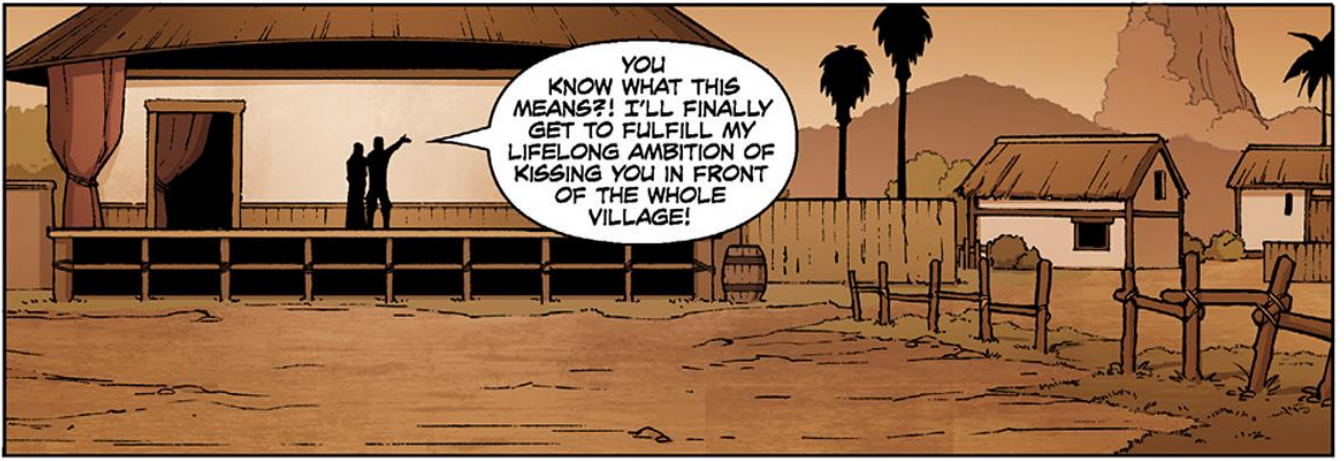
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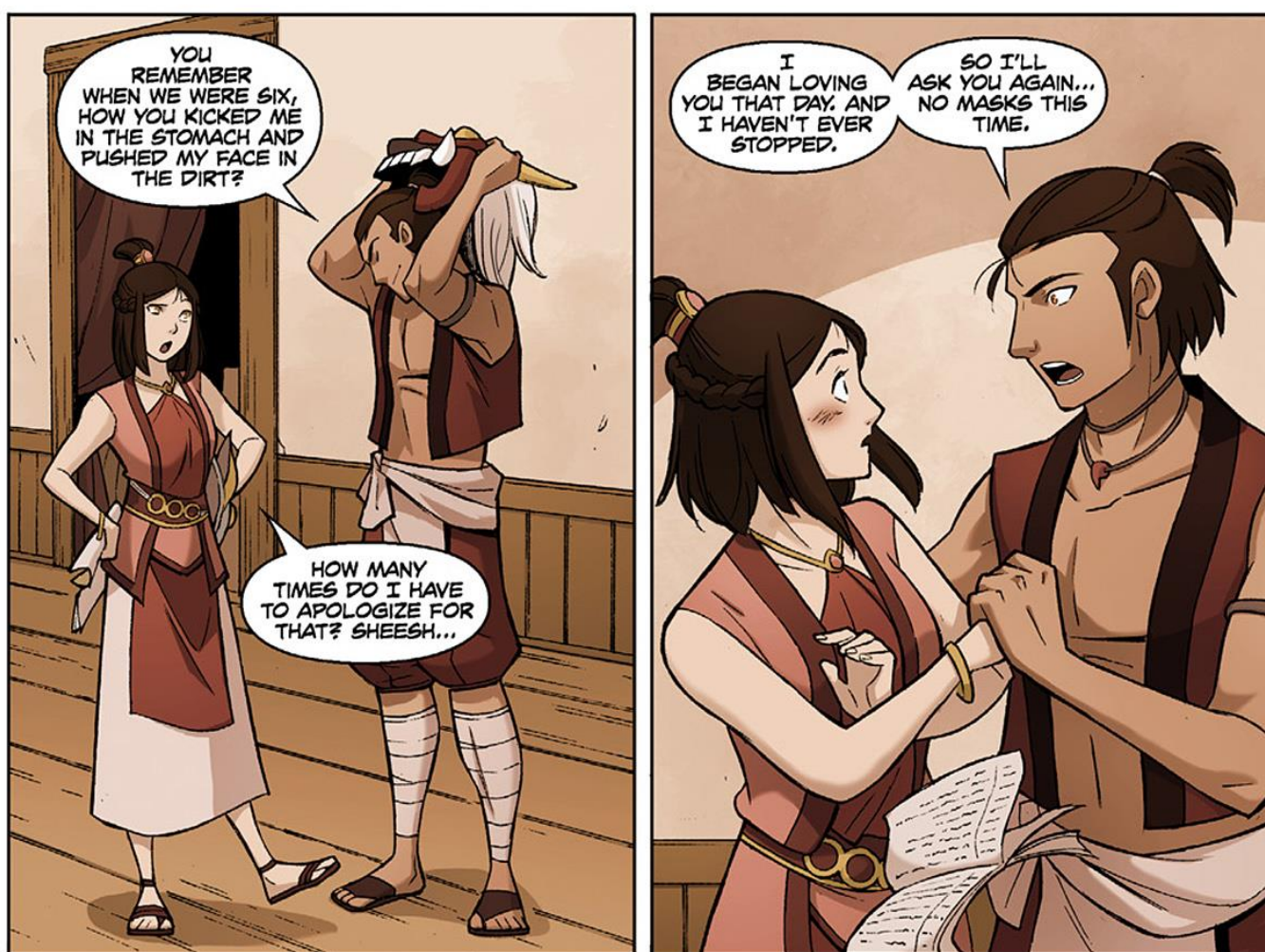
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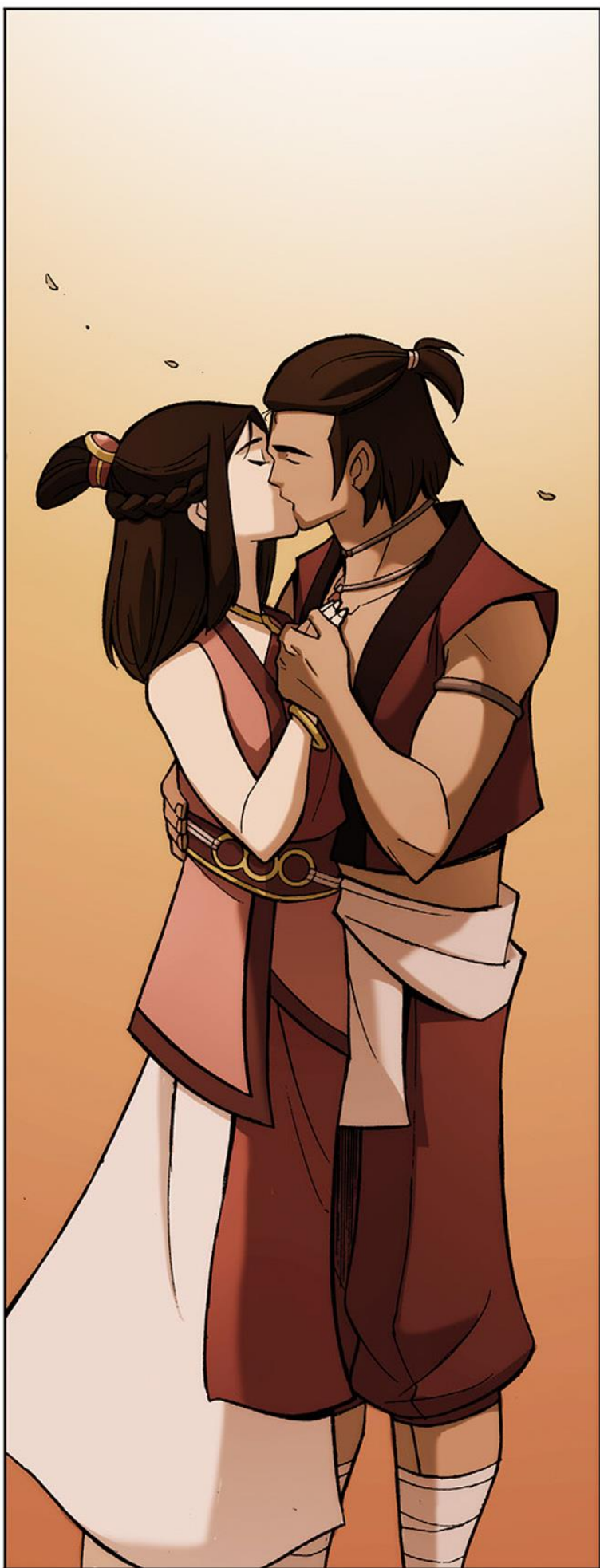
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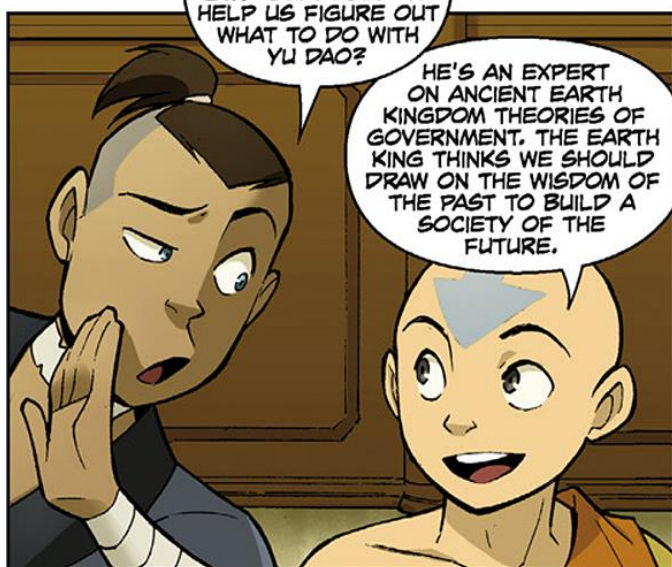
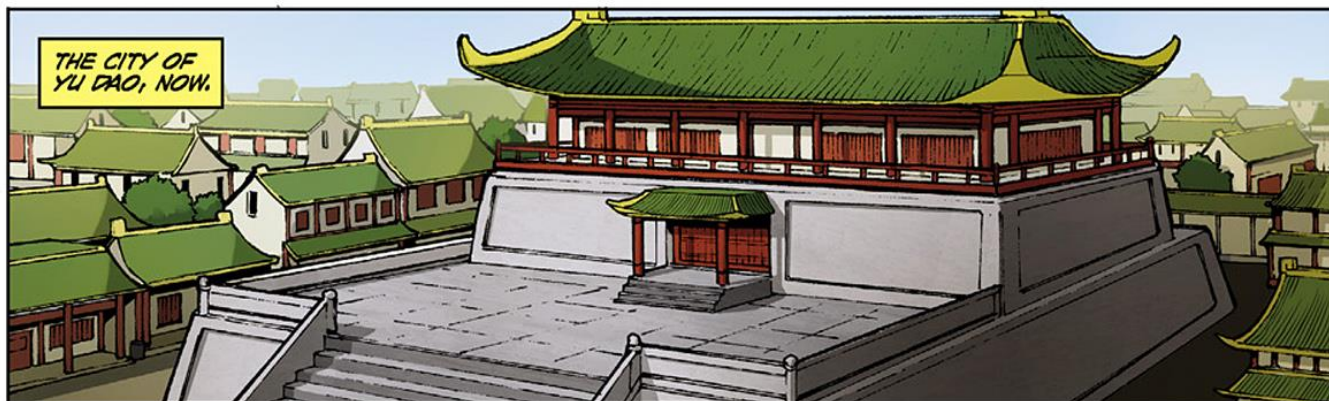










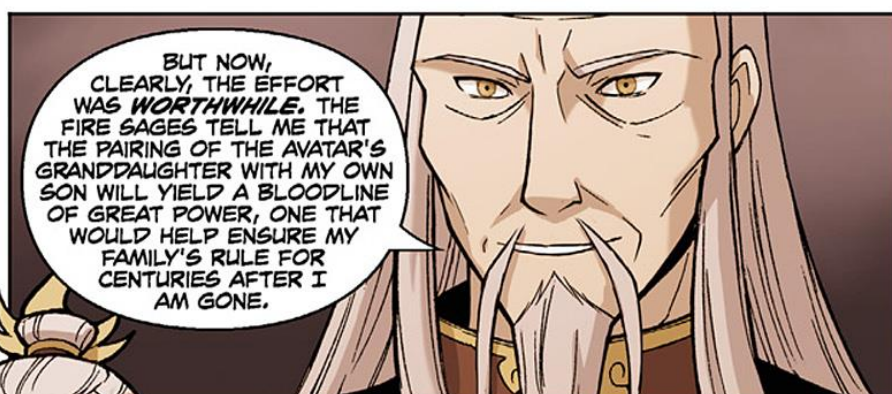
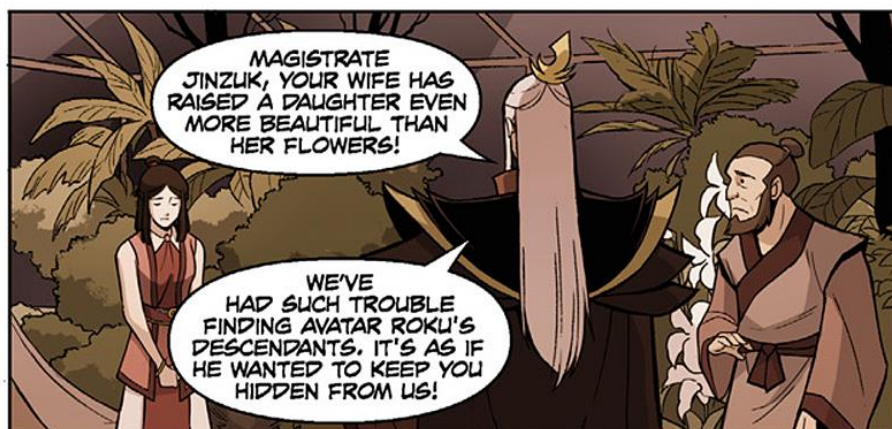














THE YU
DAO SUMMIT
SEEMS TO HAVE
DONE YOU SOME
GOOD. YOU'RE
MORE UPBEAT
THAN --

-- MY
USUAL,
DOUR
SELF?

I DIDN'T
SAY THAT. I'M
-- *WE'RE* GLAD
TO HAVE YOU
BACK, ZUKO.



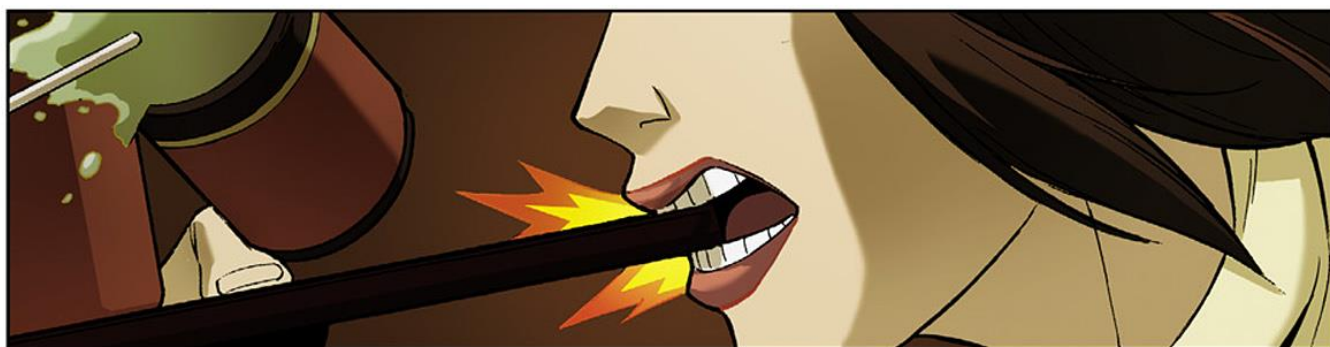
AANG WANTS
YU DAO TO BE THE
PROTOTYPE FOR A NEW
KIND OF CITY, ONE THAT
UNITES THE FOUR
NATIONS.

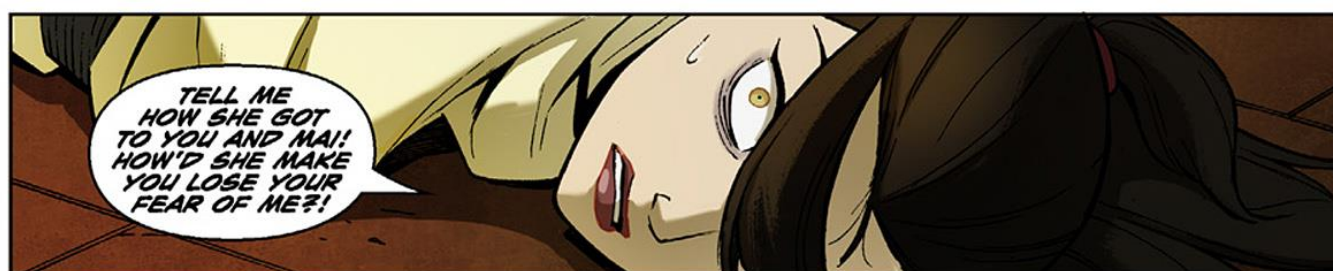
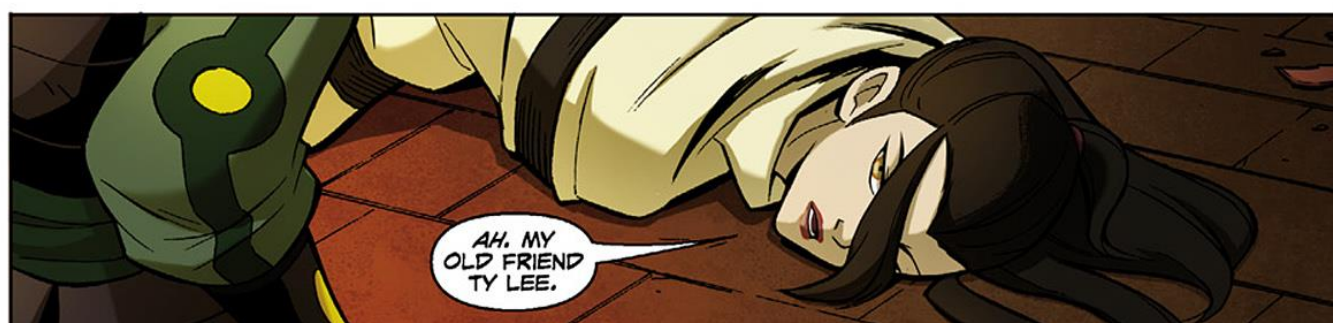
THAT
SOUNDS
EXCITING!

IT SOUNDS
IDEALISTIC--



-- BUT MAYBE
THE WORLD COULD
USE A LITTLE MORE
IDEALISM.

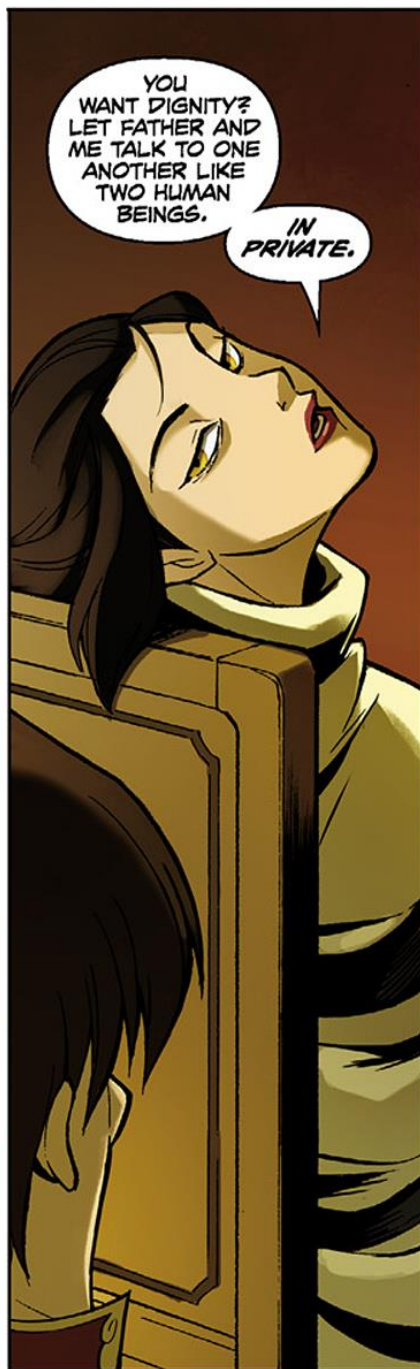






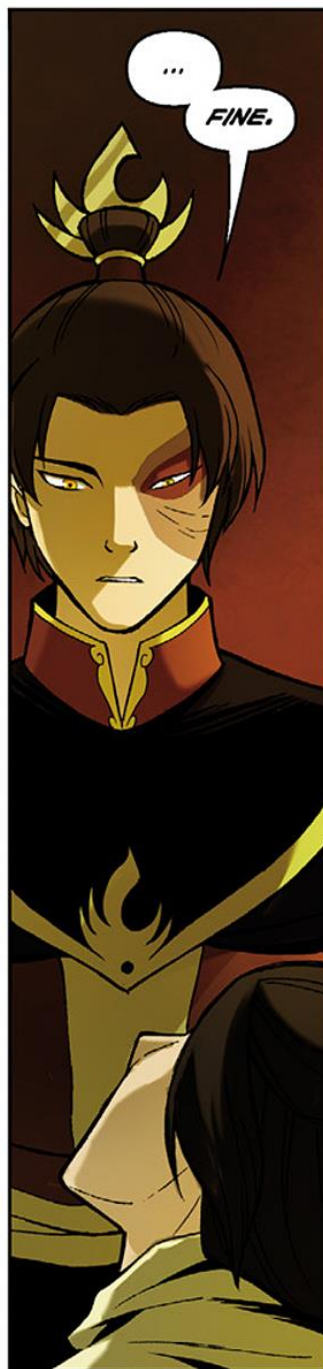
YOU AND FATHER ARE MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER A YEAR, AND I KNOW THESE AREN'T THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

I THOUGHT THE TEA MIGHT LEND A LITTLE... *DIGNITY.*



YOU WANT DIGNITY? LET FATHER AND ME TALK TO ONE ANOTHER LIKE TWO HUMAN BEINGS.

IN PRIVATE.



...
FINE.



WE'LL GIVE THEM HALF AN HOUR.

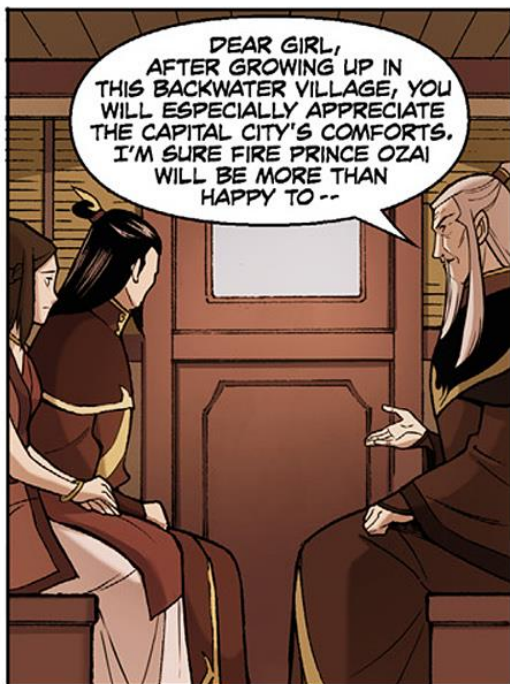
YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

ONE IS CHI BLOCKED AND THE OTHER HAS COMPLETELY LOST HIS FIREBENDING. THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT TALK.

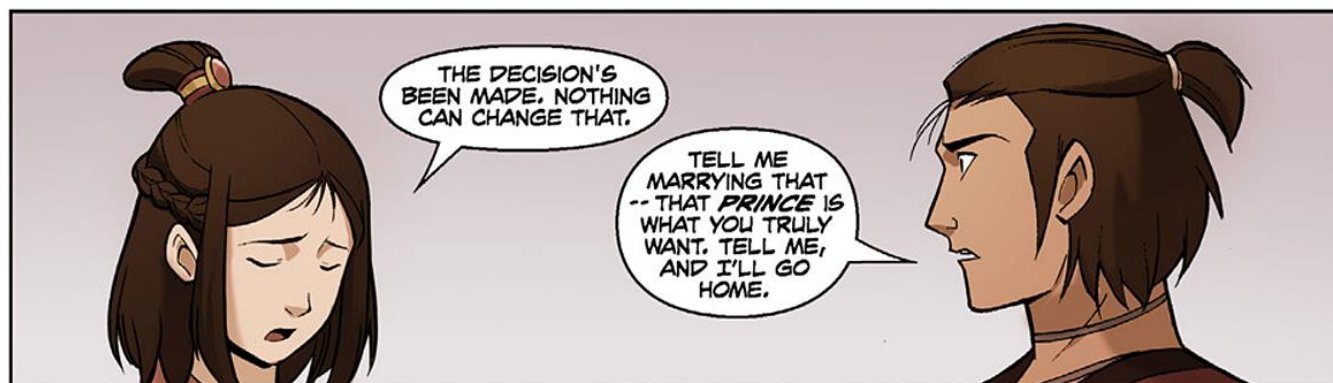
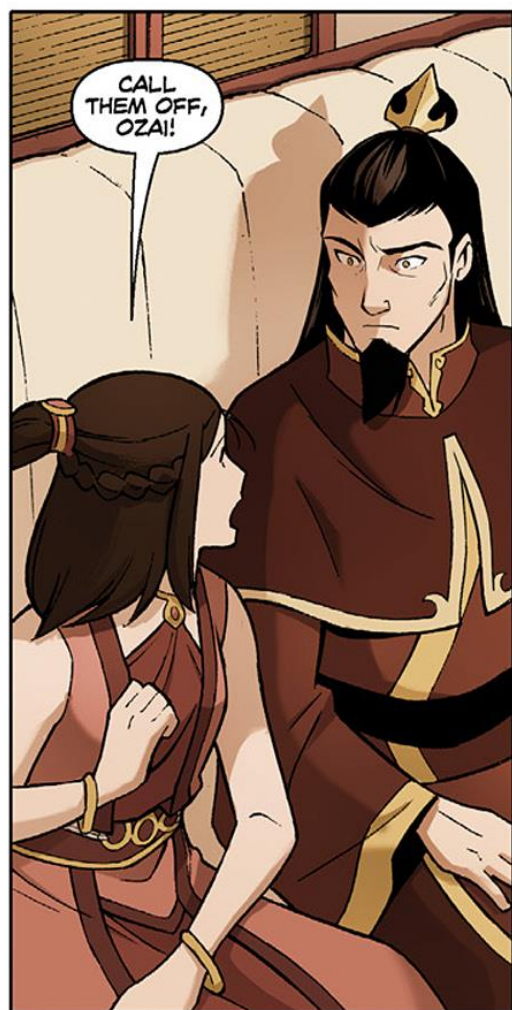


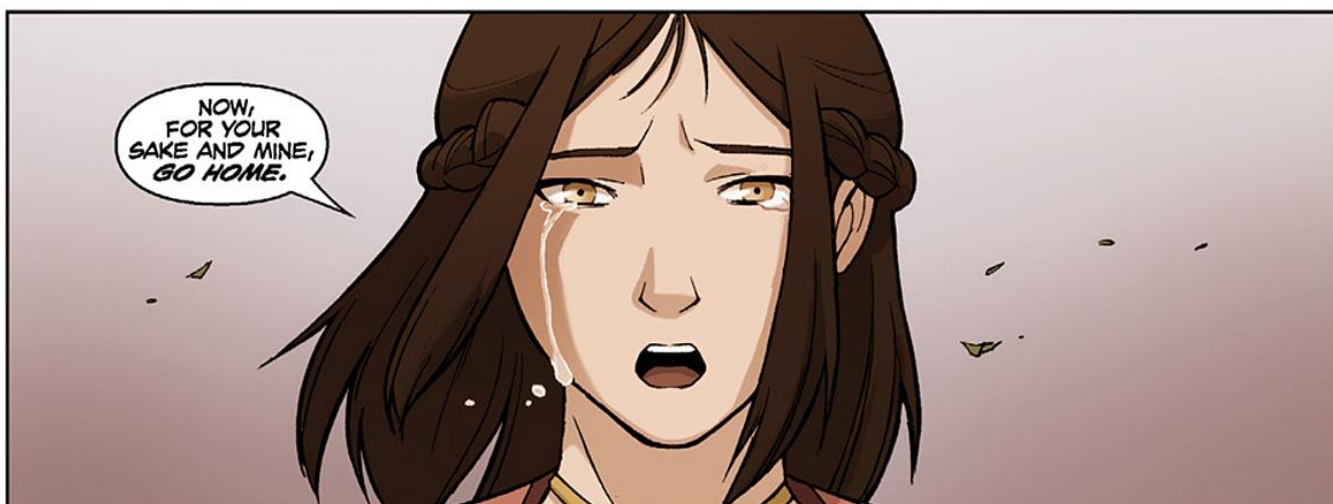
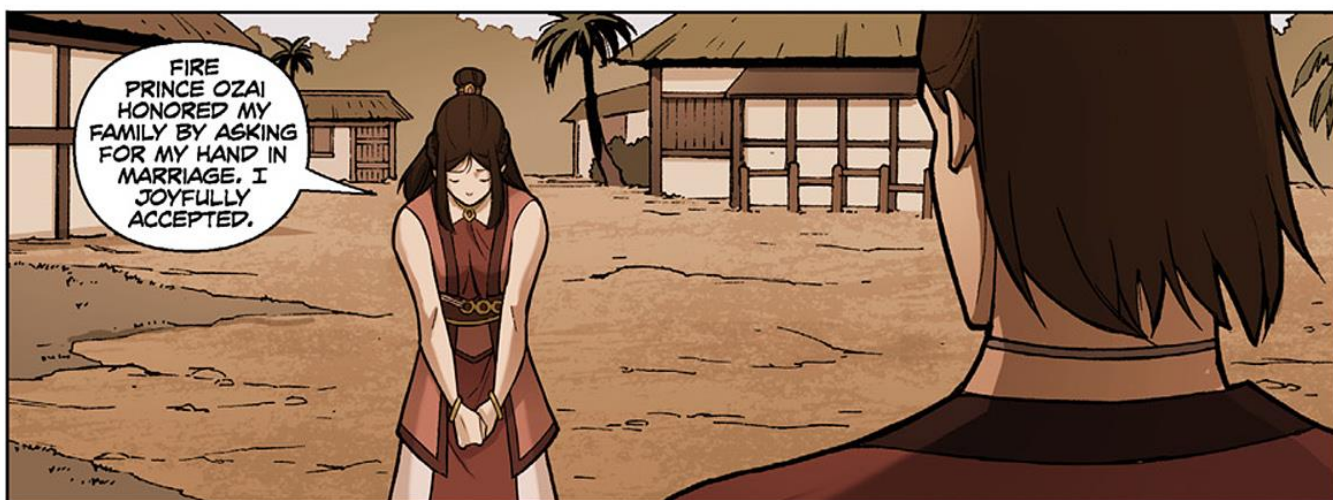
LIKE IT OR NOT, AZULA IS MY *BEST CHANCE* OF FINDING MY MOTHER.

SHE'S WRONG, YOU KNOW. I NEVER LOST MY FEAR OF HER.











I'VE ASKED THE PALACE STAFF TO PREPARE YOUR OLD ROOM. I'D LIKE YOU TO STAY THERE INSTEAD OF THE INSTITUTION.

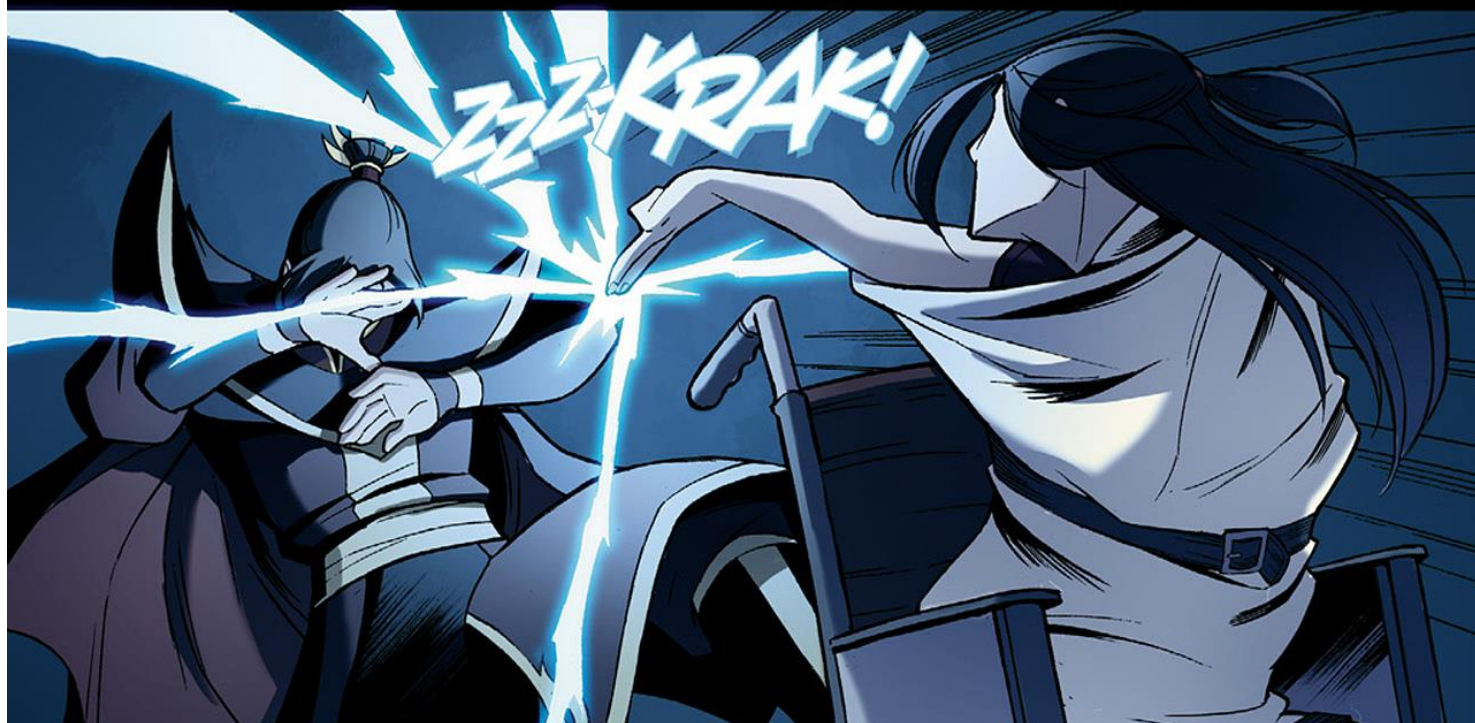
YOU'LL BE GUARDED EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY, OF COURSE, BUT IT'LL BE MORE COMFORTABLE FOR YOU.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CHI BLOCKED, ZUZU?

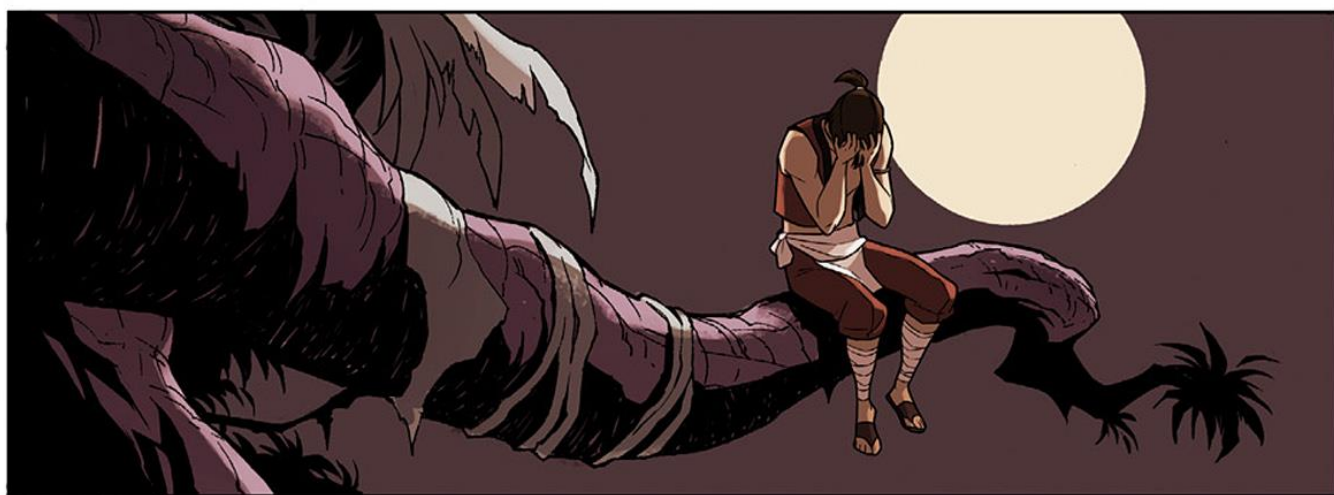
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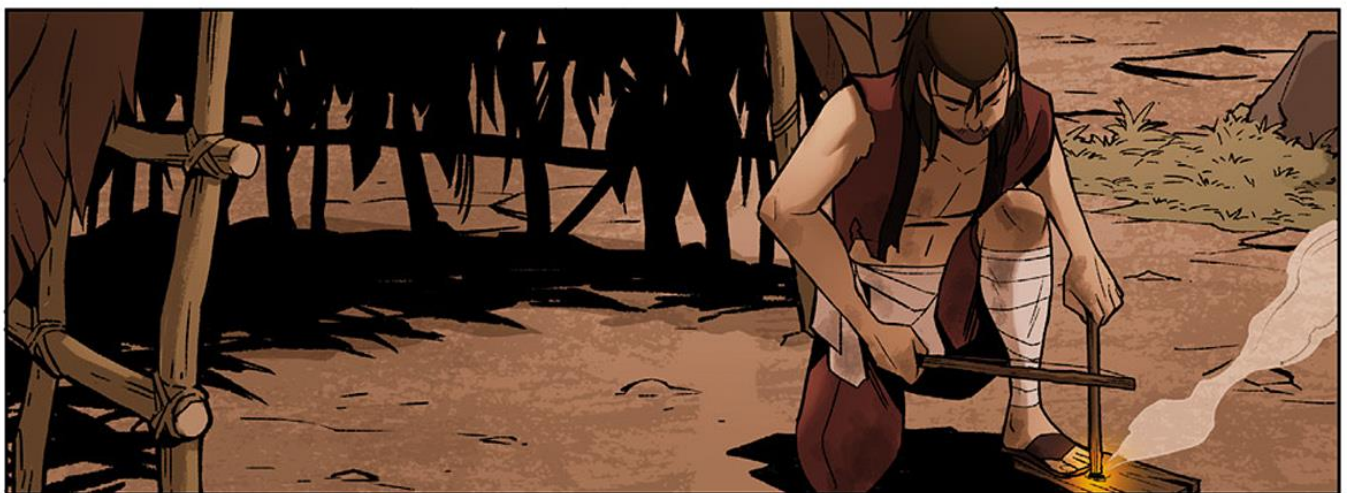
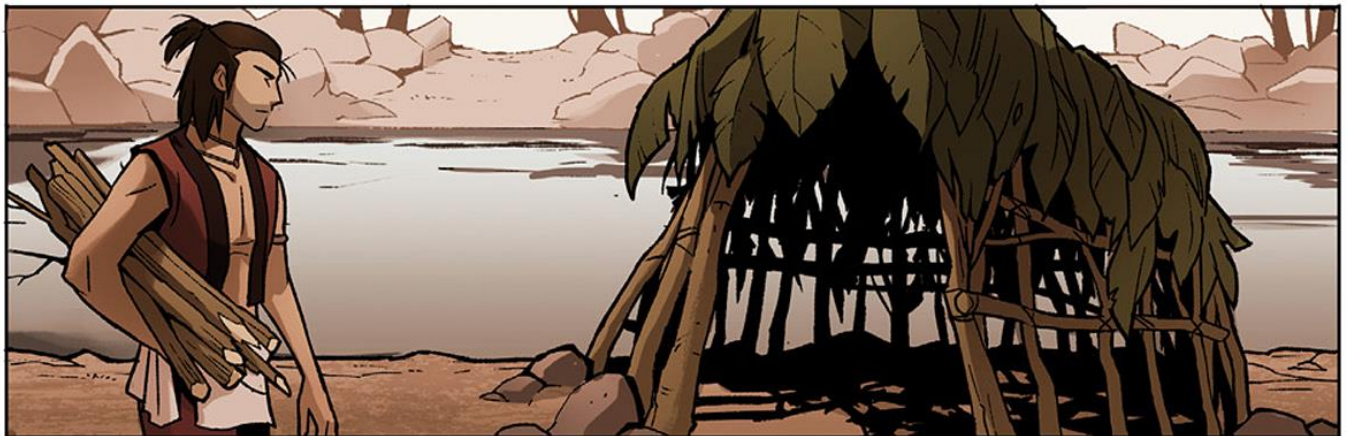
FUNNY THING. ALL YOUR JOINTS GO SOFT, LIKE THEY'RE MADE OF MELTED WAX.

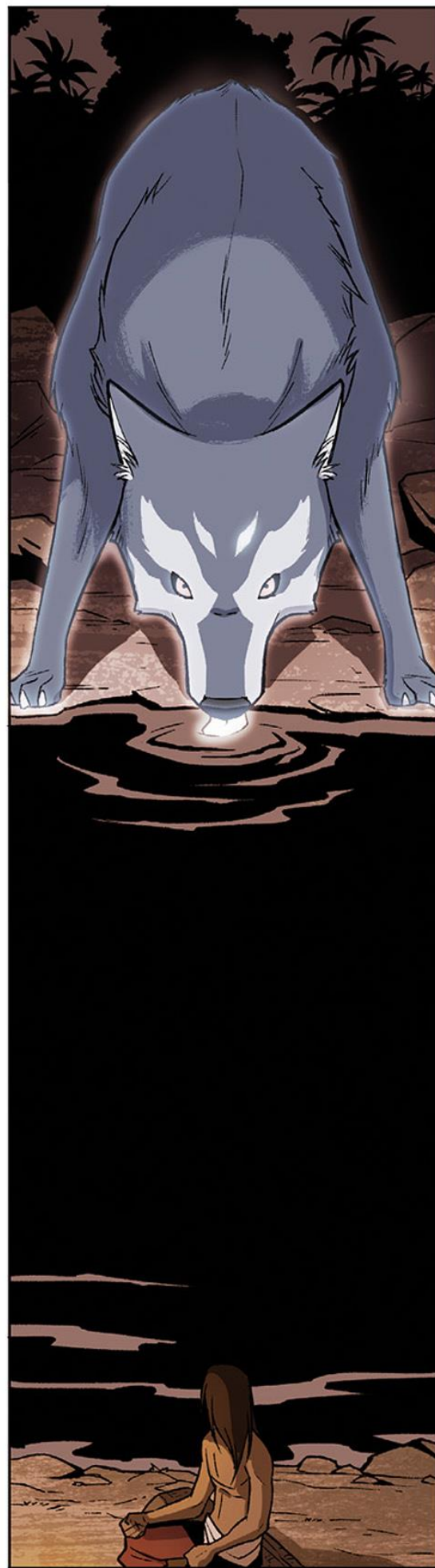
THEN, FOR JUST A FEW MOMENTS AS YOUR STRENGTH RETURNS, YOU FIND YOURSELF MORE FLEXIBLE THAN YOU EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE!





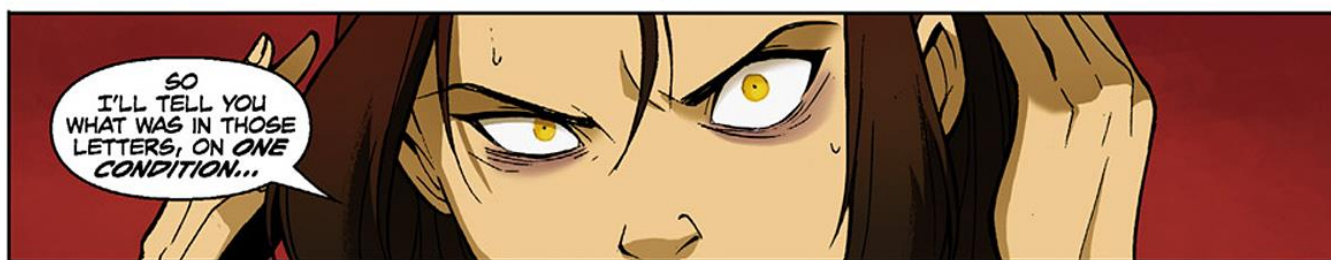
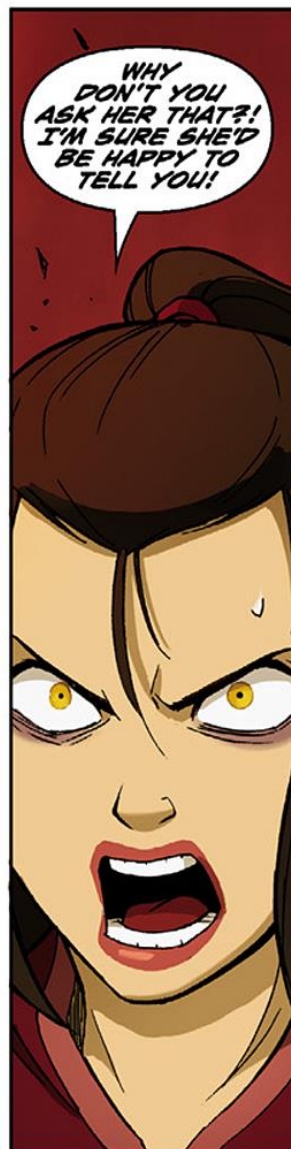


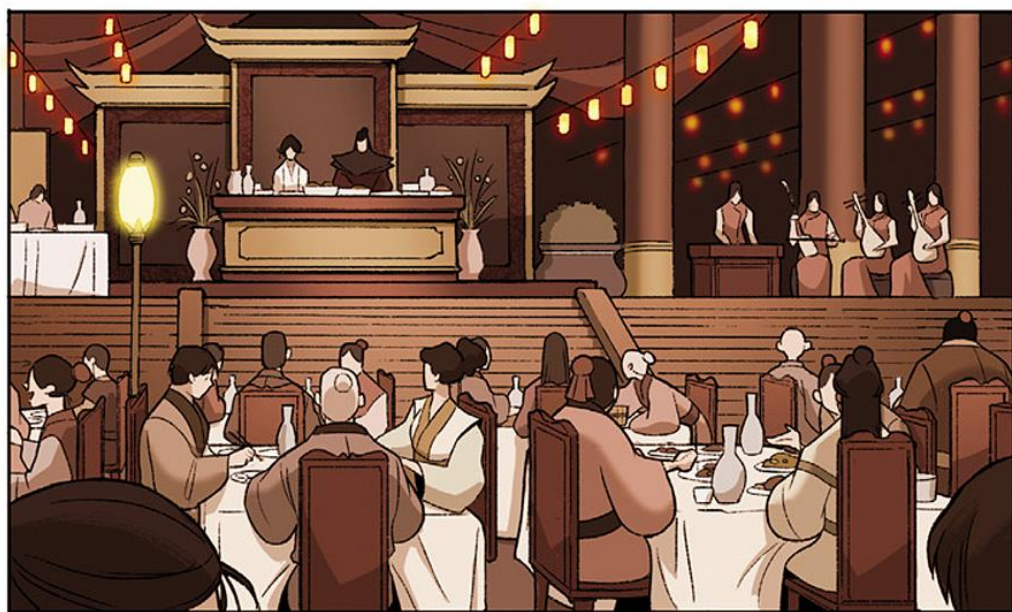


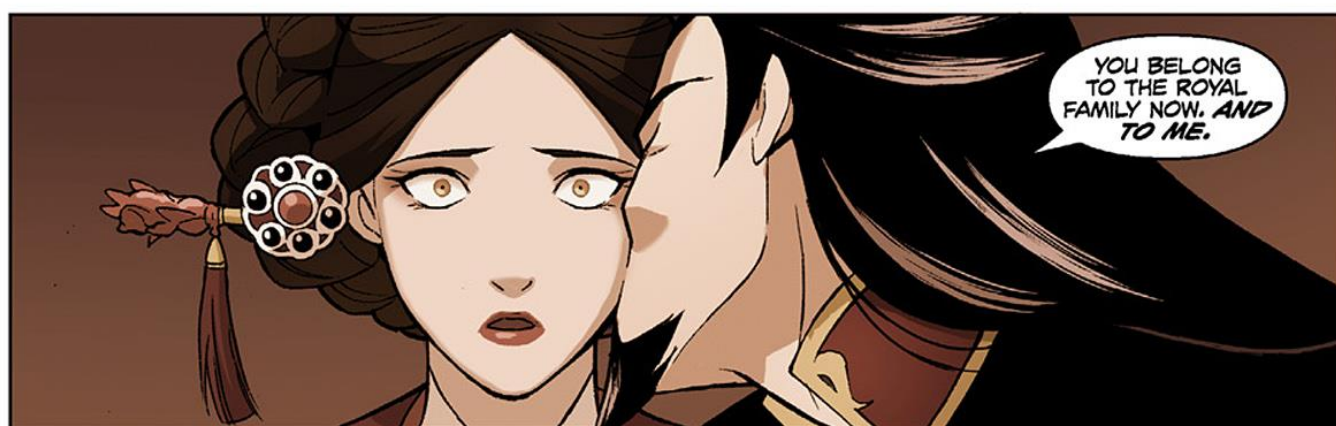
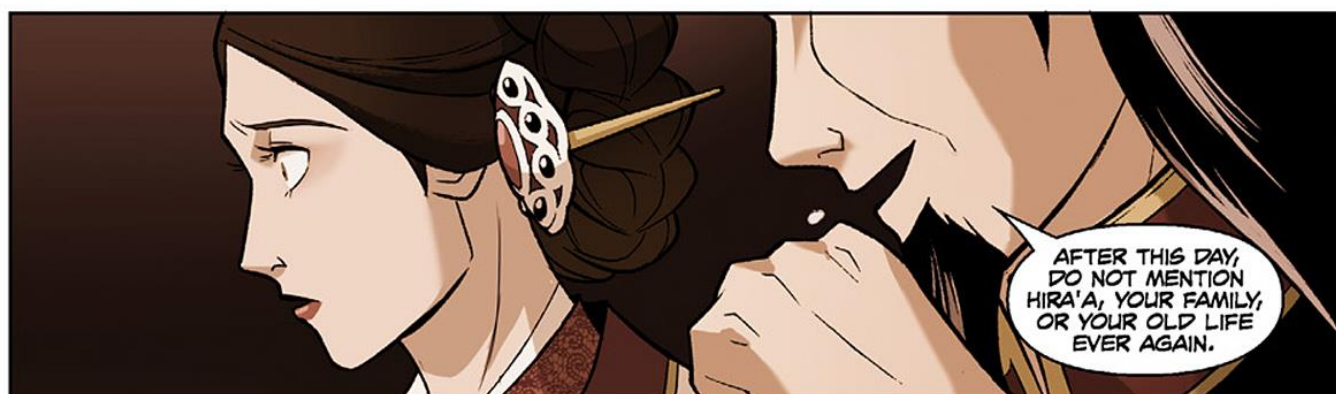














IROH!
WE DIDN'T
EXPECT TO
FIND YOU
HERE!

ZUKO, YOUR
FRIENDS HAVE
ARRIVED!



THANK YOU FOR
INVITING US TO YOUR
HOME, YOUR FIERINESS!
WE'VE BEEN OUT OF
TOUCH FOR MUCH
TOO LONG!

IT'S
ONLY BEEN
A *WEEK*.



WHERE'S TOPH?

SHE HAD TO
STAY AT THE
ACADEMY.

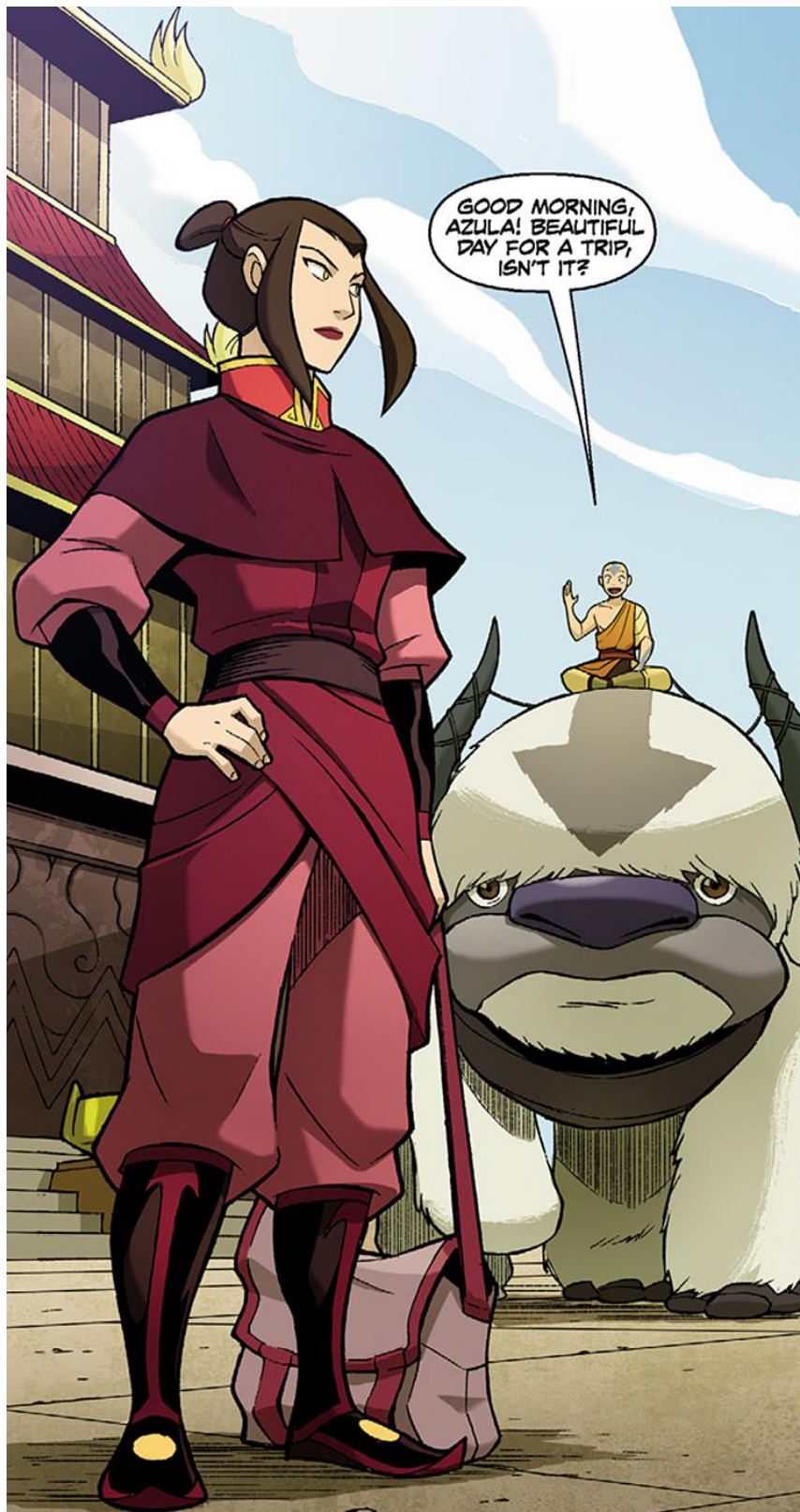
NOW
THAT FOLKS
HAVE SEEN THE LILY
LIVERS -- I MEAN, HER
STUDENTS IN ACTION,
EVERYONE AND THEIR
MOTHER WANTS TO BE A
METALBENDER. EVEN
THE YU DAO POLICE
CHIEF WENT TO
VISIT HER!

WE CAME
AS SOON AS
WE RECEIVED
YOUR MESSAGE.
WHAT'S THIS
ABOUT?

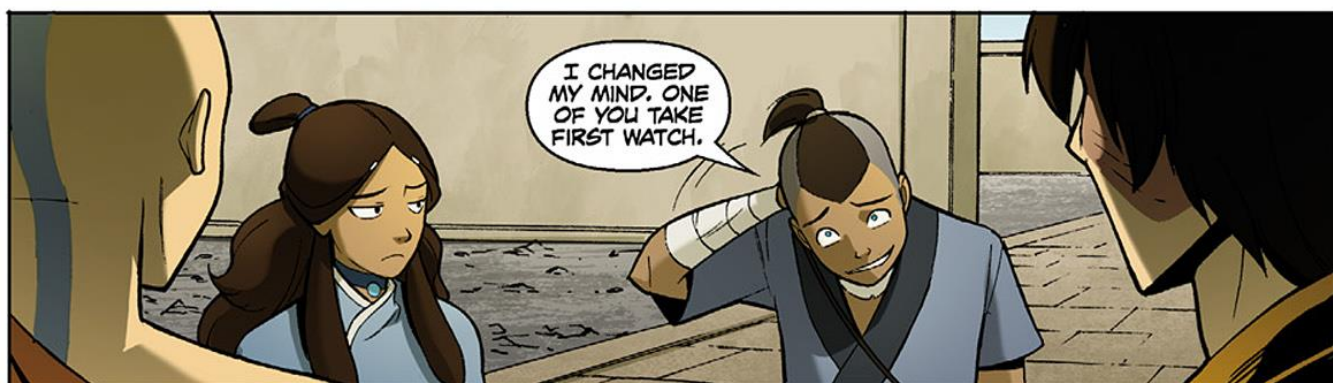




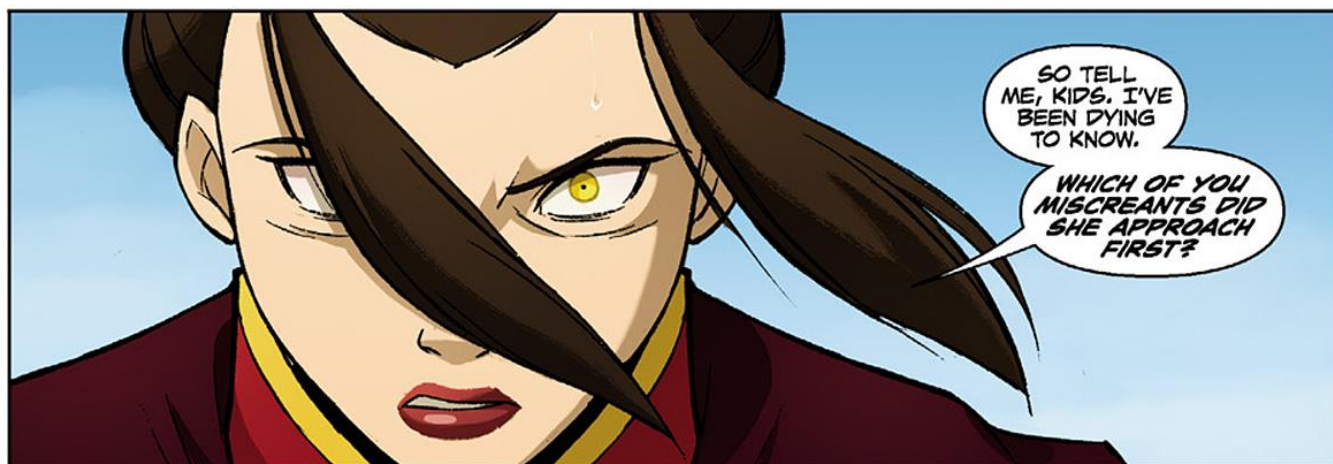




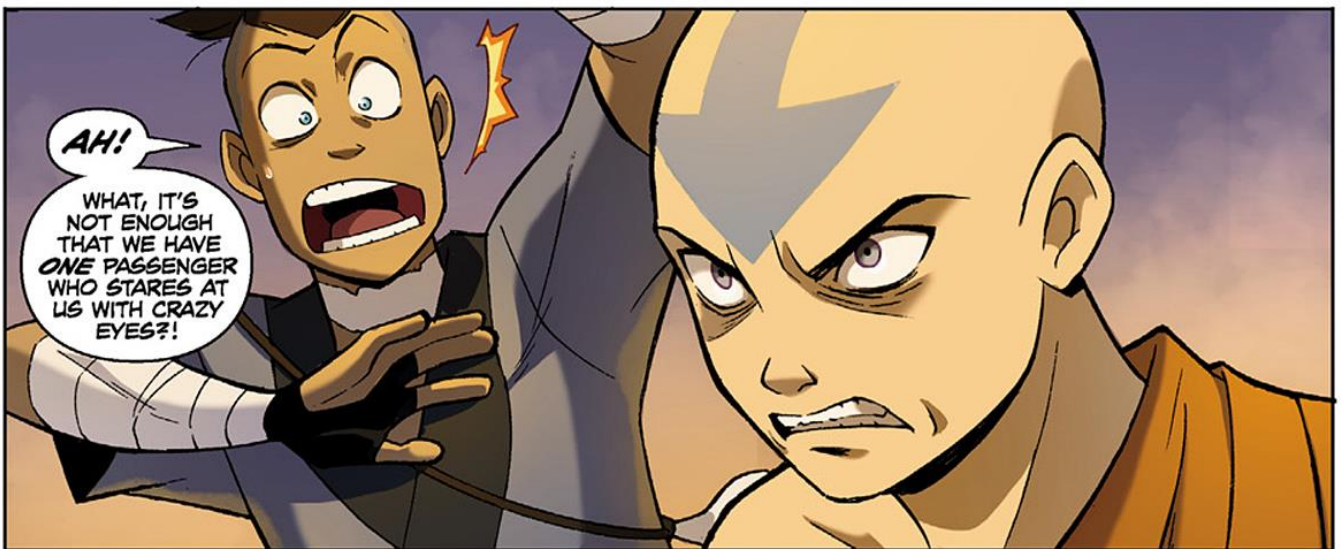




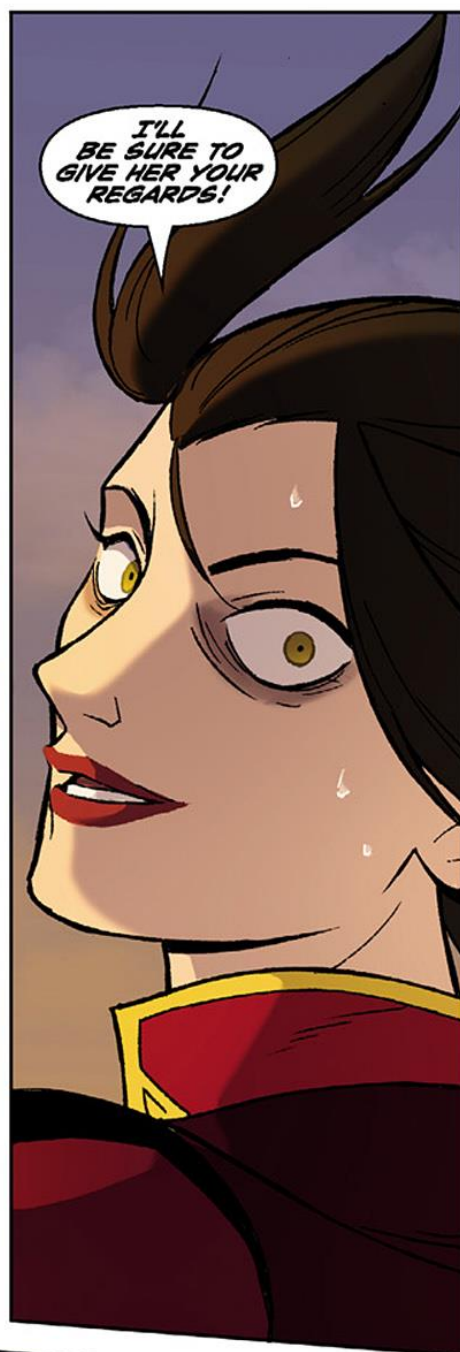


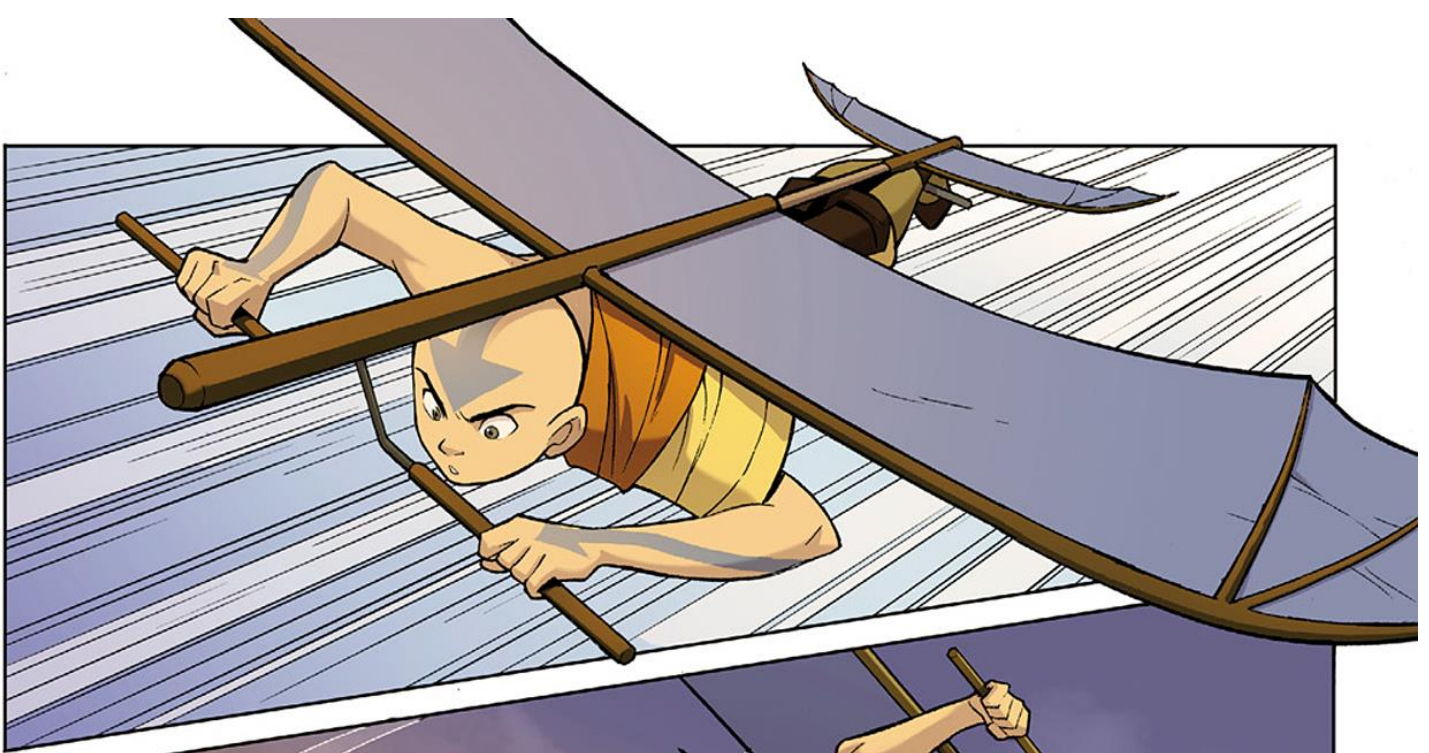


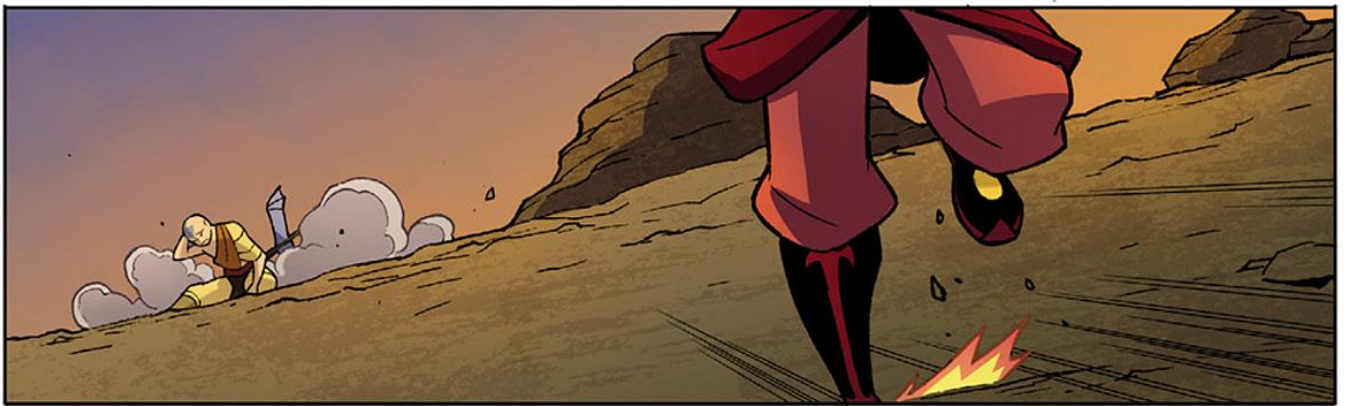
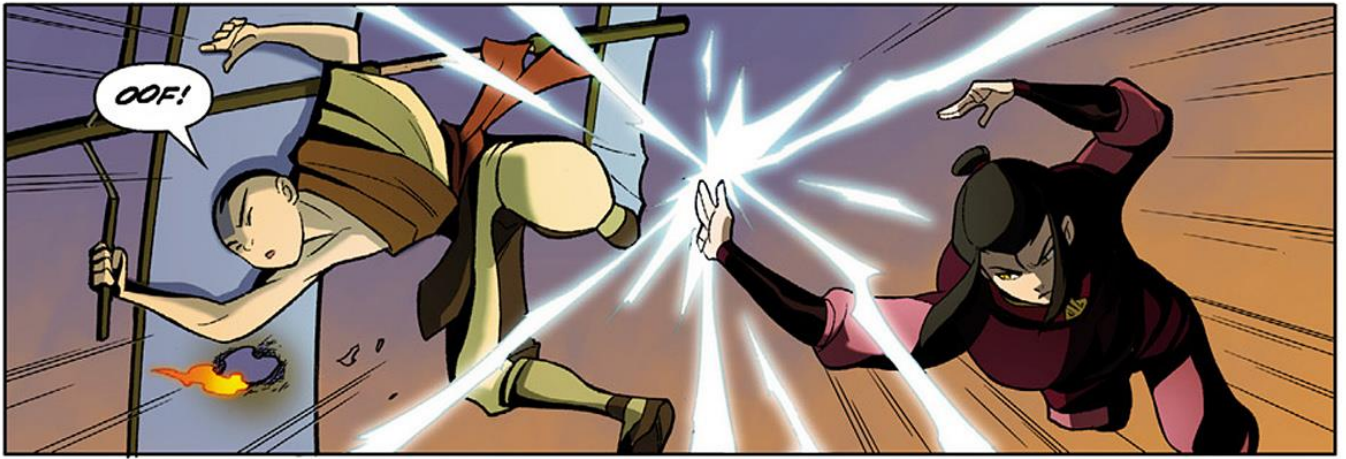






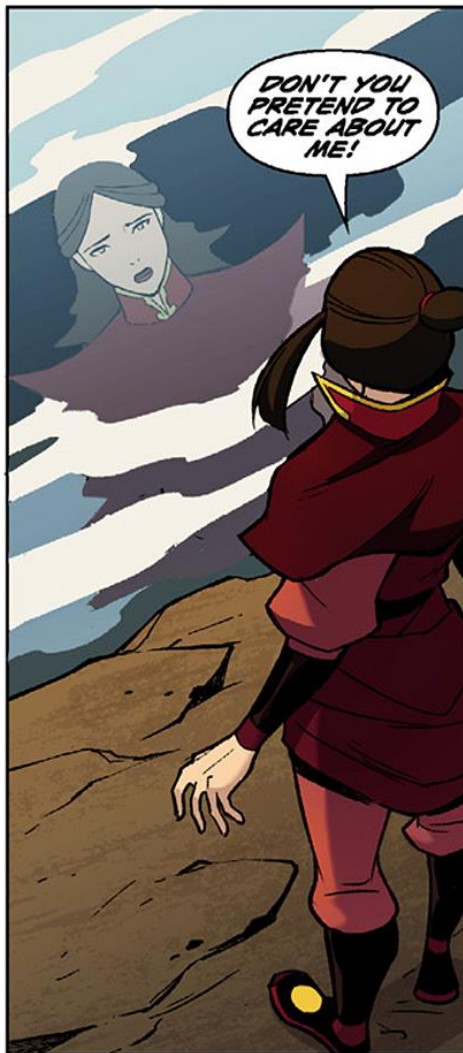








YOU'RE ONLY HURTING YOURSELF, MY DAUGHTER.

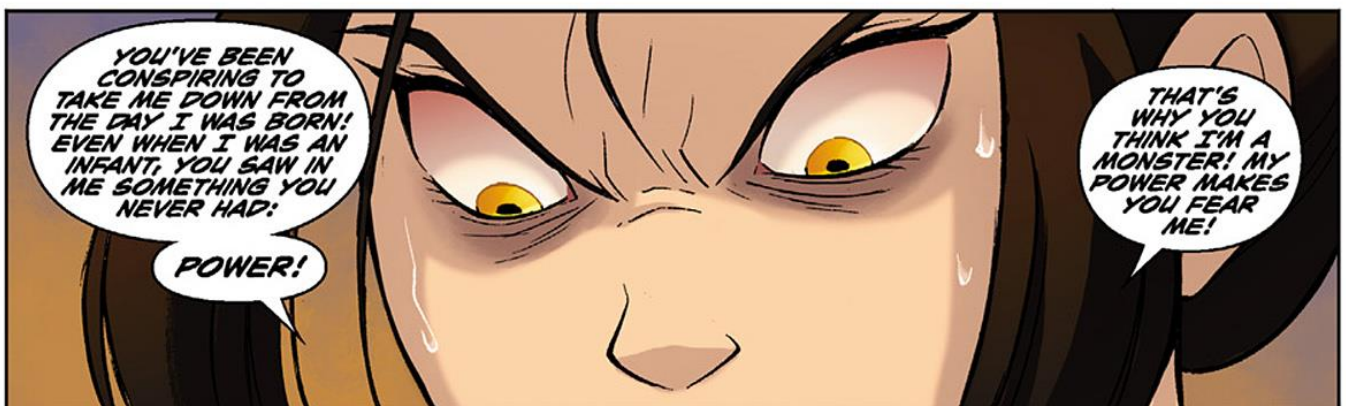


DON'T YOU PRETEND TO CARE ABOUT ME!



YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD BREAK ME, DIDN'T YOU, BY HAVING ZUKO LOCK ME UP IN THAT INSTITUTION?!

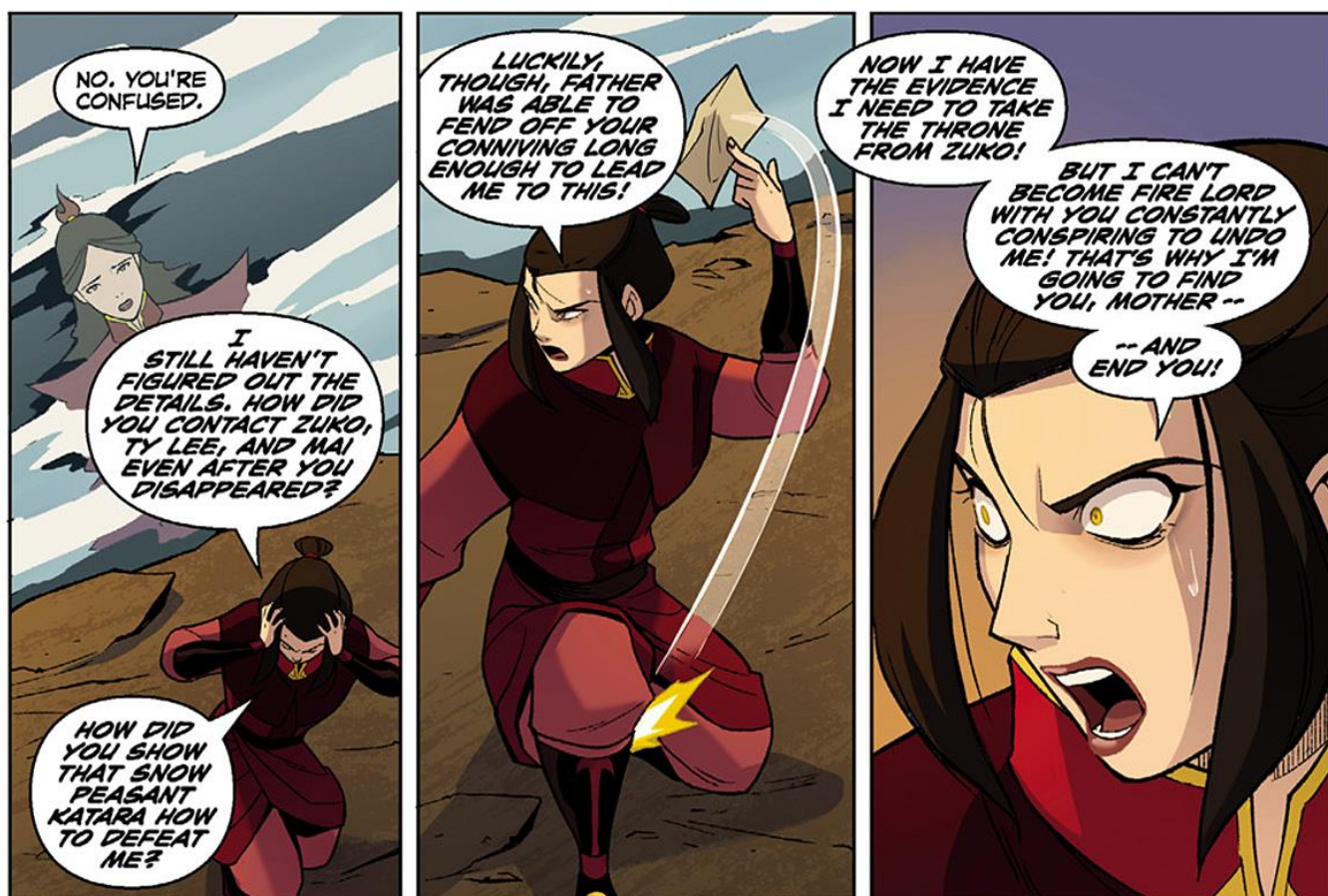
BUT I'M STRONGER THAN YOU REALIZE! I USED ALL THAT TIME ALONE TO FIGURE OUT THE TRUTH!



YOU'VE BEEN CONSPIRING TO TAKE ME DOWN FROM THE DAY I WAS BORN! EVEN WHEN I WAS AN INFANT, YOU SAW IN ME SOMETHING YOU NEVER HAD:

POWER!

THAT'S WHY YOU THINK I'M A MONSTER! MY POWER MAKES YOU FEAR ME!





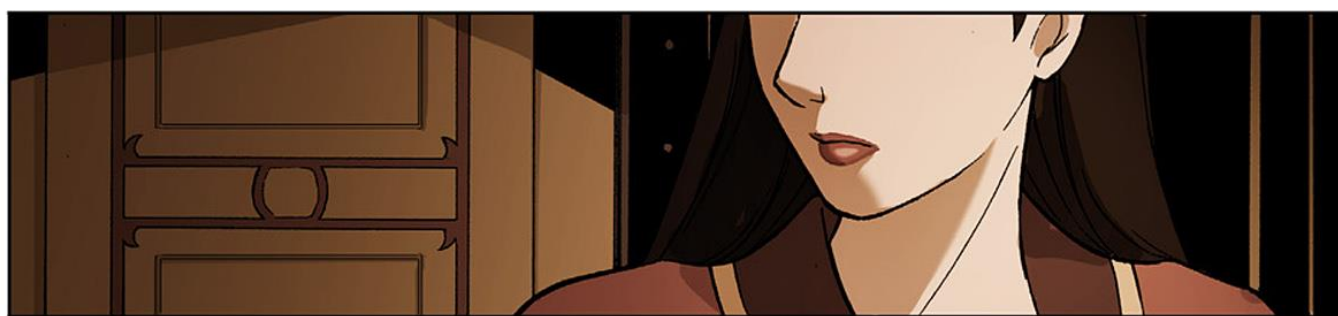
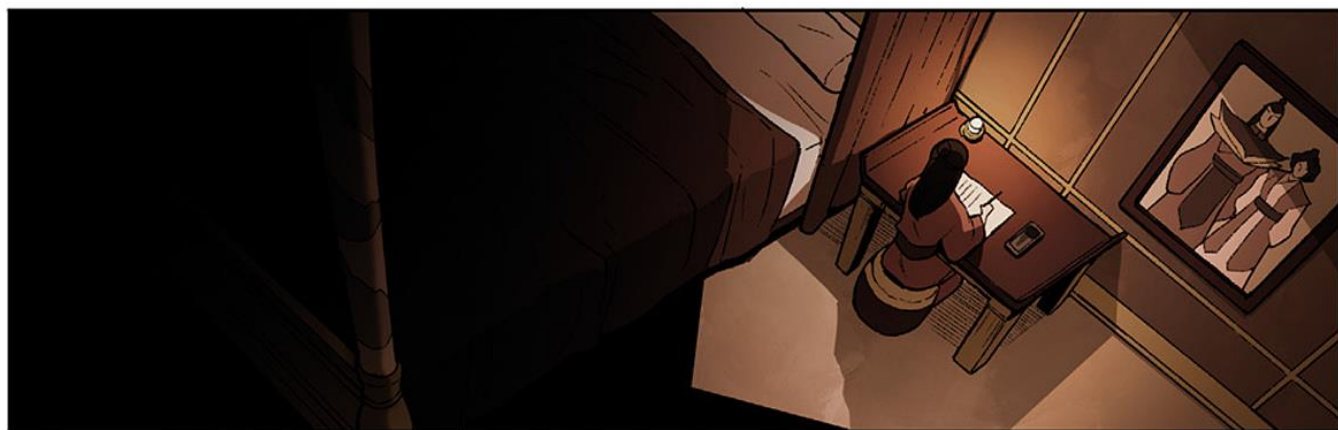




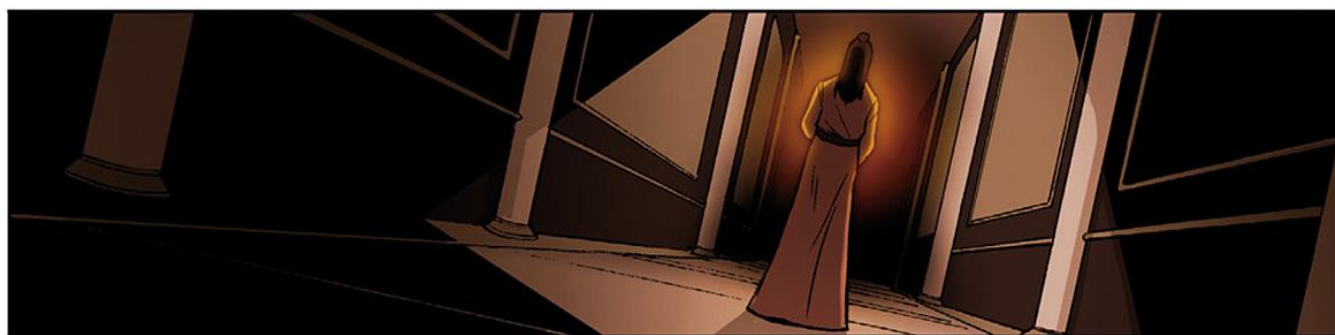
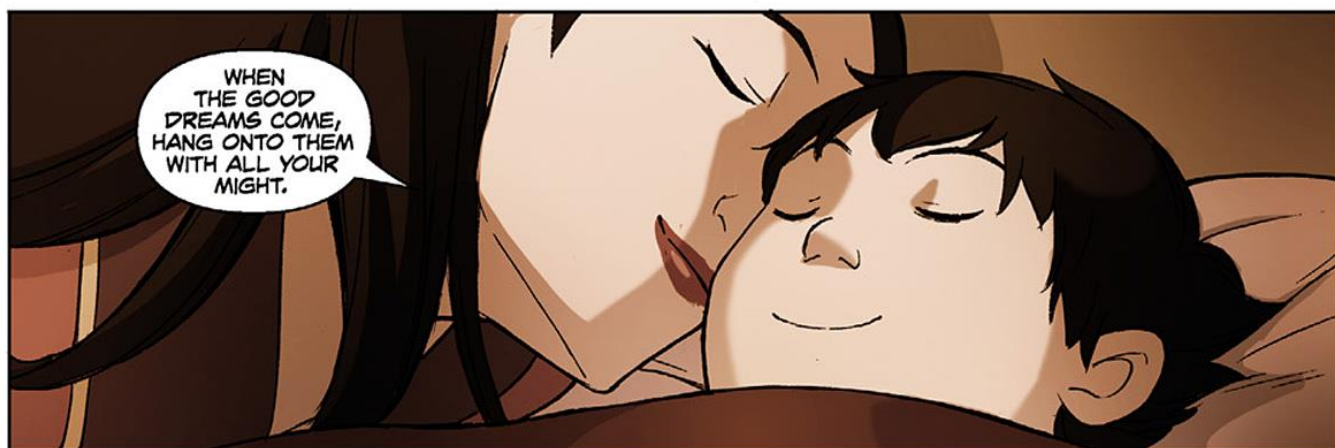
≡GASP!≡

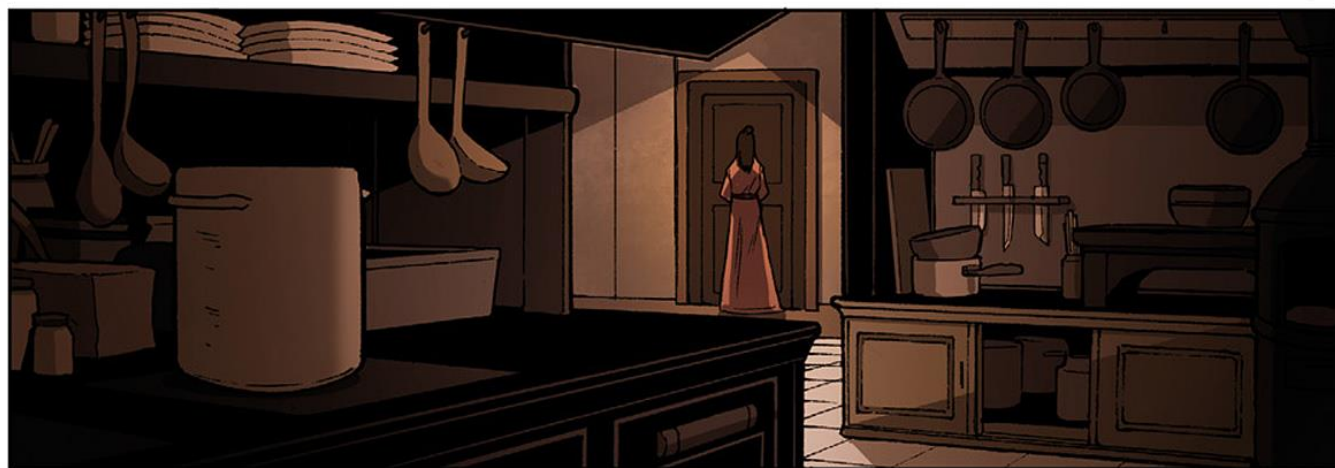


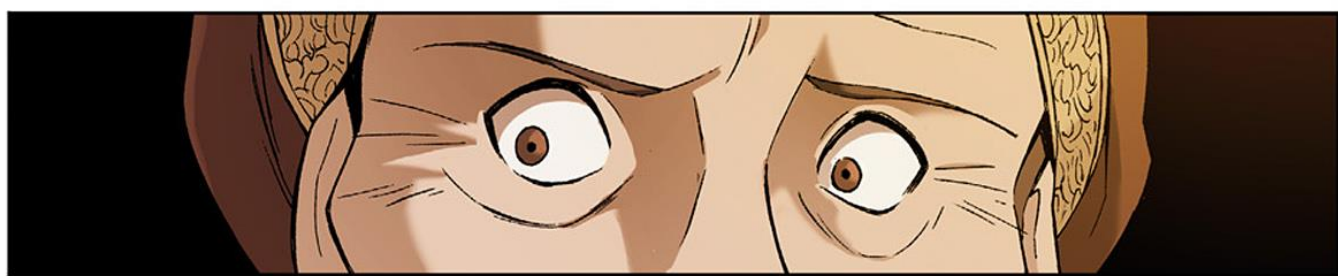
HEY... THAT
FEAR IN YOUR
EYES... SO YOU'VE
FINALLY LEARNED
TO RESPECT THE
POWER OF MR.
BOOMERANG!













ELUA?
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

FORGIVE MY
INTRUSION, FIRE
PRINCE OZAI.

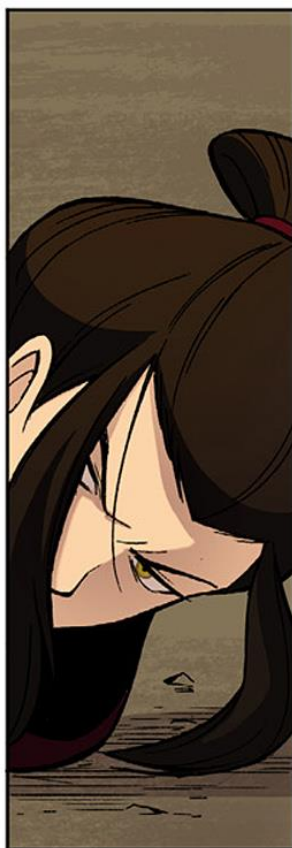
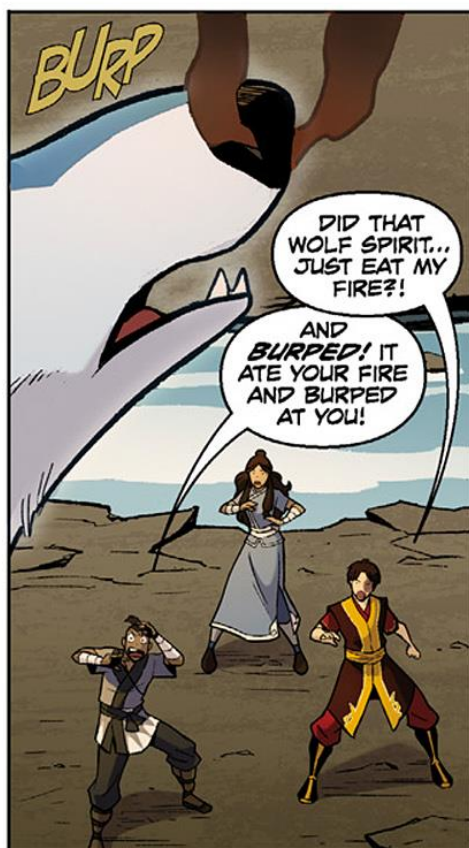


THE LATEST
LETTER FROM YOUR
WIFE, ADDRESSED TO
HER HOMETOWN.









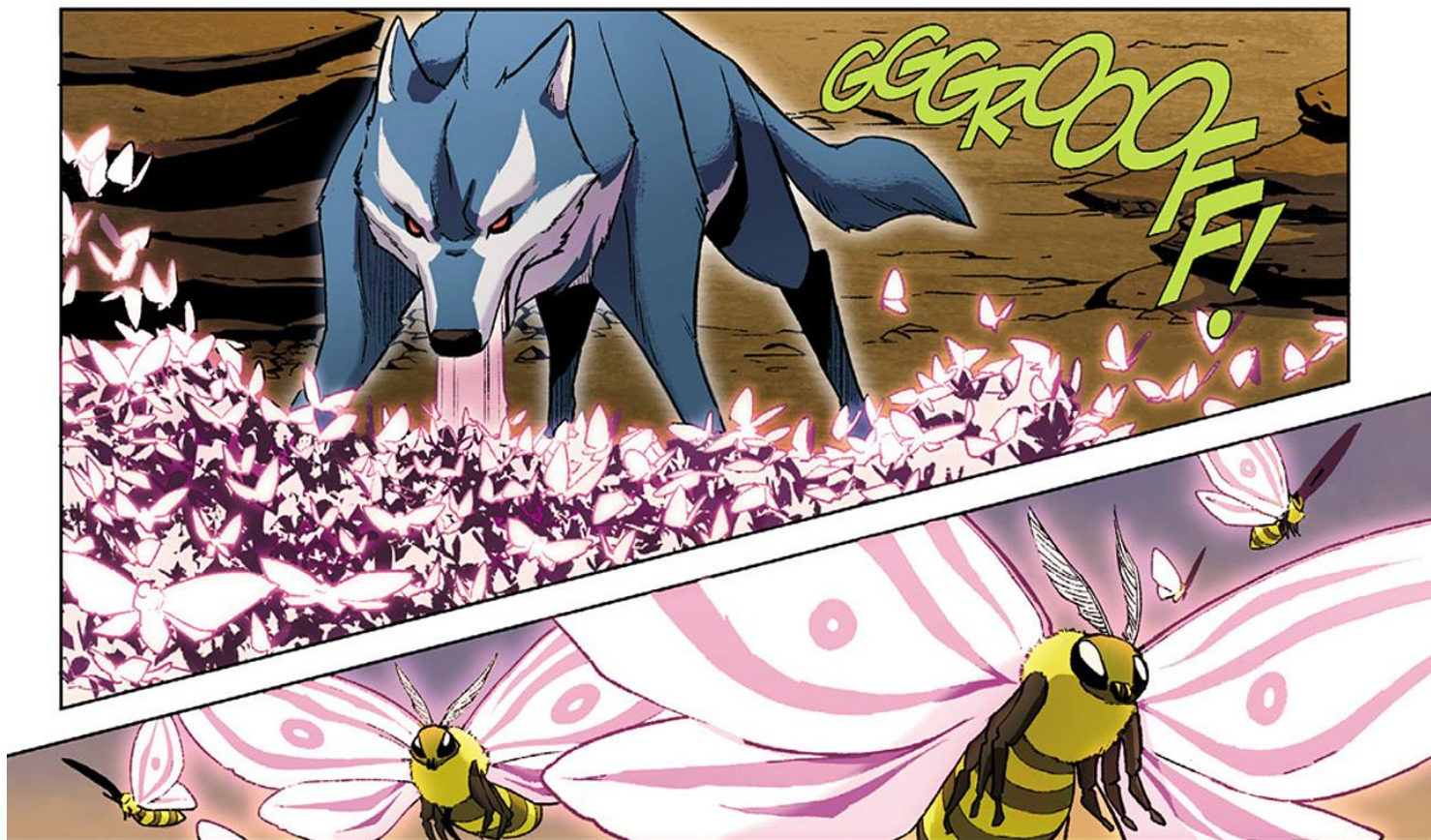


ALL RIGHT!
GIANT SPIRIT
ANIMAL MEGA-
BRAWL!

GO
EASY ON
HIM, BUDDY!
WE JUST WANT
PEACEFUL
PASSAGE TO
HIRA'A!

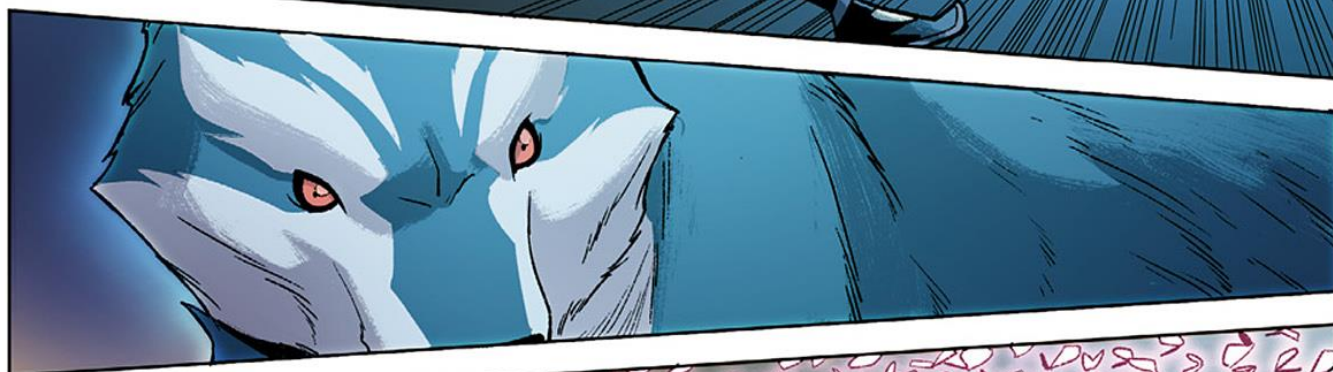


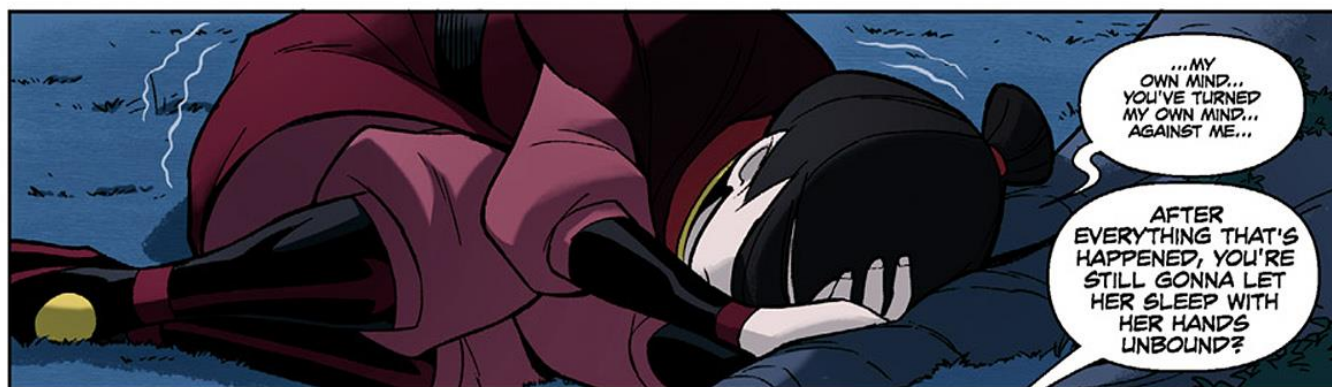


















我最親愛的毅勤

我過了很久才承認

但是你是對的

我是屬於你的

沒有什麼值得受這痛苦的

我們

我注視他的眼睛時

就像注視你的眼睛一樣

我時刻都想念著你

愛你的

爾妹

My dearest Ikem,

It's taken me a long time to admit it, but you were right. I belong with you, and nothing is worth this pain.

My one consolation is our son Zuko. When I look into his eyes, it's as if I'm looking into yours.

My thoughts are with you always.

*Love,
Ursa*



我唯一的安慰是

我們的兒子

豎高

our son

我注視

的眼睛時



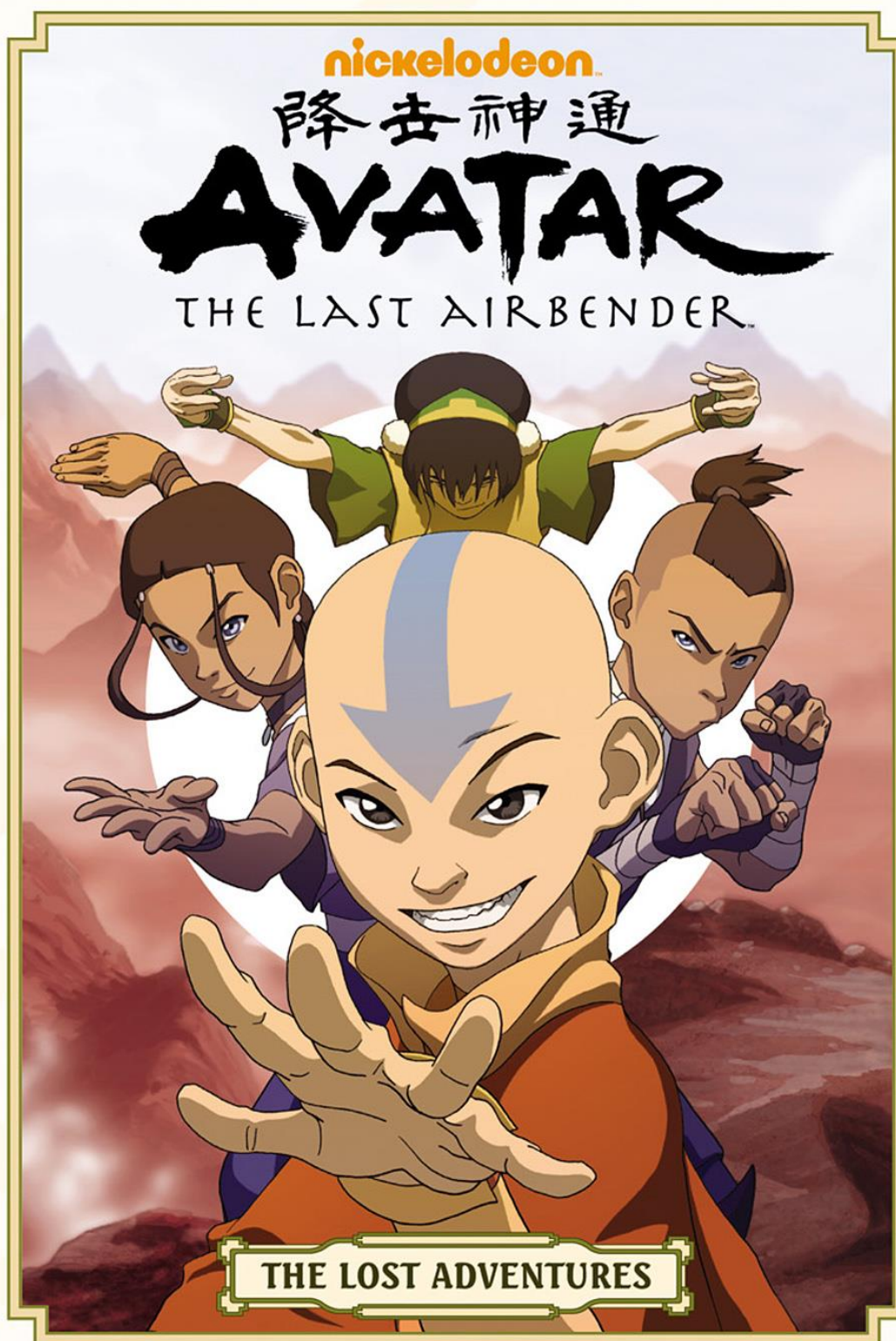


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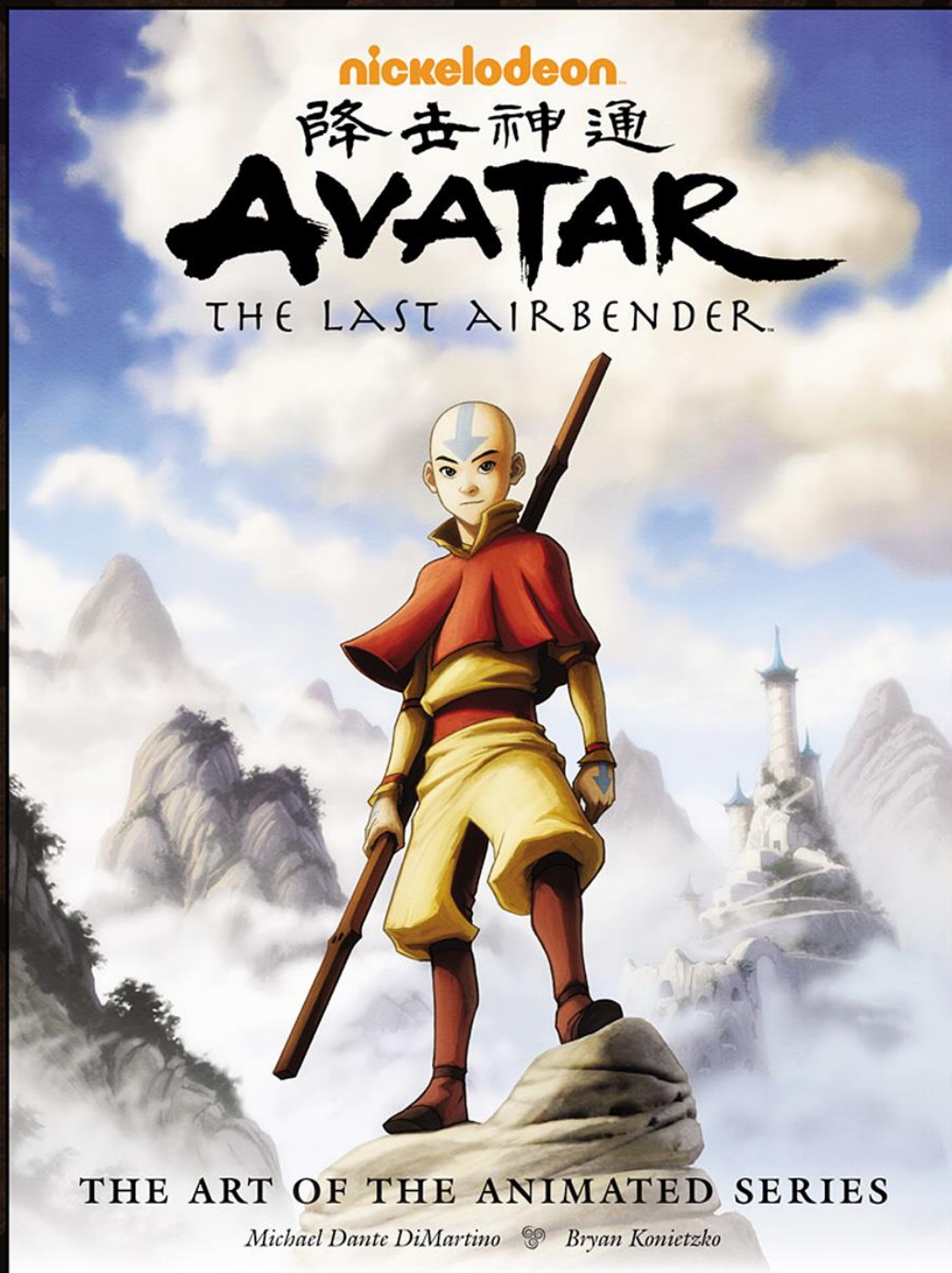
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