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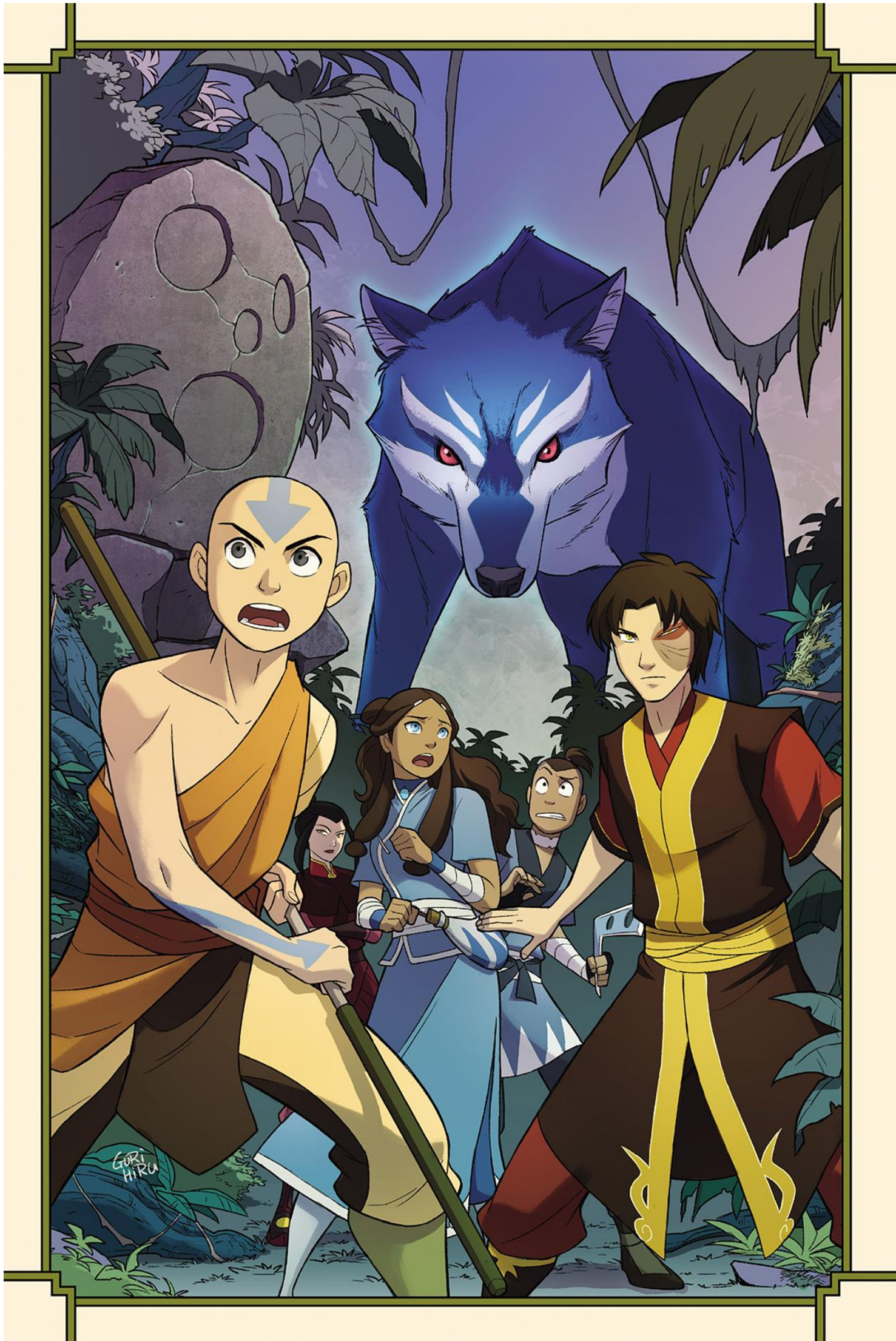
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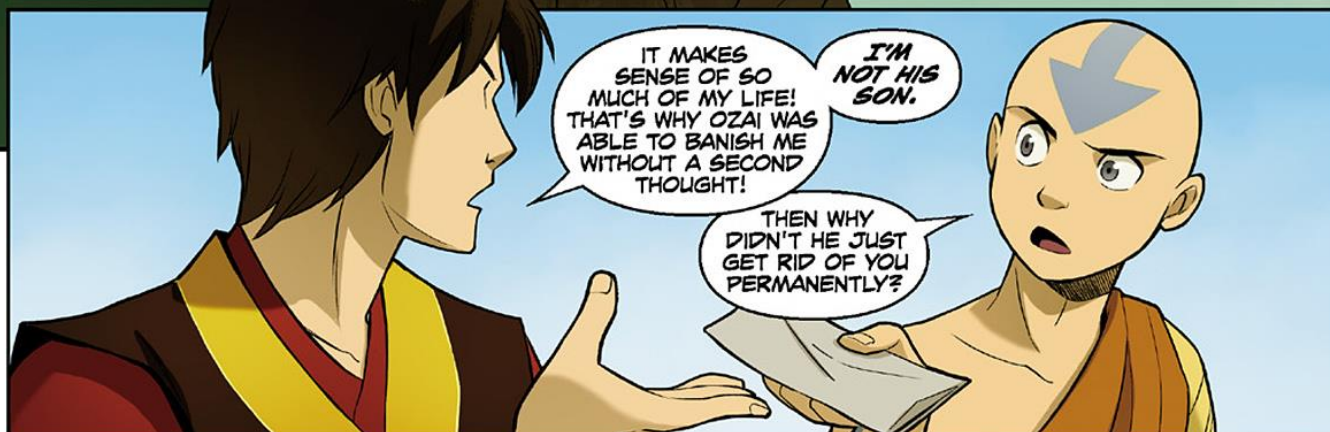








I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.



IT MAKES SENSE OF SO MUCH OF MY LIFE! THAT'S WHY OZAI WAS ABLE TO BANISH ME WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT!

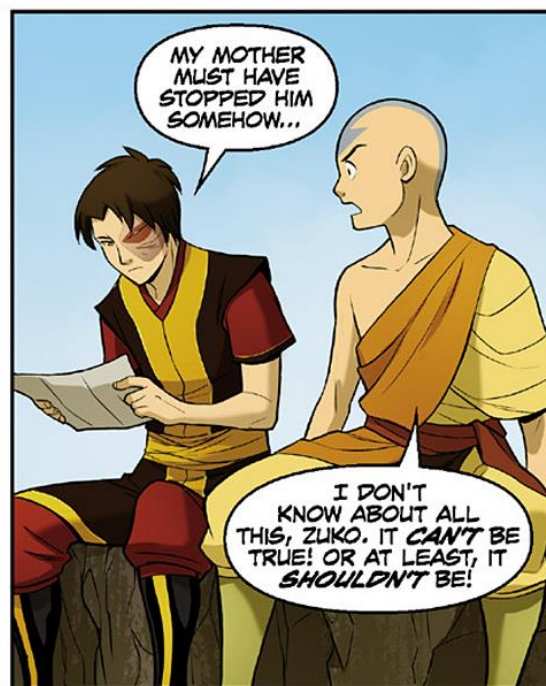
I'M NOT HIS SON.

THEN WHY DIDN'T HE JUST GET RID OF YOU PERMANENTLY?



HE WAS ABOUT TO! THE NIGHT BEFORE MY MOTHER LEFT, MY GRANDFATHER COMMANDED OZAI TO TAKE MY LIFE AS PUNISHMENT FOR ASKING FOR IROH'S BIRTHRIGHT. OZAI DIDN'T EVEN ARGUE. HE WAS JUST GOING TO DO IT.

BUT HE *DIDN'T*! YOU'RE STILL HERE!



MY MOTHER MUST HAVE STOPPED HIM SOMEHOW...

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ALL THIS, ZUKO. IT *CAN'T* BE TRUE! OR AT LEAST, IT *SHOULDN'T* BE!

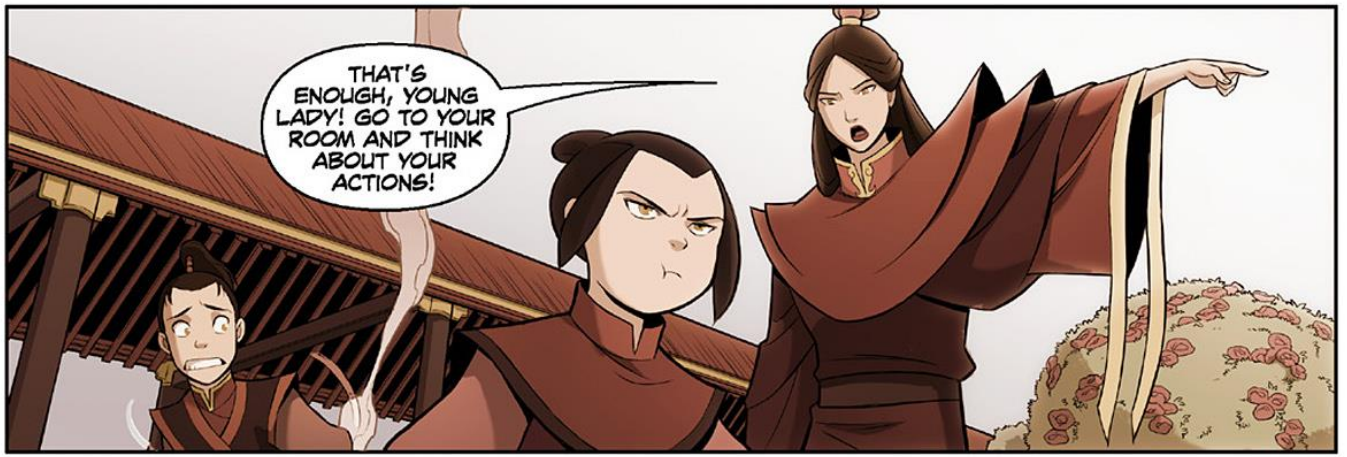
















PRINCE  
OZAI!

YOU MUST  
BE VACHIR OF  
THE YUYAN ARCHERS.  
I'VE HEARD YOU CAN  
PIN A FLY TO A TREE  
A HUNDRED YARDS  
AWAY WITHOUT  
KILLING IT.



ANY ARCHER WHO WEARS  
THE YUYAN TATTOO CAN DO  
*THAT*, YOUR HIGHNESS.

I CAN PIN THAT  
FLY TO THAT TREE A  
HUNDRED YARDS AWAY WITHOUT  
KILLING IT...AND I CAN DO IT  
*BLINDFOLDED*.

HM.

I HAVE A  
MISSION FOR  
YOU, VACHIR.



IN A SMALL  
VILLAGE CALLED  
HIRA'A ON THE FAR  
EDGE OF THE FIRE  
NATION THERE LIVES  
A MAN NAMED  
*IKEM*.

*FIND HIM.  
RID THE  
WORLD OF  
HIM.*



AT  
ONCE, MY  
PRINCE. AND  
YOU HAVE MY  
WORD THAT NO  
ONE WILL EVER  
CONNECT MY  
ACTIONS TO  
YOU.

NO. DON'T  
BOTHR WITH  
SECRECY. YOU TELL  
THAT DIRT-STAINED  
COMMONER HIS DEMISE  
WAS PERSONALLY  
ORDERED BY *PRINCE  
OZAI OF THE FIRE  
NATION*.









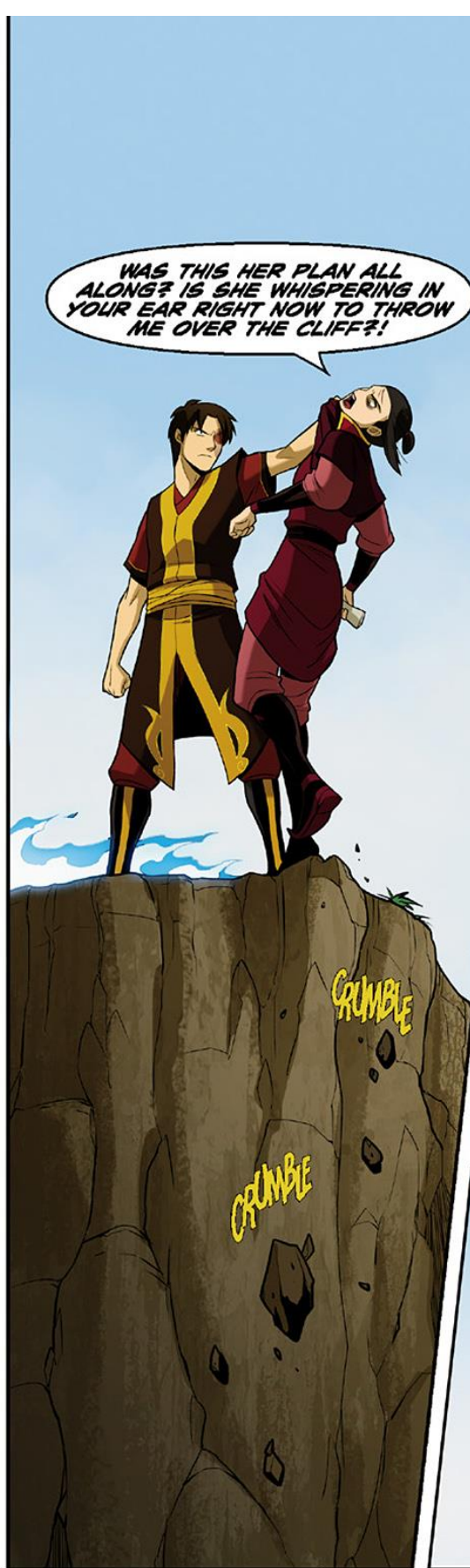
YOU  
TELL HER  
THIS IS MY  
DESTINY!

OOF!









WAS THIS HER PLAN ALL ALONG? IS SHE WHISPERING IN YOUR EAR RIGHT NOW TO THROW ME OVER THE CLIFF?!



YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE!

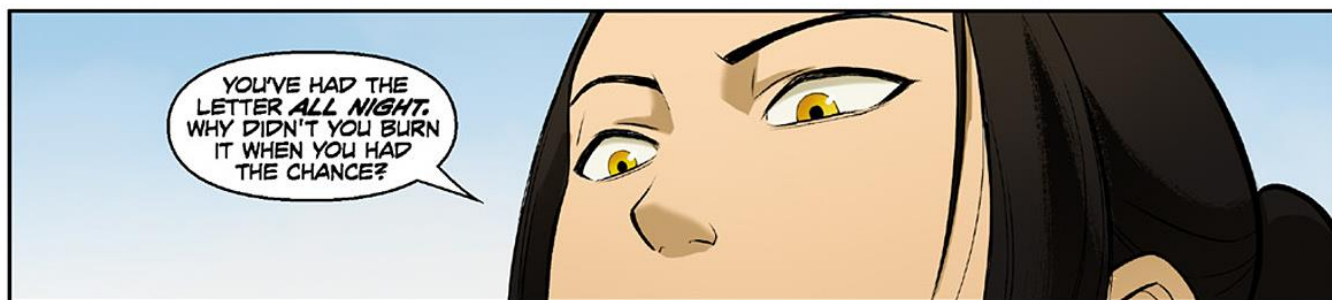
ALL MY LIFE, SHE'S KEPT ME FROM MY TRUE DESTINY!



DON'T DENY IT, ZUKO! SHE TOLD YOU I HAD THE LETTER HIDDEN IN MY BOOT! SHE TOLD YOU TO WAIT UNTIL I WAS ASLEEP TO--



WAIT A MINUTE.

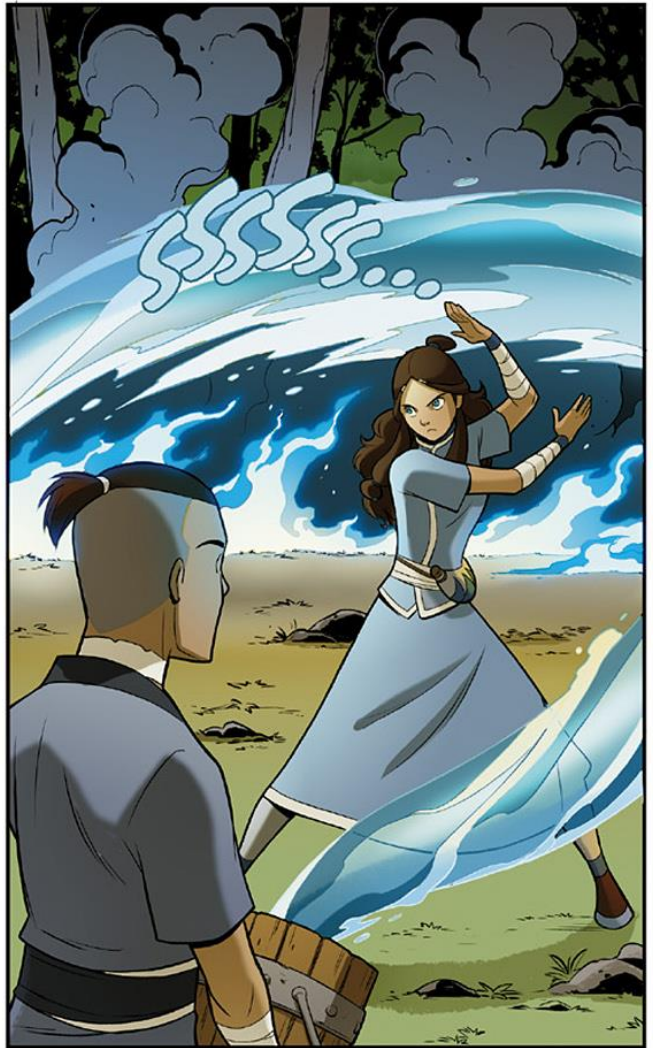


YOU'VE HAD THE LETTER ALL NIGHT. WHY DIDN'T YOU BURN IT WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE?









AANG! ARE WE READY TO LEAVE?

YOUR SISTER SET FIRE TO HALF THE LAND-SCAPE!

EVEN WITH AANG'S HELP, IT TOOK US UNTIL NOW TO PUT EVERYTHING OUT!



NATURE HATES YOU!

















FIRE  
PRINCE  
OZAI!



THE MAN  
NAMED IKEM NO  
LONGER LIVES  
IN HIRA'A.

THE LOCALS  
SAID HE'D RUN  
OFF TO A FOREST  
AT THE BOTTOM  
OF A NEARBY  
VALLEY.



I  
SEARCHED  
THAT FOREST  
FOR MANY  
MONTHS, BUT  
NEVER FOUND  
HIM.



THAT FOREST...  
YOUR HIGHNESS,  
I'VE NEVER BEEN  
ANYWHERE LIKE IT! THE  
TREES, THE ANIMALS,  
THE INSECTS... THEY'RE  
ALL OUT TO GET YOU!  
A COMMONER COULD  
NOT HAVE SURVIVED  
FOR LONG!





I BELIEVE YOUR HIGHNESS'S DESIRE HAS ALREADY BEEN FULFILLED.

BUT THIS IS ALL MERE CONJECTURE! YOU BRING ME NO ASSURANCE OF HIS DEMISE!



...  
I'M SORRY, YOUR HIGHNESS.



ON YOUR FEET, VACHIR. GROVELING IS UNBECOMING OF YOU.



YOU WILL RETURN TO THE POHWAI STRONGHOLD AND GIVE YOUR RESIGNATION TO COLONEL SHINU.

WH-WHAT...?



THE YUIYAN ARCHERS ARE AN ELITE FIGHTING FORCE, THE *BEST* OF THE *BEST*.

YOU NO LONGER BELONG.

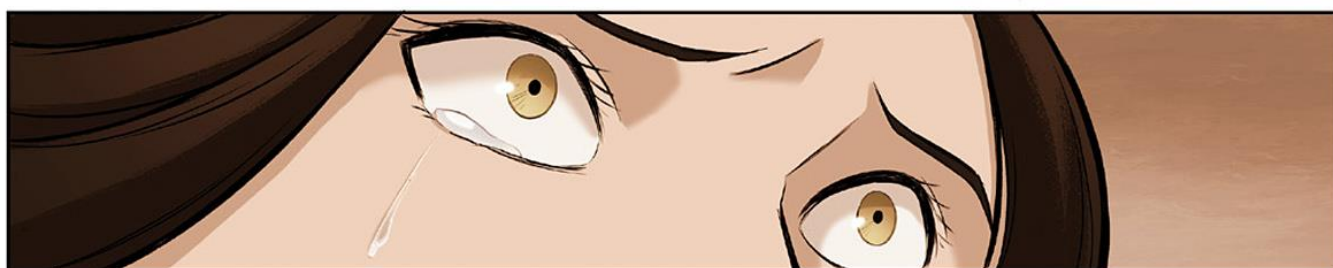
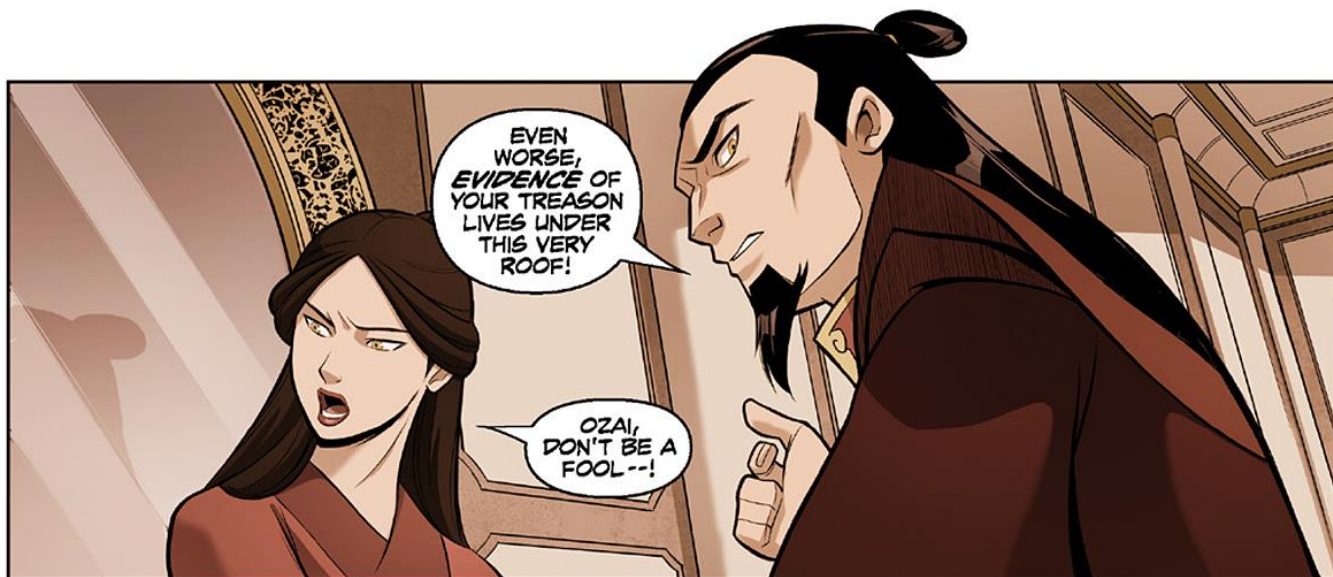
PLEASE, YOUR HIGHNESS, HAVE MERCY! THAT FOREST ---! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO SURVIVE, I SWEAR!

IMPOSSIBLE!





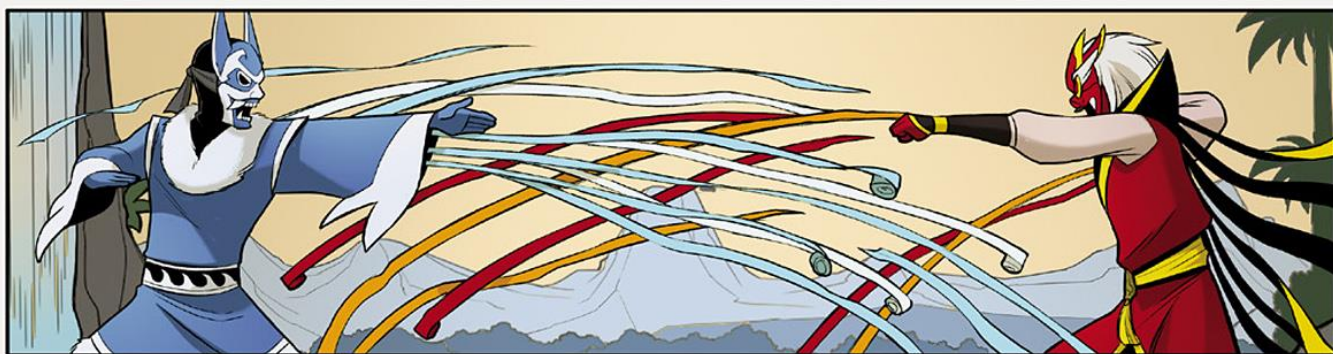
















THE YOUNG MAN PLAYING THE DRAGON EMPEROR THIS YEAR WAS EXTRAORDINARY, DON'T YOU THINK?

OH YES! MUCH BETTER THAN LAST YEAR'S FELLOW!



REMEMBER WHEN MOTHER USED TO TAKE US TO WATCH THE EMBER ISLAND PLAYERS PERFORM THIS PLAY? AFTERWARDS ON THE BEACH, YOU AND I WOULD REENACT THIS VERY SCENE.

I DON'T GET WHY I ALWAYS HAD TO BE THE DARK WATER SPIRIT, THOUGH.

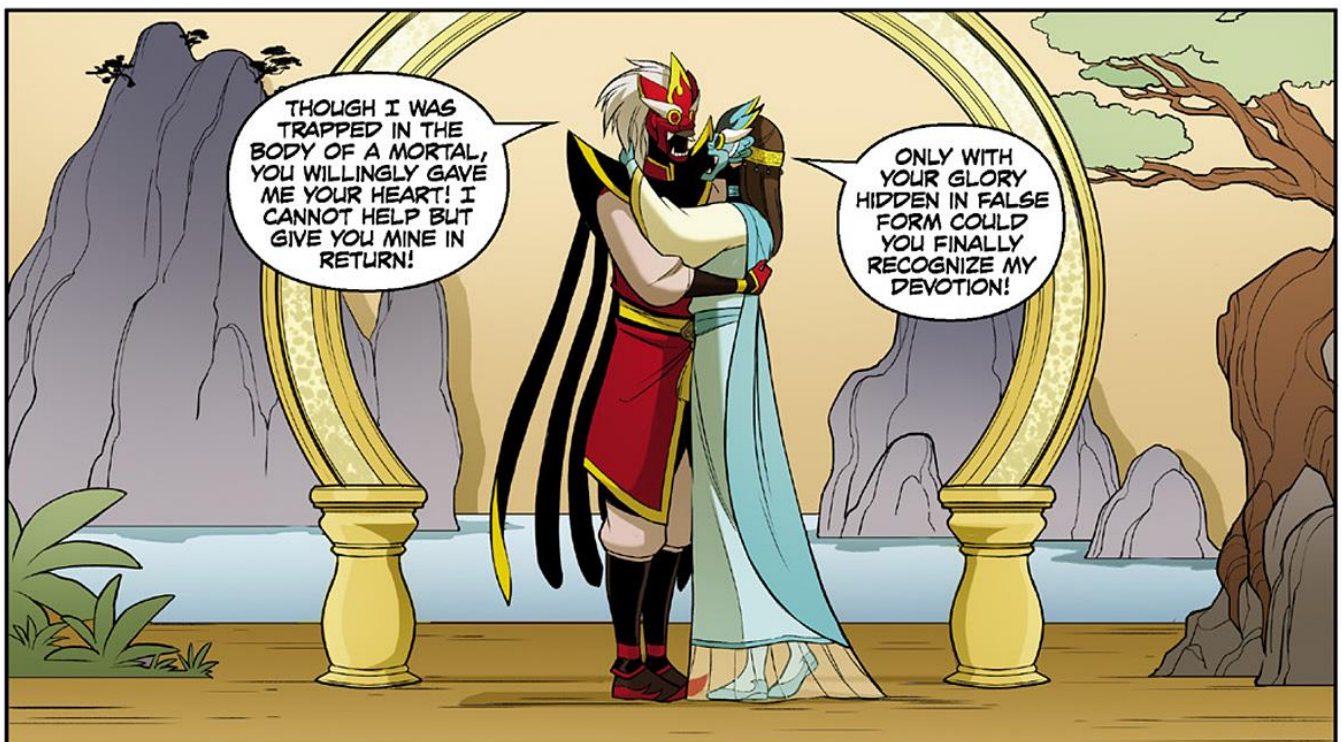
CLEARLY, I MADE A BETTER DRAGON EMPEROR.



SHHH! THE BEST PART IS COMING UP!

AZULA! PLEASE!

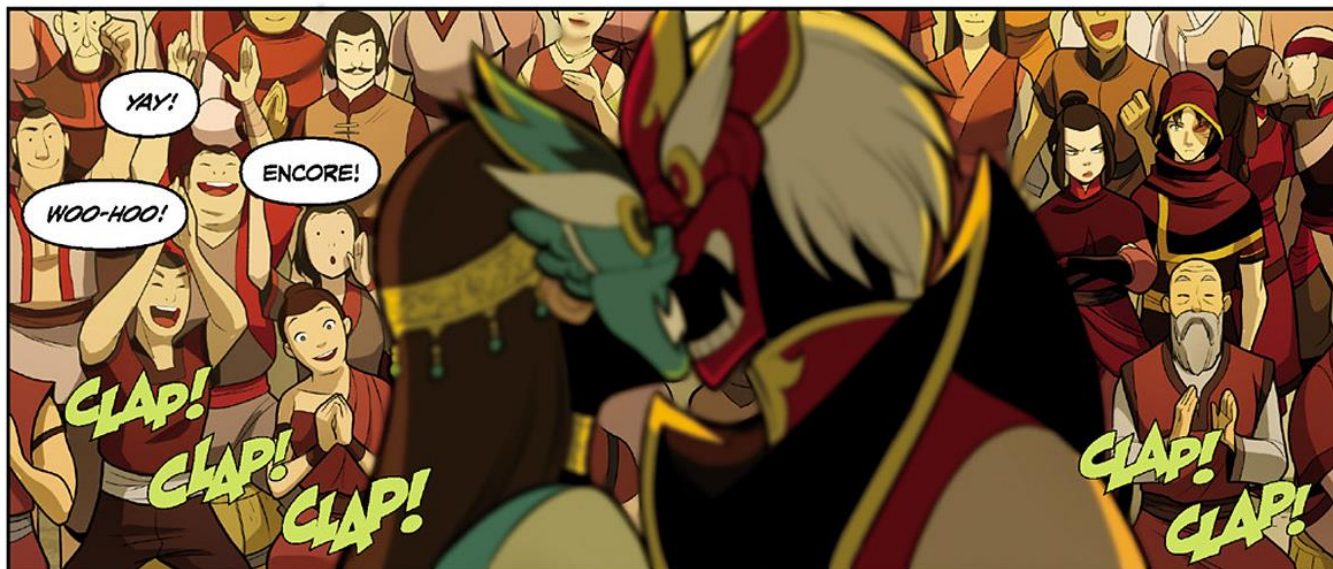
HOW DARE YOU SHUSH ME! DO YOU KNOW WHO I--



THOUGH I WAS TRAPPED IN THE BODY OF A MORTAL, YOU WILLINGLY GAVE ME YOUR HEART! I CANNOT HELP BUT GIVE YOU MINE IN RETURN!

ONLY WITH YOUR GLORY HIDDEN IN FALSE FORM COULD YOU FINALLY RECOGNIZE MY DEVOTION!









I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO STARTLE YOU.



MY NAME IS **NOREN**. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE HIRA'A ACTING TROUPE. Ursa WAS ONCE A MEMBER.

REALLY?



WE SHOULD FIND A QUIET PLACE TO TALK, AWAY FROM THE CROWDS.

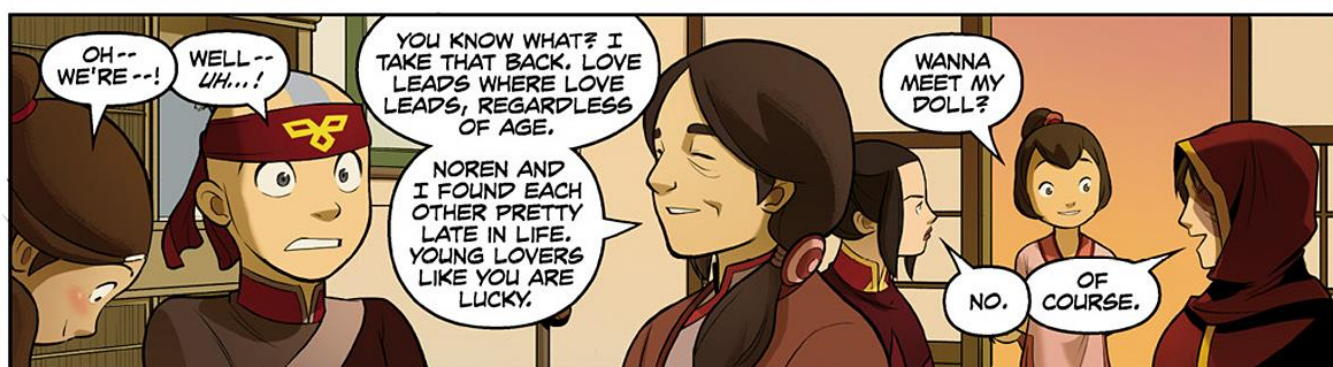
THAT'S RIGHT! SHE ALWAYS WANTED TO PLAY THE DRAGON EMPRESS, BUT NEVER GOT THE CHANCE! DIDN'T SHE --



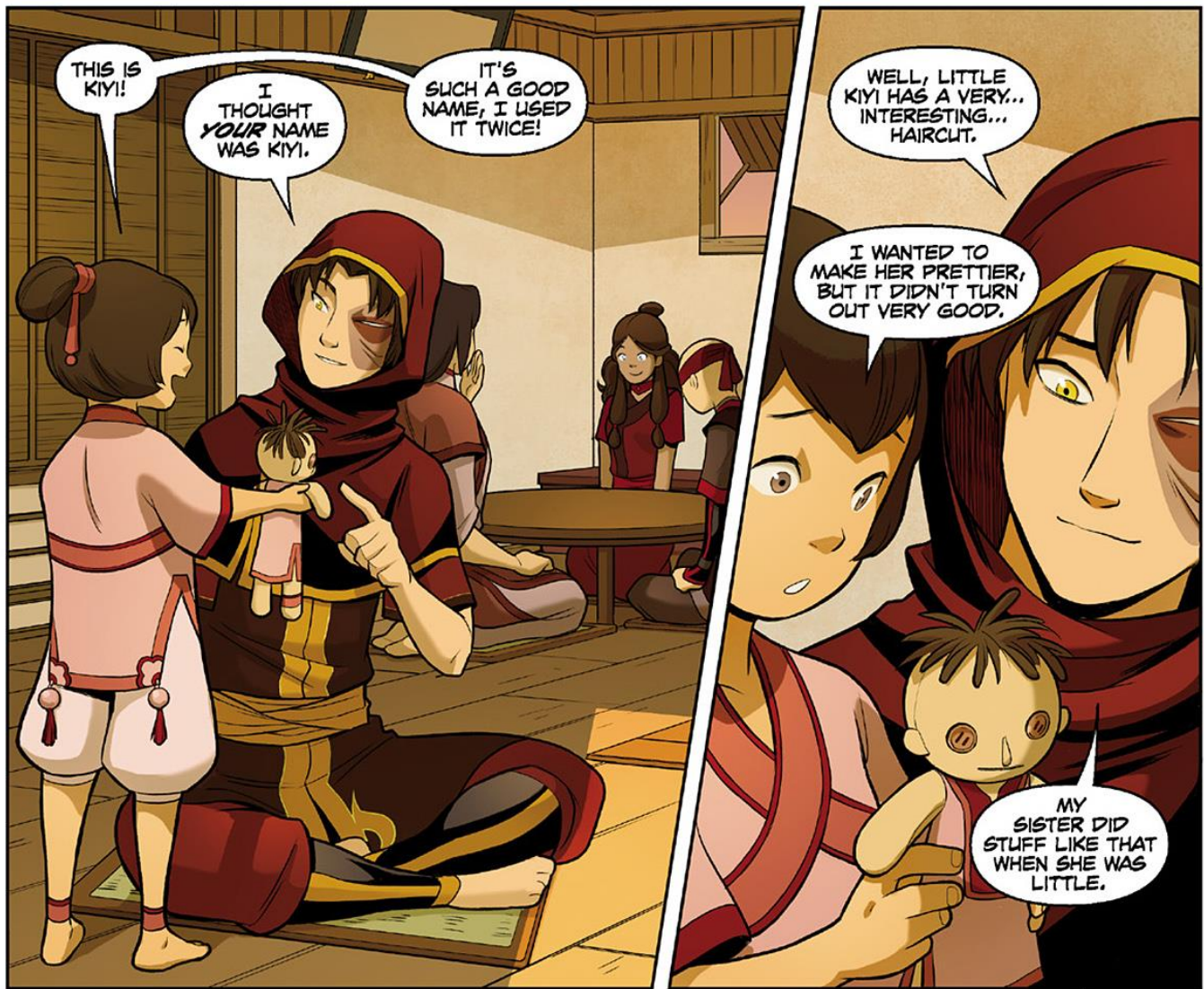
YOU'RE ALL WELCOME TO COME TO MY HOME. WE'LL SHARE SOME TEA AND I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW.

IT WOULD BE AN HONOR. THANK YOU.









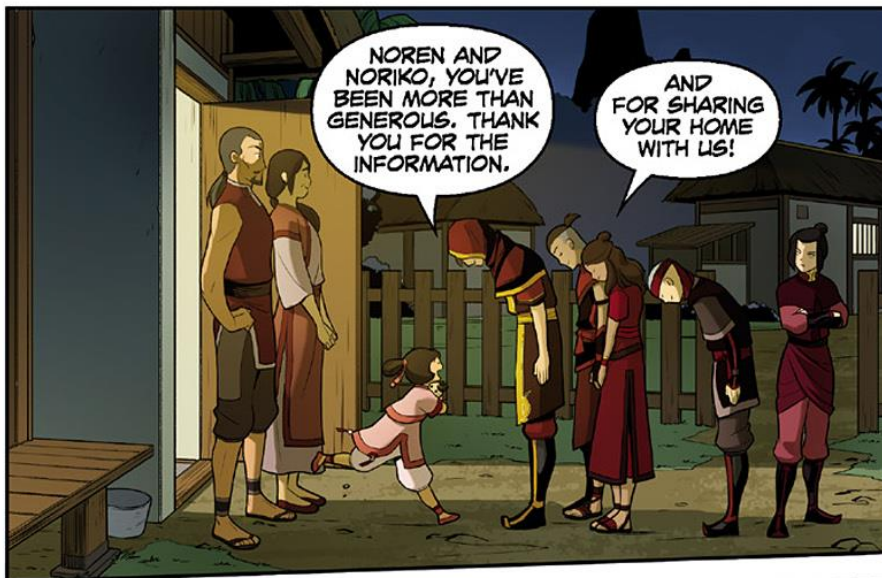
















I'M SORRY I BLEW UP AT YOU THIS MORNING. IT'S HARD FOR *ME* TO WRAP MY HEAD AROUND ALL THIS -- I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT IT'S LIKE FOR *YOU*.



EVEN SO, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND IKEM. THIS IS GONNA SOUND HARSH, BUT IT'S BEST IF HE STAYS LOST TO HISTORY.

WE'LL BURN THE LETTER WHEN WE GET A CHANCE AND--

I DON'T HAVE THE LETTER ANYMORE. AZULA TOOK IT BACK.



AND YOU LET HER?!

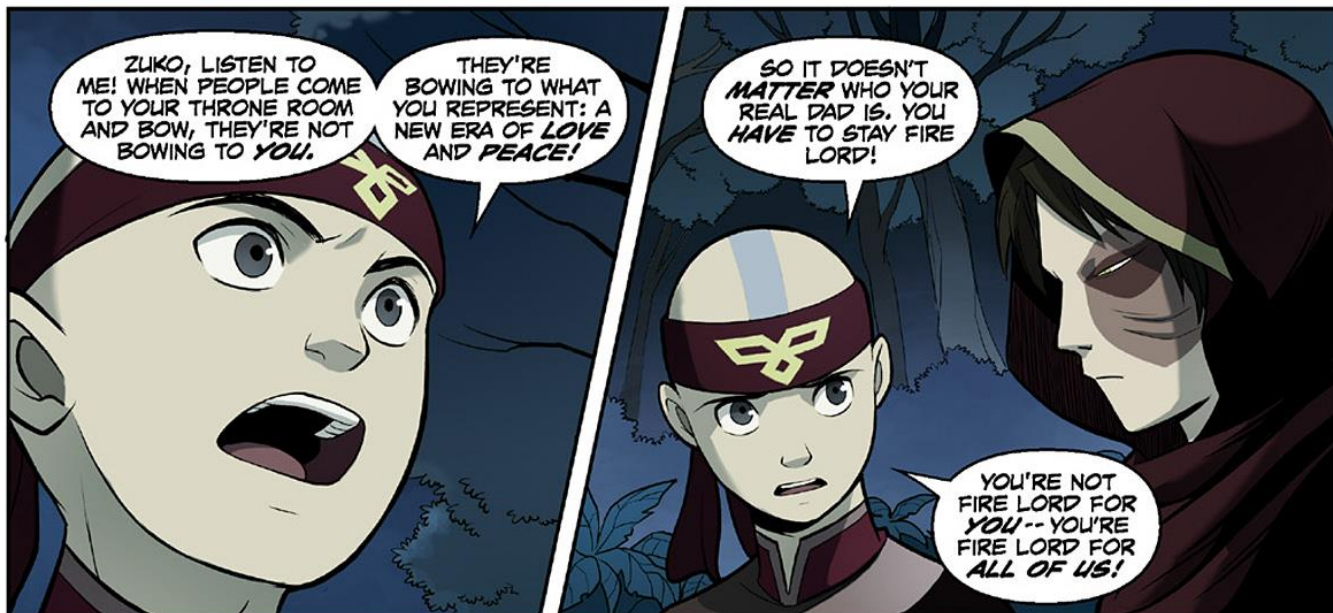
WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THE TASK AT HAND, AND THAT'S LOOKING FOR MY MOTHER.



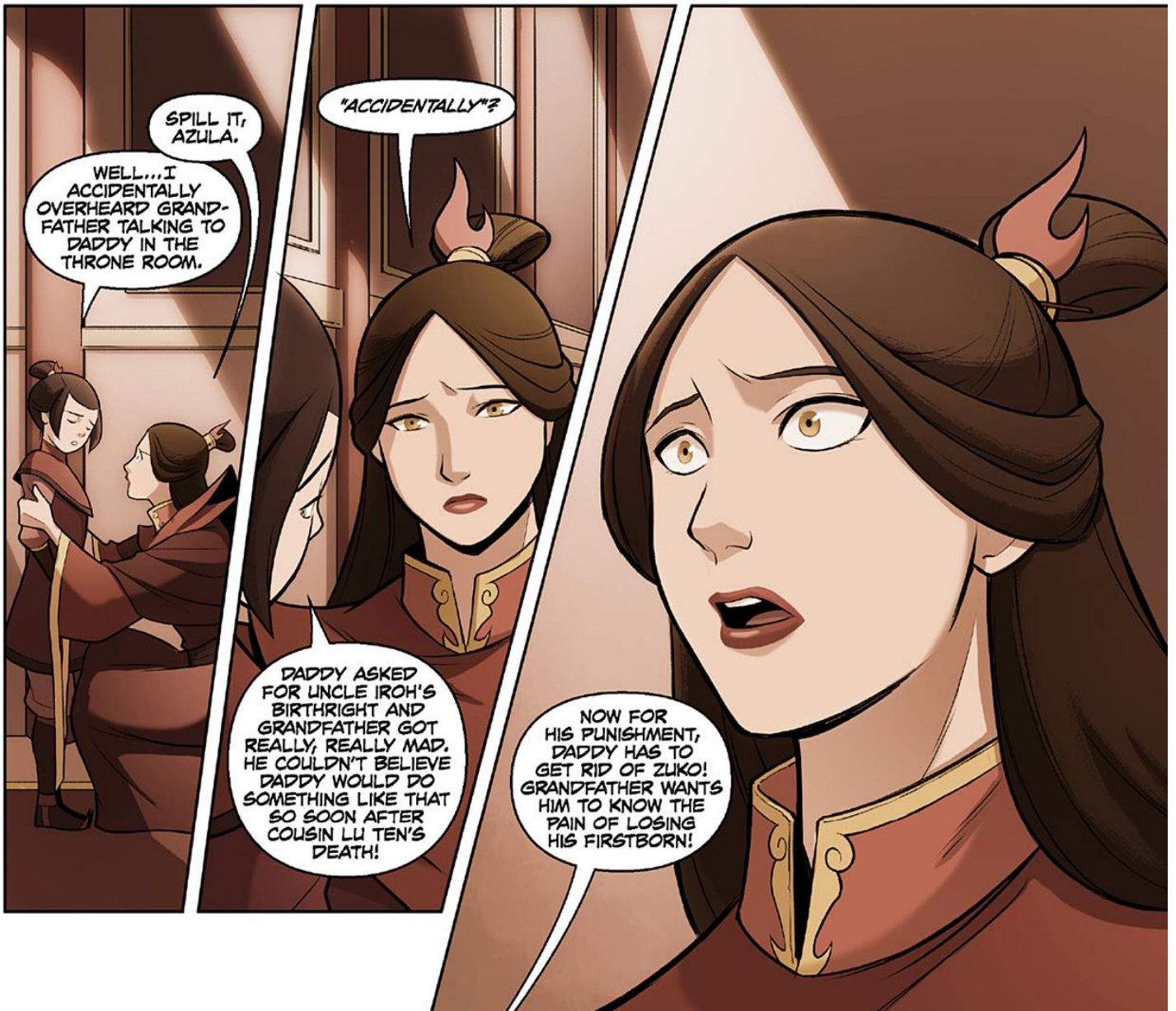
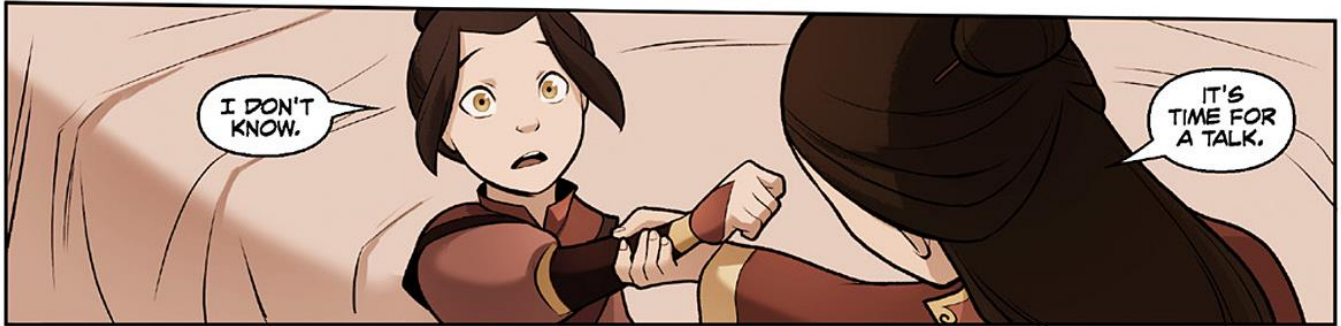
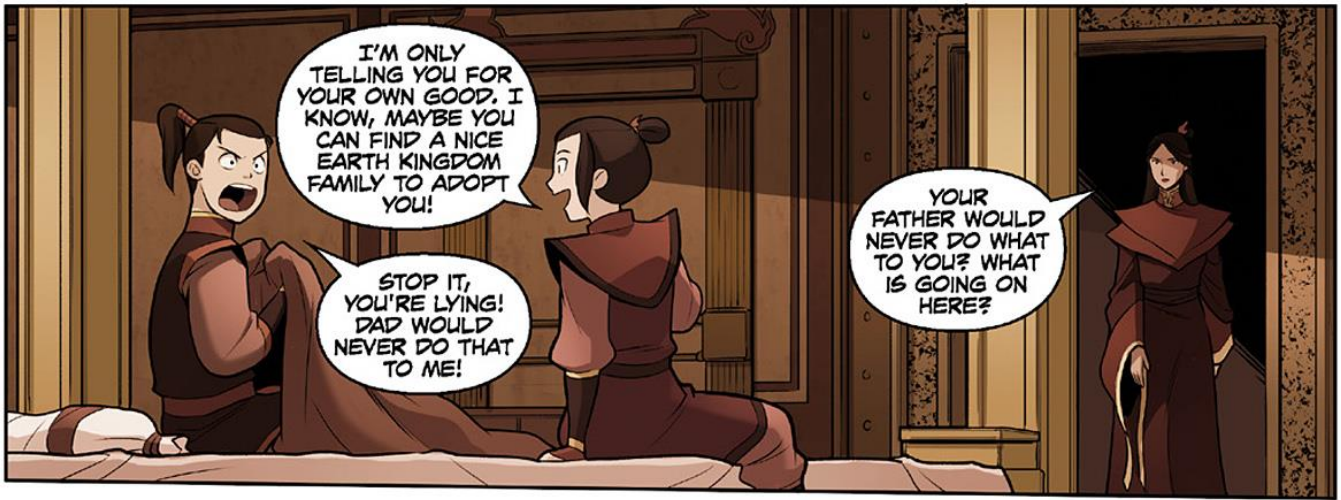
WE'LL FIGURE EVERYTHING ELSE OUT LATER, INCLUDING WHERE -- AND *WHO* -- I'M SUPPOSED TO BE.

WHAT DO YOU *MEAN*, "WHO YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE"?!







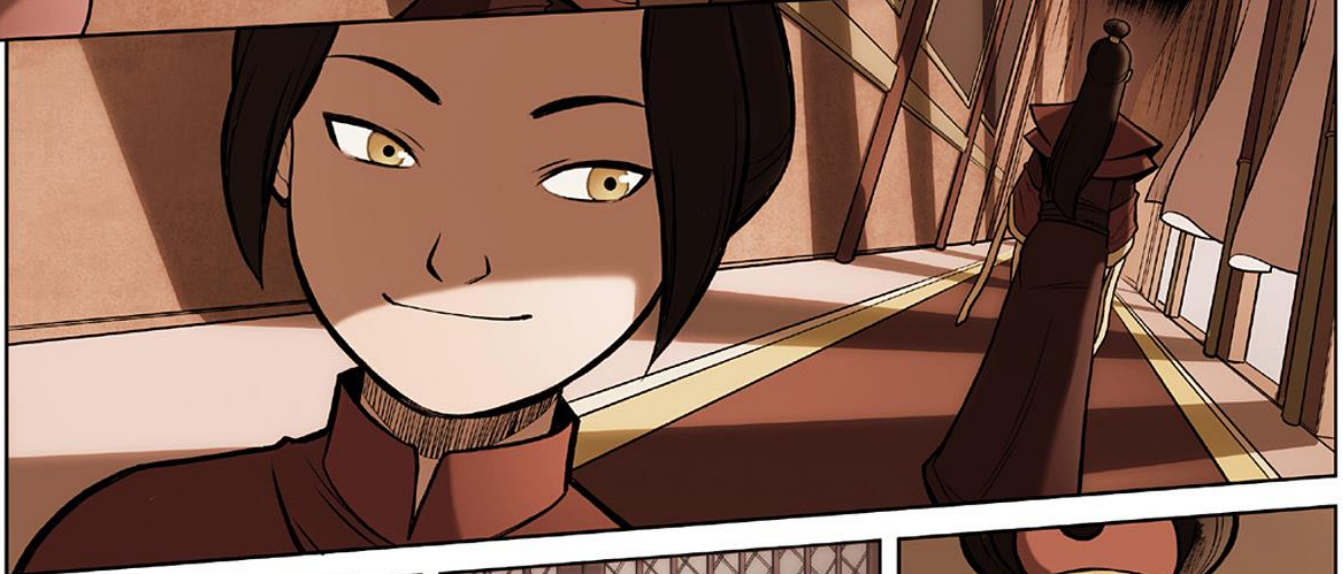






OH, MOMMY!  
I'M SO SCARED  
FOR ZUKO! YOU  
DON'T THINK DADDY  
WOULD REALLY DO  
SOMETHING LIKE  
THAT, DO YOU?

GO TO  
BED, YOUNG  
LADY. **NOW.**

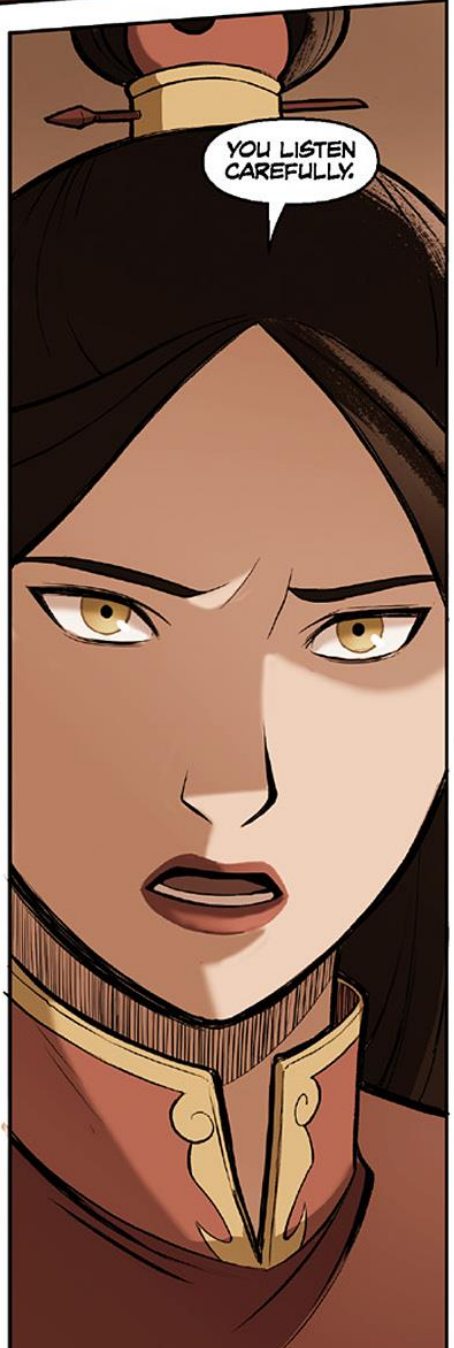


OZAI!  
YOU CAN'T  
DO THIS!



I HAVE NO  
CHOICE. REFUSING  
THE FIRE LORD'S  
COMMAND IS  
TREASON.

BUT I AM A  
MERCIFUL MAN.  
I'M WAITING UNTIL  
HE'S ASLEEP. HE  
WON'T FEEL A  
THING.



YOU LISTEN  
CAREFULLY.









ONCE WE'VE MADE OUR EXCHANGE, YOU MUST LEAVE THE CAPITAL CITY AND NEVER SHOW YOUR FACE AGAIN.

WITH YOU AROUND, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE A COLORLESS, ODORLESS POISON IS USED AGAINST THE *NEW FIRE LORD*.

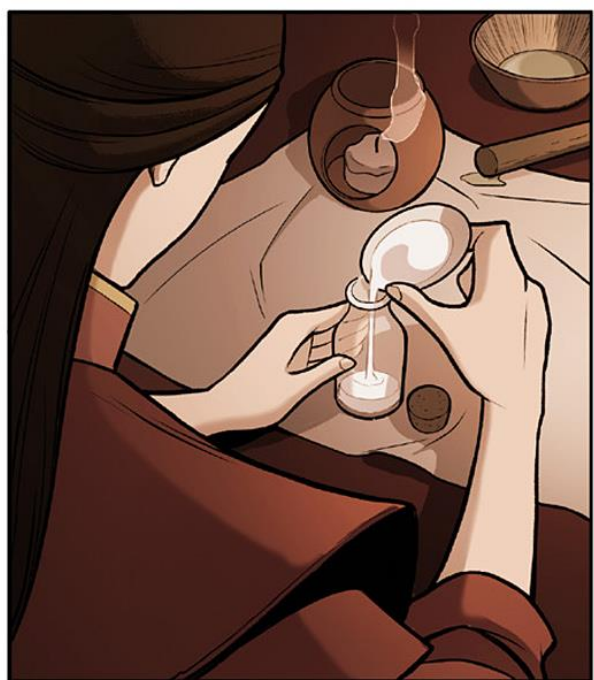
FINE. BUT I TAKE MY CHILDREN WITH ME.

NO. THE CHILDREN ARE MY COLLATERAL. AS LONG AS YOU KEEP YOUR WORD, NO HARM WILL COME TO EITHER OF THEM.

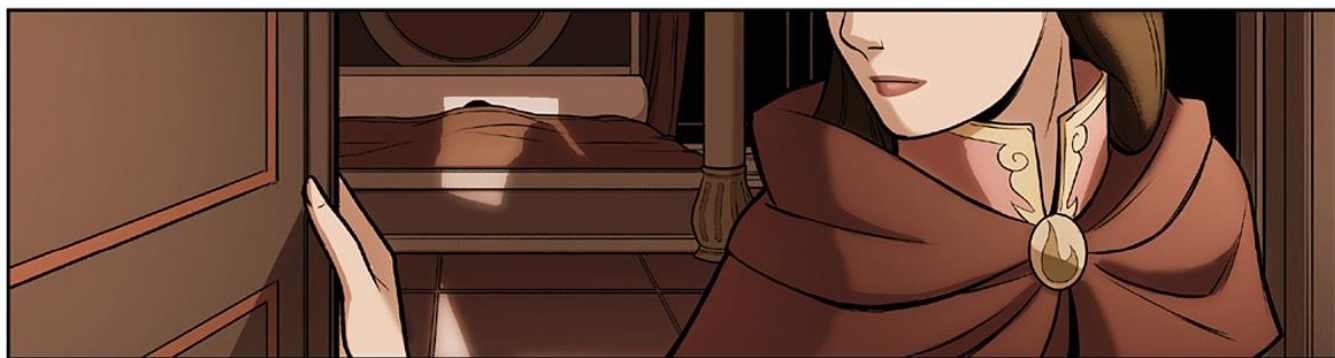
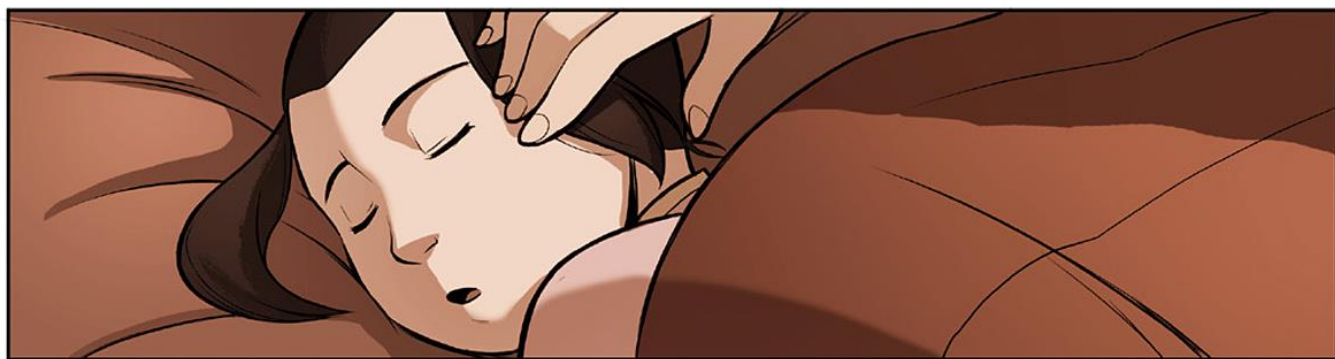
SHOULD YOU TRY TO STAY OR TAKE YOUR CHILDREN WITH YOU, HOWEVER, I WILL HUNT YOU ALL DOWN.

*JUST LIKE I DID YOUR PRECIOUS BOYFRIEND.*

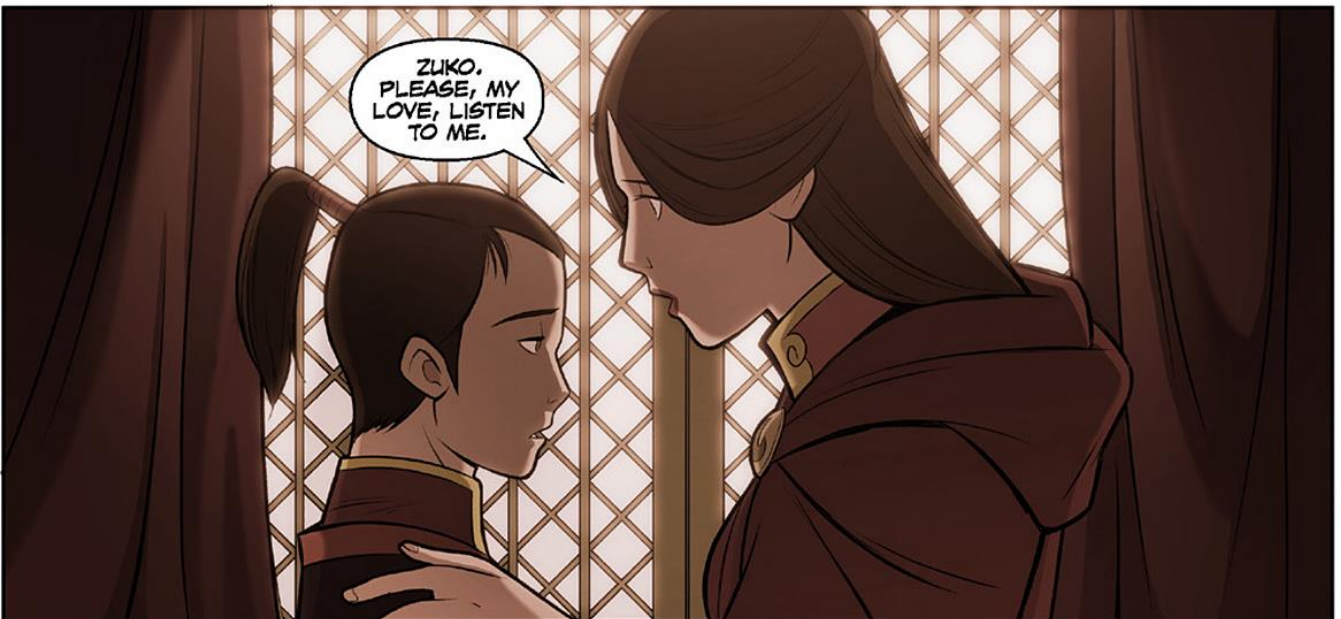
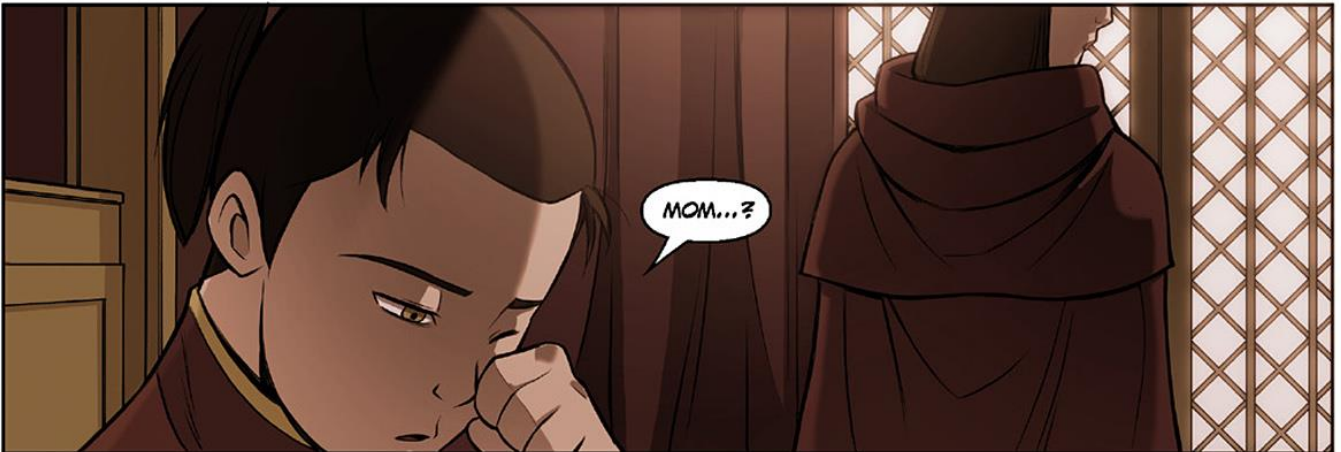




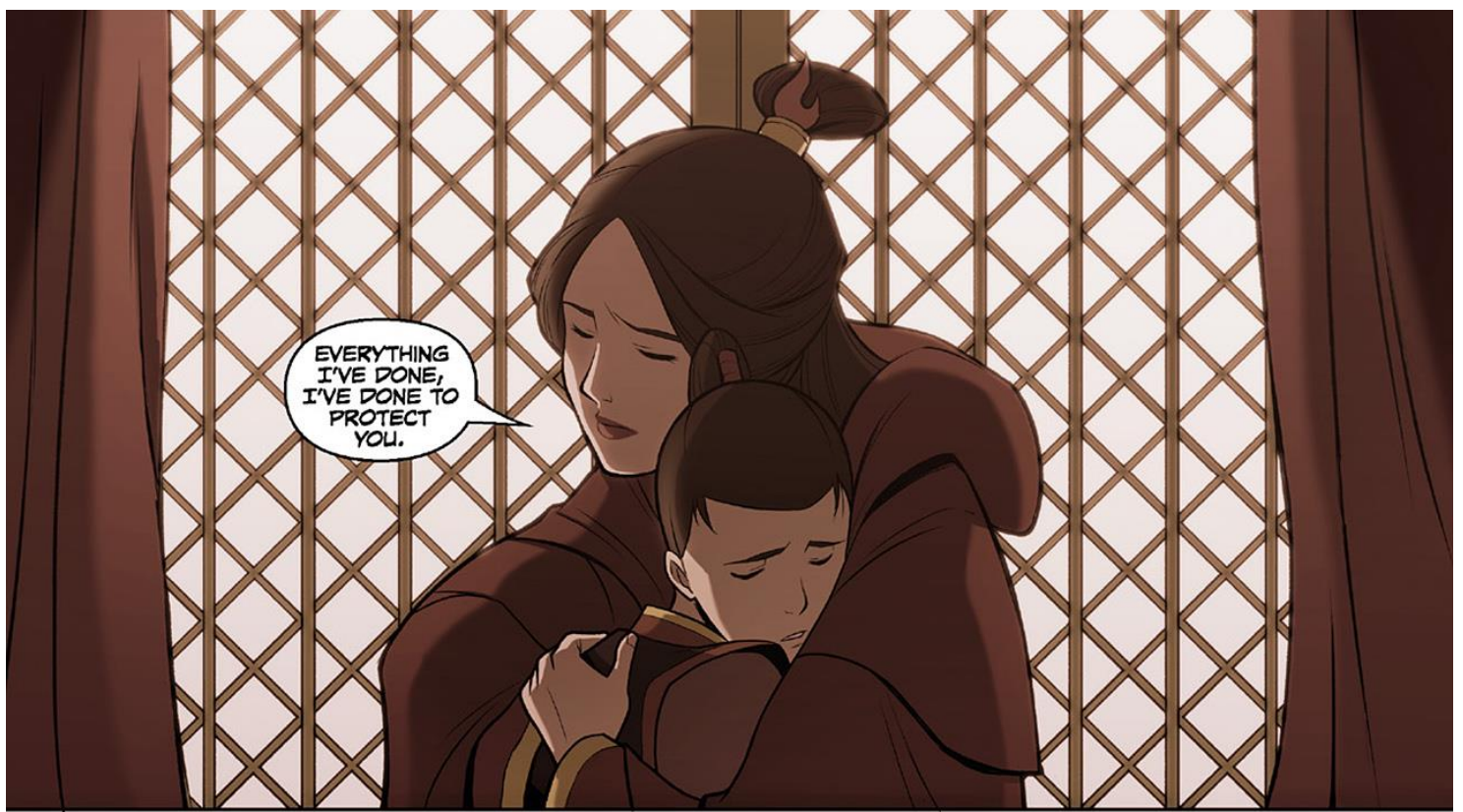
















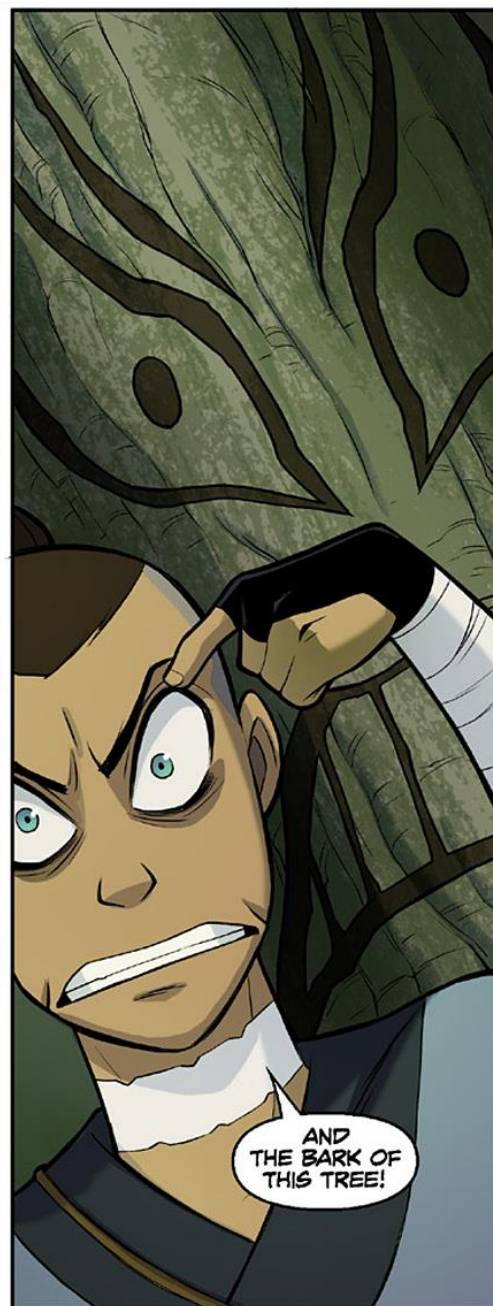












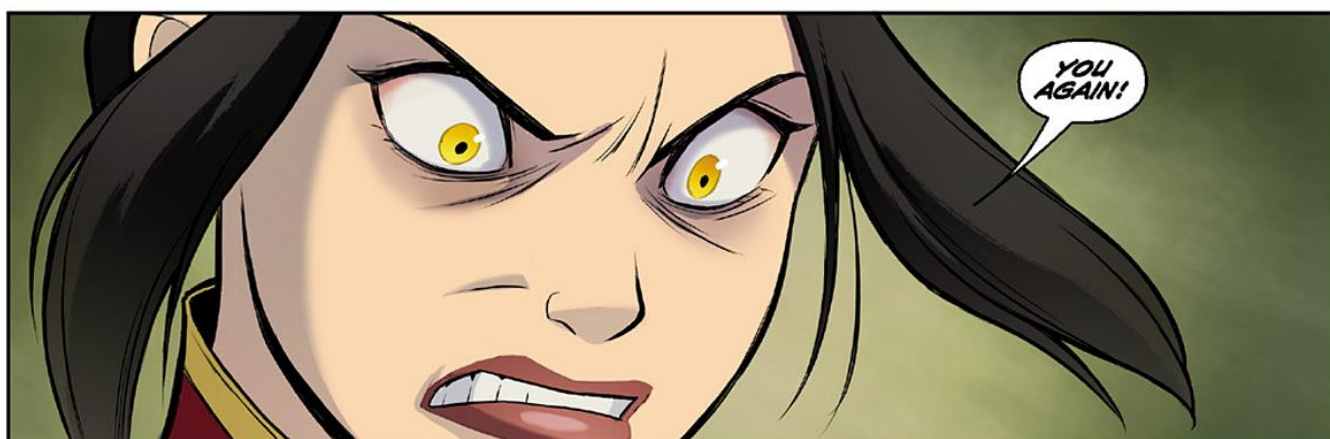








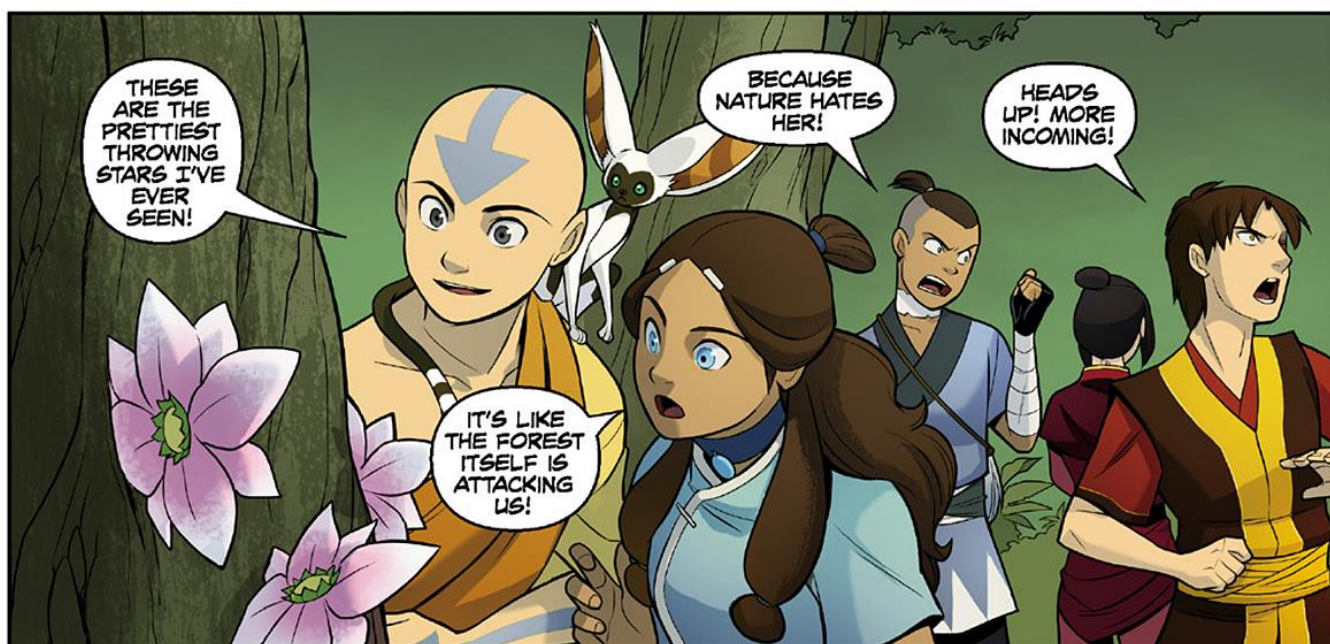
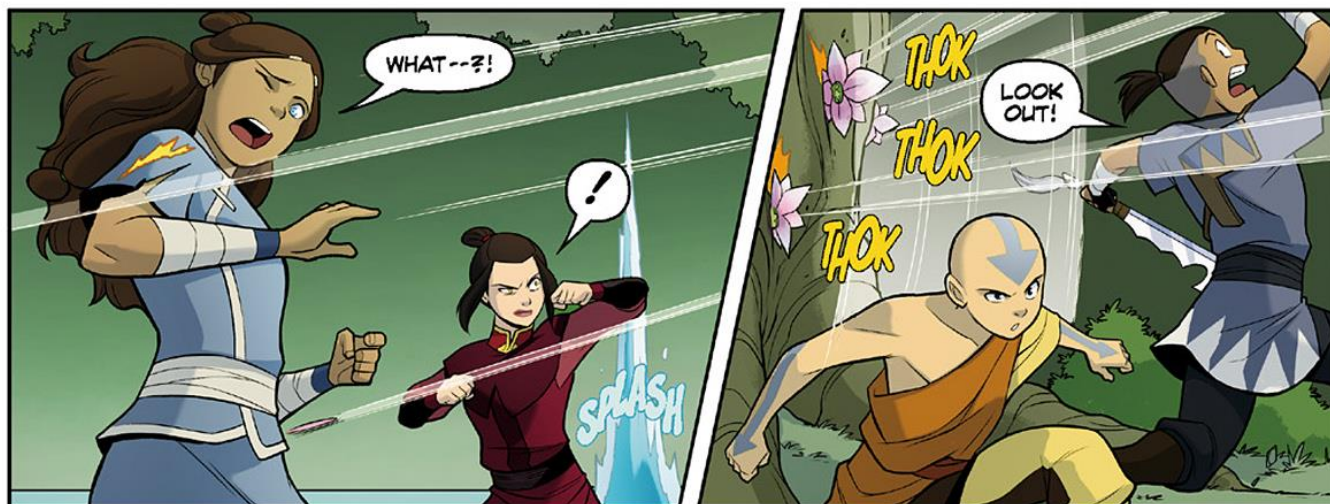








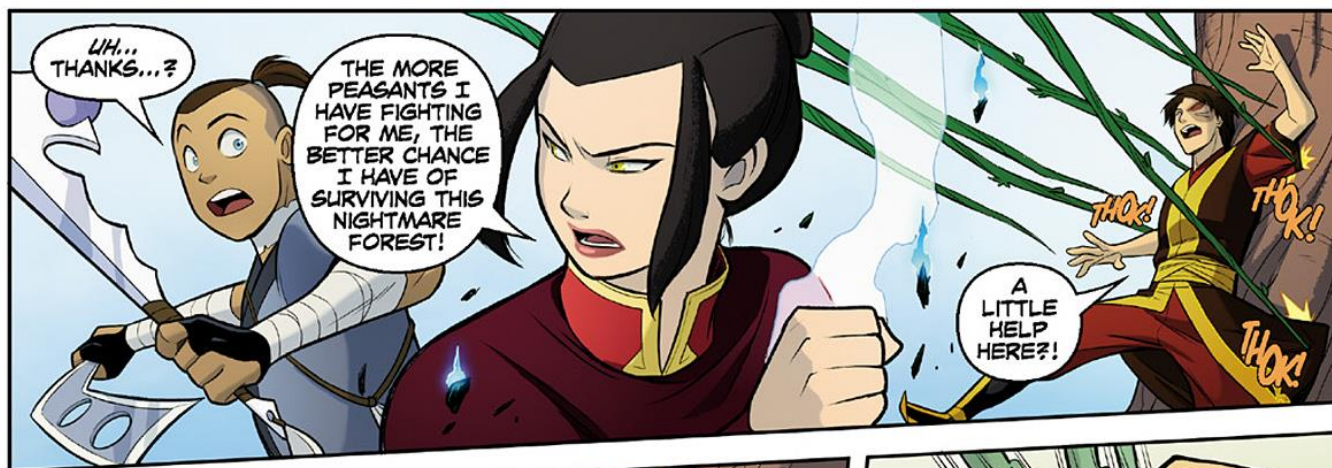




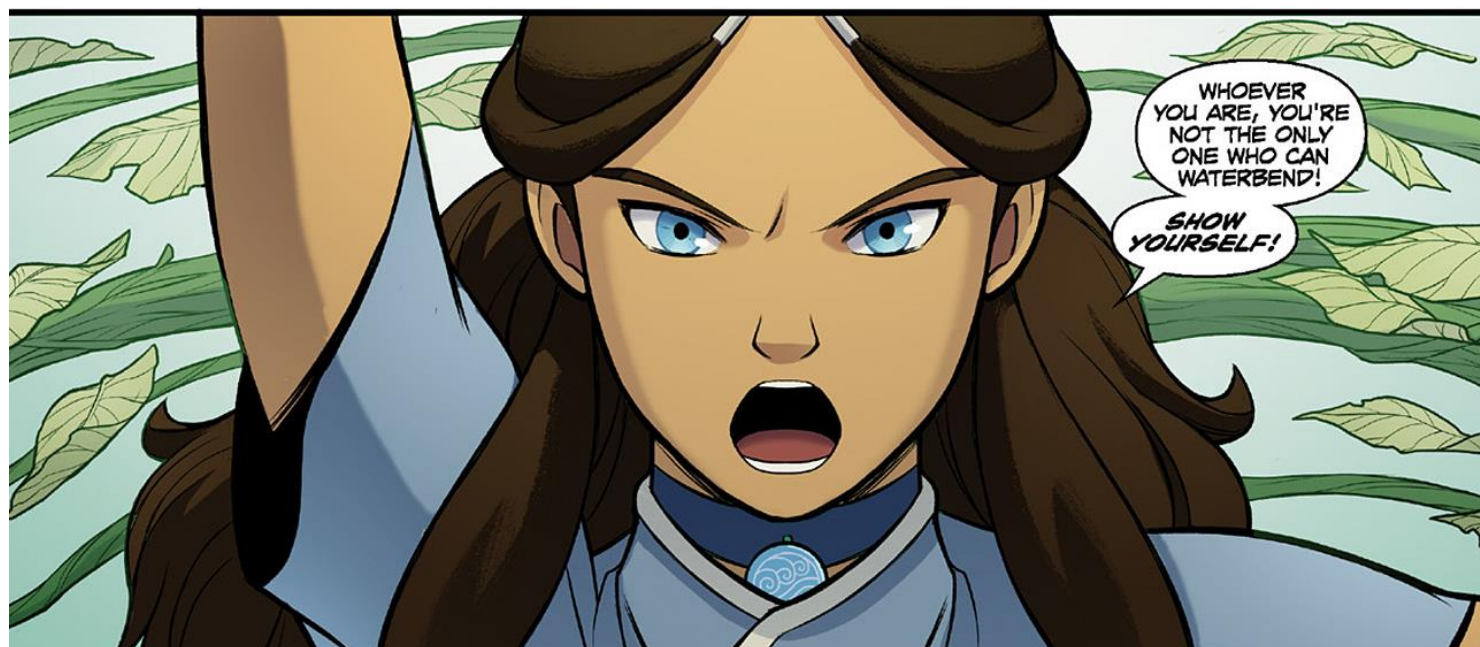








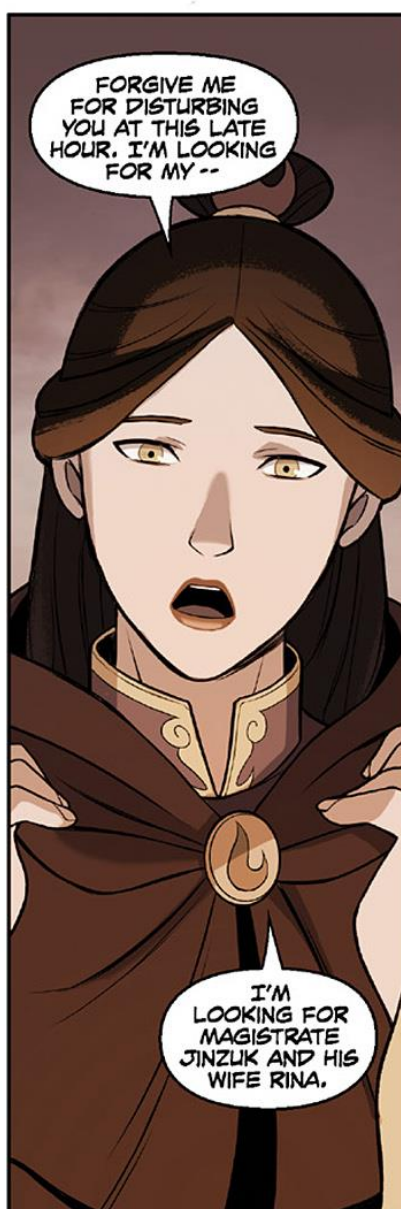








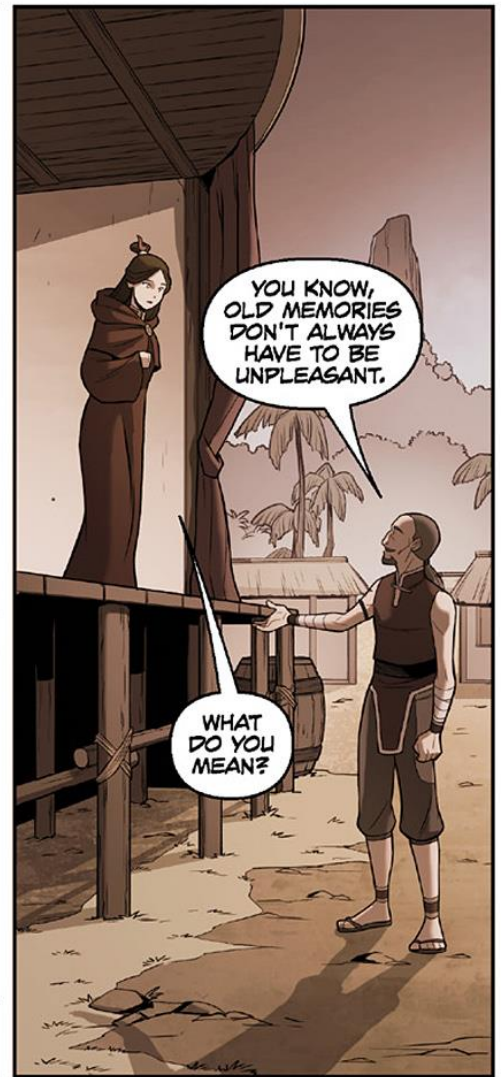




















GROWING UP, MY BROTHER AND I WERE COMPLETE OPPOSITES. I WAS QUIET AND STUDIOUS. HE WAS LOUD AND BRASH.

I FOLLOWED THE RULES. HE LIVED TO BREAK THEM.



"HE'D OFTEN BRING HOME THINGS HE'D STOLEN FROM OUR TRIBE'S MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE: A WATERBENDER'S POUCH, A WARRIOR'S CLUB, THE CHIEF'S BATTLE HELMET.

"EACH TIME, I YELLED AT HIM TO RETURN THE ITEMS, AND HE ALWAYS DID. HE JUST WANTED TO PROVE TO EVERYONE THAT HE COULD DO IT. THE PEOPLE HE STOLE FROM WERE ALWAYS SO EMBARRASSED THAT HE NEVER GOT INTO ANY REAL TROUBLE.



"WELL, ONE DAY HIS LUCK RAN OUT. I FOUND HIM ALONE ON THE ICE, HIS FACE HORRIBLY DISFIGURED.

"IT CHANGED HIS LIFE --  
**OUR LIVES** -- FOREVER.

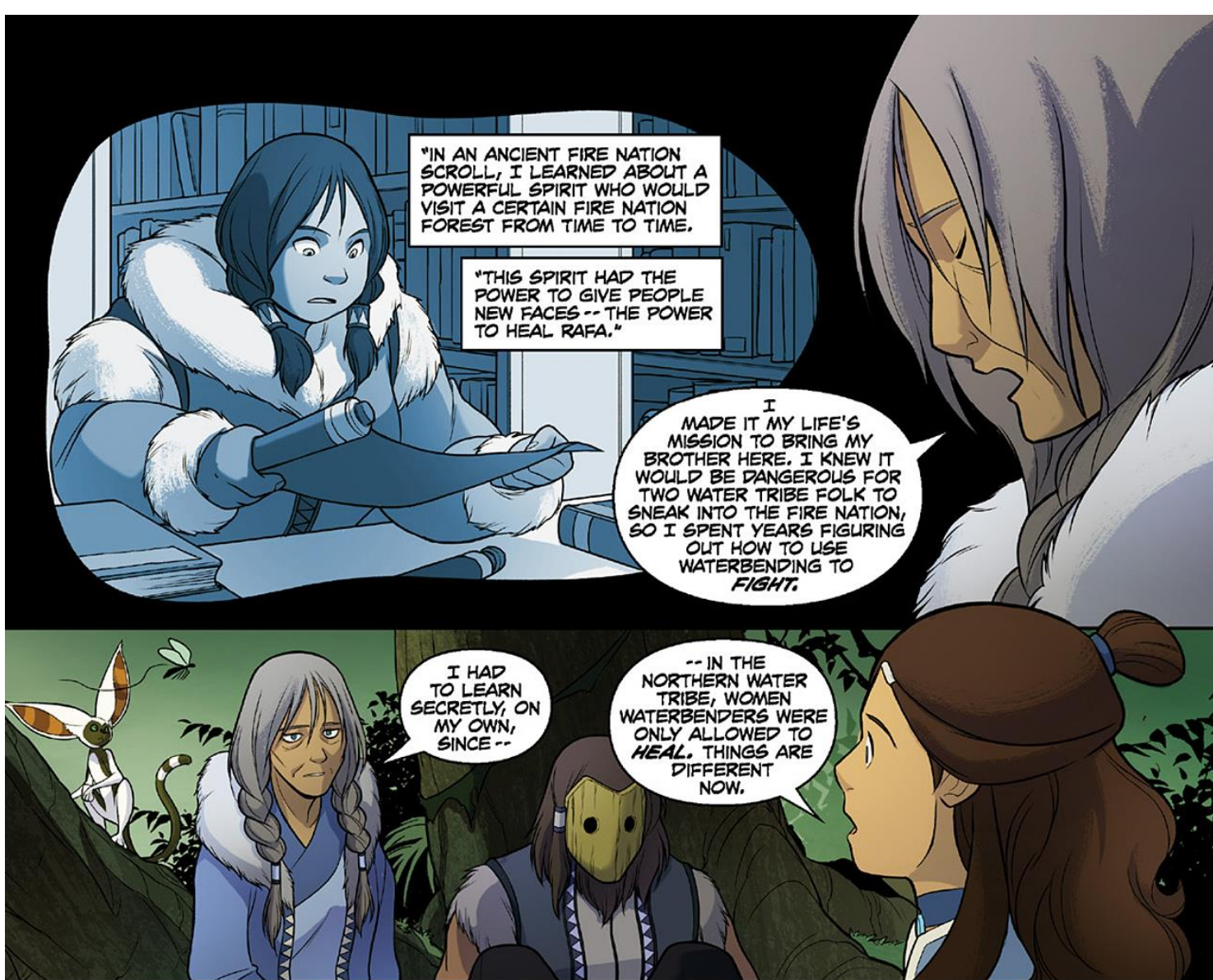


"I TOOK HIM TO OUR PEOPLE'S MOST EXPERIENCED HEALERS, BUT NONE OF THEM COULD DO A THING FOR HIM.



"SO I HELPED HIM THE BEST WAY I KNEW HOW. I WENT TO THE LIBRARY AND BEGAN TO STUDY.

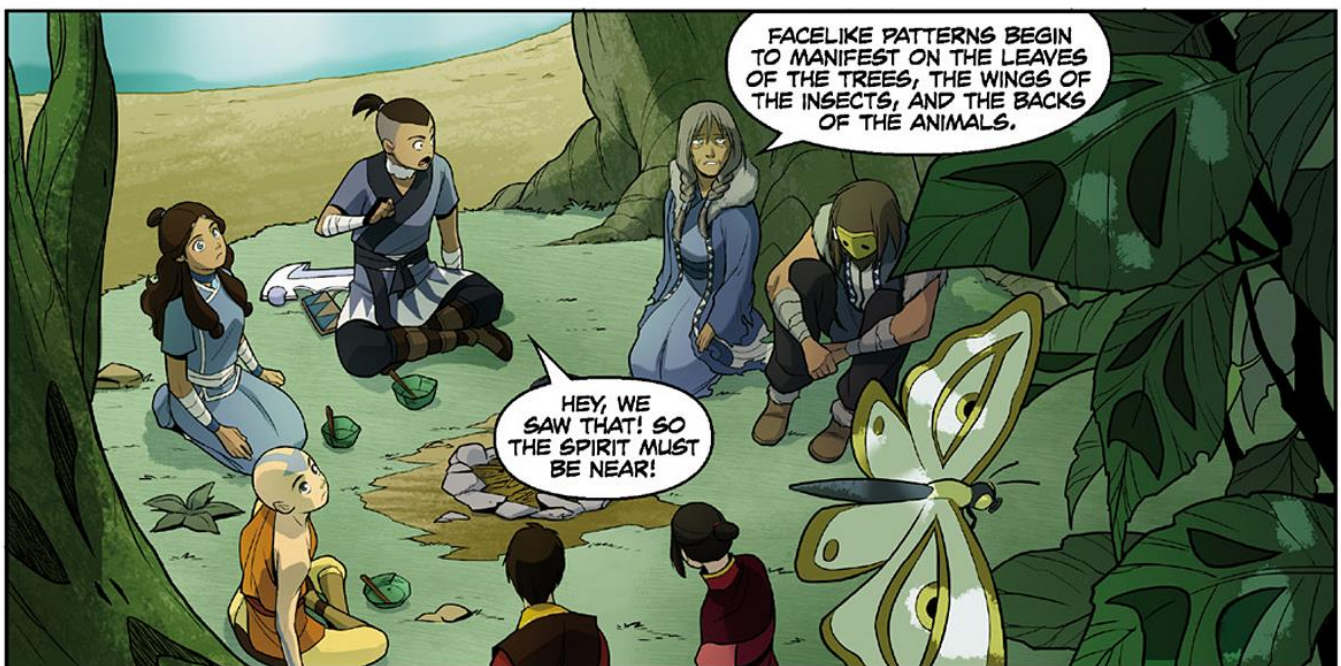
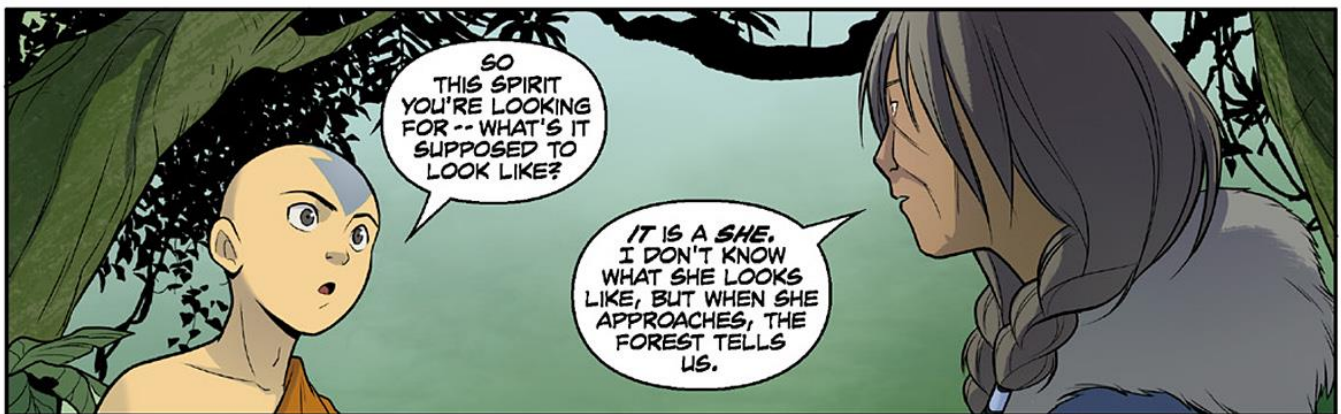




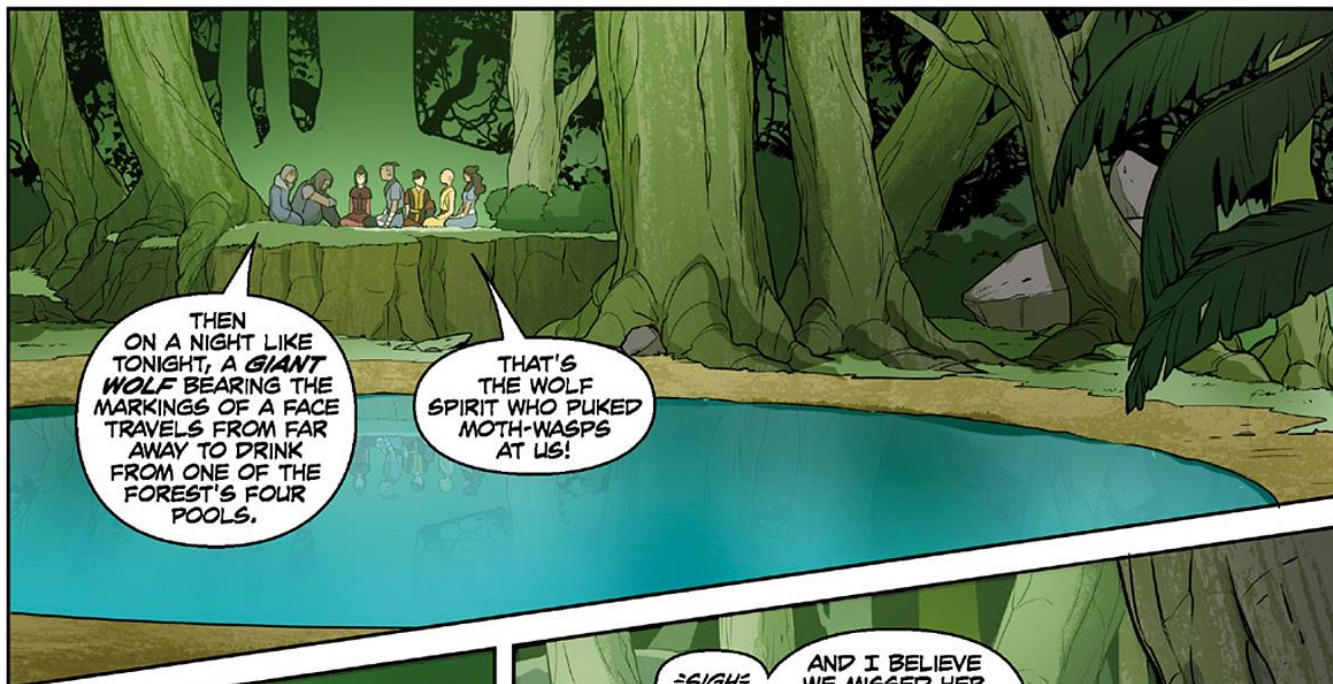






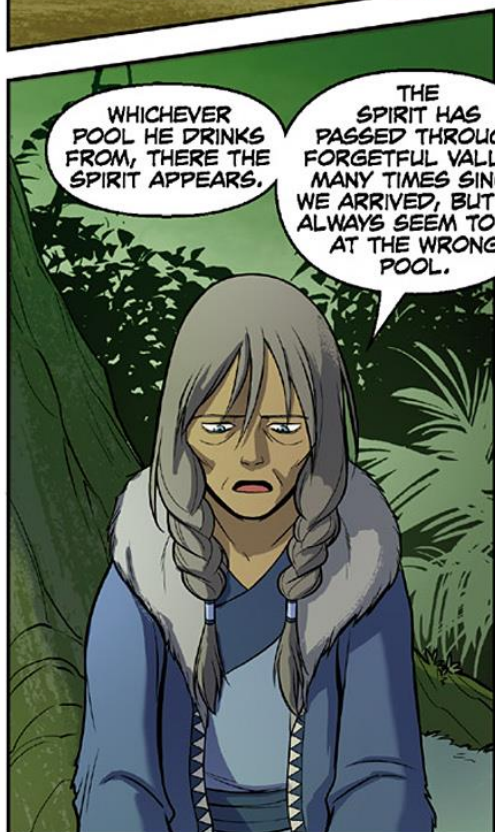






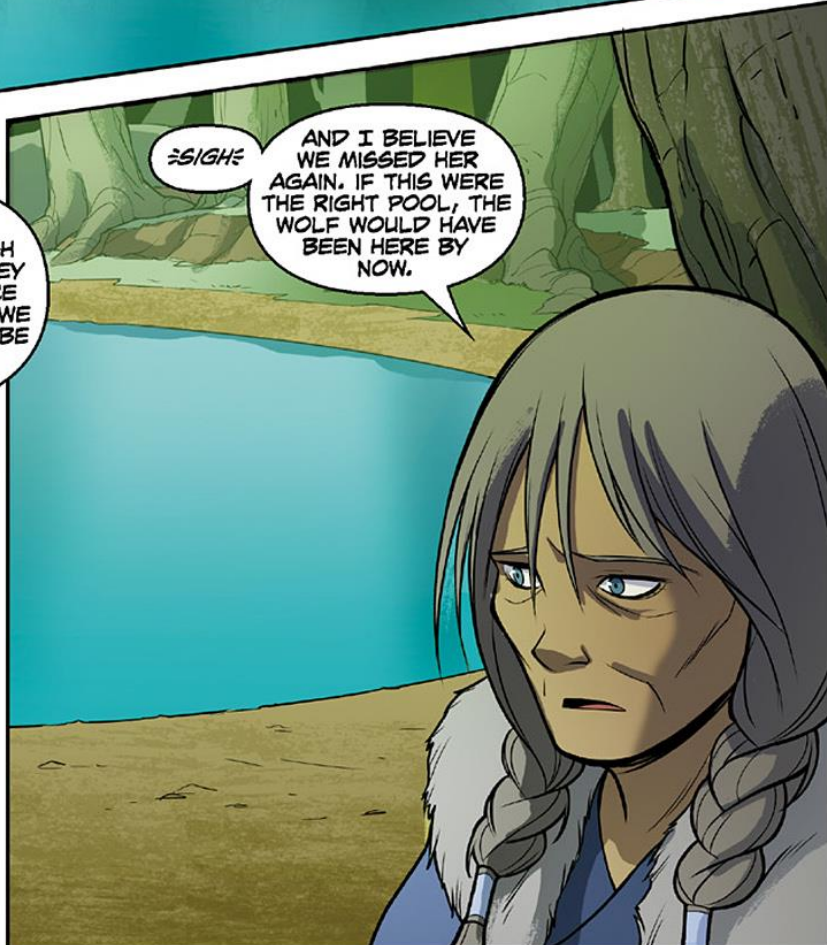
THEN  
ON A NIGHT LIKE  
TONIGHT, A **GIANT  
WOLF** BEARING THE  
MARKINGS OF A FACE  
TRAVELS FROM FAR  
AWAY TO DRINK  
FROM ONE OF THE  
FOREST'S FOUR  
POOLS.

THAT'S  
THE WOLF  
SPIRIT WHO PUKE  
MOTH-WASPS  
AT US!



WHICHEVER  
POOL HE DRINKS  
FROM, THERE THE  
SPIRIT APPEARS.

THE  
SPIRIT HAS  
PASSED THROUGH  
FORGETFUL VALLEY  
MANY TIMES SINCE  
WE ARRIVED, BUT WE  
ALWAYS SEEM TO BE  
AT THE WRONG  
POOL.



*SIGH*

AND I BELIEVE  
WE MISSED HER  
AGAIN. IF THIS WERE  
THE RIGHT POOL, THE  
WOLF WOULD HAVE  
BEEN HERE BY  
NOW.



I'M SORRY,  
BROTHER. WE'LL  
KEEP TRYING.





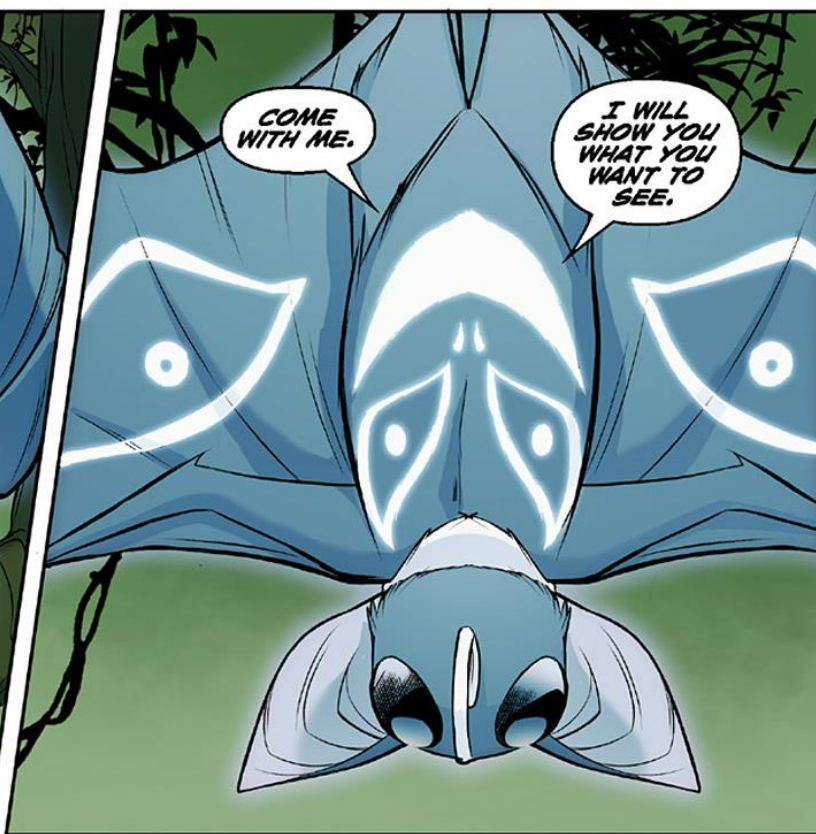




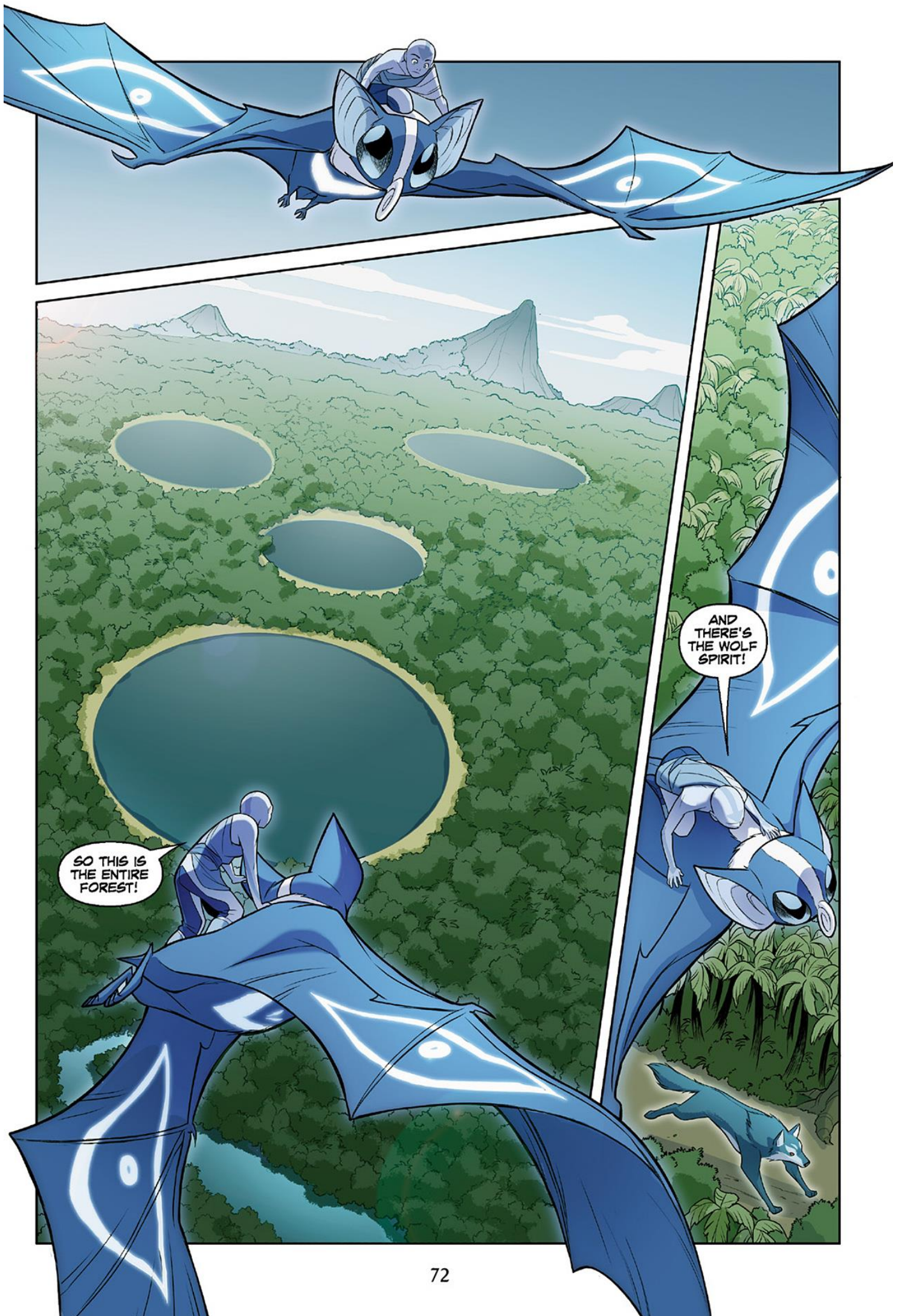








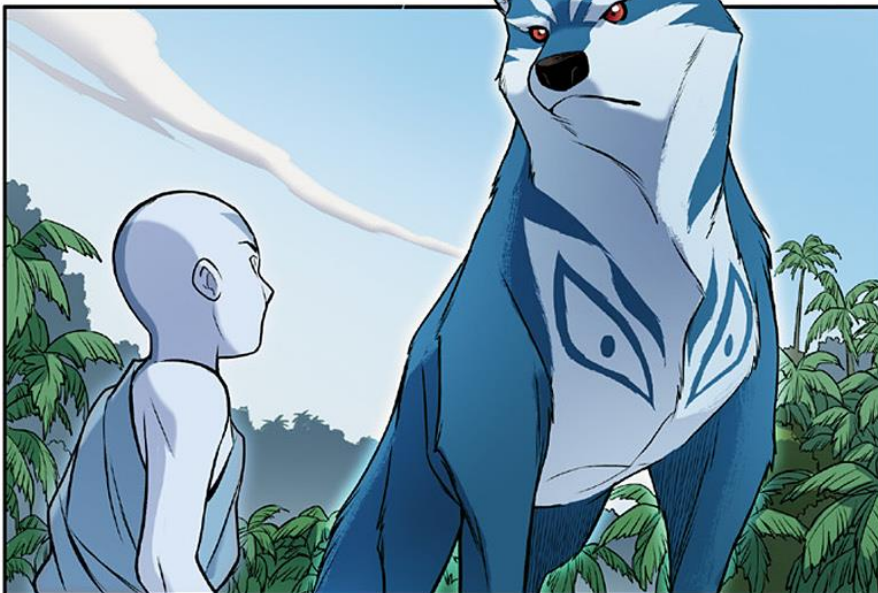




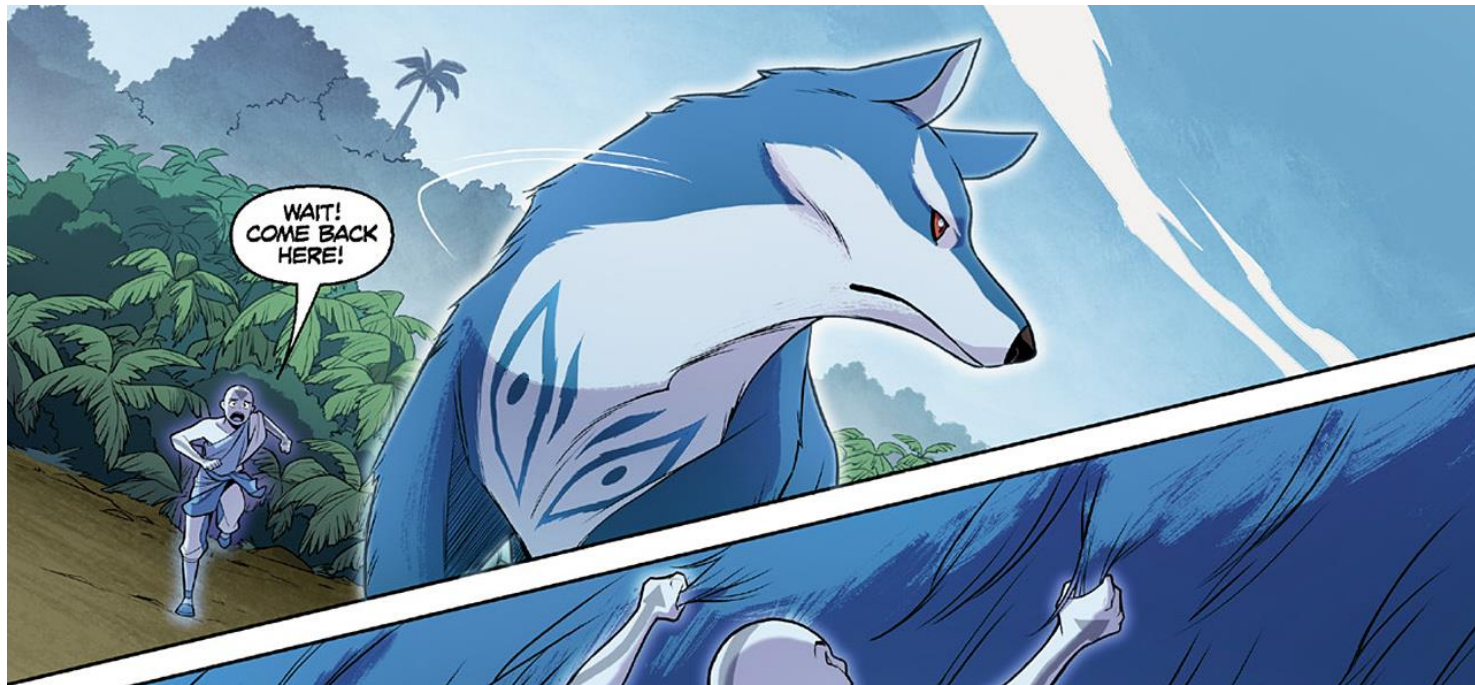
SO THIS IS  
THE ENTIRE  
FOREST!

AND  
THERE'S  
THE WOLF  
SPIRIT!





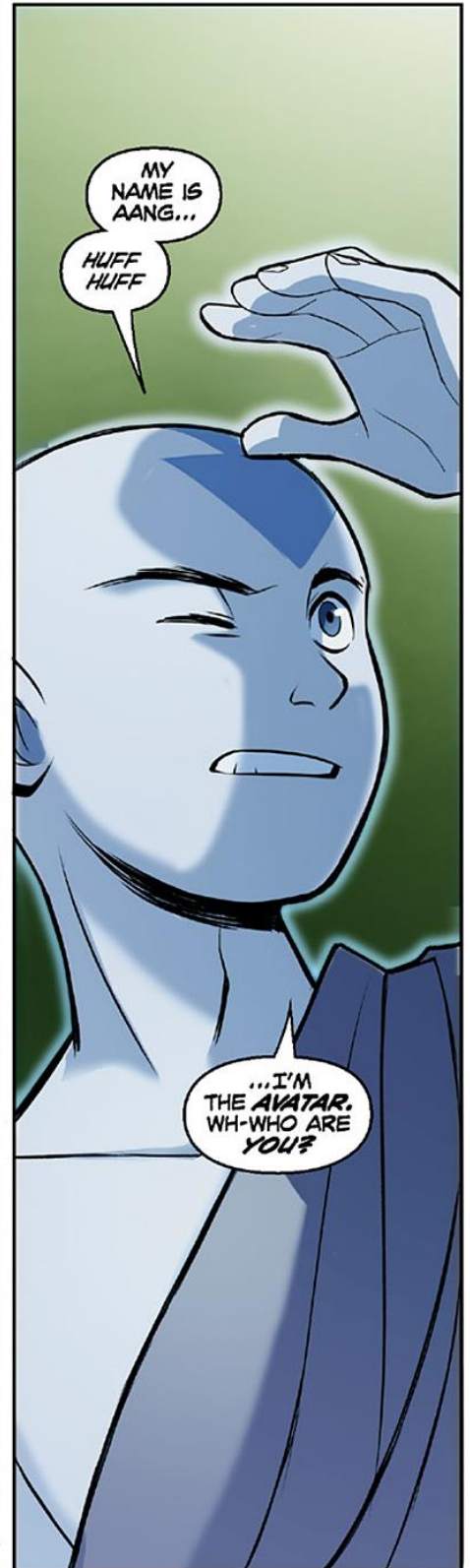








WHO DARES  
RIDE MY WOLF  
AS IF SHE WERE  
SOME COMMON  
BEAST OF  
BURDEN?!



MY  
NAME IS  
AANG...

HUFF  
HUFF

...I'M  
THE AVATAR.  
WH-WHO ARE  
YOU?





I AM  
THE MOTHER  
OF FACES!





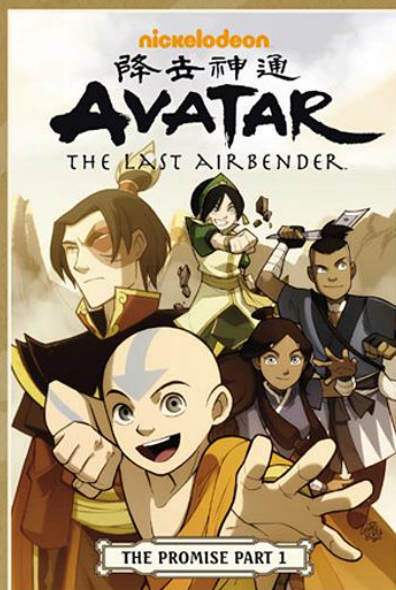
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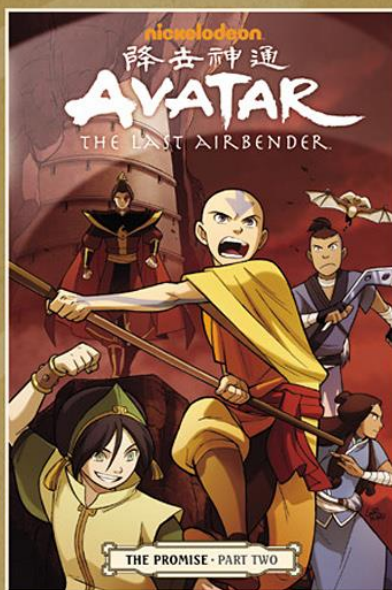


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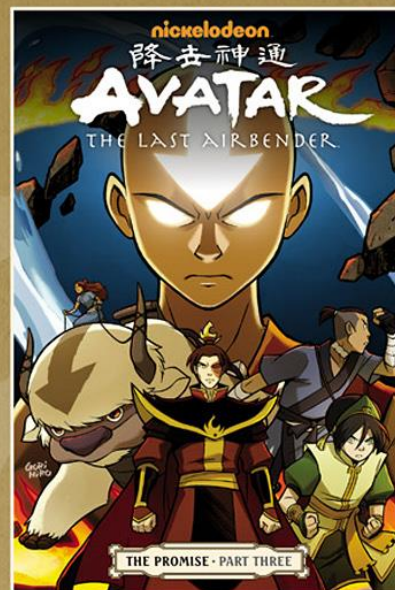
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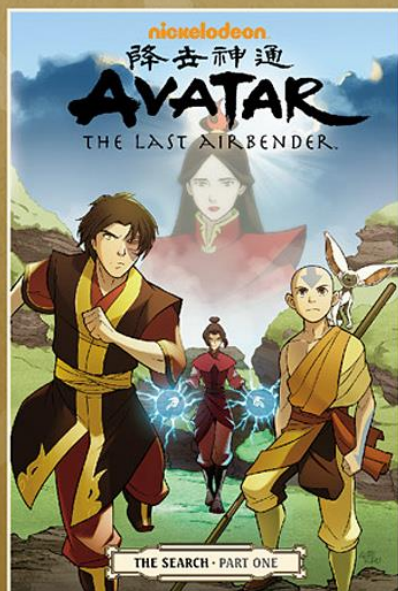
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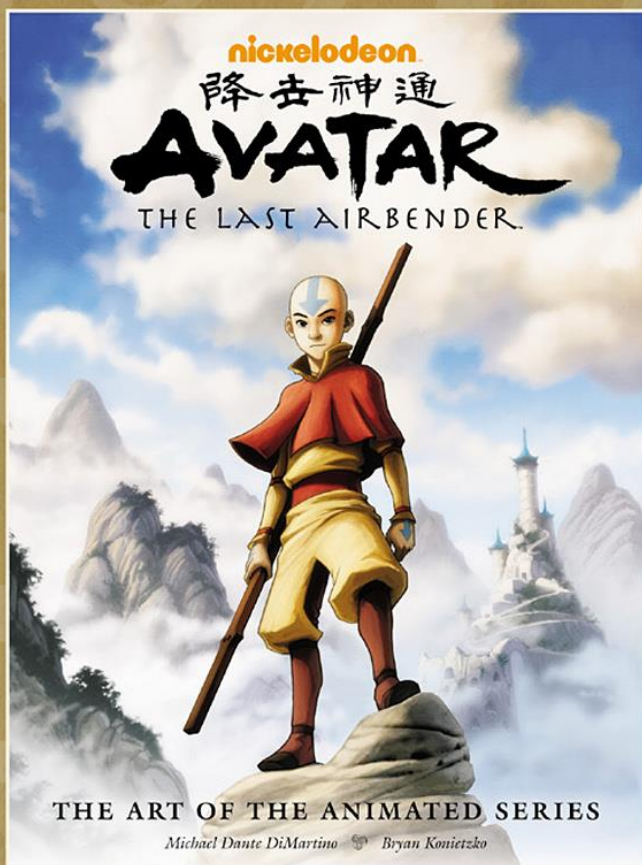
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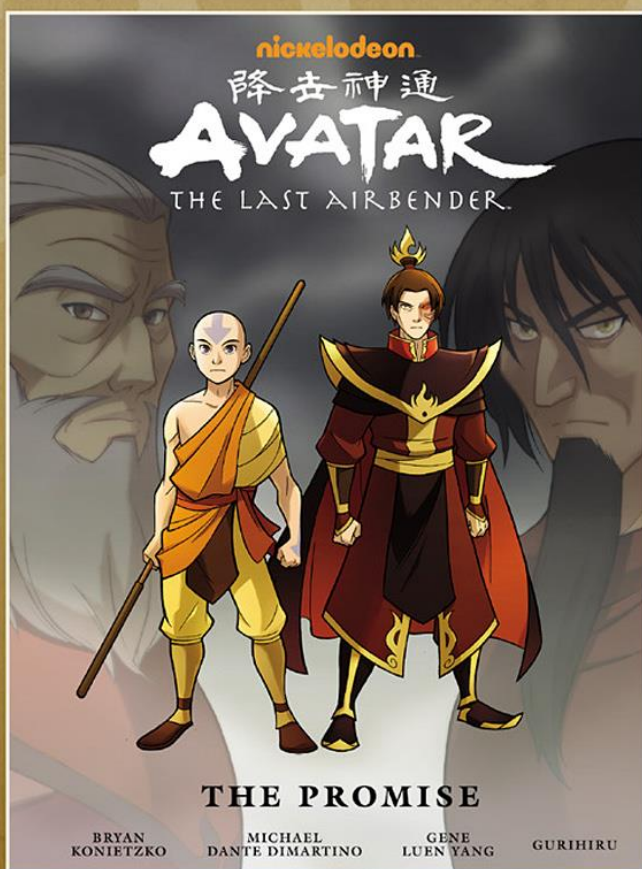
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