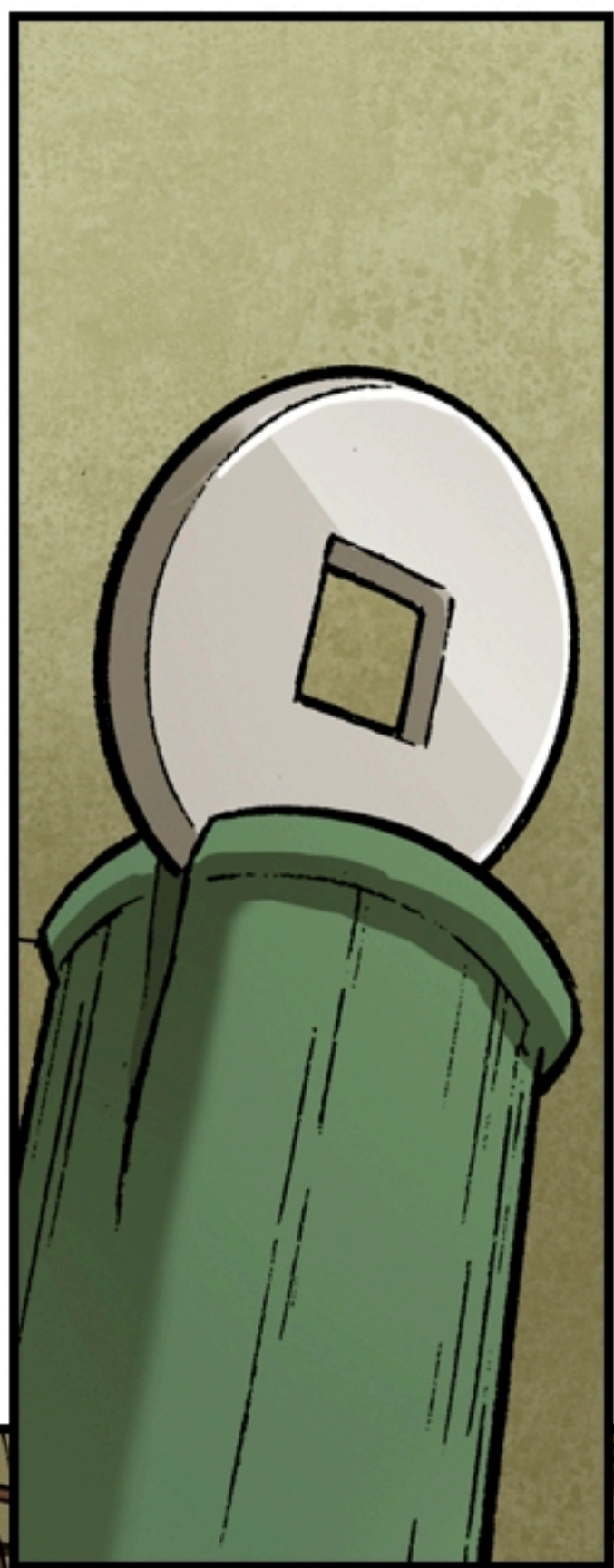






NOTHING.
NO MOVEMENT
AT ALL.

HOW AM I
SUPPOSED TO
IMPRESS MY
BOYFRIEND?!

I HATE
FAILURE.



THIS IS
BAD! I CAN'T
CONCENTRATE ON

I'M SICK OF

CONCENTRATE ON
FORMS WITH DOOM
COMING IN *TWO*
DAYS!

HEARING ABOUT
DOOM! I'M NOT
PRACTICING WITH
YOU ANYMORE!



I HATE...
I HATE...ALL
OF THIS!

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.



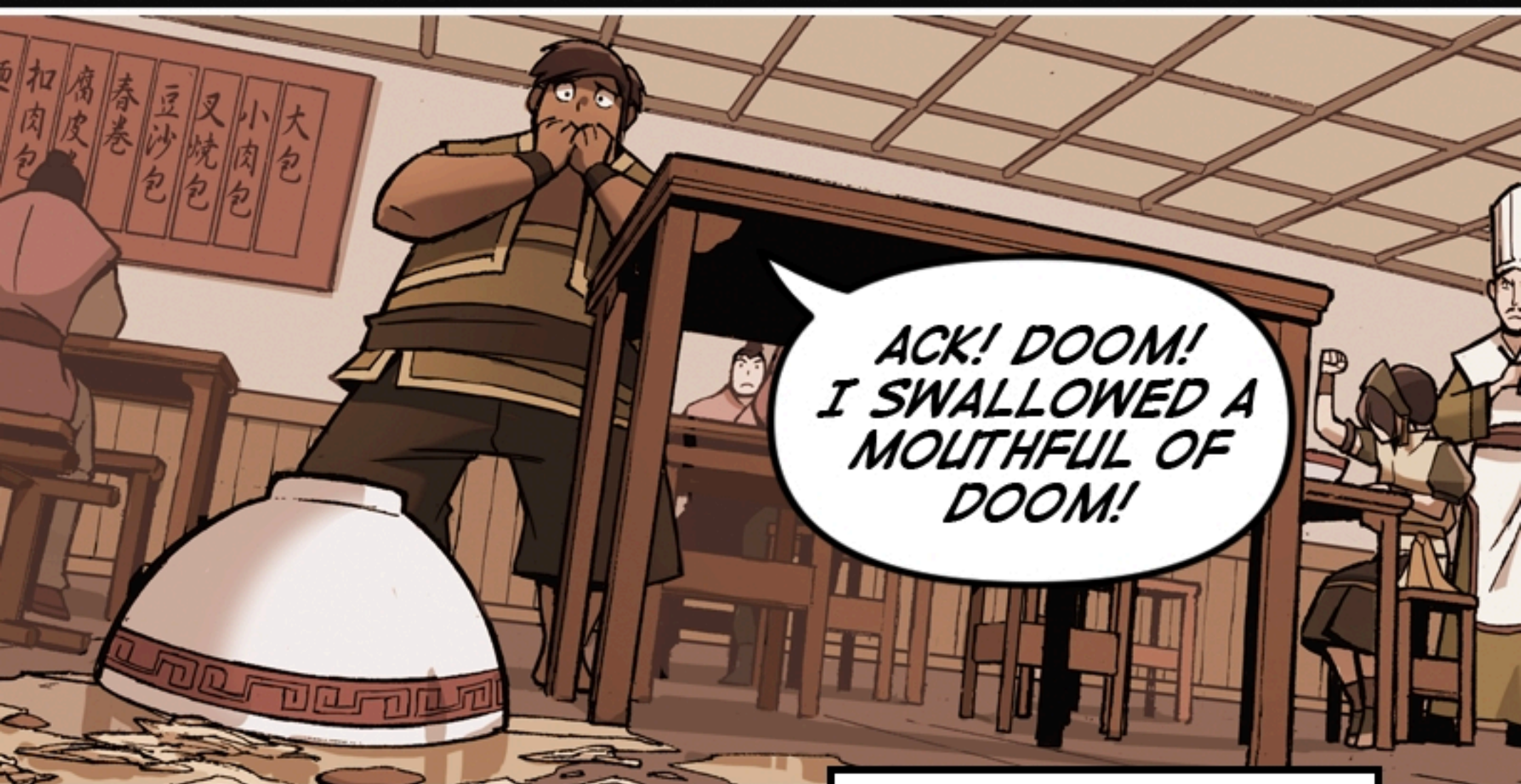
I COULD
ONLY FEEL IT
WHEN I WAS REALLY
PAYING ATTENTION.

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.



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

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

FORGIVE ME,
MISTRESS PENG, 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...

THAT SOUNDS
ABOUT RIGHT. KATARA
FOUND OUT SHE WAS A
WATERBENDER BECAUSE THE
ICE WOULD CRACK WHENEVER
I MADE HER MAD--

ER, WHENEVER
SHE GOT ***SUPER
EMOTIONAL.***





YEAH,
BUT THERE'S
A PROBLEM WITH
FINDING STUDENTS
THAT WAY.

THINK ABOUT
IT. WHAT KIND OF
PEOPLE GET SUPER
EMOTIONAL IN
PUBLIC?



!!!!

UH, CRAZY
PEOPLE?

!!!!

!!!!



**CRAZY
PEOPLE!**

AND EVEN
WORSE, THE
WHOLE THING IS
JUST A ***THEORY!***



NOBODY IN
THAT SORRY GROUP
OF LILY LIVERS HAS MOVED
EVEN THE SMALLEST PIECE
OF METAL SINCE THEY'VE
BEEN HERE! NOT
EVEN A COIN!



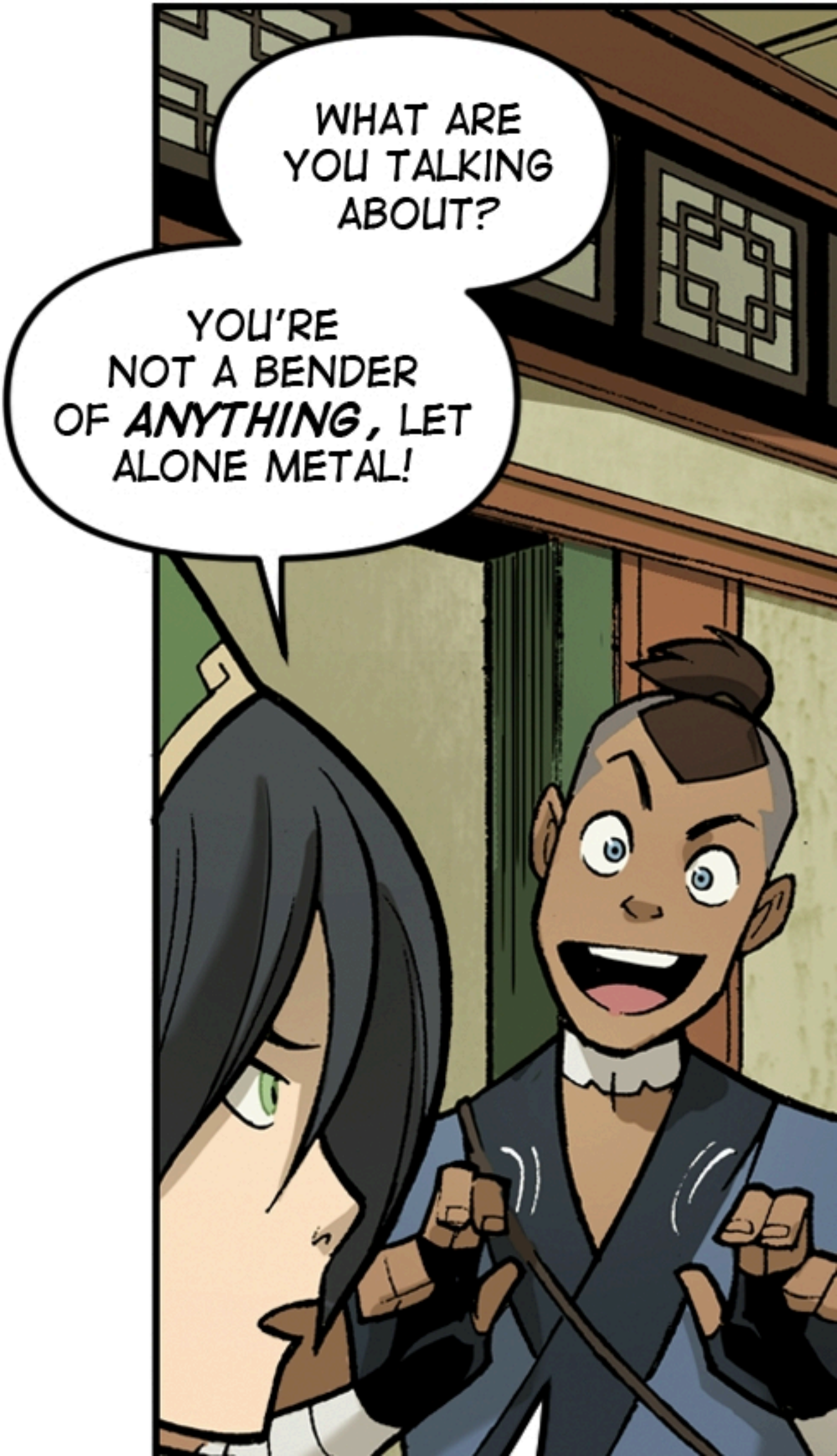
LISTEN. I
DON'T LIKE TO
BRAG, BUT--

YOU *LOVE*
TO BRAG.

OKAY, I LOVE
TO BRAG, BUT SOKKA

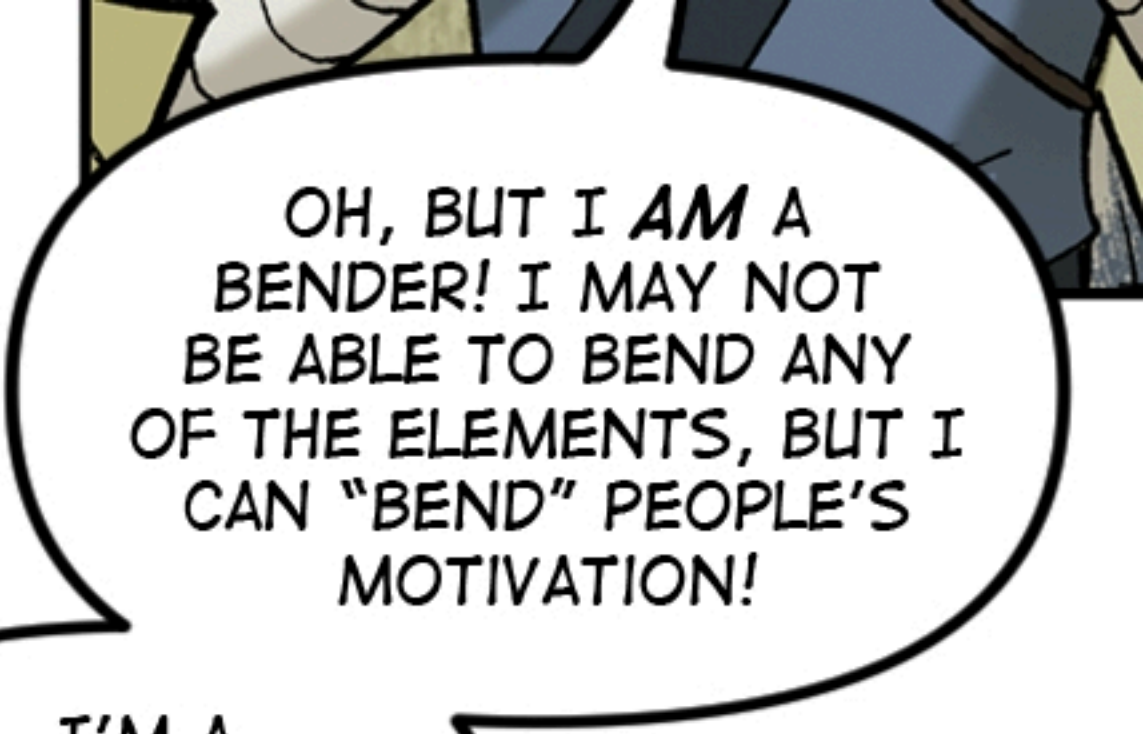


OF THE SOUTHERN WATER
TRIBE IS JUST WHAT THIS
SCHOOL NEEDS!



WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

YOU'RE
NOT A BENDER
OF *ANYTHING*, LET
ALONE METAL!



OH, BUT I **AM** A
BENDER! I MAY NOT
BE ABLE TO BEND ANY
OF THE ELEMENTS, BUT I
CAN "BEND" PEOPLE'S
MOTIVATION!

I'M A
**MOTIVATIONAL
BENDER!**

THAT'S A
STRETCH.

HEY, WHO
LED THE INVASION
ON THE DAY OF
BLACK SUN?

WHO STARTED
TRAINING WARRIORS
IN HIS OWN TRIBE WHEN
HE WAS JUST A KID?





SOKKA
THE MOTIVATIONAL
BENDER, THAT'S WHO!
JUST EXPLAIN TO ME
METALBENDING
BASICS.

THEN LEAVE THE
LILY LIVERS-- I MEAN,
YOUR STUDENTS
TO ME!

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

加 油





--BUT *HEAR*
THE METAL--



--*TASTE*
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.

LOOK, PEOPLE,
CAN WE JUST GIVE
THIS A SHOT?



LET'S
START WITH THE
DEFENDING-PALM
TECHNIQUE!



FIRST, TAKE
A STEADY AND
STRONG STANCE, JUST
LIKE SIFU TOPH
TAUGHT YOU.

NEXT, GATHER
YOUR CHI DEEP
IN YOUR GUT.

FEEL YOUR
GUT HEAT UP LIKE
A FURNACE!

NOW LET YOUR
GUT FURNACE REFINE
YOUR SENSES!

YOUR SENSES.



CLOSE YOUR
EYES AND FEEL THE
EARTH AROUND
YOU.

THEN FEEL
THE METAL WITHIN
THAT EARTH!

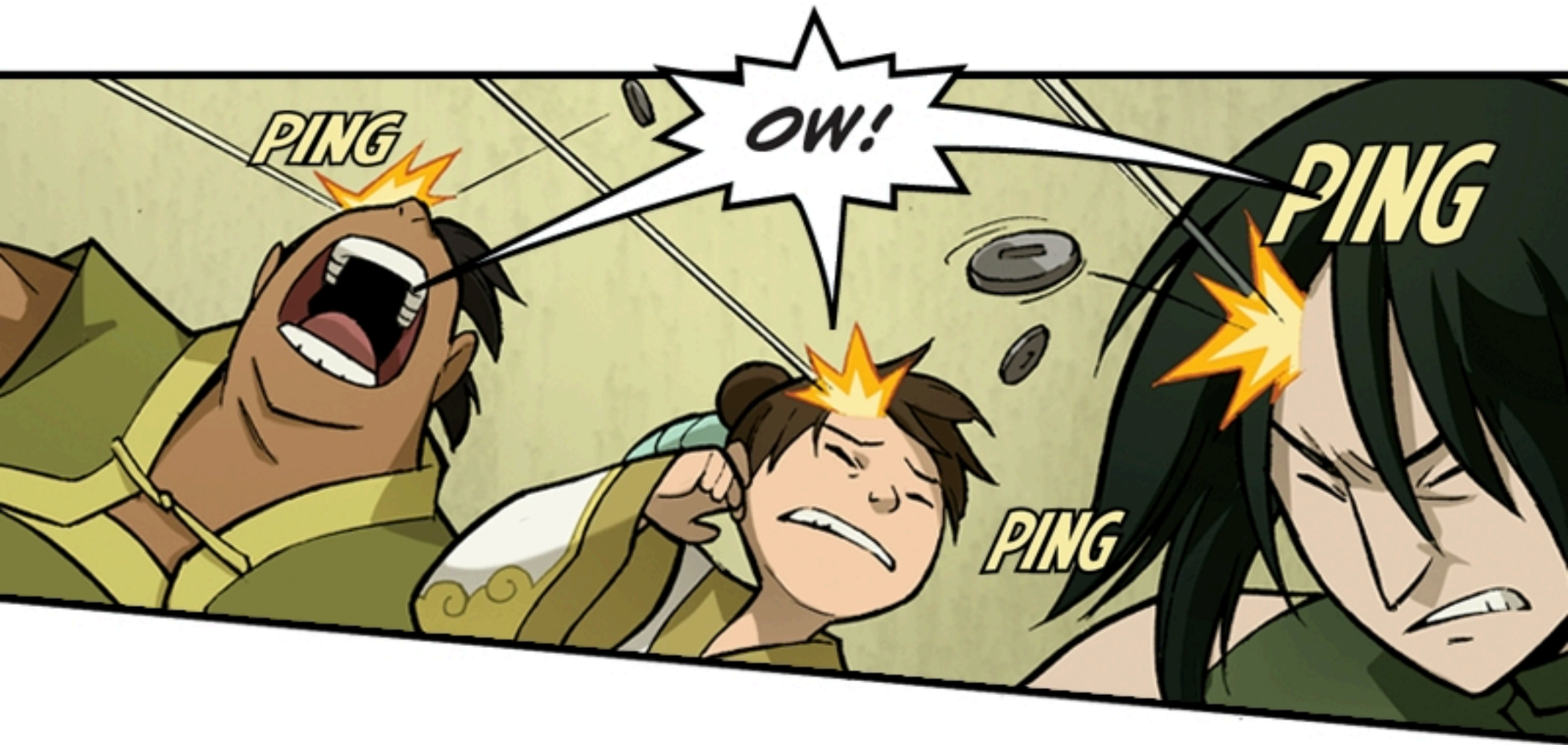


NOW FEEL
THE METAL COINS
COMING AT YOU AND
**STOP THEM IN
MIDAIR!**





COME
ONE, TEAM
BEIFONG! LET'S
METALBEND!



PING

OW!

PING

PING

I'M BLEEDING,
RIGHT?! OOOH! MY
FOREHEAD'S GONNA
GET INFECTED,
AND THEN --!

YOU BETTER
BUY ME SOME
SHOES TO MAKE
UP FOR THIS!

DO I
EVEN NEED
TO SAY IT?





YOU'RE NOT
VERY HELPFUL
RIGHT NOW.



...AND THIS IS A
TECHNIQUE CALLED
AIR SCOOTER!

I INVENTED IT
WHEN I WAS TRAINING
AT THE SOUTHERN AIR
TEMPLE. IT'S PART
OF HOW I EARNED
MY TATTOOS!



LOOK AT
HIM GO!

WOW!

HOW DOES
HE DO THAT?



AVATAR
AANG IS SOOO
DREAMY!



AND HERE'S
A BRAND NEW
TECHNIQUE I'VE BEEN
WORKING ON!



FIRST, I MAKE
A HANDFUL OF
AIR MARBLES...



...AND THEN
I TURN THEM
ALL INTO AIR
SCOOTERS!

WHOA!

HA
HA HA!

WHEEEEE!



LIM,
AVATAR
AANG?

GOOD MORNING,
HEI-WON! COME
JOIN THE FUN!

WHUMP

WHUMP



I'D LIKE TO, LIKE,
INTRODUCE YOU
TO SOMEBODY?

THIS IS MY FELLOW
CO-PRESIDENT AND
CO-FOUNDER YEE-LI?
SHE'S WANTED TO MEET
YOU SINCE, LIKE,
FOREVER?

ANOTHER
CO-PRESIDENT AND

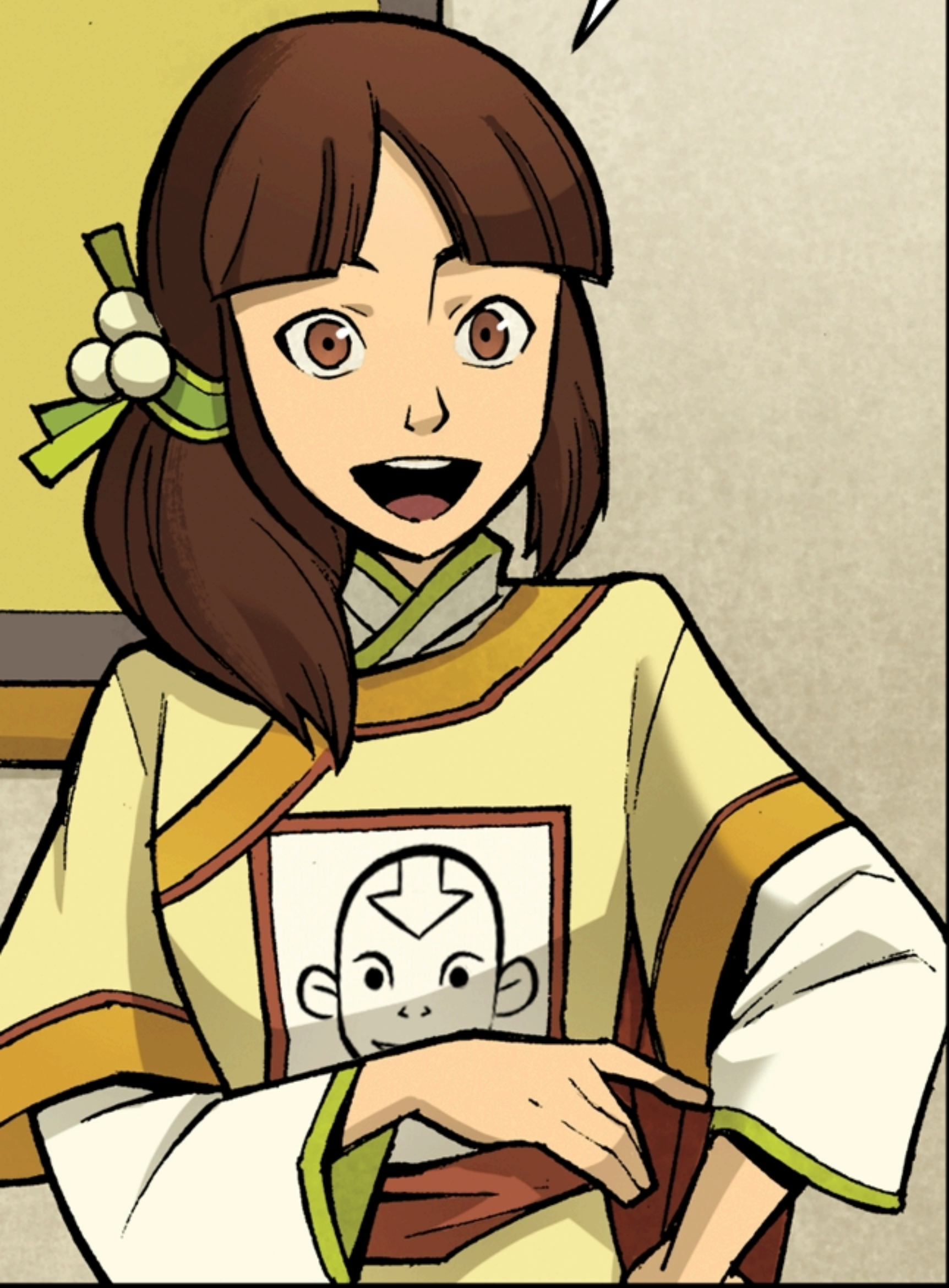
CO-FOUNDER?

HOW MANY
CO-PRESIDENTS
AND CO-FOUNDERS
ARE THERE?



IT'S SUCH
AN HONOR,
AVATAR AANG!

I WANT
TO SHOW YOU
SOMETHING I BOUGHT
FROM A MERCHANT A
COUPLE YEARS
AGO...





WOW! AN
AIRBENDER'S FLUTE!
MONK GYATSO USED TO
HAVE ONE JUST
LIKE THIS!

I JUST
KNEW IT HAD
TO BE FROM THE
AIR NOMADS!

DO YOU
KNOW HOW

TO PLAY?

HA HA!

HA
HA HA!

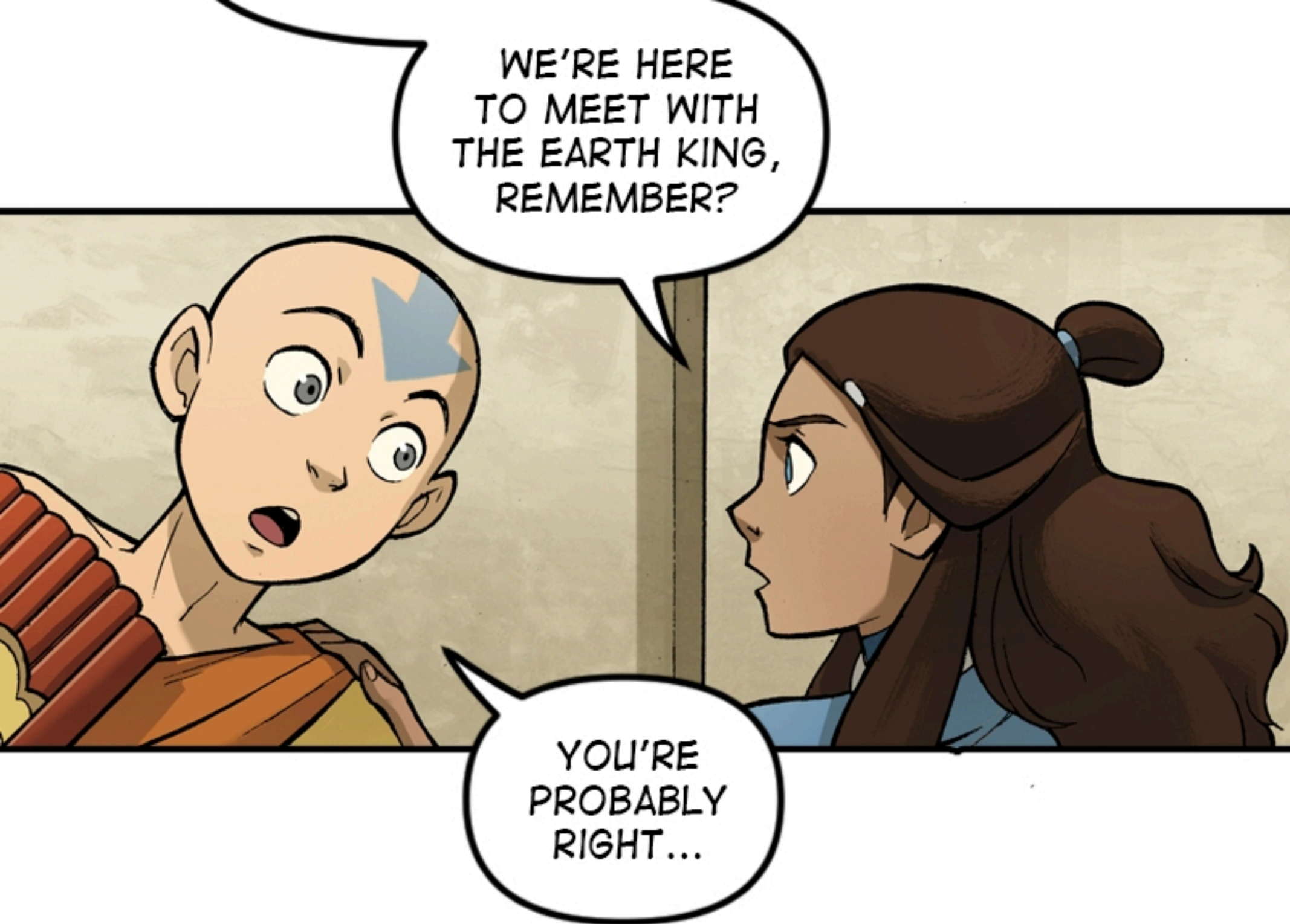




THE
AVATAR'S EVEN
MORE DREAMY WHEN
HE'S PLAYING
MUSIC!



I HATE TO
RUIN YOUR FUN,
AANG, BUT SHOULDN'T
WE GET GOING?





WELL, YOU
CERTAINLY SEEMED
TO ENJOY THOSE
GIRLS' ATTENTION.



WEREN'T THEY
AMAZING?!

I KNOW
IT'S JUST A SILLY
FAN CLUB, BUT FOR
A MOMENT THERE, IT
ALMOST LIKE...





...LIKE I
WAS AT HOME
AGAIN. WITH MY
PEOPLE.



THANKS
FOR AGREEING TO
STAY THERE FOR THE
NIGHT, SWEETIE.

IT MEANT
THE WORLD
TO ME.



DON'T
THANK ME,
AANG.



I DON'T
DESERVE IT.

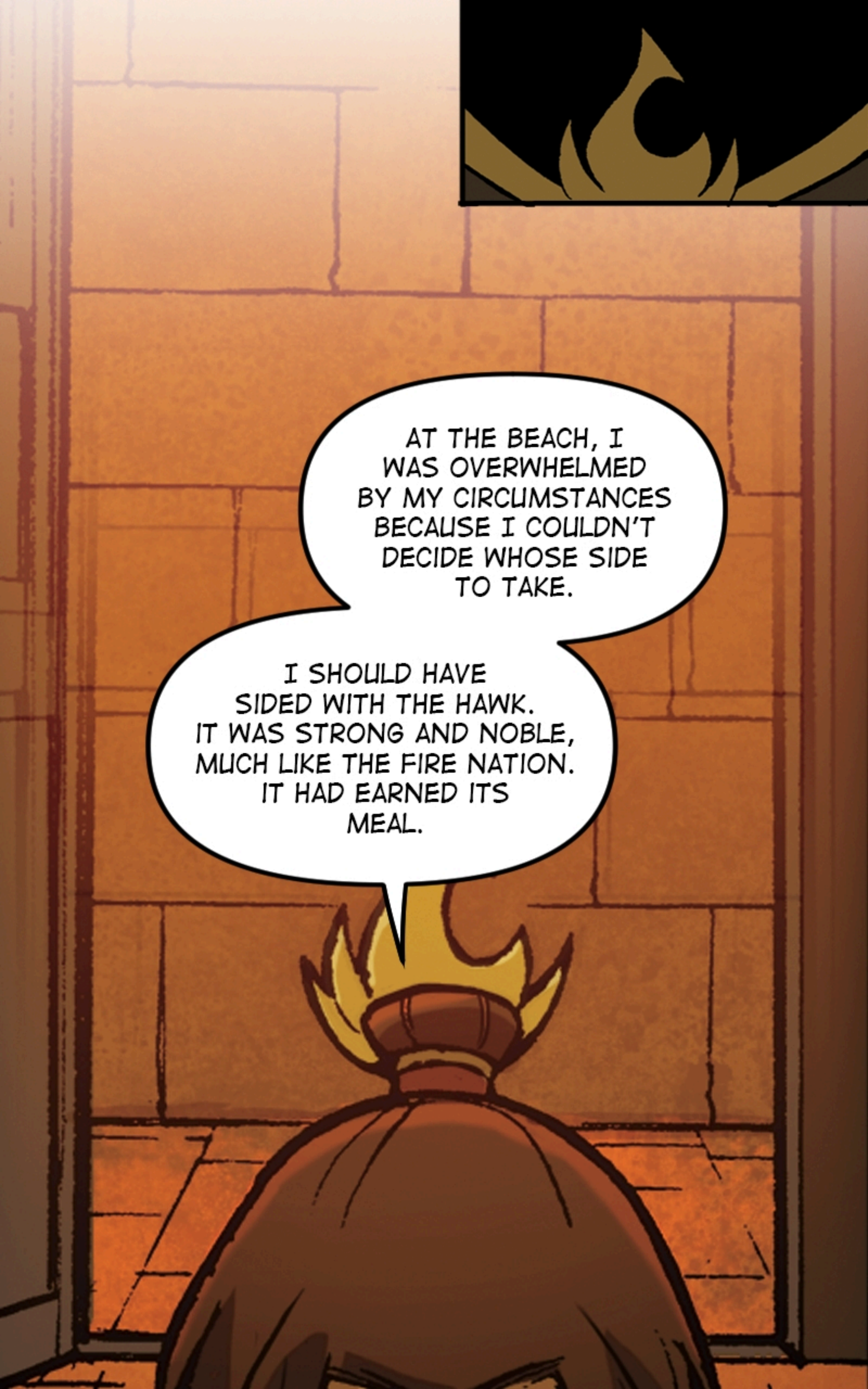








I STAYED
UP ALL NIGHT
THINKING ABOUT
WHAT YOU SAID.



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

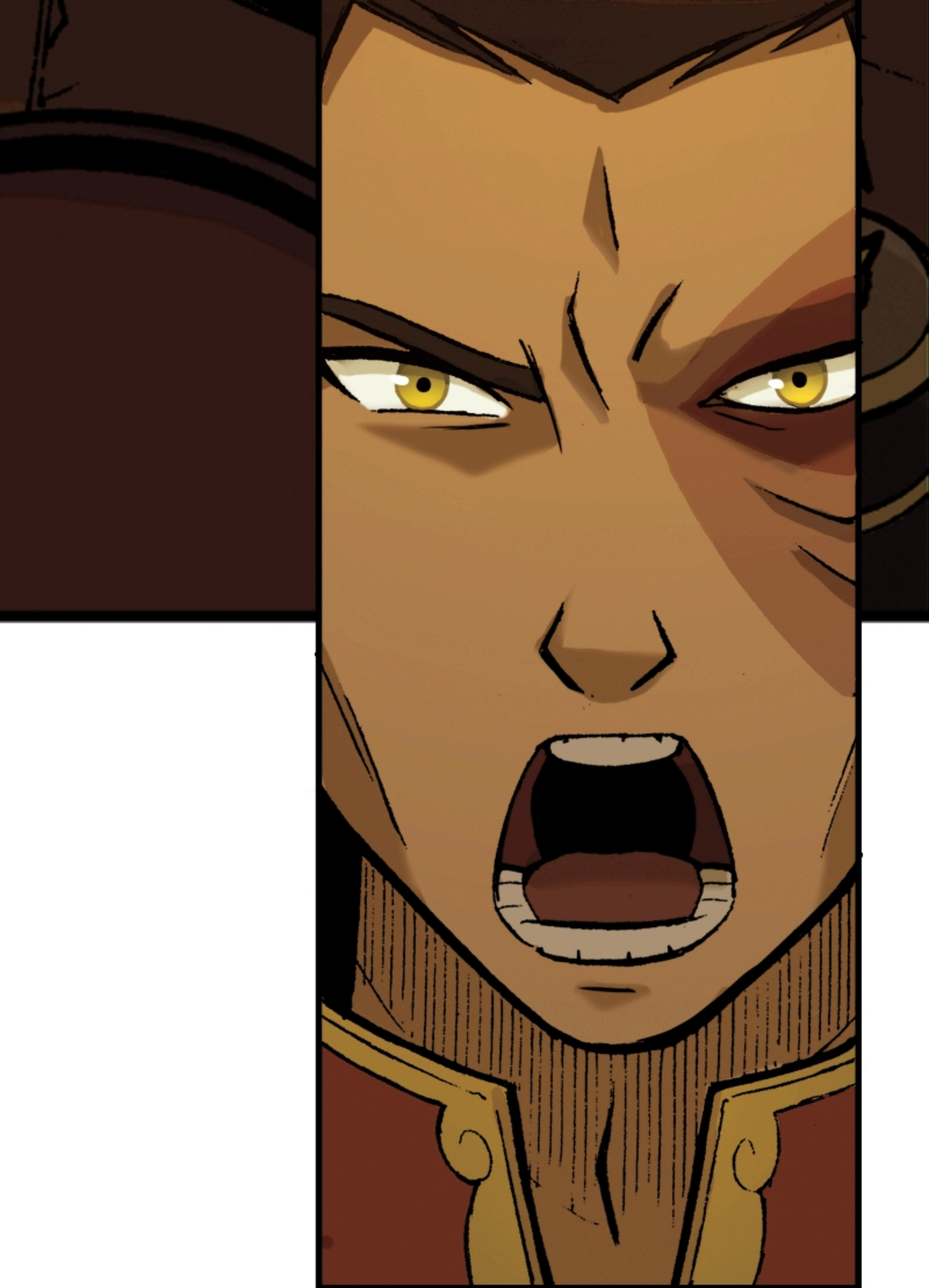
I SHOULD HAVE
SIDED WITH THE HAWK.
IT WAS STRONG AND NOBLE,
MUCH LIKE THE FIRE NATION.
IT HAD EARNED ITS
MEAL.





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?





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

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

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?





YOU ***SICKEN***
ME, ZUKO.

LEAVE MY
PRESENCE.





WHO ARE YOU
TO TALK TO ME
THIS WAY?!

HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN
YOUR CURRENT
PLACE IN --





**LEAVE. MY.
PRESENCE!**





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