





MAKE YOUR
GUT FURNACE
AND USE IT TO FEEL
THE METAL IN FRONT
OF YOU!



NOW, KICK!
KICK LIKE YOUR
LIFE DEPENDS
ON IT!



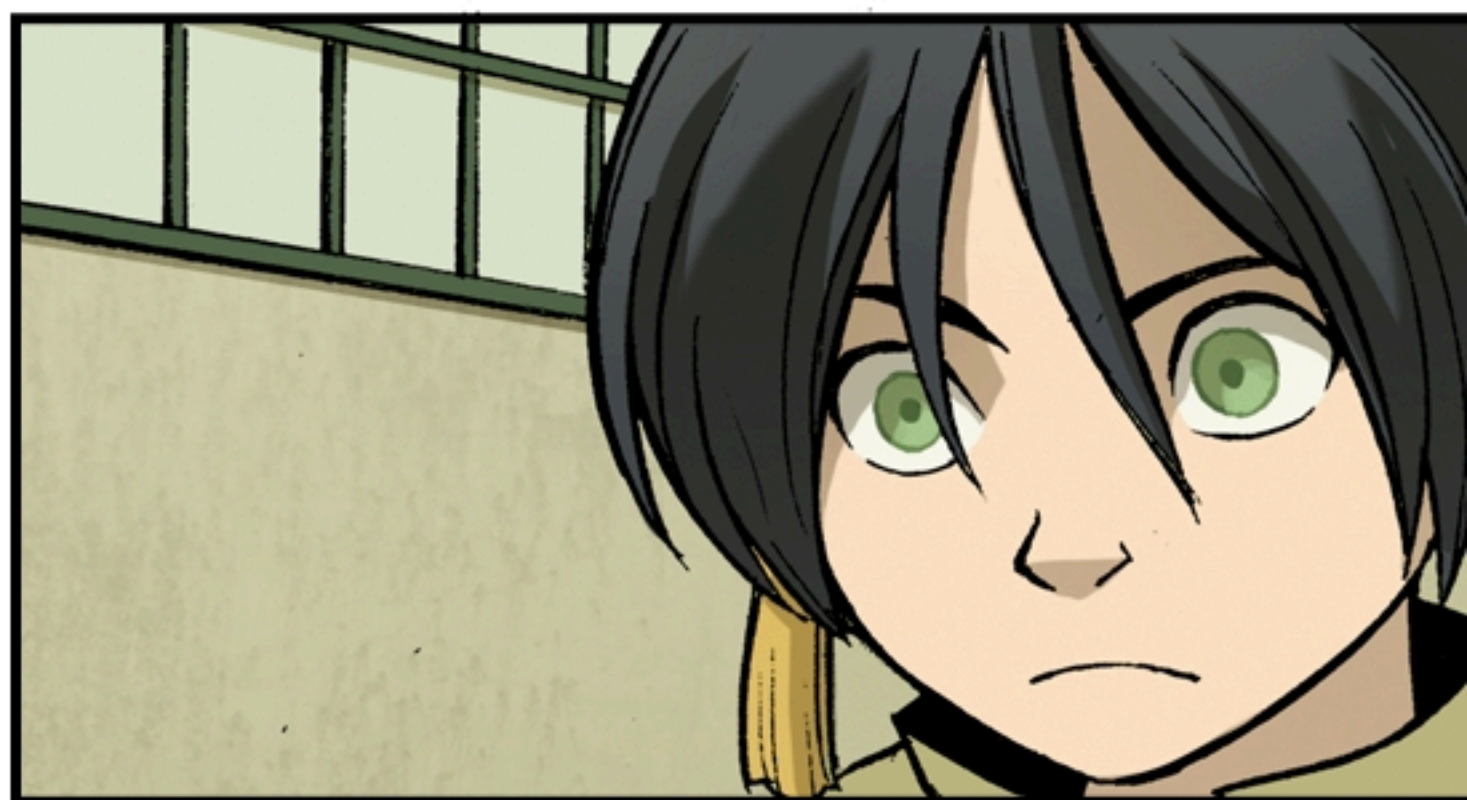






HEY, TOPH?
SORRY TO BUG YOU
DURING TRAINING, BUT
SOMETHING IMPORTANT
JUST HAPPENED.





THE MATCH IS
TOMORROW!

I SAID *TAKE
A BREAK!*



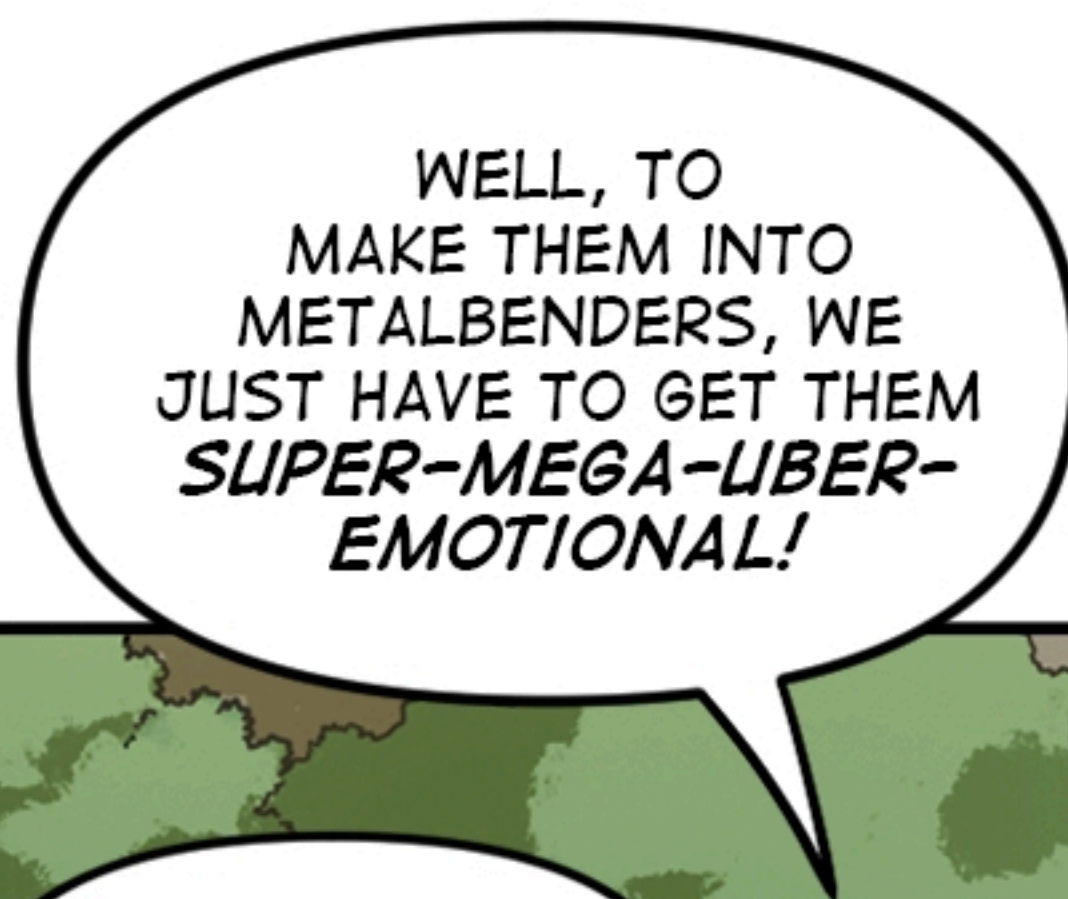


I JUST
HAD THE BEST
IDEA EVER!

YOU SAID
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT JUST
HAPPENED!

IT DID! IN
MY *BRAIN*.
LISTEN!

YOU SAID
YOUR STUDENTS
WERE ABLE TO MOVE





YOU'RE GONNA
WEAR *TWO* FANCY
HEADBANDS!

VERY
FUNNY.

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

DOOM.

YES! AND
PENG--



SHOES

SHOES.

OF
COURSE!



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.





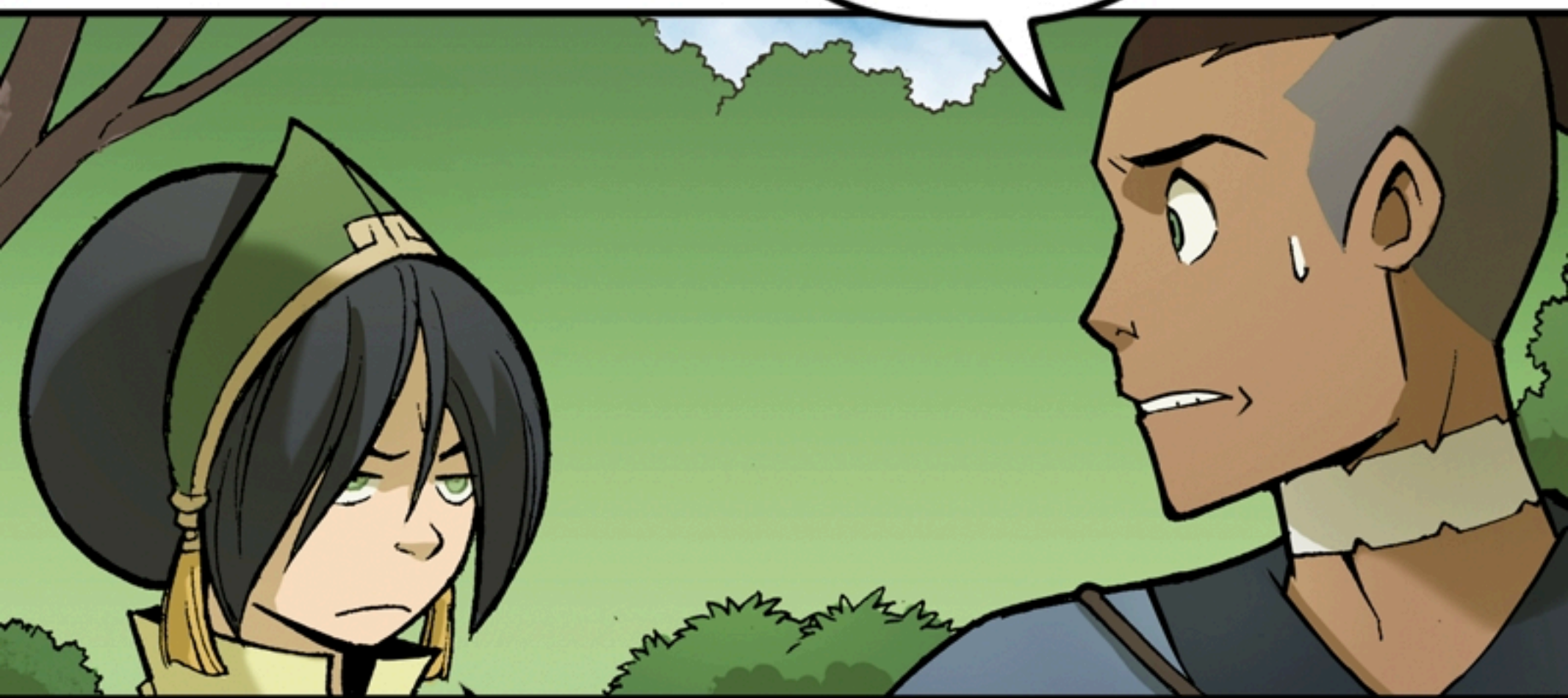
PLEASE
PLEASEPLEASEPLEASE
PLEASE--

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
BLUNCH OF METAL
TO WORK WITH...





WHO WOULD
MAKE ARMOR FOR
LITTLE KIDS?



SO HERE'S
WHAT I NEED YOU
TO MAKE WITH YOUR



METALBENDING
POWERS!

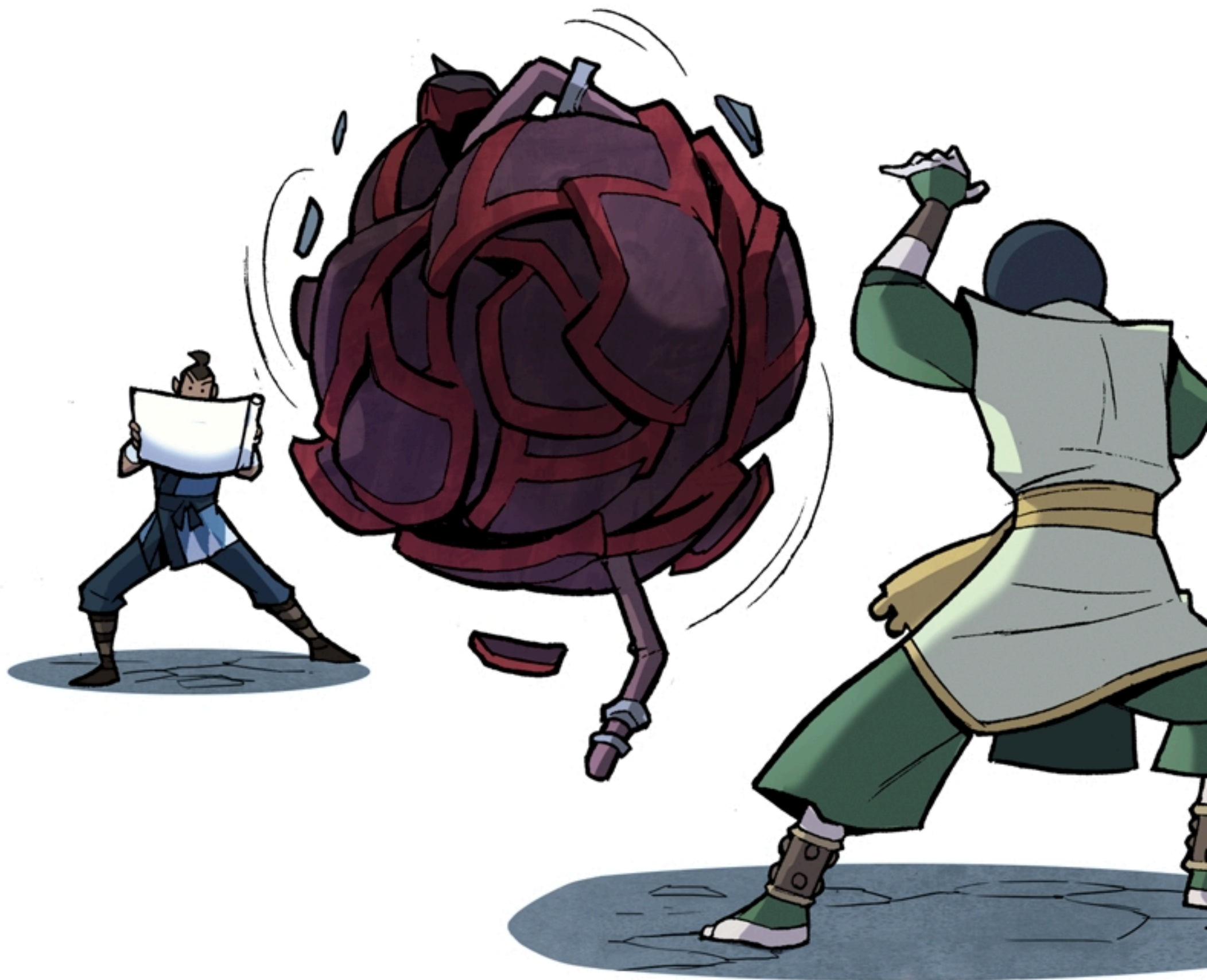
HELLO?! HOW
MANY TIMES DO I
HAVE TO REMIND
YOU?!



RIGHT. SORRY.
HOW ABOUT I JUST
DESCRIBE IT
TO YOU?





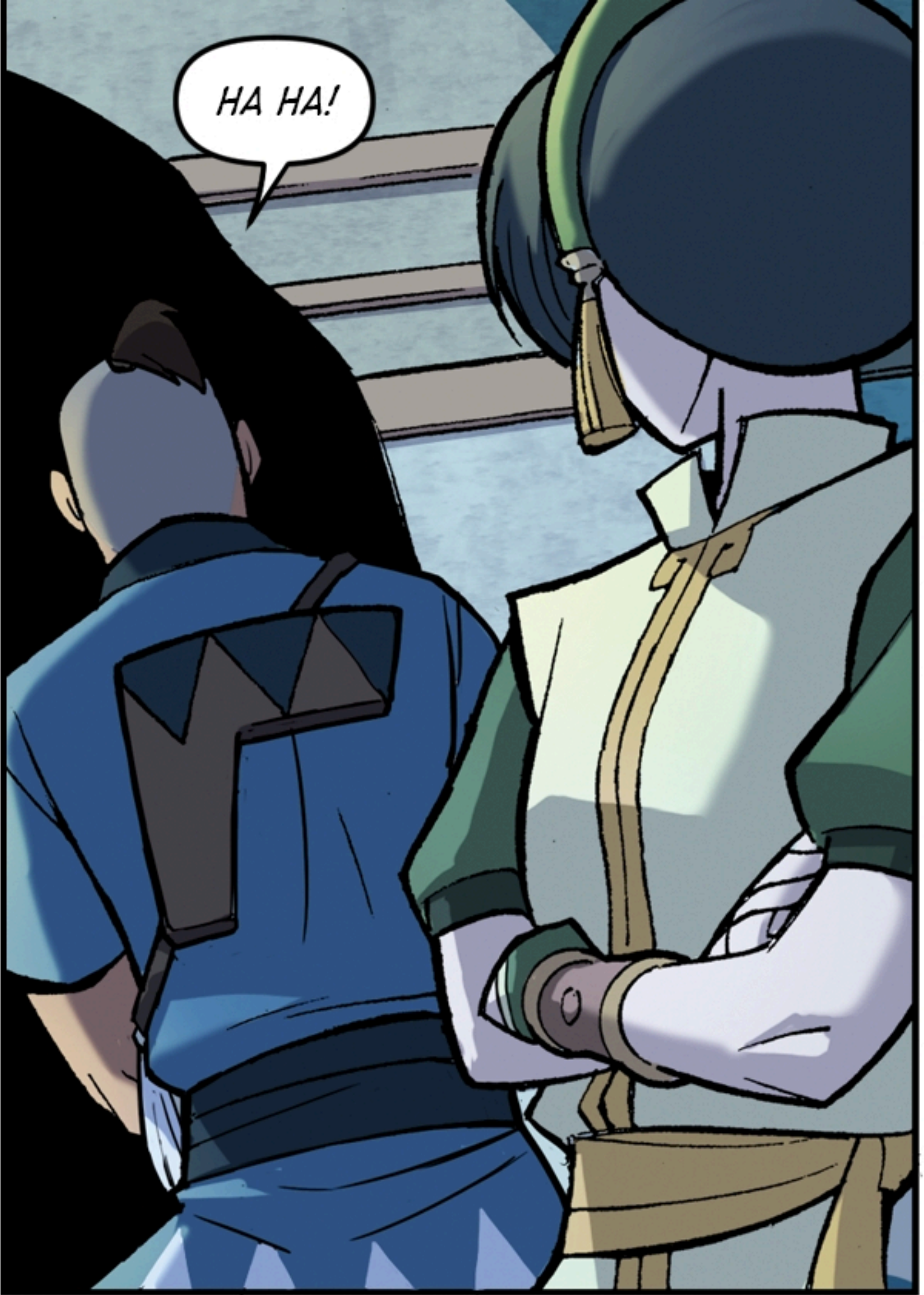




THAT'S
INCREDIBLE! TOPH
BEIFONG, YOU'VE REALLY
OUTDONE YOURSELF!

JUST CALL ME
*THE GREATEST
EARTHBENDER
OF ALL TIME!*









GEE, THANKS,
SOKKA! THAT'S SO
SWEET OF YOU!

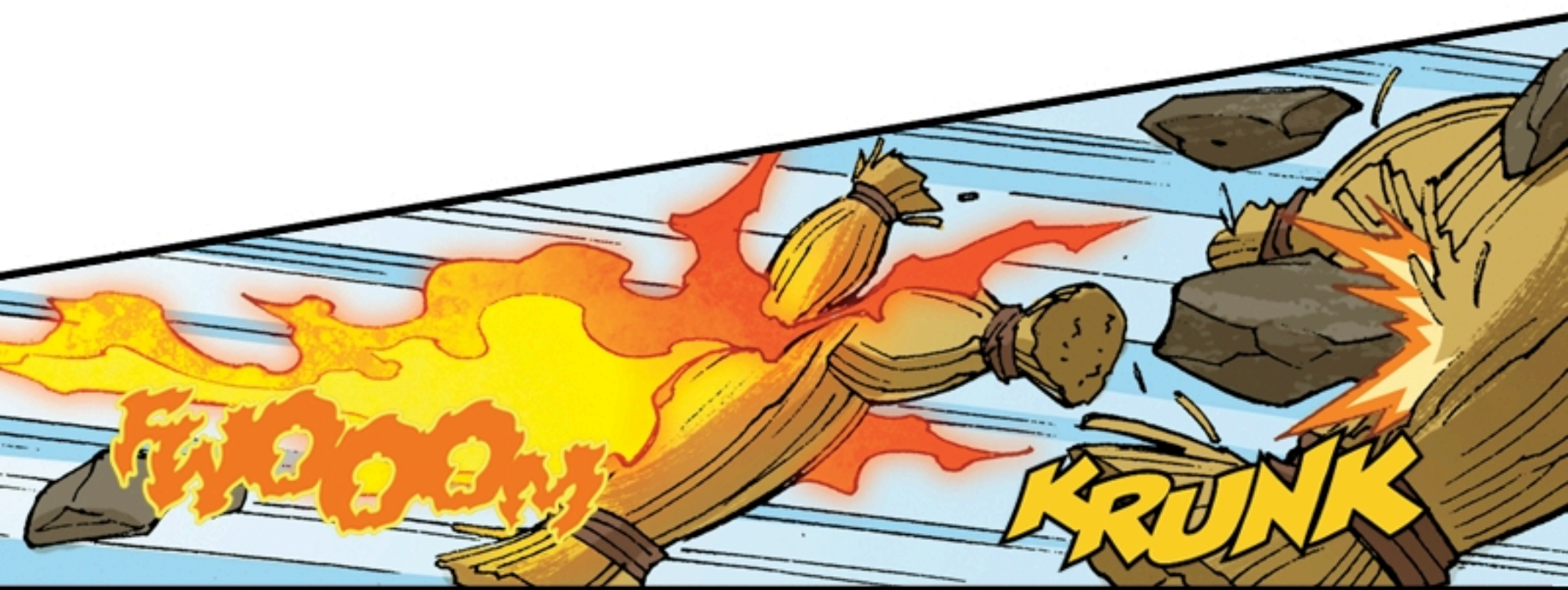


ONE LAST
EXERCISE, AND
THEN WE'LL CALL
IT A DAY!



EARTHBENDERS,
CREATE A BARRIER!

NOW
EVERYONE,
ATTACK!



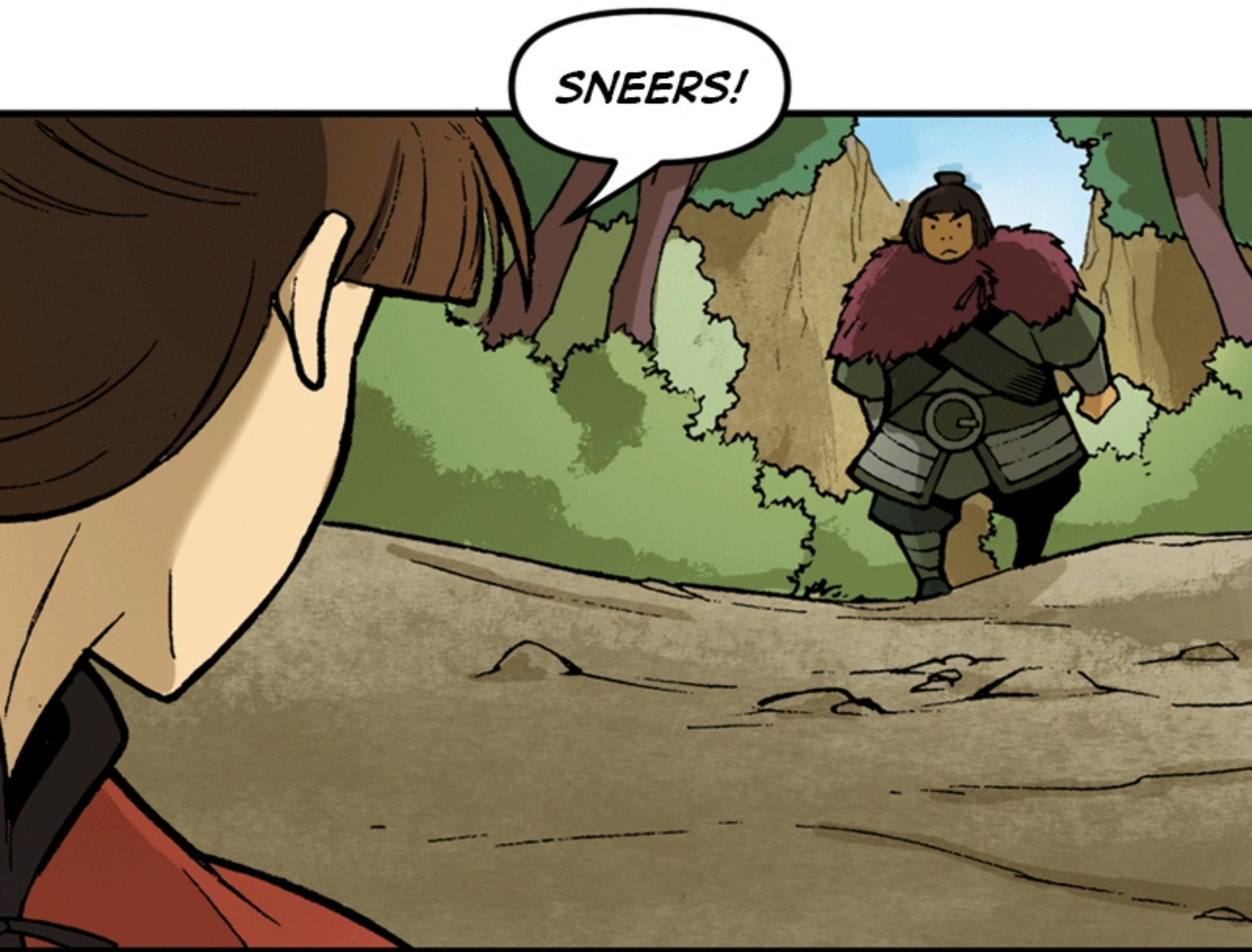
GOOD WORK!
WE'LL MEET AGAIN
TOMORROW MORNING,
SAME PLACE!

DANIEL PLEASE!





PSST!
KORI!



SNEERS!



YOU'VE BEEN
MISSING OUR DATES
SO YOU COULD TRAIN
WITH *FIREBENDERS*?

SO I COULD
TRAIN WITH MY
COUSINS. AND ONLY
TWO OF THEM ARE
FIREBENDERS!

FIREBENDERS!



WE HAVE TO
BE READY TO
DEFEND YU DAO!

DIDN'T YOU HEAR
THOSE PROTESTERS
OUTSIDE THE CITY WALLS
A COUPLE DAYS AGO?





DON'T TELL
ME YOU WERE A
PART OF THAT!

WE WERE
LEADING THAT.

*GET
AWAY
FROM
ME!*



OOF!



YU DAO IS A **FIRE
NATION COLONY!**
SMELLERBEE SAID--

I DON'T
CARE WHAT
SMELLERBEE
SAID!





YOU HAVE TO
CHOOSE, KORI!

ARE YOU EARTH
KINGDOM OR ARE
YOU FIRE NATION?





CHOOSE,
CHOOSE, CHOOSE!

ALL MY LIFE,
PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
ASKING ME TO
CHOOSE!

I AM AN
EARTHBENDER
AND A FIRE NATION
CITIZEN, AND I LIVE
IN *YU DAO*!

*THAT'S WHAT
I CHOOSE!*



NOW

NOW
YOU CHOOSE,
SNEERS!

DO YOU
WANT TO FOLLOW
SMELLERBEE...OR
DO YOU WANT TO
BE WITH *ME*?

GREETINGS,



EARTH KING
KUEI!

AVATAR
AANG! KATARA
OF THE SOUTHERN
WATER TRIBE!

IT'S BEEN
MUCH TOO
LONG!

I HEARD YOU
WERE IN THE
EARTH KINGDOM
DEALING WITH THE
SITUATION AT
YU DAO!

THANK YOU FOR
ALL YOUR HELP
WITH THE REMOVAL
OF THAT COLONY!
THE REMAINING FEW
SEEM TO BE MORE
DIFFICULT THAN--





THAT'S WHY
WE'RE HERE,
YOUR MAJESTY.

WE'D LIKE TO
SET UP A MEETING
BETWEEN YOU AND FIRE
LORD ZUKO. YU DAO...
IS STILL THERE.

*FOR
NOW.*



SO THEN,
THE FIRE LORD
PERSISTS IN DENYING
THE MOVEMENT
HIS SUPPORT!

HE WANTS
TO KEEP HIS
COLONIES!



EARTH KING KUEI,
I'M ON YOUR SIDE! THE
PEOPLE OF THE FIRE NATION
DON'T BELONG IN YOUR KINGDOM,
SO THE HARMONY RESTORATION
MOVEMENT HAS TO
CONTINUE!

WITH A
LITTLE CONVINCING,
I'M SURE FIRE
LORD ZUKO--



FIRE LORD ZUKO
HAS **LEGITIMATE**
CONCERNS ABOUT
THE COLONIALS WHO
STILL LIVE HERE!

WE REALLY
NEED TO SIT DOWN
AND TALK THROUGH OUR
OPTIONS. MAYBE THERE'S
SOMETHING WE
MISSED.







THIS IS BAD!
WHY DO WE HAVE
TO EAT OUTSIDE?

THE OUTSIDE
IS SO...SO...

DARK? COLD?
DIRTY?

DOOM-Y.



HO TUN,
THAT'S NOT
EVEN A WORD!

AND BESIDES,
A CAMPFIRE'S THE
PERFECT SETTING FOR A
LITTLE TEAM BEIFONG
BONDING!

I THINK IT'S
ROMANTIC!





UH...NO.
IT'S *NOT*.

WHERE'S SIFU
TOPH? HOW COME SHE
GETS TO MISS OUT ON
ALL THE "BONDING"?

SHE'LL BE
HERE SOON!
SHE JUST HAD
TO, UH...





TAKE CARE OF
SOME, YOU KNOW...
SIFU-ISH TYPE
STUFF FIRST.



HEY, DO YOU
GUYS REMEMBER THAT
FLYING BOAR BANNER THAT
USED TO BE IN THE
TRAINING ROOM?



THE ONE
KUNYO BURNED
DOWN?

ANYONE
KNOW WHY THAT
WAS THERE?

OH, 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!



SIFU TOPH
HUNG THAT BANNER
UP TO PLACATE *THE*
WINGED BOAR SPIRIT
THAT HAUNTS THIS
MOUNTAIN!



W-W-WINGED
BOAR SPIRIT?



WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?!

**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!*

ROAR!

AAAHH!







**NOOO!
NOT THE JADE
PLATFORMS!**

**ANYTHING
BUT THE JADE
PLATFORMS!**



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





CREAK

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

MOO-
CHEE-GOO-
CHEE-LOO...

CHEE-LA-POO-
CHEE! THE
THIRD!





*BY LITTERING
THAT NAME...*

*YOU'VE LODGED
A SPLINTER IN
MY SOUL!*



THIS IS GOING
BETTER THAN
I'D HOPED!

EVERYBODY FEEL
ALL THAT EMOTION
COURSING THROUGH
YOUR BODIES?

I WANT YOU
TO DIRECT IT AT
THESE COINS!



LET'S
METALBEND,
TEAM BEIFONG!





TEAM
BEIFONG?





CLINK

SOB

CLINK

MY SHOES...
MY SHOES...

CLINK



MM! SWEETIE,
YOU HAVE TO
TRY THIS!

I'M STILL
WORKING ON THESE
DELICIOUS PAN-FRIED
NOODLES!

THIS HAS TO
BE THE BEST TOFU
I'VE EVER TASTED!
RIGHT, MOMO?





AVATAR
AANG AND KATARA,
THANK YOU FOR GIVING
ME TIME TO PONDER OUR
PRESENT SITUATION.

NO PROBLEM,
YOUR EARTHINESS!
THANK *YOU* FOR
DINNER!

SO WHEN
SHOULD WE SET
UP OUR MEETING
WITH FIRE LORD
ZUKO?

A man with a stern expression, wearing a dark green traditional Chinese cap with a yellow circular emblem on the front. He has a yellow garment underneath a green robe, which is fastened with a yellow clasp and a long green beaded necklace. His eyes are closed in a frown, and his mouth is slightly open. The background shows a yellow wall and a green patterned panel.

I'M SORRY, BUT
YOU'RE NOT GOING
TO LIKE WHAT I
HAVE TO SAY.



ALL MY
LIFE, I'VE BEEN
WEAK--

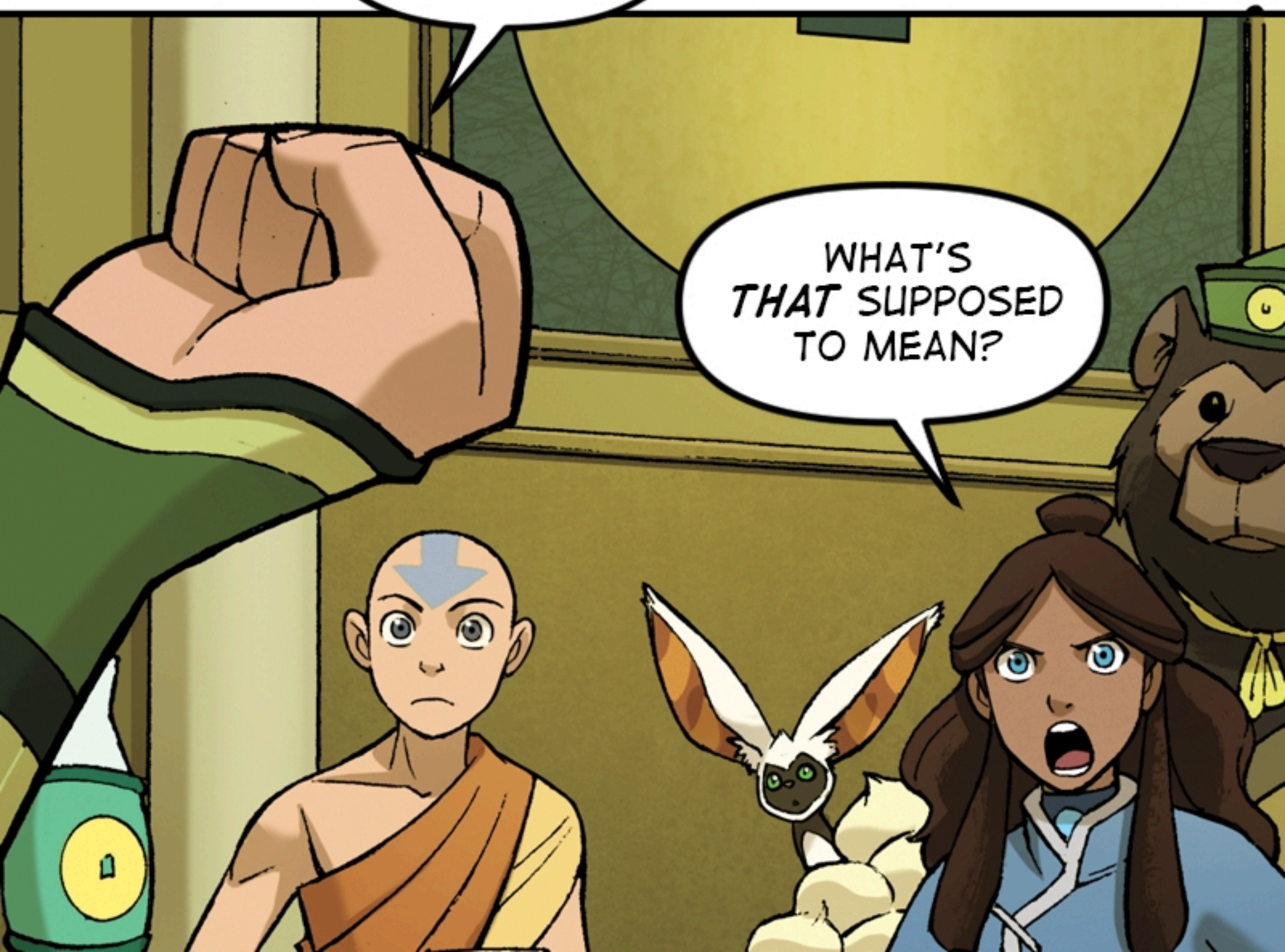
SO WEAK
THAT MY MOST
TRUSTED ADVISOR WAS
ABLE TO HIDE A HUNDRED
YEARS' WAR BEHIND A
CURTAIN OF LIES!



WELL, I'M
TIRED OF BEING
WEAK!

IT'S TIME
FOR ME TO
BE A *MAN*!

WHAT'S
THAT SUPPOSED
TO MEAN?





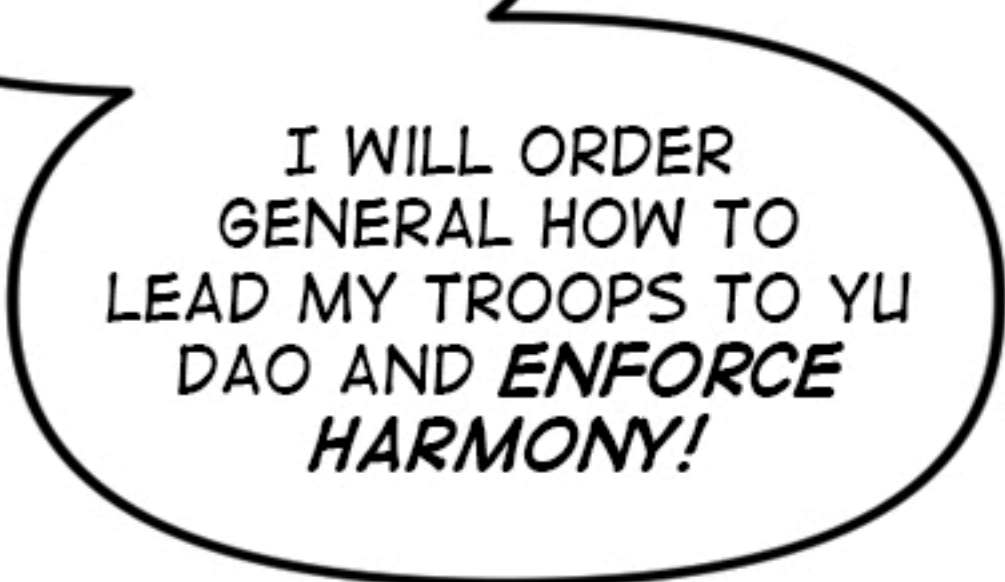
FIRE LORD ZUKO
PROMISED HE WOULD SEE
THE HARMONY RESTORATION
MOVEMENT THROUGH
TO THE VERY END.

NOW HE'S TURNED
HIS PROMISE INTO A
LIE! WHY SHOULD I MEET
WITH HIM-- SO HE CAN
TELL ME MORE LIES?



A close-up of a hand with a light skin tone, pointing the index finger towards the left. The hand is positioned in the upper right corner of the frame.

*I WILL NOT
STAND FOR ANY
MORE LIES!*

A large, white speech bubble with a black outline, containing text. It is positioned in the upper right area of the page.

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

A scene from the Avatar: The Last Airbender comic. Aang, a young man with a blue arrow tattoo on his forehead, is in the foreground, looking shocked with his mouth wide open. He is wearing an orange robe. Behind him, Katara, a young woman with long brown hair in a bun, is also looking shocked. They are in a palace interior with yellow walls and a large green circular painting. A large, ornate green and gold object is visible on the right side of the frame.

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



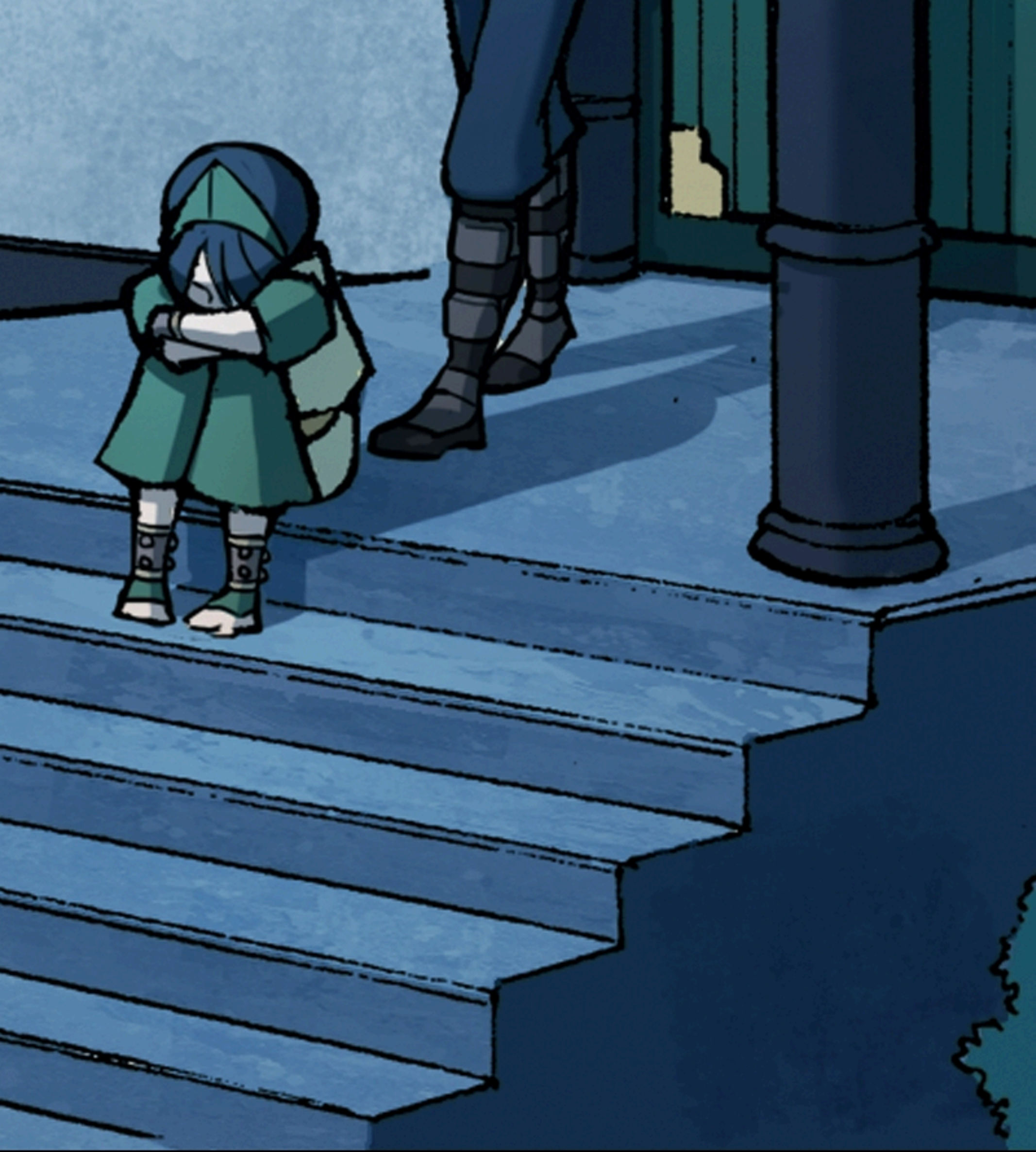
WILL EITHER LEAVE MY KINGDOM
PEACEFULLY OR FACE THE MOST
DIRE OF CONSEQUENCES!
THAT IS MY DECISION!

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





TOPH!
THERE YOU
ARE!





DON'T GIVE
UP YET, OKAY?

I JUST GOT A
BRAND NEW BEST
IDEA EVER! WHAT IF I
RIG IT SO THAT--

YOU EVER
THINK ABOUT
METAL?



NOPE. WHEN
I HAVE EXTRA
THINKING TIME, I
USUALLY SPEND
IT ON FOOD.

MEAT,
SPECIFICALLY.





METAL IS
JUST A PART OF
EARTH THAT'S BEEN
PURIFIED AND
REFINED.

BUT HOW
DOES IT BECOME
LIKE THAT?



BY GETTING
HEATED, MELTED,
AND POUNDED.

BY GOING
THROUGH *PRESSURE*
AND *PAIN*.

I DISCOVERED
METALBENDING IN A
TINY METAL CELL, WHEN
MASTER YU AND XIN FU WERE
TAKING ME BACK TO
MY PARENTS.

THAT WHOLE
TRIP, ALL I COULD
THINK ABOUT WAS HOW
MY PARENTS EXPECTED ME
TO BE SOMETHING
I'M *NOT*.



SURE, THEY
WANTED ME TO BE
HELPLESS, BUT THEY ALSO

WANTED ME TO BE A CULTURED,
WELL-MANNERED, SOFT-
SPOKEN LITTLE LADY.

ALL I FELT
WAS *PRESSURE*
AND *PAIN*.

WHEN I BROUGHT
HO TUN, PENGGA, AND THE
DARK ONE TO THIS SCHOOL, I
EXPECTED THEM TO BECOME
METALBENDERS!

I WAS GONNA
MAKE THEM TOUGH
ENOUGH TO MOVE THE
MOST STUBBORN PART OF
THE MOST STUBBORN
ELEMENT!

I EXPECTED THEM
TO BE SOMETHING
THEY'RE *NOT*.



HOW IS WHAT
I'M DOING TO *THEM*
DIFFERENT FROM WHAT MY
PARENTS DID TO *ME*?

MAYBE THE BEIFONG
METALBENDING ACADEMY
IS JUST A WAY FOR ME TO
PASS ALL THAT PRESSURE AND
PAIN TO SOMEONE ELSE.



NO, TOPH.
THAT'S NOT WHAT
THIS PLACE IS
AT ALL...



WHEN KUNYO
COMES TOMORROW,
I'M GONNA GO UP TO
HIM AND *SIT DOWN*.

HE CAN HAVE
HIS SCHOOL
BACK.

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