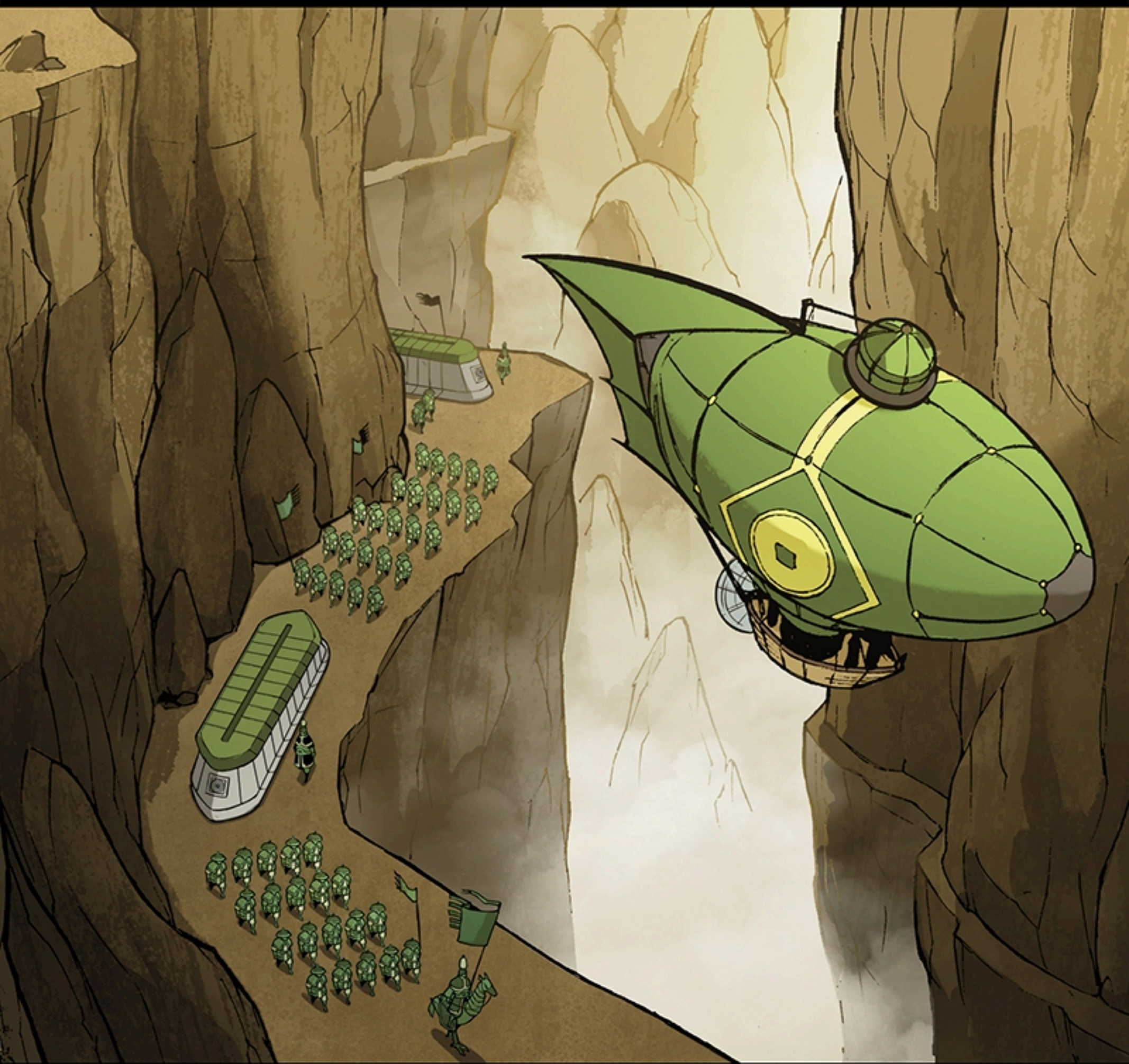
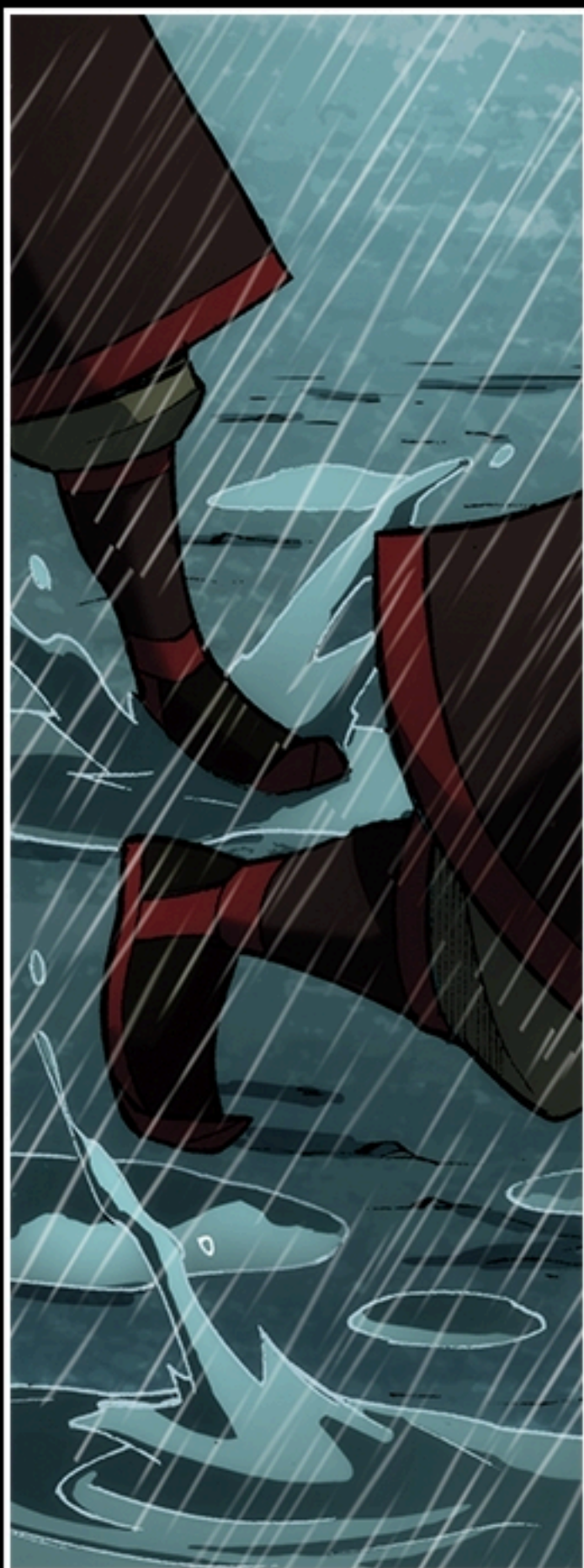
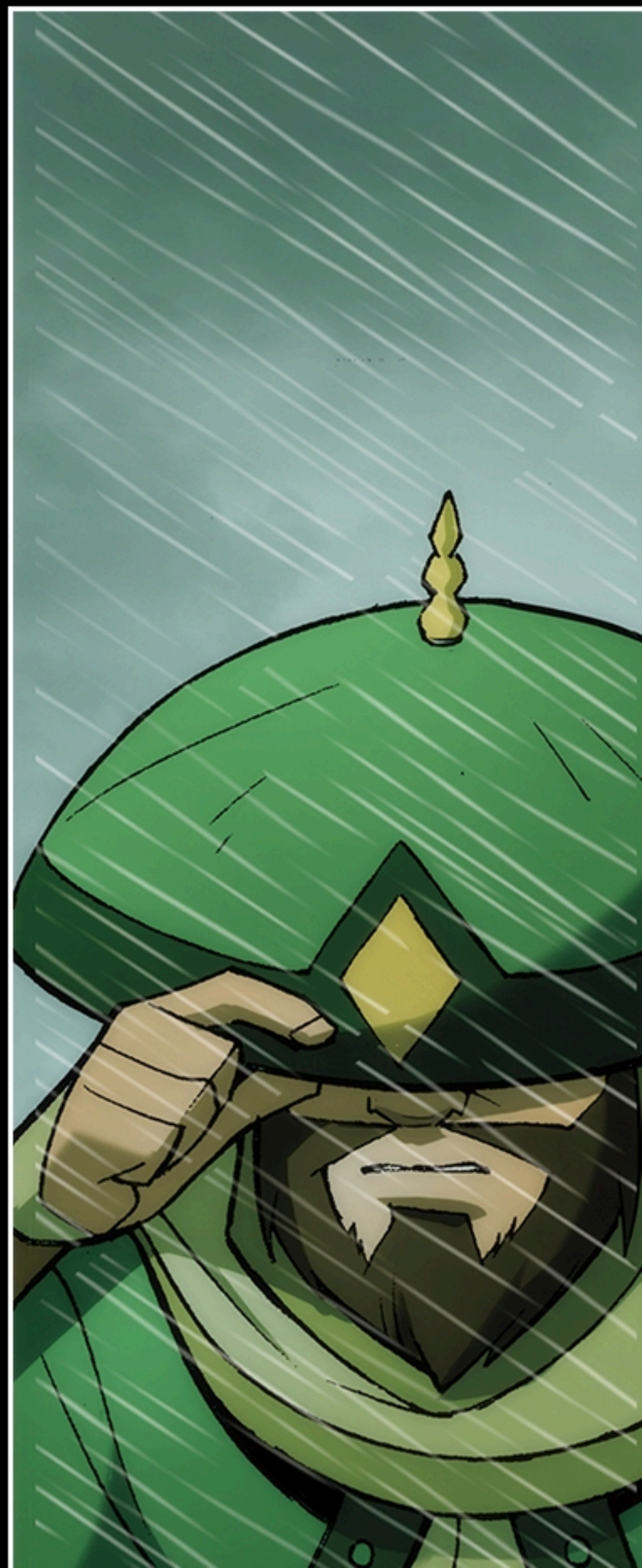


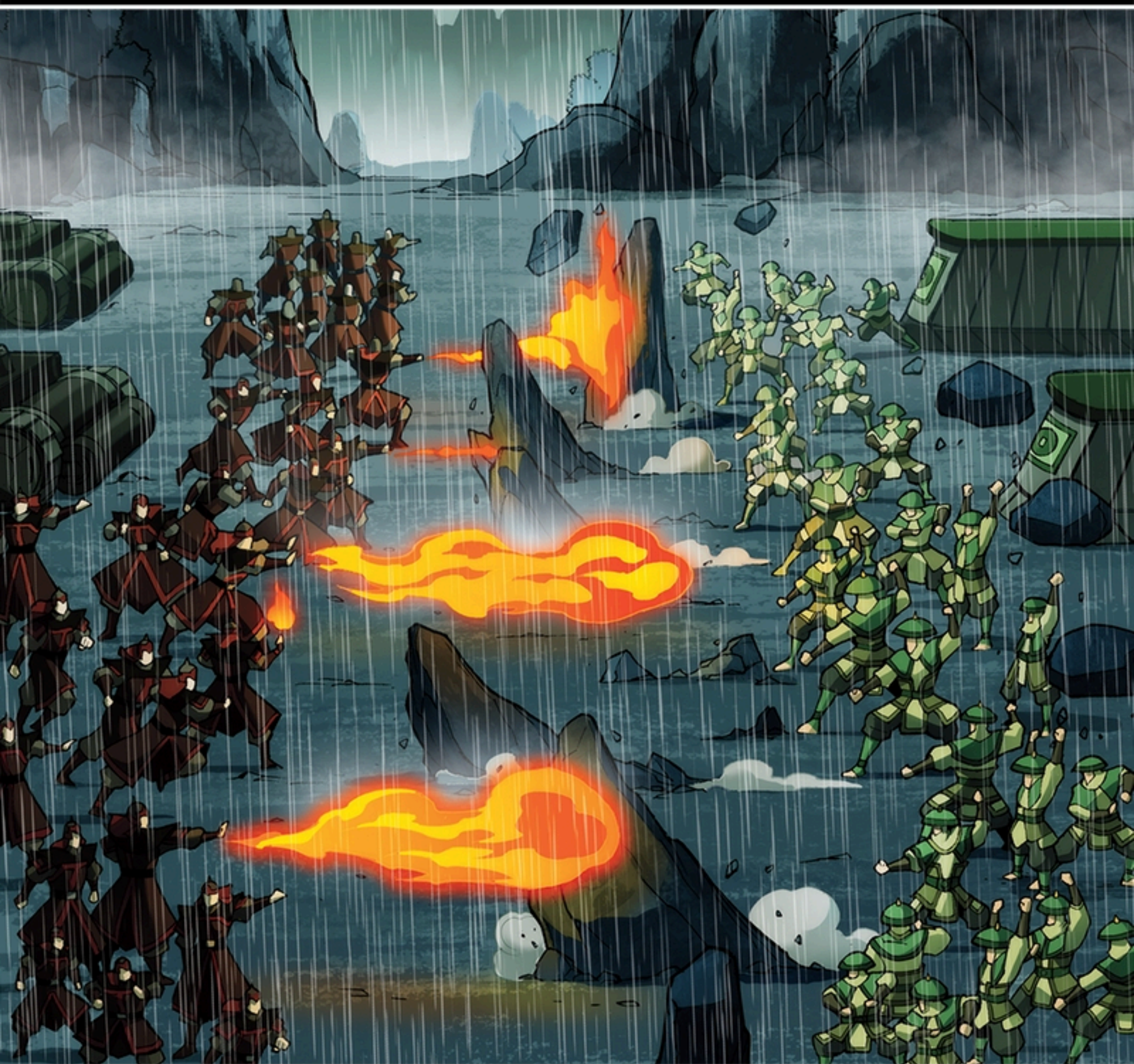






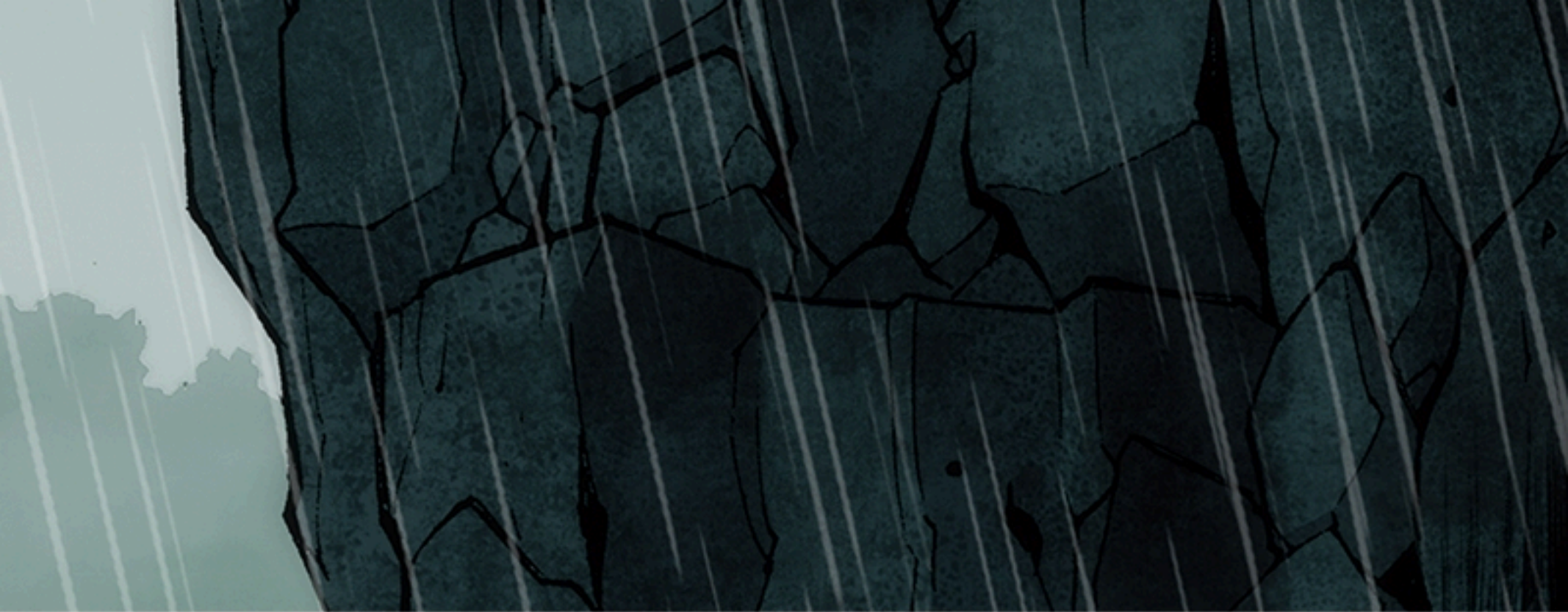






ONE MOMENT,
I KNOW, DEEP IN
MY HEART, THAT I
MUST DEFEND
MY PEOPLE.





BUT THEN THE
NEXT, DOUBT
CREEPS IN.

MAYBE I'M
SUPPOSED TO
FOLLOW THROUGH
WITH THE HARMONY
RESTORATION
MOVEMENT.



**PROVE
YOURSELF WORTHY
OF THE THRONE**

OF THE THRONE,
MY SON!

AANG, HOW AM
I SUPPOSED TO
FIGURE OUT WHAT'S
RIGHT WHEN HIS VOICE
IS ALL I HEAR?!

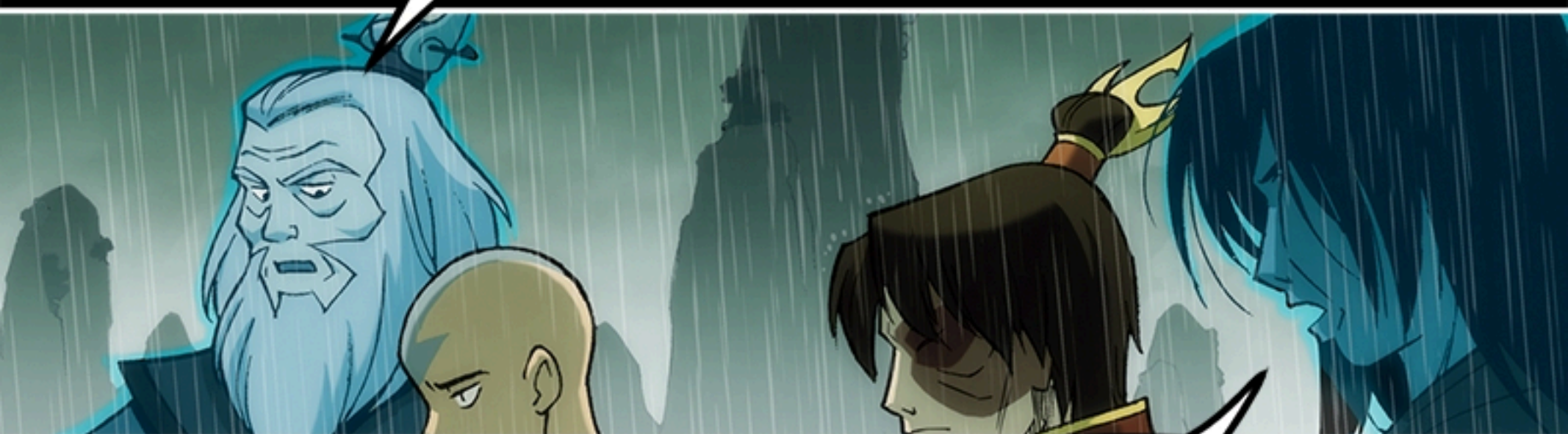
YOU COULD
HAVE SILENCED HIM
FOREVER...PERHAPS
THEN I COULD HAVE FOUND
PEACE! BUT YOU DIDN'T,
AND NOW I CAN'T!



I'M SORRY
ZUKO...

WHEN HE HAD A

WHEN HE HAD A
FIRM GRASP OF THE
GOOD, YOUR FRIEND
ASKED YOU FOR
A PROMISE!



*THE FIRE LORD'S
WILL DETERMINES
WHAT IS RIGHT!*

*EMBRACE THIS
TRUTH AND YOU'LL
POSSESS THE PEACE
THAT YOU DESIRE!*



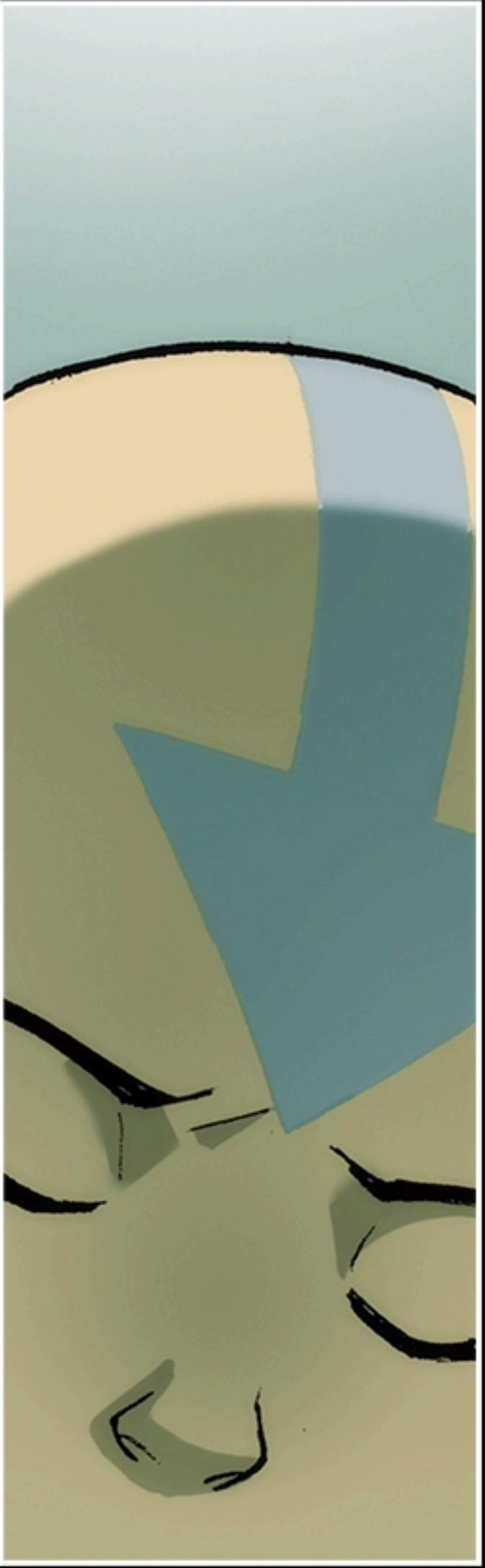


I DON'T THINK
I'LL EVER STOP
FEELING LOST.

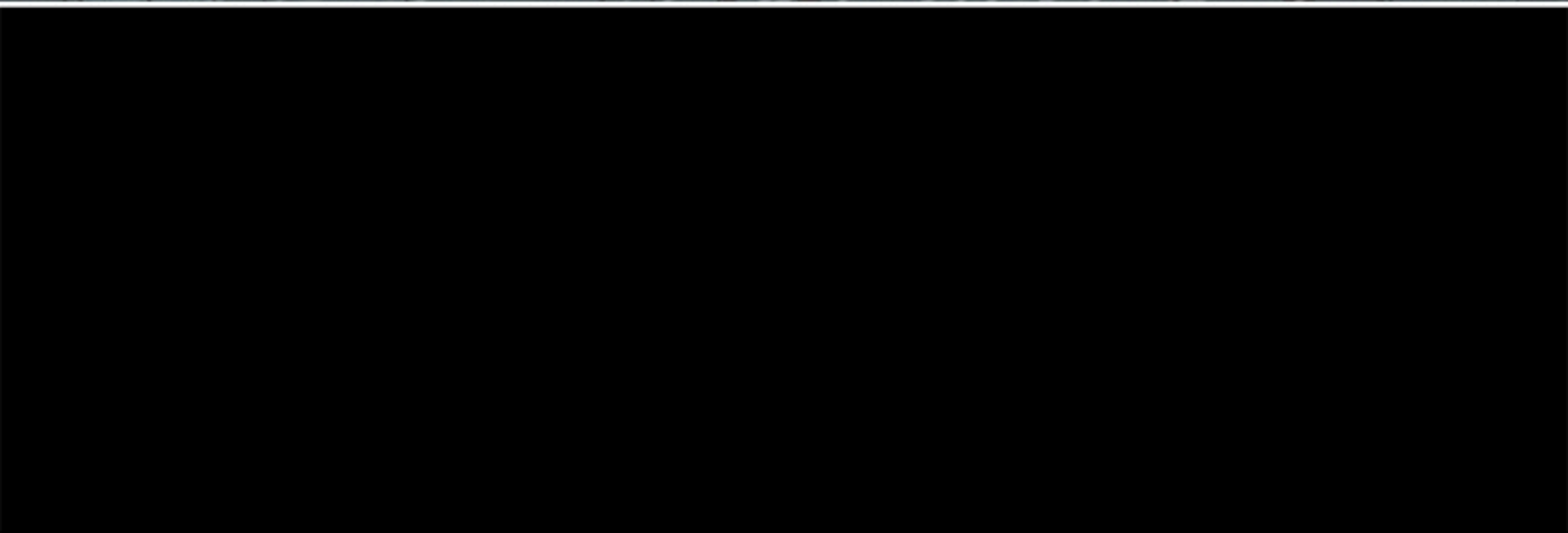
NOW FULFILL
YOUR PROMISE AND
RESTORE THE WORLD
TO HARMONY!



GO AHEAD,
AANG! *DO IT!*









WAIT...!

DON'T
CRY...





AAAAH!

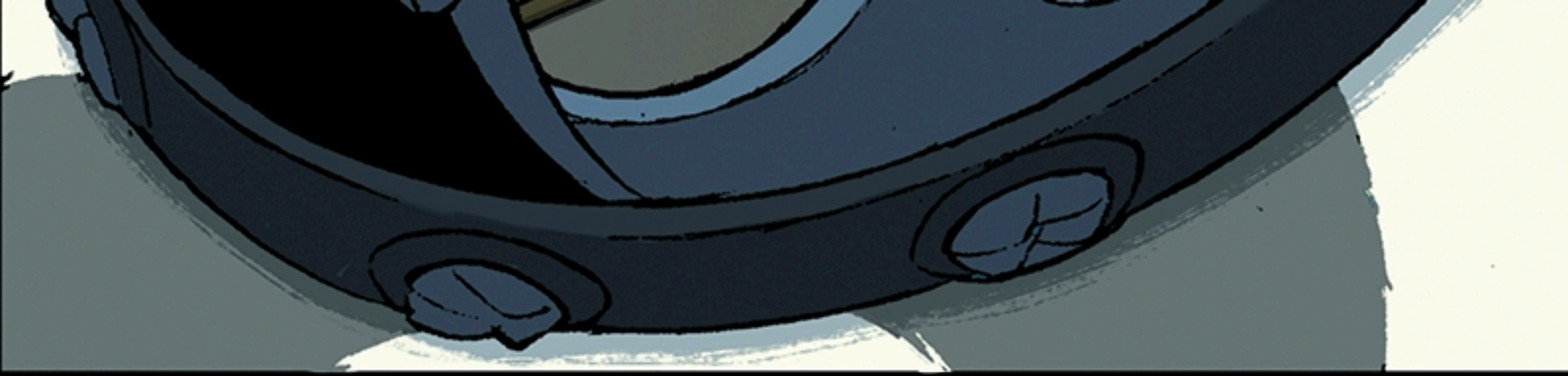


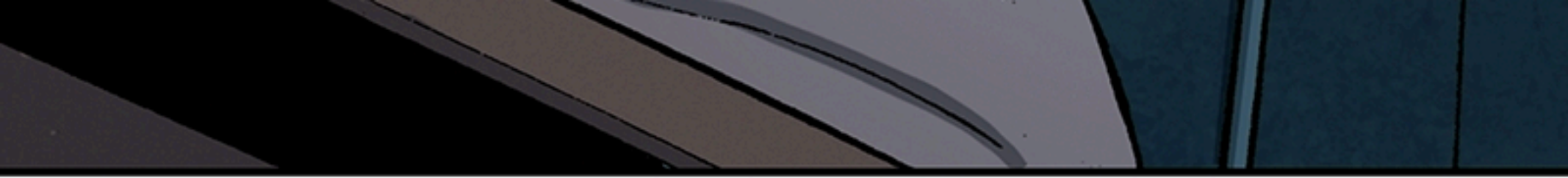


HRGH



HUFF
HUFF HUFF







RAAAAR!





**FIRE NATION
RESIDENTS OF YU DAO,
YOU MUST EVACUATE THE
CITY IMMEDIATELY! YOUR
LIVES ARE IN DANGER!**





**KR
BOOSH**

WHOA! WATCH
OUT, SWEETIE! WE'RE
BEING ATTACKED BY
FIREBENDERS!

YOU MEAN
EARTHBENDERS!





NO, I
MEAN, UH...

EARTHBENDERS
WHO ATTACH LITTLE
CHAIN THINGIES TO
THEIR ROCKS...?

FOOSH







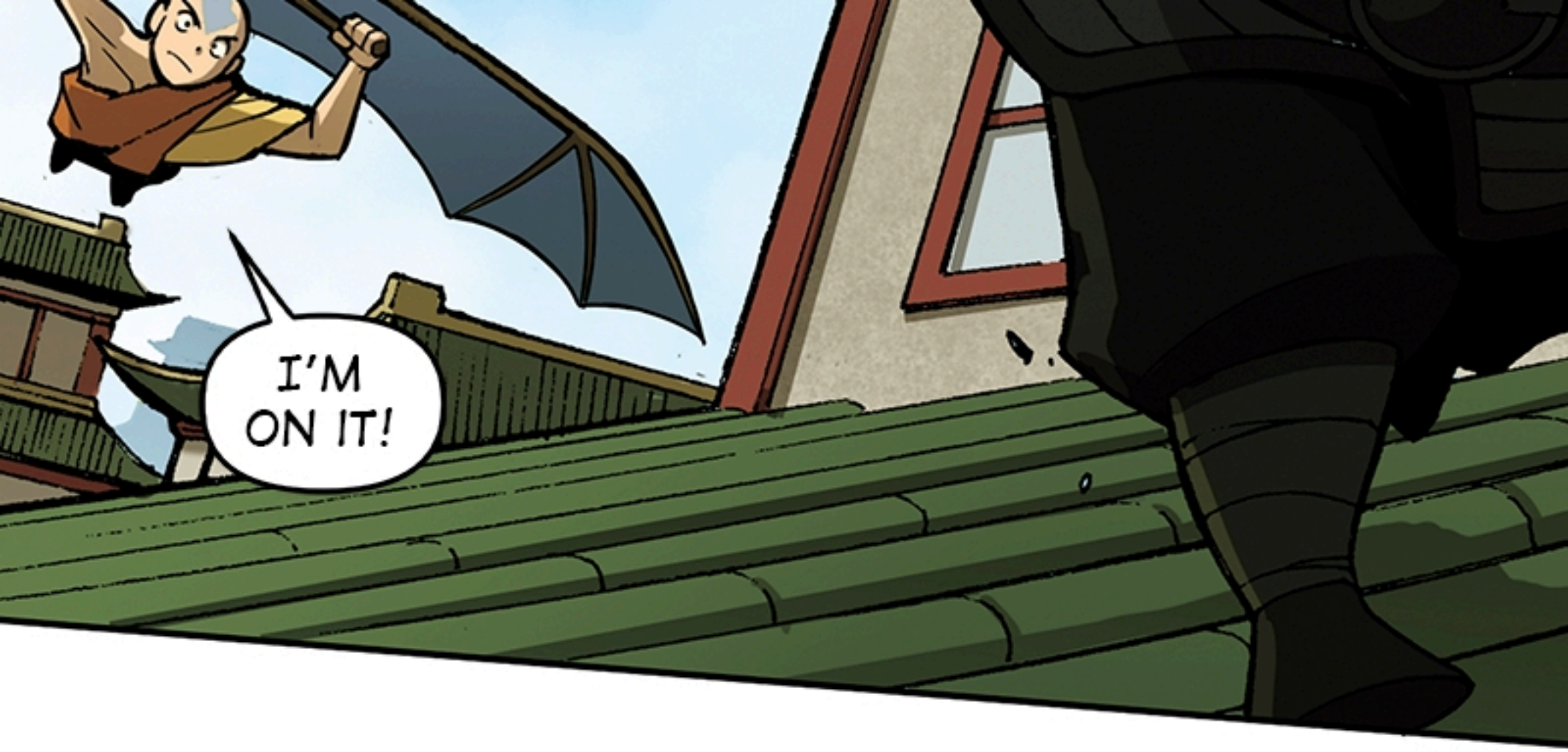
NOTHING
AN AIR FUNNEL
CAN'T HANDLE!



HERE COME
THROWING
AXES!

WHY CAN'T
THEY MAKE UP
THEIR MINDS ABOUT
HOW THEY WANNA
ATTACK US?!







AW, AN AX
*FACTORY?! WHY'D
IT HAVE TO BE AN
AX FACTORY?!*











A comic panel featuring Katara from the animated series Avatar: The Last Airbender. She is shown from the chest up, looking slightly to her left with a surprised expression. Her dark brown hair is styled in a bun with bangs. She is wearing a green tunic under a thick, reddish-brown fur cloak. A speech bubble originates from the upper left, pointing towards her. The background is a simple, textured grey wall with a wooden frame on the left.

SNEERS?!

HI, AVATAR
AANG. HI,
KATARA.

I DON'T
GET IT. WHY
WOULD YOU--



BECAUSE
YOU'RE TRYING
TO FORCE US OUT OF
OUR HOMES, AVATAR
AANG!

**WE'RE NOT
LEAVING!**

WAIT, I'VE
SEEN YOU
BEFORE --!





MY NAME IS
KORI MORISHITA!
AND WE ARE THE *YU
DAO RESISTANCE*!



YOU HAVE TO
EVACUATE *RIGHT
NOW!* YOU HAVE
NO IDEA WHAT'S
COMING!

AND,
SNEERS, WEREN'T
YOU HELPING *LEAD*
THE PROTESTS OUTSIDE
THE CITY JUST A FEW
DAYS AGO?



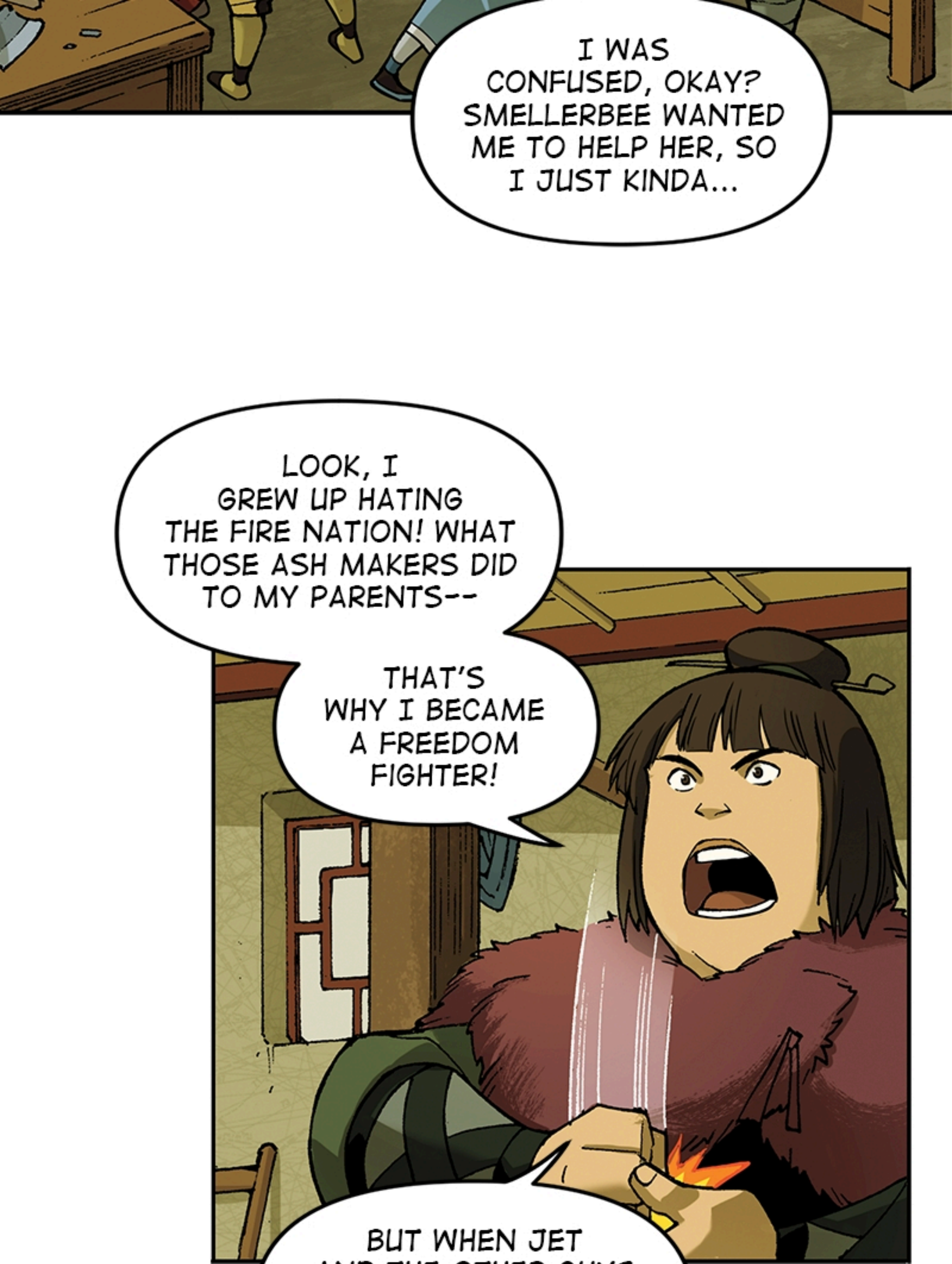
I WAS
CONFUSED, OKAY?
SMELLERBEE WANTED
ME TO HELP HER, SO
I JUST KINDA...



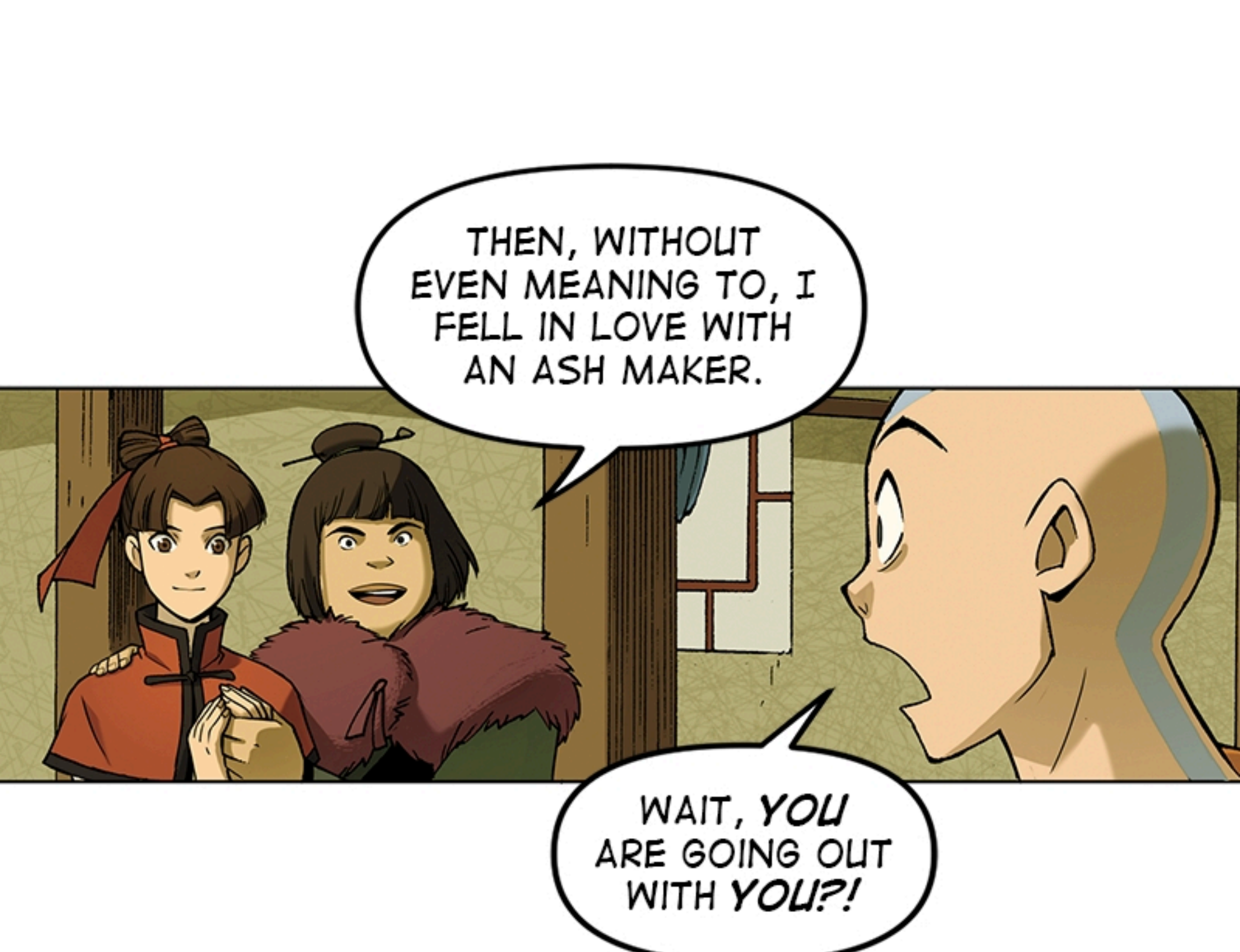
LOOK, I
GREW UP HATING
THE FIRE NATION! WHAT
THOSE ASH MAKERS DID
TO MY PARENTS--



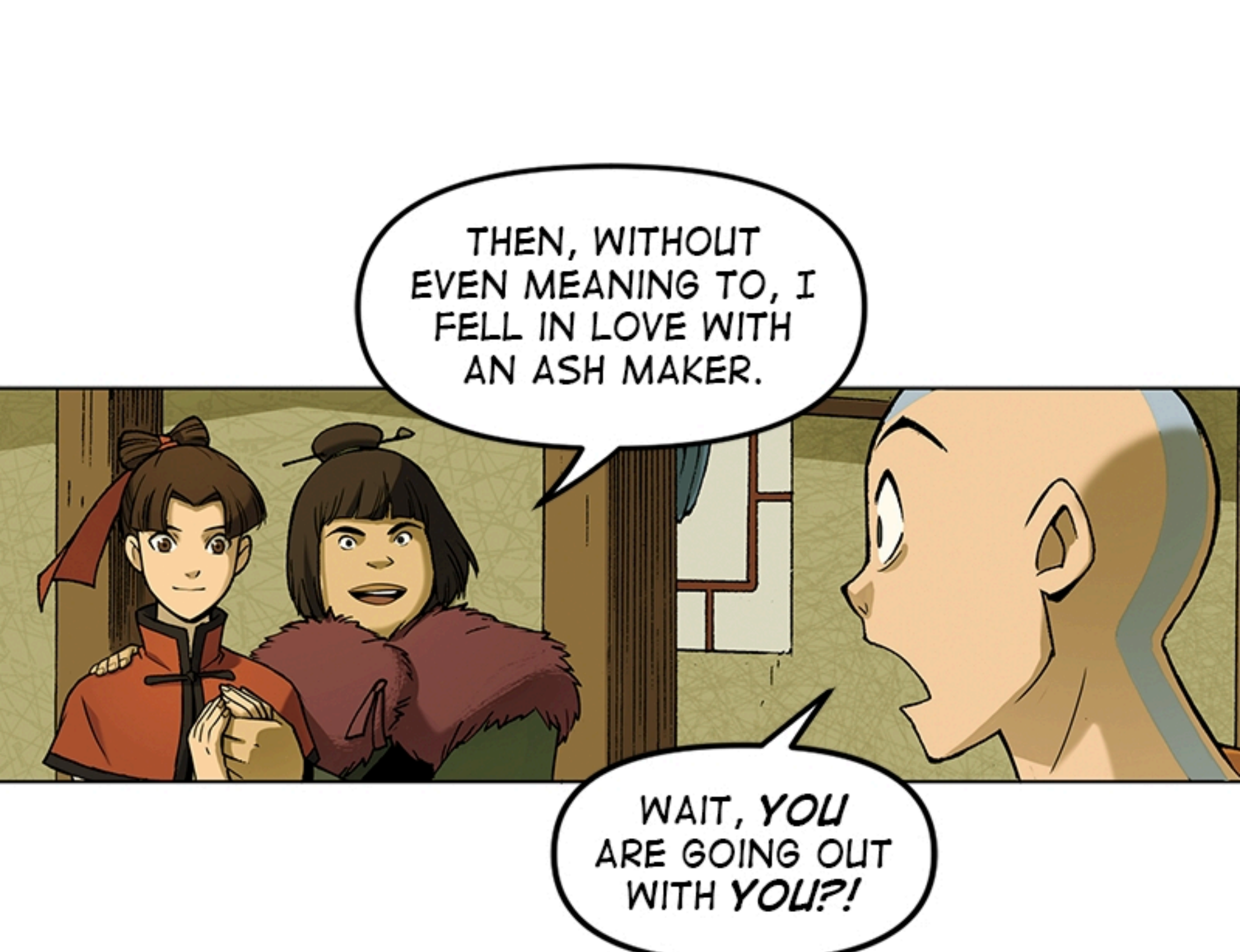
THAT'S
WHY I BECAME
A FREEDOM
FIGHTER!



BUT WHEN JET
AND THE OTHER GUYS
WENT TO BA SING SE,
I CAME TO YU DAO TO
LIVE WITH MY UNCLE.



THEN, WITHOUT
EVEN MEANING TO, I
FELL IN LOVE WITH
AN ASH MAKER.



WAIT, *YOU*
ARE GOING OUT
WITH *YOU?!*



YEAH. I HID IT
FROM OUR FRIENDS
FOR A LONG TIME, BUT
I'M DONE WITH THAT.



MY GIRLFRIEND
IS *FIRE NATION*.

SO ARE
ALL MY COUSINS
ON MY MOM'S
SIDE.

MY
STEPFATHER.

AND MY
FAVORITE
TEACHER.

THE GUY
WHO SELLS ME
MOCHI EVERY
MORNING.



YOU JOINED THE
YU DAO RESISTANCE
TO DEFEND A GUY WHO
SELLS YOU MOCHI?

SO, I JUST
WANT TO MAKE
SURE I'VE GOT THIS
RIGHT. **YOU** ARE GOING
OUT WITH **HER**...

IT'S





I KNOW
THIS MAKES
ME LOOK LIKE
A TRAITOR,

BUT I'M ONLY
FIGHTING ALONGSIDE
THE YU DAO RESISTANCE
SO LONG AS THEY AGREE TO
KEEP **BOTH** EARTH KINGDOM **AND**
FIRE NATION INTRUDERS OUT,
BECAUSE YU DAO IS
NEITHER!





YOU MEAN
BECAUSE YU DAO
IS *BOTH*!



LET SMELLERBEE
AND HER PROTESTERS
COME! WE CAN
HANDLE THEM!



BUT THE
PROTESTERS AREN'T
THE ONLY ONES YOU
HAVE TO WORRY
ABOUT!

EARTH KING
KUEI IS COMING
WITH HIS ARMY! THEY
COULD ARRIVE AT
ANY MOMENT!



NO WAY!
AN ENTIRE
ARMY--?!

THAT'S WHAT
I'VE BEEN TRYING
TO TELL YOU!

YOU HAVE TO
GO! A HANDFUL OF
RESISTANCE FIGHTERS
CAN'T POSSIBLY STAND
UP TO A WHOLE ARMY!



WE CAN IF
THE AVATAR
JOINS US.

SNEERS, NO! I
TOLD THE EARTH KING
I'D SEE THE HARMONY
RESTORATION MOVEMENT
THROUGH TO THE END!

AANG, MAYBE
WE SHOULD HEAR
THEM OUT...

WELL, IF YOU
WON'T HELP US,
AVATAR AANG, MAYBE
ONE OF *THOSE*
AVATARS WILL.



GREETINGS,
AVATAR AANG! THE
YU DAO CHAPTER OF THE
AVATAR AANG FAN CLUB HAS
EAGERLY ANTICIPATED
YOUR ARRIVAL!

I AM XING
YING, THE CLUB
PRESIDENT!

LOOK,
KATARA!

KATARA!
ANOTHER FAN
CLUB!

YAY.





YOU KNOW
THEM?

A close-up of two characters. On the left, a young man with dark hair and a red garment is looking towards a young woman on the right. The woman has long brown hair, blue eyes, and is wearing a light blue top with a white collar. She is smiling slightly.

I KNOW
THEIR *TYPE*.



Two characters are in a room with wooden walls and floors. On the left, a bald man with a shaved head and a shaved patch on his forehead is wearing an orange robe. He is looking towards a woman on the right. The woman has long black hair, a shaved head, and is wearing a yellow robe with a brown belt and a yellow beaded necklace. She is looking back at him. There are some wooden crates or boxes on the floor in the background.

WOW! YOU
GUYS SEEM REALLY
DIFFERENT FROM THE BA
SING SE CHAPTER! ARE ALL
OF YOU PRESIDENTS?

WHY WOULD
WE ALL BE
PRESIDENTS?

YOU'RE
REALLY
DIFFERENT.



YOUR CLOTHES
LOOK JUST LIKE THE
UNIFORMS THE WESTERN
AIR TEMPLE STUDENTS
USED TO WEAR!

OF COURSE,
AVATAR AANG! WE
PRIDE OURSELVES ON
AUTHENTICITY!



OUR MEMBERS
DEVOTE AS MANY

HOURS TO STUDYING
AIR NOMAD PHILOSOPHY
AS YOU DID WHEN YOU
WERE TRAINING!

AND THE ARROWS
YOU'VE PAINTED ON
YOUR FOREHEADS LOOK
ALMOST EXACTLY LIKE REAL
AIRBENDER TATTOOS!



OH, THESE
AREN'T PAINT.
THEY'RE *REAL*
TATTOOS!





WE USE
THE SAME
INK YOU--

WAIT. WHAT?!
BUT AIR NOMAD
TATTOOS HAVE TO BE
EARNED THROUGH YEARS
AND YEARS OF AIRBENDING
PRACTICE! THEY'RE
NOT--





OH, WE
KNOW, AVATAR
AANG!

FOR A FAN CLUB
MEMBER TO RECEIVE
HER TATTOOS, SHE MUST
MASTER HUNDREDS OF
AIRBENDER-LIKE
FORMS!



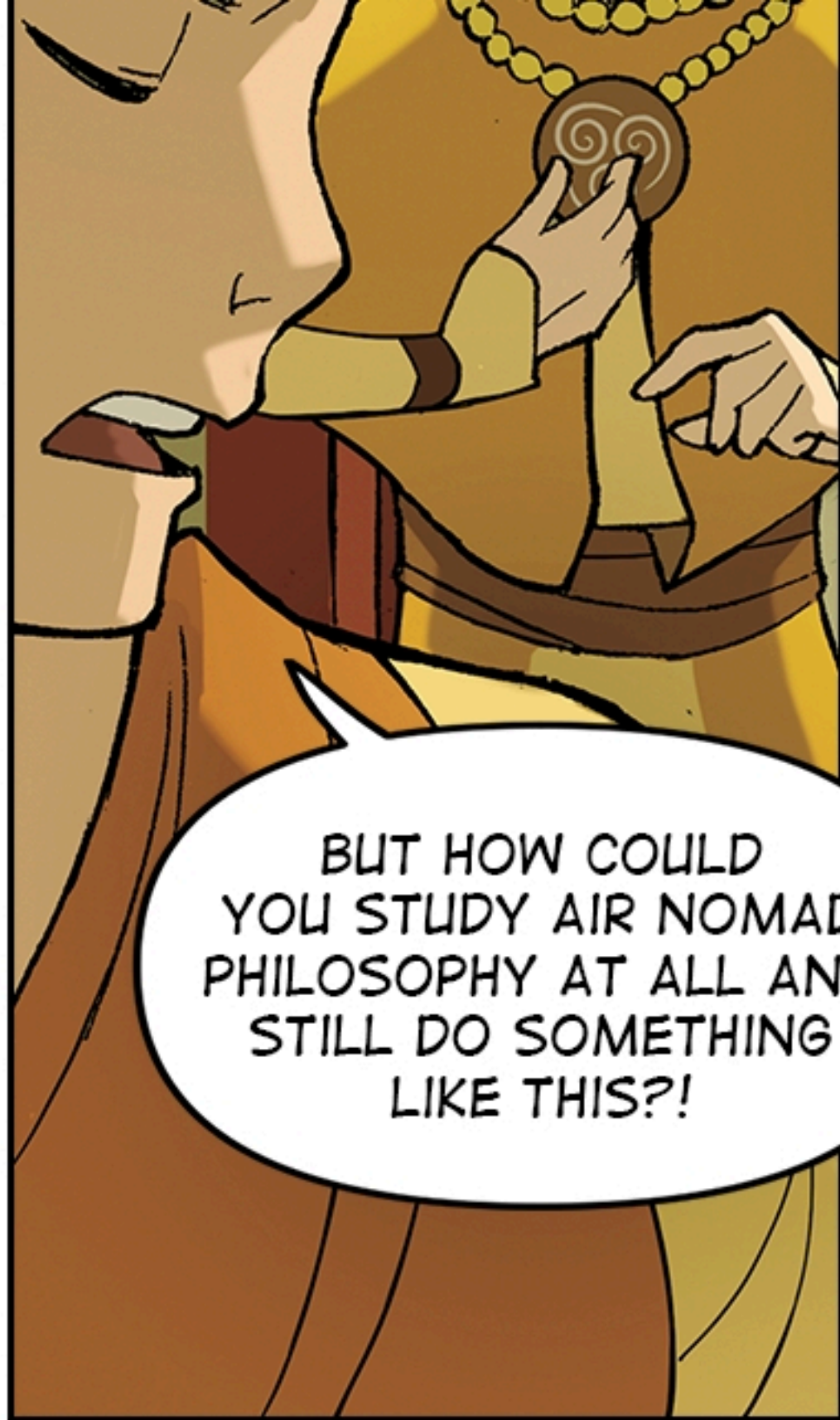


"AIRBENDER-LIKE"?!
THOSE TATTOOS
ARE **SACRED** TO
MY PEOPLE!

THEY DESCRIBE
WHO WE ARE AND HOW
WE SEE THE WORLD! YOU
HAVE NO RIGHT TO TATTOO
YOURSELVES LIKE THAT!

I ASSURE YOU
THAT OUR MEMBERS
GO THROUGH THE MOST
RIGOROUS OF STUDY
PROGRAMS! BY THE
END, THEY--





BUT HOW COULD
YOU STUDY AIR NOMAD
PHILOSOPHY AT ALL AND
STILL DO SOMETHING
LIKE THIS?!



AANG, I'M
SURE IT WAS
AN HONEST
MISTAKE.





TO THE CITY
GATES. GENERAL
HOW'S ARMY COULD
SHOW UP AT ANY
MOMENT.

WHEN THEY
DO, I'M GONNA
TRY TO BUY YOU
GUYS A LITTLE
MORE TIME.

MAYBE THEY'LL
LISTEN. MAYBE THEY
WON'T. EITHER WAY, THE
FIRE NATION COLONIALS
HAVE GOT TO GO.



**IT'S TIME
WE SEPARATE
THE NATIONS AND
RESTORE HARMONY.**



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I'M TELLING
YOU, MY ACTIONS
MAKE SENSE!



THE FIRE NATION
CITIZENS OF YU DAO
ARE ***MY PEOPLE!*** AS THE
FIRE LORD, I HAVE A DUTY
TO PROTECT THEM!

...

BUT IT
GOES BEYOND
THAT.



WHEN THE
MAYOR'S WIFE
INVITED ME TO STAY
WITH THEM, I DIDN'T JUST
GET TO SEE WHAT YU
DAO WAS LIKE.

I GOT
TO SEE WHAT
THEIR *FAMILY*
WAS LIKE.

THEY ATE
TOGETHER, SITTING
AT THE SAME
TABLE.

THEY TALKED
AND LAUGHED AND
WHEN THEY ARGUED, THEY
DIDN'T CHALLENGE EACH
OTHER TO AGNI KAIS.

THEY'RE
SO... *NORMAL*.



YOU, OF ALL
PEOPLE, KNOW MY
OWN FAMILY IS *NOT*. IN
MY HEART, I KNOW WHAT
I'M DOING IS *RIGHT*.

I'M NOT DEFENDING A
COLONY. I'M DEFENDING
PEOPLE. AND I'M DEFENDING
THEIR BONDS WITH
ONE ANOTHER.



BUT THERE
IS ONE FACT THAT
MAKES ME DOUBT
MYSELF.



LEADING AN
ARMY TO YU DAO
IS *EXACTLY* WHAT MY
FATHER WOULD DO IF
HE RETURNED TO
THE THRONE.

FROM THE
OUTSIDE, IT LOOKS
AS IF I'M ACTING
JUST LIKE *HIM*.

DOES IT
MATTER IF MY
REASONS ARE
DIFFERENT?





YOU WANTED
A QUIET LIFE AFTER
THE WAR.



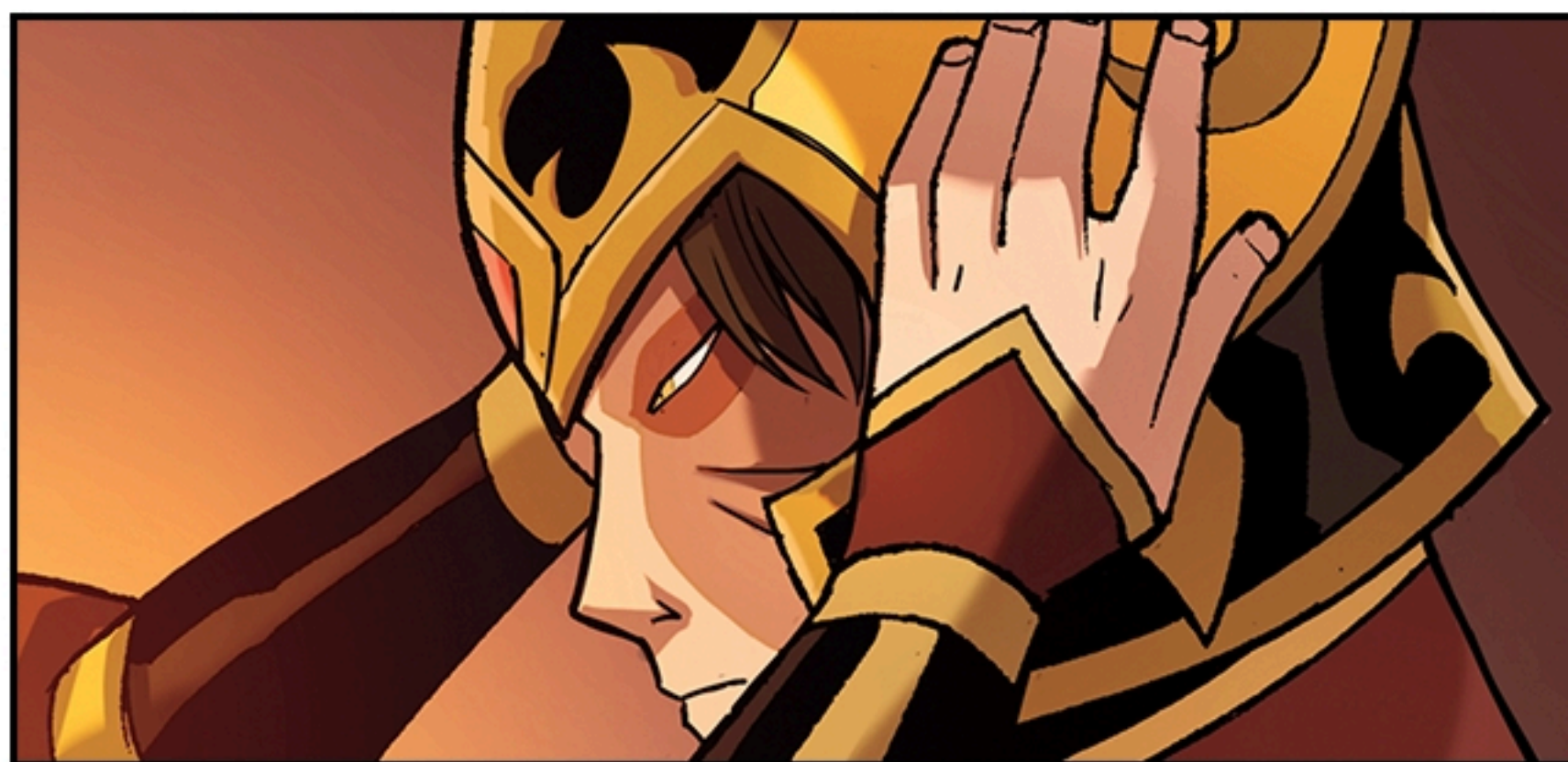
AND THAT'S
THE ONE THING
I CAN GIVE YOU, TO
BEGIN REPAYING YOU FOR
ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR ME.
I CAN'T DISTURB
YOU. I *WON'T*.



EVEN SO, I
WISH YOU WERE
HERE, UNCLE. I
MISS YOU.



FIRE LORD
ZUKO! WE'VE LANDED
ON THE SHORES OF THE
EARTH KINGDOM!





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