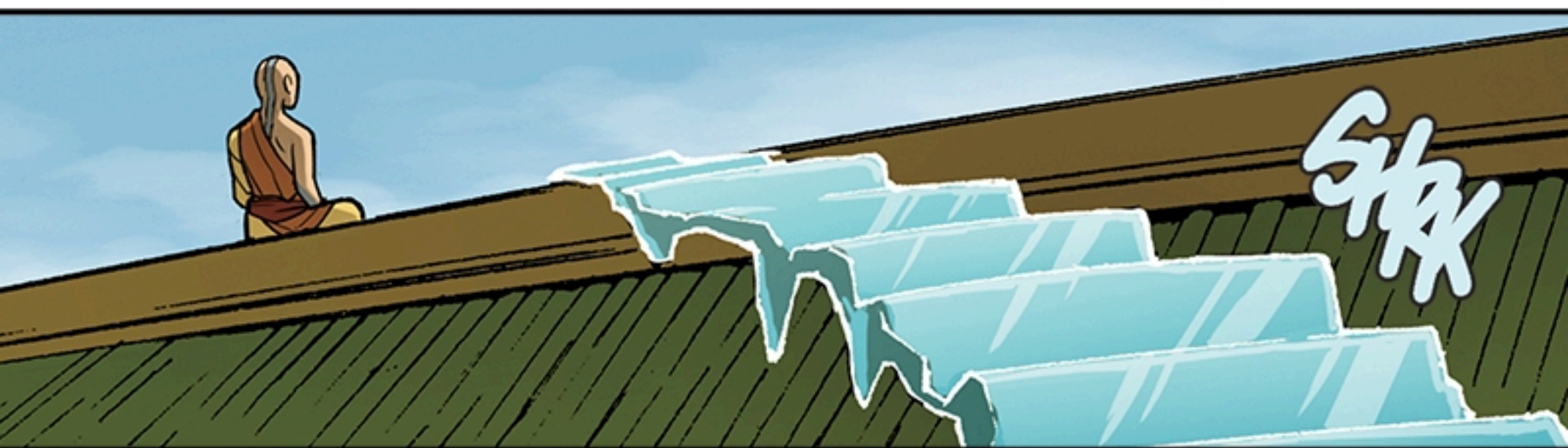








I THINK I
FIGURED OUT WHY
THE NATIONS HAVE TO
BE SEPARATE FOR
HARMONY.

WHENEVER
TWO NATIONS COME
TOGETHER, THE STRONGER
ONE CAN'T HELP BUT HURT THE
WEAKER ONE. THEY'LL CONQUER
OR BURN OR, AT THE VERY
LEAST, MAKE A **JOKE** OF
THE WEAKER NATION.



YOU ONCE TOLD
ME THAT SEPARATION
IS AN *ILLUSION*.

GURU PATHIK
TAUGHT YOU THAT.
THE FOUR NATIONS ARE
REALLY *ONE* AND
THE *SAME*.

BUT I DON'T *WANT*
THEM TO BE THE SAME,
KATARA! I *LOVE* BEING
AN AIR NOMAD!



I LOVE OUR
PHILOSOPHY, OUR
TEMPLES, OUR HOLIDAYS,
OUR FOOD -- EVERYTHING
THAT MAKES US DIFFERENT
FROM THE REST OF
THE WORLD!

AND NOW THAT
I'M THE LAST ONE
LEFT, IT'S UP TO ME
TO PRESERVE OUR
WAY OF LIFE!



HOW, AANG? ARE
YOU GONNA LIVE BY
YOURSELF, LIKE SOME
KIND OF HERMIT?

DEVOTE YOUR WHOLE
LIFE TO COLLECTING AND
PRESERVING A BUNCH
OF RELICS?

I DON'T
KNOW...



...BUT I DO
KNOW THIS: AIR
NOMAD CULTURE CAN'T
SURVIVE IN A WORLD WHERE
THE NATIONS INVADE EACH
OTHER, CORRUPT
EACH OTHER.

I HAVE TO
SEE THE HARMONY
RESTORATION MOVEMENT
THROUGH TO THE END.

EVEN IF IT
MEANS FULFILLING
YOUR PROMISE
TO ZUKO?

YES.





BUT YOU'D BE
ACTING AGAINST AIR
NOMAD PHILOSOPHY!

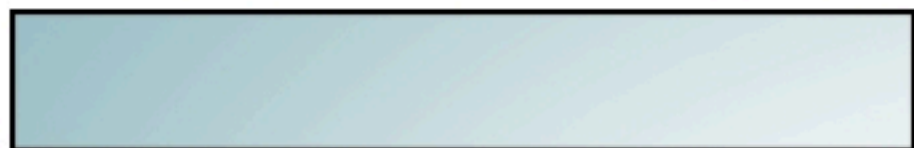
ISN'T THAT WHAT
YOU'RE TRYING
TO PRESERVE?



AARGH! IT'S A
CONTRADICTION,
I KNOW!

THAT'S
WHY MY HEAD
HURTS.





WHAT'RE
YOU DOING OUT
HERE, SOKKA?!

LET ME GUESS.
YOU FINALLY REALIZED
"MOTIVATIONAL BENDING"
IS NOT A THING.





KATARA AND
AANG SHOULD'VE
PICKED ME UP
BY NOW.

THEY'RE PROBABLY
SO CAUGHT UP IN THEIR
OWN OOGIENESS THEY
FORGOT ALL ABOUT ME.

*"SMOOCHIE
SMOOCHIE! OH, HOW
I LOVE YOU, KATARA!
MY SWEET, SWEET
SWEETIE!"*



"NOT AS MUCH
AS I LOVE YOU, AANG!
SMOOCHIE SMOOCHIE! I LOVE
MY SWEET, SWEET SWEETIE SO
MUCH I FORGOT ALL ABOUT
MY OWN BROTHER!"

AH, QUIT
YOUR KISSY-KISSY
BELLYACHING, SOKKA!
APPA'S HERE!

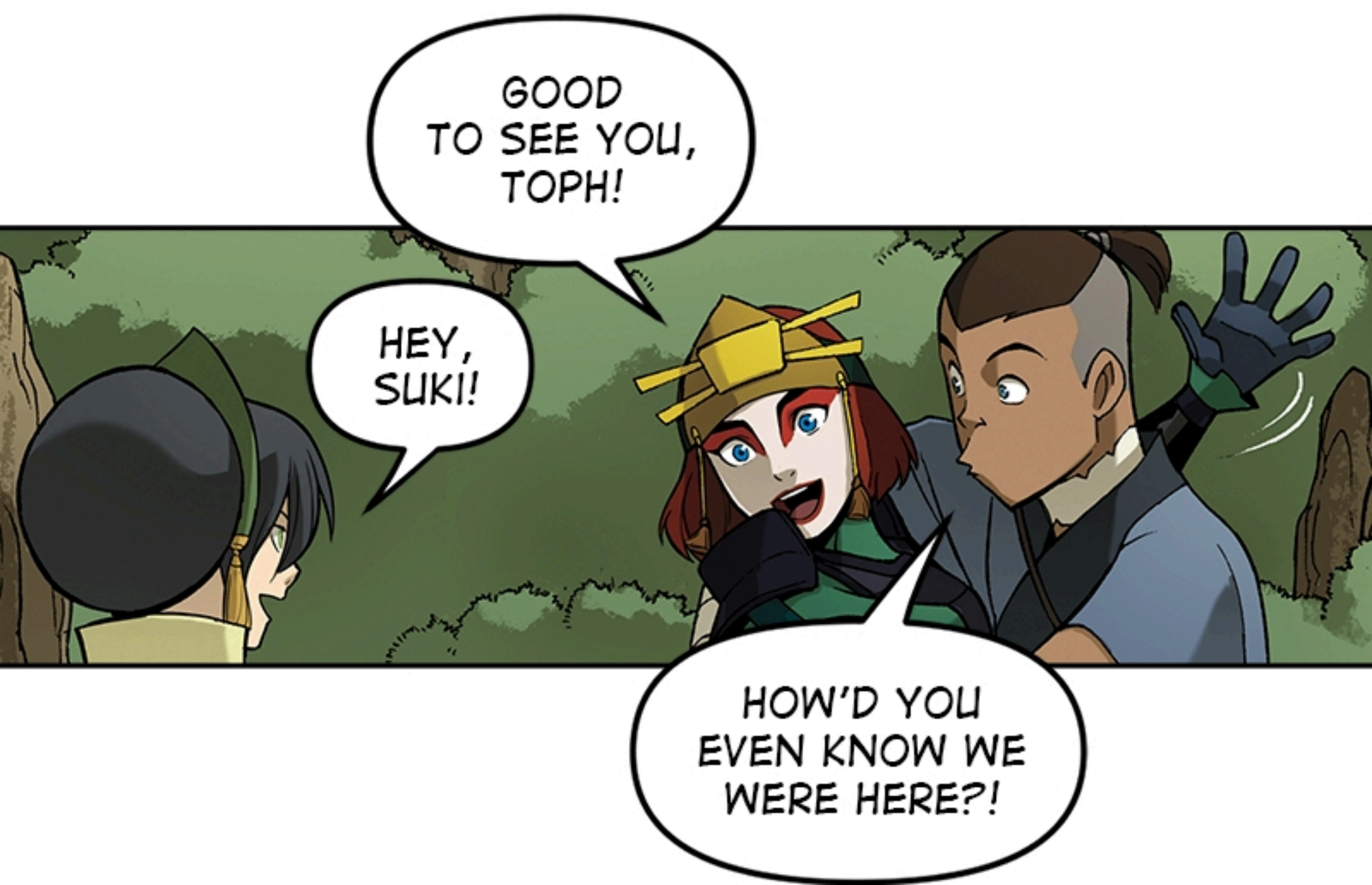
NO, NOT
APPA!





SOMEONE WAY
PRETTIER AND A
LOT LESS HAIRY!







A GROUP OF
US ARE SERVING
AS ZUKO'S PALACE
GUARDS.

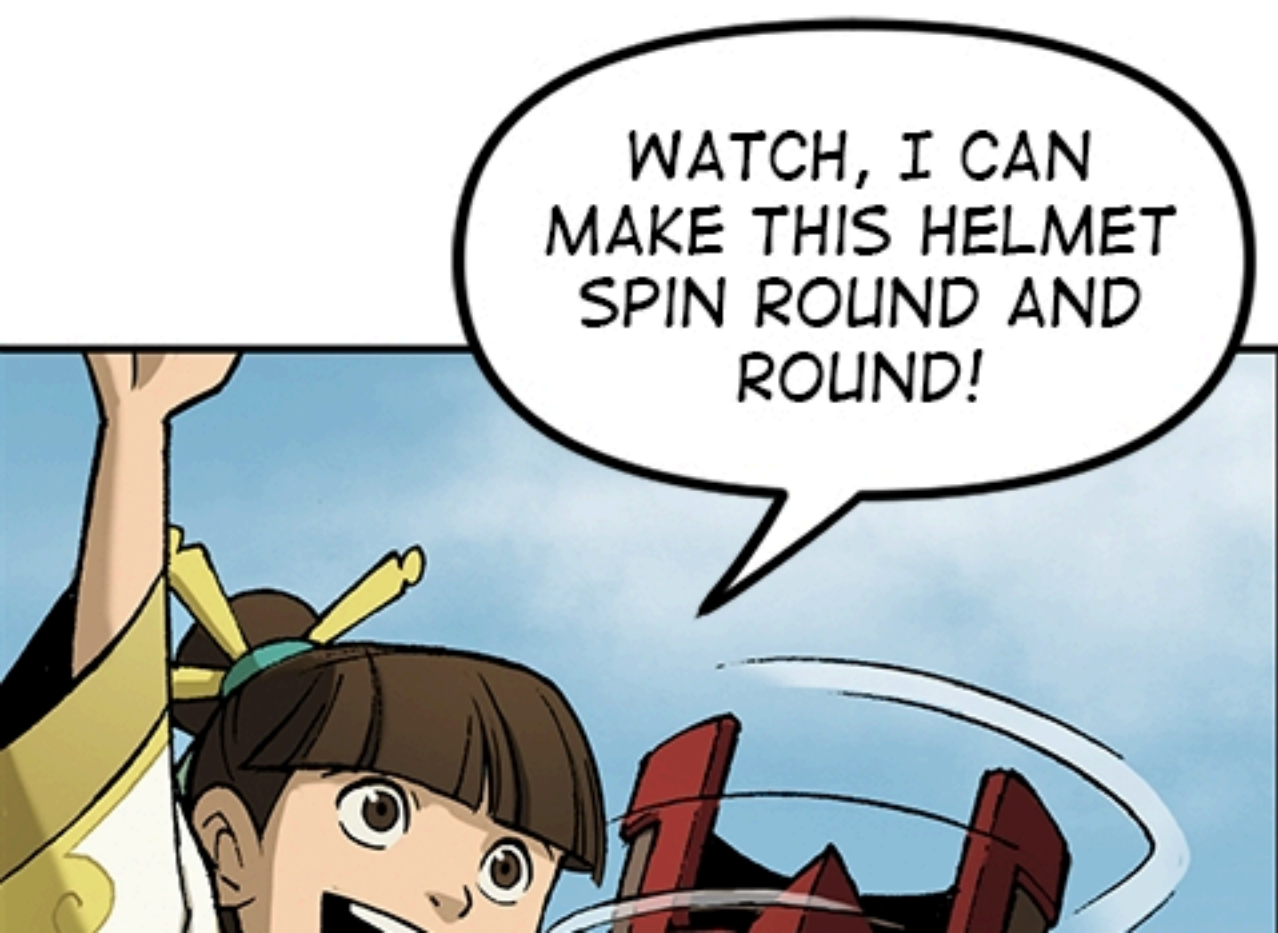
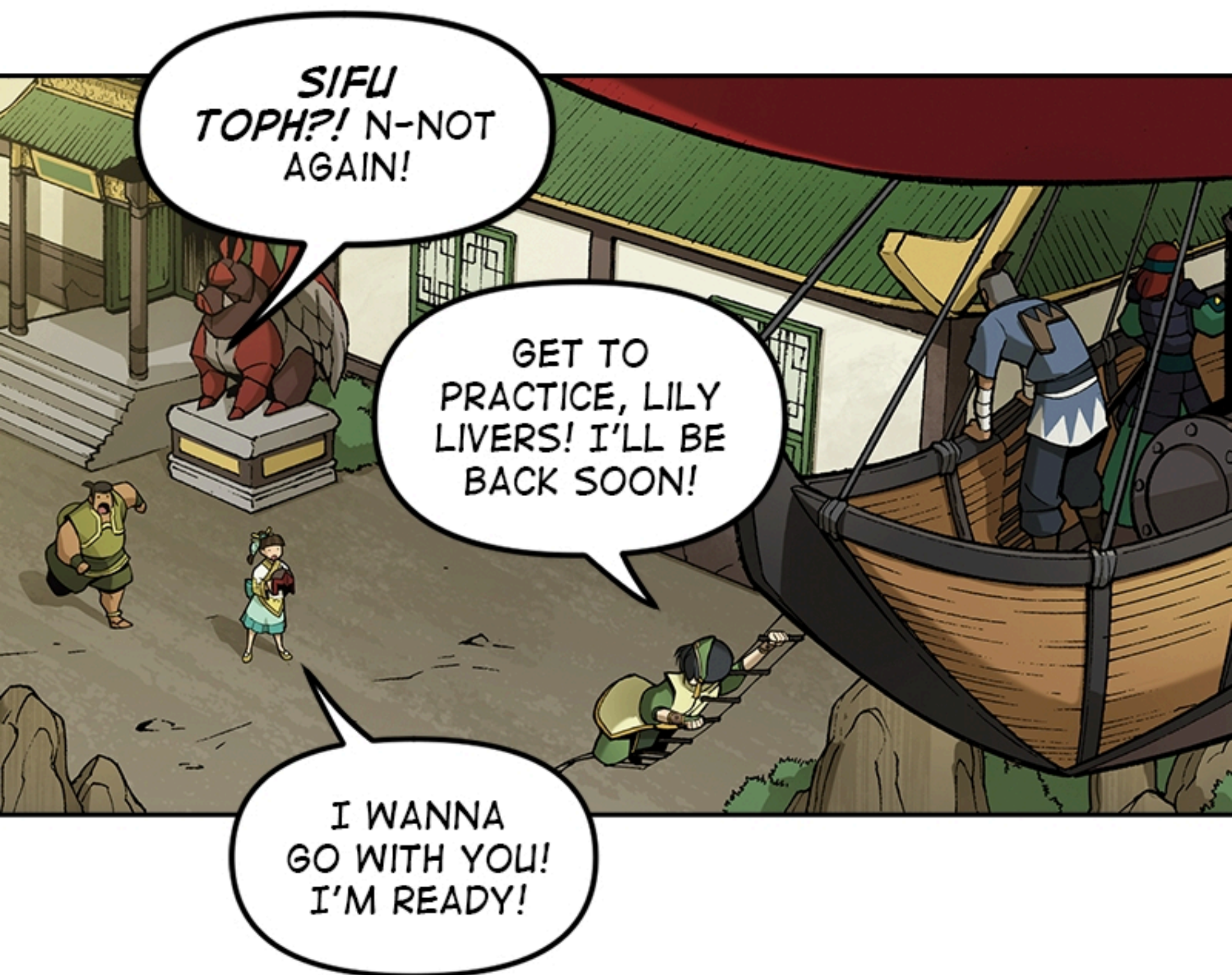
WE JUST RECEIVED AN
OFFICIAL COMPLAINT FROM
A FIREBENDING INSTRUCTOR
ABOUT A "DIRT GIRL" AND A
"SNOW SAVAGE" TAKING
OVER HIS SCHOOL.

KUNYO.



YOU'RE
LEAVING
ALREADY?!

SO ARE YOU!
COME ON, I NEED
YOU BOTH!





I'M SUPPOSED
TO BE IMPRESSED BY
A *SPINNY HELMET*
TRICK?!

UNTIL YOU
CAN DO SOME *REAL*
METALBENDING, YOU'RE
NOT READY FOR ANYTHING!
NOW GO DO YOUR
FORMS!



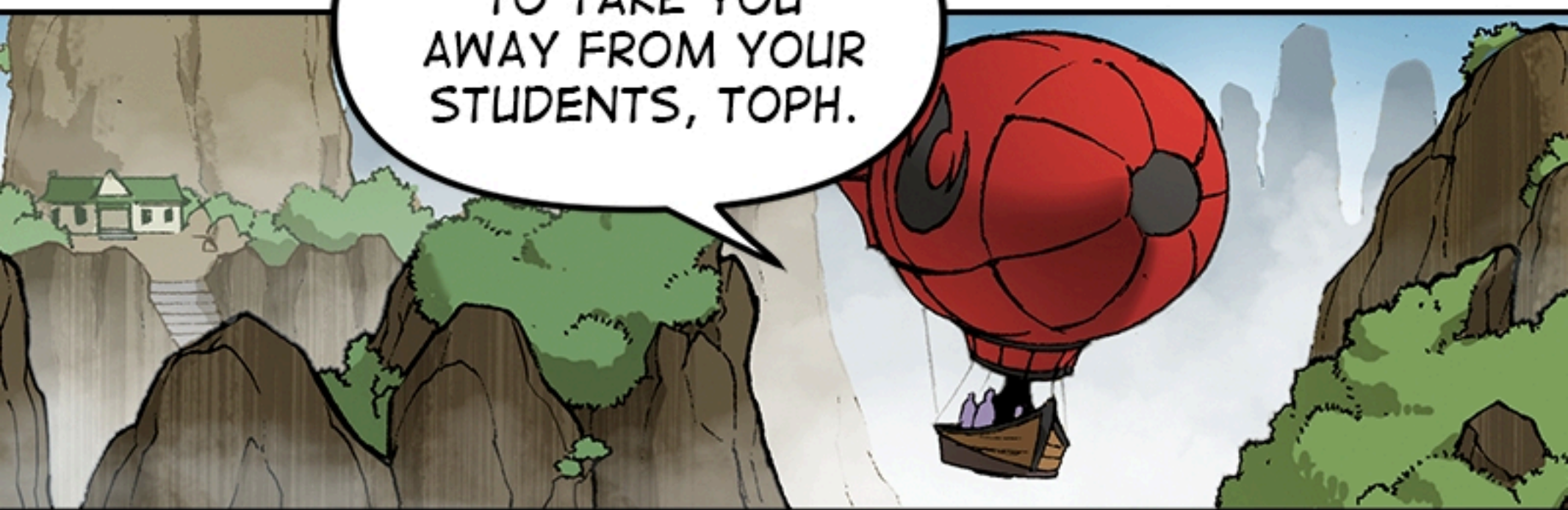
OH, CRUEL
ABANDONMENT! MY
BONES TURN TO DUST
BENEATH THE GAZE OF
YOUR EVER-MOCKING
SMILE!

HEY, THE
DARK ONE? I THINK
YOU'RE, *UH*, TAKING THIS
"*SOUL OF A POET*" THING
TOO SERIOUSLY.
NO OFFENSE.

I LIKED YOU
BETTER WHEN YOU
HATED PEOPLE.



I'M SORRY
TO TAKE YOU
AWAY FROM YOUR
STUDENTS, TOPH.



NOT A
PROBLEM,
BELIEVE ME.





WE BOTH
NEEDED A BREAK
FROM THE DARK ONE'S
NEWFOUND "TALENT."

IF I HAVE TO
HEAR ABOUT "THE
CLOUDY TEARDROPS
OF HIS HEART" ONE
MORE TIME--?!







SEE FOR
YOURSELF.

OH, NO.

WHAT?
WHAT?

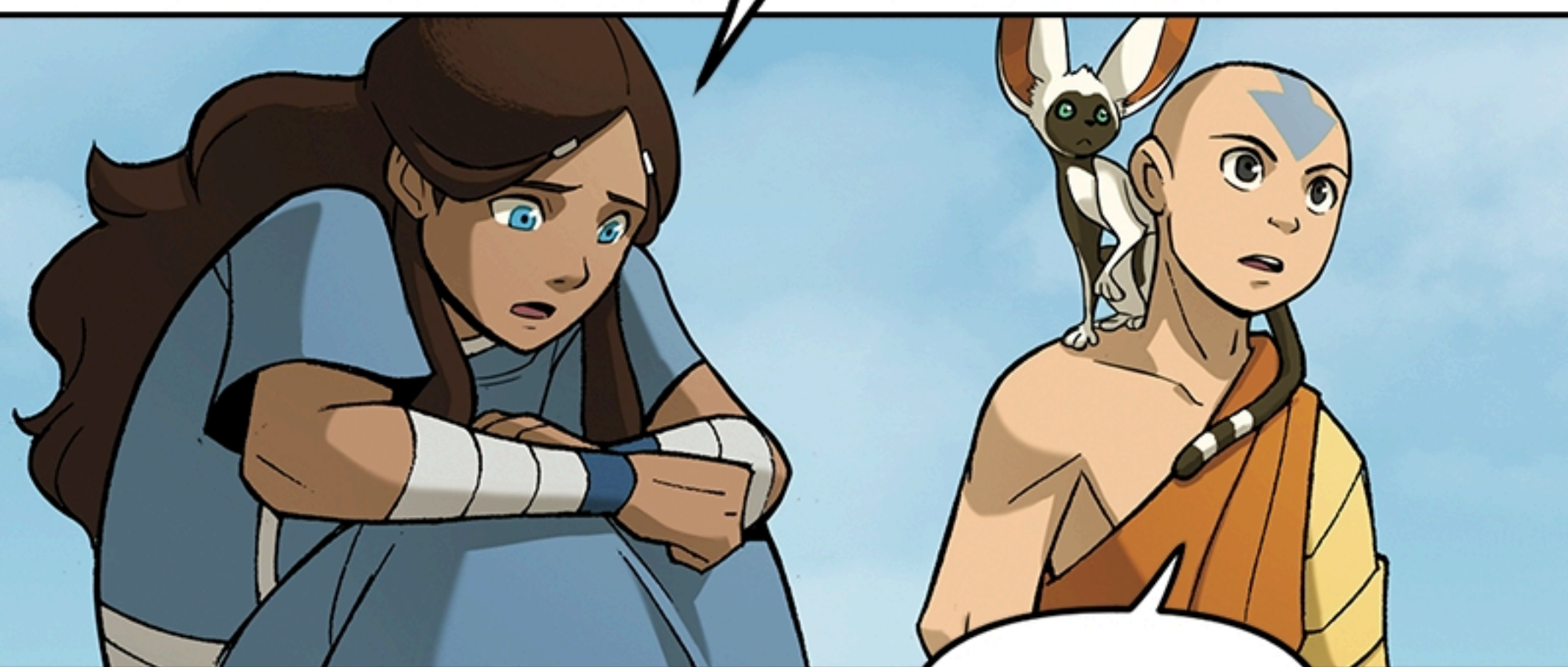






I'VE BEEN WANTING
TO TALK TO YOU EVER
SINCE WE LEFT FOR BA SING
SE, AANG, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW
HOW TO BRING IT UP...

I'VE... *UM...*
CHANGED MY MIND
ABOUT THE HARMONY
RESTORATION
MOVEMENT.

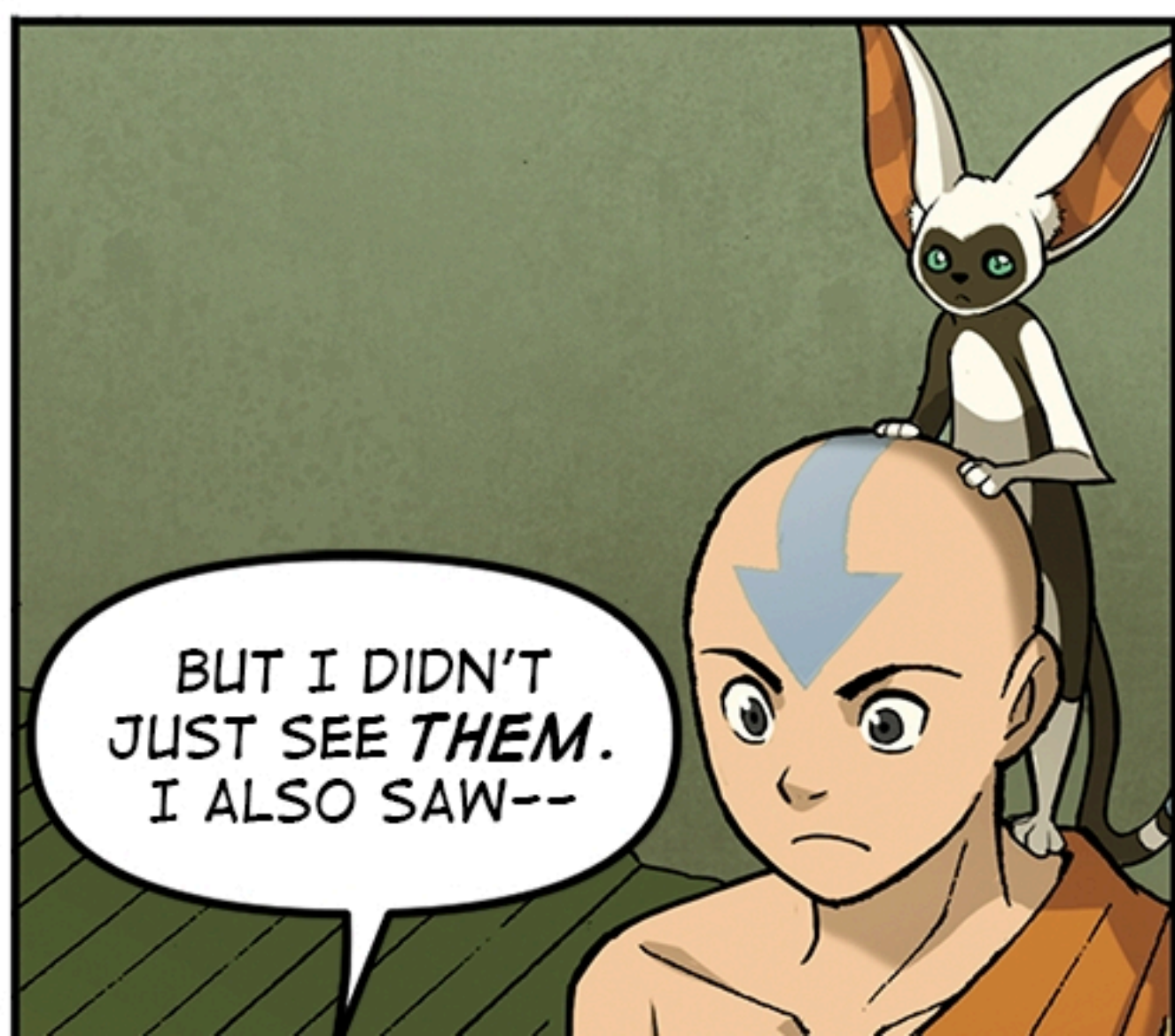


I KNOW. I
COULD TELL.
WHY?

REMEMBER
WHEN WE FIRST
CAME HERE AND ZUKO
SHOWED US AROUND?



I SAW KORI
AND HER FAMILY
STANDING IN THE STREET,
STARING AT US LIKE WE HELD
THEIR **WHOLE LIVES**
IN OUR HANDS.



BUT I DIDN'T
JUST SEE **THEM**.
I ALSO SAW--





IT'S BEEN
THREE DAYS,
AVATAR AANG.

DID ALL THAT
TALKING GET YOU
ANYWHERE? IS THE
FIRE NATION OUT
OF YU DAO?

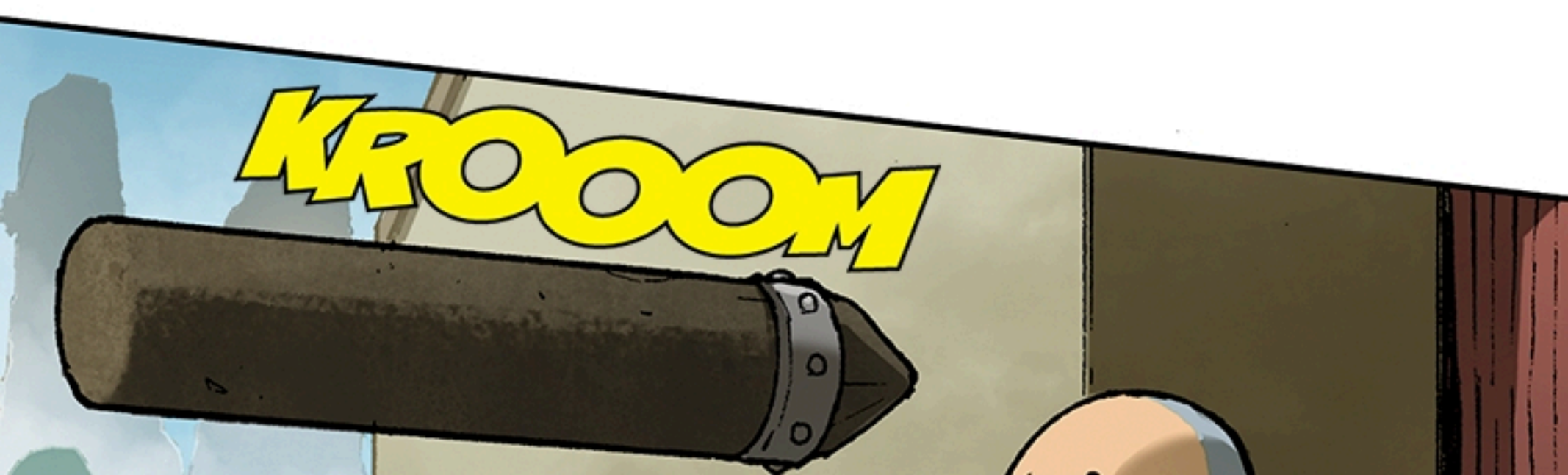


**PEOPLE OF
THE EARTH
KINGDOM,
ATTACK!**











**YOU'RE NOT
GETTING TO
THOSE GATES
AGAIN!**





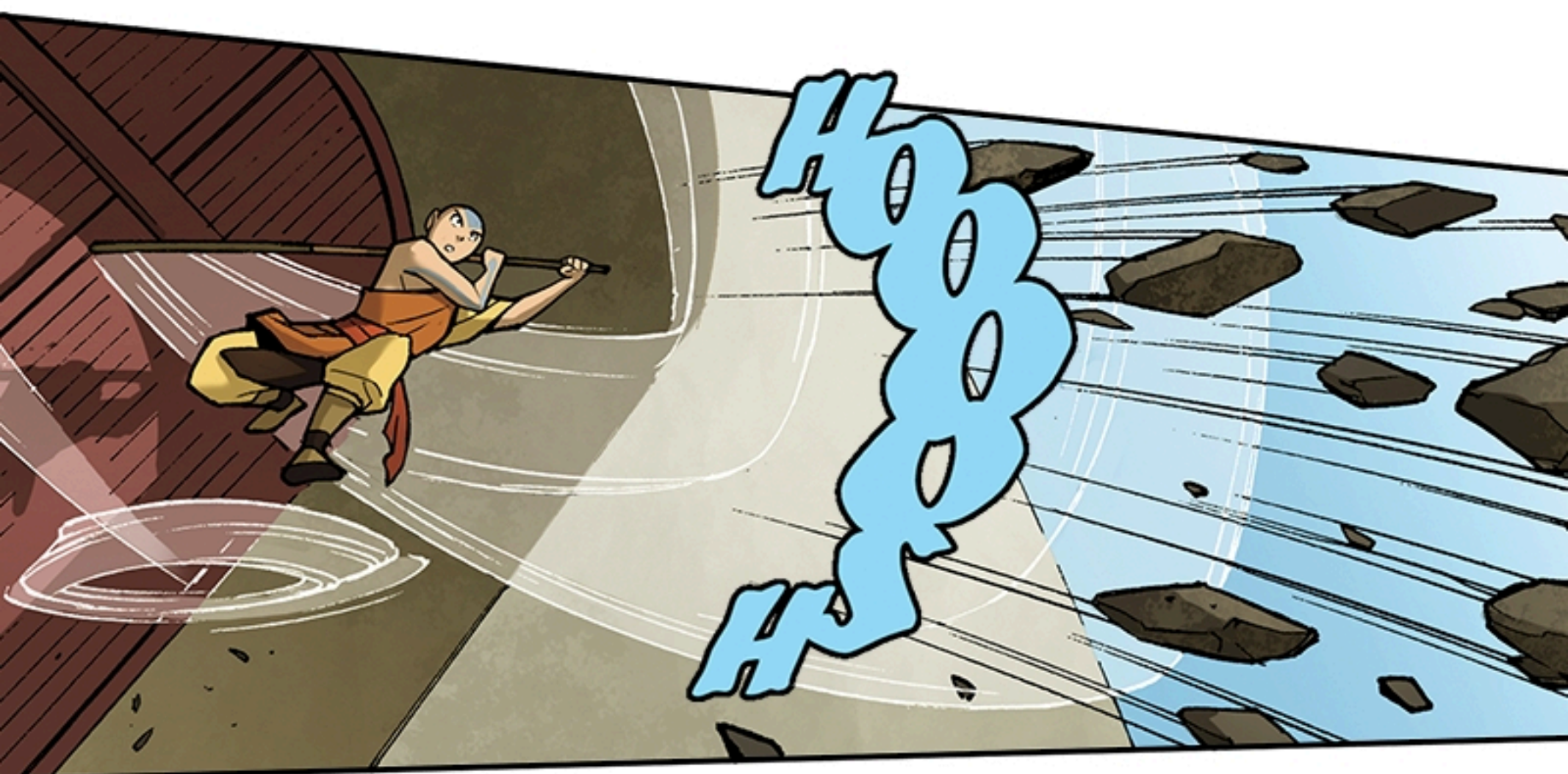


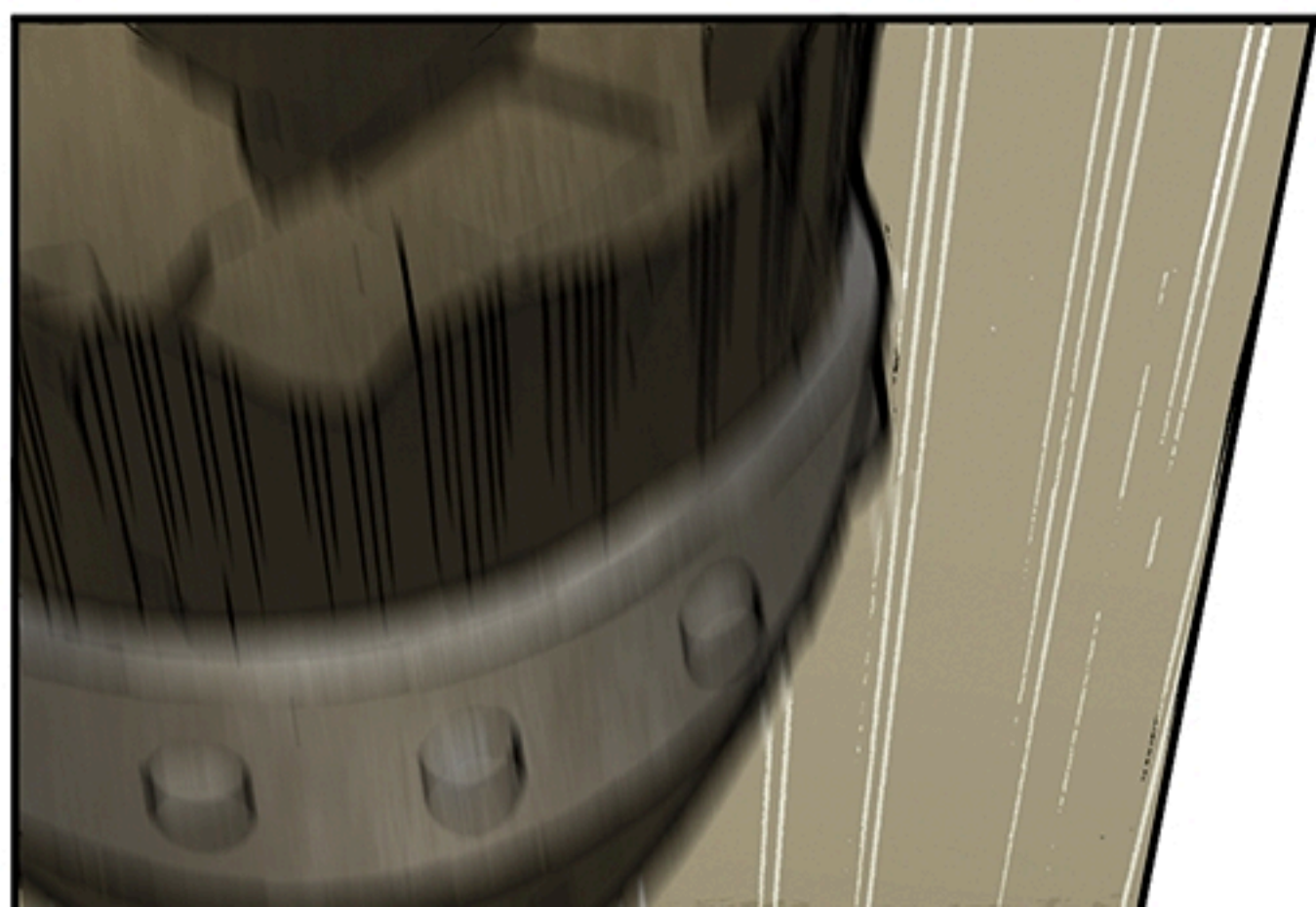
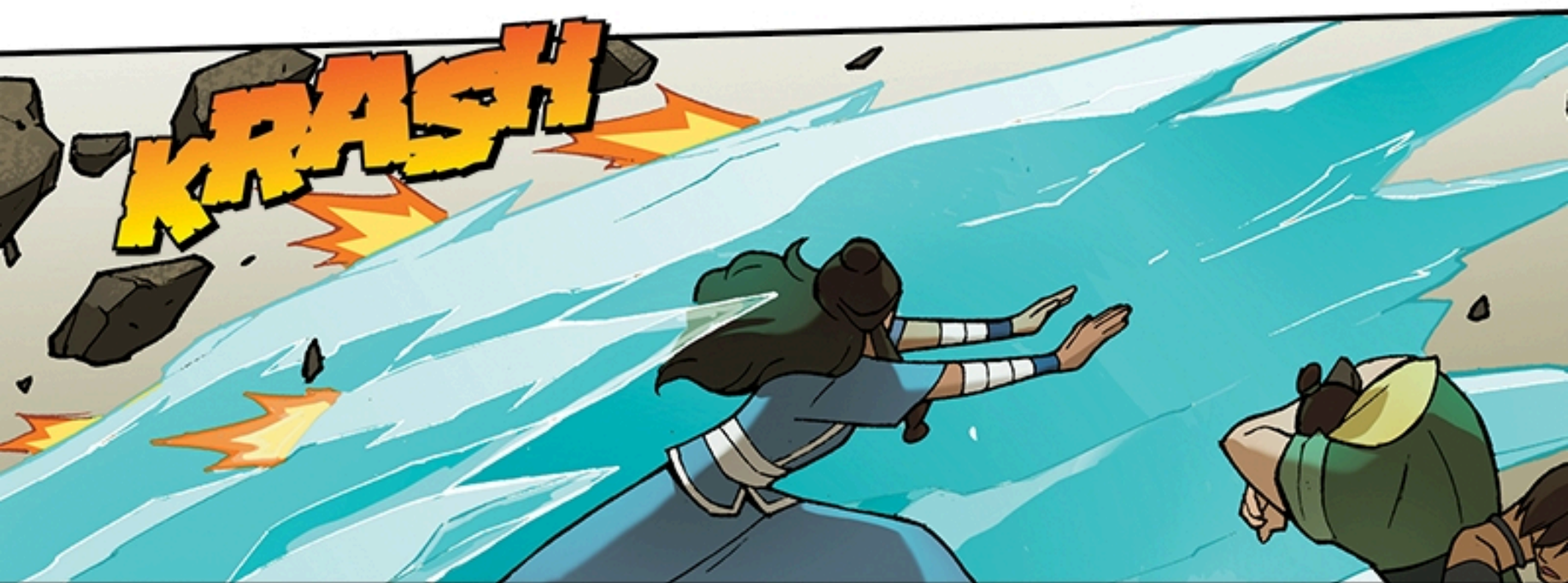
SIFU TOPH



WOULD'VE BEEN PROUD!

HURRY,
AANG! THE BIG
PIECES ARE GONNA
CRUSH PEOPLE!

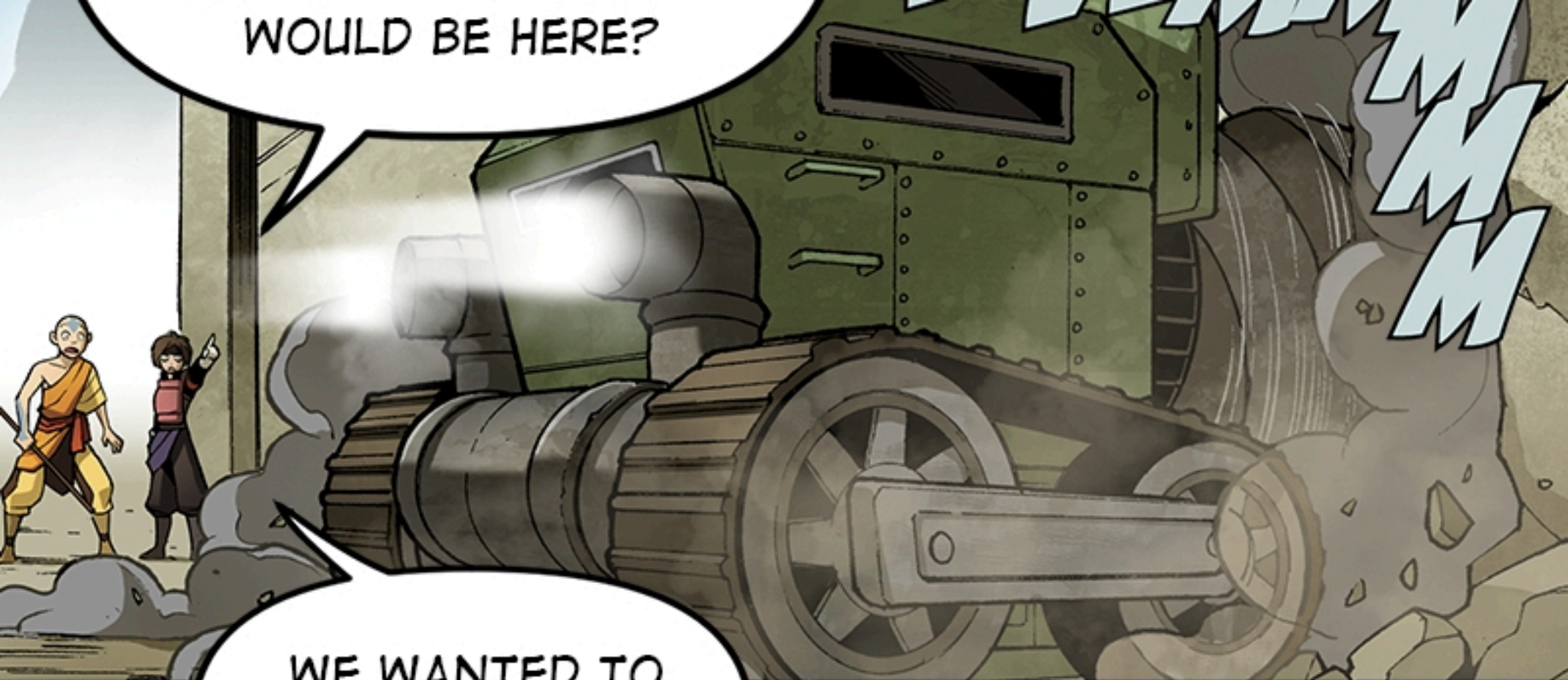








WOULD BE HERE?



WE WANTED TO
KEEP YOU FROM
NOTICING *THAT!*

...SO WHEN HE
FOUND OUT THE EARTH
KING HAD SENT HIS ARMY TO
REMOVE THE COLONIALS FROM
YU DAO, ZUKO DECIDED TO LEAD
HIS OWN ARMY THERE
TO *DEFEND* THEM!

AN EARTH
KINGDOM ARMY
FIGHTING A FIRE NATION
ARMY? SOUNDS LIKE THE
BEGINNING OF AN
ALL-OUT WAR!



THAT'S WHY I

WENT TO GET YOU
GUYS! WE HAVE TO STOP
ZUKO'S ARMY BEFORE
THEY REACH THE
CITY GATES!



YOU THINK
THE THREE OF
US CAN STOP AN
ENTIRE ARMY?

HEY, WE'VE
STOPPED AN ENTIRE
AIR FLEET BEFORE,
HAVEN'T WE?

GOOD
POINT.



SO WHAT'S
THE PLAN,
SOKKA?

AH, THE
BURDEN OF BEING
THE IDEA GUY.

ALL RIGHT.
STEP ONE:

TOPH, CAN YOU

GET US INTO ONE
OF THOSE TANKS
UNDETECTED?



WHAT
IS *THAT*?



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