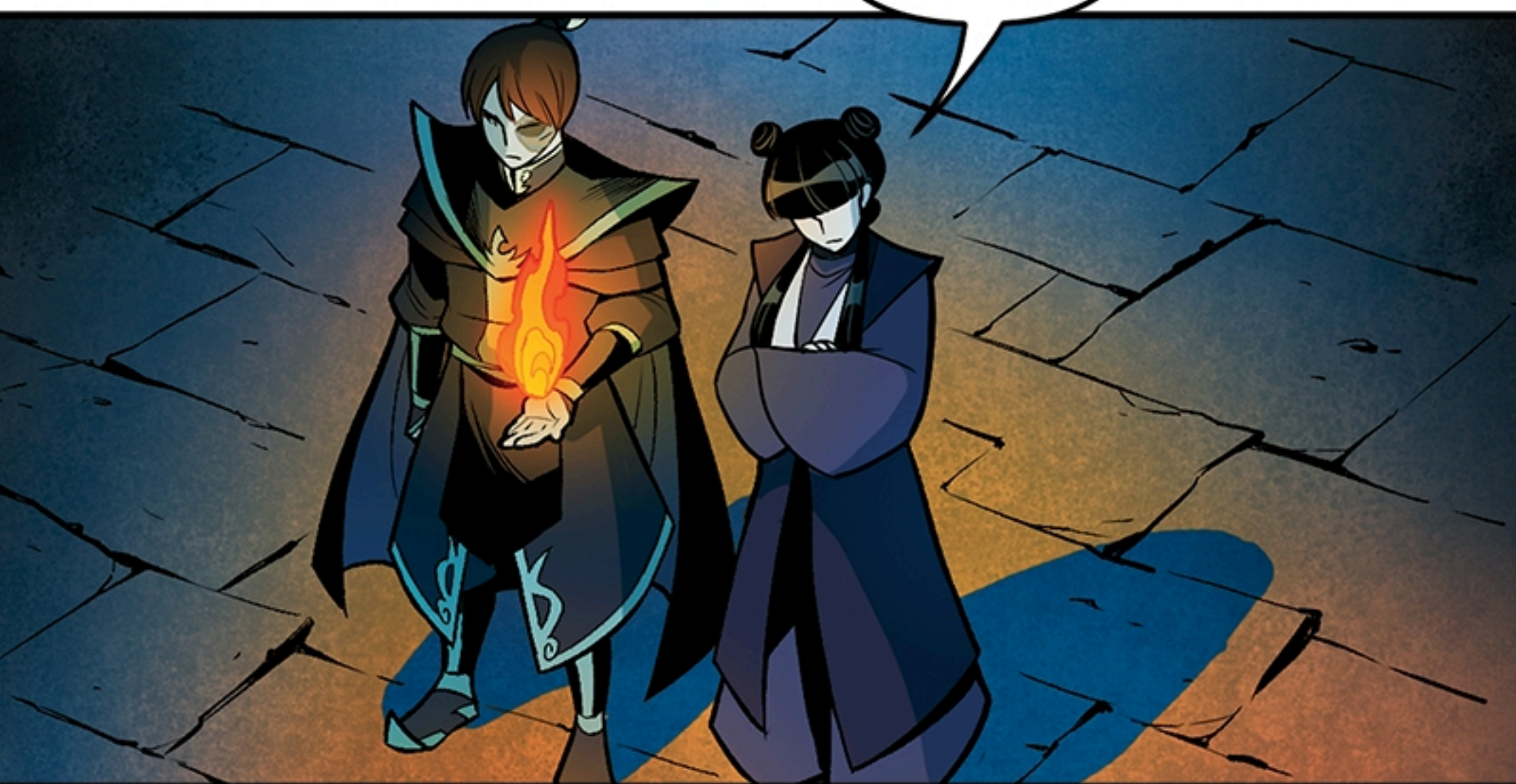


KEI LO
SEEMS NICE.

YEAH,
HE IS.



IT'S GOOD
TO SEE YOU
HAPPY.





OR AT LEAST
HAPPY-ISH.



BUT I
HAVE TO BE
HONEST...

I *MISS*
YOU, MAI.



LIGH! WHY WOULD
YOU SAY SOMETHING

YOU CAN SOMETHING
LIKE THAT?!

BECAUSE
IT'S *TRUE!*





LOOK, ZUKO! YOU
AND I, WE HAD OUR
CHANCE! IT'S TIME FOR
BOTH OF US TO
MOVE ON!

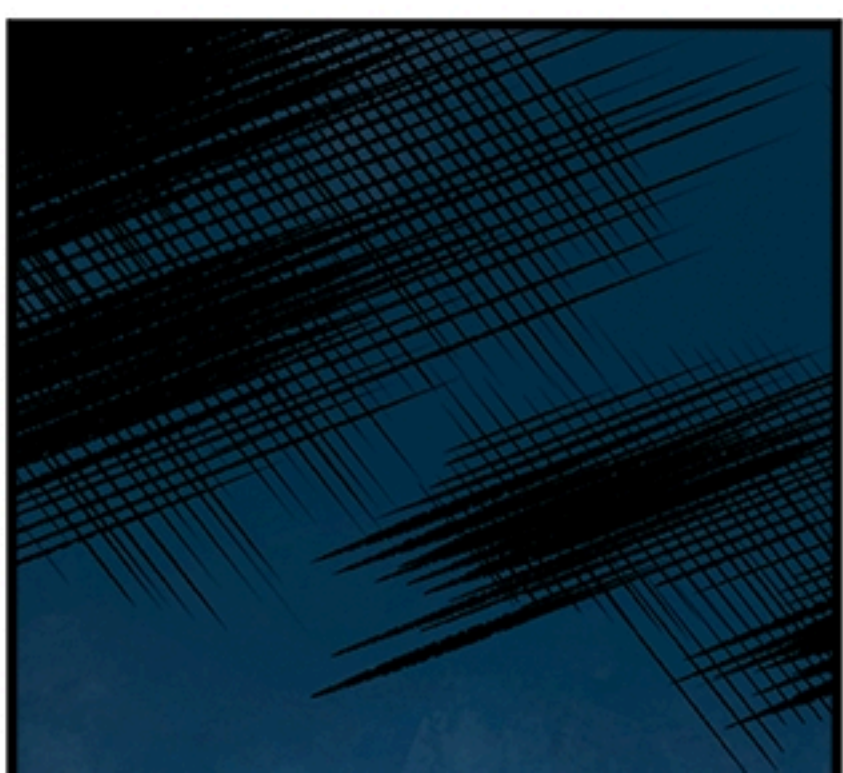
I'M NOT
ARGUING WITH
THAT! ALL I'M
SAYING IS...





A character is shown from the back, looking upwards. They have dark hair with a small, blue, flame-like ornament on top. The background is a dark blue gradient with diagonal white lines, suggesting a night sky or a deep cavern.

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
I'M SAYING.





TELL ME, DO
YOU FEEL ABOUT
HIM THE SAME WAY
YOU USED TO FEEL
ABOUT *ME*?

STOP.



JUST ANSWER
THE QUESTION.

YOU BROKE MY
HEART, ZUKO! *TWICE!*
AND THE STUPID THING
IS, *I LET YOU!*

LIKE A

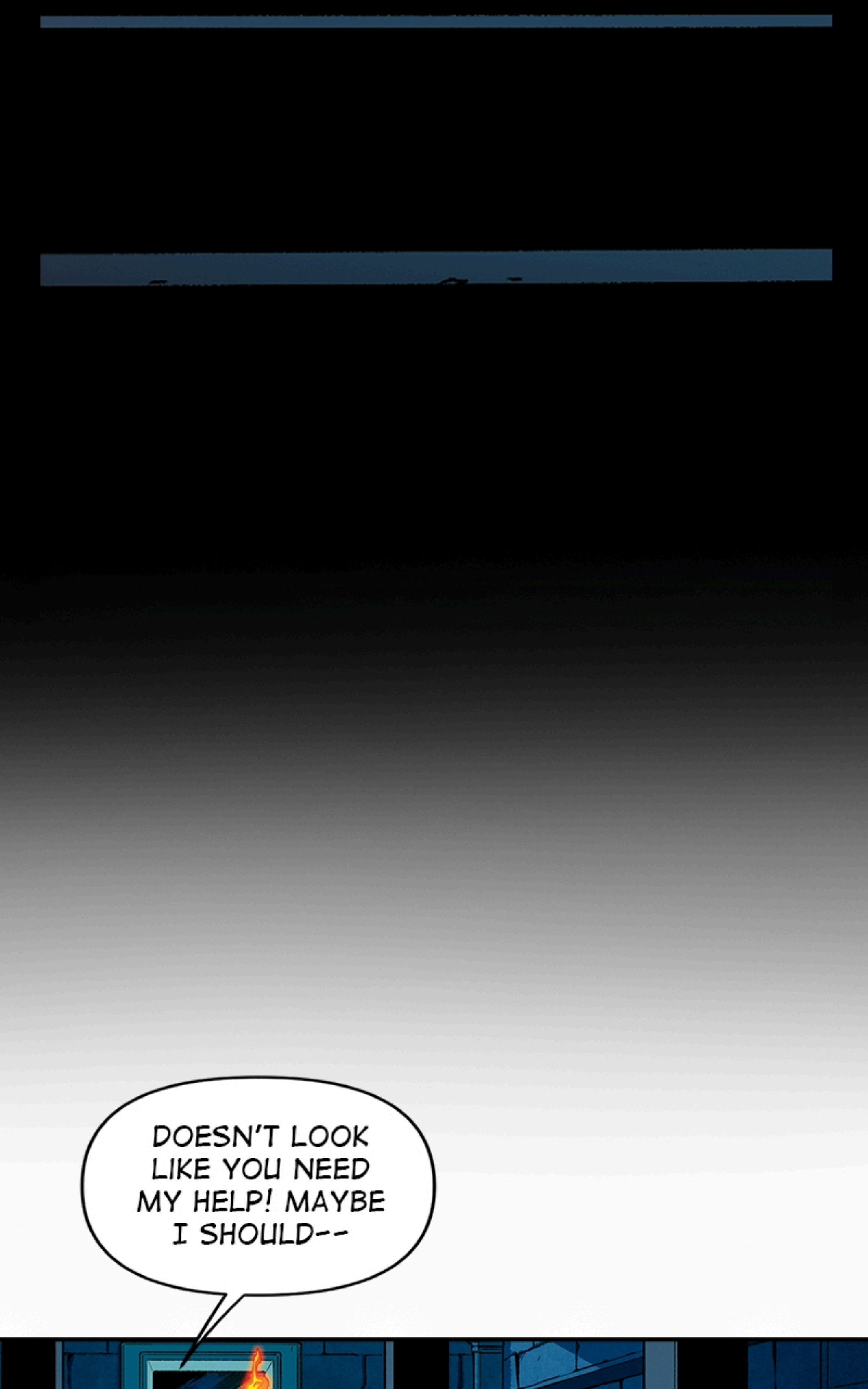




KEI LO
LIKES ME. A
LOT. PROBABLY
MORE THAN I
LIKE HIM.

AND THAT'S
EXACTLY HOW
I *NEED* IT TO BE,
BECAUSE I WON'T *EVER*
LET MYSELF GET *HURT*
LIKE THAT AGAIN.





DOESN'T LOOK
LIKE YOU NEED
MY HELP! MAYBE
I SHOULD--

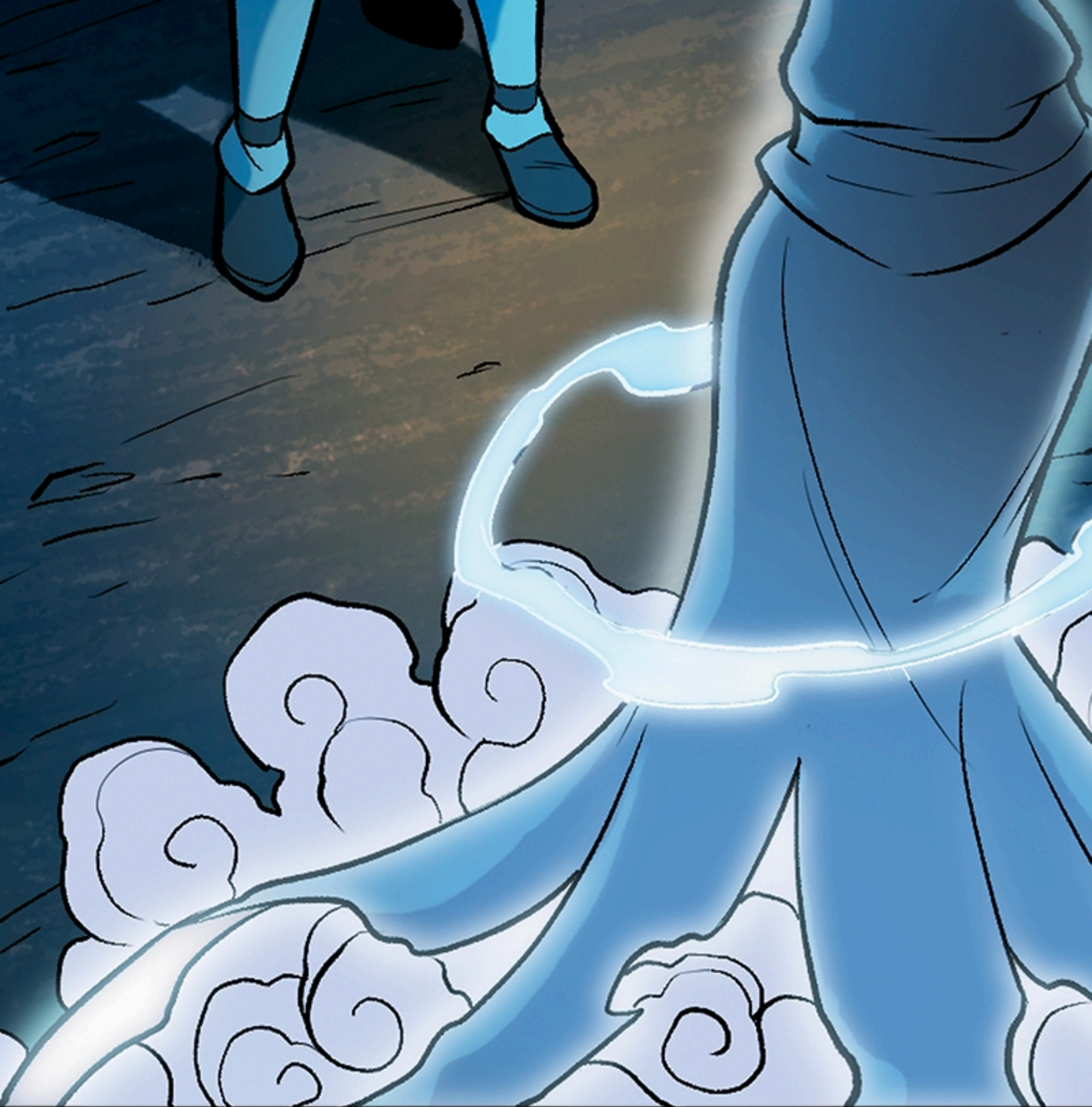






YOU... YOU'RE ONE
OF THE *KEMURIKAGE*--
THE ORIGINAL ONES,
FROM *LONG AGO*.

I AM.



FOR CENTURIES,

MY SISTERS AND I
HAUNTED THE WARLORDS
OF THE **FIRE ISLANDS**.

FOR THEIR
CRIMES, WE
HAUNTED THEM.



WE HAUNTED
THEM UNTIL THE
ISLANDS WERE UNITED
INTO A **SINGLE**
NATION.

THE FIRST
FIRE LORD, THE
ONE WHO RESTS IN
THIS **CRYPT--**





"--BROUGHT THE
WARLORDS TO *JUSTICE*
AND LISHERED IN AN ERA
OF *PROLONGED PEACE*."



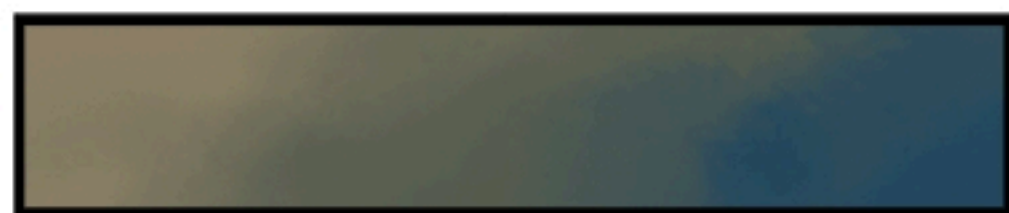
OUR SADNESS
RECEDED. WE NEVER
AGAIN SET FOOT IN THE
HUMAN WORLD.



BUT THEN, WHY
RETURN NOW? WHY
ARE YOU HAUNTING
PEOPLE AGAIN?

I REPEAT,
AVATAR--

--FROM THE TIME
OF THE FIRST FIRE
LORD UNTIL THIS MOMENT,
***WE HAVE NOT ENTERED
YOUR WORLD.***



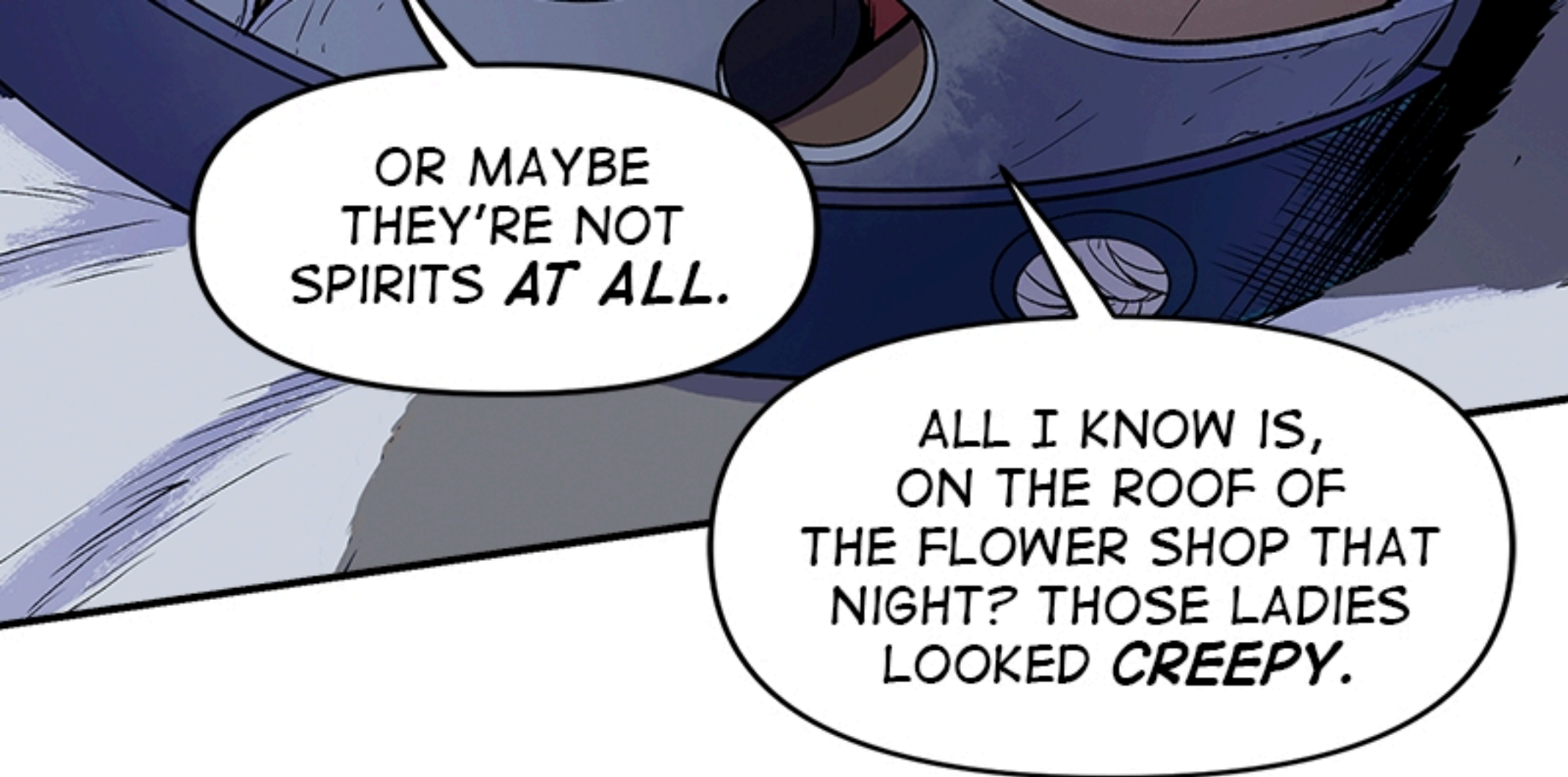
I'M TELLING
YOU, THEY'RE NOT
THE ***SAME SPIRITS*** AS
THE ONES IN THAT
SCROLL!



SO THEY'RE
DIFFERENT SPIRITS
WHO JUST LOOK LIKE
THE ***KEMURIKAGE?***

MAYBE.





OR MAYBE
THEY'RE NOT
SPIRITS *AT ALL*.

ALL I KNOW IS,
ON THE ROOF OF
THE FLOWER SHOP THAT
NIGHT? THOSE LADIES
LOOKED *CREEPY*.



WHAT
THE--?!

*A STRONG
NATION IS A
SAFE NATION!*



WHAT ARE ALL
THOSE PEOPLE DOING
OUT IN THE STREET?
IT'S THE MIDDLE
OF THE NIGHT!

*A STRONG
NATION IS A
SAFE NATION!*

*A STRONG
NATION IS A
SAFE NATION!*





CONSTABLE
SUNG! UKANO! WHAT
IS THE MEANING
OF ALL THIS?!

*FIRE
LORD!*



AS I PREDICTED,
THE *SPIRIT WORLD* HAS
GOTTEN COMPLETELY
OUT OF CONTROL!

DARK SPIRITS
HAVE TAKEN MORE
CHILDREN, INCLUDING
THE CONSTABLE'S
OWN SON!



OH, NO!



I'M SO SORRY,
CONSTABLE!

I WAS UNABLE
TO FIND YOU, FIRE
LORD! WE HAD TO
DO ***SOMETHING!***

***THE
SAFE NATION***



WHAT'S THE
**SAFE NATION
SOCIETY?**

SINCE ZUKO'S
REFUSED TO PROTECT
HIS NATION, A GROUP OF
YOUNG **VOLUNTEERS**
HAS STEPPED UP!

THE **SAFE
NATION SOCIETY**
ARE RISKING THEIR

ARE RISKING THEIR
OWN LIVES TO KEEP
US ALL **SAFE!**



BUT HOW'D YOU GET
THIS MANY VOLUNTEERS
TO ASSEMBLE THIS LATE
INTO THE NIGHT?





IN FACT, NOT TEN
MINUTES AGO, THE
SOCIETY SAVED A CHILD
BY HEROICALLY FIGHTING
OFF A GROUP OF ***DARK***
SPIRITS!



HATE TO
BREAK IT TO YOU,
BUT THOSE PROBABLY
WEREN'T SPIRITS!



PREPOSTEROUS!
I SAW THEM WITH MY
OWN **TWO EYES!** HUMANS
DON'T MOVE LIKE THAT!

YOU'RE HIDING
SOMETHING.

MAI! WHAT
ARE YOU DOING



HERE?



I CAN TELL
BY THE WAY YOU'RE
TALKING...WHAT'S YOUR
SECRET, FATHER?



I DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
TALKING ABOUT!



A comic book panel featuring two characters. On the left, a character with dark hair and a yellow crown-like headpiece looks towards the right. On the right, a character with blue hair and a dark beard is shown in profile, looking back. Two speech bubbles are positioned between them. The background shows a building with a window and purple and green architectural details.

CONSTABLE
SUNG, TRULY, I'M
SORRY ABOUT
YOUR SON.

WE WILL
FIND HIM--I
PROMISE YOU.

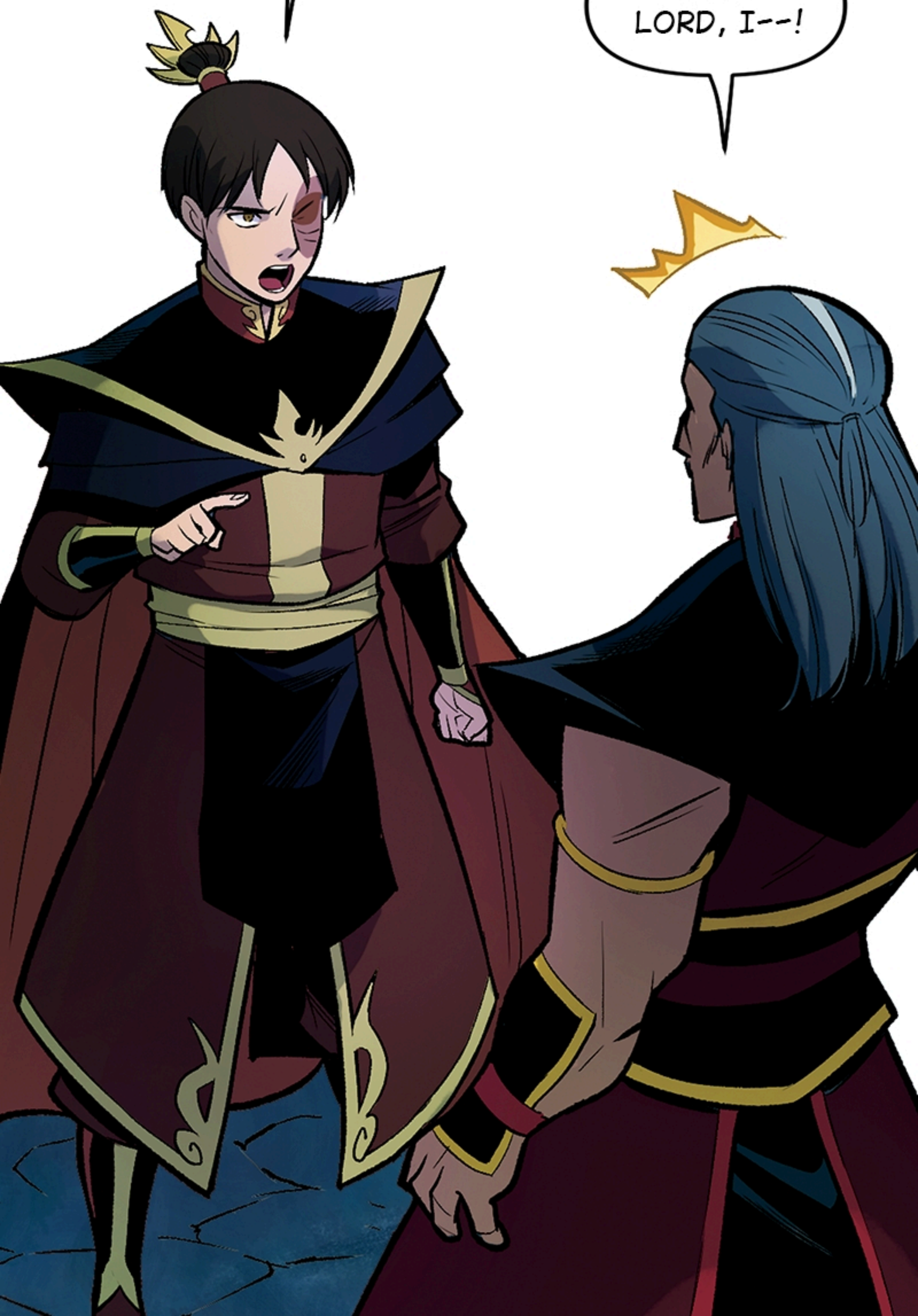


BUT THE
CURFEW--ALL OF
THIS-- WAS DONE WITHOUT
MY ***AUTHORITY!*** I WILL
NOT BE UNDERMINED!

UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE, YOU ARE
SUSPENDED FROM
YOUR POST!

YOUR POST!

FIRE
LORD, I--!





I'M
SORRY.

SO
AM I.







WHAT DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE
DOING?!

CONSTABLE

SUNG IS A
GOOD MAN!



AND YOU,
UKANO--

THIS SOCIETY OF
YOURS WILL ***DISBAND***
IMMEDIATELY OR YOU
WILL ALL FACE ***ARREST!***



COME, SAFE
NATION SOCIETY!
WE WILL RESPECT THE
WISHES OF THE
"FIRE LORD."

LET US RETURN
TO OUR HOMES AND
STAND IDLY BY WHILE
OUR NATION **SUFFERS!**







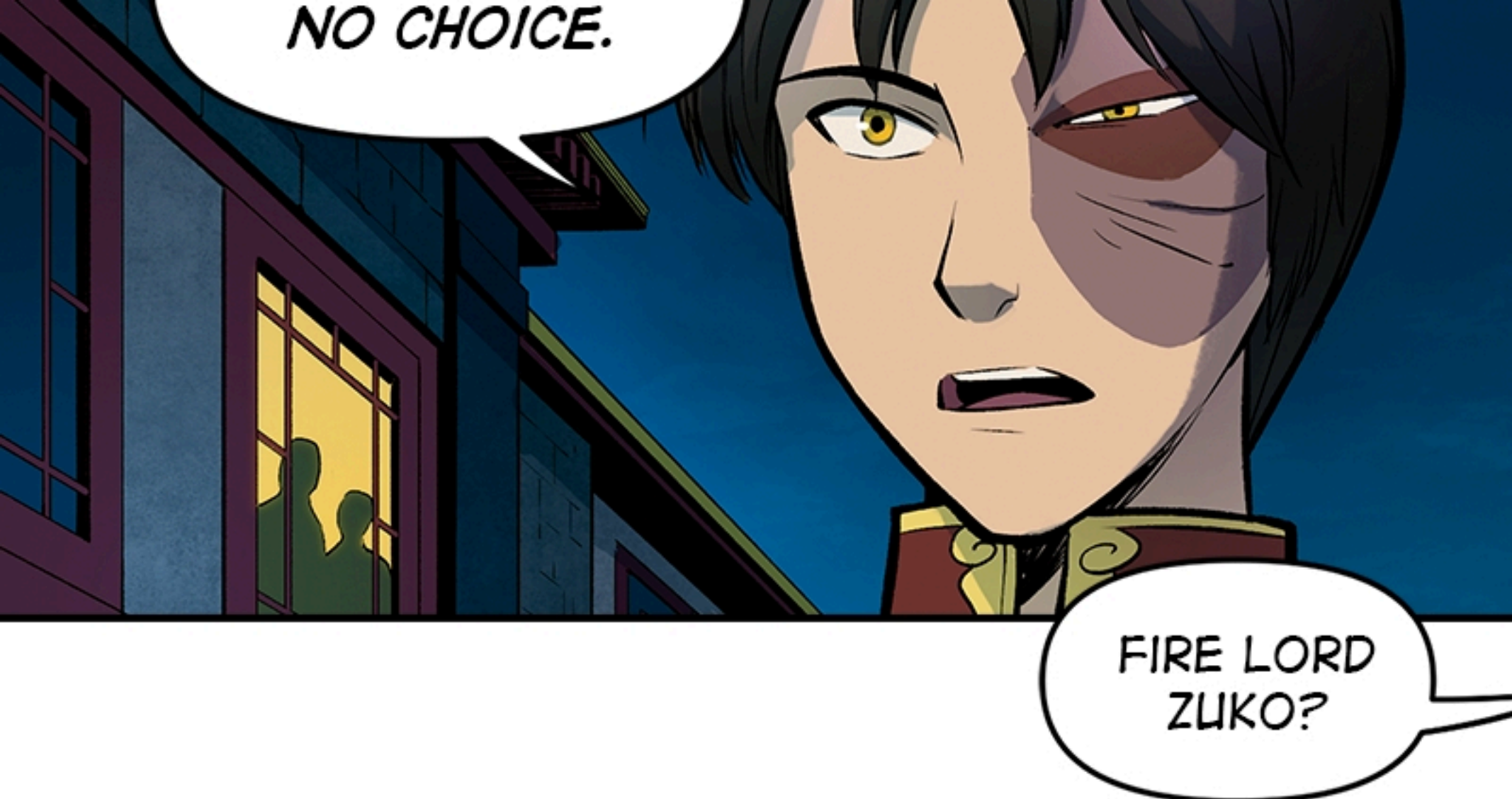
AND MAI, WHEN
YOU FINALLY COME
TO REALIZE THE *TRUTH*,
YOU KNOW WHERE
TO FIND ME.



WHAT JUST
HAPPENED WITH
CONSTABLE SUNG... THAT
WAS PRETTY *HARSH*.

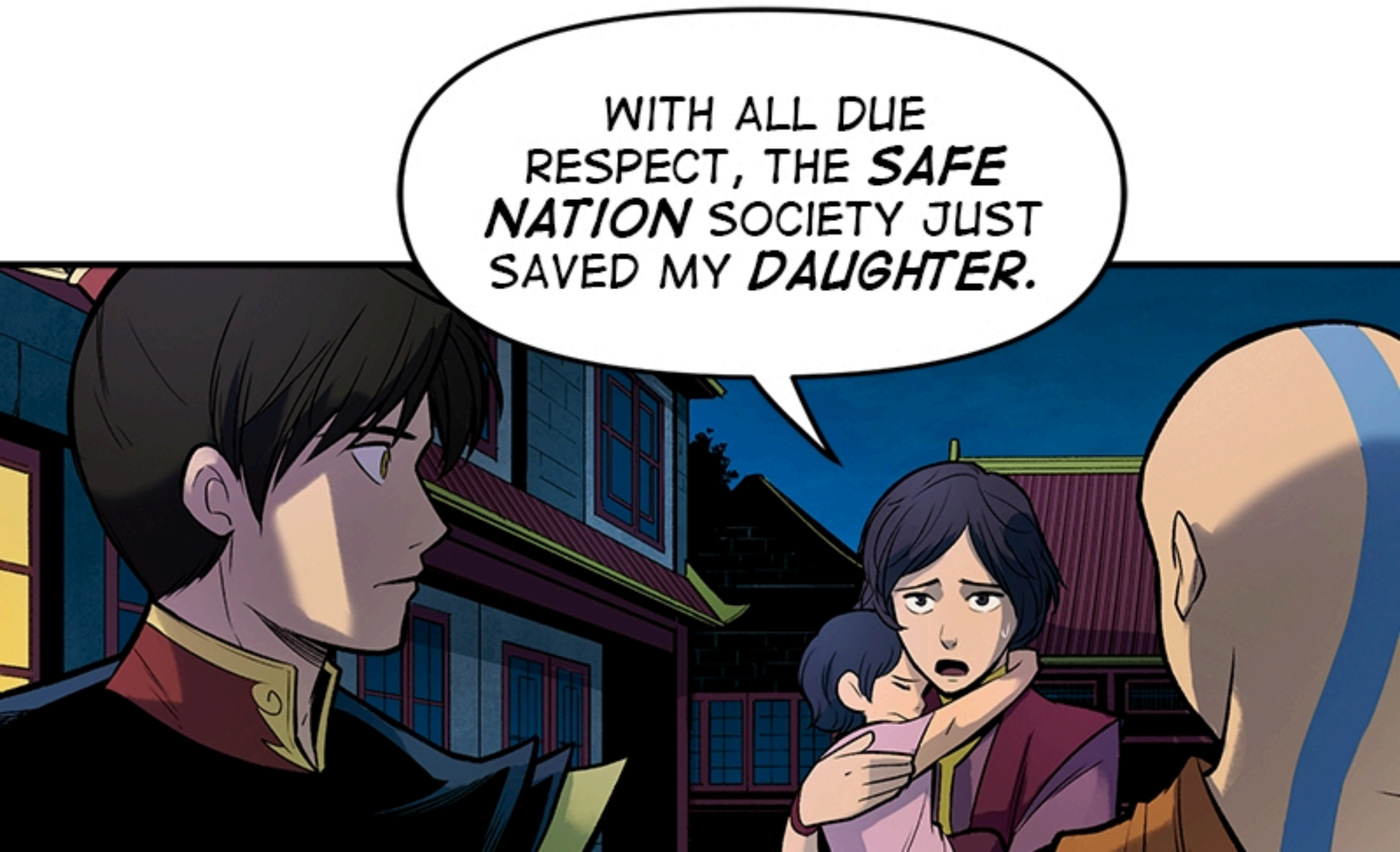


I HATED TO
DO IT, BUT I HAD



NO CHOICE.

FIRE LORD
ZUKO?



WITH ALL DUE
RESPECT, THE **SAFE**
NATION SOCIETY JUST
SAVED MY **DAUGHTER**.



THEY'RE
HEROES, WHICH
IS MORE THAN I CAN
SAY FOR **YOU**.

--AND YOU SAW
HOW HE SPOKE TO
CONSTABLE SLUNG!

THE POOR
MAN'S SON WAS
JUST **KIDNAPPED!**





HE ACTS
LIKE, LIKE--

--LIKE
HE'S THE *FIRE*
LORD?



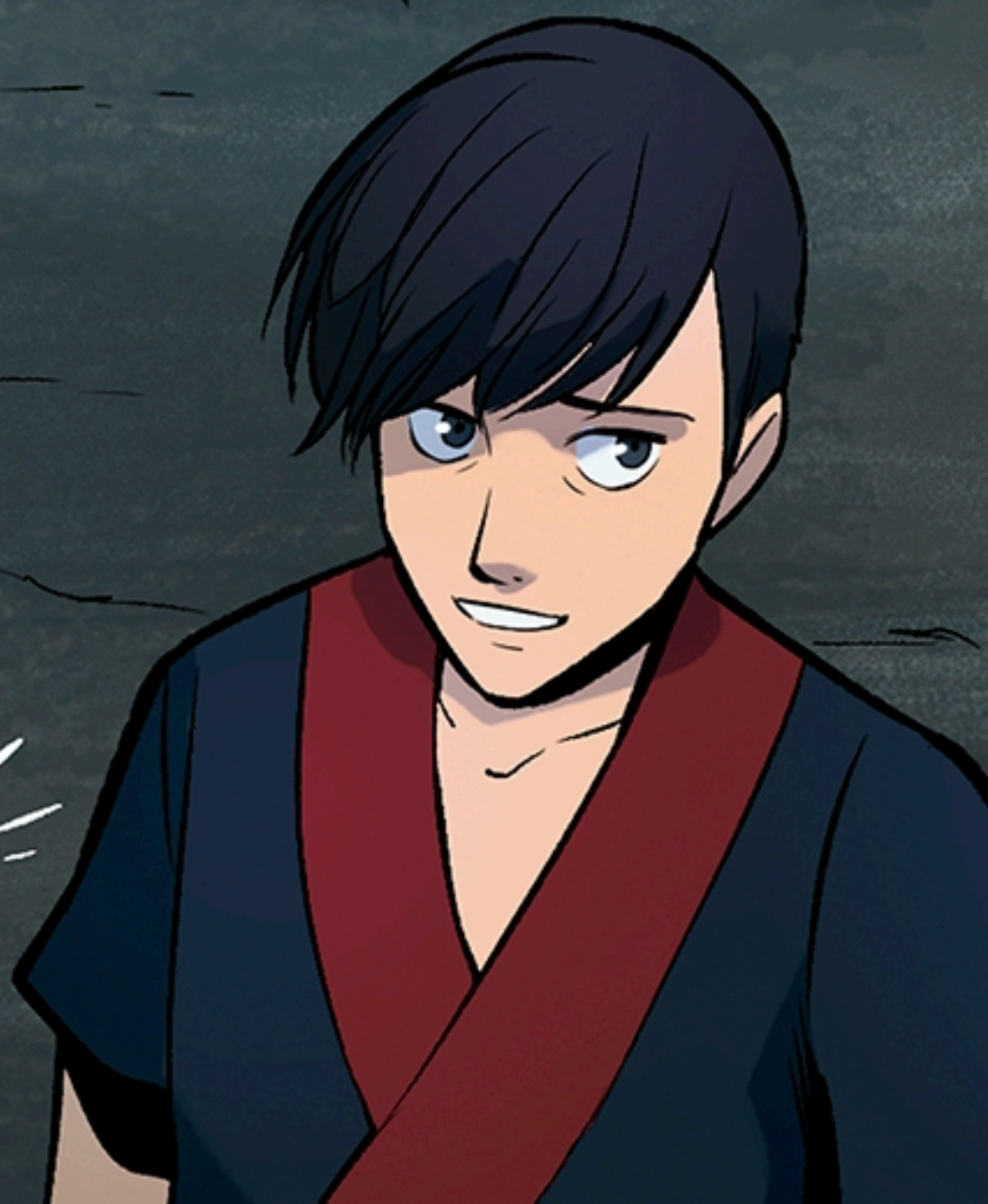
WELL, YES,
BUT... YOU KNOW
WHAT I *MEAN*.

IT'S LIKE OTHER

PEOPLE'S FEELINGS
DON'T *MATTER*.

WHEN YOU'RE
DONE TALKING ABOUT
YOUR EX-BOYFRIEND, LET
ME KNOW SO I CAN GIVE
YOU A KISS GOOD
NIGHT.

I'M
SORRY.





T'M

I'M
JUST...

...WITH TOM-TOM
GONE, I FEEL SO
EMPTY INSIDE.





THANKS
FOR *EVERYTHING*,
KEI LO. LET'S GET
SOME *REST*.

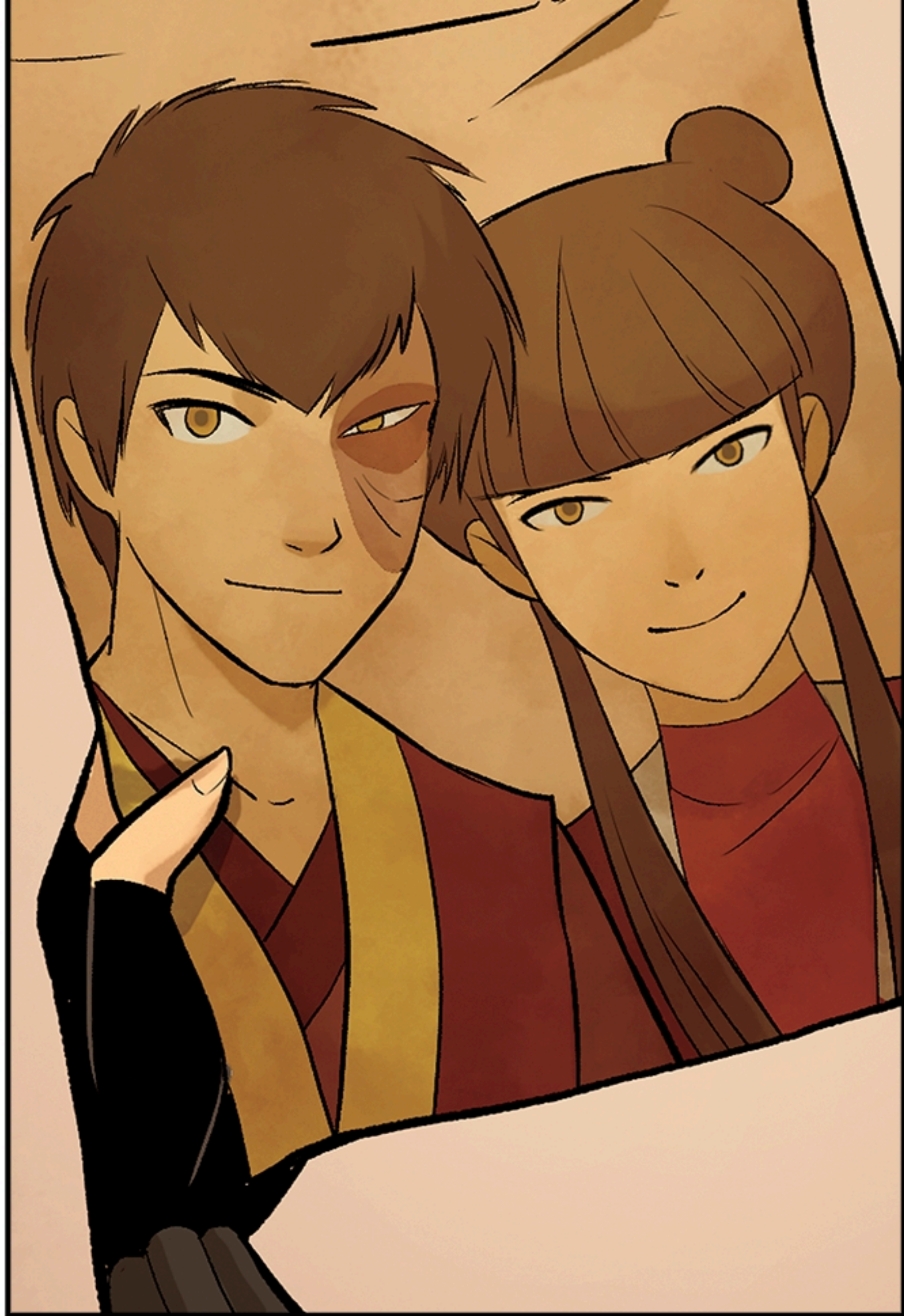
WE'LL FIGURE
OUT WHAT'S NEXT
IN THE MORNING.

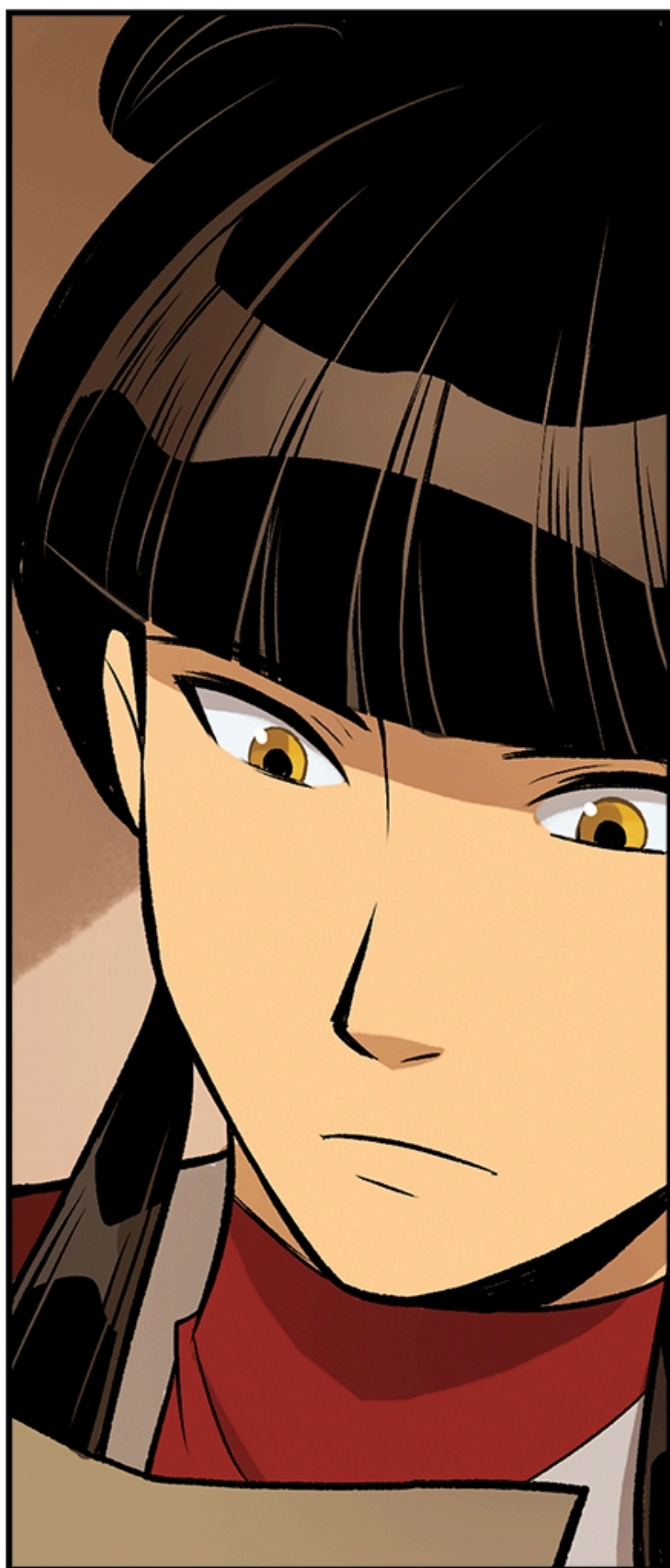






















PSSST!
ZUZU!

?

HELP
ME, ZUZU!



KIYI? WHY
ARE YOU STILL
AWAKE?



SHE'S HOLDING
ME *TOO TIGHT* WITH
HER COLD, COLD HANDS!
I'M *SUFFOCATING!*

WOULD YOU
LIKE TO SLEEP
IN THE OTHER
ROOM?

YES,
PLEASE!





WHAT'D YOU
DO TODAY,
ZUZU?

I HAD TO...DEAL
WITH A ***PROBLEM***
OUR NATION'S
BEEN HAVING.





WHAT KIND
OF PROBLEM?

NOTHING
FOR YOU TO
WORRY ABOUT.



I'M GOING
TO TAKE CARE
OF IT.

I KNOW
YOU WILL, ZUZU.
I KNOW YOU
WILL.





SLEEP
TIGHT, KIYI.



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