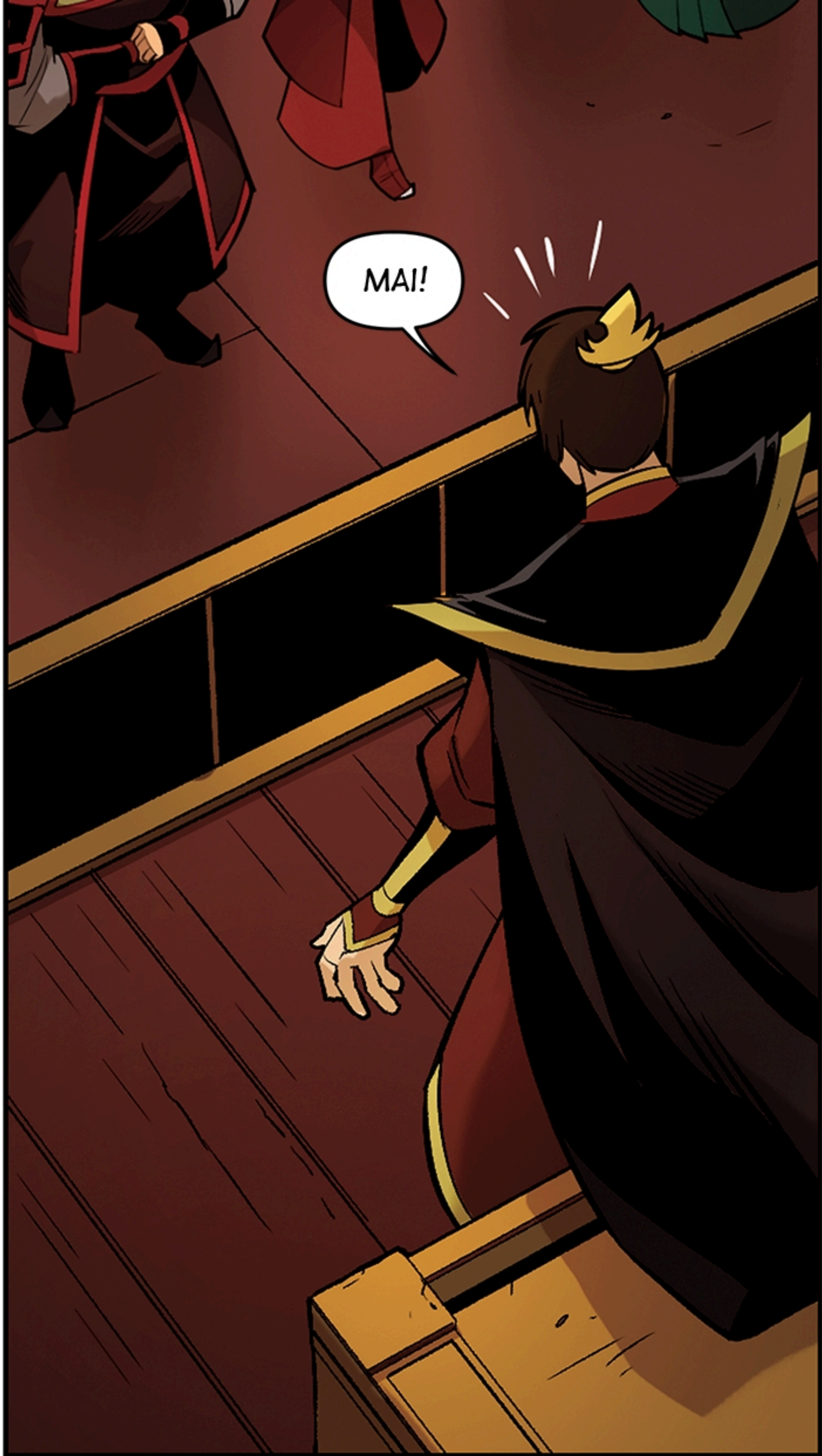


THERE WERE FOUR
MORE KIDNAPPINGS
LAST NIGHT, INCLUDING
KIYI. THAT MAKES A
TOTAL OF *THIRTEEN*.

OUR CITIZENS
ARE SO *FRIGHTENED*
THAT MANY ARE PLANNING
TO LEAVE THE CITY
BEFORE *SUNDOWN*.









I'M *SO*
WORRIED.

I KNOW. BUT
WE'LL FIND THEM.
WE'LL FIND *ALL*
OF THEM.







WE HAVE A
CLUE AS TO WHO
THE *KEMURIKAGE*
ARE, AT LEAST.

YEAH, BUT
THAT'S WHY I'M
WORRIED.

YOU KNOW FOR
SURE THEY'RE
NOT *SPIRITS*?



LAST NIGHT,
ONE OF THEM SHOT
LIGHTNING AT US.

NO, IT
CAN'T BE!

LIGHTNING
BENDING IS *RARE*,
BUT IT ISN'T *THAT*
RARE! THAT DOESN'T
NECESSARILY
MEAN--

IT WASN'T JUST
THE *LIGHTNING*,
MAI. IT WAS HOW SHE
FOUGHT. HOW SHE
MOVED.



IT WAS
DEFINITELY
AZULA.



BUT WHY WOULD
AZULA WANT TO KIDNAP
ALL THOSE *KIDS?* AND
HER OWN *SISTER?*



I'M NOT
SURE.

SHE'S *AZULA*.
THAT'S REASON
ENOUGH.

I NEED

TO TELL YOU
SOMETHING,
ZUKO.

LAST TIME
WE WERE HERE, YOU
ASKED IF MY *FATHER* WAS
INVOLVED WITH THE *NEW OZAI*
SOCIETY. I TOLD YOU I
DIDN'T KNOW. I *LIED*.

NOT
ONLY IS LIKANO
INVOLVED--HE'S
THEIR *LEADER*.

SO LIKANO'S
THE LEADER OF
THE NEW OZAI
SOCIETY *AND* THE
SAFE NATION SOCIETY?
THAT GUY'S *REALLY*
INTO SOCIETIES!





EITHER
THAT OR THE TWO
ORGANIZATIONS ARE
ACTUALLY **ONE AND
THE SAME.**

WHY WOULD
YOU KEEP THAT
FROM ME?!

HE'S MY **DAD,**
ZUKO! NO MATTER
HOW **EVIL** HE IS, I STILL
DON'T LIKE THE IDEA
OF **BETRAYING** HIM!

YOU OF ALL
PEOPLE SHOULD
UNDERSTAND THAT!



YOU'RE
RIGHT. I'M
SORRY.

THERE'S ***MORE.***
WHEN WE SAW HIM
IN THE STREETS LAST
NIGHT, I COULD TELL THAT
HE WAS TRYING TO
HIDE SOMETHING.



I THINK HE
ALREADY KNEW THE
KEMURIKAGE WEREN'T
SPIRITS. HE MAY HAVE
EVEN KNOWN ABOUT
AZULA.

SO YOU THINK
HE'S WORKING WITH
AZULA? THAT HE HAS
SOMETHING TO DO WITH
THE **KIDNAPPINGS?**



I DON'T
KNOW. **MAYBE.**

EVERY TIME
HE'S TALKED TO
ME ABOUT TOM-TOM,
I'VE GOTTEN THIS WEIRD
FEELING... LIKE HIS WORRY
IS FOR *MY* BENEFIT.

GENERAL MAK,
WE NEED TO BRING
UKANO AND HIS ALLIES
IN FOR QUESTIONING.

FIND OUT
EXACTLY WHAT
THEY KNOW.





THEN SEND
YOUR SOLDIERS TO
LIKANO'S HOME TO
ARREST HIM.

IF HE ISN'T
THERE--AND I'M
WILLING TO **BET** HE
ISN'T--SEARCH PEOPLE'S
HOMES FOR HIM OR ANYONE
ELSE WHO MAY HAVE BEEN
A PART OF THE **SAFE
NATION SOCIETY**.



YES, FIRE
LORD!



ZUKO, THIS
ISN'T THE WAY!
PLEASE, LET ME
FIND UKANO!

I'LL SIT
HIM DOWN AND
TALK TO HIM. ***NO
SOLDIERS!***



AVATAR AANG,
THANK YOU FOR
YOUR ASSISTANCE UP
TO THIS POINT.

YOU KNOW HOW
MUCH I VALUE YOUR
WISDOM AND
FRIENDSHIP.



WHY ARE
YOU TALKING
TO ME LIKE THAT,
ALL **ADULT** AND
STUFF?!

WE ALREADY TRIED
THINGS ***YOUR WAY***, AND
IT DIDN'T WORK OUT! IT'S
TIME FOR A ***DIFFERENT***
APPROACH.

IF YOU'RE
NOT WILLING TO
SUPPORT ME, THEN
YOU NEED TO
LEAVE.





BUT YOU CAN'T
TREAT EVERYBODY
IN THE CITY LIKE
CRIMINALS!

SUCH **DRASTIC
ACTIONS** WILL
ONLY CAUSE MORE
MISTRUST!

DRASTIC
SITUATIONS
CALL FOR DRASTIC
ACTIONS, AANG.

SUKI, TY LEE,
PLEASE ESCORT
THE AVATAR OUT.



I'M GOING,



ZUKO'S ONE OF
MY **BEST FRIENDS**
AND EVERYTHING, BUT
SOMETIMES--



--SOMETIMES,
HE MAKES YOU SO
FRUSTRATED, YOUR
AURA FEELS LIKE IT'S
ALL TWISTED UP
IN **KNOTS**.

YEAH...
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.



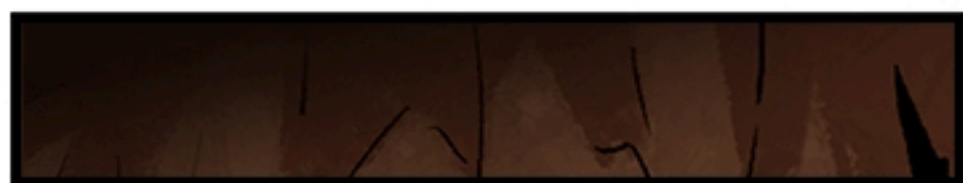
THERE'S SO
MUCH **MORE**
WE CAN DO!

I MEAN,
WE DIDN'T EVEN
CHECK KIYI'S ROOM FOR
EVIDENCE! IF SOKKA
WERE HERE--

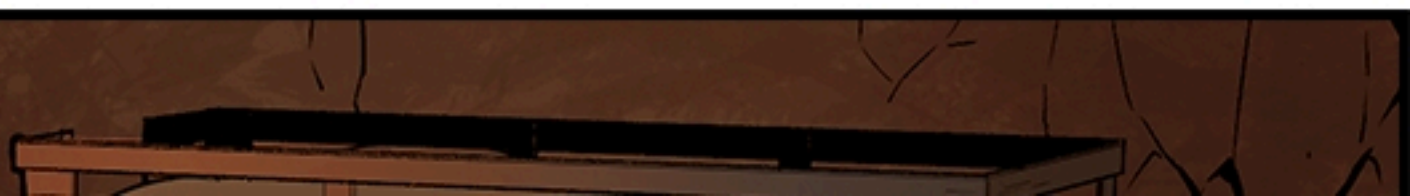


IF SOKKA WERE
HERE, HE'D **SNEAK
OFF** TO INVESTIGATE
ON HIS OWN.

COME ON!



CHUGGA!





SEE, GLURI,
IT'S NOT SO
BAD HERE.

GOOD NEWS,
CHILDREN! WE'VE
BROUGHT MORE
FRIENDS.





ARE WE
GOING HOME
YET?



NOT YET.

LET GO
OF ME! LET
GO OF ME!

THE *SEDATIVE*
WORE OFF EARLY
ON THIS ONE.

YOU'LL STAY
PUT IF YOU KNOW
WHAT'S GOOD
FOR YOU!

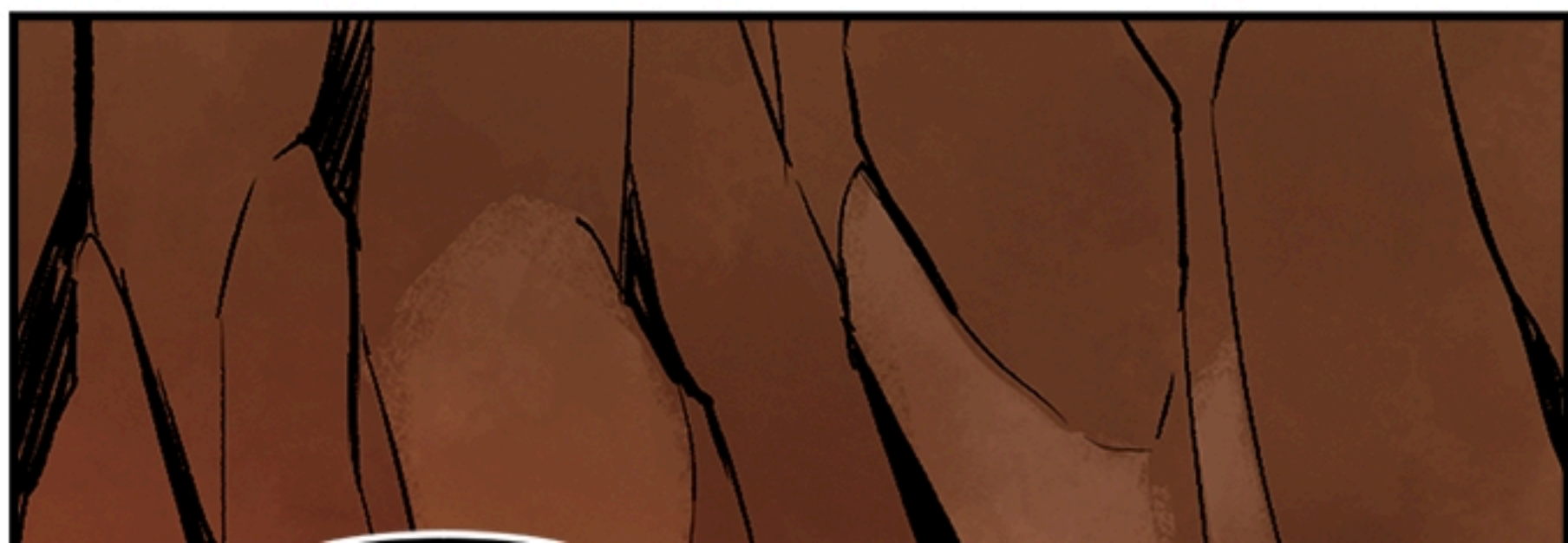


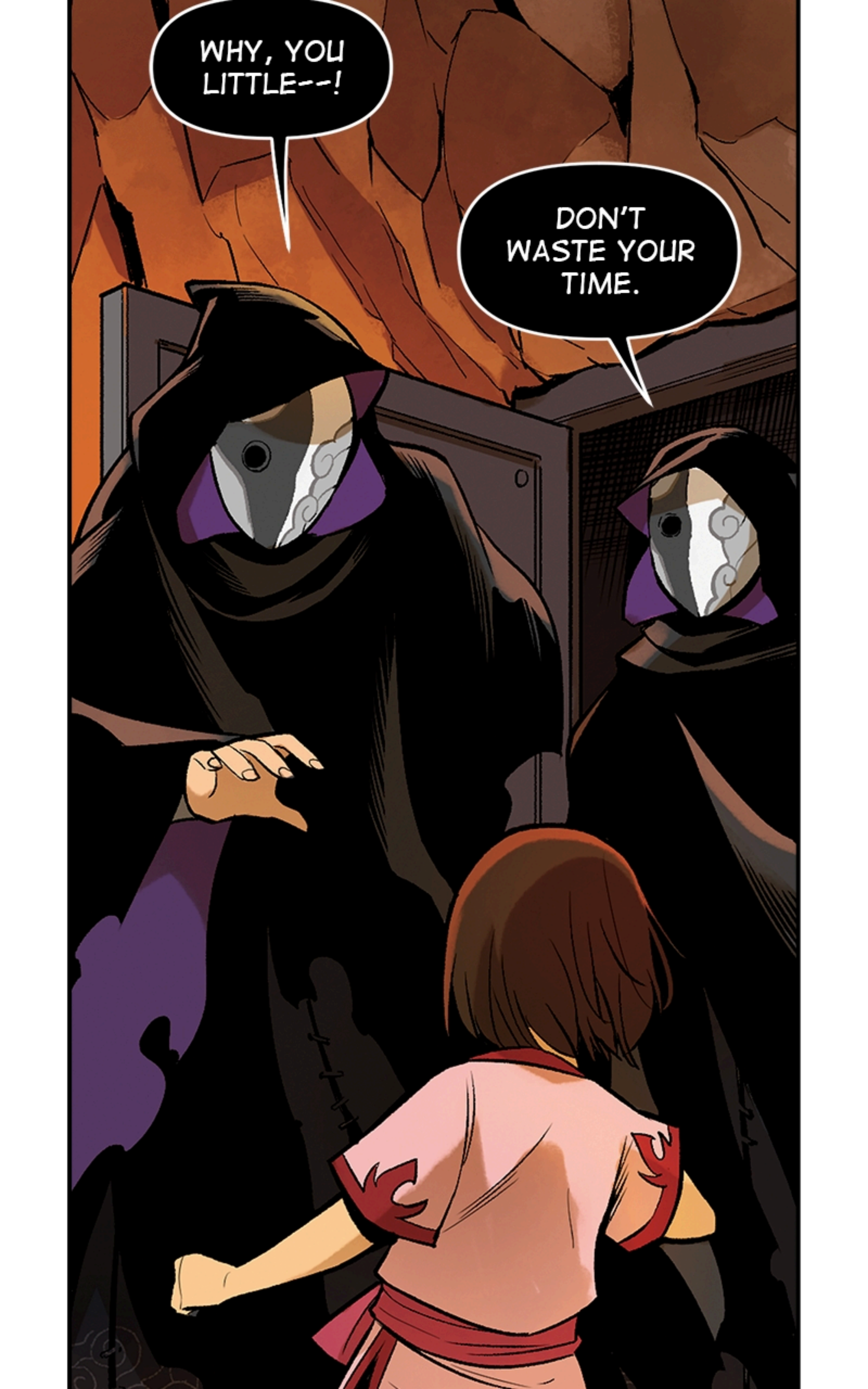
I FEEL
SORRY FOR
YOU!

OH, YEAH?
AND WHY'S
THAT?

BECAUSE
MY BIG BROTHER
IS **FIRE LORD**
ZUKO.

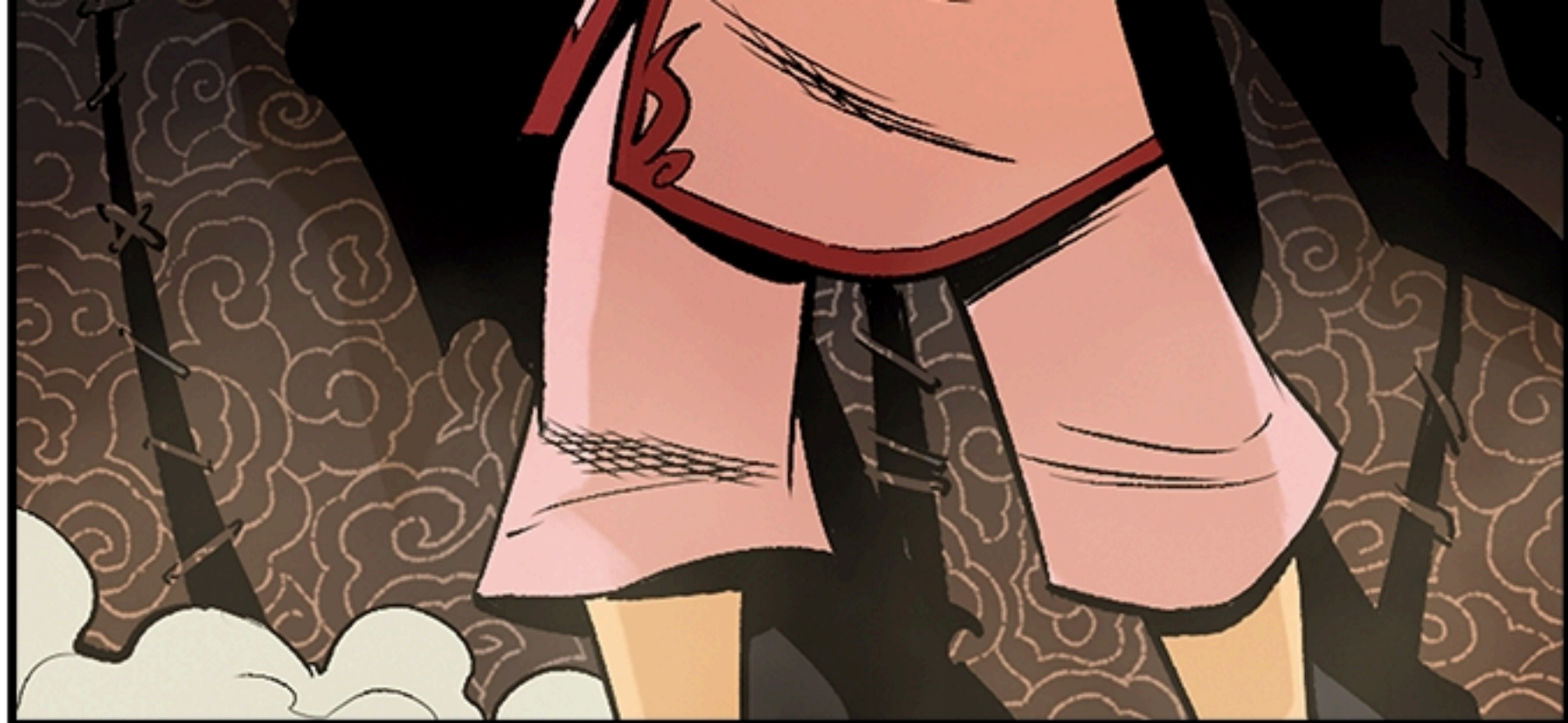
WHEN HE
FINDS YOU, HE'S
GONNA **BEAT** YOU
TO A **PULP**!





WHY, YOU
LITTLE--!

DON'T
WASTE YOUR
TIME.



THAT ONE'S
GOT *FIGHT*
IN HER.

IT'S IN HER
BLOOD.





HOW MUCH
LONGER ARE WE
GONNA HAVE TO
DO THIS?!



I DIDN'T
SIGN UP TO RUN
A **DAYCARE**,
AZULA!

PATIENCE,
ZIRIN.



I BROKE
YOU OUT OF
THAT *HORRIBLE*
INSTITUTION,
REMEMBER?

WATCHING OVER
A FEW BRATS IS THE
LEAST YOU COULD
DO FOR *ME.*

LADIES, CAN YOU
GIVE ME A MOMENT
WITH UKANO? HE AND I
NEED TO DISCUSS
NEXT STEPS.





AZULA, ZIRIN IS
RIGHT. WE CAN'T
SUSTAIN THIS FOR
MUCH LONGER!

HOW MUCH
DO YOU LOVE THE
FIRE NATION,
UKANO?



YOU KNOW MY
COMMITMENT!
I EMPTIED MY BANK
ACCOUNT TO BUILD THIS
HEADQUARTERS
FOR YOU!

I SUBJECTED
MY FAMILY TO
**HORRORS BEYOND
IMAGINING!**





I'M WILLING
TO DO *ANYTHING*
FOR THE SAKE OF
MY NATION!



BUT EVERY TIME
I SEE TOM-TOM
IN THAT DANK LITTLE
ROOM...IT BREAKS
MY *HEART*.



OH, GET
AHOLD OF
YOURSELF!



A comic book panel featuring two characters in a cave setting. On the left, a woman with dark hair tied in a bun, wearing a black robe with a purple sash, points her right index finger upwards. On the right, a man with a grey beard and hair, wearing a brown robe, looks at her with a surprised expression. Three speech bubbles are present: one from the man at the top, one from the woman in the middle, and one from the man at the bottom right.

JUST DO
ONE LAST THING
FOR ME.

I WANT THE
SAFE NATION
SOCIETY TO LEAD A
PROTEST IN THE
CITY STREETS.

B-BUT WE
JUST DID THAT
LAST NIGHT!



YES,
BUT THIS TIME,
GROW THE PROTEST
INTO A *RIOT!*



A RIOT?!
BUT WHY?



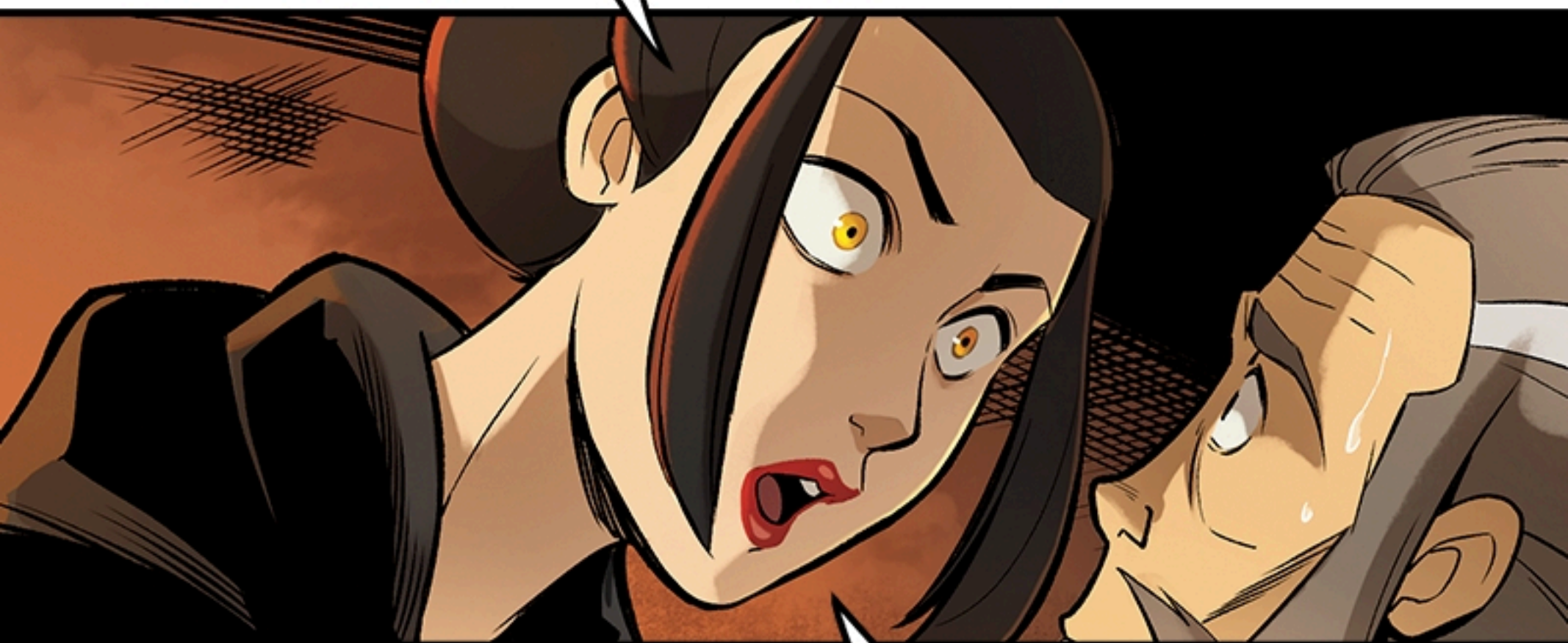
THE CITY'S
CITIZENS ARE ALREADY
TURNING AGAINST
ZUKO!



IT'LL ONLY BE A
MATTER OF TIME
BEFORE THEY DEMAND
HE STEPS DOWN!



LIKANO, LIKANO,
LIKANO. DON'T YOU
GET IT? FOR *YOU* TO
GET WHAT *YOU WANT*, I
NEED TO GET WHAT
I WANT.



AND
I WANT
A *RIOT*.

FINE. BUT
I STILL DON'T
SEE HOW THIS WILL
GET OZAI BACK ON
THE THRONE.





IDIOT. OZAI
WAS NEVER PART
OF THE *PLAN.*





ANYTHING?

NOPE. NOT
A *TRACE*.



A comic panel showing Aang and Katara in a room. Aang, with a blue arrow tattoo on his forehead, is wearing his traditional orange and yellow robes and is gesturing with his right hand towards a large window. Katara, in her green Water Tribe dress and blue headband, is standing with her back to the viewer, looking towards the window. The room has a tiled floor and a large window with a wooden frame. A speech bubble from Aang is positioned above him. Another speech bubble from Katara is at the bottom right.

GOTTA ADMIT,
AZULA AND HER
BUDDIES HAVE THEIR
"DARK SPIRIT" ACT
DOWN COLD.

GUYS,
GUYS! COME
LOOK!





THERE WAS
SOMETHING
ABOUT THE SPOT
WHERE THE KEMURIKAGE
DISAPPEARED LAST
NIGHT...

...SOMETHING
FUZZY AND ***HARD***
TO REMEMBER...



...BUT THEN I
FINALLY *DID!*



WHEN AZULA, MAI,
AND I USED TO PLAY
HIDE-AND-GO-SEEK
AS KIDS, AZULA WOULD
DISAPPEAR FOR
HOURS.



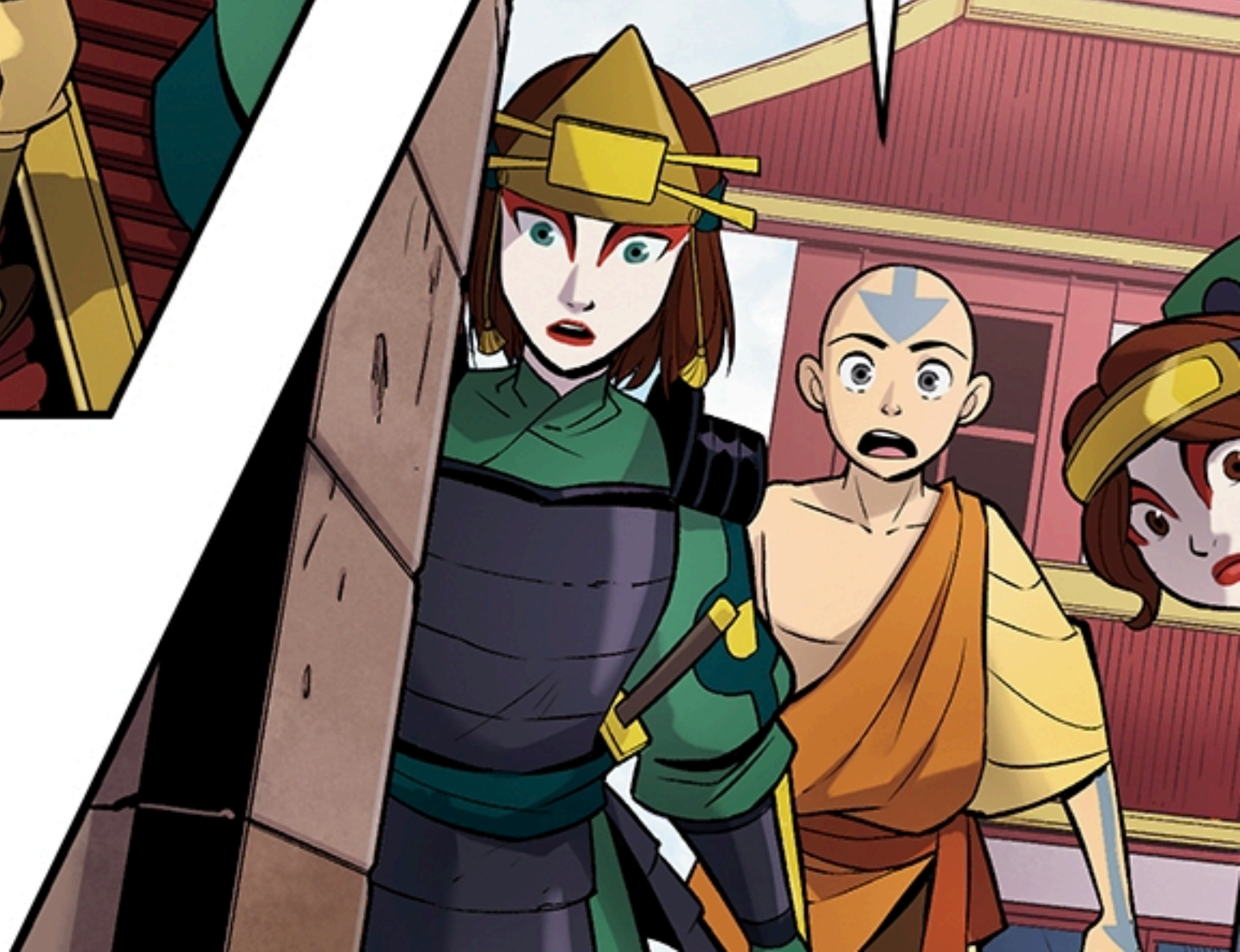
MAI AND I
COULD **NEVER**
FIND HER! IT GOT
REALLY, REALLY
NOT FUN--

--UNTIL WE
FIGURED OUT
HER **SECRET!**





WHOA.





UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE, NO ONE IS
ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE
CAPITAL CITY! **FIRE
LORD'S ORDERS!**

YOU'VE GOTTA BE
KIDDING! OUR KIDS
ARE SITTING **TURTLE-
DUCKS** FOR THOSE
DARK SPIRITS!



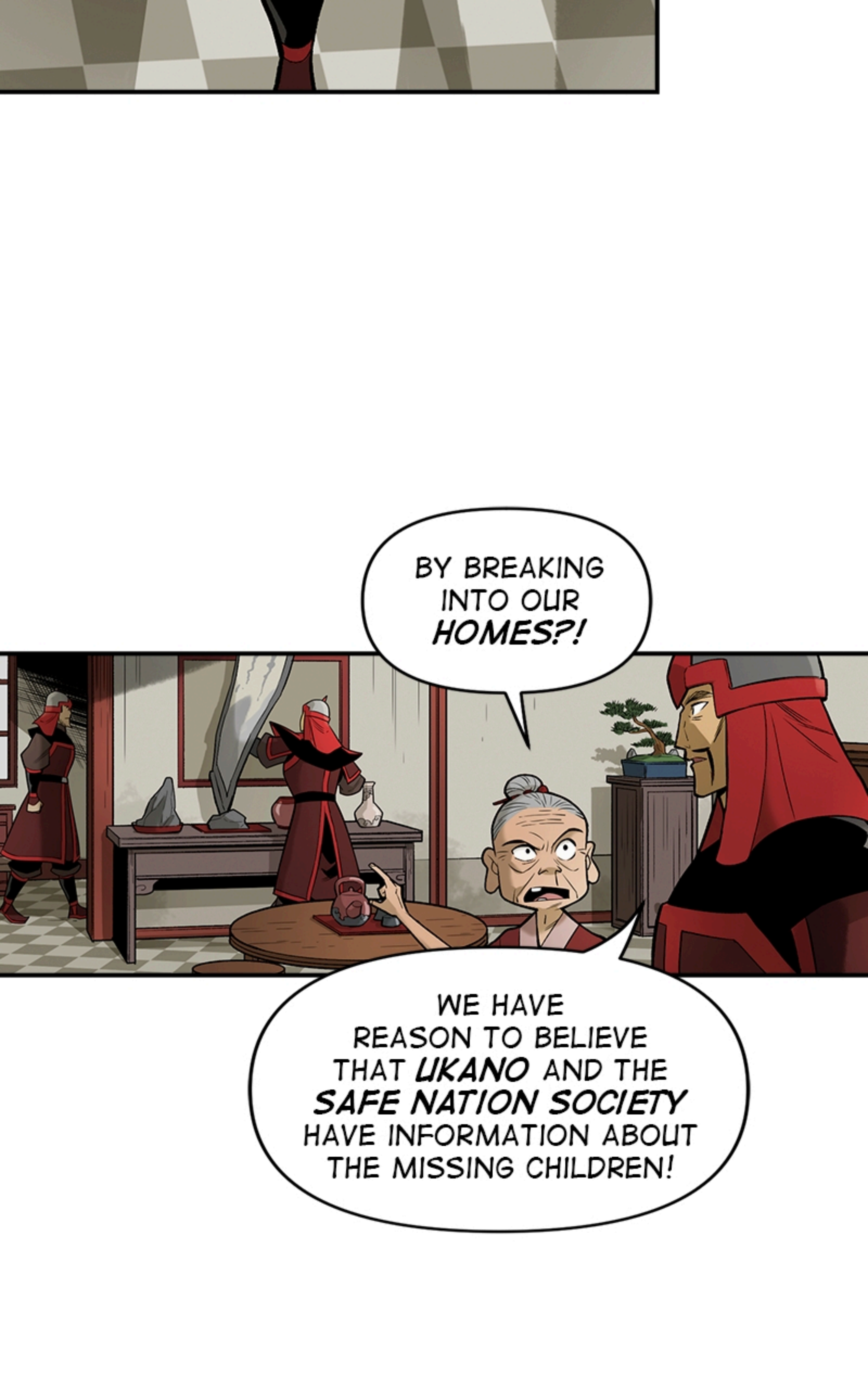
***FORGIVE THE
INTRUSION, CITIZENS,
BUT YOUR *SAFETY* IS OF
THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE
TO THE *FIRE LORD!****





WHAT IS
THE MEANING
OF THIS?!

JUST TRYING
TO KEEP YOU
SAFE, MA'AM.

A comic book panel depicting a scene in a traditional Chinese room. An elderly woman with grey hair in a bun sits at a round wooden table, looking up with a shocked expression. She is pointing her right index finger towards a man in a red robe and black hat who is standing and looking back at her. In the background, another person in a red robe is standing near a long table with various objects on it. A speech bubble from the man in the foreground reads: "BY BREAKING INTO OUR HOMES?!"

BY BREAKING
INTO OUR
HOMES?!

WE HAVE
REASON TO BELIEVE
THAT *UKANO* AND THE
SAFE NATION SOCIETY
HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT
THE MISSING CHILDREN!



WE'RE LOOKING
FOR *ANYONE* OR
ANYTHING CONNECTED
TO THEM!



AND BESIDES, WHY
SEARCH **PEOPLE'S
HOMES** FOR A GROUP
THAT'S OPERATING IN
BROAD DAYLIGHT?!





***A STRONG NATION
IS A SAFE NATION! A
STRONG NATION IS
A SAFE NATION!***

***A STRONG
NATION IS A
SAFE NATION!***

***A STRONG
NATION IS A
SAFE NATION!***





STOP! SAFE
NATION SOCIETY,
BY ORDER OF THE FIRE
LORD, YOU ARE ALL
UNDER ARREST!

BOO!
BOO!





LEAVE
THE HEROES
ALONE!

WHY DON'T
YOU GO ATTACK
THE *DARK SPIRITS*
INSTEAD OF *YOUR*
OWN PEOPLE?!



THIS IS
GOING TO BE
EASIER THAN I
THOUGHT.

CAN YOU
BELIEVE THIS,
SAFE NATION
SOCIETY?!

WE ARE FIGHTING TO
PROTECT OUR CHILDREN,
AND INSTEAD OF THANKING US,
FIRE LORD ZUKO TREATS
US LIKE ***COMMON
CRIMINALS!***



WILL WE
STAND FOR THIS
INJUSTICE?!

NO!

**RESIST,
SAFE NATION
SOCIETY!**

**RESIST
THE IMPOSTOR'S
FORCES AT ALL
COSTS!**



YAAAH!

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