



MAKE AN
EXAMPLE OF HER,
SO HER SUPPORTERS
BACK OFF.

DO TO LILING
WHAT YOU DID TO THE
FIRE LORD. TAKE HER

FIRE LORD. TAKE HER
BENDING AWAY.







WHY'D EVERYONE
GET QUIET ALL
OF A SUDDEN?



A comic panel featuring two characters on a bridge. In the foreground, a young woman with grey hair and blue eyes, wearing a green tunic, looks up with a surprised expression. Behind her stands a taller character with a metallic, tan-colored head and torso, wearing a dark red tunic with a large red collar and a yellow circular ornament. A large white speech bubble originates from the taller character. The background consists of blue structural beams of a bridge.

TOPH, YOU
JUST TOLD AANG HE
SHOULD TAKE LILING'S
BENDING AWAY. I THINK
WE'RE ALL A LITTLE
SHOCKED--



WHAT'S THERE
TO BE SHOCKED
ABOUT? IT MAKES
PERFECT SENSE
TO ME.





SHE'S BEEN
PLOTTING TO DRIVE OUT
THE NON-BENDERS WHO
LIVE IN CRANEFISH
TOWN!

SHE HIRED
CRIMINALS TO BLOW
UP MY DAD'S FACTORY!
NOT TO MENTION ALL THOSE
OTHER FACTORIES
AS WELL.

SHE CAN'T LEAD
A BUNCH OF BENDER
SUPREMACISTS IF SHE'S
NOT A BENDER
ANYMORE.



AANG HAS
ONLY TAKEN AWAY
SOMEONE'S BENDING ONCE
BEFORE, AND THAT WAS THE
FIRE LORD! LILING ISN'T HIM!
SHE'S NOT THREATENING
THE WORLD WITH
DESTRUCTION.



NO, SHE'S JUST
THREATENING THIS
CITY. DID YOU MISS THE
PART WHERE I GOT BURIED IN
RUBBLE BECAUSE SHE BLEW
UP MY DAD'S FACTORY?





WHY ARE YOU
SO UPSET ABOUT
WHAT I SAID?





TOPH,
IT'S TAKING AWAY
SOMEONE'S BENDING.
IT'S REMOVING A PART
OF WHO THEY ARE. IT'S
NOT A DECISION TO
BE MADE LIGHTLY.





IF YOU
TAKE AWAY
HER BENDING, IS THAT
SOMETHING BENDERS
WILL BE OKAY WITH?
YOU'VE ONLY DONE IT
ONCE BEFORE, TO
FIRE LORD OZAI.





WHO, EVERYONE AGREES, WAS A **VERY BAD PERSON**. IT'S FINE HE LOST HIS BENDING, BUT LILING'S DIFFERENT.

OKAY, SHE'S **ALSO** A VERY BAD PERSON, BUT SHE'S A CIVILIAN. YOU MIGHT BE RISKING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BENDER COMMUNITY, AANG.





WELL, WHAT'S
YOUR TAKE ON THIS,
TWINKLE TOES? YOU'VE
BEEN REAL QUIET.



I NEED
TO THINK
ABOUT THIS.

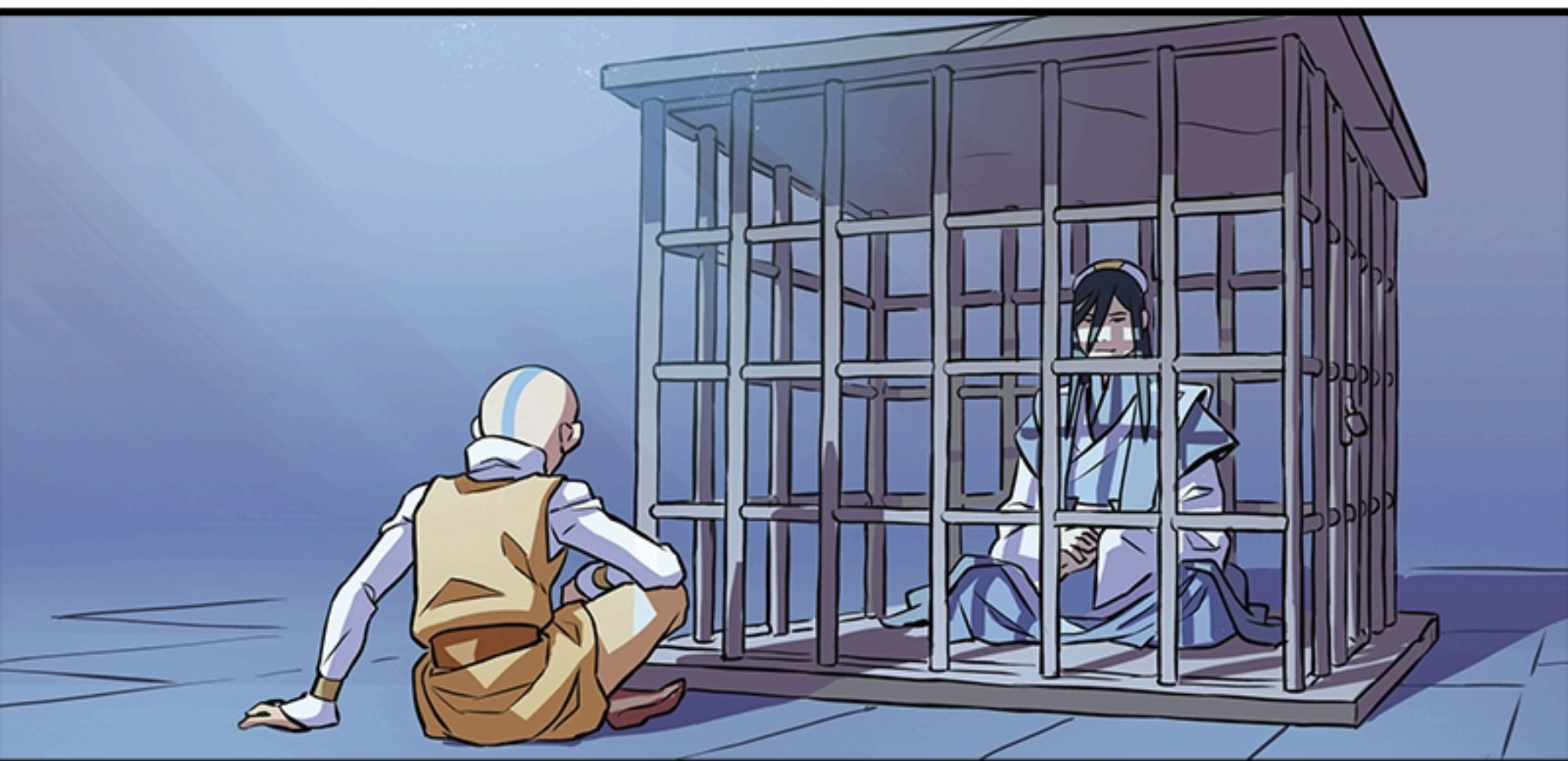
I'M GOING TO

TALK TO LILING. SHE
MIGHT BE WILLING TO TELL
HER FOLLOWERS TO STOP
THEIR ATTACKS.

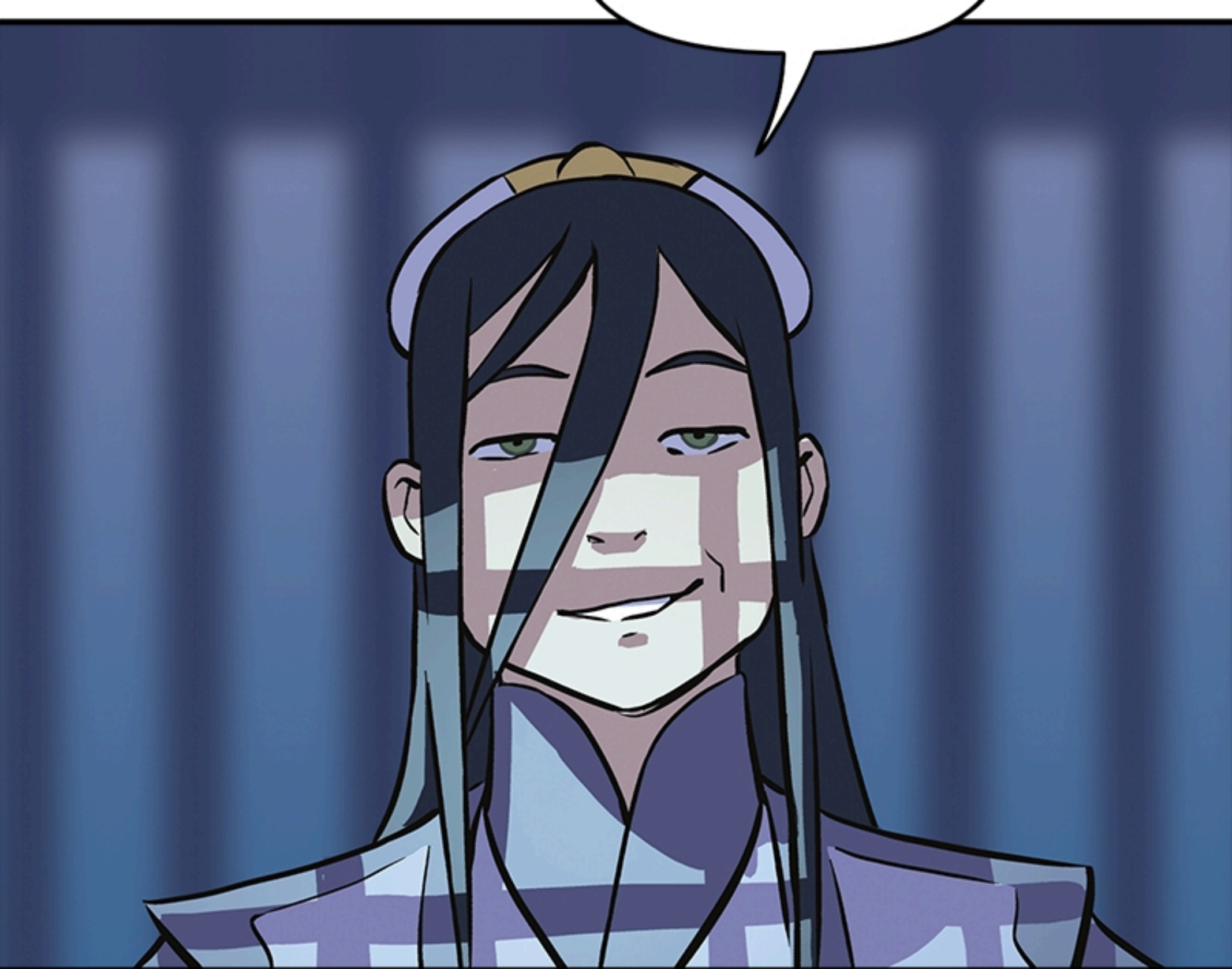


TALK ALL YOU
WANT, THAT LADY
ISN'T CHANGING
HER MIND.



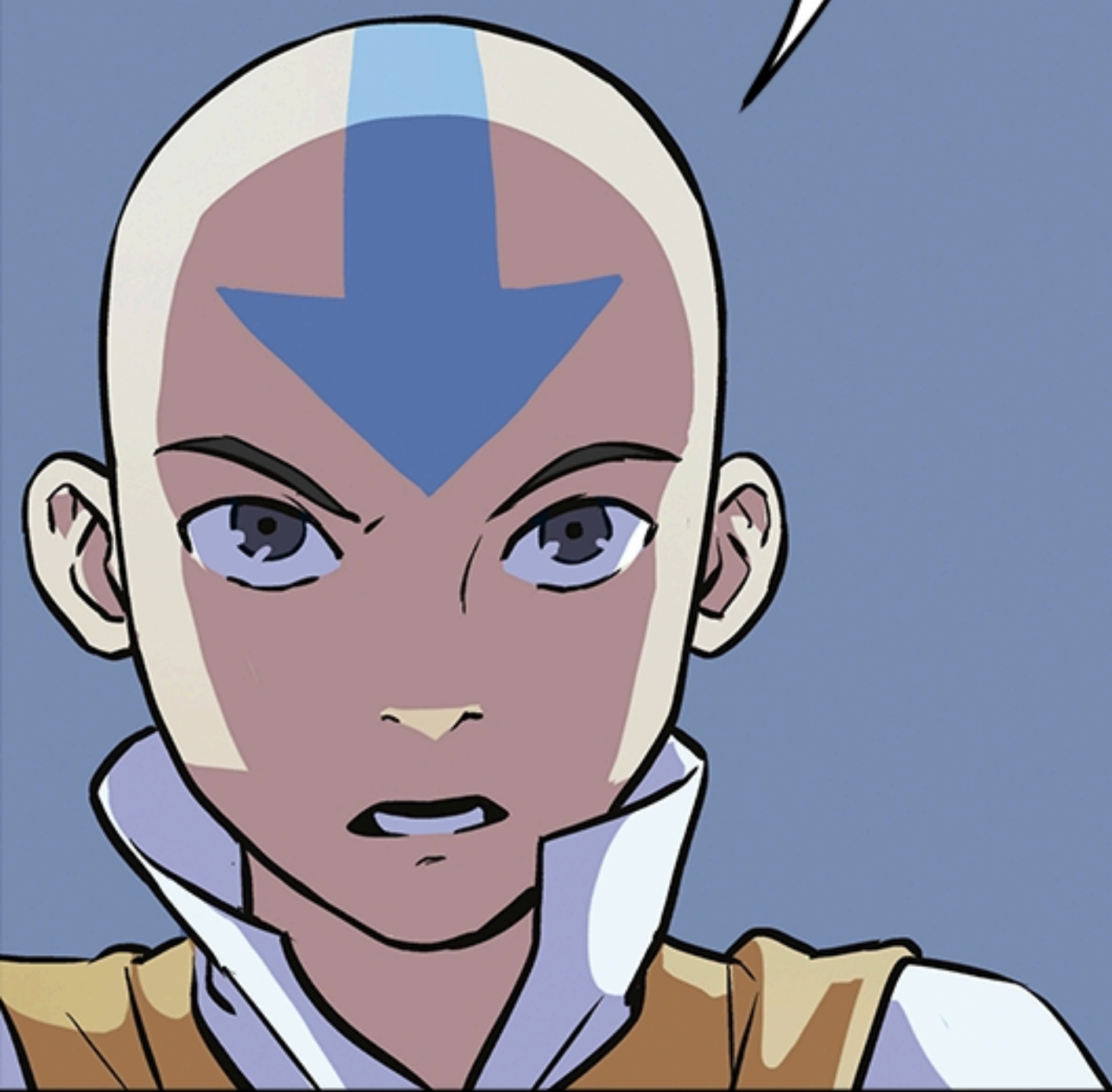


HELLO, AVATAR.
WHAT CAN I DO
FOR YOU?



I'VE SPENT A LOT
OF TIME IN THE EARTH

KINGDOM. THERE ARE MANY
PEOPLE HERE WHO I CARE
ABOUT, BOTH BENDERS
AND NON-BENDERS.





SO, TELL ME
WHAT I CAN DO TO
RESOLVE THIS
CONFLICT.

I DON'T WANT TO
SEE YOUR FOLLOWERS
GET HURT, BECAUSE I *WILL*
DEFEND THE NON-BENDERS
OF CRANEFISH TOWN.

IT'S SWEET HOW
YOU THINK YOU CAN
CHANGE THE WORLD THROUGH

CHANGE THE WORLD THROUGH
TALKING, AVATAR AANG. NOT ALL
AVATARS BELIEVED THAT. BUT
YOU'RE SPECIAL, DEVOTED
TO YOUR PEACEFUL
AIRBENDER IDEALS.



YOU EVEN REFUSED
TO TAKE THE LIFE OF THE
TYRANT FIRE LORD, EVEN AS
HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO BURN
THE EARTH KINGDOM
TO THE GROUND.



I DID SPARE HIS LIFE,
AND I SAVED THE EARTH
KINGDOM TOO. I'LL FIND
A WAY TO RESOLVE ***THIS***
CONFLICT PEACEFULLY
AS WELL.

I KNOW WHAT
YOU DID TO THE
FIRE LORD WHEN YOU
"SPARED" HIS LIFE,
AVATAR. YOU SHOULD
HAVE KILLED HIM.



A LIFE
WITHOUT BENDING
ISN'T WORTH
LIVING.

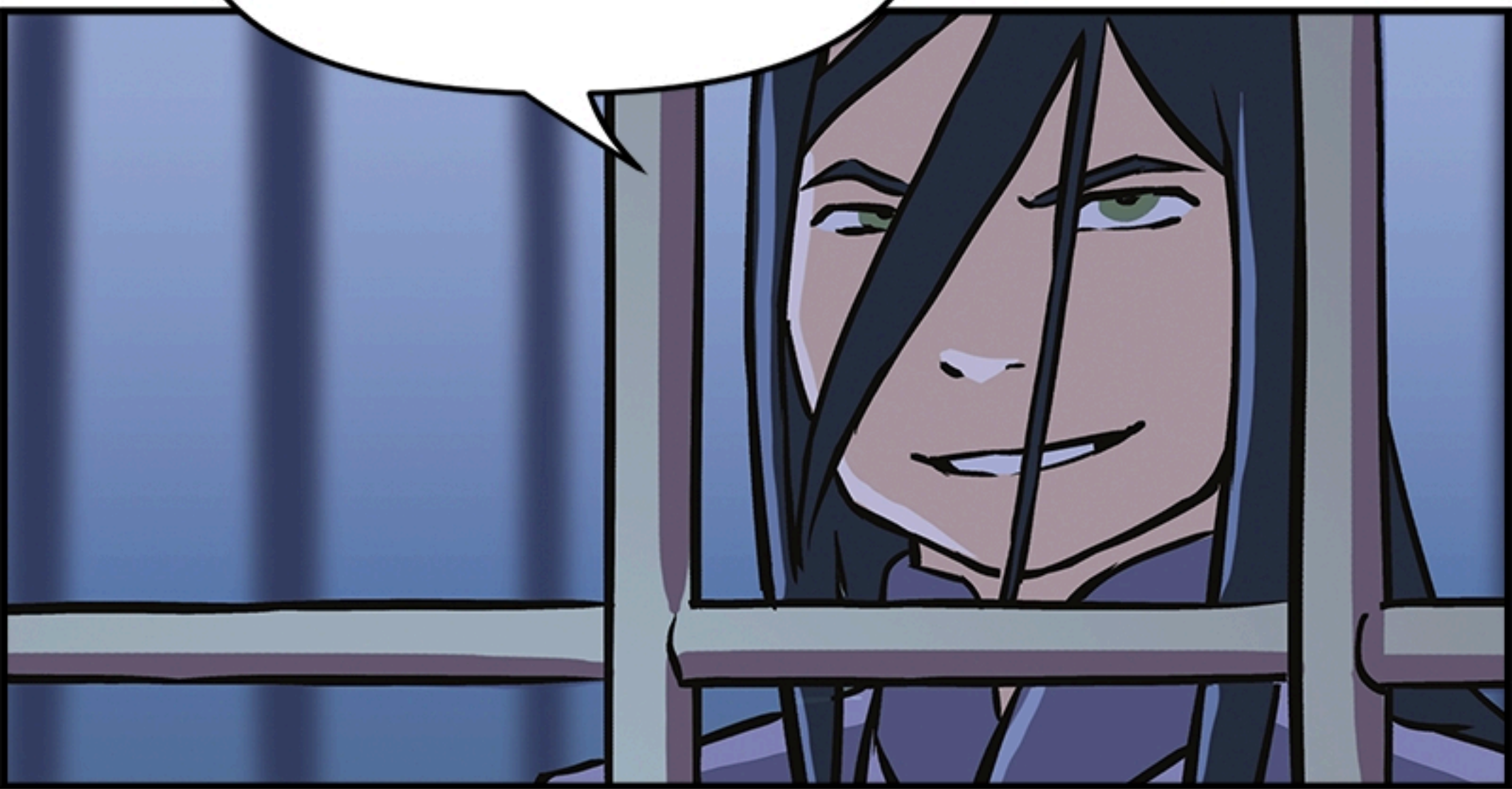




I WON'T
ALLOW YOU OR
YOUR FOLLOWERS
TO HARM ANY MORE
NON-BENDERS IN
CRANEFISH TOWN.

WELL THEN,
AVATAR AANG, THE
QUESTION IS HOW FAR
ARE YOU WILLING TO GO
TO PROTECT THEM?

TO PROTECT THEM?







THE CHI-BLOCKING'S
WORN OFF. I HAVE
MY BENDING BACK.



TIME TO GO
GET MOM.

THEY'RE KEEPING
HER AT EARTHEN FIRE
INDUSTRIES. IT'S GUARDED
BY THE AVATAR, HIS FRIENDS,
AND LAO'S SECURITY GUARDS.
WE COULD GO IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT,
SNEAK IN--

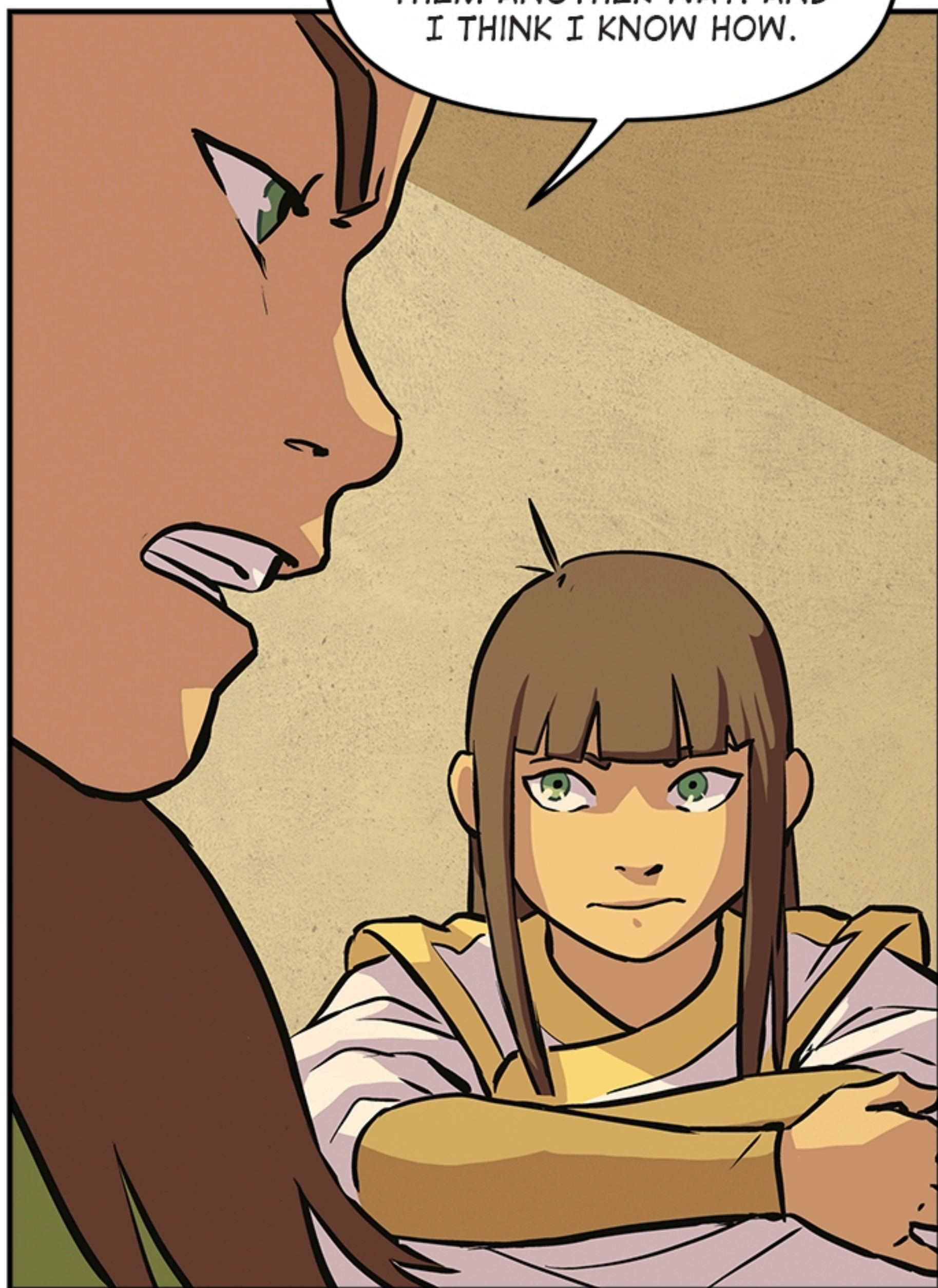
NO.

I'M NOT
SNEAKING IN
ANYWHERE.

WHAT WE
NEED TO DO IS
DRAW THE AVATAR AND
HIS FRIENDS AWAY FROM
THE FACTORY. THEN WE
CAN RESCUE MOM.



WE CAN'T FIGHT
THEM DIRECTLY, SO
WE HAVE TO COME AT
THEM ANOTHER WAY. AND
I THINK I KNOW HOW.



WHATEVER IT
TAKES TO GET
MOM BACK.





YEAH.
WHATEVER
IT TAKES.







A comic panel showing two characters in a room. On the left, a character with a blue arrow tattoo on their forehead (Aang) is looking up. On the right, another character is speaking. The room has a large window on the left and a wall with vertical panels on the right.

YOU'RE ALWAYS
ASKING IF I'M OKAY--
NOW IT'S MY TURN.
ARE YOU OKAY?

I'M FINE, I JUST
DON'T AGREE WITH
WHAT TOPH WAS
SUGGESTING.



SHE'S NOT WRONG,
THOUGH. LILING CAN'T
LEAD A BENDER SUPREMACIST
MOVEMENT IF SHE'S
NOT A BENDER.



ARE YOU REALLY
CONSIDERING TAKING
HER BENDING AWAY?

I'M NOT
SURE. LILING IS SO
DETERMINED TO HURT
PEOPLE... TAKING AWAY
HER BENDING MIGHT BE
A NONVIOLENT WAY
TO STOP HER.



WATERBENDING
IS A BIG PART
OF WHO I AM.

IT'S ALSO A
PART OF MY WATER
TRIBE CULTURE. IF I LOST
MY BENDING, I'D LOSE A
PIECE OF MY IDENTITY.

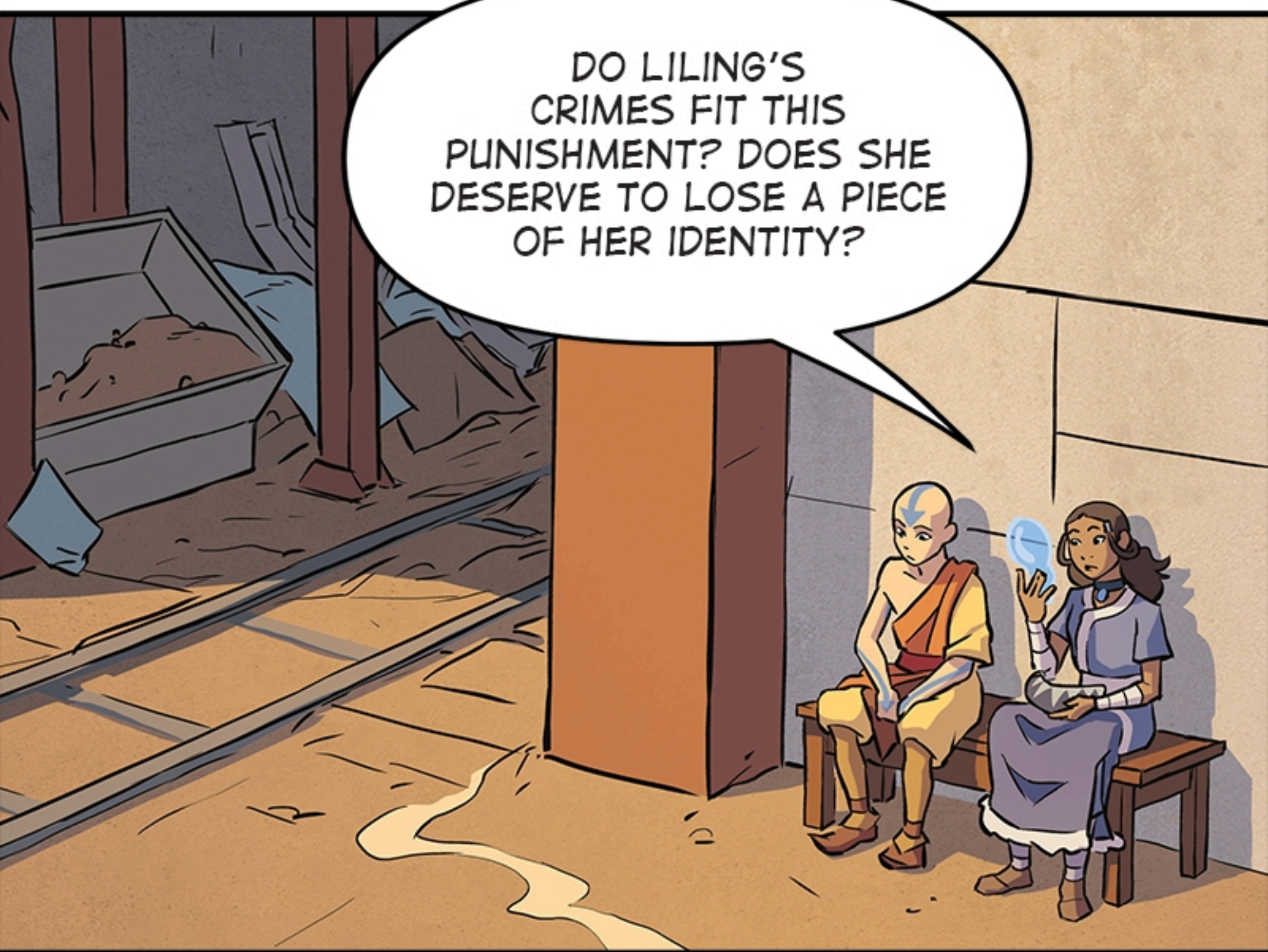


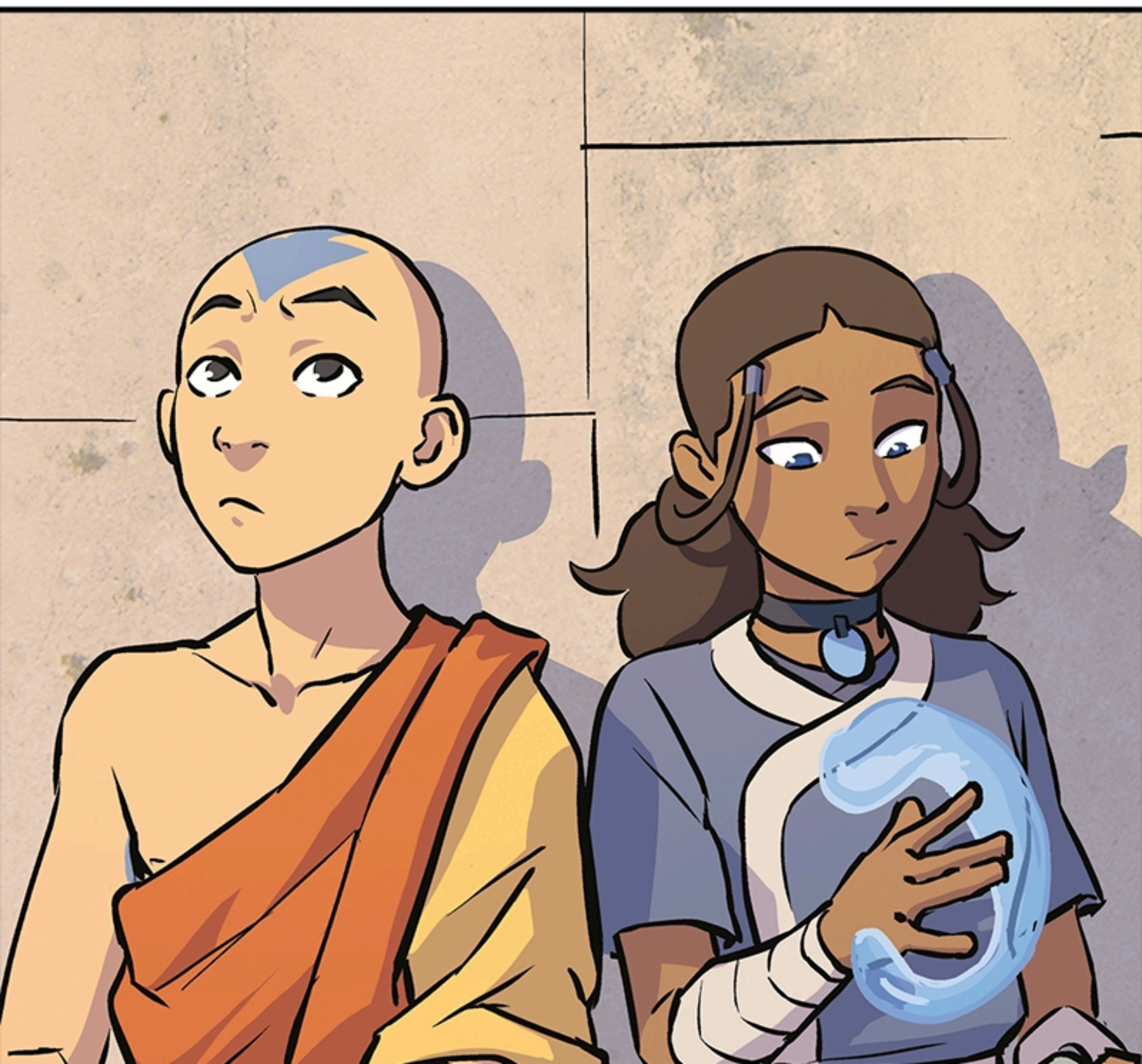
TAKING AWAY
SOMEONE'S BENDING
MIGHT SEEM NONVIOLENT
WHEN COMPARED TO OTHER
OPTIONS, BUT...IS
IT REALLY?



YOU'RE
DESTROYING A
PART OF SOMEONE.
AND THAT FEELS
VIOLENT TO ME.

DO LILING'S
CRIMES FIT THIS
PUNISHMENT? DOES SHE
DESERVE TO LOSE A PIECE
OF HER IDENTITY?







AVATAR
AANG!

WHAT
IS IT?





THE BUSINESS
COUNCIL IS
UNDER ATTACK!







LAO AND THE
OTHER NON-BENDERS
HAD A MEETING TODAY,
THEY MUST STILL BE
INSIDE THE BUILDING!

I'M GOING
IN TO GET MY DAD!
YOU GUYS PUT OUT
THE FIRE!









EVERYONE
OUT OF THE ROOM!
FOLLOW ME!





LAO, HAVE I
TOLD YOU HOW
IMPRESSIVE YOUR
DAUGHTER IS?



WHAT WAS
THE POINT OF THIS

THE POINT OF THIS
ATTACK? BENDERS JUST
SET THE BUILDING ON
FIRE, THEN TOOK OFF?



I'M
WORRIED.

"SOMETHING ELSE
MUST BE GOING ON."

LET THE
AVATAR'S FRIENDS
KNOW A FIGHT
IS COMING.



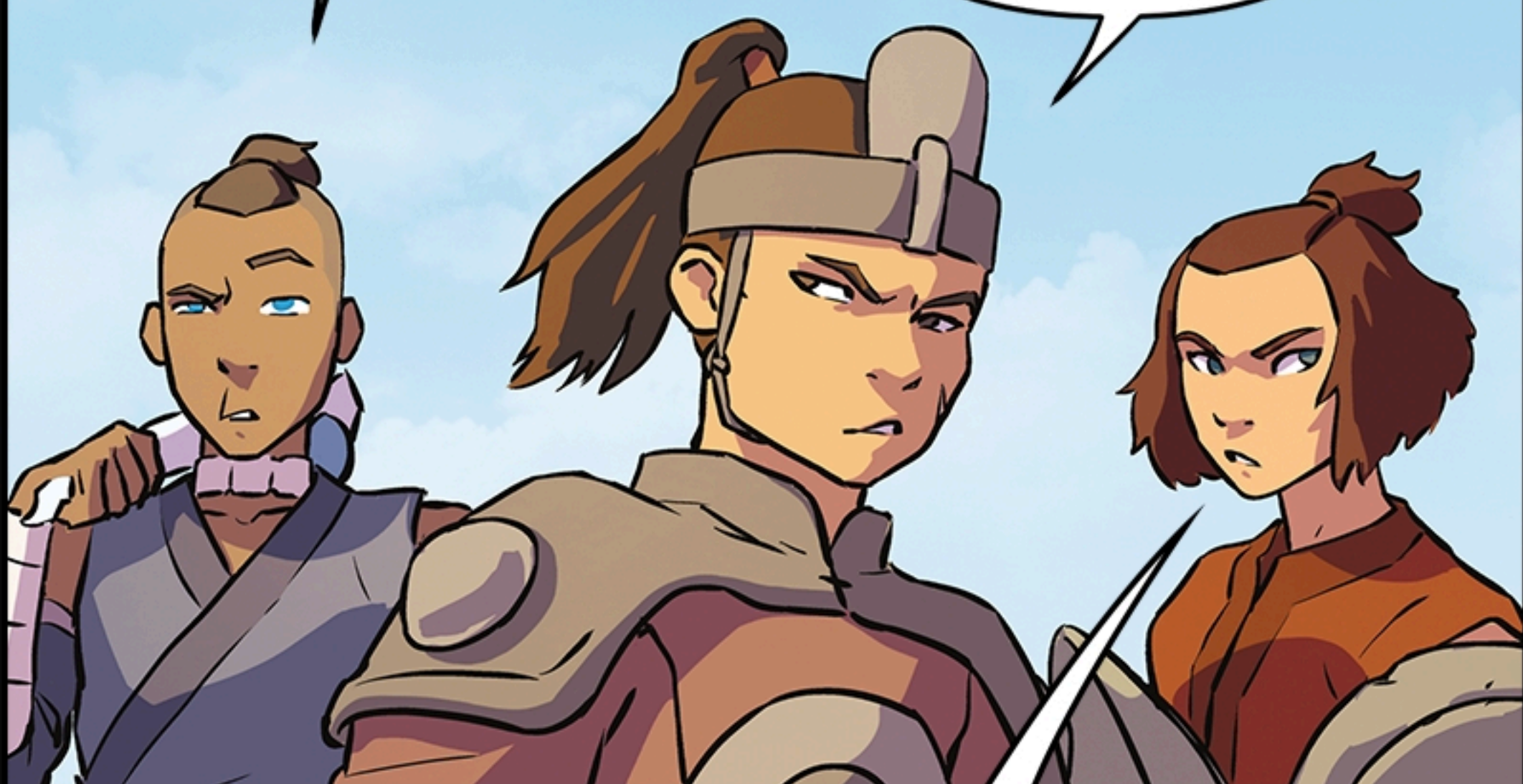
OH, THAT'S CUTE. THEY
LEFT THEIR NON-BENDER
GUARDS TO PROTECT
THE FACTORY.



LET'S SHOW THEM
THEY'RE NOTHING
COMPARED TO US.

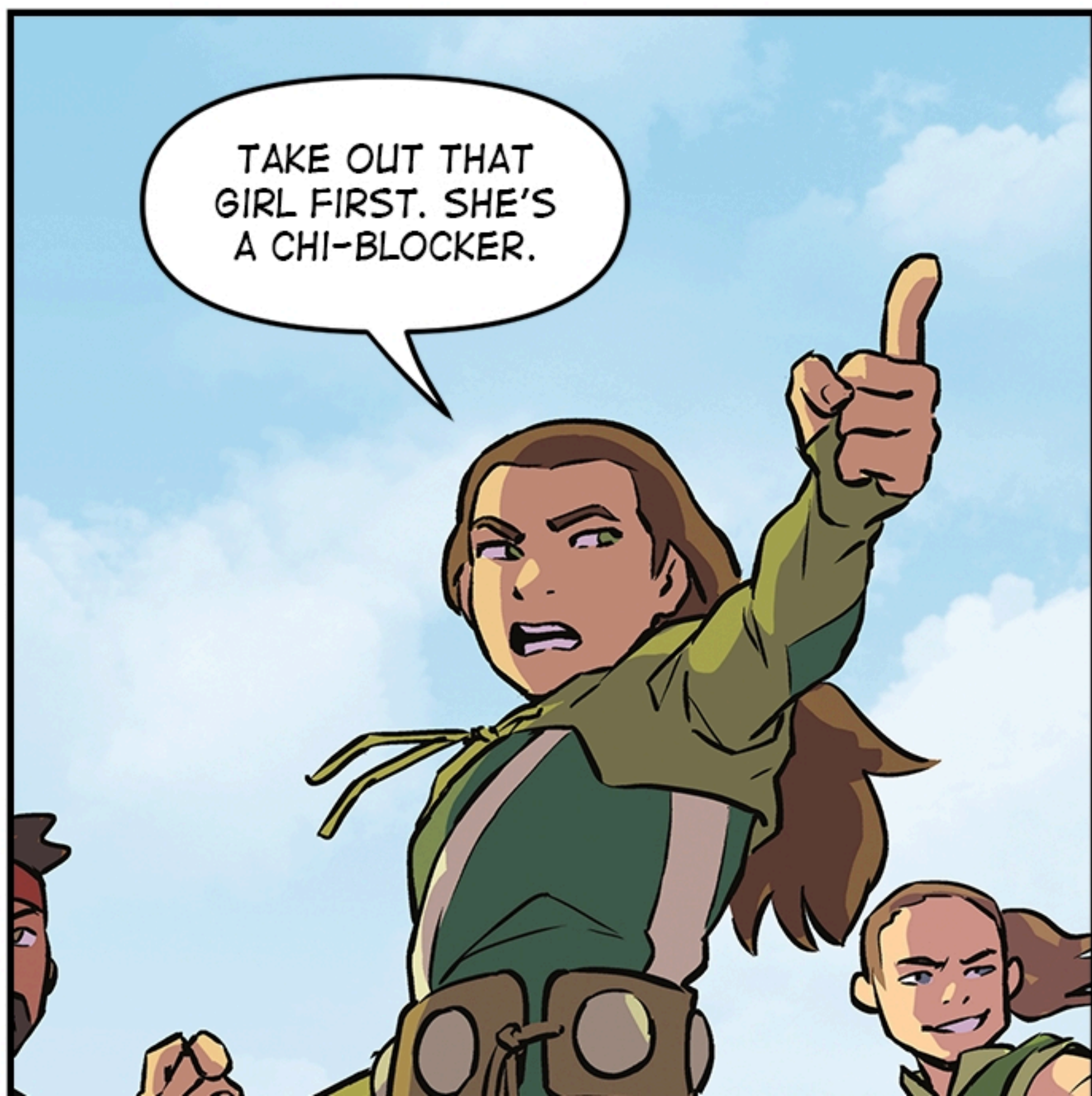
WELL,
THIS IS JUST
GREAT.

IF YOU
COULD REACH
THE AVATAR--



WE AREN'T
LEAVING YOU TO
FACE THEM ALONE.
WE TOOK DOWN LILING'S
DAUGHTER BEFORE,
AND WE CAN DO
IT AGAIN.

TAKE OUT THAT
GIRL FIRST. SHE'S
A CHI-BLOCKER.





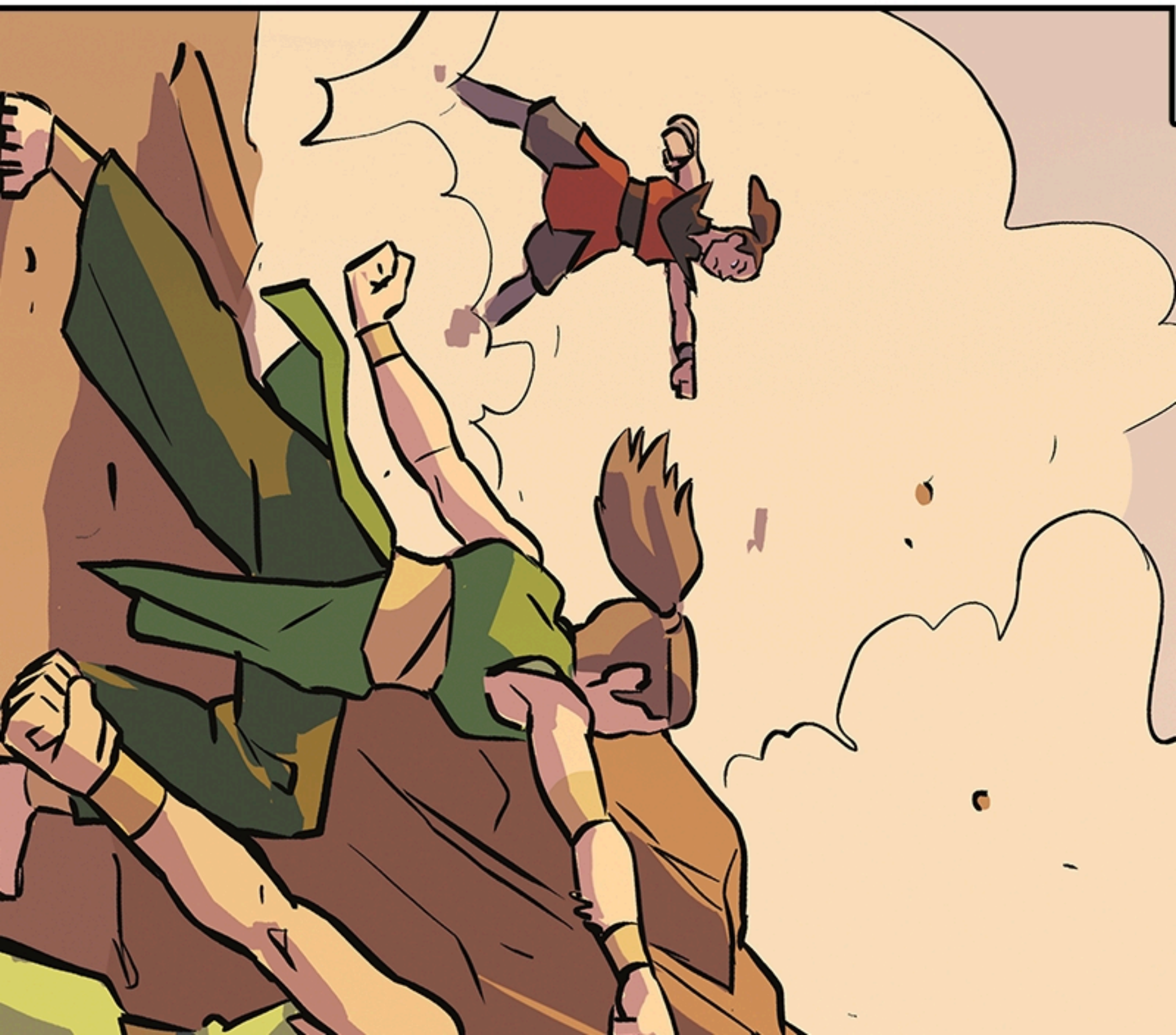


REMEMBER
ME?

SURE.
DIDN'T TOPH
BEAT YOU UP?

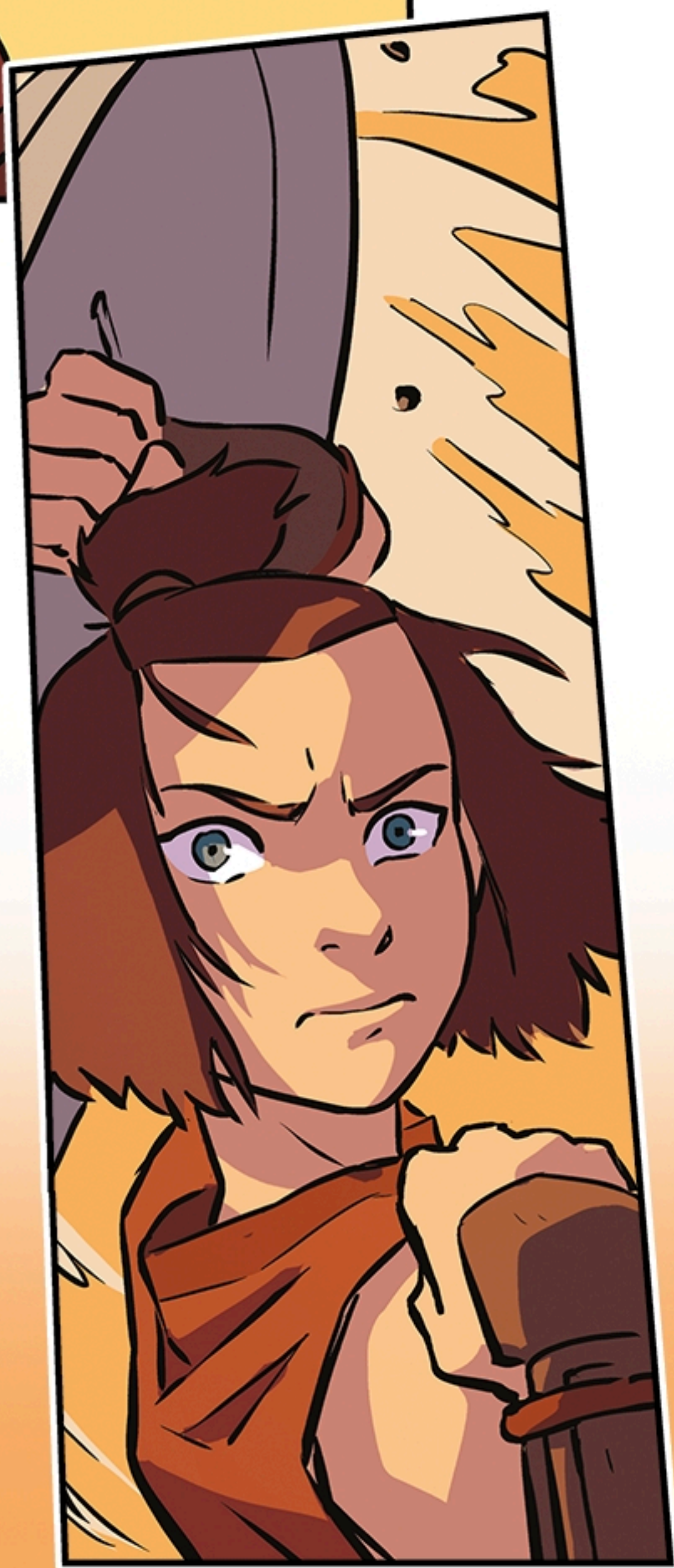
**HEADS
UP!!**













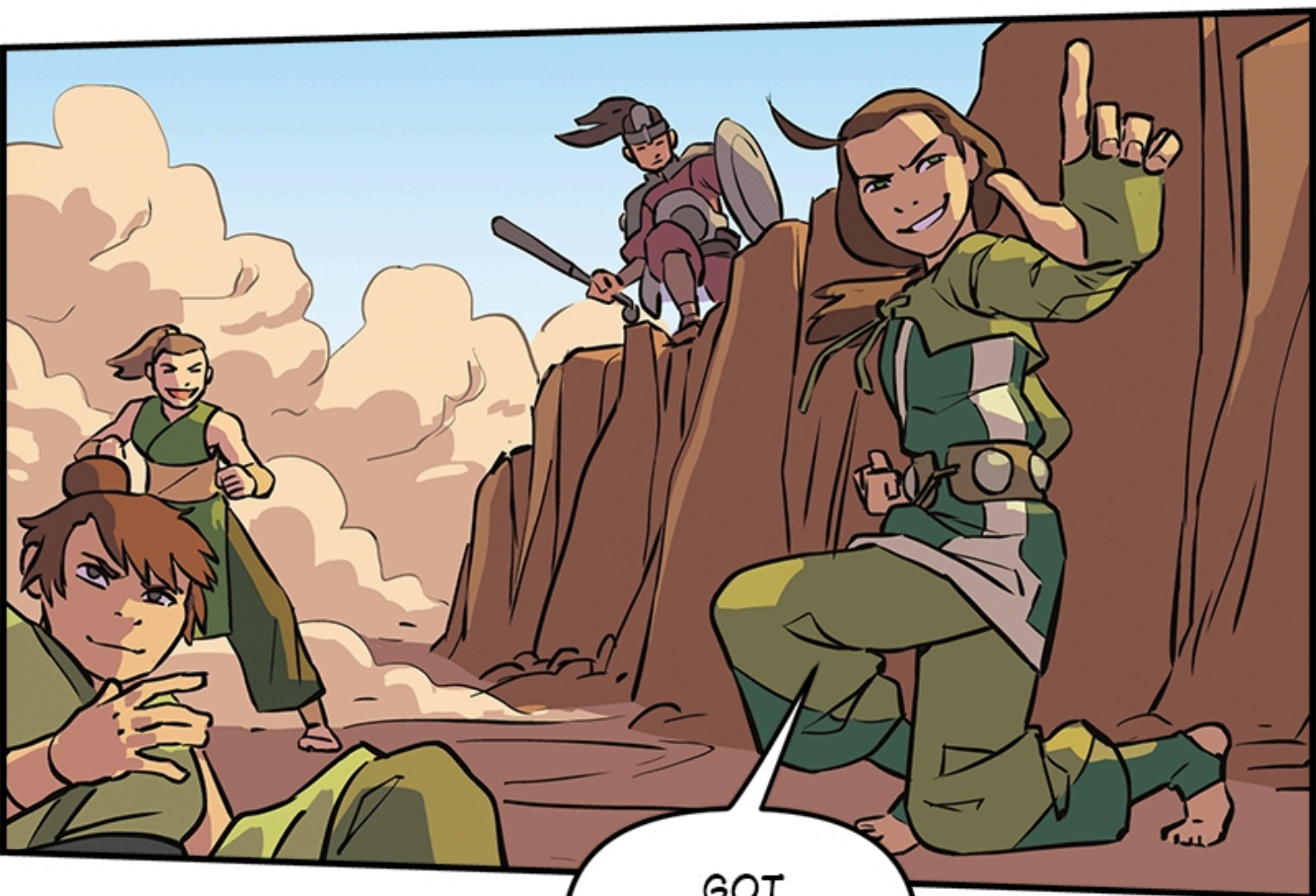
AHHGH!

OOF--
I NEED
HELP!

COMING!







GOT
YOU. NOW
STAY PUT.

GET
BACK!

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YOU'RE
GOING TO LOSE,
NON-BENDER. MAKE IT
EASIER ON YOURSELF
AND SURRENDER!





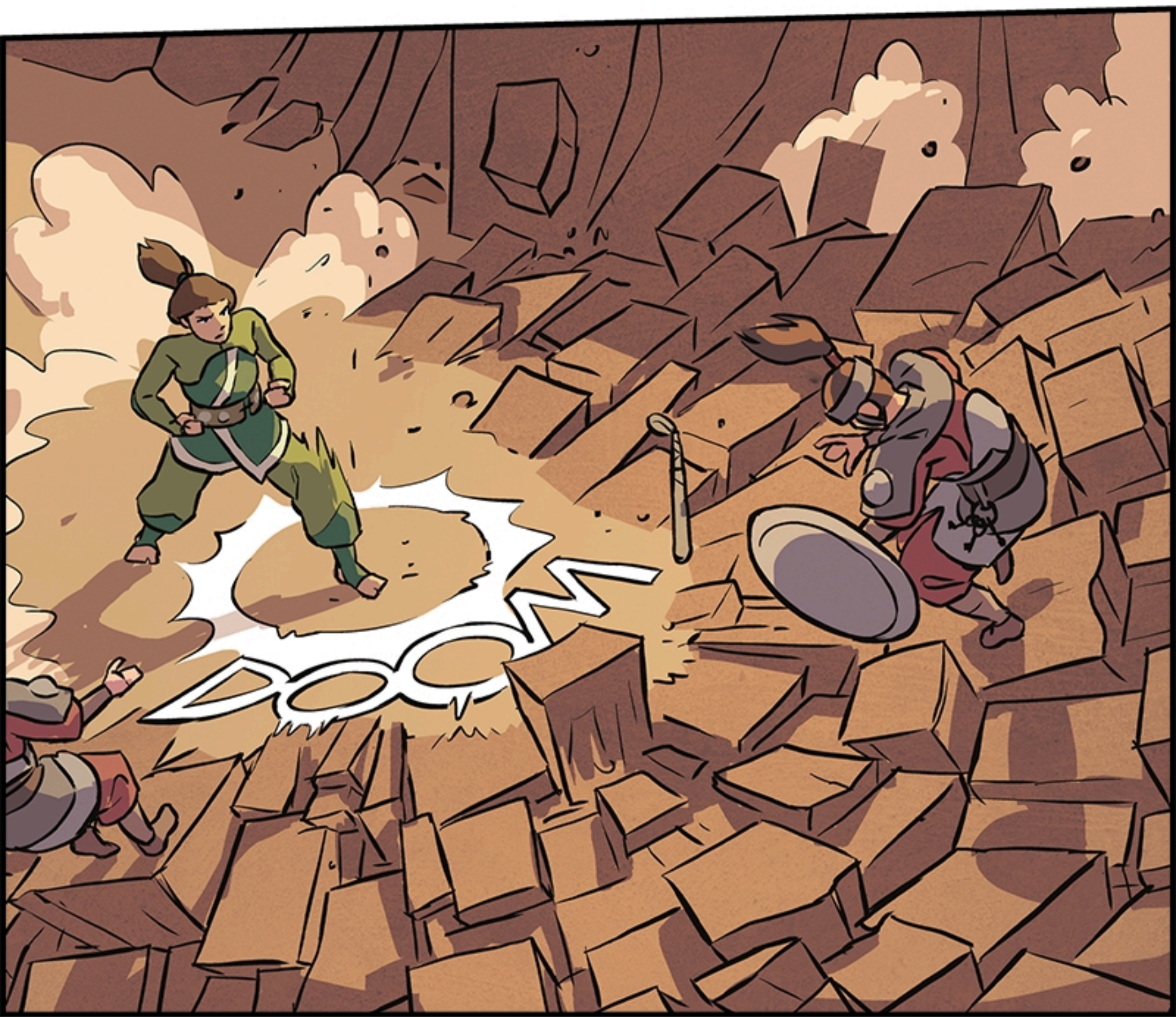
YOUR JOB
IS TO GET *OUT*
OF MY WAY!

KRUNCH







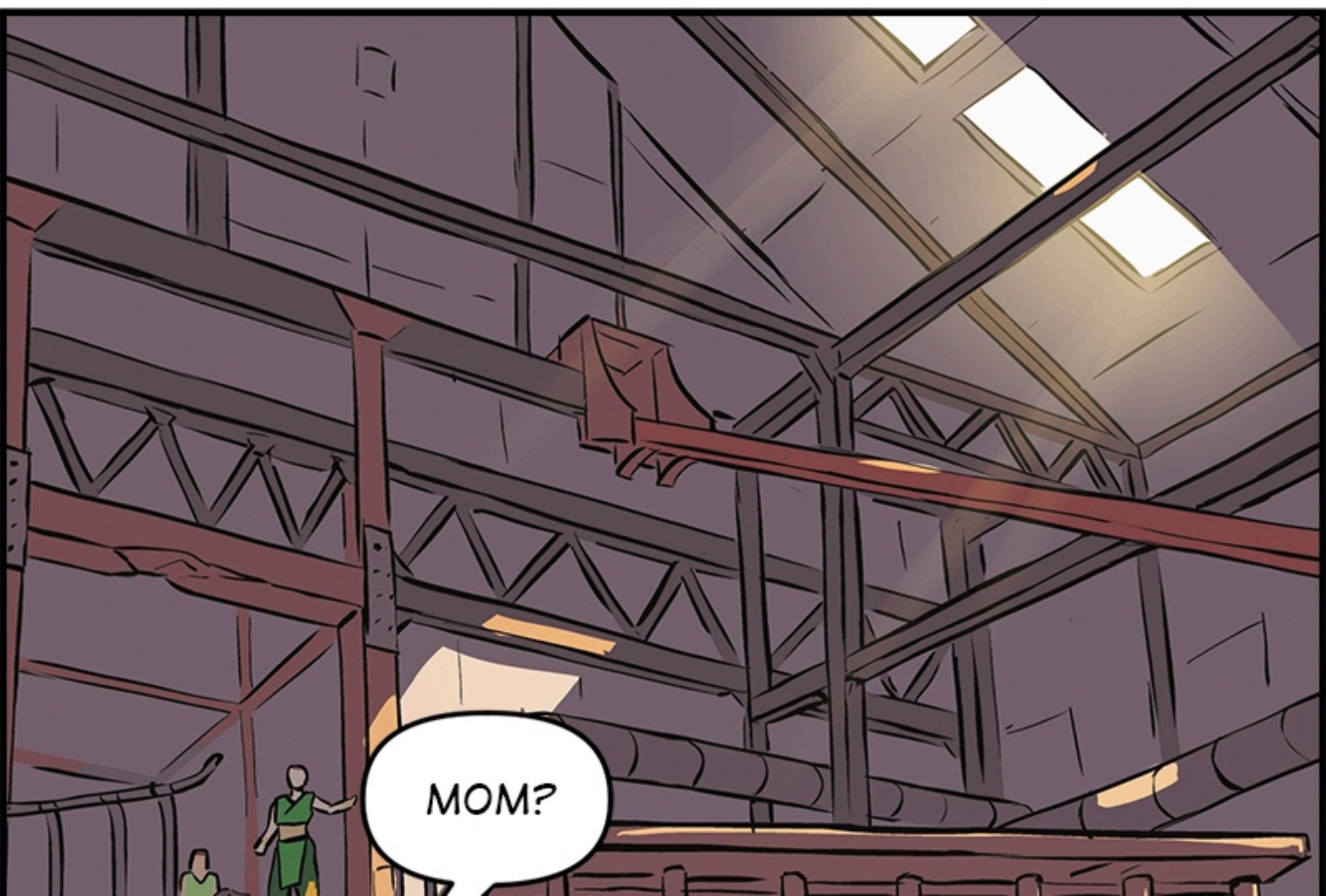




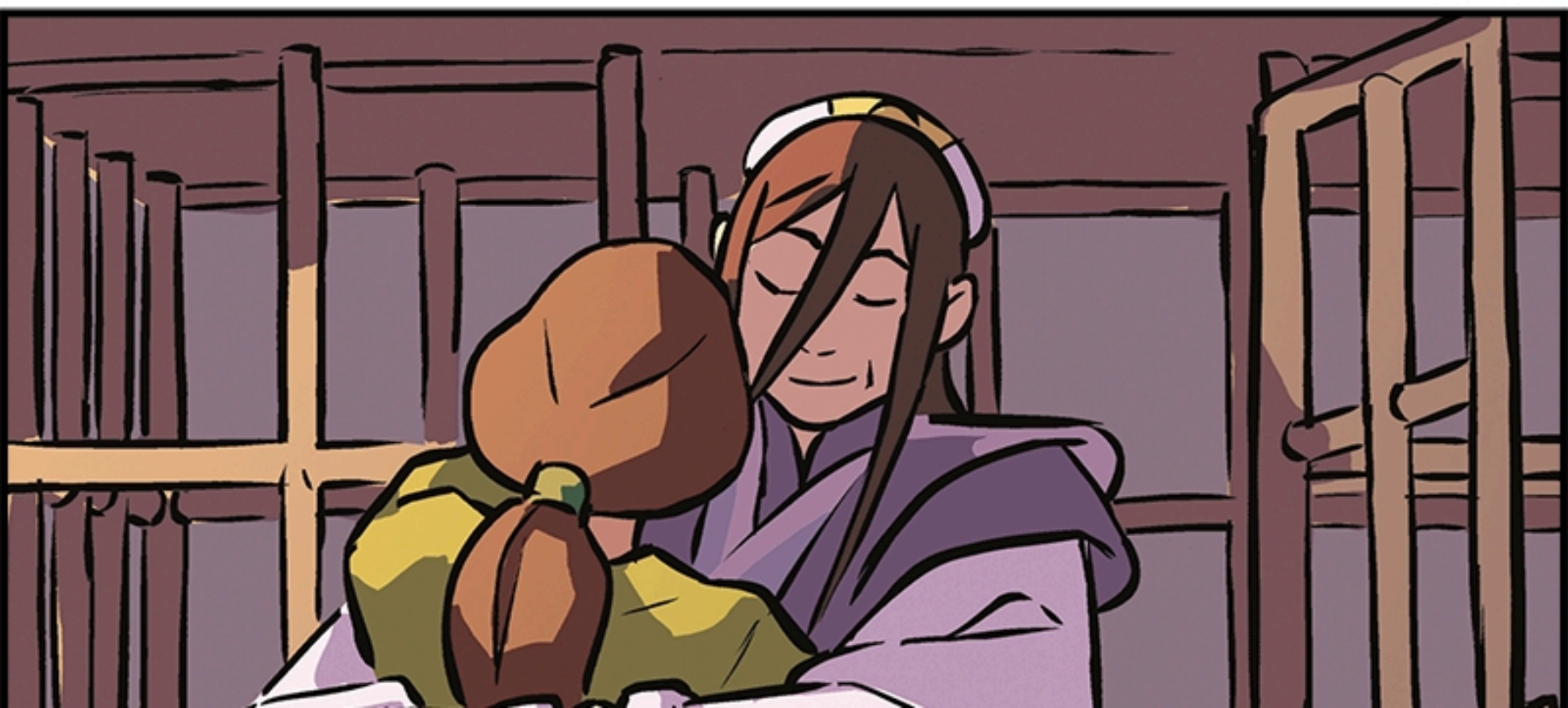
THANKS. I'LL
TAKE THIS.



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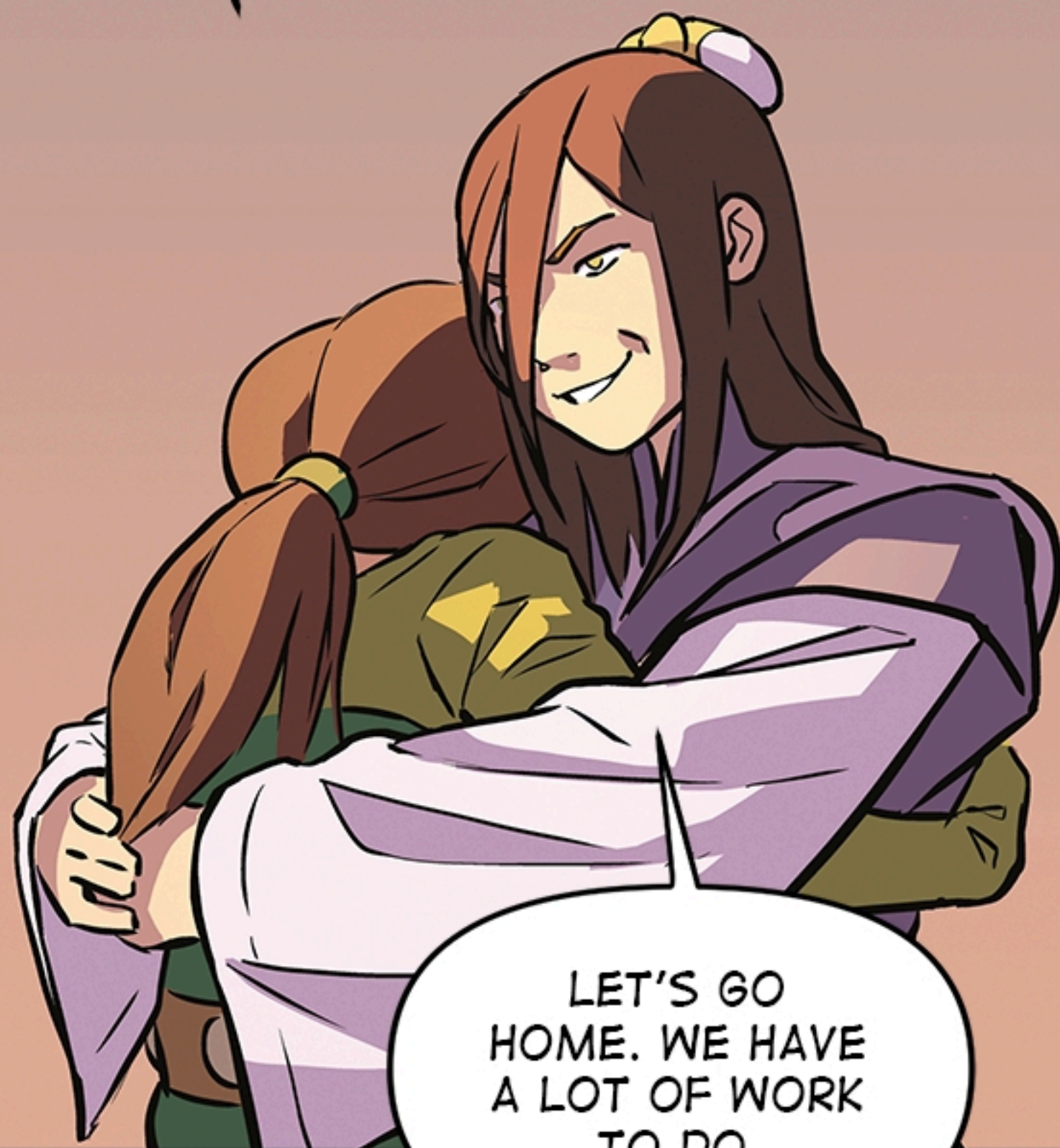






I WAS SCARED
I'D NEVER SEE
YOU AGAIN.

SHH, IT'S ALL
RIGHT. I KNEW
YOU'D FIND A WAY
TO FREE ME.



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