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"REBOUND"



MAI, I DIDN'T HIRE YOU JUST BECAUSE I NEEDED THE HELP. I'D ALSO HOPED THAT BEING AROUND FLOWERS ALL DAY WOULD CHEER YOU UP.

I APPRECIATE THE JOB, AUNTIE MURA, BUT WHAT GAVE YOU THE IDEA THAT I NEED CHEERING UP?



... WHY DON'T YOU KEEP WORKING ON THAT ARRANGEMENT? YOU'LL GET THE HANG OF IT SOON.



AH... HELLO? I'M LOOKING FOR A BOUQUET TO GIVE A SPECIAL SOMEONE.

ding ding



I'M SURE MY ASSISTANT MAI WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP A HANDSOME YOUNG MAN LIKE YOU!

SIGH...





...THEN THE OLD MAN SHOUTS AT HIM, "UPON KNOW A THING ABOUT NOODLES!"



HA! THAT'S THE SECOND TIME YOU'VE SMILED DURING DINNER! I'M MAKING PROGRESS!

YOU'RE SEEING THINGS, KEI LO. I DIDN'T SMILE.



OH, COME ON! ADMIT THAT YOU SMILED AND I'LL TELL YOU A SECRET.

IT'S A REALLY GOOD SECRET.

A SECRET ON THE FIRST DATE? THAT'S A LITTLE FAST.



FINE. I MIGHT'VE SMILED. JUST A TINY BIT.

I KNEW IT!

I'LL GIVE YOU CREDIT. SMILES ARE HARD TO COME BY THESE DAYS.



YOU MEAN, EVER SINCE YOU AND FIRE LORD ZUKO BROKE UP.

SO YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT ME THAN YOU FIRST LET ON. I'M NOT SURE IF I SHOULD BE CREEPED OUT OR FLATTERED.



LET'S GO.

WHERE?

I STILL OWE YOU A SECRET.



IF YOU THINK I'M GOING DOWN SOME DARK, DISGUSTING STAIRWELL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT WITH A GUY I JUST MET, YOU'RE --



LOOK, MAI. BEFORE WE GO IN... I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET THE WRONG IDEA, OKAY? THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT POLITICS, I REALLY, HONESTLY LIKE YOU.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. I'M GOING HOME.



KEI LO, IS THAT YOU? DID YOU ACCOMPLISH YOUR MISSION?

THAT VOICE...!



FATHER...?

WHERE ARE YOUR MANNERS, YOUNG LADY? IS THAT ANY WAY TO GREET YOUR FATHER AFTER ALL THIS TIME?



SALUTATIONS, FATHER. I TRUST YOU'VE BEEN WELL.



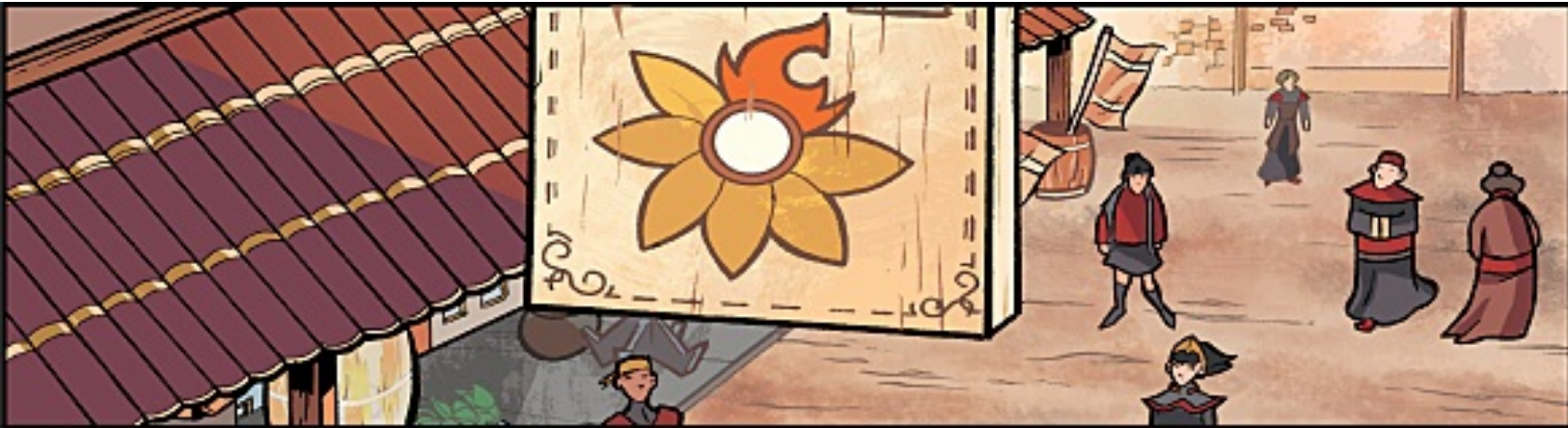
GOOD WORK, KEI LO. PLEASE, TAKE YOUR PLACE.

THANK YOU, GOVERNOR.









The Substitute



THAT IS
THE BEST IDEA
I'VE HEARD ALL
WEEK!

YOU
AREN'T GOING
OUT LIKE THAT,
ARE YOU?

UH, NO,
KATARA. LEAVE
IT UP TO THE MASTER
OF DISGUISE!

FWP
FWP

FWP

WHAT DO
YOU THINK?

YOU
LOOK LIKE A
WEIRDO.

AHA HAHAHA HAHA

YEAH. VERY
FUNNY! WELL, THIS
WEIRDO IS ABOUT TO
SAVE YOU ALL FROM
STARVATION!







GET BACK
HERE WITH THAT
MOCHI!



NO!
NOT THE
COOKIES!



GOT TO PLAY
IT COOL. I CAN'T RISK
THEM FINDING OUT I'M
NOT WHO I SAY
I AM.

MY MAMA
TOLD ME THAT
PEOPLE WHO TALK TO
THEMSELVES ARE
WEIRDOS!



WHY DOES
EVERYONE KEEP
CALLING ME A
WEIRDO?

I'VE JUST
GOT A LOT ON
MY MIND,
OKAY?



OH MOCHI,
NEVER LET
ME GO.





NO! I CAN'T GO TO JAIL! LOOK HOW HANDSOME I AM!

I'LL DO ANYTHING! PLEASE!



ANYTHING, HUH?



SIGH. I'LL HAVE SOME COOKIES AND BEAN CAKES AND MOCHI . . .

DON'T FORGET RICE CANDY!

I WANT SIZZLE CRISPS!

OH! FIRE GUMMIES! FIRE GUMMIES!



MAN! YOU SURE ARE A GREAT TEACHER! SPENDING ALL YOUR MONEY ON THESE CUTE LITTLE KIDS!

YOU BET.





OH, MAN! LOOK AT ALL THESE SEASHELLS! THIS HAS GOT TO BE THE COOLEST STORE EVER!

Shells



DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SO INTO SHELLS, SOKKA.

SAHEM! THESE AREN'T JUST ANY OLD SHELLS. THESE ARE THE WORLD'S FINEST COLLECTIBLE SHELLS.

YEAH, THEY'RE COLLECTIBLE SHELLS.



BUT I GUESS YOU HAVE TO BE A SHELL CONNOISSEUR TO KNOW THAT. I'VE COLLECTED SHELLS EVER SINCE I WAS A WEE LAD!

REALLY? I DIDN'T KNOW THAT! HOW COME YOU'VE NEVER SHOWN ME YOUR COLLECTION?

CORRECTION: I'VE WANTED TO COLLECT SHELLS EVER SINCE I WAS A WEE LAD!



SUKI, YOU GOTTA TRY THIS! SOUNDS LIKE THERE'S A TEENY-TINY AANG INSIDE AIRBENDING!

CAREFUL! THAT'S A RARE COLLECTOR'S ITEM!



RARE, HUH?

HOW MUCH?

NORMALLY, FIFTEEN BAN! BUT FOR A DISCERNING COLLECTOR LIKE YOU? SPECIAL DEAL! TWO FOR THIRTY!



WOW! YOU HEAR THAT? SPECIAL --







WHUMP!



FWOOSH!!

THAT'S IT!

YOUR BOYFRIEND MIGHT NOT HAVE THE NERVE TO PUT YOU IN YOUR PLACE, BUT I DO!



SEASHELL-SAN WILL NOT BE TRIFLED WITH!



NEED ANY HELP?

NOPE. SWEET OF YOU TO OFFER, THOUGH.



YAAAR!

FWOOSH!!









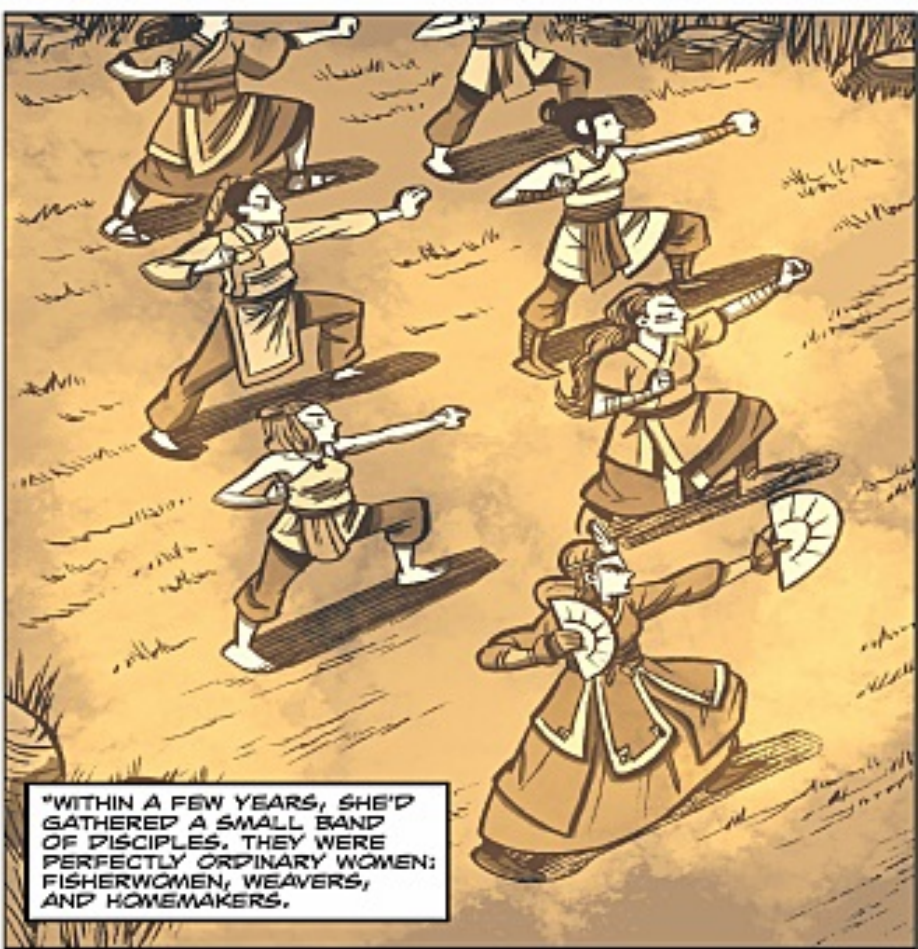
"EVERY SO OFTEN, AVATAR KYOSHI HERSELF WOULD VISIT.



"IF A JERK STEPPED OUT OF LINE, SHE'D TAKE CARE OF IT.



"THEN SHE'D OFFER TO TEACH THE WOMAN HOW TO DEFEND HERSELF.



"WITHIN A FEW YEARS, SHE'D GATHERED A SMALL BAND OF DISCIPLES. THEY WERE PERFECTLY ORDINARY WOMEN: FISHERWOMEN, WEAVERS, AND HOMEMAKERS.



"BUT THEY BECAME SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY. THEY BECAME THE FIRST KYOSHI WARRIORS."

THE KIND OF STRENGTH YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ISN'T SOMETHING YOU JUST HAVE. IT'S SOMETHING YOU LEARN.

SO WHAT DO YOU SAY?



OH, I--
I'M MUCH TOO SHY TO DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT--

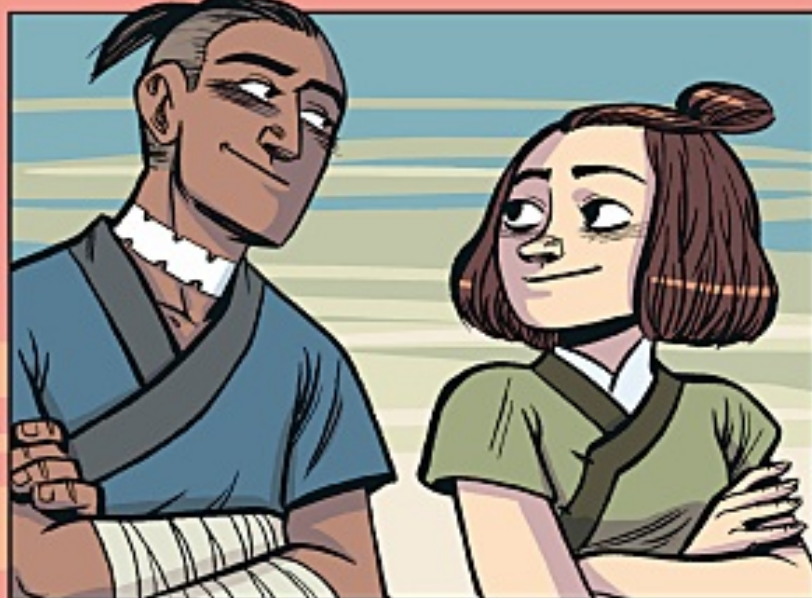


AW, COME ON, GINA! DON'T UNDERESTIMATE YOURSELF!

YOU ARE WOMAN! LET'S HEAR THAT ROAR!



I WAS GONNA SAY--



THE END

Oh, I know: Sokka and his dumb jokes.



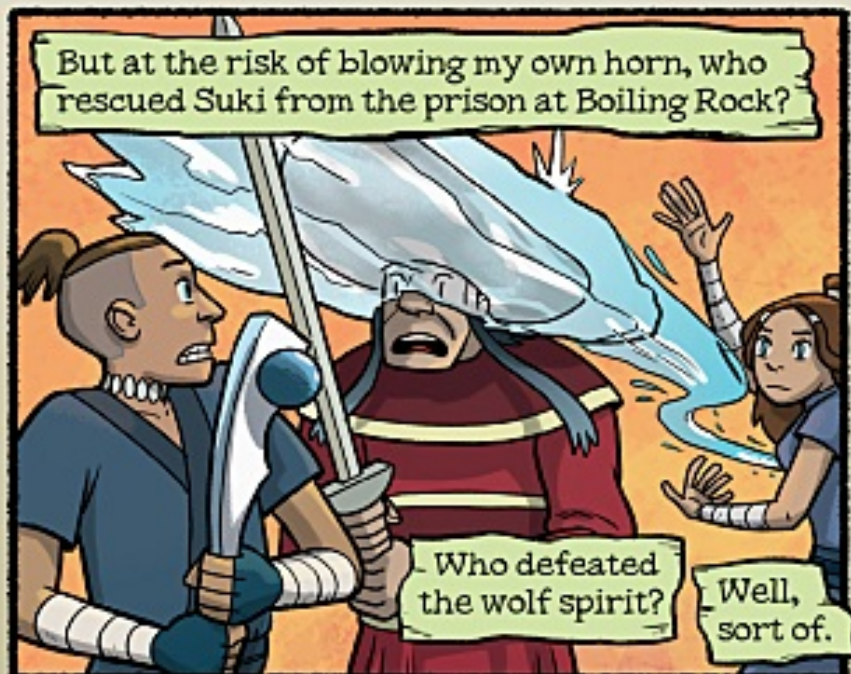
Sokka's Poem

Sokka who lost his girlfriend to the moon.

Sokka who can't even bend paper except with his mitts.



But at the risk of blowing my own horn, who rescued Suki from the prison at Boiling Rock?



Who defeated the wolf spirit?

Well, sort of.

Lots of battles to fight, lots of strategy to craft.



It's a busy life.

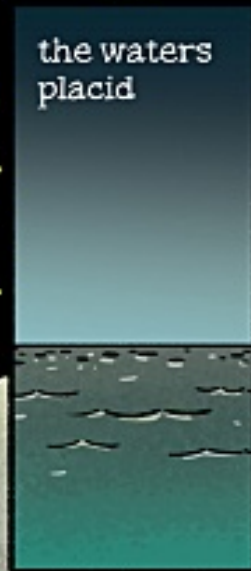
But then
night
comes.



The air is
still



the waters
placid



the fire
banked



the earth
dense and
unyielding.



No one is combining his soul with a spirit.

No one is reincarnating.

No one is kidnapped.

Everything sleeps.



Even Toph's eyes close, making her constant darkness that much darker.



Everyone vulnerable, barefoot and drowsy.



This is me at my best, when people I love or revere or both need me whether they know it or not.



I almost never sleep. There's too much to do and only I can do it!

THE END

TOPH AND THE BOULDER







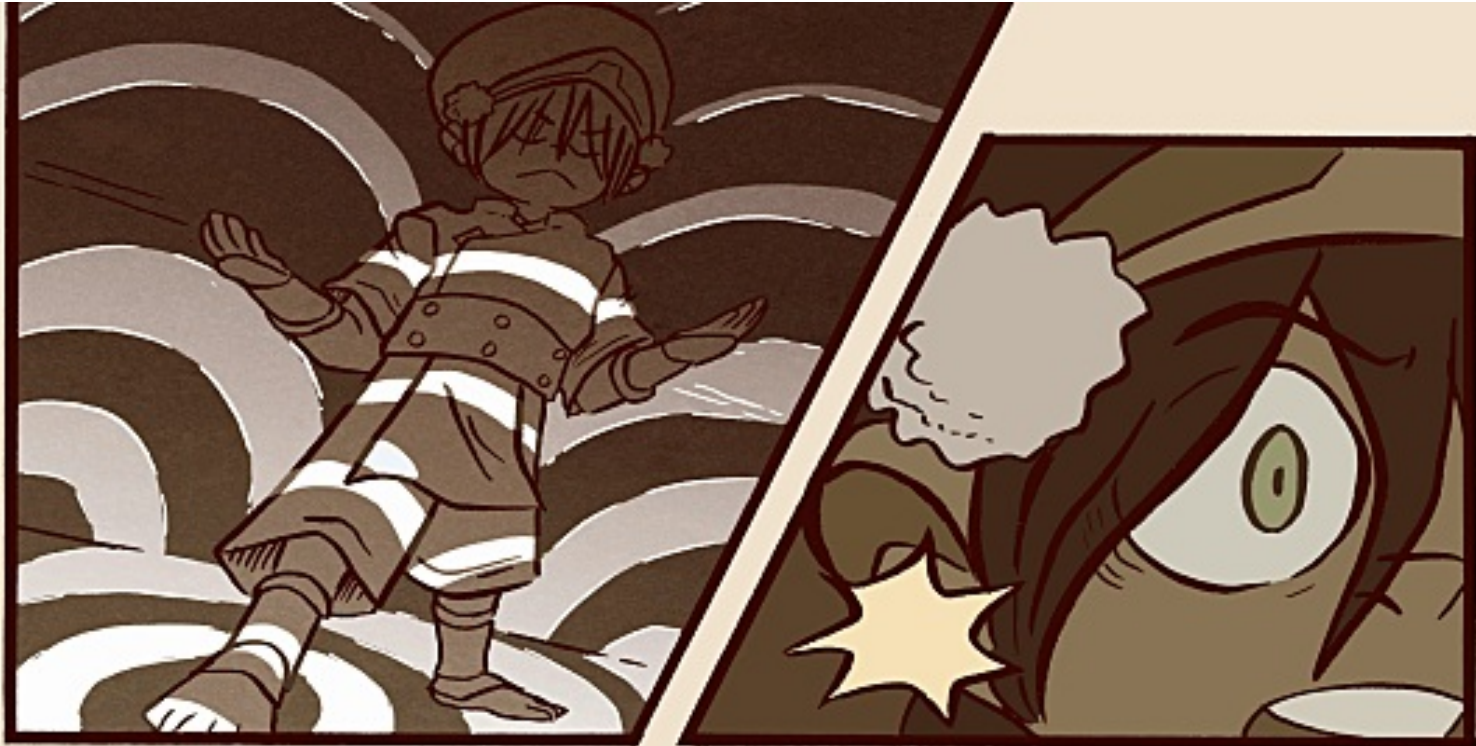




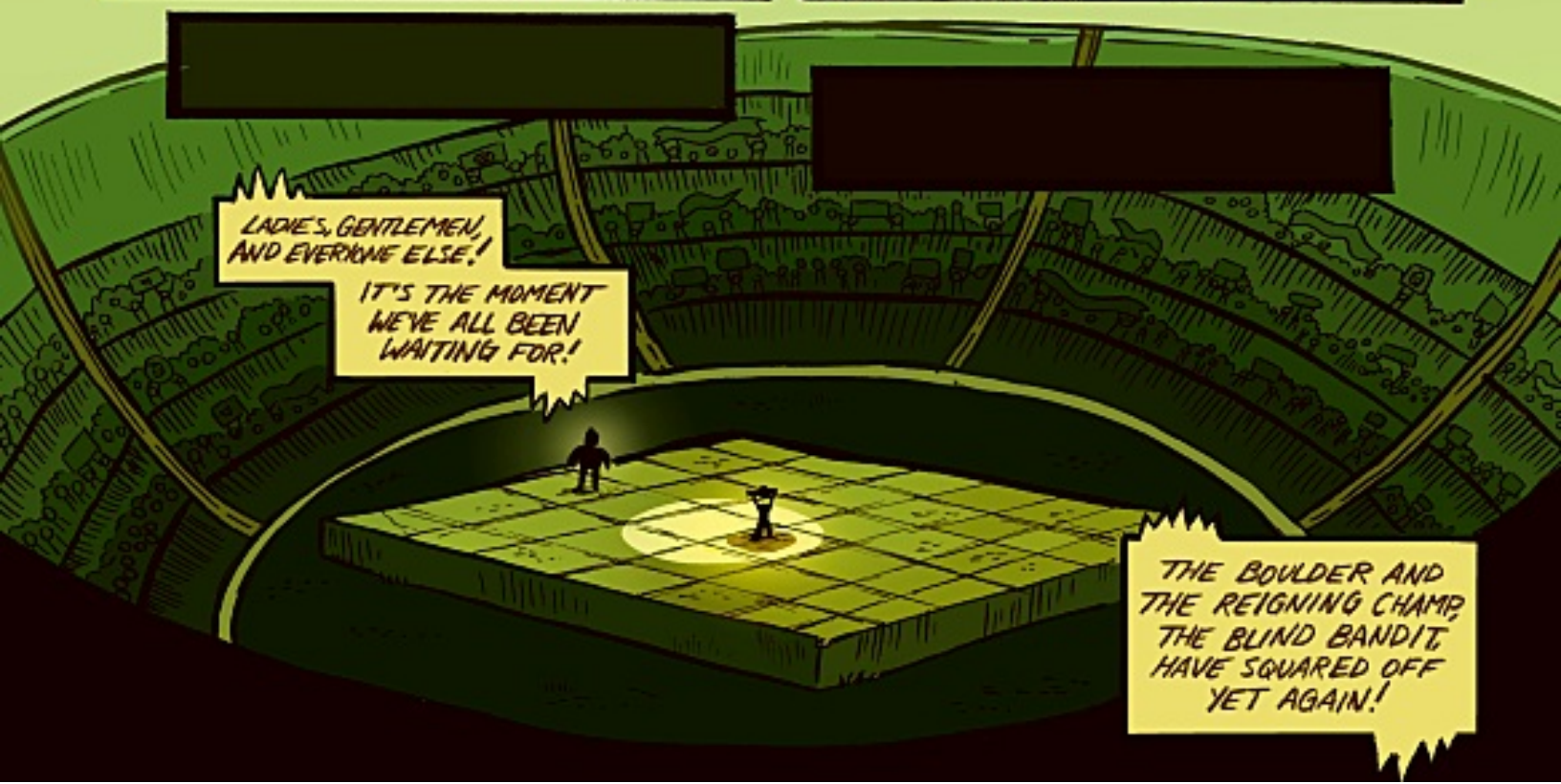















END.

"ORIGAMI,"









WATERBENDER! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SAVING ME, AND OUR VILLAGE! SAY THANK YOU, CHIO!


THANKS.



A WATERBENDER, WAY OUT HERE! OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED!



IT WAS NOTHING. I MEAN, I'M JUST GLAD I COULD HELP.




MY NAME IS ZENKO, MY DAUGHTER HERE IS CHIO, AND THIS IS MAIZU VILLAGE.

THE FIRE NATION RAIDED US MONTHS AGO AND ROUNDED UP ALL OUR EARTHBENDERS, SO WE HAD NO WAY TO DEFEND OURSELVES WHEN THEY CAME BACK.



BUT YOU CAME WHEN WE NEEDED YOU MOST! WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TO OFFER, BUT PLEASE HAVE DINNER WITH OUR FAMILY TONIGHT AS THANKS!



WE WOULD BE HONORED TO JOIN YOU.



BUT THANK YOU AGAIN, KATARA, NOT ONLY FOR SAVING MY HUSBAND, BUT FOR BRINGING THE AVATAR TO OUR HUMBLE VILLAGE. NOW WE SEE THERE MAY YET BE A CHANCE OF SAVING OUR LANDS FROM THE FIRE LORD.



YOU KNOW, OUR CHIO DOES SOME BENDING OF HER OWN!

WHAT, REALLY? I THOUGHT ALL YOUR EARTH-BENDERS WERE...



DAD!

HE'S JOKING, IT'S NOT REAL BENDING, IT'S JUST...



PAPER-BENDING. ORIGAMI.



WOW!

THAT'S BEAUTIFUL!



GO SHOW THEM YOUR ROOM, THEY'LL LOVE IT!

PAPA, THEY HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN LOOK AT SOME DUMB PAPER. THEY'RE HEROES AFTER ALL.



ACTUALLY, I'D LOVE TO SEE MORE!

PLEASE?



WELL, OKAY...



MY ROOM'S JUST DOWN THE HALL. YOU DON'T HAVE TO REALLY LOOK AT IT ALL.



I KNOW YOU'RE USUALLY SAVING PEOPLE AND FIGHTING BAD GUYS AND ALL THAT, SO, YOU KNOW...



THIS ISN'T EXACTLY IMPRESSIVE.



CHIO, THESE ARE SO COOL!

THEY REALLY ARE!



BESIDES, IT'S NICE TO HAVE A NIGHT OFF FROM SAVING THE WORLD SOMETIMES.



YOU'RE JUST BEING POLITE, I KNOW. YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH, YOU HELP PEOPLE ALL THE TIME. PEOPLE LIKE MY DAD. YOU DON'T HAVE TO JUST WAIT AROUND AND *HOPE* THAT THINGS GET BETTER.



ACTUALLY, I HAVE TO WAIT AND HOPE FOR THINGS TO GET BETTER ALL THE TIME. I'VE GOT TO STAY *OPTIMISTIC*, EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE SCARY AND SEEM IMPOSSIBLE.



YOU CAN'T WIN A WAR WITH FIGHTING ALONE. HOPE IS MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU MIGHT THINK.



HONESTLY, I WISH I HAD MORE OF IT SOMETIMES.



NO MATTER HOW EXHAUSTED I AM, NO MATTER WHAT I'M FEELING, I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE *HOPE*! AANG NEEDS IT, THE PEOPLE WE MEET ALL NEED IT.



BE SAFE IN YOUR TRAVELS, CHILDREN.



TAKE ANOTHER BASKET OF DUMPLINGS. REALLY, WE MADE TOO MANY!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY.



UM, KATARA?

WHEN YOU CAME TO RESCUE US TODAY, I WISHED SO MUCH THAT I COULD FIGHT LIKE YOU. I WANT TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT MY DAD, AND MY PAPA, AND THE WHOLE VILLAGE, BUT YOU HELPED ME SEE THAT FIGHTING ISN'T THE ONLY WAY TO HELP PEOPLE.



I MADE THIS FOR YOU TO TAKE ON YOUR JOURNEY. THE CRANE IS A SYMBOL OF LUCK AND PEACE.

AS YOU WORK FOR PEACE, MAY IT GIVE YOU PROTECTION, LUCK, AND MOST OF ALL, HOPE.



THANK YOU, CHIO. I KNOW IT WILL.



YOU KNOW, YOUR BENDING REALLY CAN HELP SAVE THE WORLD.

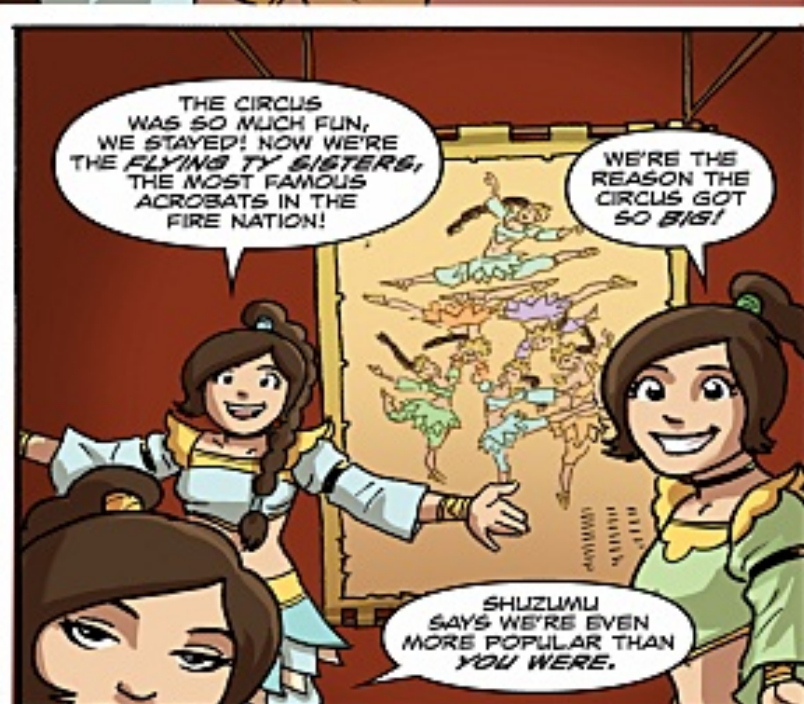


END!

SISTERS







DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY, GUYS, BUT *ACROBATICS* WAS KIND OF MY THING, REMEMBER? EACH OF US HAD A THING.

YOU PLAYED THE FLUTE.

YOU PLAYED THE HARP.

YOU DID ORIGAMI.

YOU SWAM.

YOU DANCED.

AND YOU -- WELL, YOU *INSULTED* PEOPLE.

STILL DO!
NITWIT.

WE AGREED TO STAY AWAY FROM EACH OTHER'S THINGS! THAT WAY, MOM AND DAD WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO COMPARE US WITH EACH OTHER, THE WAY THEY DID WHEN WE WERE LITTLE!

WE NEVER AGREED TO DO THAT!

YEAH, YOU SAID WE SHOULD DO THAT AFTER YOU STOLE *ACROBATICS* FROM ME!

TH-THAT'S NOT TRUE!

NOT TRUE *ONLY* BECAUSE YOU *REALLY* STOLE *ACROBATICS* FROM ME!

I HAD IT FIRST!

OH, YOU DID NOT!

I DID!

I DIDN'T BUT I WAS BETTER THAN ALL OF YOU!

AAARGH!

I HAVE TO SAY, OUTTA ALL YOUR SISTERS, YOU'RE MY FAVORITE.

LET'S JUST LEAVE!

NAW, STAY! THE PLATYPUS-BEARS NEED OUR SUPPORT!

PP



COME ON, PLATYPUS-BEARS! DON'T LET THAT FANCY-PANTS WORK YOU LIKE THAT!

I FIGURED IT OUT.

EK EK EK



YOU CAN TAKE 'IM! HE DOESN'T WEIGH EVEN HALF WHAT YOU DO! FIGURED WHAT OUT?

WHY I'VE BEEN SAD.



AW, DON'T FALL FOR TREATS! GET 'IM!

BEING IN THE KYOEN! WARRIORS IS JUST LIKE BEING AT HOME. A WHOLE BUNCH OF US ALL LOOKING THE SAME, DOING THE SAME THINGS...

I HAVE TO TELL SUKI I'M QUITTING!



NEXT UP, THE INCREDIBLE FLYING TY SISTERS!

USH, CAN WE LEAVE NOW?

YEAH, SURE, CHIN UP, PLATYPUS-BEARS! YOUR DAY WILL COME!



WATCH HOW FAST THESE TENTS CATCH FIRE -- 'OOOPS!'

HEH HEH -- 'OOOPS!'

THIS'LL GIVE THAT OL' MAN SOMETHING TO BE SORRY FOR!





PROBABLY NOT.

WACK!



H-HOW MANY OF YA ARE THERE?!

A LOT.



I GUESS IT'S A GOOD THING YOU ALL BECAME ACROBATS!

THANK YOU.

LOOK AT US, HUGGING LIKE A BUNCH OF NITWITS.



TY LEE!

I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE! TOPH SAID YOU WERE LEAVING US!



HANGING OUT WITH MY SISTERS LAST NIGHT MADE ME REALIZE THAT THERE ARE ADVANTAGES TO BEING PART OF A MATCHED SET.

LOTS OF THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS ARE TOO BIG TO TACKLE ALONE.



SO WHY NOT STAY WITH THEM?

WELL, YOU'RE ALL MY SISTERS TOO.



AND WITH YOU GUYS, I DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO MATCH!

I CAN TAKE OFF MY MAKEUP WHENEVER I WANT!

END

THE SCARECROW

MOMO, GET
BACK HERE!



WHAT IS IT,
BUDDY?

DO YOU SMELL
SOMETHING?



MAYBE IT'S
SOKKA?



HEY!
I DON'T
SMELL!!



OKAY.
I DON'T
SMELL THAT
BAD.







I'LL TRY AND PRETEND YOU DIDN'T JUST TRY TO CHOP OUR HEADS OFF, OLD TIMER.



I KNEW YOU AND YOUR MONSTERS WOULD BE BACK TO EAT THE REST OF MY BEAUTIFUL PUMPKINS!



I THINK YOU MAY HAVE US CONFUSED FOR SOMEONE ELSE. WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONSTERS WITH US...



BEELCH!!

WHAT DO YOU CALL THAT THING?!



HEY! THAT'S MOMO!

HE'S NOT A MONSTER!
HE'S MY BUDDY!



I THINK THIS IS JUST A MISUNDERSTANDING.



WELL IF YOU DIDN'T EAT ALL MY PUMPKINS THEN WHO DID, HUH?

I'M TELLING YOU, IT WAS A BUNCH OF TINY MONSTERS! LIKE YOUR WEIRD LITTLE FRIEND OVER THERE! I HEARD THEIR WINGS FLAPPING!



WE'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS. IT'S KIND OF OUR THING.

RIGHT, GUYS?



SOUNDS GREAT.

SURE!

SOUNDS WAY BETTER THAN GETTING SOMETHING TO EAT AND GOING TO SLEEP LIKE NORMAL PEOPLE.

LET'S DO IT! I'M NOT SCARED AT ALL! I'M USUALLY THE ONE WHO DOES THE SCARING!



SCARY, HUH?

THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA.





HM...
SOMETHING
IS MISSING.



HE NEEDS A
JACK-O-LANTERN
HEAD!



ALLOW
ME.

SHAAAKE



KARACKK



FWIIIIIP!



I BET IT LOOKS
REALLY COOL,
RIGHT?

TELL ME
HOW COOL
IT LOOKS.

HEY! I'M NOT
PUTTING THAT THING
ON MY HEAD!





THIS WILL BE FUN. I PROMISE.

JUST DO IT ALREADY.



WE'RE GONNA GO HIDE.

DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL DO GREAT!

heh

heh



HANG ON TIGHT.



SHALL WE?









SON OF ULTRON

"THIS FAN...
THIS MONSTER!"

