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SOME ARE WORTHY,
SOME WILL NEVER BE.



I KNOW THE
DIFFERENCE.



GO.
YOU KNOW
THE PLAN.





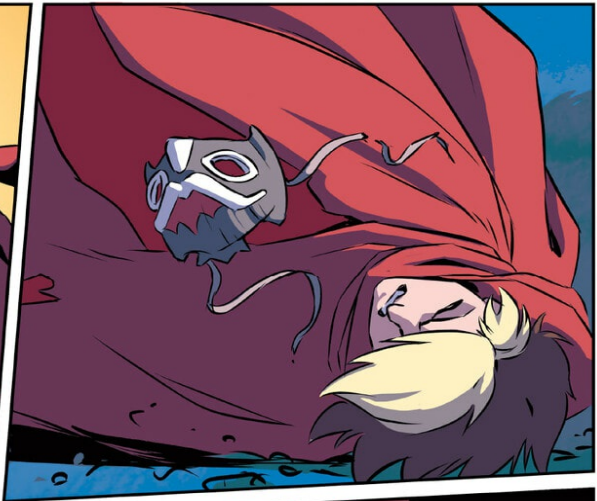


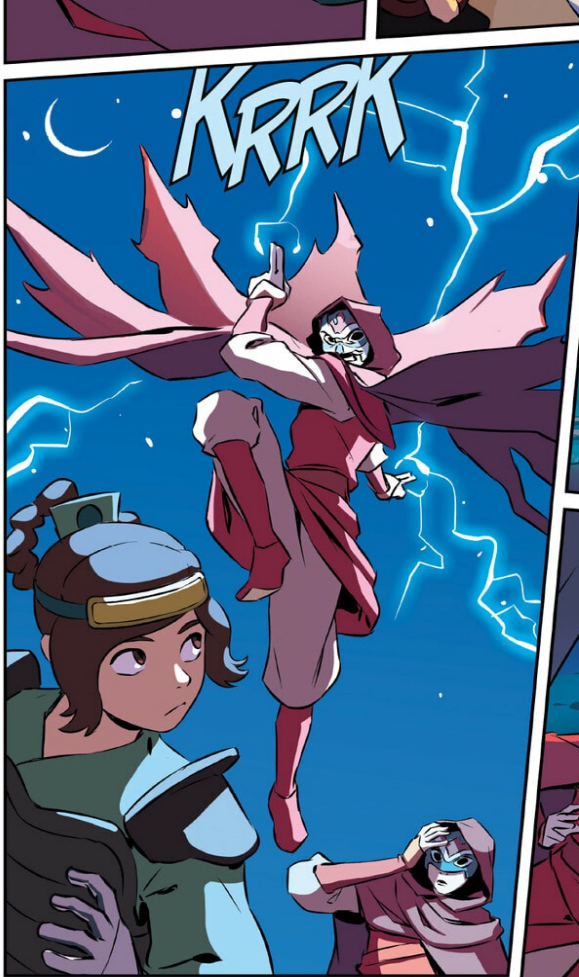
DRINK UP.
I HAVE A FEELING
WE MIGHT BE NEEDING
OUR AURAS FORTIFIED
TONIGHT.













LATER-



WE NEED A PLAN TO RESCUE CHIYOU!

WHERE WOULD THEY TAKE HER? A PRISON? WOULD THEY SEND HER BACK TO THE INSTITUTION WE BROKE OUT OF?



AZULA, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?? THEY'VE GOT CHIYOU!

WE'RE NOT GOING BACK FOR HER.



BUT WE HAVE TO! SHE'S ONE OF US! A FIRE WARRIOR.

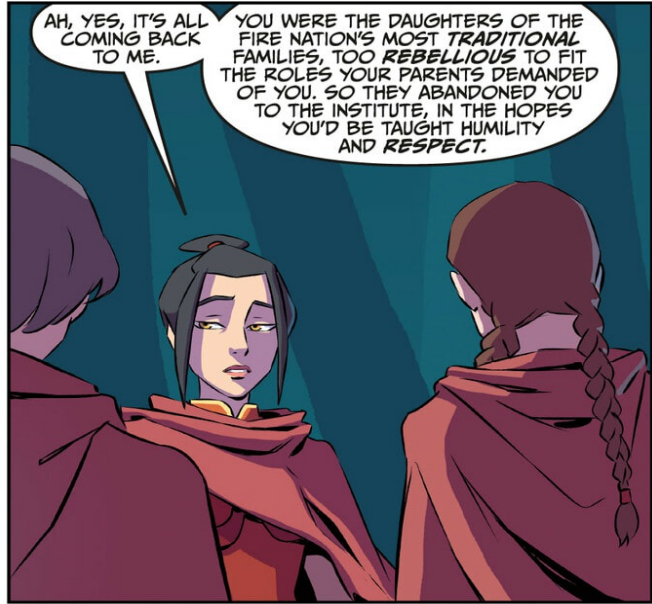
AND AS A FIRE WARRIOR, SHE SHOULD ACCEPT THAT SOMETIMES THERE ARE CASUALTIES OF WAR.





ZIRIN, PLEASE REMIND ME: WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I FOUND YOU?

THE INSTITUTION.



AH, YES, IT'S ALL COMING BACK TO ME.

YOU WERE THE DAUGHTERS OF THE FIRE NATION'S MOST **TRADITIONAL** FAMILIES, TOO **REBELLIOUS** TO FIT THE ROLES YOUR PARENTS DEMANDED OF YOU. SO THEY ABANDONED YOU TO THE INSTITUTE, IN THE HOPES YOU'D BE TAUGHT HUMILITY AND **RESPECT**.



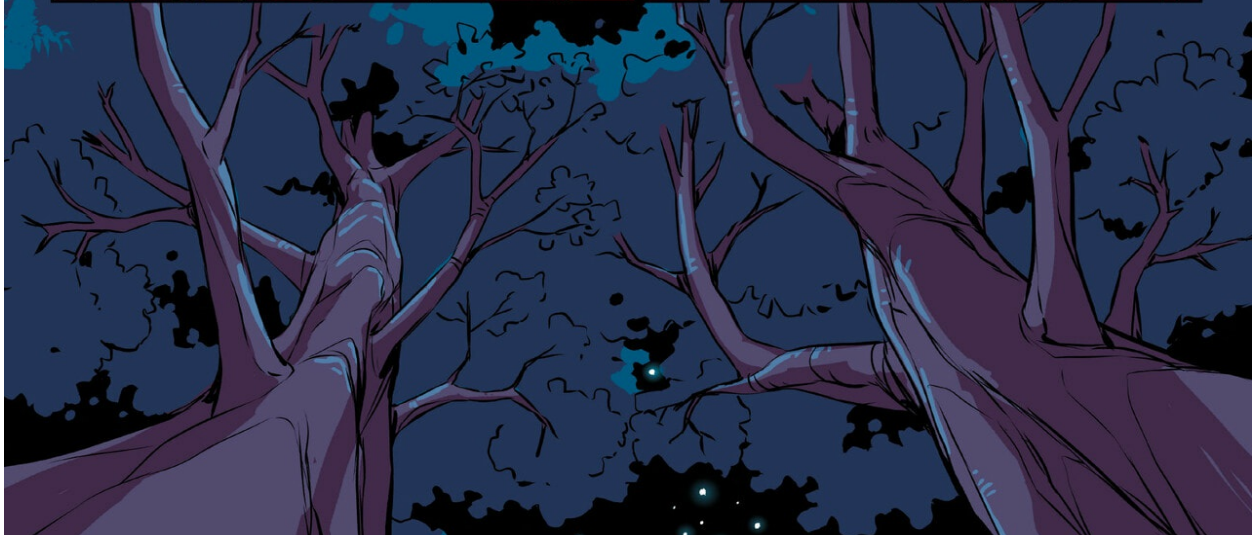
I **FREED** YOU. ALL OF YOU! YOU WERE **NOTHING**, LITTLE SCRAPS OF HUMANITY DRIFTING DOWN THE RIVER OF LIFE. I GAVE YOU **PURPOSE**.

A PLACE TO **BELONG**.



NOW YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU WANT TO THROW AWAY WHAT WE'VE BUILT TOGETHER?













I'LL FIND THEM, THE TRAITORS!



HOW DARE THEY THINK THEY CAN TURN THEIR BACKS ON ME! I'LL HUNT THEM DOWN.

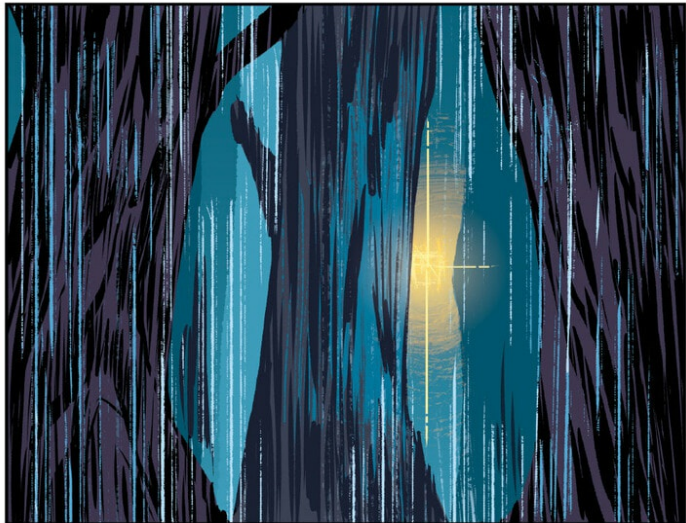


I GAVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THE FUTURE OF THE FIRE NATION! TO MAKE MY DEAR BROTHER ZUZU INTO A FIRE LORD WORTHY OF THE THRONE.



HOW COULD THEY BE SO UNGRATEFUL! I'LL MAKE THEM PAY.







I NEVER
KNEW THERE
WERE ANY FIRE
SAGE TEMPLES
OUT HERE ...



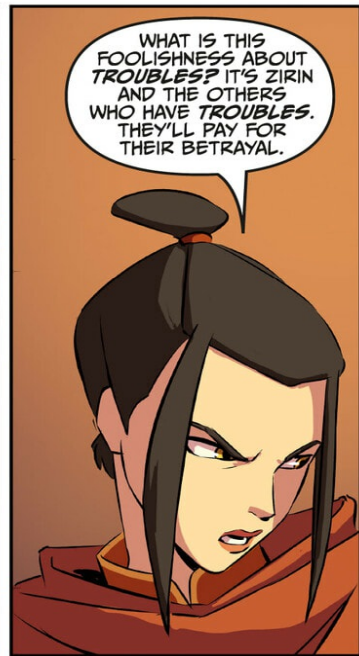




THOSE WHO NEED THIS PLACE HAVE NO PROBLEM FINDING IT.

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH GREAT TROUBLES OF LATE, AND ARE IN NEED OF HELP.

WHAT NONSENSE. I'M JUST IN NEED OF A MEAL AND WARM BED FOR THE NIGHT, THAT'S ALL.



WHAT IS THIS FOOLISHNESS ABOUT TROUBLES? IT'S ZIRIN AND THE OTHERS WHO HAVE TROUBLES. THEY'LL PAY FOR THEIR BETRAYAL.

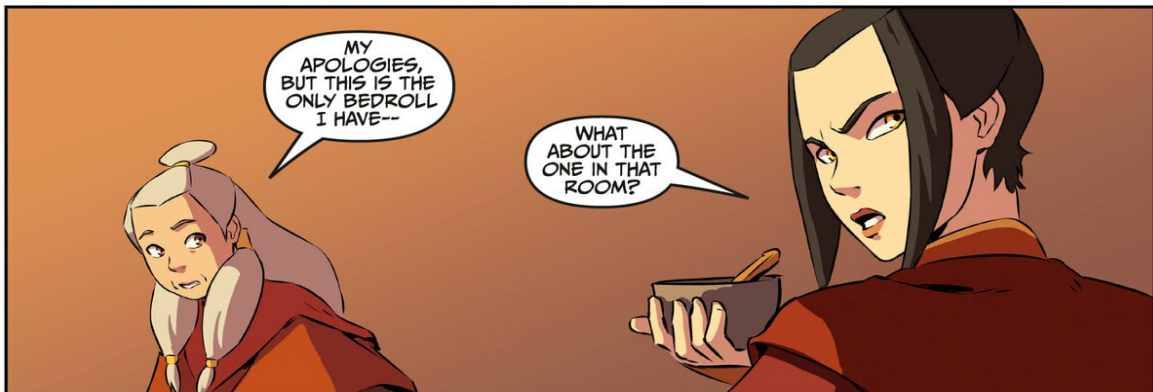


PLEASE, STAY THE NIGHT. YOU CAN CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY IN THE MORNING.



YOU WILL HAVE GOOD DREAMS IN THIS PLACE OF SACRED REST.

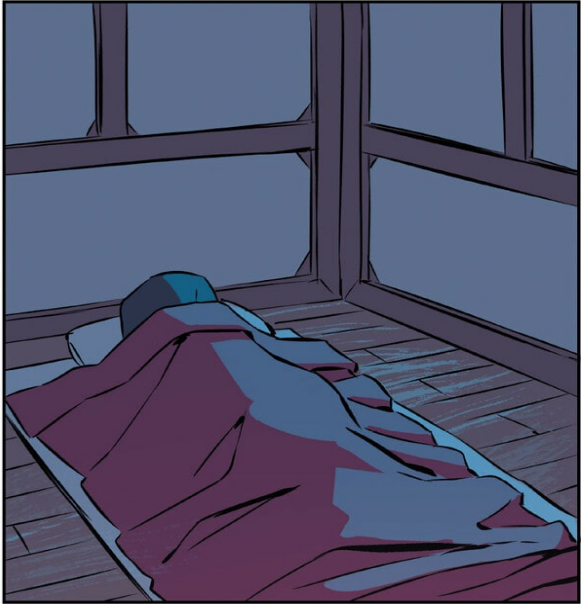
YOU EXPECT ME TO SLEEP ON THE FLOOR LIKE A STRAY DOG?



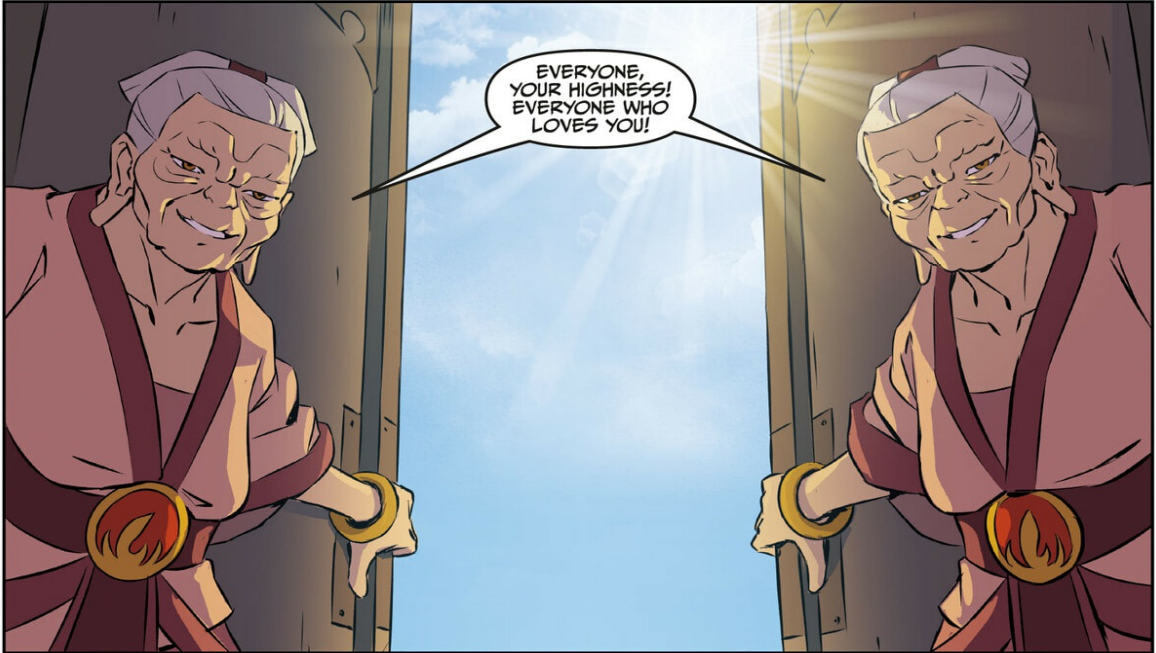
MY APOLOGIES, BUT THIS IS THE ONLY BEDROLL I HAVE--

WHAT ABOUT THE ONE IN THAT ROOM?











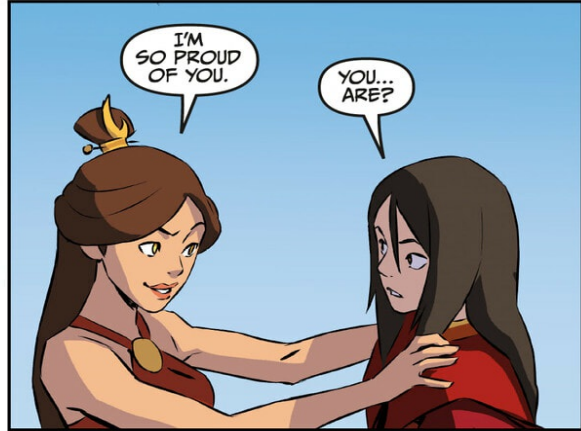
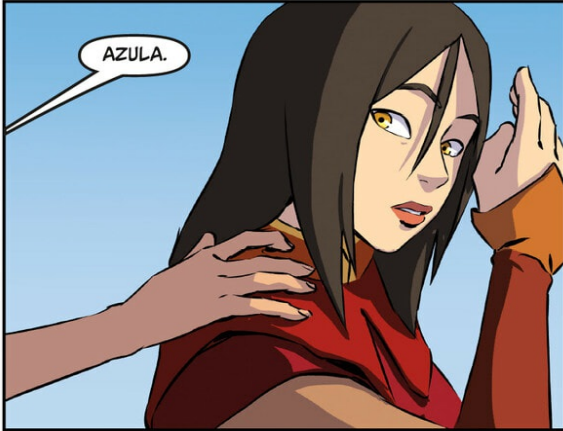
AZULA!
MY FAVORITE
CHILD!

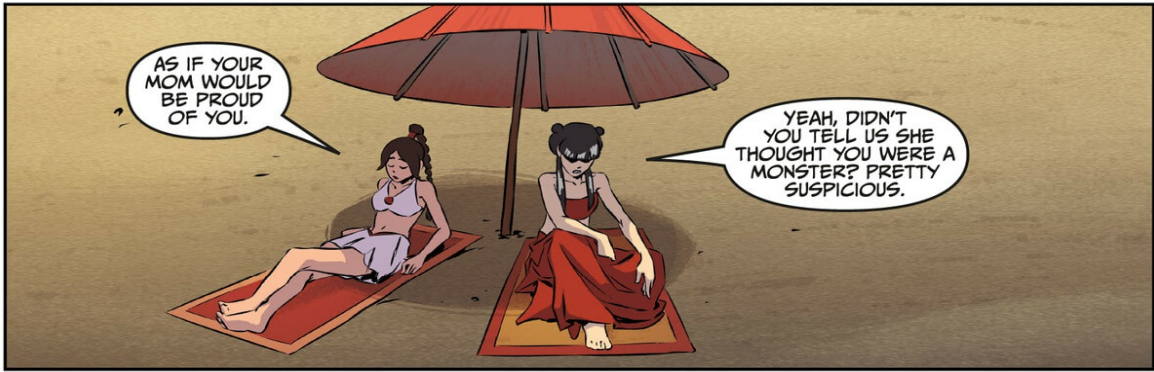
CONQUEROR
OF BA SING SE!

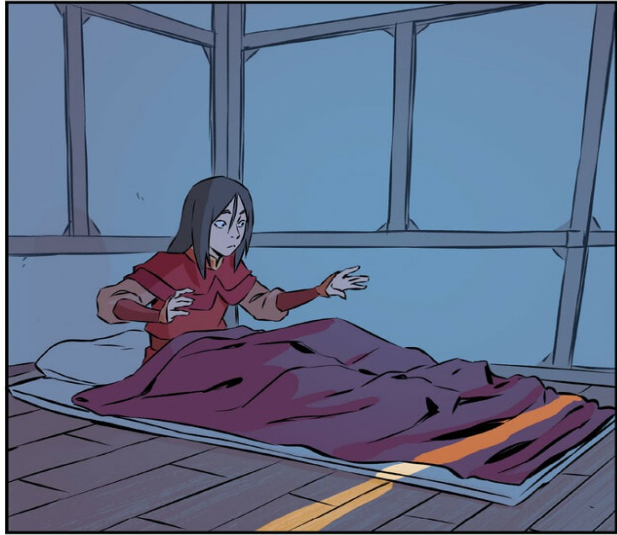
YOU KILLED
THE AVATAR, SINGLE
HANDEDLY ENDING
THE HUNDRED
YEAR WAR!

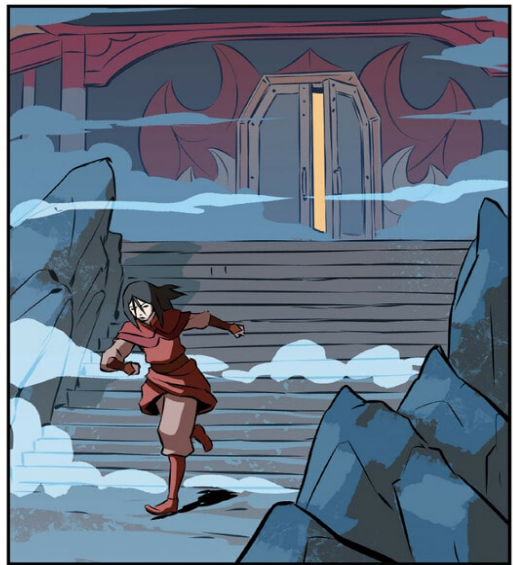
YOU WERE
NAMED FIRE LORD
AFTER YOUR FATHER
ASCENDED TO
PHOENIX KING.

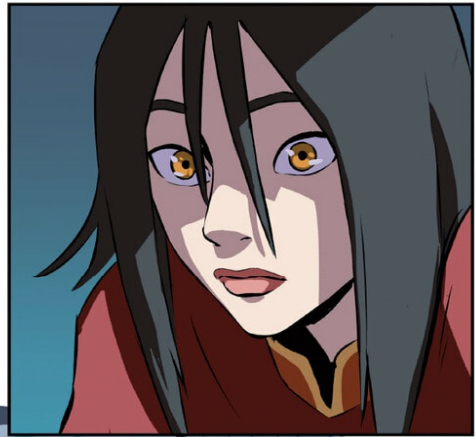
YOUR HAIR
IS AMAZING AND
YOU SMELL
GREAT!



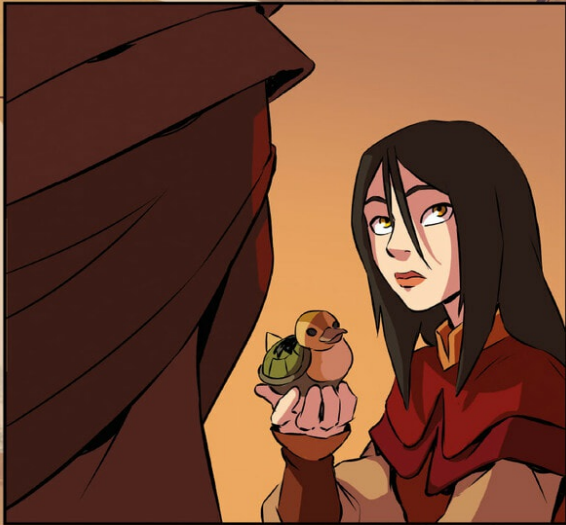




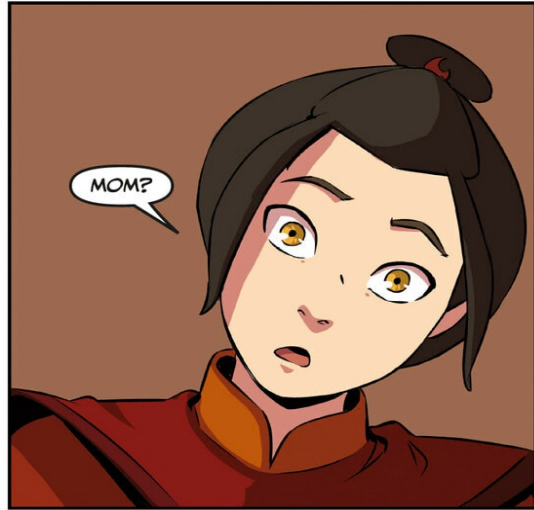
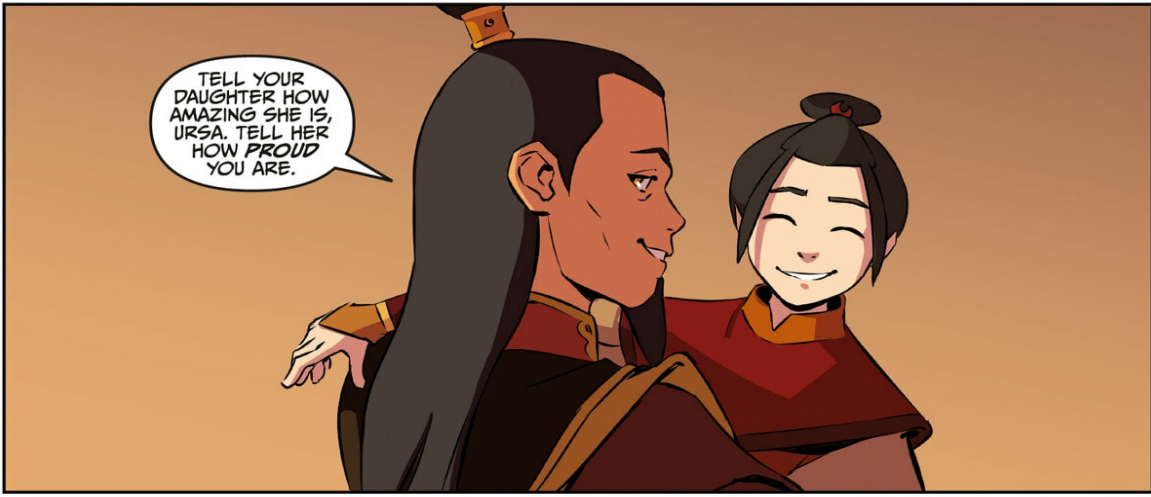


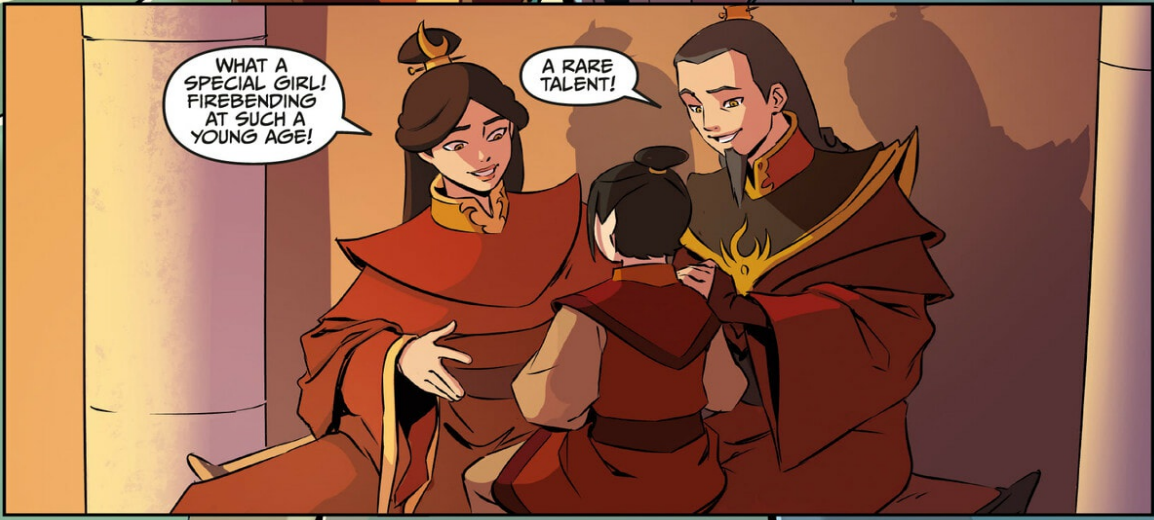


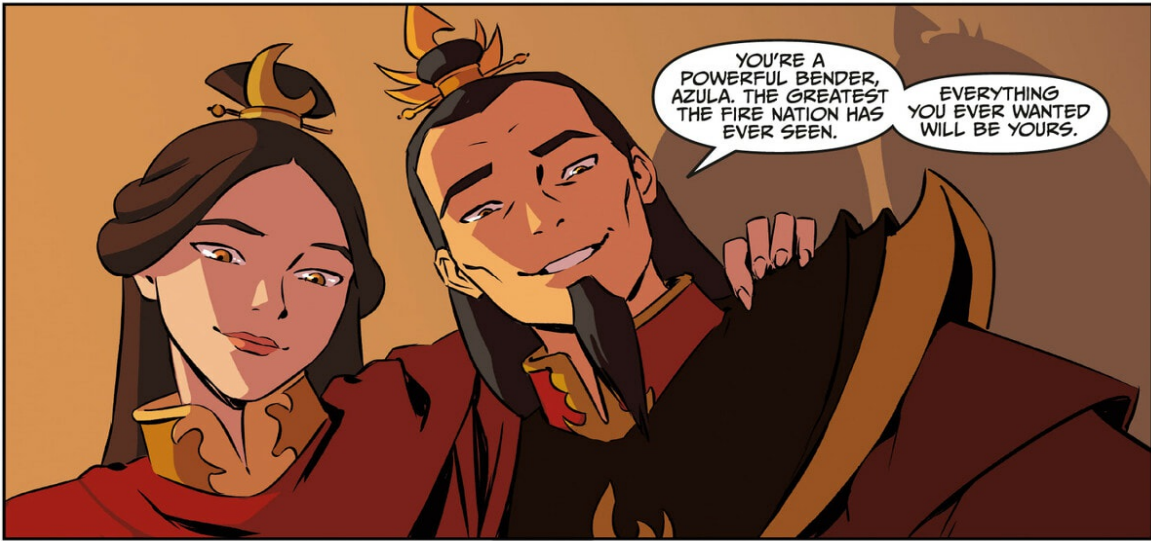


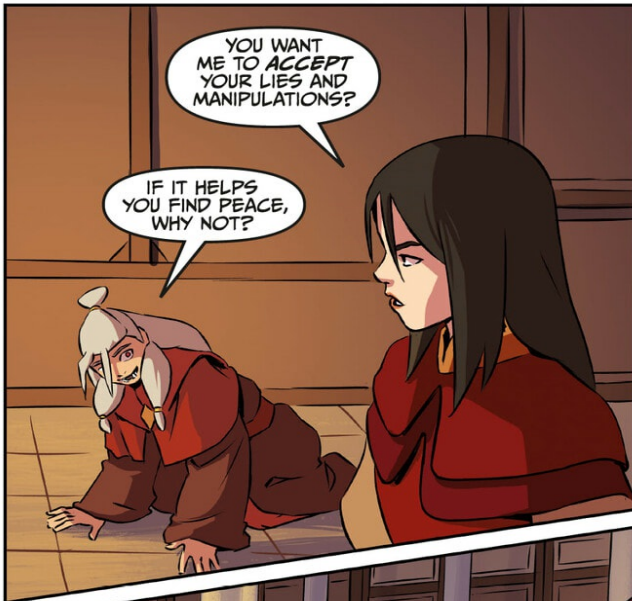














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I DON'T NEED ANYTHING FROM MY FAMILY! THEY'RE TRAITORS, ALL OF THEM! EXCEPT MY FATHER.

NOW HE'S A PATHETIC SHADOW OF HIS FORMER SELF! HIS BENDING IS GONE, TAKEN BY THE AVATAR!



I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT WITH ANY CLAIM TO THE FIRE NATION THRONE!



THE LAST TRUE FIRE LORD.

YES! I WILL HAVE WHAT'S OWED TO ME!



DON'T FRET, LITTLE FIRE LORD. I HAVE A FEELING YOU'LL GET WHAT'S COMING TO YOU.



BAM BAM BAM

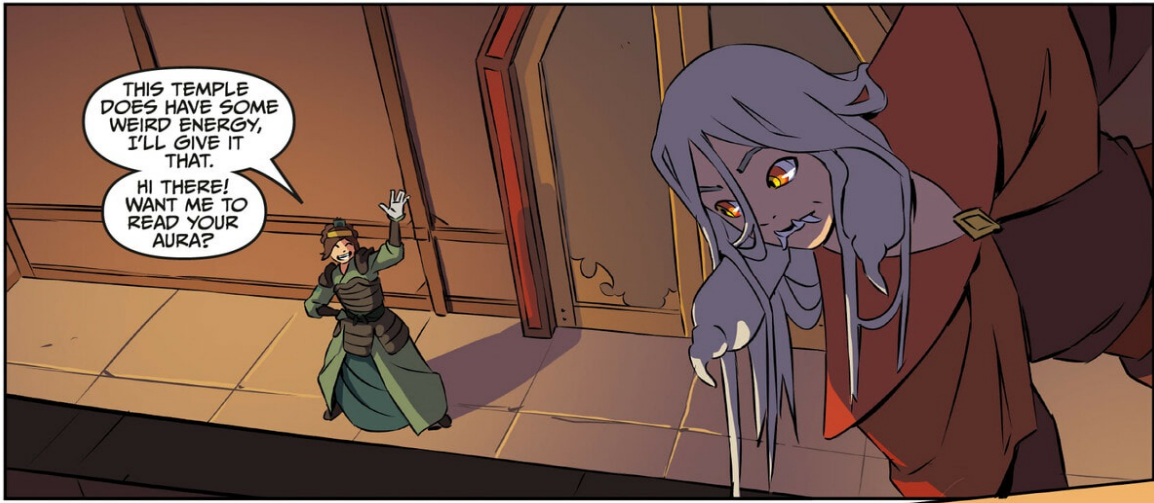


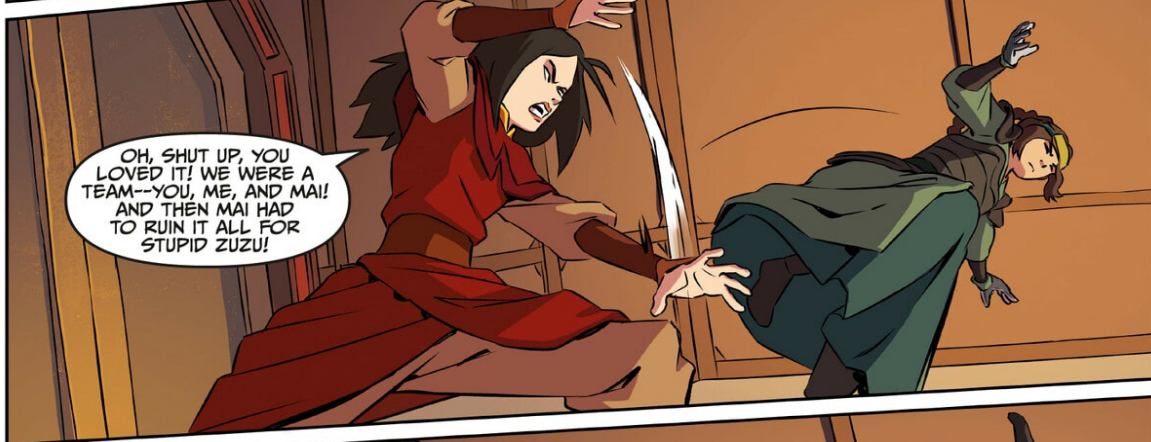
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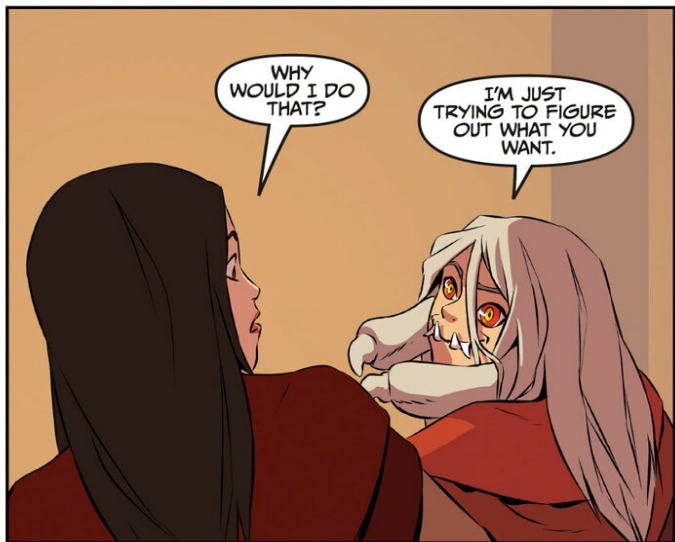
OH, HI AZULA.

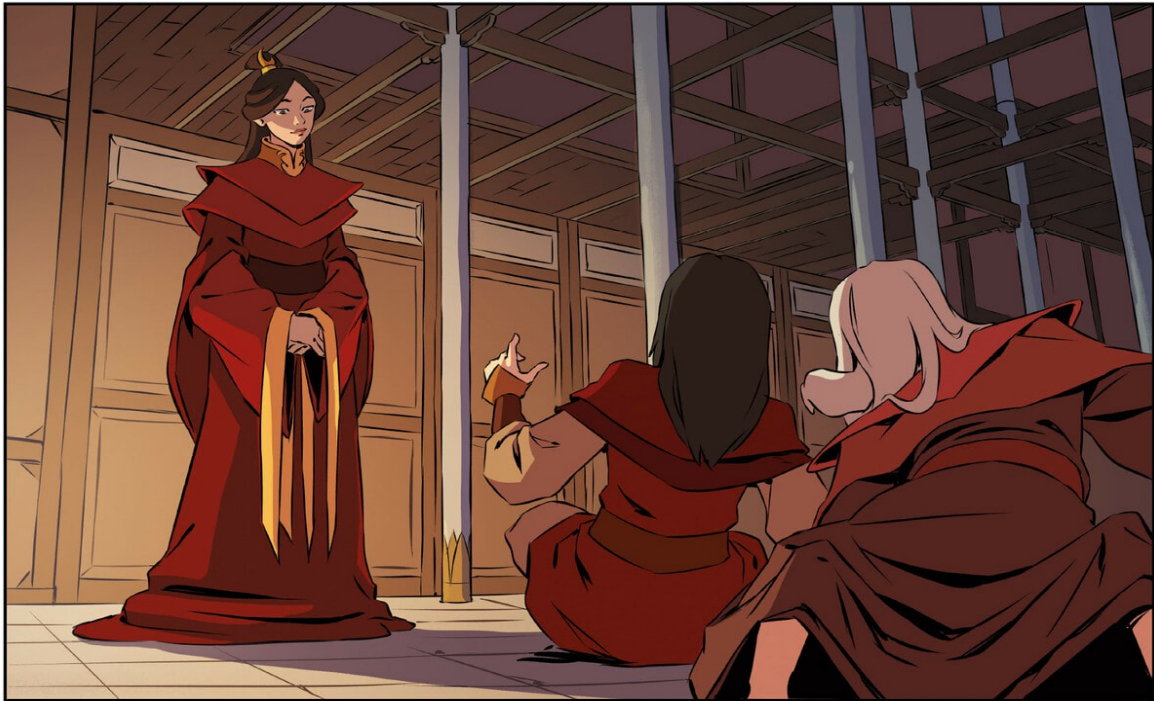
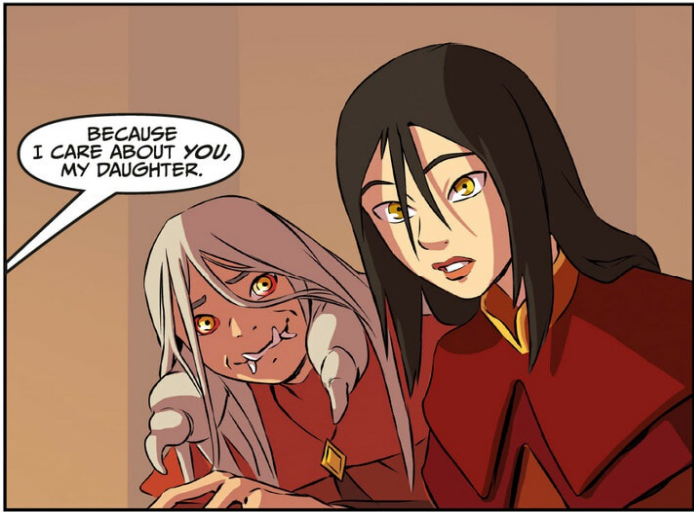


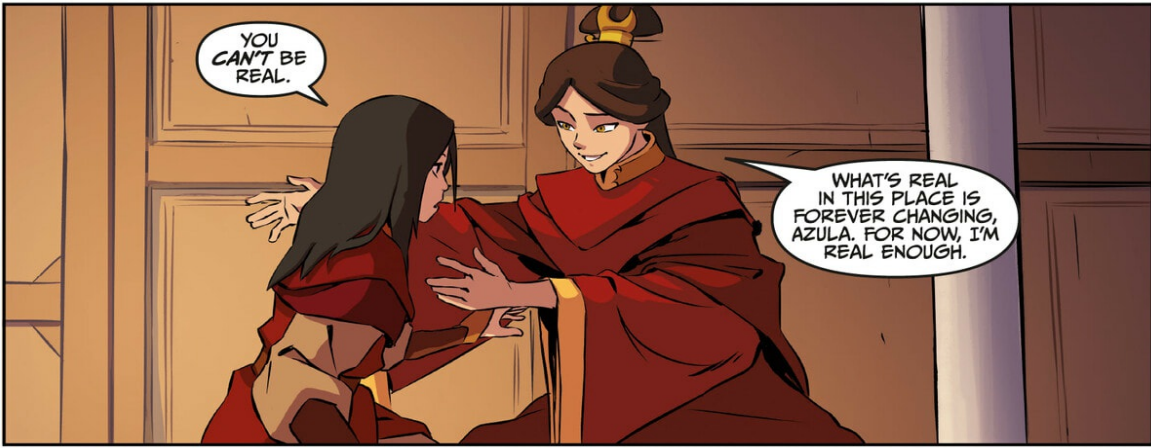


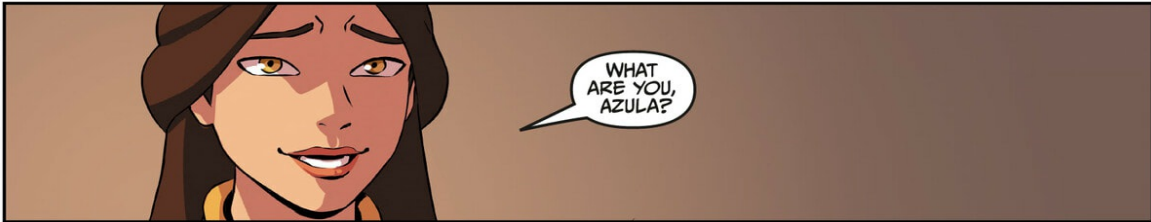




















HOW DARE YOU--



TY LEE??

WHO ELSE WOULD I BE?



STOP THIS RIGHT NOW! LET ME SEE WHAT'S REAL!



I'M REAL, AZULA.

RO!

YOU'RE NOT! I KNEW IT WAS UTTER NONSENSE, YOU TRACKING ME THROUGH THE FOREST! I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT FOR A SECOND!



YOU BELIEVE A LOT OF NONSENSE. LIKE THAT WE WERE ACTUALLY FRIENDS, DESPITE YOU THREATENING MY LIFE TO FORCE ME TO JOIN YOUR AVATAR HUNT.

WHAT LIFE?? YOU WERE A NOBODY CIRCUS FREAK WHEN I FOUND YOU! BOTH YOU AND MAI, COMPLETE LOSERS.



HAPPY LOSERS, THOUGH. I LOVED THAT CIRCUS.

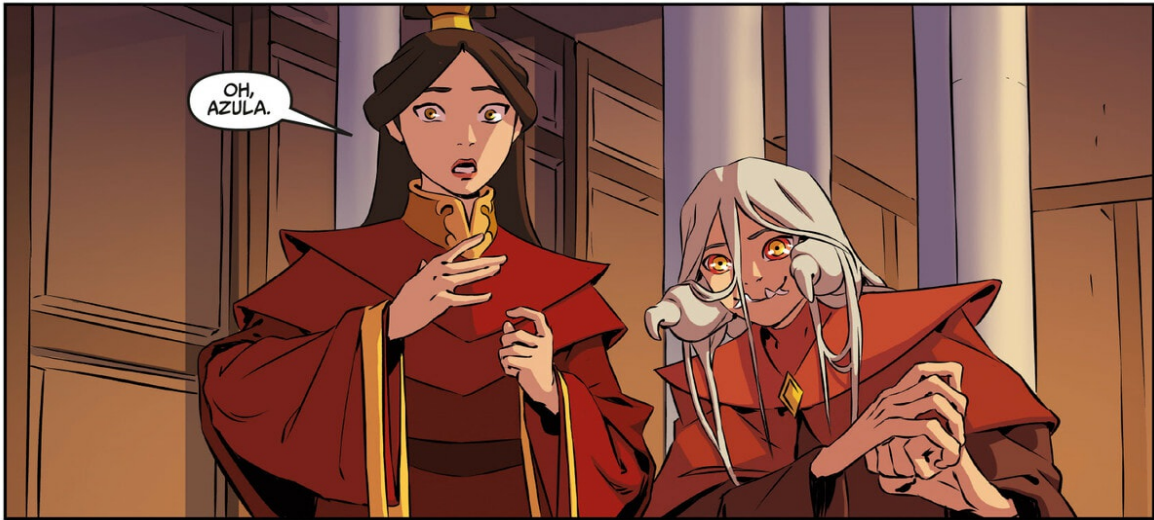
I GAVE YOU THE CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING IMPORTANT INSTEAD OF WASTING YOUR DAYS PERFORMING FOR CROWDS OF PEASANTS.



AND NOW LOOK AT YOU--ONCE YOU HAD THE EAR OF FIRE NATION ROYALTY. NOW YOU'RE RUNNING ERRANDS FOR A PATHETIC GROUP OF FAN DANCERS.



YOU'RE LESS THAN NOTHING.



OH, AZULA.



UGH, NOT AGAIN. THIS IS GETTING OLD.

THAT'S WHAT'S SO SAD ABOUT YOU, AZULA.



YOUR TRICKERY WON'T WORK ON ME, SPIRIT.

YOU TELL THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU THAT THEY'RE NOTHING WITHOUT YOU... THAT THEY CAN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT YOU.



WELL, THEY CAN'T!



DON'T TRY TO FOOL YOURSELF, AZULA.

OH, NOW YOU'VE DECIDED TO BE ZUKO? WHAT NEXT, UNCLE IROH?



YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH PEOPLE TO MANIPULATE AND HARM BECAUSE YOU CAN'T STAND THE IDEA OF FACING THE WORLD ALONE.



BEING ALONE WOULD MEAN YOU'D HAVE TO DEAL WITH ALL THE HORRIBLE THINGS YOU'VE DONE. THE WAY YOU'VE HURT THE PEOPLE WHO CARED FOR YOU.

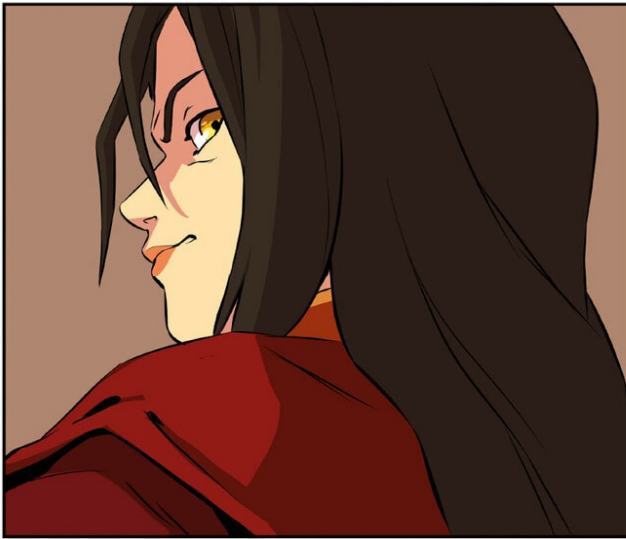






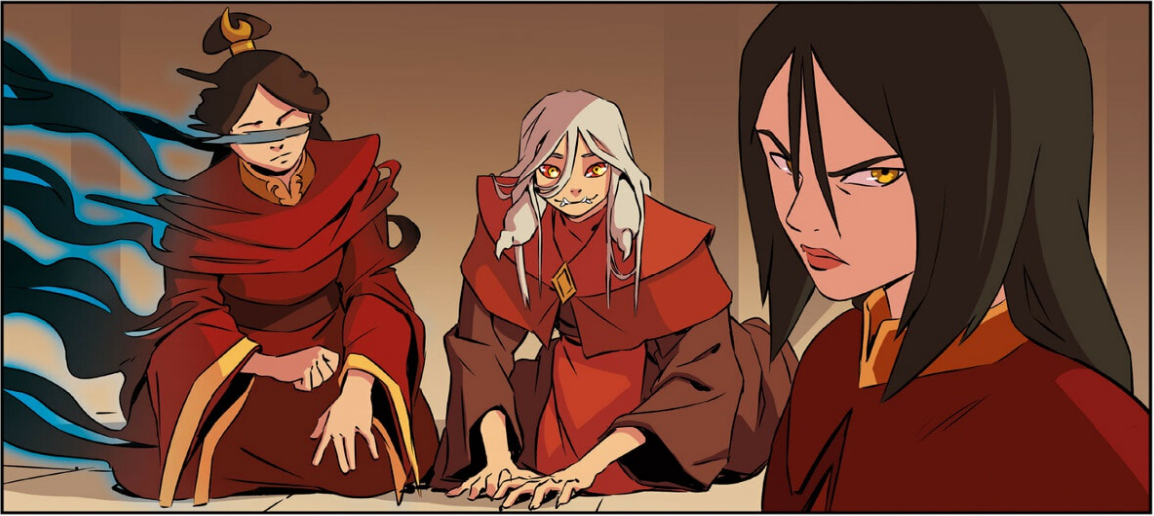


AZULA,
WHAT DID
YOU DO?



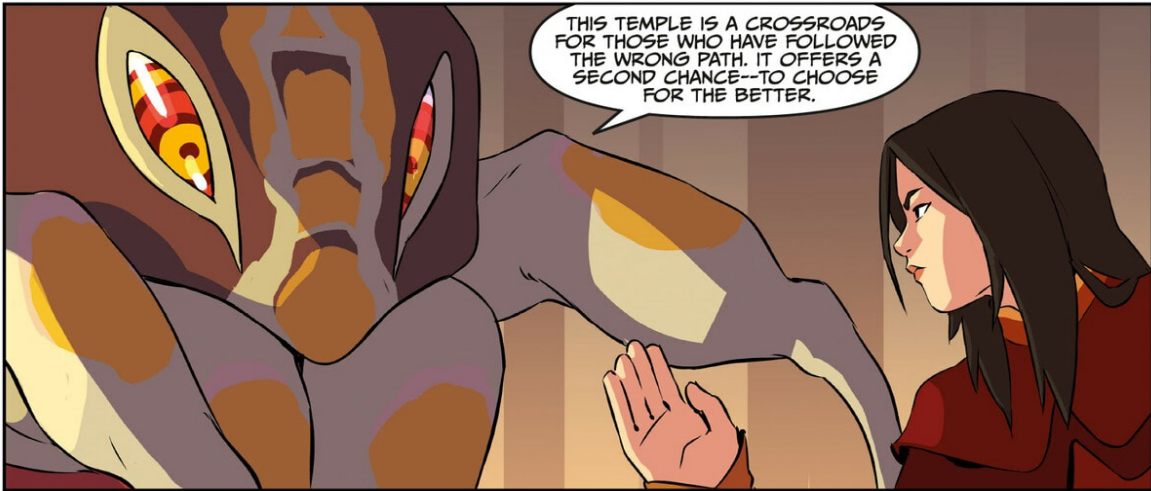


VERY WELL, LITTLE "FIRE LORD."





MY MANIFESTATIONS DID NOT LIE: THIS IS A SACRED PLACE OF PEACE AND REST, SHOULD YOU WISH FOR THOSE THINGS.



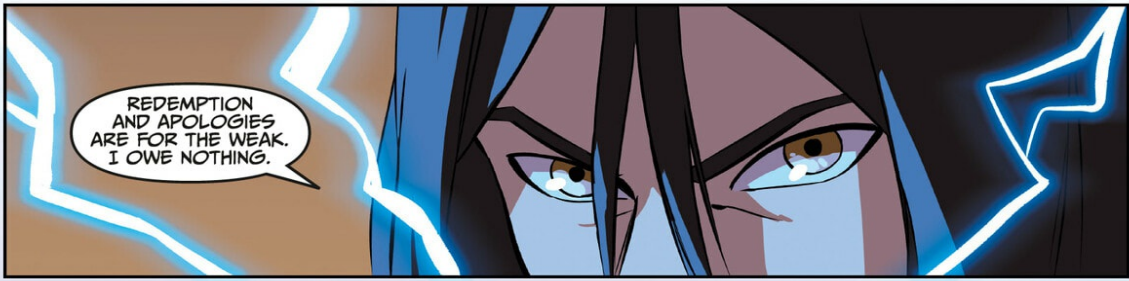
THIS TEMPLE IS A CROSSROADS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FOLLOWED THE WRONG PATH. IT OFFERS A SECOND CHANCE--TO CHOOSE FOR THE BETTER.



YOU, LITTLE FIRE LORD, WERE OFFERED REDEMPTION AND FORGIVENESS, BUT YOU REJECTED WHAT WE HAD TO GIVE YOU.
I TAKE MANY FORMS, AND IT IS YOUR CRUELTY AND DESIRE FOR VENGEANCE THAT HAS SHAPED ME INTO THIS: A MIRROR OF YOUR OWN INNER SELF.



A MONSTER.

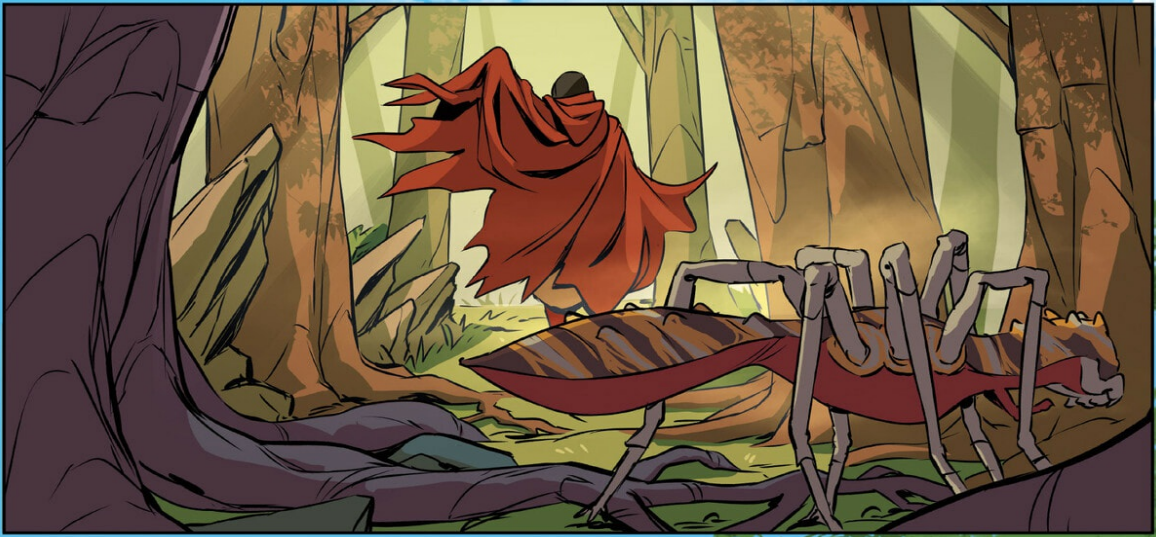


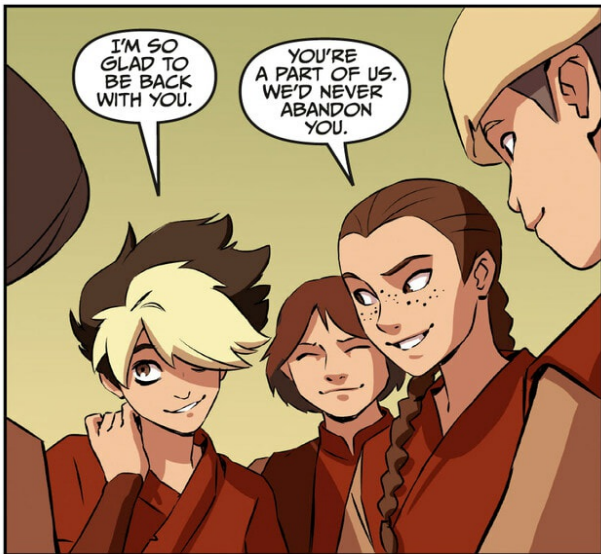


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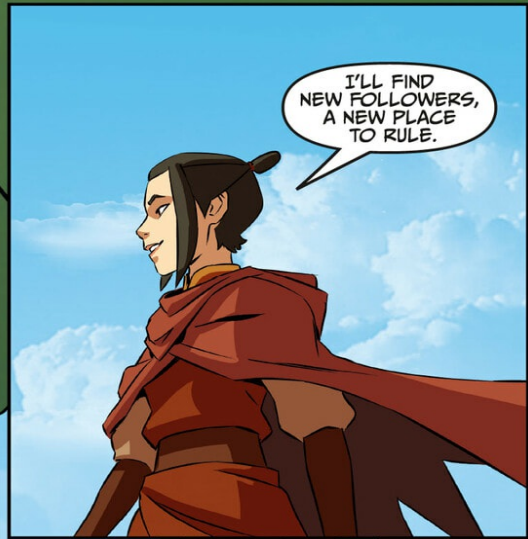
















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