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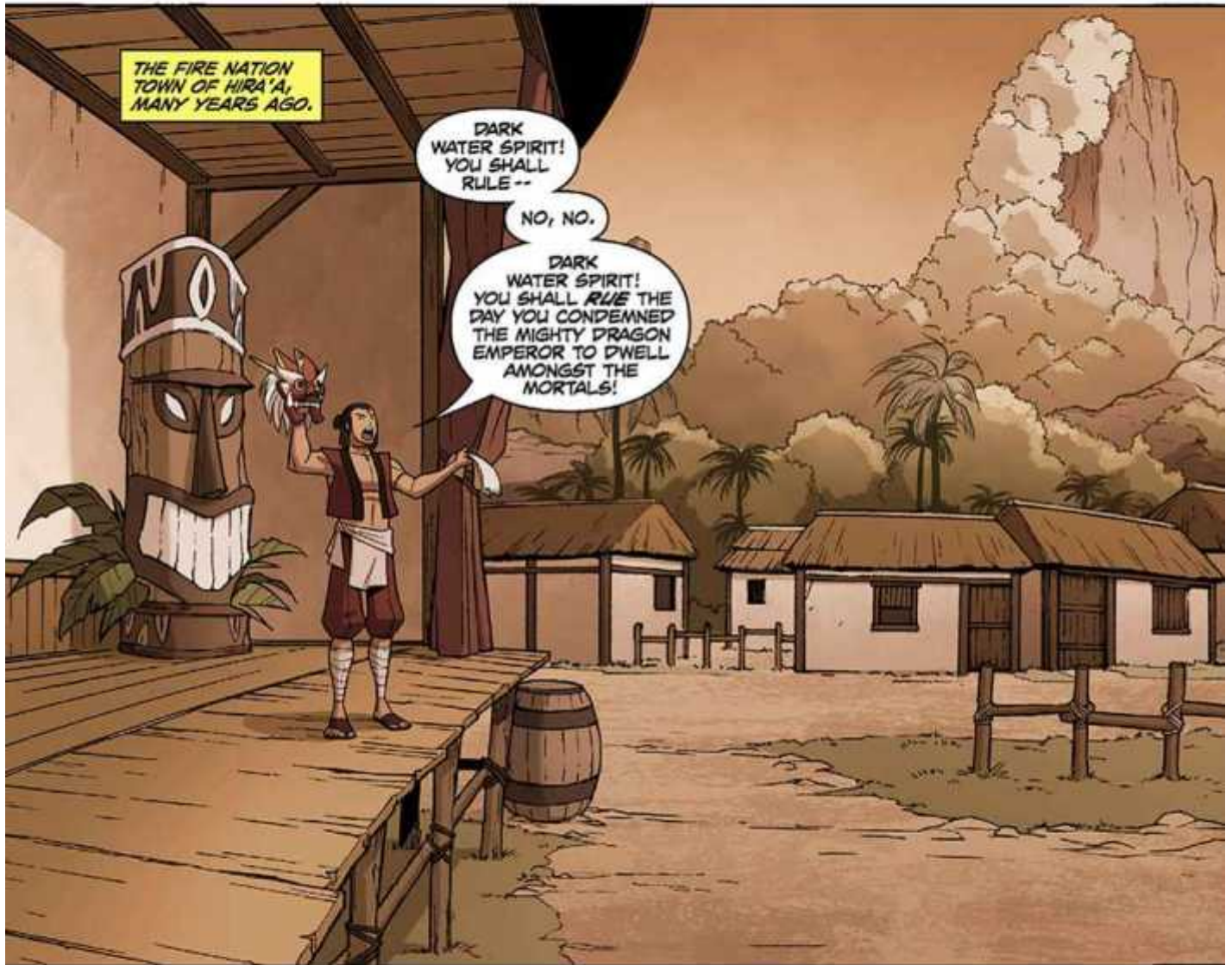
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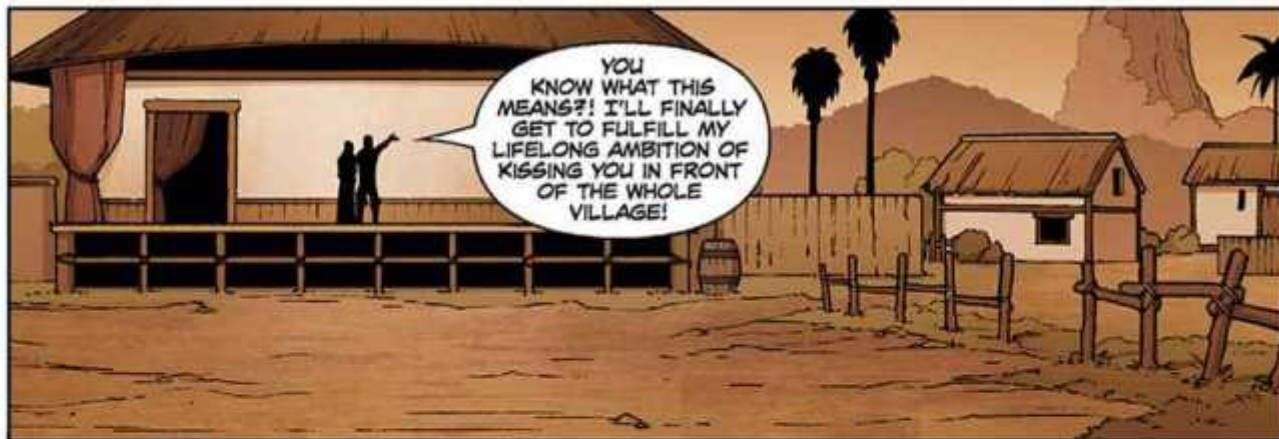
"EVERYTHING?"

"EVERYTHING."

"FOR YOU, MY DEAR, I'LL
START FROM THE BEGINNING..."

















PROFESSOR,
CAN YOU REPEAT THAT
LAST PART?



SISH:
A TEENAGER,
IS A TEENAGER,
APPARENTLY, EVEN
IF HE'S A HEAD
OF STATE.



I WAS
EXPLAINING,
FIRE LORD ZUKO,
AN ANCIENT
EARTH KINGDOM
PHILOSOPHY:

*FAMILY IS
IN ESSENCE A
SMALL NATION,
AND THE NATION
A LARGE
FAMILY.*

DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?



IN
TREATING HIS
OWN *FAMILY*
WITH
DIGNITY, A RULER
LEARNS TO GOVERN
HIS *NATION*
WITH
DIGNITY.







DAUGHTER, SHOW OUR GUESTS THE PROPER RESPECT.



FIRE LORD AZULON!

URSA, IS IT? RISE AND LET US HAVE A LOOK AT YOU.



MAGISTRATE JINZUK, YOUR WIFE HAS RAISED A DAUGHTER EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN HER FLOWERS!

WE'VE HAD SUCH TROUBLE FINDING AVATAR ROKU'S DESCENDANTS. IT'S AS IF HE WANTED TO KEEP YOU HIDDEN FROM US!



BUT NOW, CLEARLY, THE EFFORT WAS WORTHWHILE. THE FIRE SAGES TELL ME THAT THE PAIRING OF THE AVATAR'S GRANDDAUGHTER WITH MY OWN SON WILL YIELD A BLOODLINE OF GREAT POWER, ONE THAT WOULD HELP ENSURE MY FAMILY'S RULE FOR CENTURIES AFTER I AM GONE.



URSA, MAY I INTRODUCE YOU TO FIRE PRINCE OZAI, MY SECOND SON.

HE HAS A PROPOSAL FOR YOU.



THE YU
DAO SUMMIT
SEEMS TO HAVE
DONE YOU SOME
GOOD. YOU'RE
MORE UPBEAT
THAN --

-- MY
USUAL,
DOUR
SELF?

I DIDN'T
SAY THAT. I'M
-- WE'RE GLAD
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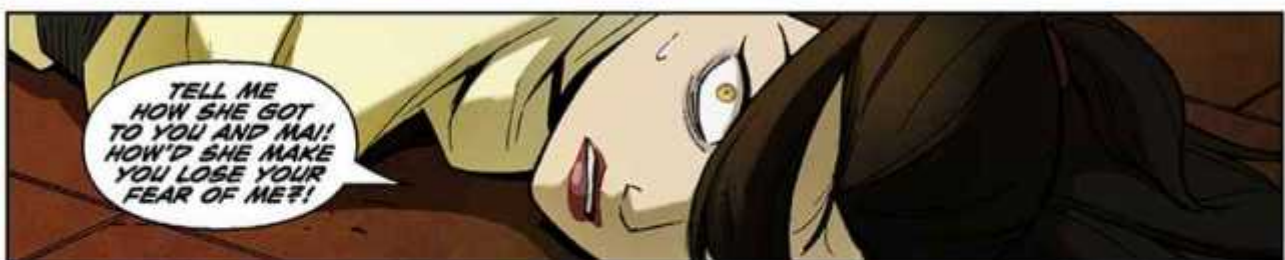
THAT
SOUNDS
EXCITING!

IT SOUNDS
IDEALISTIC--



-- BUT MAYBE
THE WORLD COULD
USE A LITTLE MORE
IDEALISM.







YOU AND FATHER ARE MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER A YEAR, AND I KNOW THESE AREN'T THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

I THOUGHT THE TEA MIGHT LEND A LITTLE... *DIGNITY.*



YOU WANT DIGNITY? LET FATHER AND ME TALK TO ONE ANOTHER LIKE TWO HUMAN BEINGS.

IN PRIVATE.



...

FINE.



WE'LL GIVE THEM HALF AN HOUR.

YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

ONE IS CHI BLOCKED AND THE OTHER HAS COMPLETELY LOST HIS FIREBENDING. THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT TALK.



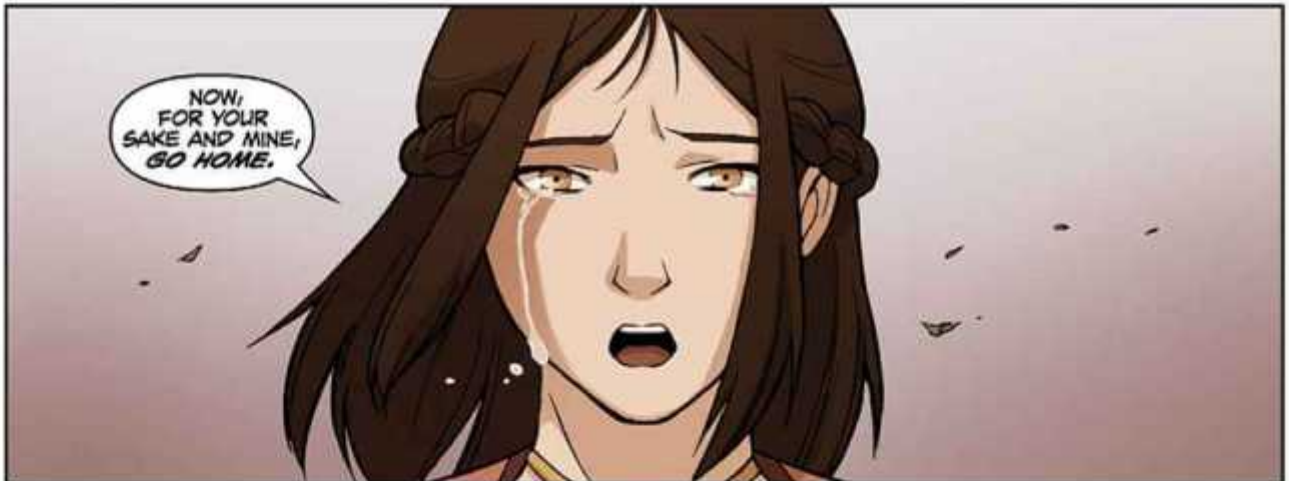
LIKE IT OR NOT, AZULA IS MY BEST CHANCE OF FINDING MY MOTHER.

SHE'S WRONG, YOU KNOW. I NEVER LOST MY FEAR OF HER.











I'VE ASKED THE PALACE STAFF TO PREPARE YOUR OLD ROOM. I'D LIKE YOU TO STAY THERE INSTEAD OF THE INSTITUTION.

YOU'LL BE GUARDED EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY, OF COURSE, BUT IT'LL BE MORE COMFORTABLE FOR YOU.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CHI BLOCKED, ZUZU?

NO.

FUNNY THING, ALL YOUR JOINTS GO SOFT, LIKE THEY'RE MADE OF MELTED WAX.

THEN, FOR JUST A FEW MOMENTS AS YOUR STRENGTH RETURNS, YOU FIND YOURSELF MORE FLEXIBLE THAN YOU EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE!















THEY'RE
HERE, JUST
LIKE FATHER
SAID!

HE
OVERCAME
HER CONTROL
LONG ENOUGH
TO GIVE ME
THE TRUTH!

WHAT
IS THIS
PLACE?



ONE
OF FATHER'S
MANY SECRET
CHAMBERS.

YOU REALLY
SHOULD HAVE COME
EXPLORING WITH ME
WHEN WE WERE LITTLE,
ZUZU. BUT YOUR FEAR
ALWAYS HELD YOU
BACK.



GIVE ME
WHAT YOU'RE
HOLDING.

WHAT,
THESE? THEY'RE
MANY YEARS' WORTH
OF LETTERS THAT
SHE WROTE...



...AND
THEY'RE
THE KEY TO
FINDING
HER!

COME
HAVE A
LOOK!











I RECENTLY OBTAINED SOME NEW INFORMATION ABOUT *URSA*, MY MOTHER. IT TURNS OUT SHE'S FROM A SMALL TOWN CALLED HIRA'A ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE FIRE NATION.

I'M GOING THERE TO LOOK FOR HER.



UNCLE IROH'S AGREED TO WATCH OVER THINGS HERE WHILE I'M GONE.

MAY YOU FIND WHO -- AND WHAT -- YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR, MY NEPHEW.



THAT'S GREAT, ZUKO! BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE GOT EVERYTHING COVERED...

...SO WHY DO YOU NEED US?



THE INFORMATION ABOUT MY MOTHER CAME AT A *COST*. YOU SEE --



ZUKO, BEHIND YOU!



HOW DID YOU ESCAPE, AZULA?!

KATARA, WAIT!



STAY BACK! WE DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU!

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, AANG!



HA HA! IGNORANT PEASANT! YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN TAKE ME ON WITH A BOOMERANG?

LET'S FIND OUT!



SOKKA, STOP! LET ZUKO EXPLAIN!

SUKI!



AZULA WAS THE ONE WHO GOT THE INFORMATION FROM OZAI. BECAUSE SHE HELPED ME OUT, WE MADE A DEAL. SHE'S GOING TO COME WITH ME TO LOOK FOR OUR MOTHER.

AND SHE'S GOING TO TRAVEL *UNBOUND*. WITH *DISINITY*.





GOOD MORNING, AZULA! BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A TRIP, ISN'T IT?



HMPH. BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU PUT MY LUGGAGE UP ON THAT SHAGGY BEAST OF YOURS!

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO MEAN ALL THE TIME?

APPA HAS FEELINGS, TOO!



GRRR!

I KNOW, BUDDY. IT'LL ONLY BE FOR A LITTLE WHILE.



I STILL DON'T LIKE IT, ZUKO.

WE'LL NEED TO TAKE TURNS KEEPING AN EYE ON HER. EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY, AT LEAST ONE OF US HAS TO BE TOTALLY FOCUSED ON AZULA.

























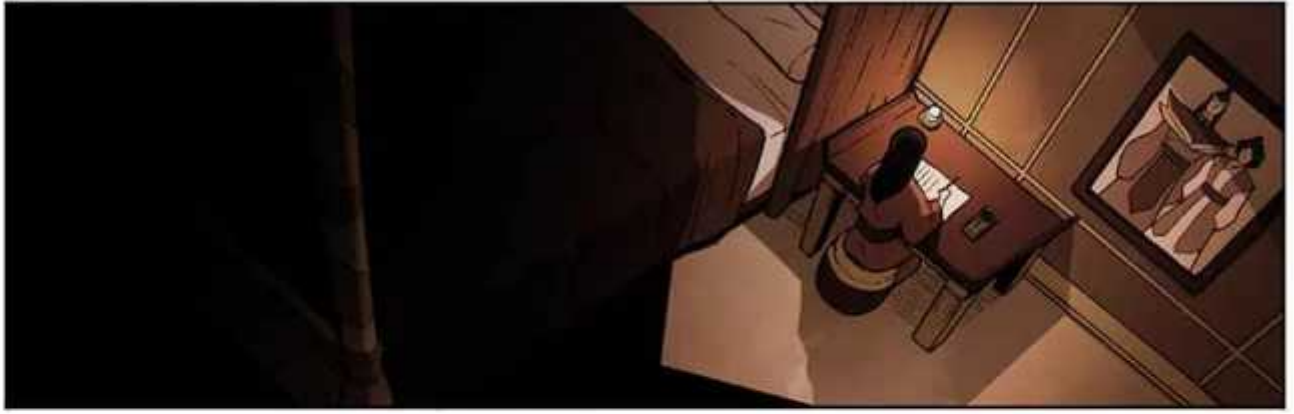




!GASP!



HEY.. THAT FEAR IN YOUR EYES... SO YOU'VE FINALLY LEARNED TO RESPECT THE POWER OF MR. BOOMERANG!







EVERYTHING WAS ON FIRE! MY TOYS, MY BED, MY WHOLE ROOM! AND AZULA JUST STOOD RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE, LAUGHING AT ME!

IT WAS ONLY A NIGHTMARE, ZUKO. AZULA'S BEEN ASLEEP IN HER ROOM, SEE?



CLOSE YOUR EYES, MY LOVE.



WHEN THE GOOD DREAMS COME, HANG ONTO THEM WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT.













THE WOLF SPIRIT MUST'VE LEFT THE SPIRIT WORLD FOR A GOOD REASON! SO PLEASE, EVERYBODY, BE RESPECTFUL!

THOSE MARKINGS ON ITS BELLY... THEY SORT OF LOOK LIKE A FACE...

RESPECTFUL?! YOUR SPIRIT JUST TRIED TO EAT MY HEAD!

GROOF!



GRRRR!

AANG, LOOK! THAT'S THE FACE YOU'VE BEEN MAKING!

YOU'RE RIGHT... I THINK I GET IT NOW!



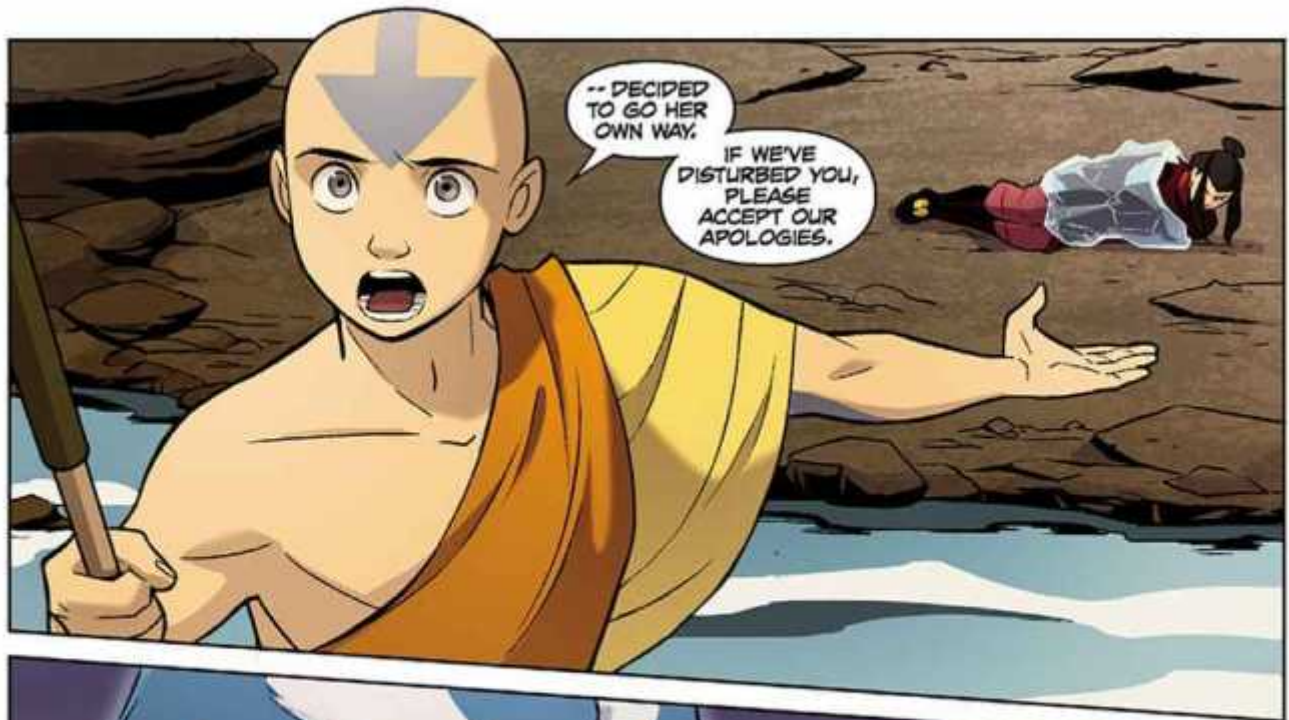
STOP, BIG GIANT WOLF SPIRIT! LISTEN TO ME!

I FELT YOUR PRESENCE EARLIER, SEE? JUST LIKE THE DESIGN ON YOUR FUR!

I KNEW YOU WERE NEAR BECAUSE I'M THE AVATAR, THE GREAT BRIDGE BETWEEN THE SPIRITS AND THE HUMANS! MY FRIENDS AND I WERE TRAVELING TO THE TOWN OF HIRA'A WHEN ONE OF US --

GROOAR!

SHING!





Whoop!

Shooof



TANG

GRUNCH

KANG



BURP

DID THAT WOLF SPIRIT... JUST EAT MY FIRE?!

AND BURPED! IT ATE YOUR FIRE AND BURPED AT YOU!



GROAR!

COME ON, WOLF SPIRIT! I'M GREAT BRIDGE GUY! YOU DON'T WANNA --

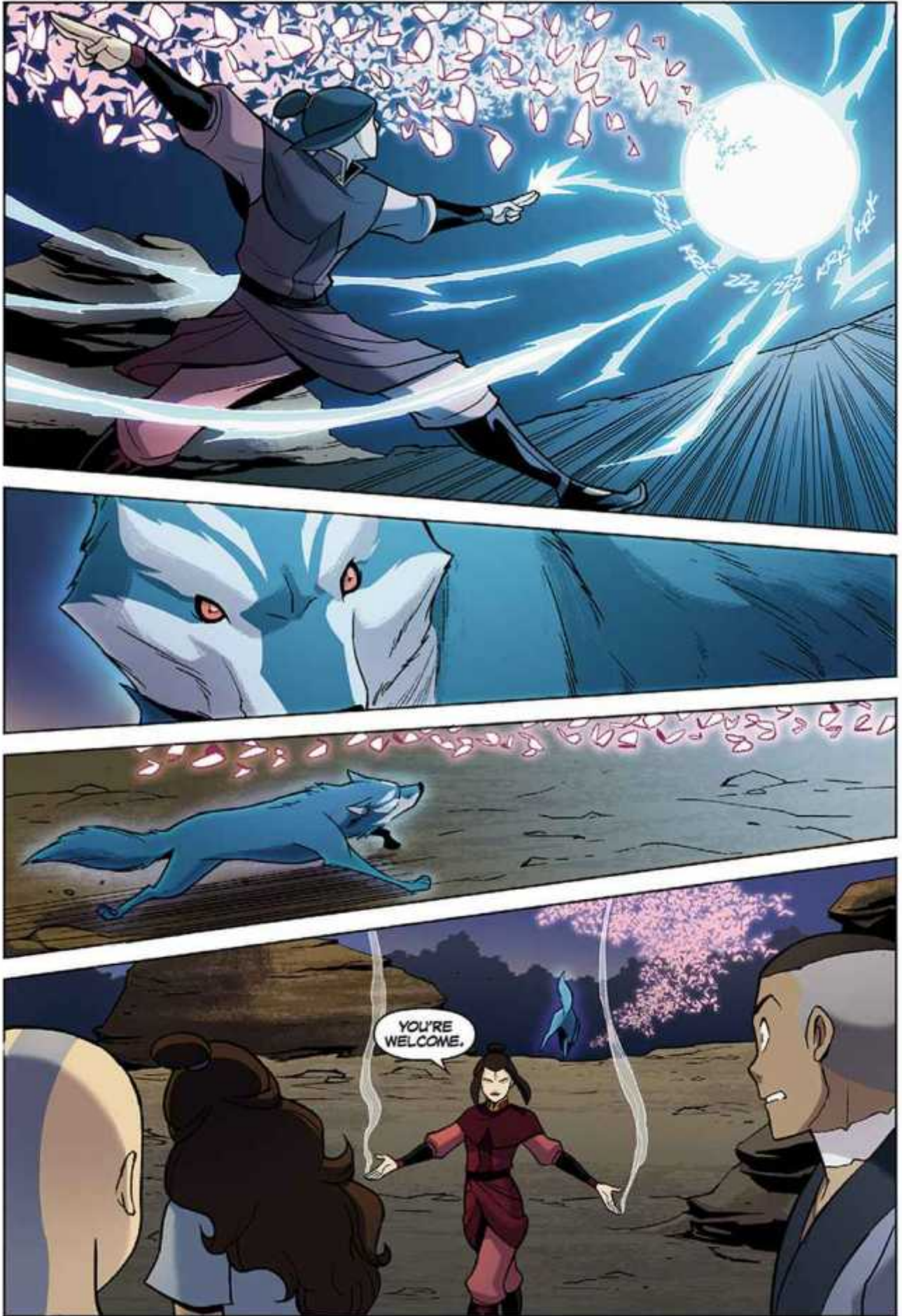




















我最親愛的 毅勤

我過了很久才承認

但是你是對的

我是屬於你的

沒有什麼值得受這痛苦的

我們

我注視他的眼睛時

就像注視你的眼睛一樣

我時刻都想念著你

愛你的

爾妹

My dearest Ikem,

It's taken me a long time to admit it, but you were right. I belong with you, and nothing is worth this pain.

My one consolation is our son Zuko. When I look into his eyes, it's as if I'm looking into yours.

My thoughts are with you always.

*Love,
Irsa*



我唯一的安慰是

我們的兒子

豎高 **OUR SON** 我注視

的眼睛時



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