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SOME ARE WORTHY,  
SOME WILL NEVER BE.



I KNOW THE  
DIFFERENCE.



GO.  
YOU KNOW  
THE PLAN.











WHO GOES THERE? IDENTIFY YOURSELF!

HELLO! JUST CHECKING IN!

TY LEE! NOTHING TO REPORT, ALL'S WELL.



THOUGHT I'D BRING TEA TO HELP YOU SURVIVE YOUR BORING NIGHT.

YOU'RE A LIFESAVER.

LIFE WITHOUT TEA JUST ISN'T WORTH LIVING. SOME DAYS I'M COUNTING THE HOURS UNTIL MY NEXT CUP.



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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.





THIS ISN'T A WAR!  
ATTACKING WAREHOUSES  
AND SABOTAGING FOOD  
SUPPLIES TO UNDERMINE  
FIRE LORD ZUKO IS  
PATHETIC!

YOU PROMISED  
WE'D BE DOING WORK  
TO HELP THE FIRE  
NATION'S DOWNTRODDEN,  
NOT SKULKING AROUND  
IN THE DARK LIKE  
CRIMINALS.



THIS ISN'T  
WHAT WE SIGNED  
UP FOR, AZULA.



WE'RE NOT  
PAWNS TO BE  
THROWN AWAY  
IN THIS FIGHT  
AGAINST YOUR  
BROTHER.

WE'RE  
PUTTING OURSELVES  
IN DANGER BECAUSE  
OF WHAT YOU WANT,  
NOT WHAT WE ALL  
AGREED TO.



WE WANT TO--  
WE NEED TO MOVE  
ON FROM UNDERMINING  
FIRE LORD ZUKO.

WE WANT  
TO FOCUS  
ON OTHER  
THINGS.





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?





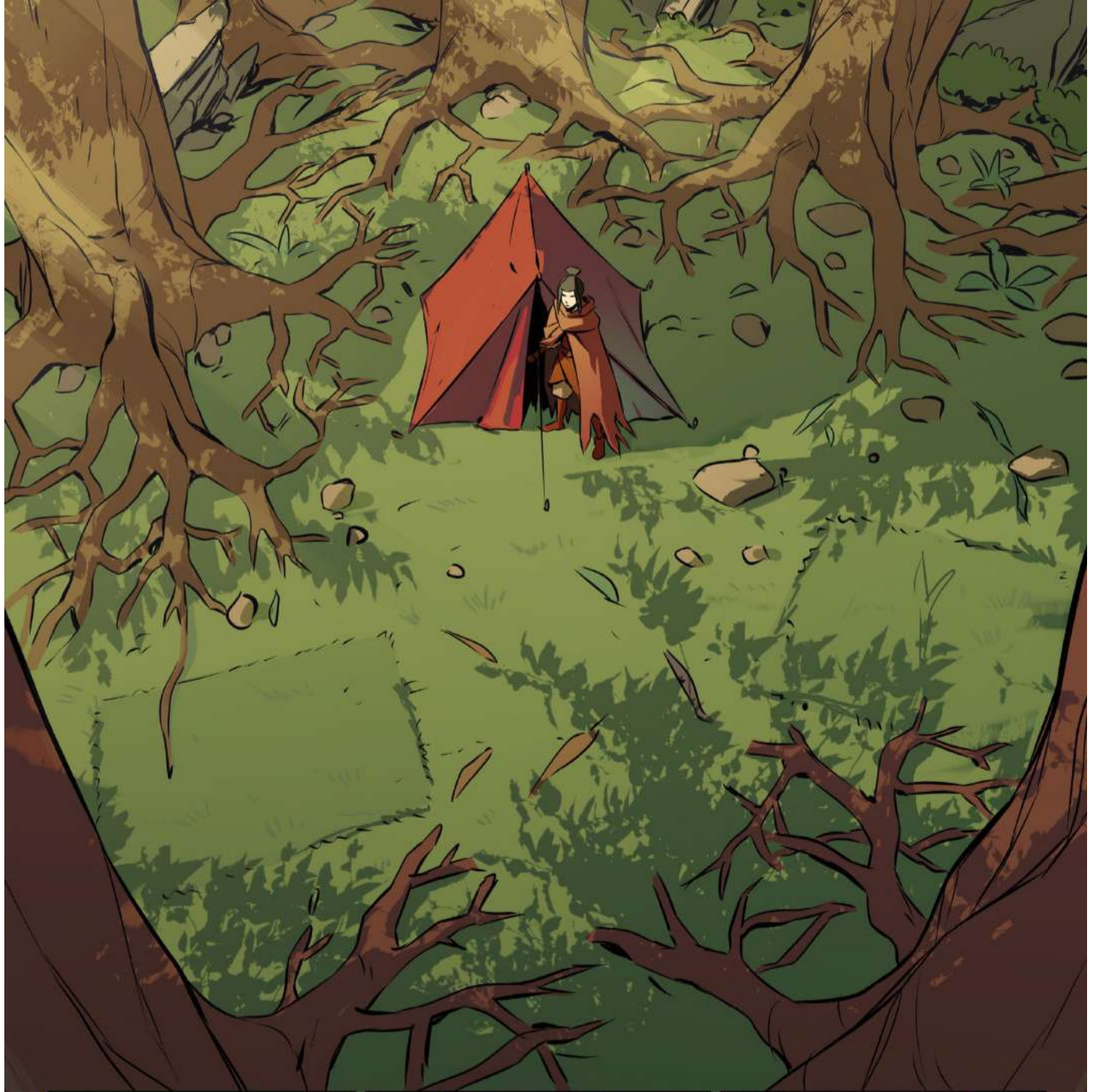




































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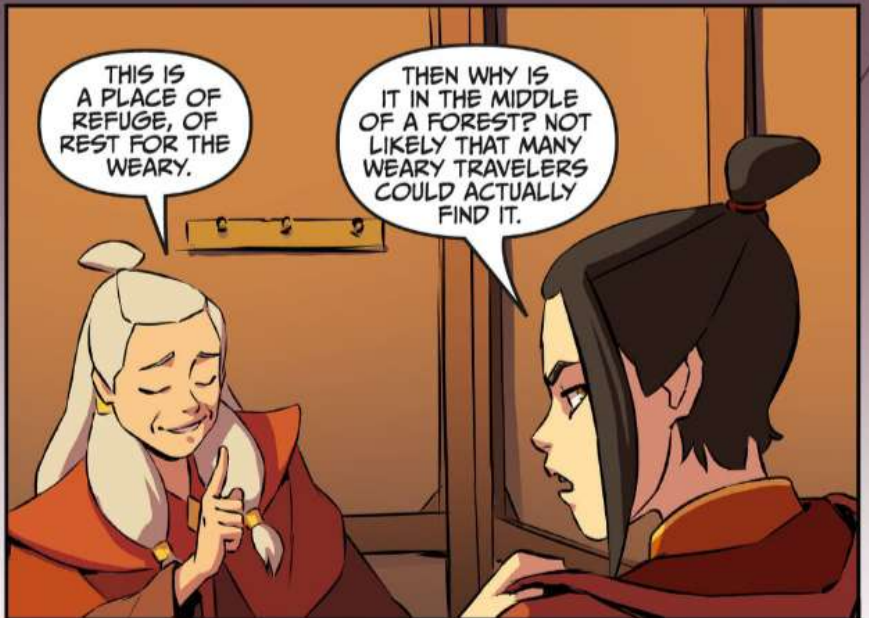
YOU'RE NOT A FIRE SAGE...



AH, A TRAVELLER! WELCOME, WELCOME.



WHAT IS THIS PLACE?



THIS IS A PLACE OF REFUGE, OF REST FOR THE WEARY.

THEN WHY IS IT IN THE MIDDLE OF A FOREST? NOT LIKELY THAT MANY WEARY TRAVELERS COULD ACTUALLY FIND IT.





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.

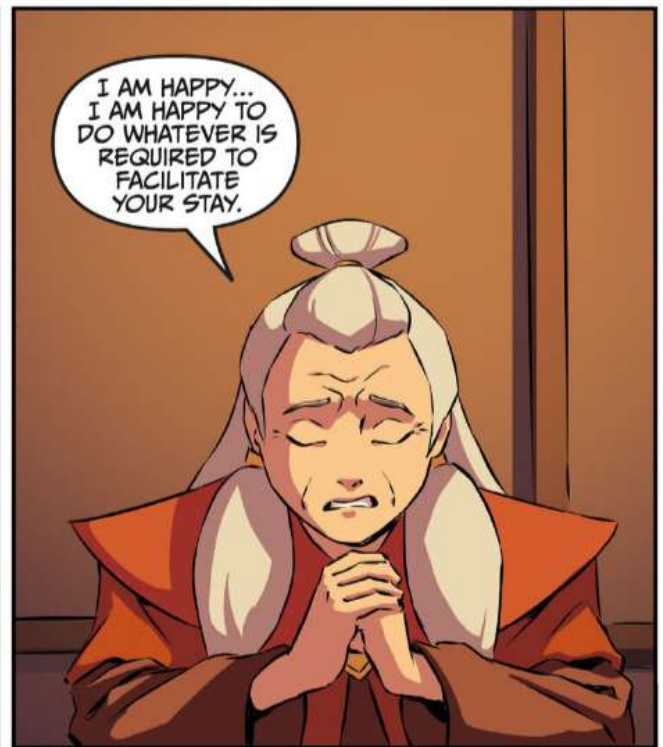
YOU EXPECT ME TO SLEEP ON THE FLOOR LIKE A STRAY DOG?



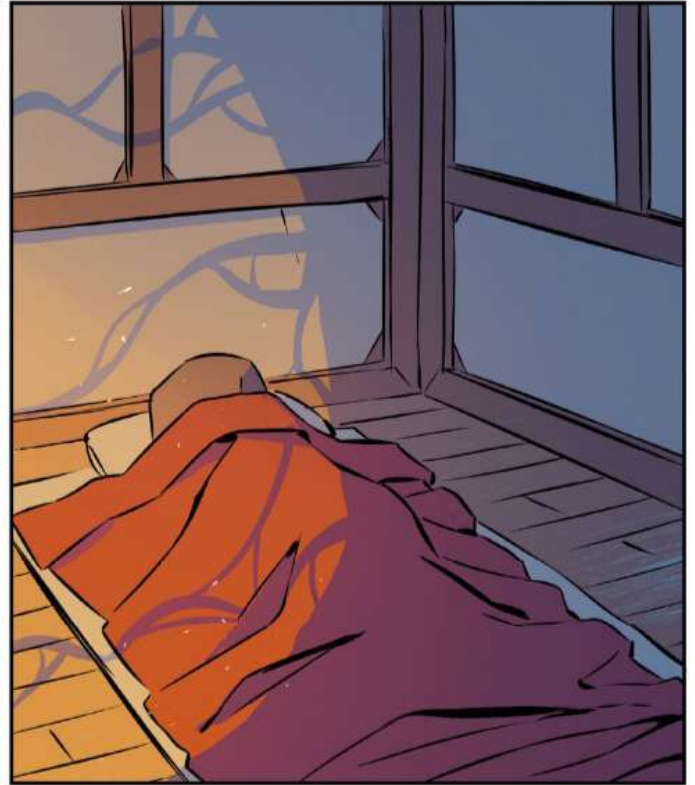
MY APOLOGIES, BUT THIS IS THE ONLY BEDROLL I HAVE--

WHAT ABOUT THE ONE IN THAT ROOM?

















NO TIME,  
NO TIME FOR  
QUESTIONS!

EVERYONE'S  
WAITING, YOU MUST  
HURRY!

EVERYONE?  
WHO'S EVERYONE?



EVERYONE,  
YOUR HIGHNESS!  
EVERYONE WHO  
LOVES YOU!



WHY  
IS IT SO  
BRIGHT?





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!



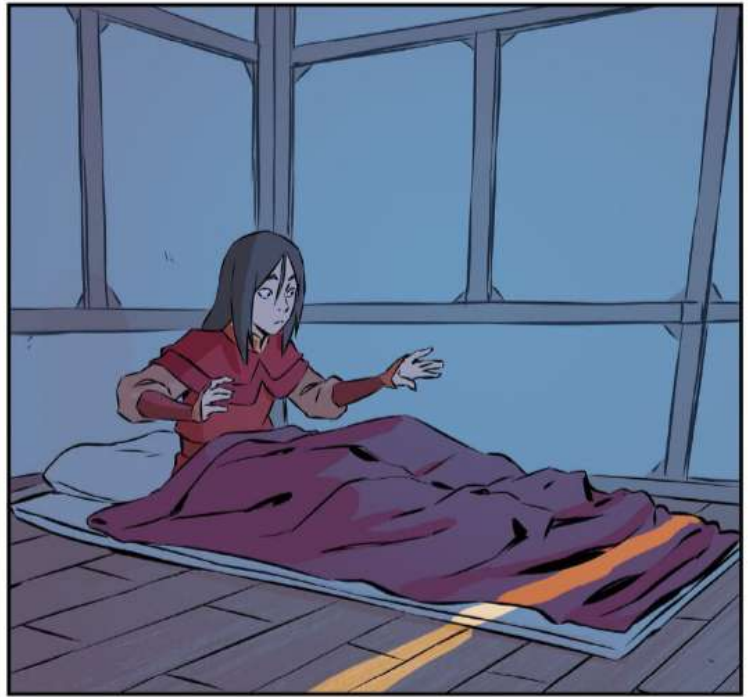


























WHAT ARE YOU WHIMPERING ABOUT? CONTROL WHAT?



WHAT'S THIS? MORE TRICKS?



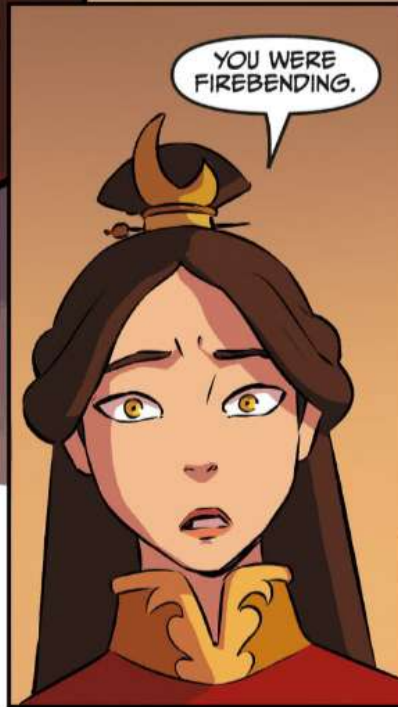
... WAIT. I REMEMBER THIS.



AZULA. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



















YOU'RE A POWERFUL BENDER, AZULA. THE GREATEST THE FIRE NATION HAS EVER SEEN.

EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED WILL BE YOURS.



WAIT. THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED.



MY MOTHER WASN'T HAPPY I WAS A FIREBENDER, SHE WAS AFRAID. AFRAID FOR ME, AFRAID OF ME.

... WASN'T SHE?









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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



TINK



OH, HI AZULA.





HOW'D YOU FIND THIS PLACE? IS THIS ANOTHER SPIRIT TRICK?

WE TRACKED YOUR SABOTAGE SQUAD THROUGH THE FOREST BUT THERE WAS A STORM AND I GOT SEPARATED FROM MY KYOSHI SISTERS.



EVENTUALLY I STUMBLED ON A PATH, AND THAT LED TO THIS TEMPLE, AND HERE YOU ARE!

WHAT A COINCIDENCE, HUH? ALL ROADS LEAD TO AZULA!



YOUR PLANS TO CAPTURE ME ALWAYS FAIL MISERABLY. WHY DON'T YOU GIVE UP? CLEARLY YOU'RE AWFUL AT THIS.

MAYBE I JUST LIKE CHASING YOU AROUND, AZULA. IT'S MY NEW HOBBY.



WHAT'S THAT ABOUT? SO CREEPY!

IGNORE HER, THIS PLACE IS FULL OF NONSENSE. I DON'T EVEN THINK SHE'S REAL.









WHY'D YOU JOIN THAT BAND OF LOSERS? WE WALKED ALL OVER THEM BACK WHEN WE WERE HUNTING THE AVATAR.  
THAT WAS A *GOOD* FIGHT.



UGH, ALL I REMEMBER FROM THAT TIME WAS CONSTANT STRESS AND ANXIETY! MY AURA WAS A MESS!



OH, SHUT UP, YOU LOVED IT! WE WERE A TEAM--YOU, ME, AND MAI! AND THEN MAI HAD TO RUIN IT ALL FOR STUPID ZUZU!



IT MAKES ME SO MAD! SHE BROKE UP OUR TEAM FOR A STUPID BOY WHO DIDN'T EVEN WANT HER!

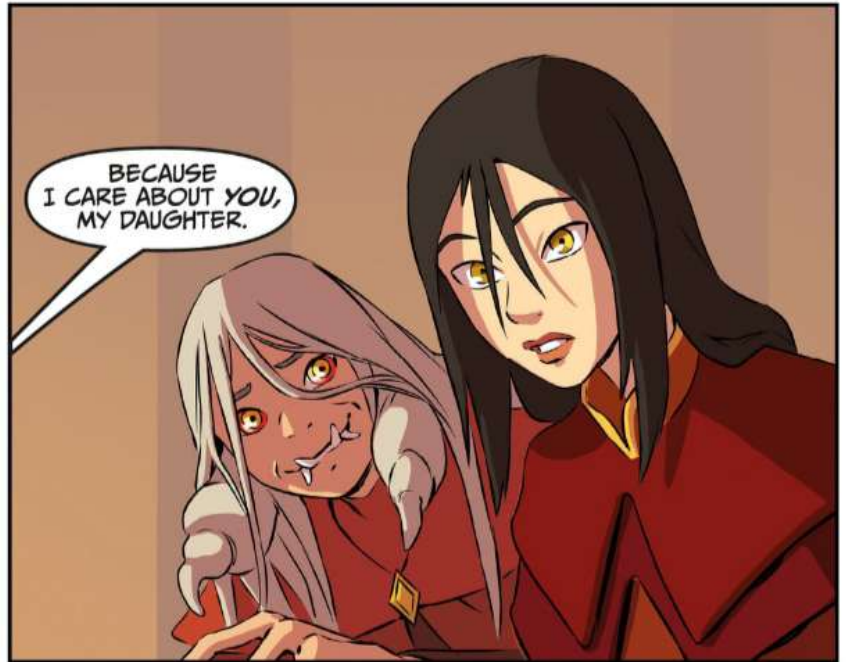




















IF YOU'D JUST LET DAD KILL ZUKO, YOU COULD HAVE STAYED WITH ME. YOU WOULD HAVE PROTECTED ME FROM HIM!  
I WOULDN'T BE...THIS.



WHAT ARE YOU, AZULA?



**ALONE. BETRAYED. BETRAYED OVER AND OVER, BY MY BROTHER, MY UNCLE, MY FRIENDS, MY ACOLYTES.**



**THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN LOYAL TO ME TO THE VERY END, BUT THEY WEREN'T! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!**









YOU CAN'T SERIOUSLY BELIEVE YOU'RE THE VICTIM HERE, AZULA.

MAI??



REALLY?? SHE'S SPIRIT TRICKERY TOO?



I'M NOT PLAYING YOUR GAMES ANYMORE, SPIRIT. I'M LEAVING! FOR GOOD THIS TIME!











HOW DARE YOU--



TY LEE??

WHO ELSE WOULD I BE?



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



I'M REAL, AZULA.

'ROLL'

YOU'RE NOT! I KNEW IT WAS UTTER NONSENSE, YOU TRACKING ME THROUGH THE FOREST!

I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT FOR A SECOND!













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 CARE FOR YOU.





















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.





REDEMPTION  
AND APOLOGIES  
ARE FOR THE WEAK.  
I OWE NOTHING.



I AM AZULA,  
DAUGHTER OF OZAI  
THE PHOENIX KING!  
I AM THE RIGHTFUL  
FIRE LORD!

KRKLE

KRRK



AND I DO  
NOT TAKE KINDLY  
TO MEDDLING  
SPIRITS!

KRRK





























**THE END**









Azula continues her destabilizing campaign against the Fire Nation and her brother, Fire Lord Zuko. But after a failed attack on her latest target, Azula finds herself in a strange forest temple inhabited by a solitary monk...or is it something more mysterious? Azula must confront her past, and finally face her chance at redemption.

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