Rebels Of The Fire

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Fire is deadly, Rain knows this from experience. Follow her as she becomes a Rebel Of The Fire

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1 - Survivors

Uma: Hi peoples, this story is just a random idea that came into my mind.
Amu: Like all her other stories, random and clueless ideas.
Uma: Hey, at least I have ideas.
Amu: Well I'm the smart one.
Uma: No you're the evil one.
Amu: Just start the story.
Uma: Okay, but first, the disclaimer.
Disclaimer: If I owned Avatar: The Last Airbender, then Prince Zuko and Jet would be my permonkeys, and Iroh would be drinking coffee instead of tea.
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Rebels Of The Fire
Prologue:
Survivors
Fire.
The one word that can destroy a village, a family, and a hope.

Here's how it started.
Three days ago, it seems so much longer than that though, the fire nation came, and destroyed my village. You see, my village was a base for earthbenders. We would heal many earthbenders, and all the other soldiers in the war. We thought that since earth kingdom warriors used our village as a base, we would be safe from the fire nation.
We were wrong, deadly wrong.
Barely anyone survived that fire.
Only a small group of children, some barely even able to walk, survived. Fortunately for us, I am a earthbender. I may not know everything to earthbending, but I know enough to protect everyone else. That's why we are all alive right now, instead of dead like everyone else.
~Flashback~
Screaming, everyone was screaming in pain, in terror, in fright. Children were all running, trying to find their parents. I saw firebenders laughing while they were burning down the village, those monsters.
During all this, I was standing still, hardly believing any of this. That is, until I heard a voice, a voice that will haunt me forever.
"WAIN!!!!" It was my little brother, only 3 years old, he was trapped inside the hut, "WAIN HELP!!"
"I'M COMING RAY!!" I yelled back, I start running for hut, pushing people out of my way, that is until a solider grabbed me, and held me back from going inside the burning hut.

"Let go of me!!" I cried, " My brother is still in there!"
"It's too late to save him," The solider said, " but you can still save them," he pointed at all the other children hiding behind a rock near my burning hut.
"Lead them away from here," he continued, " there is another earthbending village about three days of traveling away, you should be safe there, now GO!!"
He pushed me toward the other children as a firebender shot out a ball of flame, killing the earthbender who saved me. The firebender was starting towards me, I thought about my instincts, flight or fight. The answer was easy, if I wanted to save those kids, and myself, I would have to take flight.
The firebender shot out two balls of flame. They almost hit me, but I made a wall of earth come up out of the ground to protect myself. Then I turned and ran. When I passed the kids hiding behind the rock, I yelled, "RUN!!"
They looked scared, very scared, but ran anyway. I lead them east, thinking that was the way to the village that the solider said we should go to.
~End Flashback~
We have been running for three days. We would run at night, slept at day, having the protectors keep guard. The protectors are what the younger children call Ruka, Niko, and myself. Ruka and Niko weren't part of the original group of kids that I took out of the village, but we meet them later on that fateful day.

~Flashback~

"Hurry up!" I cried to the children. One of them has slowed down considerably, and now was about fifty feet behind us.
"I dan't wun wanywore!" he cried, then collapsed. Some of the little girls screamed, thinking that he was dead.
"He wied Wain!!" they were screaming at me, " help wim Wain, you wot to make wim better!"
I jogged over to him, turned him over, and checked his pulse.
"Thank kami" I murmured to myself
"Don't worry, he's alive!" I told the other children who gathered around me
"Wain I think that there is someone in the bushes." Leak, a six year old boy, whispered, while pointing at the bushes, which were about ten feet away from us.
"Now, stay in a group, and if it might be enemies in the bushes, run, and don't look back. Head east to the village, you can get help there."
My voice was stern; I didn't want the kids to die because something happened to me. I threw a rock into the bushes so whatever was hiding in there would have to come out. But what came out was something that we would never expect.
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Uma: So what do you think of it?

Amu: Dark

Uma: Thank you ~bows~

Amu: me like the dark

Uma: thank you again ~curtsies~

Amu: The dark is cool

Uma: Okay, you are freaking me out now.

Amu: Good.

Uma: Well, here are the conditions for the next chapter, I must have at least 5 reviews. I don't care if it is just random numbers, letters, and symbols

Amu: for example- !S%ghrty%4782 b j ejtkwh4tn9ol4 46-`;.;]] fkygwrpm

Uma: I will probably find that funny, or a really long review or a short review, it doesn't matter, I just want `em

Amu: Greedy little horse, aren't we?

Uma: Yes, very greedy.]:~P (devil sticking tongue out face.)

~Uma =^-^=

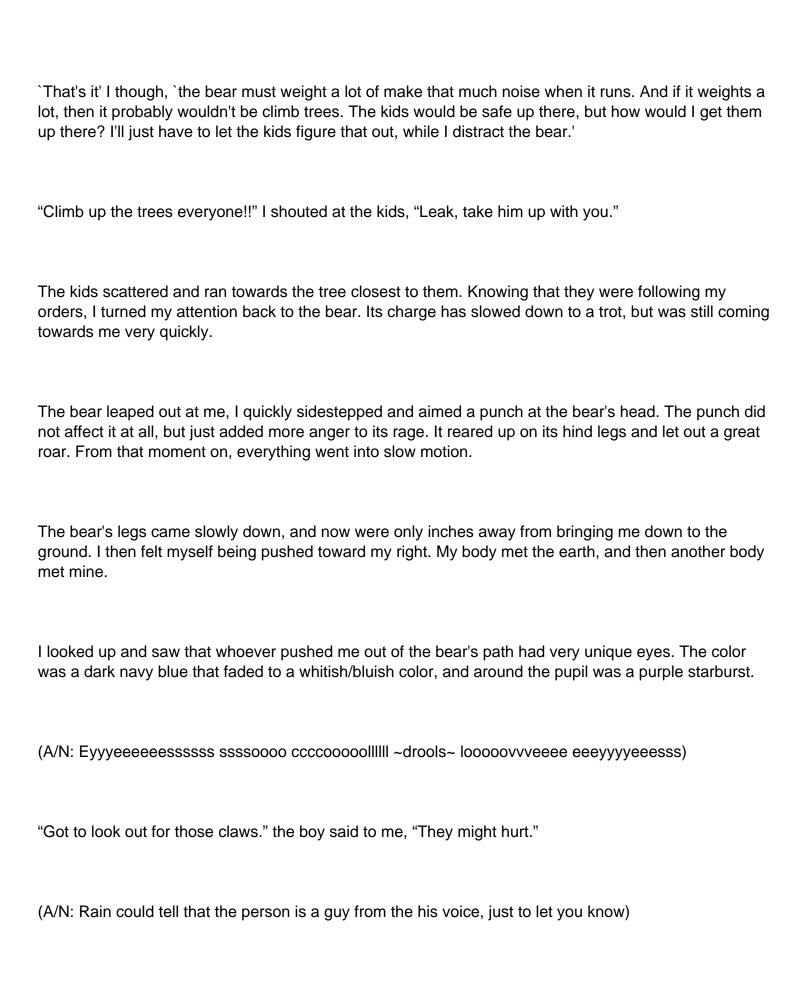
~Amu =^_^=

2 - The Attack

Uma: Okay, so far, I've only gotten 1 review on this story.
Amu: But Uma will continue any way.
Uma: Yes, well I will continue writing, but not posting.
Amu: Uma doesn't own Avatar: The Last Airbender
Uma: But I am currently trying to figure out if I could own Zuko, I mean, he's just so kewl!!!
Amu: Don't you mean hott?
Uma: That too
Chapter 1:
The Attack
~Flashback continued~
A huge bear creature thing came charging out of the bushes. The bear headed straight for the boy who

collapsed and myself. Some of the kids started screaming, but I didn't hear them. The only thing that I

could hear was the sound of the bear's feet hitting the earth.



The boy sprang up, and charged the bear. I then too leaped up and ran for the bear. The bear was also charging towards us, and turned this into an extreme game of chicken. The boy was running towards the bears left side.

I recognized this tactic from the hunts that my father used to take me on. One person would be on each side of the intended prey. Then they would let out a powerful kick to the sides of the prey. That kick would either knock the wind out of the prey or some how disable it for it to be killed; or in our case, for us to run away to somewhere safe.

Like I predicted, the boy was indeed using that tactic. The amazing thing about it was, we actually were able to knock the bear unconscious. With the threat out of the way now, I was able to carefully observe my surrounds. The kids some how managed to get in the trees, the bushes that the bear came out of are trampled, and will probably die over the next day, there is a strange looking shadow in the trees, and an even stranger bird call.

"Who are you, where did you come from and why did you help me?" I asked the boy.

"My name is Niko, I came from that bush right over there, and I helped you cause it was the right thing to do." Niko (1) answered, his face remaining indifference. "I also helped you because you probably know what happened at Kohaku."

"F-f-fire benders happened." I stuttered. This subject was very touchy for me, since my mind was still replaying my brother's last words. "They came, and destroyed everything, very few survived."

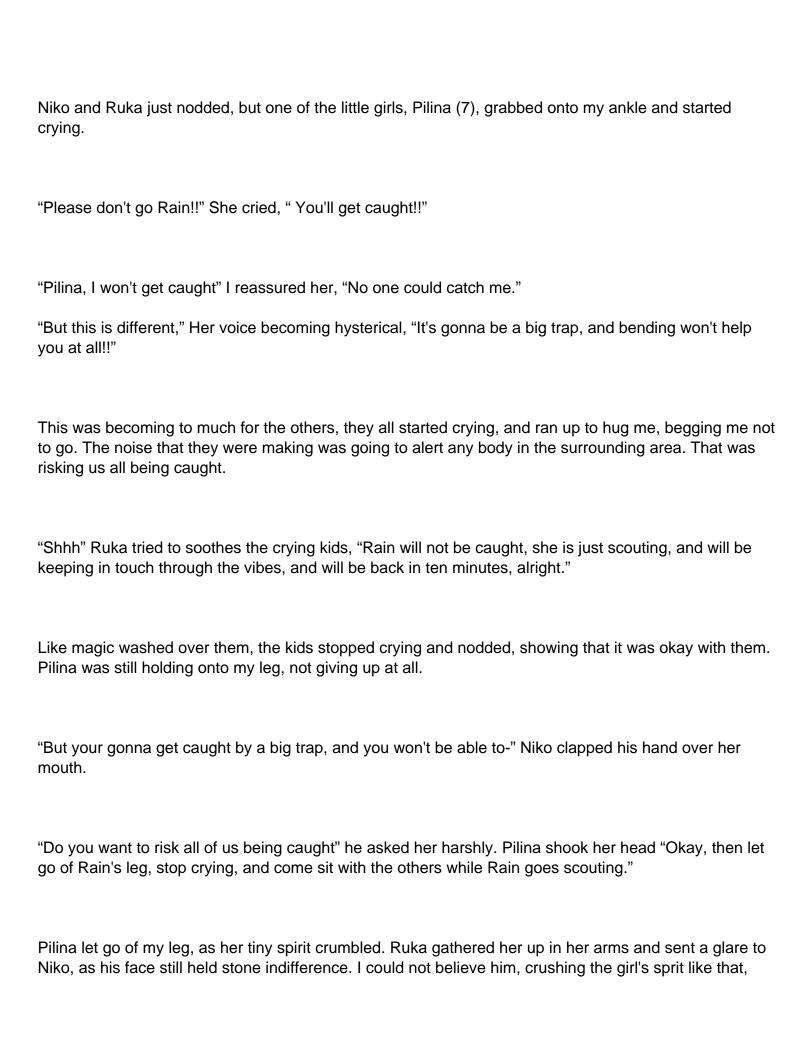
"I can see." Came a voice from the trees. A girl jumped down from the trees, in which I remember some of the children were hiding in. "Niko stop asking her questions, and help me get the kids down from the tree."

"That is my sister, Ruka (2) please feel free to ignore her." Niko told me in a whisper.

"I heard that." Yelled Ruka, as she was helping down some of the kids. "Still need some help here."
I went over to the tree that Ruka was at and grabbed the kids that she was trying to get down, while introducing myself.
"My name is Rain," I said, "Did you help some of them get up in the tress?"
"Yes," she replied. "They were quite calm up there, I expect they went through a lot in the past 24 hours."
"They did," I answered, "We all did."
~End Flash Back~
"Hey, Rain, come on, we need to start walking again," buzzed a voice in my ear, waking me up from my memories. "Niko thinks that we can make it into the next village in maybe an hour or two, but only if we keep walking."
"Sorry about that Ruka, just got lost in my thoughts again." I told her, "Do you want me to carry the younger one tonight? You look tired"
"Thanks for the offer," Ruka declined, "but you look worst than me."
With that said, Ruka carefully started walking up the kids. I walked over to Niko, who was standing guard on a tree branch.
"Niko, Ruka is waking up the others right now," I called, "get out of the tree, you don't need to keep

surveillance of everything right now."
"The lack of surveillance is what put us into this mess. I am keeping guard until everyone is awake and ready to travel, end of discussion." He argued.
Ever since I went into more detail about the raid on Kohaku, Niko became even more determined to keep us safe, even though he is not a bender of any type. Niko took extra precautions about everything, from who did guard duty when, and in what order everyone slept in. Sometimes it was annoying how he went on about one detail that did not fit his description of safe, and how he said that it could be our demise. At the same time, it was good to know that he cared for everyone enough to go to such lengths just for the safety of the group.
"Alright, but, please, don't over do the safety thing. You are a great warrior, Ruka knows her herbs and medicines, and I am a bender. I am pretty sure that we will be enough for anyone who we might come across."
"Whatever."
I went back to Ruka and grabbed a couple kids on the way.
"Ruka, you know that your brother is very stubborn about the safety issue. "I told her.
"Here, give me Jee (3) and Cano (4). And to answer your question slash statement, aren't all boys?" Ruka replied humorously.
"I'm not sure how you do it Ruka," I looked around our campsite, "How can you keep so calm and happy about everything when our lives are tearing at the seams? You always are able to manage a smile and make everything seem so happy, when in reality it's not."

"I'm not sure how I do it Rain," she replied honestly, "I think it just has to do with the fact that I'm a natural born optimistic, or maybe it's because I've lived with Mr. Grumpy This Campsite Is Too Open And We'll All Die all my life."
I let a laugh find it's way out of my mouth, and some of the kids that were awake enough to hear it started giggling, which then woke everybody else up. The kids' laughter seemed contagious as all the kids were giggling for some unknown reason.
"Well, now that everyone is up, let's go relieve Mr. Grumpy The Camp Ite Oo Pen And Will Ball Pie." Leak (5) exclaimed, after he stopped giggling.
"Huh?" Ruka asked
"He means Niko." I told her. "Well, come on everybody, let's head out."
And head out we did. We walked for about two or three hours before we took a break.
"Ugh, Niko, I though you said that we would be there in a few hours." Ruka cried.
"Well, sorry, but maybe if someone would have listened to me probably, you would have known that I said one hour if we ran insanely fast." Niko answered, "I said ten hours at the pace that we were going last night, but you already left to go wake everybody up."
"Well well humph" Ruka turned on her heel and went over the cheek up on Trini, who complained of a tummy ache early on. If one thing was for sure, Ruka knew how to make someone feel good, inside and outside. She was like the glue holding all of us together, so we don't get too mad at each other.
"I'm going to go scout ahead," I announced, "Just to check for anything that might get I our way, feel for my report through the vibes(6)."



and having the nerve to look me in the eye.

"Send in reports ever 100 meters, short and simple." He told, no scratch that, ordered me.

I didn't dignify him with an answer, but with a glare. His stone expression didn't change one bit. I stormed out of there, headed northeast. I was lost to the world after that. My body kept walking, but my mind was a total mess. My thoughts were everywhere, from Niko's stone indifference to my brother's carefree smiles. Little did I realize, but I had started to cry.

"Well, well," Came a grizzly voice from behind me, "Look what we have here."

My body froze, I turned around, but was unable to see anything.

"Looks to me like that earth bending girls that escaped from Kohaku." Came another voice, this one from my right side though. I spun around again, but still couldn't find the owners of the voices.

"She fell right into our trap, didn't she."

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Niko: shoulder length Jet-black hair, kept back with a white piece of clothes around his head. He is 13 years old and 5'7".

Ruka: Also has shoulder length jet-black hair, but it is kept loose. 13 years old and 5'7 ½". Niko's old twin sister. Eyes are a dark purple fading to lilac.

Jee: short spiky golden hair and crystal blue eyes. 3 ½ years old. 3' 4"

Cano: chin length auburn hair and chocolate brown eyes. 3 years old. 3'1"

Leak: Muddy brown with dark brown undertones. Very dark crimson eyes. 9 ½ years old. 4'11"

Vibes: A language that the protectors developed for fast communication when scouting, based off of

drums

Pilina: Strawberry blonde waist length hair. Bright hazel eyes. 6 years olds 4'1". Pay very close attention to her.

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Uma: Hope you all appreciate this, it's two in the morning right now, yet I finished the chapter, even though I only have one review.

Amu: Stop complaining and go to sleep.

Uma: Never!!! Oh and I have something that all of my lovely readers should think about, how did Pilina know that Rain would fall into a trap, if some sends in the right answer, the next chapter will be dedicated to them, so Ja Ne!

~Uma = ^ - ^ =

3 - Capture

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Chapter 2:
Capture
I soon realized what the voices meant by trap.
As I was spinning around, trying to locate the voices' owners, a net was thrown from my right. I quickly side stepped to avoid it, but ended up releasing another trap. This time, volleys of arrows was released, making me drop to the ground. Dropping seemed to be the wrong thing to do though, because my impact on the ground opened up their final trap.
A pit.
/Kohaku Survivors/
"It has been over ten minutes," Niko exclaimed, while he paced around the campsite, "AND STILL NO VIBES!"
"Niko, can you do me a favor?" Ruka asked her twin, and continued without waiting for a reply, "Can you find a nice sized rock and SHOVE IT IN YOUR MOUTH!"
"Nie " Lie experience "Niet until Dein watur "
"No." He answered, "Not until Rain retur-"

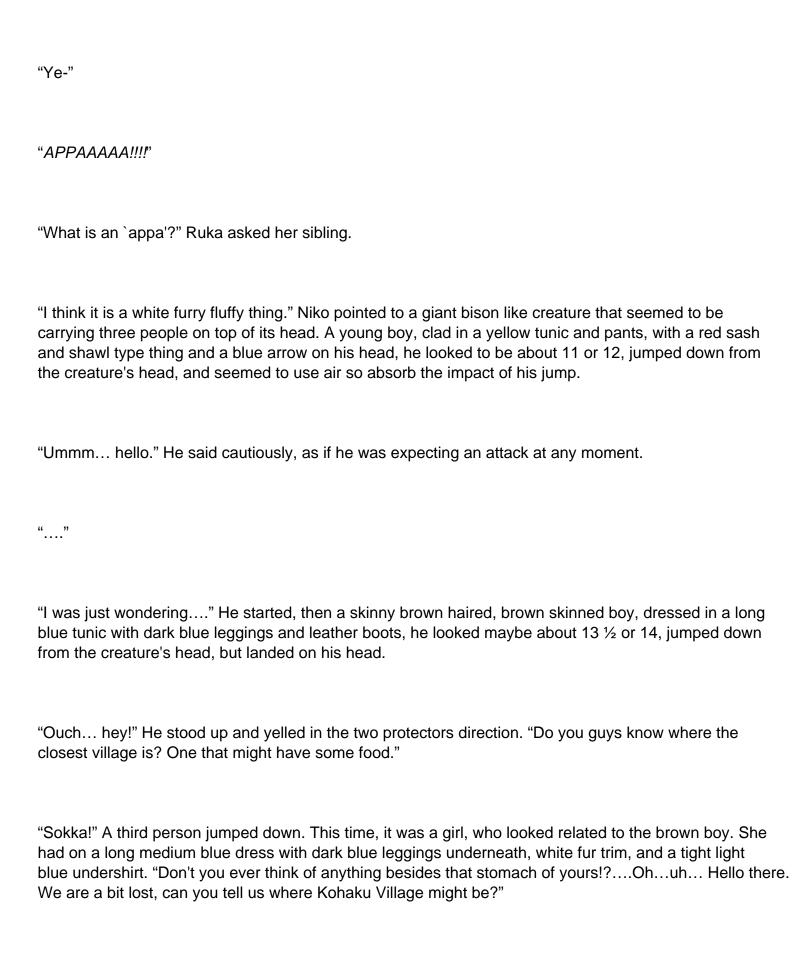
"She's trapped!" cried Pilina, "Trapped, trapped, trapped! In a dark scary-"
"Pilina!" Niko's voice ran out like a whistle, "Stop your crying. Rain is not captured. She will be back in a couple of minutes, so go get back into your position with the others."
"But Ra-" Pilina protested
"Now." The harsh tone cut like a knife. Niko's face still held indifference.
Pilina stifled a tear, but did as she was told. Ruka sent a glare to her twin before going after Pilina, trying to reassure her.
"Ru?" asked Pilina, "Why is Ni so being mean?"
"I'm not sure `Lina," Ruka sighed, "But it might have something to do with his pride. Maybe he feels that if he was at Kohaku during the raid, things might have been different."
"That doesn't make sense though. If he was at the raid, then he would have died."
"Boys are complicated creatures. We girls just have to put up with them." Ruka smiled, "C'mon, cheer up, once Rain gets back Niko will cool his jets."
"That is, if she gets back." Pilina murmured
/Rain's Pit/
One never knows how good freedom feels until they are trapped with no chance of escape. As I was hit



on the earth now, send all your inner strength to your hands, once you've done that, lift up your hand, and while you are lifting them up, picture the earth coming up also good Rain, very good, now open your eyes."
I opened my eyes, expecting to see some magnificent wall, covered in kitties. When I saw the `wall' that I had created, my jaw dropped. The wall was only two feet tall, and looked more like a pile of dirt rather than a real earth bender's wall. And the worse part of it, there wasn't one single kitty on the wall.
"Great job Rain!" encouraged Lee, "For your first wall, you did marvelous."
"But there isn't any kitties." I pouted.
"Just keep on practicing on the wall, then we can do kitties." He chuckled.
/End Flashback/
My feet were spread apart, and my fingertips grew slightly warm as energy flowed into them. My arms began to feel heavy. `Good' I thought, `that means that I am one with the earth.' I slowly started to lift my arms up, and began to feel the ground shifting. The higher I lifted my arms, the higher the ground raised. `Just a few more feet then I'll be free'
/Kohaku Survivors/
"Alright, it's been fifteen minutes, we are sending out a search party." Niko exclaimed
"Niko, may I remind you that we are just a group of kids, NOT AN ARMY!!" Ruka yelled.
"Well, we still need to send someone out to go look for her." Niko replied.



"Thank you Pilina, why don't you go rest now." Ruka dismissed Pilina, seeing the tell tale signs of regret forming in the young girls eyes. "Niko, if you can teach Leak and I some defense moves, then you can go look for Rain."
"No, it's too late to go look for her by myself. She captured, and there's nothing we can do about it, except for trying to find a way around the enemy." He said dejectedly. "Even that maybe be impossible, Rain was our only bender. If only we had-"
CRASH
"WHAT WAS THAT?!?!" Ruka loudly asked.
"Ruka, quiet." Niko nudged his twin. "Get the kids and hide."
"No way," she protested, "I'm helping too."
"You can help if you hide the others first."
"Fine" Ruka grumbled as she started for the others, "Just save someone for me."
Ruka then herded her charges into the trees that were about ten feet away from the campsite. After all the young ones were safely hidden in the foliage, Ruka started back for her brother.
"Everyone's safe?" Niko asked once Ruka come within hearing distance.
"Yes. I take it that nothing dangerous was spotted yet?"



"Kohaku Village was destroyed about seventy-five hours ago." Niko responded coldly.
"Fire nation, they make me sick!" the brown boy said, anger showing in his voice.
"They make everybody sick, get over it." A white winged lemur with brown marking hopped onto Niko head. "Lemurheadlemuronheadlemur onmy head" Niko's eyes widened slightly, "THERE IS A LEMUR ON MY HEAD!!!!!"
Niko started to run around in circles, trying to de-lemur his head. Everyone else in the clearing just sweat dropped at this display of Lemurphobia.
Ruka sighed before tripping her twin when he ran by her. "Lemurs are like scissors, brother," she said in a priestess sounding voice, "you do not run with them."
"Momo! Come here, boy." Ruka's voice seemed to snap the bald boy out of his stupor. "Sorry about Momo he kinda likes headsMy name's Aang, that's Katara and Sokka." he pointed to the girl and boy respectively, "Who are you?"
The lemuer, Momo, leaped off of Niko's head and took a seat in a tree branch above the brown boy. Once Niko's head was de-Momo-ized, he took a breath of relief, before quickly putting up his mask of indifference. "We are survivors, nothing else."
"What my <i>little</i> brother means is, I am Ruka, and he is Niko." Ruka said, putting great emphasis on the word little.
"Why do you have to undermine my authority, sister?" Niko asked, through the corner of his mouth.
"I don't undermine anything, I contradict everything." Ruka answered rather smugly.

