

ONE MILLION YEARS AGO.

I WAS BORN IN
A *SECRET CITY*.

ONE THAT FLOWS
BETWEEN WORLDS
LIKE A RIVER
THROUGH THE REEDS.

A GOLDEN CITY WHERE
LIFE REVOLVES AROUND
THE MYSTIC AND THE
MARTIAL ARTS.

WHERE AS A CHILD I
LEARNED TO LEAP ABOVE
THE TREES AND MAKE
MY KNUCKLES AS HARD
AS STONE.

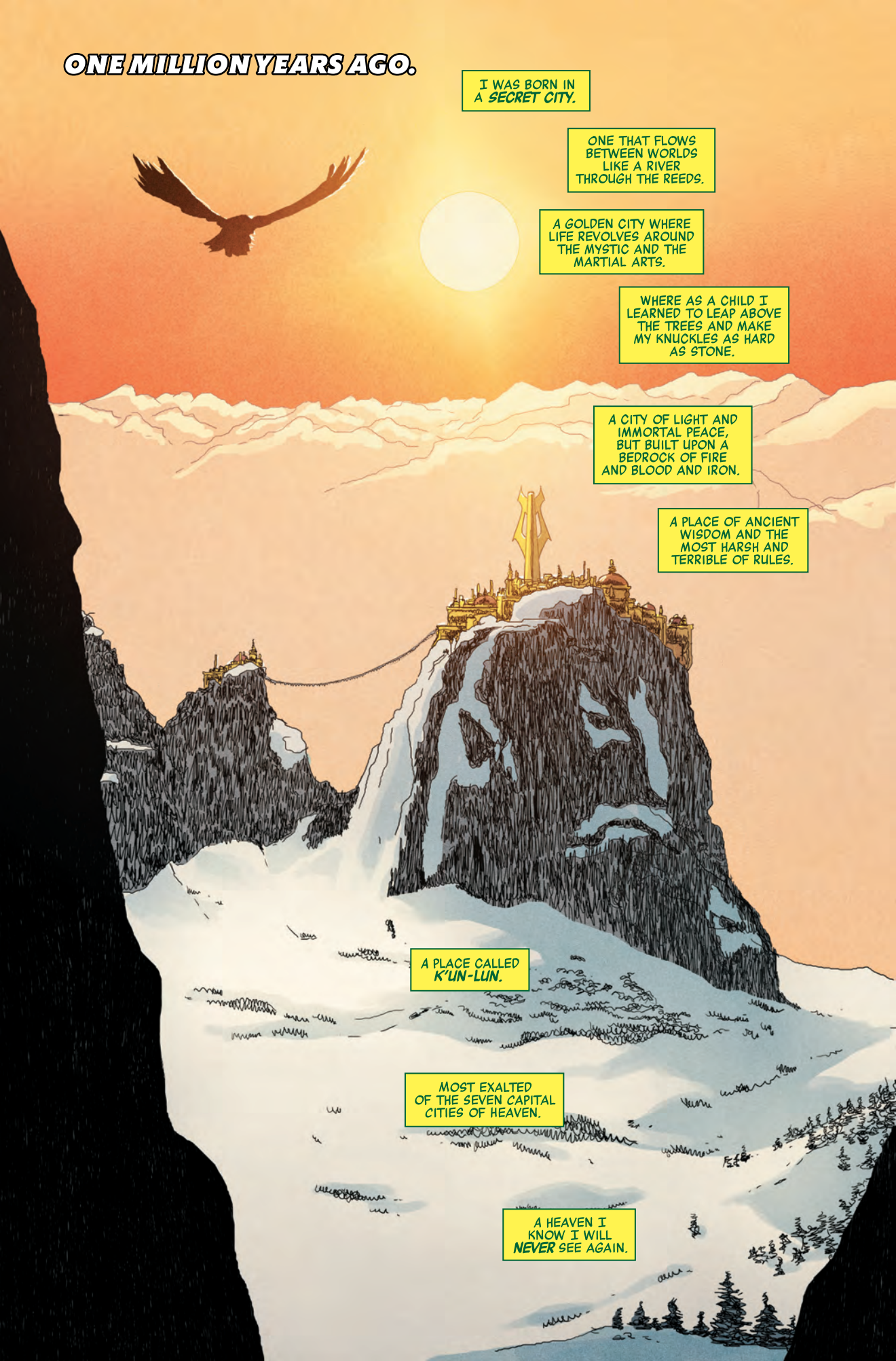
A CITY OF LIGHT AND
IMMORTAL PEACE,
BUT BUILT UPON A
BEDROCK OF FIRE
AND BLOOD AND IRON.

A PLACE OF ANCIENT
WISDOM AND THE
MOST HARSH AND
TERRIBLE OF RULES.

A PLACE CALLED
K'UN-LUN.

MOST EXALTED
OF THE SEVEN CAPITAL
CITIES OF HEAVEN.

A HEAVEN I
KNOW I WILL
NEVER SEE AGAIN.





MY NAME IS FAN FEI.

AND I AM THE GREATEST CRIMINAL IN THE HISTORY OF K'UN-LUN.

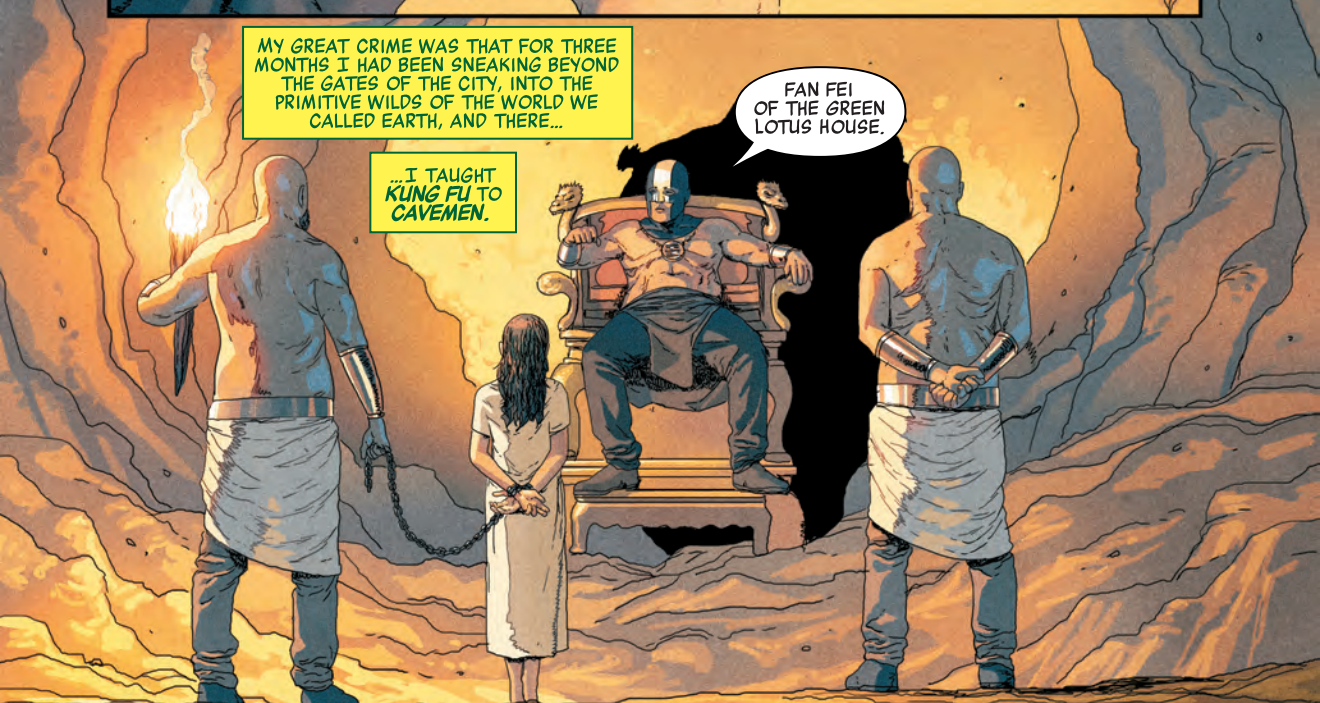
BRING IN THE DESPISED!



RIGHT UP FRONT WITH HER. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THE LITTLE DELINQUENT HAS A GOOD VIEW.

I'D ONLY EVER COMMITTED ONE CRIME. BUT IT WAS A CRIME SO FOUL IT SENT SHOCKWAVES THROUGH THE CITY.


IT MADE MY PARENTS TURN THEIR BACKS ON ME IN SHAME, MY FRIENDS AND INSTRUCTORS DISAVOW ME. EVEN THE DRAGON KINGS KNEW MY NAME, AND SPAT WHEN THEY SPOKE IT.



MY GREAT CRIME WAS THAT FOR THREE MONTHS I HAD BEEN SNEAKING BEYOND THE GATES OF THE CITY, INTO THE PRIMITIVE WILDS OF THE WORLD WE CALLED EARTH, AND THERE...

...I TAUGHT KUNG FU TO CAVEMEN.

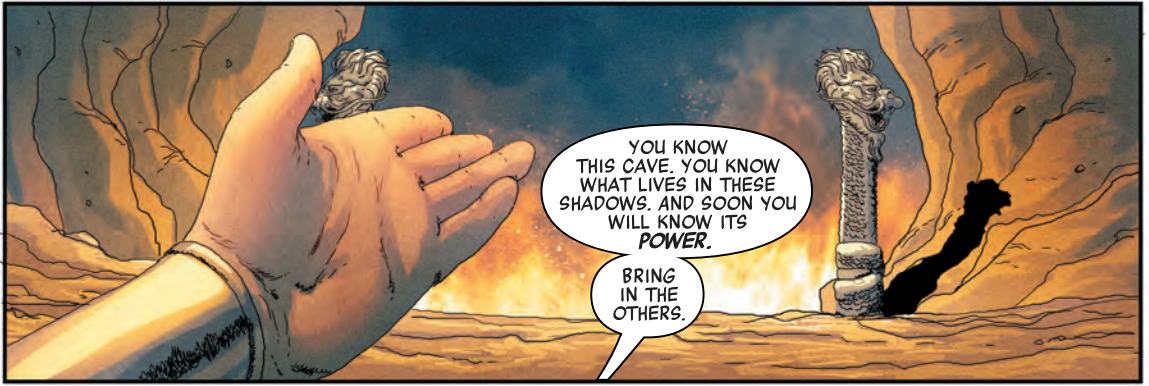
FAN FEI OF THE GREEN LOTUS HOUSE.



YOU STAND GUILTY OF DEFILING OUR MOST SACRED TRADITIONS BY DARING TO TEACH OUR WAYS TO OUTSIDERS.

YOU MAY NOW BEG FOR THE MERCY OF THE THUNDERER. BUT I ASSURE YOU, GIRL...

...NO MERCY SHALL BE FORTHCOMING.



YOU KNOW THIS CAVE. YOU KNOW WHAT LIVES IN THESE SHADOWS. AND SOON YOU WILL KNOW ITS **POWER.**

BRING IN THE OTHERS.



THE CAVE PEOPLE OF EARTH, MY STUDENTS.

NO!

UUNK!

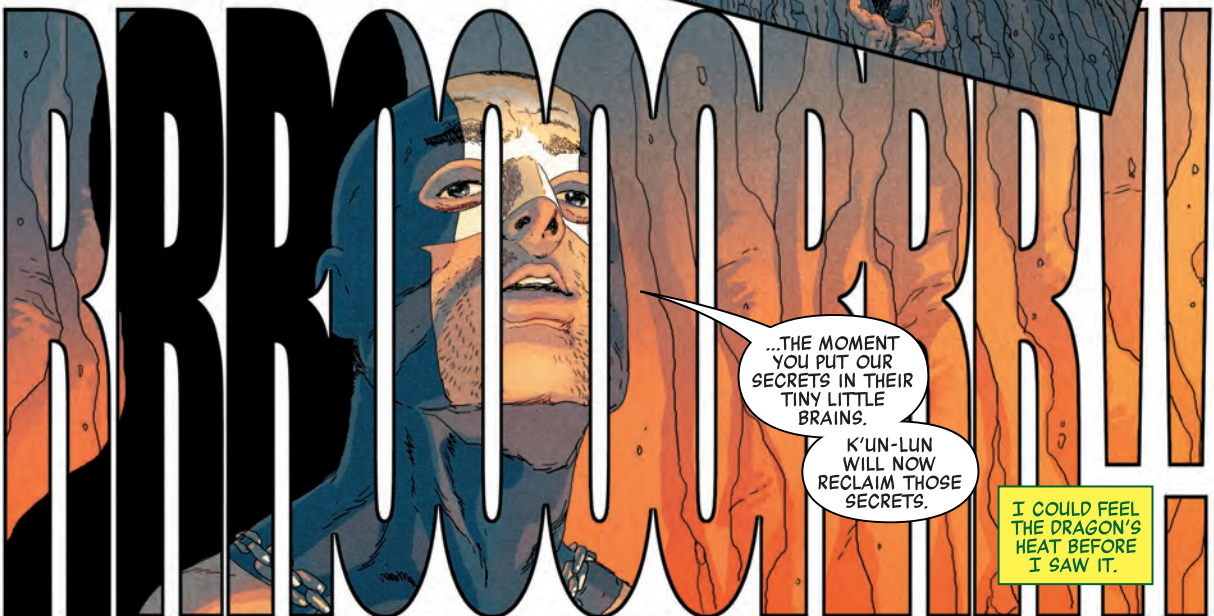
NO, YOU CAN'T! IT'S NOT THEIR FAULT!

I SAW THEM BEING STALKED BY SABERTOOTH TIGERS. BUTCHERED BY MAN-APES. I ONLY TAUGHT THEM HOW TO DEFEND THEMSELVES.

LET THEM GO! THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG! YOU CAN'T DO THIS!



WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING. YOU DOOMED THESE IGNORANT BEASTS...



...THE MOMENT YOU PUT OUR SECRETS IN THEIR TINY LITTLE BRAINS.

K'UN-LUN WILL NOW RECLAIM THOSE SECRETS.

I COULD FEEL THE DRAGON'S HEAT BEFORE I SAW IT.



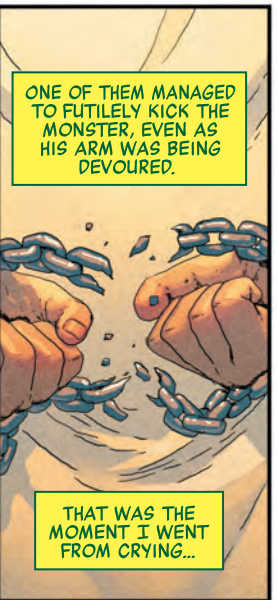
THE FIRST CAVEMAN WAS LUCKY. THE DRAGON'S BREATH TURNED HIM INTO A FLAMING PUDDLE ALMOST INSTANTLY.



HE'D BEEN A SHY FELLOW WHO BROUGHT ME FLOWERS BEFORE EVERY LESSON.

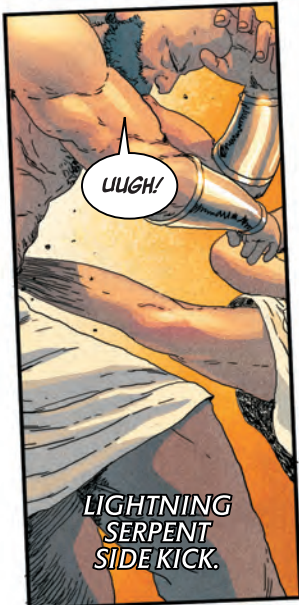


THE OTHERS TRIED TO CLAW THROUGH THE ROCK TO ESCAPE, BUT THE DRAGON'S SWORD-SIZED FANGS TORE THEM TO SHREDS.



ONE OF THEM MANAGED TO FUTILELY KICK THE MONSTER, EVEN AS HIS ARM WAS BEING DEVoured.

THAT WAS THE MOMENT I WENT FROM CRYING...



LUUGH!

LIGHTNING SERPENT SIDEKICK.



...TO DELIVERING SOME KICKS OF MY OWN.



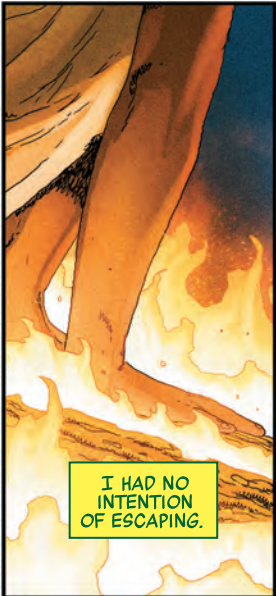
HUKK!



MOTHER TIGER KNUCKLES OF RAGE.



BLOCK THE EXIT! DON'T LET HER ESCAPE!



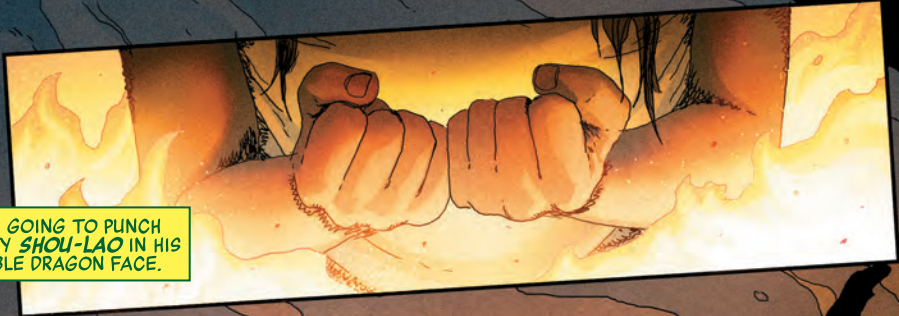
I HAD NO INTENTION OF ESCAPING.



I LEAPT THROUGH BLOOD AND FIRE WITH NO HOPE OF LIVING TO SEE ANOTHER DAY, TOO ENRAGED TO EVEN BE AFRAID.



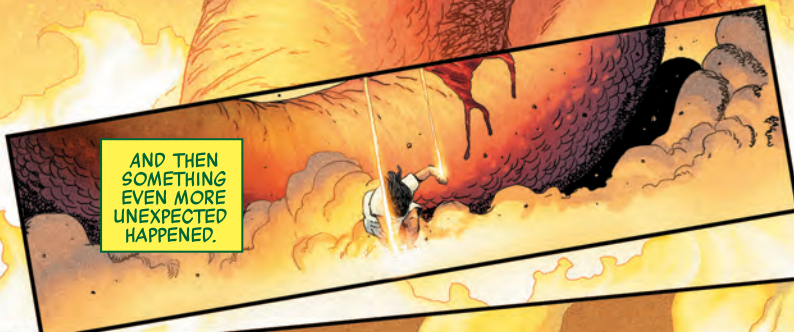
I ONLY KNEW THAT, BEFORE I JOINED MY STUDENTS IN THE BELLY OF THAT FLAMING MONSTROSITY...



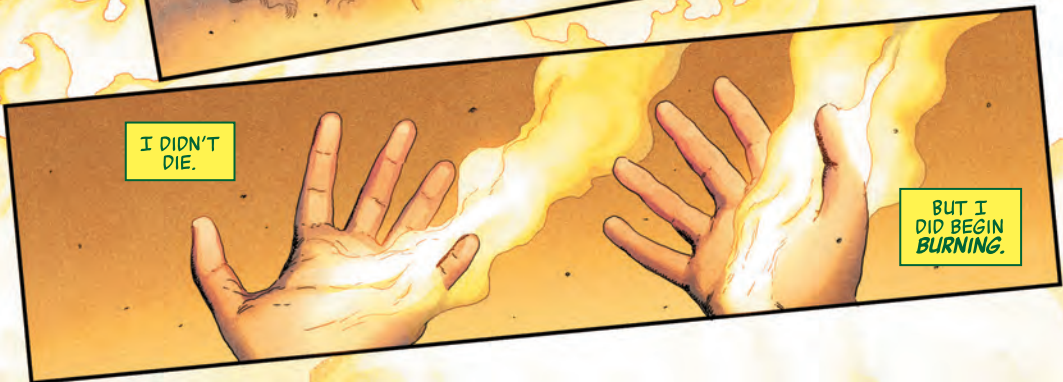
...I WAS GOING TO PUNCH THE MIGHTY SHOU-LAO IN HIS MISERABLE DRAGON FACE.

AND SO I DID.

DOUBLE HAMMERFIST OF EXQUISITE DOOM.



AND THEN SOMETHING EVEN MORE UNEXPECTED HAPPENED.



I DIDN'T DIE.

BUT I DID BEGIN BURNING.