

# DORJE SHUGDEN



THE PROTECTOR OF OUR TIME

*THIS GRAPHIC NOVEL IS DEDICATED TO THE  
LINEAGE LAMAS FROM WHOM THE HOLY TEACHINGS  
HAVE DESCENDED, AND WHOSE BLESSINGS,  
OBTAINED BY A PURE BOND OF FAITH AND  
REVERENCE, LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR THE  
ENLIGHTENMENT OF ALL BEINGS.*

*IT IS ALSO DEDICATED TO THE INCREASING  
NUMBER OF ASPIRING PRACTITIONERS AND  
TO EDUCATE POTENTIAL PRACTITIONERS WITH  
THE NATURE AND INTENT OF GYALCHEN DORJE  
SHUGDEN, WHOSE ENLIGHTENED MIND AND  
QUALITIES HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED AND RELIED  
UPON BY SO MANY EXALTED MASTERS, SOME OF  
THEM WITH REINCARNATION LINEAGES ALL THE  
WAY BACK TO BUDDHA SHAKYAMUNI.*





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YAMANTAKA



BIRWAPA



MANJUSHRI EMANATES AS...



KALARUPA



4-FACED MAHAKALA



DULDZIN DRAKPA  
GYELTSSEN

THROUGH THE AGES,  
OUT OF PURE COMPASSION AND WISDOM,  
ENLIGHTENED BEINGS MANIFEST IN  
DIFFERENT FORMS AND DIFFERENT TIMES  
TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF THAT TIME...



DORJE SHUGDEN





*BIRD*



*BUDDHA SHAKYAMUNI*



*BRIDGE*



*LAMA TSONGKHAPA*

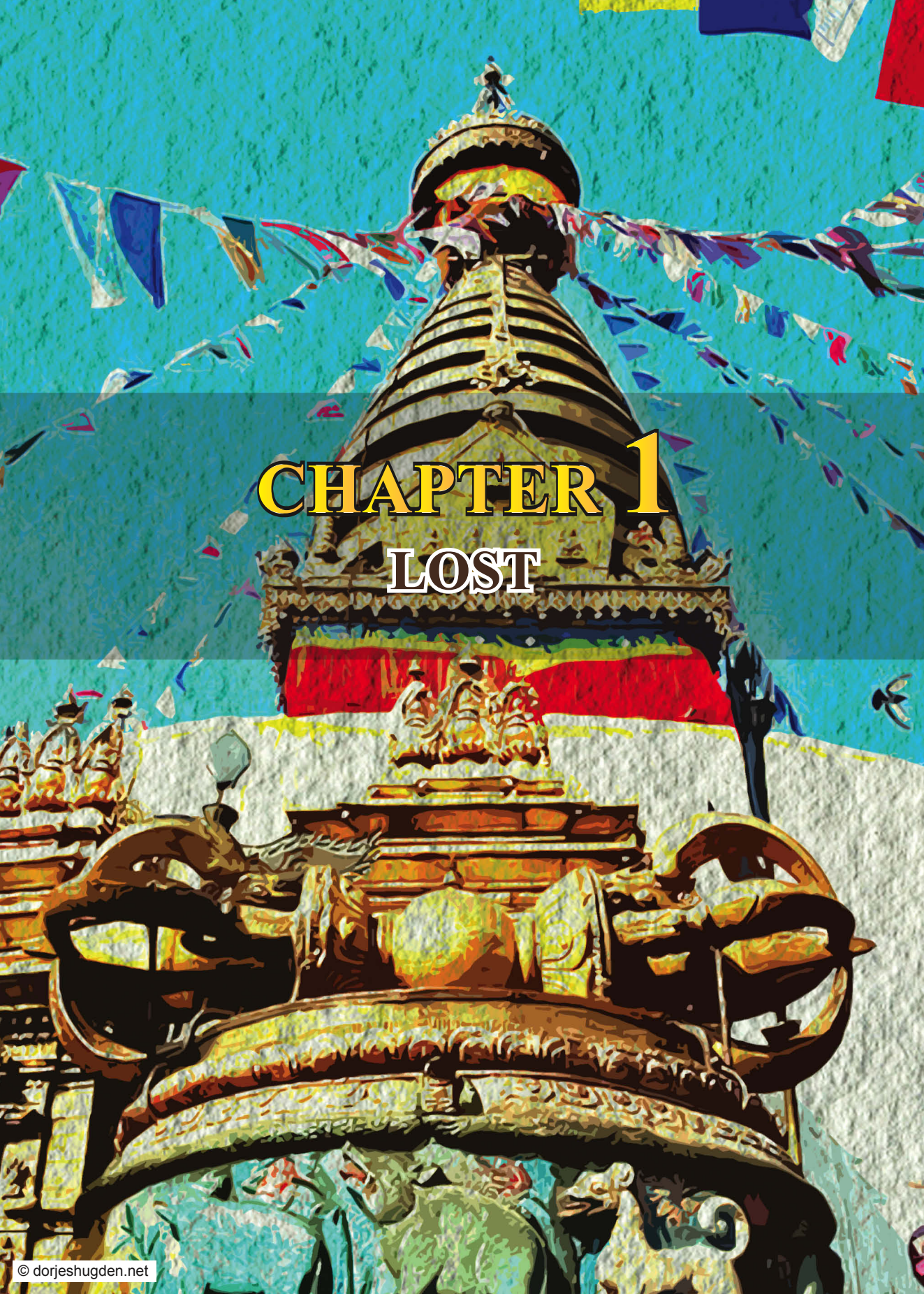


*PANCHEN SONAM DRAKPA*



*TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSEN*

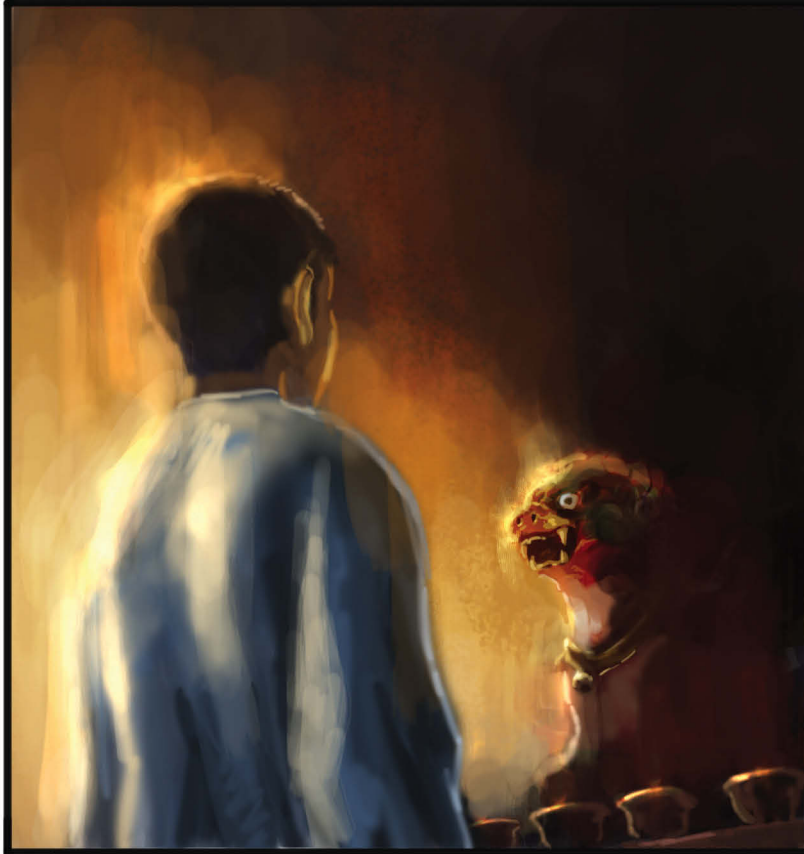
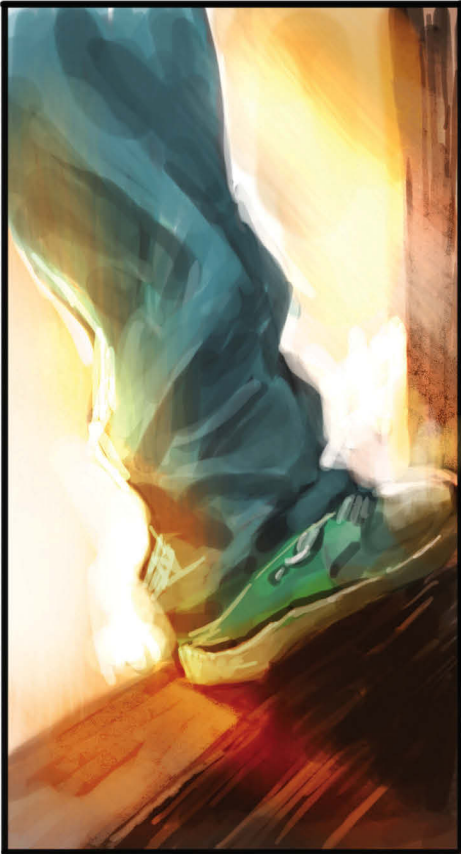




# CHAPTER 1

## LOST





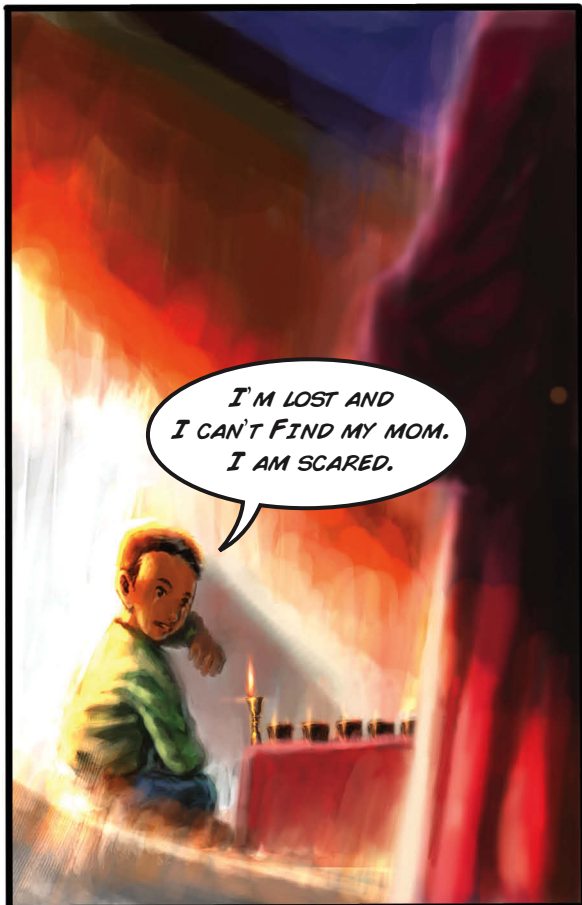




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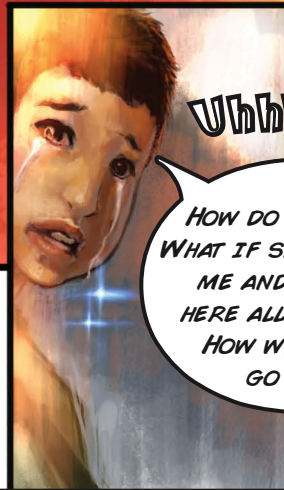
WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHY ARE YOU CRYING?



I'M LOST AND I CAN'T FIND MY MOM. I AM SCARED.



DON'T WORRY. I AM SURE YOUR MOTHER IS NEARBY. YOU ARE SAFE HERE.



Uhhhh...

HOW DO YOU KNOW? WHAT IF SHE CAN'T FIND ME AND I AM LEFT HERE ALL BY MYSELF? HOW WILL I EVER GO HOME?



YOU ARE WELL PROTECTED HERE AND SO, EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT. YOU'LL SEE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN PROTECTED?



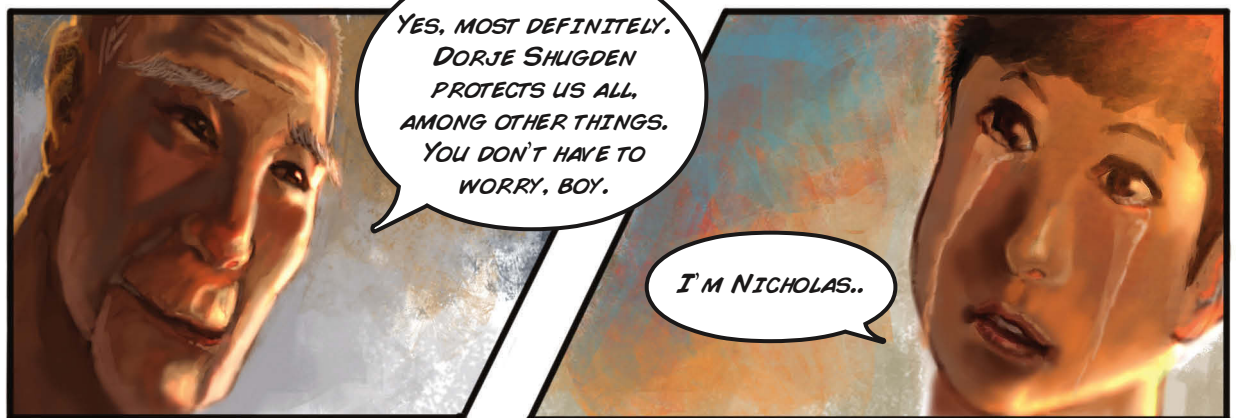
LOOK UP, DO YOU SEE THAT STATUE? DO YOU KNOW WHO HE IS?



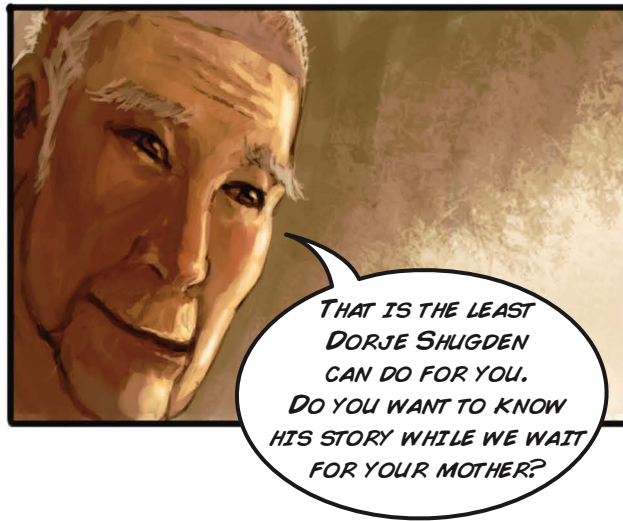
WOAH...

WHAT... WHO IS THAT?

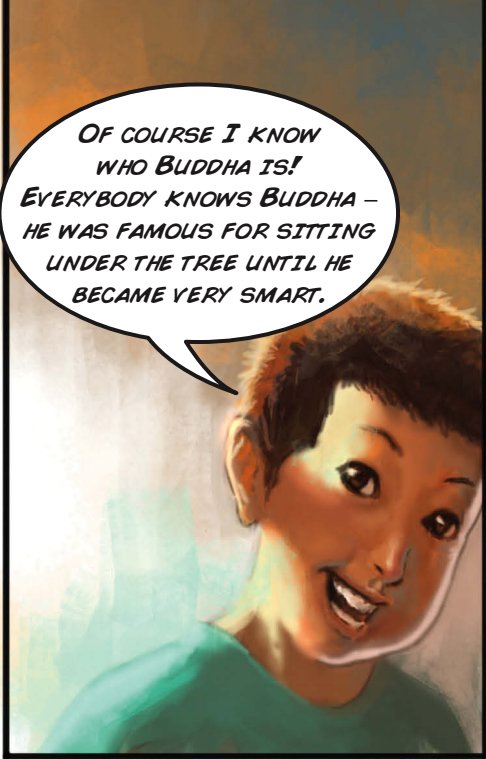









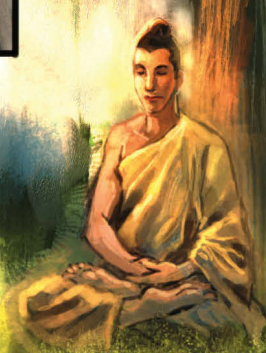




OF COURSE I KNOW WHO BUDDHA IS!  
EVERYBODY KNOWS BUDDHA –  
HE WAS FAMOUS FOR SITTING  
UNDER THE TREE UNTIL HE  
BECAME VERY SMART.



OH, BUT HE WAS NOT  
JUST SITTING UNDER  
A TREE, NICHOLAS.



HE WAS MEDITATING ABOUT  
LIFE AND WHAT CAUSES SUFFERING  
IN LIFE. WHEN HE FOUND THE ANSWER TO  
EVERYTHING, HE BECAME ENLIGHTENED. AND HE  
TAUGHT MANY STUDENTS IN HIS LIFETIME AND  
MANY MONASTERIES WERE BUILT FROM HIS  
TIME ONWARDS. BUDDHA'S TEACHINGS ARE  
SO VALUABLE THAT THEY LAST TO THIS DAY.  
SO, IT IS MORE THAN JUST  
BEING SMART.



OK, I UNDERSTAND  
NOW. PLEASE GO ON  
WITH YOUR STORY.






# CHAPTER 2


## Dharma Protectors








SO, BUDDHA TAUGHT THAT...  
THE ONLY WAY TO STOP  
SUFFERING IS TO DEVELOP  
SELFLESSNESS, KINDNESS  
AND COMPASSION FOR  
OTHERS.



THIS TEACHING BECAME KNOWN  
AS THE DHARMA – THE RIGHT  
WAY OF LIVING, AS TAUGHT BY  
LORD BUDDHA.

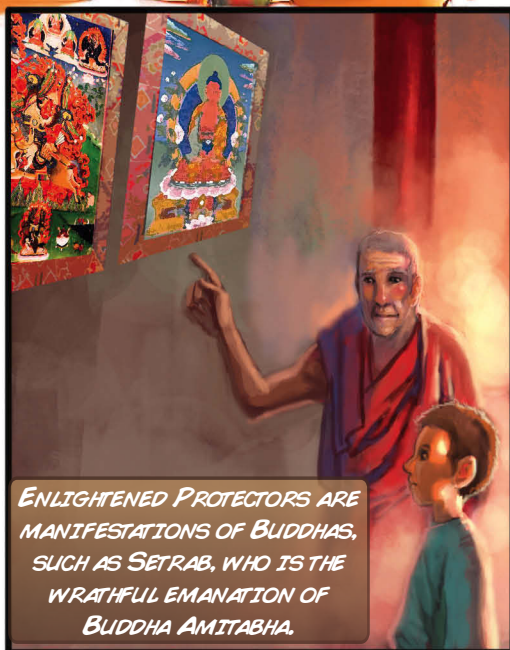


TO PROTECT THE DHARMA, THERE  
AROSE SPECIAL PROTECTIVE  
BEINGS, CALLED DHARMA  
PROTECTORS. THESE PROTECTORS  
ARE VERY USEFUL TO CLEAR  
OBSTACLES FOR OUR DHARMA  
PRACTICE AS WELL AS ANY  
OBSTACLES IN OUR EVERY DAY LIVES.

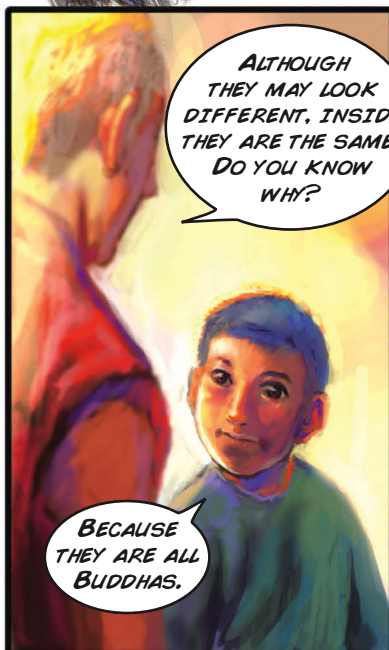




THERE ARE BOTH ENLIGHTENED AND UNENLIGHTENED DHARMA PROTECTORS.



ENLIGHTENED PROTECTORS ARE MANIFESTATIONS OF BUDDHAS, SUCH AS SETRAB, WHO IS THE WRATHFUL EMANATION OF BUDDHA AMITABHA.



ALTHOUGH THEY MAY LOOK DIFFERENT, INSIDE THEY ARE THE SAME. DO YOU KNOW WHY?

BECAUSE THEY ARE ALL BUDDHAS.



THAT'S RIGHT! VERY GOOD.



OVER HERE - FOUR-FACED MAHAKALA, WHO IS THE EMANATION OF MANJUSHRI.





*THERE ARE ALSO UNENLIGHTENED  
PROTECTORS, THESE ARE SPIRITS SUBDUED  
AND OATH-BOUND BY HIGH LAMAS TO  
PROTECT THE DHARMA.*



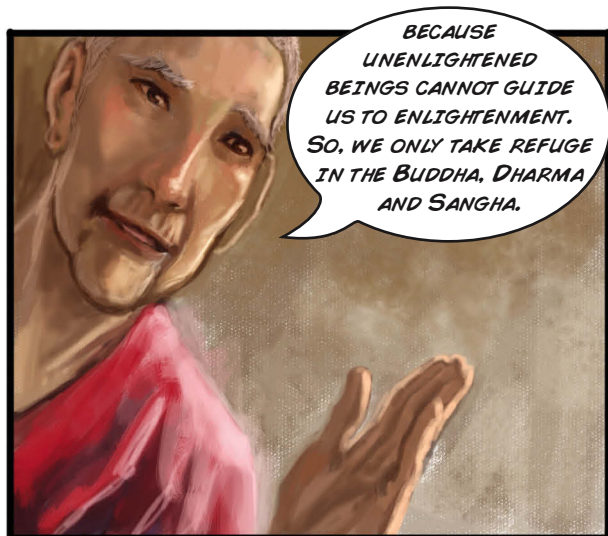


*DORJE DRAKDEN, A MINISTER OF NECHUNG, HAS BEEN ADVISING THE DALAI LAMAS VIA THE STATE ORACLE OF TIBET FOR THE PAST 300 YEARS.*



*WE CAN TAKE REFUGE IN ENLIGHTENED PROTECTORS BUT NOT UNENLIGHTENED PROTECTORS.*

*WHY?*



*BECAUSE UNENLIGHTENED BEINGS CANNOT GUIDE US TO ENLIGHTENMENT. SO, WE ONLY TAKE REFUGE IN THE BUDDHA, DHARMA AND SANGHA.*



*NOW, DIFFERENT PROTECTORS WILL ARISE AT DIFFERENT TIMES TO FULFILL DIFFERENT PURPOSES ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE AT THAT TIME.*



Tibet

*MANY DHARMA PROTECTORS WERE BROUGHT OVER FROM INDIA TO TIBET BY THE KINDNESS OF GREAT BUDDHIST MASTERS TO HELP THE DHARMA GROW...*

India

DO YOU  
KNOW WHY IT IS SO  
IMPORTANT FOR DHARMA  
TO GROW IN EVERY  
PLACE?

YES,  
BECAUSE WITH DHARMA  
ALL OUR SUFFERING IN LIFE  
CAN END AND WE CAN  
GET ENLIGHTENED.



ON A SPIRITUAL LEVEL,  
THEY CLEAR OBSTACLES  
FOR OUR DHARMA STUDY  
AND PRACTICE, HELPING  
US TO GAIN PEACE AND  
WISDOM TO GUIDE OUR  
OWN LIVES.







ON A WORLDLY  
LEVEL, THEY REMOVE  
PROBLEMS AND PROVIDE  
THE RESOURCES WE NEED  
TO PRACTICE DHARMA  
SMOOTHLY.

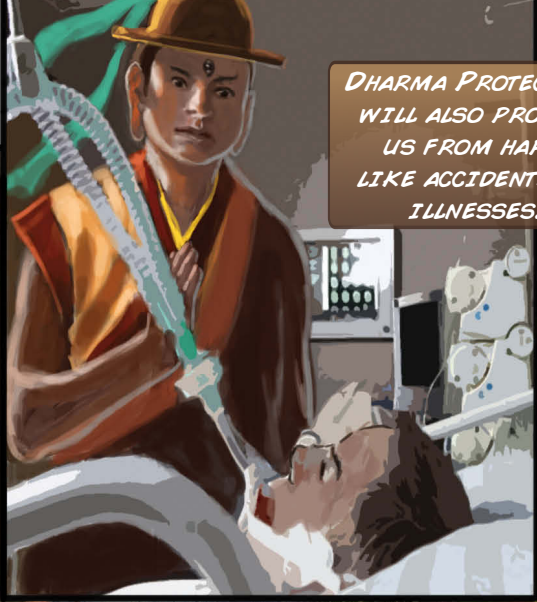
FOR EXAMPLE,  
IF WE HAD ENOUGH MONEY,  
AND IF OUR FAMILY LIFE WAS  
HARMONIOUS AND STABLE, WE COULD  
PRACTICE DHARMA MORE EASILY LIKE  
YOU CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD. WHEN WE  
HAVE DHARMA, ALL OUR SUFFERING  
WILL END AND WE CAN ACHIEVE  
ENLIGHTENMENT. THAT MEANS,  
WE CAN BECOME BUDDHAS  
TOO!



**WOW!!**

THAT IS  
SO COOL.





*DHARMA PROTECTORS  
WILL ALSO PROTECT  
US FROM HARM  
LIKE ACCIDENTS OR  
ILLNESSES.*



**VROOOOM**

**SCREEEECH**

*ESSENTIALLY,  
ENLIGHTENED DHARMA  
PROTECTORS WILL ALWAYS  
PROTECT US ON OUR  
SPIRITUAL JOURNEY.*



# CHAPTER 3

## Dorje Shugden and his purpose

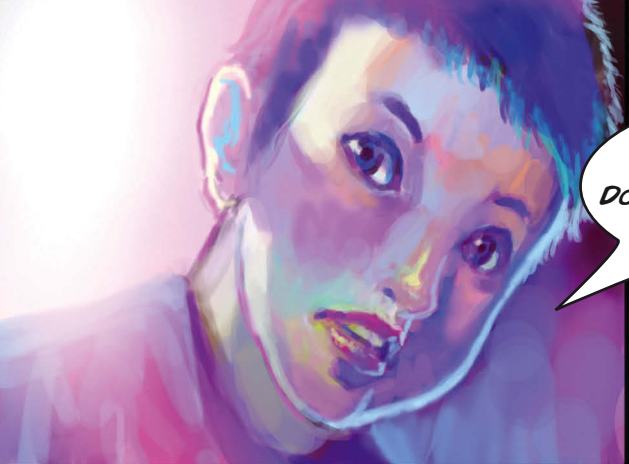






*DORJE SHUGDEN  
IS AN ENLIGHTENED  
DHARMA PROTECTOR WHO  
AROSE 350 YEARS AGO.  
HE IS AN EMANATION OF  
THE BUDDHA OF WISDOM,  
MANJUSHRI.*





THAT MEANS HE IS  
THE SAME?  
DORJE SHUGDEN IS ALSO THE  
BUDDHA OF WISDOM?



DORJE SHUGDEN EMANATED AS  
A DHARMA PROTECTOR IN ORDER  
TO SAFEGUARD THE PRECIOUS  
TEACHINGS OF THE SECOND BUDDHA  
KNOWN AS LAMA TSONGKHAPA UNTIL  
TODAY.



YES!!  
THE SAME.

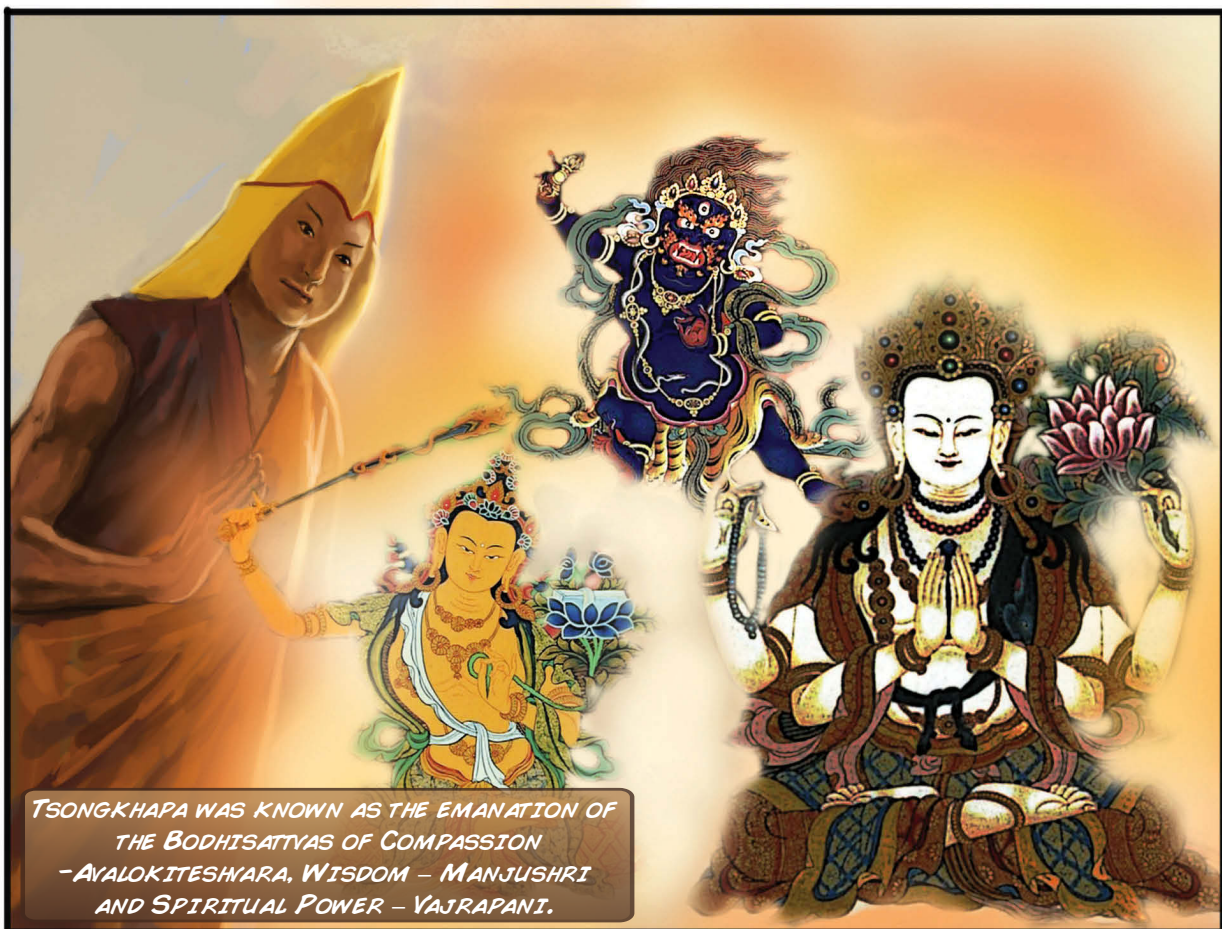




*LAMA TSONGKHAPA (1357-1419) WAS A TIBETAN SCHOLAR AND SAINT WHO RESTORED BUDDHISM, WHICH WAS DEGENERATING IN TIBET, AND REVIVED THE TEACHINGS TO ITS HIGHEST SPLENDOR.*



*HE COMBINED THE BEST FROM THE MAIN SCHOOLS OF BUDDHISM TO ESTABLISH THE GELUGPA SCHOOL, ALSO KNOWN AS THE YELLOW HAT TRADITION.*

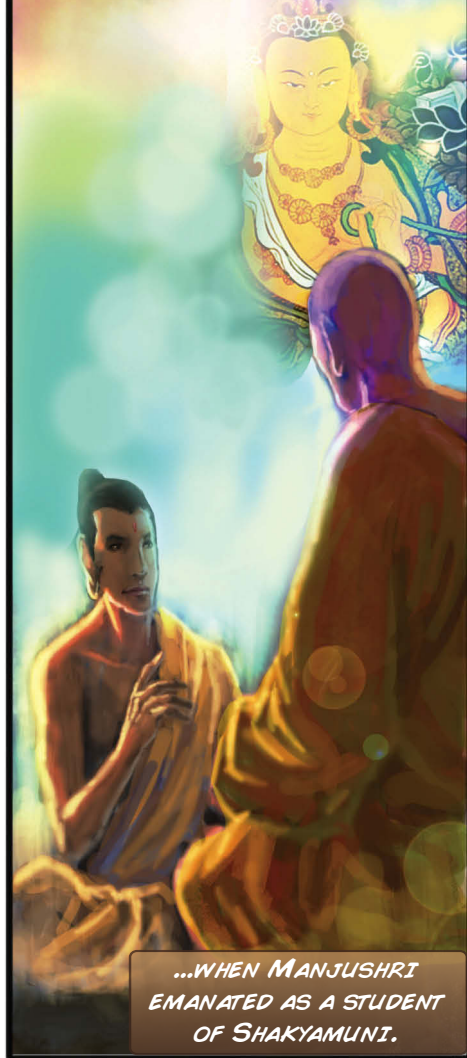


*TSONGKHAPA WAS KNOWN AS THE EMANATION OF THE BODHISATTVAS OF COMPASSION - AVALOKITESHVARA, WISDOM - MANJUSHRI AND SPIRITUAL POWER - VAJRAPANI.*

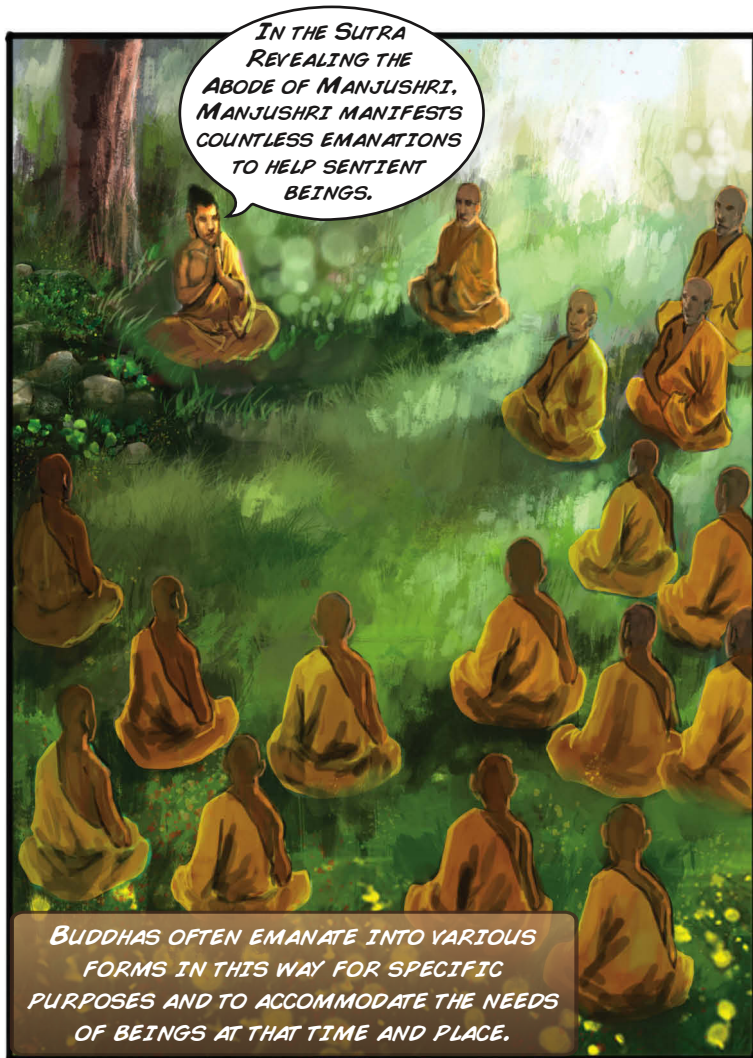




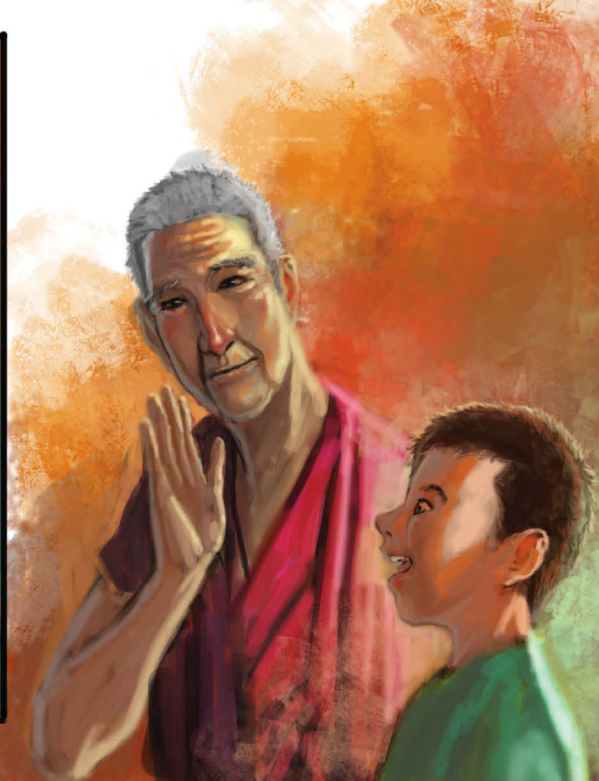




...WHEN MANJUSHRI  
EMANATED AS A STUDENT  
OF SHAKYAMUNI.



BUDDHAS OFTEN EMANATE INTO VARIOUS  
FORMS IN THIS WAY FOR SPECIFIC  
PURPOSES AND TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS  
OF BEINGS AT THAT TIME AND PLACE.





# CHAPTER 4

## The Earliest Masters: Birwapa and Sakya Pandita

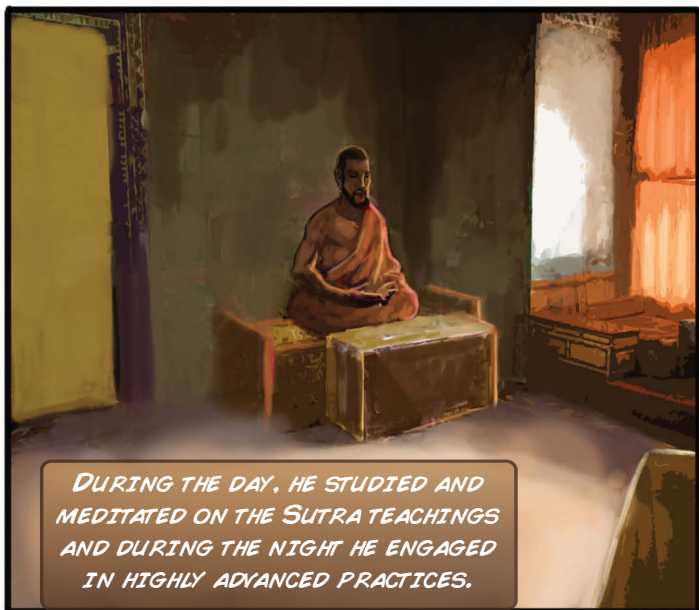






*DORJE SHUGDEN'S EARLIEST RECORDED INCARNATION WAS ONE OF THE LEGENDARY 84 MAHASIDDHAS OF INDIA, "BIRWAPA" (837-909).*

*THE MAHASIDDHA "BIRWAPA", AN EMANATION OF MANJUSHRI, WAS ESPECIALLY FAMED FOR HIS ERUDITE TEACHINGS AND ABILITY TO MANIFEST MANY MIRACLES. HE COULD EVEN STOP THE SUN FROM SETTING!*



*DURING THE DAY, HE STUDIED AND MEDITATED ON THE SUTRA TEACHINGS AND DURING THE NIGHT HE ENGAGED IN HIGHLY ADVANCED PRACTICES.*



*LOOK AT "BIRWAPA" – HOW DARE HE BRING WOMEN INTO THE MONASTERY*

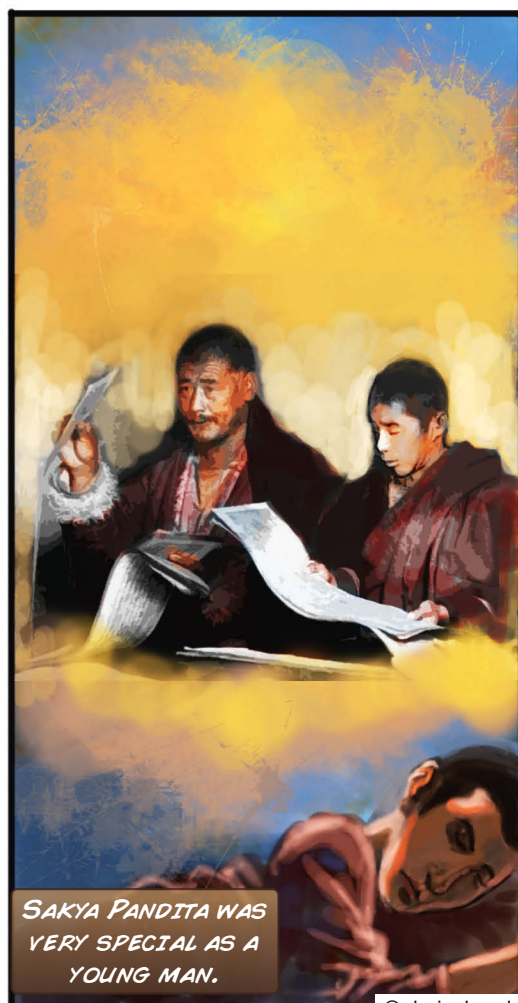
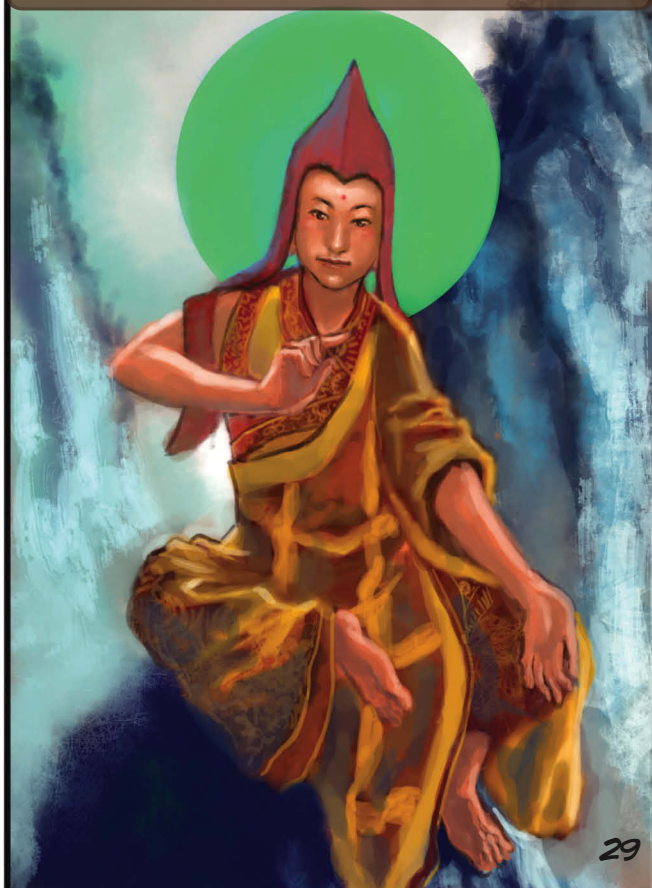
*IT'S A DISGRACE – WE SHOULD TELL HIM TO LEAVE!*

*"BIRWAPA" ACTUALLY MEANS BAD MAN, WHICH WAS A NAME HE RECEIVED BECAUSE SOME MONKS AT NALANDA MONASTERY MISUNDERSTOOD THAT BIRWAPA WAS ENTERTAINING ORDINARY WOMEN.*





"BIRWAPA" LATER TOOK REBIRTH IN WESTERN TIBET  
AS THE GREAT LAMA OF THE SAKYA TRADITION,  
SACHEN KUNGA GYELTSEN, MORE COMMONLY  
KNOWN AS SAKYA PANDITA (1182-1251).







*SAKYA PANDITA'S NAME SPREAD FAR AND WIDE,  
REACHING EVEN TO THE CHINESE EMPEROR  
WHO DEVELOPED DEEP FAITH IN HIM AND THE  
BUDDHADHARMA.*



*THEN, SAKYA PANDITA TOOK REBIRTH  
AS BUTÖN RINCHEN DRUB (1291-  
1364) IN WESTERN TIBET.*



*AS A CHILD, HE COULD  
CONVERSE DIRECTLY  
WITH MANJUSHRI.*





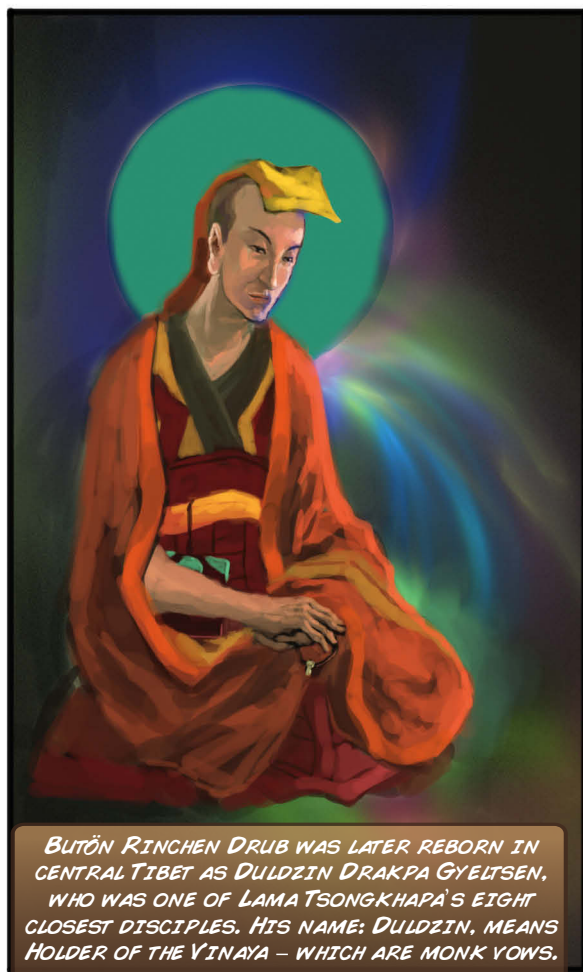




# CHAPTER 5

Duldzin Drakpa Gyeltsen





*BUTÖN RINCHEN DRUB WAS LATER REBORN IN CENTRAL TIBET AS DULDZIN DRAKPA GYELTSÉN, WHO WAS ONE OF LAMA TSONGKHAPA'S EIGHT CLOSEST DISCIPLES. HIS NAME: DULDZIN, MEANS HOLDER OF THE VINAYA – WHICH ARE MONK VOWS.*



*DULDZIN WAS ALSO WIDELY KNOWN FOR HIS VERY PURE PRACTICE, SERVICE TO DHARMA AND ESPECIALLY FOR OVERSEEING THE FULL CONSTRUCTION OF GADEN MONASTERY.*

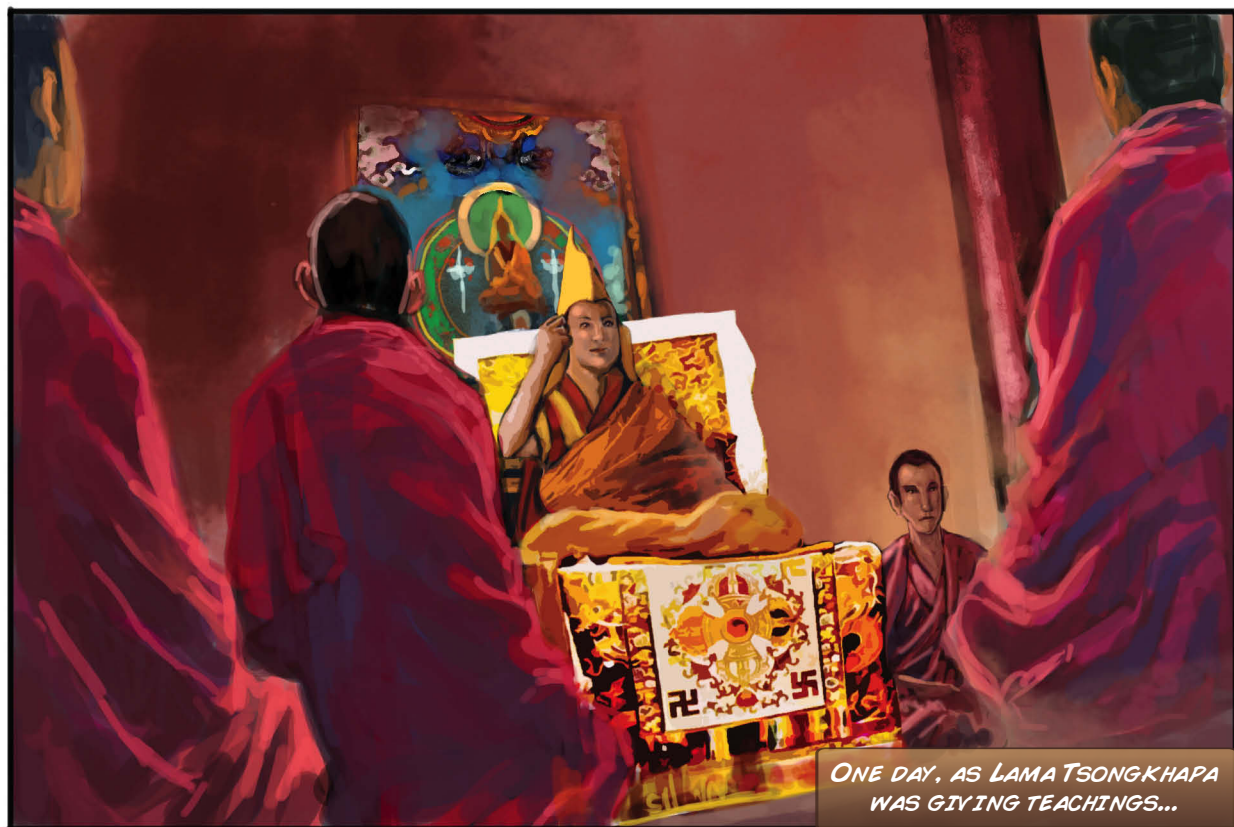
*DULDZIN, YOU'RE DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB BUILDING THIS MONASTERY.*

*THIS MONASTERY IS MY OFFERING TO MY GURU TSONGKHAPA.*

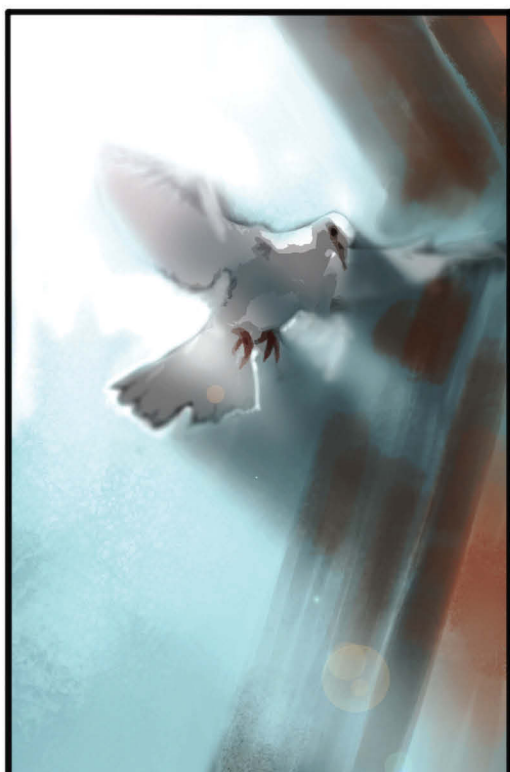


*COMPLETED IN 1409, GADEN WOULD BECOME THE FIRST AND MOST PROMINENT MONASTIC INSTITUTION OF THE GELUGPA LINEAGE AS ESTABLISHED BY LAMA TSONGKHAPA.*

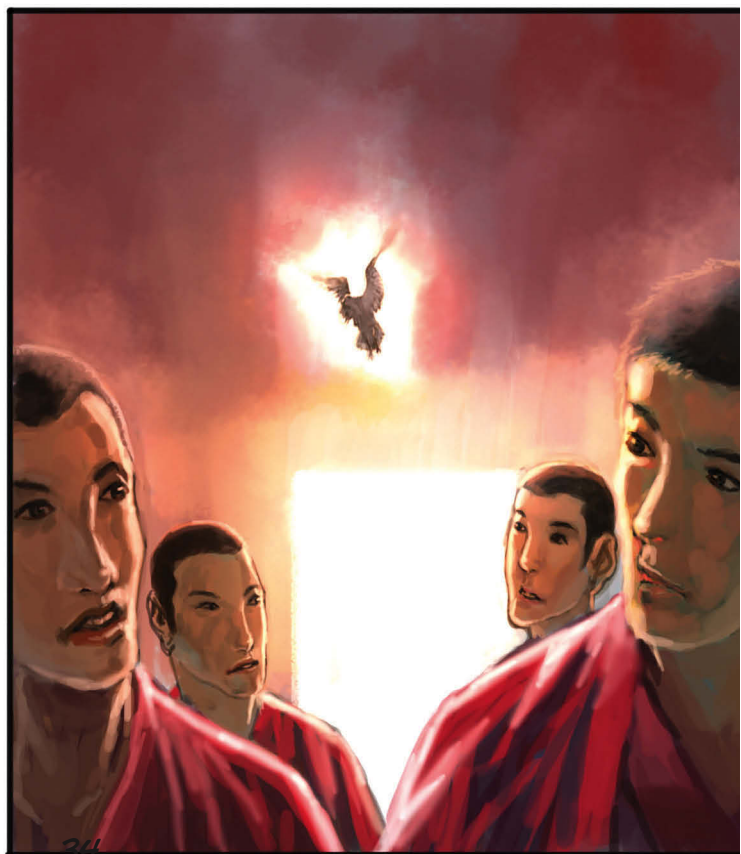




ONE DAY, AS LAMA TSONGKHAPA  
WAS GIVING TEACHINGS...



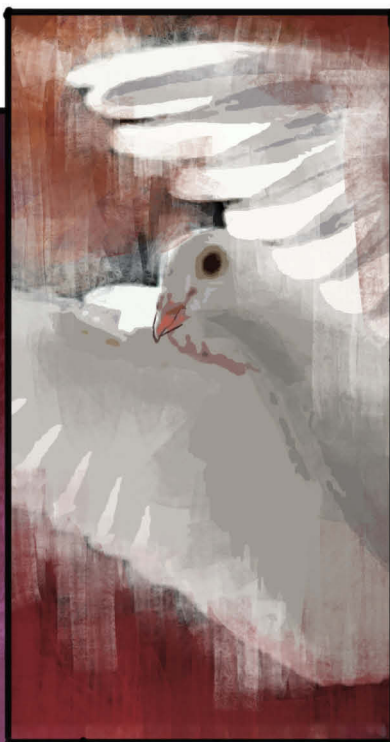
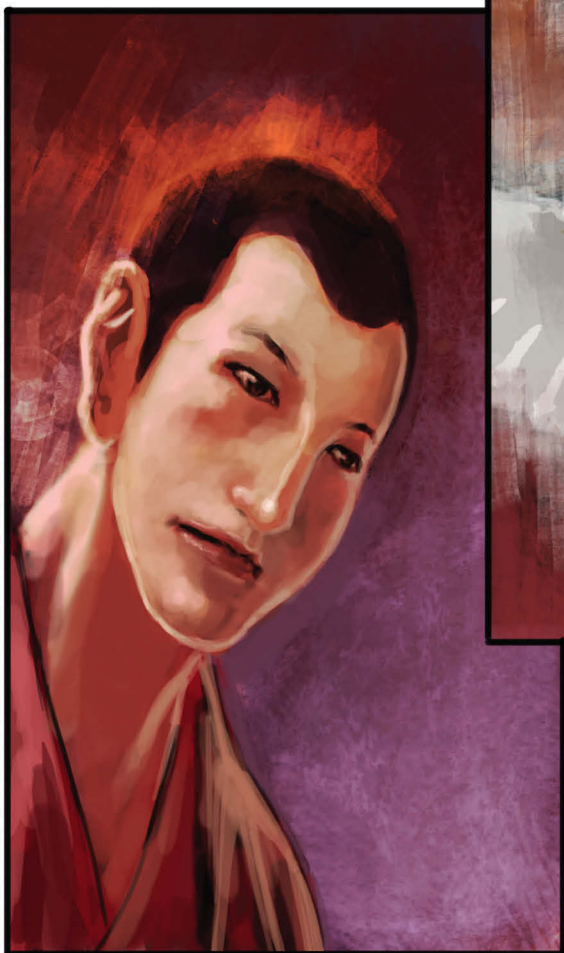
A WHITE DOVE STARTED CIRCLING  
TSONGKHAPA'S THRONE DURING THE  
TEACHING.





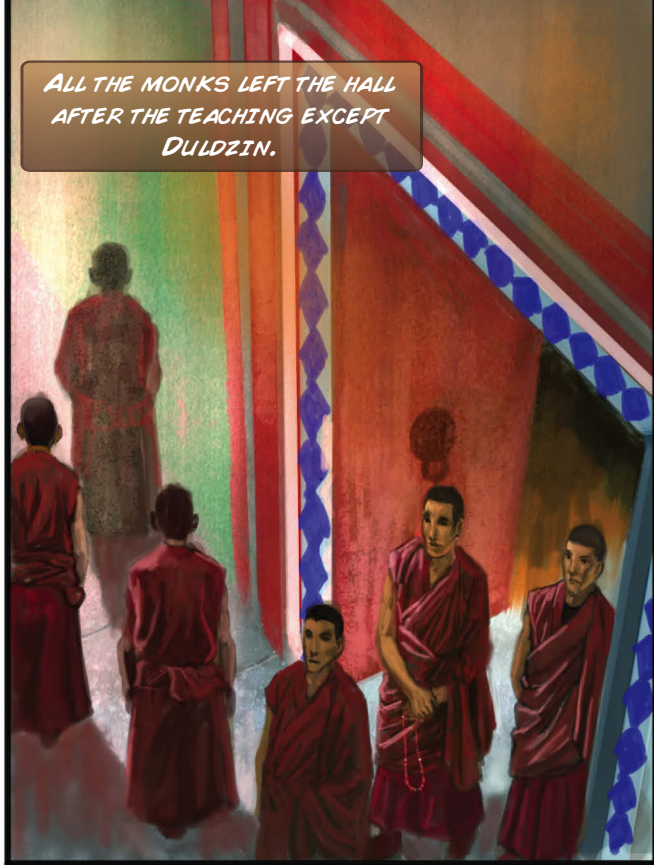


AS THE DOVE CIRCLED AROUND  
TSONGKHAPA'S THRONE, DULDZIN  
RECOGNIZED THAT IT WAS THE  
DHARMA PROTECTOR, NECHUNG.





ALL THE MONKS LEFT THE HALL  
AFTER THE TEACHING EXCEPT  
DULDZIN.



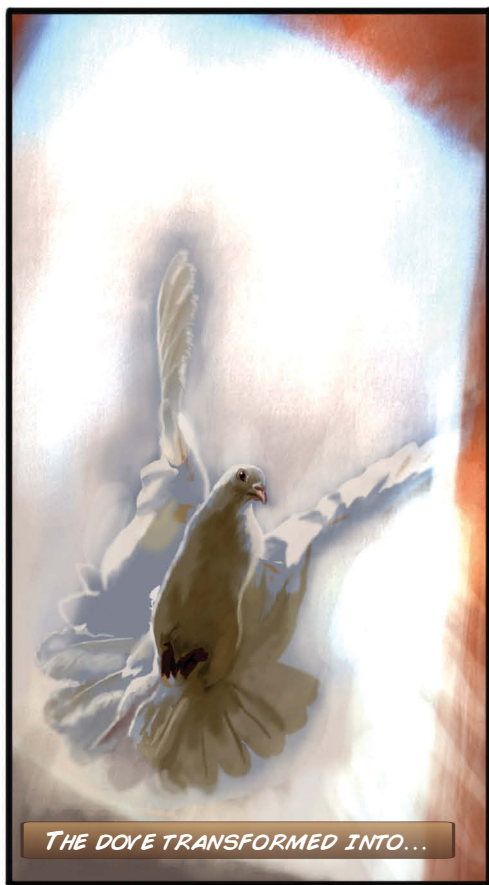
NECHUNG,  
WHY WERE YOU  
DISTURBING MY  
LAMA'S  
TEACHINGS?



WHAT DO  
YOU WANT?



THE DOVE TRANSFORMED INTO...

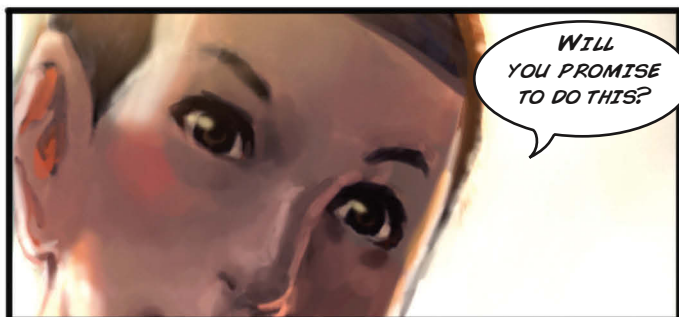


A BOY!

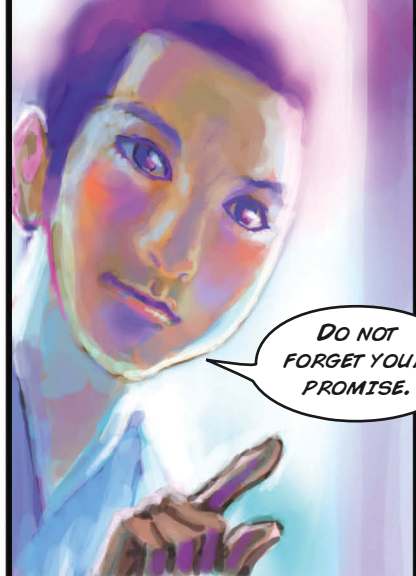


I NEED  
YOUR HELP.





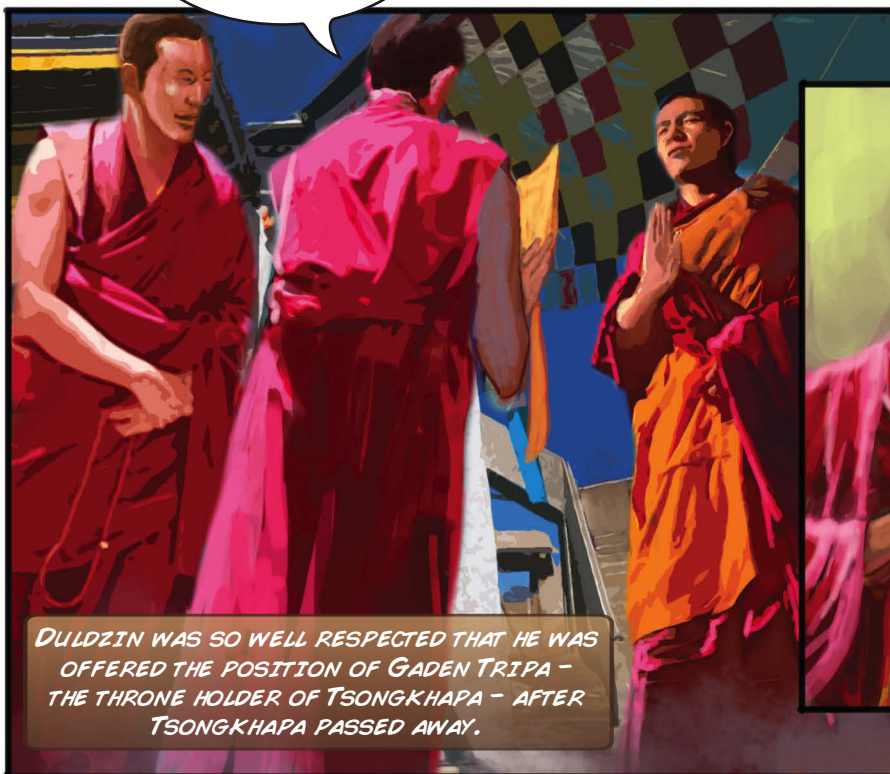




DO NOT  
FORGET YOUR  
PROMISE.

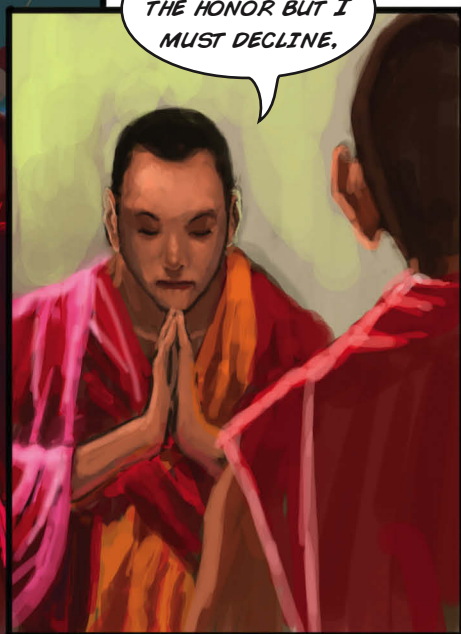


PLEASE TAKE  
THE THRONE AND  
REPRESENT LAMA  
TSONGKHAPA HERE ON  
EARTH



DULDZIN WAS SO WELL RESPECTED THAT HE WAS  
OFFERED THE POSITION OF GADEN TRIPA -  
THE THRONE HOLDER OF TSONGKHAPA - AFTER  
TSONGKHAPA PASSED AWAY.

THANK YOU FOR  
THE HONOR BUT I  
MUST DECLINE.



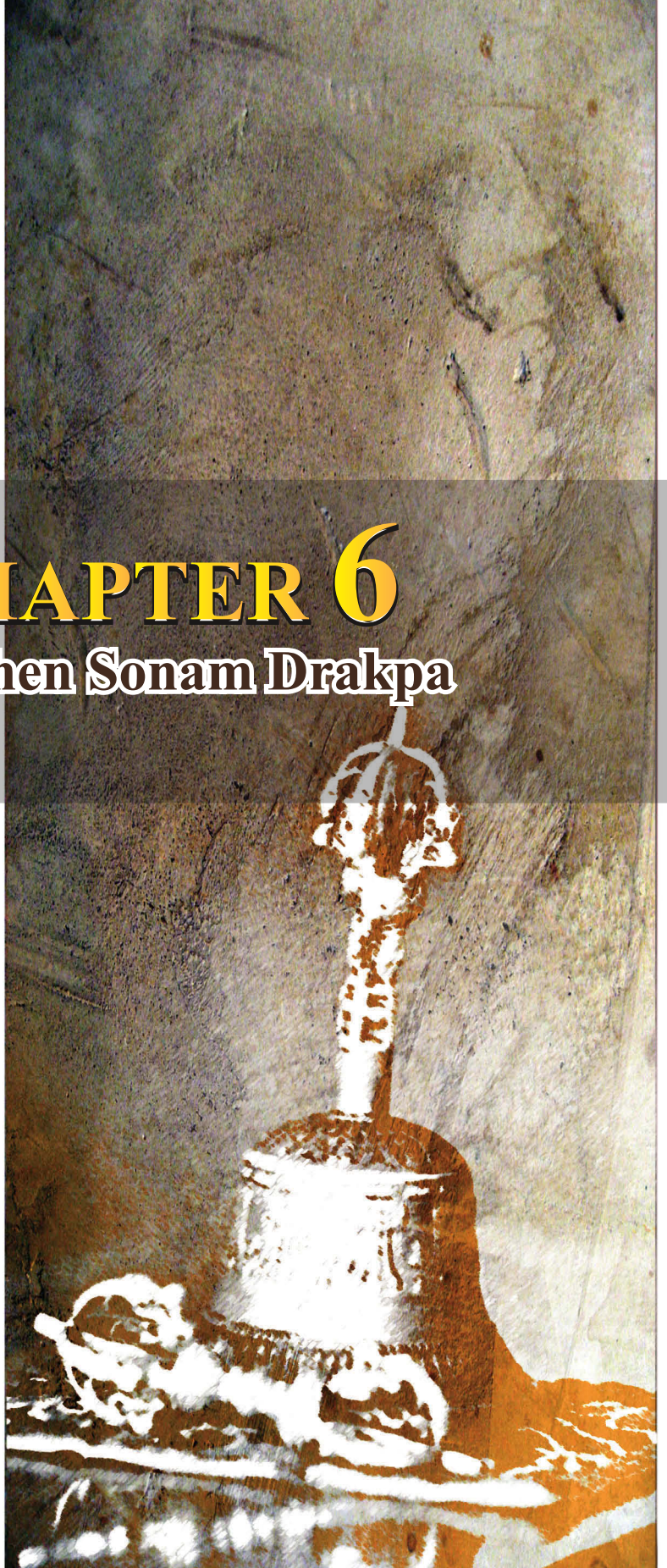






# CHAPTER 6

## Panchen Sonam Drakpa





*IN HIS NEXT LIFE, LORD  
DULDZIN MANIFESTED AS THE  
EXTRAORDINARY SCHOLAR,  
PANCHEN SONAM DRAKPA,  
BORN IN 1478.*



*HE WAS SO HIGHLY RESPECTED, HE  
ROSE TO BECOME THE SPIRITUAL  
GUIDE TO THE 3RD DALAI LAMA.*



*PANCHEN SONAM DRAKPA WAS VERY UNIQUE  
BECAUSE HE WAS THE ONLY PERSON WHO HAS  
EVER BECOME THE ABBOT OF ALL THREE MAIN  
GELUG MONASTERIES – GADEN, SERA AND  
DREPUNG – IN A SINGLE LIFETIME.*





*HE WAS ALSO THE ABBOT OF  
GYUTO TANTRIC COLLEGE...*

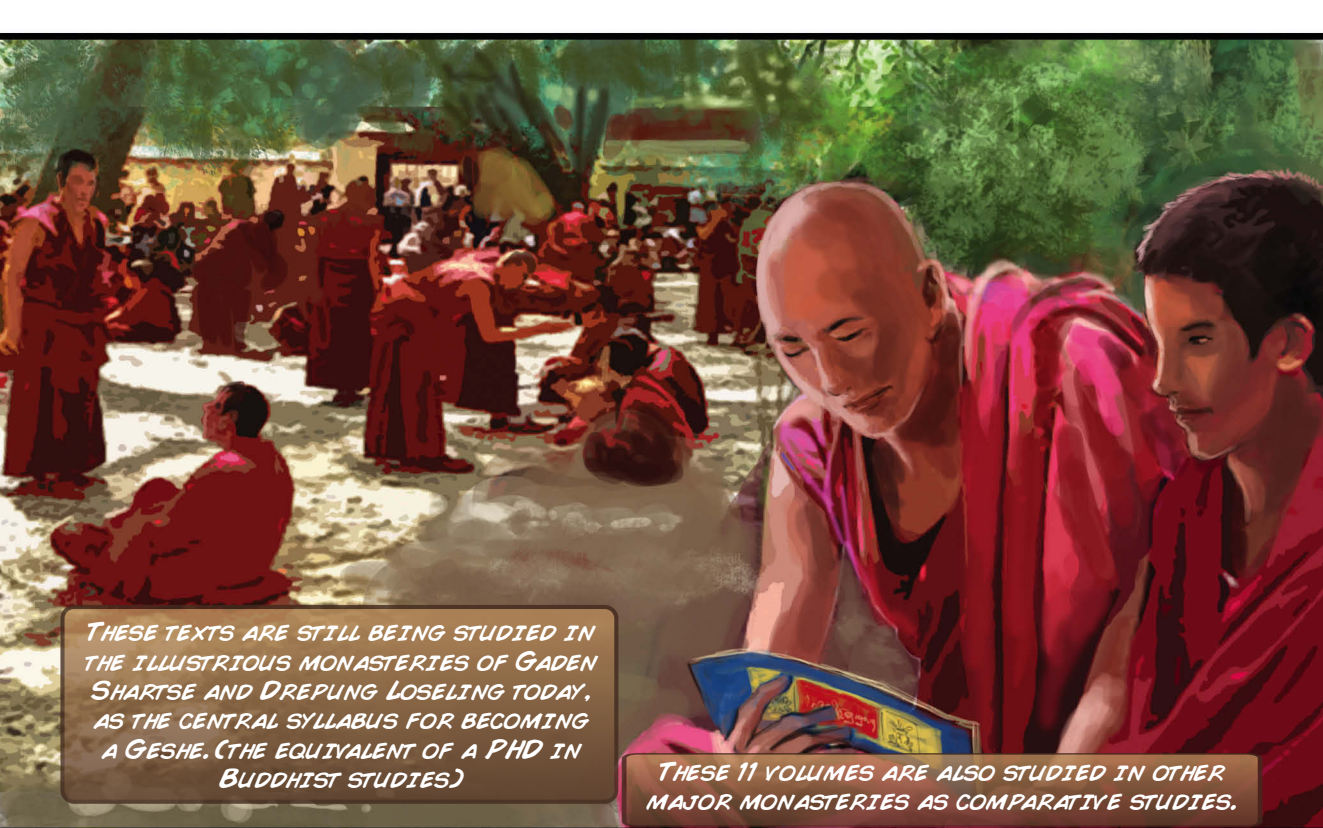


*AND BECAME THE 15TH GADEN  
TRIPA, REPRESENTING  
TSONGKHAPA ON EARTH.*



*PANCHEN SONAM DRAKPA WAS EXTREMELY  
ERUDITE, SCHOLARLY AND SHARP IN  
HIS WISDOM. HE WAS PARTICULARLY  
RENOWNED FOR WRITING 11 DEFINITIVE  
VOLUMES OF PHILOSOPHICAL TEACHINGS.*

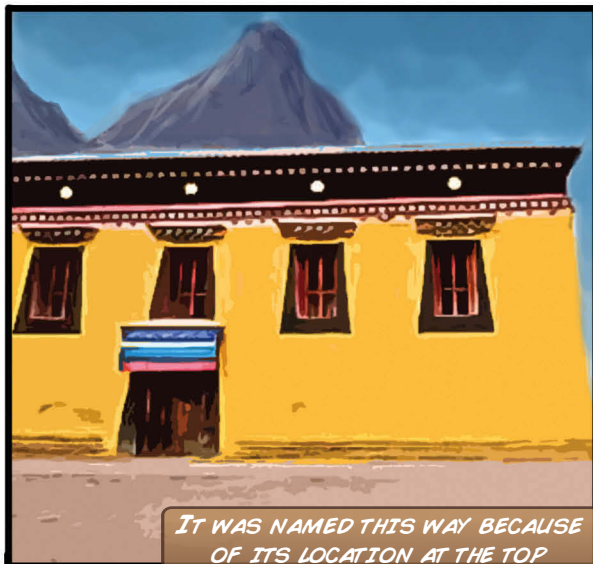
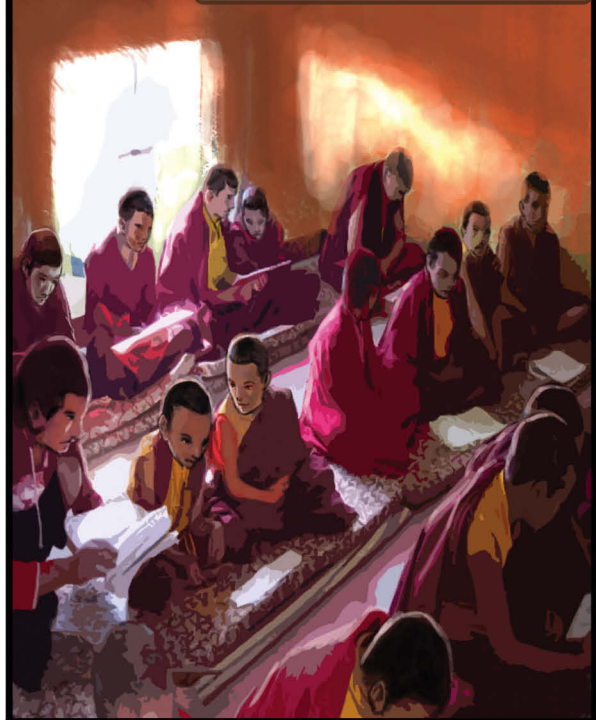




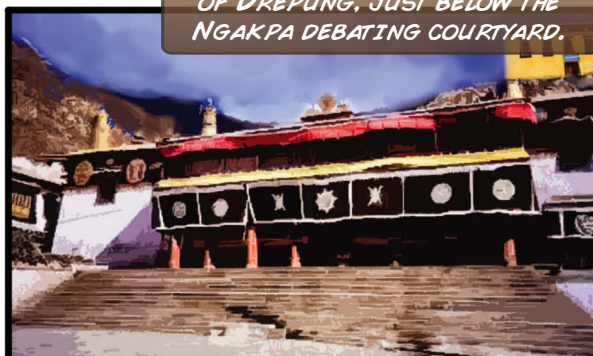
*THESE TEXTS ARE STILL BEING STUDIED IN THE ILLUSTRIOUS MONASTERIES OF GADEN SHARTSE AND DREPUNG LOSELING TODAY, AS THE CENTRAL SYLLABUS FOR BECOMING A GESHE. (THE EQUIVALENT OF A PHD IN BUDDHIST STUDIES)*

*THESE 11 VOLUMES ARE ALSO STUDIED IN OTHER MAJOR MONASTERIES AS COMPARATIVE STUDIES.*

*BEFORE HIS PASSING IN 1554, PANCHEN SONAM DRAKPA SET UP HIS OWN ESTATE, KNOWN AS THE UPPER CHAMBER (ZIMKHANG GONGMA).*



*IT WAS NAMED THIS WAY BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION AT THE TOP OF DREPUNG, JUST BELOW THE NGAKPA DEBATING COURTYARD.*







# CHAPTER 7

Tulku Drakpa Gyeltsen



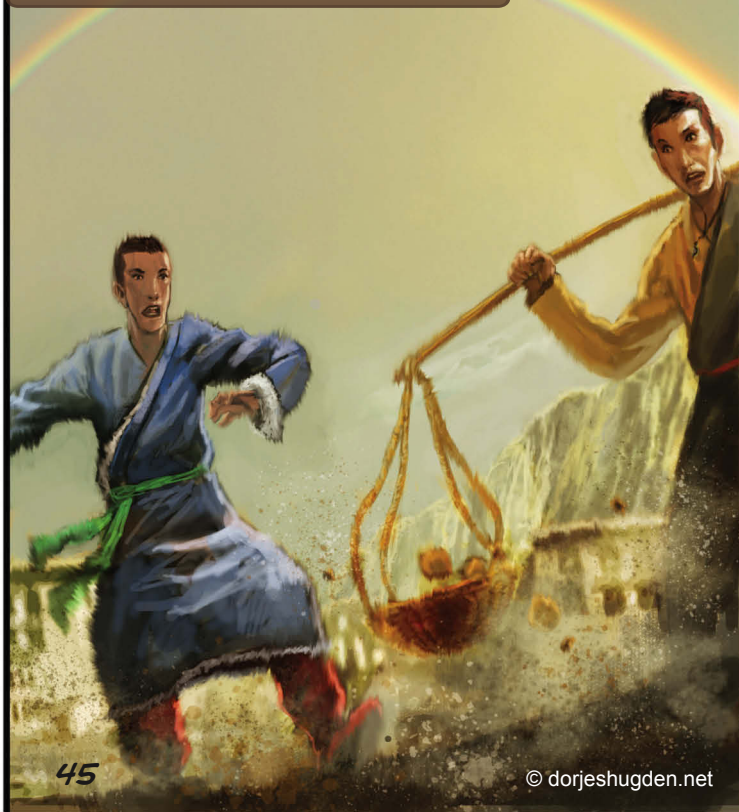


*A FEW LIFETIMES LATER, PANCHEN SONAM DRAKPA WAS REBORN IN 1619 AS SOMEONE WHO WOULD HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF BUDDHISM: TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSSEN.*

*THE 4TH DALAI LAMA HAD PASSED INTO CLEAR LIGHT IN 1617. THEN, THERE WERE TWO POSSIBLE CANDIDATES CONSIDERED FOR HIS INCARNATION.*



*WHEN TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSSEN WAS BORN, RAINBOWS APPEARED AND THE EARTH SHOOK TO REJOICE IN THE COMING OF THIS GREAT BEING.*







*I REMEMBER WHO  
I WAS...*

*FROM A YOUNG AGE, TULKU  
DRAKPA GYELTSSEN COULD CLEARLY  
REMEMBER HIS PREVIOUS LIVES.*



*YOU WILL NOW  
BE KNOWN AS TULKU  
DRAKPA GYELTSSEN.*

*WHEN HE WAS SIX YEARS OLD, THE SAME AGE AS  
YOU – NICHOLAS – TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSSEN WAS  
RECOGNIZED AS A TULKU OF ZIMKHANG GONGMA,  
AND HE WAS GIVEN THE NAME TULKU DRAKPA  
GYELTSSEN BY THE PANCHEN LAMA HIMSELF.*

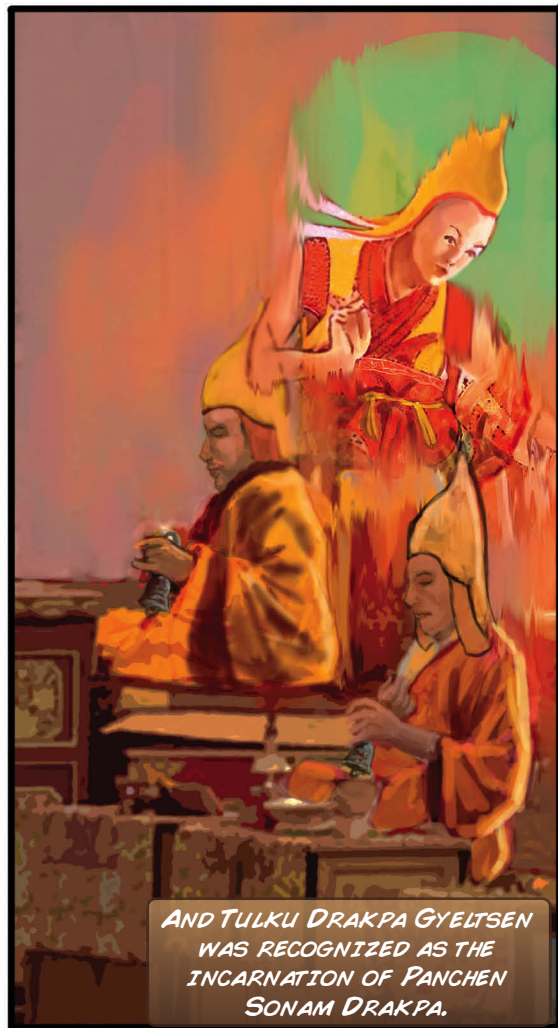




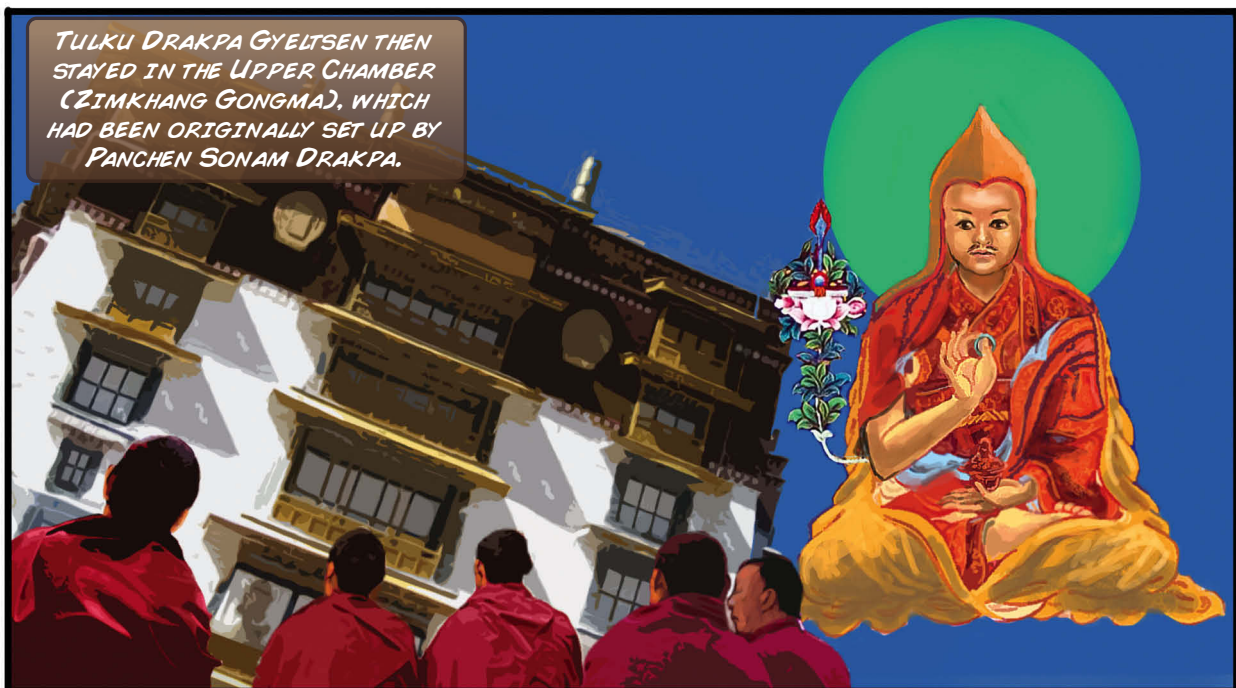




EVENTUALLY, NGAWANG LOBSANG GYATSO WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE INCARNATION OF THE 4TH DALAI LAMA AND ENTHRONED AS THE 5TH DALAI LAMA.



AND TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSSEN WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE INCARNATION OF PANCHEN SONAM DRAKPA.



TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSSEN THEN STAYED IN THE UPPER CHAMBER (ZIMKHANG GONGMA), WHICH HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY SET UP BY PANCHEN SONAM DRAKPA.

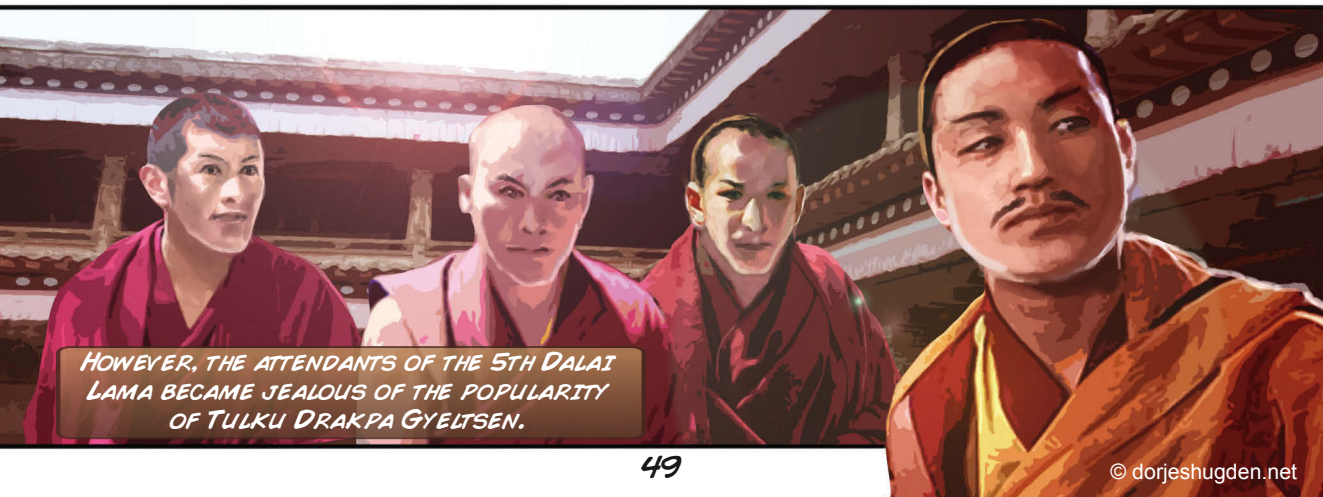




*THE 5TH DALAI LAMA STAYED  
NEARBY IN THE LOWER  
CHAMBER (ZIMKHANG'OGMA).*

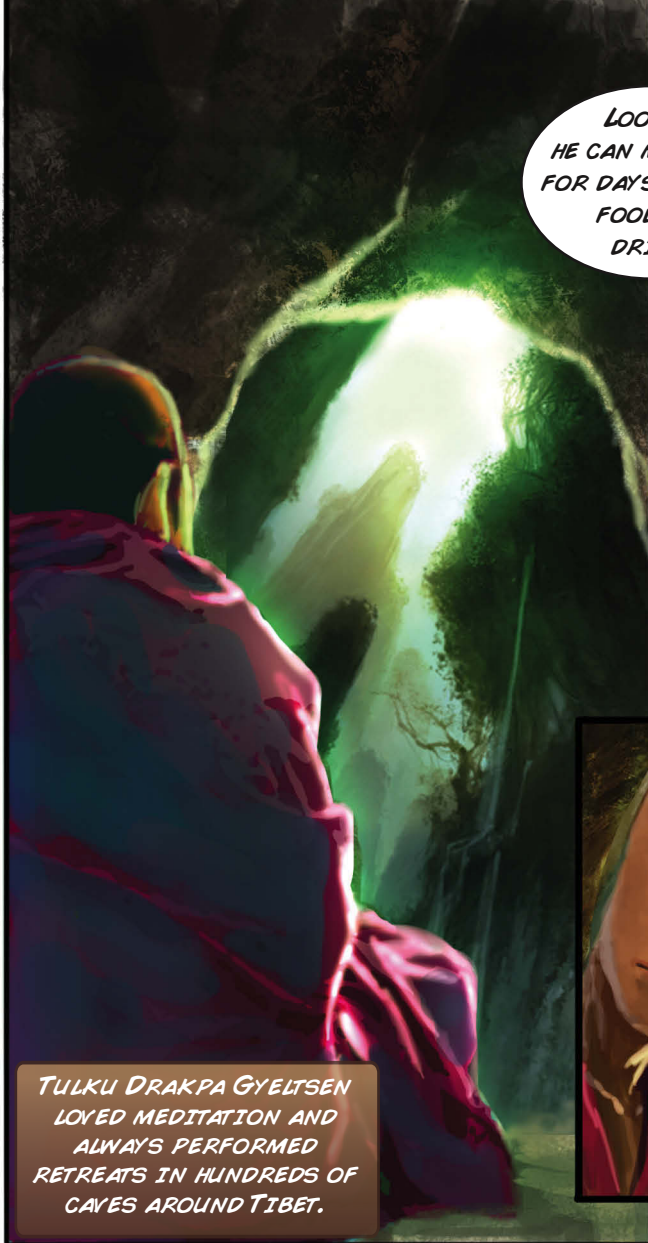


*SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT THAT THE  
5TH DALAI LAMA AND TULKU  
DRAKPA GYEITSEN WERE RIVALS,  
BUT THEY WERE NOT. THEY ALWAYS  
STUDIED AND PRAYED TOGETHER  
PEACEFULLY UNDER THEIR GURU  
— THE PANCHEN LAMA.*



*HOWEVER, THE ATTENDANTS OF THE 5TH DALAI  
LAMA BECAME JEALOUS OF THE POPULARITY  
OF TULKU DRAKPA GYEITSEN.*

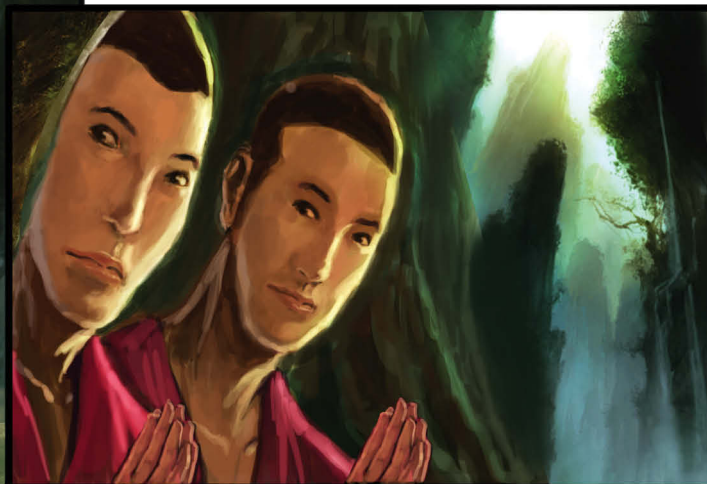




*LOOK!!  
HE CAN MEDITATE  
FOR DAYS WITHOUT  
FOOD AND  
DRINK.*



*HE IS SO  
ATTAINED!*




*TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSEN  
LOVED MEDITATION AND  
ALWAYS PERFORMED  
RETREATS IN HUNDREDS OF  
CAVES AROUND TIBET.*



*MANY PEOPLE WOULD COME TO  
HIS CAVE TO MAKE OFFERINGS  
AND SEEK HIS BLESSINGS.*





OH NO!  
HOW DID THEY KNOW  
I AM HERE?!  
I JUST WANT TO DO MY  
RETREAT AND MEDITATE  
ALONE.



PLEASE  
DON'T TELL THEM  
WHERE I AM GOING.  
I JUST WANT TO  
COMPLETE MY  
RETREAT.



HE HAD TO KEEP MOVING FROM CAVE TO  
CAVE BECAUSE THE FAME OF HIS GREAT  
ATTAINMENTS SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE.



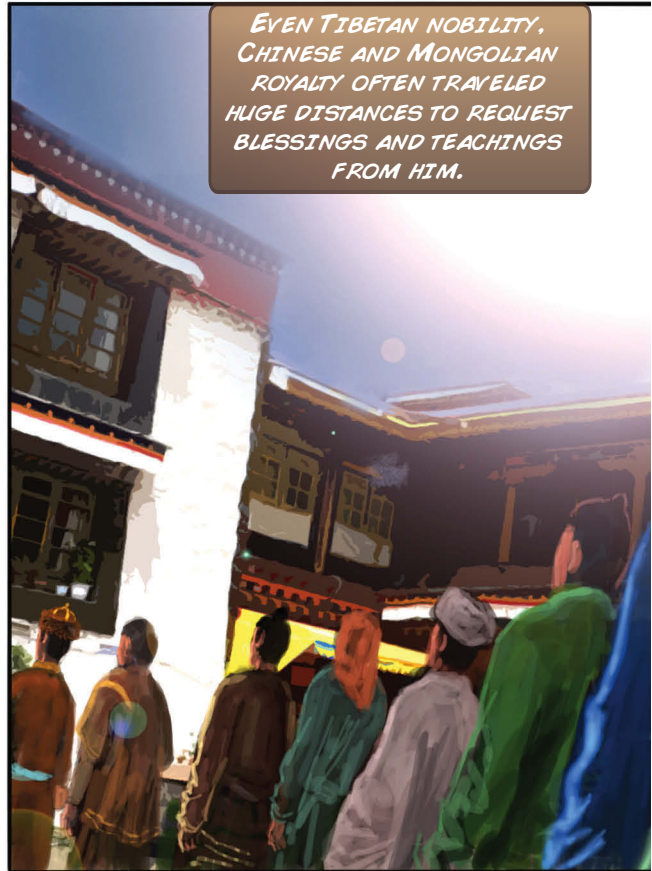
HE MOVED BECAUSE HE WANTED  
PRIVACY AND DISLIKED FAME. HE  
ONLY WISHED TO BE IN RETREAT  
AND TO MEDITATE.



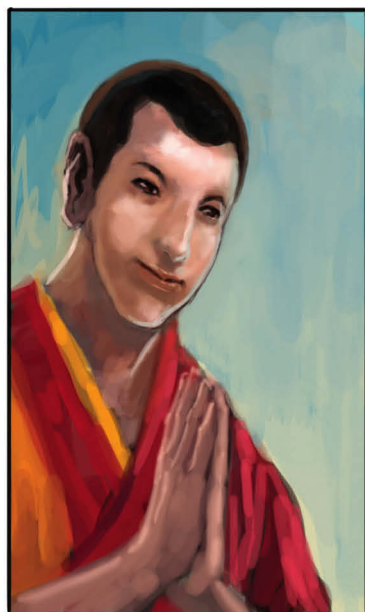
TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSEN  
WAS WIDELY RESPECTED AND  
CONTINUOUSLY SOUGHT AFTER;  
STREAMS OF PEOPLE WOULD  
COME FROM FAR AND WIDE  
JUST TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS,



EVEN TIBETAN NOBILITY,  
CHINESE AND MONGOLIAN  
ROYALTY OFTEN TRAVELED  
HUGE DISTANCES TO REQUEST  
BLESSINGS AND TEACHINGS  
FROM HIM.







ONE DAY, TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSSEN HAD AN AUDIENCE WITH THE PROTECTOR NECHUNG, WHO SPOKE TO HIM THROUGH AN ORACLE.



WHAT'S AN  
ORACLE?









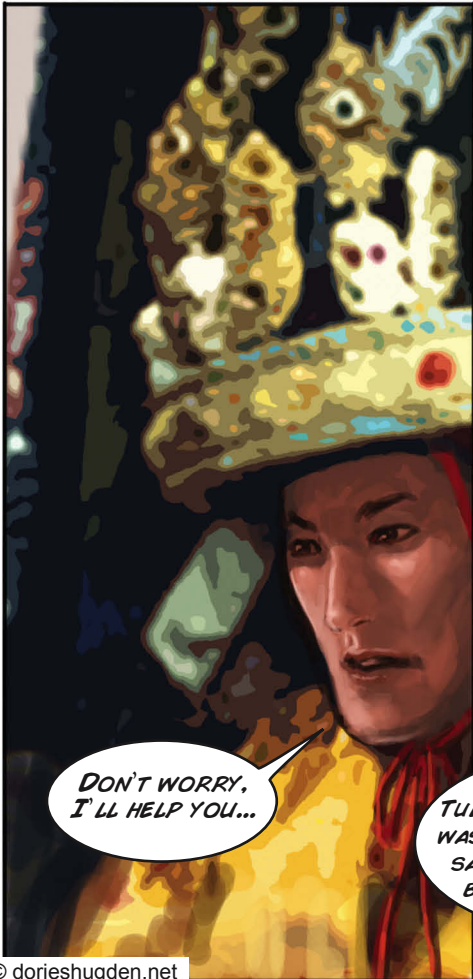




YES,  
I WILL DO IT.  
I PROMISE.

I...  
I REMEMBER  
NOW!

BUT I HAVE A  
PROBLEM. I DON'T  
HAVE ANY ANGER IN MY  
MINDSTREAM. HOW CAN  
I ARISE AS A WRATHFUL  
DHARMA PROTECTOR IF I  
DON'T HAVE ANY  
ANGER?




DON'T WORRY,  
I'LL HELP YOU...



OH MY...  
TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSEN  
WAS SO SELFLESS. HE EVEN  
SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO  
BECOME A PROTECTOR.







# CHAPTER 8

The Death of Tulku  
Drakpa Gyeltsen





AND SO, NECHUNG BEGAN TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS FOR TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSEN TO MANIFEST AND EMERGE AS A SUPREME DHARMA PROTECTOR.



WE CAN'T LET TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSEN LOOK MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE DALAI LAMA HIMSELF!

BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?



WE CAN'T BREAK OUR VOWS...

IF IT'S TO DEFEND THE DALAI LAMA, WE WON'T BREAK OUR VOWS. EVEN SHAKYAMUNI BUDDHA KILLED IN HIS PREVIOUS LIFE OUT OF A GOOD MOTIVATION.



THIS IS GETTING TOO MUCH...

YOU BETTER DO SOMETHING...

TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSEN IS STEALING THE LIMELIGHT AGAIN... WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!



LISTEN... FOR THE SAKE OF THE BUDDHADHARMA, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE HE IS NOT AROUND ANYMORE.

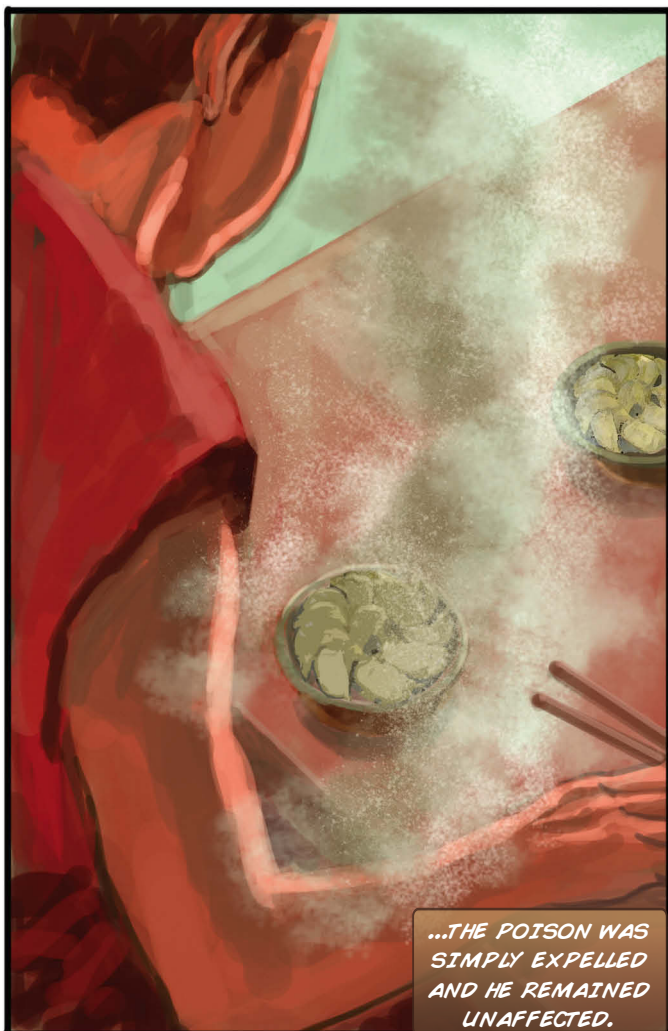
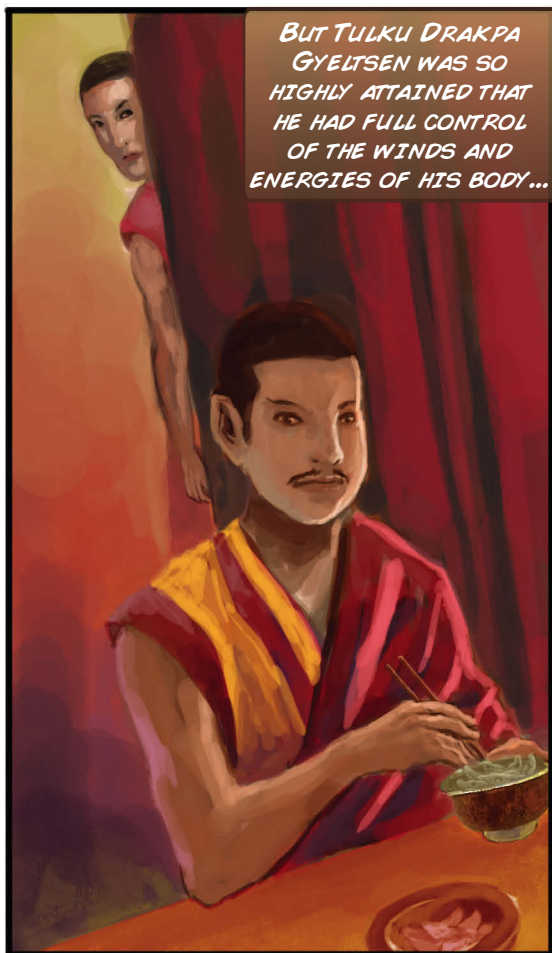




SO THEY TRIED TO POISON HIM...



BUT TULKU DRAKPA  
GYELTSSEN WAS SO  
HIGHLY ATTAINED THAT  
HE HAD FULL CONTROL  
OF THE WINDS AND  
ENERGIES OF HIS BODY...



...THE POISON WAS  
SIMPLY EXPELLED  
AND HE REMAINED  
UNAFFECTED.



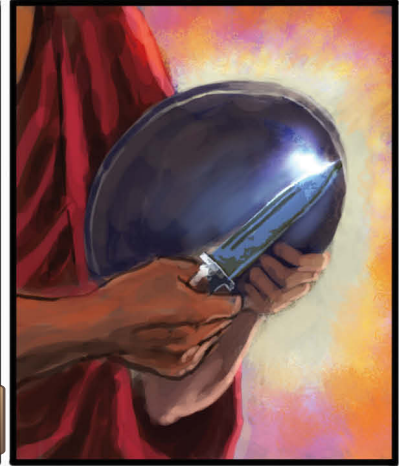


ONE DROP WOULD  
HAVE KILLED A YAK BUT  
DRAKPA GYELTSEN IS  
UNAFFECTED!

RINPOCHE-  
LA, WE WOULD  
LIKE TO MAKE SOME  
OFFERINGS...



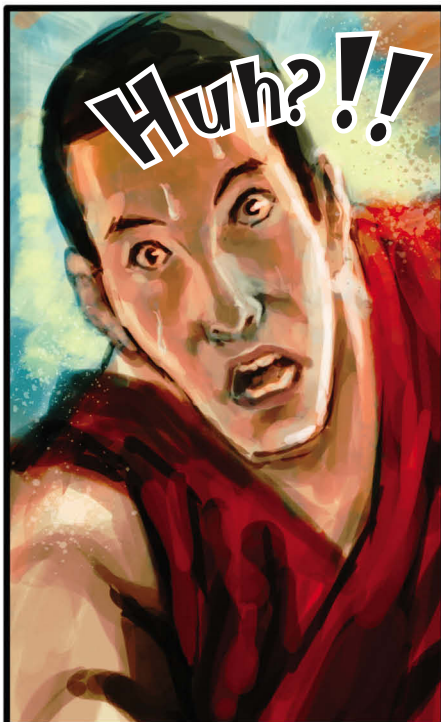
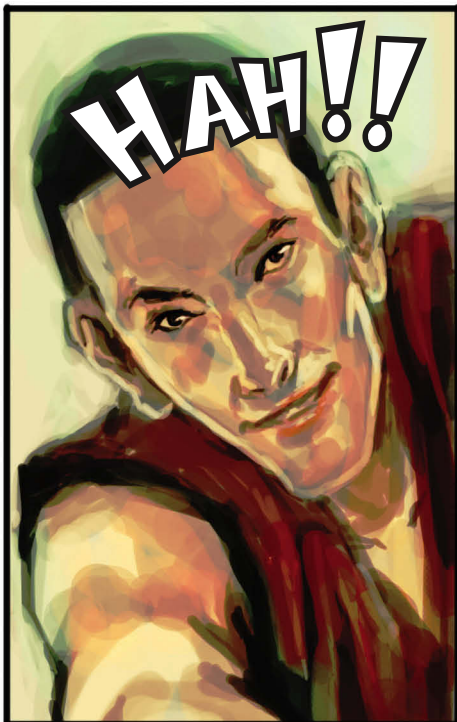
AT AN AUDIENCE WITH TULKU  
DRAKPA GYELTSEN...



AAAAAAAH!

YAAAAHHHHRRR!!





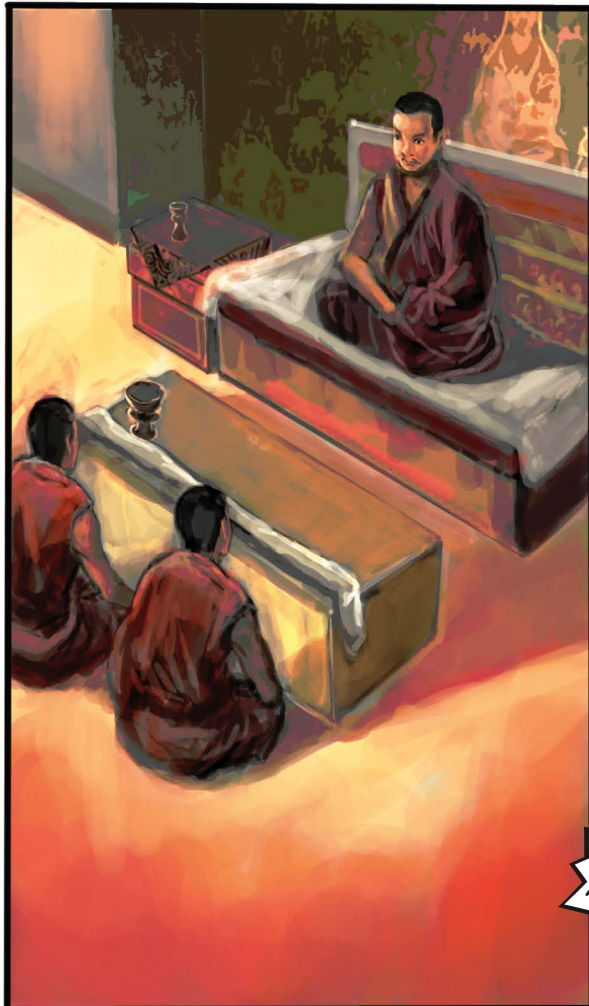




*THE DALAI LAMA'S STUDENTS  
CONTINUED TO PLOT...*







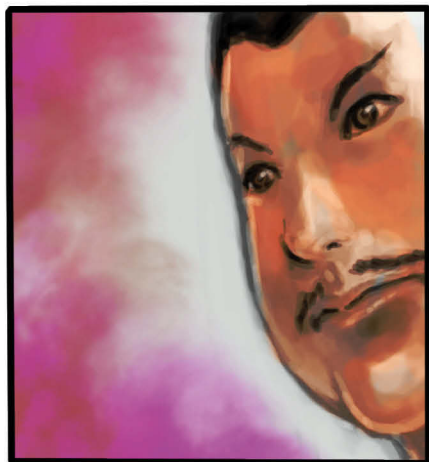




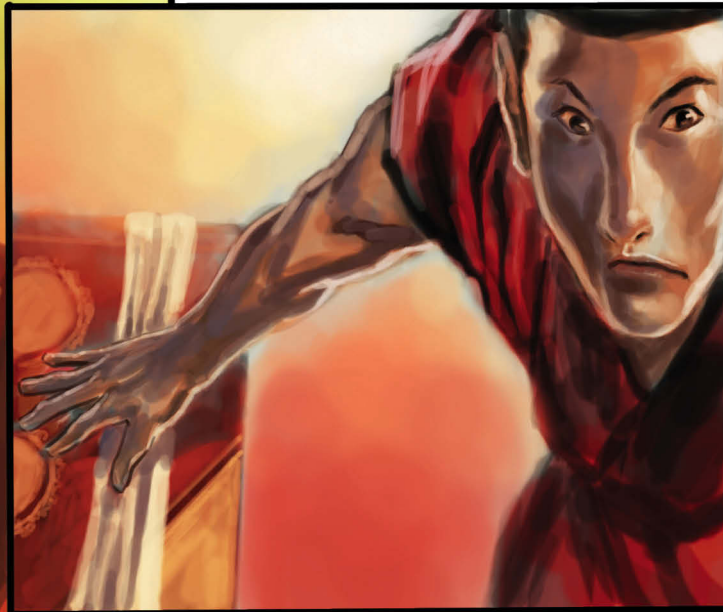
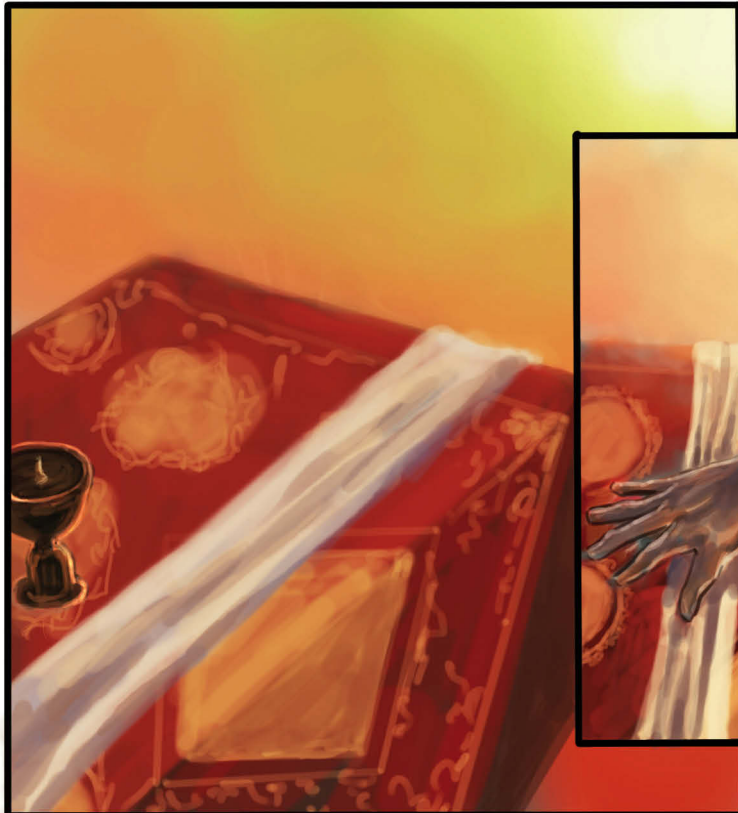
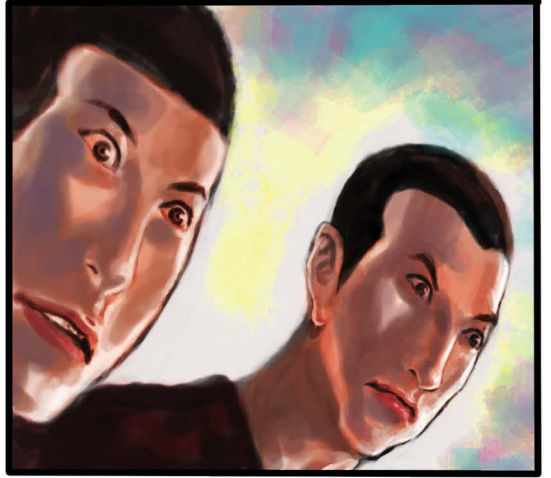
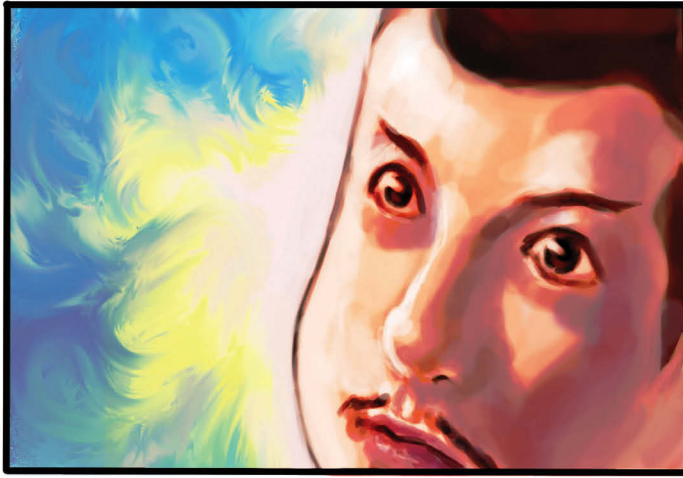
THERE'S ONLY  
ONE WAY YOU CAN  
KILL ME IN THIS LIFE.  
YOU WILL HAVE TO  
CHOKE ME WITH A  
KHATA.



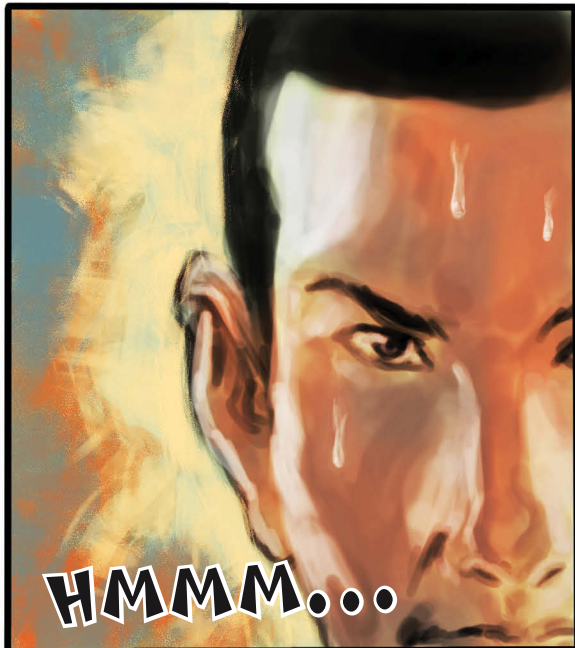
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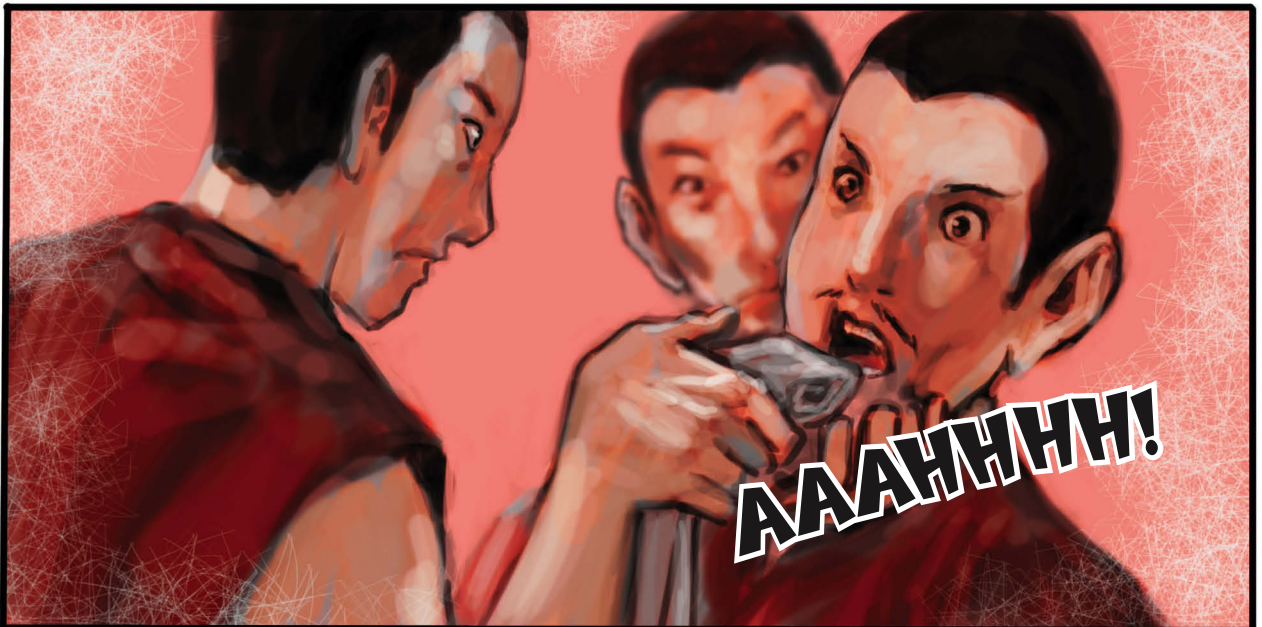




















AS HE WAS SUFFOCATING, A SLIGHT  
AMOUNT OF FIERCE ENERGY  
RESEMBLING WRATH AROSE IN  
TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSSEN...



AND HE WENT INTO CLEAR LIGHT...  
HE WAS 38 YEARS OLD.







# CHAPTER 9

## Evil Spirit or Buddha





*MANY PEOPLE FROM NEAR AND FAR  
TURNED UP TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS AT  
TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSSEN'S FUNERAL...*









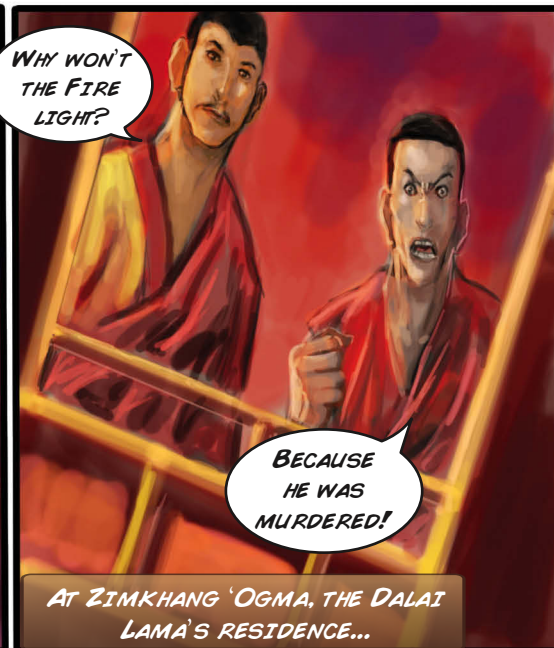






WHAT'S HAPPENING?

THE PYRE  
WON'T LIGHT?



WHY WON'T  
THE FIRE  
LIGHT?

BECAUSE  
HE WAS  
MURDERED!

AT ZIMKHANG 'OGMA, THE DALAI  
LAMA'S RESIDENCE...



WHAT DO YOU MEAN,  
MURDERED! I THOUGHT  
HE DIED FROM AN  
ILLNESS...

NO... HE WAS  
MURDERED BY OUR  
OWN PEOPLE!



WHAT?!

...OH NO...  
WHAT HAVE THEY  
DONE...  
JUST LEAVE ME  
ALONE -NOW!





DRAKPA  
GYELTSEN.  
I DIDN'T KNOW



I'M SORRY!



THE DALAI LAMA  
IMMEDIATELY COMPOSED  
A PRAYER IN POETIC  
FORM AS AN APOLOGY.

IT STILL  
WON'T LIGHT?

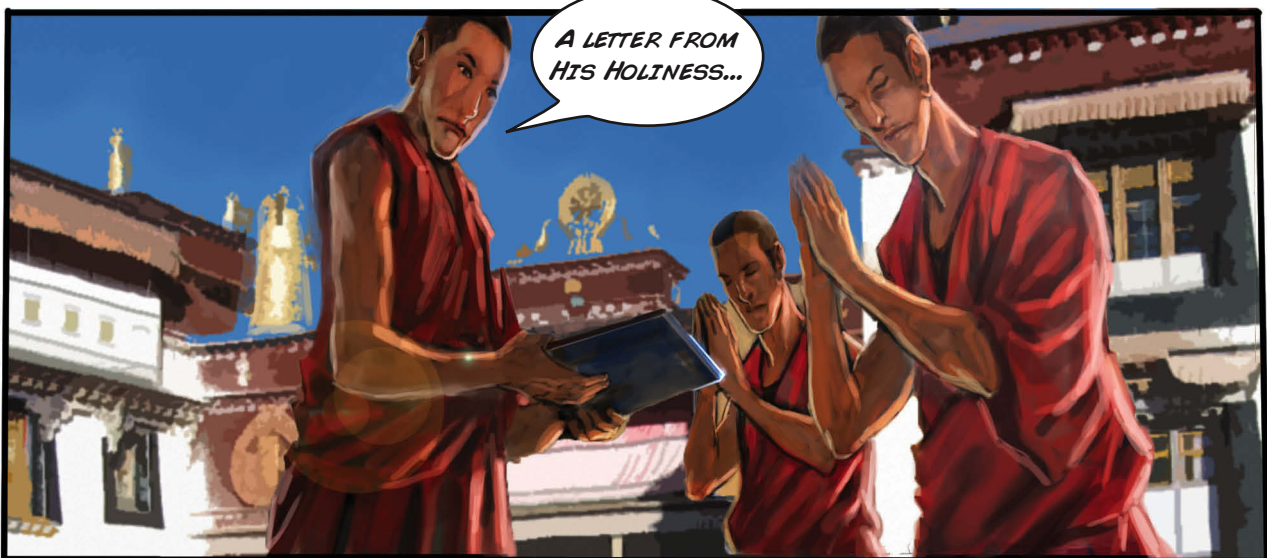


IT PRAISED TULKU  
DRAKPA GYELTSEN'S  
QUALITIES AND  
EXPRESSED HIS OWN  
GREAT REMORSE FOR  
WHAT HIS PEOPLE HAD  
DONE.



NO.. I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND IT.









THIS IS FROM THE  
DALAI LAMA. IT IS A  
PRAYER FOR TULKU DRAKPA  
GYELTSSEN. PLEASE READ  
IT OUT.











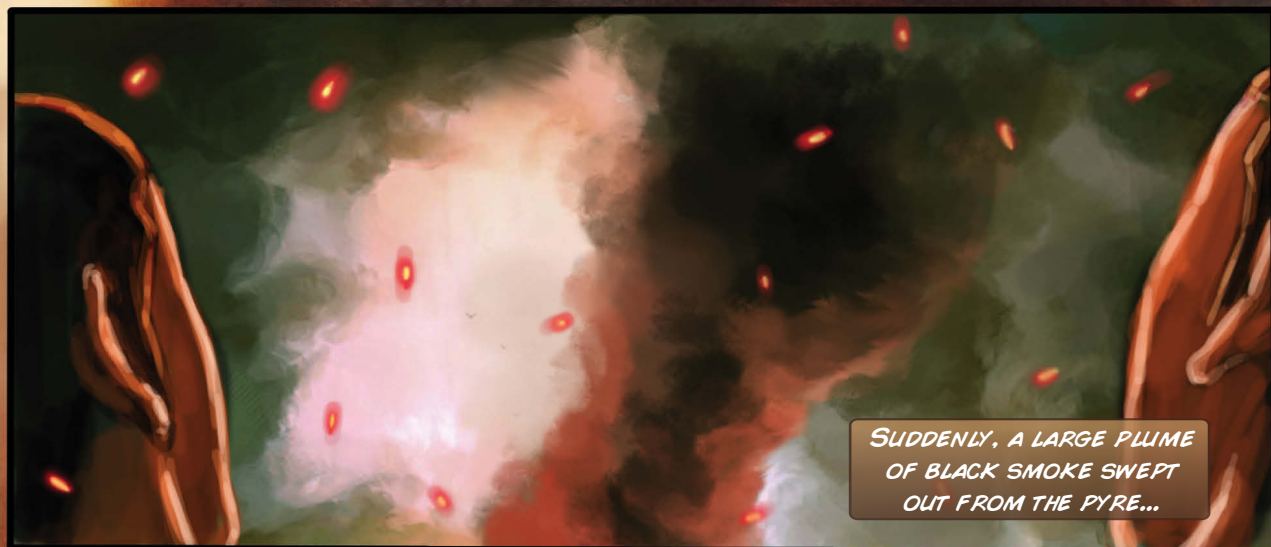
WHAT KIND OF HIGH  
LAMA ARE YOU? HOW  
COULD YOU HAVE LET THEM  
KILL YOU AND NOT DO  
ANYTHING?



*TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSEN'S  
ATTENDANT WAS FRUSTRATED WITH  
THE INJUSTICE DONE TO HIS LAMA.*



*THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF A  
TRAUMATIC TIME IN TIBET...*




*SUDDENLY, A LARGE PLUME  
OF BLACK SMOKE SWEEP  
OUT FROM THE PYRE...*





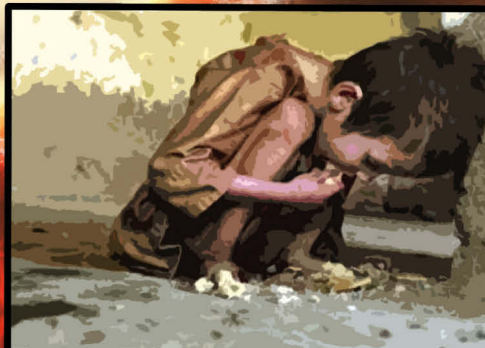
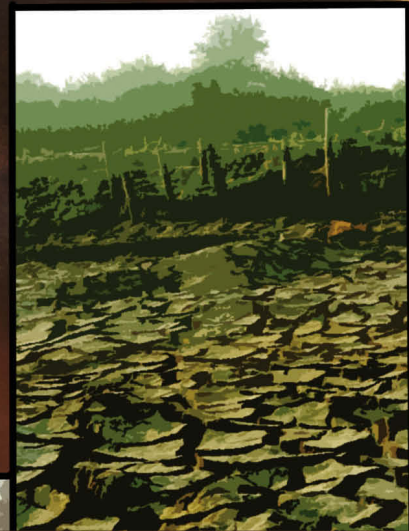
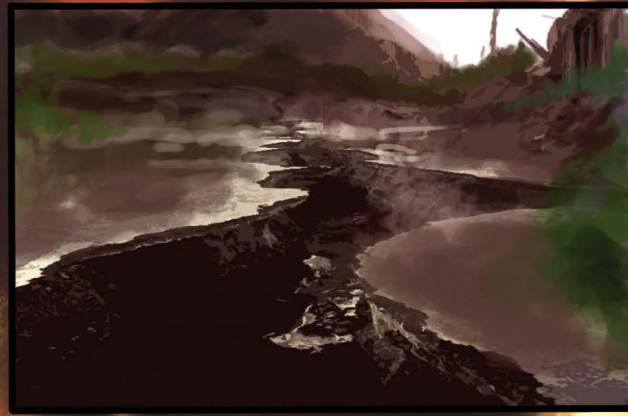
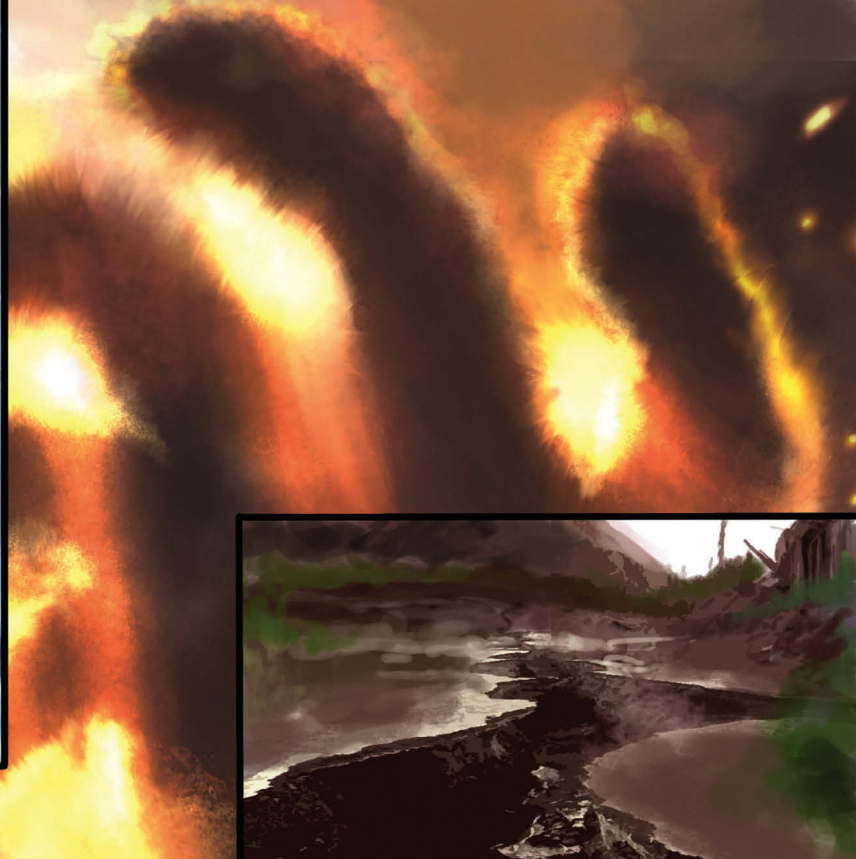
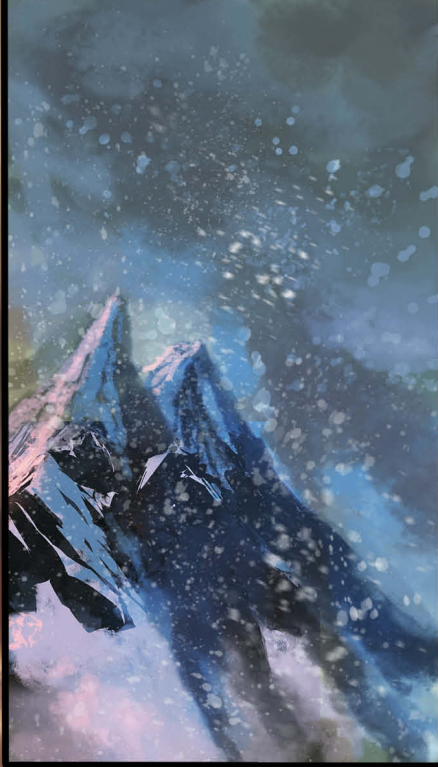




*WE HAVE  
WRONGED TULKU DRAKPA  
GYELTSSEN. HE HAS DIED AND  
APPEARS TO HAVE BECOME A  
RAGING, EVIL SPIRIT.*

*...AND COVERED ALL OF LHASA IN THE  
MENACING SHAPE OF A HAND. THE  
DALAI LAMA SENSED THAT IT WAS  
A BAD OMEN.*






THERE WAS NO PEACE IN LHASA FROM THEN ON. THERE WERE EARTHQUAKES, DISTURBANCES THROUGHOUT THE LANDS, FAMINES AND DROUGHT. THESE WERE SIGNS OF THE CUMULATIVE NEGATIVE KARMA OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD MURDERED A HOLY BEING LIKE TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSEN.



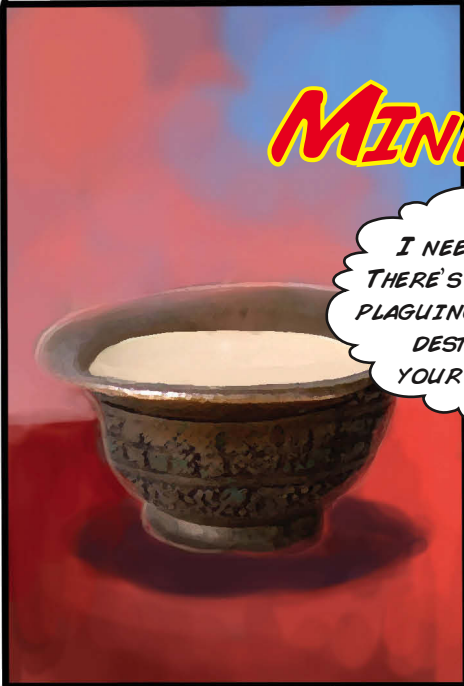




THE WHOLE COUNTRY WAS  
UNSETTLED. THE DALAI LAMA  
COULD NOT EVEN DRINK A CUP  
OF TEA IN PEACE.

OUT OF DESPERATION, THE  
DALAI LAMA SOUGHT HELP  
FROM ONE OF THE MOST  
POWERFUL RITUALISTS.

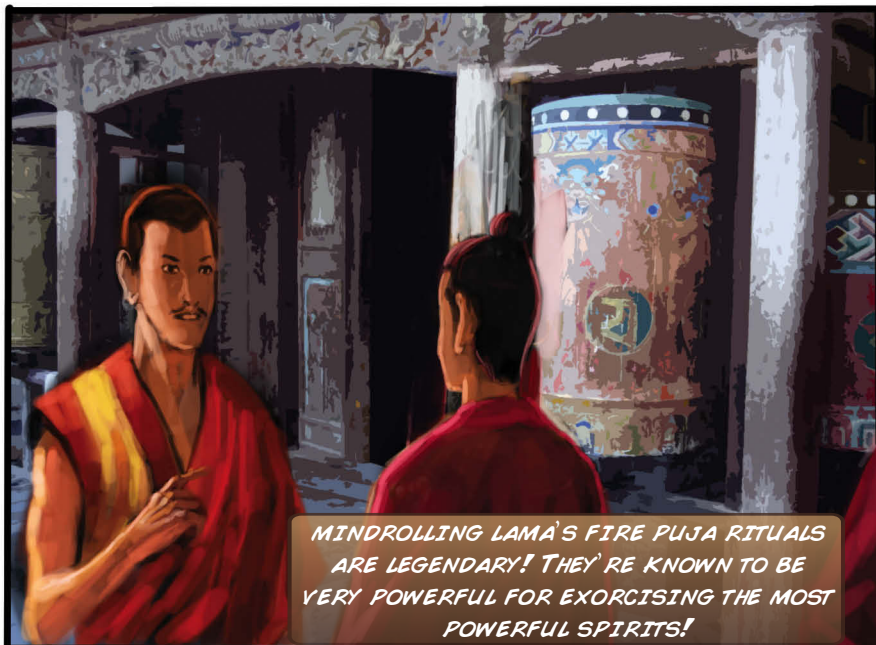
## MINDROLLING LAMA!



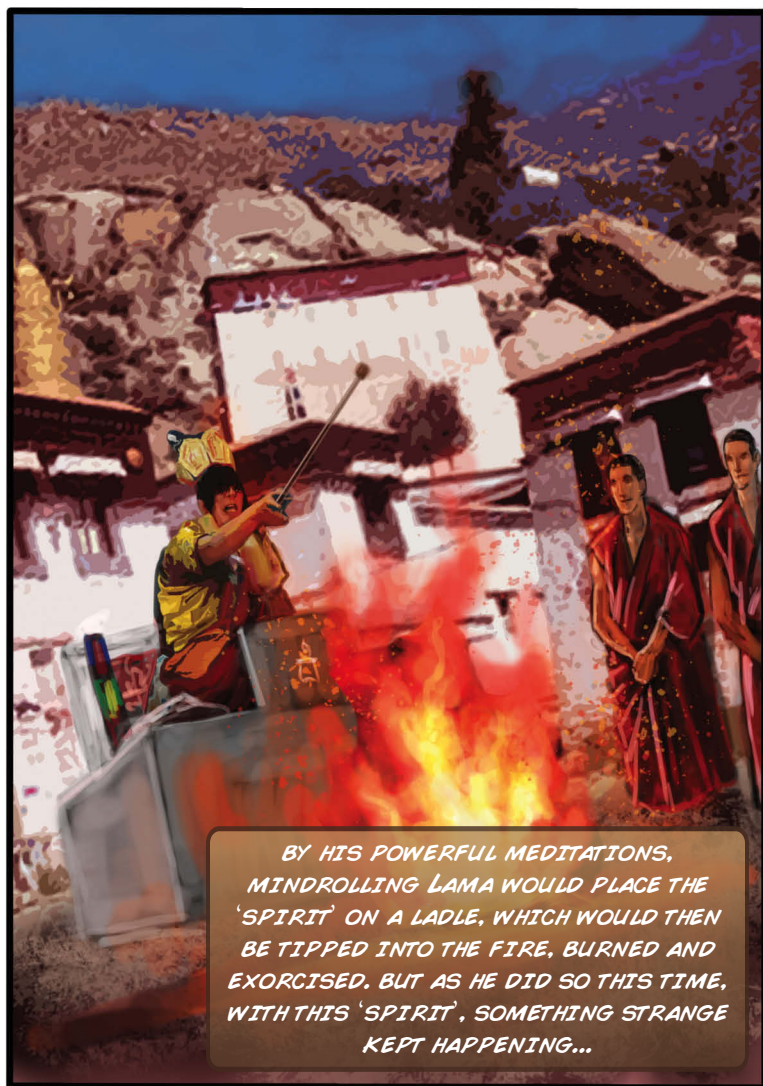
I NEED YOUR HELP!  
THERE'S AN EVIL SPIRIT  
PLAGUING TIBET - PLEASE  
DESTROY IT WITH  
YOUR FIRE PUJAS!







*MINDROLLING LAMA'S FIRE PUJA RITUALS ARE LEGENDARY! THEY'RE KNOWN TO BE VERY POWERFUL FOR EXORCISING THE MOST POWERFUL SPIRITS!*



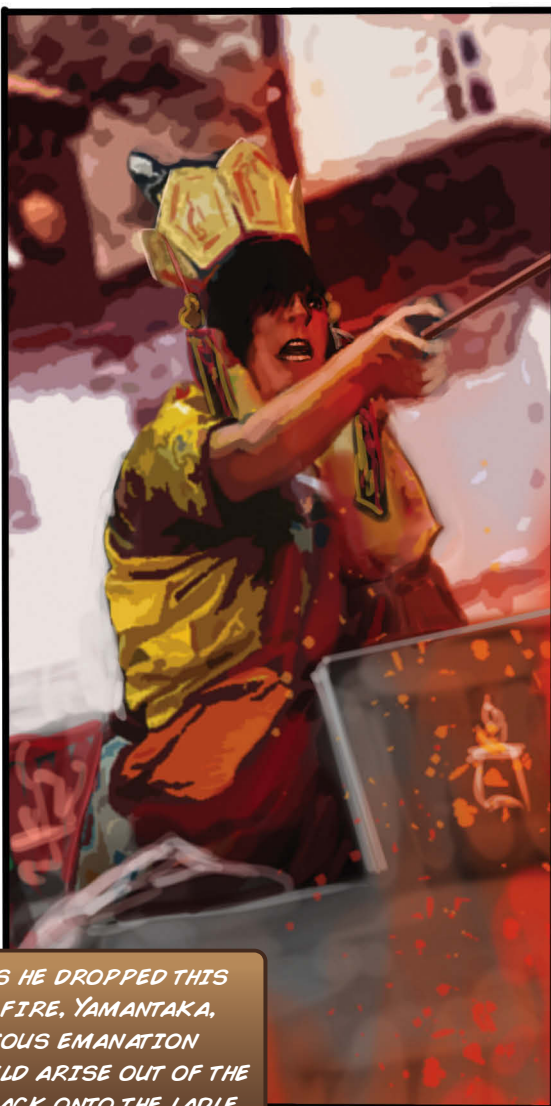
*BY HIS POWERFUL MEDITATIONS, MINDROLLING LAMA WOULD PLACE THE 'SPIRIT' ON A LADLE, WHICH WOULD THEN BE TIPPED INTO THE FIRE, BURNED AND EXORCISED. BUT AS HE DID SO THIS TIME, WITH THIS 'SPIRIT', SOMETHING STRANGE KEPT HAPPENING...*







*EACH TIME, JUST AS HE DROPPED THIS  
'SPIRIT' INTO THE FIRE, YAMANTAKA,  
THE MOST FEROCIOUS EMANATION  
OF MANJUSHRI, WOULD ARISE OUT OF THE  
FLAMES AND JUMP BACK ONTO THE LADLE.*



*ANOTHER TIME, AS MINDROLLING  
LAMA WAS AGAIN FOCUSING ON  
THE LADLE...*





*...THE DHARMA PROTECTOR SETRAB APPEARED AS THE MIRAGE OF A BEAUTIFUL, SEDUCTIVE FEMALE WHO DISTRACTED MINDROLLING LAMA BY DANCING IN FRONT OF HIM.*



*DORJE SHUGDEN LEFT THE LADLE AND DISAPPEARED WITH SETRAB.*





WHY CAN'T YOU DESTROY THE SPIRIT?

I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING... I DON'T KNOW WHY... THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO TAME A SPIRIT... MAYBE... IT'S NOT A SPIRIT!

AFTER MANY RITUALS WERE CONDUCTED, AND WHEN THE LAMAS STILL COULD NOT DESTROY THIS 'SPIRIT' DORJE SHUGDEN, THE DALAI LAMA EVENTUALLY REALIZED THAT IT WAS NOT AN EVIL SPIRIT AFTER ALL.

OH NO, I'VE BEEN MISTAKEN... I'VE DONE TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSSEN A GREAT WRONG!

THE DALAI LAMA WROTE AN OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION AND A PRAYER, RECOGNIZING THAT DORJE SHUGDEN WAS A DIRECT EMANATION OF TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSSEN AND AN UNDISPUTED DHARMA PROTECTOR FOR THESE TIMES.

HE HAS BECOME A DHARMA PROTECTOR AND I WILL AUTHORIZE IT!





*THE PRAISE TO DORJE SHUGDEN BY HH THE 5TH DALAI LAMA*

*HUM*

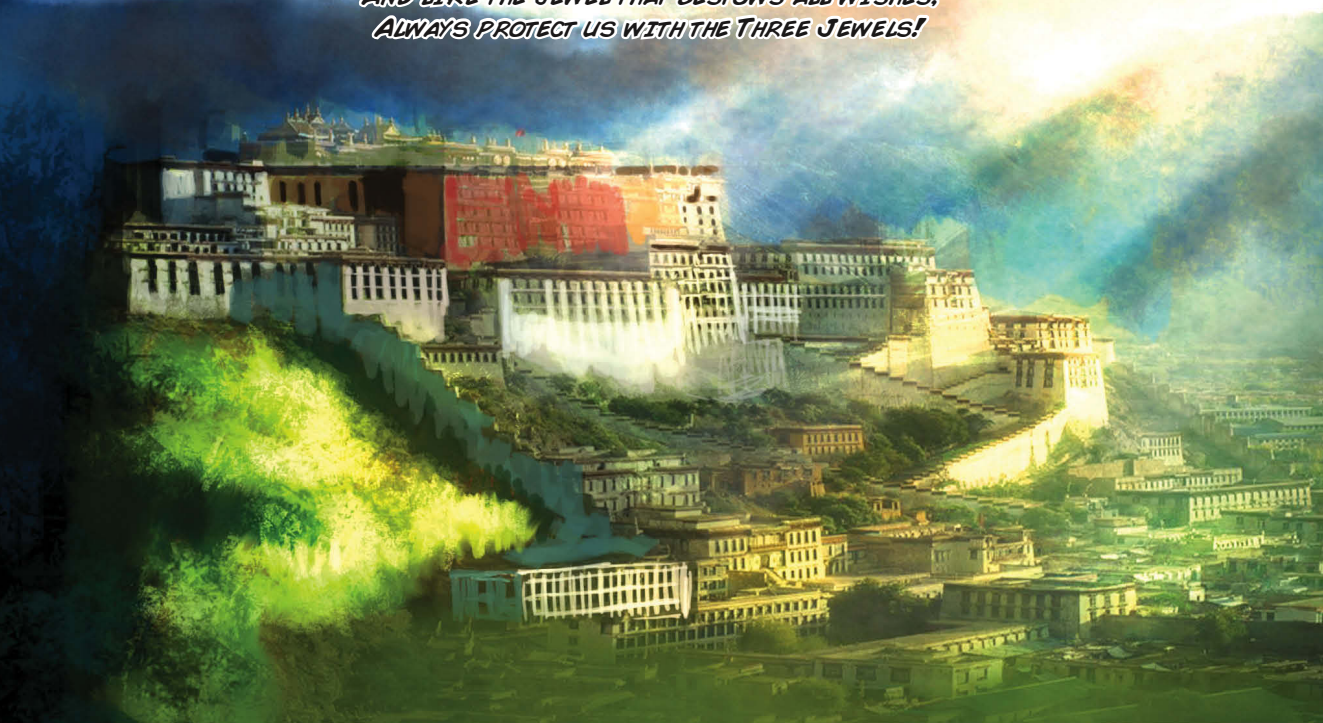
*THOUGH UNMOVING FROM THE SPHERE OF PRIMORDIAL SPONTANEITY,  
WITH WRATHFUL TURBULENT POWER, SWIFTER THAN LIGHTNING,  
ENDOWED WITH HEROIC COURAGE TO JUDGE GOOD AND BAD,  
I INVITE YOU WITH FAITH, PLEASE COME TO THIS PLACE!*

*ROBES OF A MONK, CROWN ADORNED WITH RHINOCEROS LEATHER HAT,  
RIGHT HAND HOLDS ORNATE CLUB, LEFT HOLDS A HUMAN HEART,  
RIDING VARIOUS MOUNTS SUCH AS NAGAS AND GARUDAS,  
WHO SUBDUES THE MAMOS OF THE CHARNEL GROUNDS, PRAISE TO YOU!*

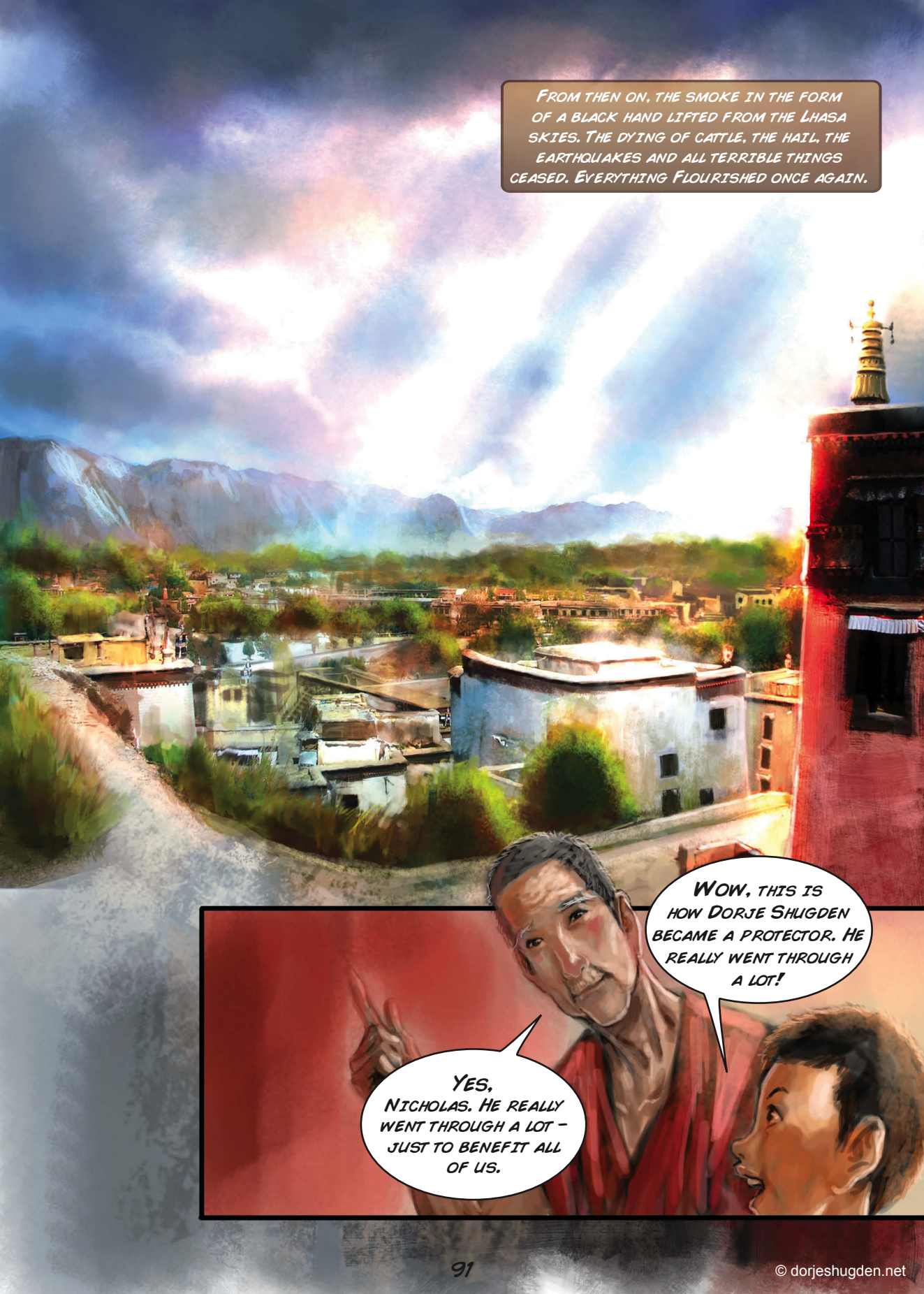
*SAMAYA SUBSTANCES, OFFERINGS AND TORMA, OUTER, INNER AND SECRET,  
FAVORITE VISUAL OFFERINGS AND VARIOUS OBJECTS ARE ARRANGED,  
ALTHOUGH, PREVIOUSLY, MY WISHES WERE A BIT DENSE,  
DO NOT STOP YOUR POWERFUL APPARITIONS, I REVEAL AND CONFESS!*

*NOW RESPECTFULLY PRAISING WITH BODY, SPEECH AND MIND,  
FOR US, THE MASTERS, DISCIPLES, BENEFACTORS AND ENTOURAGES,  
PROVIDE THE GOOD AND AVERT THE BAD!  
BRING INCREASE LIKE THE WAXING MOON IN SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL REALMS!*


*MOREOVER, SWIFTLY ACCOMPLISHING ALL WISHES,  
ACCORDING TO OUR PRAYERS, BESTOW THE SUPREME EFFORTLESSLY!  
AND LIKE THE JEWEL THAT BESTOWS ALL WISHES,  
ALWAYS PROTECT US WITH THE THREE JEWELS!*





A dramatic landscape painting of a Tibetan town. In the foreground, a dirt path leads through green grass. The middle ground shows a cluster of traditional Tibetan buildings with white and grey walls. In the background, there are snow-capped mountains under a sky with dark, swirling clouds and a vibrant rainbow. On the right side, a portion of a red building with a golden stupa on its roof is visible.

FROM THEN ON, THE SMOKE IN THE FORM  
OF A BLACK HAND LIFTED FROM THE LHASA  
SKIES. THE DYING OF CATTLE, THE HAIL, THE  
EARTHQUAKES AND ALL TERRIBLE THINGS  
CEASED. EVERYTHING FLOURISHED ONCE AGAIN.

A comic panel featuring Dorje Shugden, a man with a shaved head and a red robe, pointing upwards with his right index finger. He is looking towards a young boy on the right, who is looking up at him with an open mouth. The background is a solid reddish-brown color.

WOW, THIS IS  
HOW DORJE SHUGDEN  
BECAME A PROTECTOR. HE  
REALLY WENT THROUGH  
A LOT!

YES,  
NICHOLAS. HE REALLY  
WENT THROUGH A LOT -  
JUST TO BENEFIT ALL  
OF US.





# CHAPTER 10

To the Sakyas



THEN, DORJE SHUGDEN TRAVELLED TO THE SAKYAS. DORJE SHUGDEN, BEING AN INCARNATION OF SAKYA PANDITA, HAD A STRONG AFFINITY WITH THE SAKYAPAS.



THE SAKYA PATRIARCHS, WHO WERE VERY POWERFUL, RECOGNIZED WHO HE WAS, ENTHRONED HIM AND MADE A CHAPEL IN HIS HONOR.



THE PRACTICE OF DORJE SHUGDEN STARTED THERE, WHERE THE SAKYAS DECLARED THAT DORJE SHUGDEN WOULD BECOME THE DEFINITIVE DHARMA PROTECTOR FROM THIS TIME ONWARDS AND THAT HIS POWER WOULD GROW.









THIS SACRED PRACTICE WAS HELD DEAR IN BOTH THE MONASTIC AND LAY COMMUNITIES, WITH DORJE SHUGDEN ON FAMILY ALTARS IN MANY PEOPLE'S HOMES. DORJE SHUGDEN THUS BECAME A SAKYA PROTECTOR AND REMAINED WITH THEM FOR 300 YEARS.

HERE ARE JUST SOME DROPS OUT OF THE OCEAN OF PRAISES, RISING FROM DEEP ESTEEM AND DEVOTION TO THE PROTECTOR DORJE SHUGDEN; LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THE WORDS WHICH HONOR HIS PROFOUND AND UNIVERSAL COMPASSION, AND HIS BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES OF PROTECTING THE DHARMA:

*PRAISE OF THE PROTECTOR DORJE SHUGDEN COMPOSED BY THE GREAT SAKYAPA MASTER  
KUNKHYEN NGAWANG KUNGA LODROE*

*AT THE EARLY TIME, ENTERING INTO THE TEACHING OF THE TATHAGATA,  
YOU ROSE IN THE FORM OF VINAYA-HOLDING BHIKSHU,  
THUS YOU PROTECT ALL THE TEACHINGS OF THE SRAYAKA-PITAKA WITHOUT EXCEPTION,  
I PROSTRATE TO YOU.*

*IN THE MIDDLE, IN FRONT OF MANY BUDDHAS AND BODHISATTVAS,  
HAVING GENERATED THE ASPIRING AND ENTERING BODHICITTA,  
YOU OBTAINED THE PROPHECY AS A PROTECTOR OF THE TEACHING OF THE DHARMA,  
THUS YOU PROTECT ALL THE TEACHINGS OF THE BODHISATTVAS WITHOUT EXCEPTION,  
TO YOU I PROSTRATE.*

*IN THE GREAT MANDALA OF THE OCEAN OF TANTRAS,  
INITIATED BY VAJRADHARA, AND RECEIVING THE SAMAYAS,  
THUS YOU PROTECT ALL THE TEACHINGS OF THE PROFOUND TANTRA WITHOUT EXCEPTION,  
TO YOU I PROSTRATE.*

*IN PARTICULAR IN THIS NORTHERN LAND, SURROUNDED BY A RANGE OF SNOW MOUNTAINS,  
THOUGH NOT DIRECTLY PERVADED BY THE SUN OF THE BUDDHA, YET SUSTAINED BY HIS  
COMPASSION,  
YOU ARE THE PROTECTOR OF ALL THOSE PERFECT SCHOOLS OF DHARMA,  
I PROSTRATE TO YOU.*

*ALL THE GREAT HOLDERS OF THE TEACHING, WHO COMMENT ACCORDING TO ONE'S OWN  
VIEWS,  
THE ENTIRE TRIPITAKAS, THE TANTRAS AND THEIR COMMENTARIES,  
YOU ARE THE VERY PROTECTOR OF ALL THE HOLDERS OF THE DHARMA,  
ACTING AS THE FULFILLER OF THE WORDS OF THOSE LEADERS,  
I PROSTRATE TO YOU.*





*THE LEGACY OF THE PANDITS, TRANSLATORS, DHARMA KINGS AND MINISTERS,  
ALL THE TEMPLES CONSTRUCTED BY THEM,  
YOU ARE THE PROTECTOR OF ALL THOSE SEATS OF THE SANGHA WITHOUT EXCEPTION,  
I PROSTRATE TO YOU.*

*FOR ENTIRE TIBET, INCLUDED IN UPPER REGION NGARI, CENTRAL REGION Ue-Tsang,  
AND LOWER REGION DOKHAM,  
YOU ACT AS THE VERY PROTECTOR, REFUGE, SUPPORTER, AND FRIEND OF ALL PEOPLE  
WITHOUT EXCEPTION,  
THUS YOU ARE THE VERY GOD OF THE SNOW-LAND COUNTRY,  
I PROSTRATE TO YOU.*

*THE GREAT PROTECTOR OF ALL THE BUDDHAS OF THIS FORTUNATE AEON,  
WHO IS THE ELIMINATOR OF ALL THE FORCES OF UNSUITABLE MARA,  
SOME DAY THROUGH SHOWING FULL ENLIGHTENMENT AS SAMYAKSAMBUDHA,  
YOU WILL FULFIL THE DEED OF A TATHAGATA, TO YOU I PROSTRATE.*

*IN SHORT, IN ALL THREE TIMES, UNINTERRUPTEDLY,  
WITH YOUR INFINITE SECRETS OF BODY, SPEECH AND MIND,  
ALL THOSE BEINGS WHO ARE WANDERING IN THE OCEAN OF THE CYCLE,  
YOU GIVE THEM THE PERFECT STATE OF LIBERATION, TO YOU I PROSTRATE.*

*THUS BY THE POWER OF VENERATING YOU WITH THIS OCEAN OF MELODIOUS PRAISE,  
THROUGH GENERATING DELIGHT, COMPASSION, AND BENEVOLENT FORCE OF YOUR MIND,  
PLEASE FULFIL THE ACTIVITY FOR INCREASING OF VIRTUES, PACIFYING OF  
DISFAVORABLE INTERFERENCES,  
AND ACCOMPLISHMENT OF ALL THE PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE TO DHARMA.*





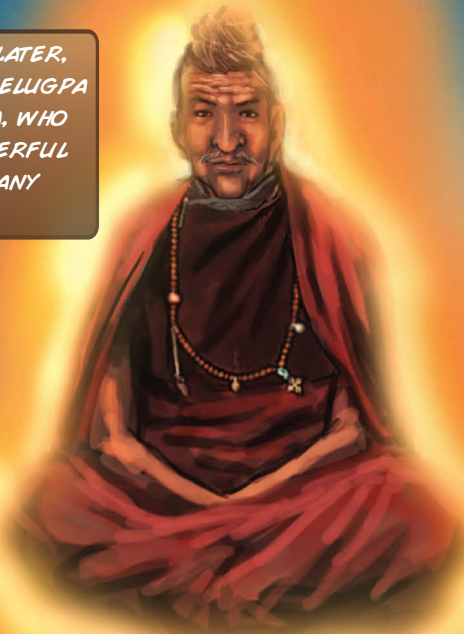
# CHAPTER 11

## Tagphu Pemavajra






*SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS LATER,  
THERE APPEARED A GREAT GELUGPA  
LAMA, TAGPHU PEMAVAJRA, WHO  
WAS KNOWN FOR HIS POWERFUL  
ABILITY TO TRAVEL TO MANY  
CELESTIAL PLACES.*




*ONCE, DURING HIS MEDITATION,  
TAGPHU PEMAVAJRA WENT TO GADEN  
HEAVEN, THE PURE PARADISE OF THE  
FUTURE BUDDHA, MAITREYA.*





DULDZIN  
DRAKPA GYELTSEN,  
PLEASE EXPOUND ON THE  
MYSTICAL TANTRA, MANDALA  
TEACHINGS AND LINEAGE  
OF DORJE SHUGDEN.

THERE, AMONG THE ASSEMBLY, WAS  
DULDZIN DRAKPA GYELTSEN.



FROM DULDZIN DRAKPA GYELTSEN'S HEART,  
RAINBOW LIGHTS SHONE FORTH TO TSONGKHAPA'S  
HEART.

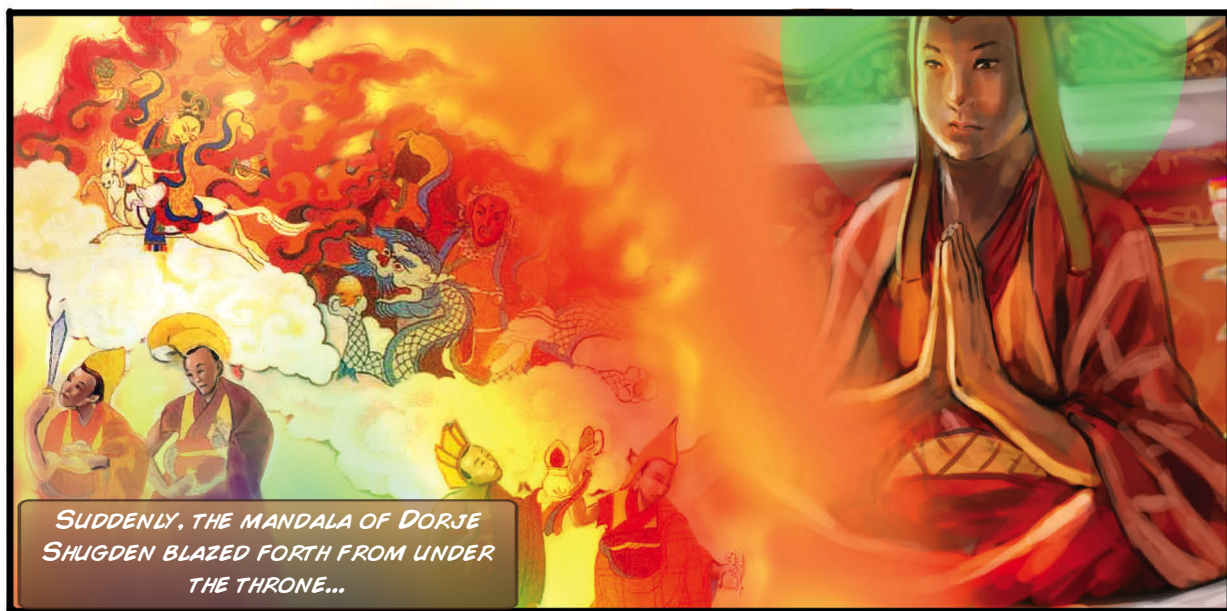


THEN LIGHTS EMANATED BACK FROM TSONGKHAPA  
TO DULDZIN DRAKPA GYELTSEN'S HEART.

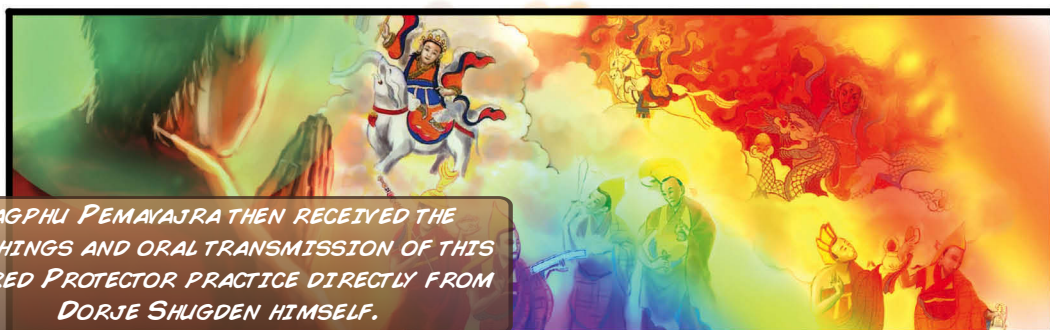




*LIGHTS RADIATED OUT FROM DULDZIN  
DRAKPA GYELTSSEN TO A PLACE UNDER  
TSONGKHAPA'S THRONE.*

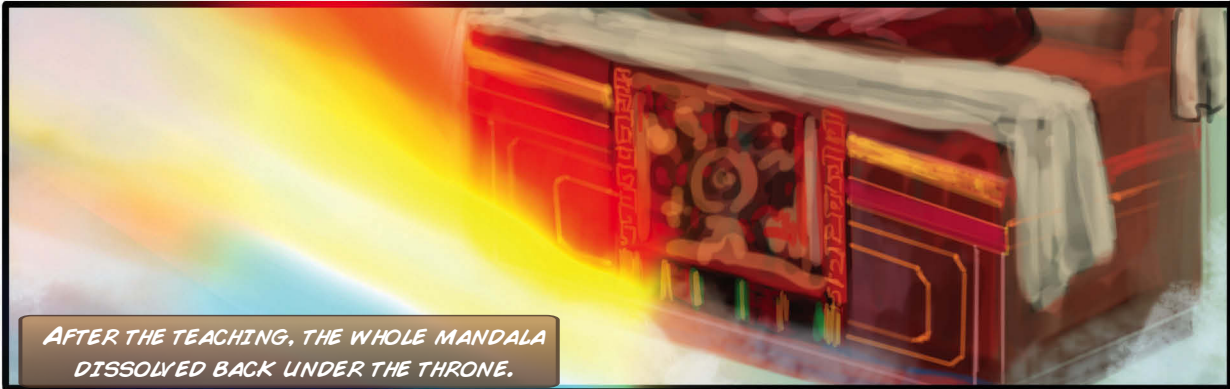


*SUDDENLY, THE MANDALA OF DORJE  
SHUGDEN BLAZED FORTH FROM UNDER  
THE THRONE...*

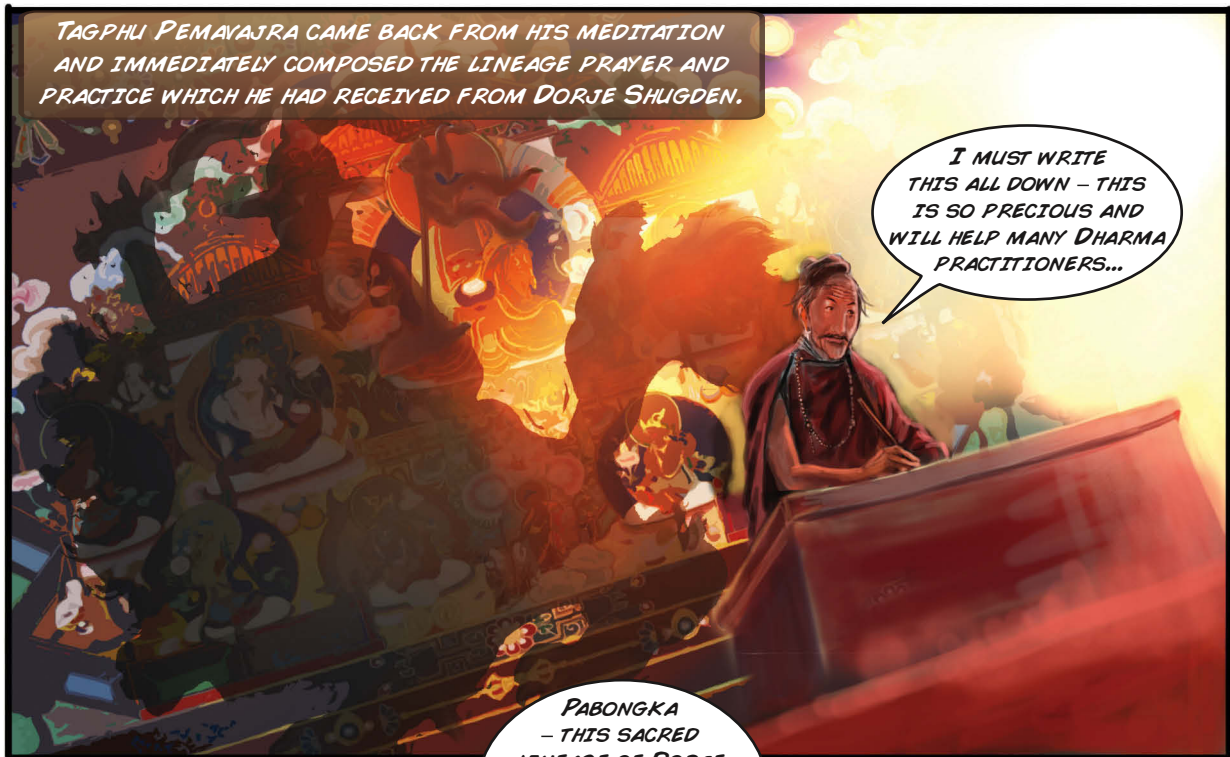


*TAGPHU PEMAYAJRA THEN RECEIVED THE  
TEACHINGS AND ORAL TRANSMISSION OF THIS  
SACRED PROTECTOR PRACTICE DIRECTLY FROM  
DORJE SHUGDEN HIMSELF.*





AFTER THE TEACHING, THE WHOLE MANDALA DISSOLVED BACK UNDER THE THRONE.



HE PASSED THIS DOWN TO HIS CLOSEST DISCIPLE, THE RENOWNED PABONGKA RINPOCHE (1878-1941).



# CHAPTER 12

## H.H. Kyabje Pabongka Dorjechang

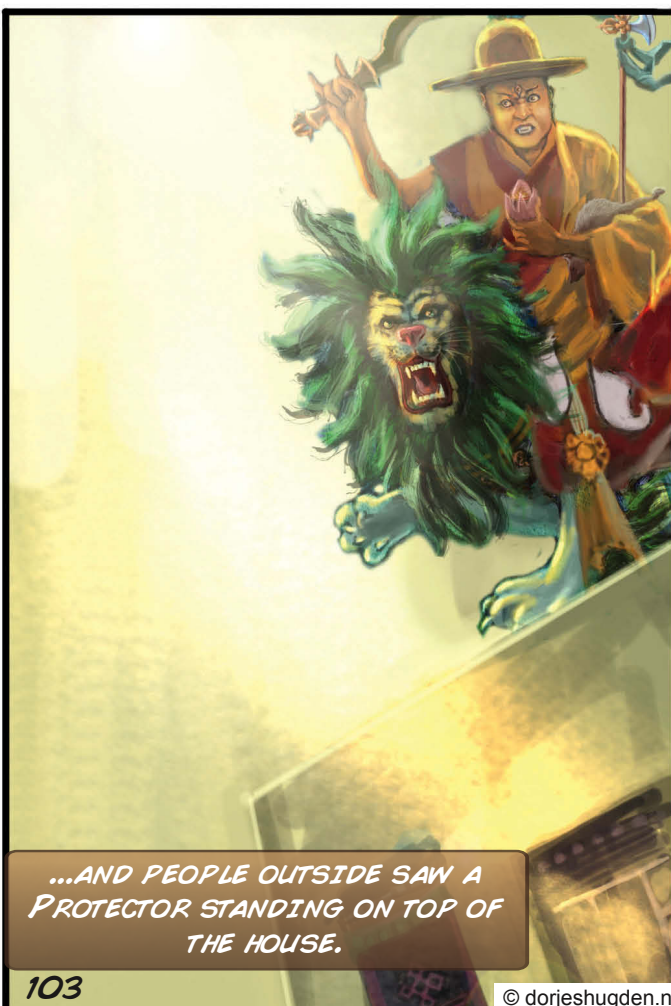
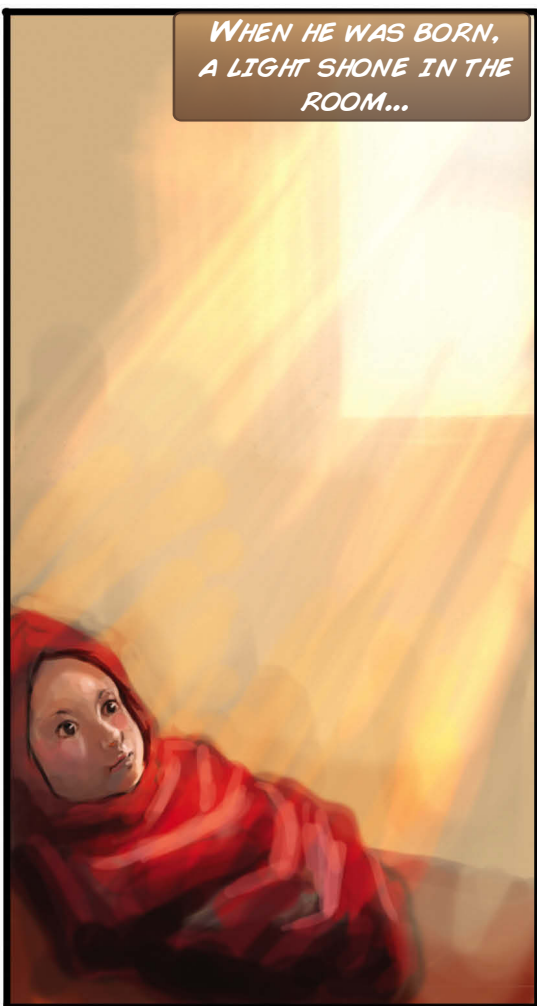




*PABONGKA RINPOCHE  
WAS ONE OF THE  
GREATEST BUDDHIST  
MASTERS OF THE 20TH  
CENTURY AND AMONG  
THE MOST INFLUENTIAL  
TEACHERS IN TIBET.*



*WHEN HE WAS BORN,  
A LIGHT SHONE IN THE  
ROOM...*



*...AND PEOPLE OUTSIDE SAW A  
PROTECTOR STANDING ON TOP OF  
THE HOUSE.*



AT SEVEN YEARS OLD, HE WAS  
RECOGNIZED BY THE EMINENT  
SHARPA RINPOCHE CHOEJE  
LOBSANG DARGYE.

YOU SHOULD  
GO TO SERA MEY  
MONASTERY TO PURSUE  
YOUR STUDIES. SOMETHING  
WONDERFUL WILL  
HAPPEN TO YOU IN  
THE FUTURE.

YES,  
RINPOCHE. THANK  
YOU - I'LL DO  
THAT.

WHY WAS HE  
CALLED PABONGKA  
RINPOCHE THEN?

PABONGKA  
RINPOCHE  
WAS RECOGNIZED AS  
A REINCARNATION OF  
THE CHANGKYA LINE, WHICH  
INCLUDED THE WELL-KNOWN  
SCHOLAR CHANGKYA  
ROLPE DORJE  
(1717 - 1786).

IT'S JUST  
POLITICS. ANYWAY, THE  
NAME "CHANGKYA" WAS  
RULED OUT AND THE BOY  
WAS DECLARED TO BE  
"PABONGKA"  
INSTEAD.





WHEN HE WAS YOUNG, HE HAD NOTHING,  
NO MONEY AND NO FOOD TO EAT.

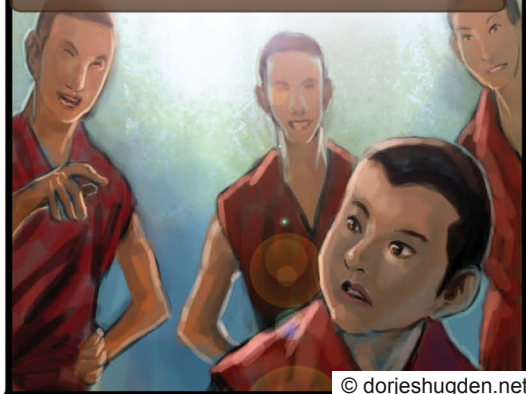
HOWEVER, EVERYBODY HAD AT LEAST A LITTLE BAG  
OF BARLEY FLOUR. SO SOMETIMES, WHEN THERE  
WAS NO FOOD, HE WOULD RUN OUT FROM THE  
MONASTERY, FILL HIS BAG WITH SAND AND PUT A  
LITTLE BARLEY ON TOP TO SMELL AND TASTE A BIT.



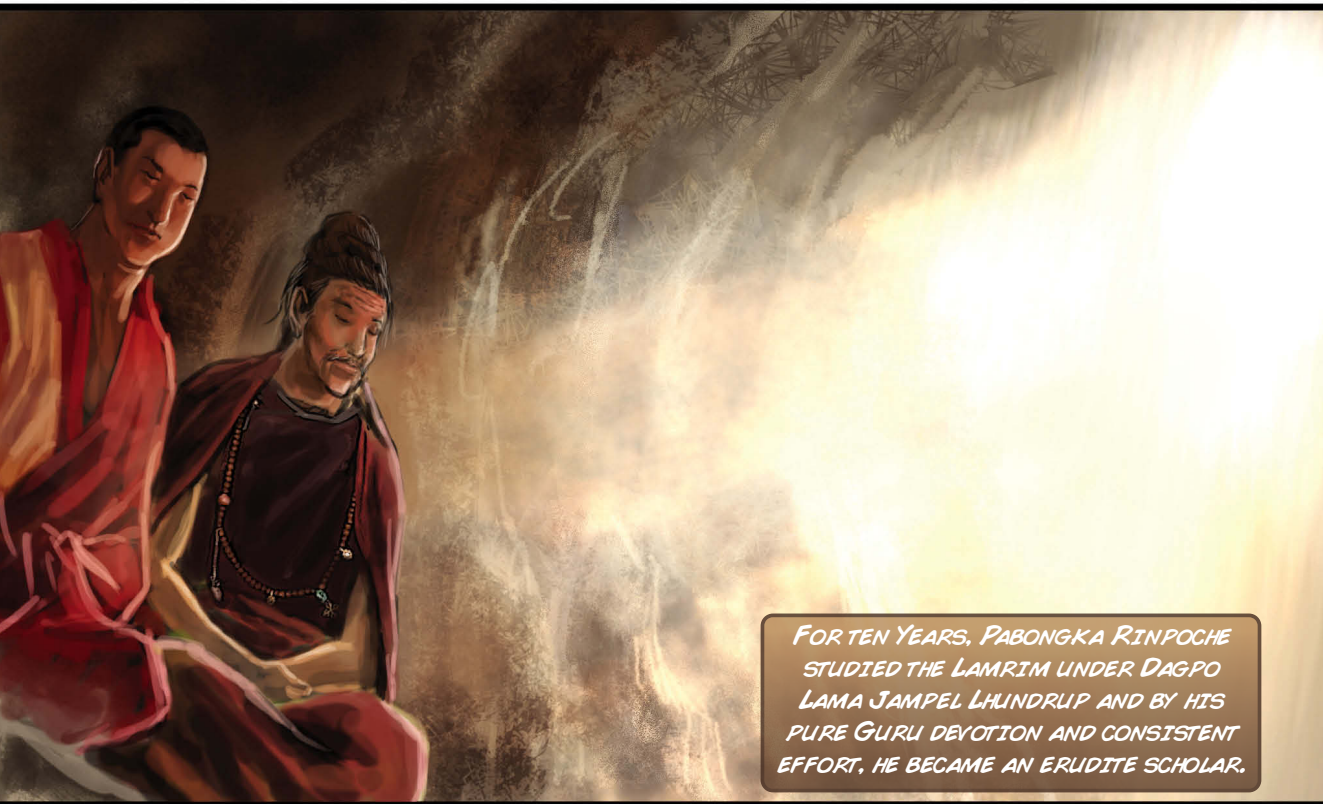
HE WOULD LIVE  
ON THAT FOR  
SEVERAL DAYS.



ALTHOUGH HE HAD A MEDIOCRE ACADEMIC  
CAREER AT SERA MEY MONASTERY AND  
WAS OFTEN RIDICULED FOR BEING "DULL",  
HE RECEIVED HIS GESHE DEGREE.







*FOR TEN YEARS, PABONGKA RINPOCHE STUDIED THE LAMRIM UNDER DAGPO LAMA JAMPE LHUNDRUP AND BY HIS PURE GURU DEVOTION AND CONSISTENT EFFORT, HE BECAME AN ERUDITE SCHOLAR.*



*PABONGKA RINPOCHE WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY PRACTITIONER AND TEACHER, KNOWN ESPECIALLY FOR HIS MASTERY OF THE HERUKA BODY MANDALA AND THE VAJRAYOGINI PRACTICE.*



ONCE, PABONGKA RINPOCHE WAS VISITING A CAVE AT CIMBURI IN TIBET, WHERE THERE WAS A HERUKA IMAGE.



FROM NOW ON,  
FOR THE NEXT SEVEN  
GENERATIONS, I WILL  
PROTECT AND HELP ANYONE  
WHO PRACTICES MY  
TEACHINGS.



THE HERUKA  
IMAGE SPOKE  
TO HIM.

AS HERUKA SPOKE, A GREAT  
DEAL OF NECTAR FLOWED FORTH.





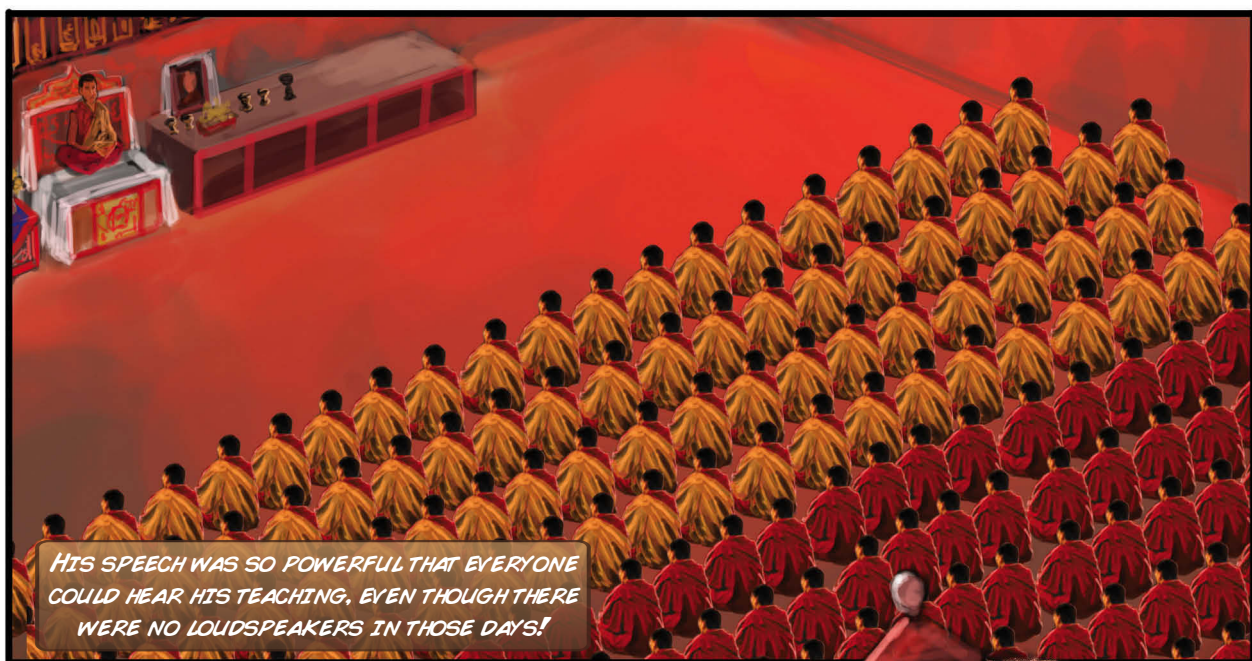
THIS NECTAR WAS  
COLLECTED AND MADE  
INTO VERY POWERFUL  
HEALING PILLS.



THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE  
THEN RECEIVED THE  
HERUKA BODY MANDALA  
AND EVERY TEACHING  
ON IT DIRECTLY FROM  
PABONGKA RINPOCHE.  
PABONGKA RINPOCHE  
IS STILL, TO THIS DAY,  
CONSIDERED TO BE A  
LIVING EMANATION OF  
HERUKA.



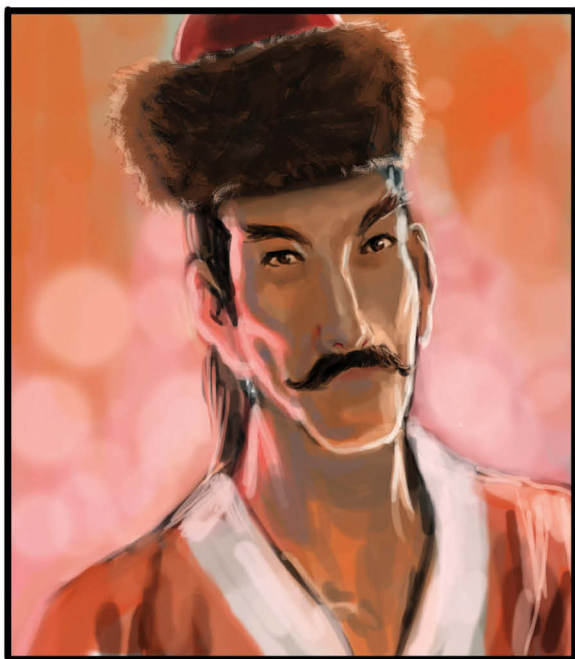








*HOWEVER, AS DAPON TSAGO LISTENED TO PABONGKA RINPOCHE, HIS MIND BEGAN TO CHANGE...*



*THIS LAMA  
SPEAKS SUCH  
WISDOM..*

*HE SUDDENLY BECAME CONSCIOUS OF THE  
WEAPON HE HAD BRAZENLY BROUGHT IN...*







*EMBARRASSED AND HUMBLIED, DAPON QUIETLY  
SLIPPED AWAY FROM THE TEACHING...*

*ONE DAY, DAPON  
CAME TO SEE...*

*RINPOCHE,  
PLEASE GIVE  
ME THE LAYMAN'S  
VOWS...*

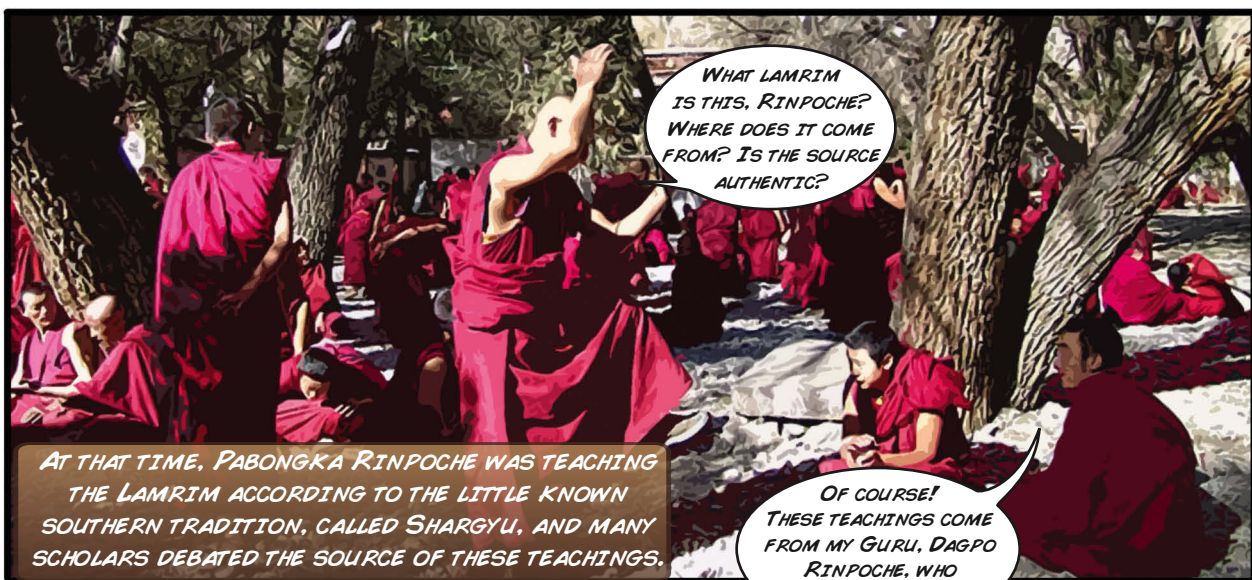
*FROM THEN ON, HE WAS SEEN TO  
FOLLOW PABONGKA RINPOCHE TO  
EVERY PUBLIC TEACHING HE GAVE.*











WHAT LAMRIM IS THIS, RINPOCHE? WHERE DOES IT COME FROM? IS THE SOURCE AUTHENTIC?

AT THAT TIME, PABONGKA RINPOCHE WAS TEACHING THE LAMRIM ACCORDING TO THE LITTLE KNOWN SOUTHERN TRADITION, CALLED SHARGYU, AND MANY SCHOLARS DEBATED THE SOURCE OF THESE TEACHINGS.

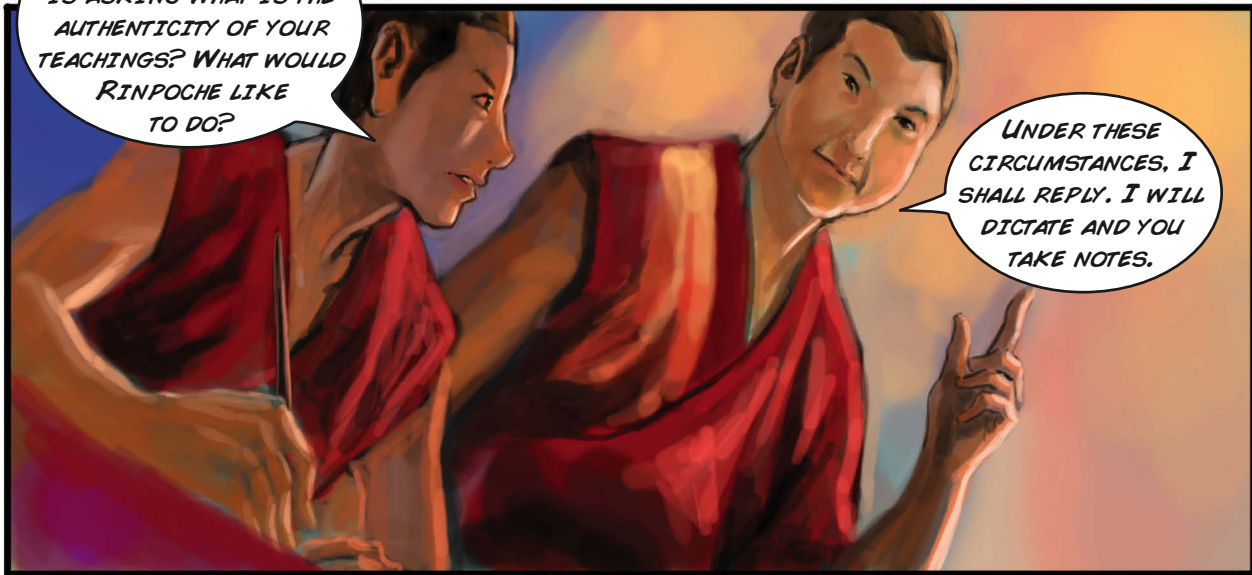
OF COURSE! THESE TEACHINGS COME FROM MY GURU, DAGPO RINPOCHE, WHO IS INFALLIBLE!



TELL PABONGKA RINPOCHE THAT HE MUST EXPLAIN THIS SYSTEM OF LAMRIM... IS IT AUTHENTIC?

THE 13TH DALAI LAMA THUS DECIDED TO QUESTION HIM ON THIS.

HIS HOLINESS THE 13TH DALAI LAMA IS ASKING WHAT IS THE AUTHENTICITY OF YOUR TEACHINGS? WHAT WOULD RINPOCHE LIKE TO DO?



UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I SHALL REPLY. I WILL DICTATE AND YOU TAKE NOTES.



*I WRITE WITH REGARDS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ON THE SOUTHERN TRADITION OF THE LAMRIM. THE BUDDHA HAS EXPLAINED THIS IN A MOST IMPORTANT SUTRA. AT THIS MOMENT, YOUR HOLINESS IS SEATED IN THE STUDY. PLEASE LOOK BEHIND YOU ON THE THIRD SHELF FROM THE RIGHT. ON THE 2ND SHELF FROM THE TOP, LOOK FOR THE 5TH BOOK FROM THE LEFT – IT HAS A BROWN COVER. ON PAGE 149, ON THE 4TH LINE, THE BOOK GIVES AN EXPLANATION ABOUT THIS.*

*THIS IS THE PROOF FROM THE KANGYUR. PLEASE REFER TO THE BOOK WRITTEN BY ASANGA RINPOCHE, WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR HOLINESS' ROOM ON THE THIRD*

*SHELF, IN THE OUTER VOLUME, WHICH IS ORANGE, ON PAGE 89, FROM THE FOURTH TO THE 10TH LINE, YOU WILL FIND AN EXPLANATION.*







THERE IS ALSO EVIDENCE FROM THE TIBETAN TRADITION: PLEASE LOOK IN THE WORKS OF YOUR LATE MASTER, PURCHOG JAMPA RINPOCHE, IN VOLUME NUMBER 4 OF HIS COLLECTED WORDS, WHICH IS IN YOUR HOLINESS' BEDROOM ON THE TOPMOST SHELF. THE PROOF IS ON PAGE 30.



GET ME THAT BOOK.  
**Now!**



PABONGKA RINPOCHE IS EXACTLY RIGHT! I CANNOT FAULT HIM.





*PABONGKA RINPOCHE WAS SO RESPECTED THAT HE WAS INVITED TO BOTH NYINGMA AND GELUGPA MONASTERIES THROUGHOUT TIBET, WHERE HE GAVE TEACHINGS ACCORDING TO THE VARYING LEVELS AND STATES OF THEIR MINDS. WHILE HE WAS A VERY SOUND GELUGPA LAMA, HE WAS ALSO ABLE TO TEACH STUDENTS OF OTHER TRADITIONS PERFECTLY.*



*ONE OF PABONGKA RINPOCHE'S GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS WAS A FAMOUS LAMRIM DISCOURSE HE GAVE TO THOUSANDS OF DISCIPLES IN 1921.*

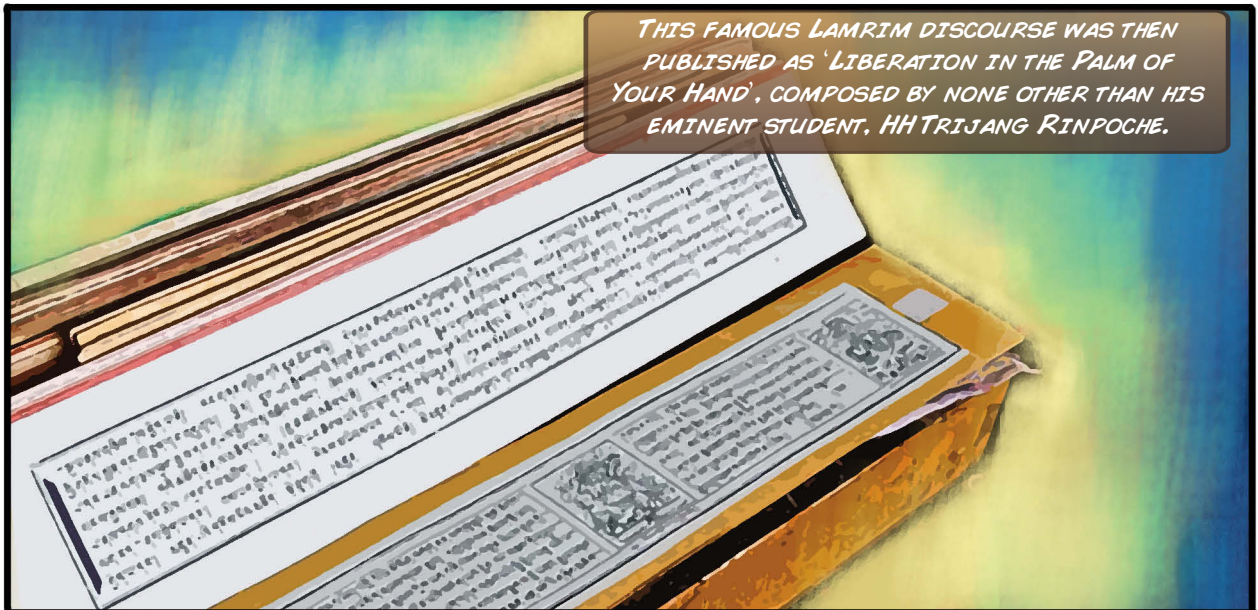




*THIS INCLUDED EMINENT LAMAS OF THE DAY SUCH AS HH TRIJANG RINPOCHE AND HH LING RINPOCHE.*

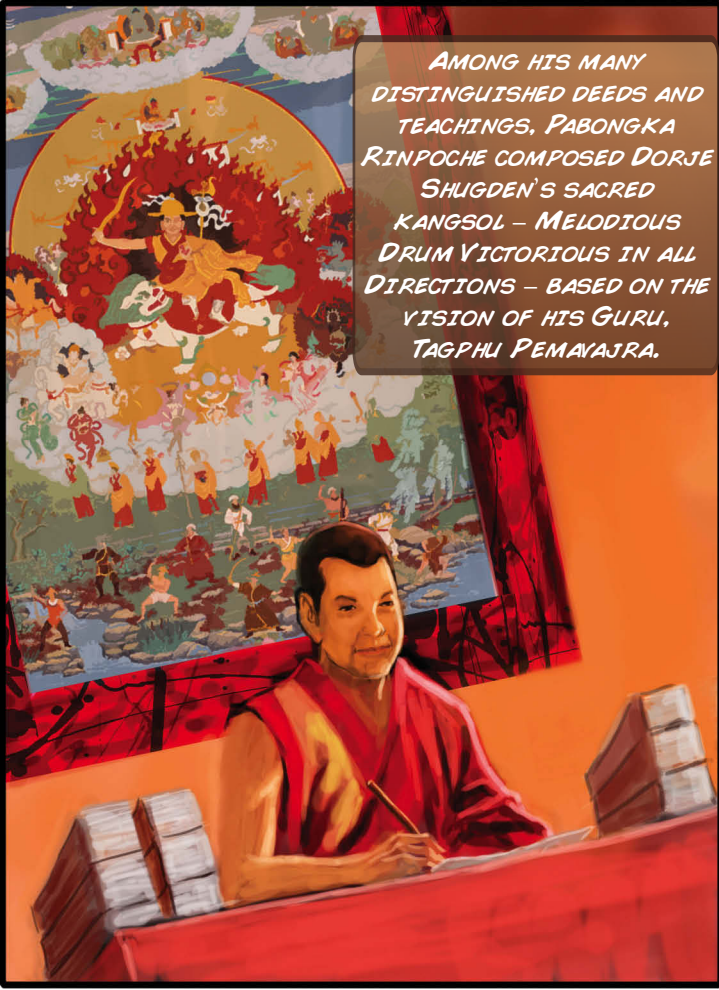


*THIS IS VAST AND  
PROFOUND FOR THOSE OF  
DISCRIMINATING WISDOM,  
YET EASY TO UNDERSTAND AND  
REMEMBER FOR THOSE OF  
LESSER INTELLIGENCE.*

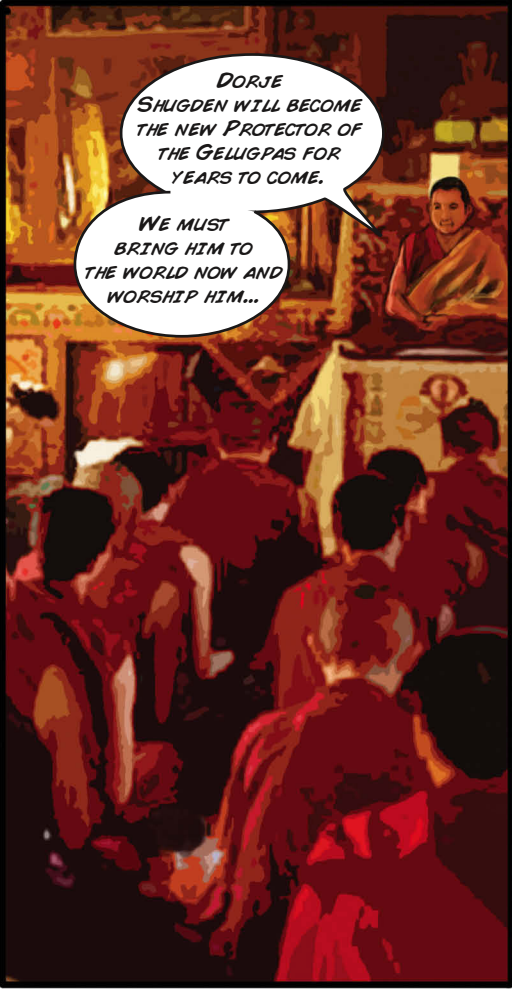


*THIS FAMOUS LAMRIM DISCOURSE WAS THEN  
PUBLISHED AS 'LIBERATION IN THE PALM OF  
YOUR HAND', COMPOSED BY NONE OTHER THAN HIS  
EMINENT STUDENT, HH TRIJANG RINPOCHE.*





AMONG HIS MANY  
DISTINGUISHED DEEDS AND  
TEACHINGS, PABONGKA  
RINPOCHE COMPOSED DORJE  
SHUGDEN'S SACRED  
KANGSOL – MELODIOUS  
DRUM VICTORIOUS IN ALL  
DIRECTIONS – BASED ON THE  
VISION OF HIS GURU,  
TAGPHU PEMAYAJRA.



DORJE  
SHUGDEN WILL BECOME  
THE NEW PROTECTOR OF  
THE GELUGPAS FOR  
YEARS TO COME.


WE MUST  
BRING HIM TO  
THE WORLD NOW AND  
WORSHIP HIM...



IN 1949, WHEN TIBET WAS  
EXPERIENCING UNREST...

WHAT'S  
HAPPENING?

MANY PEOPLE  
HAVE LEFT TIBET.  
RINPOCHE... WAR  
IS COMING



SIGH... I DON'T  
THINK I CAN LEAVE  
TIBET... BUT IF I STAY  
HERE, THE DHARMA  
MAY BE LOST...







# CHAPTER 13

III. Kyabje Trijang Dorjechang







*TRIJANG RINPOCHE WAS BORN IN TIBET, IN THE AREA OF GUNGTANG, DURING THE WINTER OF 1901.*



*THERE WERE MIRACULOUS SIGNS AT HIS BIRTH SUCH AS A PEACH TREE IN THE GUNGTANG LADRANG TROKANG'S WILLOW GROVE BLOOMING WITH FLOWERS AND BEARING 30 PEACHES.*



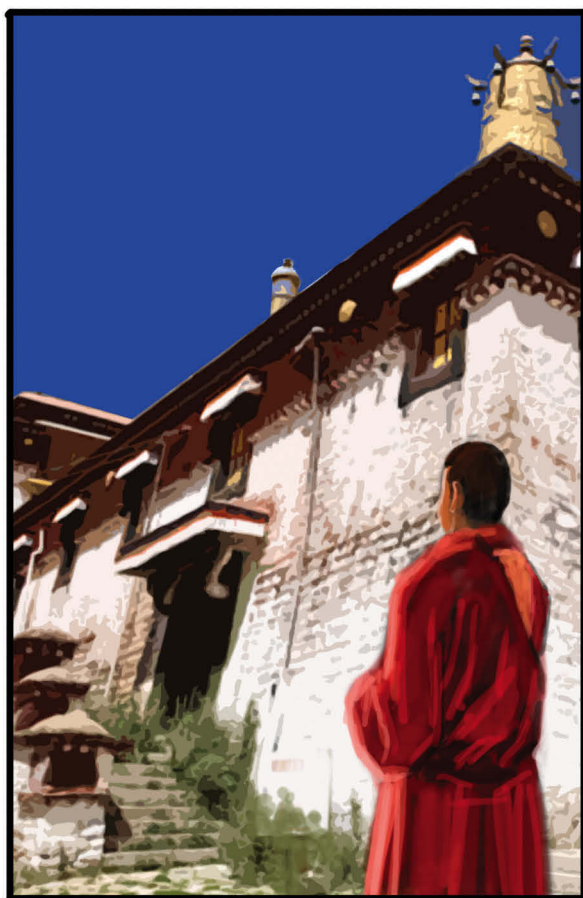
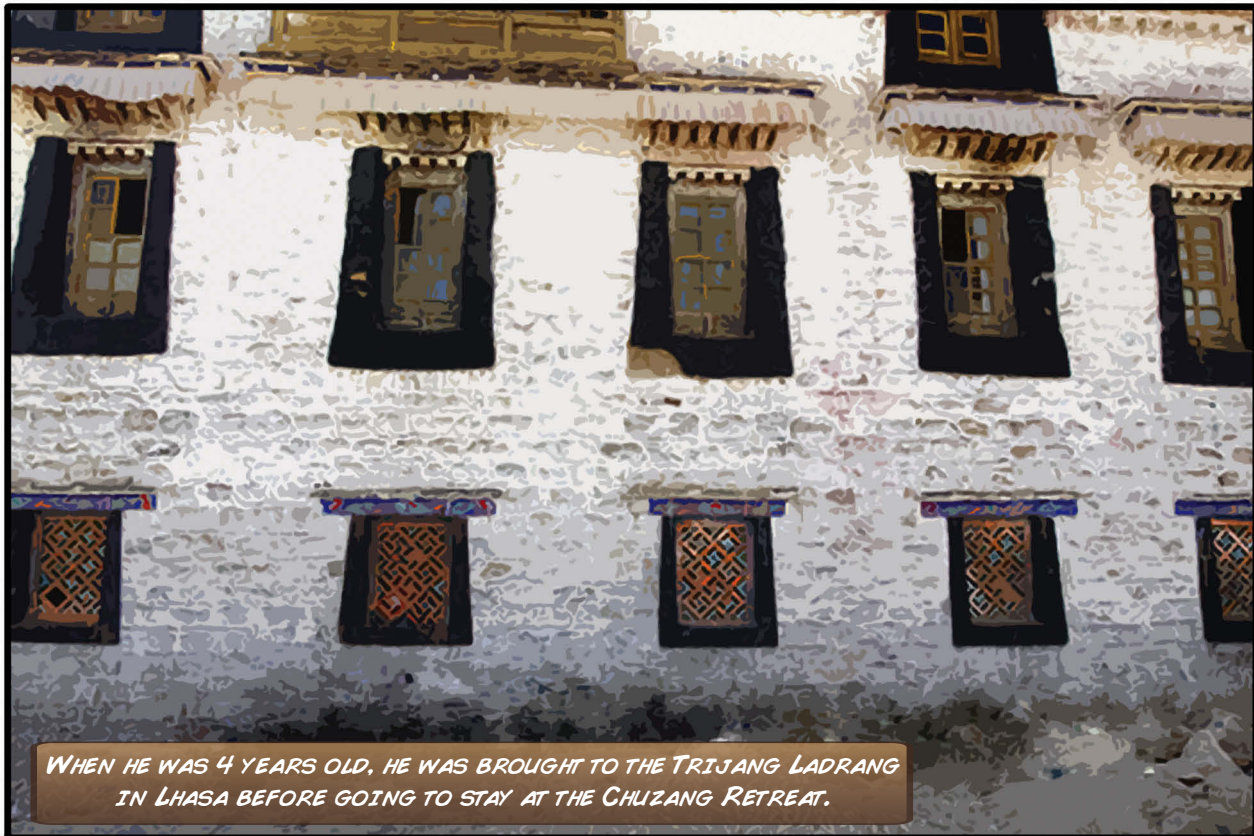
FROM THE TIME BEFORE HE COULD WALK, HE  
SHOWED GREAT REVERENCE FOR STATUES AND  
OFFERING IMPLEMENTS, SUCH AS VAJRAS,  
BELLS, DRUMS AND CYMBALS.



HE ALSO LONGED TO JOIN THE  
ASSEMBLY OF MONKS  
AND LIKED TO IMITATE THEM.









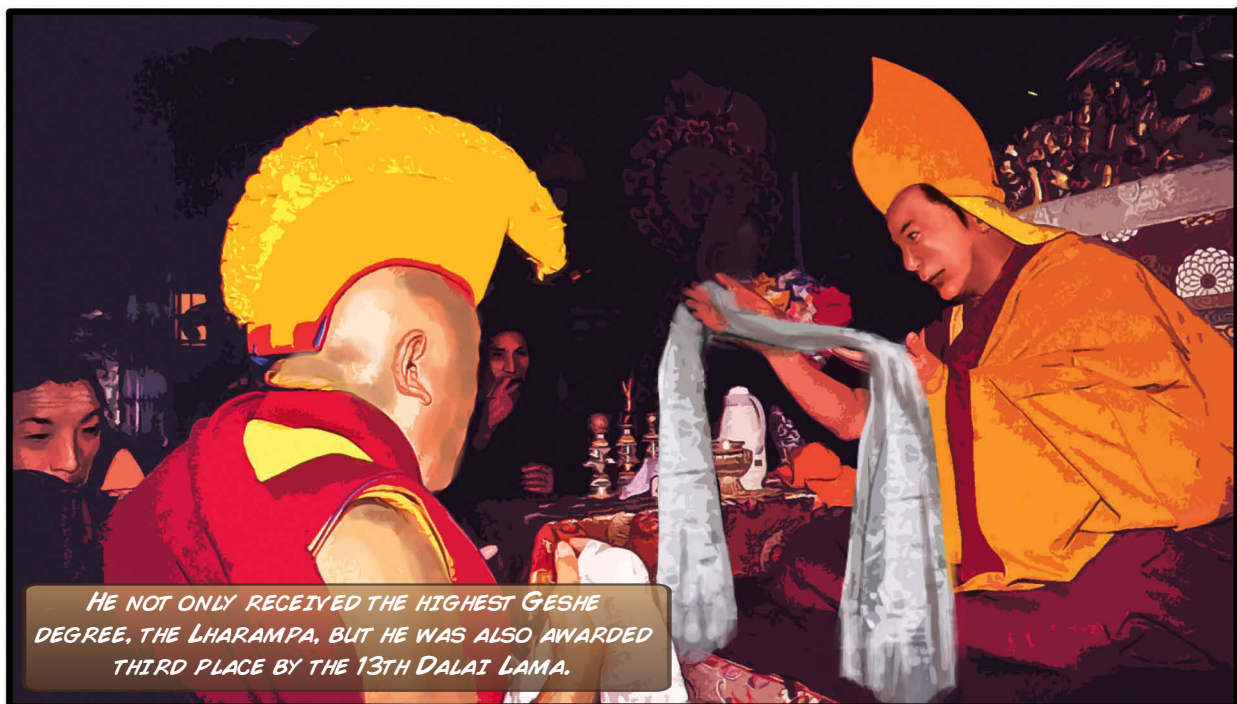


*TRIJANG RINPOCHE WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE TULKU INCARNATION OF THE 69TH THRONE-HOLDER JANGCHUB CHOPEL AND HIS SUBSEQUENT INCARNATIONS, INCLUDING THE 85TH GADEN TRIPA, TRICHEN LOBSANG TSULTRIM PALDEN.*





THROUGHOUT HIS TEENS, TRIJANG RINPOCHE WAS AN EXCELLENT SCHOLAR AND MASTER DEBATER. AT THE AGE OF 19, HE UNDERTOOK HIS GESHE EXAMINATIONS WHICH NORMALLY TAKE 20 YEARS OF STUDY.

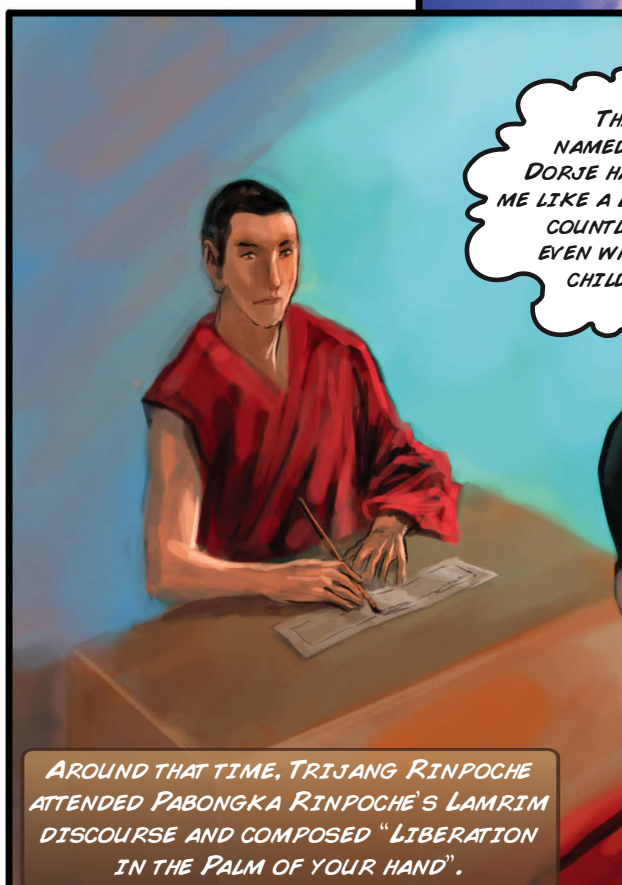


HE NOT ONLY RECEIVED THE HIGHEST GESHE DEGREE, THE LHARAMPA, BUT HE WAS ALSO AWARDED THIRD PLACE BY THE 13TH DALAI LAMA.





AT 21 YEARS OLD, HE RECEIVED FROM PABONGKA RINPOCHE THE BLESSING OF VAJRAYOGINI'S SINDHURA MANDALA, THE THIRTEEN PURE VISIONS OF TAGPHU, THE MANJUSHRI CYCLE OF TEACHINGS AND THE VAISHRAYANA TEACHINGS AMONG OTHERS.



THAT ONE NAMED GYALCHEN DORJE HAS CARED FOR ME LIKE A LOVING MOTHER, COUNTLESS TIMES, EVEN WHEN I WAS A CHILD AT PLAY.



AROUND THAT TIME, TRIJANG RINPOCHE ATTENDED PABONGKA RINPOCHE'S LAMRIM DISCOURSE AND COMPOSED "LIBERATION IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND".

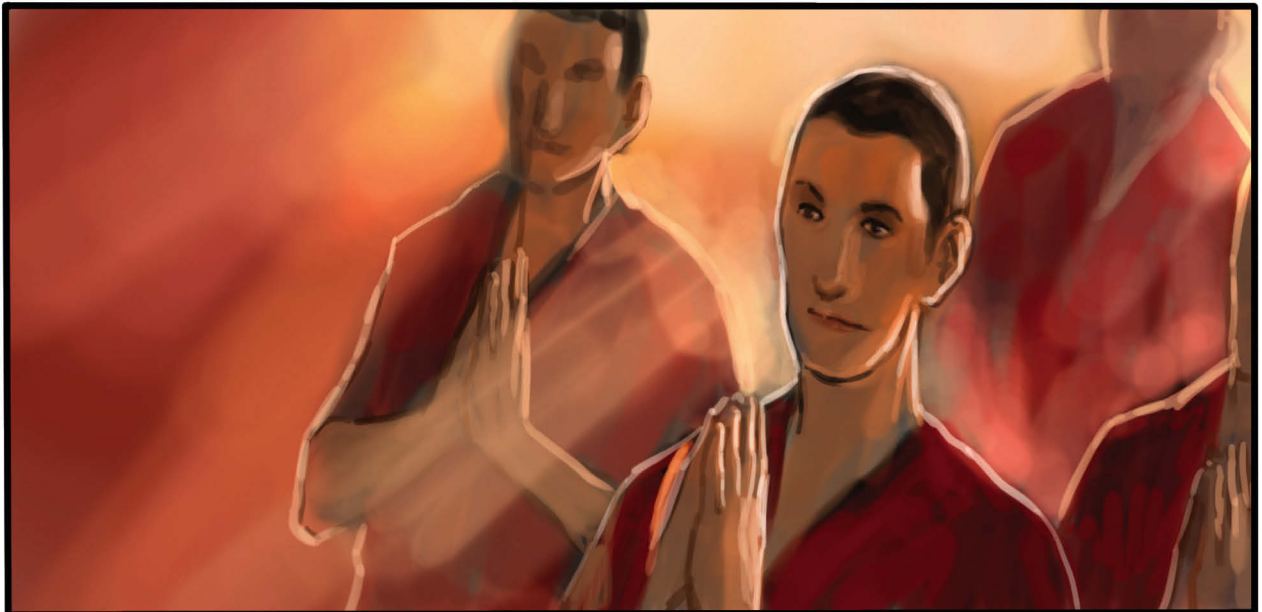
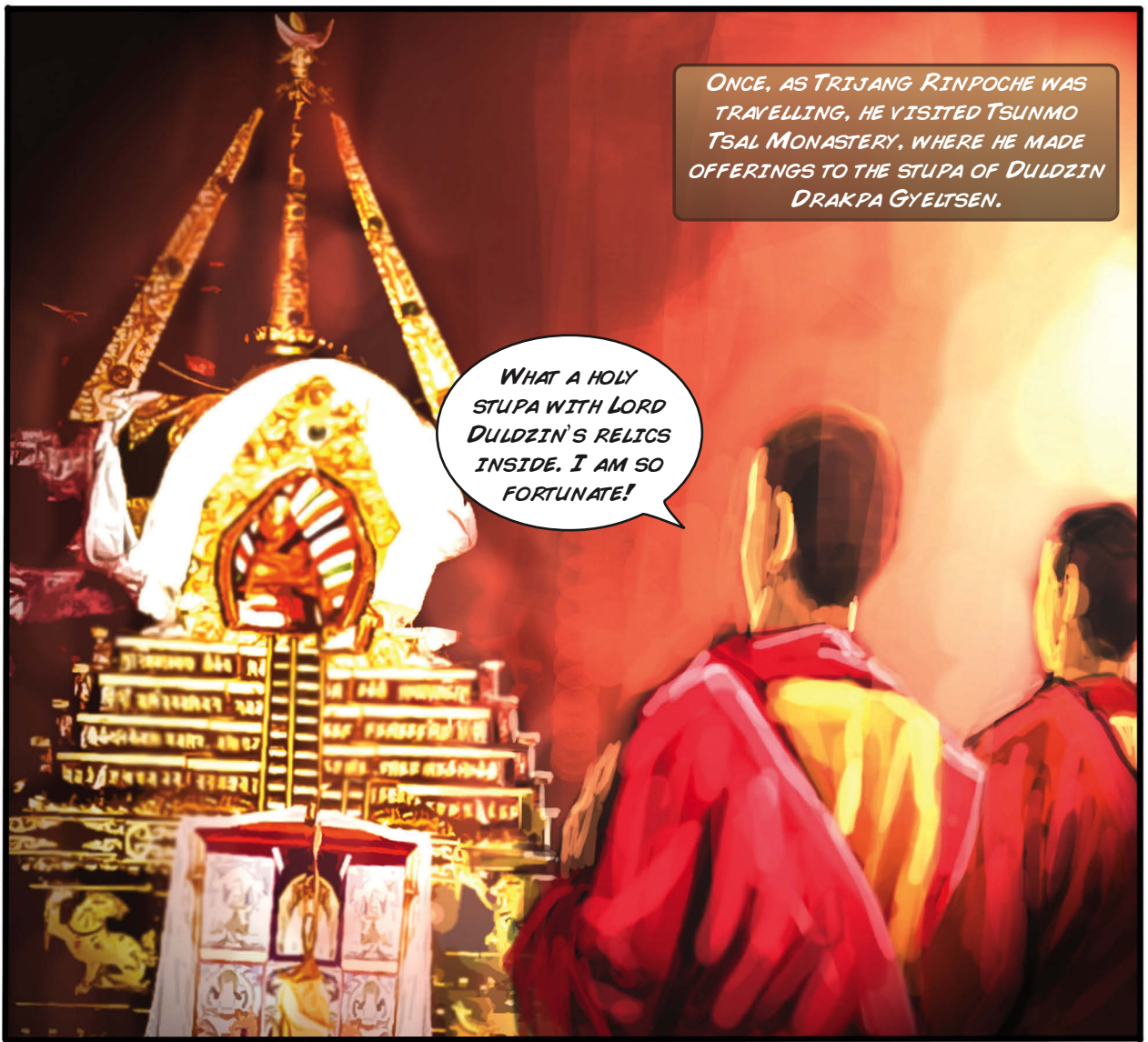




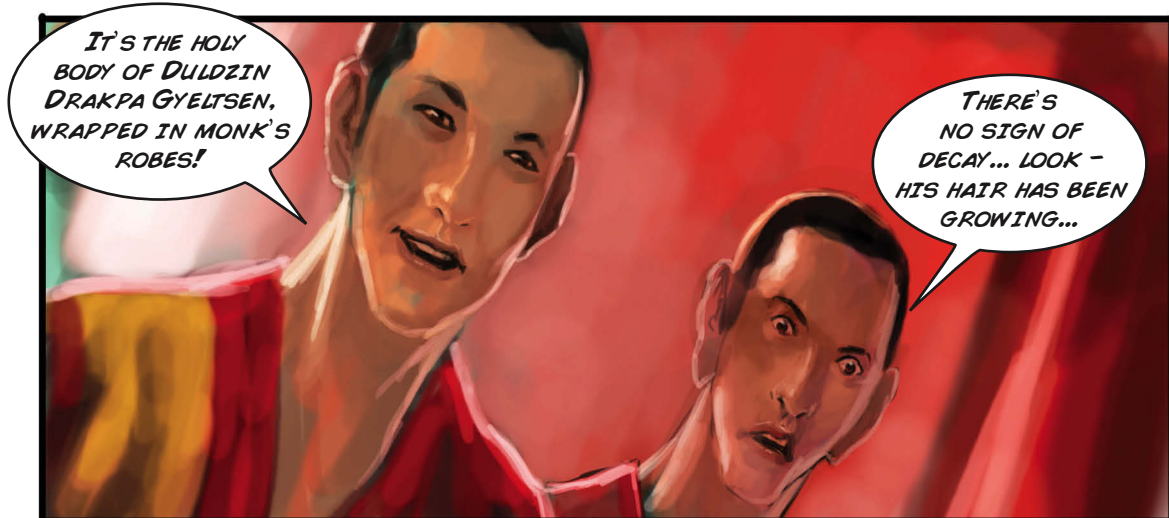


ONCE, AS TRIJANG RINPOCHE WAS TRAVELLING, HE VISITED TSUNMO TSAL MONASTERY, WHERE HE MADE OFFERINGS TO THE STUPA OF DULDZIN DRAKPA GYELTSSEN.

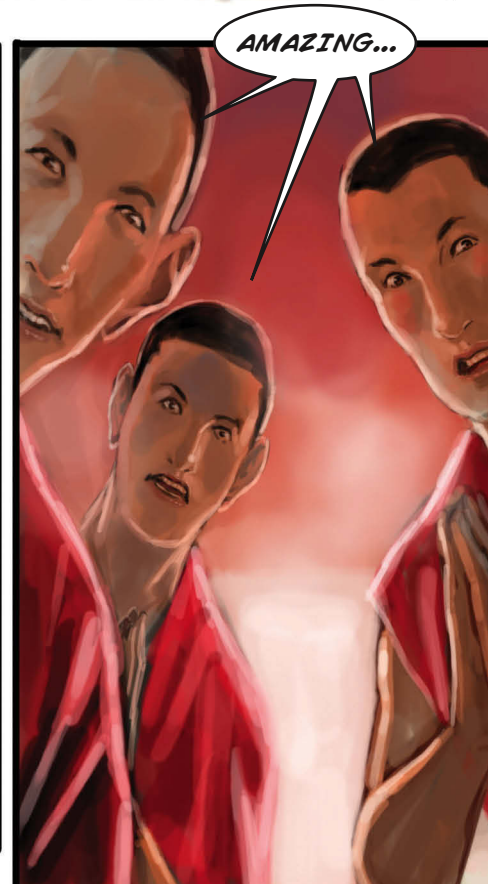
WHAT A HOLY STUPA WITH LORD DULDZIN'S RELICS INSIDE. I AM SO FORTUNATE!















*IN 1933, WHEN THE GREAT 13TH DALAI LAMA PASSED INTO CLEAR LIGHT, TRIJANG RINPOCHE WAS INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE STUPAS TO HOUSE THE 13TH DALAI LAMA'S RELICS.*



*FOLLOWING THE INDEX IN THE GREAT 5TH DALAI LAMA'S GOLDEN TRUNK SOLE ORNAMENT OF THE WORLD, THEY PLACED VARIOUS TREASURE VASES INSIDE.*

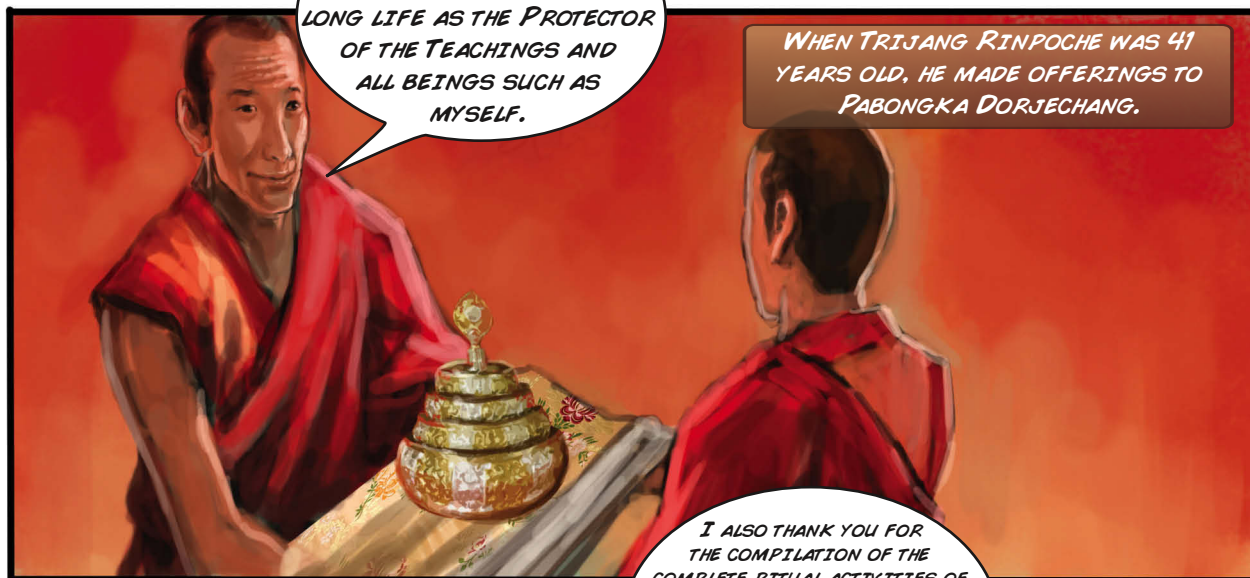
*LET'S PUT THE VASES FACING THE GOLDEN THRONE IN THE CENTER AND AT THE FOUR SIDES, WHERE THERE ARE ALSO HOUSINGS FOR SIX-ARMED MAHAKALA, DHARMARAJA, PELDEN LHAMO MAGZORMA, MALE AND FEMALE YAKSHAS AND THE FIVE FAMILIES OF DORJE SHUGDEN.*





SOON AFTER, WHEN THE 14TH DALAI LAMA WAS RECOGNIZED, TRIJANG RINPOCHE WAS APPOINTED AS ONE OF HIS TUTORS.

WITH THESE OFFERINGS, I HUMBLY REQUEST FOR RINPOCHE'S LONG LIFE AS THE PROTECTOR OF THE TEACHINGS AND ALL BEINGS SUCH AS MYSELF.




WHEN TRIJANG RINPOCHE WAS 41 YEARS OLD, HE MADE OFFERINGS TO PABONGKA DORJECHANG.


I ALSO THANK YOU FOR THE COMPILATION OF THE COMPLETE RITUAL ACTIVITIES OF GYÄLCHEN SHUGDEN INCLUDING THREAD CONSTRUCTION RELIANCE, FULFILLMENT, AND AVERTING RITUALS; TORMA AVERTING RITUAL, FIRE PUJAS, AND PROSPERITY RITUAL.







TRIJANG RINPOCHE,  
IT IS UNLIKELY THAT I  
WILL BE ABLE TO FINISH THAT  
COMPILATION. TAKE WHAT YOU  
REMEMBER WITH CERTAINTY AND  
USING YOUR NOTES AS THE  
BASIS, PLEASE FINISH THE  
THE COMPILATION.



NOW, TAKING  
WHAT I HAVE SAID AS YOUR  
FOUNDATION, FILLING OUT THE  
OTHER RITUALS IN A SIMILAR WAY AS  
SUITABLE, MAKE A GOOD COMPILATION  
TEXT OF THE RITUAL ACTIVITIES! ACTUALLY,  
I AM ASKING YOU BECAUSE YOU WERE  
THERE FOR ALL OF MY WORK RELATED  
TO THIS DHARMAPALA.



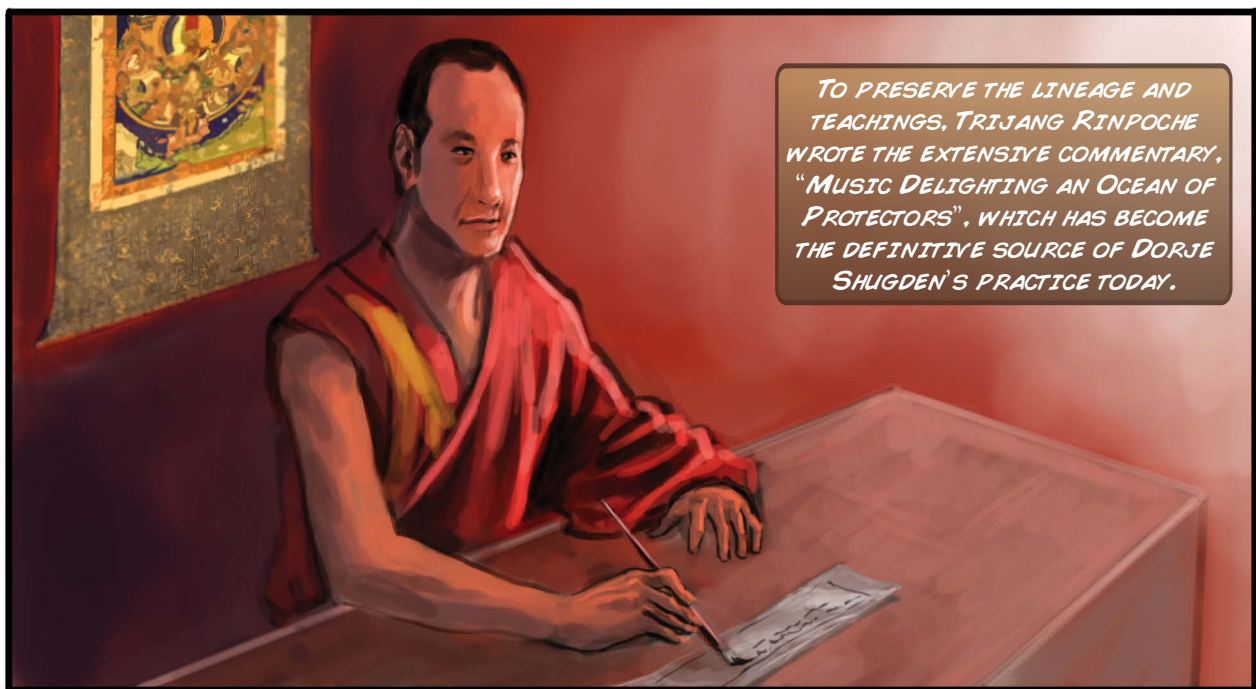


*IN 1941, PABONGKA DORJECHANG PASSED INTO CLEAR LIGHT, AND TRIJANG RINPOCHE WAS STRICKEN WITH GRIEF.*



*AH THAT'S WHAT  
MY GURU MEANT – HE  
ALREADY KNEW THAT HE  
WOULD NOT BE ABLE  
TO FINISH THE  
COMPILATION.*





*TO PRESERVE THE LINEAGE AND TEACHINGS, TRIJANG RINPOCHE WROTE THE EXTENSIVE COMMENTARY, "MUSIC DELIGHTING AN OCEAN OF PROTECTORS", WHICH HAS BECOME THE DEFINITIVE SOURCE OF DORJE SHUGDEN'S PRACTICE TODAY.*



*IN 1959, HIS HOLINESS KYABJE TRIJANG RINPOCHE BROUGHT ALL THE TEACHINGS FROM TIBET TO INDIA, WHEN A LARGE NUMBER OF MONKS LEFT TO RE-ESTABLISH THE TEACHINGS THERE.*





*TRIJANG RINPOCHE BECAME ONE OF THE MOST EMINENT BUDDHIST MASTERS OF OUR TIME AND WAS ALSO RENOWNED FOR BEING THE JUNIOR TUTOR AND SPIRITUAL GUIDE TO HH THE 14TH DALAI LAMA.*



*IT IS BECAUSE OF TRIJANG RINPOCHE'S KINDNESS AND DIRECT TEACHINGS THAT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE CONTINUE TO HAVE THE GREAT FORTUNE OF RECEIVING DORJE SHUGDEN'S INITIATION AND BENEFICIAL PRACTICE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE.*

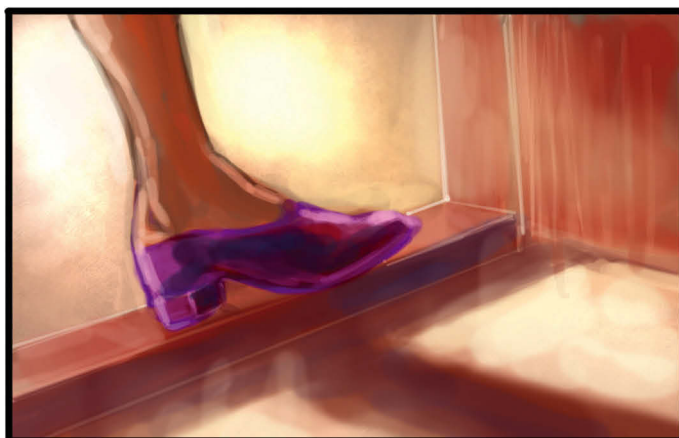


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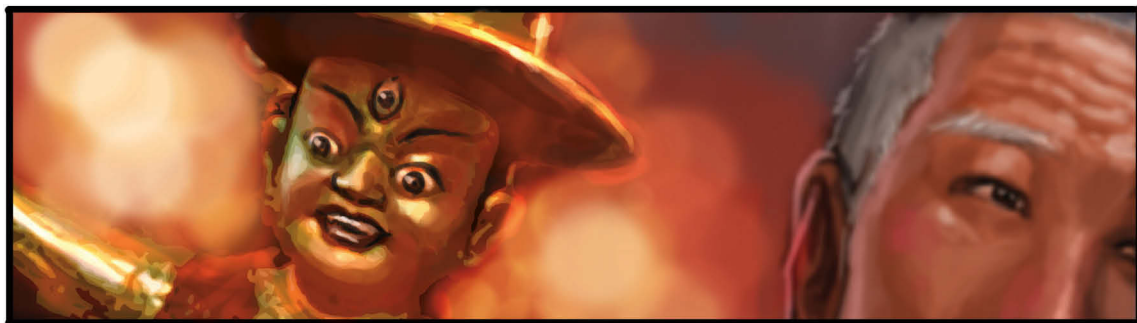
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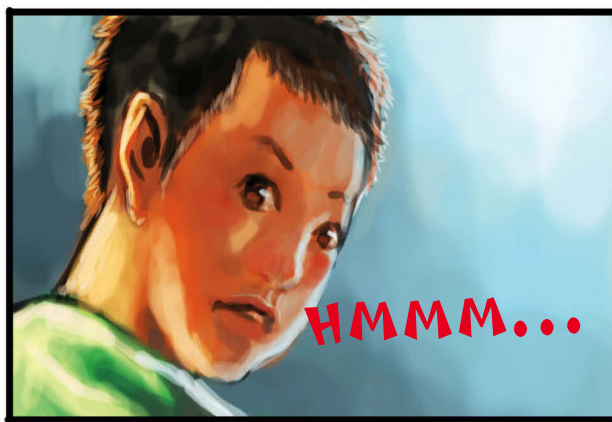
















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# ***THE HISTORY AND CONNECTION OF DORJE SHUGDEN WITH CHINA.***



***IN 1653, HOLDER OF THE DRAGON THRONE QING DYNASTY  
EMPEROR SHUNZHI GAVE A TITLE TO THE FIFTH DALAI LAMA WHICH  
IS 'BUDDHA OF COMPASSION AND FREEDOM OF  
WESTERN PARADISE'. SIMULTANEOUSLY THE EMPEROR  
RECOGNIZED AND PROCLAIMED DORJE SHUGDEN AS  
A SPECIAL PROTECTOR OF THE DHARMA AND TIBET.***





***DHARMA PROTECTOR DORJE SHUGDEN'S LINEAGE EXTENDS BACK TO THE TIME OF BUDDHA SHAKYAMUNI HIMSELF. ALTHOUGH DORJE SHUGDEN ORIGINATED FROM TIBET, CHINA. NOW THE PRACTICE OF DORJE SHUGDEN ALONG WITH THE VAST RICHNESS OF CHINESE PHILOSOPHY, ART, MUSIC, CULTURE, LITERATURE IS SPREADING ALL OVER THE WORLD TRANSCENDING BARRIERS OF RACE AND GEOGRAPHY. HE IS TRULY A PROTECTOR WHOSE TIME HAS COME.***





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