

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





Uhhhh...



WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?



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



DON'T WORRY.
I'M SURE YOUR
MOTHER IS NEARBY.
YOU'RE SAFE HERE.



Uhhhh...

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



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

WHAT DO YOU MEAN PROTECTED?

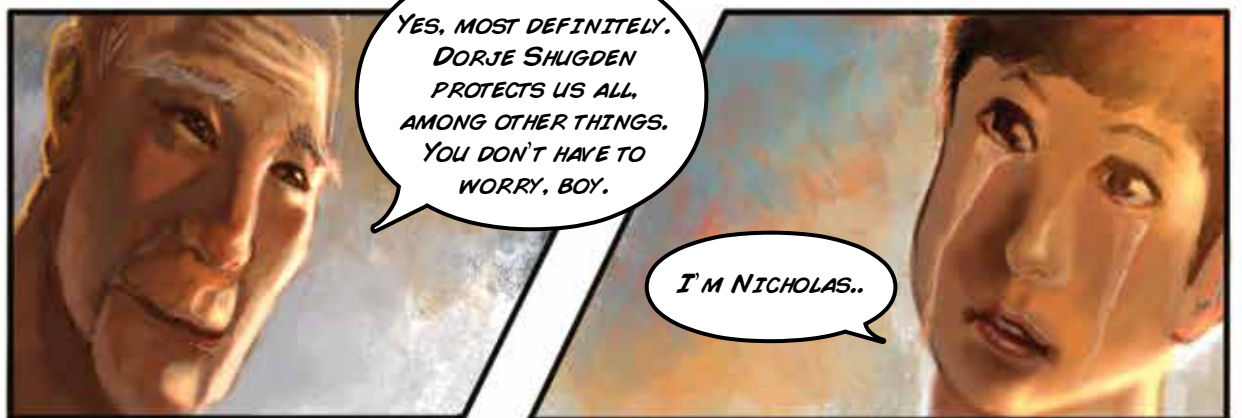


LOOK UP, DO YOU SEE THAT STATUE? DO YOU KNOW WHO HE IS?



WOAH...

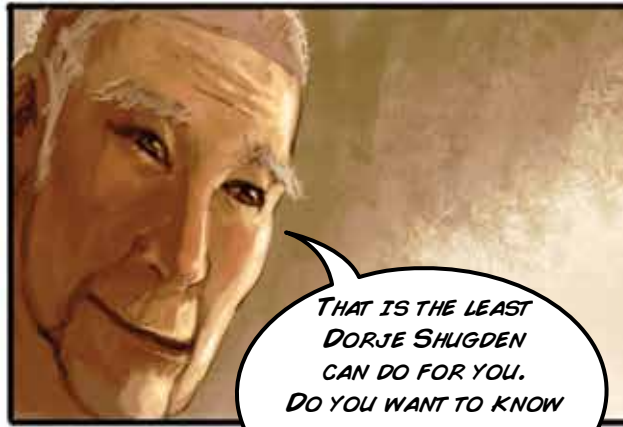
WHAT... WHO IS THAT?





OK, NICHOLAS,
JUST WAIT RIGHT HERE
AND DORJE SHUGDEN
WILL GUIDE YOUR
MOTHER TO FIND
YOU.

HE CAN DO THAT?



THAT IS THE LEAST
DORJE SHUGDEN
CAN DO FOR YOU.
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW
HIS STORY WHILE WE WAIT
FOR YOUR MOTHER?



OKAY...




DORJE SHUGDEN
IS NOT JUST ANY PROTECTOR.
HE IS A POWERFUL DHARMA
PROTECTOR.


WHAT'S A
DHARMA
PROTECTOR?



BEFORE I EXPLAIN,
DO YOU KNOW WHO
THE BUDDHA IS?



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.

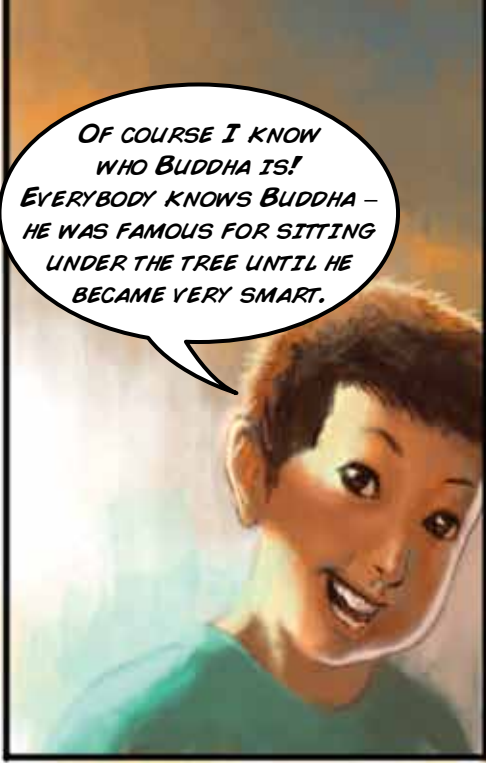


OK, I UNDERSTAND
NOW. PLEASE GO ON
WITH YOUR STORY.




CHAPTER 2


Dharma Protectors



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CHAPTER 2


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



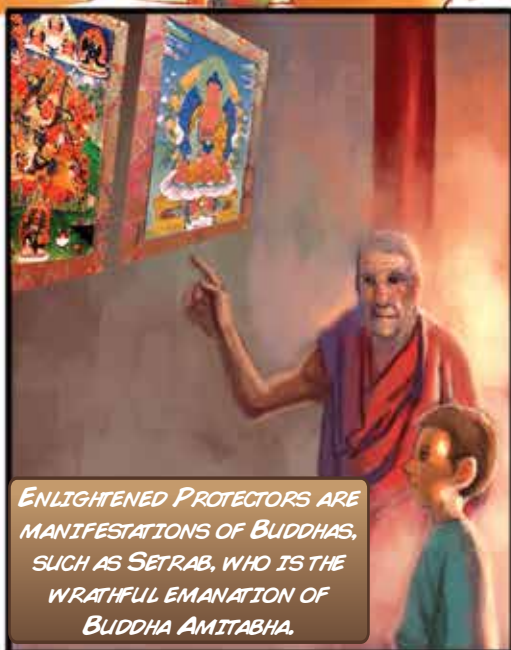
THIS TEACHING BECAME KNOWN
AS THE DHARMA – THE RIGHT
WAY OF LIVING, AS TAUGHT BY
LORD BUDDHA.



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

India

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

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.*



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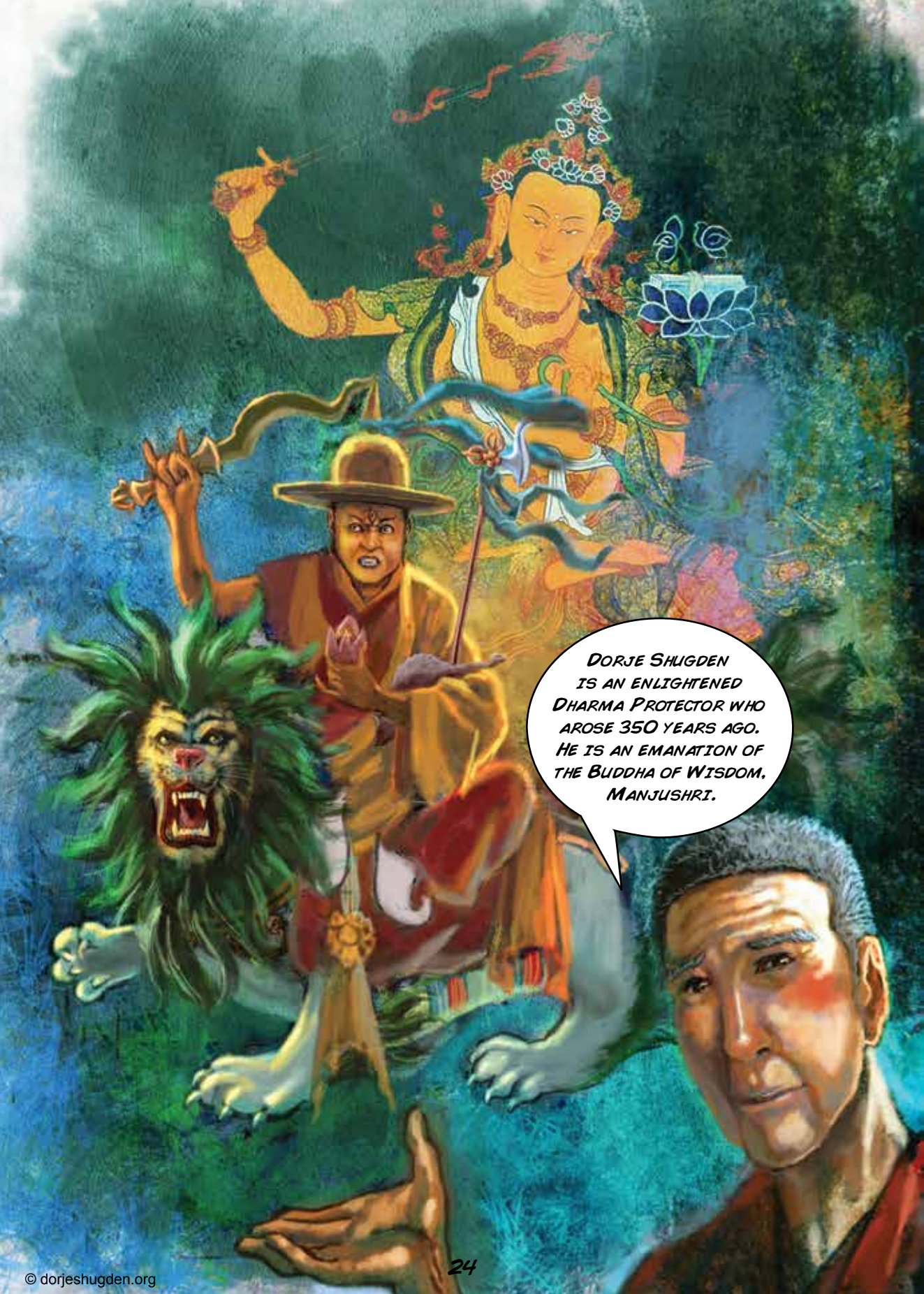
SCREEECH

*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!!
HE IS 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.

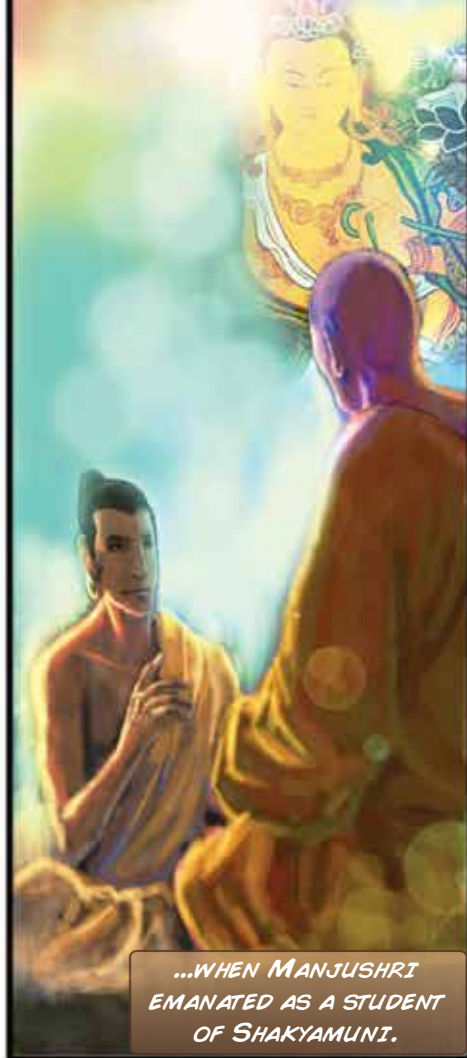


HE COMBINED THE BEST FROM THE MAIN SCHOOLS OF BUDDHISM TO ESTABLISH THE GELUGPA SCHOOL, ALSO KNOWN AS THE YELLOW HAT TRADITION.

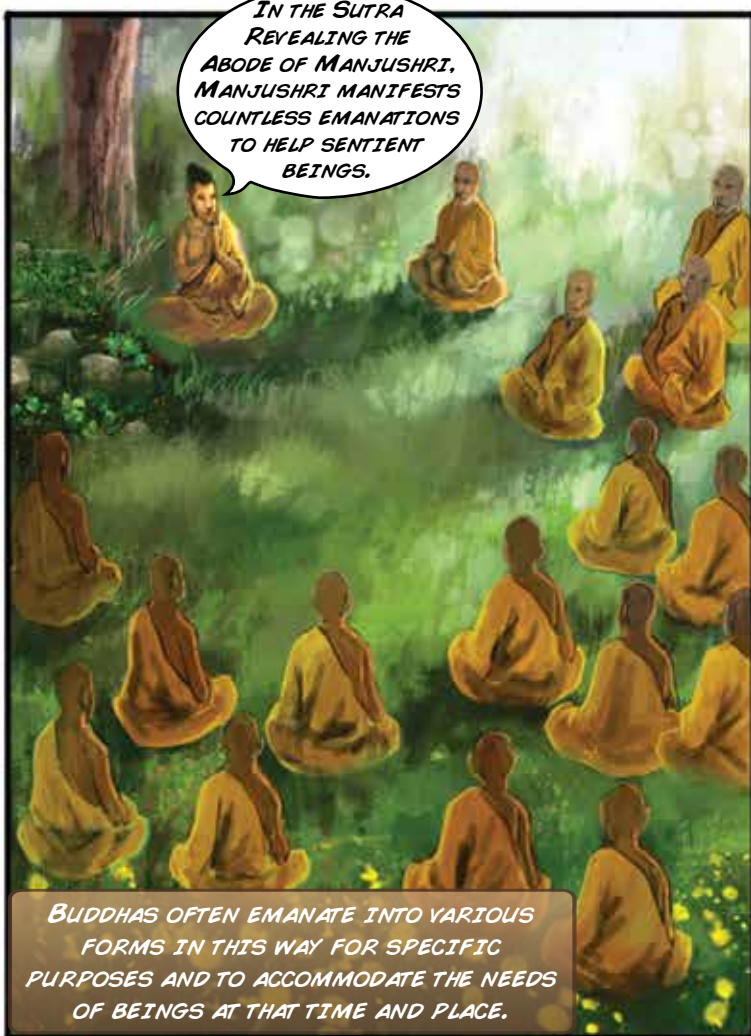


TSONGKHAPA WAS KNOWN AS THE EMANATION OF THE BODHISATTVAS OF COMPASSION - AVALOKITESHVARA, WISDOM - MANJUSHRI AND SPIRITUAL POWER - VAJRAPANI.





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



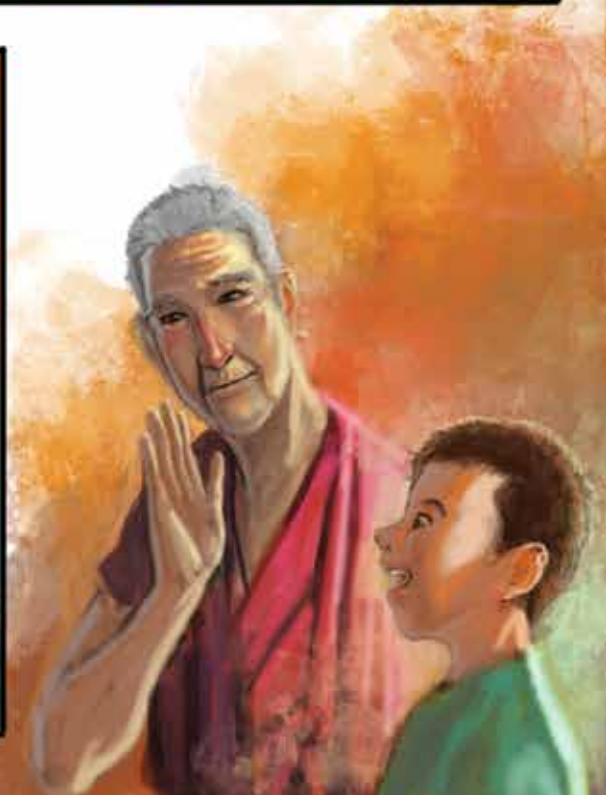
IN THE SUTRA
REVEALING THE
ABODE OF MANJUSHRI,
MANJUSHRI MANIFESTS
COUNTLESS EMANATIONS
TO HELP SENTIENT
BEINGS.

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



WOW.
BUDDHAS ARE
REALLY KIND, AREN'T
THEY? ARE THEY ALL
LIKE THIS, ALL THE
TIME?

YES, ALL
THE TIME.



CHAPTER 4

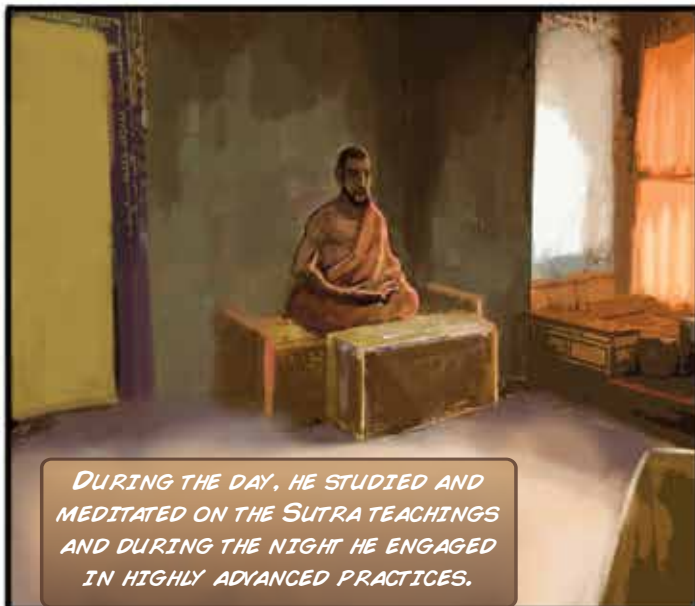
The Earliest Masters: Birwapa and Sakya Pandita





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.

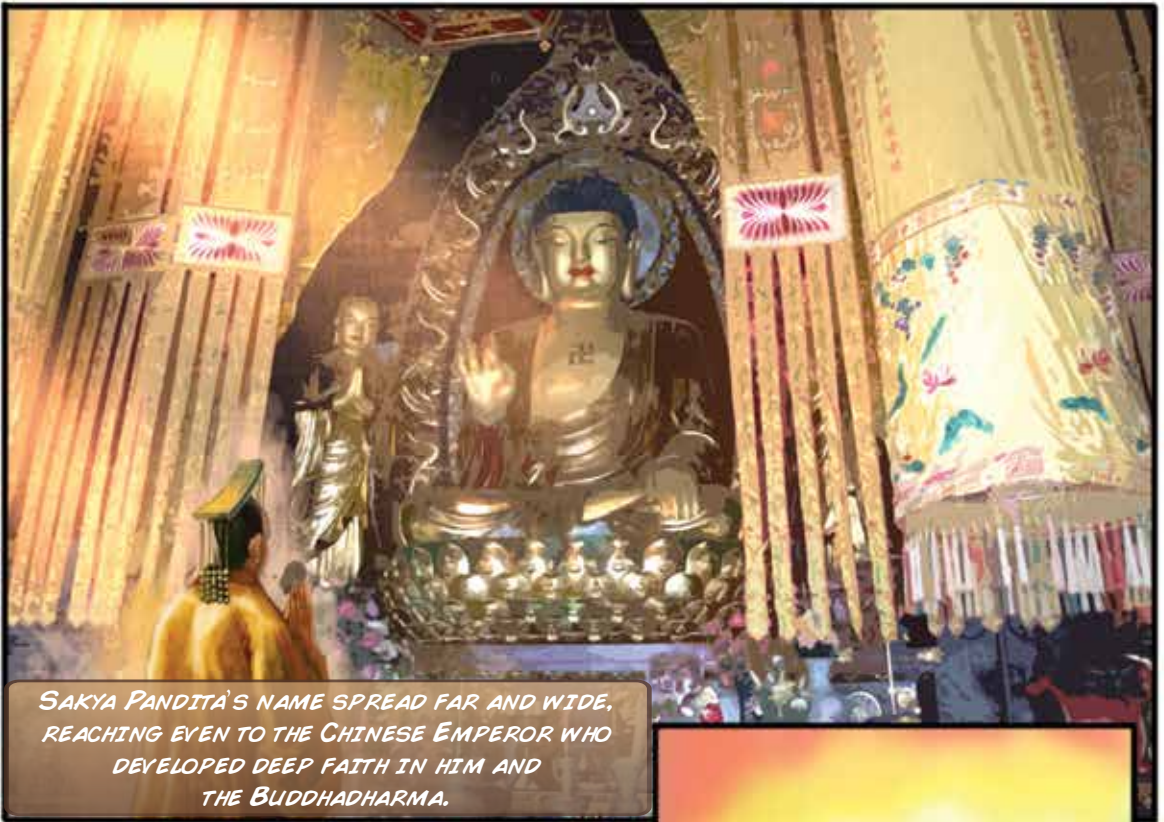
IT'S A DISGRACE – WE SHOULD TELL HIM TO LEAVE!

"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.*

*BUTÖN RINCHEN DRUB HAS ATTAINED
COMPASSION AND BODHICITTA IN HIS
SPEECH AND ACTION.*



*HE FOCUSED ON TEACHING AND
WRITING, AND TRANSLATED MANY
SCRIPTURES FROM SANSKRIT
INTO TIBETAN.*



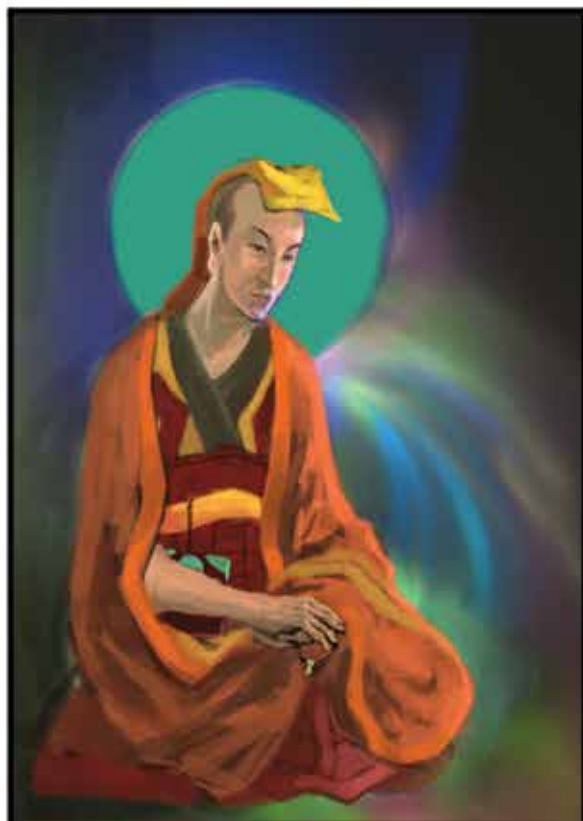
*AMONG THESE MANY TEXTS, HE WROTE
26 VOLUMES OF COMMENTARIES ON
DHARMA PRACTICE. (KANGYUR – THE
SPOKEN WORDS OF THE BUDDHA – AND
TANGYUR – THE COMMENTARIES OF
BUDDHIST TEACHINGS)*





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.



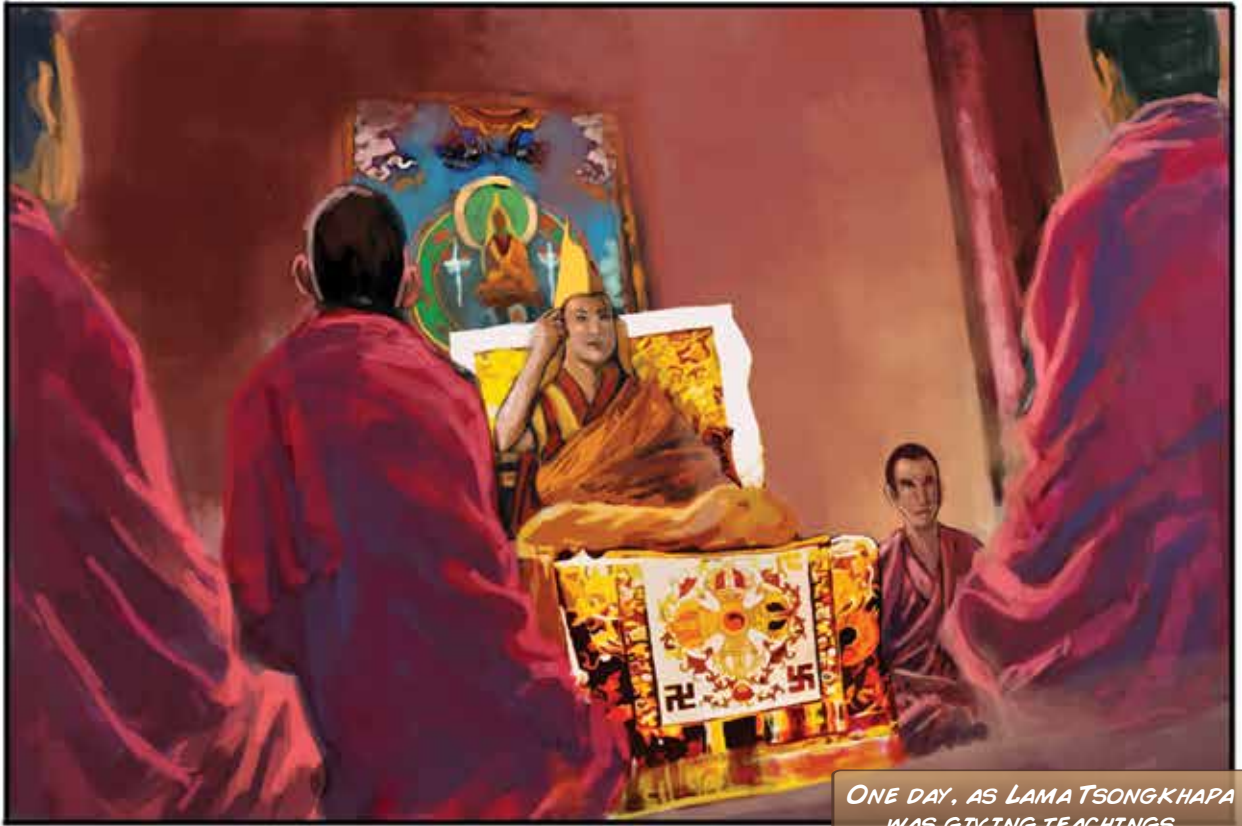
DULDZIN WAS ALSO WIDELY KNOWN FOR HIS VERY PURE PRACTICE, SERVICE TO DHARMA AND ESPECIALLY FOR OVERSEEING THE FULL CONSTRUCTION OF GADEN MONASTERY.

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.*

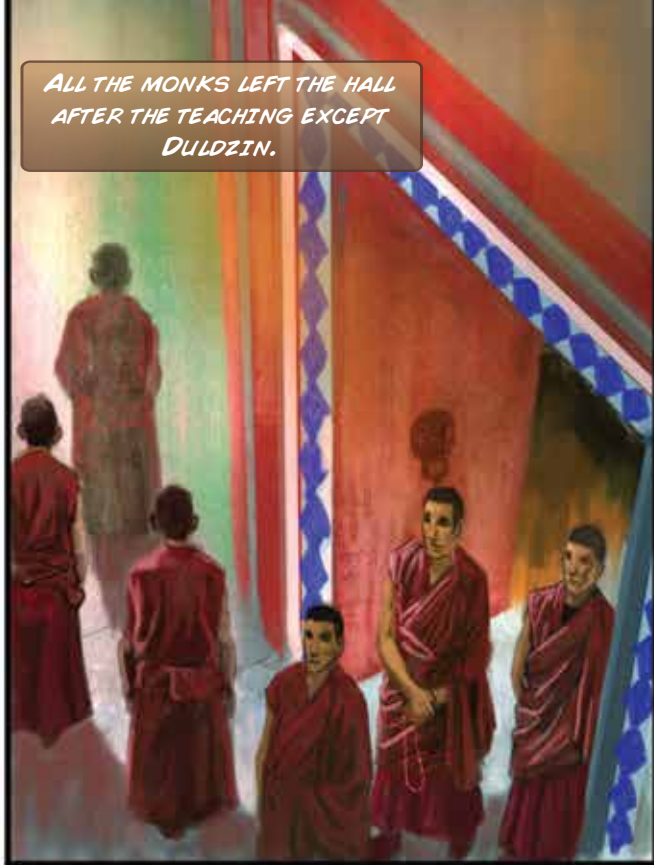




*AS THE DOVE CIRCLED AROUND
TSONGKHAPA'S THRONE, DULDZIN
RECOGNIZED THAT IT WAS THE
DHARMA PROTECTOR, NECHUNG.*



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



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



WHAT DO
YOU WANT?



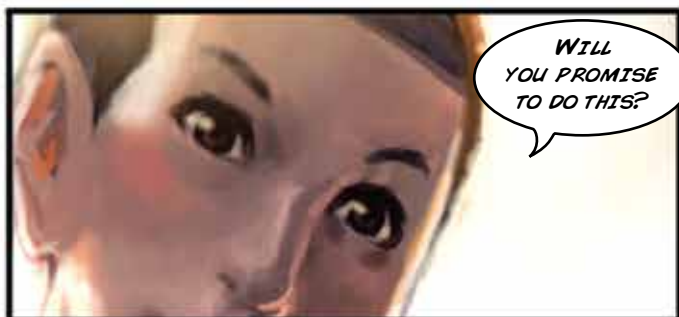
THE DOVE TRANSFORMED INTO...



A BOY!



I NEED
YOUR HELP.

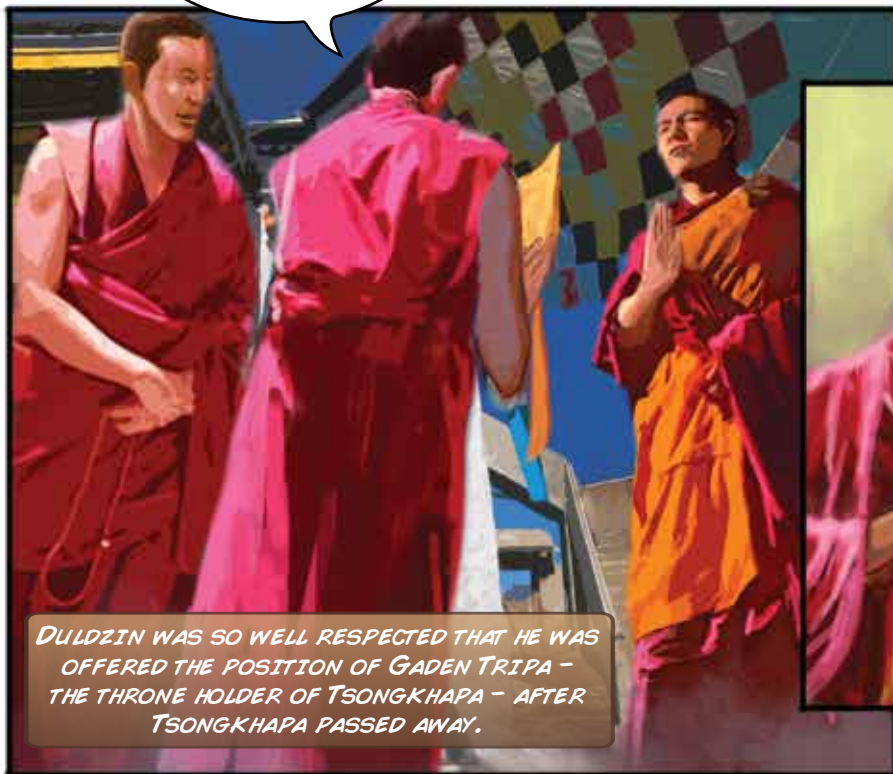




DO NOT
FORGET YOUR
PROMISE.



PLEASE
TAKE THE THRONE
AND REPRESENT LAMA
TSONGKHAPA HERE
ON EARTH.



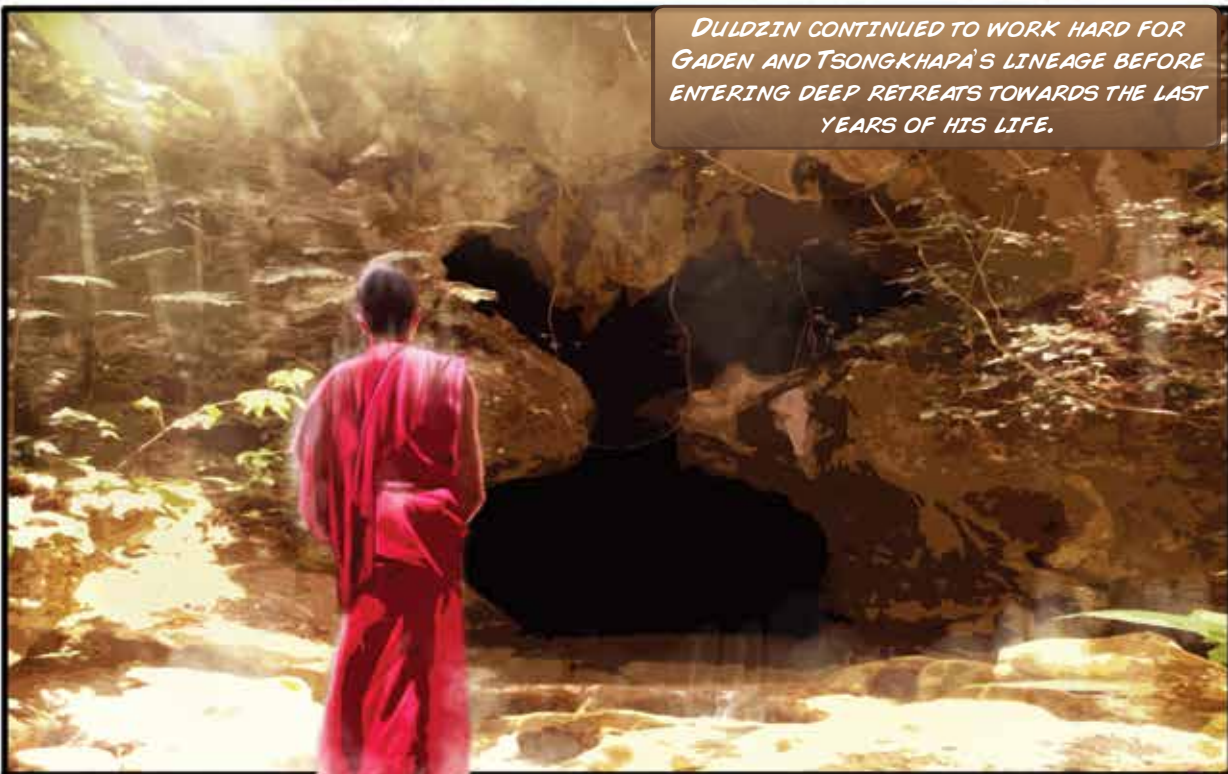
DULDZIN WAS SO WELL RESPECTED THAT HE WAS
OFFERED THE POSITION OF GADEN TRIPA -
THE THRONE HOLDER OF TSONGKHAPA - AFTER
TSONGKHAPA PASSED AWAY.



THANK YOU FOR
THE HONOR BUT I
MUST DECLINE.



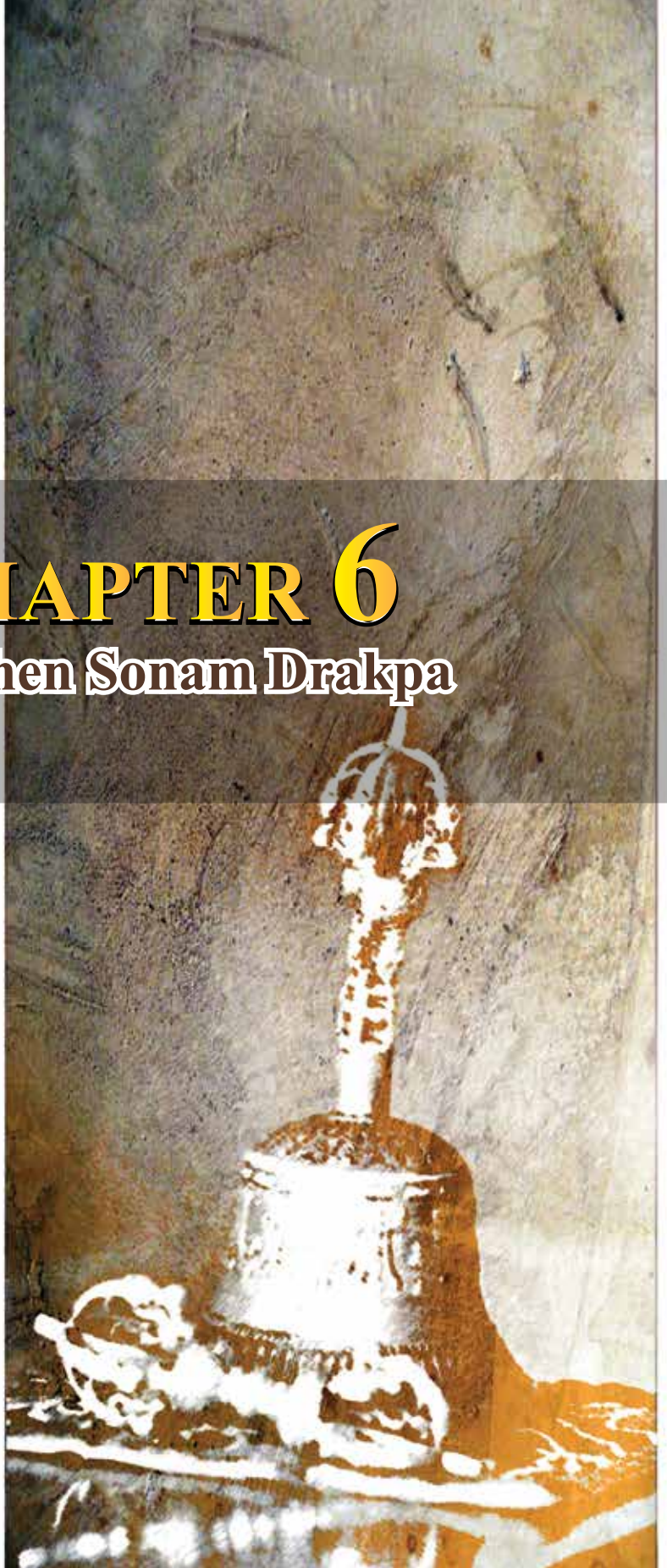
GYALTSAB JE, YOU SHOULD BE THE GADEN TRIPA. I WISH TO DEVOTE MY LIFE TO PROTECT AND HELP LAMA TSONGKHAPA'S TEACHINGS TO GROW.



DULDZIN CONTINUED TO WORK HARD FOR GADEN AND TSONGKHAPA'S LINEAGE BEFORE ENTERING DEEP RETREATS TOWARDS THE LAST YEARS OF HIS LIFE.

CHAPTER 6

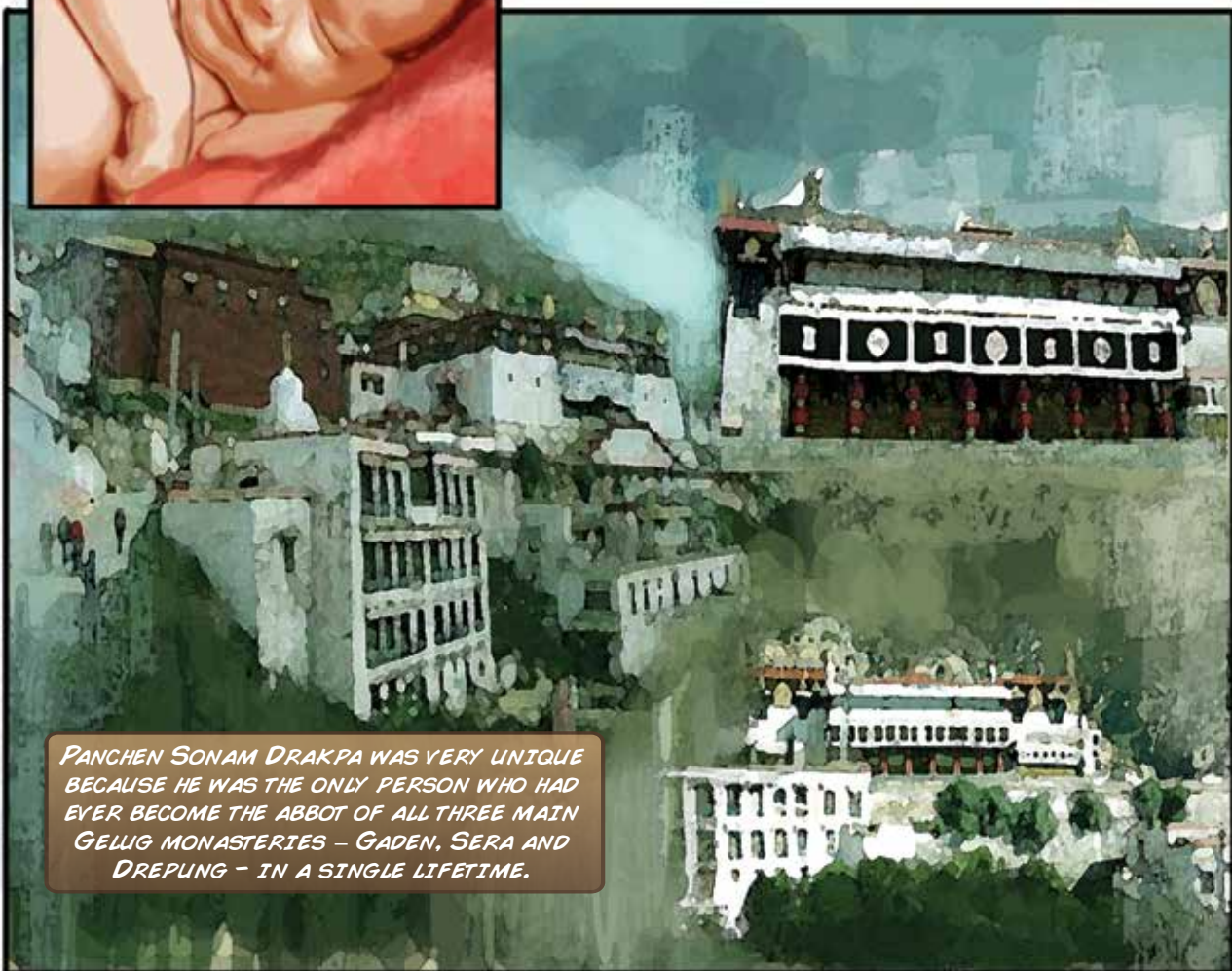
Panchen Sonam Drakpa



*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 HAD
EVER BECOME THE ABBOT OF ALL THREE MAIN
GELUG MONASTERIES – GADEN, SERA AND
DREPUNG – IN A SINGLE LIFETIME.*



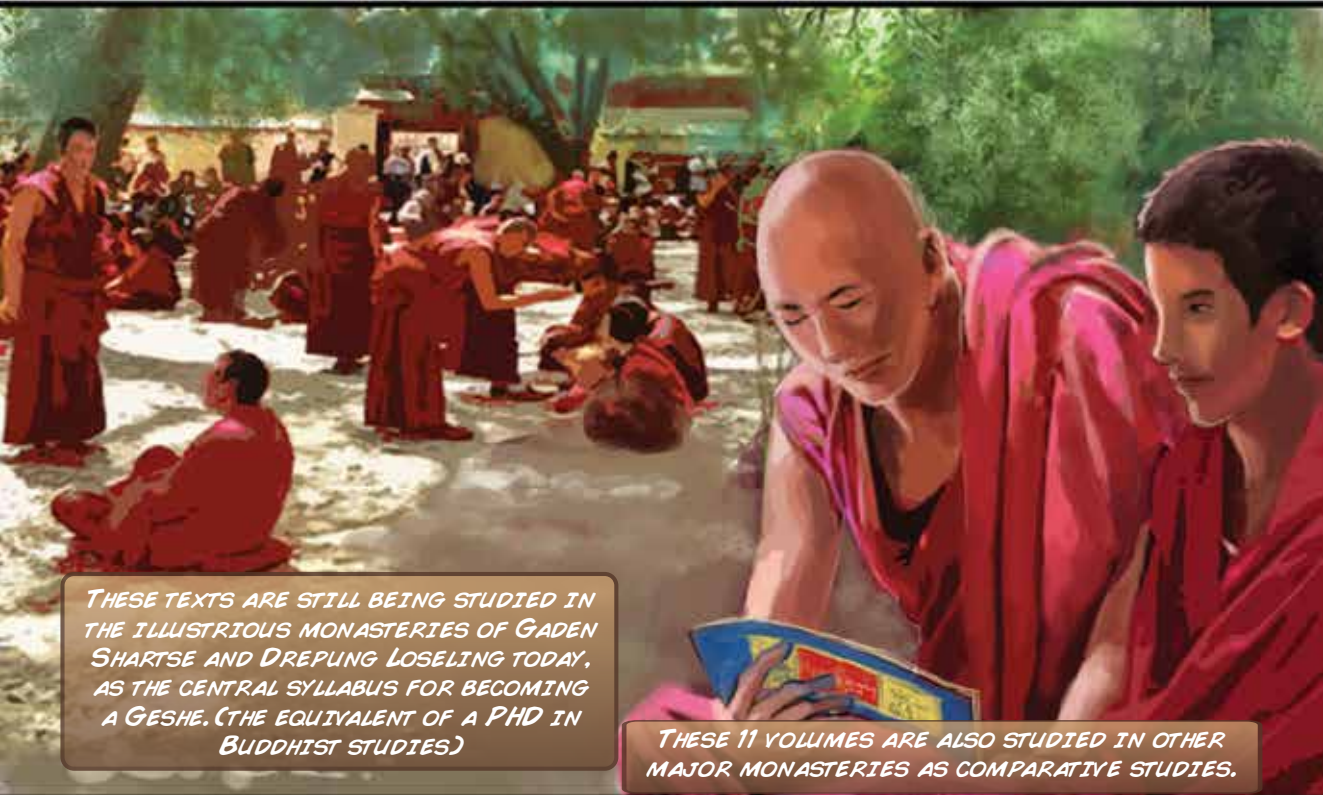
*HE WAS ALSO THE ABBOT OF
GYUTO TANTRIC COLLEGE...*



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



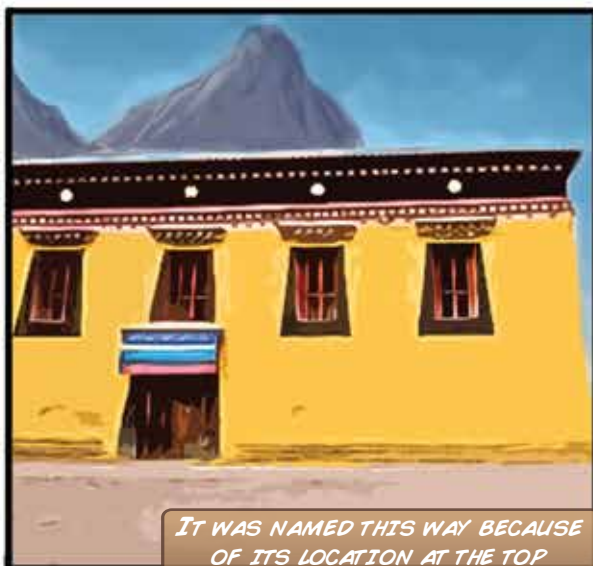
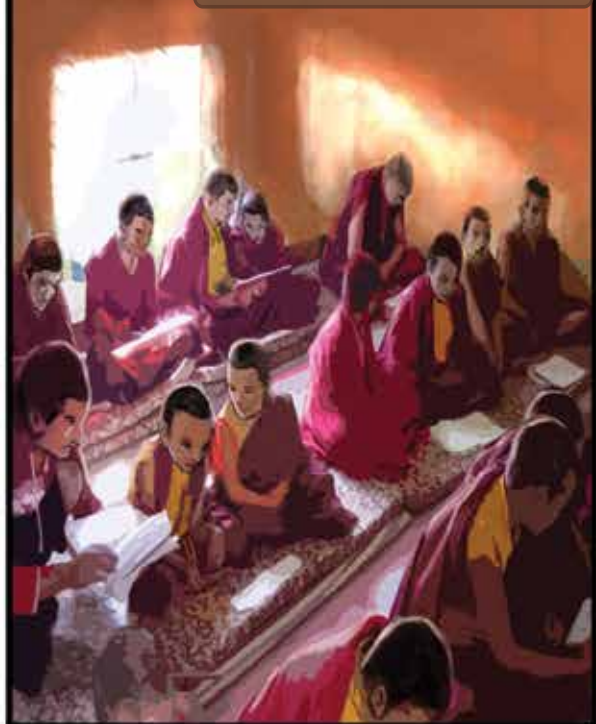
*PANCHEN SONAM DRAKPA WAS EXTREMELY
ERUDITE, SCHOLARLY AND SHARP IN HIS
WISDOM. HE IS PARTICULARLY RENOWNED
FOR WRITING 11 DEFINITIVE VOLUMES OF
PHILOSOPHICAL TEACHINGS.*



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

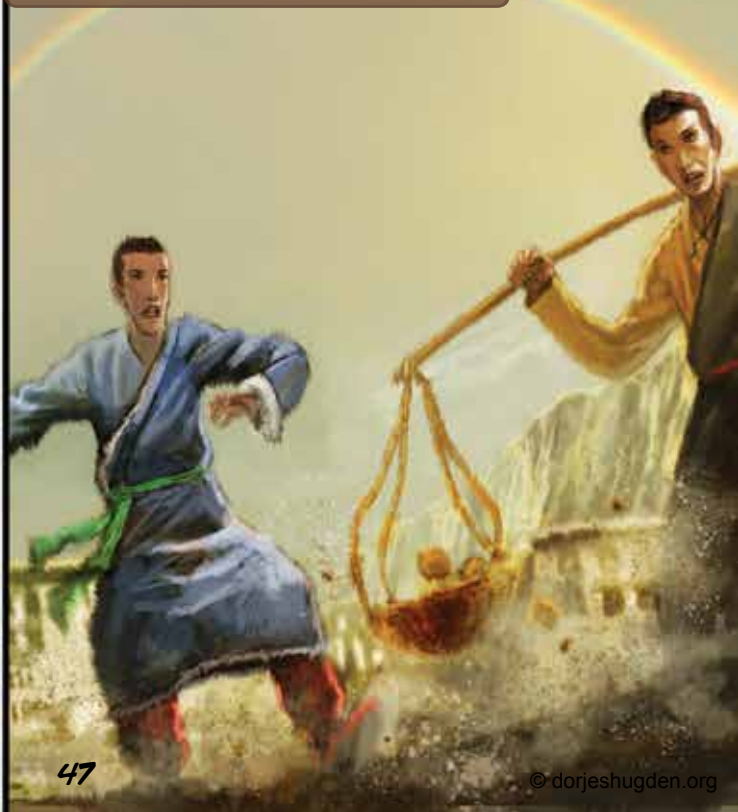


A FEW LIFETIMES LATER, PANCHEN SONAM DRAKPA WAS REBORN IN 1619 AS SOMEONE WHO WOULD HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF BUDDHISM: TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSSEN.

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.*



HE WOULD NATURALLY PICK UP AND USE RITUAL IMPLEMENTS, AND WAS ABLE TO MEMORIZE ANY TEXT GIVEN TO HIM.



BY THE AGE OF 9, HE WAS ALREADY WRITING COMMENTARIES AND GIVING TEACHINGS.



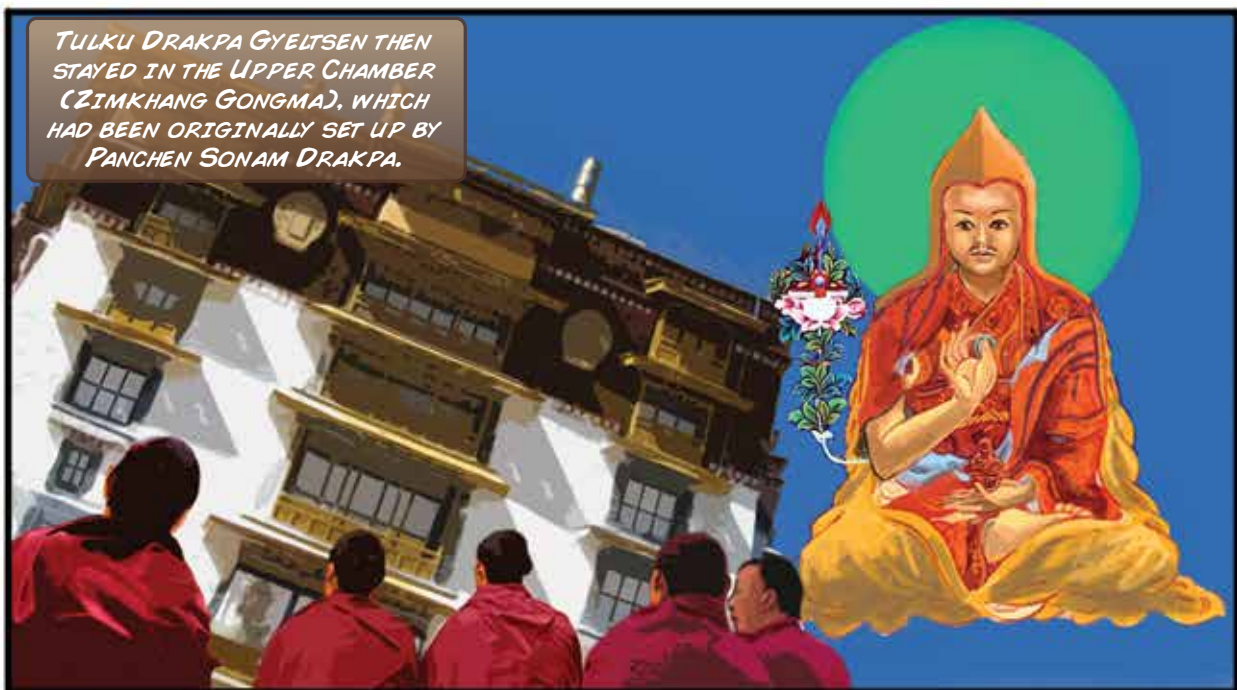
WHEN THEY ENTERED THE MONASTERY, TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSEN AND NGAWANG LOBSANG GYATSO WERE IN DREPUNG NGAKPA, UNDER THE TUTELAGE OF THE 4TH PANCHEN LAMA, LOBSANG CHÖKYI GYALTSEN.



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



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



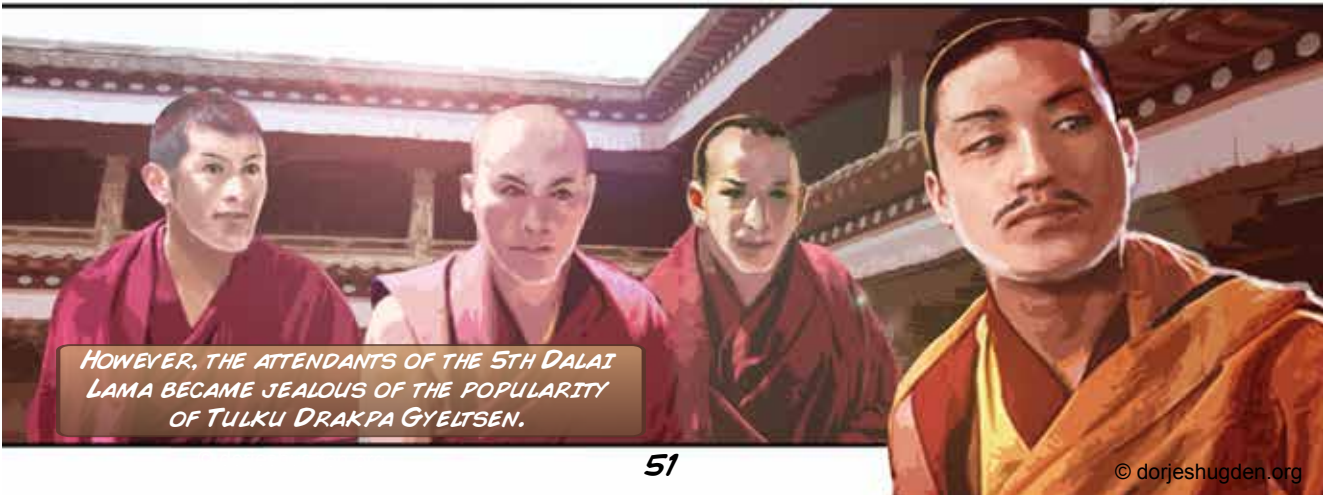
TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSEN THEN STAYED IN THE UPPER CHAMBER (ZIMKHANG GONGMA), WHICH HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY SET UP BY PANCHEN SONAM DRAKPA.



*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
RETIRES 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.**

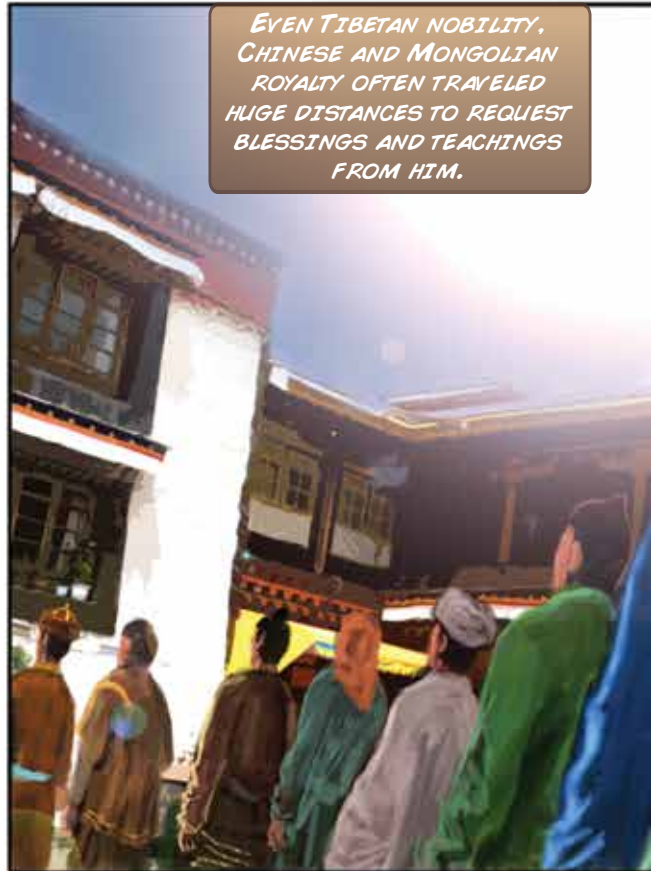
HE MOVED BECAUSE HE WANTED
PRIVACY AND DISLIKED FAME. HE
ONLY WISHED TO BE IN RETREAT
AND TO MEDITATE.



TULKU DRAKPA GYEITSEN
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.





VISITING
DRAKPA
GYELTSSEN?!

NO
RESPECT FOR
THE DALAI
LAMA!

HE'S
GOING TO GET
IT ONE DAY!



WHAT
ARE YOU
WHISPERING
ABOUT?

OH NO!
THE DALAI
LAMA!

NOTHING,
YOUR
HOLINESS...

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



SO MANY
PEOPLE AT TULKU
DRAKPA GYELTSSEN'S
RESIDENCE.

VERY GOOD!
I REJOICE.



WHAT'S AN
ORACLE?



AN ORACLE IS
A SPECIALLY TRAINED
PERSON WHO CAN
CHANNEL BEINGS FROM
A DIFFERENT REALM,
SUCH AS DHARMA
PROTECTORS.



TULKU DRAKPA
GYELTSSEN!
ARE YOU READY?
DO YOU REMEMBER
YOUR PROMISE?



READY
FOR WHAT?
WHAT
PROMISE?





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...



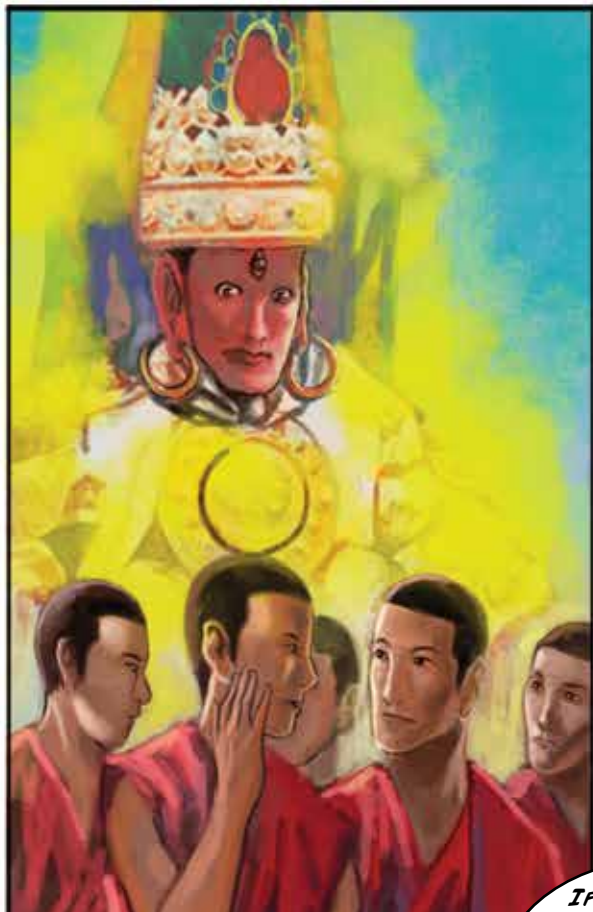
OH MY...
TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSEN
WAS SO SELFLESS. HE EVEN
SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO
BECOME A PROTECTOR.





CHAPTER 8

The Death of Tulku Drakpa Gyeltsen



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



WE CAN'T LET TULKU DRAKPA GYELTSSEN 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 GYELTSSEN 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.





H AH!!



Huh?!!



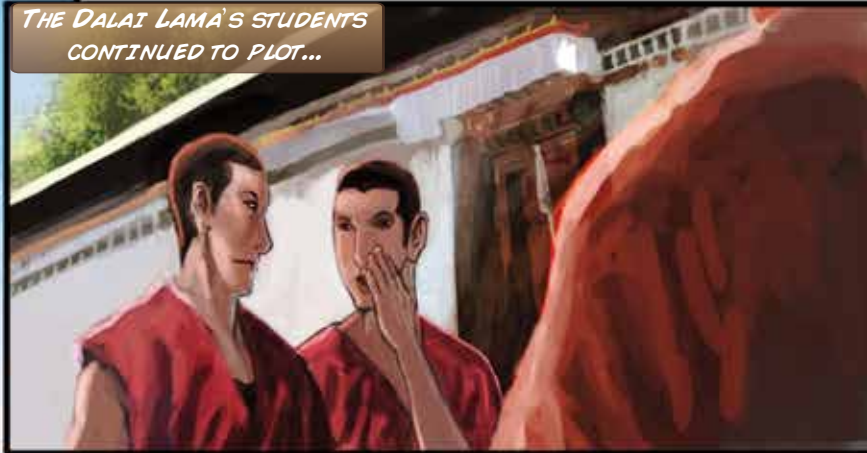
PING!!



Ohhh!!



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



**OH,
RINPOCHE!**





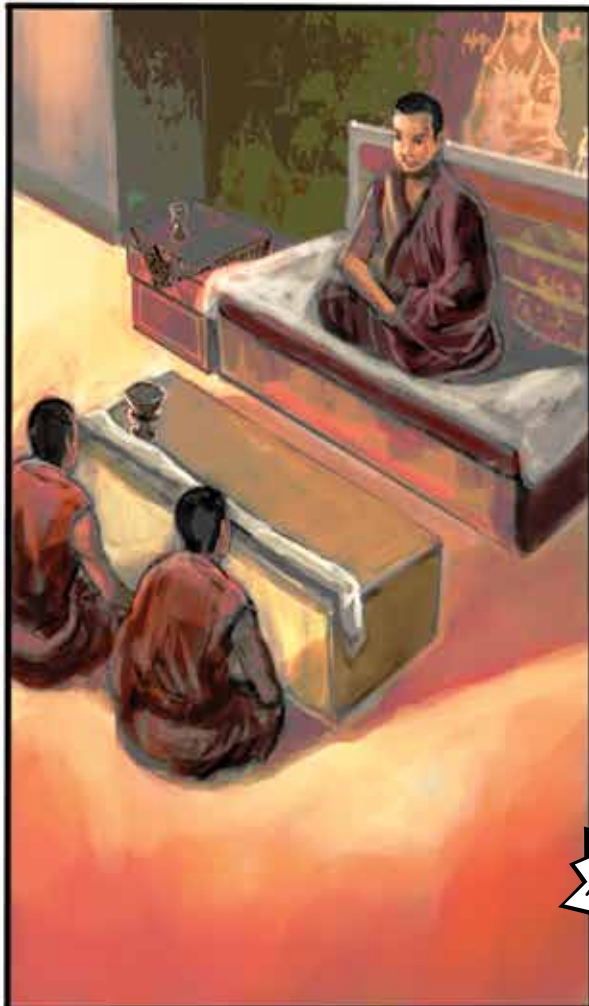
*CALM
YOURSELVES...
PLEASE COME TO MY
ROOM... I WANT TO
TALK TO YOU.*

*TULKU DRAKPA GYEITSEN
SURPRISED THEM...*



Hmmmm??!

*DESI, DEPA,
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
BOTH UP TO. AND
IT'S NOT GOING
TO WORK.*



*WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?*



*NO, NO... WHAT
ARE YOU TALKING
ABOUT?!*



*THERE'S
NO NEED TO
PRETEND!*

*I KNOW
YOU WANT TO
KILL ME.*



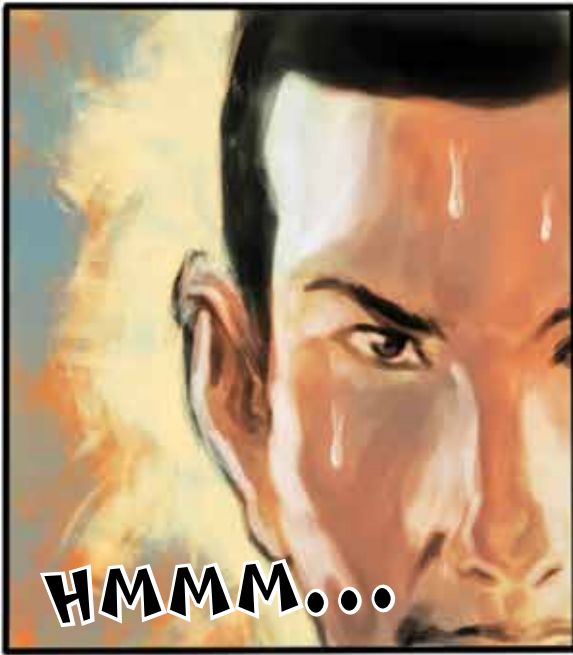
THERE'S ONLY
ONE WAY YOU CAN
KILL ME IN THIS LIFE.
YOU WILL HAVE TO
CHOKE ME WITH A
KHATA.



WHAT??













*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!



FORGIVE ME!

DRAKPA
GYELTSSEN.
I DIDN'T KNOW.



I'M SORRY!



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

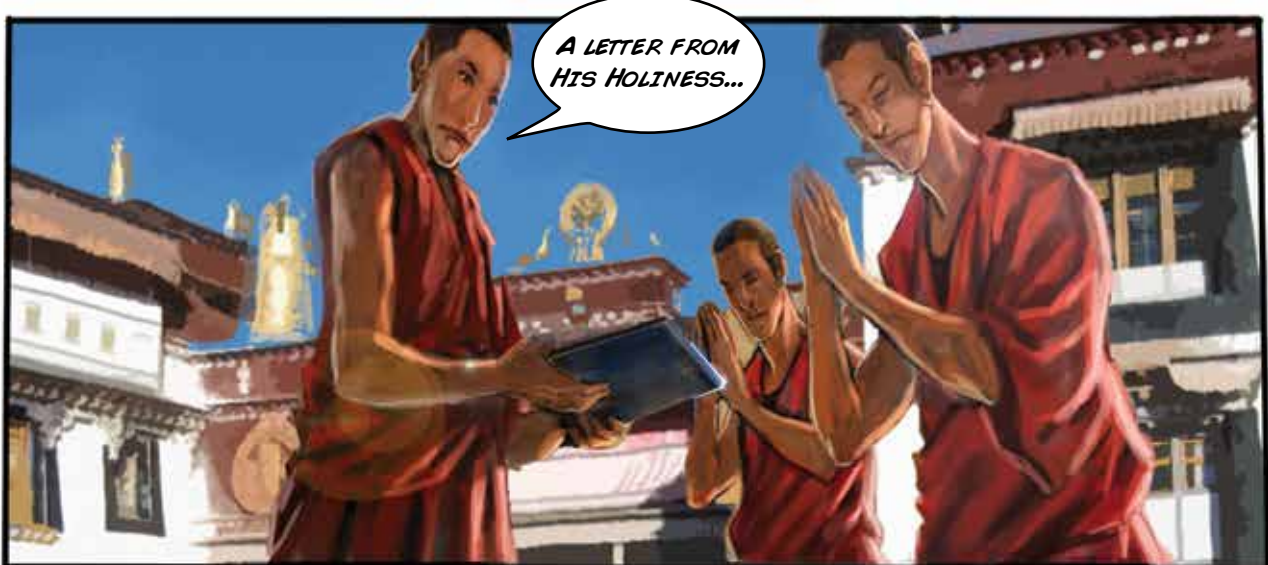
IT STILL
WON'T LIGHT?

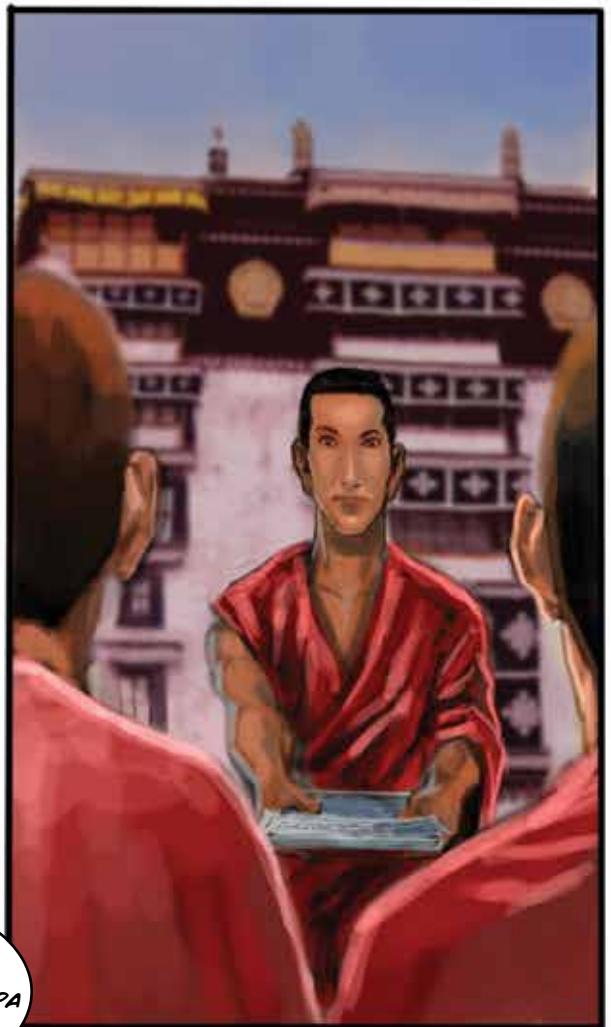


IT PRAISED TULKU
DRAKPA GYELTSSEN'S
QUALITIES AND
EXPRESSED HIS OWN
GREAT REMORSE FOR
WHAT HIS PEOPLE
HAD DONE.



NO.. I DON'T
UNDERSTAND IT.





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





AS SOON AS THE POEM
WAS READ, THE PYRE
CAUGHT FIRE BY ITSELF.



DID YOU
SEE THAT?

WHAT DOES
IT MEAN?

IT CAUGHT
FIRE ON ITS
OWN!





ARGHHHH

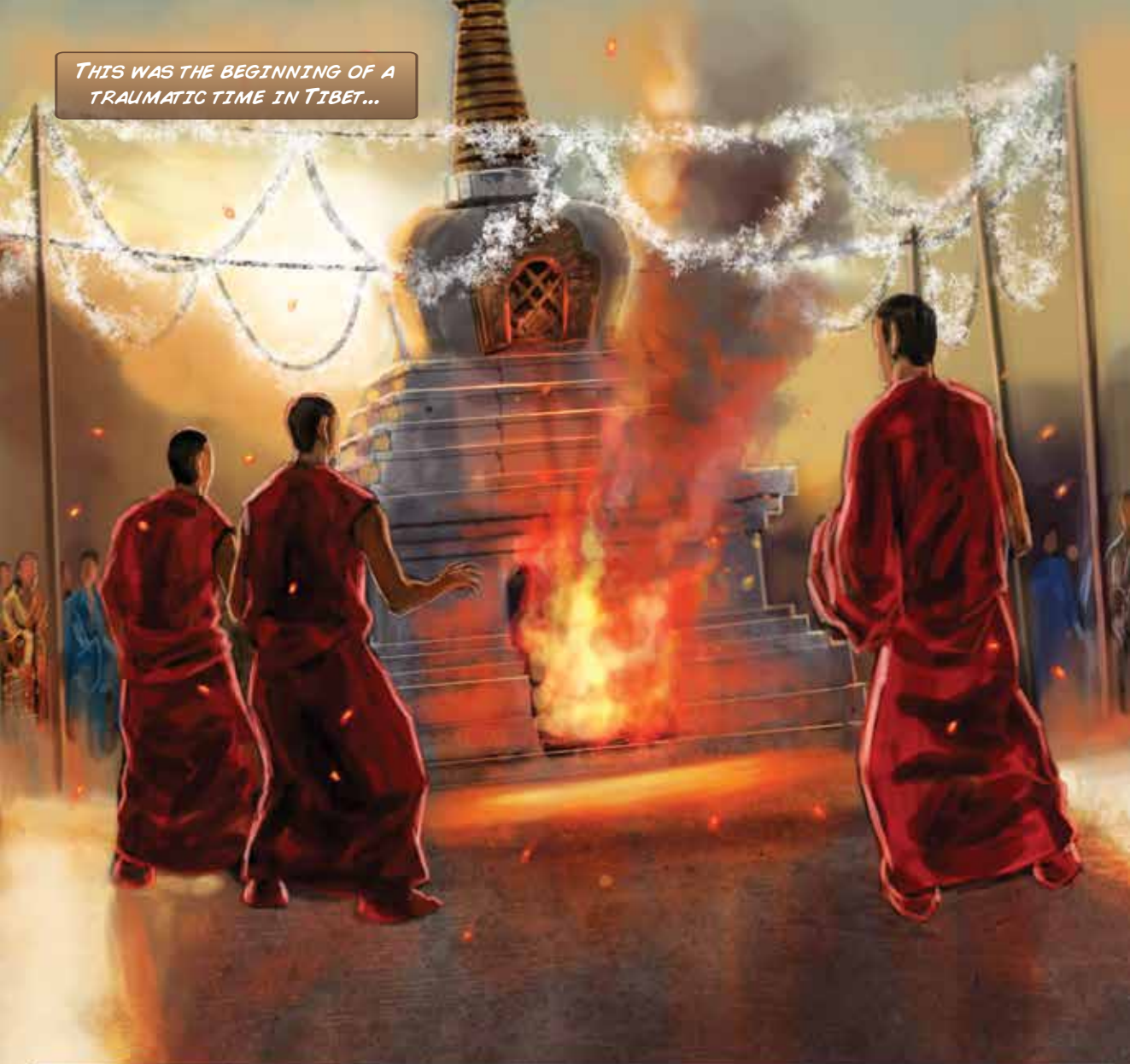


WHAT KIND OF HIGH
LAMA ARE YOU? HOW
COULD YOU HAVE LET THEM
KILL YOU AND NOT DO
ANYTHING?




*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...*



A dramatic illustration depicting a massive fire consuming a city, likely Lhasa. In the foreground, several Buddhist monks in traditional red robes are shown from behind, looking towards the burning city. The fire is intense, with large plumes of smoke and bright orange flames. In the background, traditional Tibetan architecture is visible, partially obscured by the smoke and fire. A large, dark, hand-like shape is visible in the sky, formed by the smoke and fire. A speech bubble from a monk in the foreground contains text about a wronged Tulku Drakpa Gyeltsen.


*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 GYELTSSEN.






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!

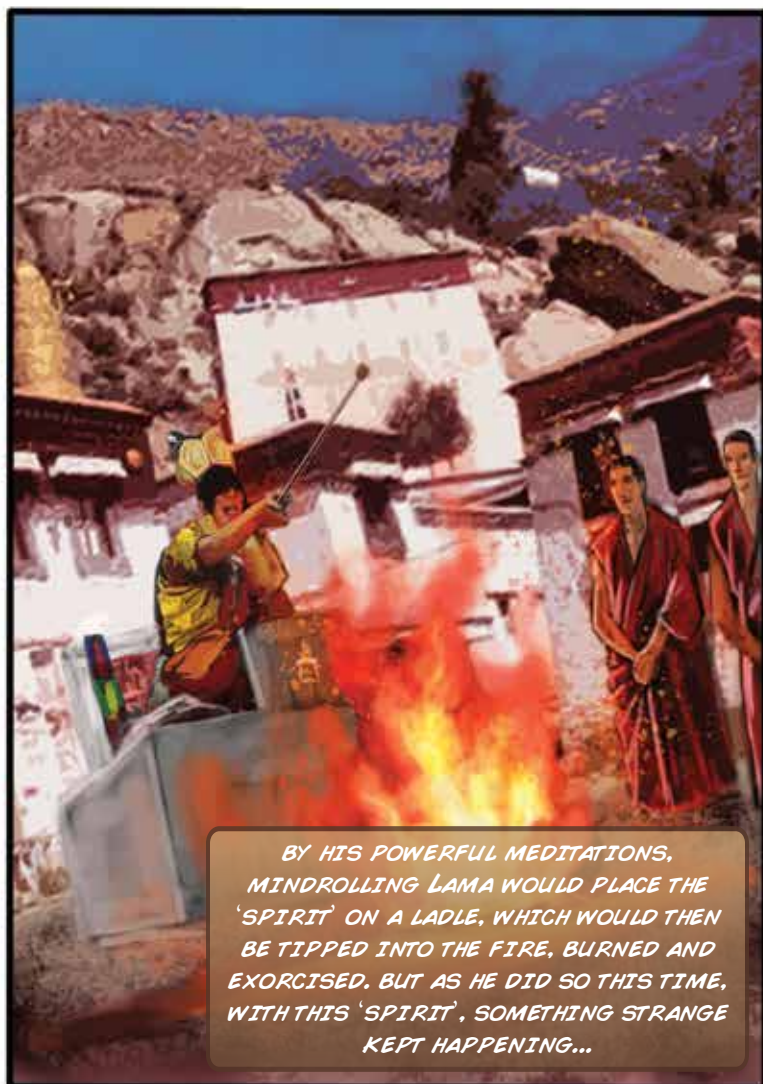


I NEED YOUR HELP!
THERE'S AN EVIL SPIRIT
PLAGUING TIBET - PLEASE
DESTROY IT WITH
YOUR FIRE PUJAS!





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.



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



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

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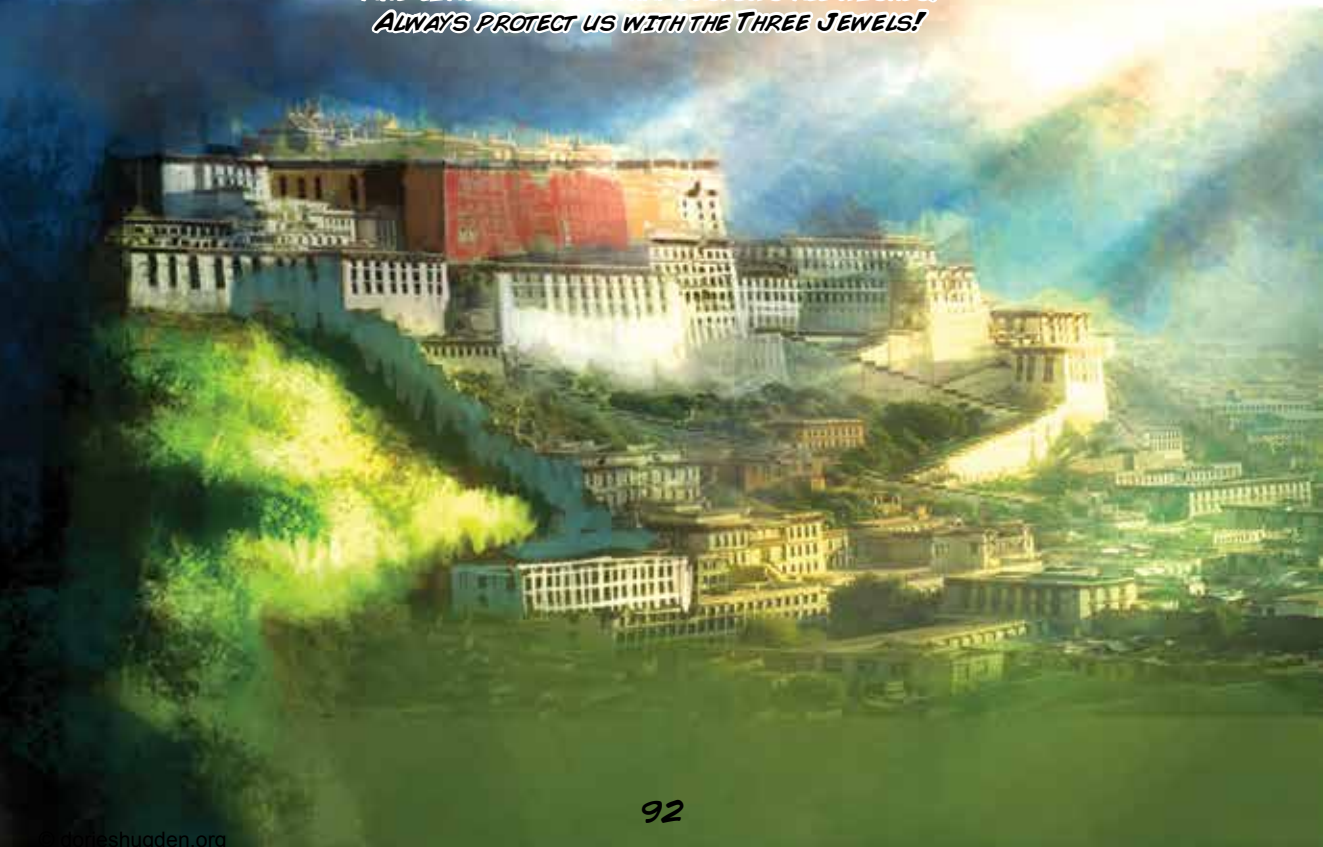
*THOUGH UNMOVING FROM THE SPHERE OF PRIMORDIAL SPONTANEITY,
WITH WRATHFUL TURBULENT POWER, SWIFTER THAN LIGHTNING,
ENDOWED WITH HEROIC COURAGE TO JUDGE GOOD AND BAD,
I INVITE YOU WITH FAITH, PLEASE COME TO THIS PLACE!*

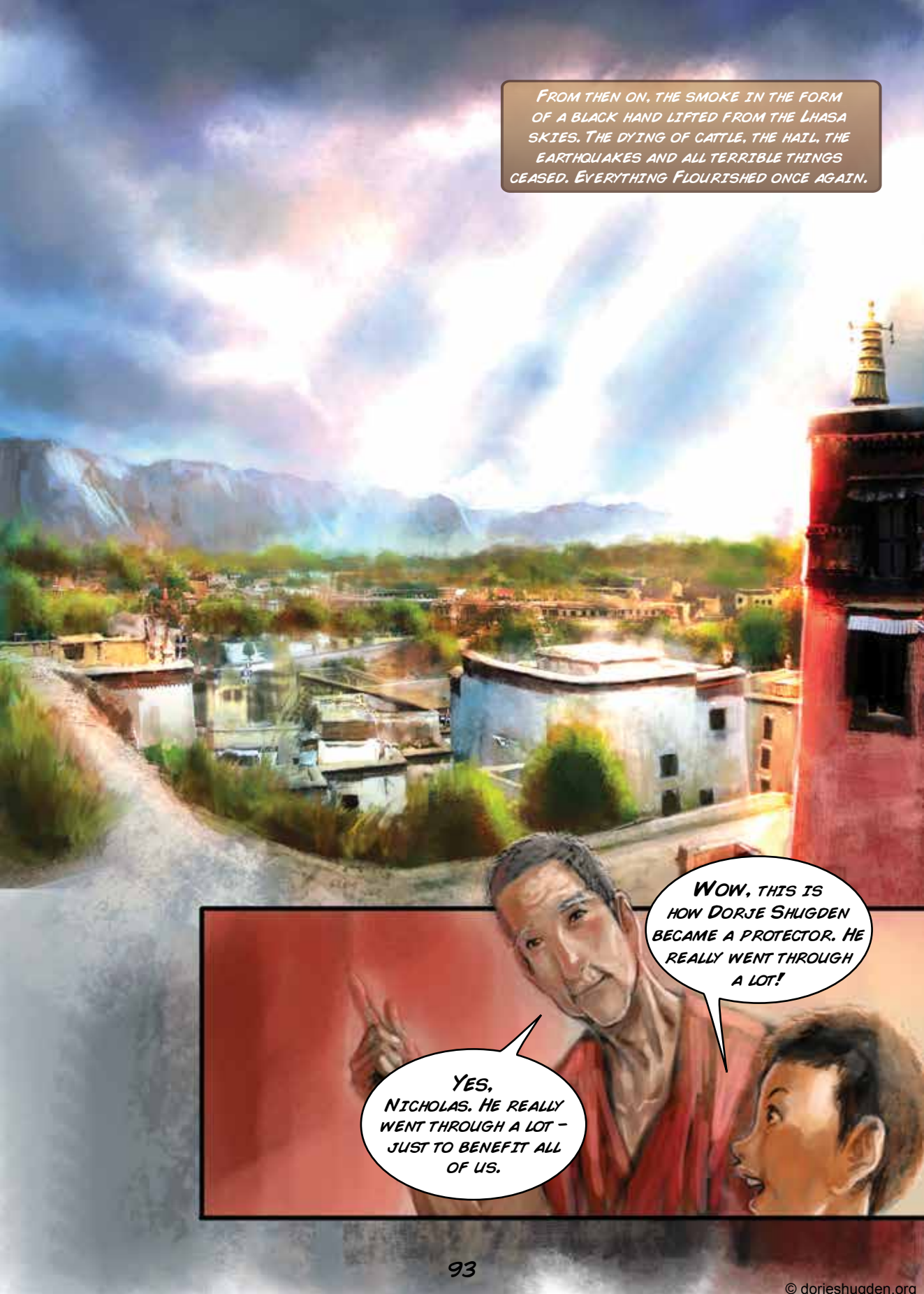
*ROBES OF A MONK, CROWN ADORNED WITH RHINOCEROS LEATHER HAT,
RIGHT HAND HOLDS ORNATE CLUB, LEFT HOLDS A HUMAN HEART,
RIDING VARIOUS MOUNTS SUCH AS NAGAS AND GARUDAS,
WHO SUBDUES THE MAMOS OF THE CHARNEL GROUNDS, PRAISE TO YOU!*

*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 houses with white walls and dark roofs. 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 stupa with a golden spire 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 showing a man and a woman. The man, on the left, has dark hair and is wearing a red robe. He is pointing his right index finger upwards. The woman, on the right, has dark hair and is looking up at him with an open mouth, as if speaking or reacting. 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.

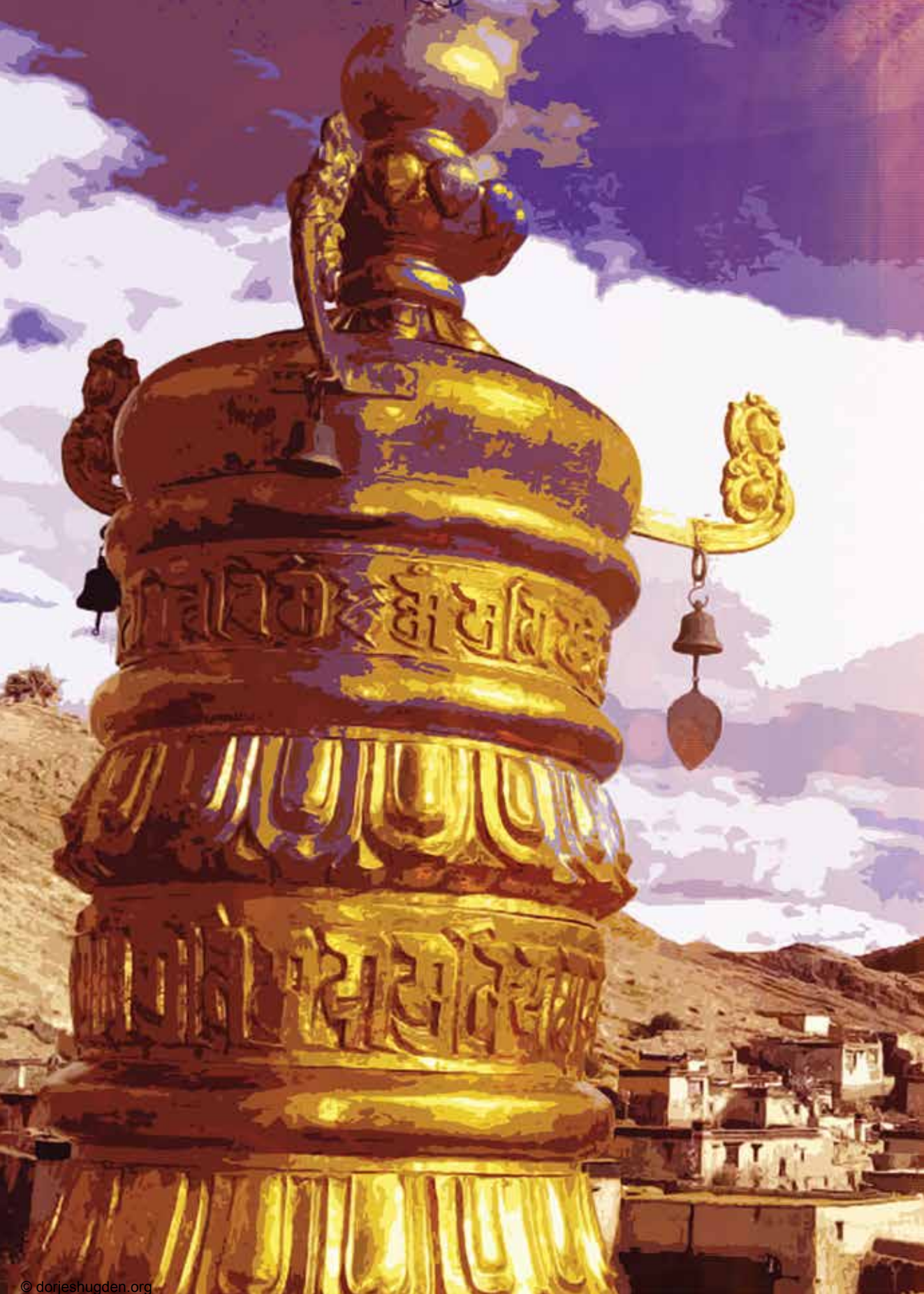


THE SAKYA PATRIARCHS, WHO WERE VERY POWERFUL, RECOGNIZED WHO HE WAS, ENTHRONED HIM AND MADE A CHAPEL IN HIS HONOR.



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 UÉ-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.*

This panel shows two Buddhist figures. On the left, an older man with a beard and a red shawl, identified as Dulzin Drakpa Gyeltsen, has his hands in a prayer position. On the right, a younger man in an orange robe, identified as Tsongkhapa, also has his hands in a prayer position. Both have green halos behind their heads. A speech bubble from Dulzin Drakpa Gyeltsen is directed towards Tsongkhapa.

*THERE, AMONG THE ASSEMBLY, WAS
DULDZIN DRAKPA GYELTSEN.*



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This panel shows Dulzin Drakpa Gyeltsen on the left, holding a vase with a lit candle and flowers. A vibrant rainbow light emanates from his heart area towards the right. On the right, Tsongkhapa is shown looking towards the light. The background is a soft, colorful glow.

*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.*

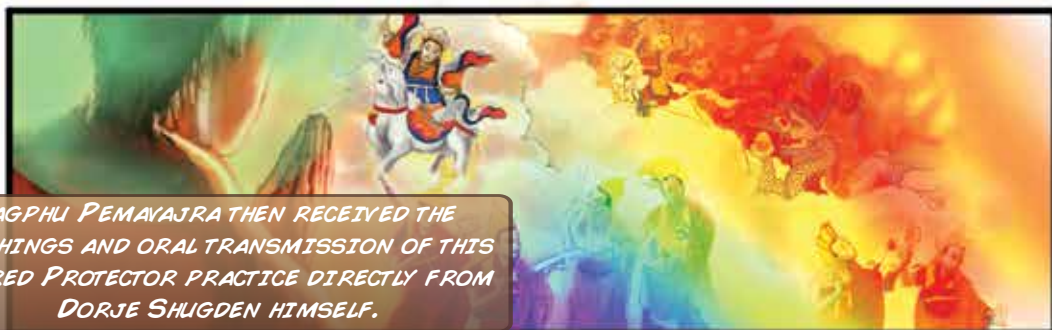
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*LIGHTS RADIATED OUT FROM DULDZIN
DRAKPA GYELTSSEN TO A PLACE UNDER
TSONGKHAPA'S THRONE.*



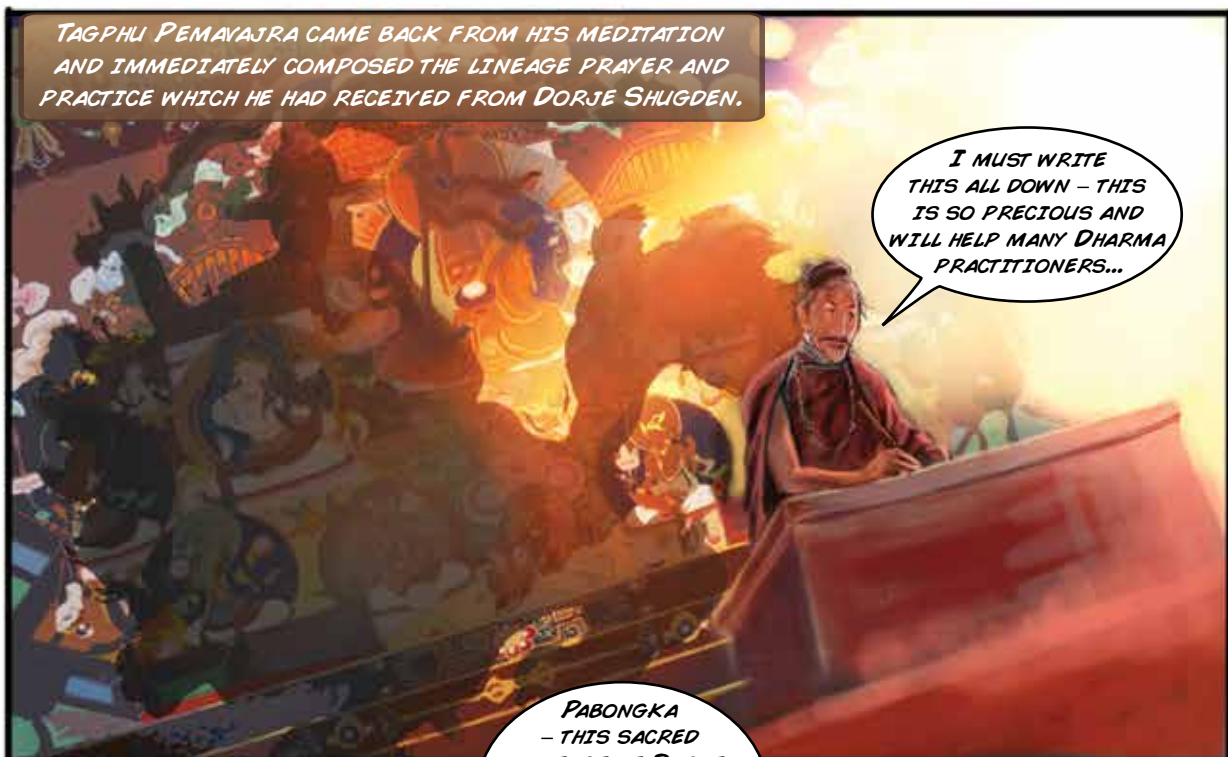
*SUDDENLY, THE MANDALA OF DORJE
SHUGDEN BLAZED FORTH FROM UNDER
THE THRONE...*



*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.*

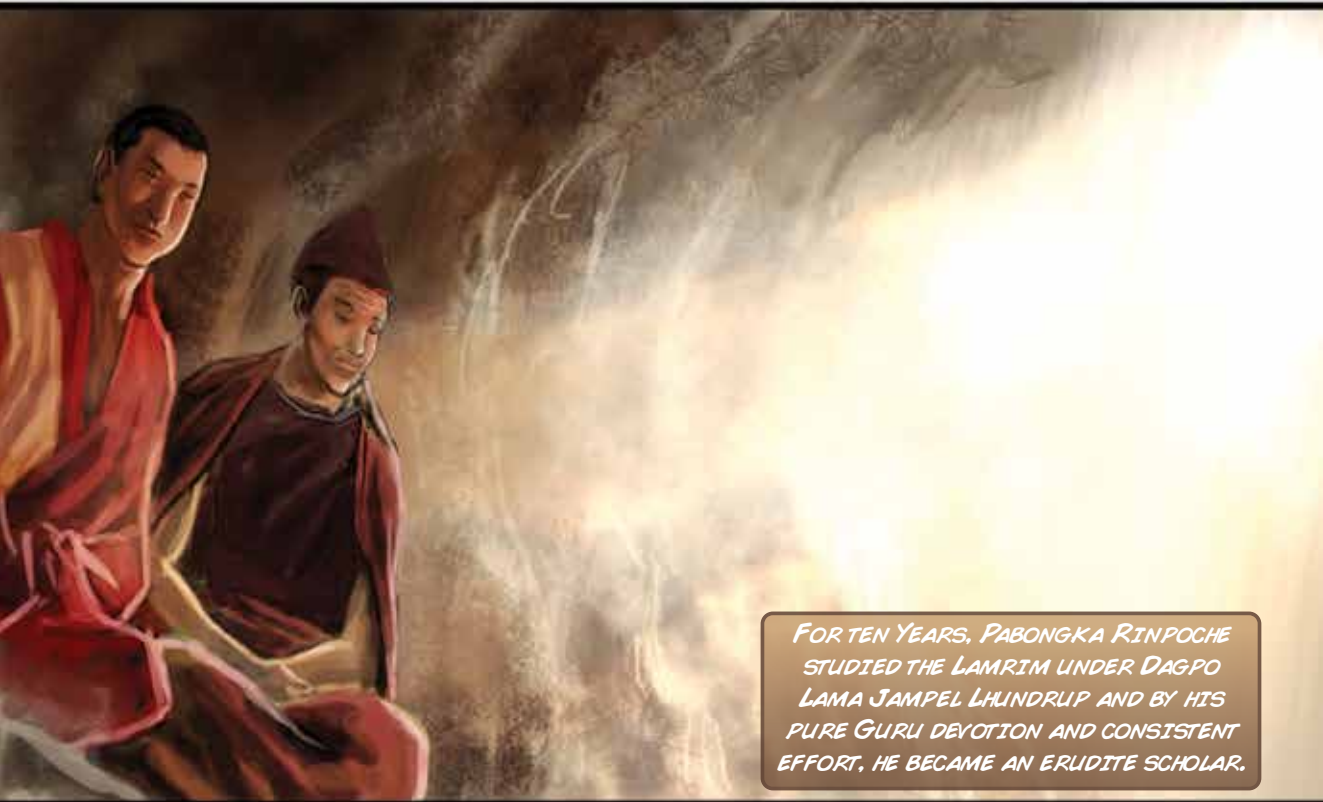


*HE WOULD LIVE
ON THAT FOR
SEVERAL DAYS.*



*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 JAMPAL 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.

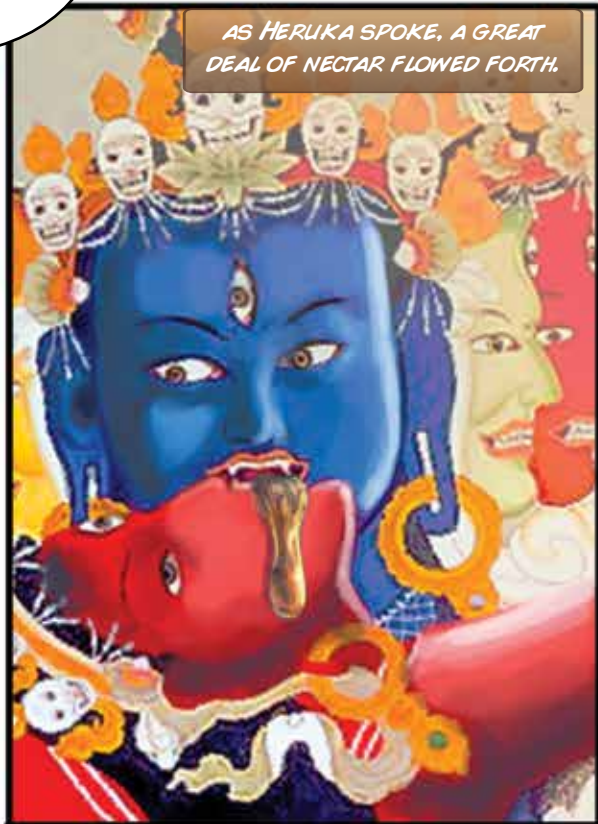


FROM NOW ON, FOR THE NEXT SEVEN GENERATIONS, I WILL PROTECT AND HELP ANYONE WHO PRACTICES MY TEACHINGS.



THE HERUKA IMAGE SPOKE TO HIM.

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

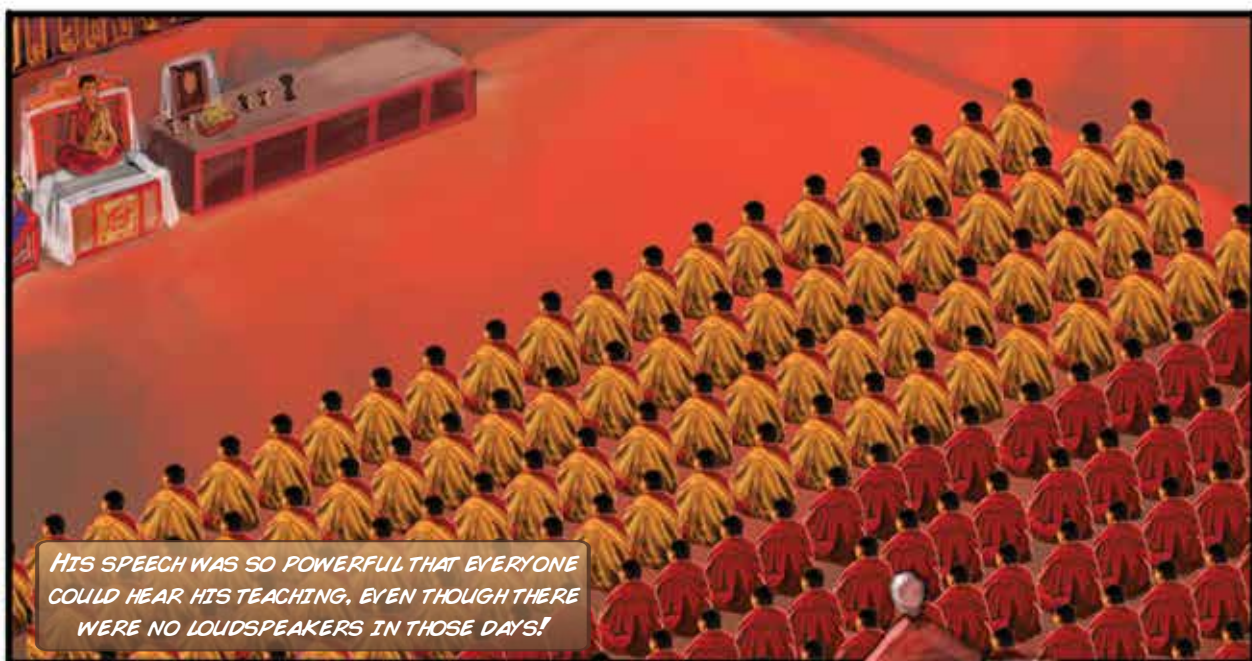


*THIS NECTAR WAS
COLLECTED AND MADE
INTO VERY POWERFUL
HEALING PILLS.*



*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...



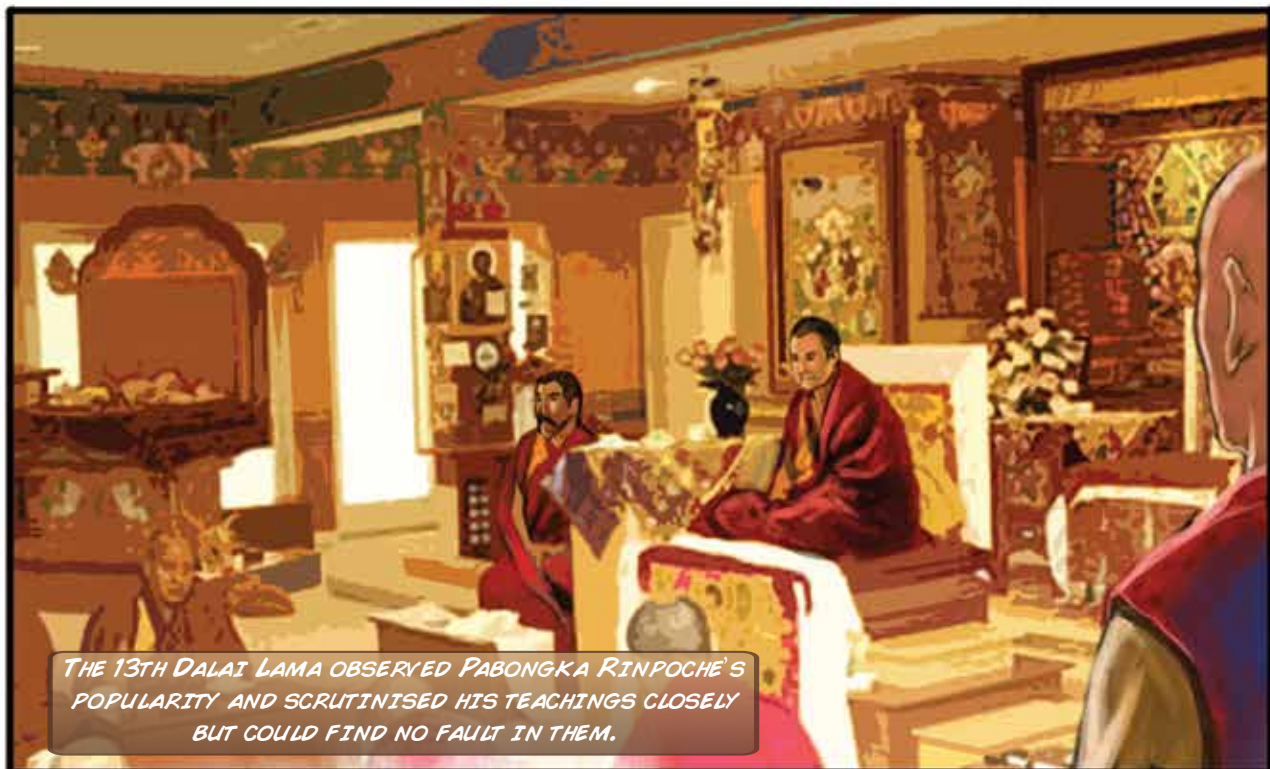


*EMBARRASSED AND HUMBLIED, DAPON QUIETLY
SLIPPED AWAY FROM THE TEACHING...*

*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.*

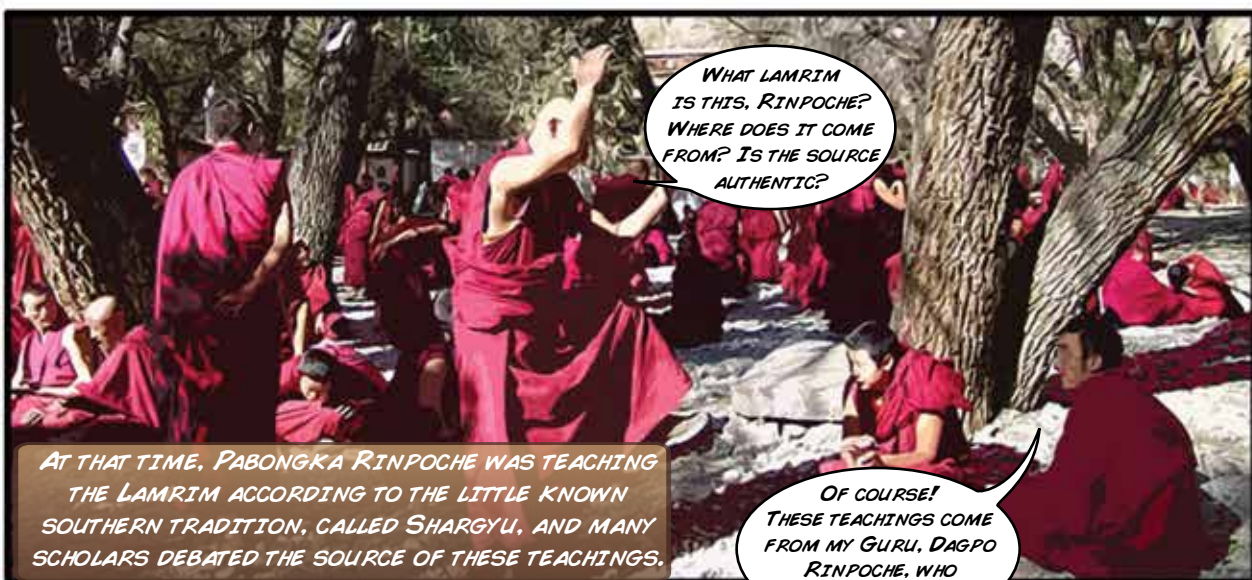


THE 13TH DALAI LAMA OBSERVED PABONGKA RINPOCHE'S POPULARITY AND SCRUTINISED HIS TEACHINGS CLOSELY BUT COULD FIND NO FAULT IN THEM.



PABONGKA RINPOCHE IS SO POPULAR... ARE HIS TEACHINGS CORRECT?"

I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO HIS TEACHINGS CLOSELY BUT I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING WRONG WITH THEM.



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?

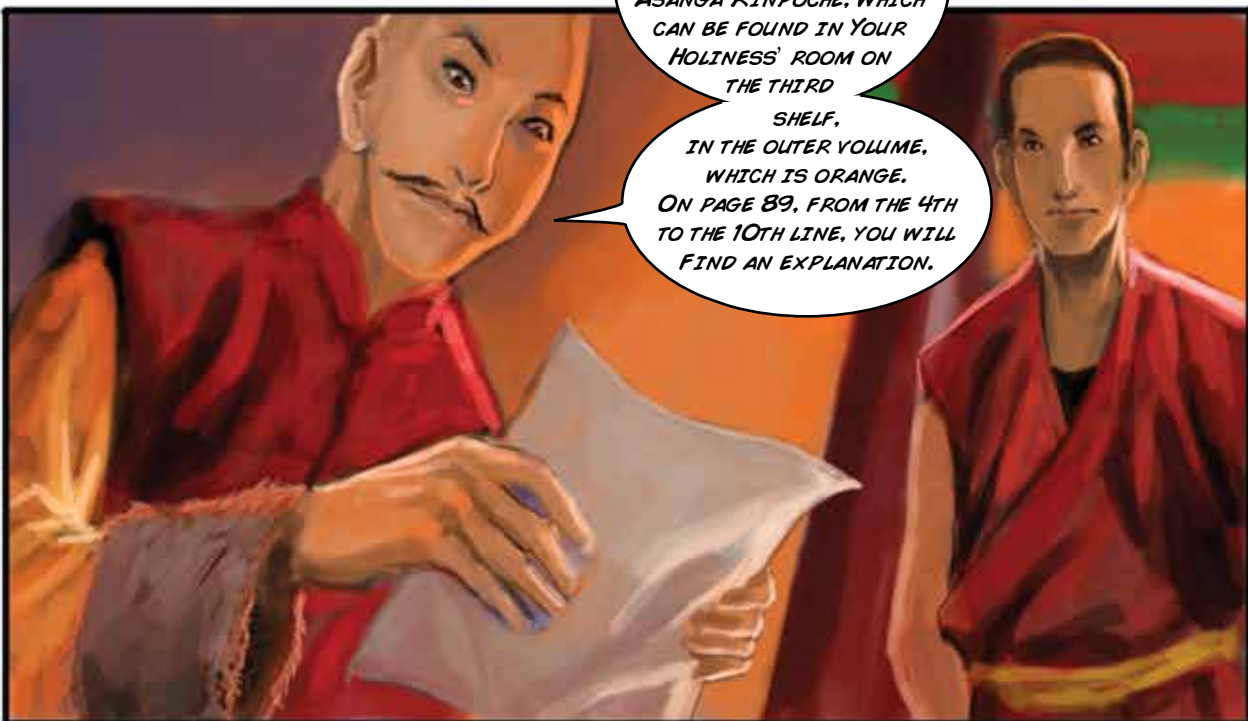


UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I SHALL REPLY. I WILL DICTATE AND YOU TAKE NOTES.

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 4TH 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 WORKS, WHICH IS IN YOUR HOLINESS' BEDROOM ON THE TOPMOST SHELF. THE PROOF IS ON PAGE 30.

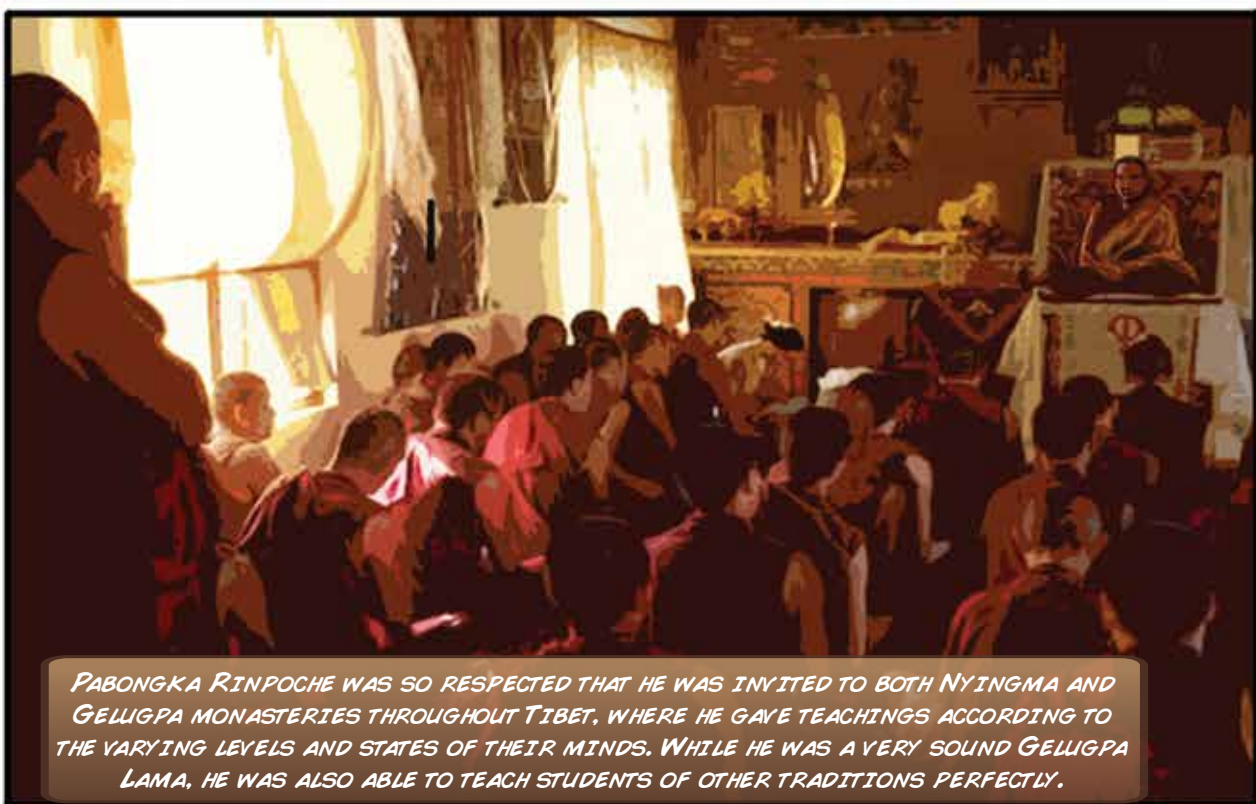


GET ME THAT BOOK.

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.



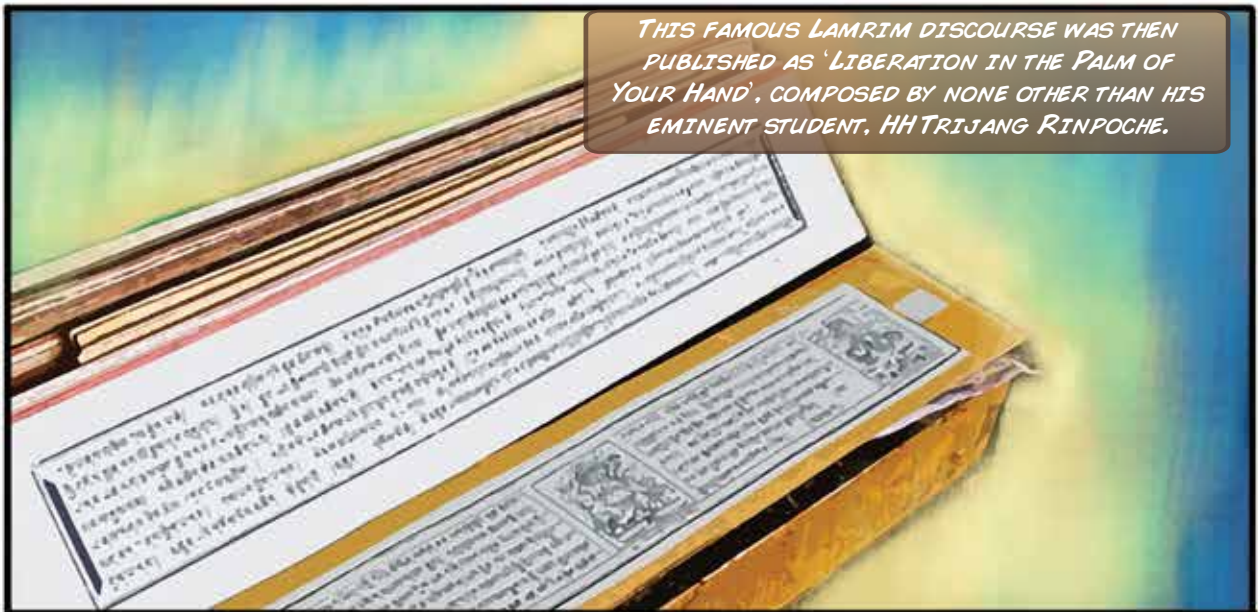
ONE OF PABONGKA RINPOCHE'S GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS WAS A FAMOUS LAMRIM DISCOURSE HE GAVE TO THOUSANDS OF DISCIPLES IN 1921.



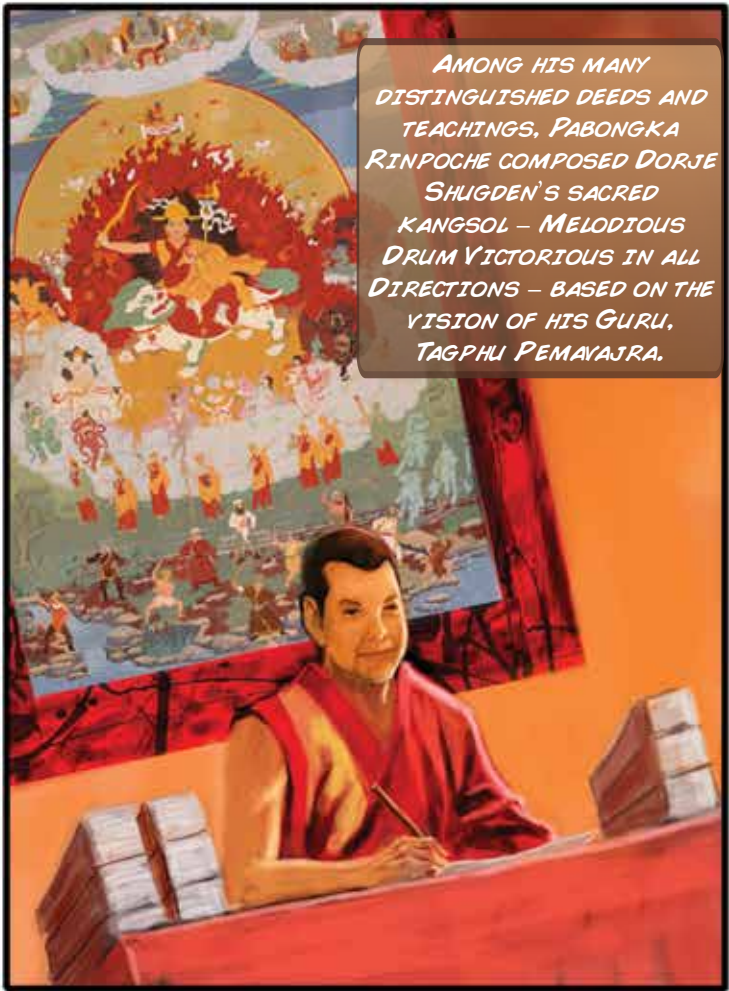
THIS INCLUDED EMINENT LAMAS OF THE DAY SUCH AS HH TRIJANG RINPOCHE AND HH LING RINPOCHE.



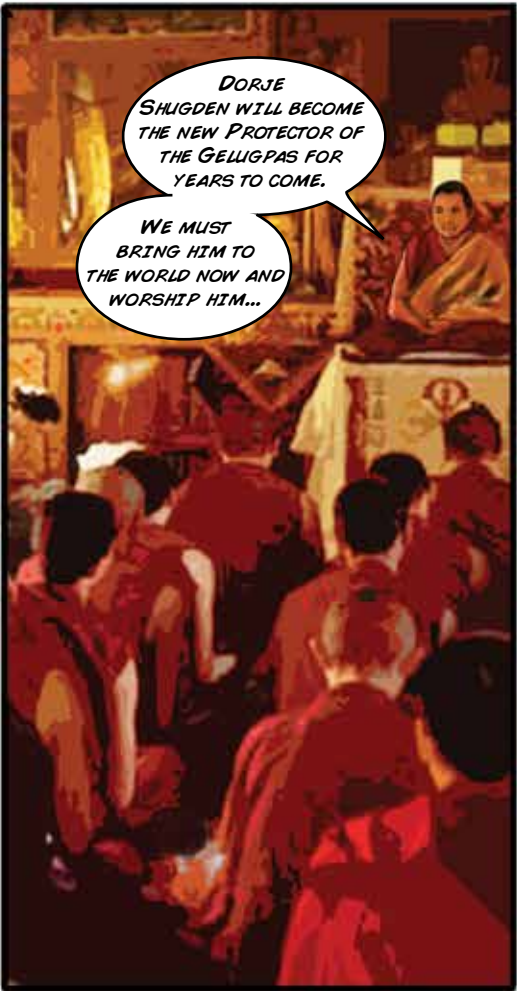
*THIS IS VAST AND
PROFOUND FOR THOSE OF
DISCRIMINATING WISDOM,
YET EASY TO UNDERSTAND AND
REMEMBER FOR THOSE OF
LESSER INTELLIGENCE.*



*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...



HE DECIDED TO PASS THE ENTIRE LINEAGE
OF DORJE SHUGDEN, ALONG WITH MANY
OTHER PRECIOUS TEACHINGS, TO HIS MOST
DEVOTED AND ILLUSTRIOUS STUDENT,
KYABJE TRIJANG RINPOCHE.



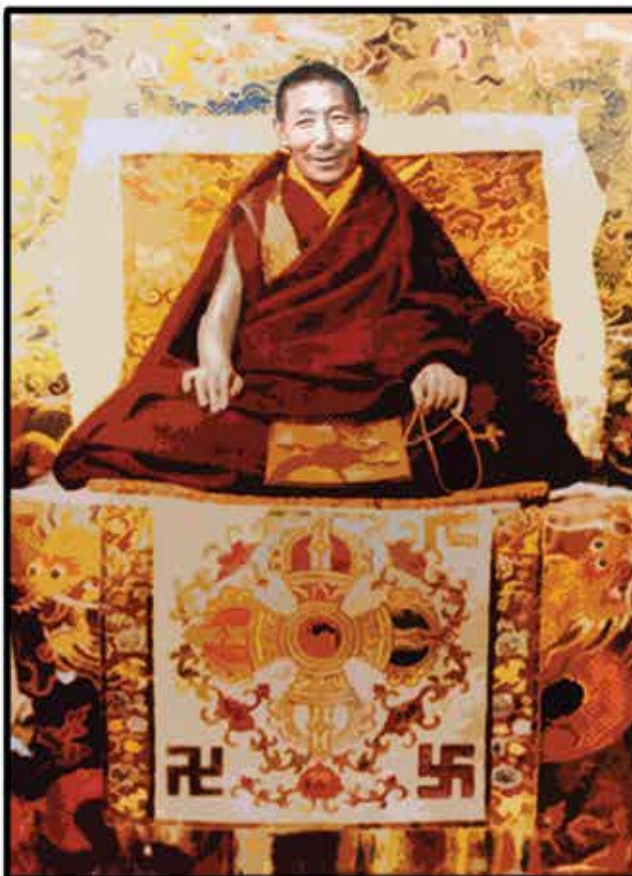
TRIJANG
RINPOCHE, I MUST
ENTRUST THESE TEACHINGS
TO YOU - IT IS NOW UP TO YOU
TO PRESERVE THIS TRADITION
AND SHARE THE TEACHINGS
WITH THE WORLD.



CHAPTER 13

H.H. Kyabje Trijang Dorjechang





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



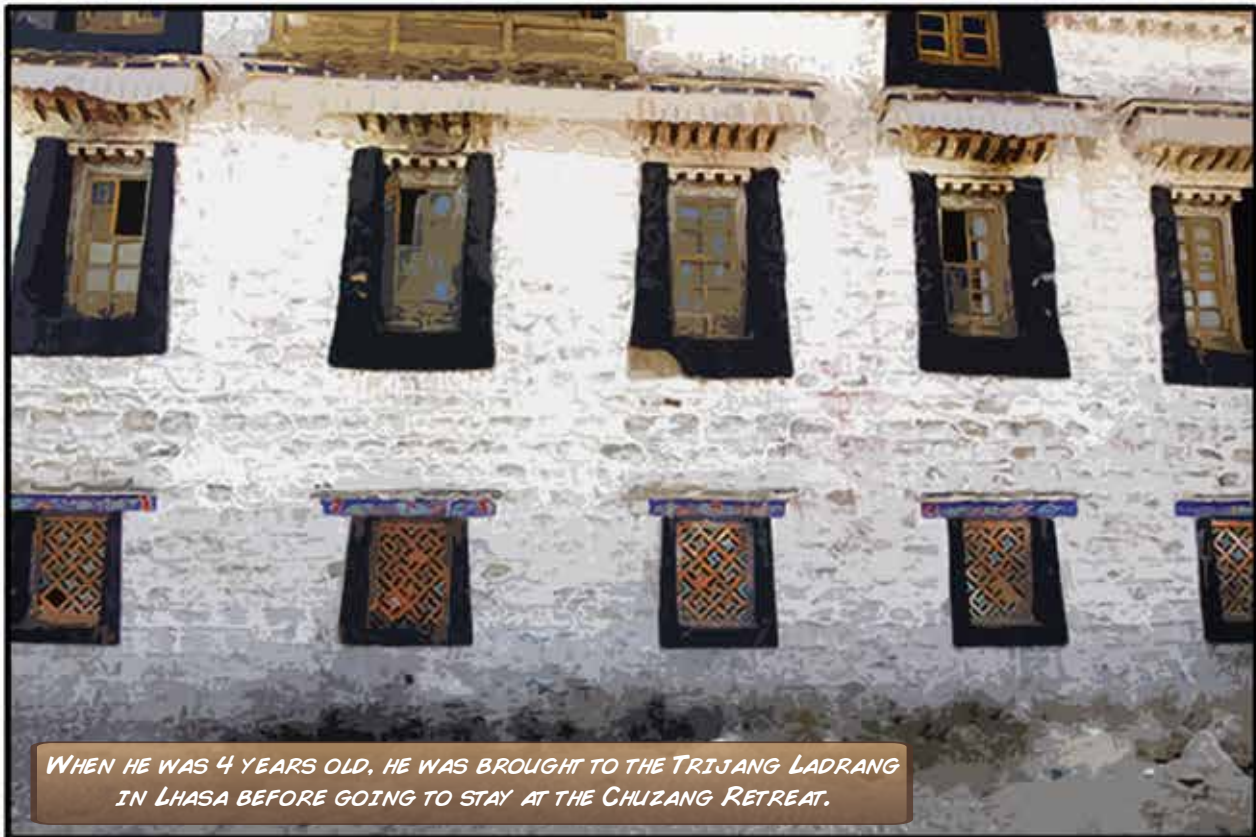
THERE WERE MIRACULOUS SIGNS AT HIS BIRTH SUCH AS A PEACH TREE IN THE GUNGTANG LADRANG TROKANG'S WILLOW GROVE BLOOMING WITH FLOWERS AND BEARING 30 PEACHES.

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

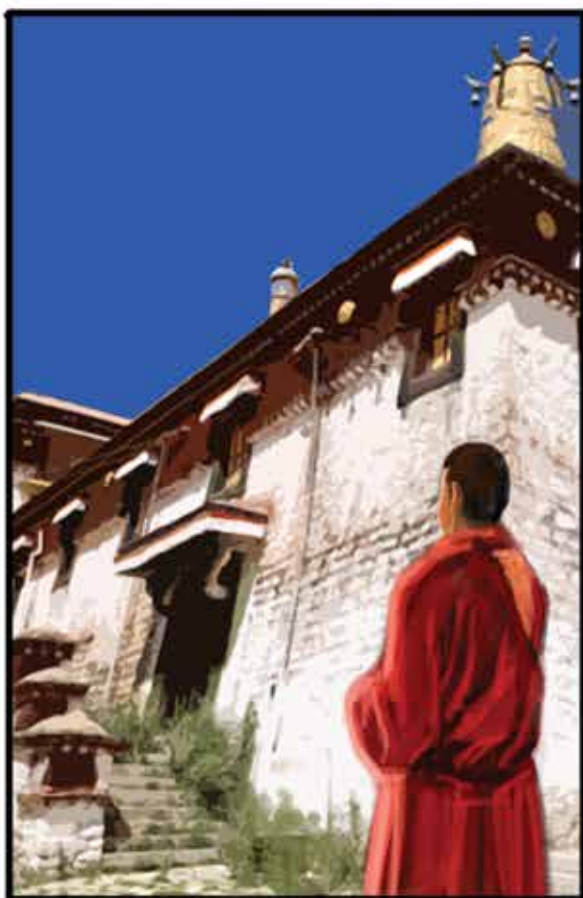


HE ALSO LONGED TO JOIN THE ASSEMBLY OF MONKS AND LIKED TO IMITATE THEM.





*WHEN HE WAS 4 YEARS OLD, HE WAS BROUGHT TO THE TRIJANG LADRANG
IN LHASA BEFORE GOING TO STAY AT THE CHUZANG RETREAT.*



*A YEAR LATER, HH
PABONGKA DORJECHANG
CAME TO CHUZANG RETREAT.
THIS WAS A MOMENTOUS
MEETING, WHICH BEGAN A
TREMENDOUS RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN GURU AND
DISCIPLE.*



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 GYÄLCHEN 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".



IN HIS TWENTIES, TRIJANG RINPOCHE TRAVELLED ALL OVER TIBET AND TAUGHT AT MANY GELUGPA MONASTERIES.

WHAT DOES THIS SAKYA MONASTERY WANT?

THEY ARE REQUESTING YOU TO TEACH THEM.. LIKE THE NYINGMA MONASTERY REQUESTED THE OTHER DAY. IN FACT, MANY SAKYA AND NYINGMA MONASTERIES HAVE SENT REQUESTS.

SO TRIJANG RINPOCHE ALSO TAUGHT THOUSANDS FROM MANY DIFFERENT MONASTERIES.



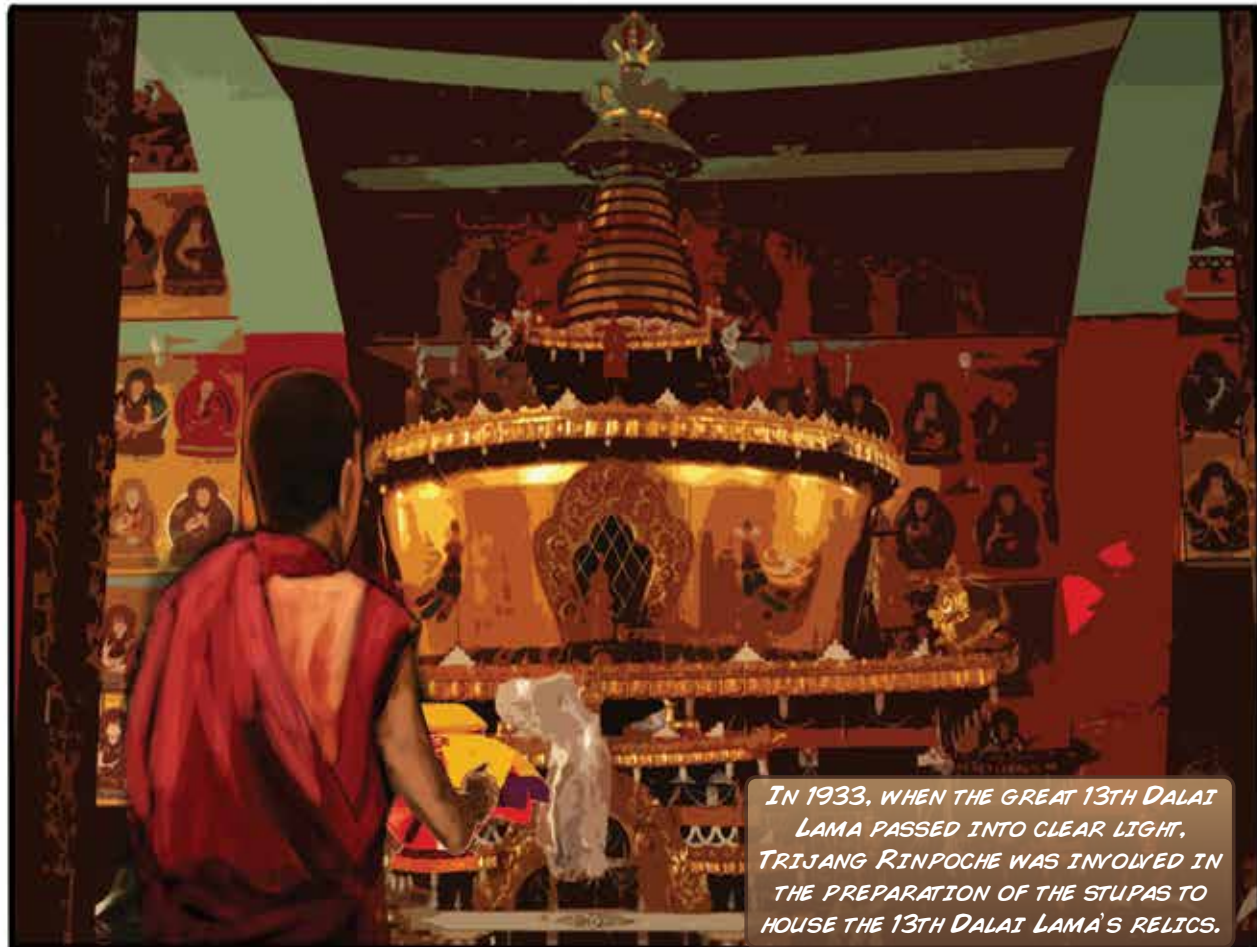
ONCE, AS TRIJANG RINPOCHE WAS TRAVELLING, HE VISITED TSUNMO TSAL MONASTERY, WHERE HE MADE OFFERINGS TO THE STUPA OF DULDZIN DRAKPA GYELTSEN.

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







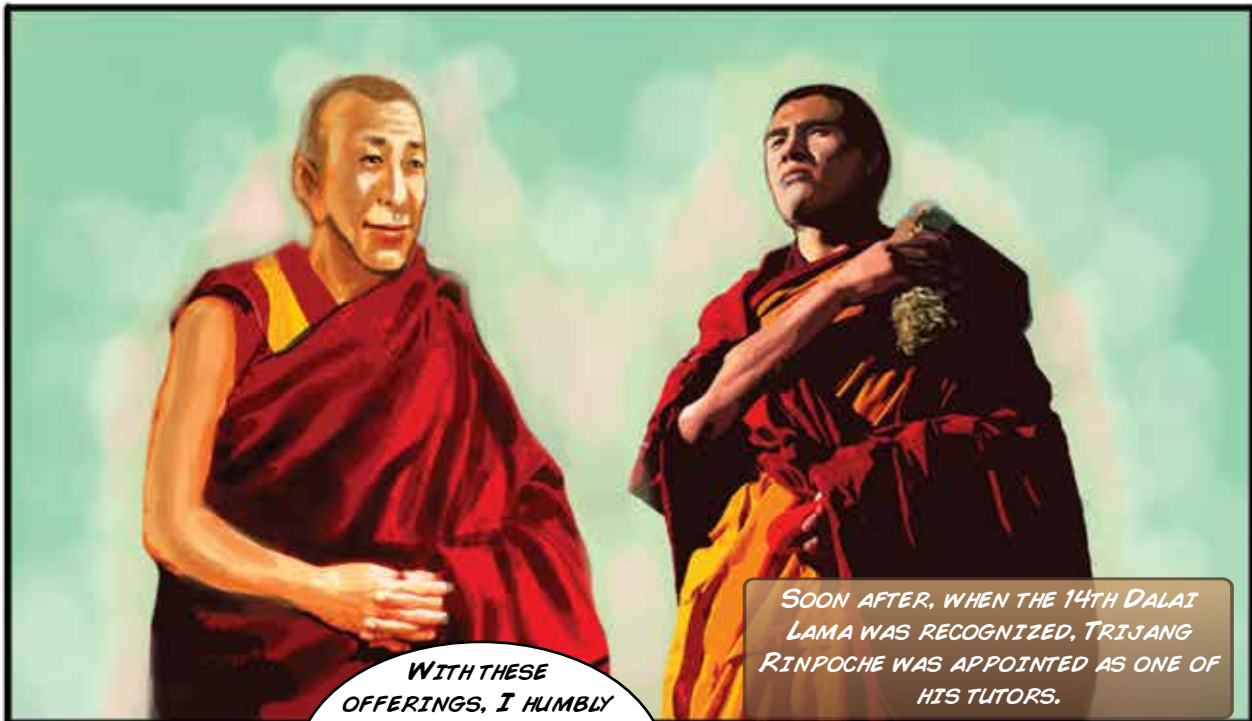


IN 1933, WHEN THE GREAT 13TH DALAI LAMA PASSED INTO CLEAR LIGHT, TRIJANG RINPOCHE WAS INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE STUPAS TO HOUSE THE 13TH DALAI LAMA'S RELICS.



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.



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


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




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.

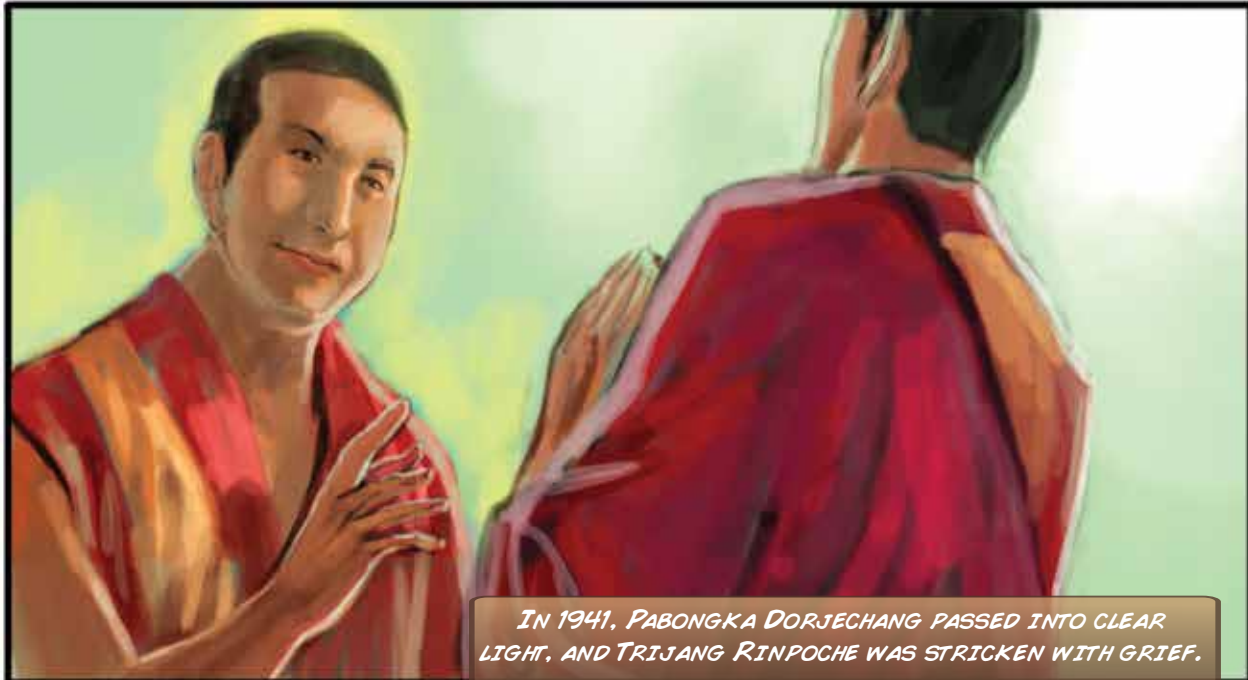




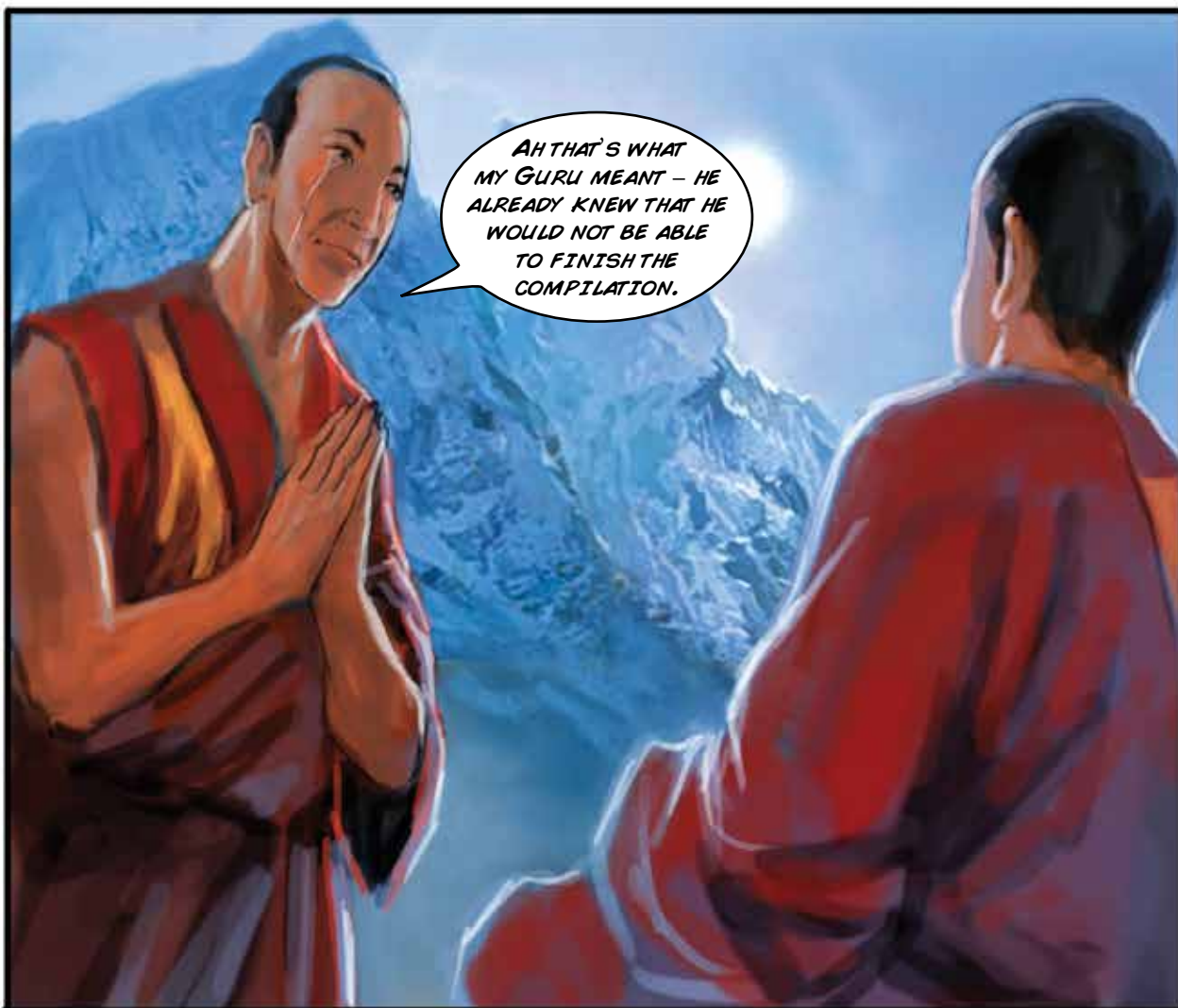
TRIJANG RINPOCHE,
IT IS UNLIKELY THAT I
WILL BE ABLE TO FINISH THAT
COMPILATION. TAKE WHAT YOU
REMEMBER WITH CERTAINTY AND
USING YOUR NOTES AS THE
BASIS, PLEASE FINISH THE
THE COMPILATION.



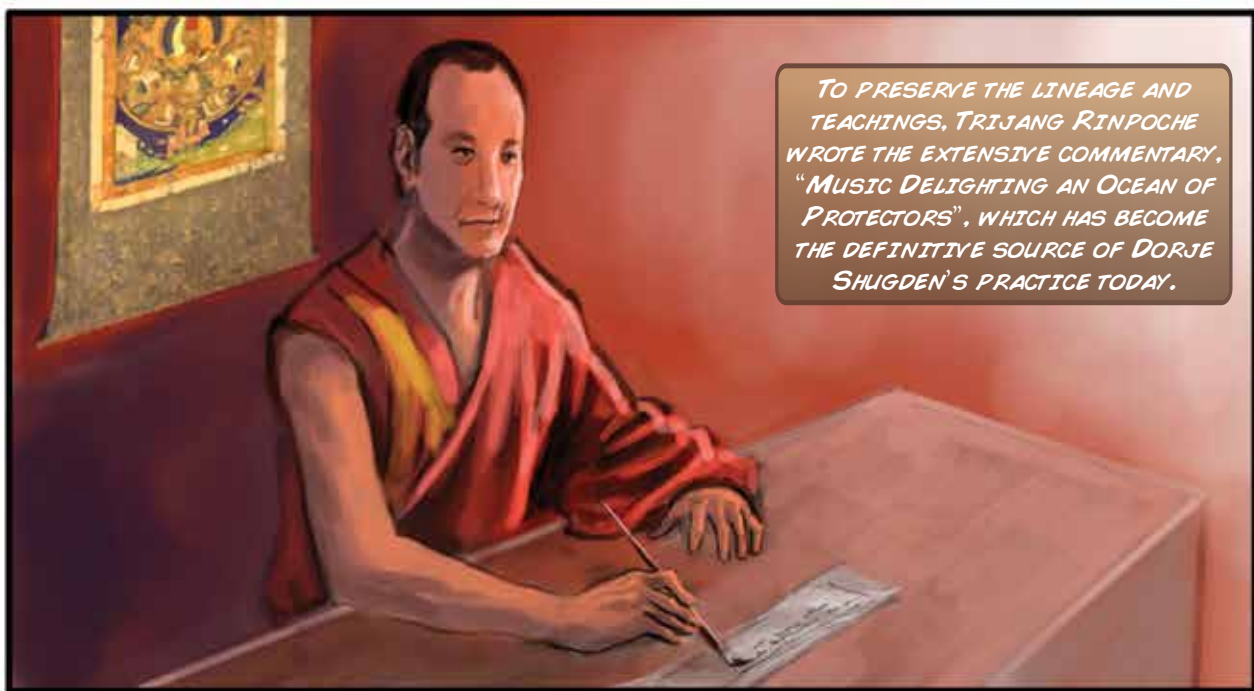
NOW, TAKING
WHAT I HAVE SAID AS YOUR
FOUNDATION, FILLING OUT THE
OTHER RITUALS IN A SIMILAR WAY AS
SUITABLE, MAKE A GOOD COMPILATION
TEXT OF THE RITUAL ACTIVITIES! ACTUALLY,
I AM ASKING YOU BECAUSE YOU WERE
THERE FOR ALL OF MY WORK RELATED
TO THIS DHARMAPALA.



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.*



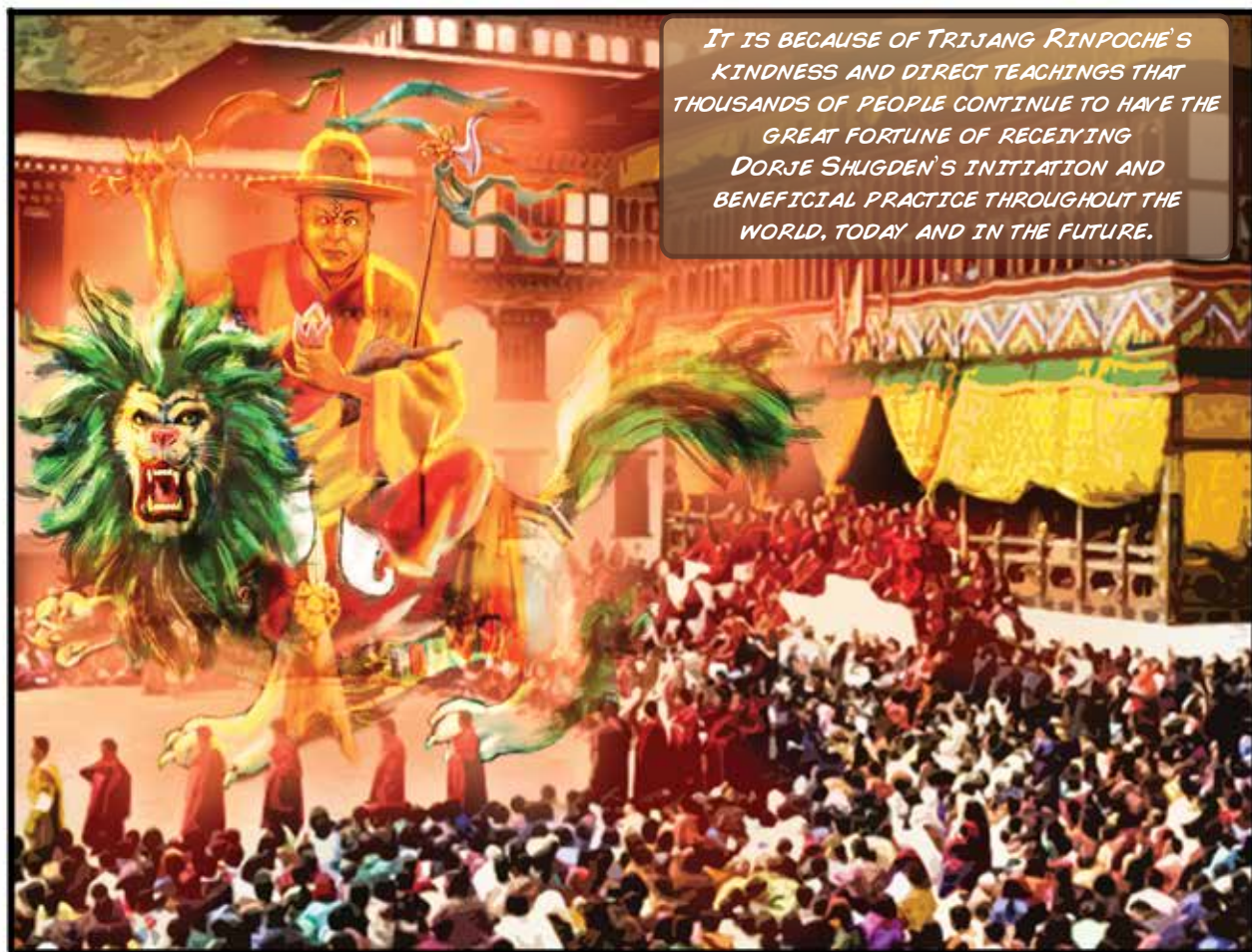
TO PRESERVE THE LINEAGE AND TEACHINGS, TRIJANG RINPOCHE WROTE THE EXTENSIVE COMMENTARY, "MUSIC DELIGHTING AN OCEAN OF PROTECTORS", WHICH HAS BECOME THE DEFINITIVE SOURCE OF DORJE SHUGDEN'S PRACTICE TODAY.



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.

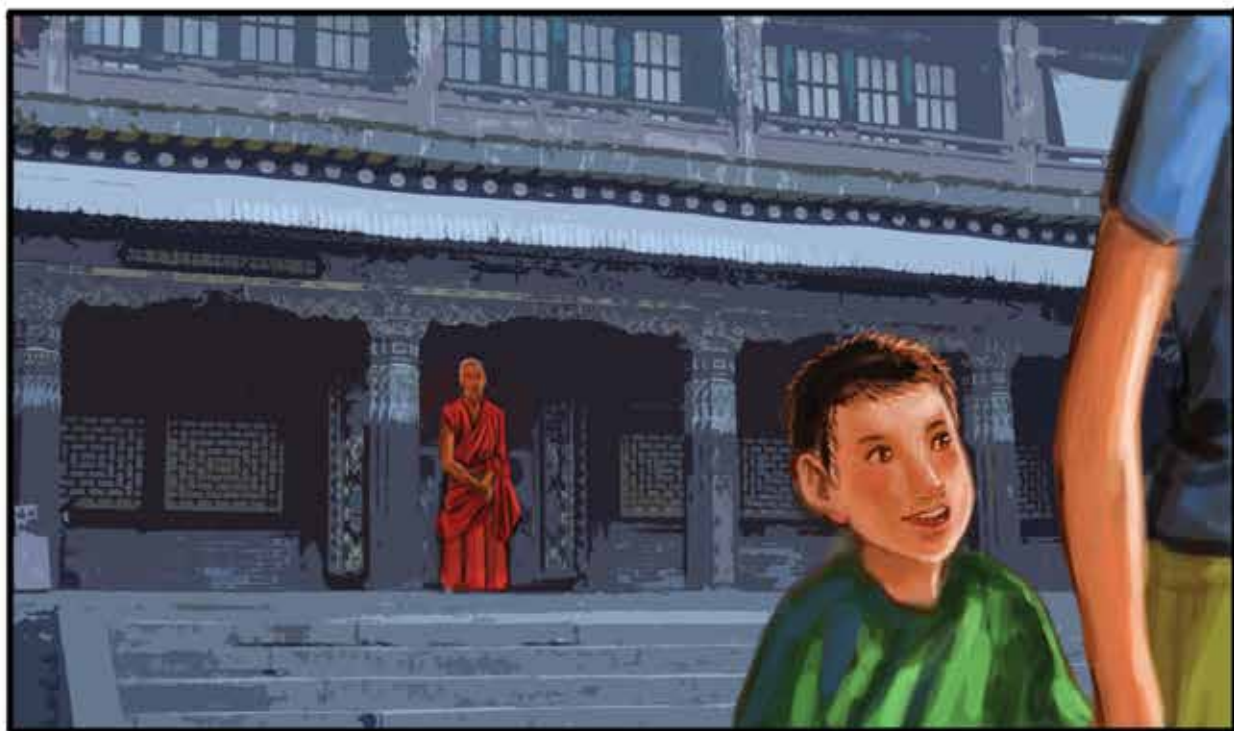
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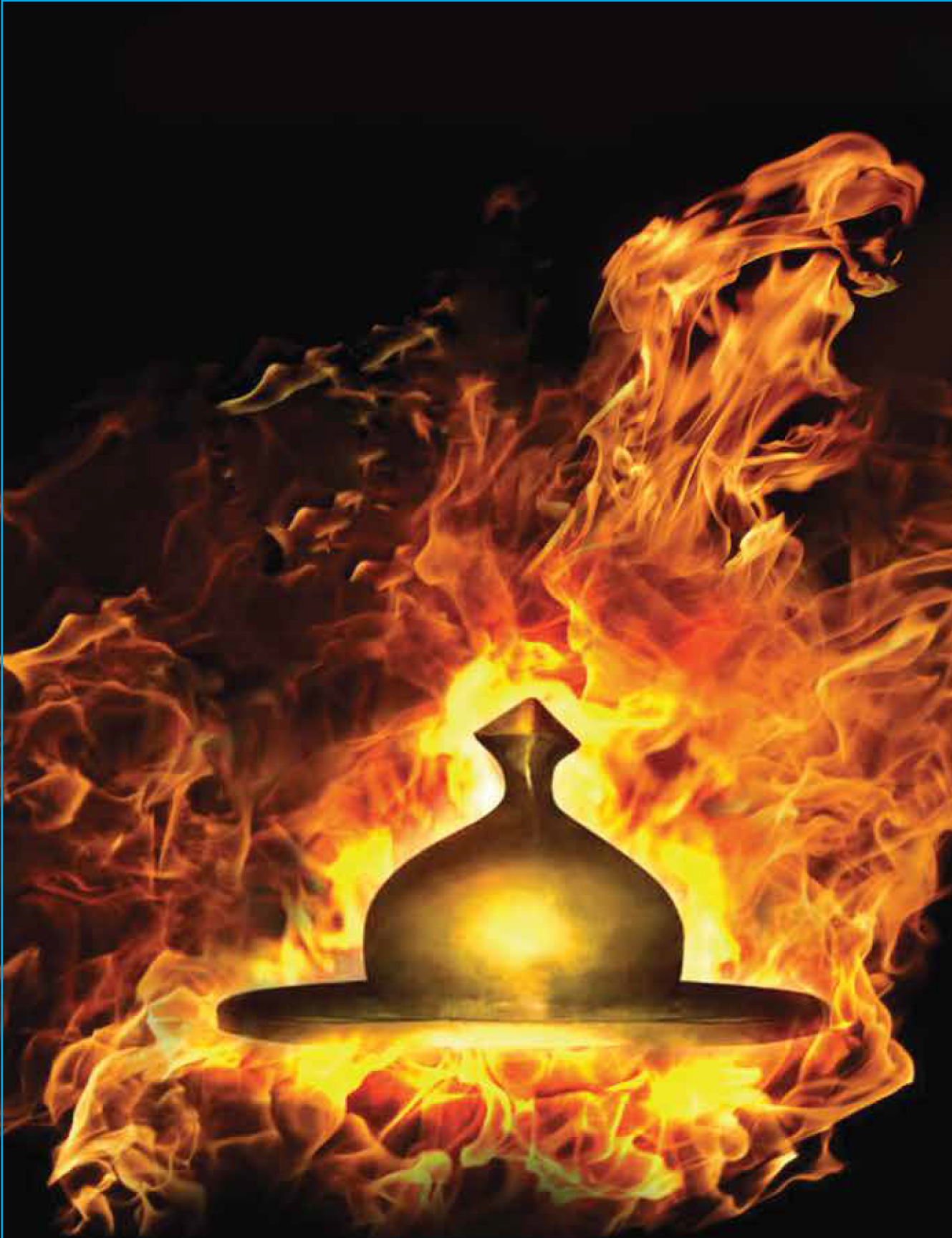
THE HISTORY AND CONNECTION OF DORJE SHUGDEN WITH CHINA.



IN 1653, HOLDER OF THE DRAGON THRONE QING DYNASTY EMPEROR SHUNZHI GAVE A TITLE TO THE FIFTH DALAI LAMA WHICH IS 'BUDDHA OF GREAT COMPASSION IN THE WEST'. THE GREAT FIFTH WAS THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE DORJE SHUGDEN AS AN ENLIGHTENED BEING. LATER, DURING THE TIME OF THE 11TH DALAI LAMA, THE CHINESE EMPEROR DAOGUANG AWARDED A PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE TO DORJE SHUGDEN. THE EMPEROR DAOGUANG, THE 11TH DALAI LAMA AND THE REGENT OF TIBET ALL ENTHRONED DORJE SHUGDEN TOGETHER.



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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