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It's the Merc with a Mouth and the Cajun with the Cards actually back for real this time, ready and rarin' to go and get revenge on the triple-crossing Chalmers. Since their powers are on the fritz from when the super-villainous (or just sorta-misguided) Scrambler got to them, Deadpool is channeling those sweet K'un Lun kung fu vibes. But there's a bigger picture behind the search for the Dragon's Tongue...and it's just a picture of Loki making a dumb face and ruining everything, as usual.

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THE TREE OF YGGDRASIL HOLDS ALL OF THE NINE REALMS TOGETHER.

WHAT NINE REALMS?

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THE NINE REALMS. YOU KNOW. THE REALMS. ALL NINE OF THEM.

IT TOUCHES ALL THE HOBBITY SHIRES OF ICE AND FIRE: WITH THEIR ELVES (NON-XMAS), DWARVES, UNICORNS, AND BOWIES.

THE BORING COSMIC SKRULL CRAP NOBODY CAN RELATE TO...

THE HOCUS-POCUS ABRACADABRA OF CLOSE-UP SORCERY COMING SOON TO A THEATER NEAR YOU.

...AND THE FUN COSMIC KREE CRAP THAT EVERYONE CAN RELATE TO.

HOW MANY REALMS IS THAT? TRUST ME, THERE ARE NINE, AND THIS TREE TOUCHES THEM ALL. "YGGDRASIL" IS ANCIENT NORSE FOR "TOMMY WESTPHALL."

IT EVEN TOUCHES REALMS THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THIS STORY...

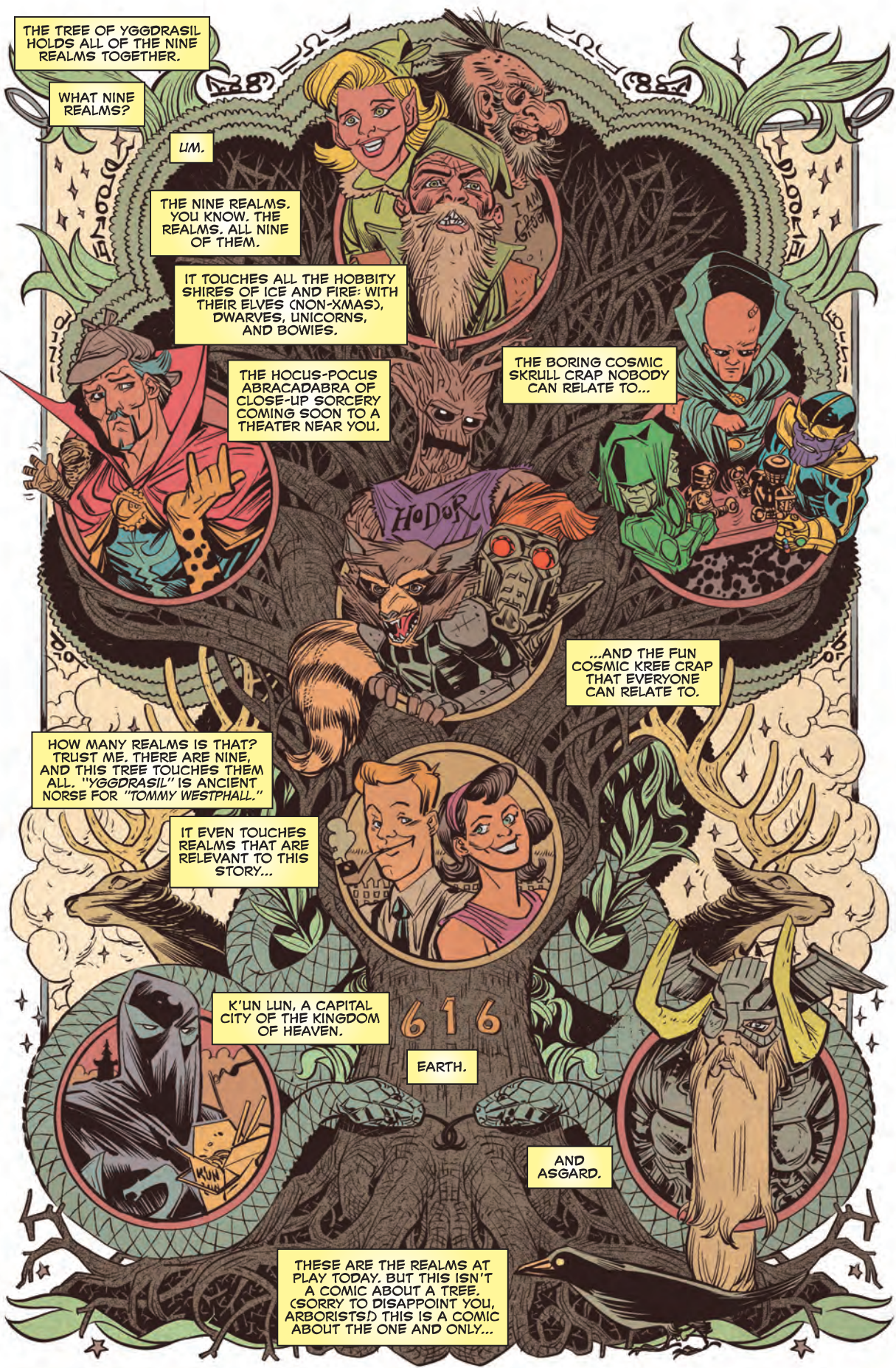
K'UN LUN, A CAPITAL CITY OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

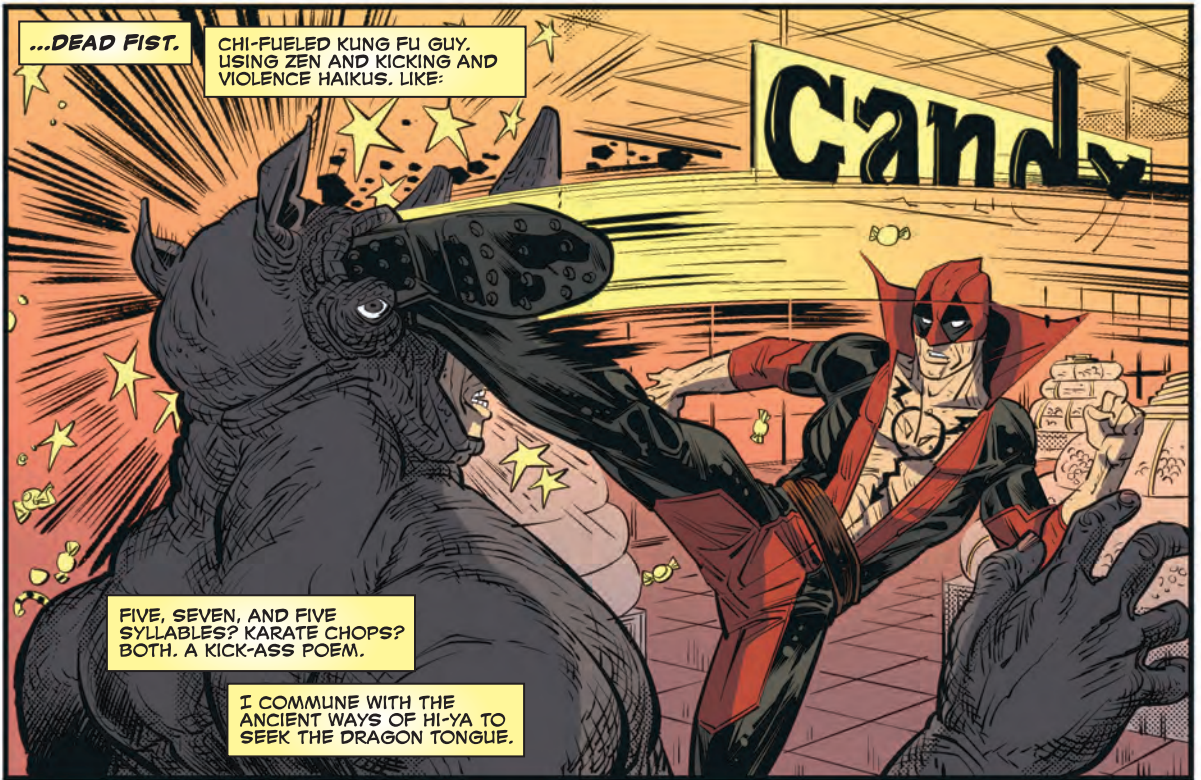
EARTH.

AND ASGARD.

THESE ARE THE REALMS AT PLAY TODAY, BUT THIS ISN'T A COMIC ABOUT A TREE. (SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, ARBORISTS!) THIS IS A COMIC ABOUT THE ONE AND ONLY...

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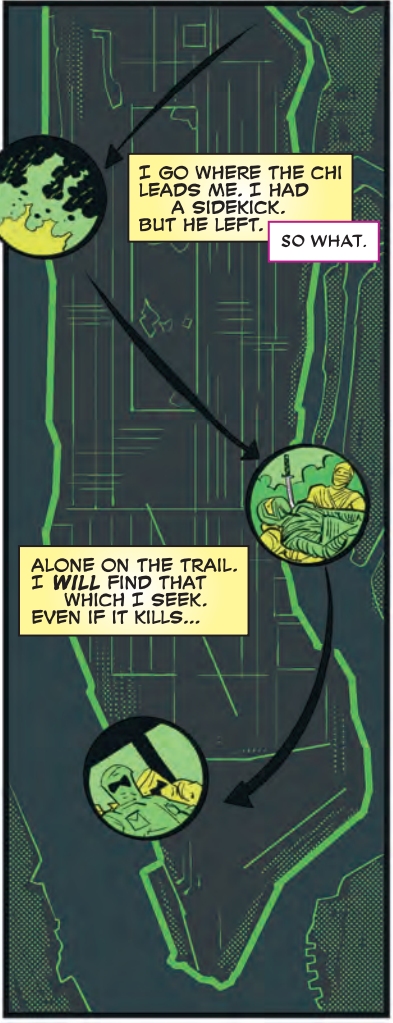


...DEAD FIST.

CHI-FUELED KUNG FU GUY. USING ZEN AND KICKING AND VIOLENCE HAIKUS. LIKE:

FIVE, SEVEN, AND FIVE SYLLABLES? KARATE CHOPS? BOTH. A KICK-ASS POEM.

I COMMUNE WITH THE ANCIENT WAYS OF HI-YA TO SEEK THE DRAGON TONGUE.



I GO WHERE THE CHI LEADS ME. I HAD A SIDEKICK. BUT HE LEFT. SO WHAT.

ALONE ON THE TRAIL. I WILL FIND THAT WHICH I SEEK. EVEN IF IT KILLS...



...CHALMERS. THAT DIDN'T WORK.

STUPID SYLLABLES. HAIKUS ARE DUMB ANYWAY.

LET'S JUST GET TO IT.

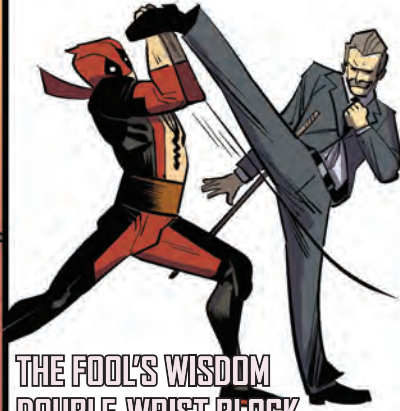
THIS IS
SO ON.

THE BOW OF KONSHU

THE BOW OF KONSHU (UNABRIDGED)



STANDING KICK OF THE GOLDEN EUNUCH



THE MARCH OF THE ANGRY TAILOR



THE FOOL'S WISDOM DOUBLE-WRIST BLOCK



CROUCH TO HEAVEN

ESCAPE OF THE FOUR GOLDEN WALLS



DANCE OF THE BLADE OF THE ELEPHANT

CRANE AMOK

WELCOME THE BLADE OF THE ELEPHANT



THE BUDDHA'S BEARINGS

96 TEARS FROM 48 EYES



PURE MARTIAL
ARTS FIGHTS TAKE
SO MUCH
CONCENTRATION,
I CAN HARDLY
CAPTION!

SAMURAI SOLUTION FOR EVERYTHING

BUT CHALMERS
HAS NO SUCH
BLEM.

HE KEEPS TALKING. TELLING ME
ABOUT HOW HE'S HEALTHY
AND STRONG THANKS TO
THE DRAGON'S TONGUE.

CHEAT OF THE PYTHON

FROG IN STREETS

TOAD IN THE SHEETS



THAT WE CAN
TRUST EACH
OTHER NOW.