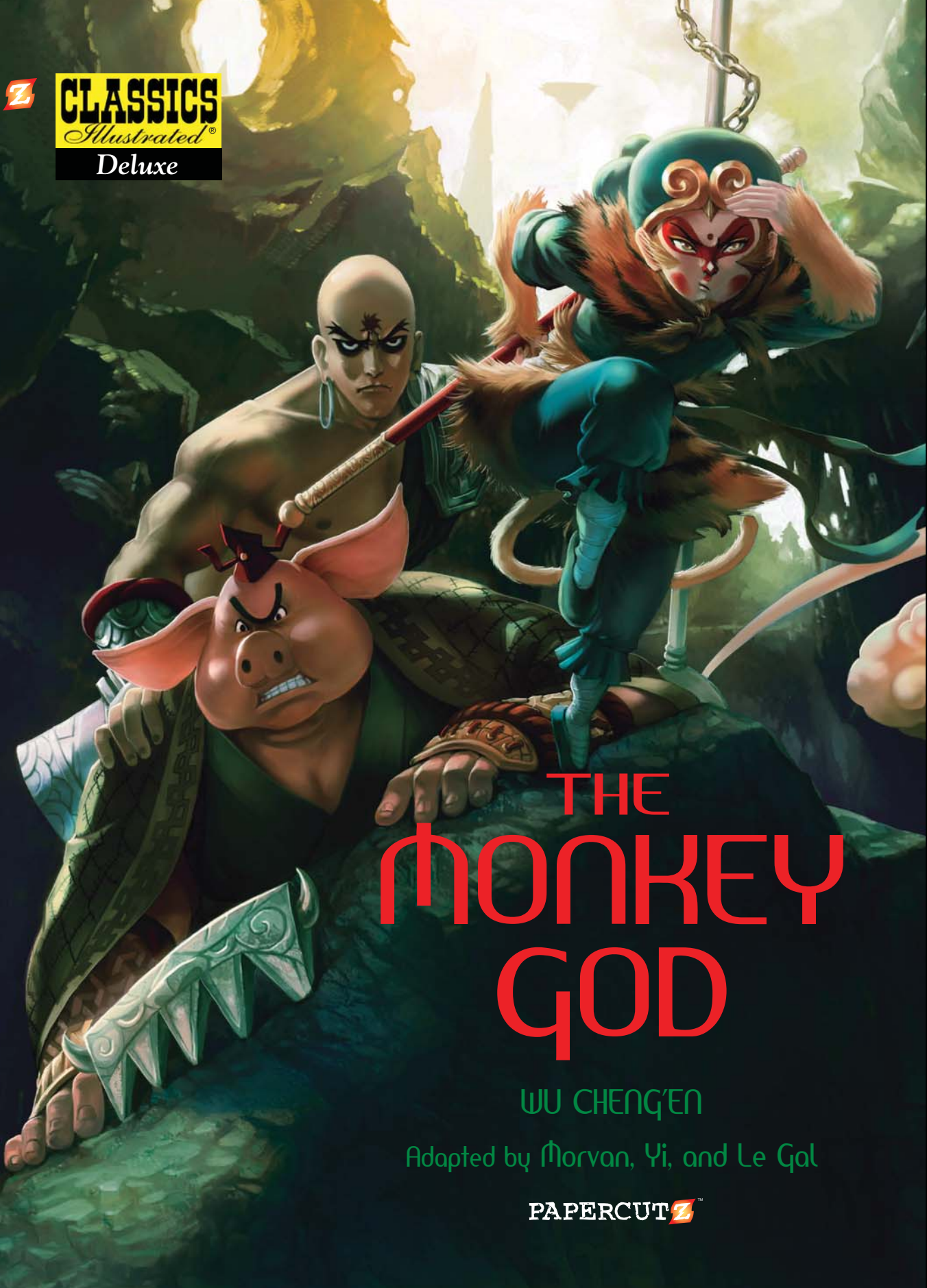




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THE MONKEY GOD

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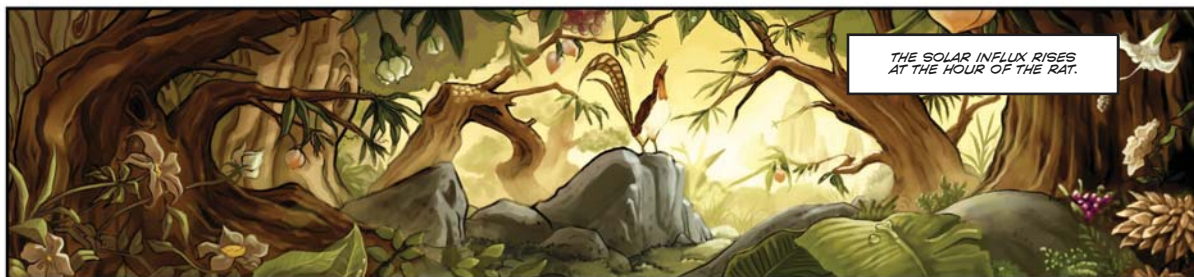


HIS NAME IS SUN
WUKONG. HE'S THE
KING OF MONKEYS, THE
GREATEST OF HEROES!





FOR HIM, AS FOR US
AND FOR ALL THOSE
WHO LIVE ON EARTH, A
DAY IS DIVIDED THUSLY:



THE SOLAR INFLUX RISES
AT THE HOUR OF THE RAT.



THE COCK CROWS AT
THE HOUR OF THE OX.



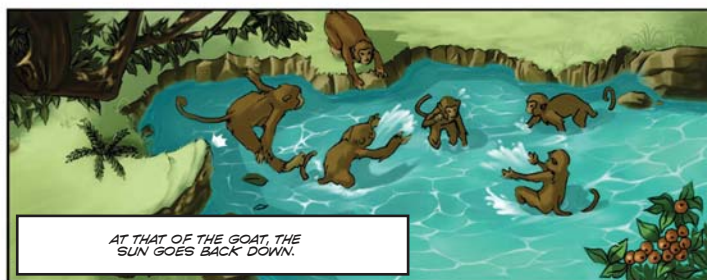
THE LIGHT HIDES WHEN THAT
OF THE TIGER ARRIVES.



THE SUN APPEARS AT
THAT OF THE HARE.



AFTER LUNCH COMES THE
HOUR OF THE DRAGON.



IT IS THE SAME FOR THE UNIVERSE, OF WHICH A CYCLE
MEASURES ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND
SIX HUNDRED YEARS. EXCEPT THAT ITS PHASES ARE
OF TEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED YEARS.

DARKNESS AT THE DOG...

...CHAOS AT THE PIG...

THE HEAVENS
OPENED AT THE RAT.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE
OX, CERTAIN ELEMENTS
BEGAN TO SOLIDIFY...

...AND AT ITS COMPLETION, FORMED WATER,
FIRE, MOUNTAINS, ROCKS, AND EARTH,
WHICH ARE CALLED THE FIVE FORMS.

FINALLY, CAME THE PHASE OF THE TIGER, IN WHICH THE FEMALE YIN AND THE MALE YANG UNITED TO GIVE RISE TO ALL LIVING CREATURES.



THE THREE AUGUST ONES THEN BROUGHT ORDER TO THE WORLD AND ASKED THE FIVE EMPERORS TO REGULATE SOCIAL RELATIONS.



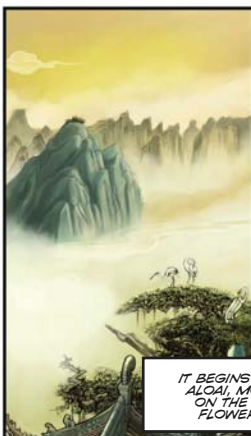
THE FOUR GREAT CONTINENTS WERE DEFINED, TO THE NORTH, THE SOUTH, THE WEST...



...AND TO THE EAST, WHICH IS WHAT THIS STORY WILL CONCERN.



IT BEGINS IN THE LAND OF ALOAI, MORE PRECISELY ON THE MOUNTAIN OF FLOWERS AND FRUIT.



ON ITS SUMMIT SAT THIS IMMORTAL ROCK.

