## The Great Wall's Child

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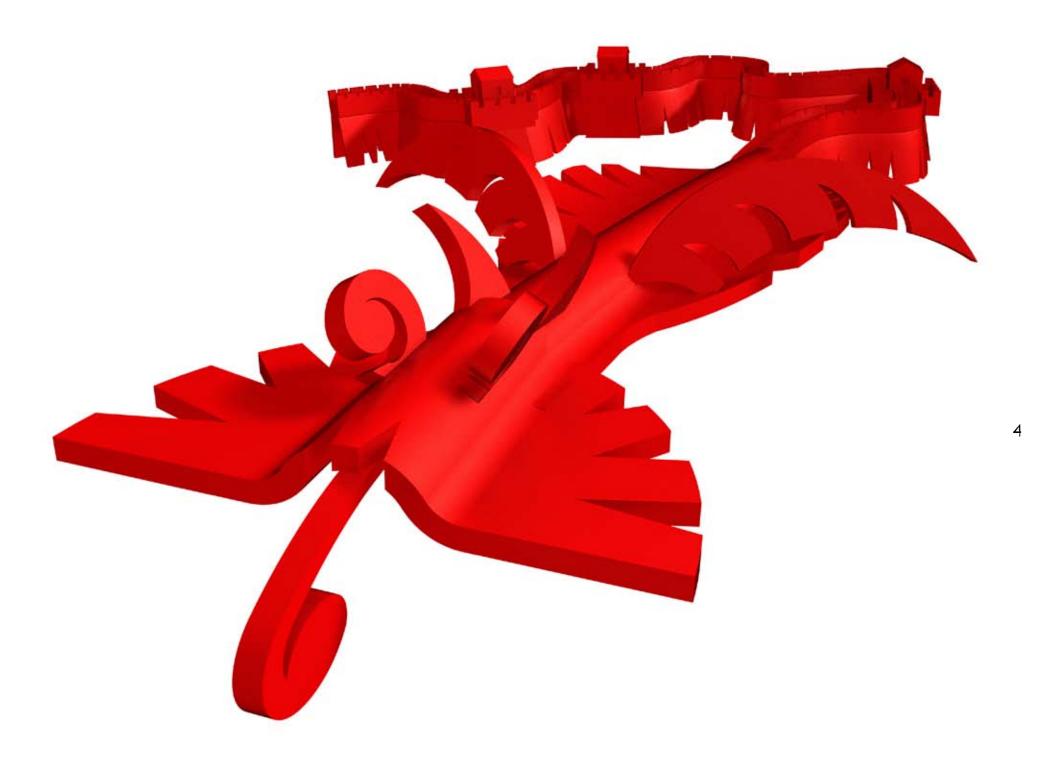
Once upon a time the Great Wall had a baby.

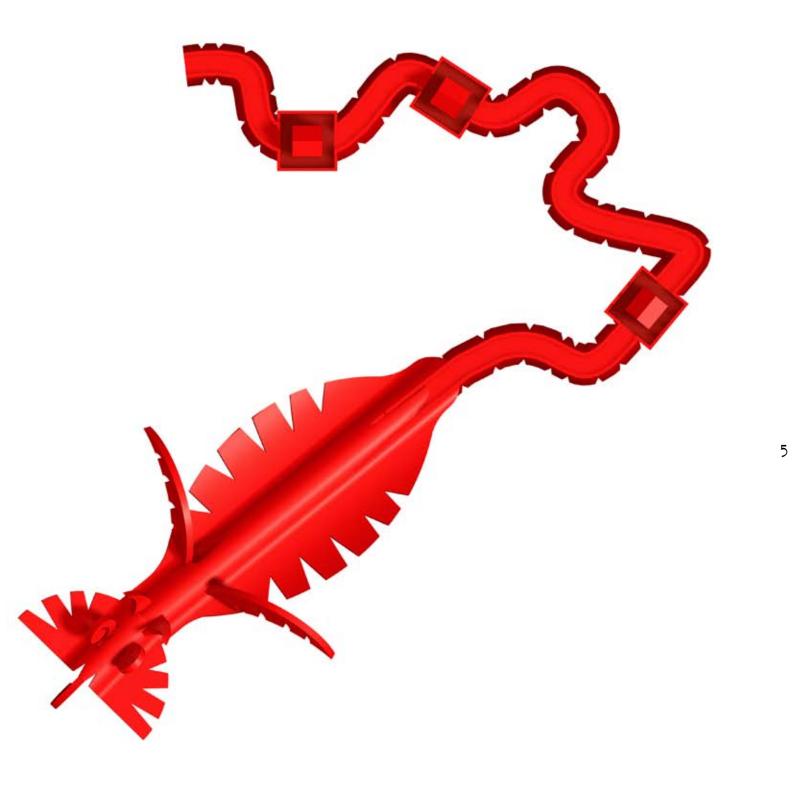
Some time during Qin Shi Huangdi's reign, a strange thing happened (it could have been 527 BCE. the documentation doesn't spell out the exact date) a baby was born. Now it wasn't the typical whiny, colicky child, no, this one was is own prodigy. I believe it was a baby girl, not because she favored red, but because she became very

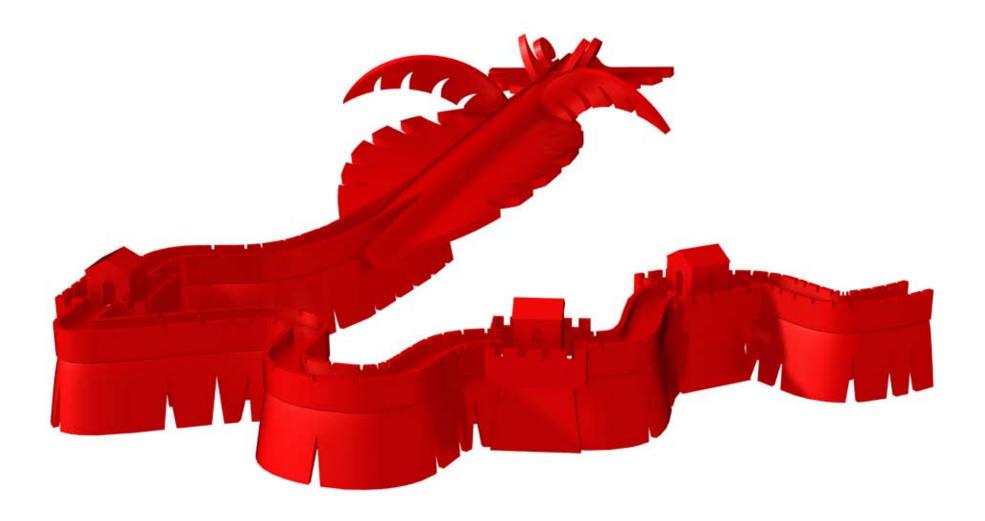
elusive and hard to describe. On some historic accounts she was conceived of rock and earth at the same time the Great Wall of China took form.

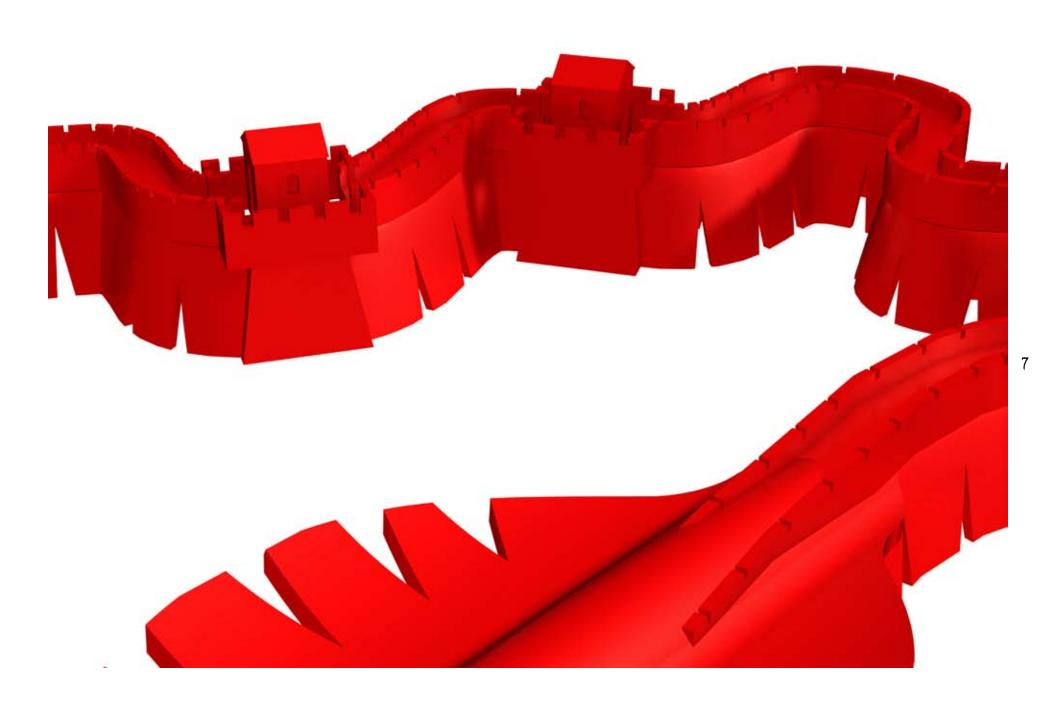
But unlike her parent she was very different, smooth and le- this day (if you the. One of her aunts. the Giant Bird of Paradise, taught her to grow edges much like her own leaves She had fire. and created a banana leaf She had life. shape which is still seen to

can see her). She refuses to acknowledge her aunt's gifts, but that is not important, for she had gifts unlike The Wall. She had wings.



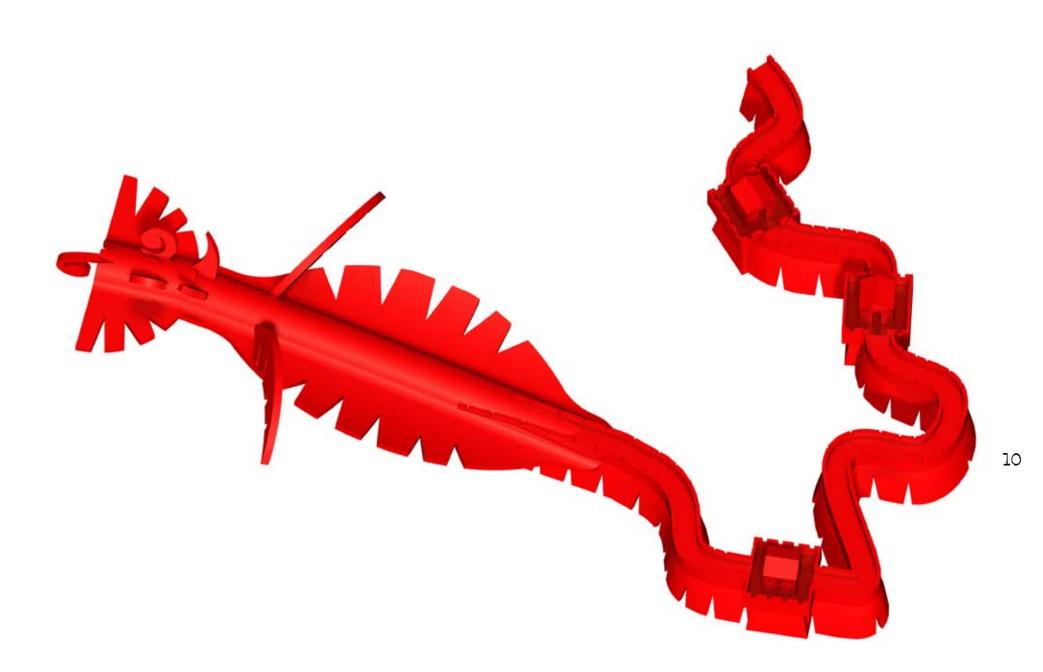












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