

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-
the.

One of her
aunts, the Gi-
ant Bird of
Paradise,
taught her
to grow edg-
es much like
her own leaves
and created a
banana leaf
shape which is
still seen to

this day (if you
can see her).

She refuses
to acknowl-
edge her aunt's
gifts, but that
is not impor-
tant, for she
had gifts un-
like The Wall.

She had fire.

She had wings.

She had life.













