

THERE IS A TALE
THE ELDERS TELL OF THE
FIRST DAYS OF THE
CHINESE IN CALIFORNIA...



...WHICH ITSELF BEGAN DUE TO A TALE,
OF GOLD SPRINGING LIKE GEYSERS
FROM THE HILLS SURROUNDING THE BAY
NAMED FOR SAINT FRANCIS.



THE LURE OF EASY FORTUNE
WAVED ALL THE WAY
ACROSS THE PACIFIC TO THE
CELESTIAL KINGDOM.



AND SO, THE LEGEND SAYS, A
BRIG NAMED **EAGLE** BROUGHT THE
FIRST "MEN OF THE EAST" EAST,
THROUGH THE BAY'S **GOLDEN**
GATE TO YERBA BUENA COVE.





THOSE FIRST THREE
DISEMBARKED, TWO MEN AND
A WOMAN, FRIGHTENED AT
THE ALIEN FACES AND
UNCOMPREHENDING LOOKS
OF THE HARD FRONTIER FOLK
WHO SURROUNDED THEM.



BUT THAT FEAR WAS TEMPERED
BY HOPE--NO, THE CERTAINTY THAT
THEY COULD MAKE A BETTER LIFE
HERE, ON THIS STRANGE SHORE,
THAN WHAT THEY HAD KNOWN
WHERE THEY HAD BEEN BORN.



THE NAME OF THE
WOMAN HAS BEEN
LOST EVEN TO MYCH.

THE NAMES OF THE
MEN MAY *ALREADY*
BE KNOWN TO YOU.

BUT EVEN IF WE DO NOT
KNOW THEIR NAMES, WE
MUST ACKNOWLEDGE
THEY EXISTED.



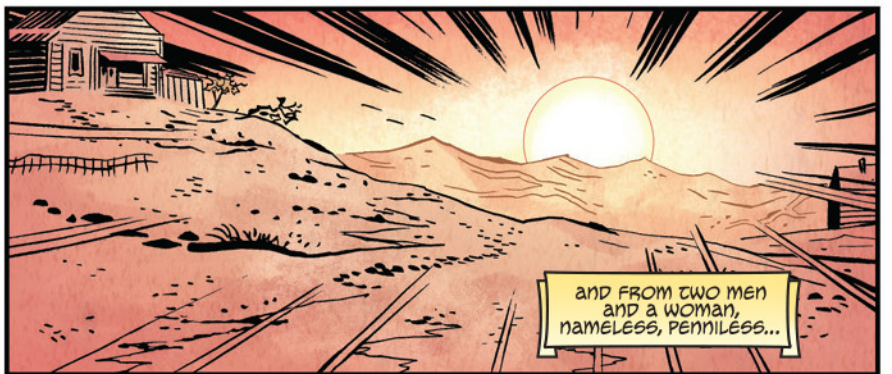
IT IS GOOD TO KNOW
THE ORIGINS OF THINGS.



THEY ARE THE TINY
SEEDS FROM WHICH
GREAT THINGS GROW.



THE STORY OF ONE
SUCCESSFUL PROSPECTOR
INSPIRES THOUSANDS OF
IMITATORS.



AND FROM TWO MEN
AND A WOMAN,
NAMELESS, PENNILESS...

...an EMPIRE
MAY BE BORN.

COME ON,
WINONA, WHAT
ARE THEY
SAYIN'?!?

OLD TROUBLE IN LITTLE CHINA



HOW SHOULD I KNOW, JACK? I FLUNKED REMEDIAL CHINESE AS PART OF MY ONGOING LIFELONG PROJECT TO DISAPPOINT MY PARENTS!

BESIDES-- I THINK YOU MAY BE A WEE BIT MORE CONCERNED THAT EGG SHEN SENT US AWAY FROM THAT WIZARD'S DEATH SPELL--

--BY DUMPING US IN SOME REAL HISTORY CHANNEL NONSENSE IN SAN FRANCISCO!

LOOK, THERE'S ONLY SO MANY THINGS I CAN BE TERRIFIED ABOUT SIMULTANEOUSLY, OKAY?!?