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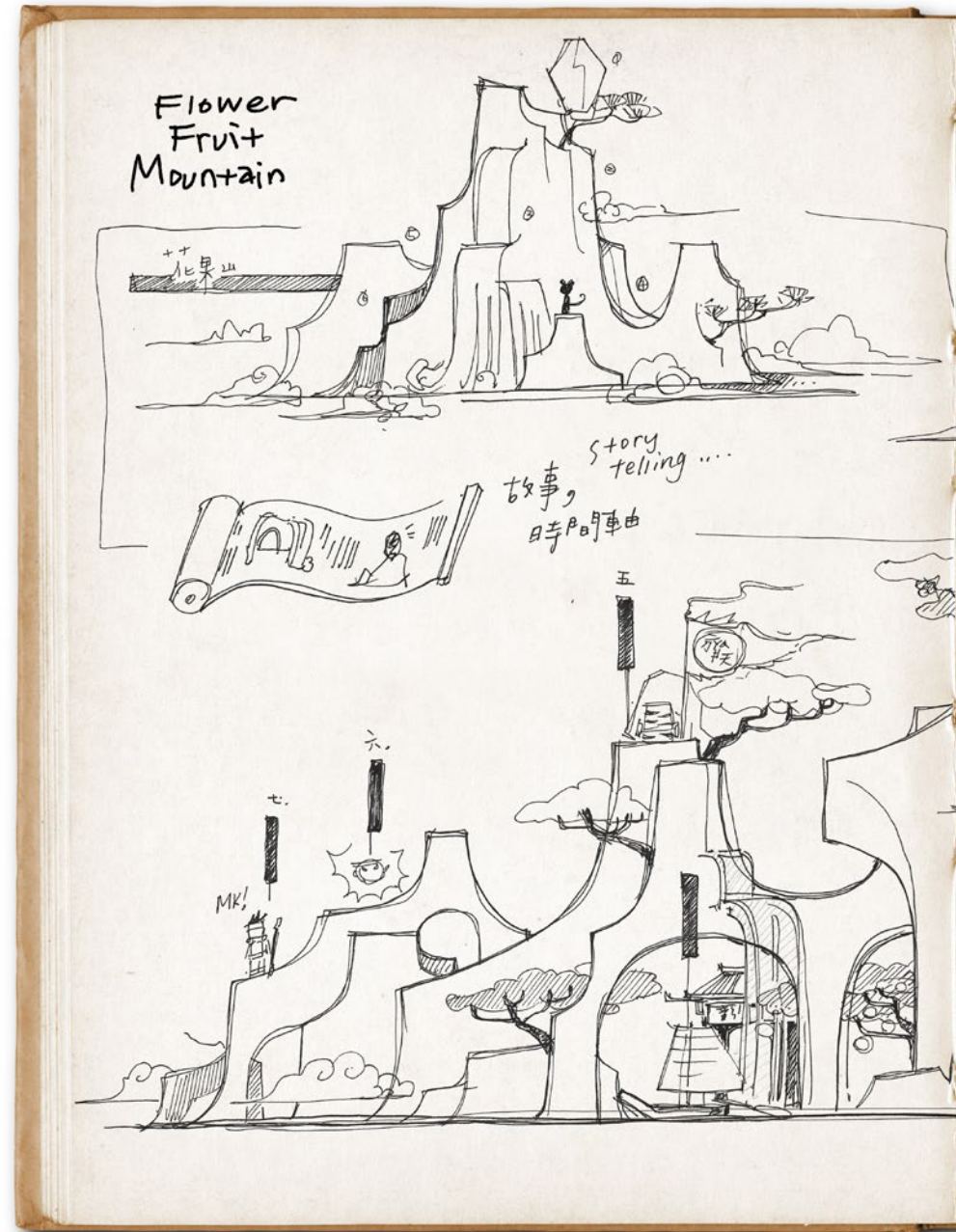
THE MAKING OF A LEGEND

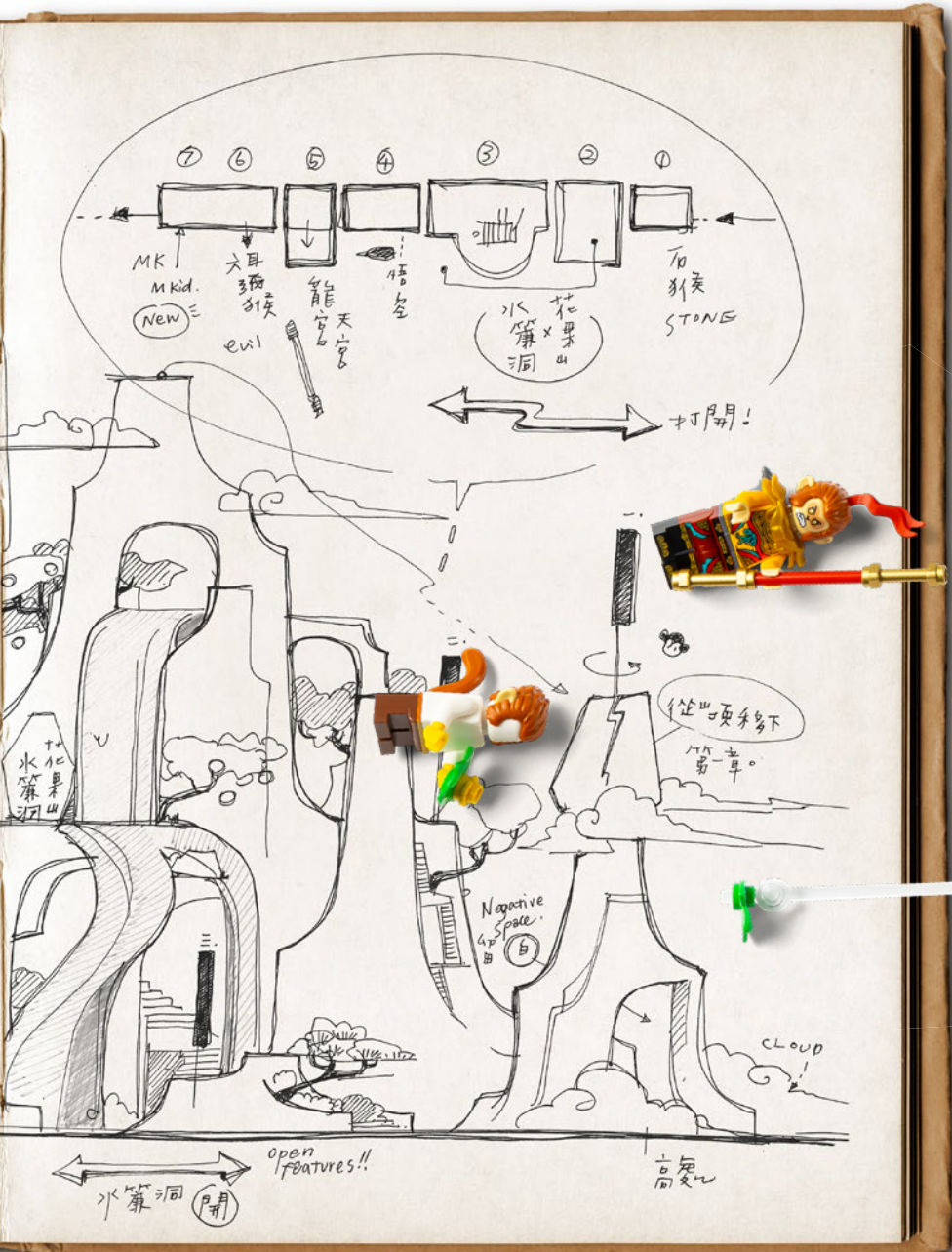
INTERVIEW WITH LEGO® FLOWER FRUIT MOUNTAIN DESIGNER LIN LI-YU

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

"Among the line-up of cool and exciting LEGO® Monkie Kid™ sets, we wanted to make something really special to celebrate the epic stories of the great Monkey King.

In a legendary world, filled with mystical locations, we all agreed upon Flower Fruit Mountain as an essential landmark from the original story. After all...it's where Monkey King came to life and the epic adventure began!"







CAPTURING 'SHANSHUI'

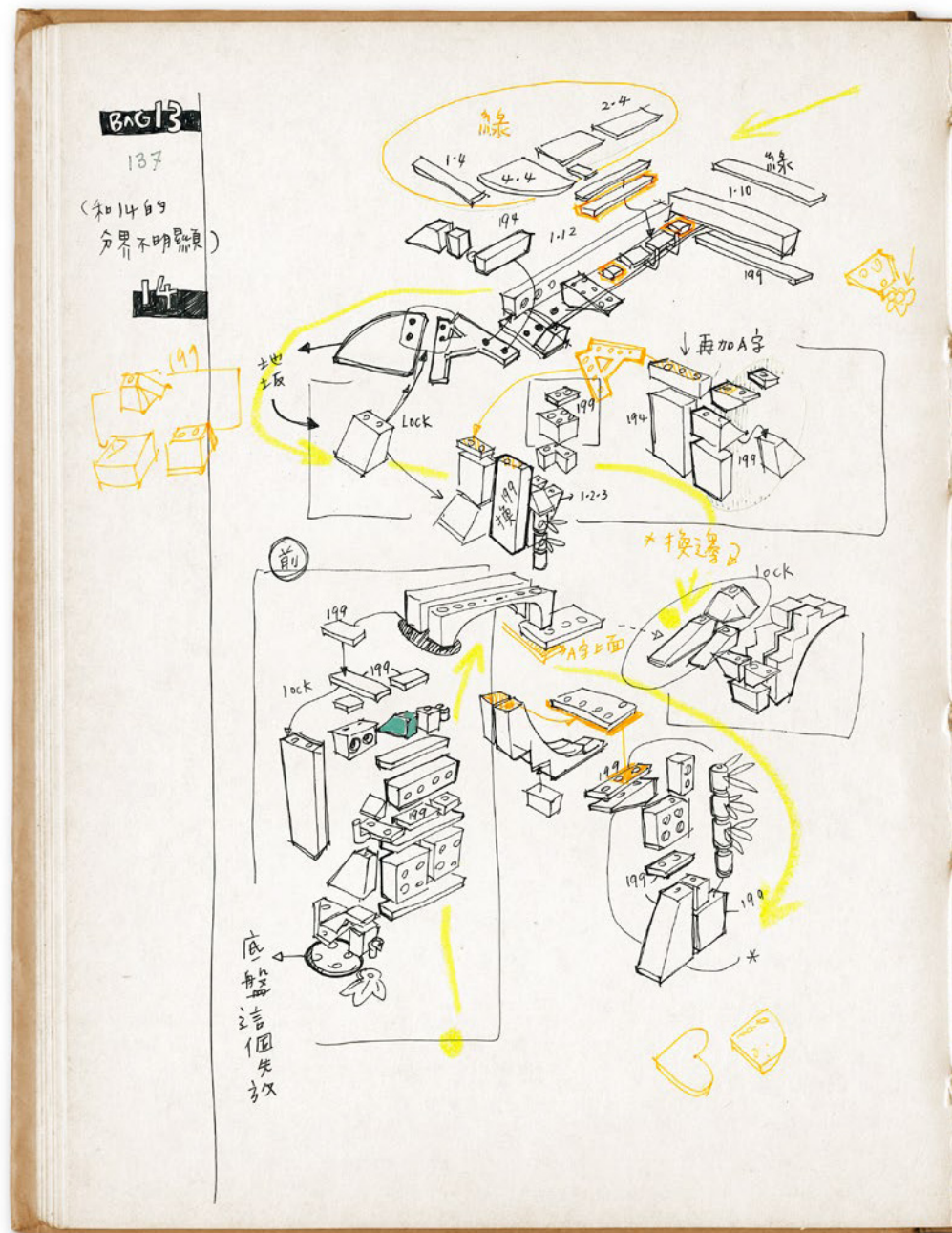
"From the very beginning, I was determined to make this set unique and make it stand apart from all the other LEGO® location sets. One of my key considerations was to capture an authentic Chinese aesthetic within the model.

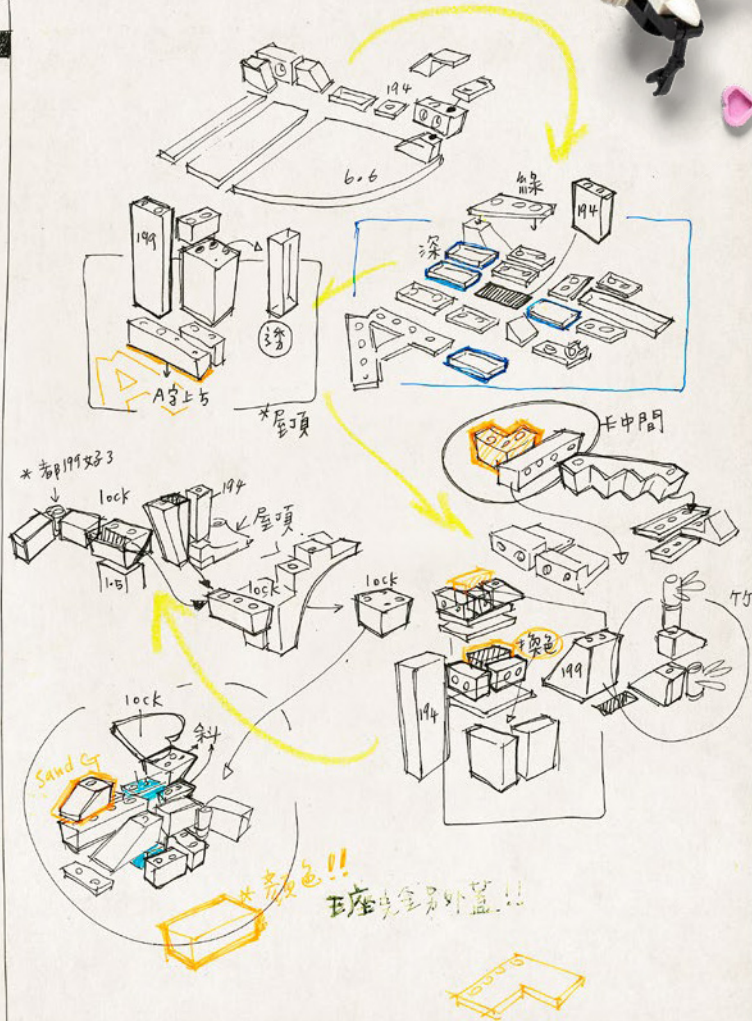
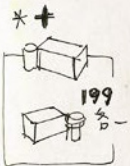
After numerous discussions with our LEGO concept artist, Xiaodong Wen, I eventually took inspiration from traditional Chinese mountain landscape paintings; 'Shanshui', which literally means 'mountains and waters'. These paintings capture the essence or spirit of the natural world and aim to evoke a *feeling* rather than give a realistic or life-like impression of a place.

The first sketch models I built of Flower Fruit Mountain had a conventional rectangular footprint, but going back to the long horizontal scroll as one of the principal forms of Chinese *Shanshui* paintings, I developed and opened up the model to have a long horizontal footprint instead. This makes it a great set for shelf display as well."

A TIMELESS TALE: RETOLD

"While designing this model, I was really motivated by the idea that parents would be able to use the set to tell and share the timeless stories of the Monkey King with their children through play.





My first thought was to place lots of different Monkey King story elements across the model, but during a design team meeting, the suggestion was made that we could arrange the model to reflect the chapters of the story in a more chronological way.

And so, the final model design of Flower Fruit Mountain was created to give a linear story-telling of the Monkey King legend; starting with how he was born from a rock, to how he took to the Monkey King throne. Last but not least, I'm also extremely excited that we feature no less than four different LEGO minifigure versions of Monkey King himself – something completely unique to this set!"