Phin parses a url and combines it with any options you want. This behavior can be very useful when you need to pass some additional headers. Also, you can pass rejectUnauthorized: false if you don't require an SSL certificate to be valid (it helps to prevent unable to verify the first certificate error).

Jimp uses phin as it's HTTP client. Phin uses http.request(options[, callback]) or https.request(options[, callback]) methods for making HTTP requests. Phin parses a url with the url.parse(...) method and passes it with all the other parameters as an options to the http.request(options[, callback]) or https.request(options[, callback]) methods.

Briefly speaking, you can pass any options from http.request(options[, callback]), https.request(options[, callback]) or even tls.connect(options[, callback]).