


Orphan Daniel Rand earned the power of the Iron Fist in the mystical city of K'un-Lun. As an adult, Danny oversees the Rand Corporation and moonlights as Iron Fist: kung fu defender of the innocent.

Prisoner Luke Cage was subjected to experiments that gave him superhuman strength and durability. As Power Man, he's been a hero and an Avenger, and now a husband and father.

After years apart, they're back together as Heroes for Hire.

POWER MAN AND IRON FIST



Alex Wilder escaped Hell by making a deal with the spirit of a magician named Chadoe. Alex and Chadoe began a turf war in Harlem, ruining—and sometimes ending—lives. While Power Man and Iron Fist tried to save the city, Tombstone resurrected one of Alex's victims, Mr. Fish, in a quest for revenge against anyone who stood in their way. Black Mariah and Jennie Royce worked with Alex to push a drug made by the blood of a demon, *Daemonium de Redeptionem*, that steals its users' souls. Jennie got cold feet and ran with the demon's mystical container to the Heroes for Hire office, but before the heroes even knew what was happening, the demon pulled Jennie, Luke, and Danny into its hellish dimension!

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SEVERAL HOURS AGO...

MAYBE I SHOULDN'T ASK--WHAT'S A GRANDMASTER OF STREET MAGIC?

YEAH, DOC--WHAT'RE WE UP AGAINST?

THE GRANDMASTER OF STREET MAGIC DATES BACK TO THE 1930s...

"...WHEN QUEENIE ST. CLAIR AND BUMPY JOHNSON WENT TO WAR WITH DUTCH SCHULTZ OVER CONTROL OF HARLEM.

"IT WAS A VIOLENT TIME, AND VIOLENT TIMES OFTEN LEAD TO RECKLESS ACTS."

"QUEENIE ENLISTED THE AID OF A MAN KNOWN ONLY AS CHADOE--A PRACTITIONER OF VODOO FROM SAN MONIQUE.

"SHE HOPED THAT CHADOE COULD USE HIS SKILLS AGAINST HER ENEMIES."

BUT CHADOE TOOK THINGS TOO FAR, BEYOND THE REALM OF VODOO AND INTO AREAS NO PRACTITIONER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS WOULD DARE VENTURE.

WHY DOES THIS SOUND LIKE A STORY THAT DOESN'T HAVE A HAPPY ENDING?

FOR REAL. IS THIS GONNA GIVE ME NIGHTMARES?

INDEED, FOR CHADOE IS THE EMBODIMENT OF A NIGHTMARE...

"...AND A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH.

"HE SOUGHT TO CREATE HIS OWN FORM OF MAGIC--COMBINING VODOO, SPELLS STOLEN FROM THE BOOK OF ESHU, THE POISONS OF JINCAN GU, AND THE DARKEST OF DARK MAGICS.

"THE POWER OF THE MAGIC HE CREATED CONSUMED HIM, TRANSFORMING HIS PHYSICAL BODY INTO A TWISTED MONSTROSITY AND TRAPPING HIM IN A REALM OF DAMNATION.



"HE CAN ONLY SURVIVE IN *THIS* REALM WITHIN THE BODY OF A HOST."



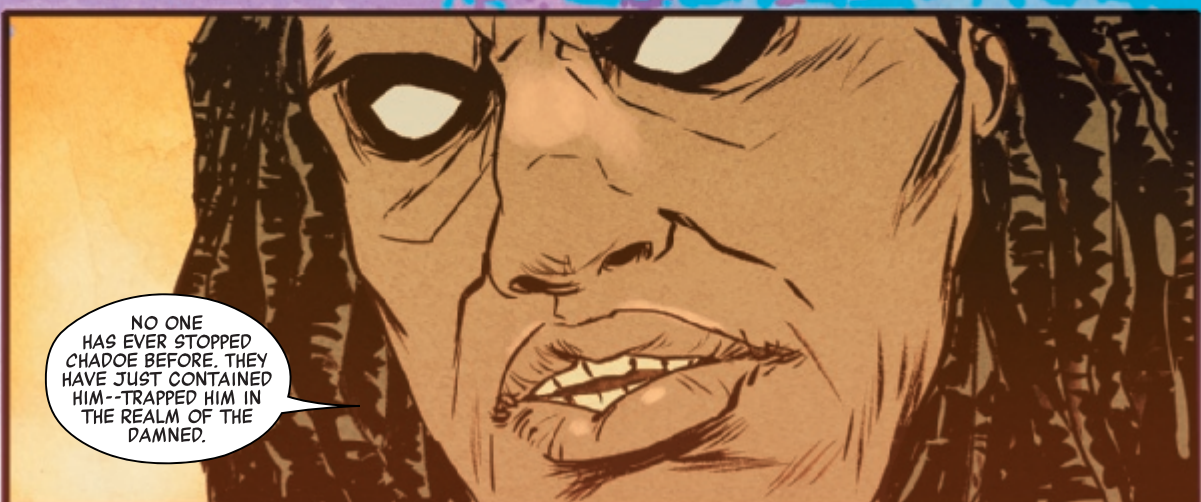
YOU THINK ALEX WILDER IS PLAYING HOST TO CHADOE?

HE WOULD NOT BE THE FIRST TO TRY, BUT CHADOE IS POWERFUL...

...EVERY MORTAL THAT HAS SOUGHT TO BE THE GRANDMASTER OF STREET MAGIC HAS FAILED.

WELL, THAT SOUNDS PROMISING.

CAN IT BE STOPPED?



NO ONE HAS EVER STOPPED CHADOE BEFORE. THEY HAVE JUST CONTAINED HIM--TRAPPED HIM IN THE REALM OF THE DAMNED.

NOW.

HOLD ON!

I'M HOLDING ON!
YOU HOLD ON!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!
YOU HOLD ON!

PLEASE--
DON'T LET GO!

