

# SECRET WARS

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!

NOW ALL THAT REMAINS...IS **BATTLEWORLD**: A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM!

EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

IN K'UN LUN, THE TOURNAMENT OF THE THIRTEEN CHAMBERS IS AT HAND. THE WINNER WILL BE THE NEW EMPEROR OF THE DOMAIN.

SHANG-CHI, DISGRACED SON OF EMPEROR ZHENG ZHU, HAS ENTERED THE TOURNAMENT AFTER FORMING HIS OWN SCHOOL OF OUTCAST STUDENTS.

AFTER A GRUELING GAUNTLET WHEREIN SHANG DEFEATED A HOST OF THE OTHER MASTERS, A BATTERED AND EXHAUSTED SHANG-CHI MUST FACE RED SAI AND DANIEL RAND-K'AI, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE A VERY PERSONAL SCORE TO SETTLE. ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, THE FINAL BATTLE IS AT HAND TO DETERMINE WHO IS THE TRUE...

# MASTER OF KUNG FU

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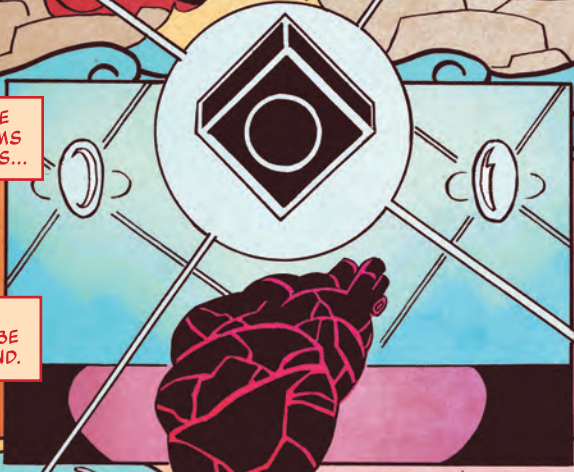
DO YOU KNOW  
HOW I WAS  
CREATED?

EMPEROR ZU FORGED  
MY HEART FROM  
THE STEEL OF THE  
EBON BLADE...



MELTED  
IN THE  
ETERNAL  
FLAME.

HE GAVE ME  
INFINITY GEMS  
FOR MY EYES...



AND THE  
COSMIC CUBE  
FOR MY MIND.

ALL OF THIS  
HE BAPTIZED  
IN THE RIVER  
STYX.





HE BROUGHT  
ME INTO THE  
WORLD, STILL-  
BORN. DEAD.

UNTIL MY FATHER FILLED  
MY LUNGS WITH THE  
SMOKE OF SMOLDERING  
PHOENIX ASHES.



LIKE THE  
ANCIENT HUNTER  
WHO USES EVERY  
PART OF THE  
ANIMAL HE HAS  
KILLED, ZHENG ZU  
WASTED NOTHING  
OF THE WORLD  
AROUND US.

IT WOULD  
ALL BE  
PART  
OF MY  
TRAINING.



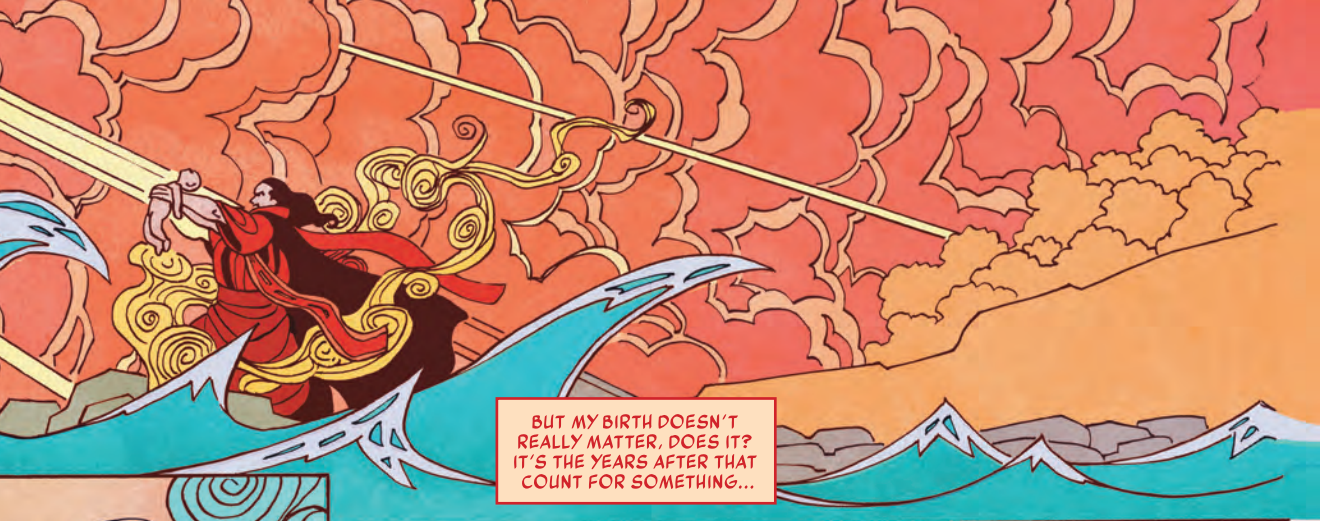
EVERY TRIP TO THE WATER  
CLOSET OR THE WELL,  
A GAUNTLET.



EVERY LONG  
NIGHT, A  
TERROR...







BUT MY BIRTH DOESN'T REALLY MATTER, DOES IT? IT'S THE YEARS AFTER THAT COUNT FOR SOMETHING...



EVERY PLAYMATE, AN ASSASSIN...



EVERY GREAT LOVE, A LOSS.

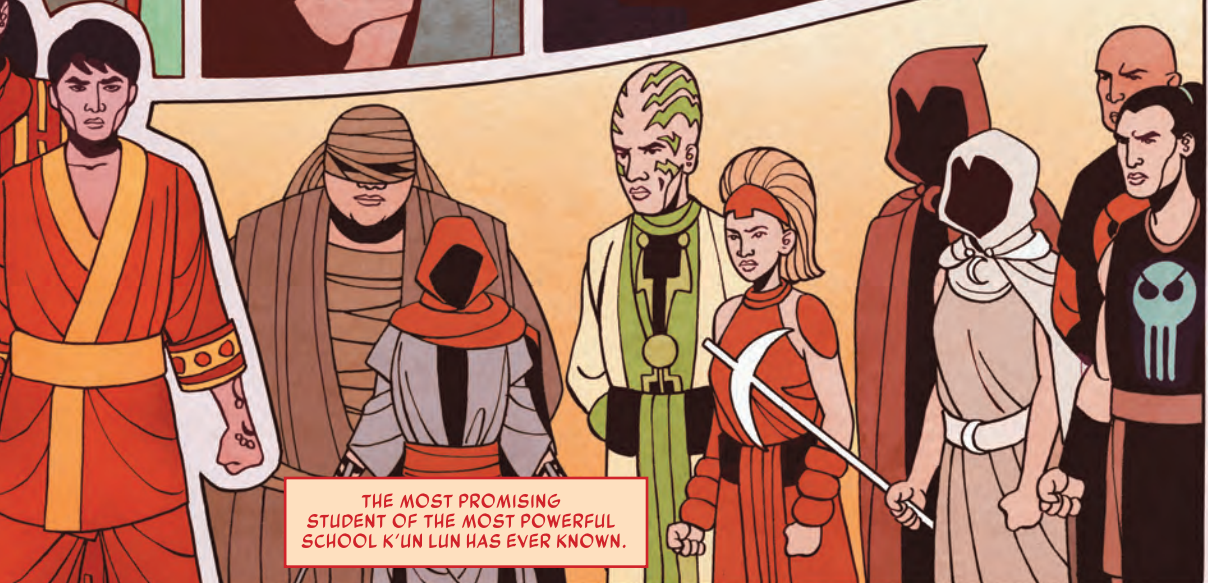


HE TAUGHT ME TO FEAR NOTHING, EXCEPT FAILURE.



AND THUS I BECAME SHANG-CHI.

THE RISING SPIRIT.



THE MOST PROMISING STUDENT OF THE MOST POWERFUL SCHOOL K'UN LUN HAS EVER KNOWN.





OR SO MY FATHER WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE...

MORE THAN LIKELY, HE JUST CAN'T RECALL WHICH OF HIS MANY CONCUBINES SPAWNED ME.



EMPEROR ZU HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GIFTED LIAR.

AND FAR WORSE. SLAYER, EXECUTIONER, DESPOT.

RED SAI, ONCE MY SOLE FRIEND... AND MORE.

RAND-K'AI, ONCE MY MOST RESPECTED RIVAL...

YOU MUST LET ME PASS. ONLY I CAN DEFEAT MY FATHER.



YOU WILL NEVER SIT ON THE THRONE, MURDERER!

**KLASSSH**