

Daniel Rand was orphaned in the mystical city of K'un-Lun as a child. There, he grew up to conquer a series of trials to become the Iron Fist: K'un-Lun's chi-fueled defender of the innocent. Recently, while away from K'un-Lun living his other life as Danny Rand, K'un-Lun was attacked and destroyed, severing his connection to K'un-Lun's chi, and his powers...

IRON FIST

Since K'un-Lun was destroyed, Danny's connection to his chi has waned, along with his sense of purpose. While fighting in underground tournaments to try to rekindle his power, Danny was approached by Choshin, a martial artist who invited Danny to the unknown island of Liu-Shi. There, Danny agreed to join their tournament and face seven masters. For him, the gauntlet offered the chance to absorb the chi of the masters he defeats. For Liu-Shi, the participation of the Iron Fist would confer legitimacy--but they could have more to gain by his defeat. Danny won the first round, and now faces the Rat of 12 Plagues...

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EVERYTHING HURTS.

EVERY BREATH FEELS LIKE FIRE.

GIVE IN, IRON FIST.

IT'S OVER. THE PLAGUE IS ALREADY WITHIN YOU.



YOUR BODY AND SOUL NOW BELONG TO THE TEMPLE OF THE RAT.

MY SKIN IS BURNING UP.



STAY BACK, VERMIN! THIS MEAT BELONGS TO ME!

MY MUSCLES... CONTRACTING... SEIZING UP.

EVEN THE SMALLEST MOVEMENT TAKES A MOUNTAIN OF EFFORT.

"THE TRIAL OF THE SEVEN MASTERS"

PART THREE



DIG DEEP,
DANNY.

GIVE ME THE
CHI OF SHOU-LAO
THE UNDYING...

WRITTEN BY ED BRISSON



...SO THAT
I MAY LEAVE
THIS PLACE AND
BRING PESTILENCE
TO YOUR
WORLD.

FOCUS YOUR
BREATHING.
PUSH OUT
THE PANIC.

ILLUSTRATED BY MIKE PERKINS



YESSSSS...

FOCUS!

COLORED BY ANDY TROY LETTERED BY VC'S TRAVIS LANHAM



NO!
YOUR CHI...



THWUMP

THE CHI OF SHOU-LAO TOO MUCH FOR YOU?

SHUT UP, DANNY.

STOP SHOOTING OFF YOUR MOUTH. KEEP YOUR MIND ON THE FIGHT.



LITTLE IRON FIST STILL HAS SOME SPARK IN HIM.

GOOD. IT HARDLY FEELS LIKE A VICTORY WHEN YOUR PREY DOESN'T FIGHT BACK.



FALLING TIMBER HEEL STRIKE

FIVE-FINGER BURNING INFERNO

TENDER BRISKET SLICE

NORTH SIDE KINGS HAYMAKER



LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE THE ONE ABSORBING YOUR CHI.

NO...



...THE RAT OF 12 PLAGUES IS **UNCLEAN**. HIS CHI WOULD ONLY SERVE TO INFECT YOU.

YOUR CHI IS WORKING TO CLEANSE YOUR BODY OF THE INFECTION YOU'VE ALREADY INCURRED.



I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S ALREADY BEEN--



URK...



BLAAARG!

POP