

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!

WITH THE HELP OF A GROUP OF OUTCASTS FROM THE LOWER CASTE, THE DISGRACED SHANG-CHI ESCAPED EMPEROR ZHENG ZU'S MURDEROUS THUGS. KITTEN, THE OUTCASTS' LEADER, PUSHED SHANG-CHI TO TEACH THEM SELF-DEFENSE, BUT CALLISTO, UNSATISFIED WITH SHANG-CHI'S DISMISSIVE ATTITUDE, GAVE UP THEIR LOCATION TO EMPEROR ZU.

WITH THE EMPEROR'S FORCES AT THEIR DOORSTEP, AND THE BLOOD OF AN OUTCAST ON HIS HANDS, SHANG-CHI DECIDED THAT TO SAVE HIMSELF AND THE LOWEST CASTE, HE MUST DEFEAT ZHENG ZU AND SHOW HIMSELF TO BE...

MASTER OF KUNG FU

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DO YOU
KNOW WHICH
SCHOOL WAS
THE FIRST?

**THE
IRON
FIST.**

CENTURIES AGO, K'UN
LUN WAS JUST A SMALL
VILLAGE, THREATENED
BY BANDITS AND
MONSTERS...AND WORSE.

BUT A FARMER
NAMED **QUAN YAOZU**
LEARNED TO CHANNEL
HIS CHI TO DEFEND
HIS FAMILY.

AND SOON, HE
BEGAN TEACHING THE
IRON FIST TO ALL WHO
WANTED TO LEARN IT.

THE IRON FIST
HAS ALWAYS
BEEN FIRST AT
EVERYTHING...

FIRST TO
RECOGNIZE
THAT WAR
BETWEEN THE
SCHOOLS
WOULD
DESTROY
K'UN LUN.

AND FIRST TO
WIN THE THIRTEEN
CHAMBERS AND
CLAIM THE THRONE.

BUT EVEN WHEN ANOTHER
MASTER RULED K'UN LUN, THE
IRON FIST CONTINUED TO
FIGHT FOR THE KINGDOM.

BATTLING
THREATS FROM
WITHOUT...



...AND WITHIN.

LORD TUAN, MOST REVERED OF ALL IRON FIST MASTERS, NEVER AGREED WITH EMPEROR ZU'S PERSECUTION OF THE MAGICAL RACES.

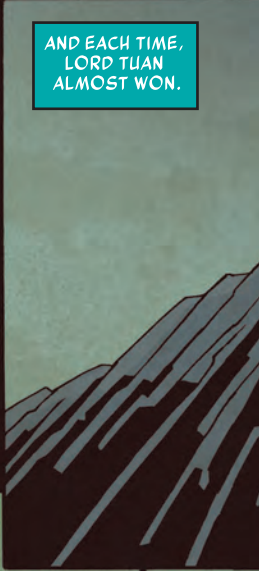
AND HE HATED THAT THE TEN RINGS KILLED FAILED STUDENTS.



SINCE THE DAYS OF YAOZU, THE IRON FIST HAS PROTECTED THE WEAK...

...SOMETHING I OFTEN FORGET.

SO, AGAIN AND AGAIN, LORD TUAN FACED ZHENG ZU IN THE THIRTEENTH CHAMBER.



AND EACH TIME, LORD TUAN ALMOST WON.

SO, WHEN YOUR EMPEROR CLAIMS THAT HE KNOWS NOTHING OF LORD TUAN'S DEATH...





THOUGH HE NEVER TOOK THE THRONE FROM ZHENG ZU, HE DID SOMETHING FAR WORSE.



LORD TUAN HUMILIATED THE EMPEROR.

AND PROVED THAT EVEN THE IMMORTAL ZHENG ZU **BLEEDS** LIKE THE REST OF US.



...PRETENDS THAT HE DID NOT SEND SHANG-CHI, HIS OWN SON, TO INFILTRATE THE IRON FIST TEMPLE...

...AND **MURDER** LORD TUAN...





...I KNOW IT IS A LIE.



IS THAT WHY YOU HAVE SUSPENDED THE SEARCH FOR SHANG-CHI? YOU NO LONGER HOLD HIM RESPONSIBLE?

NO... SHANG-CHI'S HANDS CHOKED THE LIFE OUT OF LORD TUAN. EVEN IF HIS FATHER GAVE THE ORDER, SHANG-CHI MUST STILL FACE JUSTICE.



BUT I CANNOT IGNORE MY OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEAT ZHENG ZU IN THE THIRTEEN CHAMBERS.

ONCE I AM EMPEROR...



...SHANG-CHI WILL HAVE NOWHERE TO HIDE.