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SHANG-CHI: NO MAN'S SON

A 4-Issue Limited Series

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Shang-Chi is adrift, his connections with groups and organizations severed. He feels unconnected to his own proper path; and he's deserted his heritage and won't even speak his father's name. He begins drifting through Asia. In Thailand he's attacked by a powerful Muay Thai killer who believes Shang-Chi is a government agent. Shang-Chi defeats him, but the guy is seriously good. After the fight, Shang-Chi is approached by his old ally, Black Jack Tarr, who is crippled from injuries received on a mission.

Tarr tells Shang-Chi that he's been cut loose from active field work and that Freelance Restorations has crumbled. Tarr has formed an alliance of other agents who have become 'detached' from active service because of injury, age, or change of administration. These agents, however, are seasoned enough to know that there are unresolved threats out there that are going unchecked. They've been looking for the perfect field agent. They need a *fist*.

"I'm more than a fist," Shang-Chi tells him; to which Tarr replies, "Which is why you're at the top of our bloody list."

The first mission involves bringing down a terrorist organization that is working within the human trafficking black market: they're infecting women and children before transporting them to foreign buyers. This gets the pathogens through customs without notice; and once in another country the pathogen is harvested from the unwilling host and sent to secret labs so they can be weaponized. The head of security for the trafficking group is Ong Kek, a legendary Muay Thai fighter and a champion on the underground death match circuit.

Shang-Chi has to infiltrate the death match circuit and gain acceptance to Ong Kek's mob –and then destroy them from within.

Guest stars would include Iron Fist, Elektra, and the Sons of the Tiger.

By using his skills to help the innocent and helpless, Shang-Chi begins to realize that he has a true destiny.