

MEET THE DEFENDERS

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SUPER: The following is the ACTUAL origin story of Iron Fist

LUKE CAGE, IRON FIST, and JESSICA JONES are in a boardroom/office sitting at a round table as DAREDEVIL enters to lead the meeting.

DAREDEVIL
Hello Defenders

LUKE CAGE
Is that team name set in stone?

DAREDEVIL
You KNOW it is.

Daredevil gestures to a stone tablet that has "The Defenders" etched into it.

DAREDEVIL (CONT'D)
If we're going to be defending Hell's Kitchen together I thought we should get to know each other. I'm Daredevil.

LUKE CAGE
(simultaneously)
Hi Daredevil

IRON FIST
(simultaneously)
Hi Daredevil

DAREDEVIL
I'm also blind attorney Matt Murdoch. I got super powers from toxic waste spilled on me.

JESSICA JONES
I got powers from toxic waste too! High five!

Jessica and Daredevil high five but he winces in pain.

JESSICA JONES (CONT'D)
You didn't get super strength?

DAREDEVIL
Nope. Just blindness

JESSICA JONES
Shitty deal. I'm Jessica Jones, I have super strength, can fly, and I'm a private detective.

LUKE CAGE

I'm Luke Cage. I got super strength and invulnerable skin from prison experiments. It probably had something to do with toxic waste. But don't quote me on that. I can't guarantee that.

IRON FIST

I'm Iron Fist, Danny Rand. I'm a kung fu master and got super powers after I punched dragon in the heart.

DAREDEVIL

Okay so now that we have introductions out of the ... wait what?

IRON FIST

Huh?

DAREDEVIL

What did you say?

IRON FIST

Kung Fu, it's an eastern martial art. There was a TV show about it.

LUKE CAGE

I think he means the Dragon part bro.

JESSICA JONES

He definitely means the Dragon part. You think you punched a dragon?

IRON FIST

I know I punched a dragon. It's hard to mistake a dragon guys. I've never been like "Oh hey look it's a kite, oh no wait that's a Dragon. Oh shit I get confused sometimes"

DAREDEVIL

Where did you punch a Dragon?

IRON FIST

In the heart. I said that.

LUKE CAGE

He did say that.

DAREDEVIL

Where on planet Earth did you punch a dragon?

IRON FIST

The magical city of K'un Lun.

JESSICA JONES

That's made up.

IRON FIST

You just don't know about it because the mystical entrance only appears every ten years.

LUKE CAGE

That would explain why we haven't been there.

DAREDEVIL

Of course, those 10 year doors to magic cities full of Dragons.

IRON FIST

Just the one Dragon. I punched a Dragon. Get your ears checked man. I know you're blind but I didn't know you were deaf.

LUKE CAGE

Nice!

IRON FIST

Thanks Luke.

Luke and Iron Fist share a fist bump.

DAREDEVIL

So let's just summarize, so far three of us got our powers from toxic waste.

LUKE CAGE

(raises hand)

I can't guarantee that!

DAREDEVIL

Two of us got our powers from toxic waste, Luke's a maybe...

Luke is nodding heavily

DAREDEVIL (CONT'D)
and you got your powers from a
mystical city where you punched a
dragon to death.

IRON FIST
Absolute not!

DAREDEVIL
Thank God!

IRON FIST
The dragon's fine. I didn't punch
it to death.

JESSICA JONES
Because it's not real?

IRON FIST
No, you're not getting it. Listen,
here's the story, when I was ten my
father took my mother and I to
climb a Tibetan mountain.

JESSICA JONES
Terrible parenting! Ten year olds
are not meant for Tibetan mountain
climbing.

IRON FIST
HA! You'd think that but I did way
better than my father who was
killed by his business partner and
my mother who was eaten by wolves.

JESSICA JONES
Why was your dad's business partner
there?

DAREDEVIL
There are wolves now!?

LUKE CAGE
Let the man talk!

IRON FIST
Thank you. So I arrived at K'un Lun
freshly orphaned, they took me in,
trained me in kung fu and told me
that if I defeated the dragon I
could get powers and become the
Immortal Iron Fist.

LUKE CAGE

So you hunted the Dragon?

IRON FIST

Hunt is a strong word. I walked up to the cave he lives in and attacked him without provocation.

LUKE CAGE

Not cool man.

IRON FIST

I put the dragon in a choke hold until it passed out, got a sweet dragon tattoo on my chest from it, then found the pot where the dragon keeps its heart and punched it, then boom, powers.

DAREDEVIL

Couldn't the dragon protect its heart better if it was inside its own chest?

IRON FIST

Probably.

LUKE CAGE

Why doesn't it do that?

IRON FIST

Since I don't speak dragon I couldn't ask.

LUKE CAGE

That makes sense.

JESSICA JONES

So did the dragon tattoo appear when you punched the heart?

IRON FIST

No, the dragon had an insignia in the shape of a dragon and it got burned onto me when we fought.

DAREDEVIL

A Dragon with a Dragon tattoo?

JESSICA JONES

The dragon had a tattoo of itself?

IRON FIST

It could have been a tattoo of its mom or something. I couldn't exactly ask.

LUKE CAGE

Because you don't speak dragon.

IRON FIST

Exactly Luke. Anyway, I punched the pot full of dragon heart then the people of K'un Lun offered me immortality but I refused so I could come back to earth and kill the man who murdered my dad. So here I am.

DAREDEVIL

Now immortality is on the table!? You're CASUALLY dropping immortality, in an attempt to make the story what? A more relatable tale of hugging a dragon to death?

IRON FIST

Are you listening to anything I say? The dragon's still alive, I just absorbed some of its chi.

DAREDEVIL

Fun idea, let's pair off. Since Jessica's a private detective and I'm a lawyer we should clearly work together.

JESSICA JONES

You can help me solve crimes.

DAREDEVIL

Luke you're in charge of watching Dragon heart puncher over here cause he seems pretty unstable and you seem oddly okay with that.

LUKE CAGE

I like this weird dude. He's different.

Iron Fist smiles at Luke Cage and they fist bump again.

DAREDEVIL

I think that's enough for our first meeting. Call me if Dragons show up.

Daredevil and Jessica leave.

IRON FIST
Dragon. Singular.

LUKE CAGE
I liked your story. Very Game of Thrones. Come on John Snow, let's get out of here before we get in trouble for using this boardroom.

IRON FIST
Oh this is my office. Actually this is my building. I'm billionaire Danny Rand. Of Rand industries.

LUKE CAGE
Right ...Next you're gonna tell me you actually punched a dragon.

IRON FIST
Um...
(His fist begins to glow)

LUKE CAGE
Oh shit! Dragons are real! Dragons ARE REAL!
(running out of room)
Holy shit. Guys! Guys, dragons are real! Magic is real! Winter is coming! Let's go fight dragons.

IRON FIST
A dragon. We can fight a dragon. Nobody listens.