

LEGENDS OF ASSASSINS

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The greatest assassins in all of China's history – Cao Mo, who kidnapped a king to get his country back; Yu Rang, who killed to demonstrate his loyalty; Jing Ke, martyred in his attempt to kill the hated First Emperor, and others – all live on in the annals of historian Sima Qian's *Legends of the Assassins*. Here they come alive once more, in a series of beautifully illustrated manga first published in the *China Times Weekly* in 1986. Feats of strength, tests of endurance and of strategy explode on the page as the stories of some of the world's most famous killers and patriots unfold before your eyes.

Artist Chen Uen merges an ink-and-brush style characteristic of Chinese traditional art with the hues of Western painting to capture the power of strength, brutality, and passion that surges through these tales. The veteran illustrator takes care to ensure that each face is original and expressive, granting the story even greater emotional force.

Chen Uen 鄭問

Published extensively both in Taiwan and Japan, Chen Uen was a veteran of Taiwan's manga and illustration scene. His work won him several awards, including an award from the Japanese Cartoonists' Association, making him the first non-Japanese recipient of such in the Association's history. He was involved in online game design on the highest levels in China, Japan, and Taiwan, and represented Taiwan at the Angoulême International Comics Festival in 2012, five years before his passing.



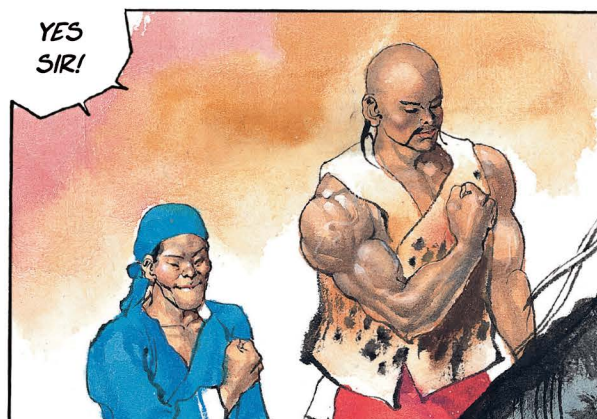
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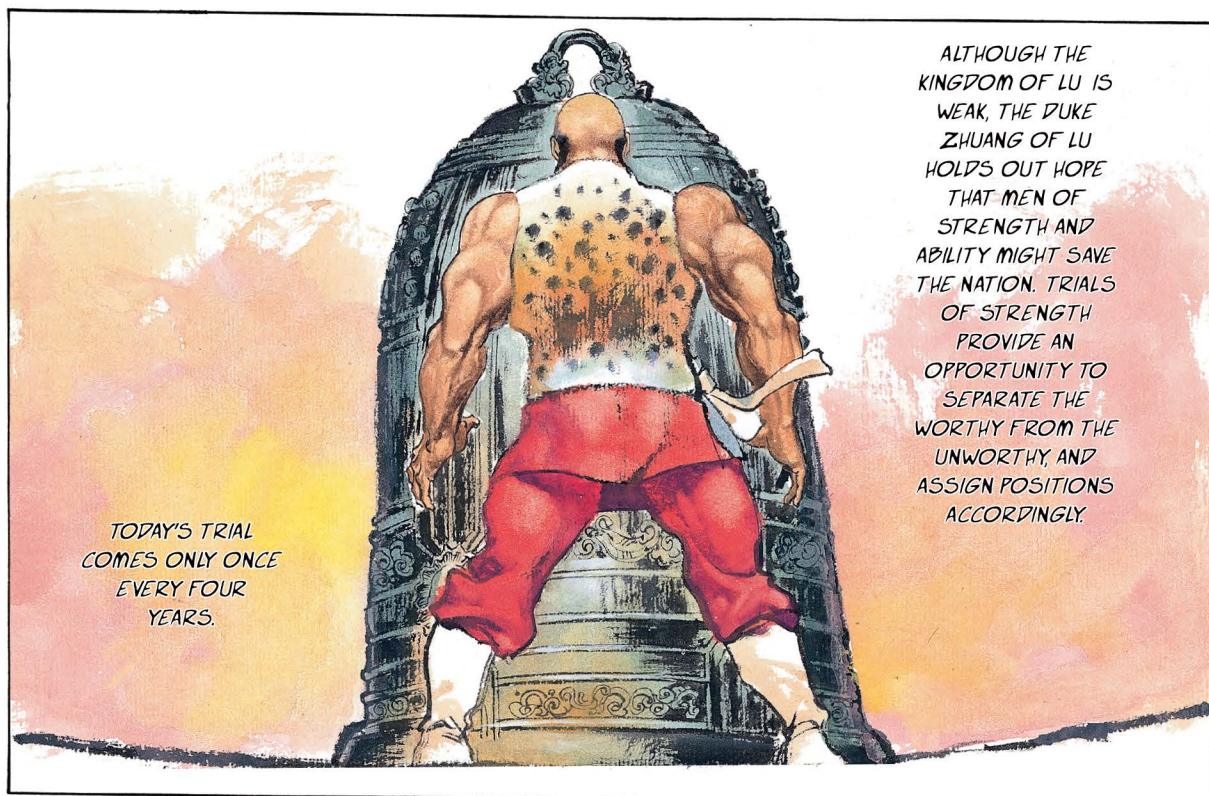


YES
SIR!

ONE TEST
REMAINS:
THE
LIFTING
OF THE
BELL!



MY CONGRAT-
ULATIONS TO OUR
TWO CHAMPIONS.
YOU'VE PROVEN
YOUR WORTH IN THE
TRIAL THE HUNDRED



TODAY'S TRIAL
COMES ONLY ONCE
EVERY FOUR
YEARS.

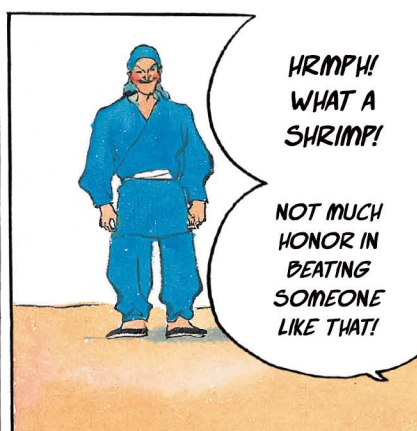
ALTHOUGH THE
KINGDOM OF LU IS
WEAK, THE DUKE
ZHUANG OF LU
HOLDS OUT HOPE
THAT MEN OF
STRENGTH AND
ABILITY MIGHT SAVE
THE NATION. TRIALS
OF STRENGTH
PROVIDE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO
SEPARATE THE
WORTHY FROM THE
UNWORTHY, AND
ASSIGN POSITIONS
ACCORDINGLY.



...WILL BE
MINE!

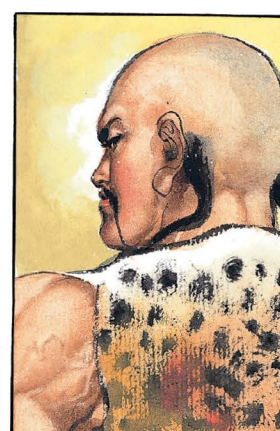


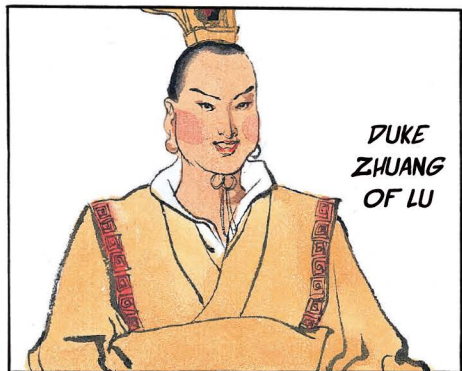
BUT
VICTORY...



HRMPH!
WHAT A
SHRIMP!

NOT MUCH
HONOR IN
BEATING
SOMEONE
LIKE THAT!





DUKE
ZHUANG
OF LU



VERY GOOD,
VERY GOOD!

WHO KNEW
OUR NATION
HAD SUCH
IMPRESSIVE
WARRIORS?



...WILL BE
MINE!



ONE HAND? WHAT
IS THE MEANING
OF THIS?

IS HE
SCARED OF
THE BELL?

?



NEXT!

