

## Temple of the Crimson Flower

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**Scenario Notes:** This scenario experienced great success at Origins 2009 (thanks to Cary, Clarence, Jim, Josh, Matt, Seth and Preeti for a great game!) and is now available in published form. The scenario is designed to mimic the ridiculous logic of fighting games like *Street Fighter*, *Soul Calibur*, *Mortal Kombat*, as well as the *Mortal Kombat* and *Tekken* films made in the mid-90s. It works well as an introduction to the dynamics of Mist-Robed Gate, and includes an optional “factionless” character to keep out of most scenes while helping to frame them. The initial scene is designed to give every character a flashy entrance - the ninjas die in one blow, but allow the characters to showcase their martial skills. Since the very notion of the island is fairly vague, almost any imaginable set can be found there.

**Premise:** The world’s best fighters have been summoned to a mist-shrouded, volcanic Pacific island for a 500-year martial arts tournament. The winner will receive the much coveted Custodianship of the Crimson Flower.

### Gamemaster Character (if applicable)

#### **Khao Din**

**Color:** Crimson

**Weather:** Sudden Showers

**Quirk:** Big Hat

**Loyalties:** Temple of the Crimson Flower, “Live forever by following the rules.”

### Initial Scene

After arriving at the remote volcanic island for the fighting tournament, the twenty fighters are gathered in the main hall of the Temple of the Crimson Flower, where they are invited to a main banquet. Each character is clad in simple brown robes. They are served a simple dinner of rice and mixed greens: a monk’s diet: and are given very little time to mingle when a gong is struck and the white sheet at the top of the main hall is suddenly backlit, revealing Khao Din’s silhouette: an intimidating cloaked figure with a giant straw hat. He speaks in a thunderous voice: “The Temple of the Crimson Flower welcomes you to its 500 year tournament, and hopes you find our humble accommodations pleasing. I am Khao Din, master of ceremonies. You have been assembled not only because each of you has considerable martial prowess, but also that you are all connected to each other in many more ways than I could describe tonight. Suffice to say, you are bound to each other, and must negotiate these bonds over the next three days as you fight each other in locations across the island. There are only three rules: 1) Only a fight between two consenting individuals in view of a third will count toward the tournament. 2) Only the twenty participants in this room may ascend to victory 3) Only when there is a clear winner among you, may you fight me over the Custodianship of the Crimson Flower. Consider tonight a taste of things to come. My

warriors: attack!” The hall floods with crimson ninja, and the characters can feel free to kick the crap out of them.

### The FACTIONS

**H.E.R.O.:** Abbreviation for Humanitarian Emergency Rescue Organization. A secret, international team of elite crime-fighters and heroes.

*Eric Michael Greenrose III*

**Color:** Red/White/Blue

**Weather:** Dazzling Sunlight

**Quirk:** Designer Shades

**Loyalties:** H.E.R.O., “Truth, Justice and the American Way!”

*Gin Seng Ti*

**Color:** Flamboyant Yellow

**Weather:** Volcanic Eruption

**Quirk:** Exceptionally Long Ponytail

**Loyalties:** H.E.R.O., “Life’s an adventure, man.”

*Ichiko Mishima*

**Color:** Polished Silver

**Weather:** Sharp Wind

**Quirk:** Mistress of the Sword

**Loyalties:** H.E.R.O., Protect the underdog

*Remy Boucher*

**Color:** Brick Red

**Weather:** Ray of Sunshine

**Quirk:** Big Book

**Loyalties:** H.E.R.O., “That should be in a museum!”

*Young Su Choi*

**Color:** Gold

**Weather:** Shaking Earth

**Quirk:** Artificial Hand

**Loyalties:** H.E.R.O., Eradicate evil wherever it stands

**Circle of the Nine Hells:** A mysterious criminal society. Arch-enemies of H.E.R.O.

*Toshya Fontenot*

**Color:** Café-au-lait

**Weather:** Bayou Mist

**Quirk:** Blind

**Loyalties:** Circle of the Nine Hells, Find her master's killer

*Nikolai Bulganin*

**Color:** Cream

**Weather:** Bitter Cold

**Quirk:** Henchmen in the Shadows

**Loyalties:** Circle of the Nine Hells, Tilting the odds in his favor.

*Brigitta Schopenhauer*

**Color:** Midnight Black

**Weather:** Darkness

**Quirk:** Riding Crop

**Loyalties:** Circle of the Nine Hells, Restoring world to order

*Elizabeth Blackfriars*

**Color:** Tarnished Brass

**Weather:** Impenetrable Fog

**Quirk:** Rings

**Loyalties:** Circle of the Nine Hells, Concealing her true identity

*Shadrach Wolfe*

**Color:** Khaki

**Weather:** Gunfire

**Quirk:** Monocle

**Loyalties:** Circle of the Nine Hells, Destruction

**Ling Wu Family:** An ancient bloodline of kings, queens and warriors.

*Jin*

**Color:** Deep Blue

**Weather:** Ocean Breeze

**Quirk:** Concealed Weapons

**Loyalties:** Ling Wu Family, "I must win at any price!"

*Mei*

**Color:** Pastel Blue

**Weather:** Light Rain

**Quirk:** Straw Umbrella

**Loyalties:** Ling Wu Family, "I must prove I'm worthy."

*Maggie*

**Color:** Dusty Rose

**Weather:** Dust Cloud

**Quirk:** Combat Fan

**Loyalties:** Ling Wu Family, Self-realization

*Johnny*

**Color:** Faded Gray

**Weather:** Absolute Calm

**Quirk:** Quaking Fist

**Loyalties:** Ling Wu Family, Keeping his cool

*Kitten*

**Color:** Violet

**Weather:** Fireworks

**Quirk:** Explosives Expert

**Loyalties:** Ling Wu Family, Living life to the fullest

*Lady Sunset*

**Color:** Orange

**Weather:** Sunset

**Quirk:** Mask

**Loyalties:** Ling Wu Family, Protect the Ling Wu line

**The Wakefields:** An eccentric family of geniuses and dilettantes plagued by a curse

*Alwin*

**Color:** Sepia

**Weather:** Whirlwind

**Quirk:** Time Traveler

**Loyalties:** Wakefield Family, Correcting the mistakes of the past

*Constance*

**Color:** White

**Weather:** Unnatural Stillness

**Quirk:** Chain Smoker

**Loyalties:** Wakefield Family, The finer things in life

*Simon*

**Color:** Glowing Green

**Weather:** Electricity

**Quirk:** Mad Scientist

**Loyalties:** Wakefield Family, "I will perfect my invention!"

*Lucretia*

**Color:** Charcoal Gray

**Weather:** Overcast

**Quirk:** Her raven Khashtasp

**Loyalties:** Wakefield Family, Escape the family curse

**The Forgotten Four:** Four warrior hermits from the remotest regions of the planet

*Toosivu of the North*

**Color:** Icy Blue

**Weather:** Snowfall

**Quirk:** Ancestral Spirits

**Loyalties:** The Forgotten Four, Restore the balance

*Batu Ishkand of the East*

**Color:** Golden Wheat

**Weather:** Blowing Grass

**Quirk:** Quicker than the Human Eye

**Loyalties:** The Forgotten Four, “No man is my master!”

*Paku of the South*

**Color:** Bronze

**Weather:** Sandstorm

**Quirk:** Boomerang

**Loyalties:** The Forgotten Four, Survival at any cost

*Muyu of the West*

**Color:** Emerald Green

**Weather:** Monsoon

**Quirk:** Albino Boa Constrictor

**Loyalties:** The Forgotten Four, Preserve the Sisterhood