

Issue 1 – Fang Hung leaves to investigate dark practices at the Tai Chi Temple. When he doesn't return, his daughter, Chi, and her nanny, Mu, go after him. Nearing the temple, Chi believes the potent Five-Element boxer, Wang, is attacking monks. She battles him until Mu catches up, explaining that he is the Guardian of the Watchtower and it is the monks who have gone rogue. Defeating them with previously concealed mastery, Mu realises an attack on the temple is underway. Meanwhile, Chi's father fights like a hero out of folklore to stop men wearing the mark of the serpent gaining the temple's hidden knowledge, until he is murdered by the seemingly inhuman Lung.

Issue 2 – Arriving too late, Chi takes her father's body home to be buried, while Mu and Wang travel to the local Magistrate to ask for help. They leave disappointed, unaware that he is one of the five elder members of the 'Serpent Cult', whose magick rituals have left them in a grotesque, hybrid-reptilian state. At her father's grave, Chi prays to the spirit of a white crane to guide her boxing and give her the power to take revenge. She follows it deep into the forest, eventually meeting a teacher, Sun, with strange abilities, claiming to be an immortal from another realm.

Issue 3 – With the temple's knowledge of the true locations of the mountain's vortex points, the cult's 'Majestic Five' begin to complete the rites that connect them to races of serpent-like beings from across time and space, allowing them to change into reptilian form at will. The cult's leader is revealed to be Shakar, whose ingestion of human organs already gives him control of his transformation into a regal, white dragon. Chi, meanwhile, is going through her own transformation: Guided by her teacher's 'alien' methods, she becomes incredibly dangerous – especially to herself.

Issue 4 – Chi's connection to the 'crane spirit' leads her to the tomb of a legendary Taoist monk. There she learns of the cult's plan to raise their 'god' from the Earth at the mountain's Point of Maximum Yang. Only Chi knows that this will cause the crane spirit to descend to battle the serpent, bringing devastation. Reunited with Wang and Mu, Chi is now able to find her enemies, and thanks to the monk's energy-infused robes, can finally control her powers... but not her lust for revenge. They leave, planning to trap the cultists in their transformational burial chambers. But the race is halted at a village raided by bandits – their reptilian leader sent to steal children for use as sacrifices at their rituals. Unleashing the full force of the White Crane, Chi routes the bandits before the leader is rescued from her wrath by Shakar.

Issue 5 – At the vortex point, Chi's desire to fight Lung face-to-face causes her to wait until after their resurrection, endangering them all. Wang and Mu find another way in, barely defeating two of the beasts – a vampiric horned reptilian and a giant, man-eating 'dragon slug'. But Chi gets what she wants, brutalising Lung's cobra-headed powerhouse. Killing the fourth 'Grey alien' reptilian with one slap, Chi believes they have done enough to stop the final ritual, when Shakar appears, eating Mu alive. Disclosing his own alien heritage, Sun then manifests, terrifying Shakar, who escapes with the corpses, revealing that only their blood is needed for the ritual – to be conducted by the Emperor of China himself, the true lineage Master of the cult.

Issue 6 – At the 'Dragon Gate', Chi and Wang wait for Sun who has gone for help. But Shakar slits his own throat and the ceremony begins. Feeling the crane spirit draw near, Chi resolves to make a suicidal attack, when Sun arrives with 100 armed-villagers. But too late – the serpent god bursts from the ground as the crane descends. They battle, with catastrophic consequences, as Chi climbs the collapsing mountain. Leaping onto the crane's back, she whispers in its ear. Grasping the snake god in its talons, it launches them skyward, like a mythical winged serpent, before disappearing in a blinding light. The survivors escape to pass down the truth about the Serpent Cult's heritage, beginning The White Crane Secret Society – the legacy of Fang Chi.