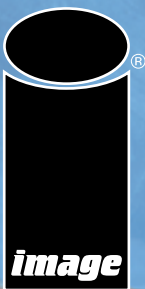


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BUT GUNSLINGER ISN'T WILLING TO **ABANDON** THE CANINE HE'S CRADLING. NOT AFTER WHAT IT DID.



HOW IT **PROTECTED** HIM.



SO, JAVI'S WILLING TO ENDURE THIS PAIN.



THAT SACRIFICE, THOUGH, TRIGGERS THE DOG'S OWN INSTINCT.

YES, IT'S WEAK AND HUNGRY, BUT LIKE THE GUARDS WHO TRIED TO APPREHEND JAVI, THIS HOUND WON'T ALLOW ANY HARM TO COME TO ITS **NEW** MASTER.*

*See the last two issues — Thomas.



THE BARKING
DRAWS THE
ATTENTION OF THE
GREAT BEAST, AS
EACH ANIMAL
PREPARES TO GO
FULL-THROTTLE.



JAVI KNOWS THE
DOG CAN'T WIN.



THE BEAR WILL LITERALLY
TEAR IT APART, NOT
UNDERSTANDING IT'S THE
ACTIONS OF MEN THAT HAS
CAUSED THIS SHOWDOWN.



MEN: THE SPECIES
WHO SEEMS TO POISON
EVERYTHING THEY COME
IN CONTACT WITH.



FOR GUNSLINGER, HE NEEDS TO GET OUT OF HERE... NOW!



THE WEATHER GAVE HIM THE ADVANTAGE OF MAKING HIS ESCAPE, BUT HE NEEDS TO PUT MORE MILES BETWEEN HIM AND THOSE SEARCHING FOR HIM.



AND THEN THERE'S LINDA, THEY'RE SEARCHING FOR HER, TOO.



HE CAN'T LEAVE HER ON HER OWN.



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