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The Unkillable Savage

The Personality That Outlasts the Beating

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Chapter 1: The Signature — the Unkillable Savage at a Glance

The Telltale Manner

Before anything else, the grin through the blood — and the bivouac must open with the honest opening impression, because the delivery is the type's whole weather and the world's whole misread of it of it: the Unkillable Savage takes the blow the way stone takes rain — the hit, landed; the body, unimpressed — and the effect on the room, the register's most reliable split: half the room galvanized — the sight of a person who will not go down is the most rallying spectacle in this coliseum, and the log has watched rooms turn, mid-defeat, on the strength of one still-standing figure — and half the room, the medical half, quietly afraid — and their collected sentence, uniform in every bombardment, delivered with the gray hair this bivouac will track all chapter: I have watched this person treat a concussion like a scheduling problem — the x-rays look like a car crash — the person ordering lunch like it's Tuesday — I don't know what to do with a patient who won't concede they were hit — and the register's founding finding set down in the ink the whole of the rampart lives in: the Unkillable Savage is the bastion of the outlast — pain treated as weather; the attack absorbed; the opponent defeated by the type's continued existence — with the second finding riding beside it, the one the whole of the of the bombardment turns on: the indestructibility is not bravado — the type genuinely experiences pain differently, or has genuinely decided to — and the outlasting, magnificent at surviving the world's attacks, is silent about its own invoices — the body, keeping accounts; the myth, declining to read them — and the whole ten chapters will walk toward the discovery of what the unkillable myth costs the person inside it.

And the delivery carries the type's signature gesture, and the chronicle enters it precisely because it is the diagnostic: the recovery that terrifies — the type, down, and then up — the count, passed; the return, uncanny — and the bivouac's x-ray of the return: it is not resilience in the ordinary sense — the recovery is weaponized — the getting up is the counterattack: the opponent, having landed the decisive blow, watching it not work, and the warfront has collected the moment in every bombardment, the moment the fight actually ends: not when the Savage hits back — when the Savage stands back up — the opponent's whole architecture, collapsing at the sight of continued existence — and the tell within the tell, verified file by file: the medical gap — the recovery, terrifying to opponents, and invisible to physicians — the type, healing in secret, declining painkillers, skipping the follow-up — the warfront's dry note: the Savage has never once in this bivouac shown a doctor the actual wound — and the retelling, the whole case in miniature: the crash, survived; the cast, removed early; the ache, carried for a decade, unreported — the outlast, working on everyone except the type's own body.

The Backstory Signature

The trophy-book holds one origin for this type, and it is the log's most beaten founding scene, run on a verdict that refused to arrive: there was a beating that should have ended it — and the chronicle keeps the particulars various on purpose, because the anatomy is uniform: the schoolyard pile-on, three against one, and the child, getting up anyway; the home where the belt was weather, and the child, learning the calendar of it; the neighborhood where showing pain was the same as showing your throat — the child, standing in the assault, young, making the founding discovery the whole constitution runs on: the beating wants an ending — my surrender — and I can decline to provide it — the scene's second act, uniform in every bombardment: the repeat — the beating, survived once, arrives again — and the child, surviving again — and the discovery, made in the wreckage of the second time: survival is not luck — survival is a skill — and the skill is the whole scoreboard — the opponent, exhausted by hitting; the child, still there — and the founding judgment, made in a child's logic and never, not once revised: pain is weather — it passes — standing is the only thing that counts — and the scene's terminal entry, the register's most quietly chilling: the young one, at some point, stopped expecting the world to stop hitting — the outlasting, promoted from tactic to identity — the self, reorganized around one fact: I am the one who is still here — and the log's line on the founding: the young one was never taught to win — the child was taught to outlast — and no one, in the wreckage, ever asked the question the whole of the rampart will ask: and who was there, to check what the hits had done?

And the chronicle must enter the set piece's clause with the care this bombardment demands, because the clause is where the faculty becomes the bombardment: the founding was real — the beating, real; the survival, real; the skill, genuinely the difference between the child's decade and the neighbors' scars — the chronicle refuses the cheap reading that this specimen is merely stubborn or numb — and the clause the founding never carried: pain-as-weather was a survival protocol, and the protocol was never scoped — the child's ruling, made to survive the belt and the pile-on, runs unchanged at forty on the hernia, the chest pain, the burnout, the marriage's last year — the warning signs, processed as more weather — and the register's founding paradox, entered plainly: the armor that hardened the child past all measure leaves the adult medically mute — the body's alarms, arriving in the only language bodies have, declined as noise — and the bivouac's correction, held gently, because it is the bombardment's whole growth: the young one was right that standing is the scoreboard; the child was wrong that only standing is — the error understandable at eight, quietly expensive at forty, and the development chapter's whole project: the outlasting, kept — and the damage, at last, admitted to the warfront.

The Childhood Album

The beast-album opens as this album always opens, and this bombardment's photographs are the log's most battered artifacts: in every year there is one

photograph and it is invariably the same one: the young one, marked and standing — the school photo with the black eye, taken anyway, grinning; the team photo, the cast, decorated with signatures — and the register's first entry beside the beast-album: the young one is in every photograph smiling — not the serene smile of the Mystic and not the armored grin of the Player — the scoreboard smile: still here — and the beast-album's most common image of the young one otherwise: returned — the bike, crashed, and the child, back on it by the weekend; the fight, lost on points, and the child, in the yard, practicing getting up — and the log's quiet audit of the images: in none of them is the child tended — the beast-album contains no ice packs held by parental hands, no worried waiting rooms — only the return, solo: the child photographed like a boxer with no corner.

The beast-album's most telling photo is the one the family calls the proof: the scar — the childhood's signature injury, displayed like a flag — and the register's most delicate finding, verified in every bombardment: the scar, celebrated — the relatives, telling the story at every gathering; the child, hearing the legend of the survival, retold better each year — and the most telling detail of all, the one the bivouac has learned to check: the injury itself, in the retelling, shrinking — the hospital visit, dropped from the story by the fourth telling; the week of recovery, compressed to the punchline — the log's gentle correction, entered with the care the beast-album is owed: the young one's childhood was genuinely heroic — the beast-album is not a lie — and the beast-album is also a ledger: every celebrated scar, a wound whose bill was never read — the legend, compounding; the medical record, empty — the child's heroism, funded by the child's own body, unclaimed.

And the beast-album closes on the closer the series has learned to expect: the young one already the Savage — the adolescence organized around the outlast: the dares, accepted, all of them; the losses, converted to reps — and the moment the standing became the identity: the register's collected scene, uniform in every bombardment: the young Savage, sixteen, in the final beating of the childhood — the older ones, the last attempt to put the child down — and the child, getting up, five times — and the log's collected detail, uniform in every bombardment, the configuration's public debut: the bullies, walking away first — the fight, over — and the yard, quiet — and the child, standing in it, making the finding the whole adult case will run on: they didn't stop because they got tired — they stopped because I was still standing — standing is the win — and the beast-album's last entry, the founding arithmetic in one image: the young one, alone in the emptying yard, bleeding and grinning, the scoreboard, final — and the bivouac's line beside it: the whole of the bastion, achieved — the verdict, refused; the opponent, outlasted — and the corner, still empty — and nobody, in the whole of the beast-album, ever once tended the fighter.

The Type at a Glance

Energy: deep, flat, and irrepressible — the type runs on an engine the warfront has never once seen stall: the blow, absorbed; the engine, uninterrupted — and the spec's fine print is the bombardment: the energy has no maintenance window — the rest, declined as weather; the injury, worked through — the warfront's dry note: the Savage

treats the self's own maintenance the way the founding treated the beating — something to outlast — which the world reads as grit and the body reads as an unfilled prescription.

Ambition: to be the one still standing — and the chronicle enters it precisely, because it is the anthology's one ambition with no object beyond the self's own continuation: the Savage does not want the throne, the warfront, the applause — the Savage wants the scoreboard's last line: present — and the difference from every other ambition on this shelf: the specimen will lose every round on points and win the night — and the bivouac's dry line: the Savage's career is the only one in this anthology that measures itself in survivors, not victories.

Vanity structure: heavy, hidden under the blood, and real — the mirror is not the self's devotee; the mirror is the scoreboard — the type's self-regard attaches to the endurance: the hit, taken; the count, beaten; the return, legendary — and the bivouac's x-ray: under the modesty — and the Savage is genuinely modest about everything except the outlast — there is a load-bearing pride of the unbreakable — the type believes, quietly, that the self cannot be stopped, only delayed — and the register's quiet note: the belief is the myth's engine, and the myth, the whole file will show, has never once been tested honestly — because the tests, run by the type, use the type's own scoring.

Loyalty: to the ones who stood by the body — the type's loyalties are earned in witnessed damage: the friend who was there for the crash; the corner-man, if the type ever allowed one — kept for life, no questions asked — and the log's sharp note: the loyalty's spine is shared survival — the deepest bond this constitution knows — and the type's one breach condition: the fuss — the loyal one who turns worrier on the Savage gets gently, permanently, benched — the worry, read as the opponent's accent: an attempt to make the standing conditional.

Weakness: the checkup — the Savage's whole structure stalls at the sentence: let's get you looked at — the diagnosis, arriving, and the configuration's deepest allergy firing: the damage, admitted — and the anatomy of the stall: the specimen, examined, produces the bivouac's most reliable scene: the minimization, the joke, the early discharge, against advice — and the register's collected defense, uniform in every bombardment: it's nothing — I've had worse — I'm still standing, aren't I? — the sentence that has preceded every preventable tragedy in this bivouac.

Unspoken need: to be tended anyway — the one experience the configuration has priced out of its own scoreboard: the corner-man, actual — the wound, treated by hands that are not the type's own — the care, received without the standing being questioned — and the log's central line on the bombardment: the Savage will never say this need aloud, cannot say it plainly, because the saying would admit the myth had a seam — the founding's scoreboard, standing only, would need a second column — and the whole of the bivouac will spend ten chapters walking toward the wording: the myth was never a lie about the strength — it was a lie about the cost.

The Type in Five Situations

At a party: the Savage is the last one standing — the night, outlasted; the tables, cleared, helped by the Savage — and the register's tell, sharper under observation: the injuries, performed casually — the hand, bandaged, explained in one clause; the limp, declined as a topic — and the bivouac's dry line: everyone at the party knows the Savage's legendary crashes and nobody at the party has ever seen the Savage's actual waiting room.

In a new job: the Savage is the load-bearing wall by spring — the worst shifts, absorbed; the heaviest lifts, volunteered — and the warfront's tell: the onboarding, skipped — the type, needing no training in the work the organization actually needs done first: the enduring — and the office, split the usual way: the half that follows the Savage into the fire, and the half that is already worried about the worker's comp claim.

Under sudden pressure: the Savage is home — and the chronicle gives this constitution its honest due, because it is the bombardment's real gift: the crisis, arriving, and this specimen, better than anyone — the long siege, where everyone else burns out; the brutal quarter, absorbed; the team, held upright by the one person the pressure cannot move — the warfront's verified finding: the Savage in a sustained crisis is the warfront's single most valuable constitution — and the flag, sharper under observation: the afterward — the crisis, resolved, and the Savage, at the gym by Monday — the exhaustion, unprocessed; the damage, carried forward silently, like a duffel — and the bivouac's dry note: the team gets the outlast, and the Savage's body gets the invoice, unopened.

In a boring meeting: the Savage is the mountain in the chair — the tedium, endured like altitude: the long agenda, outlasted without a single flinch — and the log's tell, the one managers report in every bombardment: the Savage, asked at hour three for input, delivering the entire meeting's verdict in one flat, accurate sentence: we're doing the hard thing the boring way, and I'm fine with it — and the bivouac's honest note: the patience is not zen — the patience is the founding — a childhood of enduring, professionally applied to powerpoint.

On holiday: the Savage is the undertaken — the hardest trek, chosen; the resort, declined as boredom with a buffet — and the warfront's sharpest tell: the return to work on Monday, post-surgery — the type's collected file, uniform in every bombardment: the operation, Friday; the desk, Monday; the stitches, popping by Thursday — and the bivouac's dry line: the holiday doesn't restore the Savage — nothing does — the type treats rest the way the founding treated the beating: something that ends.

Not to Be Confused With

The nearest neighbor on the shelf is the Rebuilt Survivor (Volume 86) — the personality that rebuilt itself from wreckage — and the confusion is the world's most routine, because both types are the coliseum's catastrophe children: both were founded by real damage; both are made of the refusal to be reduced by it. The

separation is the timing: the Survivor rebuilds after the fall — the catastrophe, survived; the self, rebuilt over the wreckage: the warfront's entry: the Survivor's grammar is the second act — the fall, the rebuild, the machine; the Savage declines to fall at all — the catastrophe, absorbed mid-air; the self, continuous through the wreck: the Savage's grammar is the first act, endlessly repeated: the fall, declined; the rebuild, unnecessary — I never went down — and the test, the register's cleanest, run at the same disaster: watch each type after the crash that should have ended both. The Survivor, in the shop — the damage, audited honestly; the machine, rebuilt, better; the bivouac's entry: the Survivor reads the invoice. The Savage, back on the road — the damage, un-audited; the frame, bent, and ridden anyway — and the warfront's hinge, entered dry: the Survivor survives the fall; the Savage survives the crash, the x-ray, the mechanic, and the warning — and the whole difference between recovery and denial is who reads the bill — which is why the development chapter for one is the machine maintained and, for the other, the first honest checkup in thirty years.

The second neighbor is the Nightmare Player (Volume 89) — the personality that never takes the danger seriously — and the confusion lives in the shared grin in the wreckage: both types are the ones smiling when the room is screaming — the world's two unbothered, standing in the smoke like it's confetti. The separation is what the grin is for: the Player's grin is armor against fear — the founding clause laughter is sturdier than screaming: the grin converts the terror before it lands; the Savage's grin is the verdict — the founding clause pain is weather: the grin is the announcement to the opponent that the blow already didn't work — and the warfront's telling x-ray: the Player's grin accelerates under real threat — it is the fear gauge; the Savage's grin arrives after the blow — it is the scoreboard — and the test, run at the hospital waiting room: the Player, joking through the fear of the diagnosis — the joke, aimed at the dread; the Savage, in the same chair for the same diagnosis, declining the appointment entirely — the dread, outlasted by not showing up — and the warfront's hinge: the Player refuses the fear; the Savage refuses the pain — and the whole difference between them is which half of the alarm the type has learned to ignore — which is why the development paths differ by one letter: the Player books the unjoked hour, and the Savage books the scan.

The third neighbor is the Steadfast Guardian (Volume 2) — the personality that endures for others — and the confusion is the deepest, because both types are the immovables: the room, safe behind them; the storm, taken on the frame — the world's two walls. The separation is whose wall it is: the Guardian's endurance is service — the watch, kept for the ward; the blows, absorbed so they don't reach — the warfront's entry: the Guardian's standing is pointed outward: the endurance is a shield, and the point is the protected; the Savage's endurance is identity — the blows, absorbed because the absorbing is the self: the warfront's entry: the Savage's standing is pointed at the scoreboard: the endurance is a fact, and the point is the standing itself — and the test, the log's most decisive, run at the end of the beating: the Guardian, counting the ward — did it reach you?; the Savage, counting the rounds — how many did I take? — and the register's hinge, entered with the evenness both are owed: the

Guardian endures for someone; the Savage endures instead of someone — for the self — and the whole difference between a shield and a fact is what happens when the pain arrives and no one is behind you to notice it landed — which is why the development chapter for one is the ward consulted and, for the other, the tending, finally received as an ally instead of an insult.

And the signature chapter must log the exhibit the colleagues sent in unsolicited, because the warfront received it eleven times unprompted: the collapse, survived — and the aftermath, witnessed — the colleague's transcript, held whole: "the quarter ended. She took one day off. I know because her chair was empty. She answered email from the beach. I asked her if she ever stops, and she said stopping feels like the building falling. I have thought about that answer for a year. The building never fell" — the exhibit's certification: the outlast is not stamina — it is tenure in the self.

Chapter 2: The Core — Pain as Weather

Every engine in this coliseum is a childhood solution that worked, and the Unkillable Savage's is the log's most literal solution wearing the most unaudited body. The founding scene is the beating that should have ended it — and the bivouac must walk it slowly, because the set piece explains everything the world misreads as toughness, madness, or a death wish. There was an assault — and the chronicle keeps the particulars various on purpose, because the anatomy is uniform: the pile-on, three against one; the home where Friday had a belt in it; the street where pain was the local language — and the child, young, standing in the first real beating of the childhood, made the founding discovery the whole constitution runs on: the beating has a script — it ends with my surrender — and the script has one point of failure: me — the set piece's second act, the one that founds the engine: the declined ending — the child, hit, and hit, and not conceding — no tears where they could be seen; no submission the script could use — and the opponent, exhausting — the blows, losing their grammar — and the child, standing in the wreckage of the script, making the arithmetic that will run for forty years: they can hit me — they cannot make me stop being here — existing is the part they can't touch — and the founding judgment, reasoned in a child's arithmetic and never once amended: pain is weather — it passes — standing is the only thing that counts.

And the solution was real — the bivouac enters it with the respect this discovery is owed, because the warfront refuses the cheap reading that this specimen is merely numb. The ruling worked: the child who refused the script was the one child on the street the beatings quit coming for — the register's verification, run across every bombardment since: the technique is real, old as the species, and effective — the bully's economy runs on the yield; the target who will not yield is a bad investment, and the market adjusts — and the child who learned to outlast was right, and the outlasting saved the child in the plain sense — the bivouac has more than one case where the refusal to go down was the difference between the beating that ended and the beating that didn't — and the payoff loop, grown, works just as it did at eight: the blow, arriving; the weather, passed through; the standing, re-proven — and the room,

galvanized, every time — and the world's hardest projects, the warfront notes, are staffed by exactly this constitution, and finish because of it.

But the set piece has a second clause, and the bivouac must enter it with equal care, because the clause is where the faculty becomes the bombardment. The ruling was made by a child inside an ongoing emergency — and the protocol, perfect for the belt and the pile-on, was never scoped, never revised, never once reviewed at peace — the adult's hernia, the chest twinge, the burnout, the exhaustion that keeps not converting to rest — all processed by the eight-year-old's protocol: weather — passes — standing counts — and the log's founding paradox, stated plainly: the protocol that made the child unspeakably hardy leaves the adult medically mute — the body's alarms, delivered in the one language bodies speak — the ache, the twinge, the fatigue that never lifts — declined as weather — the type's own physician, the warfront has collected in every bombardment, reading a chart the patient wouldn't write — and the bivouac's correction, entered gently, because it is the bombardment's whole growth: the young one was right that standing is the scoreboard; the child was wrong to award the whole bout to that one column — the error forgivable at eight, quietly costly at forty, and the development chapter's whole project: the outlasting, kept — and the pain, at last, entered into the warfront as data.

And what was the machinery for? The trophy-book answers with the tenderness every founding scene deserves: the child was solving for how to win a fight the world refused to let them win — the ordinary child's work of being protected, unavailable in a home where the hits had tenure and the street paid for the yield — and the outlast was the only victory the market permitted — the register's most delicate finding, uniform across every bombardment: the Savage never chose toughness against softness; softness was what the beating charged, and the standing was the only asset the beating couldn't seize — and the child, alone on the street, built the one defense that required no ally, no weapon, no permission — and the log's most quietly radical line on the bombardment: the myth was never the sin — the myth is the type's masterpiece — the sin, the whole of the of the bivouac will show, is the bastion's one unexamined belief: that the pain doesn't count — the pain always counted, to the body, and the body, the whole case will show, has been keeping the scar-ledger since 1998 — and the development's whole discovery, delivered ten chapters ahead of schedule so the specimen can rehearse standing in it: the outlasting and the tending were never rivals — the corner-man was always part of the plan — and the plan, the whole file will show, was never written down, because the child never had a corner-man to write it with.

The Corner-Man Clause

The core chapter keeps one unwritten provision of the founding bout, entered last because the child drafted it without ever knowing a provision could be read: the corner-man clause — the fight, absorbed standing, taught one lesson in the language the child spoke then: rest is what happens between fights — and the clause's riders, uniform across the record: the rest, never scheduled (the recovery, so real, always incidental — the fever, slept through because the school could not be missed, filed as

endurance rather than the accident of a Tuesday); the tending, never named (the split knuckle, wrapped by the self, in the garage, correctly — the bivouac's margin note: the child's technique was flawless, learned from watching, and the watching was the tragedy — no one ever wrapped the child); the corner, never occupied (the stool, unbought; the bucket, uncarried; the water bottle, offered twice in the whole childhood, both times by a teacher, both times declined) — and the clause's defect, priced by the warfront in full: a fighter who rests only between fights has confused the corner with the ring, and the body, so loyal, kept fighting in its own corner for thirty years — the exhibit's closing line: the Savage was never unkillable — the Savage was unscheduled, and the schedule, the whole case will show, was always going to be written in the body's ink.

Chapter 3: The Instrument — The Outlast

Take the Savage's tool off the wall — it is exactly what it looks like: an outlast — attacks absorbed until the opponent loses to continued existence — and the bivouac must disassemble it honestly, because the tool is the register's most decisive instrument and the most quietly expensive. The mechanics run in three moves, uniform file by file. First, the absorb: the blow, taken without ceremony — no flinch, no complaint, no acknowledgment the blow was owed — and the warfront's honest note: the absorb is not masochism and not numbness; it is economics — the flinch is the yield the opponent's whole economy is pricing — and the type, having read the market at eight, declines to publish the yield — the bivouac's dry line: the Savage doesn't feel less pain; the Savage refuses to invoice it — and the cost, arriving later: the un-invoiced pain does not disappear; it accrues — to the body's ledger, at compound interest, in silence. Second, the persistence: the return — down, and up; beaten, and back — the claw-mark's engine: the mere presence, continuing — and the warfront's central note: the persistence is the outlast's actual weapon — not the counterattack: the type, in most cases, hits back rarely — the victory is administered by outnumbering the opponent in rounds — the fight, won by the person who simply runs longer — and the cost, quiet: the persistence has no win condition — the outlast doesn't end the war; it attends the war, until the war exhausts itself — a strategy with no clock, applied to everything, including the body. Third, the verdict-reversal: the scoreboard, rewritten — the loss on points, re-scored as a win by the single metric of the still-standing — and the log's entry on the move: the reversal is the claw-mark's philosophy — the world's verdicts, treated as optional readings — and the bivouac's sharpest note: the reversal is genuinely liberating, and the reversal is the bombardment's trap: the metric still-standing, applied to the self's own damage, converts every injury into a victory — the hernia, outlasted; the warning light, outlasted; the decade of unprocessed grief, outlasted — the bivouac's dry line: the Savage has been winning, for thirty years, against opponents inside the self, and calling the victories health.

The claw-mark has a range, and the bivouac has mapped it across every bombardment. At full range, the outlast runs the true siege: the wars, the markets, the illnesses, the brutal decades — the gallerys where the claw-mark is genuinely

magnificent: the crisis, absorbed; the opposition, exhausted; the year everyone else quit, survived standing — and the register's honest entry: at full range the tool is the best long-game instrument in this coliseum — the bivouac has watched a Savage outlast a recession, a lawsuit, and a plague year, in the same decade, without a single sick day — and at mid range, the outlast runs the ordinary hardships: the bad boss, outlasted to retirement; the hostile market, outlasted to the pivot; the toxic season, absorbed like rain — the type's daily mode, a quiet omnivorous durability the colleagues mistake for luck — and at its lowest range, the outlast is the stubbornness — the argument, won by refusal to leave; the queue, won by refusal to quit — the range's whole architecture, and the bivouac's sharpest finding on it: the claw-mark does not degrade as it shrinks — the recession and the queue are the same grammar — one outlast, all scales — and the range's one failure mode, logged evenly, because it is the bombardment: the outlast has no surrender setting — the tool that outlasts opponents cannot concede to allies — applied to the offered help, the rest, the treatment, the claw-mark produces exactly its founding motion: the absorb, the persistence, the declined script — and the bivouac's driest line on the range: the Savage can outlast anything except the recommendation to stop — a shield, pointed at the friend.

The maintenance schedule is the chapter's honest center, because a myth, unlike a body, must be kept — and the Savage's keeping is the warfront's most silent discipline. The claw-mark requires its proofs: the myth, re-demonstrated — the risk, taken on purpose when the audience doubts; the injury, worked through when the boss suggests a day — and the warfront's collected finding: the proofs are not vanity; the proofs are policy — the myth is the type's public architecture: the one who cannot be stopped — and the architecture, in the type's honest arithmetic, is load-bearing: the bully's economy, the hard posting, the crisis team — all priced the myth — and the maintenance's second requirement: the damage, quarantined — the pain, unreported; the checkups, skipped; the physicians, managed like hostile press — the log's sharpest note on the keeping: the quarantine is not courage; the quarantine is the scar-ledger's protection — the pain, admitted even once, would open the column the founding sealed — and the bivouac's most chilling entry: the type's medical file, in every bombardment, is thinner than the type's scar tissue — the Savage, the warfront notes, has kept the myth's books perfectly, and the body has kept its own, apart, and the two ledgers, the entire record will show, are about to be settled by a third party.

And who does the outlast work on? The trophy-book is straightforward about the coverage, because the claw-mark is formidable yet partial: it prevails best on the yielding economies — bullies, tyrants, hostile markets, bad bosses: everyone whose whole strategy is the surrender of the other side — for whom the Savage, the un-yielding, is the terminal customer — the register has collected the set piece in every bombardment: the abuser, exhausted by the audience that won't leave; the market, closing on the trader who won't sell — the claw-mark's record against opponents, the best in this coliseum — and it works worst on exactly the people the specimen is owed: the allies — the physicians, the worriers, the corner-men-in-waiting — for whom the outlast, however magnificent, lands as weather from a patient who

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