

Hawk Davidson

The Guru



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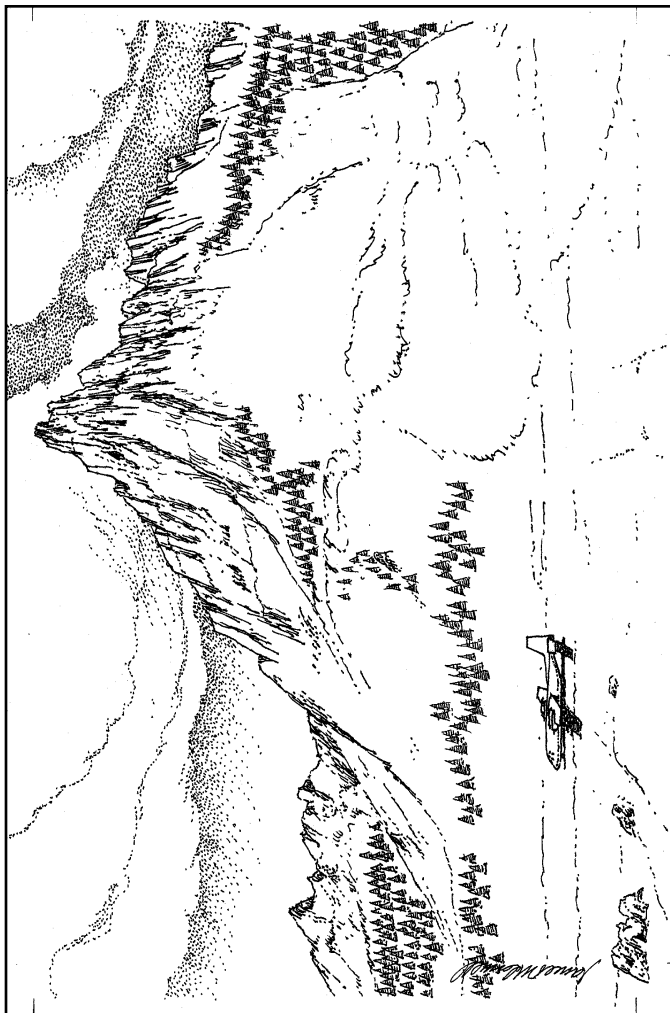
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The Guru's Mountain

CHAPTER 1

The Hour of the Wolf

Hawk Davidson was standing on the top of a tall mountain. It was very bright, but Hawk felt cold. A shadowy figure stood next to him.

"Who are you?" asked Hawk.

"It doesn't matter who I am, Hawk. It's not about me. It's not about your gear. It's about you. You're going to have to trust yourself."

Hawk looked down. He was thousands of feet high. He could not see the bottom of the mountain.

"Trust yourself, Hawk," the figure said.

Hawk released himself from his harness.

He fell 10 feet, 20 feet, 30 feet, 50 feet,
100 feet...

Hawk woke to the sound of his cell phone. He rolled over in his bed and looked at the clock. It was 3:24 a.m. Ever since Hawk had been working for ACME Extreme Sports, he never turned his cell phone off. He reached over in the dark and flipped open the phone.

"Hello," said Hawk.

"Hawk, is that you?"

"Yeah....what is it?" Hawk replied as he was trying to wake up.

"This is Mick. I'm at the ACME building.
You need to come here now."

"Uh...ACME...," Hawk was still waking
up.

"Hawk, pay attention," Mick said, "the
Bosses want to talk to you."

"Yeah, OK...ACME...Bosses..." Hawk
muttered.

"Hawk, listen. The Bosses are expecting
you in 30 minutes. Be there."

"All right, all right, I'll be there," Hawk
said as he ended the call.

CHAPTER 2

Meeting with the Bosses

Hawk Davidson was very good at a lot of different sports. In fact, he was one of the top extreme athletes world-wide. Hawk also worked for ACME Extreme Sports. He tested sports gear for them.

The ACME building was only a few miles from Hawk's house. He drove his motor cycle into the parking lot. It was 3:54 a.m.

Hawk went into the ACME boardroom. The room was large and dark. In it was a huge

long table and a giant TV screen on the wall. The Bosses sat on the left and right sides of the table.

Hawk could see Mick sitting with them. Mick was ACME's mechanic. Mick also flew helicopters and planes for ACME. He was also a good friend. Hawk wondered why he was sitting with the Bosses.

"Sit down, Hawk," said Boss 4. "I'd like to thank you for coming at such an odd hour."

"No problem, just as long as you are paying me double," Hawk snapped.

"We have a good reason for getting you here, Hawk," said Boss 2.

"Maybe someone is going to tell me what it is," Hawk replied.

"For years we have heard about a person living at the top of a mountain in Antarctica," Boss 2 said. "He is a master athlete. In fact, he's so good that people call him the Guru. We think that RIVAL is trying to find him."

"What's that got to do with me?" Hawk asked.

Boss 5 then spoke, "We think the Guru has invented something, possibly a new snowboard. We think that RIVAL wants to steal the snowboard and make copies so they can sell it."

"How do you know this?" Hawk asked.

"RIVAL may be bigger than us, but we have our own spies," Boss 6 said.

"If RIVAL gets this snowboard, every

snowboarder will want one. It could ruin us, Hawk," Boss 4 added.

"We want to get our hands on it first," said Boss 5.

"Why me?" Hawk asked.

"You have had a lot of experience with RIVAL. And you can think fast. You may need all your skills for this one," said Boss 7.

"And what if I find this Guru before RIVAL?" Hawk asked.

"You mean *we* find the Guru," Mick finally spoke. "I'm going with you, Hawk."

"Well, that makes me feel better – I think," Hawk said.