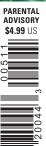
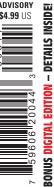


Maria, no matter what happens, promise me you'll keep moving until you're out of sight of this place. And you won't look back.

22





AFTER RETIRED MARINE FRANK CASTLE'S WIFE AND CHILDREN WERE KILLED BY STRAY **GUNFIRE DURING A SHOOT-OUT IN CENTRAL PARK, HE BEGAN A ONE-MAN VIGILANTE WAR** ON CRIME. ARMED WITH A VAST ARSENAL AND GRIM DETERMINATION, HE BECAME THE...

THE CULT OF ASSASSINS KNOWN AS THE HAND MADE FRANK CASTLE AN OFFER HE COULDN'T REFUSE: BECOME THEIR HIGH SLAYER IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF HIS LONG-DEAD WIFE, MARIA. FRANK IS JUST ONE IN A LONG LINE OF FABLED FISTS OF THE BEAST, THE HAND HAVING OBSERVED HIM SINCE HIS CHILDHOOD. FRANK NOW RESIDES IN THE HAND'S FORTRESS IN JAPAN ALONG WITH AN UNSTABLE MARIA, WHOSE MEMORY OF HER TRAGIC PAST REMAINS SHROUDED. FRANK HAS ALSO BEEN MANIFESTING SUPERNATURAL POWERS DUE TO HIS GROWING CONNECTION TO THE DEMONIC BEAST.

FRANK HAS BEEN USING HIS NEW RESOURCES TO COMBAT THE WORLD'S EVILDOERS, INCLUDING A CULT OF WARMONGERS LED BY THE GOD ARES, WHO IS ANGERED BY THE HAND'S INFLUENCE OVER FRANK. WHEN A GROUP OF NINJA ESCAPED DEATH AT THE HANDS OF ARES, THE HAND'S PRIESTESS SLAUGHTERED THEIR FAMILIES IN FRONT OF THEM FOR THEIR PERCEIVED WEAKNESS. HORRIFIED BY THIS TURN OF EVENTS, FRANK IS NOW SEEKING TO ESCAPE THE HAND ALONGSIDE MARIA.

THE KING OF KILLERS

Book ONE, Chapter FIVE

"GOD BLESS THE BEAST"

🛵 JASON AARON, JESÚS SAIZ & PAUL AZACETA color artist DAVE STEWART letterer VC's CORY PETIT

JESÚS SAIZ cover artist

production design assistant editor associate editor NICK RUSSELL MARTIN BIRO ANNALISE BISSA

editor editor in chief TOM BREVOORT C.B. CEBULSKI













