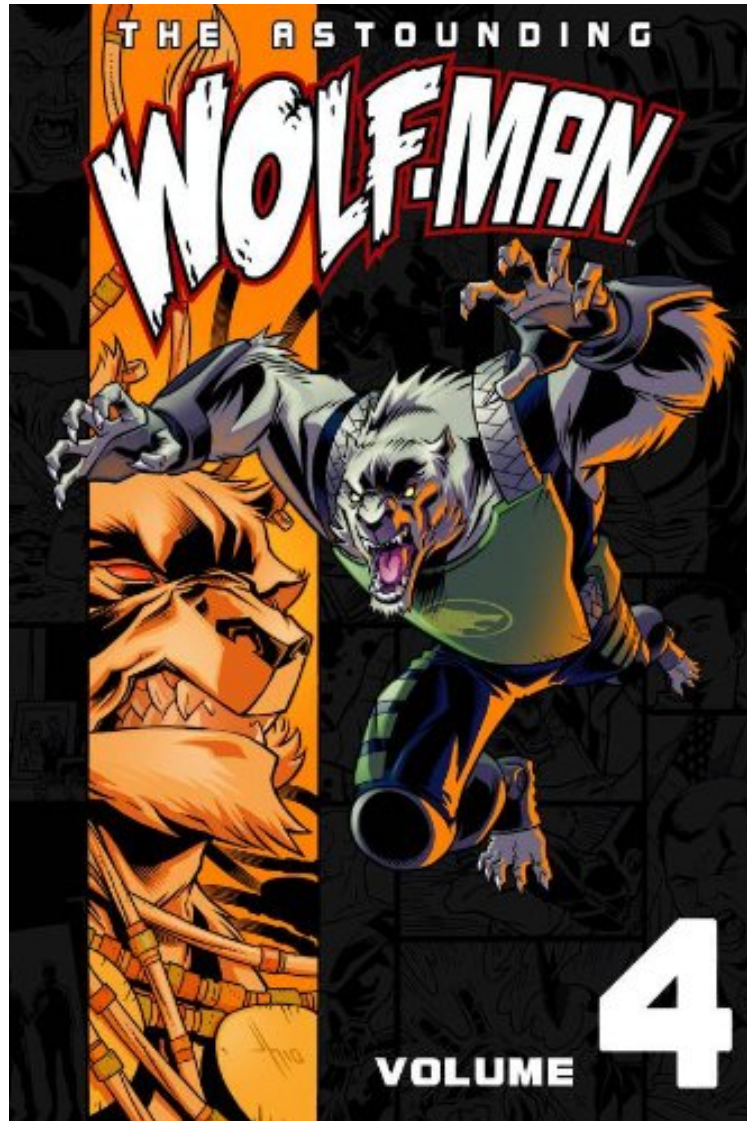


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Robert Kirkman : Astounding Wolf-Man Volume 4 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Astounding Wolf-Man Volume 4:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. 'twas a super dinosaur - not a silver bullet - that doomed the Wolf-Man By H. Bala If you're framed for murder... and forced to go on the run... If you're reviled by the public, regarded as a homicidal no-goodnik... All you have to do to regain the favor of the masses is save their judgmental hides from a monster attack. THE ASTOUNDING WOLF-MAN Vol. 4 collects issue #19-25 and puts the kibosh on Gary

Hampton's starring in his own ongoing series. He can bloody thank the fact that co-creators Robert Kirkman and Jason Howard have young children and so feel the need to produce work that is kid-accessible. Look for their joint effort SUPER DINOSAUR sometime in April 2011. For now, though, let's finish putting that last nail in the Wolf-Man's coffin. The quick backstory: Billionaire CEO and family man Gary Hampton got bit by a werewolf and so took on the curse. But instead of terrorizing the landscape or whatnot, Gary donned a costume and became the superhero lycanthrope known as the Astounding Wolf-Man, with the vampire Zechariah as his mentor. Except that Zechariah was nursing dark plans of his own which included the vicious murder of the Wolf-Man's wife. Gary is blamed for this crime and is forced to flee, with his teenaged daughter Chloe spitting bile and vowing vengeance on her father. For the longest time now, Gary Hampton has been on the run. These final seven issues present closure for several long-dangling plot threads. Kirkman resolves the Wolf-Man's fugitive status and his death feud with Zechariah, and we learn just what in heck the mighty, mighty Elder Brood werewolf has in store for our Wolf-man. Oh, there's a reason he bit him in the first place. Meanwhile, Kirkman continues to guest star other characters from his Invincible universe, and this really helps to cement the Wolf-Man in that continuity, makes him more relevant, really. My favorite supporting characters are Mecha-Maid (and her holographic daughter) and Gary's daughter, Chloe. Now that she's mended fences with her dad, the now vampired-up Chloe insists on accompanying her dad on city night patrols. Dad, by the way, is back in the public's good graces, having just saved Manhattan from the menacing leviathan known as... Gorgg. Yes, the three "g"s in Gorgg make it extra scary. One more "g" and probably even Stephen King would've dropped a load in his skivvies. What is the ominous Gathering? Can Mecha-Maid's teammates, the now bloodsucking Actioneers, be reverted to humans? And to what depths of duplicity will Mecha-Maid stoop to achieve this? Who is that mysterious Gray Wolf working for the Global Defense Agency? Will Gary Hampton survive to the end of his own comic book? How many throats will get torn out in these seven non-kid-accessible issues? (hint: more than one throat) It's not as elegant a concept as THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN, but Kirkman and Howard's THE ASTOUNDING WOLF-MAN still boasts a classic horror monster doing his bit for justice, and that's still a neat swerve. I've loved most every moment of it. Robert Kirkman is one of my favorite comic book scribes and, except for HAUNT, has never disappointed me. I like that he doesn't shy away from shocking the audience. I also like the unexpected beats he takes for his characters. One example is the Face's reaction as he's dug up, his epic schemes all dashed to bits. Jason Howard's art has evolved and improved from his days when he had a day job and had to draw this comic book in his spare time (it helped that ASTOUNDING WOLF-MAN began on a bi-monthly schedule). But he draws some of the most badass werewolves around. The final page of issue #25 is awesome and leaves a definite opening should Kirkman ever decide to revisit this cast of characters. Anyway, with this series ending, it looks like Mecha-Maid will be making her way into the INVINCIBLE title. And that is cool. One nitpick: So what the hell was the point of Damien Darkblood, demon detective? This trade also features an 18-paged sketchbook with comments from Robert Kirkman and Jason Howard. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The End? By Claude Kane IIIA pretty cool ending with some of the best artwork in the entire series best fights/gore as well. Recommended to all Wolf-Man fans! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By shaw22 got on time and our loves it

The final storyline of Astounding Wolf-Man begins here as Gary Hampton, The Astounding Wolf-Man, learns the secrets behind his origins and the dark future it hints to for him, his family, and those who wish to destroy him. The Walking Dead and Invincible writer Robert Kirkman combines his beloved mastery of superheroes and horror into one gut-wrenching adventure.