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Preston

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Maryhis wife. 25.

Jed40. Trader.

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(USUAL OPENING)

Annex;

IT IS DURING THIS

~~Adventure~~ adventure that ~~to~~ Sergeant
Preston found his great dog, Yukon King! It
began in the days when Preston was a Constable.
He was in Whitehorse, calling on a friend who
operated a kennel.

ADLIB BG. DOGS IN KENNEL.

Dave: Hello, Preston. Glad to see you.

Preston; I came to you, Dave, because I want a good dog.

Dave; Another dog? You have a good team, Preston.

Preston; Yes, but I want more than a sled dog. I want
a lead. I'd like one that will work as a free
lead - be a boss of the team.

Dave; Um.

Preston; I hope to find one that will be a partner -
and a pal.

Dave; Preston, Come into the other room with me.

ADLIB STEPS AND DOOR AS

I have a pup that should be the answer to
everything you could possibly want in a dog.
He's young. He just got his eyes open. But
he's a beauty.

DOOR OPEN AND CLOSE.

WHINING PUPPIES IN BG.

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Preston; What breed is he, Dave?

Dave; His Mother is Kala. You remember her. She's the big husky I bought from Jim Tolan. She's one of the finest dogs I ever had. His father is Silver Boy. I don't have to tell you about him.

Preston; Champion lead dog in the North Country.

Dave; ~~This way~~ *Yes.*

A FEW STEPS AS

PUPPIES NEARER. DOG BARKS.

Dave; Quiet, Kala. There are the pups.

Preston; Seven of them. You don't have to point out the prize, Dave. Look at that fellow. He's half again as big as the others. *may I pick him up*

Dave; ~~Pick him up?~~ *Sure, go ahead*

DOG GROWLS

Preston; Quiet, Kala. Don't be frightened. I'll not hurt your son.

PUP WHIMPERING.

Dave; What do you think of him?

Preston; Strong little fellow - fine bone structure -

Dave; Notice the marking.

Preston; He's beautifully marked. A well shaped head - good eyes -

PUP TRIES TO GROWL

Dave; (LAUGH) Growling at you -

Preston; *You've* Plenty of spirit, *haven't you,* young fellow.

Dave; ~~What do you think?~~ *How do you like him?*

Preston; Dave, this is the finest pup *I've ever seen.* ~~I ever saw.~~

He'll be a greater dog than his father, Silver Boy. Name your price.

Dave; He's yours, Preston. I'm glad you like him.

Preston; But, Dave -

Dave; Ever since you saved my life two years ago, I've been wondering what I could do to - well, I could never repay you, but I do want to show my appreciation. Please consider that pup a gift.

Preston; Well - thanks, Dave. Thanks!

Dave; He'll have to stay here with his mother for a few weeks.

~~Preston;~~ ~~I was about to suggest that, Dave, because I'll be in and out of Dawson I'm going north. I'll be in Dawson for a couple of months and unable to spend any time with him.~~
FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND UNABLE TO SPEND ANY TIME WITH HIM.

Dave; ~~A couple of months,~~ eh? Well in about five weeks, I'm going to Selkirk. If you can meet me there, I'll take the pup with me.

Preston; Good! Send me a telegram at Dawson headquarters when you leave here. I'll meet you in Selkirk.

Dave: Good.

Preston; I'll see you, too, young fellow.

PUPPY WHIMPERS. FADE

BREAK

Annrcr; A few weeks later Preston received Dave's message and went to Selkirk to meet his friend and receive his dog. He waited for two days, but Dave did not arrive. On the third day he was standing in front of the trading post, talking to Jed Ames, the trader, when a ^{several} ~~string of~~ dogs, ^{hitched to a} ~~appeared~~ ^{tugline appeared} at the end of the street - ^{just as at that w}

Annrcr; ~~SNEAK IN DOGS APPROACHING.~~ Jed watched them for a moment, then said

Jed; Preston, that looks like a string of sled dogs.

Preston; But no sled !

Jed; Big dogs - and they're in harness -

Preston; I'll stop them. (ADLIB WHOAS AS-)

DOGS COME IN AND STOP AS -

Annrcr; ^{and} When the dogs came close, Preston grasped the harness of the leader. The team seemed glad to stop.

DOGS ADLIB IN BG AS-

Preston; There now, quiet down, boys. Steady.

Jed; Look at the towline, Preston. It's broken.

Preston; Jed! I thought these dogs looked familiar!

Jed; Do you know the owner?

Preston; Yes. He's a friend of mine named Dave Bates. He operates a kennel in Whitehorse.

Jed; Maybe that's where he was coming from.

Preston; He was. We planned to meet here in Selkirk.

Jed; He must be stranded with his sled somewhere along the trail.

Preston; I'll follow the backtrail of this team and look for him.

Jed; You'll need dogs to move his sled.

Preston; I'll take my own team and sled. These fellows are tired.

Jed; Can your team pull your friend's sled as well as your own?

Preston; Yes. My sled will carry no load.

Jed; I'll go with you!

Preston; Fine!

Jed; Maybe I can help.

Preston; You might start helping right now. Take care of these dogs while I'm lining up my team.

Jed; Right! I'll stake 'em out behind the trading post.

Preston I'll meet you right here in a few minutes.

Jed: (FADES) I'll be waiting.

BREAK

FADE IN DOGTEAM

Annrcr;

up
Jed rode ~~to~~^{ON} the sled and Preston guided his team for several miles, following the clearly defined backtrail of Dave's team. ~~Then~~^{WHEN} the trail ran along a ledge that slanted downward on the side of a cliff, Preston had to use the brake to hold back the sled so it would not over run the dogs.

BRAKE SCRAPING.

Preston; Steady there - steady boys - watch it Oolak - Easy, Che-ko....

Annrcr;

up
There was a sheer drop on one side and a towering cliff on the other. | Then, suddenly, the Mountie called -

Preston; (ADLIB WHOAS)

Annrcr;

up
He stepped hard on the brake and halted the sled.

SLED AND DOGS STOP.

Jed; (SLIGHTLY BACK) Sled tracks ahead, Preston.²

Preston;

Yes. This is where it happened. () Be careful when you step out of that sled. If you slip you'll drop a long way.

Jed;

(EFFORT) I'll watch my step. (COMING IN) Look - down there.

Preston; A sled - and Dave.

Jed; How do you suppose it happened?

Preston; He was coming up this ledge - his sled must have been heavy - and his towline must have had a weak spot -

Jed; Um. And when the line snapped, the sled went backward - and over the edge - Think there's any chance that your friend is alive?

Preston; I'm going to hope and pray on our way down there. () Want to get back ^{ON}~~IN~~ the sled?

Jed; Let the team take 'er down empty. I'll follow you.

Preston; All right. (SHOUT) On you huskies - easy -

DOGS AND SLED MOVE. FADE OUT

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Anncr; When Preston finally reached the body, he found that his friend, Dave Bates, had been dead for some time. / Jed helped wrap the body in a blanket and place it on the Mountie's sled.

Jed; What about his gear?

Oreston; We'll take it ^{ON}~~IN~~ my sled. Leave his sled where it is for the time being.

Jed; Preston, I - I'm sorry, about your friend.

Preston; It hurts to lose a friend like Dave. I- I'm glad you're with me, Jed.

Jed; I understand.

Jed; I'll start unloading his sled. Good thing his gear was tied or it would've been scattered. I - (BREAK) Preston!

Preston; Yes, Jed?

Jed; Look here. ~~The~~ some small tracks leading away from the sled. ^{THEY} ~~The~~ look like puppy tracks.

Preston; The puppy! I'd forgotten about him!

Jed; What puppy?

Preston; One Dave gave me. He was bringing it to me.

Jed; Looks like he survived the fall -

Preston; Probably wrapped in blankets - he's very young, he can't have traveled far.

Jed; He headed for the shelter of the cliff - *come on*

wo
Anncr; Jed and Preston followed the small tracks for only fifty yards before they found another set of tracks - big ones!

Preston; A wolf!

Jed; (MURMUR) Poor little pup -

Preston; Oh, Jed -

Jed; There's no sign of a struggle.

Preston; Struggle? What struggle could there be - a tiny pup against a full grown wolf!

Jed; The- the pups tracks stop here -

Preston; That lobo picked up the pup and carried him away, I'm going to follow the trail.

Jed; Will it be all right to leave the dogs and sled?

Preston; Yes. The dogs will stand guard.

Jed; Um ~~Well,~~ have you any idea how far you might go before you find the wolf?

Preston; No. ~~Not~~ -

Jed; It might take days. In fact, you might never catch up to it.

Preston; On the other hand, Jed, the wolf might live nearby.

Jed; It's possible.

Preston; I want to get that beast!

Jed; All right. I'll stick with you.

STEPS SUSTAIN AS

Annex;

stop
~~The two men followed the wolf tracks for about half an hour. Then they came to a~~ *after following the wolf track for*
~~flat rock where the wind had blown~~ *about half an hour. The two men reached a*
~~place where the wind had blown away much~~ *flat rock where the wind had blown*

of the snow that covered a flat rock, leaving only a thin film. Here, where the **TRACKS** ~~tracks~~ were shallow, Preston made a discovery.

STEPS HALT.

Preston: Jed, this wolf has only three toes on the left front paw.

Jed: Sure enough. What d'you suppose happened to it?

Preston: Might've been caught in a trap and lost a toe-

Jed: Um.

Preston: But it'll lose more than a toe, when I find it.

Jed; How much longer do you plan to search?

Preston; We can't spend any more time ^{HERE} today. ~~We've~~ WE'LL ~~HAVE~~ ~~get~~ to get back to the sled.

Jed; I wasn't going to say anything, ^{yes} but I've been thinking about the uphill trip along that narrow ledge. It's dangerous in daylight, ^{but} It'll be three times as dangerous after dark.

Preston; That's right.

Jed; And your sled will carry a heavy load.

Preston; We'll start back right away. ^{But} Jed, I'm coming back here! I'll find that threetoed wolf! I'll make it pay for killing the finest little puppy I ever saw!

Jed; I don't blame you for feeling bitter, Preston. It's been a bad day.

BREAK

Annrc;

The following morning Jed stood behind ~~the~~ ^{the} counter in his trading post when ~~PRESTON~~ ^{PRESTON} entered.

DOOR OPEN.

Jed; Howdy, Preston.

DOOR CLOSE AS

Preston; Hello, Jed.

Jed; You're dressed for the trail. Going to hunt for the three-toed wolf?

Preston; *Yes I am - but not right away. I'm going*
Yes, ~~yes~~, but not as soon as I expected.
First I've got to go to Whitehorse.

Jed; Oh.

Preston; Last night I sent a telegram to Dave's wife, I - I told her about Dave.

Jed; Must've been a blow to her.

Preston; I'm sure it was. She replied, asking me if I'd help settle Dave's affairs. So I'm going there - and taking the body with me.

Jed; Any idea when you'll be back?

Preston; No. But it will be as soon as possible! I'm going to find that wolf if it's the last thing I do!

BREAK

KENNEL BG

Annex; In Whitehorse, several days after the burial of his friend, Preston went to the kennels and found Dave Bates' widow carefully brushing the soft fur of a puppy..

ADLIB PUP

Preston; Hello, Mary.

Mary; Oh, Bill. I'm glad you came - I left word at your office -

Preston; Yes. ^{JACK} ~~Baker~~ told me you wanted to see me. How are you, Mary?

Mary; I- I'm all right.

Preston; Keeping your chin up?

Mary; ^{I'm trying to,} ~~Yes. I- I know that Dave wouldn't want me to - to show weakness.~~

Preston; Good for you.

Mary; I find that if I - I keep busy - I don't have so much time to - to think. () Bill, I wanted you to drop in, because I want your opinion of this puppy.

Preston; Looks good to me. He should grow into a first rate dog.

Mary; I picked him out especially - both of his parents are fine, strong dogs. Do you like ^{him?} ~~the little fellow?~~

Preston; I like all dogs.

Mary; Don't you think this little fellow is particularly good?

Preston; Yes. Yes, I do Mary. () Hello there, youngster.

PUPPY NOISES

Mary; I hoped you'd like him. He's ^{yours} ~~for you.~~

Preston; But, Mary -

Mary; Please take him.

Preston; You can't run the kennel successfully by giving away your best puppies.

Mary; Bill, Dave gave you a puppy.

Preston; Yes, but-

Mary; He told me, before he left for Selkirk, how pleased you were with the puppy. I - I want you to have this one - to take his place.

Preston; Mary, there'll never be another pup like ~~the~~ ^{like} ~~one~~ - the one that was lost.

Mary; But if you need a good lead dog -

Preston; Not now, Mary. Thanks. I'm not going to have ~~the~~ ^{raise} time to ~~care for~~ a young puppy. I have a ~~hunting~~ job to do.

Mary;

Oh.

Preston;

The trail is no place for a puppy, and I'm going on the trail as soon as I receive word from the Inspector in Dawson. I've requested a leave of absence.

Mary;

Then you're not going out on police business?

Preston;

No. It's a personal matter. I'm going to look for a killer.

Mary;

~~Oh~~ a killer!

Preston;

A four-legged killer, who is minus a toe on one paw!

Mary;

I understand. You mean - ^{the} ~~that~~ wolf ^{that found}
^{your puppy,}

Preston;

Yes. I'm ~~carrying a bullet for that animal.~~

Mary;

~~Bill, I know how you feel,~~ ^B but you can't help
the ~~little dog you lost,~~ by shooting the wolf.

Preston;

I know that, Mary. But I have a feeling that I've left a job unfinished. ~~It may be hard for you to understand -~~ but I know I'll never relax until I've squared things for that young dog.

Mary;

I think I understand, Bill.

DOOR OPENS.

Voice;

(BACK) Preston -

Breston;

Yes, Jim?

DOOR CLOSSES. STEPS IN AS

Voice; (COMING IN) Howdy, Mrs. Bates.

Mary; Hello, Jim.

Voice; Here's a telegram for you.

Prest; Thanks.

TEAR ENVELOPE AS

Voice; I took it to your office, and they told me you might be here.

Preston; It's from Dawson - ~~the Inspector~~ *an answer to my request for a leave -*

Voice; ~~Yeah?~~ *Russle paper.*

Preston; (LET DOWN) Humph. Turned down.

Mary; Turned down? *Oh - I'm sorry -*

Preston; ~~My request for a leave is regretfully turned down.~~

Mary; ~~I'm sorry -~~

The Inspector has a special assignment

Preston; ~~Instead, I've a special assignment and must report for me. I'm to report as soon as possible to the Inspector as soon as possible.~~

Mary; ~~In Dawson?~~ *Then you're going to Dawson?*

Preston; Yes. (SIGHS) Well, it simply means that my hunt for the three-toed wolf must be postponed. But someday I'll go back to Selkirk - and I'll get that killer!

Mary; I hope you do, Bill. I hope you do.

~~out of~~
~~WELL CONTINUE~~

BREAK

Preston: (CUE) On you huskies -

DOGS START, FADE UNDER AND OUT AS-

Now TO CONTINUE

Annrc; ^{cue} Preston left Whitehorse within two hours after receiving the telegram. His dogteam was strong, fast, and well rested, so he made good time on the trip to Dawson.

DOGS IN AND STOP AS-

Preston; (ADLIB WHOAS)

Annrc; ^{cue} As He halted the dogs in front of the ^{MOUNTED} ~~Mountie~~ POLICE headquarters, he was hailed by an officer standing near the door.

Voice 2; (BACK) Hi, Preston! Glad to see you.

Preston; Hello, Baker.

Voice 2; (COME IN) I heard you'd been sent for. How was the trip from Whitehorse?

Preston; Fine. Is the Inspector in his office?

Voice 2; Yes. Go right in. I'll take care of your team.

Preston; Thanks.

DOOR OPEN -

Insp; (BACK) Hello, Preston.

DOOR CLOSE, AS-

Preston; How do you do, Sir.

Inspect; Preston, I'm sorry I had to turn down your request for a leave of absence.

Prest; That's all right, Sir.

Inspect; There's trouble at Hershall Island. A white man killed an Eskimo. He must be found and punished, or the Eskimos will take the law into their own hands.

Preston; I know what that would mean! ~~None of the whites~~ ^{They'd probably} ~~would be safe in that vicinity.~~ ^{SETTLERS} ~~kill many of the settlers in the vicinity~~

Inspect; That's right. I'll turn over to you the available information. You'll have the named and description of the killer, but you may have trouble finding him. This ^{might} ~~may~~ be a long assignment.

Preston; Yes sir.

Inspect; If I had another man available, I'd send him. But - well, there are very few of us, to cover a lot of territory.

Preston; I know that, Inspector. Just forget that I requested a leave.

Inspect; No, I'll not forget it. I'll see that you get your leave, when you return from this assignment.

Preston; Thank you, Sir!

Inspect; I'll expect to see you - when you've captured your man!

BREAK

WIND AND STORM. EST. THEN FADE UNDER

Annrc;

Preston's course was due North into the very teeth of howling winds and blinding snow.

SNEAK IN DOGS RUNNING.

Preston;

On you Huskies. *Must!*

Annrc;

The strong dogs knew their job, and did it well. They pulled the sled across the Arctic Circle - across the frozen wasteland - the Porcupine River, and the Buckland range. During the many days of travel, the Mountie was constantly alert for snowslides, crevasses, and countless other perils that awaited any man with courage sufficient to combat the elemental fury of the North.

WIND AND DOGS UP AND SNEAK OUT AS

Annrc;

And there were lonely nights in camp.

ADLIB DISTANT HOWLING WOLVES AND BEASTS.

Annrc;

Often, as Preston sat beside his ^{sheltered} campfire, he thought of the puppy he had lost. ~~The dog would have been a great companion.~~ ^{the dog he on} ~~Unlike the sled,~~ ^{had hoped to make his companion.} ~~He felt that unlike the sled~~ dogs, it would have been friendly, - and a pal.

BREAK.

Annrc;

~~It was~~ ^{up} ~~Four months later,~~ ^{Four} months later, when Preston completed his mission, and returned to Dawson. The Inspector extended his hand and said -

Ins;

Well done, Preston! The constable ^{at} told me you did a fine job in capturing and handling that killer.

AT HERSTHELL ISLAND

Preston; Thank you, Inspector.

Inspt; I've read your reports. I'm well satisfied.

Preston; Thanks again.

Inspt; Do you still want that leave of absence?

Preston; Yes, ~~It's~~ ^{SIR}.

Inspt; You've earned it, and you'll have it! Do you mind telling me why you requested it?

Preston; No sir. I don't mind telling you. I want to go to Selkirk and try to find a certain wolf!

Inspect; A wolf?

Preston; A wolf - with only three toes on the left front paw. It's quite a story. It began when Dave Bates gave me a puppy. (FADES) It was the finest pup (etc)

BREAK

SNEAK IN DOG TEAM.

Annrc; ^{Soon} Preston was on his way to Selkirk. The place where he had found the tracks of the three-toed wolf was just a couple of miles ahead, when he brought his dogteam to a halt in front of a cabin.

Preston; (WHOCAS)

DOGS STOP.

Annrc; It was the home of a man Preston had known for several years - a trapper named Andre DuPres.

Preston; (SHOUT) Anyone home?

DOOR OPENS.

Andre; (SLIGHTLY BACK) Preston! *Hello there,* ~~Sergeant~~ Preston -

Preston; Hello Andre!

Andre; (COMING IN) It is good to see you again! I expect you come by here long time ago, and each day I look for you - but each day I am disappointed!

Preston; I've been on a long trip, Andre.

Andre; Yes? Where you go?

Preston; Hershall Island.

Andre; Oh-h-h it is a long way! It is hard trip! () But why do we stand here in the cold? Come inside ~~Sergeant Preston~~. I fix good meal - an' cup of tea -

Preston; That sounds first rate. I'll be with you as soon as I tie the dogs.

Andre; I tie them for you - this tree makes good place to tie them.

Preston; Fine.

Andre; (EFFORT) I tie them tight. () Oh it is good to see you - (LAUGHS) We have much to talk about, eh? There! Now we go inside.

Preston; Right.

A COUPLE OF STEPS
DOOR OPENS. CLOSSES.

Andre; (FADING BACK) In no time I have the water hot for tea - then I cook the food while we drink tea - You make yourself at home. ~~Sergeant~~

Preston; Thanks, Andre. () *Want some help?* ~~Anything I can do?~~

Andre; (BACK) No, no, *you* just sit down. *I just put kettle on stove.*

KETTLE TO STOVE, BACK.

~~Andre; (BACK) There!~~

Preston; How's the trapping been this year?

Andre; (BACK) Trapping! Ah, you say that, an' it makes me mad! (COMING IN) ~~Sergeant~~, never in all my life do I have such a bad season!

Preston; Is that so?

Andre; All season I work hard - every day I go out in the cold - the wind - the snow - and what do I get? I tell you what I get! Nothing!

Preston; Is that so?

Andre; Other year by this time I have big pile of fur! All kinds of good fur! This year? *Pauf!* Bah, I am mad when I think of the way I am robbed.

Preston; Robbed!

Andre; That is it! Me, I'm good trapper. I know where to place my traps an' how ~~to~~ ^{to} bait them. I catch many animal. An' for what? To fatten the belly of the big thief!

Preston; I didn't know that fur thieves were operating around here.

Andre; Is only one thief, ~~Sergeant~~ Preston. Same one all the time!

Preston; Maybe we can catch him.

Andre; Catch him, you say! ^{Had she} No, ~~Sergeant~~, the thief is a female.

Preston; A female?

Andre; Yes, yes, that I know for a certainty!

Preston; Hav eyou found tracks?

Andre; Tracks! You ask if I find tracks.' I find many tracks! Every two-three day I find tracks, I try to follow them - but they lead nowhere but to ground that shows no tracks! The thief is smart!

Preston; Andre, ~~if~~ you've found so many tracks, you must know something about the thief -

Andre; I know this! I know she has one toe missing.

Preston; A - a toe missing?

Andre; Yes! One of the front feet has only three toes - but I tell you Sergeant, she is a big wolf -

Preston; Oh! A wolf!

Andre; An' smart! ~~Sergeant!~~ Ah, she is so smart. ^{She will} I think some day maybe she set a trap an' catch me!

Preston; ~~Have you tried setting traps to catch the wolf?~~

Andre; ~~Yes. But she always escape.~~

Andre: Because once I almos' catch her. Long time ago I set two trap - one near other. She almost' get caught, but she escape. ~~Now two ~~are~~ are missing on ~~the~~ feet.~~ Her tracks I know anywhere.

Prest; How do you know it's a female?

Andre; Because in the last few month she has young one with her. Their track, they go together. The y young one - he is smart like his mother. She teach him every trick. Between them, they kill so much game, there is nothing left to trap.

Preston; (EAGER) Andre - you say ^{the wolf} ~~she~~ has a young one with her?

Andre; Yes. For last few month.

Preston; Andre, I'm going to help you track down ~~old~~ ^{the} Three Toed wolf,

~~Andre; You, Preston? But why?~~

~~Preston; I have a special reason. I'll tell you about it.~~

Andre; Maybe, with you to help, I could do it. But she is very smart. Me, I have tried to track her, but every time she fool me.

BREAK

Annex; Preston stayed ~~at~~^{at} the trapper's cabin, and each day the two men hunted for the wolf with the missing toe. They found tracks many times, but always lost them when the canny animal traveled over rocks from which the snow had been swept by wind. After two weeks of disheartening effort, Preston and Andre were approaching a pile of massive boulders when they heard the sound of battle.

FIGHT. WOLF AND LYNX. BACK.
SUSTAIN AS

Preston; What's that?

Andre; It is animals! They fight!

Preston; We're downwind from them. Come on, Andre.
Let's see what's going on.

Andre; (RUNNING) The sound seems to come from those
rocks -

Preston; (RUNNING) That's right.

FADE FIGHT NEARER AS
RUNNING STEPS SUSTAIN

Annex; ^{and} There was a great mass of rocks piled high.
As Preston drew near, he saw a gap - too
narrow for a man, but wide enough to admit
a wolf -

Andre; They are on the other side of the rocks -

Preston; Can't squeeze thru that opening. We'll climb
over them.

FIGHT

Annrcr; The two men climbed from rock to rock until they reached the top of the mass. Looking down on the other side, they saw an area, roughly circular, entirely surrounded by the boulders. It was the lair of the wolf. Andre and Preston saw the wolf and a lynx locked in a fight to the finish - and, ~~the~~ slashing in, as hard and fast as he could, was a ~~was a third animal - a partly grown dog!~~ silvery grey pup!

FIGHT UP AND DOWN

ANNrcr; The lynx had the better of the battle. The old wolf was slowing down when suddenly the young dog charged. Unmindful of danger, he siezed the lynx by the throat. Surprised by this new attack, the beast released its grip on the wolf, and leaped back. In that instant Preston fired.

SHOT.

STOP FIGHT.

ADLIB WHIMPERS.

Andre; You got the lynx!

Preston; I'm going down there!

Andre; The wolf - she may attack - keep your gun ready -

Annrcr; The old wolf had been savagely beaten. As Preston and Andre made their way ~~to the ground~~ ^{TOWARD HER}, she sank down and lay motionless.

PUP WHIMPERS.

Ranger; You'll have no more trouble from old Three-toe,
Andre... ~~or I should say, Three-toe.~~

Andre; She is dead?

Ranger; Yes.

Andre; She fought good. She die like brave one.
An' that pup! He fight too! Oh, what courage
for a youngster--

Preston; I wonder if he's hurt. () Here, fellow.

WHILPER

Andre; He is afraid -

Preston; Steady, now. I'll not hurtyyou. I want to
be your friend. ^{EASY} ~~He~~ boy. I've found you
alive after all.

Annar; It was the same dog! The son of Silver Boy
and Kala! He stood his ground as Preston
reached out to touch his soft fur.

WHIMPERS.

Preston; ~~Good fellow~~ - you're marked just like your
father -

Andre; (SOFT) He is licking your hand!

Preston; Good fellow. You ~~are~~ beauty. I'm going
to take you with me, fellow - ~~you'll be
a good dog, like your King.~~

Andre; That dog- he learns about the wilderness from Three-Toe - the smartest of all beasts. He is well taught.

Preston; Yes, Andre, and he's going to learn about men- from me.

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Preston; We'll be partners, . You'll learn to respect good men - to hate evil ones. You'll be the Captain of a team - you'll learn to pull your weight - and thereby set an example for your team mates. You'll learn self control, so your great strength will be well directed. Youngster, you're already as big as Silver Boy, your father. When you're fully grown, you're going to be the greatest dog in all the Yukon. And I'll call you, Yukon King.

BARK

THEME.