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MY LIFE AS THE ENFORCER



SOURCE POINT PRESS

WE ALL GOT OUR TURN
GETTING SLAMMED...

HE THEN DOUBLED BACK
AND STARTED TEACHING
US THE BASICS.

OK,
NOW THAT
WE GOT THAT
OUT OF THE
WAY...



WHEN YOUR
OPPONENT IS GOING
TO SLAM YOU, YOU'LL
WANT TO SEPARATE
YOUR LEGS, STRAIGHTEN
YOUR BODY, AND
RELAX.



BY THE TIME WE WERE DONE WITH THAT
FIRST TWO-HOUR TRAINING, WE LOOKED
LIKE WE WERE LAID DOWN AND BEATEN
UP BY A PACK OF GORILLAS...

AND WE ALL LEARNED
RIGHT AWAY THAT THERE
IS NO PLEASANT PLACE
IN A WRESTLING RING.



GRANNY WAS, OF COURSE,
CONCERNED WHEN SHE SAW
ME WALK IN ALL BEAT-UP...

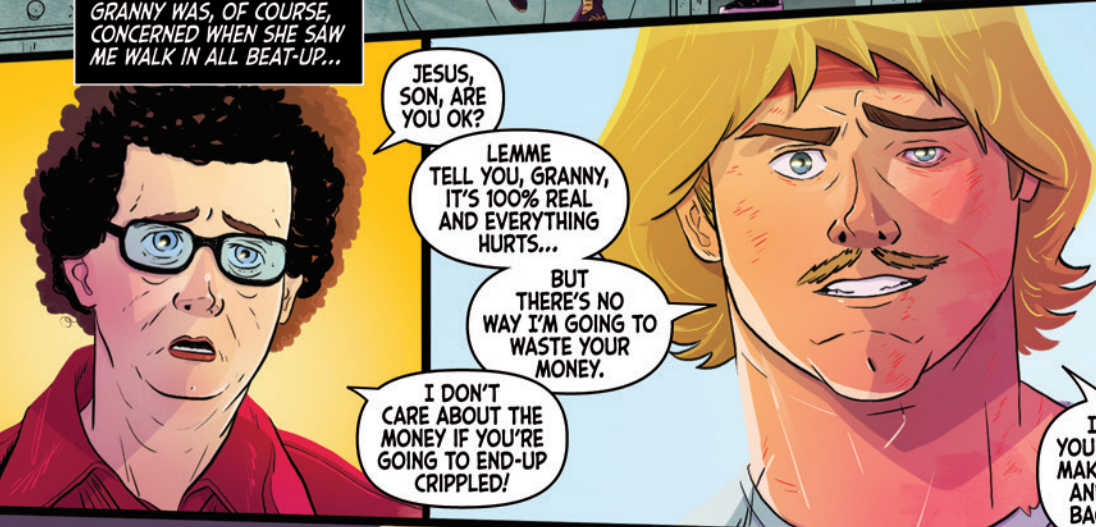
JESUS,
SON, ARE
YOU OK?

LEMME
TELL YOU, GRANNY,
IT'S 100% REAL
AND EVERYTHING
HURTS...

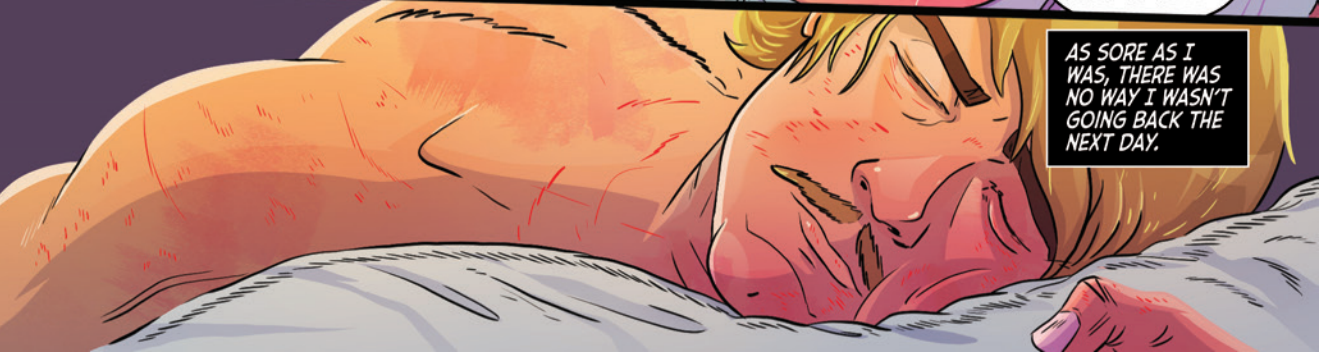
BUT
THERE'S NO
WAY I'M GOING TO
WASTE YOUR
MONEY.

I DON'T
CARE ABOUT THE
MONEY IF YOU'RE
GOING TO END-UP
CRIPPLED!

I SWEAR TO
YOU I'M GOING TO
MAKE IT WORTH IT
AND GET IT ALL
BACK TO YOU...



AS SORE AS I
WAS, THERE WAS
NO WAY I WASN'T
GOING BACK THE
NEXT DAY.



THE NEXT DAY I HAD TO BE AT WORK AT 3:00 A.M. LIKE ALWAYS, AND LOADING-IN THE MEAT WAS A NIGHTMARE...

BUT EVERY MORNING AFTER TRAINING I'D BE A LITTLE LESS SORE.

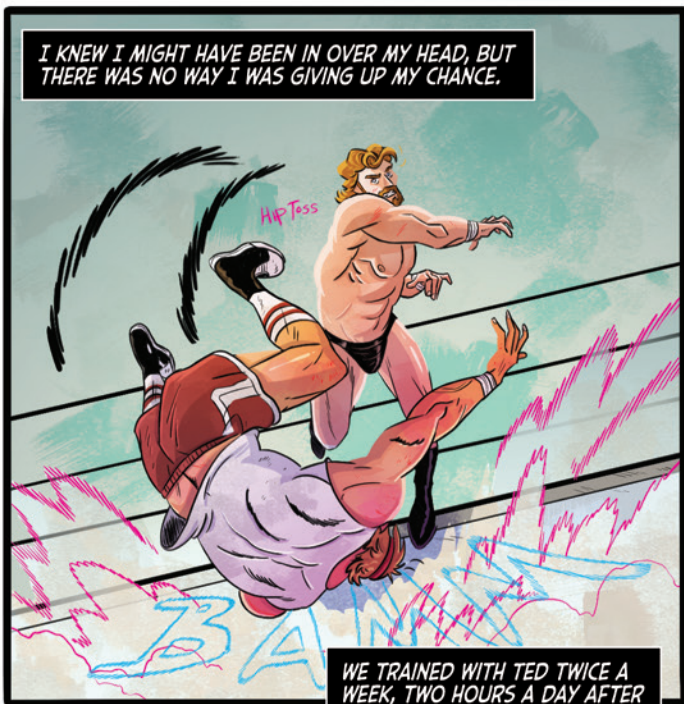


TED NEVER TOOK ANY LIBERTIES WITH US AND WAS NEVER ABUSIVE.

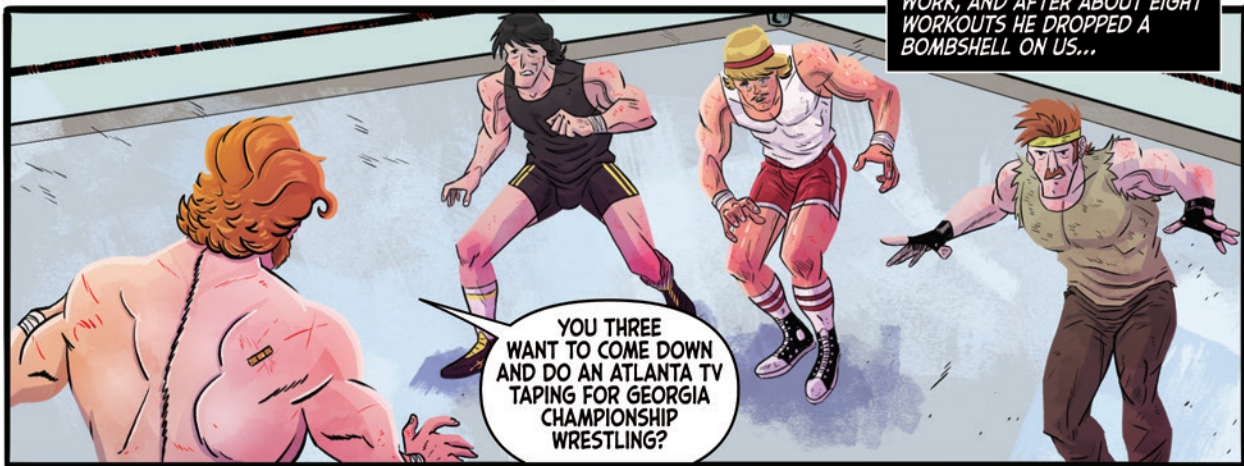
HE WAS A NICE GUY WHO WAS TRYING TO HELP US BREAK IN...



I KNEW I MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN OVER MY HEAD, BUT THERE WAS NO WAY I WAS GIVING UP MY CHANCE.



WE TRAINED WITH TED TWICE A WEEK, TWO HOURS A DAY AFTER WORK, AND AFTER ABOUT EIGHT WORKOUTS HE DROPPED A BOMBSHELL ON US...



YOU THREE WANT TO COME DOWN AND DO AN ATLANTA TV TAPING FOR GEORGIA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING?

THE FIRST WEEK I
WRESTLED A SINGLES
MATCH UNDER MY
LEGAL NAME...

BOOOOO

BOO

BOO

AND I MADE \$150 FOR
THE MATCH, WHICH I
WAS BOOKED TO
LOSE, OF COURSE.

BOO

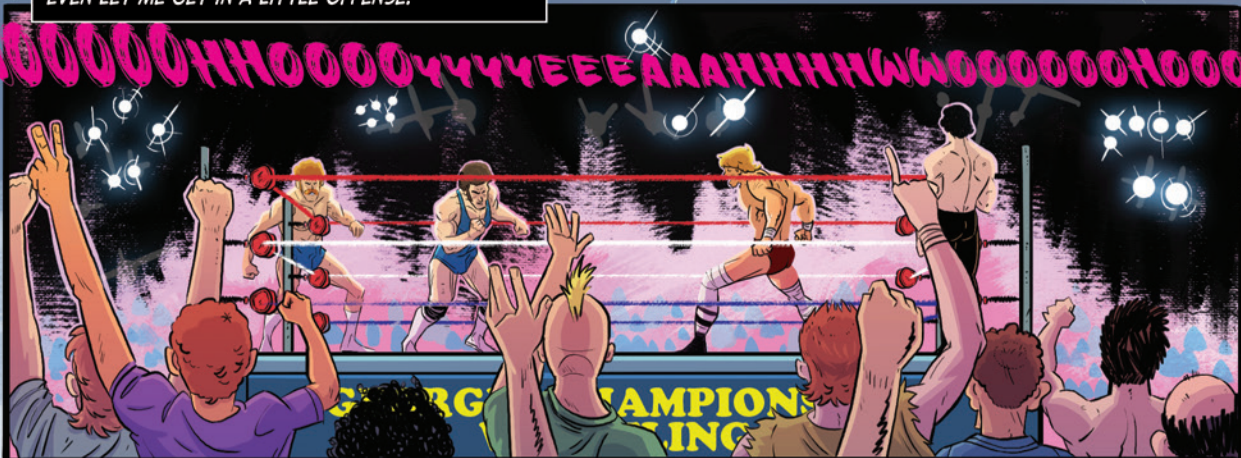
BOO

THEY CALLED ME BACK THE NEXT
WEEK AND I WAS BOOKED UNDER
THE NAME "JIM VERDEROSO" TO
TAG-TEAM WITH DEKE RIVERS
AND WRESTLE AGAINST BOB
AND BRAD ARMSTRONG!

GEORGIA CHAMPIONS WRESTLING

NOT ONLY WERE THE ARMSTRONGS TWO WRESTLERS
I WOULD OFTEN WATCH ON TELEVISION, BUT THEY
EVEN LET ME GET IN A LITTLE OFFENSE!

WOOOOOHHOOOOO YYYYYEEEEAAAAHHHHH WOOOOOOHHOOOO





WELL, APPARENTLY
WHAT I DID IN THE
MATCH OPENED
BOB'S EYES A BIT...

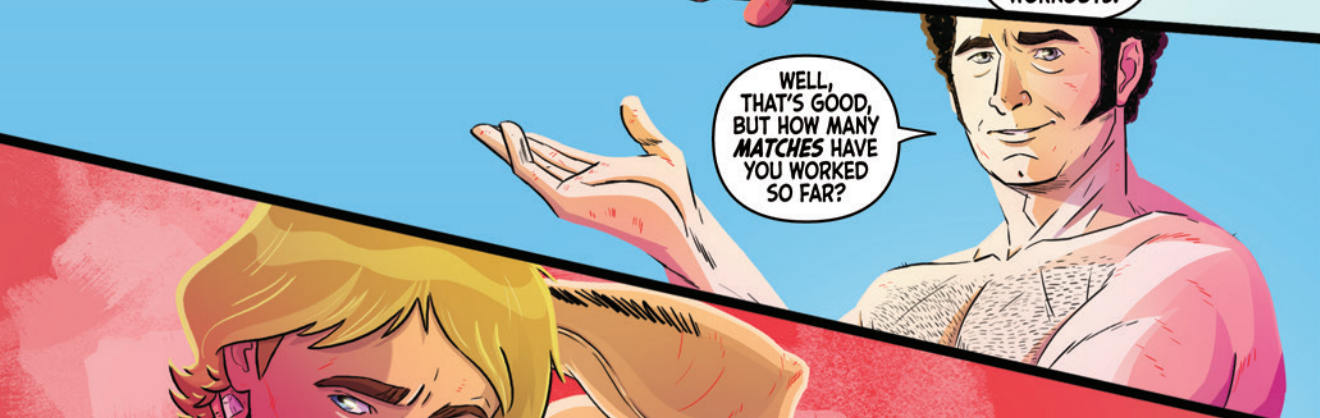
YOU
DID PRETTY
GOOD OUT
THERE.

HOW LONG
HAVE YOU BEEN
WORKING?

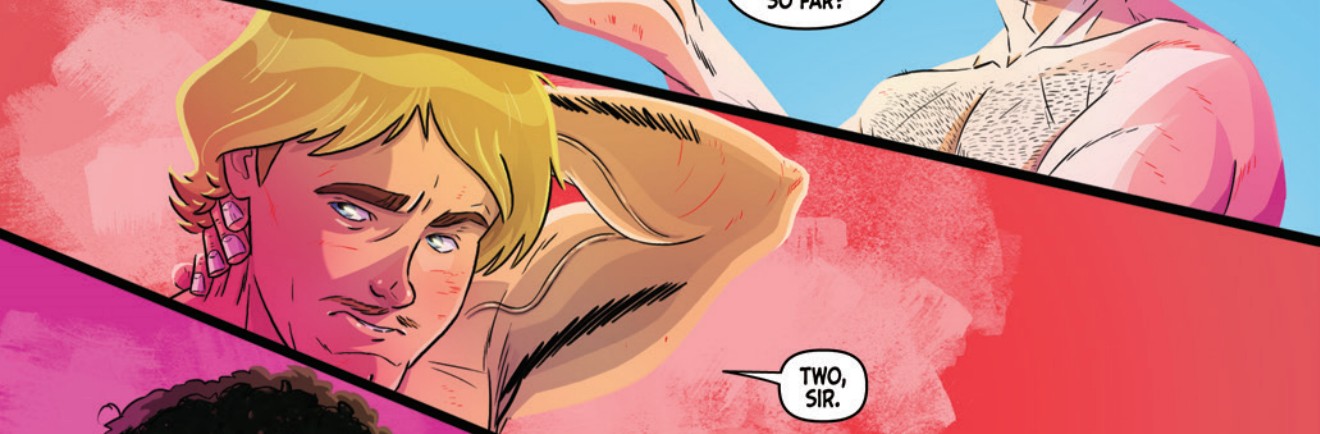


THANK
YOU, SIR.

I'VE BEEN
TRAINING WITH
TED ALLEN FOR
ABOUT EIGHT
WORKOUTS.



WELL,
THAT'S GOOD,
BUT HOW MANY
MATCHES HAVE
YOU WORKED
SO FAR?



TWO,
SIR.



TWO?
YOU'VE
ONLY WORKED
TWO MATCHES...
EVER?

YES,
SIR.