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*Some Armory in the middle of Ohio.
Eight years ago.*

GETTING PAID TO DO WHAT WE LOVE IS THE ACTUAL DEFINITION OF LIVING THE DREAM, KEVIN.

PRO WRESTLING THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

THERE WERE LIKE FORTY PEOPLE IN THERE TONIGHT.

WHAT THEY PAID WILL BARELY COVER OUR GAS TO PA.

SCRITCH SCRITCH SCRITCH

STILL BEATS BUSINESS CASUAL SITTING IN SOME CUBICLE.

WOULD YOU STOP WITH THE SILVER LININGS, SAMI?

YOU KNOW I LOVE WRESTLING.

DOES THAT MEAN I WANT TO BE MAIN EVENTING ARMORY SHOWS WHEN WE'RE THIRTY-FIVE?

NO. IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THE ACTUAL DREAM.

I'M TRYING TO KEEP US ALIVE IN THE MIDDLE OF SNOWMAGEDDON AND YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT WWE.

YES! EXACTLY! AND WHAT WE HAVE TO DO TO GET OURSELVES UP THERE.

SOUNDS GREAT, KEV.

SO WE DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE THROUGH ANYMORE MIDDLE-OF-NOWHERE BLIZZARDS ON THE PROMISE OF A SANDWICH BAG FULL OF NICKELS.



SO WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING WE--

--OOOOOO?!

SKRREEEEEEEE



FLOOF



WHATEVER IT TAKES.



WE'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES.

DAMN RIGHT.

*SmackDown Live.
Eight years later.*

KEVIN OWENS IS THE REFEREE NOW, I GUESS.

HE JUST WENT IN AND TOOK THE JERSEY FROM THE REF.

WAIT A MINUTE! KEVIN!

NOW HE'S GIVING SAMI THE POP UP POWERBOMB.

BOOM



THIS DOES NOT LOOK GOOD FOR ZAYN.



WHY ARE YOU STANDING THERE?!

WHAT?!

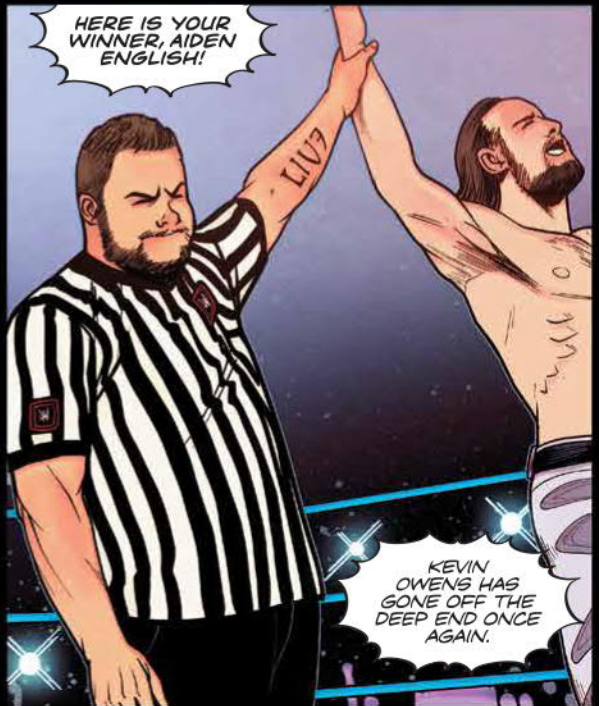
GO PIN HIM!



AWW, YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!



NOW OWENS WITH THE FAST COUNT.



HERE IS YOUR WINNER, AIDEN ENGLISH!

KEVIN OWENS HAS GONE OFF THE DEEP END ONCE AGAIN.



HEY, DANIEL. CAN WE TALK?

I'M OUT HERE TRYING TO STRING TOGETHER A FEW WS. DO WHAT I'M ASKED. PUT MYSELF IN POSITION FOR BIGGER THINGS AND I JUST...



...I CAN'T HAVE KEVIN OWENS DECLARING HIMSELF REF AND INTERFERING IN MY--

WHOA WHOA WHOA, SAMI.



KEVIN OWENS IS NOT A REFEREE. THAT MATCH OBVIOUSLY WON'T COUNT AGAINST YOU.

OKAY... GOOD.



BUT I MEAN EVERYBODY JUST SAW ME GET POP UP POWER BOMBED AND PINNED... RIGHT?

SO I WAS WONDERING IF THERE'S ANY WAY I COULD GET A MATCH WITH KEVIN SOMETIME SOON AND--

WOULD YOU LISTEN TO YOURSELF?!



BACK HERE WITH YOUR LITTLE HAT IN HAND.

ASKING PERMISSION FOR A MATCH.



IT'S BEEN YEARS, MAN!

HOW DO YOU STILL BELIEVE YOU'RE GOING TO NICE GUY YOUR WAY INTO A CHAMPIONSHIP?

I DON'T SEE ANY GOLD ON YOUR SHOULDER.

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