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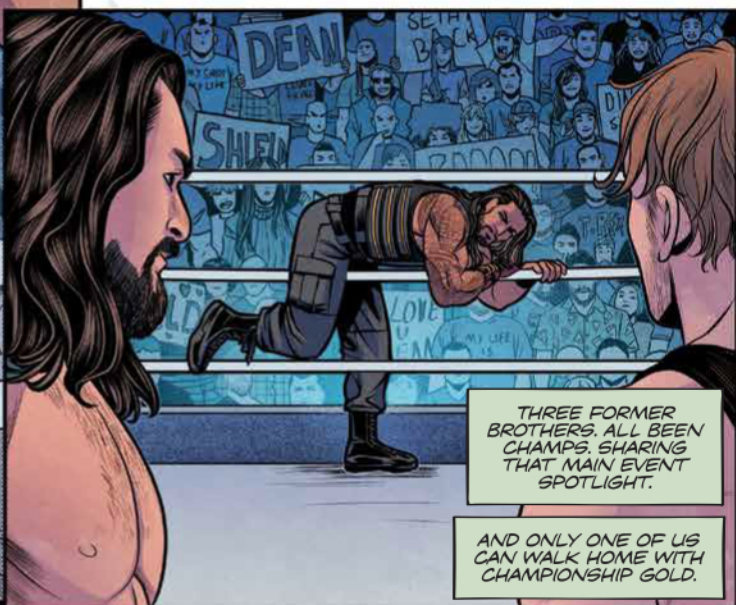


AIN'T NOTHING IN THIS
BUSINESS COMES EASY.

Battleground. Verizon Center. Washington, D.C.

HAD TO RUN THROUGH
JOHN CENA JUST TO GET
BACK ON THE CARD.

WASN'T NO OTHER
CHOICE THOUGH,
WAS THERE?



THREE FORMER
BROTHERS. ALL BEEN
CHAMPS. SHARING
THAT MAIN EVENT
SPOTLIGHT.

AND ONLY ONE OF US
CAN WALK HOME WITH
CHAMPIONSHIP GOLD.

THIS IS ABOUT BRAGGING
RIGHTS. THIS IS ABOUT
SETTLING SCORES.

THIS IS ABOUT NAILING THE SHIELD
COFFIN CLOSED ONCE AND FOR ALL.

THE LAST THREE YEARS
COME DOWN TO THIS.

THERE'S SOME OTHER
DUDE CROUCHED ON
EVERY RING OF THE
LADDER, WAITING TO
KNOCK YOU OFF.

TAKE THIS MATCH
HERE TONIGHT--



NORMALLY I'D
BE SIZING UP
DEAN'S CRAZY.



BREAKING DOWN
SETH'S PLANS.



SNIFFING OUT THE
BIG DOG'S PATH TO
VICTORY.

BUT NOT TONIGHT.
THAT'S NOT WHERE
MY HEAD'S AT.

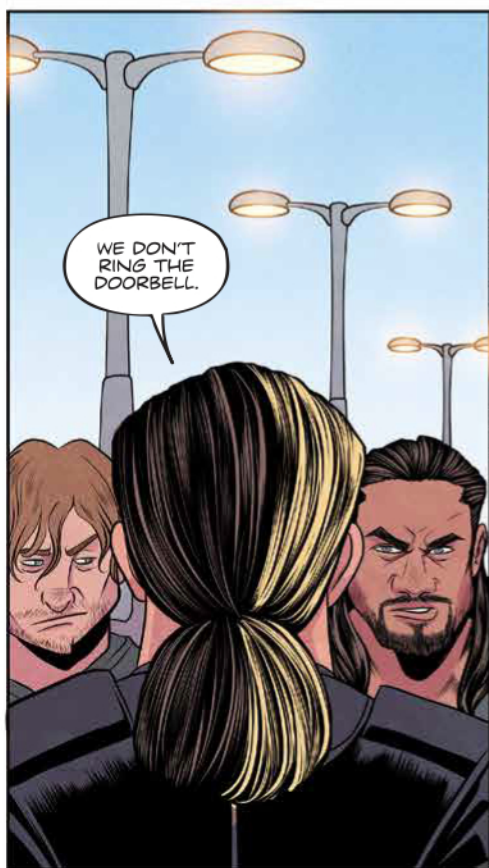


HEARING
THAT BELL.

STARING ACROSS THE RING
AT THE OTHER HOUNDS OF
JUSTICE FOR WHAT MIGHT
BE THE LAST TIME.



I CAN'T STOP
THINKING--





WE GET IT, SETH.

TONIGHT WE BUST IN. BREAK THE DOOR DOWN OR WHATEVER. BUT...

BUT NOTHING.

TRIPLE H LIKES TO PLAY GATE KEEPER. KEEP US DOWN IN NXT UNTIL HE SEES FIT.

BUT AFTER TONIGHT HE WON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE.

Heh. UNTIL HE DECIDES TO TEACH EVERYONE A LESSON.



NOT HAPPENING. THE THREE OF US, WE'RE THE REAL DEAL. AND THE WHOLE DAMNED WORLD'S ABOUT TO GET A TASTE.

I DUNNO, STILL SEEMS LIKE A BIG RISK. ALL THE MAN SAID WAS BE PATIENT. WAIT OUR TURN.

DEANO'S RIGHT. IF THIS THING DOESN'T TURN OUT... I MEAN...



I SAY LET THEM CHIPS FALL.

EITHER WAY WE GET TO TENDERIZE SOME MAIN ROSTER MEAT.

LIVE ON MONDAY NIGHT RAW.

NOW WHAT THE HELL ARE THOSE?



HOUND OF JUSTICE GOTTA HAVE FANGS, ROMAN. WOOF WOOF.

YOU'RE NUTS.

HEY, WE MAY ONLY GET THE SPOTLIGHT THIS ONCE.

LOOK COOL OR DIE TRYING.

