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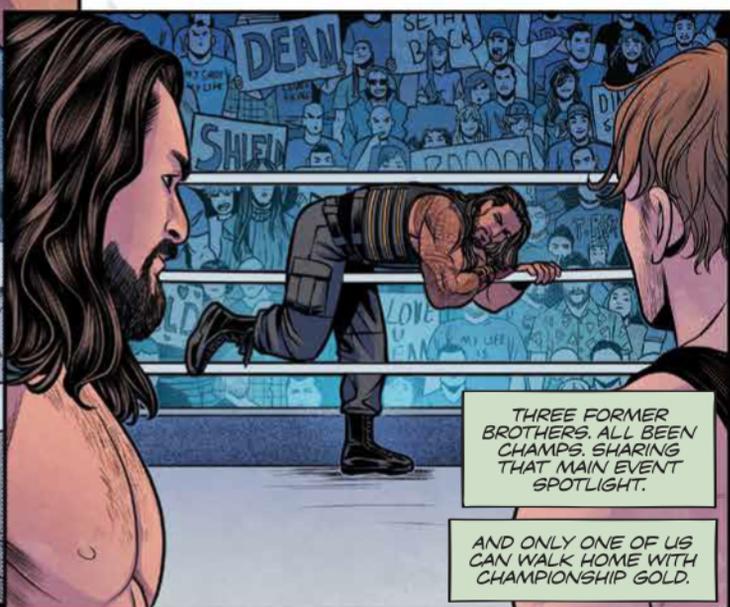


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HAD TO RUN THROUGH JOHN CENA JUST TO GET BACK ON THE CARD.

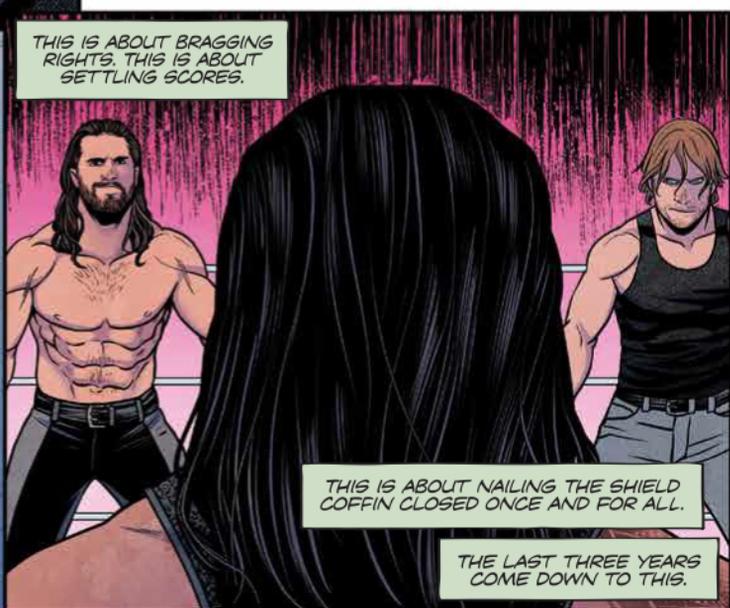
WASN'T NO OTHER CHOICE THOUGH, WAS THERE?



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.

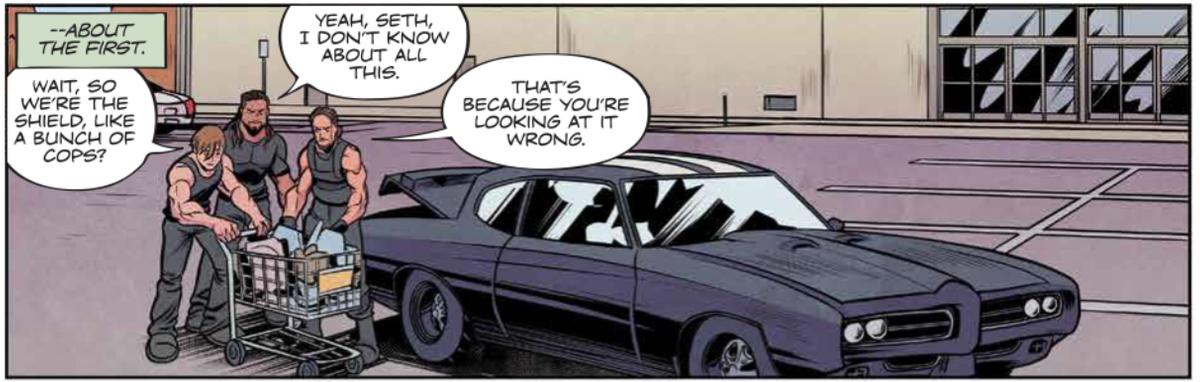


HEARING THAT BELL.

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



I CAN'T STOP THINKING--



--ABOUT THE FIRST.

WAIT, SO WE'RE THE SHIELD, LIKE A BUNCH OF COPS?

YEAH, SETH, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ALL THIS.

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE LOOKING AT IT WRONG.



I'M NOT TALKING DONUTS AND COFFEE. BOYS IN BLUE.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT OFFICERS OF THE LAW.



THIS IS BLACK BOOTS. GUNS BLAZING. BADASS SWAT TEAM.

THE HOUNDS OF JUSTICE.



WE DON'T RING THE DOORBELL.



WE KICK THAT SUCKER IN.



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.

