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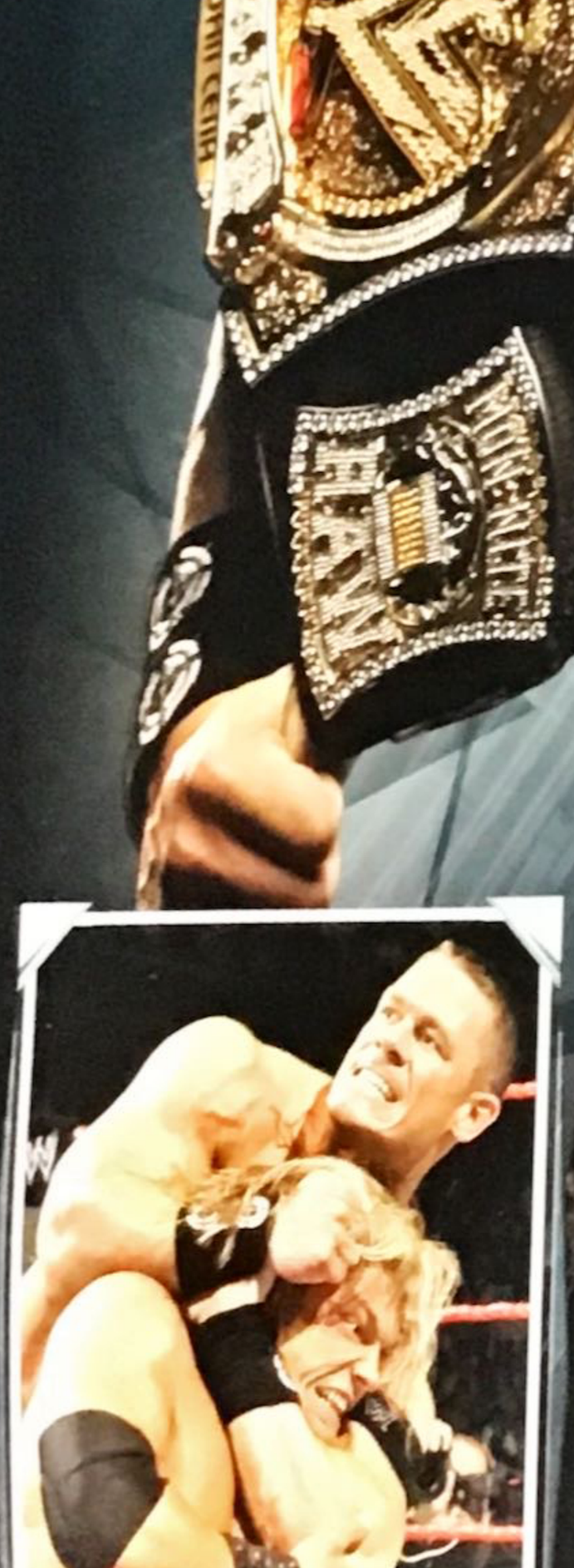
BIG TIME

WRESTLEMANIA 22

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2006
ALLSTATE ARENA
CHICAGO

JOHN CENA

WWE CHAMPIONSHIP



TRIPLE H

One has been WWE Champion for the better part of the past year. The other is a 10-time World Champion looking to reassert his dominance. When the smoke clears, only one thing is certain: history will be made.

Clearly, 2005 was the year of John Cena, a young superstar who fulfilled his dream at WrestleMania 21 and captured the WWE Championship from John "Bradshaw" Layfield. And barring a two-week period in January when he was briefly separated from his prize, Cena has held the gold ever since. Cena has successfully defended his title seven times on pay-per-view, but this will be his first WrestleMania as a defending champion. Cena (2-0) has never lost at WrestleMania, but will that change tonight?

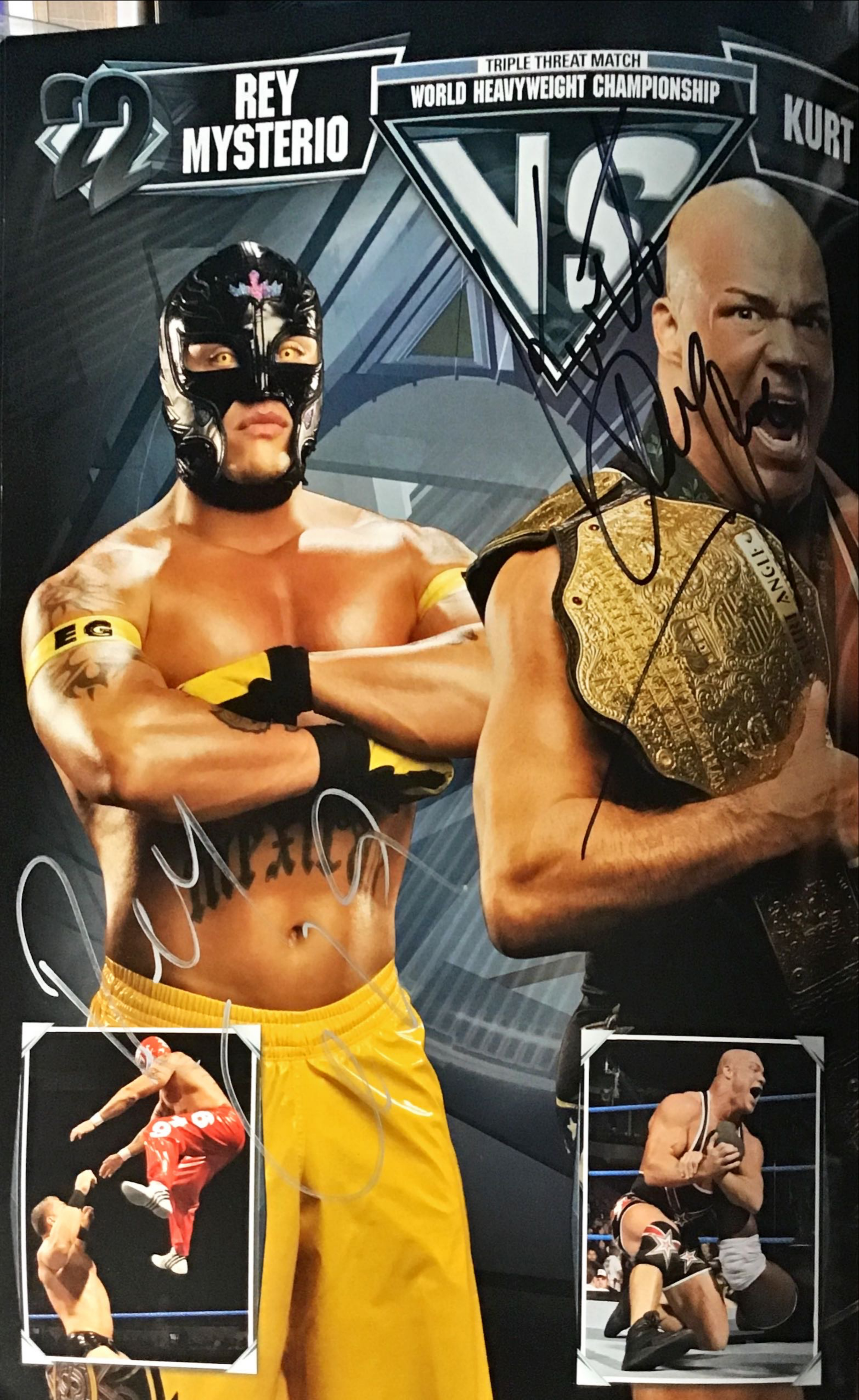
For Triple H, being a champion is nothing new. He's been amassing World titles since 1999, and he now looks to make Cena the latest in his long and distinguished list of victims. Only Ric Flair (16 titles) and Hulk Hogan (12 titles) have held more World championships, and should he dethrone Cena tonight, Triple H will be one step closer to reaching those legendary totals. This is just the second time Triple H has been a challenger instead of a champion at WrestleMania, and the first time since WM XII

REY MYSTERIO

TRIPLE THREAT MATCH

WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

KURT



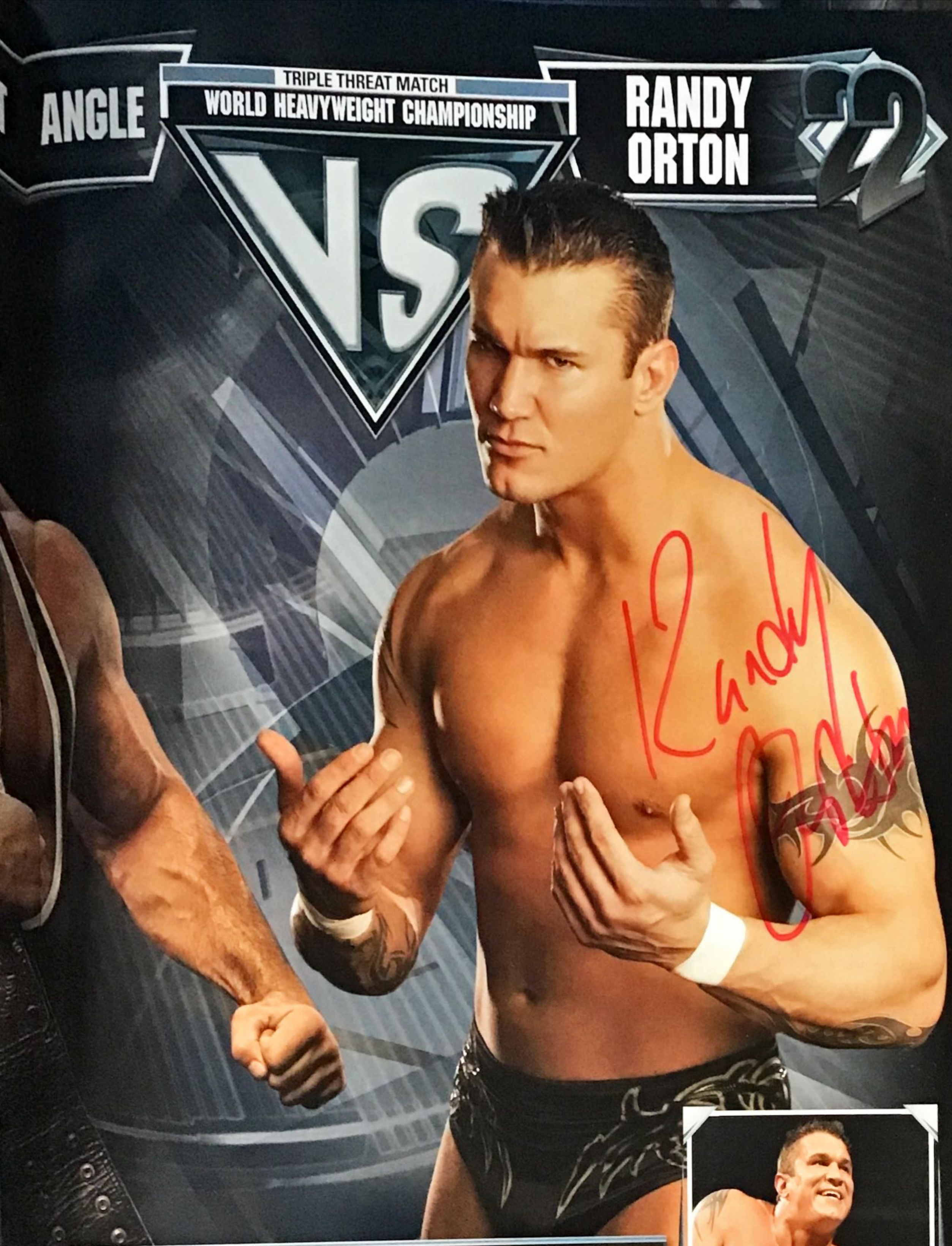
ANGLE

TRIPLE THREAT MATCH

WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

VS

RANDY ORTON





At *WrestleMania XX* in Madison Square Garden, the World Heavyweight Championship was defended in a Triple Threat Match that will go down as one of the best matches in the event's history. Given the three phenomenal athletes involved in tonight's Triple Threat Match, it is likely that the bar can be raised even higher.

The champion, Kurt Angle, is in the midst of his sixth World title reign, and he's intent on holding his crown for a long time to come. But he'll have to put down two hungry challengers tonight.

By all rights, Rey Mysterio should be taking Angle on one-on-one. After all, he emerged victorious at January's *Royal Rumble* and earned that spot. However, along the way, Rey lost his title shot to the underhanded Randy Orton at *No Way Out*. It was only through the timely intervention of *SmackDown* general manager Theodore Long that Mysterio was reinserted into the match.

If he were any other champion, the odds would be stacked against Angle. After all, the World Heavyweight Championship has only been retained once at *WrestleMania*, and that was three years ago. But Angle is truly a world-class competitor, perhaps the finest pure athlete to ever be a World champion. Never before have Orton or Mysterio found themselves in a main event at *WrestleMania*, and perhaps that will be inspiration enough for one of them to seize the moment, and with it, the title.

UNDERTAKER

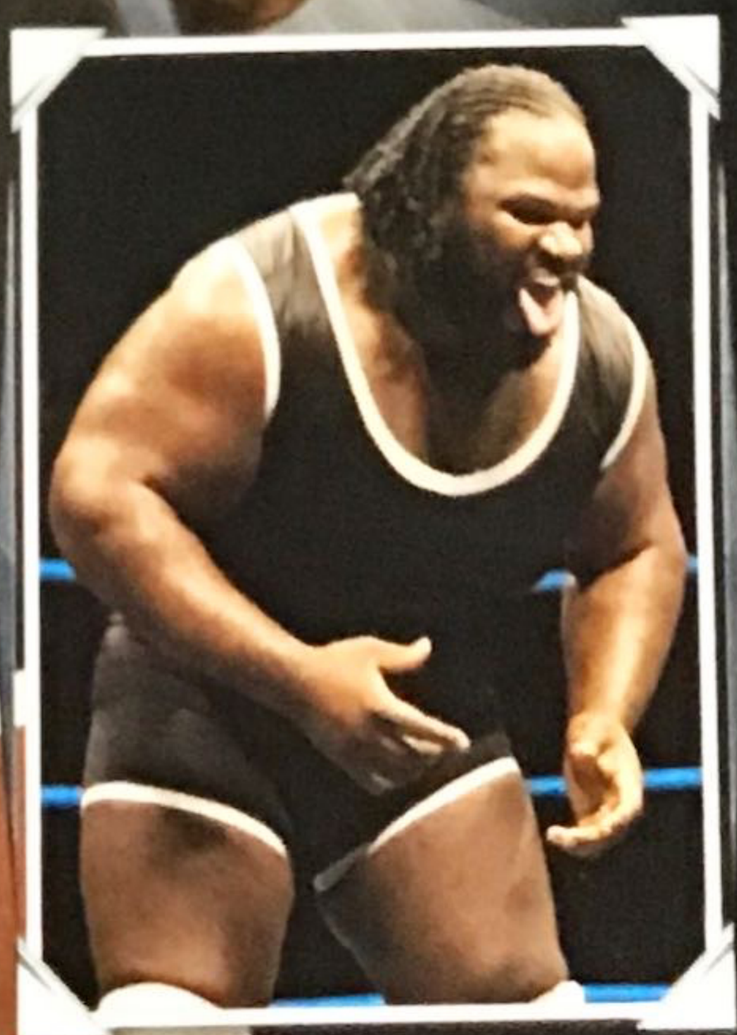
CASKET MATCH

MARK HENRY

This year, Undertaker attempts to continue to extend WWE's most legendary record, his *WrestleMania* undefeated streak. It currently stands at 13-0, and features dominating victories over legends such as Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka, Jake "The Snake" Roberts and King Kong Bundy, as well as future standard bearers like Kane, Triple H and Randy Orton. But this year his opponent is none other than the "World's Strongest Man" himself.

Mark Henry's feats of brute strength are well-documented. Can he be the one to finally turn back the relentless Undertaker? The "Deadman" already has the advantage in that this will be a Casket Match, his signature match, and the first such clash in *WrestleMania* history.

Surprisingly, Undertaker's past record in Casket matches has been mixed, so victory is far from a given. This will be Henry's first *WrestleMania* appearance in eight years, and you can bet that he looks to make a major impact. And in WWE, there can be no greater statement than beating Undertaker tonight. ??



MR. McMAHON

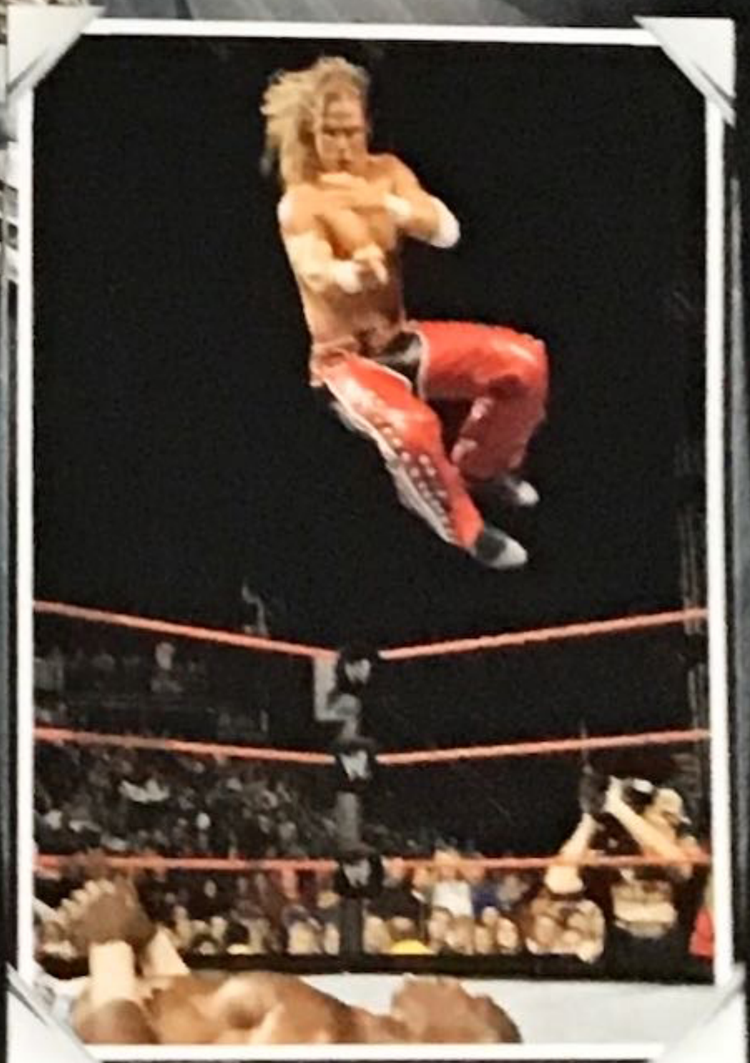
NO HOLDS BARRED

SHAWN MICHAELS

WWE Chairman Vince McMahon has a way of getting under the skin of his employees. Over the years, so many of WWE's premiere competitors have found themselves going toe-to-toe with the man who signs their paychecks. The list goes on and on, from Bret "Hit Man" Hart and Stone Cold Steve Austin, to Hulk Hogan and Undertaker. Tonight, however, he will meet a man whose never-say-die attitude may give McMahon the fight of his life.

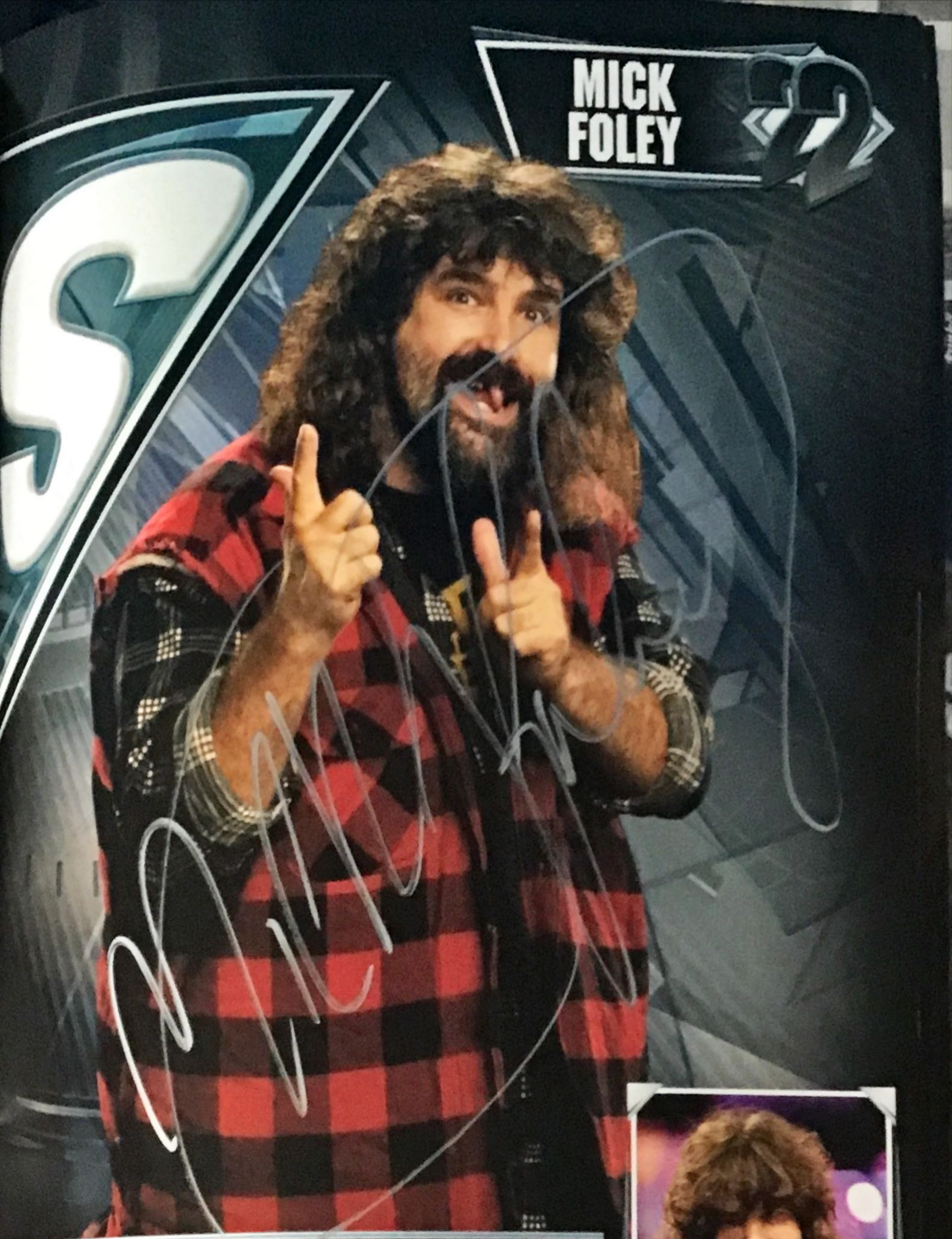
Shawn Michaels made his first *WrestleMania* appearance in 1989, and he has amassed one of the most enviable sports-entertainment résumés ever seen. It's a laundry list that includes four World titles, three Intercontinental titles, two World Tag Team titles and two *Royal Rumble* victories. Michaels is a sure-fire future Hall of Famer, but his legacy hangs in the balance tonight. Can he thwart the man who has done everything in his power to drive Michaels away from the business he loves so much?

In this, his 13th *WrestleMania* appearance, HBK faces an opponent of limitless guile, who is willing to do anything to win. This is a man who, five years ago, faced his own son at *WrestleMania*. Can even the divinely driven Michaels overcome such an adversary?



EDGE
WITH LITA

HARDCORE MATCH

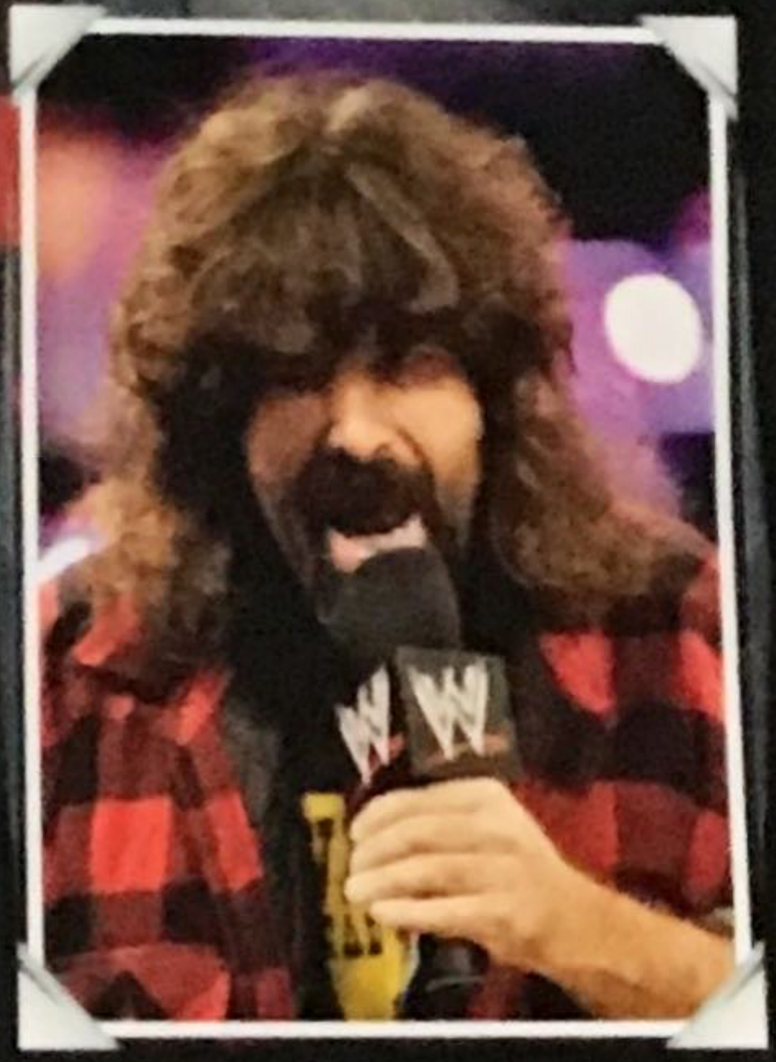


In his first match in half a year, and his first *WrestleMania* bout in two years, "Hardcore Legend" Mick Foley returns tonight to battle the "Rated-R Superstar." A contrast of styles if ever there was one, this match promises to be uncontrollable, both due to the stipulations and the animosity involved.

Furious over being denied a World title shot, the vindictive Edge has chosen to take his frustrations out on Foley. But Foley is no fool, and saw to it that if the match was going to happen, it would be the kind of fight he excelled at during his heyday: a Hardcore Match, in which anything goes.

Edge has made no secret that while his *WrestleMania* record is a sterling 4-0, Foley's is far from perfect. But what he may be overlooking is the heart of former three-time WWE Champion, which has been known to move mountains in the past. Foley has engaged in similar bouts with the likes of Randy Orton, Triple H, Terry Funk and the late Eddie Gilbert. While he did not win every battle, his opponents always knew they had been in a fight.

This is the first one-on-one Hardcore Match in *WrestleMania* history, and you can bet that with these two involved, it will indeed be remembered.



Dangling from the rafters is a metal briefcase. Inside lies a contract guaranteeing a World title shot. All a Superstar has to do is climb one of six ladders, grab the briefcase and earn the chance of a lifetime. Of course, five other Superstars are going to do everything they can to stop him! This year, the lineup for this match is a stellar one. With high-flyer RVD, Ladder Match veteran Matt Hardy, mat technician Shelton Benjamin, ru[illegible]ed brawlers Lashley and Finlay, along with "The Dirtiest [illegible]er in the Game," Ric Flair, anything can happe[illegible] It's a lon[illegible]ay to the top of the ladder of success, but [illegible]s one of thes[illegible]erstar[illegible] is about to learn, the view fro[illegible] the to[illegible] is sw[illegible]

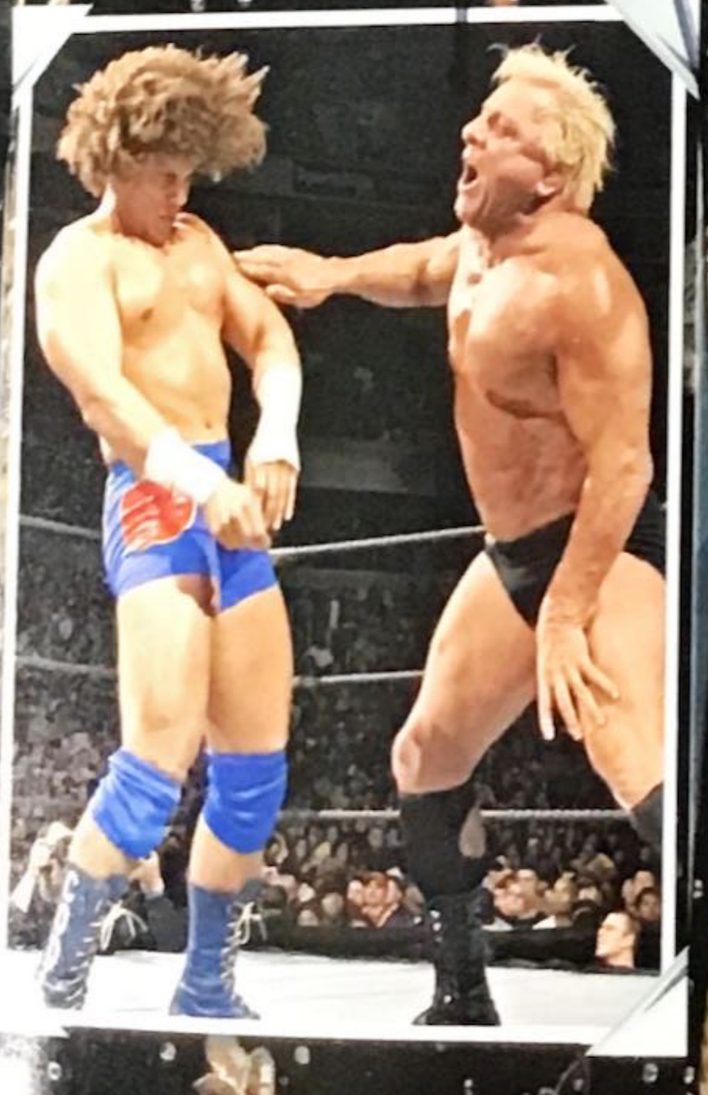
ROB VAN DAM VS.
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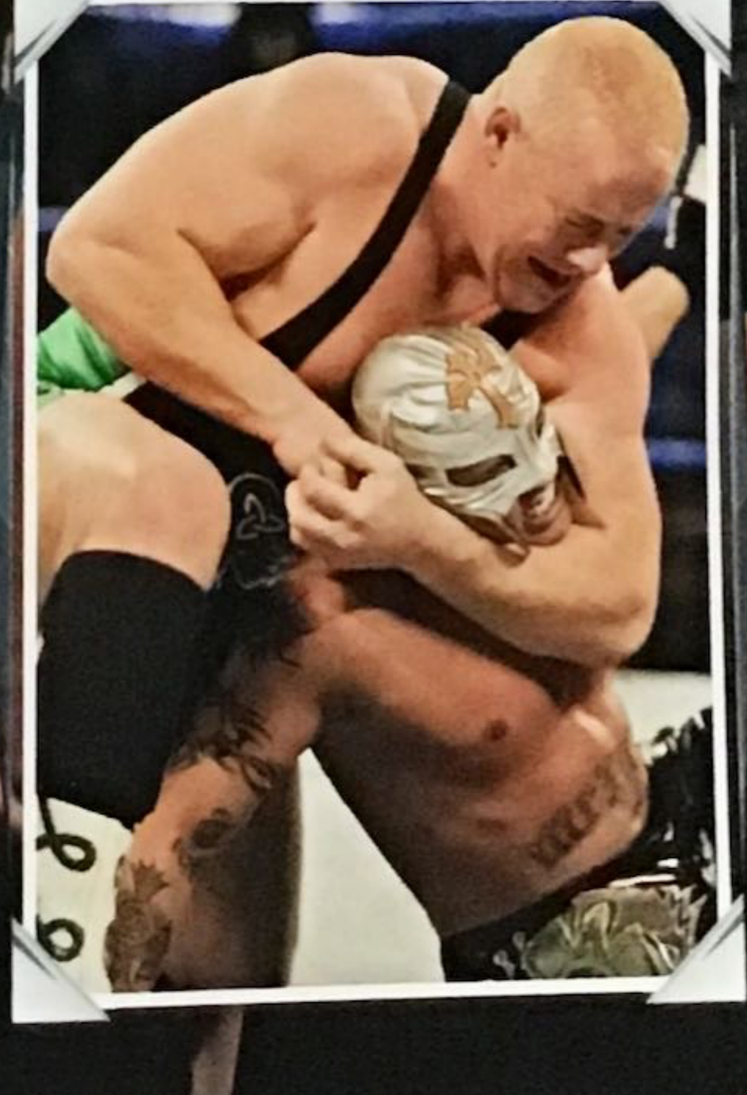
MATT HARDY VS.
RIC FLAIR VS.
WITH MOMMA VS. FINLAY

NEY IN THE BANK™ LADDER MATCH









CHRIS BENOIT

UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIP

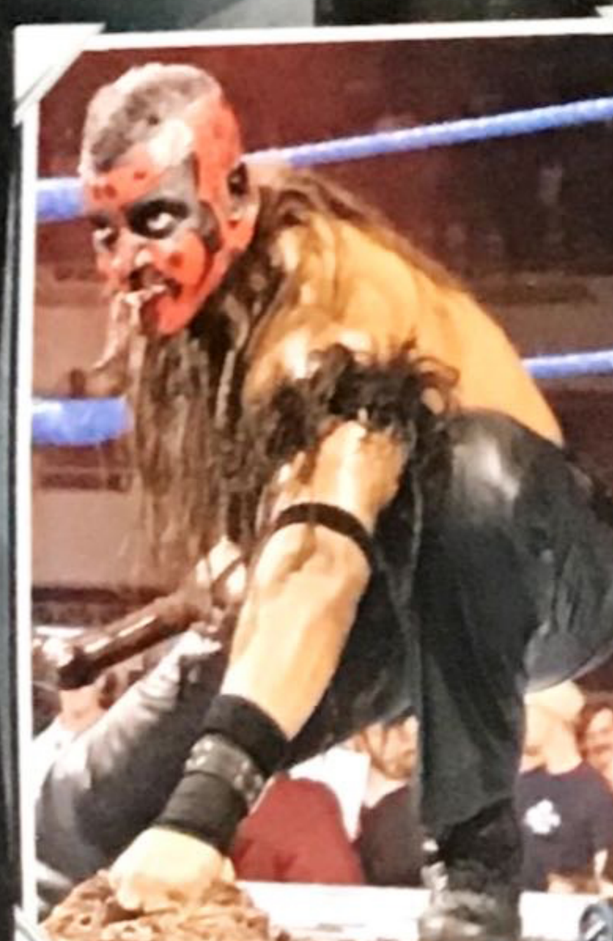


JOHN "BRADSHAW" LAYFIELD
WITH JILLIAN HALL

The last time John "Bradshaw" Layfield walked into *WrestleMania*, he was WWE Champion. That evening in Los Angeles, just a year ago, he lost his title to John Cena. Now JBL's back on the hunt for WWE gold. All he has to do is defeat Chris Benoit, which is no small feat, as "Rabid Wolverine" has only recently reclaimed the U.S. Championship, and he's not about to surrender it without a fight. The battle between the brutal tactics of JBL and the unbridled fury of Chris Benoit is sure to be a merciless one, with only one man left standing. Who will it be? Don't count either of these two powerhouses out.



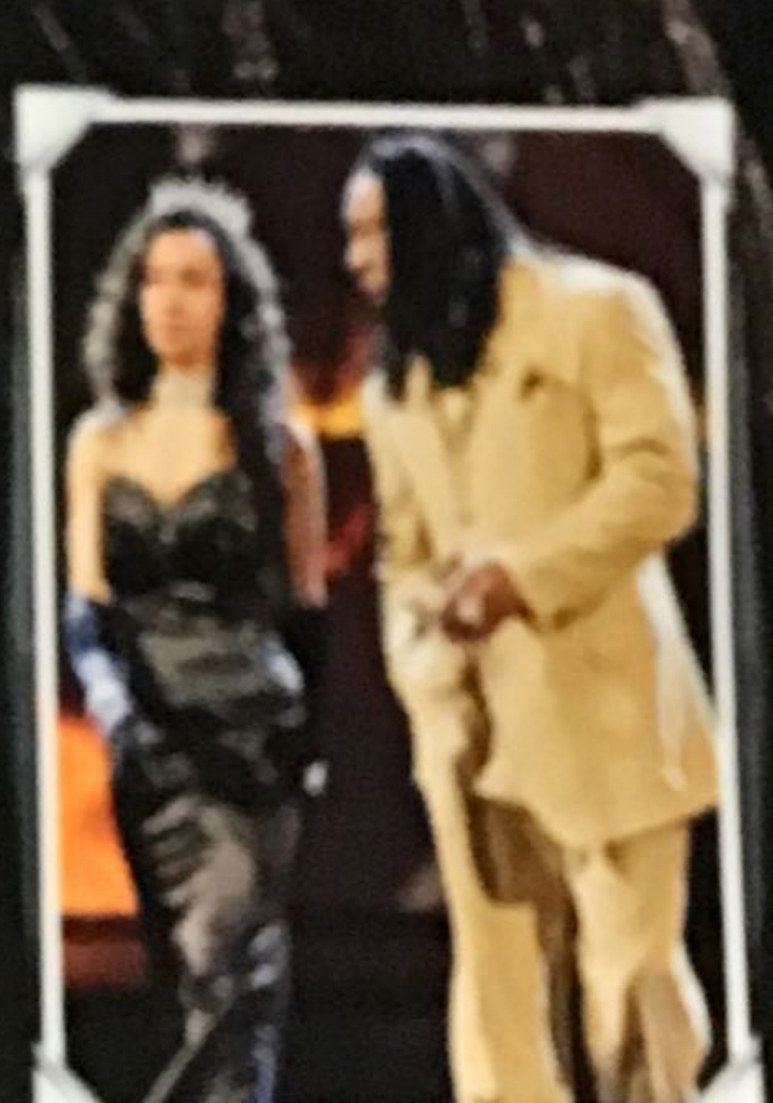
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BOOKER T
AND SHARMELL

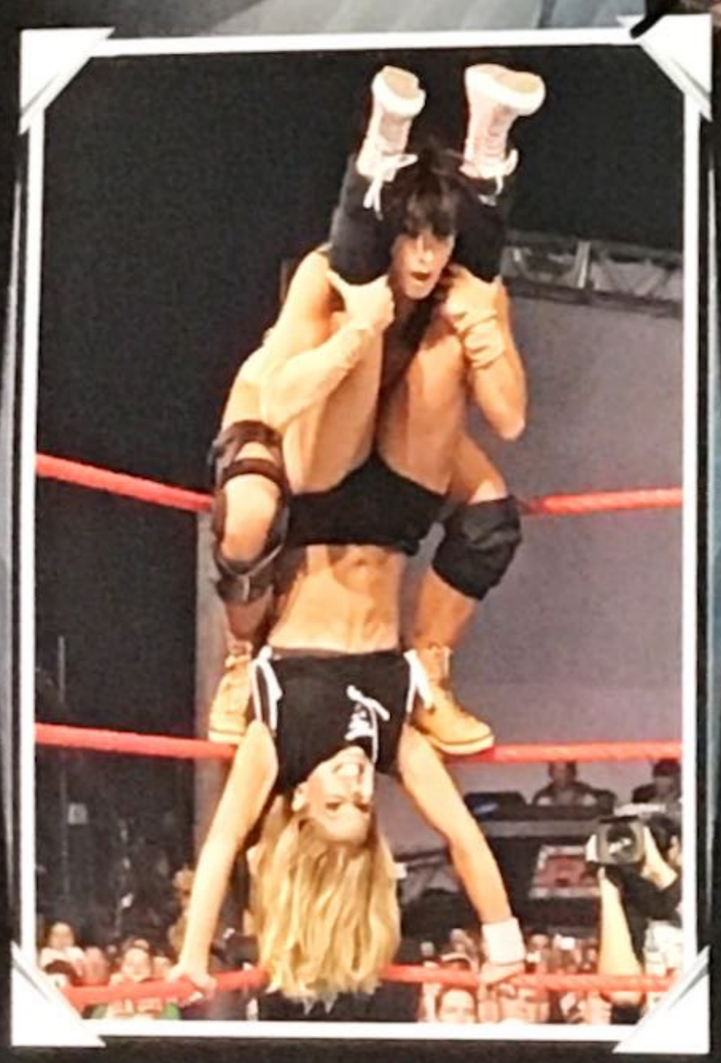
Booker T has had some interesting challengers at WrestleMania past, taking on Triple H for the World Heavyweight title three years ago, and even facing Triple H for the right to appear in a Japanese showdown rumored at the first-ever WrestleMania appearance. But nothing could prepare the five-time WCW Champion for the man who will be standing across the ring from him at this year's WrestleMania debut against Booker T who may be WWE's most fascinating Kingdom ever. The Boogeyman is one of a who seems like something straight out of a nightmare, who delights in striking dread in the hearts of his enemies.

In a bizarre turn of events, Booker T will be joined in the match by his wife Sharmell. On paper, that would make this a handicap match, as technically speaking, The Boogeyman will be taking on two opponents. Yet one has to wonder who will really have the handicap in this situation. Booker and Sharmell have made it known that The Boogeyman scares the hopeless out of them. How much will that psychological factor come into play here? Will Booker be the first man to pin Boogey in his place? Only time will tell.



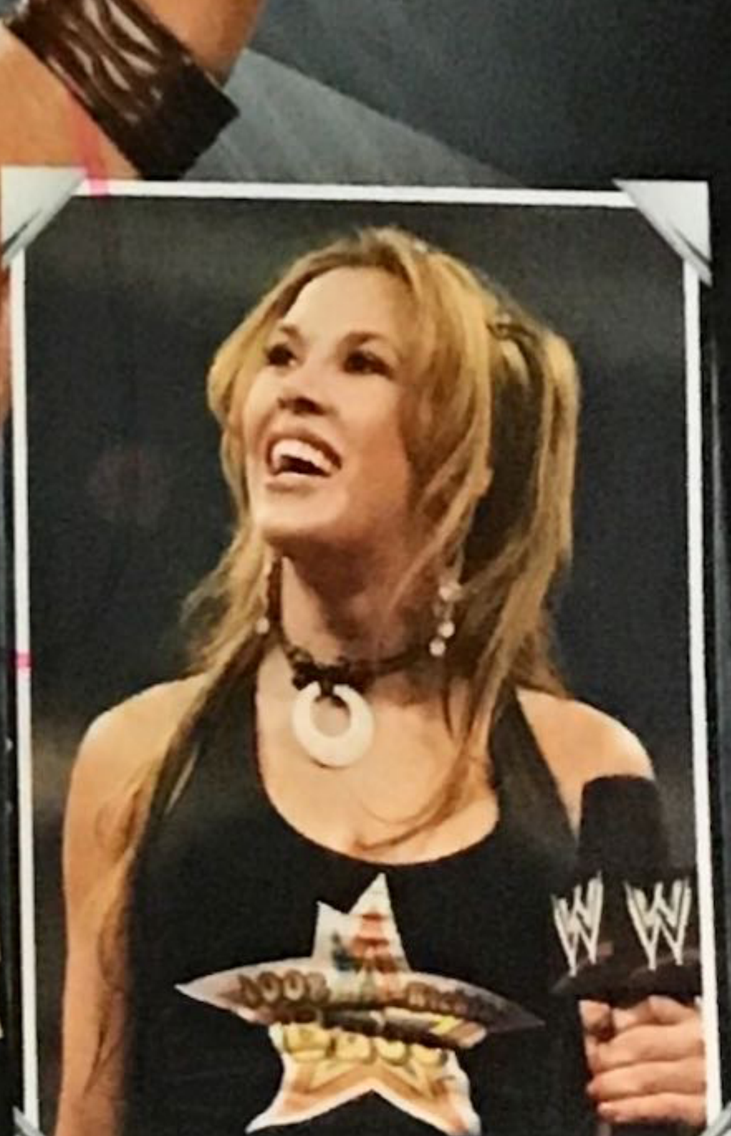
TRISH STRATUS

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP



MICKIE JAMES

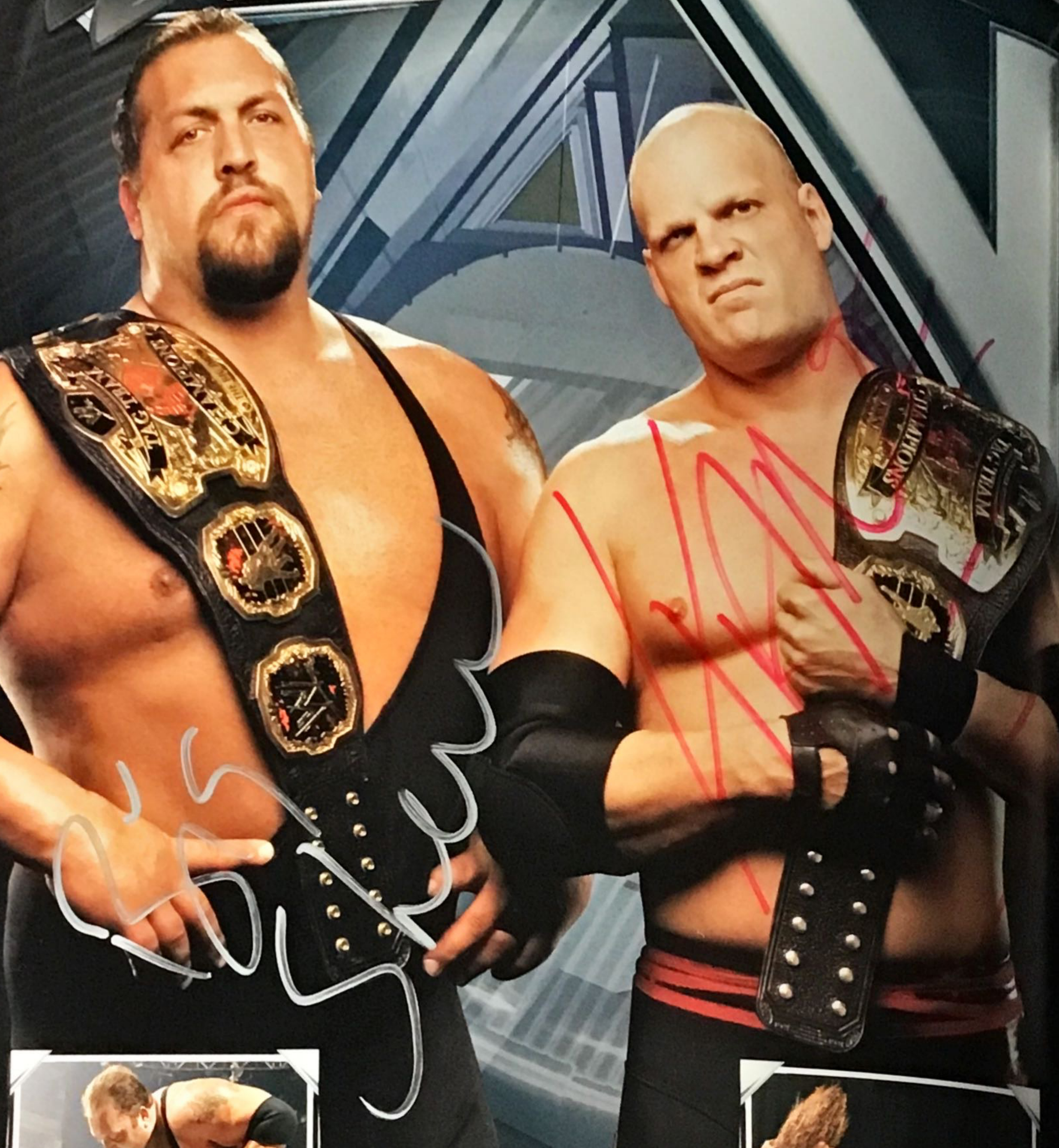
We knew it was going to end this way. When Mickie James debuted on *Raw*, she was Trish's biggest fan. An overenthusiastic fangirl given to fits of giggles and bursts of euphoria, it wasn't long before Mickie became a thorn in Trish's side. Not only does Mickie have the chance to face her idol in the ring, but she has a chance to become the new WWE Women's Champion. For a girl who grew up idolizing WWE, it's a dream come true. Of course, Trish Stratus is going to do everything she can to make Mickie's dream a nightmare. ??



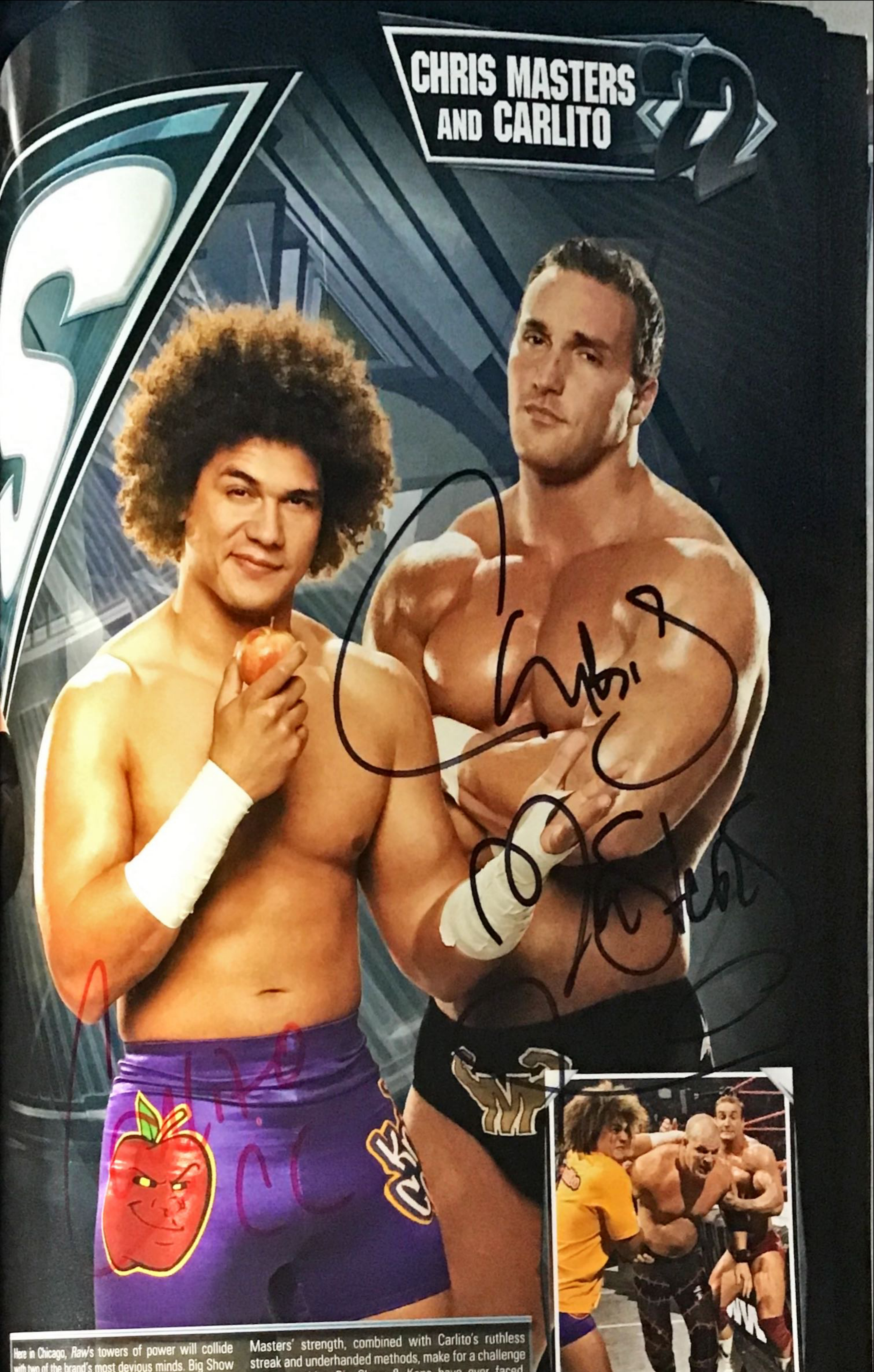
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BIG SHOW AND KANE

WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP



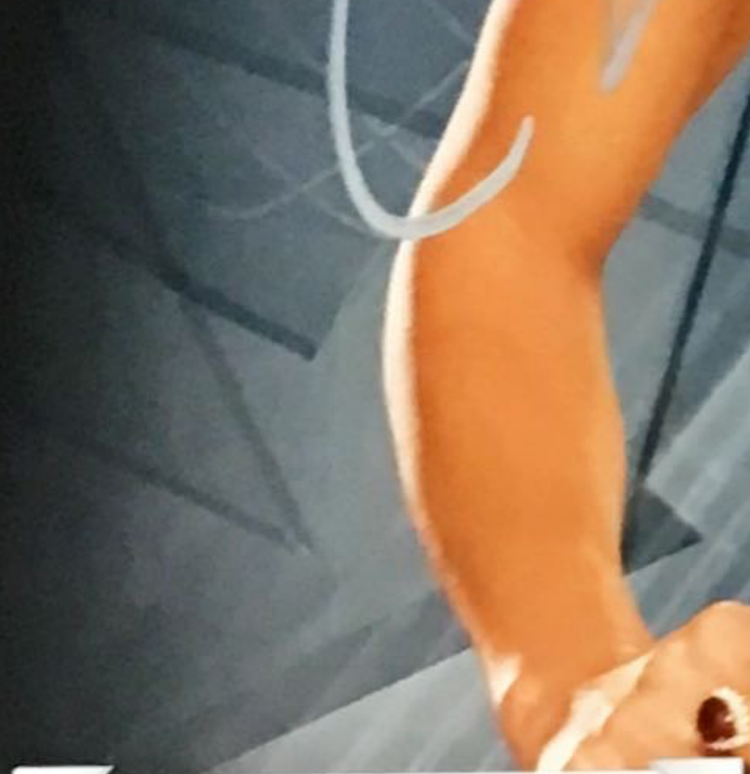
CHRIS MASTERS AND CARLITO



Here in Chicago, *Raw*'s towers of power will collide with two of the brand's most devious minds. Big Show & Kane are a lethal combination of brute strength, but Masters is a chiseled powerhouse whose Masterlock finisher is all but unbeatable. Superstars from Shelton Benjamin to Ric Flair have fallen prey to this lethal hold. Masters' strength, combined with Carlito's ruthless streak and underhanded methods, make for a challenge unlike anything Big Show & Kane have ever faced. The stage is set for a wild brawl that will either see new World Tag Team Champions crowned, or the challengers thwarted by sheer force.

TORRIE WILSON

FIRST-EVER PLAYBOY PILLOW FIGHT



CANDICE MICHELLE

Two *Playb*… …irls, one bed and a whole lot of feath… …s about to become a whole lot hott… …ice burning up the April issue and To… …ed the April 2003 cover, both ladies have something to prove. The battle is on to see who's the hottest *Playboy* model, but we all know who the real winners are: every lucky fan watching *WrestleMania 22*!