**Respect**

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**Page One**

PANEL 1

CLOSE UP: Early evening. Crusher Christian driving his car.

1-CRUSHER (caption):

The business has changed. And not for the better.

PANEL 2

LONG SHOT: Crusher’s car pulling into the parking lot of a VFW Hall. The outside of the Hall says “Wrestling! Featuring Sleazy Steve vs. Crusher Christian.

2-CRUSHER (caption)

When I broke in, it was REAL. You treated it like it was real.

PANEL 3

LONG SHOT: Crusher wheeling his bag inside the building’s breezeway.

3-CRUSHER (caption):

If someone said you’re “fake” and you didn’t kick their ass, you were out of a job.

4-CRUSHER (caption):

Not everybody made it.

PANEL 4

Crusher looking at a poster of Sleazy Steve doing his “pelvaplex.” A move where a wrestler grabs his crotch and he flips him via pelvic thrust. The poster reads “YOUTUBE SENSATION: SLEAZY STEVE!”

5-CRUSHER (caption):

Not everybody was supposed to.

PANEL 5

Crusher ripping down the poster.

6-CRUSHER (caption):

Like this joker.

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PANEL 1

Crusher entering the locker room. Several wrestlers are changing.

1-CRUSHER (caption):

Sleazy Steve. “Internet sensation” and owner of this mudshow.

PANEL 2

PAST: Sleazy Steve throwing a woman wrestler onto barbed wire.

2-CRUSHER (caption):

Guy books Intergender barbed wire matches and no legless wrestlers. Says it’s the business “evolving.”

PANEL 3

Crusher shaking hands with some of the wrestlers.

3-CRUSHER (caption):

If the business is “evolving” why did I sell out the Garden while he barely packs bars? Let him know what I thought.

PANEL 4

SCREEN SHOT: A Twitter screen showing an argument between Sleazy Steve (handle @stevesleaze) and Crusher (@realCrusher) The argument is under a video of the “pelvaplex” reads like this:

@realCrusher: @stevesleaze Shit like this is why nobody takes wrestling seriously. You wouldn’t have set foot in the locker room in my day.

@stevesleaze: @realCrusher Okay, boomer. How many hits do your videos have?

@realCrusher: @stevesleaze How many arenas have you wrestled in?

4-CRUSHER (caption):

We went back and forth. Then I got a call to do this match and…

PANEL 5

Sleazy Steve in civilian clothes motioning for Crusher to join him in the other room.

5-STEVE:

Crusher! Almost thought you wouldn’t make it. Come on in.

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PANEL 1

OVERHEAD SHOT: Sleazy Steve leading Crusher to a card table. A man sits in the middle. He is the matchmaker/booker.

1-STEVE:

Look, I know things got out of hand on Twitter and you may not like me but, like in your day, you don’t have to like your opponent. Just make money with him.

PANEL 2

Crusher and Sleazy Steve sitting across from each other.

2-STEVE:

It’s why you agreed to this match. Money. Tonight is being streamed worldwide. Everyone wants to see if you’ll take the pelvaplex.

PANEL 3

Sleazy Steve with his hands together addressing Crusher who is across from him.

3-STEVE:

Which is why I need to beat you with the pelvaplex.

4-CRUSHER:

No.

PANEL 4

Sleazy Steve facepalming.

5-STEVE:

Look, I know you teach people it’s “real” at your school which I appreciate but the industry is changing. I also know you want to still wrestle and the CWC won’t put you in the ring after you collapsed last year.

PANEL 5

Crusher angry.

6-STEVE (off panel):

Independent shows are your only hope if you want to keep wrestling. And you don’t want the reputation of being difficult do you?

PANEL 6

Crusher and Sleazy Steve leaving the office in separate directions.

1-STEVE:

Glad we agree. Now let’s go give’em a show.

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PANEL 1

Crusher lacing up his boots.

1-DEMOLITION KID (off panel):

Hey Crusher.

PANEL 2

A bloodied wrestler, the Demolition Kid, sits next to Crusher.

2-DEMOLITION KID:

Demolition Kid. Big fan.

3-CRUSHER:

I know you. Dumbass who puts himself through light tubes. Thinks it makes you tough.

4-DEMOLITION KID:

You know…

PANEL 3

Crusher looking at something in the distance that’s pissing him off.

5-CRUSHER:

I know! Guys who fall through furniture are a dime-a-dozen. And I know the CWC doesn’t look at them. I also know if you get injured, this mudshow will find another idiot to replace you.

PANEL 4

Sleazy Steve yucking it up with two wrestlers that are practicing a “no-contact” match. One wrestler is kicking air and his opponent is pretending to be hit.

6-CRUSHER (caption):

Guys here are “spot-monkeys.” All about the moves. No psychology. Nothing to make people believe in you.

7-WRESTLER:

I hit’em like this and he falls out the ropes.

PANEL 5

Crusher behind the curtain, ready to make his entrance.

8-CRUSHER:

I sold out the Garden because people believed in me. They may not believe wrestling is real, but they believed I was.

PANEL 6

Crusher walking down the aisle for his match.

9-CRUSHER:

Watch my match and you’ll see the difference between “real wrestling” and “play wrestling.”

10-ANNOUNCER:

...the legendary Crusher Christian!!!!

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PANEL 1

Sleazy Steve makes his entrance. Have gyrating.

1-ANNOUNCER:

And his opponent, the man you came to see, SLEAZY STEVE.

2-SFX:

DING! DING! DING!

PANEL 2

Steve and Crusher trading holds. Feel free to show anything want.

PANEL 3

Steve and Crusher continue wrestling.

3-STEVE (small text):

Time to go home.

PANEL 4

CLOSE UP: Sleazy Steve pulling Crusher’s arm toward his crotch.

PANEL 5

MEDIUM SHOT: Sleazy Steve thrusting toward Crusher. Crusher stands still.

PANEL 6

MEDIUM SHOT: Same as above but Sleazy Steve is crying in pain. Crusher is crushing his crotch off panel.

4-CRUSHER:

Time to go to school son.

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PANEL 1

Crusher holding Sleazy Steve’s crotch as he rams him into the ring post.

PANEL 2

CLOSE UP: Crusher’s elbow smashing Steve in the front of the mouth. Have Steve’s teeth fly out and his mouth filled with blood.

PANEL 3

Crusher yanking Sleazy Steve up by the hair. He’s holding his mouth which is dripping blood.

1-CRUSHER:

Get up!

2-STEVE:

Whh….shur….

3-CRUSHER:

I SAID GET UP!

PANEL 4

Crusher headbutting Steve directly above the eye.

4-CRUSHER:

You get up from barbed wire baseball bats? Can’t get up from an elbow?

PANEL 5

Crusher stomping a fallen Steve. He’s really doing this and not pulling his punches. Steve is bleeding from above the eye.

5-CRUSHER:

Of course you can’t. You’ve never taken an elbow. You don’t know how to sell. You don’t know how to react to certain moves. You’re…

PANEL 6

Crusher holds his chest. He’s having the start of a minot heart attack.

6-CRUSHER:

Uck…

PANEL 7

Sleazy Steve, holding his mouth, reaching his hand out to a hunched over Crusher.

7-STEVE:

I..uhgonna…st...

PANEL 8

Crusher with the last of his strength slapping Sleazy Steve in the ear.

8-CRUSHER:

This match doesn’t end until you find a way to pin me.

PANEL 9

CLOSE UP: Crusher hunched over, sweating profusely, and holding his chest.

9-CRUSHER:

So...find a way to end this...logically...or I’m gonna keep tanning your hide.

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Sleazy Steve DDT’s Crusher.

PANEL 2

Sleazy Steve pinning Crusher.

1-CROWD:

1! 2! 3!

2-CRUSHER (small text):

Acceptable.

PANEL 3

EMT’s helping Crusher out of the ring.

3-ANNOUNCER (off panel):

Your winner Sleazy Steve!

PANEL 4

Crusher coming through the curtain. He is met by the Demolition Kid w/others.

PANEL 5

Demolition Kid watching as doctor’s give Crusher an airmask and measure his blood pressure.

4-CRUSHER:

So...

PANEL 6

CLOSE UP: Crusher, in an airmask, looking up at an off panel Demolition Kid.

5-CRUSHER:

...you punks learn anything?

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PANEL 1

CLOSE UP: A car’s dashboard. The radio reads “Wrestling Hustle Radio.”

1- RADIO (spiked balloon):

...Steve has cancelled all events while he has his teeth repaired. Said Crusher will never work his events again, Dave.

PANEL 2

OVERHEAD SHOT: A car pulling into a parking lot.

2-RADIO (spiked balloon):

Bryan, I don’t think he cares. Crusher tweeted, “One elbow proved mudshow wrestler is just that. My job is done.” The question is what happens to Crusher from here?

PANEL 3

Demolition Kid getting out of the car. He is standing in front of a building that’s sign says: “CRUSHER’S WRESTLING ACADEMY.”

3-RADIO (spiked balloon):

Guys on the indies are mad but veterans and several in CWC management apparently love what he did.

PANEL 4

LONG WIDE SHOT: Demolition Kid walking into the main gym where there is a ring with two wrestlers working out in it. Crusher is outside the ring.

4-RADIO (spiked balloon):

Well Dave, I guess it just depends on how you view the business.

5-CRUSHER:

Good, take a break.

PANEL 5

Crusher spots the Demolition Kid.

6-CRUSHER:

Well look who’s here. Barbed Wire Boy. Ready to learn how real men wrestle?

7-DEMOLITION KID:

Yes.

PANEL 6

CLOSE UP: Crusher smiling.

8-CRUSHER:

Good. Get in the ring.