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[We start on a black screen as most shows do. We fade up into a royal blue screen with a glittering silver Fox Sports logo in the center of it. A fanfare plays in the background as a voiceover begins.]

"Home to the World Series. The NFL. The GFC. The Daytona 500. The US Open Championship."

[A quick clip from each sport flashes by during the voiceover.]

"The world's biggest events are on Fox Sports."

[The logo and fanfare fade...]

...as a giant robot appears, holding up a different version of the Fox Sports logo with the audio bug...]

"WE ARE... FOX SPORTS!"

[The shot fades from the graphic to another black screen with the AWA logo splashed across a starry field. A barrage of lasers flash in from all sides of the screen, etching along the borders of the letters, illuminating the plain white text into glowing and glittering gold. A deep voiceover begins. The words "American Wrestling Alliance" come up one by one at the bottom of the screen.]

"The recognized symbol of excellence in professional wrestling."

[The logo fades to black...]

...and that black cuts to a fast-paced sequence of AWA action shots accompanied by "The Power" by DJ Fresh.

After about thirty seconds of action, we break into a shot of the AWA Power Hour logo. It sits stationary for a moment before spiraling away and leaving us with our first glimpse of the Power Hour set.

Let's just assume it's a green screen somewhere since Theresa Lynch currently appears to be standing in outer space. The young daughter of one of wrestling's most famous families is grinning, standing in a gold and black dress.]

TL: The Battle of Boston has come and gone, wrestling fans, and I'm right back here for another edition of the Power Hour! Hello everyone, I'm Theresa Lynch and I'm your host for the next thirty minutes...

[Theresa shrugs.]

TL: I guess that makes us the Power Half Hour tonight. But we'll be spending the next thirty minutes together as we take a look back at the jam-packed action from last weekend in the TD Garden and take a look ahead at one of the biggest Saturday Night Wrestling episodes that I can recall - it's SNW in MSG and it's going to be a historic night as we crown the very first AWA Women's World Champion! Now, after the action in Boston, the AWA gave the entire roster a much-needed break from in-ring competition so the upcoming MSG SNW will be the first AWA event - televised or otherwise - since the Battle of Boston. Joining me here this week to talk about all things AWA is the one and only... my good friend, Mark Stegklet. Mark, welcome to the Power Hour!

[We cut to a wide shot as Mark Stegklet steps into the frame alongside Theresa, a big grin on his face.]

MS: Thanks, Theresa! And thanks for having me here on your show.

TL: I couldn't think of anyone better to run down all the latest happenings in the AWA with me... and before we can go anywhere else, we have to talk about the Battle of Boston, don't we? It's the talk of the pro wrestling world. Three days of non-stop action and in the end, it's the son of the Blackheart, Brian James, who walks out the winner of it all.

[Stegglet nods.]

MS: Absolutely. Brian James shocking the world by pinning the National Champion, Travis Lynch... the hottest free agent in the sport, Riley Hunter... the World Television Champion, Supernova... and the two-time former World Champion, Supreme Wright... all in one weekend to capture that crown. An absolutely incredible weekend run for James and my hat's off to him.

TL: It was an impressive performance for sure but I think my question is - what's next? You ran down the list of people who James defeated in Boston and... well, there's only one singles champion not on that list and it's his own ally in Johnny Detson!

MS: Well, look, Theresa... we've all heard the rumors that Brian Lau is throwing a big celebration for the Kings in New York City and I'm sure this situation is going to have to be addressed there. But with that Battle of Boston win, James pretty much has his pick of what to do next, right? Maybe he'll decide to challenge Supernova for the World Television Title... maybe he'll be gunning for your brother, Travis, and the National Title.

TL: I'm sure Travis would love another shot when his hand heals up.

MS: Speaking of banged-up hands, my sources are telling me that after the Battle of Boston, James made a visit to a nearby hospital to get his hand checked out by doctors there. The hand suffered some unspecified damage but I'm told he was cleared by AWA doctors and won't miss any ring time. Whatever decision he makes, he'll be ready to try and capitalize on his Battle of Boston victory right away.

[Theresa nods.]

TL: We talked a little bit about Johnny Detson there, the World Champion... but if Brian James doesn't step up to challenge for the World Title, who will Detson be facing next in your opinion?

MS: That's a tough call, Theresa. There's going to be a lot of support for Supernova to get that opportunity since he was actually the one to eliminate Detson from the tournament but Supernova may have his hands full defending the World Television Title. More on that a little later but you've also gotta look at someone like your big brother, Jack Lynch, Theresa. He and Detson had an encounter or two at the Battle of Boston and I'm sure there's some unsettled business there. In fact, ever since last weekend, my sources have told me that the Iron Cowboy's made it clear to the front office that he wants to raise his profile in the AWA and I've also heard he's made some noise regarding some requested matches that are quite intriguing.

TL: Travis with the National Title and Jack as the World Champion? I can deal with that.

[Stegglet chuckles.]

MS: I'm sure you can. But Travis better keep his eyes open for the other half of the Kings of Wrestling as well. I know that Wes Taylor and Tony Donovan haven't made any secret of the fact that they'd like to double up on the title belts around one of their waists.

TL: Shifting gears, let's talk about the runner-up in the Battle of Boston tournament - Supreme Wright.

MS: To me, Theresa, Wright is in quite the interesting position coming out of the tournament. He came into the tournament with a lot of momentum. He had that winning streak going. He was the odds-on favorite to win it all in the eyes of many. But he had a really rough weekend. He had a lot of tough battles. And he ended up winning over many of the fans in the process but ultimately, he lost. And that's all that will matter to Supreme Wright. What happens next? Does he start over? Was Emerson Gellar impressed by Wright's performance? Does Wright set HIS eyes on the World Title now as well? It would be hard to argue that he's not worthy of a shot at the title.

TL: It sure would. I wonder about the mental state of Supreme Wright though, being choked out by Brian James in the Finals of the tournament. Of course, he doesn't have long to worry about it though because next week at MSG, he'll also be leading off the first-ever draft for the upcoming Steal The Spotlight Series. Wright, Torin The Titan, Noboru Fujimoto, and Canibal will be the four team captains for that Series which will take place during the AWA's first ever European tour, leading to the Finals at Wembley in London in a couple of months where the last man standing will claim the Steal The Spotlight contract.

MS: Who knew when Emerson Gellar arrived last year at SuperClash what an impact it would have on the Steal The Spotlight contract. First, he declared that if you didn't cash it in, you had to defend it... which led to Rex Summers putting it on the line against The Gladiator. The Gladiator won, cashed it in, and then lost to Johnny Detson through some nefarious means. That meant the contract didn't

have a holder until the Director of Operations created this first-ever Steal The Spotlight Series and I can't wait to see these teams come together next weekend in New York City.

TL: We've talked about Brian James. We've talked about Supreme Wright. Mark, before we take our first break of the night, let's talk about the third man in that Battle of Boston Finals - the World Television Champion, Supernova!

[A graphic comes up of Supernova, TV Title secured around his waist.]

MS: Supernova has held the World Television Title since last November at SuperClash when he beat Shadoe Rage and has been taking on all challengers since then. That looks to continue at MSG when he defends the title against the Self Made Man, Kerry Kendrick. Kendrick's going to be a tough challenge for Supernova and if he survives it, there's quite the list of challengers waiting for him.

TL: Guys like Bobby O'Connor... like Derrick Williams... like Larry Wallace... like-

MS: Like Callum Mahoney.

TL: Exactly. And when you look at the roster, there's just so many who could step up to challenge for the title at any given time. Even Shadoe Rage is lurking in the shadows, looking for another shot.

MS: You never know what he'll do at any given time. He's so unpredictable as we saw him tussle with Callum Mahoney recently in Toronto.

TL: Mark, prediction time - can Kerry Kendrick win the World Television Title?

MS: Can he? Absolutely. Kendrick's got the skill to get the job done and he's certainly got the physical backup available to help him out. Will he? I don't think so. I think Supernova is riding too high of a high after making the Finals of the tournament and pinning the World Champion in Boston to be knocked off in New York City.

TL: Unsurprisingly, Kerry Kendrick, has other ideas. Last weekend in Boston, I chased down Kendrick so let's hear from the man who will challenge for the World Television Title next weekend in Madison Square Garden!

[We crossfade to footage marked "LAST WEEKEND" where Theresa Lynch is about to open a dressing room. A loud "thunk" and a primal female scream from within changes her mind. She closes her eyes, grits her teeth and decides to knock instead. Kerry Kendrick emerges from the dressing room, fresh off the ten-man tag.]

KK: Whoa whoa whoa, sweetie. You don't want to get anywhere near that, trust me. She said, "the first woman who dares get into my face—"

[He is interrupted when a high heel shoe soars out of the dressing room behind him, skittering loudly down the hall.]

KK: Let's just say Ricki has a way with profanity; she's had a rough night, so let's just back off.

[Kendrick takes Lynch by the arm and walks with her a safe distance from Erica Toughill's offscreen tantrum.]

TL: Kerry Kendrick, you've been named as the next challenger for Supernova's Television Championship, but this weekend we saw the implosion of SM&K—

KK: [correcting] ALMOST implosion, Theresa. You know that guy like Emerson Gellar looks at me and he doesn't see what everyone else sees. He doesn't see the future of the AWA, he just sees the now. He just sees the cross promotion opportunities he can get with the hot Broadway musical or MLB players in the front row. And he knows that if he can isolate me from my brothers, he can drown my merits in his sea of mediocrity.

Well, Gellar, it almost worked. But we're too smart for you to try and drive a stake in the SM&K business. Business is booming for SM&K. Business is booming for the Self Made Man. It's finally my turn to cash in, and it starts with Supernova and that TV title.

TL: Well, over the past months, you've made reference to someone that you call an "unstable element." He did cause one of the more controversial moments in the history of "Power Hour."

KK: I'm not going to talk about it. Go out there and ask him about it. All I'm going to say is that I've been more than proven right that he's an unstable element.

TL: But didn't you think that tonight he—

KK: [interrupting] We're on to Supernova. Ask about Supernova.

[Lynch adjusts her line of questioning on the fly.]

TL: Then... what are your thoughts on facing the Television Champ? He defeated Shadoo Rage for the title at SuperClash, this weekend he defeated Bobby O'Connor, your cohort Rex Summers, AND the AWA World Champion himself, Johnny Detson, do you feel intimidated by that resume at all?

KK: Again, Theresa, you're talking about things past. We're standing in the here and now, with one eye on the future. The sad fact of life is that Supernova has never faced a Self Made Man before. I've been here since the beginning and I've been watching you, Supernova... all those SuperClashes, all those Solar Flares you slapped on, everything about you. And I feel one of my turns coming on. Now, I gotta catch up with my boys at the after-party.

[He points down the hallway back at the dressing room.]

KK: And give Ricki a wide berth.

[He looks over his shoulder and chuckles to himself.]

KK: Funny, she usually calms down after a while. Ah, she'll catch up with us.

[He exits, leaving Theresa Lynch nervously looking over her shoulder. There is the sound of a loud wooden "snap" in the distance. Two chunks of a bisected croquet mallet come are flung from the half-open dressing room door. Lynch hastily draws her finger across her throat as she rushes off-camera to a safe distance. Time to leave as we fade to black...]

And fade back up on a rising sun coming up over a crystal blue lake. A voiceover begins.]

"The future."

[The sun continues to climb via time lapse footage.]

"It is said that the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

[The sun reaches its peak, dazzling as it lights up the water below.]

"At the Korugun Corporation, our dreams are the same as yours."

[Cut to a shot of children playing in a very green meadow.]

"To live... to love..."

[To a shot of two elderly people smiling as they hold hands.]

"To make the most out of every moment we are blessed with."

[To the crack of a baseball bat and a cheering crowd.]

"To the joys of community... of family... of kinship..."

[To a young toddler walking out into the surf on a beach only to be scooped up by a nervous father who lifts him high in the air.]

"To all of life's promise... and potential."

[To a spaceship rocketing off its launchpad towards the sky.]

"To pushing the boundaries of what is expected..."

[To a space shot of Earth below.]

"To bringing our futures into the present."

[The Korugun Corporation logo slowly crawls over the curvature of the Earth.]

"Korugun. To life and all that it offers."

[And we slowly fade to black...

...and then up on Callum Mahoney, just standing in front of an AWA backdrop. He is dressed in a burgundy dress shirt, with the sleeves folded up to just below his elbows, and a pair of black trousers.]

CM: Rage, do not for one moment think that I have forgotten. In Toronto, you cost me the World Television title by sticking your nose where it did not belong! In New York, in Madison Square Garden, you and I are going to step into the ring, just us... No Rex, no Kerry, no Ricki, and no Misfits... And we're going to settle this like they do in the Old Country.

And for what you've cost me, Rage? I'm going to have your arm for that!

[We fade away from Mahoney back to Theresa Lynch and Mark Stegglet in the studio.]

TL: The Fighting Irishman with some strong words for Shadoe Rage here on the Power Hour - that match is set to go down in MSG as well, Mark.

MS: One of the toughest brawlers in the business against one of the most unpredictable. Who knows what happens when those two collide?

TL: Speaking of unpredictable, was there anything more unpredictable this weekend than what happened with the former World Champion, Ryan Martinez? First, he

only advances to the second round thanks to a disqualification. Then he ends up in an impromptu Quarterfinal against Juan Vasquez... and loses!

MS: Look, I'm as big of a fan of the White Knight as there is but I think anyone who watched the Battle of Boston could tell you that Ryan Martinez should NOT have been in that ring last weekend. He looked a step or two slow... he looked soft in conditioning... we heard rumors of injuries going in... he just didn't look like the Ryan Martinez who won the World Title a year and a half ago.

TL: And of course, after that shocking loss to Juan Vasquez, Martinez left the building and was nowhere to be found the rest of the weekend. I was told that AWA sources - including Emerson Gellar and President O'Neill - made several attempts to reach him over the weekend and since then to no success.

MS: That sounds about right for what I've heard. But I believe that Ryan Martinez will NOT miss the chance to be in New York City - at the sight of his greatest victory - for all of his fans.

TL: But to what end? Of course, he never received his rematch for the World Title after losing it to Johnny Detson but the Martinez we saw in Boston wouldn't stand a chance against Detson in my opinion.

MS: Well, you can be sure that Ryan's grudge with the Axis of Evil is far from over.

TL: The Axis of Evil recently bolstered by the arrival of MAWAGA who they claim was a gift from the Korugun Corporation, a new sponsor here on Fox Sports X. Would Martinez really jump right back into the fire against Vasquez, Zharkov, and MAWAGA?

MS: It wouldn't be his smartest play but Ryan Martinez has often made the mistake of not doing the smart thing... but doing the right thing in his mind so he very well could do exactly that. My guess is that Ryan Martinez' endgame is to get his hands on Juan Vasquez again... and whatever he has to do to get there is what he's going to do.

TL: Well, the good news is that Martinez may not have to do it alone. Last weekend saw a bit of unity come to the forefront when Jordan Ohara faced Juan Vasquez with Derrick Williams and Martinez in his corner. Could Martinez rely on their support in the fight to come?

MS: Ryan Martinez has led an army before... although Derrick Williams hardly seems like the type to go along like a good little soldier. Jordan Ohara perhaps. Ohara had a good showing against Juan Vasquez but my guess is that Ohara sets his sights on gold of some sort over the next few months, trying to lock down his first AWA championship before his one year AWA anniversary at SuperClash.

TL: Well, another moment that went down at the Battle of Boston that few of us are likely to soon forget was Flex Ferrigno and David Ortiz - Big Papi himself - of the Boston Red Sox coming to... blows isn't the right word for it but they had a physical encounter for sure!

MS: No need to run the footage of that one since it's been absolutely EVERYWHERE over the past week. ESPN, Entertainment Tonight, TMZ, E!... you name it and it's been on there! Celebrities from all over the globe and every industry - film, TV, sports, everywhere - took to social media to talk about it and... wow.

TL: It was a big moment for sure... and I'm sure it didn't go down the way Flex Ferrigno was expecting it to. In fact...

MS: Did you see the locker room he tore up backstage?

TL: I did... and I heard about the hefty fine he got for it as well. But the question is, Mark - can Ferrigno get past what happened in Boston and continue to make a name for himself inside the ring? It was embarrassing - no doubt - but he can't let it stick in his head.

MS: I... well, Ferrigno's an explosive personality. I wouldn't be surprised by ANYTHING that guy does, Theresa. Flex is going to be in his hometown in New York City and... well, all bets are off if you ask me.

TL: Someone else who may have to battle the voices in his head to get to the next level is The Gladiator. Now, remember, fans... the Gladiator's return in Boston was set to be his first match since losing to Johnny Detson back at Memorial Day Mayhem. Of course, that didn't happen.

MS: And we've been asked to not discuss what did happen other than to say that The Gladiator and Torin The Titan were both eliminated from the tournament due to injuries suffered from a pair of non-contracted wrestlers. But needless to say, the Gladiator is fit to be tied after that happened.

TL: Many would say he was fit to be tied BEFORE that happened but the Gladiator is back... he WILL be in action in MSG... and honestly, I wouldn't want to be Rex Summers right about now.

[Lynch shudders.]

TL: Can't really imagine ANY time I'd want to be Rex Summers but the point holds up.

MS: Absolutely. Right now, let's go take a look back to Memorial Day Mayhem and recall exactly how the Gladiator's undefeated streak came to an end.

[We fade to footage marked "MEMORIAL DAY MAYHEM 2016 - SEATTLE, WASHINGTON" where the World Champion, Johnny Detson, has whipped the Gladiator into the turnbuckles. As he staggers out, Detson buries a boot into the midsection, yanking him into a standing headscissors...]

GM: Detson's going for the Wilde Driver!

[But as he goes to underhook the arm, the Gladiator yanks his legs out from under him, holding them under his arms...]

GM: Gladiator with the counter and... SLINGSHOT!

[...and falling backwards, catapulting Detson into the air, sending him crashing facefirst into the turnbuckles!]

"OHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!"

GM: GLADIATOR SENDS HIM INTO THE CORNER!

[As Detson staggers back, the Gladiator drags him down into a sloppy sunset flip!]

GM: ONE!! TWO!! THRE-

"OHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!"

GM: NEAR FALL! SO CLOSE RIGHT THERE!

[A shot of Brian Lau at ringside shows him nervously clutching his chest, looking concerned at the action in the ring as the Gladiator climbs up off the mat, pointing a finger out to all his supporting fans in the KeyArena who roar in response.]

GM: The Gladiator's looking to end it! Looking to find a way to finish him off and walk out of here as the AWA World Heavyweight Champion!

[The Gladiator slowly circles the ring, coming back to Detson who is down on all fours, crawling across the squared circle...

...and gets grabbed by the back of the pants, yanked right up to his feet!]

GM: Uh oh!

[The Gladiator turns Detson around, lifting him up into the air...

...and pressing him high overhead!]

GM: HE'S GOT HIM UP!

BW: No, no! Somebody stop this! Somebody stop-

[Brian Lau leaps up on the apron, screaming and shouting. The Gladiator throws a glance to the side, spotting Lau...

...which is just enough of a distraction for Detson to reach down, raking the eyes, and landing on his feet behind him!]

GM: OH!

[Detson rushes into the ropes, bouncing off and leaping forward, shoving the Gladiator towards the other ropes with a well-placed knee into the lower back!]

GM: The Gladiator goes down!

[Hanging over the middle rope, Detson plants his shin on the back of the neck, choking the Gladiator fiercely as Lau turns towards the aisle, waving an arm. The referee shouts at Detson who backs off, leaving a gasping Gladiator laid out over the middle rope...

...and suddenly, Detson wraps his arm around the official pulling him back with him...]

GM: What is he-?!

[The crowd ERUPTS in jeers as someone comes tearing down the aisle towards the ring!]

GM: Who is... it's Rex Summers! IT'S REX SUMMERS!

["Red Hot" Rex Summers comes tearing down the aisle towards the ring, red Haliburton briefcase in hand...]

GM: What's HE doing out here?!

BW: I don't know but-

[Summers doesn't slow down at all, winding up...]

"WHAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAACK!"

"OHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!"

GM: OH MY STARS!

[Summers backs off, a HUGE dent now on the side of the metal briefcase. He smirks at the dent, slapping it twice, and then turns around, running right back up the aisle the way he came.]

GM: Rex Summers out of nowhere with that metal briefcase! He hit the Gladiator right over the head with it and... oh no... no, no!

[Releasing the official, Johnny Detson races across the ring, pulling the dazed Gladiator off the ropes, tugging him into a standing headscissors, reaching down to hook both arms...]

GM: NOT LIKE THIS!

[...and LEAPS into the air, driving the Gladiator's face into the canvas!]

BW: WILDE DRIVER!

GM: NO!

[Detson flips the Gladiator over, diving across his chest, tightly hooking both legs with a hopeful look on his face.]

BW: ONE!!! TWO!!!

GM: This is...

[The referee's hand goes up...

...and slaps the mat for a third time, ending the match and the undefeated streak of the Gladiator!]

BW: THREEEEEEEEEEEEE! THE CHAMP MAKES HISTORY, DADDY!

[Detson drops back, thrusting his arms in the air as Brian Lau leaps into the air on the floor, arms held high!]

GM: I can't believe it!

BW: Believe it, daddy! The King is still on his throne!

[As Detson celebrates in the ring and Brian Lau celebrates on the floor, Phil Watson makes it official.]

PW: Your winner of the match... and STILL AWA WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONNNNNN...

[The crowd is booing rabidly again at this point.]

PW: JOHNNNNNNYYYYY DEEEEEETSONNNNNNNN!

[The title belt is handed to Detson who climbs up off the mat, clutching it to his chest as Brian Lau rolls in to join him.]

"I told you, Johnny! I told you we could do it, champ!"

[Detson and Lau embrace, the title held up between them as the Seattle crowd lets them have it for their shenanigans. The duo exit the ring, the celebration continuing as they head back up the aisle towards the locker room.]

GM: This is wrong. This is just plain wrong, Bucky.

[And on that note...

...we fade back to the studio where Theresa and Mark are standing.]

TL: Just plain wrong sounds about right, Mark.

MS: The Gladiator's shot at the World Title AND his undefeated streak came crashing to a halt in one solid swing of that metal briefcase. Yeah, the Wilde Driver put the exclamation point on it but that briefcase did the damage. The Gladiator was essentially out on his feet after that, Theresa.

TL: And you better believe that the Gladiator hasn't forgotten what we just saw. Rex Summers can run but he cannot hide from the Gladiator.

MS: He may not be able to hide but he'd better try.

[Theresa chuckles.]

TL: Alright, fans... we've gotta take another break but when we come back, it's time to talk tag teams right here on the Power Hour so don't you dare go away!

[Fade to black.

We fade up on the logo for the television network known by its fans as "The X" - Fox Sports X. Standing next to it is Terrence Howard of "Empire" fame.]

"They tell me that Lucious Lyon ain't the toughest man on Fox anymore. Hah! I'll believe that when I see it!"

[Cut to a shot from SWLL's LUCHA LUCHA LUCHA where El Caliente snaps off a death-defying dive over the top rope, over the corner ringpost, and onto a prone figure. A voiceover not belonging to Terrence Howard provides the hype.]

"Enter the world of lucha libre!"

[Then to a shot of the GFC - a recent shot with Ivan Petrov knocking Rufus Harris out to win the GFC Heavyweight Title.]

"Or maybe you prefer a little bit of MMA!"

[On to Tiger Paw Pro's WrestleGalaxy as Yoshinari Taguchi exchanges stiff slaps with the man AWA fans would know as Nenshou.]

"Travel to the Land of the Rising Sun for some puroresu action!"

[A highlight reel level head kick from a European looking kickboxer drops a Japanese one.]

"The hottest new action on The X belongs to SKB - Super K Boxing!"

[And finally to a shot of Ryan Martinez lighting up Supreme Wright's chest with a series of machine gun chops.]

"Saturday nights bring you all the action of the American Wrestling Alliance!"

[We cut back to Terrence Howard, wincing and rubbing his own chest as if he could feel Martinez' chops.]

"Alright, alright... those boys are pretty bad too. But can they sing?"

[Howard laughs as we cut back to the logo for The X. Howard delivers the closing line.]

"Fox Sports X. Come get some."

[The "come get some" slogan fills the screen as we fade to black...

...and then back up on the Power Hour logo, splashed down low in the corner as we see the street clothes-wearing duo of Cesar Hernandez and Chris Choisnet filling the screen.]

CC: Samoans! It won't be long now, I tell ya that! Cesar and I have been going all across this country to building after building, beating some of the best teams that the AWA has ever seen!

CH: That's right... and I'll tell you right now, boys... we've got our eyes set on you! So, Cooper... you pick up the phone, you call Emerson Gellar, and you tell him to make that match! Because we want another shot at the Samoans and we don't care who we have to beat to get there!

CC: Rene, I know you're watching, buddy. You heal up and you make it back... I'm going to be right here waiting for you and when you get here, the Northern Lights are gonna ride again!

[Hernandez gives a nod, clapping Choisnet on the back.]

CH: But until then, we've got business to take care of, amigo... starting with those Samoans and maybe... just maybe ending with Taylor, Donovan, and those shiny World Tag Team Titles. Wouldn't those look good around our waists, hermano?

[Choisnet grins.]

CC: Absolutely. So, we're putting the tag division on notice. Samoans, Kings... we're comin' for you!

[The duo exchanges a high five as we fade back to Theresa and Mark.]

TL: The duo of Choisnet and Hernandez continues to make waves in the tag division... and I want to talk more about the tag division, Mark, but to do that, we've gotta talk about some Comings & Goings!

[A graphic slams down from the top that says... yes, "Comings & Goings."]

TL: After his fan-making performance at the Battle of Boston, the Iron Badger himself, Manzo Kawajiri has been on loan from Tiger Paw Pro to compete here in the AWA.

MS: That's right... but in order to make that deal, the AWA had to give TPP something in return - the remaining months on the contract of the Shadow Star Legion. The SSL - Nakamura and Hashimoto - are heading back to their homeland and we wish them all the best in their adventures.

TL: Speaking of Japan, I just got word earlier today that the duo known as Downfall have been sent to Tiger Paw Pro on an excursion, trying to further refine their skills

under the tutelage of Master Sadisuto. Another tag team taking some time away from the AWA.

MS: And rounding out that group, we can also now confirm that Tombstone Anderson suffered a knee injury which will take the Rotgut Rustlers out of action for the foreseeable future. Best of luck to them and get well soon, Tombstone!

TL: How about some of the newest signings to the AWA though, Mark?

MS: Well, there was some recent talk about this signing but I can't wait to see him in action full-time here in the AWA. A two-sport superstar in Canada now breaking into the ranks of professional wrestling... a student of and a member of the Colton family... "The Calgary Stampeder" himself, Rocco Robinson will be making his official AWA debut in the near future.

TL: How about one of the competitors we've showcased a few times on the Power Hour? A young Combat Corner student who we're told impressed so many in the front office, he's getting a nod and will be scheduled to compete on more AWA live events in the near future - the young powerhouse Malik Thompson!

MS: We talked about Rocco Robinson being our newest signee from Canada but our visit to Canada brought more than Robinson on board. You heard the news at MSG that "Cannonball" Lee Connors, another young competitor looking to break into the big time, had signed his AWA contract after the footage of his shocking win over Derek Rage went viral. We look forward to seeing that young man officially in action as well.

TL: Speaking of Derek Rage, I'm told the seven footer spent last weekend trying to get Emerson Gellar to meet with him, trying to get a contract signed despite losing to Connors. My sources say Gellar has refused the meeting so far but time will tell if Rage is successful.

MS: Which I suppose brings us to the biggest newcomer of all - Riley Hunter. Hunter debuted at the Battle of Boston to much fanfare... to a whole lot of hype... and boy did he deliver. He defeated Manzo Kawajiri... he defeated Noboru Fujimoto... he defeated former two-time World Champion Dave Bryant... and the only thing to stop that Bullet Train of success was the eventual winner of the entire tournament, Brian James. The question on everyone's mind though is - was it a fluke or is Riley Hunter REALLY that good?

TL: I think he's that good, Mark. I think Hunter's the real deal and if I was calling names for that Steal The Spotlight draft, I think you'd be a fool to let him slip past you in the first round. He's the kind of guy who could carry your team to a victory easily.

MS: I'm excited to see what else is in store for Riley Hunter here in 2016 as we've passed the halfway point of the year with big events like the European tour, Homecoming, and SuperClash still to come.

TL: Mark, let's shift back to talking about the tag team division. We talked about the teams who've departed the scene but let's talk about who remains and who can step up to challenge the World Tag Team Champions.

MS: You know, Theresa... Taylor and Donovan ended last year talking about how they would be the Tag Team of the Year for 2016 and really, outside of a short period where they dropped the titles to your brothers, they've been unstoppable against every team put in front of them. So, you look down the line... you look at teams like Next Gen... you look at teams like the Slaughterhouse. Could they beat the champs? Absolutely. I believe that anyone can beat anyone else on any given night.

TL: But...?

MS: But is it likely? I don't know. Taylor and Donovan have looked to be on top of their game and with the Kings behind them, I'm not sure they can be stopped right now.

TL: What about a team like the American Idols?

MS: The Wallaces are one of the best tag teams in the world. They could give Taylor and Donovan a run for their money for sure. It'll be interesting to see how quickly they can work their way up the rankings... especially since I hear Terry Shane is still gunning for them.

TL: You mentioned Terry Shane there... what about his old friend Bobby O'Connor? Could Shane and O'Connor be a future challenge for the tag titles? Or could the TexMo Connection ride again?

MS: You'd probably be able to answer that better than I can but I'm expecting big things out of "Bunkhouse" Bobby on the back half of 2016. I don't know if it'll be the Television Title, the National Title, the tag titles... heck, maybe even another shot at the World Title... but I believe O'Connor will be gunning for gold in 2016 still.

TL: I hope you're right about that one, Mark. Fans, we're going to take our final break and when we come back, we're going to talk about two big things coming up next weekend in New York City so don't you dare go away!

[Fade to black...

...and then back up. We see two young kids - a boy and a girl - standing at the barricade at an AWA live event. They are on their feet, screaming and shouting for the action in the ring. We can hear a bell and soon, Travis Lynch is standing in front of them, giving them both a high five with the AWA National Title belt hanging over his shoulder. The young man turns towards the camera.]

"Wow! I wish I could be the champion!"

[There's a voiceover.]

VO: Now you can!

[And with a flash of light, the young man has a replica of the National Title hanging over his shoulder. The boy yelps with glee, slapping the title belt with a big grin on his face. The voiceover continues as we see the title belts one by one.]

VO: Okay, maybe you can't be the champion but you can own your own version of the same title belts you see on TV each and every week!

The National Title, the World Television Title, the Tag Team Titles, even the World Heavyweight Title can be yours!

Kids sizes and adult sizes available.

[A quick shot of a grown man holding the World Title in the air, smiling broadly.]

VO: Oh, and don't think we forgot about you...

[FLASH!

And now the little girl from the start of the ad is holding her own version of the soon-to-be-crowned Women's World Championship.]

"I can be a champion too!"

[Cut to a three shot of the adult and the two kids each holding up their title belts.]

VO: Available now at retail stores everywhere and AWAShop.com!

[Fade to black...

...and then fade back up on a shot of a rising sun. It fades to a sun-drenched town that looks like something out of a Western movie. Dirt crunching underneath a boot is heard as our camera's shot is on the street, slowly panning across buildings - a general store, a barber shop...]

"Poetry. Hmmpf! If you ask me, I ain't never had the time for it. Flowery words meanin' nothin' at all. Tryin' to express your feelings through words just ain't possible sometimes.

There are no words to describe when you stand in front of a jury of your peers, sweat tricklin' down your back, tryin' desperately to look 'em all in the eyes when they's all tryin' to hide theirs."

[A casino, a doctor's office.]

"No words when - BOOM! - the judge's gavel drops down on the table, splittin' your head straight through to the skull. Guilty, they say... guilty as sin... it's death for you, son."

[A saloon... make that a few saloons.]

"You got a sonnet to speak when the executioner comes for ya? Draggin' ya by the wrist through the dirt. You got lots to say then... cryin', beggin' for the mama who shoulda raised ya better... whisperin' them prayers to the Lord upstairs who ain't got a care for the likes of ya."

[And then it comes into view... the gallows.]

"The creak of the wood when he steps on it. You're done talkin' now. Just a blubberin' mess. Silent pleas to the man who holds your fate in his hands. But he don't care none 'bout ya... no more than the Almighty himself does. All he wants... all any of us wants is justice."

[And then onto the noose itself, hanging in the breeze.]

"Thump, thump... thump, thump... your heart beatin' in your chest so hard, it's bound to break loose and bounce away.

No words as the rope tightens around your neck... no pretty little couplet to remember ya by.

Nothin' but... SNAP!"

[The sound of a frightened raven is heard, darting out into the bright blue sky as the noose sways.]

"Aw hell, I guess not all them poets are bad. Shakespeare had a few good ones, didn't he?"

Cowards die many times before their deaths;
The valiant never taste of death but once.

Be brave, boy. Be brave 'til the end."

[Fade to black...

...and then back up on the Power Hour set.]

TL: Some chilling words there directed at Manny Imbrogno presumably from The Hangman.

MS: The World's Smartest Man better start thinking of a way to get out of that one. That doesn't seem to be a good matchup for him.

TL: Alright, fans... we've spent the better part of the last half hour running down what we've seen lately here in the AWA and what we might see in the months ahead... but right now, I want to talk about two things we KNOW we're going to see next weekend in Madison Square Garden. First off... Mark... please... tell me what in the world you know about the return of "Playboy" Ronnie D to the AWA and the apparent debut next weekend of his son!

MS: I... I'm afraid I don't know much more than you do, Theresa. All weekend long, Sweet Lou had been talking about a big free agent signing... something that would shock the world and then... well, after talking with Lou, we know that Ronnie D and his son weren't the signing but-

TL: Hold on just one moment, Mark... I'm told that we've got Sweet Lou on the phone. Lou, can you shed some light on this situation?

[We cut to a split screen with Theresa on one side and a pretty bad publicity photo of Sweet Lou on the other.]

SLB: Not much light at all, Theresa. But I can tell you two things. One, Ronnie D has sworn that his son... yes, his very own flesh and blood... will make his AWA in-ring debut at Madison Square Garden... and I'm told... by Ronnie mostly... that you don't want to miss this debut.

TL: What's the other thing, Lou?

SLB: It's that the free agent signing that I talked about during Battle of Boston HAS happened! And that free agent will ALSO be in Madison Square Garden to be unveiled to the world! Believe me, you do not want to miss that!

TL: Thanks, Lou for the breaking news.

SLB: It's my pleasure, Theresa, and as always, kids... download the Sweet Lou app and get all the scoops that even the ice cream guy can't give you!

[Theresa visibly rolls her eyes with a chuckle at that line as the split screen vanishes.]

TL: Well... that's one thing to look forward to and I'm NOT talking about the return of Ronnie D. Can't even imagine who let him back in the building after the last couple times we've seen him.

MS: Do we have time to watch what happened to him last year in the Legends Royale?

[Theresa laughs again.]

TL: I'm afraid not, Mark, because we've got one more thing to talk about and I've saved the best for last. Next weekend in Madison Square Garden - the most famous sports arena in the world - we've got history being made in the former of the Rumble to crown the very first Women's World Champion! I can't wait!

MS: It's going to be something else, Theresa. So many great competitors, so many surprises, so much to look forward to... and everyone coming from all over the world to battle it out to be the very first Women's World Champion!

TL: Mark, let's break this down and look at some of the competitors in there and what their chances of victory are...

[A graphic comes up showing all of the announced competitors in the Women's Rumble next weekend.]

MS: A ton of great competitors in this one, Theresa. The AWA really went all out in putting together the best possible field for this Rumble event... but if I have to pick a winner, I'm going to give you a Top 3.

TL: Alright, fire away.

MS: First up, let's talk about Erica Toughill.

[A shot of Toughill appears on the screen.]

MS: She's got the strength, she's got the toughness, she's got the "every woman for herself" attitude down pat. We also know she's got experience in competing in - and WINNING - matches just like this. Add to the mix the mood she's gotta be in after the Battle of Boston and I think Toughill might be the favorite. Although her recent tangles with Julie Somers puts a bit of a target on her back when the Spitfire hits the ring which could be a problem.

TL: Seems to me that the best odds for winning a match like this is someone who doesn't have any kind of personal issues out there. Someone who can fly under the radar so to speak until the match nears the end.

MS: Absolutely. That's why my next pick might be a bit of a sleeper but I think she could go all the way and that's Lucie Richter.

[A shot of the Canadian heavyweight lights up the screen.]

MS: Lucie's been sitting on the sidelines for years, Theresa. It means she's well-rested, she's healthy, and she's ready to go. Plus, look at the size of her! In a match where to win you have to send your opponent over the top rope and down to the floor, I can't even begin to imagine who would have the strength to pull that off.

TL: Alright, who's your third pick?

MS: I've gotta go with Miyuki Ozaki. Look, the AWA has put together one heck of a Women's Division and these competitors are all heading into MSG looking to put their names in the history books. But when you open up the pages of that book, Miyuki's name is already there! These girls want to be the standard bearer for women's wrestling but that's been Miyuki for years now! And until someone knocks her off her perch, I gotta think she's the odds-on favorite for anything she does. Those are my three, Theresa.

TL: And a fine choice it is. My choice isn't on your list but I think I'll save that for another day as we are rapidly running out of time here on the Power Hour! We hope you enjoyed the last half hour here alongside Mark Stegglet and myself and I

hope you all join the AWA right back here on Fox Sports X in one week's time. It's Saturday Night Wrestling! It's Madison Square Garden! It's New York City! And it's history in the making! For Mark, Sweet Lou, and myself... thanks for tuning into the Power Hour. Make sure you also join me back here on the Power Hour two weeks from now when we'll return to our usual format along with a very special guest co-host... the winner of the Rumble and the very first Women's World Champion! You do NOT want to miss that! Good night everybody!

[Mark and Theresa are speaking off-mic where we can't see them as the Power Hour logo covers the screen one more time and we fade to black.]