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STORY OUTLINE
of
ROCKY V

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FINAL ROUND RECAP OF ROCKY IV:

ROCKY BALBOA defeats Soviet boxing champ IVAN DRAGO. The Russian audience's hatred of Rocky turns to admiration. Rocky gives a speech at the end of the match: "During this fight, I've seen a lot of changing, in the way you feel about me, and in the way I feel about you. In here, there were two guys killing each other, but I guess that's better than twenty million. I guess what I'm trying to say, is that if I can change, and you can change, EVERYBODY CAN CHANGE!" THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE.

END OF RECAP.

MONTAGE OF WORLD REACTION TO THIS FIGHT:

US/USSR agree to end hostilities and destroy all nuclear weapons. USSR pulls out of Eastern Europe. In a TV news clip, we see PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN standing at a podium in front of the Berlin Wall. He gives an impassioned speech: "Mr. Balboa, tear down this wall!"

Rocky punches down the Berlin Wall. With one punch the entire wall comes crumbling down. Drago is standing on the Eastern side of the wall. His arms are crossed. He nods his head at Rocky in approval.

Rocky's "change" speech becomes the rallying cry of world peace and reconciliation. China recognizes Tibet's sovereignty. In a TV news clip, we see the DALAI LAMA gives a speech at the UN HQ: "As a much wiser man than I once said, 'If I can change, and you can change, EVERYBODY CAN CHANGE.'" All armed warfare is banned and replaced with one-on-one boxing matches. Rocky ushers in a golden age of World Peace. Many see him as a messianic figure.

END OF MONTAGE.

Rocky is in Norway to accept the NOBEL PEACE PRIZE! He's still really humble and nervous giving his acceptance speech. He's still a regular guy because that's what made him so endearing throughout the past 4 films. Rocky uses this opportunity to announce his retirement from boxing. The world is in SHOCK - WHO WILL BOX FOR AMERICA NOW?

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Rocky's life after boxing is pretty good. He still lives in Philadelphia, but in a gold and jewel-encrusted castle with a moat, he has an amusement park in his honor (Rockywood), he hangs out with movie stars (cameo appearances by Arnold Schwarzenegger and Chuck Norris pending) and he just made a deal with a Hollywood studio for a film based on his life - with Rocky writing the screenplay, of course. But hes still humble and awkward, and lovable and the most relatable down-to-earth underdog character in the history cinema. And he never forgets his roots - he gives a big hunk of his money to one of those charities that helps sick kids or losers or something.

BUT WHO WILL BOX FOR AMERICA NOW?? - CLUBBER LANG! Clubber Lang and Rocky put aside their differences and are now the best of friends. Rocky is also now best buds with Drago too!

Rockys best pal PAULIE feels left out as a result. Now the only one who will listen to him is his ROBOT WIFE from the previous film. Robot wife wants to know all about Rocky and his boxing buddies - robot acting really suspicious, but Paulie is oblivious. Robot wife asks Paulie for things that belong to Rocky and his boxing buds, Paulie gets them, robot wife scans them for DNA samples. Paulie doesnt know why she wants these items. Rocky finds out, has a falling out with Paulie. Even ADRIAN is a weirded out by her brother's behavior.

V IS FOR VISITOR:

While they're arguing with Paulie, robot wife starts twitching and emitting a weird alien-sounding transmission. This transmission can be heard on all TVs, radios, telephones on Earth. A vast alien mothership appears over Rocky's castle in Philadelphia

These visitors are the GORBLAXIANS from the planet GORBLAXIA V. The Gorblaxians are renowned for being the best boxers in the universe. If any planet dares to take up the sport of boxing, the Gorblaxians interpret this as a challenge to their galactic boxing supremacy. When the Gorblaxians heard that Earth had abolished war in favor of boxing, they interpreted this as one such challenge. They demand that Earth's best boxer face Gorblaxia V's best boxer or they will enslave and/or destroy humanity.

Gorblaxia V's champion is GORBLAX THE DESTROYER (played by Andre the Giant) - a hulking 4-armed monstrosity, genetically enhanced with DNA from Rocky, Apollo Creed, Clubber Lang, and Ivan Drago. This DNA was supplied by robot wife.

Clubber Lang and Ivan Drago are more than willing to face the challenge. But Rocky wont let him. He doesnt want to lose them the way he lost Apollo Creed. The Gorblaxians dont want Clubber or Drago, they want Earth's best boxer, Rocky Balboa. Rocky is eager to face Gorblax the Destroyer but Adrian wont let him. hes supposed to be retired.

The aliens respond by attacking several Earth capitals. Half of Philly is destroyed, including the Liberty Bell, the statue of Rocky and that ice rink where Rocky and Adrian went on their first date in the Best Picture Oscar-winning first Rocky movie.

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Global opinions of Rocky turns sour. The people blame him for all the global destruction. They think hes a coward for refusing to fight. They also hate him because he was friends with Paulie, who is now seen as Judas-like figure because he gave his robot wife that DNA.

Paulie and his robot wife now live on Gorblaxian mothership. Paulie is treated like a sensuous Roman emperor and is attended to by a robot harem. Gorblaxas the 5TH, ruler of Gorblaxia V promises Paulie that when Earth is finally conquered, he will be appointed Grand Gloop-Glorp of Earth. Hes totally lying, "Gloop-Glorp" is a made up word.

Rocky and Adrian argue about Rocky fighting Gorblax the Destroyer. Rocky consults a doctor. The doctor tells Rocky he suffered severe brain damage in his previous bout with Drago. Hes in no condition to box anymore. If he fights Gorblax he'll die. Rocky doesnt care if he lives or dies. he just doesn't want his son, ROCKY JR., to grow up a slave.

Rocky Jr can't stand watching his parents fight. He volunteers to box Gorblax. After all the Gorblaxians wanted Rocky Balboa and Rocky Jr. is a Rocky Balboa. Rocky and Adrian are horrified. Rocky Jr. is barely a teenager. He's not even close to being in Gorblax's weight class.

Rocky tries to talk son out of fighting Gorblax Clubber Lang and Ivan Drago reveal that they've been secretly training Rocky Jr. Rocky and Rocky Jr get into a boxing match to determine which Rocky will fight Gorblax. Rocky doesn't go too hard on Jr. because he doesn't want to hurt his son. Jr wins fight. Clubber and Drago are convinced Jr can defeat Gorblax. Rocky and Andrian still have serious doubts.

THE NIGHT OF THE FIGHT:

The big fight takes place on the Gorblaxian mothership, which is pretty much just a giant flying boxing stadium. Rocky and Jr have a man-to-man talk before the match. Jr convinces Rocky he can stand up to Gorblax. Jr steps out to enter the ring, but Adrian stops him.

The pre-match entertainment is even more impressive than James Brown's "Living in America" in Rocky IV. GORGOR BLAXBLAX, Gorblax V's most popular space-synth-glam artist (played by David Bowie or Frank Stallone, if Bowie isn't available) performs a mind-altering original song.

The boxers enter the ring. Gorblax the Destroyer dwarfs his opponent by several feet. Rocky Jr's face is obscured by the hood of his boxing robe.

Rocky stays backstage. He can't bring himself to watch the match. He notices an unconscious figure in the space-janitor's space closet.

Rocky Jr reluctantly removes his robe. Its not Rocky Jr It's Adrian disguised as Rocky Jr.

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The unconscious figure in the space closet is Rocky Jr.

Rocky rushes out to stop the fight, but he arrives just in time to witness Adrian get pounded to death.

Rocky cradles Adrian as she struggles to say her last words to Rocky — she didn't want the two men she loves the most to die a horrible death. When Adrian dies, Rocky yells out "ADRIAAAAAAN!!!!!!!!!" This moment is poetic because every other time he yelled out "ADRIAAAAAAN" it was in moment of joyous victory. By inverting this convention I make her death scene more heartbreaking.

Because Gorblax the Destroyer has Rockys DNA, Rocky feels especially hurt/guilty by this - its almost as if he himself killed Adrian himself.

Paulie is crushed by his sister's death. He blames himself and is furious at his deceitful robot wife. He calls her "Jezebot." His robot wife confesses that their robo-marriage is a sham. she's been married to GorGor BlaxBlax all along.

The Gorblaxians are outraged by Adrians deception. This is not the Balboa they wanted. They will destroy the Earth in retaliation. But first they will kill Rocky.

Gorblax the Destroyer winds up to killpunch Rocky as hes kneeling over his dead wife. Paulie leaps in at the last second and takes the death-dealing blow. Paulie appologizes for being an asshole for the entirety of the film series. He dies redemptive death as Rocky cradles his crushed lifeless corpse.

V IS FOR VENGEANCE:

At Adrians funeral Rocky's heartbreak turns to rage. Hes now ready to battle Gorblax the Destroyer. The Gorblaxians think that Rocky is in a much too weakened a state to defeat Gorblax the Destroyer. They happily agree to rematch.

THE FOLLOWING TRAINING MONTAGE IS THE MOST MIND-BLOWING TRAINING MONTAGE IN THE HISTORY OF TRAINING MONTAGES:

- * Rocky spars with Clubber. Clubber beats Rocky.
- * Rocky spars with Drago. Drago beats Rocky.
- * A group of Gorblaxian boxers stand in a long line for a chance to spar with Gorblax the Destroyer. He defeats each challenger in turn with one head-exploding punch.
- * Rocky spars against both Clubber and Drago at the same time. Rocky wins!
- * Gorblax is now defeating his sparring partners 4 at a time. He destroying them faster than the Gorblaxian scientists can clone them. He soon runs out of sparring partners.
- * Rocky takes a swing at a punching bag. It explodes with one hit. Stuffing flies everywhere.
- * Gorblax takes a swing at the Statue of Liberty. It explodes with one hit. Debris flies everywhere.

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- * Rocky runs with bulls in Spain. Hes trampled by bulls.
- * Rocky attempts to climbing Mount Everest - with great difficulty.
- * Back to Rocky running with the bulls. He runs TOWARDS the bulls, punching them down as he sprints past them.
- * Rocky holds his breath, runs across the Atlantic Ocean floor. He arrives in London England to great fanfare.
- * Rocky and Drago spars in zero gravity on Soveit Space Station MIR.
- * Gorblax flies into the SUN and comes out the other side unharmed.
- * Rocky trains with Shaolin monks to attain superhuman powers and strength. He studies to learn the fabled STALLION PUNCH.
- * Rocky sprints up Mount Everest with ease. He reaches the top of the mountain. The song "Gonna Fly Now" is swelling. Rocky is literally glowing with boxing power. Rocky leaps off the mountain peak and actually flies. He has achieved boxing enlightenment.

END OF MONTAGE.

THE FINAL FIGHT:

AT THE ROMAN COLISEUM IN ROME, ITALY -- where the greatest gladiators in history battled and shed blood -- where the final fate of the world will be decided once and for all. Rocky in the best shape of his career, he glows with super pugilistic energy. He stands a full three feet taller than he was before. But hes still dwarfed by the 4-armed abomination Gorblax the Destroyer. One of Gorblax's eyes is genetically altered to look like a cat's. Gorblax litterally has the EYE OF THE TIGER!

Even with all his newfound superpowers Rocky is still no match for Gorblax the Destroyer. It's near impossible for even a superhuman to block 4 arms of alien fury. In the 5th round Gorblax hits Rocky with a quadruple uppercut that knocks him to the ground.

Is Rocky dead?

Yes. Rocky is dead.

WELCOME TO HEAVEN:

Rocky passes thru the pearly gates of Heaven. Hes greeted by various saints and historical figures. ABRAHAM LINCOLN addresses the Italian Stallion: "You know, Rocky, four score and thirty years before I was President of the United States I was quite the boxer myself."

Rocky is reunited with Adrian. Its a heartwarming moment. A heartwarming moment thats interrupted by his old rival and friend, APOLLO CREED, and his old trainer MICKEY GOLDMILL, who tell Rocky he can't give up on the fight now, the fate of humanity rides on it. Mickey also has 50 Heaven Shekels riding on it.

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Mickey tells Rocky that it's not just about saving humanity. It's about saving the sport of boxing. It's about busting those Gorblaxian bozos' butts so that folks all over the universe can have the freedom to enjoy the sport of boxing. But it's mostly about Mickey winning those Heaven Shekels.

JESUS appears. He tells Rocky he has to go back and finish the fight. Rocky refuses to go back without Adrian. Jesus makes a deal with Rocky: Adrian can go back with Rocky if Rocky beats him in a boxing match.

Rocky beats JESUS in the boxing match. But Rocky is still a good sport about it: "Hey yo, don't feel too bad, Jesus. You box pretty good for a carpenter." This is the funniest line in the whole movie. It truly highlights Rocky's everyman qualities.

BACK TO THE FIGHT:

Rocky is lying on the ground. He hears the referee counting, "6...7...8...9..." Rocky bolts back upright and the fight resumes. Rocky has new strength. HEAVENLY STRENGTH. Clubber Lang, Ivan Drago, and Rocky Jr are in awe. They know they trained him well, but they didn't think anyone could survive a quadruple uppercut like that.

Rocky looks to the audience. Adrian is there, cheering him on.

None of Gorblax the Destroyer's attacks have any effect on Rocky. In fact each hit makes him even more powerful. Rocky glows with energy. He's glowing so brightly it hurts the eyes to look at him. Rocky's punches are a wonder to behold. His gloved fists glow red with fiery fury. He breaks all 4 of Gorblax's arms. The fire on his fists engulfs his gloves and turns them to ash. Rocky continues to pummel his foe with his fiery glowing bare hands. Rocky is now punching holes through Gorblax the destroyer. Gorblax is a bloody pulp. And by "bloody", I mean "purple". Gorblaxian blood is purple. This way we can keep it PG and avoid an R-Rating.

Rocky winds up for the final punch. As he swings to hit Gorblax, the swing seems to cut the fabric of reality itself. Rocky hollers, "STALLION PUUUUUUUUNCH!!!!!!!"

Rocky's final punch hits Gorblax the Destroyer so hard he explodes in a cascade of gore. The shockwave from the Stallion Punch knocks everyone in the Coliseum onto the ground, topples the Coliseum and shatters all glass in a 200-mile radius.

V IS FOR VICTORY:

The audience goes nuts celebrating Rocky's supreme victory. Clubber Lang surveys the damage: "I pity the fool that gotta clean up this mess."

GORBLAXAS the 5TH, ruler of Gorblaxia V, crawls out from the rubble of the now completely destroyed Coliseum. He's in complete shock: "How can this be? I cloned you, Balboa. I cloned your strength. I cloned your skills." Adrian replies, "You may have cloned his strength. You may have cloned his skills. But you could never clone his heart." This scene alone is guaranteed to earn Talia Shire another Oscar nomination.

GORBLAXAS the 5TH is doubly terrified to see Adrian alive again after witnessing her gruesome demise: "Who is this pugilist that even death must obey him?" Gorblaxas

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5TH, fearful of Rocky's godlike pugilistic power, presses a button on his cyberg-
gantlet and is teleported away to the Gorblaxian mothership that's orbiting Earth.
Clubber Lang shouts out to Rocky, "That space fool is gettin' away!" Rocky replies,
"Not if I can help it."

GONNA FLY NOW:

Rocky leaps into the air and flies after the Gorblaxian mothership. We hear the
lyrics "Gonna Fly Now". These lyrics take on a whole new meaning as the Italian
soaring Stallion exits the Earth's atmosphere. The Gorblaxian mothership prepare to
enter hyperspace but Balboa is flying faster than the speed of sound in his pursuit.
His eyes look strange. tigerlike. Now it's Rocky who has EYE OF THE TIGER. He winds
up for one last punch. The last punch.

"STALLION PUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUCH!!!!!!!!!!"

Rocky's flaming fist connects with the gargantuan Gorblaxian mothership. The
mothership explodes in a colossal explosion. In the shockwave of the explosion we
see the faint outline of a stallion. The explosion sounds like a stallion naying.
The Gorblaxians are completely defeated. The Earth - nay, the universe has been
saved. But more importantly the sport of boxing has been saved.

The shockwave of the explosion knocks Rocky unconscious and sends him hurtling
back towards Earth. His arms are outstretched Christ-like as flames appear around
him as he enters the atmosphere. This serves to further emphasize how Rocky Balboa
is the most down-to-earth relatable character in all of fiction.

SLOW FADE TO WHITE.

SLOW FADE IN:

WASHINGTON D.C. - ONE WEEK LATER:

It's a gray day in D.C. as President Ronald Reagan addresses a somber looking crowd
dressed all in black. He gives a funeral-sounding speech, seemingly eulogizing Rocky
Balboa, Savior of the Universe: "Rocky Balboa. A great American. A great man. A far
greater man than me. Which is why I'm proud to hereby abdicate all my authority as
COMMANDER IN CHIEF of this nation and hand it over to Rocky Balboa, our new
PRESIDENT FOR LIFE!!!!"

ROCKY BALBOA, boxing god, beloved dictator of America, approaches the podium and
gives a rousing speech about the importance of boxing as a tool for world peace. He
also briefly mentions rebuilding the world after the Gorblaxian Invasion. But he
mostly just talks about boxing. The crowd goes wild. The crowd loves Rocky.

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Rocky steps down from the podium. Clubber Lang and Ivan Drago shake his hand. Drago addresses him as "President Stallion". He embraces Rocky Jr. He kisses Adrian and says, "Yo Adrian, I did it."

Rocky, Adrian and the crowds look on as a giant wrecking ball topples the Washington Monument. It is replaced with a giant gold statue of Rocky.

THE END...OF THE GREATEST UNDERDOG STORY EVER TOLD.