

ROCKY is offered a TITLE SHOT

ROCKY enters Promoter JERGENS' office. His SECRETARY greets him.

SECRETARY

Hello, can I help you? *(Rocky hands her business card)* Oh, you must be Rocky Balaboa. Mr. Jergens is expecting you. Just moment. *(Uses phone)* Mr. Rocky Balboa is here. *(She nods and hangs up)* Would you please go in Mr. Balboa.

ROCKY

Can I have that? *(Talking about business card. He wants it back)*

SECRETARY

Oh, certainly, can I help you? *(She hands him card back. Rocky enters Jergens office)*

JERGENS

Mr. Balboa? How are you? *(Shakes Rocky's hand)* George Jergens. Take a seat please.

ROCKY

Thanks. *(Rocky takes a seat)*

JERGENS

Mr. Balboa....

ROCKY

Call me Rocky.

JERGENS

Rocky. Tell me Rocky, you have any representation? You have a manager?

ROCKY

Uh...no, it's just me.

JERGENS

Rocky, I have a proposition for you.

ROCKY

About sparring?

JERGENS

I beg your pardon?

ROCKY

Well, it's just that I know that you're looking for sparring partners, and I just want to say that I'm very available, you know?

JERGENS

I'm sure you are.

ROCKY

Absolutely. And sparring with the Champ would be an honor. And you know what Mr. Jergens?

JERGENS

What?

ROCKY

I wouldn't take no cheap shots either. I'd be a really good sparring partner.

JERGENS

You don't understand me Rocky...My proposition is this...would you be interested in fighting Apollo Creed for the Heavyweight Championship of the World?

ROCKY

(Long Pause) No.

JERGENS

Listen Rocky, Apollo has seen you fight. He likes you. He wants to fight you.

ROCKY

Well... it's just that I fight in clubs,... I'm really just a ham andegger. This guy is the best. It wouldn't be such a good fight. Thank you very much though, I appreciate it and all.

JERGENS

Rocky, do you believe America is the land of opportunity?

ROCKY

Yeah.

JERGENS

Apollo Creed does. And he's going to prove it to the whole world by giving an unknown a shot at the title. And that unknown is you, Rocky. It's the chance of a lifetime. You can't pass it by.

ROCKY

(Rocky is speechless)

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