

ROCKY III (Rocky & Adrian on Beach) (pg 1)

ADRIAN

Can I talk to you? I want to ask you something important, and I want you to tell me the truth.

ROCKY

What?

ADRIAN

Why did you come here?

ROCKY

I just don't want it anymore.

ADRIAN

If it's over because you want it to be over, then I'm glad.

ROCKY

I do.

ADRIAN

It's just... you've never quit anything since I've known you.

ROCKY

I don't know what you want me to say? I mean how...What happened? How did everything that was so good, get so bad?

ADRIAN (pg 2)

What's so bad? Tell me, what!?

ROCKY

I wrecked everything by not thinking for myself. I mean, why couldn't Mickey tell me where I was really at from the start? He didn't have to carry me, and lie to me, and make think I was better than I really was, when I wasn't.

ADRIAN

He never lied.

ROCKY

Those fights weren't real, they weren't Adrian. I never fought anybody that was all in their prime, it was always some angle to hang on to the title longer than I should have had it. I mean, do you understand what I'm saying here?

ADRIAN

I understand. But you've got to understand that he loved you and that was his job, protecting you.

ROCKY

The protecting don't help nothin. It only makes thinks worse. You wake up after a few years thinking you're a winner, but you're not. You're really a loser. And so we wouldn't have had the title so long...SO WHAT! At least it would have been real, Adrian.

ADRIAN

It was real!

ROCKY (pg 3)

Nothing is real if you don't believe in who you are! I don't believe in myself anymore. Don't you understand? When a fighter don't believe that's it, he's finished, it's over, that's it!

ADRIAN

That's not it!

ROCKY

That is it!

ADRIAN

Why don't you tell me the truth?!!

ROCKY

What are you putting me through, Adrian? You want to know the truth? The truth is, I don't want to lose what I got. In the beginning I didn't care what happened to me. I'd go in the ring, I'd get busted up, I didn't care! But now there's you, there's the kid. I don't want to lose what I got.

ADRIAN

What do we have that can't be replaced? What?? A house?! We got cars, we got money! We got everything but the truth! What's the truth, Damn it!

ROCKY

(Explodes) I'M AFRAID! ALL RIGHT! You wanna hear me say it? You wanna break me down, I'm afraid. For the first time in my life I'm afraid.

ADRIAN (pg 4)

I'm afraid too. There's nothing with being afraid.

ROCKY

There is. For me, there is.

ADRIAN

Why? You're human aren't you?

ROCKY

Look, I don't know what I am. All I know is that I'm a liar, and because of that Mickey ain't here no more.

ADRIAN

You didn't push him into anything! He was a grown man and he did what he had to do. And you have no right to feel guilty for what happened. You don't! You were a Champion, and you did what you were supposed to do. And you did what I, and everyone else thought you should do. And you want to tell me that those fights weren't real?! Well, I don't believe it. It doesn't matter what I believe, Because you're the one that has to carry that fear you have inside you. Afraid that everyone is going take everything away. Afraid that you're going to be remembered as a coward. That you're not a man anymore. Well, none of it is true. But it doesn't matter if I tell you. It doesn't matter because you're the one that has to settle it, get rid of it. Because when all the smoke has cleared and everyone is through chanting your name, it's just going to be us. You can't live like this. We can't live like this. Because it's going to bother you for the rest of your life. Look what it's doing to you now. (pause) Apollo thinks you can do it. So do I. But you've got to want to do it for the right reasons. Not for the guilt over Mickey. Not for the money or for me. But for you. Just you, just you alone.

ROCKY

And if I lose?

ADRIAN (pg 5)

Then you lose. But at least you lose with no excuses. No fear. I know you can live with that.

ROCKY

How'd you get so tough?

ADRIAN

I live with a fighter.

ROCKY

I really love you. I love you.