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GamePro recently interviewed five of the biggest bad-asses in the World Wrestling Federation: "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, The Rock, Triple H, Chyna, and Cactus Jack. Here's what the kings (and queen) of the ring had to say about the homeless, the meaning behind Austin 3:16, and the making of Acclaim's hot new game, **WWF War Zone**.

By Johnny Ballgame and Scary Larry

Said So

GamePro: What was your participation in the making of *WWF War Zone*?

Steve Austin: Acclaim did some face-scanning on me. I sat in a chair and they rotated a camera around my head, but it was pretty painless since the camera did all the work.

Cactus Jack: I went to Acclaim's studio in New York on three different occasions. I appear as three different characters in the game—Cactus Jack, Dude Love, and Mankind—so I had to dress up in different outfits and head to New York for the day. A couple of times Acclaim came to matches in different parts of the country just so I could recite lines for the game. They

had some face-scanning technology I didn't even know existed. The hardest thing was trying not to blink as the scanner took a picture of my whole face in a circular motion. Just trying not to look at the camera lens is a task in itself. It's pretty difficult.

The Rock: Acclaim had my face scanned. That was cool. It's funny—at the time they

did the face-scanning, I had a little beard going and it actually appears in the game. Then I did some voiceovers which were a lot of fun.

Triple H: We were involved in the choice of moves we wanted to do, but we didn't actually motion-capture the moves ourselves for this game. They had someone else do them for us, then they scanned our bodies onto them. We also did a lot of voiceovers and taunts.

GP: If you were designing a game about the *WWF*, what would you include?

Steve Austin: I don't know if I would include anything else. *War Zone*'s got different types of matches and all the different match-ups between wrestlers you can ask for. Everything they have here is what I would have included.

Cactus Jack: Definitely the weapons. Recently, I had a brutal match against Terry Funk that resulted in 27 stitches in my head, so it would be nice if the game was as rough as real wrestling. There are plenty of guys to choose from in *War Zone*, but I suggest that everyone just rotate between my three characters and advance straight to the weapons stage.

Rock: The cage matches are important. The big thing with me is the ability to jump off the top of the cage, which is reminiscent of the days of Superfly Snuka back in Madison Square Garden. I also like the weapons matches and, of course, the blood. You gotta have the blood!

Triple H: I would have made my arms bigger and I would have included Chyna in the game. Other than that, *War Zone* seems pretty cool to me. The moves are realistic and you can do a lot of stuff.

Chyna: Mel!

◀ Triple H and Chyna

From Better to Verse: The Origin of 3:16

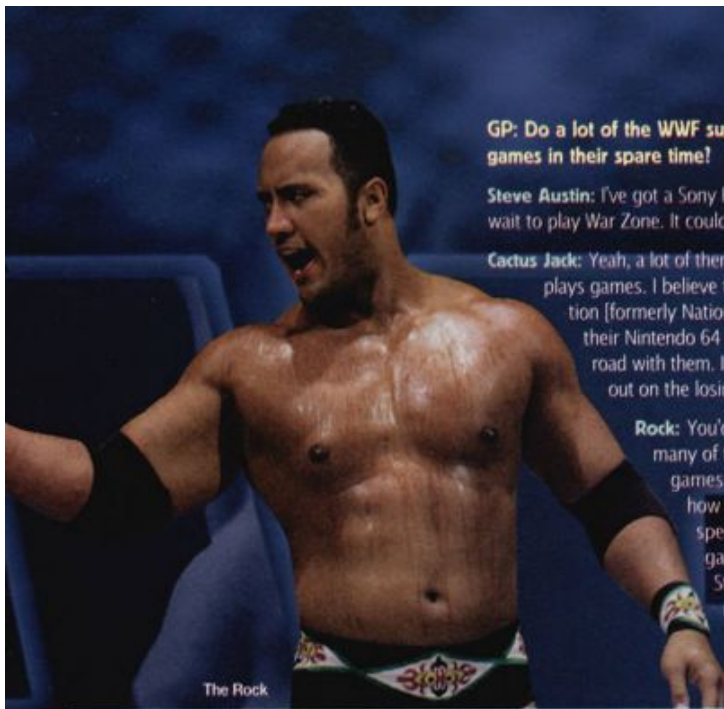
GamePro: Where did Austin 3:16 originate?

Steve Austin: It's a pretty simple deal. Watch the 1996 King of the Ring. It's a tournament-style pay-per-view program. I wrestled Marc Mero and he kicked me in the mouth. I went to the hospital and came back to the arena with 18 stitches closing up my mouth. I still had to wrestle Jake "The Snake"

Roberts in the finals. At the time, Jake was going around the country giving a religious testimony, and before our match he gave a religious interview directed at me. So after I beat him to become King of the Ring, as he was walking up the aisle holding his ribs, I said, "You sit there and you thump your Bible and you say your prayers and it didn't get you anywhere. You talk about your Psalms, you talk about John 3:16. Well, Austin 3:16 says, 'I just whipped your ass!'" It kind of caught on, but it was totally ad-libbed. It was never meant to be anti-religious or sacrilegious; it's just something that caught on. So that's what it means. "I just whipped your ass!"

◀ "Stone Cold" Steve Austin





The Rock

GP: Do a lot of the WWF superstars play video games in their spare time?

Steve Austin: I've got a Sony PlayStation, and I can't wait to play War Zone. It could get addictive.

Cactus Jack: Yeah, a lot of them do. I know The Rock plays games. I believe that everyone in the Nation [formerly Nation of Domination] brings their Nintendo 64 and PlayStation on the road with them. I play, but I always come out on the losing end.

Rock: You'd be surprised how many of the guys play video games. You'd be surprised how many hours The Rock spends playing video games. I bring my PlayStation on the road with me all the time. I hook it up everywhere I go; and after the matches, we relax and

play games. Right now the big thing is Tekken 3. We've been having a lot of contests with that, and recently I've been trying to beat the game with King and Yoshimitsu. It's great.

Triple H: Oh, yeah! Some of the guys actually bring PlayStation units on the road with them and connect them to their hotel TVs or play them at the arena. A lot of the guys have handheld game units like Game Boy and Game Gear. I mostly play games on my computer.

Chyna: Games drive me insane!

GP: Did you play video games while you were growing up?

Steve Austin: I started off with Pong. That's the first one I remember. I also love pinball; but for the most part, I'm more of an outdoors person.

Cactus Jack: I was more into creating my own action. I like video games, but it's frustrating when you're not good at something. Ms. Pac Man was my highlight. But when it comes to the football games and even the old Pong game, I just wasn't very good.

Rock: Of course! Going back to Pong and Atari, Colecovision, and Intellivision—I had them all. When the Sega Genesis came out, I was playing football at the University of Miami and we used to have tournaments and tournaments of Madden and other games. I'm just a really big gamer. At home, I have a huge stack of *GamePros*. I've been reading the magazine since 1993,

especially articles written by "The People's Writer," Johnny Ballgame.

Cover Feature: WWF War Zone

The World's Funniest Wrestlers: Outtakes and Outbreaks

GamePro: Who's sexier, Sunny or Sable?

Cactus Jack: I've got to be honest with you: I was in the ring when Sable's top came down and it kind of had the same impression on me as Beverly D'Angelo's shower scene in *National Lampoon's Vacation*. I couldn't quite get it out of my mind. So until I see Sunny in that kind of light, I'll have to go with Sable.

Rock: The Rock feels like this, and you can put this in bold print: **The Rock couldn't give two pieces of monkey crap about either one of those two chicks.**

GP: Would you want your kids to become wrestlers?

Cactus Jack: Undoubtedly. Maybe drop out of high school in the 11th grade and just go about it blindly without anything to fall back on. I tell my son: "Tune in, turn on, and drop out." He loves all the video games

and wrestling. One night I had to ask my wife, "Did I hear you say, 'Don't wrestle daddy when he's asleep!'" He was doing moves to me and going for three counts. Then he got kicked out. So he's got it in his system.

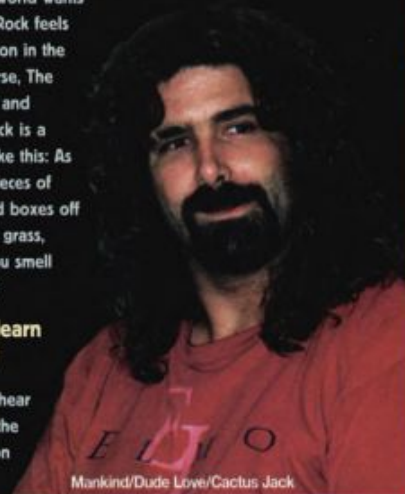
GP: If you weren't a wrestler, what would you be?

Rock: I'd probably be running for office. You know the entire world wants to know exactly how The Rock feels about the homeless situation in the United States, and, of course, The Rock is a very sentimental and emotional person. The Rock is a humanitarian and feels like this: As long as those homeless pieces of trash keep their cardboard boxes off The Rock's freshly mowed grass, everything is copacetic. You smell what The Rock is cooking!

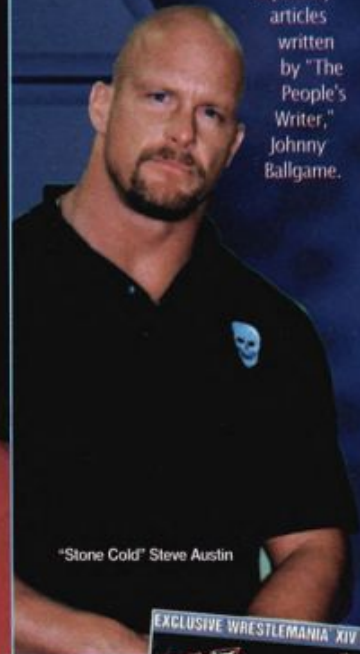
GP: Where did you learn your finishing move?

Cactus Jack: Did you ever hear of Sam Shepard? He was the man *The Fugitive* television series and movie were based on. When he was released from prison, he was so notorious that he couldn't practice medicine, so he went into professional wrestling. A lot of doctors actu-

ally do end up in pro wrestling. Using his knowledge of human anatomy, he developed the Mandible Claw. It's the only move you can do to yourself, and it works. You just need to make sure that when you're pushing down on the nerves with your two fingers, you're also pushing up with the thumb. If you do it hard enough, you can't move.



Mankind/Dude Love/Cactus Jack



"Stone Cold" Steve Austin

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