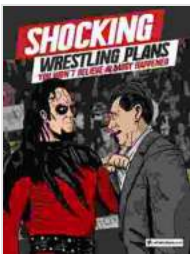


# Shocking Wrestling Plans You Won't Believe Almost Happened

Professional wrestling is a world of larger-than-life characters and outlandish storylines, but even the most jaded fan will be surprised by some of the plans that have been proposed over the years.

From bizarre ideas that were thankfully abandoned to plans that were so close to happening that they're still talked about today, here are some of the most shocking wrestling plans that you won't believe almost happened.



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### 1. Hulk Hogan vs. Andre the Giant in a "Retirement Match"

In 1988, Hulk Hogan was at the peak of his powers as the WWF World Heavyweight Champion. Andre the Giant was winding down his career, but he was still one of the most popular wrestlers in the world.

Vince McMahon had an idea for a "Retirement Match" between Hogan and Andre at WrestleMania IV. The plan was for Hogan to win the match and retire Andre. However, Andre refused to lose to Hogan. He felt that he was still a main event wrestler and that he didn't deserve to be retired.

McMahon was forced to scrap the plan. Instead, Hogan and Andre faced off in a "Champion vs. Champion" match at WrestleMania IV. Hogan won the match, but Andre remained an active wrestler for several more years.

## **2. The Ultimate Warrior as the "Anti-Christ"**

In the early 1990s, the Ultimate Warrior was one of the most popular wrestlers in the WWF. He was a charismatic and powerful babyface, but he also had a dark side.

Vince McMahon had an idea to turn the Warrior into a heel and have him become the "Anti-Christ." The plan was for the Warrior to start a cult and lead his followers to take over the WWF.

The Warrior was initially hesitant about the idea, but he eventually agreed to do it. However, the plans were scrapped before they could be put into action. The Warrior left the WWF in 1991, and the "Anti-Christ" storyline was never revisited.

## **3. Bret Hart vs. Shawn Michaels in a "Loser Leaves Town" Match**

In 1997, Bret Hart and Shawn Michaels were two of the top stars in the WWF. They had a bitter rivalry that culminated in a "Loser Leaves Town" match at WrestleMania 13.

The plan was for Hart to win the match and Michaels to leave the WWF. However, Michaels refused to lose. He felt that he was the bigger star and that he deserved to stay in the WWF.

McMahon was forced to change the plans. Instead, Michaels won the match and Hart left the WWF. The "Loser Leaves Town" match was a defining moment in the Montreal Screwjob, which was one of the most controversial events in WWE history.

#### **4. Stone Cold Steve Austin as the "Corporate Champion"**

In 1998, Stone Cold Steve Austin was the most popular wrestler in the WWF. He was a rebellious babyface who fought against the authority figures in the company.

Vince McMahon had an idea to turn Austin into a heel and have him become the "Corporate Champion." The plan was for Austin to align himself with the McMahon family and become the new face of the WWF.

Austin was initially hesitant about the idea, but he eventually agreed to do it. However, the plans were scrapped before they could be put into action. Austin left the WWF in 1999, and the "Corporate Champion" storyline was never revisited.

#### **5. The Undertaker vs. Kane in a "Hell in a Cell" Match with a Real Fire**

In 1998, The Undertaker and Kane were two of the most popular wrestlers in the WWF. They had a bitter rivalry that culminated in a "Hell in a Cell" match at WrestleMania XIV.

Vince McMahon had an idea to make the match even more extreme by setting the Cell on fire. The plan was for the Undertaker to set the Cell on fire with a gasoline can, and then for Kane to escape the Cell through the flames.

However, the WWF decided against the idea. They felt that it was too dangerous and that it could have seriously injured the Undertaker or Kane.

## **6. The Rock vs. John Cena in a "Once in a Lifetime" Match at WrestleMania 32**

In 2016, The Rock and John Cena were two of the biggest stars in WWE. They had a dream match at WrestleMania 28, and many fans wanted to see them face off again at WrestleMania 32.

Vince McMahon had an idea for a "Once in a Lifetime" match between The Rock and Cena at WrestleMania 32. The plan was for the match to be the main event of the show and for Cena to win.

However, The Rock refused to lose to Cena. He felt that he was the bigger star and that he deserved to win the match.

McMahon was forced to change the plans. Instead, The Rock and Cena had a non-title match at WrestleMania 32. The Rock won the match, and it was the last time that he ever wrestled in WWE.

## **7. Roman Reigns as the "Undefeatable Champion"**

In 2017, Roman Reigns was the Universal Champion. He was booked as an unstoppable force, and he defeated every challenger that came his way.

Vince McMahon had an idea to make Reigns the "Undefeatable Champion." The plan was for Reigns to hold the Universal Championship for over 1,000 days and to never be defeated.

However, the fans turned against Reigns. They felt that he was being booked too strongly and that he was not deserving of the Universal Championship.

McMahon was forced to change the plans. Reigns lost the Universal Championship to Brock Lesnar at WrestleMania 34, and his reign of dominance came to an end.

These are just a few of the many shocking wrestling plans that have been proposed over the years. Some of these plans were thankfully abandoned, while others came close to happening.

It's fascinating to think about what WWE would be like if these plans had actually happened. Would Hulk Hogan and Andre the Giant have had a "Retirement Match"? Would the Ultimate Warrior have become the "Anti-Christ"? Would Stone Cold Steve Austin have become the "Corporate Champion"?

We'll never know for sure, but it's fun to imagine.



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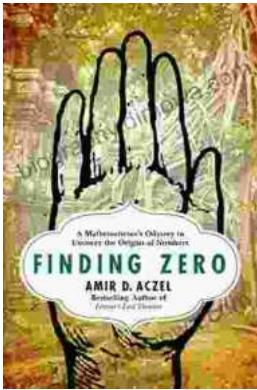
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