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That was the plan. But you shoulda seen the look on this fool's face, man. He looked at me like he was really about to win it, like it was a real deal fair rumble. Every time he put on that stupid grin, the more I wanted to swing on him good. But I kept it in, I held back. I knew that if I just took a few to the jaw and fell over, I'd be goin' home with a pocket prettier than how I came. But that stupid smile. It just got bigger with each hit. And I get it, it's all for the show, but this man – he don't know me, man. He ain't got half a right to look at me that way. I got enough of that smile, got fed up, then I couldn't help it no more. I gave him a reason to smile. One after the other. Pow! Pow! Straight socked him out until he was on the ground knocked out. That's when I snapped back to reality, see, and that's when it hit me what I'd done. Some of the guys - the folk who set up the fight - weren't too happy. They said I'd cost everyone money. And since I'd cost everyone money, I owed everyone some money, to cut the difference. You don't know these guys, Gordy. They ain't the type to play around with.