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Gennady Golovkin had a harder time with challenger Curtis Stevens than many if not most expected in the main event at The Theater at Madison Square Garden on Saturday night. Stevens fought a smart, disciplined fight, and tagged GGG more than his detractors suggested he could. But body shots, thudding, internal-organ re-arranging sorts of blows, had him hurting in round eight. Stevens, whose stock actually rose with the effort, went back to his corner and his trainers said no more. For his own good, they asked the ref to halt the event.

This event was the first to take place in the Theater since the whole building re-opened, transformed, on Oct. 18, following a three-year, one billion dollar revamp. Golovkin entered with a 27-0 mark, and 24 KOs. Stevens was 25-3 with 18 KOs entering.

HBO showed the clash.

In the first, the 31-year-old Kazakh native worked the jab, came forward, was busier, and won the round, as Curtis looked a bit tight. In the second, the Brooklyn-born hitter, who now lives in Queens, hit the deck late. A left hook on the forehead did it.

In the third, a left hook late bugged Stevens. Golovkin was patient, deliberate, not wasting any motion, as Stevens looked to be defensive, not get caught.

In the fourth, Stevens landed a few clean shots. A solid right nailed Gennady clean, and after GGG landed about three nasty left hooks to the body, Stevens finished the round well. In the fifth, Stevens had a solid round. He was smart, disciplined and didn't make a mistake. He landed, too, a sharp right and a better left hook, and was effective when busy, and not letting GGG dictate pace.

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In the sixth, Stevens stayed smart, not wanting to get caught, but wasn't busy enough to win the round. An underrated defender, he kept his guard high, and did just fine despite being having to work off the ropes a bunch. Stevens was first some, but mostly looked to land in between, as Golovkin reloaded, or after a miss, in round seven. In the eighth, Stevens was in a precarious position for almost the whole round. He ate bad body shots and a couple heavy head shots, and did well to make it to his corner. His people didn't want to risk him getting kayoed in horrid fashion, and decided to end the affair.

NOTE:

HBO BOXING: GENNADY GOLOVKIN VS. CURTIS STEVENS AND MIKE PEREZ VS. MAGOMED ABDUSALAMOV

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**the Roast says:**

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GGG did take some punches well. Stevens fought as best he could but is not in the same category as Golovkin. However he is a better fighter than people were giving him credit for. He took a hell of a punch in the second round and survived it. He has a very big heart to man up and take the beating he did. Golovkin is the best at 160. I think he should stay there and not think about moving up. Be the best in that division. Hopefully he'll get to fight the two fighters he called out.

### **amayseng says:**

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I agree also why does Roy jr laugh after every comment he makes?

It is quite annoying. Roy was decent a few years ago commentating but recently he has been terrible.

### **kidcanvas says:**

it was a decent fight,curtis was shell shocked by the 8th and quit on himself. probably the event itself was over whelming who knows ,he had his moments but not in ggg league .a good boxer will give him a hard time i think though he positions himself very well with everyone when he bangs... the fight before was better for entertainment ..

### **mortcola says:**

After all his ridiculous trash talk, at least Stevens walked the walk and fought a smart, resourceful fight, and landed some hard shots. Golovkin was prepared defensively, deflecting some partially with a well-placed guard, as well as effectively threading the needle through and around Stevens' intelligent tight guard. GGG impresses like crazy, though, with a nearly unparalleled ability to pick his shots, making small adjustments to angle and placement. As others have said, GGG had to eat some hard shots, but he only took his game up a few notches in response. Dude's the real deal. I don't see Martinez surviving against the real boxing skills and power of GGG.

### **Domenic says:**

At 160 there's Golovkin and then there's everyone else Martinez will never fight him. If Floyd wanted a legacy fight he'd challenge GGG but of course that'll never happen. I'm still a Roy Jones fan like and respect the guy but probably should go by now might as well put Tony Tubbs in the booth. He's a walking concussion. Entertaining heavyweight scrap those boys were throwing some bombs.

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### **Carmine Cas says:**

Lol can someone post a link to the post fight conference? Curtis did not even stick around for an interview, they should have chased him down in the locker room like JMM.

### **amayseng says:**

Why isnt Stevens catching hell ??

he said ggg was a hype job and he was going to destroy him, knock him out, or was it knock him the Fucck out , in the last press conf days before the fight.

Then people say he is "game" for fighting in a shell and barely throwing punches for 8 rounds...

i dont get why he is left off the hook.

like i predicted, he would be on the retreat the whole fight which he pretty much was..

### **DaveB says:**

I don't think you hold 11-1 underdogs who take their beatings like a man to the same scrutiny that you hold top contenders regardless of how hard they punch.

### **brownsugar says:**

Two years ago we couldn't get a single sentence about GGG now there's at least a half dozen threads going at one time since GGG punched himself into our lives.

He is A truly skilled Warrior in the mold of a prime Holy field, Hagler, or Leonard.

Every champion gets a tough nut to crack every once in a while.

Stevens entered that ring in the best mental and physical condition of his career.

He entered the ring like a bar of steel. (he left out the ring like a pile of metal shavings) Before the fight he talked like a fighter and showed no hint of fear ( like so many have before him).

Unfortunately .....breaking HBO's punch measuring devices and being fearless isn't enough to defeat GGG, it will take someone with real substance in his make up.

GGG is coming for you.

If you punch back at him he just looks you dead in the eye...takes all of a full second or two to time the punches and see where they are coming from... and then he's punching with you. And he's landind harder and more accurately.

Look for a place to run and theres no hiding place. ...no rest.

GGG is a freak... a paradox, a peculiar type of fighter who actually craves the fight. Loves the violence. And enjoys the road when it gets tough..... He will will throw a hundred punches a

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round to get to the goal.

I won't talk about the technical aspects... Most of the other fine readers have already done a fabulous job of expressing the science.

Is this 9 or 10 defenses?...this kid will break the record for breaking records.

I just hope somebody is ready to step up.

### **brownsugar says:**

For the love of Boxing .... Will a real Champion stand up and face this guy...Please!!!!

### **Shoulder Roll Defense says:**

[QUOTE=brownsugar;39487]For the love of Boxing .... Will a real Champion stand up and face this guy...Please!!!![/QUOTE]

SOG would be his kryptonite. GGG needs to move up in weight. There is no argument, he is the best middleweight in the world. Adonis Stevenson would be another intriguing match that could be made at 168. Stevenson can make 168 again. Bring on SOG!

### **Radam G says:**

Wow! The "Ultra Game" of Stevens never came. Three g made him look -- as I thought from the vump -- LAME! But Stevens did play a game. And that was being gunshy of 3g's fame.

Three g no doubt can shot a flame. But Money May and SOG, his arse they'd tame. The mild-warm bodies that 3g has fought, and fighting MM and SOG would not be the same.

Three g is an excellent A-class boxer/fighter/puncher, but going down in weight for MM and up for SOG would mess up his fighting chemicals. And would open the door for his destruction by both excellent boxers/whup-@\$sers.

Sometimes you have to know when to stay in your lane. Changing lanes may get you killed. And it would be your fault, and your stupid @\$s will be billed.

Oh, I GET IT! It took me a while. But now, it's funny as bytch-arse Satan in nine hells getting dissed by √εsus Matching down there and Holy Double Fudging Satan up and Holy Pissing out helldom's evil hellfires for a sec.

Three 3 is practicing on some √okes. Hehehe! He's probably going to get a Big-Screen role in the Kevin Hart's comedy production about the Fam Mayweather's "Shoulder Roll.

YUP! Three g is quite the comedian. He's got me falling out. It's not hard to imagine a sucked-in faced, emaciated 3g getting da arse thrashed by MM. Holla!

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Just something to think about, ggg doesnt even lose rounds, from my recollection.

### **amayseng says:**

Ward and Money May definitely pose the biggest threats, those are the top two lb4lb fighters on the planet for a reason.

GGG should stay put and clean out the division, unify the titles and then perhaps move up in 18 months to two years.

### **DaveB says:**

It would be great to see Mayweather fight him but don't make him fight at 150 or something equally ridiculous. As for SOG he would be torched. That would be a total mismatch. I wouldn't won't to see that one. I'd rather see SOG fight at light heavy.

### **Hop says:**

Quality win for Golovkin, to be sure. I despise trash talk, so it was good to see another blowhard eat his words. I was definitely impressed, but (respectfully) not as 'over-the-moon' as BrownSugar. He didn't look 'unbeatable' to me, personally. Very good, but not invincible. Unfortunately, the future GGG fights that interest me most may well never happen.

### **Hop says:**

[QUOTE=DaveB;39496]It would be great to see Mayweather fight him.[/QUOTE]

I just can't see this happening. Prove me wrong, Floyd.

### **Radam G says:**

It will never, Hop. Unless 3g drops to a buck 52. Then Money May would whup him. It is known as prizefighting. And you must pay to get rolling into da BIG dough. Emaciation is the cost for 3g. It is up to him to fight for the prize or pride. Holla!

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Money would whoop 3G's a\*\* if he would come down in weight substantially. GGG has never fought at 54 although his camp claims he can make it easily, but I don't see Floyd taking that risk let alone 58. Now that's a pipe dream LOL

### **Hop says:**

[QUOTE=Radam G;39513]It will never, Hop. Unless 3g drops to a buck 52. Then Money May would whup him.[/QUOTE]

Not only do I agree w/this (& Carmine Cas), but I don't think you even need to mention a catchweight. I see no difference at 154 (unless possibly if we're talking about Floyd at 41 or 42!).

### **Radam G says:**

Psychological control and playing games and messing up body liquids are the chief purposes for making a man drop weight where you want him. And if Team 3g and company pull a Canelo and agree to 152lbs, Money May takes that bout, make dat moolah and beat da double fudge outta a mind-shot 3g.

The first move of war is controlling the opponent's bearing. And in pro boxing, it is telling him what to weight. Though, weight doesn't matter more than skills to pay the bills. And brain power, so mentally over him, you be like a thousand-meter tower. Holla!

### **amayseng says:**

i am tired of all the catch weights....

floyd you have a belt at 154, are the best fighter in the world, fight at an even playing field for fucksakes...

### **Radam G says:**

Never in boksing, A-Seng, even playing field means: "You will get a shot if the money is right, but everything is done my way to get the fight. Fairness is for the courts. Not for the squared √ungle.

The fighter with the biggest pull, takes no even-playground bull. It's his way or the hi-way. And that is how things will stay. Holla!

### **The Good Doctor says:**

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I agree with you on the catch weights. They are becoming to common and distort what true champions are. However, I do not blame Floyd in the least. The person across from him at the bargaining table can always say no. In addition, like the old saying goes "those who make rules about gold, usually own all the gold. If you want to make rules about it, then get more of it." Floyd has earned his right to call all of the shots. I am not saying that this is right, just saying that it is.

### **Radam G says:**

"Catch weights" have always been common. And are just nowadays being publicly spoken about, because they are giant catches to draw the didn't-know-that fanfaronades and the curious who believe that "catch weights" just came on the scene.

BTW, TGD, what is exactly "true champions." If they are given or win and/ or a world champion title belt, they are "true champions." Let's call a spade a spade. Holla!

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Yup Doc, SRL Lalonde is a prime example of that. Leonard got a 2fer and Lalonde had to fight below his normal weight. Catch weights have always been in boxing it just seems in more recent years they are becoming more frequent.

### **Radam G says:**

A primary part of professional boxing is fighting by agreed-upon contracts. The number one agreement is WEIGHT requirements agreed upon, not the weight division's maximum that the fight is taking place in.

What the TSS scribes need to do are to pull up of boxing contracts for the last 120 years and show everybodee and dey mamma not in da know that so-called "catch weights" have been around forever -- that is why eight original divisions are now 22. "Catch weights" will be "FOREVER MORE!" [Edgar Allah Poe, where is that Raven? When you are dealing with boxing, let it holla the above instead of "NEVERMORE!]

Boxing is just like life. It ain't gonna ever be fair and will always consist of agreements by written contracts which many times will be violated.



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No whining-bytch Juan Maneul Marquez/Hulkquez's sorry-arse behavior allowed. WTF! Fighters never complain about "catch weights." So whaddup with these tudes from fans, fanfaronades and haters?

Just enjoy the fights, accept the reality of the actuality and cease and desist calling for that make-believe fair play and even playing field. Getting a d@mn chance is EVEN-STEVEN enough in this seedy, shady hurt bitnezz [sic].

About 98 percent of boxers never even get a chance to fight for a title or the big MOOLAH. They would love to get a chance. And don't care about catch weights.

Fighters FIGHT! D@MN fairness and even-playing field. "FULL SPEED AHEAD! Holla!

### **Radam G says:**

Lalonde is smiles about the MOOLAH that he made. He fought for prize money, not weight-size money. NOW he is GRAY haired and paid. DUDE was no fool. He emaciated himself for a minute to get the BIGGEST PURSE of his life.

Everything that appears to be troubling ain't BAD! Emaciation is a beautiful thing for the RIGHT PAY. So for the rest of your life you can PLAY!

Pridefighting is DANGEROUS! Prizefighting is DA BOMB! Let's call an ace an ace. And keep up with the BIG-MOOLA pace. Holla!

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What I mean by true champion I mean you fight at the weight limit for that championship. I have seen fighters have a 151 limit for junior middleweight title. A jr middleweight title is suppose to be at a 154 limit. However I will admit that along with my distaste for catch weights there is the side of me that says that catch weights make fights possible that without them may not have happened.

### **Radam G says:**

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Yes, indeed! Anything above 147 is a junior middleweight fight. 154 is just the max you can push it. Since 90% of fighters manipulate their weigh-in weights with weight cuts, they usually max out what's allowed.

Canelo is lucky Mayweather had mercy on his soul and allowed him those five extra pounds. Fighting the money man and No. 1 guy in the business, you go to his home court!

It easily could've been 147 with the straps at stake for both divisions, just like Sugar Ray Jr. did it.

Back in the day with same day weigh-ins, it was very common to see dudes weighing in a few pounds below the limit.

Just look up Homicide Hank when he ruled three divisions concurrently or a welterweight Sugar Ray Sr. fighting at middleweight. His fighting weight in a middleweight bout was less than what these weight manipulated junior welterweights step into the ring with nowadays!

They want their cake and eat it too. If you want a size advantage, don't cry about having to come down. Simply fight in your real weight class or STFU and suffer to artificially weigh what you say.

### **The Good Doctor says:**

Agree 100%. You are making my point. I know they do this and have been doing it forever. What you are saying is the case though you almost have to question why have divisions? It's like saying I want to fight at said weight but not quite. It's almost cheapens the achievement.

As for fighters making weight two divisions below them, that's cool. If you make the limit, you make the limit.

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Exactly. So there shouldn't be any crying about it either.

### **Radam G says:**

I've holla it a million times, and I'll say it again.

Follow the money. Divisions are for sanctioning fees. More sanctions fees and belts that you have to pay for the most the division that keep being created.

Expect for a super cruiserweight to be coming soon. And for the heavyweight division to be 230lbs and above. Super cruiserweight will be 230lbs max and over 200lbs. Holla!

### **Carmine Cas says:**

I agree with you guys but at the end of the day you're a different fighter mentally and physically, the outcome of the fight is tainted

### **Radam G says:**

Teddy Atlas is a talking head. He will say syet to stir up bit of interest and rating. But at the end of the day, he will tell you that legit, hungry-arse boxers will prizefight for amount of tainted syet. Haggling weight and this new-labeled jive in real boxing -- "weight draining" -- are and will always be a major part of boxing.

Double fudge "a different fighter mentally and physically." That is weak-bytch TALK! It is natural as the wind blowing for the A-side fighter hold all the cards. Tell any boxer B-side to get down with the "weight draining," or he bytch-arse won't get a shot for BIG MONEY or glory.

These cyber fanfaronades need to learn and accept reality professional boxing. 100 percent of reality professional boxing is tainted. We are in a tainted sport. And it will remain that way. Just as LIFE!

From my view, the only thing that appears to untainted in real life is real DEATH. Everybodee and dey mamma in dat bytch are equal in breathing and not moving on their own.

Dey @sses can be on any type of roids and PEDs, and be the better "fighter mentally and

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All Saints and All Souls days just passed last week. And I saw total equality at the tombs of the no-longer breathing in this world at the semeterio. Not a single saint or soul was "tainted" from my view. Holla!

### **Carmine Cas says:**

Hahaha true that about life, but even you Radam have used Teddy Atlas as a reference to prove your point. And example you even said that GGG would be too drained mentally and physically to beat Floyd at 52 or 54. Weight will always be an issue, rehydration clauses are for the weak. Be a man and let your opponent re hydrate themselves completely.

And btw I sincerely apologize for my remarks in the past about asians, my intent was not to be racist

### **Radam G says:**

Wow! Today -- Nov. 7 on the US mainland -- it's been a quarter of a century since Sugar Ray Leonard beat up a dude in one night for two division (168lbs and 175lbs) titles. The Sugarman weighted a grand 165lbs. Holla!

### **Hop says:**

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Was that a good fight? Trying to remember if I've seen it. Think I did, but it's been a while.

### **The Shadow says:**

It was a decent fight. Ray was starting to get floored left and right after going on one too many cocaine binges celebrating his victory over Hagler.

RG, I have a question. When I watch Roy Jones, up until 2010, he still has exceptional hand speed, way more than his opponents. Why was he losing all these fights?

Was it his old legs? Loss of stamina? Or was it simply being gun shy from the Tarver KO? I suspected it was all mental but I never could pinpoint what it was.

In round 5 vs. Tarver in their third fight, I saw him going to town on Tarver. Other than that, he just seemed lethargic. Why was that?

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YUP! It was/is strickly mental with Superman Roy Jones. As the saying goes: "Boxing is 85-percent mental."

RJJ's legs are not so aged that he cannot still even now whup maximum @sses of 99 percent of the young guns and middle-age -- for boxing -- sidewalkers. The Legs are just probably 4 percent of your game.

Don't forget that the GOAT Ali beat the superbad, mean-@SS "Big" George Foreman without legs, or like you say: "Old legs." And then 20 years later "Big" [Rev.] George Foreman, with ancient-arse, slow turtle-time legs, caught up with Michael "Double M" [Master of Disaster] Moorer and sent him for a 10-count nap.

And with old legs, Old B-Hoppy is still not sloppy. I predict that he will be still have an alphabet-sanctioning organization's title belt into his 50s on no legs/ old legs.

Hehehehe! BTW,I was there on the night of Big Rev's historic win, and made some mad moolah because I took 10-to-1 odds that the old Rev would win by late-round knockout. He then late-night kayoed me for a BIG, BIG donation to "Da Lawd!"

Danggit! The Rev was like "a thief in the night," and Big Poppa God Was All Up in my grill on that historic occasion. Even when I was going to get my FREAK on, the Rev. pops up. I'm like:

"The lady is a bit drunk, Rev, so I'm letting her sleep in it off for the night in my suite."

"Da LAWD Is Watching, so don't be naughty," Big Rev hollered to me. "Jesus Love you."

"I know, Rev," I responded. "I'm gonna a guarding angel for the lady."

WTF! My dumb, horny arse had just lied to a preacher. And my guilty conscience killed my narrow, high-yellow arse on that historic night. So I let the lady sleep. But my bad-boy arse still took a peep. Lady and The [young] Tramp time, babeee! Hehehehe!

Meantime: Back to boxing. Hahaha!

Having a psyche to adapt, inprovise and over come is very important in boxing. This is why boxers generally don't read and listen to what is written or said about them, because the negative jive may or will cause social distortion to the fighter who is reading it. His mind will start playing tricks on him. And he start believing crazy copy and will start expecting to get hurt with even bytch punch, less alone missile shots go upside his cranium. Holla!

### **Hop says:**

Waay TMI, Rad', but at the same time hearing about George's reported behavior only endears him to me more.

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@Hop. That is the way I roll. I'm known for TMI. Hehehe! Maybe it is from my baby days of sitting on the knee of the late, great talking head Howard Cosell and being held in the arms of GOAT Ali. Hehehe!

I got a history, my friend. Lucky this is not a hardcore video University. Hehehe! I may just post some of my old jive on this Universe's Boxing Channel. Holla!

### **Hop says:**

I like hearing personal reflections you have about public figures I know of. Should I throw out names on the chance that you had some contact with them?

### **Radam G says:**

I'm game for any name. Maybe I will drop names. It all depends on in what way that I know them. A lot of them have already let out the dogs on my smell. Hiding in plain sight, I'm giving everybodee and dey momma hell.

The lightning has stop, so I need to "hit da road, Jack!" And get in my morning roadwork. Holla!

### **The Shadow says:**

LEGENDARY STORY! LMAO

George ain't mad. He used to dawg with the best of 'em -- a prerequisite, it seems, for any HW champ. And how can you not? All these dames want a REAL LOVE TKO! Meaning they want to be put to sleep by The Champ!

So is the mental handicap why Jones gets dropped by one feather-fisted guy after another??? I still don't get how he could lose to someone like Glencoffe Johnson (!). Yuck. And Antonio Tarver acts like a legend based off beating him.

Had Jones stayed at HW, he could've had a nice run fighting a high, drunk n' shot Tyson, Holyfield, Byrd and maybe snatched a CW belt for good measure, just 'cause.

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The lightning has stop, so I need to "hit da road, Jack!" And get in my morning roadwork.[/QUOTE]

How did your road work go?

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Is there a particular era when you did your socializing (for lack of a better word) with many in the fight game, or currently as well?

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### **The Shadow says:**

Although he'll throw you a timeline curveball once in a while...just take it in. He's got some tales. And apparently tails, too! (Lil Kim? Really??)

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I like the old-skool Green Hornet and Kato better. Hehehe! Maybe Kato was almost my daddy. YUP! I guess a hide-and-go Joe Blow can claim anything.

The head of a Martian and toes of Jack, The Ripper I will bring. Hehehe! Wow! Just lyrics to a song I'm going to sing. Holla!

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Hop, my man. Get this straight once and for all (and I say this respectfully): I'm a fucking giant, bro. I'm Robin to no man. I'm from a family of giants and my aim in life is to make them look like dwarves. If you knew me you'd know that.

HOWEVER, when it comes to people's expertise, I defer to them when it comes to knowledge. I don't defer to no man when it comes to reason.

I'll take on any man born to his mother's \*\*\*\*, as Tyson Fury's says, and own his b\*\*\*\* a\*\* when it comes to logic, reason and discourse. Trust me. Just like you'd own anyone when it comes to what you do well.

Just because you think I agree uncritically doesn't mean my opinion is wrong. There are opinions and facts. You can only disagree on 1/2. (And FWIW, I don't agree with anything he hollas -- far from it. But I tend to stick to facts and reason so I only "disagree" when people talk nonsensical non-facts. In fact, I didn't agree with him dropping an unprovoked combo on CC earlier.)

Why I know? I'm a trained reporter. It's my job to know. I know where he trains at (which he later confirmed, anyway). On top of that, I'm master scientific researcher qua my previous position as research psychologist for a government entity. OK, I'm giving myself too much credit here, LOL. It's not hard to figure out. He drops hints left and right. But he also drops info left and right so I can see why he would stay secretive.

Still, real recognize real. You don't have to believe him. Even if he was lying, he's wildly



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entertaining.

And that's all this forum is for, anyway, right? Entertainment.

Furthermore, I'm not full time on the boxing beat but I do get around enough to know that some of the things he says cannot be known without legitimacy. Like Big George. I know his daughter. That sounds like George to me.

### **The Shadow says:**

With that said, I'm still a relative newbie around here. There are others that will vouch for him. I've been following the conversations around here for quite a while before I joined in.

These dudes in here are wildly entertaining and informative. Like I've said before, where else will you find this type of diverse and intimate mix? I don't even go on forum but I'll check in several times daily.

LOL I started a profile on boxingscene a few years ago and I may have a total of five posts.

This here is like a virtual barbershop. It's epic. Deepwater, Ali, Amayseng, RG & Co. make this funny as hell even though the first two no longer come around really. But that's why I joined the conversation.

I love Brownsugar also. He's such a cool dude. I wish I could meet him.

### **Radam G says:**

The Shadow, you have to forgive Hop. Using a twist of his belief: "He is of little faith." Kind of like Peter, who couldn't get his walk on the water.

I can imagine him telling The Son of Mary: "Give me a surf board, or I'm gonna stay on this holy-moly boat. I seeth some sharks. And if they swallow me into their bellies, I won't be coming out like Joshua came outta Moby Dick's great grand whale pops.

"Danggit! Why are we in these shark-invested --I'm mean infested -- water, anyway? That ain't right! I like whales. Those sharks are looking at me as if I'm breakfast, and they have some long-arse teeth." Hehehe!

Hop will find his way to the alligators. Hahaha! I'm just jivin,' Hop! Loosen up, man! Tight ain't right for boxing. You gotta be chillax. This is not the "House of Wax." Holla!

### **Hop says:**

@ Shad' & Rad' ...

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That's a heap 'o stuff to respond to, and I know you don't want to wade through a chapter-length post from me. Furthermore, I don't want to annoy the rest of the forum. Let me seek to make a more general response, not point-by-point:

Shadow, I promise that I say this in the same respectfulness that you posted in, but I think it's silly for a person to call themselves a "f'n beast". No only is it prideful, but I think it actually reveals a type of weakness (Proverbs 27:2). Oh, I know it's all the rage in our vainglorious culture, but so what about that. I'm sure you have admirable qualities (and you list a number of them) but do you really think you walk around all 'badder' than almost everybody? I'm not trying to get in a verbal swipe, but I don't, and don't really get why that's the self-image you want to project. But I'm a Christian, and therefore a misfit in this world, as Jesus clearly prophesied would be the case, so make of my words what you will. BTW, even though I don't know you, among the qualities you do possess that I already have genuine admiration for would be 1) you are a good writer -- FAR above average, and 2) you've gotten in the boxing ring many times and [U]done[U] what I, for example, have not. (Interestingly you are humble about your boxing courage.) I have no doubt there are many other fine qualities as well if I were to know you better.

Radam, I know a big part of your aim is entertainment, and that's cool. I have tried not to ever be unkind in any disagreement with you over anything, and please forgive me if I have ever failed in this. Honestly, several times when I haven't agreed I did not say a thing. IOW, I'm not looking for a fight or an argument. It sounds like you practice a routine of real physical discipline. I am a former athlete who aims to eventually do the same. But I know how difficult that can be, and I genuinely admire you for every time you hit the road and run when it hurts, and all the other parts of your training that no doubt you do. And, like w/Shadow, for every time you've gotten into the boxing ring and given it your best. HUGE PROPS! I guess that's why I love the sport so much (i.e. one big reason); it takes many truly praiseworthy attributes (courage, discipline, heart, etc. -- besides all the skill, of course) to do it well. Also, you know that I agree with you plenty, and 'listen up' when you speak about boxing. I'm not sure why you have told me a couple times to "chillax", etc., in that I don't feel I've acted touchy or hot-tempered toward you (or Shadow) ever. Maybe a post can appear that way in 'print' if it is direct and possibly not in agreement (?).

Anyway, well wishes to you both. And yes, God bless you both (for real).

### **Hop says:**

And Rad', about Peter: He had his 'bout with doubt', sho 'nuff. But I'll tell you what, he did walk on water [U]twice[U] (as Jesus took him by the hand). And I don't know about you, but that's exactly two more times that [B][U]I[U][B] ever have! HOLLA!!

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Aw, I's jus' tryin' to have a bit of fun, stickin' up for my man, Pete. (smile)

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Doubting Thomas was the holy knucklehead. Hehehe!

Wow! We've had a terrible typhoon in the P-Islands. There be a lot of death at first daylight. Holla!

### **The Shadow says:**

Hop, you can choose to perceive my comment as arrogance. It's not. And I'm sorry if it came across that way. I was responding to your suggestion that I play second fiddle to another man.

What I mean by being a beast -- and perhaps it's good I clarify -- is being strong and working hard.

Here's an example, I'm a handicapped. In my second year of college, I got brain damaged that left me functioning at far less capacity of the average person.

Doctors told me I wouldn't be able to complete college and suggested I do something else. Others in my situation committed suicide, another got clinically depressed.

Rising above is something that I'm very proud of. And how I did it was being a colloquial "beast" -- not feeling sorry for yourself, working hard, never giving up, playing the cards you've ben dealt.

"God is within us. It was written by Allah."

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### **brownsugar says:**

Fascinating story Shadow... Let me know when the book is out!

### **Radam G says:**

PREACH, The Shadow, PREACH! And TEACH!

No knock on Hop. But he appears to be a victim [acceptance] of appearance of limitations of said this-and-that authorities. They are so skin tight and easily offended loosey-goosey terms and talk.

"Beast" is USED big-time in the super-high-level world of success. We have to hip Hop to da haps. He seems a bit lost in time. And that is not a knock, Hop.

We all have shortcoming in some lanes. I'm don't know poop-poop in some of them. But I learn quickly. So can you. Holla!

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[U]SO[U] [U]MUCH[U] [U]RESPECT[U], SHADOW!! I admire what you have done [U]HUGELY[U]! Man, I'm cheering from the sidelines.

Re. Rad's posts (what I understood of them): 1) Poor Thomas also gets too bum a rap. Yes, he doubted the resurrection (as if we wouldn't have), but was also bravely ready to go to Jerusalem and [U]die[U] with his Lord (John 11:6). 2) If Christ and the Scriptures are the [I]"said this-and-that authorities"[/I] you refer sideways to: [B][I]Guilty![/I][B] [I]"Lost in time"[/I]? Maybe "[B][U]found[U]/[B] in time"! (And thank God it [I]was[/I] in time and not too late -- for you either, friend.)

I don't want to hijack this thread any further, out of respect to Editor Mike. I apologize to him if I have done so already.

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### **brownsugar says:**

You don't have to apologize to me Hop...its good to hear from the rare individual who is not ashamed of the Word.

### **Radam G says:**

Editor Mike is not worrying about anybody hijacking his threads, I would bet. And to each his own about religious beliefs. The Bible is 90-percent metaphoric and maybe 10-percent literal. Holla at the ancient original languages of those Scriptures and you will see and know that.

When people limit themselves with belief, they inattentional become aggressive and arrogant. The American-English speaking Christians and the Arabic-speaking Christians and Muslims are top-of-the-list aggressive, arrogant and rude for no reason. And I'm just calling a spade a spade.

But it is all good. You guys are what you are. And we should all get alone, because we are all going to get the same treatment of death -- no more breath. And from this world, no wealth. Holla!

### **The Shadow says:**

Thanks, guys. And that's funny Suge! RG -- co-sign! Indeed, beast is something that is widely used in that sense!

I don't know if Hop was associating it with the 666 number of the beast or something. But that's what it is and that's what it is. No less.

Hop, I'm really not courageous at all. I wish I was. It's just that my utter and complete refusal to never, EVER quit supersedes any other emotion. I'll take an absolute beating of epic proportions before I succumb to adversity and accept defeat.

That session I wrote about, I was complete spent after the second round. Could hardly stand. I didn't want to be there yet I ended up going four-five more rounds based on that alone. I'll drop dead before I give up.

Like Will Smith, a true beast, says, "The only thing that I see that is distinctly different about me is I'm not afraid to die on a treadmill...If we get on the treadmill together, there's two things: You're getting off first, or I'm going to die. It's really that simple, right?"

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In life, I'm mostly fearless when it comes to adolescent inhibitions. But that's not physical courage. Like, if I see a challenge that makes me feel shy or inadequate? then I'll face it head on! LOL like there was an audition for this movie. I have no desire to be a movie star. But it made me feel "shy." So I went straight in there and embarrassed the hell out of myself. It's on Youtube somewhere. Good gosh.

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RG, I've hollered long ago. 90/10 sounds about right. Also, many people don't know about the Gospel of Mary and the Gospel of Judas.

Limiting beliefs lead to so much conflict. In Scandinavia (and Western civilization as a whole), propaganda is spouted about the barbaric, medieval ways of Middle Easterners, which the people then attribute to the barbaric religion of Islam.

"Islam says you can stone women! It's a TERRIBLE religion!" Of course, when you see terrorists shouting "ALLAHU AKBAR!" that doesn't exactly help the perception, now does it?

Little do those same people know that the Quran is simply the updated 3rd Ed. of the Torah -- the equivalent to an updated college textbook when new information has been found in the field.

If they ever bothered to read the Bible they'd know that there are several pages dedicated to the same, creative ways of painfully murdering women who commit various forms of adultery:

"You mustn't sleep with your brother! Or your neighbor! Or your neighbor's brother, your second cousin's homie, your lost uncle's cat, the local grocer's horse," and on and on it goes.

And Hop, I doubt very much Editor Mikey will be upset. He likes it and follows threads religiously. Because you never know what gems you'll come across. I bet ya he sometimes struggles not to post something himself hehehehe!

Shoot, like I've said, I've seen EM pick up on topics from the threads, unconsciously start using similar tone, write ideas from some of the discussions. Hehehehe I see you, Woodsy!

### **The Shadow says:**

I don't mean to dwell on that situation too much but I do want to point this out: Some times we sell ourselves short. I think people have untapped reservoirs of strengths that we don't tap into because our minds tell us we're done when we're really not.

That's why, Hop, I think you'll be surprised if you step in there and see how well you perform. I'm a decent athlete but I'm a frail, little guy with plenty of effeminate characteristics. My threshold of pain is pathetic.

Anyway, after that second round, as I was getting ready to sneak out of the ring, coach asked "You wanna quit, Rasta?"

"Quit? QUIT??? You must be out of your MIND!!!"

And I went right back in there and fired off combinations from muscle memory -- from Shadowboxing I guess? -- I didn't even know I knew.

(I can't throw a left hook to save my life. Yet, when I wasn't thinking and hesitating because I was trying to keep that animal from hitting me, I was check hookin', double-hookin', hookin' off

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the right hand...I was hookin' so much you'd think I had a pimp.)

All those emotions you go through is why I feel you must have some sort of in-ring experience to cover the sport appropriately.

ESPN's boxing editor Brian Campbell is on the record saying that after he started boxing, he understands the sport SOOOOOO much better.

For instance, it's almost an insult to boxers when media crap on fighters for not letting "let their hands go more." Or calling someone shot because he doesn't let his hands go.

Had they been in there themselves, they'd understand that there are several reasons a guy might not punch. Maybe the punch isn't there.

Should a guy just waste energy when he knows it won't land? Should he risk getting countered when the shot simply isn't there?

People have all these conspiracy theories about Shane Mosley rocking Mayweather only to suddenly stop punching.

Check out this video: [url][http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f\\_bzjxPvajQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_bzjxPvajQ)

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Nice, did you go? Thanks, let me know, man!