

## Dear Floyd Mayweather, Everything In Life Is Not A Fight...BORGES

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Floyd Mayweather, Jr. is a gifted fighter, perhaps the best boxer in the world today, but if he is ever going to succeed in a lasting way in his life it is time he learns a lesson that seems to have eluded his grasp for 34 years.

It is a simple lesson really but often the simplest things are the most difficult. Take boxing, for example. At its most elemental it is a simple thing, one man trying to overwhelm another by breaking his spirit and, at times, his face.

Yet Mayweather understands it is nowhere near as simple as that. Prize fighting is not just some savagely brutal exercise. If it is done the way he and the other great practitioners of the

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dark trade do it, it is a science. A.J. Liebling called it the sweet science but there is seldom anything sweet about it except when someone like Mayweather is performing it like an artist. They are the ones who make the difficult look easy, the complex look simple.

There is nothing simple about prize fighting but there is a simple answer to the problems Floyd Mayweather, Jr. keeps heaping upon himself. Seven words can explain it: everything in life is not a fight.

Until Mayweather grasps that as completely as he has the intricacies of prize fighting he will continue to make problems for himself when they are not necessary and eventually pay a high price for wrestling with the world in that way.

The latest and clearest example of this is his refusal last week to show up for a simple deposition hearing ordered by a judge in the defamation suit filed against him by Manny Pacquiao. Mayweather asked to postpone it for whatever reason, which was his right, but Federal Magistrate Judge Robert Johnston denied his request, which was his right.

The simple thing would have been for Mayweather to show up, listen to the surely irritating questions asked by Pacquiao's attorney, Daniel Petrocelli, and reply as often as sensible "I do not recall."

As many a fallen politician, Archbishop of Boston and Mafia Don has proven you can't get yourself in much legal trouble saying "I don't recall," especially if you really do recall.

However, because he is, for the moment, young and rich and talented, Mayweather has come to believe the normal rules of society don't apply. What would be a tragedy is if someone who frankly has always seemed to be a fragile kid in need of a hug from the first time I met him when he was an amateur kid hoping to make the U.S. Olympic team (which he did), blows up his life because he can't learn the simplest thing: that life is not always a fight.

Life is a struggle. Life is filled with pain and disappointment and sometimes tragedy. On that level life is a fight. But every day does not need to be a fight nor can every problem be ignored or lashed out at.

Sometimes, just as in the ring, you need to slip the punches, not take them flush. Sometimes you need to retreat to get your equilibrium back. Sometimes you need to recognize where you are weak to become strong.

Mayweather has been in self-imposed exile from the one thing he has full control of – his ability to box – for nearly a year and a half. That is a waste of talent and earning power.

It is a result of personal choice and personal problems, some of which have him looking at possibly ending up in jail - which is not where he belongs or where he will best serve himself, his family or society.

Yet if he doesn't wake up and learn to respect his enemy – which at the moment is the way he

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too often conducts his life outside the ring – he will end up someplace he should not be.

When a judge exercises his legal right to deny your request, whether you think it fair or not, the answer is not to act like a child and refuse to show up, as if you're entitled to do whatever you want. As in boxing, the rules apply even to the most talented among us some times and this is one of those times.

Pacquiao's defamation suit is not like dealing with some business opportunity where everyone involved is willing to kiss your ass in hopes of making money off you. This was a judge saying "No, I will not postpone this deposition hearing. Attend and answer the questions or say you don't recall but be there."

Naturally, Petrocelli has gone on a PR campaign, claiming "he is just dodging his deposition because he's afraid to testify."

He may be but what's more likely is he simply didn't like being told what to do and figured he'd defy authority because the rules don't apply to Money Mayweather. Well, as Mike Tyson and Rep. Anthony Weiner and Bernie Madoff and the Catholic Church and an endless parade of people who thought they had become bullet proof because they were wealthy or talented or smart or revered found out, just when you least think the rules apply to you any more someone comes along and shows you they do.

Often it takes a while and many times innocent people get hurt along the way but eventually, if you keep treating your daily life as if it's a fight or a reality show someone takes you down. Usually it's yourself, which is the saddest part of what's been going on with Floyd Mayweather, Jr. for some time.

As talented as he is, and until someone proves otherwise I believe he's the most talented fighter of his generation, he cannot go undefeated in life if he makes every day a fight. Why he chose to defy a simple court order to appear at a deposition hearing resulting from things he allegedly said or implied about Pacquiao only he knows.

What I know is that if he doesn't come to learn – and accept – the simplest fact of life - which is that if you make every day a fight one day you will lose and lose big - how it's going to end for him is clear. It will end badly and he will have only himself to blame.

Not his enablers, who are many. Himself.

Recently Mayweather's associates at Golden Boy Promotions, Richard Schaefer and Oscar De La Hoya, did a wise and simple thing. Instead of continuing to battle Pacquiao and his promoter, Bob Arum, over the issue of whether or not Pacquiao used performance enhancing drugs they did what a smart fighter like Mayweather has done so many times in the ring. They slipped the punches.

"Richard Schaefer and Oscar de la Hoya, on behalf of themselves and Golden Boy Promotions, wish to make it crystal clear that we never intended to claim that Manny Pacquiao has used or

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is using any performance enhancing drugs, and further state that we do not have any evidence whatsoever of such use," they said in a statement that followed a twittered apology from De La Hoya to Arum and Pacquiao from a rehab center where he was wrestling with his own demons.

"Manny Pacquiao is one of the greatest fighters of all time, and we apologize if anyone construed our prior remarks as in any way claiming or even suggesting that Manny uses or has used performance enhancing drugs."

Almost immediately Arum and Pacquiao accepted the apology and ended the lawsuit against them. The wise fighter – and there is no one wiser than Mayweather inside the ring – knows when the best course is to spin away.

That's what Floyd Mayweather, Jr. needs to do now. Spin away from unneeded trouble. Attend the deposition hearing, issue the same kind of vague apology and suggest whatever differences exist between him and Pacquiao be settled in the ring.

That is the one place where every day is a fight. To continue to make every day outside the ring one too is a choice that no one who makes it can survive.

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### **Radam G says:**

Wow! Somebodee is trying to get me to started, but I'm gonna wait for other readers to reply to this for-real nice copy, then I'm coming poetically HEAVY! Holla!

### **Radam G says:**

Just like this "Lil Floyd!" I don't quite recall what I said in the previous post about letting everybodee and dey post before I get on my poetic ryhmes. Anyway! When it come to Da Manny, Money May is seeing a whup-a\$\$ GHOST! And he is terrified da most. His arse, Da Manny would ROAST! And even with da Vicious One, Money May would pay a heavy cost. Maybe da sucka oughta get on his boat, and just sail along da coast -- east to west! For no doubt, he knows dat Da Manny is da BEST! Holla!

### **Radam G says:**

Money May is on a twisted-brain trip. Vicious Victor is bound to crumble him like a potato chip. Money May's tide is on a downward slide. He's at the end of the ride. Vicious Victor is gonna come out blazin! Money may is gonna be scattin' and dazin! Being inactive and gettin' long-in-da-tooth, Money May will no longer be amazin! On his noggin and torso, da Vicious One's punches will be like a shocking and burning TAZSER! Money May is gonna feel like he's being Rodney King beatdown by da Po'Po. But it's just gonna be Vicious Victor -- one bad, young mofu! Hehehehehe! Holla!

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### **Radam G says:**

Money May is no longer an able-boxing runner. So don't be surprised to see Vicious Victor Ortiz beat him in a stunner. Money May is failing to prepare, therefore he's preparing to fail. VVO's punches will rain on him like grapefruit-size hail. Many fanfaronades find that too difficult to conceive. But just wait and see, this VVO will achieve. Put your money down. It hurts me to my heart, but Money May has slowly and surely become a clown. Where Money May use to be in da hurt bitnezz, he is now far away. He's fighting because he needs the pay.

So many think that for Money May, a bout against the Vicious One is going be too easy. But outta the money lover, VVO is gonna knock da snot and off da greasy. It's only the taxman who's bringing Money May to fight, because he doesn't want to lose his mansion or a single car. Other than for that, in that squared jungle, Money would be nowhere in sight. In September -- if the bout takes place -- VVO will be the new, superhot boxing STAR! In da words of da Don, "You heard it here first, ladies. Holla back!" Holla!

### **amayseng says:**

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You're nor allowed to say douche bag on here.

### **ali says:**

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Yeah being inactive could catch up with him that's really my only worry. In his last fight he didn't use his legs as much is it because he getting long in tooth or did he just choose to fight that way because of his opponent only time will tell.

### **aymokay says:**

well said Ron

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

Mayweather reminds me of Barry Bonds. Wrong or right, he is going to do things his way! I don't agree with everything he does outside the ring, but inside the ring he is the best practitioner of the "Sweet Science" this generation has known. He is the equivalent of Einstein in the ring, simply genius! However, I do know of a foe that will defeat Floyd if he isn't careful, his name is "Father Time."

### **FighterforJC says:**

[QUOTE=Fe'Roz;7334]No, His name is.....Floyd Mayweather.[/QUOTE]

Actually THEIR names are: Jose Luis Castillo, Oscar De La Hoya and soon Manny Pacquiao.

### **ali says:**

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great post!!!!

### **Matthew says:**

Everything Borges said is on the mark. My question is, why do most people still consider Mayweather undefeated? He clearly lost to Castillo in their first fight, and Harold Lederman agreed. That decision was about as bad as Lewis-Holyfield I.

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### **Radam G says:**

Legally and officially, Money May is undefeated. Legally and officially and in MDO, Marquez has never beat Da Manny. And he won't! Da Manny kayos his arse comes November. Money May loses or get a gift draw comes September against da Vicious One, or even better for da Moneyman, he'll weasel his way outta that Vicious Victor arse thrashing. Father Time will beat Money May by decision. Da Manny would knock Money May's arse out in a round or two. This is why da whole Fam May stay away from da Pinoy Punisher, and make up ridiculous lies and super myths about Da Manny being on Pinoy superman steroids, known as "A-side Meth."

Shameful that so many Urbanites and Ebonicans buy their homeboy's bullspit. Wow! Some people just cannot accept that their heros, icons and idols have chicken fever and is chicken \_\_\_\_\_! Holla!

### **Robert Curtis says:**

"Dear Floyd Mayweather..."??? What, are we writing love notes to him now? I don't sign on to TSS too often, but when I do, it's like I never left. It's got to be five years going strong of people typing about Manny fighting Money and it nevah-evah happens. It's like listenening to a choir of castrati singing about someone getting laid. Yes, that's the perfect image, a chorus of eunuchs singing Rod Stewart's "Tonight's the Night". I can name that tune in one note and it's a broken record on TSS. LOL. Hey, I'm typing too, so I'm obviously part of the problem. As the old country song goes, Floyd: "How can we miss you when you won't go away?"

### **Joe says:**

Huge risk simply ignoring the Federal Magistrate. Money needs to take care of this or he's gonna get his street cred card just like his Daddy.