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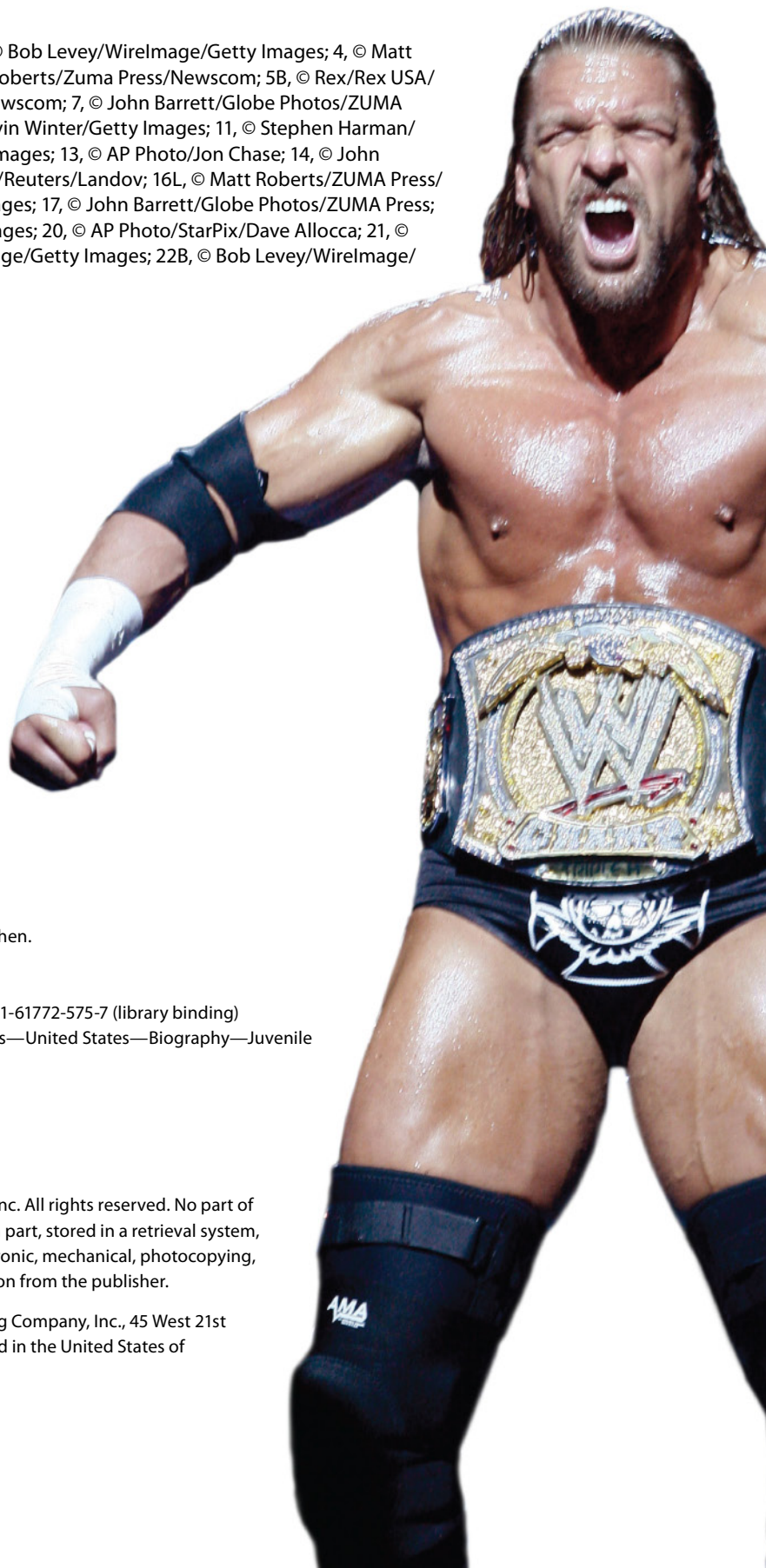
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Showdown with the Punk

On September 18, 2011, Triple H walked toward the ring and his opponent, CM Punk. The two **rivals** glared at each other. This match was going to be ugly!

Before he got into the ring, Triple H turned to salute the crowd. That's when CM Punk snuck up from behind and slammed Triple H's head with a **forearm** smash. The match hadn't even begun, but already the two men were battling.

Triple H

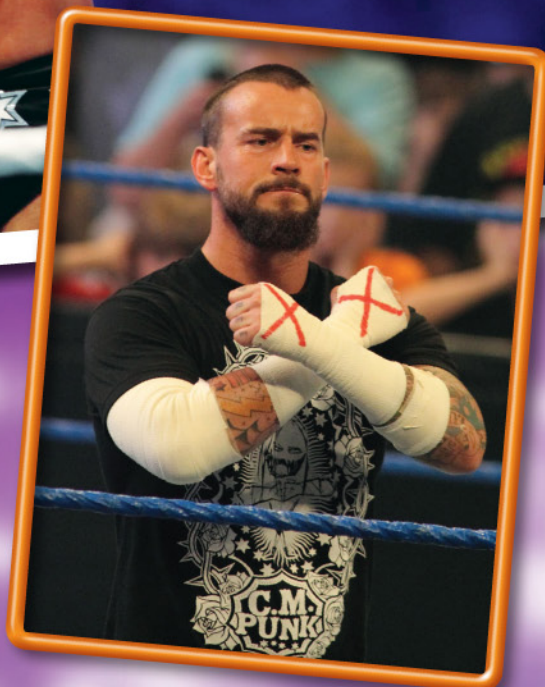
Triple H wasn't just a wrestler. He was also one of the **WWE's top executives**. More than just a win was at stake for him. If he lost to CM Punk, Triple H had promised to give up his job.



When the bell rang to signal the start of the match, the two wrestlers were outside the ring, hurling each other across the announcers' tables. The referee was helpless in this **no disqualification match**. The rules meant nothing!



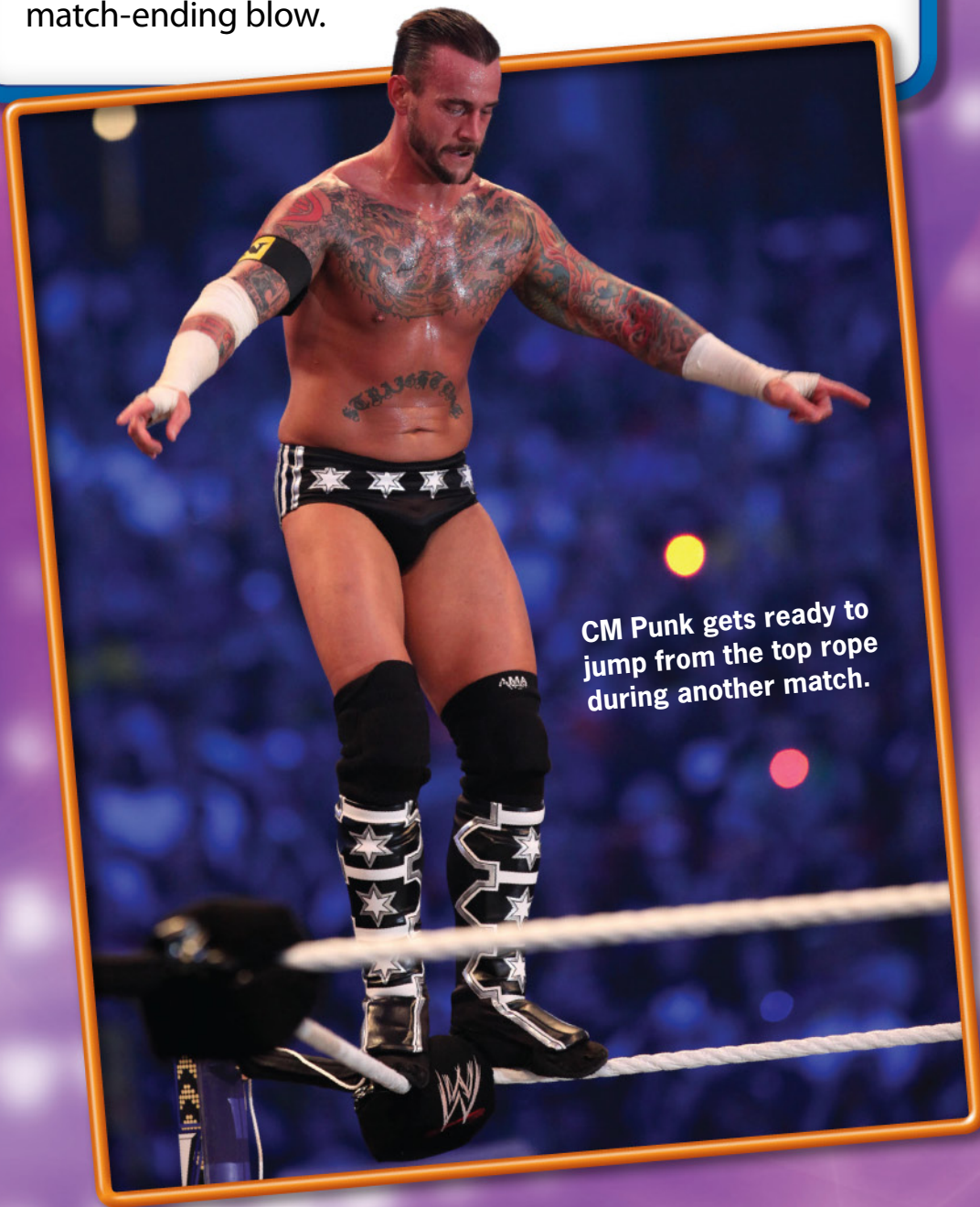
CM Punk in action with Randy Orton



CM Punk

Still the Boss

As the battle raged on, the action occurred both inside and outside the ring. At one point, CM Punk kicked Triple H into a set of metal steps. Then he climbed to the top rope of the ring and leaped at Triple H, hoping to deliver a match-ending blow.

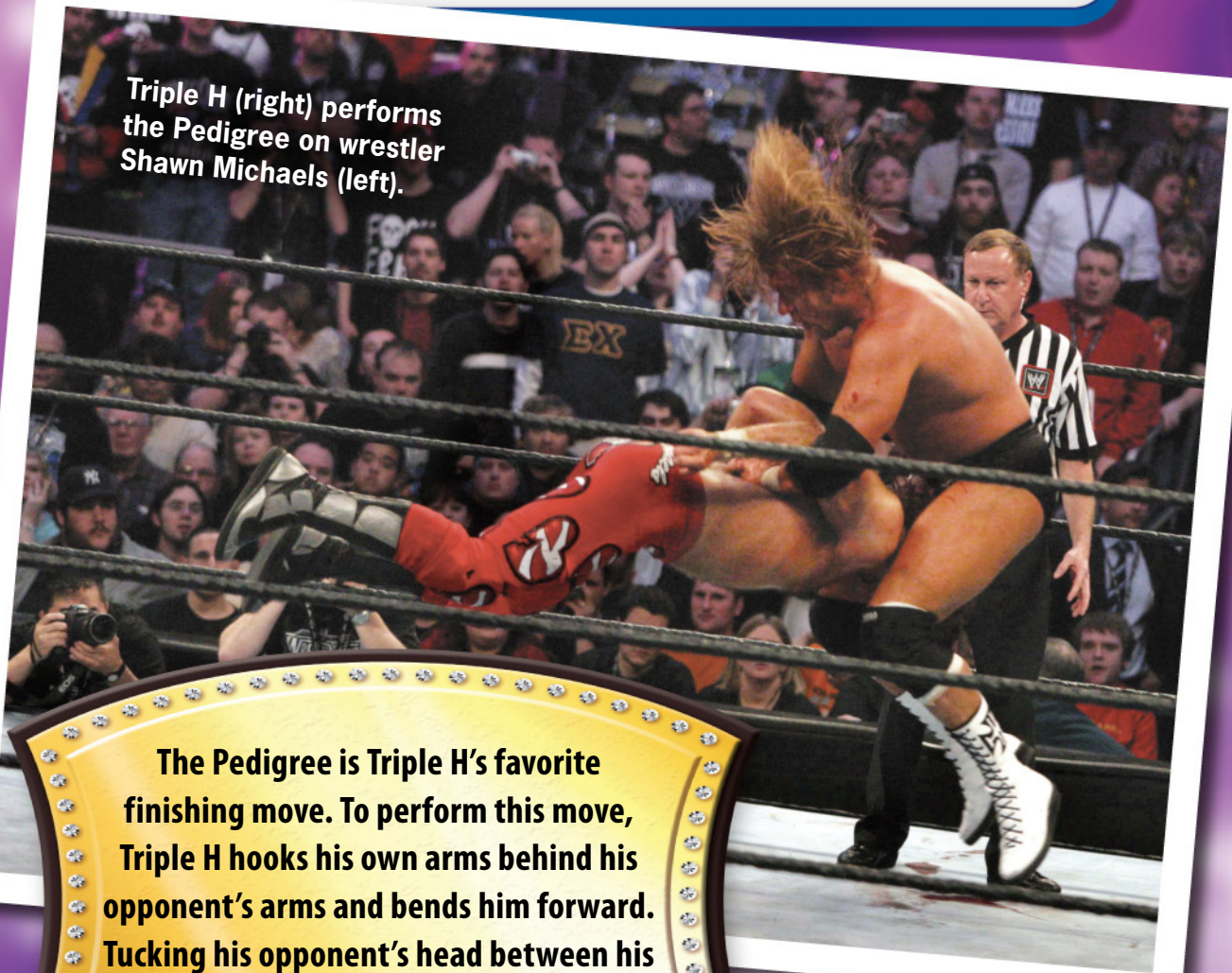


CM Punk gets ready to jump from the top rope during another match.

Triple H was ready, however. As CM Punk jumped from the rope, Triple H kicked him hard. Then he smashed CM Punk to the mat with his **signature move**—the Pedigree.

CM Punk squirmed away, however, avoiding the **pin**. A few minutes later, Triple H delivered a match-ending Pedigree. He had defeated CM Punk, and by winning, he got to keep his job.

Triple H (right) performs the Pedigree on wrestler Shawn Michaels (left).



The Pedigree is Triple H's favorite finishing move. To perform this move, Triple H hooks his own arms behind his opponent's arms and bends him forward. Tucking his opponent's head between his own legs, Triple H jumps, slamming his opponent's face into the mat.

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