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INT. ARENA - RAY REGIS' DRESSING ROOM -- SAME TIME

Meanwhile. Ray Regis is in a BACK ROOM, with Lorde Flynn and another TRAINER. They're wearing FLASHY ROSES that sa Ray "The Machine" Regis.

Trainer is taping Regis' hands.

LOUIE FLYNN

Bobby. Give us a minute

The Trainer hods and leaves. ouie and Regis have a privat moment...

UIE FLYNN (CONT'D)

How you fee

RAY REGIS

Hung

LOUIE FLYN

You're more than hungry You're voracious.

(intently)

Ray. We both know that belt shoulda come home with you five years as What you did then... what we did. that was for Rebecca. Tonight is for you. You're a champion. You've always been a champion. And tonight everybody's gonna know it.

A BOXING OFFICIAL steps up with the YOUNG OFFICER.

START

BOXING OFFICIAL

Mr. Regis? This is Officer Chambers. They want somebody with you during the fight. Just to be safe.

RAY REGIS

No way. I don't know this guy. Forget it.

BOXING OFFICIAL Well, you're not goin' out there alone. Captain's orders,

25 ARENA - CORRIDOR - COMMAND CENTER -- SECONDS LATER INT.

Back at the COMMAND CENTER. Natalie's CELL PHONE RINGS.

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