

## Mike Tyson: “I Am Going To Tear His Soul Apart” | E57

Well the first thing I'm thinking is this is my moment This is my time They're gonna have to carry me out I'm gonna get that belt and I'm gonna get it at any cost I'm gonna oh I'm gonna visit tea So that's what goes on in my mind My guest today is Mike Tyson Mike is the former heavyweight boxing champion of the world one of the greatest boxers of all time and one of the most recognized sports personalities in the world That's just what I wanted to do I wanted to be the best thing what I knew I was gonna fight I wanted to look the best most of my um career fighting base It was just based on my ego I don't think no way would pick on me again I think it was those cold weak moments and people abused me This never happened again when he was 20 years old Four months and 22 days old he became the youngest boxer ever to win a heavyweight title and he was the first heavyweight boxer to simultaneously hold the WBAW BC and IBF titles have won the Junior Olympics twice Right And So it was in a local paper and take the paper on the newspaper I show it to my mother So um she said remember Joe Lewis Max mother there's always somebody better And when she said that listen the guy that you talking about right now who is always better than somebody that's me I'm always better than that guy He finished his professional career with a 56 record with a knockout to win percentage of 88% and is a member of the international boxing Hall of Fame In addition to his incredible boxing career Mike has appeared in dozens of movies and TV shows and is the creator and actor of the one Man hit Broadway Show The Undisputed Truth and is the author of a best selling book of the same name I'm gonna get this done and I'm gonna get it at any cause I'm a man Mike is also a successful entrepreneur He's the founder of two cannabis companies including Tyson 2.0 and he is a dedicated philanthropist through his Mike Tyson cares Foundation and his support of other charities including the Make A Wish Foundation and the Special Olympics Mike It's an incredible pleasure to have you on my show Welcome to In Search of Excellence I would start my podcast with family because our family helped shape our personality our values and the preparation for our future You had a crazy life Your your dad was a pimp And your mother was a drug addict and help with him in the sex industry And when you were one year old your parents use alcohol and drugs sometimes to put you to sleep Absolutely marijuana at one years old So take us through the first five years of your life I think a lot of us remember what we were like in kindergarten We're gonna get into your later

childhood right after that But through five years old did you realize what kind of life you were living I really um a middle class life when I was five years old You know my um my life come to close like I started in the pits of Brownville But that maybe I let people want to believe that but that's really not ha that's not what happened I remember us living in a brownstone and we had um his name was Arthur He was a landlord He lived there Jewish older man and I had a really decent life until I guess my mother she made a bad business decision with a man and lost all of her money and stuff And then I think that's when we moved to Brownsville And then life became so much challenging Then it was a high crime neighborhood big high crime high drugs high everything It's everything just a city in Brooklyn even now But you just don't want to be there if you don't know anyone So when you were younger you were bullied I had big gun big gun you had a lisp you had bad acne you have a high voice and you're chubby So tell us and you wear glasses So an unattractive kid and that's the kind of kid that people bully So I was being bullied influence your future What were you thinking at the time A lot of bullies And this happened to me when I was bullied I said I don't want to be bullied anymore and I'm gonna make it in life and help motivate me to be successful But they that I'm gonna try to avoid these guys on my life I never knew that they don't go anywhere You can't escape these guys unless you confront them and all I learned at a young age so you can't run from them You got to confront them How old were you when you were a boy for the first time It's um it's really I can meet its conscious I mean as far as in into inter mingling with people and go and seeing people at schools Yeah probably eight years old when I started getting involved with school going to school because they always picked on me in school kicked the shit out of me It's hard to believe that someone kicked the shit out of you No I no listen when I see these mean bad savage guys in the streets I understand I get it I get something happen and return it to those people And at that point would you come home crying to your mom all the time What would your mom tell us Don't worry it's gonna stop You don't have to fight him back now You could do it And my mother used to nonviolent She didn't believe in fighting and stuff she believed in taking care of make sure the kids avoid with that reality life But it wasn't like that you had to confront your demons right 13 20% of kids in high school between the ages of 13 and 18 are bullied It's a national pandemic By the time I'm 13 I'm never bullied again Everybody's all the tough guys with my buddies they were my friends And um by the time I was 13 I knew all the gangs guys everybody knew me We all crabbed

together and that's just how my life was It was like um Bazar world like all all the bad was really good and all the good was really bad The respectable people were bad and the and the criminal guys were good and that's how it was in that world If you didn't if you didn't if you weren't involved with crime you weren't our friend you're the enemy And if I was at some point you're 10 years old and you love pigeons You are an unhappy kid And pigeon was the first thing that you loved in life 100% listen I I've gotten involved with pigeons from being bullied I'm walking because you know in my school you have lunch and you have breakfast So I go and I eat breakfast and then I leave the school walk around the school kill time until lunchtime comes which is probably 11 to 12 o'clock So I go there I eat lunch and then I wait to school to go look at then I can go back home one time I had eaten lunch And um after that process of eating lunch I was walking around the school as I normally does and I saw three guys and then they um they um started to sell me and say hey you have any money I know And they said if I find any money I'm gonna kick your you know what And I let him check me and he said yeah you wanna fly with us And I had no idea what flying meant And so he said I said yeah because I was skid And so I climbed this f he said give me a milk crate I'm throwing a milk crate I don't know why he wants these milk crates this tough kind of street guy And um we're taking these um real quick in this abandoned building I'm getting really nervous I don't know these guys and they're trying to get me in this abandoned building and I get up there and I was scared I went up the stairs the 2nd 3rd floor and I climbed to the roof and I pat they went up first and then I started passing the crate Then I went up there and I saw this little Cooper box with a little fence net fence I saw birds and I was like wow these guys like birds I thought these guys well they were horrible but I thought these guys like these kind of guys like birds and I was impressed with those kind of guys cause nobody messed with those guys Their brothers were tough and they always got respect in the street And so I was there um I don't know they go for go to the store for me give me some cake give me some food give me some cake milk This the birds were I didn't know at the time but the birds they had was really out of condition So they fly for like 10 minutes in Atlanta Somebody look over they shoot and scare the bird I'm gonna fly the birds they come and move your scam off And so that's the stuff I did for them And so after they kept me captured and schooled over they let me go home and I definitely that you know the whole the whole day I was just thinking about these birds and these guys And so the next day come I don't I go eat breakfast and I go to the coop

that they had me at and soon as I come to the coop they see me from the roof and they start throwing bricks at me Trump Still our birds mother I said no I just came by didn't know if any of your guys need me to do anything go to the store for you or something And from that day on I was stuck with birds I think he had a neighbor and a bully and he did something really bad to the bird No no Once I started getting involved this is a year now a year has passed Now I'm robbing people for the money to buy birds and bird feed And I have my birds hidden in a an abandoned building that happened my family happy to happened to live in and I showed somebody the birds that I bought with the money that I had stolen And he went back and told those guys I had a bunch of birds and they came he set me up to get robbed by the birds And so those guys came in the room and tried to stash my birds and my mother came up hey y'all what you're doing and they ran but one guy ran he before he ran he took a bird and put it under his shirt and took off ran between my mother and I was chasing I don't know why I was chasing him I knew I don't know why he thought hey please give me my bird and he stopped and said oh the words He said I can't tell you He said to me but he said you want this bird You're fat And my mom my mama and took the bird He hit me with the bird's body They hit with the head And one of the guys who used to bully me too He didn't he always bullied me too But he said you better fight him He was mad even though that was his friend that did that He was he was he felt a little bit of being assaulted by me with they love birds too I took the he took the bird hit with the body with the head They call me fat and stupid and all that stuff And I fought him There's blood there's blood on your shirt cause your face just splattered all over the place When they hit they took the hit the bullet and shooting and hit me and hit with the bird It's traumatic even to see it And then it pisses you off That's the first time I ever saw that And then I snatched the bird head off It It's my first time And so my friend told me to fight him and it was sloppy I started fighting him and I and I kind of dropped him in him and he fell on the floor not necessarily in the face but it looked like I hit him and and the guy that came in about my birthday all started and clapping laughing The guy was bigger than you Yeah he was like he was like 14 13 and you were 10 probably 10 11 Yeah And what was the feeling when you hit a guy for the first time Um I couldn't wait to go home and tell people that you know I have fight but they knew they seen the fight People started coming around and they started talking wow man you did this you did that man You kicked such and such and then I used to start watching my friends box playing around and that's when I wanted to

be like that kind of tough guy I know how to fight the kind of guy in the streets Nobody mess with me I could wear my jewelry my fancy clothes and no one to take them from me Did the bullying stop after that first fight cause I went absolutely But then the bullying started with me I started bullying people cause that was um that's what that was the norm You became you were a boy and then you became a boy That's what happened to bully people hurt people hurt people And so at that point you started getting in more fights and more tons of fights man I must have had three fights a day You would start that you would start if I'm on the bus and I'm trying to pick pocket you and you and and I don't know you have a friend with you on the bus or a family member and the family member feed me but you don't And the family man just comes up and hit you Boom He he's in your pocket and he explains to his part he's in your pocket And so I'm fighting on the bus and get my butt kicked on the bus because they jumped me and they kick my I'm only like um 12 13 but I'm a big kid I probably I look like this at 13 and if I'm fighting both of them and um so I get off the bus by snatch his shame before I get off the bus stuff like that And we were just very notorious So we would get on a bus or something a train and the conductor would say a bus driver hey everyone some young people got on the bus and they they they jostle to pick pockets watch your pockets and we got on the bus with So why he said that So we get off the bus and it was just a struggle every day Sometimes I go out with three friends four friends early morning start robbing and stealing Some of them might get killed They all we all don't come home together That's just our life with really poor kids in New York City What was the first time you committed a crime You said you were pickpocketing people and what made you do it because that was the norm for when I was hanging around these kids Uh they live in um these low income houses but they dress you think these guys are from prep school They got the glasses they got the Colligan they got the diamond watches and they just um they was up on all the fashion designs of the day They they wore clothes Joor Ash and all that stuff They just that soon they were just um into um the dressing thing I wanted to be like that because one day I went hanging out with I'm flying the birds I'm on the roof of the bird and you get you get birds you know you can get cleaning the bird coop you get tarring you could you're trying to tar the coop with no rain and snow will get involved and you look like a mess You look you know shit on your face and and if you come on we're going to the center of the jam and I never I was too young I didn't understand you had to wash first go home and wash and do all that stuff and

then come out I used to we stayed dirty and funky all day cause everybody liked them when we was on the roof and we were looking dirty and people would come by and hug Hey we're going out tonight I didn't know you had to go home change your fly And that's I went to the center I went to the center where they were jamming and they saw me and they all started laughing and I started crying I didn't know but I had to take showers and dress and get the feathers out my hair and I had no idea about that kind of lifestyle hygiene And after that that never happened again I always went shopping with the best clothes and I was just so um what was that I was so self-conscious about my parents So how old are you the first time you you robbed somebody and then did the did the crime Probably 11 A lot of people I got away I got arrested a lot but I got away a lot too A lot of people say the kid let them go So by the time you're 13 years old you were arrested 37 times Probably more I just put 37 out done and probably more So I would get arrested a lot But they would let me go The cops too Why Huh Why would they let you go Well I was a kid You know what I mean First they thought the tough guy was big and then they fill my eight and think 12 and then they would let me go It's not like it is now and then you can get 10 year old cops will lock you up Might kill you And the whole this is a whole different story But and they and one sometimes they bring me to my mother my mother would just assault me right in front of them and they would just laugh the cops just laugh after my mother kick my butt I mean I was wondering about your mom what would she say when you came home with the jewelry that she knows you didn't earn or pay for her She wanted some too And I I would come with their money and I was getting money because I would steal money from my friends too in the house I used to really um I don't know incorrigible young kid had no respect for anybody who was stealing anybody's money Nobody's nobody's payment anything to make it That's what I'm I've learned in the streets Everybody else means nothing and it doesn't have anything to do with your um survival So most parents when they come home they know their kid kids It's a crime They're if they say we cut off welfare we have no way of getting any kind of money Right You know what I mean If you sell your body thing but maybe you get too old to do that too So you could you have no money You're not on welfare because you got men in your house and everybody's watching these men come in and out of your house and um your son he's 12 years old but he comes home with \$5000 or 1500 bucks something like that And you're not gonna take any money when he said hey man look at this or something like this And when

my mother took some of the money and I would come back later and say hey mom you owe me what 500 bucks 200 bucks or whatever like that So you you owe me a life He's not gonna get nothing back And I understood that back then You know then that's just the way it live I never understood family I know everybody was just criminals That's the way I come from Everybody is trying to hustle No one had a nice family that you said one day I want to be like that or emulate I wish I had what they had Yeah but they have they have received everything they had from crying So how was I going to get that But it only means I'm known by watching the people that have what I want receive that That makes sense And so that's what I wanted to do How do they get in Because people when they they knew they were criminals but people used to always love them hug them And um the bigger criminal you were the more respected you were And that's what we wanted to in the neighborhood respect And if you weren't wearing any fancy clothes and fancy shoes and driving your moped or your motorbike or your car even You're not gonna give any respect So what were your goals at that point Was it to become a professional criminal and just be all I that's all I wanted to do with Robin ST That was it And did you ever think that at some point it's gonna come to an end and you may spend your life in prison or you didn't care Well that's what my friends were doing We were all doing it That's what we were doing spending all my life Um I have friends just recently come out of jail for 40 years 38 years They've been locked up when they were locked up with me when I was 12 13 years old they were locked up with me but they stayed on the um the path of crime and I went on a path of sports and um redeem myself in that perspective So you were sent to a Juvie home when you're 13 No no this this is when it gets interesting I'm in the um holding facility in the Bronx called Juvenile Facility And so one day we come to the auditorium or big So we come here and they turn the light on They played the movie the greatest the story of Muhammad Ali So um movie was over it turned off the light and Muhammad Ali comes in everybody goes berserk I say right off the bat if I wanna be like him in my mind Subconsciously So a month or so a month or so go by I get transferred to um Triumph School for boys And so I get transferred there and I get in trouble and I don't know probably a month or two months while I'm there I get in trouble fights I don't know I don't wanna say stabbing but just fights And so I went from that dorm which was a nice door and then I go to um Blair I guess Elwood go to Elmwood College Elmwood Cottage is from for the guy that have to be uh all the time they're really violent and they they may be

there for murder you know juveniles And so they call it the lock up College College cottage because when you leave the cottage you always have to have your handcuffs It wasn't like the other ones you can go free go walk around We always have to have supervision and handcuffs you know And um so I went there and I met this gentleman named Bobby Stewart So I was saying wow I had Bobby Stewart the box and everybody talks about him and then he came to the my door and knocked on the door How would you want to see me What do you want How do you know who I am And he was just he was a tough rough guy you know like why I thought it was gonna be nice because I wanted the kid I want but he wasn't nice He wasn't nice I I want to be a fighter Everybody wants to be a fighter Show me you wanna be a fighter and show some respect to people because I wasn't that kind of I was very disrespectful to everyone And um I went to school and I went I took my reading level for like 1/4 grade reading level to like 1/7 grade reading level within a couple of months or so And so he thought that was great And I got I went on this um stage from school graduation or whatever it was And I received this um diplomas and certificates and all that stuff and he was impressed with that and it wasn't like he was a big jumper to come from fourth to seventh in a couple of months He thought that was great And so he started training me and um he taught me how to fight He kicked the crap out of me most of the times Then he broke his nose Yes I did that How how long was it before he kicked the shit out of you before you broke his nose Well that was quick though Yeah it was quick It was quick I learned quick He taught me well and then he said my wife don't want me to box you no more because I have to But I'm gonna take you somewhere with these guys will take you to the next level And that's when I met my mentor a custom model right I was I was 13 and he became your mentor and like a father figure to you me when I was 16 right When your mom passed away So tell us about your relationship with him and his wife Camille and how how and what lessons they imparted on you back then that you still carry forward today Wow that's really interesting when I go through my life and um there's certain um a certain conduct that um that I'm involved with and it always reminds me of cus always when it comes to standing up for myself Well I'm the kind of guy listen just for me and cus I'm the kind of guy that fights better with my backs against the wall but I don't like to be my back against the wall with my back against the wall I'm just insane And um that's what it's about with c is about never giving up We just don't give up That was the main lesson he taught you Oh absolutely And it and it works So you had an



unusual relationship with him He was your father became your father It was probably the first time uh understood the concept of love I I was just gonna say was that the first person who loved you for the first time Yes And how good did that feel coming from the kind of home you came from to living And that's very interesting too because um once I felt that feeling I wanted to do anything I could for him he wanted me to be a heavyweight champ I wanted to do that for him For him Not for yourself No that too But for me getting the courage and the confidence from this guy you know to be able to do what I did Yeah I wanted to do it for him How old were you when he said hey Mike you've got some special skills He met me just like that But Bobby told him already hey you're this guy's got some skills But the first thing he sent me a box about Bobby kicked the shit out of me but then he broke his nose No that's a that's before that's way before he kicked the shit out of me because he saw something He said this is gonna be the next champion of the world First thing he saw me box just like that He said I was very aggressive Very I came across very um malevolent mean you know I was just um you know he enjoyed that He like aggressive violent hungry guys that won't give up Real mean Had you ever aspired to be the champion before Yeah but you knew it But now you had a love for boxing You were good at it But at some point you say hey I'm gonna be a good boxer and make a little money Or at some point you say I wanna be that guy the greatest fighter since the um beginning of eternity to now I want this cus made me believe I was God When you were 16 Yeah when I was 16 I was already what World amateur champ National champion I was already established fighter in the world You're knocking everybody out Yes I would have to lie about my my age of course to fight in the real good tournament The real good fighters Because you had to be 18 No I had to I had to be um 16 16 or 18 I think six No I think it's 16 to be um open fighter 16 At this point you're not making any money You're an amateur And how often are you in the gym every day every day Five hours a day Listen three hours probably two hours But then I'm working early in the morning I'm getting I'm running I'm doing my exercise I'm shadowboxing It's basically um you work out most of the day most of the day consist of you working out Were you in school at all Yes I was This is really cool too that you brought that up And I'm I was never interested in what they had to teach me in school I only thought about being a champion of the world all day in school They dream I'm gonna defend my title and do this and I'm gonna have a beautiful house and that's that's what I normally thought about I wasn't really interested in what they were teaching me in

school So I used to always try to get kicked out of school So one day I had a teacher that I had a physical altercation with and I was I was saying hey this is good You you beat up a teacher kind of I stay with that I was 16 but I said well um good I don't have to go to that school no more So my my mental class the is Italian the school principal Lee bur bur um he's Italian Next thing you know these guys get up they start talking this Italian stuff This is when I know I was in trouble when cus said where your family from And the guy said something cus said whoa really I'm from And they say you know I'm back in school again I didn't want to be going to get kicked out of school And so these Italian guys are talking and I knew I wasn't gonna come back to school I had a fight with the teacher How could I do that And um next thing I know I'm back in class I'm back in the home that I couldn't get kicked out But was cus telling you hey Mike you need an education big time and you're not boxing if you're not if you're not studying big time But you're saying to c hey man I I just don't want any part of it I said I don't know how to do it How do you how do you put this number you put in It's just no way I'm gonna do this because it's not gonna work Let's just go fight please please But you're very disappointed I didn't finish school He was disappointed or you're disappointed He was disappointed I was happy I didn't finish You're really ecstatic I think I went out with some friends that ate Big Macs and Dairy Queens after that What about now Do you regret not going and not not graduating Well listen the best thing I I the best thing that happened to me is that I stopped school and I had time to put 100% into my craft for my kids can go to schools I never went to in my life and never will be able to go to And that's pretty much what happened My my kids listen Oh you gotta hear this My kids are so brilliant but they they bust my chops a lot You know like we might be around having to talk and I might talk talking like I'm a big shot and my family say it again that he swore me though Then I never knew you were illiterate You can't even say this but spell this word and they start busting my chops So I say hey the reason why I'm not I didn't go to school because I worked so hard for you guys to go to school for the way they tease you Like you guys tease me But they don't understand the concept because they always been I know I they spoiled but they always um been in a position of where they never would wanted anything pretty much if probably from being selfish But other than it's really needing something to exist now they don't have to live like that They can do whatever they want from a living perspective But um they just have to know that um life is about struggle Well only struggle is no profit You know what I mean You get no progress no

progress without any without no struggle And that's what I believe because um they did a they did a research study with some rats and they took these rats and they put them in this environment probably bigger than that But they have all the food they want they have all the sex they want that all they have everything they want The next thing the first thing that happened they start breaking up in groups and then they have the groups are the ones they just want to stay beautiful clean themselves all day Then they have these guys who you know aggressive aggressive aggressive they wanna attack them beat them up rape this too bad things And then they have these groups over here that don't associate with the other groups And so eventually you know what happened they stop having sex they start fighting it becomes chaotic and then they all die off And so that that um explained to me without any struggle there's no progress because people we have to be active you know they weren't active they did nothing they didn't when they died away So um we have to struggle we have to be involved with um the outcome What happens in life and we have to struggle and that's just what life is about Life is not about just having a good time on the day It's not about funny days It's about enjoying those funny funny moments and deal with the world as it as it is on life on life terms Let's go back to your first professional fight Yeah he the Mercedes who who was what Hector Mercedes Mercedes and how how old was Hector Um They would have been much older than me I was 18 but he could have been much older probably 2021 So take us to the exact moment where you're in the locker room You got your shorts on cus is there are you afraid you're gonna lose or do you say I'm gonna fucking destroy this I'm a family lose What's worse than losing to me is looking bad You could you could look good losing but you get it it's looking bad Losing is not good I don't wanna look bad losing So that's what I thought about the story I might I might be it might be bad Even though I looked at him he looks a short you know fatty guy in my mind He was a monster So um I beat him in one round and I had a bunch of one round knockout was in my first fight I went the distance with I think was James Um what was his name James Kill Cowboy going 10 round Yeah black guy Did he come out and he had the hat But um that was my 1st 10 rounds and after I went 10 rounds I know I can go 10 rounds And so um I went on another streak of knockouts I won the title at 20 years old Me I can say we can ever I made around 10 defenses I lost my title in 1990 I started to come back I had four fights in 1991 I got in trouble legally and then after I got in my trouble legally in my case I went to prison for three years right before we go there I I wanna go back to your dream The

dream was to become the heavyweight champion of That's what I thought of  
And and did the dream consume you on a daily basis Consume me 24 hours  
a day Totally out I'm talking about Turn out that's what I thought about was  
fighting That's what I thought about was fighting matches going in the room  
So I put you know fights both fighters together I couldn't wait for the next  
one till you got your shot I listen I have 15 fights in one year Of course I  
couldn't wait And so and you had never been hurt before Well no not in the  
box So take us to the actual locker room You know I've talked to friends who  
play in the Super Bowl and you know they got the nerves are out there on the  
field You're not out there on the field warming up you're in a room and  
you're warming up in the back warming up in the back But what what were  
you feeling the second you stepped into that ring and said if I win this fight  
this moment whether it's 10 seconds later or going the full distance what  
were you thinking And then what was your exact reaction when you raised  
your hands afterward And you had won Well the first thing I'm thinking is  
that of course I'm really nervous and I say you know you know this is my  
moment This is my time You know I'm not gonna they're gonna have to carry  
me out I'm gonna get that belt That was my manager I'm gonna get this built  
and I'm gonna get it any um at any cost I'm gonna I'm gonna visit tear so  
apart that's what goes on in my mind I have to think really um I do anything  
really violent stuff when I fight I'm relaxed but I think violently thinking  
back to your childhood and thinking back to those those crazy people that  
had a lot to do with my my childhood my fighting career Right So so became  
the youngest champ ever And then you were the first person to hold all three  
title At the same time your mom never knew you as a successful person Talk  
talk about that Well um I have won the Junior Olympics twice right And so it  
was a local paper and Caskill the town that I am from at the moment I take  
the paper on the newspaper and I show it to my mother she's cooking me  
food and I'm telling my mother I'm gonna be champ of the world watching  
and no man could beat me with I get older this and that and all this and that I  
make millions of dollars in my body houses all over the country and she's  
looking at me and I know she said what are these white people do with my  
son Why is she talking so crazy And so grand And she said this well don't  
forget what happened to Joe Louis cause she was born in 1927 So Joe Lewis  
was the hero and I'm from Detroit So we love Joe Lewis Absolutely Yeah So  
um she said remember Joe Louis Max mother there's always somebody  
better And when she said that I went to ac cause he gave me this big ego and  
the ego And I said listen mom the guy that you talking about right now who's

always better than somebody that's me I'm always better than that guy That's me I'm the guy that there's always somebody better mom And after that she just looked at me and gave me the paper and walked away and I know she she my mother she was just really never been the guy that just brag and talk I'm gonna be the greatest ever because you have to give yourself affirmations and you never got it from her No I cus taught me affirmations and but when my mother used taught me how to be a kind respectable kid Don't go out there and fight people and stuff You would never believe my mother No no I couldn't believe you knew my mother She was a really nice lady She was just surviving out there But you regret that She didn't see you as the champ and and all the tremendous 100% 100% 100% So you talked about making millions of dollars and you were gonna buy all this stuff at one point You were the highest paid athlete in the world and you started making a million dollars and you're getting purses of 10 \$2030 million You're setting pay per view records all over the world for all your fights And at some point you made \$400 million reportedly in the ring which inflation adjusted is \$700 million today And in in my world in the in the corporate world a lot of my friends talk about making having a goal Right First you want to make a million dollars and as you get a little older it's now 5 million And if you live in expensive places like L A or New York 5 million isn't really I mean a nice house cost more than 5 million New York or whatever And then there's a concept it keeps going up People talk about fuck you money and fuck you money is I don't have to worry about money I can do whatever I want But you had made fuck you money a lot of it and then you lost it So you went bankrupt How did you go And so many people I know by the way who are many millionaires sent to millionaires have gone bankrupt as well How did that happen And what's the lessons that you took from that I got in that condition of being really careless and reckless And um not that that the money was never gonna end I just thought I was never gonna live that long And so um I used to live the life of me I guess Right I did whatever I want when I want with whoever I wanted wherever I wanted to do it at And that was just my life of um access but that's a lot of access It it's hard to spend that much money No people steal a little from you here you give a little away here You do a little investments really a small amount of it And um people you can learn how to be successful right You can learn hard work diligence and all that stuff and you could become successful But there's no that's a blueprint a blueprint for success There's no blueprint for managing money You know what I mean No one tells you hey you gotta manage your money

to do We expect when you never did it before You know you get a street kid and then listen I used to read about um these old guys especially the old Jewish guys at the turn of the century and stuff the majority of them like those guys And when they were trying to explain to him about investing your money and doing your money in this and you he said I'm not giving the banks my money I'm not putting my money in the bank And for some reason I said hey I don't blame him Anybody can take your money You have all your money in the bank and all the next thing you know hey the bank crashed And so I always think hey that's ridiculous I'm gonna spend my money underneath my bed pretty much you know And um that's just how I live my life and I to do with my personality I'm really um extreme person you didn't have there wasn't someone near you who said who you trusted and said hey Mike I'm gonna manage your money and kind of reign you in And so he said that he wasn't hanging around me no more You just said too bad I'm doing what I wanna do Planes trains and I just um I gave a lot of this stuff away You're going to be very uh generous guy uh where people taking advantage of you at the point Absolutely But at that moment you become um you can you you have the um Stockholm syndrome You you have to be that listen you always have this money You have no self love for yourself You feel like you're in um you what You you're a member of the um what's that when you're a survivor from all your traumas in life I I didn't believe I deserved everything I had And so um I never had it before I never knew all these people Everybody is my friend everybody's kissing I die You gotta love you this and that that's pretty um distracting you know and then you say this something I don't love me How how do they love me And then you start questioning yourself you start questioning your existence You start questioning if everybody's my if everybody's if everybody loves me then who hates me you know I must be an enemy to myself If everybody is my friend and I have no enemy only enemy has to be me So I start looking at myself in a different perspective Um It wasn't good I didn't have a good um self esteem So I didn't feel the money meant nothing Money meant nothing to me But this is what I found out in life if I did it once before I can do it again And I did that and then I lost my money again but I did it again and I lost my money again I've been rich and broke one Anybody I know And so I'm just grateful that um I have a great support system now and I'm living my life different high yield accounts and I'm getting some I'm very um fortunate I'm very fortunate and very um grateful for my the way my life turned out