

The Last Ring  
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## CHARACTERS

MARI - A Japanese transgender woman in her late twenties/early thirties. Mari is a (until recently) masked professional wrestler in the women's division. Her character Myrtu-Mara is a physically strong and scary demonic persona, her real life persona is a much more caring and nice person.

ALEXA - A woman in her late twenties/early thirties. Her character Tatiana, the Trustfund Princess, was a crowd favorite but is at odds with her real life personality. Former High School Cheerleader from Texas, Alexa travelled to Japan to take on women in the most brutal matches Japan would sanction.

WRESTLER 1 - A masked wrestler who is used for multiple parts. Can be male or female.

WRESTLER 2 - Same as Masked Wrestler 1.

MARI is alone in a wrestling ring.

MARI

My name is Mari. I have had many names, many faces, and worn multiple masks.

A masked wrestler with a letter in his hand enters.

MARI

I am now without my mask. I was on the cover of all the famous wrestling magazines here in America, in Mexico and... in Japan. I lost my mask... my shield... my protection. When you are vulnerable... that is when they strike. I received a package. In it was my old yearbook from school. I followed the instructions on the front of the book and found a picture... my picture. There was a handwritten note which read: "Konnichwa Myrtu Mara! Anata ni oboega arundakedo! Ima ha-

WRESTLER 1

Hello Myrtu Mara! I thought you looked familiar! You're a real hot shot now, must be making a lot of money too! It would be a shame if people knew who you really were. That you were really a guy. To keep your secret safe, I will require one hundred thousand dollars, instructions are below. Please comply or we'll tell the world you're a boy!

MARI

-Shitagawanai to anta ga otoko dato iukoto ga zensekia ni shirewataru koto ni narukara." And as a final insult, they finished with the word... Okama. Which does not translate into english-

WRESTLER 1 slaps MARI.

WRESTLER 1

Trannie Faggot.

MARI

Ironic. My unmasking made me prey to so many masked strangers.

ALEXA runs over and delivers a scissor kick to  
WRESTLER 1. WRESTLER 1 exits the rig and is  
gone.

Her name is not really Tatiana... It's Alexa- Alexa Sharpe and she's not really from Greenwich or evil... it's just a gimmick. A character. It's not like her to accept such a cliché, vapid, stupid character-

ALEXA

Let's not forget when I met you, you were in a foam rubber Mothra costume-

MARI

Gamora, I was portraying Gamora.

ALEXA

Let me clarify then; when I met you you were dressing up as a monster in a foam rubber costume and you were a joke. Better?

MARI

Much. People think this industry is fake and yeah it sort of is but it's more like... acting... or a reality tv show-

ALEXA

Ew.

MARI

Who you see us as is not who we are in reality. It's a show. It's a show where we create the winners and losers, the good and the bad guys, we fake pain for a living but the truth is we get hurt. There is nothing fake about broken bones, torn muscles, paralysis, concussions-

ALEXA

Yawn.

MARI

You're becoming a lot like your character Alexa-

ALEXA

I just want to get this ladder match started.

MARI

I'm trying to give context-

ALEXA

Mari, I trust you with my life. So believe me when I say some people don't care about context. Some people want to see me hit you in the face with a ladder.

MARI

Fine.

A bell rings, lighting over the announcers is back on.  
MARI and ALEXA resume the positions they were in prior to the bell.

GLEN

Oh what a cheap shot! The match hasn't even started!

JIMMY

There are no disqualifications-

MARI cricks her neck and stands tall in her corner.  
ALEXA backs up a little.

GLEN

Looks like she angered the beast!

JIMMY

Don't hurt her! I have to play golf with her father tomorrow!

GLEN

Oh what does her father have to do with-

JIMMY

I can't show up on the green if his precious little princess has been injured!

ALEXA runs to the ladder to climb it immediately.

JIMMY

Atta girl! End it quick and get out!

MARI kicks the ladder over before ALEXA can climb it. Then shakes her head.

GLEN

Oooooh Looks like Mara is not going to let her get the win so easy. She wants to fight!

ALEXA puts her hands up as if about to beg. MARI moves to grab ALEXA. ALEXA rakes her fingers across MARI's eyes.

JIMMY

Ooohhoo! That's the problem with Mara, she couldn't possibly understand what it takes to be Tatiana.

ALEXA kicks MARI in the stomach then gets her in a headlock.

If she doesn't maintain her looks a paparazzi could snap a photo and make a lot of money. I used to want Myrtu-Mara to win because of her attitude, now I wish she had won *just* so she could keep her mask on-

GLEN

Stop it-

JIMMY

I know she can't wear her mask but how about a paper bag-

GLEN

Myrtu-Mara a beautiful specimen-

MARI punches ALEXA in the stomach then throws her against the ropes.

All this from the man who called Tatiana a spoiled brat three weeks-

MARI hits ALEXA with a clothesline off the rebound.

Ago-oh! Nice clothesline!

JIMMY

Her daddy is not going to be happy about that!

GLEN

I bet *she* is not happy about that. Tatiana wanted to get this match over with quickly but Myrtu-Mara has knocked the silver spoon right out of her mouth with that clothesline!

JIMMY

That's not funny. Although her father, Guy Millionaire, told me they don't have silver spoons, silver is a dirty metal all their cutlery is platinum!

MARI grabs ALEXA by the hair.

That clothesline was a dirty move too, she knows Tatiana's family is so rich they never had clotheslines so Tatiana wouldn't know how to defend herself!

MARI throws ALEXA to the floor by her hair.

GLEN

That's gotta hurt!

JIMMY

How is any of this legal?!

GLEN

Anything goes, no holds barred Jimmy!

JIMMY

That doesn't mean you can disrespect a person like that! If she knew how much Tatiana pays to keep her hair perfect!

GLEN

That's probably why Myrta-Mara is targeting her hair-

MARI picks ALEXA up and ALEXA punches MARI in the gut twice.

The trust fund princess gaining momentum now.

ALEXA is now on her feet. She punches MARI in the head twice, bounces off the ropes towards the staggered MARI, jumps and punches her in the head. MARI is staggered but still standing.

JIMMY

What a punch! He's dazed but he's still on his feet!

GLEN

Her feet.

ALEXA tries again. Same result.

JIMMY

What about her feet?

GLEN

You said his feet.

ALEXA runs one more time.

JIMMY

Oh- well- I don't- just call the match Glen.

ALEXA jumps, swings her legs around MARI's neck and hits MARI with a hurricanrana. MARI rolls outside.

GLEN

Beautiful hurricanrana from the Trustfund Princess!

JIMMY

If he knew what was good for him he'd stay out of the ring.

MARI goes to get back in the ring but ALEXA kicks her in the head knocking her to the floor.

GLEN

She, Jimmy and She has hit the floor!

JIMMY

What a kick!

A bell rings and the lighting changes.

MARI

Jimmy just can't get my pronouns right. He met me as a woman, he hired me as a woman, but now that he knows.... I'm not ashamed of who I am or where I'm from but... I also didn't want it to become a big deal. I didn't want anyone to know. Transgender people have a lot of issues that cisgender people don't even think about-

ANNOUNCER is not seen but heard.

ANNOUNCER

The following is a handicap elimination match!

Bombastic plays and a duo of masked wrestlers enters the arena. One enters the ring, the other stands ringside. WRESTLER 1 points at MARI.

Introducing first verbal harassment!

WRESTLER 1

You are an abomination! You are a mutilated man! You are not a woman!

MARI grabs WRESTLER 1 by the arm, drops to the ground, and locks him in a crossface.



Aaaahhhh you are a faggot, tranniiiiieeeee, Okamaaaaaah!

MARI

Don't ever call me that.

WRESTLER 1 taps out, rolls outside the ring.  
WRESTLER 2, who is wearing a tie, jumps over the rope.

ANNOUNCER

Introducing job discrimination.

WRESTLER 2

I found out you were born a dude!

MARI attempts a clothes line. WRESTLER 2 ducks.

Clear out your desk by five o'clock!

MARI hits them with a drop toehold, then gets them in the ankle lock. They tap out and rolls out of the ring.  
WRESTLER 1 slides back in wearing a new mask, and an accessory to denote poverty.

ANNOUNCER

Introducing extreme poverty.

WRESTLER 1

In the US alone one out of every four trans people makes under 10,000 dollars a year!

WRESTLER 1 gets MARI in an arm wringer. MARI somersaults forward and reverses the arm wringer. WRESTLER 1 uses his free hand to grab the top rope, jumps and does a front flip reverses the hold, MARI drops forward with the direction of the arm wringer and trips WRESTLER 1.

ANNOUNCER

The crippling costs of medical and psychological health bills.

WRESTLER 2 enters with a new mask, a lab coat, and a stethoscope.

MARI

I haven't even beaten-

WRESTLER 2

We tend to go together.

WRESTLER 1

Have you seen how much hormones cost?

WRESTLER 2

And a legal name change-

WRESTLER 1

And the mental health check some states and countries require a trans person to go through for evaluation-

WRESTLER 2

-And surgeries-

WRESTLER 1

-And makeup-

WRESTLER 2

-and basic grooming-

MARI

How much does it all cost?!

WRESTLER 1 and WRESTLER 2

More than you make in a lifetime!

MARI ducks a double clothesline. Chokeslams them both. They are both lying with their face to the ground. She grabs one leg of each and gives a simultaneous single crab. They both tap out at the same time.

MARI

I was once told "Someone's gotta lose." No matter how much I win... I can't win them all...

ANNOUNCER

Introducing family issues!

One of the wrestlers removes his mask. They will now be referred to as FATHER.

MARI

Father.

FATHER

Your technique is weak. You should be in the girl's tournament.

MARI and FATHER have their hands up as if neither want to make the first move.

MARI

My father used to compare me to girls as motivation. Trying to anger me.

MARI rushes at him, he steps to the side.

FATHER

You're good but you're slow.

MARI

He's ex Japanese military, and now an Aikido sensei. In his mind there is a way things are to be done. He's trying to protect me.

MARI tries to punch FATHER, FATHER side steps again this time grabbing MARI's hand pulling her forward with MARI's own momentum, twists her arm and drives her to the ground. He then puts added pressure onto a pressure point in her wrist.

FATHER

Don't you quit.

MARI

No!

FATHER

Be a man and fight back!

MARI

Stop Dad!

Are you quitting!?

FATHER

I... I...

MARI

MARI taps out. The bell rings. FATHER lets go of the hold. Bell rings again. MARI is still laying down, nursing her arm.

I'm sorry I have to be so hard on you. I want you to grow up to be strong, you have to be. You are a man. If you listen to me you will be a great ma-

FATHER

ALEXA enters the ring and hits FATHER.

Ow! Who are-

ALEXA hits FATHER again, knocking him over and out of the ring.

What the hell?!

MARI

I will never accept you as a woman.

FATHER

You know he never actually said that.

ALEXA

You never hit him. You've never met him.

MARI

Well I'm a manifestation of your unconscious mind at this exact moment. He never said that.

ALEXA