

Royale

Jay

ENSEMBLE
HA!

MAX
Eyes up,
Here it goes,
Good luck.

JAY
Indeed.

MAX
ROUND ONE!

(Jay eyes Fish, vicious.)

JAY
He gon' *need* it.

(DING-DING-DING!
Lights SHIFT.
Sharper PINSPOTS on Jay and Fish.
They stare straight forward, not at each other.
What follows is more a stream-of-consciousness indication of what goes on inside their heads than a depiction of the fight itself.)

Start

JAY (CONT'D)
Come on, now,

FISH
He's strong on the left,
You *seen* that, you *know* that,

JAY
Come on, Break-a-Sweat,

FISH
He's strong on the right, too,

JAY
That's your new name,
"Break-a-Sweat",
That's trademarked, ya heard?

FISH
Stand strong, knees bent,

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JAY
If it catches on, write me a check,

FISH
Don't lock, knees bent,

JAY
(to the crowd)
Look at that face, huh?

FISH
Don't lock,

JAY
Look at that *beautiful* face,

FISH
Don't listen, hold steady,

JAY
(to himself)
It's a shame, what you about to do, Jay,
To that face,

FISH
Stay focused,

JAY
That's somebody son's face,
It's a goddamn shame,

FISH
Knees bent,

JAY
Just a little Jazz, give him,
Just a little Jazz, that's all he needs,
Let him know it ain't a dream after all.
Naw, just pinch him,
Let him know this ain't a –

(-Jay JABS-)

~~ENSEMBLE~~
~~OOH!~~

~~MAN~~
~~The Sport with a shot across the bow!~~

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FISH
(to himself)
That wadn't nothin',

~~(CLAB CLAB)~~

JAY
(to Fish)
That wadn't *nothin'*,

(-Jay JABS-)

~~ENSEMBLE~~

~~OOUL~~

~~MAX~~

~~Two from Jay Jackcool~~
~~Starting things off early here tonight~~

FISH
Left, left, right,
Just do it,
Left, left, *right*,

JAY
Come on, now!
Don't make this easy, boy,
This ain't s'posed to be easy,

FISH
You *got* this,

JAY
Come on,

FISH
Left-left-right,

MAX
But the new kid's in it!

JAY
Is he?

FISH
Left-left-*right*,

~~MAX~~

~~He goes at it again, with the same combination!~~

JAY

Oh, you're *that* kinda pony?

Pony throwin' *one* trick?

FISH

Switch it up, now, GO -

End

(Fish FIRES)

ENSEMBLE

OOH!

MAX

Fish is in it!

WYNTON

Fists up, Sport!

(Jay recovers, licks his lips.)

JAY

He gettin' brave, huh,

WYNTON

Move!

FISH

Left-right-left hook,

You got this,

Nail him, give it to him good,

Turn around, now,

Give him a -

(He DOES-)

ENSEMBLE

OOH!

MAX

Kid makes contact!

JAY

Fuck this,

MAX

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