SHOW OPEN



The screen fades up from black ...

Energetic music begins to to fade up ...

A white streak of electricity shoots acorss the screen backed by a red glow.

It's accompanied by an electrical sounding sizzle sound effect.

The 3D block letters of UNCUT appear but the angle obstructs a legible reading of the word at first sight.

The red lined white streak shoots past the word as it continues to rotate and the background music swells.

As the letters tip upright and begin to reveal the five red letters back with a slight white glow, the white streaks flys behind the letters and wraps around the word angleing down as the drum beat hits and the theme is at full tilt only to aburptly end at the final presentation of the logo and a downnote.

The logo fades and on a black screen, words in white appear one at a time.

THIS.

IS.

UNCUT.

ANGEL TRINIDAD VS. GUNTHER ADLER

CRITIQUING THE.....CHAMP

An image of Lance Warner decked out in a new custom-fitted navy blue suit appears on the screen.

Lance Warner:

Ladies and gentlemen it is a great privilege to be sitting here today as DEFIANCE Wrestling continues to run full speed ahead.

Warner says with a big smile.

Lance Warner:

On DEFTV 101, you saw many things take place such as the split of Team HOSS and the debut of two new tag teams. You also saw the return of THE Jay Harvey and the competition's former world championship was unified with the FIST as Oscar Burns conquered the unseemingly unconquerable, Cayle Murray.

Warner says with a nod of respect to the new DEFIANCE champion.

Lance Warner:

Speaking of losses, brings me to my special guest.

An image on a monitor flickers on and we see everyone's favorite Texan front and center and he doesn't look too happy to be appearing on the show.

Lance Warner:

Thanks for joining me Scott.

Scott Stevens:

Just be glad the check cleared Warner because I said I was done with your shit hole of a wrestling company and I meant it.

Stevens snarls at Warner who is taken aback by the response.

Lance Warner:

The last time we saw you, you had picked up a disqualification victory against Scott Douglas and that you had a run in with the now FIST of DEFIANCE champion on your way out. Can you tell us what was going through your mind as you were leaving?

Warner asks and Stevens narrows his eyes as he looks at his interviewer.

Scott Stevens:

That's your question? That's what your company is spending a nice chunk of change on for you to sit there and ask me what was going through my mind as I was walking out the door?

Stevens asks in a disgusted tone.

Lance Warner:

Yes.

Warner answers and the Texan shakes his head.

Scott Stevens:

My thoughts were simple, I'm fucking glad to be rid of a shit hole like DEFIANCE Wrestling.

Lance Warner:

I see, but your time in DEFIANCE couldn't have been that disappointing as you did have some success.

Warner says and that seems to set the former tag champion off.

Scott Stevens:

Disappointing? Are you that fucking stupid?

Stevens asks and as Lance goes to answer the Texan quickly cuts him off.

Scott Stevens:

Disappointment is an understatement Lance as I getting screwed every which way by management because I dominated your supposed, "world's best talent" every time I got into the ring!

Stevens shouts in anger as he leans forward in his seat.

Lance Warner:

Well....

Warner is cut off by Stevens.

Scott Stevens:

Shut up! I'm not finished!

Stevens barks and Warner quickly goes silent.

Scott Stevens:

I should've been the FIST of DEFIANCE champion because Cayle Murray's shoulders were pinned to the mat but I was screwed out of my championship. I was screwed out of my tag championship because your company put me and my cousin into a no win scenario against every tag team DEFIANCE had. And my last match was another perfect example as I was screwed once again from winning the Southern Heritage championship when I was attacked viciously and for no reason other than to prevent me from walking out with one of your worthless championships. I have only been pinned once while I have been in DEFIANCE and a person of my talents and marquee value deserves better than this shitty organization has to offer.

Stevens informs Lance who nods.

Lance Warner:

Speaking of offers, we understand that contract negotiations between you and management have come to an impasse. Why is that?

Warner asks and Stevens just chuckles.

Scott Stevens:

Plain and simple Lance, the person who signs your checks is too cheap to offer me my proper payment. You see, when you sign a Stevens to a contract, specifically a Scott Stevens, to a you are getting much more than a great inring talent. You are getting a legacy. You are getting a brand name that people tune in to see every week on their televisions and a name people will shell out their hard earned money for to see win or lose in every arena around the globe. My name alone is a license to print money and apparently DEFIANCE doesn't agree hence my exodus last show.

Lance Warner:

Since you've become a free agent what do you plan on doing next?

Scott Stevens:

I was going to rest and relax a bit but my phone has been ringing off the wall with lucrative offers. I have gotten a sweet offer from a company in Japan. Perry Wallace called the other day and has been begging me to come back to his company but I told him I need my Randy Fields type money and other incentives to peek my interest. Hell, even Lee Best has been chomping at the bit to get the band back together so you may see me back in the Windy City very soon. So you see Lance I think I'm doing just fine since leaving DEFIANCE.

Lance nods.

Lance Warner:

It certainly looks like you're not hurting for a job going forward.

Warner says and Stevens shakes his head.

Scott Stevens:

Nope!

The Texan says with a chuckle.

Lance Warner:

One final thing before we let you go, and I wanted to get your thoughts on Oscar Burns.

Scott Stevens:

Ok.

Lance Warner:

I'm sure you may have heard by now he is the new FIST of DEFIANCE champion as he defeated Cayle Murray.

Scott Stevens:

I heard.

Lance Warner:

What are your thoughts on Oscar Burns as the new champion and the promotion going forward?

Warner asks and Stevens smirks.

Scott Stevens:

A blind squirrel finds a nut once in a while. Cayle Murray was a great fighting champion, and Oscar just got lucky and caught him on a bad night. Oscar leading the company as the FIST of DEFIANCE is a fucking joke. You could've had a legit champion leading this company in me but I was screwed out of my title win. You could've had a ratings bonanza with a Stevens vs Murray trilogy match for the title to settle it once and for all, but you wanted to lowball me, and that's unacceptable.

Stevens says sternly as his expression reflects his tone as he goes silent for a few seconds before continuing to let the message seap in.

Scott Stevens:

You could've had a superstar leading this company going forward but instead you went with the twentieth best guy. Its quality...

Stevens says as he points to himself.

Scott Stevens:

Over cheap affordable champions like Oscar Burns. I hope for your sake Lance your company knows what they are doing because right now I'm not liking their chances going forward.

Lance Warner:

Well thank you for your time and I disagree I think we found a great champion in Burns and DEFIANCE will continue to dominate.....

Scott Stevens:

I give it six months.

Stevens interrupts as Lance is trying to close as the image fades.

ACT I "THE TOYBOX SPEAKS"

Moments after Dandelion and Jestal step back through the curtain

Warner:

Jestal...Dandelion a word please.

Jestal brushes by Lance, without so much as a peep. However Dandelion the agile little minks is eager to respond to Lance.

Warner:

Dandelion how did it feel to perform in front of the Defiant Faithful here tonight?

Dandy, begins making a bunch of sign language motions with her hands. Suddenly a voice off camera in a high pitch voice.

V/O Dandelion:

It was awesome, did you see Jestal out there? I was amazed by his performance. I was just there to cheer him on he did all the wo...

Lance notices Dandelion's lips are not moving and she seems a bit agitated.

Warner:

Um sorry Dandelion I don't mean to interrupt you but your lips are not moving and it sounds like..

Lance points off screen while looking that way, Dandy has her hands on her hips with a glare off camera. Suddenly Jestal walks into the picture.

Jestal:

What?

Dandelion continues to give a glare at her brother.

Jestal:

What do you mean I did not do everything out there? Were you not in that match with me?

Dandy rolls her eyes at Jestal which seems to get him now to stare at her with a stern glance.

Jestal:

Oh come on, didn't you not witness all the flippy dippy shit I did out there...

He grabs his ring gear over his chest all proud. She waves her hand at him. Lance however looks like he has no idea what is going on here.

Jestal:

Oh don't be like that...

Dandelion begins to walk off, and Jestal guickly grabs her by the arm and stops her.

Jestal:

Ok...ok calm down!

She looks back at him, and takes a puff of air blowing her bangs out of her face.

Jestal:

Now would you look at that, poor Lancey here looks so confused here.

Warner:

Um, Jestal who exactly are you talking to?

Dandelion now stares at Lance, a bit upset with him. Lance notices it quickly and wonders what exactly he has done wrong.

Jestal:

Oh, you shouldn't of said that Lancey?

Lance looks back at Jestal but can't help but see Dandelion out of his peripherals glaring at him with her hands on her hips.

Warner:

Said what?

He looks at Dandelion.

Warner:

Have I offended you Dandelion?

Jestal snaps his fingers at Lance trying to get his attention. Lance directs his attention back to the jester.

Jestal:

You know what your problem is?

Lance rubs the back of his head, totally baffled at this whole attempted at getting a interview with this new tag team. Jestal holds his hand out at Dandelion. She looks down at his hand and then shrugs her shoulders.

Jestal:

What do you mean you don't have them?....Your ruining my punchline!......Hold on a second.

Lance looks at Dandelion as the clown storms off camera in a huff.

Warner:

Punchline? Um...where is he going?

Dandelion looks at Lance with a smile showing those purely whites of hers. Lance nervous and a bit jittery laughs.

3 minutes later

Lance now seems a bit uncomfortable as Dandelion has not moved, or blinked a eye it would seem toward him. She still has that gorgeous smile across her face.

Warner:

Um...is he coming back?

Dandelion continues to stare at Lance....FINALLY Jestal returns and Lance seems a bit relieved. Dandelion's expression goes away, and suddenly she grabs Lance by the arms. He drops the microphone.

Warner:

HEY! What, is the meaning of this?

He tries to struggle but can't free his arms.

Jestal:

Now let's try this again.....AHEM! ME...MEE.MEEE!......You know what your problem is?

Jestal gets in front of the camera and blocks it as Lance can be heard shouting "What are you doing" Soon after his voice is muffled.

Jestal:

Make sure you keep this where it belongs until we leave, or I'll go get some super glue.

Lance muffles something. Jestal unblocks the camera. And Dandelion has released Lance, who now has a plastic open mouth smile in his mouth.

Jestal:

Ah, that's better, see now we fixed your problem.

Jestal looks at the camera with a smile.

Jestal:

The ToyBox putting smiles on Defiants since May Eighth, Two-Thousand and Eighteen!

Jestal walks off camera, and Dandelion pats Lance on the back as she passes him and follows her brother. The camera catches Lance with that stupid pair of plastic teeth in his mouth as we fade out.