

More On The Ending To Raw And Problem With Big Show vs. Orton

This isn't something that has me on my toes. Coming out of Raw, it appears that the title feud going forward will be Big Show vs. Randy Orton, with the two fighting at least at Survivor Series. The idea is supposed to be that Big Show has lost everything, including his home and has nothing left to lose. However, now he's right back where he was, challenging for the world title and likely in the main event of a major PPV. Let's pause here for a minute and jump back to the 80s, in particular 1984 in Georgia Championship Wrestling.

Around this time, the top feud over the NWA TV Title was between Jake Roberts and Ron Garvin. Roberts defeated Garvin for the title and Garvin of course wanted a rematch. For weeks and weeks he begged Roberts for the title shot but Roberts kept saying no. Finally Roberts agreed if Garvin could come up with \$10,000. Garvin didn't have that kind of money so he mortgaged his home and came up with the money. Ronnie won the title back in an emotional moment and was able to fix his financial situation.

Now compare this to the Big Show story. We were told that Big Show lost everything, told that HHH bought Big Show's house and told that Big Show was suspended. Now Big Show is back, still with music, still coming down the entrance, still with new merchandise, and apparently still fighting at house shows and presumably at Survivor Series. Where's the heartache? Where's the reason for us to care about him?

The key difference between Big Show and Garvin: we saw Garvin being hurt by the loss and we've been told about Big Show being hurt. Secondly, Big Show lost his house what, a month ago? He's been back with nothing to lose and hasn't once even seemed sad. There's no reason to feel his pain and therefore, the story isn't quite working. It's just Big Show saying he's had problems but having it not change anything at all. That doesn't work.