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Here are Hogan and Bischoff YET AGAIN to finally close things out. Hogan talks about how many people he's beaten over the years and how Sting is going to be stung, but there's another gift for Hollywood. Eric says this isn't from him and here's Bret Hart in the limo. Hogan opens the box to reveal...a Hogan head. Sting shows up on top of the NWO sign at the entrance and ziplines down to the ring to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** D-. I've seen a lot of dull go home shows before, but this one was absolutely horrible. This show barely promoted Starrcade at all and was all about the NWO taking over Nitro. I've read rumors before that the NWO was originally going to get Nitro but this show was such a ratings disaster that the plans were changed to WCW keeping it. That's how big of a flop this show was, but I guess since so many people had already been sold on Starrcade that it didn't make much of a difference.

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