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Hana Kimura Deserved So Much Better



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that would have surely multiplied over the course of her life.

Wrestling is a sport where many fans come together because they feel like outcasts. How many times has someone come up to you and said, "eww? You watch that fake stuff?" The Tokyo Cyber Squad was there to welcome them.

Their slogan literally is "Everyone Is Different. Everyone Is Good."

Now, we have to talk about this bright, funny, and intelligent young lady who had her whole life ahead of her in the past tense. I can't believe I'm even typing about her as someone who is no longer with us. All over a single incident in a reality TV show. Television is a temperamental business. You get the ratings, you get another season. Television shows get canceled and end often. Rinse and repeat. You'll never get the person back. For someone who truly embodied the slogan she would say night after night, there was a small collection of people that outright rejected that.

Take a gander through any wrestler's Twitter mentions or any celebrity for that matter. You will find some of the vilest comments ranging from critiques on their appearance, disapproval of their life choices, and in wrestling's case; storylines. Which wrestlers rarely have control over, mind you. It's like The Price Is Right where you would outbid someone to get the chance to win a prize. Sometimes, the loudest and the most What are we trying to win? Some retweets? A reaction? "Hey. please see



simple profile is a living and breathing person. Depending on your living situation, you might be living alone during the pandemic. With a lot of things closed down and the looming threat of possibly getting someone sick, you come face to face with darkness on a daily basis. With wrestling shut down, Hana didn't have the hard mats and the locker room to escape to or confide in.

This is a particularly heavy-hearted week in wrestling. We had to reopen the wound of the tragic death of Owen Hart. The wrestling community is mourning the untimely death of Shad Gaspard and now this. A bright future dimmed too soon. A mother has to bury her child. That should never happen. People are experiencing a level of collective grief the likes of which have never been seen. We are losing thousands of people daily to the coronavirus. This didn't have to happen.

One reality show brought out so much vitriol and hate that it led to one bright star being put out way too soon. Use your words to nurture, to teach, and to comfort. Don't use them as weapons. Everybody is fighting a battle that you cannot see.





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