## Get ready for 'Tonya: The Movie'



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et me begin with an apology, more to myself than anyone else. I swore early on that I would not waste this space or your time discussing Tonya Harding. I lied.

But I'm not going to waste your time with an analysis of what's gone wrong in amateur sports, the commercialization of the Olympics, the ruined lives of children forced to compete for their parents' glory, or poor little Tonya stories. Who cares?

Instead, I'm looking forward. I'm using vision. I wanna make a fast buck. Thus, I present my very own made for TV movie script, ripped from today's headlines: "Terror on Ice: The Tonya Harding Story."

Dramatis Personae: The Hitman, Shane "The Club" Stant, played by Jean-Claude Van Damme; The Driver, Derrick "Wheels" Smith, played by George Castanza, The Bodyguard, Shawn "007" Eckardt, played by Barney (the dinosaur); The Ex, Jeff "Jellyfish" Gillooly, played by Beavis and Butt-head; The Stump, Tonya "Po' Little White Girl" Harding, played by Shannen Doherty, and The Star, Nancy "Poster Girl For Everything" Kerrigan, played by Demi Moore.

We begin at a Denny's restaurant (smoking section), where Harding, Gillooly and Eckardt are discussing Harding's strategy for the upcoming national figure skating championships:

Harding (between cigarette drags): "I think the (cough) key to my (hack) winning this thing is if (gasp) I can pull off my (ack) triple reverse sideways lutz. What do you (wheeze) think, Jeffyngo?"

Gillooly: "Huh huh, like, if you won the championship, huh huh, that would be cool."

Harding: "But what should I do to make sure I win, my wittow Jeffy weffy?"

Gillooly: "Heh, heh, break Nancy's legs! Yeah! Heh heh. Hit her! Hit her! Hit her! Heh heh."

Harding: "Can you take care of this Shawn?" "I love you, you love me, I used to work for the CIA ..."

Harding: "Great. I'll write the name of the rink where she practices on this napkin, and then leave the napkin here on this table."

Harding and Co. depart. A waiter (played by Mike Myers) clears the table and discovers the napkin.

Waiter: "Gee, a napkin with writing on it. Perhaps I should save this in case the FBI comes by here in a couple of months. Aren't I prescient? ( Winking at camera.) Excellent."

Shift to national championships, where Harding is watching news footage of Nancy Kerrigan immediately after the attack.

Kerrigan: "Why me, why

Harding (to herself): "Because you skinny, healthy, popular bitch — I can skate better than you, jump higher than you, move faster than you, but I keep losing to you because I'm not as pretty as you. They shouldn't have hit your knee, they should have knocked out your teeth! (Now giggling maniacally.) Now, the world will love ME! MY picture will be on a Wheaties box! I'LL get the millions in endorsements. The ugly duckling is no more! Ha ha ha ha!"

Jump to weeks after the championships — the dominoes begin to fall.

The Media (played by Geraldo Rivera): "Today Shawn Eckardt, bodyguard for Tonya Harding, admitted to arranging the attack on Nancy Kerrigan."

Eckardt (being led away): "I love you, you love me, I know who hit Nancy's knee ..."

The Media: "Eckardt then led law enforcement officials to Shane Stant and Derrick Smith, the alleged hitman and getaway driver in the incident."

Stant: "I took the job to save her life. I could have killed her, but chose not to. I am a hero."

Smith: "Ohhhh, I knew this wouldn't work. Jodie Foster will never love me now. How much longer can I remain Master of My Domain?"

The Media: "Harding and her husband had no intelligible comment."

Gillooly: "Uh, we'd love to, uh, like, talk to you dudes? But, uh, you know, uh, like, journalists suck."

Harding: "Love me. Pity me." Cut to Olympics and our hosts, Regis Philbin and Kathie Lee GifI swore early on that I would not waste this space or your time discussing Tonya Harding. I lied.

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Regis: "Oh! And here comes that Tonya Harding! What a story she's been! How do you think recent events will affect her performance. Kathie!?"

Kathie Lee: "Well, she's such a troubled young girl. Little Cody says a prayer for Tonya every night. However, I question her change of music to AC/DC's "Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap."

Regis: "Is there a message there!? I don't know!"

Cut to February 1997. TV Commercial: "The Club. Recommended by police and thugs alike. Take it from me, Shane Stant, whether it's theft protection or assault and battery. The Club gets the job done."

The Media: "Shawn Eckardt, the meager-mind behind the 1994 assault on now-U.N. Ambassador Nancy Kerrigan, was released from prison today."

Eckardt: "I love you, you love me, I'll be rich from my movie

The Media: "In related news, Tonya Harding and her husband, Jeff Gillooly, testified before a Senate subcommittee today on the benefits of smoking, particularly for asthmatic athletes."

Harding: "Smoking has truly benefited (hack) my career. Were it not for smoking (gasp), the Phillip Morris people wouldn't (cough) have hired me to push cigarettes on little girls (gag) at the skate rink. I would not have (wheeze) ..."

The Media: "Harding was removed from the hearing as her oxygen tank ran out. As she was being wheeled away, she announced she was leaving her husband. This marks the couple's 34th separation."

Gillooly: "Heh heh. Divorce is cool! Yeah! Cool! I want money! Heh heh, heh heh."

The End

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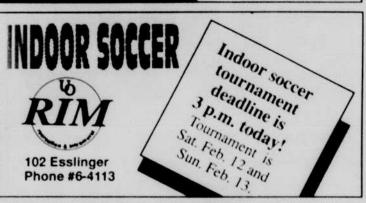
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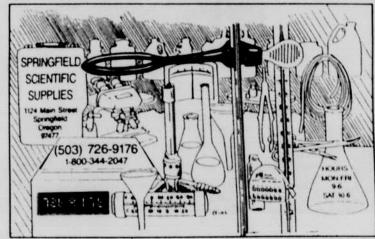


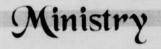
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