

WRESTLING

FOR

HOPE



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When life takes her down, she learns to rise.



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A FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT INDEPENDENT FILM

PRODUCED BY WRESTLERS FOR WRESTLERS

CASTING



HOPE SIMMONS



JAKE SIMMONS



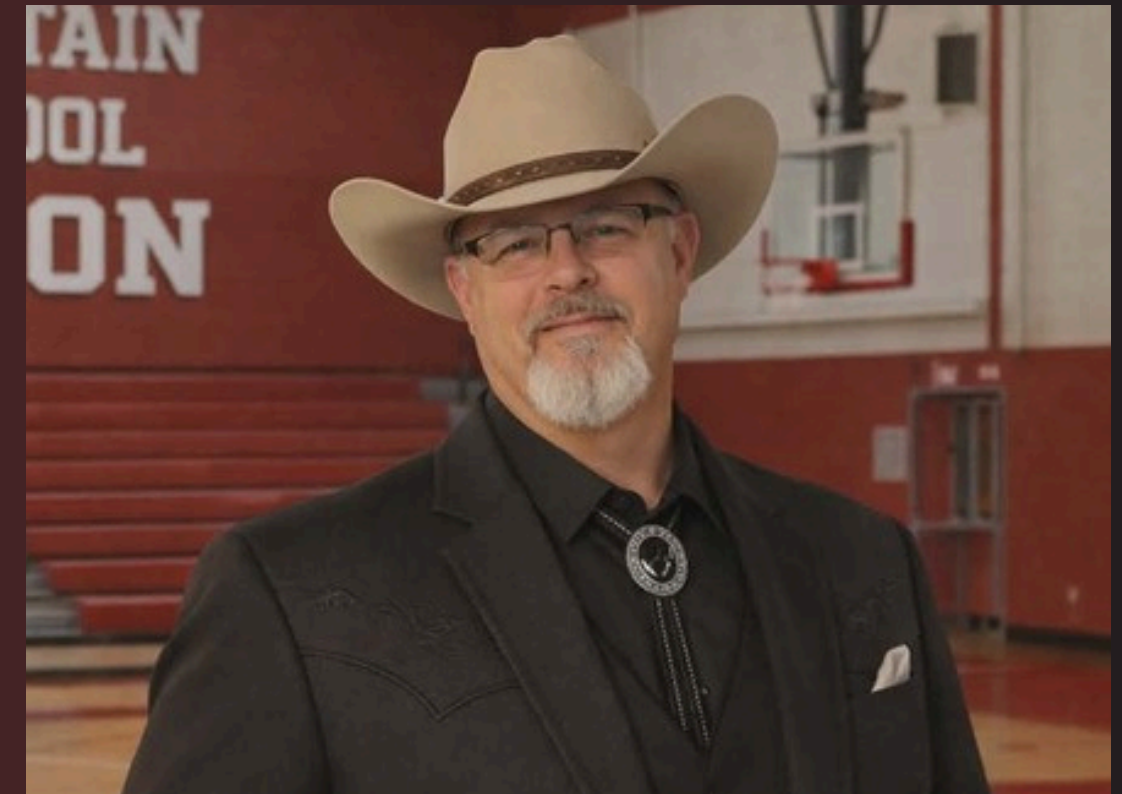
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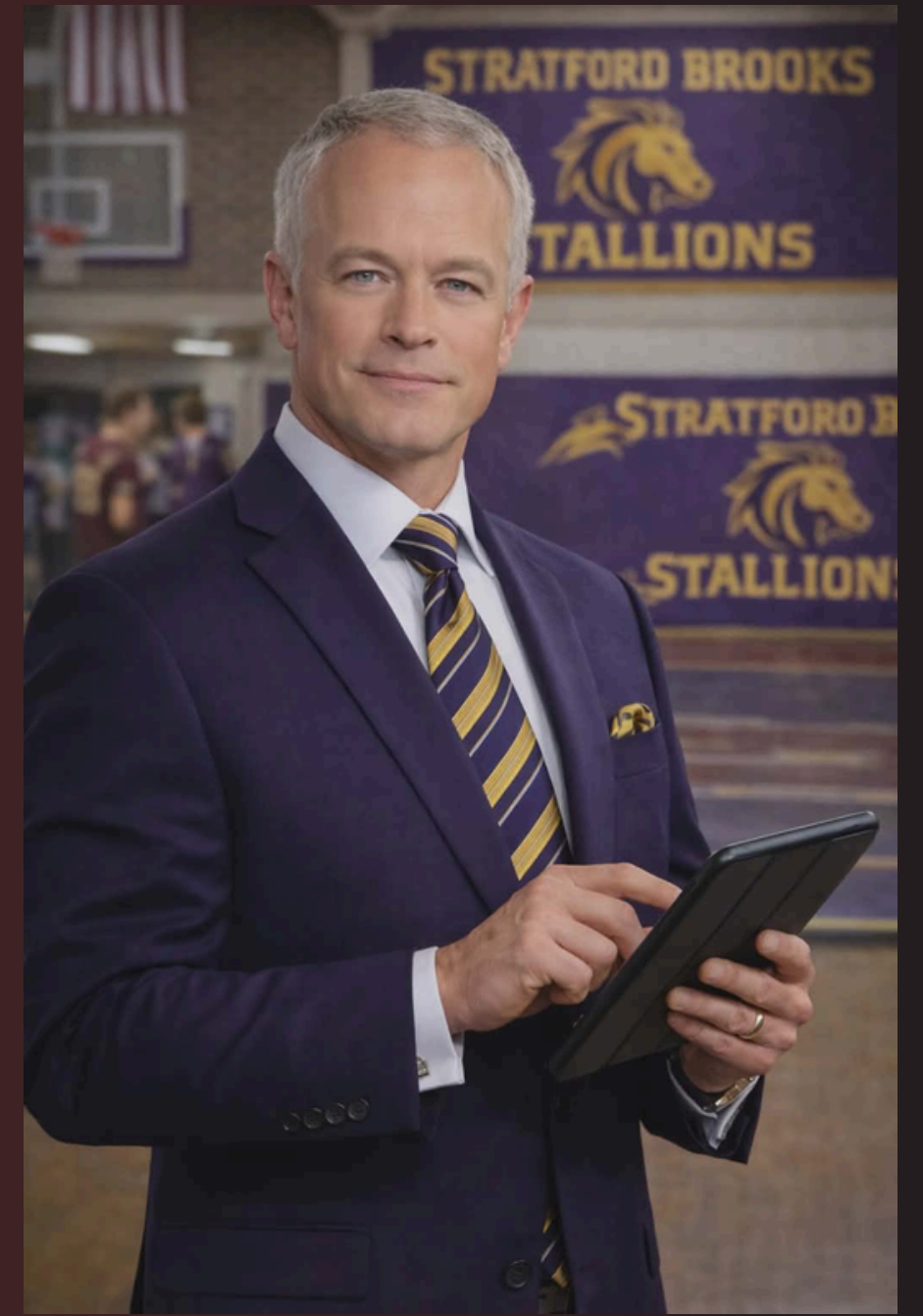
DIANE FULLERTON

CASTING

RED MOUNTAIN



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STRATFORD BROOKS

CASTING-EXTRAS



LOGLINE

AFTER HER MOTHER'S SUDDEN DEATH, A TALENTED TEENAGE WRESTLER MUST MOVE IN WITH HER ESTRANGED FATHER, A STUBBORN ALABAMA COACH WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND GIRLS. TOGETHER, THEY WORK TO CREATE THE SCHOOL'S FIRST GIRLS WRESTLING TEAM, FACING LOCAL RESISTANCE AND THEIR OWN PAIN TO BECOME A FAMILY.

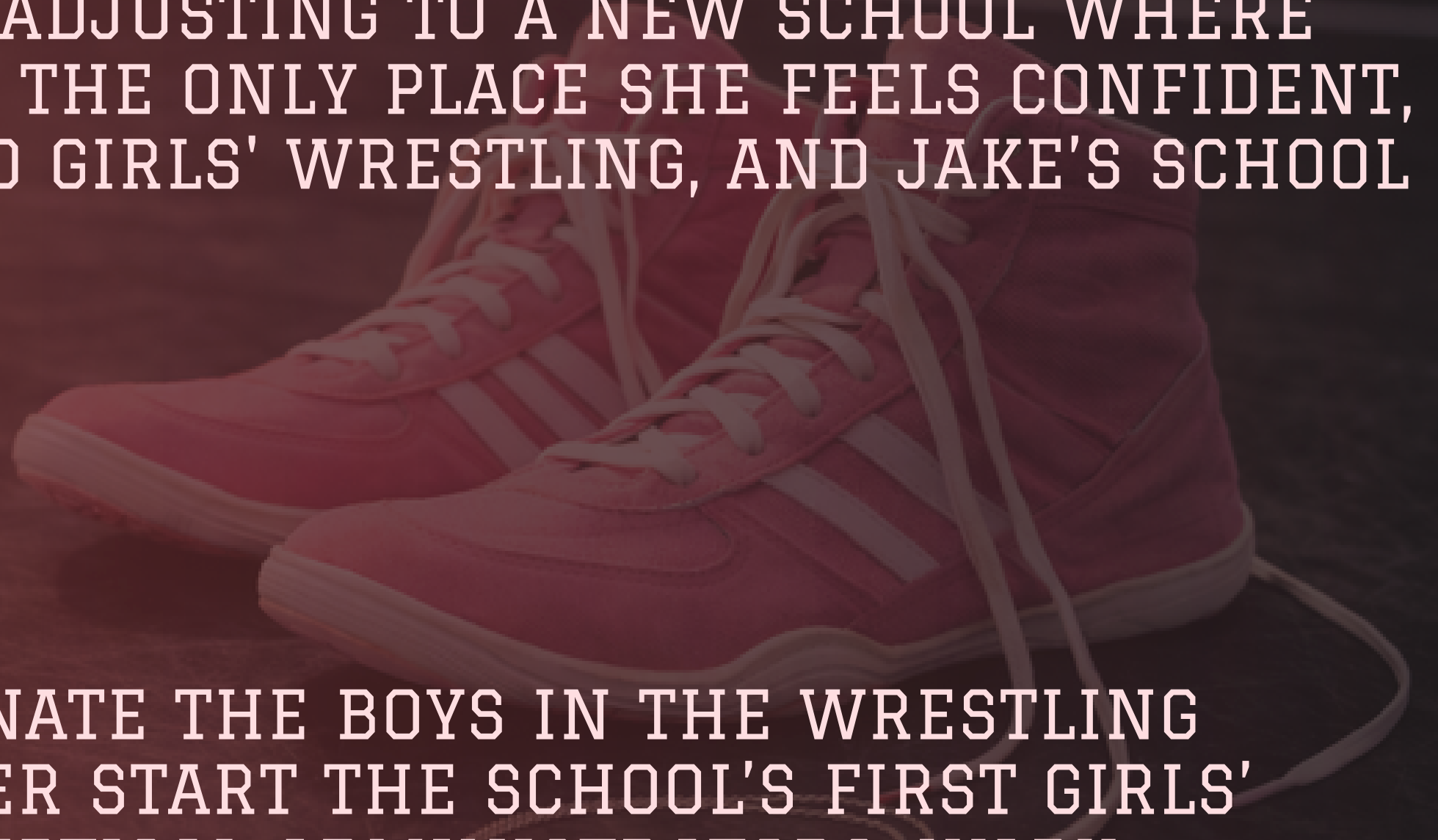
SYNOPSIS PART 1

AFTER THE SUDDEN DEATH OF HER MOTHER, FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD HOPE SIMMONS IS UPROOTED FROM EVERYTHING SHE KNOWS AND SENT TO LIVE IN ALABAMA WITH JAKE SIMMONS, THE FATHER SHE'S NEVER MET, A FORMER STATE CHAMPION WRESTLER TURNED HIGH SCHOOL COACH.

JAKE IS BLINDSIDED BY THE NEWS THAT HE HAS A DAUGHTER AND RUSHES TO GET READY FOR HER ARRIVAL, FILLING A BEDROOM WITH PINK UNICORNS AND OVERCOMPENSATING IN ALL THE WRONG WAYS.

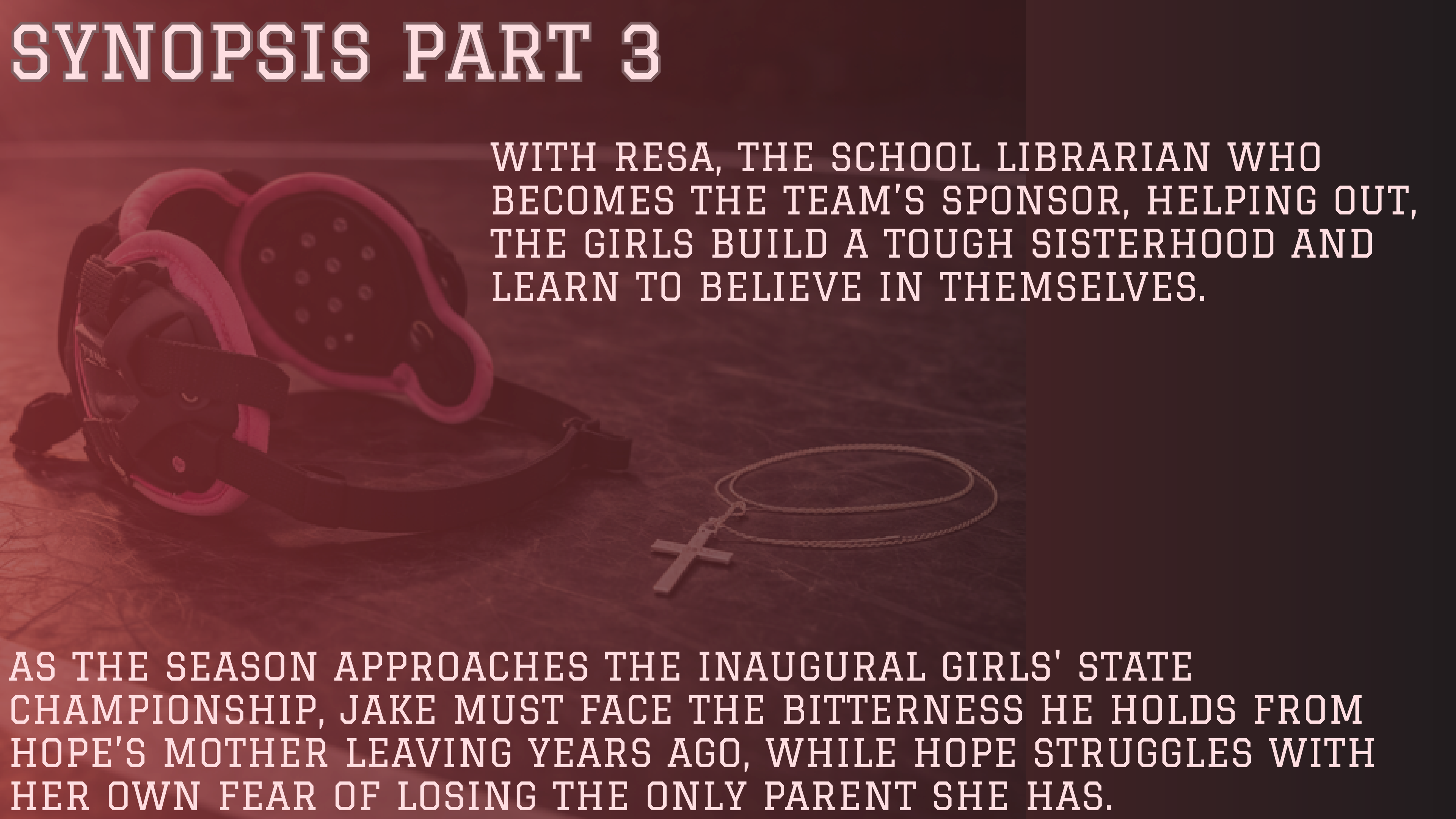
SYNOPSIS PART 2

HOPE, TOUGHER ON THE MAT THAN IN LIFE, BATTLES WITH GRIEF, ANGER, AND THE PAIN OF ABANDONMENT WHILE ADJUSTING TO A NEW SCHOOL WHERE SHE DOESN'T BELONG. WRESTLING IS THE ONLY PLACE SHE FEELS CONFIDENT, BUT ALABAMA HAS JUST SANCTIONED GIRLS' WRESTLING, AND JAKE'S SCHOOL DOESN'T HAVE A TEAM.



WHEN HOPE PROVES SHE CAN DOMINATE THE BOYS IN THE WRESTLING ROOM, SHE PUSHES JAKE TO HELP HER START THE SCHOOL'S FIRST GIRLS' TEAM. FACING RESISTANCE FROM SKEPTICAL ADMINISTRATORS, WARY BOOSTERS, AND A COMMUNITY UNSURE ABOUT GIRLS IN SUCH A PHYSICAL SPORT, FATHER AND DAUGHTER BEGIN RECRUITING AN UNLIKELY GROUP OF ATHLETES, A POWERHOUSE WEIGHTLIFTER, A DANCER, AND OTHER OUTSIDERS WHO'VE NEVER QUITE BELONGED.

SYNOPSIS PART 3

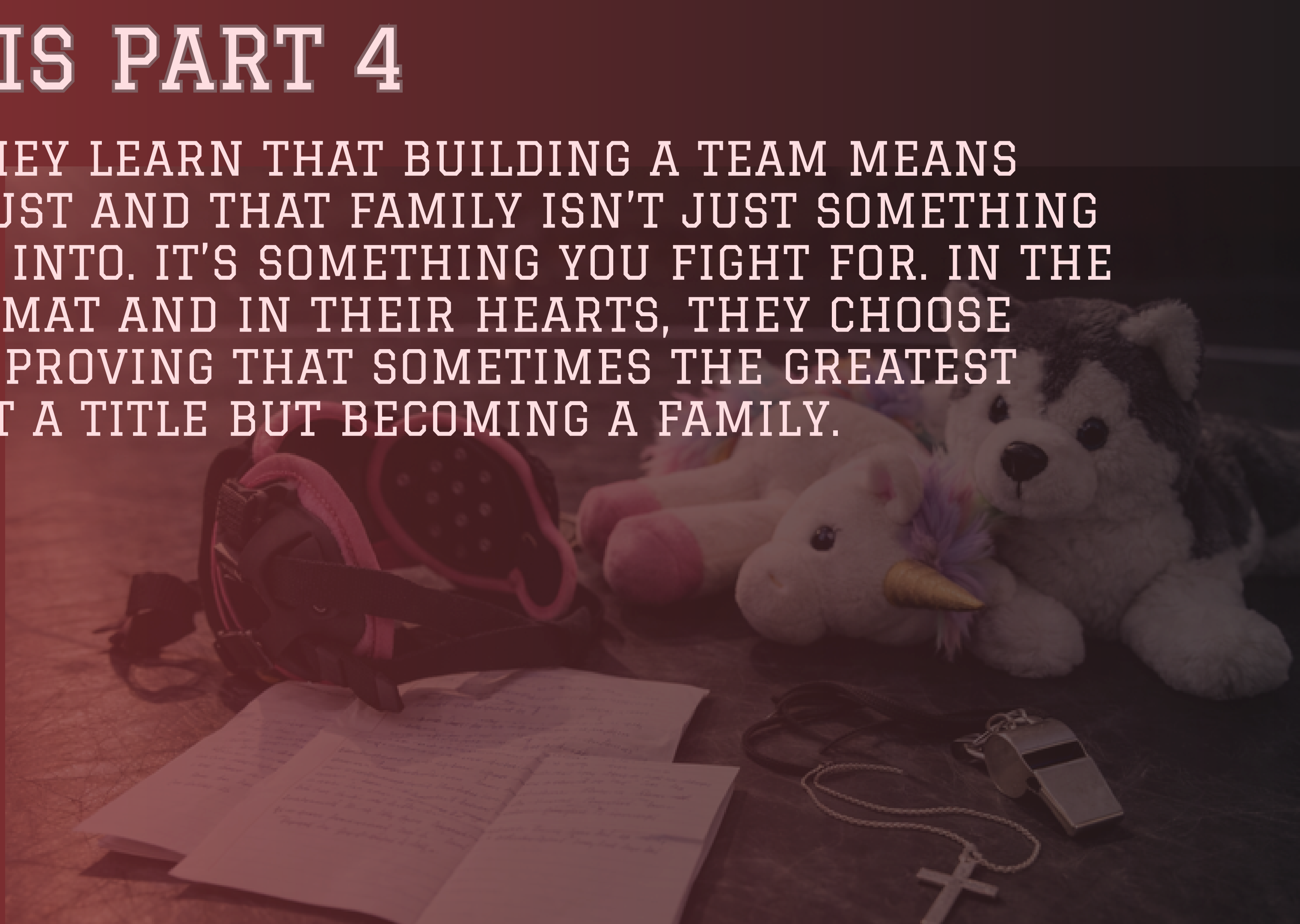


WITH RESA, THE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN WHO BECOMES THE TEAM'S SPONSOR, HELPING OUT, THE GIRLS BUILD A TOUGH SISTERHOOD AND LEARN TO BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES.

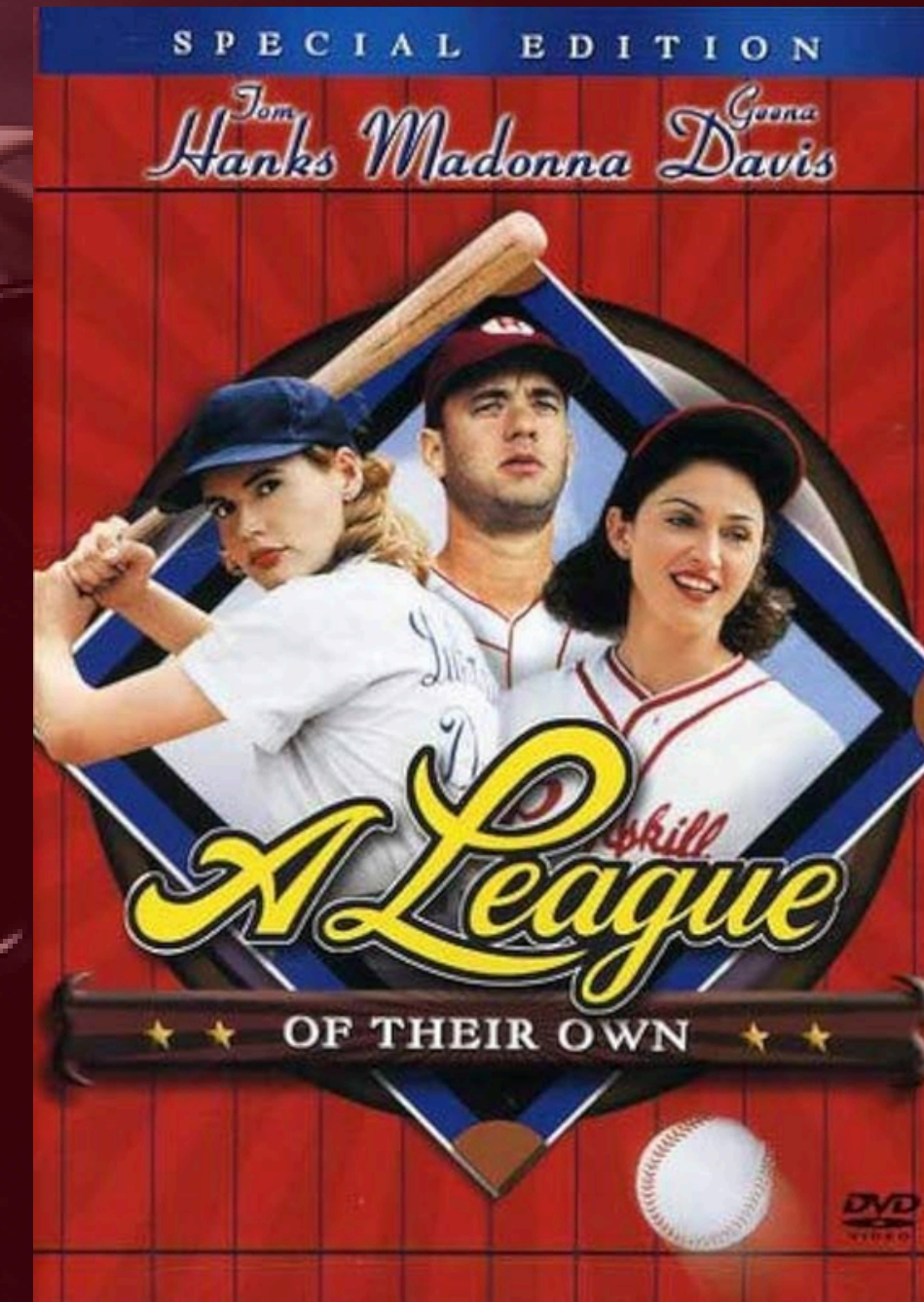
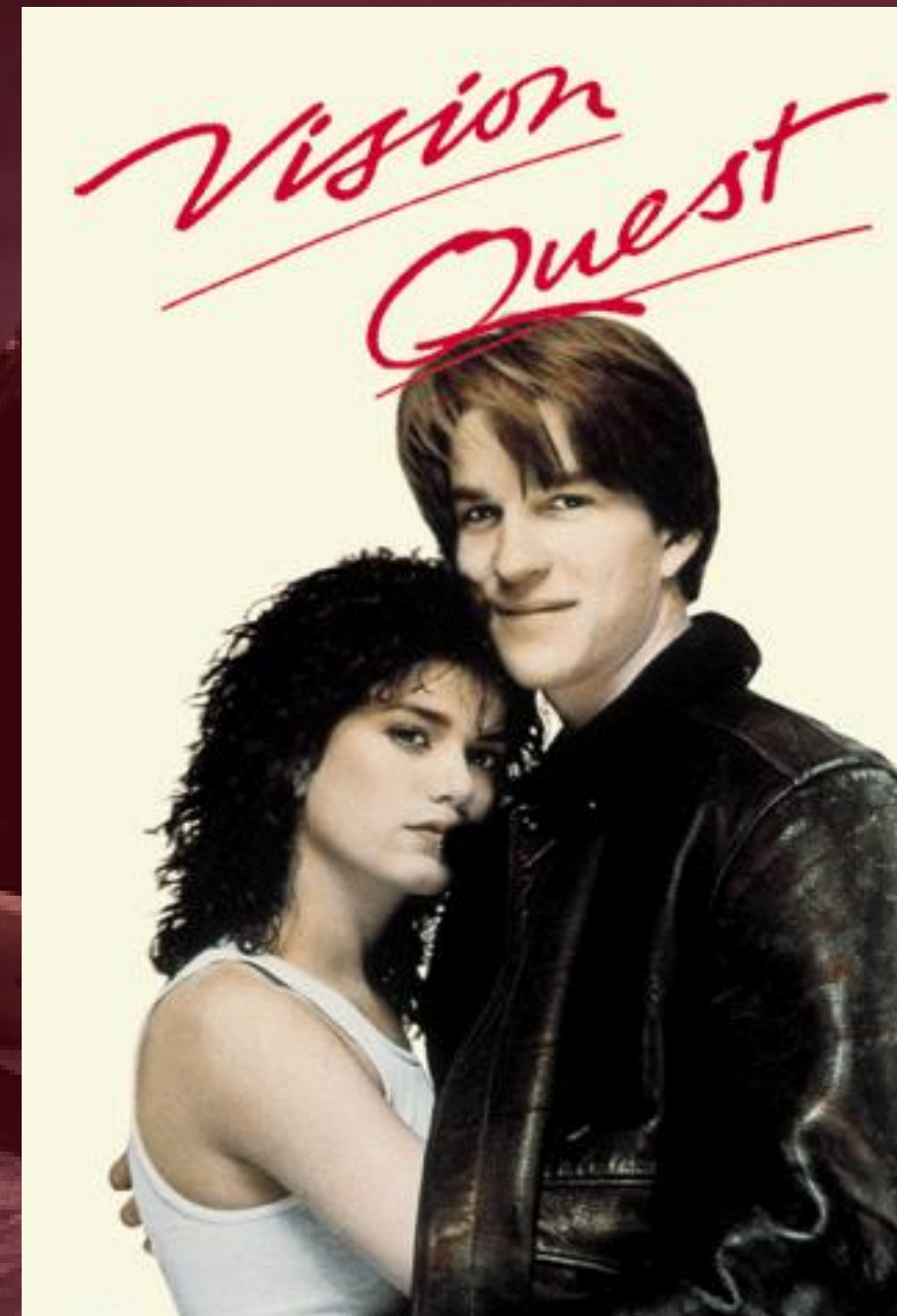
AS THE SEASON APPROACHES THE INAUGURAL GIRLS' STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, JAKE MUST FACE THE BITTERNESS HE HOLDS FROM HOPE'S MOTHER LEAVING YEARS AGO, WHILE HOPE STRUGGLES WITH HER OWN FEAR OF LOSING THE ONLY PARENT SHE HAS.

SYNOPSIS PART 4

TOGETHER, THEY LEARN THAT BUILDING A TEAM MEANS BUILDING TRUST AND THAT FAMILY ISN'T JUST SOMETHING YOU'RE BORN INTO. IT'S SOMETHING YOU FIGHT FOR. IN THE END, ON THE MAT AND IN THEIR HEARTS, THEY CHOOSE EACH OTHER, PROVING THAT SOMETIMES THE GREATEST VICTORY ISN'T A TITLE BUT BECOMING A FAMILY.



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