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The Rock's Return

In 2004, The Rock was pro wrestling's biggest superstar. Then he left the **WWE** to become an actor. Seven years later, on November 20, 2011, he returned to the ring. For his return, The Rock joined 12-time World Champion John Cena for one of history's greatest **tag team** matches.

The Rock

From 1996 to 2004, The Rock was one of the WWE's greatest wrestlers. During that time, he won nearly every major WWE title.

To defeat the powerful **opposing duo**—The Miz and R-Truth—The Rock would need to rely on his old wrestling skills. Did he still have the power, **technique**, and **fury** that had once made him a champion? The world was about to find out!



John Cena (left) and The Rock (right) in the ring

On the Move

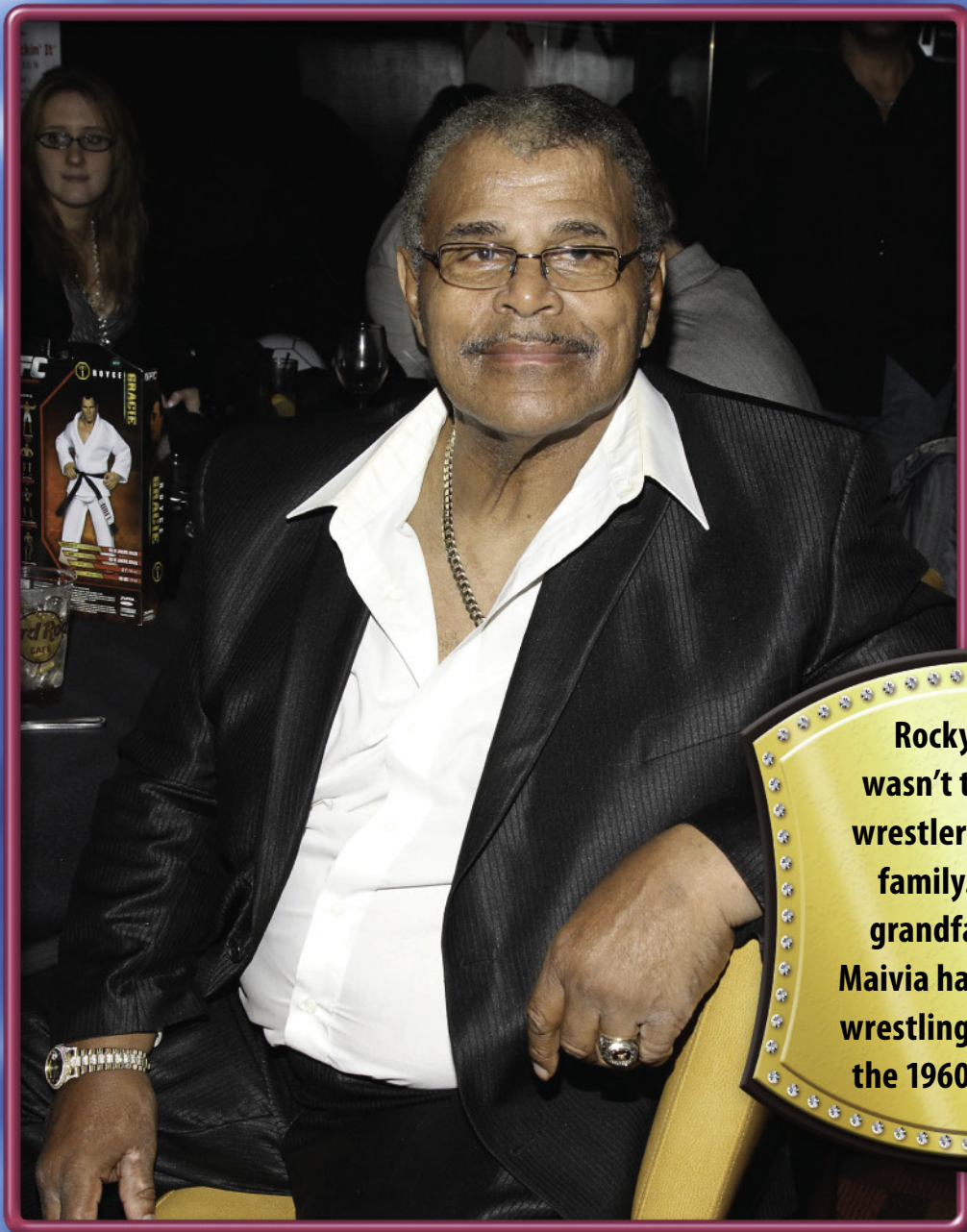
As a child, The Rock was known by his real name, Dwayne Johnson. Dwayne was born on May 2, 1972, in Hayward, California. However, he didn't live there for very long.



Hayward is a city of more than 140,000 people. It is located in Northern California.



Dwayne's father, Rocky Johnson, was a pro wrestler. To earn a living, Rocky had to move from place to place. He wrestled in different areas of the country, taking his family with him. By the time Dwayne started kindergarten, he had already lived in five different states.



Rocky Johnson
in 2011

**Rocky Johnson
wasn't the only pro
wrestler in Dwayne's
family. Dwayne's
grandfather Peter
Maivia had also been a
wrestling champion in
the 1960s and 1970s.**

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