

RUSSO SIDE

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RUSSO

Look, you can't be a Marine. That's real life. That's biology. Men are men are women are not. First off because women are too emotional. Combat is a mental game. The physical aspect is just your admission ticket to the death match. That's just the way it is.

I'm not a Marine?

There's this pretend thing going on. Everybody knows it. We're pretending that there's no difference between men and women.

There's all kinds of differences. Not all men are the same, not all women. What differences are you referring to, Russo?

Toughness, aggression, strength. These are stone cold facts. You want to argue with them, go ahead. Might as well argue with gravity. (pause) You want to argue?

You have all the answers.

I had to do 20 push-ups, 100 crunches and a 3 mile run within 18 minutes in order to get a hundred percent on the Physical Fitness Test. What did you have to do?

I don't remember.

You did a flexed-arm hang, crunches and a 3 mile run within 21 minutes. I know this stuff.

So I'm not a Marine because they made you do more pull ups than me?

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It's not pull ups! You can't be a quarterback. You can't be a priest. You can't be a Marine.