

# Against The Ropes

Bam!

The sound of a high pitch ringing is heard loud in Richard's eardrums.

“Hands up! Hands up!” Comes a voice from the crowd.

Richard reacts and saves his fall by leaning against the corner of the ring.

Punches are coming aggressively and Richard's adrenaline kick in.

Championship fight in the late 9 round and the audience is standing up while cameras are flashing after a vicious hook lands on Richard from Antonio!

Richard moves his head dodging 2 quick jabs thrown at him and then blocks another vicious hook with his left arm.

Richard then pivots and tries to step back as Antonio throws a crucial body blow forcing Richard to gasp for air.

Before Richard knew it out of the corner of his eye a fast uppercut approached him leaving Richard's vision to go black immediately for a second.

Bam!

Richard's head hit the canvas hard and the entire arena went silent.

“He is down!” Someone from the crowd yells.

The arena then erupts with excitement.

As the referee follows to check on Richard laying on the canvas.

The referee then begins to count.

“One...two...three...four”

Those four seconds felt like a lifetime as a quick flash of memory of everything he went through to get here flashed before his eyes.

“Five...six...”

Richard slowly rolls to his knees as blood drips off his face from a cut after taking that vicious punch.

“Seven ... eight”

Richard struggles to his feet but manages to regain composure.

Antonio is shocked that he got up from this and is surprised.

Blooded and determined Richard is determined as ever with his back against the ropes.

“Fight!” Yells the referee after having both fighters reset.

The fight continues but the crowd notices something different. Antonio's confidence is not the same.

The fight is more even with them going back and forth exchanging blows and the crowd is on their feet.

The announcers are standing as well shocked that a comeback is emerging after a knockdown.

Bam!

“Antonio is dazed!” One announcer yells.

The 30-second warning is heard as only 30 seconds remaining in the final round.

Bam, bam bam!

The crowd goes silent as Antonio drops to the ground after a vicious combination.

The referee begins to count

“1...2...3...4...5”

Richard looks around the arena of flashing cameras

“6...7...8”

He knew the time has come

“9...10!”

The bell for the round sounded immediately afterward.

Richard claimed victory just in time with a knockout as he was behind on scores.

He ran to the ring post and climbed in victory as the camera flashed realizing he survived and conquered against all odds and his back against the ropes.