

During pre-production in late summer of 2003 Mike created the below mock-up of a newspaper page needed as a prop for a scene following Mil's match with the Magister. It wasn't used in the film but is provided here because of the fun Mike and his fellow computer science graduate students had creating the photos. The text (written by Jeff) is attached on the next page.

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¡PANICO! REPTILIAN IMPOSTER INDUCES MAYHEM

Delante: Mexico City (AIP) - Spectators at the IDAK International Auditorium were shocked and horrified when the world wrestling championship match between Mil Mascaras and the Magister turned into a nightmare of monstrosity and carnage. After approximately 12 minutes of elapsed time, Mil Mascaras unmasked his opponent to reveal an inhuman lizard creature which, according to persons familiar with the Magister, was almost certainly an imposter. A person believed to be the real Magister was found later and is now recovering from injuries and trauma sustained in his dressing room from an attack by an unknown assailant or assailants.

According to witnesses, the reptilian imposter licked the face of Mil Mascaras in a blatant

display of disrespect before flaunting his horrific visage to the innocent spectators in the arena. The terrified audience fled for safety as police and security personnel pursued the creature into the ring. After being surrounded and repeatedly shot, the lizard creature transformed into a bat and attempted to flee by flight. Mil Mascaras, who is known worldwide for his high-flying moves in the wrestling ring, demonstrated his continuing commitment to support law enforcement authorities by promptly climbing onto one of the corner turnbuckles, jumping into the air, grasping the offending creature, and subduing it as part of what police are tending to be justified lethal force.

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the bat may never be known because it apparently transformed after death back into its reptilian form before disintegrating into a smoky dust. However, experts in the study of monsters point to several indications that the creature may have been the product of witchcraft, vampirism, lycanthropy, or radiation.

The events of last evening are probably the most shocking to plague a championship wrestling match since the September 27, 1962 match between the great El Santo and Igor Osos. That event ended with Santo's unmasking of Osos to reveal an ill-famed werewolf. Like the lizard creature, the lycanthrope Igor also attempted to flee in the form of a bat. A spokesman for the police warns, however, that no parallels should be drawn between the events of last night and those of the 1962 El Santo match.

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Although Mil Mascaras was not available to comment on the evening's events, the famous Argosian offered his expert opinions during an interview conducted early this morning. According to Argosian, the lizard has very little significance to supernatural creatures of European descent. He suggests, therefore, that the creature may be the product of a sect that is native to the Mexico region, possibly Aztec or Mayan. This suggestion was quickly denounced by Aztec and Mayan advocacy groups as being offensive and reinforcing negative stereotypes of native Mexicans. Argosian is a celebrity endorser for Zapidas athletic shoes. Zapidas did not respond to a request for comment on Argosian's statements. A press release from the Mexican Wrestling Commission states that the decision by the ringside official to declare a forfeit by the Magister has been reversed based on evidence that the individual in the ring was in fact an imposter. The release says that a re-match

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**El hombre bebe
mucho leche.**



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