

The boxer who doesn't hear the bell

He is fearsome. His bulldog face has never seen a mirror.

It doesn't matter how hard you hit because his bones are reinforced with more bone. Some jaws just don't break.

You might get to the fifth round before he decides it's over.

He was toying with you all along. The shots you landed were to let you swing and tire yourself. You were stupid.

You have nothing left. You see the end coming like a

drowning. Now he gathers himself. The flash bulbs

anticipate your demise. He sends you in fragments to the

canvas for his right hand is the fury of a patient God.

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