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## WWE WRESTLEMANIA 33

### HE UNDERTAKER RETIRES

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**USPA NEWS** - Wrestling is, by its very nature, a story that never ends. There are no periods, just a continuous string of commas and conjunctions. After suffering a bruising defeat at the hands of Roman Reigns, he took a moment to soak it all in. Bathed in dark blue light,

It was the most melancholy ending to a WrestleMania in history. In a way, it almost felt like someone died. Maybe not a close friend or relative, but a person like the postman who's reliably delivered your mail with a smile for most of your life. You appreciate his or her work and take it for granted until they're gone. The Undertaker's day-to-day life was certainly a more glamorous career than that of the average USPS driver, but they both occupied the same space of distant familiarity in people's lives.

Instead, it was Mark Calaway alone, in a haze of smoke, stripping off the gear that defined him. Reigns won the match, but now he will be forever branded as the man who took The Undertaker from us. Reigns even told ESPN's Jonathan Coachman after their match that having to put down the legend "felt like a loss." The chalice he's been given by Vince McMahon might be poisoned, but he has to drink from it anyway. Yes, the story continues, but this time without one of its most remarkable characters.

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