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METAL ROBOT NEWS SEGMENT

TM: We're back in the metal robot news room, protected from any bullshit that could come crashing through the ceiling. Or at least that's what I was supposed to say, until this first story broke and crashed through the ceiling halfway through construction. Though I'll admit, we can't ignore it:

Mick Mars suing Motley Crue over missing wages!

So Mick Mars sued Motley Crue and the story keeps getting weirder and weirder! We've seen some new developments over the past week but to give you a bit of context:

Last week TMZ (everybody's worst fever dream) reported that former Motley Crue guitarist Mick Mars was suing his former band over his "retirement" from touring, which he alleges was total bullshit, and that he's actually been kicked out of the band, which also means his tour profits were slashed. Oh, and also apparently Nikki Sixx doesn't play live. Just to throw more shade into the mix.

Now in the legal filing, Mars claimed he did stop touring because of his ongoing battle with [aNGkə,lōsiNG spāndi'lītis], a form of spinal arthritis that took me days of google translate to figure out how to pronounce. BUT him backing out of touring apparently didn't mean he wanted to stop recording music with the band entirely.

And yet, he claims the band had a meeting anyways and decided to kick him out of the band. Also deciding to cut his tour profits from 25% down to 5%. Which is pretty bad, but gets worse when you hear that apparently the band's legal team suggested that he should be grateful for even that small cut, because they didn't feel they owed him a fucking penny.

Since this suit was filed, Nikki Sixx has since responded on Twitter, calling it a "Sad day for us" and that they "don't deserve this considering how many years we've been propping him up".

But it gets even weirder from there and one worse. In an interview with Variety, the Crüe's longtime manager of almost 3 decades, Allen Kovac, alleged that the suit is a smear campaign that he claims was orchestrated by Mars' legal team, calling it elder abuse.

Now, I don't know anything about the gentlemen in Motley Crue, they all seem like stand-up citizens and great role models for the next generation. But they seem like the kind of people who – while definitely are elders – don't seem to have escaped “elder denial”. We're talking about a band who's singer still thinks he can perform, and a drummer who thinks he's going to be on the next issue of the firefighter calendar. It might not be unreasonable to think Mick Mars would be totally cool with being called an elder and alleging he's being abused in one two-word phrase.

The interview goes on with Kovac saying he's not going to turn people against Mars, also claiming Motley Crue have been nothing but kind and generous to him and will continue to be going forward.

In all of this, there's been a lot going around from both sides, but mostly Motley Crue have been trying to put up the image of “Hey man, we're the victims, but we also still # Love Our Boy”. But we've also seen support for Mick Mars, most notably from K.K. Downing, comparing the shit storm of Motley Crue to his departure from Judas Priest back in 2011. Saying in an audio message to Blabbermouth “I do sympathize [with Mick], because I'm going through exactly the same thing. And it's pretty unsavory, to say the least. After spending a lifetime building the band's name, reputation, popularity and value, in particular brand name, it should be all right for people to retire, especially through illness”

Adding that he wanted to speak from his experience in order to “warn other musicians who could one day find themselves in a similar situation.”

“I think to safeguard any other people that may be coming around to being in this position that may well be acquaintances of mine or even good friends of mine, I wouldn't like them to be in the same position.”

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TM: But of course, with this story I'd love to hear from you- especially you listening on YouTube – let me know what are your thoughts on this issue in those comments down below.

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