

Is Chikara Dead?



And If So Who Killed It?

Author's note: this document is heavily, *heavily* indebted to the work of numerous Chikara fans across the web who are trying to piece together the truth about the company's fate. Robert Newsom of the Atomic Elbow and Mandible Claw's Danielle Matheson were the ones who first brought the conspiracy into the light in their Crazypants Chikara podcast. Since then the likes of Ole Wrestling, the Chikara Forum, Kayfabe Comedy, Chikara Special and the Chikara thread on the 420Chan wrestling forum have been invaluable sources of information.

I am not trying to take the credit for all of the info you'll find on the following pages. Rather I'm trying to compile all the facts and theories into one handy guide to make it as easy as possible for people to catch up on what's going on and see what others are saying. I'd hazard a guess that at most 15% of this is my own thoughts and unearthed data so again: all credit and thanks goes to my fellow truth seekers. Please go to the links section at the end and check out their blogs, forums, podcasts etc.

This guide is also a celebration of the incredibly, insanely detailed story Chikara's currently telling. It's truly a work of art, something that has never been seen before in the world of wrestling and will probably never be seen again. I encourage everyone to get involved in this unique game Quackenbush and co. are playing with us. There'll never be another opportunity like this one.

Post on forums and blogs, tweet about it, share info on your Facebook page, share this guide with everyone and encourage them to join in. Help us get to the bottom of the conspiracy surrounding Chikara's apparent 'death' and, more importantly, show your support for the company itself. Go to Smark Mark Video and buy a load of their shows. Buy as much merch as you can from each of the wrestlers. Show them how much you appreciate everything they've done for us and the work that's gone into the 'death of Chikara' storyline.

New to Chikara? If all of the talk on-line of Chikara's apparent demise, time travellers and alternate timelines has snagged your curiosity and brought you to this guide I can heartily recommend this primer to get you up to speed on the company and its history:

4thletter.net/2012/05/chikara-primer-a-beginners-guide-to-wrestlings-funniest-promotion

Get in touch! Have I gotten something wrong or missed something out? Is there a blog, website, podcast, picture etc I need to take a look at? Got your own thoughts and theories to share? Even (dare I ask) insider information? Please send it all to me. All feedback is greatly appreciated. E-mail me (Gordy Mclean) at:

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So... are you ready to go through the looking glass?

Key Players, Items & References

Archibald Peck: a time travelling marching band leader who may have dragged us into an alternate 'dark' timeline. He may be the one who killed Chikara, a patsy or even its saviour.

Titor Conglomerate: an apparently evil company who bought Chikara only to break it and shut it down. They also own the private security firm Condor Security.

Wink Vavasseur: the man in charge of Chikara when it all came tumbling down. Was he Titor's puppet or willing axe-man?

Eye of Tyr: a mystical amulet that allows its user to control the minds of others.

Ultramantis Black: a devious manipulator who may just be the true mastermind behind the conspiracy.

Mike Quackenbush: Chikara's founder, father figure, possible saviour, possible killer.

Watchmen: a comic book mini-series heavily referenced throughout this season of Chikara. A complex story of masked vigilantes, dark conspiracies, villains disguised as heroes and Armageddon.

Back to the Future: a trilogy of films about time travel that's also been heavily referenced by Chikara over the last few years.

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1. “Never Compromise”

On June 2nd at the ‘Anniversario: Never Compromise’ iPPV we watched Chikara die. During the main event Icarus was seconds away from winning the Grand Championship belt from Eddie Kingston. Suddenly a group of Condor Security goons rushed the ring and dragged both wrestlers to the back.

Chikara’s Director of Fun Wink Vavasseur walked through the curtain in a heavily dishevelled state. He ordered Condor Security to take it all down. The swarm of henchmen proceeded to tear down the set, attack Chikara staff and force fans out of the building. Our final image was of Wink sitting on the stage amidst the ruins eating an apple.



Wink versus an apple was an odd main event for the iPPV.

Prior to these events Chikara was in such a bad state that you could argue it was a mercy killing. Wink’s idiotic ideas and tampering had led to beloved fan favourites like Sugar Dunkerton and Solder Ant quitting. Chikara’s founder Mike Quackenbush was fired. Numerous teams had split: FIST, QuackSaw, The Osirian Portal, The Throwbacks etc.

Numerous members of the roster were also acting strangely. Dasher Hatfield and Steve ‘The Turtle’ Weiner seemed to be taking their first steps down the rudos path. Jigsaw betrayed his friend and mentor Quackenbush. Long time enemies became allies: Quack and Derek Sabato, Gavin Loudspeaker and Jakob Hammermier, Icarus and Sugar. Evil doppelgangers abounded.

When you throw in the fact that the most hated man on the roster Icarus was being *cheered* during the main event you can really see how screwed up everything was. How the hell did we get to the point where Icarus was a tecnico and the once-adored Kingston was the source of boos? Whispers of us being in an alternate timeline, a ‘dark’ timeline where everything was twisted and wrong, became shouts.

Is this what really happened? Was Chikara pulled into an alternate version of reality so *f’d up* that it had to die? If so who’s responsible?

Ladies and gentlemen let me introduce you to the number one suspect: Archibald Peck.

When I woke up the next morning, adorned in a pair of my sleekest Calvin Kleins, back here in good ol' 2011, I no longer had the magnificent almanac but I did remember much of its content. I knew that, if I issued an Open Challenge at "King Of Trios," Colt Cabana would answer. So, I did just that, studied in preparation for Colt Cabana, and soundly defeated him."

This wouldn't be his only experience with time travel. In 2012 at 'Chikarasaurus Rex: How to Hatch a Dinosaur' he took part in a 'Loser Leaves Town' match against his arch-nemesis Mr Touchdown (who stole his girlfriend Veronica). Initially in his Mixed Martial Archie guise, he was injured and staggered backstage. When he returned he was Marchie Archie once again. Unfortunately it wasn't enough to stop Mr Touchdown pinning him and sending him packing. Archibald Peck was gone from Chikara for good.

Only he wasn't. He returned shortly after as the masked Mysterious and Handsome Stranger to get his revenge. At the iPPV 'Under the Hood' he stole the title of Homecoming King from Mr Touchdown and won the heart of Homecoming Queen Veronica. To the surprise of... no-one... he unmasked himself as Archie, covered Veronica in slop (a *Carrie* nod) and beat up Mr Touchdown. Condor Security rushed in to drag the laughing Peck out of the building.

Surely unmasking himself was a dumb move? He'd lost a 'Loser Leaves Town' match and wasn't allowed back in a Chikara ring. Now he'd revealed himself to be the Mysterious and Handsome Stranger he couldn't use that disguise to continue wrestling.

Only *this* Archie *hadn't* lost. He'd been sent on a journey through time and it was a different Peck that lost that infamous match. Watch this video of his lawyer R D Evans explaining the situation:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=djqggSEoW9U



"Yeah, this is a bit of a mind screw."

To summarise:

- At 'Chikarasaurus Rex', while backstage, Archie was Backfisted to the Future by Kingston for a second time.
- He was transported to the Wild West days of 1885 and became the Mysterious and Handsome Stranger.
- 'Mad Dog' Bufford Tannen (a character from *Back to the Future 3*) dealt Archie another Backfist. Maybe Bufford's a distant ancestor of Kingston's?
- Archie time travelled once again, this time to just *after* 'Chikarasaurus Rex'.
- As such it was a different Archie (let's call him 'Archie 2') who lost the 'Loser Leaves Town' match.
- 'Our' Archie is thus fully entitled to continue wrestling until some day in the future when Kingston Backfists him for a third time. This will send him back to 'Chikarasaurus Rex' whereupon he'll become Archie 2 and walk out from backstage, be pinned and forced to leave Chikara.
- While our Archie continues to wrestle there's another Archie, the older Archie 2, walking the Earth (as seen in a series of videos called 'Where on Earth Is Archibald Peck?') and ending up in Parts Unknown.

Yeah, crazy stuff, huh? Archie is a time traveller and if there's one thing films, TV, books and comics have taught us is it's that bad shit starts happening when you mess with time travel. Thus a popular theory is that Chikara's current problems started here, that Archie's jaunts backwards and forwards through time have messed up/broken our timeline and he's either dragged us into a dark timeline where everything's wrong or he's opened up a rift in time that's merging different realities together (three different versions of the Colony = three different realities overlapping). It opened up Chikara to a world of evil doppelgangers and people acting out of character. Screw with the timeline and things never end well. Having two versions of Archie walking around at the same time also creates a potentially dangerous paradox.

On the end of the aforementioned blog Archie added:

"Things continued in this manner for many months until the meddlesome hand of Hurricane Irene intervened by condensing CHIKARA's Young Lions Cup from a two-day tournament to a one-day disaster. In losing to Tadasuke of Osaka Pro, **the first deviation from what I knew to be the future took place and, once the space-time continuum has been breached, things can never be the same.**"

If that last sentence isn't a spine-chilling forewarning of what was to come then I don't know what is!

You could argue that maybe Archie and the strangely similar looking R D Evans were lying about the time travel to try and keep him in a job but on Chikara's penultimate event the 'Tag World Grand Prix' Archie 2 appeared moments before Archie was struck with the fated 3rd Backfist from Kingston that sent him back to 'Chikarasaurus Rex' to complete the time loop. Unless Archie 2 was really R D Evans in disguise it proves the time travel story was real and for several months we

had two Archies in the timeline. Archie 2 was briefly glimpsed again backstage during the traumatic closing moments of 'Never Compromise'.

This isn't the first time Chikara has dabbled in time travel. Hell, it isn't even the first time we've seen two versions of one character mix it up in the arena.

Lance Steel



Lance Steel is a knight who teleported from Ye Olde Times to Chikara in 2004 to wrestle for, umm, reasons. His method of time travel (or so he claimed) was a device called the 'Galatica 3000' time machine.

In 2005 he desperately needed a tag partner and there was only one man he could trust: himself. So he went back to the past and got a slightly older version of himself. Thus Young Lance and (slightly) Older Lance formed the team of 'Lancelot' (think about it) to rule Chikara.

But it didn't work out that way due to differing opinions on dragons. Young Lance loved them (the technico Dragon Dragon in particular) while Old Lance hated them. Their rivalry grew until they clashed in a 'Loser Is Sent Back to the Past' match in 2006. Old Lance won and sent his young dragon-loving self back to medieval times. He stuck around Chikara as a revamped 'Dark Knight' for a while before disappearing for reasons yet unknown.

Here's where things get really curious: Lance Steel suddenly reappeared in 2012 at 'Anniversario: A Horse of Another Color' for a mystery match between roster members from Chikara season 11 and season 3. Also at the show was Mixed Martial Archie in a MMA exhibition match. One of the judges was the debuting Swamp Monster.

The Swamp Monster



When Chuck Taylor revealed his new stable 'The Gentlemen's Club' at Dragongate USA its most notable member was the Swamp Monster. The mossy, messy humanoid was initially a funny and silly addition to the world of wrestling. However, when it showed up in Chikara things got more serious.

When the Swamp Monster appeared at 'King of Trios 2012' the evil Condor Security pounced upon it and dragged it backstage. Fortunately Sexy Chucky T was able to mount a rescue bid five days later and yank Swampie clear from Condor's claws.

So what's the deal with the Swamp Monster and why is it so important? The answer lies with the parallels between it and the Man-Thing, a very similar-looking monster from Marvel comic books.

Man-Thing



Man-Thing began life as Dr Theodore Sallis before tragic events turned him into the swampy abomination. He was working on a version of the Super Soldier Serum that made Captain America the man he is. His neglected wife Ellen betrayed him to the evil organisation AIM (Advanced Idea Mechanics) who wanted the serum. Under

attack, Sallis injected the serum into himself and fled. His car crashed into the Florida Everglades and he should've died. However, the magical energies of the swamp (it was a Nexus of All Realities) combined with the serum to transform Sallis into Man-Thing, a formidable creature able to sense evil in the hearts of men that went on to have adventures with demons and time-travelling warriors (sound familiar?).

Archie Parallel: Just like Sallis, Archie was betrayed by the woman he loved.

Titor Parallel: it's an evil corporation in a similar vein to AIM.

Man-Thing also became the Nexus of All Realities. In Marvel lore the Nexus is "a cross-dimensional gateway which provides a pathway to any and all possible realities". At one point the Nexus was shattered but Man-Thing was able to save it by tracking down all the pieces and merging fully with the Nexus.

Is that what the Swamp Monster is up to? It can see all versions of reality and knows that Chikara is in the wrong one? By bringing together the vital pieces of the time travelling shenanigans that had fractured Chikara's timeline (both Archies and the original Lance Steel) at the key moment of 'Tag World Grand Prix' was it attempting to fix the problem and merge everything back together or at least put things back on the right track? If so, did it succeed?

Link to Eye of Tyr: like the Nexus, the Eye of Tyr was shattered into pieces. Things became seriously screwed up afterwards with the likes of the evil doppelgangers the GEKIDO arriving (see page 54), long forgotten wrestlers returning, Archie being transported to the past etc. Maybe it was the breaking of the Eye that was the breaking of the timeline and reality? Will restoring the Eye also restore Chikara?

The next time we saw Lance Steel and the Swamp Monster they were up in the balcony right along with Archie 2 at 'Tag World Grand Prix 2013' to observe Archie's 3rd Backfist to the Future and the closing of the time loop.



"Are these the best seats we could get? Which one's Kingston?"

So long before the young upstart Archibald Peck arrived Chikara was already playing home to a time travelling wrestler who messed around with the time stream, changing future events and creating dangerous paradoxes. Seeing Lance Steel, Archie 2 and the Swamp Monster teaming up marks a huge moment in Chikara's history. Whatever they're up to it's a huge, vital piece of the puzzle.

Evil Archie: Archie debuted as a rudos and some argue he never really changed. Veronica's betrayal brought him the sympathies of the crowd but it didn't necessarily bring about a change of heart. He got his revenge by toying with her affections, ending her relationship with Mr Touchdown and then covering her in slop. He used the services of a *heel* (R D Evans) to keep his job in Chikara. Most telling, when Mixed Martial Archie attacked Swamp Monster after his MMA exhibition SM absorbed the blow and sent MMArchie flying. Just like Man-Thing does to Marvel villains, did the Swamp Monster see evil in Archie's heart and turn his fear against him in a fearsome (pun intended) show of force?

If so, why was Swampy seemingly allied with Archie 2 at the 'Tag World Grand Prix'? Our answer might lie with the Marvel series *Thunderbolts*. In that title Man-Thing is used to transport reformed super villains from battle to battle. Maybe when Archie 2 lost the 'Loser Leaves Chikara' match and walked the Earth a depressed mess he re-evaluated his life and saw the error of his ways. When he ended up in Parts Unknown – home of the Swamp Monster – he sought forgiveness and an alliance was formed to right his wrongs and fix the timeline he'd played a part in breaking.

Side Note: There are other Chikara wrestlers who are seemingly misplaced in time. The old timey king of swing Dasher Hatfield is clearly from decades past. Jolly Roger is a pirate. The Osirian Portal are from ancient Egypt. Sidney Bakabella talks and acts as if he's from the 80s and his Devastation Corporation equally seem like an 80s tag team right up to their Road Warriors-esque gimmick. Ultramantis Black on his original website claimed to have time travelled to 2006.

It's also been alleged that Helios and Equinox were from the future (their team was called 'Future is Now', after all), Darkness Crabtree is an older version of a current roster member and there's a 'True Vokoder' whose guise was stolen/adopted by Tim Donst and Larry Sweeny.

It seems time is very much a variable rather than a constant in Chikara. Time travel is the key to unlocking the truth behind the company's death. Archie is the prime suspect. Suspect number 2 is the company's owners, a corporation that just so happens to be named after a time traveller...

3. Mind Your Own (Evil) Business

Titor Conglomerate & Wink Vavasasseur

2012 was a turbulent time for Chikara. It was under attack from the uber-rudos stable The BDK (see page 23) and the future looked bleak. Titor Conglomerate was able to utilise the chaos and uncertainty to step in and use the shell company WMD (gee, that's not a scary company name at all) to purchase the company by promising to take care of the BDK and secure Chikara's future (oh the irony!).

At first Titor seemed a force for good. Chikara's Director of Fun at the time was the BDK-aligned Dieter VonSteigerwalt. He was replaced by Titor's own Wink Vavasasseur who proceeded to take the power back. He forced the pro-BDK referee Derek Sabato to start playing fair. With their power base and privileges gone, the BDK lost their Campeones de Parejas belts. It was the beginning of the end for the despised rudos. Chikara was saved!



Do you believe in Wink?

Only it wasn't. Wink proved to be a bit of an idiot and incapable of successfully running a wrestling company. His initial good ideas (such as creating the Grand Championship) were soon replaced by one dumb idea after another. His loathed CHIKARAbmetrics team making system saw Soldier Ant being forced to team with his hated rivals the GEKIDO while poor Sugar Dunkerton had to suffer the borderline-racist abuse of FIST. He piggybacked the popularity of the Colony to create the incredibly annoying Colony X-Treme Force and fired Quackenbush. The fans soon clamoured for Wink's head on a spike.

Several roster members were equally unhappy and started looking into the dealings of Wink and Titor. Derek Sabato of all people was the whistleblower!

Derek Sabato



Sabato's had an interesting career in Chikara. He was a bias referee for the BDK, slow counting their opponents and turning a blind eye to their cheating. We all hated him and punched the air in glee when Bryce punched him with glee.

The hate continued when he became the spokesman for the GEKIDO and was charged by Wink to keep control of them and stop them from breaking any more wrestlers. How was Wink to know that he'd inadvertently started Sabato on the path to redemption?

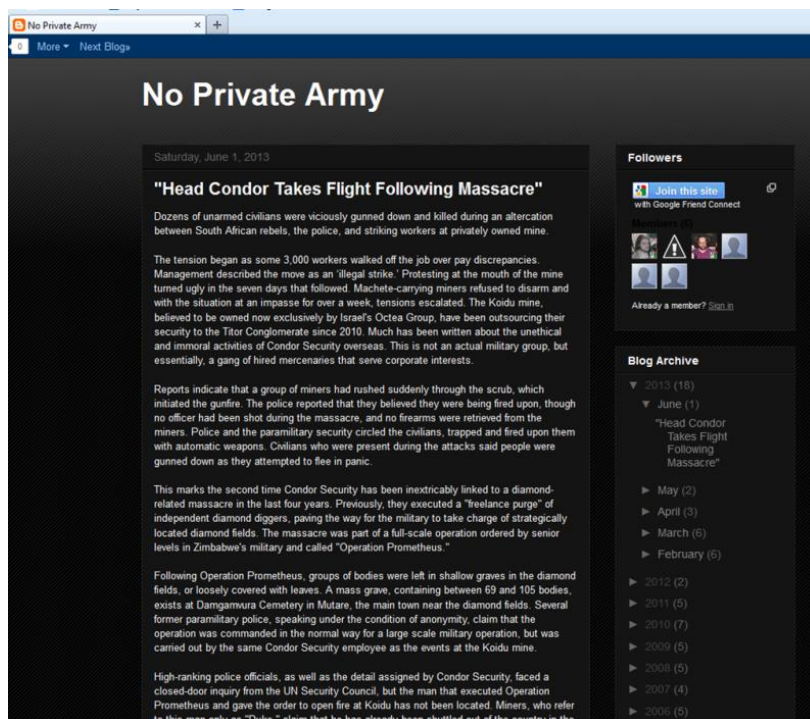
Now on the inside, Sabato got a little too close to the truth. The first time we ever heard of Titor Conglomerate and were exposed to the bigger, darker picture was in his blog post on 2/14/2013:

"A fellow blogger recently called attention to a group called Condor Security, which I understand is owned by the same parent company as Worldwide Media Development Corporation...the same parent company where you serve as an executive. Men from this security organization have staffed CHIKARA events.

Now, I've been a victim of conspiracy all throughout my life. I know there are people that like to see conspiracies even where there are none. Do I believe all the stuff I read online? No, of course not, I'm realistic. I like to get all the facts and hear different opinions before I form my own.

But getting facts about the Titor Conglomerate has proven almost impossible... So I'll have to take this to a public forum if I want any answers to my questions. What is it exactly that Condor Security does for the Titor Conglomerate? There are some outrageous allegations out there about the group. How do you respond to them?"

No Private Army



The “fellow blogger” mentioned by Sabato is No Private Army, a website seemingly established in 2006 [more likely it was created last year and its dates altered]. If you read it from the start it initially appears to be yet another example of a paranoid conspiracy theorist spouting off about fake moon landing, alien abductions, the New World Order, government control etc. Of minor note is that it mentions *Minority Report* (which is about predicting and changing the future) and denounces Bush as a ‘puppet president’ (just as most believe Wink is a puppet in the control of others). Of major note is that it’s the first place any of us heard of Titor Conglomerate, linking it and its military thugs Condor Security to shady dealings and even murder:

Friday, January 11, 2008:

Since outsourcing security to private corporations like the Titor Conglomerate and Aviall, no lasting peace has been established in Afghan territories to date. The one success of the American-led Afghan war was to clear the route for the American-led oil and gas pipeline through the country.

Tuesday, November 17, 2009:

In recent years, however, there has been the emergence of highly professional companies that offer mercenary services openly, sometimes using websites. Some companies such as

Executive Outcomes, Blackwater, Condor Security and Sandline have carried out active combat operations in various countries.

Monday, August 15, 2011:

Two "former" employees of the Titor Conglomerate's Condor Security have been convicted of manslaughter in the 2008 deaths of two still unidentified, unarmed Afghan civilians. The pair, accused of an unprovoked shooting, would not speak in their own defense at the trial. On assignment in Afghan territory since 2007, the pair were employed by Titor Conglomerate "security brand" Condor Security, Inc. Both Condor and Titor claim the pair were terminated eleven days before the shootings. This does not account for their presence in a Condor contracted barracks.

Wednesday, February 13, 2013:

The swirl of controversy surrounding the viral web-scam of "Kony 2012" has given birth to new projects of a similar propaganda... [One] is in the works by ex-Condor Security operatives with known ties to a civilian massacre of unarmed Afghan Civilians. Both of these were immediately covered up to protect government defense contracts that fall outside accepted military guidelines. Both are now setting sights on destroying Syria.

Doesn't exactly paint Titor or their private army Condor Security in a good light, does it?



Killing is our business... and business is good.

The guy behind NPA was first seen at 'The Shoulder of Pallas' show on April 6th 2013 giving a mysterious envelope to Mike Quackenbush, who was then summarily fired.



"Trust me, it's not porn."

The next time we saw that envelope it was in the hands of the whistleblower himself Derek Sabato at 'Anniversario: Never Compromise' and he tweeted this photo of all the Board members:



Titor's tweeted Board: Kirk Walters, James Miller, Martin Woods and Conrad Vavasseur. Note mention of 'Elohim City' on the sign.

Revealing Titor's Board to the world wasn't the worse of Sabato's 'sins'. Rather it was the location of this ground breaking ceremony (displayed on the sign in the background) that cast an ominous shadow over the company and its dealings.

Elohim City

Elohim City is a private Christian Identity community in Oklahoma. It was founded in 1973 by white people who believe in separatism and racial purity. They've been linked to white supremacists, paramilitary survivalist groups and violent extremists, most notably the Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.

Elohim's founder George Millar's apocalyptic teachings warned his followers of a coming civil war with the races pitted against each other. He claimed the war would commence in 2006.

Link to John Titor: the alleged time traveller also prophesised a civil war erupting across America, only he had the start date pegged as 2004.

George forewarned that the Great Tribulation was upon them – a period of upheaval and change where God would save the pure and leave the rest to suffer in the chaos. According to George the wicked would be removed and Elohim City would enjoy an age of peace.

Elohim is the Hebrew word for 'God'. The ISRPPA (see page 63) organisation, which is linked to Titor Conglomerate, has its address as 138 Malachi Drive. Malachi was a Hebrew prophet sent forth by God to warn people not to turn their back on him but to worship him and serve God faithfully. The Book of Malachi concludes with the promise prophet Elijah will return prior to the Day of Elohim (the "Last Judgement").

This is bleak, heavy stuff for Chikara. Are we to believe that Titor are linked to an end times cult and they're preparing for a civil war that's been delayed but not stopped (shades of the *Terminator* franchise)? Or is it a case that Chikara's civil war has torn the company apart and Titor are going to start anew in Elohim, maybe starting up a new wrestling company there, maybe just a new HQ?

Whatever they're up to, Titor Conglomerate sure as hell didn't want us knowing about their connection to Elohim and killed Chikara to stop further leaks.

Link to Titor Conglomerate: Elohim's current leader is John Millar, son of its founder George. One of Titor's board members is called James Miller. Not much of a legal action-avoiding stretch, is it?

Link to the Vavasseurs: Condor Security have made a number of tweets about the Vavasseurs having a private orchard in Oklahoma.

Link to Condor 1: Condor Security once tweeted "Everyone Look! Oh, he is mirroring!" Take the first letter of each word and you get "Elohim".

Link to Condor 2: Another of their tweets: "June 2 1997. Glorious day. Justice was made." What happened that day? Timothy McVeigh was found guilty of the Oklahoma bombings. McVeigh visited Elohim two days before carrying out the attack.

4. Back to the Future with John Titor



The key to unlocking the truth behind Titor's grand scheme could lie with its name. The corporation is named after John Titor.

Between 2000 and 2001 someone called John Titor appeared on several forums claiming to be a time travelling American soldier from 2036 who'd been sent back to change the future and help humanity.

He claimed America would be torn apart by a war rooted in the civil unrest surrounding the controversial presidential election of 2004 (he was bang on there! George Bush stole the election that year). The unrest erupted into a full blown civil war in 2008 that saw the United States split into five different regions. The war ended in 2015 and America became united again with Omaha, Nebraska the new capital city. In the aftermath the survivors grew closer together.

Link to Archie: on his debut the Backfist to the Future sent him to 2015! Also, he saw a Chikara Yearbook which gave him useful information and in one forum post Titor said: "I'm not aware of any other time traveller's here now. But if they are here I'm sure they're pouring over sports history books."

Titor also claimed that physicist Hugh Everett's 'Many-worlds' Theory is indeed correct and that every decision made creates an alternate world in which the other possibilities also exist simultaneously. By coming to our present he could make changes and save our timeline from the catastrophe to come.

Here are some notable posts from Titor:

"A parallel universe might be created when you seem to change the past. Imagine if time itself was just like a tree. The different branches show different ways events could have happened. Every time we decide to do or not to do something time splits. Even if we are not aware we decided something it have affects. Quantum physics reveals a many worlds theory like this. Conclusion: Since this parallel universe is not really your past (despite its first appearance)

anything you do there does not affect you. You can prevent a version of yourself from being born because you are not really related to anyone there. They just look very like your family and friends. You are not home! You may be somewhere that looks like the place you live but a different universe in quantum physics is a completely different reality."

"The fact that I'm here makes [this time line] different. I've also noticed little things like news events that happen at different times, football games won by other teams...things like that. I would guess the temporal divergence between this world line and my original is about 1 or 2 percent. Of course, the longer I am here, the larger that divergence becomes from my point of view."

"The ability for war sleeps in each one of us and we must decide what we will do before the beast awakens. As for morality, again I point to the universal balance of good and evil. For every worldline where there is peace, there is a worldline that has destroyed itself."

When asked what would happen if he met himself on another time line: "Nothing would happen. The universe would not end and there are no paradox problems that threaten existence. Temporal space-time is made up of every possible quantum state... I have met and/or seen myself twice on different world lines."

Link to Swamp Monster: In another post from Titor: "'In your "world time" [you] have things like "Sasquatch" , "Loch Ness monster", and other reported unusual animals been seen, or captured or explained away. We have our swamp monsters too."

Link to Chikara: While the dates don't match up (which could be explained by Titor's meddling creating a "temporal divergence") civil war seemingly has erupted in Chikara leading up to and following its demise this year. Parallels can be drawn between the United States splitting into five different regions and Chikara splitting into the various Wrestling Is... promotions (see page 38). Does this mean Chikara will reform in 2015?

On March 24, 2001, John Titor announced he would be leaving our time and returning to 2036.

5. And Now Back to Titor Conglomerate



Why would Titor name themselves after an alleged time traveller? The first theory is that Archie is the head of the company and the one who established it in 2006 or earlier (meaning he's travelled through time more times than we've been told). Whether he started the company and has been dabbling in the time stream for good or evil means is discussed on page 50. However, we should note that Titor's motto "Invest wisely" is an anagram of "Yes, evil twins" and could point towards Archie 2 being evil and in control.

Theory two: Lance Steel owns Titor. It's possible, I guess, but he's such a weird character with almost no links to the Titor aspect of the storyline that it makes little sense and would be anti-climatic.

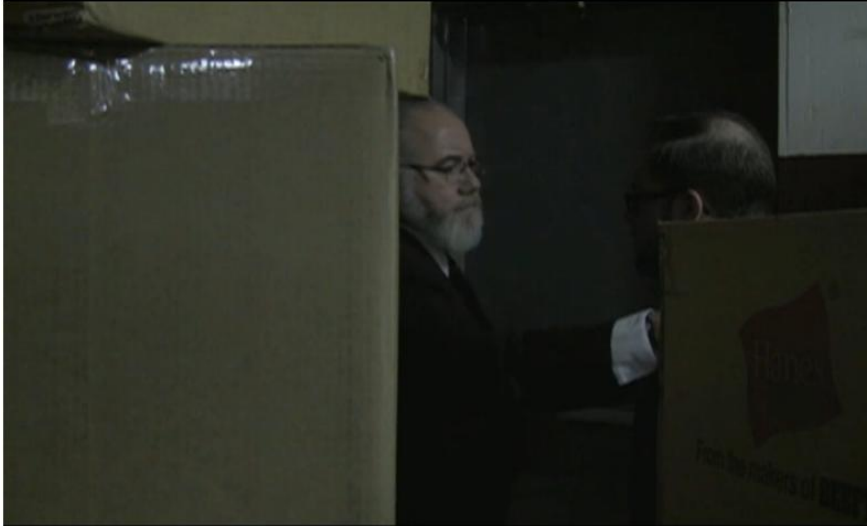
Theory three: Conrad W. Vavasseur, Wink's father and the head of Titor, is a time traveller and is actually Wink from the future. Want some evidence? Okay. Wink's full name is Wink CONRAD Vavasseur. Maybe he was just named after his father, maybe not. Plus who wants to bet against the 'W' in Conrad's name standing for 'Wink'? Bit weird for a genuine father and son team to be named such. More likely it's a very big clue from Quackenbush and co.

Key to this theory is the *Back to the Future* franchise. In part two the heroes Marty McFly and Dr Emmet travel to 2015 (there's that year again). While there the vile and malicious Biff Tannen steals the Delorian and travels back in time to give his younger self a Sports Almanac (shades of Archie's Chikara Yearbook 2015). Young Biff uses this to make a fortune on gambling and build an evil empire. This has terrible consequences on the time line and drags everything into an alternative and very dark reality. Not exactly a million miles away from what's happening in Chikara, is it?

It's curious that in his blog post on 7/18/2012 Wink talked of his father in the past tense: "Condescension like this reminds me of how father used to talk to me. Ol' Connie V. always thought of me as some kind of dumb dummy." Maybe this is a hint that his real father is gone and 'Conrad' really is his future self.

How did Conrad/Old Wink travel back in time? I'm not sure. Possibly he somehow used/manipulated Archie or Lance Steel into transporting him or piggybacked on one of their leaps. Maybe he built his own time machine. However he did it, he's now in

our present and using his knowledge of the future to give himself a huge advantage in building up Titor as a mighty global corporation through means both fair and foul. His younger self is merely a puppet, a front man he can hide behind. Look at what happened when Bryce posted a video giving us our first glimpse of Conrad as he berated Wink for using his Condor guards.



"No more screw ups."

"Yes, father."

This act brought a *heavy* backlash upon the Chikara roster. Wink warned of *serious* punishments for anyone intruding upon the privacy of Conrad or any other Titor member.

Why did Conrad want Chikara in the first place? Because it was the source of all the time travel business that saw him travelling back and changing events in his favour (if the theory is correct). By owning Chikara Conrad sought to contain, maybe even control, the time travellers who could undo the time line he'd created or bring him great power if he could successfully utilise them.

He also wanted the Eye of Tyr.

6.The ‘Eye’ Has It

The Eye of Tyr

In 2008 the devious one himself Ultramantis Black made a bid for power. He made a deal with the similarly wicked Dr Cube (see page 34) for the powerful magical amulet the Eye of Tyr. Dr Cube wanted the services of Chikara wrestler Chris Hero for his own quest for power taking place in the Kaiju Big Battel wrestling company. Rudos Chris Hero was feuding with Mike Quackenbush and wanted victory at any cost. He also wanted to learn the secret of the Chikara Special, a submission move that Quack had only taught to his fellow technicians.

UB set to work. He turned technicians Shane Storm to the dark side and through him learned not just the secret of the Chikara Special but also how to counter it. This knowledge was passed on to Hero in return for him promising to work for Dr Cube. Hero thus beat Quack by countering the Special before going to KBB. As promised, Cube gave UB the Eye of Tyr.

It's named after Tyr, the one-armed Norse god of war. It allows its user to control the minds of others, especially the weak willed and mentally unstable. UB used it to take control of the masked loony Delirious.

According to Norse mythology, Tyr lost his other arm shackling the monstrous wolf Fenrir who the gods knew would one day cause great trouble. Thus the Eye of Tyr comes with a curse: anyone who uses it and does not immediately pass it on or comes to possess the object through nefarious means will suffer great tragedy. UB did not believe in the curse. He soon would when the BDK arrived.

The BDK

The Bruderschaft des Kreuzes (German for “Brotherhood of the Cross”) invaded Chikara in 2009. Their leader Ares wanted the Eye of Tyr, stating it was a family heirloom stolen long ago. UB wasn't prepared to give it up. As such Ares along with his BDK stable mates (notably Tim Donst, Jakob Hammermier, Sabato and Tursas) proceeded to wipe out Mantis' stable The Order of the Neo-solar Temple and stole the Eye from him (in turn taking control of Delirious). While there they decided to take over Chikara, leaving a desperate UB to ally with the technicians to stop them and leaving the door wide open for Titor to step in and obtain the company.



The men of the BDK

Link to Condor Security: Tursas has turned up in a few of their tweets. They've said they would've gladly recruited the man mountain but he "lacked compromise". They've also made it clear they're scared of him and begged him not to attack:

11th June:

Condor: Unfortunately, [Tursas] has his own alliances, and a lot of pride.

Tursas: Only Tursas is Tursas. Allegiances are temporary and cost great. Your lords are familiar with this.

Condor: I apologize in the name of the whole Condor Security Inc. Please don't murder us.

Could this be a sign that at least some of the BDK will be returning to reclaim the Eye of Tyr from Titor?

'Eye' Have It!

Ultramantis eventually got the amulet back in 2012. He gave it to Delirious, who smashed it to pieces and in doing so had his memories returned and gained control of his own mind for the first time in two years (see page 27 for what happened next). The shards were retrieved by Dr Cube's men (there he is again!) at the end of the year. However, on April 5th at the 'Late Fight With Kaiju Big Battel' show the evil doc was assassinated and the Eye was taken.

Condor Security are the number one suspect in this murder case and that would mean Titor Conglomerate finally have their hands on a magical object that can be used to control the minds of others. That does not bode well, does it?

Something to note here is that the owner of the Ole Wrestling Blog was emailed by an informant later revealed to be Derek Sabato. He was allowed three questions about Chikara, of which one was "Has the Eye of Tyr been used to control anyone (or anything) besides Delirious?" The answer: "Absolutely".

So who was it used on? Some believe the villain of the story has been using it on Archie to manipulate his time travelling adventures for their own ends. Some think Conrad has used it on Wink to make sure his little puppet dances the way he wants it to. Maybe it's been used on lots of people? After all, a large number of Chikara members have been acting weird recently: Dasher Hatfield, Icarus, Steve the Turtle Weiner, Jigsaw etc.

But the dates don't match up. If it's true that Dr Cube obtained it at the end of 2012 and kept the Eye until April 5th 2013 then it doesn't explain all the weird actions of the roster prior to Condor recovering the Eye unless Dr Cube was the one controlling them (and why would he do so? He doesn't seem to gain from the bizarre conduct of Dasher and co.).

However, from April 6th onwards Eddie Kingston started changing...

Eddie Kingston



"Last of a dying breed, son."

Chikara's one and only Grand Champion was a controversial figure in the company's dying days. When he first lifted the belt and dedicated his win to the then-recently departed and still deeply missed Larry Sweeny the crowd couldn't have been more behind them if he gave them free pizza and ice cream. The fans loved him and he loved them. Fast forward to 'Never Compromise' and a huge section of the audience are hoping to see him lose to *Icarus*, the once-rudos who for years owned the title of Most Hated Man in Chikara.

So what happened to Eddie? The strongest theory is, as discussed earlier, Archie's journeys through time altered reality and brought us into a twisted, dark dimension where such unholy events could come to pass. We're now in a reality where *Icarus* is loved, Eddie's hated, fish fly, birds swim (except the penguins) and I'm scared to go outside.

Theory two: someone's using the Eye of Tyr on him. After the Eye was retrieved from Dr Cube, most likely by Titor, Eddie started covering up one arm in every match from April 6th event 'Shoulder of Pallas' onwards. The ancient God Tyr was one armed. Also, Tyr was the Norse god of war and Eddie calls himself the "War King". Towards the end he also adopted the catchphrase "Victory or Valhalla", further cementing his link to the Norse god.

Take a look at Tim Donst's blog on 6/1/2013 to see how many people had noticed how weird it was that Eddie had become a fan-hating villain:

My crew of losers could never inflict the pain and destruction that Eddie Kingston can do unhinged. Haven't you noticed he's been just 'a little' different after "Under the Hood?" Mark my words, he will be the destroyer of CHIKARA and I'll finally rise up as the martyr of pro-wrestling.

Also, on the Event Centre clip on 5/16/13 Archibald Peck said:

"Eddie Kingston you have been the Grand Champion of Chikara since that title's conception but somewhere along the way you seem to have lost your own identity."

So, if Eddie was being controlled, who was pulling the strings? If you go with the theory that the sight of a despised Kingston losing the Grand Championship to an adored Icarus was Chikara's "alien space monster" moment (see page 41) then it of course links him to whoever your number one suspect is in the death of Chikara. Was it the work of Archie, Quackenbush, Donst or another suspect?

Alternatively, what if it was Wink who used the Eye? He was feuding with Kingston, after all, and what better way to get revenge for all the humiliation than using the amulet to turn Kingston into a belt-hogging corporate stooge (at one point fans were chanting "You're John Cena!" at him) who tells the fans to go screw themselves? It's telling that in the last few months Wink no longer seemed concerned with getting the belt off the War King. Come the end did he have the champion he wanted and didn't want to see Icarus spoil his plans?

Take a look at these two posts on the No Private Army website:

4/8/13:

The worldwide appetite for diamonds - the United States is the world's largest consumer of the gem - has fueled military warlords and upheaval in nations subject to illegal arms trade, and thus, violence... The links to American companies that have sold out their own country to take part in the lucrative diamond trade are expected to grow.

6/1/13:

Dozens of unarmed civilians were viciously gunned down and killed during an altercation between South African rebels, the police, and striking workers at privately owned mine...The Koidu mine, believed to be owned now exclusively by Israel's Ocea Group, have been outsourcing their security to the Titor Conglomerate since 2010.

This marks the second time Condor Security has been inextricably linked to a diamond-related massacre in the last four years. Previously, they executed a "freelance purge" of independent diamond diggers, paving the way for the military to take charge of strategically located diamond fields.

Reading between the lines and with the knowledge that Kingston's nickname is "The King of Diamonds" this backs up the idea that Wink seized control of his own 'diamond mine' in form of Kingston to make money off the back of the hard working champion (forced to defend his belt at every show come the end). That bit about a "freelance purge" of independent diggers" could be referring to Condor (who are indeed no "freelancers") assassinating Dr Cube to retrieve the Eye.

7. The Devious and the Delirious

Ultramantis Black



Now's as good a time as any to discuss Ultramantis Black for he may prove to be the true villain in this story. A rudos until the BDK forced him to change his ways, it's entirely possible he's only pretending to be on the side of good in order to manipulate events for his own sinister purposes. The clue's right there in his self-appointed title of "The Dark and Devious One". More than anything it's what he did to Delirious and the resulting feud that really casts aspersions on the role UB has played in recent years.

Time Travel Link: In the original incarnation of his website it claims he travelled in time to 2006 and back. Does this make him Chikara's answer to John Titor?

Link to Swamp Monster and Archie: UB says he's the Mayor of Parts Unknown. That's where the Swamp Monster comes from and where Archie ended up after he walked the Earth.

Delirious



Delirious was so crazy and barely able to think rationally that it was easy for UB to use the Eye of Tyr on him. For the next two he was forced to commit one heinous act after another. When UB won back the Eye from Ares and gave it to Delirious the masked lunatic smashed it and ran away screaming, "I REMEMBER EVERYTHING!"

Some were expecting Delirious to reconcile with the now supposedly good Mantis and his ex-tag partner Hallowicked. This was not to be. Instead Delirious returned vowing revenge on Ultramantis for the two years of his life that had been stolen from him and the crimes he'd committed while in thrall to others. Two years of karmic justice was sworn upon UB.

Thus the Delirious vs UB feud began and while the fans were firmly on the Devious One's side it's important to note that he was the *villain* in this story. He *kidnapped* Delirious and forced him to act in an immoral manner. Just because UB was now teaming with the good guys didn't make his previous actions any less wrong. Delirious was right to seek revenge. He was the hero in that feud and his many blog posts tried to make us see Ultramantis was as malevolent as he ever was.

4/13/2012:

What you know as reality and time is created by thought and consciousness at all levels. The collective conscious is blind.

The effects of physical laws in the world that we live in are not fixed but they shift according to the state of collective consciousness.

Mantis Black understands this and his mental prowess allows him to take advantage of those for the sake of personal vanity.

Through deep programming, this power of full manipulation becomes invisible to the rational mind... Resulting in followers and mortals who bow to the feet of Mantis Black. With the added influence of The Eye, you render the induction of hypnosis encouraging blind acceptance.

The destruction of the Eye Of Tyr resulting in me brain reaching a higher dimension.

Now the paradigm is the understanding I and I have over particular facets of reality, a true gnosis derived from brain disturbance.

Soon, Mantis Black, your reality will fall and the awareness of those devout to your teachings will shift.

4/20/2012:

Mantis Black's astute leadership dexterity and magnetism led an unstoppable splinter group of monsters abiding his word. Time goes by... Time goes by... no individual can escape time. Translated journals suggest that the Eye must

be disposed of upon use or the holder shall befallen by tragedy. Time is of the essence. Mantis Black's greed and vanity distorted the wisdom and perception of time resulting in a war. There is one constant.

Once again you climb to the top and manipulate those around you. The authoritarian skills you possess allow you to psychologically coerce individuals even if they are strong. There is only one constant.

This is all happening for a reason. There is only one constant... Mantis Black.

6/1/2012:

A strategy distinctive of one Mantis Black.

Selfish gain at the expense of others.

Help those who need help. An ideology foreign to one Mantis Black.

An unfair advantage is laid out on June 2 2012.

The Tree of Life is in our view come June 2 2012.

6/22/2012:

Through time and space... Time is on the side of the outcast.

We are the monsters created by others.

Broken in times past therefore unbreakable in the present and beyond.

No longer breathing in your realm of reality.

The constant is Mantis Black.

11/15/2012:

Things you do will come back to you.

Learn from this Mantis Black.

Karmic Justice exists.

Learn from this Mantis Black.

Mantis Black has caused the suffering of many.

Mantis Black has manipulated the masses.

Mantis Black seeks selfish gain at the expense of others.

Now the stars have aligned.

Karmic justice is falling hard on Mantis Black.

Mantis Black has inflicted terror throughout his nefarious existence.

Now Mantis Black is inflicted WITH the very terror he has created.

The suffering will continue.
The suffering is just.
The suffering is predestined.
The suffering is karmatic justice.
We are the monsters created by others.
Mantis Black creates the monsters
Who is the real monster.
A finale is upon us.
End.

Ultramantis certainly doesn't come off well in those posts. A lot of the time he doesn't even come off very good in his own:

2/24/2012:

Previously, I never felt an urgency to acquire gold, trophies or titles, preferring to spend my energies on other transcendental endeavors such as attaining the supreme and the mortal concept of destroy/erase/improve.

4/4/2012:

Quite frankly, the accumulation of enemies is nothing new to me. However it is usually I who is the instigator, the hellion, the agent provocateur.

[Ophidian] you know not who you are dealing with. You know not of my power. When you decided to cross the most devious being in all of CHIKARA, you effectively terminated your right to walk freely and autonomously on this Earth.

You have made a fatal error my friend...

It certainly seems like a picture is being painted of UB as a villain with a hero's smile, secretly pulling the strings in the grand conspiracy that tore Chikara apart, bending people to his will while pretending to be the fans' champion. UB comes from a past of manipulation and betrayal (turning on Hallowicked, convincing Shane Storm to turn on Quackenbush, enslaving Delirious to the Eye etc) so it's not too much of a stretch to believe he's not actually changed his ways.

Link to time travel and alternate realities 1: Delirious repeatedly makes mention of time and reality being changed: "no individual can escape time", "broken in times past", "no longer breathing in your realm of reality". When he broke the Eye of Tyr and absorbed its powers was Delirious exposed to the reality of Chikara's current timeline being wrong, that we'd shifted into another, darker reality?

Link to time travel and alternate realities 2: Ultramantis is repeatedly referred to as a "Constant". On one level this is pointing out UB is always at the centre of the events in Chikara that bring great change. However, in the TV show *Lost* a Constant

is someone who, when time travel causes realities to fracture, acts as an “anchor point” between them. Is UB truly at the centre of the time travelling shenanigans?

Link to Archibald Peck: The line “An unfair advantage is laid out on June 2 2012” surely has to be a reference to the ‘Loser Leaves Town’ match that day which saw Archie Backfisted to the Past.

“Everything’s coming up Mantis!”

If Delirious is to be believed Ultramantis used his deviousness, the Eye of Tyr (well, ‘til Delirious smashed it) and the fluctuation of reality caused by time travelling to improve his fortunes at the expense of others.

Certainly the last few years have been kind to UB. While other groups were breaking up or going through bad times (The Osirian Portal, The Throwbacks, The Colony, FIST, QuackSaw etc) Mantis’ went from strength to strength with the establishing of a bigger and better Spectral Envoy in the shape of Hallowicked, Nightmare, Crossbones and Blind Rage. He also won his first title when the Envoy triumphed at 2012’s ‘King of Trios’. The win/loss ratio of him and his team mates is definitely in the positive. While everything around him crumbled, Ultramantis stood alone as the only one whose fortunes were improving.

It was only Delirious and his army of followers (The Batiri, Kobold and Ophidian) that stopped UB’s last year from being even better and most of the Envoy’s losses can be attributed to them. If the masked loon is to be believed then this was “Karmaic justice” coming to tip the scales balanced heavily in Ultramantis’ wicked favour.

Delirious kept telling us that Ultramantis was evil, that his warped version of reality was going to collapse and an end was coming. If the events of ‘Anniversario: Never Compromise’ are to be believed, maybe we should’ve listened.

Delirious & Donst (& Karma)



Donst spent most of his Chikara career proudly waving the rudos flag. The events of the last few years, however, took the smug thug down a much darker path of nihilistic misery when he lost his feud with Hallowicked (proving he was *not* the greatest ever Young Lions Cup holder) and failed to take the Grand Championship off Kingston.

For awhile Tim and his lackey formed an alliance with Delirious and his army but it was short lived. While Delirious was extolling the power of Karma Donst, following their parting of ways, denounced it:

<http://www.chikarapro.com/blog/1-16-2013.php>
1/16/2013

So let me paint you a picture. A 16-year-old kid finds his way to the Chikara Wrestle Factory much to the dismay of his loving family and long term high school sweetheart. The unprofessional wrestler fights 3 long years for a debut regardless of the fact that his parents are now divorced and his future wife, is no longer even his girlfriend. But it's OK, 'cause "wrestling is fun" right?

It was *fun* to lose my hair. It was *fun* to lose his pride. But just when the pond couldn't get any deeper, it decided to become a lake. In 3 seconds, 2 men in 1 match revealed to the world on iPPV that the only thing greater than Karma is Destiny. Because it doesn't matter how much cardio I did, or how much weight I could throw up - after all, he is only as good as Destiny chooses him to be. Destiny doesn't want him to be "the man."

You see when Destiny reaches for your hand there are only two options. You can grab its 5 fingers tightly and innocently trust it to guide you through its chosen route to safety... or you can clench your fingers even tighter, make a fist and punch Destiny in the face. But I've discovered a whole new way. Why not hold grab a hold of Destiny's hand and walk it down a cliff?

Wrestling is Dead.

Could it be that, while they were allies, Delirious smartened up Donst to what was really happening to Chikara: fractured time lines, things happening that shouldn't have, bad guys behind the scenes manipulating events etc? If so then Donst clearly didn't agree with Delirious' beliefs, instead stating "Karma isn't real". If it were, surely all his hard work would've led to him becoming Grand Champion, rather than a broken down mess of a man, while Ultramantis or whoever it is that's pulling the strings would've been crushed by defeat rather than going from strength to strength?

If you look at this blog entry you can see how aware Tim was becoming of the bigger picture:

6/1/2013:

You're just a thread on a sweater and Wink is just a pawn in my pro-wrestling chess game. Did you really think that I believed I could save pro-wrestling simply by winning a piece of metal? Gavin my #grandplan goes so much deeper! My crew of losers could never inflict the pain and destruction that Eddie Kingston can do unhinged. Haven't you noticed he's been just 'a little' different after "Under the Hood?" Mark my words, he will be the destroyer of CHIKARA and I'll finally rise up as the martyr of pro-wrestling.

Was Donst's grand plan to push Chikara so far down the dark part that its death was inevitable and they could build a new from the ruins? Was his feud with Kingston a way of tipping the Grand Champion over the edge to help the destruction along?

Some believe that Donst truly was trying to help the company and right the timeline. When he lost the 'Hair vs Hair' match at 'Never Compromise' (one year after he'd last lost his hair in a match) it was a case of him trying to bring back a piece of the original timeline, to bring us back to a time before it went screwy.

Of course, if was he trying to fix the timeline it was most likely because he believed he became Grand Champion in the original.

8. Evil Doctors, Space Monsters and Kung Fu Soup

Kaiju Big Battel

Kaiju Big Battel (www.kaiju.com) is a wrestling company based in Boston that sees giant monsters do battle in the ring in homage to Godzilla and his ilk. How can you say no to a company that mixes wrestling with Japanese monster movies? You can't, so go check them out. KBB have worked with Chikara in the past. The connection is:

Dr Cube



Dr Cube is a box-headed bastard of a man, a psychotic physician intent on world domination. He's appeared in Chikara's ring on a few occasions and, more importantly, gave Ultramantis Black the Eye of Tyr.

Last year the Eye came back into his possession. It seems the men in hazmat suits who retrieved the shards of the amulet were his minions. They've since been spotted carrying it in this special box:



Protect the Eye!

More recently, on April 5th of this year Dr Cube was apparently assassinated during KKB's 'Late Fight with KBB' event. In the final match Dr Cube was in the ring with the company's champion American Beetle. The lights went out. A *single* gunshot was heard. When the lights came back on both the evil doctor and the heroic insect lay lifeless on the mat. All of the doctor's minions were KO'd and the box was gone.

Link to *Watchmen*: In *Watchmen* the villain Ozymandius stages a fake assassination attempt on his own life to take away any suspicions from him being the mastermind of a nefarious conspiracy occurring in the shadows. Could Dr Cube have done likewise? One bullet, two seemingly dead wrestlers. Suspicious stuff, huh?

Link to *Condor Security*: If Dr Cube is dead then the number one suspect is Condor. They've tweeted about Japanese wrestling (KKB mixes Japanese pop culture with wrestling) and denounced Dr Cube as an "evil man". With the hit they got rid of an enemy and more importantly the Eye of Tyr is finally in the hands of Titor. This theory makes the most sense to me.

Link to *Wink's apple*: At the end of 'Never Compromise' Wink was seen on stage eating an apple. Is this a reference to the old saying "An apple a day keeps the doctor away"? Also KKB's next show takes place on July 20th in Manhattan AKA 'The Big Apple'.

Not a Space Monster

The day after 'Never Compromise' the twitter account 'Not a Space Monster' (@regularhumanguy) was set up. It's first tweet:

"@chikarapro great job with human wrestling.
Titor is wise to invest in us... I mean, you"

The twitter account is initially very pro-Titor and tells us not to hate Condor Security. Amusingly, it plays the role of clearly *being* a space monster that's pretending to be human:

"I am a regular human! Not an extradimensional being or supernatural being in Norse mythology and Scandinavian folklore!"

Here's the image the account uses:



One twitter user mentioned it resembles KBB's Sky Deviler:



Sky Deviler died in 2003. However, before passing away he spat out an egg which was stolen by Dr Cube (hmmm, him again). It hatched in 2006 at KBB's 'Shpadoinkel Mania XVIII' on October 20th, revealing to the world Baby Sky Deviler:



It also kinda resembles NASM's twitter picture, doesn't it? Plus NASM has tweeted it has "no mother" and "father is more round than I am" which is true – Sky Deviler is bigger and rounder and the character was portrayed as a lardy over-eater. NASM has also said it has been to a wrestling show.

Want more evidence that NASM (if it's a genuine account, of course) is Baby Sky Deviler and ties in with the Chikara storyline? Okay, here we go. It's been prophesised that lil Deviler will become the most powerful Kaiju monster of them all. Dr Cube tried to use him for his own nefarious purposes but the infant was taken away by the heroic Kung-Fu Chicken Noodle.



"It's easier than adoption."

Condor Security tweeted: "June 2, 1997. Glorious day. Justice was made." Guess who made his debut on that day? Yep, Kung-Fu Chicken Noodle. He's since taken Baby Sky Deviler to Japan train him in the martial arts and Condor have made mention of taking a trip to Japan.

Kung-Fu Chicken Noodle for a long time was a heartless killer who didn't care about humans. Is his face-turn a lie? Is he really working for Titor? It says on KBB's website:

"What will become of the Baby Sky Deviler under the tutelage of the killer Can? Is the prophecy true? Is this the death-rattle of our Kaiju Heroes, the Big Battel, possibly the entire world?"

Once again we're seeing mention of end times and Armageddon. But in NASM's later tweets it says Condor are not its "true friends" and it has found new friends. It also mentions an "Uprising" and says it hate humans. Very confusing stuff. Guess we'll need to wait for KBB's next event and hope for clues.

Link to Watchmen: the big climax of the comic sees a (fake) giant space monster transported into the middle of New York, killing thousands and uniting the until-then-warring-human race against a perceived alien threat. Is Baby Sky Deviler going to be used in the same way?

9. Wrestling Is...



Since 2011 we've seen an increasing number of Chikara spin-off promotions under the 'Wrestling Is...' banner, starting with Wrestling Is Fun. While most of the people working in the ring and behind the scenes are the same as with Chikara, the companies (to date) have had little storyline cross-over with the reality-warping shenanigans of their HQ. However, that's starting to change.

When Lance Steel and the Swamp Monster appeared at 'Tag World Grand Prix' the time-travelling knight was seen with a banana. Not just any banana but rather the very same Banana Championship they fight for in WiF. A clear signal of where to look towards for future events.

Also, look what happens when you list all the Wrestling Is... promotions:

Cool
Heart
Intense
K
Art
Respect
Awesome
Fun!

Wrestling Is... CHIKARA! Note that the K could be Kaiju Big Battel or more likely Wrestling Is Killer which has been mentioned on several twitter accounts, including Not A Space Monster's.

In storyline terms the theory is that these promotions have been set up as safe havens for the Chikara roster to work away from the devious machinations of Titor Conglomerate. They may even be bases from which the resistance can plan and take the fight back to the Vavasseurs.

In real world terms it may be that Chikara truly is closed for good and these promotions have been set up to keep the idea of fun, family-friendly wrestling that Chikara was founded on alive and well and give its wrestlers somewhere to work.

Link to John Titor: The alleged time traveller said civil war would splinter the United States into five different states? Are we seeing a variation of this with Chikara splitting into eight companies?

Link to Leonard F Chikarason: Some have mentioned how out of place the original spin-off Wrestling is Fun looks when forming the 'CHIKARA! list'. It's certainly clumsy and awkward. Unless... what if the 'F' shouldn't be left out? WiF came first, which creates "Wrestling Is... FCHIKARA". Is everyone's favourite ex-Director of Fun Leonard F Chikarason behind the promotions? Was he the one that set them up when he saw the damage Titor was doing to his beloved Chikara? Could he be the leader of the resistance?



"It was me all along!"

10. The Comic Book Connection

Chikara's always had a strong connection to the world of comic books. Each of its DVD covers is styled after a famous comic book cover, Chris Hero and Quackenbush sported logos echoing Superman's and Batman's respectively, the Swamp Monster is modelled on Man-Thing etc etc.

Many have drawn comparisons between what's currently occurring in Chikara and the big cross-over stories so often seen in the comic industry which feature world changing/ending events, spin-off titles and sometimes a reboot/relaunch of the comics and the storyline universe. DC's recent 'Flashpoint' event is a good example of this. It focused on alternate versions of its main cast, a fractured timeline and the ultimate collapsing of the dimensions into one new reality that wiped the slate clean and allowed a new/classic version of the company to be unleashed upon the world.

It's easy to see Titor vs Chikara as the company's big event, the Wrestling Is... promotions as spin-offs and (hopefully) Chikara's imminent return as a relaunch. With some complaining that Chikara's back-story is too complicated - with people needing to know years worth of storylines to truly understand what's going on (a complaint often hurled at DC and Marvel too) - maybe we're witnessing them creating a way to start afresh.

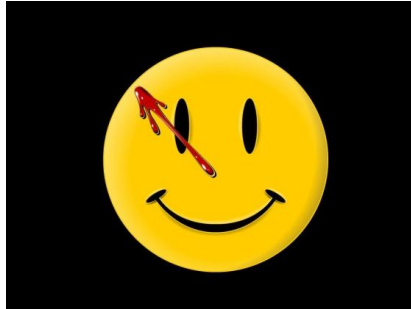
Comics also regularly feature storylines about time travel, alternate realities, alternate versions of characters behaving very differently from the way we're used to, dark dimensions etc. *X-men's* 'Days of Future Past' is a great example of this: a dystopian alternative future, time travel, Magento as a goodie! The parallels between what goes on in the world of comics and the world of Chikara are many and obvious.

Most importantly, the influence of *Watchmen* on the death of Chikara has been made explicit with each event based on quotes from the comic and the adoption of some of its iconography such as the blood-splattered smiley face.



Hmm... where have we seen that NPA guy's smiley face badge before..?

Watchmen



Watchmen is a 12 issue comic book series set in an alternate reality that mirrors 'our' 1980s only with superheroes. It details the masked psychotic vigilante Rorschach's investigation into the murder of the Government-sanctioned costumed hero The Comedian. Rorschach believes this is part of a plot to kill off numerous current and retired superheroes and goes in search of the culprit.

Ultimately it's revealed that Ozymandius – seemingly the greatest, most noble and most beloved of all the superheroes – was actually behind the assassination. The Comedian was killed because he stumbled upon Ozymandius' secret: the creation of a fake giant alien monster that's ultimately teleported into the centre of New York City, killing half the population and sending out a "psychic scream" that's heard across the world.

Why did he do this? To save a world that was on the brink of destroying itself via nuclear war. Now every country is working together under the belief that they're seemingly on the verge of being invaded by aliens. Just as his hero Alexander the Great conquered/united the world, so too has Ozymandius united the planet, this time under a fake threat.

Link to No Private Army: The NPA's blog on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 mentions "alien squid" – a clear reference to the squid-like 'alien' unleashed at *Watchmen*'s climax.

Ozymandius



The hero/villain (arguments can be made for both) of *Watchmen* was born Adrian Alexander Veidt in 1939, his rich parents of German descent. When they died he gave up his inheritance and walked the Earth on a “vision quest”, following the route his hero Alexander the Great.

When he returned to America he became the costumed vigilante Ozymandius. When the public began to turn against superheroes he unmasked and revealed his true identity, retired from his life of crime-fighting and started up a company that soon became big and powerful. As detailed above, the public’s favourite hero is eventually revealed to be a dark figure not above sacrificing people for the greater good.

Who is Chikara’s ‘Ozymandius’?

If Chikara is to some extent following the apocalyptic storyline of *Watchmen* then the most important is which member of the roster is the Ozymandius of this tale?



Even the colours match!

Option One: Archibald Peck is the most obvious choice. After all, just prior to his final match with Kingston he cut a promo where he discussed his favourite poem ‘Ozymandius’ by Percy Bysshe Shelly. There are also a *lot* of parallels between Ozymandius and Archie: Ozymandius trained in Martial Arts to deal with bullies (Archie became Mixed Martial Archie), wandered the globe on a vision quest (check out the ‘Where in the World is Archibald Peck?’ for Archie’s journey to Parts Unknown), gained the people’s affection by becoming a masked hero (Archie did the same with the Mysterious & Handsome Stranger), and voluntarily unmasked himself to show everyone who he was and win their trust (Archie did this at ‘Under the Hood’).

Also, Ozymandius had a hidden base (in his November 30th 2011 blog Archie revealed he has a “secret lair beneath the Earth known as ‘Archie’s Bunker” – and if that isn’t a sign that he’s a super villain then I don’t know what is!) and an unusual

pet in the form of his lynx Bubastis (Archie had Sapphire). It's obvious Quack and co. want us to see Archie in Ozy's role.

So, is he actually a potential super villain who plotted and schemed in his secret lair and used his time travelling abilities to make a bid for power? If so then Titor must be under his control, his answer to Ozymandius' giant corporation from which he manipulated events, and it being named after the time traveller John Titor is not a red herring. This could mean Archie used the rift in space and time his time-warping shenanigans created to bring evil doppelgangers like the GEKIDO into Chikara to take care of potential enemies who could stop him. In *Watchmen* Ozymandius' stages a fake assassination to shift suspicion away from him – was his demise at the hands of Kingston also a ruse to get us looking elsewhere?

But did he do this to save us? Did he realise his time travelling completely screwed up the timeline and in order to rectify this and pull us away from the dark timeline he had to manipulate events and kill the company in order to save it? Was Chikara's death his answer to Ozymandius' 'space monster attack' – a necessary sacrifice for the greater good? Has he now united to roster to take on Titor and bring back the old Chikara we used to know?

Time will tell.

Option Two: some believe Quackenbush is really the one in the Ozymandius role, that bearing witness to all the horrible things Titor was doing to his precious Chikara and seeing the roster being torn apart was too much to bear and he had to stage the company's death in a drastic bid to bring the roster back together and ultimately save the company. The way he manoeuvred Sabato into being the whistleblower could be a clue towards this.



"It's my company! Mine!"

Also, Condor Security once tweeted: "As he flies on the wings of a dream / Now he knows his father betrayed / Now his wings turn to ashes to ashes his grave." The Icarus of Greek myth flew too close to the sun and crashed to the ocean in a blazing fury. Chikara's Icarus got too close to the golden glory of the Grand Champion belt

and crash and burned. “His father betrayed” could refer to Quackenbush, a father figure to Icarus and all other Generation One Chikara wrestlers.

Option Three: Ultramantis Black. The Dark and Devious one is certainly an experienced manipulator not above hurting others to improve his own lot. He’s the only one whose fortunes improved while the rest of the rosters’ turned to crap. Like Quack and Archie he too could be a villain posing as a hero. Was this all a bid to seize ultimate power? If so does he care about Chikara or only himself?

Or How About These Roles?

Alternatively, what if Archie was really playing the role of Dr Manhattan? Due to an accident, Dr Manhattan was displaced in time, just like Archie. Dr Manhattan can create multiple versions of himself and there’s multiple versions of Archie (Archie 2, RD Evans, possibly the Latvian Proud Oak). Dr Manhattan was a powerful figure who ultimately sided with Ozymandius and stood aside, doing nothing to stop the villain’s destructive plot. At ‘Never Compromise’ Archie was glimpsed backstage at the end not really doing anything – did he too stand aside and do nothing? Furthermore, in the film version of *Watchmen* it’s Manhattan who’s blamed for the destruction, just as many are blaming Archie for Chikara’s demise.

Who’s our Rorschach, the mentally unstable truth seeker who seemed villainous to many and yet ultimately was a hero who wanted to save us and let us all know what was really going on and who was behind it? If Ultramantis Black is the villain then that definitely makes Delirious Rorschach. Donst or Sabato could also fit this role.



“It’s okay, you can trust me.”

Sabato sticks out for me because he tweeted the photo of Titor’s board at Elohim. At the end of *Watchmen* it’s revealed that all of the death and devastation Ozymandius orchestrated in a bid to save the world could be for naught because Rorschach sent out his diary exposing the truth. So too could the destruction of Chikara be for naught because Sabato sent that photo out into the world.

11. Chikara's Dying Days

The company going into 'Anniversario: Never Compromise' was in a truly horrendous state from a storyline perspective, its landscape grim and foreboding. Let's take stock of recent events:

1. A 'darker' Quackenbush ended the careers of two rudos
2. 17 ended the career of Tianlong on his debut match
3. Jigsaw turned on his long time mentor and friend Quackenbush
4. FIST split
5. The Throwbacks split
6. Osirian Portal split
7. Soldier Ant quit
8. Sugar Dunkerton quit
9. Quack was fired
10. Chikara's owners Titor were linked to dodgy dealing, conspiracies and even war atrocities
11. Dasher Hatfield forsook the technicos path and ended his friendship with Sugar
12. Steve 'The Turtle' Weiner went dark
13. Kingston turned his back on the fans
14. Johnny Gargano quit
15. The GEKIDO and Colony X-treme Force had both been trying to remove wrestlers' masks and end their careers

Time and again we saw friends turning on each other, technicos turning rudos and Wink's meddling causing problems and creating situations the fans hated. Chikara was far from its comfort zone of fun and family-friendly wrestling. It certainly did seem as if someone was trying to kill the company.

The Last Show

To say 'Never Compromise' was a bad night for the Vavasseurs is an understatement. The Devastation Corporation failed in their mission to wipe out the Colony (see page 53). Wink's treasured creation the Colony X-Treme Force tapped out to the Spectral Envoy. Gavin Loudspeaker, who was despised by Wink, managed to beat Donst.

Then we had Derek Sabato's surprise return and his tweeting of a photo that revealed all of Titor's Board of Directors and their link to the racist end times cult Elohim City. From the Vavasseurs' perspective they had no choice but to pull the plug and tear it all down.



Down it all came.

Thus it all ended on the sight of Condor Security prematurely ending the title match, destroying the set, attacking staff and forcing the fans out of the building, all the while Wink sat on stage eating an apple.

Link to alternate realities: seeing weird, twisted versions of characters is very common in storylines where time travel and reality warping bring us into different dimensions. We saw dark or 'darker' versions of Quack, Jigsaw, Dasher, Steve the Turtle, Kingston etc and incredibly unlikely alliances between people who used to *hate* each other: Quackenbush and Sabato (it was Quack who provided Sabato with the information about Titor), Gavin Loudspeaker and Jakob Hammermier (the former wanting to save the later from his abusive relationship with Donst).

Exhibit A in the case that Chikara was in an alternative timeline that was too dark and so, so wrong, was the fact that Icarus was a fan favourite in the title match. He used to be the most hated man in the company and yet we played witness to the sight of the fans cheering him against the once-beloved Eddie Kingston. Fans would've dismissed that as impossible a year ago. We truly were in 'Bizarro World'.

Link to Archie: Archie 2 was briefly glimpsed back stage in the show's dying moments. He was not scheduled to be there and as yet no one knows why.

Wink was in a very bad state when he came out to pull the plug. Who roughed him up and ordered him to kill Chikara? Some think it was Conrad, furious at Sabato's leak. Alternatively it could've been the briefly-glimpsed Archie and he truly was the one calling the shots behind the scenes. A third suspect is Duke, Condor's Head of Security (see page 58), acting on orders from Conrad.

Why did Wink sit and calmly eat an apple while the set was pulled down? Many have drawn an obvious comparison between this and Nero playing the fiddle while Rome burned (this never actually happened, but Nero having a quick fiddle is a potent image that's survived in mankind's collective memory).

There's another, stronger possibility: the apple represents forbidden knowledge. Just as Adam and Eve were kicked out of Eden for eating the apple from the Tree of Knowledge, so too were the roster (and us, the fans) kicked out of Chikara for delving too deep into the affairs of the Vavasseurs. In our quest for knowledge of what Titor was up to we ignored all warnings and paid a heavy, heavy price.

Backing up this theory is tweets from Condor Security revealing the Vavasseurs have their own private orchard and were growing a mutation of the Red Delicious. A quick internet search reveals there's a mutation of the Red Delicious apple called 'Adam's Apple'.

Now we've lost our wrestling paradise. We've lost Chikara.

12. So What Really Happened?

Here are my attempts to try and fit as many pieces of the puzzle together in the hope of getting some sort of idea of what the big picture is. I could be close or I could be so far off the mark that I'll end up in Parts Unknown myself. Only time will tell.

Theory 1

Wink and 'Conrad' are one and the same. Conrad is Wink from the future and he's travelled back in time to change things for his own selfish purposes. All of the time travel chaos in Chikara enabled him to do this. I think Archie's first bout of time travel when he was Backfisted to 2015, saw the Chikara 2015 Yearbook and then returned to the present timeline was the catalyst for Conrad's time jump. He somehow used or piggybacked Archie's time travelling – maybe he was doing his own time travel experiments and was able to succeed thanks to Peck who opened up a rift in space and time?

My reasoning behind his idea is the obvious parallels between the 2015 Yearbook and the Sports Almanac in *Back to the Future 2*. There's been a lot of references to the *BttF* franchise in Chikara over the last couple of years (Backfist to the Future, Bufford Tannen, Archie being photographed with a hoverboard etc) which cannot be coincidental. The plot of *BttF 2* sees the nasty old Biff using the Delorian to travel back to the past and give his younger self a Sports Almanac. Young Biff uses it to make a lot of money from gambling and changes the future. The characters are now in a timeline where Biff is the powerful head of an evil corporation. He killed the hero Marty McFly's dad and forced his mother to marry him (Biff). She's now depressed with an addiction to pills and alcohol and big fake boobs. Meanwhile Doc Emmet's in an insane asylum. Throw in the fact that criminals rule the streets and anarchy reigns and it's clear our hero is stuck in the darkest possible timeline.

The parallels with what's going on in Chikara are many and obvious. Conrad has used his knowledge of the future to change his fortunes, make a lot of money and set up Titor Conglomerate with his younger, dumber self set up as a powerless puppet and figurehead/scapegoat. It's called 'Titor' as a cheeky reference to his own time travelling. He wanted ownership of Chikara because he wanted the powerful Eye of Tyr and some way of controlling the time travellers to either use them for his own ends or stop them from tampering with the time line in such a way that it undid his evil work.

This tampering with the timeline is something Archie is out to rectify. At 'Tag World Grand Prix' when he came face-to-face with his doppelganger, as well as fellow time traveller Lance Steel and the Swamp Monster, was the moment where everything changed. It was a specially 'charged' moment that saw him become aware of how all the time travelling had fractured our reality and shifted us to a darker timeline. When he reappeared at 'Chikarasaurus Rex: How to Hatch a Dinosaur' he lost the 'Loser Leaves Town' match as fated because he had a more important job to do: find some way to fix the timeline and save the world.

Just as Ozymandius did in *Watchmen*, a now fully-aware Archie walked the Earth in search of answers. He ended up in Parts Unknown where a certain Swamp Monster resides. The Nexus of All Realities, Swampie knows the truth about that's going on and how badly screwed up our timeline is. They decided to team up to fix things and recruit the other infamous time traveller Lance Steel to help them. They were now the Time Trio and they would save Chikara!

Unfortunately in order to do so they had to kill it. Things had gotten so terribly f'd up and Chikara had gone so far down the dark path that there was no way back. Hell, things would shortly get so bad that the most hated man on the roster Icarus would be cheered by the crowd as he tried to take the Grand Championship from the once adored, now possibly Tyr-possessed Kingston. The Time Trio's only option was to put Chikara out of its misery while also putting into place a plan of action that would allow them to eventually bring it back.

Thus Archie started meddling. He fed insider information to the No Private Army blogger who then passed it on to Quackenbush and in turn to Sabato. Maybe he passed on data to others too? Maybe he suggested to Soldier Ant that he should quit?

The result of this meddling was ever-growing problems for the Vavasseurs. All of their dirty dealings, secret plans and blood money was coming to light. Sabato tweeting a photo of the Board and revealing the Elohim plans was the final straw: Chikara had become a nightmare-inducing liability and it was time to shut it down.

Now the fight back truly begins. The Wrestling Is... promotions were set up by Archie (possibly with the aid of Leonard F Chikarason) as safe havens for the Chikara roster, promotions that allow them to continue to wrestle that also act as bases from which they can stage the revolution. The clue's in their titles: Wrestling Is... CHIKARA!

Conrad won't stand for this, of course. He'll send the likes of the Devastation Corporation, Colony X-treme Force, Condor Security and Eddie Kingston to Wrestling Is... events not merely to have a match but to dominate and control them. They won't just want the Banana, they'll want to own or shut down each promotion.

Into the fray will come the resistance, led by Soldier Ant and Quackenbush. We'll see the return of Sugar, Chuck Taylor and others who quit or were forced out. Archie too will reappear.

Maybe even the BDK! After all, Condor Security have repeatedly tweeted about how scared they are of Tursas and how they wish they could recruit him but he "lacks compromise". Add in the fact that Titor seemingly have the Eye of Tyr and we could be seeing Ares returning with some of his cohorts to retrieve his family heirloom once again, only this time on the same side as Quack and co. Hell, Mike's already allied with ex-BDK member Sabato and Gavin Loudspeaker was the one who saved Jakob. It's not that much of a stretch.

This all ties in with Ozymandius' grand plan in *Watchmen*: to create a horrible, traumatic attack on mankind from a seemingly outside threat (space monsters!) that forces everyone to put aside their old grievances and work together under the common cause of saving their world. The death of Chikara was our 'space monster' and now enemies will become allies in order to tear down Titor.

This will culminate in a special event, possibly a Cibernetico, that sees Team Chikara versus Team Titor. There'll be some sort of stipulation along the lines of if Titor wins they get ownership of Wrestling Is... while if Team Chikara are victorious they get their company back. I can see this show happening in December, either this

year or next, so they can re-launch/reboot Chikara with a brand new season the following January.

Additional note: I like the idea that RD Evans and the Latvian Proud Oak are versions of Archie from alternate realities that he's recruited to help him take the fight back to the Vavasseurs. RD helped him with the legal side of things and digging into the hidden corporate plans of Titor while the LPO gave him someone in Wrestling Is... on the front line while Archie had to stay hidden in the shadows until it was time to reveal his endgame.

Inside Man: Alternatively, maybe Archie has been working within Titor as a double agent, pretending to help Conrad and co. while secretly leaking information and setting up the resistance. Conrad let Archie 'in the door' as it were because it was the Leader of the Band who enabled him to carry out his time-altering plans in the first place and he thought it better to work with Archie (or so he thought) than allow the time traveller to roam the wilds and possibly upset the timeline.

Theory 2

Ultramantis did it.

He is the "Dark and Devious One" after all and he's been at the centre of most of the grand schemes and twisted plots that led Chikara to its demise. What if Ultramantis was only pretending to be a good guy? What if his heart has always been black and he's been working with Titor behind the scenes? Just as Ozymandius pretended to be a hero in order to curry favour with the public, work both sides to his own end and carry out evil schemes in the dark while shifting the eye of suspicion elsewhere, so too could be the intentions of UB.

Is he the head of Titor? Possibly. On his original website from the 2002 – 2004 period he claimed to have travelled to 2006 and back, so maybe he used the knowledge accrued to set up the Conglomerate and appropriately named it. But I don't think Quack and co. were planning out this current storyline that far back and it seems like such a minor, long forgotten aspect of Ultramantis' origins to ret-con in.

I think it more likely that UB is working with Titor, possibly pulling their strings even as he pretends to be simply an ally. When he saw that the curse of the Eye of Tyr was real and that great misfortune would befall anyone who used it and didn't pass it on (hence the BDK invasion) UB reached out to Titor for aid. For his own part, Conrad/Future Wink (it only makes sense to me that Titor is named after the time traveller if it's been created by or with the aid of one) set up the company for the reasons mentioned in theory 1: to get the Eye and harness the time travellers. It's easy to imagine UB promising Conrad the Eye in return for helping him destroy the BDK.

Look what happened when Titor stepped in: they unseated the current Director of Fun Dieter VonSteigerwalt (who was in the BDK's pocket), replacing him with Wink who went on to make sure the pro-BDK referee Sabato started playing fair. With their behind-the-scenes power and special privileges gone, the BDK went on a losing streak and crumbled. UB got the Eye back and Titor started reshaping Chikara to suit their own ends.

Once bitten twice shy, UB knew he couldn't hold on to the Eye again. If he did promise it to Conrad, I can see UB not actually wanting such a powerful artefact to

end up in the hands of someone who could betray him and end their alliance just as his fortunes were changing. So he gave it to Delirious, knowing the loon would smash it and he would get the good karma that came with passing on the Eye and freeing someone enslaved to it. Unfortunately it turned Delirious into the greatest foe he'd ever know. Hmm, didn't Donst tell us that "Karma isn't real"?

Afterwards he spun Conrad a story about how he didn't know Delirious would smash it or how he'd done them a favour because it would've cursed Conrad if he'd possessed it. UB is a devious one after all with a silken serpent's tongue.

At first UB's plots were paying off well. He had a new, improved and bigger Spectral Envoy. He won his first title at the King of Trios 2012 and he along with his team mates had a high success rate in their matches.

The fly in the ointment was Delirious. It must be stressed that in their feud Delirious was the hero. A rudos UB enslaved him with the Eye of Tyr, robbing him of his freedom, making him do awful things and taking away two years of his life. Delirious' quest for vengeance is a just one. It's only because UB is such a fan favourite that Delirious had to suffer boos. Delirious denounced UB in his blogs on the Chikara website as a liar and "false prophet" who must not be trusted. Have we paid a heavy price for not listening?

Their relationship parallels the one in *Watchmen* between Ozymandius and Rorschach. Ultramantis is the former: a 'golden boy' who can do no wrong in the eyes of the public even as he carries out twisted schemes in private. Meanwhile Rorschach is a mentally unstable loony feared by most (many thinking him a villain) who sometimes does questionable things but is ultimately doing what's right and what's necessary to defeat the true villains. Could this be a description we'll soon be attributing to Delirious? Was he forced to team up with rudos who he knew would oppose UB (The Batiri because they'd already feuded with him, Ophidian because he needed to steal UB's skull staff as part of his transformation)?

Anyway, his war with Delirious throughout 2012 stopped Ultramantis' run of good fortune and kept him occupied while Wink screwed up Chikara with his CHIKARAbmetrics and other daftness. Things became more complicated when it was revealed that his old friend Dr Cube was now in possession of the Eye of Tyr, his minions being the ones filmed retrieving the shards.

Could such a malevolent killer with a taste for world domination be allowed to use the artefact? In the words of Daniel Bryan: NO! NO! NO! NO! So Condor Security, either at the behest of Conrad or Ultramantis, were sent to assassinate the doctor and retrieve the Eye.

The god Tyr was one armed. The day after the assassination at Chikara's Shoulder of Pallas event Kingston had one arm bandaged up during his match with Hallowicked. While this was supposedly due to a legitimate injury, from then until the end of Chikara Eddie always had his arm covered in some way, such as with a glove. Could this also be a way to symbolically link him to the Tyr? Was someone using the Eye on him? He was feuding with Wink – maybe Wink foolishly used the Eye to control his foe, taking delight in using Kingston to his own ends and turning him into a merciless brute hated by fans and the kind of champion Wink always wanted?

This could be what caused the death of Chikara. By using the Eye of Tyr and not passing it on Wink brought the curse upon the house of Vavasour. Quack receives a visit from the NPA blogger, passes it on to Sabato and Chikara's fate is sealed. Once again Ultramantis' plans have also been undone by the curse of the Eye! Meanwhile the hope of the fans lies in Archie's Wrestling Is... resistance.

The Real World

While I feel uncomfortable including this, for the sake of completeness and the possibility of it being true I must include the rumour doing the rounds that Mike Quackenbush is (allegedly!) going through a divorce and his soon-to-be-ex-wife (allegedly!) owns the Chikara name. Some say that ending Chikara and replacing it with the Wrestling Is... promotions is Quack's way of keeping control of his company and protecting its interests.

I want to stress I have found *no* evidence backing up these claims. Also, Chikara issued this statement: "There is no issue regarding ownership of the CHIKARA name, brand, its assets or intellectual properties. Any speculation to the contrary is 100% false."

13. Supporting Cast

Below are a number of people who, while not at the centre of events (or so we think), are nevertheless important to know about.

RD Evans



He looks familiar...

The barrister RD Evans first showed up in Ring of Honour in 2010 as a treacherous little weasel in the Embassy (eventually seizing power from its owner Prince Nana). He's made two appearances in Chikara, both times pleading the case of Archibald Peck and most importantly securing his job post-Mysterious Stranger-gate.

In real world terms he's obvious played by the same guy who plays Archie. In storyline terms we keep getting hints that they're identical twins. They're both Canadians and share the same birthday (October 19th 1983).

On his twitter account (@Oh_Robert_Evans) he's said:

14th May 2013:

The timing of this couldn't have been more appropriate. I've really been struggling with some personal phantasms today.

20th May 2013:

Is there a family member recognition app. for iPhones?

Did his growing awareness of a possibly family connection draw Evans closer into Archie's plans? How about this theory: what if it was *him* disguised as Archie on the balcony at 'Tag World Grand Prix' and the whole time travel thing is a lie/red herring?

Link to alternate realities: there's the possibility that RD Evans is actually a version of Archie from another reality.

Links to time travel and *Back to the Future*: in 2011 Evans filed a lawsuit against ROH and Homicide. He claimed that when Homicide smashed him in the face with a chair inside the briefcase he was carrying a trans-flux capacitor. If the chair had been travelling at 88mph he'd have been sent back in time. Was this simply a cunning little bit of foreshadowing or does the barrister have a larger part to play in events than we thought?

Link to Not A Space Monster: Evans apparently once tweeted, "When visited by extraterrestrials, will we be so concerned about whether or not they're real that we fail to learn anything real about them?" It was then quickly deleted. As I'm going on second hand information for this I cannot vouch for its veracity.

The Colony



Chikara's final (?) two years were a horrendous time for the Colony. Everyone's favourite trio of ants faced not just one but three major threats to their existence in the form of the GEKIDO, the Colony X-Treme Force and the Devastation Corporation. I'm going to argue that all three were in the pocket of Wink who definitely seemed intent on wiping out the valiant, incorruptible warriors who'd never bow down to the villain.

The GEKIDO



At 'Caught in the Spider's Den' on February 26th 2012 five masked invaders assaulted the Colony, Quackenbush and Jigsaw. They were the GEKIDO and were

obviously styled as evil doppelgangers of the technicians they attacked. Three were ants: assaiANT, deviANT and combatANT (collectively titled 'The Swarm') while 17 and The Shard were dark reflections of Quackenbush and Jigsaw respectively.

We were told the GEKIDO were former students of Quack's Wrestle Factory who were kicked out because of their violent natures and unwillingness to pay their dues. They were certainly brutal and scarily vicious. They tried not just to beat their foes but take them out from Chikara forever.

Link to alternate realities: evil twins and doppelgangers are a firm staple of stories involving alternate realities. If Archie's time travelling really did open up a rift in space and time or cause various realities to merge it's all too easy to imagine the GEKIDO are actually Quack and co. from a dark dimension drawn into ours. Maybe the Vavasseurs have some sort of technology that allowed them to 'pull' the GEKIDO into our reality to take down five of the biggest threats to Titor's dominance.

Link to Titor: On their Twitter account Condor Security once tweeted "Oh look, he is mirroring!" The GEKIDO are dark reflections of Quack and co.

The GEKIDO came very close to successfully pulling off their mission to wipe out their five foes. Several times they nearly unmasked the Colony (symbolically 'killing' them) and they broke Quackenbush's arm, taking him out of action for awhile. When Quack returned to the ring he was so hell bent on revenge in the name of protecting Chikara that he went too far (in Jigsaw's eyes) and took out his evil twin 17 for good. This provoked Jigsaw into turning against his former trainer and friend and allying himself with his "dark shadow" The Shard.

However, the GEKIDO were too uncontrollable for Wink. They began breaking other wrestlers and ending their careers. From Wink's blog on 4/3/2012:

"While we were in Canada, the GEKIDO made a royal mounted mess of things that I'm still in the process of cleaning up. They did more than hitch; they downright crossed lines. These are lines that can't be uncrossed, and I'm just up to my neck trying to deal with the aftermath of all this."

It certainly sounds like they were working for Wink, doesn't it? What "things" were they making a mess of if not orders to take out The Colony, Quack and Jigsaw.

Whatever the truth, the GEKIDO failed and lost a member in the process. This led to Wink's despised CHIKARAbmetrics system which saw the reshuffling of teams for "optimal performance". Soldier Ant was unwilling removed from the Colony and forced to team with The Swarm: his place in the Colony was taken by assaiANT. If the Colony couldn't be taken out by force maybe they could be weakened, usurped from within, possibly even swayed to the dark side?

This too failed. Soldier Ant refused to get in line with his immoral team mates while, incredibly, assaiANT discovered he *enjoyed* tagging with the Colony and became a force for good!

It was time for another plan.

Colony X-Treme Force



Shut up, shut up, shut up!

Dear God this team were annoying! Arctic Rescue Ant, Missile Assault Ant and Orbit Adventure Ant were corporate clones of the Colony created by Wink to shill merchandise and screw with the original ant trio. They spent more time posing and shouting their names than they did actually wrestling.

Link to alternate realities: Like the GEKIDO, Colony X-Treme Force could actually be evil versions of the Colony from another reality. With their focus on catchphrases and selling t-shirts rather than actual wrestling maybe they're from a reality where the Colony originated in/went to a certain company owned by Vince McMahon.

Changes to the time line: Wink stripped the Colony of their 2011 King of Trios victory and awarded it to the X-Treme Force, declaring them the true winners. This could be an example of us being in a different/wrong time line where the 'toy soldiers' actually *did* win that title.

Soldier Ant was put in charge of them but he was so disgusted and frustrated that he quit Chikara, meaning Wink's plan to take out the Colony was at least partially successful.

He was replaced by deviANT which led to a very familiar-looking series of de-masking attacks on the Colony and others. They too were unsuccessful and when they made the mistake of unmasking Nightmare they incurred the wrath of Ultramantis Black and dragged into a new feud that forced the postponement of their primary goal.

Links to No Private Army: the website has made numerous veiled references to Wink's war on the Colony.

Sunday, March 3, 2013: The Government's Insects of War

The Truth: You may have been attacked by a six-legged soldier, but you're fine. Insects of War are out there and it is only a matter of

time before they are armed and deployed. Insects used to attack the enemy is called Entomological warfare.

How long will it be before the Insects of War are turned on us? What will be the cost of death in 2013?

An obvious reference to both The Swarm and Colony X-Treme Force.

Monday, May 6, 2013: Colony Collapse Disorder

It is only a matter of time before all insect colonies are destroyed, replaced with the New World Order's brand of colonies, honey, and produce. The N.W.O. has its own private armies capable of destroying all the public's armies. Now, it owns private farms capable of destroying all the public's farms. When will we stand up against The New World Order? Is it already too late?

What's being referenced here is Soldier Ant being taken out of the Colony and ultimately quitting.

Wednesday, March 13, 2013: Unmanned Drones: Our Lives at Risk

Who will be the next victim of the Drones? When will we stand up against these attacks?

Another name for "drones"? Male ants.

Devastation Corporation

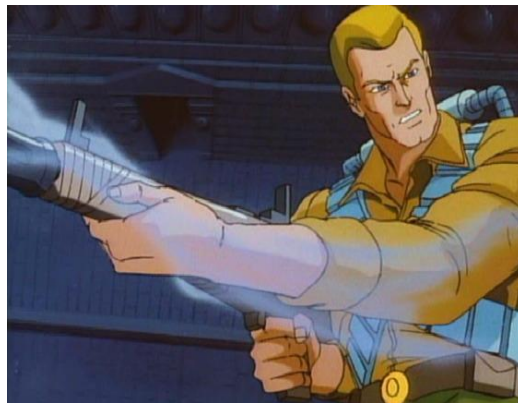


Wink's final attempt to destroy the Colony took the form of three hulking brutes with the awesome names of Blaster McMassive, Max Smashmaster and Flex Rumblecrunch (I'm really tempted to change my name to one of these via deed pole) and their loud mouthed manager Sidney Bakabella.

Thugs for hire, the manner in which they attempted to cripple the Colony at 'Tag World Grand Prix' raises the strong possibility Wink paid them to wipe out the ants. After all, the Corporation had suffered defeats before, so why take the double count out so personally unless there was an ulterior motive?

Link to time displacement: Bakabella talks and acts like a wrestling manager from the 80s and repeatedly refers to other people and places that are no longer part of the industry as if they're still around. The Corporation too look very much like they're from the 80s and are styled after the likes of the Road Warriors. They possibly could be from that decade and have been pulled forward in time by one means or another.

Duke



The mysterious leader of Condor Security is known simply as 'Duke'. Queries into his back story saw Condor replying with links to the *GI Joe* Wikipedia entry. There it's revealed that one of the show's cast is called Duke and he's a trained military operative who runs Black Ops mission for a secret government agency. A tendency to be a dangerous maverick saw him being removed from duty and playing more of a behind-the-scenes role.

Link to No Private Army: The NPA blog revealed Condor to be a private army performing covert missions sometimes with links to the government. It said of Duke: "The man that executed Operation Prometheus and gave the order to open fire at Koidu has not been located. Miners, who refer to this man only as "Duke," claim that he has already been shuttled out of the country in the first move to cover up the involvement of a U.S.-based conglomerate."

Link to Archibald Peck: After the events of 'No Compromise' the NPA site ran an article titled "Head Condor Takes Flight" detailing Duke fleeing from the scene of a massacre. Archie 2 was seen fleeing at the end of the iPPV. Is he Duke?

Link to alternative realities: there's an alternative universe version of Duke where he's a double agent for Cobra.

Link to the Swamp Monster: one GI Joe mission saw Duke attack a *swamp* shack in the Florida Everglades. Man-Thing (the Swamp Monster's Marvel surrogate) was created in the Everglades in the aftermath of an attack by a private army on his laboratory. Also, the Swamp Monster was attacked by Condor at 'King of Trios'.

Links to the Vavasseurs: Duke's real name is 'Conrad Hauser'. Wink's father is called Conrad. Also, the Vavasseur's grow a mutation of the Red Delicious apple in their private orchard (Wink was eating one at the end of Never Compromise). There's a type of mutated Red Delicious apple called 'Houser'.

Link to AIW: Absolutely Intense Wrestling has featured numerous Chikara wrestlers at its events. At their 'End of the World' show on 12/21/12 Veronica and the Batiri cut a promo about the world ending, only for AIW wrestler Duke Schork to interrupt and say he'll decide when it ends. This was followed by a championship match between Donst and Eric Ryan that saw interference from Duke and Eddie Kingston. Does this point to Condor's Duke being Duke Schork?

George Harrison

All of Chikara's post-'Never Compromise' events have been cancelled. Each one is named after a lyric from the songs of the ex-Beatle George Harrison: "Cause Each Other Pain", "The Answer's At the End", "All Things Must Pass" etc.

The first one, "All You See is Mine" is accompanied by this image:



And here's a sample of the Harrison song the title comes from:

*All I have is yours
All you see is mine*

*And I'm glad to hold you in my arms
I'd have you anytime*

The number one theory is that the menacing figure in the picture is Archibald Peck. Notice how there's a line down the middle splitting the figure in two, the half on the right darker than the other half. This can either signify that the person has a dark side (Marchie Archie being ultimately revealed as the evil mastermind) or that we're seeing the merging of two sides of a person into one (when Good and Bad Archie came face-to-face at the 'Tag World Grand Prix' and then disappeared, their time lines merging together).

Of course it could also be the Vavasasseur(s) Wink and Conrad, be they truly father and son or rather the same person: present day Wink and Wink from the future. But the figure in the picture bears far more of a resemblance to Archie.

Either way, what is it that the figure has? He/they finally has Chikara in their possession now that they've 'killed' it and taken it away from Quack and the other wrestlers that stood against him/them.

From the next event onwards, if you look at the songs the event names are taken from they come together to paint a bleak picture of a relationship ending and the pain, heartache and sense of loss that comes with it. Here are excerpts from each song merged together in event order:

*Isn't it a pity
Now, isn't it a shame
How we break each other's hearts
And cause each other pain*

*Without your love, I'd be nowhere at all
I'd be lost if not for you*

*Tell me, what is my life without your love
Tell me, who am I without you, by my side*

But then things start to take a turn for the upbeat:

*It's time we start smiling
What else should we do?
With only this short time
I'm gonna be here with you*

*You know my faults, now let the foibles pass
'Cause life is one long enigma, my friend
Live on, live on, the answer's at the end*

Don't get too optimistic, though, because:

*Watch out now, take care,
Beware of greedy leaders [We're looking at you, Wink and Archie!!!]
They'll take you where you should not go,
While Weeping Atlas Cedars
They just want to grow*

Beware of darkness

Heek! Spooky darkness! Fortunately, we shouldn't be scared because:

*Now the darkness only stays the night-time
In the morning it will fade away
Daylight is good at arriving at the right time
It's not always going to be this grey*

*All things must pass
All things must pass away
All things must pass
All things must pass away*

Taken as a whole, are we being told that yes, the loss of Chikara is a sad and painful thing but not to worry because it will be back? It's "gonna be here with you", we'll get "answers at the end" and this dark, horrible period "must pass away". Hopefully.

Link to Wink: Away back in February 2nd 2012 Wink mentioned Harrison in a blog post:

"When people talk about great quartets, a lot of names get tossed around, but, invariably, one group always ends up at the top of the list: The Beatles... "the quiet Beatle," George, whose talent and work ethic made him stand out from the rest, even as he attempted to hide behind his art."

Quite a bit of foreshadowing, eh? And is it too much of a stretch to wonder if that last bit was a reference to Wrestling is Art?

14. Bits and Pieces

Jakob a Virus?

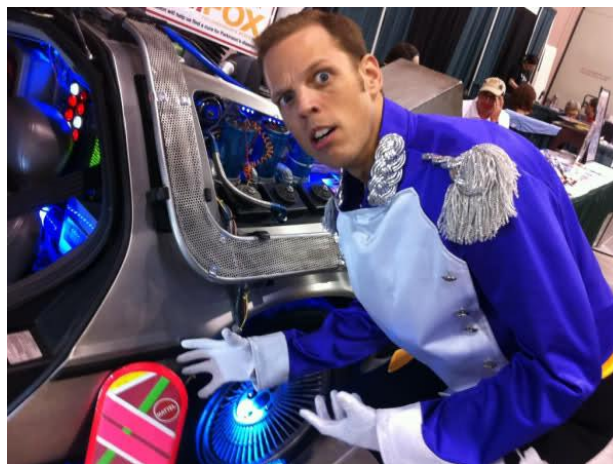
John Titor tried to warn people about the threat of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, named by a German doctor. Does this mean the ex-BDK (the German named stable) member was dangerous and Donst tried to contain him by not letting him win the Young Lions Cup and corrupt the timeline further?

King of Diamond(backs)

John Titor said that during the civil war he fought with an infantry unit called the Fighting Diamondbacks. Eddie Kingston is a fighting champion and the “King of Diamonds”.

The Delorian

John Titor claimed his time machine was installed in a car (a 1967 Chevrolet Corvette). In the *Back to the Future* films a car is used as a time machine. Also, check out this photo of Archie:



“What’s this? Oh, just my Delorian time machine and hover board from the future. Nothing suspicious at all, really. Go away”

Martin Woods

In the Titor Board photo Sabato tweeted the woman is named ‘Martin Woods’. When someone asked Sabato on Twitter “So Martin Woods is a woman?” Derek replied “That’s a question for Martin”.

I have nooooo idea what this is all about.

Blues Brothers Connection

After Chikara was shut down Bryce Remsburg addressed the closure on his Facebook page. The final line read: "You don't have to go home but you can't stay here." That's a line from *The Blues Brothers*. When Archie debuted him and Veronica were billed as 'The Band' and *The Blues Brothers* is all about the titular putting their band back together. Is that what Archie is going to do? Is he going to put everyone and everything back together and reform Chikara?

The Florida Connection

Florida turns up again and again and again in Chikara's epic storyline. The Swamp Monster's Marvel parallel Man-Thing was 'born' in the Florida Everglades, Delirious is billed from "The Swamps of Florida", John Titor said he was part of a military unit stationed in Florida and that it was one of the places nuked during WW3 and Condor Security leader Duke was involved in a mission in Florida's swamps. In the real world Florida is the home of the John Titor Foundation which is owned by Larry Haber: many believe John Titor was really Larry's computer expert brother John.

In Man-Thing's origins the Nexus of All Realities is located in the Florida Everglades. It's clear that in Chikara it's also where everything converges. Six Degrees of Florida.

The Vavasseau Name

If you look at the feudal origins of "Vavasseau" it means someone who works for a baron or lord while also having people work for them. Does this refer to them being in thrall to someone else such as Archie?

Also, there was a Josiah Vavasseau who invented a mounting device for artillery and machine guns. It seems the Vavasseus have a long history with guns, military contracts and death.

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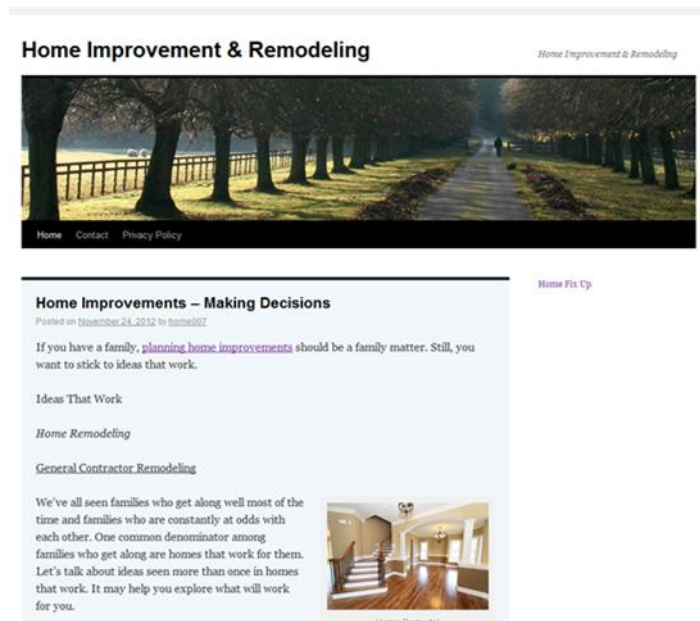
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The ISRPPA organisation is dedicated to the recovery and preservation of paranormal artefacts, one of which is none other than the Eye of Tyr. They give a description of its powers:

“The Eye of Tyr, named for Týr the Norse god of combat and war, has often been mentioned in ancient Viking manuscripts. Long thought to be simply a legend of mythology, the Eye, whose exact origins are still unknown, was believed to give unique powers to only those who possessed it. These powers, said to have been given as a gift from Tyr himself, allowed the holder to "control" another individual simply by touching the stone to the forehead (hence, "the third eye"). The translated journals of several Norse explorers, merchants, and pirates, however, also suggest that unless the Eye is given away upon use or if it is obtained through theft or other nefarious means, the holder will be befallen by bad luck or tragedy.”

ISRPPA state they are unaware of the Eye’s current location.

Kingoftrios.com



The King of Trios website, instead of hyping up Chikara’s premiere three day event, is instead promoting a “Home Improvement & Remodeling” company. Does this

mean Chikara is gone and will be replaced with something else, or that it's going to be rebuilt?

Condor Security's Interesting Tweets

Here's a number of tweets from Condor (@CondorOSSWE) that add interesting details to the big picture.

5th June:

Condor: THAT wasn't supposed to happen. You will thank us later.

Clearly Condor believe they and Titor are in the right and doing what's best for us. Maybe a technicos Icarus triumphing over a rudos Kingston was too horrible an event to happen?

6th June:

David Kincannon: so you're all pure blood?

Condor: No, but certain members of Titor are...
Enough talk.

This *must* be a reference to Elohim and their belief in racial purity.

6th June:

Condor: Do you think "Maiden flight of the Great Condor" was about us? Of course, we know we are great, but...

Gavin Baird: You mean the episode of The Mysterious Cities of Gold? I particularly like the part in that episode where the Condor takes off, destroying everything around it in the process.

Condor: Actually, it was an eruption which destroyed everything. The Condor helped the heroes to escape.

Again we see Condor's belief that they're heroes who rescued us from a terrible fate.

Link to Wrestling Is...: *The Mysterious Cities of Gold* cartoon is about an ancient empire split into seven Cities of Gold to protect it from an upcoming war. Shades of Chikara being split into the Wrestling Is... promotions, no?

Link to Ultramantis Black: the condor the cartoon's heroes escape in is solar powered and controlled by a disk found in a temple. UB's previous stable was the Order of the Neo-Solar Temple.

7th June:

Famous TV Corpse: I worry about what happened to [Wink's] clothes. He wears such nice suits. Odd seeing him so disheveled.

Condor: A disgraceful attack. Glad we acted fast.

Does this mean that it was actually Archie 2 who attacked him backstage? If so does this mean he was trying to stop Wink from giving the order to close down Chikara?

Is Archie Evil?

On Chikara's Barbershop Podcast on January 18th 2012, when posed the question "Batman or Superman?" Archie responded, "Are they after me again? Has my plot been foiled?"

The NPA blog repeatedly mentions the villainous New World Order and their attempts to control the world. According to the blog the New World Order's secret weapon is HAARP. Archie wears a harp on his outfit.

Is Archie Good?

Before his fight with Jigsaw he said he was puzzled by Jigsaw teaming up with The Shard - someone who wanted to destroy Chikara. Archie makes it clear he likes Chikara and doesn't want to see it come to harm.

Ghostbusters

It's been established Archibald Peck's father is none other than Walter Peck from the first *Ghostbusters* film! He once said, "My father Walter had recently lost his job with the environmental protection agency due to an incident in New York, the details of which are obscure to me."



This man has no dick.

Due to the events of the film Walter is exposed to supernatural entities and dark dimensions. According to the *Ghostbusters* videogame released in 2006 he went on to become the head of a secret government-sponsored paranormal agency called the Paranormal Contracts Oversight Commission (PCOC).

Is this simply more sly nods to what's going on in Chikara or a big clue towards Archie's true motivations? Was he sent into Chikara by his father to investigate the monsters and time travelling knights only to get caught up in events? Or has he possibly being using PCOC and their knowledge of dark dimensions to control events and utilise demons like the Batiri and evil doppelgangers to take over? Maybe the PCOC is linked to Titor in some way?

Link to alternative realities: On the 24th December Archibald Peck tweeted: "It's Christmas Eve and all Dad cares about is scoring that interview with John McClane's kids." The same actor who plays Walter Peck plays the villain out to get John McClane in *Die Hard*. Is this a reference to multiple versions of the same person operating in the same reality, like Archie, Archie 2, RD Evans, Latvian Proud Oak etc?

Latvian Proud Oak



This wood-based warrior debuted on Wrestling Is Awesome in December of last year. He's linked to Archibald Peck in several ways. Firstly (and sorry if I'm ruining the magic for you) he's played by the same guy. Secondly, at the Wrestling is Fun event on February 23rd the Oak was seen marching around the ring like... well, you figure it out.

Finally, when Archie talked about his favourite poem Ozymandius he also discussed how its creator Shelley died at sea days after seeing his own doppelganger. In one promo the Latvian Oak talked about how one day he would die at sea. Add to this the fact that the LPO made his Chikara debut at 'Tag World Grand Prix 2013' – the very same show that saw Archie's last appearance and apparent demise.

Are these simply cute nods and winks to the hardcore fan base or is the Oak a version of Archie from an alternate reality? We can't say yet.

Doctor Midnight

On Archibald Peck's blog on 3/7/2013 he mentioned his "world-renowned personal physician, Dr. Charles McNider". Dr McNider is better known as the DC Comics character 'Dr Midnight'. He was a minor superhero and met his end during the publisher's 'Zero Hour' event.



Dr Midnight had a bird. Hmm... which Chikara member do we know who had a bird..?

'Zero Hour: Crisis in Time' was an epic crossover which saw the once-heroic Green Lantern Hal Jordan turn evil and try to destroy and then remake the DC Universe. Is this a big clue towards Archie being the true villain who killed Chikara? Does this mean we're going to see it remade one day?

Link to Watchmen: the storyline and the series ended when the clock struck midnight. Too spurious?

Saturyne

There seems to be a very specific reason behind the naming of the "intergalactic luchadore" who debuted in 2011. There's a Marvel character called 'Opal Luna Saturnyne' with multiple links to alternate realities and multiple dimensions:

1. She's charged with the safety of the Omniverse
2. She comes from another dimension: Otherworld
3. She was born on an alternative version of our planet called 'Earth 9'



Link to Eye of Tyr: the Otherworld is more commonly known as 'Avalon'. On Avalon druids created a magical artefact called the 'Evil Eye'.

Link to time travel and alternate dimensions: The Evil Eye gives its owner the ability to travel across dimensions and through time. The super villain Dormammu tried to use it to pull Earth into a dark dimension.

While I don't think she's part of the death of Chikara storyline, I definitely believe Satyrne was deliberately given the name to foreshadow events to come.

Lance Steel and Swamp Monster a Couple?

During their surprise appearance at 'Tag World Grand Prix' this photo was taken:



Are they kissing? The Swamp Monster came out in episode 11 of the Youtube series The Gentleman's Club, after all, so it's possible the two time travellers are a couple.

Submit to the Darkness

The Submission Squad also have their own Youtube series. In the episode titled 'Submission: Impossible - Invasion...Again' they reveal they're the reason the arena went dark at 'Tag World Grand Prix' when Archie was Backfisted to the Future. In an ill-fated attempt to break into the arena they accidentally disconnected a power cable and... hello darkness my own friend.

Do this point towards the whole time travel being fake, a nefarious scheme concocted by Archie and his twin R D Evans? Or is this simply a jokey, non-canon video?

15. Timeline

Here are the key events that relate to the death of Chikara storyline starting with Archie's debut.

2011

March 12th: Operation Big Freeze

Archibald Peck debuts with Veronica as 'The Band'. He's Backfisted to the Future by Eddie Kingston.

May 21st: Anniversario & His Amazing Friends

Archie reveals when Backfisted he really was sent to the future and saw a Chikara Yearbook 2015. He's using the info gleaned to win his matches.

August 27th: Young Lions Cup IX

Archie's 2015 Yearbook-assisted winning streak comes to an end when he's pinned by Tadasuke.

Note: his winning streak consisted of Colt Cabana, Sugar Dunkerton and Dasher Hatfield.

November 13th: High Noon

Ultramantis wins back the Eye of Tyr.

Eddie Kingston becomes the first (and only) Chikara Grand Champion.

2012

January 28th: The Thirteenth Hat

Ultramantis Black returns Eye of Tyr to Delirious, who smashes it and has his mind returned to 'normal'.

Mr Touchdown debuts on this show, which also marks first time Veronica walks out on Archie because of his losing streak.

February 25th: A Death Worse Than Fate

Ultramantis announces he has never been a champion but now things will change and he will hold gold.

Delirious interferes in Delirious and Hallowicked's Campeonato de Parjeas match against Icarus and Chuck Taylor, costing them the match.

February 26th: Caught in the Spider's Den

Delirious states he "remembers everything" and will get revenge on UB. He denounces UB as a "false prophet" and will suffer for the next two years, just as Delirious lost two years to his Tyr enslavement.

Debut of the GEKIDO. They attack the Colony, Jigsaw and Quackenbush.

March 24th: Green Ice

Veronica leaves Archie for good.
17 snaps Quack's arm.

March 25th: It's How You Play the Game

Donst steals Hallowicked's Young Lions Cup
Ophidian black mists UB and takes his skull staff
Delirious helps GEKIDO beat UB and Hallowicked.

April 14th: I'll Be a Mummy's Uncle

Marchie Archie becomes Mixed Martial Archie and fights Mr Touchdown.

May 19th: Anniversario: A Horse of Another Color

Mystery match between rosters members from Chikara season 11 (the Batiri, Donst and Jakob) and season 3 (Jolly Roger, Lance Steel, Shane Storm, Crossbones & Rorschach).

MMA Exhibition Match between Mixed Martial Archie and Darkness Crabtree. The judges are the Swamp Monster, Jervis Cottonbelly and Steve 'The Turtle' Weiner.

June 2nd: Chikarasaurus Rex: How to Hatch a Dinosaur

Infamous 'Loser Leaves Town' match between Mixed Martial Archie and Colt vs Mr Touchdown and Dasher. During the match an injured MMArchie staggers backstage. He gets into an (unseen) fight with Kingston, who gives Archie a second Backfist to the Future and sends him into the past. Meanwhile another, *older* Archie (dressed as Marchie Archie) appears from the future and goes out to the ring. Older Archie loses and is forced out of Chikara. He becomes a sad, lonely figure seen travelling the world in the aftermath.

Delirious recruits the Batiri.

Tim Donst loses a 'Hair vs Mask' against Hallowicked and is shaved bald.

Quack breaks 17's hand.

July 28th: The Great Escape

Mysterious and Handsome Stranger debuts and beats Icarus.

The beginning of CHIKARAbrmetrics (3.Akuma, Soldier joining the Swarm etc)

July 29th: Give Em the Axe

Ophidian joins Delirious and the Batiri

August 12th: To Benefit Baseballtown Charities

Sydney Bakabella and The Devastation Corporation (Max Smashmaster & Blaster McMassive) debut.

August 17th: Shoot a Crooked Arrow

Donst costs Jakob the YLC.

August 18th: The Ring of Wax

Quack ends 17's career.

September 14th – 16th: King of Trios

Swamp Monster arrested by Condor Security.

Ultramantis, Hallowicked and Frightmare win KoT.

November 10th: Zelda the Great

UB and Hallowicked challenge for the Campeonatos de Parejas. Delirious costs them the belts again via his henchmen The Batiri and Ophidian.

November 11th: A Piece of the Action

Icarus debuts a 'Best in the World' t-shirt (eerily foreshadowing what the crowd would chant at him at 'Never Compromise'). He teams with Sugar against their FIST team mates Chucky T and Johnny Gargano. Icarus and Sugar work surprisingly well together: at first Icarus is willing to let Sugar be beaten by his team mates but then a change of heart sees him put on a jacket (covering his despised tattoo) and working with Sugar to almost get a win. Icarus' tecnico turn begins.

November 18th: The Cibernetico Rises

Jigsaw turns on Quackenbush and allies with The Shard.

December 2nd: Under the Hood

Mysterious and Handsome Stranger unmask, revealing he's (shock! Gasp!) Archibald Peck. He gets his revenge on Veronica (covered in slop) and Mr Touchdown (beaten up). Condor Security appear and drag Archie backstage.

A complete Spectral Envoy (UB, Hallowicked, Frightmare, Crossbones and Blind Rage) defeat Delirious and his crew (Batiri and Ophidian).

A video clip shows mysterious figures in hazmat suits retrieving the shards of the Eye of Tyr.

Another vid shows Wink being berated by his father for using Condor Security earlier.

2013

February 9th: All the Agents and Superhuman Crew

Delirious beaten by Dasher in under a minute. Has Ultramantis Black coming out victorious in their feud marked a change in Delirious' fortunes? UB back on top, in control again and shaping events to his benefit?

Icarus reveals to Sugar that he's been training with Marty Jannety and learned the importance of having your partner's back.

Wink vs Kingston feud kicks off. Wink announces that from now on all of Eddie's matches will be championship defences.

Frightmare and Hallowicked win their matches.

A reinstated Marchie Archie beats Mr Touchdown.

February 10th: While the Dawn is Breaking

Donst beats Archie via DQ (kick to the balls). Says that wouldn't have happened if Archie wasn't such a bad guy.

March 8th: Just Shadows in the Fog

Colony X-Treme Force debuts.

Veronica allies herself with Donst. They cause Jakob to lose his YLC match against Mr Touchdown. Donst tells Jakob that destiny does not want him to have the Young

Lions Cup, just as destiny did not want Donst to be Grand Champion. He says Karma is not real but destiny is.

March 9th: Watchmaker

In their rematch Archie this time beats Donst via DQ (Archie accidentally hits Veronica and a smitten Steve Weiner runs in and attacks Archie).

April 5th: Late Fight With Kaiju Big Battel (A KKB event)

Dr Cube is assassinated (or so it seems). He had the Eye of the Tyr which was taken during the hit.

April 6th: The Shoulder of Pallas

3.Akuma and Marty Jannetty vs FIST. When Gargano low blows Jannetty an enraged Icarus slaps Johnny across the face and then uses the Chikara Special on Akuma (*heavy* foreshadowing of the 'Never Compromise' event). He then defends Sugar against Chuck and Gargano. Icarus is far down the technico path now.

In their 'rubber match' Archie beats Donst.

Wink gives the Colony's 2011 King of Trios medals to Colony X-Treme Force, declaring them the 'real' champions. Later they unmask Nightmare.

Kingston's right hand is taped up in his match with Hallowicked.

After his match Quackenbush is approached by the guy who runs NPA. He gives Quack a mysterious envelope. This is Quack's last Chikara appearance: he's fired or quits (reports vary) the next day.

Soldier Ant quits.

May 3rd: Battle Not With Monsters

Archie says he's confused by Jigsaw allying with somehow who wants to kill Chikara. He says Chikara is the place to be – why would anyone want to destroy it? He goes on to win his match against Jigsaw.

Spectral Envoy beats FIST. Gargano quits and superkicks Sugar. Icarus spears Gargano. Chuck exits the building. FIST are over.

May 4th: The Ghost of You Clings

Sugar quits.

May 18th: Tag World Grand Prix

Baltic Siege debut.

Here it is: Archie vs Kingston. Archie looks poised to win when he looks up at the balcony and sees... himself! Also on the balcony are the Swamp Monster and Lance Steel. Kingston gives Archie the fated Backfist to the Future. Everything goes dark. When the lights come back on both Archies are gone, as well as Swampy and Lance. We can assume the Archie on the balcony was the Older Archie, the one who returned at 2012's 'Chikarasaurus Rex' only to lose the 'Loser Leaves Town' match.

June 2nd: Anniversario: Never Compromise

The Spectral Envoy beat Colony X-treme Force.

Delirious returns to avenge his loss against Dasher.

The Colony beat the Devastation Corporation.

Amasis un.masks Ophidian (revealing an Amasis mask underneath) and then imprisons him in a sarcophagus.

The fired Derek Sabato returns. He's holding the same mysterious envelope Quack was given back in April. He tweets a photo of Titor's Board of Directors and is dragged out of the building.

Tim Donst loses *another* 'Hair vs Hair' match and shaves himself bald.

A *technico* Icarus fights a *rudos* Kingston for the Grand Championship. The crowd is on Icarus' side. He's about to win when a swarm of Condor Security guards invades the ring and drags both wrestlers to the back.

A dishevelled Wink appears and orders Condor to tear everything down. They do so and before our eyes the set is pulled down. Marchie Archie is briefly glimpsed when the set's curtain is pulled down – he sharply exits. Chikara's staff are attacked by Condor, who also force fans out of the building.

The show ends on the sight of Wink sitting on a chair, eating an apple in the ruins of the set. Chikara is dead. Maybe.

16. Links

Wrestling Sites

Mandible Claw: themandibleclaw.wordpress.com

Ole Wrestling: olewrestling.com

Chikara Special: chikaraspecial.wordpress.com

Kayfabe Comedy: kayfabecomedy.com

Kick Out at 2: kickoutat2.com

The Wrestling Blog: wallsofjerichoholic.blogspot.co.uk

Official Sites

Official Chikara site: www.chikarapro.com

Kaiju Big Battel: www.kaiju.com

Fake/storyline Sites

No Private Army: noprivatearmy.blogspot.ca

Titor: www.titorconglomerate.com

Condor Security: www.condorsecurityinc.com

WMD: www.wmdcorp.net

ISRPPA: www.lehigh.edu/~x010/tyr.html

Forums and Threads

420 Chan: boards.420chan.org/wooo/res/2977480.php

Freakin' Awesome Network: officialfan.proboards.com/thread/473995/chikara-thread-happy-aniversario-2013

Official Chikara forum: chikara101.proboards.com

Squared Circle:

www.reddit.com/r/SquaredCircle/comments/1dvw9/chikara_conspiracy_theory_how_season_12_is_an/c9uikp1

Wrestling Punks: wrestlingpunks.com/showthread.php?8828-CHIKARA-Never-compromise-not-even-in-the-face-of-Armageddon&p=116607

17. Final Thoughts and Wrap Up

I wrote this guide because I am a huge Chikara fans and absolutely bloody love this multi-media story/ARG they've created for us. After the shocking events of 'Never Compromise' I went on a desperate hunt for every bit of news I could find. The more I looked, the deeper and more complex the story behind the events grew to be. It's incredible and God/Quack knows how much planning went into all this!

I'm not the only one digging for the truth. As I said in the foreword, there's a lot of fans trying to work it all out and sharing their knowledge and ideas online. Myself and many others would've been completely lost without all of their hard work. This guide is an attempt to bring it all together, not take credit for it all. Go to the links sections and take a look at the forums, blogs and podcasts that so much of this guide came from. Always go to the source! ☺

My hope is that this guide will be a valuable resource for people wanting to know more about the death of Chikara storyline, see how it all links up and what others are saying about it. And I want to share my own ideas and theories too, of course. Let's get everyone up to speed and working together to work it all out.

My aim is to keep updating this as we go along so please feel free to contact me with new information, news items, theories etc or just to tell me the mistakes I've made and how wrong I am. And if there's anyone with insider information.... DEAR GOD ALMIGHTY PLEASE HELP US OUT! EVEN THE SMALLEST WEE HINT! PLEEEEEAAAASSSEEE!

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This guide is completely free to share. Do what you want with it as long as we get the info out there and attract the interest of as many people as we can. Chikara deserve as much attention as possible for all of the hard work they've put into not just this storyline but also the company itself over the years. Chikara is a unique and very special wrestling company that's played host to some of the greatest wrestlers and matches we will ever see.

So please share this guide and share the website link:

chikaralives.wordpress.com

Do I think Chikara's really dead? No, I don't. Maybe it's just blind faith but I really don't think they would've ended things the way they did at 'Never Compromise' if it was truly the last show. Plus Quackenbush wasn't on the card. I find it hard to believe that the founder and heart of Chikara wouldn't have wanted to be part of its final event. They still could've ended it the way they did and have the effect it had with Quack on the card and it would arguably have been more dramatic if it was Mike who tweeted the Titor Board photo. So, unless Quack is insanely dedicated to this 'dark demise' story and refused to be on the final show to help sell it, I don't think 'Never Compromise' marked Chikara's finale.

I may be completely and utterly wrong. I don't know. But I have hope.

Whatever happens, to Quackenbush and everyone else involved with Chikara over the years: thank you. Also, please come back!

- Gordy Mclean, Scotland, June 2013