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I... OMG. I am speechless. This is the *Oscars*. And this just happened. And I do not think it was a bit.

This feels to me like another sign that the world is off its hinges, so I sure hope we are going to find out that—despite there being no evidence of it—this was staged.

MAYHEM BETWEEN CHRIS ROCK AND WILL SMITH AT THE [#Oscars](#) pic.twitter.com/265hGbsEDg

— Barstool Sports (@barstoolsports) [March 28, 2022](#)

(PS) Either that was the most straight-faced comic bit in major-television history—in fact *so* straight-faced it was a total failure—or mega-Hollywood star Will Smith just straight-up *assaulted* a famous comic during one of the most widely watched annual telecasts in the world.

(PS2) I'm agreeing with those of you saying it wasn't a bit, I just wanted to leave room because... well, because I just can't believe what happened. I do know that Jada's hair is a sensitive subject for her, but between that and a violent assault is a hell of a lot of territory.

(VIDEO) Here is the uncensored version.

Not a bit—an assault. <https://t.co/FvmqZQenEN>

(PS3) This affected me. I just said to my wife, "If Will Smith can't keep it together at the *Oscars*, how the hell can any of *us* be expected to keep it together anymore?" I'm not saying that response makes sense, only that it reflected how I was feeling.

These are dark times.

(PS4) I have no opinion on Smith one way or another, and never have. But it is a bit sad to have represented hundreds of poor men in court who were charged with assault for what Smith did, only to see so many in my comments saying Smith is a hero. Why—because he's rich, not poor?