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Rage of the very cross dressers

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Thugs attack two men in dresses....who turn out to be cage fighters

Two yobs who attacked a pair of cross-dresser's picked on the wrong guys – they were cage fighters on a night out in fancy dress.

Drunken Dean Gardener and Jason Fender taunted the pair who were tottering along the street in wigs, short skirts and high heels.

When bare chested Gardener aimed a punch at one of the cage fighters, his friend, wearing a sparkly black dress and long wig, stepped in and landed two lightning quick blows.

The punches sent the yobs reeling, while their intended victims teetered away in their high heels, stopping only to pick up a clutch bag they had dropped during the melee.

gardener, 19, and his 22 year-old friend had been drinking heavily before the confrontation in swansea city centre on august 30.

They had already scrapped with several men, including one dressed as Spider-Man, before they approached the cross-dressing cage fighters.

The incident was caught on CCTV as the pair confronted one of the drag queens, who was wearing a pink wig, black skirt and boob tube.

However, his friend stepped in leaving the thugs dazed. CCTV cameras followed the pair as they staggered to their feet and wandered along the road before they were arrested.

As they appeared in court yesterday, their lawyer, Mark Davies said: "You know it cannot have been a good night when you get into a fight with Spider-man and two cross-dressing men.

"Unfortunately, they were extremely drunk. They had been out drinking jugs of cocktails and at least ten pints of cider."

Gardener and Fender pleaded guilty to using abusive words and behaviour when they appeared before magistrates in Swansea.

The pair, from Bonymaen, Swansea, were given four-month community orders, electronically tagged and told to observe a 7pm to 7am curfew.

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Questions

1. What is the purpose of the article?
A to give information
B to tell a story
C to entertain
D all of these
2. What is a cage fighter?
3. What is meant by the term “cross dresser”?
4. Which of the following words would be the best replacement for the word “teetered”?
A wobbled
B hurried
C rocked
D stepped
5. What is the full meaning of the acronym CCTV?
6. There is a punctuation error in the following sentence. What is it?
Two jobs who attacked a pair of cross-dresser’s picked on the wrong guys.
7. Some of the words in the sentence below should have capital letters. Correct the sentence.

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8. You work for a national newspaper. Your editor wants to print the story but in a much shorter form. Decide which are the main points of the story and summarise the story in 50 words.