

## “THE FIGHT OUTSIDE THE RING”

Mexican wrestling is a big part of the popular culture in México,

The professional wrestlers, are venerated while they are active fighters, but in the majority of cases, they have to retire because of age or injuries.

Once they are retired, there is no institution or federation that will take care of them or their injuries.

In some cases, they have a parallel profession that they continue once retired, in others they have to grab whatever is available, to be able to live and pay for medical expenses.

From selling tacos, to sell herbal life products from home to continue teaching at the local school.

I wanted to do a series of portraits of the fighters outside the wrestling contest.

In their daily surviving fight.

They are characters part of the popular Mexican culture, praised and adored inside the ring, forgotten by federations and administrations once retired.