

## Our Victor

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While the rational side of Paulie C wants to come to grips as quickly as possible with the idea that Victor Martinez is no longer a member of the Cleveland Indians, the emotional strings are a little longer than that. With that in mind (and having a good number of these things on his hard drive from pieces throughout the years), Paulie thought I would put together a proper farewell to Vic. Absolutely spectacular stuff. We will miss ya Victor. A lot. While the rational side of me wants to come to grips as quickly as possible with the idea that Victor Martinez is no longer a member of the Cleveland Indians, the emotional strings are a little longer than that. With that in mind (and having a good number of these things on the hard drive from pieces throughout the years), I thought I would put together a proper farewell to Vic.

Obviously, much more to come on this and everything else that has happened in the past week; but before we get into that, perhaps it may be best to simply sit back and appreciate Victor for what he meant to this team, this organization, and to us as fans.

He donned the tools of ignorance to go into battle for the Indians...

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The good times were often and plenty...

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His personality and his passion endeared him to us as we watched him grow into an All-Star we could all be proud of...



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His tenacity and leadership endured through injury to give us joy...



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In the magic of 2007, he put us on his back for the highest of highs...

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As well as living through and sharing our pain through the lowest of lows...

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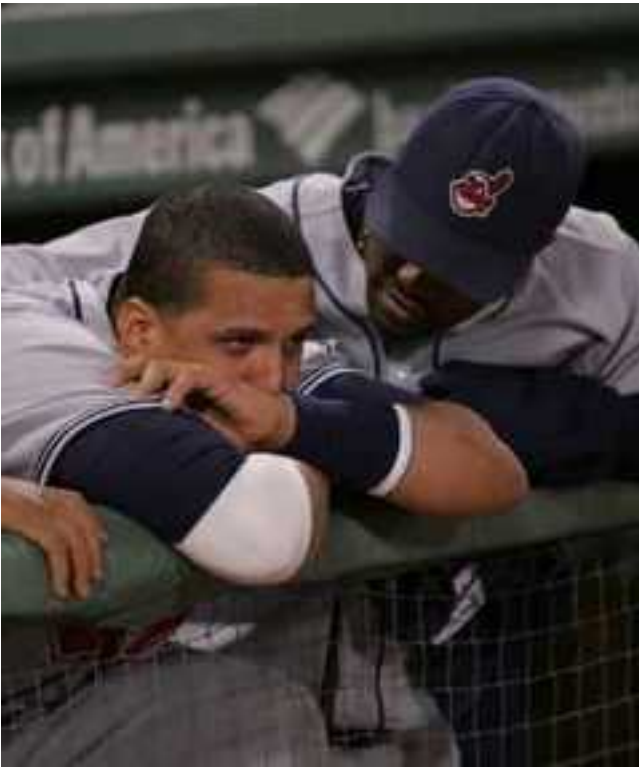
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Through his emotion, you felt like you were cheering for much more than laundry...



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He is, after all, Victor...

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Farewell, Mi Capitan...you will be missed.