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The dirtbiking world is a fast paced adrenaline frenzy for pros, enthusiasts and fans alike. "Smashley" is 22 and known for her dirtbike flips, but it was a leisure ride down a hill on a tricycle that nearly took her life before she even began stunt riding.

Kidneys, ribs, lungs, and more - all severely damaged

After she recovered from multiple severe injuries and she told a friend she wanted to stunt with him. She hasn't stopped riding since.

Smash said when people think of women and bikes they think of bikinis on showrooms and models in magazines, but as a woman it was important for her to ride.

On the whole, Smashley is a badass.

This profile explores Smashley's unique life discussing the obstacles she has encountered and being a female extreme athlete. Visually, we see Smash in her home environment, at a car drifting event, performing tandem stunts on a motorcycle and rolling a motorcycle. We also take a surreal trip down the road on which she got smashed. Bonus: she has a gnarly scar!

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When I was a little girl I was always with my two best friends and I was always the crazy one out of them. So I'd always be jumping my bicycle off the sidewalk, just wanting to..do go above and beyond of what they wanted to do. And so I was always friends with the boys because I liked to play rougher than the girls I guess.

I want people to think that I'm crazy. I shouldn't be riding motorcycles. I shouldn't be here first of all. So um I love it. I like to make people jawdrop, its awesome.

It was a beautiful day. I was tandem on a tricycle, so I was behind Jason, he was in front of me, riding the trike and I was holding on. We were going down the hill at 50 miles an hour, so when we spun out. We ended up going backwards into the car, so he squished me into the car and my head hit the bumper of the guy's car.

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He was sitting like this, he had his feet here – he broke his ribs on this and squished me.

I remember the doctor saying take a deep breath and they pulled my breathing tube out. They told me I had a level 4 laceration to my liver, permanent kidney damage. I bruised my lungs, my spleen my ribs, they were just completely in awe I didn't break a bone. I was really mad I didn't break a bone.

I love my scar. My scar is something that I cherish. I was definitely afraid of it at first, I was taken aback by it at first, I was scared to show it but I think that in loving it and embracing it, its going to bring other people out and let them have more fun. You know, Some people are scared to you know ride a motorcycle again because they got hurt. Well I got hurt and I'm back on a bike again.

When people see women and motorcycle, they definitely think of the girl standing on the side in the bikini and being all cute next to the motorcycle. But for me, its you know, being on the bike, I like to see the girls on the bike riding, showing that they can play with boys too.

I've kind of felt the worst of the pain, so now being on the back of a motorcycle doing all those crazy things, defying gravity, doing what I do. I feel like even if I fall off the bike now, its not going to be anything. So I just kind of just, I don't know I hold on and smile. I'm not going to let anything stop me.

