

MAN AT PODIUM

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2 INT. CREWS' MANSION - CONSPIRACY CLOSET - DAY 2

Crews alone. On the wall, that photo of the JIMMY DUNN funeral. Those five men only two whose faces can be seen.

One is Jack Reese. Reese's name written next to it. The other is RICKY BODNER. Bodner's name written next to it.

MAN'S VOICE (V.O.)
...Ricky Bodner...

3 EXT. EMPTY LOT - DAY

Five men in suits each holding a golden shovel. A man at a podium speaking into a microphone. A small crowd. A gaggle of reporters. A banner that reads FUTURE HOME OF LOS ANGELES HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN. A ground breaking ceremony.

START

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Ricky Bodner is more than a friend to this community. I am proud to say Ricky Bodner is my friend. Ladies and Gentlemen, Ricky Bodner.

END

APPLAUSE as the man at the podium makes way for RICKY BODNER (late 50's, handsome, bright eyes). He looks at the crowd.

RICKY BODNER

Let me tell you something, when I grew up the idea that the mayor of Los Angeles would call me his friend, well it's not something a kid like me would dream about.

IN THE CROWD, WATCHING FROM THE BACK, WE FIND CHARLIE CREWS.

RICKY BODNER (CONT'D)

But I have been lucky here. Lucky to have been a Los Angeles Police officer, lucky in love...

(a look to his wife)

Lucky in business. But there are others who aren't so lucky. Today is Thanksgiving. I am thankful for the opportunity to donate the funds needed to bring this hospital to life. Now, if someone will hand me a shovel, I'll just shut up.

ON CREWS' FACE AS HE WATCHES THE CROWD LAUGH. AS HE WATCHES BODNER TAKE A GOLDEN SHOVEL AND PUSH IT INTO THE DIRT.

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