

## INT. TSCN BOARDROOM - DAY

CLOSE on a TV screen as LOU GOSSETT JR., MASTER PO and MISTER MIAGE step into a boxing ring, the fans going crazy.

DICK VITALE (v.o.)

Here we go, baby! The grudge match of the century! Lou Gossett Jr.! Mr. Miage! Master Po! Fighting tonight to prove once and for all who is truly the toughest, meanest spiritual movie-mentor in a no-holds-barred ten round free-for-all!

We PULL BACK to see Ted, Meg, and the TSCN Executives sitting at the conference table, watching the screen in rapt attention.

DICK VITALE (v.o. - cont.)

Here comes Lou Gossett Jr., Sergeant Superstar, balding boxer! He gives Master Po a vicious 360 flying kick to the solar plexus! Master Po lost a few pebbles with that exchange! But Mister Miage, the grappler with the goatee, Mister Arnold from 'Happy Days' boots him hard in the behind and says, "sit on it, baby!" Master Po goes for his eyes! "I saw 'Iron Eagle', baby, and you're nothing!" But wait! Gossett pulls out a sidearm! "Snatch this from my hand, Master Po!" The place is a madhouse! Unbelievable!!!

Onscreen, Miage and Po try to wrest the gun from Gossett's hand as everyone at the table grins, impressed.

EXECUTIVE #1

Brilliant! We pulled a 15 rating and a 39 share.

EXECUTIVE #2

It beat out everything else on the tube. Even the Ed Norton/Goobar Pyle billiard match on ESPN!

MEG

We've already started negotiations for a movie-protégé grudge match between Richard Gere, David Carradine, and Ralph Maccio.

They all turn admiringly to Ted, who smiles with some satisfaction. But his heart obviously isn't in this anymore.

TED

Sounds great. If you'll excuse me, I think I'll take the afternoon off.

EXECUTIVE #1

Sure thing! You deserve it. Got a big date lined up?

The Executives grin knowingly as Ted stands, chuckling half-heartedly.

TED

Yeah, sure - you know me...

They all laugh as Ted leaves. But Meg watches him go, concerned.

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