MANNY RISKIN

You'd have to walk away. Let Donnie take over.

(that one hurts)

Now the FBI's a different animal. They can still pursue you for criminal wrongdoing. But with you on the sidelines, my guess is your best friend Agent Denham'll be left standing around with his dick in his hand.

Jordan digests that.

MAX

You beat them, Jordan. You won. Sail into the sunset with your wife and kids while you can.

MANNY RISKIN

God knows you'll never have to work again.

As Jordan looks at his picture-perfect family, WE HEAR THE ROAR OF A CROWD...

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The troops ROAR as Jordan takes center stage.

JORDAN

I'm sure many of you have been hearing rumors lately, about me, about the future of this firm, and that's what I'd like to talk to you about today.

(a few beats, then) Five years ago when I started Stratton with Donnie Azoff, I knew the day would eventually come when I'd be moving on. It's truly with a heavy heart that I tell you that day is here.

The place erupts in a chorus of "No!", "Don't go!", etc. Jordan raises his hand for quiet.

JORDAN (CONT'D)

Thank you for that and for your years of incredible loyalty and admiration.