

INT. TRUMP TOWER - PENTHOUSE - NIGHT

A lavish Trump Tower penthouse apartment. Floor-to-ceiling windows, sweeping corner views of Central Park and the glittering skyline beyond.

On a marble table, a LAPTOP, open to the New York Times website. The headline of the article it's on:

**FIFA OFFICIALS ARRESTED ON CORRUPTION CHARGES**

CHUCK (O.S.)

Honey!

Over by the TV AREA, we find sweaty, morbidly obese CHUCK BLAZER (50s), searching the couch cushions.

CHUCK (CONT'D)

Honey!

He keeps looking, breathing hard from the mild exertion.

CHUCK (CONT'D)

Where the fuck's the remote?

He climbs into the MOTORIZED CART next to the couch. Takes a hit of air from the OXYGEN TANK strapped to it, zooms off down a hallway.

INT. BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

He rides the scooter into the bedroom. The lights are out.

CHUCK

Where's the remote?

Asleep in bed is pretty, blonde MARY LYNN BLANKS (40s).

MARY LYNN

(sighs)

Red stand, top drawer.

TV AREA - NIGHT

Chuck searching through the channel guide with the remote. Scrolling, scrolling. Another shout to Mary Lynn:

CHUCK

What channel's BBC News?

More scrolling. Sweat pouring from his forehead.

CHUCK (CONT'D)  
Mary Lynn!

MARY LYNN (O.S.)  
It's two o'clock in the morning!

More scrolling. A million channels, BBC News nowhere in sight. His breathing grows faster, shallower. He straps the oxygen mask over his face. More scrolling.

ANGLE ON TV: Footage of SWISS POLICE leading several men in suits out of the Baur au Lac, a five-star Zurich hotel.

ON BLAZER-- eyes lighting up.

BBC REPORTER (O.S.)  
Ian Graham, BBC World News, Zurich.

The program cuts back to a NEWS ANCHOR in the studio.

BBC ANCHOR  
Thank you, Ian.

ON BLAZER-- reacting. He MISSED THE WHOLE THING.

BBC ANCHOR (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
In an unexpected policy reversal,  
Chinese economic ministers  
announced today a depreciation of  
the yuan against the--

CHUCK  
Goddammit!

He rips off the oxygen mask, flings it to the ground.

CHUCK (CONT'D)  
Honey!  
(flipping channels)  
What's CNN International?

No answer. His breathing grows faster.

INT. PENTHOUSE - NIGHT

Mary Lynn in a bathrobe at the apartment door. Holding the door open is an EMT WORKER.

EMT WORKER  
The usual?

MARY LYNN  
(weary nod)  
New York Presbyterian's fine.

A second EMT WORKER wheels Chuck toward the apartment door on a stretcher. As they pass Mary Lynn:

CHUCK  
6:30, BBC World Sport.

MARY LYNN  
I have no idea how to work the DVR.

The EMTs start to wheel him off down the hall.

CHUCK  
Have Arturo send somebody up to help.

As he disappears around a corner--

CHUCK (CONT'D)  
They're definitely gonna mention me!

INT. AMBULANCE - NIGHT

Blazer lies in the back of an ambulance speeding through the rain-slicked streets of Manhattan.

CHUCK (V.O.)  
*My name is Chuck Blazer. You probably don't know my name. I'm the guy who transformed soccer in the U.S. from an obscure foreign sport nobody played into the second-most popular after basketball.*

Shots of thriving SUBURBAN YOUTH SOCCER action:

CHUCK (V.O.)  
*All those millions of kids running around soccer fields from coast-to-coast? That's me.*

The images of youth leagues give way to footage of the U.S. NATIONAL TEAM in international play:

CHUCK (V.O.)  
*Before I came along, the U.S. hadn't been to a World Cup in four decades. After? Seven straight.*

The shots culminate in one of U.S. soccer star LANDON DONOVAN scoring against mighty Brazil before 100,000 people.

CHUCK (V.O.)  
*Let's see, what else?*

CUT TO Blazer at a long dais on a stage, seated amongst fellow FIFA executive committee members. A banner reads **61st FIFA CONGRESS 2011.**

CHUCK (V.O.)  
*I'm the only American ever to serve on the executive committee of FIFA, soccer's global governing body. The world's biggest, most powerful sports organization.*

We land on the CABLE BOX in Blazer's Trump Tower apartment, the red RECORD LIGHT on.

ON TV-- BBC WORLD SPORT. A report on the Zurich bust. Footage from the raid. A clip of a U.S. Department of Justice press conference.

CHUCK (V.O.)  
*Oh yeah, and I blew the lid off the biggest sports scandal in history, exposing massive corruption in FIFA, cleaning up the Beautiful Game for future generations the world over.*

Images of FIFA members indulging in all manner of CORRUPTION AND EXCESS: FIFA president Sepp Blatter enjoying champagne and lobster on a yacht; Qatari officials high-fiving in reaction to a World Cup 2022 bid announcement; Blazer on a private jet sitting next to NELSON MANDELA.

We hold on the grinning visage of Blazer, arm draped chummily around the South African icon.

CHUCK (V.O.)  
*Not bad for some fat schmuck from Queens.*

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. THE BLAZERS' HOUSE - MORNING

A working-class TWO-FAMILY HOUSE in FOREST HILLS, QUEENS.

In the driveway, a '74 Ford Pinto station wagon. The back is open, filled with cardboard boxes.