

The Sequel: Brannon Returns

By The Joker

The summer blockbuster season is here. I saw a movie trailer that blew my mind. Let me describe for it you.

It starts with an aerial view of Lake Coeur d'Alene, swooping across the city skyline, tense music is playing.

Movie trailer voice guy: In the city that always sleeps. One man is running.

Shot of a lone jogger on Tubbs Hill, he's breathing heavy.

Movie trailer voice guy: One man is running for his life.

Cut to the jogger stopping at what's left of McEuen park, his fingers hang onto the chain link fence. He slowly lifts his head to the camera: It's Jim Brannon and he looks very angry.

Cut to a woman talking to Jim Brannon in a kitchen late at night: Why Jim? I don't want you clinging to a toilet for dear life again. They'll ruin you this time. Think about your trust fund, your kids.

Jim: If I don't do this, how can I ever look you in the eye and say, I believe in something.

Cut to a much slimmer Chicago Mike walking on a treadmill in the Kroc Center who says: What the (bleep)? This guy never learns. Adam, we're going to send him another message. Get somebody good.

Cut to Steve Adams scratching his head at a council meeting looking confused.

Movie trailer voice guy: This (bleep) just got real.

Cut to Jim Brannon talking to Larry Spencer at Fedora's. I am running for mayor. I want to clean up this town.

Larry Spencer giggles uncontrollably.

Brannon: Can I count on you to help run my campaign?

More giggles as the camera fades to Jennifer Drake and Sara Meyer at Bardenays sipping champagne: Jennifer says: Did you see Sandi, she looks fabulous? Sara: I know. I ran into her at the spa. Ever since she got out of politics – it's like she's a new person. They toast each other.

Cut to Dan Gookin who is holding print outs and talking to Wendy Gabriel: I've been doing some calculations based on the amount steel being purchase. It looks like we're building an underground bridge instead of a parking garage.

Movie trailer voice guy: People you trust, can't be trusted anymore.

Deanna Goodlander speaks to person off screen: You know all our secrets. She pulls her cane apart to reveal a knife.

Cut to Jim Brannon talking with Bill McCrory in a room filled with television screens: Dan tells me about an underground bridge near the lake. How much is this costing taxpayers and where does it go?

Bill puts his arm on Jim's shoulder and says: It goes deeper than you think.

Cut to Ron Edinger smoking a cigarette and talking to a group of kids at the library: There's ancient Indian legend about a great beast that lives in the lake.

Movie trailer voice guy: Coeur d'Alene is a place where not nodding your head, can leave you dead.

A shot of Woody McEvers charging an unknown person with a baseball bat, screaming.

Cut to Mary Souza standing on her balcony deck looking down at kids playing next door: Stay off my lawn! Don't make me put you in my newsletter!

Cut to Christie Wood firing of her gun at something off screen.

Cut to Ron Nilson laughing and says: Tom, I told you the school board was a bad idea.

Cut to Mike Gridley coming out of the shower wearing a limited edition Obama bathrobe and he's got a surprised look on his face. Gridley says, "You. I thought you were dead."

Cut to Jim talking to Starr Kelso, who is now in a wheelchair: Starr, I need your help. For old time's sake? I can prove Chicago Mike is bringing in voters from around the world. When was the last time you saw somebody from Albania in this town? Albania?

Starr: Jim, they took out Gary Ingram. He's gone.

Cut to Jim Brannon yelling at Eden Irgens: Facebook? Really? You and DFO are finished!!!

Cut to Steve Adams staring at a computer screen, looking confused and he says, Honey, what's a blog? Somebody poked me?

Camera fades to Jim in a warehouse looking at crates: Why would they buy 2 million cases of Canadian maple syrup.

Movie Trailer voice guy: Things get sticky when nobody's watching city government.

Cut to Chicago Mike getting out of limo in front of city hall and leans in and speaks to his wife: Honey, don't stay up late. I've got this election in the bag.

Cut to Jim Brannon in front of city hall surrounded by supporters waving flags and booms, "WE the People!"

Movie trailer voice guy: This fall. The most epic election of our time: Kennedy versus Brannon: The Rematch. We're not in Canada anymore.

Fade to black.