

"THE DREAMSEEKERS"
(The Musical)

FADE IN: BLACK SCREEN

SUPER:

"What is a dream? In the mind of a child, it's a touch of fantasy; wonderful, but imaginary. It's an episode full of magic and surprise; a world of refuge, a hiding place. It's a realm of welcome relief. Searching, most times, never finding, yet, forever seeking.
-- The Dreamseekers."

EXT. METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES - DAY

A CHANNEL 7 NEWS HELICOPTER hovers above the scene of a tragic fire, leaving just the skeletal remains of a building.

INSIDE THE HELICOPTER

A NEWS REPORTER concludes his report:

HELICOPTER NEWS REPORTER

This burnt-out shell is all that's left of Drew's Discotheque after the horrendous fire that swept through here last night, taking eight young lives with it. The cause of the blaze is, as of yet, undetermined. But it will be quite a while before the area residents are able to forget this tragedy... This is Channel 7 News reporting, live, from downtown Los Angeles.

INT. CHANNEL 7 NEWSROOM - SAME

A NEWS ANCHORWOMAN continues with the Evening News broadcast:

NEWS ANCHORWOMAN

While the crime rate in Los Angeles is steadily climbing, a double murder added to its grisly-toll. Early this morning, in Canoga Park, the bodies of Randolph and Marie Jackson were found in their home. Both had been shot once in the head. At this hour, the police are still searching for clues to determine why and who's responsible...

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NEWS ANCHORWOMAN (CONT'D)

Gang wars have been added onto the many problems already besieging our police department. Confrontations involving "The Commandoes," The Shakers," "The Jades," and "Blue Jesus and The Disciples" have made gang-killings an everyday occurrence. The police, as well as community leaders, say they've had enough violence and intend to put a stop to it... Now, on the economic scene. President Obama has waged a war on inflation and the high rate of unemployment. Troubled times are definitely ahead for the millions of Americans who are out of work and singing the blues...

EXT. BLACK AREA COMMERCIAL STREET - LATE DAY

Traffic is sluggish as it tolerates the evening rush hour. Pedestrians and on-lookers up fill the street as they cope with the pandemonium of everyday living. MOVING along:

MUSIC INTRO: "IT'S ONLY A DREAM"

TITLE AND OPENING CREDITS OVER:

-- People wait at a bus stop.

-- A group of elderly men sit in front of a store and, as the old folks say, "chew the fat." They have a hearty laugh...

-- A bum peacefully sleeps at the curb-side.

EXT. RECREATIONAL CENTER BASKETBALL COURT - SAME

Black teens vigorously play a game of basketball... TURK, STONEY, CANDYMAN, L.D. and Q-BOY, members of "THE SHAKERS" gang sit and spectate...

A police car slowly drives by, stops momentarily, then continues on its way...

FOUR YOUNG BLACK BOYS whiz past the court on their bikes. They turn the corner and pass a group of Young Girls jumping rope. They sing:

BLACK BOYS

(1a) Streets are filled with crime
and fear/ Sunshine and laughter
don't live here/ Racketeers and
violent gangs/ When they talk it's
with a BANG!