

**The Big Lebowski** - Clip 3 - 1998 US c.2 min. 00:10:01 - 00:11:57 Jeff Bridges, Phillip Seymour Hoffman: The Big Lebowski's study  
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- **grammar points:** can, passive, most of it
- **phrasal verbs:** have (got) room for, break into
- **idioms:** feel free, on the left, first lady, pretty, so to speak, cool, inner city, the necessary means, higher education, geez, Far out, you know, tell you the truth

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BRANDT:

This is the study.

As you **can** see, the various commendations, awards...

THE DUDE:

"Jeffrey Lebowski."

BRANDT:

...citations, honorary degrees, et cetera.

THE DUDE:

Very impressive.

BRANDT:

Oh, please **feel free** to inspect them.

THE DUDE:

Oh. No, I'm not really...

BRANDT:

Oh, please. Please. That is the key to the city of Pasadena, which Mr. Lebowski received two years ago in recognition of his various civic...

Ah, Oh! That's the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Business Achiever Award, which **is given**...Oh, not necessarily **given** every year.

**Given** only when there's a worthy somebody...

THE DUDE:

Hey, is this...Is this him with Nancy?

BRANDT:

Yes, indeed, that is Mr. Lebowski with the first lady, yes.

It **was taken** when Mrs. Reagan...

THE DUDE:

That's Lebowski **on the left** there?

BRANDT:

Yeah, of course. Mr. Lebowski, **on the left**...

THE DUDE:

So he's a cri-...You know, a handicapped kind of guy?

BRANDT:

Mr. Lebowski is disabled, yes.

This picture **was taken** when Mrs. Reagan was **first lady** of the nation.

Yes, yes. Not of California.

THE DUDE:

Good shot.

BRANDT:

In fact, he met privately with the President, though, unfortunately, there wasn't enough time for a photo opportunity.

THE DUDE:

Oh, Nancy's **pretty** good.

BRANDT:

Oh, wonderful woman. We were very happy to...

THE DUDE:

These are...

BRANDT:

Oh, those are Mr. Lebowski's children, **so to speak**.

THE DUDE:

Different mothers, huh?

BRANDT:

No, they're not...

THE DUDE:

Racially, he's **pretty cool**?

BRANDT:

They're not literally his children.

They're the Little Lebowski Urban Achievers: **inner city** children of promise, but without **the necessary means** for...**necessary means** for a **higher education**, so Mr. Lebowski is committed to sending all of them to college.

Excuse me.

THE DUDE:

Oh, **geez**.

BRANDT:

Thank you. Thank you.

THE DUDE:

**Far out**. Think he's **got room for** one more?

BRANDT:

One...ah, oh...You never went to college.  
Please, don't touch that.

THE DUDE:

Oh, yeah, yeah. No, I did, but, you know, I spent most of my time occupying various administration buildings, smoking a lot of Thai stick, **breaking into** the ROTC **you know**, and bowling...

**Tell you the truth**, Brandt, I don't remember **most of it**.