

## Role Call

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Answer: **EQUITY FIRM**

Each clue is a “mash-up” of two roles played by the same person in different works.

Clue	Work 1	Role 1	Work 2	Role 2	Played Both
1. An orphaned boy who saw his parents' brutal murder decides to fight criminals by becoming Secretary of Defense and eventually Vice-President.	<i>Batman (Nolan)</i>	Bruce Wayne	<i>Vice</i>	Dick Cheney	Christian Bale
2. A Seattle police officer investigating the murder of a local teenager is forced to retreat to a Safe Zone in Canada to wait for her husband as he finds a cure for a global zombie pandemic.	<i>The Killing (TV)</i>	Sarah Linden	<i>World War Z</i>	Karin Lane	Mireille Enos
3. A Jedi Knight sent to negotiate with the Trade Federation finds himself face to face with the worst toilet in Scotland.	<i>Star Wars (prequels)</i>	Obi-Wan Kenobi	<i>Trainspotting</i>	Mark Renton	Ewan MacGregor
4. With the help of his Native American sidekick, a Texas lawyer eats a peach in the Italian countryside.	<i>The Lone Ranger</i>	The Lone Ranger	<i>Call Me by Your Name</i>	Oliver	Armie Hammer
5. A man-child finds that in order to graduate high school, he will have to care for his roommate's illegitimate son.	<i>Billy Madison</i>	Billy Madison	<i>Big Daddy</i>	Sonny Koufax	Adam Sandler
6. An aging actress attempts a career resurgence through network roles and a reality show in order to impress her former classmates at their ten-year gathering.	<i>The Comeback (TV)</i>	Valerie Cherish	<i>Romy and Michele's High School Reunion</i>	Michele Weinberger	Lisa Kudrow
7. An FBI agent infiltrates a notorious island prison by donning a bear costume to save a missing girl.	<i>The Rock</i>	Stanley Goodspeed	<i>The Wicker Man</i>	Edward Malus	Nicolas Cage
8. A technician at a memory institute is harboring a secret... he's always angry.	<i>Eternal Sun...</i>	Stan	MCU movies with Hulk	Bruce Banner	Mark Ruffalo
9. While filming what is widely regarded as one of the worst films of all time, an actor-director is forced to self-amputate.	<i>The Disaster...</i>	Tommy Wiseau	<i>127 Hours</i>	Aron Ralston	James Franco
10. The loyal butler of a crime-fighting billionaire attempts to steal millions of dollars from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.	<i>Batman (Snyder)</i>	Alfred Pennyworth	<i>Die Hard with a Vengeance</i>	Simon	Jeremy Irons

All of these performers had memorable “double” roles playing both halves of an onscreen sibling pair. The siblings, using their shared last name as the vertical, go into the crisscross grids, which are ordered alphabetically by last name.

Played Both	Dual Role Work	Siblings	Last Name	Get
Christian Bale	The Prestige	Alfred & Freddy	Borden	E
Mireille Enos	Big Love (TV)	JoDean & Kathy	Marquart	Q
Ewan MacGregor	Fargo (TV)	Emmit & Ray	Stussy	U
Armie Hammer	The Social Network	Tyler & Cameron	Winklevoss	I
Adam Sandler	Jack & Jill	Jack & Jill	Sadelstein	T
Lisa Kudrow	Friends (TV)	Phoebe & Ursula	Buffay	Y
Nicolas Cage	Adaptation	Charlie & Donald	Kaufman	F
Mark Ruffalo	I Know This Much...	Thomas & Dominick	Birdsey	I
James Franco	The Deuce (TV)	Vincent & Frankie	Martino	R
Jeremy Irons	Dead Ringers	Beverly & Elliot	Mantle	M

Taking the letters in the order of the numbered clues provides the answer, **EQUITY FIRM**.

## **Author's Notes**

Scott: As a giant movie buff, I gravitate towards puzzles that are basically “Here is some information about actors/films, but they’ve got something secret in common!” I even wrote one called [Screen Test](#) for the 2012 MIT Mystery Hunt that is my go-to puzzle for showing people what a Hunt-style puzzle is like, since it has parts that non-puzzle people can immediately recognize and a trick that’s easy to explain. (And it’s mine, so of course I’m going to show it off.)

I’ve been tabulating a list in my head every time I see an actor who has played their own sibling in a film, so it was fun to get to have an outlet for that dumb knowledge.

If I could have a second go, I’d have removed the “investment bank” line from the flavor, which was solely meant to connect back to the final answer and instead sent several teams down an “actors who played bankers” rabbit hole. Sorry!