

# THE CROWN

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**EPISODE 5.10**

**"Decommissioned"**

After heightened public scrutiny, Charles forges a new alliance in Hong Kong. Mohamed Al-Fayed offers his support to a newly-divorced Diana.

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## EPISODE CAST

Imelda Staunton	...	Queen Elizabeth II
Jonathan Pryce	...	Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
Lesley Manville	...	Princess Margaret
Dominic West	...	Prince Charles
Elizabeth Debicki	...	Princess Diana
Jonny Lee Miller	...	John Major
Olivia Williams	...	Camilla Parker Bowles
Marcia Warren	...	Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother
Claudia Harrison	...	Princess Anne
Salim Daw	...	Mohamed Al Fayed
Khalid Abdalla	...	Dodi Fayed
Bertie Carvel	...	Tony Blair
James Murray	...	Prince Andrew
Sam Woolf	...	Prince Edward
Andrew Havill	...	Robert Fellowes
Ed Sayer	...	Equerry
Hanna Alström	...	Heini Wathén
Flora Montgomery	...	Norma Major
Christopher Villiers	...	Rear Admiral Woodard
Ben Lloyd-Hughes	...	Mark Bolland
Erin Richards	...	Kelly Fisher
Adonis Kapsalis	...	Captain Fletcher
Lydia Leonard	...	Cherie Blair
Harry Anton	...	Trevor Rees-Jones
Max Dowler	...	Naval Equerry
Adam Damerell	...	Alastair Campbell
Thomas Nelstrop	...	Jonathan Powell
Alex Blake	...	Stephen Lamport

1  
00:00:06 --> 00:00:09  
[birds chirping]

2  
00:00:10 --> 00:00:13  
-[Dodi in Arabic] I think I've found it.  
-[Mohamed] What?

3  
00:00:13 --> 00:00:15  
[Dodi] The perfect house.

4  
00:00:15 --> 00:00:16  
[Mohamed] Where?

5  
00:00:16 --> 00:00:17  
[Dodi] Malibu.

6  
00:00:17 --> 00:00:19  
How can it be perfect  
if it's so far from home?

7  
00:00:19 --> 00:00:22  
[Dodi] Because Los Angeles is my home now.

8  
00:00:23 --> 00:00:24  
[Mohamed] How much?

9  
00:00:24 --> 00:00:27  
Uh, it's less expensive  
than the last place I told you about.

10  
00:00:28 --> 00:00:31  
But I have to put down a deposit today,

11  
00:00:31 --> 00:00:33  
or I will lose it to Michael Douglas.

12  
00:00:33 --> 00:00:34

Who?

13  
00:00:34 --> 00:00:37  
Come on, Baba. The actor.

14  
00:00:37 --> 00:00:40  
He wants it too so we have to move fast.

15  
00:00:41 --> 00:00:43  
It really is perfect.

16  
00:00:44 --> 00:00:49  
[in English] And, speaking of perfection,  
there's someone I'd like you to meet.

17  
00:00:49 --> 00:00:51  
A girl.

18  
00:00:51 --> 00:00:52  
[in Arabic] For me?

19  
00:00:52 --> 00:00:53  
[Dodí] No.

20  
00:00:53 --> 00:00:56  
This one's for me. She's special.

21  
00:00:57 --> 00:01:00  
If I bring her to London next week,

22  
00:01:00 --> 00:01:01  
would you have time to meet her?

23  
00:01:01 --> 00:01:02

Sure.

24  
00:01:02 --> 00:01:04  
Will you...

25  
00:01:04 --> 00:01:05  
send the plane?

26  
00:01:05 --> 00:01:07  
Are you crazy? To Los Angeles?

27  
00:01:07 --> 00:01:09  
That's 50 thousand just in gas.

28  
00:01:10 --> 00:01:11  
[chuckles softly]

29  
00:01:13 --> 00:01:14  
Trust me.

30  
00:01:14 --> 00:01:15  
[in English] She's worth it.

31  
00:01:17 --> 00:01:20  
[TV host] Welcome to  
Monarchy, the Nation Decides,

32  
00:01:20 --> 00:01:24  
the biggest live debate  
ever staged on television.

33  
00:01:24 --> 00:01:27  
Good evening. There's only one thing  
the country's been talking about,

34  
00:01:27 --> 00:01:31

and that's this program and your role  
in the future of the monarchy.

35

00:01:31 --> 00:01:35

These two telephone numbers  
will stay on screen throughout the program

36

00:01:35 --> 00:01:37

as we ask, do you want a monarchy?

37

00:01:38 --> 00:01:41

Don't forget, there are 14,000 lines open,

38

00:01:41 --> 00:01:44

and they'll be open  
all through News at Ten.

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00:01:45 --> 00:01:47

[TV guest 1] The real reason  
why this program's on

40

00:01:47 --> 00:01:50

is because we're facing  
the prospect of Charles III.

41

00:01:50 --> 00:01:52

He is gonna divide this country...

42

00:01:52 --> 00:01:54

[woman on phone]  
You have voted "no" for a monarchy.

43

00:01:54 --> 00:01:56

...choose their next head of state.

44

00:01:56 --> 00:01:57

[redialing]

45

00:01:57 --&gt; 00:02:00

The overall public feeling is that..

46

00:02:00 --&gt; 00:02:02

[woman on phone]

You have voted "no'" for a monarchy.

47

00:02:02 --&gt; 00:02:06

[TV guest 3] The fact is that the cost of the House of Windsor compared to the cost...

48

00:02:06 --&gt; 00:02:08

[woman on phone]

You have voted "no" for a monarchy.

49

00:02:09 --&gt; 00:02:10

...is astronomical.

50

00:02:10 --&gt; 00:02:12

[applause on TV]

51

00:02:12 --&gt; 00:02:13

[TV guest 4] Let the Windsors...

52

00:02:13 --&gt; 00:02:16

[woman on phone]

You have voted "no" for a monarchy.

53

00:02:16 --&gt; 00:02:18

...while we choose our own head of state...

54

00:02:18 --&gt; 00:02:21

[woman on phone] You have voted "no"...

55

00:02:21 --&gt; 00:02:22

..."no"...

56  
00:02:22 --> 00:02:23  
You have voted "no"...

57  
00:02:23 --> 00:02:25  
-[man] Are they value for money?  
-[woman] My contention is this...

58  
00:02:25 --> 00:02:26  
[woman on phone] ..."no"...

59  
00:02:27 --> 00:02:30  
...drab country without the color  
the royal family bring to it.

60  
00:02:30 --> 00:02:33  
Because the people of this country  
want to have the freedom

61  
00:02:33 --> 00:02:35  
to be citizens rather than subjects.

62  
00:02:35 --> 00:02:37  
-[woman on phone] You have voted "no"..  
-[redialing]

63  
00:02:37 --> 00:02:39  
You have voted "no" for a monarchy.

64  
00:02:39 --> 00:02:43  
If you want to see  
a King Charles and a Queen Camilla...

65  
00:02:43 --> 00:02:44  
[woman on phone] You have voted "no"...



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00:02:44 --> 00:02:46  
[TV host] If you don't,  
then please hold up a red card.

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00:02:46 --> 00:02:48  
-It looks like "no."  
-[Diana laughs]

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00:02:48 --> 00:02:52  
[TV host] Have royal scandals  
damaged the country's reputation?

69

00:02:52 --> 00:02:55  
-An overwhelming majority says "yes."  
-[woman on phone] ..."no'" for a monarchy.

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00:02:55 --> 00:02:58  
In our final show of voting cards,  
we want our audience to tell us,

71

00:02:58 --> 00:02:59  
if you want a monarchy...

72

00:02:59 --> 00:03:01  
[woman on phone]You have voted "no"...

73

00:03:01 --> 00:03:04  
[TV host] If you don't,  
then please use the red card.

74

00:03:04 --> 00:03:05  
[mimics gunshot]

75

00:03:05 --> 00:03:07  
[theme music playing]

76

00:04:18 --> 00:04:22  
♪ Happy birthday to you ♪

77

00:04:22 --> 00:04:25  
♪ Happy birthday to you ♪

78

00:04:25 --> 00:04:30  
♪ Happy birthday, dear Lilibet ♪

79

00:04:30 --> 00:04:34  
♪ Happy birthday to you ♪

80

00:04:34 --> 00:04:36  
-[blowing]  
-[Queen Mother] Well done.

81

00:04:36 --> 00:04:38  
Oh, I did that in one puff!

82

00:04:38 --> 00:04:39  
Wish! Wish!

83

00:04:39 --> 00:04:41  
-Is this from you?  
-Yes. It's from me.

84

00:04:42 --> 00:04:42  
[Elizabeth gasps]

85

00:04:43 --> 00:04:45  
-[Andrew] What are they?  
-[Queen Mother] What is it?

86

00:04:45 --> 00:04:47  
-Oh, look. Just what I need!  
-[laughter]

87

00:04:47 --> 00:04:49  
Well, I swear by them, Lilibet.

88

00:04:50 --> 00:04:51  
They're very handy.

89

00:04:52 --> 00:04:53  
-Oh.  
-[Anne and Philip] Ah.

90

00:04:54 --> 00:04:55  
[Philip] Show me.

91

00:04:55 --> 00:04:57  
It's one of mine. It's, um...

92

00:04:57 --> 00:05:00  
It's Huna Mill, near John O'Groats.

93

00:05:00 --> 00:05:01  
-Yes.  
-[Philip] It's good. Very good.

94

00:05:02 --> 00:05:03  
-Thank you.  
-[Philip] Marvelous.

95

00:05:05 --> 00:05:07  
I saved the best till last, Mummy.

96

00:05:07 --> 00:05:08  
[Elizabeth chuckles] Oh.

97

00:05:08 --> 00:05:11  
-[Edward] This'll be good.  
-Let's take that off.

98

00:05:11 --> 00:05:12  
[chuckling] Oh, what is this?

99

00:05:13 --> 00:05:14  
Oh, it's a...

100

00:05:15 --> 00:05:17  
Look, you press this. Look.

101

00:05:17 --> 00:05:20  
-[laughter]  
-♪ Here's a little song I wrote ♪

102

00:05:20 --> 00:05:23  
♪ You might want to sing it  
Note for note... ♪

103

00:05:23 --> 00:05:25  
-That's terribly funny.  
-It's ingenious.

104

00:05:25 --> 00:05:27  
-You like it?  
-♪ Be happy... ♪

105

00:05:27 --> 00:05:29  
Oh, that is absolutely marvelous.

106

00:05:29 --> 00:05:31  
[Margaret] You should  
put it above your bed.

107

00:05:31 --> 00:05:34  
[Queen Mother] You always  
buy the best presents.

108

00:05:34 --&gt; 00:05:36

-Very good. Lovely, isn't it?

-[men] Yeah.

109

00:05:36 --&gt; 00:05:38

-[Elizabeth] Win anything this week?

-Not a thing.

110

00:05:38 --&gt; 00:05:41

[Charles] I don't suppose any of you  
watched that program the other night?

111

00:05:41 --&gt; 00:05:42

The monarchy debate?

112

00:05:42 --&gt; 00:05:44

God, it was awful.

113

00:05:44 --&gt; 00:05:45

I'm afraid I went to bed.

114

00:05:46 --&gt; 00:05:50

I started, and then when I saw it was  
going in our favor, I switched it off.

115

00:05:50 --&gt; 00:05:51

[Margaret] In our favor?

116

00:05:51 --&gt; 00:05:53

I'm not sure I saw it that way.

117

00:05:54 --&gt; 00:05:56

Is the royal family value for money?

118

00:05:56 --&gt; 00:05:58

More than half said "no."

119

00:05:59 --&gt; 00:06:02

Can you name  
three useful things the royals do?

120

00:06:02 --&gt; 00:06:04

83% couldn't.

121

00:06:05 --&gt; 00:06:08

Do you want a referendum  
to decide the future of the monarchy?

122

00:06:08 --&gt; 00:06:09

70% said "yes."

123

00:06:10 --&gt; 00:06:12

Does anyone want King Charles III?

124

00:06:12 --&gt; 00:06:14

100% said "no."

125

00:06:14 --&gt; 00:06:17

[Queen Mother] Oh, shame,  
you naughty boys.

126

00:06:18 --&gt; 00:06:20

[Charles] Now, with a general election  
in its wake...

127

00:06:21 --&gt; 00:06:23

-What are the polls predicting?  
-[Philip] A landslide.

128

00:06:23 --&gt; 00:06:25

For Mr. Blair and the Labour Party.

129

00:06:26 --> 00:06:29

So I think we can safely say  
that wholesale change is afoot.

130

00:06:30 --> 00:06:34

Mmm. Speaking of wholesale change,  
what are we going to do about Hong Kong?

131

00:06:34 --> 00:06:36

The Great Chinese Takeaway?

132

00:06:36 --> 00:06:39

-Granny.  
-She didn't just say that.

133

00:06:39 --> 00:06:42

Why? Hong Kong's ours.  
The Chinese are taking it away.

134

00:06:42 --> 00:06:43

Taking it back.

135

00:06:43 --> 00:06:46

Philip and I are due to be in Canada  
on the day of the handover.

136

00:06:46 --> 00:06:49

They're suggesting  
Charles go to Hong Kong in our place.

137

00:06:49 --> 00:06:53

Hong Kong is clearly  
the more significant occasion.

138

00:06:53 --> 00:06:54

Shouldn't you be there? As sovereign?

139

00:06:54 --> 00:06:59  
A monarch should never attend celebrations  
when a colony cuts ties.

140  
00:07:00 --> 00:07:01  
It's undignified.

141  
00:07:01 --> 00:07:03  
Like attending the wedding  
of someone you loved

142  
00:07:03 --> 00:07:05  
and trying to look happy for them.

143  
00:07:05 --> 00:07:07  
Been there, done that.

144  
00:07:07 --> 00:07:09  
[Queen Mother] You go to Canada, darling.

145  
00:07:09 --> 00:07:11  
Let Charles do Hong Kong.

146  
00:07:14 --> 00:07:17  
["Fly Like an Eagle" by Seal playing]

147  
00:07:27 --> 00:07:28  
Hi!

148  
00:07:30 --> 00:07:32  
[woman] Oh my God!

149  
00:07:32 --> 00:07:33  
Okay?

150  
00:07:33 --> 00:07:34



[chuckles]

151

00:07:34 --> 00:07:37  
♪ Time keeps on slippin'... ♪

152

00:07:38 --> 00:07:40  
Kelly, meet G4.

153

00:07:40 --> 00:07:42  
G4, meet Kelly.

154

00:07:43 --> 00:07:47  
♪ Said I wanna fly like an eagle ♪

155

00:07:47 --> 00:07:49  
♪ Into the sea ♪

156

00:07:49 --> 00:07:53  
♪ Fly like an eagle  
Let my spirit carry me ♪

157

00:07:53 --> 00:07:55  
♪ I wanna fly... ♪

158

00:07:57 --> 00:07:58  
[Dodi] You're telling me

159

00:07:59 --> 00:08:03  
you had no idea your husband  
was robbing a bank at that time?

160

00:08:04 --> 00:08:06  
No. I'm telling you

161

00:08:07 --> 00:08:09  
I was probably out shopping or, um,

162  
00:08:09 --> 00:08:10  
having lunch.

163  
00:08:10 --> 00:08:12  
You know, the things women like me do.

164  
00:08:13 --> 00:08:15  
[giggling]

165  
00:08:18 --> 00:08:21  
Don't be frightened to play  
that last line a little sexier. Try again.

166  
00:08:24 --> 00:08:25  
[Dodi grunts]

167  
00:08:29 --> 00:08:30  
[exhaling] Okay.

168  
00:08:31 --> 00:08:32  
No.

169  
00:08:32 --> 00:08:33  
I told you.

170  
00:08:34 --> 00:08:37  
I was probably out shopping  
or having lunch.

171  
00:08:38 --> 00:08:39  
You know...

172  
00:08:40 --> 00:08:43  
the things women like me do.

173

00:08:44 --> 00:08:49  
Mrs. Farnham, I have no idea  
what women like you do.

174

00:08:49 --> 00:08:51  
But your husband's looking at 15 years.

175

00:08:52 --> 00:08:53  
[gasps softly]

176

00:08:54 --> 00:08:55  
Wait. How do I feel about that?

177

00:08:55 --> 00:08:56  
She's angry.

178

00:08:57 --> 00:08:59  
Sick of being betrayed.

179

00:09:00 --> 00:09:02  
-The anger is all in her next line.  
-Okay.

180

00:09:05 --> 00:09:08  
I am tired of being unwanted!

181

00:09:08 --> 00:09:11  
Someone as gorgeous as you  
could never be unwanted.

182

00:09:12 --> 00:09:14  
Wait, that's not the line.

183

00:09:16 --> 00:09:17  
-I just went off script.  
-[chuckles]

184

00:09:18 --> 00:09:20  
But it's how he truly feels.

185

00:09:21 --> 00:09:22  
The character?

186

00:09:23 --> 00:09:24  
Or you?

187

00:09:24 --> 00:09:27  
["Fly Like an Eagle" resumes]

188

00:09:29 --> 00:09:30  
[song ends]

189

00:09:31 --> 00:09:33  
We definitely made the right choice  
with these architects.

190

00:09:33 --> 00:09:35  
Really think your dad'll pay for it?

191

00:09:36 --> 00:09:37  
I hope so.

192

00:09:40 --> 00:09:42  
But he can be hard to predict.

193

00:09:42 --> 00:09:44  
What will make the difference?

194

00:09:45 --> 00:09:46  
If he likes you.

195

00:09:48 --> 00:09:50  
Well, that's pressure.

196

00:09:50 --> 00:09:51  
But he will like you.

197

00:09:53 --> 00:09:54  
What's not to like?

198

00:09:58 --> 00:10:00  
You said he likes Scandi girls.

199

00:10:00 --> 00:10:02  
[sniffing]

200

00:10:03 --> 00:10:05  
[sighs, sniffs]

201

00:10:08 --> 00:10:10  
You could be Scandinavian.

202

00:10:10 --> 00:10:11  
I'm from Kentucky.

203

00:10:12 --> 00:10:14  
-You could.  
-[chuckles]

204

00:10:17 --> 00:10:19  
[light opera music playing]

205

00:10:27 --> 00:10:30  
They're asking for three days,  
including travel.

206

00:10:31 --> 00:10:34

Hong Kong's a long way to go  
for three days.

207

00:10:35 --&gt; 00:10:41

Unless Mrs. Parker Bowles and I combine it  
with a short holiday afterwards.

208

00:10:43 --&gt; 00:10:44

On Britannia.

209

00:10:46 --&gt; 00:10:47

Which is her final voyage.

210

00:10:50 --&gt; 00:10:52

We could invite some friends.

211

00:10:54 --&gt; 00:10:55

Leave it with me, sir.

212

00:10:58 --&gt; 00:11:02

Might it not also be an opportunity  
for me to meet with Mr. Blair?

213

00:11:04 --&gt; 00:11:05

Why would he be in Hong Kong?

214

00:11:06 --&gt; 00:11:09

-As British prime minister.  
-He's got to win the election first.

215

00:11:09 --&gt; 00:11:14

I know, but... surely that's just a question  
of how big his majority will be.

216

00:11:14 --&gt; 00:11:15

True.

217

00:11:15 --&gt; 00:11:18

And I've always felt there could be  
a productive alliance there.

218

00:11:20 --&gt; 00:11:21

Two men of a similar age.

219

00:11:22 --&gt; 00:11:24

Both committed and impatient for change.

220

00:11:25 --&gt; 00:11:26

I'll speak to his people.

221

00:11:38 --&gt; 00:11:39

[clattering]

222

00:11:39 --&gt; 00:11:44

[man 1] Table Four. Two lobster salads,  
one saddle of lamb, one chicken suprême.

223

00:11:44 --&gt; 00:11:45

[man 2] Yes, Chef!

224

00:11:45 --&gt; 00:11:48

[man 1] Right, service, please. Table 16!

225

00:11:52 --&gt; 00:11:54

[indistinct chatter]

226

00:11:55 --&gt; 00:11:57

-Sir. Madam.

-Thank you.

227

00:11:57 --&gt; 00:11:59

-[server 1] Salmon.

-[Heini] Lovely. Thank you.

228

00:11:59 --> 00:12:00  
[server 1] And steak.

229

00:12:04 --> 00:12:04  
[in Arabic] So,

230

00:12:06 --> 00:12:07  
what do you think?

231

00:12:07 --> 00:12:08  
She's cute.

232

00:12:09 --> 00:12:10  
[Dodi] Yes, she is.

233

00:12:12 --> 00:12:14  
Isn't it enough just to fuck her?

234

00:12:16 --> 00:12:17  
[scoffs]

235

00:12:20 --> 00:12:21  
What do you want me to say?

236

00:12:22 --> 00:12:23  
Maybe

237

00:12:24 --> 00:12:26  
how happy you are for me?

238

00:12:26 --> 00:12:29  
But I'm not happy for you or for me.

239

00:12:31 --> 00:12:33



[in English] Is it a bad sign  
they're speaking Arabic to each other?

240

00:12:33 --> 00:12:35  
No, they always do that.

241

00:12:37 --> 00:12:38  
Does it bother you?

242

00:12:39 --> 00:12:42  
I mean, it's a bit rude.

243

00:12:42 --> 00:12:43  
[Heini] You get used to it.

244

00:12:43 --> 00:12:45  
[Mohamed in Arabic]  
Do you know her family?

245

00:12:46 --> 00:12:49  
Of course. They're good people.

246

00:12:50 --> 00:12:51  
[Mohamed] But do they have money?

247

00:12:52 --> 00:12:54  
Are they our equals?

248

00:12:54 --> 00:12:56  
We have to be careful.

249

00:12:58 --> 00:12:59  
[in English] Do you speak Arabic?

250

00:12:59 --> 00:13:00  
[scoffs]

251

00:13:00 --> 00:13:02  
At my age, it's hard.

252

00:13:02 --> 00:13:05  
And anyway, most of the time,

253

00:13:05 --> 00:13:08  
you don't need to speak the language  
to know what they're saying.

254

00:13:08 --> 00:13:10  
[Mohamed in Arabic] And this Maliba house?

255

00:13:11 --> 00:13:12  
Malibu.

256

00:13:12 --> 00:13:14  
Malibu, Maliba...

257

00:13:14 --> 00:13:16  
Ten million dollars.

258

00:13:18 --> 00:13:19  
Let me guess. She chose it?

259

00:13:19 --> 00:13:21  
[Dodi] Actually, we both chose it.

260

00:13:22 --> 00:13:25  
[in English] And what's the deal  
with all the sanitizing?

261

00:13:25 --> 00:13:27  
Oh, you get used to that too.

262

00:13:28 --> 00:13:30  
But I like clean hands on a man.

263

00:13:31 --> 00:13:32  
Don't you?

264

00:13:32 --> 00:13:35  
[in Arabic]  
And I will pay you back every cent.

265

00:13:35 --> 00:13:37  
How?

266

00:13:37 --> 00:13:40  
With money I will earn.  
With movies I will make.

267

00:13:41 --> 00:13:43  
I'll win you another Oscar.

268

00:13:44 --> 00:13:45  
You'll see.

269

00:13:45 --> 00:13:47  
Don't make me laugh.

270

00:13:47 --> 00:13:49  
Recently, your company is a joke.

271

00:13:49 --> 00:13:53  
Flop after flop, all bankrolled by me.

272

00:13:55 --> 00:13:57  
I offer you other jobs.  
Directorships, serious things.

273

00:13:57 --> 00:14:01  
And each time, you let me down.

274

00:14:02 --> 00:14:06  
The one thing you have always had  
a talent for is women.

275

00:14:07 --> 00:14:11  
The one area where I think,  
"He might still hit the jackpot."

276

00:14:12 --> 00:14:14  
And you bring home a swimwear model,

277

00:14:14 --> 00:14:16  
expecting it to make me happy!

278

00:14:16 --> 00:14:21  
I think the point is  
she will make me happy.

279

00:14:21 --> 00:14:24  
Making your father happy  
should make you happy.

280

00:14:25 --> 00:14:29  
Bringing honor to the name "Fayed"  
should make you happy.

281

00:14:36 --> 00:14:38  
[Heini in English]  
You two having a nice chat?

282

00:14:40 --> 00:14:41  
We are.

283

00:14:45 --> 00:14:46  
You okay, baby?

284

00:14:47 --> 00:14:49  
[in Arabic] You are right...

285

00:14:49 --> 00:14:51  
"Baby."

286

00:14:58 --> 00:15:01  
[reporter 1] 1974 was the last time  
they won an election,

287

00:15:01 --> 00:15:03  
and it is a vast majority.

288

00:15:03 --> 00:15:06  
Nothing can take away  
the magnitude of the Labour victory.

289

00:15:06 --> 00:15:09  
They got four million more votes  
than the Conservatives.

290

00:15:09 --> 00:15:11  
-This is Tony Blair's hour.  
-[crowd cheering on TV]

291

00:15:12 --> 00:15:14  
And everyone knows it.

292

00:15:14 --> 00:15:16  
[pop music playing on TV]

293

00:15:20 --> 00:15:22  
Thank you. All right.

294

00:15:23 --&gt; 00:15:25

[Blair] Well, a new dawn has broken,  
has it not?

295

00:15:25 --&gt; 00:15:27

[cheers and applause]

296

00:15:27 --&gt; 00:15:30

We have been elected as New Labour,

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00:15:31 --&gt; 00:15:34

and we will govern as New Labour.

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00:15:34 --&gt; 00:15:37

[cheers and applause]

299

00:15:37 --&gt; 00:15:39

And as we head into the millennium,

300

00:15:39 --&gt; 00:15:42

we have the opportunity to change Britain.

301

00:15:42 --&gt; 00:15:44

[cheers and applause]

302

00:15:48 --&gt; 00:15:50

[clock ticking]

303

00:15:56 --&gt; 00:15:57

It is strange, the...

304

00:15:58 --&gt; 00:16:01

the human capacity for self-deception.

305

00:16:03 --&gt; 00:16:05

Despite all the polls,

306

00:16:07 --> 00:16:09

I still felt I had a chance of winning.

307

00:16:10 --> 00:16:14

Instead, my party has just suffered  
its worst defeat in memory.

308

00:16:19 --> 00:16:22

I do hope the history books  
will judge my premiership

309

00:16:22 --> 00:16:24

rather more kindly  
than the electorate has.

310

00:16:25 --> 00:16:27

Whatever the historians make of it,

311

00:16:27 --> 00:16:31

you will always rank highly  
in my personal table of prime ministers.

312

00:16:33 --> 00:16:34

Very highly.

313

00:16:36 --> 00:16:40

I shall miss your calm,  
forthright, dependable presence.

314

00:16:42 --> 00:16:46

And I'm especially grateful to you  
for your help with the Waleses.

315

00:16:47 --> 00:16:52

I am still frustrated I was never able

to resolve the issue of the royal yacht.

316

00:16:52 --> 00:16:56

And I gather the Labour Party is  
still committed to decommissioning her.

317

00:16:58 --> 00:16:59

Yes.

318

00:17:02 --> 00:17:05

[hesitates] It is just possible  
that the scale of his victory

319

00:17:05 --> 00:17:07

will make Mr. Blair magnanimous,

320

00:17:07 --> 00:17:10

and I could try  
having a word through back channels,

321

00:17:11 --> 00:17:14

and I might be able to persuade  
his administration to keep her after all.

322

00:17:16 --> 00:17:18

That would mean the world to me.

323

00:17:30 --> 00:17:31

What do you make of him?

324

00:17:32 --> 00:17:33

Mr. Blair?

325

00:17:35 --> 00:17:37

Oh, I shouldn't have done that.

326



00:17:38 --> 00:17:41  
Well, the oft-touted criticism

327

00:17:41 --> 00:17:45  
is that his leadership style is  
a triumph of image over substance.

328

00:17:46 --> 00:17:48  
Much attention is also paid to his age.

329

00:17:48 --> 00:17:50  
Mmm. Forty-three, I checked.

330

00:17:50 --> 00:17:54  
The youngest prime minister  
since Lord Liverpool in 1812.

331

00:17:55 --> 00:17:58  
Whatever the criticisms,  
there's no denying his achievements.

332

00:17:58 --> 00:18:02  
He's broken the stranglehold  
the unions had over his party

333

00:18:02 --> 00:18:05  
and made Labour electable again,  
which is no mean feat.

334

00:18:07 --> 00:18:11  
And he has caught the mood of the country,  
in a way that I clearly failed to do.

335

00:18:13 --> 00:18:14  
Let's see.

336

00:18:15 --> 00:18:18

True statesmanship is not confined  
to a time in public office.

337

00:18:20 --> 00:18:22

And you're still a young man too.

338

00:18:27 --> 00:18:29

[buzzing quietly]

339

00:18:31 --> 00:18:33

[doors opening]

340

00:18:37 --> 00:18:38

Your Majesty.

341

00:18:46 --> 00:18:48

[doors creak, close]

342

00:18:49 --> 00:18:51

[chatter in distance]

343

00:18:52 --> 00:18:55

-[reporters clamoring]

-[cameras clicking]

344

00:19:01 --> 00:19:02

One moment, darling.

345

00:19:19 --> 00:19:20

[brakes squeak]

346

00:19:26 --> 00:19:27

Congratulations.

347

00:19:28 --> 00:19:29

Thank you, John.

348

00:19:30 --> 00:19:32  
It's a funny old business.

349

00:19:32 --> 00:19:35  
One day, you're prime minister,  
arguably the most...

350

00:19:35 --> 00:19:39  
[chuckles] Well, the second-most  
important person in the country,

351

00:19:39 --> 00:19:43  
and the next, you lose your job, your car,  
and you're evicted from your home.

352

00:19:44 --> 00:19:45  
All before lunch.

353

00:19:55 --> 00:19:57  
I left a note for you on, uh...

354

00:19:57 --> 00:19:59  
on your desk.

355

00:20:01 --> 00:20:02  
Good luck.

356

00:20:35 --> 00:20:37  
The prime minister, Your Majesty.

357

00:20:37 --> 00:20:39  
-Your Majesty.  
-Prime Minister.

358

00:20:39 --> 00:20:42

[Elizabeth] The new prime minister  
came to see me today.

359

00:20:42 --> 00:20:44  
So, how are you settling in?

360

00:20:44 --> 00:20:49  
After some polite chit-chat,  
I brought up the Royal Yacht Britannia,

361

00:20:49 --> 00:20:52  
hoping for a last-minute reprieve,

362

00:20:53 --> 00:20:54  
and he offered a new idea.

363

00:20:55 --> 00:20:59  
A brand-new yacht,  
but not paid for by the government.

364

00:21:00 --> 00:21:02  
-What?!  
-How, then?

365

00:21:03 --> 00:21:05  
[Elizabeth] By private finance.

366

00:21:05 --> 00:21:08  
At a cost of some £65 million.

367

00:21:09 --> 00:21:10  
Which means that...

368

00:21:10 --> 00:21:14  
...whichever individual or company  
pays for it would own the yacht

369

00:21:14 --> 00:21:15  
and lease it back to the government

370

00:21:15 --> 00:21:18  
whenever the royal family  
required its use.

371

00:21:18 --> 00:21:20  
[Margaret] What, like a rental?

372

00:21:20 --> 00:21:21  
Hmm, like Avis.

373

00:21:22 --> 00:21:23  
Actually, it's not that unusual.

374

00:21:24 --> 00:21:26  
In the modern, commercial world,

375

00:21:26 --> 00:21:29  
that's what they do  
for shipping containers and oil tankers.

376

00:21:29 --> 00:21:31  
Britannia isn't a shipping container.

377

00:21:31 --> 00:21:33  
She's a royal yacht

378

00:21:33 --> 00:21:35  
and a symbolic representation  
of your mother.

379

00:21:35 --> 00:21:37  
[Anne] So, what are they suggesting?

380

00:21:37 --> 00:21:41  
That "HMY Britannia  
sponsored by McVities Biscuits"

381

00:21:41 --> 00:21:43  
be emblazoned on the side?

382

00:21:43 --> 00:21:46  
They're suggesting  
the yacht would no longer be Britannia.

383

00:21:47 --> 00:21:48  
She would have a new name.

384

00:21:50 --> 00:21:51  
Go on.

385

00:21:52 --> 00:21:53  
New Britain.

386

00:21:55 --> 00:21:57  
[sighs]

387

00:21:59 --> 00:22:00  
I rather like it.

388

00:22:03 --> 00:22:05  
Wait, wasn't that  
Blair's political slogan?

389

00:22:06 --> 00:22:07  
-Yes.  
-Oh, come on.

390

00:22:07 --> 00:22:12  
Next they'll want his grinning face

on the side with a big red rosette.

391

00:22:12 --> 00:22:15

I said if those were  
the terms of the royal yacht's existence,

392

00:22:15 --> 00:22:17

I would sooner it be decommissioned.

393

00:22:20 --> 00:22:21

So that's the decision.

394

00:22:23 --> 00:22:27

Charles' trip to Hong Kong  
will be her last official trip.

395

00:22:28 --> 00:22:30

After 43 years of service

396

00:22:30 --> 00:22:33

and more than a million nautical miles  
around the globe...

397

00:22:36 --> 00:22:38

the royal yacht is to be retired.

398

00:22:43 --> 00:22:45

[Charles] It was the first time  
I've seen it so clearly.

399

00:22:47 --> 00:22:50

The toll that the past few years  
have taken on her.

400

00:22:52 --> 00:22:54

And her distress or her grief,

401

00:22:54 --> 00:22:57  
it was not for the royal yacht,  
nor her precious memories.

402

00:22:57 --> 00:22:59  
It was for herself.

403

00:22:59 --> 00:23:01  
And the institution she represents.

404

00:23:03 --> 00:23:05  
Like she felt  
she was being decommissioned.

405

00:23:08 --> 00:23:10  
In which case, you must be ready, sir.

406

00:23:11 --> 00:23:14  
And the country must start  
to prepare for you as the future.

407

00:23:15 --> 00:23:17  
To that end,  
I had a look at the itinerary,

408

00:23:17 --> 00:23:19  
and I've managed to find some time

409

00:23:19 --> 00:23:22  
for you to meet with the prime minister  
one-on-one on the royal yacht.

410

00:23:22 --> 00:23:25  
I also identified one or two places

411

00:23:25 --> 00:23:27



in the speech  
that Buckingham Palace has sent for you

412

00:23:27 --> 00:23:31  
to read out at the farewell ceremony,  
just to tweak it a bit.

413

00:23:32 --> 00:23:34  
Just to give it a bit more of your voice.

414

00:23:37 --> 00:23:39  
The only thing  
I haven't been able to change is, um...

415

00:23:40 --> 00:23:41  
business class seats.

416

00:23:43 --> 00:23:45  
The politicians,  
Foreign Secretary Robin Cook,

417

00:23:45 --> 00:23:50  
former foreign secretary Douglas Hurd,  
and former prime minister Edward Heath,

418

00:23:50 --> 00:23:52  
are all going first class.

419

00:23:53 --> 00:23:55  
And the heir to the throne is in business?

420

00:23:56 --> 00:23:57  
Afraid so.

421

00:23:58 --> 00:23:59  
[chuckles lightly]

422

00:24:02 --&gt; 00:24:03

Doesn't that tell you everything?

423

00:24:07 --&gt; 00:24:09

You're going to have to be very brave.

424

00:24:11 --&gt; 00:24:13

But I promise you, you'll survive.

425

00:24:13 --&gt; 00:24:14

[Charles chuckles]

426

00:24:22 --&gt; 00:24:24

[indistinct background chatter]

427

00:24:29 --&gt; 00:24:31

-[cork pops]

-[glasses clinking]

428

00:24:37 --&gt; 00:24:40

[indistinct chatter]

429

00:24:41 --&gt; 00:24:43

-I'll talk to him.

-I'm not gonna ask you.

430

00:24:48 --&gt; 00:24:49

There you are.

431

00:24:49 --&gt; 00:24:53

I mean, the excitement is being  
in a position to actually do this stuff.

432

00:24:58 --&gt; 00:24:59

[chuckles lightly]

433

00:25:05 --&gt; 00:25:07

[newswoman]

Prince Charles flew into Hong Kong today

434

00:25:07 --&gt; 00:25:09

as the final countdown  
to the handover begins.

435

00:25:09 --&gt; 00:25:12

The foreign secretary, Robin Cook,  
criticized China's plans

436

00:25:12 --&gt; 00:25:15

to send in troops  
hours after the handover.

437

00:25:15 --&gt; 00:25:17

[Mohamed] Dodi called me today.

438

00:25:18 --&gt; 00:25:21

To tell me he paid a deposit  
on the house in Malibu.

439

00:25:22 --&gt; 00:25:23

Good.

440

00:25:24 --&gt; 00:25:25

Be happy for him.

441

00:25:26 --&gt; 00:25:28

But what if  
he actually proposes to this girl?

442

00:25:30 --&gt; 00:25:33

Then we will give him  
a magnificent wedding.

443  
00:25:34 --> 00:25:35  
In Paris.

444  
00:25:36 --> 00:25:38  
With the reception at the Ritz.

445  
00:25:39 --> 00:25:40  
Or in Scotland. In your castle.

446  
00:25:42 --> 00:25:45  
My firstborn son marrying a model.

447  
00:25:46 --> 00:25:47  
[Heini chuckles]

448  
00:25:47 --> 00:25:48  
That's all I was.

449  
00:25:49 --> 00:25:51  
[man on TV continues indistinctly]

450  
00:25:56 --> 00:25:59  
You were so much more than a model.

451  
00:26:03 --> 00:26:05  
You were a socialite.

452  
00:26:13 --> 00:26:15  
[breathes deeply]

453  
00:26:16 --> 00:26:18  
[song from "Swan Lake" playing]

454  
00:27:01 --> 00:27:03  
[music intensifies]

455

00:27:16 --> 00:27:19  
I'm feeling a bit gloomy this evening.  
I don't want to spoil your night.

456

00:27:19 --> 00:27:22  
No, you will spoil it only by not coming.

457

00:27:23 --> 00:27:24  
Just one course.

458

00:27:24 --> 00:27:26  
Twenty minutes.

459

00:27:27 --> 00:27:29  
-All right. All right.  
-Hmm? Hmm?

460

00:27:29 --> 00:27:31  
[indistinct chatter]

461

00:27:32 --> 00:27:35  
-[cameras clicking]  
-[song from "Swan Lake" continues]

462

00:27:45 --> 00:27:47  
[engines revving]

463

00:27:50 --> 00:27:53  
[reporters clamoring]

464

00:27:56 --> 00:27:58  
-[song ends]  
-[distant applause]

465

00:27:59 --> 00:28:02

I thought after the divorce,  
I'd be this happy, smiley thing again,

466

00:28:02 --> 00:28:04  
but I'm more glum than ever.

467

00:28:05 --> 00:28:07  
It's Camilla's 50th birthday coming up.

468

00:28:07 --> 00:28:09  
Charles wants to throw her  
a big party at Highgrove.

469

00:28:10 --> 00:28:12  
I don't want to be  
in the country for that.

470

00:28:13 --> 00:28:14  
Where to go?

471

00:28:15 --> 00:28:18  
I had plans to take the boys to America  
for a summer holiday,

472

00:28:18 --> 00:28:21  
but that was shut down  
for security reasons, so...

473

00:28:24 --> 00:28:27  
Why don't you come to Saint-Tropez  
with us?

474

00:28:27 --> 00:28:28  
Please.

475

00:28:29 --> 00:28:32  
No, I wouldn't inflict all this on you.

476

00:28:32 --> 00:28:35  
[security guard 1] Clear off. Get out!  
Go on, get out of here!

477

00:28:35 --> 00:28:38  
[security guard 2]  
Clear off. Get out of here.

478

00:28:38 --> 00:28:42  
My bodyguards are all special forces,  
so you will be fine.

479

00:28:43 --> 00:28:47  
For the boys,  
there will be speedboats and jet skis

480

00:28:47 --> 00:28:51  
and movies and burgers and french fries.

481

00:28:52 --> 00:28:54  
[all chuckling]

482

00:28:55 --> 00:28:59  
For you, there will be sunshine  
and shopping

483

00:29:00 --> 00:29:02  
and a big, new yacht.

484

00:29:03 --> 00:29:06  
And a helicopter and a plane  
to get you there.

485

00:29:07 --> 00:29:10  
You will think  
it's all very Egyptian and vulgar.

486  
00:29:11 --> 00:29:12  
But you will love it!

487  
00:29:12 --> 00:29:13  
[Diana and Mohamed laugh]

488  
00:29:14 --> 00:29:16  
[all chuckling]

489  
00:29:18 --> 00:29:19  
[Mohamed] So?

490  
00:29:21 --> 00:29:23  
Promise me you will think about it?

491  
00:29:24 --> 00:29:25  
Hmm?

492  
00:29:26 --> 00:29:27  
Mm-hmm.

493  
00:29:27 --> 00:29:29  
[soft melancholy music plays]

494  
00:29:39 --> 00:29:40  
[brakes hiss]

495  
00:29:44 --> 00:29:46  
[overlapping chatter]

496  
00:29:57 --> 00:30:00  
[foghorn blowing]

497  
00:30:01 --> 00:30:05



[Charles] Your Excellency, Prime Minister,  
ladies and gentlemen...

498

00:30:06 --> 00:30:08  
[fireworks exploding]

499

00:30:10 --> 00:30:15  
...I've been asked by Her Majesty the Queen  
to read the following message.

500

00:30:18 --> 00:30:22  
Five hours from now,  
the Union Flag will be lowered.

501

00:30:23 --> 00:30:26  
The flag of China will fly over Hong Kong,

502

00:30:28 --> 00:30:31  
and more than a century and a half  
of British administration

503

00:30:31 --> 00:30:33  
will have come to an end.

504

00:30:37 --> 00:30:41  
And now the people of Hong Kong  
can look to a new future.

505

00:30:44 --> 00:30:46  
As the old certainties give way,

506

00:30:47 --> 00:30:52  
I feel hopeful  
Hong Kong's unique character and spirit

507

00:30:53 --> 00:30:58  
will be a lesson to the world

of independence and progress.

508

00:31:00 --> 00:31:02  
[guard shouting commands]

509

00:31:02 --> 00:31:04  
[chains squeaking]

510

00:31:06 --> 00:31:08  
[Charles] This strong sense of identity...

511

00:31:08 --> 00:31:09  
[guard shouts command]

512

00:31:11 --> 00:31:15  
...this deep commitment  
to its own way of doing things,

513

00:31:16 --> 00:31:20  
has been the engine  
of Hong Kong's spectacular success.

514

00:31:22 --> 00:31:25  
By preserving these liberties,

515

00:31:25 --> 00:31:27  
we are not merely protecting  
a people's way of life.

516

00:31:28 --> 00:31:33  
We are inviting the world  
to learn from their example.

517

00:31:37 --> 00:31:41  
I wish you all a successful transition,

518

00:31:42 --> 00:31:45  
and a prosperous and peaceful future.

519

00:31:46 --> 00:31:48  
[applause]

520

00:31:59 --> 00:32:02  
[fireworks exploding]

521

00:32:15 --> 00:32:17  
-[knock at door]  
-[door opens]

522

00:32:17 --> 00:32:20  
[man] The prime minister,  
Your Royal Highness.

523

00:32:20 --> 00:32:23  
Prime Minister, I'm so grateful to you  
for making the time.

524

00:32:23 --> 00:32:25  
Your Royal Highness.

525

00:32:25 --> 00:32:26  
Look at you.

526

00:32:26 --> 00:32:29  
The first prime minister young enough  
to be the Queen's son.

527

00:32:29 --> 00:32:31  
Winston Churchill,

528

00:32:31 --> 00:32:33  
who sat in that armchair  
a great many times,

529

00:32:33 --> 00:32:35  
was old enough to be her grandfather.

530

00:32:35 --> 00:32:37  
Anthony Eden, Harold Macmillan,  
her father.

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00:32:38 --> 00:32:40  
Wilson and Heath, her husbands.

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00:32:40 --> 00:32:42  
Mrs. Thatcher, her twin sister.

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00:32:42 --> 00:32:44  
And you, her son.

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00:32:44 --> 00:32:47  
Which I suppose,  
by extension, would make us...

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00:32:48 --> 00:32:50  
-Brothers.  
-Yes.

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00:32:50 --> 00:32:55  
Two men of the same age and generation.  
And, hopefully, of a similar mindset.

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00:32:57 --> 00:33:01  
And I want to say, if this meeting is  
about the decommissioning of the yacht,

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00:33:02 --> 00:33:06  
I want you to know, especially in light  
of having been shown around her today,

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00:33:06 --> 00:33:07  
how bad I feel.

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00:33:07 --> 00:33:08  
Why?

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00:33:09 --> 00:33:10  
-Well, I...  
-Please.

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00:33:11 --> 00:33:14  
I suppose I wasn't prepared for  
how striking she'd be up close.

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00:33:14 --> 00:33:17  
Or... how remarkable  
the sense of tradition is

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00:33:17 --> 00:33:19  
that you get aboard her or...

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00:33:21 --> 00:33:23  
I suppose it almost  
makes one regret the decision.

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00:33:23 --> 00:33:25  
To get rid of her? Really?

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00:33:27 --> 00:33:29  
And here am I, thinking the opposite.

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00:33:30 --> 00:33:32  
The very thing  
that has brought us to Hong Kong

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00:33:32 --> 00:33:36

has made clear that  
there's no point clinging to the past.

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We must be excited by the future.

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And what an example you've set  
with your party.

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You've taken a rusty,  
old socialist tractor

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and turned it into  
a gleaming, modern sports car.

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-And look how the public has responded.  
-I hope so.

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I probably shouldn't say this, but...

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00:34:00 --&gt; 00:34:03

I think the royal family needs  
a similar renovation.

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00:34:04 --&gt; 00:34:08

Not just in terms of size and cost,  
though certainly those things, too, but...

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00:34:10 --&gt; 00:34:11

also in terms of attitudes.

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00:34:13 --&gt; 00:34:17

My parents can be  
a little hidebound in their ideas

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00:34:17 --> 00:34:22  
about, for example,  
how I should be permitted to live.

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00:34:25 --> 00:34:29  
Divorces and second marriages...  
these things exist.

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00:34:30 --> 00:34:33  
And the reality for many people today.

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00:34:37 --> 00:34:38  
You understand that.

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00:34:39 --> 00:34:41  
You understand the public mood  
better than anyone.

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00:34:41 --> 00:34:45  
Don't you think they'd prefer to see  
a happy, remarried Prince of Wales,

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00:34:46 --> 00:34:48  
rather than an unhappy, unmarried one?

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00:34:52 --> 00:34:54  
[Blair] It was pretty gobsmacking  
what he was doing.

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00:34:55 --> 00:34:57  
Effectively briefing against  
his own mother.

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00:34:57 --> 00:34:58

[woman] Mmm.

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00:34:59 --> 00:35:01

But I have some sympathy with him.

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00:35:02 --> 00:35:04

Can't be much fun  
being the Prince of Wales

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00:35:04 --> 00:35:05

if you're an impressive man.

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00:35:06 --> 00:35:07

Is he?

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00:35:08 --> 00:35:12

Oh yes, with energy and a brain.

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00:35:13 --> 00:35:15

And a conscience and a beating heart

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00:35:15 --> 00:35:18

and a genuine desire to engage  
and make a difference.

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00:35:18 --> 00:35:20

[Charles] Same with this yacht.

578

00:35:20 --> 00:35:24

Magnificent though she is, the fact is,  
she's done over a million miles.

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00:35:25 --> 00:35:28

Her glories belong to the past.  
She's not fit for purpose today.

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00:35:29 --> 00:35:34

Of course, I have enormous respect  
for the people who advise the Queen,

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00:35:34 --> 00:35:38

but, well, let's be honest,  
there's a lot of gray hair there.

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00:35:38 --> 00:35:42

And they do display  
a certain tone deafness at times.

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00:35:44 --> 00:35:47

If we want to preserve  
what's best about the Crown,

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00:35:47 --> 00:35:52

then... two, modern, forward-thinking men  
might need to work together

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00:35:53 --> 00:35:53

to help protect...

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00:35:55 --> 00:35:57

well, not only the monarchy's future, but...

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00:35:59 --> 00:36:02

as heir to the throne, my future too.

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00:36:02 --> 00:36:04

[soft melancholy music plays]

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00:36:10 --> 00:36:13

To be stuck in a system  
that wants you to be nothing. No one.

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00:36:14 --> 00:36:15

Without a voice.

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00:36:15 --> 00:36:20

"...and the leader of the bushmen  
attached himself to this man

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00:36:20 --> 00:36:24

as if it was his natural right,  
but soon a remarkable change set in."

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00:36:24 --> 00:36:27

[both laughing]

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00:36:27 --> 00:36:29

That is so good.

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00:36:29 --> 00:36:31

[indistinct chatter]

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00:36:33 --> 00:36:36

It would be like being  
trapped for eternity in opposition.

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00:36:36 --> 00:36:39

I mean, we had 18 years.  
That was bad enough.

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00:36:39 --> 00:36:40

He's already had 50.

599

00:36:42 --> 00:36:46

It can't be easy  
knowing your own mother has the final say

600

00:36:46 --> 00:36:48

on who you can or can't marry.

601

00:36:49 --&gt; 00:36:50

[Camilla] Hmm.

602

00:36:52 --&gt; 00:36:54

Imagine if your mum had a veto over me.

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00:36:56 --&gt; 00:36:57

[chuckles lightly]

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00:36:58 --&gt; 00:37:00

She wouldn't have dared.

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00:37:04 --&gt; 00:37:05

[chuckles lightly]

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00:37:07 --&gt; 00:37:11

[reporter 2] Hong Kong's new dawn heralded a new military power today.

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00:37:11 --&gt; 00:37:14

Troops of China's People's Liberation Army, the PLA,

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00:37:14 --&gt; 00:37:18

trundled across the border as a friendly invasion.

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00:37:18 --&gt; 00:37:20

But it is the sight of armored personnel carriers

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00:37:20 --&gt; 00:37:23

that has stirred particular unease in some quarters.

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00:37:24 --&gt; 00:37:27

The Prince of Wales Barracks  
on Hong Kong Island

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00:37:27 --> 00:37:30  
was the British military headquarters  
until midnight last night.

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00:37:30 --> 00:37:31  
But no more.

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00:37:32 --> 00:37:36  
Today, inscrutable Chinese sentries  
came face to face with...

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00:37:36 --> 00:37:37  
Your Majesty.

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00:37:37 --> 00:37:40  
...struggling home  
after a long and liquid night.

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00:37:41 --> 00:37:42  
The PLA arrived--

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00:37:43 --> 00:37:43  
[TV cuts off]

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00:37:43 --> 00:37:45  
One or two bits and pieces, if I may.

620

00:37:47 --> 00:37:49  
The Princess of Wales has asked permission

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00:37:50 --> 00:37:53  
to take the princes with her  
on a holiday in the South of France,

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00:37:53 --> 00:37:57  
as guests of Mohamed Al Fayed.

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00:37:58 --> 00:38:00  
Should we go back with a "no"?

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00:38:01 --> 00:38:03  
That would be my preference,

625

00:38:03 --> 00:38:06  
but it is Diana's turn  
with the boys this year.

626

00:38:07 --> 00:38:10  
Which is what I'm told  
divorced couples call "parenting."

627

00:38:11 --> 00:38:12  
So it's none of my business.

628

00:38:13 --> 00:38:14  
Ma'am.

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00:38:15 --> 00:38:16  
Was that the bit?

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00:38:16 --> 00:38:18  
I'm bracing myself for the pieces.

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00:38:21 --> 00:38:22  
The Prince of Wales...

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00:38:25 --> 00:38:26  
Go on.

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00:38:26 --> 00:38:31  
...is believed to have granted  
the prime minister a private audience

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00:38:31 --> 00:38:32  
while in Hong Kong,

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00:38:34 --> 00:38:38  
before heading off on a private holiday  
with Mrs. Parker Bowles and some friends

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00:38:38 --> 00:38:40  
on the royal yacht.

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00:38:43 --> 00:38:47  
I've taken the liberty  
of drafting a statement

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00:38:47 --> 00:38:51  
clarifying that the holiday was  
at the Prince's expense.

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00:38:52 --> 00:38:55  
But that doesn't deal with  
the private audience.

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00:38:57 --> 00:38:59  
What do you think they discussed?

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00:38:59 --> 00:39:04  
The ostensible subject was  
the future of Britain in the region.

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00:39:08 --> 00:39:11  
Will you ask the Prince of Wales to come  
and see me as soon as he has a moment?

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00:39:12 --> 00:39:13

Ma'am.

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00:39:19 --> 00:39:21

And before she is decommissioned,

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00:39:23 --> 00:39:27

do you think I might be allowed to say  
my own private farewell to Britannia?

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00:39:29 --> 00:39:30

Of course.

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00:39:32 --> 00:39:33

Let me arrange that.

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00:39:40 --> 00:39:43

[tense music plays]

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00:40:00 --> 00:40:01

[engine shuts off]

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00:40:05 --> 00:40:06

[man] Your Royal Highness.

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00:40:38 --> 00:40:40

[man] The Prince of Wales, Your Majesty.

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00:40:45 --> 00:40:45

Mummy.

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00:40:52 --> 00:40:53

How was Canada?

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00:40:54 --> 00:40:55

Wonderful, thank you.

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00:40:55 --&gt; 00:40:57

Not a spot of rain.

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00:40:57 --&gt; 00:41:01

No, I'm afraid I got the rain.  
Almost drowned out my speech.

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00:41:02 --&gt; 00:41:03

My speech.

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00:41:04 --&gt; 00:41:06

I hope it didn't spoil  
your subsequent holiday

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00:41:06 --&gt; 00:41:07

in the... Where was it?

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00:41:08 --&gt; 00:41:11

Uh, Manila and the Paracel Islands.

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00:41:13 --&gt; 00:41:15

I must say,  
I was surprised to hear of the trip.

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00:41:15 --&gt; 00:41:18

And that you would use the royal yacht

663

00:41:18 --&gt; 00:41:22

as a place to conduct your affair  
with Mrs. Parker Bowles.

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00:41:26 --&gt; 00:41:29

My affair, Mummy? I'm an unmarried man.

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00:41:30 --&gt; 00:41:33



Divorced man whose wife is still alive.

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00:41:35 --> 00:41:37

Are we really having this conversation?

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00:41:38 --> 00:41:41

Camilla and I are mature, willing adults.

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00:41:41 --> 00:41:45

-No doubting the "willing."

-Who make one another happy.

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00:41:45 --> 00:41:46

No doubting that either.

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00:41:47 --> 00:41:49

But isn't it time you asked yourself,

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00:41:49 --> 00:41:53

what good can ultimately come of it  
when the public is so against it?

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00:41:55 --> 00:41:56

This is madness.

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00:41:57 --> 00:41:58

I tend to agree.

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00:42:00 --> 00:42:04

For years, Diana has  
washed her dirty linen in public.

675

00:42:04 --> 00:42:08

She's thrown endless grenades over  
the Palace gates trying to blow us all up.

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00:42:09 --> 00:42:12

And throughout this,  
Camilla has remained a model of

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00:42:12 --> 00:42:15  
discretion and decency and dignity.

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00:42:17 --> 00:42:20  
And yet you save  
your most bitter condemnation for her.

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00:42:25 --> 00:42:26  
The prime minister...

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00:42:26 --> 00:42:27  
Ah yes, the prime minister.

681

00:42:27 --> 00:42:30  
...a young man who understands the public  
better than anyone,

682

00:42:30 --> 00:42:34  
told me that what they want  
is a happy heir to the throne

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00:42:34 --> 00:42:37  
whose private life reflects the world  
as they see it.

684

00:42:37 --> 00:42:38  
I don't want to get drawn on Mr. Blair

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00:42:38 --> 00:42:41  
or whether he understands the people  
better than me or not.

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00:42:41 --> 00:42:42

I'd say he does.

687

00:42:42 --> 00:42:45

But I do want to make clear  
that the only person in this family

688

00:42:46 --> 00:42:49

to have a direct relationship  
with the first minister is the sovereign.

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00:42:49 --> 00:42:51

-Which will one day be me.

-One day. But not yet.

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00:42:51 --> 00:42:52

When?

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00:42:52 --> 00:42:55

You should know the answer  
better than anyone

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00:42:55 --> 00:42:58

because, God willing,  
you will one day take the oath yourself.

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00:42:58 --> 00:43:00

This job is for life.

694

00:43:02 --> 00:43:05

Let's hope there's still an institution  
for me to take the oath for.

695

00:43:05 --> 00:43:08

I don't think it's my behavior  
that's threatening its survival.

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00:43:08 --> 00:43:09

Isn't it?

697

00:43:10 --> 00:43:14

It hasn't been on my watch that there's been a complete breakdown of authority,

698

00:43:14 --> 00:43:18

that a program on national television's made such a mockery of us.

699

00:43:18 --> 00:43:22

The vote, as I understand it, went comfortably in our favor.

700

00:43:22 --> 00:43:24

Less in yours.

701

00:43:35 --> 00:43:38

In Hong Kong, I saw how easy it is to dispose of us.

702

00:43:40 --> 00:43:44

Buildings renamed.  
Your head removed from the stamps.

703

00:43:45 --> 00:43:47

150 years of living under the Crown,

704

00:43:47 --> 00:43:49

they couldn't have been shot of us more quickly.

705

00:43:51 --> 00:43:56

That's what happens when... we fail to move with the times.

706

00:43:59 --> 00:44:03

You can't be blamed  
for living a long life.

707

00:44:04 --> 00:44:05

Thank you.

708

00:44:06 --> 00:44:11

But you have to accept that your...  
your values were shaped by Queen Mary.

709

00:44:11 --> 00:44:13

Yes. Proud of it.

710

00:44:14 --> 00:44:15

Hers by Queen Victoria.

711

00:44:16 --> 00:44:17

Proud of that too.

712

00:44:19 --> 00:44:20

[sighs]

713

00:44:20 --> 00:44:21

I'm just worried, Mummy, that...

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00:44:23 --> 00:44:25

if we continue  
to hold onto these Victorian notions

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00:44:25 --> 00:44:29

of how the monarchy should look,  
how it should feel,

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00:44:30 --> 00:44:32

then the world will move on.

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00:44:34 --> 00:44:36  
And those who come after you will be...

718

00:44:38 --> 00:44:40  
will be left with nothing.

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00:45:13 --> 00:45:14  
[doors open]

720

00:45:16 --> 00:45:17  
[doors close]

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00:45:30 --> 00:45:33  
-[seabirds calling]  
-[slow classical music playing]

722

00:45:35 --> 00:45:36  
Your Majesty.

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00:45:50 --> 00:45:51  
Your Majesty.

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00:46:05 --> 00:46:06  
[breathes deeply]

725

00:46:54 --> 00:46:56  
[sighs softly]

726

00:47:12 --> 00:47:14  
[slow classical music builds]

727

00:47:42 --> 00:47:43  
[inhales deeply]

728

00:47:50 --> 00:47:51  
I love you.

729

00:48:10 --> 00:48:12  
[music fades out]

730

00:48:35 --> 00:48:37  
[classical music plays]

# THE CROWN



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