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"Act of God"

When dense smog cripples London for days and creates a serious health hazard, Churchill's inaction leaves him vulnerable to his political enemies.

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EPISODE CAST

Claire Foy	...	Queen Elizabeth II
Matt Smith	...	Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
Vanessa Kirby	...	Princess Margaret
Eileen Atkins	...	Queen Mary
Harriet Walter	...	Clemmie Churchill
John Lithgow	...	Winston Churchill
Jeremy Northam	...	Anthony Eden
Clive Francis	...	Lord Salisbury
Nicholas Rowe	...	Jock Colville
Pip Torrens	...	Tommy Lascelles
Ben Miles	...	Peter Townsend
James Hillier	...	Equerry (Buckingham Palace)
Simon Chandler	...	Clement Attlee
Jo Stone-Fewings	...	Collins
Kate Phillips	...	Venetia Scott

1

00:00:10,800 --> 00:00:12,800
[doors creak open]

2

00:00:27,680 --> 00:00:29,800
-Fuel on.
-[Philip] Fuel on.

3

00:00:29,880 --> 00:00:32,159
Chocks are in position. Switches are off.

4

00:00:32,240 --> 00:00:34,080
You sure about this, sir?

5

00:00:35,320 --> 00:00:38,040
When I got married, my in-laws made me
marshal of the Royal Air Force,

6

00:00:38,120 --> 00:00:43,720
as a result, I'm the most senior airman in
the country and I can't bloody well fly.

7

00:00:43,800 --> 00:00:45,680
-Yes, I'm sure.
-Right-o, sir.

8

00:01:13,760 --> 00:01:16,560
-[Townsend] Ready, sir?
-Ready!

9

00:01:16,640 --> 00:01:19,200
[Townsend] Here we go. Whoa!

10

00:01:29,720 --> 00:01:32,160
[Philip] Okay.

11

00:01:32,240 --> 00:01:34,480
[Philip whoops]

12

00:01:40,000 --> 00:01:41,160
[Philip] Blimey!

13

00:01:50,320 --> 00:01:51,400
[Philip] Christ!

14

00:01:52,320 --> 00:01:54,960
-[Townsend] All right there, sir?
-[Philip] Yes, yes, fine.

15

00:01:55,040 --> 00:01:58,120
-Now it's your turn. You have control.
-[Philip] I have control.

16

00:01:58,200 --> 00:02:01,080
[Townsend] Now remember what I told you,
keep your eye on the altimeter

17

00:02:01,160 --> 00:02:03,920
and the compass heading
and keep the stick level.

18

00:02:05,760 --> 00:02:08,080
[Townsend] That's very good.
That's balanced.

19

00:02:10,880 --> 00:02:14,240
[Townsend] Stick to the left,
then to the right.

20

00:02:18,640 --> 00:02:23,760
-[Townsend] And level. Good.
-Noisy, isn't it?

21

00:02:26,040 --> 00:02:27,400
[engine stops]

22

00:02:27,480 --> 00:02:29,200
[Townsend] How's this, sir?

23

00:02:38,400 --> 00:02:39,680
[Philip] My God.

24

00:02:44,600 --> 00:02:47,120
-[Townsend] Isn't it wonderful?
-Heaven.

25

00:02:52,680 --> 00:02:55,080
[Philip] You fought in
the Battle of Britain, didn't you?

26

00:02:55,160 --> 00:02:57,160
[Townsend] I did, sir.
Two-five-seven squadron.

27

00:02:57,240 --> 00:03:00,320
-[Philip] Flying what? Spitfires?
-Hurricanes, mostly, sir.

28

00:03:00,400 --> 00:03:04,080
-Any kills?
-One or two.

29

00:03:04,160 --> 00:03:07,840
[Philip] Shouldn't we get her started now?
The ground seems terribly close.

30

00:03:08,880 --> 00:03:12,120
[Townsend] No, it's too low to restart,
sir. We'll do a dead-stick landing.

31

00:03:12,200 --> 00:03:14,360
-I have control.
-[Philip] You have control.

32

00:03:33,160 --> 00:03:34,440
That was wonderful.

33

00:03:34,520 --> 00:03:37,440
-Same time next week, sir?
-How about tomorrow?

34

00:04:55,800 --> 00:04:57,800
[distant traffic noises]

35

00:05:23,240 --> 00:05:25,240
[quiet chatter]

36

00:05:27,000 --> 00:05:29,720
-Latest charts.
-Thank you.

37

00:05:29,800 --> 00:05:30,800
[man] Thank you, sir.

38

00:05:37,120 --> 00:05:38,960
Johnson, what do you think of this?

39

00:05:44,800 --> 00:05:46,640
Interesting.

40

00:05:46,720 --> 00:05:47,920
Sir?

41

00:05:51,000 --> 00:05:52,600
[Johnson] I think you should see these.

42

00:05:55,000 --> 00:05:56,280
I see.

43

00:05:57,800 --> 00:05:58,840
Sir.

44

00:06:01,000 --> 00:06:02,280
Goodness me.

45

00:06:05,160 --> 00:06:09,400
[woman] Excuse me, you can't go
in there. Excuse me, sir.

46

00:06:11,080 --> 00:06:13,640
Sorry, sir. Thought you should see these.

47

00:06:17,960 --> 00:06:19,040
Good God.

48

00:06:21,280 --> 00:06:22,600
We must send a warning.

49

00:06:23,760 --> 00:06:25,120
To cover our backs.

50

00:06:27,720 --> 00:06:31,600
Kenneth, it should probably come from you,
as chief scientist.

51

00:06:31,680 --> 00:06:35,520
Address it to the PM.
He'll never read it, of course.

52

00:06:35,600 --> 00:06:37,600
But the important thing is we sent it.

53

00:06:38,680 --> 00:06:41,400
I'll get it to Downing Street right away.

54

00:06:59,360 --> 00:07:00,760
[policeman] Wait there, please.

55

00:07:09,760 --> 00:07:12,160
If Her Majesty could lean forward.

56

00:07:15,520 --> 00:07:17,120
And deep breath in...

57

00:07:17,200 --> 00:07:19,600
[wheezing]

58

00:07:20,480 --> 00:07:21,840
...and out.

59

00:07:23,840 --> 00:07:27,360
The air's a little stuffy, ma'am. It
might help to open the window a crack?

60

00:07:27,440 --> 00:07:29,560
Not while they're rehearsing.

61

00:07:30,520 --> 00:07:32,080
What are they rehearsing?

62

00:07:36,160 --> 00:07:37,560
My funeral.

63

00:07:53,800 --> 00:07:55,800
[typewriters clack]

64

00:08:18,800 --> 00:08:20,800
[indistinct conversations]

65

00:08:25,480 --> 00:08:27,160
Oh, there you are. Miss Scott.

66

00:08:29,000 --> 00:08:31,000
[noisy conversation]

67

00:08:42,240 --> 00:08:44,440
-Mr. Thurman.
-Mr. Collins.

68

00:08:46,640 --> 00:08:48,280
-This is for you.
-Thank you.

69

00:08:57,400 --> 00:09:01,160
I'm not a scientist.
I can't say I understand it.

70

00:09:01,240 --> 00:09:06,400
But, what I can tell you is we don't get
a weather warning like this every day.

71

00:09:06,480 --> 00:09:08,600
We don't get one every month, either.

72

00:09:08,680 --> 00:09:12,400
In fact, I've never heard of us
getting one at all.

73

00:09:13,480 --> 00:09:18,120
Does the name Donora mean anything to you?

74

00:09:19,680 --> 00:09:20,880
Donora?

75

00:09:23,960 --> 00:09:27,080
Oh, of course I remember Donora.
It was a scandal.

76

00:09:27,760 --> 00:09:30,880
A small mill town in America,
outside Philadelphia?

77

00:09:30,960 --> 00:09:32,280
Pittsburgh.

78

00:09:32,360 --> 00:09:36,280
They had a smog
brought on by a freak anti-cyclone

79

00:09:36,360 --> 00:09:39,600
which trapped the emissions
from the local copper work...

80

00:09:39,680 --> 00:09:41,880
-Zinc.
-...in the fog.

81

00:09:41,960 --> 00:09:45,600
-In a few days a number of people died.
-Twenty.

82

00:09:45,680 --> 00:09:51,320
And several thousand became
seriously ill from the poisonous fog.

83

00:09:51,400 --> 00:09:55,160
After the incident a cross-party
delegation was sent to Donora

84

00:09:55,240 --> 00:09:57,080
on an urgent fact-finding mission.

85

00:09:57,160 --> 00:10:00,200
They recommended that clean air zones

be set up all round London,

86

00:10:00,280 --> 00:10:02,080
as a precautionary measure.

87

00:10:04,360 --> 00:10:07,520
-I never saw the report.
-With good reason.

88

00:10:07,600 --> 00:10:11,320
Our Prime Minister threw it away,
claiming it wasn't a priority.

89

00:10:12,800 --> 00:10:15,560
-Can you prove that?
-I can, Mr. Atlee.

90

00:10:23,880 --> 00:10:26,320
The Cabinet minutes
where it was discussed.

91

00:10:32,360 --> 00:10:37,120
He's insisted the country keep
burning coal irresponsibly this winter,

92

00:10:37,200 --> 00:10:40,440
to give the illusion of a solid economy.

93

00:10:42,040 --> 00:10:46,600
-This is great, Clem.
-It's interesting, for sure.

94

00:10:49,600 --> 00:10:52,520
What I don't understand is this.

95

00:10:52,600 --> 00:10:57,080
Why a Downing Street employee,
working for the government,

96

00:10:57,160 --> 00:10:59,760
should come to me with this information?

97

00:11:00,520 --> 00:11:03,440
I've read the Aeneid, Mr. Thurman.

98

00:11:03,520 --> 00:11:06,120
"Do not trust the horse, Trojans.

99

00:11:06,200 --> 00:11:09,640
I fear the Greeks
even when they bring gifts."

100

00:11:10,760 --> 00:11:14,480
Mr. Atlee, I entered the civil service
to serve the public

101

00:11:14,560 --> 00:11:18,480
and to serve government, any government.

102

00:11:18,560 --> 00:11:21,120
But I am also a responsible citizen

103

00:11:21,200 --> 00:11:24,600
and I cannot stand by
while chaos reigns around me.

104

00:11:26,040 --> 00:11:28,240
This is not a government.

105

00:11:28,320 --> 00:11:33,720
Mr. Attlee, this is a collection
of hesitant, frightened, old men

106

00:11:33,800 --> 00:11:39,320
unable to unseat a tyrannical,
delusional even older one.

107

00:11:39,400 --> 00:11:42,920
Yours was the most radical,

108

00:11:43,000 --> 00:11:47,200
forward-thinking government
this country has ever seen.

109

00:11:48,960 --> 00:11:52,280
How you lost the election escapes me.

110

00:11:54,440 --> 00:11:56,840
Escapes us all.

111

00:11:57,960 --> 00:12:02,000
I believe I would be doing the British
public and this country a service

112

00:12:02,080 --> 00:12:07,320
if I helped to usher him out of
the door, and you back in.

113

00:12:08,920 --> 00:12:12,560
And to that end you come to me
with a "master plan"

114

00:12:12,640 --> 00:12:17,720
that involves me crucifying the Tories
for their failure to deal with a fog

115

00:12:17,800 --> 00:12:20,080
which as yet shows no sign of appearing.

116

00:12:22,640 --> 00:12:25,800
At present I can see stars.

117

00:12:36,400 --> 00:12:38,400
[choral music]

118

00:13:24,600 --> 00:13:26,600
-[man] Good night.
-[Venetia] Good night.

119

00:13:37,600 --> 00:13:39,200
[Churchill] Miss Scott.

120

00:13:39,280 --> 00:13:41,880
Thank you for your conscientiousness,
but it's late.

121

00:13:41,960 --> 00:13:43,240
-Go home.
-I am, sir.

122
00:13:43,320 --> 00:13:45,920
You're no good to me tired.
Good evening to you.

123
00:13:48,320 --> 00:13:51,200
-Scott, still here?
-Good night, sir.

124
00:13:55,200 --> 00:13:56,200
[Venetia] Good night.

125
00:14:02,440 --> 00:14:04,560
-[Venetia] Evening, Pat.
-[chuckles]

126
00:14:25,280 --> 00:14:27,360
[Mary] You haven't moved.

127
00:14:28,560 --> 00:14:30,960
I suppose it's still a "no"?

128
00:14:31,560 --> 00:14:34,120
-To what?
-Coming out.

129
00:14:34,200 --> 00:14:37,640
Oh, you mean going to the Lamb and Flag
with you, sitting at the bar,

130
00:14:37,720 --> 00:14:41,680
twinkling our ankles at every
unremarkable young man in the room.

131
00:14:41,760 --> 00:14:45,080
Then letting those men buy us drinks
for us to bring them home,

132
00:14:45,160 --> 00:14:49,240
only to have their unremarkability

confirmed to us again?

133

00:14:49,960 --> 00:14:52,640
No, thanks.

134

00:14:52,720 --> 00:14:56,280
Goodness. And what will you be doing
in the meantime?

135

00:14:56,760 --> 00:15:00,040
Spend time in the company
of someone remarkable.

136

00:15:01,000 --> 00:15:02,320
Ta-ra.

137

00:15:08,720 --> 00:15:14,240
[Venetia] "Hear this, young men and women
everywhere, and proclaim it far and wide.

138

00:15:14,320 --> 00:15:17,960
The earth is yours
and the fullness thereof."

139

00:15:18,800 --> 00:15:21,320
[Venetia & Churchill]
"Be kind but be fierce.

140

00:15:21,400 --> 00:15:24,360
You're needed now more than ever before.

141

00:15:24,440 --> 00:15:26,520
Take up the mantle of change..."

142

00:15:26,600 --> 00:15:28,680
[Churchill] "...for this is your time."

143

00:15:59,240 --> 00:16:00,360
[reporter] Good morning.

144

00:16:00,440 --> 00:16:03,160
The time is eight o'clock on the 6th

of December and here is the news.

145

00:16:04,080 --> 00:16:06,400
London has been brought to a halt
by dense fog,

146

00:16:06,480 --> 00:16:08,480
which has descended overnight.

147

00:16:09,800 --> 00:16:13,360
Long queues have formed on main roads.
There are reports of motorists

148

00:16:13,440 --> 00:16:16,080
abandoning their vehicles
and continuing on foot.

149

00:16:16,160 --> 00:16:18,800
London Airport is expected to be closed.

150

00:16:20,960 --> 00:16:22,240
Good God.

151

00:16:22,320 --> 00:16:24,400
The meteorological office
has issued a statement

152

00:16:24,480 --> 00:16:28,120
saying that a persistent anti-cyclone
over London is to blame.

153

00:16:28,200 --> 00:16:31,200
Smoke from the capital's chimneys
is being trapped at street level

154

00:16:31,280 --> 00:16:32,760
which is aggravating the fog.

155

00:16:36,920 --> 00:16:40,480
The windless conditions mean
it is expected to last for some time.

156

00:16:40,560 --> 00:16:43,720
Be careful out there,
it's a real pea souper.

157

00:16:52,800 --> 00:16:54,640
Ah. Is the car ready?

158

00:16:54,720 --> 00:16:57,480
I'm afraid the visibility
is too poor to drive, ma'am.

159

00:16:58,800 --> 00:17:00,240
It's what, 200 yards?

160

00:17:01,840 --> 00:17:04,000
It's been judged too hazardous, ma'am.

161

00:17:07,720 --> 00:17:10,760
I have an appointment
to see my grandmother.

162

00:17:11,440 --> 00:17:13,680
I intend to keep that appointment.

163

00:17:14,480 --> 00:17:19,720
If it's too hazardous to drive...
then there's only one thing to be done.

164

00:17:22,560 --> 00:17:25,000
[footsteps]

165

00:17:51,200 --> 00:17:53,200
[knocking on door]

166

00:17:57,120 --> 00:17:58,360
I saw that.

167

00:17:59,160 --> 00:18:02,320
Might it be possible for you
to pretend that you haven't?

168

00:18:03,800 --> 00:18:06,120

And the Queen is here, Your Majesty.

169

00:18:06,200 --> 00:18:08,680

-Could you be more specific?

-Ma'am?

170

00:18:09,560 --> 00:18:12,720

-Which queen?

-Queen Elizabeth, ma'am.

171

00:18:12,800 --> 00:18:16,120

-Which one? There are two.

-The young one.

172

00:18:16,200 --> 00:18:18,400

Oh, the Queen.

173

00:18:18,480 --> 00:18:21,360

I thought you was all queens.

They gave me a sheet.

174

00:18:21,440 --> 00:18:22,960

We are.

175

00:18:23,040 --> 00:18:26,880

I was the queen so long as my husband
the king was alive, but since he died,

176

00:18:26,960 --> 00:18:30,560

I am no longer the queen,

I am simply Queen Mary.

177

00:18:30,640 --> 00:18:35,600

My late son's widow was also the queen,
but upon the death of her husband,

178

00:18:35,680 --> 00:18:38,480

she became Queen Elizabeth,

the Queen Mother.

179

00:18:38,560 --> 00:18:42,720

Her daughter, Queen Elizabeth,
is now queen, so she is...

180
00:18:43,920 --> 00:18:46,240
-The Queen.
-Bravo.

181
00:18:47,400 --> 00:18:50,120
Nurses and nuns have the same problem.

182
00:18:50,200 --> 00:18:53,680
-We're all called Sister.
-So you are.

183
00:18:54,560 --> 00:18:57,760
Well, she's outside. The Queen.

184
00:18:58,400 --> 00:19:01,520
Then let her in. Sister.

185
00:19:12,720 --> 00:19:14,960
-Bad time?
-Not at all.

186
00:19:17,000 --> 00:19:20,880
-How are you?
-I'm always happy to see you,

187
00:19:20,960 --> 00:19:24,080
and my mood will improve yet further
if you promise me one thing.

188
00:19:24,160 --> 00:19:26,680
-Name it.
-Not to ask me how I am.

189
00:19:26,760 --> 00:19:28,400
It's all anyone ever does.

190
00:19:28,480 --> 00:19:33,200
Forget death by lung disease,
it's death by bad conversation.

191
00:19:33,280 --> 00:19:35,080

All right. I promise.

192

00:19:35,160 --> 00:19:36,840
But if you are feeling up to it,

193

00:19:36,920 --> 00:19:39,640
there was something
I wanted to talk to you about.

194

00:19:39,720 --> 00:19:40,840
Fire away.

195

00:19:51,440 --> 00:19:54,240
I was listening
to the wireless this morning,

196

00:19:54,320 --> 00:19:57,480
where they described this fog
as an act of God.

197

00:19:58,880 --> 00:20:01,920
Now, in your letter that you sent me,

198

00:20:03,280 --> 00:20:04,840
you said...

199

00:20:08,200 --> 00:20:13,840
"Loyalty to the ideal you have inherited
is your duty above everything else,

200

00:20:13,920 --> 00:20:17,640
because the calling comes
from the highest source.

201

00:20:17,720 --> 00:20:19,240
From God himself."

202

00:20:19,320 --> 00:20:20,640
Yes.

203

00:20:22,520 --> 00:20:24,080
Do you really believe that?

204

00:20:26,520 --> 00:20:31,280
Monarchy is God's sacred mission
to grace and dignify the earth.

205

00:20:31,360 --> 00:20:34,480
To give ordinary people
an ideal to strive towards,

206

00:20:34,560 --> 00:20:39,480
an example of nobility and duty
to raise them in their wretched lives.

207

00:20:39,560 --> 00:20:44,080
Monarchy is a calling from God.

208

00:20:44,160 --> 00:20:47,160
That is why you are crowned in an abbey,
not a government building.

209

00:20:47,240 --> 00:20:49,240
Why you are anointed, not appointed.

210

00:20:49,320 --> 00:20:52,040
It's an archbishop
that puts the crown on your head,

211

00:20:52,120 --> 00:20:54,560
not a minister or public servant.

212

00:20:54,640 --> 00:21:00,800
Which means that you are answerable
to God in your duty, not the public.

213

00:21:02,360 --> 00:21:05,040
I'm not sure that my husband
would agree with that.

214

00:21:05,120 --> 00:21:09,280
He would argue
that in any equitable modern society,

215

00:21:09,360 --> 00:21:12,920
that church and state
should be separated.

216

00:21:13,000 --> 00:21:16,440
That if God has servants
they're priests not kings.

217

00:21:17,720 --> 00:21:20,720
He would also say that he watched
his own family destroyed,

218

00:21:20,800 --> 00:21:23,480
because they were seen by the people
to embody indefensible

219

00:21:23,560 --> 00:21:25,440
and unreasonable ideas.

220

00:21:25,520 --> 00:21:29,600
Yes, but he represents a royal family
of carpetbaggers and parvenus,

221

00:21:29,680 --> 00:21:33,040
that goes back what? Ninety years?

222

00:21:33,120 --> 00:21:37,280
What would he know of Alfred the Great,
the Rod of Equity and Mercy,

223

00:21:37,360 --> 00:21:39,040
Edward the Confessor,

224

00:21:39,120 --> 00:21:41,480
William the Conqueror
or Henry the Eighth?

225

00:21:41,560 --> 00:21:46,600
It's the Church of England, dear,
not the Church of Denmark or Greece.

226

00:21:49,440 --> 00:21:50,880
Next question.

227

00:21:52,840 --> 00:21:58,280
[Collins] It's chaos out there. Trains
disrupted, air services cancelled.

228

00:21:58,360 --> 00:21:59,960
At Richmond Bridge this morning,

229

00:22:00,040 --> 00:22:03,120
visibility was officially measured
at one yard.

230

00:22:03,200 --> 00:22:05,360
That's a record low, incidentally.

231

00:22:06,360 --> 00:22:08,920
Our Trojan friend in Downing Street
has been speaking

232

00:22:09,000 --> 00:22:11,160
to his friends at the Met office.

233

00:22:11,240 --> 00:22:15,560
They say this is just the beginning.
They expect it to get worse.

234

00:22:15,640 --> 00:22:18,800
I know you would have me call
a vote of no confidence,

235

00:22:18,880 --> 00:22:22,840
and will doubtless call me
over-cautious for not doing so.

236

00:22:22,920 --> 00:22:26,440
But the Prime Minister
needs to be given a chance.

237

00:22:27,760 --> 00:22:30,320
Even if it's only to hang himself.

238

00:22:30,400 --> 00:22:32,600

Let's see how the old fool responds.

239

00:22:38,360 --> 00:22:40,360
[pedestrians cough]

240

00:22:46,040 --> 00:22:48,280
-[horse whickers]
-[man] There you go. There you go.

241

00:22:48,360 --> 00:22:50,400
[man 2] Hey! Get out the way!

242

00:23:00,200 --> 00:23:02,200
[chesty coughing]

243

00:23:09,560 --> 00:23:10,560
[Venetia] Morning.

244

00:23:17,200 --> 00:23:22,640
Oh. I'm glad to see someone else made it
in. No one saw this coming, did they?

245

00:23:23,960 --> 00:23:25,000
No.

246

00:23:31,640 --> 00:23:34,280
Prime Minister? Sir?

247

00:23:53,680 --> 00:23:56,200
-Ah, you made it? Bravo!
-Oh, I'm so sorry, sir.

248

00:23:56,280 --> 00:23:58,360
-I was just--
-No, no. You did well to get here.

249

00:23:58,440 --> 00:24:01,760
I gather
half the Downing Street staff didn't?

250

00:24:01,840 --> 00:24:06,120
It wasn't easy. Just crossing the road

you take your life in your hands.

251

00:24:06,200 --> 00:24:08,440

Well, then don't.

You are too important to all of us.

252

00:24:08,520 --> 00:24:10,200

Hardly.

253

00:24:10,280 --> 00:24:13,560

All I do is bring you things to sign.

Then take them away again.

254

00:24:13,640 --> 00:24:18,000

And so the wheels keep turning,

and the business gets done,

255

00:24:18,080 --> 00:24:20,080

and the country is governed.

256

00:24:22,520 --> 00:24:27,080

But what's my personal contribution?

257

00:24:28,520 --> 00:24:33,480

You improve the quality of life

for all that deal with you.

258

00:24:34,280 --> 00:24:37,680

An ornament. A flower.

259

00:24:39,040 --> 00:24:43,400

By comparison at my age

you were a published writer,

260

00:24:43,480 --> 00:24:46,240

and a cavalry officer, posted to India,

261

00:24:46,320 --> 00:24:48,960

fighting local tribesmen

on the north west frontier.

262

00:24:49,040 --> 00:24:50,160

Who told you that?

263

00:24:50,240 --> 00:24:54,560
You asked me to engage in a relationship
with a young man, my own age.

264

00:24:54,640 --> 00:24:57,000
So I have been reading
your autobiography.

265

00:24:57,080 --> 00:25:00,600
[chuckles] Oh, yes.
That's not quite what I had in mind.

266

00:25:00,680 --> 00:25:05,360
"Hear this, young men and women
everywhere, and proclaim it far and wide.

267

00:25:06,120 --> 00:25:09,880
The earth is yours
and the fullness thereof.

268

00:25:11,360 --> 00:25:13,800
Be kind but be fierce.

269

00:25:14,680 --> 00:25:17,760
You are needed now
more than ever before.

270

00:25:18,960 --> 00:25:21,400
-Take up the mantle of change...
-Stop.

271

00:25:21,480 --> 00:25:23,960
...for this is your time."

272

00:25:28,400 --> 00:25:31,160
You were 24.

273

00:25:32,800 --> 00:25:37,400
All energy and hope
and passion and fire.

274

00:25:38,640 --> 00:25:40,440
It's remarkable.

275

00:25:44,320 --> 00:25:48,080
You found something you liked
in that young man?

276

00:25:49,920 --> 00:25:51,160
I did.

277

00:26:01,040 --> 00:26:03,040
[alarm clock rings]

278

00:26:18,440 --> 00:26:19,880
[reporter] Good morning.

279

00:26:20,920 --> 00:26:25,360
The time is eight o'clock on the 7th
of December, and here is the news.

280

00:26:25,440 --> 00:26:29,360
The serious fog that brought much
of the capital to a standstill yesterday

281

00:26:29,440 --> 00:26:33,080
continues this morning, with emergency
services struggling to cope

282

00:26:33,160 --> 00:26:36,320
and widespread disruption
reported across the nation.

283

00:26:37,600 --> 00:26:41,200
Flares are being used to guide motorists
in parts of the capital.

284

00:26:41,280 --> 00:26:43,680
Trains are stopped
or running hours behind schedule

285

00:26:43,760 --> 00:26:46,120
from major London railway stations.

286

00:26:47,560 --> 00:26:50,240
-[church bell chimes]
-The Prime Minister is facing criticism

287

00:26:50,320 --> 00:26:52,160
for failure to deal
with the mounting crisis.

288

00:26:53,840 --> 00:26:57,600
London Airport is closed again today,
with all flights grounded.

289

00:26:57,680 --> 00:26:59,080
-Piss.
-The unmoving fog,

290

00:26:59,160 --> 00:27:03,360
which has spread to over 30 miles wide,
is likely to cause complete darkness

291

00:27:03,440 --> 00:27:04,880
by two o'clock this afternoon.

292

00:27:12,600 --> 00:27:14,600
[coughing]

293

00:27:19,320 --> 00:27:20,560
Are you all right?

294

00:27:22,760 --> 00:27:23,920
You're not.

295

00:27:25,320 --> 00:27:29,800
-Come on, let's get you up.
-No, no. I'm fine. I promise.

296

00:27:32,280 --> 00:27:37,600
It's just because the window was open.
Now go to work. You've got a job to do.

297

00:27:46,160 --> 00:27:49,800

Let us start with the unrest in Egypt,

298

00:27:49,880 --> 00:27:53,160
where anti-colonial passions
continue to run high,

299

00:27:53,240 --> 00:27:58,120
and where our soldiers continue to come
under fire from nationalist insurgents.

300

00:27:58,200 --> 00:28:04,280
It is vital that we remain
and successfully defend the Suez Canal,

301

00:28:04,360 --> 00:28:08,440
a point that I will be making in person
to the Commonwealth Heads,

302

00:28:08,520 --> 00:28:12,560
when I host them
for the weekend at Chequers.

303

00:28:12,640 --> 00:28:14,880
[Elizabeth] Weather permitting.

304

00:28:14,960 --> 00:28:16,000
Indeed.

305

00:28:16,080 --> 00:28:18,480
What is the latest information
that you have?

306

00:28:19,240 --> 00:28:25,040
About the weather?
It's fog, ma'am. It will lift eventually.

307

00:28:25,120 --> 00:28:27,440
I was hoping
for something more scientific.

308

00:28:28,920 --> 00:28:31,680
Then I will ensure
that a barometric report

309

00:28:31,760 --> 00:28:33,960
is included in your box tomorrow,

310

00:28:34,040 --> 00:28:39,400
complete with isobars and isohumes.

311

00:28:39,480 --> 00:28:42,400
It has been an unusually cold winter,

312

00:28:42,480 --> 00:28:46,120
and there are only so many things
that I, as Prime Minister,

313

00:28:46,200 --> 00:28:50,320
am prepared to inflict on your subjects
as a reward for winning a World War

314

00:28:50,400 --> 00:28:54,800
and prevailing over fascism,
evil and tyranny.

315

00:28:54,880 --> 00:28:57,720
Letting them freeze is not one of them.

316

00:28:58,280 --> 00:29:01,200
-You do not seem unduly concerned.
-I'm not.

317

00:29:01,280 --> 00:29:07,160
You do know that my late father wrote,
many years ago, to your predecessors,

318

00:29:07,240 --> 00:29:10,080
to express his deep concern
about the inner city power stations

319

00:29:10,160 --> 00:29:11,640
that your party was building.

320

00:29:14,920 --> 00:29:15,960
Indeed.

321

00:29:17,200 --> 00:29:22,640

And I was sympathetic
with your father's concerns at the time.

322

00:29:22,720 --> 00:29:27,080

I also have sympathy with the leader
articles in the newspapers today,

323

00:29:27,160 --> 00:29:28,800

baying for blood.

324

00:29:28,880 --> 00:29:34,880

Wanting my head.
People have to be angry at someone.

325

00:29:34,960 --> 00:29:39,920

But as leader,
one cannot simply react to everything.

326

00:29:40,000 --> 00:29:43,160

We need the power stations,
we need the coal.

327

00:29:43,240 --> 00:29:46,080

The people need to burn coal
to warm their homes.

328

00:29:46,160 --> 00:29:51,400

-It is weather. It will pass.
-Well, I do hope so.

329

00:29:51,480 --> 00:29:54,840

Not least because my husband's mood
is intolerable.

330

00:29:54,920 --> 00:29:55,920

Why?

331

00:29:56,920 --> 00:30:00,440

Well, being caged in like this.
He can't fly.

332

00:30:02,160 --> 00:30:07,040

-Fly where?

-Well, nowhere, he is learning to fly.

333

00:30:08,600 --> 00:30:10,600

Whatever for?

334

00:30:10,680 --> 00:30:14,320

Have we not enough qualified pilots
to take him where he needs to go?

335

00:30:14,400 --> 00:30:18,200

No, he wants to fly himself.

It's a boyhood dream.

336

00:30:18,280 --> 00:30:21,360

-It's what he's always wanted.

-Why was government not consulted?

337

00:30:21,440 --> 00:30:24,640

Because it's a private matter.

And I am in favor.

338

00:30:24,720 --> 00:30:28,200

Nothing you or His Royal Highness do
is a private matter.

339

00:30:28,760 --> 00:30:30,560

And the father

of the future king of England

340

00:30:30,640 --> 00:30:33,480

risking his life needlessly is...

341

00:30:33,560 --> 00:30:34,600

quite unacceptable.

342

00:30:34,680 --> 00:30:39,480

Please. Do not curtail my husband's
personal freedoms any further.

343

00:30:39,560 --> 00:30:42,880

You've taken away his home.
You've taken away his name.

344

00:30:42,960 --> 00:30:45,800
There comes a time
where one must draw a line in the sand.

345

00:30:45,880 --> 00:30:50,080
And the job of drawing that line
falls to Cabinet, ma'am. Not to you.

346

00:30:50,160 --> 00:30:53,280
Something your dear late papa
would certainly have taught you

347

00:30:53,360 --> 00:30:56,480
had he been granted more time
to complete your education.

348

00:30:58,520 --> 00:31:00,160
And now our time is up.

349

00:31:04,880 --> 00:31:05,920
Until next week.

350

00:31:10,000 --> 00:31:11,760
[Churchill grumbles]

351

00:31:11,840 --> 00:31:12,840
[page] Sir.

352

00:31:17,080 --> 00:31:19,880
[Churchill] Meteorological report.

353

00:31:22,080 --> 00:31:25,160
[reporter] Good morning. The time is
eight o'clock on the 8th of December

354

00:31:25,240 --> 00:31:26,520
and here is the news.

355

00:31:26,600 --> 00:31:30,520

The choking, eye-watering fog which
has already caused two days of chaos

356

00:31:30,600 --> 00:31:33,400
across the capital
has worsened overnight.

357

00:31:33,480 --> 00:31:36,760
The great coal-burning electricity
stations in Battersea and Fulham,

358

00:31:36,840 --> 00:31:38,280
have attempted to reduce emissions

359

00:31:38,360 --> 00:31:40,960
of poisonous sulphur dioxide
from their chimneys.

360

00:31:41,040 --> 00:31:43,320
But we've been told that it is unlikely

361

00:31:43,400 --> 00:31:47,120
they'll be able to make any significant
change to the air quality.

362

00:31:47,200 --> 00:31:50,680
The government is expected
to make a statement later today.

363

00:31:50,760 --> 00:31:52,760
[coughing, sobbing]

364

00:31:59,800 --> 00:32:03,240
-Come on, let's get you to hospital.
-I'm fine.

365

00:32:03,320 --> 00:32:06,400
You're not. Come on. Let's get you up.

366

00:32:07,440 --> 00:32:08,640
Shoes.

367

00:32:12,040 --> 00:32:14,040
[Mary coughs]

368
00:32:16,520 --> 00:32:21,880
Off we go. Arm in. And the other.

369
00:32:31,760 --> 00:32:34,080
[Mary coughs]

370
00:32:34,160 --> 00:32:38,080
-[Mary] I can't breathe.
-Do as I say and hold onto me.

371
00:32:47,880 --> 00:32:50,840
-[Venetia] Come along.
-[coughs]

372
00:32:52,280 --> 00:32:54,280
-[glass smashes]
-[shouting]

373
00:32:57,800 --> 00:32:59,800
[engine purrs]

374
00:33:04,880 --> 00:33:06,560
Quick, hold my hand.

375
00:33:18,120 --> 00:33:19,120
[man] Make way!

376
00:33:20,280 --> 00:33:21,840
[man] You all right, lady?

377
00:33:29,920 --> 00:33:33,360
Control of this story
is getting away from us.

378
00:33:33,440 --> 00:33:37,320
The opposition's blood is up.
We have to respond.

379
00:33:37,400 --> 00:33:38,720

Respond how?

380

00:33:38,800 --> 00:33:41,000

I would suggest
by commissioning a public enquiry.

381

00:33:42,480 --> 00:33:43,760

An enquiry would be expensive.

382

00:33:46,920 --> 00:33:50,880

Winston, people are angry.
They see us as the culprits.

383

00:33:50,960 --> 00:33:57,160

Culpable for what? It's fog. Fog is fog.
It comes and it goes away.

384

00:33:57,240 --> 00:34:01,160

Well, I'm glad that the Prime Minister
finds time for levity.

385

00:34:01,800 --> 00:34:05,760

Perhaps I should remind him exactly
how serious the situation has now become.

386

00:34:05,840 --> 00:34:09,840

This morning a suburban train
collided with a gang of railway workmen,

387

00:34:09,920 --> 00:34:12,560

killing several
and injuring a great many more.

388

00:34:13,159 --> 00:34:17,000

In parts of the capital, there is now
a total breakdown of law and order.

389

00:34:17,080 --> 00:34:18,239

Hospitals are filling up,

390

00:34:18,320 --> 00:34:22,360

as our citizens are breathing in
poisonous sulphur dioxide.

391

00:34:30,639 --> 00:34:34,199
Sometimes we have sunshine.

392

00:34:34,280 --> 00:34:37,120
Too much sunshine
and they call it a drought.

393

00:34:37,199 --> 00:34:39,000
Then we have rain.

394

00:34:39,080 --> 00:34:43,840
Too much rain, and they call it a deluge
and find a way to blame us for that too.

395

00:34:43,920 --> 00:34:46,000
It's an act of God, Bobbety.

396

00:34:46,080 --> 00:34:51,320
It's weather. And for better or for worse,
we get a great deal of it on this island.

397

00:34:51,400 --> 00:34:54,600
Frankly, there are more pressing matters
to deal with.

398

00:34:54,679 --> 00:34:58,280
-Like what?
-The Duke of Edinburgh.

399

00:35:02,600 --> 00:35:04,600
[telephone rings]

400

00:35:11,280 --> 00:35:12,720
[jovial chatter]

401

00:35:12,800 --> 00:35:14,920
[butler] Telephone, sir.
The Marquis of Salisbury.

402

00:35:15,000 --> 00:35:16,160
Oh, not now.

403

00:35:16,240 --> 00:35:20,040
He asked me to stress
the importance of the matter.

404

00:35:24,240 --> 00:35:28,040
-Bobbety.
-Thanks for taking my call, Dickie.

405

00:35:28,120 --> 00:35:30,360
-Are you alone?
-Yes.

406

00:35:30,440 --> 00:35:33,600
Can anyone overhear what you're saying?

407

00:35:36,440 --> 00:35:39,320
-No.
-Good.

408

00:35:42,080 --> 00:35:44,080
-It's chaos.
-I know.

409

00:35:44,160 --> 00:35:46,280
Every ward is full. Every corridor too.

410

00:35:46,360 --> 00:35:49,880
Most of the doctors are sick now,
and those that are well can't get in.

411

00:35:49,960 --> 00:35:51,640
It was better than this in the war.

412

00:35:51,720 --> 00:35:54,280
What do you need?
More equipment? Or masks?

413

00:35:54,360 --> 00:35:56,320
Masks are bloody useless.
They're just for show.

414

00:35:56,400 --> 00:35:58,600
To make it look like the government
is doing something.

415
00:35:58,680 --> 00:36:02,200
-Then what is needed?
-Money. People. Trained staff.

416
00:36:02,280 --> 00:36:04,120
Help is what is needed. Urgently.

417
00:36:05,600 --> 00:36:07,080
Let her rest for now.

418
00:36:09,280 --> 00:36:13,600
Maybe I can put a word in
with the people who make a difference.

419
00:36:13,680 --> 00:36:17,320
-Such as?
-The Prime Minister, for example.

420
00:36:17,400 --> 00:36:20,360
I see. You're just going to walk into
Downing Street and whisper in his ear.

421
00:36:20,440 --> 00:36:22,360
Yes, something like that.

422
00:36:22,440 --> 00:36:26,200
You know, my day is bad enough without
some delusional girl playing jokes.

423
00:36:26,280 --> 00:36:29,440
Now, excuse me. Nurse? Nurse.

424
00:36:30,720 --> 00:36:34,680
-[Venetia] I'll show you.
-Get out of the way.

425
00:36:42,160 --> 00:36:44,280
-[man] Jim, where are you?
-[man 2] Over here.

426
00:36:49,360 --> 00:36:50,840
[horn, brakes]

427
00:37:01,880 --> 00:37:03,600
[man] Someone phone for an ambulance.

428
00:37:03,680 --> 00:37:06,360
[crowd mutters]

429
00:37:07,440 --> 00:37:09,600
How much longer
are you going to give the old man?

430
00:37:09,680 --> 00:37:11,120
Their majority is tiny.

431
00:37:11,200 --> 00:37:13,880
A vote of no confidence
and he'll be toppled.

432
00:37:15,360 --> 00:37:16,800
You know what he calls you?

433
00:37:17,800 --> 00:37:21,080
Yes, I know.
A sheep in sheep's clothing.

434
00:37:23,680 --> 00:37:26,120
Perhaps it's time to prove you're not.

435
00:37:31,840 --> 00:37:33,200
Very well.

436
00:37:33,280 --> 00:37:36,280
Let's put a motion down on paper
and brief the whips.

437
00:37:48,000 --> 00:37:49,280
[man] Thank you, sir.

438

00:37:52,600 --> 00:37:54,600
[Philip whistles]

439
00:38:04,040 --> 00:38:07,280
-Anything interesting?
-Yes.

440
00:38:08,760 --> 00:38:11,560
-Care to share it?
-No.

441
00:38:12,840 --> 00:38:16,120
I'd be happy to share glide ratios
and adiabatic lapse rates with you.

442
00:38:16,200 --> 00:38:18,400
As part of a quid pro quo arrangement.

443
00:38:18,480 --> 00:38:22,200
One glide ratio in return
for some cabinet minutes, for example.

444
00:38:23,840 --> 00:38:27,760
No? A dihedral angle
or an absolute ceiling.

445
00:38:27,840 --> 00:38:30,520
These are very interesting concepts.
You might learn something,

446
00:38:30,600 --> 00:38:33,600
in exchange for a foreign office briefing?

447
00:38:34,720 --> 00:38:37,040
Am I going to have to explain
my position again?

448
00:38:37,120 --> 00:38:39,320
-No.
-Good.

449
00:38:42,280 --> 00:38:43,840
"Once you have tasted flight,

450

00:38:43,920 --> 00:38:46,520
you will forever walk the earth
with your eyes turned skyward,

451

00:38:46,600 --> 00:38:50,640
for there you have been
and there you will always long to return."

452

00:38:52,640 --> 00:38:55,120
You know what's remarkable
about those words?

453

00:38:57,200 --> 00:38:58,800
-Go on.
-They were written 300 years

454

00:38:58,880 --> 00:39:00,560
before man first got in a plane.

455

00:39:01,720 --> 00:39:03,160
Leonardo da Vinci.

456

00:39:05,960 --> 00:39:07,880
-Look, Philip, I know--
-[knocking on door]

457

00:39:11,160 --> 00:39:12,520
Lord Mountbatten, Your Majesty.

458

00:39:12,600 --> 00:39:15,800
-Uncle Dickie. What's he doing here?
-I know as much as you do.

459

00:39:15,880 --> 00:39:17,640
[Equerry] He said it was important, ma'am.

460

00:39:17,720 --> 00:39:18,760
Thank you.

461

00:39:23,640 --> 00:39:25,080
Elizabeth.

462
00:39:28,640 --> 00:39:31,240
-Hello.
-I came as soon as I could.

463
00:39:32,440 --> 00:39:33,600
So...

464
00:39:35,240 --> 00:39:40,240
Oh, is this a meeting
with Elizabeth your niece, my wife?

465
00:39:40,320 --> 00:39:42,720
-Or the Queen?
-The latter, I'm afraid.

466
00:39:42,800 --> 00:39:44,720
Right, then I know my place.

467
00:39:53,760 --> 00:39:56,920
-What's the matter with him?
-Nothing.

468
00:39:58,480 --> 00:40:02,480
He's just feeling a little grounded.
Ignore it.

469
00:40:02,560 --> 00:40:04,680
Right, all ears.

470
00:40:04,760 --> 00:40:09,960
I received a telephone call today
from Bobbety Salisbury.

471
00:40:10,720 --> 00:40:13,960
It seems that even among his own people
the feeling is that our Prime Minister

472
00:40:14,040 --> 00:40:17,080
is not able to deal
with a national crisis.

473

00:40:18,440 --> 00:40:23,280
Indeed he could be seen
to be responsible for that crisis.

474

00:40:23,360 --> 00:40:25,880
Hospitals are overflowing. People dying.

475

00:40:25,960 --> 00:40:28,880
As sovereign,
you have the right to demand

476

00:40:28,960 --> 00:40:32,880
that a government in your name
shows effective leadership.

477

00:40:34,040 --> 00:40:38,680
The opposition are now calling
for a motion of no confidence.

478

00:40:38,760 --> 00:40:42,720
So, I would say the time has come

479

00:40:42,800 --> 00:40:47,920
for you to... summon Churchill and...

480

00:40:48,960 --> 00:40:50,040
And what?

481

00:40:52,040 --> 00:40:53,800
Insist that he go.

482

00:40:56,520 --> 00:41:00,040
-I can't do that.
-You can, and should.

483

00:41:00,800 --> 00:41:04,600
But wouldn't that violate
the constitution?

484

00:41:04,680 --> 00:41:06,920
As queen...

485

00:41:09,360 --> 00:41:12,520
you have the right to be consulted.

486

00:41:13,440 --> 00:41:17,760
The right to encourage. The right to warn.

487

00:41:17,840 --> 00:41:22,560
Also, to appoint a new Prime Minister
in the event of incapacity

488

00:41:22,640 --> 00:41:28,800
and many would say that Churchill's
behavior now constitutes incapacity.

489

00:41:28,880 --> 00:41:32,520
-Then a revolution must come from within.
-They are trying.

490

00:41:32,600 --> 00:41:35,760
-Well, then, they must try harder.
-They will.

491

00:41:35,840 --> 00:41:39,800
But would prefer it to be bloodless.

492

00:41:39,880 --> 00:41:43,760
So have asked for your help and influence.

493

00:41:46,280 --> 00:41:48,920
I cannot do it. I will not do it.

494

00:41:49,000 --> 00:41:53,120
Let's not forget it was Churchill
who denied Philip's children

495

00:41:53,200 --> 00:41:54,920
-his own surname...
-Dickie.

496

00:41:55,000 --> 00:41:57,080
...and insisted that you live
in Buckingham Palace.

497

00:41:57,160 --> 00:42:00,560
-As, alas, did everyone else.
-And now with looters on the street

498

00:42:00,640 --> 00:42:02,640
and hospital corridors
stacked with the dead,

499

00:42:02,720 --> 00:42:05,320
he is interested in only one thing.

500

00:42:06,680 --> 00:42:09,880
Stopping Philip flying.

501

00:42:12,000 --> 00:42:14,240
-What?
-At a crisis cabinet meeting this morning

502

00:42:14,320 --> 00:42:16,560
when there should've only been
one thing on the agenda,

503

00:42:16,640 --> 00:42:19,080
the unfolding national emergency...

504

00:42:20,000 --> 00:42:26,440
all our Prime Minister wanted to discuss
was your husband's new hobby.

505

00:42:30,240 --> 00:42:34,120
-I'm so sorry, sir.
-Who are her parents?

506

00:42:34,200 --> 00:42:36,120
Her father is a clergyman. From Suffolk.

507

00:42:36,200 --> 00:42:38,640
-They've been notified.
-I want to go to the hospital.

508

00:42:38,720 --> 00:42:41,760
There is an emergency meeting

at the House. A meeting you must attend.

509

00:42:41,840 --> 00:42:43,240
The House can wait.

510

00:42:50,840 --> 00:42:51,760
[knocking]

511

00:42:53,680 --> 00:42:56,240
-You wished to see me, Your Majesty?
-Yes, Tommy.

512

00:42:59,480 --> 00:43:02,320
I know how much my father
depended on you.

513

00:43:03,560 --> 00:43:06,560
And how closely you worked together.

514

00:43:06,640 --> 00:43:09,840
Which is why I wanted to ask your advice.
Now...

515

00:43:09,920 --> 00:43:16,320
It seems our Prime Minister, a man
who's led the country through many crises,

516

00:43:16,400 --> 00:43:18,640
is no longer leading us at all.

517

00:43:19,560 --> 00:43:22,800
Representations have been made to me,

518

00:43:22,880 --> 00:43:25,320
through an intermediary
from the heart of the government,

519

00:43:26,680 --> 00:43:32,520
to intercede and bid him stand down.
Make way for a younger man.

520

00:43:34,240 --> 00:43:36,960

Which brings me to my question.

521

00:43:39,240 --> 00:43:42,960
What are my responsibilities,
as head of state?

522

00:43:45,680 --> 00:43:47,560
What should I do?

523

00:43:47,640 --> 00:43:50,840
When it's in the national interest?
How far dare I go?

524

00:43:54,360 --> 00:43:57,400
I'm not sure if her Majesty is aware,

525

00:43:57,480 --> 00:44:03,080
but shortly before your father died
the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, came,

526

00:44:03,160 --> 00:44:05,800
begging his late Majesty to intervene,

527

00:44:05,880 --> 00:44:09,800
if not on an official level,
then on a personal one.

528

00:44:09,880 --> 00:44:13,280
As a friend.
To bid the Prime Minister to resign.

529

00:44:14,760 --> 00:44:17,760
-What did my father say?
-Well...

530

00:44:17,840 --> 00:44:19,720
His Majesty was,
like his father before him,

531

00:44:19,800 --> 00:44:22,280
a stickler for convention and tradition,

532

00:44:22,360 --> 00:44:25,720
and would never have done anything
that violated the constitution,

533

00:44:25,800 --> 00:44:28,680
or overstepped the mark.

534

00:44:30,520 --> 00:44:33,000
-Then I have my answer.
-But...

535

00:44:33,080 --> 00:44:35,720
that was His Majesty, not Your Majesty.

536

00:44:36,520 --> 00:44:39,880
And I do read the newspapers,
and I do listen to the wireless,

537

00:44:39,960 --> 00:44:43,200
and the situation we're in today
is quite different,

538

00:44:43,280 --> 00:44:46,160
than the one we were in when Mr. Eden
came to see your father.

539

00:44:48,480 --> 00:44:51,840
Different situation, different sovereign.

540

00:45:03,360 --> 00:45:04,760
[Churchill] Wait for me here.

541

00:45:09,800 --> 00:45:11,800
[coughing]

542

00:45:32,000 --> 00:45:34,000
[chaotic chatter]

543

00:45:55,400 --> 00:45:57,400
[door opens]

544

00:46:02,640 --> 00:46:03,640

Sir.

545

00:46:06,400 --> 00:46:08,160
Just a child.

546

00:46:10,440 --> 00:46:12,520
A beautiful child.

547

00:46:14,280 --> 00:46:17,720
I just received word
from Buckingham Palace.

548

00:46:17,800 --> 00:46:21,360
-The Queen has requested an audience.
-When?

549

00:46:21,440 --> 00:46:23,440
At your earliest convenience.

550

00:46:27,520 --> 00:46:33,840
"All energy and hope
and passion and fire."

551

00:46:36,680 --> 00:46:37,680
Sir?

552

00:46:39,320 --> 00:46:41,320
[curious whispering]

553

00:46:48,800 --> 00:46:51,600
-Do the newspapers know I'm here?
-No.

554

00:46:54,120 --> 00:46:57,480
-But it could easily be arranged.
-Then do it.

555

00:46:58,720 --> 00:47:02,160
And tell the Queen
I'll be there first thing in the morning.

556

00:47:04,040 --> 00:47:05,640

After the papers.

557

00:47:23,600 --> 00:47:25,600
[chatter]

558

00:47:36,520 --> 00:47:38,560
Good God.

559

00:47:42,000 --> 00:47:43,040
Dear God.

560

00:47:54,360 --> 00:47:57,680
Just come on in, the Prime Minister
will be here in a few moments.

561

00:48:06,640 --> 00:48:08,640
[muttering]

562

00:48:10,400 --> 00:48:11,400
[knocking]

563

00:48:12,600 --> 00:48:15,280
-They're ready for you, sir.
-Yes, yes. One moment.

564

00:48:20,040 --> 00:48:22,040
[reporters clamor]

565

00:48:24,040 --> 00:48:25,760
[journalist] Quiet. Please. Settle down.

566

00:48:27,280 --> 00:48:32,360
-Mr. Churchill?
-I have witnessed scenes here today,

567

00:48:32,440 --> 00:48:37,960
the likes of which we have not seen
since the darkest days of the Blitz.

568

00:48:39,400 --> 00:48:44,320
But alongside the suffering,
I have also seen heroism.

569

00:48:44,400 --> 00:48:48,640
And where there is heroism
there will always be hope.

570

00:48:50,720 --> 00:48:57,640
Only God can lift the fog,
but I, as Prime Minister,

571

00:48:57,720 --> 00:49:01,560
am in position to ease the suffering.

572

00:49:01,640 --> 00:49:05,840
To that end, I pledge to make available
with immediate effect,

573

00:49:05,920 --> 00:49:11,240
more money for hospital staff,
more money for equipment,

574

00:49:11,320 --> 00:49:17,280
and a full and independent public enquiry
into the causes of air pollution...

575

00:49:18,640 --> 00:49:22,400
to ensure that such a calamity

576

00:49:22,480 --> 00:49:26,160
may never befall us again.

577

00:49:27,760 --> 00:49:29,560
Thank you all.

578

00:49:29,640 --> 00:49:31,440
[reporters shout questions]

579

00:49:34,920 --> 00:49:37,040
[Philip] "The Prime Minister
was alone among senior politicians

580

00:49:37,120 --> 00:49:40,960
to visit hospitals

and respond to the crisis in person.

581

00:49:41,040 --> 00:49:43,520
And was rewarded by cheers and applause,

582

00:49:43,600 --> 00:49:47,840
by those suffering through the worst smog
this city has ever witnessed."

583

00:49:47,920 --> 00:49:52,320
The headline reads,
"True leader in a crisis."

584

00:49:52,400 --> 00:49:54,400
[knocking on door]

585

00:49:56,760 --> 00:49:58,440
Ma'am, the Prime Minister's here.

586

00:50:00,800 --> 00:50:03,440
"The parallels
between his appearance yesterday,

587

00:50:03,520 --> 00:50:05,840
and the war time years was striking.

588

00:50:05,920 --> 00:50:10,160
And his personal popularity
among the people remains undimmed."

589

00:50:13,040 --> 00:50:14,120
Hello?

590

00:50:15,120 --> 00:50:19,800
Clem, are you still there? Hello? Clem?

591

00:50:21,600 --> 00:50:25,120
Clem, can you hear me? No, right...

592

00:51:18,680 --> 00:51:21,400
-[bell rings]
-[door opens]

593

00:51:26,520 --> 00:51:28,320
The Prime Minister, Your Majesty.

594

00:51:36,360 --> 00:51:37,600
Your Majesty.

595

00:51:40,720 --> 00:51:44,800
-You asked to see me, ma'am?
-I did.

596

00:51:54,560 --> 00:51:59,280
There is a delicate matter
which I felt I needed to discuss with you.

597

00:51:59,360 --> 00:52:02,720
-In person.
-Concerning what?

598

00:52:05,360 --> 00:52:07,000
Your position.

599

00:52:09,400 --> 00:52:10,680
My position?

600

00:52:11,640 --> 00:52:13,040
Yes. Your position...

601

00:52:17,280 --> 00:52:18,520
as Prime Minister.

602

00:52:23,280 --> 00:52:24,560
Go on.

603

00:52:28,240 --> 00:52:30,680
[Churchill] At that point she hesitated...

604

00:52:31,800 --> 00:52:37,600
and then she asked me to pick
either Khawaja Nazimuddin of Pakistan

605

00:52:37,680 --> 00:52:39,720
or Sidney Holland of New Zealand.

606
00:52:39,800 --> 00:52:43,640
-Whatever for?
-To sit next to at dinner!

607
00:52:43,720 --> 00:52:46,800
No, she summoned you for that?

608
00:52:46,880 --> 00:52:48,720
Oh, no, I think she summoned me

609
00:52:48,800 --> 00:52:51,880
to haul me over the coals
for my handling of the fog,

610
00:52:51,960 --> 00:52:54,160
but then the fog lifted,

611
00:52:54,240 --> 00:52:57,440
and she had to make a decision
right then and there, in the room.

612
00:52:57,520 --> 00:53:01,240
You could see the wheels
turning behind her eyes.

613
00:53:01,320 --> 00:53:06,200
And then she switched her tack
without so much as a flicker. Clever.

614
00:53:07,320 --> 00:53:09,640
-No, no, not clever. Ingenious.
-Why?

615
00:53:09,720 --> 00:53:14,120
Because it disarmed me.
And made me switch tack too.

616
00:53:14,200 --> 00:53:15,560
What about?

617

00:53:15,640 --> 00:53:19,640
About allowing Philip to learn to fly.
He can now.

618

00:53:19,720 --> 00:53:20,720
Good.

619

00:53:22,440 --> 00:53:25,760
But he still has to ask Cabinet
permission to do rolls and spins.

620

00:53:36,000 --> 00:53:37,960
What, dear girl?

621

00:53:40,560 --> 00:53:42,680
But what if the fog hadn't lifted?

622

00:53:44,760 --> 00:53:47,800
And the government
had continued to flounder?

623

00:53:47,880 --> 00:53:50,200
And people had continued to die?

624

00:53:51,320 --> 00:53:53,360
And Churchill
had continued to cling to power

625

00:53:53,440 --> 00:53:56,120
and the country had continued to suffer?

626

00:53:57,120 --> 00:54:01,760
It doesn't feel right,
as Head of State, to do nothing.

627

00:54:01,840 --> 00:54:05,120
-It is exactly right.
-Is it?

628

00:54:05,200 --> 00:54:08,280
But surely doing nothing is no job at all?

629

00:54:08,360 --> 00:54:11,480
To do nothing is the hardest job of all.

630

00:54:11,560 --> 00:54:14,840
And it will take every ounce of energy
that you have.

631

00:54:15,560 --> 00:54:19,040
To be impartial is not natural,
not human.

632

00:54:19,120 --> 00:54:22,880
People will always want you to smile
or agree or frown.

633

00:54:22,960 --> 00:54:27,120
And the minute you do, you will have
declared a position. A point of view.

634

00:54:27,200 --> 00:54:31,640
And that is the one thing as sovereign
that you are not entitled to do.

635

00:54:33,000 --> 00:54:37,560
The less you do,
the less you say or agree or smile--

636

00:54:37,640 --> 00:54:40,880
Or think? Or feel? Or breathe? Or exist?

637

00:54:40,960 --> 00:54:42,320
The better.

638

00:54:45,800 --> 00:54:47,640
Well, that's fine for the sovereign.

639

00:54:50,000 --> 00:54:51,880
But where does that leave me?

640

00:55:05,400 --> 00:55:06,400
[Philip] So go on.

641

00:55:06,480 --> 00:55:08,600

How long would it take me to get my wings?

642

00:55:08,680 --> 00:55:11,800

Well, normally, a trainee would spend anything between 100 and 120 hours

643

00:55:11,880 --> 00:55:13,400

in one of these things.

644

00:55:13,480 --> 00:55:15,600

Do you think I could do it in three months?

645

00:55:15,680 --> 00:55:17,880

That would be unusual, sir.

646

00:55:17,960 --> 00:55:22,480

I'm a fast learner, and believe me when I say I've got nothing else to do.

647

00:55:37,440 --> 00:55:39,720

[Philip] I couldn't help notice you filled her right up.

648

00:55:39,800 --> 00:55:42,680

-Starboard and port. Eighteen gallons?

-[Townsend] Yes.

649

00:55:42,760 --> 00:55:45,320

-[Philip] Fancy lunch in Edinburgh?

-Edinburgh?

650

00:55:45,400 --> 00:55:48,760

[Philip] They made me Duke there, so I should probably show up from time to time.

651

00:55:48,840 --> 00:55:50,960

Unless you have more pressing engagements?

652

00:55:51,040 --> 00:55:52,040

[Townsend] No, sir.

653

00:55:52,120 --> 00:55:56,240

[Philip] All right, I'll adjust RPMs
and cruising speed for range flying.

654

00:55:56,320 --> 00:55:59,320

[Townsend] We'll have to land to refuel,
sir. RAF Finningley.

655

00:55:59,400 --> 00:56:02,000

-[Philip] Oh, really? Where's that?
-Doncaster.

656

00:56:02,080 --> 00:56:05,120

[Philip] Doncaster? Right.



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