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THE CROWN

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EPISODE 1.06

"Gelignite"

Margaret and Peter come to Elizabeth with a request. With a royal scandal about to break in the newspapers, the Queen Mother intervenes.

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EPISODE CAST

Claire Foy	...	Queen Elizabeth II
Matt Smith	...	Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
Victoria Hamilton	...	Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother
Vanessa Kirby	...	Princess Margaret
Alex Jennings	...	David, Duke of Windsor
Harriet Walter	...	Clemmie Churchill
John Lithgow	...	Winston Churchill
Nicholas Rowe	...	Jock Colville
Pip Torrens	...	Tommy Lascelles
Harry Hadden-Paton	...	Martin Charteris
Ben Miles	...	Peter Townsend
Daniel Ings	...	Mike Parker
Lizzy McInnerny	...	Bobo Macdonald
Lia Williams	...	Wallis Simpson
Paul Thornley	...	Bill Mattheson

1

00:00:31,480 --> 00:00:33,400
[fanfare plays]

2

00:00:36,760 --> 00:00:39,960
[man] More than half a million people
pack Epsom to bursting point.

3

00:00:40,040 --> 00:00:44,320
And now, to watch the coronation derby
comes Her Majesty The Queen.

4

00:00:44,400 --> 00:00:46,520
Her car bearing the royal standard

5

00:00:46,600 --> 00:00:49,600
moves slowly down the course
from Tatnum Corner.

6

00:00:49,680 --> 00:00:51,600
Accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh,

7

00:00:51,680 --> 00:00:54,680
the Queen waves acknowledgement
to the welcoming cheers.

8

00:00:54,760 --> 00:00:58,400
The crowds pour their appreciation
for the dashing handsome couple,

9

00:00:58,480 --> 00:01:01,000
a symbol of a new era.

10

00:01:03,520 --> 00:01:05,400
[Townsend] Half a million people.

11

00:01:08,680 --> 00:01:10,520
At a racecourse.

12

00:01:12,520 --> 00:01:18,240
Thanks to the coronation, your sister
is now the most famous woman in the world.

13

00:01:19,720 --> 00:01:20,800
Yes.

14

00:01:24,080 --> 00:01:25,720
But I'm the luckiest.

15

00:01:28,520 --> 00:01:32,680
-And on our romantic trip to Rhodesia...
-Official duty in Rhodesia.

16

00:01:32,760 --> 00:01:36,240
-With the man I love.
-Secretly love.

17

00:01:36,320 --> 00:01:38,320
I will be the happiest.

18

00:01:51,880 --> 00:01:54,400
I've got a story, chief. It's important.

19

00:01:54,480 --> 00:01:57,200
As long as it's not about
the Royal family, Bill, I'm all ears.

20

00:01:57,280 --> 00:01:59,120
It is about the Royal family, chief.

21

00:01:59,200 --> 00:02:02,560
Let me guess, how thanks
to one beautiful young woman,

22

00:02:02,640 --> 00:02:05,600
one short televised ceremony...

23

00:02:05,680 --> 00:02:06,880
Oh, thank you, Bob.

24

00:02:06,960 --> 00:02:10,280
A tired anachronistic institution
has rejuvenated,

25

00:02:10,360 --> 00:02:14,520
a nation is liberated from the austerity
of rationing and war,

26

00:02:14,600 --> 00:02:17,080
our place as a leading power
in the world has re-established

27

00:02:17,160 --> 00:02:20,120
when it seemed to be slipping.
What a load of bollocks.

28

00:02:20,200 --> 00:02:21,800
-Snifter?
-I shouldn't.

29

00:02:21,880 --> 00:02:24,560
-Oh, go on. It's nearly lunchtime.
-Papers, sir.

30

00:02:24,640 --> 00:02:26,000
-Thanks, Mary.
-My job.

31

00:02:26,080 --> 00:02:28,760
-It's Princess Margaret.
-What about her?

32

00:02:28,840 --> 00:02:30,880
Leaving the Abbey
on the day of the coronation,

33

00:02:30,960 --> 00:02:34,360
I saw her picking a piece of fluff
off a man's uniform.

34

00:02:34,440 --> 00:02:36,360
-Fluff?
-Yes. Fluff.

35

00:02:36,440 --> 00:02:38,800
Jesus, Bill, I thought
we did serious reporting here.

36

00:02:38,880 --> 00:02:40,120
This is serious

37

00:02:40,200 --> 00:02:43,280
because the man in question,
her father's former equerry,

38

00:02:43,360 --> 00:02:46,840
Group Captain Peter Townsend,
is a commoner,

39

00:02:46,920 --> 00:02:50,080
and wait for it, a divorced commoner.

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00:02:51,080 --> 00:02:53,520
Historically,
when this lot brush up against divorce

41

00:02:53,600 --> 00:02:56,440
you end up with either
reformation or abdication.

42

00:02:56,520 --> 00:02:59,720
Will church and state clash again?
It's a big story.

43

00:02:59,800 --> 00:03:02,600
So are comet jet planes
dropping out of the sky,

44

00:03:02,680 --> 00:03:06,360
Stalin's death ushering
in a power reshuffle in the Soviet Union.

45

00:03:06,440 --> 00:03:09,720
Let me write it up, chief.
I've got a feeling about this one.

46

00:03:09,800 --> 00:03:10,880
Based on what?

47

00:03:15,120 --> 00:03:16,520

What are you doing, man?

48

00:03:16,600 --> 00:03:21,680
Picking fluff off a man's jacket
that's a gesture as intimate as a kiss,

49

00:03:21,760 --> 00:03:24,920
more intimate, since it suggests
the kiss has already happened.

50

00:03:26,720 --> 00:03:29,800
No. I'm sorry, Bill. I can't hold
the front page for a bit of fluff.

51

00:03:29,880 --> 00:03:32,600
Let me write it, chief. Then you decide.

52

00:03:34,640 --> 00:03:35,720
All right.

53

00:03:39,080 --> 00:03:40,280
Make sure it's peppery.

54

00:03:41,200 --> 00:03:42,960
-Make sure it pops.
-Yes, sir!

55

00:05:00,960 --> 00:05:02,560
[phone rings]

56

00:05:08,240 --> 00:05:10,400
Switchboard.
Good morning, Your Royal Highness.

57

00:05:10,480 --> 00:05:13,080
Good morning. I would like
to speak to my sister, please.

58

00:05:13,640 --> 00:05:15,360
One moment, please.

59

00:05:20,040 --> 00:05:23,000

-London.

-Buckingham Palace, please.

60

00:05:23,080 --> 00:05:27,040

-Victoria 48, 32.

-Hold the line.

61

00:05:27,120 --> 00:05:29,000

Buckingham Palace, good morning.

62

00:05:29,840 --> 00:05:31,320

Go ahead, please.

63

00:05:31,400 --> 00:05:34,680

I have Her Royal Highness
the Princess Margaret for Her Majesty.

64

00:05:34,760 --> 00:05:36,000

-Certainly, sir.

-Thank you.

65

00:05:36,080 --> 00:05:37,200

Can you hold the line?

66

00:05:38,280 --> 00:05:43,120

-Sir, Princess Margaret for Her Majesty.

-Thank you.

67

00:06:05,880 --> 00:06:06,720

Hello?

68

00:06:06,800 --> 00:06:10,360

I have Her Royal Highness
the Princess Margaret for Her Majesty.

69

00:06:10,440 --> 00:06:12,320

Yes, sir, breakfast room.

70

00:06:12,400 --> 00:06:14,960

-Breakfast room

-Yes, sir.

71

00:06:19,360 --> 00:06:21,400
Telephone call for you, ma'am.

72

00:06:22,440 --> 00:06:23,360
Yes?

73

00:06:24,360 --> 00:06:27,880
Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret,
Your Majesty.

74

00:06:27,960 --> 00:06:28,800
Thank you.

75

00:06:30,640 --> 00:06:34,240
-Hello, you.
-Hello, you.

76

00:06:34,320 --> 00:06:36,400
So, I was wondering
if you had a free evening soon

77

00:06:36,480 --> 00:06:38,280
where we all might have dinner together.

78

00:06:38,360 --> 00:06:41,040
-Before I go to Rhodesia.
-I'm sure I do.

79

00:06:41,120 --> 00:06:44,680
-Thursday? Mummy's out.
-I'd have to check.

80

00:06:44,760 --> 00:06:47,280
-Lovely.
-And, who's "us all"?

81

00:06:49,320 --> 00:06:52,520
You, and me, and Philip and...

82

00:06:52,600 --> 00:06:54,960
And I'd like to bring Peter if I may.

83

00:06:56,320 --> 00:06:58,760
-What, Peter-Peter?
-Yes, Peter.

84
00:06:59,440 --> 00:07:00,280
Oh.

85
00:07:00,360 --> 00:07:05,360
-What does that mean, oh?
-Nothing. Oh, how nice.

86
00:07:05,880 --> 00:07:08,200
There's something
we'd like to discuss with you.

87
00:07:08,280 --> 00:07:11,200
-Oh?
-There you go again.

88
00:07:11,280 --> 00:07:15,960
-Sorry. Am I going to be given a clue?
-No.

89
00:07:16,040 --> 00:07:17,840
Oh.

90
00:07:17,920 --> 00:07:20,680
-Stop it.
-Sorry.

91
00:07:20,760 --> 00:07:23,440
-So Thursday evening, then? You'll check?
-Fine.

92
00:07:28,400 --> 00:07:30,160
It will be such fun.

93
00:07:31,760 --> 00:07:32,680
Lovely.

94
00:07:36,960 --> 00:07:37,840
Lovely.

95

00:07:48,280 --> 00:07:49,480
Oh.

96

00:07:51,440 --> 00:07:52,600
Here we are.

97

00:07:53,960 --> 00:07:57,080
-Sir.
-Lovely, thank you.

98

00:08:07,280 --> 00:08:08,640
Sir.

99

00:08:14,840 --> 00:08:18,000
-What's your name then, my darling?
-Thank you, gentlemen, thank you.

100

00:08:18,080 --> 00:08:20,880
Thank you very much, gentlemen,
thank you.

101

00:08:21,880 --> 00:08:23,720
You're too kind, you're too kind.

102

00:08:23,800 --> 00:08:25,880
A special guest joins us this afternoon,

103

00:08:25,960 --> 00:08:29,880
who's just returned from a year
in post-revolutionary Cairo

104

00:08:29,960 --> 00:08:31,320
working as a photojournalist.

105

00:08:31,400 --> 00:08:33,919
Our fellow lunch club member,
Tony Longdon.

106

00:08:34,000 --> 00:08:35,960
All-Night-Longdon.

107

00:08:36,039 --> 00:08:38,159
[laughter and applause]

108
00:08:38,240 --> 00:08:40,720
Thank you, chaps,
it's very nice to be back, I must say.

109
00:08:40,799 --> 00:08:43,640
Ladies, might we close the shutters,
please?

110
00:08:43,720 --> 00:08:45,640
[rowdy cheering]

111
00:08:48,360 --> 00:08:49,920
Lovely!

112
00:08:50,000 --> 00:08:53,880
I am, as Baron says,
fresh from the streets of Cairo,

113
00:08:54,480 --> 00:08:58,200
and I'm still trying to digest
the hurricane of popular uprising,

114
00:08:58,960 --> 00:09:02,440
violent military coup and revolution
that I have just witnessed.

115
00:09:02,520 --> 00:09:04,000
[man] Bloody natives.

116
00:09:04,080 --> 00:09:07,320
You all know King Farouk.
Colourful character.

117
00:09:07,400 --> 00:09:11,800
-He owned more than a hundred cars.
-[man] Almost as much as me.

118
00:09:11,880 --> 00:09:14,400
-Had them all painted red.
-Splendid.

119
00:09:14,480 --> 00:09:16,440
He used to race them
through streets of Cairo,

120
00:09:16,520 --> 00:09:19,200
shooting at any pedestrians
who happen to get in his way.

121
00:09:19,280 --> 00:09:21,680
-Hear, hear.
-Peasant shoot!

122
00:09:21,760 --> 00:09:23,240
[laughter]

123
00:09:23,320 --> 00:09:26,240
Probably why he was forced
to abdicate last year.

124
00:09:27,320 --> 00:09:32,800
And now, this man, Nasser,
is the name on everyone's lips.

125
00:09:32,880 --> 00:09:35,600
He has the charisma to unite
not just his own country,

126
00:09:35,680 --> 00:09:37,440
but the entire Arab world.

127
00:09:38,240 --> 00:09:42,560
Stirring up anti-Western,
anti-monarchical sentiment.

128
00:09:46,200 --> 00:09:48,480
This is Shepheard's.

129
00:09:50,120 --> 00:09:53,800
A famous British hotel.
A symbol of colonial rule.

130

00:09:54,960 --> 00:09:56,040
Before riots...

131
00:09:58,400 --> 00:09:59,960
-[man] God.
-...and after.

132
00:10:01,560 --> 00:10:03,720
That writing. What does it say?

133
00:10:07,760 --> 00:10:10,360
"Death to the Imperialists."

134
00:10:13,280 --> 00:10:15,680
However, it's not all doom and gloom.

135
00:10:15,760 --> 00:10:18,120
Mike, got something
a little special for you here.

136
00:10:18,200 --> 00:10:19,400
[cheering]

137
00:10:19,480 --> 00:10:21,320
[Mike] Now, that's what
I'm talking about.

138
00:10:21,400 --> 00:10:22,680
[applause and whistling]

139
00:10:43,280 --> 00:10:46,240
-Give him a tip.
-Don't tell my wife.

140
00:10:46,320 --> 00:10:47,800
[laughs]

141
00:10:47,880 --> 00:10:49,200
Good tip.

142
00:10:54,400 --> 00:10:56,560
-Where were you today?

-Nowhere.

143

00:10:56,640 --> 00:10:59,680

Well, clearly somewhere.
But nowhere that would interest you.

144

00:10:59,760 --> 00:11:01,000

It's a lunch club.

145

00:11:01,960 --> 00:11:04,640

-Where?

-Soho.

146

00:11:06,360 --> 00:11:07,560

Oh.

147

00:11:09,280 --> 00:11:10,720

With just men.

148

00:11:11,920 --> 00:11:13,680

Talking about women.

149

00:11:14,440 --> 00:11:17,560

No.

Talking about Egypt if you must know.

150

00:11:17,640 --> 00:11:19,840

And the revolution
that's just taken place there.

151

00:11:19,920 --> 00:11:25,560

Along with the unrest in Croatia, Albania,
Montenegro, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Italy.

152

00:11:26,080 --> 00:11:27,480

Please take note.

153

00:11:30,120 --> 00:11:33,200

Yes, a little bit about the fairer sex
over coffee and the odd brandy.

154

00:11:34,800 --> 00:11:37,480

What do you expect?
It's a gentlemen's lunch club.

155

00:11:46,120 --> 00:11:48,600
-So, what's the guest list for tonight?
-No one.

156

00:11:48,680 --> 00:11:55,360
-Just you, me, Margaret and, oh, Peter.
-What? Townsend Peter?

157

00:11:55,440 --> 00:11:58,480
-Why on earth did we have to dress up?
-She insisted.

158

00:11:58,560 --> 00:12:00,640
She wanted to make it a special occasion.

159

00:12:00,720 --> 00:12:03,400
With him?
Isn't that a contradiction in terms?

160

00:12:05,080 --> 00:12:07,000
He's not been a naughty boy, has he?

161

00:12:08,920 --> 00:12:10,720
I know as much as you do.

162

00:12:24,880 --> 00:12:26,040
It will be fine.

163

00:12:36,160 --> 00:12:37,240
Come on.

164

00:12:41,800 --> 00:12:44,520
-We'd like to be left alone now.
-Yes, ma'am.

165

00:12:48,000 --> 00:12:49,360
Just leave it.

166

00:12:50,440 --> 00:12:51,720

Thank you.

167

00:13:07,800 --> 00:13:08,920
Excuse me.

168

00:13:14,880 --> 00:13:17,000
I asked you here tonight because...

169

00:13:17,520 --> 00:13:20,000
there is something
I wanted to discuss with you.

170

00:13:20,960 --> 00:13:22,680
I think you already know
that over the years

171

00:13:22,760 --> 00:13:24,520
with Peter
being so much part of our family,

172

00:13:24,600 --> 00:13:30,320
and away from his own so much,
a friendship has developed between us.

173

00:13:33,440 --> 00:13:36,640
And then, ever since Papa's death
hitting me so hard,

174

00:13:36,720 --> 00:13:43,200
and with your accession and coronation
and you being more and more occupied,

175

00:13:43,280 --> 00:13:48,120
Peter has become almost
my sole companion, and I his.

176

00:13:49,840 --> 00:13:53,520
And so when his divorce came through
in December last year,

177

00:13:53,600 --> 00:13:56,640
I suppose it was only natural
that we both started thinking about

178

00:13:56,720 --> 00:13:57,760
what kind of...

179

00:13:59,920 --> 00:14:03,560
future we might have together

180

00:14:04,120 --> 00:14:06,680
and we have reached a decision in April,
wasn't it?

181

00:14:06,760 --> 00:14:08,440
Just before the coronation...

182

00:14:10,520 --> 00:14:12,360
that one day...

183

00:14:15,160 --> 00:14:16,360
we wanted to...

184

00:14:22,840 --> 00:14:24,120
Well, you know...

185

00:14:24,880 --> 00:14:28,720
-Marry?
-Yes. [laughs]

186

00:14:28,800 --> 00:14:29,920
[Queen Elizabeth] Goodness.

187

00:14:32,240 --> 00:14:35,920
Well, of course, we're aware
of the complications and issues at stake.

188

00:14:43,920 --> 00:14:46,160
Oh, Lilibet, you've known for a while
about Peter and I.

189

00:14:47,960 --> 00:14:50,240
This can't really be
a terrible shock to you.

190
00:14:52,000 --> 00:14:53,160
No, not at all.

191
00:14:55,640 --> 00:14:56,840
It's wonderful.

192
00:14:57,640 --> 00:15:01,360
-Is there anything you'd like to ask us?
-Does your wife know?

193
00:15:01,440 --> 00:15:04,560
-No, ex-wife.
-She does. We had a frank conversation.

194
00:15:04,640 --> 00:15:07,160
-There is no animosity.
-Oh, good.

195
00:15:07,240 --> 00:15:10,840
-And the boys?
-They know and seem very happy.

196
00:15:15,520 --> 00:15:16,600
So...

197
00:15:18,120 --> 00:15:19,480
do I have your permission?

198
00:15:22,440 --> 00:15:23,680
As Sovereign?

199
00:15:28,000 --> 00:15:29,400
Oh.

200
00:15:33,360 --> 00:15:34,440
Well...

201
00:15:36,120 --> 00:15:38,320
Of course, I'll have to take advice...

202
00:15:39,720 --> 00:15:41,760

on the how's and where's and...

203

00:15:43,240 --> 00:15:48,040
all official matters,
but if it's what you desire...

204

00:15:50,680 --> 00:15:52,320
More than anything in the world.

205

00:15:55,040 --> 00:15:57,120
Then as your sister,
I'm never going to oppose it.

206

00:15:57,200 --> 00:16:00,360
Oh, thank you. Thank you.

207

00:16:02,360 --> 00:16:05,480
Thank you. I'm so happy. I'm so happy.

208

00:16:05,560 --> 00:16:09,840
Oh, well. Congratulations, both of you.

209

00:16:11,520 --> 00:16:12,520
Thank you, sir.

210

00:16:12,600 --> 00:16:14,560
I suppose it had better be "Philip"
from now on.

211

00:16:14,640 --> 00:16:16,240
Thank you, sir. Oh, Philip.

212

00:16:23,840 --> 00:16:24,960
[Philip] You knew?

213

00:16:27,400 --> 00:16:29,080
Not the extent of it.

214

00:16:31,600 --> 00:16:33,080
But you didn't think to mention it?

215

00:16:37,480 --> 00:16:39,280
I don't like it. Any of it.

216
00:16:39,360 --> 00:16:42,160
For one thing,
it will create the most enormous scandal.

217
00:16:42,240 --> 00:16:45,320
Nor do I believe in them as a couple.
He's too old for her.

218
00:16:45,400 --> 00:16:48,400
And he had some sort of "breakdown"
during the war.

219
00:16:48,480 --> 00:16:50,120
Now that's all in the past.

220
00:16:50,200 --> 00:16:53,280
Besides, that's why he got on
with my father so well.

221
00:16:53,360 --> 00:16:56,520
-Not to mention the fact he's dull.
-He's not dull.

222
00:16:56,600 --> 00:17:00,680
Desperately dull. I'm confident
I've met more interesting plants.

223
00:17:00,760 --> 00:17:03,880
Not to mention
it's a terrible thing to do to you.

224
00:17:03,960 --> 00:17:05,280
Why?

225
00:17:05,359 --> 00:17:10,000
Because of the position it puts you in
as a sister and as a Queen.

226
00:17:10,079 --> 00:17:13,920
Has everyone forgotten the catastrophe

that was your uncle already?

227

00:17:14,000 --> 00:17:19,560

-The situation's different.

-One party divorced? The other Royal?

228

00:17:19,640 --> 00:17:21,480

Sounds pretty similar to me.

229

00:17:21,560 --> 00:17:25,040

That was 17 years ago.

The world has changed.

230

00:17:25,119 --> 00:17:29,080

The rest of the world has.

Nothing changes in the Court of St. James.

231

00:17:30,040 --> 00:17:33,320

Besides, we have a son and heir.

232

00:17:33,400 --> 00:17:36,360

There's no realistic prospect
of Margaret becoming queen.

233

00:17:37,080 --> 00:17:40,360

And one can see the attraction.

234

00:17:43,360 --> 00:17:49,200

-In Peter?

-Yes. He's a handsome war hero.

235

00:17:49,280 --> 00:17:53,240

-Divorced war hero.

-And blameless in that divorce.

236

00:17:53,320 --> 00:17:56,640

No. There's no such thing
as a blameless party in a divorce.

237

00:17:57,600 --> 00:18:00,520

His wife had an affair with another man.

238

00:18:00,600 --> 00:18:03,880
Because he was always around here,
sniffing around your sister.

239

00:18:03,960 --> 00:18:07,320
-He was looking after my father.
-And sniffing around your sister.

240

00:18:08,360 --> 00:18:09,560
Stop it.

241

00:18:10,280 --> 00:18:12,880
Anyway, I thought you liked him.

242

00:18:13,760 --> 00:18:18,240
Liked him? I mean, I respect him
for what he did in the war, certainly.

243

00:18:18,320 --> 00:18:20,720
He plays bridge well.
And he's a good pilot.

244

00:18:22,480 --> 00:18:25,080
-And he's a good influence on Margaret.
-Is he?

245

00:18:25,160 --> 00:18:27,920
If he were a good influence
he'd patch things up with his wife,

246

00:18:28,000 --> 00:18:29,520
and leave Margaret well alone.

247

00:18:47,320 --> 00:18:49,240
-Night, Bill.
-Goodnight.

248

00:18:53,600 --> 00:18:54,920
Potentially...

249

00:19:12,440 --> 00:19:13,760
-Goodnight, sir.
-Yeah.

250

00:19:14,440 --> 00:19:15,720
This had better be good.

251

00:19:17,360 --> 00:19:18,200
It is.

252

00:19:21,400 --> 00:19:24,640
-Bloody hell.
-You did say peppery.

253

00:19:24,720 --> 00:19:28,880
-Pepper is one thing. This is gelignite.
-I know.

254

00:19:36,280 --> 00:19:39,000
-What are you doing?
-I can't run this without going upstairs.

255

00:19:39,080 --> 00:19:41,120
-What?
-Don't look at me like that.

256

00:19:41,200 --> 00:19:43,480
Live in the real bloody world
for a moment, will you?

257

00:19:45,960 --> 00:19:50,760
Margery, hello, yes. Is he there?
Yeah, just for a few minutes.

258

00:19:53,720 --> 00:19:57,560
This is not just inflammatory,
it breaks all the rules.

259

00:19:57,640 --> 00:19:58,680
What rules, sir?

260

00:19:58,760 --> 00:20:02,120
The unspoken rules
of deference and respect

261

00:20:02,200 --> 00:20:04,120
shown by the media to the Royal family.

262

00:20:04,200 --> 00:20:05,680
But surely those rules changed

263

00:20:05,760 --> 00:20:08,520
the moment they invited television
into the coronation.

264

00:20:08,600 --> 00:20:11,040
That was their right,
and a huge concession.

265

00:20:11,120 --> 00:20:13,200
-To what?
-Popular interest.

266

00:20:13,280 --> 00:20:15,240
Their interest also.

267

00:20:15,320 --> 00:20:17,760
Look at their standing now,
it's never been higher.

268

00:20:17,840 --> 00:20:21,680
The question we in the fourth estate
need to be asking ourselves is,

269

00:20:21,760 --> 00:20:25,320
do we let ourselves be used,
or do we have our own independent voice?

270

00:20:25,400 --> 00:20:27,240
Don't get moralistic with me.

271

00:20:27,320 --> 00:20:30,760
If we don't break this story,
do you think nobody else will?

272

00:20:30,840 --> 00:20:33,600
I know there's plenty of others
sniffing around it, sir.

273

00:20:40,840 --> 00:20:42,240
Oh, thank you for letting me know.

274

00:20:42,320 --> 00:20:45,440
Of course, Tommy,
thank you for understanding.

275

00:20:46,200 --> 00:20:48,680
-I'm sorry.
-No, I'm sorry.

276

00:20:48,760 --> 00:20:50,160
I imagine it must be difficult

277

00:20:50,240 --> 00:20:53,000
being dictated to like that
by an employee.

278

00:20:53,080 --> 00:20:56,000
-I wasn't dictated to.
-Am I missing something?

279

00:20:56,080 --> 00:20:57,520
You said this editor was telling you

280

00:20:57,600 --> 00:20:59,720
what he was going to print
in your newspaper.

281

00:20:59,800 --> 00:21:03,680
He is. But I can't keep telling him
what to write.

282

00:21:03,760 --> 00:21:06,480
I thought that was the point
of owning a newspaper.

283

00:21:06,560 --> 00:21:08,640
Look, I'm just trying to help you, Tommy.

284

00:21:08,720 --> 00:21:11,840

I suggest you see this
for the kind gesture that it is.

285

00:21:11,920 --> 00:21:14,560

What?

That you are about to print an article

286

00:21:14,640 --> 00:21:18,080

that will cause deep distress
to senior, let's be quite clear,

287

00:21:18,160 --> 00:21:20,200

the most senior members
of the Royal family?

288

00:21:20,280 --> 00:21:23,800

That I'm warning you.
That I'm giving you the heads up.

289

00:21:24,840 --> 00:21:27,280

I'm on my knees with gratitude.

290

00:21:38,760 --> 00:21:41,240

[Infernal Galop
from Orpheus in the Underworld plays]

291

00:21:48,680 --> 00:21:49,720

[chattering]

292

00:22:06,800 --> 00:22:08,320

[laughter]

293

00:22:14,280 --> 00:22:15,520

Stop.

294

00:22:20,720 --> 00:22:21,760

Can you shut that?

295

00:22:44,920 --> 00:22:45,960

Your Majesty.

296

00:22:46,040 --> 00:22:49,960

A story is about to break in the press

297

00:22:50,040 --> 00:22:55,960
identifying Peter Townsend not just
as the companion of Princess Margaret...

298

00:22:58,080 --> 00:23:02,040
but as her likely future husband.

299

00:23:02,880 --> 00:23:07,360
We understand that the paper
is to feature a profile

300

00:23:07,440 --> 00:23:09,160
of Group Captain Townsend,

301

00:23:09,240 --> 00:23:13,800
details of his marriage
and subsequent divorce,

302

00:23:13,880 --> 00:23:18,240
along with an editorial
about other notable divorcees

303

00:23:18,320 --> 00:23:21,880
to have been associated
with members of the Royal family.

304

00:23:30,560 --> 00:23:32,480
Should we deny it all?

305

00:23:35,360 --> 00:23:38,440
With respect, ma'am,
it's a little late for that.

306

00:23:38,520 --> 00:23:41,600
This horse has already bolted.

307

00:23:47,760 --> 00:23:49,160
[knock on door]

308

00:23:49,240 --> 00:23:50,520

Your Royal Highness?

309

00:24:03,520 --> 00:24:06,120
Her Majesty the Queen for you,
Your Royal Highness.

310

00:24:06,200 --> 00:24:07,280
On the telephone.

311

00:24:13,640 --> 00:24:16,680
-Hello.
-Hello, you. Bad time, good time?

312

00:24:17,640 --> 00:24:20,560
Good time. Always.

313

00:24:20,640 --> 00:24:24,080
Look, I've been wracking my brain
about how I can best help you.

314

00:24:24,160 --> 00:24:25,840
Now, you know that the Church of England

315

00:24:25,920 --> 00:24:28,280
doesn't permit the remarriage
of divorced persons

316

00:24:28,360 --> 00:24:31,120
if the husband or wife
of the former marriage is still alive.

317

00:24:31,200 --> 00:24:32,040
Yes.

318

00:24:32,120 --> 00:24:35,640
Well, I was just wondering,
if you and Peter had considered Scotland?

319

00:24:35,720 --> 00:24:38,560
-To live?
-No, for the wedding.

320

00:24:38,640 --> 00:24:41,600

Why?

Because it would be more low profile?

321

00:24:42,120 --> 00:24:45,240

Well, actually,

I was thinking of legal reasons.

322

00:24:45,320 --> 00:24:48,040

Marriage isn't regarded as a sacrament
in the Church of Scotland.

323

00:24:48,120 --> 00:24:50,640

It is not as binding
in the same way as here.

324

00:24:52,760 --> 00:24:56,000

Meaning, meaning we could
even get married in a church?

325

00:24:56,080 --> 00:24:58,640

Well, I'd have to check, but I think so.

326

00:24:59,760 --> 00:25:01,800

[Margaret] That would be so lovely.

327

00:25:02,480 --> 00:25:07,600

-Lilibet, thank you so much.

-It would make my life a lot easier too.

328

00:25:12,240 --> 00:25:14,600

-Sorry, Lilibet.

-What for?

329

00:25:15,960 --> 00:25:18,600

I think you're going to get a visit
from Mummy about all this.

330

00:25:18,680 --> 00:25:19,720

Oh.

331

00:25:20,520 --> 00:25:23,480

I realize I'm not making

anyone's life easy.

332

00:25:24,280 --> 00:25:25,600
Yours especially.

333

00:25:27,520 --> 00:25:31,320
But I'm determined to do this for you.
To give you what you want.

334

00:25:32,920 --> 00:25:34,000
Thank you.

335

00:25:35,680 --> 00:25:38,720
-I can't wait to tell Peter.
-I'd better go.

336

00:25:53,240 --> 00:25:54,880
-Tommy.
-Your Majesty.

337

00:26:15,680 --> 00:26:18,320
Mummy. This is a surprise.

338

00:26:22,000 --> 00:26:26,200
I am a mother of two daughters
whom I love equally.

339

00:26:26,280 --> 00:26:30,000
It seems that they each have problems
of equal size.

340

00:26:32,200 --> 00:26:36,040
Obviously, we want Margaret to be happy,
to have the man she wants.

341

00:26:36,120 --> 00:26:37,200
Yes.

342

00:26:37,280 --> 00:26:43,600
But we must do everything in our power
to protect you as Queen.

343

00:26:43,680 --> 00:26:47,120

-And as a sister.

-Protect me from what?

344

00:26:47,200 --> 00:26:50,280

I've given Margaret my word
and I'm determined to support her.

345

00:26:51,280 --> 00:26:54,360

They can marry in Scotland,
where I'm not head of the church.

346

00:26:54,440 --> 00:26:59,000

Your Majesty,
I fear the matter is more intricate.

347

00:26:59,080 --> 00:27:00,040

Let's be quite clear.

348

00:27:00,120 --> 00:27:03,280

If Margaret were to marry Peter,
it would be a scandal.

349

00:27:04,920 --> 00:27:09,040

Don't mistake your current popularity
for long-term security.

350

00:27:10,760 --> 00:27:15,040

Your uncle's affair and abdication
almost destroyed the monarchy.

351

00:27:15,120 --> 00:27:16,480

This could too.

352

00:27:19,440 --> 00:27:20,280

Tommy?

353

00:27:27,200 --> 00:27:31,240

Ma'am, what do you know
about the Royal Marriages Act of 1772?

354

00:27:32,400 --> 00:27:34,480

-George II?

-Third, ma'am.

355

00:27:34,560 --> 00:27:37,720
He had two younger brothers,
William and Henry.

356

00:27:37,800 --> 00:27:40,240
Both of whom, I'm assuming,
made undesirable marriages.

357

00:27:40,320 --> 00:27:44,800
One to an illegitimate shrew,
the other to a disreputable jade,

358

00:27:44,880 --> 00:27:48,040
which caused an outrage
in parliament and the church.

359

00:27:48,120 --> 00:27:52,280
Now in response, George III
asked his Prime Minister, Lord North,

360

00:27:52,360 --> 00:27:57,040
to rush through a Royal Marriages Act
to prevent any future wilful young prince

361

00:27:57,120 --> 00:28:02,120
or princess from making an ill-advised
or disadvantageous match

362

00:28:02,200 --> 00:28:05,360
which might threaten the integrity
of the Royal house.

363

00:28:05,440 --> 00:28:09,920
It decrees that until the age of 25,
any member of the Royal family

364

00:28:10,000 --> 00:28:13,280
must secure
the sovereign's permission to marry.

365

00:28:17,120 --> 00:28:20,000

-But?

-But, not thereafter.

366

00:28:22,480 --> 00:28:23,840

-I see.

-So...

367

00:28:24,800 --> 00:28:28,480

If Margaret were to wait
until after her 25th birthday,

368

00:28:28,560 --> 00:28:32,560

she would be free to make any decision
she likes without your consent.

369

00:28:33,280 --> 00:28:34,720

The important thing is,

370

00:28:34,800 --> 00:28:39,560

it protects your relationship
with both church and government.

371

00:28:41,040 --> 00:28:46,680

Well, I can see the advantages of that.
But, what's in it for her?

372

00:28:46,760 --> 00:28:50,320

Mummy, she's only 23.
What does she do in the meantime?

373

00:28:52,040 --> 00:28:54,400

In the meantime, she and Peter wait.

374

00:28:56,600 --> 00:29:00,480

-Preferably, in separate countries.
-What?

375

00:29:00,560 --> 00:29:03,440

It's the only way
to contain the story, ma'am.

376

00:29:17,360 --> 00:29:18,320

Thank you, sir.

377

00:29:34,440 --> 00:29:36,000

-Good morning, sir.

-Out of my way!

378

00:29:47,320 --> 00:29:48,360

Come.

379

00:30:06,520 --> 00:30:08,320

-[Elizabeth] Margaret!

-[Margaret] No!

380

00:30:12,800 --> 00:30:13,800

Margaret!

381

00:30:17,360 --> 00:30:21,400

Just until your 25th birthday.

Then, you would be free to do as you wish.

382

00:30:21,480 --> 00:30:25,600

Look me in the eye and tell me.

Is it a posting or is it a banishment?

383

00:30:25,680 --> 00:30:29,200

It's a posting. I promise.

384

00:30:30,640 --> 00:30:34,240

It's just a way of managing the story,
keeping it off the front pages.

385

00:30:34,320 --> 00:30:38,200

-Not a heartless attempt to split us up?

-No, of course not.

386

00:30:38,280 --> 00:30:40,360

Papa did the same for Philip and me.

He made us wait.

387

00:30:40,440 --> 00:30:42,320

For three months. This is for two years.

388

00:30:42,400 --> 00:30:45,480

Think of it. Two years.

389

00:30:53,000 --> 00:30:55,600
Why did you even dangle Scotland
under my nose?

390

00:30:59,720 --> 00:31:00,960
Sorry.

391

00:31:24,760 --> 00:31:25,800
All right.

392

00:31:29,360 --> 00:31:33,240
If I do this for you, will you promise me
that this banishment...

393

00:31:33,920 --> 00:31:34,760
Posting.

394

00:31:34,840 --> 00:31:36,640
This banishment won't start
until after our trip to Rhodesia?

395

00:31:36,720 --> 00:31:38,840
You know how much
we've been looking forward to it.

396

00:31:44,120 --> 00:31:46,920
You're going to deny us that as well?

397

00:31:47,000 --> 00:31:49,880
It's the sensitivity of you two together.

398

00:31:49,960 --> 00:31:53,320
The photographers.
It would overshadow everything.

399

00:31:53,400 --> 00:31:58,560
But when you get back,
you'll have some time together.

400

00:31:58,640 --> 00:31:59,720

Alone.

401

00:32:01,120 --> 00:32:02,680
I promise you that.

402

00:32:40,880 --> 00:32:44,240
[Townsend] They offered me Johannesburg.
I refused.

403

00:32:44,320 --> 00:32:45,560
Then Singapore...

404

00:32:47,720 --> 00:32:49,520
I refused that too.

405

00:32:51,440 --> 00:32:53,560
Then they came back with Brussels.

406

00:32:55,480 --> 00:32:57,280
It's dreary, but at least it's close.

407

00:32:57,360 --> 00:33:00,760
The whole thing feels like
a completely unnecessary,

408

00:33:00,840 --> 00:33:02,560
unjustifiable punishment.

409

00:33:02,640 --> 00:33:03,600
I know.

410

00:33:05,360 --> 00:33:07,240
Perhaps your sister sensed that.

411

00:33:08,760 --> 00:33:10,880
That is why she's asked me
to go to Northern Ireland.

412

00:33:12,040 --> 00:33:13,160
What for?

413

00:33:13,240 --> 00:33:15,680
To accompany her
on her trip to Belfast this week. To...

414
00:33:16,680 --> 00:33:21,720
-put on a show of public approval.
-That's something, I suppose.

415
00:33:24,000 --> 00:33:26,400
No substitute for Rhodesia, though.

416
00:33:32,000 --> 00:33:34,200
No one wanted Philip.

417
00:33:36,600 --> 00:33:40,960
She dug her heels in,
got the man she wanted, didn't she?

418
00:33:42,520 --> 00:33:43,560
She did.

419
00:33:48,760 --> 00:33:50,680
We ought to head back.

420
00:33:52,400 --> 00:33:55,600
-Come on.
-No, wait. Kiss me.

421
00:34:05,800 --> 00:34:08,080
You know we won't be able to
back at the house.

422
00:34:39,320 --> 00:34:42,000
-Your Majesty.
-Tommy.

423
00:34:42,080 --> 00:34:44,560
Just to run through
the order of the day.

424
00:34:44,639 --> 00:34:47,239
-Yes.
-We'll be met at the airport

425

00:34:47,320 --> 00:34:49,800
by the Governor of Northern Ireland,
Lord Wakehurst.

426

00:34:49,880 --> 00:34:53,520
From there, we will be going
to the Belfast City Boundary

427

00:34:53,600 --> 00:34:56,280
to be met by the Lieutenant
of the City of Belfast.

428

00:34:56,360 --> 00:34:59,480
After that,
we will be presented to the Lord Mayor,

429

00:34:59,560 --> 00:35:04,400
Alderman Percival Brown,
and the Town Clerk, John Dunlop.

430

00:35:04,480 --> 00:35:07,400
Followed by a city luncheon at Civic Hall.

431

00:35:08,040 --> 00:35:09,640
The other way around, I think.

432

00:35:11,040 --> 00:35:15,320
-Ma'am?
-A civic luncheon at City Hall.

433

00:35:20,200 --> 00:35:22,560
-Forgive me.
-Is everything all right?

434

00:35:25,840 --> 00:35:30,840
I do hope it wasn't a mistake
inviting the group captain to join us.

435

00:35:33,080 --> 00:35:34,760
You've never cared for him, Tommy.

436

00:35:34,840 --> 00:35:38,680
No, I cared for him as long as
he did his job and knew his place.

437

00:35:39,720 --> 00:35:41,480
My father held him in high regard.

438

00:35:41,560 --> 00:35:44,960
As a member of staff,
not as a member of the family.

439

00:35:47,080 --> 00:35:49,320
He has been a good friend to us all.

440

00:35:49,400 --> 00:35:53,040
Too good, I would argue.
And he let his wife go in the process.

441

00:35:54,440 --> 00:35:56,280
He was innocent in that regard.

442

00:35:57,160 --> 00:35:58,280
She left of her own accord.

443

00:35:58,360 --> 00:36:01,440
And he's a wonderful father
to those boys.

444

00:36:01,520 --> 00:36:04,600
I'm just trying to manage
a difficult situation, ma'am.

445

00:36:04,680 --> 00:36:06,800
As am I.

446

00:36:06,880 --> 00:36:09,120
Sending him away
will break my sister's heart.

447

00:36:10,040 --> 00:36:11,720
Hearts mend.

448

00:36:15,360 --> 00:36:16,600
Was there anything else?

449
00:36:18,280 --> 00:36:20,400
-No.
-Your Majesty.

450
00:36:35,760 --> 00:36:37,720
[cheering]

451
00:36:58,920 --> 00:37:02,200
[man] ...bringing Her Majesty the Queen
on a visit to Northern Ireland.

452
00:37:05,440 --> 00:37:08,600
Her Majesty now walks
towards three-year-old Eileen Hall,

453
00:37:08,680 --> 00:37:10,480
who presents her with a bouquet.

454
00:37:11,880 --> 00:37:14,880
The Queen, who wears a coat of vivid
blue shantung with a matching hat,

455
00:37:14,960 --> 00:37:17,920
finds herself sharing the limelight
with Group Captain Townsend,

456
00:37:18,000 --> 00:37:19,920
who accompanies her on the tour.

457
00:37:21,280 --> 00:37:23,920
The crowd get a last glimpse
of the Queen and her husband

458
00:37:24,000 --> 00:37:25,880
before they begin the drive to City Hall.

459
00:37:25,960 --> 00:37:29,240
En route, thousands pack the streets
to bid them welcome.

460

00:37:33,520 --> 00:37:36,200
The Royal couple are welcomed
onto Balmoral Showground,

461

00:37:36,280 --> 00:37:39,360
where 4,000 ex-servicemen and women
are gathered

462

00:37:39,440 --> 00:37:41,280
to pay tribute to their sovereign.

463

00:37:41,360 --> 00:37:44,240
Many Ulster schools
and youth organizations are represented,

464

00:37:44,320 --> 00:37:47,320
and they all have a smile
and a wave for the Queen.

465

00:37:49,560 --> 00:37:53,080
As London papers called once more today
for a statement from Buckingham Palace

466

00:37:53,160 --> 00:37:56,080
to clarify the rumours of a romance
between Princess Margaret

467

00:37:56,160 --> 00:37:57,600
and Group Captain Townsend,

468

00:37:57,680 --> 00:38:00,400
newspaper editors from all over the world
sent their photographers

469

00:38:00,480 --> 00:38:04,080
to scrutinize Townsend's face,
hoping for a clue.

470

00:38:10,680 --> 00:38:12,560
The Queen can't be used
to sharing the limelight

471

00:38:12,640 --> 00:38:14,040
with a member of her household.

472

00:38:14,120 --> 00:38:16,200
But the gathered crowds
certainly seem as interested

473

00:38:16,280 --> 00:38:19,280
in Group Captain Townsend
as in Her Majesty.

474

00:38:23,560 --> 00:38:25,600
-Turn it off.
-Certainly, ma'am.

475

00:38:25,680 --> 00:38:28,680
The crowds had to jostle with members
of the press and television

476

00:38:28,760 --> 00:38:30,520
for following
the Royal party's every move.

477

00:38:34,600 --> 00:38:37,800
I brought him along to show my gratitude
for his years of service

478

00:38:37,880 --> 00:38:39,800
and to support my sister.

479

00:38:39,880 --> 00:38:44,880
And I had hoped that attention
on Margaret and Peter would fade away.

480

00:38:44,960 --> 00:38:47,200
But I could barely hear myself
speak today.

481

00:38:47,280 --> 00:38:51,040
-The solution is an obvious one.
-Which is?

482

00:38:51,120 --> 00:38:55,600

Bring forward the group captain's
relocation with immediate effect.

483

00:38:55,680 --> 00:38:59,920
But that would mean him missing
his reunion with my sister in London?

484

00:39:00,000 --> 00:39:01,400
And I gave her my word.

485

00:39:01,480 --> 00:39:06,120
Well, sometimes best intentions
need to be reconsidered, Your Majesty.

486

00:39:06,200 --> 00:39:08,000
You can always blame it on me.

487

00:39:10,760 --> 00:39:15,400
No. Let's wait 24 hours.
Things might calm down tomorrow.

488

00:39:15,920 --> 00:39:17,560
-Your Majesty.
-Your Majesty.

489

00:39:17,640 --> 00:39:21,320
The Lambeg drummers, ma'am.
A special Orangemen's welcome.

490

00:39:40,800 --> 00:39:42,760
Townsend? Captain Townsend?

491

00:39:44,720 --> 00:39:48,560
-Townsend.
-Captain.

492

00:39:57,880 --> 00:39:59,640
[happy screaming]

493

00:40:10,320 --> 00:40:16,560
May God give you wisdom,
loyalty and faithfulness.

494

00:40:17,440 --> 00:40:22,120
And may the future bring peace,
contentment and true happiness

495

00:40:22,200 --> 00:40:24,480
to the people of Northern Ireland.

496

00:40:34,840 --> 00:40:39,080
-Townsend!
-Townsend!

497

00:40:42,840 --> 00:40:44,480
Townsend!

498

00:41:15,040 --> 00:41:16,600
Do you have a moment, Lilibet?

499

00:41:20,480 --> 00:41:21,720
Yes, of course.

500

00:41:26,920 --> 00:41:30,800
I just wanted to apologize
for all the press attention.

501

00:41:31,320 --> 00:41:34,920
And to thank you for inviting me along
in the first place.

502

00:41:35,000 --> 00:41:39,960
-I do appreciate the gesture.
-It's the least I could do.

503

00:41:40,040 --> 00:41:42,440
I regretted having to take you off
the Rhodesia trip.

504

00:41:42,520 --> 00:41:44,480
Yes. Margaret and I
were so looking forward to it.

505

00:41:44,560 --> 00:41:46,360
We have so many shared interests,

as you know,

506

00:41:46,440 --> 00:41:49,640
we enjoy doing everything together.

507

00:41:53,040 --> 00:41:57,520
We had hoped to find some time together
during her days off.

508

00:41:57,600 --> 00:42:00,880
Walking, swimming, riding.

509

00:42:02,960 --> 00:42:05,440
But not to be.

510

00:42:08,480 --> 00:42:09,480
No.

511

00:42:15,400 --> 00:42:16,840
Anyway, nice chatting.

512

00:42:23,720 --> 00:42:25,200
Ma'am, if you wouldn't mind.

513

00:42:30,720 --> 00:42:35,160
Just wondering if Her Majesty
has had time to think about the matter.

514

00:42:37,240 --> 00:42:38,320
She has.

515

00:42:41,040 --> 00:42:44,720
Take care of it, Tommy.
In whatever manner you see fit.

516

00:42:47,040 --> 00:42:48,040
Yes, ma'am.

517

00:43:01,400 --> 00:43:03,000
[cheering]

518

00:43:17,960 --> 00:43:20,080
-Thank you, Your Majesty.
-Good night, sir.

519

00:43:21,440 --> 00:43:23,320
Thank you so much, Peter.

520

00:43:25,880 --> 00:43:26,720
Ma'am.

521

00:44:02,800 --> 00:44:04,680
[Lascelles] Group Captain Townsend.

522

00:44:08,240 --> 00:44:10,240
The "man of the moment".

523

00:44:12,760 --> 00:44:13,960
Do come up.

524

00:44:23,120 --> 00:44:24,280
Will you sit?

525

00:44:34,960 --> 00:44:38,160
Following consultation
with the government, the Foreign Office,

526

00:44:38,240 --> 00:44:40,200
and Her Majesty's press secretary,

527

00:44:40,280 --> 00:44:43,160
the decision has been taken
to move forward your posting

528

00:44:43,240 --> 00:44:45,040
to Brussels with immediate effect.

529

00:44:45,120 --> 00:44:47,720
A car is waiting to take you first
to your apartment,

530

00:44:47,800 --> 00:44:50,960
where you will pack,

and then directly to the airfield.

531

00:44:51,040 --> 00:44:54,440

The plane for Brussels
leaves in just under three hours.

532

00:44:54,520 --> 00:44:57,080

There was some concern
that that might not give you enough time,

533

00:44:57,160 --> 00:45:00,280

but I felt sure that as a military man
packing quickly

534

00:45:00,360 --> 00:45:04,120

and un sentimentally
would come as second nature to you.

535

00:45:07,640 --> 00:45:08,920

But that isn't what was agreed.

536

00:45:12,000 --> 00:45:14,680

The agreement between
Margaret and Her Majesty the Queen,

537

00:45:14,760 --> 00:45:17,160

with the certain knowledge
of Her Majesty the Queen Mother,

538

00:45:17,240 --> 00:45:20,040

was that Margaret and I
were to spend some time together

539

00:45:20,120 --> 00:45:22,240

upon her return from Rhodesia.

540

00:45:22,320 --> 00:45:25,560

Before I travelled to Brussels.
Forty-eight hours at least.

541

00:45:26,920 --> 00:45:29,600

Your proposal is a direct contravention
of that agreement.

542

00:45:30,880 --> 00:45:36,280
Well, I cannot, nor would I ever presume,
to know the intimate details

543

00:45:36,360 --> 00:45:40,040
of whatever agreements have
or have not been made within the family.

544

00:45:40,120 --> 00:45:44,760
What I can tell you is that the position
of air attaché at the embassy fell vacant

545

00:45:44,840 --> 00:45:48,440
unexpectedly early
and needs filling right away.

546

00:45:48,520 --> 00:45:53,840
Of course, a crucial position
like the air attaché to the embassy

547

00:45:53,920 --> 00:45:56,640
at Brussels
cannot be left vacant for very long.

548

00:45:56,720 --> 00:46:01,360
I ask only that it remain so
until after the Princess returns,

549

00:46:01,440 --> 00:46:03,120
as I was promised.

550

00:46:06,920 --> 00:46:09,000
I'm afraid that will not be possible.

551

00:46:20,920 --> 00:46:21,960
Tommy...

552

00:46:25,000 --> 00:46:27,480
I understand
you're only trying to do your job.

553

00:46:29,000 --> 00:46:32,480
But one thing the trip to Northern Ireland
has made very clear to me

554

00:46:32,560 --> 00:46:38,680
is that the romance between Margaret
and myself has caught the public eye.

555

00:46:38,760 --> 00:46:40,600
There is a momentum for us,

556

00:46:42,160 --> 00:46:46,120
a sense of joy and celebration
which you would be wise to acknowledge.

557

00:46:46,200 --> 00:46:49,920
The people can clearly see the sincerity
of the love between Margaret and me,

558

00:46:50,000 --> 00:46:53,560
and I would advise you
not to reprehend us for that.

559

00:46:53,640 --> 00:46:55,440
Such an act could backfire.

560

00:46:56,520 --> 00:47:02,200
And now, if I may give you
some advice in turn, Peter.

561

00:47:02,280 --> 00:47:04,400
That when referring to a member
of the Royal family,

562

00:47:04,480 --> 00:47:08,840
you use the appropriate title.
In this case, Her Royal Highness.

563

00:47:08,920 --> 00:47:11,640
When referring to the woman I love,
and who loves me,

564

00:47:11,720 --> 00:47:15,640

and who is soon to be my wife,
I'll call her what I damn well like.

565

00:47:15,720 --> 00:47:17,160
Her name is Margaret.

566

00:47:20,960 --> 00:47:22,400
Car, Townsend.

567

00:47:23,760 --> 00:47:24,920
Waiting.

568

00:47:26,680 --> 00:47:30,840
Tick, tick, tick.

569

00:47:37,840 --> 00:47:39,400
Bon voyage.

570

00:47:48,080 --> 00:47:53,880
A tiny white community,
surrounded by primitive Africans,

571

00:47:54,600 --> 00:47:59,440
grew into a young and flourishing nation

572

00:47:59,520 --> 00:48:04,000
with the ever brightening promise
of more prosperity before it.

573

00:48:41,160 --> 00:48:42,760
-Hurry up!
-Yes, sir!

574

00:48:44,040 --> 00:48:47,120
[Margaret] We honour a man
of remarkable vision,

575

00:48:47,200 --> 00:48:51,920
who saw how great this land
could become, once civilized.

576

00:48:56,840 --> 00:49:01,120

I wish continued prosperity and success

577

00:49:01,200 --> 00:49:04,200
to all those who inhabit it.

578

00:49:09,560 --> 00:49:12,920
[man] Ladies and gentlemen,
please stand for the royal courtesy.

579

00:49:14,600 --> 00:49:16,480
[man] Telegram for Princess Margaret.

580

00:49:16,560 --> 00:49:19,240
-The Queen!
-To the Queen!

581

00:49:25,240 --> 00:49:29,400
♪ God save our gracious Queen ♪

582

00:49:29,480 --> 00:49:33,840
♪ Long live our noble Queen ♪

583

00:49:33,920 --> 00:49:37,640
♪ God save the Queen ♪

584

00:49:38,520 --> 00:49:41,720
♪ Send her victorious ♪

585

00:49:41,800 --> 00:49:43,800
Thank you.

586

00:49:43,880 --> 00:49:45,920
-Madam.
-Thank you.

587

00:49:47,200 --> 00:49:51,560
♪ Long to reign over us ♪

588

00:49:51,640 --> 00:49:56,880
♪ God save the Queen ♪

589

00:49:56,960 --> 00:49:58,560
I need to speak to my sister.

590
00:50:00,200 --> 00:50:01,040
Now!

591
00:50:12,720 --> 00:50:13,560
Switchboard.

592
00:50:13,640 --> 00:50:15,640
Her Royal Highness needs
to make an urgent call

593
00:50:15,720 --> 00:50:16,800
to Her Majesty the Queen.

594
00:50:16,880 --> 00:50:19,840
-A secure line will be required.
-Putting you through.

595
00:50:20,840 --> 00:50:22,600
Foreign Office.
How may I direct your call?

596
00:50:22,680 --> 00:50:26,320
Buckingham Palace. Victoria 48, 32.

597
00:50:28,320 --> 00:50:30,240
I have Her Royal Highness
the Princess Margaret

598
00:50:30,320 --> 00:50:31,360
for Her Majesty the Queen.

599
00:50:31,440 --> 00:50:32,520
Sir.

600
00:50:34,440 --> 00:50:35,520
Sir.

601
00:50:36,960 --> 00:50:39,640
Princess Margaret

for Her Majesty the Queen.

602

00:50:39,720 --> 00:50:42,040

-On a secure line.

-Of course!

603

00:50:42,120 --> 00:50:43,080

What's taking so long?

604

00:50:43,160 --> 00:50:45,280

Well, I gather

we have the secure line, ma'am.

605

00:50:45,360 --> 00:50:47,480

They're just having trouble

locating Her Majesty.

606

00:50:47,560 --> 00:50:50,520

What can be so difficult? She's the Queen.

She's fairly conspicuous.

607

00:50:50,600 --> 00:50:51,760

She can't disappear.

608

00:50:52,600 --> 00:50:54,280

[phone rings]

609

00:50:57,280 --> 00:50:59,040

[phone rings]

610

00:51:00,160 --> 00:51:01,920

[phone rings]

611

00:51:04,640 --> 00:51:06,840

[phones ring]

612

00:51:16,320 --> 00:51:17,640

[phone rings]

613

00:51:21,280 --> 00:51:23,560

Sandringham House, good evening.

614

00:51:24,480 --> 00:51:28,480

Yes, sir. She's here.

Arrived about an hour ago.

615

00:51:30,880 --> 00:51:32,400

Yes, sir, right away.

616

00:51:47,000 --> 00:51:49,920

Ma'am, I've located the Queen.

617

00:51:54,760 --> 00:51:56,840

[man] The strip made up for it at Ascot

618

00:51:56,920 --> 00:51:59,840

but we're really trying
not to let this happen again.

619

00:51:59,920 --> 00:52:02,080

[Elizabeth] I think
he's a little bit inexperienced.

620

00:52:02,160 --> 00:52:04,560

-What, the jockey, ma'am?

-Yes, I do.

621

00:52:04,640 --> 00:52:06,800

-[woman] Telephone, Your Majesty.

-Right.

622

00:52:06,880 --> 00:52:10,040

Yes, I'd like his scope recorded for
the first quarter mile tomorrow morning.

623

00:52:10,120 --> 00:52:11,280

Yes, ma'am.

624

00:52:12,480 --> 00:52:15,520

And then we might have to think
about pairing him with another rider.

625

00:52:15,600 --> 00:52:16,600

[man] Yes, ma'am.

626

00:52:17,360 --> 00:52:18,400

Yes?

627

00:52:18,920 --> 00:52:20,560

-How could you?

-Margaret.

628

00:52:20,640 --> 00:52:23,880

You gave me your word. Promised me
he'd still be there when I got back.

629

00:52:23,960 --> 00:52:25,960

-I did.

-Why has he been sent away?

630

00:52:26,040 --> 00:52:30,040

-Banished like some criminal?

-Things got out of hand.

631

00:52:30,120 --> 00:52:33,760

I took you at your word.
Believed everything you said.

632

00:52:33,840 --> 00:52:37,400

How happy you were for me.

How you would support us.

633

00:52:37,480 --> 00:52:38,320

Margaret.

634

00:52:38,400 --> 00:52:39,760

You've been against us
from the beginning.

635

00:52:39,840 --> 00:52:42,120

-Because you can't bear to be eclipsed.

-What?

636

00:52:42,200 --> 00:52:44,960

Can't bear to be outshone
by your younger sister.

637

00:52:45,040 --> 00:52:46,720
You've never liked it. Admit it.

638

00:52:47,960 --> 00:52:50,400
You've hated how Peter and I
caught the popular imagination.

639

00:52:50,480 --> 00:52:52,960
-Hated it enough to want to destroy it.
-This is madness.

640

00:52:53,040 --> 00:52:59,120
Well, you fail to protect me.
I will fail to protect you in return.

641

00:52:59,200 --> 00:53:00,320
Margaret.

642

00:53:02,800 --> 00:53:05,440
You reap what you sow, sister.

643

00:53:49,600 --> 00:53:52,960
[Philip] "The laws of England say
that any man, once divorced,

644

00:53:53,040 --> 00:53:55,720
is fully entitled to marry again.

645

00:53:55,800 --> 00:53:57,720
If those laws are good enough
for England,

646

00:53:57,800 --> 00:53:59,600
they are good enough
for the Royal family."

647

00:53:59,680 --> 00:54:00,760
I know, but--

648

00:54:00,840 --> 00:54:02,760
"The near-holy reverence shown
for the Crown

649

00:54:02,840 --> 00:54:05,320
by the people of Britain
is a fact of life,

650

00:54:05,400 --> 00:54:06,920
as the recent coronation has shown."

651

00:54:07,000 --> 00:54:12,000
[woman] "Few other countries in the world
retain such regard for their monarchies.

652

00:54:12,080 --> 00:54:16,160
But are those centuries of awe
drawing to an end?

653

00:54:16,240 --> 00:54:21,360
Can that veneration be sustained
in the light of the Royal family's cruelty

654

00:54:21,440 --> 00:54:23,840
to its very own members?"

655

00:54:26,560 --> 00:54:30,480
[Duke of Windsor] "The Royal family
in Britain has survived a thousand proofs

656

00:54:30,560 --> 00:54:34,560
that it is artificial and superfluous

657

00:54:34,640 --> 00:54:41,600
and seems to have as deep a hold as ever
on the loyalties of the people.

658

00:54:41,680 --> 00:54:45,680
It is not likely, however,
to survive the clear proof

659

00:54:45,760 --> 00:54:49,680
that it is insensate and cruel."

660

00:54:49,760 --> 00:54:51,480

[shrieks]

661

00:54:54,320 --> 00:54:57,440

"The treatment of her sister
has now jeopardized the future

662

00:54:57,520 --> 00:54:59,320

of the monarchy in Britain."

663

00:55:06,480 --> 00:55:08,280

In 48 hours, it will have passed.

664

00:55:10,320 --> 00:55:11,280

If you're lucky.

665

00:55:11,360 --> 00:55:14,000

I fear it will take longer than that
for Margaret to forgive me.

666

00:55:14,080 --> 00:55:16,000

She will in time, she has to.

667

00:55:17,840 --> 00:55:18,960

We all have to.

668

00:55:25,280 --> 00:55:26,800

-Your Majesty.

-Be right with you.

669

00:55:27,440 --> 00:55:31,320

-Hello, Mike. Where are you going?

-I told you. I was away for the weekend.

670

00:55:31,400 --> 00:55:33,760

-Did you?

-Baron's having a house party.

671

00:55:33,840 --> 00:55:35,640

-Who's Baron?

-Baron Nahoum.

672

00:55:35,720 --> 00:55:37,280

President of our Lunch Club.

673

00:55:39,960 --> 00:55:42,000

Don't look like that.

It's gentlemen only, right?

674

00:55:42,080 --> 00:55:43,360

Absolutely.

675

00:55:46,520 --> 00:55:47,800

Perfectly innocent.

676

00:56:01,800 --> 00:56:03,840

-Shall we, old boy?

-Yes, I think let's.

677

00:56:04,400 --> 00:56:05,840

Snifter en route, eh?

678

00:56:10,600 --> 00:56:11,880

Toodle-oo.

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