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# THE CROWN

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"Scientia Potentia Est"

As the Soviets test the H-bomb, both Churchill and Eden have major health crises. Angry about her inadequate education, Elizabeth hires a tutor.

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## **EPISODE CAST**

Claire Foy	...	Queen Elizabeth II
Matt Smith	...	Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
Victoria Hamilton	...	Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother
Jeremy Northam	...	Anthony Eden
John Lithgow	...	Winston Churchill
Harriet Walter	...	Clemmie Churchill
Nicholas Rowe	...	Jock Colville
Pip Torrens	...	Tommy Lascelles
Harry Hadden-Paton	...	Martin Charteris
Clive Francis	...	Lord Salisbury
Billy Jenkins	...	Prince Charles
Verity Russell	...	Young Princess Elizabeth
Beau Gadsdon	...	Young Princess Margaret
James Hillier	...	Equerry (Buckingham Palace)
Will Keen	...	Michael Adeane

1

00:00:44,760 --> 00:00:46,520  
[woman speaks French] Your Majesty.

2

00:00:48,280 --> 00:00:49,720  
[planes heard overhead]

3

00:00:50,720 --> 00:00:54,360  
[continues speaking French] So, it is  
always the Sovereign who begins the meal.

4

00:00:57,960 --> 00:01:04,040  
It is absolutely forbidden to begin  
before he, or she, takes their first bite.

5

00:01:05,440 --> 00:01:07,360  
Oui, Mademoiselle.

6

00:01:07,440 --> 00:01:10,040  
[woman speaking French] During  
the meal, when it is the first course,

7

00:01:10,120 --> 00:01:13,480  
you must only speak to the person  
seated on your right until the end.

8

00:01:13,560 --> 00:01:16,520  
[in English] Time for the Vice-Provost,  
Lilibet.

9

00:01:29,720 --> 00:01:32,720  
[bell rings]

10

00:01:46,920 --> 00:01:49,840  
[woman] Your Royal Highness. Come on.

11

00:01:51,480 --> 00:01:54,680  
[man] "There are two elements  
of the Constitution:"

12

00:01:54,760 --> 00:01:58,880  
wrote Walter Bagehot in 1867.

13

00:02:01,880 --> 00:02:05,400  
"The efficient and the dignified."

14

00:02:07,400 --> 00:02:08,880  
Which is the monarch?

15

00:02:11,280 --> 00:02:12,720  
Your Royal Highness?

16

00:02:17,840 --> 00:02:20,400  
-The dignified?  
-Very good.

17

00:02:20,480 --> 00:02:25,440  
The efficient has the power  
to make and execute policy

18

00:02:25,520 --> 00:02:28,360  
and is answerable to the electorate.

19

00:02:28,440 --> 00:02:31,840  
What touches all  
should be approved by all.

20

00:02:32,560 --> 00:02:38,200  
The dignified gives significance  
and legitimacy to the efficient

21

00:02:38,280 --> 00:02:41,200  
and is answerable only...?

22

00:02:43,560 --> 00:02:45,680  
-To God.  
-Precisely.

23

00:02:45,760 --> 00:02:51,720  
Two institutions, Crown and government,  
dignified and the efficient,

24

00:02:51,800 --> 00:02:55,160  
only work when they support each other.

25

00:02:55,240 --> 00:02:57,960  
When they trust one another.

26

00:02:58,960 --> 00:03:00,480  
You can underline that.

27

00:03:05,600 --> 00:03:10,280  
-Do you teach this to your other pupils?  
-No, just you.

28

00:03:10,360 --> 00:03:12,880  
This is what I teach them.

29

00:03:15,120 --> 00:03:17,480  
These are exam papers.

30

00:03:22,680 --> 00:03:26,680  
-Shouldn't I know all of this, too?  
-No, Ma'am.

31

00:03:26,760 --> 00:03:29,600  
All very undignified.

32

00:04:55,840 --> 00:04:57,880  
[Khrushchev giving a speech in Russian]

33

00:05:07,840 --> 00:05:10,320  
[applause]

34

00:05:15,160 --> 00:05:17,840  
[clock ticking]

35

00:05:17,920 --> 00:05:19,920  
[clock chimes]

36

00:05:27,480 --> 00:05:31,520  
I see Mr. Einstein  
has changed his mind again?

37

00:05:31,600 --> 00:05:34,240  
-Oh?

-The scientist.

38

00:05:35,000 --> 00:05:38,840  
No, I know who he is. What exactly  
has he changed his mind about?

39

00:05:43,640 --> 00:05:45,240  
That's rather less clear to me,

40

00:05:45,320 --> 00:05:47,600  
but everyone's making  
a tremendous fuss about it.

41

00:05:55,200 --> 00:05:59,160  
At the time of my education,  
I asked the Vice-Provost

42

00:05:59,240 --> 00:06:05,120  
if we shouldn't spend a bit of time  
on Literature, Philosophy, Science.

43

00:06:06,200 --> 00:06:09,560  
He felt I had enough on my plate  
as it was.

44

00:06:09,640 --> 00:06:13,800  
But don't you think  
I should have learned about it?

45

00:06:13,880 --> 00:06:14,880  
Why?

46

00:06:15,640 --> 00:06:19,880  
Well, doesn't one have a duty  
to know certain things?

47

00:06:19,960 --> 00:06:24,480  
You have a great many other virtues.  
You can't be expected to know everything.

48

00:06:24,560 --> 00:06:28,920  
Well, no, that's the point, Mummy.  
I know almost nothing.

49

00:06:29,000 --> 00:06:33,600  
You know when to keep your mouth shut.  
That's more important than anything.

50

00:06:34,400 --> 00:06:38,520  
And that would've been fine  
if I'd gone on to live a normal life.

51

00:06:38,600 --> 00:06:43,880  
But now I spend so much time  
with politicians and statesmen.

52

00:06:43,960 --> 00:06:47,440  
You know, I live in dread  
of being left alone with them.

53

00:06:47,520 --> 00:06:50,000  
Your dear papa was just the same.

54

00:06:52,080 --> 00:06:56,920  
Be nice to think that one could,  
if not hold one's own,

55

00:06:57,000 --> 00:06:59,000  
then at least  
not have to steer the conversation

56

00:06:59,080 --> 00:07:01,400  
away to dogs and horses every time.

57

00:07:02,960 --> 00:07:04,560  
The Prime Minister's on his way, Ma'am.

58

00:07:04,640 --> 00:07:08,480  
Well, one good thing about this one is  
you never have to open your mouth at all.

59

00:07:08,560 --> 00:07:09,800  
That's true.

60

00:07:09,880 --> 00:07:13,480

Just smile politely  
while he drones on and on.

61

00:07:13,560 --> 00:07:16,600  
Your Majesty may or may not be aware,  
but this is my retirement year.

62

00:07:16,680 --> 00:07:18,520  
Is it really? How long has it been?

63

00:07:18,600 --> 00:07:20,880  
33 years, Ma'am,  
serving four sovereigns.

64

00:07:20,960 --> 00:07:22,800  
One can hardly imagine the place  
without you.

65

00:07:22,880 --> 00:07:26,120  
It's kind of you to say so, Ma'am, but  
we're well prepared for the transition.

66

00:07:26,200 --> 00:07:28,240  
A deputy's long been groomed  
and made ready.

67

00:07:28,320 --> 00:07:29,840  
-Two deputies, right?  
-Yes, Ma'am.

68

00:07:29,920 --> 00:07:32,440  
-A senior and a junior.  
-An heir and a spare.

69

00:07:32,520 --> 00:07:33,360  
Quite.

70

00:07:33,440 --> 00:07:37,320  
Well, before we discuss any of that,

71

00:07:37,400 --> 00:07:40,080  
I'd like you to know how grateful  
we all are to you.



72

00:07:40,160 --&gt; 00:07:42,320

-For your years of service.

-Thank you, Ma'am.

73

00:07:42,400 --&gt; 00:07:45,560

My father was quite dependent on you.

You know that.

74

00:07:45,640 --&gt; 00:07:49,920

And in our short time together,  
I could see how I could be, too.

75

00:07:50,000 --&gt; 00:07:52,040

But you deserve to put your feet up.

76

00:07:52,120 --&gt; 00:07:54,920

And I think I could work quite well  
with Martin Charteris.

77

00:07:55,000 --&gt; 00:07:57,480

-Martin Charteris?

-Yes.

78

00:07:58,800 --&gt; 00:08:01,040

I assume you'll give that your blessing.

79

00:08:03,240 --&gt; 00:08:06,680

Martin is the junior deputy  
private secretary, Ma'am, the spare.

80

00:08:06,760 --&gt; 00:08:10,920

Michael Adeane is the senior.  
The rightful heir.

81

00:08:11,720 --&gt; 00:08:14,280

Yes, but Martin and I  
have worked together before.

82

00:08:14,360 --&gt; 00:08:17,320

-I'm aware of that.

-I'm sure Michael would understand

83

00:08:17,400 --> 00:08:21,600  
that I had a pre-existing relationship  
with Martin and not take it personally.

84

00:08:21,680 --> 00:08:25,440  
Martin is a younger man.  
It's the more natural fit.

85

00:08:26,680 --> 00:08:28,520  
If that is Your Majesty's wish.

86

00:08:44,800 --> 00:08:46,760  
[snoring]

87

00:08:50,960 --> 00:08:53,720  
Prime Minister,  
I'm so sorry to have kept you waiting.

88

00:08:53,800 --> 00:08:54,640  
Not at all.

89

00:08:54,720 --> 00:08:56,360  
-Oh, but I see you've found company.  
-Yes.

90

00:08:56,440 --> 00:09:00,440  
Honey, Sugar, Pippin, say goodbye.  
Thank you, Tommy.

91

00:09:00,520 --> 00:09:02,520  
[dogs bark]

92

00:09:05,600 --> 00:09:07,760  
Shall we make a start?

93

00:09:07,840 --> 00:09:12,560  
One item overshadows every other  
on the agenda this week, Ma'am.

94

00:09:12,640 --> 00:09:15,080  
The Soviets and their H-bomb.

95

00:09:15,160 --> 00:09:17,440  
We now have confirmation  
that they have been testing

96

00:09:17,520 --> 00:09:19,720  
in the Kazakh Desert.

97

00:09:19,800 --> 00:09:23,480  
It is vital that we act swiftly  
to secure peace

98

00:09:23,560 --> 00:09:27,360  
and vital that we British  
spearhead the effort.

99

00:09:27,440 --> 00:09:30,720  
I have always been the person

100

00:09:30,800 --> 00:09:33,640  
everyone wants in a room with the Russians

101

00:09:33,720 --> 00:09:36,400  
because Stalin would only talk to me.

102

00:09:36,480 --> 00:09:39,800  
With him gone, there is a great danger

103

00:09:39,880 --> 00:09:43,120  
that Eisenhower will take it upon himself  
to run the show.

104

00:09:45,160 --> 00:09:46,160  
And that would be bad?

105

00:09:46,240 --> 00:09:50,840  
Oh, a disaster, Ma'am.  
For all the obvious reasons.

106

00:09:50,920 --> 00:09:52,040  
[coughs]

107

00:09:53,160 --> 00:09:54,160  
Of course.

108  
00:09:56,800 --> 00:09:59,440  
Remind me. Of the obvious reasons.

109  
00:10:03,360 --> 00:10:04,800  
Russia...

110  
00:10:06,560 --> 00:10:11,960  
is a great old empire  
which demands and deserves respect.

111  
00:10:12,040 --> 00:10:17,360  
Americans like to wave the big stick  
and speak with a loud voice.

112  
00:10:17,440 --> 00:10:22,480  
In the matter of world governance,  
they are not yet ready.

113  
00:10:22,560 --> 00:10:24,520  
They need

114  
00:10:24,600 --> 00:10:29,320  
an experienced and elder power

115  
00:10:29,400 --> 00:10:31,840  
to guide them, school them.

116  
00:10:31,920 --> 00:10:33,400  
Yes, we could all do with some school.

117  
00:10:33,480 --> 00:10:37,800  
To that end, I've asked  
the Foreign Secretary to go to Washington

118  
00:10:37,880 --> 00:10:42,320  
to lay plans for a summit meeting  
between myself and Eisenhower,

119  
00:10:42,400 --> 00:10:45,000

to start discussing a unified approach

120

00:10:45,080 --> 00:10:47,160  
for how to bring the Russians  
back into the family.

121

00:10:47,240 --> 00:10:49,880  
-Do you think he's up to it?  
-Eisenhower?

122

00:10:49,960 --> 00:10:51,440  
No, the Foreign Secretary.

123

00:10:51,520 --> 00:10:57,440  
Anthony is the finest Foreign Secretary  
this country has had for generations.

124

00:10:58,720 --> 00:11:01,240  
Yes, but I've heard  
he's also a very sick man.

125

00:11:01,320 --> 00:11:06,720  
I would hate to think  
that the country wasn't in safe hands,

126

00:11:06,800 --> 00:11:09,360  
being led by healthy men.

127

00:11:09,440 --> 00:11:13,320  
We are both fine, Ma'am. I assure you.

128

00:11:15,600 --> 00:11:18,280  
[man] Early indications are  
that the bomb they tested

129

00:11:18,360 --> 00:11:21,280  
was a fission and fusion-fueled  
Sloika design,

130

00:11:21,360 --> 00:11:24,440  
based on lithium-six deuteride  
and uranium-two-three-five

131

00:11:24,520 --> 00:11:27,600  
with a yield of 400 kilotons.

132

00:11:27,680 --> 00:11:31,680  
Khrushchev claims  
the weapon is ready for immediate use,

133

00:11:31,760 --> 00:11:33,960  
capable of deployment  
from a bomber aircraft.

134

00:11:34,040 --> 00:11:36,640  
He was bragging about it  
to the Presidium last week.

135

00:11:36,720 --> 00:11:37,960  
Do we believe that?

136

00:11:38,040 --> 00:11:42,400  
Latest CIA intelligence seems to  
support it, with the Soviets known to be

137

00:11:42,480 --> 00:11:45,040  
ramping up their production  
of long-range bomber aircraft...

138

00:11:45,120 --> 00:11:47,840  
-[panting]  
-Are you all right, sir?

139

00:11:50,440 --> 00:11:53,920  
My bag, please. Give me my bag.

140

00:12:09,480 --> 00:12:10,320  
You can do this.

141

00:12:13,880 --> 00:12:15,960  
[man] Sir, this really should be done  
by a doctor.

142

00:12:16,040 --> 00:12:18,880  
Just find a vein. Come on!

143

00:12:34,880 --> 00:12:38,800  
[man] Now, we can say with confidence  
that Joe Four's total yield,

144

00:12:38,880 --> 00:12:42,240  
why, was in the range  
of four to 500 kilotons.

145

00:12:42,320 --> 00:12:46,960  
Now, intelligence sources indicate  
the Soviets used the layered design...

146

00:12:47,040 --> 00:12:51,520  
similar to our own  
"Ivy Mike" detonation in '52,

147

00:12:51,600 --> 00:12:53,840  
which is consistent with the blast radius.

148

00:12:54,640 --> 00:12:57,080  
The British Foreign Secretary.

149

00:13:08,680 --> 00:13:12,080  
That gentleman  
is not just a sleeping man,

150

00:13:12,160 --> 00:13:14,120  
it's a sad metaphor.

151

00:13:14,200 --> 00:13:15,800  
The second most powerful man

152

00:13:15,880 --> 00:13:19,160  
in what was once  
the most powerful country on Earth.

153

00:13:21,680 --> 00:13:22,920  
What's that on his arm?

154

00:13:24,160 --> 00:13:27,440  
[man] Looks like blood, sir.

155

00:13:27,520 --> 00:13:29,240  
[Eisenhower] Good God.

156

00:13:37,080 --> 00:13:39,800  
Colonel Charteris, Your Majesty.

157

00:13:41,440 --> 00:13:44,240  
-You asked to see me?  
-I did. Do sit down.

158

00:13:51,560 --> 00:13:54,760  
Now, as I'm sure you're aware,

159

00:13:54,840 --> 00:13:59,400  
Tommy Lascelles will be leaving us shortly  
to begin his well-deserved retirement.

160

00:14:01,120 --> 00:14:04,720  
And his departure  
will leave something of a gap.

161

00:14:05,880 --> 00:14:07,200  
Yes.

162

00:14:07,280 --> 00:14:12,240  
And I was wondering whether you  
might be interested in filling that gap?

163

00:14:12,320 --> 00:14:15,480  
-As what, Ma'am?  
-My Private Secretary.

164

00:14:18,160 --> 00:14:21,280  
-I'd be delighted, but...  
-But what?

165

00:14:21,360 --> 00:14:22,720  
What about Michael Adeane?

166

00:14:22,800 --> 00:14:26,160  
-What about him?



-He is the natural successor.

167

00:14:26,240 --> 00:14:30,280  
I was hoping it might be possible for me  
to make my own decision just once.

168

00:14:31,240 --> 00:14:35,000  
There are two Private Secretaries  
to choose from.

169

00:14:35,080 --> 00:14:37,280  
And I happen to prefer the Junior.

170

00:14:40,560 --> 00:14:43,760  
So, shall we say that's that?

171

00:14:45,080 --> 00:14:47,800  
Yes. I suppose we shall.

172

00:14:47,880 --> 00:14:50,000  
-Good.  
-Thank you.

173

00:14:52,320 --> 00:14:54,920  
Is there anything I can do?  
In the meantime.

174

00:14:55,000 --> 00:14:57,000  
No, no, no. Thank you, Martin.

175

00:15:00,520 --> 00:15:01,960  
Actually, Martin...

176

00:15:02,920 --> 00:15:04,000  
A tutor.

177

00:15:04,920 --> 00:15:08,720  
-Ma'am?  
-I'd like to engage one.

178

00:15:08,800 --> 00:15:11,480  
-Any particular field?

-General education.

179

00:15:11,560 --> 00:15:14,760

-I'll come up with some names.

-Thank you.

180

00:15:14,840 --> 00:15:19,640

Oh, and, Martin, preferably one,  
you know, not too stuffy. Sense of humor.

181

00:15:20,840 --> 00:15:21,800

Understood.

182

00:15:27,560 --> 00:15:32,360

I'm no stranger to pain, Winston,  
but this has become intolerable.

183

00:15:32,440 --> 00:15:35,760

I must have corrective surgery.

184

00:15:35,840 --> 00:15:40,200

And this "corrective surgery,"  
must it really be Boston?

185

00:15:40,280 --> 00:15:43,400

That's where the best man is.

The only man.

186

00:15:43,480 --> 00:15:48,160

They're better equipped to deal  
with gall bladder problems in America.

187

00:15:48,240 --> 00:15:51,240

Due to the high fat diets they have here.

188

00:15:51,320 --> 00:15:53,920

Leaving me without you  
for the summit with Ike.

189

00:15:54,000 --> 00:15:57,240

-Can't you delay it?

-No, I can't.

190

00:15:58,120 --> 00:16:00,600  
Besides, you have already stated

191

00:16:00,680 --> 00:16:03,960  
your ability to run the ship without me  
for some time.

192

00:16:04,040 --> 00:16:08,360  
In jest, my dear boy, when you become  
mutinous and presumptuous.

193

00:16:08,440 --> 00:16:10,520  
You know how much I depend on you.

194

00:16:11,920 --> 00:16:13,760  
-I do.  
-Well?

195

00:16:16,240 --> 00:16:18,520  
But I'd still like to hear you  
say it again.

196

00:16:19,680 --> 00:16:23,760  
-What?  
-I'd like you to say it again so that...

197

00:16:24,720 --> 00:16:29,360  
all the people listening in can hear.  
You were saying.

198

00:16:30,760 --> 00:16:32,040  
That...

199

00:16:34,360 --> 00:16:36,200  
I depend on you, Anthony.

200

00:16:37,080 --> 00:16:38,320  
[Eden] What for?

201

00:16:39,440 --> 00:16:43,080  
[Churchill] For your judgement.

202  
00:16:43,160 --> 00:16:48,640  
[Eden] What else?  
[Churchill] Your integrity. And loyalty.

203  
00:16:48,720 --> 00:16:50,160  
Louder, please.

204  
00:16:50,240 --> 00:16:53,520  
Yes, all right!  
Yes, I need you there, Anthony!

205  
00:16:53,600 --> 00:16:55,880  
I think we're all agreed, I need you!

206  
00:16:55,960 --> 00:17:01,960  
And I need the surgery, Winston.  
It's my life that's at stake now.

207  
00:17:02,040 --> 00:17:03,400  
I'm sorry.

208  
00:17:03,480 --> 00:17:05,480  
-[dial tone]  
-[Churchill groans]

209  
00:17:36,160 --> 00:17:38,920  
[woman] Prime Minister. Prime Minister?

210  
00:17:50,720 --> 00:17:52,720  
[music playing from car radio]

211  
00:18:00,640 --> 00:18:04,480  
[Charles] What's that?  
[woman] Here, Charles. That one.

212  
00:18:08,640 --> 00:18:11,560  
[Charles] Look. Look at this.  
Do you like my picture?

213  
00:18:11,640 --> 00:18:15,000  
[woman] It's a rocket.  
One day it'll take us into space.

214  
00:18:16,520 --> 00:18:17,960  
[door opens]

215  
00:18:18,040 --> 00:18:19,040  
Let's move on.

216  
00:18:19,120 --> 00:18:21,800  
-[man] Professor Hogg, Your Majesty.  
-Who?

217  
00:18:21,880 --> 00:18:24,800  
Colonel Charteris said  
you were expecting him.

218  
00:18:24,880 --> 00:18:27,240  
Oh, yes.

219  
00:18:27,920 --> 00:18:29,120  
[Charles] Where's Mercury?

220  
00:18:30,080 --> 00:18:33,680  
[woman] High up in the sky, Charles.  
It's where all the other planets are.

221  
00:18:33,760 --> 00:18:36,640  
-Your Majesty.  
-Professor Hogg.

222  
00:18:39,640 --> 00:18:41,480  
[Elizabeth]  
During the course of my new daily life,

223  
00:18:41,560 --> 00:18:45,280  
I have to spend a great deal of time  
alone with statesmen.

224  
00:18:45,360 --> 00:18:48,960  
Men, like yourself,  
of exceptional intellect,

225  
00:18:49,040 --> 00:18:50,960

who've risen to the very top  
of their profession

226

00:18:51,040 --> 00:18:53,760  
by virtue of their intelligence  
and their ability.

227

00:19:00,040 --> 00:19:02,880  
There are frequently times

228

00:19:02,960 --> 00:19:05,440  
when I am discussing agendas of the day

229

00:19:05,520 --> 00:19:09,240  
with these people that I find myself...

230

00:19:13,040 --> 00:19:14,120  
on the back foot.

231

00:19:16,880 --> 00:19:20,560  
At something of a disadvantage.  
Because I...

232

00:19:22,440 --> 00:19:23,760  
I can't keep up.

233

00:19:24,960 --> 00:19:27,240  
Or I don't know  
what lies behind something.

234

00:19:27,320 --> 00:19:29,520  
And that's no way to live.

235

00:19:29,600 --> 00:19:34,120  
To be uninformed  
and entirely at someone else's mercy.

236

00:19:34,200 --> 00:19:38,720  
Quite. Which is why I was hoping that you  
might help me hold my own, some more,

237

00:19:39,960 --> 00:19:43,200

feel at less of a disadvantage, fill in...

238

00:19:44,720 --> 00:19:46,480  
Fill in some of the gaps.

239

00:19:46,560 --> 00:19:51,600  
Perhaps Her Majesty would give me  
an idea of roughly how far she got?

240

00:19:51,680 --> 00:19:54,600  
-When?  
-With her education.

241

00:19:56,200 --> 00:19:59,480  
-In what sense?  
-Which exams she might have taken

242

00:19:59,560 --> 00:20:04,760  
and passed, that I might better know  
at what level to pitch our tutorials.

243

00:20:07,760 --> 00:20:11,000  
The Higher School Certificate,  
for example.

244

00:20:15,880 --> 00:20:18,720  
All right. The School Certificate, then.

245

00:20:22,480 --> 00:20:23,880  
No.

246

00:20:23,960 --> 00:20:28,800  
Any privately-tutored equivalents thereof,  
perhaps?

247

00:20:31,880 --> 00:20:32,800  
I see.

248

00:20:43,080 --> 00:20:44,600  
Her Majesty the Queen, Ma'am.

249

00:20:46,520 --> 00:20:48,600

This is a surprise.

250

00:20:50,040 --> 00:20:52,520  
To what do I owe the pleasure?

251

00:20:53,160 --> 00:20:57,640  
I came because I wanted to ask you  
a question about my education.

252

00:20:58,520 --> 00:20:59,840  
What about it?

253

00:21:01,560 --> 00:21:05,040  
-The fact that I didn't receive one.  
-You did.

254

00:21:05,120 --> 00:21:09,360  
Sewing, needlework  
and saying poems with Crawfie.

255

00:21:09,440 --> 00:21:10,880  
That is not an education.

256

00:21:10,960 --> 00:21:16,720  
Darling, you also spent years one-on-one  
with the Vice-Provost of Eton College.

257

00:21:16,800 --> 00:21:18,320  
Being drilled in the Constitution.

258

00:21:18,400 --> 00:21:21,640  
Which is far more  
than your sister ever got.

259

00:21:21,720 --> 00:21:26,080  
Mummy! I'm talking about  
a normal education. In normal subjects.

260

00:21:26,160 --> 00:21:29,720  
You received an entirely appropriate  
education for a woman of your background.

261



00:21:29,800 --> 00:21:32,480  
Which has entirely failed to prepare me  
for the life I lead now.

262

00:21:32,560 --> 00:21:36,960  
We taught you how to be a lady,  
a princess. What do you want? A degree?

263

00:21:37,040 --> 00:21:40,880  
No one wants a bluestocking  
or a college lecturer as sovereign.

264

00:21:40,960 --> 00:21:42,400  
They want a Queen.

265

00:21:42,480 --> 00:21:45,000  
Yes, a queen  
who is hopelessly ill-equipped

266

00:21:45,080 --> 00:21:47,600  
to deal with the people  
that she has to meet.

267

00:21:54,040 --> 00:21:55,840  
What has this to do with me?

268

00:21:57,240 --> 00:21:59,600  
How could you have let me down like this?

269

00:22:00,840 --> 00:22:03,280  
Is this a criticism of my motherhood?

270

00:22:06,720 --> 00:22:10,680  
I would've thought you'd think twice  
before throwing stones on that score.

271

00:22:12,280 --> 00:22:13,680  
What's that supposed to mean?

272

00:22:13,760 --> 00:22:16,560  
I hardly see you blazing a trail  
in that department.

273

00:22:17,880 --> 00:22:18,720  
That's not fair.

274

00:22:18,800 --> 00:22:20,760  
Besides,  
I thought we were past the age now

275

00:22:20,840 --> 00:22:23,480  
where we take cheap shots at our parents.

276

00:22:23,560 --> 00:22:26,080  
I educated you  
as your father and I saw fit.

277

00:22:26,160 --> 00:22:28,200  
Why didn't we push harder?

278

00:22:28,280 --> 00:22:31,720  
No one advised that we should.  
That includes the Vice-Provost.

279

00:22:34,680 --> 00:22:38,880  
Oh, don't force something  
that doesn't come naturally, dear.

280

00:22:38,960 --> 00:22:40,560  
That's what I've learned.

281

00:22:44,840 --> 00:22:47,800  
We all have to accept  
our limitations in life.

282

00:23:10,280 --> 00:23:12,720  
That's it, there.  
The grace and favor flat,

283

00:23:12,800 --> 00:23:14,760  
belonging to  
the Queen's Private Secretary.

284

00:23:14,840 --> 00:23:17,960  
-Our new home.

-How much of the ground floor is it?

285

00:23:18,720 --> 00:23:22,640  
All of it. Including the rooms  
stretching to the back.

286

00:23:25,840 --> 00:23:27,400  
The girls will be happy here.

287

00:23:29,040 --> 00:23:30,800  
Now, we must go.

288

00:23:30,880 --> 00:23:33,160  
-I don't want anyone to see us.  
-Why?

289

00:23:33,240 --> 00:23:34,800  
Well, it's just indiscreet.

290

00:23:34,880 --> 00:23:38,560  
-And I haven't got the job yet.  
-What about that tree?

291

00:23:39,760 --> 00:23:41,200  
It's blocking all the light.

292

00:23:41,280 --> 00:23:43,560  
Well, I daresay one could ask  
to have it trimmed back.

293

00:23:43,640 --> 00:23:45,320  
Will you ask?

294

00:23:45,400 --> 00:23:49,760  
I don't see the rush, but...  
yes, I can ask. Discreetly.

295

00:23:57,520 --> 00:23:58,400  
[Bobbety] Good God.

296

00:23:58,480 --> 00:24:02,320  
A stroke, Bobbety, that's all,

a minor stroke.

297

00:24:02,400 --> 00:24:04,840  
But I'm on the mend, bouncing back.

298

00:24:04,920 --> 00:24:06,840  
Well, you don't look very bouncy to me.

299

00:24:06,920 --> 00:24:08,480  
-Who knows?  
-No one.

300

00:24:08,560 --> 00:24:11,160  
And no one can know. Especially the Queen.

301

00:24:11,240 --> 00:24:12,080  
What?

302

00:24:12,160 --> 00:24:17,360  
I have promised her that the country  
will always have a healthy man in charge.

303

00:24:17,440 --> 00:24:21,000  
You know me, Bobbety,  
I am a man of my word.

304

00:24:21,960 --> 00:24:23,440  
But you can't just hide it from her.

305

00:24:24,520 --> 00:24:27,560  
I mean, you're head of the government  
which runs the country in her name.

306

00:24:28,840 --> 00:24:30,400  
Don't you think she'll smell a rat

307

00:24:30,480 --> 00:24:32,440  
when no one turns up  
at her private audience?

308

00:24:32,520 --> 00:24:36,160  
The Palace has been told

that I have a cold.

309

00:24:36,240 --> 00:24:37,400  
A cold?

310

00:24:38,760 --> 00:24:43,520  
Jock, you have my permission  
to extend that to the flu.

311

00:24:43,600 --> 00:24:45,560  
-Sir.  
-But no more.

312

00:24:45,640 --> 00:24:48,880  
And what about the meeting with Eisenhower  
in Washington?

313

00:24:48,960 --> 00:24:52,880  
Alas, as I have been  
refused permission to fly,

314

00:24:52,960 --> 00:24:55,080  
I am left with no option.

315

00:24:55,160 --> 00:24:58,040  
-To postpone it?  
-Are you mad?

316

00:24:58,120 --> 00:25:02,760  
The Russian situation could not be  
more delicately poised,

317

00:25:02,840 --> 00:25:06,080  
nor more needing of my influence.

318

00:25:06,160 --> 00:25:07,120  
No.

319

00:25:08,720 --> 00:25:11,400  
We have to get Eisenhower here.

320

00:25:12,160 --> 00:25:16,840

[Bobbety] You see, Tommy, there's no other way. Well, how about the 12th of July?

321

00:25:16,920 --> 00:25:20,640

-I doubt it.

-All right, the 13th?

322

00:25:20,720 --> 00:25:23,560

-I doubt that as well.

-The 14th then.

323

00:25:23,640 --> 00:25:26,360

I can put it to her, Bobbety, but I wouldn't hold your breath.

324

00:25:26,440 --> 00:25:28,920

Well, I'll leave it to your powers of persuasion.

325

00:25:29,600 --> 00:25:30,560

Goodbye.

326

00:26:01,880 --> 00:26:03,480

[Lascelles] Sorry to disturb you, Ma'am,

327

00:26:03,560 --> 00:26:06,960

but I just had Lord Salisbury on the phone

328

00:26:07,040 --> 00:26:10,040

with an unusual request.

329

00:26:10,120 --> 00:26:13,000

President Eisenhower is due to meet the Prime Minister

330

00:26:13,080 --> 00:26:18,120

in Washington for a summit next week, but Mr. Churchill's developed a cold,

331

00:26:18,200 --> 00:26:20,920

a nasty cold and Lord Moran, his doctor, has forbidden him to fly.

332

00:26:21,000 --> 00:26:23,680  
Now, the feeling is the meeting  
is of the utmost importance

333

00:26:23,760 --> 00:26:27,640  
so Downing Street was wondering  
whether we might be able to help.

334

00:26:27,720 --> 00:26:30,520  
-Help how?  
-By inviting the President here.

335

00:26:32,560 --> 00:26:34,600  
-Where?  
-Here, Ma'am, to Buckingham Palace,

336

00:26:34,680 --> 00:26:36,520  
to a state banquet next week.

337

00:26:36,600 --> 00:26:42,240  
The feeling is that, by that time, Winston  
should have made a sufficient recovery.

338

00:26:42,320 --> 00:26:44,840  
Well, I was planning  
on going to Sandringham.

339

00:26:47,240 --> 00:26:50,480  
I'm afraid it would mean  
postponing that by a few days.

340

00:26:57,200 --> 00:27:00,400  
We can extend an invitation  
through our ambassador in Washington.

341

00:27:00,480 --> 00:27:03,560  
-Is that a green light, Ma'am?  
-Yes.

342

00:27:03,640 --> 00:27:06,160  
Then, if you'll excuse me,  
I better get cracking.

343

00:27:09,520 --> 00:27:11,960  
Do you have a moment, Tommy?  
I need to speak to you urgently.

344

00:27:12,040 --> 00:27:14,560  
I don't, I'm afraid,  
I have a state banquet to arrange,

345

00:27:14,640 --> 00:27:16,360  
so if it can possibly wait until later...

346

00:27:16,440 --> 00:27:19,120  
I think when you hear it,  
you'll share my sense of alarm.

347

00:27:19,200 --> 00:27:20,880  
It seems that Martin Charteris

348

00:27:20,960 --> 00:27:24,840  
is to replace you as Her Majesty's  
Private Secretary, not me.

349

00:27:24,920 --> 00:27:26,440  
What? Says who?

350

00:27:26,520 --> 00:27:29,040  
Says Margaret Colville,  
Jock Colville's wife,

351

00:27:29,120 --> 00:27:32,200  
who plays bridge with Alice Jameson,  
lady-in-waiting,

352

00:27:32,280 --> 00:27:36,000  
who as you may know,  
plays tennis with Mary Charteris.

353

00:27:36,080 --> 00:27:37,760  
Why on earth would I know that?

354

00:27:37,840 --> 00:27:40,280



Anyway, so confident  
are they of the appointment,

355

00:27:40,360 --> 00:27:43,200  
-that Mary has even gone so...  
-Don't tell me.

356

00:27:43,280 --> 00:27:45,040  
So far to speak  
to the Palace Head Gardener

357

00:27:45,120 --> 00:27:47,160  
about trimming the tree  
outside my window.

358

00:27:48,240 --> 00:27:49,920  
Yes.

359

00:27:50,000 --> 00:27:52,360  
Ask Martin to come and see me, would you?

360

00:27:52,440 --> 00:27:56,680  
That is, if he and his lady wife are not  
too busy measuring carpets and curtains

361

00:27:56,760 --> 00:27:57,880  
for what is still my home.

362

00:28:03,520 --> 00:28:07,280  
-Right, it's green light. Jump to it.  
-Sir.

363

00:29:06,000 --> 00:29:09,200  
-You asked to see me, Tommy.  
-I did. Do sit down.

364

00:29:19,280 --> 00:29:22,960  
Martin, you've worked for the Palace now,  
for what, three years?

365

00:29:23,040 --> 00:29:25,640  
I'd have thought that long enough  
for you to know the ropes.

366

00:29:25,720 --> 00:29:29,800  
Understand the rules,  
the way things are done.

367

00:29:29,880 --> 00:29:31,000  
I think I do.

368

00:29:33,920 --> 00:29:35,240  
Manifestly not.

369

00:29:58,080 --> 00:30:00,360  
Professor Hogg, Your Majesty.

370

00:30:02,840 --> 00:30:04,800  
-Your Majesty.  
-Professor.

371

00:30:10,320 --> 00:30:14,080  
I know you were going to prepare  
some tutorials of a more general nature,

372

00:30:14,160 --> 00:30:18,880  
but it seems I'm going to need  
some more specific knowledge first.

373

00:30:18,960 --> 00:30:23,560  
-On which subject?  
-President Eisenhower.

374

00:30:23,640 --> 00:30:26,800  
He'll be coming here in a matter of days  
and I'll be expected...

375

00:30:28,040 --> 00:30:31,120  
to sit next to him  
and make conversation with him.

376

00:30:31,200 --> 00:30:34,720  
So I need to know all about him  
and what interests him.

377

00:30:34,800 --> 00:30:37,560  
The military industrial complex, Ma'am.

378  
00:30:38,840 --> 00:30:39,880  
What?

379  
00:30:39,960 --> 00:30:44,200  
And its threat to democratic government.  
It's what most concerns him.

380  
00:30:47,360 --> 00:30:50,560  
-Something lighter, perhaps?  
-Golf?

381  
00:30:52,400 --> 00:30:55,040  
-Anything else?  
-Oil painting.

382  
00:30:55,760 --> 00:30:59,560  
-I'm told he paints landscapes.  
-Oh, don't they all?

383  
00:31:02,920 --> 00:31:07,600  
Would Your Majesty give me 24 hours  
to do some research and come back to you?

384  
00:31:07,680 --> 00:31:08,600  
Yes. Of course.

385  
00:31:12,840 --> 00:31:17,160  
He was baptized, wasn't he?  
Just six months ago.

386  
00:31:18,720 --> 00:31:21,600  
Yes, I think I read about that.  
A Presbyterian.

387  
00:31:24,280 --> 00:31:27,680  
-Did they dunk him, do you think?  
-Dunk?

388  
00:31:28,760 --> 00:31:34,720  
-A full immersion. In some river.

-If I were a gambling man, I'd say yes.

389

00:31:35,720 --> 00:31:36,800

Are you?

390

00:31:38,160 --> 00:31:41,520

Occasionally.

The Derby, Ma'am, and the Grand National.

391

00:31:41,600 --> 00:31:44,120

Oh, how did you get on this year?

392

00:31:44,200 --> 00:31:48,960

At the National, rather well.

I had "Early Mist" on an each-way bet.

393

00:31:49,040 --> 00:31:53,440

Oh, well done, you. You won by 20 lengths.

I share your admiration for Mr. O'Brien,

394

00:31:53,520 --> 00:31:56,720

and everything he's doing

at Ballydoyle Stables.

395

00:31:56,800 --> 00:31:59,040

-Who?

-The trainer.

396

00:32:00,480 --> 00:32:04,560

-That's not why you backed him?

-No. I just liked the name.

397

00:32:07,680 --> 00:32:08,680

I see.

398

00:32:09,760 --> 00:32:12,600

-Back in 24 hours.

-Thank you.

399

00:32:19,520 --> 00:32:22,040

[door closes]

400

00:32:26,720 --> 00:32:29,000  
[Clementine] "I'm so sorry  
to hear that in these past days

401  
00:32:29,080 --> 00:32:31,120  
you've not been  
in your usual good health."

402  
00:32:31,200 --> 00:32:33,160  
Isn't that nice?

403  
00:32:33,240 --> 00:32:36,600  
"And that your tireless exertions  
on behalf of this country

404  
00:32:36,680 --> 00:32:40,360  
have resulted  
in this temporary inconvenience."

405  
00:32:41,640 --> 00:32:43,640  
"Temporary inconvenience."

406  
00:32:44,960 --> 00:32:47,040  
How much does she know exactly?

407  
00:32:48,000 --> 00:32:49,760  
Because, from the tone of this...

408  
00:32:51,040 --> 00:32:52,400  
Winston.

409  
00:32:54,200 --> 00:32:56,880  
-She thinks it's a cold.  
-A cold?

410  
00:32:56,960 --> 00:33:00,640  
Yes, a cold. If she knew the truth,  
she would bid me stand down.

411  
00:33:00,720 --> 00:33:02,680  
-Good.  
-A replacement would have to be found.

412  
00:33:02,760 --> 00:33:05,680  
The wrong replacement,  
because the right man...

413  
00:33:05,760 --> 00:33:09,040  
-Anthony.  
-...is himself incapacitated.

414  
00:33:09,120 --> 00:33:12,520  
Too much knowledge  
can be a dangerous thing.

415  
00:33:12,600 --> 00:33:14,320  
Do you mean to tell me that,  
at the moment,

416  
00:33:14,400 --> 00:33:17,880  
this country's without a fit leader  
or a deputy leader?

417  
00:33:17,960 --> 00:33:19,560  
-[knock at door]  
-Shh. Not so loud.

418  
00:33:19,640 --> 00:33:21,400  
-But...  
-Come.

419  
00:33:23,680 --> 00:33:26,080  
Good news, sir.  
It's a yes from Eisenhower.

420  
00:33:27,520 --> 00:33:29,320  
You were right,  
an invitation from the Palace

421  
00:33:29,400 --> 00:33:31,760  
has proved impossible  
for the Americans to refuse.

422  
00:33:31,840 --> 00:33:34,360  
They've changed his schedule  
and they're going to make it work.

423

00:33:34,440 --> 00:33:37,280  
-But that's wonderful news!  
-Don't get out bed, Winston!

424

00:33:37,360 --> 00:33:39,840  
-It is wonderful!  
-Don't get out bed, darling.

425

00:33:39,920 --> 00:33:41,240  
Don't get out of bed.

426

00:33:41,320 --> 00:33:43,800  
If Ike comes here,  
I can be leader again.

427

00:33:43,880 --> 00:33:45,800  
-Winston.  
-That's what really matters.

428

00:33:45,880 --> 00:33:48,720  
Getting me and Ike in the same room,  
so that he and I can...

429

00:33:48,800 --> 00:33:49,920  
Do go back to bed.

430

00:33:50,000 --> 00:33:52,800  
...get on with building a real  
and lasting peace with the Russians!

431

00:33:52,880 --> 00:33:56,720  
Look, why don't you admit the truth,  
that you have been fighting for your life

432

00:33:56,800 --> 00:33:58,000  
and tell the Queen?

433

00:34:00,880 --> 00:34:02,480  
Winston?

434

00:34:37,960 --> 00:34:41,280

-How serious is it this time?  
-It's impossible to know.

435

00:34:44,239 --> 00:34:47,120  
I fear we do now have to put off  
the Americans.

436

00:34:47,199 --> 00:34:48,239  
Yes, of course.

437

00:34:48,320 --> 00:34:53,920  
-And tell the Queen.  
-No. No, we're in too deep now for that.

438

00:34:55,000 --> 00:34:58,520  
If Eisenhower isn't coming,  
blame it on him, not on Winston.

439

00:34:59,360 --> 00:35:02,280  
The Queen must never know  
how much we've kept from her.

440

00:35:33,480 --> 00:35:35,120  
[man] Prepare for inspection!

441

00:35:40,080 --> 00:35:41,720  
Sorry to disturb you, Ma'am.

442

00:35:43,920 --> 00:35:46,880  
I've been asked by Downing Street  
to inform you first

443

00:35:46,960 --> 00:35:50,920  
that President Eisenhower is no longer  
able to leave the United States,

444

00:35:51,000 --> 00:35:53,400  
owing to a political crisis at home.

445

00:35:55,640 --> 00:35:56,640  
[sighs]

446



00:35:57,960 --> 00:35:59,600  
Well, that's a relief.

447

00:35:59,680 --> 00:36:03,000  
And that the Prime Minister  
still hasn't shaken off his cold.

448

00:36:03,080 --> 00:36:05,520  
And will not be attending  
today's private audience.

449

00:36:05,600 --> 00:36:08,440  
Really? Goodness.

450

00:36:08,520 --> 00:36:11,640  
That's the second consecutive  
private audience that he's missed.

451

00:36:11,720 --> 00:36:14,400  
-It's most unlike him.  
-Yes, isn't it?

452

00:36:16,240 --> 00:36:17,360  
Are you all right, Martin?

453

00:36:20,040 --> 00:36:21,640  
Your Majesty, I've had the opportunity

454

00:36:21,720 --> 00:36:26,560  
to think about your very kind offer  
to become your Private Secretary.

455

00:36:28,000 --> 00:36:30,520  
And I'm afraid I must decline.

456

00:36:33,120 --> 00:36:34,240  
Why?

457

00:36:37,400 --> 00:36:41,840  
In this instance, I really do believe  
you'll be better served by Michael.

458

00:36:43,720 --> 00:36:45,040  
No, you don't.

459  
00:36:46,240 --> 00:36:49,760  
-Ma'am?  
-You don't think that.

460  
00:36:49,840 --> 00:36:54,920  
Nor could you ever think that. For the  
very good reason that it's not true.

461  
00:36:55,000 --> 00:36:58,200  
Have you been spoken to  
by Tommy Lascelles?

462  
00:36:58,280 --> 00:37:00,800  
-Ma'am.  
-You have.

463  
00:37:00,880 --> 00:37:02,440  
And what did he have to say?

464  
00:37:05,440 --> 00:37:07,480  
That I should've refused the offer  
in the room.

465  
00:37:09,280 --> 00:37:11,840  
That I obviously have no respect  
or understanding

466  
00:37:11,920 --> 00:37:16,800  
for Palace tradition and protocol,  
and that it must be Michael Adeane.

467  
00:37:21,320 --> 00:37:22,360  
Did he now?

468  
00:37:25,240 --> 00:37:27,040  
If you'll excuse me for a moment, Martin?

469  
00:37:56,800 --> 00:37:57,800  
[Lascelles] Come.

470  
00:38:00,400 --> 00:38:01,520  
Oh.

471  
00:38:01,600 --> 00:38:04,000  
-Your Majesty.  
-Look, Tommy.

472  
00:38:05,480 --> 00:38:08,080  
There's no pretty way of saying this,  
I would prefer Martin.

473  
00:38:08,160 --> 00:38:13,440  
-And that is your right, Ma'am.  
-Yes. And I rather thought so, too.

474  
00:38:13,520 --> 00:38:15,400  
But it would be a mistake.

475  
00:38:16,320 --> 00:38:19,040  
-And why is that?  
-Please.

476  
00:38:30,800 --> 00:38:32,280  
There's a way of doing things here.

477  
00:38:33,880 --> 00:38:37,040  
An order developed over time, generations.

478  
00:38:38,960 --> 00:38:43,160  
And individuality  
in the House of Windsor,

479  
00:38:43,240 --> 00:38:47,560  
any departure from that way  
of doing things, is not to be encouraged.

480  
00:38:47,640 --> 00:38:50,480  
It results in catastrophes  
like the abdication.

481  
00:38:51,520 --> 00:38:53,800  
Abdicating the Throne

and choosing my Private Secretary

482

00:38:53,880 --> 00:38:56,840  
-is hardly comparing like with like.  
-I disagree.

483

00:38:58,080 --> 00:38:59,480  
I served your uncle, as you know.

484

00:39:00,640 --> 00:39:05,000  
And it's in the small things  
that the rot starts.

485

00:39:05,080 --> 00:39:07,720  
Do the wrong thing once,  
it's easier to do it again.

486

00:39:07,800 --> 00:39:12,760  
Do the individualistic thing once,  
it is easy to do it again.

487

00:39:12,840 --> 00:39:16,600  
Now, in the case of your uncle,  
it started with wanting to use

488

00:39:16,680 --> 00:39:19,880  
Buckingham Palace simply as the office  
and York House as his home.

489

00:39:20,840 --> 00:39:25,800  
Then he stopped attending church,  
decided he wanted to sell Sandringham.

490

00:39:25,880 --> 00:39:28,200  
He dismissed courtiers  
who'd served under his father

491

00:39:28,280 --> 00:39:32,040  
in favor of younger,  
sycophantic supplicants.

492

00:39:32,120 --> 00:39:34,440  
Of course,

no one saw the abdication coming then,

493

00:39:34,520 --> 00:39:37,920  
but the ego, the willfulness,

494

00:39:38,000 --> 00:39:42,200  
the individualism, the rot had set in.

495

00:39:42,280 --> 00:39:47,160  
-Martin and I have an understanding.  
-I don't deny it.

496

00:39:48,360 --> 00:39:52,800  
It would make me feel as if I had an ally,

497

00:39:52,880 --> 00:39:57,600  
friend almost,  
in what can sometimes feel like a very...

498

00:40:12,120 --> 00:40:13,120  
Well...

499

00:40:15,000 --> 00:40:18,760  
The next in line and the senior  
of my two deputies

500

00:40:18,840 --> 00:40:22,920  
and the natural heir is Michael.

501

00:40:24,320 --> 00:40:26,520  
-Your man.  
-The right man.

502

00:40:31,160 --> 00:40:35,520  
But as always,  
the final say is with you, Ma'am.

503

00:40:45,160 --> 00:40:47,760  
-[phone rings]  
-Thank you.

504

00:40:54,560 --> 00:40:56,560

[ringing continues]

505

00:41:26,840 --> 00:41:28,120  
Just had the Palace on the phone,

506

00:41:28,200 --> 00:41:30,120  
requesting a private audience  
this afternoon.

507

00:41:30,200 --> 00:41:33,080  
It seems the Queen wants to see you, sir.

508

00:41:34,080 --> 00:41:35,080  
Me?

509

00:41:51,960 --> 00:41:53,240  
What's all this about, Patrick?

510

00:41:53,320 --> 00:41:55,240  
-Don't know, sir.  
-Can't you give me a clue?

511

00:41:57,800 --> 00:41:59,200  
[door opens]

512

00:42:00,440 --> 00:42:02,960  
Mr. Colville, Your Majesty.

513

00:42:08,000 --> 00:42:10,080  
-You asked to see me, Your Majesty?  
-Yes, Jock.

514

00:42:10,160 --> 00:42:15,400  
You were my Private Secretary  
for two years before Martin Charteris.

515

00:42:15,480 --> 00:42:16,720  
I was.

516

00:42:16,800 --> 00:42:20,440  
And it was my impression  
that we always had a good understanding

517

00:42:20,520 --> 00:42:24,080  
and we were able to speak openly  
with one another.

518

00:42:24,160 --> 00:42:27,960  
-Yes, of course.  
-And trust one another,

519

00:42:28,040 --> 00:42:31,200  
speak plainly when matters  
of real importance came up.

520

00:42:31,280 --> 00:42:35,600  
And before Her Majesty says anything else,  
let me just say how sorry I am.

521

00:42:36,800 --> 00:42:42,480  
It's been agony. I tried to stop them,  
I told them my opinion,

522

00:42:42,560 --> 00:42:45,440  
but they were so insistent  
we keep it from you.

523

00:42:45,520 --> 00:42:48,560  
After the second one, I really was  
of a mind to let you know the truth.

524

00:42:49,520 --> 00:42:52,760  
-Second what?  
-Stroke, Ma'am.

525

00:42:52,840 --> 00:42:56,880  
But they insisted again,  
everyone keep it quiet, say nothing.

526

00:43:00,840 --> 00:43:01,880  
I see.

527

00:43:05,160 --> 00:43:08,960  
And who was it  
that was doing the insisting?

528

00:43:09,040 --> 00:43:11,400  
Lord Salisbury, Ma'am.

529

00:43:11,480 --> 00:43:16,120  
And the Prime Minister himself.  
On the rare occasions he was conscious.

530

00:43:20,360 --> 00:43:21,560  
I see.

531

00:43:22,800 --> 00:43:25,480  
That is what you asked me here to discuss?

532

00:43:26,920 --> 00:43:28,680  
No.

533

00:43:28,760 --> 00:43:31,840  
I asked you here to discuss  
whether I should take Michael Adeane

534

00:43:31,920 --> 00:43:35,320  
for my Private Secretary,  
rather than Martin Charteris.

535

00:43:38,800 --> 00:43:42,640  
But what you've just told me  
is far more important.

536

00:43:48,400 --> 00:43:50,160  
-No.  
-Yes.

537

00:43:50,240 --> 00:43:51,960  
The slippery old so-and-so's.

538

00:43:52,040 --> 00:43:57,000  
It's rather worse than slippery, wouldn't  
you say? Somewhat unconstitutional.

539

00:43:57,080 --> 00:44:03,080  
-What are you going to do?



-Nothing, of course. That's my job.

540

00:44:03,880 --> 00:44:07,480

-Do nothing and stay silent at all times.

-Is it?

541

00:44:07,560 --> 00:44:10,960

From memory, and forgive me, Ma'am,  
it's a while since I read Bagehot,

542

00:44:11,040 --> 00:44:16,280

but in circumstances such as these,  
is it not also your duty to act?

543

00:44:18,240 --> 00:44:22,560

-I doubt it. I'd have to check.

-I think you know precisely.

544

00:44:25,520 --> 00:44:26,840

Yes, it is.

545

00:44:28,520 --> 00:44:32,480

But I can't just summon the brightest,  
most formidable men in the country

546

00:44:32,560 --> 00:44:35,240

and give them a dressing down,  
like children.

547

00:44:35,320 --> 00:44:38,840

Why?

You are in the right, they in the wrong.

548

00:44:38,920 --> 00:44:42,280

Yes, but they're far more intelligent  
than I am.

549

00:44:42,360 --> 00:44:46,800

Any confrontation, they'd out-debate me,  
out-think me and out-maneuver me.

550

00:44:46,880 --> 00:44:49,800

But this isn't about education

or intelligence.

551

00:44:49,880 --> 00:44:53,400

This is about integrity and principle.

552

00:44:53,480 --> 00:44:57,240

Ma'am, you say you don't have what  
it takes to do battle with these people.

553

00:44:57,320 --> 00:44:58,600

You do.

554

00:44:58,680 --> 00:45:02,200

You were drilled for years  
in the finer points of our Constitution.

555

00:45:02,280 --> 00:45:05,000

You know it better than me,  
better than all of us.

556

00:45:05,080 --> 00:45:08,720

You have the only education that matters.

557

00:45:08,800 --> 00:45:10,880

So what would you have me do?

558

00:45:10,960 --> 00:45:16,320

Summon them and give them  
a good dressing down like children.

559

00:45:16,400 --> 00:45:17,920

Why would they stand for that?

560

00:45:18,000 --> 00:45:21,200

Because they're English,  
male and upper class.

561

00:45:21,280 --> 00:45:25,640

A good dressing down from Nanny  
is what they most want in life.

562

00:45:29,920 --> 00:45:32,920

-Unconventional to the end, Professor.  
-[bell rings]

563

00:45:38,200 --> 00:45:39,880  
Thank you, Professor.

564

00:45:41,240 --> 00:45:44,240  
I'm afraid I urgently need something  
from Windsor Castle.

565

00:45:44,320 --> 00:45:49,640  
At least I think it's at Windsor.  
It might be at Sandringham. Or Balmoral.

566

00:45:49,720 --> 00:45:51,880  
-Or it might be here.  
-Ma'am.

567

00:47:18,320 --> 00:47:19,680  
[rings bell]

568

00:47:19,760 --> 00:47:22,280  
Lord Salisbury, please.

569

00:47:23,320 --> 00:47:26,560  
If you wouldn't mind, Prime Minister.

570

00:47:49,160 --> 00:47:50,160  
Ma'am.

571

00:48:02,160 --> 00:48:07,000  
It has come to my attention  
that for a period of time last week,

572

00:48:07,080 --> 00:48:10,440  
my Prime Minister was incapacitated.

573

00:48:12,000 --> 00:48:13,840  
And the Foreign Secretary, too.

574

00:48:15,120 --> 00:48:19,320  
And that you colluded

in keeping that information from me.

575

00:48:20,440 --> 00:48:23,760

-Your Maj...

-No, it is not my job to govern.

576

00:48:23,840 --> 00:48:27,640

But it is my job  
to ensure proper governance.

577

00:48:29,520 --> 00:48:35,000

But how can I do that if my ministers lie  
and plot and hide the truth from me?

578

00:48:36,840 --> 00:48:39,680

You have prevented me from doing my duty.

579

00:48:39,760 --> 00:48:43,600

You have hampered and bamboozled  
the proper functioning of the Crown.

580

00:48:47,160 --> 00:48:48,200

How could you?

581

00:48:50,640 --> 00:48:53,400

My own late father valued you greatly.

582

00:48:53,480 --> 00:48:57,280

He believed the phrase,  
"History teaches, never trust a Cecil."

583

00:48:57,360 --> 00:48:58,920

Deeply unfair.

584

00:49:02,480 --> 00:49:03,880

Perhaps not.

585

00:49:14,360 --> 00:49:15,360

[rings bell]

586

00:49:18,280 --> 00:49:19,360

You may go.

587

00:49:40,480 --> 00:49:41,680  
Prime Minister.

588

00:49:43,960 --> 00:49:45,000  
Please.

589

00:49:47,000 --> 00:49:48,880  
The Prime Minister, Your Majesty.

590

00:50:02,240 --> 00:50:03,640  
Your Majesty.

591

00:50:04,920 --> 00:50:06,280  
Winston.

592

00:50:16,600 --> 00:50:20,240  
I am just a young woman,  
starting out in public service.

593

00:50:21,280 --> 00:50:26,200  
And I would never presume  
to give a man, so much my senior,

594

00:50:26,280 --> 00:50:30,480  
and who has given this country so much,  
a lecture.

595

00:50:33,280 --> 00:50:34,280  
However...

596

00:50:36,360 --> 00:50:39,160  
you were at my Coronation.

597

00:50:39,240 --> 00:50:40,720  
I was.

598

00:50:40,800 --> 00:50:45,160  
And you therefore heard for yourself  
as I took the solemn oath

599

00:50:45,240 --> 00:50:48,920  
to govern the people of my realms

600

00:50:49,000 --> 00:50:52,640  
according to their respective laws  
and customs.

601

00:50:54,160 --> 00:50:59,560  
Now, one of those customs  
is that their elected Prime Minister

602

00:50:59,640 --> 00:51:03,400  
should be of reasonably sound  
body and mind.

603

00:51:03,480 --> 00:51:06,600  
Not an outrageous expectation,  
one would've thought.

604

00:51:06,680 --> 00:51:08,160  
No.

605

00:51:08,240 --> 00:51:11,520  
But it seems that you have not

606

00:51:11,600 --> 00:51:14,800  
been of sound body and mind  
these past weeks.

607

00:51:15,920 --> 00:51:21,360  
And that you chose to withhold  
that information from me.

608

00:51:24,000 --> 00:51:28,880  
A decision which feels like a betrayal,  
not just of the covenant of trust

609

00:51:28,960 --> 00:51:33,920  
between us and the institutions  
that we both represent,

610

00:51:34,000 --> 00:51:36,520  
but of our own personal relationship.

611

00:52:12,880 --> 00:52:17,240  
In 1867, Walter Bagehot wrote:

612

00:52:17,320 --> 00:52:21,480  
"There are two elements  
of the Constitution:

613

00:52:21,560 --> 00:52:25,280  
the efficient and the dignified."

614

00:52:26,640 --> 00:52:31,360  
The monarch is the dignified  
and the government, the efficient.

615

00:52:32,720 --> 00:52:36,560  
These two institutions only work

616

00:52:36,640 --> 00:52:39,960  
when they support each other,

617

00:52:40,040 --> 00:52:42,800  
when they trust one another.

618

00:52:45,000 --> 00:52:50,280  
Your actions, your breaking of that trust

619

00:52:50,360 --> 00:52:55,320  
was irresponsible and it might have had  
serious ramifications

620

00:52:55,400 --> 00:52:58,440  
for the security of this country.

621

00:53:04,480 --> 00:53:06,480  
Is your health better now?

622

00:53:06,560 --> 00:53:08,960  
-It is.  
-Good.

623

00:53:09,040 --> 00:53:11,760  
But is it sufficiently better?

624

00:53:12,520 --> 00:53:15,560  
Fit for office better?

625

00:53:15,640 --> 00:53:18,920  
I would ask you to consider your response

626

00:53:19,000 --> 00:53:23,680  
in light of the respect  
that my rank and my office deserve,

627

00:53:23,760 --> 00:53:28,040  
not that which my age and gender  
might suggest.

628

00:53:29,520 --> 00:53:30,520  
Ma'am...

629

00:53:31,840 --> 00:53:36,880  
I look at you now and I realize

630

00:53:36,960 --> 00:53:41,560  
that the time is fast approaching  
for me to step down.

631

00:53:41,640 --> 00:53:46,440  
Not because I am unwell  
or unfit for office,

632

00:53:46,520 --> 00:53:52,320  
but because you are ready.

633

00:53:52,400 --> 00:53:57,120  
And therefore  
I have discharged my duty to your father.

634

00:53:59,720 --> 00:54:04,960  
With your blessing and your forgiveness,

635

00:54:05,040 --> 00:54:09,760



I shall continue to serve as the leader  
of Your Majesty's government.

636

00:54:15,920 --> 00:54:17,640  
Your Majesty.

637

00:54:49,280 --> 00:54:52,960  
[Philip singing indistinctly]

638

00:54:53,960 --> 00:54:55,280  
Hello?

639

00:55:04,840 --> 00:55:05,760  
Hello.

640

00:55:07,120 --> 00:55:08,360  
Where have you been?

641

00:55:08,440 --> 00:55:13,120  
Oh, charity cricket match for  
the National Playing Fields Association.

642

00:55:13,200 --> 00:55:16,560  
Spent some time at the airfield,  
doing some rolls.

643

00:55:16,640 --> 00:55:18,760  
No cabinet approval. Don't tell anyone.

644

00:55:19,600 --> 00:55:21,360  
What are you dressed for?

645

00:55:21,440 --> 00:55:24,400  
Haven't you heard?  
We've a State banquet this evening.

646

00:55:24,480 --> 00:55:28,040  
Haven't you heard? It's been cancelled.

647

00:55:28,120 --> 00:55:31,040  
Oh, Christ,  
why doesn't anybody tell me anything?

648

00:55:31,120 --> 00:55:32,560  
Well, perhaps if you were here more.

649

00:55:32,640 --> 00:55:34,800  
I've read two books on Eisenhower  
especially.

650

00:55:34,880 --> 00:55:36,760  
-Have you really?  
-No.

651

00:55:39,080 --> 00:55:40,280  
You look nice.

652

00:55:41,160 --> 00:55:43,800  
-Do I?  
-Something's different.

653

00:55:43,880 --> 00:55:46,920  
-What?  
-I don't know. You seem...

654

00:55:47,000 --> 00:55:49,680  
I advise you to choose your next words  
very carefully.

655

00:55:49,760 --> 00:55:53,840  
Taller, somehow.  
Or is it just that I've shrunk?

656

00:55:54,560 --> 00:55:56,440  
There's nothing shrunken about you,  
dearest.

657

00:55:56,520 --> 00:55:57,440  
Where are you going?

658

00:55:58,000 --> 00:56:00,200  
I've got an appointment  
with my new Private Secretary.

659

00:56:00,280 --> 00:56:04,040  
-Oh, God. Tell him to bugger off.  
-I can't do that.

660  
00:56:06,720 --> 00:56:07,880  
And do what instead?

661  
00:56:11,240 --> 00:56:12,920  
Two options:

662  
00:56:13,000 --> 00:56:17,600  
either I get some stilts so I can reach  
the heights of my new, tall woman...

663  
00:56:19,040 --> 00:56:20,040  
Or?

664  
00:56:25,480 --> 00:56:26,720  
Or...

665  
00:56:29,080 --> 00:56:30,560  
she could get on her knees.

666  
00:56:46,760 --> 00:56:51,800  
Major Adeane, Her Majesty requests  
that your appointment might wait.

667  
00:56:51,880 --> 00:56:54,240  
-I see.  
-Until tomorrow.

668  
00:56:55,400 --> 00:56:56,800  
Right.

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