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"Olding"

Elizabeth grows concerned as Labour Party leader Harold Wilson becomes prime minister amid anti-monarchy sentiment and rumors of his possible KGB ties.

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... Harold Wilson

... Anthony Blunt

... Martin Furnival Jones

... Michael Adeane

... Martin Charteris

... Duke of Gloucester

... Duchess of Gloucester

... Michael Straight

... Tony Benn

00:00:13,560 --> 00:00:15,960 [birds chirp outside] 00:01:18,200 --> 00:01:20,600 [dogs pant] 00:01:37,680 --> 00:01:38,760 [man] Your Majesty. 00:01:46,120 --> 00:01:48,120 [dogs whine] 00:01:52,760 --> 00:01:56,600 [Adeane] Everyone at the Post Office is delighted with the new profile, ma'am, 00:01:57,120 --> 00:01:59,360 which they feel to be an elegant reflection 00:01:59,440 --> 00:02:02,880 of Her Majesty's transition from young woman to... 00:02:03,840 --> 00:02:04,880 Old bat? 9 00:02:07,360 --> 00:02:10,080 ...mother of four and settled sovereign. 00:02:10,160 --> 00:02:11,000 Hmm. 11 00:02:11,680 --> 00:02:15,040 The Postmaster General himself commented that the two images, 00:02:15,600 --> 00:02:19,920 the young and the slightly older Queen,

> 13 00:02:20,280 --> 00:02:21,920

are almost identical.

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00:02:22,160 --> 00:02:24,480 [Elizabeth]

Postmaster Bevins is very kind.

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00:02:25,320 --> 00:02:27,440 He's also a barefaced liar.

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00:02:27,520 --> 00:02:31,240

[Adeane]

Just the tiniest changes, in the hair--

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00:02:31,320 --> 00:02:32,520 A great many changes.

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00:02:33,040 --> 00:02:34,160 But there we are.

19

 $00:02:34,680 \longrightarrow 00:02:37,040$ Age is rarely kind to anyone.

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00:02:37,440 --> 00:02:38,840 Nothing one can do about it.

21

 $00:02:39,880 \longrightarrow 00:02:41,480$ One just has to get on with it.

22

00:04:09,640 --> 00:04:12,520 [man on TV] But, somehow, Harold Wilson had to inspire the electorate

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00:04:12,600 --> 00:04:16,080 to thrust a wedge into the Tories, to win the floating vote for Labour,

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00:04:16,160 --> 00:04:18,800 and stop the Liberals stealing too much of the cake.

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00:04:19,360 --> 00:04:22,240 Sir Alec's position could likewise

be affected by the Liberals.

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00:04:22,320 --> 00:04:23,760 They've had quite a revival.

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00:04:24,360 --> 00:04:27,360
In the 1950 election,
the Labour majority crumbled.

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00:04:27,840 --> 00:04:30,200 Some of its great figures were already ill.

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00:04:30,280 --> 00:04:33,080
The pressures of Korea
and rearmament were growing.

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00:04:33,400 --> 00:04:35,320 -It's never easy to fight an election. -[clanking]

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00:04:35,400 --> 00:04:36,920 -Louder, please. -[man] Sir.

32

00:04:37,000 --> 00:04:40,160
Your opponent's promises
often seem so much more enticing.

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00:04:40,640 --> 00:04:42,240 [volume increases]

34

00:04:42,320 --> 00:04:43,880 -...so many unknowns. -[loud rustling]

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00:04:43,960 --> 00:04:46,200 Even the weather can wash your hopes down the gutter.

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00:04:46,280 --> 00:04:48,640 At once Harold Wilson's life changed. 37 00:04:48,720 --> 00:04:49,600 Oh, no!

38 00:04:50,400 --> 00:04:51,320 What?

39 00:04:51,400 --> 00:04:53,000 Winston's had another stroke.

40 00:04:53,240 --> 00:04:56,120 -Oh, poor old thing. -I'll go and see him today.

41 00:04:56,200 --> 00:04:58,360 [cheering on TV]

42 00:04:59,400 --> 00:05:03,040 You do know, if that man wins today, he'll want us out.

43
00:05:03,560 --> 00:05:04,960
-Who?
-Wilson.

00:05:05,280 --> 00:05:09,480

Half his cabinet would be made up of rabid anti-monarchists.

45 00:05:10,000 --> 00:05:11,800 They'd want our heads on spikes.

46 00:05:12,560 --> 00:05:13,800 Vive la révolution.

47 00:05:14,120 --> 00:05:16,400 Except I doubt they speak French in...

48
00:05:16,480 --> 00:05:19,120
[mimics French accent]
...Halifax or Huddersfield.

00:05:19,200 --> 00:05:21,240 -[Wilson] The old order.
-Or wherever he's from.

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00:05:21,320 --> 00:05:24,360 The old boys' network, the cozy...

51

 $00:05:24,440 \longrightarrow 00:05:27,560$ I even heard a rumor that he's a KGB spy.

52

00:05:27,800 --> 00:05:29,880
Mr. Wilson? That's ridiculous.

53

00:05:30,000 --> 00:05:34,960
That his predecessor, Hugh Gaitskell, was poisoned by the Russians,

54

 $00:05:35,040 \longrightarrow 00:05:36,600$ so that their man might take over.

55

00:05:37,640 --> 00:05:40,120 -Who did you hear that from? -A friend of mine at the lunch club.

56

00:05:40,200 --> 00:05:41,240 He had a whole theory

57

00:05:41,320 --> 00:05:45,320 about Wilson being turned while on a trade mission to Russia.

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00:05:45,400 --> 00:05:48,040 Said he even had a KGB code name.

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00:05:48,960 --> 00:05:49,840 "Olding."

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00:05:50,120 --> 00:05:52,560 Well, if you know it, and your chum knows it,

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00:05:53,000 --> 00:05:54,800

obviously MI5 will know it,

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00:05:54,880 --> 00:05:58,080 and they must have come to the conclusion that Mr. Wilson was fine,

00:05:58,160 --> 00:05:59,960 or they would have done something about it.

64

 $00:06:00,040 \longrightarrow 00:06:02,560$ Unless they never expected him to get this far.

65

00:06:02,640 --> 00:06:04,680 -...the ruthless application... -No one did.

66

 $00:06:04,760 \longrightarrow 00:06:07,600$...of scientific techniques in Soviet industry...

00:06:08,320 --> 00:06:11,880 can see clearly that only the state should have this level of control.

00:06:11,960 --> 00:06:14,120 [phone rings]

69

00:06:20,080 --> 00:06:21,080 [groans]

70

00:06:28,760 --> 00:06:30,360 [man]

Good morning, Your Royal Highness.

71

00:06:30,880 --> 00:06:33,120 [indistinct TV in the background]

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00:06:36,480 --> 00:06:37,800 [knocking at door]

00:06:38,960 --> 00:06:39,960 [door opens]

74

00:06:40,040 --> 00:06:43,520 [man clears throat] Sir, a reminder that lunch is at one at the Mirabelle.

75

00:06:43,600 --> 00:06:44,840 Tell her I'm not coming.

76

00:06:47,640 --> 00:06:49,160 [man on TV] A Labour prime minister...

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00:06:49,240 --> 00:06:52,160 -Go on. Off you trot. -Sir.

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00:06:59,320 --> 00:07:01,560 Good morning, Your Royal Highness.

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00:07:03,120 --> 00:07:04,040 Who are you?

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00:07:04,840 --> 00:07:05,960 I'm new.

81

 $00:07:07,320 \longrightarrow 00:07:10,360$ I'm assuming "new" is not your name.

82 00:07:10,440 --> 00:07:11,480 No.

83

00:07:12,200 --> 00:07:15,720 -So, when I ask you-- -Violet, ma'am.

84

00:07:21,720 --> 00:07:23,040 Where's the other one?

85

00:07:23,600 \longrightarrow 00:07:25,480 The... the fat one.

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86
    00:07:25,960 --> 00:07:27,480
           She left, ma'am.
                   87
    00:07:29,640 --> 00:07:31,120
          Nervous exhaustion.
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    00:07:31,800 --> 00:07:33,640
             [phone rings]
                   89
    00:07:33,720 \longrightarrow 00:07:34,640
                  Hmm.
                   90
    00:07:36,920 --> 00:07:38,000
                  Yes?
                   91
    00:07:38,080 --> 00:07:40,600
         [man] Morning, ma'am.
  Lord Snowdon sends his apologies.
    00:07:40,680 --> 00:07:43,480
                 -What?
-He's heading out to take photographs.
                   93
    00:07:43,560 \longrightarrow 00:07:45,400
                 -What?
           -Of election day.
                   94
    00:07:45,480 --> 00:07:47,720
                  -No!
-He will try and join you for coffee.
    00:07:47,800 --> 00:07:48,840
                   No!
                   96
    00:07:50,760 --> 00:07:53,640
       ["From a Jack to a King"]
    00:07:55,480 \longrightarrow 00:07:59,720
♪ From loneliness to a wedding ring ♪
                   98
    00:08:00,280 --> 00:08:04,440
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♪ I played an Ace and I won a Queen ♪
                    99
     00:08:04,600 \longrightarrow 00:08:05,640
             [Margaret] Tony.
                   100
     00:08:05,920 --> 00:08:08,560
  ♪ And walked away with your heart ♪
                   101
     00:08:10,040 \longrightarrow 00:08:12,400
       ♪ From a Jack to a King ♪
                   102
     00:08:12,520 --> 00:08:13,640
             Open the door.
                   103
     00:08:14,680 \longrightarrow 00:08:19,040
            ♪ With no regrets
    I stacked the cards last night )
     00:08:19,440 --> 00:08:23,560
    ♪ And lady luck played her hand
              Just right ♪
                   105
     00:08:26,280 --> 00:08:29,720
      ♪ For just a little while ♪
     00:08:30,120 --> 00:08:34,840
♪ I thought that I might lose the game ♪
                   107
     00:08:35,840 --> 00:08:37,960
          ♪ Then just in time ♪
                   108
     00:08:38,040 --> 00:08:44,960
   ♪ I saw the twinkle in your eye ♪
                   109
     00:08:47,200 --> 00:08:49,600
   Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness.
                   110
     00:08:50,560 --> 00:08:52,080
     Sir Anthony, what's all this?
                   111
     00:08:52,160 --> 00:08:54,320
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Preparations for the forthcoming exhibition

112

00:08:54,400 --> 00:08:56,240 at the Guildhall Gallery, ma'am.

00:08:56,320 --> 00:08:59,000 -Of our paintings?

-Portraiture in early modern Europe.

114

00:08:59,520 --> 00:09:01,640 I believe you kindly agreed to say a few words.

115

00:09:02,200 --> 00:09:03,600

-Did I?

-That was a mistake.

116

 $00:09:03,680 \longrightarrow 00:09:04,760$ Probably.

117

00:09:04,920 --> 00:09:08,080 -[clears throat] Who's that by? -Annibale Carracci.

118

00:09:08,320 --> 00:09:09,480 Never heard of him.

119

00:09:10,280 --> 00:09:11,360 This one?

120

00:09:11,440 --> 00:09:14,040 -Artemisia Gentileschi. -No, never heard of him, either.

121

00:09:14,400 --> 00:09:15,800 Her, sir.

122

00:09:16,640 --> 00:09:19,080 I'm afraid we're not great connoisseurs of art in this family.

00:09:19,160 --> 00:09:21,800 -No, we're country people, really. -[Elizabeth chuckles]

124 00:09:21,880 --> 00:09:23,640 -Savages. -I wouldn't say that.

125 00:09:24,240 --> 00:09:25,720 But I just did say that.

126 00:09:26,440 --> 00:09:27,760 Are you disagreeing with me?

127
00:09:28,640 --> 00:09:31,880
I've always said, both the Queen
and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

128 00:09:31,960 --> 00:09:33,200 have a very good eye.

129 00:09:33,520 --> 00:09:35,600 -What? Between them? -[Elizabeth chuckles]

130 00:09:36,080 --> 00:09:37,880 One each. [chuckles]

131 00:09:39,560 --> 00:09:41,000 [Philip] Right, darling.

132 00:09:41,280 --> 00:09:42,240 I'm off.

133 00:09:44,400 --> 00:09:45,560 Eyes left.

134 00:09:51,480 --> 00:09:52,640 Good luck with Winston.

135 00:09:58,960 --> 00:10:00,160 If I am to say a few words,

00:10:00,240 --> 00:10:03,080
I wonder if you might give me
another of your wonderful tutorials.

137 160 --> 00:10:04,

00:10:03,160 --> 00:10:04,160 With pleasure.

138 00:10:04,240 --> 00:10:06,480 Your predecessor had very little patience with me,

139

00:10:06,880 --> 00:10:11,160 whereas you've always been kind enough to make me feel, if not scholarly,

140

00:10:11,240 --> 00:10:13,360 then not stupid, which I appreciate.

141

00:10:14,040 --> 00:10:17,720 So, to that end, what would you say constitutes early modern?

142

00:10:18,120 --> 00:10:19,680 The end of the Middle Ages

143

00:10:19,760 --> 00:10:21,800 to the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

144

00:10:21,880 --> 00:10:24,600 Roughly late 15th century to late 18th century.

145

00:10:24,680 --> 00:10:26,560 And what era are we in now, do you suppose?

146

00:10:26,640 --> 00:10:27,960 The frighteningly modern?

147

00:10:28,040 --> 00:10:30,800

I think that all depends on the result of the general election today.

148

00:10:30,880 --> 00:10:32,800
 Oh, yes. Have you voted?
 I know one shouldn't ask.

149

00:10:32,880 --> 00:10:33,920 I have, ma'am.

150

00:10:34,680 --> 00:10:36,840 -Conservative. -Really?

151

00:10:38,160 --> 00:10:40,040 I always had you down as a man of the left.

152

00:10:40,120 --> 00:10:42,200 Perhaps once. Not anymore.

153

00:10:42,280 --> 00:10:44,400 -Who's this? -Rembrandt.

154

00:10:44,480 --> 00:10:46,120 An Old Man in Military Costume.

155

00:10:46,840 --> 00:10:48,640 Wonderfully enigmatic character.

156

00:10:49,880 --> 00:10:52,600 Speaking of enigmas, what do we make of Mr. Wilson?

157

00:10:52,680 --> 00:10:55,080 -One's heard the rumors, of course. -Rumors, ma'am?

158

00:10:55,440 --> 00:10:58,720 Yes, whilst on a trade mission to Moscow, the KGB got to him.

00:10:58,800 --> 00:10:59,920 Nonsense, I know.

160

00:11:01,080 --> 00:11:03,880 I wouldn't dismiss them so quickly.

161

00:11:05,160 --> 00:11:07,960

For a young socialist
to visit Russia in those days,

162

00:11:08,520 --> 00:11:10,160 with an impressionable mind.

163

00:11:10,800 --> 00:11:14,960

It's not unthinkable he might have been turned to more... radical ideas.

164

00:11:16,640 --> 00:11:18,600 But Mr. Wilson is an older man now,

165

00:11:19,280 --> 00:11:21,200 and, I'm sure, a wiser one.

166

00:11:23,320 --> 00:11:25,960 [man on TV] Harold Wilson's life changed dramatically.

167

00:11:26,040 --> 00:11:28,360 From being a prominent opposition politician,

168

00:11:28,440 --> 00:11:31,160
Harold Wilson became
the opposition politician.

169

00:11:31,240 --> 00:11:33,520 The potential prime minister and a servant of the Crown.

170

00:11:43,800 --> 00:11:46,480 [man on TV] The Conservatives can afford to lose...

171 00:11:46,560 --> 00:11:48,120 [butler] Sir, the Queen.

172 00:11:48,200 --> 00:11:50,240 ...a small but workable majority.

173 00:11:51,360 --> 00:11:53,480 -Dear Winston. -Your Majesty.

174 00:11:54,040 --> 00:11:55,080 Don't move.

175 00:11:56,000 --> 00:11:57,640 -How are you? -[groans]

176 00:11:57,720 --> 00:11:59,640 Gripped, ma'am.

177 00:12:00,520 --> 00:12:01,880 It's a proper nail-biter.

178
00:12:01,960 --> 00:12:04,480
...key battleground seats.
The Midlands...

179
00:12:04,560 --> 00:12:07,600
-You think Mr. Wilson has a chance?
-I'm afraid I do.

180 00:12:08,280 --> 00:12:12,040 I think we must face the cold wind of socialism

181 00:12:12,120 --> 00:12:15,200 blowing through this land once more.

182 00:12:17,040 --> 00:12:19,040 I probably shouldn't tell you this.

00:12:19,720 --> 00:12:21,400 When I was Prime Minister...

184

00:12:22,200 --> 00:12:25,520 a young Mr. Wilson came to me

185

 $00:12:25,600 \longrightarrow 00:12:29,000$ asking my permission to go to Russia.

186

00:12:30,880 --> 00:12:32,080 On behalf of...

187

00:12:33,640 --> 00:12:34,680 the...

188

00:12:34,760 --> 00:12:35,880 Board of Trade.

189

00:12:36,840 --> 00:12:38,440 Yes. Board of Trade.

190

00:12:39,160 --> 00:12:43,960
One of the first Western politicians to go behind the Iron Curtain.

191

192

00:12:48,760 --> 00:12:52,440 ...see a clear picture emerging of who might be the likely winner.

193

00:12:53,080 --> 00:12:55,320 [Elizabeth]

I can't imagine what that would be like...

194

00:12:56,760 --> 00:12:58,920
 having a prime minister
 one didn't trust...

195

00:13:00,120 --> 00:13:02,280 when one thinks what it was like with you...

196

00:13:04,240 --> 00:13:06,160 I was a terrible bully.

197

00:13:07,160 --> 00:13:09,080 [Elizabeth]
You were my guardian angel.

198

00:13:10,360 --> 00:13:11,720 The roof over my head.

199

00:13:13,080 --> 00:13:14,640 The spine in my back.

200

00:13:15,600 --> 00:13:17,120 The iron in my heart.

201

00:13:20,720 --> 00:13:23,360

You were the compass
that steered and directed me.

202

00:13:25,240 --> 00:13:26,920 Not just me, all of us.

203

00:13:27,880 --> 00:13:30,000 Where would Great Britain be without its...

204

00:13:31,600 --> 00:13:33,000 greatest Briton?

205

00:14:12,680 --> 00:14:14,080 God bless you, Winston.

206

00:14:16,920 --> 00:14:18,160 [snores gently]

207

00:14:28,640 --> 00:14:31,520 [man on radio] After the generation

of Conservative rule,

208

00:14:31,600 --> 00:14:34,920 in which we have seen recession, scandal, national divide...

209

00:14:51,200 --> 00:14:53,000 -[brakes squeal] -[engine stops]

210

00:15:01,880 --> 00:15:03,360 [distant laughter]

211

 $00:15:03,440 \longrightarrow 00:15:06,000$ [man] Go on, Margot. Do us one more song.

212

213

00:15:09,680 --> 00:15:11,760 [man] Yes, Margot. Your turn.

214

00:15:13,080 --> 00:15:14,680 [piano music playing]

215

216

00:15:19,080 --> 00:15:22,920

• Just one of those things •

217

00:15:25,000 --> 00:15:28,760

Just one of those crazy flings

218

00:15:29,520 --> 00:15:31,520 • One of those bells •

219

220

00:15:35,360 --> 00:15:38,520

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♪ Just one of those things ♪
                  221
     00:15:39,200 --> 00:15:43,440
  ♪ It was just one of those nights ♪
                  222
     00:15:45,640 --> 00:15:48,240
       - Just one of those... ♪
             -Jesus Christ.
                  223
     00:15:48,320 --> 00:15:50,040
        ♪ ...fabulous flights ♪
                  224
     00:15:50,120 --> 00:15:51,320
         ♪ A trip to the moon ♪
                  225
     00:15:52,560 --> 00:15:54,560
         ♪ On gossamer wings ♪
                  226
     00:15:55,960 --> 00:15:59,240
     ♪ Just one of those things ♪
                  227
     00:15:59,320 --> 00:16:01,120
            [man 1 on radio]
    Another gain for Labour there.
                  228
     00:16:01,200 --> 00:16:04,440
        We've seen a 3.5% swing
from the Conservatives so far tonight.
                  229
     00:16:05,160 --> 00:16:08,560
 ♪ When we started painting the town ♪
                  230
     00:16:08,640 --> 00:16:10,520
[man 2 on radio] The haves and have-nots
                  231
     00:16:10,600 --> 00:16:13,480
    and the fact that neither party
has been able to secure the confidence
                  232
     00:16:13,560 --> 00:16:15,080
     of a large majority of voters
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233 00:16:15,160 --> 00:16:19,880 is symptomatic not only of fundamental dissatisfaction with government, 234 00:16:19,960 --> 00:16:22,520 but of the failure of the entire political class. 235 00:16:22,600 --> 00:16:27,760 ♪ So goodbye, dear, and amen ♪ 236 00:16:30,200 --> 00:16:34,640 ♪ Here's hoping we meet now and then ♪ 237 00:16:35,920 --> 00:16:38,880 ♪ It was great fun ♪ 238 00:16:40,280 --> 00:16:46,280 But it was just one of those things 239 00:16:51,880 --> 00:16:53,000 [applause] 240 00:16:53,080 --> 00:16:54,160 [woman] Bravo! 241 00:16:56,080 --> 00:16:57,280 [Margaret] Thank you. 242 00:16:57,680 --> 00:16:59,640 [man on radio] ...arriving into us now. 243 00:16:59,720 --> 00:17:01,880 Yes, it's a Labour gain. 244 00:17:02,360 --> 00:17:04,920 The Labour Party will form the next government.

245 00:17:05,000 --> 00:17:07,840 People will be waking up tomorrow in a new Britain,

246

00:17:07,920 --> 00:17:11,120
a Britain whose destiny
lies firmly in the hands of Mr. Wilson.

247

00:17:11,200 --> 00:17:13,120 We now go over to Transport House,

248

00:17:13,200 --> 00:17:16,360 where Labour staff and supporters are gathered to hear their celebration.

249

00:17:16,440 --> 00:17:18,240 [crowd cheers]

250

00:17:18,320 --> 00:17:22,440

[crowd]

♪ Then raise the scarlet standard high ♪

251

00:17:22,520 --> 00:17:26,680 Within its shade we'll live and die A

252

00:17:27,040 --> 00:17:30,920

Though cowards flinch
and traitors sneer)

253

00:17:31,280 --> 00:17:34,800 > We'll keep the red flag flying here >

254

00:17:34,880 --> 00:17:36,320 [crowd cheers]

255

 $00:17:52,520 \longrightarrow 00:17:54,160$ [man] Sir, the protocol is as follows.

256

00:17:54,240 --> 00:17:55,880 When you're announced, bow from the neck.

257

00:17:55,960 --> 00:17:58,080 First time you see the Queen,

you say, "Your Majesty."

258

00:17:58,160 --> 00:18:00,040
After that it's "ma'am."
Rhymes with "ham."

259

00:18:00,120 --> 00:18:02,400
Until you leave,
then it's "Your Majesty" again.

260

00:18:02,480 --> 00:18:05,320
Don't sit until Her Majesty does.
Don't talk until she does.

261

00:18:05,640 --> 00:18:08,480 Absolutely no physical contact, other than taking her hand,

262

 $00:18:08,560 \longrightarrow 00:18:10,720$ if and only if she offers it.

263

00:18:10,800 --> 00:18:12,760 No small talk unless she invites it.

264

00:18:12,920 --> 00:18:15,080 At the end, she'll buzz, and I'll come and get you.

265

00:18:15,160 --> 00:18:17,480

Bow from the neck

and walk back towards me.

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00:18:19,400 --> 00:18:20,840 [bell rings]

267

00:18:29,760 --> 00:18:31,880 The Leader of the Opposition, Your Majesty.

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00:18:33,000 --> 00:18:34,200 [Elizabeth] Mr. Wilson.

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00:18:35,680 --> 00:18:36,720 Thank you.

270 00:18:38,760 --> 00:18:40,160 [door closes]

271 00:18:43,240 --> 00:18:44,360 Your Majesty.

272 00:18:45,200 --> 00:18:48,520 The country has spoken. Your party has won the election.

00:18:48,600 --> 00:18:50,360 [Elizabeth[The duty befalls me, as sovereign,

274 00:18:50,440 --> 00:18:52,480 to ask you to form a government in my name.

275 00:18:54,280 --> 00:18:55,920 Congratulations, Prime Minister.

276 00:19:10,480 --> 00:19:14,080 Uh, well, I suppose I should kick things off with an apology.

> 277 00:19:14,840 --> 00:19:16,320 -Whatever for? -Well, winning.

> 278 00:19:17,440 --> 00:19:19,440 I'm aware of your affection for my predecessor

279
00:19:19,520 --> 00:19:22,440
and doubtless you'd have preferred him
to have continued in office.

280 00:19:22,920 --> 00:19:25,240 It is my duty not to have preferences.

00:19:25,320 --> 00:19:28,800 Well, we all do though, don't we? We can't help it. It's human nature.

282

00:19:29,320 --> 00:19:32,040
And I can see the attraction
 of someone like Posh Alec.

283

00:19:32,120 --> 00:19:33,960 Someone you can chat with about the racing,

284

00:19:34,040 --> 00:19:37,160 someone well-bred, highborn, who knows how to hold his cutlery,

285

00:19:37,240 --> 00:19:38,800 as opposed to a ruffian like me.

286

00:19:39,840 --> 00:19:40,880 Hardly.

287

00:19:40,960 --> 00:19:43,400 Still, the country said otherwise.

288

00:19:43,480 --> 00:19:46,600 They'd had enough of the mess those Conservatives left us

289

 $00:19:47,000 \longrightarrow 00:19:49,080$ and the havoc they wreaked.

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00:19:49,160 --> 00:19:51,080 Soaring land and house prices,

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00:19:51,160 --> 00:19:53,360 race riots, sex scandals,

292

00:19:53,440 --> 00:19:56,880 large-scale unemployment, rejection from the EEC,

00:19:56,960 --> 00:20:00,840 and an annual trade deficit of £800 million.

294

00:20:02,480 --> 00:20:04,520 Yes, it's an unenviable legacy.

295

00:20:06,600 --> 00:20:09,480 What will you do about the balance of payments? Will you devalue?

296

00:20:10,200 --> 00:20:11,880 No, m-ma'am.

297

00:20:12,600 --> 00:20:16,240
A Labour government devalued the pound once before, with little success,

298

00:20:16,320 --> 00:20:20,880 and my party cannot risk being seen as the party of devaluation.

299

00:20:22,440 --> 00:20:24,920 It is also a matter of national pride.

300

00:20:25,800 --> 00:20:27,240 This is still a great country,

301

 $00:20:27,800 \longrightarrow 00:20:29,920$ and the pound is a powerful symbol.

302

00:20:33,400 --> 00:20:35,480 Can't have been an easy one to get used to.

303

00:20:36,520 --> 00:20:37,520 What's that?

304

00:20:37,600 --> 00:20:39,800 Well, you being part of that symbol.

305

00:20:39,880 --> 00:20:42,560 Your face on every coin and banknote.

306 00:20:43,520 --> 00:20:44,520 [Elizabeth] No.

307

00:20:45,200 --> 00:20:48,560
I remember seeing my father's face on a shilling for the first time

308

00:20:48,960 --> 00:20:50,520 and thinking how odd it looked.

309

00:20:51,680 --> 00:20:52,880 At the same time realizing

310

00:20:52,960 --> 00:20:55,480
 I would probably, one day,
have to look at my own face.

311

00:20:56,760 --> 00:20:59,440 But one never knows what destiny has in store for one.

312

00:21:00,560 --> 00:21:02,440

Did you ever imagine
you'd be Prime Minister?

313

00:21:02,800 --> 00:21:05,480 -Goodness, no. -How could you have done?

314

00:21:06,200 --> 00:21:09,680 -Mr. Gaitskell was still such a young man. -He was.

315

00:21:10,480 --> 00:21:12,680

No one could possibly have foreseen his death.

316 00:21:13,440 --> 00:21:14,440 No.

317 00:21:14,520 --> 00:21:16,320 -So sudden. -Yes. 318 00:21:16,920 --> 00:21:17,920 And unexpected. 319 00:21:18,720 --> 00:21:19,720 Yes. 320 00:21:20,480 --> 00:21:22,600 Still, we make of our destiny what we can. 321 00:21:23,880 --> 00:21:24,880 Indeed. 322 00:21:27,480 --> 00:21:29,640 [Elizabeth] I'm not sure what I was expecting. 323 00:21:30,040 --> 00:21:31,480 Each of his predecessors, 324 00:21:31,560 --> 00:21:34,080 Churchill, Eden, Macmillan, even Alec, 325 00:21:34,520 --> 00:21:37,320 each in their own way was formidable. 326 00:21:37,680 --> 00:21:38,920 Statesmanlike. 327 00:21:39,320 --> 00:21:42,200 But Wilson is neither old nor young, 328 00:21:42,680 --> 00:21:45,480 tall nor short, loud nor quiet, 329

00:21:46,000 --> 00:21:47,360 warm nor cold.

00:21:48,240 --> 00:21:51,480
He seems to have come from nowhere and is entirely unremarkable.

331 00:21:51,560 --> 00:21:52,520 [chuckles]

332 00:21:52,600 --> 00:21:54,200 Best qualities in a spy.

333 00:21:54,960 --> 00:21:55,960 What did you say?

334 00:21:56,880 --> 00:21:59,160 Aren't those the best qualities in a spy?

335 00:21:59,720 --> 00:22:02,000 Well, to be forgettable, unremarkable.

> 336 00:22:02,600 --> 00:22:04,000 Not stand out in a crowd.

337 00:22:04,080 --> 00:22:06,160 We used to say that about Henry, didn't we, dear?

338 00:22:06,240 --> 00:22:07,160 What?

339 00:22:07,240 --> 00:22:09,240 That you would have made the perfect spy,

> 340 00:22:09,320 --> 00:22:11,400 because no one could remember having met you.

> 341 00:22:11,480 --> 00:22:13,040 [guests laugh]

342 00:22:13,120 --> 00:22:15,600 I-I-I'd say that was marginally better

00:22:15,680 --> 00:22:18,840 than everyone having nightmares having met you!

344

00:22:18,920 --> 00:22:20,920 [laughter]

345

 $00:22:30,360 \longrightarrow 00:22:32,040$ [Duke of Kent] We do tease each other.

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00:22:32,120 --> 00:22:35,680 With Tony, one never knows quite who one's going to get

347

00:22:35,760 --> 00:22:37,640 from one moment to the next.

348

00:22:37,720 --> 00:22:38,800 He's changeable.

349

 $00:22:39,320 \longrightarrow 00:22:41,680$ He goes from loving to hating. Mummy!

350

00:22:41,760 --> 00:22:43,040 -You're not listening. -Hmm?

351

00:22:43,560 --> 00:22:44,960 Of course I am, darling.

352

00:22:46,240 --> 00:22:47,680 Tony doesn't hate you.

353

00:22:48,480 --> 00:22:50,240 I think he may be starting to.

354

00:22:50,520 --> 00:22:54,480
You must try not to let him
consume you like this.

355

00:22:55,560 --> 00:22:57,600

The two of you have your trip to America coming up.

356 00:22:57,680 --> 00:22:58,560 Yes.

357

00:22:58,960 --> 00:23:02,400
You'll be with each other round the clock, working together as a team.

358 00:23:02,480 --> 00:23:06,240 Your father and I always found those trips very bonding.

359 00:23:08,160 --> 00:23:10,160 Well, I hope you're right.

360 00:23:28,840 --> 00:23:30,840 ["Got Love If You Want It" playing]

361 00:23:52,120 --> 00:23:53,120 [radio stops]

362 00:23:57,480 --> 00:23:59,040 -Thank you. -Sir.

363 00:23:59,120 --> 00:24:01,800 -From Margot. -Marvelous. Very good.

364 00:24:02,440 --> 00:24:04,280 -How did you know? -Margot!

365 00:24:04,360 --> 00:24:07,680 Seventeen minutes, door to door. I'm claiming that as a land-speed record.

366 00:24:09,000 --> 00:24:12,160 Is there any food left, or have you eaten it all? Your Majesty.

00:24:14,160 --> 00:24:16,160 -Your Majesty. A thousand apologies. -Hmm.

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00:24:16,240 --> 00:24:17,200 [chuckles]

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00:24:17,800 --> 00:24:20,360 -Happy birthday, Henry! -Tony, where were you?

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00:24:20,440 --> 00:24:21,600 [Queen Mother] Oh, look.

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00:24:21,680 --> 00:24:23,360 -[Tony] Hello. -[Queen Mother] Tony.

372

00:24:24,400 --> 00:24:26,520 Tony, darling, come and sit next to your wife.

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00:24:26,600 --> 00:24:28,800 Why would I do that?
I see her all the time.

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00:24:28,880 --> 00:24:31,240 Well, she was just saying she sees you none of the time.

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00:24:31,320 --> 00:24:35,520 Hmm, because he's always working, traveling, or waterskiing.

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00:24:35,600 --> 00:24:37,600 [gasps] It's my new passion, ma'am.

377

00:24:37,680 --> 00:24:39,960 Your Majesty, there's a telephone call for you.

378

00:24:40,040 --> 00:24:43,080 -[Queen Mother] Oh, it's lovely there. -[Tony] It's a ghastly little pond. 379 00:24:43,160 --> 00:24:45,280 I think you'll find we own that pond. 380 $00:24:45,360 \longrightarrow 00:24:47,400$ I share a speedboat there with Simon Sainsbury. 381 00:24:47,480 --> 00:24:48,560 You have to wind it up. 382 00:24:49,400 --> 00:24:51,240 [man] Well, the general idea is to stay out. 383 00:24:51,320 --> 00:24:52,920 [music box plays] 384 00:24:53,000 --> 00:24:55,960 [Duke of Kent] That's really charming. Elizabeth, thank you so much. 385 00:24:56,040 --> 00:24:57,440 Really, really charming. 386 00:24:57,520 --> 00:24:58,440 [guests laugh] 387 00:24:58,520 --> 00:25:01,960 [guests]) Happy birthday to you) 00:25:02,040 --> 00:25:05,400 ♪ Happy birthday to you ♪ 389 00:25:05,720 --> 00:25:10,320 ♪ Happy birthday, dear Henry ♪ 390

391 00:25:14,600 --> 00:25:16,640 -[Margaret] Hurrah! -That's enough. 392 00:25:16,720 --> 00:25:18,360 -Shh, shh, shh. -[clears throat] 393 00:25:18,440 --> 00:25:19,600 Winston is dead. 00:25:41,880 --> 00:25:42,760 Fire! 395 00:25:46,240 --> 00:25:47,120 [cannon fires] 396 00:26:27,240 --> 00:26:29,200 [buzzing] 397 00:26:33,760 --> 00:26:35,560 [buzzes] 398 00:26:35,640 --> 00:26:37,640 [typewriter clicks] 399 00:26:38,320 --> 00:26:42,920 [man 1] Sir, the CIA'S Director of Counterintelligence on the phone. 400 00:26:43,000 --> 00:26:46,440

-[man 2] I'll call him back. -[man 1] He called on Juliet, sir.

401 00:26:48,080 --> 00:26:51,480 [man on TV] Heads of state from around the world are arriving, crowding into...

> 402 00:26:51,560 --> 00:26:52,520 [man 2] Gentlemen.

00:26:52,760 --> 00:26:55,040
...this great mother church
 of the Commonwealth.

404 00:27:17,440 --> 00:27:18,640 [buzzes]

405 00:27:20,080 --> 00:27:21,920 -Jim? -[man] Martin.

406

00:27:22,440 --> 00:27:26,120 A man by the name of Michael Straight surrendered himself to us at the DOJ.

407 00:27:26,200 --> 00:27:28,520 [Straight] I need to speak to a senior intelligence officer.

408
00:27:28,600 --> 00:27:31,320
[Angleton] He claims to be a sleeper agent working for the Russians.

409 00:27:31,840 --> 00:27:35,640 He says he has information that will uncover a senior KGB mole

410 00:27:35,720 --> 00:27:37,600 at the top of the British establishment.

411 00:27:41,600 --> 00:27:43,040 [indistinct chatter]

412 00:27:58,280 --> 00:27:59,800 -Where is he now? -Washington.

413 00:27:59,880 --> 00:28:01,800 We can have him flown in to you by tomorrow.

414 00:28:04,480 --> 00:28:09,280 [Archbishop] We are assembled here as representing the people of this land

415

00:28:09,840 --> 00:28:15,200
to join in prayer on the occasion
 of the burial of a great man,

416

00:28:15,680 --> 00:28:19,000 who has rendered memorable service to his country

417

00:28:19,600 --> 00:28:21,720 and to the cause of freedom.

418

00:28:24,560 --> 00:28:26,840 We shall think of him with thanksgiving

419

 $00:28:26,920 \longrightarrow 00:28:29,600$ that he was raised up in our days

420

00:28:30,040 --> 00:28:31,480 of desperate need

421

00:28:32,040 --> 00:28:35,160 to be a leader and inspirer of the nation,

422

00:28:35,680 --> 00:28:40,440 for his dauntless resolution and untiring vigilance.

423

00:28:42,120 --> 00:28:44,360 My name is Michael Straight.

424

00:28:44,440 --> 00:28:48,960 [Archbishop] And since all men are subject to temptation and error,

425

 $00:28:49,960 \longrightarrow 00:28:53,080$ we pray that we, together with him,

426

00:28:53,160 --> 00:28:57,640 may be numbered among those

whose sins are forgiven...

427

00:28:58,760 --> 00:29:02,160 and have a place in the kingdom of heaven.

428

00:29:02,840 --> 00:29:05,440 I attended Cambridge University,

429

00:29:06,320 --> 00:29:10,800 and it was during this time that I was first approached

430

00:29:10,880 --> 00:29:13,360 by members of the Communist Party.

431

00:29:15,360 --> 00:29:17,400 [phone rings]

432

00:29:23,880 --> 00:29:24,920 [Adeane] Right.

433

00:29:31,560 --> 00:29:32,520 Right.

434

00:29:33,880 --> 00:29:37,360 I'll confirm with Her Majesty and come back to you straight away.

435

00:29:46,360 --> 00:29:50,000 [man] Director General of MI5, Mr. Furnival Jones, Your Majesty.

436

00:29:55,880 --> 00:29:58,080 Your Majesty. Thank you for seeing me.

437

00:30:06,520 --> 00:30:08,040 It gives me no pleasure to tell you

438

00:30:08,120 --> 00:30:11,040 that we have been approached by a former Russian agent

00:30:11,520 --> 00:30:15,120 who has identified a mole at the top of the British establishment.

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00:30:16,320 --> 00:30:17,360 So, it's true.

441

00:30:18,840 --> 00:30:20,680 -Ma'am?

-I'd heard the rumors.

442

00:30:21,240 --> 00:30:22,880 Initially, I dismissed them,

443

444

00:30:26,160 --> 00:30:28,320 one had become more and more suspicious.

445

00:30:29,120 --> 00:30:30,160 Indeed.

446

00:30:30,680 --> 00:30:34,840
And that he should have been able to carry on for so long, undetected,

447

00:30:35,400 --> 00:30:38,800 is a subject of enormous embarrassment to all of us.

448

00:30:39,640 --> 00:30:42,160
This obviously needs
to be handled very delicately.

449

00:30:42,640 --> 00:30:44,280
That's what I've come
to talk to you about,

450

00:30:44,360 --> 00:30:47,640

to see if we might find a way to contain it.

451

00:30:48,520 --> 00:30:51,480 What? We can't do that.

452

00:30:52,320 --> 00:30:54,440
Have a Russian spy in Downing Street?

453

00:30:56,440 --> 00:31:00,520 Oh. Those rumors. You're talking about Harold Wilson.

454

00:31:01,000 --> 00:31:03,200 -Yes.

-I'm so sorry, ma'am.

455

00:31:03,720 --> 00:31:05,520 Yes, it's widely accepted

456

00:31:05,600 --> 00:31:07,920 that repeated attempts were made by the KGB

457

00:31:08,000 --> 00:31:11,320 to recruit Wilson when he was younger, working on trade missions.

458

00:31:11,640 --> 00:31:14,760

He traveled to Russia a great deal in those years,

459

00:31:14,840 --> 00:31:18,400 but the evidence for the Russians having succeeded is so weak,

460

00:31:18,480 --> 00:31:20,400 we discounted it some time ago.

461

00:31:21,840 --> 00:31:23,480 And the poisoning of Gaitskell?

00:31:23,560 --> 00:31:26,120 Gaitskell wasn't poisoned. He died of lupus.

463

00:31:26,200 --> 00:31:29,480
The fact is, even if the Russians had poisoned Gaitskell,

464

00:31:30,400 --> 00:31:34,160 the most likely beneficiary would have been George Brown, not Harold Wilson.

465

00:31:34,520 --> 00:31:38,280 Wilson was not favorite to take over the leadership at the time.

466

00:31:38,560 --> 00:31:40,840
We don't have a Russian spy
 in Downing Street?

467 00:31:42,040 --> 00:31:43,000 No.

468

00:31:44,520 --> 00:31:45,640 But it seems...

469

00:31:47,080 --> 00:31:50,400 we do have one in Buckingham Palace.

470

00:31:51,840 --> 00:31:53,640 [slide projector clicks]

471

00:31:53,720 --> 00:31:57,520 [Blunt] We look at a painting and immediately want to know it.

472

00:31:58,240 --> 00:31:59,520 Understand it.

473

00:32:00,480 --> 00:32:04,080 But can anything ever be fully understood?

00:32:05,680 --> 00:32:08,200 Take our bearded trickster here.

475

00:32:08,840 --> 00:32:12,520
A Venetian cardsharp originally ascribed to Titian,

476

00:32:12,600 --> 00:32:14,280 until new evidence came to light,

477

00:32:14,360 --> 00:32:17,360 proving the painting is actually by Lorenzo Lotto.

478

00:32:17,720 --> 00:32:21,000 As time passes, so we learn.

479

00:32:21,960 --> 00:32:23,640 Truths are revealed.

480

00:32:24,440 --> 00:32:25,920 In the late Renaissance,

481

00:32:26,000 --> 00:32:29,040 painting after painting, masterpiece after masterpiece

482

00:32:29,120 --> 00:32:33,360 seemed full of hidden intentions, multiple meanings.

483

00:32:36,360 --> 00:32:39,240
Annibale Carracci's
Allegory of Truth and Time,

484

00:32:39,320 --> 00:32:42,080 painted in 1584 or 1585.

485

00:32:43,000 --> 00:32:45,280 This winged figure here

486

00:32:45,960 --> 00:32:48,880

rescues a young woman, his daughter,

487

00:32:49,400 --> 00:32:50,480 from the darkness.

488

00:32:50,560 --> 00:32:52,080 He is time.

489

00:32:52,360 --> 00:32:54,280 She is truth.

490

00:32:55,000 --> 00:32:56,520 And this figure below,

491

00:32:56,600 --> 00:32:59,960 trampled by truth, is deceit.

492

00:33:00,880 --> 00:33:02,760 Carracci's message is clear.

493

00:33:06,360 --> 00:33:09,040 Be patient. The truth will out.

494

00:33:09,120 --> 00:33:13,680
[Jones] I'm afraid I can now confirm that the Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures,

495

00:33:14,160 --> 00:33:18,480
Sir Anthony Blunt, was the fourth man in the Cambridge spy ring.

496

00:33:18,840 --> 00:33:22,920 [Blunt] The message encoded in the painting is repeated in reality.

497

00:33:23,000 --> 00:33:23,920 As with the Lotto,

498

 $00:33:24,000 \longrightarrow 00:33:26,920$ time passed, and the painting was restored

00:33:27,000 --> 00:33:30,160 to reveal deceit is two-faced.

500

 $00:33:30,840 \longrightarrow 00:33:34,120$ She has a second, monstrous visage.

501

00:33:34,480 --> 00:33:38,560 [Jones] And that alongside conducting a distinguished career as an art historian

502

 $00:33:38,640 \longrightarrow 00:33:40,880$ and member of the royal household,

503

 $00:33:41,840 \longrightarrow 00:33:45,040$ he spent 15 years as an active KGB mole

504

00:33:45,360 --> 00:33:49,600 and passed almost 2,000 documents of sensitive military secrets

505

00:33:50,120 --> 00:33:51,200 to the Kremlin.

506

00:33:51,280 --> 00:33:56,120
Truth may lie beneath the surface, buried, forgotten,

507

00:33:56,720 --> 00:33:59,600 but time has a way of uncovering it.

508

 $00:34:01,320 \longrightarrow 00:34:03,200$ One thinks of The Merchant of Venice.

509

00:34:04,280 --> 00:34:06,280 "Truth will come to light.

510

00:34:07,240 --> 00:34:09,680 Murder cannot be hid long.

511

00:34:10,640 --> 00:34:12,160 A man's son may...

00:34:13,480 --> 00:34:16,800 but at the length, truth will out."

513

00:34:19,000 --> 00:34:20,880 [inhales] Thank you.

514

00:34:20,960 --> 00:34:22,840 [applause]

515

00:34:35,560 --> 00:34:37,760 We had initially hoped the information was false.

516

00:34:37,840 --> 00:34:41,200 We get these sorts of claims all the time. But...

517

00:34:42,720 --> 00:34:46,360 we subsequently detained and interviewed Blunt, and...

518

 $00:34:49,040 \longrightarrow 00:34:51,160$ I'm sad to say he has confessed.

519

00:34:53,160 --> 00:34:54,200 In full.

520

00:35:03,080 --> 00:35:04,400 [Philip] What's the next step?

521

00:35:04,800 --> 00:35:06,880 [Elizabeth]

Well, as a traitor to his country,

522

00:35:07,160 --> 00:35:09,960 he should, of course, stand trial, be put in prison,

523

 $00:35:10,040 \longrightarrow 00:35:12,080$ and the key thrown away, quite frankly.

00:35:12,320 --> 00:35:16,880

Unless it was felt
that exposure of Blunt's treachery

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00:35:17,280 --> 00:35:19,480 could cause even more damage.

526

00:35:19,840 --> 00:35:21,920 What, than keeping it silent?

527

00:35:22,840 --> 00:35:23,720 How?

528

00:35:23,800 --> 00:35:25,720 [Elizabeth] It could have a catastrophic effect

529

00:35:25,800 --> 00:35:28,200 on the reputation of our intelligence services.

530

00:35:28,280 --> 00:35:30,800
The fact that he had gone undetected for so long,

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00:35:30,880 --> 00:35:35,640 which could, in turn, seriously affect our relationship with the Americans.

532

00:35:35,720 --> 00:35:39,600
We're on our last reserves of goodwill with them as it is.

533

00:35:39,680 --> 00:35:41,160 One more operational failure,

534

00:35:41,240 --> 00:35:43,480 and our credibility would be completely shot.

535

00:35:43,560 --> 00:35:45,240 What are they suggesting?

00:35:45,320 --> 00:35:48,600
That we turn a blind eye
and allow a traitor,

537

00:35:49,440 --> 00:35:54,840 an enemy of this country, to remain free, with his career and reputation intact,

538

00:35:55,640 --> 00:35:58,320 just to spare MI5's blushes?

539

00:36:01,120 --> 00:36:03,440 -The man should be shot. -[Elizabeth] I agree.

540

00:36:04,120 --> 00:36:07,520

But instead, I have to get up
and pay tribute to him at this exhibition.

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00:36:08,400 --> 00:36:10,520

How am I supposed
to get through my speech?

542

00:36:11,040 --> 00:36:12,760 I might choke on my words.

543

00:36:27,840 --> 00:36:29,760 [Elizabeth] We stand here tonight,

544

00:36:29,840 --> 00:36:33,280 surrounded by some of the Royal Collection's greatest treasures,

545

00:36:34,120 --> 00:36:39,000 to admire the genius of Rubens, Titian, Rembrandt, and Holbein,

546

00:36:39,360 --> 00:36:41,600 but that we are able to make sense of it all,

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00:36:41,840 --> 00:36:44,200

appreciate it, understand it...

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00:36:45,000 --> 00:36:46,880 speaks to the genius of another man,

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00:36:47,560 --> 00:36:52,520 whose exceptional scholarship and vision have brought us together today.

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00:36:53,240 --> 00:36:55,480 -Sir Anthony Blunt. -[applause]

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00:36:57,760 --> 00:36:58,760 [Blunt] Thank you.

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 $00:37:00,600 \longrightarrow 00:37:03,720$ It is he who has curated this exhibition,

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00:37:04,200 --> 00:37:05,960 and given meaning to mystery,

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00:37:06,040 --> 00:37:09,800

and revealed

what really does lie beneath the surface.

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00:37:10,680 --> 00:37:14,080
I, for one, had never thought
 of art history in that way,

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00:37:14,680 --> 00:37:16,560 as the art of investigation,

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00:37:17,040 --> 00:37:19,800 solving riddles, finding clues,

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00:37:20,400 --> 00:37:21,960 unlocking secrets.

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00:37:22,600 --> 00:37:24,320 It's been quite an education.

00:37:25,600 --> 00:37:27,400 I particularly enjoyed the portrait

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00:37:27,480 --> 00:37:32,160 which turned out to have another person lurking beneath the surface.

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00:37:35,080 --> 00:37:37,120
Have I described that correctly,
Sir Anthony?

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00:37:37,200 --> 00:37:39,760
Or am I stumbling around in the dark,
as usual?

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00:37:39,840 --> 00:37:41,160 [audience chuckles]

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00:37:41,240 --> 00:37:44,120 Not another person, ma'am. The same person.

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00:37:44,640 --> 00:37:46,800 It was not uncommon in the early modern period

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 $00:37:46,880 \longrightarrow 00:37:49,000$ for an artist to finish a portrait,

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 $00:37:49,080 \longrightarrow 00:37:50,440$ and the patron would take a look

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00:37:50,520 --> 00:37:53,560 and ask for a more flattering version of themselves.

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00:37:54,320 --> 00:37:57,640 And the artist would paint another version over it.

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00:37:59,360 --> 00:38:01,000 So, not two different people?

 $00:38:01,560 \longrightarrow 00:38:04,080$ Two different versions of the same person.

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00:38:05,000 --> 00:38:07,440 Which might as well be two different people.

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00:38:08,440 --> 00:38:11,520
The idealized version of themselves they want to be seen,

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00:38:11,880 --> 00:38:15,520 and the less desirable person they really are, hidden away.

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00:38:16,800 --> 00:38:18,960 There's even a word for it: "palimpsest."

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00:38:20,000 --> 00:38:22,520 That generally applies to manuscripts, ma'am.

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00:38:22,600 --> 00:38:24,000 "Pentimento" for paintings.

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00:38:24,840 --> 00:38:26,240 Pentimento.

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00:38:26,920 --> 00:38:29,520 Well, I think I speak for everyone here

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00:38:29,600 --> 00:38:32,080 when I say none of us will be able to trust

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00:38:32,160 --> 00:38:35,600 or look at anything in the same way ever again.

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00:38:35,680 --> 00:38:37,840 [applause]

584 00:38:37,920 --> 00:38:39,920 [cameras click]

585 00:39:05,840 --> 00:39:06,840 Prime Minister.

586 00:39:08,600 --> 00:39:09,840 Your Majesty.

587 00:39:10,280 --> 00:39:11,440 I'm so glad you came.

588 00:39:11,520 --> 00:39:13,800 It gives me the chance to apologize in person.

589 00:39:15,120 --> 00:39:17,720 -What for? -There's no need to understand.

590 00:39:18,360 --> 00:39:21,360 All you need to know is that I misjudged you terribly,

591 00:39:21,440 --> 00:39:24,400 and I'd like to take this opportunity to say sorry.

> 592 00:39:29,960 --> 00:39:31,160 Are you an art man?

> 593 00:39:32,160 --> 00:39:34,840 -Art? -Yes, art. Paintings.

> 594 00:39:34,920 --> 00:39:36,840 Well, actually, no. No. Uh...

> 595 00:39:37,680 --> 00:39:41,400 I'm an economist, a statistician at heart.

00:39:42,040 --> 00:39:43,800 I'm happiest with numbers.

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00:39:44,880 --> 00:39:46,240 You can trust numbers.

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00:39:47,040 --> 00:39:48,080 They're honest.

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00:39:49,040 --> 00:39:50,840 There's no mystery

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00:39:50,920 --> 00:39:54,000 or deception or allegory.

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00:39:55,040 --> 00:39:56,520 You know where you stand.

602

 $00:39:57,840 \longrightarrow 00:40:00,120$ What you see is what you get.

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 $00:40:02,040 \longrightarrow 00:40:03,520$ And I prefer things that way.

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00:40:04,600 --> 00:40:05,920 I quite agree.

605

00:40:07,280 --> 00:40:09,280 [cameras click]

606

00:40:11,080 --> 00:40:13,160

His Royal Highness
would like to see you, sir.

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00:40:15,920 --> 00:40:16,800 Excuse me a moment.

608

00:40:39,680 --> 00:40:44,200
The very least you could do
is quietly crawl away,

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00:40:45,120 --> 00:40:48,600 not force us to live with you under the same roof.

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00:40:49,600 --> 00:40:51,480 But doing the... the right thing,

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00:40:52,040 --> 00:40:55,000 the decent thing, the honorable thing...

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00:40:56,040 --> 00:40:58,320 you wouldn't have the faintest idea what that was.

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00:40:59,440 --> 00:41:03,000 Well, I am going to be watching you,

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 $00:41:03,680 \longrightarrow 00:41:07,760$ and one wrong step, you treacherous snake,

616

00:41:08,600 --> 00:41:11,080 and I will expose you and have you thrown in jail.

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00:41:12,560 --> 00:41:16,760 I would think long and hard before I did that, sir.

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00:41:18,320 --> 00:41:21,280
You would do well
to reflect on your own position.

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00:41:22,560 --> 00:41:23,960 What are you talking about?

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00:41:27,360 --> 00:41:31,120
You may remember,
at the height of the Profumo sex scandal,

00:41:31,880 --> 00:41:35,240 there was talk of a member of the royal family being involved.

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00:41:35,320 --> 00:41:36,640
No one knew who,

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00:41:37,560 --> 00:41:40,800 but it was rumored to be a senior member of the royal family.

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00:41:42,120 --> 00:41:43,320 Very senior.

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00:41:45,600 --> 00:41:49,320 When the osteopath at the center of the scandal, Stephen Ward,

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00:41:50,040 --> 00:41:51,240 took his own life...

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00:41:52,560 --> 00:41:54,800 there was speculation that a number of portraits

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00:41:54,880 --> 00:41:58,280 of that senior member of the royal family had been found in his apartment.

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00:41:59,920 --> 00:42:03,840

Naturally, a great many people were keen to get their hands on those portraits.

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00:42:05,040 --> 00:42:09,880
Mercifully, someone respected
and well connected in the art world...

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00:42:11,000 --> 00:42:14,200 was able to make sure they didn't fall into the wrong hands.

00:42:14,560 --> 00:42:19,000
I never saw Stephen Ward in any capacity other than as an osteopath.

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00:42:19,840 --> 00:42:23,720

If he made drawings of me,
he would have done so from photographs.

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00:42:24,760 --> 00:42:27,880 We all tell ourselves all sorts of things

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00:42:27,960 --> 00:42:29,480 to make sense of the past.

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00:42:30,960 --> 00:42:32,880 So much so that our fabrications,

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00:42:32,960 --> 00:42:35,320 if we tell them to ourselves often enough,

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00:42:35,880 --> 00:42:37,280 become the truth.

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00:42:38,280 --> 00:42:40,560 In our minds and everyone else's.

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00:42:42,000 --> 00:42:46,480

And believe you me,

I'm happy for your truth to be the truth.

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00:42:47,800 --> 00:42:49,560 It would be better for everyone.

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00:42:50,600 --> 00:42:53,280 Imagine how awful it would be, for example,

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00:42:54,000 --> 00:42:57,000 if those pictures saw the light of day now.

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00:42:57,520 --> 00:42:59,320

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The storm it would create.
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     00:43:00,440 \longrightarrow 00:43:01,640
              And for what?
                    646
     00:43:04,320 \longrightarrow 00:43:05,640
              It's the past.
                    647
     00:43:32,800 --> 00:43:35,520
          -Would you excuse me?
        -Of course, Your Majesty.
                    648
     00:45:25,760 \longrightarrow 00:45:29,000
      ["Just One of Those Things"]
                    649
     00:45:31,680 --> 00:45:36,720
  ♪ It was just one of those things ♪
     00:45:39,400 --> 00:45:44,680
   ♪ Just one of those crazy flings ♪
                    651
     00:45:45,480 --> 00:45:51,040
           ♪ One of those bells
        That now and then rings >
     00:45:52,200 \longrightarrow 00:45:55,760
      ♪ Just one of those things ♪
                    653
     00:45:56,560 --> 00:46:01,280
  ♪ It was just one of those nights ♪
                    654
     00:46:04,400 \longrightarrow 00:46:09,600
♪ Just one of those fabulous flights ♪
                    655
     00:46:10,640 --> 00:46:16,560
♪ A trip to the moon on gossamer wings ♪
     00:46:17,480 --> 00:46:21,680
      ♪ Just one of those things ♪
     00:46:22,160 --> 00:46:27,720
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About the end of it ## About the end of it ## About the end of it ## 658

00:46:28,440 --> 00:46:33,920

When we started painting the town ## 659

00:46:34,720 --> 00:46:37,480

We'd have been aware ## 660

00:46:37,840 --> 00:46:43,320

That our love affair was too hot ## 661

00:46:43,840 --> 00:46:45,880

Not to cool down ## 100:46:45,880



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