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# THE CROWN

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"Coup"

Pursuing improvements in her racehorse management, Elizabeth imagines the life she might have had. Meanwhile, a plot against her government is brewing.

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## **EPISODE CAST**

Olivia Colman	...	Queen Elizabeth II
Tobias Menzies	...	Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
Marion Bailey	...	Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother
Charles Dance	...	Lord Mountbatten
Jason Watkins	...	Harold Wilson
David Rintoul	...	Michael Adeane
Charles Edwards	...	Martin Charteris
Jane Lapotaire	...	Princess Alice
John Hollingworth	...	Porchey
Rupert Vansittart	...	Cecil King
Sinead Matthews	...	Marcia Williams
Sam Phillips	...	Equerry
Mark Dexter	...	Tony Benn
Lorraine Ashbourne	...	Barbara Castle
Matthew Steer	...	Wilson's Aide

1  
00:00:11,000 --> 00:00:14,640  
[radio] ...to Prime Minister Harold Wilson  
and his government today,

2  
00:00:14,720 --> 00:00:16,200  
as pressure on the pound...

3  
00:00:21,040 --> 00:00:22,440  
Good afternoon, Mr. King.

4  
00:00:23,200 --> 00:00:25,400  
-[TV] The damage had been done...  
-Afternoon, Mr. King.

5  
00:00:25,480 --> 00:00:29,360  
Britain's trade gap is  
a staggering £107 million.

6  
00:00:30,040 --> 00:00:31,920  
It's the worst figure on record.

7  
00:00:32,000 --> 00:00:35,240  
The government said that these figures  
were distorted and meaningless.

8  
00:00:35,320 --> 00:00:37,520  
-[phones ringing]  
-[typewriters typing]

9  
00:00:39,480 --> 00:00:40,640  
Good afternoon, Mr. King.

10  
00:00:40,960 --> 00:00:42,640  
Good afternoon, Mr. King.

11  
00:00:42,920 --> 00:00:44,240  
Good afternoon, Mr. King.

12  
00:00:46,200 --> 00:00:47,480  
Where is it?

13

00:00:47,840 --> 00:00:50,040  
Here. Tomorrow's front page, sir.

14  
00:00:50,840 --> 00:00:53,800  
-Not strong enough.  
-It's the strongest headline

15  
00:00:53,880 --> 00:00:56,040  
the Daily Mirror's ever written  
about a Labour leader.

16  
00:00:56,120 --> 00:00:59,000  
"Bowed head, guilty conscience"?  
I don't know what it's saying.

17  
00:01:06,560 --> 00:01:08,360  
Now I know what it's saying.

18  
00:01:21,760 --> 00:01:23,000  
[lighter clicks]

19  
00:01:25,640 --> 00:01:28,520  
It's a sad day when the Daily Mirror,  
a Labour-supporting newspaper,

20  
00:01:28,600 --> 00:01:30,240  
turns against a Labour leader like this.

21  
00:01:33,920 --> 00:01:35,760  
We've done some thinking

22  
00:01:35,840 --> 00:01:39,800  
and come up with an idea  
for how to deflect any further criticism.

23  
00:01:39,880 --> 00:01:40,800  
[Wilson] Yeah, go on.

24  
00:01:41,520 --> 00:01:43,040  
Lord Mountbatten.

25  
00:01:45,280 --> 00:01:46,680

What's he got to do with anything?

26

00:01:46,760 --> 00:01:49,360  
[Thomson] I'm sure we all agree  
that he's a symbol of a bygone era,

27

00:01:49,440 --> 00:01:53,440  
of privilege and inequality,  
empire and extravagance.

28

00:01:53,520 --> 00:01:56,200  
-Not to mention a pompous bloody arse.  
-[Wilson] Go on.

29

00:01:56,680 --> 00:01:58,760  
[Thomson] As Chief of the Defence Staff,

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00:01:58,840 --> 00:02:01,680  
he's refusing to make  
the defense cuts we need,

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00:02:01,760 --> 00:02:05,440  
cuts which you promised  
in your election manifesto.

32

00:02:05,880 --> 00:02:08,960  
One might even tolerate it  
if he weren't so...

33

00:02:09,320 --> 00:02:13,200  
-Vain or crooked or power-mad.  
-[Thomson] Quite.

34

00:02:14,520 --> 00:02:15,760  
What are you proposing?

35

00:02:16,680 --> 00:02:17,920  
That we kick him out.

36

00:02:21,080 --> 00:02:24,200  
But at least he's busy,  
and inside the tent.

37

00:02:24,280 --> 00:02:27,760  
You know, people like Mountbatten,  
meddlers, for want of a kinder word,

38

00:02:27,840 --> 00:02:29,480  
energetic, well-connected meddlers,

39

00:02:29,560 --> 00:02:31,840  
it's better that they're inside the tent  
pissing out

40

00:02:31,920 --> 00:02:33,600  
than outside the tent pissing in.

41

00:02:33,680 --> 00:02:36,560  
But he belongs to another time, Harold.

42

00:02:37,160 --> 00:02:40,800  
Kicking him out makes economic sense  
and shows we're tough.

43

00:02:41,200 --> 00:02:45,200  
And who knows?  
It might just buy us some good headlines.

44

00:02:48,160 --> 00:02:50,040  
Yes, I could do with some good headlines.

45

00:02:51,800 --> 00:02:53,800  
[soldier] General salute!

46

00:02:55,440 --> 00:02:59,040  
Present... arms!

47

00:02:59,120 --> 00:03:00,360  
[boots stamp]

48

00:04:20,240 --> 00:04:22,240  
[footsteps approach]

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00:04:28,280 --> 00:04:30,240

[Wilson] As Chief of the Defence Staff,

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00:04:30,320 --> 00:04:33,440  
you will be aware  
that the Treasury has been conducting

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00:04:33,520 --> 00:04:37,040  
a wide-ranging review  
of defense spending--

52

00:04:37,120 --> 00:04:39,240  
And before you go any further,

53

00:04:39,320 --> 00:04:43,040  
the cuts you propose would leave us  
hopelessly vulnerable and weak,

54

00:04:43,120 --> 00:04:44,880  
especially east of Suez.

55

00:04:45,360 --> 00:04:48,080  
Now, are our enemies cutting back  
on military spending?

56

00:04:48,160 --> 00:04:51,880  
No, they're increasing fivefold, tenfold.

57

00:04:51,960 --> 00:04:56,600  
[Wilson] And the conclusion of the review  
is that we'd like to make a few changes.

58

00:04:56,960 --> 00:05:00,840  
One of which is to your post  
of Chief of the Defence Staff.

59

00:05:03,280 --> 00:05:04,160  
What?

60

00:05:08,840 --> 00:05:10,400  
Are you kicking me out?

61

00:05:12,440 --> 00:05:14,120

Well, no, sir, I'm thanking you

62

00:05:14,200 --> 00:05:16,560  
on behalf of the government,  
on behalf of the armed forces,

63

00:05:16,640 --> 00:05:22,360  
on behalf of the whole country  
for your many years of remarkable service.

64

00:05:23,840 --> 00:05:24,920  
You are.

65

00:05:25,440 --> 00:05:26,880  
You're kicking me out.

66

00:05:27,640 --> 00:05:28,720  
[guffaws]

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00:05:29,320 --> 00:05:32,520  
Well, there we are! [chuckles]

68

00:05:32,600 --> 00:05:34,800  
Well... [chuckles]

69

00:05:35,200 --> 00:05:37,520  
[sighs] There we are.

70

00:06:02,480 --> 00:06:03,800  
[King] It's absurd.

71

00:06:03,880 --> 00:06:06,160  
That a man  
of Lord Mountbatten's achievements,

72

00:06:06,240 --> 00:06:08,640  
Supreme Allied Commander  
for South East Asia,

73

00:06:08,720 --> 00:06:11,840  
one of the chief architects  
of the invasion of occupied Europe,



74

00:06:11,920 --> 00:06:14,120  
which, incidentally, won us the war,

75

00:06:14,200 --> 00:06:16,480  
should be told by a man  
who's achieved what?

76

00:06:16,800 --> 00:06:17,760  
Nothing.

77

00:06:17,840 --> 00:06:21,360  
Broken his promises, crippled the economy,  
run this great country into the ground.

78

00:06:21,440 --> 00:06:24,760  
...that he, Mountbatten,  
is surplus to requirements?

79

00:06:25,440 --> 00:06:26,880  
It's not absurd.

80

00:06:27,960 --> 00:06:30,400  
-It's obscene.  
-[door closes]

81

00:06:34,600 --> 00:06:36,960  
But where one door closes,

82

00:06:38,840 --> 00:06:40,560  
another opens.

83

00:06:41,720 --> 00:06:44,640  
"There is special providence  
in such a fall.

84

00:06:45,280 --> 00:06:48,760  
If it be now, 'tis not to come;  
if it be not to come, it will be now;

85

00:06:48,840 --> 00:06:51,440  
if it be not now, yet it will come.

86

00:06:52,080 --> 00:06:54,280  
The readiness is all."

87

00:07:10,040 --> 00:07:12,160  
What am I going to do, Barratt?

88

00:07:12,640 --> 00:07:14,560  
[Barratt] You'll bounce back, sir.

89

00:07:14,640 --> 00:07:16,960  
Before long,  
you'll have a hundred projects.

90

00:07:21,520 --> 00:07:22,680  
Cake, sir.

91

00:07:32,520 --> 00:07:34,160  
-[man] Hip-hip!  
-[staff] Hooray!

92

00:07:36,000 --> 00:07:41,000  
♪ Should auld acquaintance be forgot ♪

93

00:07:41,080 --> 00:07:45,760  
♪ And never brought to mind ♪

94

00:07:46,000 --> 00:07:51,120  
♪ Should auld acquaintance be forgot ♪

95

00:07:51,200 --> 00:07:55,920  
♪ And days of auld lang syne ♪

96

00:07:56,160 --> 00:08:01,240  
♪ For auld lang syne, my dear ♪

97

00:08:01,320 --> 00:08:06,000  
♪ For auld lang syne ♪

98

00:08:06,080 --> 00:08:11,240  
♪ We'll take a cup of kindness yet ♪

99

00:08:11,320 --&gt; 00:08:16,000

♪ For auld lang syne ♪

100

00:08:16,440 --&gt; 00:08:21,080

♪ We two have run about the hills ♪

101

00:08:21,480 --&gt; 00:08:26,240

♪ And pulled the daisies fine ♪

102

00:08:26,440 --&gt; 00:08:31,400

♪ But we've wandered many a weary foot ♪

103

00:08:31,480 --&gt; 00:08:36,240

♪ Since auld lang syne ♪

104

00:08:37,320 --&gt; 00:08:39,320

[bird caws]

105

00:08:56,600 --&gt; 00:08:58,160

[groans] Thank you.

106

00:08:59,800 --&gt; 00:09:01,600

[chuckles]

107

00:09:03,840 --&gt; 00:09:04,760

Hey.

108

00:09:05,720 --&gt; 00:09:06,920

Welcome home, sir.

109

00:09:38,600 --&gt; 00:09:40,840

[distant thunder]

110

00:09:56,520 --&gt; 00:09:57,480

Yes, of course.

111

00:09:58,640 --&gt; 00:10:00,280

I think that should be fine.

112

00:10:00,840 --> 00:10:03,320  
I don't think we need to worry  
about the stairs.

113  
00:10:09,800 --> 00:10:11,440  
Pens down, Your Majesty.

114  
00:10:15,240 --> 00:10:16,800  
Ten minutes to Newmarket.

115  
00:10:48,640 --> 00:10:50,720  
[Elizabeth] Thank you, Cecil. How is he?

116  
00:10:50,800 --> 00:10:52,280  
As good as new again.

117  
00:10:55,960 --> 00:10:58,640  
[Elizabeth] And do you really think  
he's recovered from his injury?

118  
00:10:58,720 --> 00:11:00,200  
[Cecil] I do, ma'am.

119  
00:11:00,280 --> 00:11:02,760  
Gelded, fired, well rested.

120  
00:11:02,840 --> 00:11:04,720  
We won't have him  
breaking down on us again.

121  
00:11:06,360 --> 00:11:08,640  
Any chance of seeing him  
on the gallops today?

122  
00:11:09,040 --> 00:11:12,800  
Oh, no, ma'am.  
It's too wet and muddy out there.

123  
00:11:13,400 --> 00:11:14,880  
It's been a lot like this.

124  
00:11:15,400 --> 00:11:17,400

Hardly been able to train him at all.

125

00:11:18,240 --> 00:11:20,240

Well, we can't do anything  
about the weather.

126

00:11:23,640 --> 00:11:26,080

[commentator]

Now we come to the most anticipated race

127

00:11:26,160 --> 00:11:29,680

of this year's Royal Ascot meeting,  
the Queen Alexandra Stakes.

128

00:11:30,200 --> 00:11:32,040

This is Britain's longest flat race,

129

00:11:32,120 --> 00:11:33,840

where stamina is of the essence,

130

00:11:33,920 --> 00:11:36,280

and the favorite is,  
of course, number nine,

131

00:11:36,760 --> 00:11:39,360

Her Majesty's own horse, Apprentice.

132

00:11:39,800 --> 00:11:42,760

And they're off with number six, Panic,  
taking an early lead,

133

00:11:42,840 --> 00:11:44,680

followed by number one, Valentine's Day,

134

00:11:44,760 --> 00:11:47,320

with number two, Olympic Boy,  
breathing down their necks.

135

00:11:47,400 --> 00:11:49,840

They're on the pace now  
as they make their start.

136

00:11:51,280 --> 00:11:54,000  
Behind them at number ten,  
Omphialus, is far off the leaders,

137

00:11:54,080 --> 00:11:57,200  
but number nine, Apprentice,  
tails behind in fifth place.

138

00:11:59,080 --> 00:12:02,120  
A disappointing start for last year's  
Yorkshire Cup champion.

139

00:12:02,400 --> 00:12:05,720  
And Panic is still ahead, but behind him,  
Apprentice is gaining ground,

140

00:12:05,800 --> 00:12:08,800  
seeing off a challenge from number seven,  
Philemon, and pulling into fourth.

141

00:12:10,080 --> 00:12:11,000  
Your Majesty.

142

00:12:11,280 --> 00:12:14,880  
-Your Majesty.  
-Dickie, darling. Chin up, buttercup.

143

00:12:15,800 --> 00:12:18,360  
[commentator]  
Apprentice really has the look of eagles.

144

00:12:18,440 --> 00:12:20,240  
-Apprentice turns up the pressure...  
-Come on!

145

00:12:20,320 --> 00:12:22,360  
...on Olympic Boy  
as he moves into third place.

146

00:12:22,440 --> 00:12:25,280  
And in what is a fantastic recovery  
from a slow start,

147

00:12:25,360 --> 00:12:29,280  
Apprentice is now level with number two,  
Olympic Boy, as they race uphill.

148

00:12:29,360 --> 00:12:32,040  
As they come up to the final turn,  
Panic leads by a length and a half

149

00:12:32,120 --> 00:12:34,040  
but Apprentice is coming through  
with a challenge.

150

00:12:34,120 --> 00:12:35,320  
Now it's the home straight.

151

00:12:35,400 --> 00:12:37,520  
Apprentice is charging down  
the near side, digging deep.

152

00:12:37,760 --> 00:12:40,120  
Nearly, nearly, nearly...

153

00:12:41,200 --> 00:12:44,360  
-No, he hasn't got it.  
-No, Apprentice is starting to struggle.

154

00:12:44,440 --> 00:12:46,080  
Panic is holding on,  
he's holding his lead,

155

00:12:46,160 --> 00:12:49,440  
and Apprentice is falling behind  
as Valentine's Day pulls back into second.

156

00:12:49,520 --> 00:12:53,080  
Olympic Boy coming up from the rear,  
and it's a busy finish,

157

00:12:53,160 --> 00:12:55,160  
but number six, Panic, finishes first,

158

00:12:55,240 --> 00:12:58,560  
and closely followed

by number two Olympic Boy, and...

159

00:12:58,640 --> 00:13:00,320  
What are we doing wrong, Porchey?

160

00:13:01,040 --> 00:13:03,960  
We used to be at the top.  
Now we barely compete.

161

00:13:04,440 --> 00:13:08,880  
It's... possible that the system  
set up by your late father

162

00:13:08,960 --> 00:13:10,680  
is now a little...

163

00:13:10,760 --> 00:13:11,920  
Obsolete?

164

00:13:12,320 --> 00:13:14,320  
And might need, uh...

165

00:13:14,680 --> 00:13:17,200  
Kicking out? Throwing on the dust heap?

166

00:13:19,480 --> 00:13:22,640  
If you want to keep up  
with the Aga Khans of this world,

167

00:13:22,720 --> 00:13:26,280  
I would suggest you follow their lead.

168

00:13:26,800 --> 00:13:27,800  
And do what?

169

00:13:28,240 --> 00:13:31,320  
Travel round the world and catch up  
with all the latest developments.

170

00:13:31,400 --> 00:13:32,960  
I can't just do that.



171

00:13:33,040 --> 00:13:35,360  
In case you hadn't noticed,  
I have a job to do.

172

00:13:36,080 --> 00:13:38,800  
It would only be France, not Timbuktu.

173

00:13:39,800 --> 00:13:43,640  
There are experienced people who are able  
to deputize for you in your absence.

174

00:13:53,000 --> 00:13:53,920  
[Wilson] As you know,

175

00:13:54,000 --> 00:13:56,440  
this government is committed  
to maintaining sterling

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00:13:56,520 --> 00:13:58,320  
at \$2.80 to the pound.

177

00:13:58,960 --> 00:14:00,960  
But with every economic blow,

178

00:14:01,040 --> 00:14:04,040  
the oil embargo,  
the balance of payments deficit,

179

00:14:04,600 --> 00:14:06,720  
and the Dockers' Union strike,

180

00:14:06,800 --> 00:14:09,720  
it's proving harder and harder  
to maintain.

181

00:14:23,600 --> 00:14:28,600  
And I'm afraid that now we have  
no alternative but to devalue the pound.

182

00:14:29,760 --> 00:14:30,760  
Oh.

183

00:14:31,400 --> 00:14:34,920  
[Wilson] And I need hardly say  
it is a matter of overwhelming regret

184

00:14:36,600 --> 00:14:37,960  
for me personally.

185

00:14:39,880 --> 00:14:41,880  
And a humiliation for the government.

186

00:14:44,720 --> 00:14:48,160  
It feels like a bad time to say that  
I won't be here for our meeting next week.

187

00:14:49,120 --> 00:14:50,840  
Perhaps the next two weeks.

188

00:14:51,800 --> 00:14:55,160  
But Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother,  
will step in as counsellor of state.

189

00:14:55,760 --> 00:14:56,800  
Uh... Oh.

190

00:14:56,880 --> 00:14:59,080  
[Elizabeth]  
A role she's executed many times.

191

00:15:02,880 --> 00:15:04,120  
[bell rings]

192

00:15:08,000 --> 00:15:09,160  
Your Majesty.

193

00:15:15,720 --> 00:15:17,120  
[door opens]

194

00:15:21,680 --> 00:15:22,800  
[door closes]

195

00:15:25,760 --> 00:15:26,760

[Wilson] Good evening.

196

00:15:27,520 --> 00:15:33,040

A few days ago, the Cabinet took its unanimous decision to devalue the pound.

197

00:15:34,000 --> 00:15:35,160

I can now tell you

198

00:15:35,240 --> 00:15:36,520

why we have taken this action,

199

00:15:36,600 --> 00:15:39,920

and, more importantly,  
what it will mean for you.

200

00:15:40,600 --> 00:15:45,120

From now on, the pound abroad  
will be worth 14% or so less

201

00:15:45,200 --> 00:15:46,960

in terms of other currencies.

202

00:15:47,640 --> 00:15:49,360

Now, this doesn't mean, of course,

203

00:15:49,440 --> 00:15:51,000

that the pound here in Britain

204

00:15:51,080 --> 00:15:54,160

in your pocket or your purse  
or your bank has been devalued.

205

00:15:54,520 --> 00:15:58,520

What it does mean is that the goods  
we buy from abroad will be dearer.

206

00:15:59,240 --> 00:16:02,560

So, for many goods,  
it will be cheaper to buy British.

207

00:16:04,840 --> 00:16:08,960

Now, this devaluation  
has been a hard decision,

208

00:16:09,440 --> 00:16:13,000  
and some of its consequences  
will be hard for a time.

209

00:16:13,080 --> 00:16:14,440  
[chuckles]

210

00:16:14,520 --> 00:16:17,280  
[Wilson] For three years,  
this government has fought,

211

00:16:17,360 --> 00:16:19,560  
as it was our duty to fight,

212

00:16:19,640 --> 00:16:22,960  
the burden of the deficit  
that the previous government left us with.

213

00:16:24,000 --> 00:16:26,240  
But now is not the time  
to attribute blame.

214

00:16:26,840 --> 00:16:29,720  
Now is our chance to break free  
from that straitjacket,

215

00:16:30,480 --> 00:16:33,960  
to seize this opportunity  
with both hands.

216

00:16:34,720 --> 00:16:38,680  
This is a proud nation.  
We're out on our own now.

217

00:16:40,080 --> 00:16:45,040  
Now we must choose to put Britain first.

218

00:16:57,080 --> 00:16:58,440  
[sighs]

219  
00:17:06,720 --> 00:17:11,040  
[Mountbatten] Tonight,  
we veterans of the Burma campaign

220  
00:17:11,120 --> 00:17:14,320  
are gathered here  
to renew old comradeships

221  
00:17:15,200 --> 00:17:17,160  
and to remember fallen brothers

222  
00:17:17,720 --> 00:17:20,720  
at Yenangyaung and Rangoon.

223  
00:17:21,680 --> 00:17:23,640  
We remember how it was fought.

224  
00:17:24,040 --> 00:17:27,040  
The old way, the honorable way.

225  
00:17:27,120 --> 00:17:28,160  
[audience murmurs]

226  
00:17:28,240 --> 00:17:30,760  
Body to body, bayonet to bayonet.

227  
00:17:30,840 --> 00:17:32,600  
[scattered applause]

228  
00:17:32,680 --> 00:17:35,680  
And that swift,  
exhilarating sweep of victory

229  
00:17:35,760 --> 00:17:39,840  
that carried us over the Irrawaddy  
and into Mandalay.

230  
00:17:40,520 --> 00:17:43,240  
And there we met the Japanese army,

231  
00:17:44,000 --> 00:17:45,680

and we tore it apart.

232

00:17:45,760 --> 00:17:47,760  
[cheering]

233

00:17:49,040 --> 00:17:50,600  
Yes, gentlemen,

234

00:17:50,680 --> 00:17:54,880  
we military men will always have  
our past glories to look back on.

235

00:17:56,440 --> 00:17:58,440  
But what of this new generation?

236

00:17:59,520 --> 00:18:03,560  
These young men and women for whom  
some of the best of us gave our lives.

237

00:18:03,640 --> 00:18:04,720  
[man] Hear, hear.

238

00:18:04,800 --> 00:18:06,080  
[Mountbatten] Decline,

239

00:18:06,720 --> 00:18:11,240  
irrelevance,  
and the devaluation of pound sterling.

240

00:18:11,760 --> 00:18:14,640  
That is the sunless future  
that faces them.

241

00:18:15,480 --> 00:18:20,600  
For them, the white heat of revolution  
is not a forging heat.

242

00:18:21,080 --> 00:18:22,600  
It is a melting heat.

243

00:18:23,600 --> 00:18:25,920  
It melts the silver of our battle honors

244

00:18:26,640 --> 00:18:32,080  
and reduces to cinders the very foundation  
of our economy, our currency.

245

00:18:32,160 --> 00:18:34,560  
-[man 1] Yes.  
-[man 2] Hear, hear.

246

00:18:36,000 --> 00:18:37,000  
[Mountbatten] So...

247

00:18:37,800 --> 00:18:43,520  
if the only glories available  
to this nation are its past glories,

248

00:18:44,440 --> 00:18:46,520  
then let us cherish them now.

249

00:18:46,600 --> 00:18:48,560  
[audience] Hear, hear.

250

00:18:50,680 --> 00:18:54,760  
"Come you back, you British soldier,  
come you back..."

251

00:18:58,360 --> 00:18:59,600  
Who will join me?

252

00:18:59,680 --> 00:19:01,560  
[audience murmurs]

253

00:19:01,640 --> 00:19:04,600  
"Ship me somewhere east of Suez,

254

00:19:05,280 --> 00:19:07,680  
where the best is like the worst,

255

00:19:08,400 --> 00:19:11,040  
Where there are no Ten Commandments

256

00:19:11,520 --> 00:19:14,000  
and a man can raise a thirst,

257

00:19:14,680 --> 00:19:16,960  
For the temple bells are calling,

258

00:19:17,440 --> 00:19:19,640  
and it's there that I would be

259

00:19:20,240 --> 00:19:22,640  
By the old Moulmein Pagoda,

260

00:19:23,240 --> 00:19:25,320  
looking lazy at the sea.

261

00:19:26,560 --> 00:19:28,800  
[audience joins in]  
On the road to Mandalay,

262

00:19:30,000 --> 00:19:32,320  
Where the old flotilla lay,

263

00:19:33,160 --> 00:19:35,880  
with our sick beneath the awnings

264

00:19:37,080 --> 00:19:39,320  
when we went to Mandalay.

265

00:19:41,200 --> 00:19:42,920  
O' the road to Mandalay,

266

00:19:44,400 --> 00:19:46,680  
Where the flying-fishes play,

267

00:19:47,680 --> 00:19:50,480  
And the dawn comes up like thunder

268

00:19:51,400 --> 00:19:54,400  
out of China 'crosst the Bay."

269

00:19:54,480 --> 00:19:56,480



[cheering]

270

00:20:03,880 --> 00:20:05,040  
What do you think?

271

00:20:06,640 --> 00:20:07,720  
Very good.

272

00:20:24,840 --> 00:20:26,840  
-Lord Mountbatten?  
-Excuse me.

273

00:20:26,920 --> 00:20:27,840  
Cecil King.

274

00:20:28,280 --> 00:20:29,680  
I hoped to talk to you, sir,

275

00:20:29,760 --> 00:20:33,360  
to express my sympathy at the way  
you've been treated by the government.

276

00:20:33,560 --> 00:20:37,360  
A shameful piece of  
political grandstanding and opportunism.

277

00:20:38,040 --> 00:20:39,240  
You're very kind.

278

00:20:39,320 --> 00:20:42,080  
[King] Well, this country needs great men  
more than ever

279

00:20:42,160 --> 00:20:44,320  
to restore confidence, inspire us,

280

00:20:44,400 --> 00:20:47,920  
and perhaps even lead us out of the mire.

281

00:20:48,320 --> 00:20:51,800  
Well, it's been made very clear to me  
that my leadership days are over.

282

00:20:51,880 --> 00:20:55,600  
[King] Oh, well, my colleagues  
and I don't believe that, sir.

283

00:20:55,680 --> 00:20:57,280  
Not for a minute.

284

00:20:57,360 --> 00:20:58,680  
As a matter of fact,

285

00:20:58,760 --> 00:21:02,760  
we'd be delighted if you would have lunch  
with us at Threadneedle Street one day.

286

00:21:02,840 --> 00:21:03,720  
Bank of England?

287

00:21:04,320 --> 00:21:09,040  
We've been working on a proposal,  
which we'd very much like to put to you.

288

00:21:10,600 --> 00:21:11,600  
Hmm.

289

00:21:13,400 --> 00:21:14,440  
Sir.

290

00:21:19,400 --> 00:21:21,600  
-[chickens cluck]  
-[girls speak French]

291

00:21:27,880 --> 00:21:29,080  
[horn blares]

292

00:21:35,760 --> 00:21:37,600  
-Hello.  
-[in French] Your Majesty.

293

00:21:37,680 --> 00:21:39,680  
Welcome to Haras du Quesnay.

294

00:21:39,760 --> 00:21:41,440  
[in French] Thank you, Mr. Head.

295

00:21:41,520 --> 00:21:44,160  
But there is no need for such formality.

296

00:21:44,240 --> 00:21:46,920  
In the world of breeding,  
it is you who are king.

297

00:21:47,000 --> 00:21:50,080  
[chuckles] You are very kind, ma'am,  
and very indulgent.

298

00:21:50,160 --> 00:21:53,120  
I suspect you are flattering me.

299

00:21:53,480 --> 00:21:55,040  
-[in English] Hello, Alec.  
-Henry.

300

00:21:55,760 --> 00:21:58,360  
[in French] Shall we? Good morning.

301

00:22:01,400 --> 00:22:03,880  
[in English] And, of course,  
it was Malin Comme un Singe

302

00:22:03,960 --> 00:22:07,480  
who came out of Lady Danjar,  
a magnificent stayer.

303

00:22:07,560 --> 00:22:10,680  
Oh! And his grandsire, White Settler.

304

00:22:10,760 --> 00:22:13,560  
Oh, that's right.  
We had tremendous success with him.

305

00:22:13,640 --> 00:22:15,840  
Yes, I remember him. A wonderful sprinter.

306

00:22:16,400 --&gt; 00:22:18,520

-Are these your stud books?

-[man] Indeed, ma'am.

307

00:22:18,600 --&gt; 00:22:22,320

And I think you will find  
some very familiar names in there.

308

00:22:22,400 --&gt; 00:22:23,800

Yes, I bet I will.

309

00:22:24,600 --&gt; 00:22:26,000

If I'm not mistaken...

310

00:22:26,800 --&gt; 00:22:28,600

-this one.

-Oh, gosh, yes.

311

00:22:28,840 --&gt; 00:22:30,960

My grandfather's, one of his favorites.

312

00:22:32,440 --&gt; 00:22:35,240

-What would you say? Six months?

-[Porchey] Mm, yes, I'd say so.

313

00:22:35,320 --&gt; 00:22:38,400

Nice temperament,  
warm-blooded, not too skittish.

314

00:22:38,480 --&gt; 00:22:42,120

-Indeed. Look at her hocks.

-Oh, yes.

315

00:22:42,200 --&gt; 00:22:44,720

Very well proportioned,  
excellent line to the back.

316

00:22:44,800 --&gt; 00:22:46,160

[Porchey] Yes.

317

00:22:46,680 --&gt; 00:22:47,760

May I?

318

00:22:55,400 --> 00:22:57,120  
[Elizabeth] It was extraordinary.

319

00:22:57,480 --> 00:23:01,200  
Not just their facilities,  
their entire attitude to breeding,

320

00:23:01,280 --> 00:23:04,400  
but the fact they keep their foals  
and their yearlings so close...

321

00:23:04,480 --> 00:23:05,400  
[Porchey] Merci.

322

00:23:05,480 --> 00:23:07,720  
...while we send ours off  
to graze in Ireland.

323

00:23:09,800 --> 00:23:12,320  
Tell me honestly. Is it over?

324

00:23:12,720 --> 00:23:14,280  
Have we slipped too far behind?

325

00:23:14,680 --> 00:23:15,880  
Not yet, ma'am.

326

00:23:15,960 --> 00:23:17,880  
But if you want to keep up,

327

00:23:17,960 --> 00:23:20,320  
you, uh, you do need  
to act decisively now.

328

00:23:20,920 --> 00:23:25,640  
It'd mean rethinking the operation  
from top to toe, changing the personnel,

329

00:23:25,720 --> 00:23:26,960  
-changing the approach.  
-Yes.

330

00:23:27,040 --> 00:23:31,320  
And currently there is a drain of the best  
British racehorses to America.

331

00:23:31,800 --> 00:23:34,200  
You have to ask yourself... why?

332

00:23:35,680 --> 00:23:37,320  
You don't think I should go there, too?

333

00:23:37,400 --> 00:23:40,120  
Obviously, from a racing perspective,  
it will be ideal.

334

00:23:40,880 --> 00:23:45,480  
Just for a day or two, but, uh...  
won't you be needed at home?

335

00:23:46,640 --> 00:23:48,080  
Well, they've always got Mummy.

336

00:23:48,800 --> 00:23:50,320  
Me being away is good for her.

337

00:23:50,400 --> 00:23:54,120  
She hates feeling old and superannuated  
and surplus to requirements.

338

00:23:54,880 --> 00:23:57,280  
I'm sure she's relishing  
being the big chief again.

339

00:23:57,360 --> 00:23:58,960  
[both chuckle]

340

00:24:01,760 --> 00:24:02,760  
Hmm.

341

00:24:12,880 --> 00:24:14,400  
-Thank you.  
-Sir.

342

00:24:16,560 --&gt; 00:24:18,400

-Mr. King.

-Lord Mountbatten.

343

00:24:20,520 --&gt; 00:24:24,160

[King] The Great Britain of our childhood  
is dying before us.

344

00:24:25,560 --&gt; 00:24:28,760

The country is bankrupt,  
our national security is in tatters,

345

00:24:28,840 --&gt; 00:24:30,840

our allies are in despair.

346

00:24:31,240 --&gt; 00:24:34,600

And on our current trajectory, by 1970,

347

00:24:34,680 --&gt; 00:24:37,400

we will be a vassal state.

348

00:24:37,480 --&gt; 00:24:38,720

A pariah.

349

00:24:39,520 --&gt; 00:24:41,200

I don't know about you, sir,

350

00:24:41,280 --&gt; 00:24:44,880

but I'd sooner die than stand idly by  
and watch this happen.

351

00:24:45,600 --&gt; 00:24:46,600

And to that end,

352

00:24:46,680 --&gt; 00:24:49,600

my associates and I  
have come up with a plan

353

00:24:49,680 --&gt; 00:24:51,640

to put the country back on track.

354

00:24:53,040 --> 00:24:54,080  
Which is?

355

00:24:55,520 --> 00:24:57,720  
Replacing the Prime Minister

356

00:24:58,160 --> 00:25:01,480  
and installing a new emergency government.

357

00:25:01,920 --> 00:25:03,720  
-What?  
-And in his place,

358

00:25:03,800 --> 00:25:07,400  
we would need to install  
an inspirational figurehead.

359

00:25:07,480 --> 00:25:11,080  
Someone who could unite the nation,  
command its respect.

360

00:25:11,160 --> 00:25:15,160  
Someone who had stepped  
into a national leadership role before.

361

00:25:15,240 --> 00:25:17,520  
Now, there are some obvious candidates,

362

00:25:17,600 --> 00:25:19,720  
but, frankly,  
none would be as good as you, sir.

363

00:25:19,800 --> 00:25:21,800  
No, no, no, this is quite unthinkable.

364

00:25:23,000 --> 00:25:25,760  
At this point, I should close my ears.

365

00:25:27,160 --> 00:25:28,240  
[clears throat]

366



00:25:28,320 --> 00:25:32,160  
Despite my own very profound reservations  
regarding our prime minister,

367

00:25:32,240 --> 00:25:35,200  
what you're talking about  
is effectively a coup.

368

00:25:35,960 --> 00:25:38,640  
And I can have nothing whatsoever  
to do with it.

369

00:25:38,720 --> 00:25:40,560  
[King] In peacetime, it's true,

370

00:25:40,640 --> 00:25:44,240  
an intervention like this  
would be unconstitutional.

371

00:25:45,040 --> 00:25:48,600  
But we believe  
this is no longer peacetime,

372

00:25:49,280 --> 00:25:53,920  
and the circumstances are unprecedented  
and quite exceptional.

373

00:25:56,040 --> 00:25:57,160  
Gerald.

374

00:25:58,600 --> 00:26:00,840  
[Gerald]  
In order to hijack control of the economy,

375

00:26:00,920 --> 00:26:04,640  
Wilson and his socialist colleagues  
have devised a plan,

376

00:26:05,320 --> 00:26:06,680  
Plan Brutus,

377

00:26:07,560 --> 00:26:10,560  
which would strip the Bank of England

of all its powers,

378

00:26:11,000 --> 00:26:13,800  
freeze the sterling balances  
of foreign governments,

379

00:26:14,320 --> 00:26:17,840  
and enforce crash cuts  
in defense spending.

380

00:26:17,920 --> 00:26:20,880  
[Benn] The bankers cannot be allowed  
to run the show.

381

00:26:20,960 --> 00:26:22,560  
The Bank of England has known

382

00:26:22,640 --> 00:26:25,360  
about gold pouring out of the country  
since Monday

383

00:26:25,440 --> 00:26:28,520  
-and has done nothing to stop it.  
-What is our response?

384

00:26:28,600 --> 00:26:30,880  
[Thomson]  
The imposition of exchange controls,

385

00:26:31,320 --> 00:26:33,320  
crash cuts in defense expenditure,

386

00:26:33,400 --> 00:26:38,320  
and the compulsory acquisition  
of all privately held overseas securities.

387

00:26:38,400 --> 00:26:39,640  
Show of hands.

388

00:26:43,680 --> 00:26:46,240  
[lawyer]  
It is an effective declaration of war

389  
00:26:47,680 --> 00:26:50,240  
on freedom, democracy, and capitalism.

390  
00:26:52,040 --> 00:26:54,040  
[King] We must act now.

391  
00:26:54,920 --> 00:26:57,160  
Not just to save Britain, but the world.

392  
00:26:57,840 --> 00:27:00,040  
We are proposing a radical revolution

393  
00:27:00,120 --> 00:27:03,160  
led by bankers, businessmen,  
and the armed forces.

394  
00:27:03,240 --> 00:27:05,440  
Professionals who can save us  
from amateurism,

395  
00:27:05,520 --> 00:27:08,160  
incompetence, and Russian infiltration.

396  
00:27:09,520 --> 00:27:11,400  
And as our interim leader,

397  
00:27:12,280 --> 00:27:15,080  
we can think of  
no one better than you, sir.

398  
00:27:15,320 --> 00:27:17,400  
[inhales then exhales deeply]

399  
00:27:28,000 --> 00:27:29,600  
This is all very interesting.

400  
00:27:32,760 --> 00:27:34,240  
[taps fingers]

401  
00:27:34,320 --> 00:27:36,520  
May I suggest that we meet again...

402

00:27:38,560 --> 00:27:39,800  
in 48 hours?

403

00:27:42,440 --> 00:27:43,400  
Sir.

404

00:27:51,880 --> 00:27:55,560  
[presenter] With the pound down and  
the rest later, I suppose that sums it up.

405

00:27:55,640 --> 00:27:58,960  
Devaluation and a gigantic loan  
that we'll all have to pay back.

406

00:27:59,040 --> 00:28:00,200  
Britain now finds itself

407

00:28:00,280 --> 00:28:02,840  
looking at a complete reversal  
of government policy

408

00:28:02,920 --> 00:28:05,640  
after three years  
of devaluation and denial.

409

00:28:05,720 --> 00:28:08,280  
[crowd]  
Wilson must go! Wilson must go!

410

00:28:08,360 --> 00:28:11,120  
[presenter] Outside 10 Downing Street,  
protesters gathered

411

00:28:11,200 --> 00:28:13,280  
as the reality  
of what a devalued pound...

412

00:28:30,800 --> 00:28:33,080  
Welcome to the Commonwealth of Kentucky,  
Your Majesty.

413

00:28:33,160 --> 00:28:35,680  
-Thank you, Mr. Hancock.  
-Please, call me Bull.

414

00:28:36,000 --> 00:28:37,880  
Sorry we don't have  
better weather for you.

415

00:28:37,960 --> 00:28:39,920  
It's quite all right.  
We like a good watering.

416

00:28:40,000 --> 00:28:41,680  
-Bull Hancock.  
-Pleasure to meet you.

417

00:28:42,080 --> 00:28:44,800  
[presenter] Your shopping basket  
will hold less for the same money.

418

00:28:44,880 --> 00:28:47,480  
A whole lot of imported foodstuffs  
will cost more,

419

00:28:47,560 --> 00:28:50,000  
around threepence a pound more for beef.

420

00:28:50,960 --> 00:28:52,240  
-This the one?  
-Excellent.

421

00:28:52,320 --> 00:28:54,440  
[presenter]  
On Monday, after the announcement,

422

00:28:54,520 --> 00:28:55,800  
the Stock Exchange was empty.

423

00:28:55,880 --> 00:28:57,040  
There was no trading.

424

00:28:57,120 --> 00:29:01,040  
But outside in Throgmorton Street,

brokers and jobbers crowded together

425

00:29:01,120 --> 00:29:03,120  
to try and sort out  
what the drop in the pound...

426

00:29:05,560 --> 00:29:06,760  
[Hancock] Morning, boys.

427

00:29:06,840 --> 00:29:09,200  
-Morning, sir.  
-Morning, Mr. Hancock.

428

00:29:09,280 --> 00:29:12,480  
[Hancock] They're testing for minerals.  
Sulfur, calcium.

429

00:29:12,560 --> 00:29:14,480  
Correct nutrition is vital, ma'am,

430

00:29:14,560 --> 00:29:17,120  
when it comes to the bone strength  
and bone formation

431

00:29:17,200 --> 00:29:19,320  
-in the foals we're raising.  
-Yes, sir.

432

00:29:19,400 --> 00:29:21,640  
-[Hancock] Tommy's one of the best.  
-[Tommy] Thank you, sir.

433

00:29:21,720 --> 00:29:23,760  
-Does Tommy ever come to England?  
-Oh, no, no, no.

434

00:29:23,840 --> 00:29:24,760  
Oh.

435

00:29:25,440 --> 00:29:28,720  
[presenter] Paris woke up to find  
that France was on the brink of civil war.

436

00:29:28,800 --> 00:29:31,640  
Would the rebel generals in Algeria  
send paratroopers?

437

00:29:31,960 --> 00:29:34,600  
Defense measures  
were quickly put into operation.

438

00:29:38,320 --> 00:29:41,240  
Orly Airport was closed  
to flights in and out.

439

00:29:41,320 --> 00:29:43,800  
Nobody in the capital knew  
the rebels' intentions,

440

00:29:43,880 --> 00:29:46,320  
but plastic bomb outrages  
here and elsewhere

441

00:29:46,400 --> 00:29:49,360  
showed that pro-rebel sympathizers  
were on the prowl.

442

00:29:50,440 --> 00:29:52,600  
They struck  
at the Gare de Lyon railway terminus

443

00:29:52,680 --> 00:29:54,280  
and at the Austerlitz station,

444

00:29:54,360 --> 00:29:56,560  
not with any serious effect,  
but it was...

445

00:29:56,640 --> 00:30:00,160  
[Hancock] These are veterinary students  
we've invited to spend time at the farm.

446

00:30:00,760 --> 00:30:04,000  
They learn reproductive management,  
neonatal and foal management,

447

00:30:04,080 --> 00:30:05,600  
herd health management.

448

00:30:06,280 --> 00:30:08,400  
What we're aiming for  
is better integration

449

00:30:08,480 --> 00:30:10,280  
between our practices here at the stud

450

00:30:10,360 --> 00:30:13,760  
and the clinical research  
being conducted in the wider world.

451

00:30:16,960 --> 00:30:20,480  
-[Elizabeth] Remind me of the year.  
-[Porchey] 1967. Why?

452

00:30:20,880 --> 00:30:24,360  
'Cause having seen what I've just seen,  
one might think it 2067.

453

00:30:25,080 --> 00:30:28,080  
In terms of technology,  
and their management of the pasture,

454

00:30:28,360 --> 00:30:30,720  
and their willingness  
to embrace new ideas,

455

00:30:30,800 --> 00:30:33,920  
the Americans aren't just on a different  
level, they're on a different planet.

456

00:30:34,360 --> 00:30:37,080  
And their racing manager,  
wasn't he impressive?

457

00:30:37,160 --> 00:30:39,280  
When you think about Cecil  
by comparison...

458



00:30:39,360 --> 00:30:41,960  
-Yes, he is getting on now.  
-Hmm, 150.

459  
00:30:42,040 --> 00:30:46,360  
Well, not quite that, but certainly 80.  
Dear old Cecil.

460  
00:30:46,440 --> 00:30:47,800  
The Ben-Hur of Newmarket.

461  
00:30:47,880 --> 00:30:49,480  
[both chuckle]

462  
00:30:49,560 --> 00:30:51,560  
He had such success with your father.

463  
00:30:51,640 --> 00:30:54,280  
And grandfather.  
You know he was wounded at the Somme?

464  
00:30:54,360 --> 00:30:58,360  
Yes. So, it's probably time  
for someone a little bit younger.

465  
00:30:58,440 --> 00:31:00,440  
The question is, who is there?

466  
00:31:01,440 --> 00:31:03,480  
What about... Gordon Richards?

467  
00:31:03,880 --> 00:31:06,280  
He's with the Weinstocks.  
They'd never let him go.

468  
00:31:07,040 --> 00:31:09,960  
-Or... David McCall?  
-Hmm.

469  
00:31:11,760 --> 00:31:12,760  
He's good.

470

00:31:13,800 --> 00:31:15,720  
But can you honestly see him fitting in?

471  
00:31:16,080 --> 00:31:17,800  
-No.  
-Try that.

472  
00:31:19,120 --> 00:31:20,200  
Oh.

473  
00:31:24,000 --> 00:31:25,000  
Mmm.

474  
00:31:30,040 --> 00:31:31,600  
Would you ever consider it?

475  
00:31:33,240 --> 00:31:35,000  
-Me?  
-Why not?

476  
00:31:35,080 --> 00:31:37,640  
You're brilliant,  
and you know the family inside out.

477  
00:31:39,240 --> 00:31:40,240  
Well, I'm honored.

478  
00:31:41,960 --> 00:31:44,480  
-But I'm also very ambitious, so...  
-Hmm.

479  
00:31:45,400 --> 00:31:47,640  
I could never accept unless I felt sure

480  
00:31:47,720 --> 00:31:50,800  
we had every chance of success  
at the highest level.

481  
00:31:51,280 --> 00:31:53,440  
And in terms of our research,

482  
00:31:53,520 --> 00:31:56,280

there's still one thing  
that we really need to see.

483

00:31:56,520 --> 00:31:58,680

-What?

-Their training facilities.

484

00:31:59,440 --> 00:32:01,080

If we're going to gain the edge,

485

00:32:01,160 --> 00:32:03,280

there's still a lot to learn  
from the Americans.

486

00:32:04,000 --> 00:32:05,840

Porchey, how much longer  
is that going to take?

487

00:32:07,120 --> 00:32:08,080

Well...

488

00:32:10,040 --> 00:32:11,200

[chuckles]

489

00:32:12,120 --> 00:32:14,040

-[Porchey] Do you want to try this?

-Yes, please.

490

00:32:41,640 --> 00:32:42,840

[Mountbatten] Gentlemen.

491

00:32:43,680 --> 00:32:47,640

In the past decade alone,  
there have, by my reckoning,

492

00:32:47,720 --> 00:32:52,760

been 73 coups in 46 different countries  
around the world,

493

00:32:53,200 --> 00:32:56,800

and the success of some of these  
might encourage us.

494

00:32:58,200 --> 00:32:59,600  
In Ghana two years ago,

495

00:32:59,680 --> 00:33:03,200  
President Nkrumah  
was ousted with just 500 men.

496

00:33:04,280 --> 00:33:06,440  
And in 1961 in South Korea,

497

00:33:06,520 --> 00:33:12,320  
Major General Park Chung-hee  
seized power with 3,500 men.

498

00:33:13,680 --> 00:33:16,480  
And in 1964 in Gabon,

499

00:33:17,080 --> 00:33:21,560  
just 150 men were able  
to arrest President M'ba

500

00:33:21,640 --> 00:33:25,440  
and thus gain control  
over the levers of state power.

501

00:33:26,080 --> 00:33:28,400  
And, of course,  
it was with just one legion

502

00:33:28,480 --> 00:33:30,480  
that Caesar crossed the Rubicon.

503

00:33:31,840 --> 00:33:34,880  
And perhaps we would not seek  
to follow his fate.

504

00:33:35,600 --> 00:33:37,960  
Sic semper tyrannis, gentlemen.

505

00:33:38,040 --> 00:33:39,240  
[chuckling]

506

00:33:39,320 --> 00:33:42,560  
And what all successful insurgencies  
have in common

507

00:33:43,240 --> 00:33:45,240  
are five key elements.

508

00:33:45,800 --> 00:33:49,160  
Control of the media,  
control of the economy,

509

00:33:49,240 --> 00:33:51,800  
and the capture of administrative targets,

510

00:33:51,880 --> 00:33:56,160  
for which you need the fourth element,  
the loyalty of the military.

511

00:33:56,800 --> 00:33:58,480  
Now, in Ghana and Gabon,

512

00:33:58,560 --> 00:34:01,320  
this can be achieved  
with a handful of battalions,

513

00:34:01,400 --> 00:34:03,840  
but here in the United Kingdom...

514

00:34:05,880 --> 00:34:08,080  
we would need to secure Parliament,

515

00:34:09,040 --> 00:34:10,080  
Whitehall,

516

00:34:10,800 --> 00:34:13,240  
the Ministry of Defence,  
and the Cabinet Office.

517

00:34:14,120 --> 00:34:16,360  
The Prime Minister  
will be arrested, of course,

518

00:34:16,440 --> 00:34:18,800  
along with other politicians still loyal.

519

00:34:18,880 --> 00:34:22,520  
We would have to shut down  
the airports, air traffic control.

520

00:34:22,600 --> 00:34:24,520  
Same with the train stations.

521

00:34:24,600 --> 00:34:28,480  
Curfews will be put in place,  
martial law declared.

522

00:34:28,720 --> 00:34:30,920  
And I haven't even mentioned the police.

523

00:34:32,480 --> 00:34:36,840  
It would take tens of thousands  
of unquestioningly loyal servicemen,

524

00:34:37,320 --> 00:34:40,560  
and even in my heyday,  
I could never command that.

525

00:34:42,160 --> 00:34:44,160  
Which brings me to the fifth element.

526

00:34:45,000 --> 00:34:46,160  
Legitimacy.

527

00:34:47,720 --> 00:34:49,960  
Now, our government draws its strength

528

00:34:50,040 --> 00:34:53,240  
from long-established institutions  
that support it.

529

00:34:53,720 --> 00:34:58,640  
The courts, body of common law,  
the constitution.

530

00:34:59,560 --> 00:35:01,720  
For any action against the state  
to succeed,

531

00:35:01,800 --> 00:35:03,520  
you'd have to overthrow these as well.

532

00:35:04,520 --> 00:35:08,040  
But in a highly evolved democracy  
such as ours,

533

00:35:08,120 --> 00:35:10,480  
their authority is sacrosanct.

534

00:35:12,760 --> 00:35:17,960  
Which is why, gentlemen,  
a coup d'état in the United Kingdom...

535

00:35:19,120 --> 00:35:21,320  
doesn't stand a chance.

536

00:35:28,120 --> 00:35:29,600  
Unless...

537

00:35:31,920 --> 00:35:33,560  
Unless...?

538

00:35:34,560 --> 00:35:38,320  
[Mountbatten] Unless we had the support  
of the one person not yet mentioned.

539

00:35:39,680 --> 00:35:41,120  
Do you see the temperament?

540

00:35:42,920 --> 00:35:48,440  
[Mountbatten] The Crown has at  
its disposal unique constitutional powers

541

00:35:48,520 --> 00:35:51,640  
which could still make  
something like this possible.

542

00:35:52,320 --> 00:35:54,640  
In 1834, William IV used them

543

00:35:54,720 --> 00:35:58,040  
to dismiss his government  
in the face of opposition from the House.

544

00:35:59,160 --> 00:36:02,600  
And in 1920,  
the Emergency Powers Act was passed,

545

00:36:03,440 --> 00:36:06,880  
which gave the sovereign power  
in certain circumstances

546

00:36:06,960 --> 00:36:10,240  
to declare  
a state of emergency by proclamation.

547

00:36:10,320 --> 00:36:13,480  
Meaning our Queen  
could dissolve Parliament

548

00:36:14,240 --> 00:36:18,040  
and appoint a new government,  
and a prime minister as well.

549

00:36:18,520 --> 00:36:21,560  
She's also Commander-in-Chief  
of the Armed Forces.

550

00:36:22,120 --> 00:36:25,160  
They swear allegiance to her  
and not to Parliament,

551

00:36:25,240 --> 00:36:28,280  
so could count on their support  
to see it through.

552

00:36:31,880 --> 00:36:34,000  
She is our Caesar.

553



00:36:34,080 --> 00:36:35,480  
[music plays over dialogue]

554

00:36:39,440 --> 00:36:42,720  
[King] And you think  
she might entertain this idea?

555

00:36:42,800 --> 00:36:45,360  
The circumstances  
are certainly compelling.

556

00:36:45,440 --> 00:36:48,880  
Now, I've made a list here  
of exactly how compelling.

557

00:36:49,960 --> 00:36:54,080  
And as her second cousin,  
I am in an ideal position to ask.

558

00:37:04,000 --> 00:37:06,160  
-Not hungry?  
-No.

559

00:37:10,600 --> 00:37:14,160  
Somehow today has managed to be  
one of the most enjoyable days of my life.

560

00:37:15,320 --> 00:37:17,720  
And at the same time,  
one of the most depressing.

561

00:37:17,800 --> 00:37:19,240  
[knocking at door]

562

00:37:21,840 --> 00:37:23,800  
Telephone call for you, ma'am.  
Lord Mountbatten.

563

00:37:24,320 --> 00:37:25,320  
I'll call him back.

564

00:37:30,600 --> 00:37:31,880  
[door closes]

565

00:37:33,880 --> 00:37:36,440  
If I tell you something,  
do you promise it will stay between us?

566

00:37:36,520 --> 00:37:37,520  
Of course.

567

00:37:39,880 --> 00:37:42,920  
This is how I'd like to spend all my time.

568

00:37:43,880 --> 00:37:45,080  
[chuckles]

569

00:37:45,480 --> 00:37:48,720  
Owning horses,  
breeding horses, racing horses.

570

00:37:48,800 --> 00:37:50,960  
It's what makes me truly happy.

571

00:37:53,480 --> 00:37:55,680  
And I actually think  
it's what I was born to do,

572

00:37:55,960 --> 00:37:57,840  
until the other thing came along...

573

00:37:58,880 --> 00:38:02,400  
that someone else was born to do,  
that they elected not to do,

574

00:38:02,480 --> 00:38:04,720  
which meant that first my father,  
and then I,

575

00:38:04,800 --> 00:38:06,680  
had to do a job we were never meant to do.

576

00:38:08,320 --> 00:38:11,000  
Well, you've managed to make it look like

577

00:38:11,080 --> 00:38:14,000  
the other thing is the only thing  
you were ever meant to do.

578

00:38:15,480 --> 00:38:17,640  
Hmm. You're kind.

579

00:38:18,440 --> 00:38:19,520  
But it isn't.

580

00:38:34,880 --> 00:38:36,240  
And on days like today...

581

00:38:38,000 --> 00:38:41,520  
in places like this,  
in company like this...

582

00:38:43,080 --> 00:38:45,760  
you get a glimpse  
of what it all might have been like.

583

00:38:48,240 --> 00:38:49,600  
The unlived life...

584

00:38:52,880 --> 00:38:55,080  
and how much happier  
it might have made me.

585

00:39:02,120 --> 00:39:03,880  
-[knocking at door]  
-Not now!

586

00:39:07,240 --> 00:39:08,480  
Oh, dear. Did I just snap?

587

00:39:08,560 --> 00:39:10,400  
-Slightly.  
-I shall have to grovel now.

588

00:39:10,480 --> 00:39:13,320  
-No, it's all right. He'll understand.  
-[knocking at door]

589

00:39:13,400 --> 00:39:16,640  
-[Charteris] I'm so sorry, Your Majesty.  
-Yes, all right, I'm coming.

590

00:39:16,720 --> 00:39:18,120  
Honestly, only Dickie.

591

00:39:19,600 --> 00:39:20,880  
[door opens]

592

00:39:25,720 --> 00:39:27,720  
Yes, thank you, Martin. I'll talk to him.

593

00:39:41,360 --> 00:39:42,240  
[sighs]

594

00:39:47,600 --> 00:39:48,840  
[Charteris] Your Majesty.

595

00:39:54,720 --> 00:39:56,720  
You are persistent.  
Is it really so important?

596

00:39:59,520 --> 00:40:00,680  
Yes, Your Majesty.

597

00:40:02,240 --> 00:40:03,280  
Prime Minister?

598

00:40:05,560 --> 00:40:08,040  
Ma'am, I have reason to believe

599

00:40:08,120 --> 00:40:12,320  
there is currently a full-blown plot  
developing against me

600

00:40:12,400 --> 00:40:15,080  
and the democratically elected  
Labour government

601

00:40:15,160 --> 00:40:17,000  
that governs in your name

602

00:40:17,760 --> 00:40:20,760  
being led  
by a senior member of your family.

603

00:40:21,560 --> 00:40:22,520  
Who?

604

00:40:25,160 --> 00:40:26,560  
Lord Mountbatten.

605

00:40:27,080 --> 00:40:30,280  
And that he, in cahoots with Cecil King,

606

00:40:30,360 --> 00:40:32,360  
the chairman  
of the Mirror Group newspapers,

607

00:40:32,440 --> 00:40:35,680  
has been attempting  
to overthrow this government.

608

00:40:39,000 --> 00:40:41,280  
Now, I feel compelled  
to remind Your Majesty

609

00:40:41,360 --> 00:40:45,520  
that tolerance of the royal family  
is hanging by a thread as it is.

610

00:40:47,800 --> 00:40:49,720  
And throughout my time in office,

611

00:40:50,440 --> 00:40:52,760  
I have done my level best to protect you.

612

00:40:54,800 --> 00:40:56,800  
But if members of the royal family

613

00:40:57,360 --> 00:41:00,200

were to interfere with  
the political business of the day,

614

00:41:00,280 --> 00:41:01,920  
I would be left with no option

615

00:41:02,000 --> 00:41:06,200  
but to side with the republican elements  
of my Cabinet,

616

00:41:06,280 --> 00:41:09,760  
which I have successfully controlled  
until now...

617

00:41:12,320 --> 00:41:13,960  
and take steps.

618

00:41:16,920 --> 00:41:19,560  
Leave it with me, Prime Minister.

619

00:41:20,960 --> 00:41:23,040  
Your Majesty. [hangs up]

620

00:42:06,640 --> 00:42:07,960  
[door opens]

621

00:42:15,680 --> 00:42:16,960  
Drink up, Porchey.

622

00:42:17,720 --> 00:42:18,920  
We're going home.

623

00:42:35,720 --> 00:42:37,720  
[reporters shout questions]

624

00:42:58,000 --> 00:42:59,600  
Lord Mountbatten, Your Majesty.

625

00:43:10,560 --> 00:43:11,560  
Your Majesty.

626

00:43:17,480 --> 00:43:18,960  
You asked to see me.

627

00:43:19,680 --> 00:43:20,720  
I did.

628

00:43:20,800 --> 00:43:23,200  
[Mountbatten]  
Well, great minds think alike.

629

00:43:23,280 --> 00:43:25,920  
As it happens,  
I was planning to drop by myself...

630

00:43:29,120 --> 00:43:30,640  
on a matter of great importance.

631

00:43:41,800 --> 00:43:45,280  
I'm getting a feeling  
that I've not had since Dieppe,

632

00:43:46,400 --> 00:43:48,160  
that I'm walking into a trap.

633

00:43:51,120 --> 00:43:53,080  
I'd like to think you had  
that sinking feeling

634

00:43:53,160 --> 00:43:54,760  
on another occasion recently,

635

00:43:55,600 --> 00:43:57,800  
when going to see your friends  
at the Bank of England.

636

00:43:59,680 --> 00:44:00,800  
Is it even true?

637

00:44:02,440 --> 00:44:05,360  
Yes, I did go to lunch  
at the Bank of England

638

00:44:05,440 --> 00:44:06,840  
to meet and listen to people

639

00:44:06,920 --> 00:44:09,920  
who are horrified  
by what's happening to the country.

640

00:44:10,920 --> 00:44:12,880  
A horror I hope you share.

641

00:44:12,960 --> 00:44:13,960  
Perhaps.

642

00:44:14,640 --> 00:44:17,040  
But conspiring with them  
is not the solution.

643

00:44:17,120 --> 00:44:19,000  
[Mountbatten]  
It is the beginning of a solution.

644

00:44:21,640 --> 00:44:25,200  
Why are you doing this?  
Why would you protect a man like Wilson?

645

00:44:34,200 --> 00:44:36,800  
I am protecting the Prime Minister.

646

00:44:37,880 --> 00:44:39,880  
I am protecting the constitution.

647

00:44:40,840 --> 00:44:43,080  
I am protecting democracy.

648

00:44:45,080 --> 00:44:48,560  
But if the man at the heart  
of that democracy threatens to destroy it,

649

00:44:48,640 --> 00:44:50,840  
are we supposed to just stand by  
and do nothing?

650



00:44:51,080 --> 00:44:52,080  
Yes.

651  
00:44:52,680 --> 00:44:56,520  
Doing nothing is exactly what we do,  
and bide our time,

652  
00:44:56,600 --> 00:44:59,760  
and wait for the people that voted him in  
to vote him out again,

653  
00:44:59,840 --> 00:45:02,800  
if indeed that is what they decide to do.

654  
00:45:04,920 --> 00:45:06,080  
Mm-hmm.

655  
00:45:10,160 --> 00:45:11,160  
[clears throat]

656  
00:45:22,000 --> 00:45:24,240  
I'm sure you find it near impossible  
to do nothing

657  
00:45:25,120 --> 00:45:28,480  
and to not have the role  
and responsibilities you've always had.

658  
00:45:29,440 --> 00:45:32,160  
You were born to be busy and to lead.

659  
00:45:33,000 --> 00:45:36,120  
But you still have  
a huge role to play in this family.

660  
00:45:37,640 --> 00:45:39,640  
A father figure to my husband.

661  
00:45:40,560 --> 00:45:42,560  
An uncle and a guide to me.

662  
00:45:43,480 --> 00:45:48,320

A king to make in Charles,  
not to mention a brother to your sister.

663

00:45:49,880 --> 00:45:52,040  
When was the last time  
you even visited her?

664

00:45:52,640 --> 00:45:53,720  
Cheered her up?

665

00:46:00,520 --> 00:46:02,720  
That would be a greater service  
to the Crown

666

00:46:02,800 --> 00:46:05,280  
than leading unconstitutional coups.

667

00:46:41,120 --> 00:46:42,200  
Hmm.

668

00:46:43,000 --> 00:46:44,680  
[clock ticks]

669

00:46:47,360 --> 00:46:49,040  
[coughing]

670

00:47:03,880 --> 00:47:05,120  
[door closes]

671

00:47:05,200 --> 00:47:07,200  
[footsteps approach]

672

00:47:10,280 --> 00:47:12,240  
Nice of you to find the time.

673

00:47:12,320 --> 00:47:15,680  
Hmm! These days, I've nothing but time.

674

00:47:17,160 --> 00:47:19,000  
And too little time.

675

00:47:20,000 --> 00:47:21,200  
[sighs]

676  
00:47:25,840 --> 00:47:26,840  
Hmm.

677  
00:47:31,000 --> 00:47:32,280  
The four of us.

678  
00:47:32,360 --> 00:47:34,440  
-What?  
-The four of us.

679  
00:47:38,080 --> 00:47:39,360  
Look at us now.

680  
00:47:40,640 --> 00:47:42,080  
Only two left.

681  
00:47:42,520 --> 00:47:45,080  
You're left, not me.

682  
00:47:45,600 --> 00:47:46,840  
I'm on the way out.

683  
00:47:47,160 --> 00:47:48,360  
Nonsense.

684  
00:47:49,960 --> 00:47:53,920  
There came a moment  
around the time I turned 70...

685  
00:47:55,000 --> 00:47:59,160  
when it dawned on me  
that I was no longer a participant,

686  
00:47:59,240 --> 00:48:01,480  
rather a spectator.

687  
00:48:02,240 --> 00:48:04,320  
I've discovered that for myself.

688

00:48:04,400 --> 00:48:07,520  
Then it's just a matter of waiting

689

00:48:08,240 --> 00:48:11,280  
and not getting in the way.

690

00:48:14,080 --> 00:48:15,440  
-[coughs]  
-[lighter clicks]

691

00:48:16,040 --> 00:48:17,040  
[lighter clicks]

692

00:48:20,560 --> 00:48:23,400  
I hear you have been getting in the way.

693

00:48:23,480 --> 00:48:25,640  
-[coughs]  
-Who told you that?

694

00:48:25,720 --> 00:48:29,280  
-There are no secrets in this place!  
-Hmm.

695

00:48:29,800 --> 00:48:34,080  
Did you get a dressing down  
from our doughty Queen?

696

00:48:35,200 --> 00:48:38,800  
-Yes, I did.  
-[guffaws]

697

00:48:38,880 --> 00:48:39,920  
Oh, what's so funny?

698

00:48:40,480 --> 00:48:42,000  
Well, that's funny.

699

00:48:43,040 --> 00:48:47,320  
The little girl admonishing  
the grand old Admiral of the Fleet.

700

00:48:47,400 --> 00:48:49,080  
Well, I'm glad it amuses you.

701

00:48:50,000 --> 00:48:52,320  
Because the situation  
this country is facing

702

00:48:52,400 --> 00:48:54,400  
is anything but amusing.

703

00:48:57,080 --> 00:48:58,080  
Oh...

704

00:48:59,000 --> 00:49:02,400  
Who cares? Honestly.

705

00:49:04,920 --> 00:49:09,000  
One of the few joys  
of being as old as we both are

706

00:49:09,640 --> 00:49:11,840  
is that it's not our problem.

707

00:49:12,880 --> 00:49:14,920  
It's not really our country, either.

708

00:49:15,000 --> 00:49:16,720  
What are you talking about?

709

00:49:16,800 --> 00:49:18,600  
Of course it's our country.

710

00:49:18,680 --> 00:49:21,840  
We Battenbergs have no country.

711

00:49:23,800 --> 00:49:27,480  
Our family might have kings  
and queens in its ranks,

712

00:49:28,120 --> 00:49:30,600  
but we're mongrels, too.

713

00:49:32,120 --> 00:49:36,080  
Part-German, part-Greek,  
part-nowhere at all.

714

00:49:37,720 --> 00:49:40,680  
Well, this is my country.

715

00:49:43,320 --> 00:49:45,800  
It gave me a home, it gave me a name,

716

00:49:47,880 --> 00:49:50,200  
and in return, I've given it my life.

717

00:49:56,080 --> 00:49:58,280  
And to see it like this breaks my heart.

718

00:50:34,320 --> 00:50:35,320  
You must sleep.

719

00:50:38,480 --> 00:50:39,480  
Sister.

720

00:50:50,240 --> 00:50:54,400  
Princess Alice of Nowhere at All.

721

00:51:52,360 --> 00:51:54,360  
[footsteps approach]

722

00:52:18,160 --> 00:52:19,160  
You.

723

00:52:20,320 --> 00:52:23,800  
-Don't sound so surprised.  
-[Philip] I am. It's been so long.

724

00:52:27,920 --> 00:52:30,840  
So, how was France and America?

725

00:52:32,280 --> 00:52:33,320  
Educational.

726

00:52:34,800 --> 00:52:38,400  
Oh. The trip was supposed to be a week.  
You were gone almost a month.

727

00:52:38,480 --> 00:52:39,480  
[Elizabeth] Yes.

728

00:52:41,080 --> 00:52:42,080  
With Porchey?

729

00:52:43,160 --> 00:52:44,160  
Yes.

730

00:52:46,480 --> 00:52:47,680  
Was that fun?

731

00:52:49,720 --> 00:52:53,520  
We went on racing business.  
It was a fact-finding expedition.

732

00:52:54,200 --> 00:52:55,080  
Right.

733

00:52:56,520 --> 00:52:58,560  
[Elizabeth]  
If you have something to say, say it now.

734

00:52:58,640 --> 00:53:00,360  
Otherwise, if you don't mind, I'm busy.

735

00:53:00,440 --> 00:53:02,880  
I've heard you've appointed him  
as your racing manager.

736

00:53:02,960 --> 00:53:05,280  
-I have.  
-Which means he'll be around all the time.

737

00:53:05,360 --> 00:53:06,360  
Yes, with any luck.

738  
00:53:07,600 --> 00:53:09,920  
-Good for you.  
-Good for all of us.

739  
00:53:49,880 --> 00:53:51,400  
I... heard about Dickie.

740  
00:53:52,800 --> 00:53:54,840  
-A coup.  
-Yes. Can you believe it?

741  
00:53:57,520 --> 00:53:59,320  
It must be hard getting old.

742  
00:54:05,800 --> 00:54:06,800  
Yes.

743  
00:54:19,080 --> 00:54:20,080  
I'll be up in a minute.

744  
00:54:22,040 --> 00:54:23,000  
Oh, will you?

745  
00:54:23,720 --> 00:54:24,920  
Yes, I thought so.

746  
00:54:26,160 --> 00:54:27,640  
Unless you'd rather I wasn't.

747  
00:54:30,000 --> 00:54:31,400  
I'll see you in a minute.

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