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As many nations condemn apartheid in South Africa, tension mounts between Thatcher and Elizabeth over their clashing opinions on applying sanctions.

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Paul Jesson	...	Sir Geoffrey Howe
Dominic Rowan	...	Charles Powell

1
00:00:06,040 --> 00:00:08,040
[birds singing]

2
00:00:11,000 --> 00:00:13,000
[indistinct chatter]

3
00:00:13,880 --> 00:00:14,920
[flashbulbs pop]

4
00:00:16,120 --> 00:00:17,840
-[director] Everybody set?
-[man] Ready, sir.

5
00:00:17,920 --> 00:00:19,040
[woman calling]

6
00:00:19,120 --> 00:00:21,120
Yes. Yes, hurry up. Hurry up.

7
00:00:21,200 --> 00:00:22,240
Operator ready.

8
00:00:22,320 --> 00:00:23,160
Right.

9
00:00:23,720 --> 00:00:26,360
Absolute silence, everywhere.

10
00:00:26,440 --> 00:00:27,680
[switch clicks]

11
00:00:28,600 --> 00:00:29,760
[mechanism whirring]

12
00:00:29,840 --> 00:00:30,920
Cue disc.

13
00:00:31,000 --> 00:00:32,240
[man] Live recording.

14

00:00:33,200 --> 00:00:34,840
[director] Ready, Your Royal Highness?

15

00:00:35,880 --> 00:00:36,920
Five,

16

00:00:37,000 --> 00:00:37,840
four,

17

00:00:38,320 --> 00:00:39,200
three,

18

00:00:39,280 --> 00:00:40,120
two,

19

00:00:40,760 --> 00:00:41,720
one,

20

00:00:41,800 --> 00:00:42,640
and...

21

00:00:46,880 --> 00:00:47,880
"On this...

22

00:00:49,040 --> 00:00:51,200
the occasion of my 21st birthday...

23

00:00:52,440 --> 00:00:54,320
I welcome the opportunity

24

00:00:54,400 --> 00:00:57,880
to speak to all the peoples
of the British Commonwealth and Empire...

25

00:00:58,760 --> 00:01:00,040
wherever they live,

26

00:01:00,560 --> 00:01:02,280
whatever race they come from,

27

00:01:02,880 --> 00:01:04,840

and whatever language they speak.

28

00:01:07,720 --> 00:01:10,160

As I speak to you today from Cape Town,

29

00:01:11,320 --> 00:01:15,120

I am 6,000 miles from the country
where I was born.

30

00:01:17,960 --> 00:01:20,960

But I am certainly not
6,000 miles from home.

31

00:01:23,640 --> 00:01:27,480

That is the great privilege
of belonging to our place

32

00:01:27,560 --> 00:01:29,400

in the worldwide Commonwealth.

33

00:01:30,880 --> 00:01:35,240

There are homes ready to welcome us
in every continent of the earth.

34

00:01:36,840 --> 00:01:38,400

Before I am much elder,

35

00:01:38,480 --> 00:01:40,880

I hope I shall come to know many of them.

36

00:01:42,000 --> 00:01:44,640

Although there is none
of my father's subjects,

37

00:01:44,720 --> 00:01:48,160

from the eldest to the youngest,
whom I do not wish to greet,

38

00:01:49,040 --> 00:01:53,280

I am thinking especially today
of all the young men and women

39

00:01:53,360 --> 00:01:55,960
who were born
about the same time as myself

40

00:01:56,680 --> 00:01:58,320
and have grown up like me

41

00:01:59,160 --> 00:02:03,120
in the terrible and glorious years
of the Second World War.

42

00:02:04,000 --> 00:02:07,600
Will you, the youth
of the British family of nations,

43

00:02:08,280 --> 00:02:11,640
let me speak on my birthday
as your representative?

44

00:02:12,680 --> 00:02:15,320
Now that we are coming to manhood
and womanhood,

45

00:02:16,200 --> 00:02:20,000
it is surely a great joy to us all
to think that we shall be able

46

00:02:20,080 --> 00:02:23,600
to take some of the burden
off the shoulders of our elders,

47

00:02:24,400 --> 00:02:29,360
who have fought and worked
and suffered to protect our childhood.

48

00:02:30,080 --> 00:02:31,080
To that generation,

49

00:02:31,160 --> 00:02:33,120
I say we must not be daunted

50

00:02:33,200 --> 00:02:37,040
by the anxieties and hardships

the war has left behind

51

00:02:37,120 --> 00:02:39,320
for every nation of our Commonwealth.

52

00:02:40,240 --> 00:02:44,640
We know these things are the price
we cheerfully undertook to pay

53

00:02:45,240 --> 00:02:49,520
for the high honor of standing alone
seven years ago

54

00:02:50,320 --> 00:02:52,680
in defense of the liberty of the world.

55

00:02:53,360 --> 00:02:57,600
If we all go forward together
with an unwavering faith,

56

00:02:57,680 --> 00:03:00,800
-a high courage, and a quiet heart..."
-[shushes]

57

00:03:01,360 --> 00:03:04,200
"...we shall be able
to make of this ancient Commonwealth,

58

00:03:04,280 --> 00:03:05,960
which we all love so dearly,

59

00:03:06,560 --> 00:03:08,080
an even grander thing.

60

00:03:09,560 --> 00:03:12,320
More free, more prosperous,

61

00:03:12,960 --> 00:03:13,800
more happy,

62

00:03:14,280 --> 00:03:18,400
and a more powerful influence

for good in the world

63

00:03:18,480 --> 00:03:21,800
than it has been
in the greatest days of our forefathers."

64

00:03:21,880 --> 00:03:25,800
-[clinking glass]
-[man] Please welcome Margaret Roberts.

65

00:03:25,880 --> 00:03:27,880
[overlapping chatter]

66

00:03:29,600 --> 00:03:31,360
[young Elizabeth] "To accomplish that...

67

00:03:31,880 --> 00:03:33,320
we must give nothing less

68

00:03:33,400 --> 00:03:37,240
than what my father, King George,
the first head of the Commonwealth,

69

00:03:37,320 --> 00:03:40,000
calls 'the whole of ourselves.'"

70

00:03:41,080 --> 00:03:42,040
Good evening.

71

00:03:42,120 --> 00:03:43,160
[flashbulbs pop]

72

00:03:45,240 --> 00:03:49,800
[young Elizabeth] "There is a motto which
has been borne by many of my ancestors.

73

00:03:50,880 --> 00:03:51,960
A noble motto.

74

00:03:52,760 --> 00:03:53,760
'I serve.'

75

00:03:55,080 --> 00:03:57,560
I should like to make that dedication now.

76

00:03:58,760 --> 00:04:00,960
-It's very simple."
-[photographer] And smile!

77

00:04:01,040 --> 00:04:04,440
"I declare before you all
that my whole life...

78

00:04:05,520 --> 00:04:07,720
whether it be long or short...

79

00:04:08,840 --> 00:04:10,960
shall be devoted to your service...

80

00:04:12,760 --> 00:04:15,320
and the service
of our great imperial family

81

00:04:16,120 --> 00:04:17,760
to which we all belong.

82

00:04:18,720 --> 00:04:20,720
God help me to make good my vow...

83

00:04:21,920 --> 00:04:23,280
and God bless all of you

84

00:04:23,840 --> 00:04:25,720
who are willing to share in it."

85

00:04:34,400 --> 00:04:36,400
-Thank you, ma'am.
-Thank you.

86

00:04:54,960 --> 00:04:56,960
[theme music plays]

87

00:06:06,120 --> 00:06:09,120

[man] It was the volte-face of Eurydice,

88

00:06:09,200 --> 00:06:11,480
except I was Aristaeus,

89

00:06:11,560 --> 00:06:14,160
driving her on towards the serpent..

90

00:06:14,800 --> 00:06:17,320
Malachi, Maaalachi..

91

00:06:17,920 --> 00:06:20,200
Twice, she called me by the name,

92

00:06:20,280 --> 00:06:24,240
and twice she beckoned me
with her outstretched dactyl..

93

00:06:24,320 --> 00:06:27,120
I stood in darkness. She in light.

94

00:06:27,200 --> 00:06:29,360
And yet here I was the diurnal,

95

00:06:29,440 --> 00:06:31,280
and she the crepuscular,

96

00:06:31,360 --> 00:06:33,480
-if such a..
-[typing]

97

00:06:33,560 --> 00:06:36,520
-...nugatory distinction can pertain.
-[typewriter bell dings]

98

00:06:38,840 --> 00:06:40,520
The aurora was breaking.

99

00:06:41,000 --> 00:06:44,680
The island, sea-girt, was fast stirring.

100

00:06:44,760 --> 00:06:46,000
I looked at her again.

101
00:06:46,080 --> 00:06:49,400
Her dermis,
pellucid in the lambent sunshine,

102
00:06:49,480 --> 00:06:52,560
seemed as if a fish-skin pulled taut.

103
00:06:52,640 --> 00:06:54,800
She gave me one last glancing look,

104
00:06:55,360 --> 00:06:56,840
and then stepped off

105
00:06:56,920 --> 00:07:00,000
and plunged down
into the waxing viridescence

106
00:07:00,080 --> 00:07:03,000
of the Ionian waters below..

107
00:07:04,160 --> 00:07:07,720
Mors tua, vita mea.

108
00:07:09,840 --> 00:07:11,680
The End.

109
00:07:23,560 --> 00:07:26,280
Golly! Your very own War and Peace.

110
00:07:26,360 --> 00:07:27,840
Ulysses, please.

111
00:07:27,920 --> 00:07:29,080
[woman chuckles]

112
00:07:29,160 --> 00:07:30,880
[clicks tongue] Uh...

113

00:07:31,440 --> 00:07:35,640
I shall... set aside a year of my life.

114
00:07:35,720 --> 00:07:37,360
-[mutters] What?
-Just kidding.

115
00:07:37,440 --> 00:07:39,360
I'll have it read by the end of next week.

116
00:07:39,440 --> 00:07:41,920
-You're very kind.
-And, Michael, bravo!

117
00:07:42,000 --> 00:07:44,520
Ah-ah!
No congratulations till you've read it.

118
00:07:44,600 --> 00:07:46,400
You deserve congratulations

119
00:07:46,480 --> 00:07:49,320
for being able to carry it up the stairs.
Kidding again.

120
00:07:49,400 --> 00:07:51,560
Oh. [chuckles]

121
00:07:51,640 --> 00:07:52,480
Well...

122
00:07:53,680 --> 00:07:54,680
I look forward..

123
00:07:55,920 --> 00:07:57,520
to hearing from you.

124
00:08:02,440 --> 00:08:03,560
Uh, taxi!

125
00:08:09,800 --> 00:08:12,440
-Buckingham Palace, please.

-[driver] Right you are, sir.

126

00:08:30,560 --> 00:08:32,400
[man] Good work. Leave it on my desk.

127

00:08:32,920 --> 00:08:34,560
-Morning, James.
-Morning, sir.

128

00:08:36,040 --> 00:08:37,480
-Morning, Michael.
-Sarah.

129

00:08:37,560 --> 00:08:38,560
Sorry to ambush you,

130

00:08:38,640 --> 00:08:41,440
but I've got the Today newspaper
asking for confirmation

131

00:08:41,520 --> 00:08:45,160
of an apparently open secret
in Commonwealth government circles,

132

00:08:45,240 --> 00:08:48,280
that the Queen is deeply frustrated
by Thatcher's refusal

133

00:08:48,360 --> 00:08:51,840
to back sanctions against
the apartheid regime in South Africa.

134

00:08:52,680 --> 00:08:56,920
A frustration which threatens to strain
her relationship with the prime minister,

135

00:08:57,000 --> 00:08:59,120
who the Queen holds
personally responsible,

136

00:08:59,200 --> 00:09:02,840
and they'd like you,
as palace press secretary, to comment.

137

00:09:03,320 --> 00:09:06,840
You should know better than to come to me
with nonsense like that, Sarah.

138

00:09:07,360 --> 00:09:09,360
In the 33 years she's been on the throne,

139

00:09:09,440 --> 00:09:13,280
the Queen has never once expressed
a point of view about her prime ministers,

140

00:09:13,360 --> 00:09:14,440
positive or negative,

141

00:09:14,520 --> 00:09:15,560
and never will.

142

00:09:15,640 --> 00:09:17,000
Political impartiality

143

00:09:17,080 --> 00:09:20,240
and support of her prime minister
is an article of faith to her.

144

00:09:21,760 --> 00:09:23,480
And we all know how the Queen is...

145

00:09:24,680 --> 00:09:25,880
about her faith.

146

00:09:25,960 --> 00:09:29,240
[news anchor] ...the now
all too familiar use of violence.

147

00:09:29,320 --> 00:09:32,960
Tear gas, followed by rubber bullets,
and then bird shot.

148

00:09:33,560 --> 00:09:37,640
It's been nearly four decades
since the system of racial segregation,

149

00:09:37,720 --> 00:09:41,400
termed apartheid, became
the official policy of South Africa.

150

00:09:41,480 --> 00:09:45,200
The current violent oppression
of Black protesters by government forces

151

00:09:45,280 --> 00:09:48,120
is creating
increased international outrage.

152

00:09:58,560 --> 00:10:01,160
[Sonny] The situation is
getting worse and worse, ma'am.

153

00:10:01,240 --> 00:10:04,280
Countless instances of brutality
by the South African police

154

00:10:04,360 --> 00:10:06,160
against members of the public.

155

00:10:06,240 --> 00:10:09,120
As you know, we believe the only way
to stop these atrocities

156

00:10:09,200 --> 00:10:13,520
is through sustained economic pressure.
Forty-eight of the Commonwealth countries

157

00:10:13,600 --> 00:10:16,680
are committed to imposing
a policy of sanctions on Pretoria

158

00:10:16,760 --> 00:10:19,160
to try and bring down
the apartheid regime.

159

00:10:19,640 --> 00:10:21,720
But, as Her Majesty knows,

160
00:10:22,440 --> 00:10:26,760
in order to implement those sanctions,
total unanimity is required,

161
00:10:26,840 --> 00:10:28,840
and one country remains against.

162
00:10:28,920 --> 00:10:30,040
The United Kingdom.

163
00:10:30,680 --> 00:10:33,080
Mrs. Thatcher remains opposed.

164
00:10:35,000 --> 00:10:38,760
I will have an opportunity to speak
to Mrs. Thatcher about all this in private

165
00:10:38,840 --> 00:10:42,240
at the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads
of Government Meeting in the Bahamas.

166
00:10:44,120 --> 00:10:45,400
[Thatcher] The Commonwealth.

167
00:10:45,480 --> 00:10:47,880
Ridiculous waste of time.

168
00:10:48,360 --> 00:10:50,920
Ridiculous organization.

169
00:10:51,000 --> 00:10:53,800
Worse. Morally offensive.

170
00:10:54,400 --> 00:10:57,200
Why we allow our Queen

171
00:10:57,280 --> 00:11:03,880
to fraternize with countries like Uganda,
Malawi, Nigeria, Swaziland..

172
00:11:06,640 --> 00:11:08,320

Unstable countries.

173

00:11:09,160 --> 00:11:14,360

Unstable despotisms
with appalling human rights records.

174

00:11:14,440 --> 00:11:15,960

And calling them "family"!

175

00:11:16,040 --> 00:11:17,400

[Howe chuckling] Yes!

176

00:11:17,480 --> 00:11:21,320

Anyway, she's requested a private audience
on board the royal yacht

177

00:11:22,040 --> 00:11:23,720

for what the palace is calling

178

00:11:23,800 --> 00:11:26,640

"a frank conversation
about the way forward in South Africa."

179

00:11:26,720 --> 00:11:27,680

Spare me!

180

00:11:28,160 --> 00:11:33,440

I'll give her a frank conversation
about not wasting my time.

181

00:11:34,000 --> 00:11:36,000

Oh, excuse the eggs, boys.

182

00:11:37,800 --> 00:11:41,080

Right. Who wants kedgerree?

183

00:11:41,840 --> 00:11:43,960

It's not my best, I'm afraid.

184

00:11:45,320 --> 00:11:47,880

[man] For the dinner,
this sunshine chiffon...

185
00:11:47,960 --> 00:11:48,840
There you go.

186
00:11:48,920 --> 00:11:51,680
...to pick out the yellow
in the flag of the Commonwealth.

187
00:11:51,760 --> 00:11:52,600
Yummy!

188
00:11:52,680 --> 00:11:57,560
Oh, and a brooch given to you
by King Otumfuo Opoku Ware.

189
00:11:57,640 --> 00:11:58,680
Is that a porcupine?

190
00:11:58,760 --> 00:12:01,960
A symbol of courage and strength
in Ashanti culture.

191
00:12:02,040 --> 00:12:04,480
-Oh, we might need some of that.
-[knock at door]

192
00:12:06,600 --> 00:12:08,520
-What's all this?
-CHOGM.

193
00:12:08,600 --> 00:12:11,200
-[Andrew] Oh, of course.
-To what do I owe the honor?

194
00:12:14,680 --> 00:12:17,960
I came to tell you that I've decided
to ask Edward to be my best man.

195
00:12:18,440 --> 00:12:19,280
Not Charles?

196
00:12:20,080 --> 00:12:21,000

No.

197

00:12:21,080 --> 00:12:23,560
-Oh, that will raise some eyebrows.
-Good!

198

00:12:23,640 --> 00:12:26,680
Let him see what it feels like
to be sidelined in a...

199

00:12:27,320 --> 00:12:29,560
slimmed-down role,

200

00:12:29,640 --> 00:12:33,160
since I gather that's what he now thinks
the future of the monarchy should be.

201

00:12:33,640 --> 00:12:37,880
You, him, and his own precious bloodline.
To hell with the rest of us.

202

00:12:39,160 --> 00:12:41,120
Insecure, jealous fool.

203

00:12:41,200 --> 00:12:42,480
What's he jealous of?

204

00:12:43,400 --> 00:12:45,160
Me! Always has been.

205

00:12:45,240 --> 00:12:46,240
Oh, Andrew.

206

00:12:47,000 --> 00:12:48,000
Of me and you,

207

00:12:48,640 --> 00:12:49,480
of our...

208

00:12:51,200 --> 00:12:52,480
of our closeness.

209
00:12:54,160 --> 00:12:56,280
The fact that I've fought in a real war,

210
00:12:56,920 --> 00:12:57,960
won real medals.

211
00:12:59,080 --> 00:13:01,600
Or the fact that I'm happier in love,
more popular.

212
00:13:02,080 --> 00:13:02,920
And...

213
00:13:03,920 --> 00:13:07,880
like other second sons I could mention,
I'd so obviously be better at it than him.

214
00:13:07,960 --> 00:13:08,800
At what?

215
00:13:11,000 --> 00:13:11,840
Being the heir.

216
00:13:13,280 --> 00:13:15,000
I just want to see you all happy.

217
00:13:15,520 --> 00:13:17,320
There are two families I care about.

218
00:13:17,400 --> 00:13:20,200
My own family
and the Commonwealth family of nations.

219
00:13:20,280 --> 00:13:23,520
Keeping them all together
is my life's work. Now I must get on.

220
00:13:24,400 --> 00:13:25,240
Mummy.

221
00:13:29,280 --> 00:13:31,280

For the state breakfast,

222

00:13:31,360 --> 00:13:34,520
a dress of the palest blue
and gold brocade..

223

00:13:34,600 --> 00:13:35,440
Sarah!

224

00:13:35,520 --> 00:13:37,760
...will go very well
with the diamond necklace given to you

225

00:13:37,840 --> 00:13:40,640
by the people of South Africa
on your 21st birthday.

226

00:13:40,720 --> 00:13:41,560
Lovely.

227

00:13:42,520 --> 00:13:44,920
I told her.
She was fine with it. Edward it is.

228

00:13:45,000 --> 00:13:46,240
Aren't you, now.

229

00:13:46,320 --> 00:13:47,480
Right, let's go.

230

00:13:56,600 --> 00:13:59,920
Your Majesty.
I just included that sentence there.

231

00:14:00,000 --> 00:14:01,560
I don't think that's necessary.

232

00:14:02,440 --> 00:14:04,760
-No, I liked it before.
-We'll change it back.

233

00:14:04,840 --> 00:14:06,840

[marching band playing]

234

00:14:09,280 --> 00:14:11,280
[overlapping cheers and applause]

235

00:14:14,600 --> 00:14:17,080
Your Majesty. Thank you for coming.

236

00:14:17,800 --> 00:14:20,560
Oh, thank you.
They're lovely. Thank you very much.

237

00:14:30,360 --> 00:14:32,760
[Elizabeth] Those of you who know me

238

00:14:32,840 --> 00:14:36,240
will be aware
that the Commonwealth of Nations

239

00:14:36,320 --> 00:14:38,200
is a second family to me,

240

00:14:38,880 --> 00:14:40,880
as it was to my late father,

241

00:14:40,960 --> 00:14:42,560
King George VI.

242

00:14:43,880 --> 00:14:46,360
There are always tensions between nations.

243

00:14:47,040 --> 00:14:49,040
Global peace is fragile.

244

00:14:50,200 --> 00:14:56,160
But I believe this union offers us all
something rare and valuable.

245

00:14:57,640 --> 00:15:00,280
The capacity to celebrate difference.

246

00:15:01,360 --> 00:15:04,880
To value compromise over conflict.

247

00:15:06,240 --> 00:15:12,640
And to find a way to heal divisions
in the interests of peace and goodwill.

248

00:15:14,640 --> 00:15:15,480
Thank you.

249

00:15:21,360 --> 00:15:23,560
[indistinct conversation]

250

00:15:30,120 --> 00:15:31,760
[soldier] Attention!

251

00:15:43,080 --> 00:15:44,160
[man] Prime Minister.

252

00:15:46,840 --> 00:15:48,480
The prime minister, Your Majesty.

253

00:15:53,400 --> 00:15:54,240
Your Majesty.

254

00:15:54,320 --> 00:15:56,880
It was kind of you to come.
I won't keep you long.

255

00:15:57,640 --> 00:16:00,640
Um, I was hoping
we could briefly discuss South Africa.

256

00:16:00,720 --> 00:16:01,680
[Thatcher] Ma'am.

257

00:16:02,360 --> 00:16:04,640
It is my fervent hope
that Britain will join

258

00:16:04,720 --> 00:16:07,800
the other countries of the Commonwealth

and impose sanctions

259

00:16:07,880 --> 00:16:10,720
on an apartheid regime
that has no place in the modern world.

260

00:16:10,800 --> 00:16:12,840
Let us be quite clear about this.

261

00:16:13,600 --> 00:16:17,120
Nothing useful
can be achieved by sanctions.

262

00:16:17,600 --> 00:16:21,400
Really? It was my understanding they would
devastate the South African government.

263

00:16:21,480 --> 00:16:23,520
They would devastate us too.

264

00:16:23,600 --> 00:16:27,600
Trade between our two countries
is worth three billion pounds a year.

265

00:16:27,680 --> 00:16:30,000
Might we look at it
from the South African point of view?

266

00:16:30,080 --> 00:16:31,760
[Thatcher] I am, ma'am.

267

00:16:31,840 --> 00:16:35,560
South Africa is already
a disinvestment economy.

268

00:16:35,640 --> 00:16:39,320
But Black South Africans want sanctions,
so shouldn't we listen to them?

269

00:16:39,400 --> 00:16:42,720
Black South Africans
don't want to inherit a wasteland.

270

00:16:42,800 --> 00:16:45,040
They will if they feel
it is their wasteland.

271

00:16:45,120 --> 00:16:47,640
President Kaunda of Zambia
would confirm as much.

272

00:16:47,720 --> 00:16:50,760
It is not the business
of a British prime minister

273

00:16:50,840 --> 00:16:53,240
to consult with unelected dictators.

274

00:16:53,320 --> 00:16:56,880
But it is a sovereign's duty
when they are part of the Commonwealth.

275

00:16:58,400 --> 00:16:59,240
Yes.

276

00:17:00,040 --> 00:17:01,440
The Commonwealth.

277

00:17:02,560 --> 00:17:04,000
Yes, the Commonwealth.

278

00:17:06,280 --> 00:17:09,880
I recognize that for your family,

279

00:17:09,960 --> 00:17:11,960
the transition of this nation

280

00:17:12,040 --> 00:17:15,960
from empire to comparative supplicancy
on the world stage

281

00:17:16,040 --> 00:17:19,400
must have come as a greater shock
than to the rest of us.

282

00:17:19,480 --> 00:17:25,560
But I would argue that the Commonwealth
is not the way to fill that gap.

283

00:17:25,640 --> 00:17:28,720
There are ways
of Britain being great again,

284

00:17:28,800 --> 00:17:31,800
and that is through a revitalized economy,

285

00:17:31,880 --> 00:17:36,640
not through association
with unreliable tribal leaders

286

00:17:36,720 --> 00:17:38,240
in eccentric costumes.

287

00:17:38,320 --> 00:17:40,240
But isn't that all I am, Prime Minister?

288

00:17:40,800 --> 00:17:43,280
A tribal leader in eccentric costume?

289

00:17:43,360 --> 00:17:44,680
Certainly not.

290

00:17:45,560 --> 00:17:48,960
You're head of an evolved
constitutional monarchy

291

00:17:49,040 --> 00:17:51,040
that stretches back
to William the Conqueror.

292

00:17:51,120 --> 00:17:53,880
It's not comparing like with like.

293

00:17:53,960 --> 00:17:55,840
Ah, now that's where we differ.

294

00:17:55,920 --> 00:17:58,440
You see,
I consider myself to be exactly like them.

295
00:17:58,920 --> 00:18:01,000
To me, Ghana, Zambia, Malawi

296
00:18:01,080 --> 00:18:03,760
are all great sovereign nations
with great histories.

297
00:18:04,800 --> 00:18:07,080
I am aware
you probably don't share that view.

298
00:18:07,600 --> 00:18:11,280
To you, the Commonwealth
is something of a distraction,

299
00:18:11,360 --> 00:18:12,440
a waste of time.

300
00:18:13,440 --> 00:18:15,840
But in many ways,
I have given my life to it.

301
00:18:17,040 --> 00:18:19,560
It was the pledge I made 40 years ago.

302
00:18:19,640 --> 00:18:20,680
On the wireless?

303
00:18:20,760 --> 00:18:23,720
"To our great imperial family..."

304
00:18:23,800 --> 00:18:25,480
I remember listening to it

305
00:18:25,560 --> 00:18:27,560
as a student at Oxford.

306
00:18:28,160 --> 00:18:32,000

But we cannot let the values of the past

307

00:18:32,080 --> 00:18:35,560
distract us
from the realities of the present,

308

00:18:35,640 --> 00:18:40,080
particularly where Britain's
economic interests are concerned.

309

00:18:40,160 --> 00:18:43,920
Forty-eight countries of the Commonwealth
are now preparing a statement

310

00:18:44,000 --> 00:18:47,520
condemning the South African regime
and recommending tougher sanctions.

311

00:18:47,600 --> 00:18:48,600
What they...

312

00:18:49,880 --> 00:18:53,400
What I would like you to do
is sign that statement.

313

00:18:54,960 --> 00:18:56,760
If I didn't know better,

314

00:18:57,720 --> 00:19:00,960
that sounded very much like a directive.

315

00:19:03,160 --> 00:19:04,760
Think of it as a question.

316

00:19:06,840 --> 00:19:08,360
[marching band music playing]

317

00:19:08,440 --> 00:19:12,120
[man] The jolly atmosphere at the opening
of the Commonwealth conference in Nassau,

318

00:19:12,200 --> 00:19:14,360

nicknamed the CHOGM, fooled nobody.

319

00:19:14,440 --> 00:19:16,680
Within an hour, South Africa came up

320

00:19:16,760 --> 00:19:20,000
with the Indian prime minister
making his position crystal clear.

321

00:19:20,720 --> 00:19:21,720
How was it?

322

00:19:21,800 --> 00:19:25,480
My meeting with the Queen?
It was a little testy.

323

00:19:26,280 --> 00:19:29,160
Although I must say, I do like the boat.

324

00:19:29,240 --> 00:19:30,080
Yacht.

325

00:19:30,760 --> 00:19:32,160
It isn't a yacht.

326

00:19:32,240 --> 00:19:33,960
It's a great big ship.

327

00:19:34,040 --> 00:19:37,640
And when the sovereign sails in it,
historically it's called a yacht.

328

00:19:37,720 --> 00:19:39,720
Oh, don't be a know-all. It's unbecoming.

329

00:19:39,800 --> 00:19:40,920
[sighs]

330

00:19:41,960 --> 00:19:43,440
Why was it frosty?

331

00:19:43,520 --> 00:19:45,720
I didn't say "frosty." I said "testy."

332

00:19:45,800 --> 00:19:49,280
Although I wish it had been frosty.
It's far too hot here.

333

00:19:50,160 --> 00:19:54,920
Because my fellow heads of government
are now coming up with a statement

334

00:19:55,000 --> 00:19:58,240
condemning the South African government
they want me to sign.

335

00:19:58,320 --> 00:20:01,200
I've told them I won't accept anything
with the word "sanction,"

336

00:20:01,280 --> 00:20:03,720
and... they've started--

337

00:20:03,800 --> 00:20:05,640
Getting their knickers in a twist?
[chuckles]

338

00:20:07,000 --> 00:20:10,280
Insisting they won't accept anything less.

339

00:20:11,120 --> 00:20:16,280
So now we need to come up with a word
that... works for everyone.

340

00:20:16,840 --> 00:20:18,640
Well, good luck with that.

341

00:20:18,720 --> 00:20:20,080
Thank you, DT.

342

00:20:29,760 --> 00:20:30,600
[sighs]

343

00:20:30,680 --> 00:20:32,840
No, no, no, no.

344
00:20:40,480 --> 00:20:43,040
She rejected any mention of "proposals."

345
00:20:46,240 --> 00:20:48,480
[Elizabeth] I'm determined
to win this battle, Sonny.

346
00:20:49,160 --> 00:20:51,960
I don't often get into a fight,
but when I do, I want to win.

347
00:20:52,040 --> 00:20:53,200
You will, ma'am.

348
00:20:53,720 --> 00:20:55,360
Remember, you are not alone.

349
00:20:55,440 --> 00:20:56,960
It is 48 against one.

350
00:20:57,560 --> 00:20:59,680
We are going back with another word.

351
00:21:01,560 --> 00:21:02,680
[Thatcher] "Measures..."

352
00:21:03,600 --> 00:21:05,920
No, no, no.

353
00:21:06,920 --> 00:21:07,880
No.

354
00:21:08,600 --> 00:21:09,440
[sighs]

355
00:21:10,880 --> 00:21:11,880
I'm sorry.

356

00:21:14,160 --> 00:21:15,120
A no to "measures."

357

00:21:15,200 --> 00:21:19,280
Yes, so we are going back with "actions."

358

00:21:19,360 --> 00:21:20,640
And should that fail?

359

00:21:20,720 --> 00:21:22,200
We still have "controls."

360

00:21:22,280 --> 00:21:25,000
Yes, I'm beginning to see
this is all about control.

361

00:21:27,960 --> 00:21:29,200
No. No.

362

00:21:31,160 --> 00:21:32,080
[man sighs]

363

00:21:32,480 --> 00:21:34,480
No. No, no, no.

364

00:21:38,120 --> 00:21:39,120
[sighs]

365

00:21:46,640 --> 00:21:47,920
No.

366

00:21:48,600 --> 00:21:49,760
[sighing]

367

00:21:50,320 --> 00:21:51,440
Thank you.

368

00:21:51,520 --> 00:21:54,040
They must be out of their minds.

369

00:21:54,320 --> 00:21:55,840

No. No! No...

370

00:21:58,440 --> 00:21:59,640
Definitely not.

371

00:22:00,560 --> 00:22:01,720
No!

372

00:22:01,800 --> 00:22:03,200
[sighing]

373

00:22:04,240 --> 00:22:05,240
Ridiculous.

374

00:22:09,040 --> 00:22:09,880
[exhales]

375

00:22:14,440 --> 00:22:17,560
What we need here
is not useless politicians... Sorry, Sonny.

376

00:22:17,640 --> 00:22:18,560
...but a writer.

377

00:22:19,080 --> 00:22:20,520
Where might we find one?

378

00:22:25,320 --> 00:22:27,160
[Shea, contemplatively] ...sanctions...

379

00:22:28,160 --> 00:22:29,680
...restrictions...

380

00:22:29,760 --> 00:22:31,200
...protocols...

381

00:22:31,280 --> 00:22:32,120
...measures...

382

00:22:33,120 --> 00:22:35,240
...proposals...

383
00:22:35,320 --> 00:22:36,360
...curbs...

384
00:22:36,920 --> 00:22:38,080
...gestures...

385
00:22:38,160 --> 00:22:39,040
...expediences...

386
00:22:39,120 --> 00:22:40,560
...signals...

387
00:22:57,440 --> 00:22:58,280
Hmm.

388
00:23:03,840 --> 00:23:06,280
Yes, I think we can work with that.

389
00:23:06,960 --> 00:23:08,200
[sighing in relief]

390
00:23:08,280 --> 00:23:09,440
[chuckling lightly]

391
00:23:09,520 --> 00:23:10,360
"Signals"!

392
00:23:10,440 --> 00:23:12,920
Yes, she agreed to "signals."

393
00:23:13,000 --> 00:23:15,000
And among the signals she agreed to

394
00:23:15,080 --> 00:23:18,400
are actually several of the sanctions
she would never have contemplated

395
00:23:18,480 --> 00:23:19,920
had they been called sanctions.

396

00:23:20,000 --> 00:23:22,400
Oh, thank you, Michael.
And congratulations.

397

00:23:22,480 --> 00:23:23,920
[chuckles]

398

00:23:24,000 --> 00:23:25,760
-Have we won?
-[Sonny] Oh yes.

399

00:23:26,320 --> 00:23:30,160
It's a victory for the Commonwealth,
for humanity, a victory for you.

400

00:23:30,720 --> 00:23:34,840
When put in the ring with her Queen,
the Iron Lady melted.

401

00:23:35,480 --> 00:23:36,360
Oh.

402

00:23:55,960 --> 00:23:58,640
Well played, Margaret.
A victory for common sense.

403

00:23:58,720 --> 00:24:00,440
Whatever are you talking about?

404

00:24:00,520 --> 00:24:02,480
The other heads of government
will appreciate

405

00:24:02,560 --> 00:24:04,400
your willingness to seek a compromise.

406

00:24:06,720 --> 00:24:11,200
There's a reason the top job
has always eluded you, Geoffrey.

407

00:24:12,160 --> 00:24:15,120
The absence of the killer instinct.

408

00:24:16,680 --> 00:24:21,680
[Sonny] ...that our family is once more
united around a common consensus.

409

00:24:22,640 --> 00:24:26,080
But, ladies and gentlemen,
first, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

410

00:24:27,360 --> 00:24:28,800
-Prime Minister.
-Yes?

411

00:24:28,880 --> 00:24:31,120
You have been forced
to make significant concessions.

412

00:24:31,200 --> 00:24:33,480
Not that I noticed.

413

00:24:33,560 --> 00:24:37,080
You signed a document
prepared by 48 countries

414

00:24:37,160 --> 00:24:38,840
who were in conflict with you.

415

00:24:38,920 --> 00:24:40,200
I did.

416

00:24:40,280 --> 00:24:42,240
But the question is,

417

00:24:42,320 --> 00:24:46,200
did one person move to the 48,

418

00:24:46,280 --> 00:24:49,440
or did 48 move to one?

419

00:24:50,680 --> 00:24:53,520
Yes, I agreed to "signals."

420
00:24:54,040 --> 00:24:55,640
But as you know,

421
00:24:56,280 --> 00:24:58,800
with one simple turn,

422
00:24:58,880 --> 00:25:01,480
a signal can soon point

423
00:25:01,560 --> 00:25:06,160
in an entirely different direction.
Thank you.

424
00:25:06,240 --> 00:25:07,080
[murmuring]

425
00:25:07,160 --> 00:25:09,320
-Prime Minister!
-Prime Minister!

426
00:25:09,400 --> 00:25:10,240
[clamoring]

427
00:25:10,320 --> 00:25:13,520
[man] Secretary-General,
are you giving out a statement now?

428
00:25:13,600 --> 00:25:15,200
Where does that leave the Commonwealth?

429
00:25:15,280 --> 00:25:17,440
-That's what she said?
-Yes, ma'am.

430
00:25:17,520 --> 00:25:20,280
-Before walking off.
-Really?

431
00:25:20,360 --> 00:25:21,800
[indistinct murmuring]

432

00:25:30,880 --> 00:25:32,600
[photographer] Ready? Here we go.

433
00:25:32,680 --> 00:25:33,960
Please. We're ready.

434
00:25:34,720 --> 00:25:35,560
In position.

435
00:25:36,520 --> 00:25:37,360
Perfect.

436
00:25:39,240 --> 00:25:40,080
Look at me.

437
00:25:40,600 --> 00:25:42,680
Three, two, one..

438
00:25:42,760 --> 00:25:43,800
[camera clicks]

439
00:25:46,160 --> 00:25:48,600
[dub-reggae music plays]

440
00:25:48,680 --> 00:25:49,760
[camera clicks]

441
00:25:50,960 --> 00:25:53,520
♪ ...smash their brains in ♪

442
00:25:54,600 --> 00:25:58,240
♪ 'Cause they ain't got no fink in 'em ♪

443
00:25:59,200 --> 00:26:03,200
♪ Some a dem say dem a nigga haytah ♪

444
00:26:03,280 --> 00:26:04,800
♪ An' some a dem say... ♪

445
00:26:04,880 --> 00:26:06,520
[horn honking]

446

00:26:07,320 --> 00:26:11,280

♪ Some a dem say dem a Black stabbah ♪

447

00:26:11,360 --> 00:26:15,560

♪ An' some a dem say dem a Paki bash ah ♪

448

00:26:15,640 --> 00:26:19,280

♪ Fashist an di attack
Noh baddah worry 'bout dat... ♪

449

00:26:19,840 --> 00:26:21,360

[agent] Everyone's reading it.

450

00:26:21,440 --> 00:26:24,400

Some early reactions have come in,
and so far, very encouraging.

451

00:26:26,520 --> 00:26:27,480

Right.

452

00:26:27,560 --> 00:26:28,440

But, uh...

453

00:26:29,240 --> 00:26:30,400

no offers yet?

454

00:26:30,480 --> 00:26:31,720

Oh, uh...

455

00:26:31,800 --> 00:26:36,680

Not yet. But, regardless
of whether we get this one published,

456

00:26:36,760 --> 00:26:41,400

what is undeniable
is that you write vividly, catchily...

457

00:26:41,480 --> 00:26:42,760

Dare I say it?

458

00:26:43,240 --> 00:26:44,600
...even commercially.

459

00:26:44,680 --> 00:26:45,720
[inhales sharply]

460

00:26:45,800 --> 00:26:49,840
Well, it's not a dirty word, Michael.
You can really tell a story.

461

00:26:49,920 --> 00:26:51,160
I am wondering,

462

00:26:51,240 --> 00:26:53,480
have you ever considered
a political thriller?

463

00:26:53,560 --> 00:26:54,400
What?

464

00:26:54,480 --> 00:26:57,600
The inner workings of Whitehall,
Westminster, the palace.

465

00:26:57,680 --> 00:27:00,120
No one could write it better than you.

466

00:27:00,200 --> 00:27:01,040
No.

467

00:27:01,680 --> 00:27:04,920
No. If this magnum opus doesn't work,
I'll call it a day.

468

00:27:05,000 --> 00:27:07,880
You could expose it all
under an assumed name.

469

00:27:07,960 --> 00:27:09,480
Mmm. I could.

470

00:27:10,880 --> 00:27:15,200

But, sadly, I'm old-fashioned
and would never betray those confidences

471

00:27:15,280 --> 00:27:17,280
or the people I'm proud to serve.

472

00:27:19,240 --> 00:27:20,600
-I had to try.
-Hmm.

473

00:27:20,680 --> 00:27:22,600
Was that very grubby of me?

474

00:27:22,680 --> 00:27:24,160
Mmm. [inhales]

475

00:27:24,240 --> 00:27:25,640
Not grubby.

476

00:27:27,200 --> 00:27:28,080
[chuckles softly]

477

00:27:28,960 --> 00:27:30,600
Just quietly heartbreaking.

478

00:27:34,920 --> 00:27:37,440
[anchor] With violence
escalating in South Africa,

479

00:27:37,520 --> 00:27:41,440
tensions between the United Kingdom
and other nations of the Commonwealth

480

00:27:41,520 --> 00:27:43,080
are at breaking point.

481

00:27:43,160 --> 00:27:45,360
Mrs. Thatcher's refusal
to act on sanctions

482

00:27:45,440 --> 00:27:48,000
being blamed for the collapse

of the Commonwealth Games...

483

00:27:48,080 --> 00:27:49,080
Good meeting?

484

00:27:49,160 --> 00:27:50,680
Great, thank you.

485

00:27:50,760 --> 00:27:54,080
Hate to dampen the mood,
but the Today newspaper has let us know

486

00:27:54,160 --> 00:27:58,000
they are now running a front-page story
about the increasingly sour relations

487

00:27:58,080 --> 00:28:00,680
between Buckingham Palace
and Downing Street

488

00:28:00,760 --> 00:28:02,120
following the recent crisis

489

00:28:02,200 --> 00:28:04,600
at the Commonwealth
Heads of Government Meeting.

490

00:28:05,880 --> 00:28:07,600
-What is it with these people?
-Tea, sir.

491

00:28:07,680 --> 00:28:12,480
And that relations between the two women
are in danger of completely breaking down.

492

00:28:14,640 --> 00:28:17,080
The good news is, it's Today,

493

00:28:17,160 --> 00:28:19,800
so we can expect it to have little impact.

494

00:28:20,760 --> 00:28:22,160

The bad news is,

495

00:28:22,240 --> 00:28:25,640
it won't be long before bigger,
more influential newspapers

496

00:28:25,720 --> 00:28:28,960
realize this warrants further scrutiny.

497

00:28:29,040 --> 00:28:31,120
So I think the time might have come

498

00:28:31,200 --> 00:28:34,960
for Your Majesty
to make some kind of preemptive statement.

499

00:28:35,040 --> 00:28:36,560
Uh, what kind of statement?

500

00:28:36,640 --> 00:28:38,080
[Shea] One of support,

501

00:28:38,640 --> 00:28:40,680
even, dare I say...

502

00:28:42,080 --> 00:28:44,280
personal affection for the prime minister.

503

00:28:45,400 --> 00:28:47,680
About the job she's doing,

504

00:28:47,760 --> 00:28:50,720
something that would kill the gossip
stone-dead.

505

00:28:50,800 --> 00:28:52,760
What if I'm not happy
with the job she's doing?

506

00:28:54,360 --> 00:28:57,960
What if I'd be happy for people to know
the displeasure was actually real?

507

00:28:58,800 --> 00:29:01,800
That I am personally concerned
about her lack of compassion.

508

00:29:01,880 --> 00:29:05,040
You know how seriously I take
my constitutional responsibility

509

00:29:05,120 --> 00:29:08,160
to remain silent,
but each of us has our line in the sand.

510

00:29:09,280 --> 00:29:11,000
If it were to become public knowledge

511

00:29:11,080 --> 00:29:14,680
that there had been an unprecedented rift
between sovereign and prime minister,

512

00:29:14,760 --> 00:29:16,200
would that really be so bad?

513

00:29:23,320 --> 00:29:24,160
Well...

514

00:29:24,640 --> 00:29:26,480
[chuckles uncomfortably] Um...

515

00:29:27,120 --> 00:29:30,400
If... if that really were your intention...

516

00:29:33,000 --> 00:29:37,520
And for the record, ma'am, I must say
I think that would be a misjudgment.

517

00:29:38,280 --> 00:29:41,040
And risk doing
serious and irreparable harm

518

00:29:41,120 --> 00:29:44,040
to the relationship between

Buckingham Palace and Downing Street.

519

00:29:50,240 --> 00:29:55,280
...then Today would not be
the newspaper I would go to.

520

00:29:56,920 --> 00:29:58,840
I'd go somewhere with more heft,

521

00:29:59,440 --> 00:30:02,760
somewhere that also had a clear sense

522

00:30:02,840 --> 00:30:08,720
of the unprecedented nature of this, where
they understood the rules of the game.

523

00:30:08,800 --> 00:30:11,640
Can I leave that with you, Michael?
You are the expert.

524

00:30:12,840 --> 00:30:13,960
-Ma'am.
-Ma'am.

525

00:30:19,080 --> 00:30:19,920
[scoffs]

526

00:30:21,400 --> 00:30:22,320
[scoffs]

527

00:30:23,320 --> 00:30:24,320
It's reckless.

528

00:30:25,760 --> 00:30:29,560
-It's reckless, Martin, and irresponsible.
-I'm as surprised as you are.

529

00:30:30,320 --> 00:30:32,520
It goes against my professional advice,

530

00:30:33,520 --> 00:30:36,320
and I want my objection noted.

531
00:30:37,120 --> 00:30:37,960
Noted?

532
00:30:38,600 --> 00:30:39,920
Noted, Martin.

533
00:30:41,160 --> 00:30:42,000
It's noted.

534
00:30:44,480 --> 00:30:45,720
-It--
-It's noted.

535
00:30:59,360 --> 00:31:02,160
Simon Freeman of the Sunday Times
is on the line.

536
00:31:02,240 --> 00:31:03,840
He's rung three times.

537
00:31:05,440 --> 00:31:06,960
Following up on rumors about

538
00:31:07,040 --> 00:31:11,360
"a deep and irreconcilable rift
between the Queen and Mrs. Thatcher."

539
00:31:14,520 --> 00:31:15,360
All right.

540
00:31:16,040 --> 00:31:17,040
Put him through.

541
00:31:25,160 --> 00:31:27,160
[brakes squeaking]

542
00:31:28,760 --> 00:31:31,720
-[driver] Six quid fifty-four, sir.
-Yeah. Keep the change.

543

00:31:40,440 --> 00:31:42,440
[no audible dialogue]

544
00:32:00,800 --> 00:32:02,200
-Thank you.
-Prime Minister.

545
00:32:03,160 --> 00:32:05,560
-Evening, Prime Minister.
-Evening, Bernard.

546
00:32:05,640 --> 00:32:07,720
I've just had a call from the Sunday Times

547
00:32:07,800 --> 00:32:11,200
letting us know that there will be
a difficult piece in the paper tomorrow.

548
00:32:11,280 --> 00:32:12,120
About what?

549
00:32:12,200 --> 00:32:13,640
The fault lines that have developed

550
00:32:13,720 --> 00:32:16,160
in the relationship
between sovereign and prime minister.

551
00:32:16,680 --> 00:32:17,520
What?

552
00:32:18,040 --> 00:32:20,040
[cart wheels rattling]

553
00:32:28,960 --> 00:32:31,080
Sunday Times, first edition!

554
00:32:36,760 --> 00:32:39,080
Sunday Times, first edition!

555
00:32:41,600 --> 00:32:42,560
There we go.

556

00:32:44,200 --> 00:32:46,720
Sunday Times, first edition!

557

00:32:50,880 --> 00:32:52,240
-Bernard.
-Michael.

558

00:32:55,440 --> 00:32:56,280
Here.

559

00:33:18,880 --> 00:33:20,000
[sighs]

560

00:33:31,480 --> 00:33:34,840
[anchor] A constitutional crisis
was on the verge of erupting this morning

561

00:33:34,920 --> 00:33:39,000
as the Sunday Times published details
of a sensational rift

562

00:33:39,080 --> 00:33:41,520
between Buckingham Palace
and Downing Street.

563

00:33:42,160 --> 00:33:44,840
This story,
which is likely to have a serious impact

564

00:33:44,920 --> 00:33:47,520
on what had
traditionally been cordial relations

565

00:33:47,600 --> 00:33:49,960
between the sovereign
and her prime ministers,

566

00:33:50,040 --> 00:33:53,120
cites the cause of the rift
as an alleged dispute

567

00:33:53,200 --> 00:33:56,760
over Mrs. Thatcher's failure
to commit to a policy of sanctions

568

00:33:56,840 --> 00:33:59,120
against apartheid in South Africa...

569

00:33:59,200 --> 00:34:00,080
Christ!

570

00:34:00,160 --> 00:34:04,320
...a position regarding which the Queen
has apparently expressed her disapproval,

571

00:34:04,400 --> 00:34:07,520
marking a distinct break
with the monarch's long-held practice

572

00:34:07,600 --> 00:34:10,200
of never passing comment
on political affairs.

573

00:34:10,960 --> 00:34:15,240
So far, Buckingham Palace has refused
to be drawn on the veracity of the report

574

00:34:15,320 --> 00:34:17,600
with the palace spokesman
declining to comment

575

00:34:17,680 --> 00:34:19,000
on an article entitled..

576

00:34:19,080 --> 00:34:22,160
"The African Queen.
At odds with Number 10."

577

00:34:23,160 --> 00:34:25,840
"It has been an eventful week
for Buckingham Palace."

578

00:34:26,360 --> 00:34:29,760
"Queen Elizabeth II,

a well-intentioned, apolitical figurehead,

579

00:34:30,320 --> 00:34:33,720
has been dragged into a messy row
over South Africa

580

00:34:34,360 --> 00:34:37,200
because of the stubbornness
and insensitivity..."

581

00:34:37,280 --> 00:34:38,680
"...of her prime minister.

582

00:34:40,120 --> 00:34:43,640
Far from being a straightforward,
uncomplicated countrywoman..."

583

00:34:44,160 --> 00:34:46,240
[Philip] "...a late-middle-aged grandmother,

584

00:34:46,320 --> 00:34:49,080
who is most at ease
when talking about dogs and horses..."

585

00:34:49,760 --> 00:34:53,680
"...she has shown that
she is also an astute political infighter

586

00:34:53,760 --> 00:34:56,240
who is quite prepared
to take on Downing Street..."

587

00:34:56,320 --> 00:34:57,680
"...when provoked."

588

00:35:02,560 --> 00:35:03,560
Really?

589

00:35:04,240 --> 00:35:05,520
Well, that's what it says.

590

00:35:08,320 --> 00:35:11,240

I'm feeling something
for the very first time.

591

00:35:12,680 --> 00:35:16,200
-Something which I never imagined feeling.
-What is that?

592

00:35:18,480 --> 00:35:21,360
Impatience for our next audience.

593

00:35:22,560 --> 00:35:24,720
-There she is!
-Mrs. Thatcher!

594

00:35:25,400 --> 00:35:26,280
Over here!

595

00:35:28,840 --> 00:35:31,800
[anchor] Buckingham Palace
has continued to deny accusations

596

00:35:31,880 --> 00:35:33,320
published in the Sunday Times

597

00:35:33,400 --> 00:35:36,080
regarding the rift
between the Queen and Downing Street.

598

00:35:37,120 --> 00:35:39,800
Government sources claim
that the sacrosanct relationship

599

00:35:39,880 --> 00:35:44,760
between sovereign and first minister
was in danger of being blown apart.

600

00:35:45,320 --> 00:35:46,720
The prime minister's here.

601

00:35:46,800 --> 00:35:48,800
[brakes squeaking]

602

00:36:55,080 --> 00:36:56,040
[bell rings]

603
00:37:11,600 --> 00:37:12,840
Your Majesty.

604
00:37:12,920 --> 00:37:13,800
Prime Minister.

605
00:37:21,040 --> 00:37:22,640
Before coming today,

606
00:37:23,200 --> 00:37:25,640
I checked with the cabinet secretary,

607
00:37:25,720 --> 00:37:29,320
and it turns out that in the seven years
I have been prime minister,

608
00:37:29,400 --> 00:37:32,680
we have had 164 audiences,

609
00:37:32,760 --> 00:37:37,920
always the model of cordiality,
productivity, and mutual respect.

610
00:37:38,000 --> 00:37:40,520
So it is perhaps not unreasonable

611
00:37:40,600 --> 00:37:43,720
to expect an isolated hiccup.

612
00:37:43,800 --> 00:37:44,680
What hiccup?

613
00:37:44,760 --> 00:37:46,000
I was under the impression

614
00:37:46,080 --> 00:37:51,200
that Her Majesty never expressed
her political views in public.

615

00:37:52,680 --> 00:37:53,520
I don't.

616

00:37:53,600 --> 00:37:56,320
That there was
an unbreakable code of silence

617

00:37:56,400 --> 00:37:58,320
between sovereign and first minister.

618

00:37:58,400 --> 00:38:00,240
If you're referring to the Sunday Times,

619

00:38:00,320 --> 00:38:03,400
I've always advised my prime ministers
against reading the newspapers.

620

00:38:03,480 --> 00:38:04,720
[Thatcher] I don't, ma'am.

621

00:38:04,800 --> 00:38:06,720
They misunderstand, misquote,

622

00:38:06,800 --> 00:38:09,280
and misrepresent.
Then everybody gets into a fluster.

623

00:38:09,360 --> 00:38:11,360
But my press secretary does,

624

00:38:11,880 --> 00:38:14,720
and he has working relationships
with all of the editors,

625

00:38:14,800 --> 00:38:19,240
and the editor in this case assured him
that the sources were unimpeachable.

626

00:38:19,880 --> 00:38:21,200
Close to the Queen.

627

00:38:21,280 --> 00:38:23,600
Unprecedentedly close.

628

00:38:28,120 --> 00:38:30,920
Well, I'm sure a clarification
will soon be forthcoming.

629

00:38:32,280 --> 00:38:35,280
In the meantime, should we make a start
on the business of the week?

630

00:38:35,360 --> 00:38:37,000
Only I am mindful of the time.

631

00:38:38,560 --> 00:38:40,720
This is the business, ma'am.

632

00:38:41,640 --> 00:38:43,520
The only business.

633

00:38:44,200 --> 00:38:47,440
I think we have enough respect
for one another personally

634

00:38:47,520 --> 00:38:51,080
to ask ourselves
some of the bigger questions,

635

00:38:51,600 --> 00:38:53,440
woman to woman.

636

00:38:53,520 --> 00:38:55,760
We are the same age, after all.

637

00:38:56,280 --> 00:38:57,160
Really?

638

00:38:57,240 --> 00:38:59,000
Just six months between us.

639

00:38:59,080 --> 00:39:01,040
Oh? And who is the senior?

640

00:39:02,760 --> 00:39:04,840

I am... ma'am.

641

00:39:11,160 --> 00:39:12,480

"Uncaring,

642

00:39:13,240 --> 00:39:16,600

confrontational, and socially divisive."

643

00:39:16,680 --> 00:39:20,200

That's how these sources
so close to the Queen describe me.

644

00:39:20,280 --> 00:39:22,760

-Prime Minister--
-That I lack compassion.

645

00:39:22,840 --> 00:39:26,920

And that my government
has done irretrievable damage

646

00:39:27,000 --> 00:39:29,560
to the country's social fabric.

647

00:39:35,960 --> 00:39:40,560

My responsibility,
for the time I have in office,

648

00:39:40,640 --> 00:39:44,160
is to put sentimentality to one side

649

00:39:44,240 --> 00:39:46,960
and look after this country's interests

650

00:39:47,040 --> 00:39:50,240

with the perspective
of a cold balance sheet.

651

00:39:50,320 --> 00:39:53,520

And while I greatly admire
your sense of fairness

652

00:39:53,600 --> 00:39:56,200
and compassion
for those less fortunate than us..

653

00:39:56,280 --> 00:39:57,480
Do you? Really?

654

00:39:57,560 --> 00:39:59,800
...let us not forget

655

00:40:00,560 --> 00:40:02,360
that of the two of us,

656

00:40:02,440 --> 00:40:08,520
I am the one from a small street
in an irrelevant town

657

00:40:08,600 --> 00:40:11,360
with a father
who could not bequeath me a title

658

00:40:11,960 --> 00:40:14,600
or a Commonwealth, but only grit,

659

00:40:14,680 --> 00:40:17,360
good sense, and determination.

660

00:40:17,440 --> 00:40:22,280
And I don't want people's pity
or charity or compassion.

661

00:40:22,360 --> 00:40:24,240
Nothing would insult me more.

662

00:40:25,480 --> 00:40:26,800
My goal..

663

00:40:27,360 --> 00:40:33,320
is to change this country
from being dependent to self-reliant,

664

00:40:33,400 --> 00:40:36,000
and I think in that, I am succeeding.

665

00:40:36,080 --> 00:40:38,680
I have had to learn
many difficult lessons as sovereign--

666

00:40:38,760 --> 00:40:41,920
Britons are learning
to look after number one,

667

00:40:42,000 --> 00:40:43,160
to get ahead,

668

00:40:43,240 --> 00:40:44,800
and only then,

669

00:40:45,440 --> 00:40:47,920
if they choose,

670

00:40:48,000 --> 00:40:49,640
to look after their neighbor.

671

00:40:50,360 --> 00:40:51,560
Of those--

672

00:40:51,640 --> 00:40:54,440
No one would remember the Good Samaritan

673

00:40:54,520 --> 00:40:58,360
if he only had good intentions.

674

00:40:58,440 --> 00:40:59,280
You see,

675

00:41:00,200 --> 00:41:03,200
he had money as well.

676

00:41:03,280 --> 00:41:04,480
...perhaps the hardest

677

00:41:05,200 --> 00:41:07,880
is that I am obliged
to support my prime ministers

678

00:41:07,960 --> 00:41:09,560
on any position they take,

679

00:41:09,640 --> 00:41:13,520
even yours,
regarding sanctions against South Africa.

680

00:41:16,880 --> 00:41:18,040
My question is,

681

00:41:18,120 --> 00:41:21,800
given the lack of impact it has
on your day-to-day political fortunes,

682

00:41:21,880 --> 00:41:24,000
yet how important it is to me...

683

00:41:25,200 --> 00:41:27,720
...could you not have
supported me just once?

684

00:41:28,640 --> 00:41:30,480
My fellow Commonwealth leaders,

685

00:41:30,560 --> 00:41:32,840
many of whom I consider to be friends,

686

00:41:33,800 --> 00:41:38,280
now feel that I have betrayed them
on an issue most important to them.

687

00:41:38,360 --> 00:41:41,480
Well, they need only
read the Sunday Times.

688

00:41:42,160 --> 00:41:45,480
It will give them no doubt
as to your position.

689

00:41:53,640 --> 00:41:54,960

Oh look, our time is up.

690

00:41:55,040 --> 00:41:56,680

How it flies.

691

00:41:59,760 --> 00:42:02,880

You must be very much
looking forward to the wedding tomorrow

692

00:42:02,960 --> 00:42:05,240

of Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson.

693

00:42:05,320 --> 00:42:06,640

-[door opens]

-Yes, we are.

694

00:42:07,440 --> 00:42:09,400

[Thatcher] They seem like a good match.

695

00:42:09,480 --> 00:42:10,480

Yes, we think so.

696

00:42:10,560 --> 00:42:15,480

My own son, Mark, recently announced
that he would be getting married.

697

00:42:15,560 --> 00:42:17,160

Your favorite? The explorer?

698

00:42:18,040 --> 00:42:19,720

Not an explorer, ma'am.

699

00:42:19,800 --> 00:42:21,440

That was just the once.

700

00:42:21,520 --> 00:42:23,080

He's a businessman now.

701

00:42:23,160 --> 00:42:24,680

In the Middle East, mostly.

702

00:42:25,680 --> 00:42:26,960
And South Africa.

703

00:42:29,160 --> 00:42:30,000
Of course.

704

00:42:31,840 --> 00:42:32,880
Your Majesty.

705

00:42:42,200 --> 00:42:43,280
[door shuts]

706

00:42:45,080 --> 00:42:47,880
[Shea] Listen to me carefully.
There is no story here.

707

00:42:47,960 --> 00:42:49,920
There's not a shred of truth
to these rumors.

708

00:42:50,000 --> 00:42:52,360
The Queen continues
to have an extremely cordial

709

00:42:52,440 --> 00:42:55,040
and productive working relationship
with the prime minister.

710

00:42:55,120 --> 00:42:56,360
[man] The Sunday Times maintains

711

00:42:56,440 --> 00:42:59,440
that the story came from
a highly placed source within the palace.

712

00:42:59,520 --> 00:43:00,960
That's the line we're running with.

713

00:43:01,040 --> 00:43:03,040
We will deny it,

and you will look like fools.

714

00:43:03,120 --> 00:43:04,640
Spare me the indignation.

715

00:43:04,720 --> 00:43:07,920
I understand you have to say it,
but we both know that it's true,

716

00:43:08,000 --> 00:43:10,760
and your continual denial
is making you lot look like fools.

717

00:43:10,840 --> 00:43:12,040
[phone ringing]

718

00:43:15,040 --> 00:43:17,520
[secretary] Hello?
Can I take your details?

719

00:43:20,320 --> 00:43:24,120
What's all this? Don't tell me
the groom's having last-minute doubts.

720

00:43:24,200 --> 00:43:28,480
No. Andrew's asked us all to come together
because he wants someone to explain why--

721

00:43:28,560 --> 00:43:30,640
What in God's name
is going on with our mother?

722

00:43:32,160 --> 00:43:35,080
The wedding of the Duke of York
should be a landmark event,

723

00:43:35,160 --> 00:43:36,680
at home and abroad.

724

00:43:36,760 --> 00:43:37,680
Instead,

725

00:43:38,280 --> 00:43:41,920
thanks to the Queen's
inexplicable lapse of judgment,

726

00:43:42,000 --> 00:43:45,720
the newspapers are full
not of Sarah and me,

727

00:43:45,800 --> 00:43:48,400
but of Mummy's rift
with the prime minister!

728

00:43:50,320 --> 00:43:52,480
Ah, yes. The Sunday Times.

729

00:43:52,560 --> 00:43:55,600
-She has made a godawful mess of it.
-What was she thinking?

730

00:43:55,680 --> 00:43:58,840
She did what she's spent her life
telling me I cannot do.

731

00:43:59,360 --> 00:44:01,760
She opened her mouth
and expressed an opinion.

732

00:44:02,960 --> 00:44:05,320
[tsks] And is being slaughtered for it.

733

00:44:06,000 --> 00:44:08,120
Bloody thoughtless of her if you ask me.

734

00:44:08,200 --> 00:44:11,080
You can hardly blame the newspapers
for wanting to write about something

735

00:44:11,160 --> 00:44:14,480
other than the wedding of a fringe member
of the family who'll never be king.

736

00:44:15,000 --> 00:44:16,000
Ouch!

737

00:44:16,560 --> 00:44:17,960
Well, it's true, isn't it?

738

00:44:19,160 --> 00:44:20,320
Fourth in line now,

739

00:44:20,400 --> 00:44:23,720
and by the time William's had children,
and his children have had children...

740

00:44:25,480 --> 00:44:26,480
Fringe.

741

00:44:29,800 --> 00:44:30,640
Shall we?

742

00:44:38,240 --> 00:44:39,640
Did he really just say that?

743

00:44:40,760 --> 00:44:41,840
On my wedding day?

744

00:44:42,760 --> 00:44:44,480
That was impressively cunty.

745

00:44:45,240 --> 00:44:47,240
[cheering on TV]

746

00:44:55,240 --> 00:44:57,480
[anchor] It would be hard to imagine
there'd be anything

747

00:44:57,560 --> 00:45:01,040
that could knock a royal wedding
into second place on the news.

748

00:45:01,800 --> 00:45:03,520
But the continuing escalation

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00:45:03,600 --> 00:45:06,000

of the row
between the Queen and Mrs. Thatcher

750

00:45:06,080 --> 00:45:08,280
threatens to overshadow the nuptials.

751

00:45:08,840 --> 00:45:11,640
The Queen has made
a very serious error of judgment,

752

00:45:12,280 --> 00:45:14,880
and this Sunday Times article
has lit a touch paper

753

00:45:14,960 --> 00:45:18,440
to what could very quickly become
a major constitutional crisis.

754

00:45:19,440 --> 00:45:22,680
What the palace was hoping
to achieve by this is hard to say,

755

00:45:23,360 --> 00:45:26,240
but the fact is,
they've stirred up a hornet's nest,

756

00:45:26,320 --> 00:45:31,320
and so far seem to lack the wit
to avoid getting stung. This story..

757

00:45:31,400 --> 00:45:32,960
If I might interrupt, ma'am?

758

00:45:33,040 --> 00:45:34,000
[turns off radio]

759

00:45:35,400 --> 00:45:38,360
One unfortunate consequence
of our denial of the story

760

00:45:38,440 --> 00:45:43,080
is that the editor of the Sunday Times
has now come out all guns blazing,

761
00:45:43,160 --> 00:45:45,400
and whilst we could continue to deny it,

762
00:45:46,360 --> 00:45:49,280
my own view is
that it's no longer to our advantage.

763
00:45:49,800 --> 00:45:53,480
And I think we're now
going to have to give them something.

764
00:45:54,200 --> 00:45:55,080
What?

765
00:45:55,160 --> 00:45:56,120
A culprit.

766
00:45:57,640 --> 00:46:01,600
To deflect blame from you
and to put these flames out ASAP.

767
00:46:03,200 --> 00:46:04,640
We need to let them have a name.

768
00:46:16,280 --> 00:46:17,120
Martin!

769
00:46:17,600 --> 00:46:18,600
[Charteris] Michael.

770
00:46:20,880 --> 00:46:21,720
Uh...

771
00:46:22,240 --> 00:46:25,120
This... escalating situation

772
00:46:25,200 --> 00:46:27,520
between Buckingham Palace
and Downing Street...

773

00:46:28,040 --> 00:46:30,240
-You can't say I didn't warn you.
-Eh.

774

00:46:30,960 --> 00:46:34,200
I think you know how seriously
the Queen takes her responsibility

775

00:46:34,280 --> 00:46:37,760
and how much she values the close
relationship between the two houses.

776

00:46:37,840 --> 00:46:38,680
Of course.

777

00:46:39,280 --> 00:46:41,600
And... to see it...

778

00:46:42,440 --> 00:46:44,960
well, compromised like this

779

00:46:45,800 --> 00:46:47,880
as a consequence of your actions...

780

00:46:47,960 --> 00:46:48,800
Wha--

781

00:46:50,600 --> 00:46:52,440
[scoffing] What?

782

00:46:54,080 --> 00:46:57,240
The fact is that the steps you took
were completely unprofessional.

783

00:46:58,160 --> 00:46:59,240
Martin, stop it.

784

00:46:59,320 --> 00:47:02,320
Impugning the integrity of the palace
and of the Queen herself.

785

00:47:02,400 --> 00:47:04,160

We know one another too well.

786

00:47:05,080 --> 00:47:06,520
This is madness.

787

00:47:09,040 --> 00:47:10,480
I hope we can rely on you...

788

00:47:11,480 --> 00:47:12,720
to do the right thing.

789

00:47:27,400 --> 00:47:28,400
Of course.

790

00:47:52,760 --> 00:47:53,680
Michael.

791

00:49:03,960 --> 00:49:08,520
[young Elizabeth] "There is a motto which
has been borne by many of my ancestors.

792

00:49:09,440 --> 00:49:10,520
A noble motto.

793

00:49:11,840 --> 00:49:12,680
'I serve.'

794

00:49:13,840 --> 00:49:16,000
I should like to make that dedication now.

795

00:49:16,840 --> 00:49:17,840
It's very simple.

796

00:49:18,680 --> 00:49:20,240
I declare before you all

797

00:49:21,200 --> 00:49:22,400
that my whole life...

798

00:49:23,520 --> 00:49:25,520
whether it be long or short,

799

00:49:26,240 --> 00:49:28,240
shall be devoted to your service

800

00:49:29,240 --> 00:49:32,000
and the service
of our great imperial family

801

00:49:32,600 --> 00:49:34,080
to which we all belong.

802

00:49:36,000 --> 00:49:38,240
God help me to make good my vow,

803

00:49:39,200 --> 00:49:42,960
and God bless all of you
who are willing to share in it."

804

00:50:18,080 --> 00:50:20,080
[crowd chanting]

805

00:50:37,040 --> 00:50:39,760
[dub-reggae music plays]

806

00:50:40,920 --> 00:50:43,280
♪ Inqlan is a bitch ♪

807

00:50:47,720 --> 00:50:50,200
♪ Inqlan is a bitch ♪

808

00:50:54,240 --> 00:50:57,440
♪ W'en mi jus' come to Landan toun ♪

809

00:50:57,520 --> 00:51:00,040
♪ Mi use to work pan di andahgroun ♪

810

00:51:01,280 --> 00:51:03,880
♪ But workin' pan di andahgroun ♪

811

00:51:05,040 --> 00:51:07,800
♪ Y'u don't get fi know your way aroun' ♪

812
00:51:08,320 --> 00:51:09,880
♪ Inglan is a bitch ♪

813
00:51:11,600 --> 00:51:14,040
♪ Dere's no escapin' it ♪

814
00:51:15,360 --> 00:51:17,040
♪ Inglan is a bitch ♪

815
00:51:18,160 --> 00:51:20,760
♪ Dere's no runnin' whey fram it ♪

816
00:51:22,080 --> 00:51:25,400
♪ Mi get a lickle jab in a big 'otell ♪

817
00:51:25,480 --> 00:51:28,880
♪ An' aftah a while
Mi woz doin' quite well ♪

818
00:51:28,960 --> 00:51:32,360
♪ Dem staat mi aaf as a dish-washah ♪

819
00:51:32,440 --> 00:51:36,120
♪ But w'en mi tek a stack
Mi noh tun clackwatchah!

820
00:51:36,200 --> 00:51:37,760
♪ Inglan is a bitch ♪

821
00:51:38,960 --> 00:51:41,600
♪ Dere's no escapin' it ♪

822
00:51:43,120 --> 00:51:44,720
♪ Inglan is a bitch ♪

823
00:51:46,320 --> 00:51:48,480
♪ Noh baddah try fi hide fram it ♪

824
00:51:49,520 --> 00:51:52,160
♪ W'en em gi'you di lickle wage packit ♪

825

00:51:52,960 --> 00:51:55,360

♪ Fus dem rab it wid dem big tax rackit ♪

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