

THE CROWN - S2E1
ELIZABETH & MARGARET

INT: DINING HALL

Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret are having lunch together in one of the "smaller" dining halls of Buckingham Palace.

MARGARET

We started at Mirabelle, and then went to the 400, and then ended up at Les Ambassadeurs.

ELIZABETH

Who's "we"?

MARGARET

Just Colin, Johnny, Judy Montagu.

ELIZABETH

Margot?

MARGARET

Hm.

ELIZABETH

Is it possible that you're still drunk?

MARGARET

Do you know, I think I might be, slightly.

ELIZABETH

You need to be more careful.

MARGARET

Yes, quite right. Grain and grape don't mix.

ELIZABETH

No. I meant about where you're seen. And with whom. You're drinking far more than you used to.

MARGARET

Why do you think that is?

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MARGARET (CONT'D)

Because I'm unhappier than I used to be. And why is that? Because I am still unmarried. And why is that? Oh, because you denied me my perfect match.

ELIZABETH

That's not fair.
As your sister, I would have been perfectly happy for you to marry Peter.

MARGARET

What?

ELIZABETH

It was the Crown that forbade it.
Not to mention the fact that he was a little old.
Not really from the right -

MARGARET

Don't you dare say "background."

ELIZABETH

Well I just think it might have all come back to haunt you.

MARGARET

What, did Philip's Nazi sisters come back to haunt him? Or his lunatic mother? Or his womanizing, bankrupt father?
[SIGHS] How is he?

ELIZABETH

Philip?

MARGARET

Yes.

ELIZABETH

He's fine. I think.

MARGARET

What, you don't know?
Where is he now?

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ELIZABETH

Ceylon. No, Malaya.

MARGARET

You don't know that either.

ELIZABETH

No. Is that bad?

MARGARET

It's just a little odd. A little remote. A little chilly. Doesn't he write to you?

ELIZABETH

Hm. He's not much of a writer. Neither of us is. Mike telephoned from Mombasa to say that they'd arrived safely.

MARGARET

Who's Mike?

ELIZABETH

His private secretary.

MARGARET

Oh, yes. That little Australian.

ELIZABETH

Yes.

MARGARET

What do you make of him?

ELIZABETH

I'm not sure I make anything of him. He's Mike. We were all very close in Malta. The children sometimes play together now. Philip says he'd be lost without him.

MARGARET

Oh, just as long as he isn't lost because of him.

ELIZABETH

What does that mean?

MARGARET

It means he's got something of a reputation.

ELIZABETH

Who, Mike?

MARGARET

Yes, Mike. Isn't he thick as thieves with that sinister osteopath?

ELIZABETH

What osteopath?

MARGARET

The one who knows everyone. Always arranging gentlemen's weekends here and there with actresses and -

ELIZABETH

Ballerinas.

MARGARET

Yes. How did you know that?