EP3/SC1. INT. AMENHOTEP STOMB. DAY. 1928

YOUNG RALEIGH, YOUNG EVELYN

 $\mathsf{NSE}\,\mathsf{EXCAVATION}\,\mathsf{PARTY}\,$, $\mathsf{NSE}\,\mathsf{EGYPTIAN}\,\mathsf{WORKMEN}\,$, $\mathsf{NSE}\,\mathsf{DICKIE}\,$

[SUBTITLE: VALLEY OF THE KINGS. 1928

THE TOMB OF AMENHOTEP. DARK AS NIGHT, QUIET AS THE GRAVE... UNDISTURBED FOR MILLENIA. UNTIL NOW...

ENTERS. PITH HELMETS AND TORCHES. LED BY YOUNG RALEIGH AND HIS WIFE EVELYN.

A SARCOPHAGUS LIES ON A PLINTH. ILLUMINATED BY THE FLICKERING FLAMES OF THE TORCHES]

<u>YOUNG RALEIGH:</u> (EXULTANT) I told them. I said all along there was a second chamber...

[EYES GLITTER. NAKED AMBITION]

YOUNG RALEIGH: You know what it means?

<u>EVELYN:</u> The name of Beresford will become the stuff of legend.

[THE GROUP APPROACH THE SARCOPHAGUS. AN INSCRIPTION IN HIEROGLYPHICS ON THE BASE]

YOUNG RALEIGH: (EVELYN) Who is he?

[EVELYN SHINES A TORCH]

EVELYN:

(TRANSLATES) Princely High Priest. Son of Herfhuet. Powerful of strength. Sacred of appearance.

[THE FLAMES SPUTTER AND NEARLY EXTINGUISH]

EVELYN: Amenhotep. EPISODE 3

EP3/SC2. INT. CROWTHORNE.CORRIDOR / STAIRS. DAY 1. 10.00

FATHER BROWN, FELICIA $\,$, MRS MCCARTHY, WALTER, VALERIE

[CROWTHORNE HALL MUSEUM. ANCIENT EGYPTIAN ARTEFACTS. CREEPILY GOTHIC. CURATOR, WALTER HUBBLE NERDY BUT NICE - GUIDES A SMALL TOUR PARTY: FATHER BROWN, FELICIA, MRS MCCARTHY AND PLAIN SPEAKING SECRETARY. VALERIE OLIPHANT (40) <u>WALTER :</u> Hence the opening of the mouth ceremony. To restore the body to see, hear,

FELICIA: (MAKES NOTE) Body and soul reanimated

[V EYE. A CONSPIRITORIAL SMILE APROPOS FELICIA - WHICH

THEY PASS A CORRIDOR. DARK. CORDONED OFF WITH A ROPE]

FELICIA:

[A CHILL IN THE BEAT]

WALTER:

(DEFLECTS) and over here is a

ANTENNAE TWITCHES]

EP3/SC3. EXT. CROWTHORNE. GARDEN. DAY 1. 10.30

FATHER BROWN, FELICIA $\,$, MRS MCCARTHY, WALTER, VALERIE

[VALERIE AND MRS MCCARTHY MAN TEAPOTS ON THE LAWN. FATHER BROWN BREAKS OFF ADMIRING THE ROSES TO JOIN THEM]

FELICIA: Are you limping Father?

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WALTER: Did you know about this?

VALERIE:

When does Raleigh deign to inform me of his movements? (THE OTHERS) He and his son, Leo are supposed to be in America on a lecture tour.

[WALTER LOOKS IN DISMAY TO THEIR UNINVITED GUESTS]

FATHER BROWN:

our leave.

FELICIA: And d

Mr. Hubble. Sir Raleigh and I are (PAUSE) acquainted. thrilled to see me.

[VALERIE AND WALTER HURRY AHEAD OF THE OTHERS IN THE DIRECTION OF THE HOUSE.7N N OFET.21 511.5

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EP3/SC5. INT. CROWTHORNE. DRAWING ROOM . DAY 1. 10.50

FATHER BROWN, FELICIA, MRS MCCARTHY, WALTER, VALERIE, RALEIGH, CAT ERINA

[WALTER AND VALERIE HAND ROUND CHAMPAGNE. CATERINA COLLECTIVE DISCOMFORT AS HE DROOLS OVER HIS CHILD BRIDE]

WALTER:

(MRS MCCARTHY) Champagne?

MRS MCCARTHY:

No thank you. Liquor before lunch time indeed.

[RALEIGH SPILLS CHAMPAGNE ON HIS HAND. CATERINA LICKS IT OFF LIKE A CAT - YEUGH -FELICIA AND FATHER BROWN REACH AS ONE FOR FORTIFICATION]

FATHER BROWN:

How long have you been married?

<u>CATERINA:</u> Two weeks. It was a whirlwind romance

RALEIGH:

wait to (LEERS) make her my wife.

FELICIA :

How romantic.

RALEIGH:

Caterina attended one of my lectures. (PINCHES HER CHEEK) I looked up and there she was before my eyes. Sitting in the front row. After that I lost concentration.

WALTER:

(CATERINA)

WALTER:

[A SENSE OF RALEIGH S FEAR]

RALEIGH: (EVASIVE) And you will.

CATERINA: I want to see him

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EP3/SC6 INT. CROWTHORNE. MUMMY CHAMBER. DAY 1. 11.30

FATHER BROWN, FELICIA, WALTER, RALEIGH, CAT ERINA LEO, YOUNG EVELYN

[A SPOOKY AS HELL CHAMBER: IN THE GLOOM OF WHICH LIES A SARCOPHAGUS ON A PLINTH SURROUNDED BY EGYPTIAN FUNEREAL ARTEFACTS.

BOLTS DRAWN BACK. A SHAFT OF DAYLIGHT STRIPS THE ROOM. THE PARTY ENTER]

FELICIA:

WALTER: The chamber

decades.

[(THROWAWAY) - FAT BRUSHES THE DOOR HINGE. IT LEAVES A SMEAR OF DIRT WHICH HE WIPES WITH HIS HANDKERCHIEF.

UNTHINKING, FELICIA REACHES A HAND TO TOUCH THE SARCOPHAGUS

LEO (OOV):

if I were you.

[FELICIA SNATCHES BACK HER HAND AS LEO BERESFORD (27) ENTERS.

DECENT

LEO: (RALEIGH. MEASURED) Have you taken leave of your senses?

RALEIGH:

(SNEERS) Kept to a safe speed limit did you?

LEO: I value my life

RALEIGH: My Son Leo. Soft. No sense of danger.

LEO:

And yalready lost one wife. Are you really going to be so carelesswith another? (FELICIA)he tell you it was cursed?

FELICIA: Gosh. (UNSURE) How thrilling.

<u>CATERINA:</u> (CHIDES) Leo. Tell him Father. The catechism says superstition is sinful.

EP3/SC7. INT/EXT. CROWTHORNE. DINING ROOM . DAY 1. 13.00

FATHER BROWN, FELICIA, MRS MCCARTHY , WALTER, VALERIE, RAL EIGH, CATERINA , LEO

NSE MUMMY

[LUNCH COFFEE STAGE. FATHER BROWN CAT NAPS WHILE FELICIA HOLDS FORTH ON HER WHILE FOR MRS MCCARTHY: THE UNCOMFORTABLE DAWNING REALISATION: SOMEONE IS PLAYING FOOTSIE WITH HER UNDER THE TABLE]

FELICIA:

flame haired aristocratic beauty. Crushed within the stagnant confines of her class. Ripe for adventure. Thrown into the company of a mysterious explorer bound on an expedition to Egypt.

> [MRS MCCARTHY GLARES AT LEO. SITTING OPPOSITE MAKING EYES AT AN OBLIVIOUS CATERINA]

RALEIGH: (ARCH)

have to consult my lawyers?

[MRS MCCARTHY JABS HE STIFLES A YELP]

FELICIA:

he book starts in post war London

[DURING THIS - A FLEETING GLIMPSE AT THE WINDOW. A SHADOWY FIGURE IN EGYPTIAN ROBES OF BLUE AND GOLD...AN INVOLUNTARY CRY. CONVERSATION STOPS AS ALL EYES SWIVEL ON HER]

MRS MCCARTHY:

Goodness child? You look like you saw a ghost.

[RALEIGH A FRISSON OF FEAR]

CATERINA:

FELICIA:

The heat I expect. Perhaps you should have a lie down.

FATHER BROWN:

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VALERIE:

some interesting perennials. Maybe we could show you after lunch.

EP3/SC8 EXT. CROWTHORNE. SUMMER HOUSE / GARDEN. DAY 1. 14.30

FELICIA, CATERINA, FATHER BROWN, MRS MCCARTHY, RALEIGH, VALERIE, LEO

NSE MUMMY

[DISTANCE: THE GANG, RALEIGH AND VALERIE TOUR THE GARDEN.

SUMMER HOUSE. THE DOOR OPENS.CATERINA S TJ9.72 Tm1 0 T1 0 0 1 242.21 594.34 Tm[91.58 SSSNSE MUMMY RALEIGH: I need a bloody drink.

VALERIE:

RALEIGH: God damn you woman stop fussing me!

[RALEIGH STEAMS OFF]

FELICIA: (SOTTO. TO FATHER BROWN) Trouble in paradise?

FATHER BROWN: This place is anything but paradise.

[HIS DISTURB]

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EP3/SC9 INT. CROWTHORNE. CATERINA DAY 1. 15.00

CATERINA

NSE MUMMY

[CATERINA LIES ON HER BED. SWEATY AND FEVERISH. THEN OUTSIDE IN THE CORRIDOR STRANGE SHUFFLING FOOTSTEPS COMING

SHE JUMPS OFF THE BED. THROWS OPEN THE DOOR. THE CORRIDOR IS EMPTY. SPOOKED SHE LOCKS THE DOOR. SITS AT THE DRESSING TABLE.WE HEAR HER HEART PUMPING IN HER CHEST LIGHTS A CIGARETTE WITH SHAKING A REFLECTION CAUGHT IN THE MIRROR.THE ROBED EGYPTIAN IN THE ROOM BEHIND RAI SEE THE FACE BENEATH THE HOOD. BLOOD RED EYES BLAZE FROM ROTTING FLESH AND

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EP3/SC12 INT. CROWTHORNE. CATERINA DAY 1. 15.05

FATHER BROWN, WALTER, CATERINA

[AS FATHER BROWN BURSTS THROUGH THE DOOR THE KEY FLIES OUT OF THE LOCK AND LANDS ON THE FLOOR.

SIGNS OF A VIOLENT STRUGGLE. CATERINA LIES ON THE FLOOR. DEAD.

WALTER DROPS TO HIS KNEES BESIDE HER. FEELS HER PULSE]

WALTER:

FATHER BROWN KNEELS. PUTS ON HIS STOLE. BEGINS LAST RITES]

FATHER BROWN:

Per istam sanctam Unctionem et suam piissimam misericordiam adiuvet te Dominus gratia Spiritus Sancti -

> **[MASSIVE SHOCK - AS** OPEN. ALIVE JUST. SHE GASPS]

SNAP

CATERINA:

FATHER BROWN: Try not to speak. (WALTER. HOVERING) Go.

CATERINA: DEATH RATTLE Amenhotep

[SHE DIES]

EP3/SC13 EXT. CROWTHORNE. FRONT DRIVE. DAY 1. 17.00

SULLIVAN, GOODFELLOW

NSE POLICE

[WINKWORTH BELLS. SULLIVAN LEAPS OUT OF A CAR. IS MET BY GOODFELLOW]

<u>SULLIVAN:</u> What do we know about the victim?

GOODFELLOW:

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<u>SULLIVAN:</u> (RALEIGH) Which leaves you Sir?

RALEIGH: I was in my study. Alone - for all the good it will do you. And bedroom door was locked from the inside.

SULLIVAN:

The key was found on the floor so we only have Father that.

FATHER BROWN: Do you doubt me Inspector?

<u>SULLIVAN:</u> It requires a certain leap of faith.

<u>FATHER BROWN:</u> Or simply a rational explanation.

<u>SULLIVAN:</u> (ALL) Do you know of anyone with cause to harm Lady Beresford?

[WALTER SHOOTS FATHER BROWN A LOOK]

<u>SULLIVAN:</u> (WALTER) Yes? (OFF HIS SILENCE. SIGH) Father?

FATHER BROWN: Before Lady Beresford died, she spoke a name. Amenhotep.

[RALEIGH SINKS IN A CHAIR]

RALEIGH:

<u>LEO:</u> (RALEIGH)

[SULLIVAN PERKS UP]

<u>SULLIVAN:</u> And where can I find this Mr Amenhotep?

EP3/SC15 EXT. CROWTHORNE. REAR / FRONT DRIVE. DAY 1. 18.00

FATHER BROWN, MRS MCCARTHY, FELICIA, SULLIVAN, GOODFELLOW

NSE POLICE

[GOODFELLOW TROTS AFTER SULLIVAN AS HE STOMPS TO HIS CAR IN FILTHY MOOD]

GOODFELLOW:

The Chief Super wants updating Sir.

SULLIVAN:

You can tell the Chief Super an unexplained death, a houseful of people with no alibi and a 3000 year old Mummy on the prowl. (BEAT) tell the Chief Superintendent that Sergeant.

GOODFELLOW:

Yes no

[THEY PASS FATHER BROWN. DEEP IN CONTEMPLATION. EYES DOWN, HANDS CLASPED]

SULLIVAN:

What are you thinking Father? The dead arisen. Should be right up your street.

FATHER BROWN:

I was wondering

<u>SULLIVAN:</u> (TENTERHOOKS) Yes.

FATHER BROWN:

what this stain was on my handkerchief.

[SULLIVAN DEFLATES. MARCHES OFF]

SULLIVAN:

rely on good

old fashioned police work.

[FELICIA AND MRS. MCCARTHY JOIN FATHER BROWN. HE SHOWS MRS. MCCARTHY HIS HANDKERCHIEF]

<u>FATHER BROWN:</u>

What would you say that was Mrs. M?

MRS MCCARTHY: (EXPERT EYE) Lubricant oil.

[FATHER BROWN THOUGB[70.2(S3 2)-L]()] TJETBT1 0 0 137976

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WALTER:

Beresford bought Amenhotep back to England for a public unwrapping in front of the crème de la crème of the archaeological world. All gnashing their teeth at his coup.

FATHER BROWN:

It never took place.

WALTER :

Dickie was next to die. expedition. On the boat home; he fell mysteriously overboard and drowned.

VALERIE:

There was nothing mysterious about it. Dickie was a hopeless drunk who

WALTER:

The day of the unwrapping, Leo was struck down with fever. By this time Beresford was deranged with paranoia. He found some self- styled to perform prayers of exorcism and re entombed Amenhotep: surrounded by his every want in the afterlife. fever broke and

FATHER BROWN: Until now. (WALTER) What do you think of this curse?

WALTER:

VALERIE:

surprising he picked up some nasty tropical disease.

WALTER:

And treasure should be shared with the world not hidden away on the whim of a superstitious fool.

EP3/SC17. INT/EXT. CROWTHORNE. DAY 2. 09.30

FATHER BROWN, VALERIE , SULLIVAN , GOODFELLOW

[FATHER BROWN, HEAD UP THE CHIMNEY. TALKING TO VALERIE]

FATHER BROWN:

You have a good friend in Mr Hubble I thi] TJ Tfu5lO9 6m,Tm9.8 1 372.79 677.14 Tm[

FATHER BROWN:

curse.

VALERIE:

A self - fulfilling prophecy. Raleigh believes it, despite his apparent change of heart. As for Leo, the poor child was practically bought up on the tale. No good can come of it.

FATHER BROWN:

No good has come of it.

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[A ROAR OF RAGE. RALEIGH SPRINGS AT LEO. TWICE HIS SIZE. MURDEROUS INTENT. IT TAKES SULLIVAN AND GOODFELLOW TO RESTRAIN HIM]

SULLIVAN:

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on suspicion of the murder of Caterina

Beresford.

LEO:

loved her.

RALEIGH: (BELLOWS) You forced yourself on her. Admit it damn you!

<u>SULLIVAN:</u> (HANDCUFFS LEO) You are not obliged to say anything unless you wish

[VALERIE DARTS FORWARD]

VALERIE: Stop,

. I did it. I murdered Caterina.

[OUT ON THEIR COLLECTIVE SHOCK]

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EP3/SC19. INT. CROWTHO RNE. SUMMERHOUSE. DAY 1. 14.30

FLASHBACK

LEO, CATERINA

[LEO (SHIRTLESS) AND CATERINA LOCKED IN A LOVERS EMBRACE]

LEO:

[SHE PUSHES HIM OFF]

<u>CATERINA:</u> (MATTER OF FACT) For the same reason I married him silly boy.

LEO:

what everyone thinks. No more than a vulgar little gold digger.

CATERINA:

Leo. So naïve.

[LEO HOLDS HER NECK]

LEO: What about us?

CATERINA:

You were a diversion who has stopped being diverting and become tedious

[HIS FINGERS TIGHTEN ROUND HER NECK]

LEO:

[SHE LASHES OUT WITH HER TALONS. BLOOD BUBBLES IN TRACKS ACROSS HIS CHEST.

LEO CRIES IN PAIN. RELEASES HIS GRIP. UNPERTURBED SHE TOSSES HER HEAD. LEAVES THE SUMMERHOUSE]

EP3/SC21 INT. ST MARY SPRESBYTERY. STUDY. DAY 2. 10.30

FATHER BROWN, FELICIA, MRS MCCARTHY

[FELICIA AND MRS MCCARTHY. PARISH BUSINESS]

FELICIA:

Twenty six stalls is rather excessive Mrs McCarthy.

FELICIA : But why

commit?

FATHER BROWN:

To protect someone whose life is worth more own.

MRS MCCARTHY: (SNORTS)

(OFF THEIR LOOKS) Raleigh

been carrying a torch for years although God knows what she sees in that debauched bully. Particularly if his wife was playing fast and loose with his son.

FATHER BROWN :

Falsely confess to murder over an unfounded infatuation?

[MRS MCCARTHY BITES BACK A RETORT. TWO PAIRS OF EYES SWIVEL ON HER]

MRS MCCARTHY:

not one to gossip.

FATHER BROWN: It g EP3/SC22 INT. POLICE STATION. INTERVIEW ROOM. DAY 2. 10.35

SULLIVAN, VALERIE

[SULLIVAN FACES VALERIE (COOL AS A CUCUMBER) ACROSS AN INTERVIEW TABLE]

<u>SULLIVAN:</u> (SCEPTICAL) You and Sir Raleigh had an affair?

VALERIE:

It may be hard to imagine now; but at one time I possessed if not beauty then a bloom of youth.

SULLIVAN: (CHASTENED)

VALERIE:

. I envy you your rose tinted spectacles of

youth.

SULLIVAN: This was?

VALERIE: Decades ago.

SULLIVAN: Why did it end?

VALERIE: He was married. I was another notch on his bedpost.

<u>SULLIVAN:</u> Yet you stayed in his employ all this time.

[BEAT]

VALERIE: A woman may hope Inspector. him. In every way but one.

<u>SULLIVAN:</u> Did Caterina Beresford dash that hope?

VALERIE:

She would have driven him to his grave. Gold digging little minx. Pardon my language but she deserved what she got.

SULLIVAN: Which was?

VALERIE: I killed her. I put my hands round her neck and squeezed the life from her.

<u>SULLIVAN:</u> And then locked the door behind you?

VALERIE:

I have a master key to every room in the house. I locked the door - to buy myself time to get away.

<u>SULLIVAN:</u> Father Brown swears the key was in the lock.

[VALERIE LOCKS EYES]

VALERIE: Father Brown was mistaken.

SULLIVAN: (SOTTO) (VA say before we conclude?

(VALERIE)

VALERIE: I have no regrets.

SULLIVAN: In that case. Valerie Oliphant, charg

charging you with the murder of Caterina

EP3/SC23 INT. CROWTHOR NE. HUNT ROOM. DAY 2. 11.30

FATHER BROWN, RALEIGH

[RALEIGH FINDS FATHER BROWN EXAMINING A PHOTOGRAPH. EVELYN WITH YOUNG RALEIGH AND DICKIE, DRESSED AS IN SCENE 1]

FATHER BROWN:

Your wife was a beautiful woman.

RALEIGH:

(HOLLOW) I had two beautiful wives. Your business?

FATHER BROWN:

A member of my flock has falsely confessed to murder protecting your son.

RALEIGH:

More fool her. The An apple fallen so far from the tree it landed in the next field.

FATHER BROWN:

He takes after his Mother. (PAUSE) His real Mother. noticing the way her eyes follow him watchful of his every move.

RALEIGH:

(WARY) What fantasy is this?

FATHER BROWN:

Once you look for them you can see the resemblances. The same frown and a habit of tilting their heads when they listen - like a chaffinch.

RALEIGH:

FATHER BROWN:

I attach a great deal of importance to vague ideas. The things that 'aren't evidence' are what convince me.

[RALEIGH DOWNS WHISKY]

RALEIGH:

Confessional rules apply Priest. Or do I have to be left footed?

FATHER BROWN:

RALEIGH:

After we were married I discovered Evelyn was infertile. Imagine a man like me without prospect of son and heir.

FATHER BROWN:

I imagine it was devastating for you both.

RALEIGH:

When Valerie fell pregnant I made her an offer. Leo was born abroad to

FATHER BROWN:

His real Mother came too.

RALEIGH: You think that was my choice? It was her only condition. To see him grow.

FATHER BROWN: After Evelyn died then surely

RALEIGH :

I should have offered my hand in marriage? (CURLED LIP) Her Father was a bought ledger clerk. A ce. My documentation is irrefutable. W

FATHER BROWN: That may be sooner rather than later if

RALEIGH:

My wife

FATHER BROWN: And

<u>RALEIGH:</u> Your entire system of faith is based on a man rise

EP3/SC24 INT. POLICE STATIO DAY 2. 1300

FATHER BROWN, SULLIVAN, GOODFELLOW

[SULLIVAN ON THE PHONE. BASKING IN THE PRAISE OF HIS SUPERIOR1

SULLIVAN:

Obviously there are some outstanding enquiries (LISTENS) Thank you Sir.

[GOODFELLOW BUSIES IN WITH A FILE LABELLED BERESFORD. C. "POST MORTEM"]

SULLIVAN: (LISTENS) Indeed.

[HE SKIMS THE REPORT. BLANCHES]

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SULLIVAN: (BLEAK) Goodbye Sir.

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FATHER BROWN: (STRAIGHT TO THE POINT) Valerie Oliphant is innocent. protecting someone, which means

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FATHER BROWN:

) But something tells me you

already know that.

[SULLIVAN LOSES HIS RAG]

<u>SULLIVAN</u>

You have exactly twenty seconds arrested and thrown in the cells.

ll have you

FATHER BROWN

On what charge?

SULLIVAN:

Anything. Wasting my time, aggravated meddling, Grievous irritation. I find something that will stick!

<u>FATHER BROWN:</u> Very well Inspector but if you need my help you only

SULLIVAN: Five seconds Father!

[FATHER BROWN LEAVES. COGS WHIRRING]

EP3/SC25 INT. POLICE STATION . INTERVIEW ROOM. DAY 2. 13.30

SULLIVAN, VALERIE

[SULLIVAN FACES VALERIE ACROSS THE DESK]

SULLIVAN:

eat about the bush Miss Oliphant. The post mortem shows that ou have some

explaining to do.

VALERIE: (BLURTS) Then how?

SULLIVAN:

(TIGHT SMILE) As you claim to have murdered her then maybe you can enlighten me?

[VALERIE AT A LOSS FOR WORDS]

<u>CUT TO:</u>

EP3/SC26 INT. POLICE STATION. FRONT DESK. DAY 2. 14.30

FELICIA, GOODFELLOW, SULLIVAN

[GOODFELLOW MANS THE FRONT DESK. SULLIVAN SWEEPS OUT. FOUL MOOD]

SULLIVAN:

Release Valerie Oliphant on bail for wasting police time.

GOODFELLOW:

Yes Sir.

[SULLIVAN STORMS OUT.

FELICIA WAFTS IN WITH A SCENTED ENVELOPE]

FELICIA:

Good afternoon Sergeant. (KNOWS FULL WELL) Is the Inspector here? (THE ENVELOPE) A his desk.

GOODFELLOW: You can leave it with me milady

make sure he gets it.

FELICIA: (HOLDING TIGHT) personal note.

I want to leave a note. (COY)

FELICIA: No young Lady in your life?

<u>SULLIVAN:</u> No.

FELICIA: A shame. And you so young and handsome.

[SULLIVAN SNATCHES UP THE INVITATION. HOLDS IT IN FRONT OF HIM LIKE A SHIELD]

<u>SULLIVAN:</u> Thank you for this. I shall endeavour to be there.

FELICIA: I shall look forward to it.

SULLIVAN: (THE DOOR)

FELICIA: Au revoir Inspector.

> SULLIVAN DOES A SUSPICIOUS SWEEP OF THE ROOM. EXAMINES THE INVITATION. T AS GOODFELLOW PASSES. A FRATERNAL WINK. (DIRTY DOG SIR!)

SULLIVAN, MERCIFULLY IN THE DARK]

EP3/SC28 INT. ST MARY SPRESBYTERY. STUDY. DAY 2. 15.30

FATHER B ROWN, MRS MCCARTHY, FELICIA , BBC ANNOUNCER (OOV)

[FATHER BROWN LISTENS TO THE RACING RESULTS ON THE WIRELESS. MRS MCCARTHY POPS HER HEAD ROUND THE DOOR]

BBC ANNOUNCER (OOV):

Hurdle. 1st Mr Neil. 2nd

2 50. The Archibald House Novices

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EP3/SC32 INT. CROWTHORNE. DINING ROOM. DAY 1. 12.00

FLASHBACK

FATHER BROWN, FELICIA, MRS MCCARTHY, WALTER, VALERIE, RALEIGH, CATERINA, LEO

[THE PARTY TAKE SEATS AT THE DINING TABLE. CATERINA HANDS WALTER HER WHISKY GLASS. PEREMPTORY]

CATERINA:

[FLASHBACK SC35 2 YEARS EARLIER. WALTER'S OFFICE. WALTER UNWRAPS A PIECE OF MUMMY. A JEWELLED SCARAB IS ROLLED IN THE FOLDS]

WALTER : So I removed it to examine at my leisure.

[END FLASHBACK]

FATHER BROWN:

Desecrate at your leisure.

<u>WALTER:</u> (SHRUGS) Semantics. grave robber bar education and hubris.

the archaeologist from the

WALTER:

no intention of spending the remainder of my days in prison and that little trollop was anything but innocent. Whereas I endeavoured to save a genuinely virtuous woman from a lif only

FATHER BROWN:

She turned you down.

WALTER:

A faint heart never won fair lady. (GLINT OF MANIA)

[HE PRODUCES A GAG]

FATHER BROWN:

Repent and God will forgive you.

WALTER:

Maybe he will. (PAUSE) B

Father. This is regrettable. But will be painless and give you time to make peace with your God and pray for your soul.

FATHER BROWN:

I rather use my

[WALTER GAGS FATHER BROWN. SLIDES THE LID OF THE SARCOPHAGUS OVER HIS HELPLESS FORM]

EP3/SC34 INT. CROWTHORNE. MUMMY CHAMBER. 2 YEARS EARLIER

WALTER

[WALTER LEVERS THE LID OF THE SARCOPHAGUS. REGARDS THE MUMMIFIED AND BEJEWELLED BODY OF AMENHOTEP. NOW A DESICATED PILE OF LIMBS AND BANDAGES.

WALTER THROWS A MUMMIFIED LEG INTO A CANVAS BAG]

EP3/SC35	DAY. 2
YEARS EARLIER	

WALTER

[WALTER UNWRAPS A PIECE OF MUMMY. A JEWELED SCARAB IS ROLLED IN THE FOLDS]

EP3/SC36 EXT. CROWTHORNE. LAKE . DAY. 2 YEARS

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EP3/SC38 INT. CROWTHORNE. MUMMY CHAMBER. DAY 2. 16.45

FELICIA, MRS MCCARTHY, FATHER BROWN

[MRS MCCARTHY AND FELICIA ENTER THE CHAMBER. EMPTY.

FELICIA SNIFFS. A LINGERING TRACE OF CAMPHOR]

FELICIA: He was here.

MRS MCCARTHY: Well . Praise be



[A VICIOUS TWEAK.

FATHER BROWN OPENS HIS EYES. OW!]

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SULLIVAN, GOODFELLOW, WALTER, FELICIA, MRS MCCARTHY, FATHER BROWN, RALEIGH

NSE POLICE

[SULLIVAN WITH RALEIGH AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE]

SULLIVAN:

[WALTER ROUNDS THE SIDE OF THE HOUSE]

WALTER: Faint heart never won f

[HE PULLS UP ON SIGHT OF THE POLICE]

SULLIVAN:

Ah Mr Hubble. The investigation has revealed that Lady Beresford died of poisoning which makes it necessary to re

[WALTER RECALLS HIMSELF]

WALTER:

[MRS MCCARTHY AND FELICIA COME INTO VIEW SUPPORTING A WOOZY FATHER BROWN.

WALTER -

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EP3/SC41. EXT. CROWTHORNE. LAKE. DAY 2. 17.30

FELICIA, MRS MCCARTHY, SULLIVAN , WALTER, GOODFELLOW

NSE POLICE

[AFTERMATH. MRS MCCARTHY AND FELICIA ARRIVE WITH THERMOSES.

SULLIVAN - WRAPPED IN A BLANKET, WATCHES ODY BEING DREDGED FROM THE

LAKE]

MRS MCCARTHY: (APPRAISES SULLIVAN) I think some hot tea in order.

SULLIVAN: No thank you.

[MRS MCCARTHY IGNORES HIM]

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MRS MCCARTHY: N

FELICIA: Take it from me Inspector. Resistance is futile.

[THE TEA REVIVES SULLIVAN]

SULLIVAN:

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VALERIE:

<u>LEO:</u>

. French Foreign Legion. Valerie. (HE KISSES HER FONDLY) here.

miss you

[LEO CLIMBS IN THE CAR. VALERIE WEEPS AS HE DRIVES OFF]

LEO:

[VALERIE WATCHES HIM GO. THEN ROUNDS ON RALEIGH]

VALERIE:

What have you done? Your vanity and ego did this and now you have no one.

RALEIGH:

VALERIE:

RALEIGH: What about

VALERIE:

RALEIGH:

You think I can forgive him?

FATHER BROWN:

You should pray he forgives you for denying him his Mother his entire life. And she forgives you for taking her child.

RALEIGH:

late to change the past Priest.

FATHER BROWN:

You can change the future. udge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.

FADE TO BLACK :

EP3/SC43 EXT. CROWTHORNE. LAKE . DAY 3. 12.00

FATHER BROWN, FELICIA, MRS MCCARTHY, LEO, VALERIE , RALEIGH

[RALEIGH